

Comparing the anion binding of 4-amido- with 4-amino-1,8-naphthalimides

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S1 Spectra

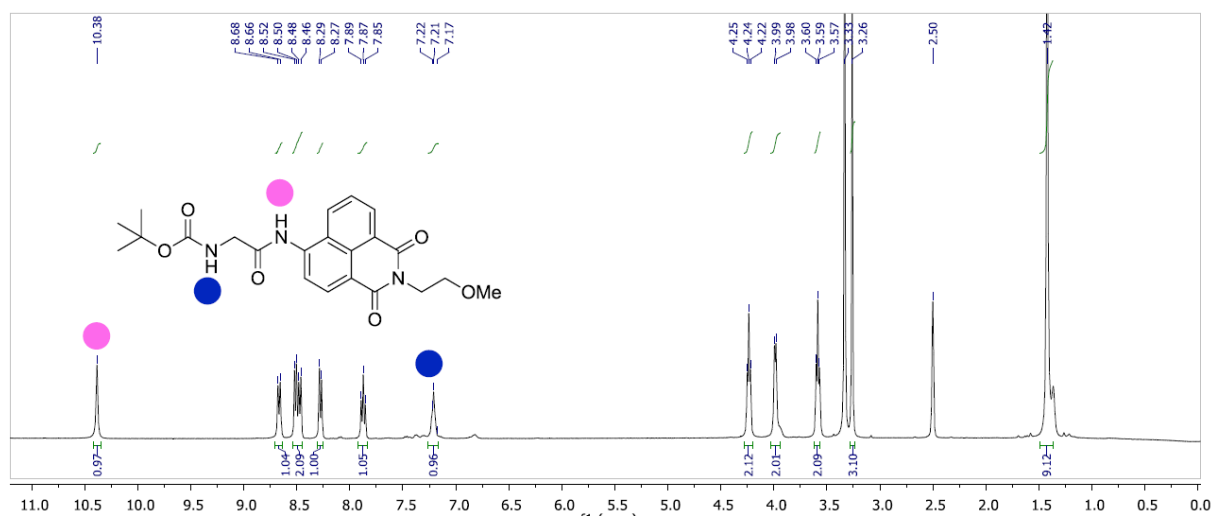


Figure S1.1: ^1H NMR spectrum of 4-amidonaphthalimide **5** in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$

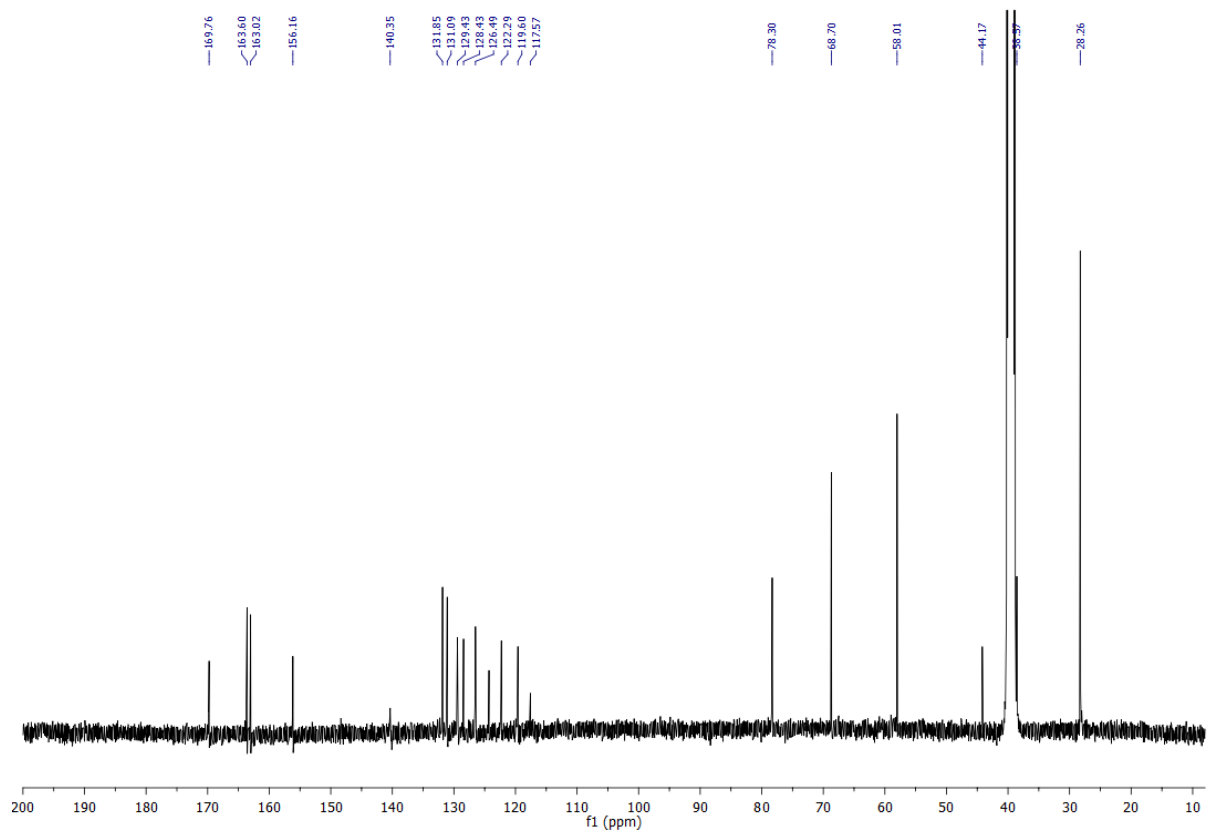


Figure S1.2: ^{13}C NMR spectrum of 4-amidonaphthalimide **5** in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$

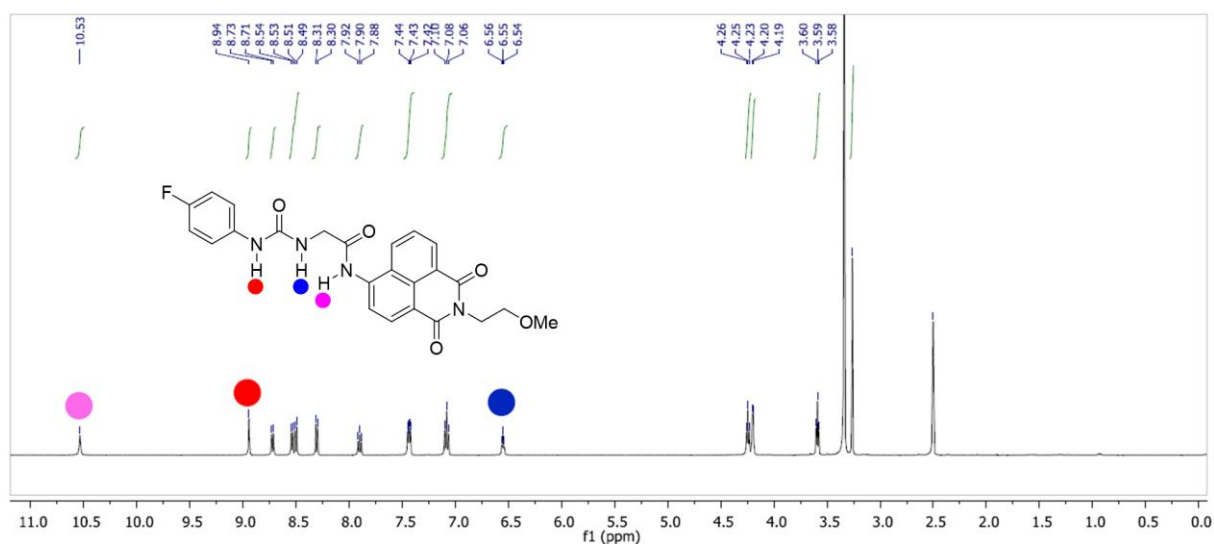


Figure S1.3: ¹H NMR spectrum of Host **3** in DMSO-*d*₆

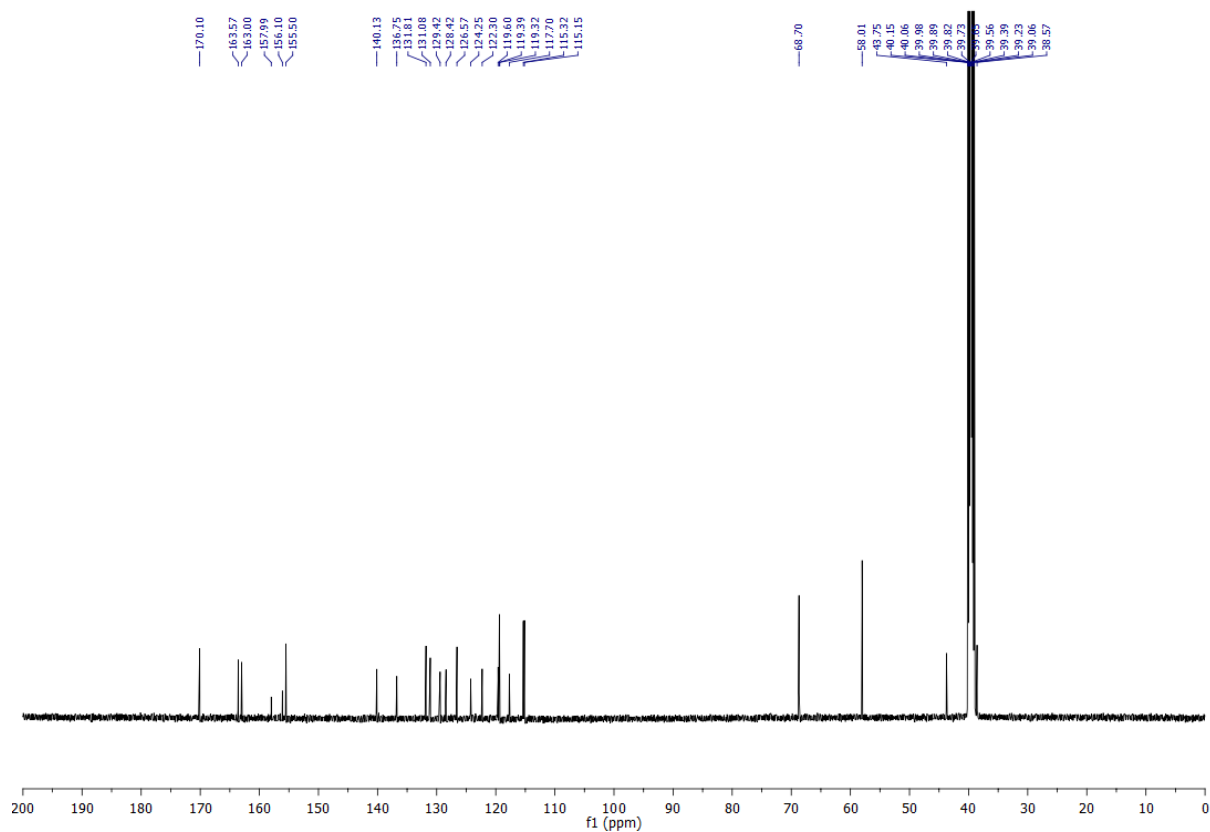


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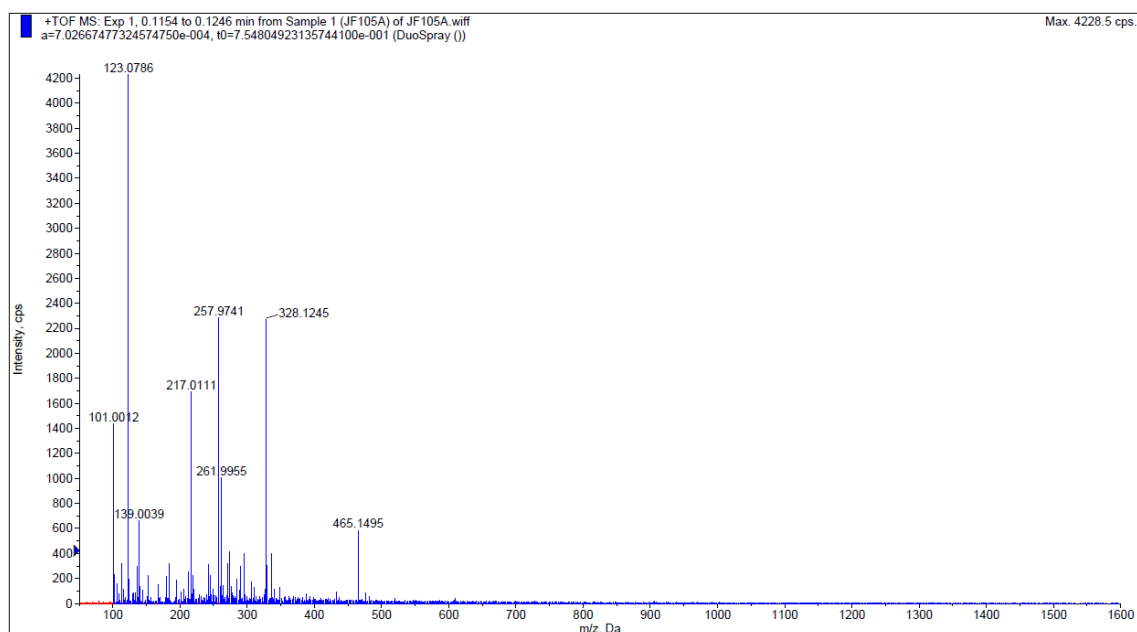


Figure S1.5: HRMS spectrum of Host 3

S2 Anion titration studies

All titrations were performed in DMSO- d_6 . The chemical shift data was plotted as a titration isotherm and the data fitted using bindfit{Brynn Hibbert, 2016 #158;Thordarson, 2011 #284} fitting program to determine binding constants. A number of fitting protocols were trialed using the Bindfit software but reliable fitting was only seen when the 1:1 model was used.

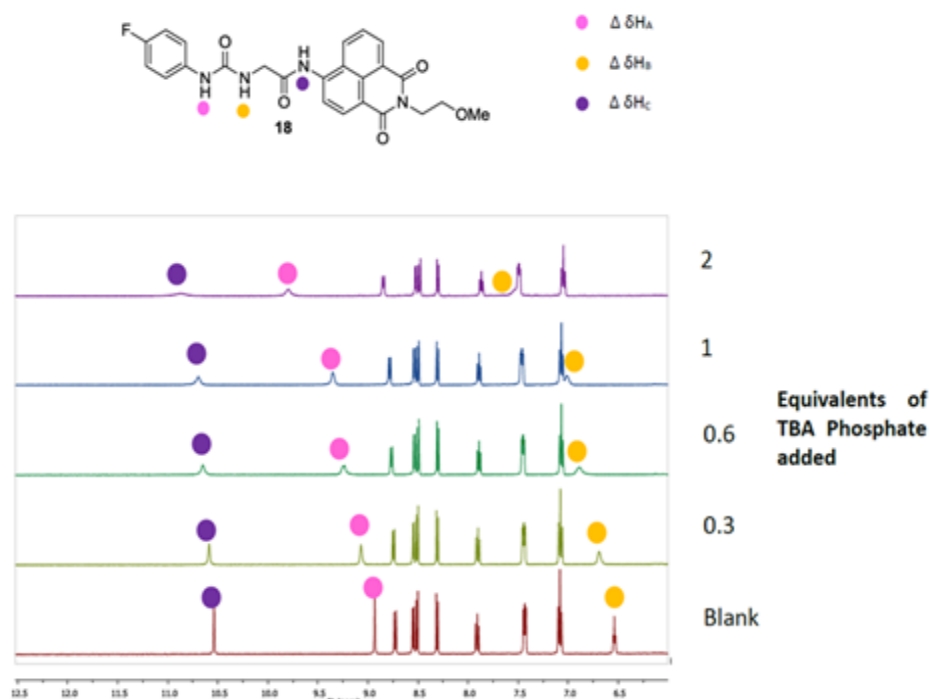


Figure S2.1: ^1H NMR titration stack plot for **3** against TBAH_2PO_4

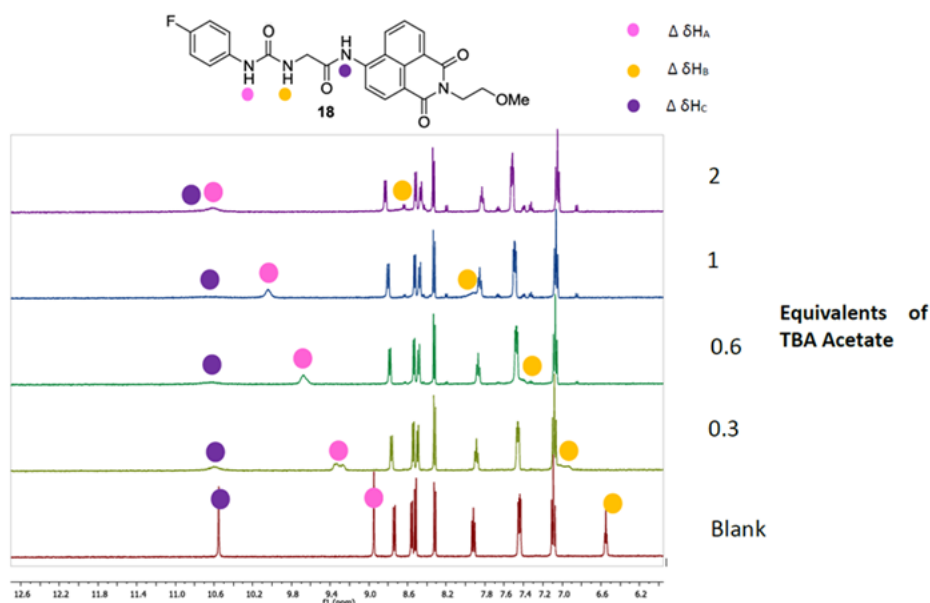


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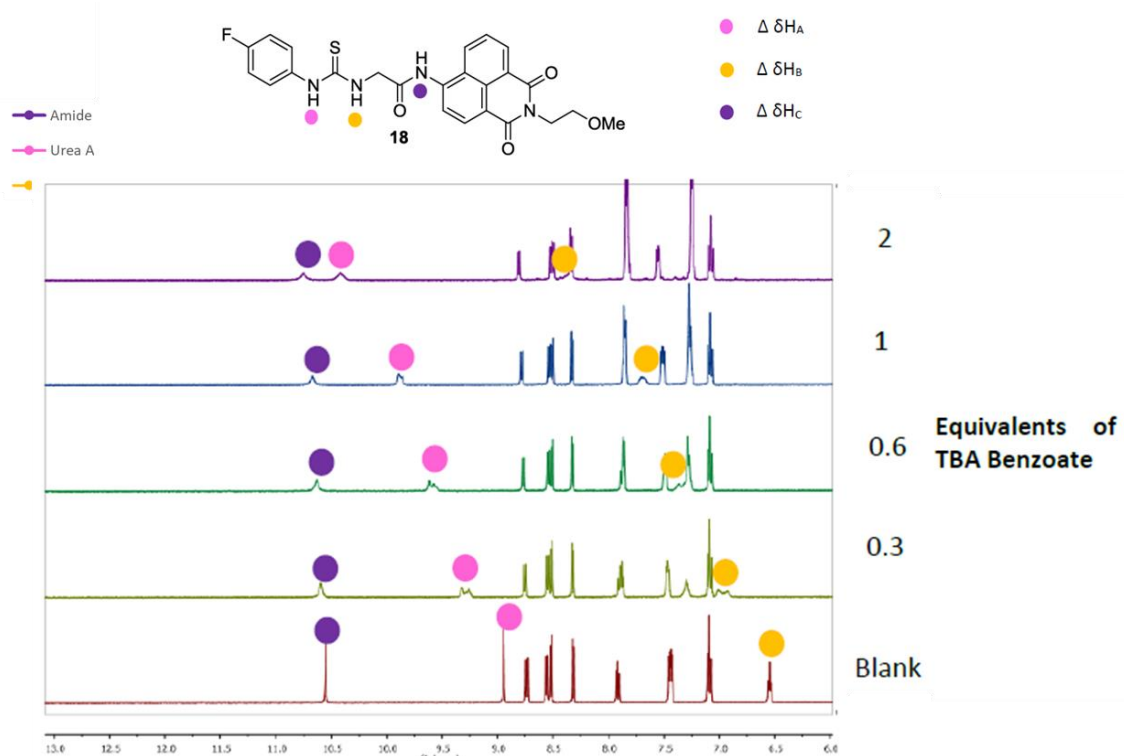


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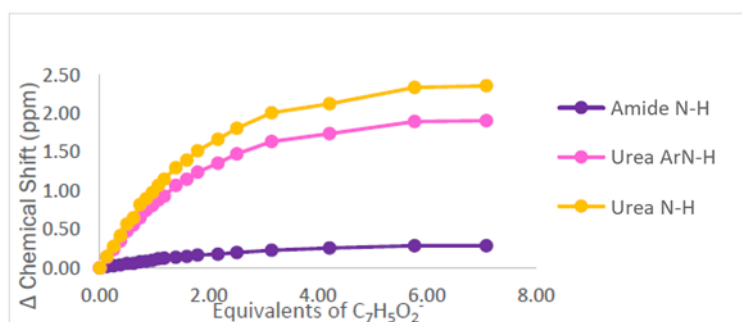


Figure S2.4: Binding isotherm for **3** against TBAOBz

The binding constant for benzoate is provided as an estimate only— $\log K \sim 2.7$ —as it is clear from the stack plot that the individual resonances assigned to both urea protons do not remain as singlets during the titration. This artefact likely indicates more than one H:G species in solution.

S3 Molecular modelling

S3.1 Host 1: Analysis of conformers

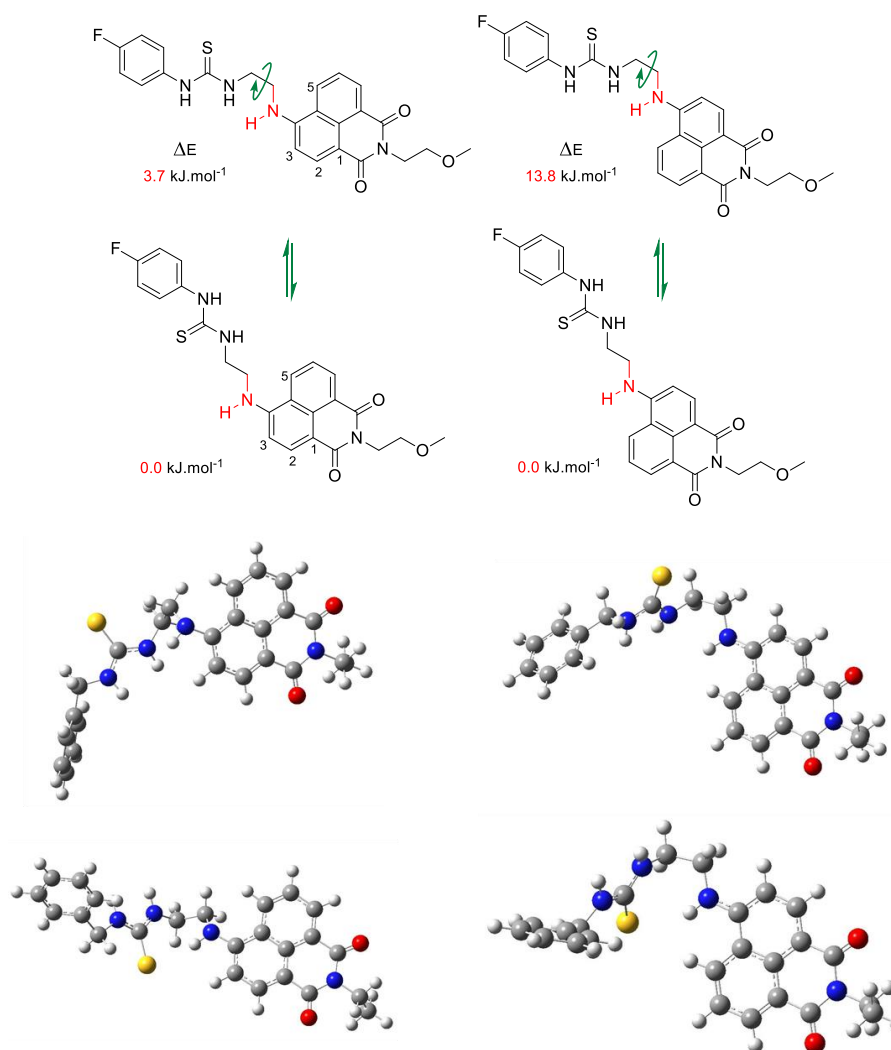
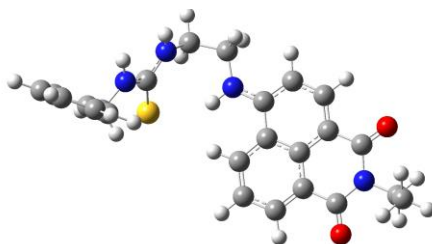


Figure S3.1: Structures and relative energies for previously synthesised host **1**

S3.2 Coordinates of minimised structures for host 1.

Optimized coordinates (B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p). Total energy -1697.107944 a.u

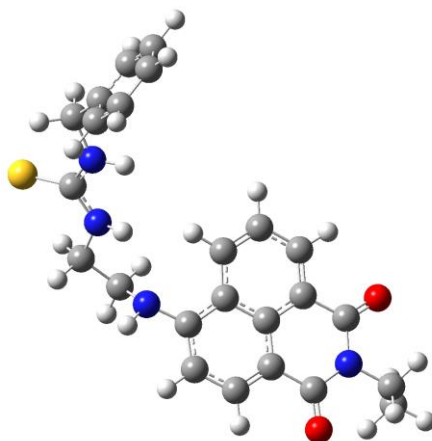


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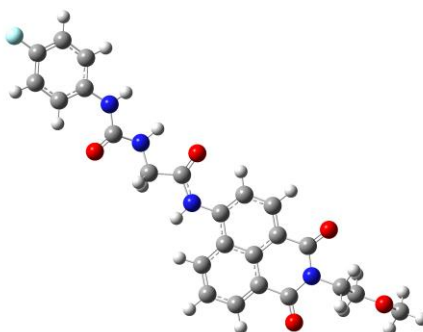
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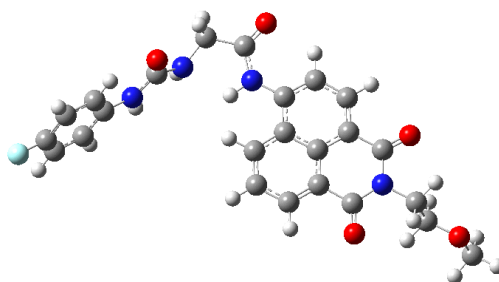
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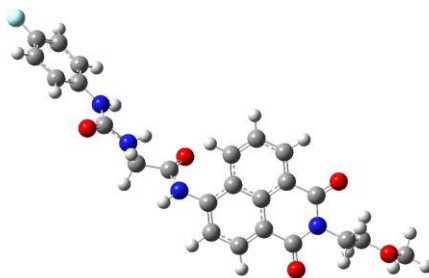
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H	-0.58704600	-2.78026500	0.80975500
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O	-1.15247400	-0.02394200	-0.59820700
C	-2.73612800	-1.67311400	0.15799000
H	-2.75286000	-2.70350100	-0.21843100
H	-2.97552600	-1.72561500	1.22619300
N	-3.69157900	-0.84479400	-0.53877100
H	-3.27622700	-0.02988800	-0.97556100
C	-5.00191600	-0.81554500	-0.10198100
O	-5.42009400	-1.57993400	0.75426200
N	-5.76934700	0.13696900	-0.74818100
H	-5.32320500	0.64031400	-1.49986900
C	-7.13807000	0.42896900	-0.56827900
C	-7.69852000	1.40997600	-1.39894300
C	-7.94659700	-0.19778000	0.38922900
C	-9.03782700	1.76501700	-1.28507500
H	-7.08241100	1.90414300	-2.14369600
C	-9.28909700	0.15809000	0.50390200
H	-7.52497700	-0.95682900	1.02934500
C	-9.81422300	1.12950600	-0.33005300
H	-9.47472200	2.52158600	-1.92452800
H	-9.92511900	-0.31936400	1.23900000
F	-11.12391500	1.47019500	-0.21169500

Host 3	E _{tot} (B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p), a.u)	ΔE (Kcal.mol ⁻¹)	ΔE (KJ.mol ⁻¹)
NH-C5(Z)	-1622.7006480	0.17	0.73
NH-C5(E)	-1622.7009260	0.00	0.00
NH-C4(E)	-1622.6976840	2.03	8.51

S3.4 Evaluation of intramolecular H-bonding for **3**.

Second Order Perturbation Theory Analysis of Fock Matrix in NBO Basis

Threshold for printing: 0.50 kcal/mol

Donor NBO (i)	Acceptor NBO (j)	E(2) E(j) - E(i) F(i,j) kcal/mol	a.u.	a.u.
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within unit 1				

110. LP (1) O 26	/840. BD*(2) C 11 - C 12	0.95	0.51	0.021
110. LP (1) O 26	/842. BD*(1) C 12 - H 13	0.65	1.18	0.025

111. LP (2) O 26	/860. BD*(1) N 30 - H 31	0.74	0.66	0.020
111. LP (2) O 26	/861. BD*(1) N 30 - C 32	0.75	0.69	0.021
111. LP (2) O 26	/862. BD*(1) C 32 - O 33	1.11	0.77	0.027
111. LP (2) O 26	/868. BD*(2) C 36 - C 38	0.96	0.29	0.016
111. LP (2) O 26	/869. BD*(1) C 37 - C 39	2.79	0.64	0.039

