

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Efficient Cascade Reactions for Luminescent Pyrylium Biolabels Catalysed by Light Rare-Earth Elements

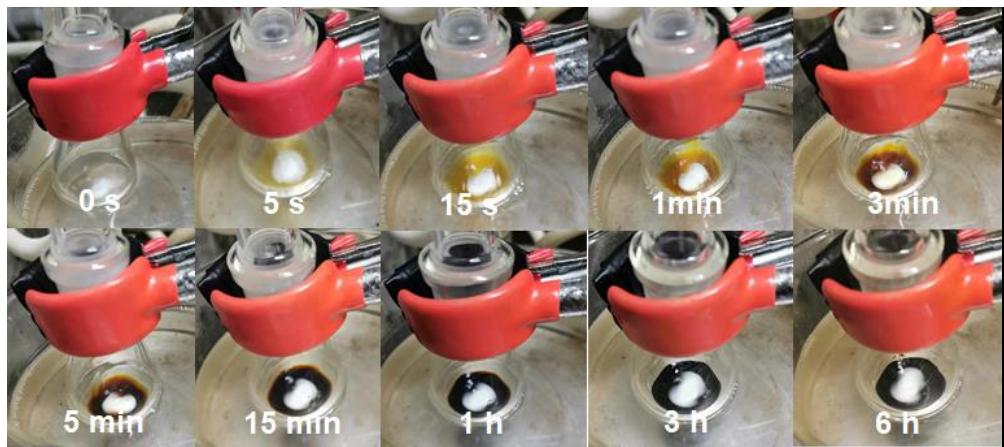
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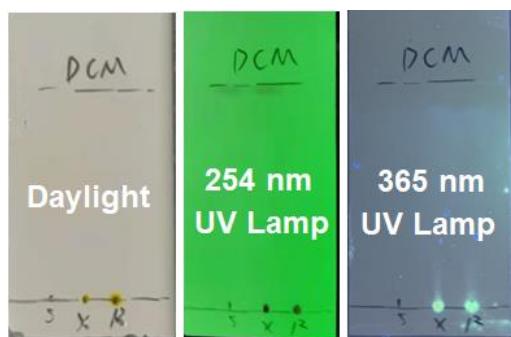
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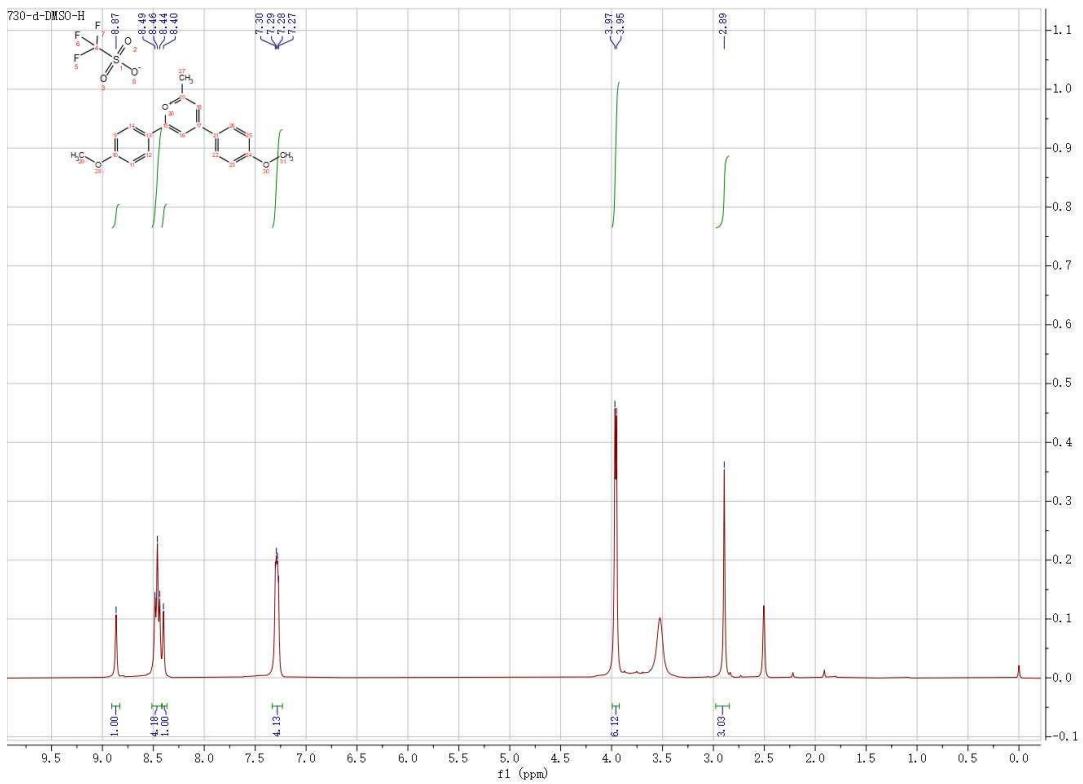
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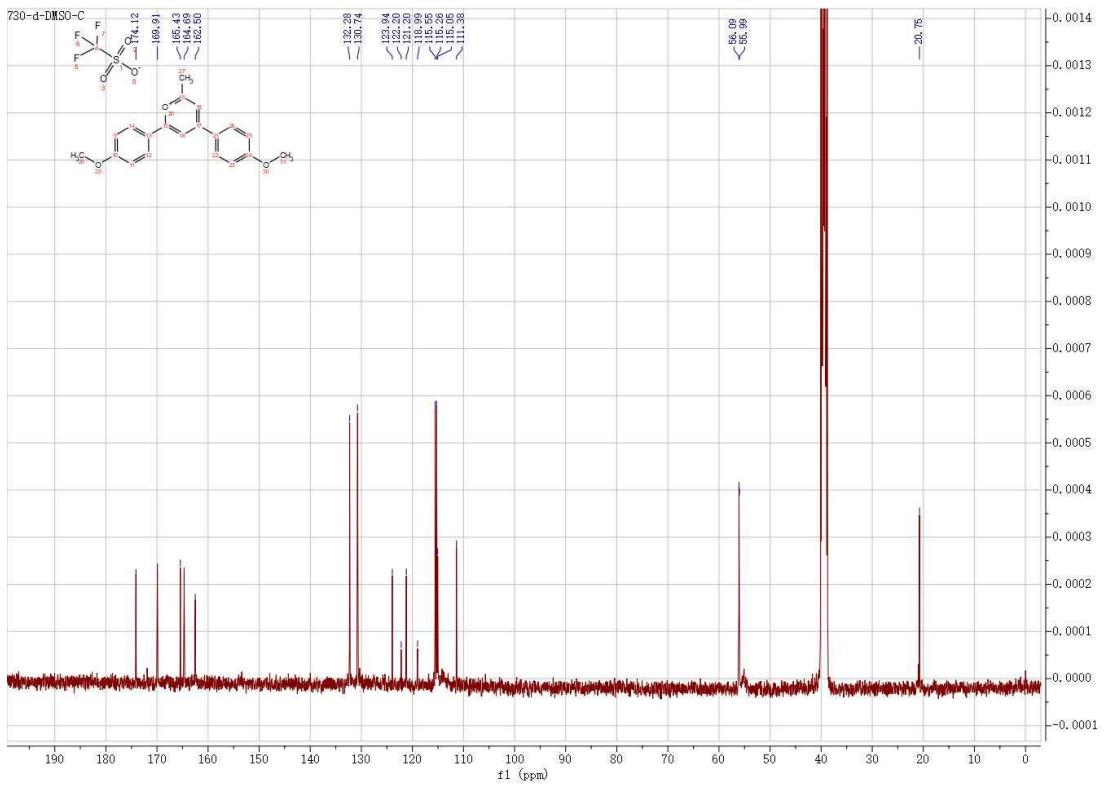
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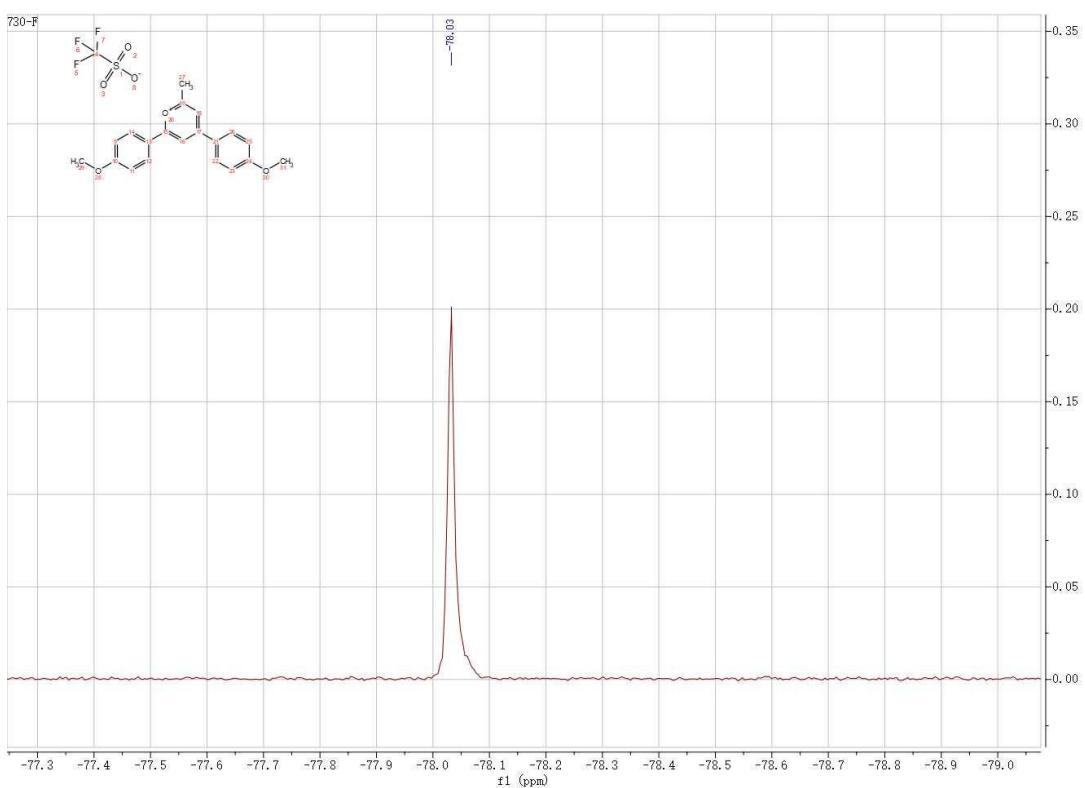
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**Fig. S3**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 730 (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , 298 K).



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High Resolution ESI-MS REPORT



Instrument: Thermo Scientific Q Exactive HF Orbitrap-FTMS

Card Serial Number: E202070

Sample Serial Number: Wgm-730

Operator: Songw Date: 2020/10/26

Operation Mode: ESI Positive Ion Mode

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	307.1315	4.27	12.0	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>17</sub> O <sub>2</sub> N <sub>3</sub>

**Fig. S6** HRMS-ESI report of 730.

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Instrument: Thermo Scientific Q Exactive HF Orbitrap-FTMS

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Sample Serial Number: 345730

Operator: Songw Date: 2021/04/02

Operation Mode: ESI Positive Ion Mode

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**Fig. S7** HRMS-ESI report of 345.

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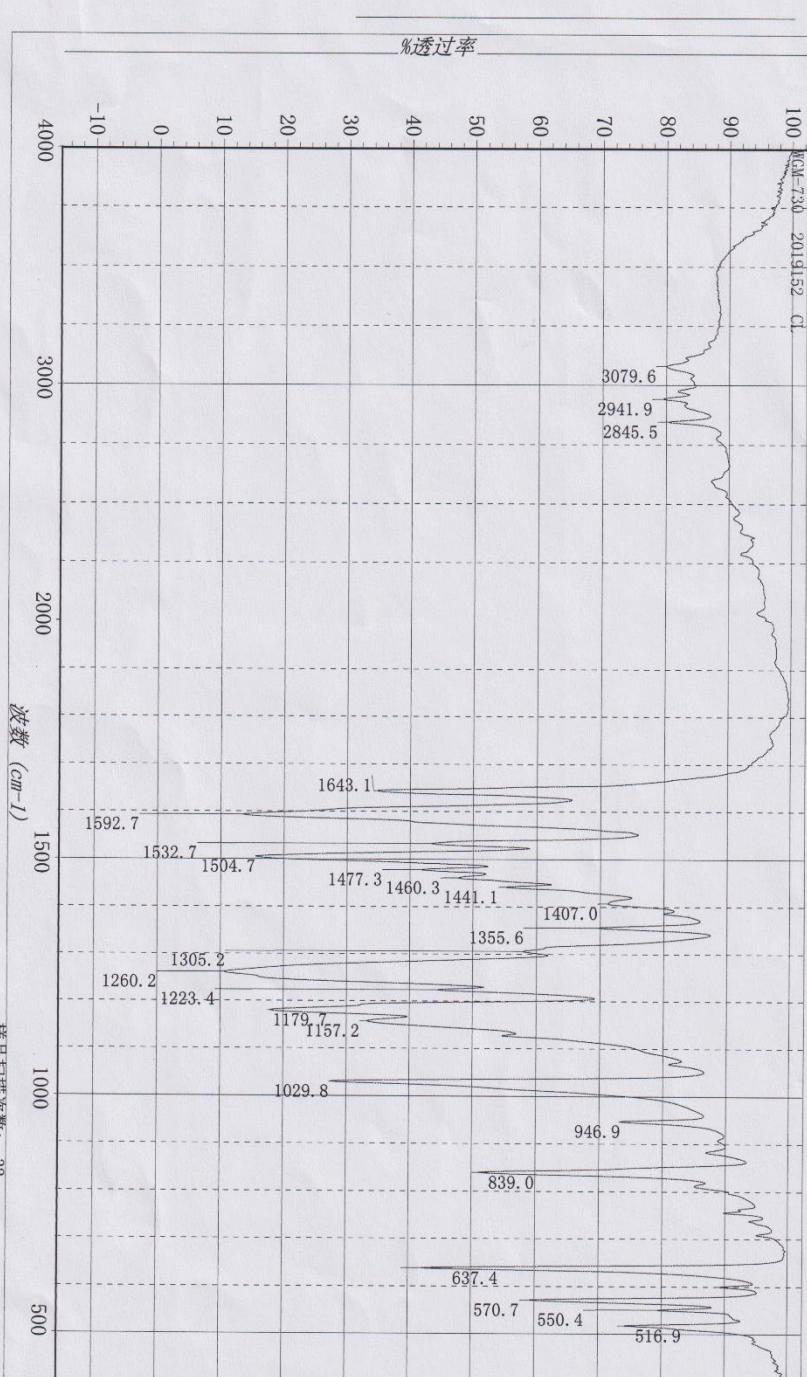


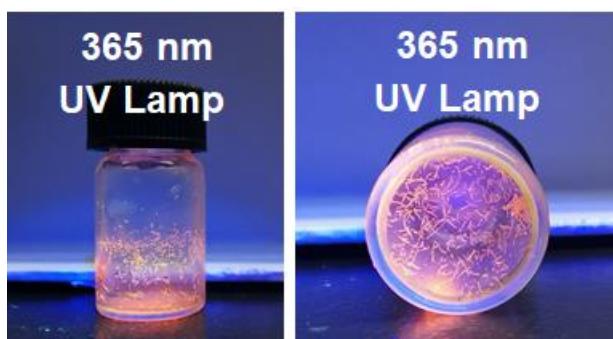
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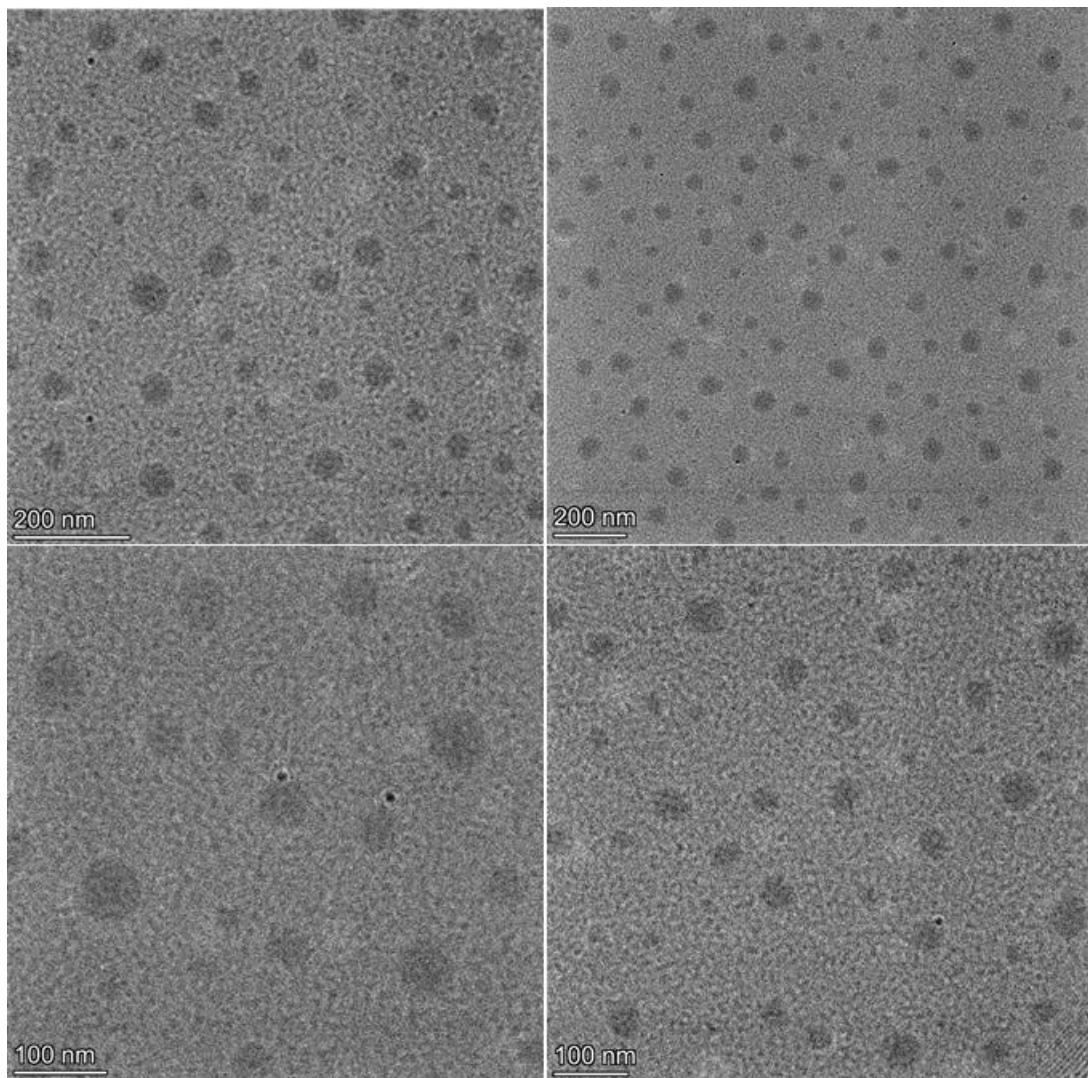
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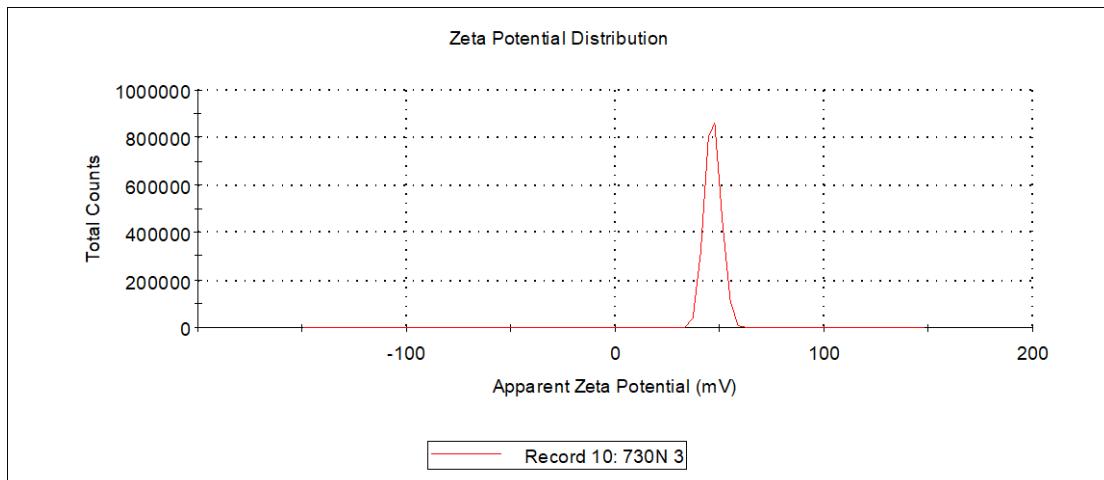
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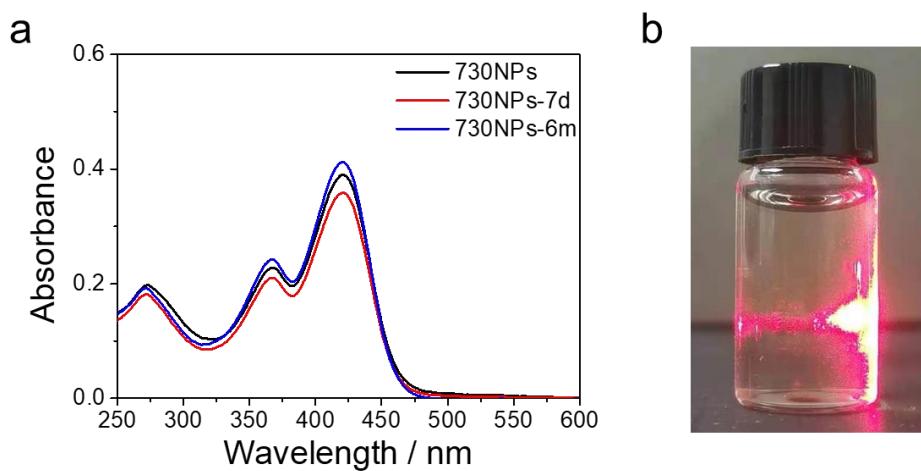
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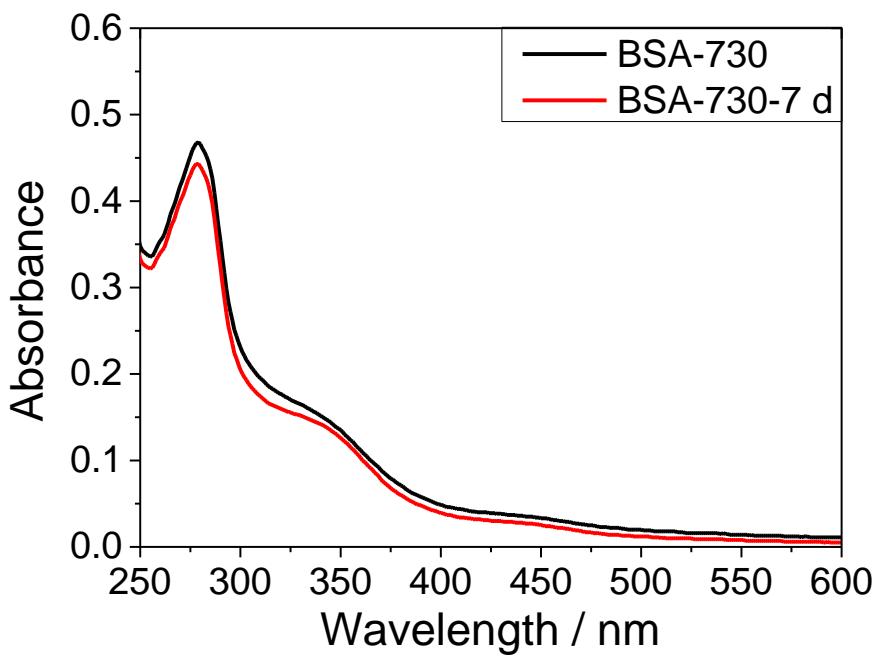
**Fig. S12** TEM images of 730NPs. The black dots in the TEM images have smaller sizes (approximately 10 nm) than 730NPs but show a higher electron contrast than 730NPs, which can rule out the possibility that the black dots are formed by 730 molecules. The distribution of hydrodynamic diameters of 730NPs in aqueous suspension (Fig. 2b) shows the absence of signals around 10 nm. Therefore, the black dots in Fig. S12 are tentatively assigned to a small quantity of defect or impurity on carbon-coated copper grids, which is commonly observed during TEM studies.



**Fig. S13** Zeta-potential distribution of 730 nanoparticles in aqueous medium. The average zeta-potential of 730NPs was measured to be +46.9 mV.



**Fig. S14** (a) UV-Vis spectra of fresh-prepared 730NPs and 730NPs after 7-day or 6-month storage. The 730NPs prepared six months ago is still stable as evidenced from their UV-vis spectra and Tyndall effect of the aqueous suspension (b).



**Fig. S15** UV-Vis spectra of fresh-prepared BSA-730 and BSA-730 after 7-day storage.

**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for mo\_d8v20371\_0m.

Identification code	mo_d8v20371_0m		
Empirical formula	C21 H19 F3 O6 S		
Formula weight	456.42		
Temperature	193(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Triclinic		
Space group	P -1		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.291(3) Å	α= 100.873(14)°.	
	b = 10.898(5) Å	β= 105.640(13)°.	
	c = 11.966(5) Å	γ = 95.465(14)°.	
Volume	1010.2(8) Å <sup>3</sup>		
Z	2		
Density (calculated)	1.500 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	0.225 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
F(000)	472.6		
Crystal size	0.150 x 0.120 x 0.070 mm <sup>3</sup>		
Theta range for data collection	2.332 to 25.000°.		
Index ranges	-10≤h≤7, -13≤k≤14, -14≤l≤15		

Reflections collected	8367
Independent reflections	3432 [Rint = 0.1021, Rsigma = 0.1739]
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	93.8 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.5661
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	3432 / 65 / 328
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.119
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0905, wR2 = 0.2011
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1823, wR2 = 0.2641
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.63/-0.69 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

**Table S2.** Fractional Atomic coordinates ( $x \times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for mo\_d8v20371\_0m. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U^{ij}$  tensor.

	x	y	z	U(eq)
S(1)	748(3)	7540(2)	8046(3)	45.9(7)
F(1)	-1296(7)	6209(5)	6045(5)	98(2)
F(2)	1236(8)	5848(7)	6371(7)	111(3)
F(3)	544(11)	7516(7)	5829(6)	128(3)
O(4)	-316(7)	8484(5)	8003(6)	66.2(18)
O(5)	2546(7)	7993(6)	8377(7)	99(2)
O(6)	344(9)	6535(4)	8580(5)	71(2)
C(21)	311(11)	6757(8)	6485(8)	61(2)
S(1A)	250(30)	7320(20)	7980(20)	80
F(1A)	610(50)	5960(30)	6090(40)	80
F(2A)	2150(30)	7760(20)	6640(30)	80
F(3A)	-420(40)	7620(30)	5870(30)	80
O(4A)	-1330(30)	6670(30)	7690(30)	80
O(5A)	540(50)	8680(30)	8420(40)	80
O(6A)	1580(40)	6740(30)	8570(30)	80
C(21A)	690(50)	7180(40)	6550(30)	80
O(1)	-4633(6)	1804(4)	4819(4)	67.0(13)
O(2)	3585(5)	2965(4)	10909(4)	44.4(12)
O(3)	7322(13)	8457(8)	13347(9)	60(3)
O(3A)	6990(50)	8730(30)	13070(30)	78(11)
O(7)	1421(6)	1676(5)	9377(5)	45.4(15)
C(1)	2741(7)	1795(5)	10339(6)	42.6(15)
C(1A)	3585(5)	2965(4)	10909(4)	44.4(12)
C(2)	3372(8)	761(6)	10846(6)	59.6(19)
C(3)	3138(7)	4021(5)	10525(5)	40.0(14)
C(4)	1768(7)	3889(5)	9548(6)	43.3(15)
C(5)	866(7)	2678(5)	8921(6)	42.2(15)
C(6)	1421(6)	1676(5)	9377(5)	45.4(15)
C(7)	-554(7)	2493(5)	7860(5)	40.7(14)
C(8)	-1126(7)	3500(5)	7397(6)	42.9(15)
C(9)	-2470(7)	3313(6)	6373(6)	48.2(16)
C(10)	-3292(7)	2095(6)	5810(6)	47.8(16)

C(11)	-2731(8)	1086(6)	6254(7)	59.7(18)
C(12)	-1399(8)	1261(6)	7259(7)	55.9(18)
C(13)	4185(7)	5200(5)	11233(5)	42.1(15)
C(14)	5581(8)	5210(6)	12191(6)	51.5(16)
C(15)	6584(8)	6313(7)	12869(6)	56.7(18)
C(16)	6210(8)	7454(6)	12576(6)	49.9(16)
C(17)	4859(7)	7485(6)	11622(6)	48.7(16)
C(18)	3856(7)	6353(5)	10946(6)	43.8(15)
C(19)	7025(12)	9633(9)	13085(9)	63(3)
C(19A)	8310(30)	8900(30)	14180(30)	61(9)
C(20)	-5237(9)	2807(7)	4300(7)	75(2)

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**Table S3.** Bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and angles [ $^\circ$ ] for mo\_d8v20371\_0m.

S1-O4	1.417(5)
S1-O5	1.446(6)
S1-O6	1.425(6)
S1-C21	1.823(10)
F1-C21	1.327(9)
F2-C21	1.319(9)
F3-C21	1.278(9)
O1-C10	1.350(7)
O1-C20	1.423(8)
O2-C1	1.352(7)
O2-C3	1.364(6)
C1-C2	1.453(8)
C1-C6	1.333(7)
C1-O7	1.333(7)
C1-C1A	1.352(7)
C3-C4	1.367(8)
C3-C13	1.450(8)
C3-C1A	1.364(6)
C4-C5	1.414(8)
C5-C6	1.374(7)
C5-C7	1.445(8)
C5-O7	1.374(7)
C7-C8	1.387(8)
C7-C12	1.413(8)
C8-C9	1.383(8)
C9-C10	1.387(8)
C10-C11	1.376(8)
C11-C12	1.363(9)
C13-C14	1.390(8)
C13-C18	1.396(7)
C14-C15	1.368(9)
C15-C16	1.395(8)
C16-C17	1.374(8)
C16-O3	1.365(10)
C1	C2
C16-O3A	1.42(3)

C17-C18	1.391(8)
O3-C19	1.404(13)
O3A-C19A	1.44(3)
C21A-S1A	1.83(3)
C21A-F1A	1.32(3)
C21A-F2A	1.28(3)
C21A-F3A	1.25(3)
S1A-O4A	1.35(2)
S1A-O5A	1.46(3)
S1A-O6A	1.41(3)
O5-S1-O4	115.8(4)
O6-S1-O4	116.8(4)
O6-S1-O5	113.3(4)
C21-S1-O4	103.3(4)
C21-S1-O5	101.7(5)
C21-S1-O6	103.2(4)
C20-O1-C10	118.2(5)
C3-O2-C1	122.1(5)
C2-C1-O2	115.9(6)
C6-C1-O2	118.6(5)
C6-C1-C2	125.5(6)
O7-C1-O2	118.6(5)
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C6-C5-C4	116.0(6)
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O7-C5-C4	116.0(6)
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C5-C6-C1	123.8(5)
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C16-C15-C14	119.0(6)
C17-C16-C15	121.2(6)
O3-C16-C15	111.3(7)
O3-C16-C17	127.5(7)
O3A-C16-C15	133.1(14)
O3A-C16-C17	105.7(13)
O3A-C16-O3	21.8(12)
C18-C17-C16	118.9(6)
C17-C18-C13	121.1(6)
F1-C21-S1	110.0(6)
F2-C21-S1	110.7(6)
F2-C21-F1	106.4(8)
F3-C21-S1	113.3(7)
F3-C21-F1	106.6(8)
F3-C21-F2	109.5(8)
C19-O3-C16	113.9(8)
C5-O7-C1	123.8(5)
C3-C1A-C1	122.1(5)
C19A-O3A-C16	114(2)
F1A-C21A-S1A	107(3)

F2A-C21A-S1A	113(3)
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F3A-C21A-S1A	109(3)
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O4A-S1A-C21A	104(2)
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