

**Supporting Information for:**

**Nanofibers generated from linear carbazole-based organogelators for  
the detection of explosives**

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**Table S1.** Photophysical and electrochemical data of **C3** and **C5**.

Compounds	Solutions <sup>a</sup>			Nanofiber films		$E_{\text{onset}}^{\text{ox}}$ (eV) <sup>c</sup>	HOMO (eV) <sup>d</sup>	LUMO (eV) <sup>e</sup>
	$\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{abs}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{em}}$ (nm)	$\Phi_{\text{F}}^{\text{b}}$	$\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{abs}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{em}}$ (nm)			
<b>TC3T</b>	258, 330, 376	427, 449	0.380	339, 385, 413	456, 483	0.35	-4.83	-1.93
<b>PC3P</b>	267, 332, 371	488	0.256	274, 333, 383	479	0.26	-4.74	-1.86

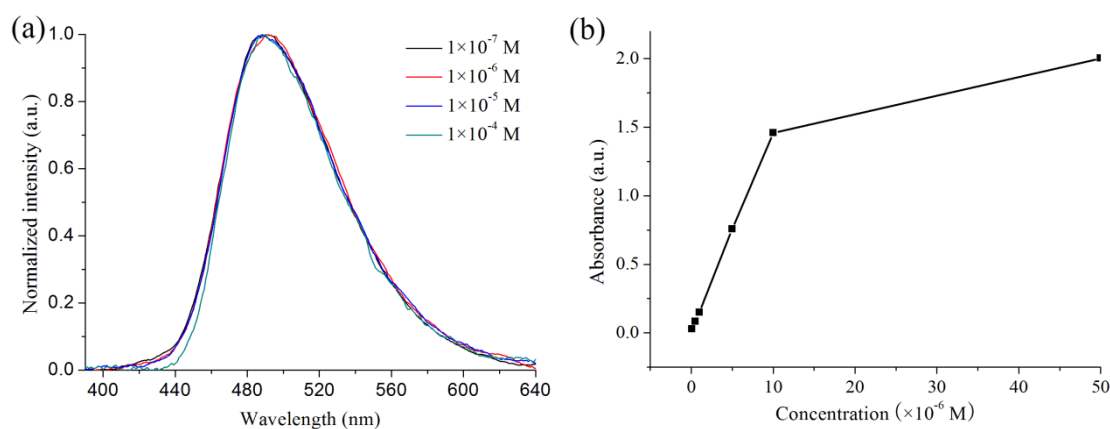
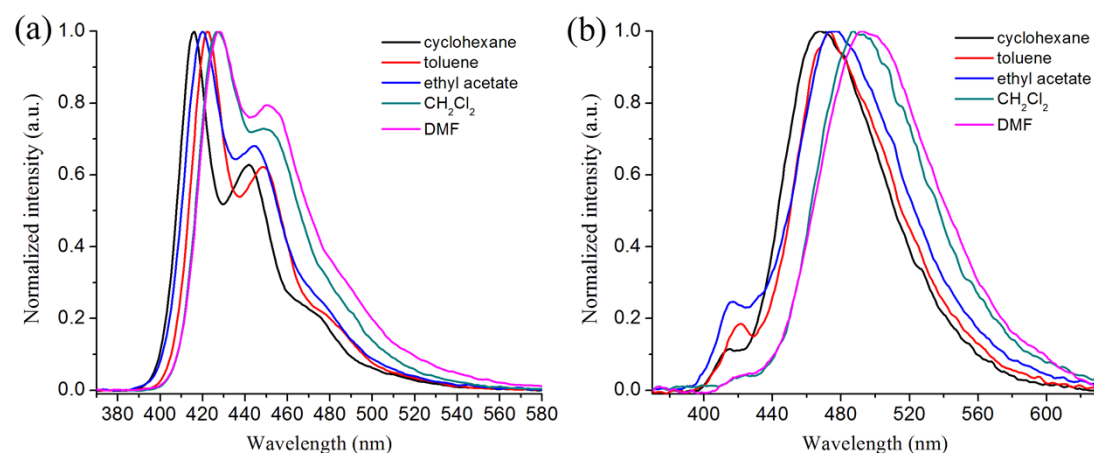
<sup>a</sup> In  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (1  $\mu\text{M}$ ).

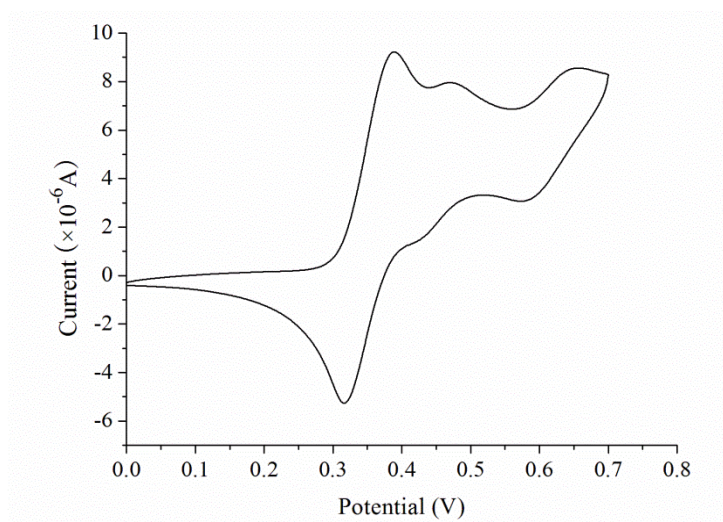
<sup>b</sup> Using quinine sulfate in 0.1  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  ( $\Phi_{\text{F}} = 0.546$ ) as the standard.

<sup>c</sup> Using  $E_{\text{onset}}^{\text{ox}}$  is the onset oxidation potential.

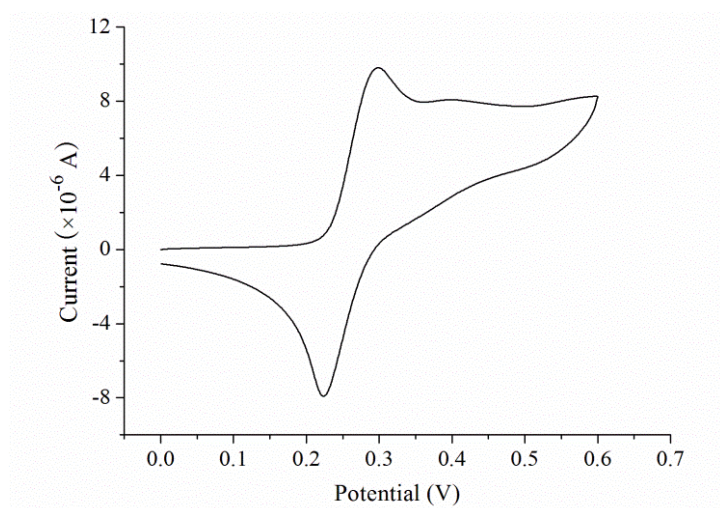
<sup>d</sup> Using  $\text{HOMO} = -(E_{\text{onset}}^{\text{ox}} + 4.48)$  eV.

<sup>e</sup>  $\text{LUMO} = \text{HOMO} - E_{\text{g}}$ ,  $E_{\text{g}}$  is determined from the onset of the absorption at the lower energy band edge.

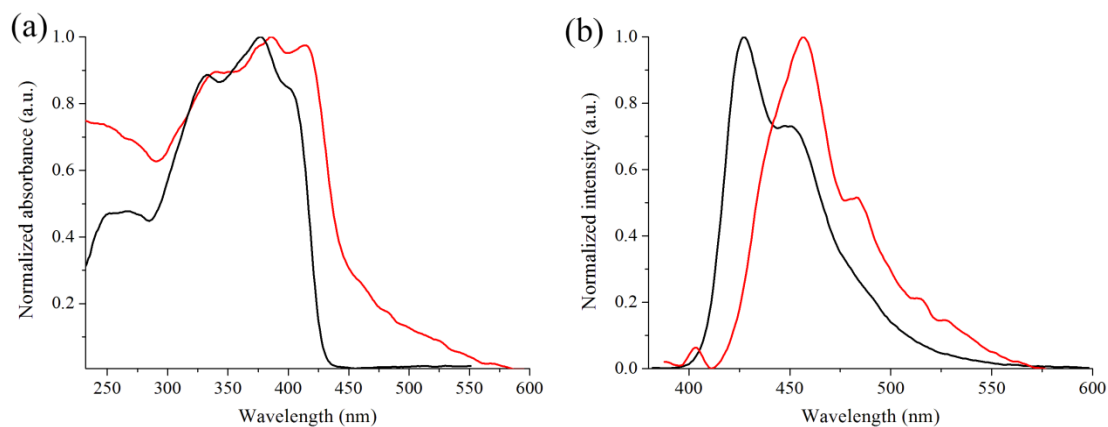
**Figure S1** (a) Normalized concentration-dependent fluorescence emission spectra of **PC3P** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 376$  nm) and (b) The plot of the absorbance at 326 nm *vers* the concentration of **PC3P** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .**Figure S2** Normalized fluorescence emission spectra of **TC3T** (a) and **PC3P** (b) in different solvents ( $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M),  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 376$  nm.



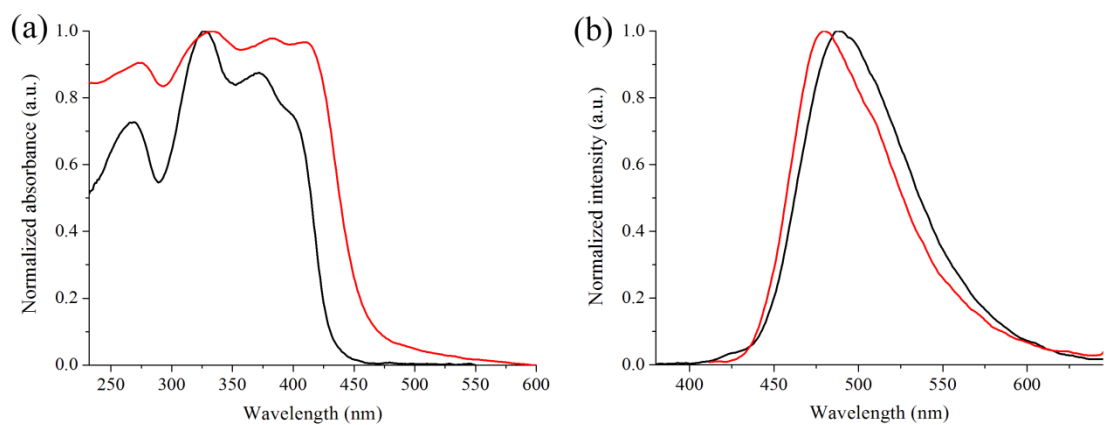
**Figure S3** Cyclic voltammety diagram of compound **TC3T** in anhydrous  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  with 0.1M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$  as electrolyte at a scan rate of  $100 \text{ mV}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ .



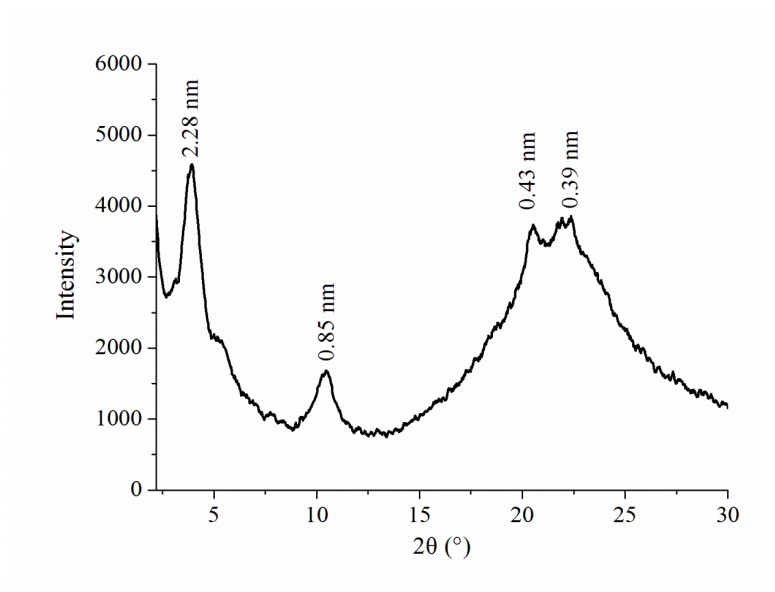
**Figure S4** Cyclic voltammety diagram of compound **PC3P** in anhydrous  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  with 0.1M  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NBF}_4$  as electrolyte at a scan rate of  $100 \text{ mV}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ .



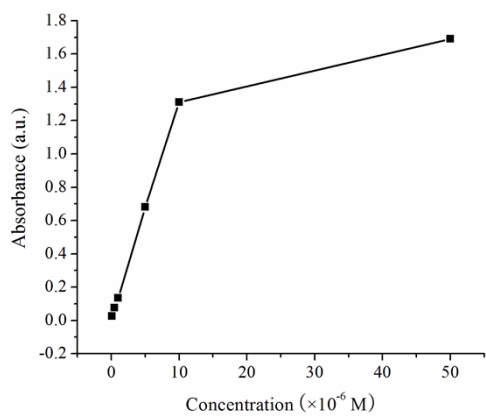
**Figure S5** Normalized UV-vis absorbance spectra (a) and Normalized fluorescent emission spectra (b) of **TC3T** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (black) ( $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M) and in nanofiber-based films (red).



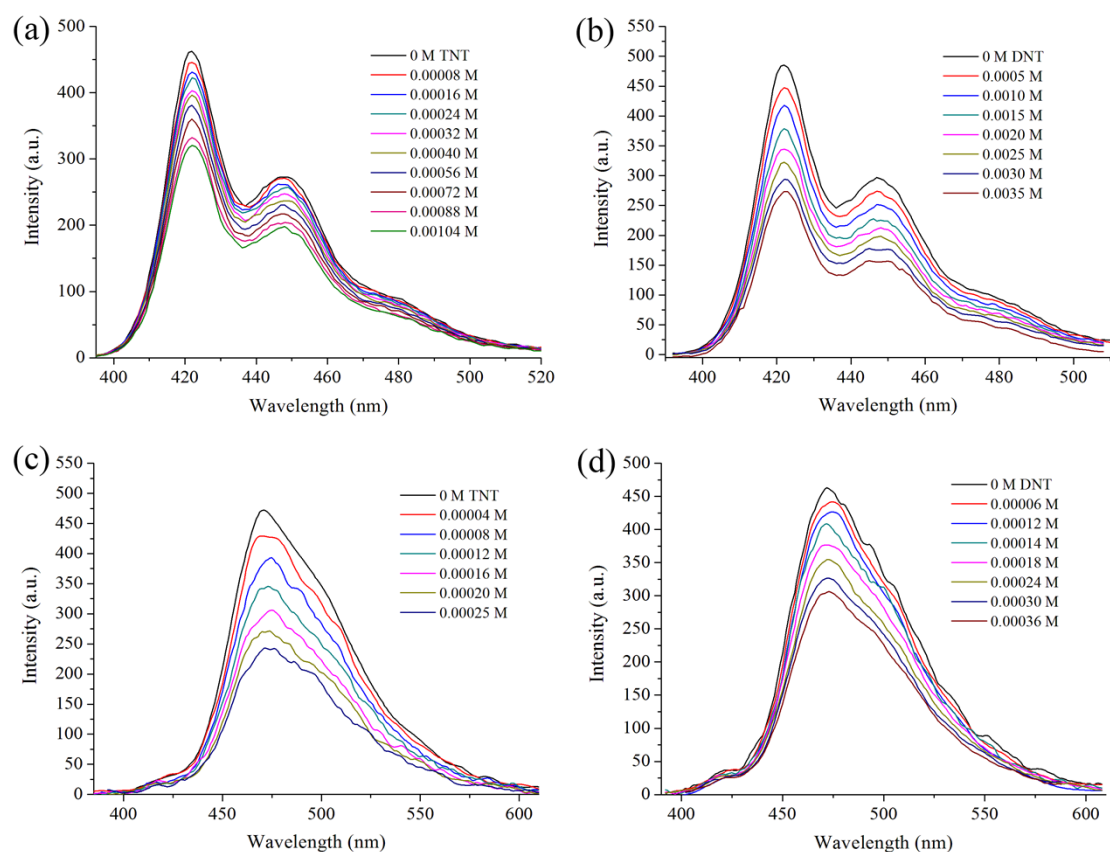
**Figure S6** Normalized UV-vis absorbance spectra (a) and Normalized fluorescent emission spectra (b) of **PC3P** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (black) ( $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M) and in nanofiber-based films (red).



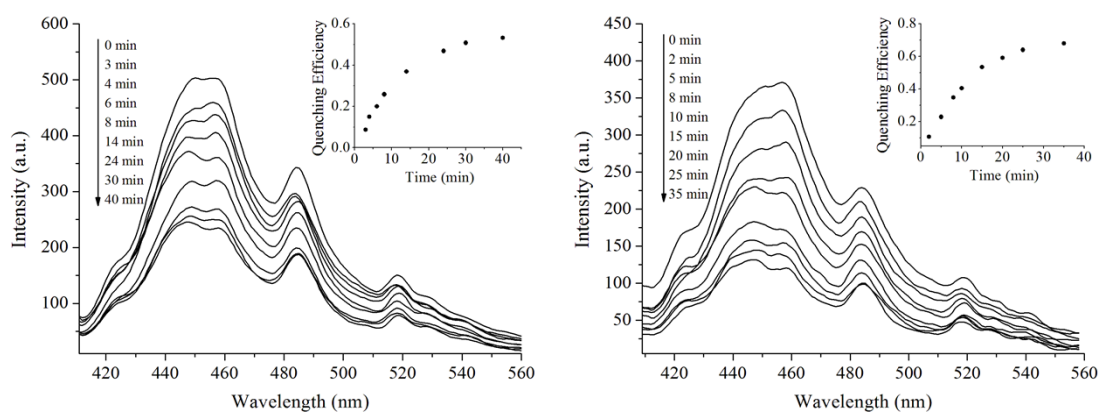
**Figure S7** X-ray diffraction pattern of the xerogel **PC3P** obtained from n-Hexane.



**Figure S8** The plot of the absorbance at 326 nm *vers* the concentration of **PC3P** in toluene.



**Figure S9** The changes of fluorescent emission spectra of **TC3T** upon addition different amount of TNT (a), DNT (b) and **PC3P** upon addition different amount of TNT (c), DNT (d), respectively, in toluene ( $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 330$  nm).



**Figure S10** Time-dependent fluorescent emission spectra of nanofibers-based film of **TC3T** ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 306$  nm) upon exposed to the vapors of (a) TNT and (b) DNT. The inset was the fluorescence quenching efficiency against time.

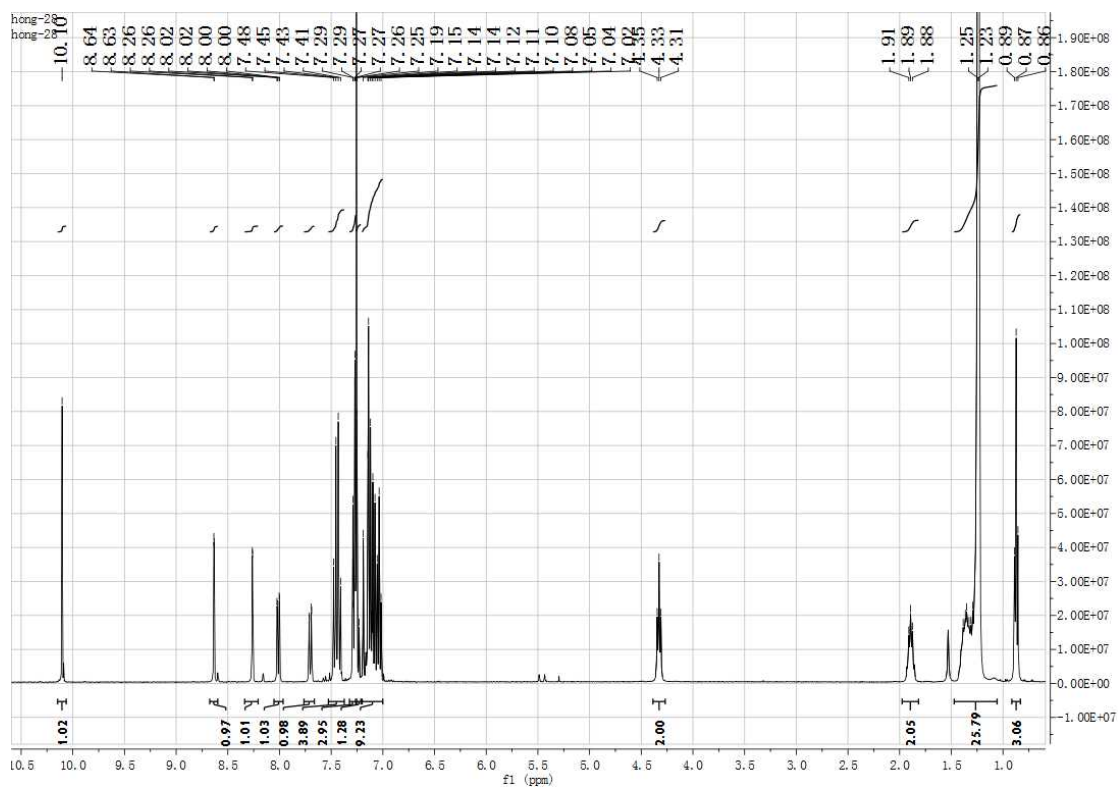


Figure S11  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of compound 3.

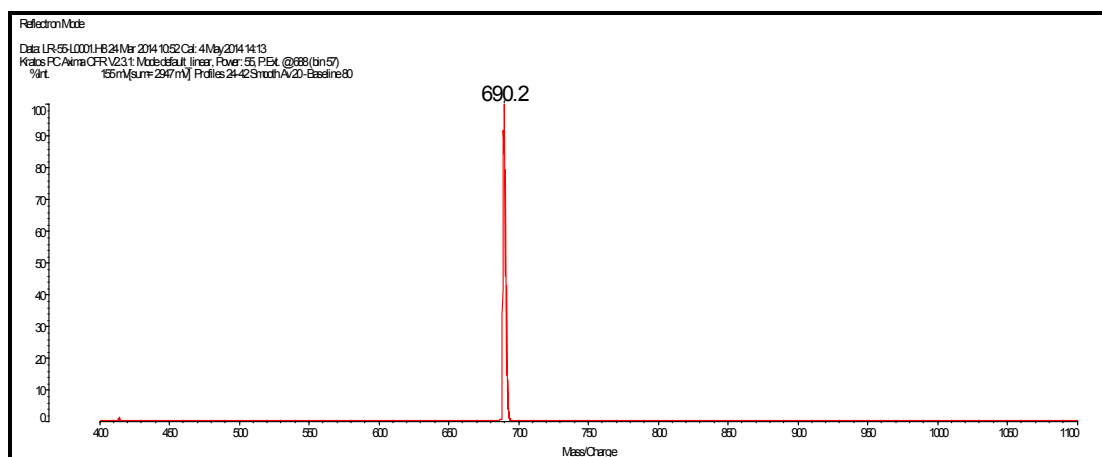


Figure S12 MALDI/TOF MS spectrum of compound 3.

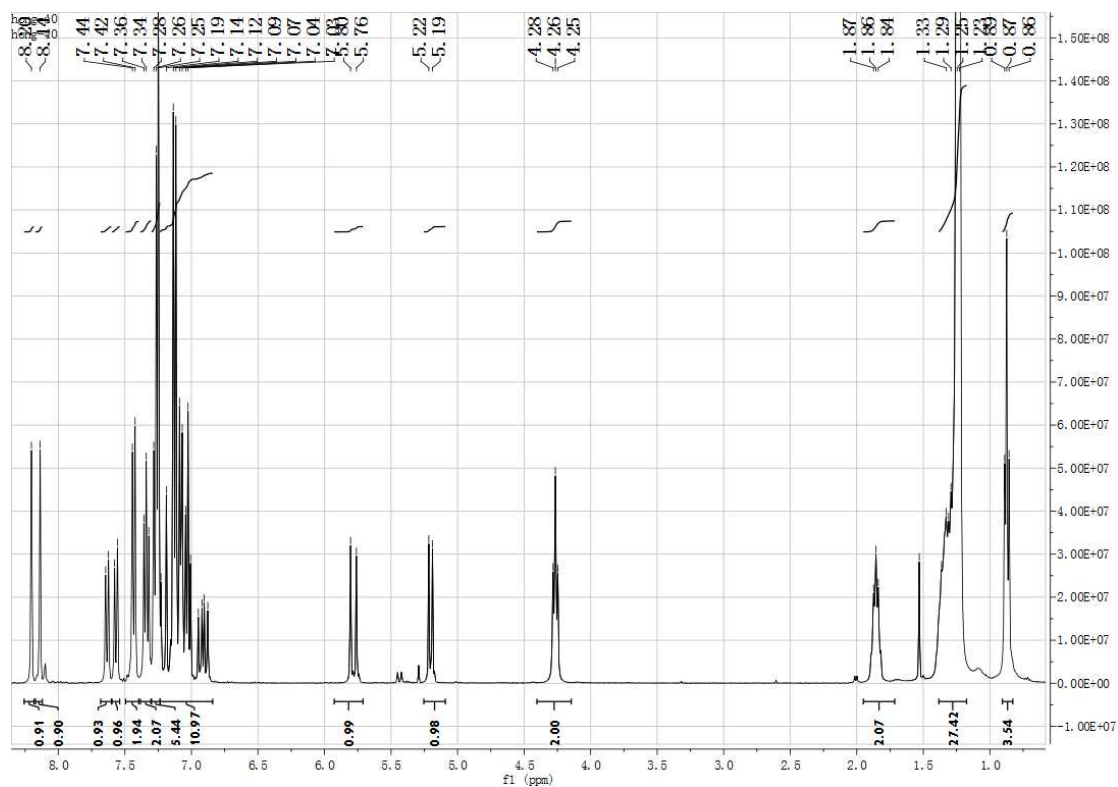


Figure S13  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of compound 4.

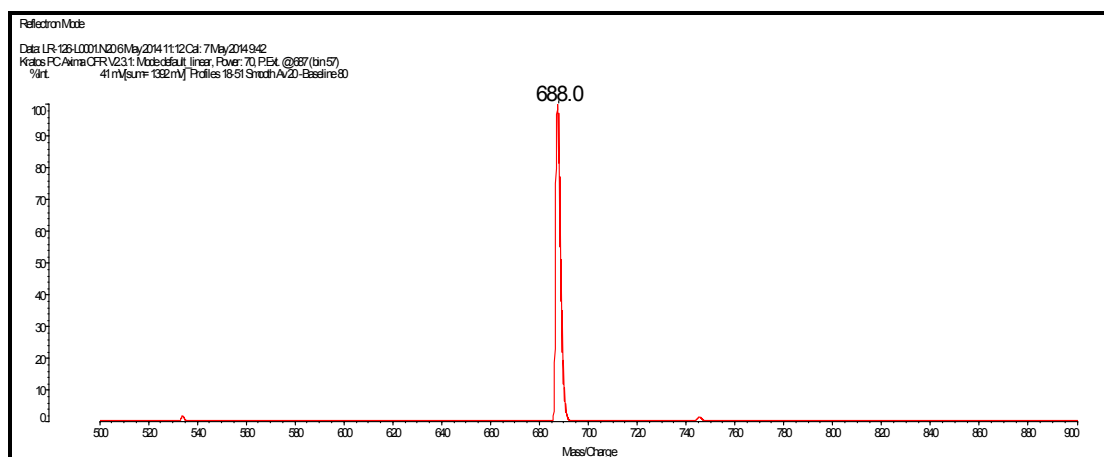


Figure S14 MALDI/TOF MS spectrum of compound 4.



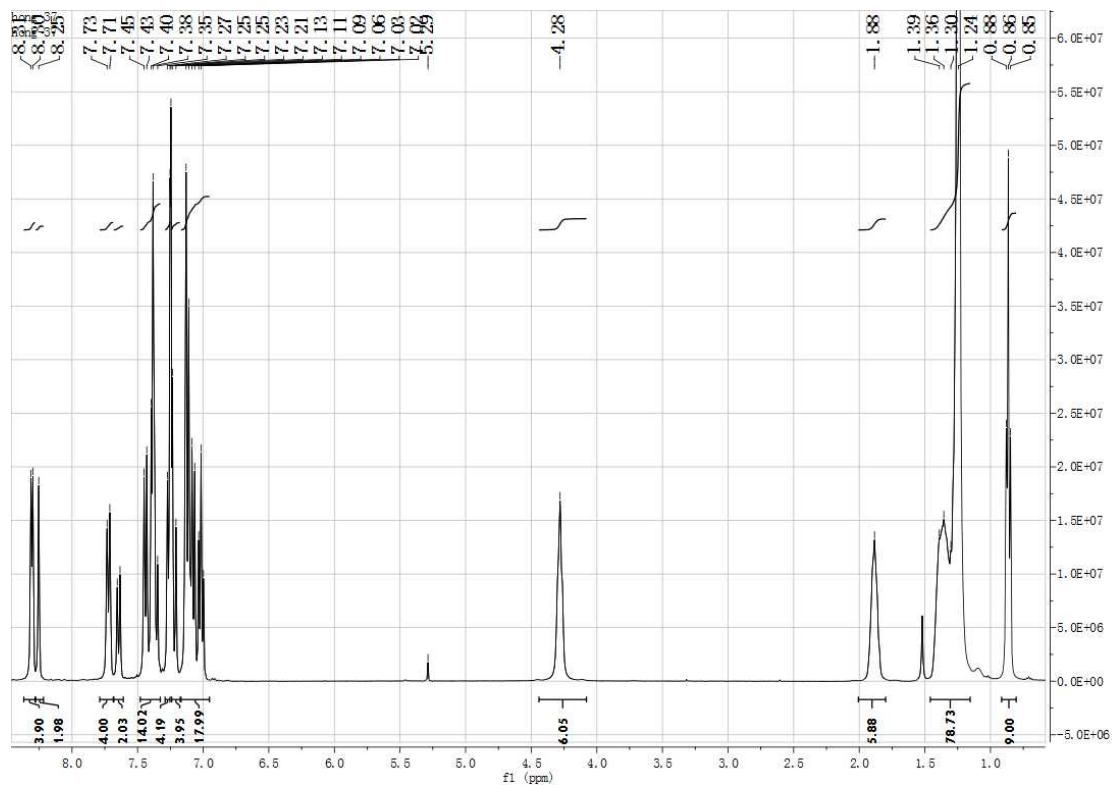


Figure S15  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of compound TC3T.

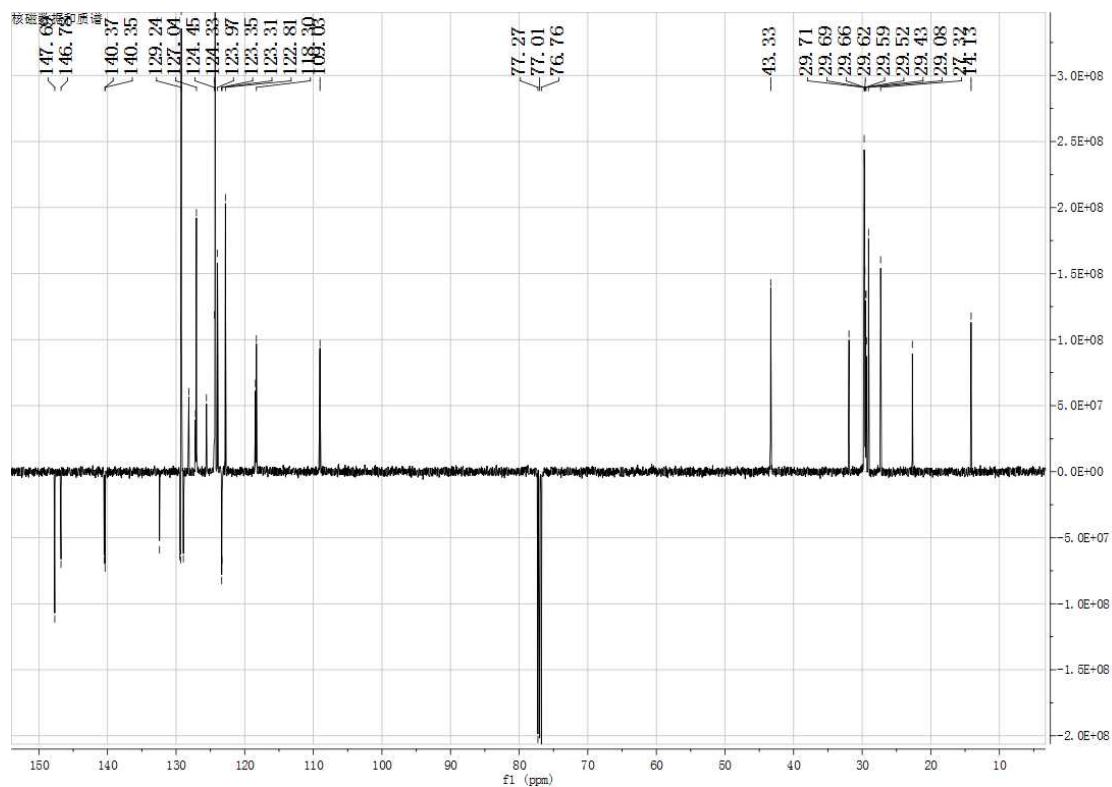


Figure S16  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of compound TC3T.

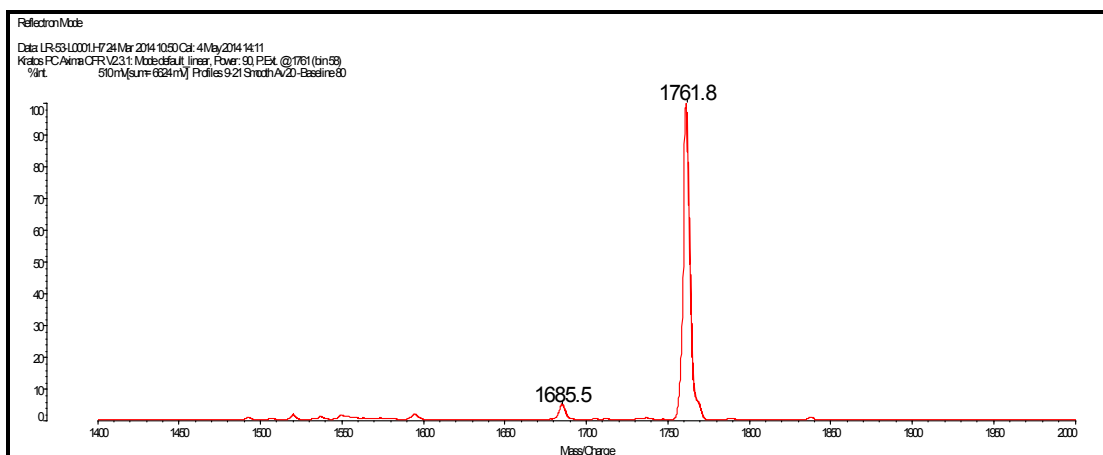


Figure S17 MALDI/TOF MS spectrum of compound TC3T.

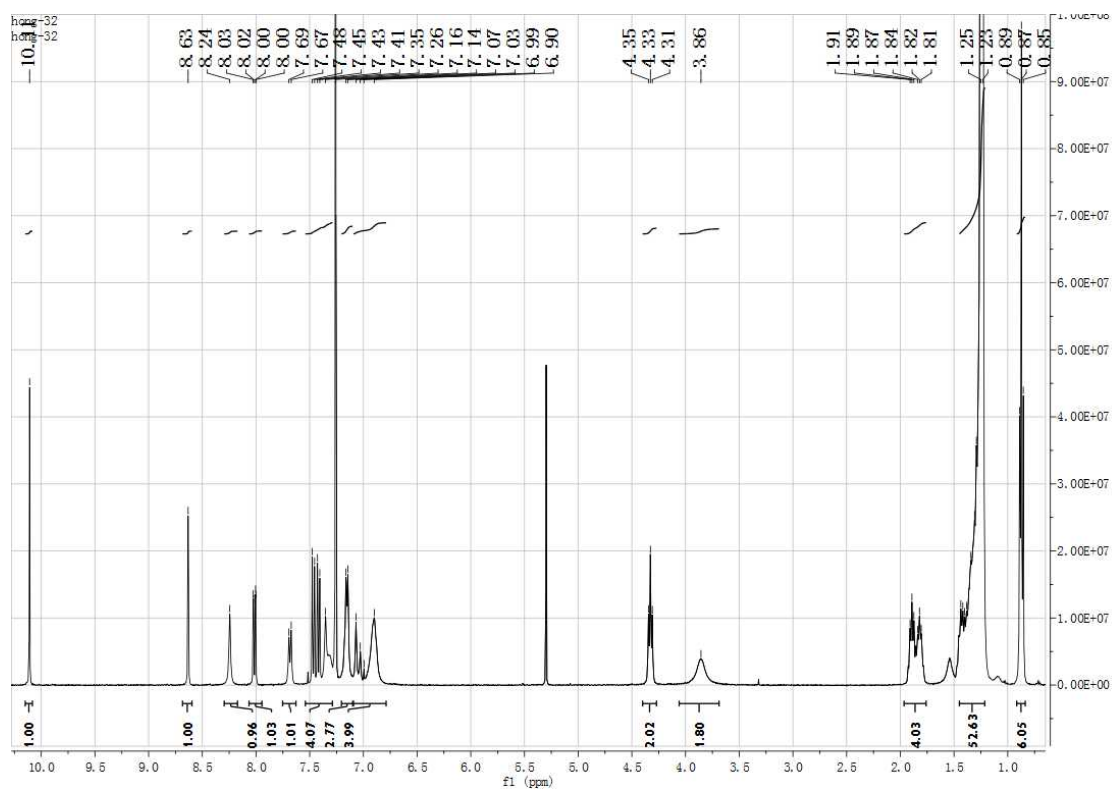


Figure S18  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of compound 6.

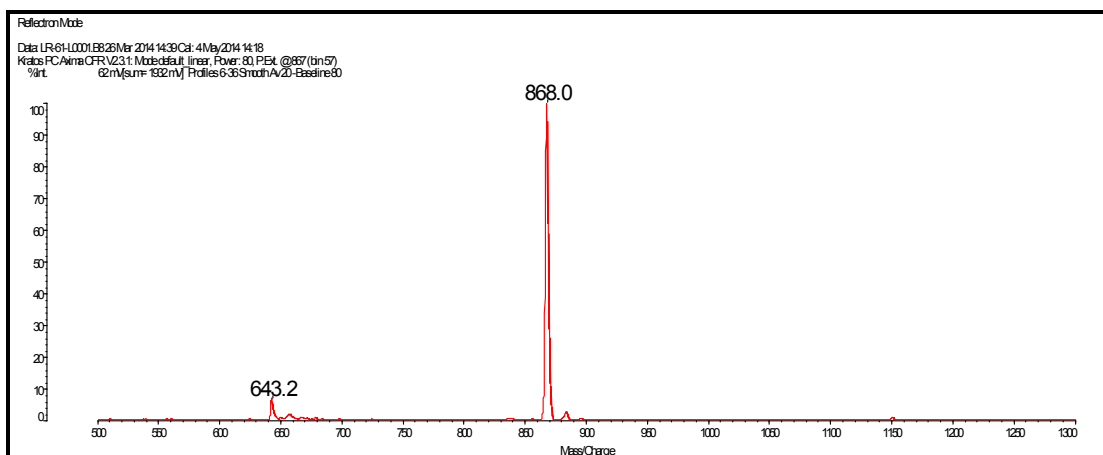


Figure S19 MALDI/TOF MS spectrum of compound 6.

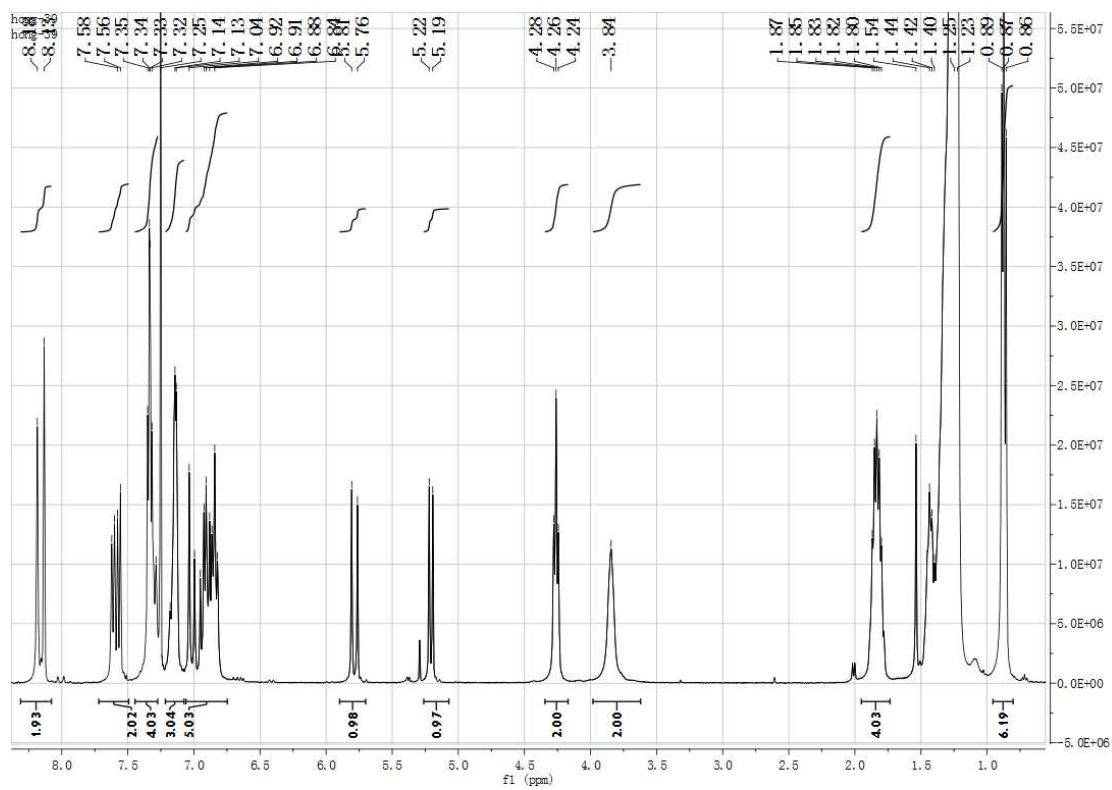


Figure S20  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of compound 7.

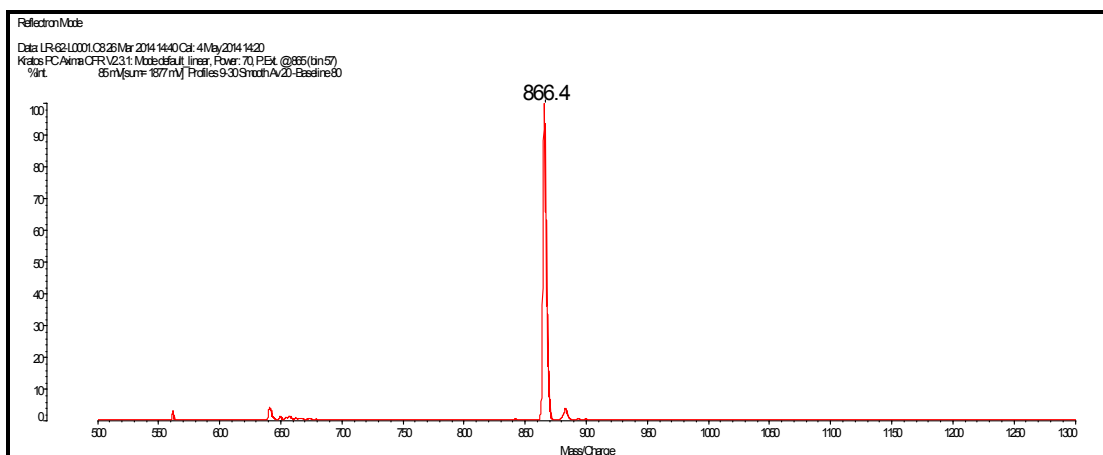


Figure S21 MALDI/TOF MS spectrum of compound 7.

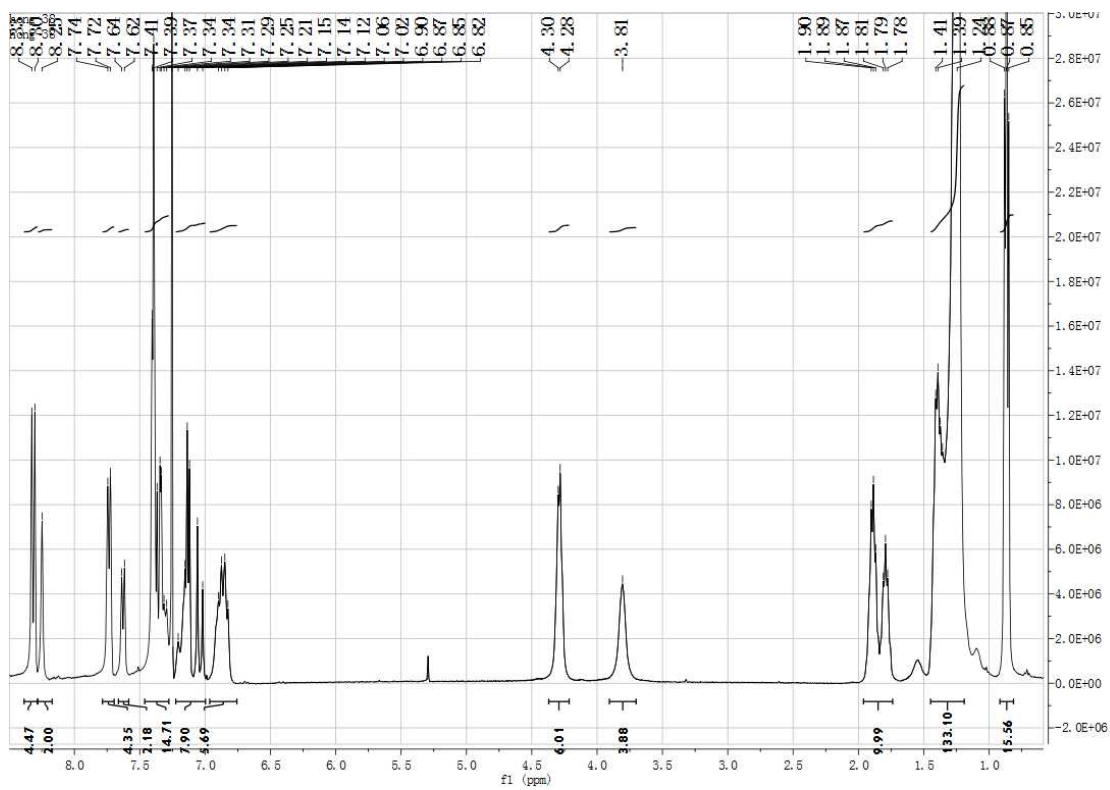


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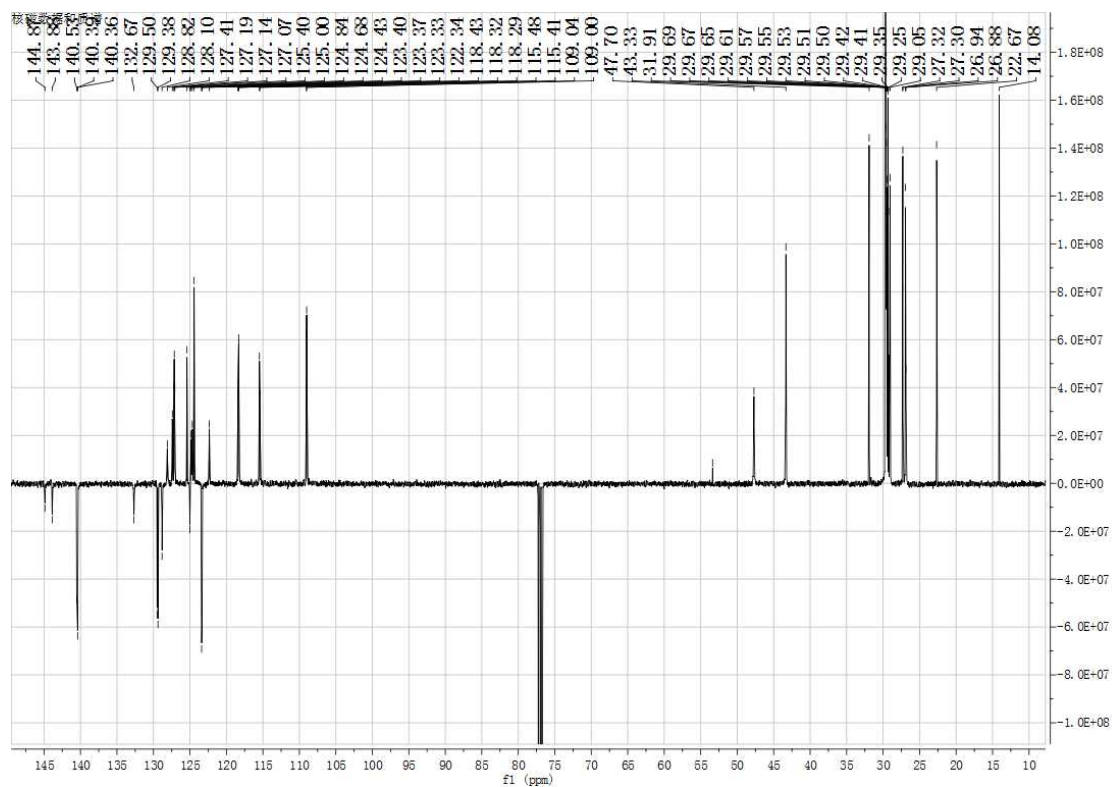


Figure S23  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of compound PC3P.

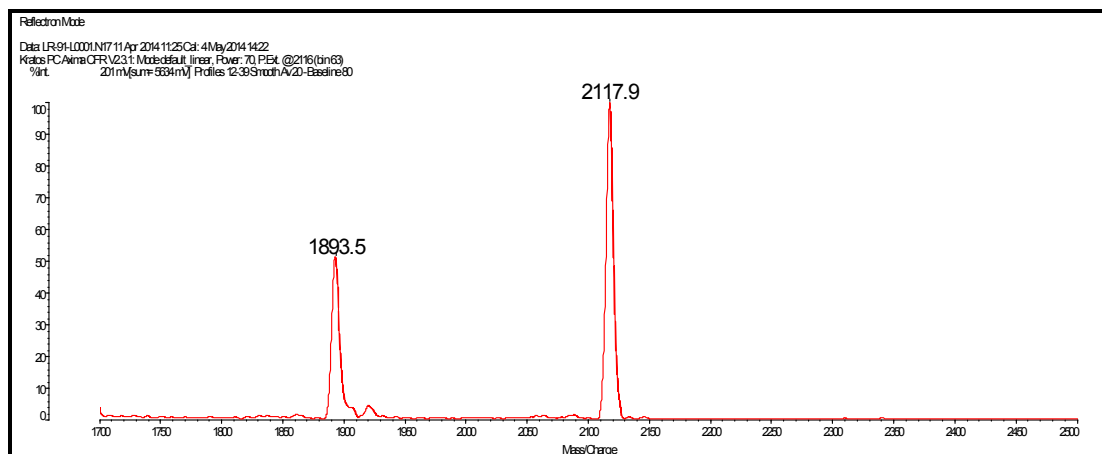
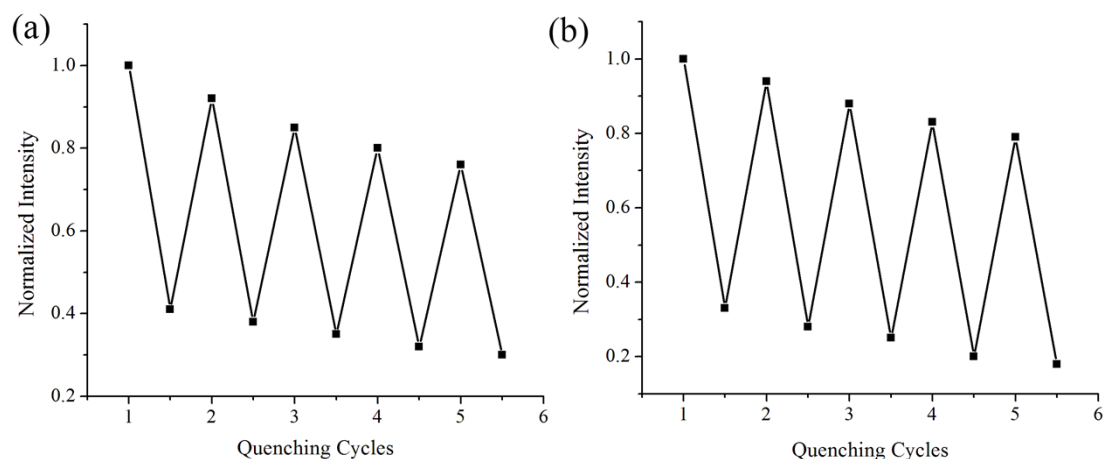
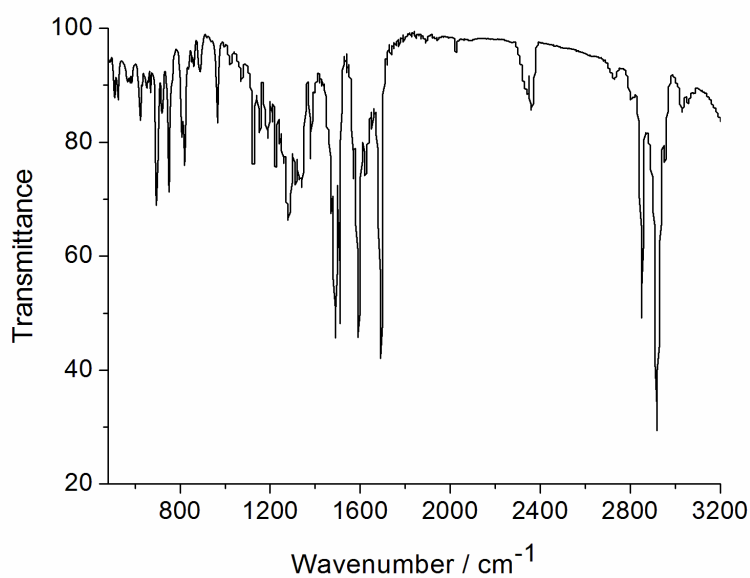


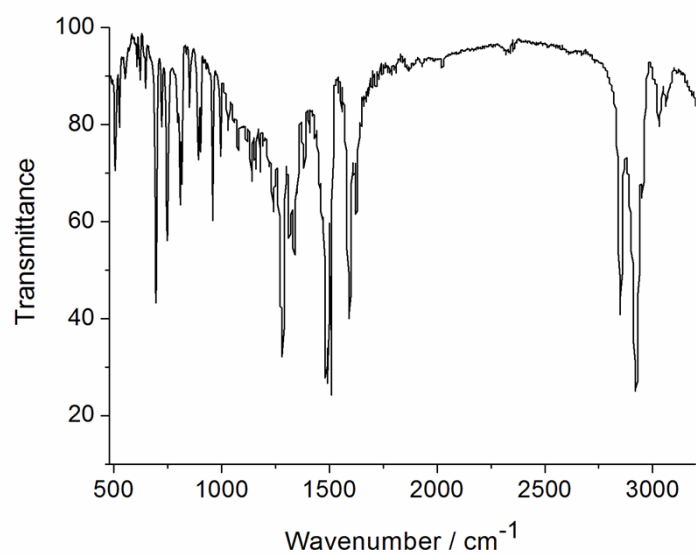
Figure S24 MALDI/TOF MS spectrum of compound PC3P.



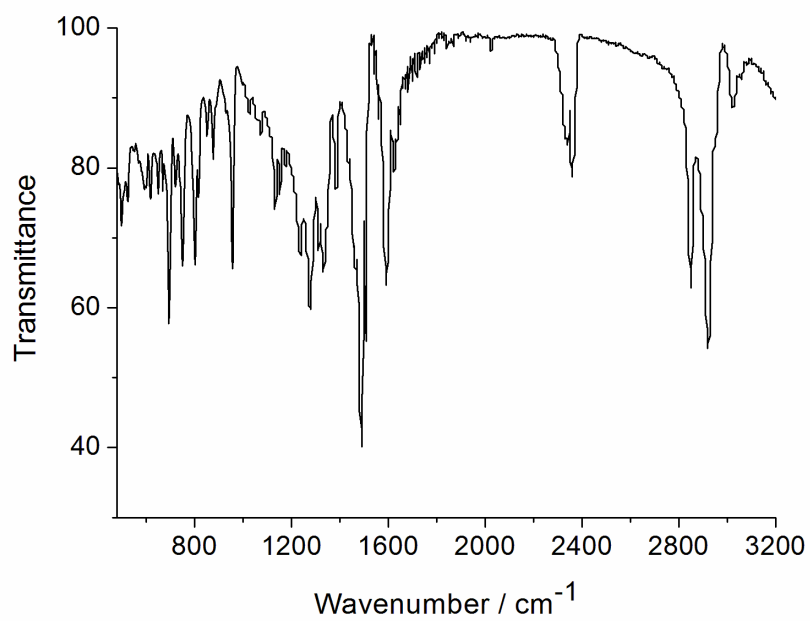
**Figure S25** The fluorescence quenching and recovery of **PC3P** in the nanofibers-based film exposed to the saturated vapors of TNT (0.0084 Pa, a) and DNT (0.303 Pa, b) at 40 °C for 30 min, respectively, followed by blown by dryer for 4 min. The fluorescence intensity at 479 nm was normalized to the initial value before exposed to the saturated vapor of explosives.



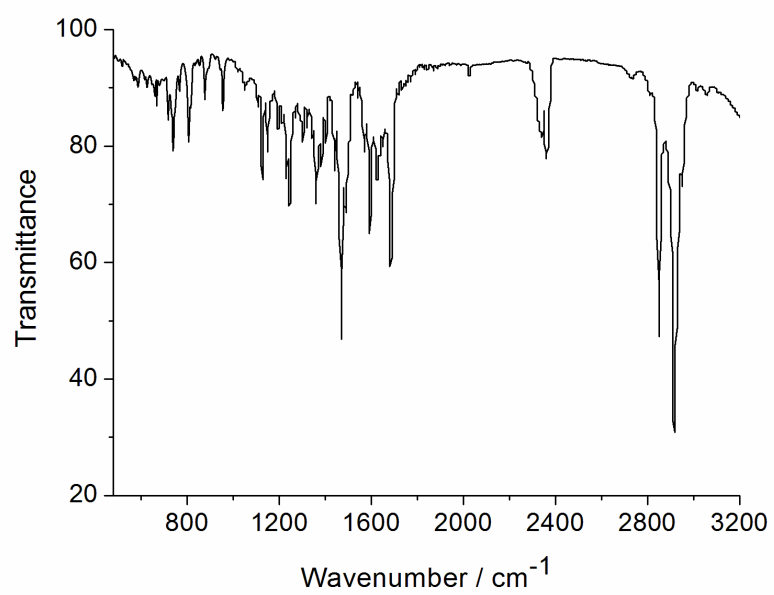
**Figure S26** FT-IR spectrum of compound **3**.



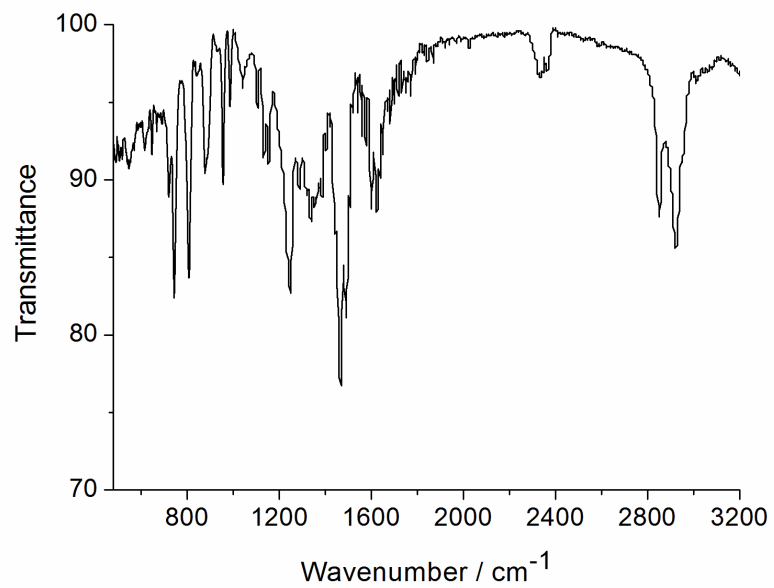
**Figure S27** FT-IR spectrum of compound **4**.



**Figure S28** FT-IR spectrum of compound **TC3T**.

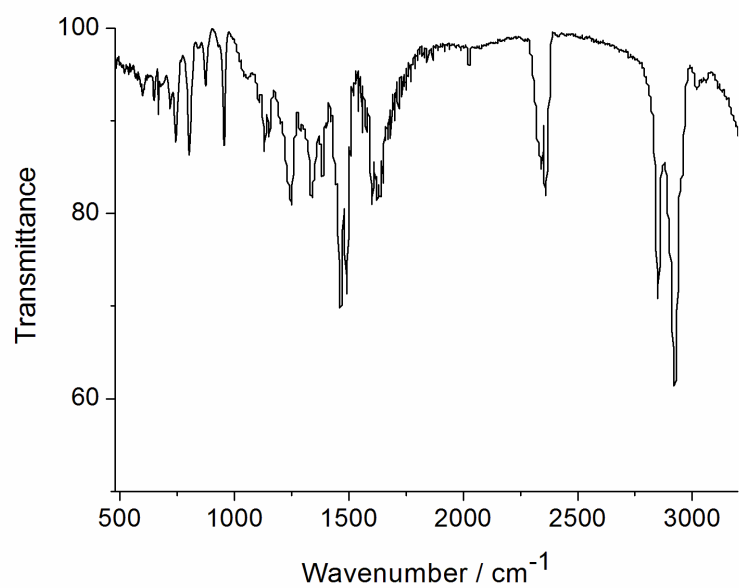


**Figure S29** FT-IR spectrum of compound 6.

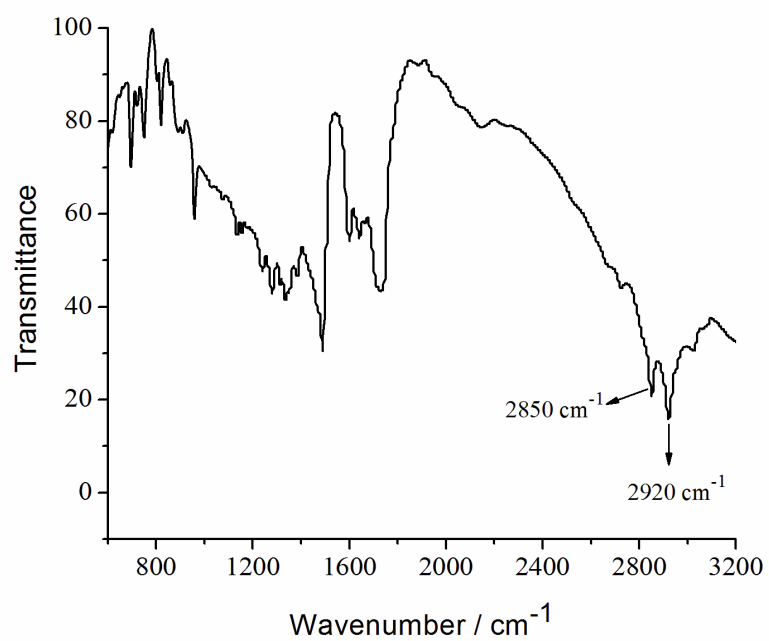


**Figure S30** FT-IR spectrum of compound 7.





**Figure S31** FT-IR spectrum of compound **PC3P**.



**Figure S32** FT-IR spectrum of **TC3T** in xerogel obtained from cyclohexane.