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Weak intermolecular interactions promote blue luminescence of protonated 2,2'-dipyridylamine salts

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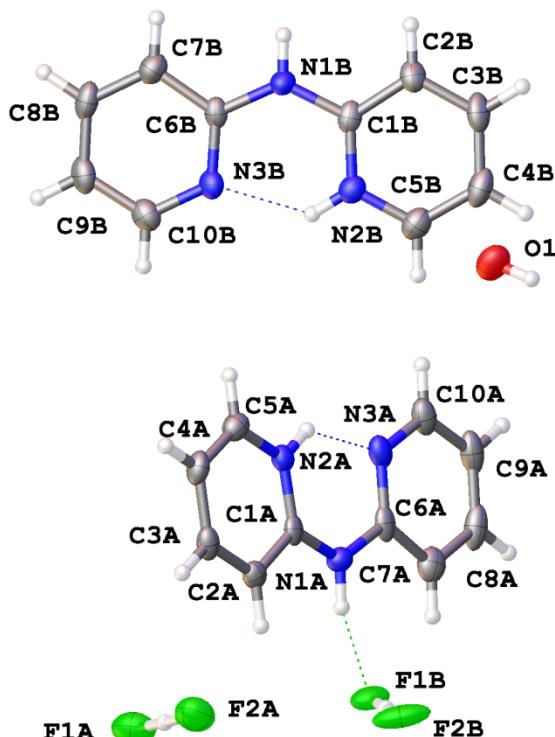


Figure S1. Crystal structure of **1** at 100 K with 50% thermal ellipsoids and labeling scheme.

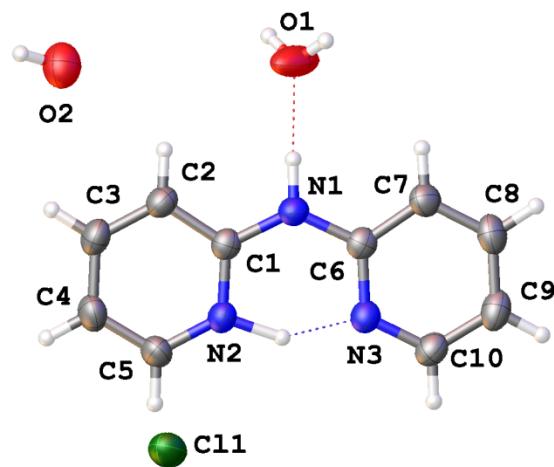


Figure S2. Crystal structure of **2** at 290 K with 50% thermal ellipsoids and labeling scheme.

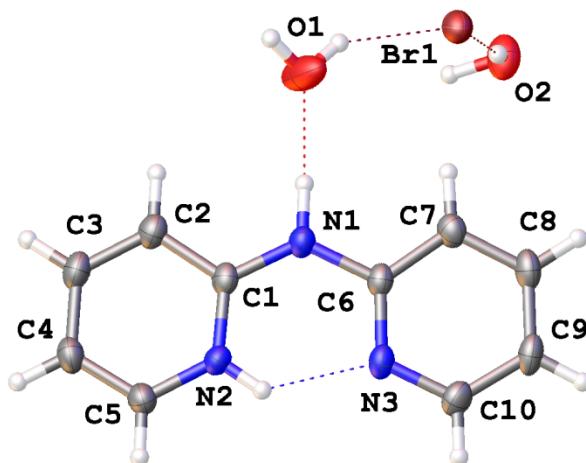


Figure S3. Crystal structure of **3** at 170 K with 50% thermal ellipsoids and labeling scheme.

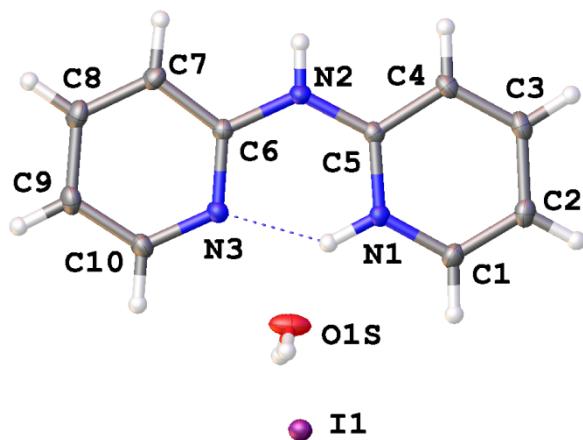
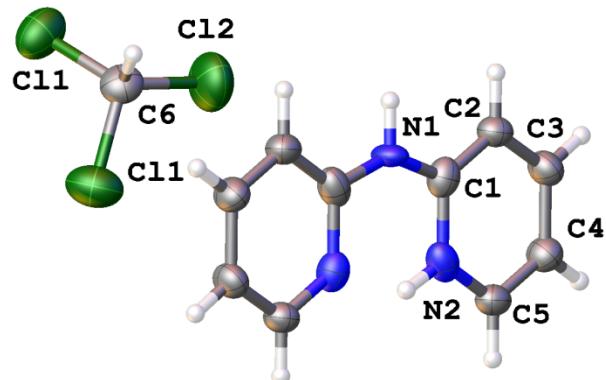
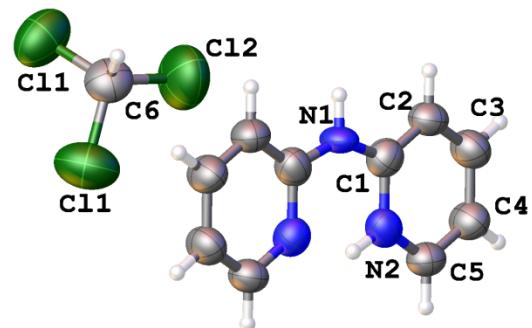


Figure S4. Crystal structure of **4a** at 100 K with 50% thermal ellipsoids and labeling scheme.



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Figure S5. Crystal structure of **4b** at 170 K with 50% thermal ellipsoids and labeling scheme. Only one component of the disordered system is shown.



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Figure S6. Crystal structure of **4b** at 290 K with 50% thermal ellipsoids and labeling scheme. Only one component of the disordered system is shown.

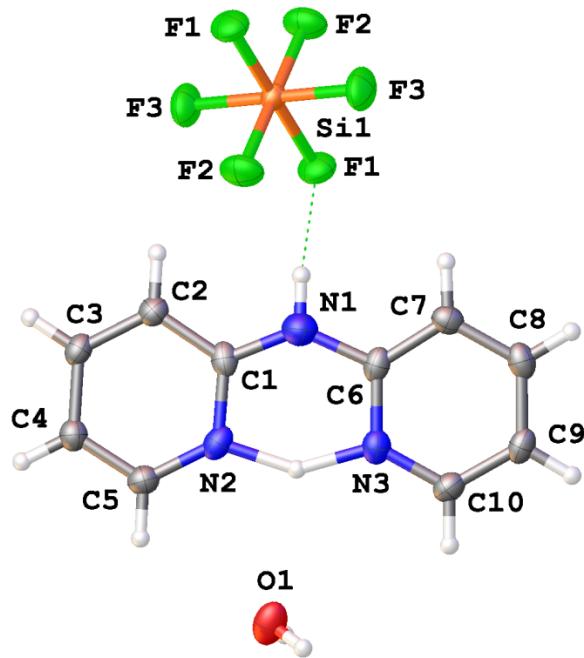


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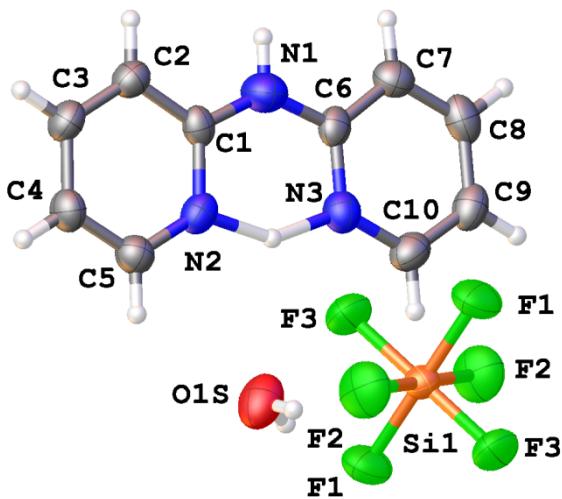


Figure S8. Crystal structure of **5** at 290 K with 50% thermal ellipsoids and labeling scheme.

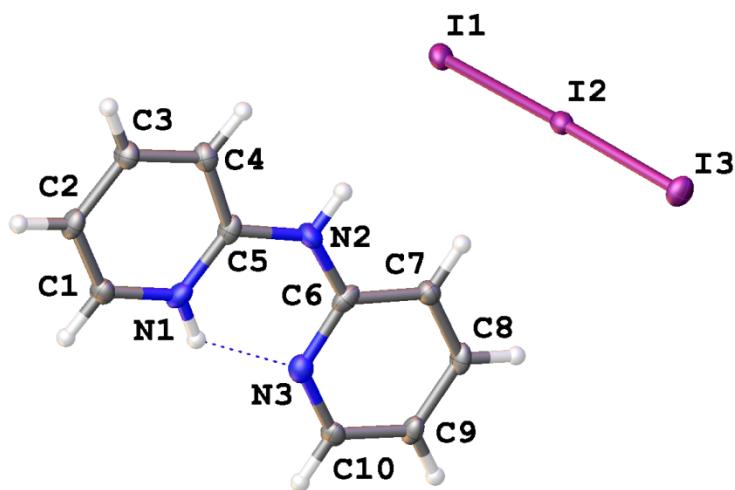


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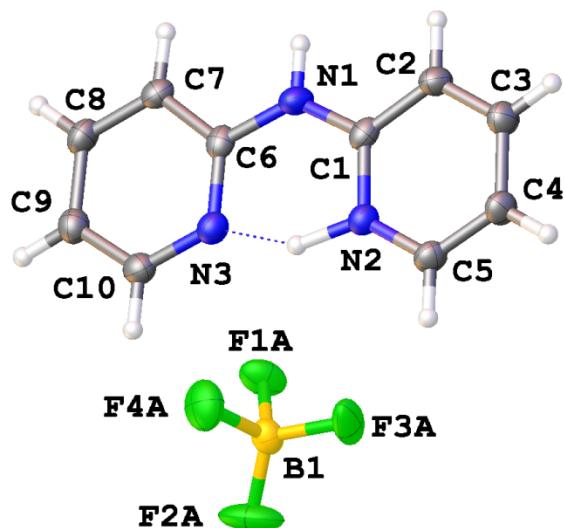


Figure S10. Crystal structure of **8** at 100 K with 50% thermal ellipsoids and labeling scheme. Fluorine atoms are disordered over two sites and only one site is shown.

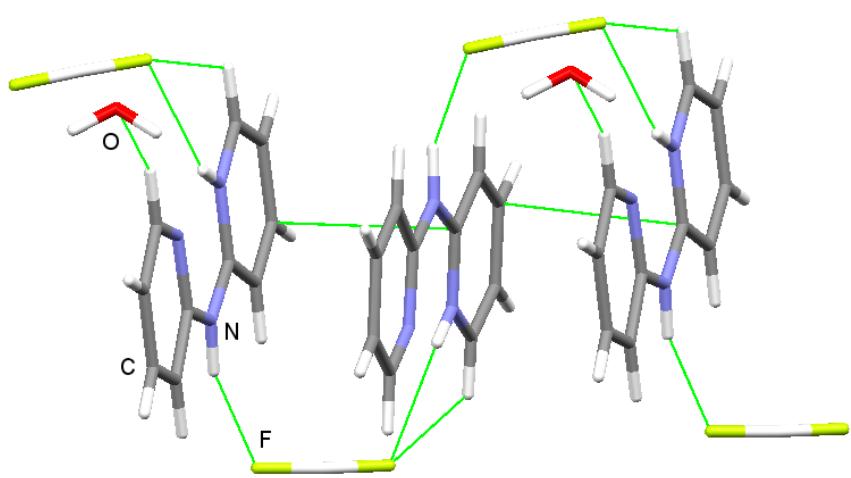
Table S1. Crystal data.

| | 1 at 100 K | 2 at 290 K | 3 at 170 K | 4a at 100 K | 4b at 170 K | 4b at 290 K | 5 at 170 K | 5 at 290 |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| empirical formula | C ₂₀ H ₂₄ F ₄ N ₆ O | C ₁₀ H ₁₄ ClN ₃ O ₂ | C ₁₀ H ₁₄ BrN ₃ O ₂ | C ₁₀ H ₁₂ IN ₃ O | C ₁₁ H ₁₁ Cl ₃ IN ₃ | C ₁₁ H ₁₁ Cl ₃ IN ₃ | C ₁₀ H ₁₂ F ₃ N ₃ OSi _{0.5} | C ₁₀ H ₁₂ F ₃ N ₃ OSi _{0.5} |
| fw | 440.45 | 243.69 | 288.15 | 317.13 | 418.48 | 418.48 | 261.27 | 261.27 |
| temp (K) | 100(2) | 290(2) | 170(2) | 100(2) | 170(2) | 290(2) | 170(2) | 290(2) |
| $\lambda(\text{\AA})$ | 1.54184 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 |
| cryst syst | Orthorhombic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Triclinic | Orthorhombic | Orthorhombic | Triclinic | Triclinic |
| space group | Pbc21 | Cc | Cc | P $\bar{1}$ | Pnma | Pnma | P $\bar{1}$ | P $\bar{1}$ |
| <i>a</i> (\AA) | 13.9450(2) | 9.6007(2) | 9.5861(2) | 7.3741(5) | 10.55750(13) | 10.65379(12) | 7.1165(5) | 7.1604(10) |
| <i>b</i> (\AA) | 7.63438(9) | 15.8730(3) | 16.1448(3) | 8.9009(6) | 14.04189(18) | 14.07388(14) | 9.0759(7) | 9.0853(5) |
| <i>c</i> (\AA) | 19.5974(3) | 7.97687(18) | 8.18095(16) | 9.5009(6) | 10.38870(13) | 10.48437(10) | 9.8120(8) | 9.8694(6) |
| α (deg) | 90 | 90 | 90 | 104.349(2) | 90 | 90 | 117.118(8) | 117.066(2) |
| β (deg) | 90 | 105.107(2) | 107.024(2) | 108.232(3) | 90 | 90 | 99.869(6) | 100.294(3) |
| γ (deg) | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90.833(3) | 90 | 90 | 98.207(6) | 98.373(3) |
| <i>V</i> (\AA^3) | 2086.36(5) | 1173.59(5) | 1210.65(4) | 570.94(7) | 1540.10(3) | 1572.03(3) | 537.80(8) | 543.33(9) |
| Z | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| ρ_{calc} (Mg/m ³) | 1.402 | 1.379 | 1.581 | 1.845 | 1.805 | 1.768 | 1.613 | 1.597 |
| $\mu(\text{Mo K}\alpha)$ (mm ⁻¹) | 0.987 | 0.315 | 3.386 | 2.783 | 2.586 | 2.533 | 0.195 | 0.193 |
| No. reflns. | 6831 | 9503 | 9275 | 23341 | 15604 | 34119 | 4321 | 9282 |
| Unique reflns. | 2475 | 3110 | 2997 | 7046 | 2344 | 2276 | 2227 | 2478 |
| GOOF (F ²) | 1.031 | 1.117 | 1.109 | 1.132 | 1.056 | 0.945 | 1.073 | 1.043 |
| R _{int} | 0.0168 | 0.0188 | 0.0398 | 0.0315 | 0.0212 | 0.0207 | 0.0089 | 0.0370 |
| R1 ^a ($I \geq 2\sigma$) | 0.0425 | 0.0348 | 0.0384 | 0.0194 | 0.0230 | 0.0283 | 0.0666 | 0.0712 |
| wR2 ^b ($I \geq 2\sigma$) | 0.1189 | 0.0976 | 0.0936 | 0.0510 | 0.0489 | 0.0823 | 0.1911 | 0.2060 |

Table S1. Extension. Crystal Data.

| | 6 at 100 K | 8 at 100 K |
|--|---|--|
| empirical formula | C ₁₀ H ₁₀ I ₃ N ₃ | C ₁₀ H ₁₀ BF ₄ N ₃ |
| fw | 552.91 | 259.02 |
| temp (K) | 100(2) | 100(2) |
| $\lambda(\text{\AA})$ | 0.71073 | 0.71073 |
| cryst syst | Triclinic | Monoclinic |
| space group | P $\bar{1}$ | P 21/c |
| <i>a</i> (\AA) | 8.9204(8) | 8.2733(5) |
| <i>b</i> (\AA) | 9.0608(7) | 15.9517(10) |
| <i>c</i> (\AA) | 9.6164(8) | 8.6360(5) |
| α (deg) | 82.098(3) | 90 |
| β (deg) | 87.091(3) | 103.447(3) |
| γ (deg) | 65.791(3) | 90 |
| <i>V</i> (\AA^3) | 702.15(10) | 1108.48(12) |
| <i>Z</i> | 2 | 4 |
| ρ_{calc} (Mg/m ³) | 2.615 | 1.552 |
| $\mu(\text{Mo K}\alpha)$ (mm ⁻¹) | 6.657 | 0.142 |
| No. reflns. | 13070 | 10637 |
| Unique reflns. | 3605 | 2542 |
| GOOD (F ²) | 1.142 | 1.082 |
| R _{int} | 0.0345 | 0.0390 |
| R1 ^a ($I \geq 2\sigma$) | 0.0285 | 0.0469 |
| wR2 ^b ($I \geq 2\sigma$) | 0.0848 | 0.1210 |

^a RI = $\sum |F_o| - |F_c| / \sum |F_o|$. ^b wR2 = $[\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)]^{1/2}]$.

**Figure S11.** The π -stacking interactions, supported by hydrogen bonds in (dpaH)[HF₂]·0.5H₂O (**1**).

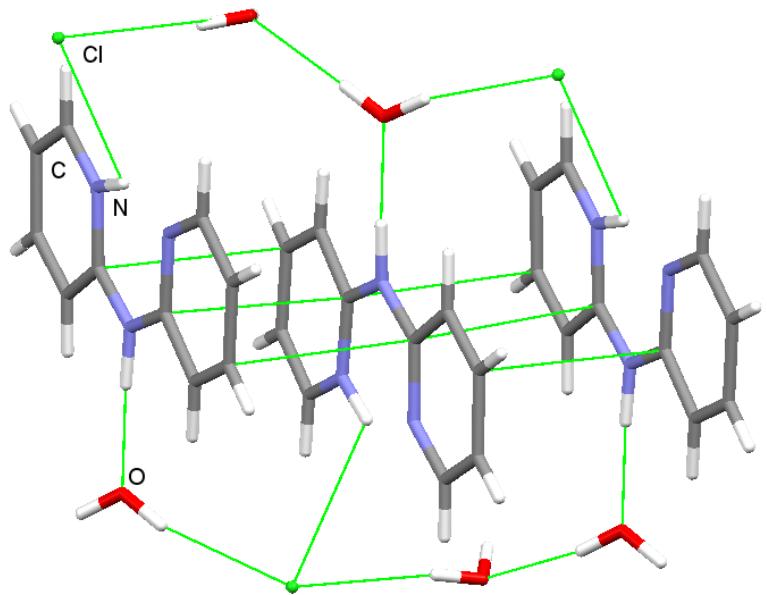


Figure S12. The π -stacking interactions, supported by hydrogen bonds in (dpaH)Cl·2H₂O (**2**).

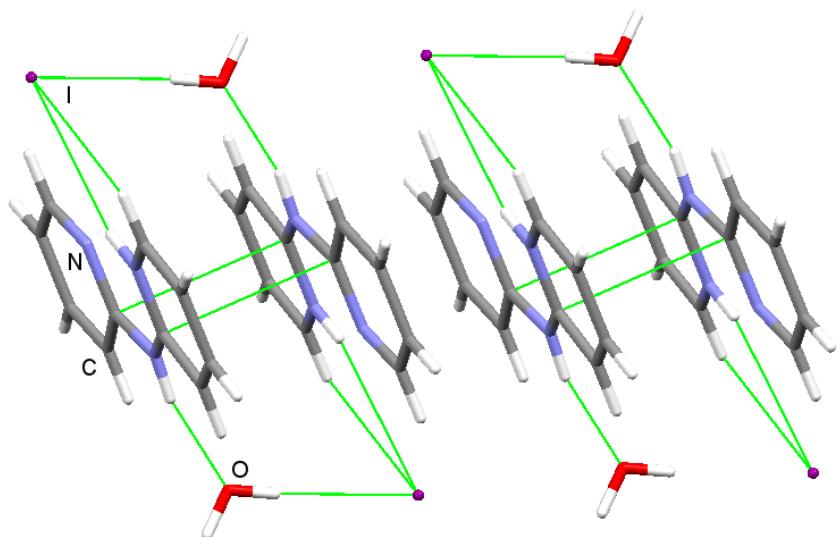


Figure S13. The π -stacking interactions, supported by hydrogen bonds in (dpaH)I·H₂O (**4a**).

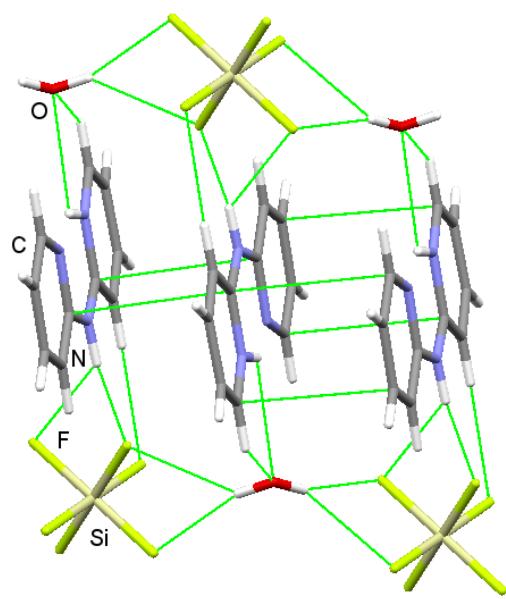


Figure S14. The π -stacking interactions, supported by hydrogen bonds in $(\text{dpaH})_2[\text{SiF}_6] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**5**).

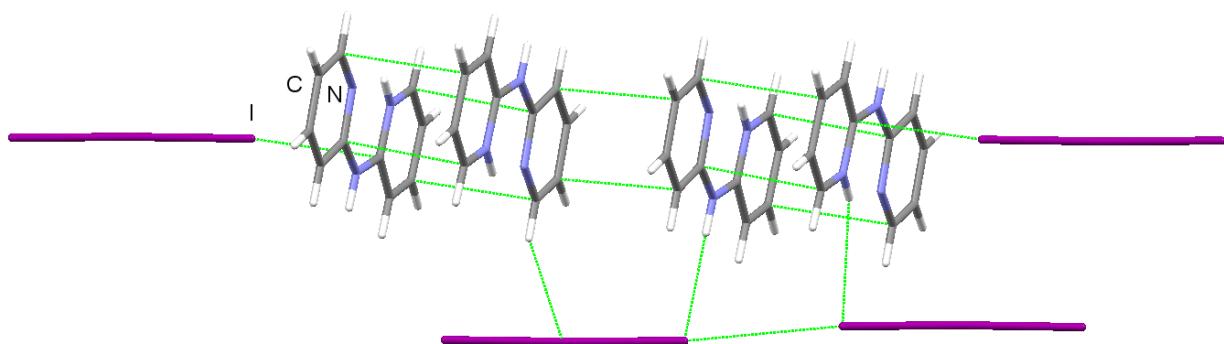


Figure S15. The π -stacking interactions, supported by hydrogen bonds in $(\text{dpaH})[\text{I}_3]$ (**6**).

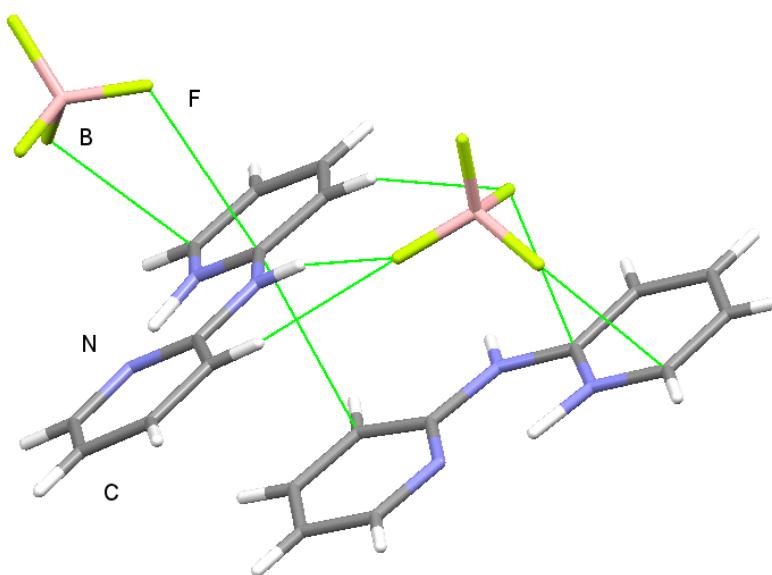


Figure S16. The π -stacking interactions, supported by hydrogen bonds in (dpaH)[BF₄] (**8**).

Table S2. Absorption maxima of the compounds **1–5**, **7** and **8** in MeOH and CHCl₃.

| Substance | Methanol solution | | | Chloroform solution |
|-----------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------------|
| 1 | 264 | 311 | 259 | 292-299, bad resolved peaks |
| 2 | 264 | 311 | 259 | 289-297, bad resolved peaks |
| 3 | 264 | 311 | 258 | 287-296, bad resolved peaks |
| 4 | 264 | 311 | 259 | 286-295, bad resolved peaks |
| 5 | 264 | 311 | 258 | 286-296, bad resolved peaks |
| 7 | 264 | 311 | 259 | 288-296, bad resolved peaks |
| 8 | 264 | 311 | 256 | 285-294, bad resolved peaks |
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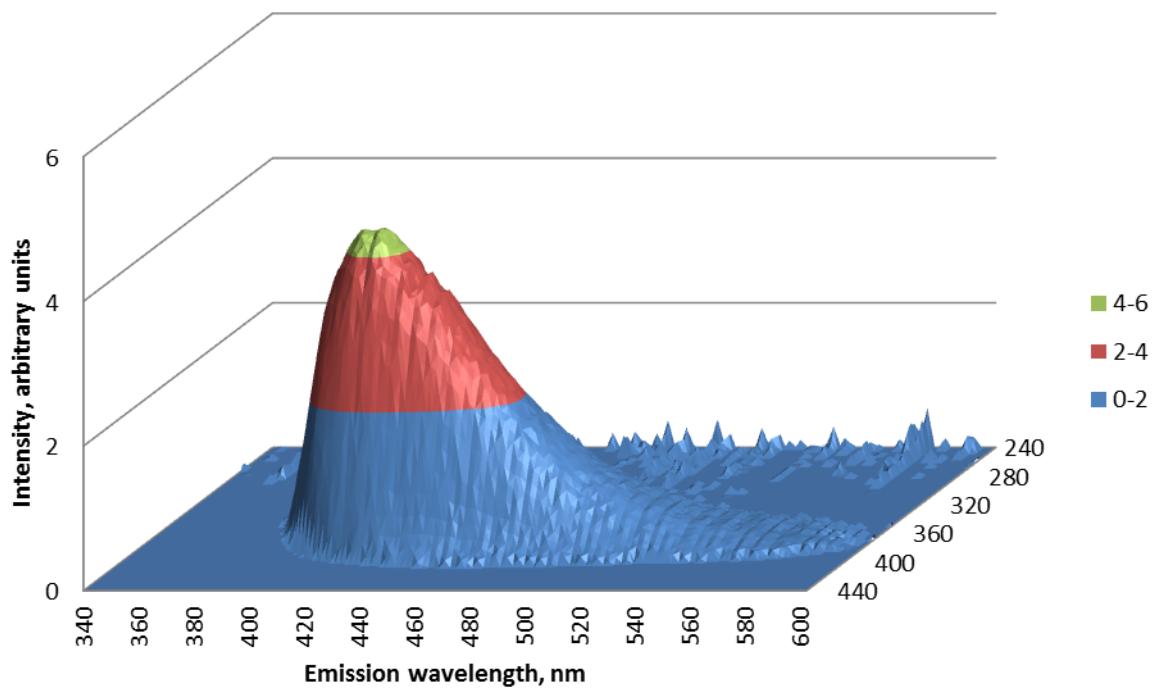


Figure S17. Excitation-emission matrix of solid (dpaH)[HF₂]•0.5H₂O (**1**).

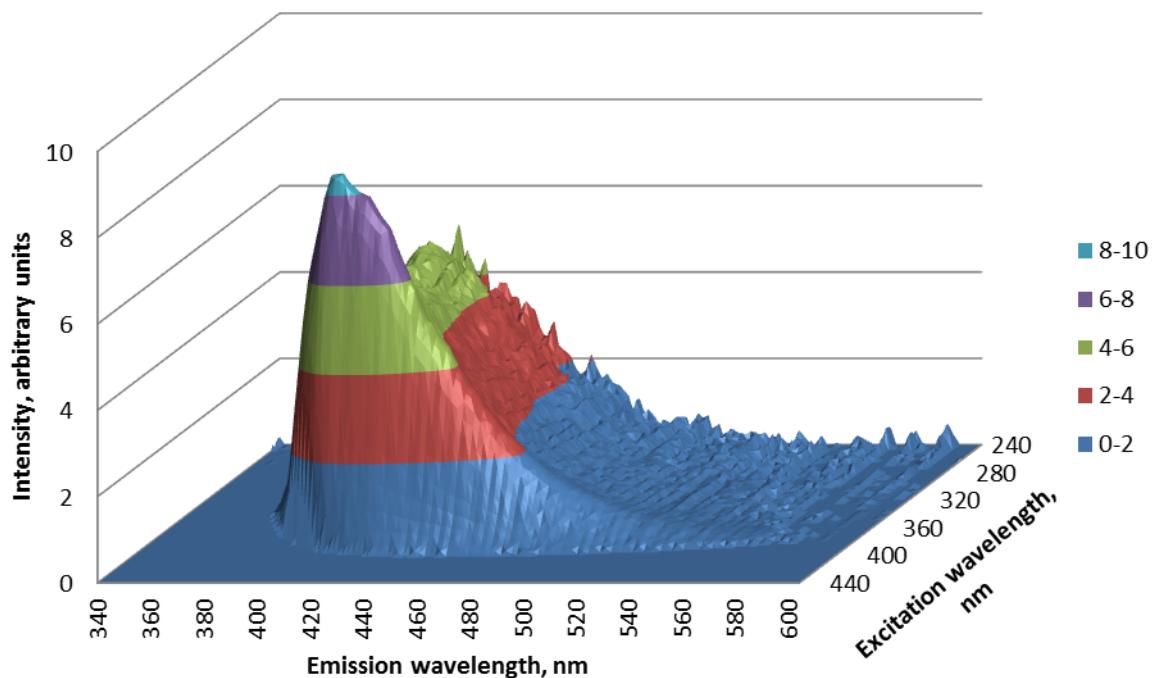


Figure S18. Excitation-emission matrix of solid (dpaH)Cl•2H₂O (**2**).

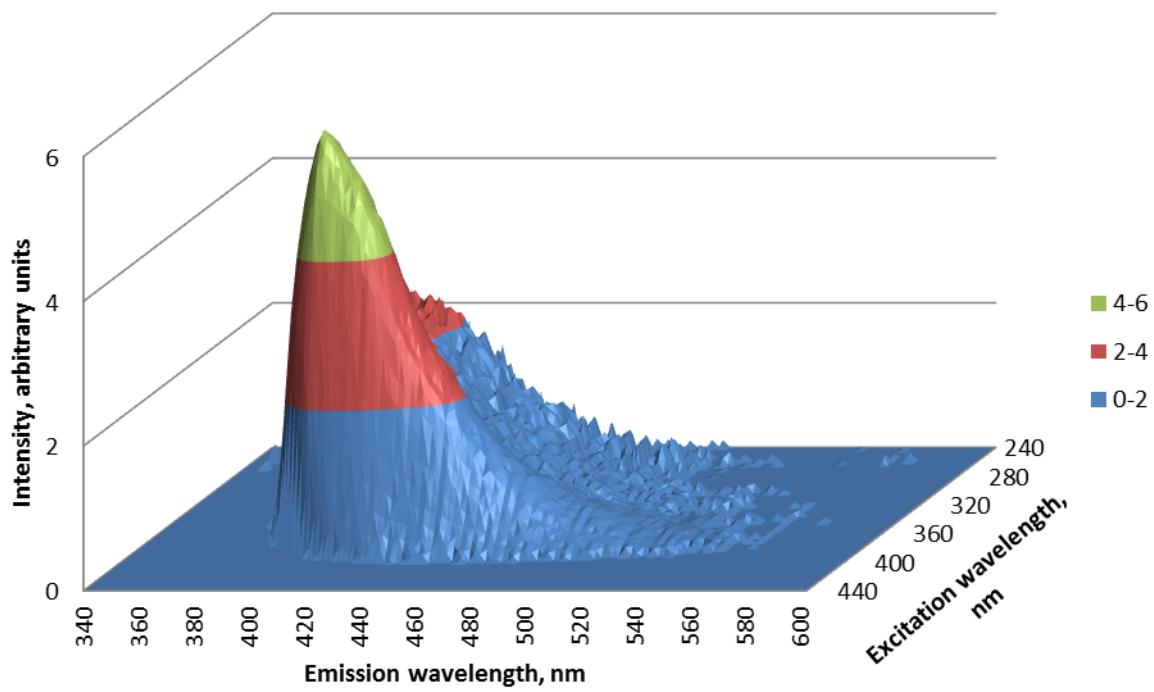


Figure S19. Excitation-emission matrix of solid (dpaH)Br•2H₂O (**3**).

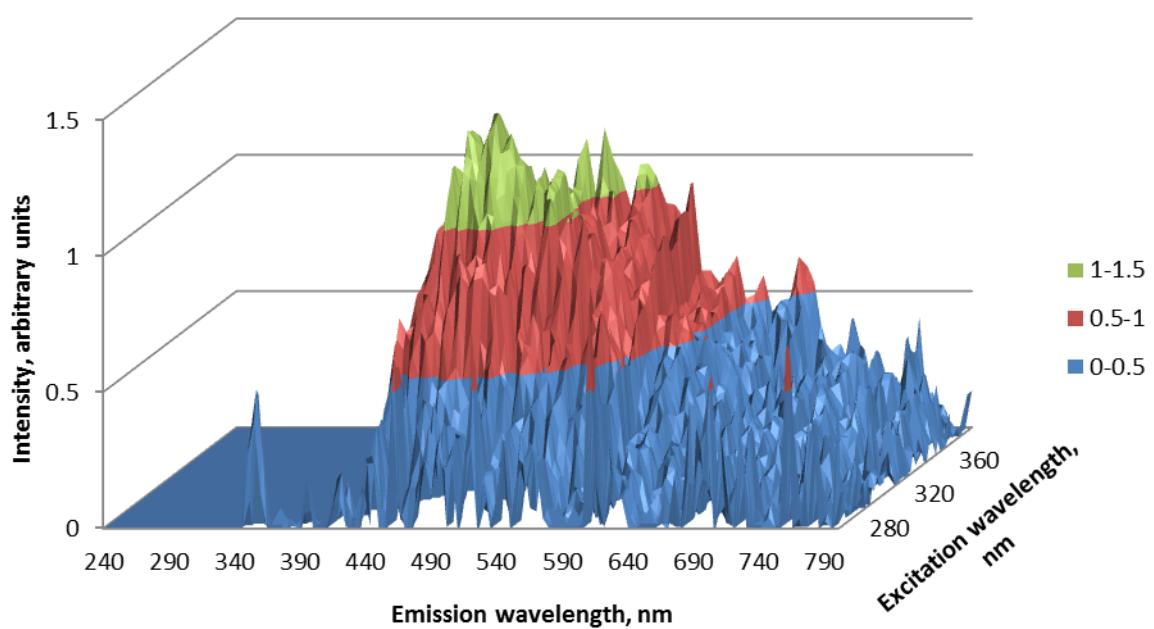


Figure S20. Excitation-emission matrix of solid (dpaH)I•CHCl₃ (**4b**). Due to very low emission intensity the quality of the spectrum is poor.

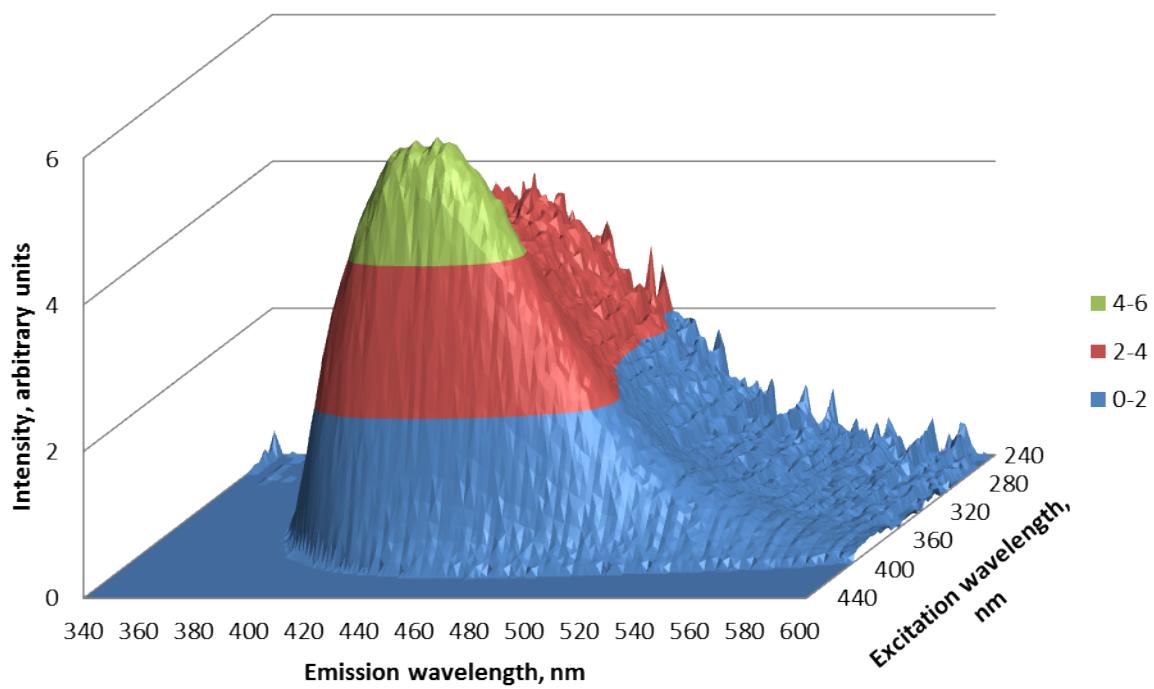


Figure S21. Excitation-emission matrix of solid $(\text{dpaH})_2[\text{SiF}_6] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (5).

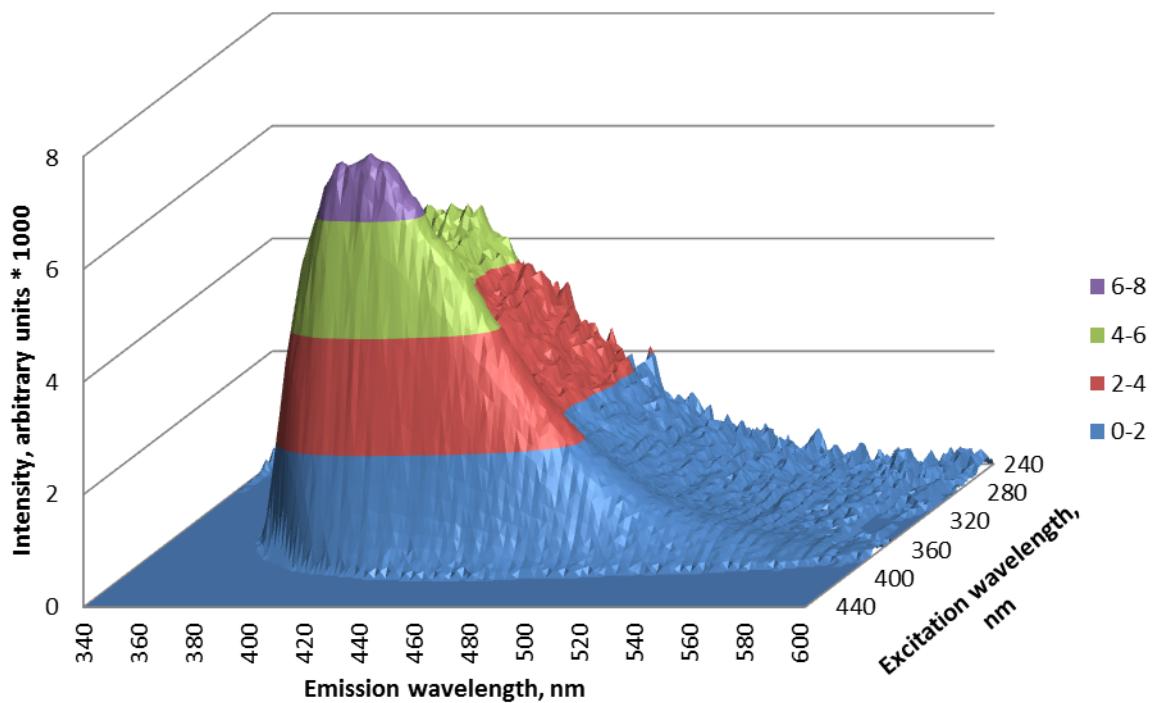


Figure S22. Excitation-emission matrix of solid (dpaH)₂[SbF₆] (7).

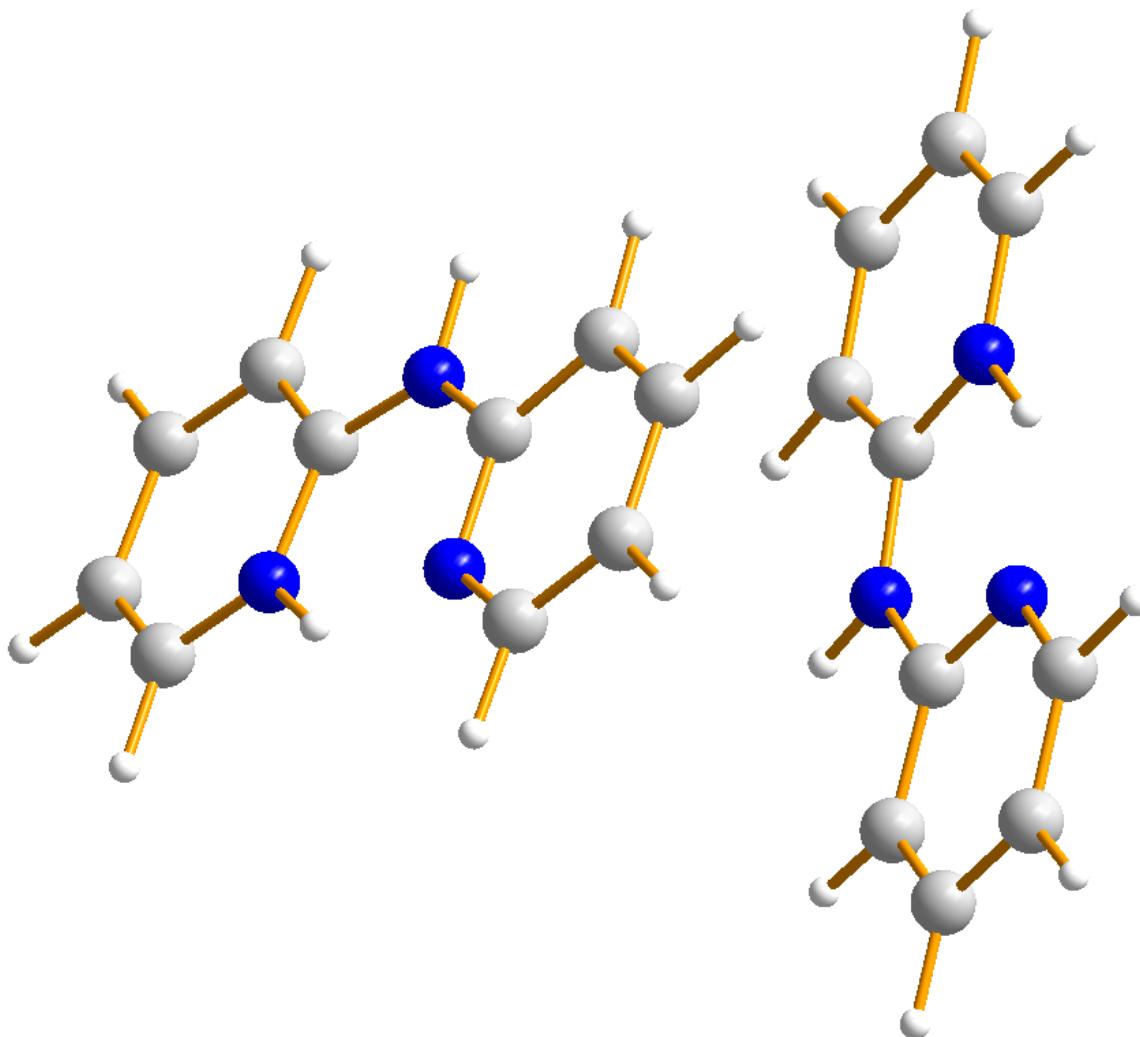


Figure S23. Geometry of dpa cation dimer from crystal **8**.

Table S3. Calculated vertical excitation energies of the stacked dpa dimer from structure **8**.

| Transition | E, eV | E, nm |
|------------|-------|-------|
| S0->S1 | 3.71 | 334 |
| S0->S2 | 3.99 | 310 |
| S0->S3 | 4.45 | 278 |
| S0->S4 | 4.79 | 258 |

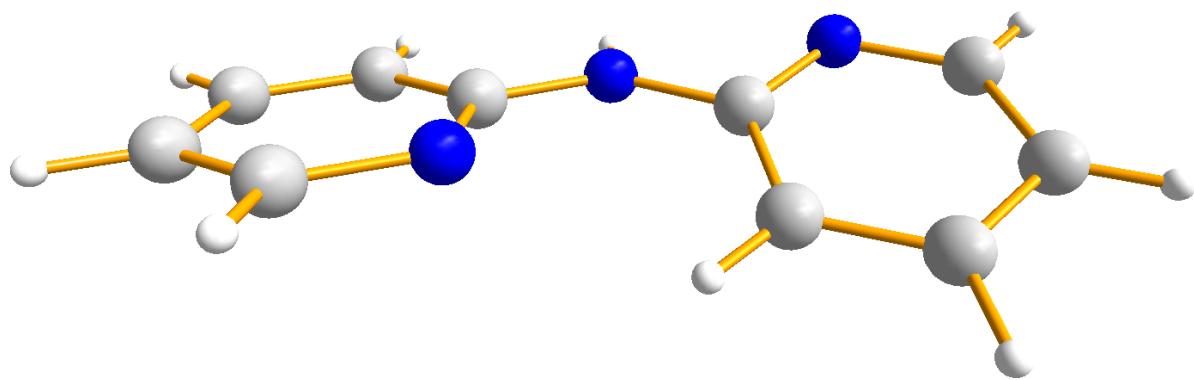


Figure S24. Geometry of the neutral dpa on ground state.

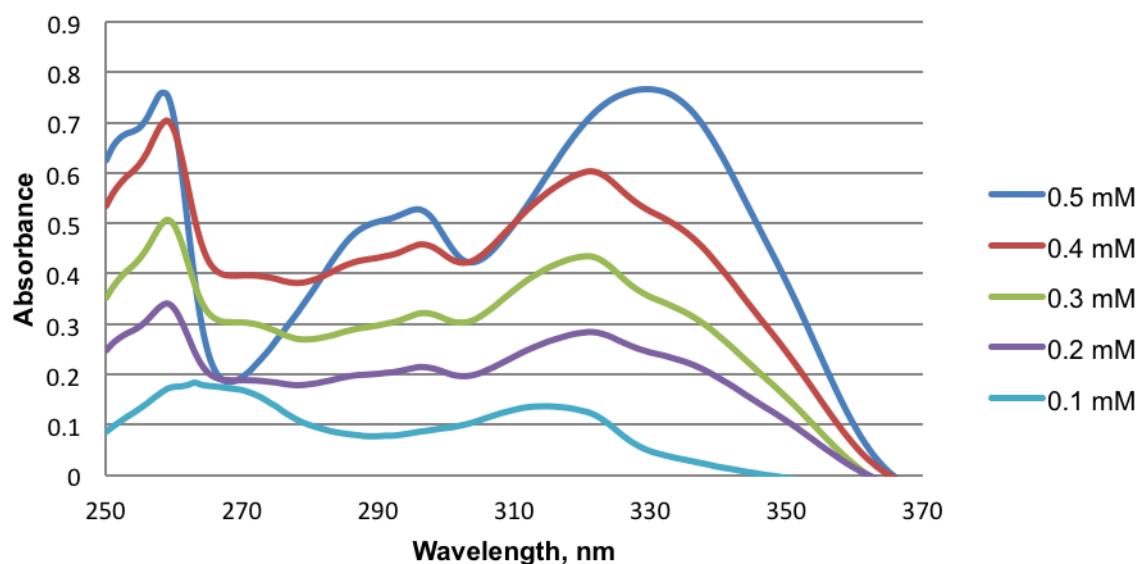


Figure S25. Concentration dependent absorption spectra of chloroform solutions of **3**.