

## The $^1\text{H}$ NMR and MALDI-TOF data for the hemicyanine dyes:

2-(2-hydroxy1-4-N,N-diethylaminophenylethenyl)-benzothiazolium-1-acetate (HC-1)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  1.26 (t, 6H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.10$  Hz), 3.51 (q, 4H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.10$  Hz), 5.12 (s, 2H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ ), 6.18 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 6.45 (d, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 9.15$  Hz), 7.38 (d, 1H,  $-\text{CH}=\text{}$ ,  $J = 14.77$  Hz), 7.60 (t, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 8.16$  Hz), 7.62 (d, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 9.14$  Hz), 7.70 (t, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 8.45$  Hz), 7.82 (d, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 8.22$  Hz), 8.03 (d, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 7.3$  Hz), 8.22 (d, 1H,  $-\text{CH}=\text{}$ ,  $J = 14.81$  Hz). MALDI-TOF:  $m/z$  383.4 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ).

2-(4-N,N-diethylaminophenylethenyl)-benzothiazolium-1-acetate (HC-2)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.28 (t, 6H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 8.64$  Hz), 3.51 (m, 4H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 5.21 (s, 2H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ ), 6.70 (d, 2H, Ar-H,  $J = 9.04$  Hz), 7.25 (d, 1H,  $-\text{CH}=\text{}$ ,  $J = 15.20$  Hz), 7.56 (t, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 7.65$  Hz), 7.62 (d, 2H, Ar-H,  $J = 8.94$  Hz), 7.68 (t, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 7.92$  Hz), 7.70 (d, 1H,  $-\text{CH}=\text{}$ ,  $J = 15.0$  Hz), 7.86 (d, 2H, Ar-H,  $J = 8.15$  Hz). MALDI-TOF:  $m/z$  367.3 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ).

2-(2-hydroxy1-4-N,N-diethylaminophenylethenyl)-benzothiazolium-1-propionate (HC-3)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}/\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.16 (t, 6H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.11$  Hz), 2.76 (t, 2H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ ,  $J = 7.53$  Hz), 3.40 (m, 4H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 4.69 (t, 2H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ ,  $J = 7.58$  Hz), 6.11 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 6.24 (d, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 9.12$  Hz), 7.33 (d, 1H,  $-\text{CH}=\text{}$ ,  $J = 15.23$  Hz), 7.44 (t, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 7.65$  Hz), 7.58 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.70 (d, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 7.93$  Hz), 7.77 (d, 1H,  $-\text{CH}=\text{}$ ,  $J = 15.25$  Hz), 7.82 (d, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 8.36$  Hz). MALDI-TOF:  $m/z$  397.4 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ).

2-(4-N,N-diethylaminophenylethenyl)-benzothiazolium-1-propionate (HC-4)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}/\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.27 (t, 6H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.04$  Hz), 2.98 (t, 2H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ ,  $J = 6.76$  Hz), 3.49 (m, 4H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 5.07 (t, 2H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ ,  $J = 6.74$  Hz), 6.72 (d, 2H, Ar-H,  $J = 9.03$  Hz), 7.51 (d, 1H,  $-\text{CH}=\text{}$ ,  $J = 15.36$  Hz), 7.56 (t, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 7.69$  Hz), 7.66 (t, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 8.35$  Hz), 7.72 (d, 2H, Ar-H,  $J = 8.83$  Hz), 7.77 (d, 1H,  $-\text{CH}=\text{}$ ,  $J = 15.20$  Hz), 7.88 (d, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 7.98$  Hz), 7.93 (d, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 8.44$  Hz). MALDI-TOF:  $m/z$  381.4 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ).

2-(2-hydroxy1-4-N,N-diethylaminophenylethenyl)-benzothiazolium-1-propylsulfonate (HC-5)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}/\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.27 (t, 6H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 6.95$  Hz), 2.39 (m, 2H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_3^-$ ), 3.06 (t, 2H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_3^-$ ,  $J = 5.92$  Hz), 3.50 (q, 4H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 6.90$  Hz), 4.82 (t, 2H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_3^-$ ,  $J = 7.48$  Hz), 6.15 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 6.45 (d, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 9.11$  Hz), 7.56 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.68 (t, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 7.96$  Hz), 7.74 (d, 1H,  $-\text{CH}=\text{}$ ,  $J = 14.27$  Hz), 7.92 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 8.20 (d, 1H,  $-\text{CH}=\text{}$ ,  $J = 14.09$  Hz). MALDI-TOF:  $m/z$  447.5 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ).

2-(2-hydroxy1-4-N,N-diethylaminophenylethenyl)- $\beta$ -naphthothiazolium-1-propylsulfonate (HC-6)

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}/\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.24 (t, 6H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.06$  Hz), 2.71 (m, 2H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_3^-$ ), 3.24 (t, 2H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_3^-$ ,  $J = 6.08$  Hz), 3.45 (q, 4H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.01$  Hz), 5.25 (t, 2H,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_3^-$ ,  $J = 8.03$  Hz), 6.08 (s, 1H, Ar-H), 6.40 (d, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 9.27$  Hz), 7.68 (d, 1H,  $-\text{CH}=\text{}$ ,  $J = 14.82$  Hz), 7.75 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.89 (t, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 8.03$  Hz), 7.93 (d, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 8.70$  Hz), 8.04 (d, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 8.74$  Hz), 8.12 (d, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 8.20$  Hz), 8.23 (d, 1H,  $-\text{CH}=\text{}$ ,  $J = 14.79$  Hz), 8.66 (d, 1H, Ar-H,  $J = 8.60$  Hz). MALDI-TOF:  $m/z$  497.5 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ).