

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Synthesis and optical properties of phenazinone-based photosensitizers for singlet oxygen generation

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## 1. NMR Spectra

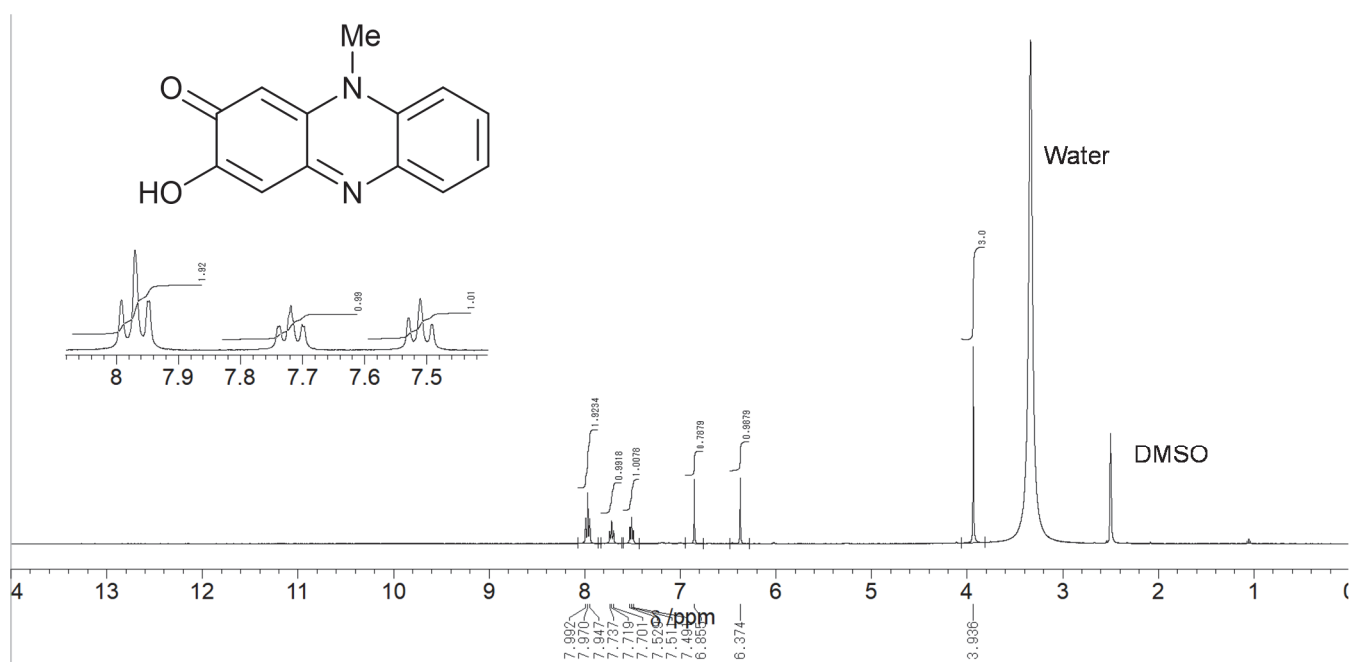


Fig. S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **PZ1** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.

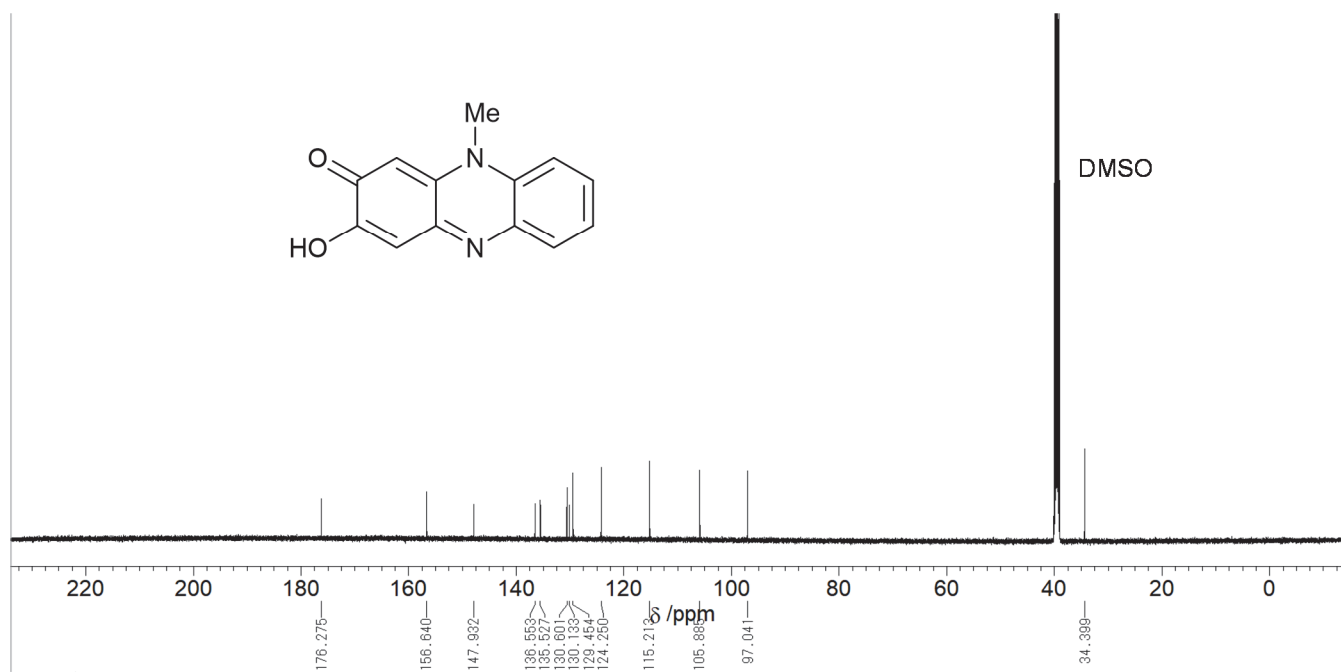


Fig. S2 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **PZ1** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



Fig. S3 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PZ2 in Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>.

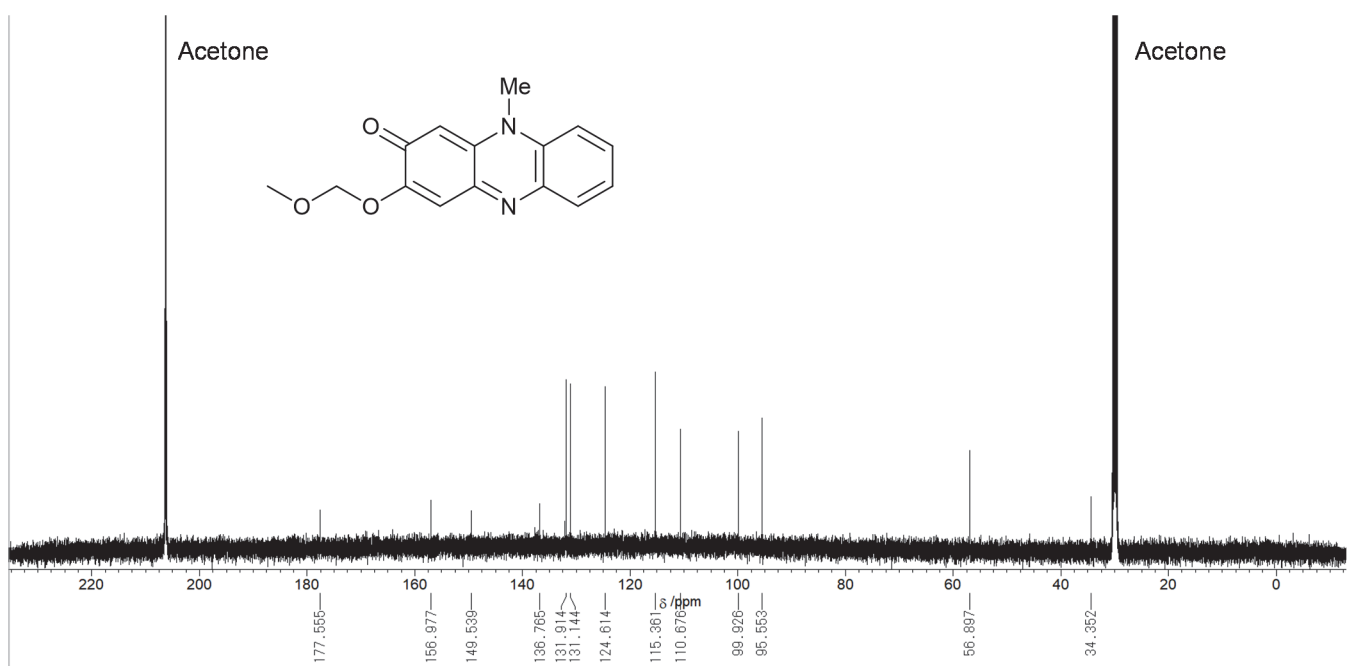
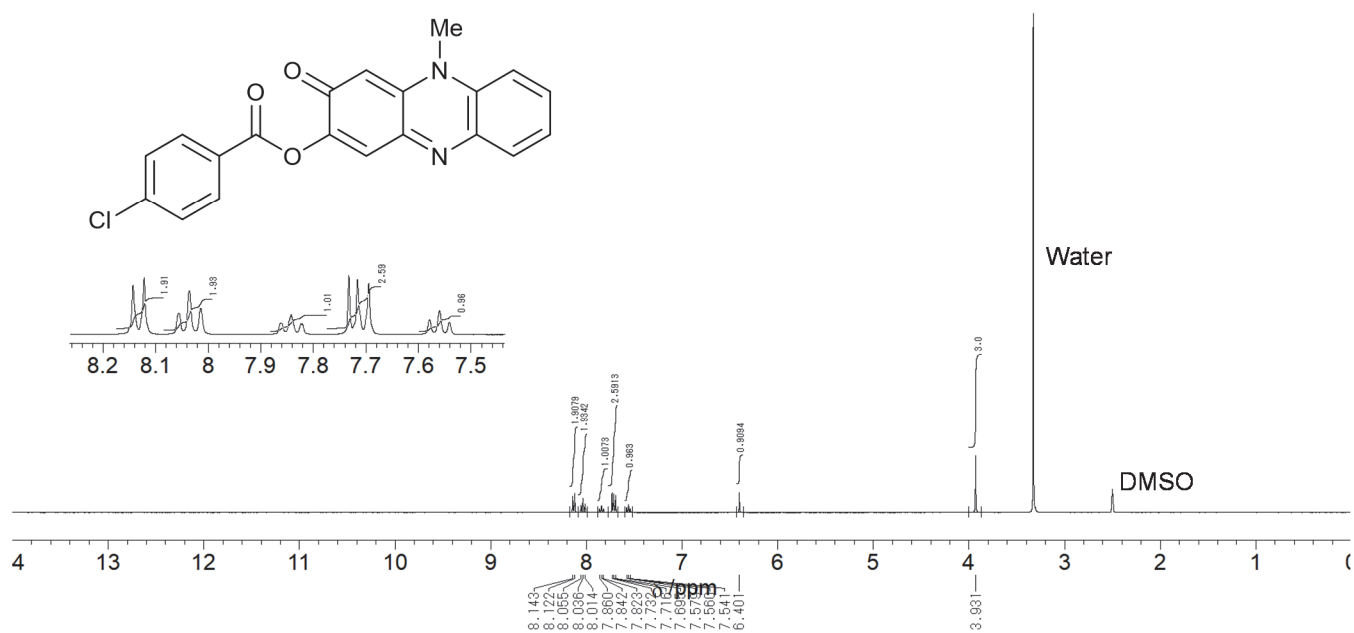
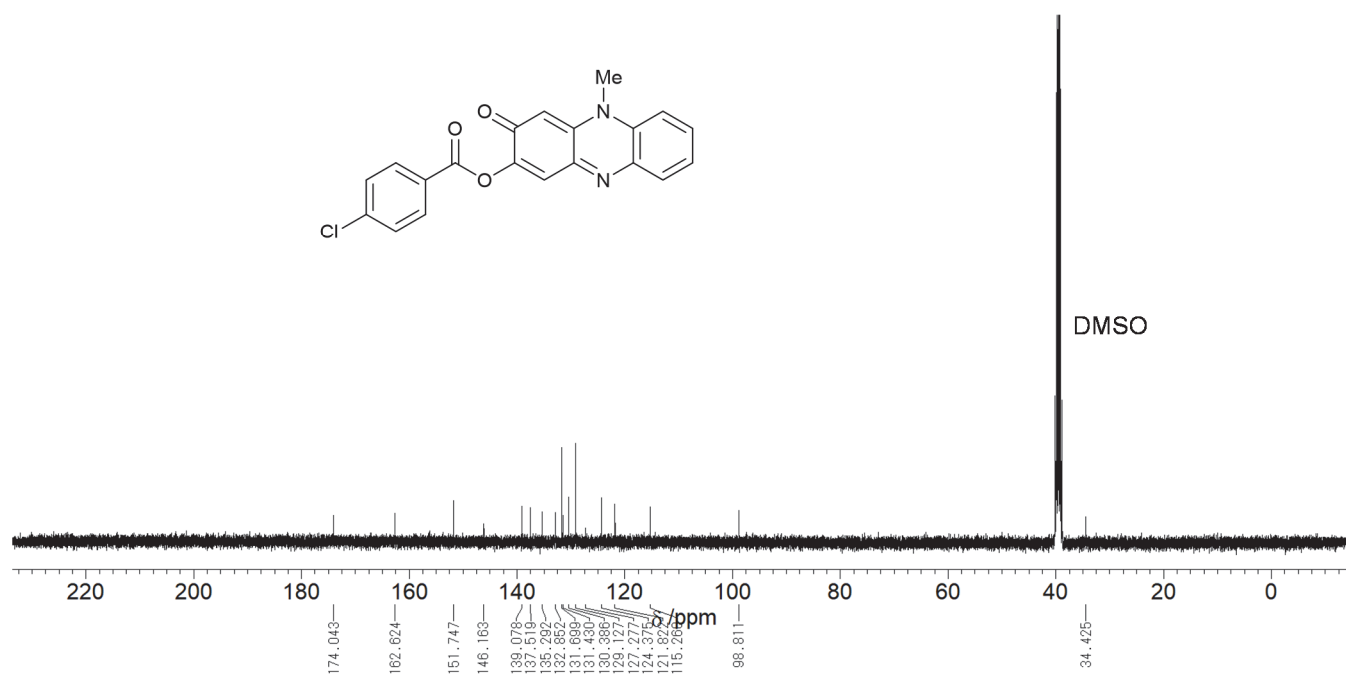


Fig. S4 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of PZ2 in Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



**Fig. S5** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **PZ3** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



**Fig. S6** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **PZ3** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.

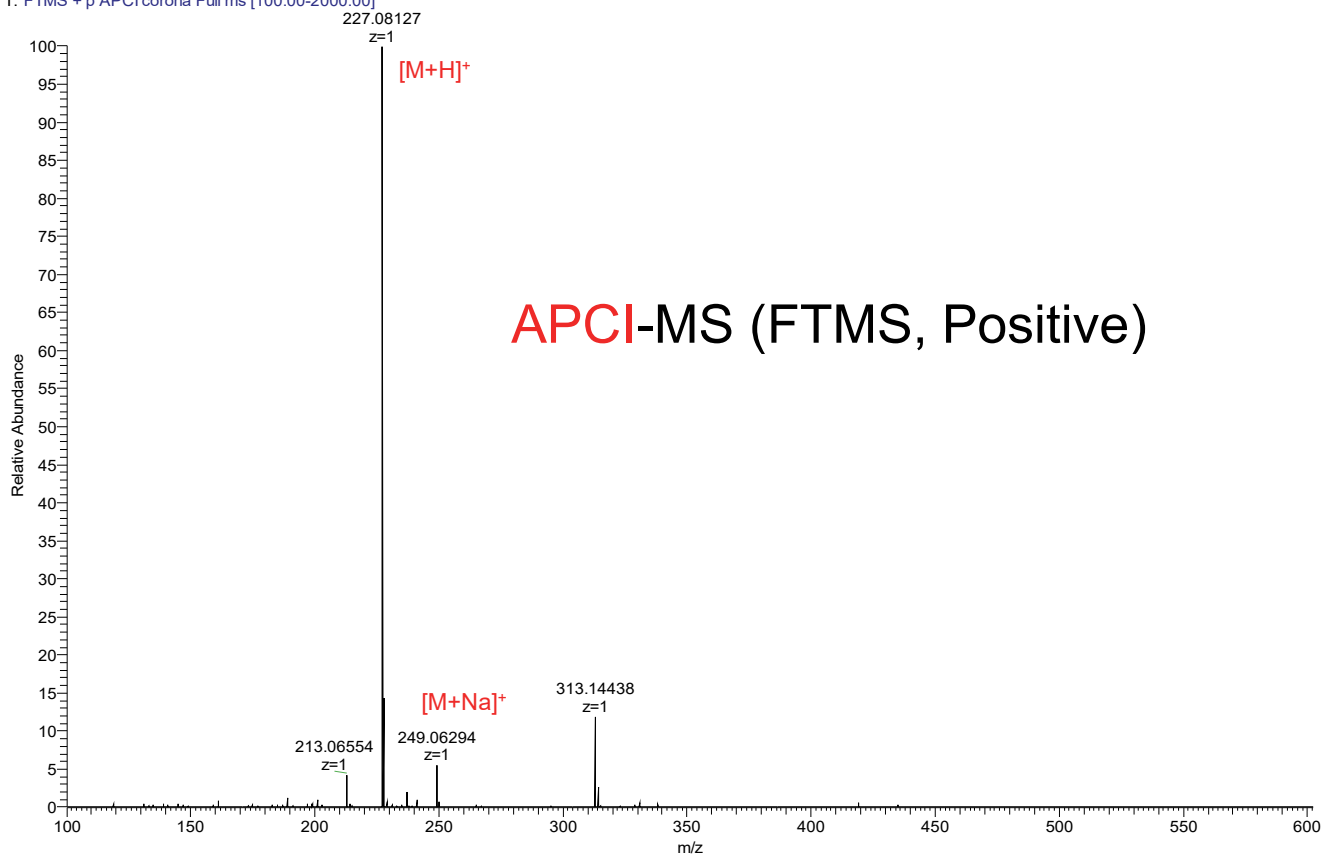
## 2. X-ray crystallographic analysis

**Table S1** Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for **PZ1** (CCDC 2194829), **PZ2** (CCDC 2194831), and **PZ3** (CCDC 2194832).

Compound	<b>PZ1</b>	<b>PZ2</b>	<b>PZ3</b>
Molecular formula	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>13</sub> ClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Formula weight	226.23	270.28	364.77
Number of reflection used for unit cell determination (2 $\theta$ range/ $^\circ$ )	4448(3.73-57.1)	6956(3.78-57.0)	12633(3.88-58.0)
Temperature/K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Crystal System	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P2(1)/n	P2(1)/c	P2(1)/c
a/ $\text{\AA}$	6.7461(17)	10.8605(18)	12.9125(8)
b/ $\text{\AA}$	6.8315(18)	11.1311(18)	17.0395(10)
c/ $\text{\AA}$	21.892(6)	10.3566(17)	7.2712(4)
$\alpha$ / $^\circ$	90	90	90
$\beta$ / $^\circ$	93.503(3)	96.649(2)	93.9830(10)
$\gamma$ / $^\circ$	90	90	90
V/ $\text{\AA}^3$	1007.0(4)	1243.6(4)	1595.96(16)
Z	4	4	4
D <sub>c</sub> /g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.492	1.444	1.518
F(000)	472	568	752
Radiation	Mo-K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073 $\text{\AA}$ )	Mo-K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073 $\text{\AA}$ )	Mo-K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073 $\text{\AA}$ )
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.13 $\times$ 0.08 $\times$ 0.08	0.18 $\times$ 0.15 $\times$ 0.05	0.17 $\times$ 0.14 $\times$ 0.08
Range of indices h; k; l	-8, 8; -9, 8; -28, 28	-14, 14; -14, 14; -13, 13	-16, 17; -22, 22; -9, 9
Reflections collected (unique)	2397	2984	3827
Reflection observed with $I_0 > 2\sigma I_0$	1714	2449	3316
Number of parameters	156	183	236
Final R indexes [ $I_0 > 2\sigma I_0$ ]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0434, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1073	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0389, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0965	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0341, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0887
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0656, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1197	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0495, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1037	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0410, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0935
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.055	0.998	1.025
Max. Shift/Error in final cycle	0.00	0.00	0.00
Max. peak in final diff. map/e $\text{\AA}^{-3}$	0.338	0.332	0.359
Min. peak in final diff. map/e $\text{\AA}^{-3}$	-0.258	-0.235	-0.281

### 3. HRMS Spectra

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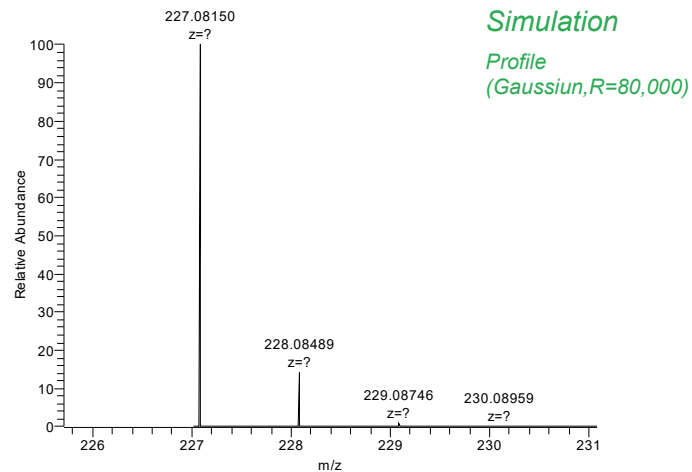
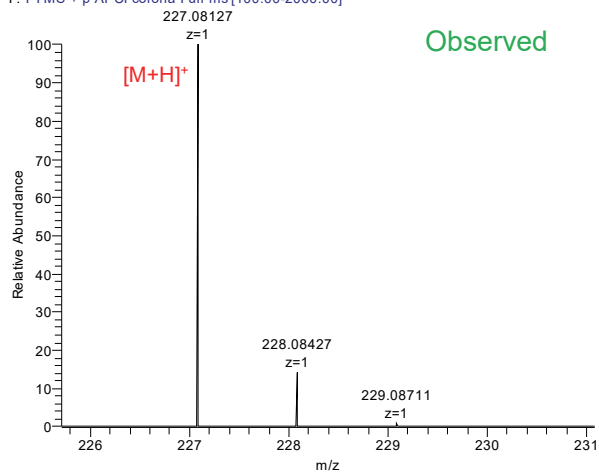
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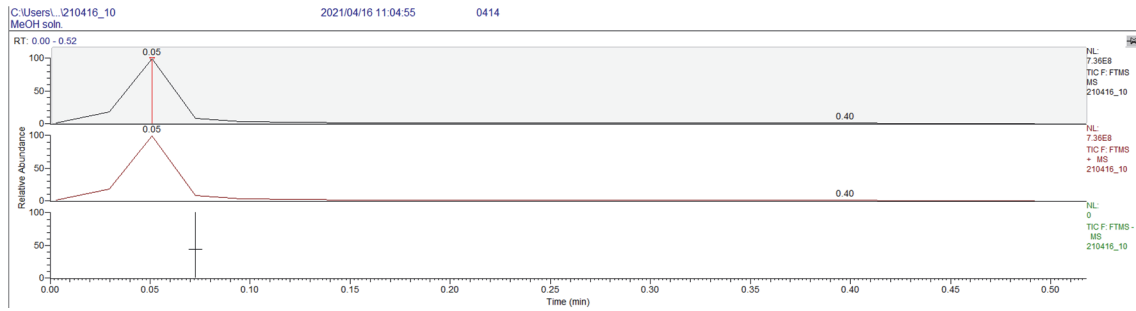
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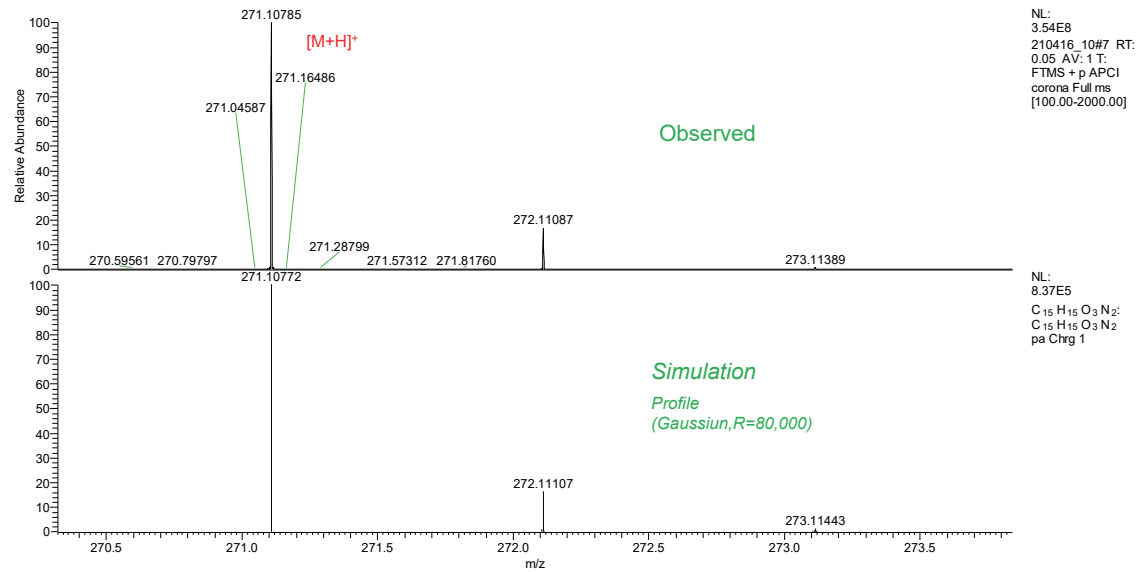
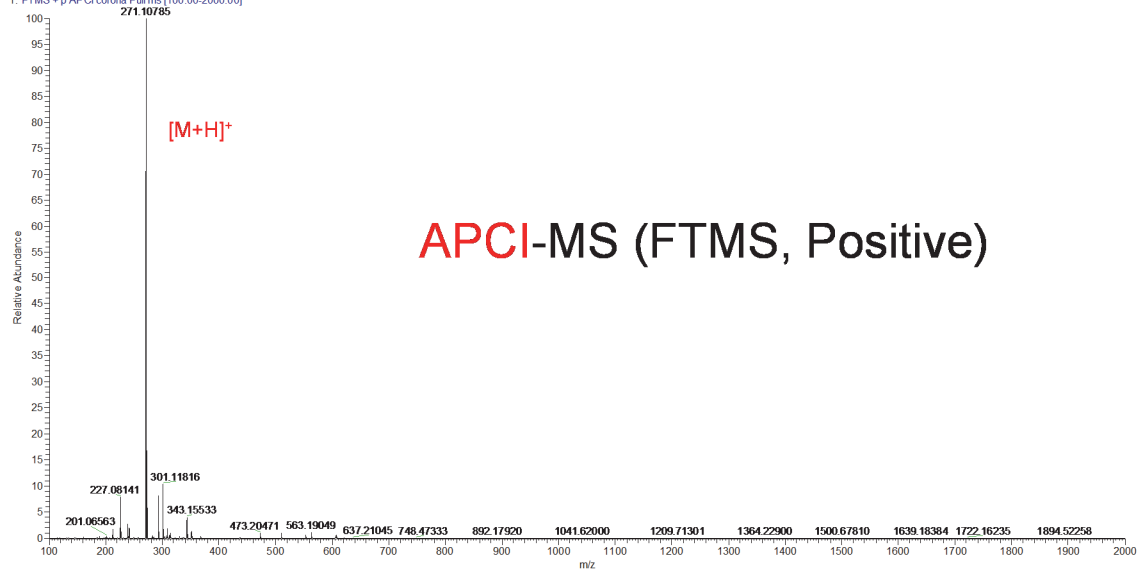


Elemental Composition	m/z	Theo. Mass	Delta (ppm)	RDB equiv.	Composition
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**Fig. S7** HRMS spectrum of **PZ1**.

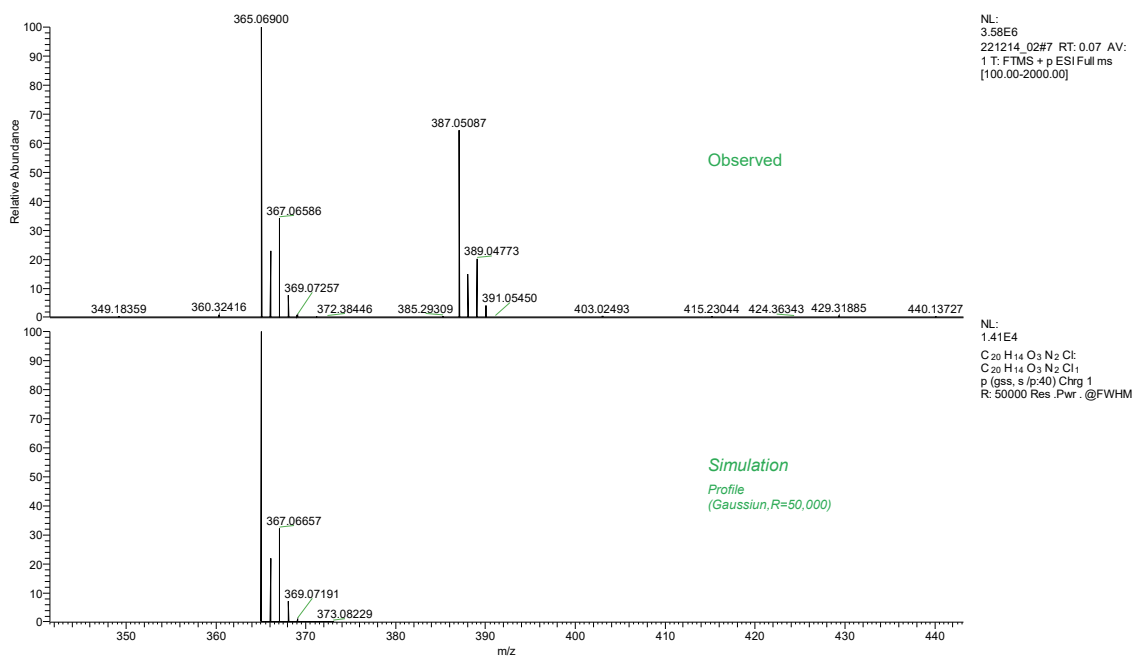
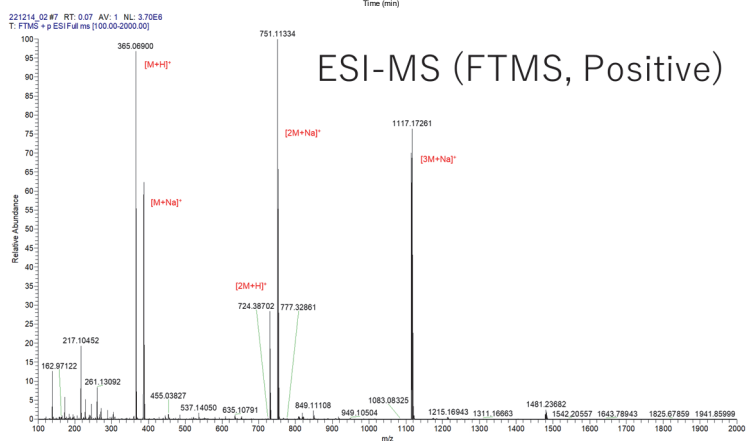
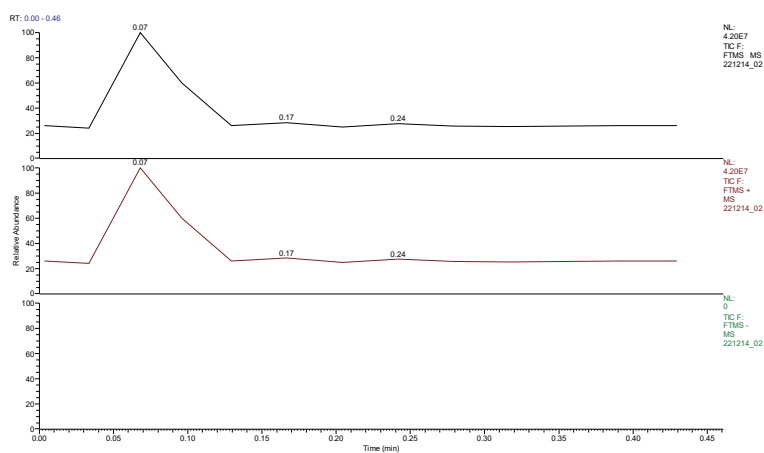


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Fig. S8 HRMS spectrum of PZ2.

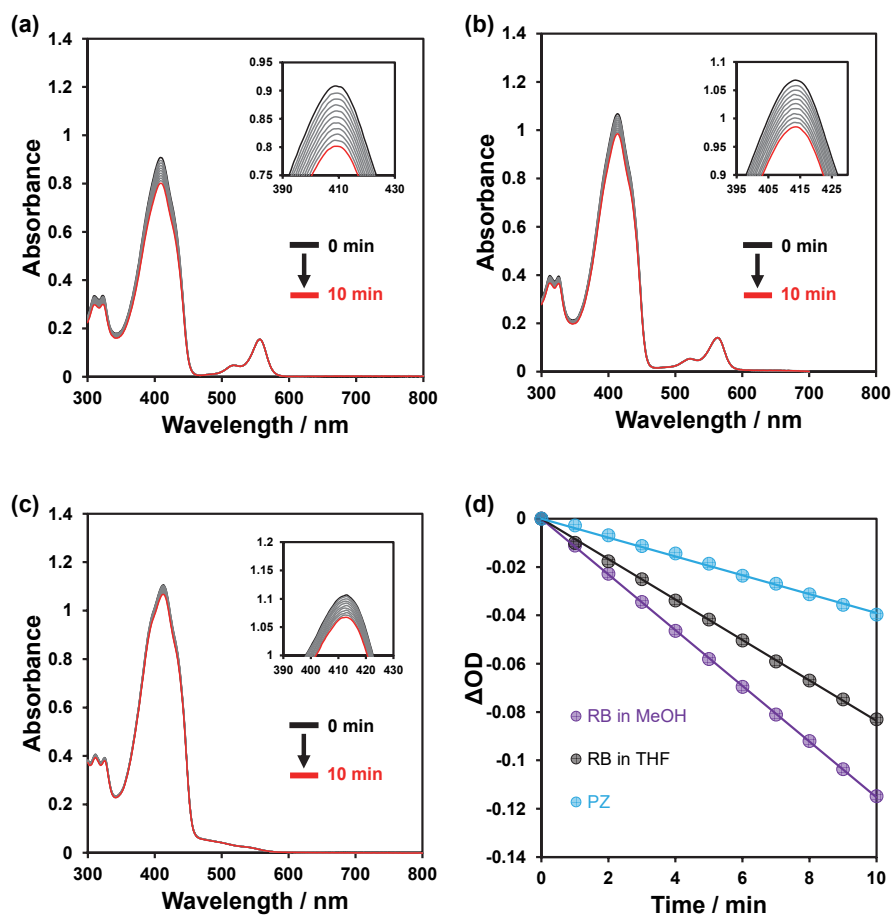


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Fig. S9 HRMS spectrum of PZ3.



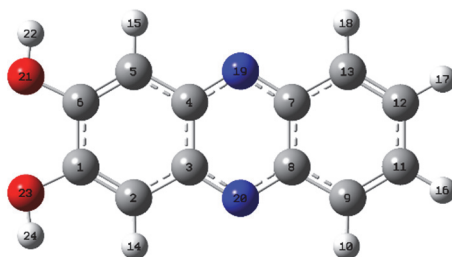
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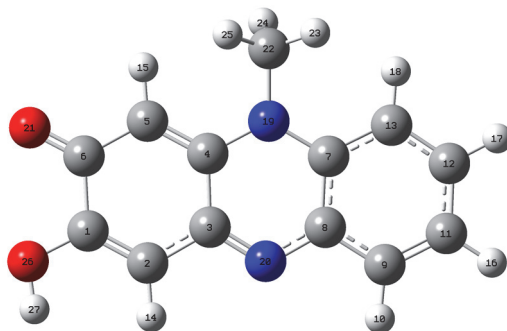
**Fig. S10** Photoabsorption spectra of DPBF ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in the presence of (a) **RB** in MeOH, (b) **RB**, and (c) **PZ** (abs. @509 nm = ca. 0.03) upon irradiation with monochromatic light (509 nm,  $300 \mu\text{W cm}^{-2}$ ) in THF. Insets are magnifications of peak tops in the spectra around 410 nm. (d) Plots of  $\Delta\text{OD}$  of DPBF at 413 nm against photoirradiation time (509 nm,  $300 \mu\text{W cm}^{-2}$ ) in the presence of **RB** (in MeOH), **RB**, and **PZ** in THF.

## 5. Theoretical calculations

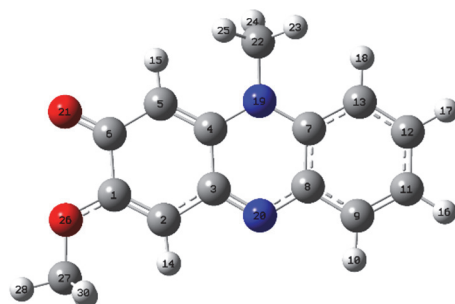
**Table S2** Cartesian coordinates of **PZ**.



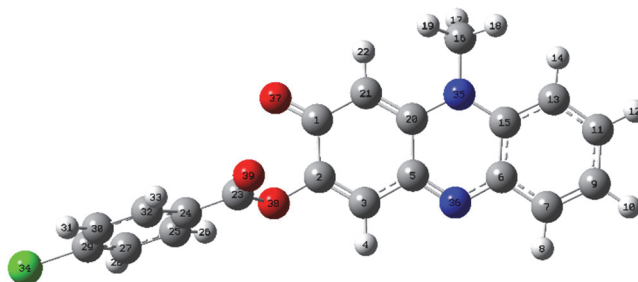
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18	H	3.063222	2.493756	0
19	N	0.698276	1.420527	0
20	N	0.698276	-1.42053	0
21	O	-4.09472	1.301959	0
22	H	-3.98798	2.259638	0
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**Table S3** Cartesian coordinates of **PZ1**.

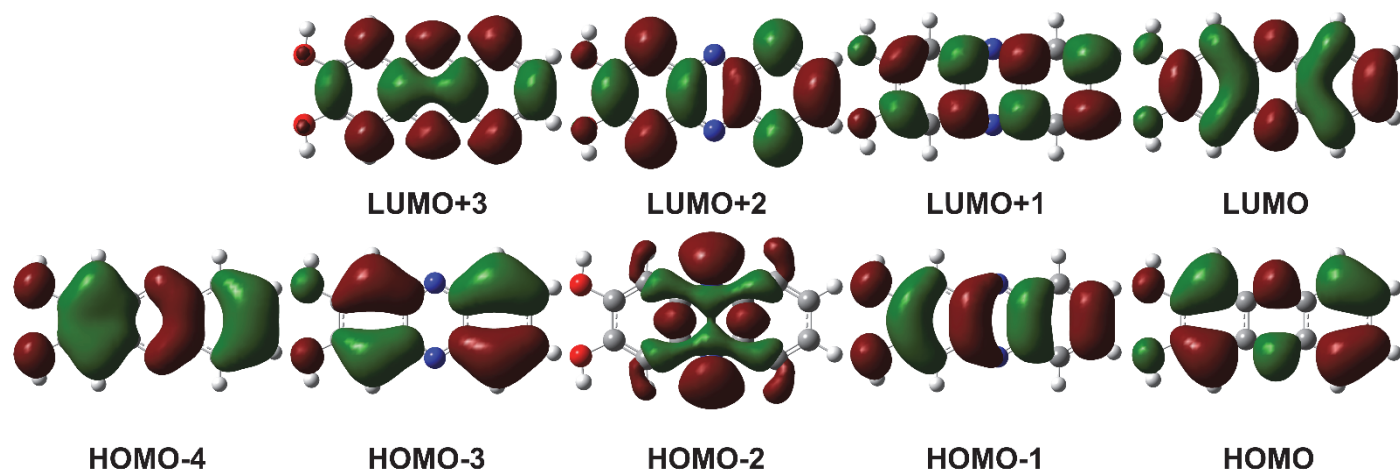
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**Table S4** Cartesian coordinates of **PZ2**.

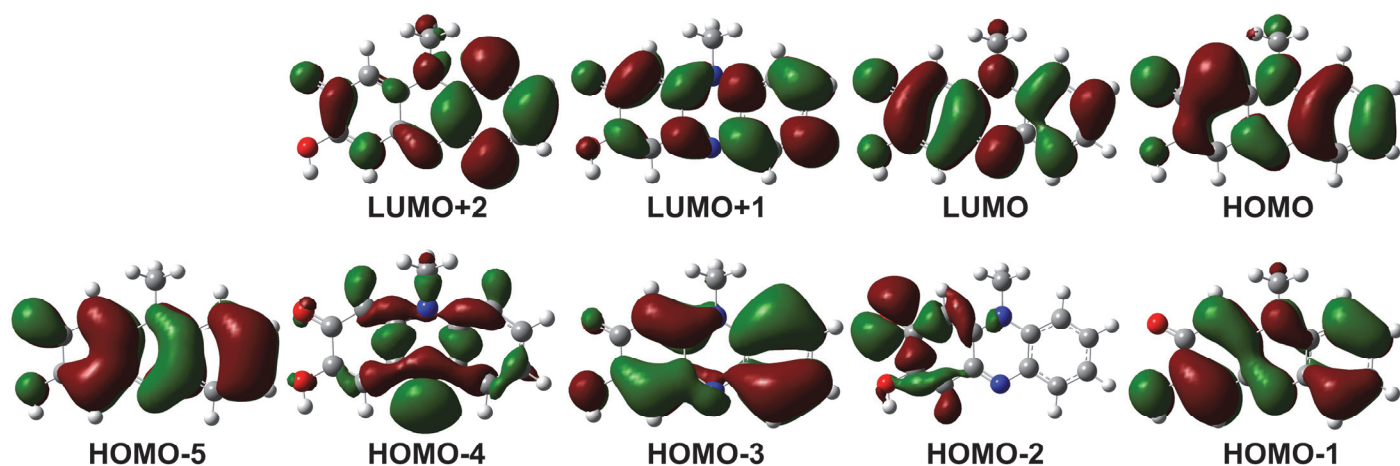
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**Table S5** Cartesian coordinates of **PZ3**.

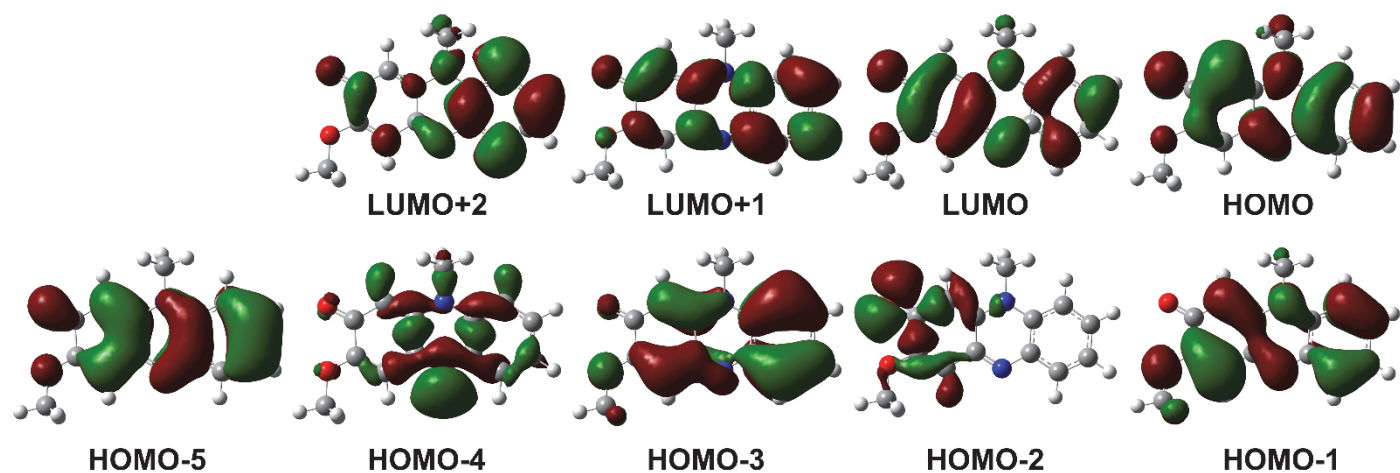
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3	C	0.92687	-0.97717	0.060376	23	C	-2.21069	0.102433	0.800192
4	H	0.70213	-2.02282	0.225608	24	C	-3.63401	-0.07655	0.41994
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16	C	4.372999	2.555743	-0.14581	36	N	3.217409	-1.53629	0.139674
17	H	4.400021	2.949867	-1.16634	37	O	-0.6569	2.166674	-0.60917
18	H	5.345008	2.686871	0.32023	38	O	-1.36155	-0.43697	-0.14699
19	H	3.642773	3.120552	0.432054	39	O	-1.81558	0.595192	1.819729
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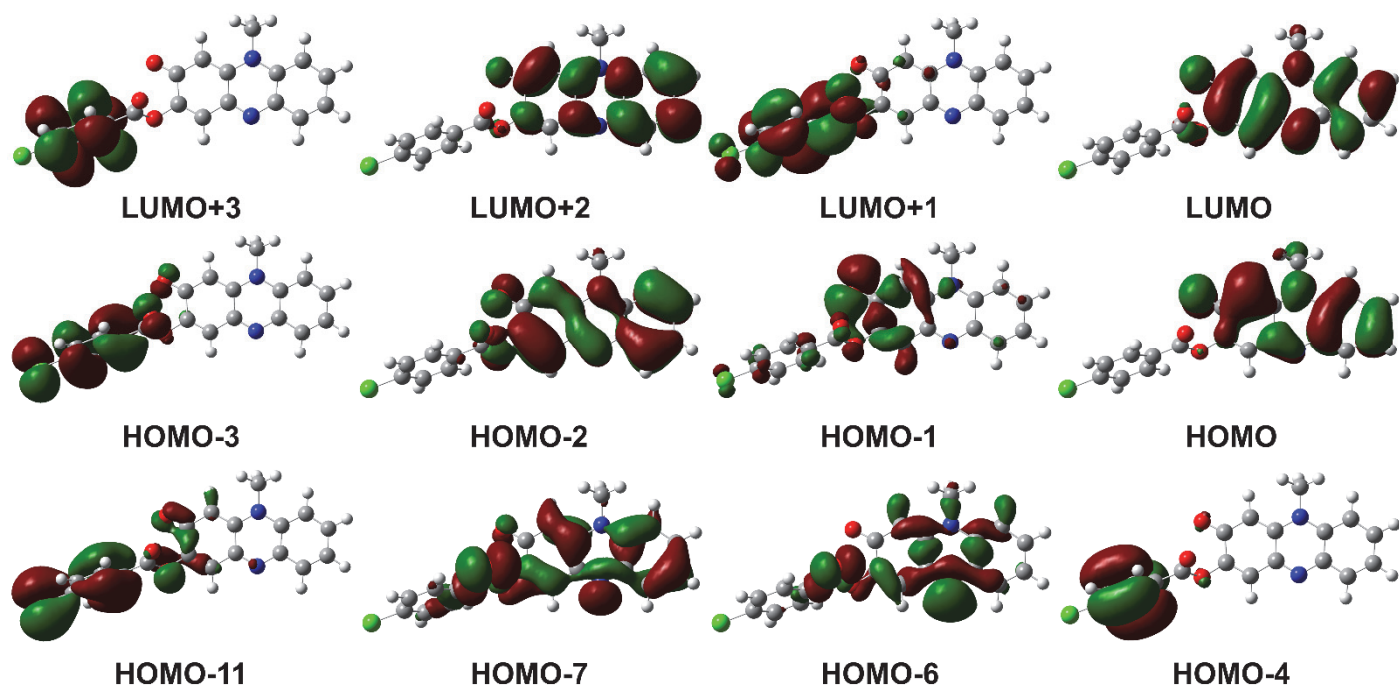
**Fig. S11** Plots of visualized orbitals based on the optimized geometry of **PZ** derived from DFT calculations at B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level.



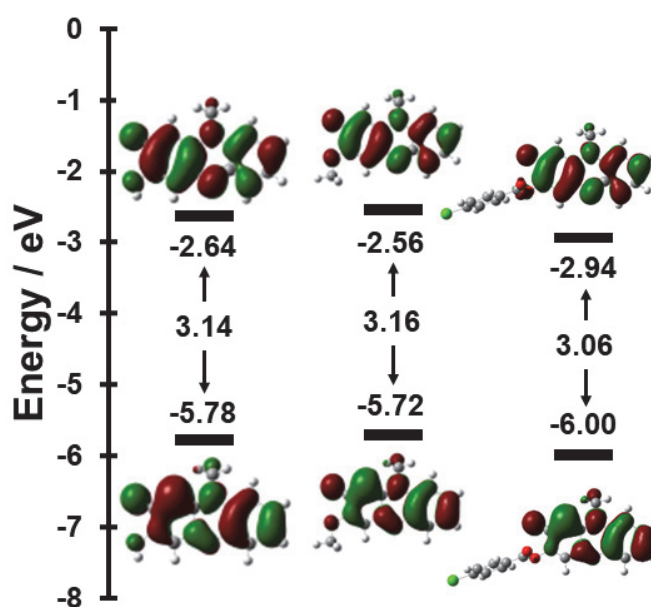
**Fig. S12** Plots of visualized orbitals based on the optimized geometry of **PZ1** derived from DFT calculations at B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level.



**Fig. S13** Plots of visualized orbitals based on the optimized geometry of **PZ2** derived from DFT calculations at B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level.



**Fig. S14** Plots of visualized orbitals based on the optimized geometry of **PZ3** derived from DFT calculations at B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level.



**Fig. S15** Energy level diagram, HOMO and LUMO of **PZ1–3** from DFT calculations at B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level.

**Table S6** Excitation energy, oscillator strength, main transition orbital, and their contribution calculated for singlet states of **PZ**, **PZ1–3** derived from TD-DFT calculations at B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level.

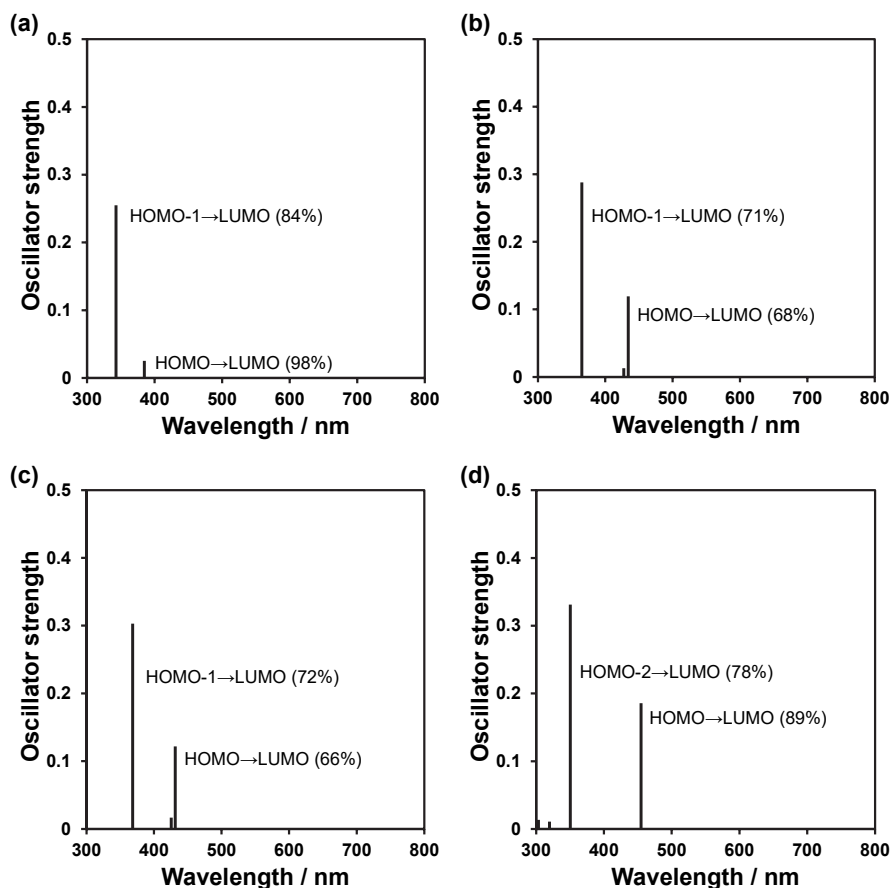
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				HOMO-2→LUMO	0.99	nπ*	
	S <sub>3</sub>	3.62	0.25	HOMO-1→LUMO	0.84	ππ*	
				HOMO→LUMO+1	0.16	ππ*	
<b>PZ1</b>	S <sub>1</sub>	2.86	0.119	HOMO-2→LUMO	0.09	nπ*	
				HOMO-1→LUMO	0.21	ππ*	
				HOMO→LUMO	0.68	ππ*	
	S <sub>2</sub>	2.90	0.01	HOMO-2→LUMO	0.88	nπ*	
				HOMO-1→LUMO	0.02	ππ*	
				HOMO→LUMO	0.07	ππ*	
	S <sub>3</sub>	3.40	0.2879	HOMO-1→LUMO	0.71	ππ*	
				HOMO-1→LUMO+1	0.02	ππ*	
				HOMO→LUMO	0.2	ππ*	
				HOMO→LUMO+1	0.05	ππ*	
	<b>PZ2</b>	S <sub>1</sub>	2.87	0.122	HOMO-2→LUMO	0.11	nπ*
					HOMO-1→LUMO	0.20	ππ*
HOMO→LUMO					0.66	ππ*	
S <sub>2</sub>		2.91	0.017	HOMO-2→LUMO	0.85	nπ*	
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				HOMO→LUMO	0.09	ππ*	
S <sub>3</sub>		3.37	0.30	HOMO-1→LUMO	0.72	ππ*	
				HOMO-1→LUMO+1	0.02	ππ*	
				HOMO→LUMO	0.20	ππ*	
				HOMO→LUMO+1	0.05	ππ*	
<b>PZ3</b>		S <sub>1</sub>	2.73	0.19	HOMO-2→LUMO	0.08	ππ*
					HOMO→LUMO	0.89	ππ*
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				HOMO-1→LUMO	0.93	nπ*	
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				HOMO→LUMO	0.06	ππ*	
				HOMO→LUMO+2	0.08	ππ*	



**Table S7** Excitation energy, oscillator strength, main transition orbital, and their contribution calculated for triplet states of **PZ**, **PZ1–3** derived from TD-DFT calculations at B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level.

Dye	State	Excitation energy / eV	Main transition orbital	Contribution	Transition
<b>PZ</b>	T <sub>1</sub>	2.02	HOMO-3→LUMO+2	0.030	ππ*
			HOMO-1→LUMO+1	0.021	ππ*
			HOMO→LUMO	0.950	ππ*
			HOMO←LUMO	0.023	ππ*
	T <sub>2</sub>	2.66	HOMO-1→LUMO	0.982	ππ*
	T <sub>3</sub>	2.75	HOMO-2→LUMO	0.958	nπ*
			HOMO-2→LUMO+3	0.033	nπ*
	T <sub>4</sub>	3.27	HOMO-3→LUMO	0.754	ππ*
			HOMO-3→LUMO+3	0.023	ππ*
			HOMO→LUMO+2	0.203	ππ*
	T <sub>5</sub>	4.14	HOMO-4→LUMO+1	0.021	ππ*
			HOMO-3→LUMO+2	0.033	ππ*
			HOMO-1→LUMO+1	0.864	ππ*
			HOMO→LUMO	0.035	ππ*
			HOMO→LUMO+3	0.024	ππ*
	<b>PZ1</b>	T <sub>1</sub>	1.65	HOMO-1→LUMO	0.041
HOMO→LUMO				0.95	ππ*
HOMO←LUMO				0.026	ππ*
T <sub>2</sub>		2.34	HOMO-1→LUMO	0.91	ππ*
			HOMO→LUMO	0.038	ππ*
T <sub>3</sub>		2.52	HOMO-2→LUMO	0.93	nπ*
			HOMO-2→LUMO+2	0.02	nπ*
T <sub>4</sub>		3.34	HOMO-4→LUMO	0.85	nπ*
			HOMO-3→LUMO	0.09	ππ*
T <sub>5</sub>		3.44	HOMO-5→LUMO	0.075	ππ*
			HOMO-5→LUMO+1	0.02	ππ*
			HOMO-4→LUMO	0.07	nπ*
			HOMO-3→LUMO	0.26	ππ*
			HOMO-3→LUMO+2	0.052	ππ*
			HOMO-1→LUMO+2	0.092	ππ*
			HOMO→LUMO+1	0.38	ππ*
<b>PZ2</b>	T <sub>1</sub>	1.67	HOMO-1→LUMO	0.032	ππ*
			HOMO→LUMO	0.96	ππ*
			HOMO←LUMO	0.025	ππ*
	T <sub>2</sub>	2.36	HOMO-1→LUMO	0.91	ππ*

			HOMO→LUMO	0.030	$\pi\pi^*$
			HOMO→LUMO+1	0.021	$\pi\pi^*$
T <sub>3</sub>	2.54		HOMO-2→LUMO	0.93	$n\pi^*$
			HOMO-2→LUMO+2	0.020	$n\pi^*$
T <sub>4</sub>	3.35		HOMO-4→LUMO	0.84	$n\pi^*$
			HOMO-3→LUMO	0.10	$\pi\pi^*$
T <sub>5</sub>	3.44		HOMO-5→LUMO	0.072	$\pi\pi^*$
			HOMO-5→LUMO+1	0.023	$\pi\pi^*$
			HOMO-4→LUMO	0.071	$n\pi^*$
			HOMO-3→LUMO	0.21	$\pi\pi^*$
			HOMO-3→LUMO+2	0.053	$\pi\pi^*$
			HOMO-1→LUMO+2	0.079	$\pi\pi^*$
			HOMO→LUMO+1	0.43	$\pi\pi^*$
<b>PZ3</b>					
T <sub>1</sub>	1.63		HOMO-2→LUMO	0.039	$\pi\pi^*$
			HOMO→LUMO	0.95	$\pi\pi^*$
			HOMO←LUMO	0.022	$\pi\pi^*$
T <sub>2</sub>	2.43		HOMO-2→LUMO	0.76	$\pi\pi^*$
			HOMO-1→LUMO	0.11	$n\pi^*$
			HOMO→LUMO	0.037	$\pi\pi^*$
T <sub>3</sub>	2.53		HOMO-2→LUMO	0.12	$\pi\pi^*$
			HOMO-1→LUMO	0.80	$n\pi^*$
T <sub>4</sub>	3.24		HOMO-7→LUMO	0.15	$n\pi^*$
			HOMO-6→LUMO	0.78	$n\pi^*$
T <sub>5</sub>	3.40		HOMO-11→LUMO+1	0.020	$\pi\pi^*$
			HOMO-4→LUMO+3	0.15	$\pi\pi^*$
			HOMO-3→LUMO	0.038	$\pi\pi^*$
			HOMO-3→LUMO+1	0.71	$\pi\pi^*$
			HOMO-1→LUMO+1	0.035	$n\pi^*$



**Fig. S16** Calculated oscillator strength and the contributions of (a) **PZ**, (b) **PZ1**, (c) **PZ2**, and (d) **PZ3** derived from TD-DFT calculations at B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level.

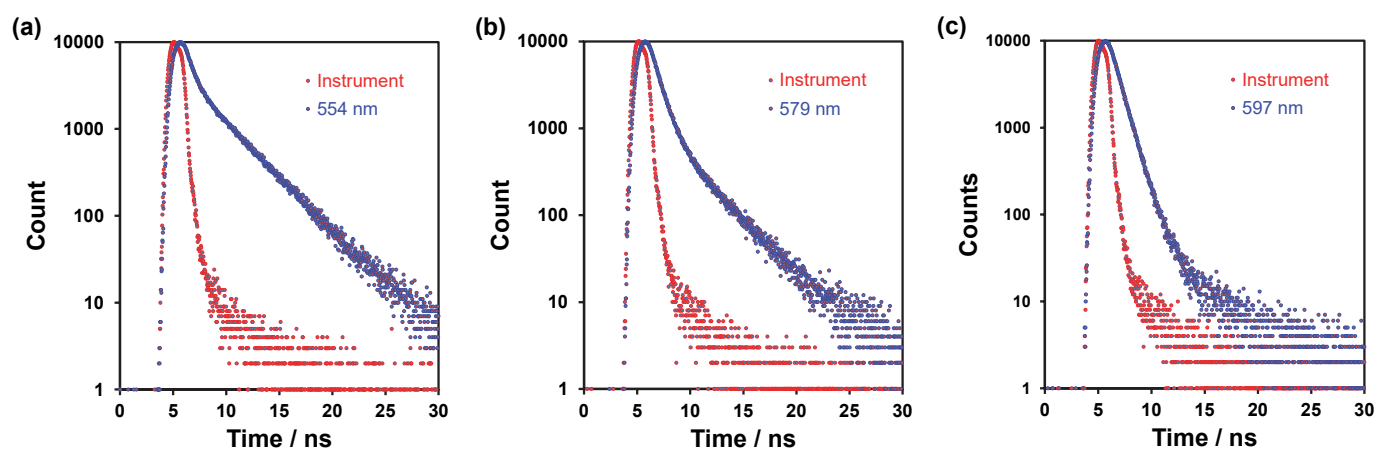
**Table S8** Optical energy gaps ( $E_g^{\text{opt}}$ ) and energy levels of  $S_1$  of **PZ1**, **PZ2**, and **PZ3**.

	$\lambda(0,0)$ / nm	$E_g^{\text{opt}}$ / eV	Energy level / eV
<b>PZ1</b>	526	2.36	2.86
<b>PZ2</b>	542	2.29	2.87
<b>PZ3</b>	568	2.18	2.73

$E_g^{\text{opt}}$  were determined from the intersection of photoabsorption and fluorescence spectra (Fig. 3) in THF.

**Table S9** Energy difference between  $S_1$  and  $T_3$  of **PZ**, **PZ1**, **PZ2**, and **PZ3** derived from TD-DFT calculations.

	$\Delta E(S_1, T_3)$ / eV
<b>PZ</b>	-0.47
<b>PZ1</b>	-0.34
<b>PZ2</b>	-0.33
<b>PZ3</b>	-0.20



**Fig. S17** Instrument profiles (red dots) and fluorescence decay profiles (blue dots) of (a) **PZ1** ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 451 \text{ nm}$ ), (b) **PZ2** ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 451 \text{ nm}$ ), and (c) **PZ3** ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 451 \text{ nm}$ ).