

# **A BODIPY-luminol chemiluminescent resonance energy-transfer (CRET) cassette for imaging of cellular superoxide**

## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

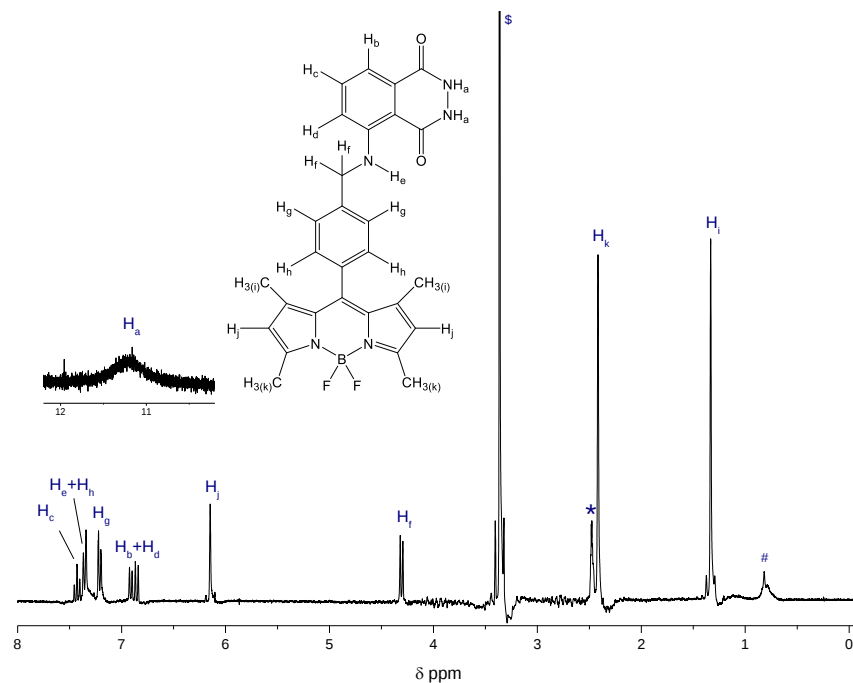
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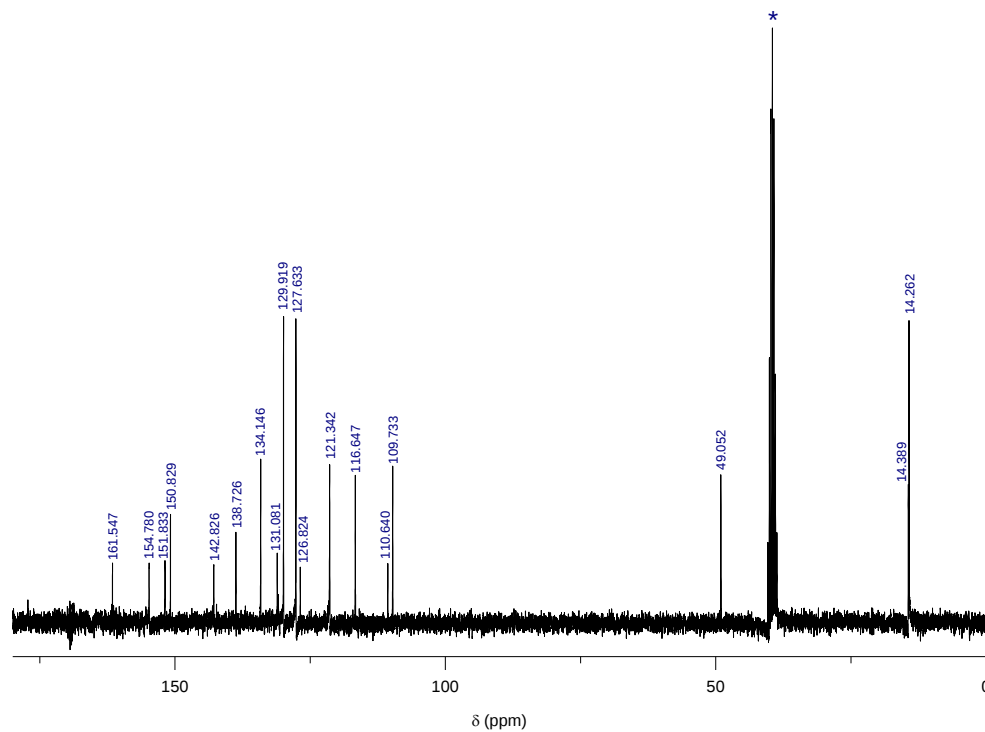
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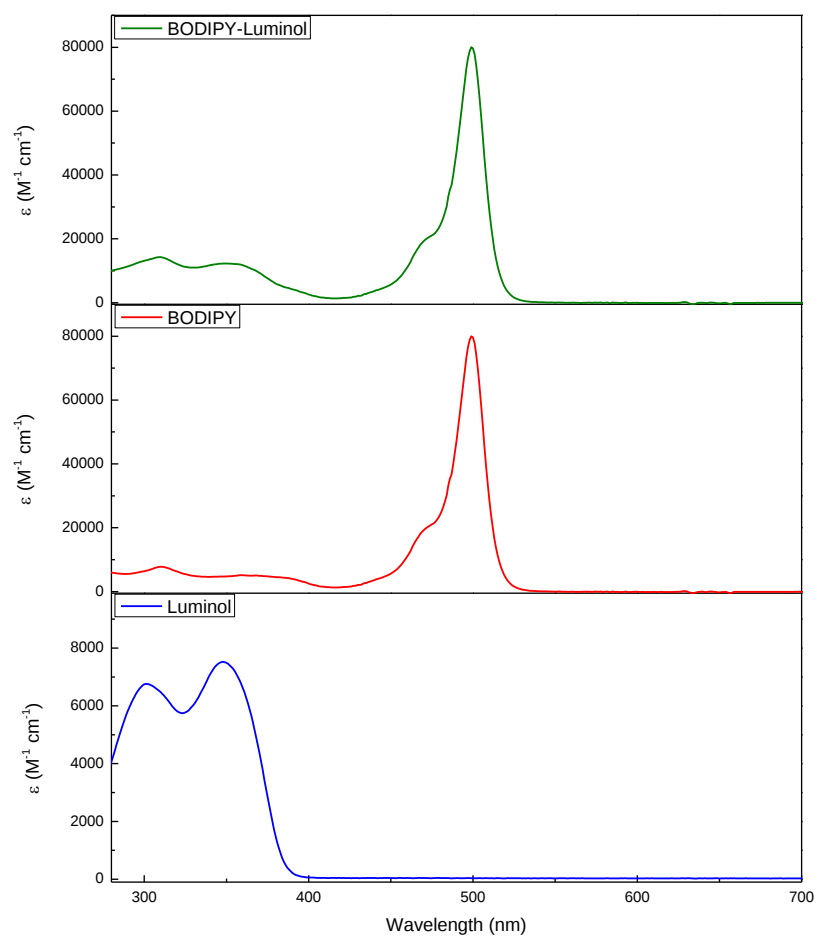
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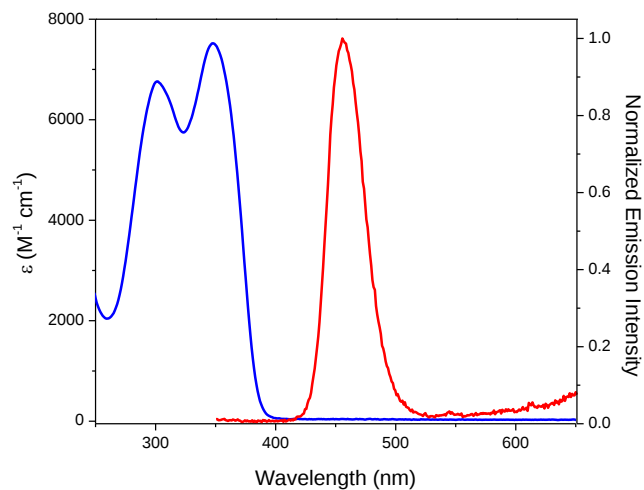
**Figure ESI-1.**  $^1H$  NMR spectrum of BODIPY-luminol recorded in  $d_6$ -DMSO (\* = residual DMSO signal; \$ = H<sub>2</sub>O; # = silicone grease).



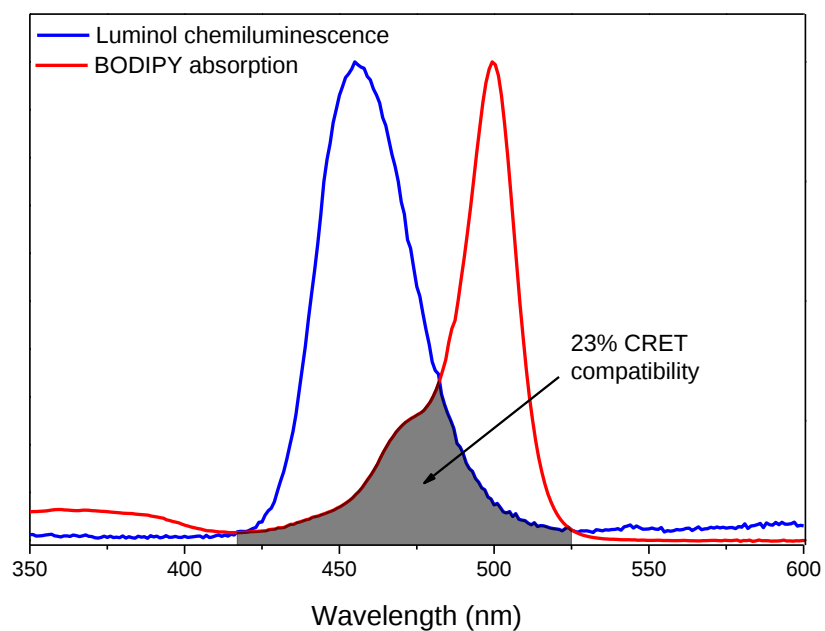
**Figure ESI-2.**  $^{13}C$  NMR spectrum of BODIPY-luminol recorded in  $d_6$ -DMSO (\* = residual DMSO signal).



**Figure ESI-3.** UV/Vis spectra of luminol, BODIPY-COOH and BODIPY-luminol cassette recorded in pH 10  $Na_2CO_3:NaHCO_3$  buffer.



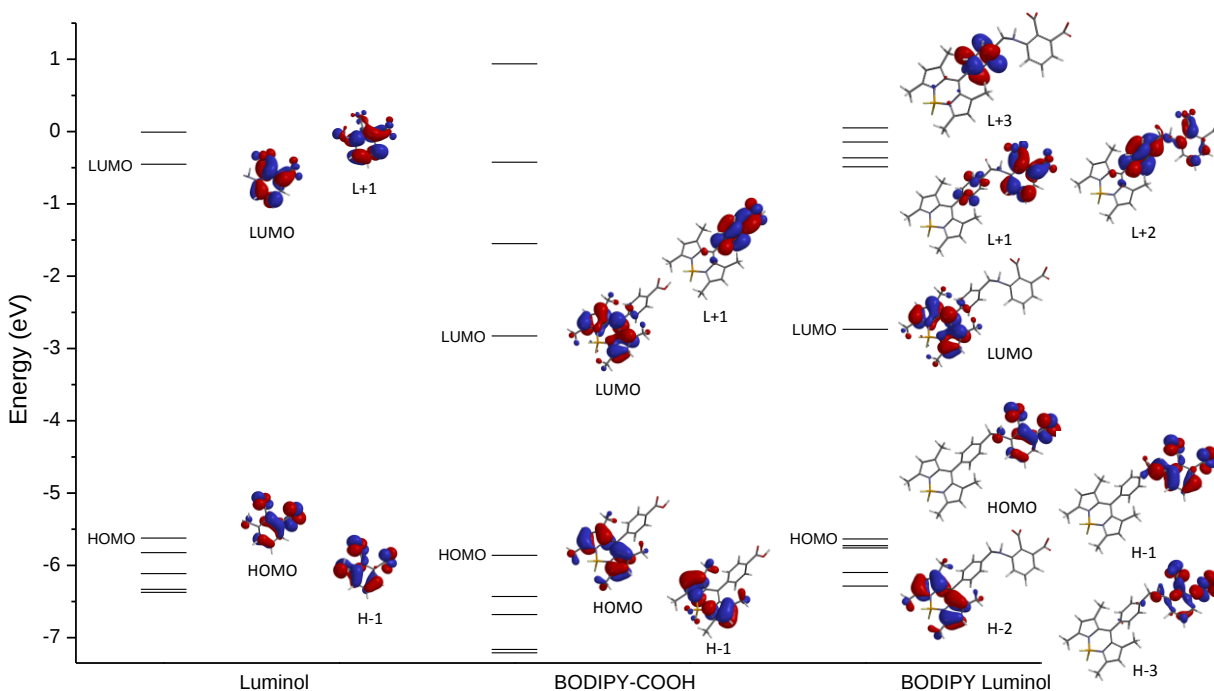
**Figure ESI-4.** Overlay of electronic absorption and chemiluminescence spectra of Luminol recorded in pH 10  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3\text{:NaHCO}_3$  buffer.



**Figure ESI-5.** Overlay of normalized luminol chemiluminescence and BODIPY absorption recorded in pH 10  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3\text{:NaHCO}_3$  buffer. Integration of spectral overlap indicates a 23% chemiluminescent resonance energy transfer (CRET) compatibility.

## Computational analysis

Computational experiments were carried out using density functional theory (DFT) with the B3LYP functional as implemented in the Spartan '14 program package.<sup>2</sup> The 6-31g\* basis set was used for all C, H, N, O, B and F elements.<sup>3,4</sup> A vibrational frequency analysis was carried out in order to confirm the minimum-energy geometry.



**Figure ESI-6.** Energy level alignment of luminol (chemiluminescent dicarboxy reactive intermediate), *meso*-(4-carboxyphenyl)BODIPY and the BODIPY-luminol dyad calculated by DFT (B3LYP/6-31g\*) using Spartan '09 Wavefunction software.

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