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Figure S1: FT-IR spectrum of L.H<sub>2</sub>O (neat).



Figure S2: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of L.H<sub>2</sub>O in CDCl3 at RT.



Figure S3: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of L.H<sub>2</sub>O in CDCl3 at RT.



Figure S4: FT-IR spectrum of 1 (neat).



Figure S5: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1 in DMSO-d6 at RT.



Figure S6: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1 in DMSO-d6 at RT.



Figure S7. Solution state UV-vis spectra of L.H<sub>2</sub>O, and 1 in methanol at RT ( $2.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ).



**Figure S8:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the product isolated from the Knoevenagel condensation of 8hydroxyquinoline-2carbaldehyde with ethyl 2-cyanoacetate in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at RT.