## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Relationship Between Crystal Structures and Photochromic Properties of *N*-Salicylideneaminopyridine Derivatives

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Compound name	рКа	∆рКа
SAP2	5.63	
4-Chlorobenzoic acid (c)	3.97	1.66
SAP3	5.63	
Benzoic acid (a)	4.25	1.43
2-Hydroxybenzoic acid (b)	3.01	2.62
4-Chlorobenzoic acid (c)	3.97	1.66
3,5-Dihydroxybenzoic acid (d)	3.96	1.67
3,4-Dihydroxybenzoic acid (e)	4.45	1.18
3,5-Dichlorobenzoic acid (f)	3.46	2.17
SAP12	5.43	
3,5-Dinitrobenzoic acid (g)	2.77	2.68

Table S1 The difference of pKa (conjugate acid of base) and pKa (acid).

The pKa values were calculated by Calculated using Advanced Chemistry Development (ACD/Labs) Software V11.02

Identification code	SAP4	SAP5 III	SAP7	SAP9
Chemical formula	$C_{13}H_{12}N_2O$	$C_{13}H_{12}N_2O_2$	$C_{14}H_{14}N_2O_2$	$C_{12}H_{10}N_2O_2$
Formula weight	212.25	228.25	242.27	214.22
Temp/K	173(2)	293(2)	293(2)	293(2)
wavelength/Å	0.71075	1.54186	0.71075	1.54186
cryst syst	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic
space group	$P2_1/n$	<i>P</i> -1	Fdd2	$P2_{1}/c$
<i>a</i> / Å	14.5415(18)	6.1596(4)	41.659(5)	13.1386(3)
b / Å	5.0163(6)	7.4634(4)	24.658(3)	7.1572(2)
<i>c</i> / Å	14.8807(18)	12.7106(6)	4.8420(6)	11.8627(2)
$\alpha$ / deg	90	77.175(3)	90	90
$\beta$ / deg	100.551(2)	81.457(3)	90	116.8000(10)
γ / deg	90	78.821(3)	90	90.
Vol / Å <sup>3</sup>	1067.1(2)	555.53(5)	4973.8(10)	995.69(4)
Ζ	4	2	16	4
calcd density / g·cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.321	1.365	1.294	1.429
abs coeff / mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.086	0.767	0.088	0.819
F(000)	448	240	2048	448
cryst size / mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.316 \times 0.221 \times 0.216$	$0.140 \times 0.110 \times 0.050$	$0.210 \times 0.080 \times 0.080$	$0.130 \times 0.050 \times 0.000$
$\theta$ range for data collection	3.602 to 27.475°	3.588 to 68.211°	3.305 to 27.476°	3.769 to 68.198°
index ranges	$-18 \le h \le 18$	$-7 \le h \le 7$	$-53 \le h \le 54$	$-15 \le h \le 15$
	$-6 \le k \le 6$	$-8 \le k \le 8$	$-31 \le k \le 32$	$-8 \le k \le 8$
	$-19 \le l \le 19$	-14 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 15	$-6 \le l \le 6$	$-14 \le l \le 14$
reflns collected	10577	6023	12219	6505
indep reflns	2453	1988	2798	1762
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0328	0.0657	0.0680	0.0405
completeness to $\theta$	99.8 %	98.1 %	99.8 %	97.4 %
abs correction	Semi-empirical	from equivalents		
max and min transm	0.982 and 0.821	0.962 and 0.721	0.993 and 0.411	0.976 and 0.774
refinement meth	Full-matrix lea	ast-squares on $F^2$		
data / restraints / params	2453 / 0 / 147	1988 / 0 / 156	2798 / 1 / 169	1762 / 0 / 151
goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.043	1.062	1.007	1.086
final <i>R</i> indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0426$	$R_1 = 0.0618$	$R_1 = 0.0474$	$R_1 = 0.0399$
	$wR_2 = 0.1112$	$wR_2 = 0.1638$	$wR_2 = 0.1018$	$wR_2 = 0.1143$
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0543$	$R_1 = 0.0807$	$R_1 = 0.0767$	$R_1 = 0.0435$
. ,	$wR_2 = 0.1185$	$wR_2 = 0.1998$	$wR_2 = 0.1202$	$wR_2 = 0.1191$
largest diff peak, hole,	0.176 and -0.187	0.240 and -0.345	0.260 and -0.197	0.192 and -0.212
CCDC number	1814043	1814047	1814048	1814049

Table S2 Crystal data and experimental details.

Identification code	SAP10	SAP11	SAP12
Chemical formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>26</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O	$C_{12} H_8 C_{12} N_2 O$	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>8</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O
	210.42	2/7 10	254.02
Formula weight	310.43	267.10	356.02
Temp/K	297(2)	293(2)	293(2)
wavelength/Å	0.71075	1.54186	1.54186
cryst syst	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
space group	P21	C 2/c	$P2_1/n$
<i>a</i> / Å	6.1462(6)	26.1636(6)	14.6532(3)
<i>b</i> / Å	18.7572(19)	3.80910(10)	4.52630(10)
<i>c</i> / Å	16.1025(16)	34.4455(6)	18.6301(4)
$\alpha$ / deg	90	90	90
eta / deg	95.859(2)	137.464(1)	92.499(2)
γ / deg	90	90	90
Vol / Å <sup>3</sup>	1846.7(3)	2320.77(10)	1234.46(5)
Ζ	4	8	4
calcd density / g·cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.117	1.529	1.916
abs coeff / mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.069	4.900	8.209
<i>F</i> (000)	672	1088	688
cryst size / mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.150\times0.120\times0.060$	$0.190 \times 0.150 \times 0.050$	$0.138 \times 0.092 \times 0.088$
$\theta$ range for data collection	3.332 to 27.480°	3.380 to 68.135°	3.759 to 68.215°
index ranges	$-6 \le h \le 7$	$-29 \le h \le 30$	$-17 \le h \le 17$
	$-24 \le k \le 24$	$-4 \le k \le 4$	$-5 \leq k \leq 5$
	$-20 \le l \le 20$	$-41 \le l \le 41$	$-22 \le l \le 22$
reflns collected	17821	11218	12010
indep reflns	8298	2131	2256
$R_{\rm int}$	0.0566	0.0959	0.0865
completeness to $\theta$	99.7 %	99.9 %	99.8 %
abs correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents		
max and min transm	0.996 and 0.196	0.783 and 0.513	0.532 and 0.336
refinement meth	Ful	l-matrix least-squares of	on $F^2$
data / restraints / params	8298 / 181 / 491	2131 / 0 / 154	2256 / 0 / 155
goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.030	1.097	1.038
final R indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0686$	$R_1 = 0.0455$	$R_1 = 0.0384$
	$wR_2 = 0.1397$	$wR_2 = 0.1208$	$wR_2 = 0.0988$
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.1515$	$R_1 = 0.0603$	$R_1 = 0.0471$
	$wR_2 = 0.1736$	$wR_2 = 0.1312$	$wR_2 = 0.1027$
largest diff peak hole	0 179 and -0 205	0 401 and -0 275	0.621 and -0.417
CCDC number	1814050	1814051	1814052

Identification code	MSAP1	MSAP2	MSAP3
Chemical formula	$C_{17}H_{20}N_2O$	$C_{13}H_{11}ClN_2O$	$C_{13}H_{11}BrN_2O$
Formula weight	268.35	246.69	291.15
Temp/K	293(2)	293(2)	566(2)
wavelength/Å	0.71075	0.71075	0.71075
cryst syst	Orthorhombic	Triclinic	Triclinic
space group	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> / Å	6.0801(5)	5.8388(13)	5.8531(9)
b / Å	15.1860(13)	7.4762(17)	7.5224(12)
<i>c</i> / Å	16.4018(14)	13.369(3)	13.598(2)
$\alpha$ / deg	90	93.793(7)	94.526(7)
$\beta$ / deg	90	93.656(7)	93.369(7)
γ / deg	90.	99.044(7)	99.310(7)
Vol / Å <sup>3</sup>	1514.4(2)	573.4(2)	587.41(16)
Ζ	4	2	2
calcd density / g·cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.177	1.429	1.646
abs coeff / mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.074	0.316	3.482
<i>F</i> (000)	576	256	292
cryst size / mm <sup>3</sup>	0.335 x 0.234 x 0.187	0.235 x 0.235 x 0.187	0.290 x 0.200 x 0.140
$\theta$ range for data collection	3.574 to 27.483°.	3.058 to 27.482°.	3.014 to 27.478°
index ranges	$-7 \le h \le 7$	$-7 \le h \le 7$	$-7 \le h \le 7$
	$-19 \le k \le 19$	$-9 \le k \le 9$	$-9 \le k \le 9$
	$-21 \le l \le 21$	-17 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 17	-17 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 17
reflns collected	16034	6067	6173
indep reflns	3465	2634	2698
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0364	0.0164	0.0350
completeness to $\theta$	99.7 %	99.9 %	99.9 %
abs correction	Sem	i-empirical from equiv	alents
max and min transm	0.986 and 0.793	0.943 and 0.830	0.641 and 0.331
refinement meth	Ful	l-matrix least-squares c	on F <sup>2</sup>
data / restraints / params	3465 / 0 / 186	2634 / 0 / 156	2698 / 0 / 156
goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.052	1.055	1.011
final <i>R</i> indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0473$	$R_1 = 0.0418$	$R_1 = 0.0341$
	$wR_2 = 0.1150$	$wR_2 = 0.1126$	$wR_2 = 0.0766$
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0573$	$R_1 = 0.0518$	$R_1 = 0.0496$
	$wR_2 = 0.1221$	$wR_2 = 0.1196$	$wR_2 = 0.0825$
largest diff peak, hole,	0.183 and -0.260	0.168 and -0.303	0.324 and -0.473
CCDC number	1814053	1814054	1814055

Identification code	3a	3b	3c	3d
Chemical formula	$C_{19}H_{15}BrN_2O_3$	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>15</sub> Br N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	$C_{19}H_{14}BrClN_2O_3$	C19 H15 Br N2 O3
Formula weight	399.24	415.24	433.68	431.24
Temp/K	173(2)	173(2)	296(2)	298(2)
wavelength/Å	1.54186	1.54186	0.71075	0.71075
cryst syst	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
space group	C2/c	$P2_{1}/c$	C2/c	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> / Å	32.6081(14)	3.82640(10)	33.0322(16)	8.5222(14)
b / Å	6.1424(3)	20.7111(7)	6.2046(3)	10.9876(18)
<i>c</i> / Å	17.8481(8)	21.2587(8)	18.5200(8)	11.5925(19)
$\alpha$ / deg	90	90	90	106.506(6).
$\beta / \deg$	106.922(3)	93.890(2)	109.2160(10)	103.783(4).
$\gamma / \deg$	90	90	90	112.254(10).
Vol / Å <sup>3</sup>	3420.0(3)	1680.85(10)	3584.2(3)	878.2(3)
Ζ	8	4	8	2
calcd density / g·cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.551	1.641	1.607	1.631
abs coeff / mm <sup>-1</sup>	3.456	3.589	2.465	2.375
F(000)	1616	840	1744	436
cryst size / mm <sup>3</sup>	0.196 x 0.176 x 0.030	0.109 x 0.035 x 0.032	0.170 x 0.150 x 0.090	$0.070 \times 0.050 \times 0$
$\theta$ range for data collection	5.131 to 68.264°	2.982 to 68.235°	3.023 to 27.426°	3.184 to 27.431
index ranges	$-38 \le h \le 38$	$-4 \le h \le 4$	$-4.2 \le h \le 42$	$-11 \le h \le 11$
C	$-7 \le k \le 7$	$-24 \le k \le 24$	$-6 \le k \le 8$	$-14 \le k \le 14$
	$-21 \le l \le 21$	$-25 \le l \le 25$	$-23 \le l \le 23$	$-14 \le l \le 14$
reflns collected	18693	15638	16182	8609
indep reflns	3128	3090	4063	3953
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0651	0.0542	0.0365	0.0758
completeness to $\theta$	99.8 %	99.9 %	99.8 %	99.7 %
abs correction		Semi-empirical	from equivalents	
max and min transm	0.903 and 0.687	0.894 and 0.773	0.801 and 0.475	0.931 and 0.455
refinement meth		Full-matrix lea	st-squares on $F^2$	
data / restraints / params	3128 / 0 / 232	3090 / 0 / 242	4063 / 0 / 237	3953 / 0 / 250
goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.072	1.101	1.093	0.963
final R indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0416$	$R_1 = 0.0312$	$R_1 = 0.0452$	$R_1 = 0.0643$
	$wR_2 = 0.1075$	$wR_2 = 0.0809$	$wR_2 = 0.1144$	$wR_2 = 0.1234$
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0499$	$R_1 = 0.0337$	$R_1 = 0.0691$	$R_1 = 0.1663$
(un unu)	$wR_2 = 0.1145$	$wR_2 = 0.0834$	$wR_2 = 0.1468$	$wR_2 = 0.1605$
largest diff neak hole	0.718  and  -0.504	0.482 and $-0.263$	0 387 and -0 797	0.367  and  -0.46
CCDC number	1014057	1014050	1914050	1014060

Identification code	3e	3f	2c	12g
Chemical formula	C <sub>50</sub> H <sub>39</sub> Br <sub>3</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>11</sub>	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Br Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	$C_{19}H_{14}Cl_2N_2O_3$	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>7</sub>
Formula weight	1139.60	468.12	389.22	568.15
Temp/K	296(2)	293(2)	296(2)	296(2)
wavelength/Å	1.54186	1.54186	0.71075	0.71075
cryst syst	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
space group	<i>P</i> 1	C2/c	C2/c	<i>C</i> 2
<i>a</i> / Å	8.2123(2)	34.7332(18)	32.818(8)	37.206(3)
b / Å	12.3360(2)	3.8928(2)	6.2380(15)	7.3594(6)
<i>c</i> / Å	13.0008(2)	28.2337(15)	18.465(5)	7.5694(6)
$\alpha$ / deg	65.6550(10)	90	90	90
$\beta$ / deg	78.6480(10)	99.982(2)	109.440(4)	91.589(2)
γ / deg	83.5680(10)	90	90	90
Vol / Å <sup>3</sup>	1175.78(4)	3759.7(3)	3564.7(15)	2071.8(3)
Ζ	1	8	8	4
calcd density / g·cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.609	1.654	1.450	1.821
abs coeff / mm <sup>-1</sup>	3.768	5.799	0.386	3.964
<i>F</i> (000)	574	1872	1600	1120
cryst size / mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.100\times0.040\times0.040$	$0.140\times0.030\times0.020$	$0.090 \times 0.060 \times 0.050$	$0.110 \times 0.100 \times 0.02$
$\theta$ range for data collection	3.785 to 68.250°	3.179 to 68.250°	3.043 to 27.367°	3.219 to 27.415°
index ranges	$-9 \le h \le 9$	$-33 \le h \le 33$	$-42 \le h \le 42$	$-48 \le h \le 47$
	$-14 \le k \le 14$	$-4 \le k \le 4$	$-8 \le k \le 6$	$-9 \le k \le 9$
	$-15 \le l \le 15$	$-33 \le l \le 33$	$-23 \le l \le 23$	$-9 \le l \le 9$
reflns collected	13821	19294	16488	10066
indep reflns	7248	3386	4021	4666
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0299	0.1032	0.0458	0.0663
completeness to $\theta$	98.4 %	99.7 %	99.8 %	99.7 %
abs correction		Semi-empirical	from equivalents	
max and min transm	0.860 and 0.733	0.893 and 0.578	0.981 and 0.603	0.925 and 0.52
refinement meth		Full-matrix lea	st-squares on $F^2$	
data / restraints / params	7248 / 3 / 640	3386 / 0 / 246	4021 / 0 / 237	4666 / 1 / 291
goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.123	1.194	1.055	1.082
final <i>R</i> indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0464$	$R_1 = 0.0982$	$R_1 = 0.0456$	$R_1 = 0.0473$
	$wR_2 = 0.1011$	$wR_2 = 0.2357$	$wR_2 = 0.1141$	$wR_2 = 0.1044$
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0650$	$R_1 = 0.1411$	$R_1 = 0.0810$	$R_1 = 0.0967$
	$wR_2 = 0.1303$	$wR_2 = 0.2972$	$wR_2 = 0.1481$	$wR_2 = 0.1427$
largest diff peak, hole,	0.575 and -0.338	0.937 and -0.945	0.273 and -0.244	0.682 and -0.402
CCDC number	1814061	1814062	1814063	1814064

Identification code	3h	3i	3i
Chemical formula	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> Br I N <sub>2</sub> O	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Br I N <sub>2</sub> O	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> Br I N <sub>2</sub> O
Formula weight	442.07	480.11	442.07
Temp/K	173(2)	93(2)	93(2)
wavelength/Å	1.54186	0.71075	0.6998
cryst syst	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic
space group	$P2_{1}/c$	$P2_1/c$	Pnma
a / Å	33.7985(6)	37.851(2)	6.1651(12)
<i>b</i> / Å	6.91740(10)	6.9901(4)	66.924(13)
<i>c</i> / Å	6.17460(10)	6.168(3)	6.8330(13)
$\alpha$ / deg	90	90	90
$\beta$ / deg	92.7900(10)	90.041(2)	90
γ / deg	90	90	90
Vol / Å <sup>3</sup>	1441.90(4)	1631.9(8)	2819.2(9)
Ζ	4	4	8
calcd density / $g \cdot cm^{-3}$	2.036	1.954	2.083
abs coeff / $mm^{-1}$	20.669	4.416	4.878
<i>F</i> (000)	844	924	1688
cryst size / mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.040\times0.040\times0.020$	$0.040\times0.040\times0.020$	$0.120\times0.100\times0.030$
$\theta$ range for data collection	3.928 to 68.224°.	3.107 to 25.350°.	1.198 to 27.026°.
index ranges	$-40 \le h \le 40$ , ,	$-45 \le h \le 45$	$-8 \le h \le 8$
	$-8 \le k \le 8$	$-8 \le k \le 8$	$-83 \le k \le 83$
	$-7 \le l \le 6$	$-7 \le l \le 7$	$-8 \le l \le 8$
reflns collected	12885	12155	16830
indep reflns	2584	2976	3207
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0570	0.0837	0.0634
completeness to $\theta$	98.0 %	99.5 %	99.6 %
abs correction	Semi	empirical from equiv	valents
max and min transm	0.683 and 0.536	0.917 and 0.433	0.867 and 0.419
refinement meth	Full-	matrix least-squares	on $F^2$
data / restraints / params	2584 / 0 / 181	2976 / 0 / 208	3207 / 0 / 185
goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.094	1.050	1.060
final <i>R</i> indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0316$	$R_1 = 0.0377$	$R_1 = 0.0294$
	$wR_2 = 0.0757$	$wR_2 = 0.0813$	$wR_2 = 0.0768$
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0340$	$R_1 = 0.0417$	$R_1 = 0.0339$
. ,	$wR_2 = 0.0786$	$wR_2 = 0.0838$	$wR_2 = 0.0797$
largest diff peak, hole.	2.339 and -0.481	1.491 and -0.784	1.047 and -1.626
CCDC number	1814065	1814066	1814067

Structure	Name / CSD REFCODE	Reference
1	SAP1 / SLCPYA	38
2	SAP2 / QOXVOP	38
3	SAP3 / SOPFAG	21
4	SAP4	
5	SAP5_I / SLCPYB	39
6	SAP5_II / EDEQAG01	24
7	SAP5_III	
8	SAP6	
9	SAP7	
10	SAP8	
11	SAP9	
12	SAP10	
13	SAP11	
14	SAP12	
15	MSAP1	
16	MSAP2	
17	MSAP3	
19	3a	
20	3b	
21	3c	
22	3d	
23	3e	
24	3f	
25	2c	
26	12g	
27	3h	
28	3i	
29	3j	

Table S3 Structure number and compound name or refcode

Structure	Name / CSD REFCODE	Reference
31	KIPTOU	22
32	RUDLOT	22
33	RUDMAG	22
34	RUDMEK	22
35	RUDMIO	22
36	RUDLIN	22
38	CHLSAN01	18
39	FAXWIM	18
40	FAXWOS	18
41	FAXWUY	18
42	FAXXAF	18
43	FAXXIN	18
44	FAXXUZ	18
45	IVOHIL01	18
47	NEZXAT	19
48	NEZXEX	19
49	NEZWIB	19
50	NEZXOH	19
51	NEZXUN	19
52	NEZYAU	19
53	WIGFOJ	19
54	WIGFUP	19
55	WIGGAW	19
56	WIGGEA	19
57	WIGGIE	19
59	BSALAP	21
60	UNICUR	21



Figure S1: UV-Vis. spectra [before (blue line) and after (red line) UV irradiation, and after visible light exposure to colored sample (green line)] of SAP derivatives, SAP1-SAP8.



Figure S2: UV-Vis. spectra [before (blue line) and after (red line) UV irradiation, and after visible light exposure to colored sample (green line)] of SAP derivatives, SAP9-MSAP3.



Figure S3: UV-Vis. spectra [before (blue line) and after (red line) UV irradiation, and after visible light exposure to colored sample (green line)] of co-crystals, 3a-12g



Figure S4: UV-Vis. spectra [before (blue line) and after (red line) UV irradiation, and after visible light exposure to colored sample (green line)] of co-crystals, 3h-3j



Figure S5: Chain motif along *a*-axis via intermolecular hydrogen bonding in the crystal structure of SAP9.



Figure S6: Crystal and molecular structure of 3b.



Figure S7: Crystal and molecular structure of 3c.



Figure S8: Crystal structure of 3d: (a) molecular structure of 3d; (b) intermolecular hydrogen bonds; (c) two-dimensional sheet-like structure.



Figure S9: Crystal structure of 3e: (a) molecular packing of 3e; (b) two-dimensional sheet-like structure by intermolecular hydrogen bonding.



Figure S9:(c) Crystal and molecular structure of 3e.



Figure S10: Crystal and molecular structure of 2c.



Figure S11: Crystal and molecular structure of 12g.



Figure S12: Halogen-halogen interaction in the crystal structure of 3h.



Figure S13: Crystal structure of 3i: (a) intermolecular interaction and molecular structure of 3i; (b) SAP and co-former molecules were arranged alternately via two different types of intermolecular interaction in the crystal structure.



Figure S14: Crystal structure of 3j: (a) intermolecular interaction and molecular structure; (b) SAP molecules and co-formers were arranged alternately via two different types of intermolecular interaction in the crystal structure.



Figure S15: SA derivatives were also known to be thermochromic organic compounds.<sup>23</sup> As the temperature is lowered to 77 K, the crystal color changed from orange or yellow to pale yellow or colorless, respectively, because of the *cis*-keto to enol isomerization of SA. These pictures were taken at 296K (left) and at 77K (right).



Figure S16: Structural factors and photochromic properties: (a) dihedral angle(°); combination plot: (b) Dihedral angle /  $V_{\text{free}}$  and (c) Dihedral angle / packing index. Nonphotochromic [blue] and photochromic [orange] crystals for SAP derivative [circle] and co-crystals [triangle] and recently reported SA related crystals [diamond: ref. 22], [bar: ref. 18], [square: ref. 19] and [small square: ref. 21]. The list in Table S3 includes all the SAP structures from the past study and present study.