# **Supporting Information**

## Separately enhanced dual emissions of amphiphilic

## derivative of 2-(2'-hydroxylphenyl) benzothiazole by

## supramolecular complexation

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Fig. S1 Partial <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 298 K) of compound A.



**Fig. S2** Electrospray ionization mass spectrum of compound **A**. Assignment of the main peak: m/z 243.05 [**A** + H]<sup>+</sup>.



Fig. S3 Partial <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K) of compound B.



**Fig. S4** Electrospray ionization mass spectrum of compound **B**. Assignment of the main peak: m/z 357.14 [**B** + H]<sup>+</sup>.



**Fig. S5** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ , 298 K) of compound **C**.



**Fig. S6** Electrospray ionization mass spectrum of compound **C**. Assignment of the main peak: m/z 491.10 [**C** + H]<sup>+</sup>.



**Fig. S7** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 298 K) of **HBT-11**.



**Fig. S8** Electrospray ionization mass spectrum of **HBT-11**. Assignment of the main peak: m/z 488.23 [**HBT-11** – Br<sup>-</sup>]<sup>+</sup>.

#### 2. The four-level photo-cycle process

The ESIPT process requires an intramolecular hydrogen bond between the proton donor (-OH, - NH<sub>2</sub>) and neighboring proton acceptor (-C= O, -N=) groups of the molecule. In the ground state, the enol-form is stable. Upon excitation, the redistribution of electronic charge results in fast proton transfer from the donor to acceptor via the intramolecular hydrogen bond, and the enol-form converted to keto-form (still excited state). The keto-form at excited state decay to ground state via irradiative (or non-irradiative) emission. Finally, the keto-form at ground state goes back to the enol-form via reversible proton transfer. The whole process involves four energy levels, and so called four-level photo-cycle process.

#### 3. The photograph of powder



Fig. S9 Photograph showing the color of HBT-11 powder under illumination of 365 nm light.

#### 4. The fluorescence spectra of different concentration for determination of CMC



**Fig. S10** Concentration-dependent fluorescence spectra of HBT-11 in aqueous solution. Curves represent  $0.08 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $0.1 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $0.2 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $0.4 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $0.6 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $0.8 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $2.0 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $2.5 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $3.0 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $3.5 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $4.0 \times 10^{-4}$  (mol/L).

5. The Tyndall effect of compound C in cyclohexane



Fig. S11 The photograph of Tyndall effect for the cyclohexane solution of compound *C*.

### 6. The morphological change of HBT-11 upon addition of the two CDs



**Fig. S12** The TEM images of (a) HBT-11 ( $4.0 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/L), (b) HBT-11/ $\alpha$ -CD (1eq.), (c) HBT-11/ $\beta$ -CD (1eq.).

### 7. The quantum yield of HBT-11 in different systems

Concentration	System	$\Phi_{ m F}$ (%)
$5.0  imes 10^{-5}  ext{ mol/L}$	HBT-11	1.0
	$+ \alpha$ -CD	3.7
	$+\beta$ -CD	3.4
$4.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol/L}$	HBT-11	1.1
	$+ \alpha$ -CD	4.1
	$+\beta$ -CD	3.4

 Table S1 Quantum yield of HBT-11 in different concentrations in the absence and presence of CDs.

### 8. The time-resolved fluorescence of HBT-11 in different systems



Fig. S13 Time-resolved fluorescence decays of HBT-11 in the absent and presence of  $\alpha$ -CD and  $\beta$ -CD in aqueous solution.