## **Supporting Information**

## Femto to millisecond observations of indole-based squaraines molecules photodynamics in solution

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**Figure S1.** Normalized absorption spectra of SQ 4 in ACN at four different concentrations,  $10^{-5}$  (black triangles,  $\nabla$ ),  $10^{-6}$ (red squares,  $\Box$ ),  $10^{-7}$  (green circles O) and  $2x10^{-8}$  M (blue triangles,  $\Delta$ ).



**Figure S2.** Anisotropy decays of SQ 2 (blue circles,  $\bigcirc$ ), SQ 4 (red squares,  $\square$ ), SQ 26 (green triangles,  $\triangle$ ), SQ 41 (orange triangles,  $\bigtriangledown$ ), Me-SQ 41 (purple diamonds,  $\blacklozenge$ ), Me-SQ 26 (pink circles,  $\bigcirc$ ) and 2Me-SQ 26 (green circles,  $\bigcirc$ ) in ACN solutions, monitored at 680 nm and excited at 635 nm. The solid curves are from the best fits of the experimental data.



**Figure S3.** Normalized femtosecond transient absorption spectra of SQ 41 in ACN at 1 ps after excitation at 640 nm.



**Figure S4.** Change of the microsecond transient absorption spectra of SQ 41 in DCM (A) and in TAC (B) at four time delays after the laser pulse excitation (640 nm).



**Figure S5.** Microsecond time profiles of the variation in the normalized absorption intensity ( $\Delta A$ ) of SQ 41 in DCM (A) and in TAC (B) at 660 and 630 nm. The solid curves represent the best fits of the experimental data. Lifetimes of 1.6 and 4  $\mu$ s were obtained from the fits in DCM and TAC, respectively.



**Figure S6.** Microsecond transient visible absorption spectra of  $10^{-4}$  M of SQ 41, SQ 26, SQ 4, SQ 2 and Me-SQ 41 in MeOH at four time delays after the laser pulse excitation (640 nm).