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## <u>Supporting Information</u> Hypochlorite promoted inhibition of photo-induced electron transfer in phenothiazine-borondipyrromethene donor-acceptor dyad: A cost-effective and

#### metal-free "turn-on" fluorescent chemosensor for hypochlorite

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