

## Supporting Information

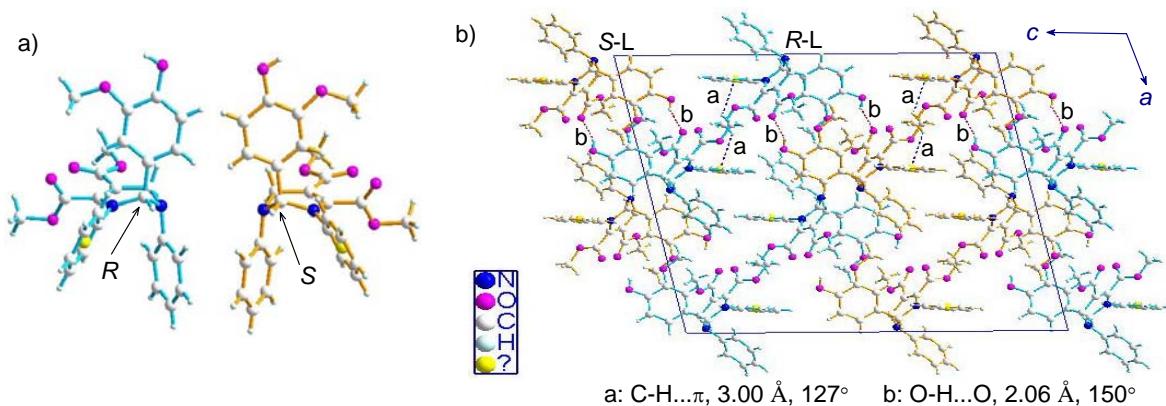
### Copper-Induced Fluorescence Enhancement and Particle-Size Decrease of a C-6 Unsubstituted Tetrahydropyrimidine Racemate

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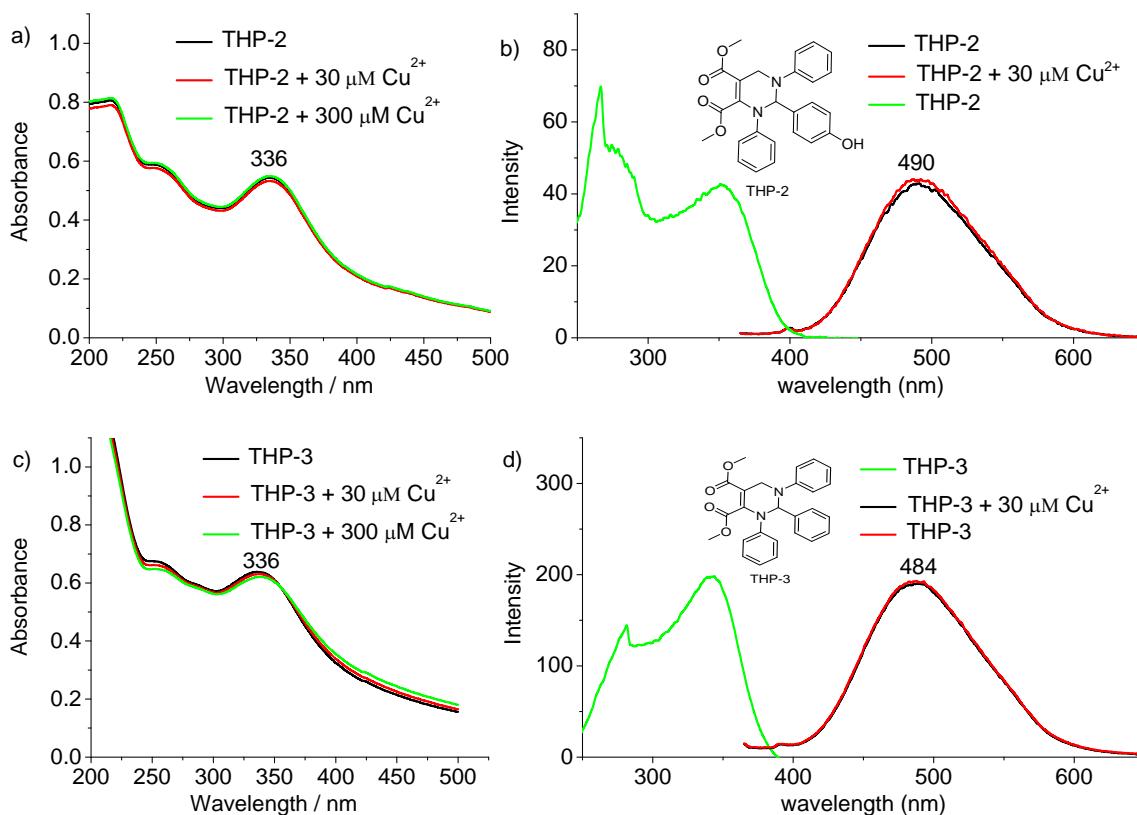
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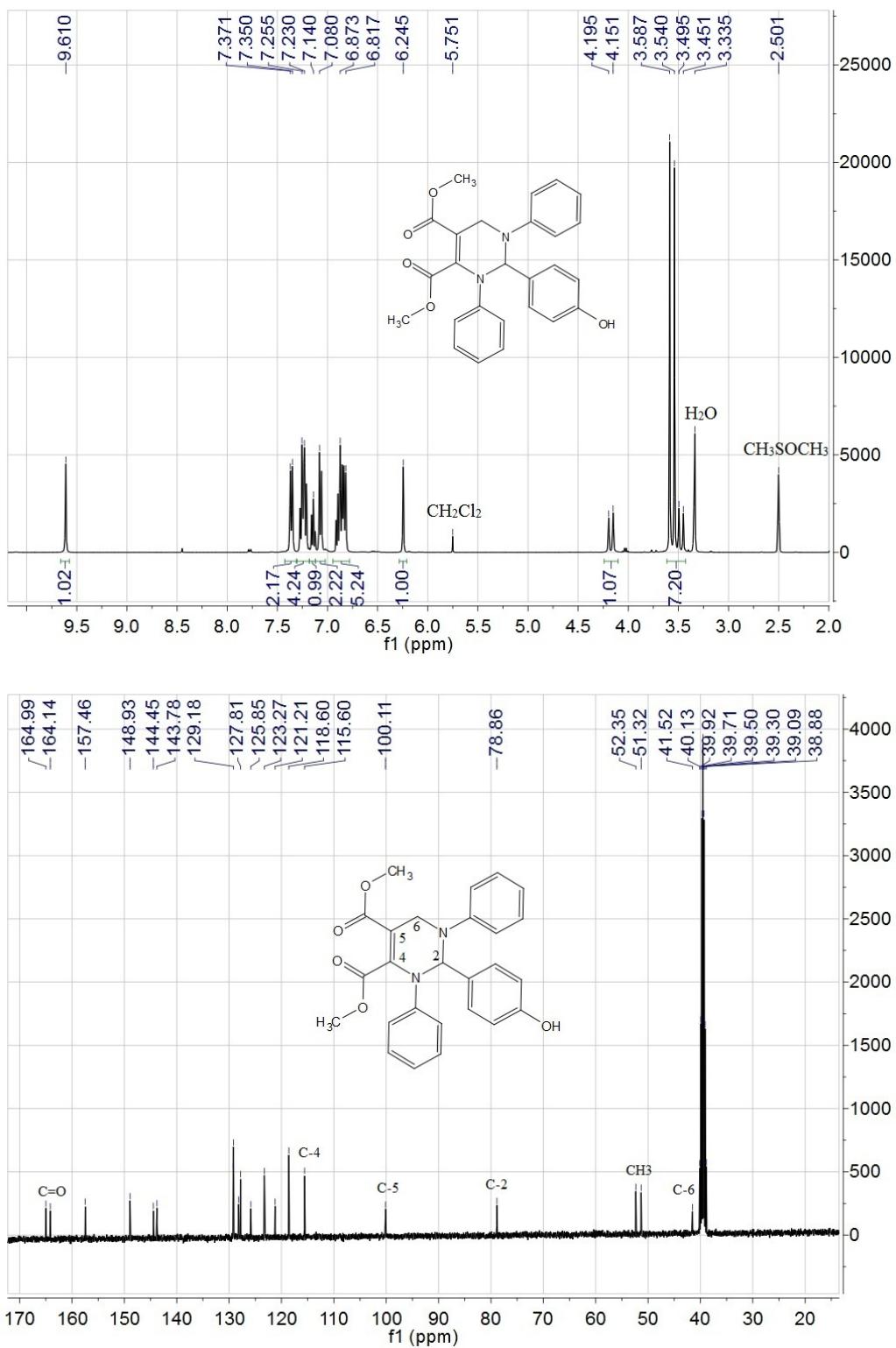
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**Figure S1.** Molecular conformation and stacking mode in a unit cell of THP-1. (a) Molecular conformation of THP-1 (CCDC 911650). (b) Molecular stacking mode (MSM) viewed down crystallographic *b*-axis.



**Figure S2.** Influence of Cu<sup>2+</sup> on the optical properties of THP-2 and THP-3 (30 μM) in ethanol–water (1:99, v/v) mixture. (a) Absorption, (b) excitation and emission spectra of THP-2 in the absence and presence of Cu<sup>2+</sup> ion (30 and 300 μM). (c) absorption, (d) excitation and emission spectra of THP-3 in the absence and presence of Cu<sup>2+</sup> ion (30 and 300 μM) (excitation at 350 nm, emission at corresponding maximum emission wavelength).



**Figure S3** Copies of  $^1\text{H}$  (400MHz, DMSO) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101Hz, DMSO) spectra of THP-2

## The characterization data of THP-2

THP-2 were synthesized by the 5CR reported in our recent work.<sup>[1]</sup> 31% yield, light yellow solid, mp = 164.1– 64.8 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  = 9.61 (s, 1H, OH), 7.37–6.82 (m, 14H, Ph), 6.24 (s, 1H, N-CH-N), 4.17 (d,  $J$  = 17.6 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.59 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.54 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.52 (d,  $J$  = 17.6 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO):  $\delta$  = 164.99 (CO), 164.14 (CO), 157.46 (Ph-OH), 148.93, 144.45, 143.78, 129.21, 129.18, 127.81, 125.85, 123.27, 121.21, 118.60, 115.60 (C-4), 100.11 (C-5), 78.86 (C-2: NCN), 52.35 (CH<sub>3</sub>O), 51.32 (CH<sub>3</sub>O), 41.52 (C-6: CH<sub>2</sub>).

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