

# The application of amide unit in the construction of neutral functional dyes for mitochondrial staining

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**1.Table**

**Table S1** A summary of optical changes of dyes **2a-e** in different solvents.

| Dyes      | Solvents          | $\lambda_{\text{Abs, max}}^{\text{a}}$ | $\lambda_{\text{Em, max}}^{\text{a}}$ | Stokes shift <sup>a</sup> | $\epsilon^{\text{b}}$ | $\Phi^{\text{c, d}}$ |
|-----------|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>2a</b> | H <sub>2</sub> O  | 555                                    | ND <sup>e</sup>                       | ND <sup>e</sup>           | 2.23                  | ND <sup>e</sup>      |
| <b>2a</b> | DMSO              | 563                                    | 639                                   | 76                        | 4.33                  | 86                   |
| <b>2a</b> | MeOH              | 563                                    | 644                                   | 81                        | 4.21                  | 45                   |
| <b>2a</b> | CHCl <sub>3</sub> | 554                                    | 604                                   | 50                        | 4.32                  | 94                   |
| <b>2a</b> | THF               | 540                                    | 604                                   | 64                        | 4.12                  | 96                   |
| <b>2a</b> | TOL               | 538                                    | 591                                   | 53                        | 4.02                  | 89                   |
| <b>2b</b> | H <sub>2</sub> O  | 585                                    | ND <sup>e</sup>                       | ND <sup>e</sup>           | 2.37                  | ND <sup>e</sup>      |
| <b>2b</b> | DMSO              | 564                                    | 630                                   | 66                        | 6.07                  | 75                   |
| <b>2b</b> | MeOH              | 563                                    | 635                                   | 72                        | 5.70                  | 63                   |
| <b>2b</b> | CHCl <sub>3</sub> | 552                                    | 597                                   | 45                        | 5.98                  | 90                   |
| <b>2b</b> | THF               | 540                                    | 592                                   | 52                        | 5.74                  | 95                   |
| <b>2b</b> | TOL               | 536                                    | 589                                   | 53                        | 4.78                  | 93                   |
| <b>2c</b> | H <sub>2</sub> O  | 596                                    | ND <sup>e</sup>                       | ND <sup>e</sup>           | 4.99                  | ND <sup>e</sup>      |
| <b>2c</b> | DMSO              | 563                                    | 655                                   | 92                        | 5.36                  | 89                   |
| <b>2c</b> | MeOH              | 563                                    | 660                                   | 97                        | 4.60                  | 45                   |
| <b>2c</b> | CHCl <sub>3</sub> | 552                                    | 621                                   | 69                        | 5.09                  | 92                   |
| <b>2c</b> | THF               | 539                                    | 628                                   | 59                        | 4.94                  | 95                   |
| <b>2c</b> | TOL               | 535                                    | 618                                   | 83                        | 2.96                  | 93                   |
| <b>2d</b> | H <sub>2</sub> O  | 573                                    | ND <sup>e</sup>                       | ND <sup>e</sup>           | 2.18                  | ND <sup>e</sup>      |
| <b>2d</b> | DMSO              | 561                                    | 640                                   | 79                        | 3.15                  | 83                   |
| <b>2d</b> | MeOH              | 560                                    | 657                                   | 97                        | 3.10                  | 27                   |
| <b>2d</b> | CHCl <sub>3</sub> | 551                                    | 607                                   | 56                        | 3.31                  | 87                   |
| <b>2d</b> | THF               | 538                                    | 601                                   | 63                        | 3.24                  | 96                   |
| <b>2d</b> | TOL               | 535                                    | 586                                   | 51                        | 3.05                  | 92                   |
| <b>2e</b> | H <sub>2</sub> O  | 558                                    | ND <sup>e</sup>                       | ND <sup>e</sup>           | 2.32                  | ND <sup>e</sup>      |
| <b>2e</b> | DMSO              | 563                                    | 620                                   | 57                        | 3.92                  | 83                   |
| <b>2e</b> | MeOH              | 562                                    | 629                                   | 67                        | 3.75                  | 23                   |
| <b>2e</b> | CHCl <sub>3</sub> | 553                                    | 585                                   | 32                        | 3.86                  | 74                   |
| <b>2e</b> | THF               | 539                                    | 581                                   | 42                        | 3.87                  | 90                   |
| <b>2e</b> | TOL               | 535                                    | 583                                   | 48                        | 3.72                  | 81                   |

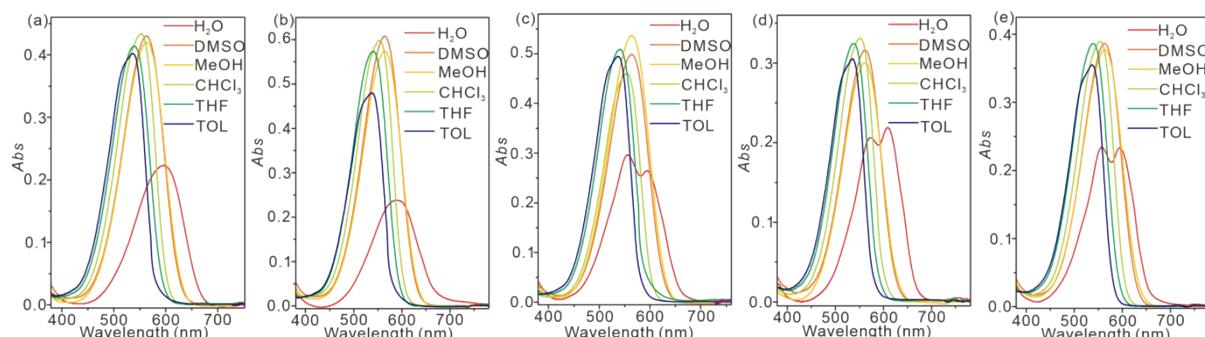
<sup>a</sup> Reported in nm. <sup>b</sup> Cresyl violet ( $\Phi = 0.578$  in ethanol) was used as the reference dye. <sup>c</sup> reported in  $10^4 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . <sup>d</sup> not detectable. The water solutions contained 1% DMSO.

**Table S2** A summary of optical changes of dyes **3a-e** in different solvents.

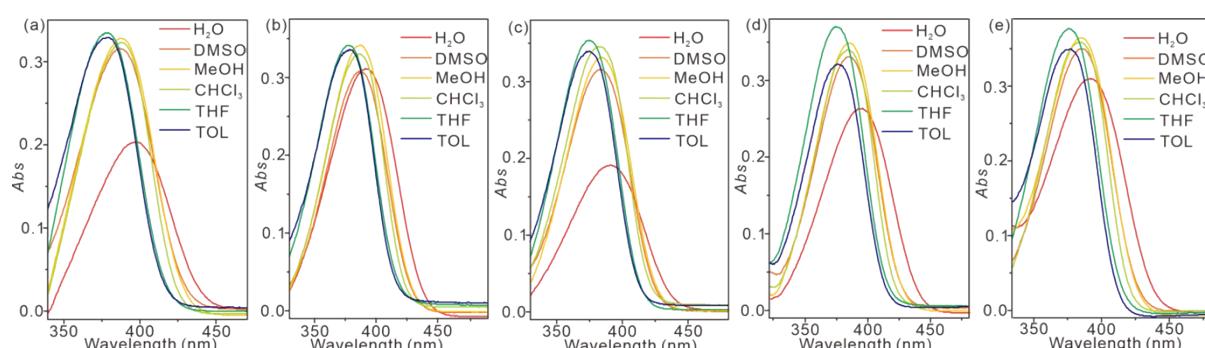
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|-----------|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>3a</b> | H <sub>2</sub> O  | 398                                    | 489                                   | 91                        | 2.04                  | 38                   |
| <b>3a</b> | DMSO              | 386                                    | 482                                   | 96                        | 3.16                  | 80                   |
| <b>3a</b> | MeOH              | 388                                    | 471                                   | 83                        | 3.28                  | 89                   |
| <b>3a</b> | CHCl <sub>3</sub> | 388                                    | 457                                   | 69                        | 3.22                  | 65                   |
| <b>3a</b> | THF               | 379                                    | 469                                   | 90                        | 3.34                  | 68                   |
| <b>3a</b> | TOL               | 379                                    | 458                                   | 79                        | 3.29                  | 55                   |
| <b>3b</b> | H <sub>2</sub> O  | 393                                    | 481                                   | 88                        | 3.05                  | 31                   |
| <b>3b</b> | DMSO              | 387                                    | 483                                   | 96                        | 3.08                  | 77                   |
| <b>3b</b> | MeOH              | 386                                    | 475                                   | 89                        | 3.41                  | 85                   |
| <b>3b</b> | CHCl <sub>3</sub> | 386                                    | 459                                   | 73                        | 3.29                  | 52                   |
| <b>3b</b> | THF               | 376                                    | 459                                   | 83                        | 3.44                  | 48                   |
| <b>3b</b> | TOL               | 379                                    | 460                                   | 81                        | 3.36                  | 65                   |
| <b>3c</b> | H <sub>2</sub> O  | 391                                    | 479                                   | 88                        | 2.94                  | 50                   |
| <b>3c</b> | DMSO              | 385                                    | 472                                   | 87                        | 3.47                  | 78                   |
| <b>3c</b> | MeOH              | 386                                    | 469                                   | 83                        | 3.61                  | 93                   |
| <b>3c</b> | CHCl <sub>3</sub> | 385                                    | 455                                   | 70                        | 3.57                  | 97                   |
| <b>3c</b> | THF               | 376                                    | 462                                   | 86                        | 3.76                  | 57                   |
| <b>3c</b> | TOL               | 378                                    | 456                                   | 78                        | 3.49                  | 55                   |
| <b>3d</b> | H <sub>2</sub> O  | 390                                    | 482                                   | 92                        | 1.78                  | 55                   |
| <b>3d</b> | DMSO              | 383                                    | 475                                   | 92                        | 3.15                  | 71                   |
| <b>3d</b> | MeOH              | 384                                    | 470                                   | 86                        | 3.29                  | 65                   |
| <b>3d</b> | CHCl <sub>3</sub> | 380                                    | 457                                   | 77                        | 3.49                  | 54                   |
| <b>3d</b> | THF               | 374                                    | 459                                   | 85                        | 3.51                  | 48                   |
| <b>3d</b> | TOL               | 374                                    | 457                                   | 83                        | 3.38                  | 52                   |
| <b>3e</b> | H <sub>2</sub> O  | 395                                    | 483                                   | 88                        | 2.55                  | 67                   |
| <b>3e</b> | DMSO              | 385                                    | 470                                   | 85                        | 3.31                  | 90                   |
| <b>3e</b> | MeOH              | 386                                    | 468                                   | 82                        | 3.48                  | 92                   |
| <b>3e</b> | CHCl <sub>3</sub> | 385                                    | 458                                   | 73                        | 3.39                  | 67                   |
| <b>3e</b> | THF               | 376                                    | 455                                   | 79                        | 3.69                  | 45                   |
| <b>3e</b> | TOL               | 375                                    | 459                                   | 84                        | 3.21                  | 46                   |

<sup>a</sup> Reported in nm. <sup>b</sup> Coumarin 153 ( $\Phi = 0.546$  in ethanol) was used as the reference dye. <sup>c</sup> reported in  $10^4 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . <sup>d</sup> not detectable. The water solutions contained 1% DMSO.

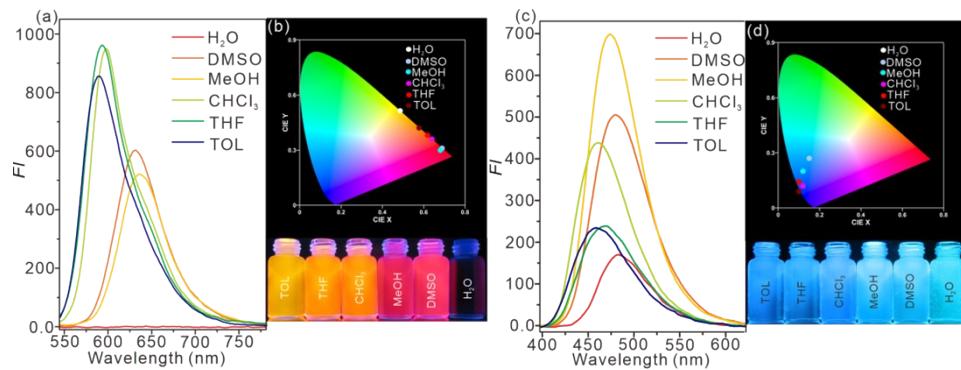
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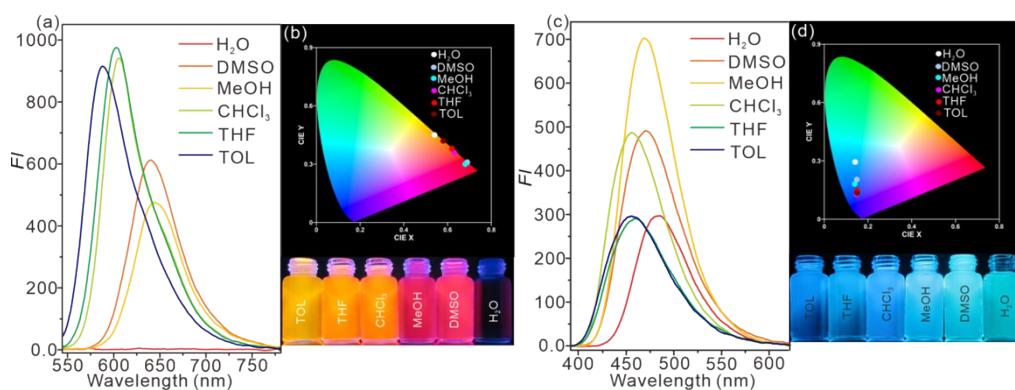
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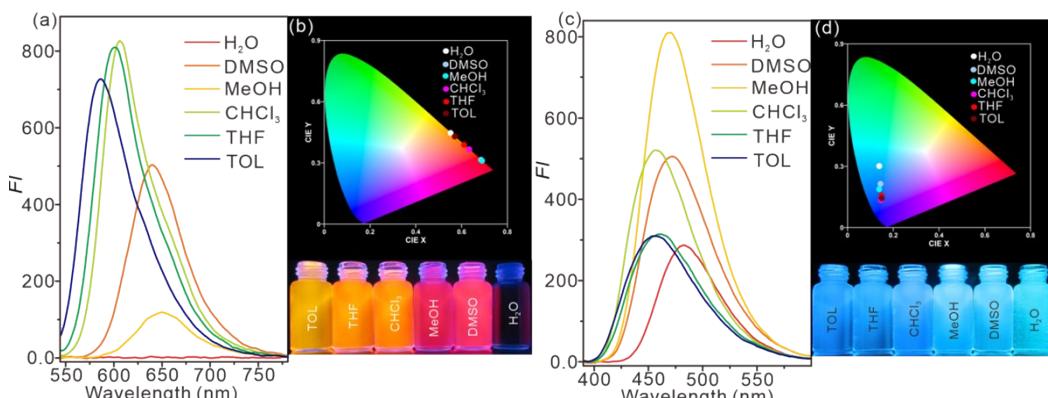
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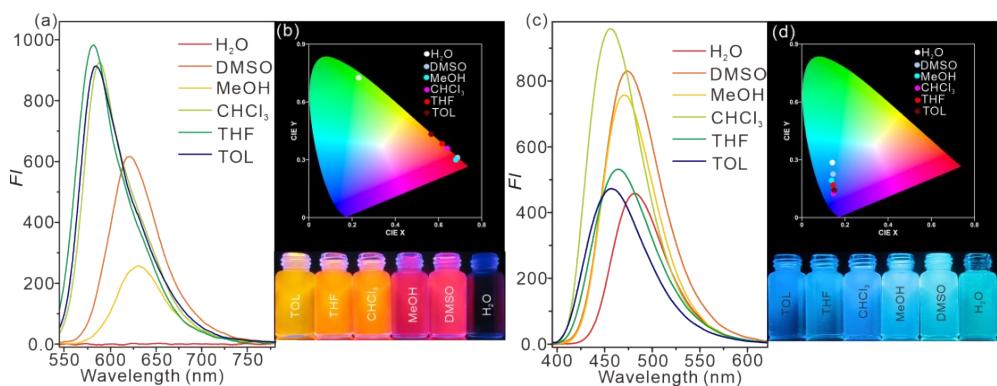
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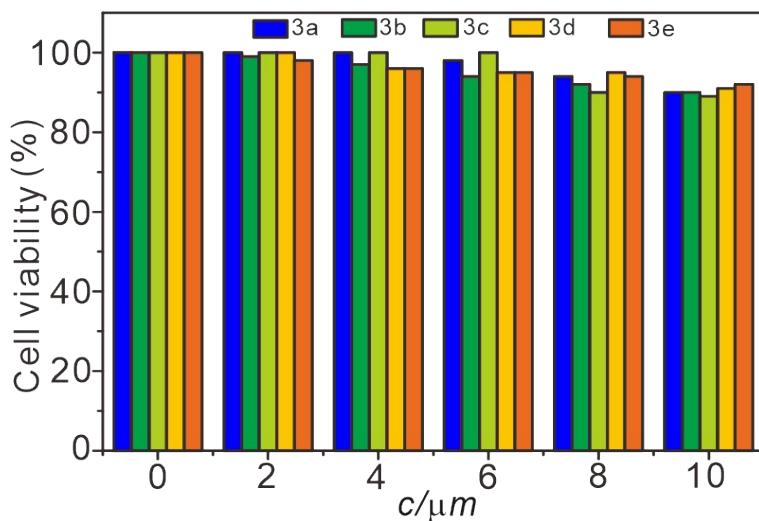
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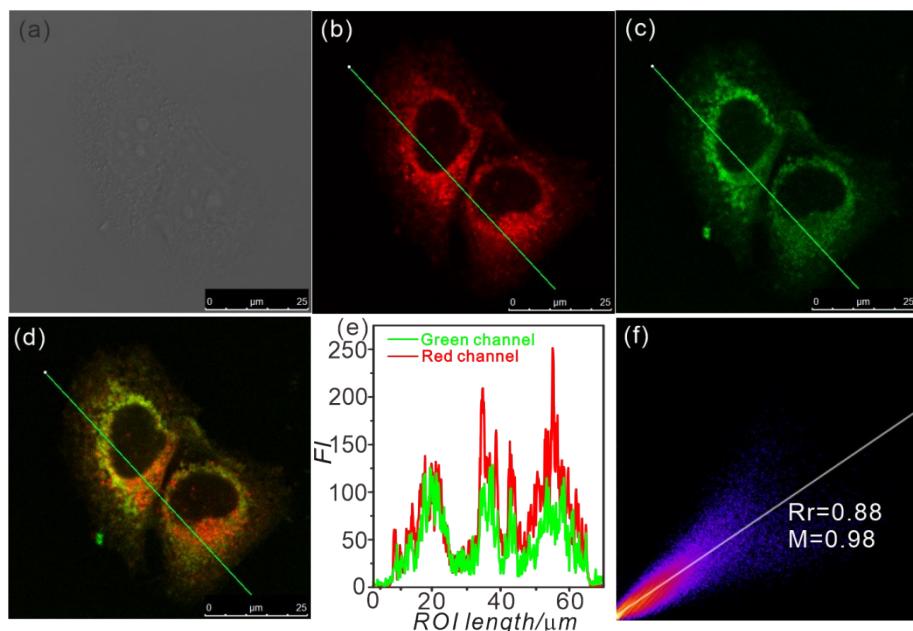
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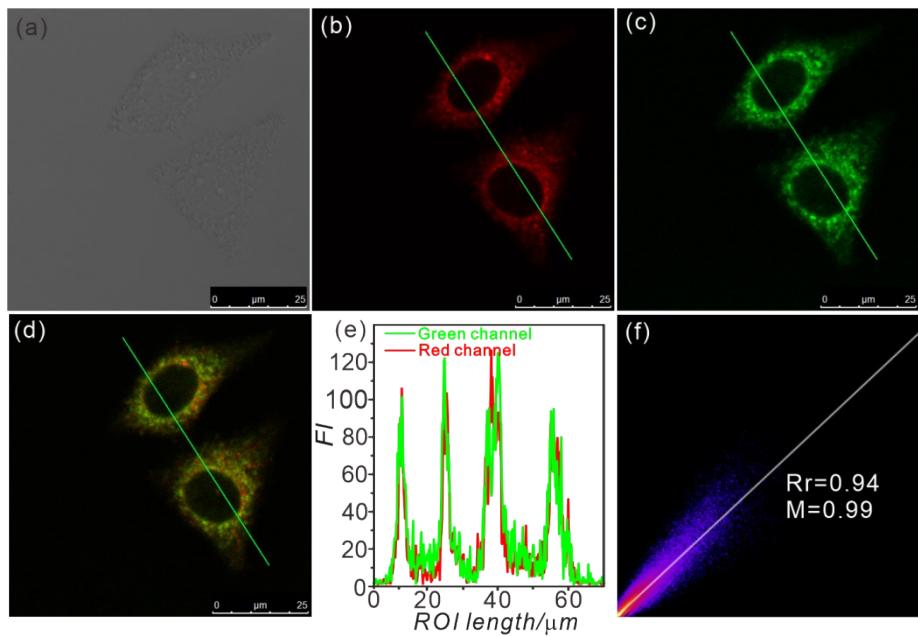
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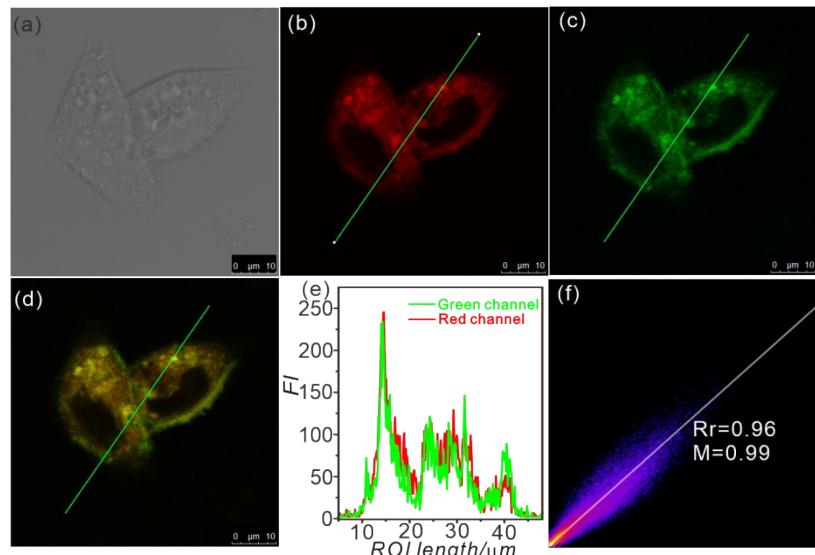
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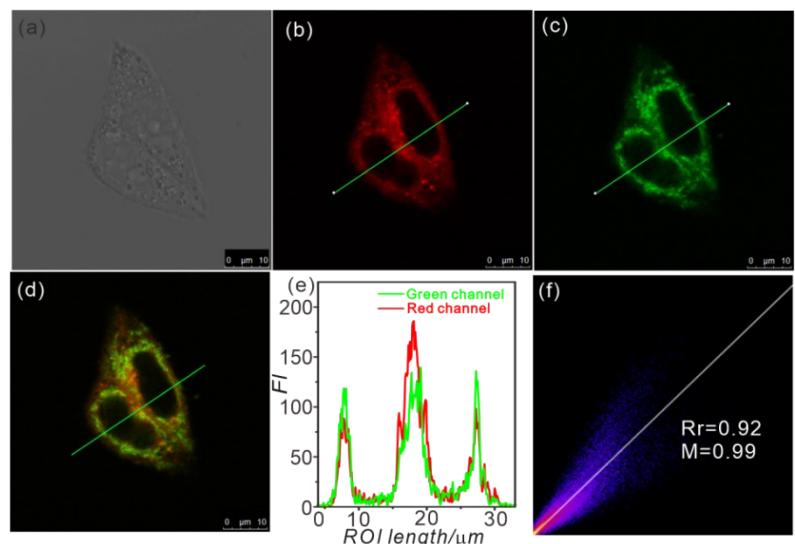
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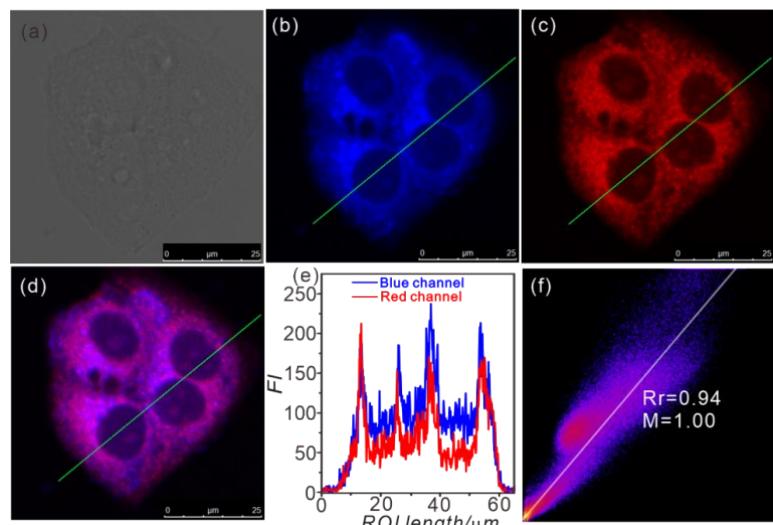
**Fig. S9** Confocal fluorescence images of HeLa cells with dye **2c**. (a) Bright field images; (b) confocal image (red channel) of cells with dye **2c** (2 μM); (c) confocal image (green channel) of cells with Mito-Tracker<sup>®</sup> Green FM (100 nM); (d) merged images of the green and red channels; (e) fluorescence intensities of the regions of interest (ROIs) across the cells; (f) fluorescence intensity correlation plot of the green channel and red channel.



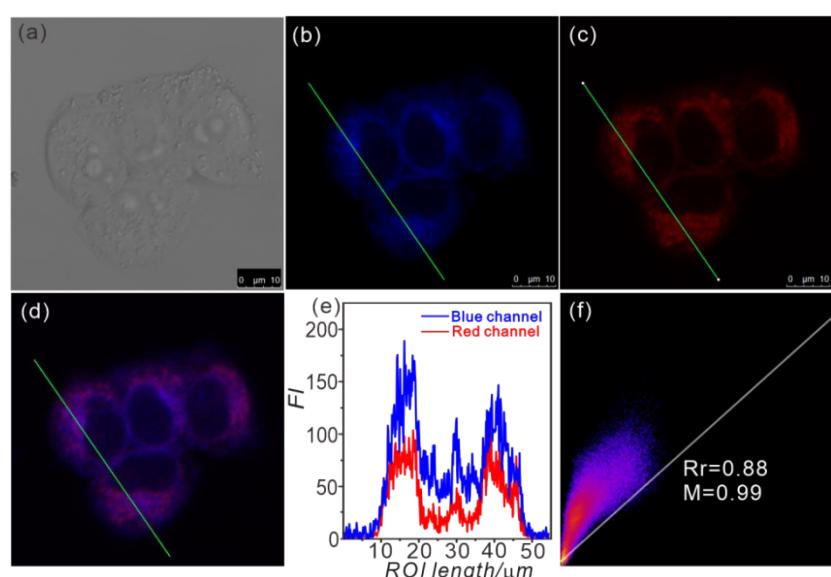
**Fig. S10** Confocal fluorescence images of HeLa cells with dye **2d**. (a) Bright field images; (b) confocal image (red channel) of cells with dye **2d** (2 μM); (c) confocal image (green channel) of cells with Mito-Tracker<sup>®</sup> Green FM (100 nM); (d) merged images of the green and red channels; (e) fluorescence intensities of the regions of interest (ROIs) across the cells; (f) fluorescence intensity correlation plot of the green channel and red channel.



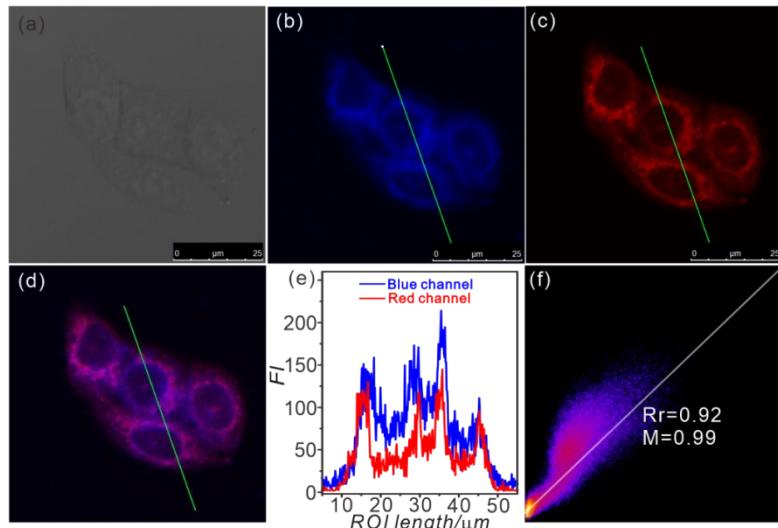
**Fig. S11** Confocal fluorescence images of HeLa cells with dye **2e**. (a) Bright field images; (b) confocal image (red channel) of cells with dye **2e** (2  $\mu\text{M}$ ); (c) confocal image (green channel) of cells with Mito-Tracker s Green FM (100 nM); (d) merged images of the green and red channels; (e) fluorescence intensities of the regions of interest (ROIs) across the cells; (f) fluorescence intensity correlation plot of the green channel and red channel.



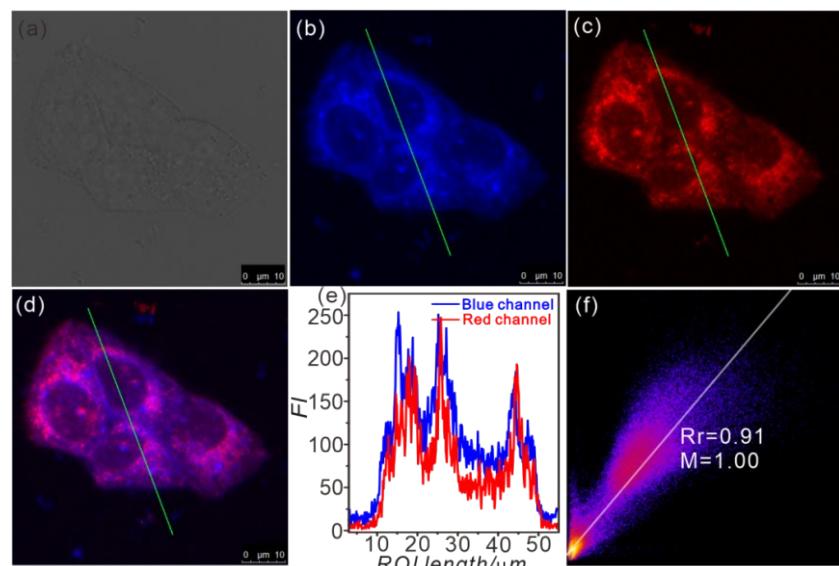
**Fig. 12** Confocal fluorescence image of HeLa cells with dye **3b**. (a) bright field images; (b) confocal image (blue channel) of cells with dye **3b** (2  $\mu\text{M}$ ); (c) confocal image (red channel) of cells with MitoTracker® Red CMXRos (100 nM); (d) merged images of blue and red channels; (e) fluorescence intensities of the regions of interest (ROIs) across the cells, (f) fluorescence intensity correlation plot of blue channel and red channel.



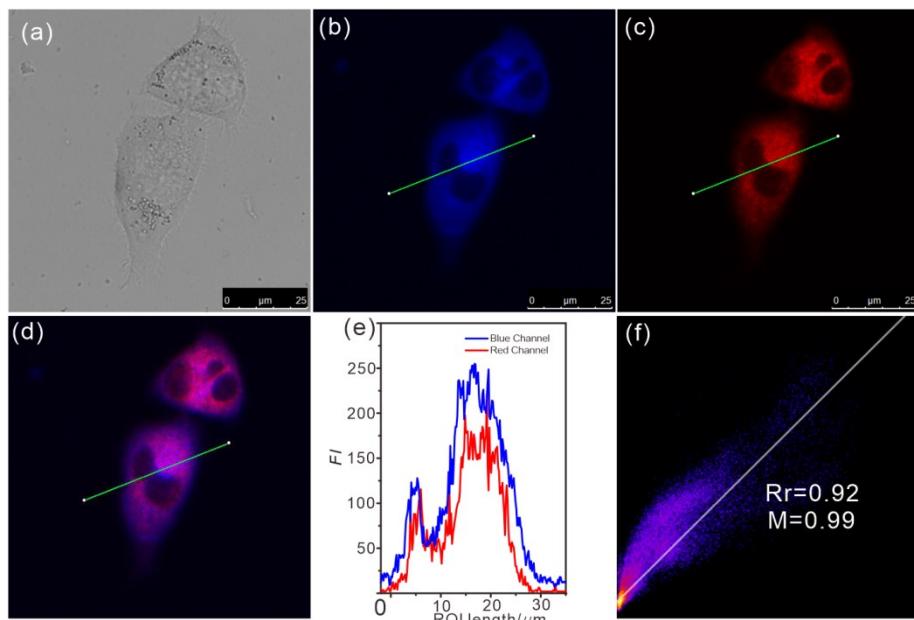
**Fig. S13** Confocal fluorescence image of HeLa cells with dye **3c**. (a) bright field images; (b) confocal image (blue channel) of cells with dye **3c** (2  $\mu$ M); (c) confocal image (red channel) of cells with MitoTracker® Red CMXRos (100 nM); (d) merged images of blue and red channels; (e) fluorescence intensities of the regions of interest (ROIs) across the cells, (f) fluorescence intensity correlation plot of blue channel and red channel.



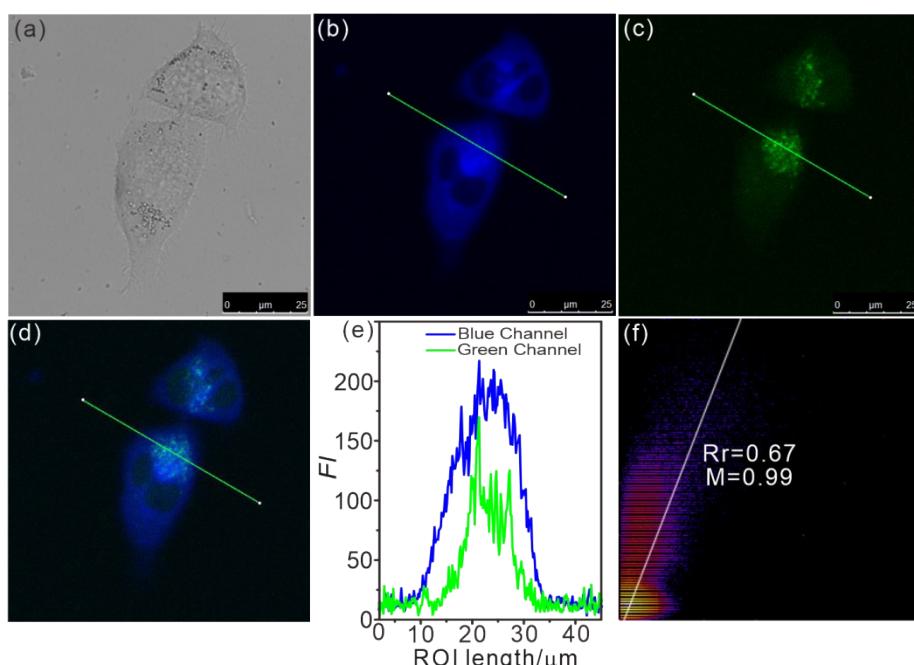
**Fig. S14** Confocal fluorescence image of HeLa cells with dye **3d**. (a) bright field images; (b) confocal image (blue channel) of cells with dye **3d** (2  $\mu$ M); (c) confocal image (red channel) of cells with MitoTracker® Red CMXRos (100 nM); (d) merged images of blue and red channels; (e) fluorescence intensities of the regions of interest (ROIs) across the cells, (f) fluorescence intensity correlation plot of blue channel and red channel.



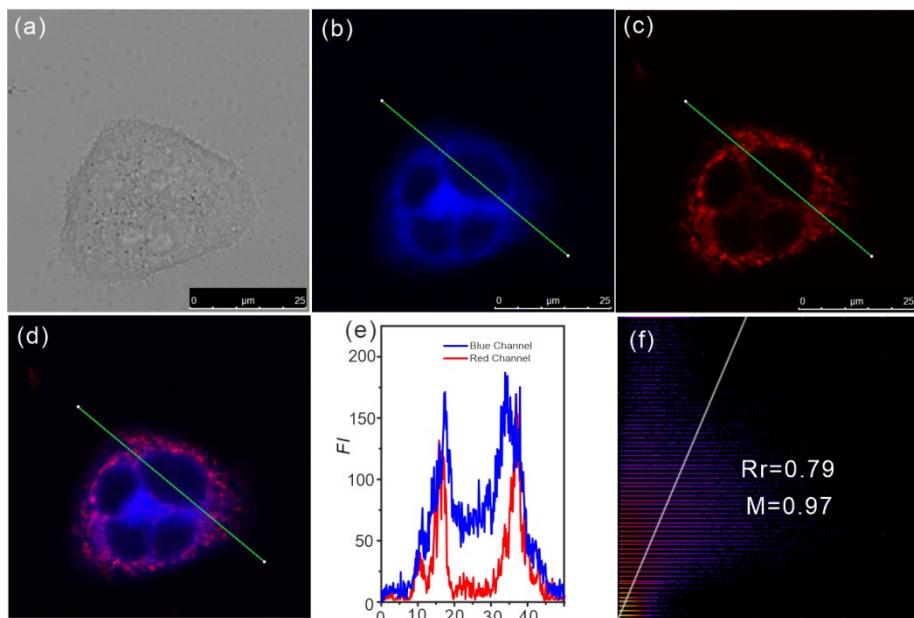
**Fig. S15** Confocal fluorescence image of HeLa cells with dye **3e**. (a) bright field images; (b) confocal image (blue channel) of cells with dye **3e** (2  $\mu$ M); (c) confocal image (red channel) of cells with MitoTracker® Red CMXRos (100 nM); (d) merged images of blue and red channels; (e) fluorescence intensities of the regions of interest (ROIs) across the cells, (f) fluorescence intensity correlation plot of blue channel and red channel.



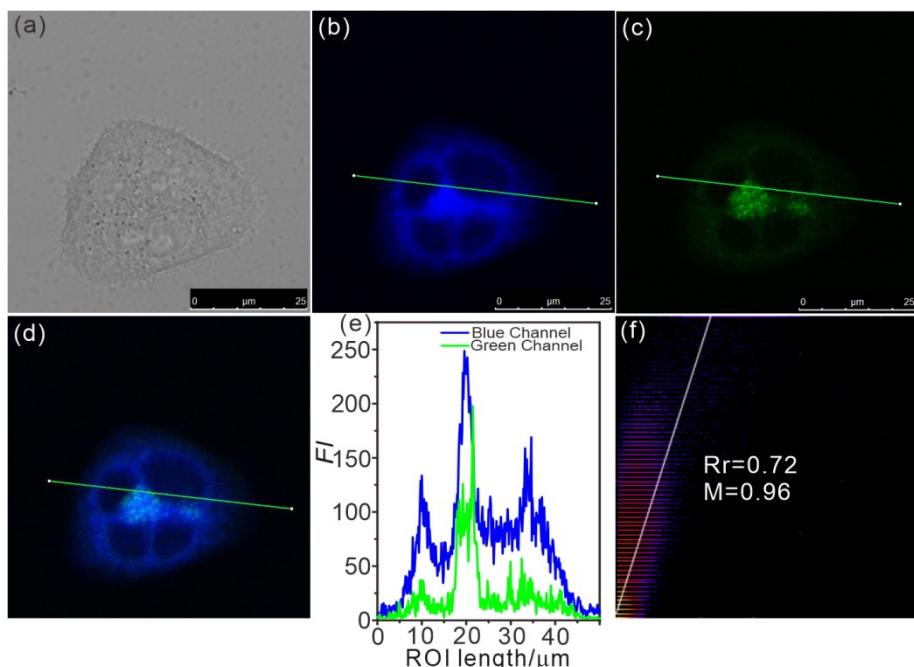
**Fig. S16** Confocal fluorescence image of HeLa cells with dye **3a**. (a) bright field images; (b) confocal image (blue channel) of cells with dye **3a** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ); (c) confocal image (red channel) of cells with MitoTracker® Red CMXRos (100 nM); (d) merged images of blue and red channels; (e) fluorescence intensities of the regions of interest (ROIs) across the cells, (f) fluorescence intensity correlation plot of blue channel and red channel.



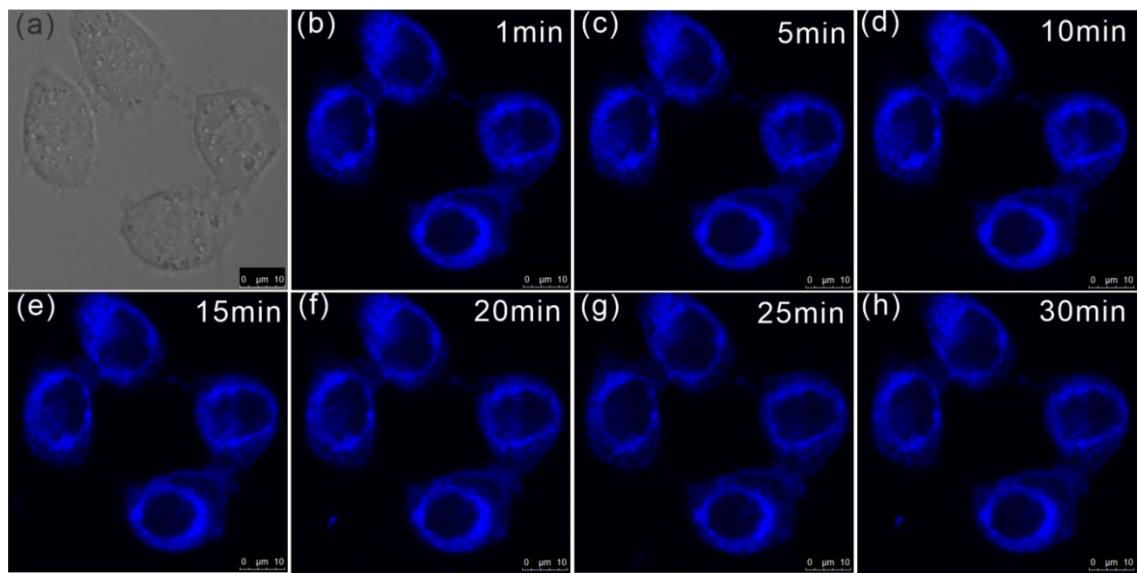
**Fig. S17** Confocal fluorescence image of HeLa cells with dye **3a**. (a) bright field images; (b) confocal image (blue channel) of cells with dye **3a** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ); (c) confocal images (green channel) of cells with Lysotracker Green DND-26 (100 nM); (d) merged images of blue and green channels; (e) fluorescence intensities of the regions of interest (ROIs) across the cells; (f) fluorescence intensity correlation plot of blue channel and green channel.



**Fig. S18** Confocal fluorescence image of HeLa cells with dye **3b**. (a) bright field images; (b) confocal image (blue channel) of cells with dye **3b** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ); (c) confocal image (red channel) of cells with MitoTracker® Red CMXRos (100 nM); (d) merged images of blue and red channels; (e) fluorescence intensities of the regions of interest (ROIs) across the cells, (f) fluorescence intensity correlation plot of blue channel and red channel.

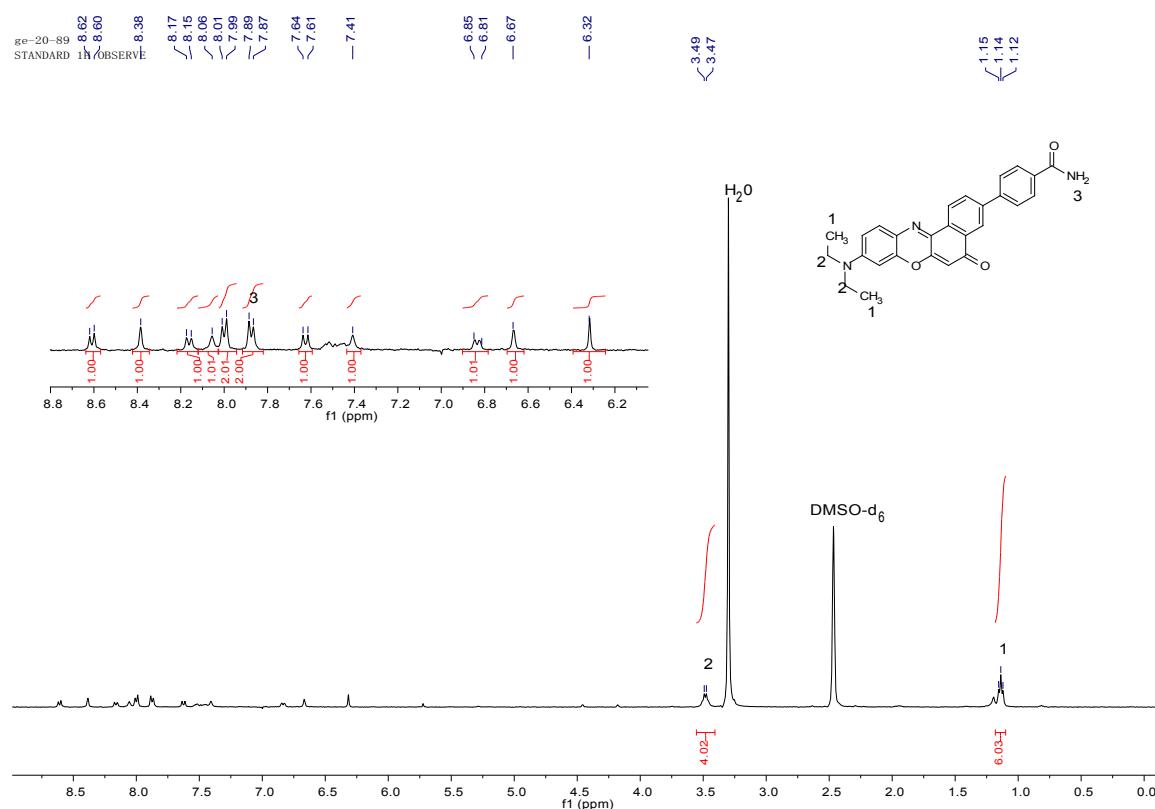


**Fig. S19** Confocal fluorescence image of HeLa cells with dye **3b**. (a) bright field images; (b) confocal image (blue channel) of cells with dye **3b** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ); (c) confocal images (green channel) of cells with Lysotracker Green DND-26 (100 nM); (d) merged images of blue and green channels; (e) fluorescence intensities of the regions of interest (ROIs) across the cells; (f) fluorescence intensity correlation plot of blue channel and green channel.

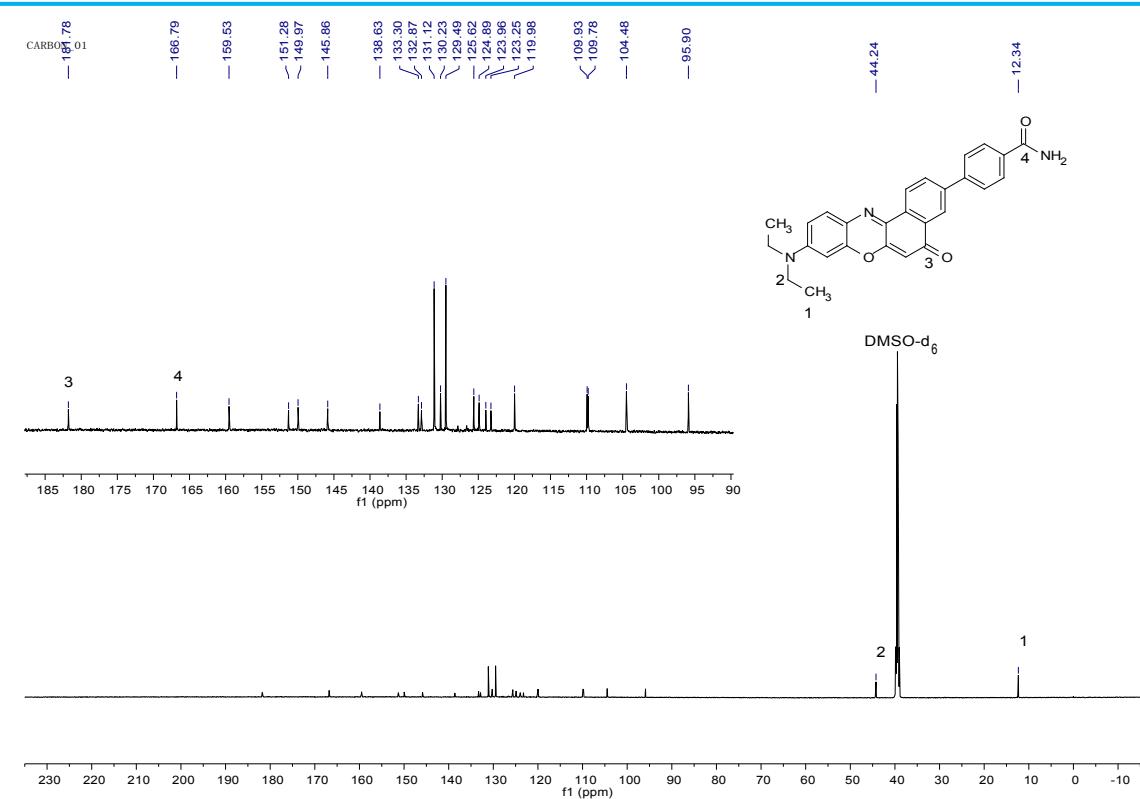


**Fig. S20** (a) Bright field images; (b-h) the images of dye **3a** in HeLa cells after 30 minutes of continuous irradiation by the excitation light source (405 nm).

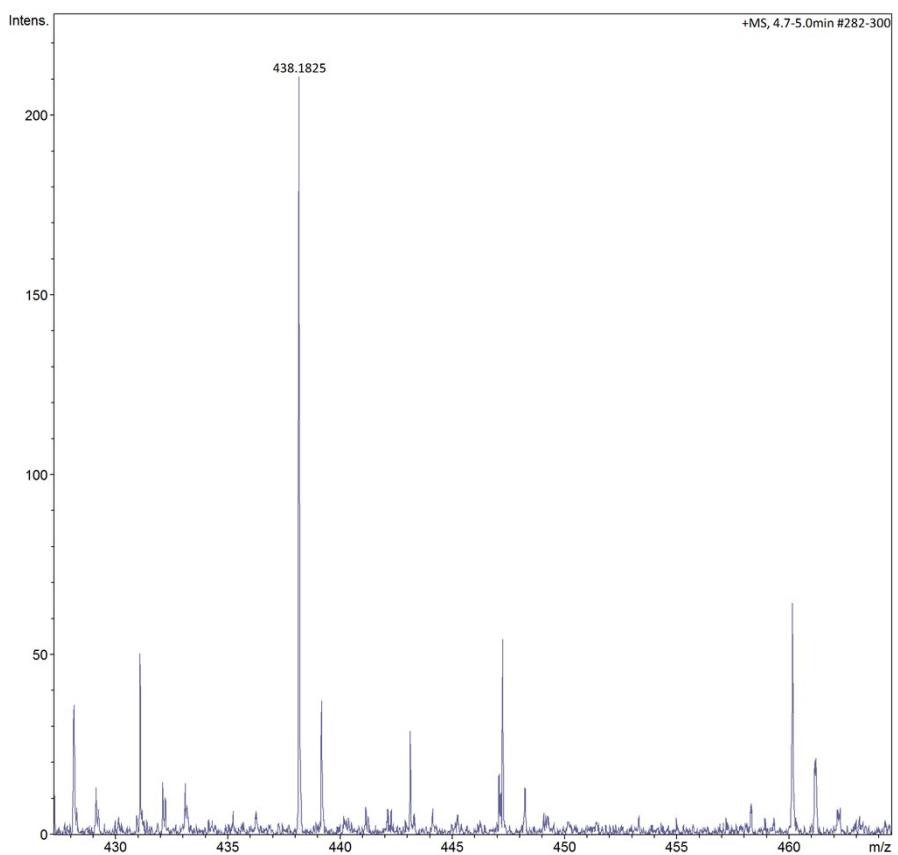
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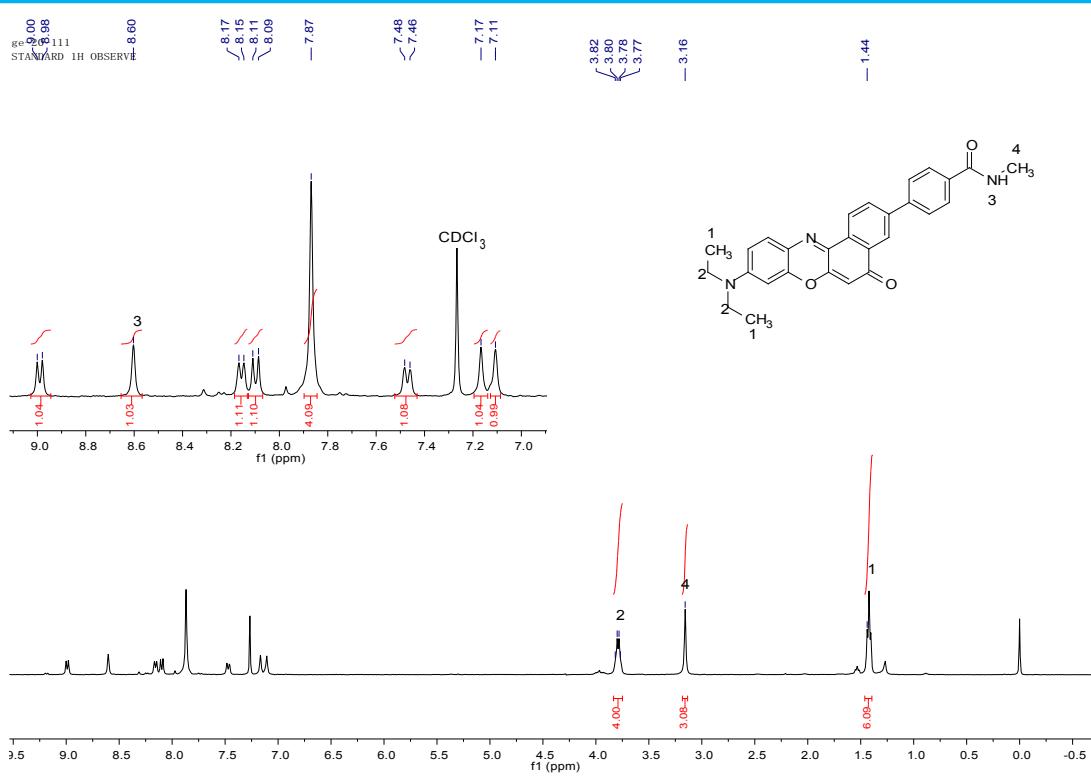
**Fig. S21** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of dye 2a.



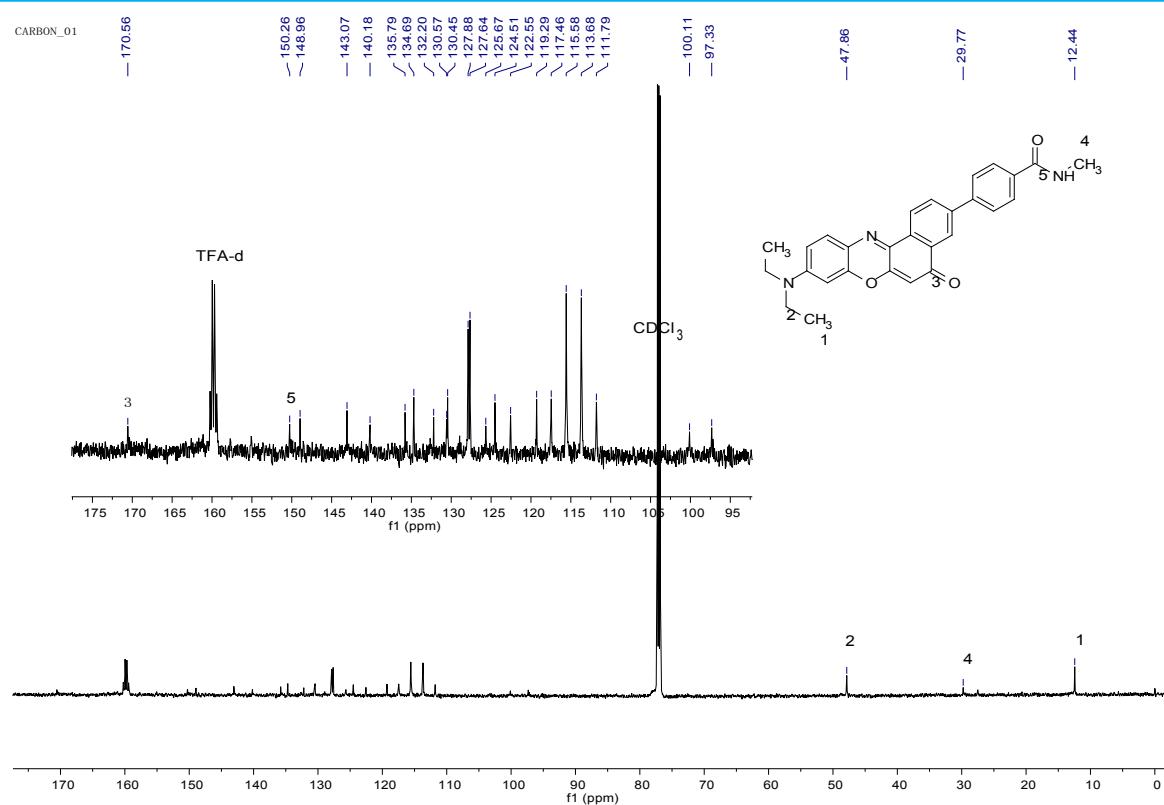
**Fig. S22** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of dye 2a.



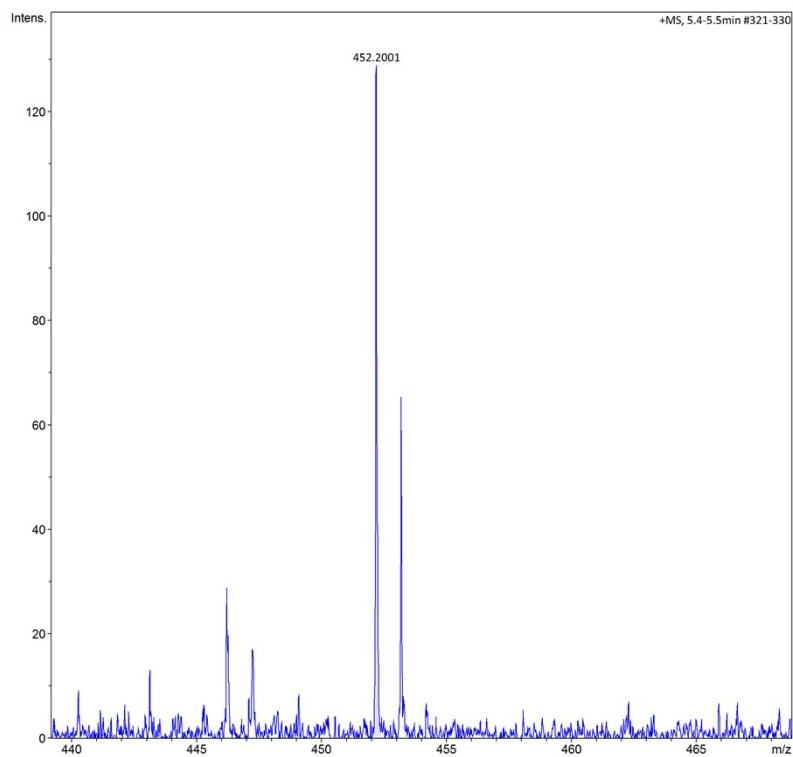
**Fig. S23** HRMS ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ) spectrum of dye **2a**.



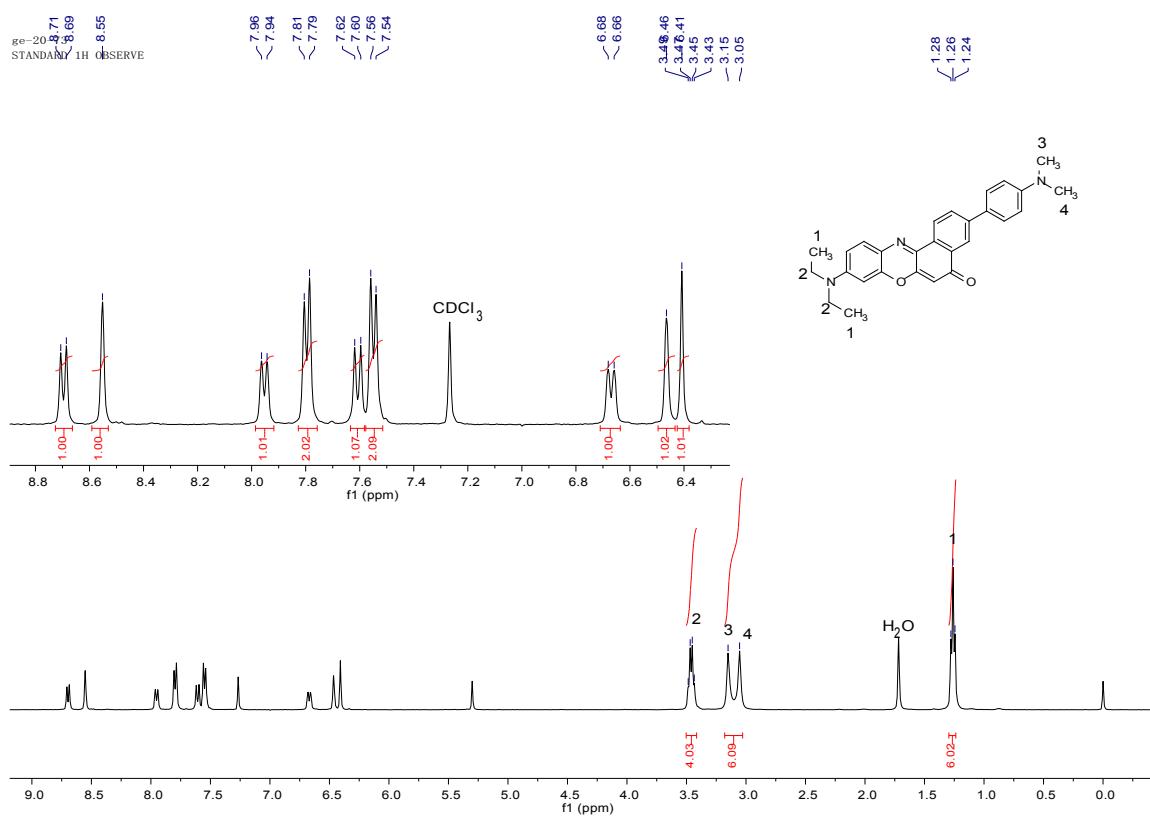
**Fig. S24**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of dye **2b**.



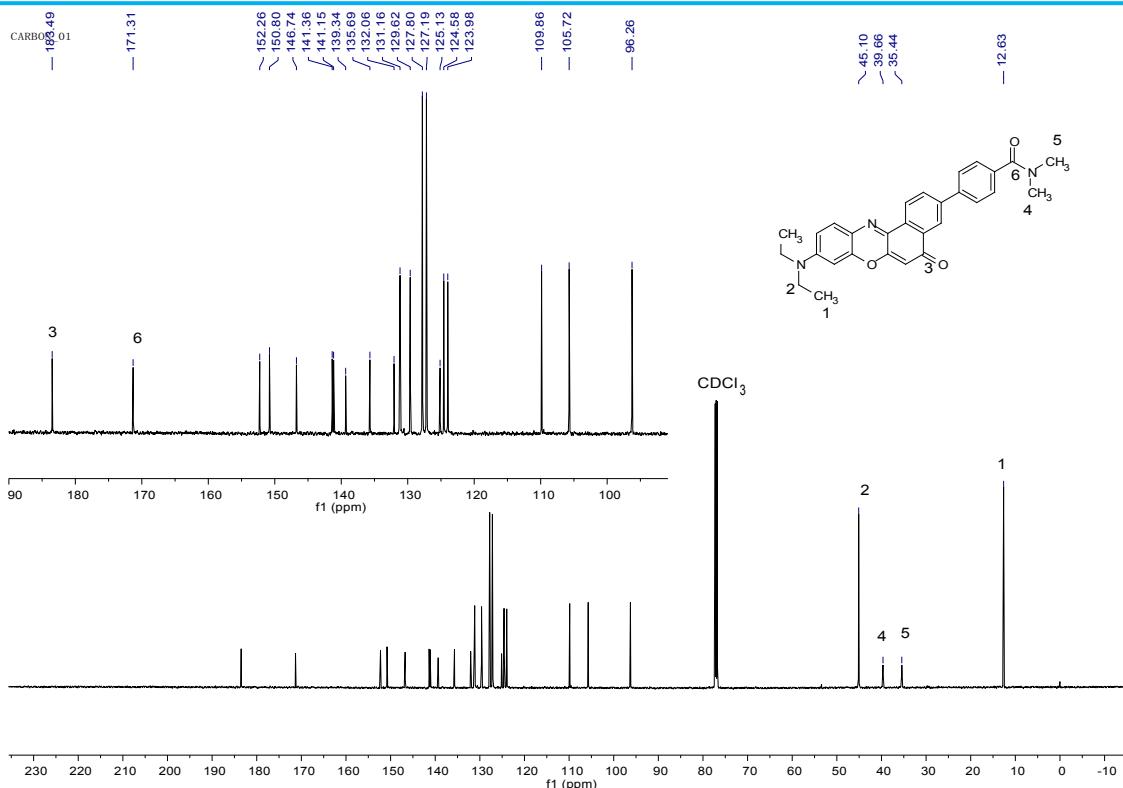
**Fig. S25** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of dye **2b**.



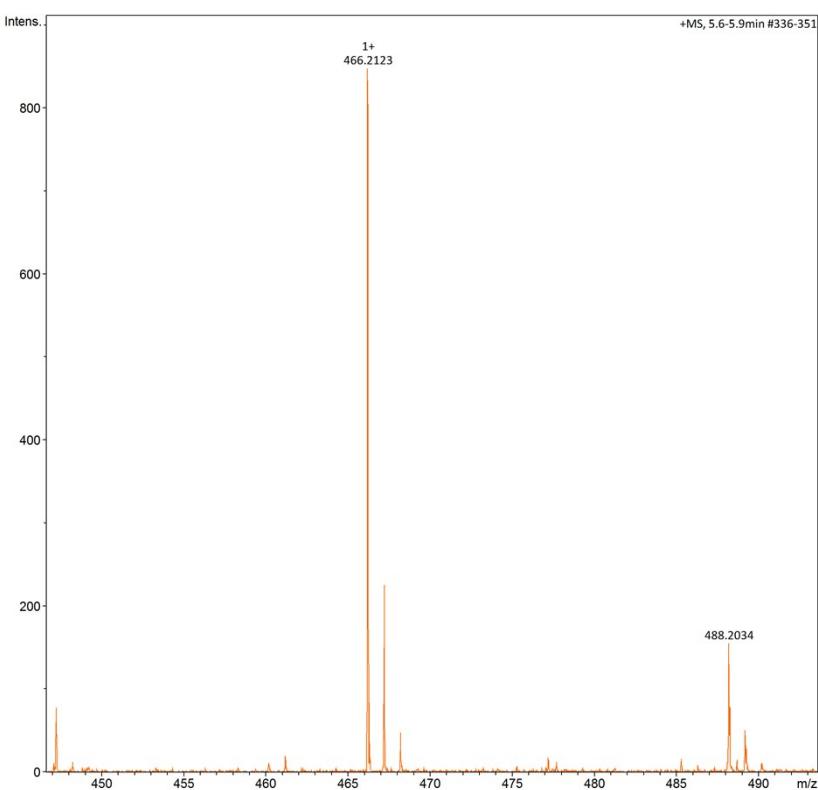
**Fig. S26** HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) spectrum of dye **2b**.



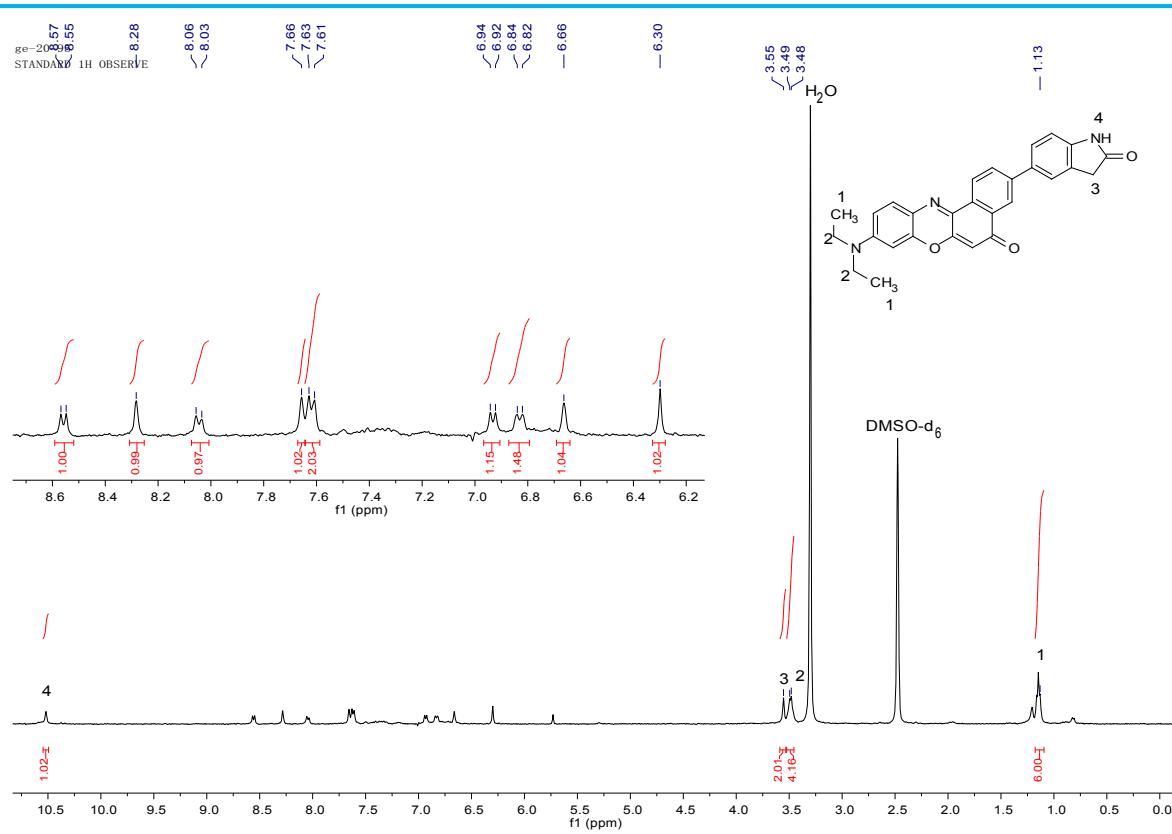
**Fig. S27**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of dye **2c**.



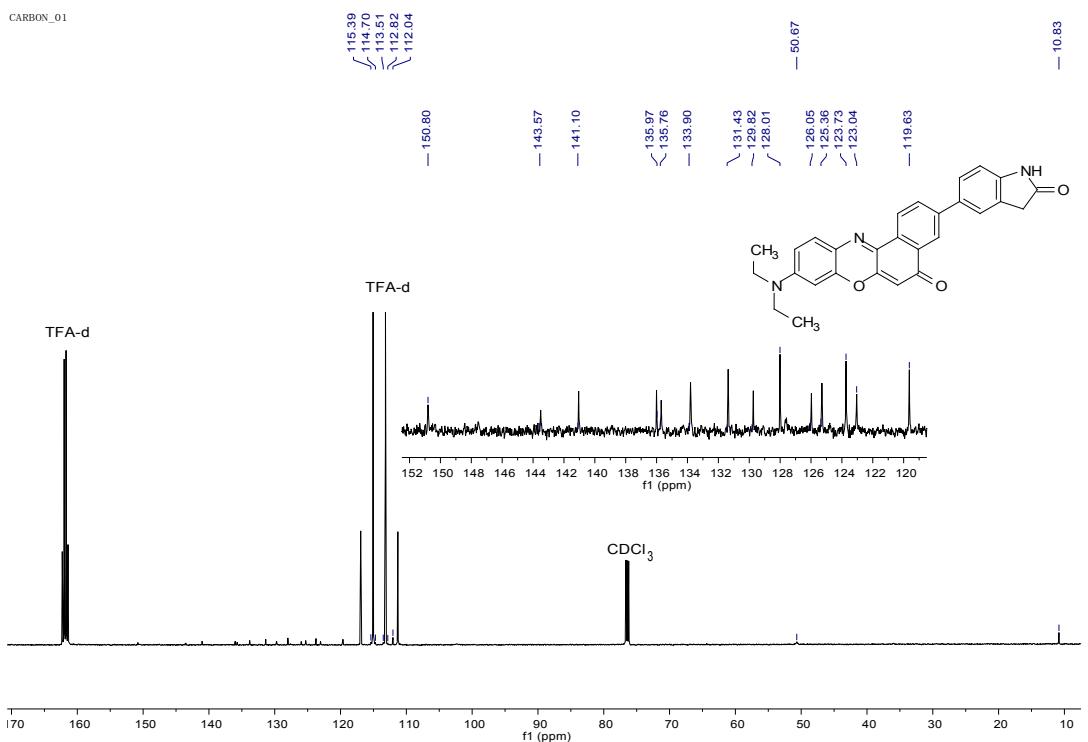
**Fig. S28**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of dye **2c**.



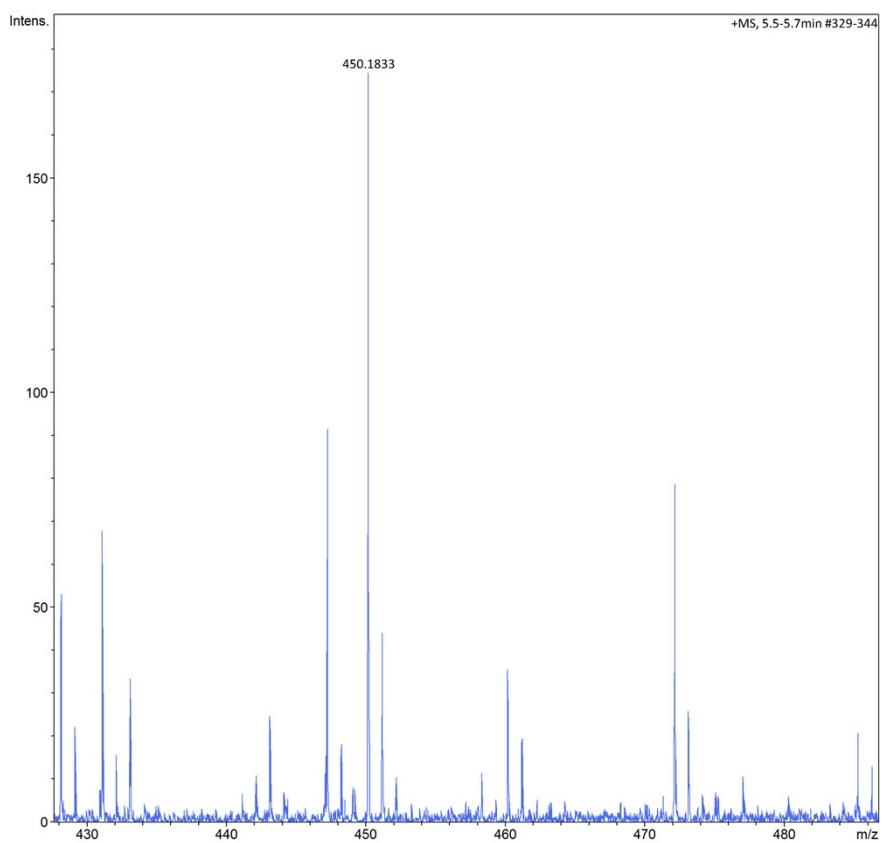
**Fig. S29** HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) spectrum of dye **2c**.



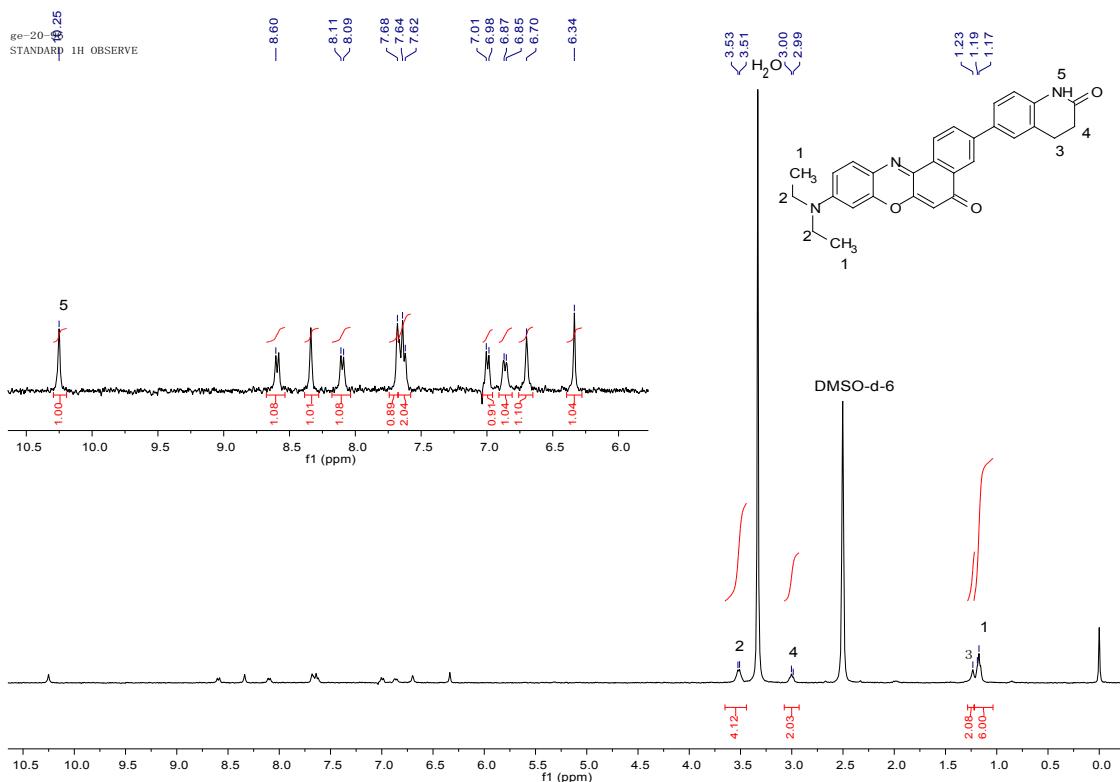
**Fig. S30** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of dye **2d**.



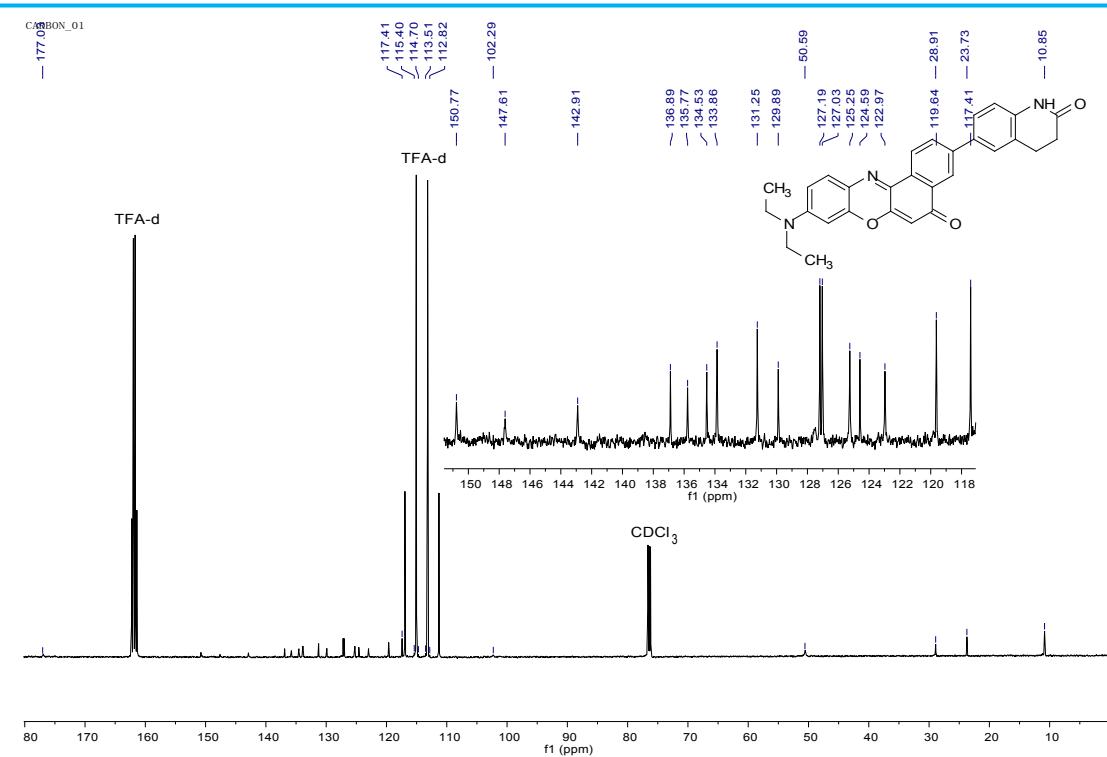
**Fig. S31** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of dye **2d**.



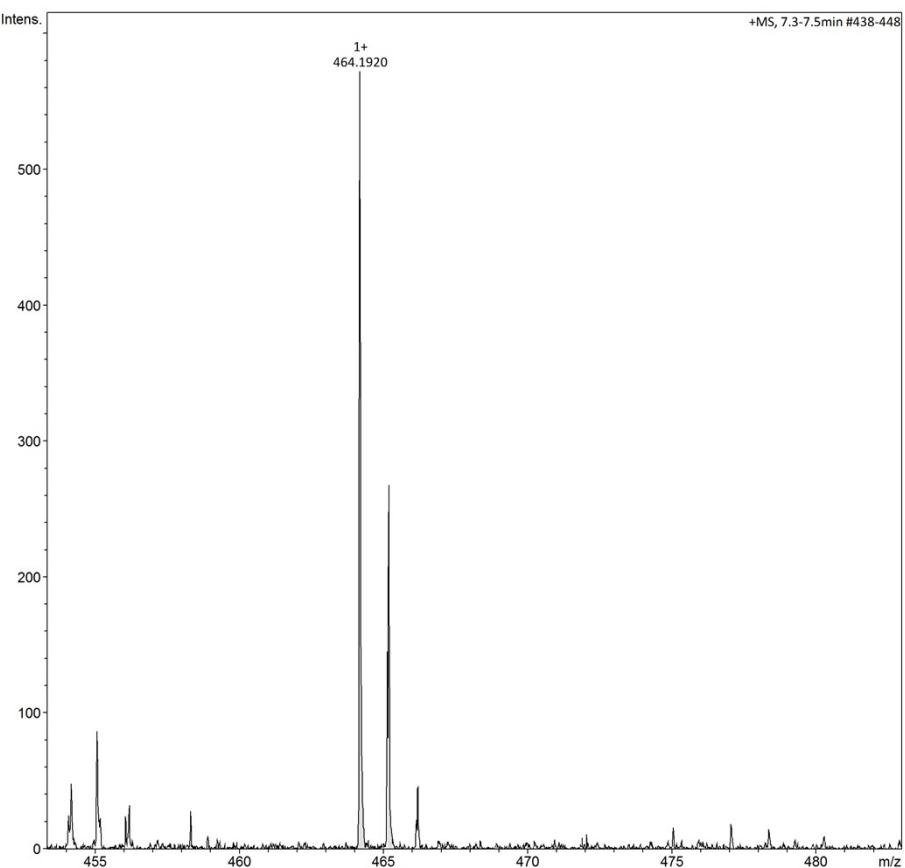
**Fig. S32** HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) spectrum of dye **2d**.



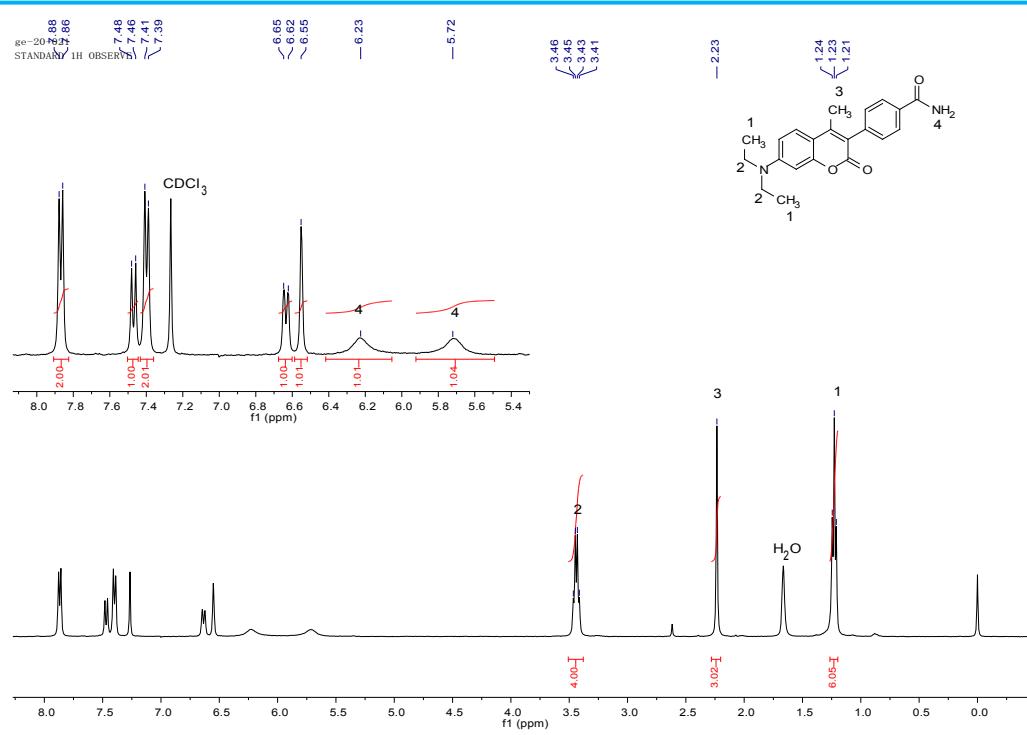
**Fig. S33**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of dye **2e**.



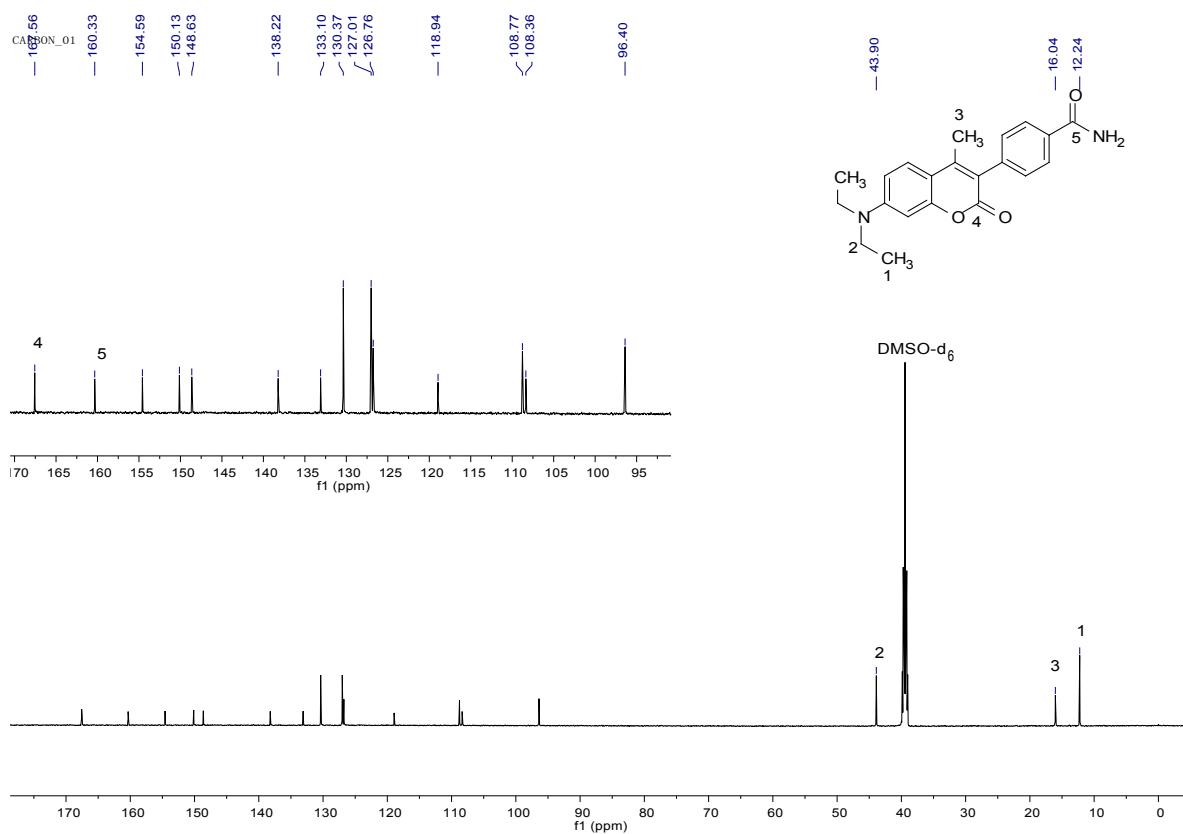
**Fig. S34**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of dye **2e**.



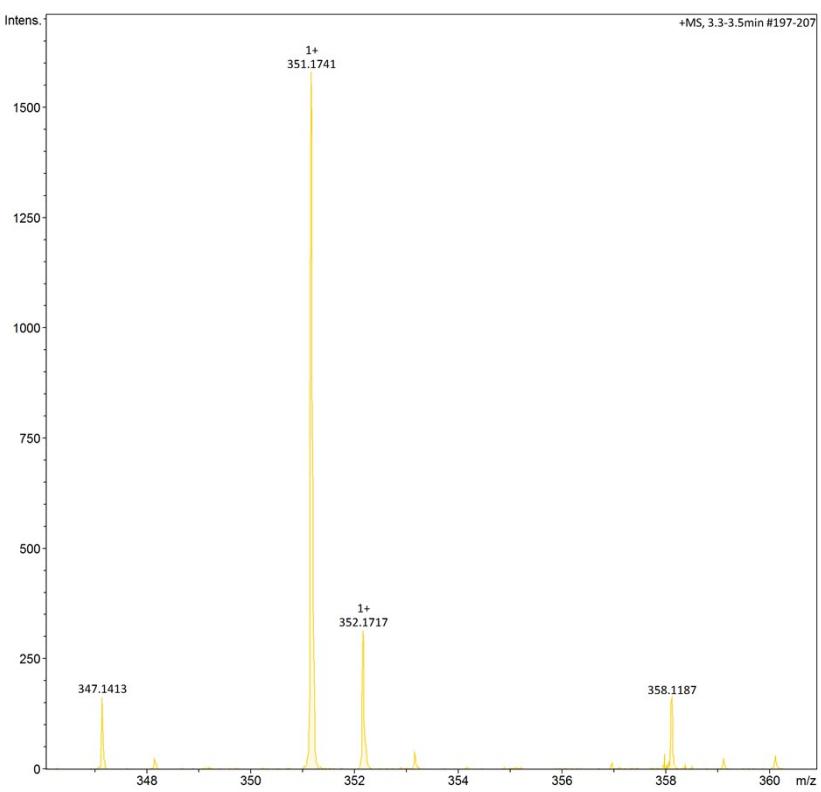
**Fig. S35** HRMS ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ) spectrum of dye **2e**.



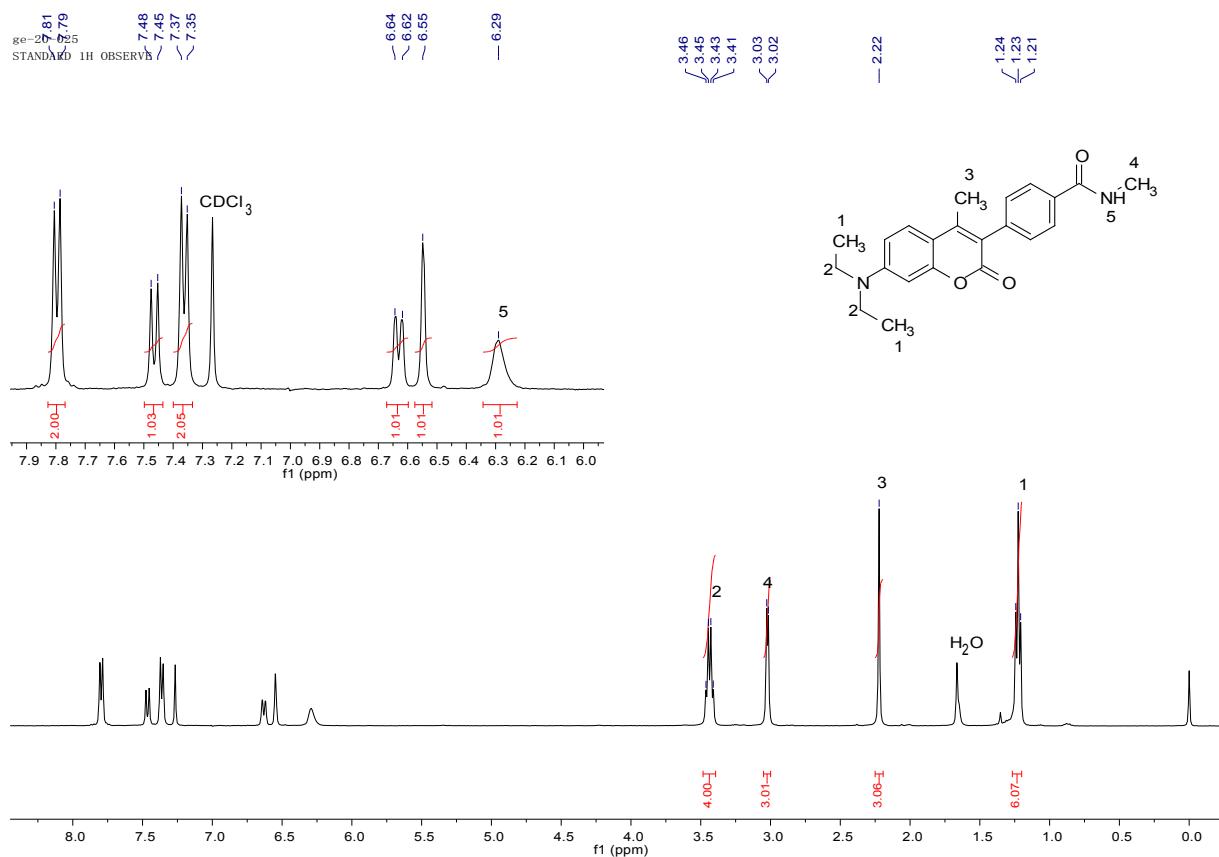
**Fig. S36**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of dye **3a**.



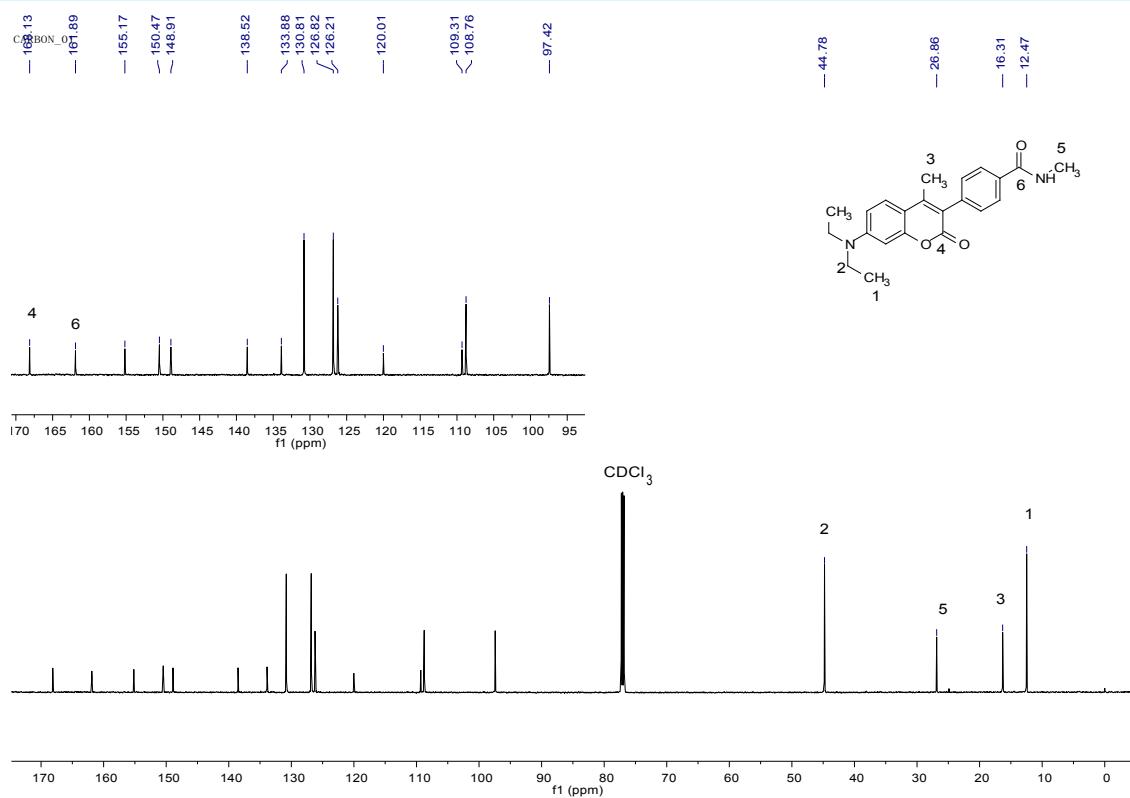
**Fig. S37**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of dye 3a.



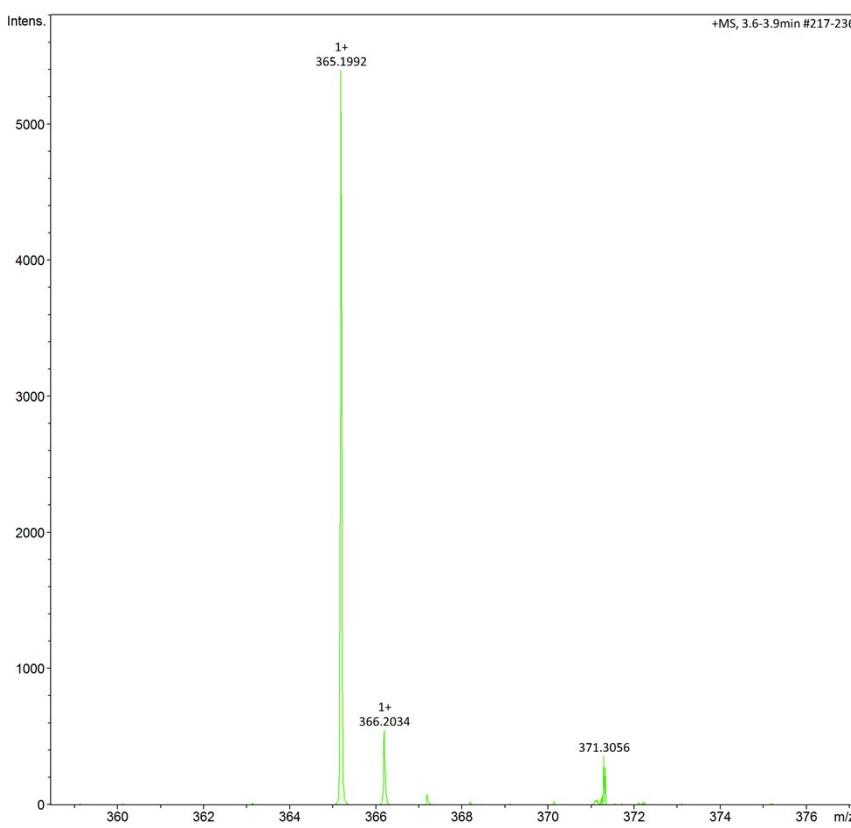
**Fig. S38** HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) spectrum of dye 3a.



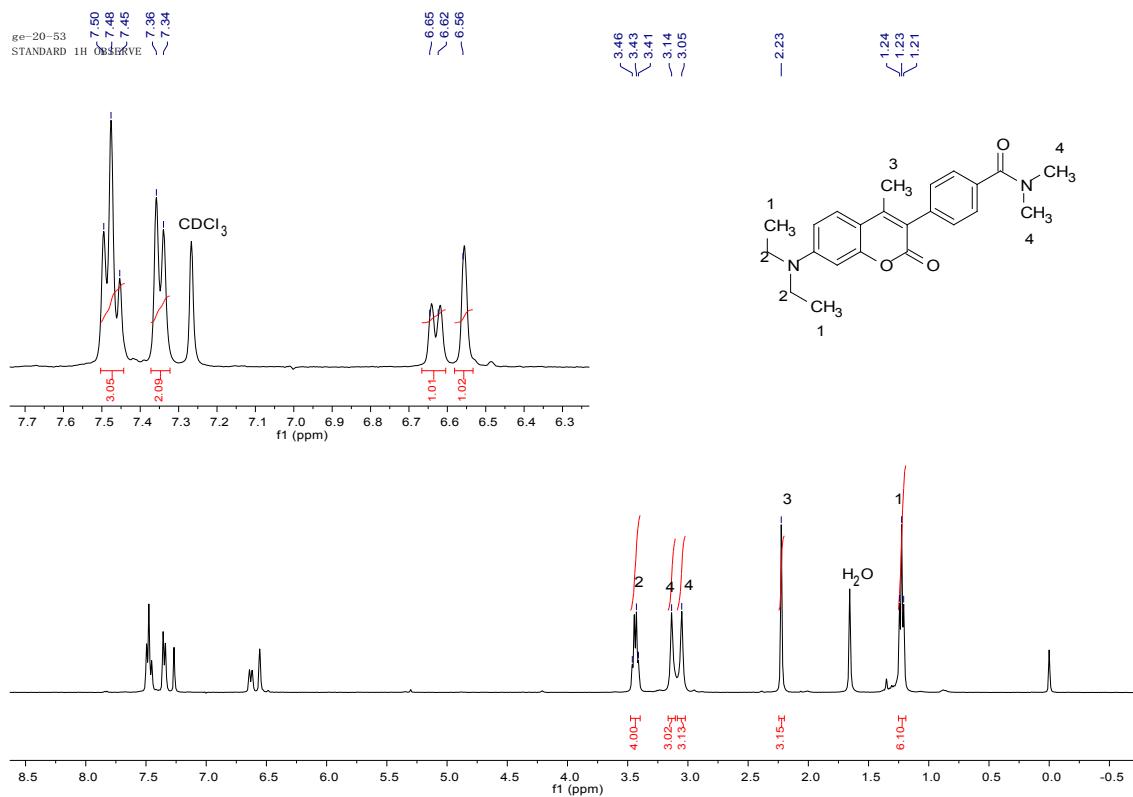
**Fig. S39** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of dye 3b.

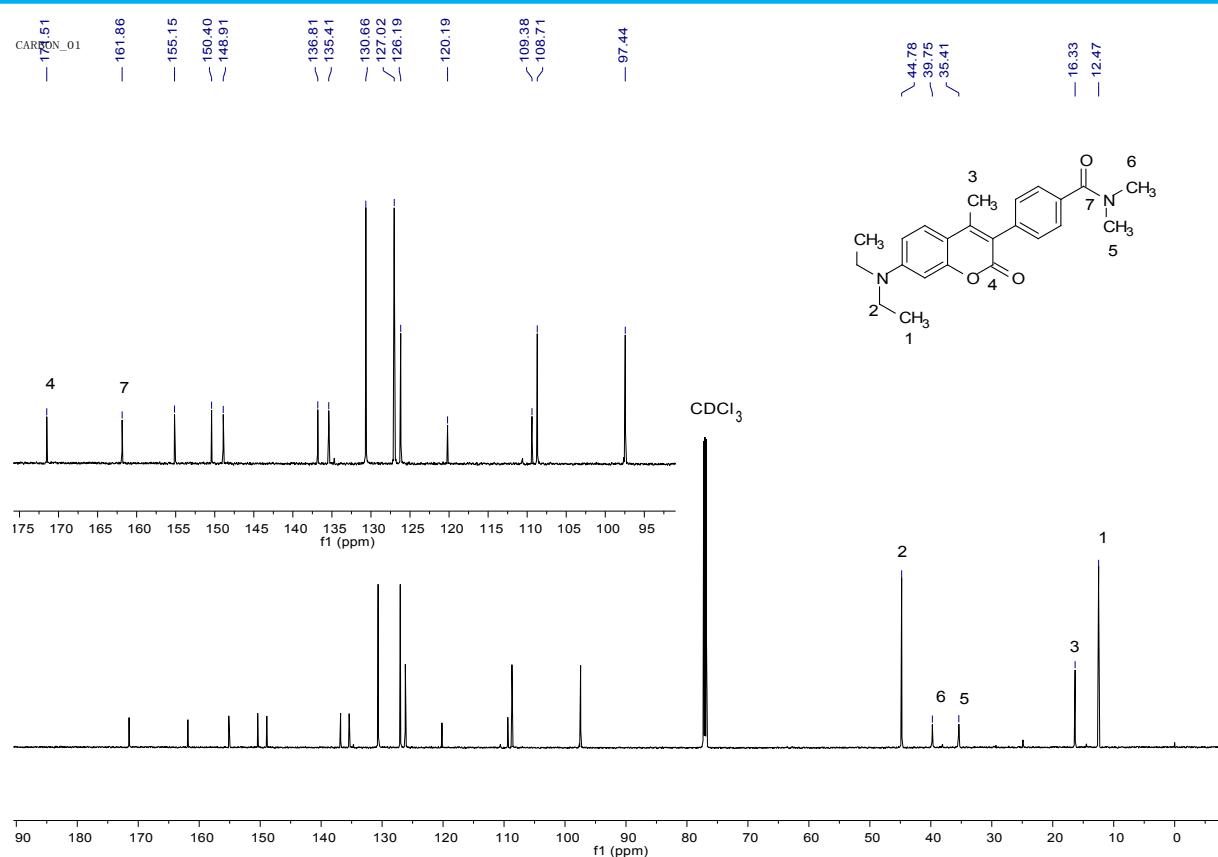


**Fig. S40** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of dye 3b.

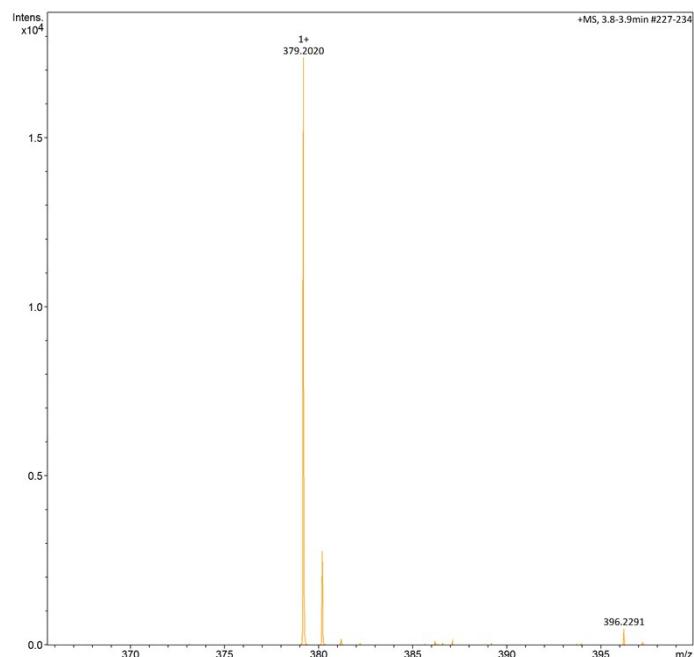


**Fig. S41** HRMS ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ) spectrum of dye **3b**.

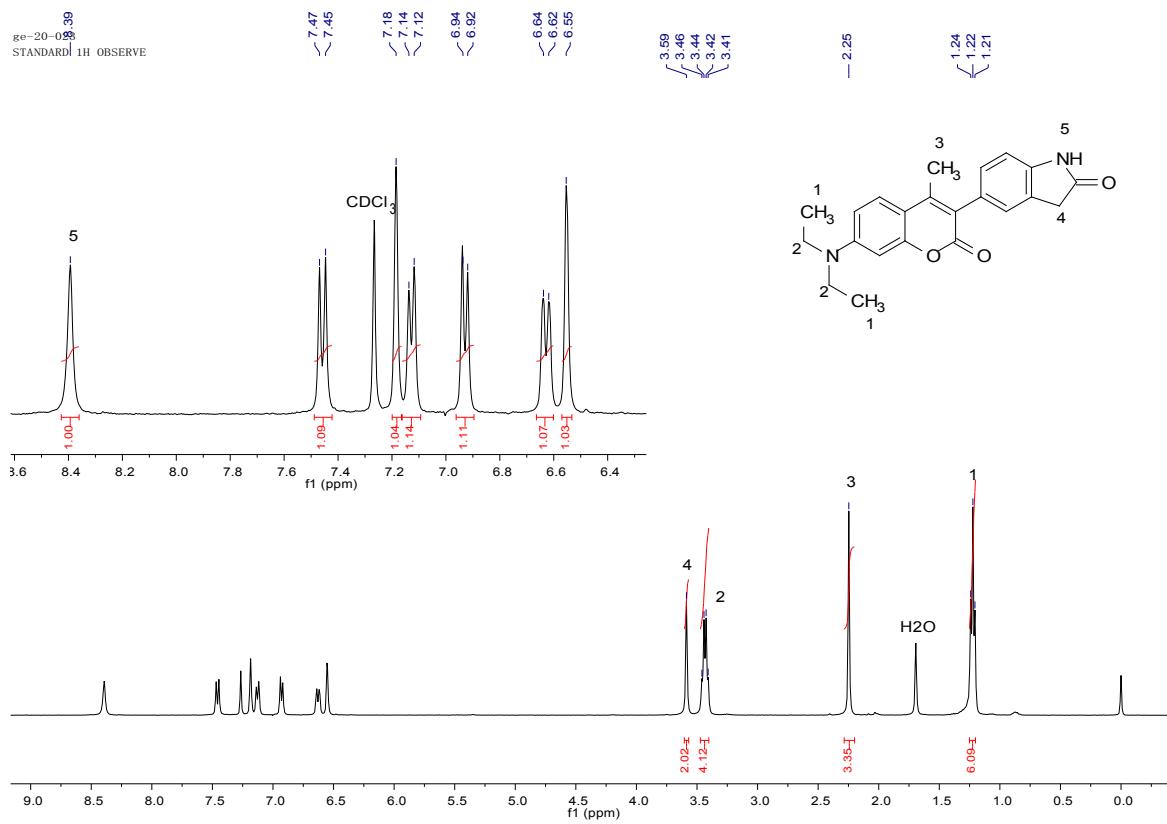




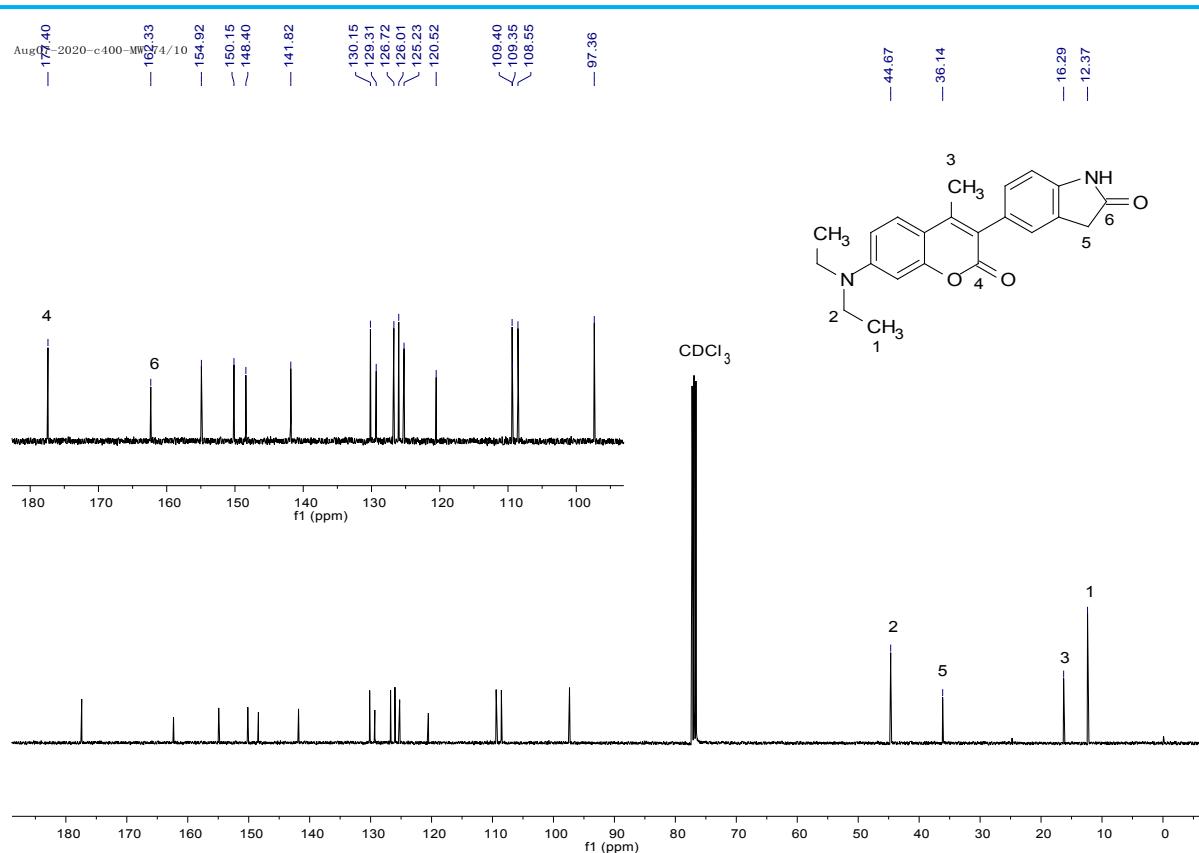
**Fig. S43**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of dye **3c**.



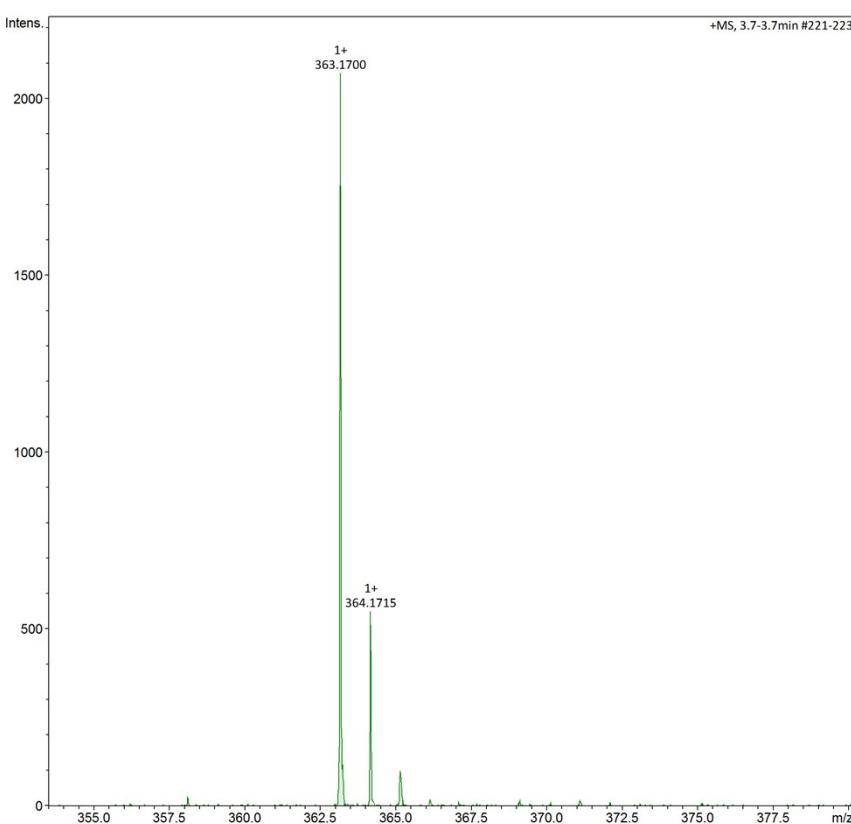
**Fig. S44** HRMS (ESI $^+$ ) spectrum of dye **3c**.



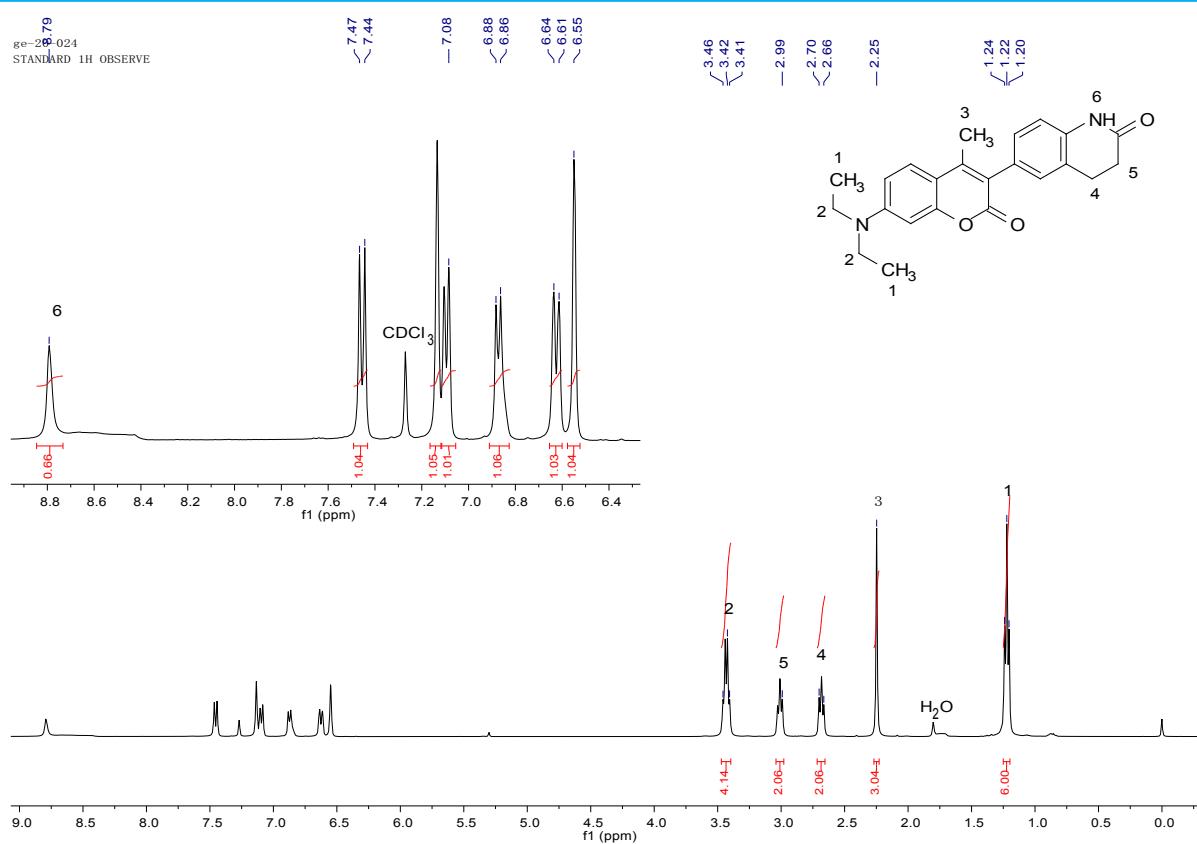
**Fig. S45**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of dye **3d**.



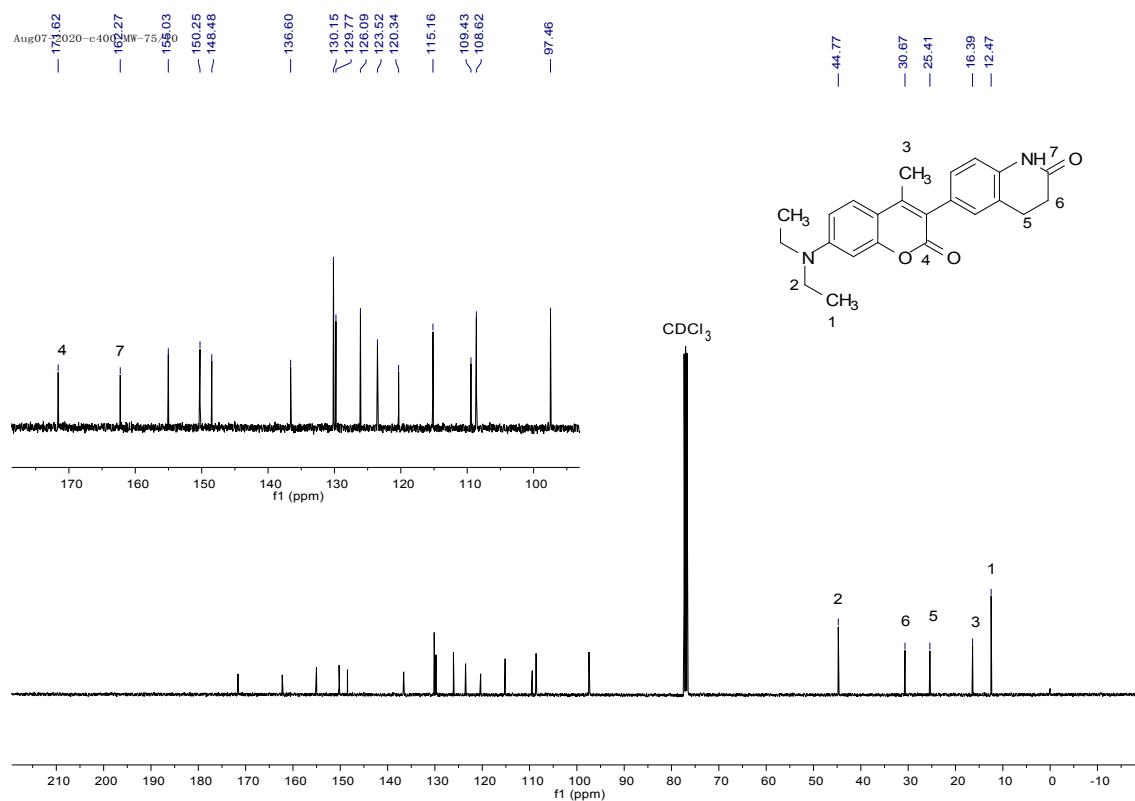
**Fig. S46**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of dye **3d**.



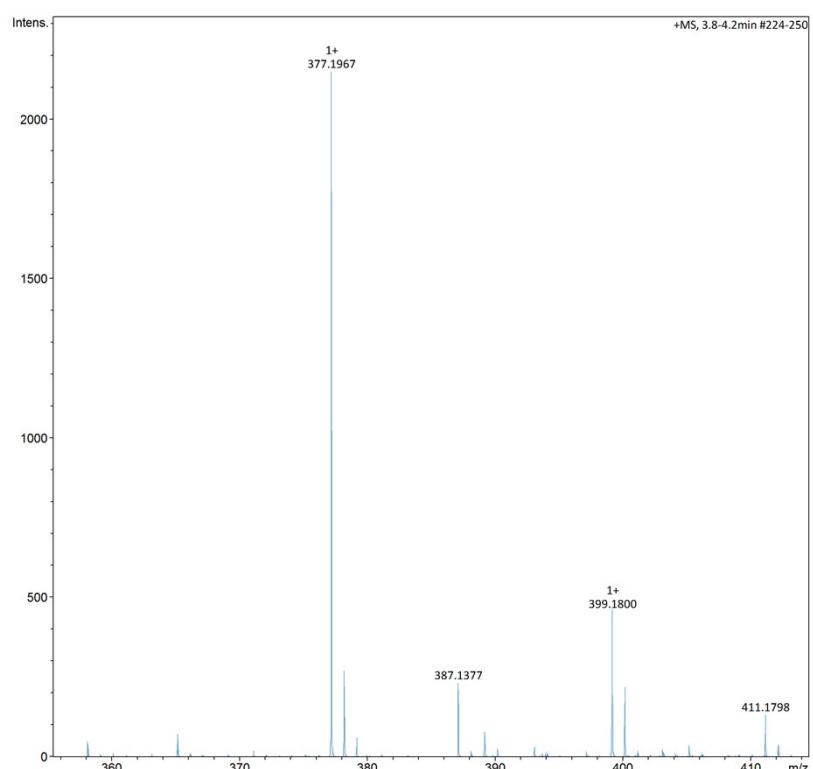
**Fig. S47** HRMS ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ) spectrum of dye **3d**.



**Fig. S48**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of dye **3e**.



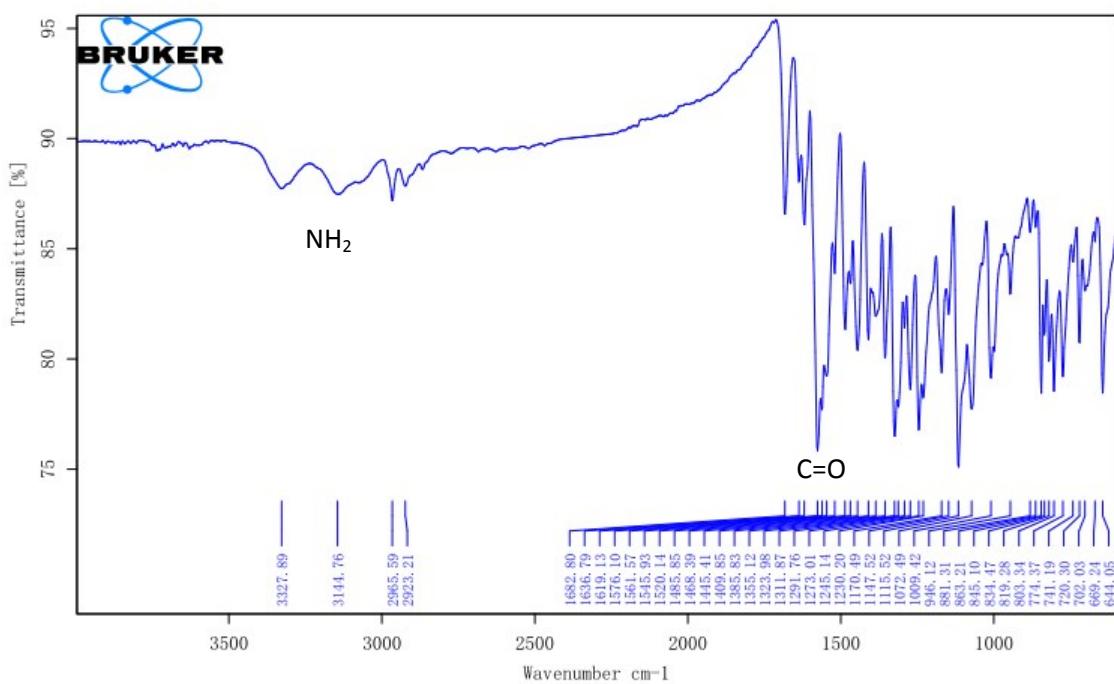
**Fig. S49**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of dye **3e**.



**Fig. S50** HRMS ( $\text{ESI}^+$ ) spectrum of dye **3e**.

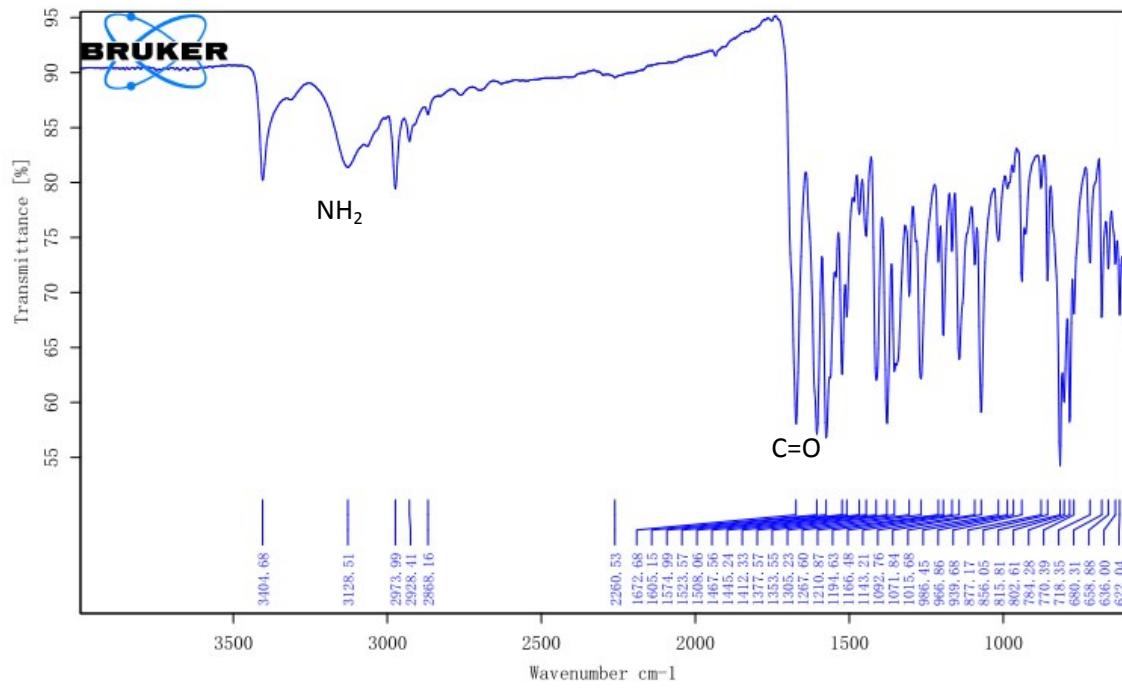
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**Fig. S51** Infrared spectra of dye **2a**.

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**Fig. S52** Infrared spectra of dye **3a**.

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