

Electronic Supplementary Information

for

**Aggregation-Enhanced FRET-Active Conjugated Polymer
Nanoparticles for Picric Acid Sensing in Aqueous Solution**

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Supplementary figures

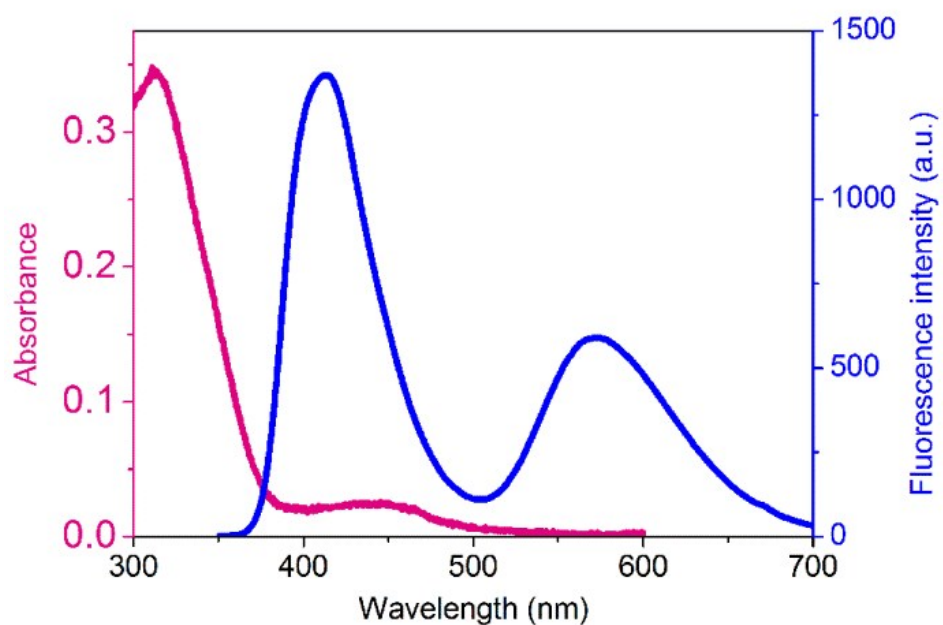


Figure S1. UV-vis absorbance spectrum and fluorescence spectra of P1 in dioxane. $[P1] = 8.0 \mu\text{M}$. $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 333 \text{ nm}$.

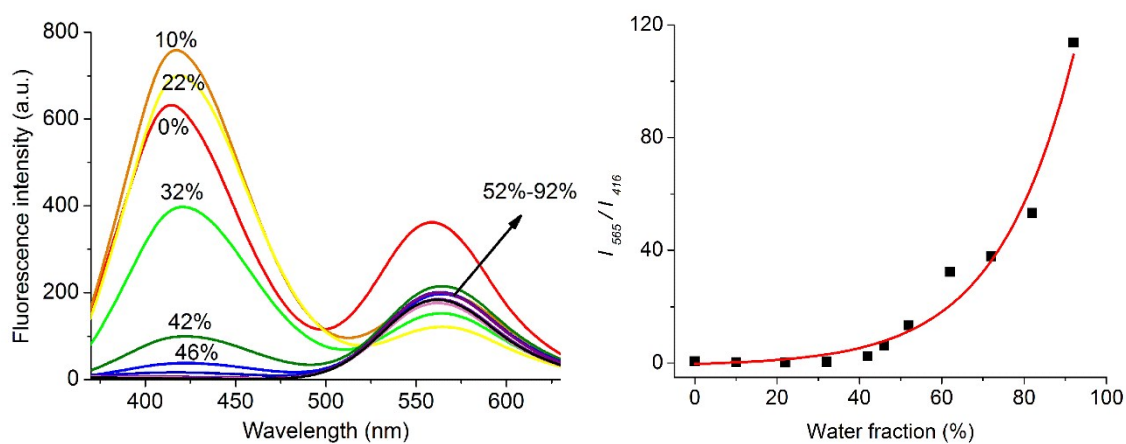


Figure S2. Fluorescence spectra of P1 in dioxane- H_2O mixture solutions (left) and intensity ratio $I_{565\text{nm}}/I_{416\text{nm}}$ of P1 in the presence of increasing water content (right). $[P1] = 8.0 \mu\text{M}$. $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 333 \text{ nm}$.

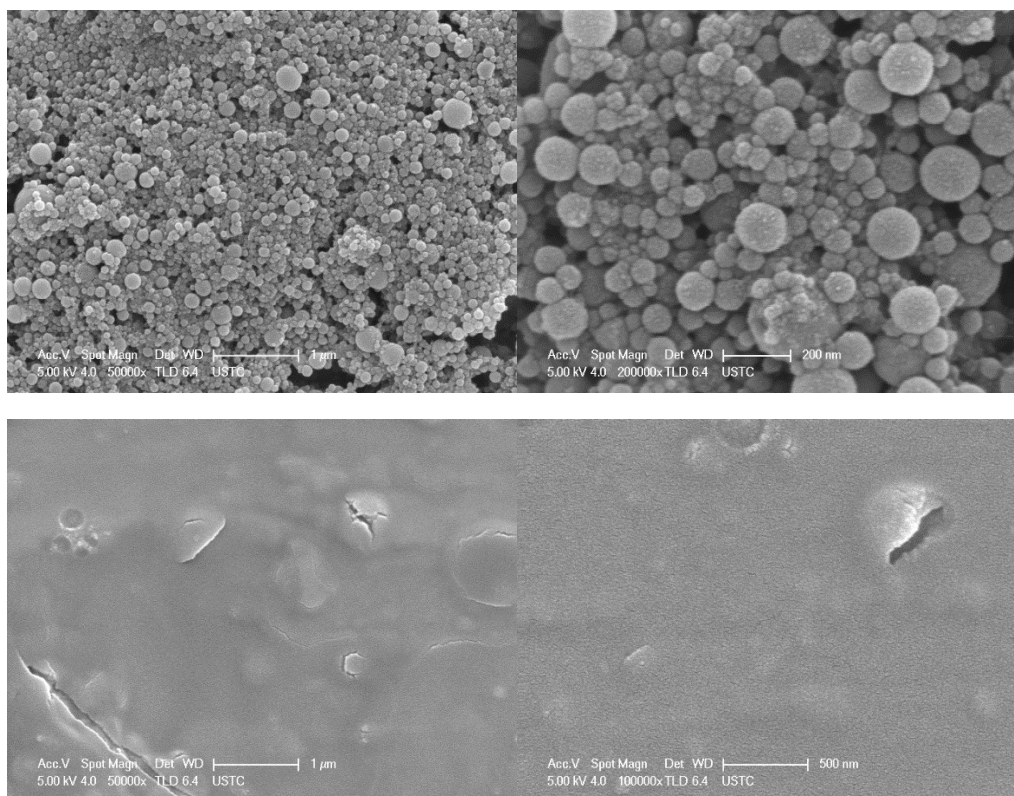


Figure S3. Scanning electron microscope (SEM) images of P1 in aqueous solution (top) and dioxane (down)

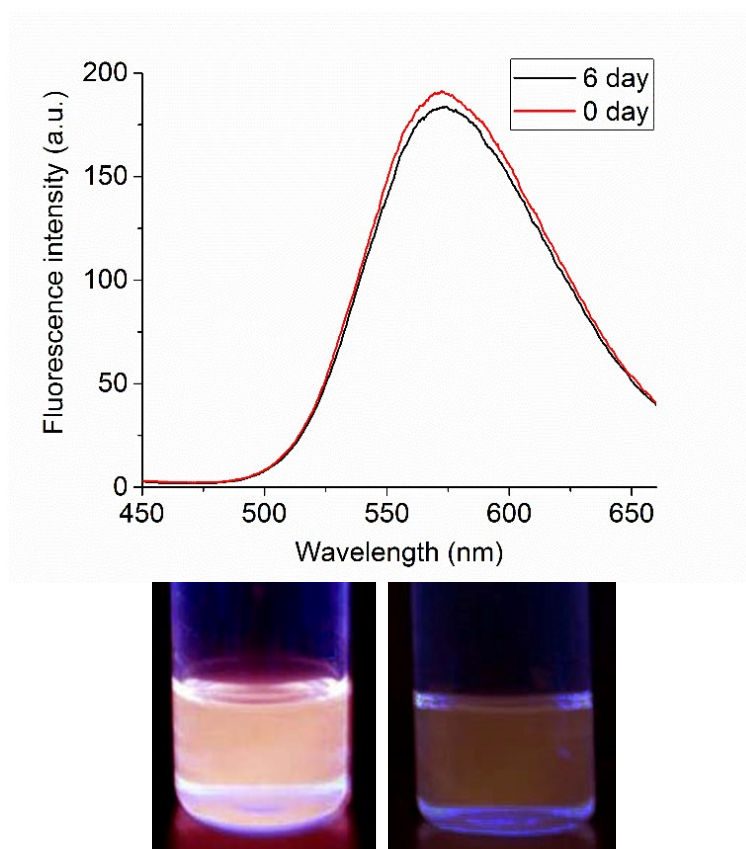


Figure S4. Fluorescence spectra of **P1** before and after 6 days in aqueous solution. [**P1**] = 6.0 mg/mL. λ_{ex} = 333 nm (top) and photos of **P1** solutions before and after addition of 150 μM PA under UV lamp (365 nm). [**P1**] = 8.0 μM (down).

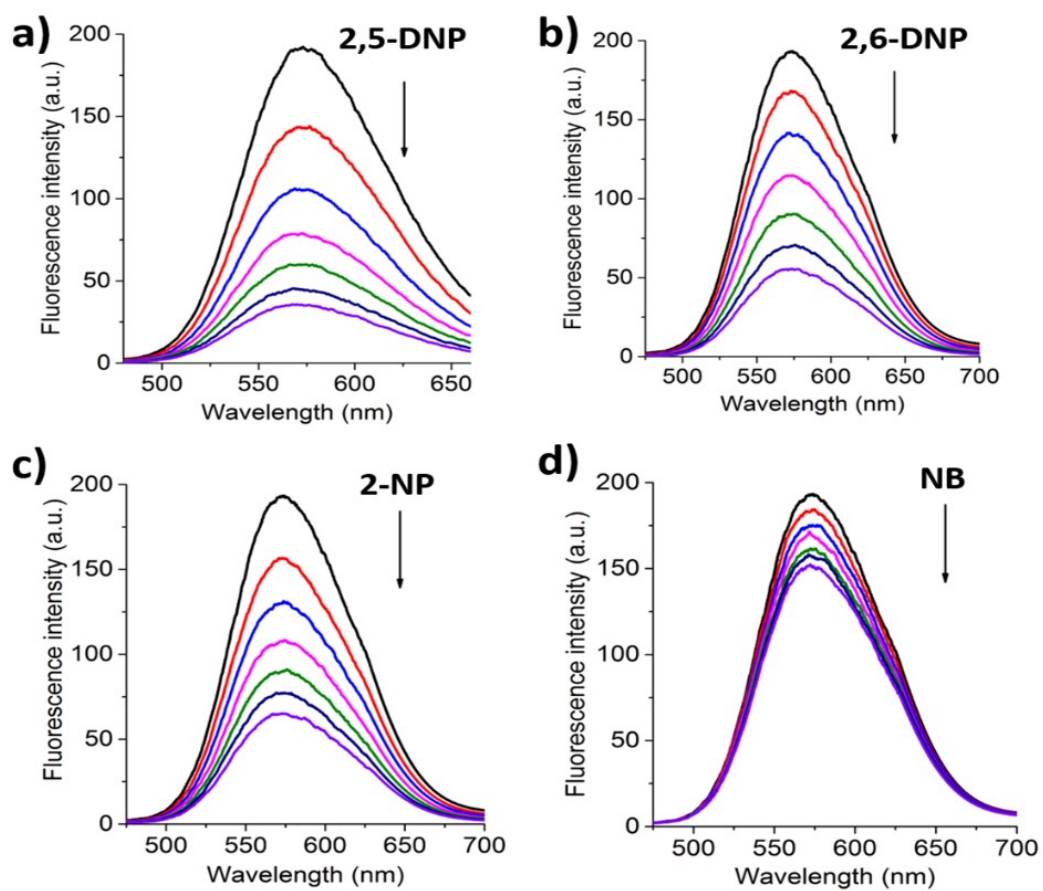


Figure S5. Fluorescence spectra of **P1** in presence of nitroaromatics with varied concentrations ranged from 0 to 300 μM in aqueous solution. [**P1**] = 8.0 μM . λ_{ex} = 333 nm.