## **Supplementary Information**

## Boron difluoride complexes of 3-Hydroxyflavones : Efficient Bioinspired dyes emitting in the visible

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