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Bimolecular Photoactivation of NBD Fluorescence

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Crystallographic Analysis. Yellow single crystals of 6 were obtained from a CH₂Cl₂/hexane solution of the compound, after the slow evaporation of the solvent. The data crystal was glued onto the end of a thin glass fiber. X-ray intensity data were measured with a Bruker SMART APEX2 CCD-based diffractometer, using Mo Ka radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å).^{S1} The raw data frames were integrated with the SAINT+ program by using a narrowframe integration algorithm. Corrections for Lorentz and polarization effects were also applied with SAINT+. An empirical absorption correction based on the multiple measurement of equivalent reflections was applied using the program SADABS. The structure was solved by a combination of direct methods and difference Fourier syntheses and refined by full-matrix least-squares on F² with the SHELXTL software package.^{S2} Compound 6 crystallized in the monoclinic crystal system and the systematic absences in the data were consistent with the unique space group $P2_1/c$. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. Hydrogen atoms were placed in geometrically-idealized positions and included as standard riding atoms during the least-squares refinements. Crystal data, data collection parameters and results of the analysis are listed in Table S1. Crystallographic data were deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC No. 1033127). Copies of this information may be obtained free of charge from: The Director, CCDC12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK [fax: +44(1223) 336–033; e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk; www.http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk].

S1 Apex2 Version 2.2-0 and SAINT+ Version 7.46A; Bruker Analytical X-ray System, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin, USA, 2007.

S2 (a) Sheldrick, G. M. SHELXTL Version 6.1; Bruker Analytical X-ray Systems, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin, USA, 2000. (b) G. M. Sheldrick, Acta Cryst., 2008, A64, 112–122.

| Empirical Formula | $C_{16}H_{17}NO_4S$ | |
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| Formula Weight | 319.37 | |
| Crystal System | Monoclinic | |
| Lattice Parameters: | | |
| a (Å) | 15.7805(9) | |
| <i>b</i> (Å) | 5.0908(3) | |
| <i>c</i> (Å) | 21.0600(13) | |
| β(°) | 110.851(1) | |
| $V(Å^3)$ | 1468.32(17) | |
| Space Group | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> (# 14) | |
| Z Value | 4 | |
| $\rho_{calc} (g \ cm^{-3})$ | 1.342 | |
| μ (Mo K α) (mm ⁻¹) | 0.222 | |
| <i>T</i> (K) | 296 | |
| $2\Theta_{\max}$ (°) | 56.0 | |
| No. Obs. $(I \ge 2\sigma(I))$ | 2912 | |
| No. Parameters | 202 | |
| Goodness of Fit | 1.038 | |
| Max. Shift in Cycle | 0.003 | |
| Residuals*: R1; wR2 | 0.0380; 0.0949 | |
| Absorption Correction, | Multi-Scan | |
| Max/min | 0.9912/0.9245 | |
| Largest Peak in Final Diff. Map (e ⁻ Å ⁻³) | 0.227 | |

 Table S1. Crystallographic Data for 6.

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{w} &= 1/\sigma^{2}(\mathbf{F}_{obs}); \ \text{GOF} = [\Sigma_{hkl}\mathbf{w}(|\mathbf{F}_{obs}| - |\mathbf{F}_{calc}|)^{2}/(n_{data} - n_{vari})]^{1/2}. \\ &* \mathbf{R} = \Sigma_{hkl}(|\mathbf{F}_{obs}| - |\mathbf{F}_{calc}||)/\Sigma_{hkl}|\mathbf{F}_{obs}|; \ \mathbf{R}_{w} = [\Sigma_{hkl}\mathbf{w}(|\mathbf{F}_{obs}| - |\mathbf{F}_{calc}|)^{2}/\Sigma_{hkl}\mathbf{w}\mathbf{F}_{obs}^{2}]^{1/2} \end{split}$$



Fig. S1. Absorption (*a* and *b*) and emission (*c* and *d*) spectra of a solution of **1** [10 μ M, MeCN:PBS (95:5 v/v), 25 °C, $\lambda_{Ex} = 440$ nm] before (*a* and *c*) after (*b* and *d*) illumination at λ_{Ac} (350 nm, 2.48 mW cm⁻²) for 60 min.