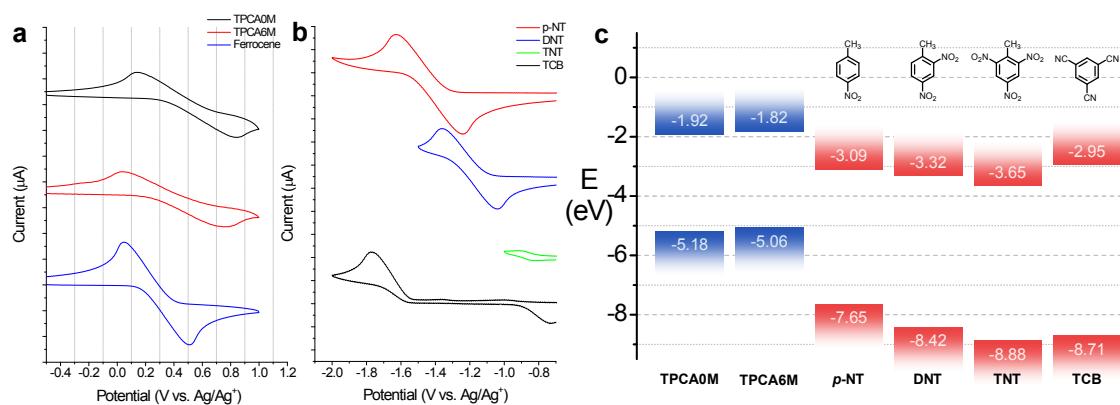


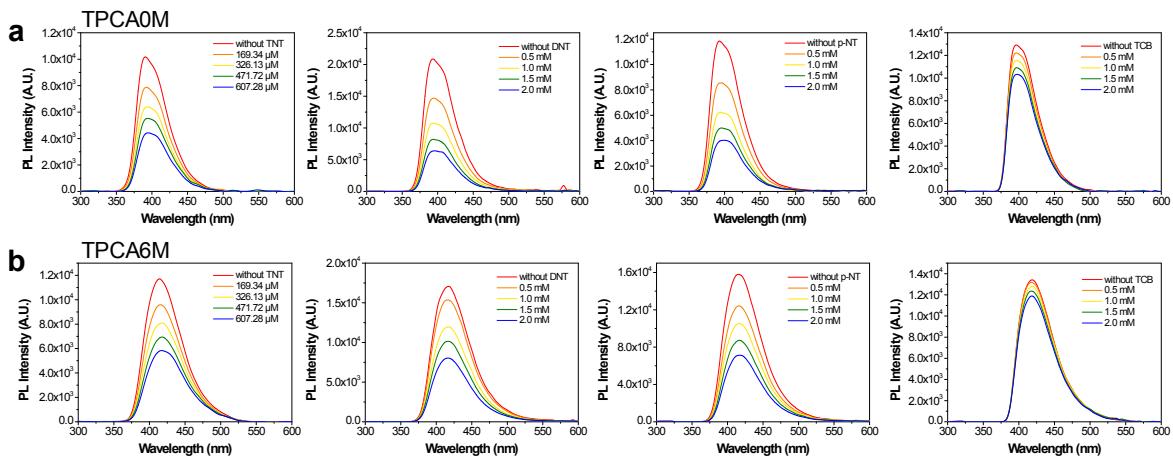
## Supplementary Information

### Instantaneous Detection of Explosive and Toxic Nitroaromatic Compounds via Donor-Acceptor Complexation

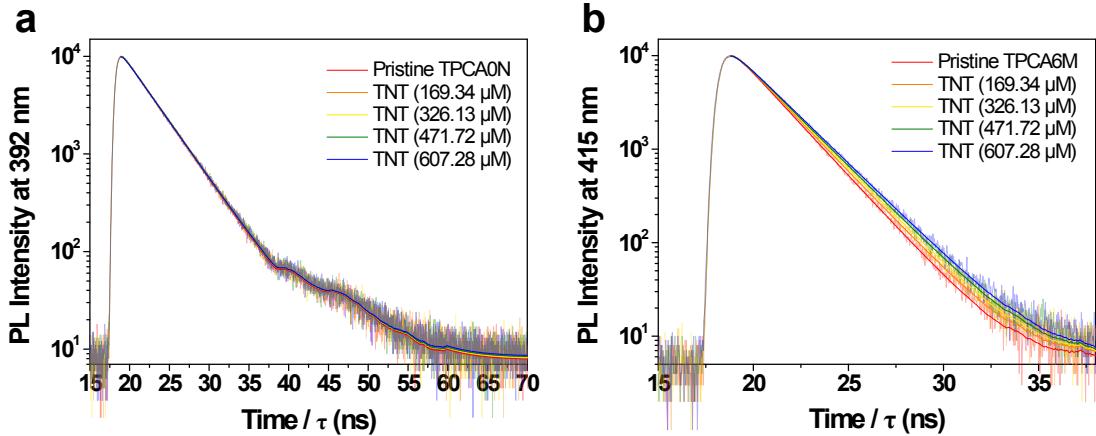
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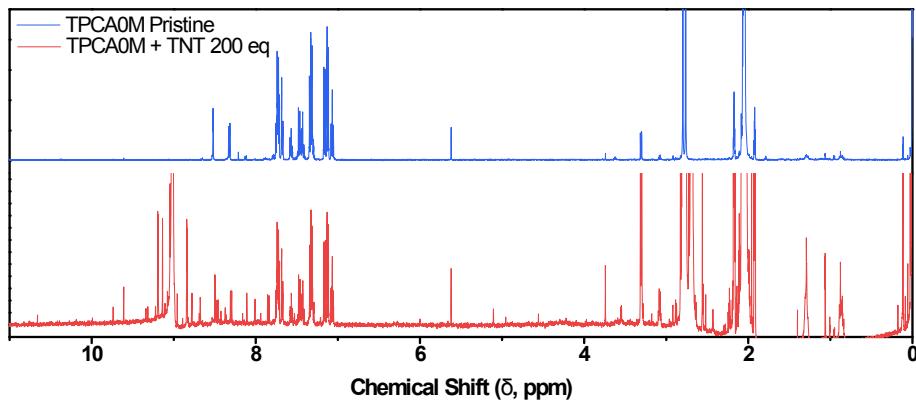
**Fig. S1** (a) Oxidation potential of obtained TPCAs, (b) reduction potential of nitroaromatic compounds including TCB, and (c) summary of determined energy levels for all compounds examined in this study.



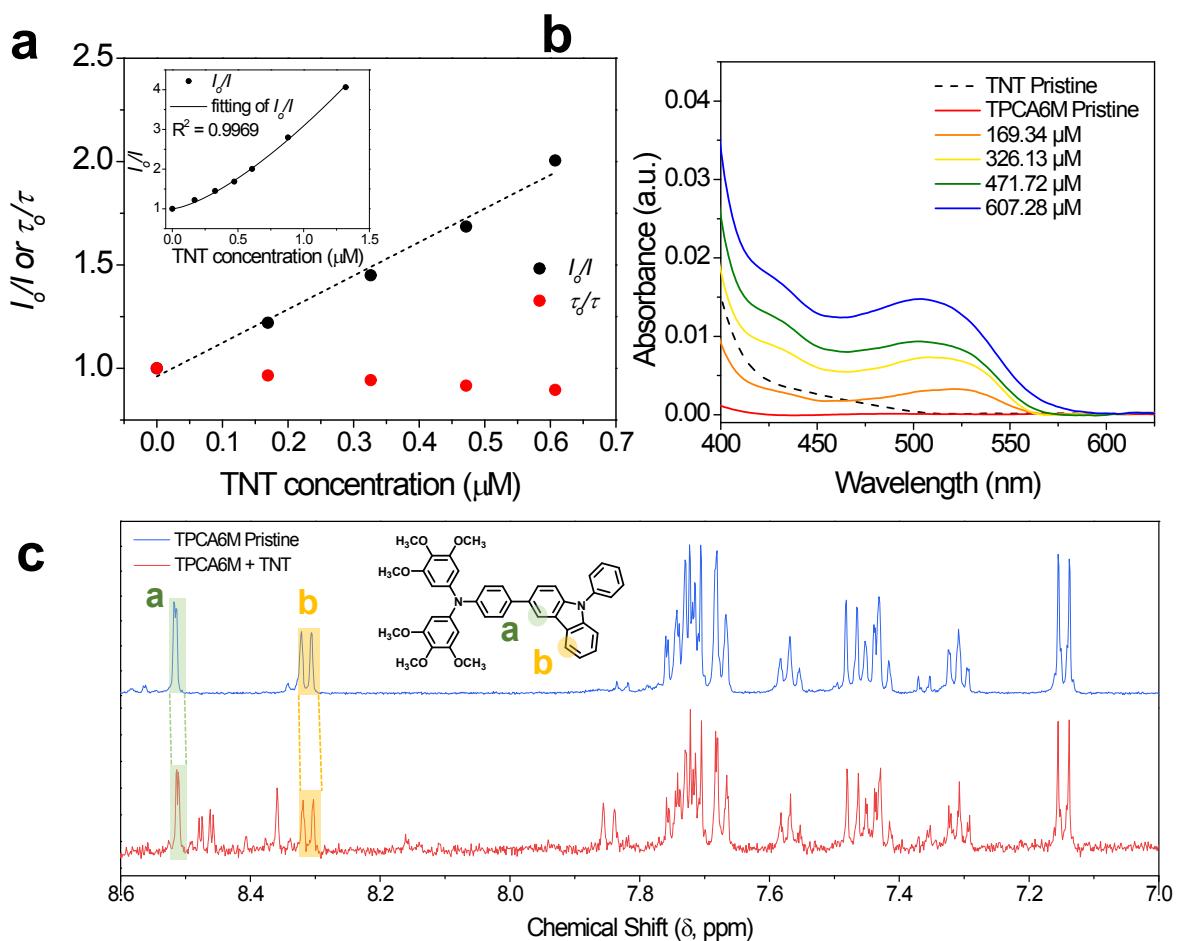
**Fig. S2** Change in emission-quenching behavior of (a) TPCA0M and (b) TPCA6M with concentration of nitroaromatic compounds including TCB.



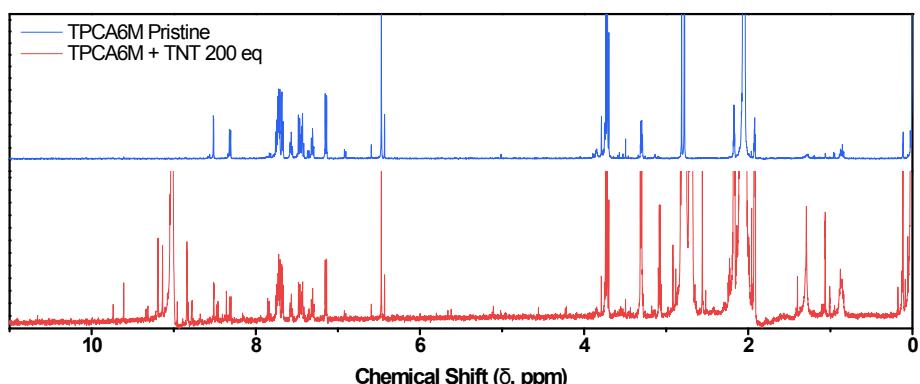
**Fig. S3** Change in time-resolved emission spectra of (a) TPCA0M and (b) TPCA6M with TNT concentration.



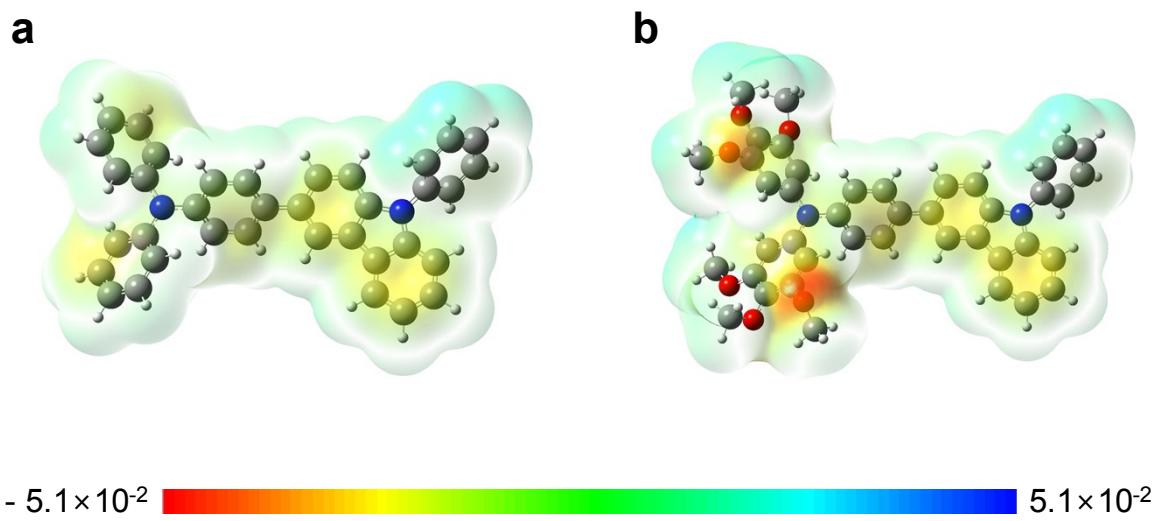
**Fig. S4** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of TPCA0M and TPCA0M/TNT mixture in a full range.



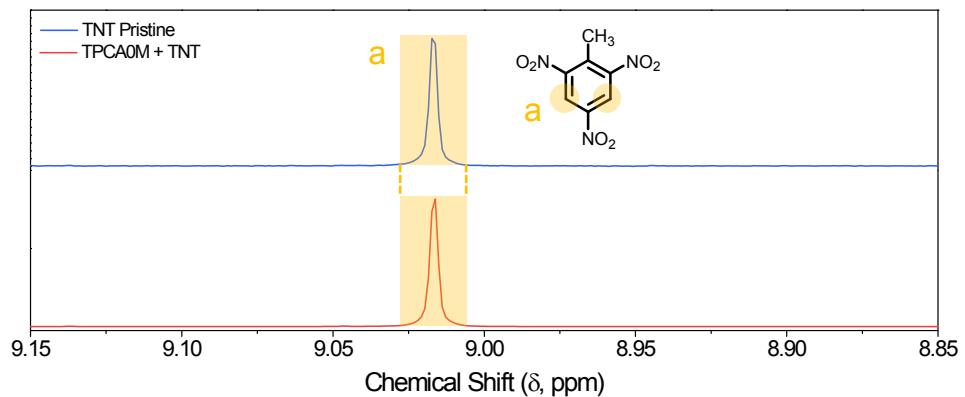
**Fig. S5** (a) Correlation between emission intensity and lifetime, (b) UV-vis. absorption change depending on TNT concentration, and (c) comparison of chemical shift before and after TNT detection in **TPCA6M**.



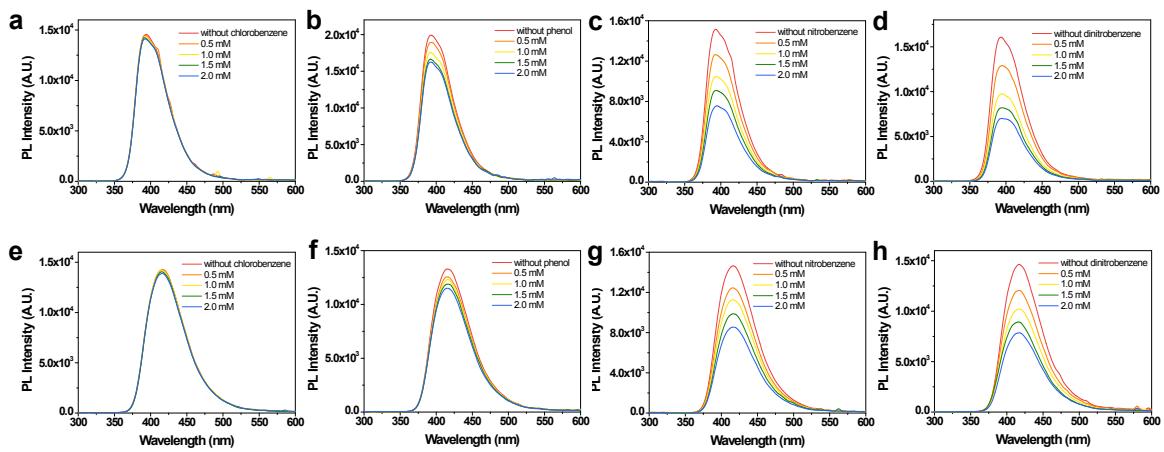
**Fig. S6** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of TPCA6M and TPCA6M/TNT mixture in a full range.



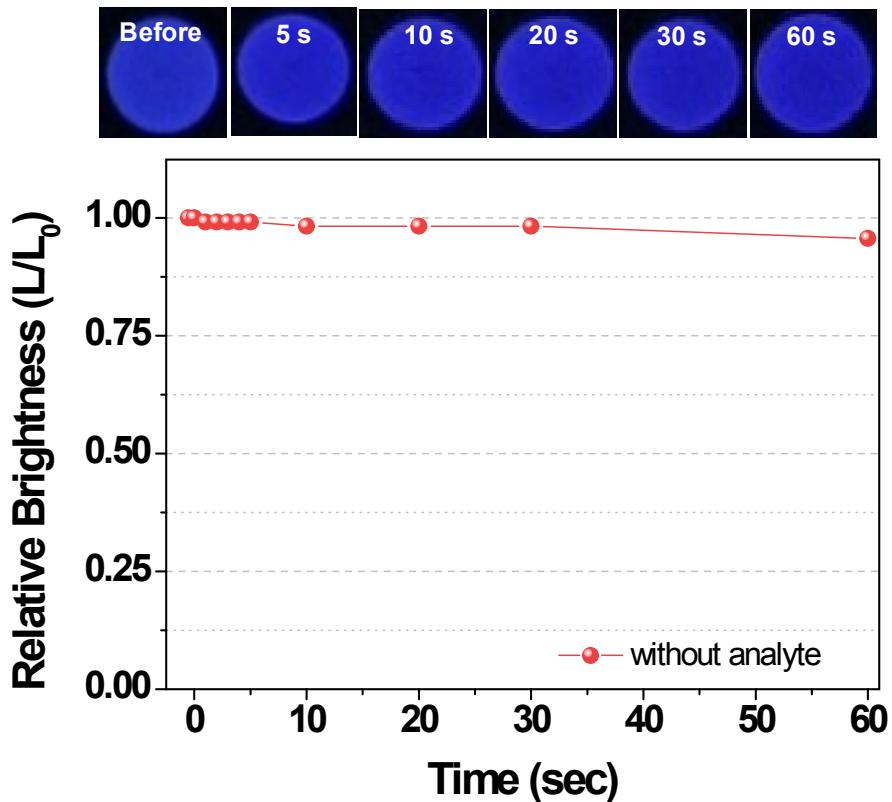
**Fig. S7** Electrostatic potential (ESP) maps of (a) **TPCA0M** and (b) **TPCA6M**.



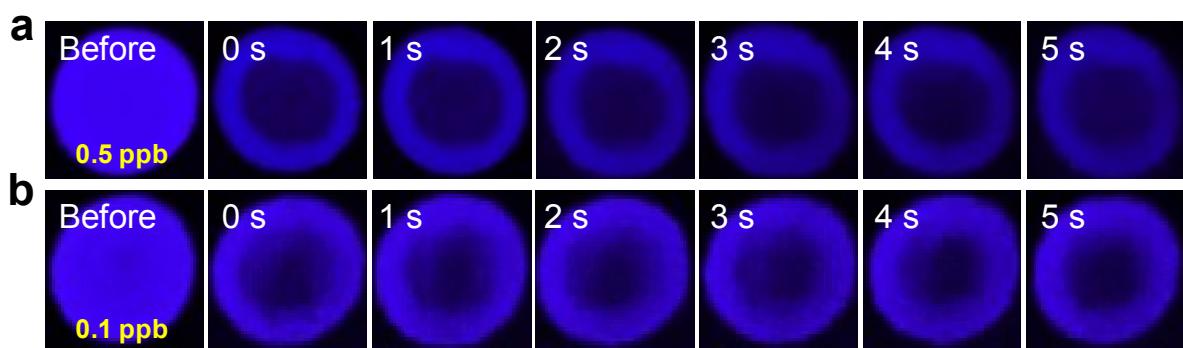
**Fig. S8**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of TNT before and after complexation with **TPCA0M**.



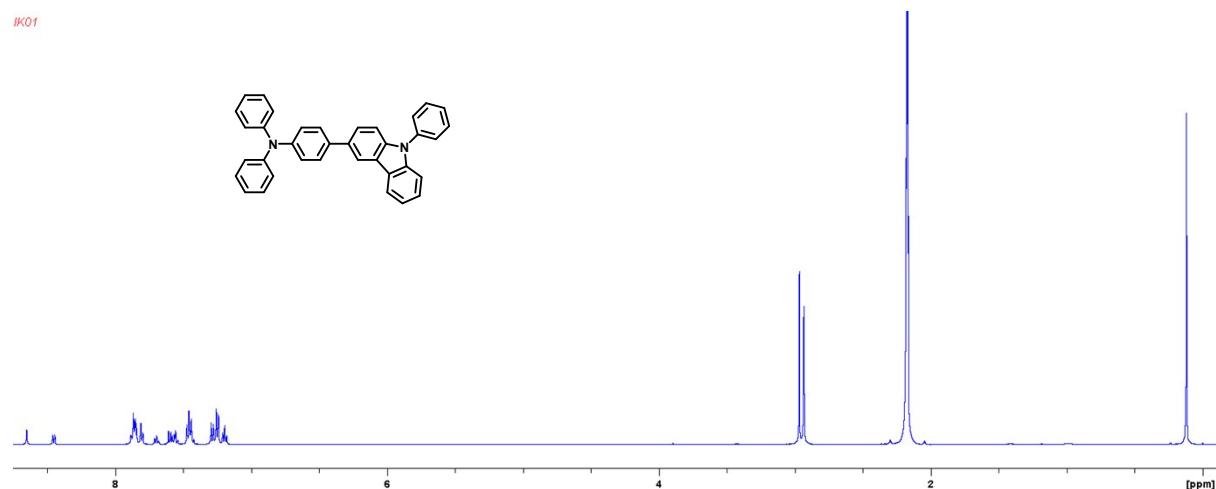
**Fig. S9** Change in emission-quenching behavior of (a-d) TPCA0M and (e-h) TPCA6M with concentration of chlorobenzene, phenol, nitrobenzene and dinitrobenzene, respectively.



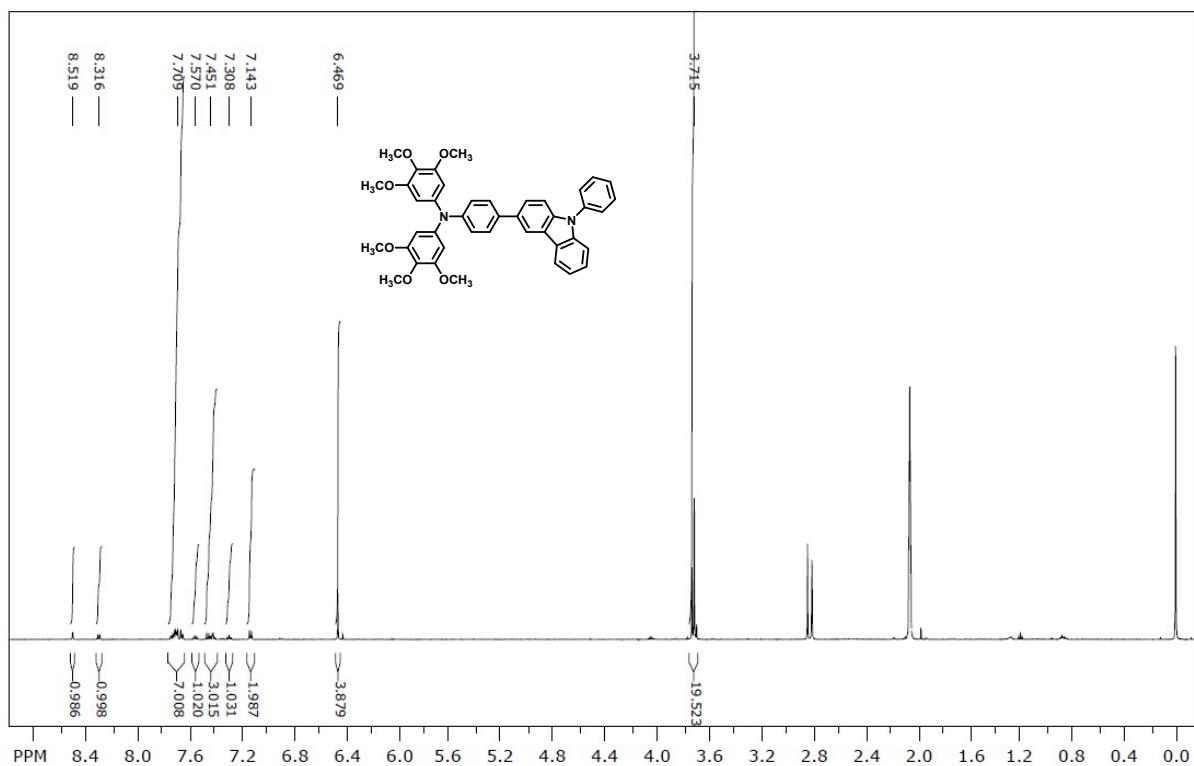
**Fig. S10** Emission stability of TPCA0M-coated membrane with exposure time in pure water



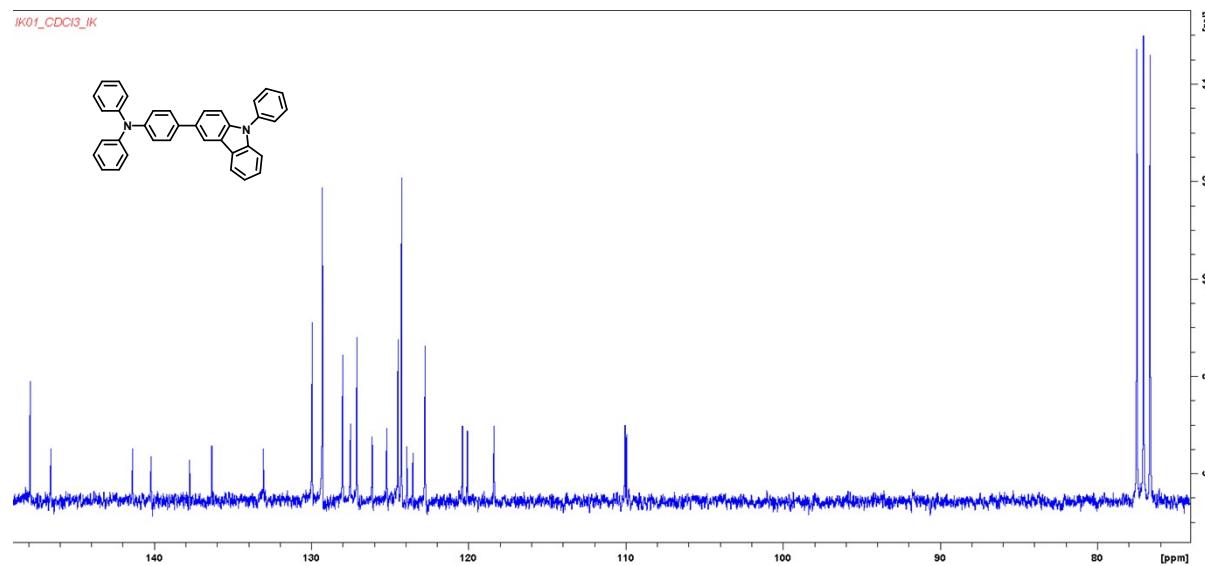
**Fig. S11** Emission-quenching tendency of **TPCA0M**-membrane over exposure time for extremely diluted TNT concentration.



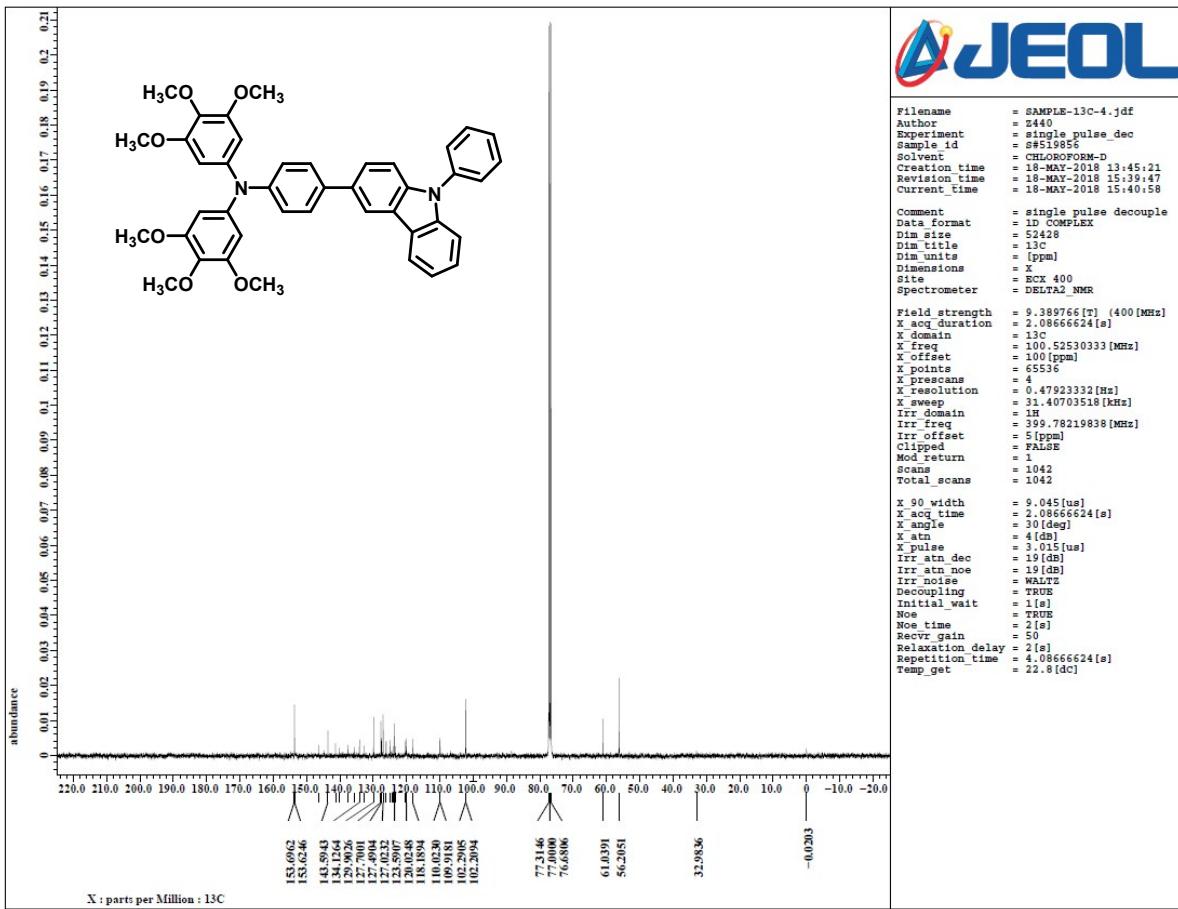
**Fig. S12**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of **TPCA0M**



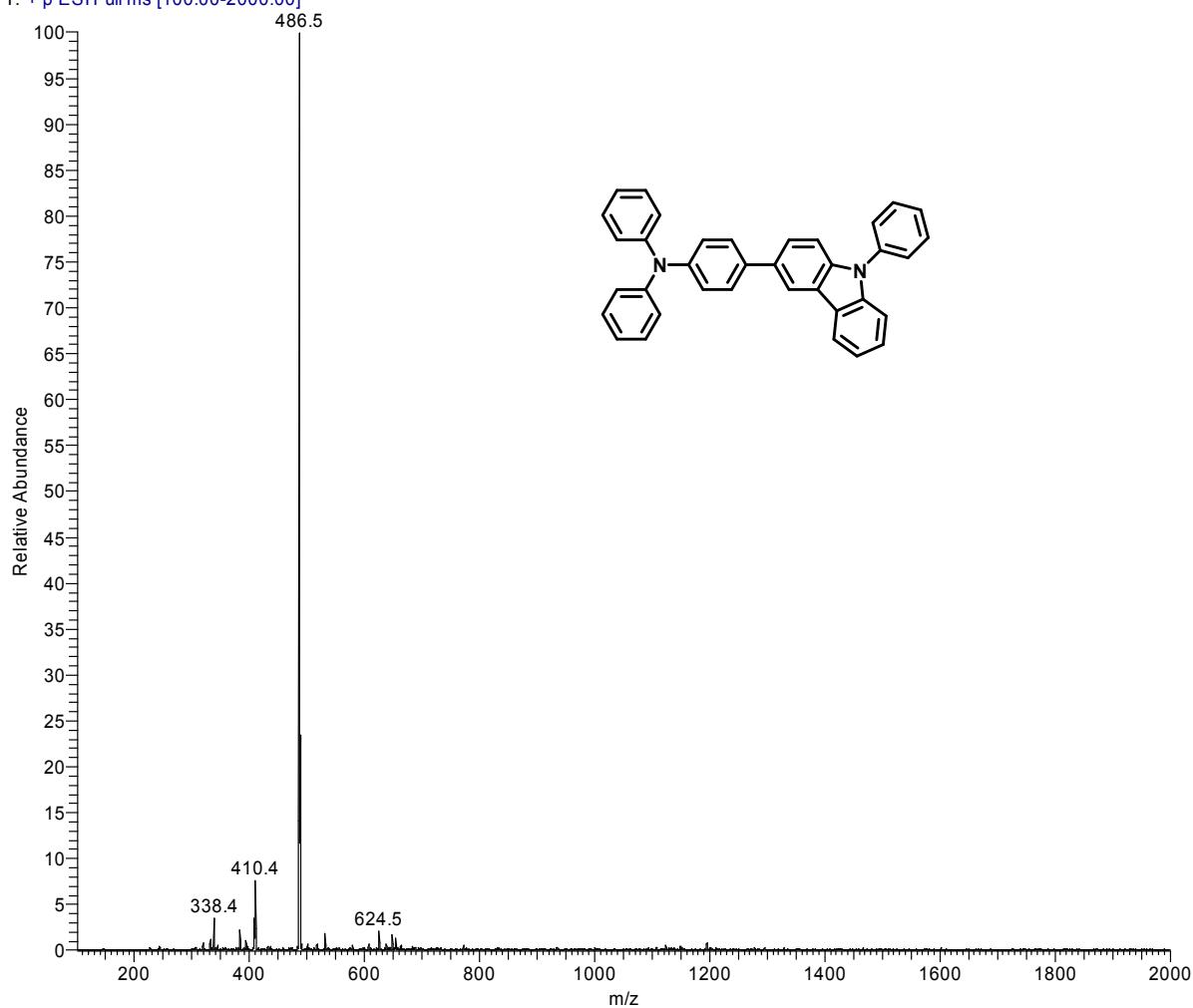
**Fig. S13** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of TPCA6M



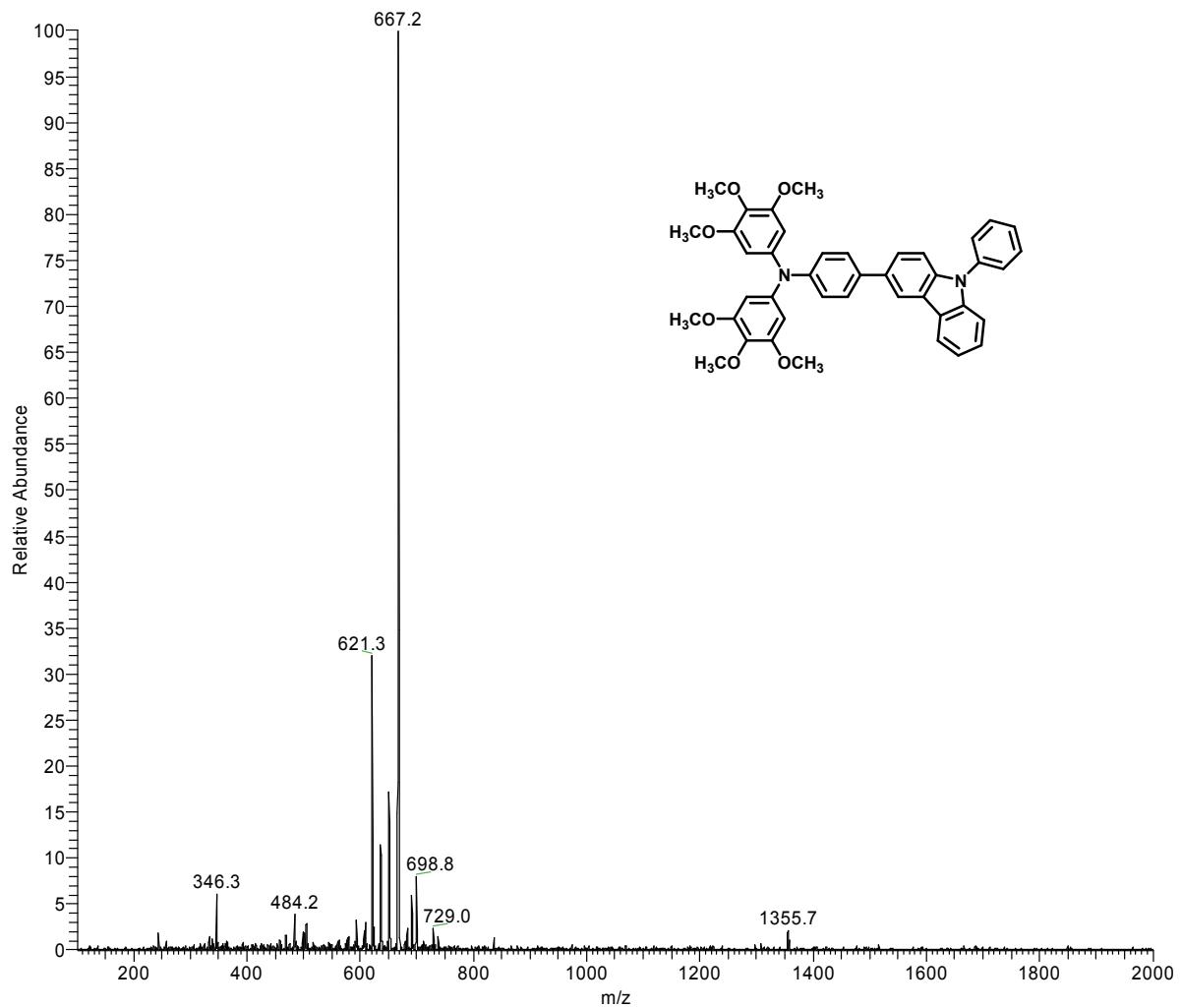
**Fig. S14** <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of TPCA0M



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**Fig. S16** High resolution mass spectrum of **TPCA0M**



**Fig. S17** High resolution mass spectrum of **TPCA6M**