

## **Experimental and theoretical study of novel aminobenzamide–aminonaphthalimide fluorescent dyads with a FRET mechanism**

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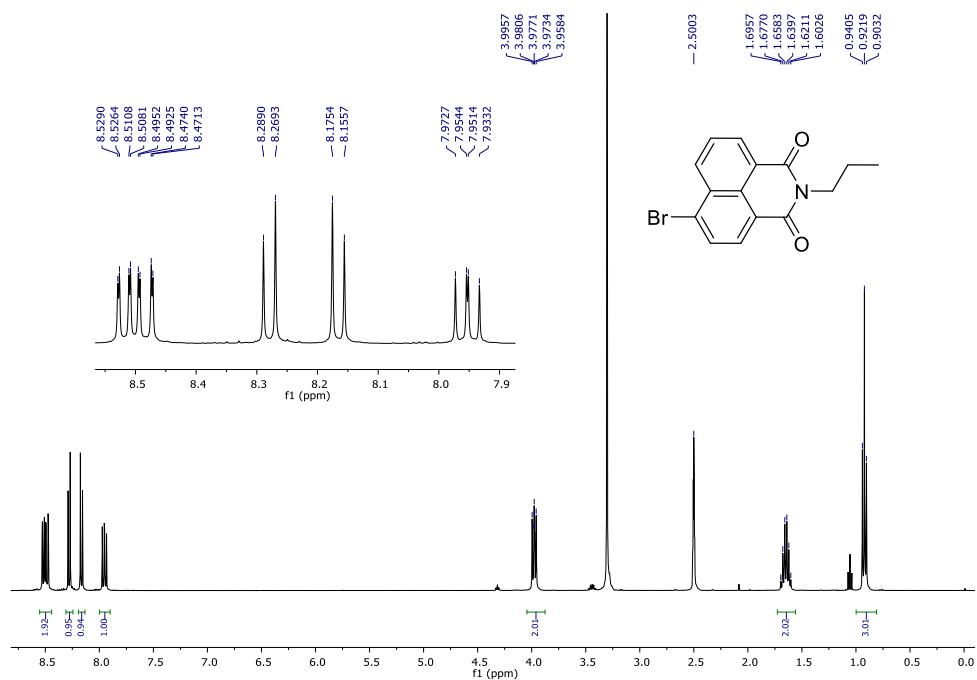
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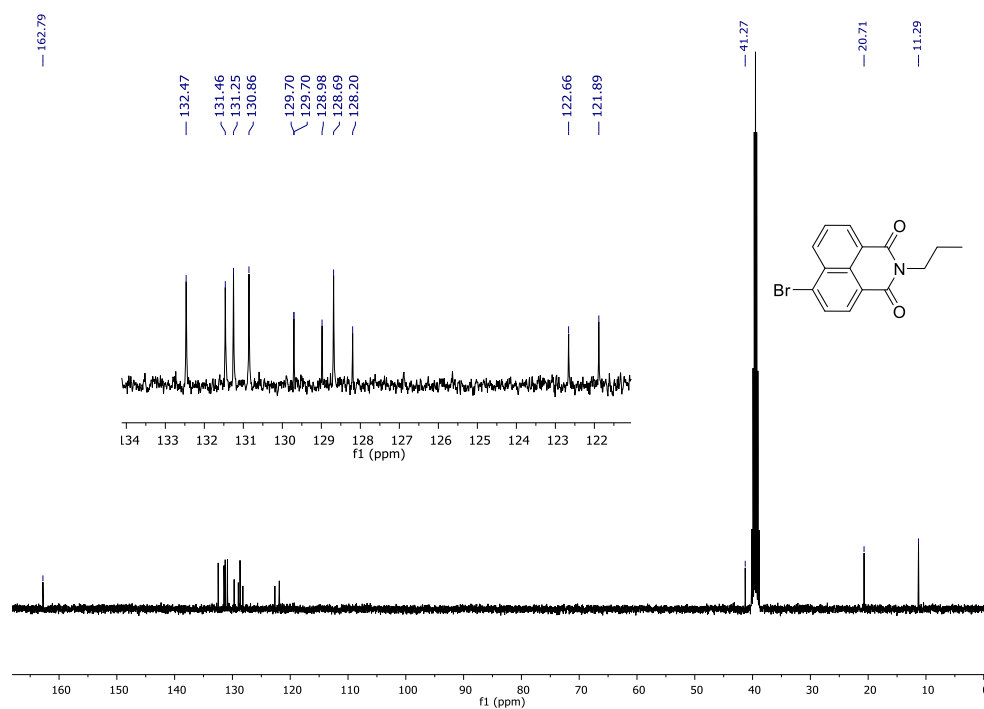
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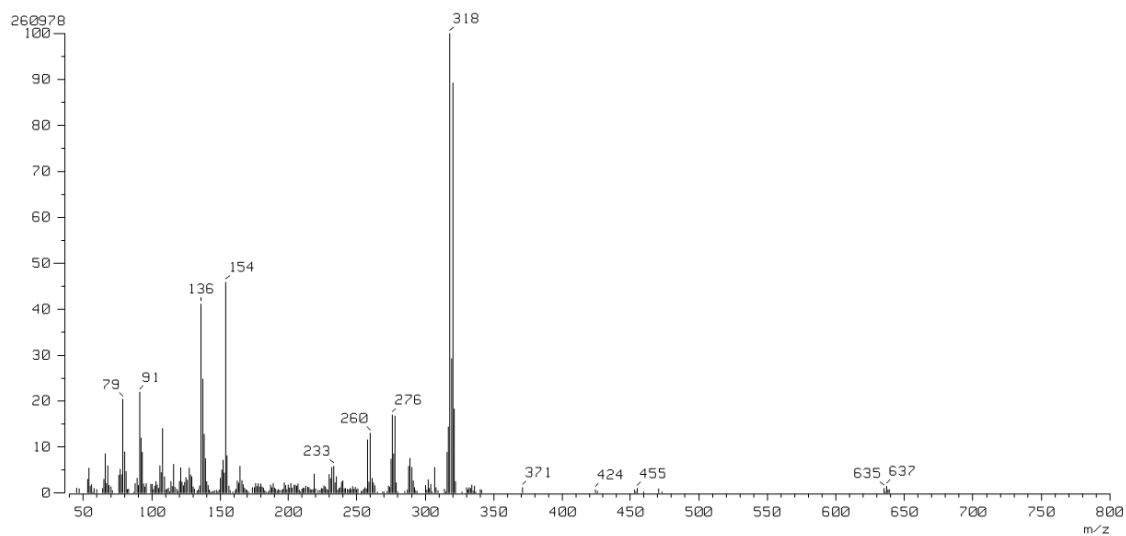
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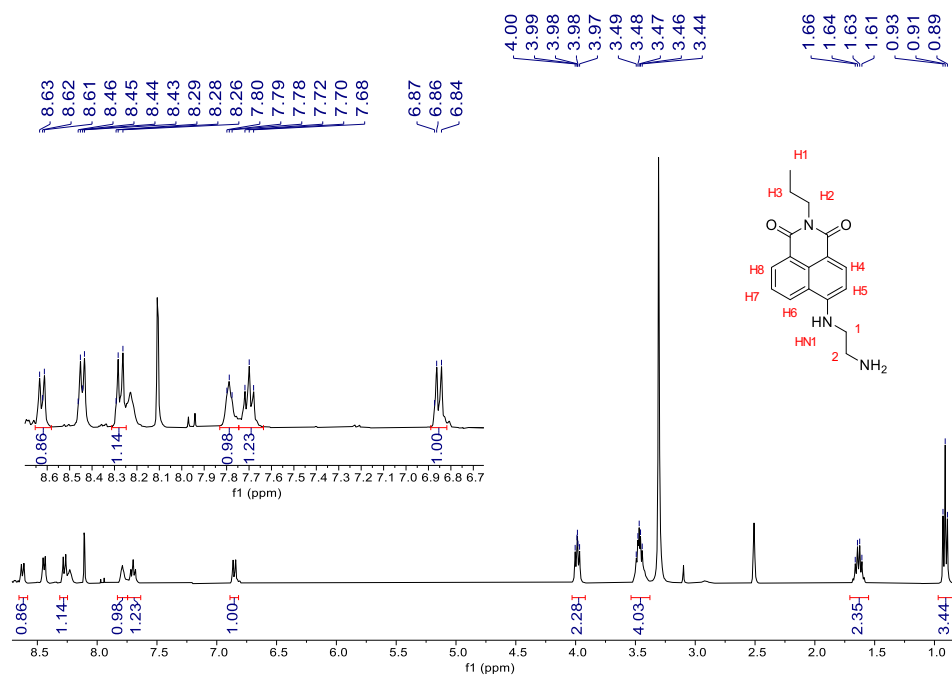
**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 6-bromo-2-propyl-1H-benzo[de]isoquinoline-1,3(2H)-dione **1** obtained in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



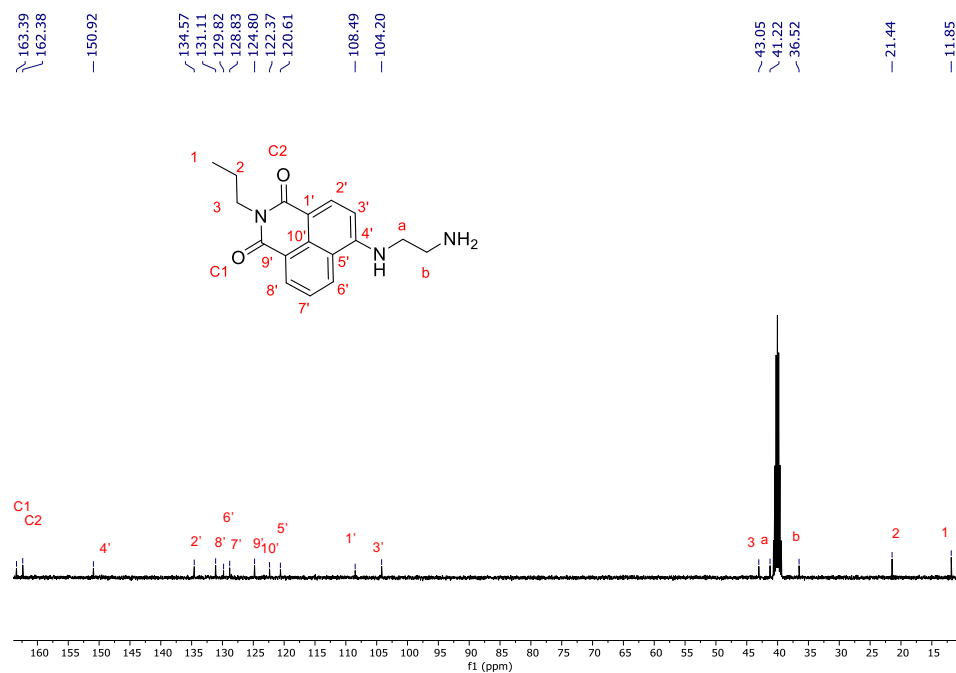
**Figure S2.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 6-bromo-2-propyl-1H-benzo[de]isoquinoline-1,3(2H)-dione **1** obtained in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



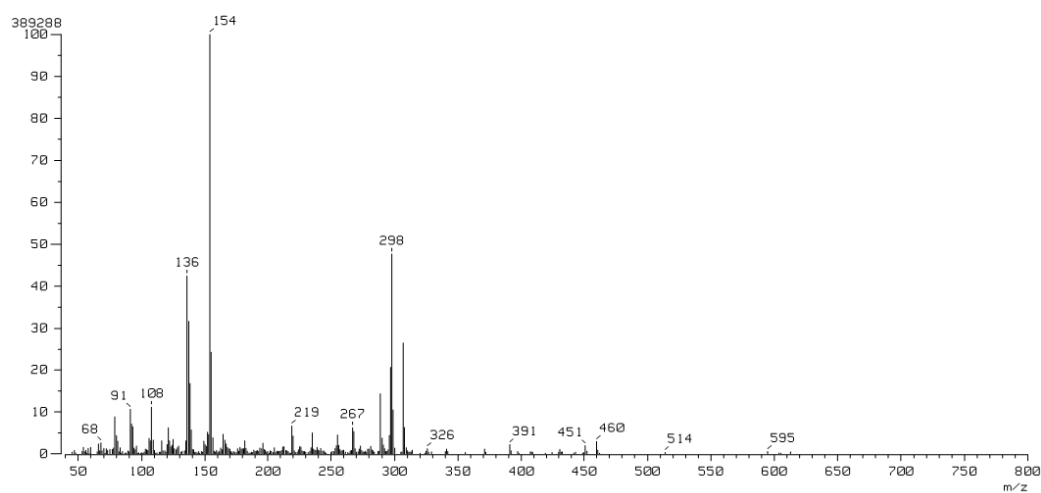
**Figure S3.** MS(FAB+) for **1**.



**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2a** obtained in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ .

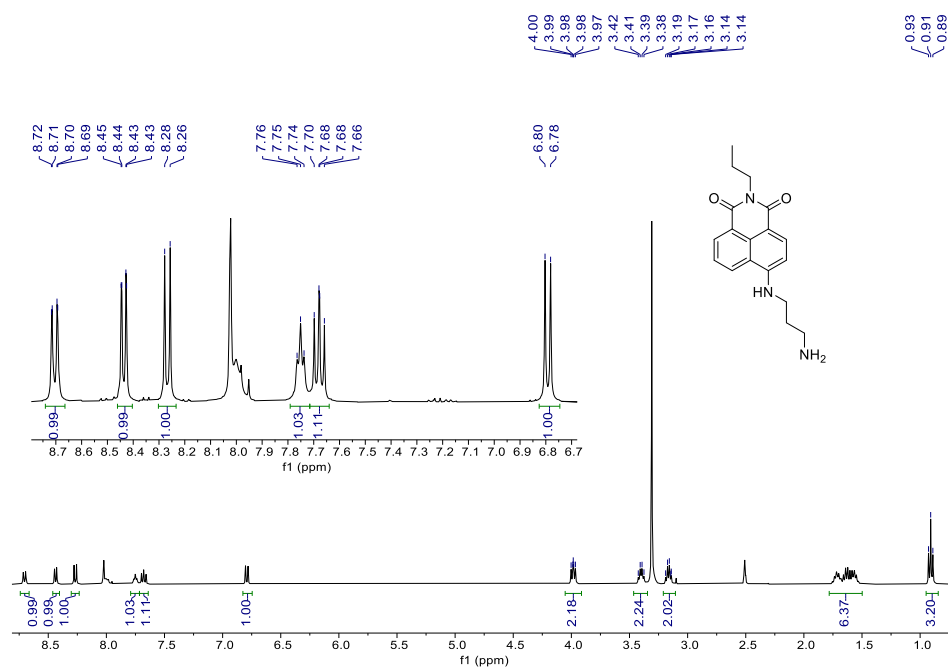


**Figure S5.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **2a** obtained in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.

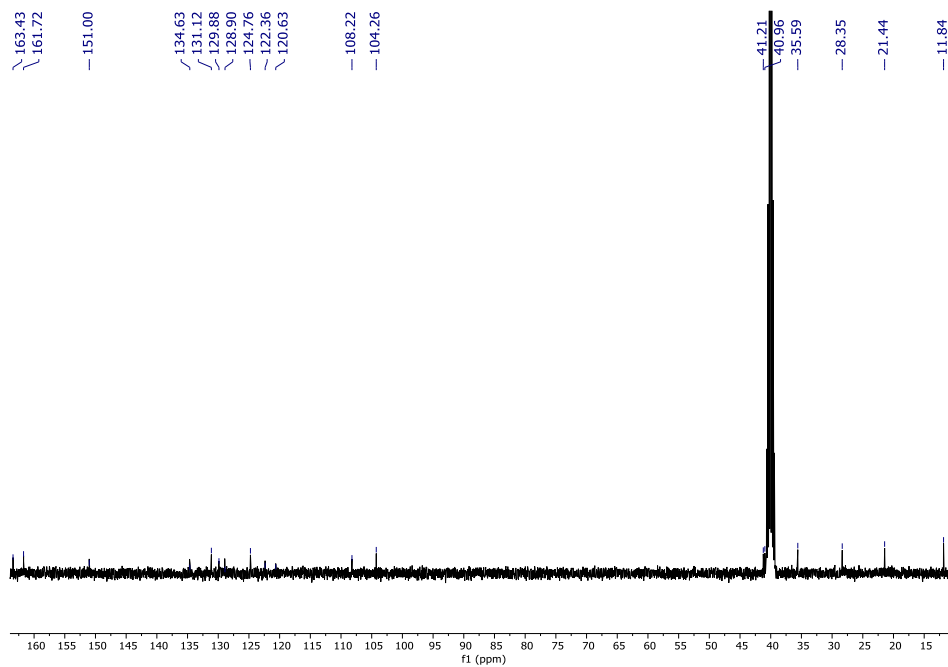


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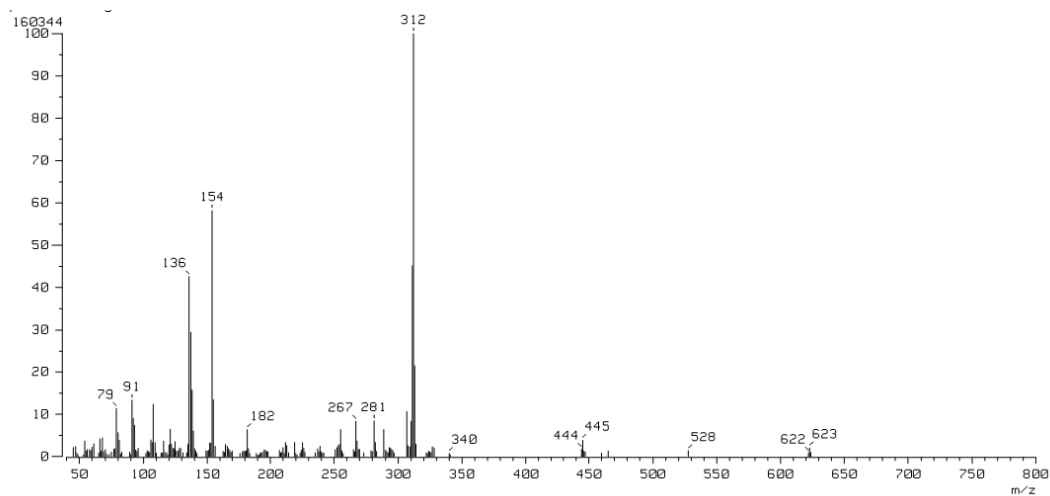




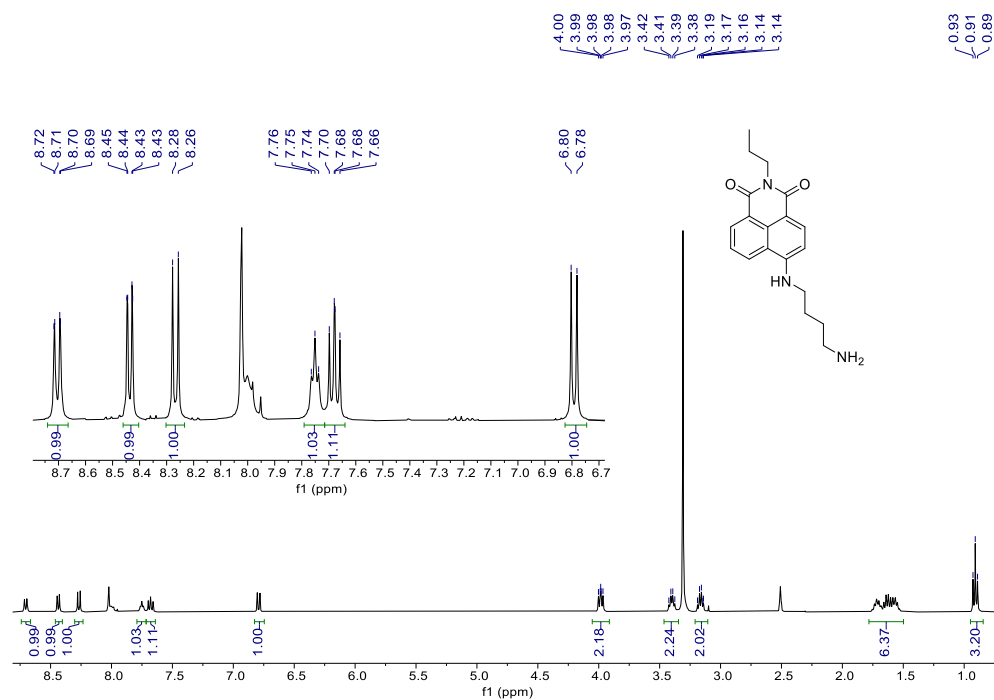
**Figure S7.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2b** obtained in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



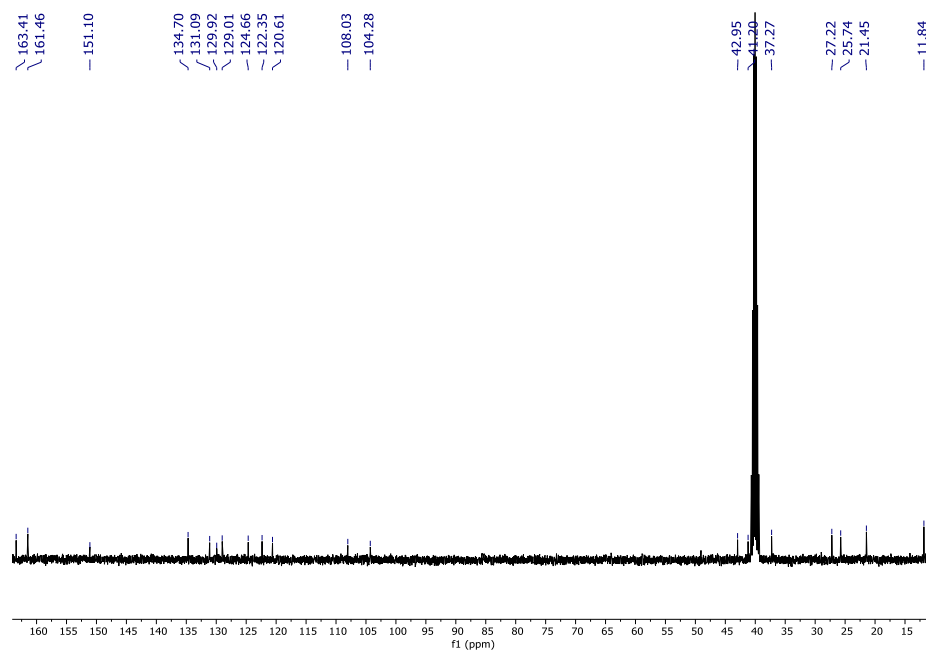
**Figure S8.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **2b** obtained in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



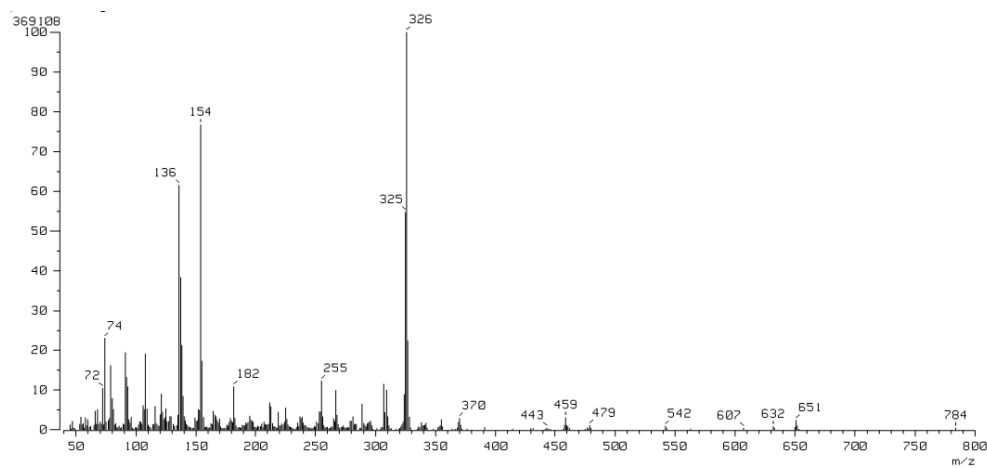
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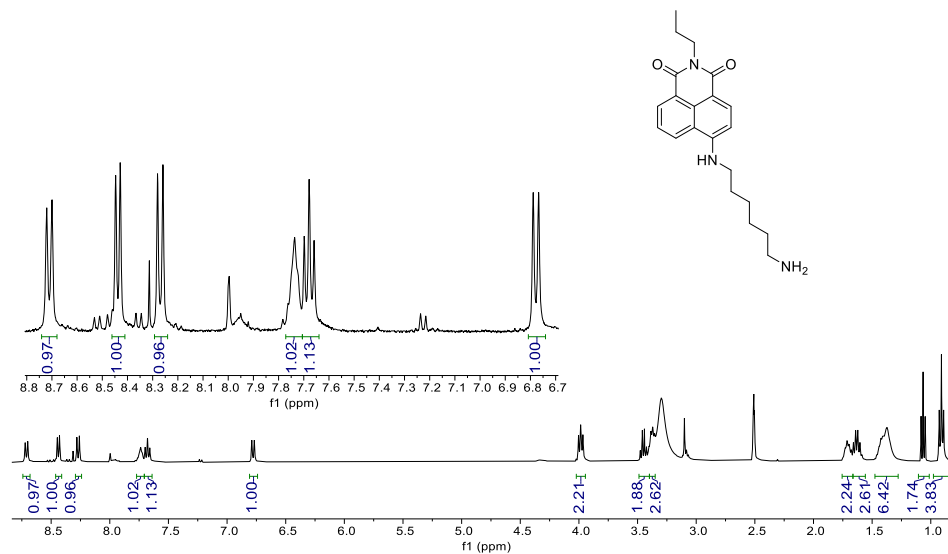
**Figure S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2c** obtained in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .



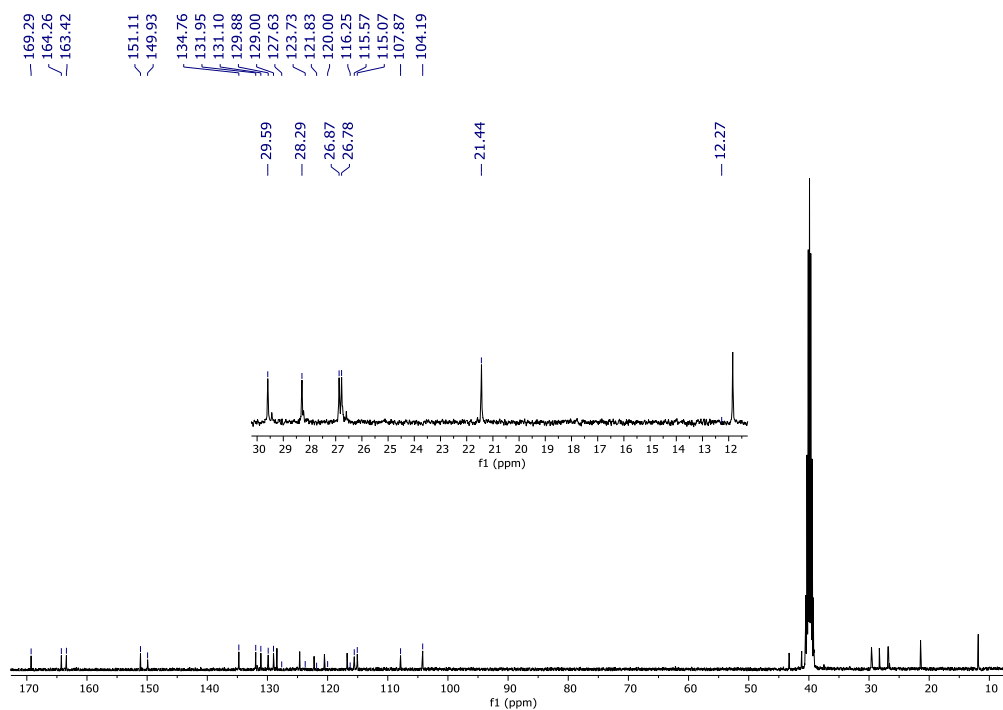
**Figure S11.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **2c** obtained in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .



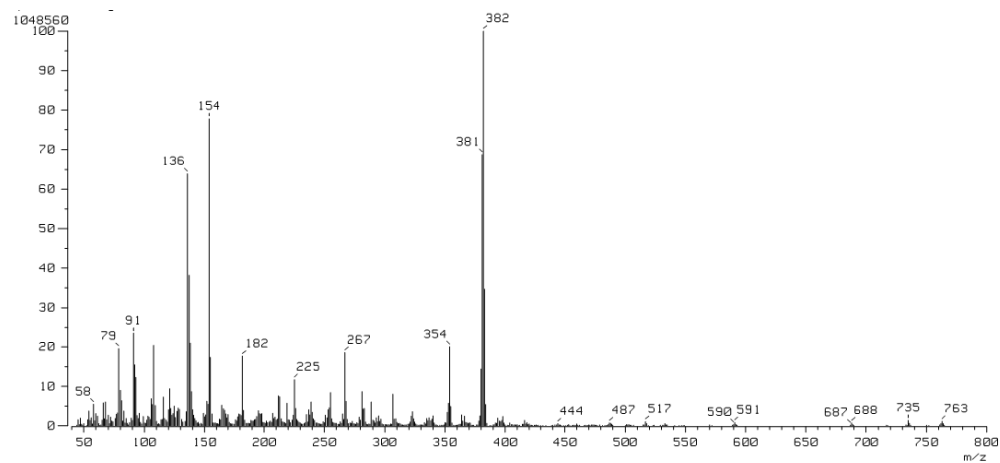
**Figure S12.** MS(FAB+) for **2c**.



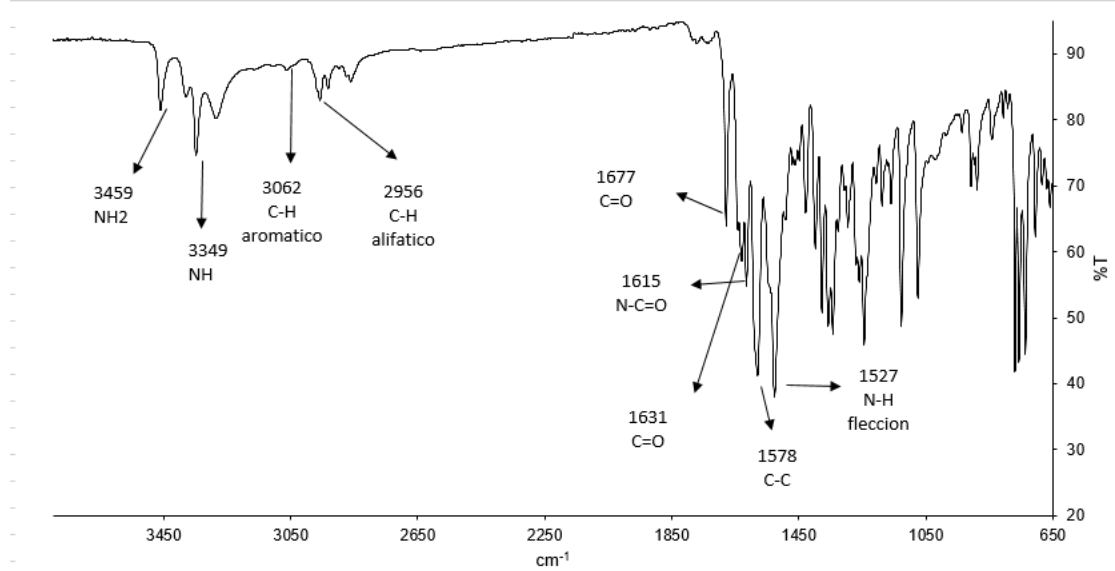
**Figure S13.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2d** obtained in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



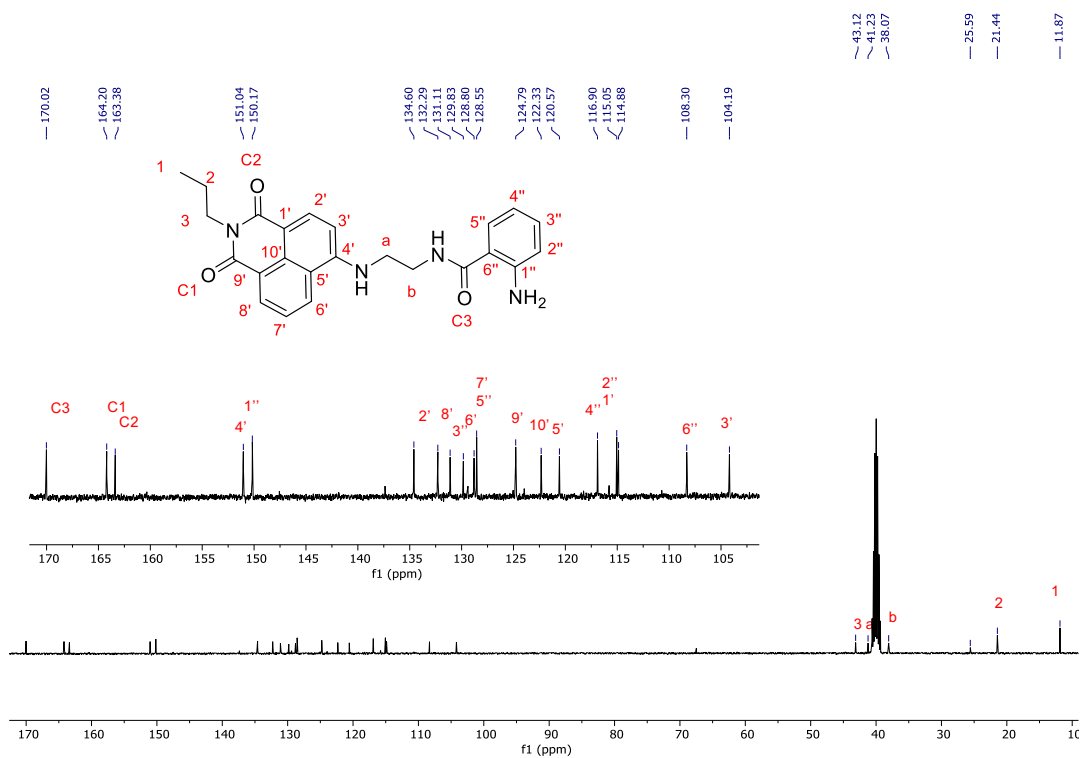
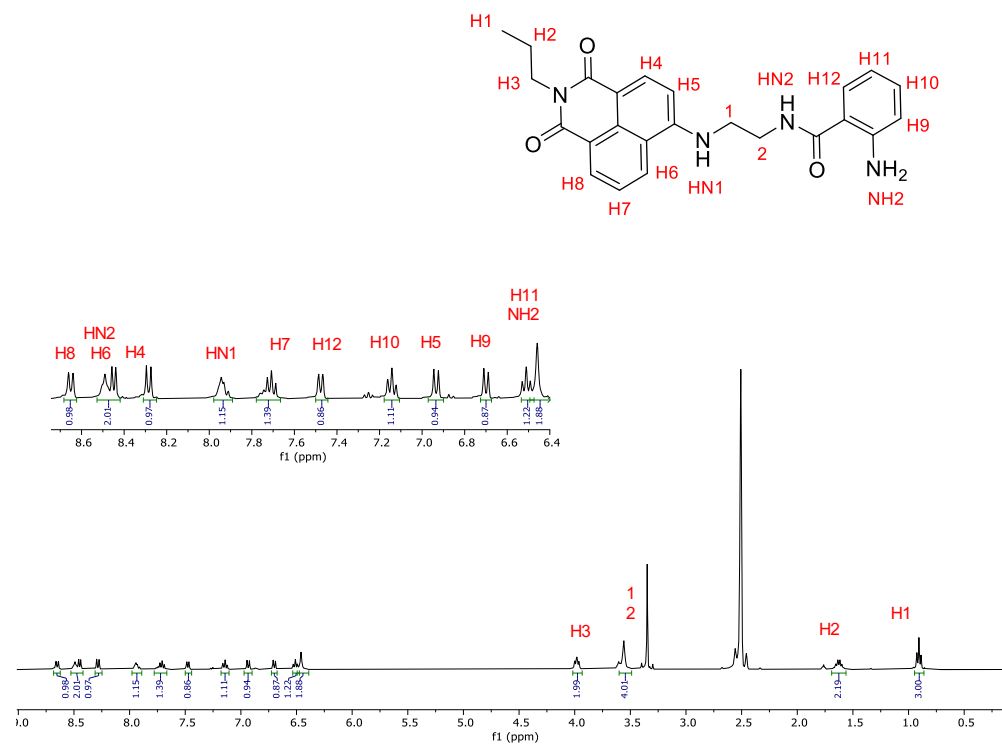
**Figure S14.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **2d** obtained in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.

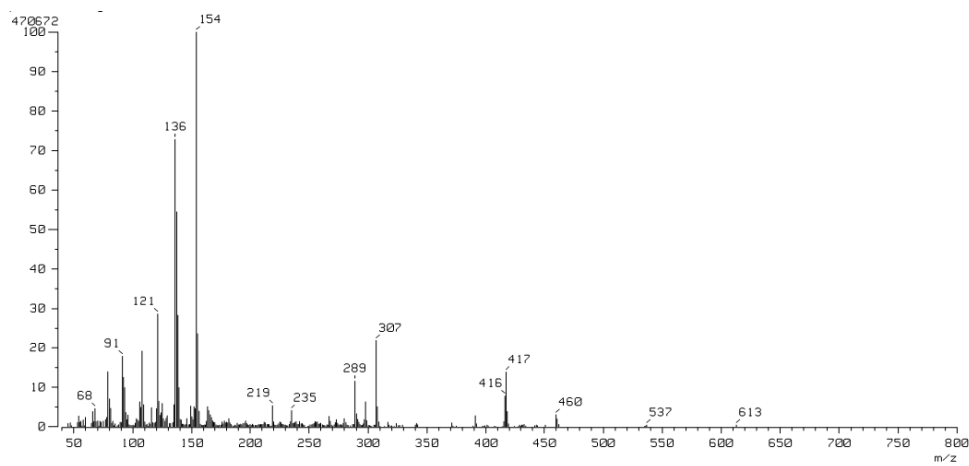


**Figure S15.** MS(FAB+) for **2d**.

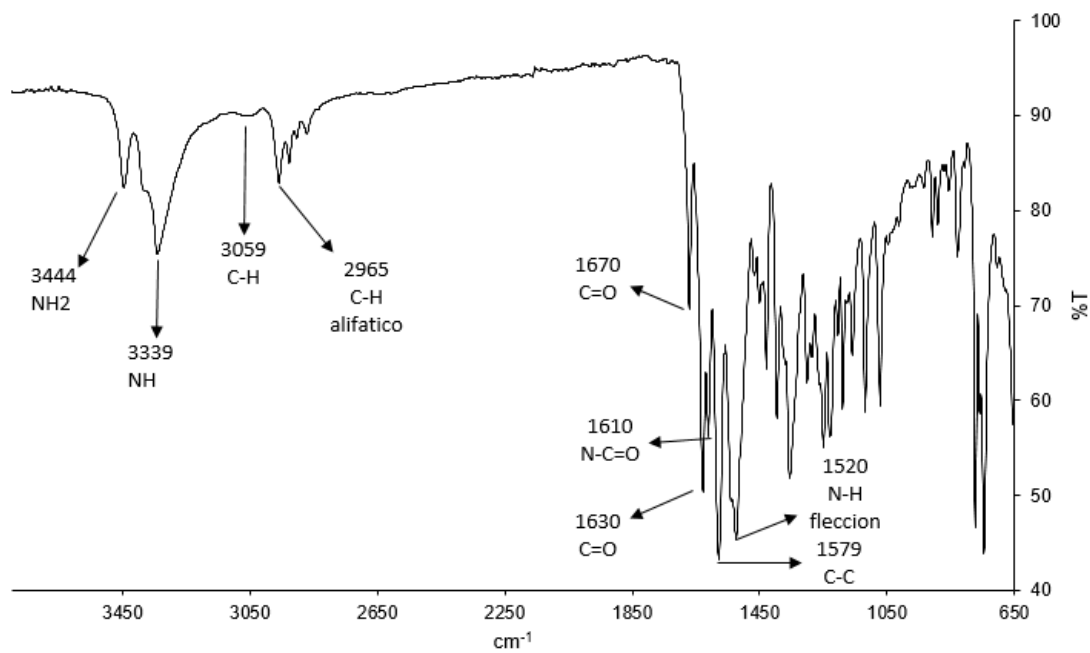


**Figure S16.** FTIR spectrum of **3a**.

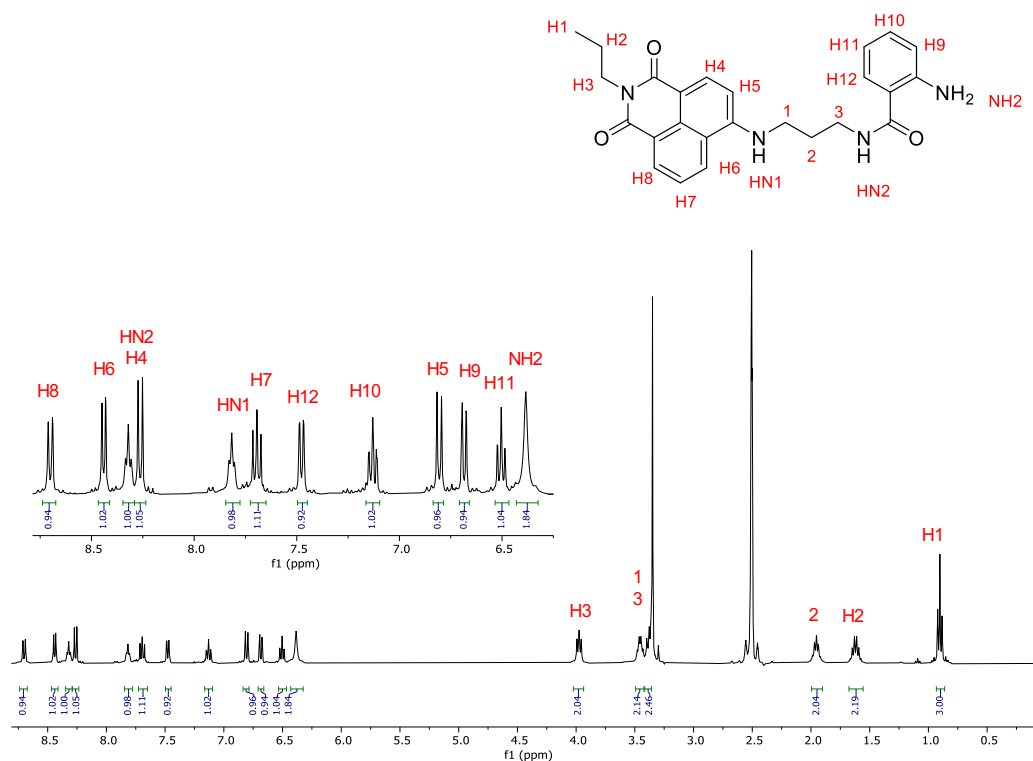




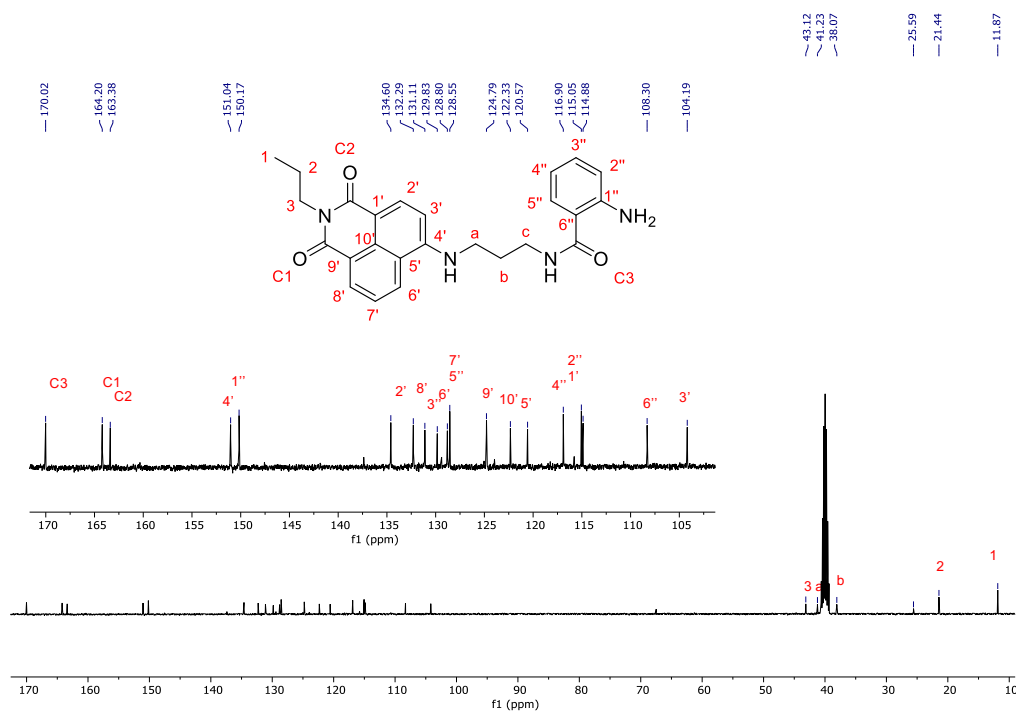
**Figure S19.** MS(FAB+) for **3a**.



**Figure S20.** FTIR spectrum of **3b**.

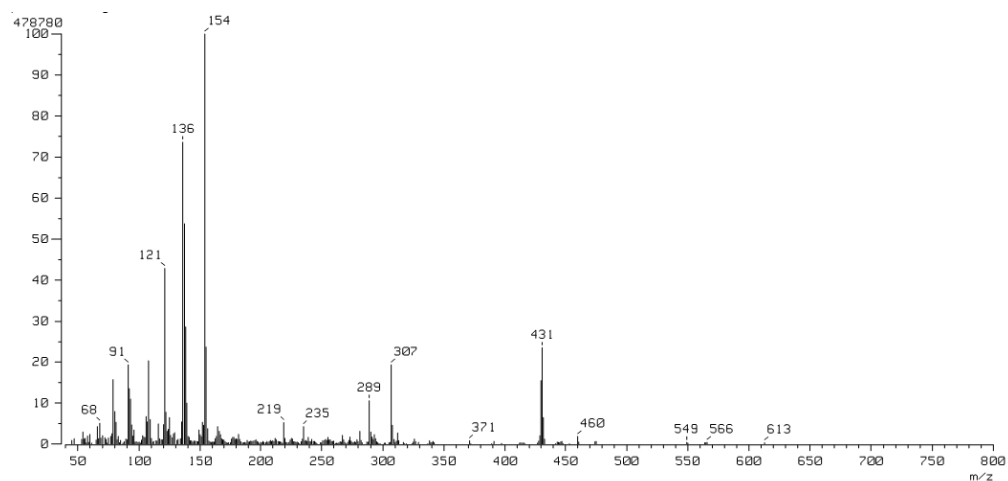


**Figure S21.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3b** obtained in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.

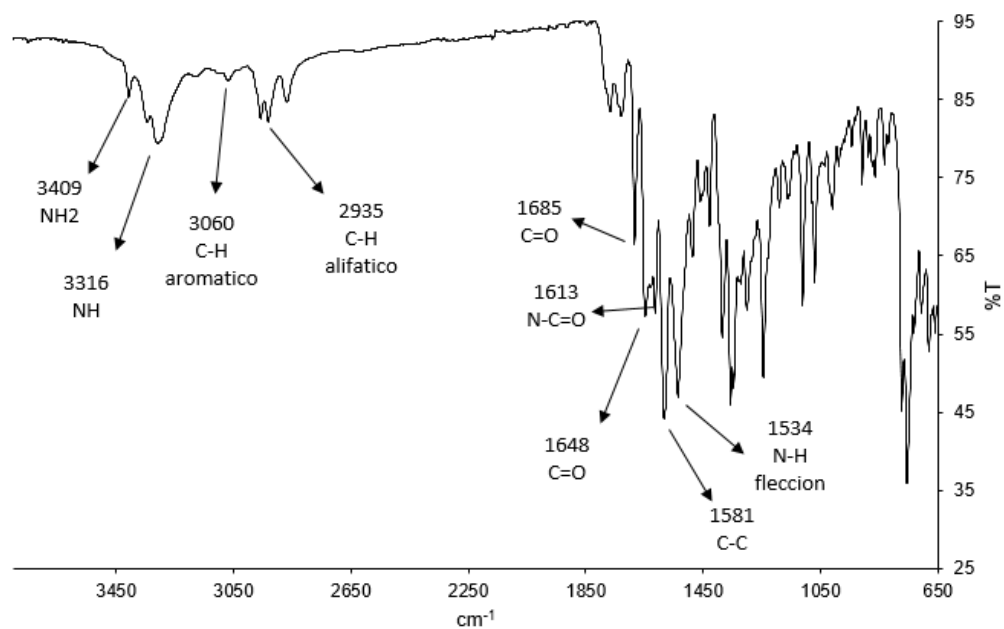


**Figure S22.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **3b** obtained in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.

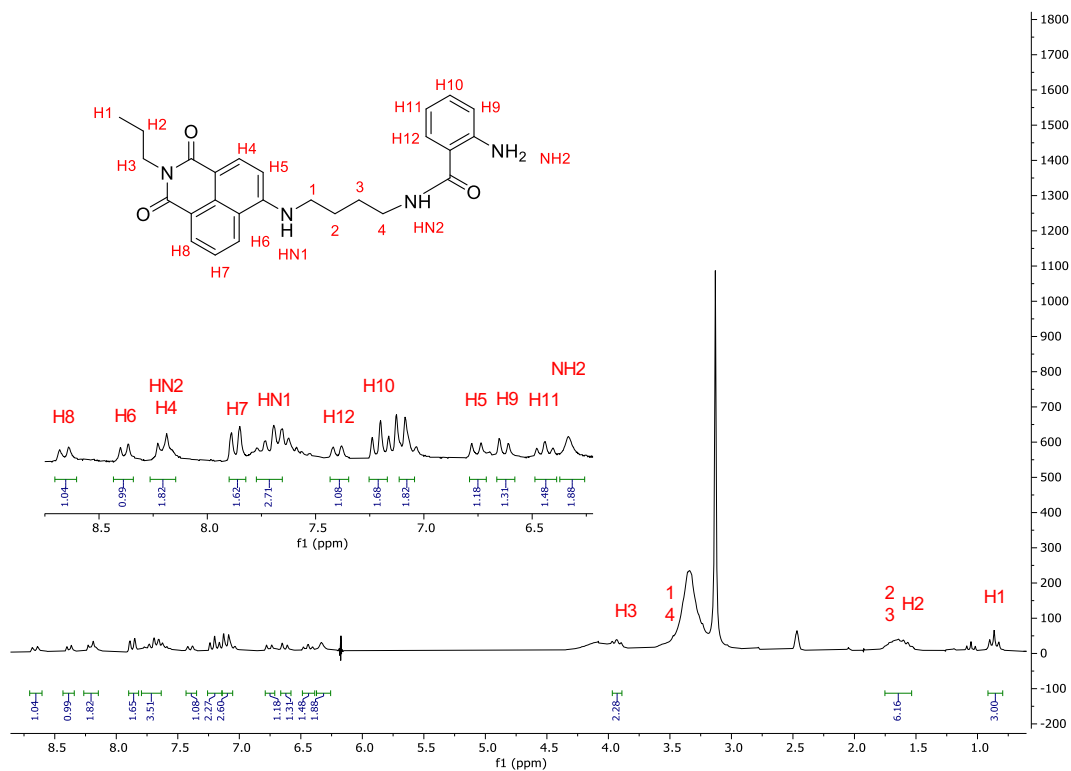




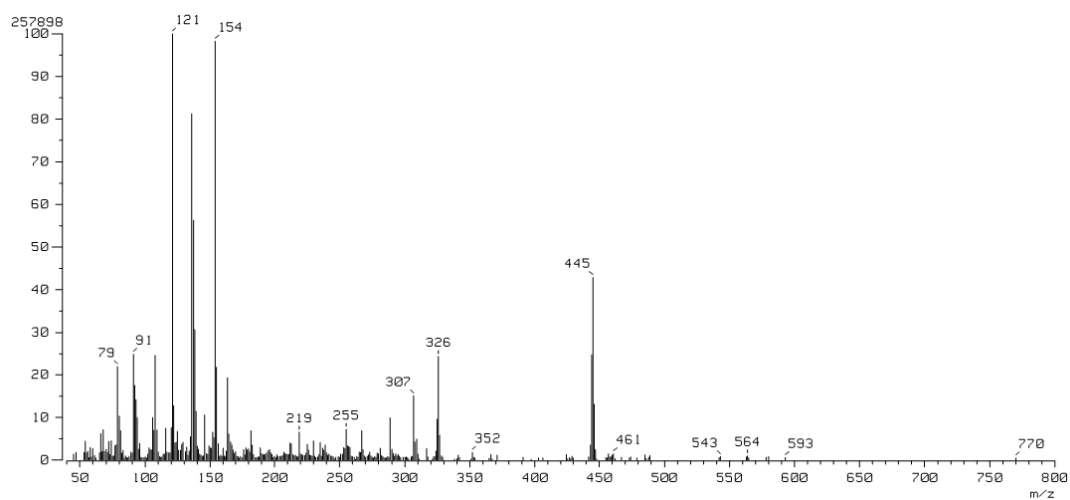
**Figure S23.** MS(FAB+) for **3b**.



**Figure S24.** FTIR spectrum of **3c**.



**Figure S25.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3c** obtained in DMSO- $d_6$ .



**Figure S26.** MS(FAB+) for **3c**.

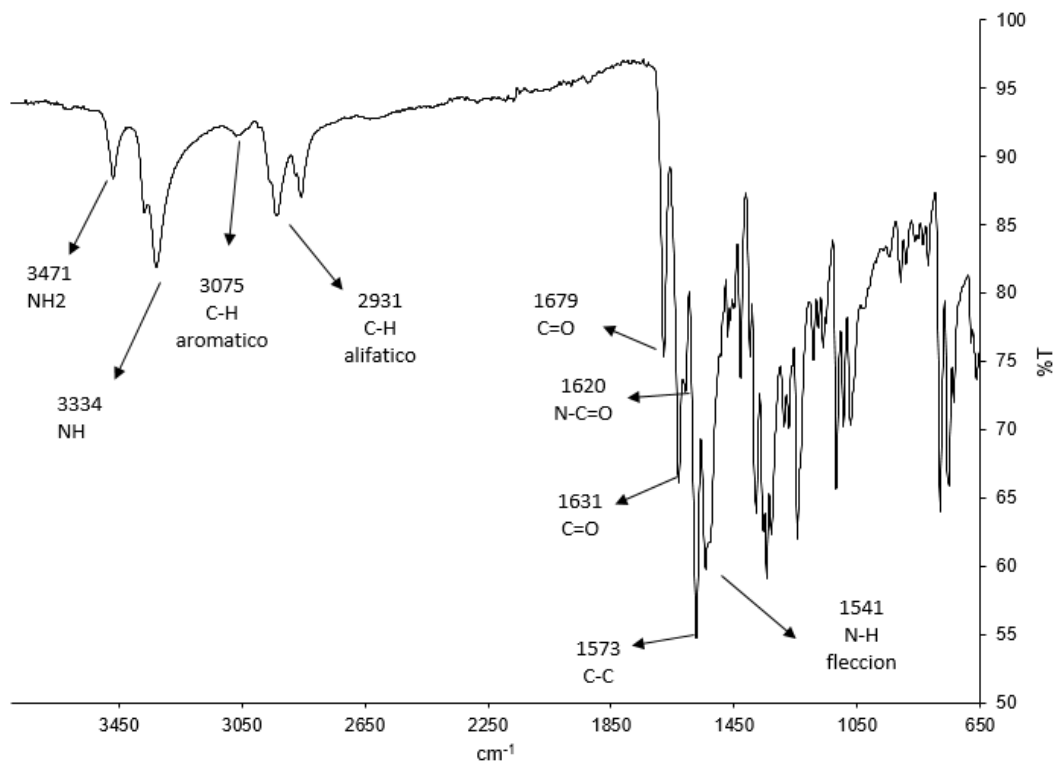


Figure S27. FTIR spectrum of 3d.

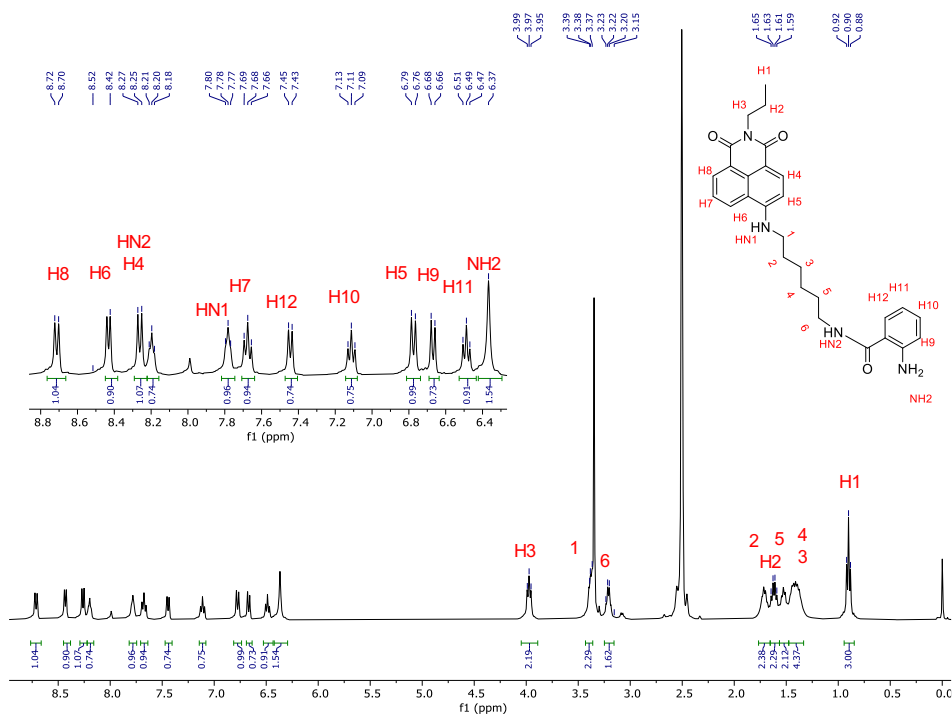
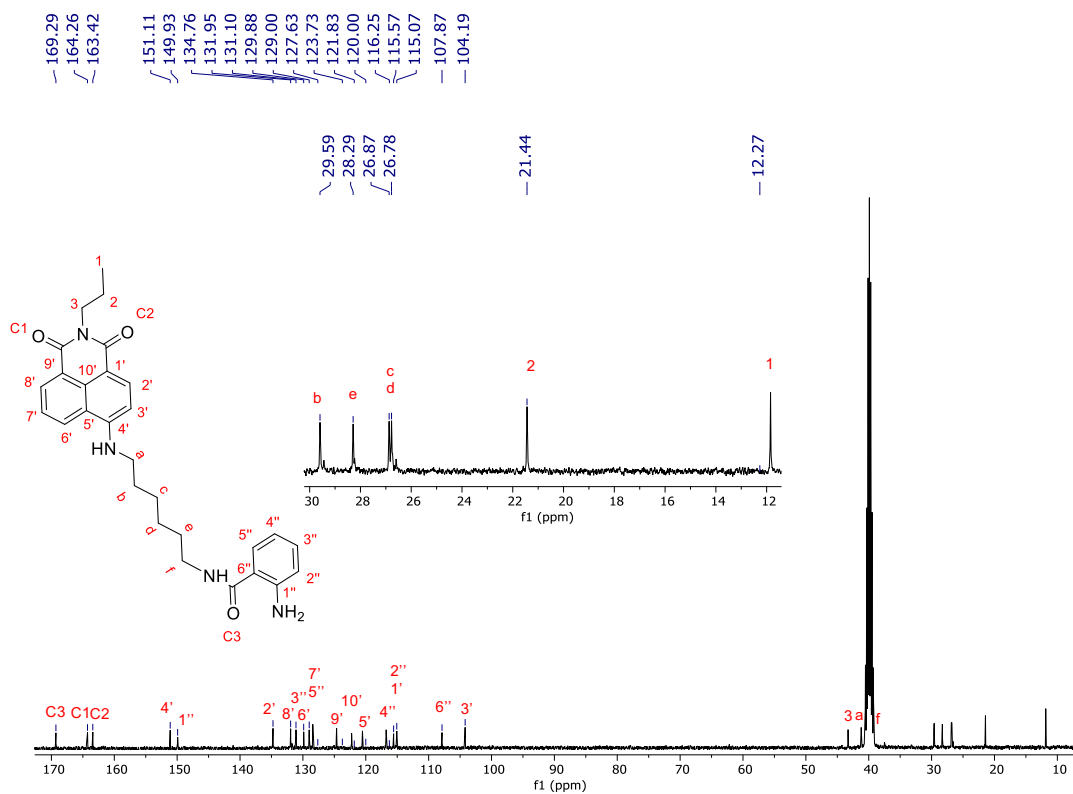
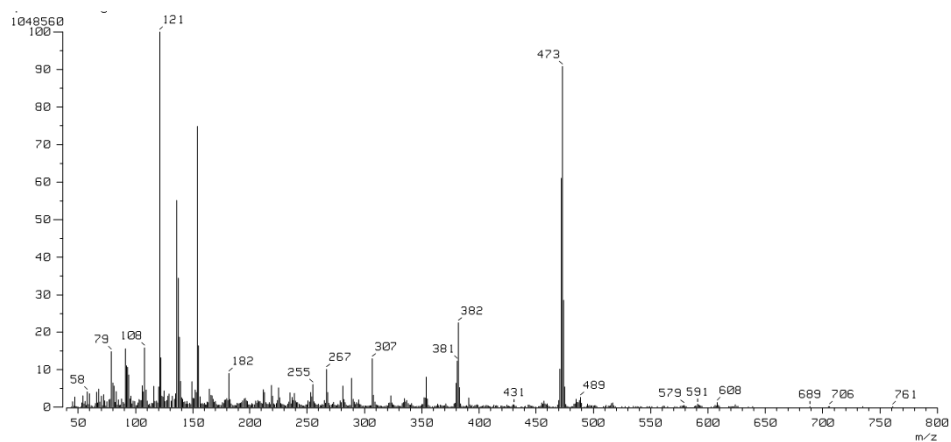


Figure S28.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 3d obtained in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ .



**Figure S29.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **3d** obtained in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ .



**Figure S30.** MS(FAB+) for **3d**.

**Table S1.** IR frequencies for dyads **3a-d** (cm<sup>-1</sup>).

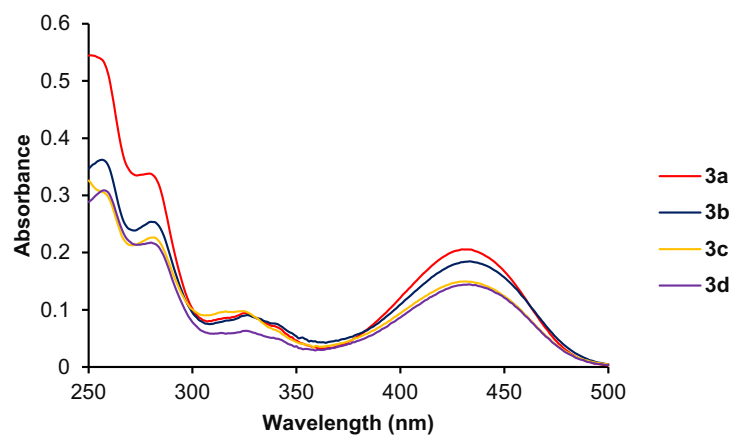
| Dyad      | (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) |                 |          |           |           |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|           | N-H                 | N-H             | C-H      | C-H       | C=O       |
|           | Primary amine       | Secondary amine | aromatic | aliphatic | symmetric |
| <b>3a</b> | 3459                | 3349            | 3062     | 2956      | 1677      |
| <b>3b</b> | 3444                | 3339            | 3059     | 2965      | 1670      |
| <b>3c</b> | 3409                | 3316            | 3060     | 2935      | 1685      |
| <b>3d</b> | 3471                | 3334            | 3075     | 2931      | 1679      |
|           |                     |                 |          |           |           |
|           | N-C=O               | C=O             | C=C      | N-H       |           |
|           | amide               | asymmetric      | aromatic | bending   |           |
| <b>3a</b> | 1615                | 1631            | 1578     | 1527      |           |
| <b>3b</b> | 1610                | 1630            | 1579     | 1520      |           |
| <b>3c</b> | 1613                | 1648            | 1581     | 1534      |           |
| <b>3d</b> | 1620                | 1631            | 1573     | 1541      |           |

**Table S2.** Assignment of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shifts signals for compounds **3a-d**.

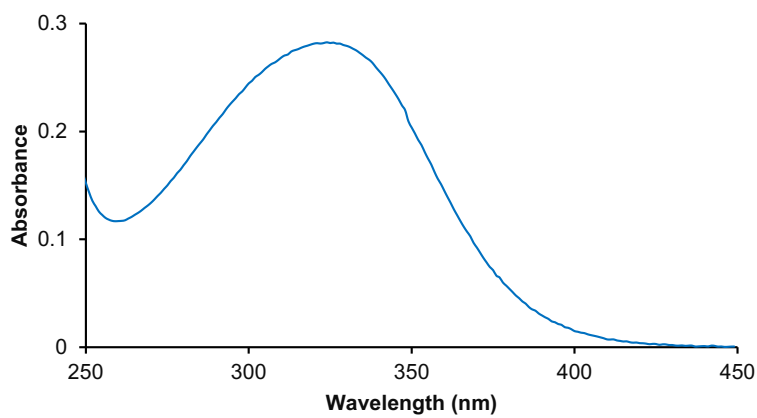
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|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| $^1\text{H}$ | (ppm)     | $^1\text{H}$ | (ppm)     | $^1\text{H}$ | (ppm)     | $^1\text{H}$ | (ppm)     |
| <b>H8</b>    | 8.65 d    | <b>H8</b>    | 8.70 d    | <b>H8</b>    | 8.66 d    | <b>H8</b>    | 8.71 d    |
| <b>HN2</b>   | 8.49 t    | <b>HN2</b>   | 8.32 t    | <b>H6</b>    | 8.38 d    | <b>H6</b>    | 8.43 d    |
| <b>H6</b>    | 8.45 d    | <b>H6</b>    | 8.44 d    | <b>HN2</b>   | 8.21 s    | <b>H4</b>    | 8.26 d    |
| <b>H4</b>    | 8.28 d    | <b>H4</b>    | 8.26 d    | <b>H4</b>    | 8.18 d    | <b>HN2</b>   | 8.20 t    |
| <b>HN1</b>   | 7.94 t    | <b>HN1</b>   | 7.82 t    | <b>H7</b>    | 7.87 d    | <b>HN1</b>   | 7.79 t    |
| <b>H7</b>    | 7.71 t    | <b>H7</b>    | 7.69 t    | <b>HN1</b>   | 7.75 t    | <b>H7</b>    | 7.68 t    |
| <b>H12</b>   | 7.48 d    | <b>H12</b>   | 7.48 d    | <b>H12</b>   | 7.40 d    | <b>H12</b>   | 7.44 d    |
| <b>H10</b>   | 7.14 t    | <b>H10</b>   | 7.13 ddd  | <b>H10</b>   | 7.20 t    | <b>H10</b>   | 7.11 t    |
| <b>H5</b>    | 6.93 d    | <b>H5</b>    | 6.81 d    | <b>H5</b>    | 6.76 d    | <b>H5</b>    | 6.78 d    |
| <b>H9</b>    | 6.70 d    | <b>H9</b>    | 6.68 dd   | <b>H9</b>    | 6.63 d    | <b>H9</b>    | 6.67 d    |
| <b>H11</b>   | 6.51 t    | <b>H11</b>   | 6.51 dd   | <b>H11</b>   | 6.44 t    | <b>H11</b>   | 6.49 t    |
| <b>NH2</b>   | 6.45 s    | <b>NH2</b>   | 6.38 s    | <b>NH2</b>   | 6.33 s    | <b>NH2</b>   | 6.37 s    |
| <b>H3</b>    | 3.98 t    | <b>H3</b>    | 3.97 t    | <b>H3</b>    | 3.93 t    | <b>H3</b>    | 3.98 t    |
| <b>1</b>     | 3.55 s    | <b>1</b>     | 3.46 m    | <b>1</b>     | 3.4 m     | <b>1</b>     | 3.36 m    |
| <b>2</b>     | 3.55 s    | <b>3</b>     | 3.36 m    | <b>4</b>     | 3.28 m    | <b>6</b>     | 3.21 c    |
| <b>H2</b>    | 1.63 m    | <b>2</b>     | 1.95 m    | <b>2</b>     | 1.64 m    | <b>2</b>     | 1.71 m    |
| <b>H1</b>    | 0.91 t    | <b>H2</b>    | 1.62 m    | <b>3</b>     | 1.64 m    | <b>H2</b>    | 1.63 m    |
|              |           | <b>H1</b>    | 0.90 t    | <b>H2</b>    | 1.63 m    | <b>5</b>     | 1.53 m    |
|              |           |              |           | <b>H1</b>    | 0.91 t    | <b>4</b>     | 1.4 m     |
|              |           |              |           |              |           | <b>3</b>     | 1.4 m     |
|              |           |              |           |              |           | <b>H1</b>    | 0.91 t    |

**Table S3.** Assignment of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR chemical shifts signals for compounds **3a-d**.

| Dyad      | amide  | imide             | aromatic                                                                                                                                             | propyl                     | alkyl spacer                                      |
|-----------|--------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>3a</b> | 170.02 | 164.20,<br>163.38 | 151.04, 150.17,<br>134.60, 132.29,<br>131.11, 129.83,<br>128.80, 128.55,<br>124.79, 122.33,<br>120.57, 116.90,<br>115.05, 114.88,<br>108.30, 104.19  | 43.12,<br>21.44,<br>11.87. | 41.23, 38.07                                      |
| <b>3b</b> | 170.09 | 164.27,<br>163.45 | 151.11, 150.24,<br>134.67, 132.36,<br>131.18, 129.9,<br>128.87, 128.62,<br>124.86, 122.4<br>120.64, 116.83<br>114.98, 114.81,<br>108.23, 104.12      | 43.05<br>21.37<br>11.8     | 41.16, 38.12,<br>28.34                            |
| <b>3d</b> | 169.29 | 164.29,<br>163.42 | 151.11, 149.93,<br>134.76, 131.95,<br>131.10, 129.88,<br>129.00, 128.43,<br>124.65, 122.25,<br>120.53, 116.75,<br>115.57, 115.07,<br>107.87, 104.19, | 43.28,<br>21.44,<br>11.85. | 41.20,<br>39.18, 29.59,<br>28.29, 26.87,<br>26.78 |

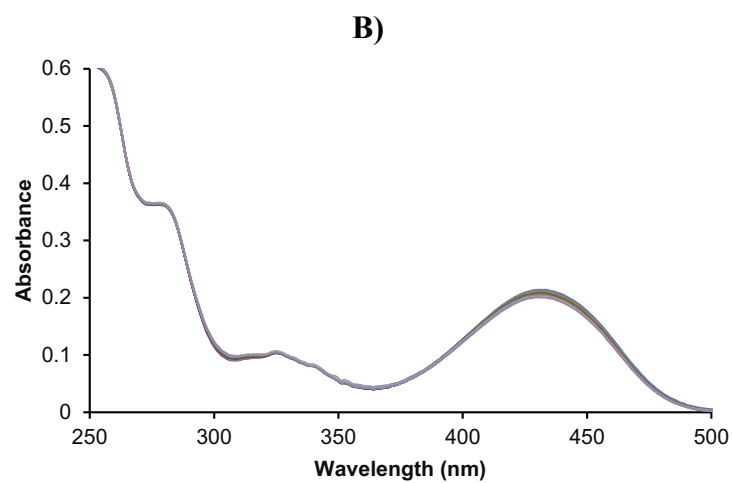
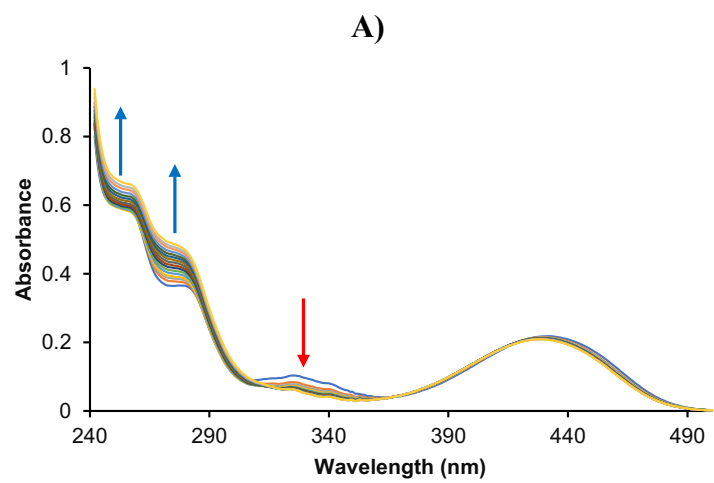


**Figure S31.** Electronic absorption bands of dyads **3a-d** in acetonitrile.  $[3a-d] = 1 \times 10^{-5}$  M.

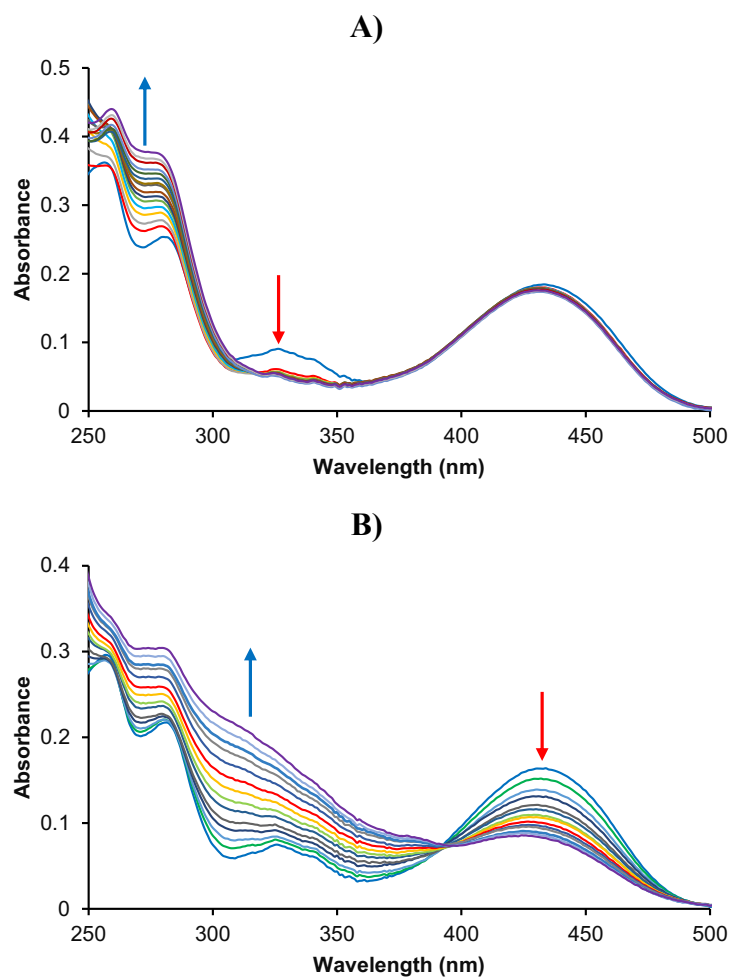


**Figure S32.** Electronic absorption band of  $\text{Cu}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  in acetonitrile.  $[\text{Cu}(\text{ClO}_4)_2] = 1 \times 10^{-4}$  M.

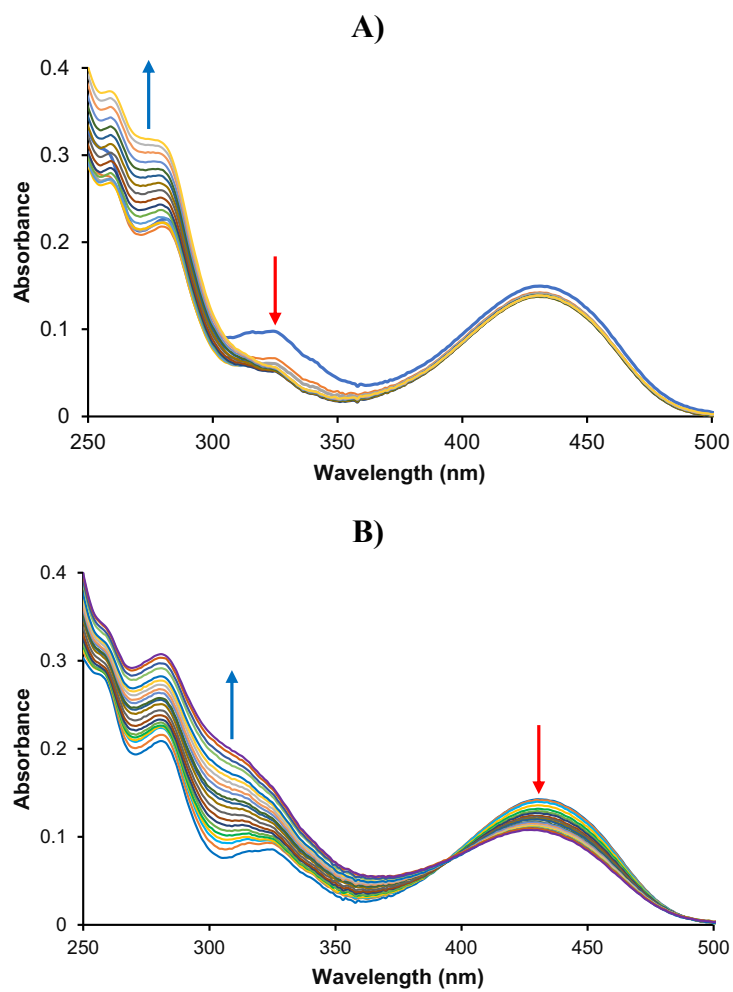




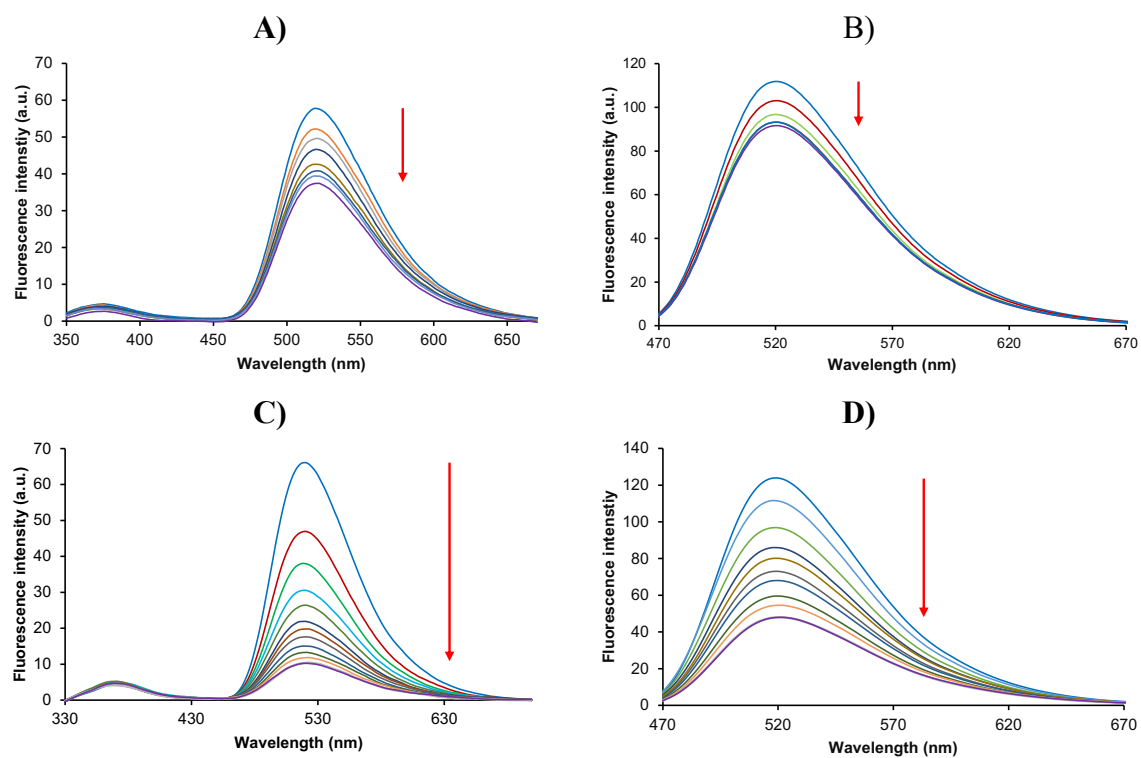
**Figure S33.** Absorption spectra obtained by titration of dyad **3a** with  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  (A) and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  (B) in acetonitrile.  $[\mathbf{3a}] = 1 \times 10^{-5}$  M.



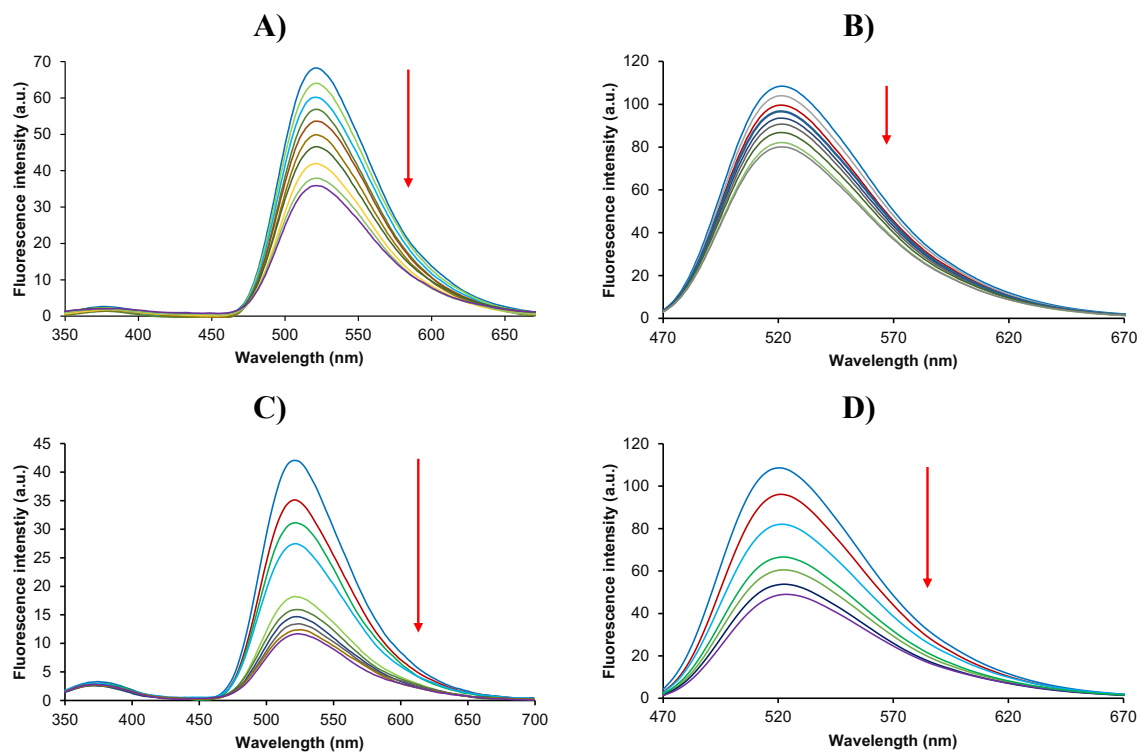
**Figure S34.** Absorption spectra obtained by titration of dyad **3b** with  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  (A) and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  (B) in acetonitrile.  $[\mathbf{3b}] = 1 \times 10^{-5}$  M.



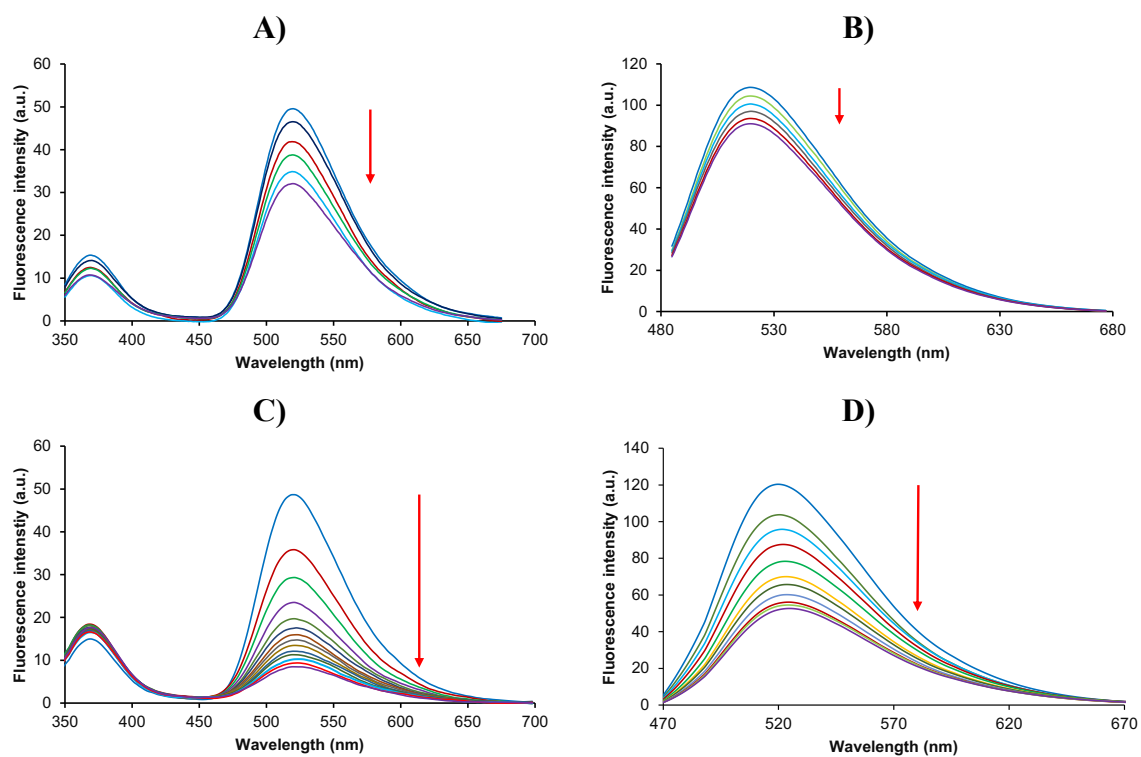
**Figure S35.** Absorption spectra obtained by titration of dyad **3c** with  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  (A) and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  (B) in acetonitrile.  $[\mathbf{3c}] = 1 \times 10^{-5}$  M.



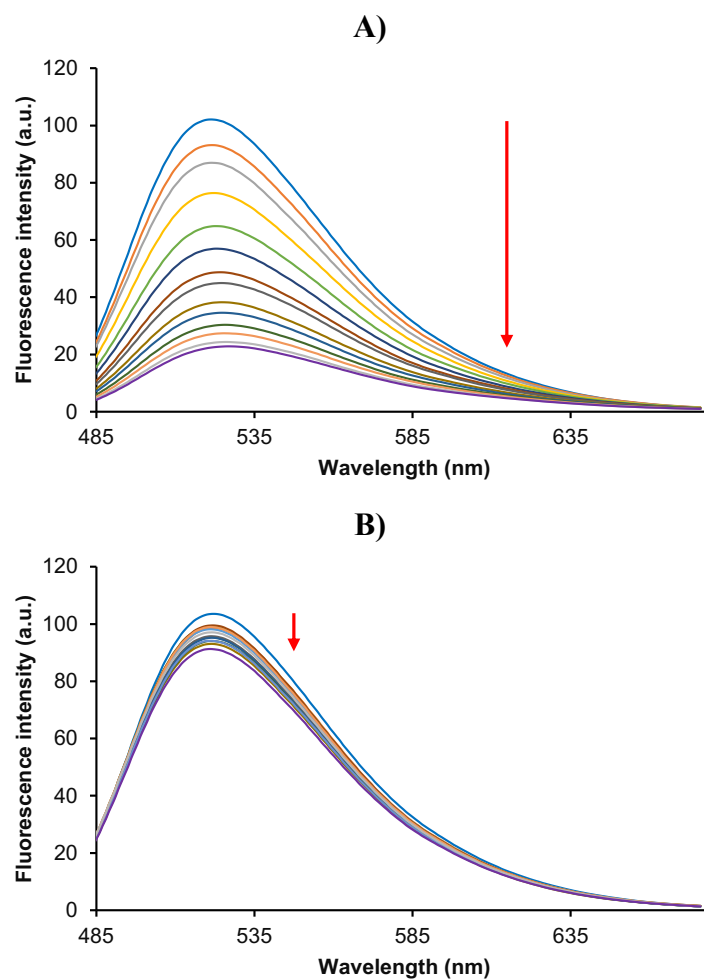
**Figure S36.** Emission spectra obtained by titration of dyad **3a** with  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  exciting at 315 nm (A) and 435 nm (B) in acetonitrile. Emission spectra obtained by titration of dyad **3a** with  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  exciting at 315 nm (C) and 435 nm (D) in acetonitrile.  $[\mathbf{3a}] = 5 \times 10^{-5}$  M.



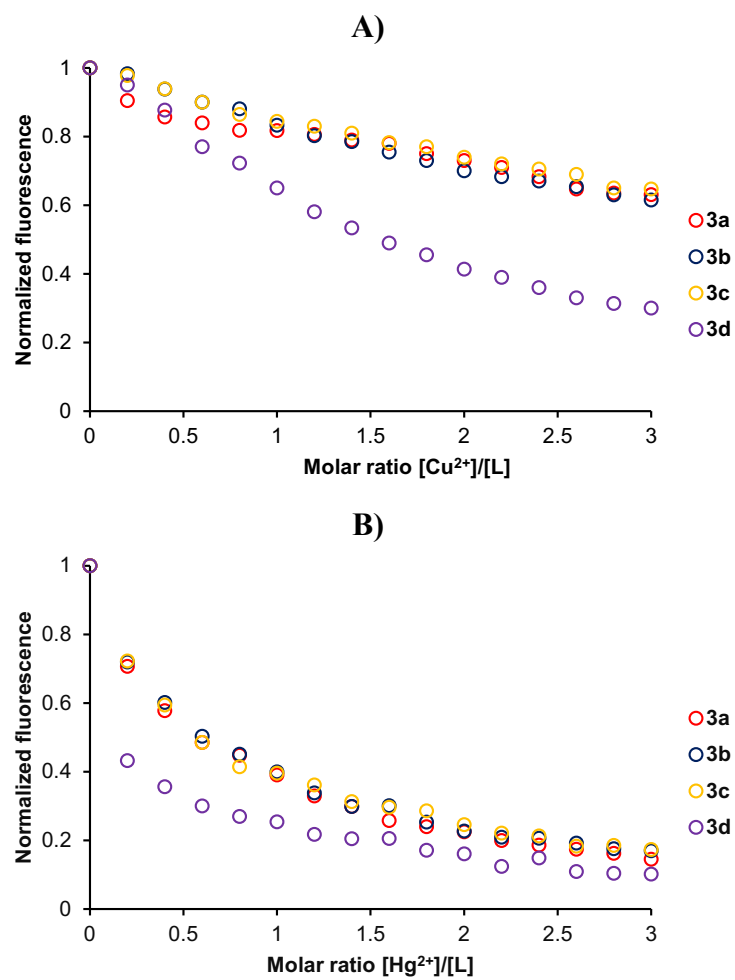
**Figure S37.** Emission spectra obtained by titration of dyad **3b** with  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  exciting at 315 nm (A) and 435 nm (B) in acetonitrile. Emission spectra obtained by titration of dyad **3b** with  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  exciting at 315 nm (C) and 435 nm (D) in acetonitrile.  $[\mathbf{3b}] = 5 \times 10^{-5}$  M.



**Figure S38.** Emission spectra obtained by titration of dyad **3c** with  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  exciting at 315 nm (A) and 435 nm (B) in acetonitrile. Emission spectra obtained by titration of dyad **3c** with  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  exciting at 315 nm (C) and 435 nm (D) in acetonitrile.  $[\mathbf{3c}] = 5 \times 10^{-5}$  M.

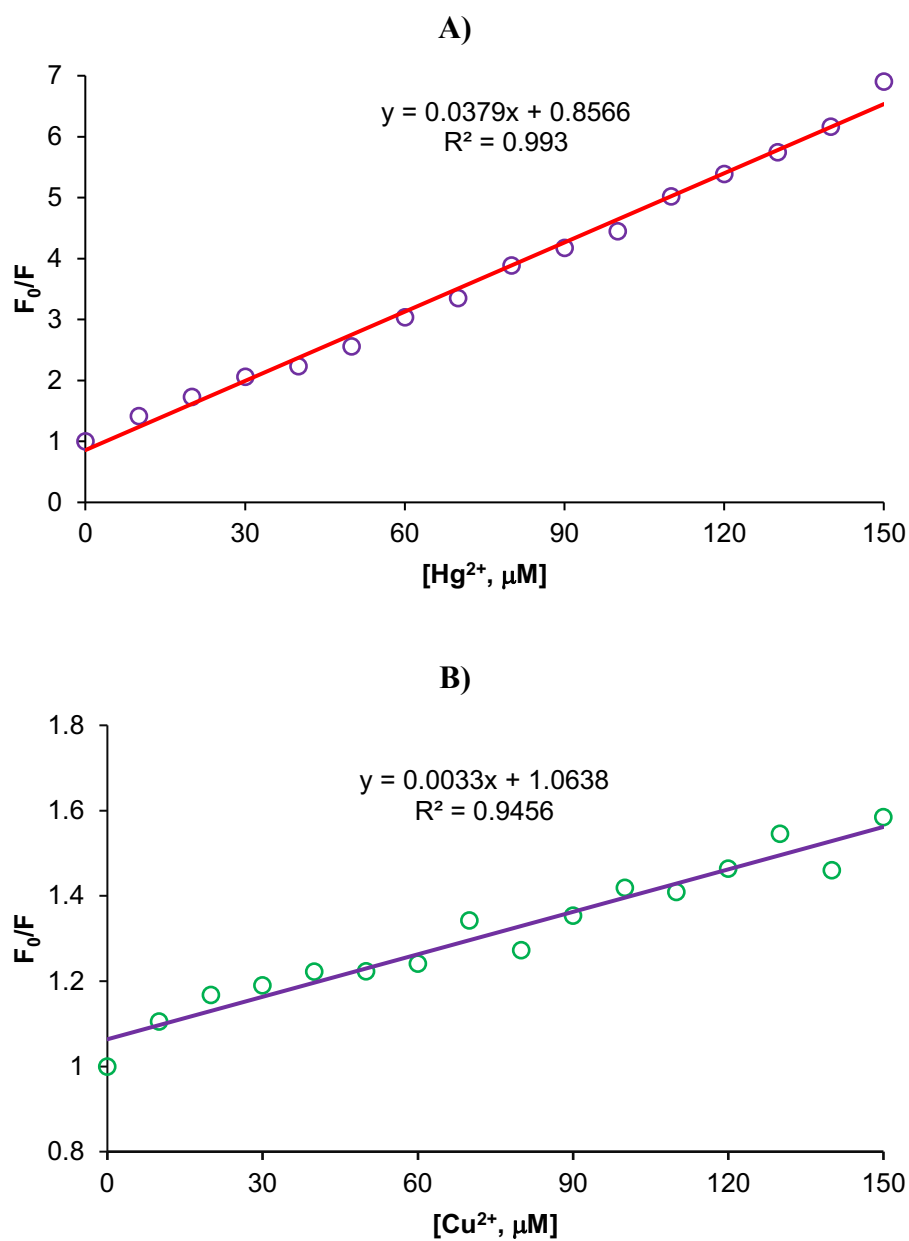


**Figure S39.** Emission spectra obtained by titration of **pp-ANAPIM** with  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  (A) and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  (B) in acetonitrile.  $[\text{pp-ANAPIM}] = 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 450 \text{ nm}$ .

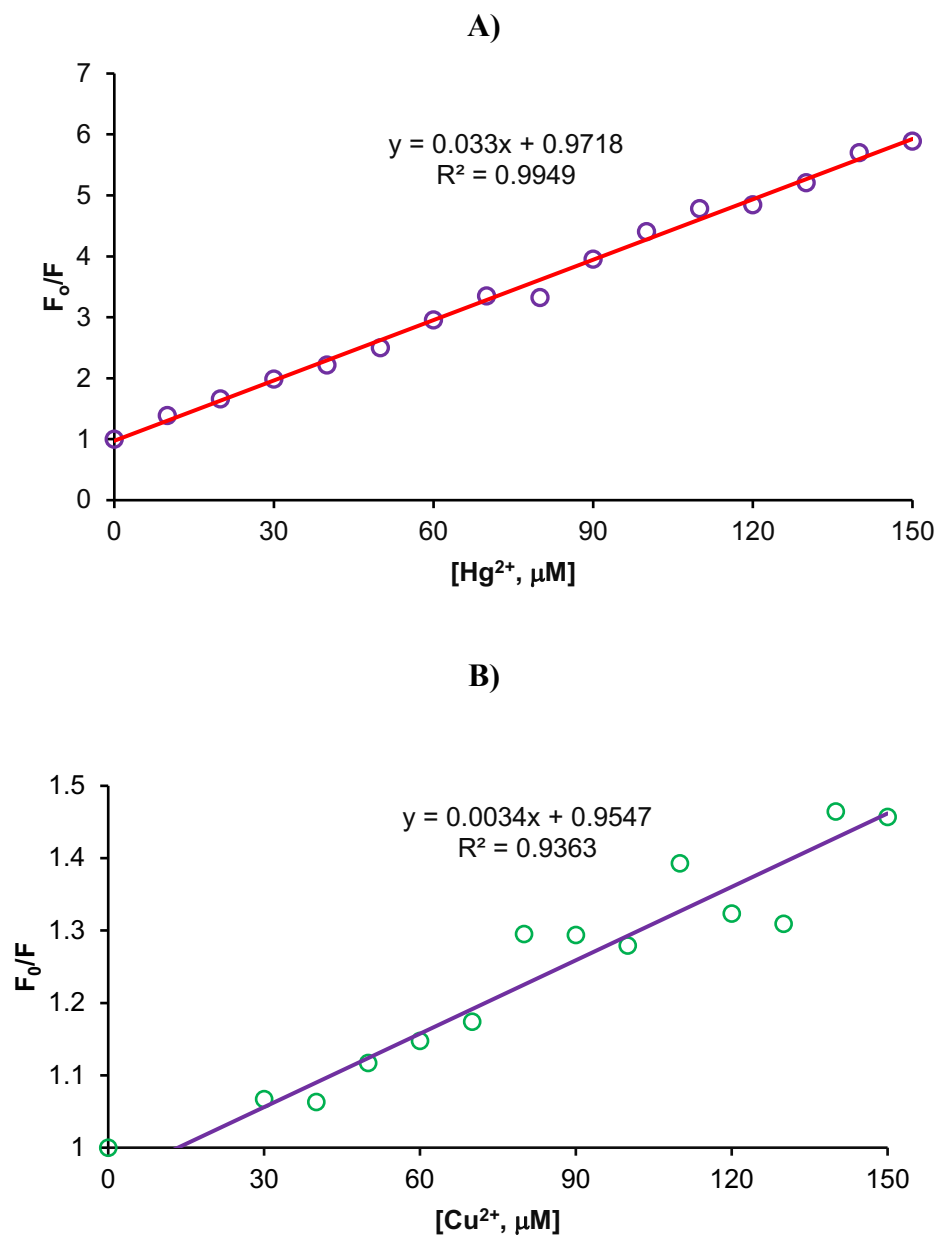


**Figure S40.** Normalized fluorescent profiles obtained by titration of dyads **3a-d** with Cu<sup>2+</sup> (A) and Hg<sup>2+</sup> (B) in acetonitrile.  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 315 \text{ nm}$ .  $[\mathbf{3a-d}] = 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ .

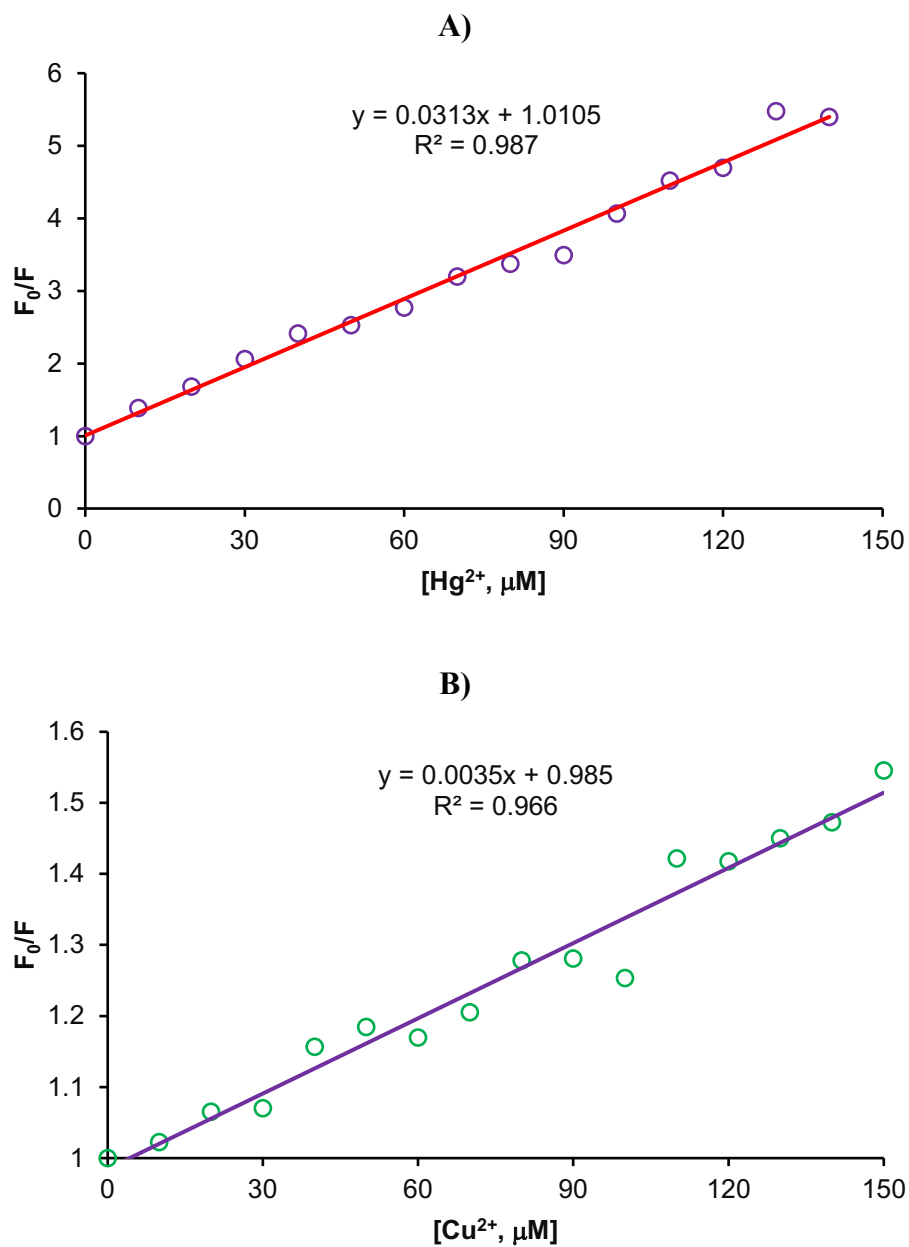




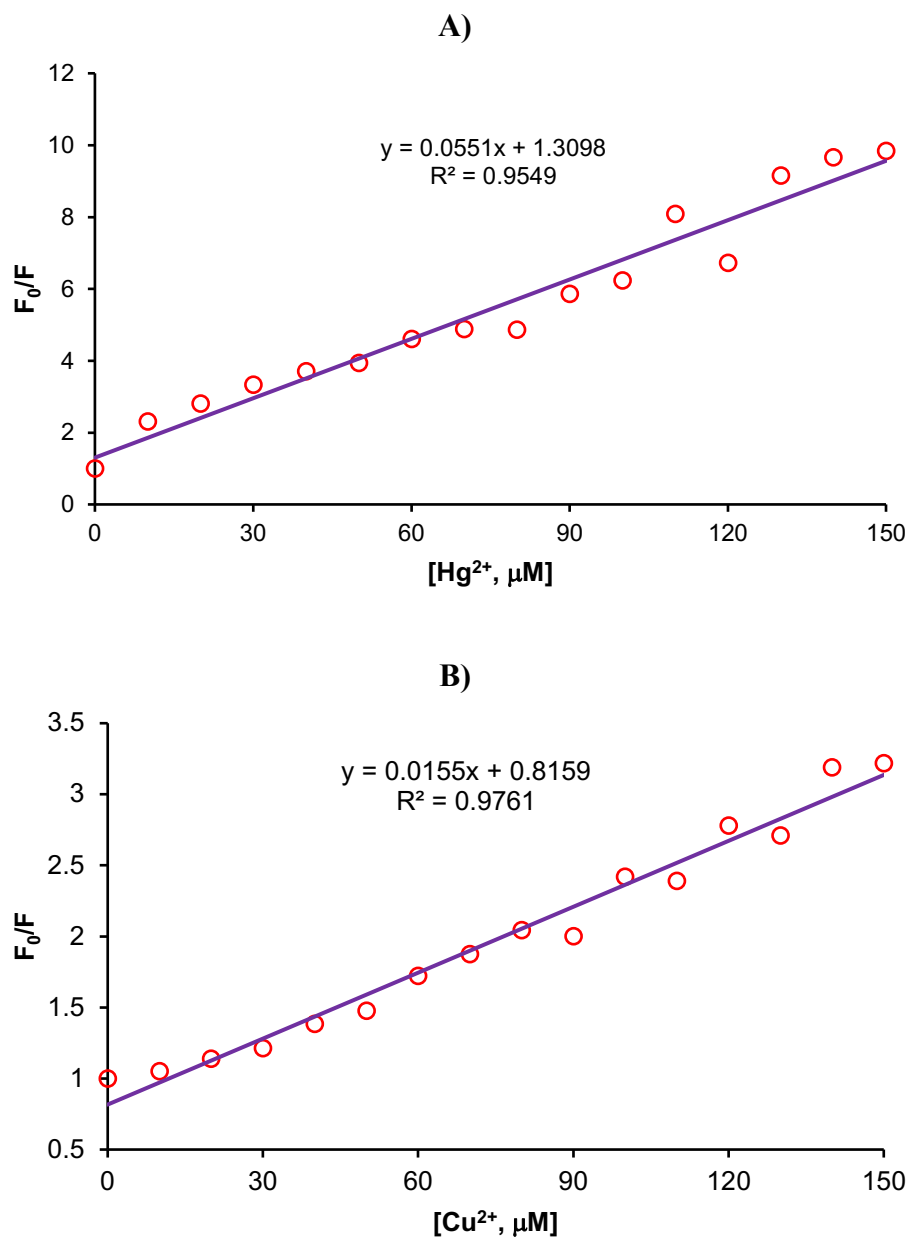
**Figure S41.** Stern-Volmer graph obtained from the emission of **3a** with  $Hg^{2+}$  (A) and  $Cu^{2+}$  (B) exciting at 315 nm in acetonitrile.  $[3a] = 5 \times 10^{-5}$  M.



**Figure S42.** Stern-Volmer graph obtained from the emission of **3b** with  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  (A) and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  (B) exciting at 315 nm in acetonitrile.  $[\mathbf{3b}] = 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ .



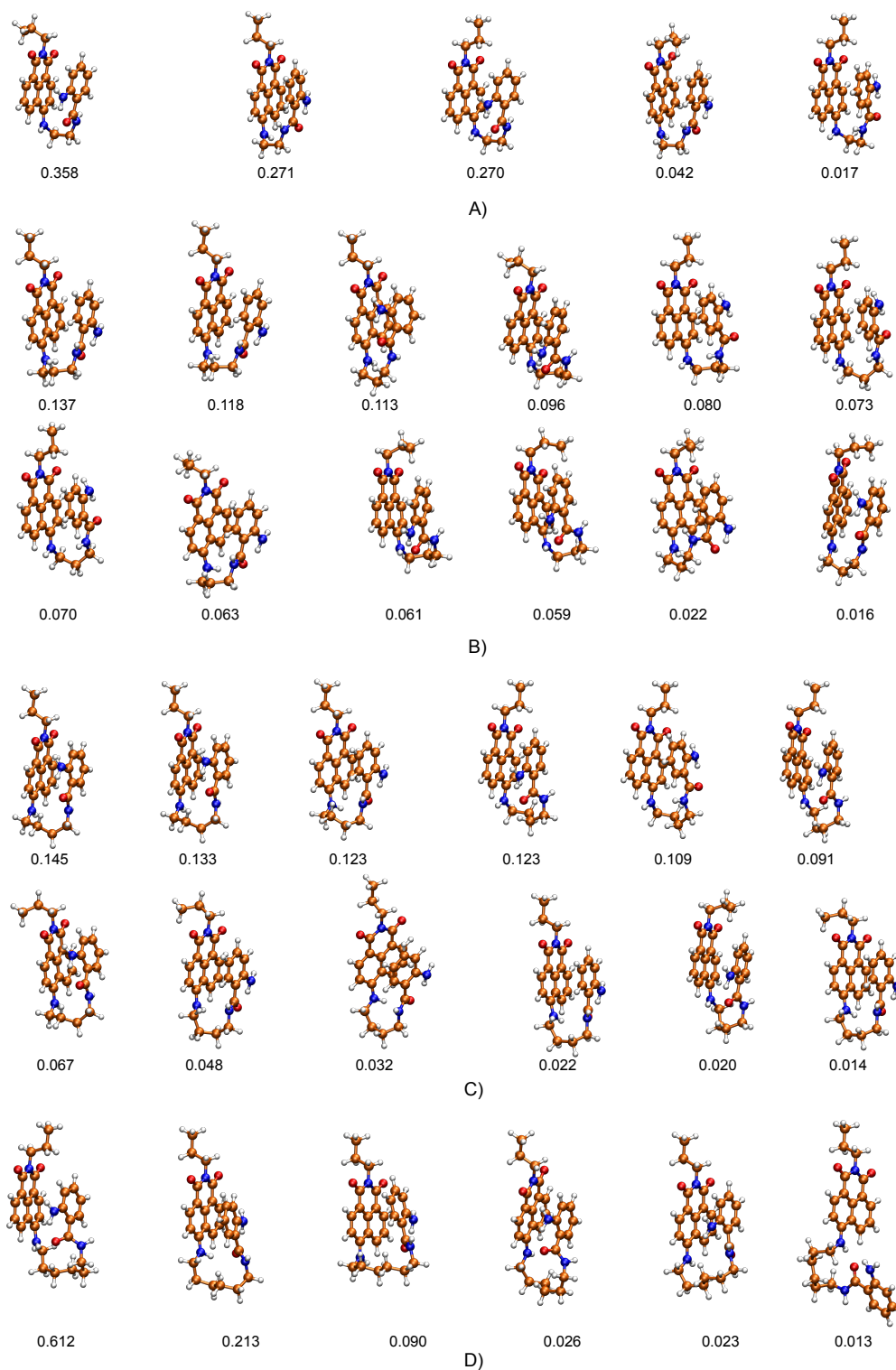
**Figure S43.** Stern-Volmer graph obtained from the emission of **3c** with  $Hg^{2+}$  (A) and  $Cu^{2+}$  (B) exciting at 315 nm in acetonitrile.  $[3c] = 5 \times 10^{-5}$  M.



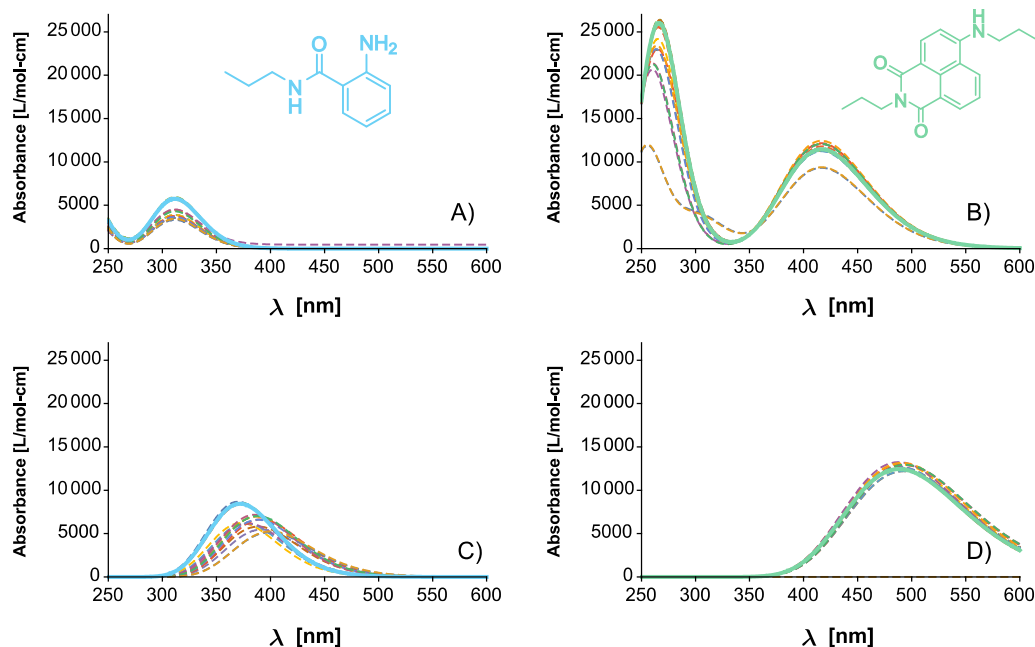
**Figure S44.** Stern-Volmer graph obtained from the emission of **3d** with  $Hg^{2+}$  (A) and  $Cu^{2+}$  (B) exciting at 315 nm in acetonitrile.  $[3d] = 5 \times 10^{-5}$  M.

**Table S4.** Fluorescence quenching percentages in the complexes prepared with **3a-d**.

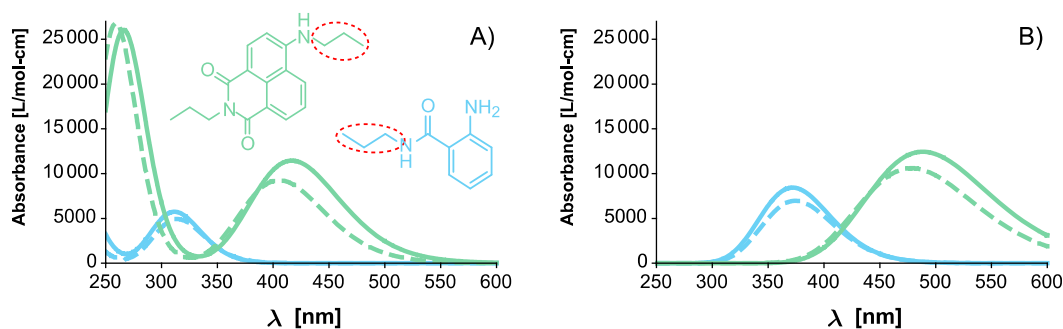
| Cation                | Hg(II) | Hg(II) | Cu(II) | Cu(II) |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| $\lambda_{\text{ex}}$ | 315 nm | 435 nm | 315 nm | 435 nm |
| <b>3a</b>             | 86%    | 61%    | 39%    | 19%    |
| <b>3b</b>             | 83%    | 54%    | 31%    | 5%     |
| <b>3c</b>             | 83%    | 49%    | 31%    | 11%    |
| <b>3d</b>             | 90%    | 77%    | 69%    | 51%    |



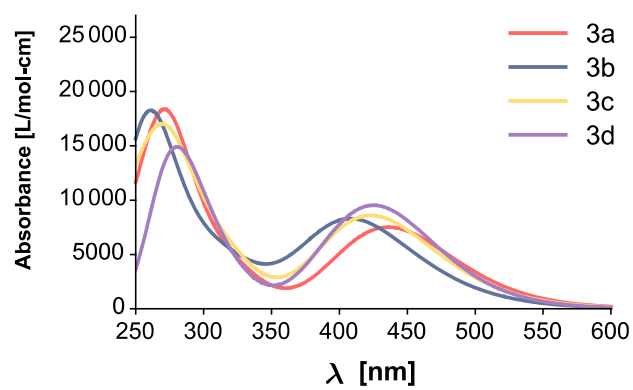
**Figure S45.** Lateral view of the most relevant conformations for the dyads 3a (a), 3b (b), 3c (b) and 3b (d). The numbers below the structures correspond to the Boltzmann factors evaluated at 298 K.



**Figure S46.** Simulated electronic absorption (A and B) and emission (C and D) spectra of p-2ABZ and pp-ANAPIM considering the Boltzmann average between the thermally allowed conformations (weights >0.01) at 298 K. The vertical electronic transitions are convoluted with Gaussian functions with a half width of 0.4 eV. Dashed lines correspond to the conformer contributions, whilst the color solid line corresponds to the average value.

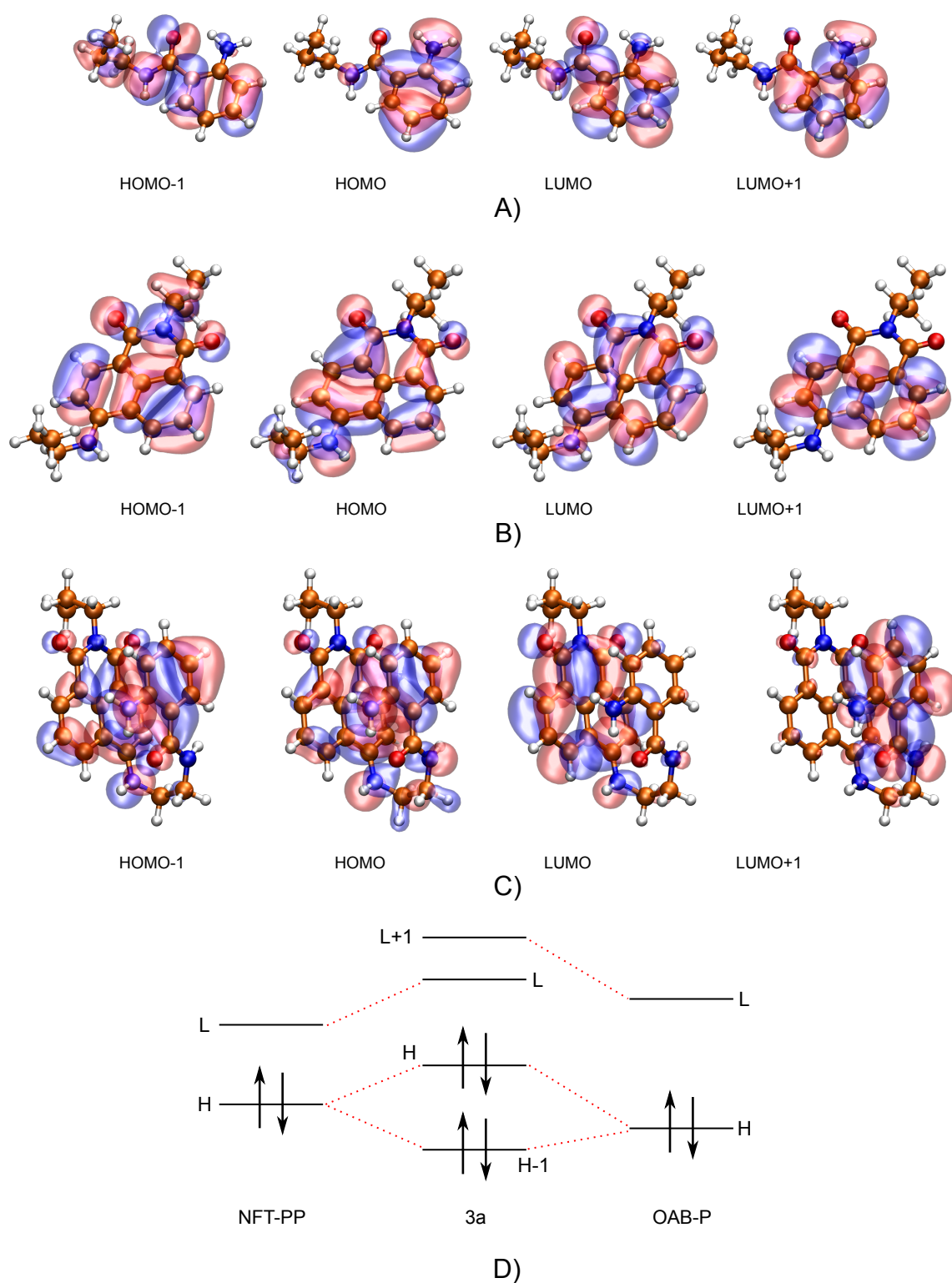


**Figure S47.** (A) Simulated electronic absorption and emission spectra for p-2ABZ and pp-ANAPIM (solid lines) and (B) their non-alkylated analogues (dashed lines). The values consider the Boltzmann average at 298 K. The vertical electronic transitions were convoluted with Gaussian functions with a half width of 0.4 eV.

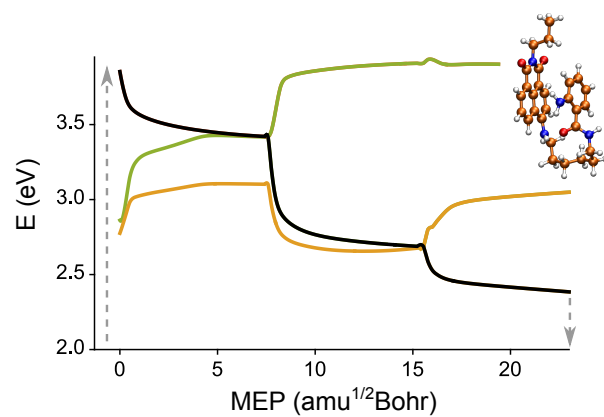


**Figure S48.** Simulated electronic spectra for dyads **3a-d**. The values consider the Boltzmann average at 298 K. The vertical electronic transitions are convoluted with Gaussian functions with half width of 0.4 eV.

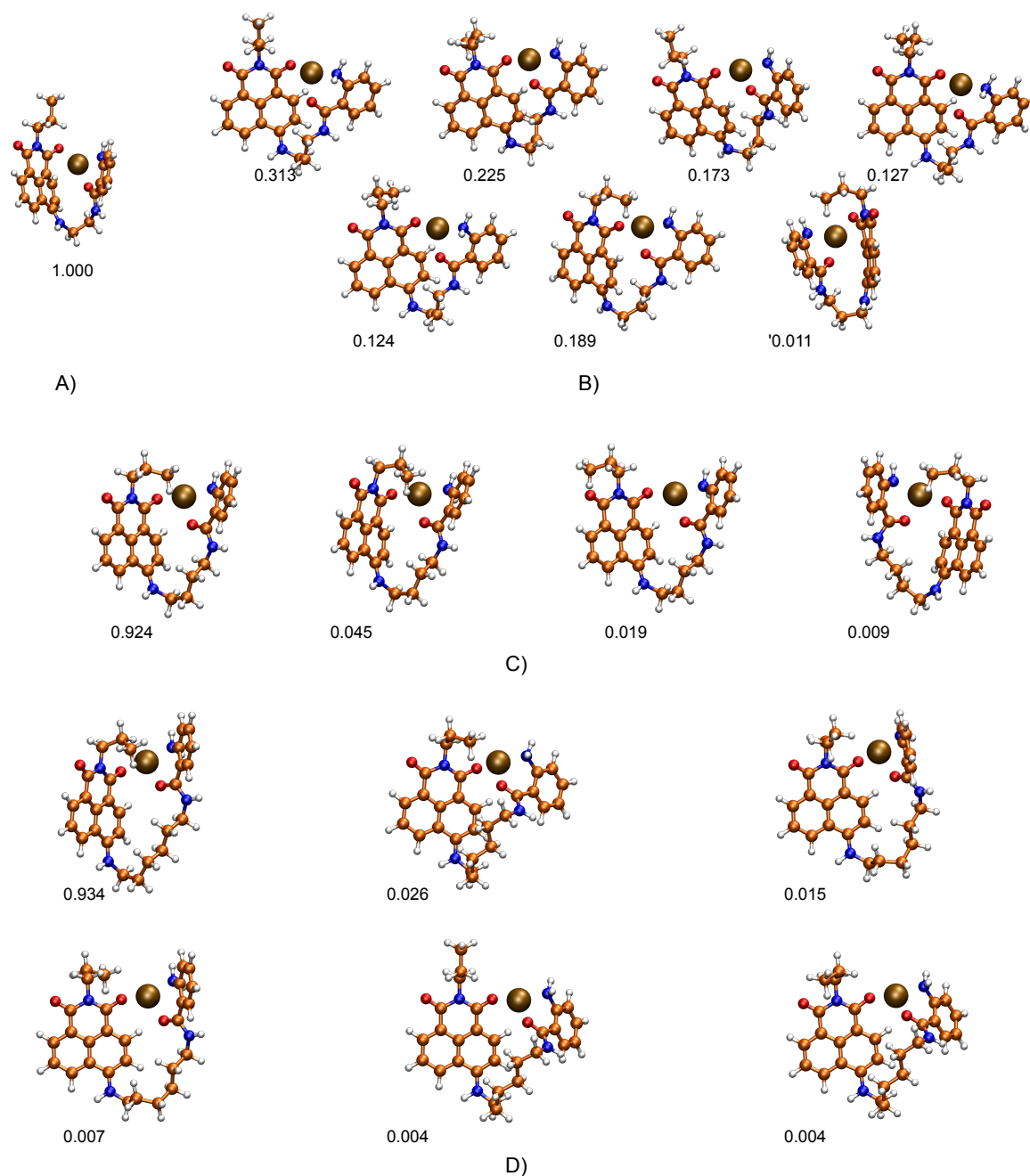




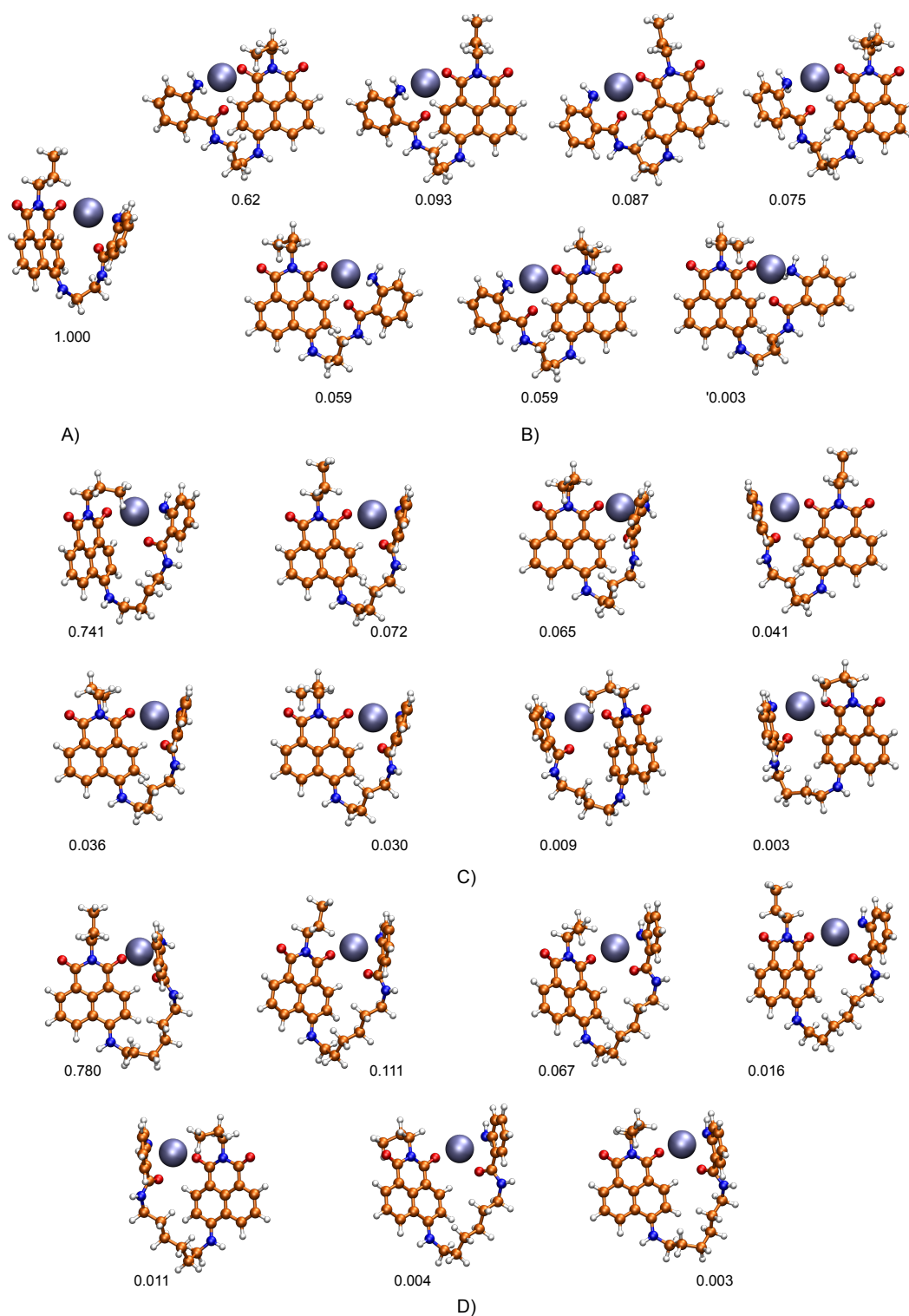
**Figure S49.** Isosurface ( $|0.02|$ ) of the boundary molecular orbitals for the **p-2AZO** (a), **PP-ANAPIM** (b) and **3a** (c) molecules. (d) Sketch of the correlation diagram for the formation of **3a** from **p-2AZO** and **PP-ANAPIM**.



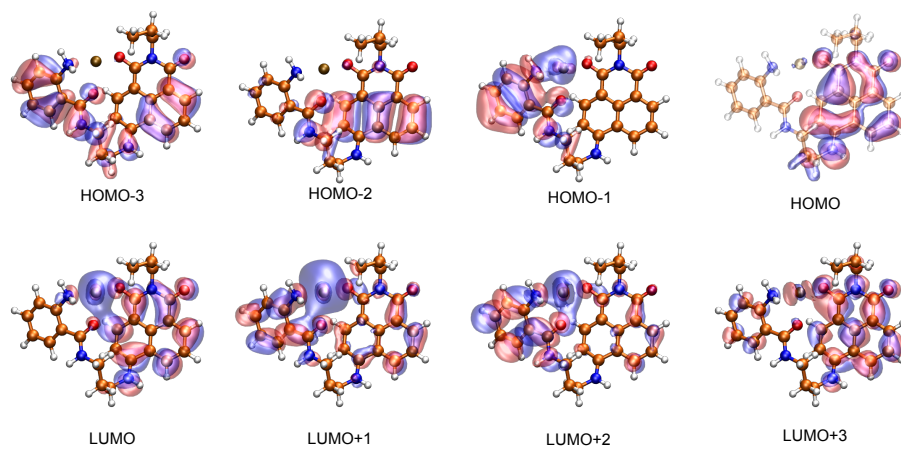
**Figure S50.** Energy of the first singlet electronic states along the minimum energy path in the exciting state of stacked (A) and folded (B) conformations of **3a**. The vertical dotted lines denote a vertical transition from/to the  $S_0$ .



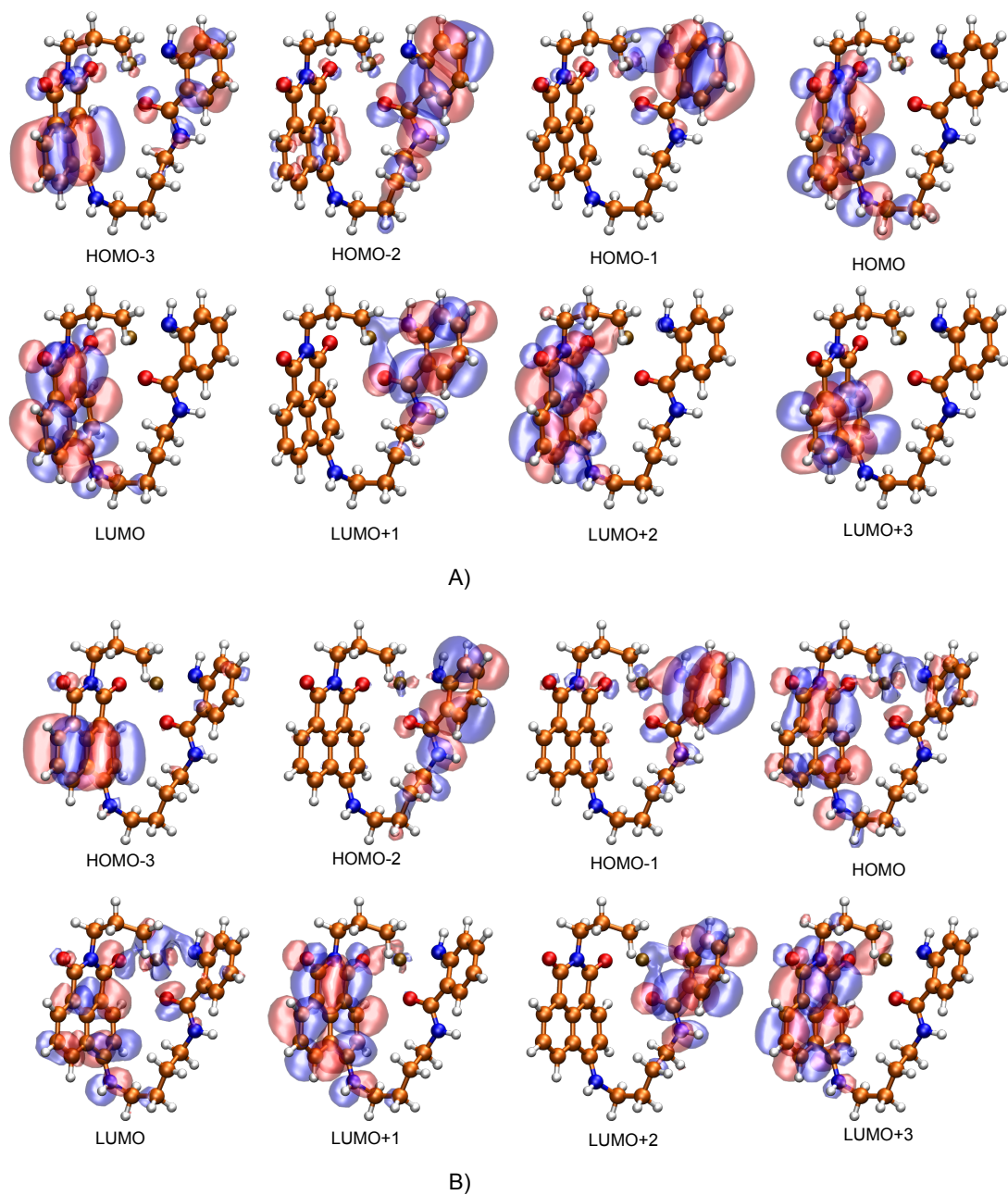
**Figure S51.** Side view of the most relevant conformations for the complexes formed by  $\text{Cu}^{+2}$  and dyads 3a (a), 3b (b), 3c (c) and 3d (d). The numbers below the structures correspond to the Boltzmann factors evaluated at 298 K.



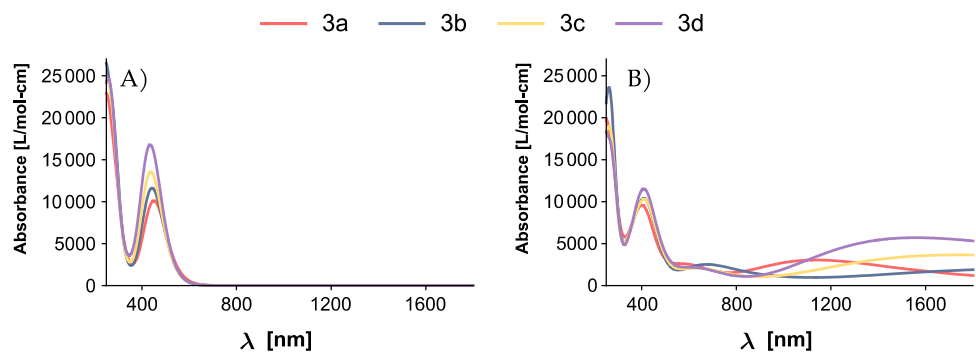
**Figure S52.** Side view of the most relevant conformations for the complexes formed by  $\text{Hg}^{+2}$  and dyads 3a (a), 3b (b), 3c (c) and 3d (d). The numbers below the structures correspond to the Boltzmann factors evaluated at 298 K.



**Figure S53.** Isosurface ( $|0.02|$ ) of the boundary molecular orbitals for the  $\text{Hg}^{+2}\text{-3a}$  complex. The structure corresponds to the global minima.



**Figure S54.** Isosurface ( $|0.02|$ ) of the boundary molecular orbitals alfa (A) and beta (B) for the  $\text{Cu}^{+2}\text{-3a}$  complex. The structure corresponds to the global minima.



**Figure S55.** Simulated electronic spectra for the complexes of  $\text{Hg}^{+2}$  (A) and  $\text{Cu}^{+2}$  (B) with the dyads **3a-d**. The values consider the Boltzmann average at 298 K. The vertical electronic transitions are convoluted with Gaussian functions with half width of 0.4 eV