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Anion Binding Properties of Alkynylplatinum(II) Complexes with Amide-Functionalized Terpyridine: Host-Guest Interactions and Fluoride Ion-Induced Deprotonation**

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Materials and reagents: 2,2':6',2''-Terpyridine-3',5'-dicarboxylic acid was synthesized according to the literature procedure.^[1] Tetra-*n*-butylammonium hexafluorophosphate was purchased from Apollo Scientific Ltd. and was recrystallized for three times from hot absolute ethanol and then dried under vacuum for 12 hours before use. Acetonitrile (99 + %, for spectroscopy) was purchased from Acros. Acetone (ACS spectrophotometric grade, ≥ 99.5 %) was purchased from Aldrich. All other reagents were of analytical grade and were used as received.

Syntheses of terpyridine ligands

2,2':6',2''-Terpyridine-3',5'-dicarboxylic acid phenylamide [tpy-(CONHPh)₂]: To 2,2':6',2''-terpyridine-3',5'-dicarboxylic acid (500 mg, 1.55 mmol) was added SOCl₂ (10 ml) and the resultant mixture was refluxed overnight with a CaCl₂ drying tube equipped at the opening of the condenser. The SOCl₂ was then removed by distillation and to the solid was added dry dichloromethane (20 ml) to give a yellow suspension. To this mixture was added dropwise a solution containing dry dichloromethane (20 ml), aniline (0.29 ml, 3.20 mmol) and dry triethylamine (0.5 ml) over 30 minutes at 0 °C and the mixture was then stirred overnight at room temperature. The resulting mixture was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. After removal of solvent, recrystallization of the residue from dichloromethane-ethanol gave the pure product as a white solid. Yield: 320 mg (44 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K, δ /ppm): δ 7.00-7.03 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H, -C₆H₅NH-), 7.15-7.18 (m, 6H, -C₆H₅NH-), 7.52-7.56 (dt, $J = 1.4, 7.7$ Hz, 2H, terpyridyl H), 7.61-7.63 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 4H, terpyridyl H), 7.73 (s, 1H, terpyridyl H), 7.86-7.88 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H, terpyridyl H), 8.10 (br s, 2H, -C₆H₅NH-), 11.30 (br s, 2H, -C₆H₅NH-); positive-ion FAB-MS, m/z : 472 [M + H]⁺; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₉H₂₁N₅O₂•EtOH: C 71.93, H 5.26, N 13.53; found: C 71.63, H 5.23, N 13.32.

2,2':6',2''-Terpyridine-3',5'-dicarboxylic acid hexylamide [tpy-(CONHC₆H₁₃)₂]: The procedure was similar to the preparation of tpy-(CONHPh)₂ except that *n*-hexylamine (0.42 ml, 3.20 mmol) was used in place of aniline to give the pure product as a white solid. Yield: 357 mg (47 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K, δ /ppm): δ 0.87-0.92 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H, -CH₃), 1.30-1.34 (m, 12H, -CH₂-), 1.48-1.52 (m, 4H, -CH₂-), 3.35-3.41 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 4H, -NHCH₂-), 7.22

(br s, 2H, –CONH–), 7.32-7.37 (ddd, $J = 1.4, 4.7, 7.7$ Hz, 2H, terpyridyl H), 7.80-7.85 (dt, $J = 1.4, 7.7$ Hz, 2H, terpyridyl H), 8.04-8.06 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H, terpyridyl H), 8.15 (s, 1H, terpyridyl H), 8.55-8.56 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 2H, terpyridyl H); positive-ion FAB-MS, m/z : 488 $[M + H]^+$; elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{29}H_{37}N_5O_2 \cdot 0.5MeOH$: C 70.35, H 7.80, N 13.91; found: C 70.46, H 7.62, N 14.00.

Syntheses of chloroplatinum(II) terpyridine complexes

[Pt{tpy–(CONHPh)₂}Cl]OTf: This was synthesized by the modification of the literature procedure for the synthesis of $[Pt(tpy)Cl]OTf^{[2-5]}$ using tpy–(CONHPh)₂ (150 mg, 0.32 mmol) in place of 2,2':6',2''-terpyridine. Subsequent recrystallization by diffusion of diethyl ether vapor into the acetonitrile solution of this precursor complex gave the pure product as a yellow solid. Yield: 220 mg (80 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN, 298 K, δ/ppm): δ 7.27-7.31 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H, –C₆H₅NH–), 7.45-7.49 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H, –C₆H₅NH–), 7.74-7.76 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H, –C₆H₅NH–), 7.85-7.89 (dt, $J = 1.7, 7.4$ Hz, 2H, terpyridyl H), 8.25-8.33 (m, 4H, terpyridyl H), 8.76 (s, 1H, terpyridyl H), 9.19-9.20 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 2H, terpyridyl H), 9.54 (br s, 2H, –C₆H₅NH–); IR (Nujol, ν/cm^{-1}): 1682 (m) $\nu(C=O)$, 1157 (s) $\nu(S=O)$; positive-ion FAB-MS, m/z : 702 $[M - OTf]^+$; elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{30}H_{21}ClF_3N_5O_5PtS \cdot H_2O$: C 41.46, H 2.67, N 8.06; found: C 41.47, H 2.62, N 8.10.

[Pt{tpy–(CONHC₆H₁₃)₂}Cl]OTf: The procedure was similar to that for the preparation of $[Pt\{tpy-(CONHPh)_2\}Cl]OTf$ except that tpy–(CONHC₆H₁₃)₂ (156 mg, 0.32 mmol) was used in place of tpy–(CONHPh)₂ and subsequent recrystallization by diffusion of diethyl ether vapor into the dichloromethane solution of this precursor complex gave the pure product as an orange solid. Yield: 241 mg (87 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN, 298 K, δ/ppm): δ 0.90-0.93 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H, –CH₃), 1.33-1.43 (m, 12H, –CH₂–), 1.62-1.69 (m, 4H, –CH₂–), 3.46-3.50 (q, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 4 H, –NHCH₂–), 7.61 (br s, 2H, –CONH–), 7.82-7.86 (ddd, $J = 1.4, 5.6, 7.8$ Hz, 2H, terpyridyl H), 8.15-8.17 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H, terpyridyl H), 8.27 (s, 1H, terpyridyl H), 8.27-8.33 (dt, $J = 1.4, 7.8$ Hz, 2H, terpyridyl H), 9.11-9.13 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H, terpyridyl H); IR (Nujol, ν/cm^{-1}): 1659 (m) $\nu(C=O)$, 1157 (s) $\nu(S=O)$; positive-ion FAB-MS, m/z : 718 $[M - OTf]^+$; elemental analysis calcd (%) for $C_{30}H_{37}ClF_3N_5O_5PtS \cdot 1.5CH_2Cl_2$: C 38.03, H 4.05, N 7.04; found: C 38.27, H 4.07, N 7.02.

Syntheses of alkynylplatinum(II) terpyridine complexes

[Pt{tpy-(CONHPh)₂}(C≡CPh)]PF₆ (1): This was synthesized according to the modification of a method previously reported for the alkynylplatinum(II) terpyridine complexes^[6] except that [Pt{tpy-(CONHPh)₂}Cl]OTf (200 mg, 0.23 mmol) and phenylacetylene (71 mg, 70 mmol) were used to give **1** as an orange solid. Yield: 131 mg (61 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN, 298 K, δ/ppm): δ 7.27-7.32 (m, 3H, -C≡CC₆H₅), 7.35-7.39 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, -C₆H₅NH-), 7.45-7.49 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H, -C₆H₅NH-), 7.53-7.59 (m, 2H, -C≡CC₆H₅), 7.74-7.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H, -C₆H₅NH-), 7.82-7.85 (dt, *J* = 1.4, 7.3 Hz, 2H, terpyridyl H), 8.28-8.32 (m, 4H, terpyridyl H), 8.71 (s, 1H, terpyridyl H), 9.44 (br s, 2H, -C₆H₅NH-), 9.46-9.47 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H, terpyridyl H); IR (Nujol, ν/cm⁻¹): 2122 (w) ν(C≡C), 1682 (m) ν(C=O), 849 (s) ν(P-F); positive-ion FAB-MS, *m/z*: 767 [M - PF₆]⁺; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₃₇H₂₆F₆N₅O₂PPt: C 48.69, H 2.87, N 7.67; found: C 48.63, H 2.91, N 7.90.

[Pt{tpy-(CONHC₆H₁₃)₂}(C≡CPh)]PF₆ (2): The procedure was similar to that for the preparation of **1** except that [Pt{tpy-(CONHC₆H₁₃)₂}Cl]OTf (200 mg, 0.23 mmol) was used in place of [Pt{tpy-(CONHPh)₂}Cl]OTf to give **2** as a dark red solid. Yield: 120 mg (56 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN, 298 K, δ/ppm): δ 0.90-0.94 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H, -CH₃), 1.34-1.43 (m, 12H, -CH₂-), 1.62-1.69 (m, 4H, -CH₂-), 3.46-3.50 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 4H, -NHCH₂-), 7.29-7.39 (m, 3H, -C₆H₅-), 7.50-7.53 (br s, 2H, -CONH-), 7.53-7.56 (m, 2H, -C₆H₅-), 7.79-7.83 (ddd, *J* = 1.3, 5.4, 7.8 Hz, 2H, terpyridyl H), 8.15-8.17 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, terpyridyl H), 8.22 (s, 1H, terpyridyl H), 8.28-8.32 (dt, *J* = 1.3, 7.8 Hz, 2H, terpyridyl H), 9.40-9.41 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H, terpyridyl H); IR (Nujol, ν/cm⁻¹): 2121 (w) ν(C≡C), 1659 (m) ν(C=O), 841 (s) ν(P-F); positive-ion FAB-MS, *m/z*: 783 [M - PF₆]⁺; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₃₇H₄₂F₆N₅O₂PPt•MeOH: C 47.50, H 4.82, N 7.28; found: C 47.32, H 4.53, N 7.27.

Physical measurements and instrumentation: ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 400 (400 MHz) Fourier transform NMR spectrometer at ambient temperature with tetramethylsilane (Me₄Si) as an internal reference. Positive-ion fast atom bombardment (FAB) mass spectra were recorded on a Thermo Scientific DFS High Resolution Magnetic Sector mass spectrometer. Electrospray-ionization (ESI) mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan LCQ mass spectrometer. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Bio-Rad FTS-7 Fourier transform infrared

spectrophotometer (4000–400 cm^{-1}). Elemental analyses were performed on a Flash EA 1112 elemental analyzer at the Institute of Chemistry of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing. UV-Vis absorption spectra were recorded on a Cary 50 (Varian) spectrophotometer equipped with a Xenon flash lamp. Steady state excitation and emission spectra were recorded using a Spex Fluorolog-3 Model FL3-211 fluorescence spectrofluorometer equipped with a R2658P PMT detector. All the emission spectra were corrected for PMT response. Emission lifetime measurements were performed using a conventional laser system. The excitation source used was a 355-nm output (third harmonic) of a Spectra-Physics Quanta-Ray Q-switched GCR-150-10 pulsed Nd-YAG laser. Luminescence decay signals were detected by a Hamamatsu R928 PMT and recorded on a Tektronix Model TDS-620A (500MHz, 2 GS/s) digital oscilloscope. The luminescence decay traces were analyzed using a program for single exponential fits. All solutions for emission lifetime studies were degassed on a high-vacuum line in a two-compartment cell consisting of a 10-ml Pyrex bulb and a 1-cm path length quartz cuvette and sealed from the atmosphere by a Bibby Rotaflo HP6 Teflon stopper. The solutions were rigorously degassed with at least four successive freeze-pump-thaw cycles.

Binding constant determination: Supporting electrolyte (0.1 M ${}^n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$) was added to maintain the ionic strength of the sample solution constant during the titration to avoid any changes in the ionic strength of the medium. The binding constants, K_s , of 1:1 host-guest complexation system were determined by a nonlinear least-squares fit^[7] of the emission intensities (I) against the concentration of guest added (C_G) according to Equation (1):

$$I = I_0 + \frac{I_{\text{lim}} - I_0}{2C_0} [C_0 + C_G + 1/K_s - [(C_0 + C_G + 1/K_s)^2 - 4C_0C_G]^{1/2}] \quad (1)$$

where I_0 and I are the emission intensities of the host at the wavelength of interest in the absence and presence of the guest, respectively; C_0 is the concentration of host; I_{lim} is the limiting value of the emission intensity in the presence of excess amount of guest.

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Table S1 Photophysical data for complexes **1** and **2**.

Complex	Medium (<i>T</i> / K)	Absorption $\lambda_{\text{abs}} / \text{nm}$ ($\epsilon / \text{dm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$)	Emission $\lambda_{\text{em}} / \text{nm}$ ($\tau / \mu\text{s}$)
1	CH ₃ CN (298)	250 (56000), 297 (24890), 317 sh (18080), 330 sh (15870), 344 sh (14420), 445 (4050)	662 (0.14)
2	CH ₃ CN (298)	251 (42830), 286 sh (25140), 298 (25340), 318 sh (14380), 332 sh (13180), 347 (13060), 444 (4420)	653 (0.20)
	Acetone (298)	349 (11200), 445 (3730)	652 (0.24)

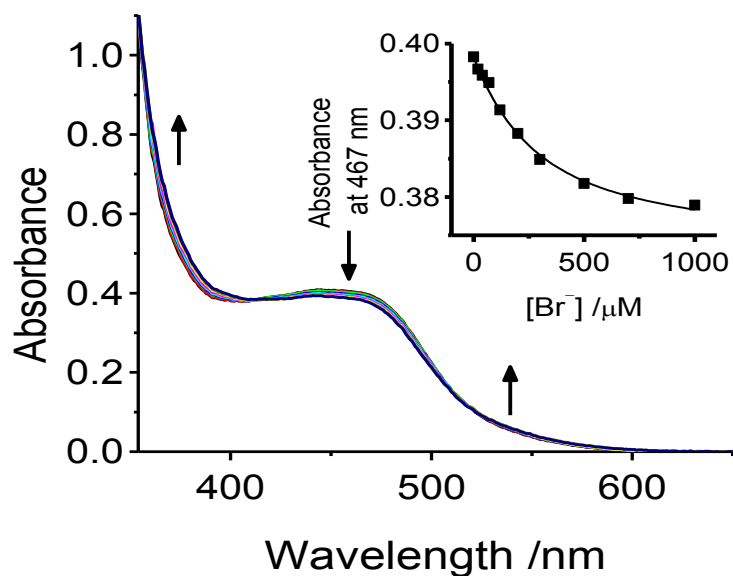
**Figure S1** UV-Vis absorption spectral changes of **1** (100 μM) in acetonitrile (0.1 M ⁿBu₄NPF₆) upon addition of ⁿBu₄NBr. Inset: plot of absorbance at 467 nm against various concentrations of Br⁻ ion.

Table S2 Emission lifetimes of **1** and **2** (100 μM) in the absence and in the presence of various anions (750 μM).

Complex	Anion	$\tau / \mu\text{s}$
1 ^a	None	0.12
	Cl^-	< 0.05
	Br^-	< 0.05
2 ^b	None	0.20
	F^-	– ^c
	Cl^-	< 0.05
	Br^-	0.06
	I^-	0.07
	AcO^-	< 0.05

^a Measured in degassed acetonitrile (0.1 M ⁿBu₄NPF₆).

^b Measured in degassed acetone (0.1 M ⁿBu₄NPF₆).

^c Precipitations occurred upon degassing.

Table S3 Binding constants ($\log K_s$) and detection limits of **1** and **2** for various anions.

Complex	Anion	Log K_s		Detection Limit / μM
		UV-Vis	Emission	
1^a	F ⁻	– ^c	– ^c	– ^e
	Cl ⁻	– ^d	4.46 ± 0.05	9.86
	Br ⁻	– ^d	3.69 ± 0.05	18.35
	I ⁻	– ^d	– ^d	– ^e
	AcO ⁻	– ^c	– ^c	– ^e
	H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻	– ^c	– ^c	– ^e
2^b	F ⁻	– ^e	4.15 ± 0.04	7.72
	Cl ⁻	4.03 ± 0.04	4.08 ± 0.01	12.67
	Br ⁻	– ^d	3.64 ± 0.01	16.96
	I ⁻	– ^d	3.41 ± 0.01	23.09
	AcO ⁻	4.40 ± 0.04	4.40 ± 0.08	5.75
	H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻	– ^c	– ^c	– ^e

^a Measured in acetonitrile (0.1 M ⁿBu₄NPF₆).

^b Measured in acetone (0.1 M ⁿBu₄NPF₆).

^c Precipitations occurred upon anion addition.

^d Spectral changes were too small for accurate determination of $\log K_s$.

^e Not determined.

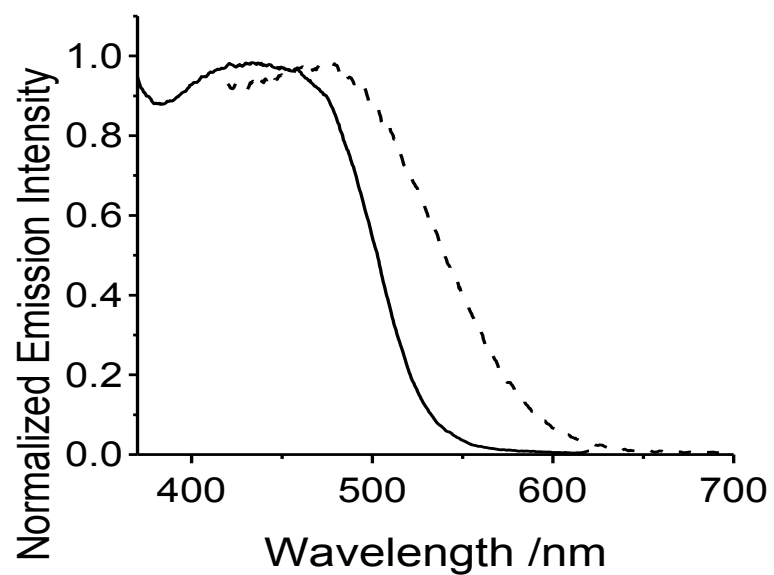


Figure S2 Excitation spectra of **2** (100 μ M) in acetone (0.1 M n Bu₄NPF₆) in the absence (solid line) and in the presence of F⁻ ion (7 equiv.) (dashed line), monitored at 653 and 750 nm, respectively.

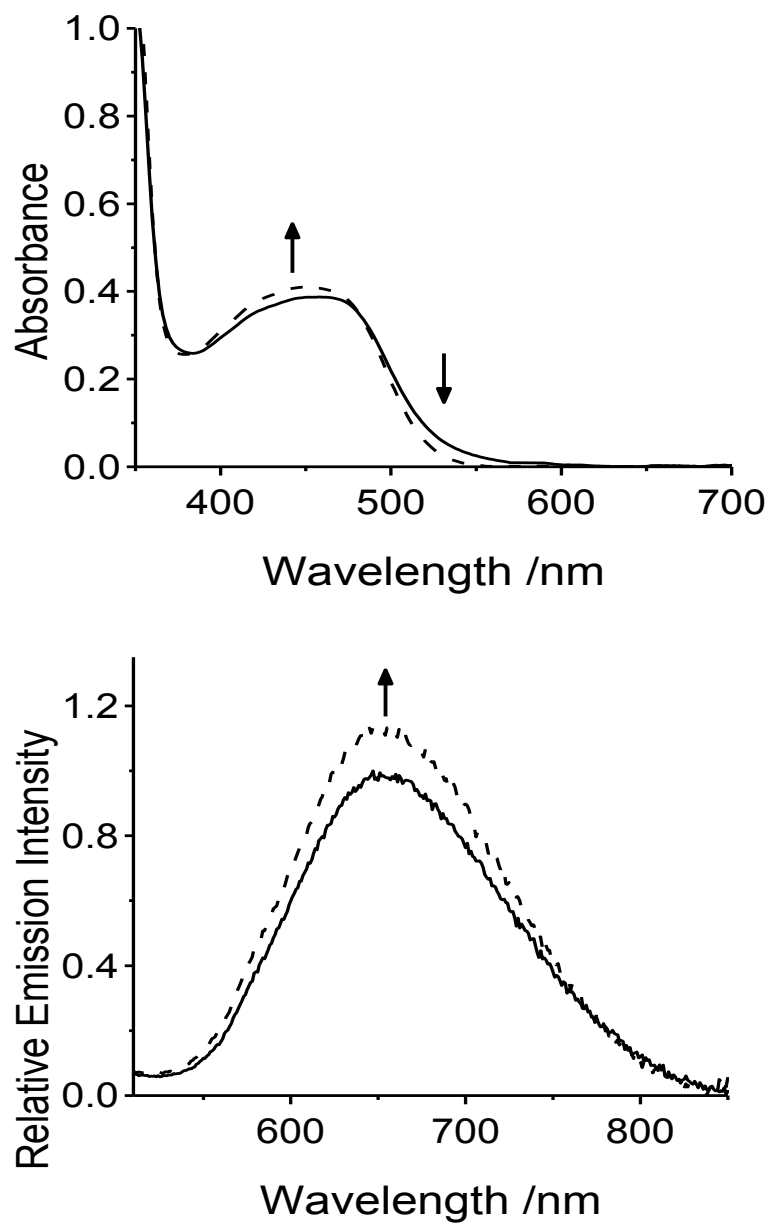


Figure S3 (Top) UV-Vis absorption and (bottom) emission spectral changes of **2** (100 μ M) (solid line) in acetone (0.1 M n Bu₄NPF₆) in the presence of trifluoroacetic acid (4 equiv.) (dashed line).

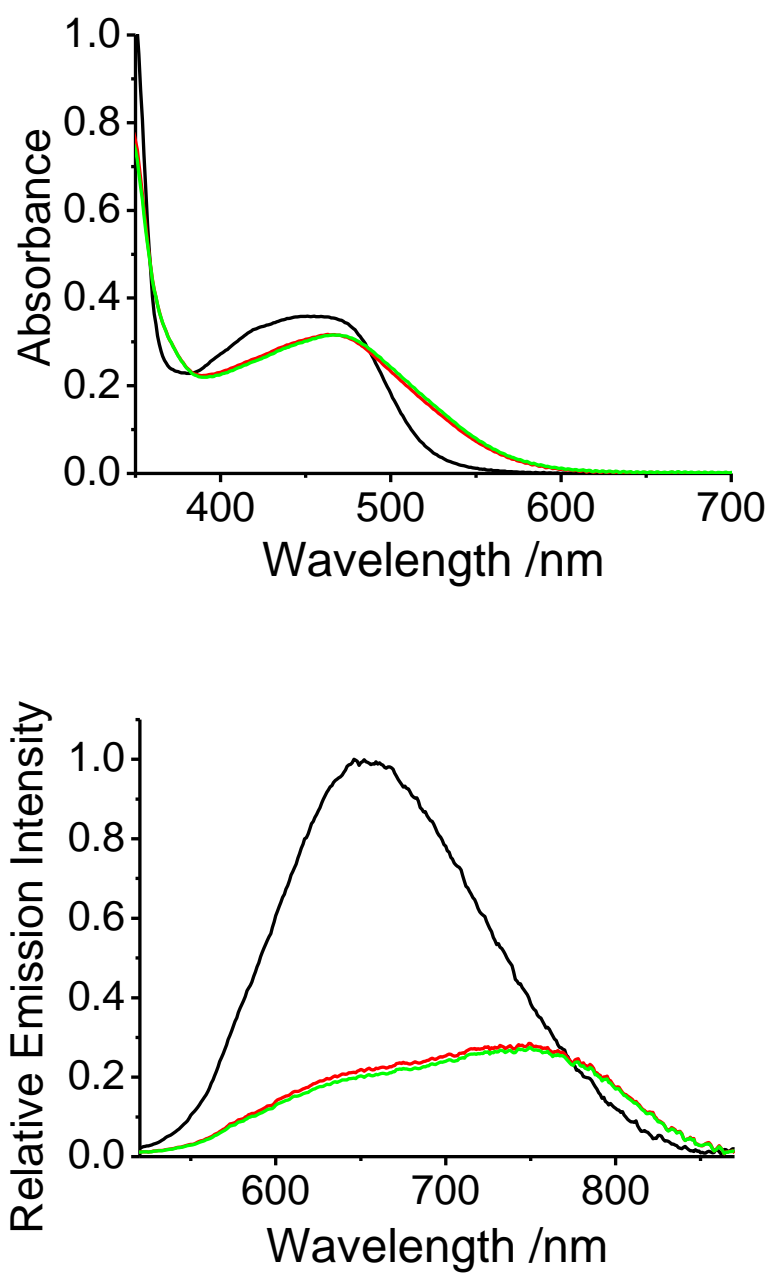


Figure S4 (Top) UV-Vis absorption and (bottom) emission spectral changes of **2** (100 μM) (black line) in acetone (0.1 M $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$) in the presence of $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NF}$ (4 equiv.) (red line), and in the mixture in the presence of CF_3COONa (4 equiv.) (green line).

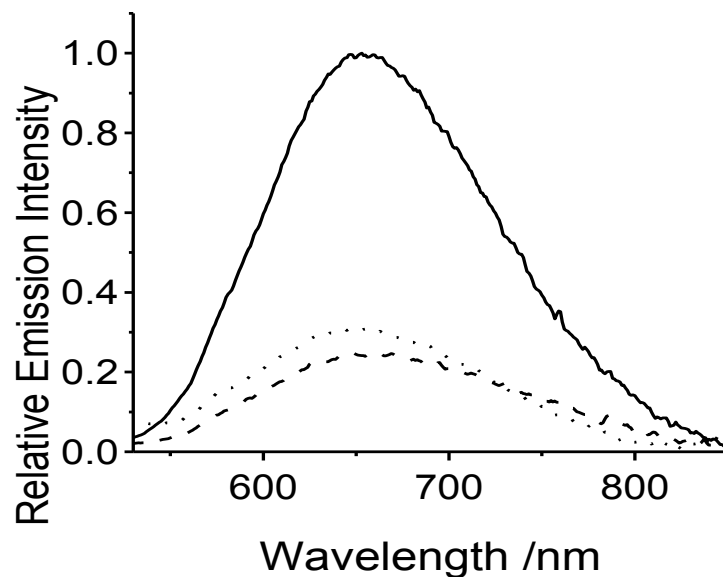


Figure S5 Emission spectral changes of **2** (100 μM) (solid line) in acetone (0.1 M ${}^n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$) in the presence of ${}^n\text{Bu}_4\text{NCl}$ (5 equiv.) (dashed line), and in the mixture in the presence of trifluoroacetic acid (5 equiv.) (dotted line).

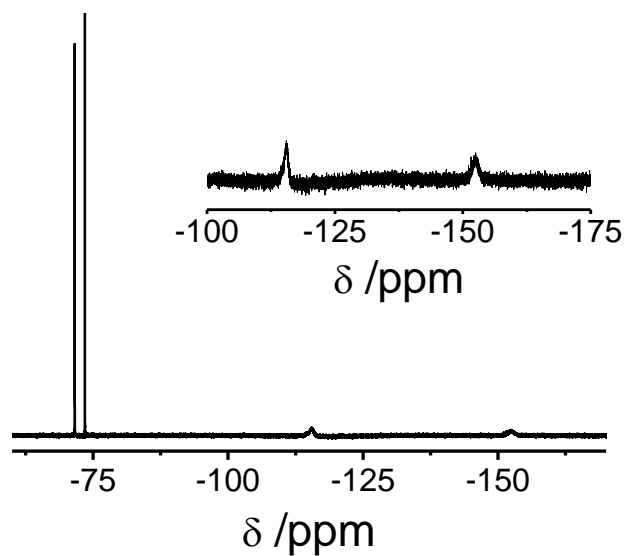


Figure S6 ${}^{19}\text{F}$ NMR spectrum and the expanded region from δ -100 ppm to δ -175 ppm of **2** in the presence of an excess of ${}^n\text{Bu}_4\text{NF}$ in D^6 -acetone.

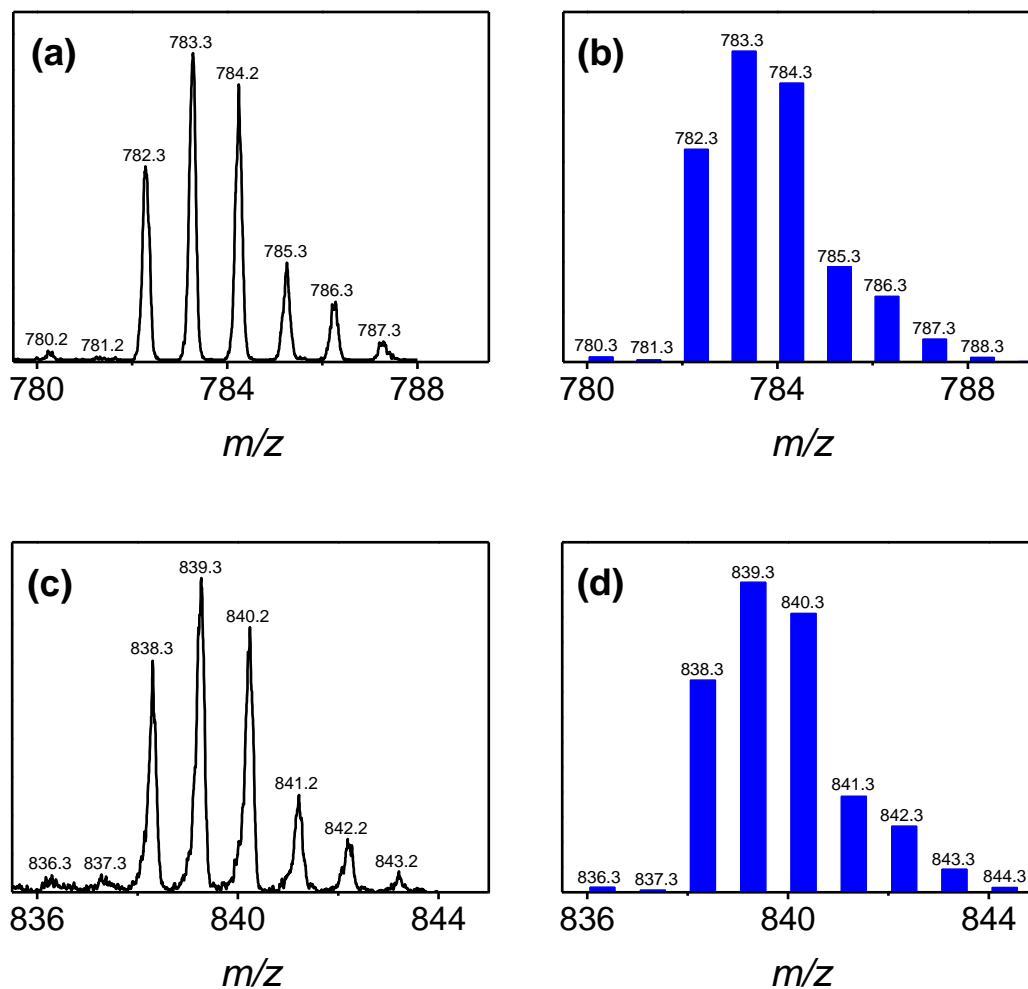


Figure S7 (a) Expanded ion cluster at m/z 783 from positive ESI-mass spectrum, prepared in acetone, and (b) simulated isotope pattern for **2**, $[M - PF_6]^+$. (c) Expanded ion cluster at m/z 839 from negative ESI-mass spectrum and (d) simulated isotope pattern for the ion-bound adduct of **2** in acetone in the presence of F^- ion (6 equiv.), $[M - PF_6 + 2F + H_2O]^-$.

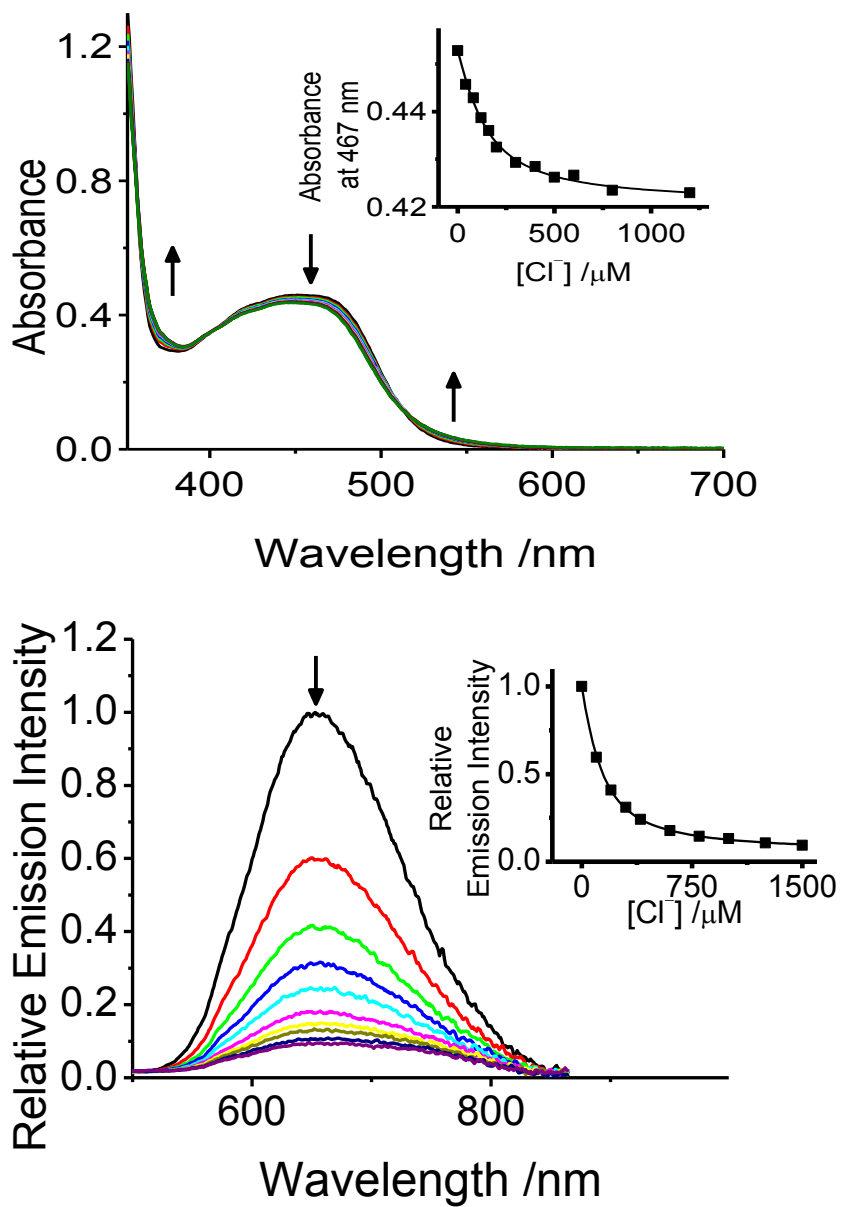


Figure S8 (Top) UV-Vis absorption and (bottom) emission spectral changes of **2** (100 μM) in acetone (0.1 M $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$) upon addition of $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NCl}$. Insets: plot of absorbance at 467 nm and relative emission intensity at 653 nm against various concentrations of Cl^- ion and their theoretical fit for 1:1 binding stoichiometry.

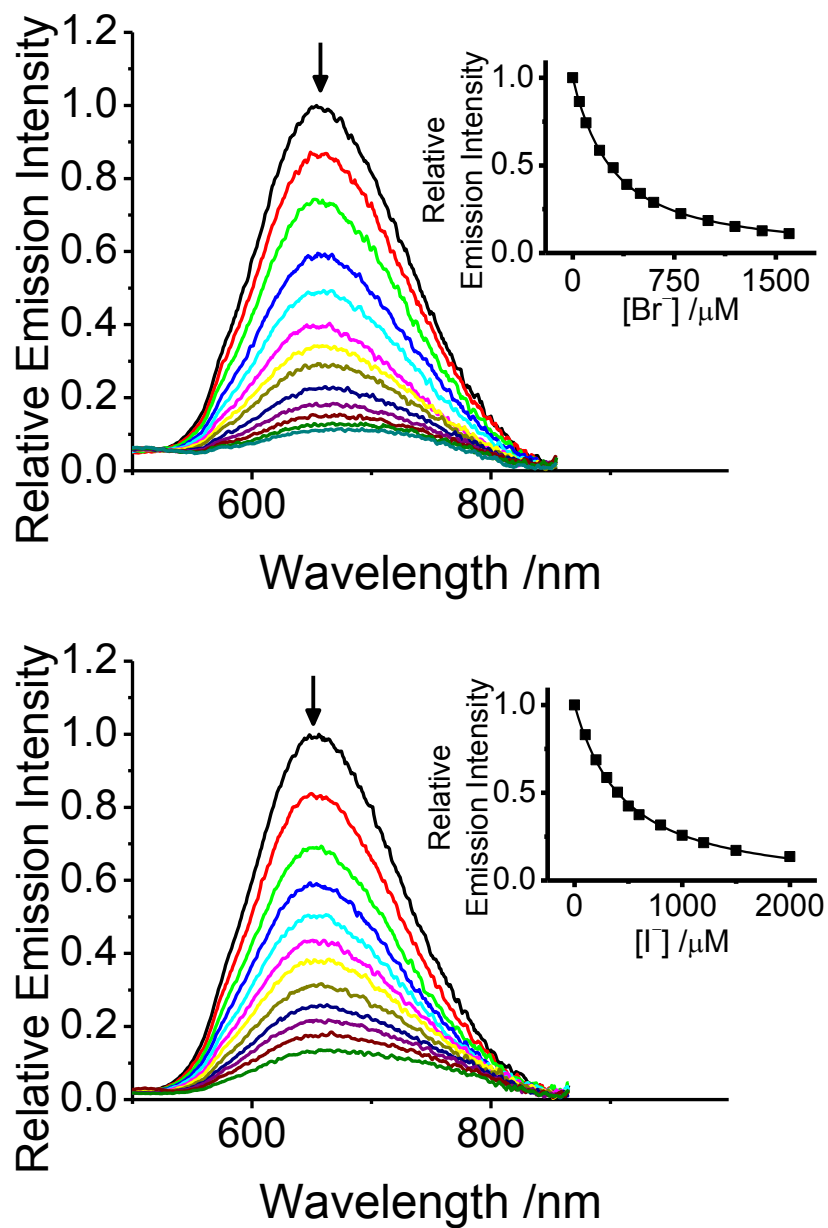


Figure S9 Emission spectral changes of **2** (100 μM) in acetone (0.1 M $t\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$) upon addition of (top) $t\text{Bu}_4\text{NBr}$ and (bottom) $t\text{Bu}_4\text{NI}$. Insets: plot of relative emission intensity at 653 nm against various concentrations of Br^- and I^- ions and their theoretical fit for 1:1 binding stoichiometry.