

# The effect of the 4-amino functionality on the photophysical and DNA binding properties of alkyl-pyridinium derived 1,8-naphthalimides

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Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

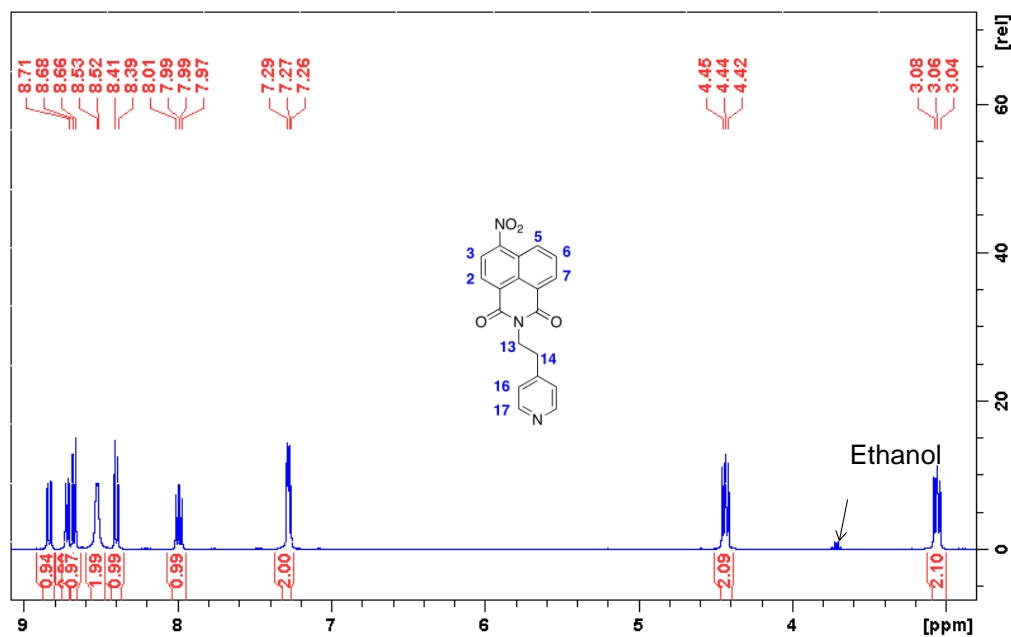


Figure ESI 1A:  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  of **5** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (400 MHz).

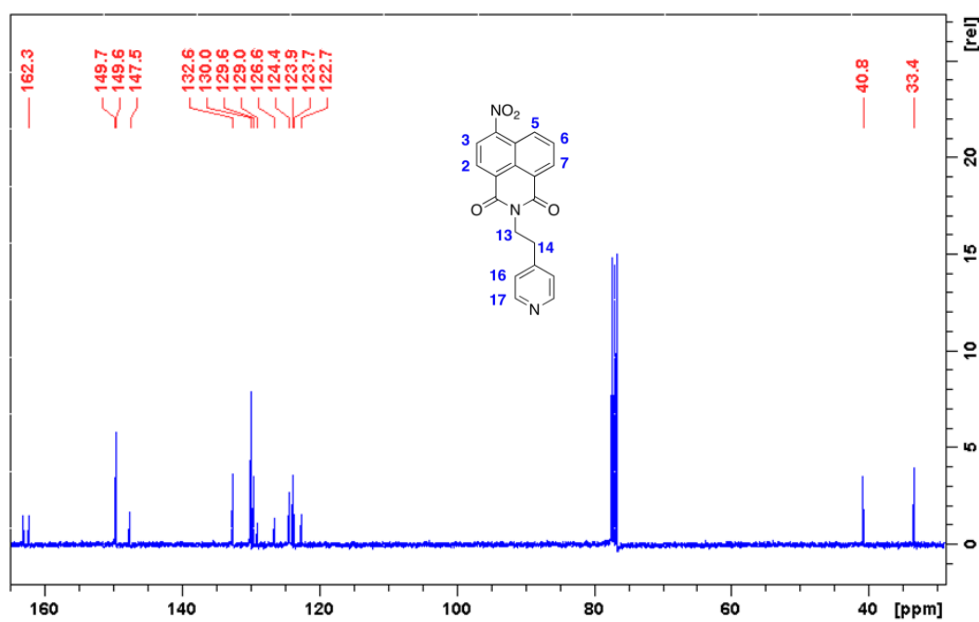


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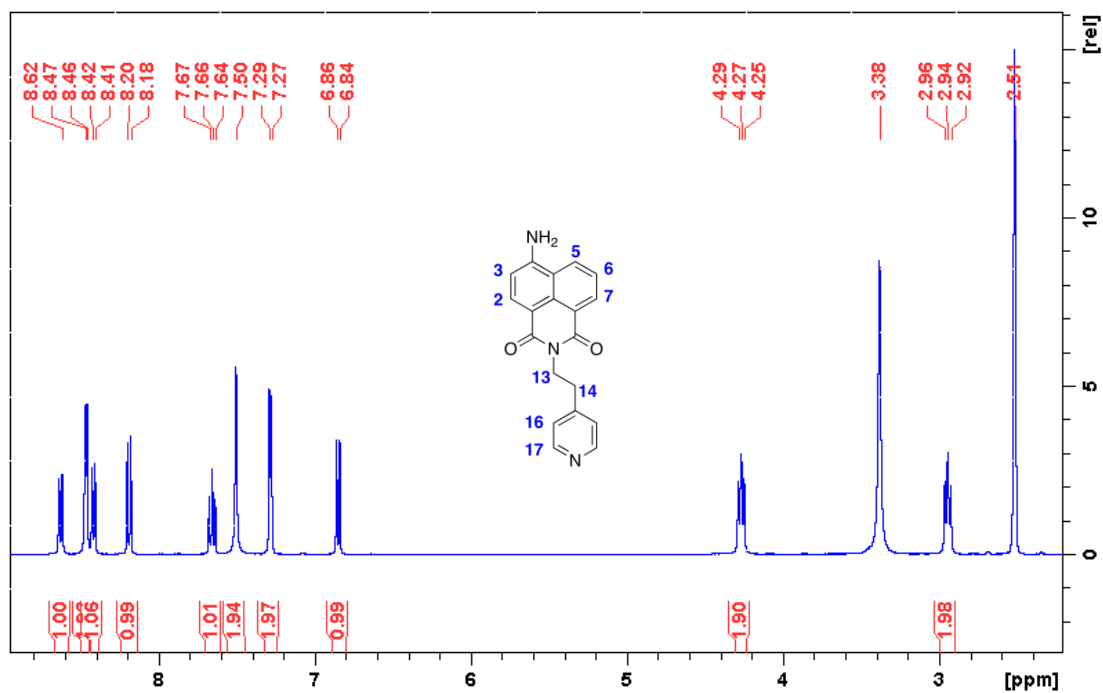


Figure ESI 1c:  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  of **4** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  (400 MHz).

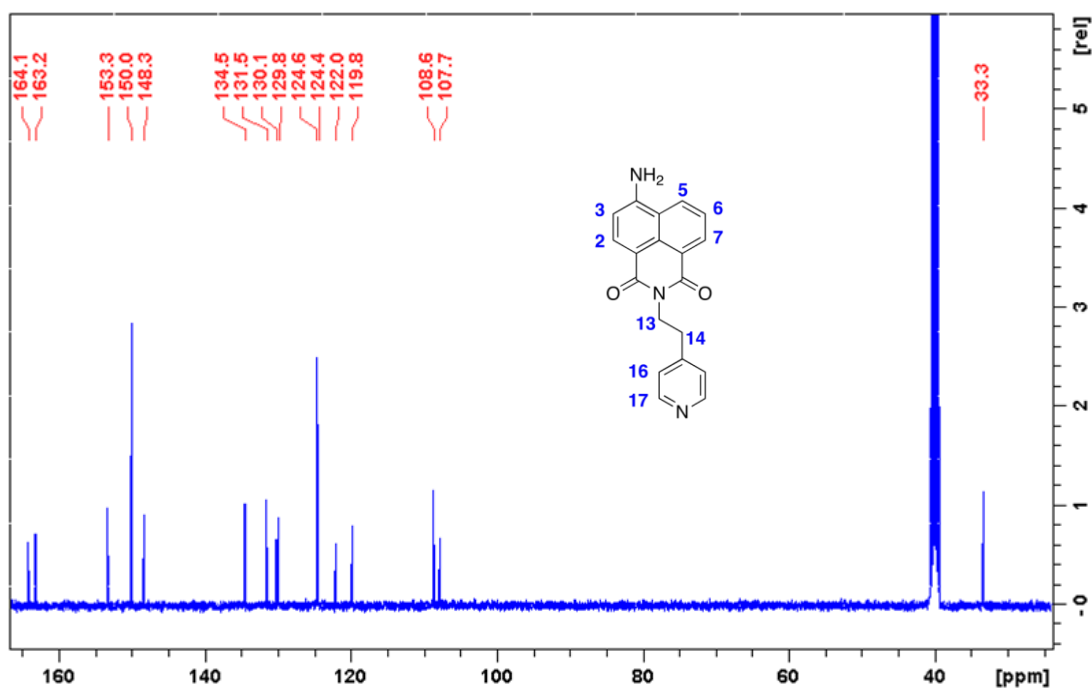


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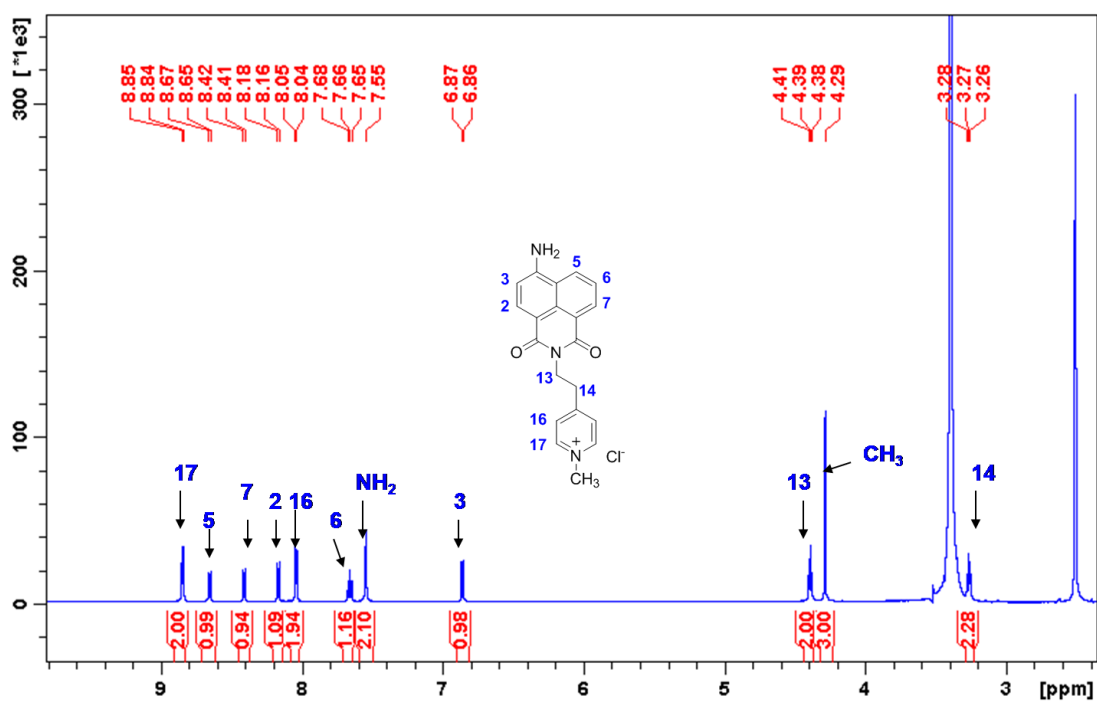


Figure ESI 1e: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of **2** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (600 MHz).

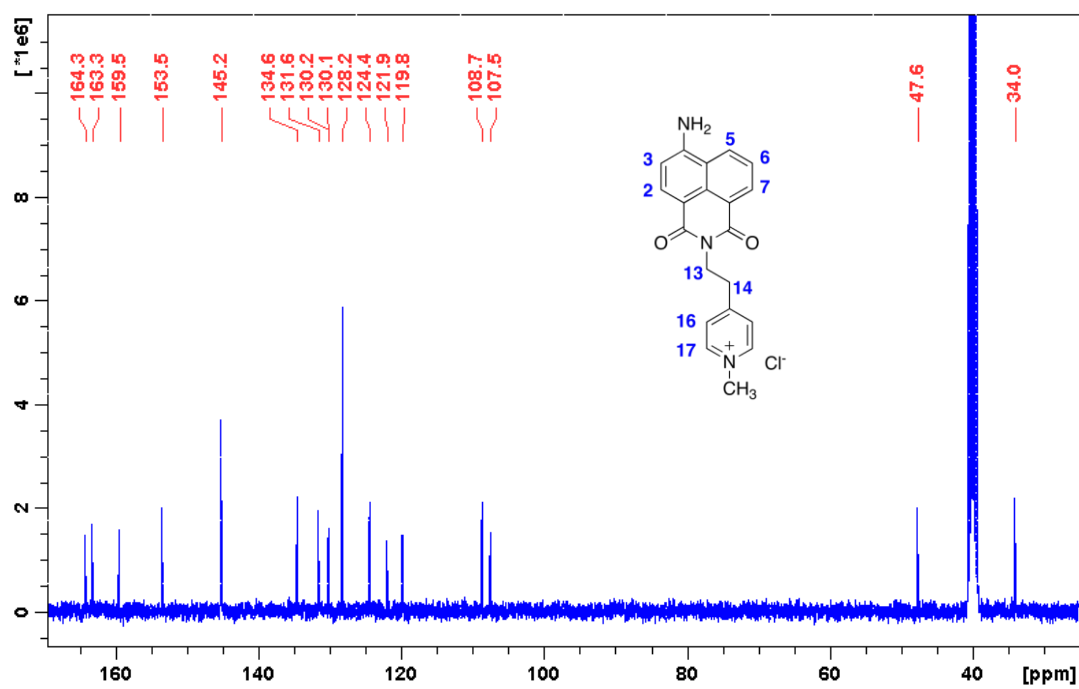


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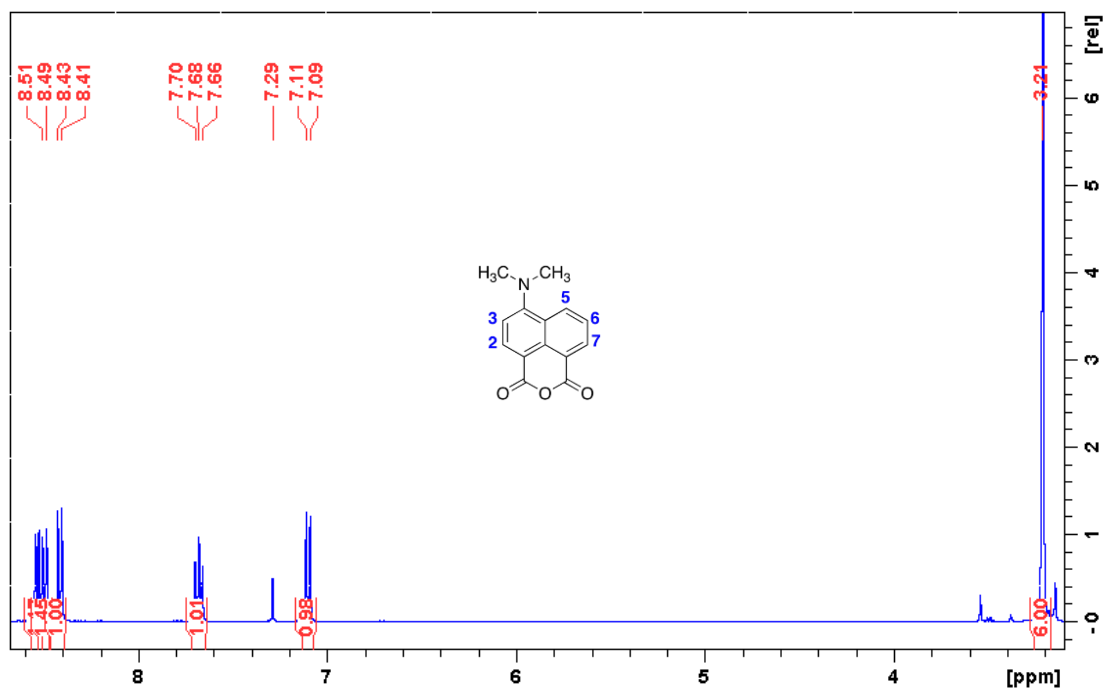


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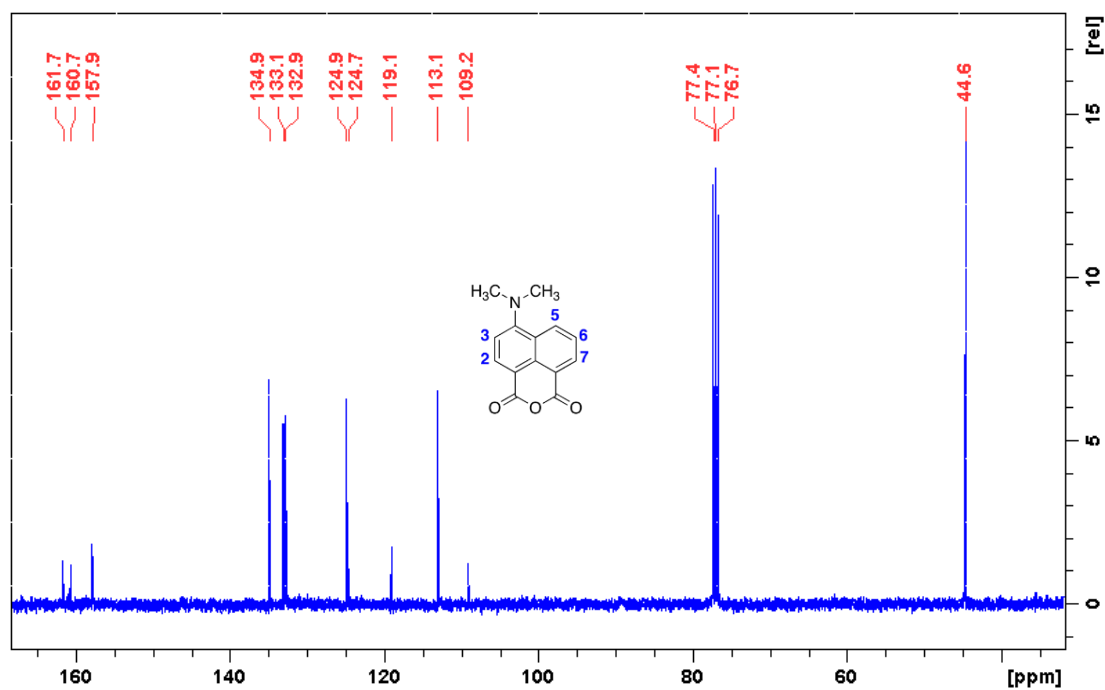


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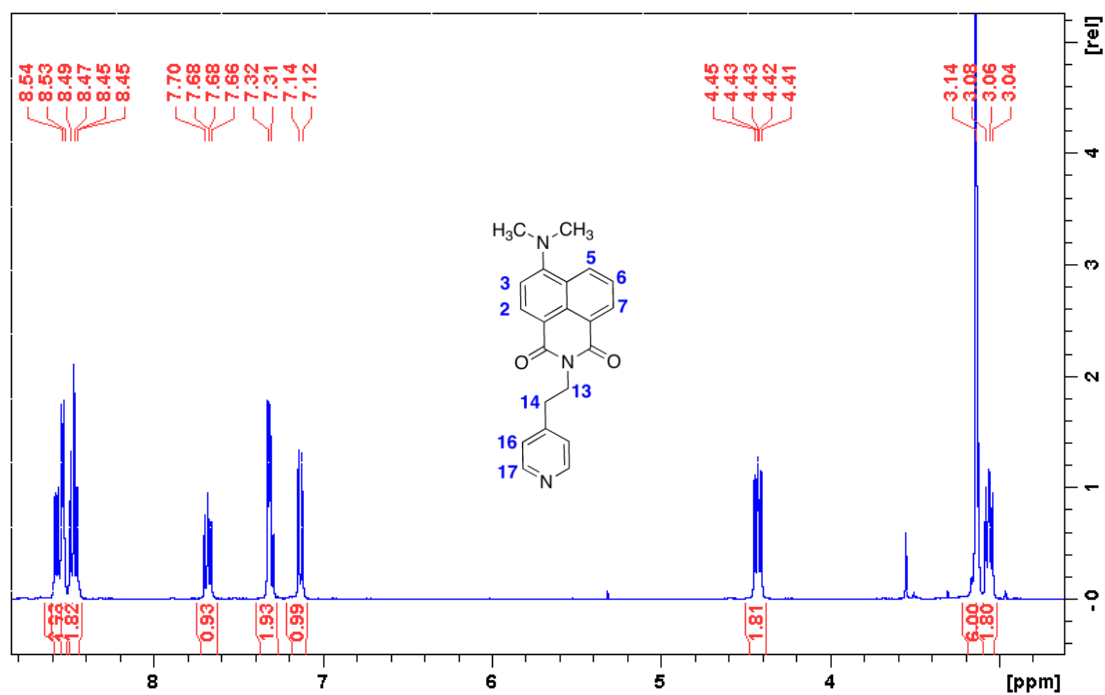


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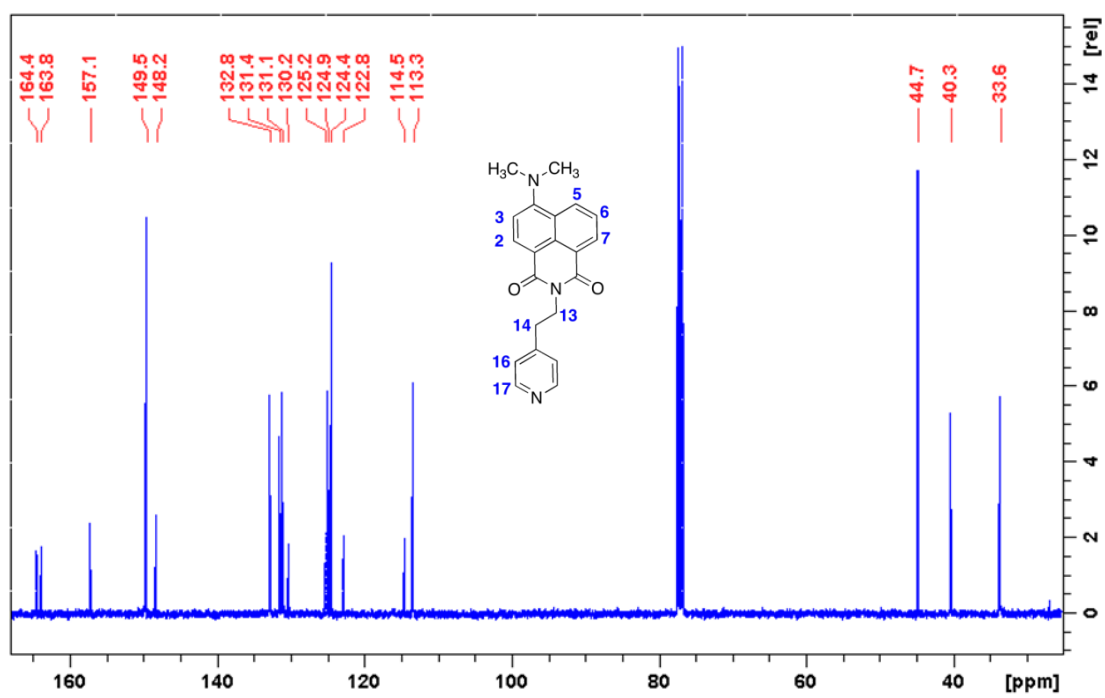


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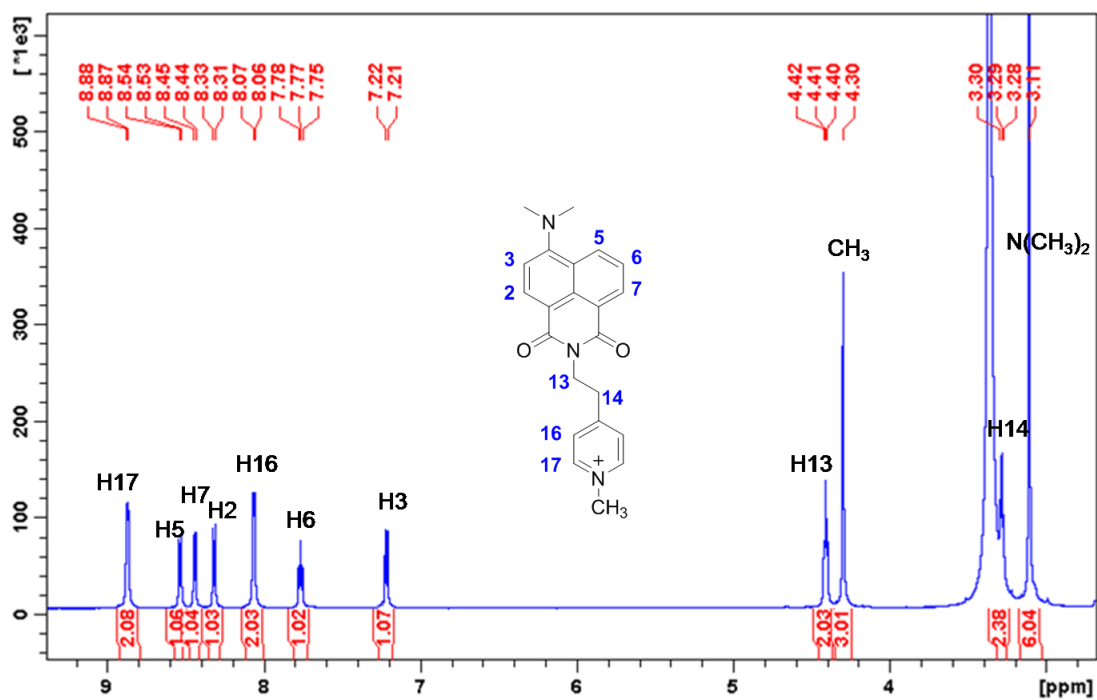


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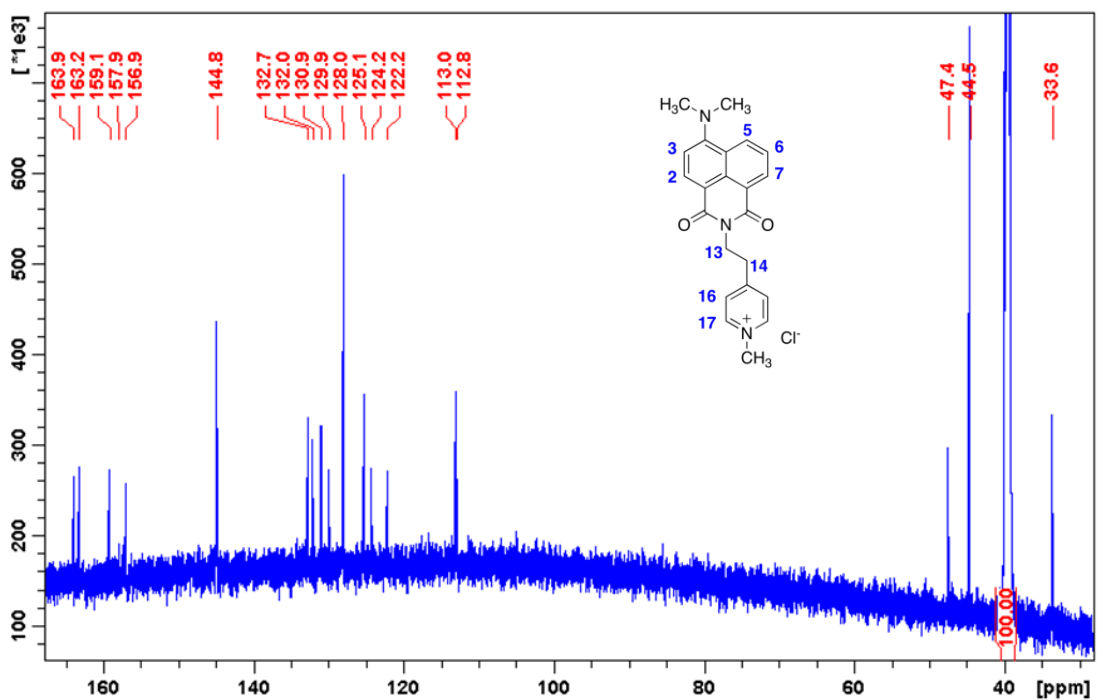
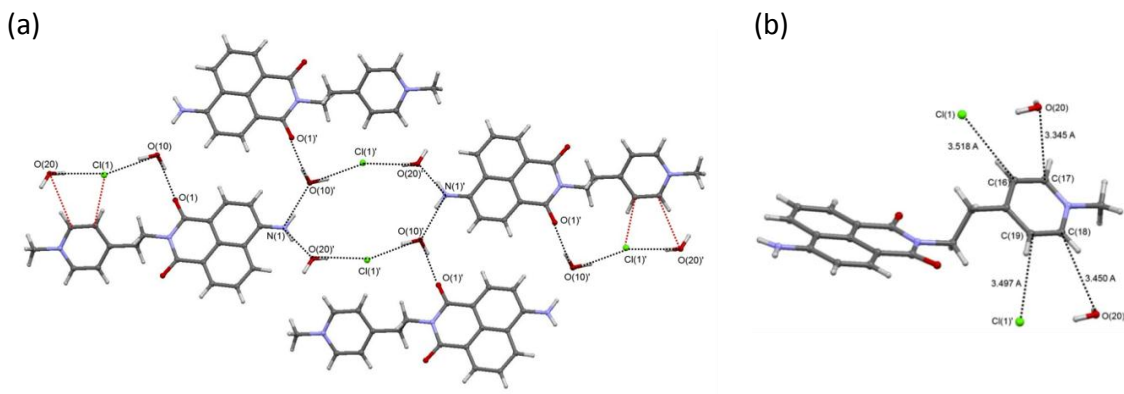
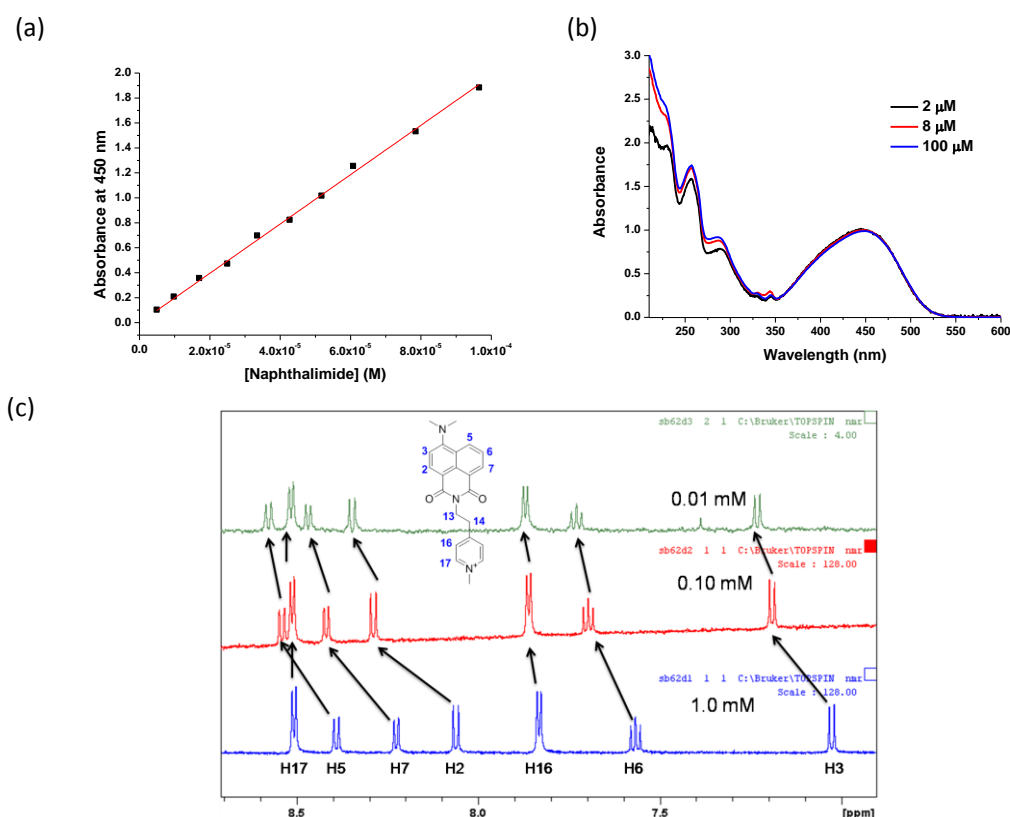


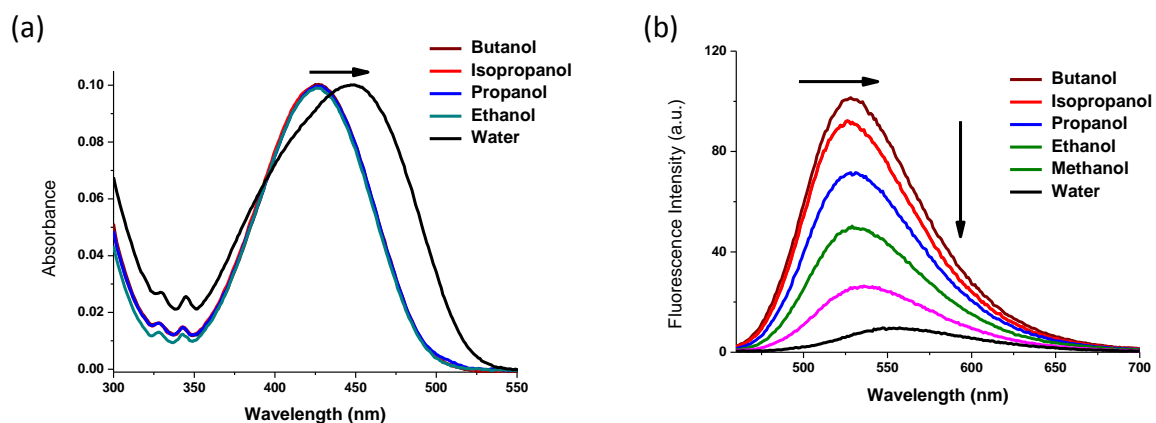
Figure ESI 2f: <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of **3** in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> (150 MHz).



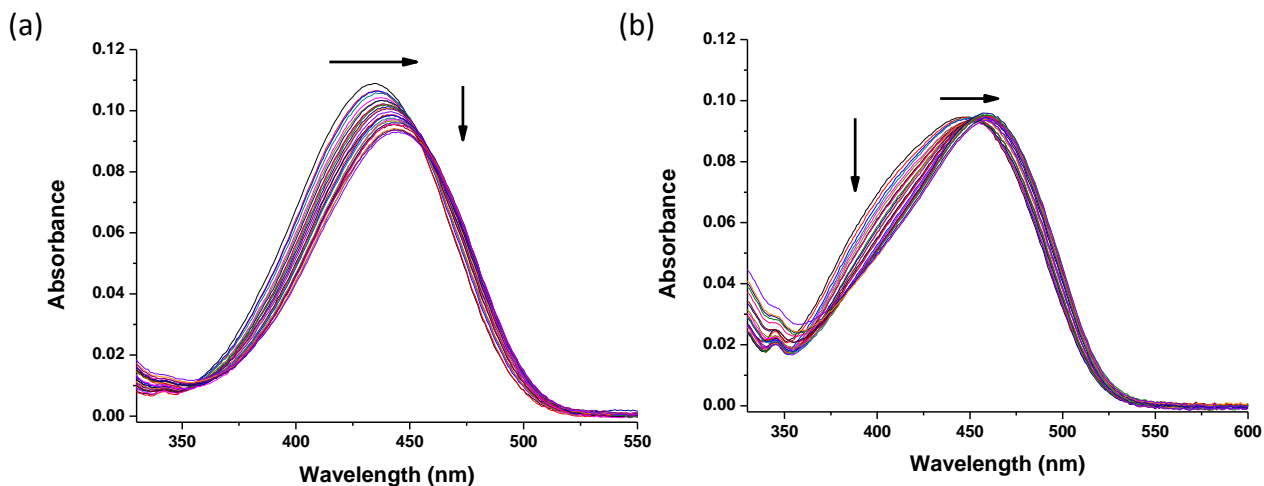
**Figure ESI 3:** (a) The packing of **2** showing the  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions (c) H-bonding network, where (.....) shows classical NH or OH hydrogen bonding interactions and (.....) denotes non-classical CH based hydrogen bonding, (b) Demonstration of out of plane orientation of pyridyl ring in the solid- state structure of **2** due to non-classical H-bonding interactions



**Figure ESI 4:** (a) The plot of concentration of **3** vs. absorbance at 450 nm, (b) Normalised UV/vis absorption spectrum of **3** at various concentrations in water, (c)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (600 MHz) of **3** in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at various concentrations.

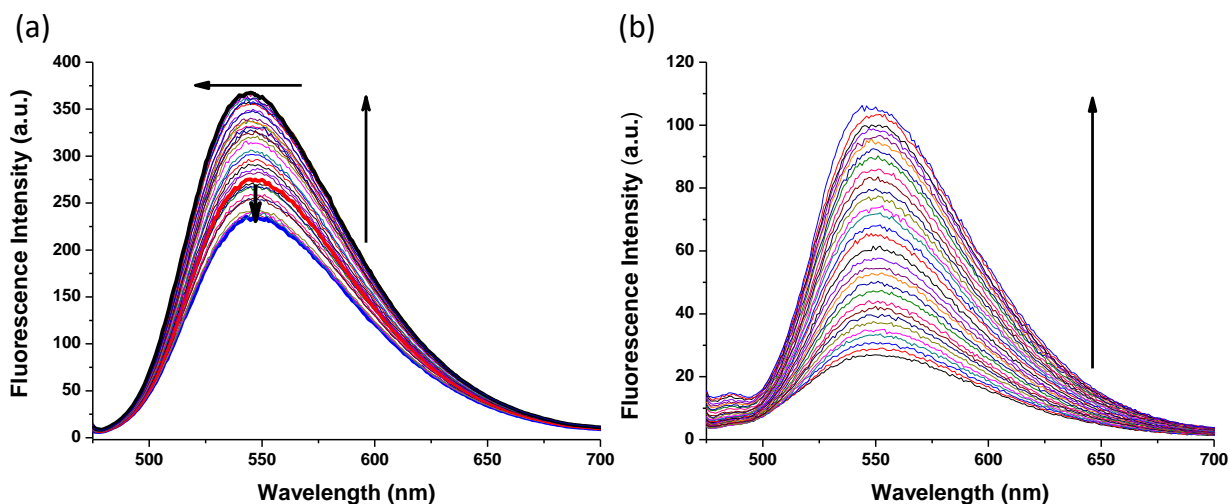


**Figure ESI 4:** Effect of solvent polarity on the (a) UV/vis and (b) fluorescence spectra of **3**.

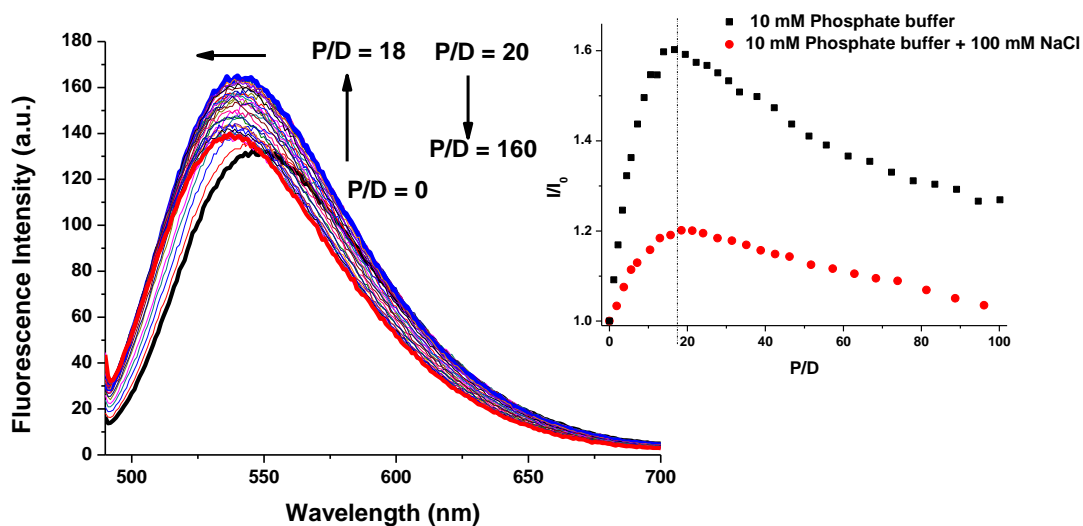


**Figure ESI 5:** The changes in the UV/vis absorption spectra of (a) **2** (6.9 μM) and **3** (7.9 μM) in the presence increasing concentration of AMP (0-100 mM) in 10 mM phosphate buffer (pH 7.0).

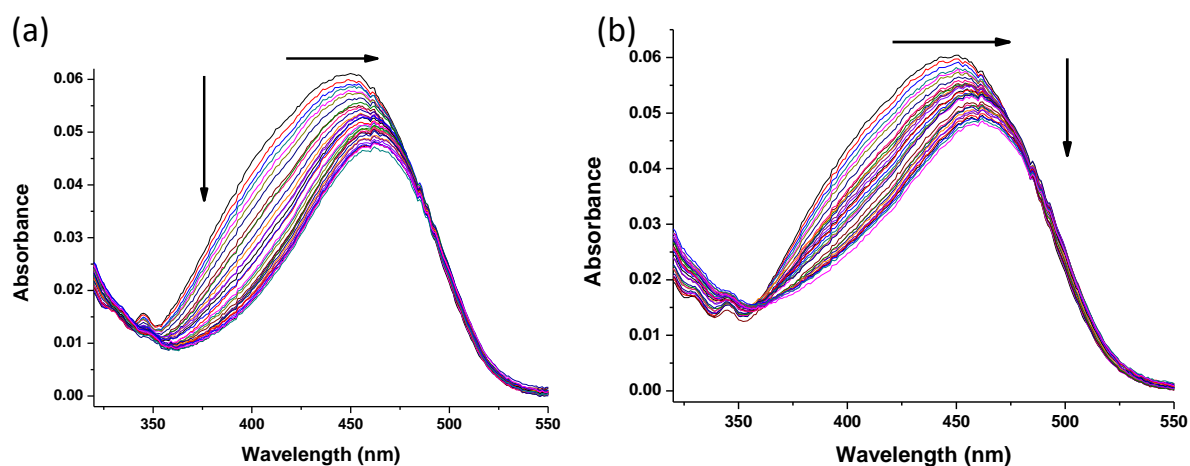




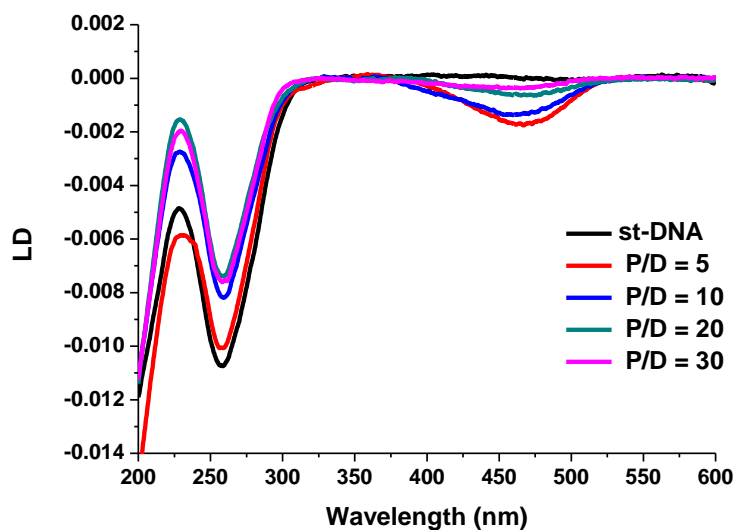
**Figure ESI 6:** The changes in the fluorescence spectra of (a) **2** (6.9 μM) (λ<sub>ex</sub> = 460 nm) and **3** (7.9 μM) (λ<sub>ex</sub> = 450 nm) in the presence of increasing concentration of AMP (0-100 mM) in 10 mM phosphate buffer (pH 7.0).



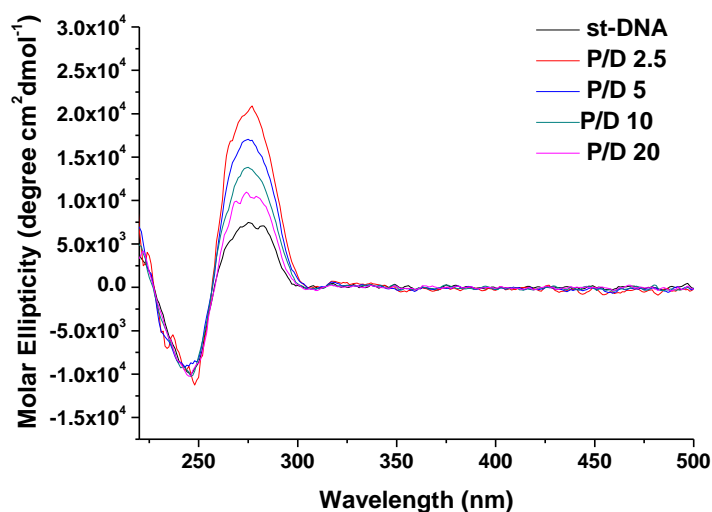
**Figure ESI 7:** Overall changes in the steady state emission spectra of **2** (7.0 μM) in the presence of increasing concentration of st-DNA (0–1120 μM) in 10 mM phosphate buffer containing 100 mM NaCl (pH 7.0) (λ<sub>ex</sub> = 480 nm). Inset: Plot of I/I<sub>0</sub> vs. P/D for **2** in 10 mM phosphate (■) and 10 mM phosphate buffer containing 100 mM NaCl (●).



i. **Figure ESI 8:** The changes in the UV/vis absorption spectra of **3** (5.2 μM) in the presence of (a) poly (dA-dT)<sub>2</sub> (0-172 μM) and (b) poly (dG-dC)<sub>2</sub> (0-190 μM) CD in 10 mM phosphate buffer (pH 7.0).



**Figure ESI 9:** The LD spectra of st-DNA (400 μM) in the presence of varying concentration of **3** (P/D 0→30) in 10 mM phosphate buffer (pH 7.0).



**Figure ESI 10:** The CD spectra of st-DNA (150  $\mu$ M) in the presence of varying concentration of **3** (P/D 0 $\rightarrow$ 20) in 10 mM phosphate buffer (pH 7.0).

**Table ESI 1:** Crystal data and structure refinement for **2**.

Identification code	sb29	
Empirical formula	$C_{20}H_{22}ClN_3O_4$	
Formula weight	403.86	
Temperature	108(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 $\text{\AA}$	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 8.1105(16) \text{\AA}$	$\alpha = 98.63(3)^\circ$ .
	$b = 8.8677(18) \text{\AA}$	$\beta = 96.32(3)^\circ$ .
	$c = 14.245(3) \text{\AA}$	$\gamma = 110.67(3)^\circ$ .
Volume	$932.9(3) \text{\AA}^3$	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	$1.438 \text{ Mg/m}^3$	
Absorption coefficient	$0.238 \text{ mm}^{-1}$	
F(000)	424	
Crystal size	$0.21 \times 0.13 \times 0.08 \text{ mm}^3$	
Theta range for data collection	$2.51$ to $24.99^\circ$ .	
Index ranges	$-9 \leq h \leq 9$ , $-10 \leq k \leq 10$ , $-16 \leq l \leq 16$	
Reflections collected	10726	
Independent reflections	3166 [R(int) = 0.0537]	
Completeness to theta = $24.99^\circ$	95.7 %	

Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.9812 and 0.9517
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	3166 / 0 / 254
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.220
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0691, wR2 = 0.1633
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0730, wR2 = 0.1656
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.018 and -0.338 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

**Table ESI 2:** Crystal data and structure refinement for **3**.

Identification code	sbpf6	
Empirical formula	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>22</sub> F <sub>6</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> P	
Formula weight	505.40	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	1.54178 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.8081(4) Å	α = 85.580(2) °
	b = 9.2489(4) Å	β = 89.039(2) °
	c = 14.9085(6) Å	γ = 62.137(2) °
Volume	1070.27(8) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.568 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	1.866 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	520	
Crystal size	0.24 x 0.11 x 0.04 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	8.34 to 63.95°.	
Index ranges	-10 ≤ h ≤ 9, -10 ≤ k ≤ 10, -17 ≤ l ≤ 17	
Reflections collected	7357	
Independent reflections	3360 [R(int) = 0.0301]	
Completeness to theta = 63.95°	95.1 %	

Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7526 and 0.5895
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	3360 / 0 / 310
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.074
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0496, wR2 = 0.1445
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0521, wR2 = 0.1468
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.595 and -0.358 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

**Table ESI 3** Hydrogen bonds for **2** [Å and °].

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	<(DHA)
N(1)-H(1X)...O(10) <sup>a</sup>	0.85	2.05	2.882(4)	166.2
N(1)-H(1Y)...O(20) <sup>b</sup>	0.85	2.17	2.978(4)	158.2
O(10)-H(10X)...O(1) <sup>c</sup>	0.85	2.00	2.838(3)	170.0
O(10)-H(10Y)...Cl(1)	0.99	2.19	3.168(3)	166.9
O(20)-H(20X)...Cl(1)	0.83	2.33	3.150(3)	170.6
O(20)-H(20Y)...Cl(1) <sup>d</sup>	0.97	2.21	3.167(3)	168.2

*Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:*

<sup>a</sup> -x, -y, -z    <sup>b</sup> x-1, y-1, z-1    <sup>c</sup> x, y+1, z    <sup>d</sup> -x+2, -y+2, -z+1