

## Supplementary Information

### Exploring the role of the 5-substituent for the intrinsic fluorescence of 5-aryl and 5-heteroaryl uracil nucleotides: A systematic study

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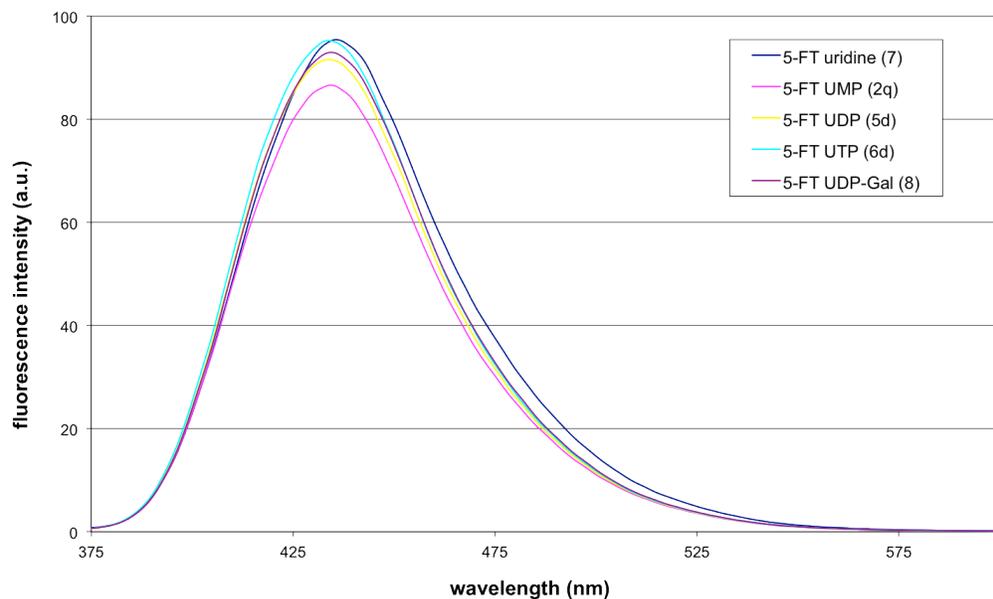
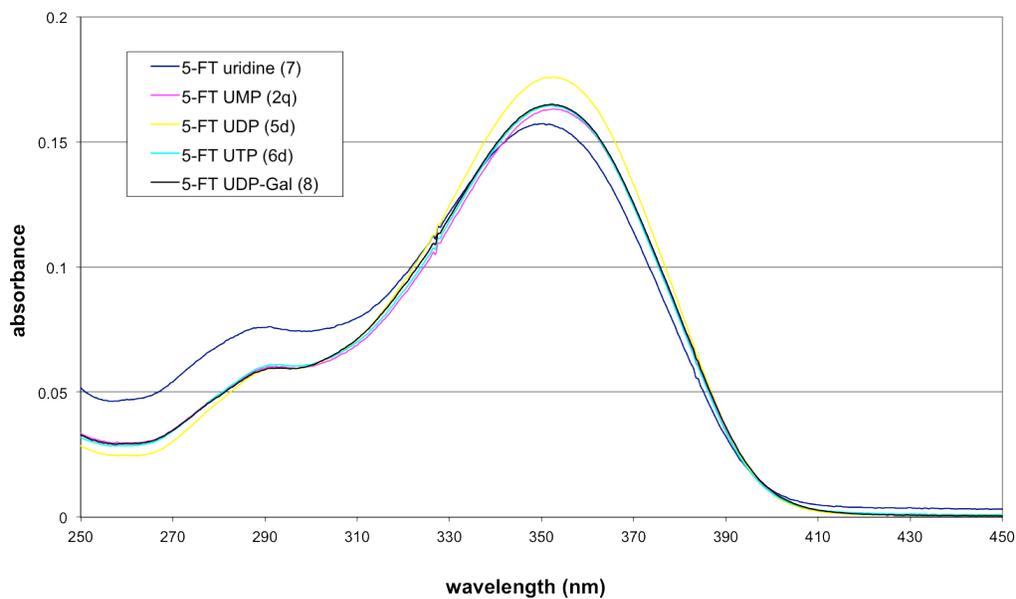
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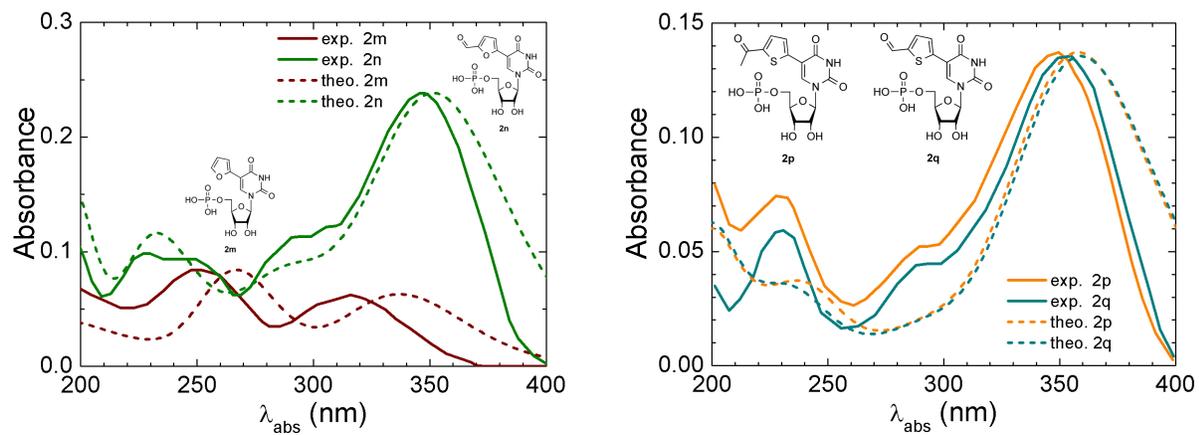
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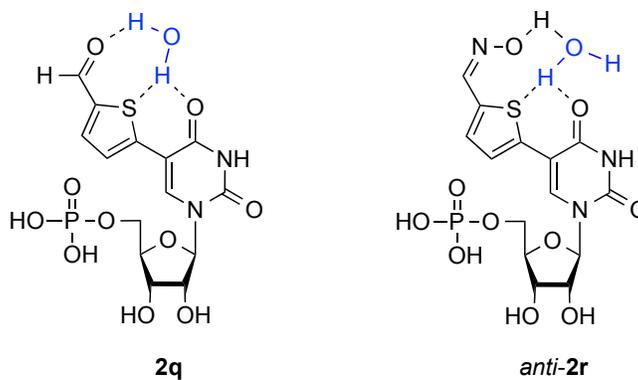
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