## Fluorimetric anion sensing by bisquinolinium pyridine-2,6-

## dicarboxamide receptors in water

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<b>Crystal data</b> <sup>[a]</sup>	<b>2</b> <sup>[b]</sup>	<b>3</b> <sup>[b]</sup>	<b>4</b> <sup>[b]</sup>	<b>5</b> <sup>[c]</sup>	<b>6</b> <sup>[c]</sup>
Formula	$C_{29}H_{29}F_6N_5O_{11}S_2$	$C_{29}H_{25}F_6N_5O_9S_2$	$C_{18}H_{15}F_3N_2O_4$ S	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>15</sub> IN <sub>2</sub> O	$C_{18}H_{15}F_3N_2O_4S$
$MW (g mol^{-1})$	801.71	765.66	412.38	390.21	412.38
Space group	P-1	$P 2_{I}/c$	$P 2_{l}/c$	P-1	$P 2_{l}/c$
a (Å)	8.9610(8)	17.2140(5)	8.4540(3)	8.2858(12)	9.3966(18)
b (Å)	11.921(1)	13.4000(3)	15.135048(5)	8.3312(12)	15.386(3)
c (Å)	16.3160(17)	14.3990(4)	14.5480(5)	11.5680(17)	12.114(2)
$\alpha$ (°)	83.883(8)	90	90	86.458(2)	90
$\beta(\circ)$	81.552(8)	103.862(3)	104.356(3)	77.472(2)	91.451(3)
$\gamma(^{\circ})$	87.348(7)	90	90	81.506(2)	90
$V(Å^3)$	1773.3(3)	3224.65(15)	1803.31(11)	770.62(19)	1750.8(6)
Z	2	4	4	2	4
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	2.307	2.376	2.141	2.078	0.254
$\rho_{calcd}$ (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.554	1.577	1.519	1.682	1.564
$R^{[b, c]}$	0.053	0.056	0.049	0.030	0.063
$R_w^{[d, e]}$	0.134	0.172	0.150	0.072	0.152

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[a] T = 130 K for 2, 293-298 K for 3-6. [b]  $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$ . [c]  $R = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|$ . [d] all data. [e]  $R_w = [\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \Sigma w(F_o^2)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

[b]  $\lambda_{MoK\alpha} = 1.5418 \text{ Å}$ [c]  $\lambda_{MoK\alpha} = 0.7103 \text{ Å}$ 



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Anion	Ks	$K_{SV}, M^{-1}$	
	3	6	
F	3.6	2.45	
Cl	0	0	
Br	18	0.93	
Ι	132	20.6	
AcO	7.4	3.0	
PPi	0	0	
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**Figure 4S**. (a) The course of spectrophotometric titration of 0.06 mM **1** by ATP at pH 6.5; arrows show the direction of spectral changes on addition of increased amounts of ATP. An isosbestic point is observed at 364 nm. (b) Fitting the absorbance at 375 nm to 1:1 binding isotherm.



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