

## Supporting Information

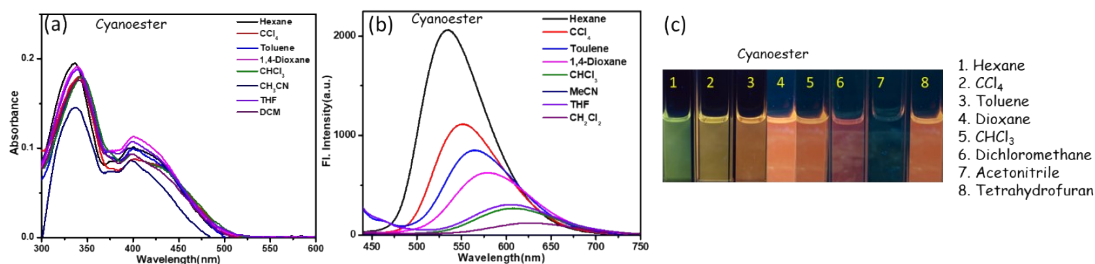
# Tunable Optical Responses in a Cyanoester-Based Organic $\pi$ -Conjugates for Selective Sensing of Aliphatic Diamine Vapors

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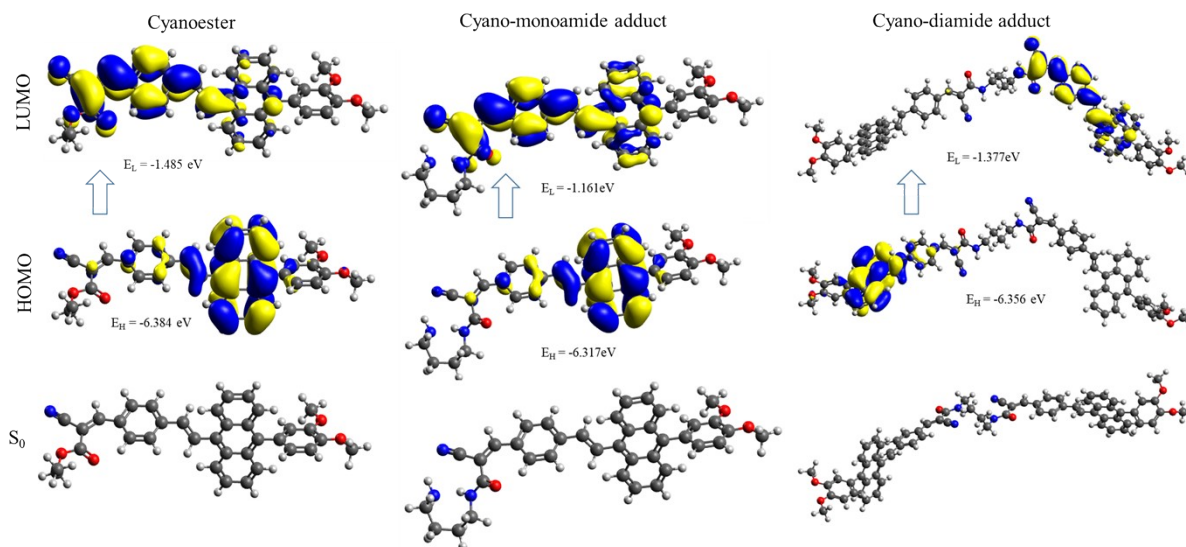




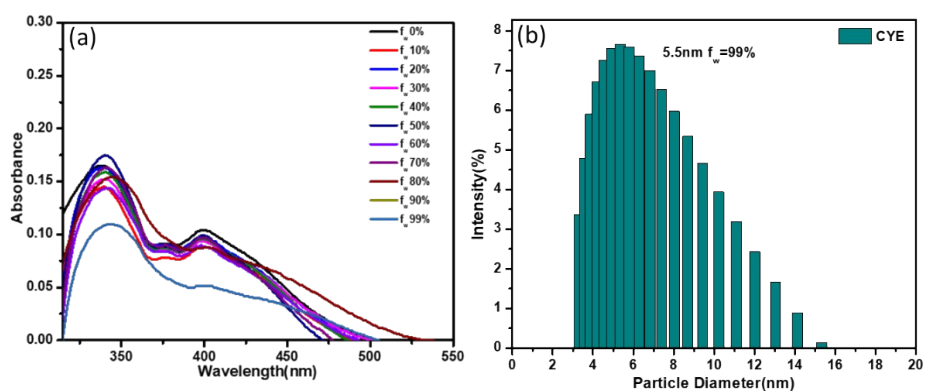
**Figure S1:** (a) absorption and (b) emission spectra of **CYE** (c) Photographs taken under 365 nm UV-vis lamp.  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 398$  nm.

**Table S1:** Absorbance and Emission wavelength of Solvatochromic studies for **CYE**

Solvents	Cyanoester [ $\lambda_{\text{abs/em}}$ (nm)]	$\Phi_f$ (%)
Hexane	340, 399/535	12.4
CCl <sub>4</sub>	340, 399/550	10.8
Toluene	340, 399/565	8.9
1,4-Dioxane	340, 399/579	7.5
THF	340, 399/606	3
CHCl <sub>3</sub>	340, 399/607	5
CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	340, 399/626	2
MeCN	340, 399/NE	NE



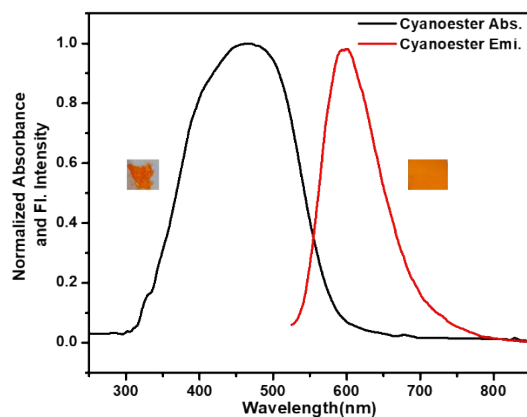
**Figure S2:** Frontier Molecular Orbital (FMO) contributions of **CYE** using CAM-B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory



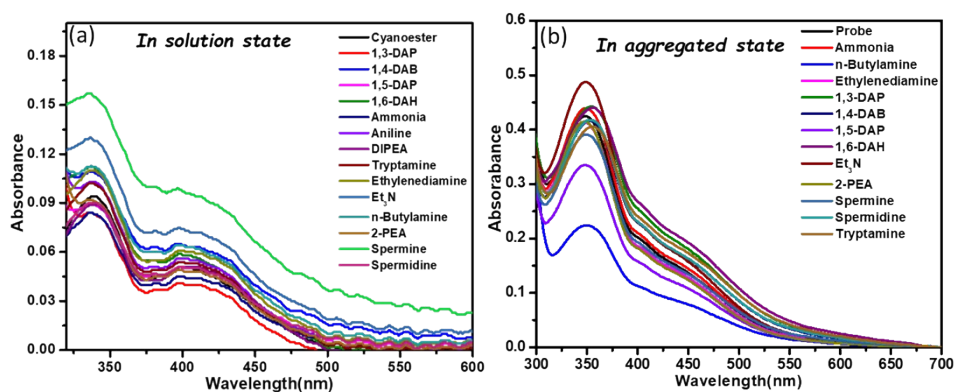
**Figure S3:** AIE study: (a) Absorption spectra of **CYE** (b) DLS study of **CYE**

**Table S2:** Absorbance and emission wavelength of AIE studies for **CYE**

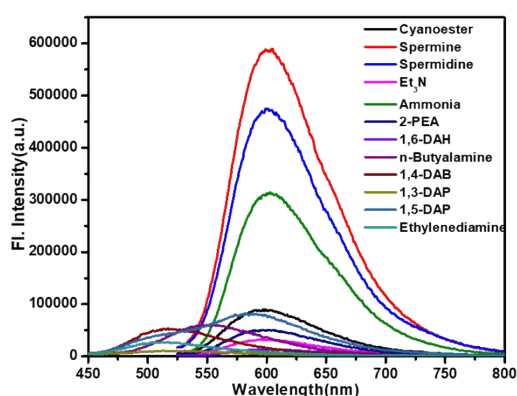
$f_w(v/v)(\%)$	Cyanoester [ $\lambda_{abs/em}(nm)$ ]
0	340,399/NE
10	340,399/492
20	340,399/492
30	340,399/492
40	340,399/500
50	340,399/500
60	340,399/500
70	340,399/502
80	344,399/612
90	340,399/605
99	<b>343,399/597</b>



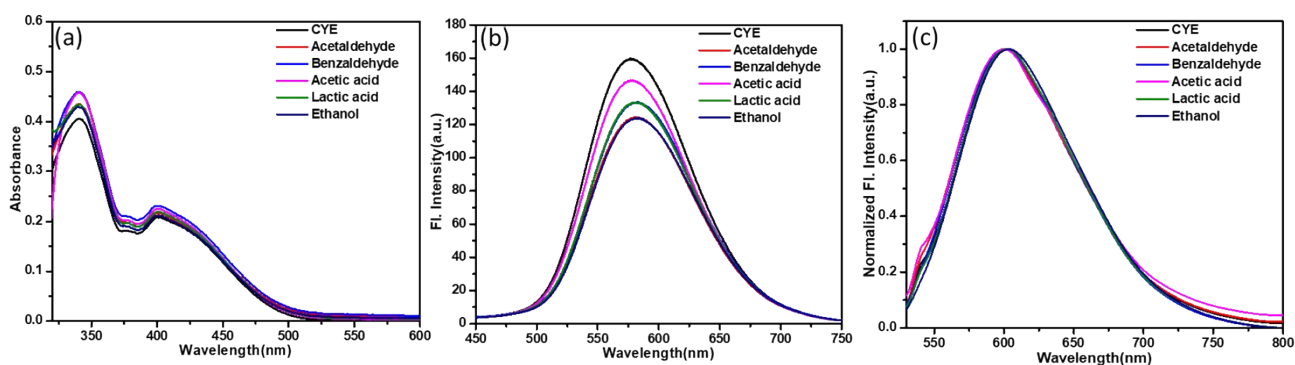
**Figure S4:** Solid-state UV-vis and Emission spectra of probes **CYE**.  $\lambda_{ex} = 398$



**Figure S5:** Absorption spectra of **CYE** in (a) solution state (10  $\mu\text{M}$  in dioxane) (b) aggregated state after adding amines (100  $\mu\text{M}$  in DMAc).

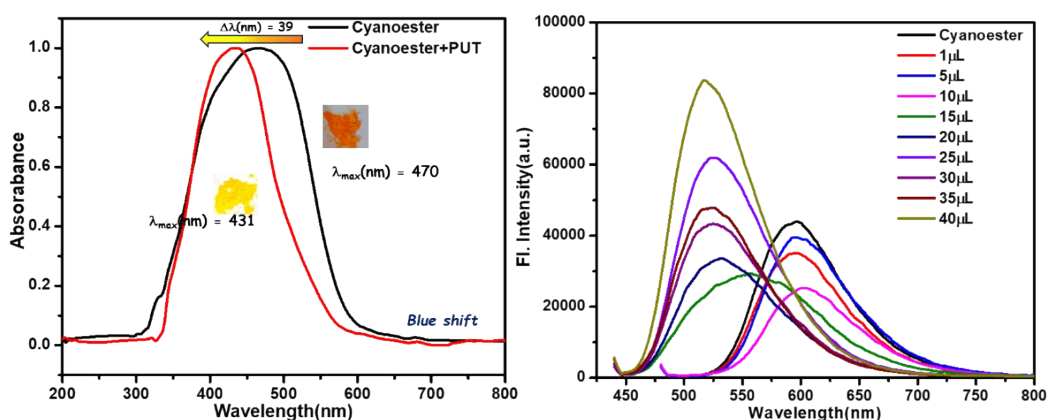


**Figure S6:** Solid-state emission profile of **CYE** before and after exposure to amine vapors.  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 450,525 \text{ nm}$ .

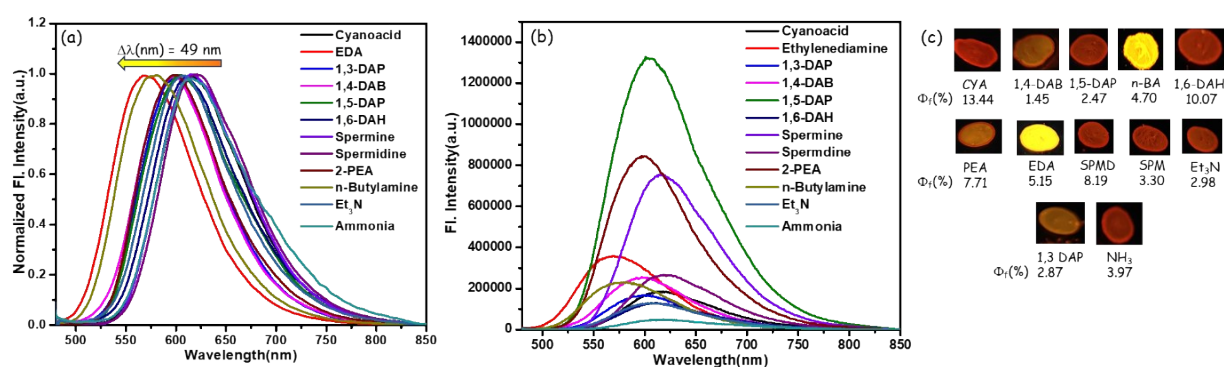


**Figure S7:** Solution state (10  $\mu\text{M}$  in 1,4-dioxane) (a) Absorption spectra (b) Emission spectra (c) Solid-state emission spectra of **CYE** with interfering substances (exposed for 20 minutes,

the experiment was .  $\lambda_{ex} = 400$  nm. The experiments were performed following the same procedure, used for other comparative studies.



**Figure S8:** Solid-state (a) UV-Vis and (b) Emission spectra of **CYE** under different concentrations of **PUT**  $\lambda_{ex} = 440,480$  nm



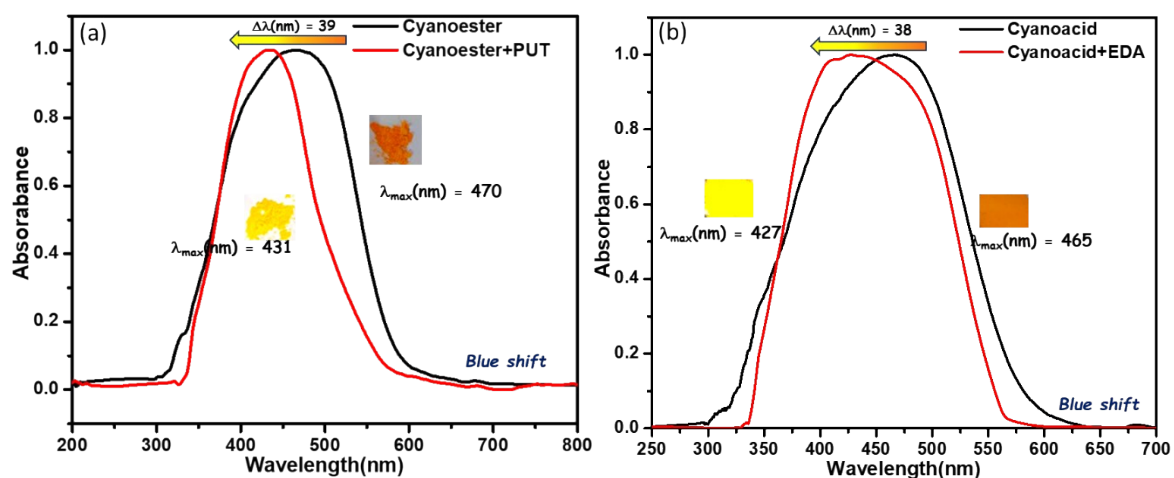
**Figure S9:** (a,b) Details of the solid-state emission profile of **CYA** with various amines. (c) Photographs of the coverslip are taken under a 365 nm UV lamp.  $\lambda_{ex} = 398$  nm

**Table S3:** Details of solid-state emission profile of **CYA** with various amines. 30  $\mu$ L of a 10 mM solution of **CYA** in 1,4-dioxane was drop-cast onto a glass coverslip and allowed to dry. The dried cover slips were exposed to 30  $\mu$ L of amine vapors in a 200 mL air-tight bottle.

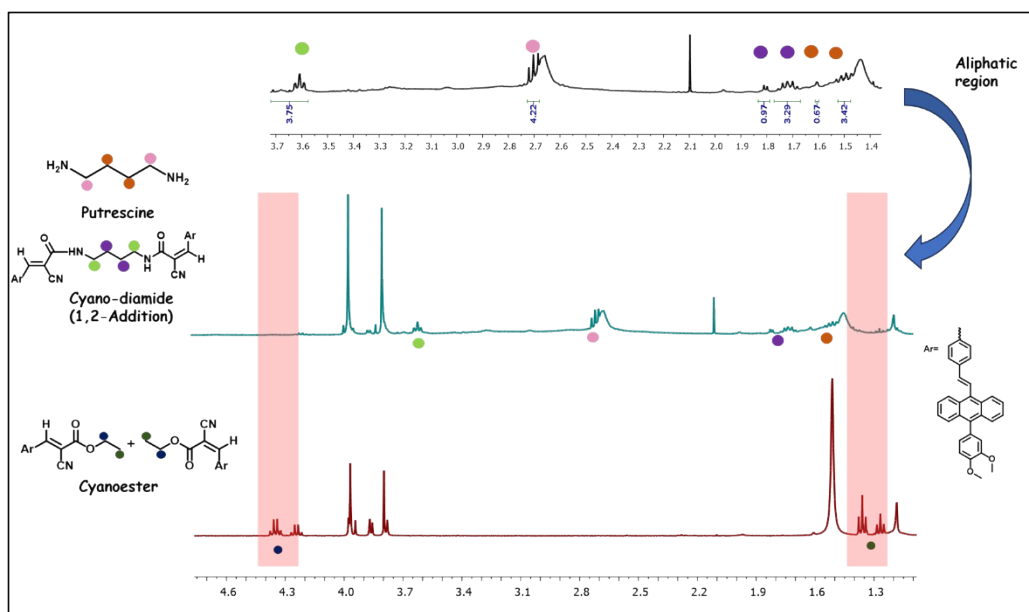
$\lambda_{ex}=400$  nm

Amines	Cyanoacid			
Amines	$\lambda_{em}$ (nm)	$\Delta\lambda$ (nm)	$\Phi_f$ (%)	Concentration (mg/L)
Probe	618	-	13.44	-

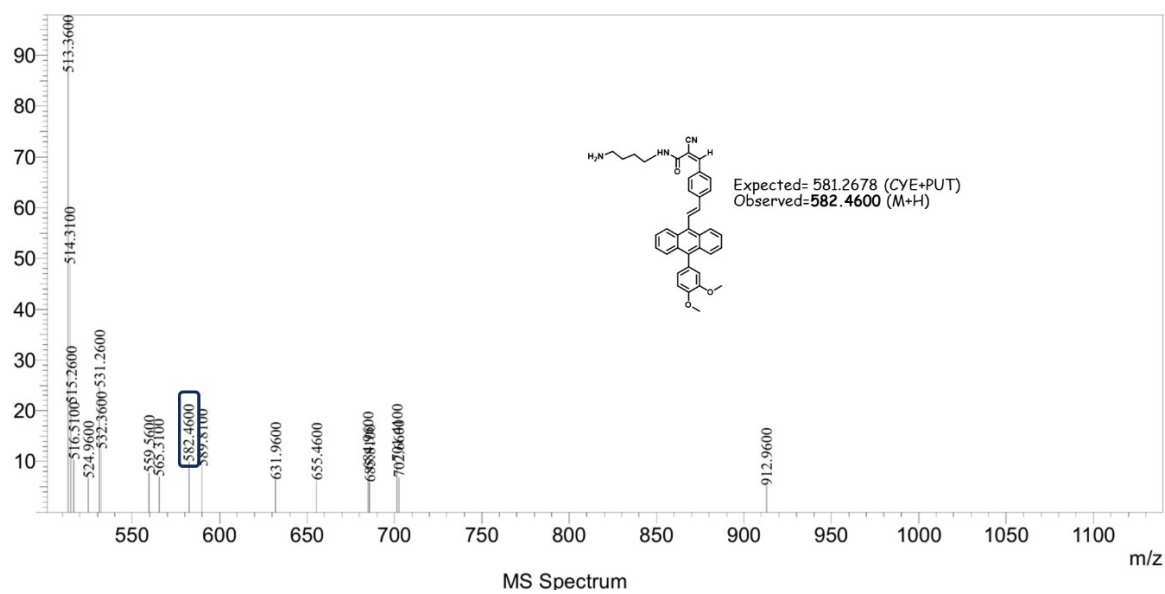
1,3-DAP	600	18	2.87	133.2
1,4-DAB	596	22	1.45	131.55
1,5-DAP	604	14	2.47	130.5
1,6-DAH	612	6	10.07	126
Ethylenediamine	569	49	5.15	135
Spermidine	618	0	8.19	138.7
Spermine	618	0	3.30	140.5
N-Butylamine	580	38	4.70	111
Ammonia	618	0	3.97	109.5
Triethylamine	608	0	2.98	108.9
PEA	598	20	7.71	144.6



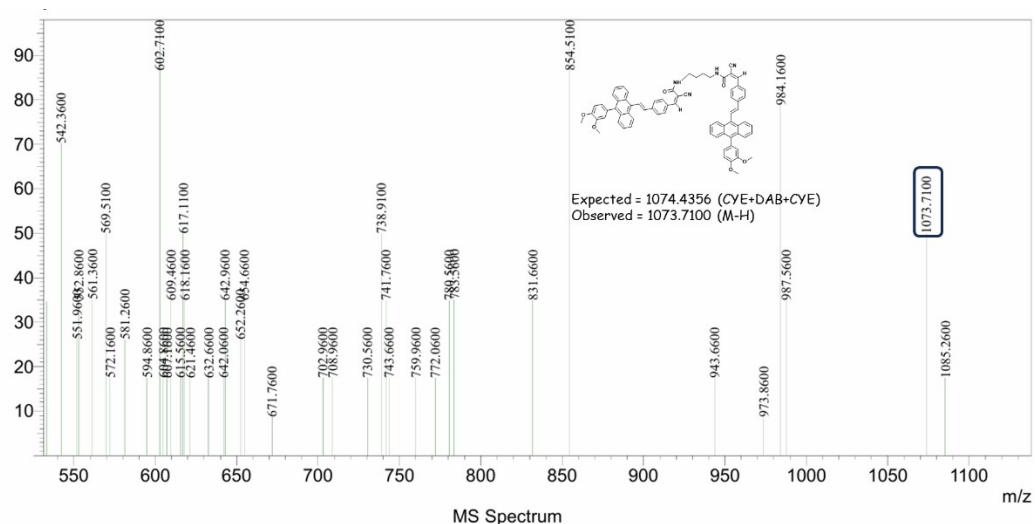
**Figure S10:** Solid state UV-Vis Spectra of (a) CYE and fumed CYE with 1,4-DAB (b) CYA and fumed CYA with EDA



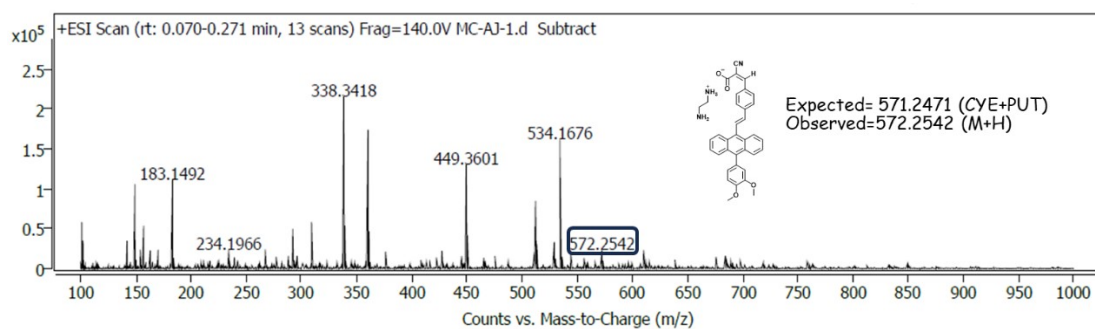
**Figure S11:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra(Aliphatic region) of CYE and fumed CYE with 1,4-DAB



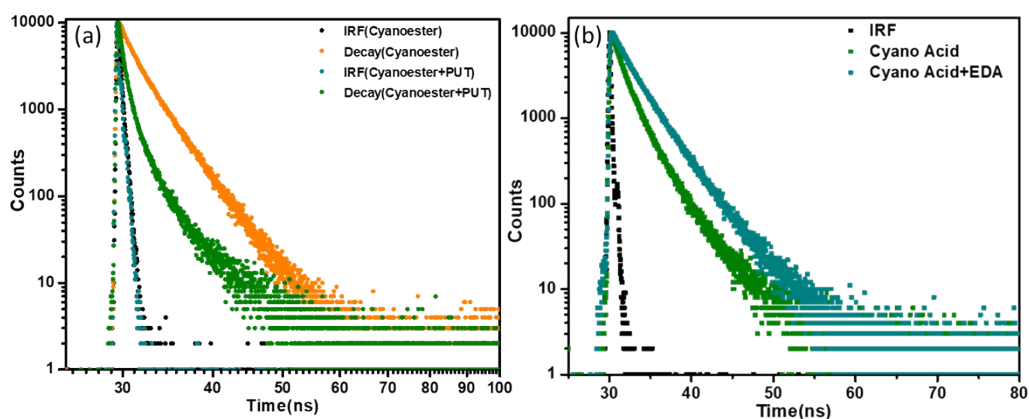
**Figure S12:** LC-MS spectra of fumed CYE with PUT/1,4-DAB(cyano-monoamide)



**Figure S13:** LC-MS spectra of fumed CYE with 1,4-DAB(cyano-diamide)



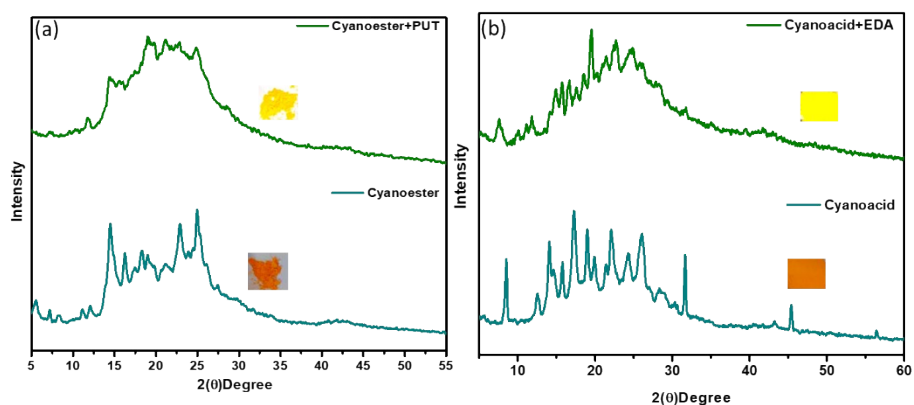
**Figure S14:** HR-MS spectra of fumed CYA with EDA (salt formation)



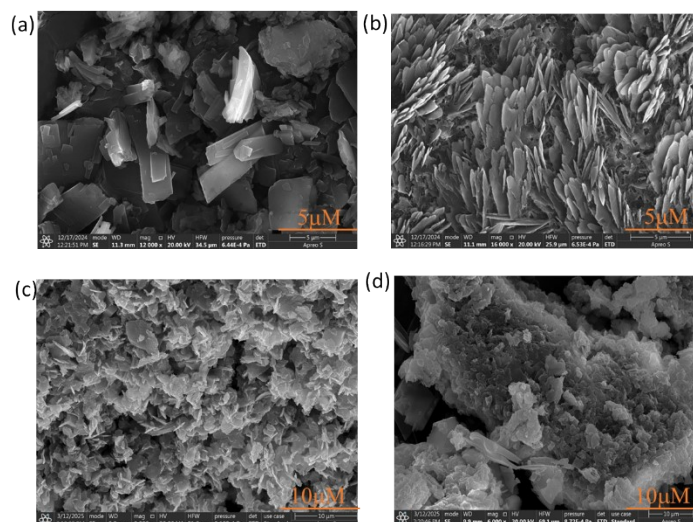
**Figure S15:** Lifetime decay plot of (a) fumed CYE with PUT (b) fumed CYA with EDA

**Table S4:** Lifetime components; All lifetimes ( $\tau$ ) are in ns, and  $\lambda_{ex} = 440, 510$  nm

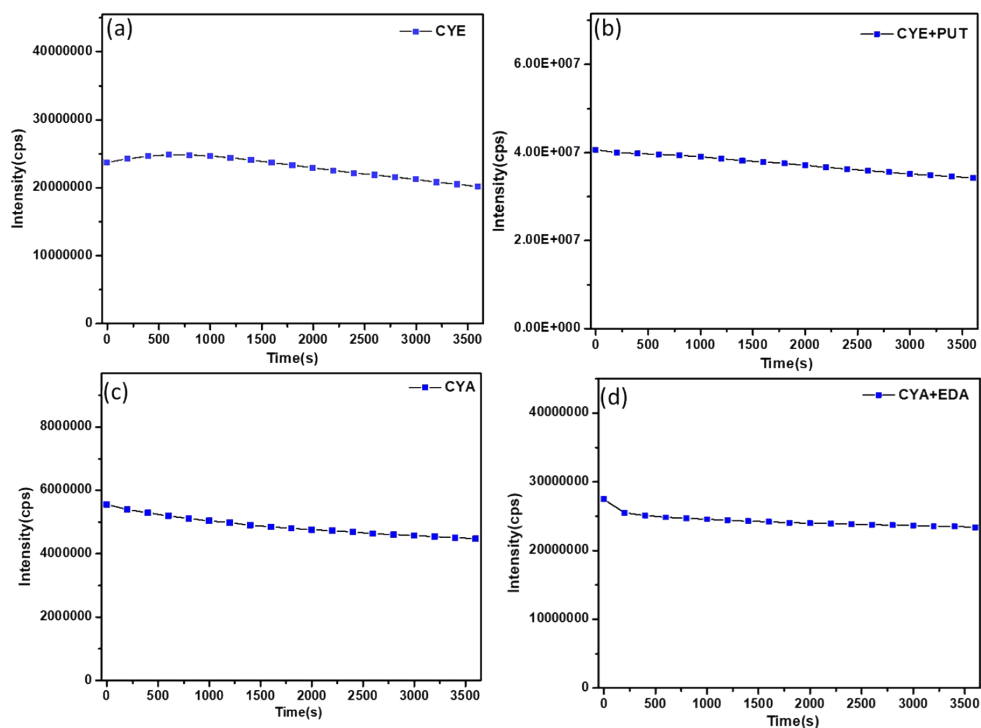
Sample	$\tau_1$	$\tau_2$	$\tau_3$	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\alpha_3$	$\langle\tau\rangle$	$\chi^2$	$\Phi_f\%$	$K_r$ ( $\times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	$K_{nr}$ ( $\times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$ )
Cyanoester	1.74	0.2	4.04	0.29	0.63	0.08	0.96	1.01	8.09	83	957
Cyanoester + PUT	1.10	4.69	0.16	0.09	0.01	0.9	0.28	0.98	1.03	36	3534
Cyanoacid	0.49	1.55	3.31	0.35	0.53	0.11	1.37	1.04	13.44	98	631
Cyanoacid + EDA	0.91	2.54	4.18	0.22	0.64	0.13	2.40	1.01	5.15	21	395



**Figure S16:** PXRD pattern of (a) **CYE** and fumed **CYE** with PUT (b) **CYA** and fumed **CYA** with EDA



**Figure S17:** SEM images of (a) **CYE** (b) fumed **CYE** with PUT (c) **CYA** and (d) fumed **CYA** with EDA



**Figure S18:** Photostability study of (a) CYE (b) CYE with PUT (c) CYA (d) CYA with EDA

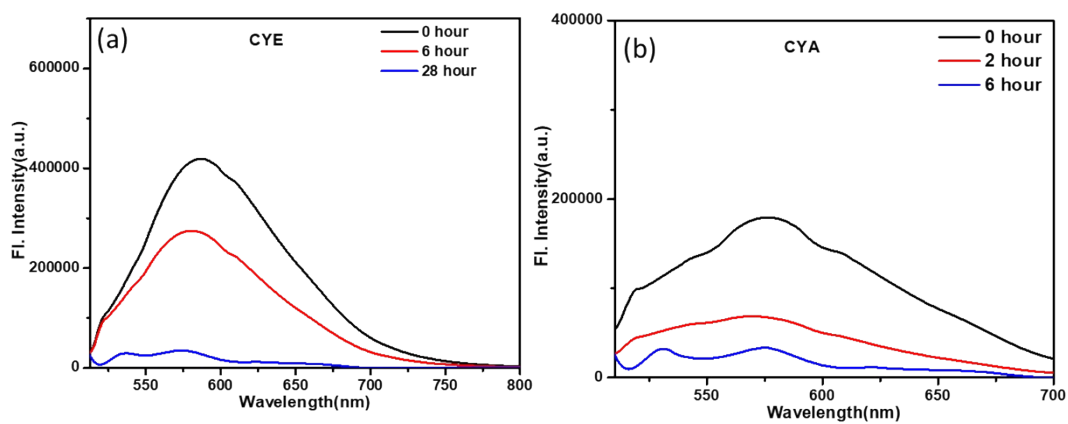
Table S5 (a) Calculated lowest energy absorption (nm) and corresponding orbital contribution.

Molecules	Exp.	Calc.	$f$	Orbital contribution	%
Cyanoester	470	402.41	1.0985	H→L, H→L+1	65.3, 25
Cyano-monoamide adduct	431	391.13	1.0571	H→L, H→L+1	65, 27.2
Cyano-diamide adduct	431	398.84	1.6049	H→L+1, H-1→L, H→L+3	37, 26.4, 15.2

Table S5 (b) Calculated fluorescence emission (nm) and corresponding orbital contribution

Molecules	Exp.	Calc.	$f$	Orbital contribution	%
Cyanoester	596	615.85	1.4326	H→L	94.7
Cyano-monoamide adduct	557	604.65	1.3778	H→L	95.7
Cyano-	532-517	609.37	1.4122	H→L	95.2

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**Figure S19:** Emission spectra of (a) CYE (b) CYA after exposing to cottage-cheese at different time intervals.

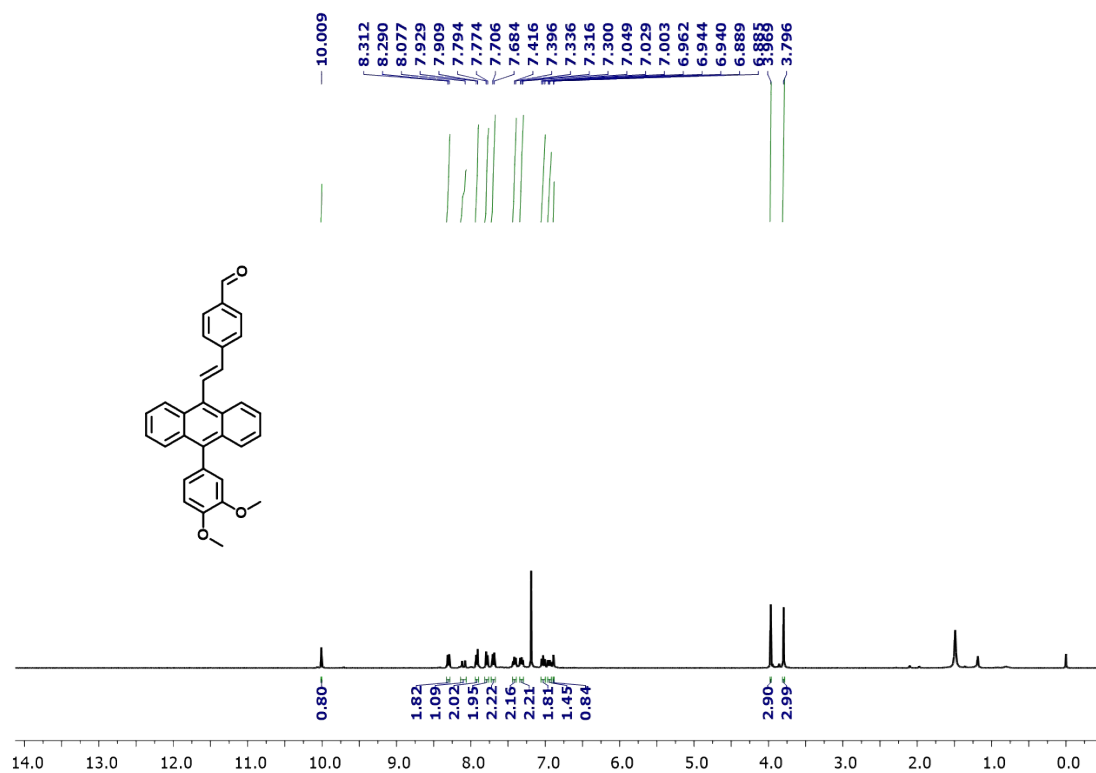


Figure S20: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum for DAA in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

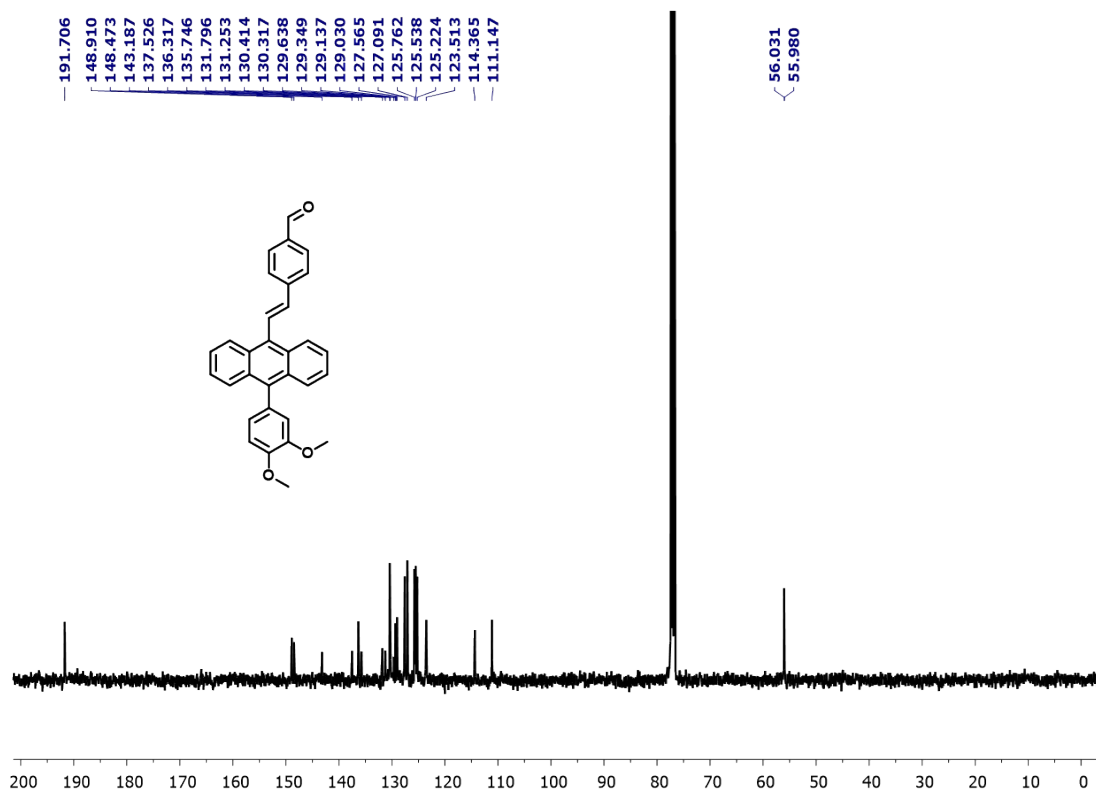


Figure S21: <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz) spectrum for DAA in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

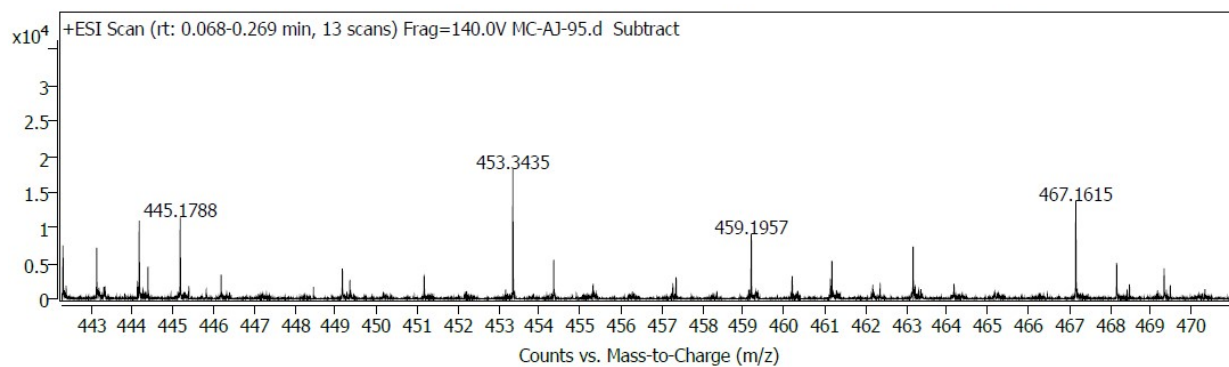


Figure S22: HRMS spectra for DAA

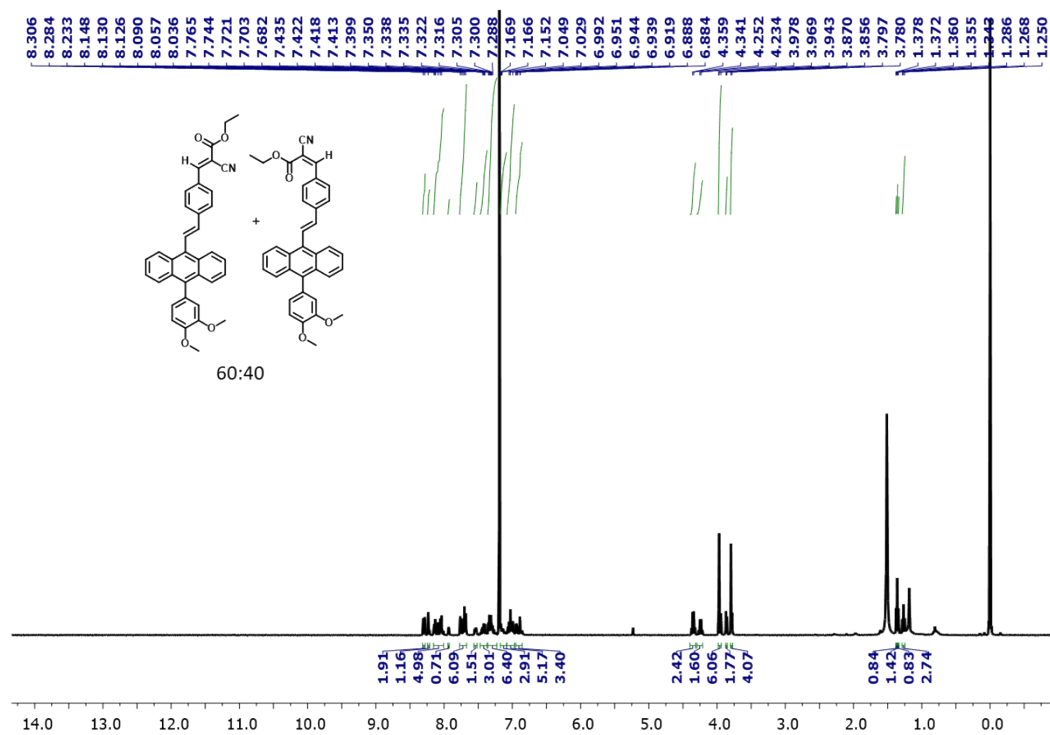
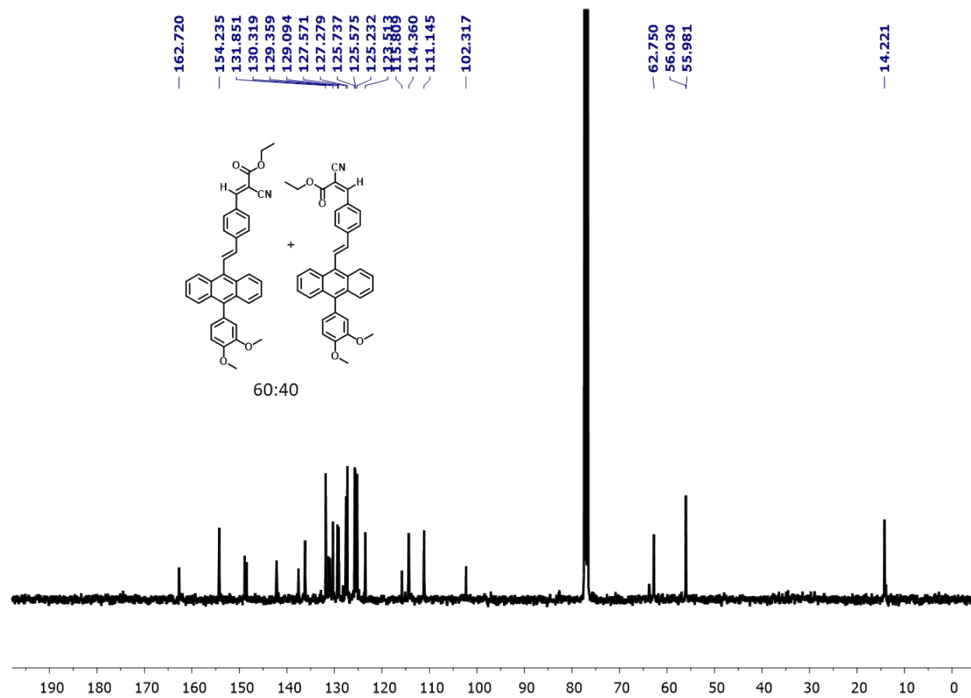
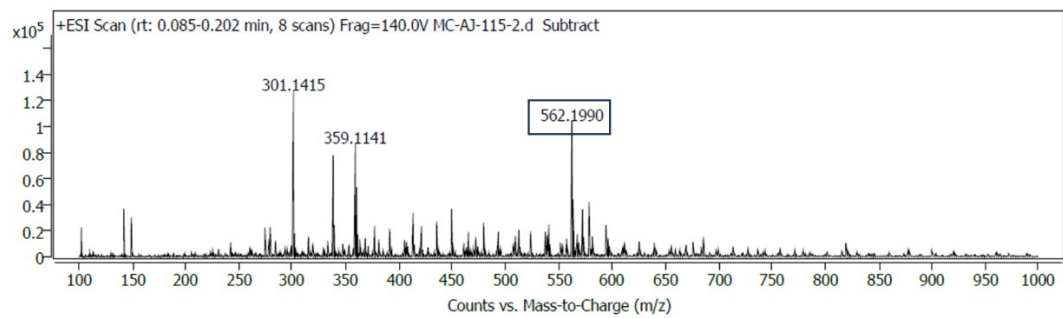


Figure S23: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum for CYE in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



**Figure S24:**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz) spectrum for CYE in  $\text{CDCl}_3$



**Figure S25:** HRMS spectra of CYE

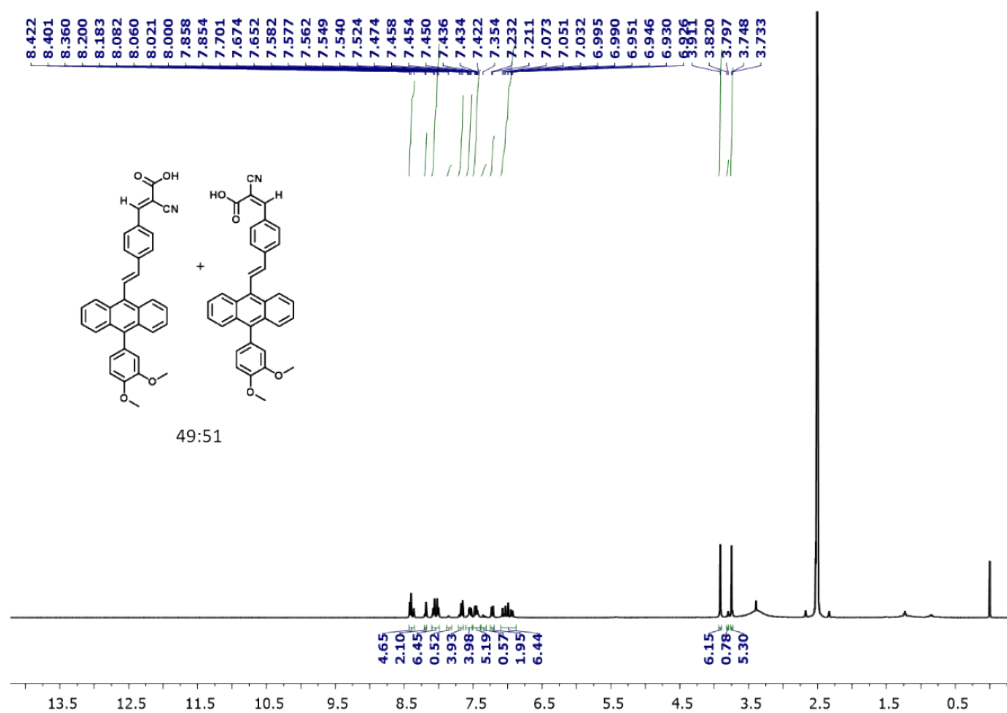


Figure S26:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) spectrum for CYA in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$

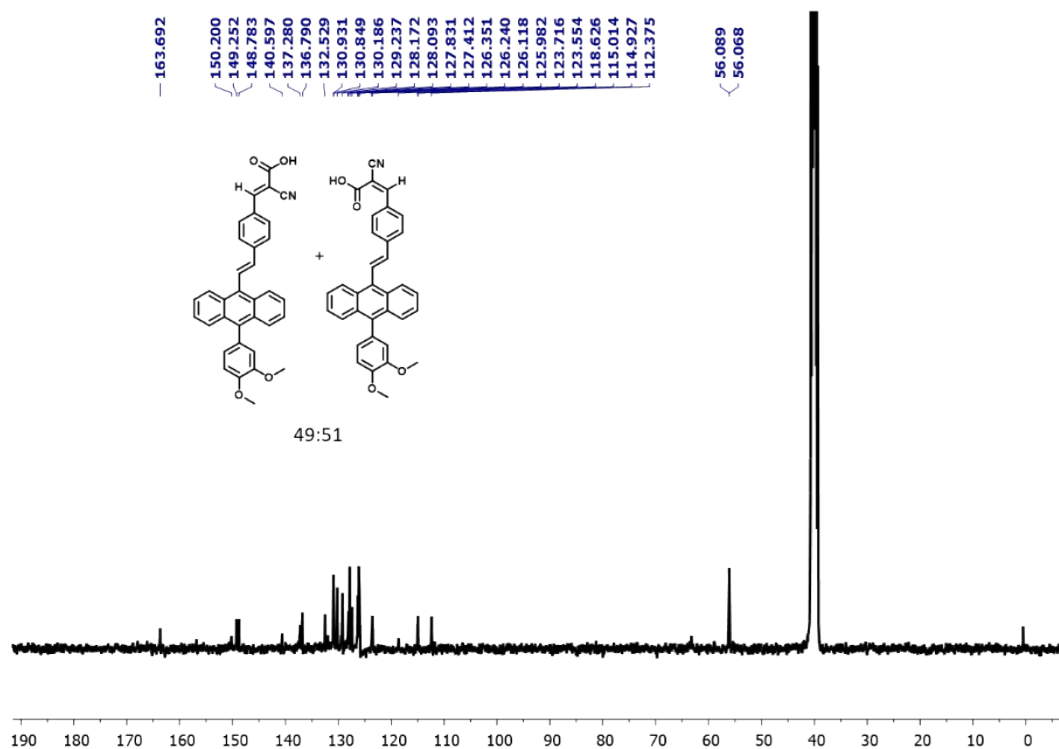
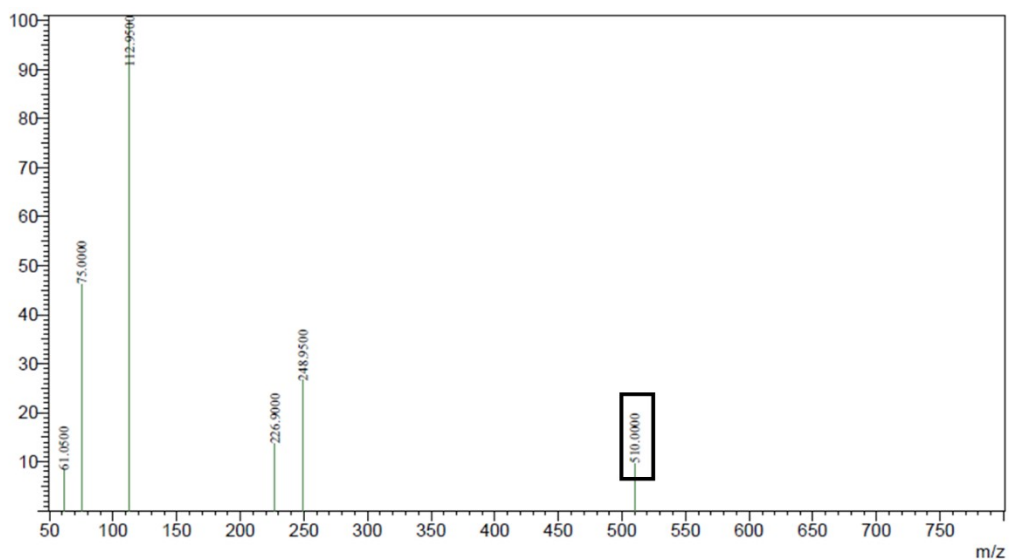


Figure S27:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz) spectrum for CYA in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$



**Figure S28:** LCMS spectra of CYA

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