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**A BODIPY boronium cation for the sensing of fluoride ions**

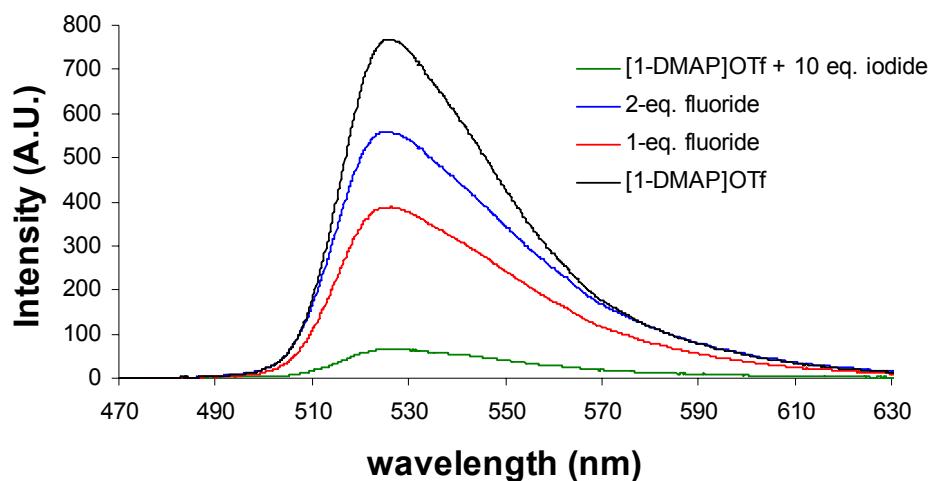
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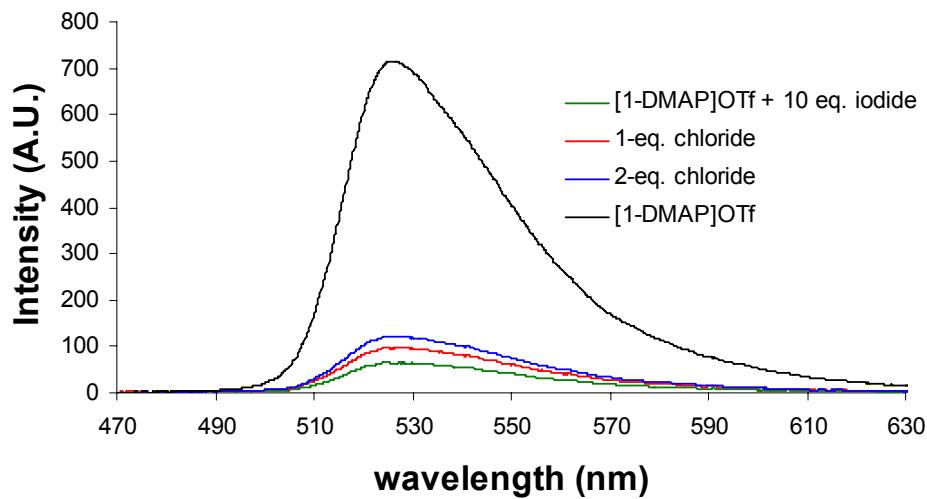
**Supporting information**

### Fluorescence measurements

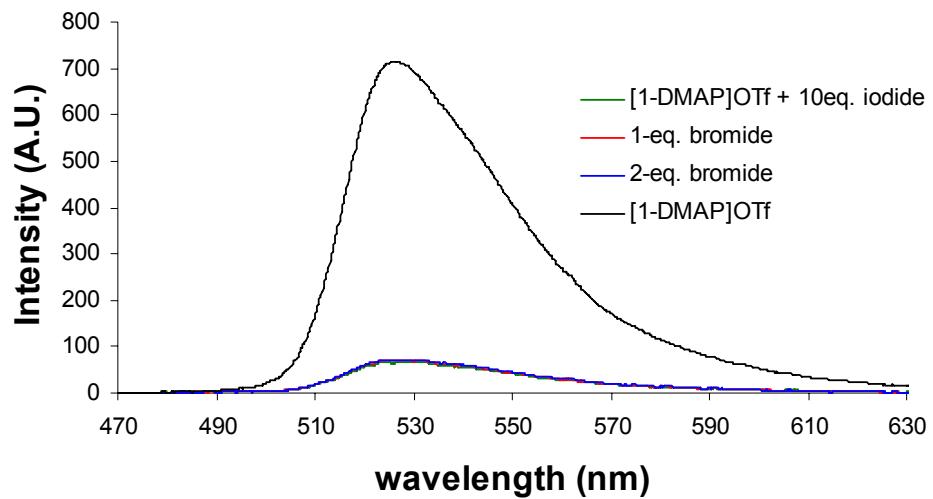
Emission spectra were recorded using an Ocean Optics Inc. USB4000-FL fluorometer equipped with a PX-2 pulsed xenon lamp. Solutions were excited at 486 nm using a LVF-HL linear variable high-low filter monochromator. In a typical experiment, a quartz cuvette was charged with 3 mL of [1-DMAP]OTf ( $5.1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in chloroform and mixed with 10 eq Bu<sub>4</sub>NI (5 μL, 0.3 M). The fluorescence of the resulting solution was then monitored upon addition of halide salts (Bu<sub>4</sub>NF, BnEt<sub>3</sub>NCl, and Bu<sub>4</sub>NBr).



**Figure S1.** Emission spectra of [1-DMAP]OTf in the presence of iodide and fluoride anions.



**Figure S2.** Emission spectra of [1-DMAP]OTf in the presence of iodide and chloride anions.



**Figure S3.** Emission spectra of **[1-DMAP]OTf** in the presence of iodide and bromide anions.