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### Photo-switch and INHIBIT Logic Gate Based on two Pyrazolone thiosemicarbazone Derivants

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## Spectroscopy

### Synthesis of 1-phenyl-3-methyl-4-(2-fluorobenzal)-5-hydroxypyrazole 4-ethylthiosemi-carbazone(2)

1-Phenyl-3-methyl-4-(2-fluorobenzal)-5-hydroxypyrazole 4-ethylthiosemicarbazone was synthesized by refluxing PM2FHP (5 mmol) and N(4)-ethyl-3-thiosemicarbazide (5 mmol) in 30 ml of methanol at the presence of glacial acetic acid (1 ml) at 70 °C for ca. 3 h under magnetic stirring. After cooling down to room temperature in the dark, white powders were obtained. Then the resulting mixture was filtered, the white product was obtained in 90.07 % yield. m. p. 217.8–219.2 °C. The compound produced the crystals suitable for X-ray analysis in the methanol solution. The spectroscopic data are as follows. IR ( $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): (a. the white powder before irradiation): 3304  $\nu(\text{N-H})$ , 3065–2593  $\nu(\text{O-H})$ , 1633  $\nu(\text{C=N})$ , 1555, 1496  $\nu(\text{phenyl})$ , 1408, 1369  $\nu(\text{pyrazolone-ring})$ , 1229  $\nu(\text{C=S})$ . (b the yellow powder after irradiation): 3304,  $\nu(\text{N-H})$ , 1664  $\nu(\text{C=O})$ , 1633  $\nu(\text{C=N})$ , 1555, 1496  $\nu(\text{phenyl})$ , 1408, 1369  $\nu(\text{pyrazolone-ring})$ , 1229  $\nu(\text{C=S})$ . MS,  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+1] = 398.1$  (formula weight: 397.47).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ) ( $\delta$ , ppm): 1.144–1.109 (3H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.659 (2H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.612–3.544 (3H Pz- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 7.176–7.466 (5H, Ph), 7.768–7.513 (5H,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{F}+\text{N}_4\text{-H}$ ), 7.929 (1H, N5-H), 8.266 (1H, Pz-NH).

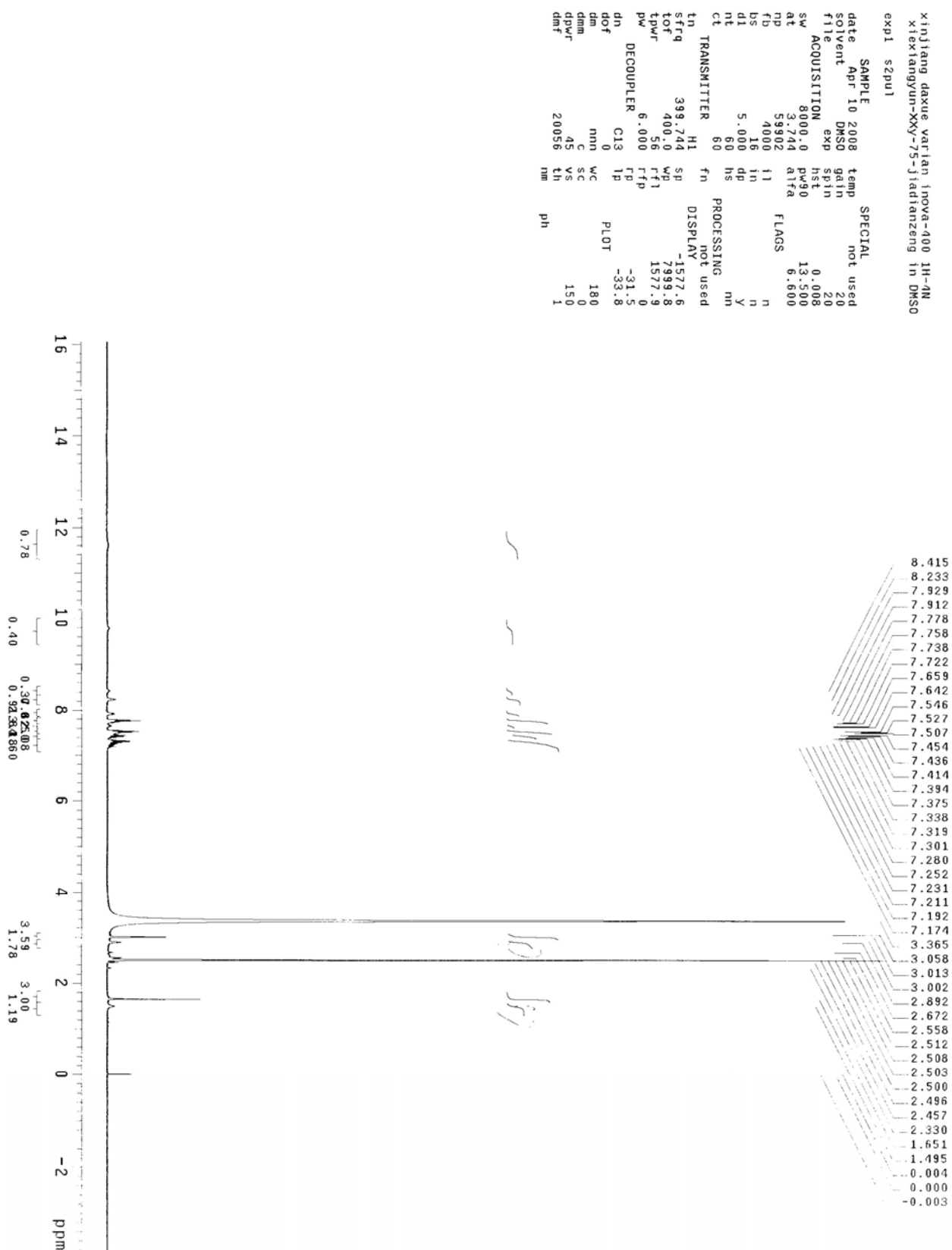


Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **1** in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$

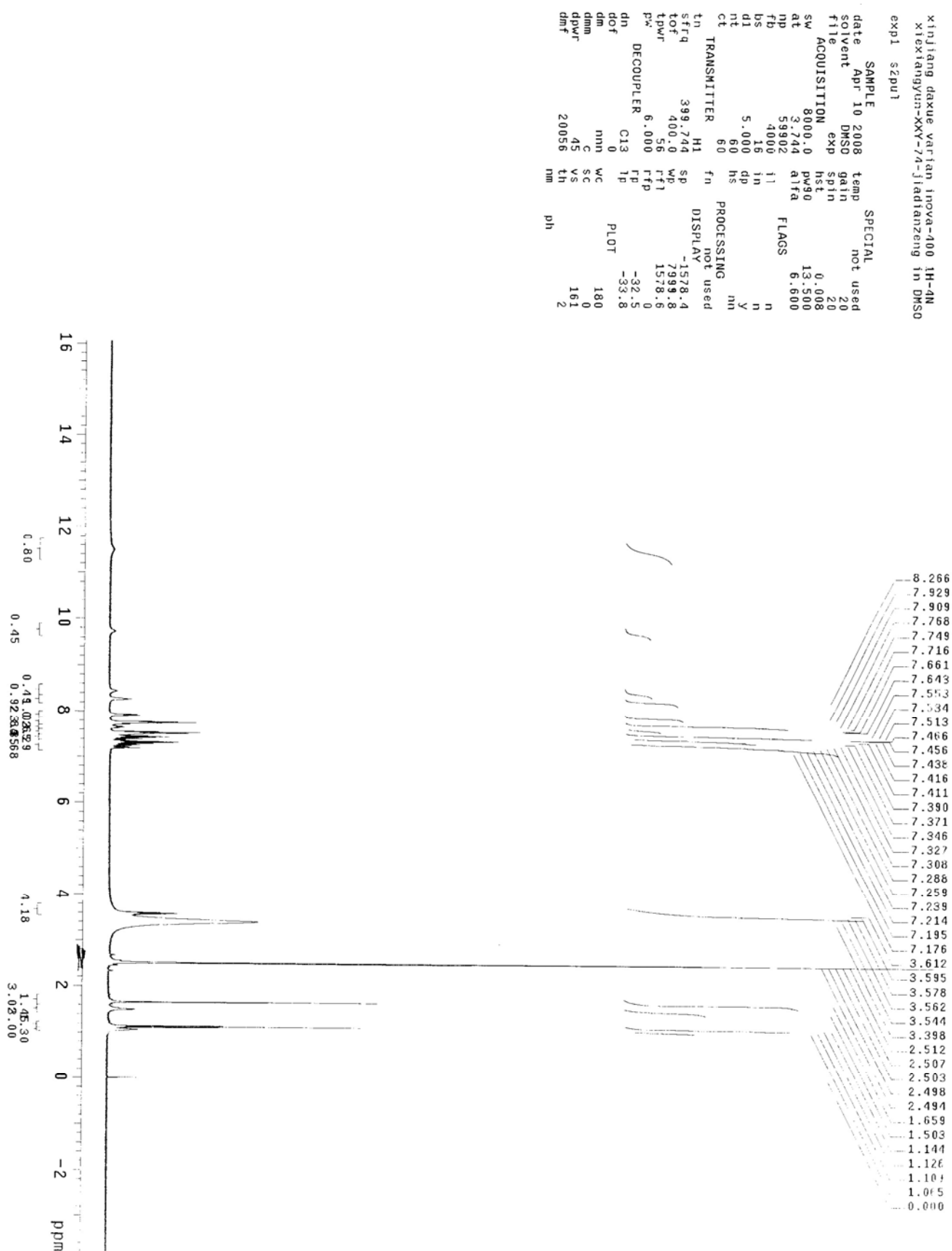
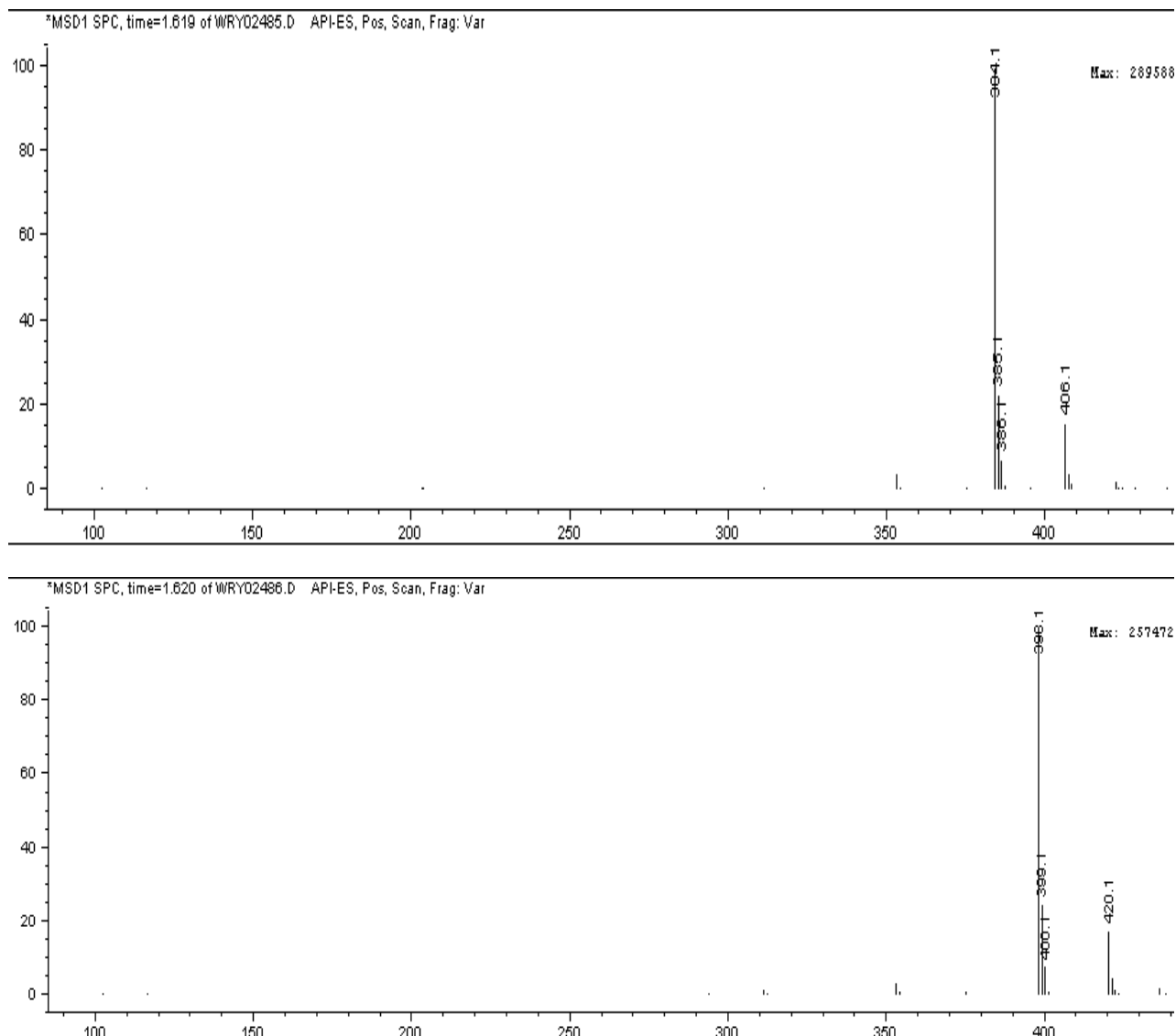
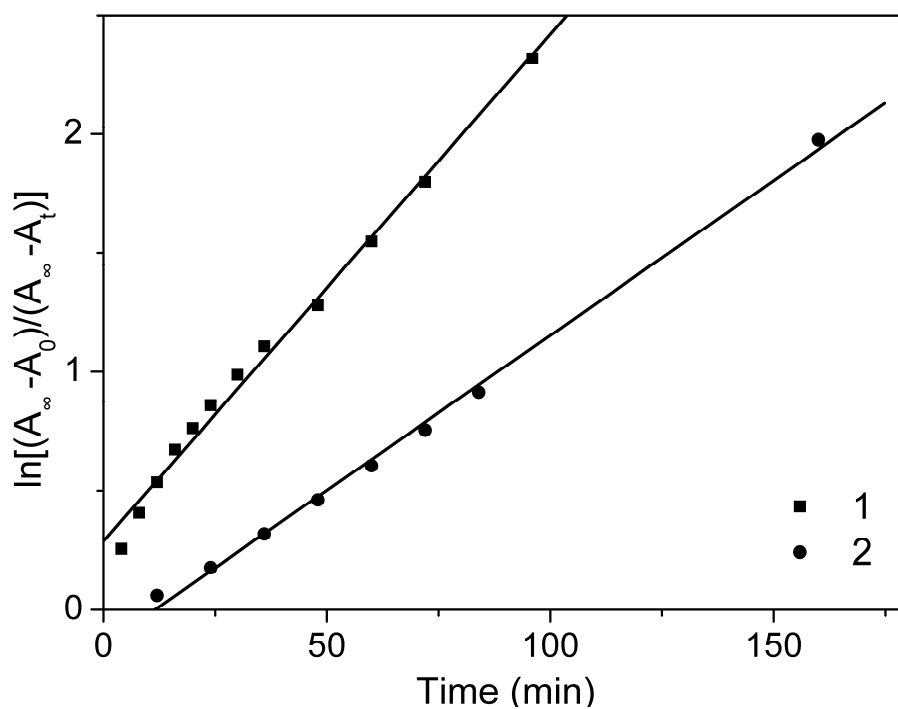


Figure S2.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of 2 in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$



**Figure S3.** MS spectra of **1** and **2**.



**Figure S4.** First-order kinetic plots of photoisomerization reactions of **1** and **2** induced by 365 nm light at room temperature.

## X-Ray Crystallography

### X-ray crystal structure determination:

Single crystals of **1** and **2** suitable for X-ray crystallographic work were grown by slow evaporation of their methanol solution at room temperature. The crystallographic data were collected on an imaging plate system (Rigaku R-Axis SPIDER) with a graphite monochromatized Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). The crystal was mounted with grease on the top of a glass fiber and cooled at 153 K in a liquid nitrogen stream. Cell constants and orientation matrix for data collection were obtained by least-squares refinement of the diffraction data from reflections in the range 3.06 to 25.25 ° for **1** (3.12 to 27.48 ° for **2**). Crystal structures were solved by direct methods and refined on  $F^2$  by full-matrix least-squares methods with the *SHELXTL-97* program. All non-H atoms were refined anisotropically. The H atoms on oxygen atom and nitrogen atoms were located from the Fourier maps, the restraints in each of the refinements were used to restrain the H atoms. And all of the other H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions. The disordered part with small occupancy was refined isotropically and the bond lengths and geometry were restrained in the refinement.

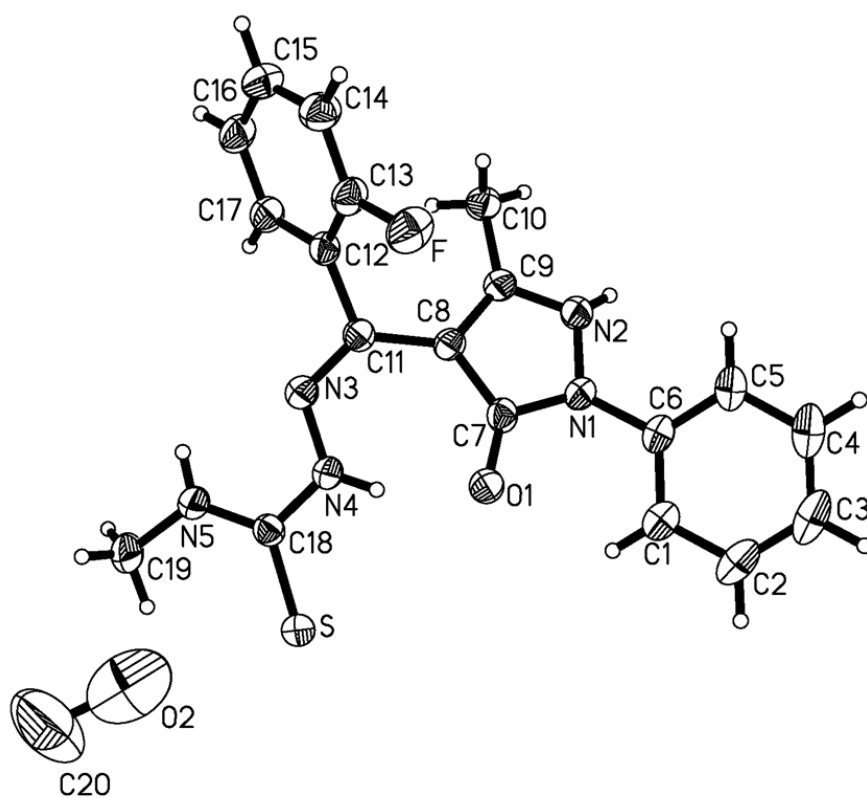


Figure S5. Molecular structure of **1** (keto form, **II**) with atom numberings (30% probability ellipsoids).



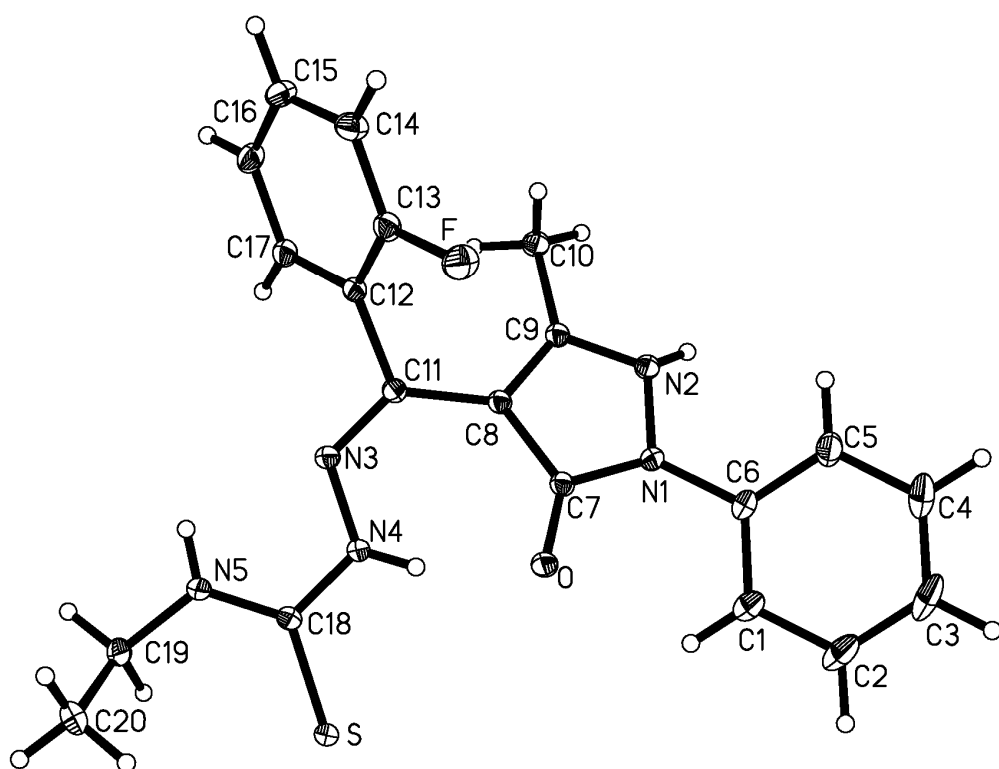
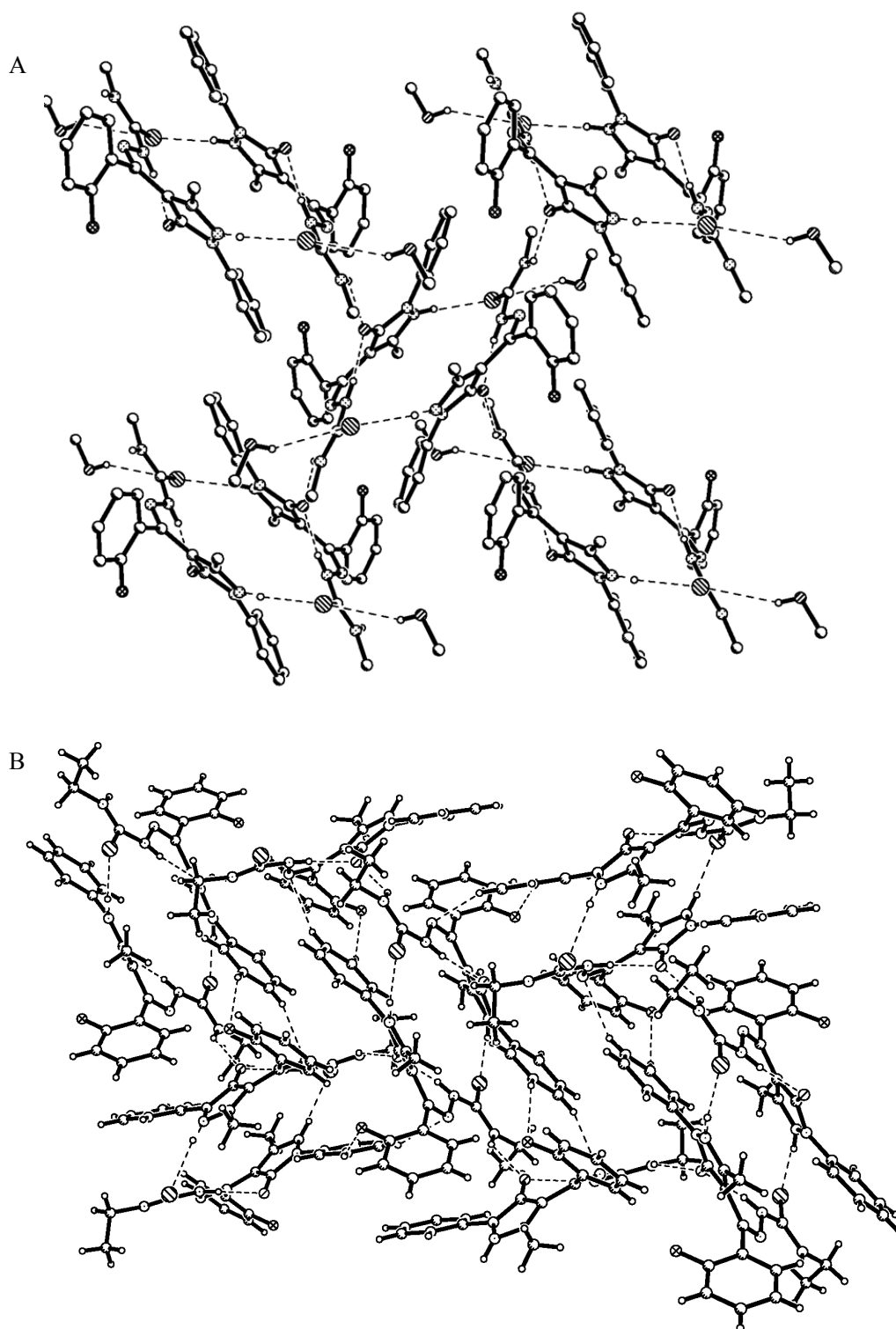


Figure S6. Molecular structure of **2** (keto form, **II**) with atom numberings (30% probability ellipsoids)



**Figure S7.** Crystal packing in unit cell along c axis for **1(A)** and **2(B)**.

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement details for compounds **1** and **2**

| Compounds                                             | <b>1 (keto form, II)</b>                                                                                                       | <b>2 (keto form, II)</b>                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula                                     | C <sub>19.50</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>1.50</sub> SF                                                         | C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>5</sub> OSF                                                                            |
| FW                                                    | 399.46                                                                                                                         | 397.47                                                                                                                        |
| Temperature/K                                         | 293(2)                                                                                                                         | 153(2)                                                                                                                        |
| Wavelength/ Å                                         | 0.71073                                                                                                                        | 0.71073                                                                                                                       |
| Crystal system                                        | Orthorhombic                                                                                                                   | Orthorhombic                                                                                                                  |
| Space group                                           | <i>Pbcn</i>                                                                                                                    | <i>Pbcn</i>                                                                                                                   |
| Unit cell dimensions                                  | <i>a</i> = 13.4486(8) Å <i>α</i> = 90 °<br><i>b</i> = 13.3331(9) Å <i>β</i> = 90 °<br><i>c</i> = 21.6910(12) Å <i>γ</i> = 90 ° | <i>a</i> = 13.9254(3) Å <i>α</i> = 90 °<br><i>b</i> = 13.0617(3) Å <i>β</i> = 90 °<br><i>c</i> = 21.3133(4) Å <i>γ</i> = 90 ° |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                                 | 3889.4(4)                                                                                                                      | 3876.66(14)                                                                                                                   |
| <i>Z</i>                                              | 8                                                                                                                              | 8                                                                                                                             |
| Density (Calculated) / Mg/m <sup>3</sup>              | 1.364                                                                                                                          | 1.362                                                                                                                         |
| Absorption coefficient/mm <sup>-1</sup>               | 0.199 mm                                                                                                                       | 0.197                                                                                                                         |
| <i>F</i> (000)                                        | 1672                                                                                                                           | 1664                                                                                                                          |
| Crystal size                                          | 0.28 x 0.28 x 0.08 mm                                                                                                          | 0.60 x 0.57 x 0.40 mm                                                                                                         |
| Theta range for data collection/°                     | 3.06 to 25.25                                                                                                                  | 3.12 to 27.48                                                                                                                 |
| Limiting indices                                      | -13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 16<br>-16 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 15<br>-26 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 25                                                              | -18 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 18<br>-16 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 16<br>-27 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 27                                                             |
| Absorption correction                                 | Empirical                                                                                                                      | Empirical                                                                                                                     |
| Max. and min. transmission                            | 0.9843 and 0.9464                                                                                                              | 0.9252 and 0.8908                                                                                                             |
| Refinement method                                     | Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>                                                                             | Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>                                                                            |
| Data / restraints / parameters                        | 3519 / 3 / 272                                                                                                                 | 4443 / 3 / 269                                                                                                                |
| Reflections collected / unique                        | 26179 / 3519 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0901]                                                                                        | 34491 / 4443 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0256]                                                                                       |
| GOF on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>                          | 0.999                                                                                                                          | 1.000                                                                                                                         |
| Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2 σ ( <i>I</i> )] | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0603, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1543                                                                | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0334, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0909                                                               |
| <i>R</i> indices (all data)                           | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0973, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1748                                                                | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0385, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0946                                                               |
| Extinction coefficient                                | 0.0092(14)                                                                                                                     | 0.0015(4)                                                                                                                     |
| Largest diff. peak and hole                           | 0.466 and -0.333 e Å <sup>-3</sup>                                                                                             | 0.375 and -0.219                                                                                                              |

Table S2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **1** and **2**

| 1 (keto form)      |           | 2 (keto form)   |            |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|
| Bond Lengths ( Å ) |           |                 |            |
| S-C(18)            | 1.697(3)  | S-C(18)         | 1.7044(12) |
| O(1)-C(7)          | 1.251(3)  | O(1)-C(7)       | 1.2498(14) |
| C(20)-O(2)#1       | 1.421(15) | N(1)-C(7)       | 1.3838(16) |
| C(20)-O(2)         | 1.421(15) | N(2)-C(9)       | 1.3386(16) |
| N(1)-C(7)          | 1.381(4)  | N(4)-C(18)      | 1.3616(15) |
| N(2)-C(9)          | 1.334(4)  | N(5)-C(18)      | 1.3169(16) |
| N(4)-C(18)         | 1.360(4)  | N(3)-N(4)       | 1.3798(14) |
| N(5)-C(18)         | 1.316(4)  | C(7)-C(8)       | 1.4451(16) |
| N(3)-N(4)          | 1.381(3)  | C(8)-C(9)       | 1.3879(16) |
| C(7)-C(8)          | 1.438(4)  |                 |            |
| C(8)-C(9)          | 1.390(4)  |                 |            |
| Bond angles(°)     |           |                 |            |
| N(2)-N(1)-C(7)     | 108.2(2)  | N(2)-N(1)-C(7)  | 109.09(9)  |
| N(2)-N(1)-C(6)     | 120.6(2)  | N(2)-N(1)-C(6)  | 120.19(10) |
| C(7)-N(1)-C(6)     | 129.2(3)  | C(7)-N(1)-C(6)  | 128.62(10) |
| C(9)-N(2)-N(1)     | 109.4(2)  | C(9)-N(2)-N(1)  | 108.86(10) |
| C(11)-N(3)-N(4)    | 117.5(2)  | C(11)-N(3)-N(4) | 117.21(10) |
| C(18)-N(4)-N(3)    | 117.9(2)  | C(18)-N(4)-N(3) | 117.65(10) |
| C(7)-C(8)-C(11)    | 128.2(2)  | C(7)-C(8)-C(11) | 128.08(10) |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+2,y,-z+3/2

Table S3. Intra- and intermolecular hydrogen bonding data in keto-form crystals for **1** and **2**.

| D-H...A                                                                    | d(D-H)    | d(H...A)  | d(D...A)   | <(DHA)    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| <b>1</b>                                                                   |           |           |            |           |
| N(4)-H(4N)···O(1)#1                                                        | 0.864(10) | 1.879(14) | 2.704(3)   | 159(3)    |
| N(2)-H(2N)···S#2                                                           | 0.855(10) | 2.410(11) | 3.261(3)   | 174(3)    |
| N(5)-H(5N)···O(1)#3                                                        | 0.850(10) | 2.310(2)  | 2.966(3)   | 134(3)    |
| O(2)-H(2A)···S                                                             | 0.820     | 2.810     | 3.524(12)  | 147.1     |
| <b>2</b>                                                                   |           |           |            |           |
| N(4)-H(4N)···O                                                             | 0.869(9)  | 1.869(10) | 2.7118(13) | 163.0(16) |
| N(2)-H(2N)···S#1                                                           | 0.866(9)  | 2.345(10) | 3.2057(11) | 172.6(17) |
| N(5)-H(5N)···O(1)#2                                                        | 0.863(9)  | 2.328(13) | 3.0107(13) | 136.2(14) |
| Symmetry codes: For 1 #1 -x+2,y,-z+3/2 #2 -x+1,-y+1,-z+1 #3 -x+3/2,y+1/2,z |           |           |            |           |
| For 2 #1 -x+1,-y+1,-z+1 #2 -x+3/2,y+1/2,z                                  |           |           |            |           |

## Theoretical Calculation

**Computational details:** we emphasized molecular energy of keto and enol forms according to the results calculated at the B3LYP/6-31G\* level, as implemented in the GAUSSIAN 03W<sup>1</sup> program package both in gas phase and in methanol solution. Full geometry optimizations have been performed on the basis of the structure data of the keto form along with analytic real vibrational frequencies in order to conform to the structure obtained as minima on the potential energy surface. The reactions described here took place in methanol solution because single crystals are obtained by evaporating its methanol solution. So the methanol is chosen to study the effect of the solvent on the relative energy order of the isomers. It is known that the use of optimized gas phase structures does not introduce large errors for solutes of limited conformational changes.<sup>2</sup> Estimation of the solvent effects on energies was carried out using the polarizable continuum model (PCM) method.<sup>3</sup>

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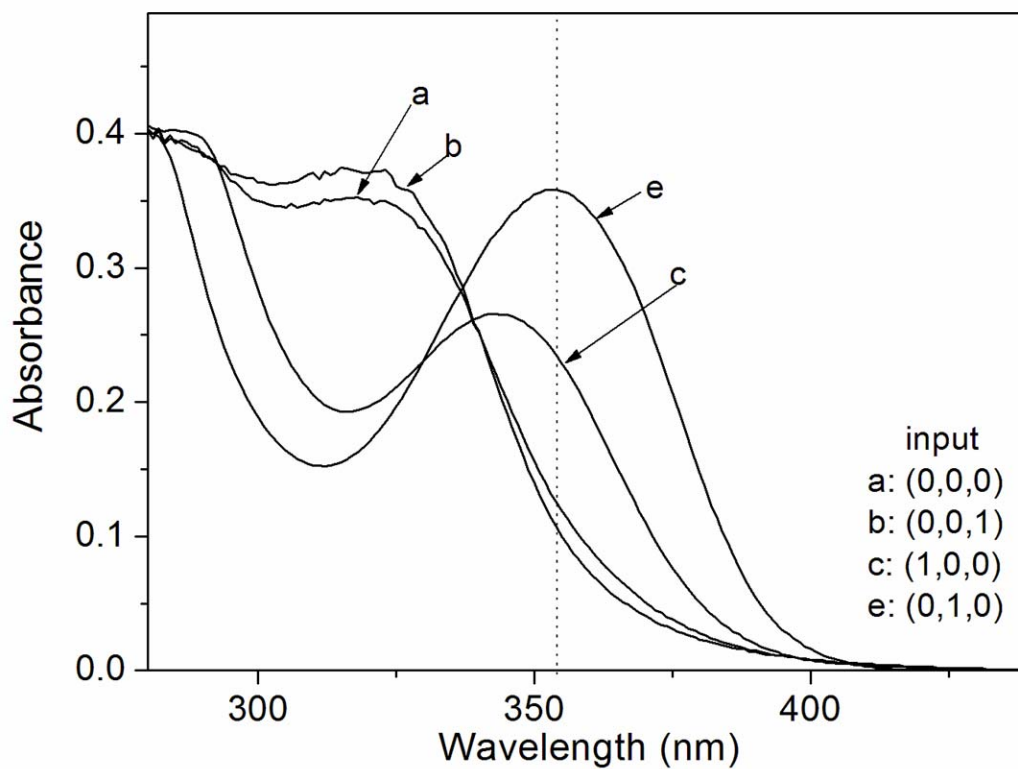
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**Table S4.** Electronic energy ( $E$ ), relative energy ( $\Delta E$ ), ZPE corrected energy ( $E_{\text{corr}}$ ), Dipole moments in gas phase, electronic energy ( $E^{\text{PCM}}$ ), relative energy ( $\Delta E^{\text{PCM}}$ ) in methanol solution.

|                                    | 1 (enol form) | 1 (keto form) | 2 (enol form) | 2 (keto form) |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| $E$ (a.u.)                         | -1581.840187  | -1581.839647  | -1621.156569  | -1621.156144  |
| $\Delta E$ (kcal/mol)              | 0.00          | 0.34          | 0.00          | 0.27          |
| $E_{\text{corr}}$ (a.u.)           | -1581.490529  | -1581.490122  | -1620.778091  | -1620.777764  |
| Dipole moments (Debye)             | 5.23          | 9.28          | 5.13          | 9.22          |
| $E^{\text{PCM}}$ (a.u.)            | -1581.865175  | -1581.873474  | -1621.181563  | -1621.189458  |
| $\Delta E^{\text{PCM}}$ (kcal/mol) | 5.21          | 0.00          | 4.95          | 0.00          |

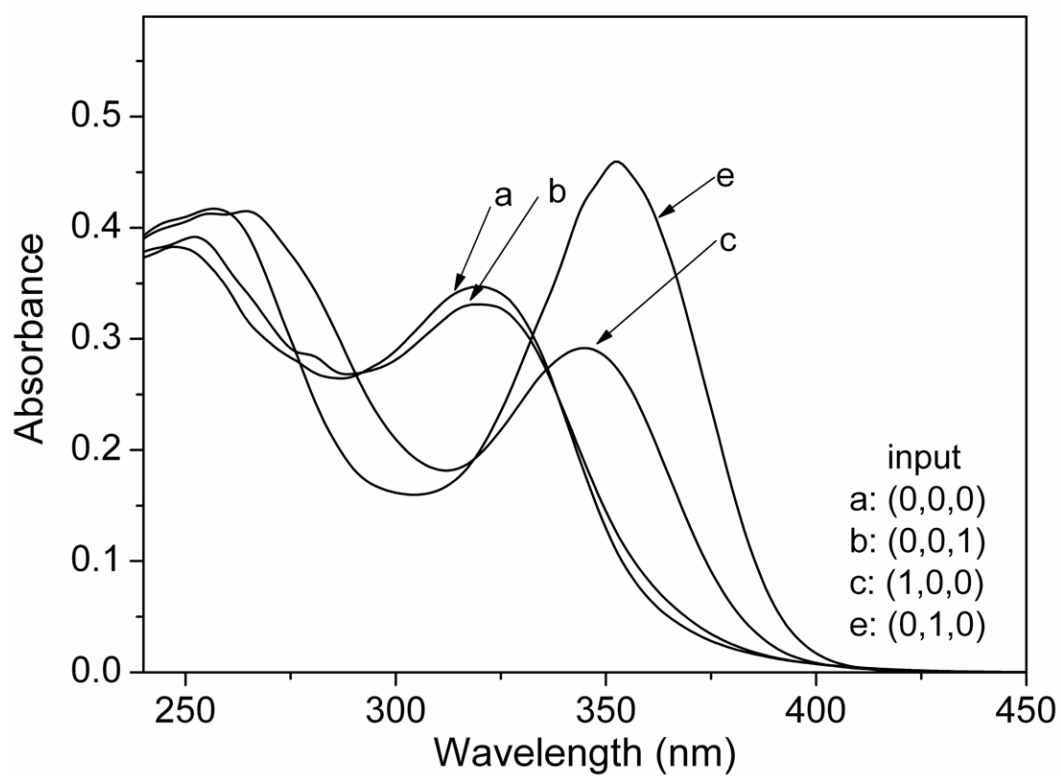
## Absorption Spectroscopy

Changes in absorbance of **1** and **2** with only one input



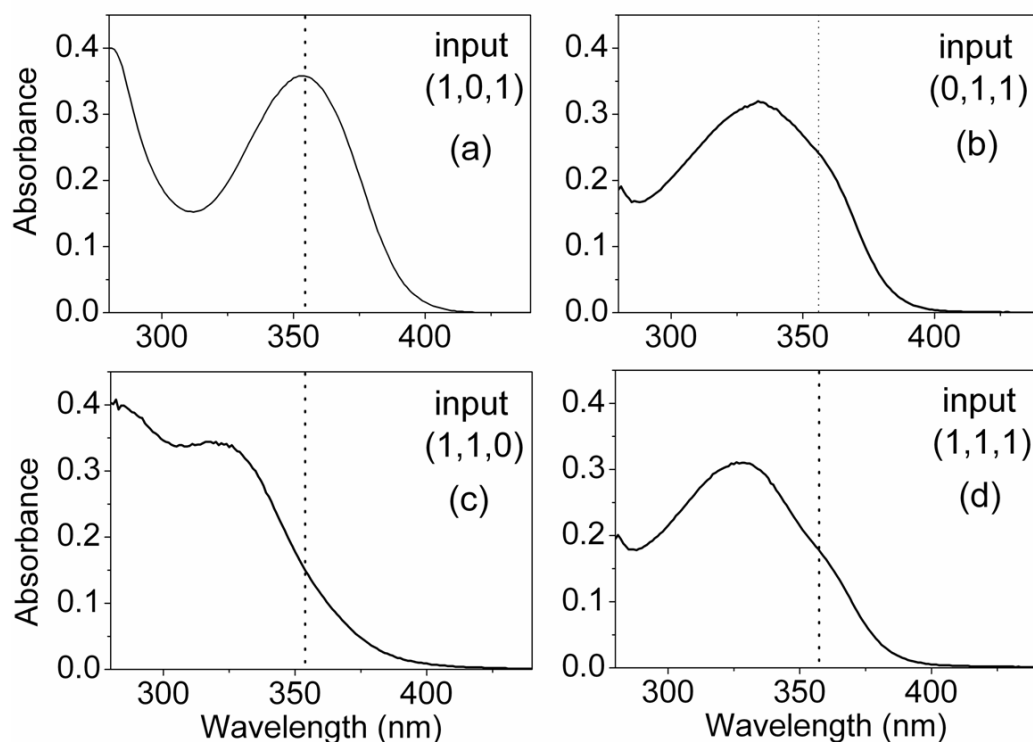
**Figure S8.** (A) Changes in the absorption spectra of **1** ( $2 \times 10^{-5}$  mol/l,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ) (a) none, (b) in presence of HCl (0.1 M), (c) in presence of NaOH (0.1 M), (e) in presence of  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  (0.1 M).



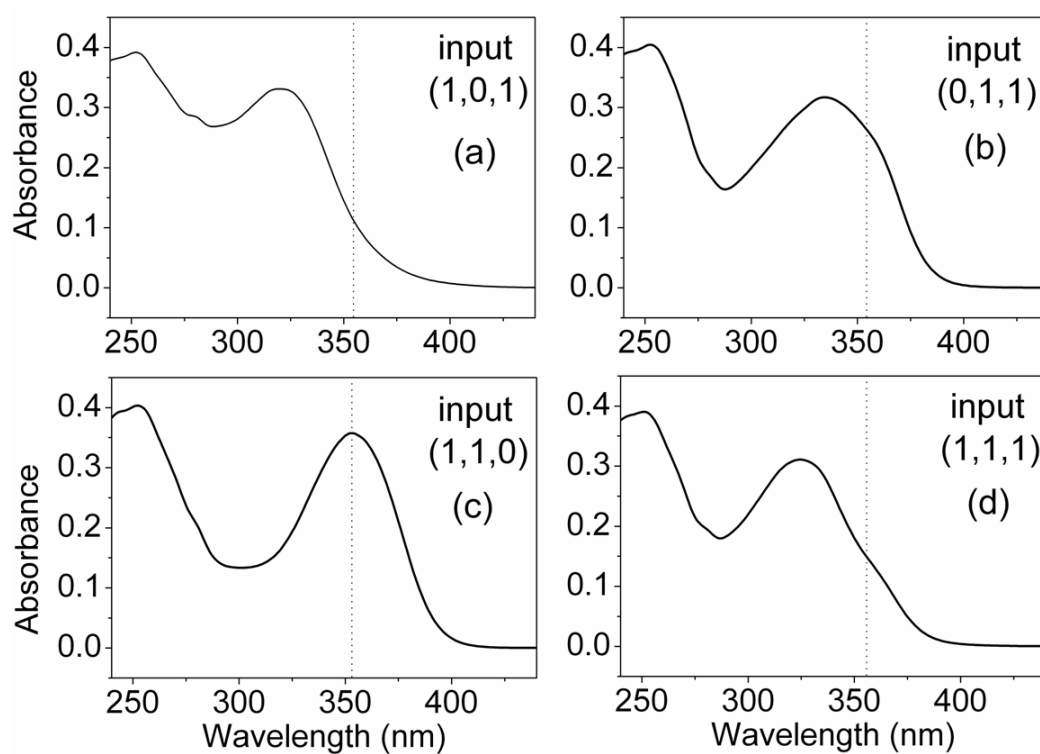


**Figure S9.** (A) Changes in the absorption spectra of **2** ( $2 \times 10^{-5}$  mol/l,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ) (a) none, (b) in presence of  $\text{HCl}$  (0.1 M), (c) in presence of  $\text{NaOH}$  (0.1 M), (e) in presence of  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  (0.1 M).

Changes in absorbance of **1** and **2** with NaOH, ZnCl<sub>2</sub> and HCl



**Figure S10.** Absorption spectra of **1** ( $2 \times 10^{-5}$  mol/l, CH<sub>3</sub>OH) in presence of equimolar mixture HCl(0.1 M) and NaOH(0.1 M) (a), in presence of mixture ZnCl<sub>2</sub>(0.1 M) and HCl(b), in presence of mixture NaOH and ZnCl<sub>2</sub>(c) and in presence of mixture NaOH, ZnCl<sub>2</sub> and HCl(d).



**Figure S11.** Absorption spectra of **2** ( $2 \times 10^{-5}$  mol/l,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ) in presence of equimolar mixture HCl (0.1 M) and NaOH(0.1 M) (a), in presence of mixture  $\text{ZnCl}_2$ (0.1 M) and HCl(b), in presence of mixture NaOH and  $\text{ZnCl}_2$ (c) and in presence of mixture NaOH,  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  and HCl(d).