

Supporting Information

A Two-in-One Probe: Imaging Lipid Droplets and Endoplasmic Reticulum in Tandem

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S1. Synthetic procedures and characterization

7-Diethylamino-coumarin (1a)¹:

Diethyl malonate (1.18 mL, 7.755 mmol) and 4-(diethylamino)-2-hydroxybenzaldehyde **1** (1 g, 5.17 mmol) were dissolved in absolute ethyl alcohol (100 mL), and then piperidine (1 mL) was added stepwise under ice bath. Under N₂, the reaction mixture was refluxed at 80 °C for 12 h. After evaporating solvent in vacuum, 40 mL of concentrated HCl/glacial acetic acid (1:1, v/v) was added into the reaction mixture. The reaction solution was continued to stir for 48 h at 120 °C. After cooling to room temperature, the resulting mixture was poured into 100 mL of water and neutralized with sodium hydroxide solution (40%) until the pH to 7. The off-white precipitate was filtered and recrystallized from toluene to obtain 1.1 g (97%) of 7-diethylamino-coumarin-**1a**. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.54 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd, *J* = 10 Hz, *J* = 5 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, 1H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (q, *J* = 5 Hz, 4H), 1.21 (t, *J* = 5 Hz, 6H). Data is consistent with that previously reported.

7-(Diethylamino)coumarin-3-carbaldehyde (1b):

Under N₂, freshly distilled anhydrous DMF (5.81 mL, 75.2 mmol) was dropped into POCl₃ (3.52 mL, 37.6 mmol) with stirring for 6 h in an ice bath. The solution of 7-diethylamino-coumarin **1a** (815.3 mg, 3.76 mmol) in anhydrous 1,2-dichloroethane was added to the above solution, and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h. After completing, the mixture was poured into ice water and neutralized with NaOH solution (20%) to pH 7. The formed precipitate was filtered off and washed three times with water. The residue was chromatographed on silica, eluting with petroleum ether/CH₂Cl₂ (2:1, v/v) to form orange solid **1b** (726 mg, 79%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 10.06 (s, 1H, -CHO), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (dd, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, 1H), 3.41 (q, *J* = 5 Hz, 4H), 1.19 (t, *J* = 5 Hz, 6H). Data is consistent with that previously reported.

((E)-3-(7-(diethylamino)-2-oxo-2H-chromen-3-yl)-2-(perfluorophenyl)acrylonitrile) (PFC):

In a round-bottom flask, **1b** (50 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 2,3,4,5,6-Pentafluorobenzeneacetonitrile (63.3 mg, 0.31 mmol) were mixed in absolute ethanol. To this 0.1 mL of piperidine was added and stirred the mixture at 70 °C for 24 h. This resulted in formation of orange coloured precipitate, which was filtered using suction pump, washed with ethanol, and dried. Yield = 79 mg, 89%, orange solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.82 (s, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 1H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 5 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (q, *J* = 5 Hz, 4H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 5 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 160.25, 156.41, 151.85, 144.04, 141.43, 130.44, 115.60, 110.96, 109.07, 107.35, 96.13, 91.49, 44.20, 11.46. ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) -139.99 (m, 2F), -152.08 (t, 1F), -160.70 (m, 2F). HR-MS (ESI-ToF) *m/z*: Calculated for C₂₂H₁₅F₅N₂O₂ [M + H]⁺: 435.1126; Found: 435.1133; error: 0.0007 *m/z*.

6-bromo-N, N-dimethylnaphthalen-2-amine (2a²)

In a pressure vessel, a suspension of 6-bromo-2-naphthol **2** (4.00 g, 17.9 mmol), Na₂S₂O₅ (6.805 g, 35.8 mmol) and aqueous dimethylamine (40%, 6 mL, 89.5 mmol) in H₂O (40 mL) was left to stir at 145 °C for 4 days. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL). The resulting organic layer was washed with NaHCO₃ (5%, 30 mL × 3), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and excess solvent removed. Purification by column chromatography (98:2, Hexane:Ethyl Acetate) afforded the title compound **2a** (4.247 g, 95%, R_f = 0.16) as an off-white solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.75 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 10, 5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (s, 6H). Data is consistent with that previously reported

6-(dimethylamino)-2-naphthaldehyde (2b)

A solution of 6-bromo-2-dimethylaminonaphthalene **2a** (500 mg, 1.9988 mmol) in THF (anhydrous, 10 mL) was cooled to -78 °C under nitrogen. To this was added n-BuLi (2.5 M solution in hexane, 0.960 mL, 2.4 mmol) dropwise. After stirring at -78 °C for 2 h, anhydrous DMF (0.77 mL, 10.0 mmol) was slowly added. The reaction was monitored by TLC and after stirring at 0 °C for 10 hours, the reaction mixture was quenched with NH₄Cl (sat., 20 mL). The resulting aqueous phase was then extracted with Et₂O (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and the excess solvent was removed. Purification by column chromatography (70:30, Hexane:Ethyl Acetate) afforded the title compound **2b** (378.95 mg, 95%) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.94 (s, 1H, CHO), 8.08 (s, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 10.0 Hz, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 10.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, 1H), 3.06 (s, 6H). Data is consistent with that previously reported.

(E)-3-(6-(dimethylamino)naphthalen-2-yl)-2-(perfluorophenyl)acrylonitrile (PFN)

In a round-bottom flask, **2b** (100 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 2,3,4,5,6-Pentafluorobenzeneacetonitrile (155.325 mg, 0.75 mmol) were mixed in absolute ethanol. To this potassium tert-butoxide (84.165 mg, 0.75 mmol) was added and stirred the mixture at 50 °C for 16 h. This resulted in the formation of a yellow colored precipitate, which was filtered using a suction pump, washed with ethanol, and dried. Yield = 183.63 mg, 94%, yellow solid. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (s, 1H), 7.17 (dd, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 5 Hz, 1H) 3.13 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 152.22, 150.32, 137.04, 132.43, 130.39, 126.88, 125.49, 125.41, 117.02, 116.45, 105.39, 91.30, 40.39. ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) -140.09 (m, 2F), -152.76 (t, 1F), -160.89 (m, 2F). HR-MS (ESI-ToF) m/z: Calculated for C₂₁H₁₃F₅N₂ [M + H]⁺: 389.1072; Found: 389.1077; error: 0.0005 m/z.

(2E,4E)-5-(4-(dimethylamino)phenyl)-2-(perfluorophenyl)penta-2,4-dienitrile (PFB)

In a round-bottom flask, 4-(Dimethylamino)cinnamaldehyde **3** (50 mg, 0.3 mmol) and 2,3,4,5,6-Pentafluorobenzeneacetonitrile (93.195 mg, 0.45 mmol) were mixed in 2mL absolute ethanol. To this potassium tert-butoxide (50.5 mg, 0.45 mmol) was added and stirred the mixture at room temperature for 20 h. This resulted in formation of orange coloured precipitate, which was filtered using suction pump, washed with ethanol, and dried. Yield = 97.25 mg, 93%, orange solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 7.46 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, $J = 15.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 151.86, 150.86, 145.01, 130.31, 128.97, 128.87, 121.85, 119.73, 118.05, 114.96, 110.88, 110.80, 91.30, 39.09. $^{19}\text{F NMR}$ (470 MHz, CDCl_3) - 140.27 (m, 2F), -153.50 (t, 1F), -161.19 (m, 2F). **HR-MS** (ESI-ToF) m/z : Calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{F}_5\text{N}_2$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$: 365.1072; Found: 365.1079; error: 0.0007 m/z .

S2. Photophysical properties of PFN and PFB

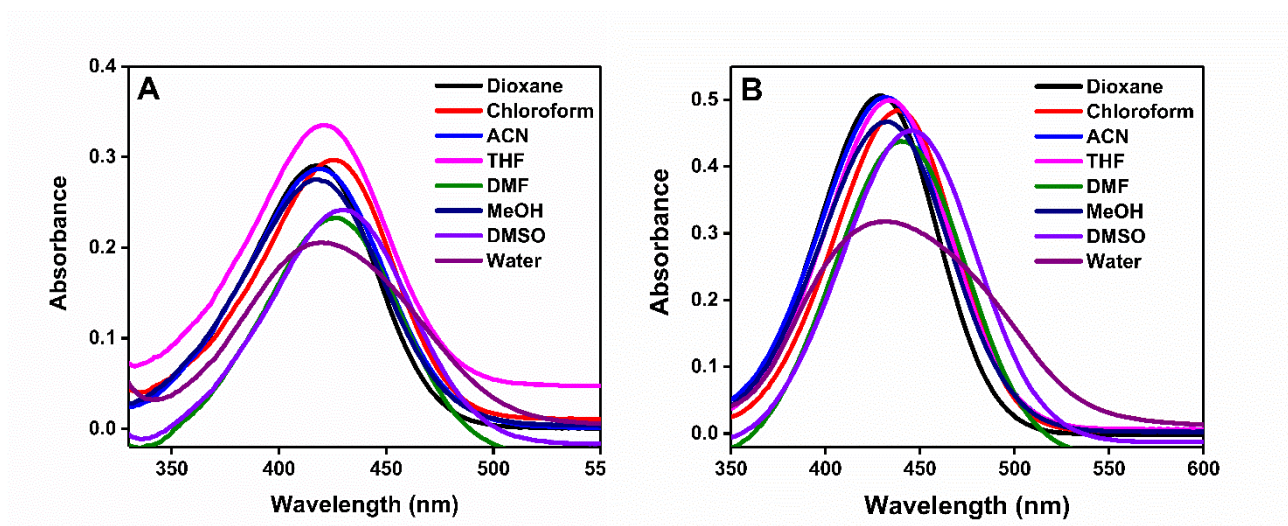


Fig. S1: The absorption spectrum of (A) PFN and (B) PFB [10 μM] in different solvents.

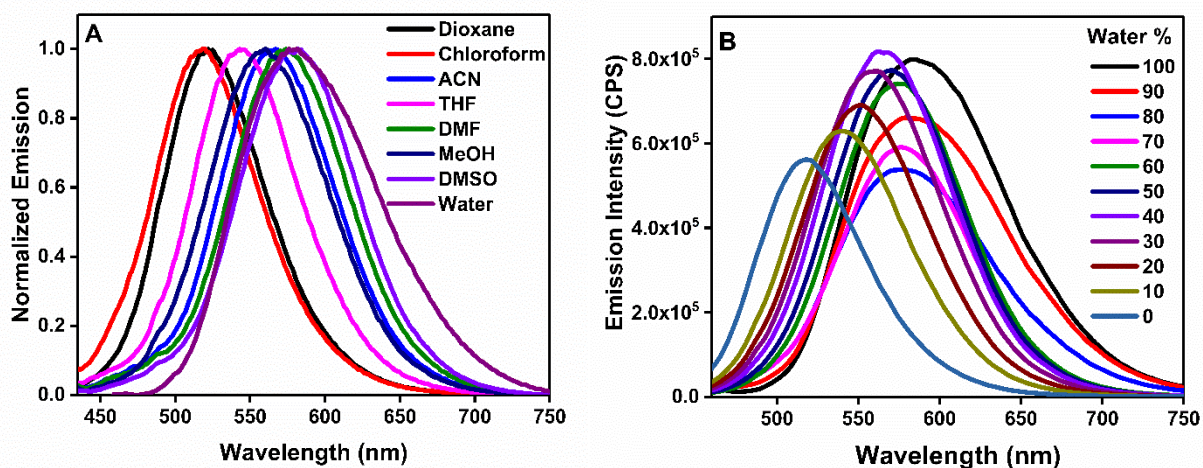


Fig S2: (A) The normalized emission spectra of PFN in different solvents. (B) Emission spectra of PFN in the dioxane/water binary solvent system. [Concentration = 15 μ M.] The probe was excited at 425 nm for fluorescence experiments.

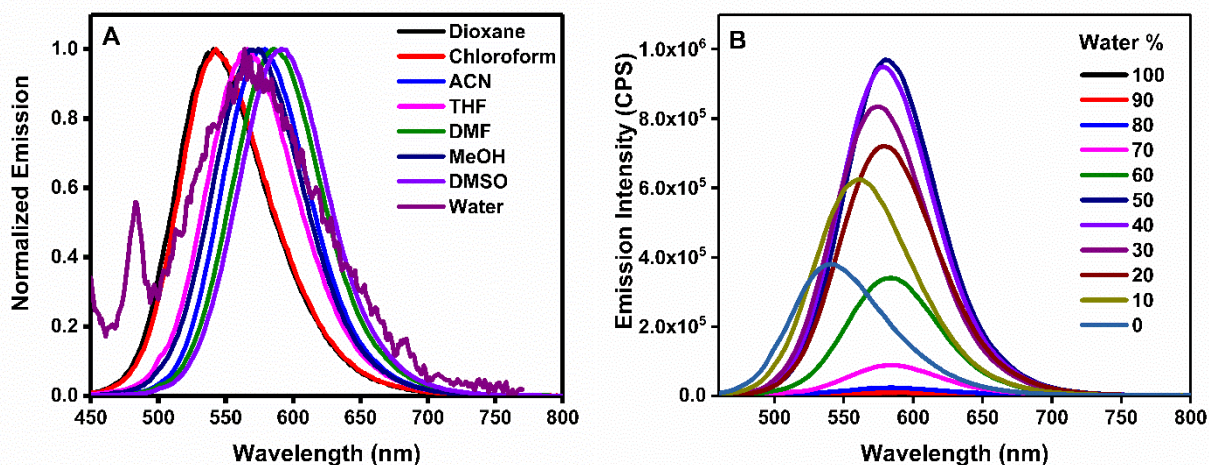


Fig S3: (A) The normalized emission spectra of PFB in different solvents. (B) Emission spectra of PFB in the dioxane/water binary solvent system. [Concentration = 15 μ M.] The probe was excited at 435 nm for fluorescence experiments.

Fig S4. Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS) Spectra:

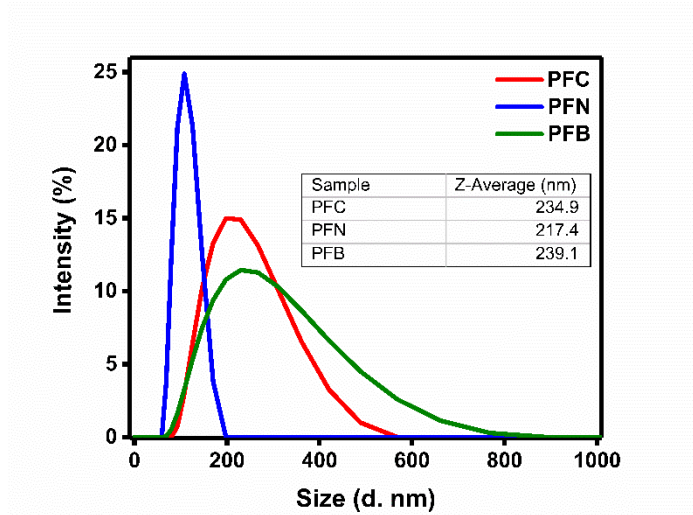


Fig S4: Dynamic Light Scattering Plots PFC, PFN, and PFB depicting size of aggregates formed in water. [Concentration-5 μ M].

S4. Computational Details

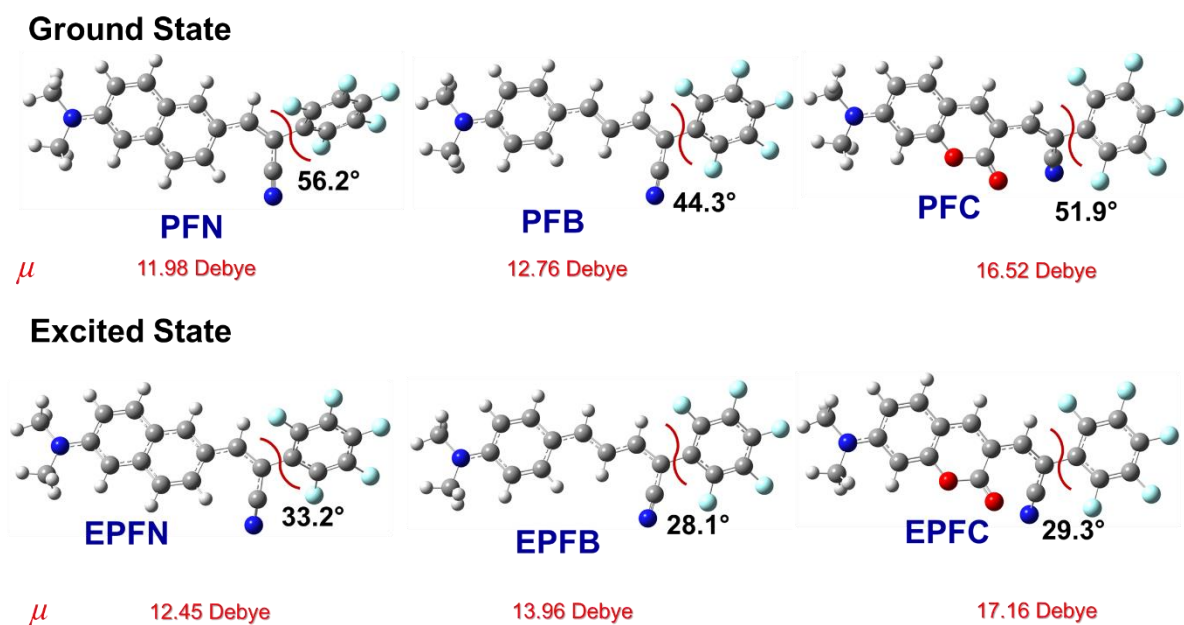


Fig S5. Optimized molecular geometries at the ground and excited states along with their dipole moment values and selected dihedral angles.

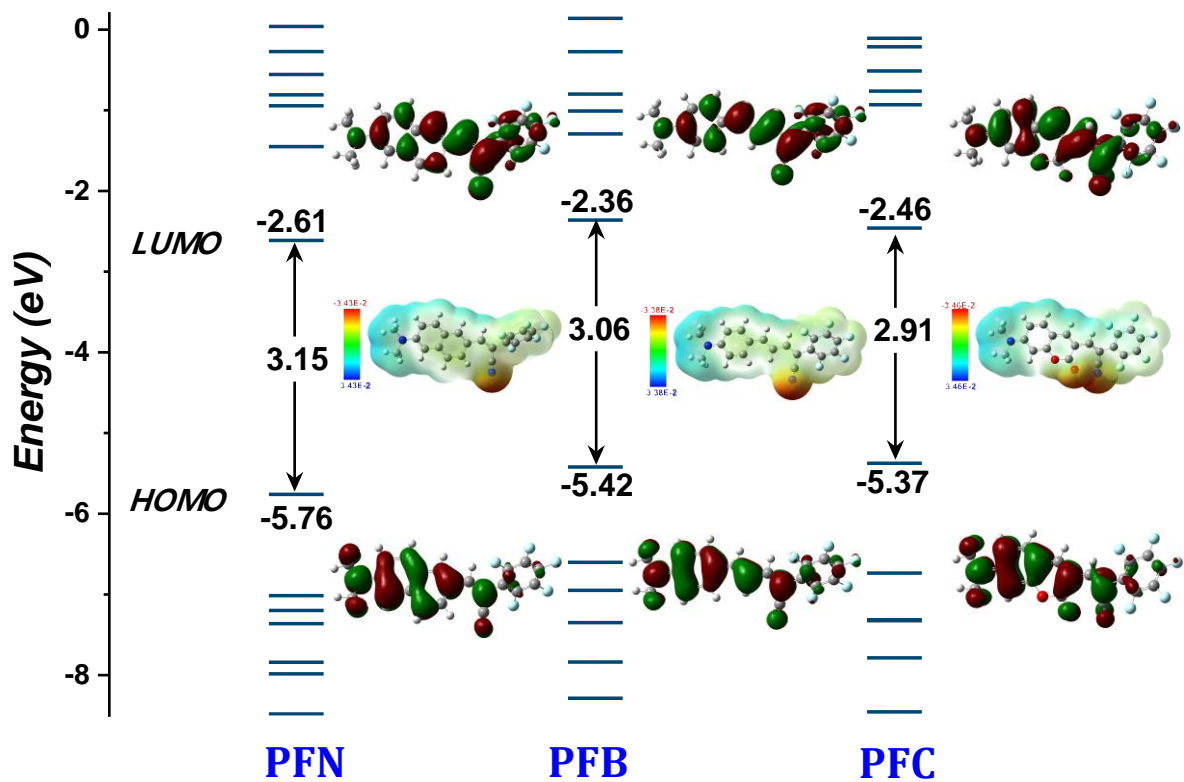
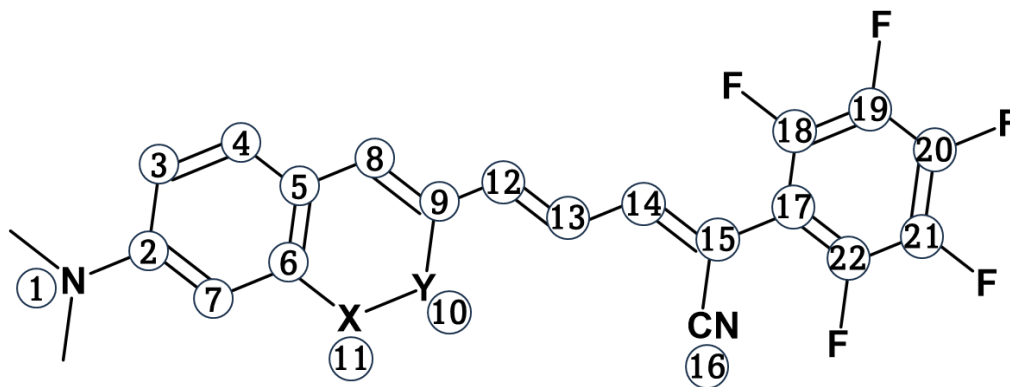


Fig S6. Schematic energy level diagram of the molecules investigated in this study and their isodensity surfaces corresponding to the frontier energy levels, electrostatic potential (ESP) surface plots.



Å	PFN (GS)	PFN (ES)	PFB (GS)	PFB (ES)	PFC (GS)	PFC (ES)
N₁-C₂	1.369	1.368	1.365	1.365	1.359	1.364
C₂-C₃	1.403	1.432	1.423	1.425	1.417	1.431
C₃-C₄	1.405	1.368	1.378	1.376	1.379	1.373
C₄-C₅	1.433	1.431	1.413	1.426	1.412	1.421
C₅-C₆	1.421	1.430	1.411	1.423	1.415	1.419
C₆-C₇	1.367	1.405	1.380	1.375	1.371	1.377
C₇-C₂	1.436	1.415	1.419	1.426	1.432	1.420
C₅-C₈	1.428	1.402	-	-	1.409	1.412
C₈-C₉	1.367	1.416	-	-	1.380	1.408
C₉-Y₁₀	1.432	1.430	-	-	1.462	1.474
Y₁₀-X₁₁	1.396	1.371	-	-	1.394	1.391
X₁₁-C₆	1.405	1.426	-	-	1.365	1.368
C₅₍₉₎-C₁₂ (14)	1.445	1.440	1.440	1.432	1.446	1.421
C₁₂-C₁₃	-	-	1.364	1.392	-	-
C₁₃-C₁₄	-	-	1.422	1.402	-	-
C₁₄-C₁₅	1.364	1.407	1.372	1.417	1.359	1.404
C₁₅-C₁₆	1.424	1.417	1.424	1.418	1.427	1.419
C₁₅-C₁₇	1.488	1.459	1.480	1.450	1.491	1.464
C₁₇-C₁₈	1.398	1.415	1.400	1.418	1.397	1.413
C₁₈-C₁₉	1.387	1.384	1.387	1.381	1.387	1.384
C₁₉-C₂₀	1.389	1.390	1.388	1.392	1.389	1.390
C₂₀-C₂₁	1.388	1.391	1.388	1.390	1.388	1.391
C₂₁-C₂₂	1.388	1.382	1.387	1.383	1.388	1.383
C₁₇-C₂₂	1.398	1.415	1.400	1.418	1.397	1.413
Y₁₀=O	-	-	-	-	1.206	1.204

Fig S7. Geometrical coordinates of the molecules showing the bond length variation at the ground and excited states.

Fig S8. TDDFT simulated absorption spectra of the molecules obtained from the B3LYP, ω B97XD and M062X/6-311G(d, p)/C-PCM(1,4-dioxane) level of theory.

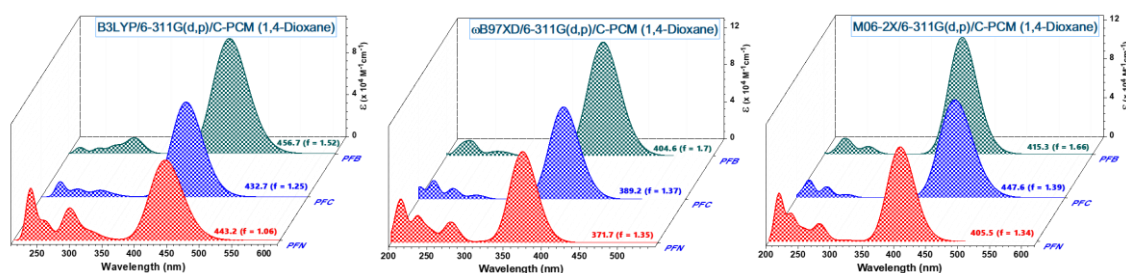


Table S1. TDDFT simulated spectral values, oscillator strength (f), and major transitions involved obtained from B3LYP/6-311G(d,p)/C-PCM(1,4-dioxane) level of theory.

B3LYP	States	λ_{Theory} (nm)	f	Major transitions involved
PFN	S ₀ -S ₁	443.18	1.06	HOMO->LUMO (99%)
PFB	S ₀ -S ₁	456.73	1.52	HOMO->LUMO (100%)
PFC	S ₀ -S ₁	438.68	1.25	HOMO->LUMO (99%)

Table S2. TDDFT simulated spectral values, oscillator strength (f), and major transitions involved obtained from M062X/6-311G(d,p)/C-PCM(1,4-dioxane) level of theory.

M062X	States	λ_{Theory} (nm)	f	Major transitions involved
PFN	S ₀ -S ₁	405.51	1.34	HOMO->LUMO (95%)
PFB	S ₀ -S ₁	415.25	1.66	HOMO->LUMO (96%)
PFC	S ₀ -S ₁	447.63	1.39	HOMO->LUMO (95%)

Table S3. TDDFT simulated spectral values, oscillator strength (f), and major transitions involved obtained from ω B97XD/6-311G(d,p)/C-PCM(1,4-dioxane) level of theory.

ω B97XD	States	λ_{Theory} (nm)	f	Major transitions involved
PFN	S ₀ -S ₁	371.72	1.35	HOMO->LUMO (89%), H-2->LUMO (3%)
PFB	S ₀ -S ₁	404.61	1.70	HOMO->LUMO (92%), H-1->LUMO (3%)
PFC	S ₀ -S ₁	389.09	1.37	HOMO->LUMO (92%), H-1->LUMO (2%)

S5. Cytotoxicity Assessment

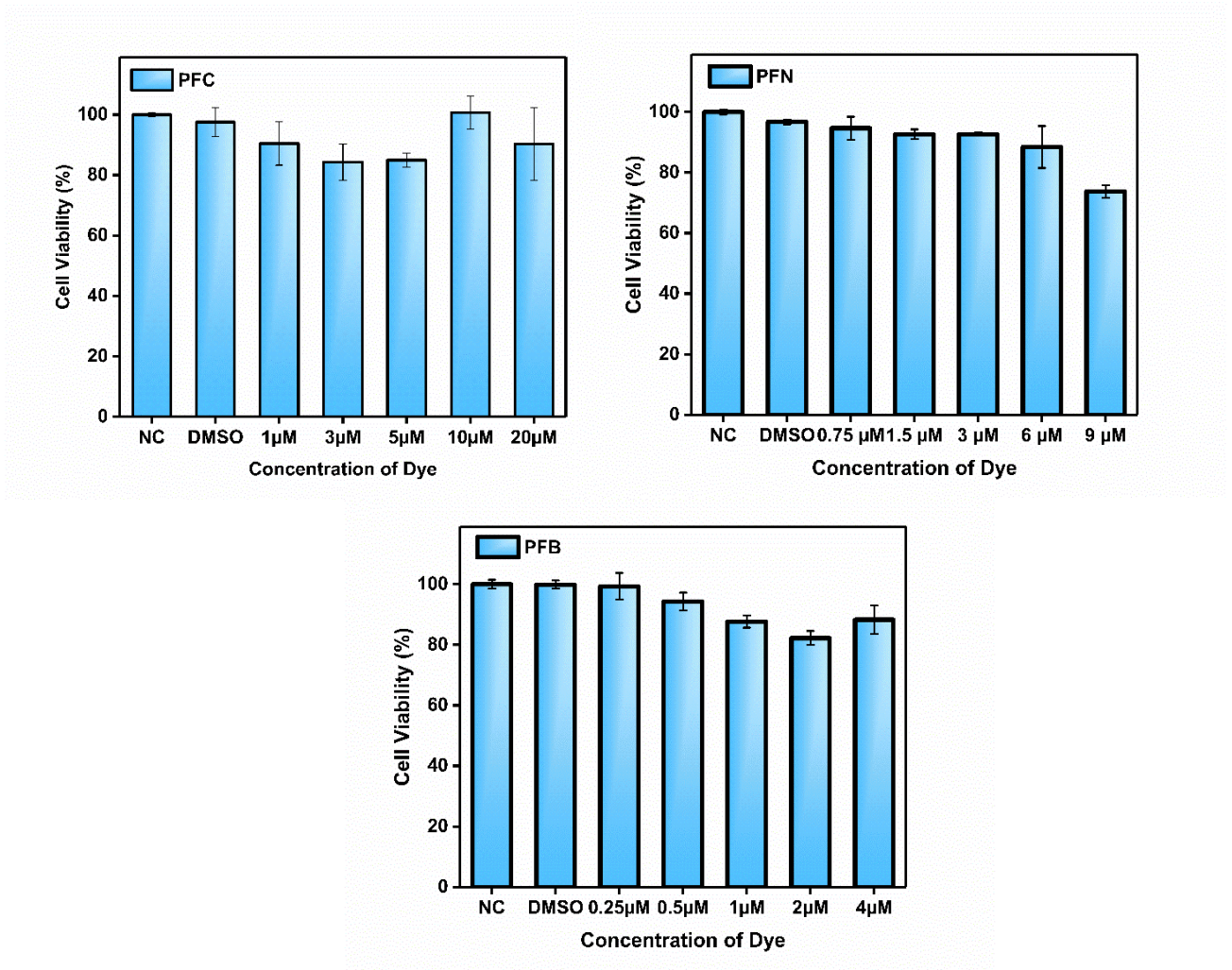


Fig S9: Cell viability data for PFC, PFN and PFB at various concentrations towards COS-7 cells for 24 h.

S6. Subcellular localization mapping of PFN and PFB in Live Cells

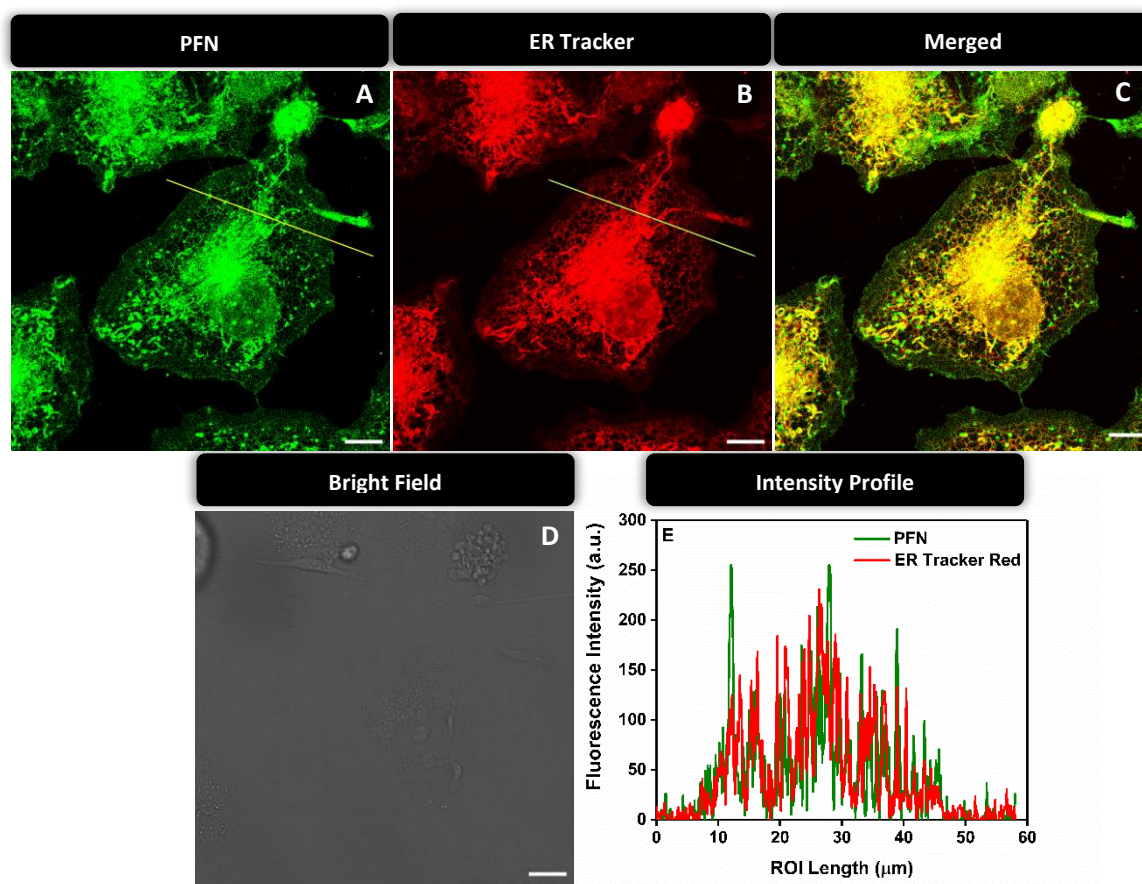


Fig S10: Fluorescence images of (A) PFN (3 μM) co-stained with (B) ER-TrackerTM Red in living COS-7 cell; Corresponding (C) Merged image, (D) Bright Field image; and (E) the intensity profile of the yellow lines drawn in both channels to describe the overlapping signal intensities. PFN: $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 488$ nm (2%), $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 500\text{--}620$ nm; PCC = 0.82; Scale bar = 10 μm .

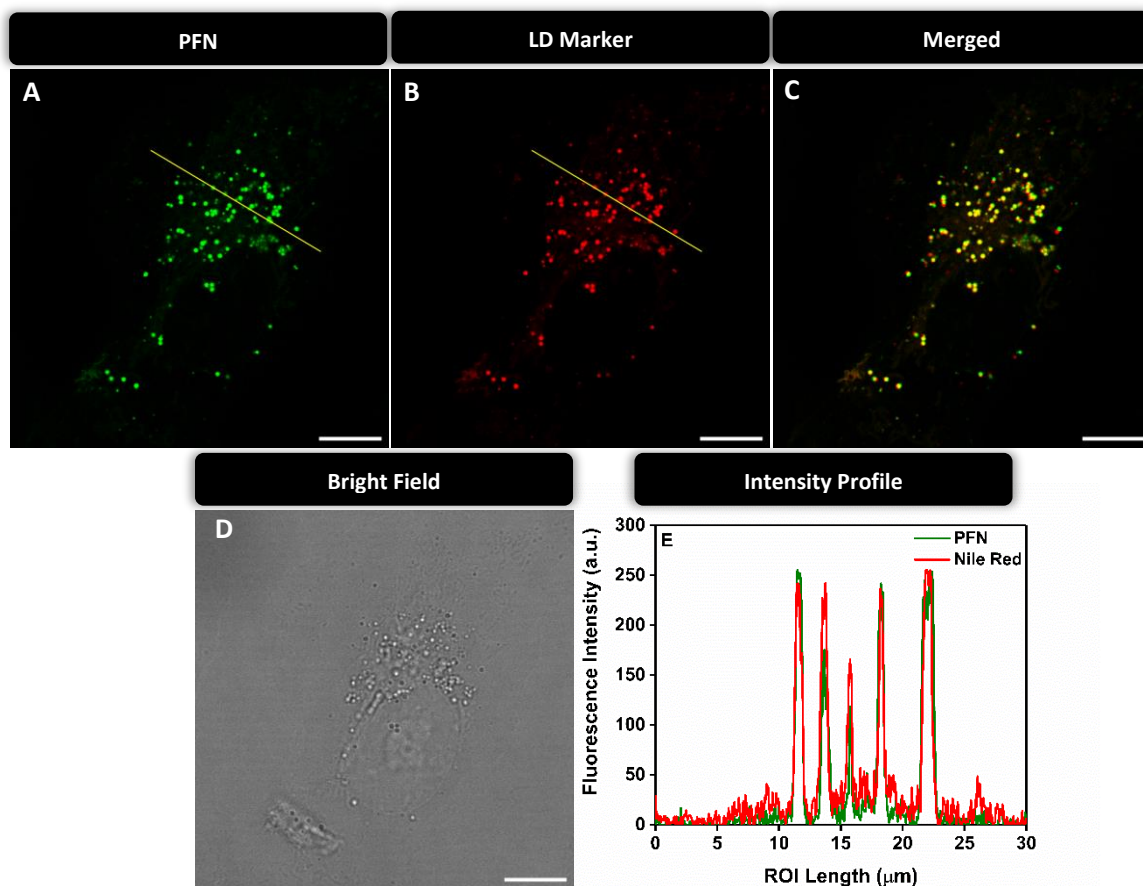


Fig S11: Fluorescence images of (A) PFN (3 μM) co-stained with (B) Nile Red in living COS-7 cell; Corresponding (C) Merged image, (D) Bright Field image; and (E) the intensity profile of the yellow lines drawn in both channels to describe the overlapping signal intensities. PFN: $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 488 \text{ nm}$ (0.3 %), $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 500\text{--}620 \text{ nm}$; PCC = 0.87; Scale bar = 10 μm .

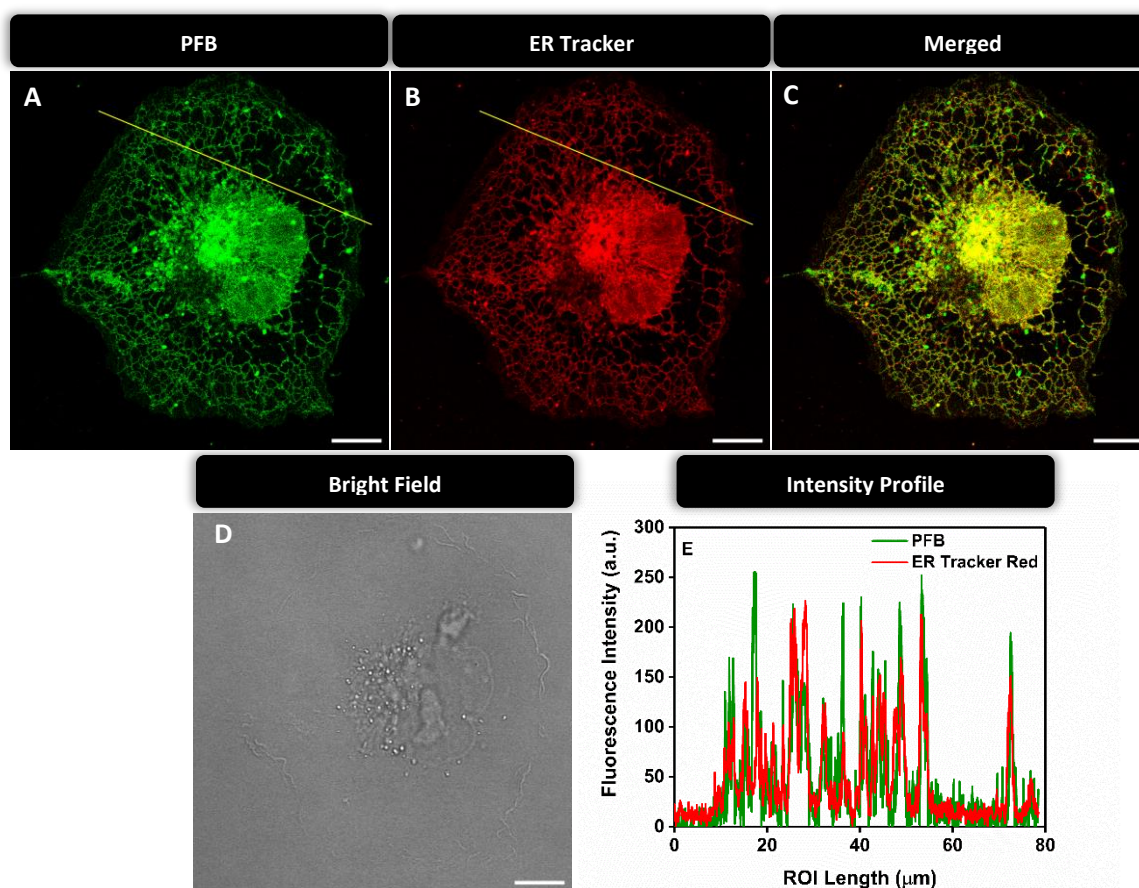


Fig S12: Fluorescence images of (A) PFB (3 μM) co-stained with (B) ER-TrackerTM Red in living COS-7 cell; Corresponding (C) Merged image, (D) Bright Field image; and (E) the intensity profile of the yellow lines drawn in both channels to describe the overlapping signal intensities. PFB: $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 488$ nm (3 %), $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 500\text{--}620$ nm; PCC = 0.79; Scale bar = 10 μm .

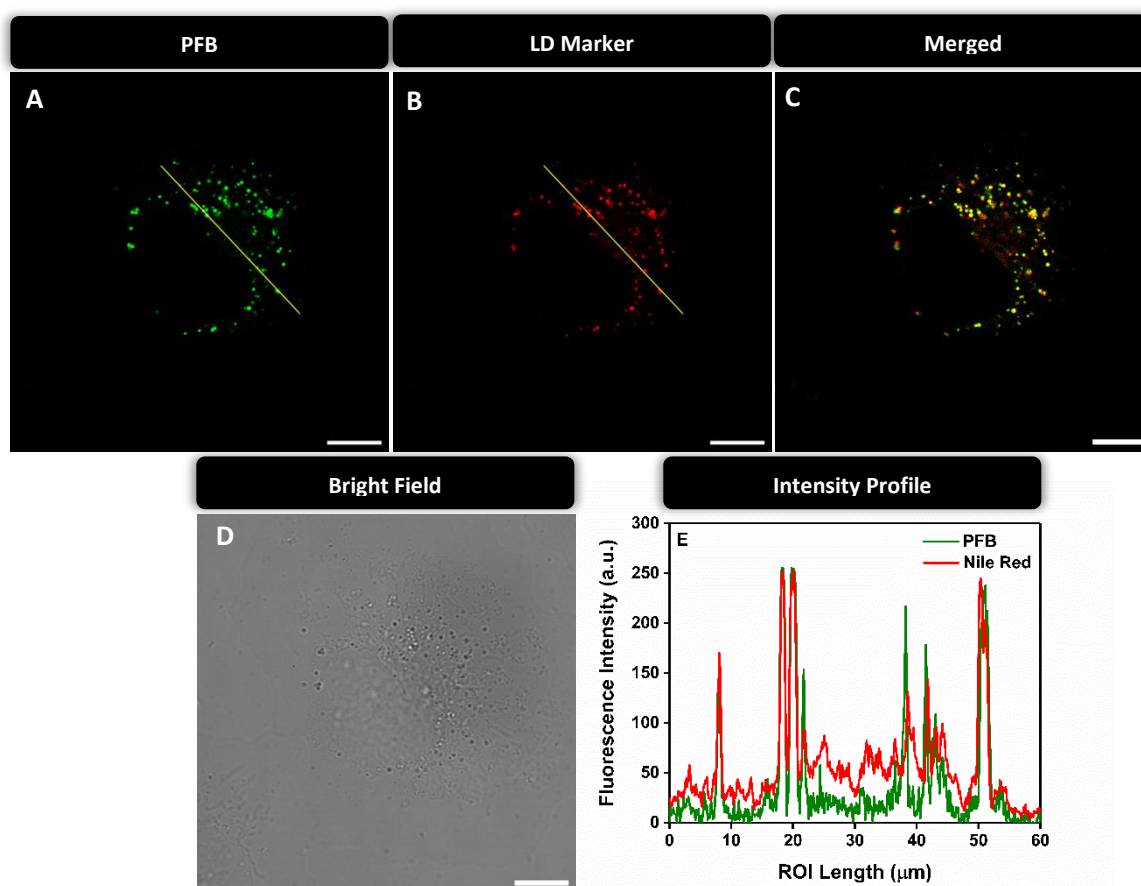


Fig S13: Fluorescence images of (A) PFB (3 μ M) co-stained with (B) Nile Red in living COS-7 cell; Corresponding (C) Merged image, (D) Bright Field image; and (E) the intensity profile of the yellow lines drawn in both channels to describe the overlapping signal intensities. PFB: λ_{ex} = 488 nm (0.3 %), λ_{em} = 500–620 nm; PCC = 0.84; Scale bar = 10 μ m

S7. Live MCF-7 Cell Imaging with PFC

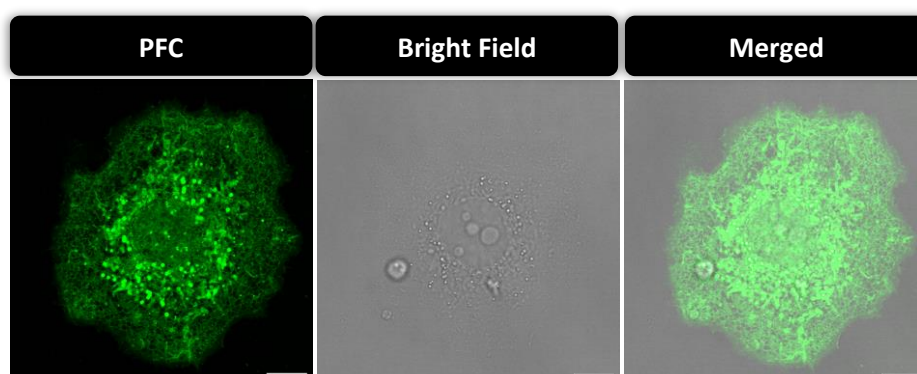


Fig S14: Fluorescence images of living MCF-7 cells stained with 100 nM PFC; λ_{ex} = 488 nm, λ_{em} = 550–650 nm; Scale bar = 10 μ m.

S8. Oleic acid treatment: CLSM images and quantification plots

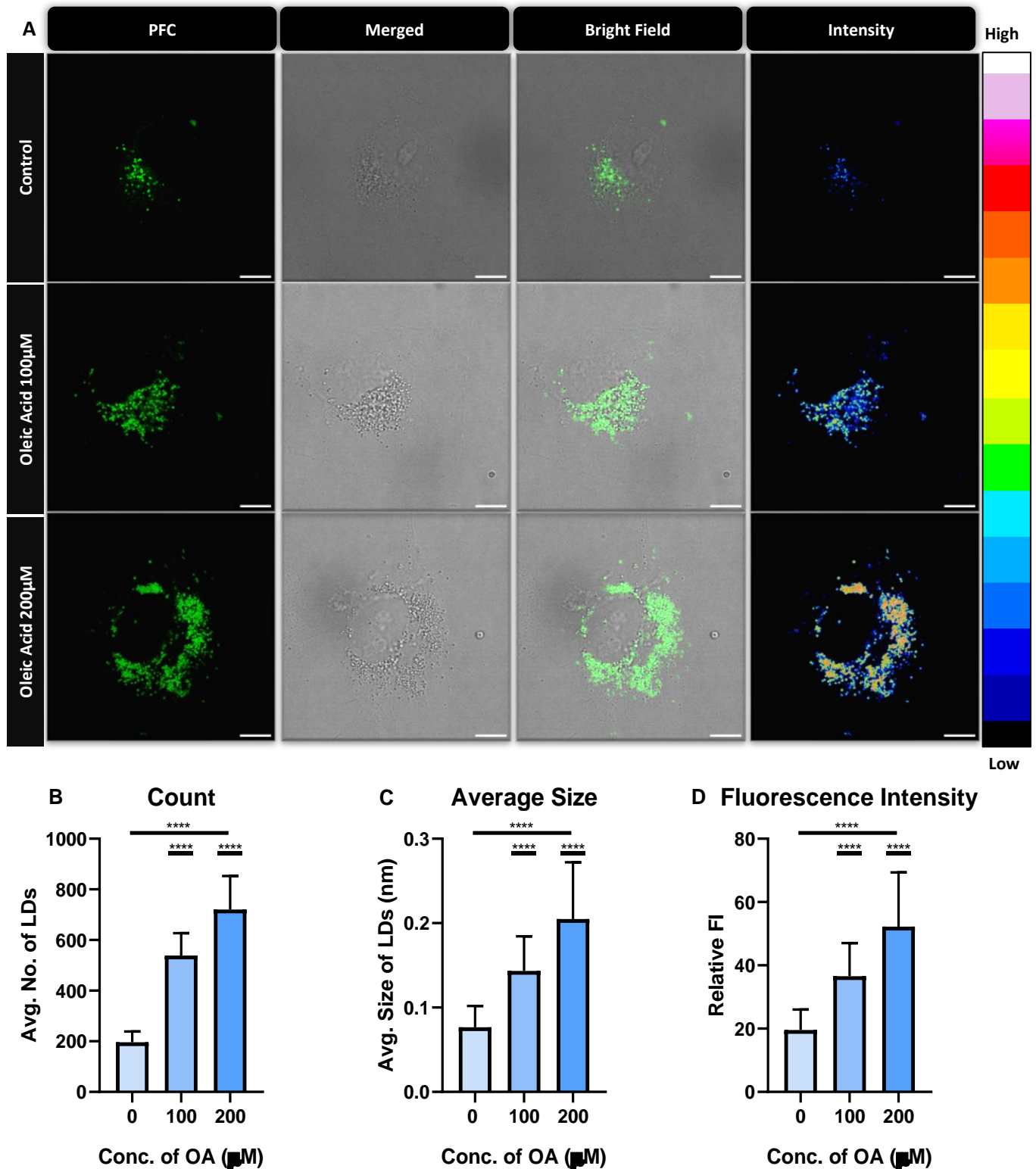


Fig S15: (A) CLSM images of PFC with incubation of 0 µM, 100 µM & 200 µM of oleic acid [scale bar: 10 µm]. (0. 3% Laser Power) Quantification plots for oleic acid accumulation: (B) quantification of change in number; (C) change in size (mean diameter); (D) and fluorescence intensity of lipid droplets.

S9. Photostability assessment of PFC in Live Cells

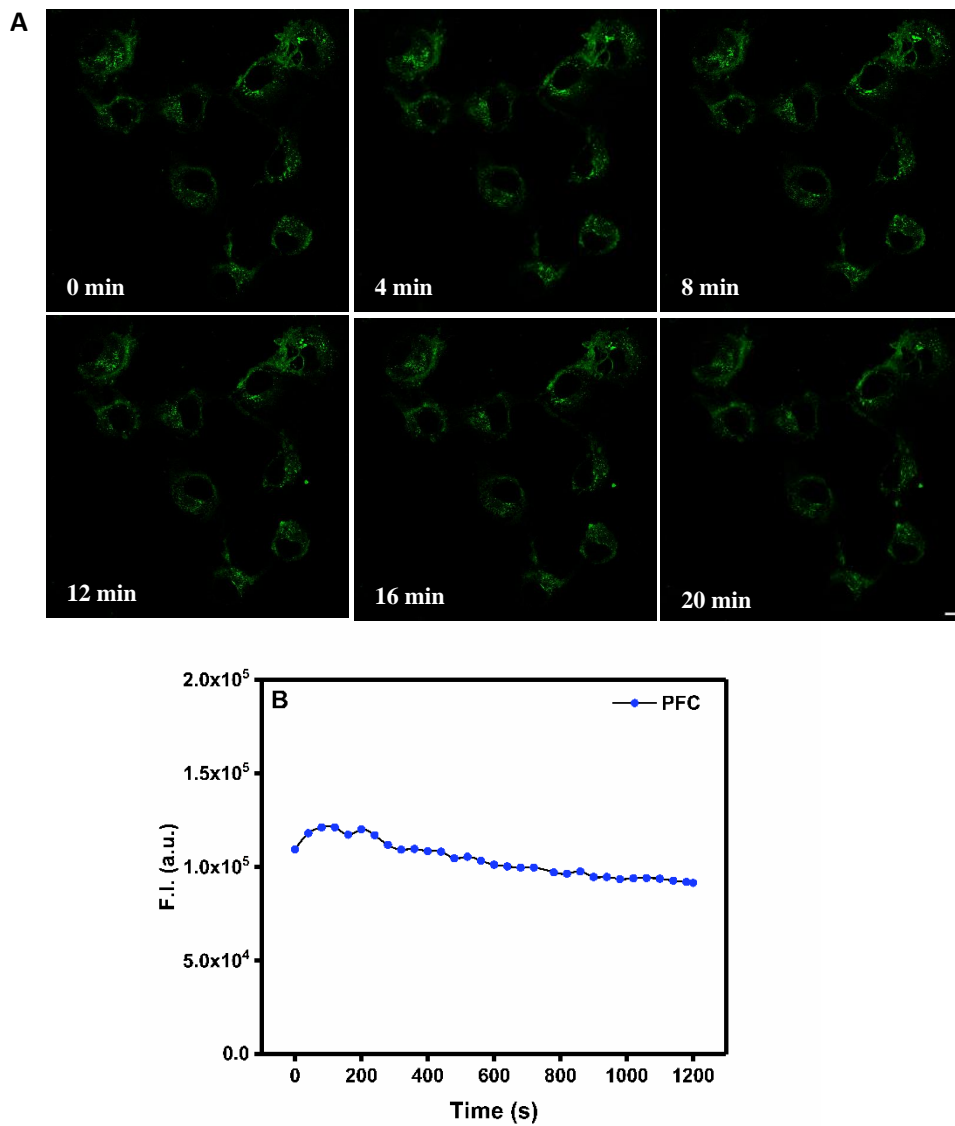


Fig S16: Fluorescent images (A) of COS-7 cells stained with PFC under continuous light irradiations and (B) the corresponding fluorescence intensity. Scale Bar = 10 μ m

S10. Characterization: NMR and HRMS Data for All Compounds

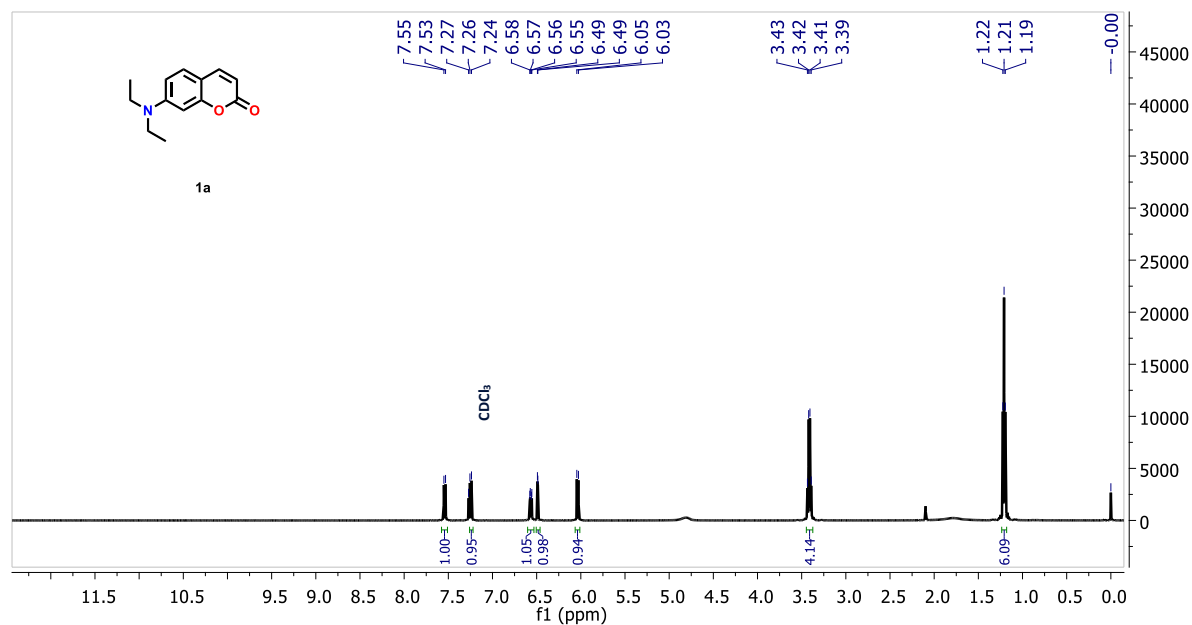


Fig S17: ^1H Spectrum of **1a** in CDCl_3

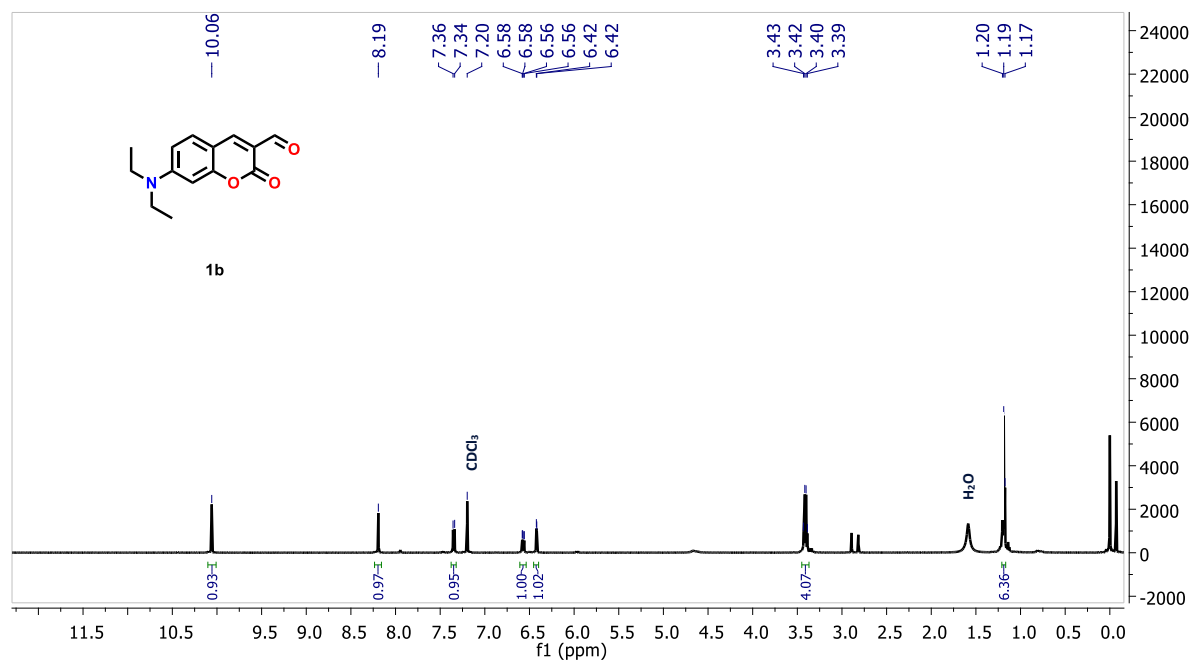


Fig S18: ^1H Spectrum of **1b** in CDCl_3

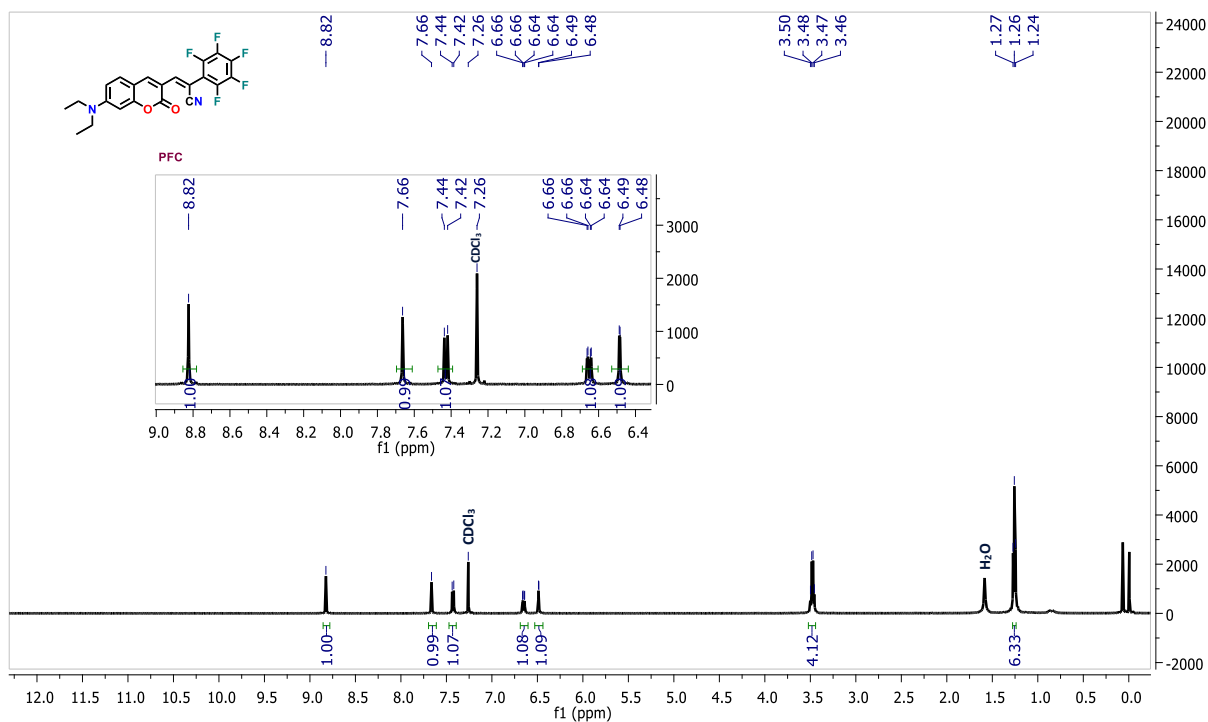


Fig S19: ¹H Spectrum of PFC in CDCl₃

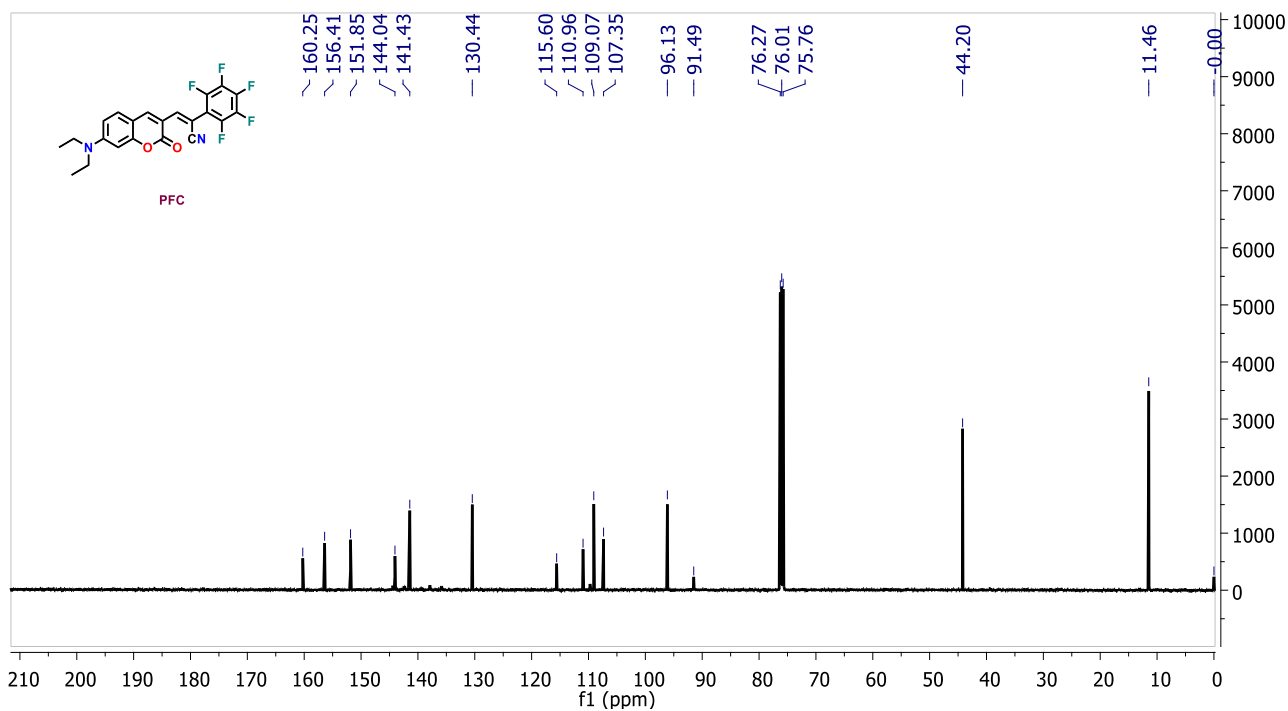


Fig S20: ¹³C Spectrum of PFC in CDCl₃

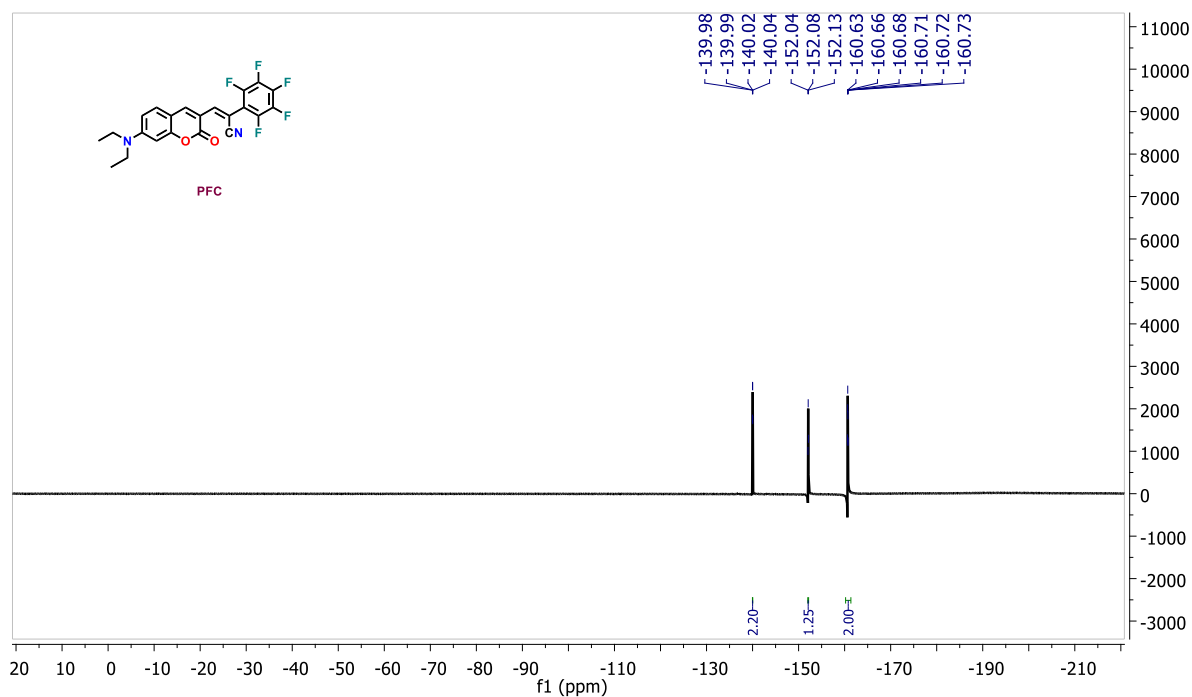


Fig S21: ^{19}F Spectrum of PFC in CDCl_3

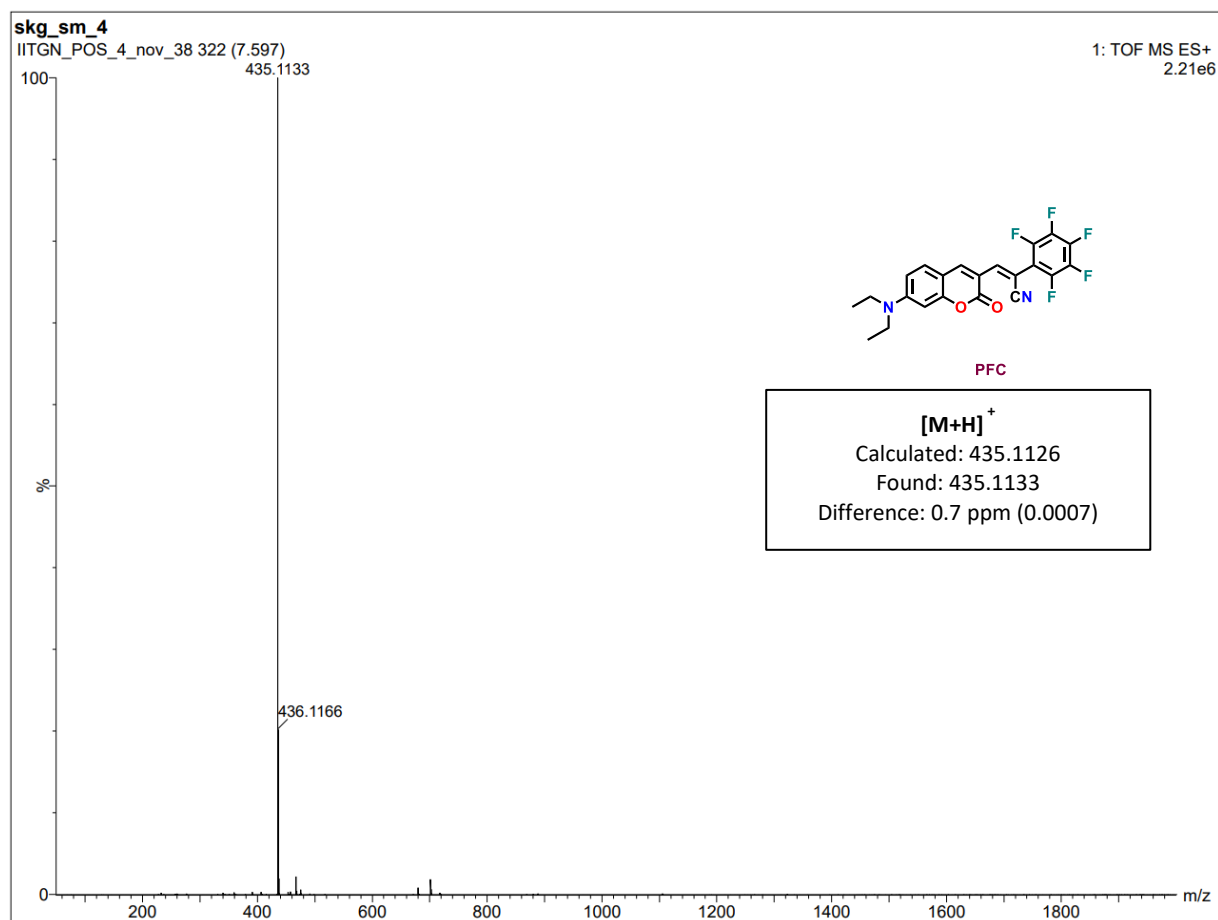


Fig S22: ESI mass profile of PFC

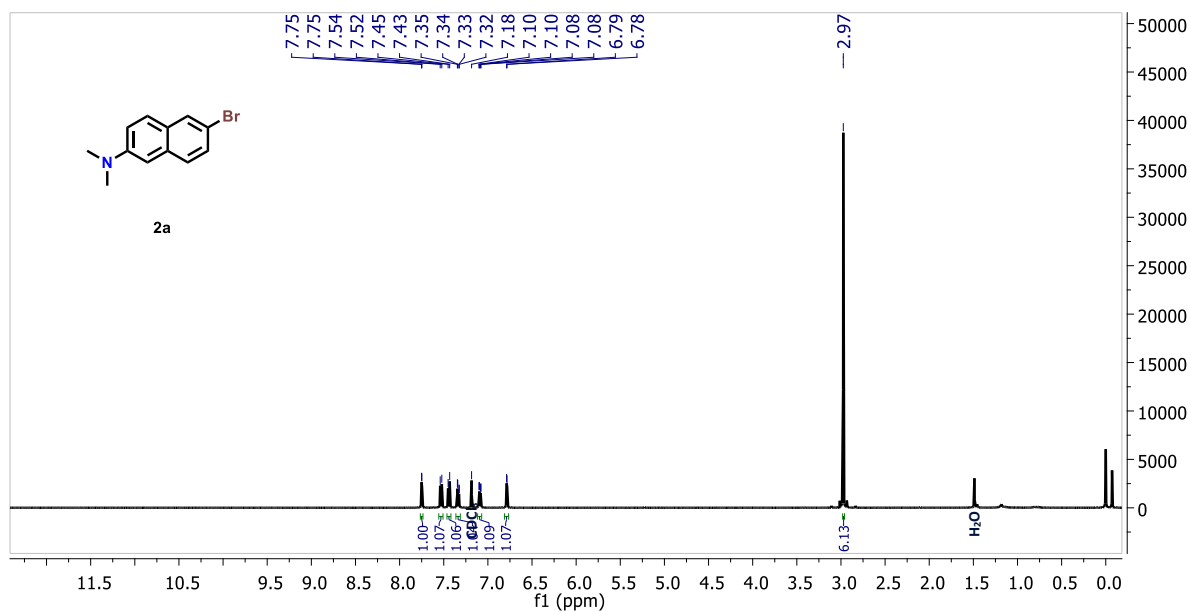


Fig S23: ^1H Spectrum of **2a** in CDCl_3

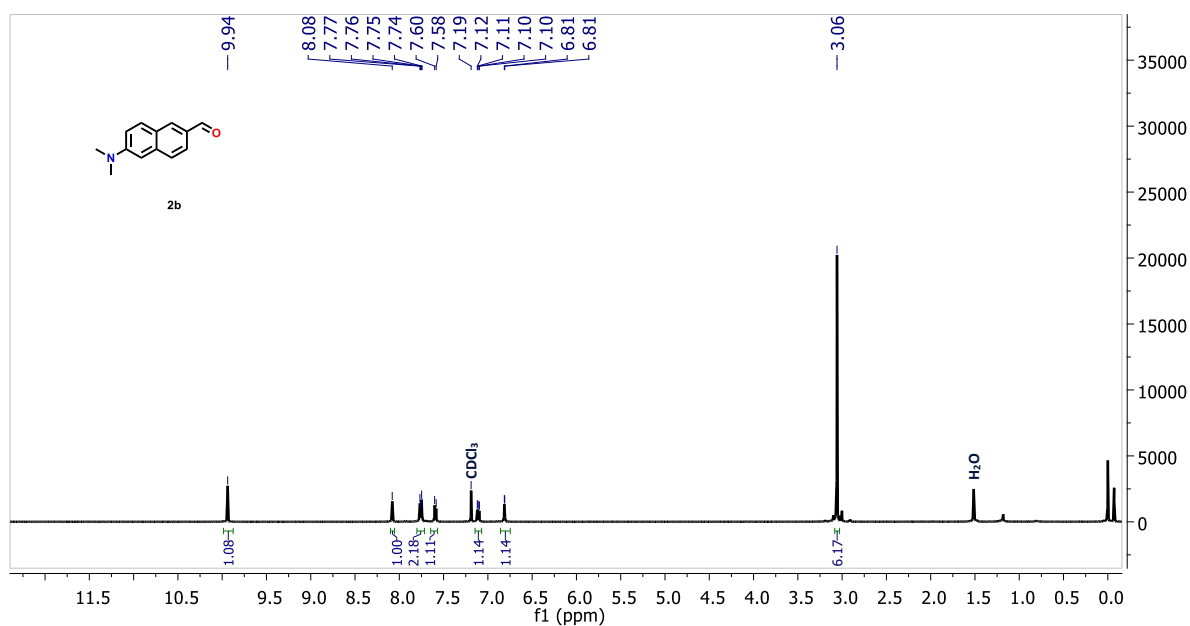


Fig S24: ^1H Spectrum of **2b** in CDCl_3

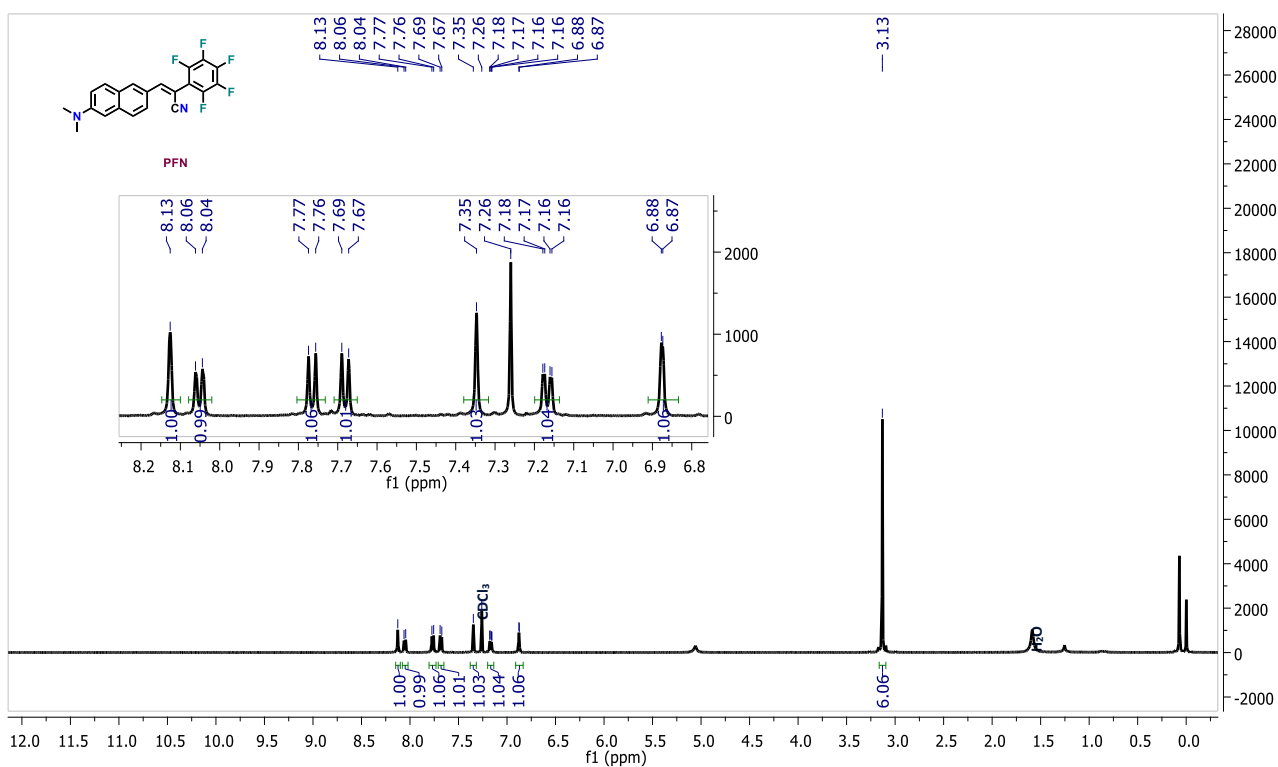


Fig S25: ¹H Spectrum of PFN in CDCl₃

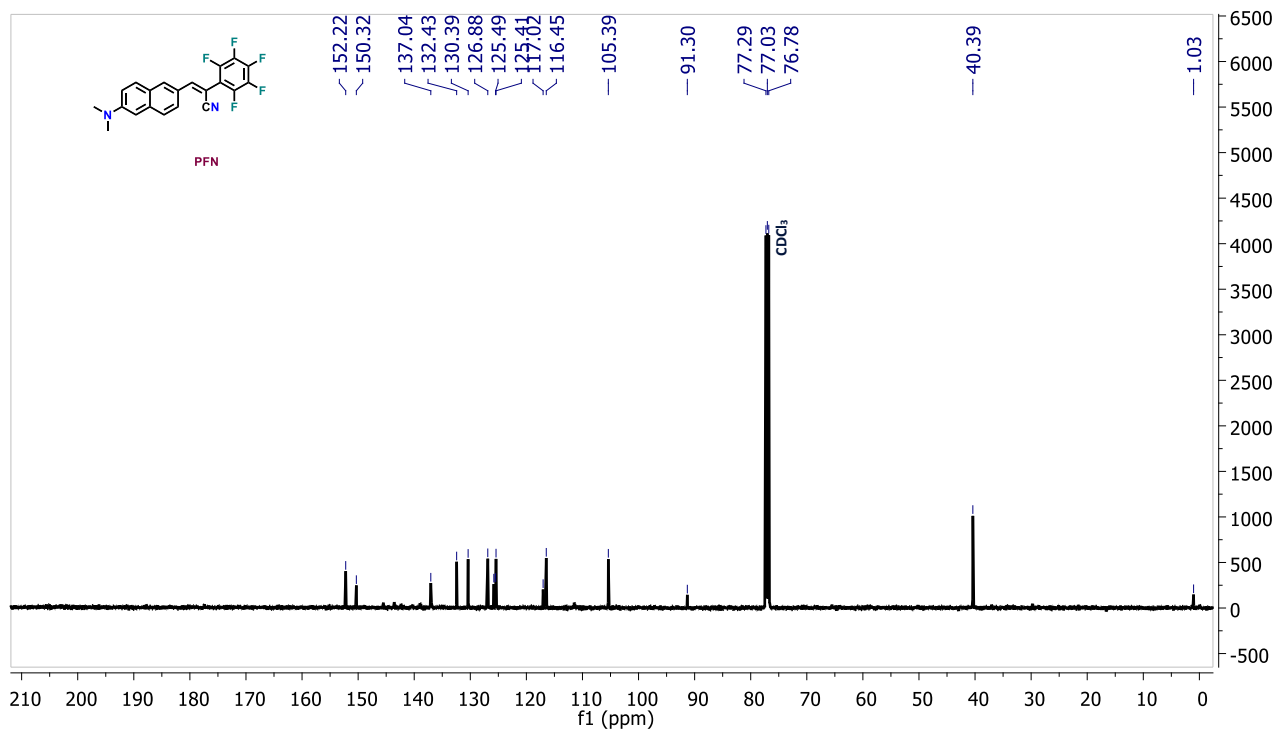


Fig S26: ¹³C Spectrum of PFN in CDCl₃

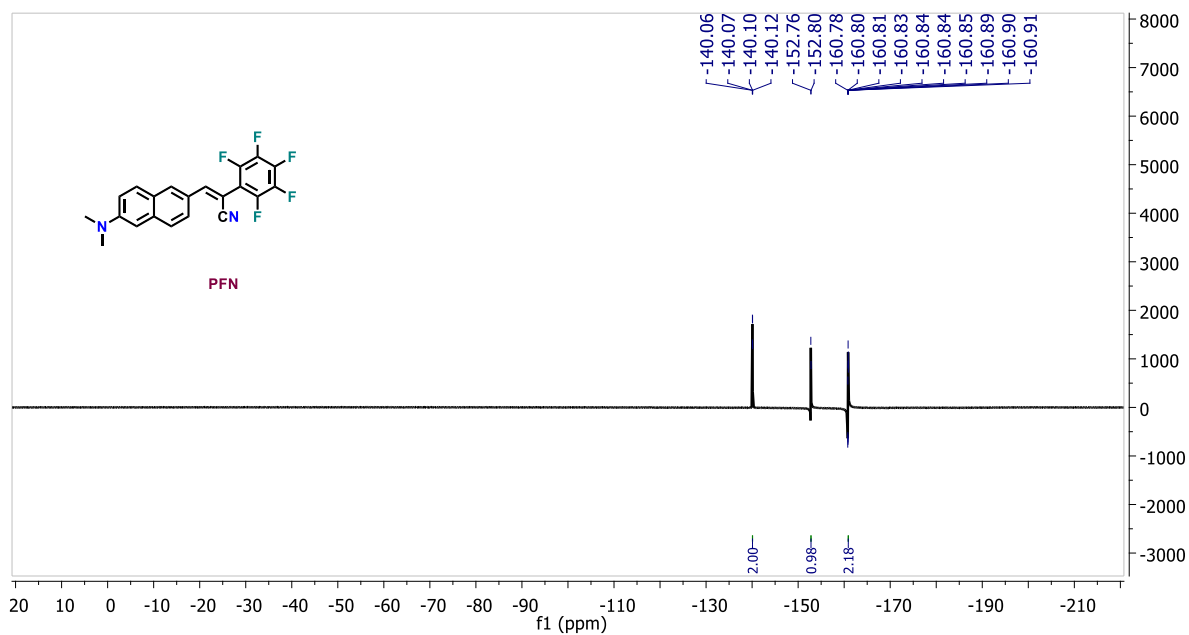


Fig S27: ^{19}F Spectrum of PFN in CDCl_3

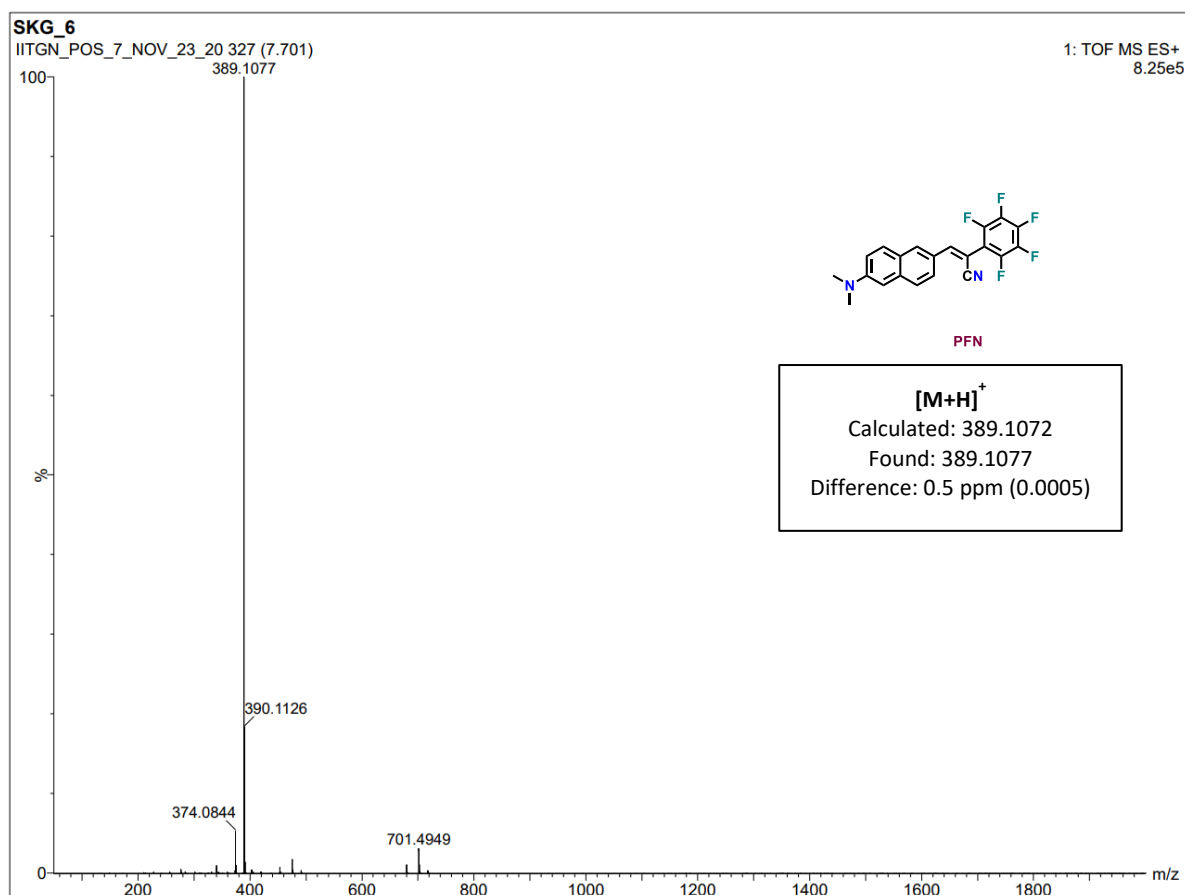


Fig S28: ESI mass profile of PFN

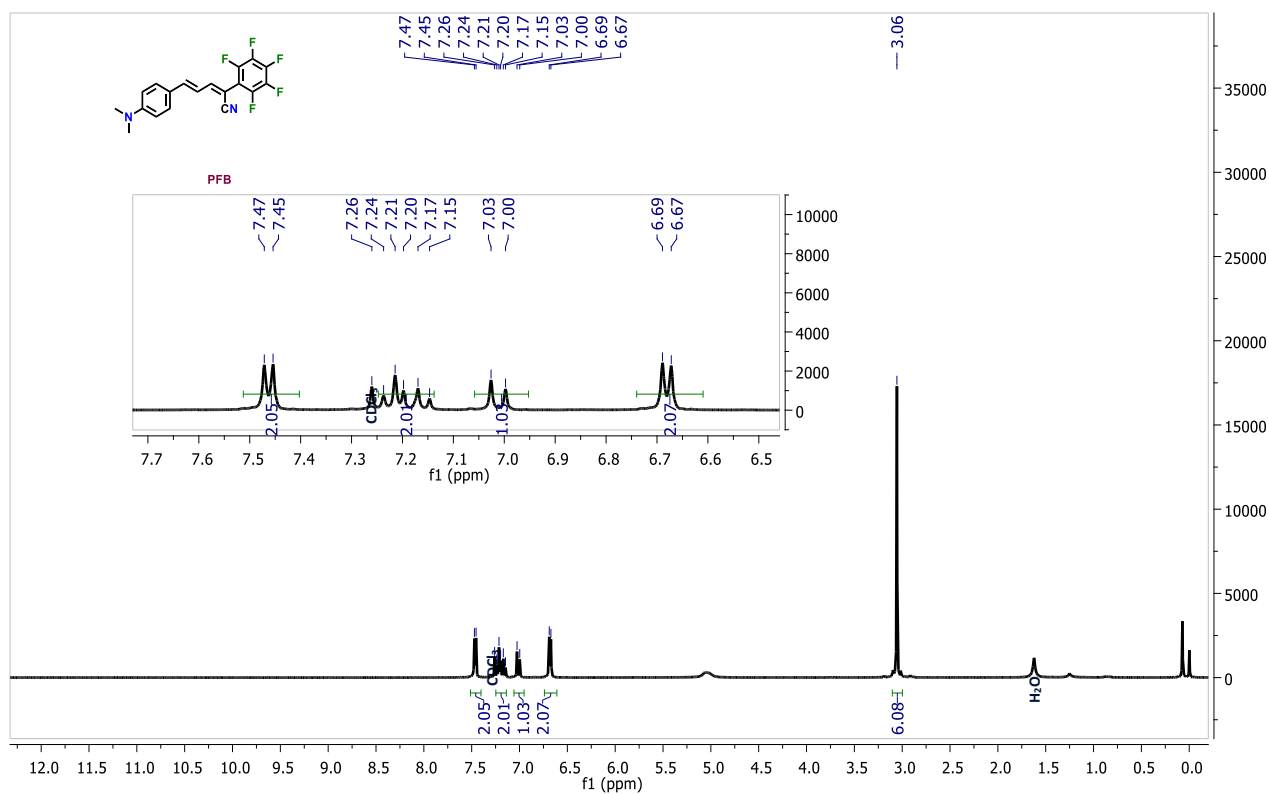


Fig S29: ¹H Spectrum of PFB in CDCl₃

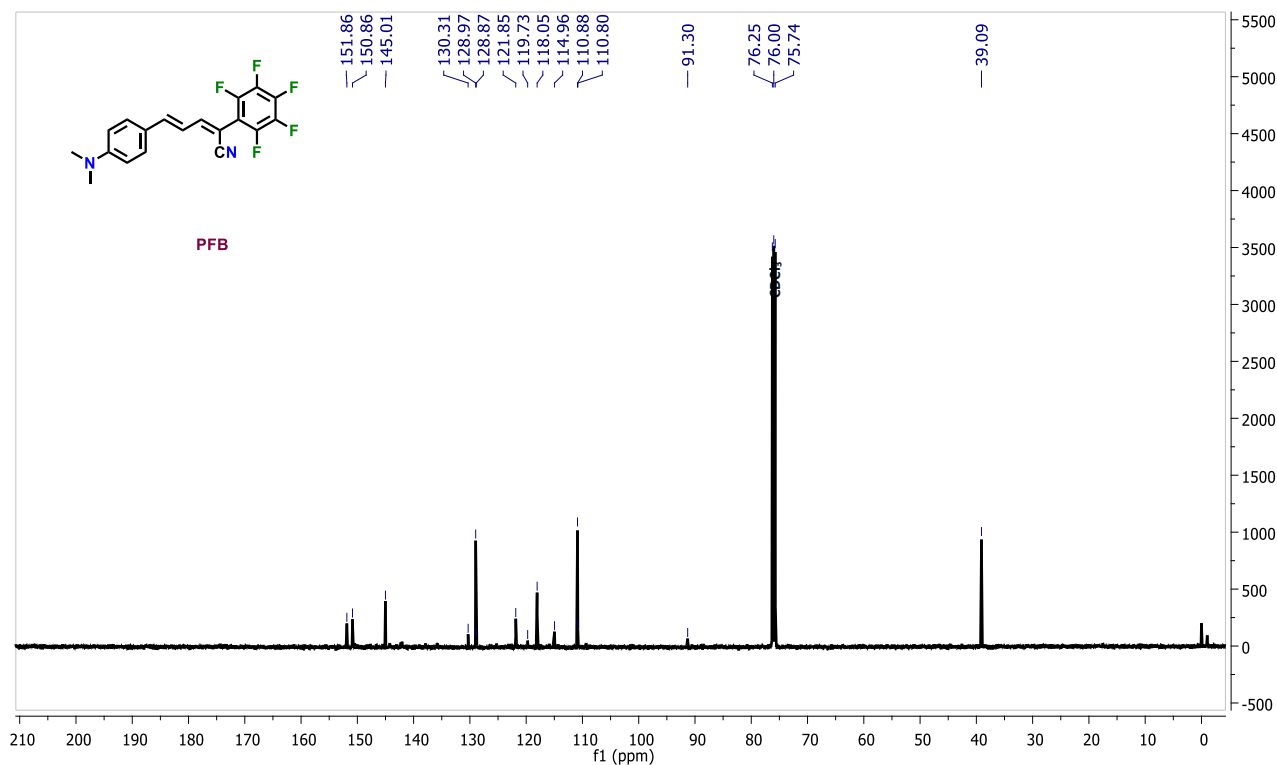


Fig S30: ¹³C Spectrum of PFB in CDCl₃

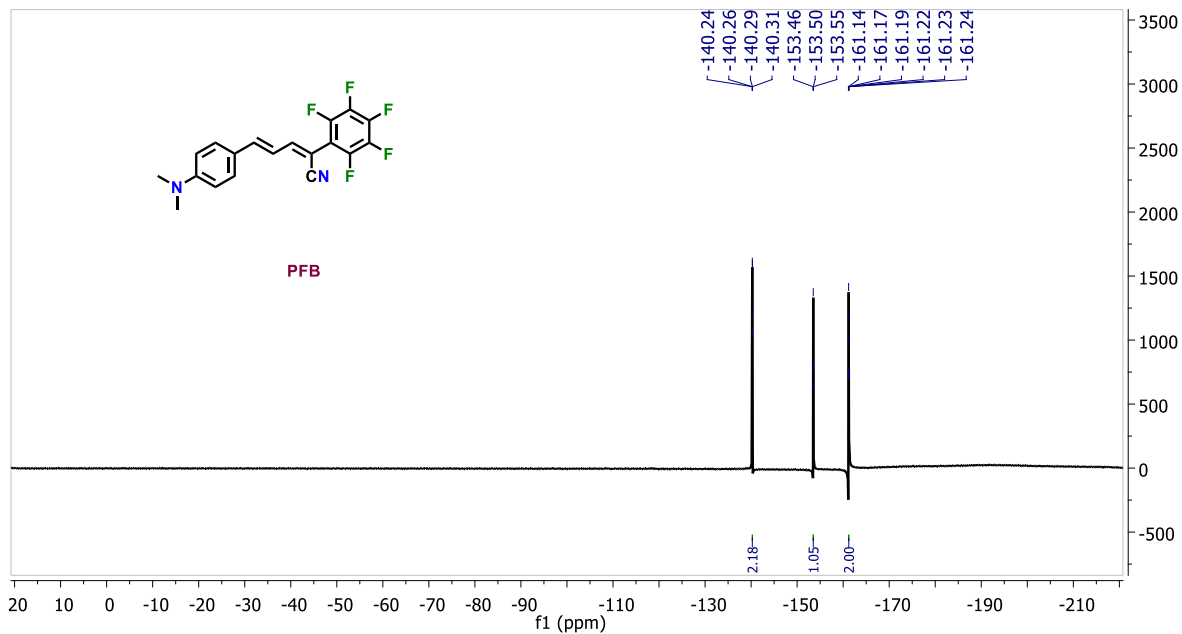


Fig S31: ^{19}F Spectrum of PFB in CDCl_3

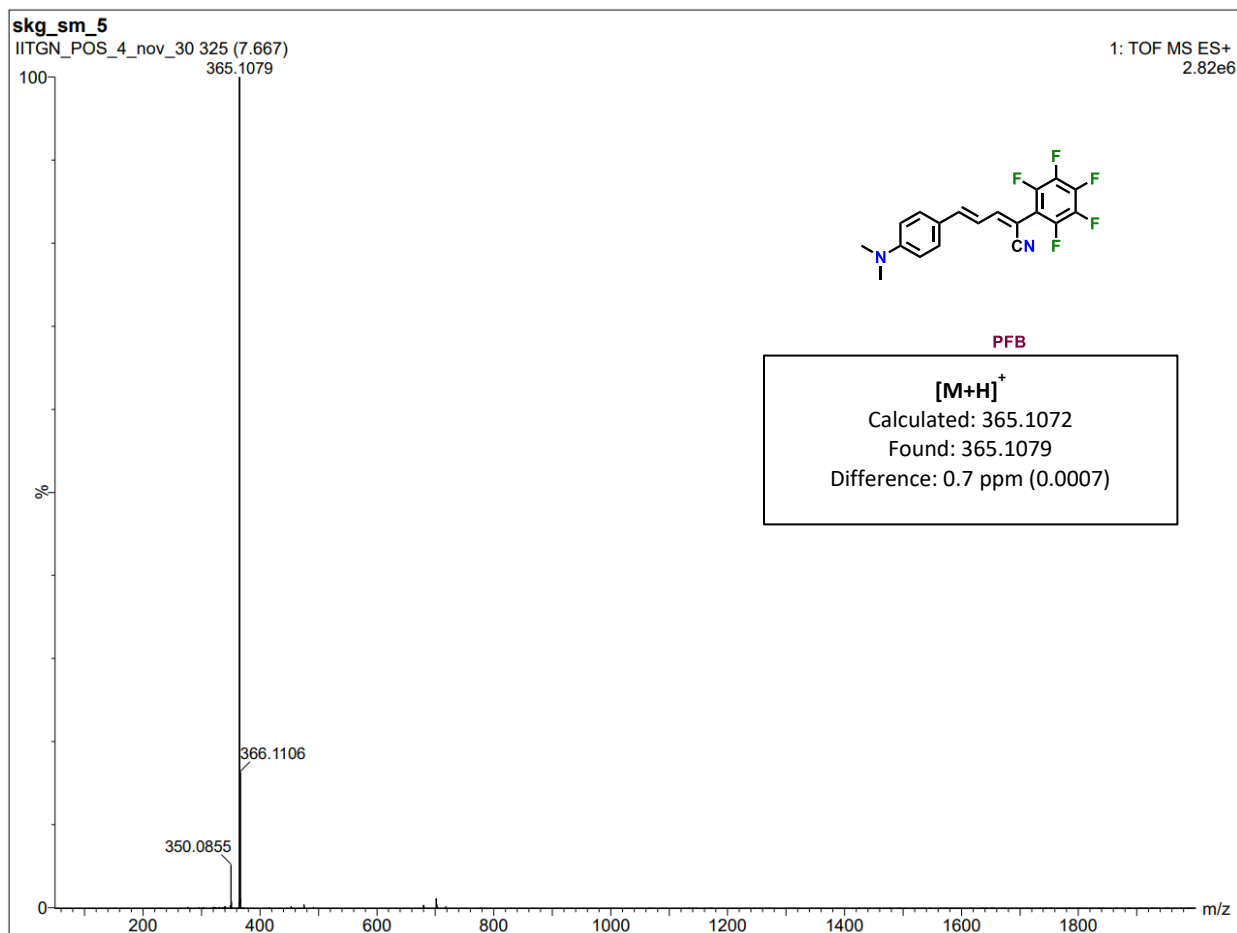


Fig S32: ESI mass profile of PFB

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