

Supporting Information

A phototunable anion receptor for C-H...X interactions with benzoate anion

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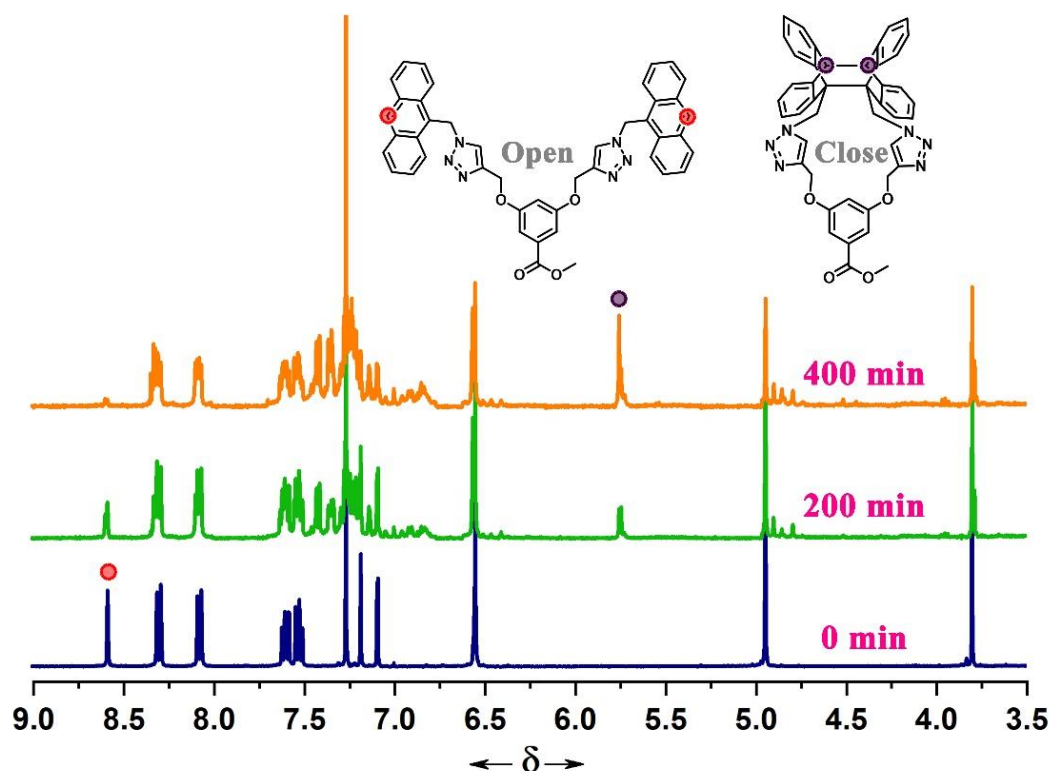


Figure S1. ^1H NMR of **1** (10^{-4} M) upon exposure at 366 nm UV light in CDCl_3 at 25 $^\circ\text{C}$.

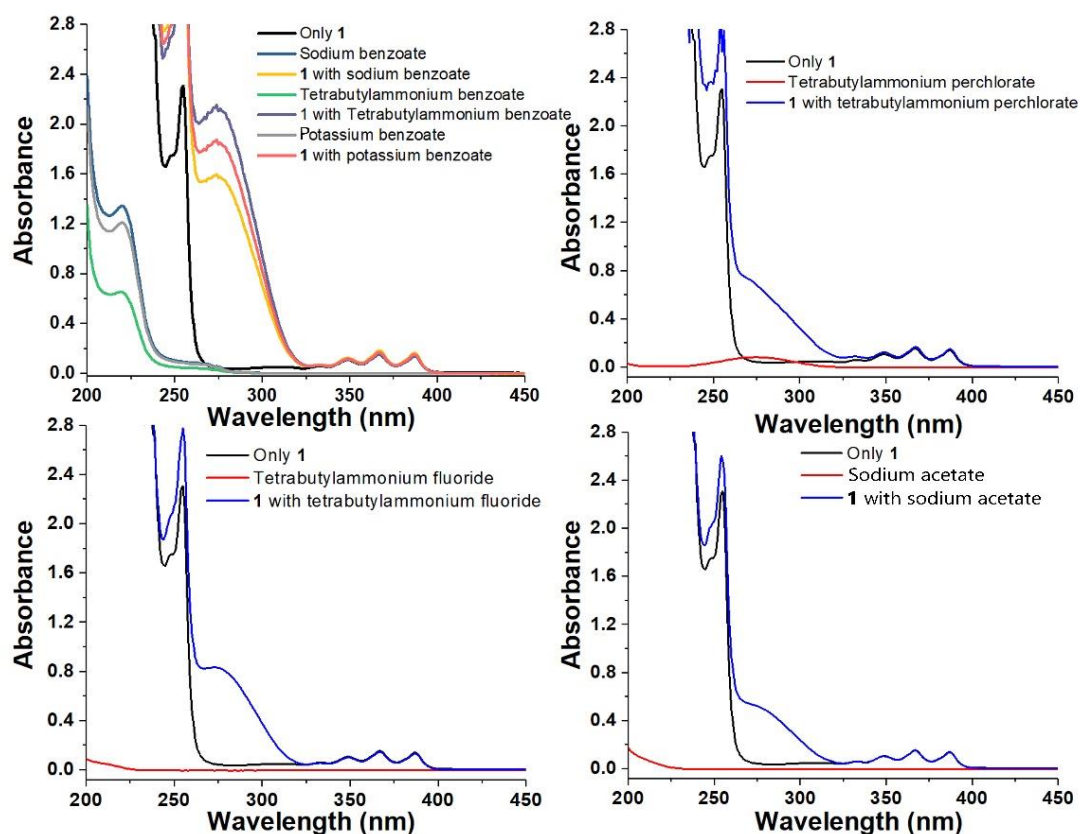


Figure S2. The changes in the UV-vis absorption spectra of ligand **1** (10 μM) upon titration with anions (100 μM) and anions (benzoate, perchlorate, fluoride, acetate: 100 μM each) without the receptor in CH_3CN media with 1% DMSO as a co-solvent at 25 $^\circ\text{C}$.

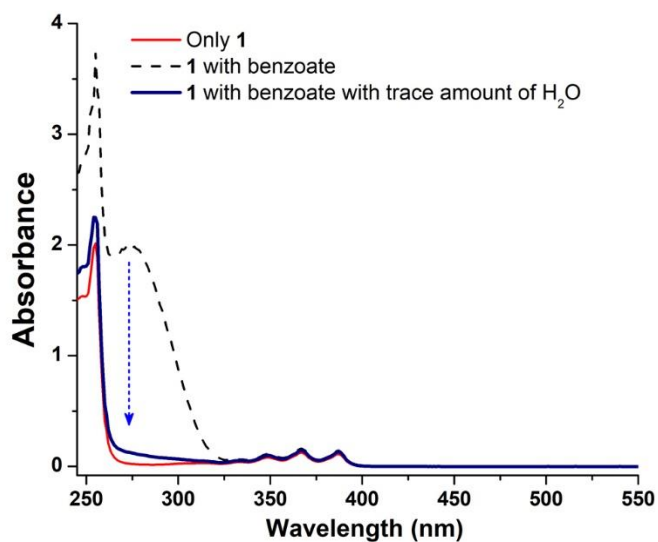


Figure S3. The changes in the UV-vis absorption spectrum of ligand **1** CPhCOO^- with upon addition of a trace amount of water in CH_3CN media at 25 °C.

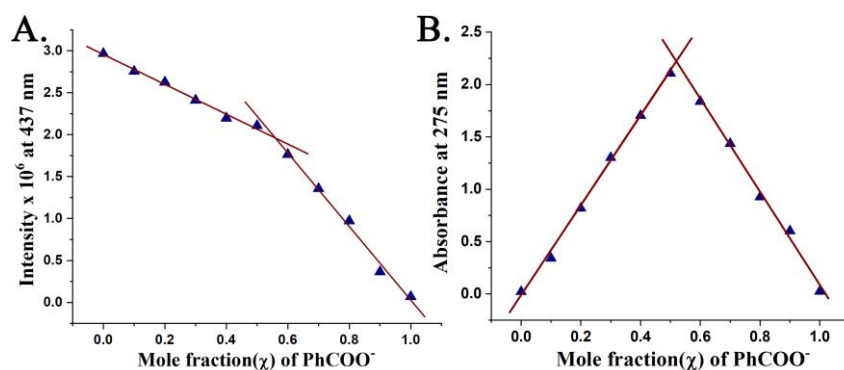


Figure S4. Fluorescence UV-vis Job's plots for benzoate bound receptor **1**.

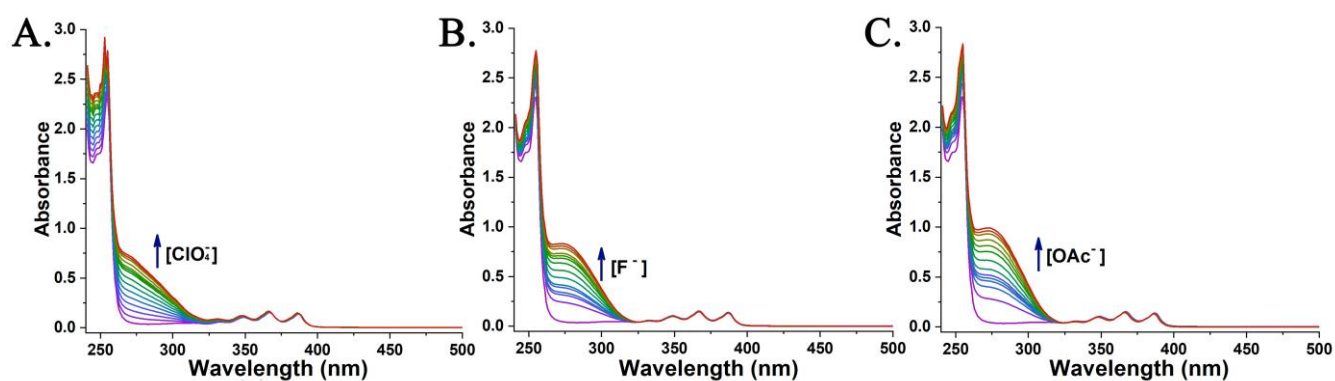


Figure S5. UV-vis absorption spectra of compound **1** (10 μM) upon addition of 0 to 100 μM of (A) ClO_4^- , (B) F^- , (C) OAc^- .

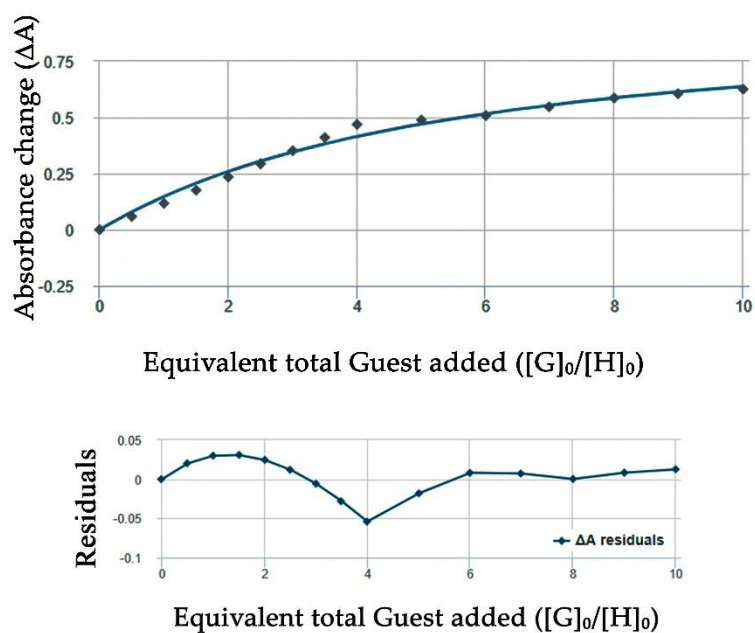


Figure S6. Determination of the binding constant for the benzoate-bound receptor 1-ClO_4^- . (Non-linear data fitting of the absorbance data obtained from the titration). The value of the binding constant was $2.17 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$.

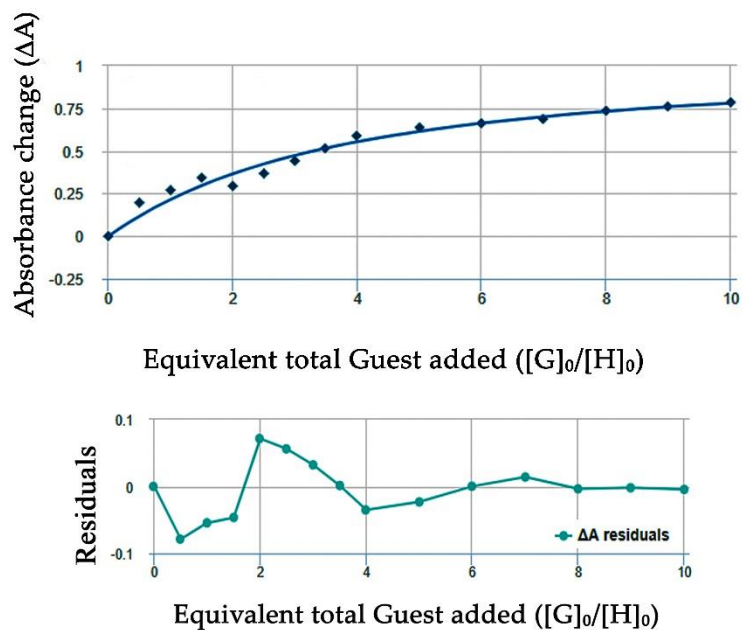


Figure S7. Determination of the binding constant for the benzoate-bound receptor 1-F^- . (Non-linear data fitting of the absorbance data obtained from the titration). The value of the binding constant was $2.61 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$.

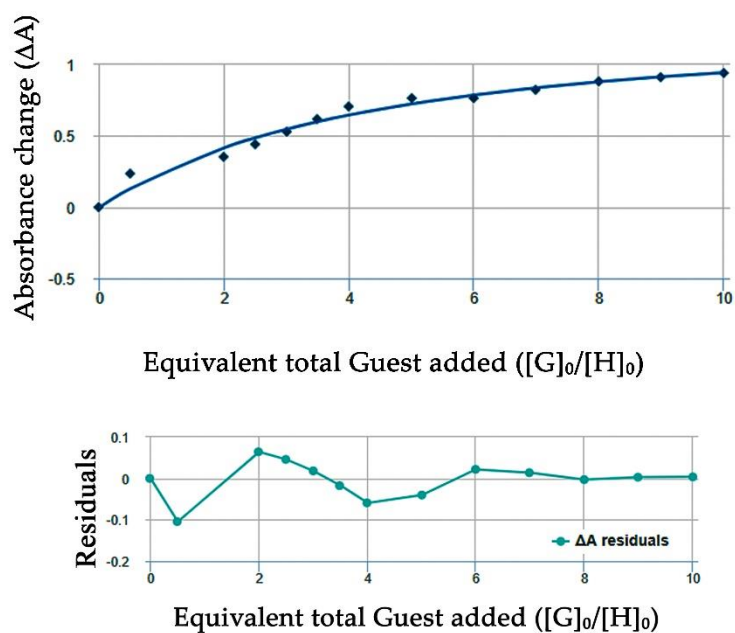


Figure S8. Determination of the binding constant for the benzoate-bound receptor **1cOAc⁻**. (Non-linear data fitting of the absorbance data obtained from the titration). The value of the binding constant was $2.8 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$.

The Bindfit software for data analysis were used from supramolecular.org.

The constants K^{11} from the 1:1 binding data[‡]

	Parameter (bounds)	Optimised (M^{-1})	Error (%)
1cPhCOO⁻	K ($0 \rightarrow \infty$)	28632.52	± 10.91
1cClO₄⁻	K ($0 \rightarrow \infty$)	21719.72	± 7.42
1cOAc⁻	K ($0 \rightarrow \infty$)	28006.12	± 11.21
1cF⁻	K ($0 \rightarrow \infty$)	26117.54	± 11.43

[‡] A 1:2 binding model was ignored because of the large errors associated with the fitting of the binding model.

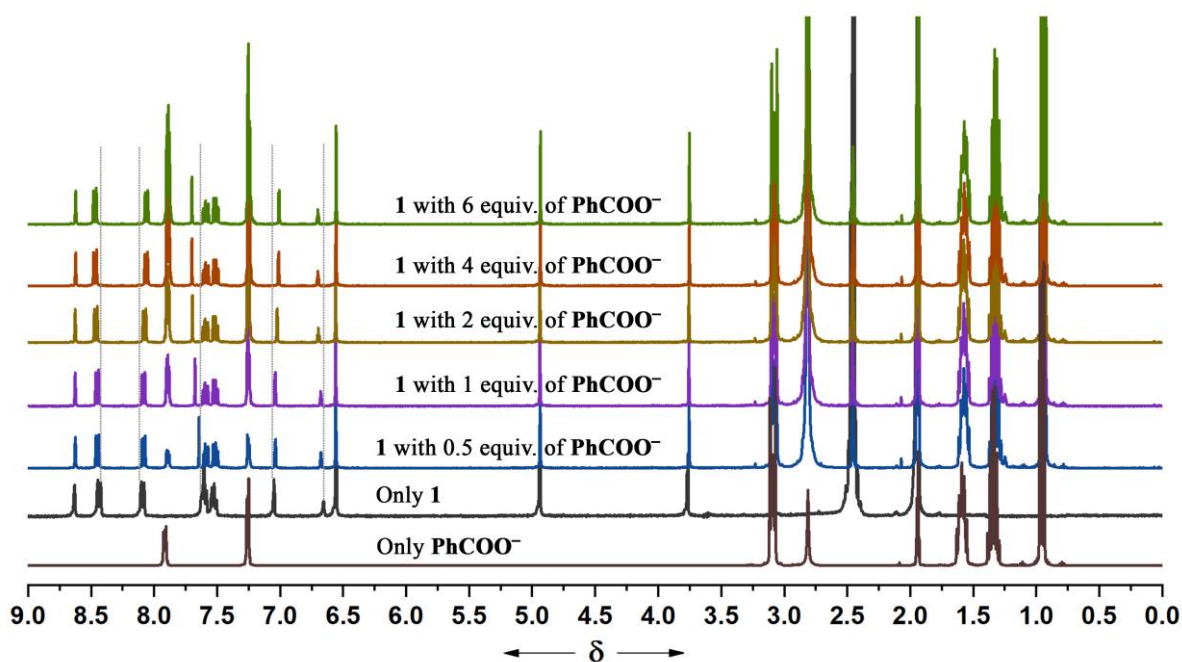


Figure S9. ^1H NMR titration of **1** (10^{-4} M) upon addition of TBA benzoate in CD_3CN at 25°C . (See Figure 5, Main text for the peak assignments)

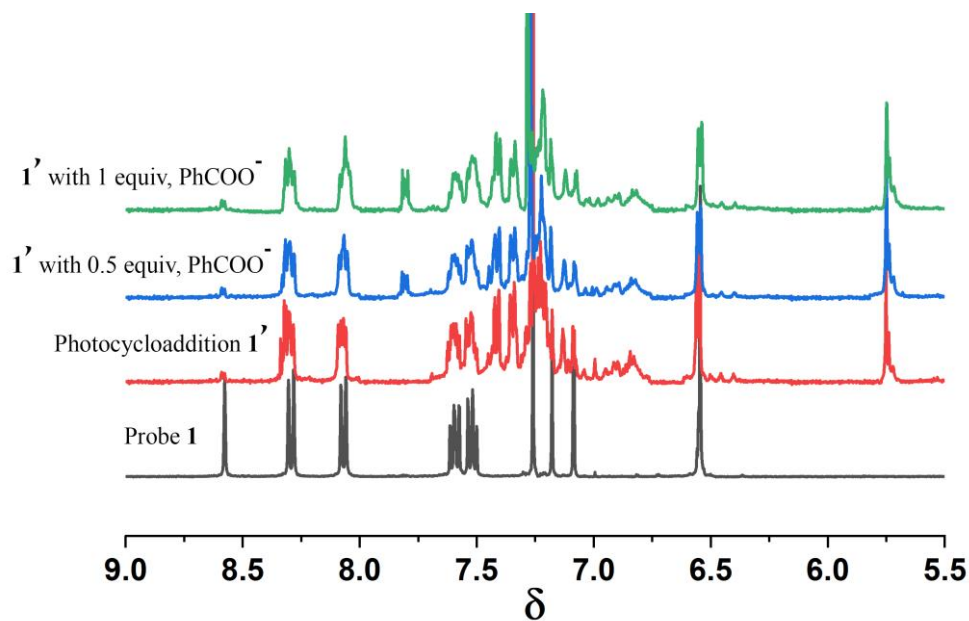


Figure S10. ^1H NMR titration of photocycloaddition **1'** (10^{-4} M) upon addition of TBA benzoate in CDCl_3 at 25°C .

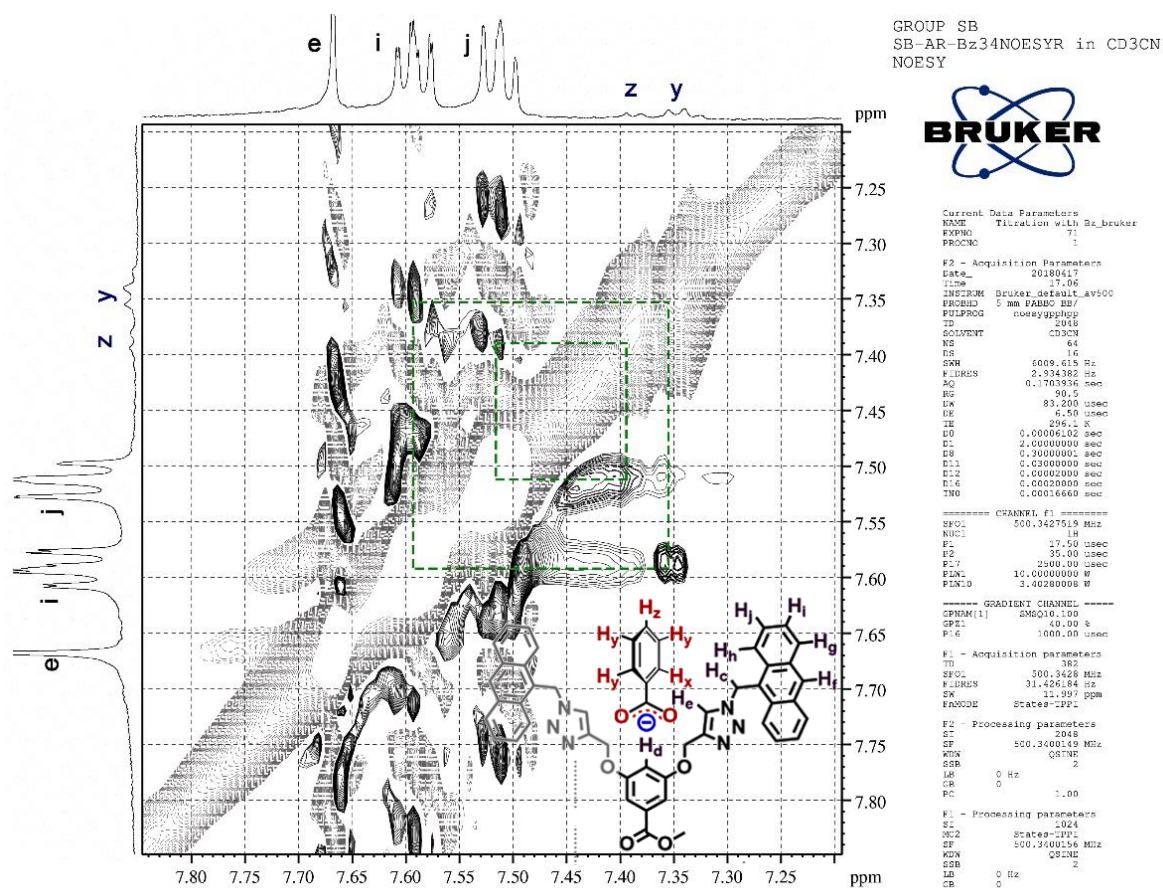


Figure S11. ^1H - ^1H 2D NOESY NMR spectrum in CD₃CN (instrument frequency 500 MHz) at 25 °C of **1**CPhCOO⁻.

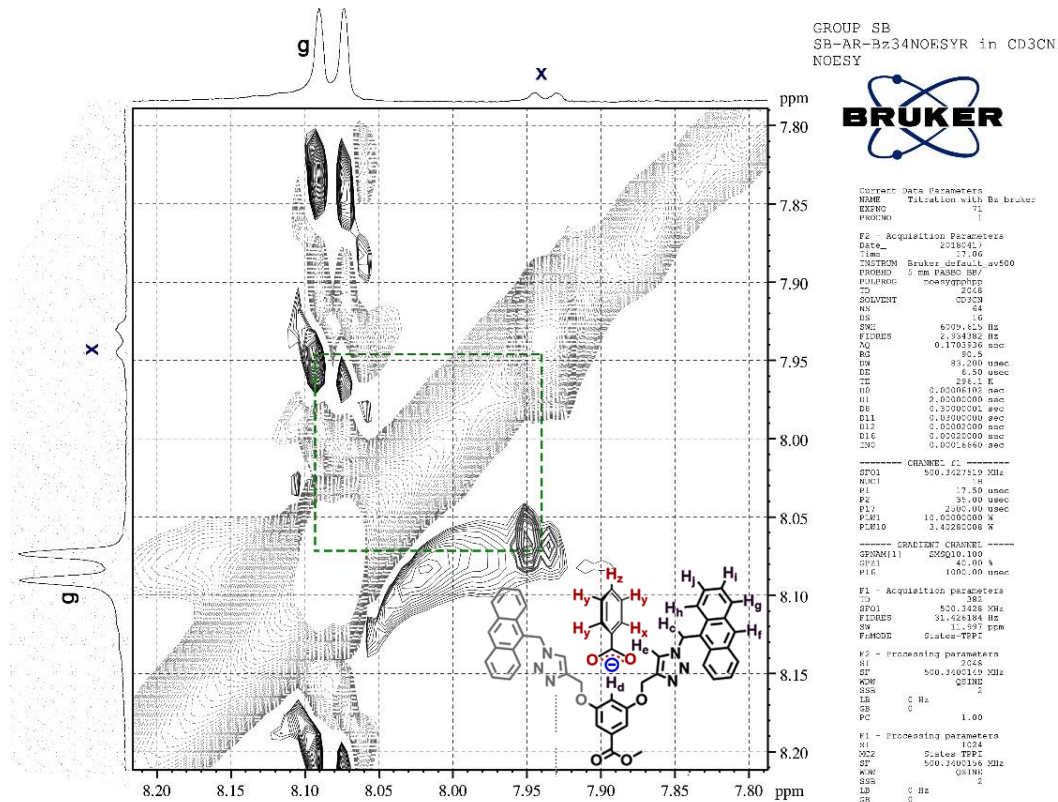


Figure S12. ^1H - ^1H 2D NOESY NMR (500 MHz) spectrum in CD₃CN at 25 °C of **1**CPhCOO⁻.

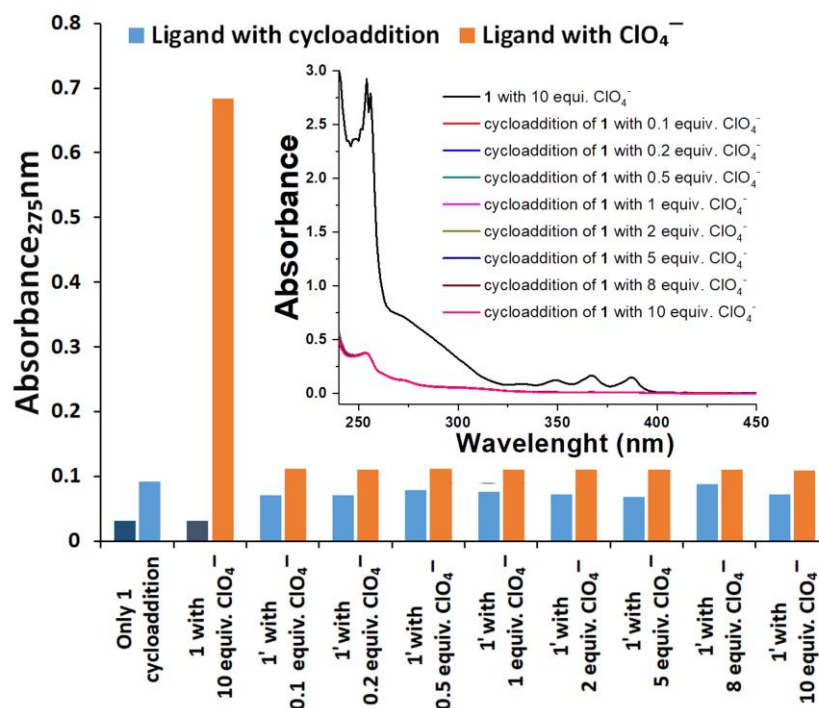


Figure S13. Change in the absorbance at absorbance at 275 nm upon the addition of 0–10 equiv. of ClO_4^- to the photocycloaddition adduct **1'** (10 μM) (inset: The absorption spectra of **1'** with the addition of 0–10 equiv. of ClO_4^-).

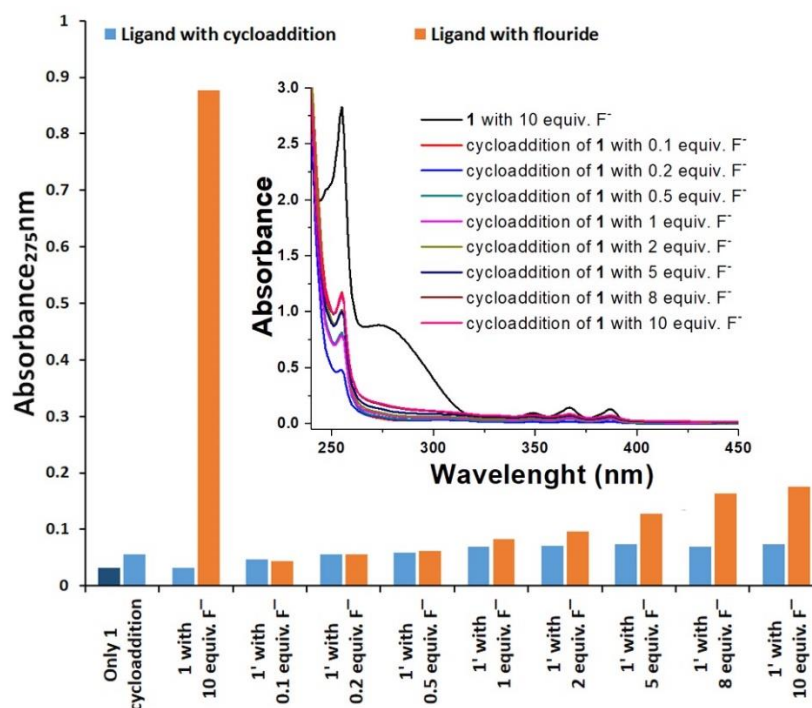


Figure S14. Change in the absorbance at absorbance at 275 nm upon the addition of 0–10 equiv. of F^- to the photocycloaddition adduct **1'** (10 μM) (inset: The absorption spectra of **1'** with the addition of 0–10 equiv. of F^-).

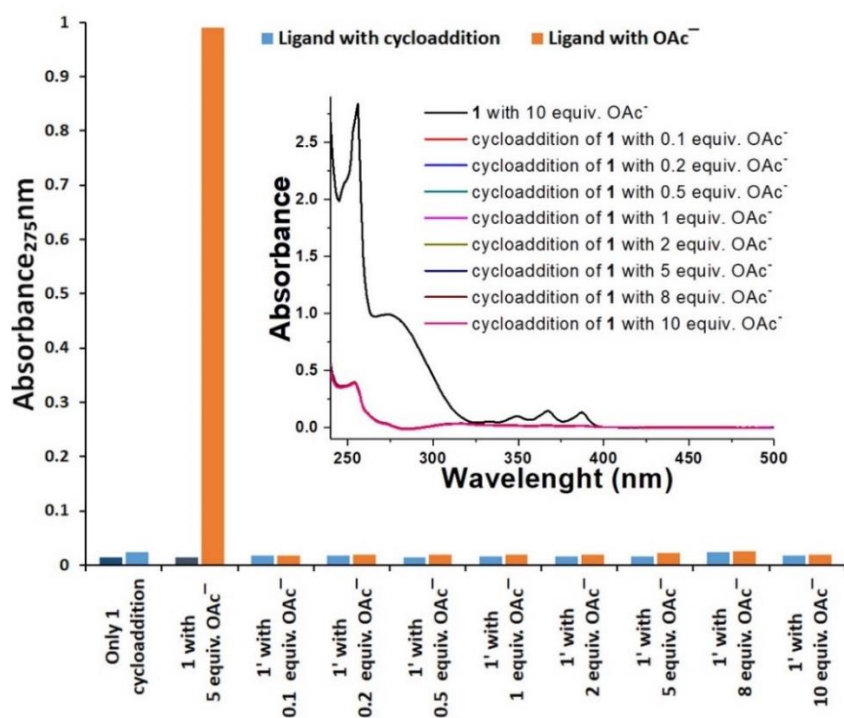


Figure S15. Change in the absorbance at absorbance at 275 nm upon the addition of 0–10 equiv. of OAc^- to the photocycloaddition adduct **1'** (10 μM) (inset: The absorption spectra of **1'** with the addition of 0–10 equiv. of OAc^-).

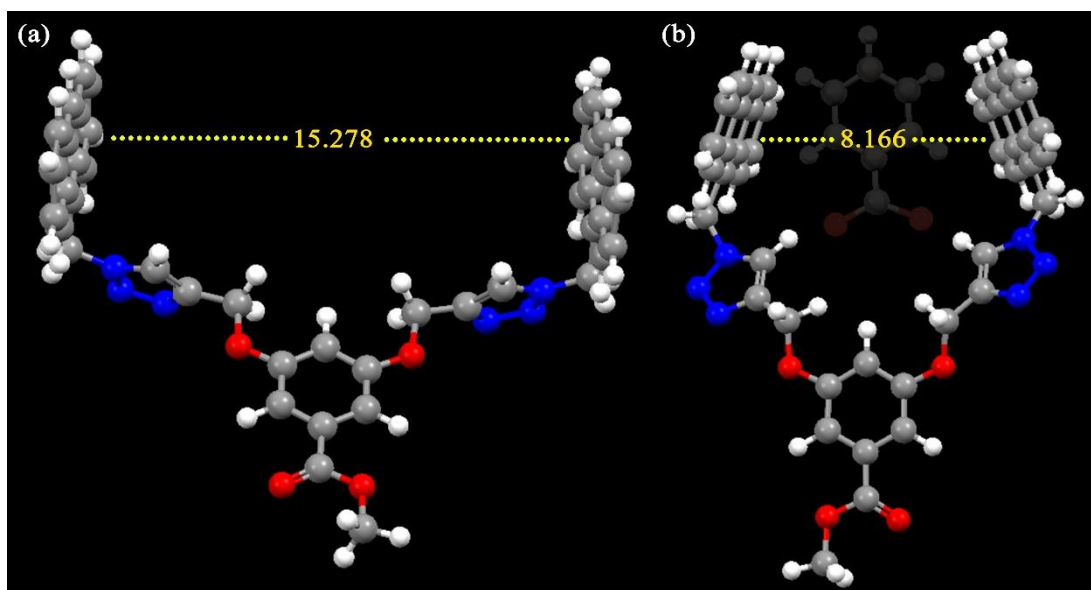


Figure S16. (a) The calculated energy minimized structures and the distance ($\text{\AA}$) of (a) the probe **1** and (b) the PhCOO^- bound **1** obtained from the DFT studies with 6-311G basis.

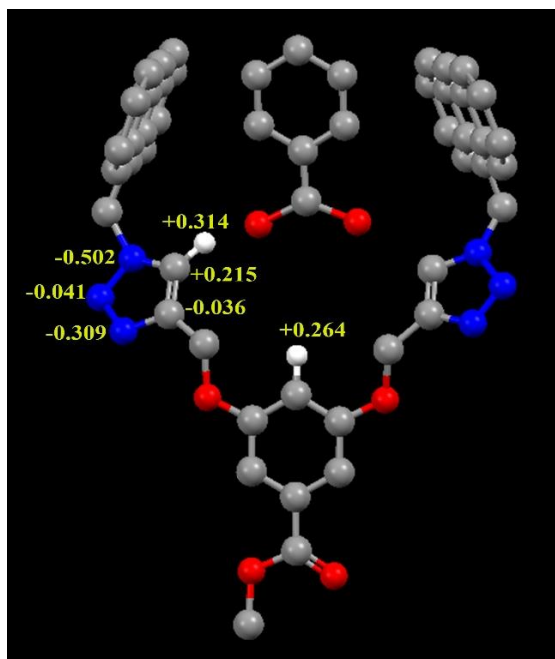


Figure S17. The calculated energy minimized structures and the charge distribution of the PhCOO^- bound **1** obtained using from the DFT calculation with 6-311G basis. The numbers and the signs next to the atoms imply the respective partial charges on the atoms.

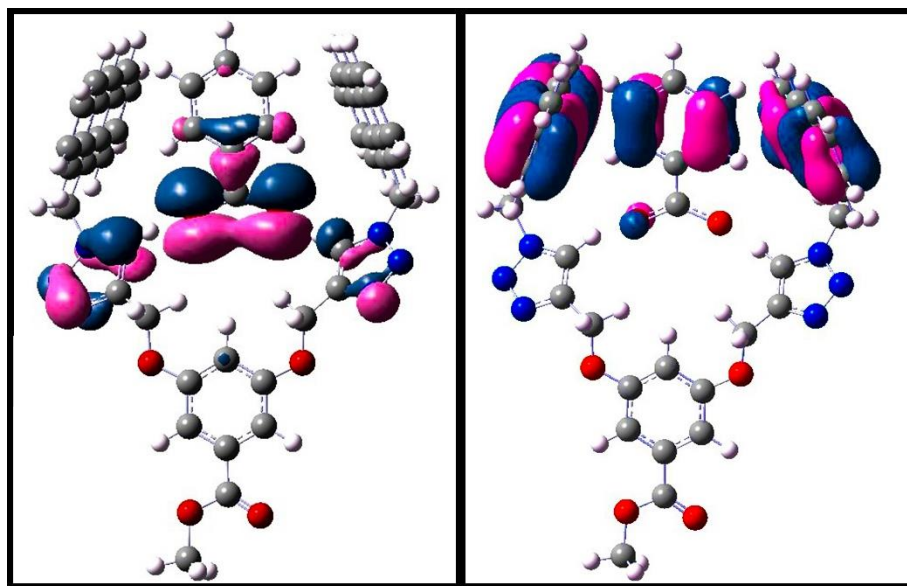


Figure S18. The molecular orbitals and energies for the HOMO-1, HOMO of the $\mathbf{1} \cdot \text{PhCOO}^-$ using with 6-311G basis.

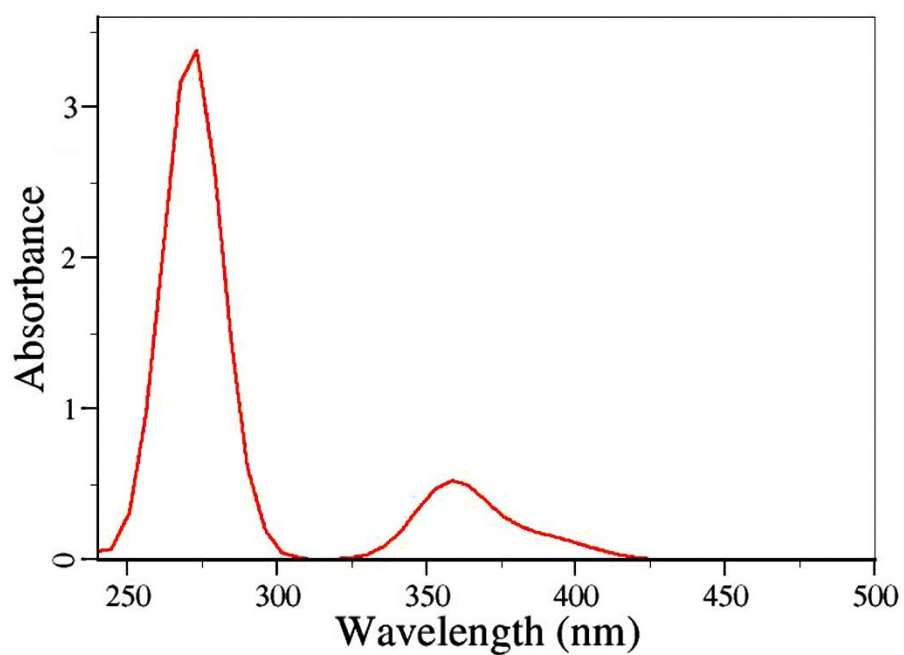


Figure S19. The calculated UV-vis spectrum of **1**-PhCOO⁻ in CH₃CN using B3LYP/6-311G(d) method.

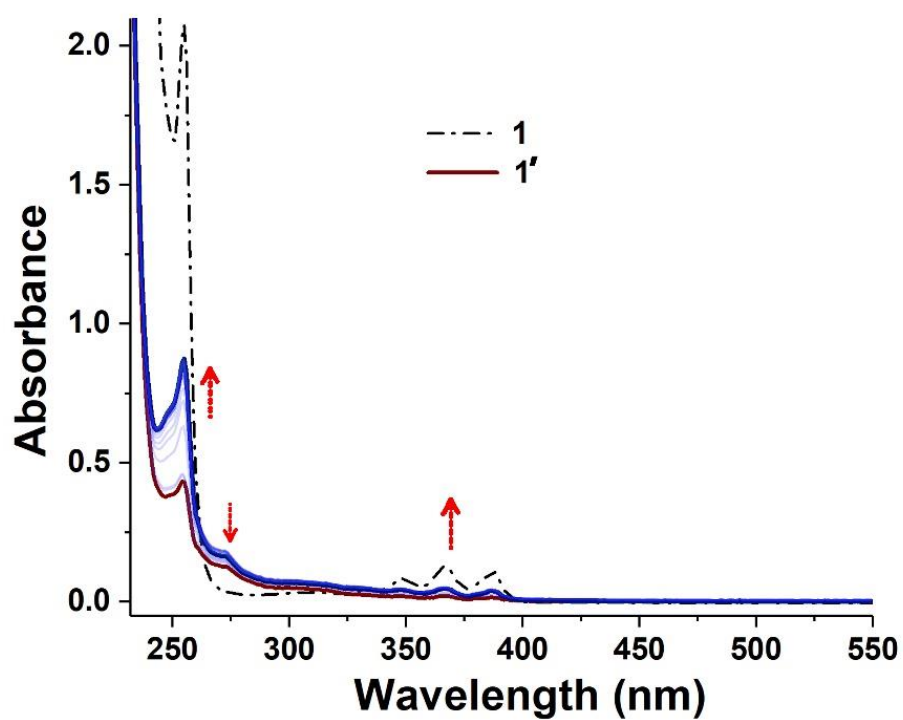


Figure S20. Reversal of **1'** (10 μ M) to **1** upon radiation at 254 nm in CH₃CN at 25 $^{\circ}$ C.

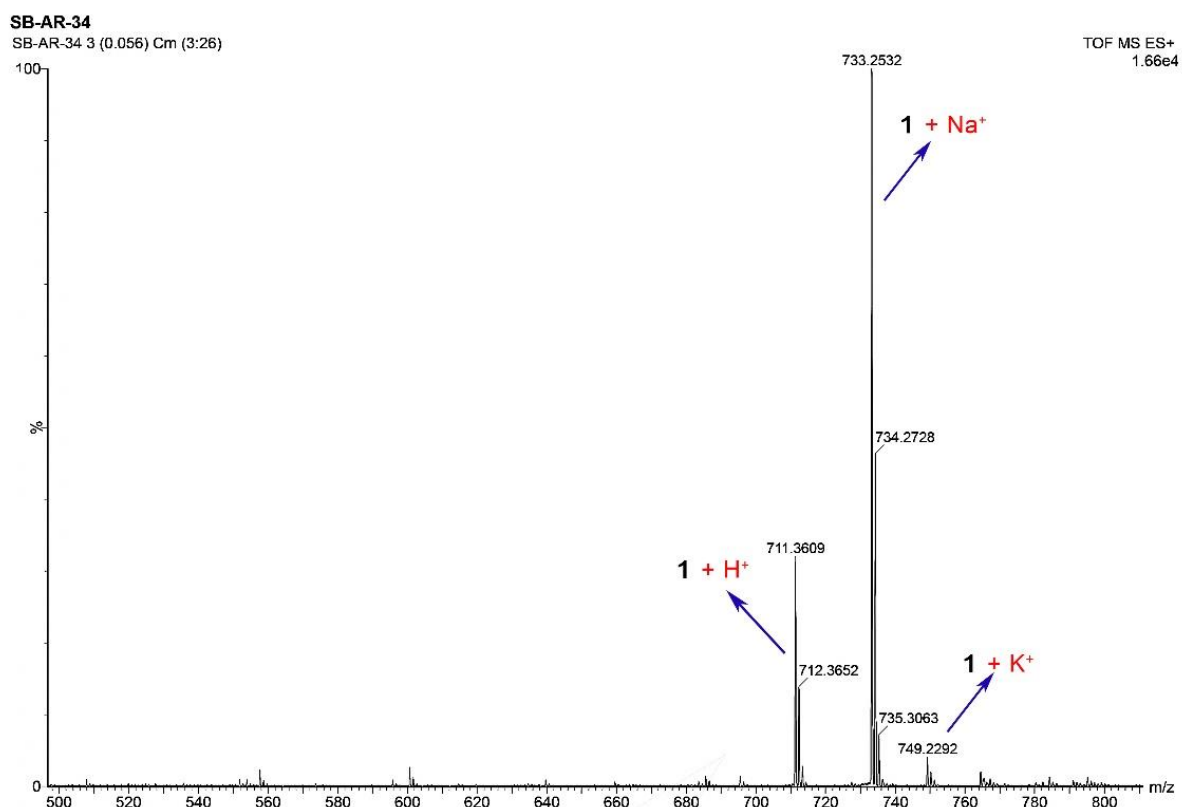


Figure S21. ESI mass spectrum of the compound **1**.

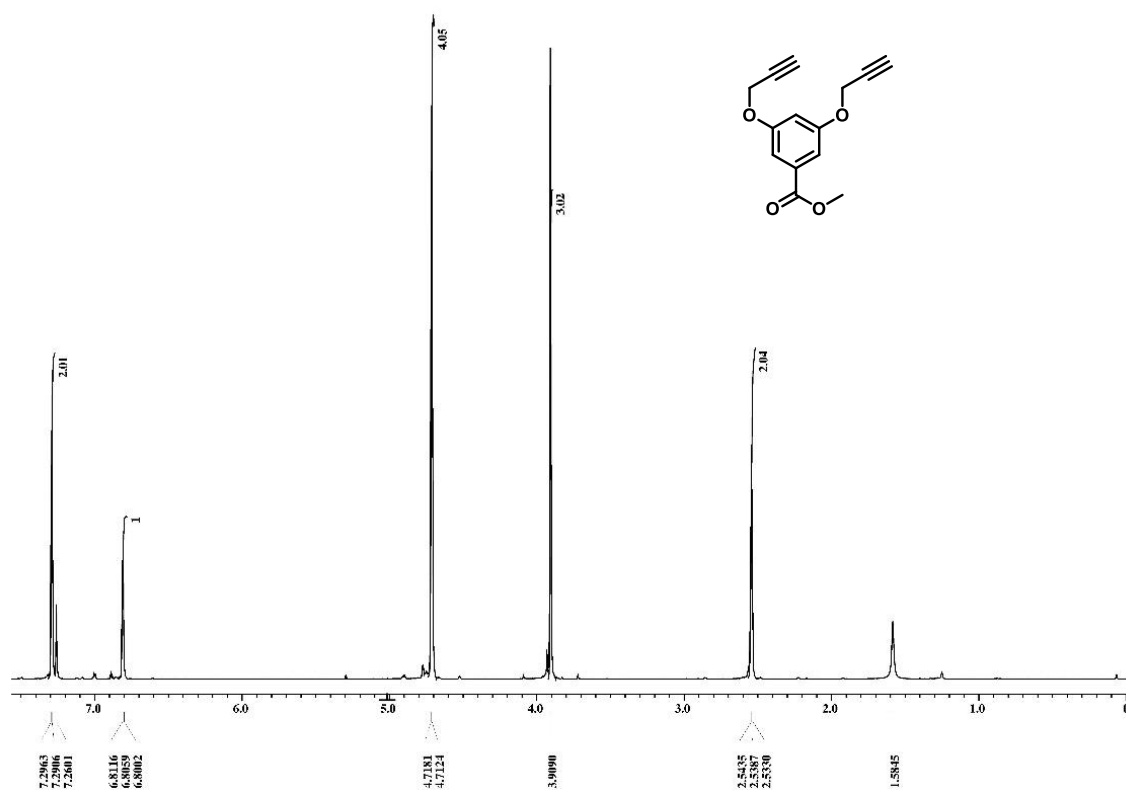


Figure S22. ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound **2** in CDCl₃ at 25 °C.

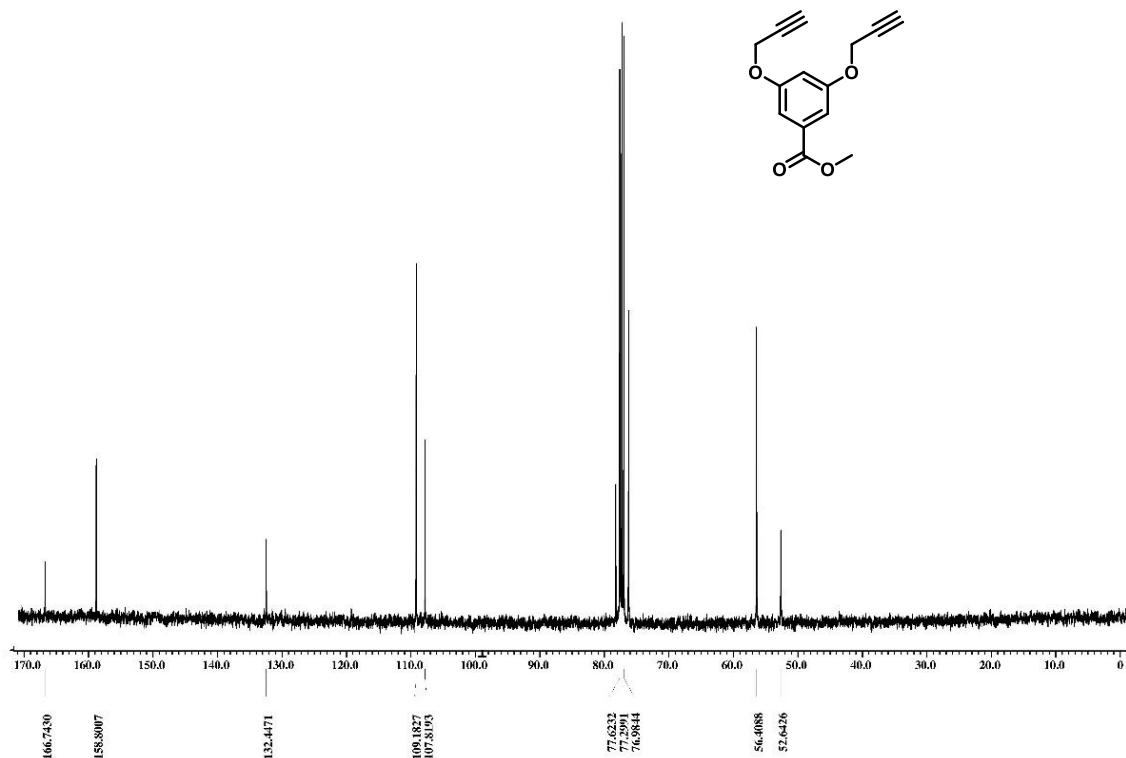


Figure S23. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of compound **2** in CDCl₃ at 25 °C.

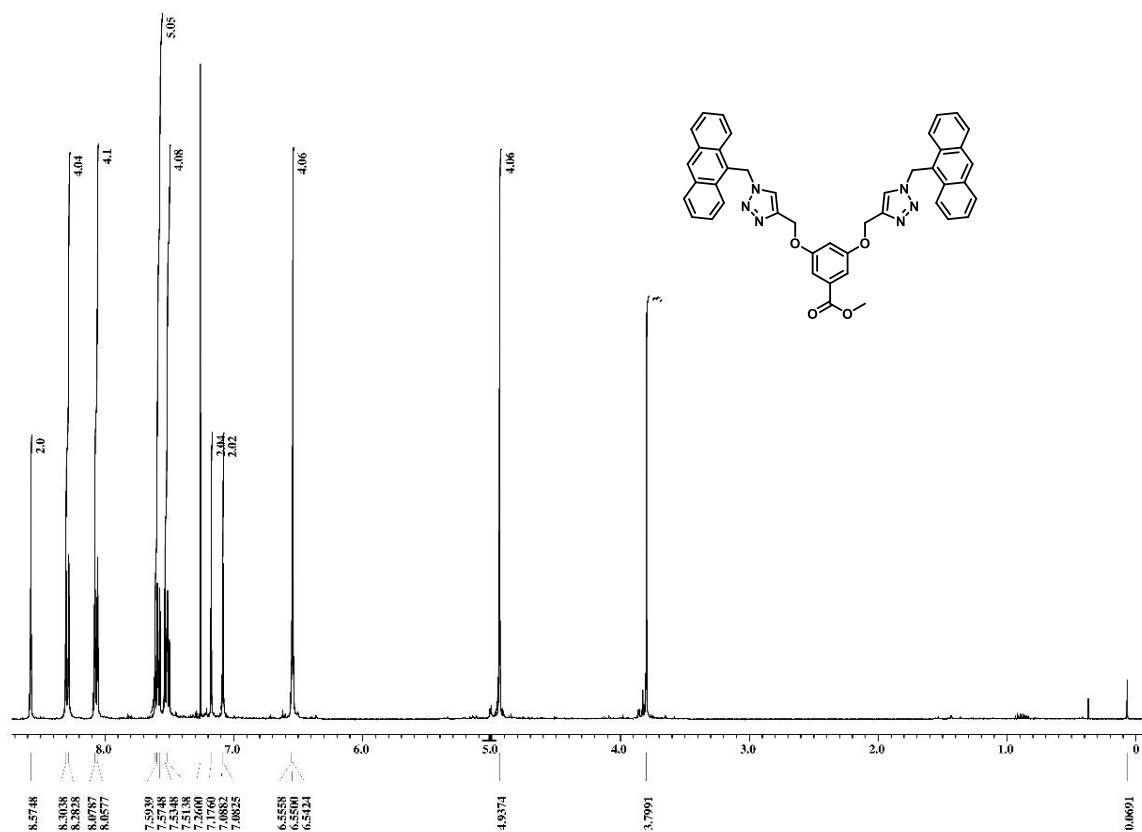


Figure S24. ¹H-NMR spectrum of compound **1** in CDCl₃ at 25 °C with 400 MHz.

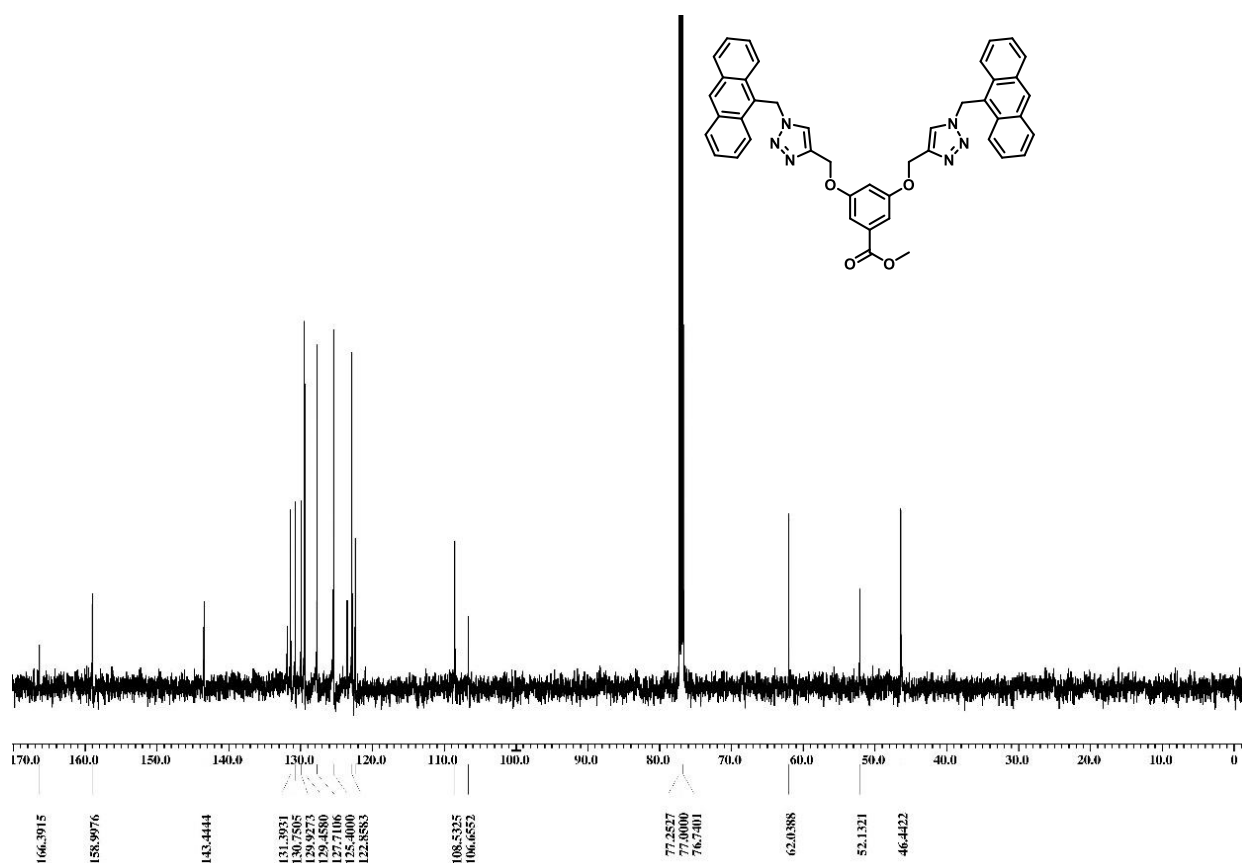


Figure S25. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of compound **1** in CDCl₃ at 25 °C.

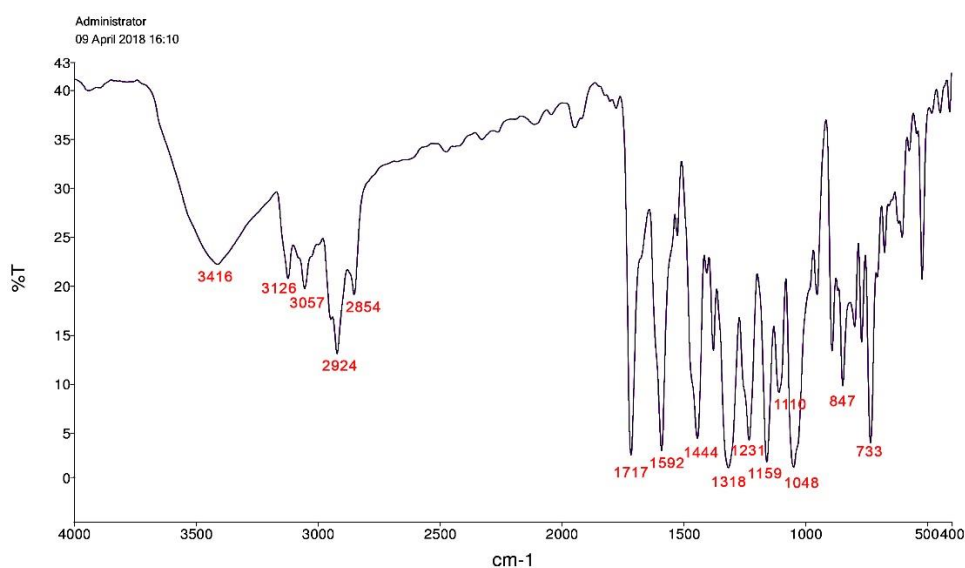


Figure S26. FT-IR spectra of compound **1**.

DFT computational results:

Cartesian coordinates (X, Y, Z) table and the free energies in atomic unit (a.u.) for the optimized structure of the receptor **1** calculated by DFT methods at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.

Receptor **1** E = -2326.41217863 a.u.

Atom	X	Y	Z
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Cartesian coordinates of the benzoate bound receptor

Benzoate bound receptor **1** : E = -2746.57466142 a.u.

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