# Studies of the Solvatochromic Emission Properties of *N*-Aroylurea Derivatives I: Influence of the Substitution Pattern

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**Fig. S1** A: Normalized emission spectra of **2f** (1) and **2j** (2) (**2f**:  $\lambda_{ex} = 300 \text{ nm}$ , **2j**:  $\lambda_{ex} = 380 \text{ nm}$ ) in selected solvents (1: cyclohexane; 2: 1,4-dioxane; 3: benzene; 4: DMSO; 5: MeCN; 6: CHCl<sub>3</sub>; 7: 2-PrOH; 8: EtOH; 9: MeOH). B: Correlation of the emission maxima (in cm<sup>-1</sup>) of **2f** (1) and **2j** (2) with the acceptor number of the solvent.



**Fig. S2** A: Normalized emission spectra of **2b** ( $\lambda_{ex} = 345$  nm) in selected solvents (1: cyclohexane; 2: MeCN; 3: benzene; 4: CHCl<sub>3</sub>; 5: EtOH; 6: MeOH). Correlation of the emission maxima (in cm<sup>-1</sup>) of **2b** with the acceptor number (B) or the  $E_T(30)$ , Z and DN-parameters (C) of the solvent.



**Fig. S3** Correlation of the emission maxima (in cm<sup>-1</sup>) of **2c** with the  $E_T(30)$ , Z and DN-parameters of the solvent.

	cond. <sup>b</sup>	$ au_{i}/\mu s$	$\Delta A_{\rm max}$
2d	N <sub>2</sub>	12.7	$6.3 \times 10^{-2}$
2d	Air	0.2	$5.8 \times 10^{-2}$
2d	$O_2$	0.04	$5.7 \times 10^{-2}$
2g	$N_2$	5.8	$7.1 \times 10^{-2}$
2g	Air	0.4	$6.0 \times 10^{-2}$
2g	$O_2$	0.1	$4.7 \times 10^{-2}$

<sup>a</sup> **2d**:  $c = 10^{-4}$  M,  $\lambda_{ex} = 355$  nm; **2g**:  $c = 8 \times 10^{-5}$  M,  $\lambda_{ex} = 266$  nm; <sup>b</sup> solutions were saturated for 20 min either with nitrogen or oxygen or equilibrated with air.



Fig. S4 Transient absorption spectra of 2d (A:  $c = 10^{-4}$  M) and 2g (B:  $c = 8 \times 10^{-5}$  M) in acetonitrile.

## X-ray diffraction analysis

Single crystals of **2d** were measured on a SIEMENS SMART 1K CCD diffractometer at approx. 171 K. The structure was determined by direct methods using the program SHELXS.<sup>1</sup> Refinement was performed on  $F^2$  values using the program SHELXL-97. Hydrogen atoms were geometrically positioned and were constrained. The crystal data and the structure refinement details are collected in Table S2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sheldrick, G. M. Acta Cryst., 2008, A64, 112-122.

#### Parameter Molecular formula (formula weight) $C_{28}H_{32}N_2O_2$ (428.56 g/mol) Temperature / K 171 (2) Wavelength / Å 0.71073 Crystal system, space group Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$ a = 10.6241 (8) Å $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$ Unit cell *b* = 9.6218 (7) Å $\beta = 93.646 \ (2)^{\circ}$ dimensions *c* = 22.9510 (16) Å $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ Volume / Å<sup>3</sup> 2341.4 (3) Ζ 4 Calculated density /g·cm<sup>-1</sup> 1.216 Absorption coefficient / mm<sup>-1</sup> 0.076 F (000) 920 $0.55 \times 0.14 \times 0.12$ Crystal size / mm Meausured $\theta$ range $1.78 \ge \theta \ge 25.00$ $-12 \ge h \ge 12$ Limiting indices $-11 \ge k \ge 11$ $-27 \geq l \geq 26$ Reflections collected / unique 19491 / 4056 $R_{\rm int}$ 0.164 4056 / 0 / 289 Data / restraints/ parameters Goodness of fit on $F^2$ 1.12 *R* values $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$ $R_1 = 0.109; wR_2 = 0.132$ *R* values (all data) $R_1 = 0.237; wR_2 = 0.163$ 0.19 and -0.22 eÅ<sup>-3</sup> Final Fourier residuals

## Table S2 Crystal data and structure refinement details of compound 2d.



Fig. S5 <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of 2b in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. S6 <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of 2c in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.





Fig. S8 <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of 2e in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Fig. S9** <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of 2f in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

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Fig. S10 <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of 2g in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. S11 <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of 2h in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. S12 <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of 2i in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Fig. S13** <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of **2j** in  $C_6D_6$ .