

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### Synthesis, structure and anion binding properties of 1,8-bis(dimesitylboryl)anthracene and its monoborylated analog

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# 1. NMR spectra

Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) spectrum of 1-(dimesitylboryl)anthracene (**1**)

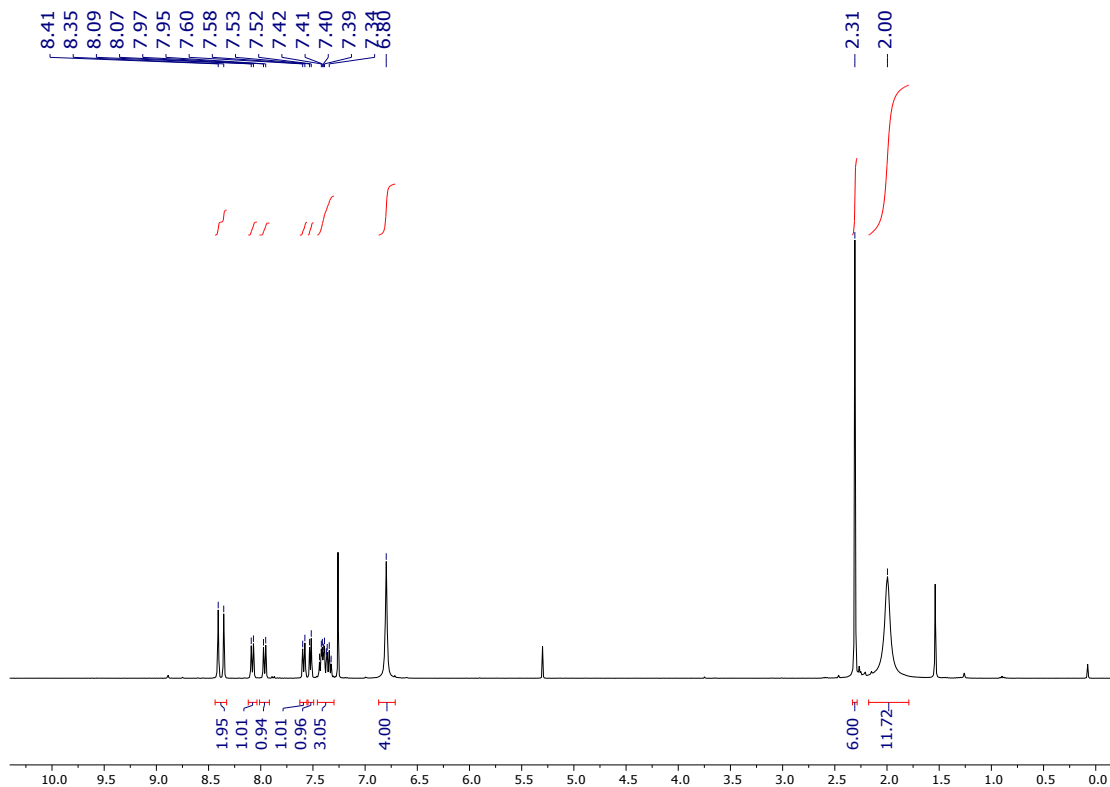


Figure S2.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) spectrum of 1-(dimesitylboryl)anthracene (**1**)

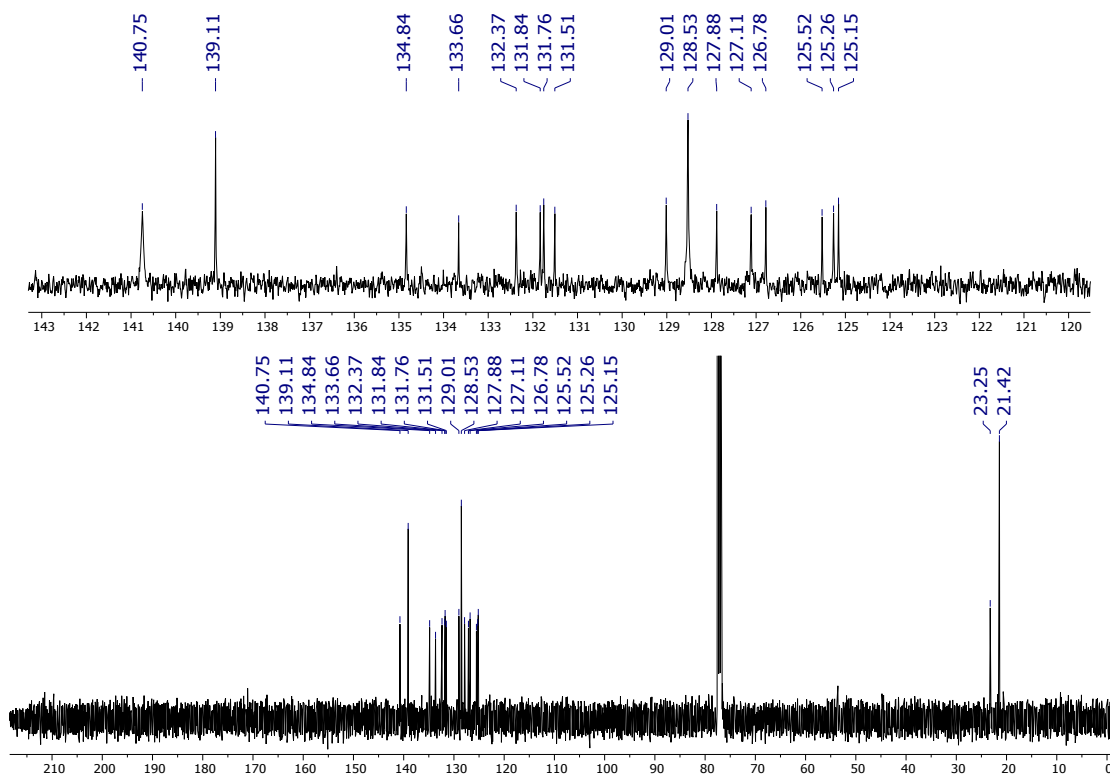


Figure S3.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) spectrum of 1-(dimesitylboryl)anthracene (**1**)

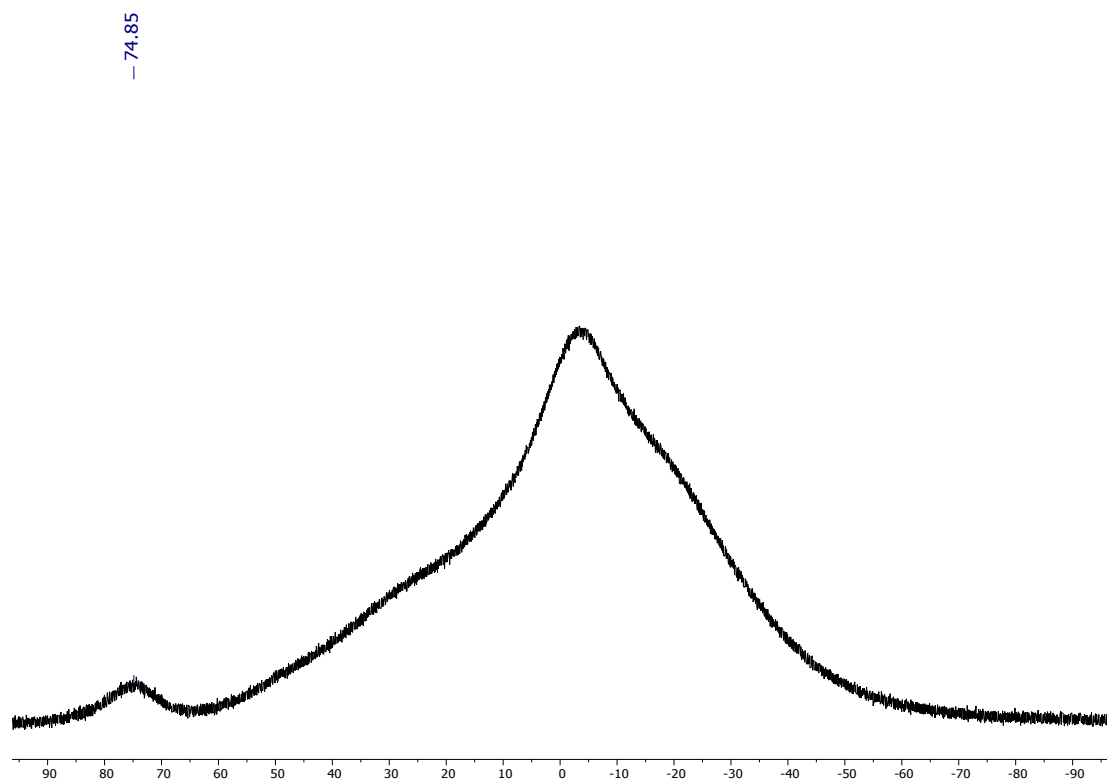


Figure S4.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) spectrum of 1,8-bis(dimesitylboryl)anthracene (**2**)

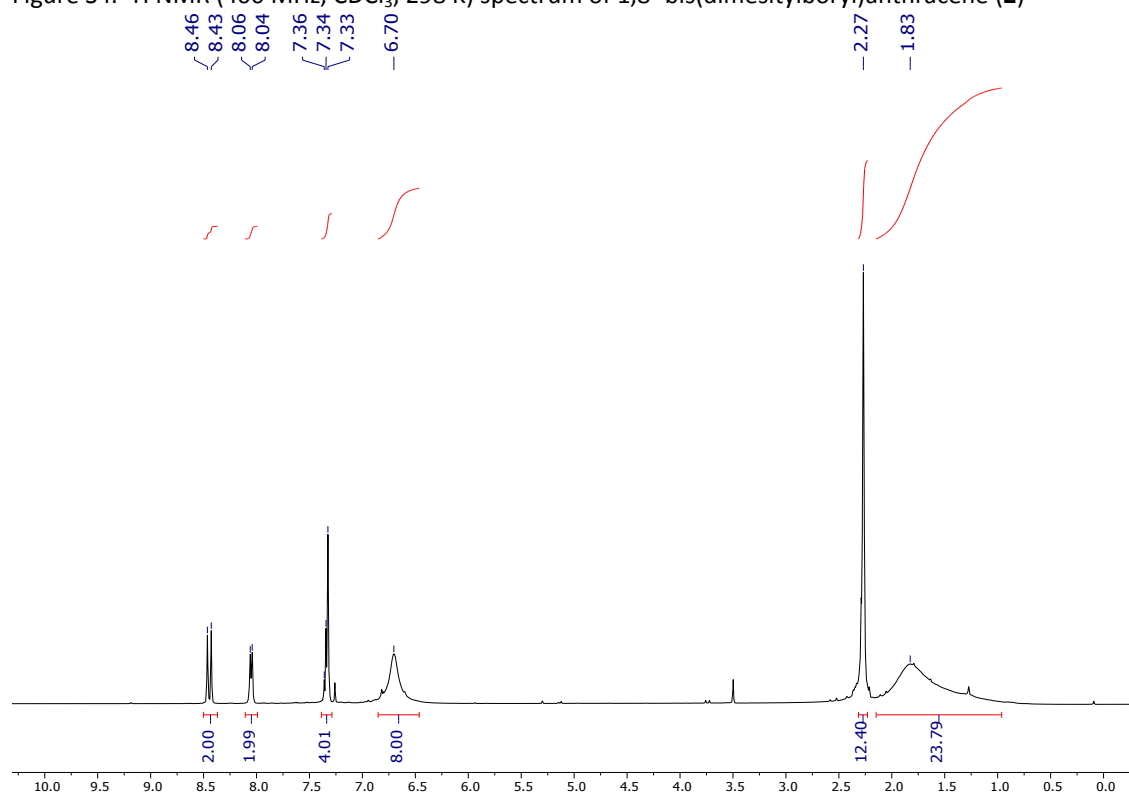


Figure S5.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 298 K) spectrum of 1,8- bis(dimesitylboryl)anthracene (**2**)

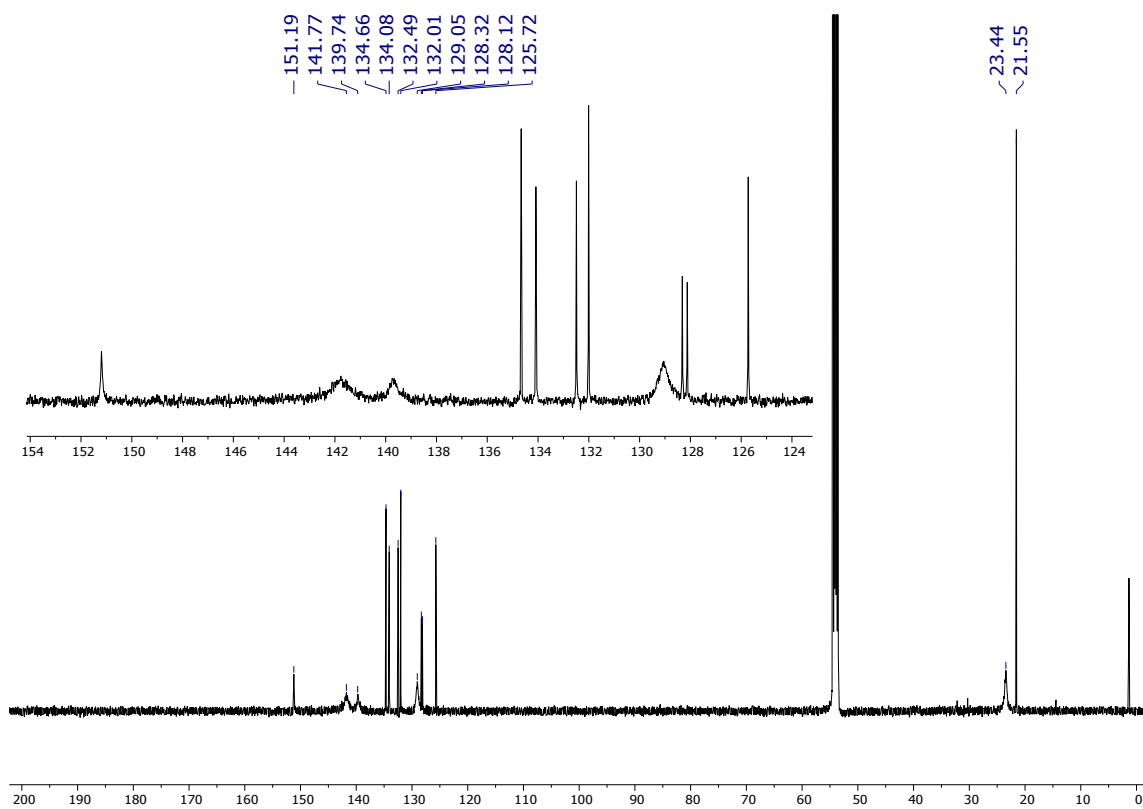
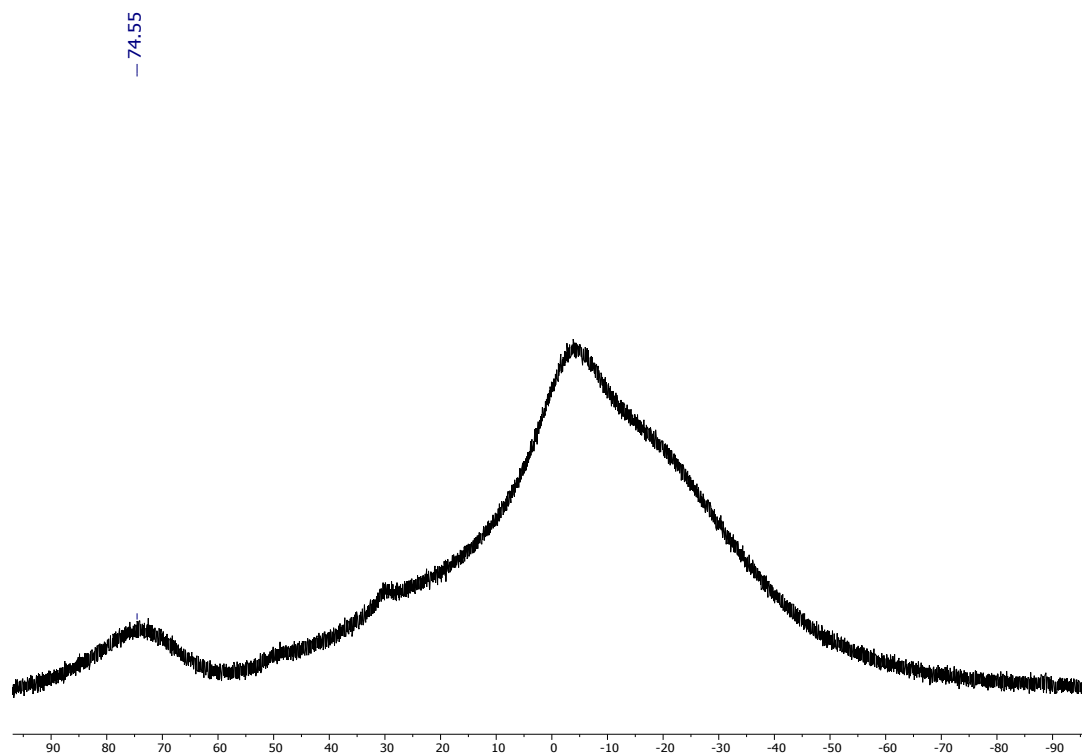


Figure S6.  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (128 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K) spectrum of 1,8- bis(dimesitylboryl)anthracene (**2**)



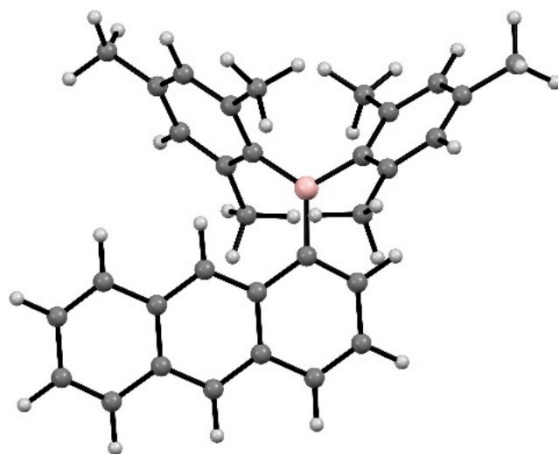
## 2. Solid-state structures.

### X-ray refinement parameters

Compound	1	2
Empirical formula	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>31</sub> B	C <sub>50</sub> H <sub>52</sub> B <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	426.38	674.53
Temperature/K	109.99	110(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	C2/c	C2/c
a/Å	40.663(5)	15.5053(18)
b/Å	8.0101(9)	19.059(2)
c/Å	15.645(2)	15.890(3)
α/°	90	90
β/°	93.812(4)	113.204(3)
γ/°	90	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	5084.5(11)	4316.0(11)
Z	8	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.114	1.038
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.062	0.058
F(000)	1824.0	1448.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.344 × 0.172 × 0.05	0.675 × 0.346 × 0.312
Radiation	Mo-Kα (λ = 0.71073)	Mo-Kα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	5.22 to 54.97	5.104 to 60.064
Index ranges	-52 ≤ h ≤ 52, -10 ≤ k ≤ 10, -20 ≤ l ≤ 20	-21 ≤ h ≤ 21, -26 ≤ k ≤ 26, -22 ≤ l ≤ 22
Reflections collected	28292	27732
Independent reflections	5825 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0636, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0594]	6307 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0654, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0624]
Data/restraints/parameters	5825/0/304	6307/0/241
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.214	1.055
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0959, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2189	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0834, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1990
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1254, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2330	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1248, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2239
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.15/-0.37	0.39/-0.44
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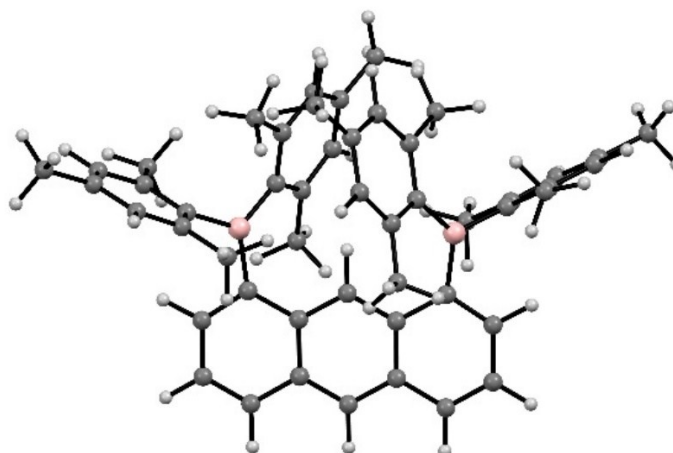
## 4. Geometry optimized structures and cartesian coordinates

### S7. Optimized structure and coordinates of 1



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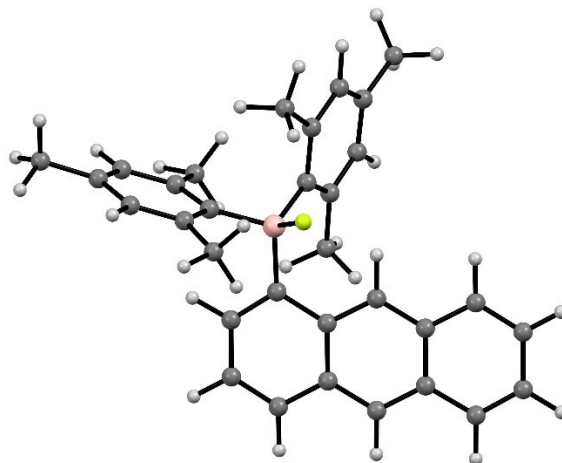
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S9. Optimized structure and coordinates of [1-F]<sup>-</sup>

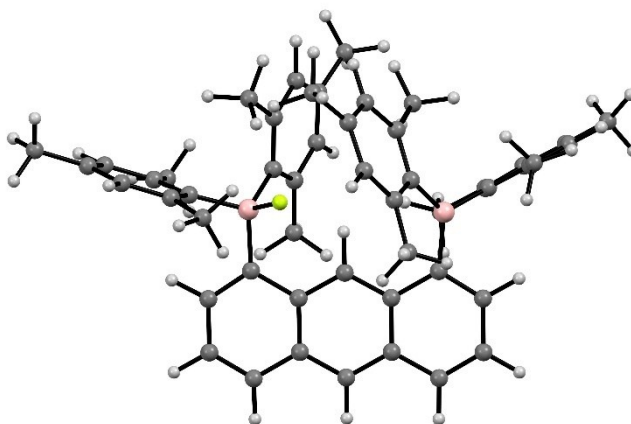


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S10. Optimized structure and coordinates of [2-F]<sup>-</sup>

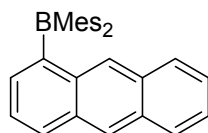


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C14	6.671190	-0.963577	0.248168	H67	-0.999482	-3.897564	-4.135029
C15	5.936924	-0.438471	1.310293	H68	-0.259912	-5.092910	-3.050223
C16	6.032525	-1.052794	-0.982535	H69	2.034495	-3.678041	0.889334
C17	4.602828	-0.049180	1.171273	H70	3.425953	-2.789293	0.235876

C18	4.694049	-0.675135	-1.149613	H71	2.310359	-1.976504	1.337098
C19	3.925050	-0.199461	-0.065062	H72	-0.521495	-1.513154	-3.846094
C20	2.106152	4.613973	-1.185033	H73	0.867409	-4.297757	-0.917149
C21	3.301241	2.505154	-1.075384	H74	6.423516	-0.314689	2.280122
C22	3.255080	3.902646	-1.363810	H75	6.589920	-1.421281	-1.845857
C23	0.928597	3.950300	-0.721015	H76	2.059508	5.682468	-1.391077
C24	2.213185	1.791374	-0.627027	H77	4.251511	1.990312	-1.209903
C25	0.981067	2.537762	-0.449943	H78	4.156106	4.401304	-1.718457
C26	-1.399503	1.570652	3.246860	H79	-1.132466	1.687464	4.302940
C27	-4.927799	-0.819651	2.478384	H80	-0.793988	2.278845	2.668605
C28	-7.547221	-2.157370	-1.614373	H81	-2.446908	1.863812	3.124970
C29	-3.114847	0.169856	-2.154643	H82	-5.864211	-1.119235	2.962177
C30	1.191374	-2.623460	4.007832	H83	-4.133212	-1.498292	2.813602
C31	-2.054598	-2.554884	0.215110	H84	-4.662494	0.180710	2.844996
C32	-0.271866	4.645071	-0.547394	H85	-7.284744	-2.751006	-2.497348
C33	-0.204036	1.898707	-0.054694	H86	-8.061831	-2.813425	-0.903900
C34	-1.126679	0.150981	2.798468	H87	-8.265404	-1.392677	-1.938304
C35	0.136233	-1.884944	3.227065	H88	-3.204693	-0.242183	-3.166106
C36	-0.217030	-0.579774	3.559134	H89	-3.185643	1.263231	-2.221305
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C38	-1.752175	-0.439612	1.669645	H91	2.192749	-2.302413	3.692841
C39	-0.493811	-2.474005	2.135363	H92	1.104714	-2.428703	5.083233
C40	-6.323680	-1.529219	-0.994053	H93	1.125534	-3.704572	3.843373
C41	-5.307321	-1.006497	-1.795726	H94	-1.593797	-3.544871	0.139305
C42	-6.185768	-1.435291	0.389616	H95	-3.135248	-2.685980	0.341712
C43	-4.186606	-0.387853	-1.243643	H96	-1.883604	-2.055252	-0.746576
C44	-5.059755	-0.847576	0.971717	H97	-0.299452	5.716093	-0.752475
C45	-4.046828	-0.314588	0.156621	H98	-0.167027	0.828068	0.128309
C46	-2.670821	4.713219	0.018683	H99	0.252785	-0.104499	4.420514
C47	-3.802459	2.644655	0.541713	H100	-0.236237	-3.497246	1.862445
C48	-3.819224	4.057948	0.354957	H101	-5.391925	-1.083172	-2.880527
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C50	-2.641548	1.905081	0.461168	H103	-2.669476	5.789881	-0.147747
C51	-1.414514	2.584106	0.100258	H104	-4.741942	2.138019	0.762664
B52	2.324415	0.194298	-0.218096	H105	-4.754741	4.602508	0.463500
B53	-2.760252	0.367059	0.779170				

## 5. TD-DFT output

Excitation energies and oscillator strengths for **1** between 300-600 nm.



Excited State 1: Singlet-A 2.9819 eV 415.79 nm f=0.1892 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 114 ->115 0.69386  
 114 ->116 0.10420

This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Total Energy, E(TD-HF/TD-KS) = -1262.57239304

Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.

Excited State 2: Singlet-A 3.5677 eV 347.52 nm f=0.0875 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
113 ->115 0.64911  
113 ->116 0.16963  
114 ->116 0.19380

Excited State 3: Singlet-A 3.5969 eV 344.69 nm f=0.0205 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
113 ->115 -0.19670  
114 ->116 0.65683

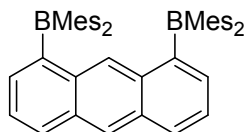
Excited State 4: Singlet-A 3.8123 eV 325.22 nm f=0.0459 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
109 ->115 -0.10747  
111 ->115 -0.16171  
112 ->115 0.64691  
112 ->116 0.12385

Excited State 5: Singlet-A 3.8628 eV 320.97 nm f=0.0186 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
109 ->115 0.10122  
111 ->115 0.63491  
111 ->116 0.14004  
112 ->115 0.18904  
114 ->117 0.11342

Excited State 6: Singlet-A 3.9198 eV 316.30 nm f=0.0231 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
110 ->115 0.65762  
110 ->116 0.15641  
111 ->115 0.11923

Excited State 7: Singlet-A 3.9475 eV 314.09 nm f=0.0138 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
109 ->115 0.52504  
109 ->116 -0.11190  
110 ->115 0.12915  
111 ->115 -0.15181  
114 ->117 0.38277

Excitation energies and oscillator strengths for **2** between 300-600 nm.



Excited State 1: Singlet-A 2.9477 eV 420.61 nm f=0.2098 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
181 ->182 0.70077

This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Total Energy, E(TD-HF/TD-KS) = -1985.84755903

Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCl density.

Excited State 2: Singlet-A 3.1254 eV 396.70 nm f=0.0268 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
181 ->183 0.69833

Excited State 3:	Singlet-A	3.5234 eV	351.88 nm	f=0.1271	<S**2>=0.000
179 ->183	0.32205				
180 ->182	0.61055				
180 ->184	0.10018				
Excited State 4:	Singlet-A	3.5398 eV	350.25 nm	f=0.0009	<S**2>=0.000
179 ->182	0.58560				
179 ->184	0.10652				
180 ->183	0.36212				
Excited State 5:	Singlet-A	3.7129 eV	333.93 nm	f=0.0009	<S**2>=0.000
181 ->184	0.69135				
Excited State 6:	Singlet-A	3.7236 eV	332.97 nm	f=0.0069	<S**2>=0.000
177 ->183	0.11909				
178 ->182	0.67347				
Excited State 7:	Singlet-A	3.7923 eV	326.94 nm	f=0.0177	<S**2>=0.000
172 ->182	-0.28884				
175 ->183	-0.14021				
176 ->182	0.50460				
177 ->182	-0.27981				
178 ->183	-0.12712				
181 ->185	0.16452				
Excited State 8:	Singlet-A	3.8620 eV	321.04 nm	f=0.0278	<S**2>=0.000
173 ->182	-0.15871				
176 ->182	0.27723				
177 ->182	0.40961				
178 ->183	0.44414				
Excited State 9:	Singlet-A	3.8837 eV	319.24 nm	f=0.0143	<S**2>=0.000
175 ->182	0.63536				
176 ->183	-0.14758				
177 ->183	0.16810				
180 ->183	-0.13938				
Excited State 10:	Singlet-A	3.9138 eV	316.79 nm	f=0.0001	<S**2>=0.000
172 ->182	0.32867				
173 ->182	0.24625				
176 ->182	0.31357				
179 ->183	0.30136				
180 ->182	-0.15486				
181 ->185	-0.30077				
Excited State 11:	Singlet-A	3.9585 eV	313.21 nm	f=0.0129	<S**2>=0.000
172 ->182	-0.28663				
173 ->182	0.26602				

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 179 ->183 0.17018  
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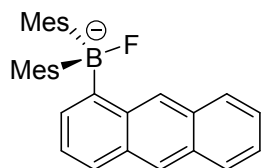
Excited State 12: Singlet-A 3.9775 eV 311.71 nm f=0.0149 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 174 ->182 0.60061  
 177 ->183 -0.25916  
 180 ->183 -0.17472

Excited State 13: Singlet-A 3.9898 eV 310.75 nm f=0.0428 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 174 ->182 0.17355  
 175 ->182 0.13197  
 176 ->183 -0.16299  
 179 ->182 -0.34840  
 179 ->184 0.12446  
 180 ->183 0.52240

Excited State 14: Singlet-A 4.0114 eV 309.08 nm f=0.0678 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
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 174 ->183 0.15454  
 176 ->182 -0.14015  
 177 ->182 -0.15062  
 178 ->183 0.23864  
 179 ->183 0.44446  
 180 ->182 -0.29685  
 180 ->184 0.12856  
 181 ->185 0.16290

Excited State 15: Singlet-A 4.1144 eV 301.34 nm f=0.0104 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 172 ->182 -0.14438  
 173 ->182 0.54219  
 177 ->182 -0.15010  
 178 ->183 0.33777  
 179 ->183 -0.15766

Excitation energies and oscillator strengths for [1-F]<sup>-</sup> between 300-600 nm.



Excited State 1: Singlet-A 3.2327 eV 383.53 nm f=0.1120 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
 119 ->120 0.70103

This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Total Energy, E(TD-HF/TD-KS) = -1362.53693173

Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.

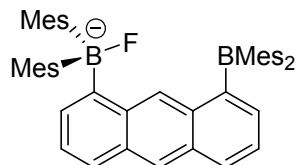
Excited State 2: Singlet-A 3.6975 eV 335.32 nm f=0.0002 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
117 ->120 0.13106  
118 ->120 0.68274

Excited State 3: Singlet-A 3.8171 eV 324.82 nm f=0.0048 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
117 ->120 0.67879  
118 ->120 -0.12835

Excited State 4: Singlet-A 3.9737 eV 312.01 nm f=0.0035 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
113 ->120 0.43797  
115 ->120 -0.14371  
116 ->120 0.15251  
117 ->120 0.13291  
119 ->121 0.48577

Excited State 5: Singlet-A 4.1288 eV 300.29 nm f=0.0044 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
113 ->120 -0.15015  
115 ->120 -0.19105  
116 ->120 0.64508  
119 ->121 -0.13115

Excitation energies and oscillator strengths for [2-F] between 300-600 nm.



Excited State 1: Singlet-A 2.7781 eV 446.29 nm f=0.1118 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
186 ->187 0.69942

This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Total Energy, E(TD-HF/TD-KS) = -2085.82279722

Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.

Excited State 2: Singlet-A 3.3385 eV 371.37 nm f=0.0028 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
184 ->187 0.23411  
185 ->187 0.66249

Excited State 3: Singlet-A 3.4211 eV 362.41 nm f=0.0283 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
184 ->187 0.12691  
186 ->188 0.67521

Excited State 4: Singlet-A 3.4547 eV 358.88 nm f=0.0087 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
184 ->187 0.64334  
185 ->187 -0.22933  
186 ->188 -0.12956

Excited State 5: Singlet-A 3.6150 eV 342.97 nm f=0.0210 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
179 ->187 -0.12006  
181 ->187 -0.15509  
183 ->187 0.66262

Excited State 6: Singlet-A 3.6775 eV 337.15 nm f=0.0775 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
177 ->187 -0.11722  
179 ->187 0.16077  
181 ->187 0.61694  
181 ->188 0.10296  
183 ->187 0.19015

Excited State 7: Singlet-A 3.7951 eV 326.69 nm f=0.0328 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
177 ->187 0.10620  
177 ->188 -0.10552  
178 ->187 -0.20755  
179 ->187 0.13765  
180 ->187 0.59116  
186 ->189 -0.19297

Excited State 8: Singlet-A 3.8984 eV 318.04 nm f=0.0083 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
177 ->187 0.31646  
178 ->187 -0.17003  
179 ->187 0.25341  
180 ->187 -0.27014  
180 ->188 -0.11838  
183 ->187 0.11345  
184 ->188 -0.13802  
185 ->188 -0.29536  
186 ->189 -0.25668

Excited State 9: Singlet-A 3.9211 eV 316.20 nm f=0.0059 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
177 ->187 0.27818  
179 ->187 -0.12301  
182 ->187 0.22239  
185 ->188 0.52148  
186 ->189 -0.21713

Excited State 10: Singlet-A 3.9345 eV 315.12 nm f=0.0018 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
179 ->187 -0.13720  
180 ->187 0.12225  
182 ->187 0.63608  
185 ->188 -0.19908

Excited State 11: Singlet-A 3.9494 eV 313.93 nm f=0.0565 <S\*\*2>=0.000  
177 ->187 -0.25380  
178 ->187 -0.34311  
179 ->187 0.36245

180 ->187	-0.11405
181 ->187	-0.19460
182 ->187	0.12718
185 ->188	0.24626
186 ->189	0.13368

Excited State 12: Singlet-A 4.0197 eV 308.44 nm f=0.0021 <S\*\*2>=0.000

184 ->188	0.67193
185 ->188	-0.10480

Excited State 13: Singlet-A 4.0894 eV 303.18 nm f=0.0068 <S\*\*2>=0.000

178 ->187	0.50781
179 ->187	0.42013
181 ->187	-0.10697



## 6. Spectrophysical studies

### UV-vis spectra and binding isotherms

Figure S11. UV-vis spectrum of **1** titrated against TBACN. The inset shows a plot of the absorbance at 389 nm as a function of fluoride concentration.

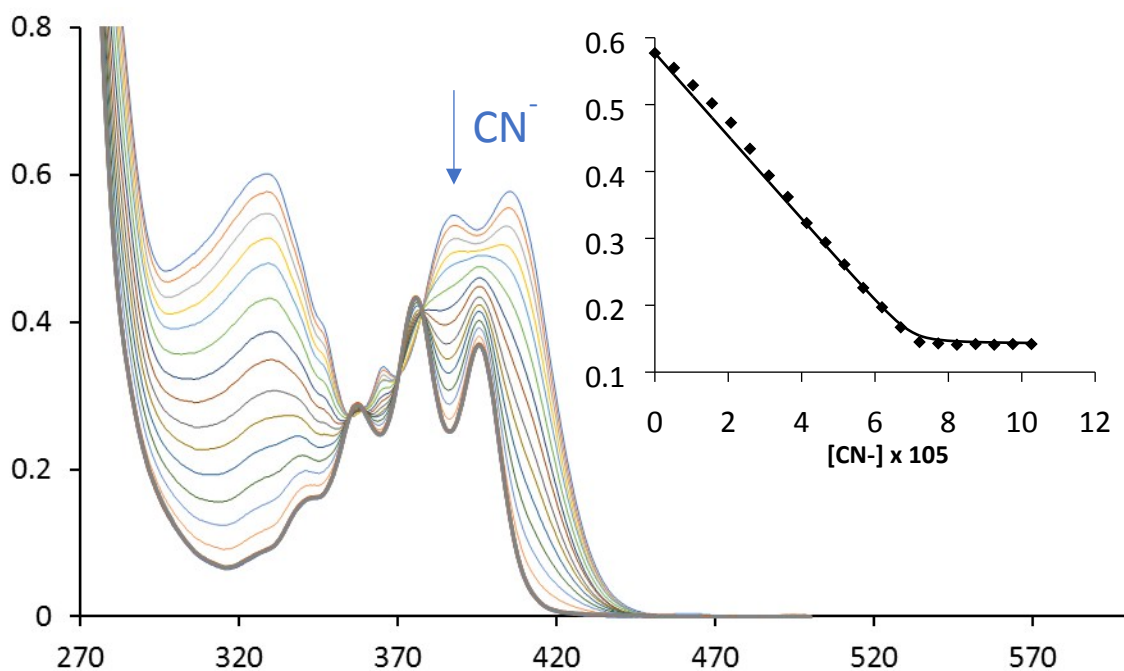
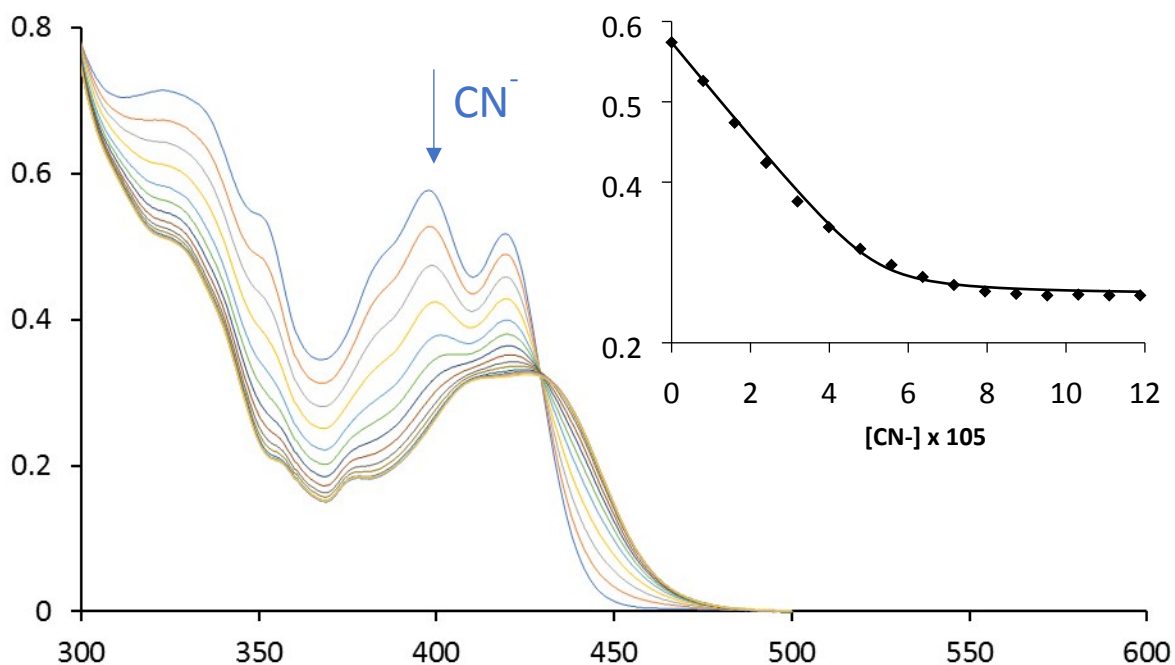


Figure S12. UV-vis spectrum of **2** titrated against TBAF. The inset shows a plot of the absorbance at 400 nm as a function of fluoride concentration.



## Fluorescence emission spectra and quantum yield

Figure S13. Emission spectrum of **1** titrated against TBAF. Quantum yield determination inset

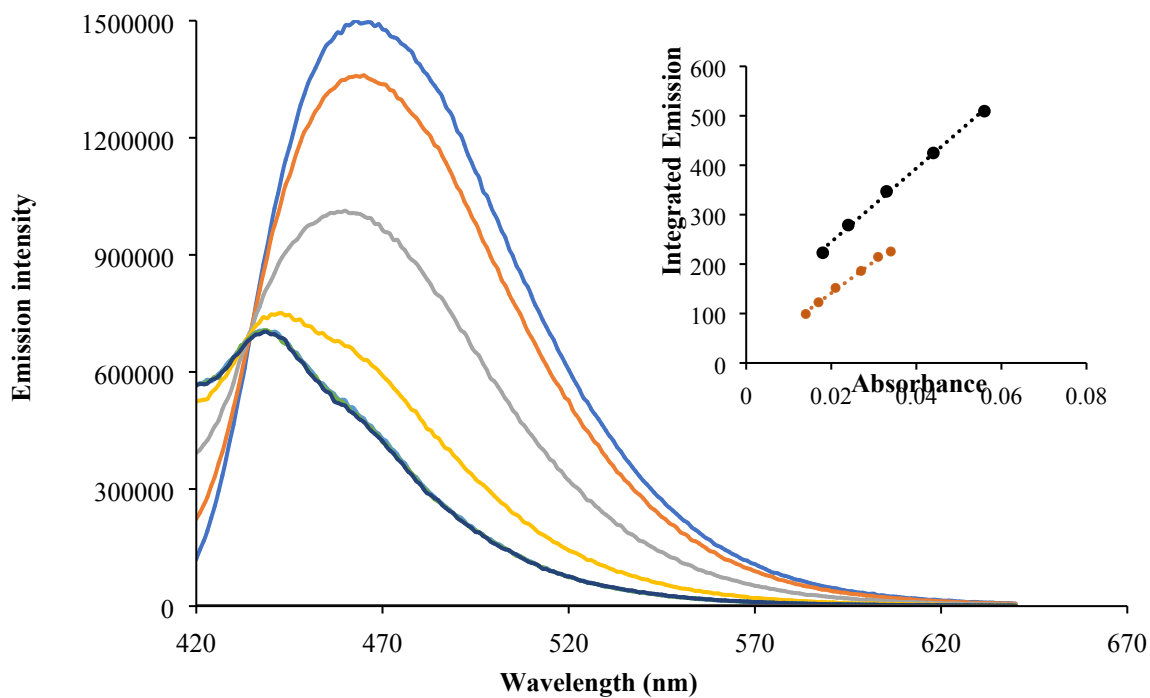


Figure S14. Emission spectrum of **2** titrated against TBAF. Quantum yield determination inset

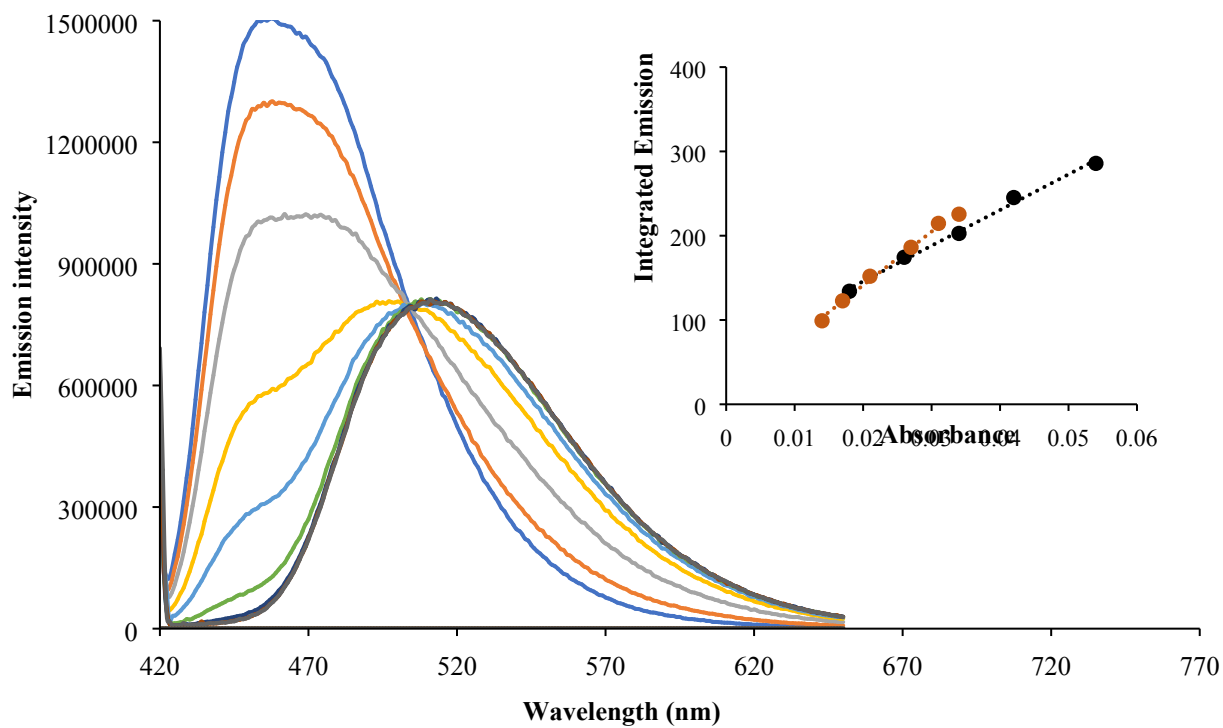
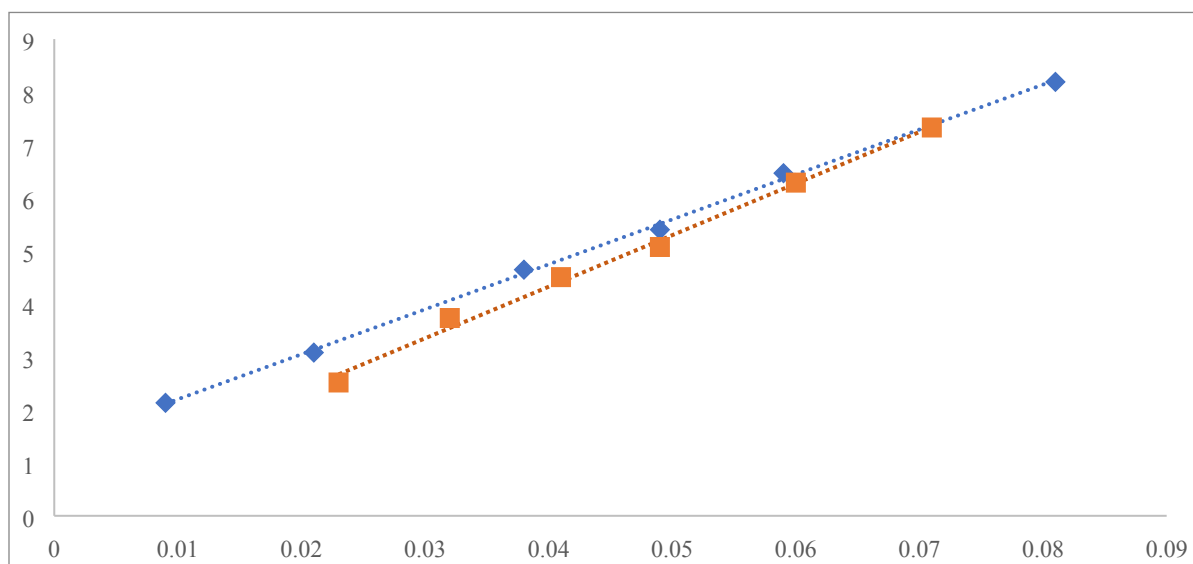


Figure S15. Quantum yield determination of [2-F]<sup>-</sup>



## 7. Cyclic voltammograms

Figure S16. Cyclic voltammogram of **1**

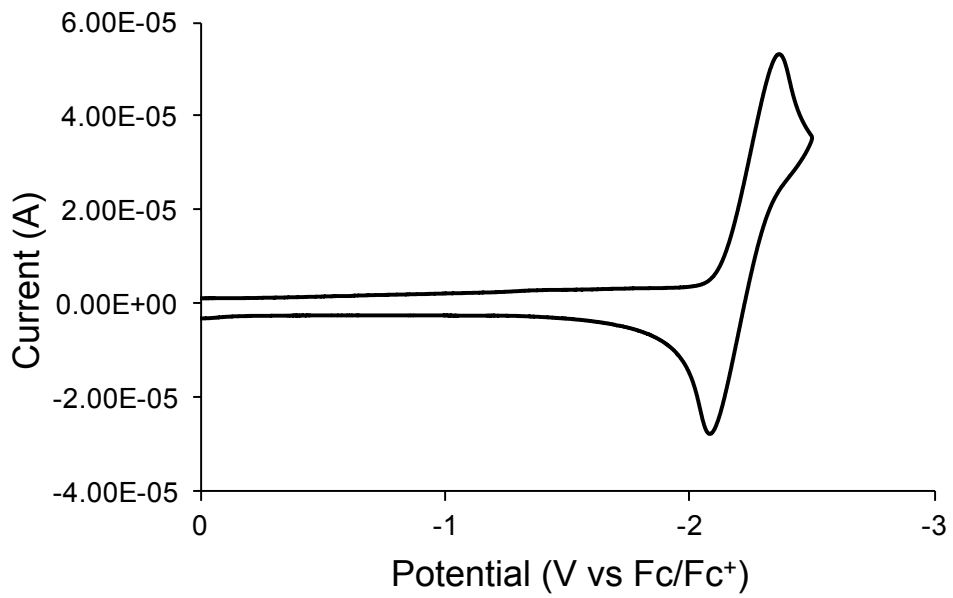
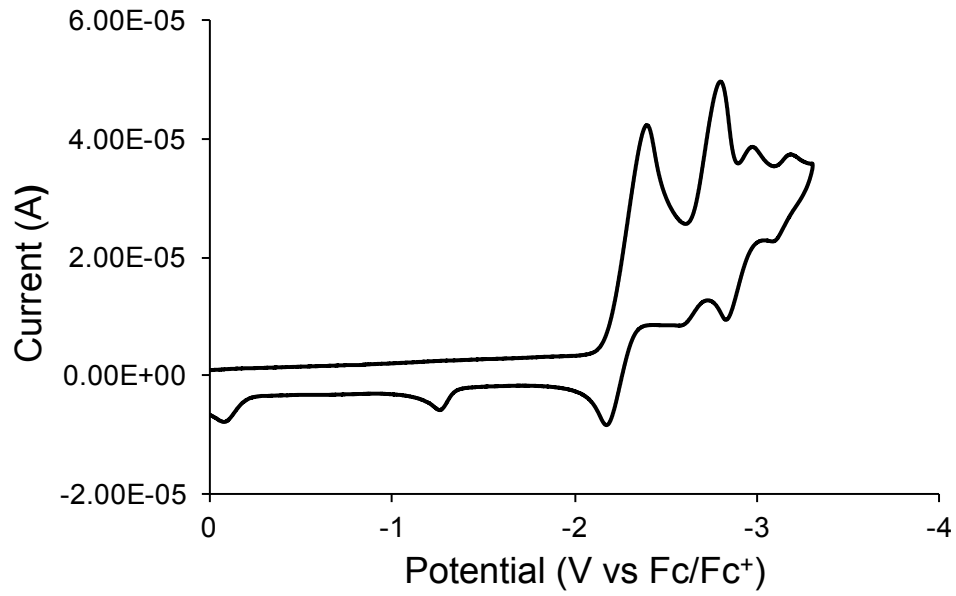
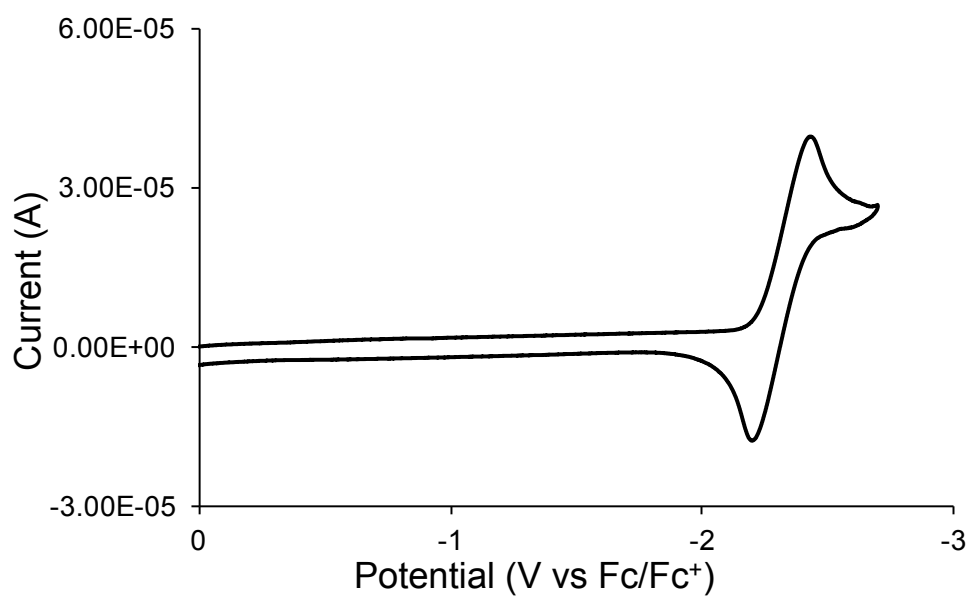
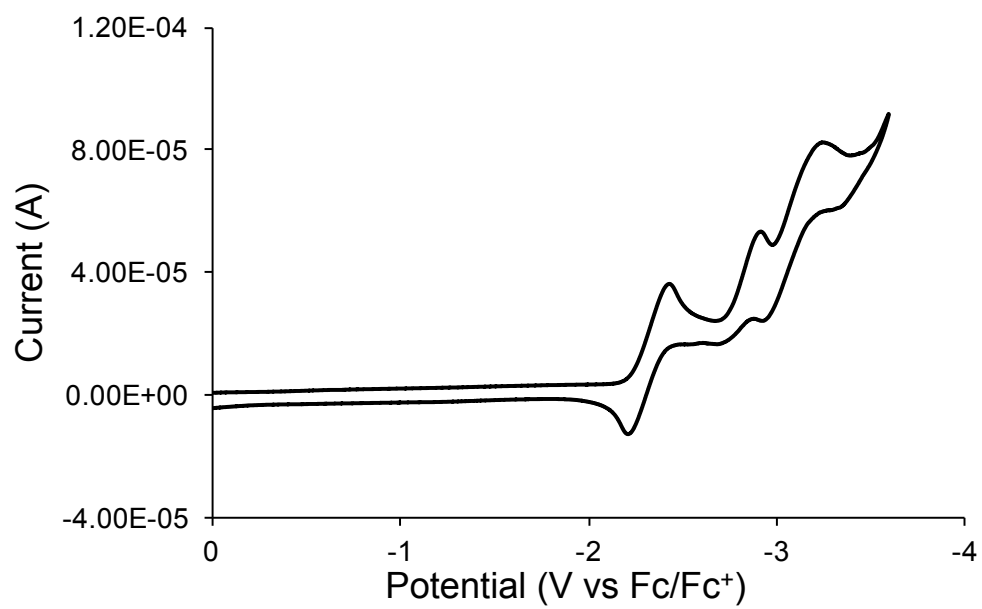


Figure S17. Cyclic voltammogram of **2**



## 8. Mass spectroscopic studies

Figure S18. Mass spectrum of [1-F]<sup>-</sup>

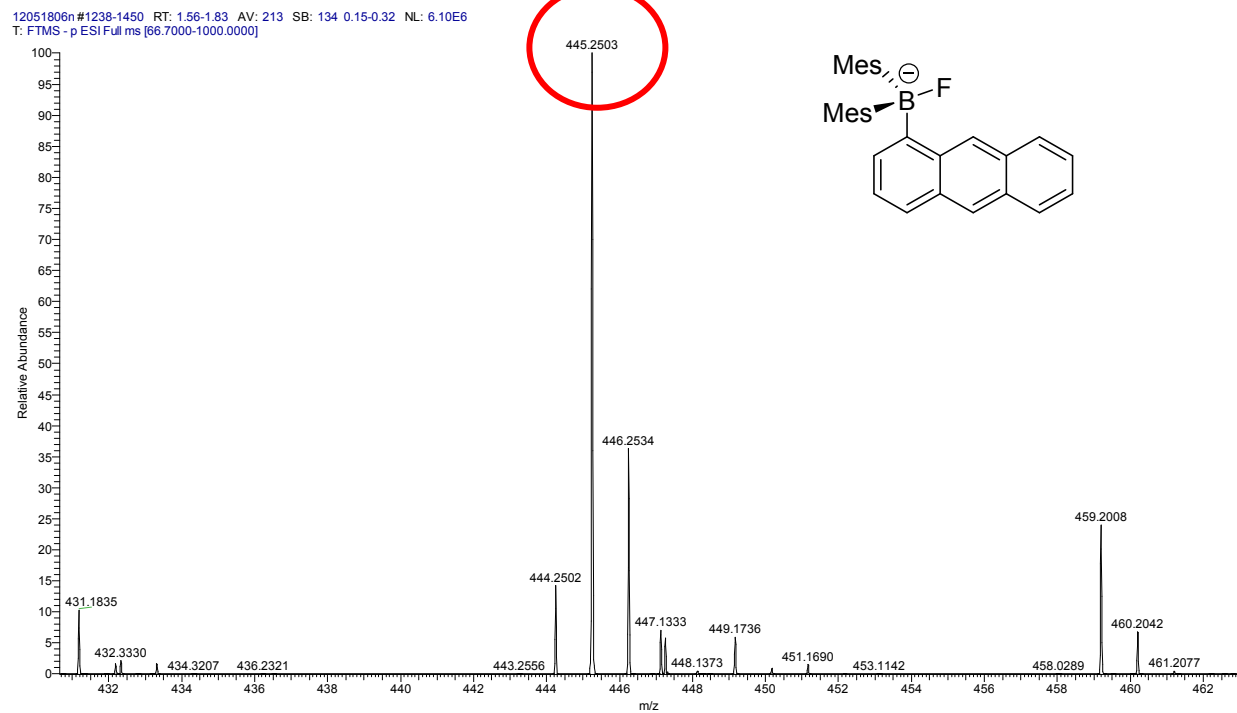


Figure S19. Mass spectrum of [1-CN]<sup>-</sup>

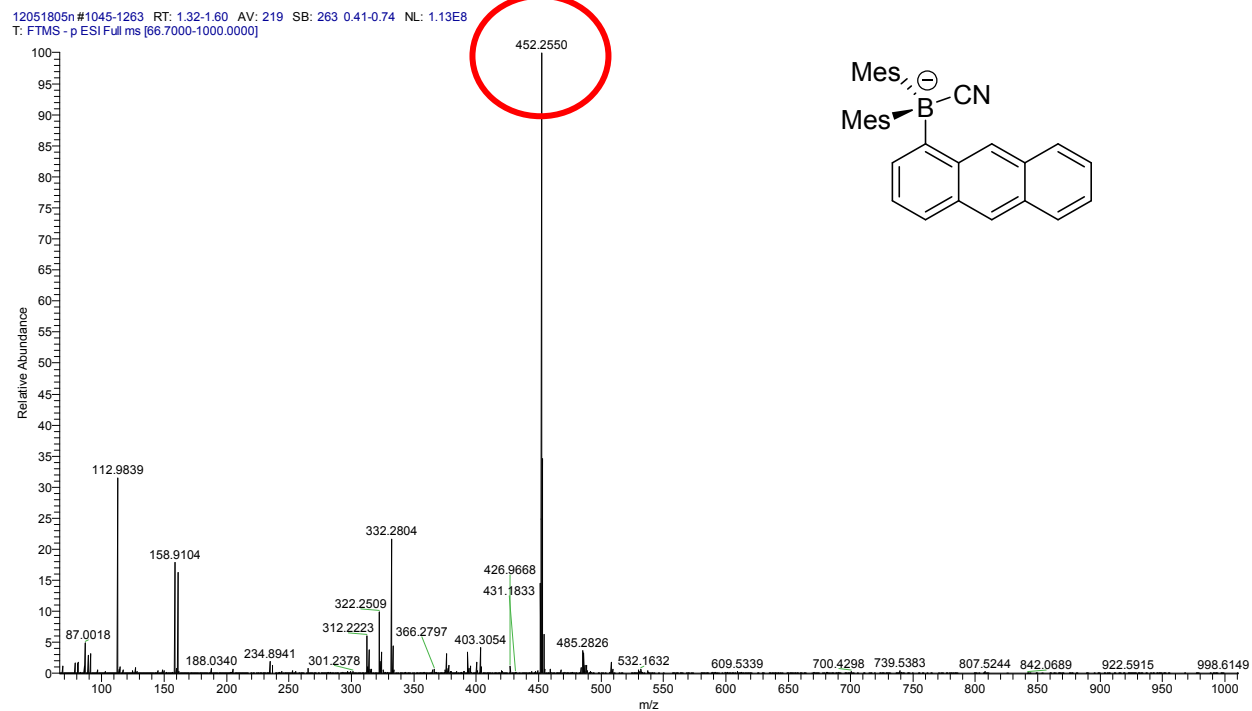


Figure S20. Mass spectrum of [2-F]<sup>-</sup>

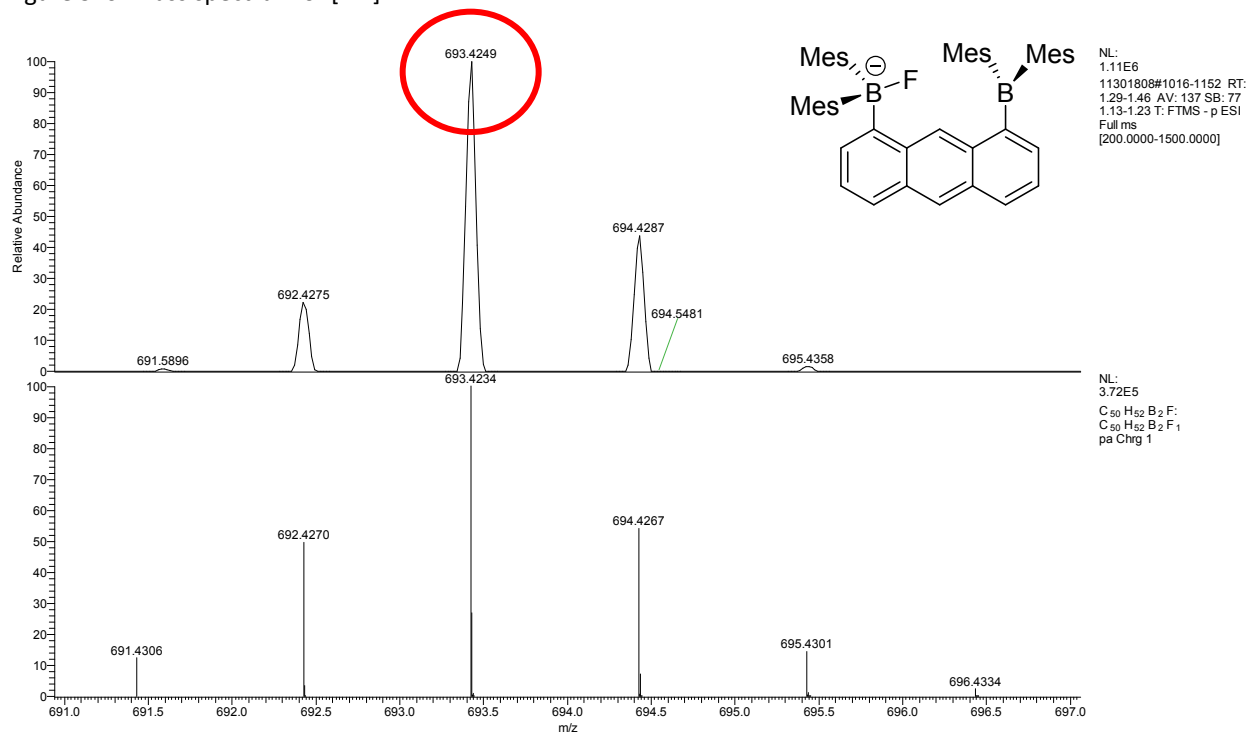


Figure S21. Mass spectrum of [2-CN]<sup>-</sup>

