

Supporting Information

New versatile bimolecular photoinitinating systems based on amino-*m*-terphenyl derivatives for cationic, free radical and thiol-ene photopolymerization under low intensity UV-A and visible lights sources

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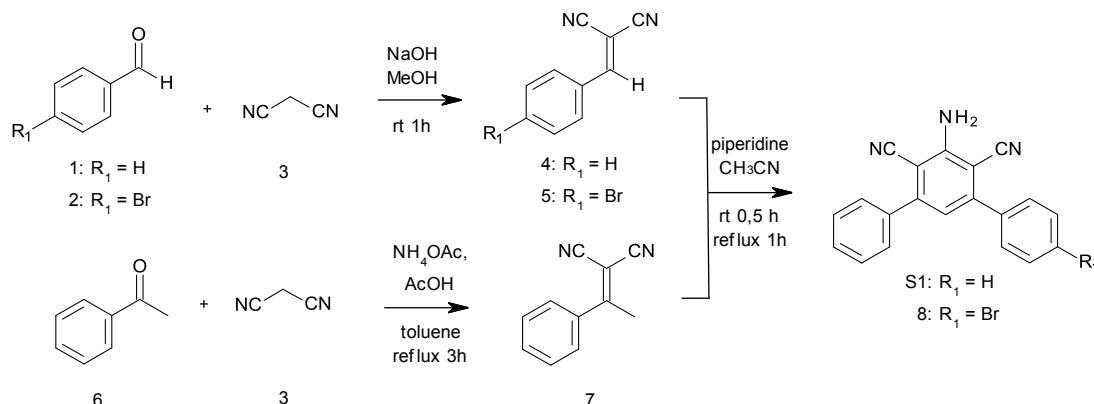
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Synthesis of 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives

All reagents and solvents were purchased from Aldrich, Alfa Aesar or Fluorochem and used as received without further purification. Structure and purity of obtained products were confirmed by NMR and LC-MS analysis. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded in DMSO-D₆ on Avance III HD 400 MHz (Bruker) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (δ) and referenced to residual protonated solvent (DMSO) peak (δ = 2.50 ppm). LC-MS analyses were obtained on Waters Acquity TQD equipped with a quadrupole detector and with ESI ionization method. Absorbance measurement during LC-MS analyses in the range of 200-700 nm. Acetonitrile was used as an eluent.



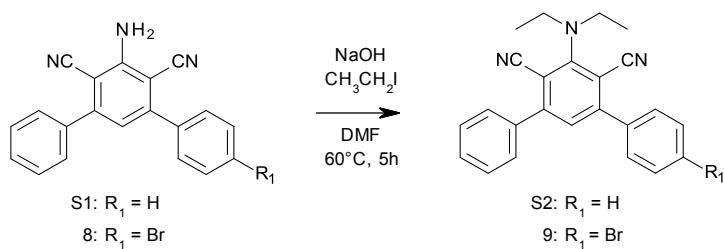
Scheme S-1. The synthetic procedure for the preparation of 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives.

Aldehyde 1 (108 mmol, 11.45 g) or 2 (54 mmol, 20.00 g) and malononitrile 3 (129.6 mmol, 8.56 g) were dissolved in methanol (35 cm³), an aqueous solution of NaOH (0.54 mmol, 22.0 mg in 6 cm³ of water) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for one hour. To the obtained precipitate methanol (10 cm³) was added and crystallization was carried out. The resulting precipitate was filtered under reduced pressure, washed with cold methanol and dried under vacuum (4: 14.8 g, 89%, 5: 23.7 g, 94%)

Acetophenone (83 mmol, 10.0 g) and malononitrile 3 (166.6 mmol, 10.99 g) were dissolved in toluene (200 cm³), then ammonium acetate (17 mmol, 1.28 g) and acetic acid (20 cm³) were added. The resulting mixture was heated under reflux under a Dean-Stark trap for 4 hours. The solvent was evaporated and water was added to the remaining oil and it was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄. After evaporation of the solvent, crystallization from methanol was carried out, the obtained precipitate was filtered under reduced pressure and dried under vacuum (7: 10.14 g, 72%)

Compounds 4 (47.8 mmol, 7.36 g) or 5 (47.8 mmol, 11.15 g) and 7 (47.8 mmol, 8.04 g) were suspended in acetonitrile (100 cm³) and piperidine (6.95 cm³) was added.^{1,2} The mixture was stirred at room temperature for one hour, then at the reflux temperature for one hour. After cooling the reaction mixture, the obtained precipitate was filtered under reduced pressure, washed with cold acetonitrile and dried under vacuum (S1: 14.30 g, 80%, 8: 12.00 g, 67%)

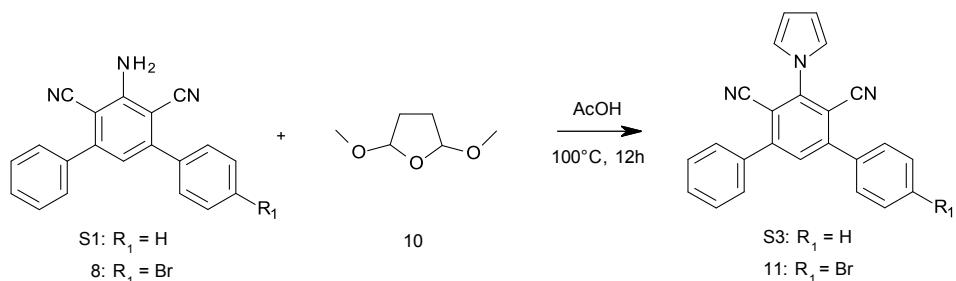
Synthesis of 2-diethylamino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives.



Scheme S-2. The synthetic procedure for the preparation of 2-diethylamino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives.

S1 (8 mmol, 2.37 g) or 8 (8 mmol, 3.00 g) was dissolved in DMF (66.0 cm³), sodium hydroxide (26.45 mmol, 1.06 g) was added, followed by iodoethane (34 mmol, 3.18 cm³), the mixture was heated for 5 hours at 60°C. Then water was added and mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The product was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, hexane / ethyl acetate), S2: 2.37 g, 84 %, 9: 2.56 g, 75%)

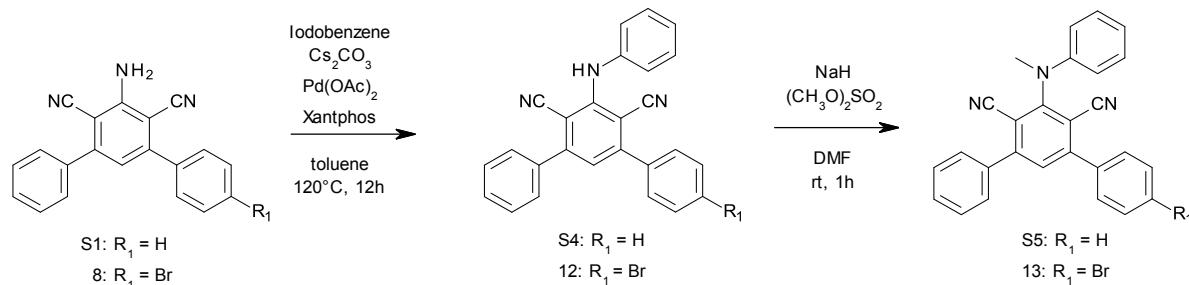
Synthesis of 4,6-diphenyl-2-pyrrol-1-yl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives.



Scheme S-3. The synthetic procedure for the preparation of 4,6-diphenyl-2-pyrrol-1-yl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives.

S1 (8 mmol, 2.36 g) or 8 (8 mmol, 3.00 g) was mixed with acetic acid (15.0 cm³), then 2,5-dimethoxytetrahydrofuran (16 mmol, 2.08 cm³) was added and stirred at 100°C for 12 hours. Then water was added and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, the solvent was evaporated under vacuum, the resulting product was crystallized from ethyl acetate/hexane (S3: 2.43 g, 88%, 11: 2.96 g, 87%).

Synthesis of 2-(N-methylanilino)-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives

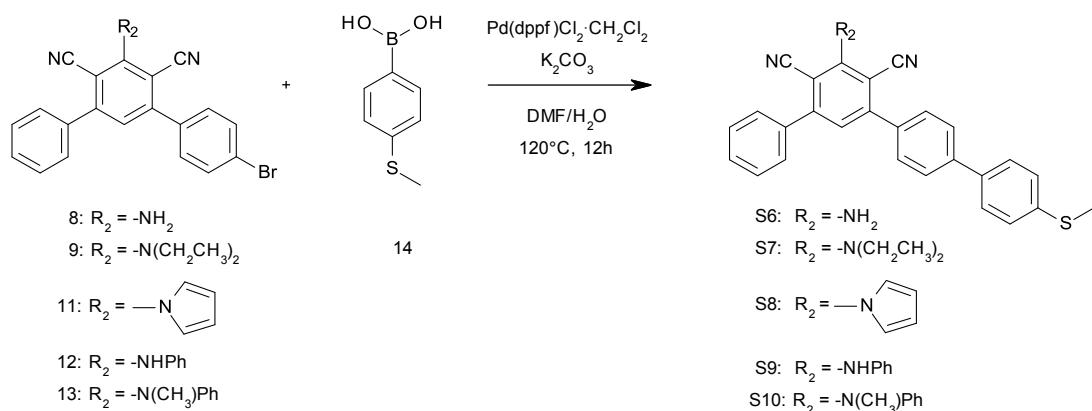


Scheme S-4. The synthetic procedure for the preparation of 2-(N-methylanilino)-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives.

S1 (1.34 mmol, 395.0 mg) or 8 (1.34 mmol, 500.0 mg), iodobenzene (2.14 mmol, 0.240 cm³), Cs₂CO₃ (1.88 mmol, 611 mg), a palladium catalyst consisting of with Pd(OAc)₂ (0.07 mmol, 15.0 mg) and (Xantphos) (0.07 mmol, 39.0 mg), anhydrous toluene (10 cm³) were placed in oven-dried seal tube under argon and stirred 12h at 120°C. Then water was added and mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, hexane / ethyl acetate), (S4: 457.0 mg, 92%, 112: 298 mg, 60%).

S4 (0.49 mmol, 182.0 mg) or 12 (0.49 mmol, 220.0 mg) was dissolved in DMF (5.3 cm³) at 0°C, NaH (0.98 mmol, 24.0 mg) was added and stirred for 30 min. Dimethyl sulphate (1.46 mmol, 0.139 cm³) was added and stirred for 1 h at room temperature. Then water was added and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, hexane/ethyl acetate), (S5: 164.0 mg, 87%, 13: 155.0 mg, 70%).

Synthesis of 2-amino-4-[4-(4-thiomethylphenyl)phenyl]-6-phenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives.

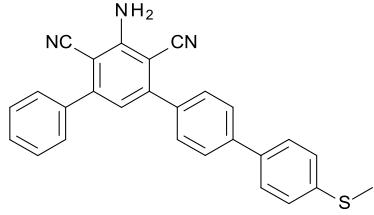
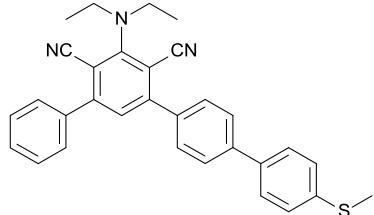
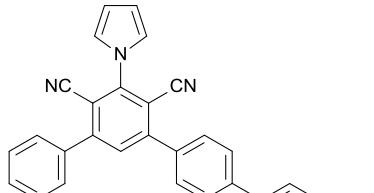
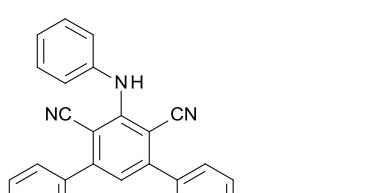
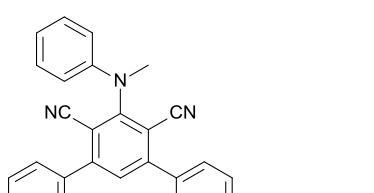


Scheme S-5. The synthetic procedure for the preparation of 2-amino-4-[4-(4-thiomethylphenyl)phenyl]-6-phenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives.

Appropriate compound 8 (0.22 mmol, 82.00 mg), 9 (0.22 mmol, 100.00 mg), 11 (0.22 mmol, 95.00 mg), 12 (0.22 mmol, 100.00 mg) or 13 (0.22 mmol, 100.0 mg), 4-(methylthio)phenylboronic acid (0.26 mmol, 39.00 mg), potassium carbonate (0.32 mmol, 45.00 mg) and palladium catalyst Pd(dppf)Cl₂·CH₂Cl₂ (0.01 mol, 9.00 mg) were suspended in DMF (1.5 cm³) and water (0.3 cm³). Mixture was purged with argon and heated 12h at 120°C. Then water was added and mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The purification was performed via column chromatography (SiO₂, hexane / ethyl acetate) (S6: 50.00 mg, 55% S7: 83.0 mg, 75%, S8: 90.00 mg, 86%, S9: 72.00 mg, 65% S10: 96.00 mg, 87%)

Structure and purity of obtained products confirmed by NMR and LC-MS analysis.

 S1	<p>2-amino-4,6-diphenylbenzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile</p> <p>Yield: 80%</p> <p>¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.78-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.64 (m, 4H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.40(s, 1H), 6.90-6.83 (s, 2H)</p> <p>MS (ESI) m/z(%): 294 ([M-H]⁻, 100%)</p>
 S2	<p>2-(diethylamino)-4,6-diphenylbenzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile</p> <p>Yield: 84%</p> <p>¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.78-7.74 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.65 (m, 4H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 4H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.58 (q, 4H), 1.16 (t, 6H)</p> <p>MS (ESI) m/z(%): 352 ([M+H]⁺, 100%)</p>
 S3	<p>4,6-diphenyl-2-pyrrol-1-ylbenzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile</p> <p>Yield: 88%</p> <p>¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.86-7.79 (m, 3H), 7.77-7.71 (d, 2H), 7.64-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.32 (m, 4H), 6.44-6.38 (t, 2H),</p> <p>MS (ESI) m/z(%): 344 ([M+H]⁺, 100%)</p>
 S4	<p>2-anilino-4,6-diphenylbenzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile</p> <p>Yield: 92%</p> <p>¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 9.13 (s, 1H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 4H), 7.60-7.49 (m, 6H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.30 (t, 2H), 7.10 (d, 2H), 6.99 (t, 1H)</p> <p>MS (ESI) m/z(%): 412 ([M+CH₃CN]⁺, 100%)</p>
 S5	<p>2-(N-methylanilino)-4,6-diphenylbenzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile</p> <p>Yield: 87%</p> <p>¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.79-7.72 (m, 5H), 7.61-7.54 (m, 6H), 7.26 (t, 2H), 6.87 (t, 1H), 6.80 (d, 2H), 3.5 (s, 3H)</p> <p>MS (ESI) m/z(%): 386 ([M+H]⁺, 94%)</p>

 <p>S6</p>	<p>2-amino-4-[4-(4-thiomethylphenyl)phenyl]-6-phenylbenzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile</p> <p>Yield: 55%</p> <p>¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.83 (d, 2H), 7.76-7.71 (m, 4H), 7.68-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.56-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.38 (d, 2H), 6.85 (m, 3H), 2.54 (s, 3H)</p> <p>MS (ESI) m/z(%): 416 ([M-H]⁻, 96%)</p>
 <p>S7</p>	<p>2-(diethylamino)-4-[4-(4-thiomethylphenyl)phenyl]-6-phenylbenzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile</p> <p>Yield: 75%</p> <p>¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.88-7.77 (dd, 4H), 7.77-7.69 (m, 4H), 7.60-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.41 (s, 1H), 7.41-7.34 (d, 2H), 3.66-3.54 (q, 4H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 1.21-1.11 (t, 6H)</p> <p>MS (ESI) m/z(%): 474 ([M+H]⁺, 100%)</p>
 <p>S8</p>	<p>4-[4-(4-thiomethylphenyl)phenyl]-6-phenyl-2-pyrrol-1-ylbenzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile</p> <p>Yield: 86%</p> <p>¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 7.96-7.86 (m, 5H), 7.86-7.79 (m, 2H), 7.77-7.71 (d, 2H), 7.64-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.32 (m, 4H), 6.44-6.38 (t, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H)</p> <p>MS (ESI) m/z(%): 468 ([M+H]⁺, 100%)</p>
 <p>S9</p>	<p>2-anilino-4-[4-(4-thiomethylphenyl)phenyl]-6-phenylbenzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile</p> <p>Yield: 65%</p> <p>¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 9.15 (s, 1H), 7.92-7.75 (m, 4H), 7.70-7.63 (m, 5H), 7.60-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.24 (t, 1H), 7.10 (d, 2H), 2.54 (s, 3H)</p> <p>MS (ESI) m/z(%): 535 ([M+CH₃CN]⁺, 100%)</p>
 <p>S10</p>	<p>2-(N-methylanilino)-4-[4-(4-thiomethylphenyl)phenyl]-6-phenylbenzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile</p> <p>Yield: 87%</p> <p>¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 7.91 – 7.81 (m, 5H), 7.81 – 7.70 (m, 4H), 7.64 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.39 (d, 2H), 7.33 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 6.88 (t, 1H), 6.81 (d, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H)</p> <p>MS (ESI) m/z(%): 508 ([M+H]⁺, 94%)</p>

Steady state photolysis for the 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives in acetonitrile.

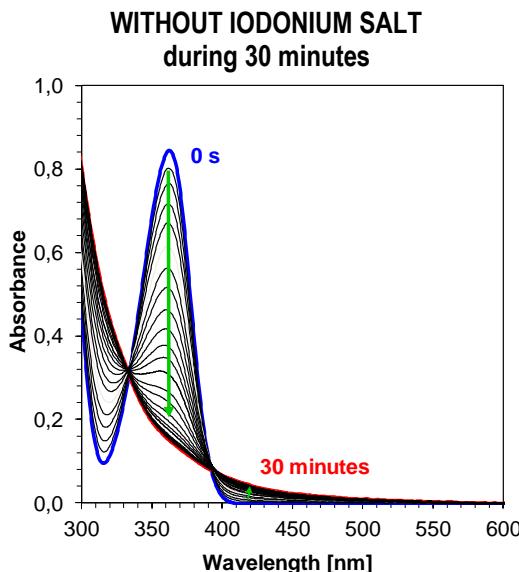


Fig. S1 Photolysis of S1 in acetonitrile under 365nm (190mW/cm²); concentration [S1] = $6,78 \cdot 10^{-5}$ [mol/dm³].

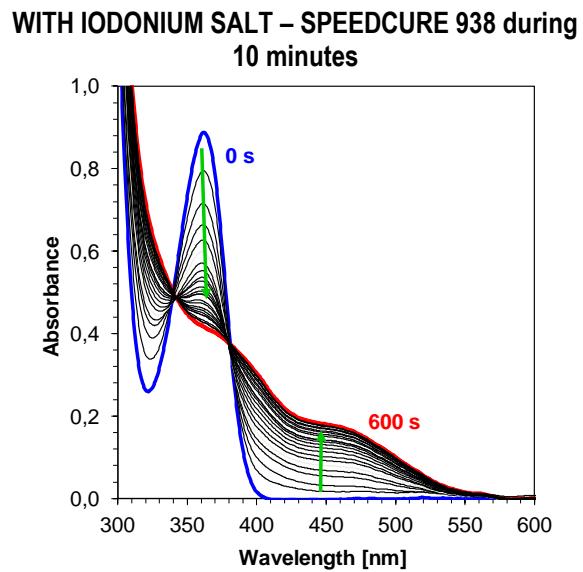


Fig. S2 Photolysis of S1 with Speedcure 938 iodonium salt in acetonitrile under 365nm (190mW/cm²); concentration [S1] = $6,78 \cdot 10^{-5}$ [mol/dm³] and concentration Speedcure 938 [IOD] = $1,59 \cdot 10^{-3}$ [mol/dm³].

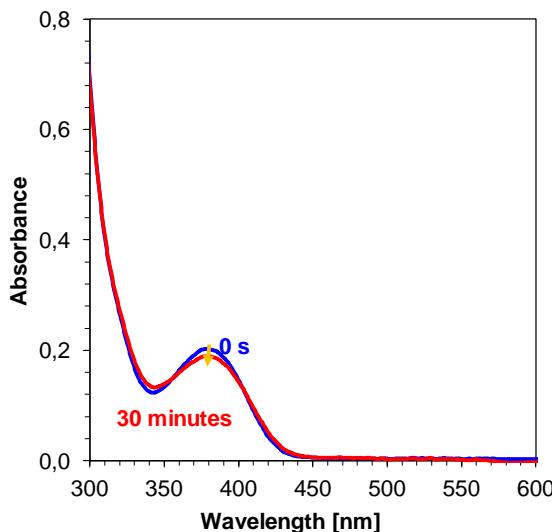


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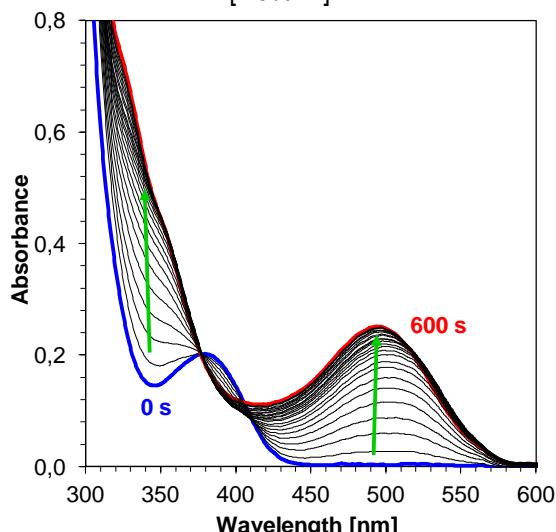


Fig. S4 Photolysis of S2 with Speedcure 938 iodonium salt in acetonitrile under 365nm (190mW/cm²); concentration [S2] = $4,04 \cdot 10^{-5}$ [mol/dm³] and concentration Speedcure 938 [IOD] = $1,59 \cdot 10^{-3}$ [mol/dm³].

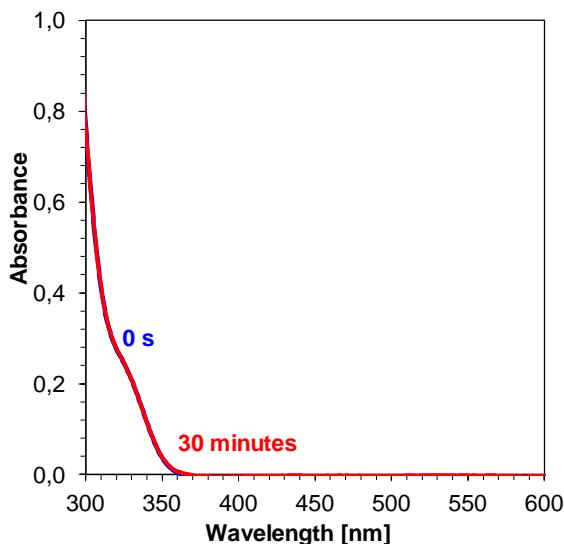


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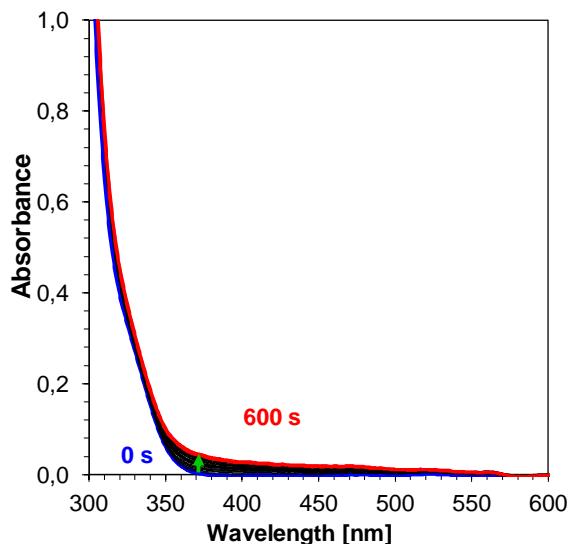


Fig. S6 Photolysis S3 with Speedcure 938 iodonium salt in acetonitrile under 365nm (190mW/cm²); concentration [S3] = $3,42 \cdot 10^{-5}$ [mol/dm³] and concentration Speedcure 938 [IOD] = $1,59 \cdot 10^{-3}$ [mol/dm³].

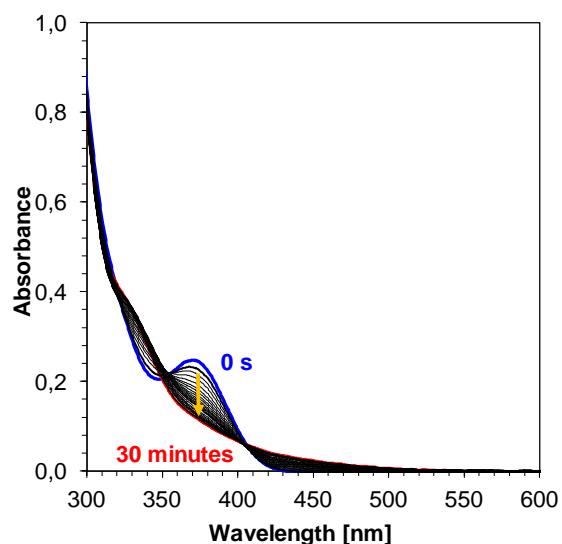


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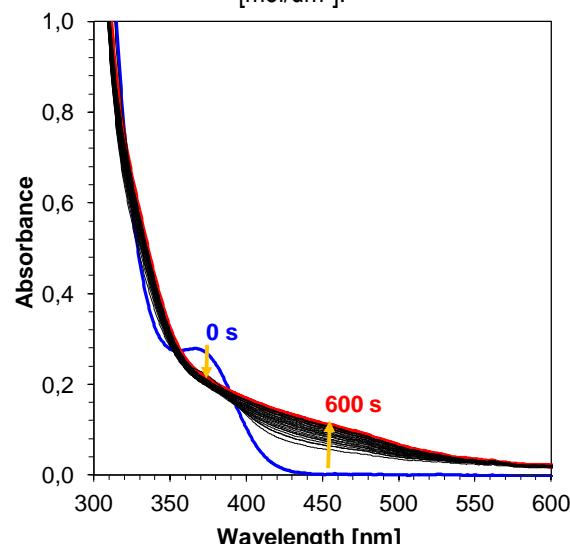


Fig. S8 Photolysis of S4 with Speedcure 938 iodonium salt in acetonitrile under 365nm (190mW/cm²); concentration [S4] = $3,26 \cdot 10^{-5}$ [mol/dm³] and concentration Speedcure 938 [IOD] = $1,59 \cdot 10^{-3}$ [mol/dm³].

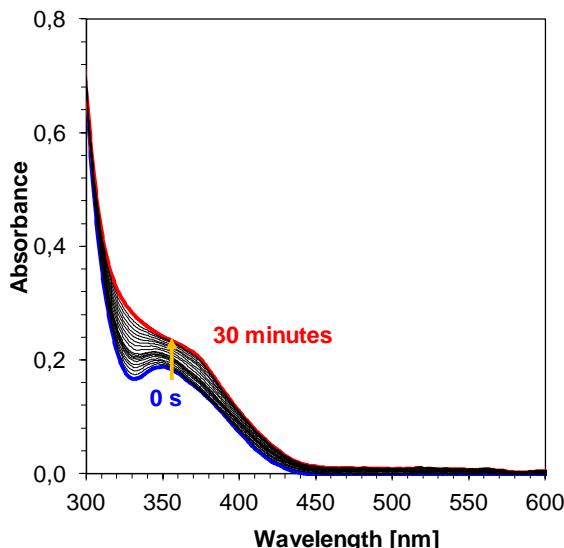


Fig. S9 Photolysis of S5 in acetonitrile under 365nm (190mW/cm²); concentration [S5] = 5,71·10⁻⁵ [mol/dm³].

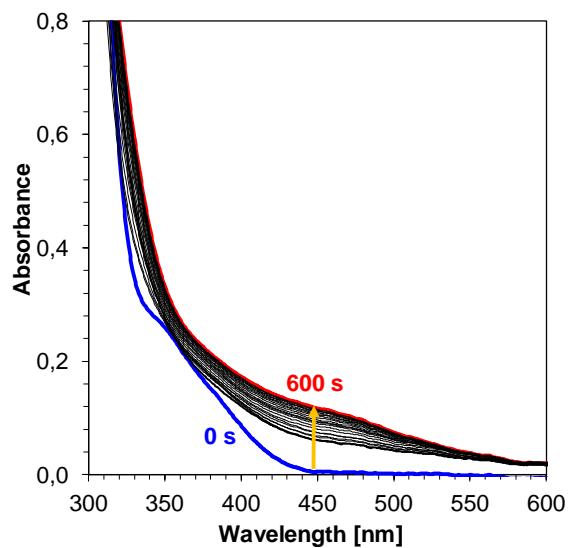


Fig. S10 Photolysis of S5 with Speedcure 938 iodonium salt in acetonitrile under 365nm (190mW/cm²); concentration [S5] = 5,71·10⁻⁵ [mol/dm³] and concentration Speedcure 938 [IOD] = 1,59·10⁻³ [mol/dm³].

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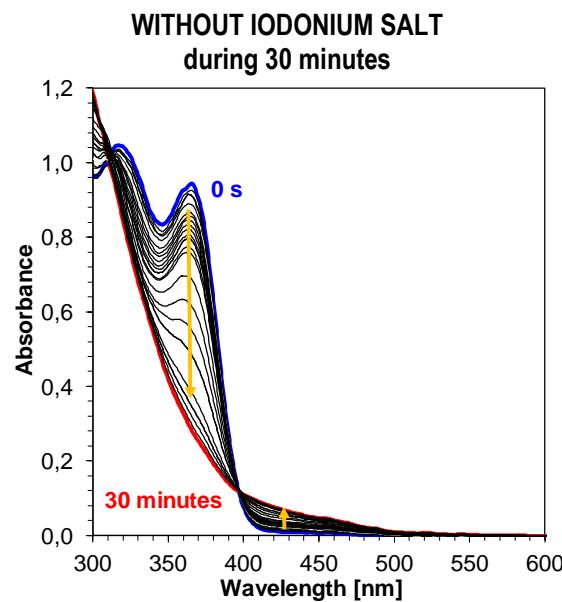


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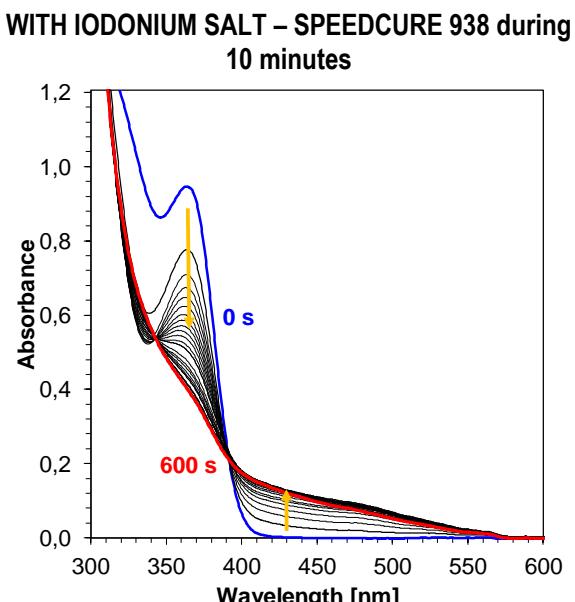


Fig. S12 Photolysis of S6 with Speedcure 938 iodonium salt in acetonitrile under 365nm (190mW/cm²); concentration [S6] = 5,08·10⁻⁵ [mol/dm³] and concentration Speedcure 938 [IOD] = 1,59·10⁻³ [mol/dm³].

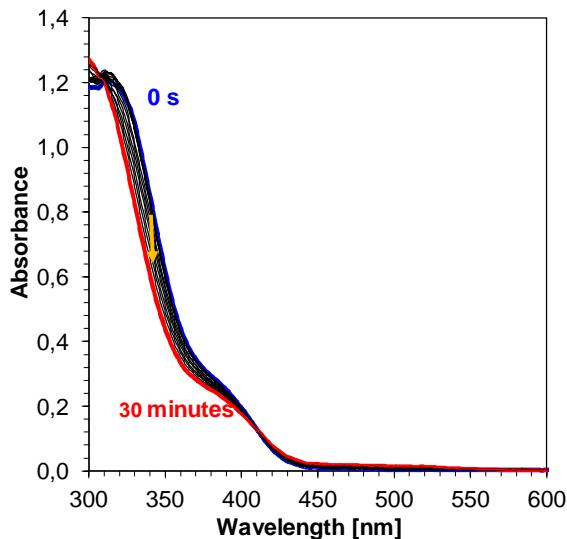


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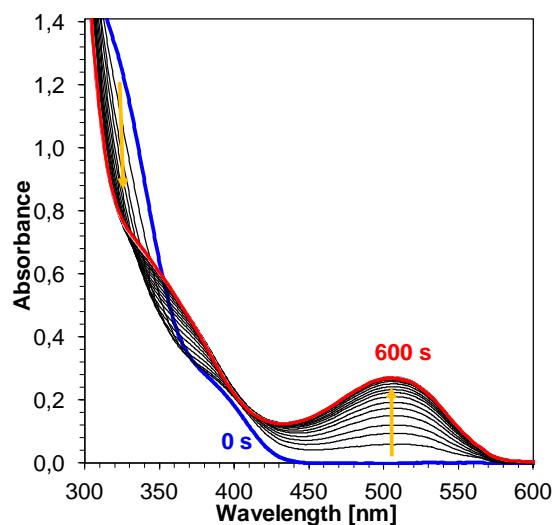


Fig. S14 Photolysis of S7 with Speedcure 938 iodonium salt in acetonitrile under 365nm (190mW/cm²); concentration [S7] = $4,61 \cdot 10^{-5}$ [mol/dm³] and concentration Speedcure 938 [IOD] = $1,59 \cdot 10^{-3}$ [mol/dm³].

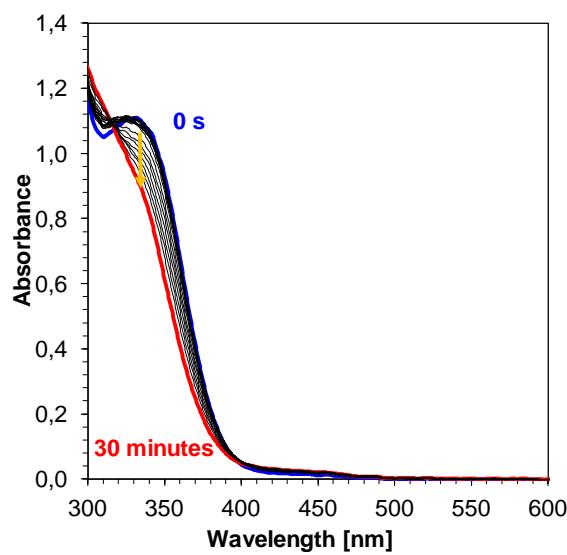


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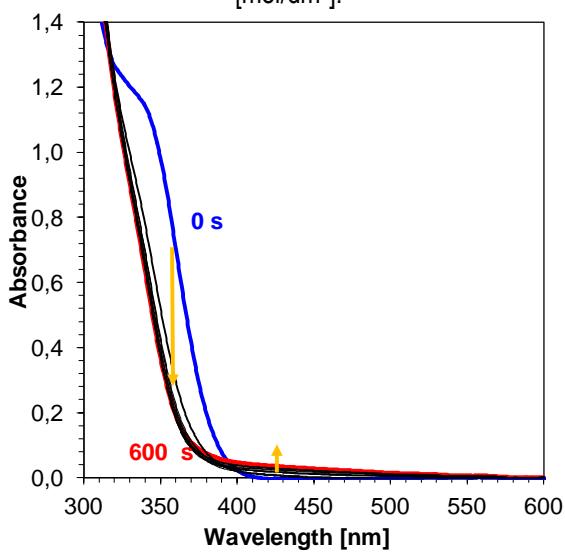


Fig. S16 Photolysis of S8 with Speedcure 938 iodonium salt in acetonitrile under 365nm (190mW/cm²); concentration [S8] = $4,84 \cdot 10^{-5}$ [mol/dm³] and concentration Speedcure 938 [IOD] = $1,59 \cdot 10^{-3}$ [mol/dm³].

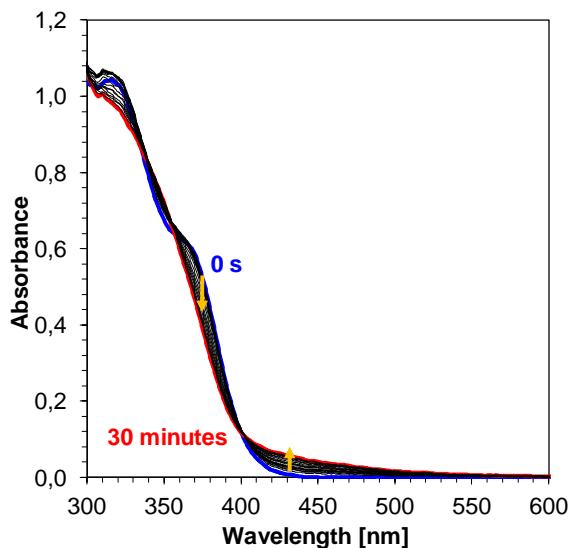


Fig. S17 Photolysis of S9 in acetonitrile under 365nm (190mW/cm²); concentration [S9] = $4,58 \cdot 10^{-5}$ [mol/dm³].

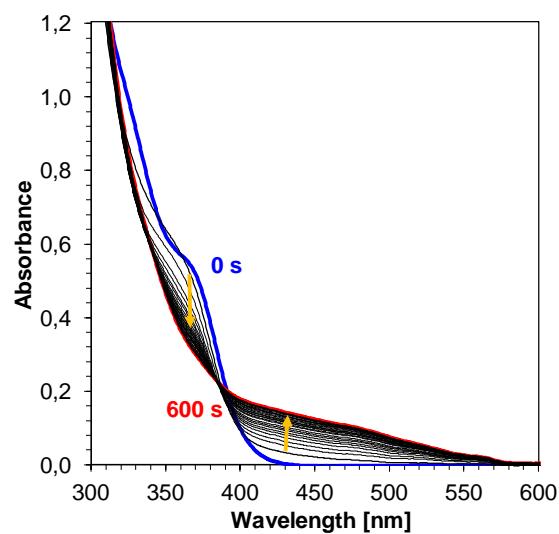


Fig. S18 Photolysis of S9 with Speedcure 938 iodonium salt in acetonitrile under 365nm (190mW/cm²); concentration [S9] = $4,58 \cdot 10^{-5}$ [mol/dm³] and concentration Speedcure 938 [IOD] = $1,59 \cdot 10^{-3}$ [mol/dm³].

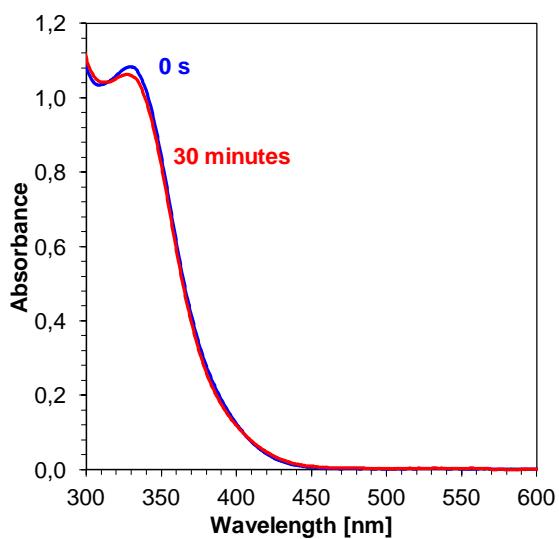


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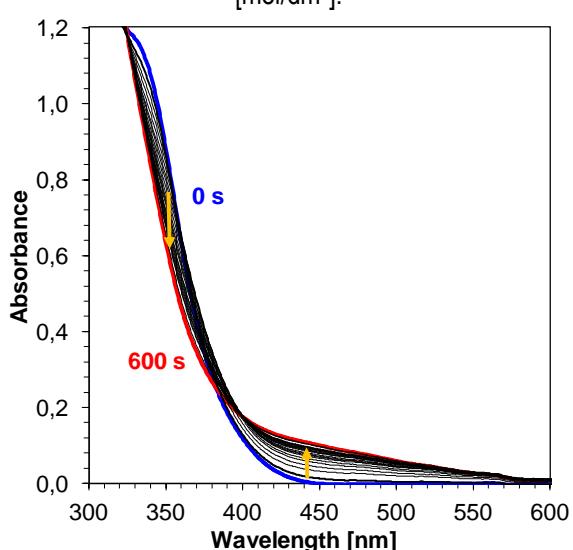


Fig. S20 Photolysis of S10 with Speedcure 938 iodonium salt in acetonitrile under 365nm (190mW/cm²); concentration [S10] = $4,53 \cdot 10^{-5}$ [mol/dm³] and concentration Speedcure 938 [IOD] = $1,59 \cdot 10^{-3}$ [mol/dm³].

The example of fluorescence emission quenching of the 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives by different concentrations of iodonium salt (Speedcure 938) in acetonitrile.

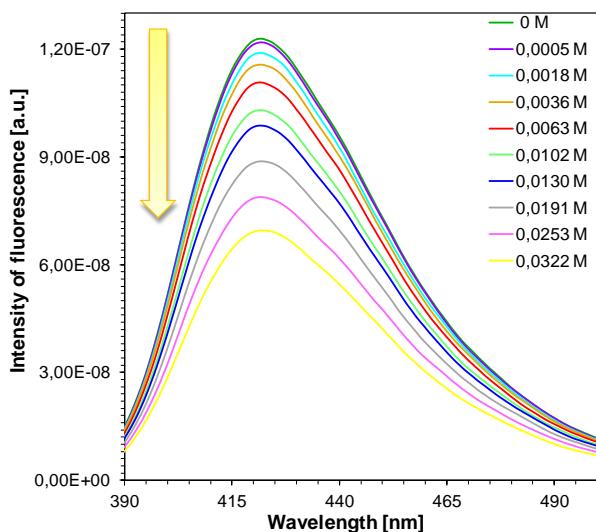


Fig. S21 Fluorescence emission quenching of S1 by different concentration of Speedcure 938 in acetonitrile; concentration $[S1] = 1,69 \cdot 10^{-5}$ [mol/dm 3].

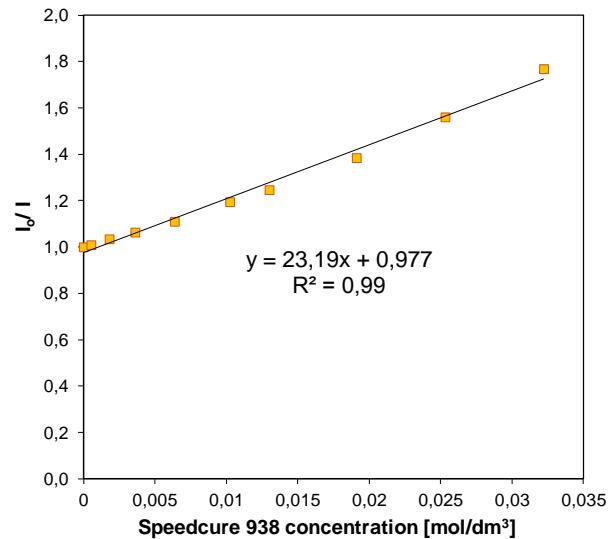


Fig. S22 Stern -Volmer plot for S1.

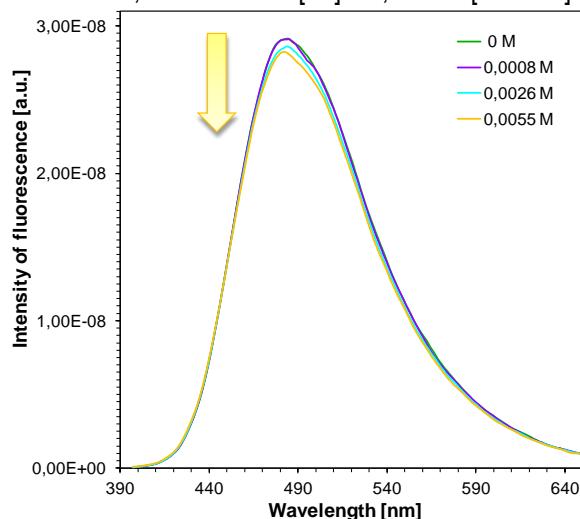


Fig. S23 Fluorescence emission quenching of S2 by different concentration of Speedcure 938 in acetonitrile; concentration $[S2] = 4,04 \cdot 10^{-5}$ [mol/dm 3].

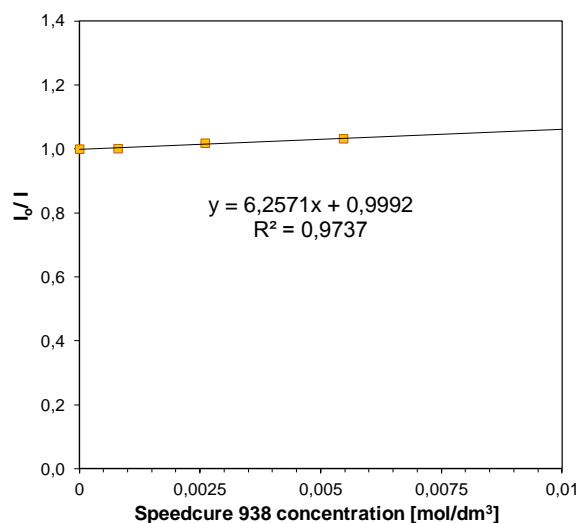


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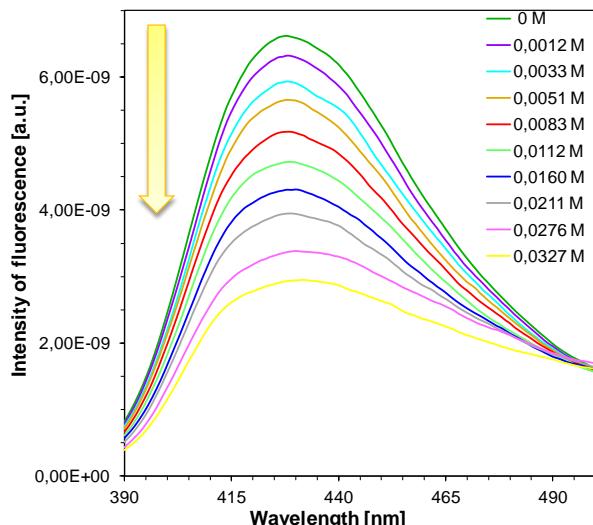


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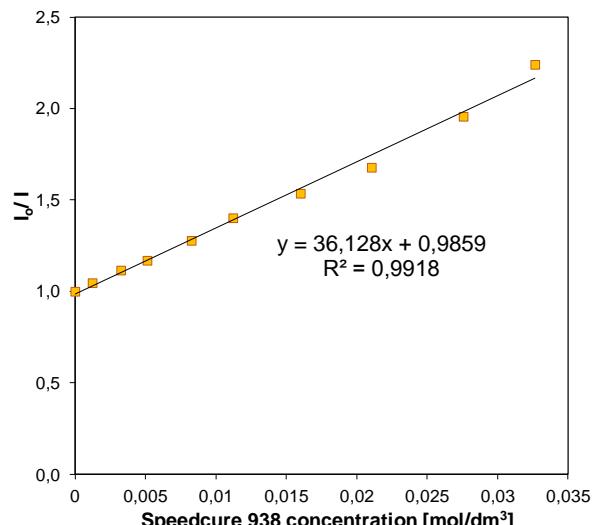


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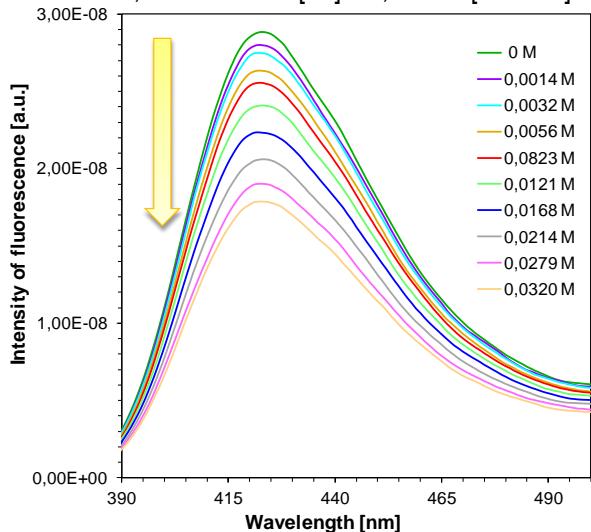


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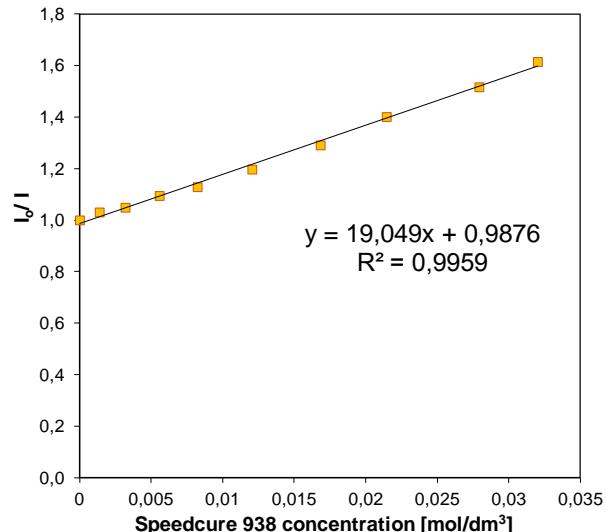


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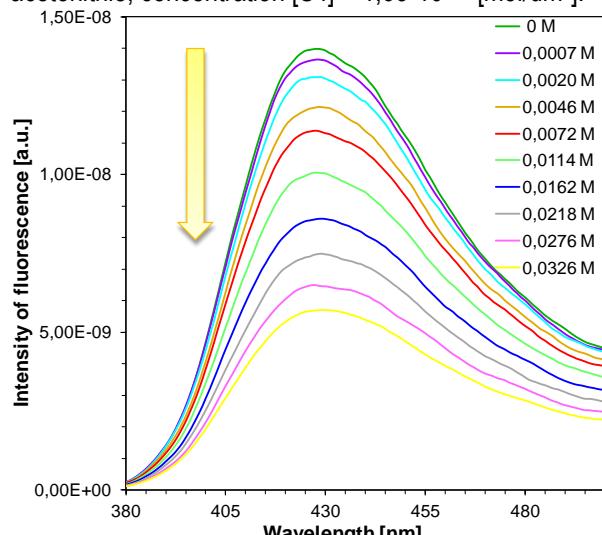


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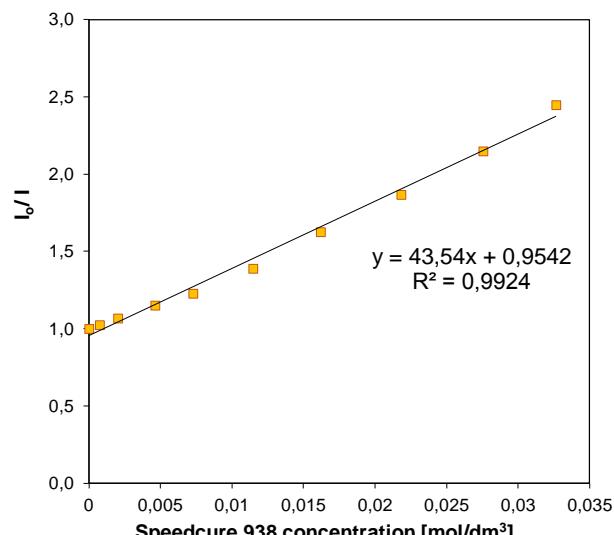


Fig. S30 Stern -Volmer plot for S5.

different concentration of Speedcure 938 in acetonitrile; concentration [S5] = $5,71 \cdot 10^{-5}$ [mol/dm³].

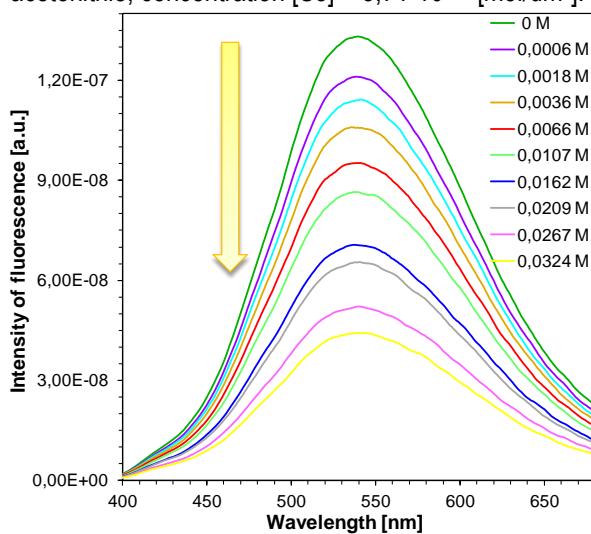


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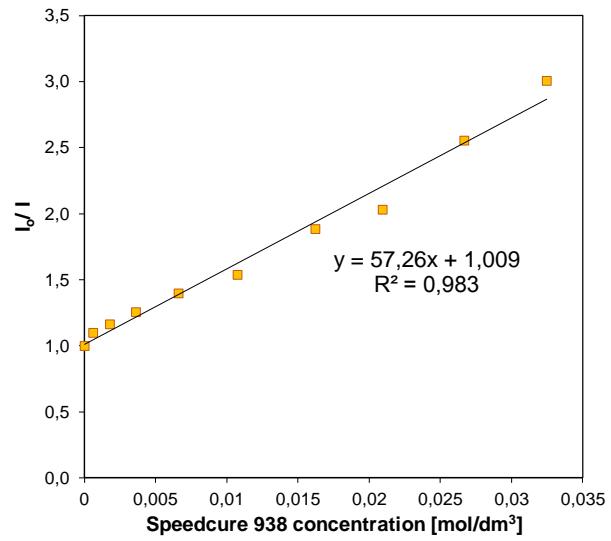


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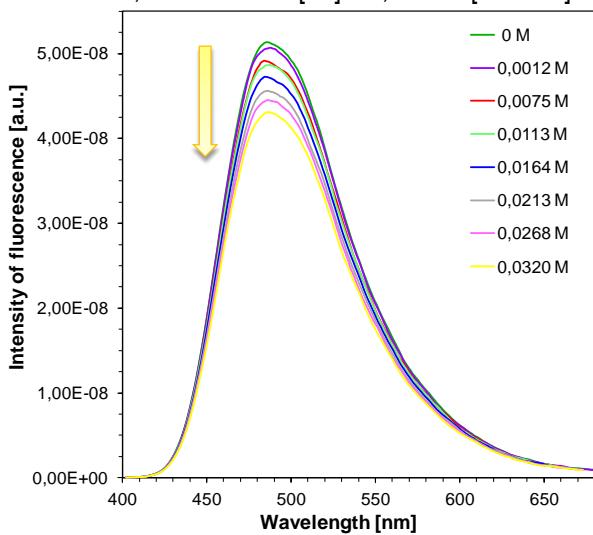


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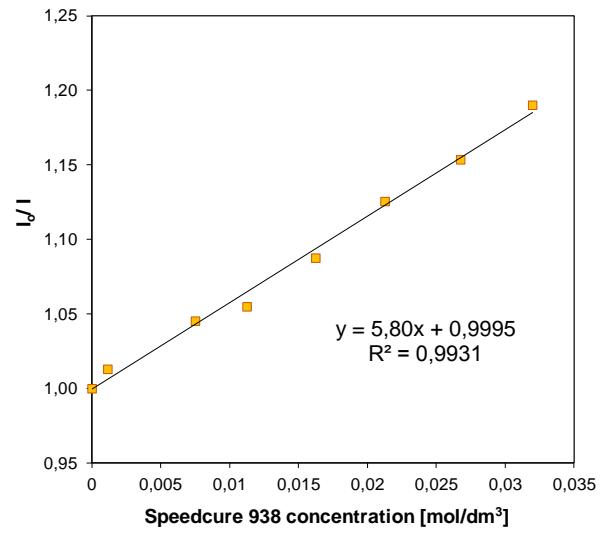


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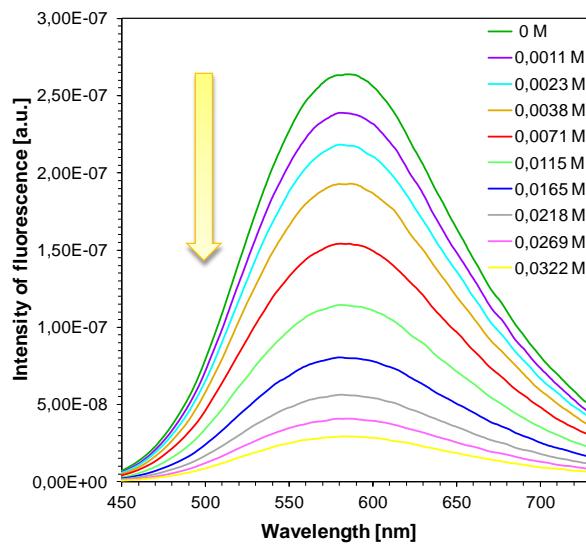


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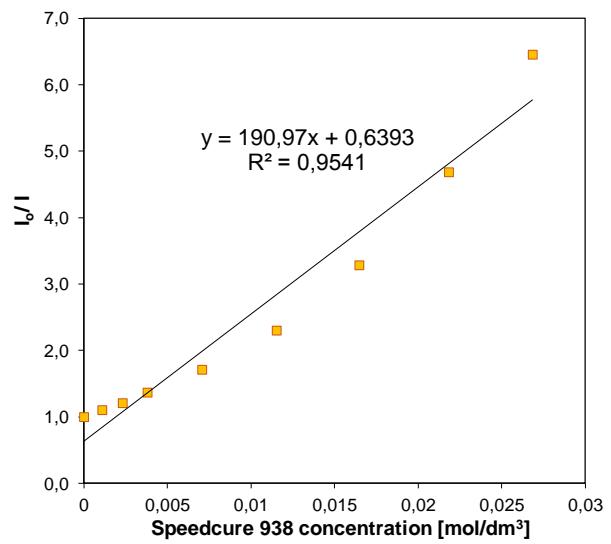


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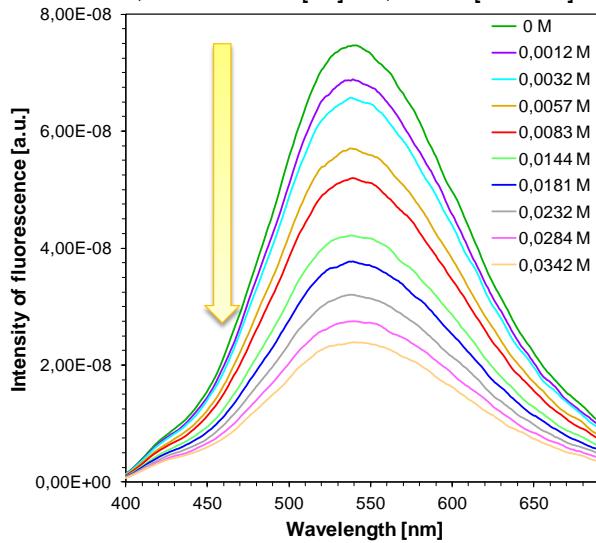


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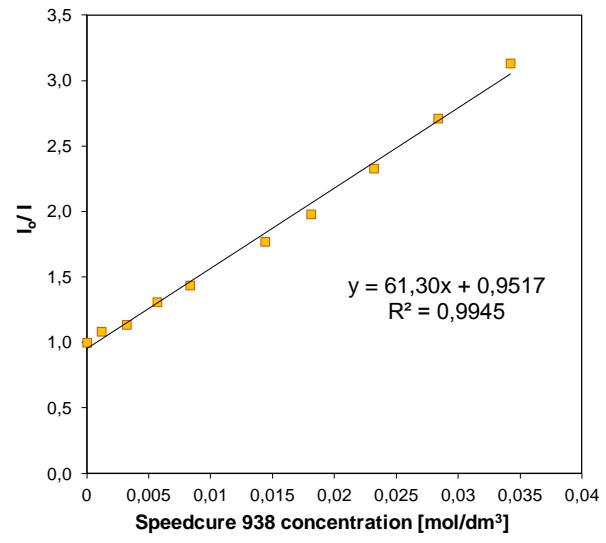


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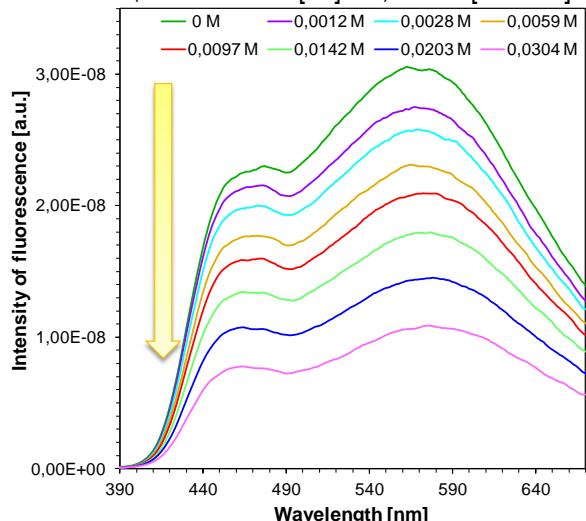


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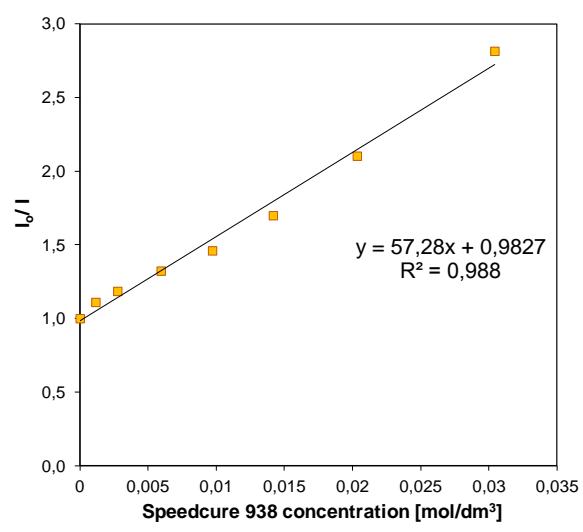


Fig. S40 Stern -Volmer plot for S10.

different concentration of Speedcure 938 in acetonitrile; concentration [S10] = $9,07 \cdot 10^{-6}$ [mol/dm³].

The example of fluorescence emission quenching of the 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives by different concentrations of 4-(dimethylamino)benzoate (EDB) in acetonitrile.

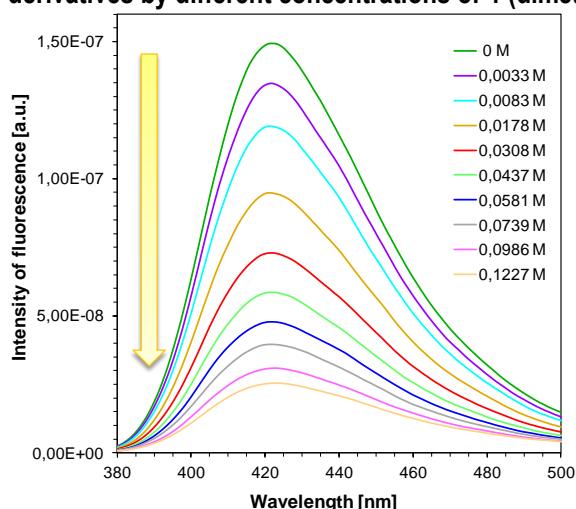


Fig. S41 Fluorescence emission quenching of S1 by different concentration of EDB in acetonitrile; concentration $[S1] = 1,69 \cdot 10^{-5}$ [mol/dm 3].

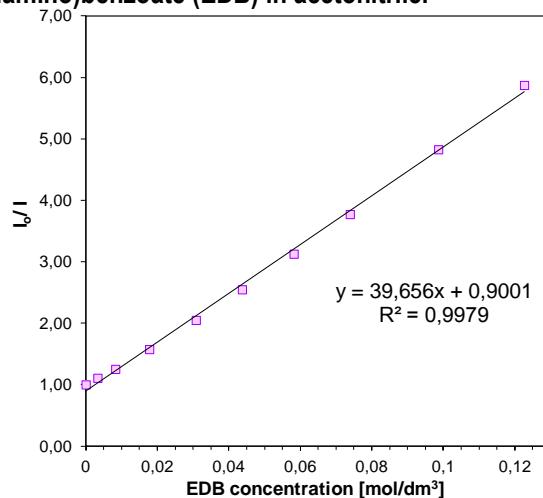


Fig. S42 Stern -Volmer plot for S1

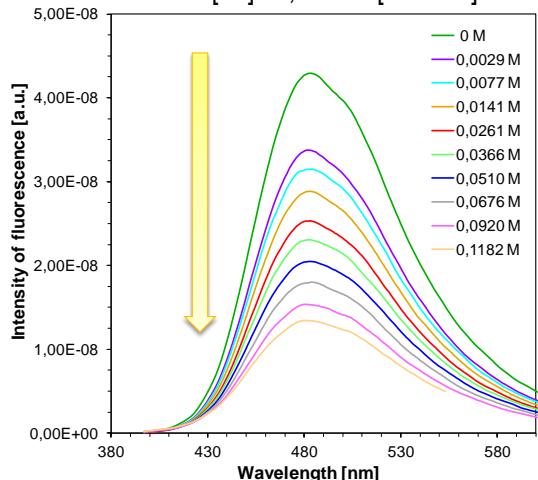


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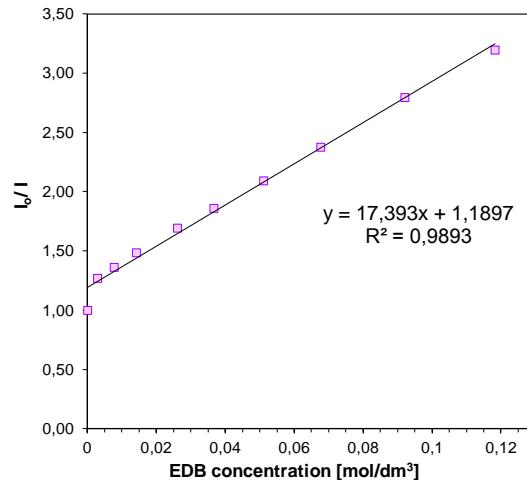


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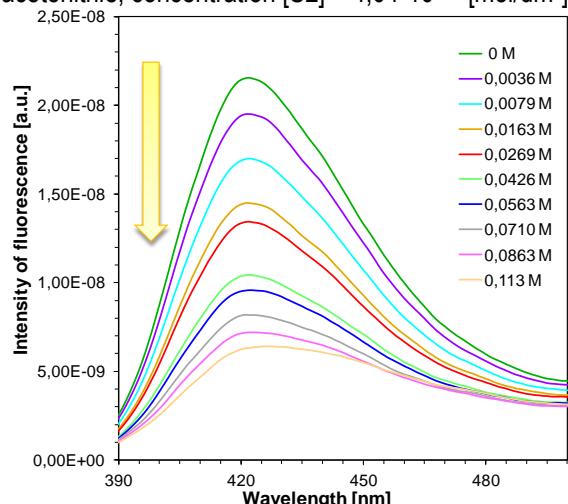


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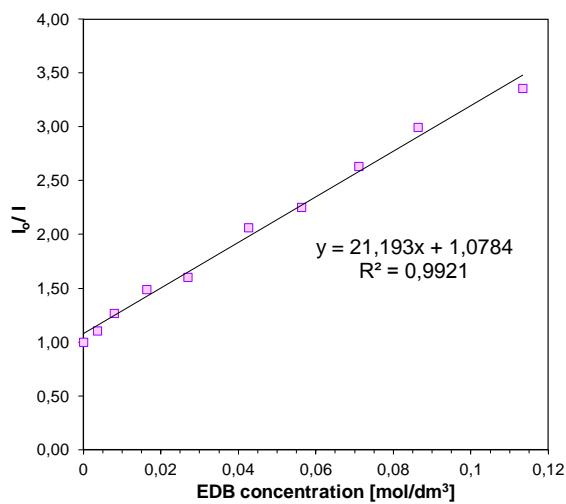
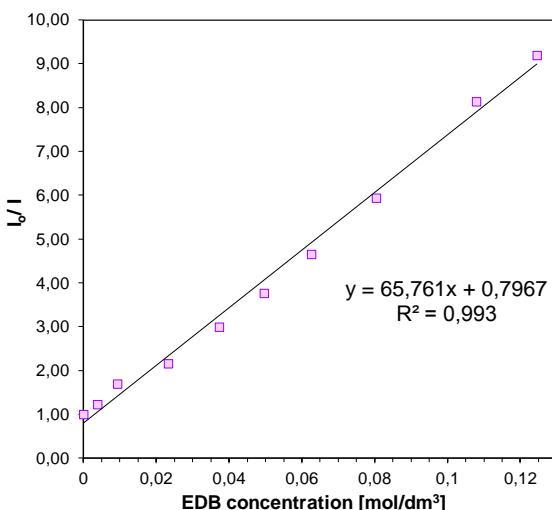
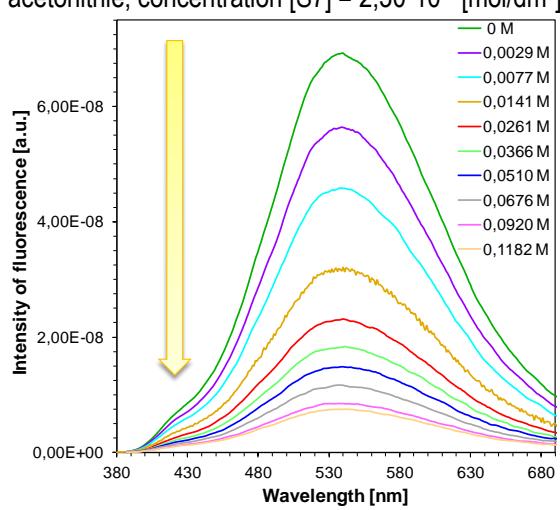
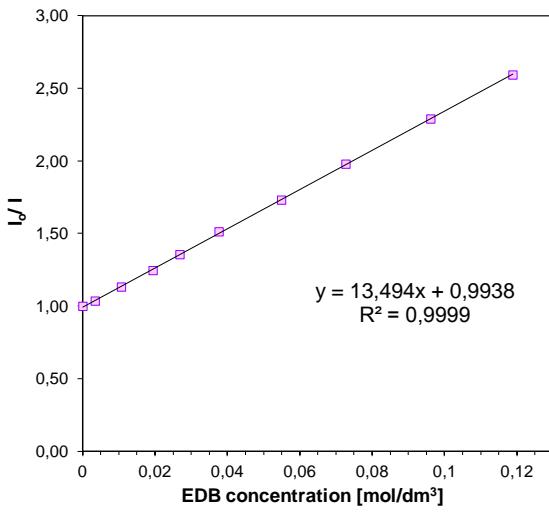
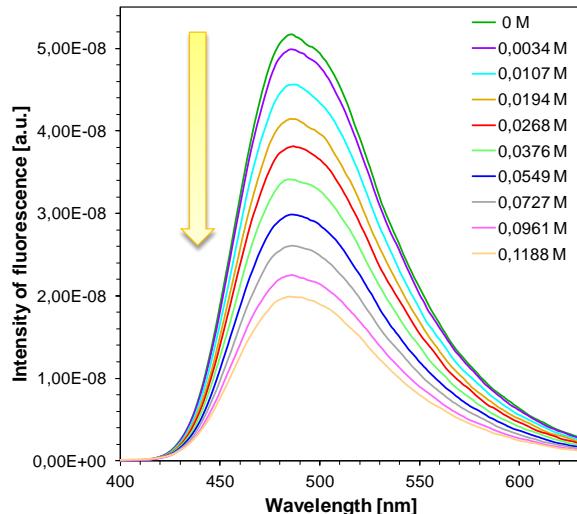
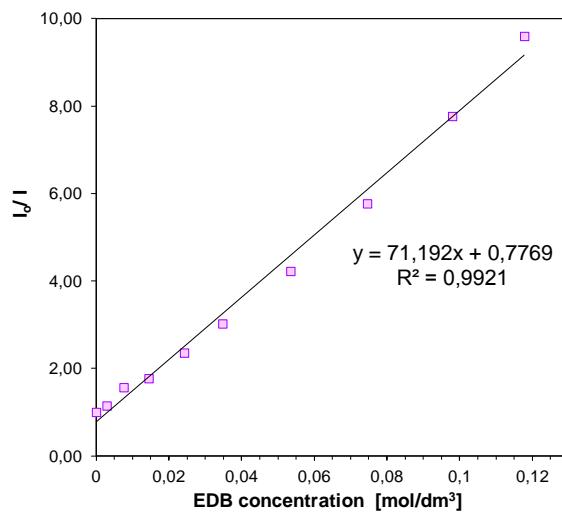
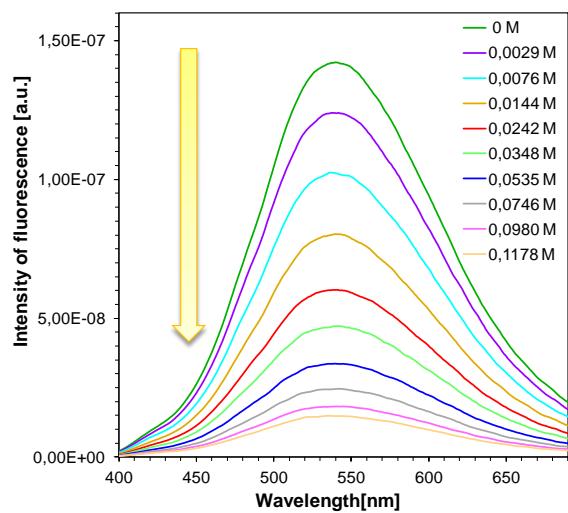


Fig. S46 Stern -Volmer plot for S4



Singlet state energy determination of the 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives in acetonitrile.

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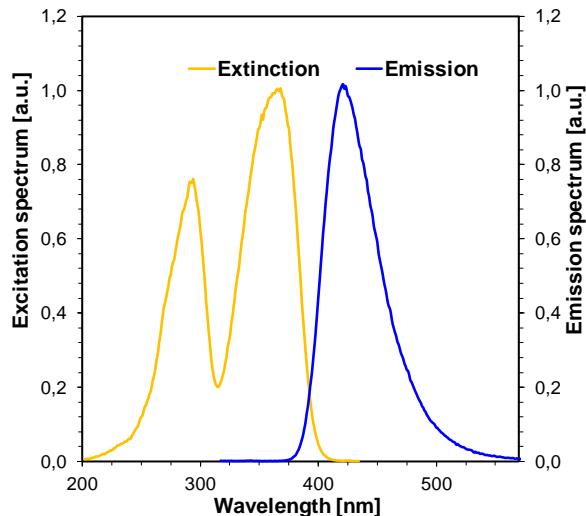


Fig. S53 Singlet state energy determination for S1 in acetonitrile.

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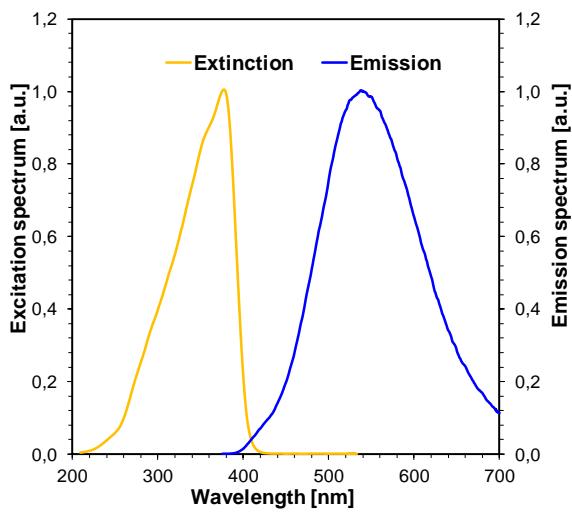


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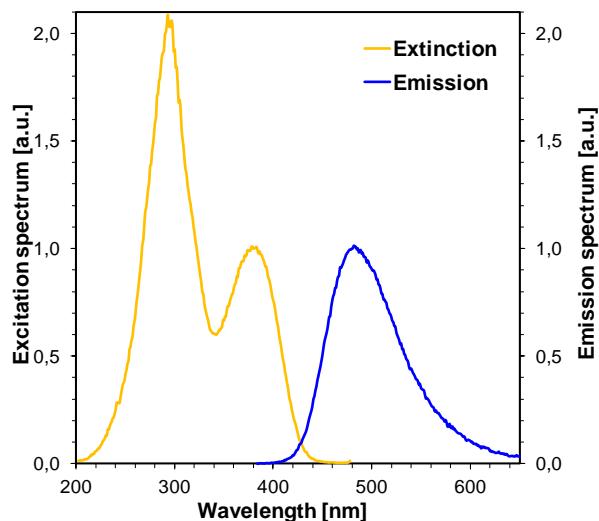


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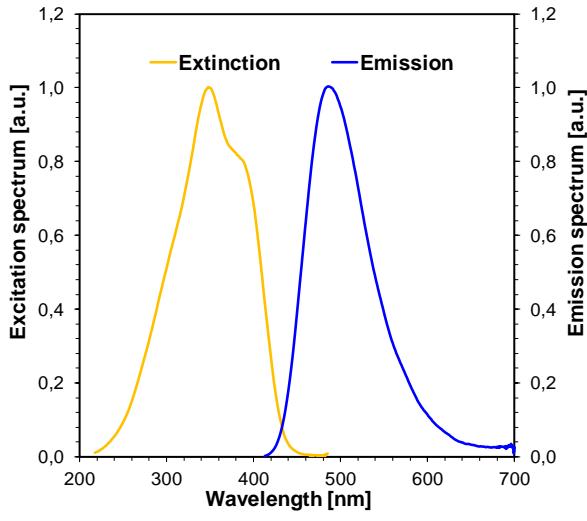


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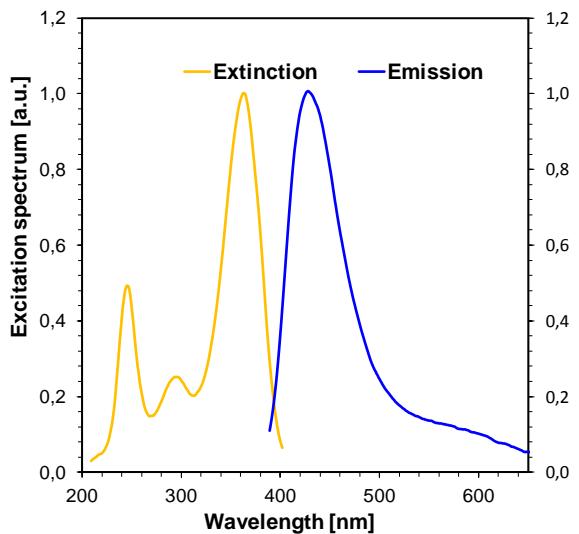


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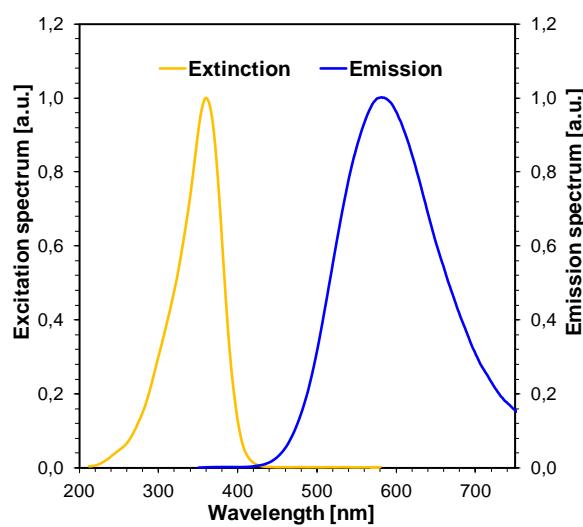


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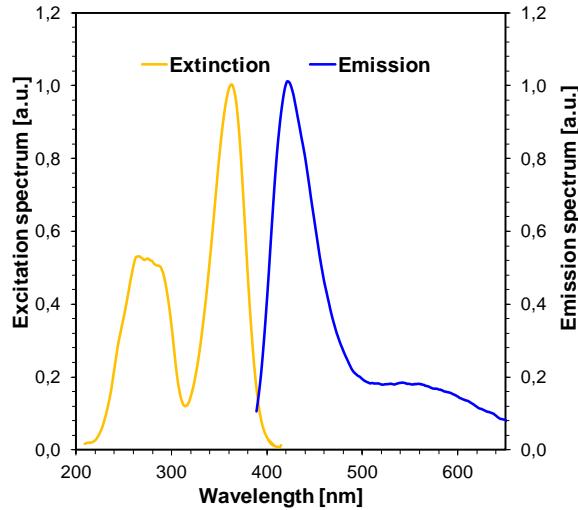


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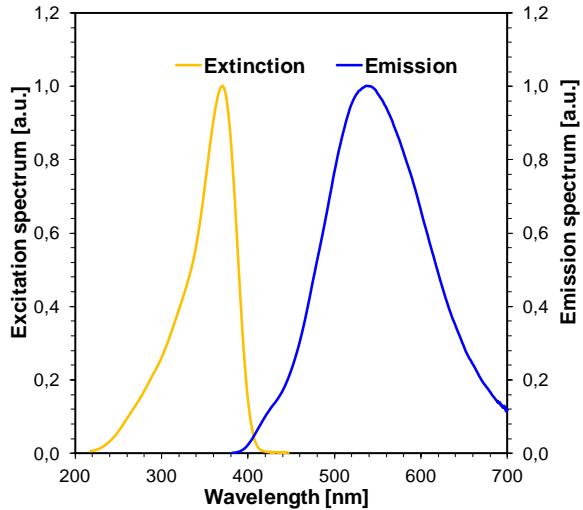


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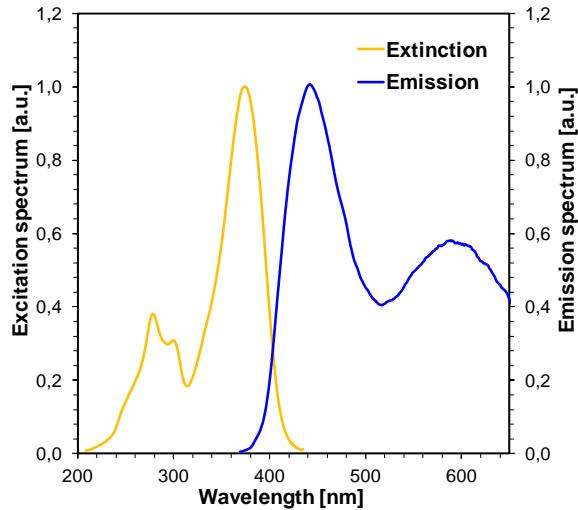


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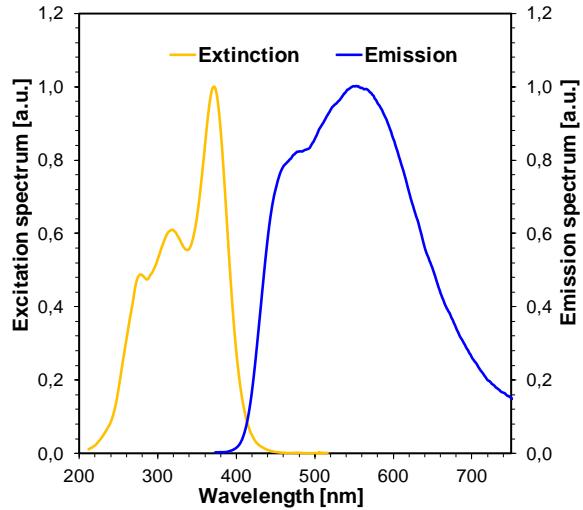


Fig. S62 Singlet state energy determination for S10 in acetonitrile.

Cyclic voltammetry curves showing oxidation and reduction processes of the 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives in acetonitrile.

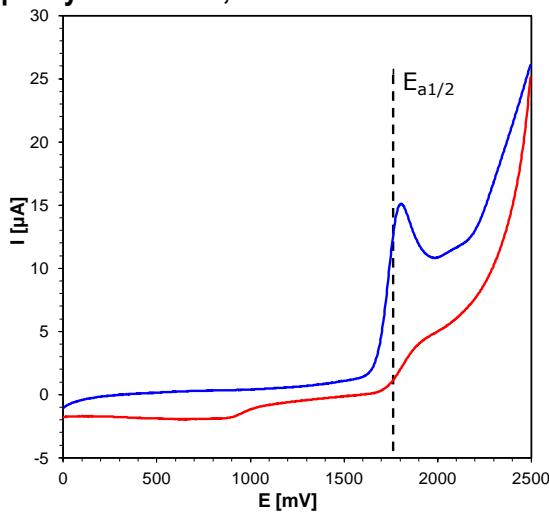


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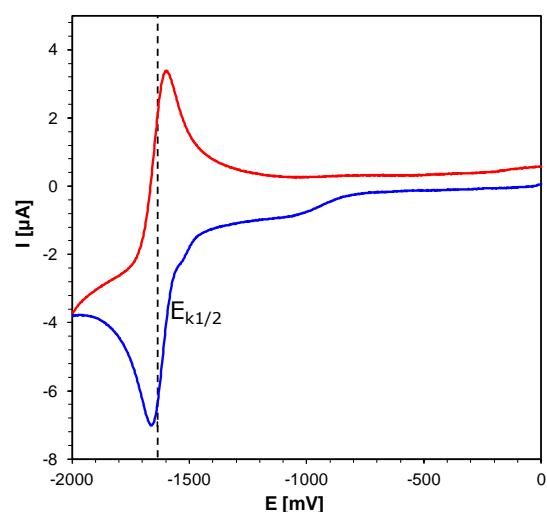


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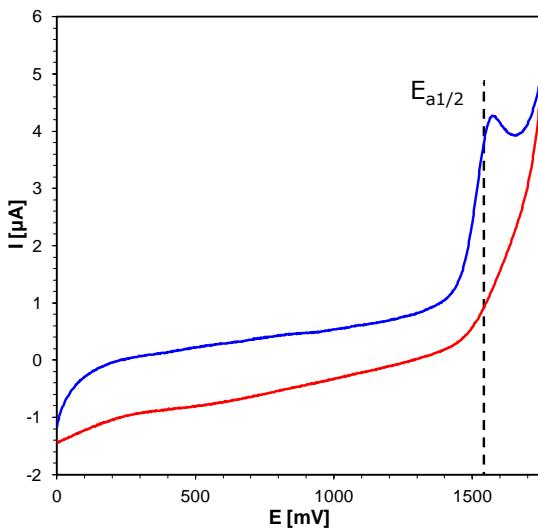


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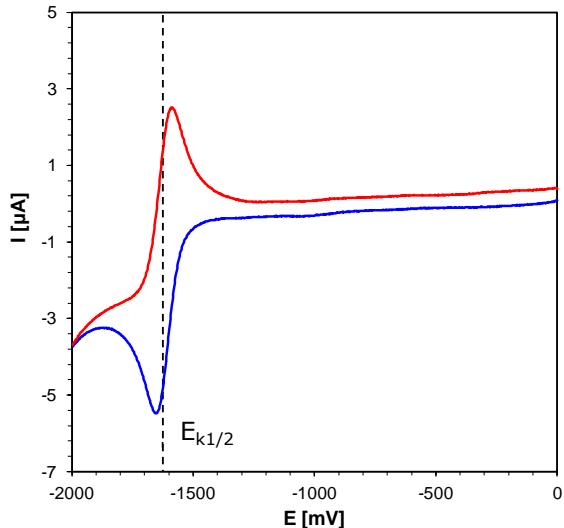


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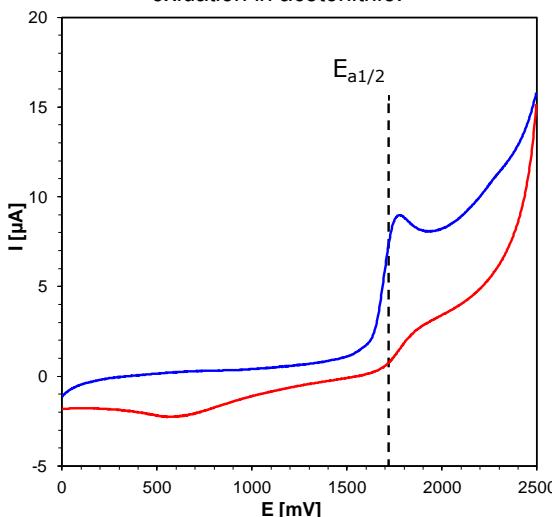


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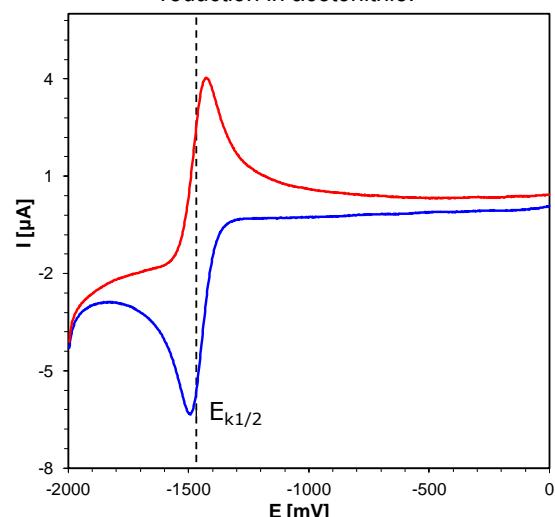


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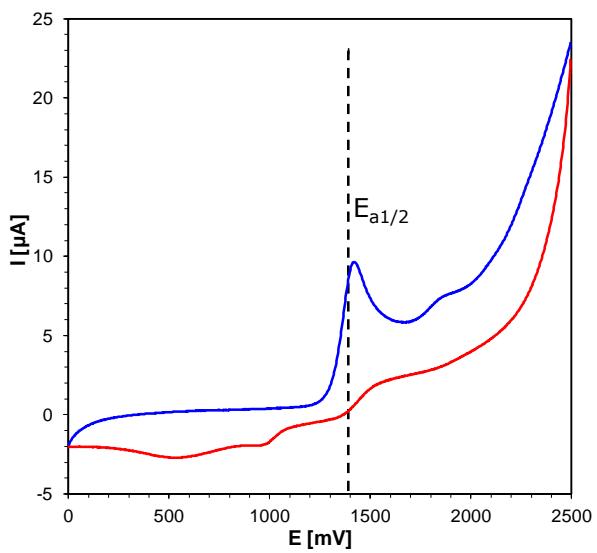


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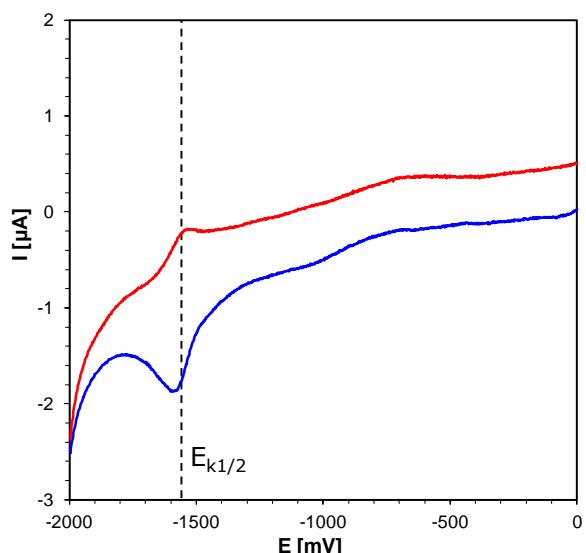


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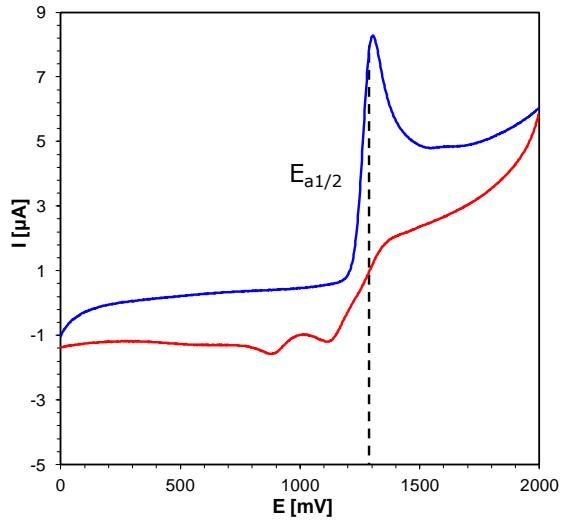


Fig. S71 Cyclic voltammogram curves of the S5 oxidation in acetonitrile.

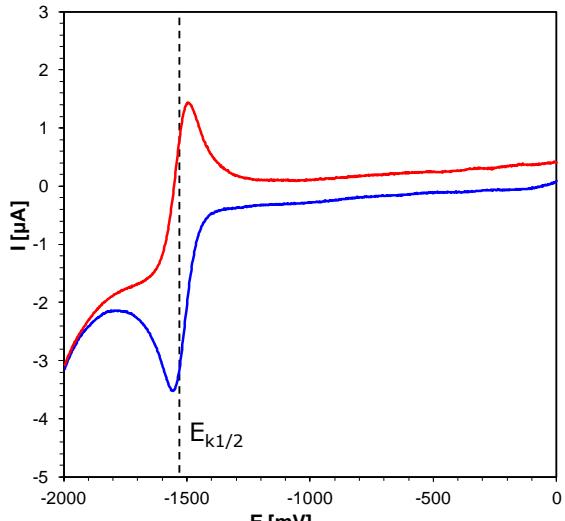


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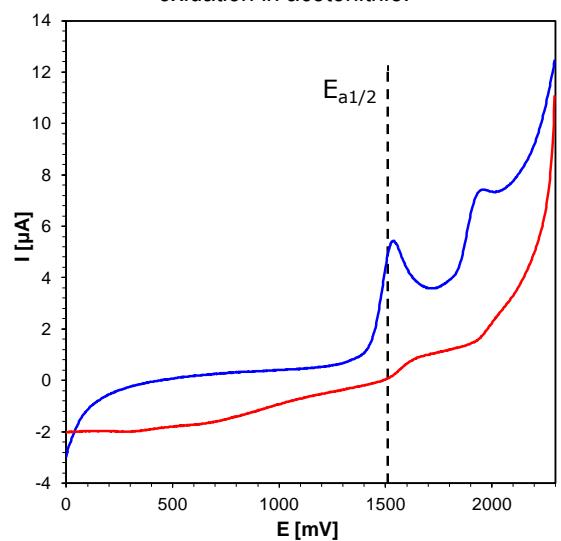


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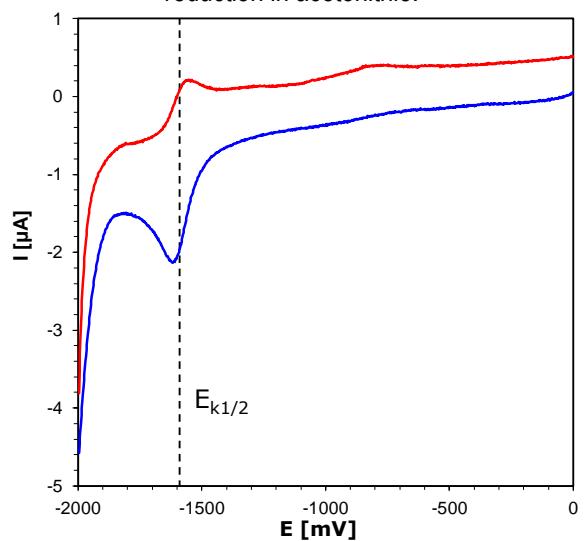


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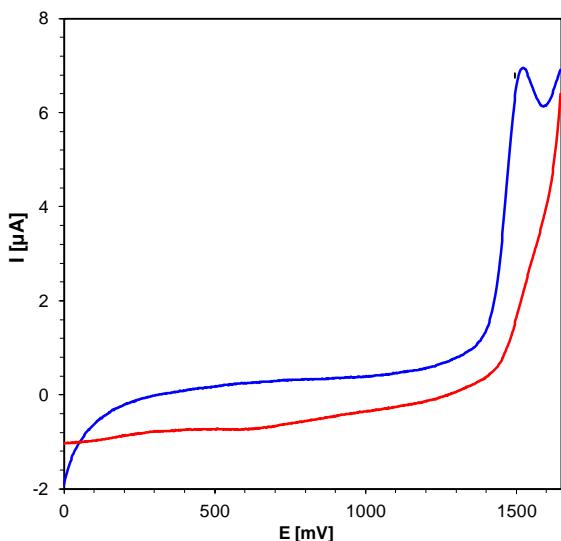


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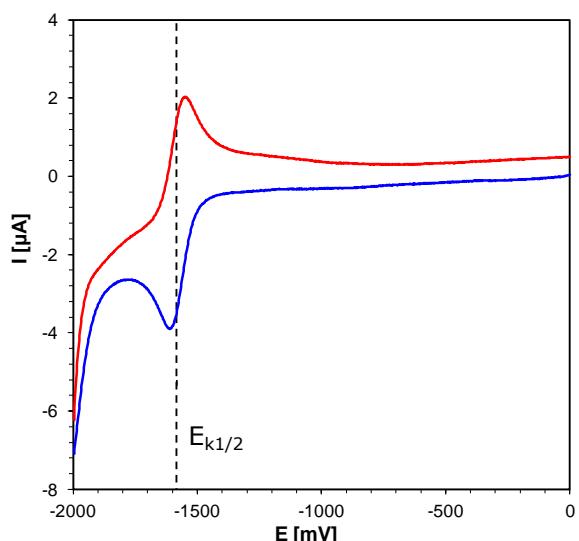


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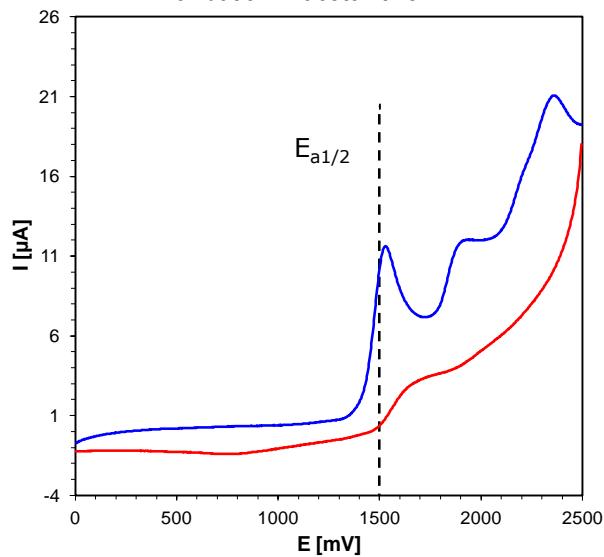


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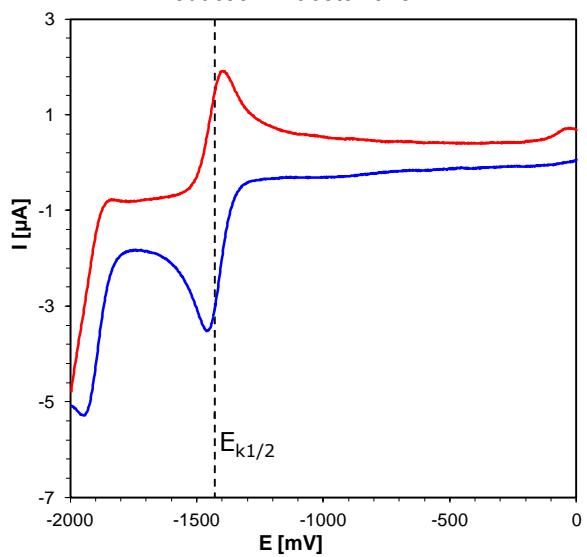


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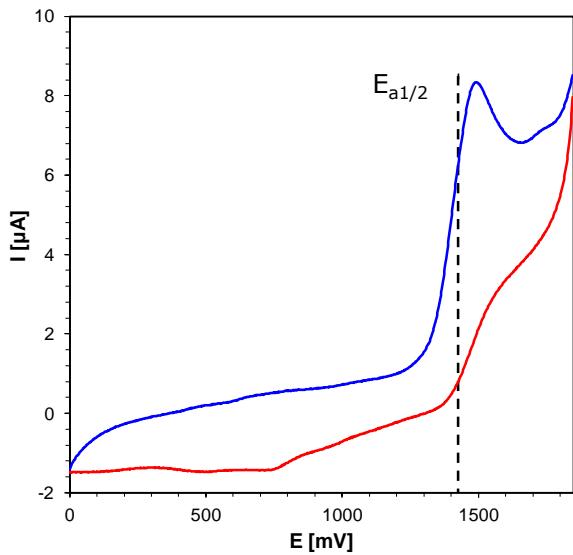


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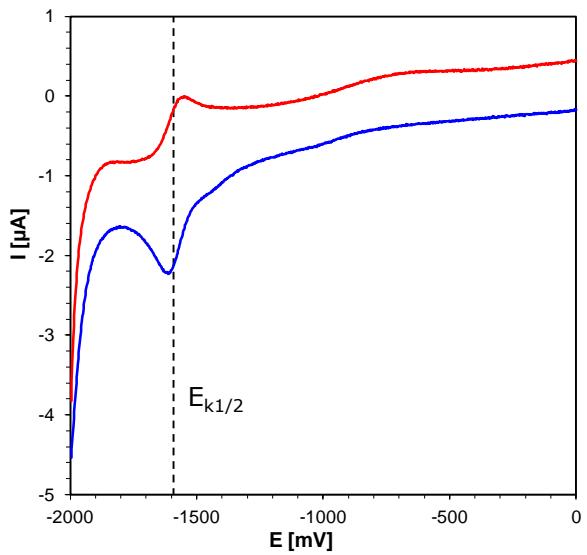


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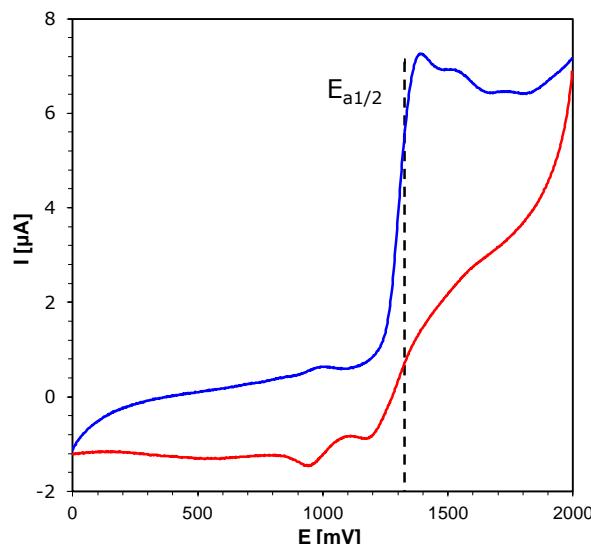


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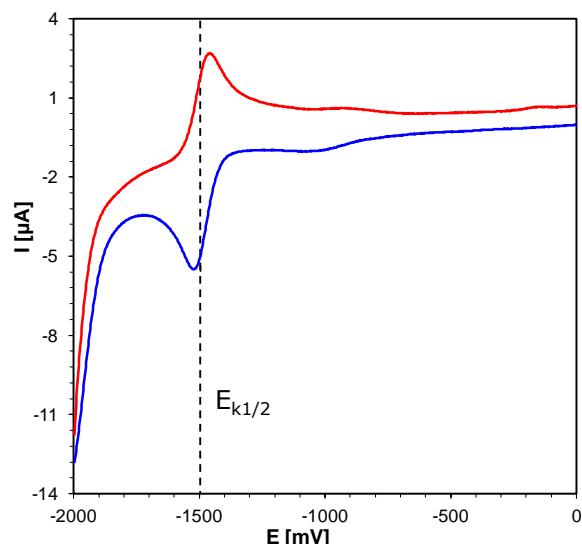
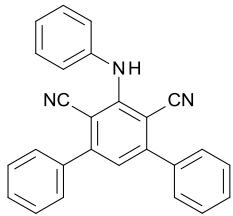


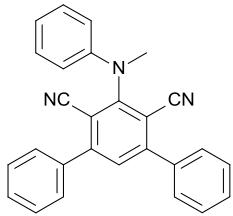
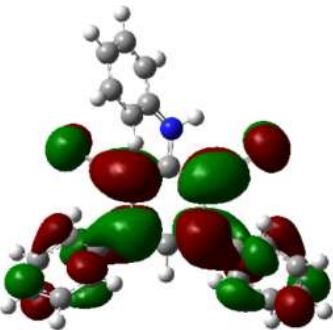
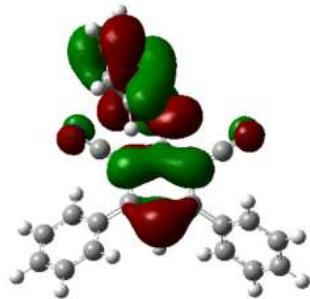
Fig. S82 Cyclic voltammogram curves of the S10 reduction in acetonitrile.

Contour plots of the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) for the 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives structures optimized at the B3LYP/6-31G* level of theory.

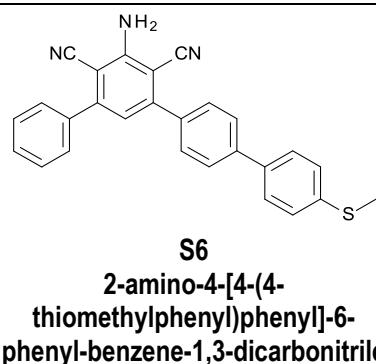
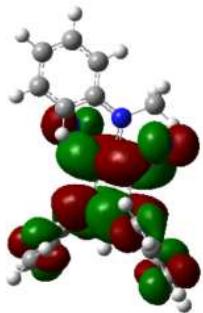
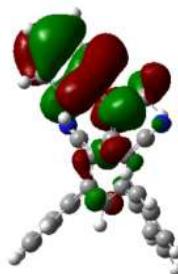
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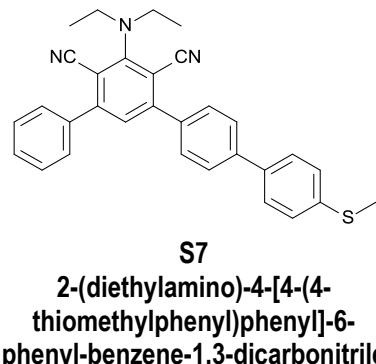
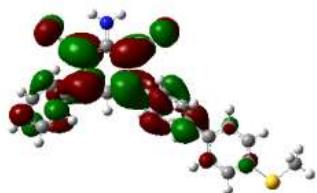
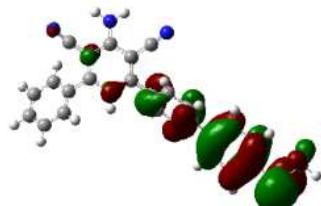
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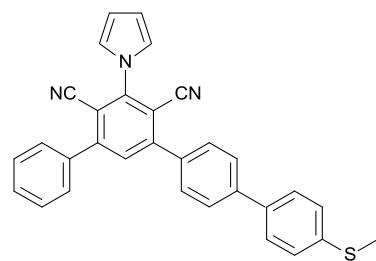
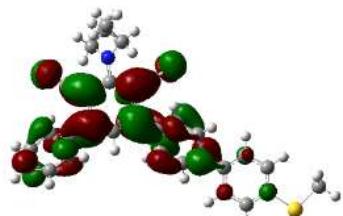
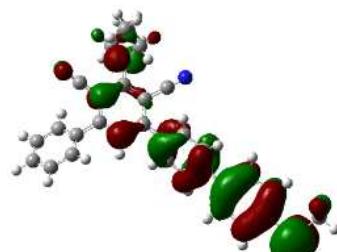
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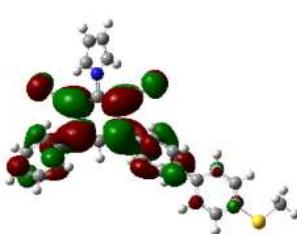
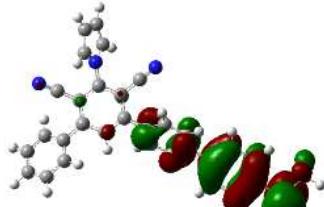
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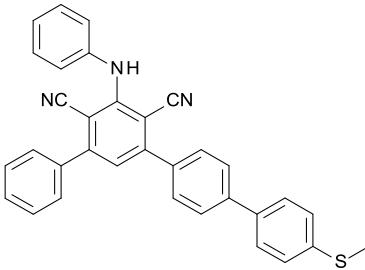
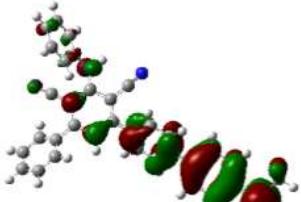
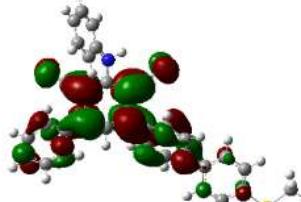
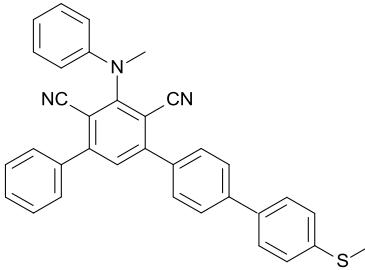
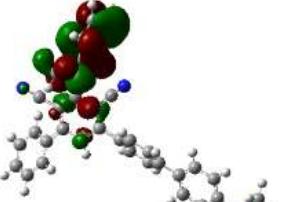
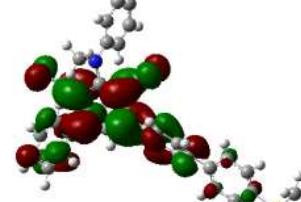


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2-(diethylamino)-4-[4-(4-thiomethylphenyl)phenyl]-6-phenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile



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4-[4-(4-thiomethylphenyl)phenyl]-6-phenyl-2-pyrrol-1-yl-benzene-



1,3-dicarbonitrile  S9 2-anilino-4-[4-(4-thiomethylphenyl)phenyl]-6-phenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile		
 S10 2-(N-methylanilino)-4-[4-(4-thiomethylphenyl)phenyl]-6-phenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile		

Photopolymerization profiles of UviCure S105 upon exposure to LED@365 and LED420nm under air in the presence of different photoinitiating systems based on Speedcure 938 (1% w/w) and 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives from series 1 and 2.

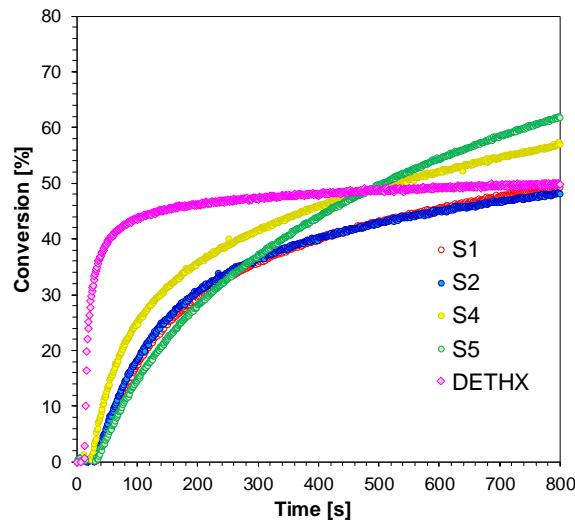


Fig. S83 Photopolymerization profiles of UviCure S105 (epoxy function conversion vs. irradiation time) upon exposure to the LED@365 nm under air in the presence of different photoinitiating systems based on Speedcure 938 (1% w/w) and 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives from series 1.

The irradiation starts at
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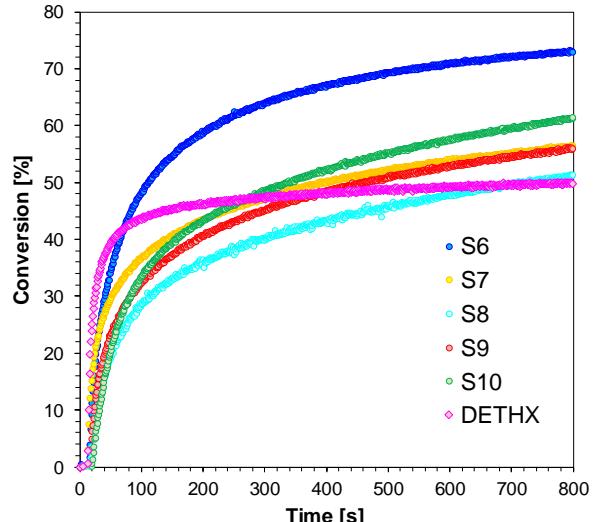


Fig. S84 Polymerization profiles of UviCure S105 (epoxy function conversion vs. irradiation time) upon exposure to the LED@365 nm under air in the presence of different photoinitiating systems based on Speedcure 938 (1% w/w) and 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives from series 2.

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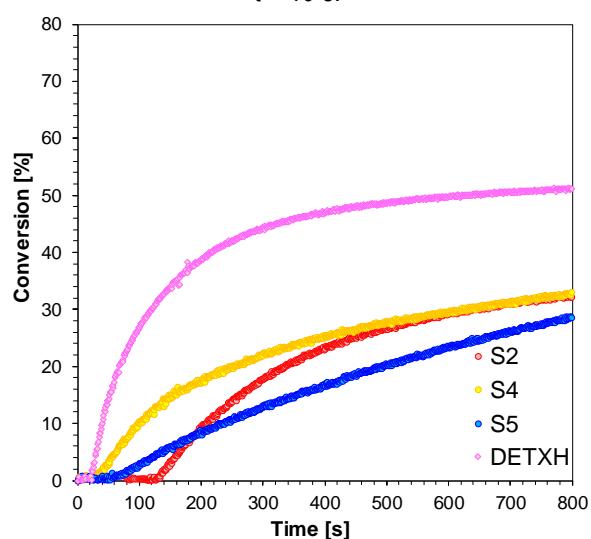


Fig. S85 Polymerization profiles of UviCure S105 (epoxy function conversion vs. irradiation time) upon exposure to the LED@420 nm under air in the presence of different photoinitiating systems based on SpeedCure 938 (1% w/w) and 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives from series 1.

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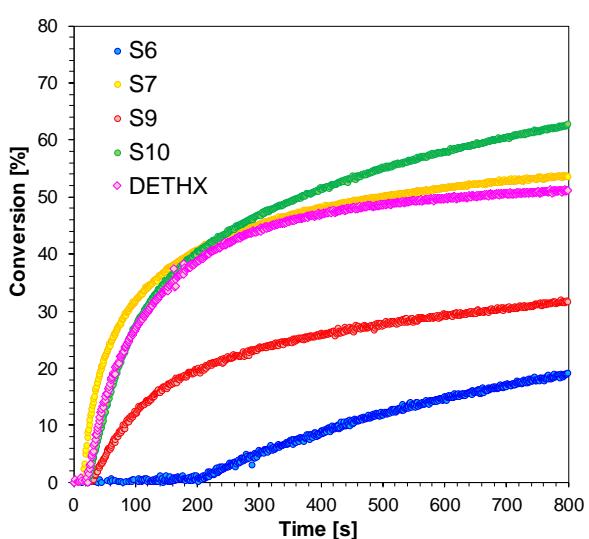


Fig. S86 Polymerization profiles of UviCure S105 (epoxy function conversion vs. irradiation time) upon exposure to the LED@420 nm under air in the presence of different photoinitiating systems based on SpeedCure 938 (1% w/w) and 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives from series 2.

The irradiation starts at $t = 10\text{ s}$.

Photopolymerization profiles of TMPTA upon exposure to LED@365 and LED420nm in the presence of different photoinitiating systems based on Speedcure 938 (1% w/w) and 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives from series 1 and 2.

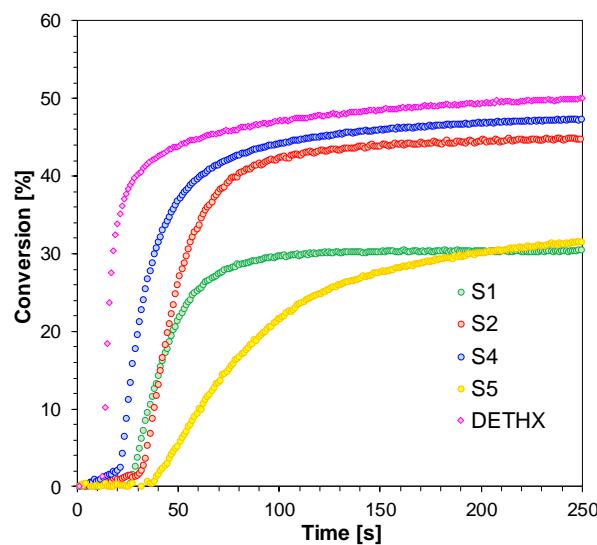


Fig. S87 Photopolymerization profiles of TMPTA (acrylate function conversion vs. irradiation time) upon exposure to the LED@365 nm in laminate in the presence of different photoinitiating systems based on Speedcure 938 (1% w/w) and 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives from series 1.

The irradiation starts at $t = 10$ s.

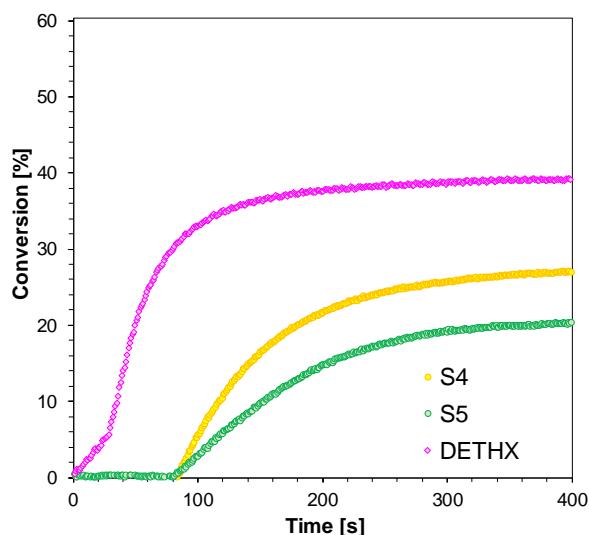


Fig. S89 Polymerization profiles of TMPTA (acrylate function conversion vs. irradiation time) upon exposure to the LED@420 nm in laminate in the presence of different photoinitiating systems based on SpeedCure 938 (1% w/w) and 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives from series 1. The irradiation starts at $t = 10$ s.

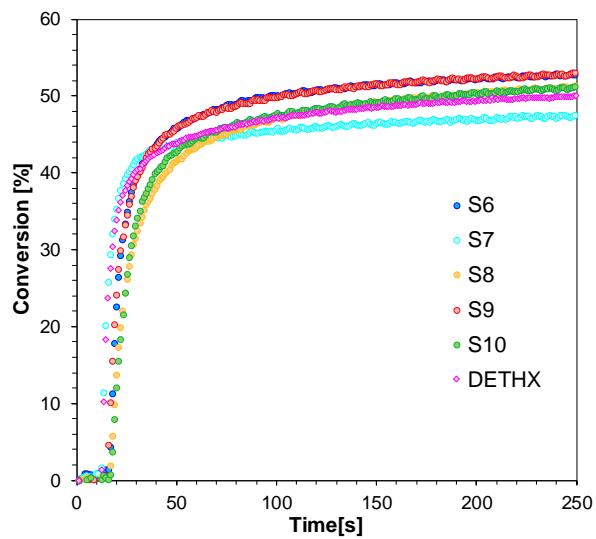


Fig. S88 Photopolymerization profiles of TMPTA (acrylate function conversion vs. irradiation time) upon exposure to the LED@365 nm in laminate in the presence of different photoinitiating systems based on SpeedCure 938 (1% w/w) and 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives from series 2.

The irradiation starts at $t = 10$ s

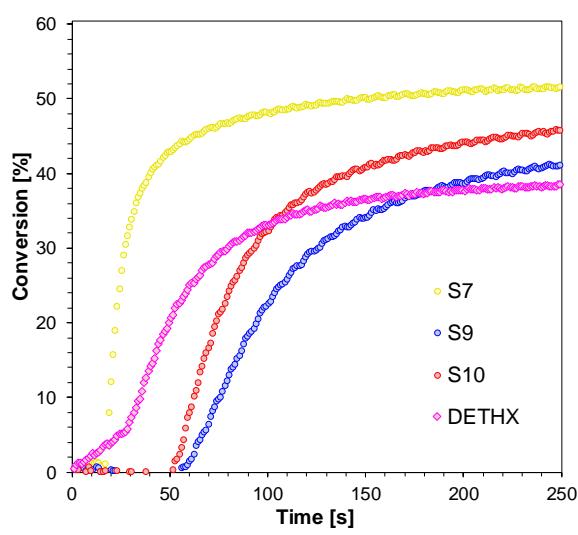


Fig. S90 Polymerization profiles of TMPTA (acrylate function conversion vs. irradiation time) upon exposure to the LED@420 nm in laminate in the presence of different photoinitiating systems based on SpeedCure 938 (1% w/w) and 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives from series 2. The irradiation starts at $t = 10$ s.

FT-IR spectra before and after photopolymerization processes of UviCure S105, TMPTA, TATATO/MERCAPTO (1:1) AND BisGMA/TEGDMA in the presence of different photoinitiating systems based on Speedcure 938 (1% w/w) and 2-amino-4,6-diphenyl-benzene-1,3-dicarbonitrile derivatives from series 1 and 2 upon exposure to different LEDs

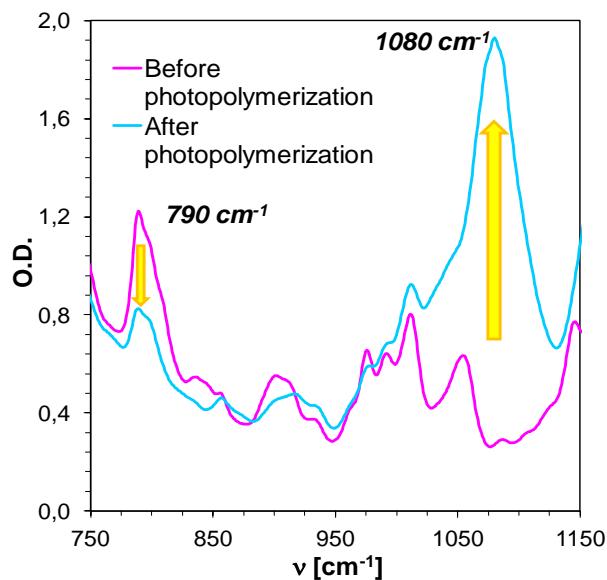


Fig. S91 FTIR spectra before and after photopolymerization of UviCure S105 monomer under LED@405 nm irradiation in composition with SpeedCure 938 (1% w/w) and S10.

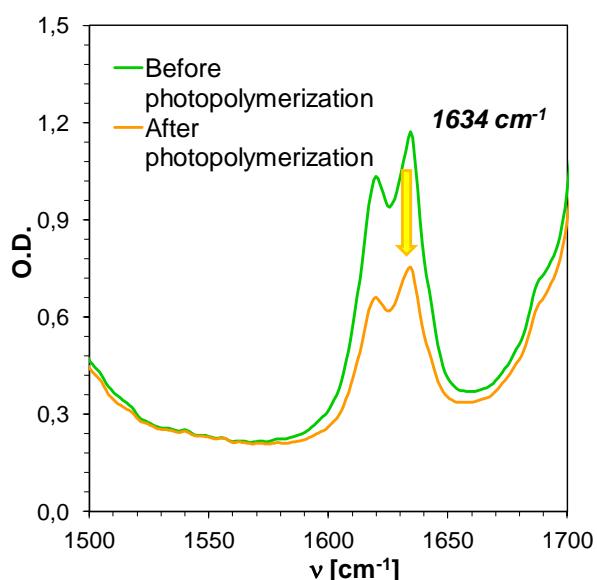


Fig. S92 FTIR spectra of double bonds band before and after photopolymerization of TMPTA under LED@365 irradiation in composition with SpeedCure 938 (1% w/w) and S4.

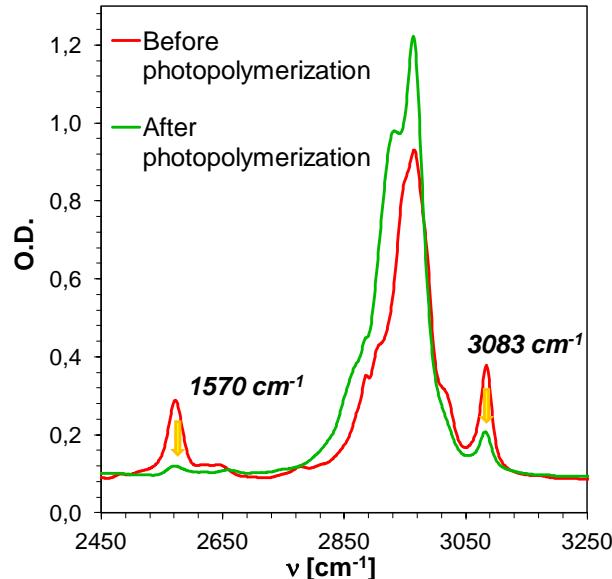


Fig. S93 FTIR spectra before and after photopolymerization of TATATO/MERCAPTO (1:1) monomers under LED@405 nm irradiation in composition with SpeedCure 938 (1% w/w) and S5.

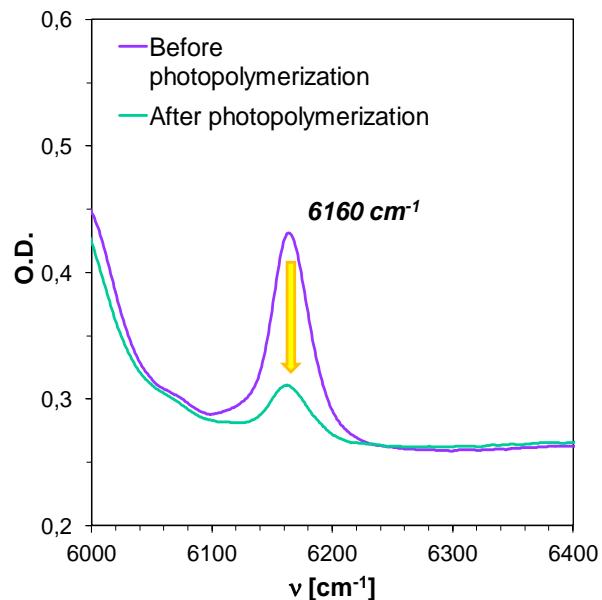


Fig. S94 FTIR spectra before and after photopolymerization of BisGMA/TEGDMA (7:3) monomers under LED@405 nm irradiation in composition with SpeedCure 938 (1% w/w) and S7.

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