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## **Polyyne Bridged AIE Luminogen with Red Emission: Design, Synthesis, Property and Application**

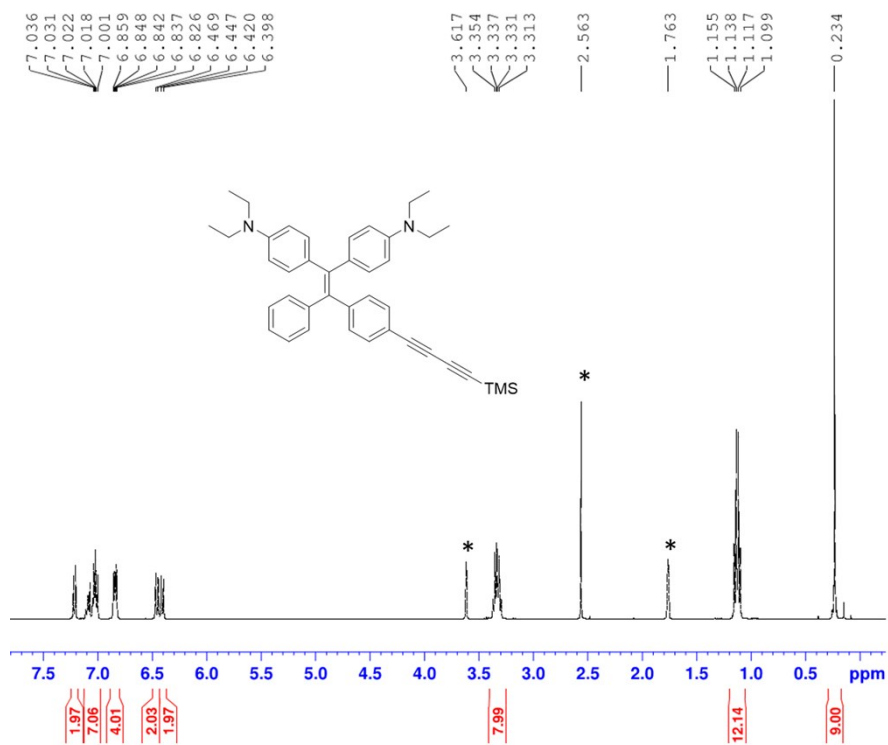
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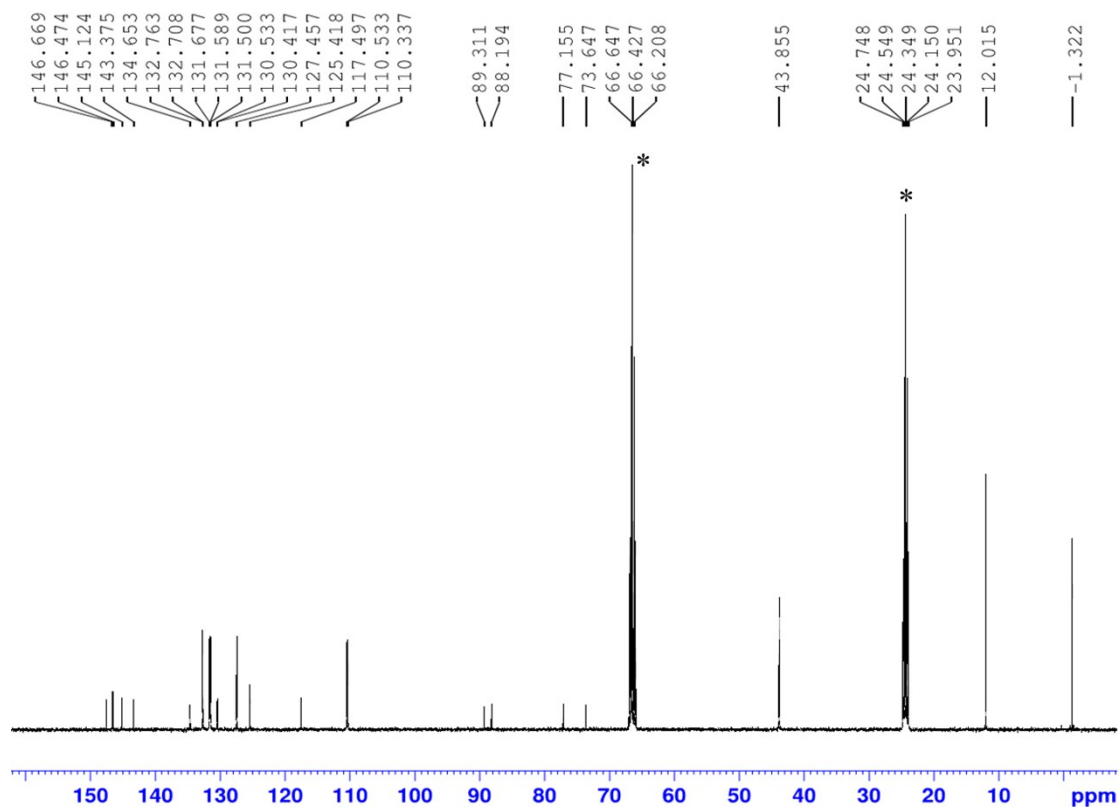
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**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **2** in THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>.

*Note:* for all the following <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra, the symbol of \* represents the signals of THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>



**Figure S2.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **2** in THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>.

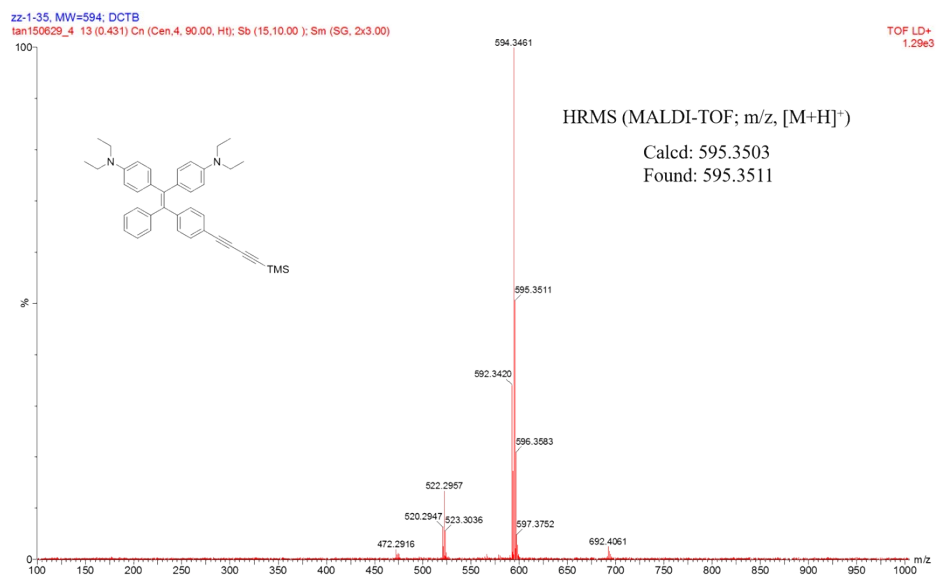


Figure S3. High resolution mass spectrum of compound 2.

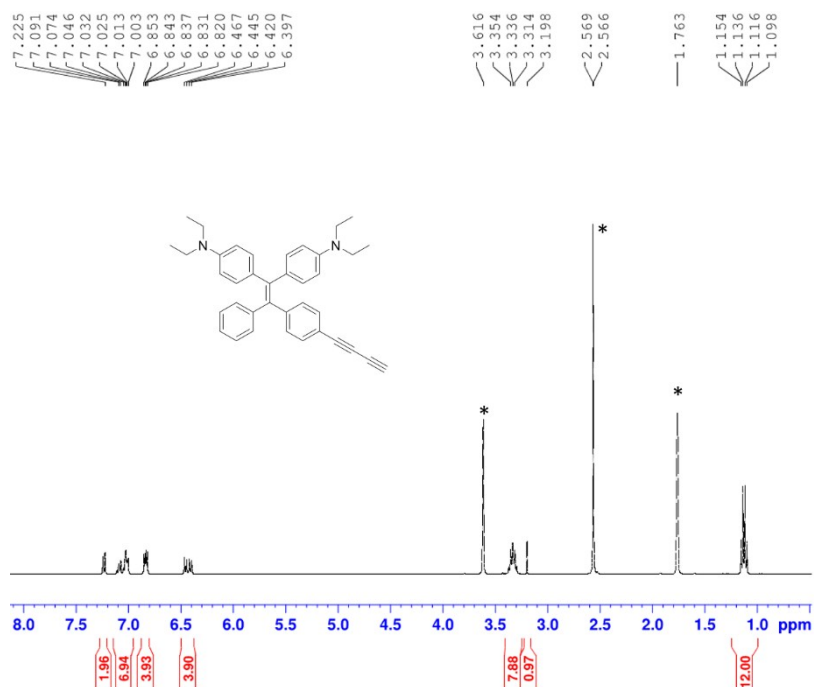


Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1 in THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>.

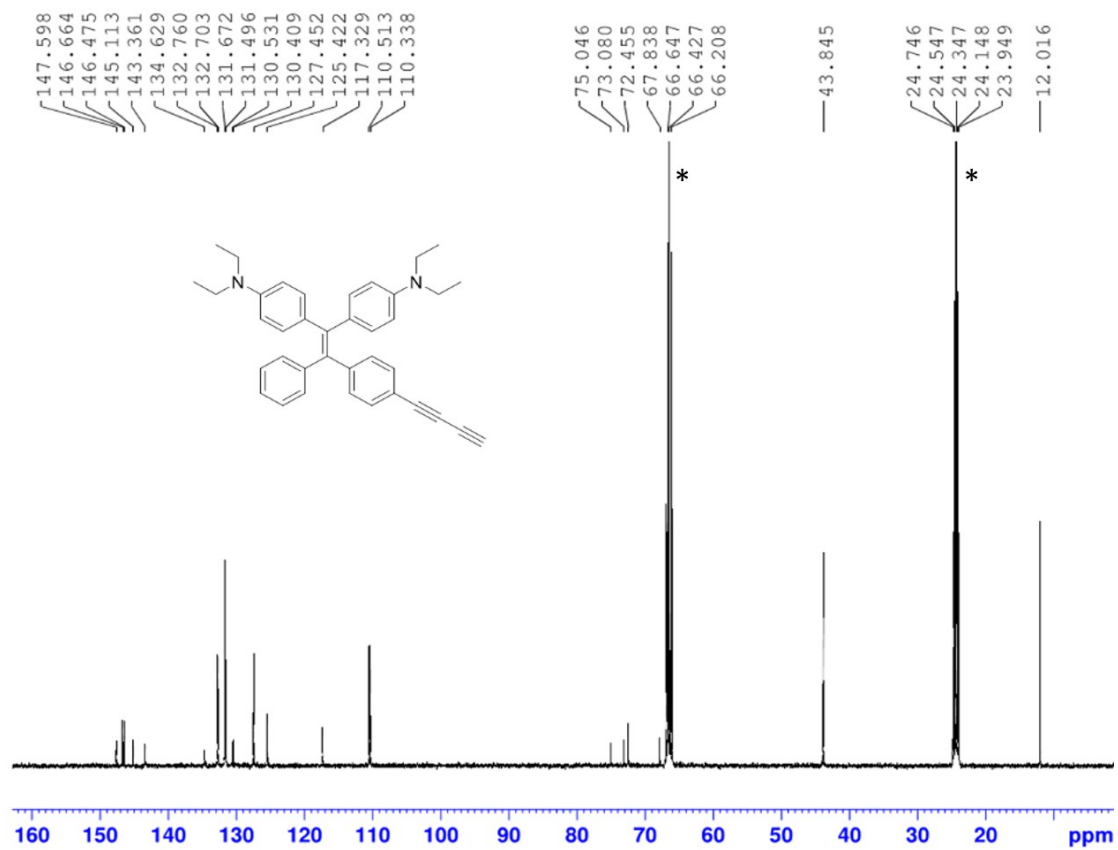


Figure S5. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1 in THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>.

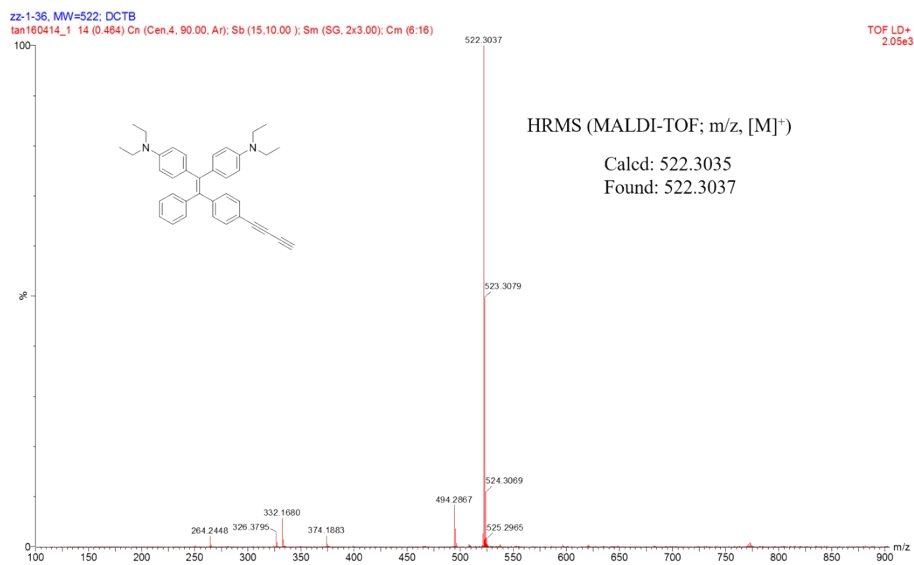
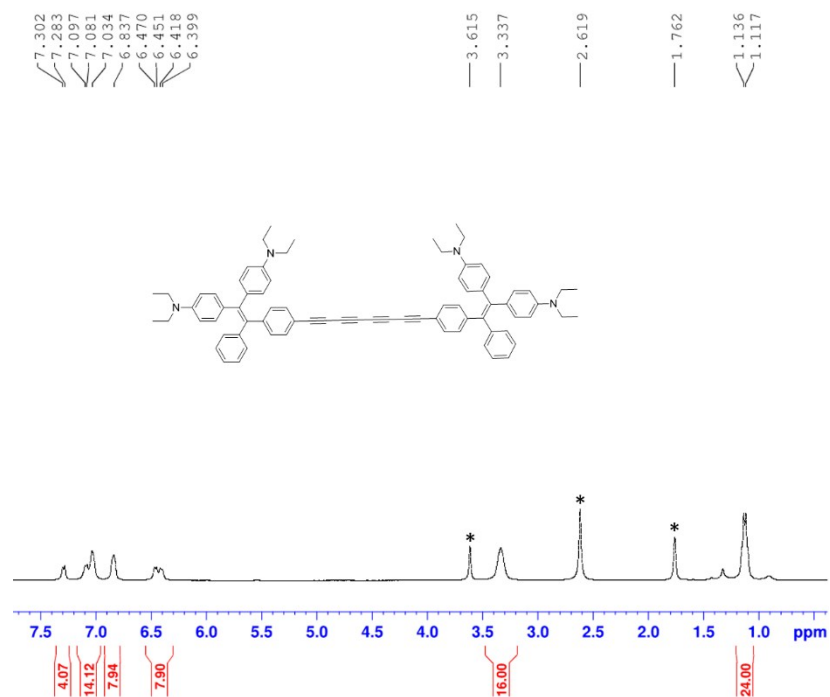
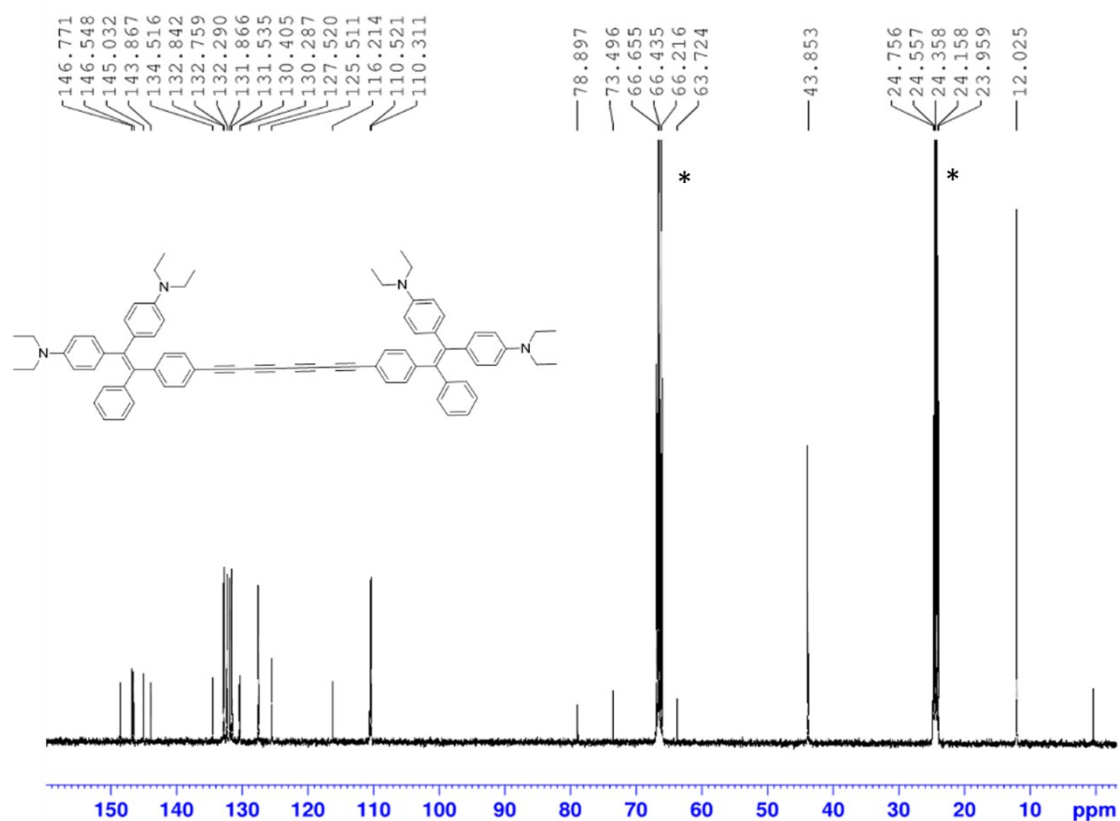


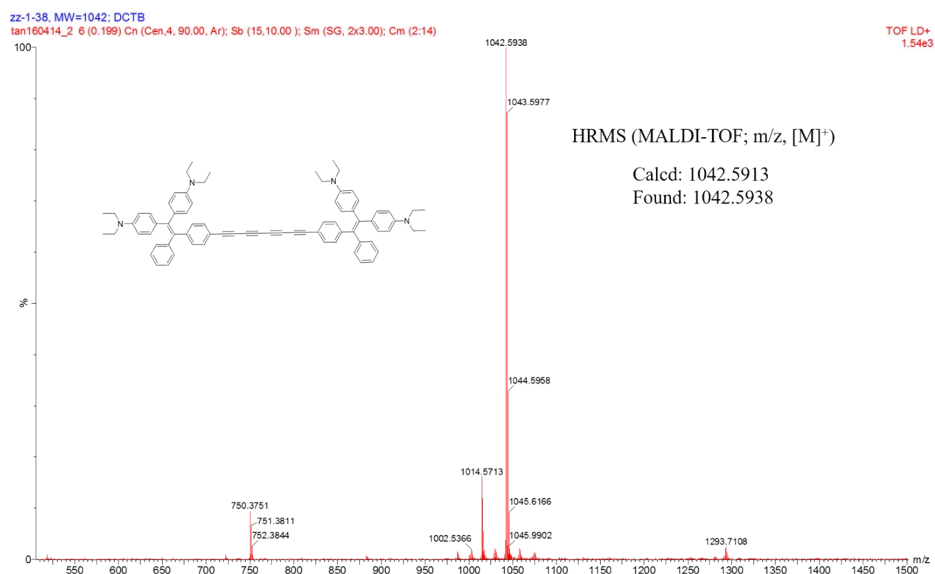
Figure S6. High resolution mass spectrum of compound 1.



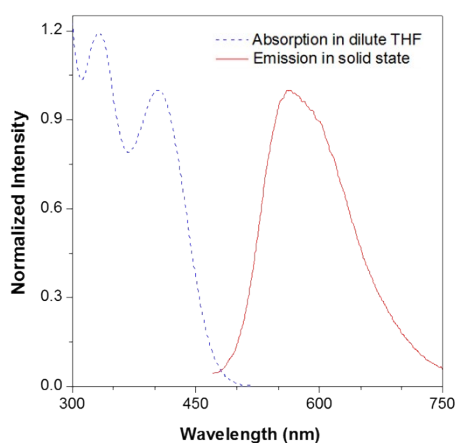
**Figure S7.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 2TPE-4E in THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>.



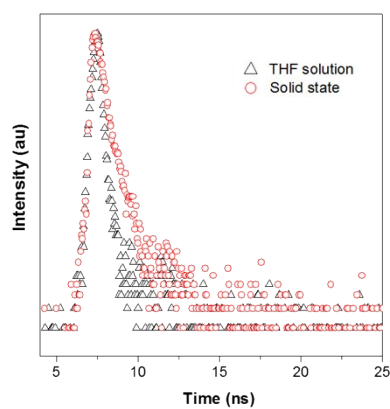
**Figure S8.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 2TPE-4E in THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>.



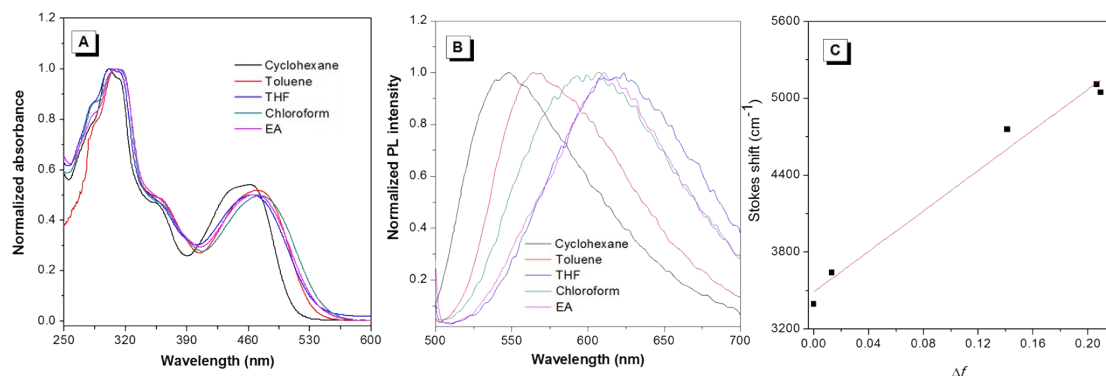
**Figure S9.** High resolution mass spectrum of compound 2TPE-4E.



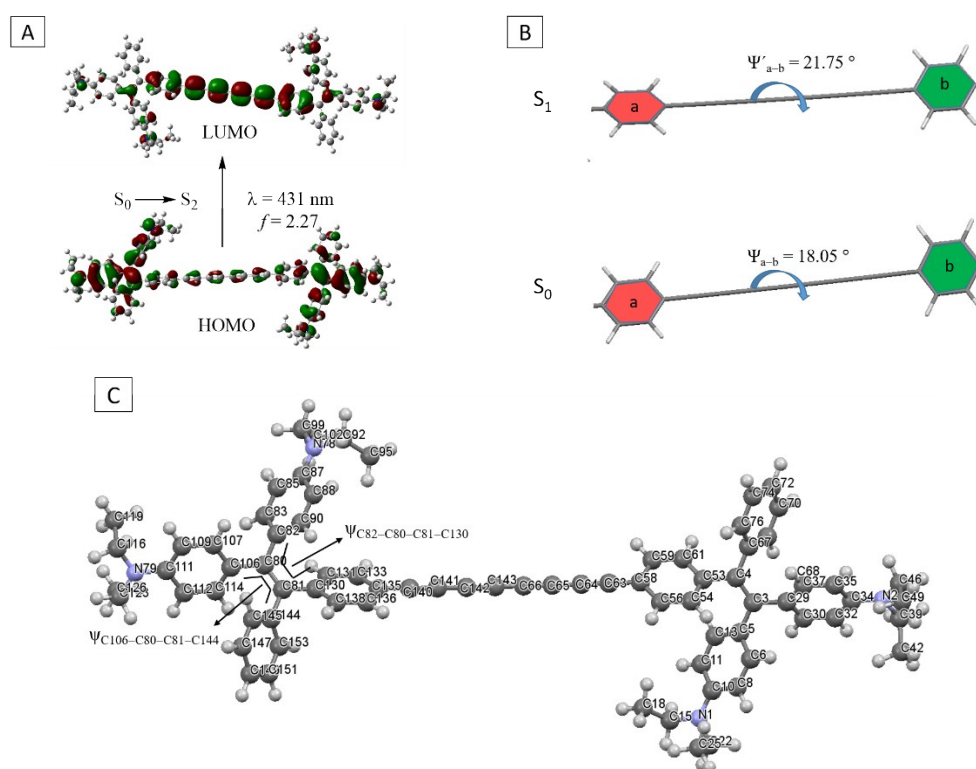
**Figure S10.** The absorption of compound **1** in dilute THF and its emission in solid state.



**Figure S11.** Fluorescence decay curves of 2TPE-4E in the solution and solid states.



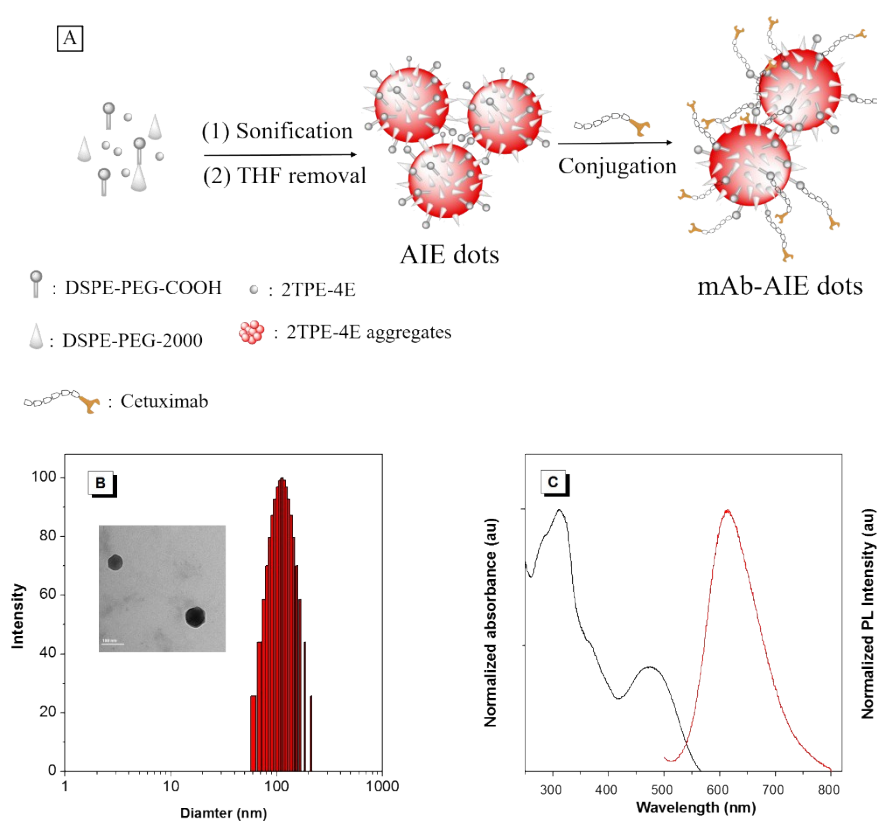
**Figure S12.** (A) Normalized UV/Vis and (B) PL spectra of 2TPE-4E spectra in solvents with different polarities. The absorption maximum of each solution was chosen as its excitation wavelength. (C) Plot of Stokes shift versus  $\Delta f$  of the solvent.  $\Delta f$  is defined as the change of dipole moment of the solute between the ground and excited states. Lippert–Mataga equation:  $\nu_{\text{abs}} - \nu_{\text{em}} = 2(\Delta\mu^2/hca^3) \Delta f + \text{const}$ .  $\nu_{\text{abs}}$  ( $\nu_{\text{em}}$ ) is the wavenumber of the absorption (fluorescence) maximum,  $h$  is the Planck constant,  $c$  is the light velocity,  $a$  is the radius of the Onsager cavity, and  $\Delta f = (\varepsilon - 1)/(2\varepsilon + 1) - (n^2 - 1)/(2n^2 + 1)$ , where  $\varepsilon$  is the dielectric constant and  $n$  the refractive index of the solvent.



**Figure S13.** (A) Molecular orbitals, electronic transitions and oscillator strengths of 2TPE-4E by time dependent B3LYP/6-31G (d). (B) The twisted angle between the two phenyl rings of the two sides of the polyene moiety in the S<sub>0</sub> and S<sub>1</sub> state. (C) Optimized structure of 2TPE-4E with labels of carbon atoms.

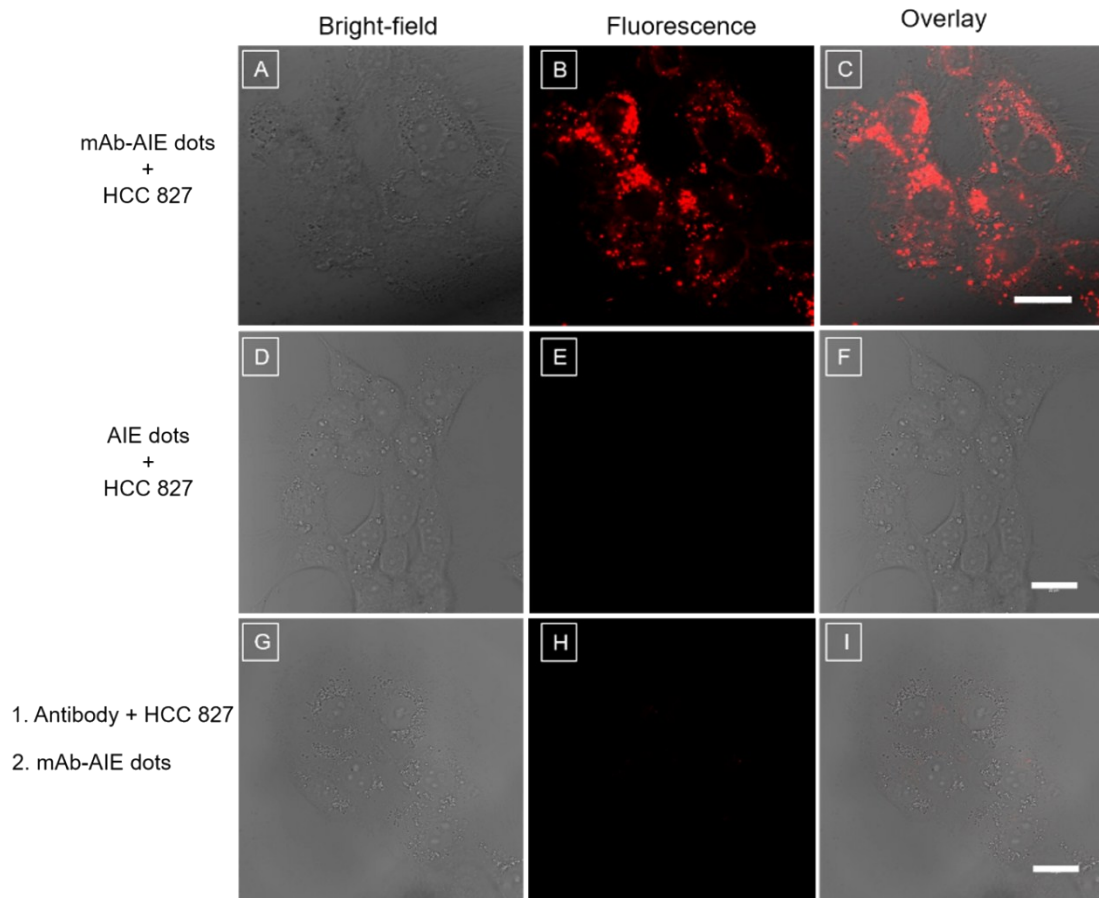
Table S1. Selected Bond Lengths and Dihedral Angles in the Optimized Geometry of 2TPE-4E.

|                             |                                 | $S_0$   | $S_1$   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Bond length ( $L$ )         | $C_{136}-C_{140}$               | 1.425 Å | 1.412 Å |
|                             | $C_{140}-C_{141}$               | 1.217 Å | 1.248 Å |
|                             | $C_{141}-C_{142}$               | 1.365 Å | 1.311 Å |
|                             | $C_{142}-C_{143}$               | 1.221 Å | 1.289 Å |
|                             | $C_{143}-C_{66}$                | 1.362 Å | 1.284 Å |
| Dihedral angle ( $\theta$ ) | $C_{82}-C_{80}-C_{81}-C_{130}$  | 12.41°  | 13.05°  |
|                             | $C_{106}-C_{80}-C_{81}-C_{144}$ | 13.33°  | 13.34°  |

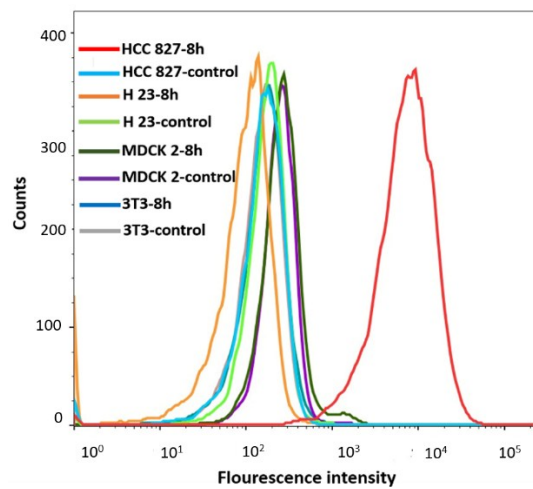


**Figure S14.** (A) Fabrication of mAb-AIE dots. (B) Particle size distribution and morphology of mAb-AIE dots studied by dynamic light scattering and high resolution transmission electron microscopy. (C) Absorption and emission spectra of mAb-AIE dots in water;  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 473$  nm.

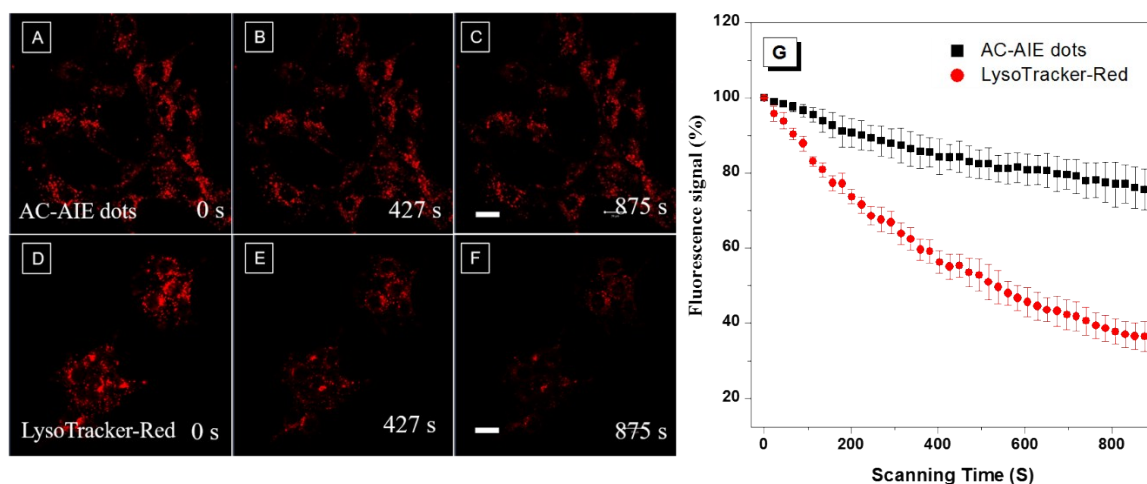




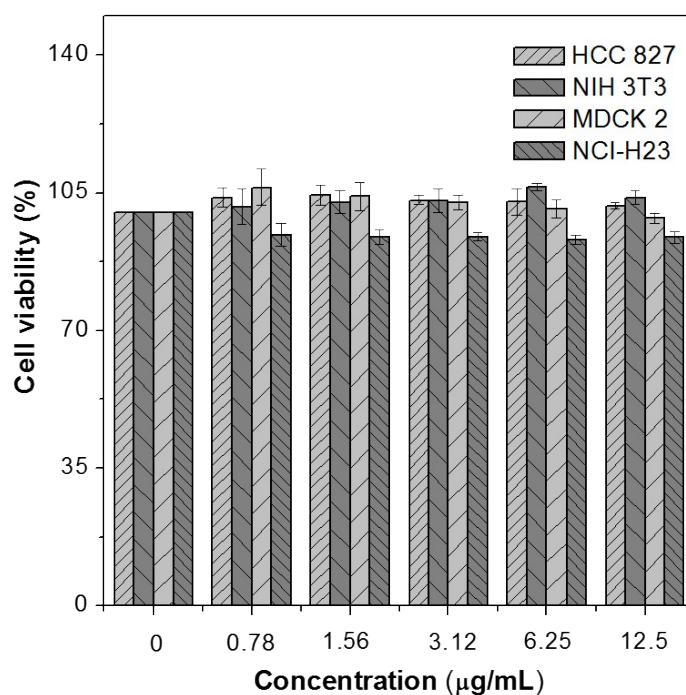
**Figure S15 (A–I)** Confocal images of HCC 827 cells with (A–C) mAb-AIE dots, (D–F) AIE dots and (G–I) first antibody followed by mAb-AIE dots for 6 h. Scale bar = 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .



**Figure S16.** Flow cytometry histograms of HCC 827, NCI-H 23, NIH 3T3 and MDCK 2 cells incubated with mAb-AIE dots at 37  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 8 h.



**Figure S17.** (A–F) Fluorescent images of HCC 827 cells incubated with (A–C) mAb-AIE dots and (D–F) LysoTracker-Red taken at different scanning times. (G) Fluorescence signal lost in dye-labeled cells after continuous laser exposure for designated time intervals.



**Figure S18.** Cell viability of HCC 827, NIH 3T3, MDCK 2 and NCI-H23 cells treated with different concentrations of mAb-AIE dots.