

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI†)

### A coumarin–dihydroperimidine dye as a fluorescent chemosensor for hypochlorite in 99% water

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**Table S1.** Calculated excitation energy ( $E$ ), wavelength ( $\lambda$ ), and oscillator strength ( $f$ ) for low-lying singlet state ( $S_n$ ) of **1**, **1'** and **1''**.<sup>[a]</sup>

compound	Main orbital transition (CIC <sup>[b]</sup> )	$E$ (eV) [ $\lambda$ (nm)]	$f$	
<b>1</b>	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO (0.70571)	2.2918 eV [540.99 nm]	0.0023
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_2$	HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (0.70440)	3.0942 eV [400.70 nm]	0.0000
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (0.70406)	3.3076 eV [374.84 nm]	0.0008
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_4$	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+2 (0.65062)	3.7590 eV [329.83 nm]	0.1681
		HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+4 (-0.10429)		
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_5$	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+3 (0.66998)	3.8658 eV [320.72 nm]	0.0014
		HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+5 (-0.13878)		
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_6$	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+6 (-0.12101)	3.9242 eV [315.95 nm]	0.0031
		HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (0.67869)		
	<b>1'</b>	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO (0.67202)	2.5622 eV [483.90 nm]
HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (0.15556)				
$S_0 \rightarrow S_2$		HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO (-0.18684)	2.8956 eV [428.17 nm]	0.0152
		HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (0.66377)		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$		HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+3 (-0.10524)	3.7678 eV [329.06 nm]	0.2785
		HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (0.12636)		
		HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+2 (0.62423)		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_4$		HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+3 (-0.10333)	3.8169 eV [324.83 nm]	0.172
		HOMO-3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (0.13294)		
		HOMO-3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+4 (-0.11075)		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_5$	HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (0.58062)	3.9169 eV [316.53 nm]	0.0572	
	HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (0.26085)			
$S_0 \rightarrow S_6$	HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+2 (0.20599)	3.9693 eV [312.36 nm]	0.2865	
	HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (0.29346)			
	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+3 (0.56823)			
	HOMO-3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (0.14907)			
<b>1''</b>	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+2 (-0.11040)	2.8187 eV [439.87 nm]	0.0095
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_6$	HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (-0.26941)		
		HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (0.51253)		
		HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+2 (-0.13810)		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_6$	HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+3 (-0.24763)			

	HOMO → LUMO+1 (0.12792)		
S <sub>0</sub> → S <sub>2</sub>	HOMO → LUMO (-0.14003)	3.2523 eV [381.22 nm]	0.0010
	HOMO → LUMO+1 (0.68548)		
S <sub>0</sub> → S <sub>3</sub>	HOMO-1 → LUMO (0.59565)	3.2670 eV [379.50 nm]	0.2737
	HOMO-1 → LUMO+1 (0.29465)		
S <sub>0</sub> → S <sub>4</sub>	HOMO-1 → LUMO (-0.27485)	3.6413 eV [340.50 nm]	0.3661
	HOMO-1 → LUMO+1 (0.58007)		
S <sub>0</sub> → S <sub>5</sub>	HOMO-7 → LUMO (0.10009)	3.8806 eV [319.49 nm]	0.1753
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S <sub>0</sub> → S <sub>6</sub>	HOMO-3 → LUMO+1 (-0.29114)	4.0682 eV [304.76 nm]	0.1186
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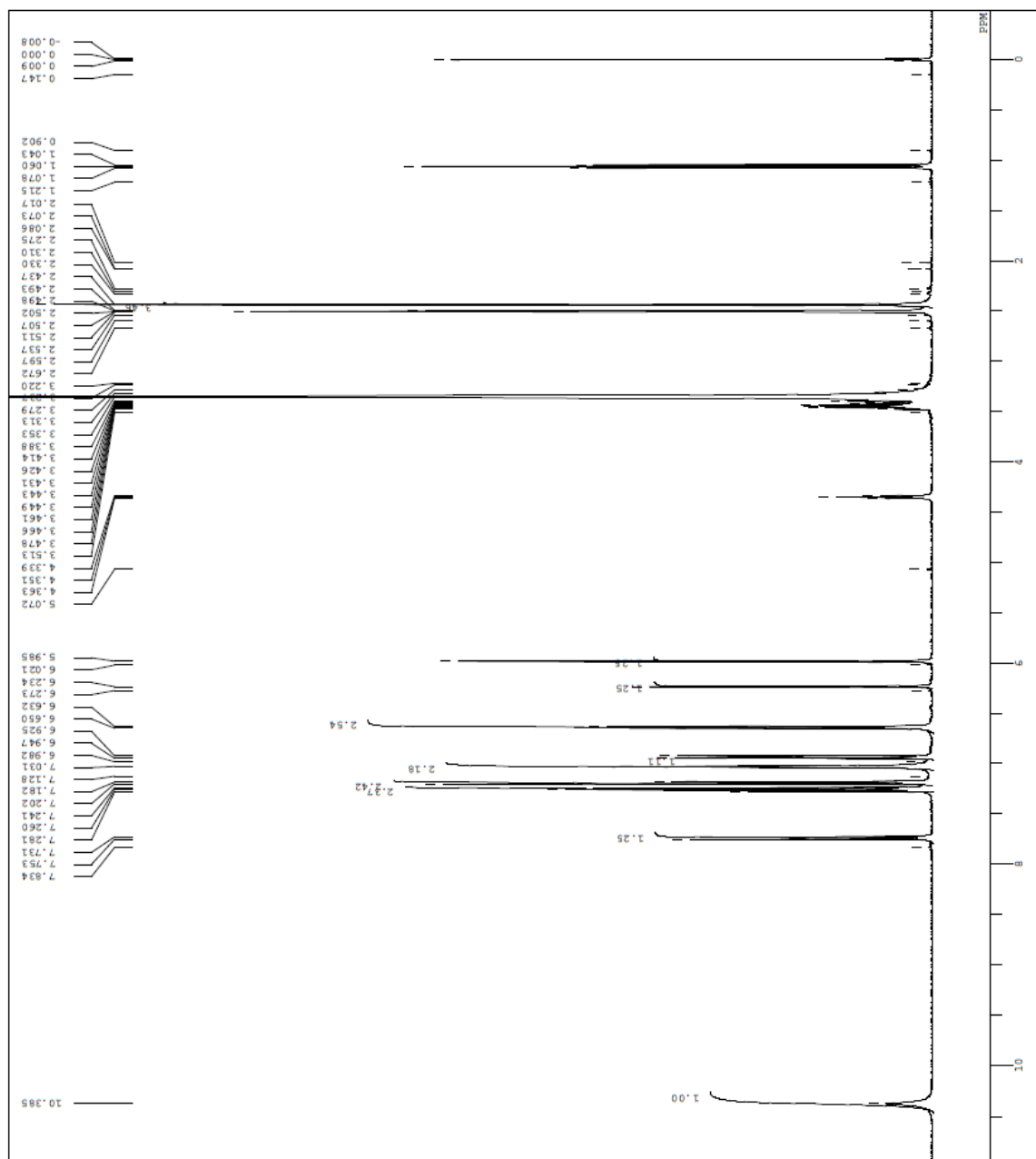
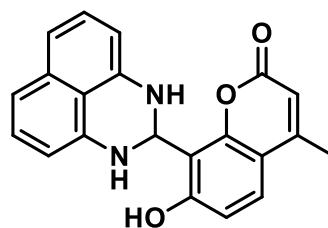
[a] The optimized structures for the respective models are summarized in the end of this ESI.

[b] CI expansion coefficients for the main transitions.

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**Fig. S1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR chart of **1** (24 mM, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz).

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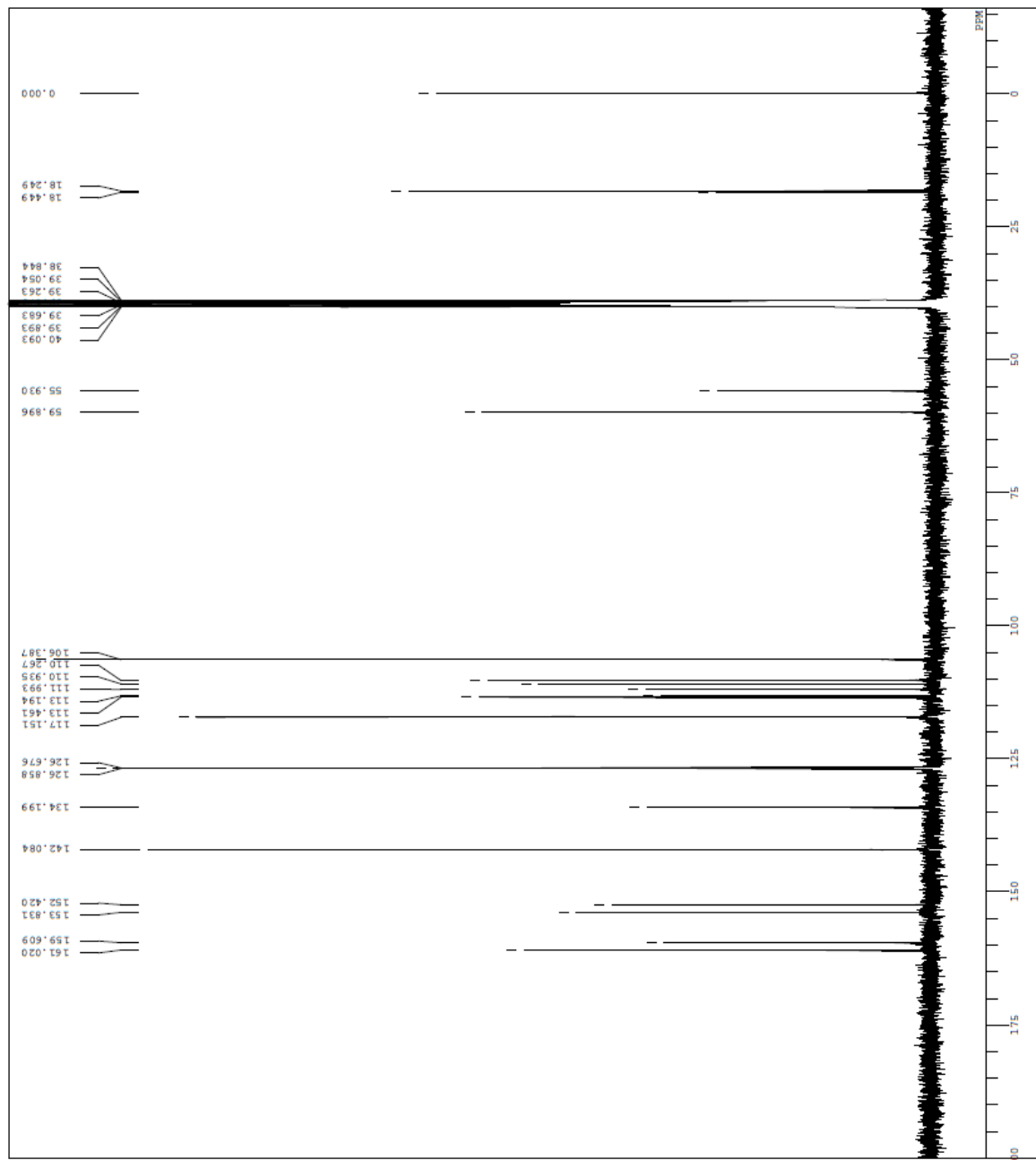
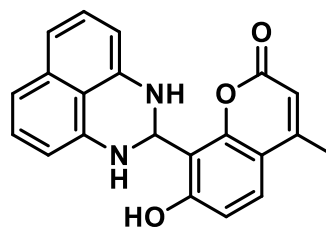
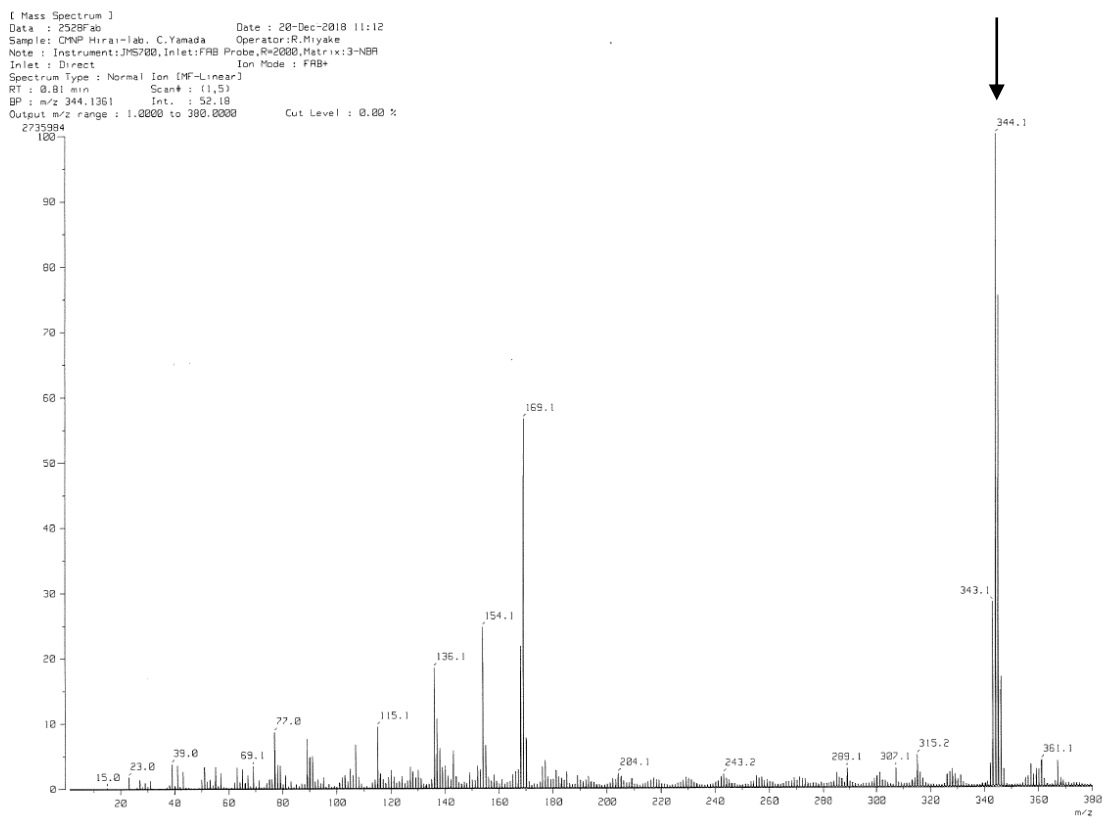
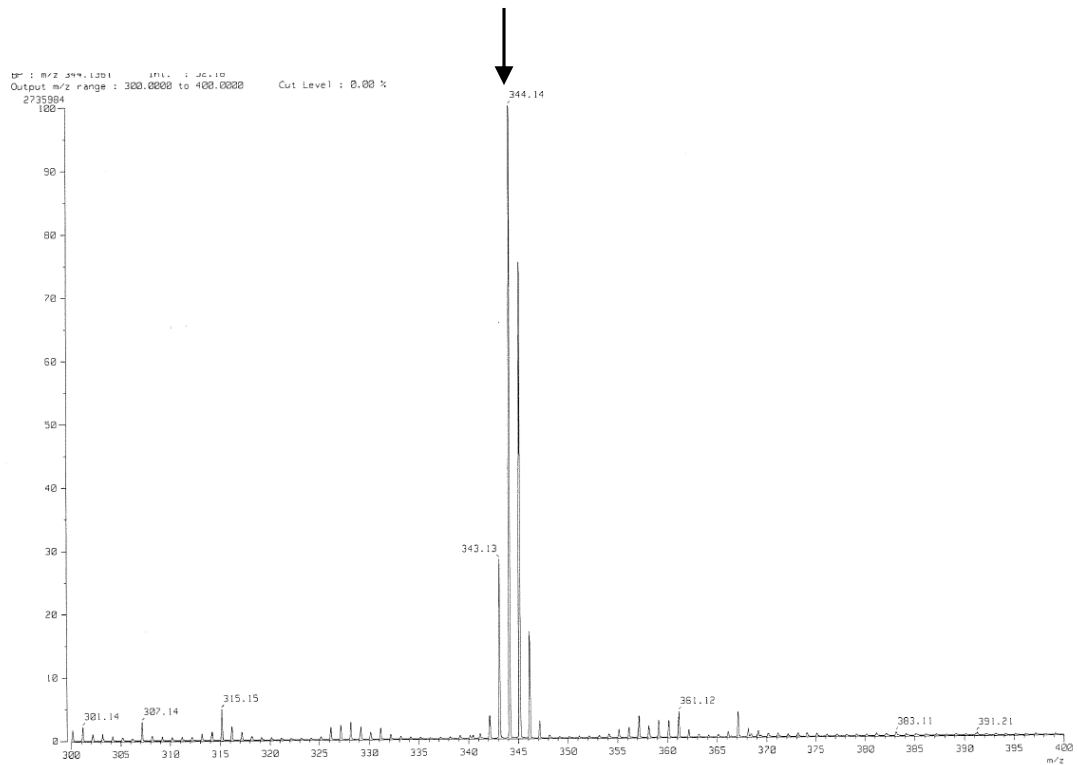


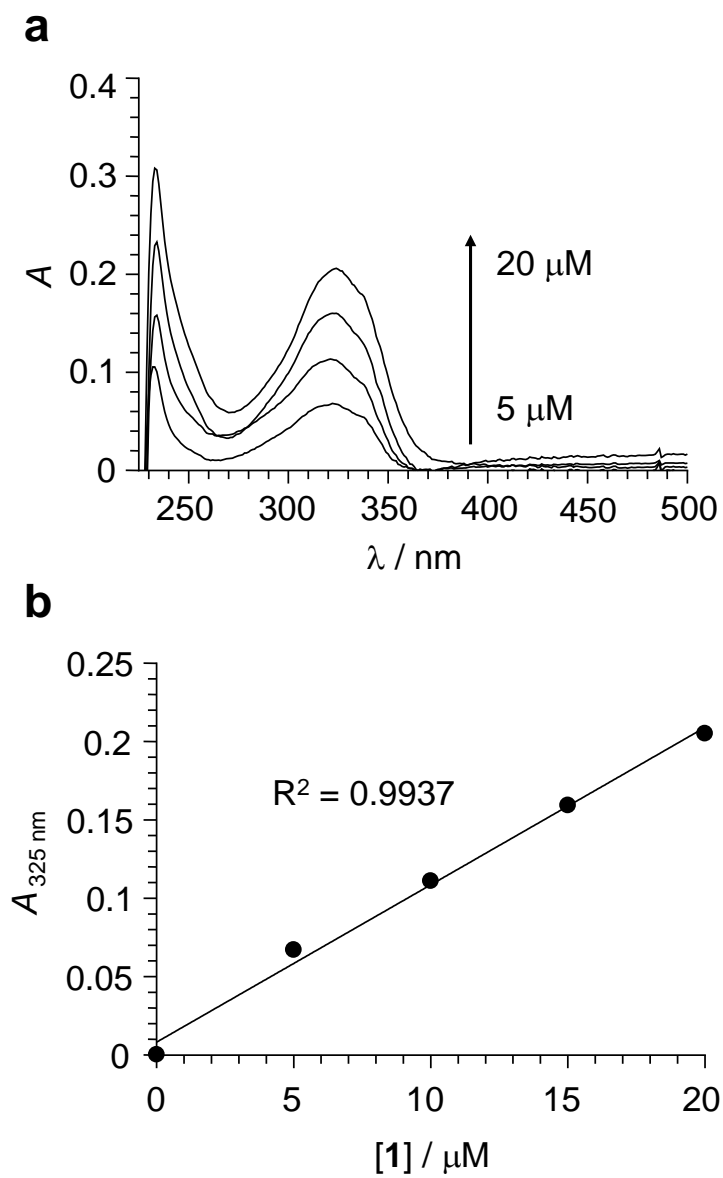
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**Fig. S3** FAB-MS chart of **1**. (top) full and (bottom) partial charts.



**Fig. S4** (a) Change in absorption spectra of **1** measured at 25 °C in 1% MeCN solutions (HEPES 0.1 M, pH 7.0) with different concentration of **1**. (b) Change in the absorbance at 325 nm as a function of the concentration of **1**.

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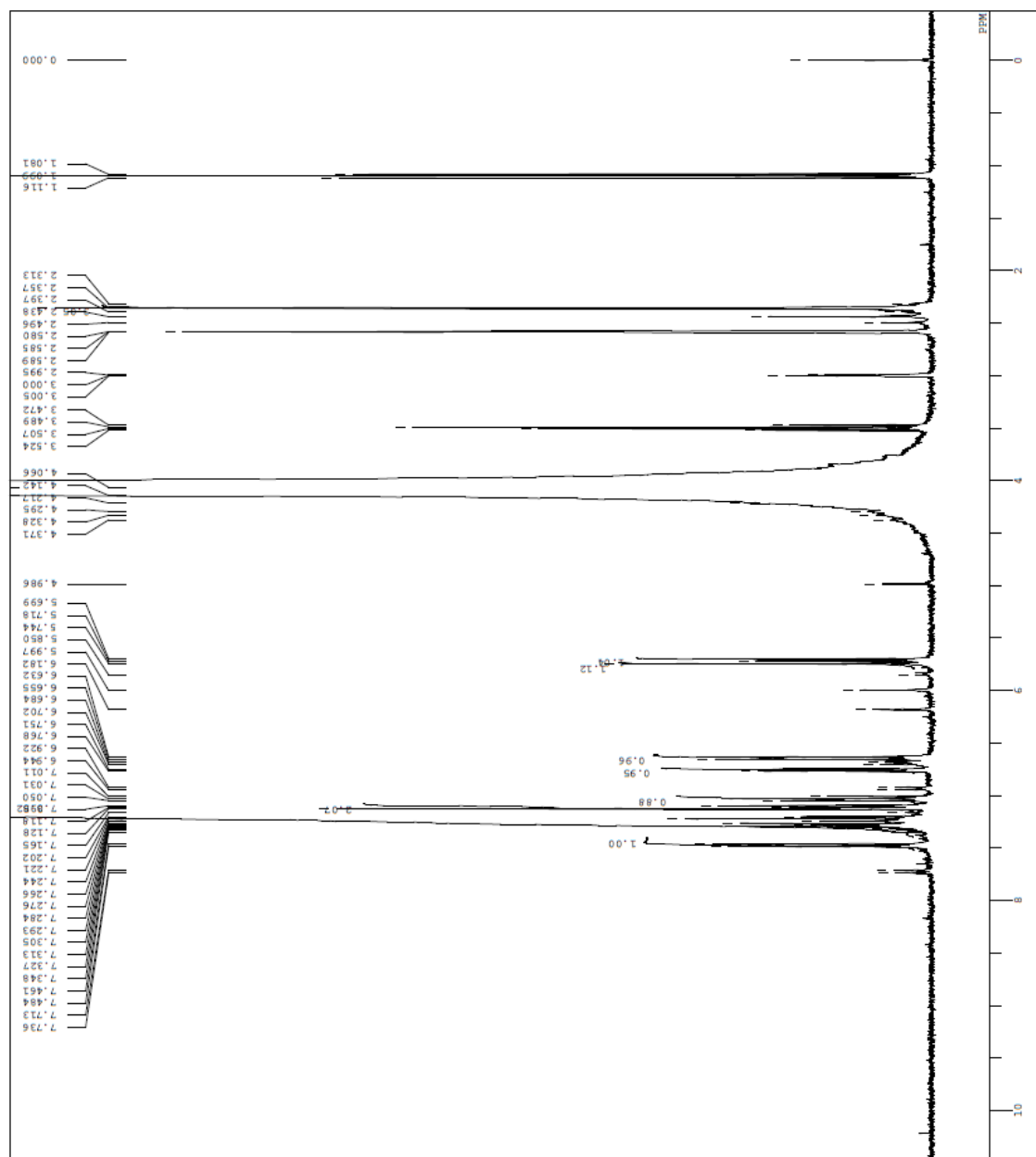
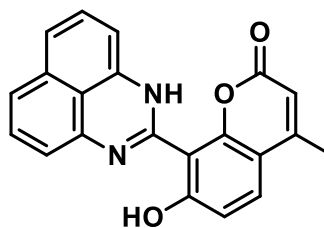


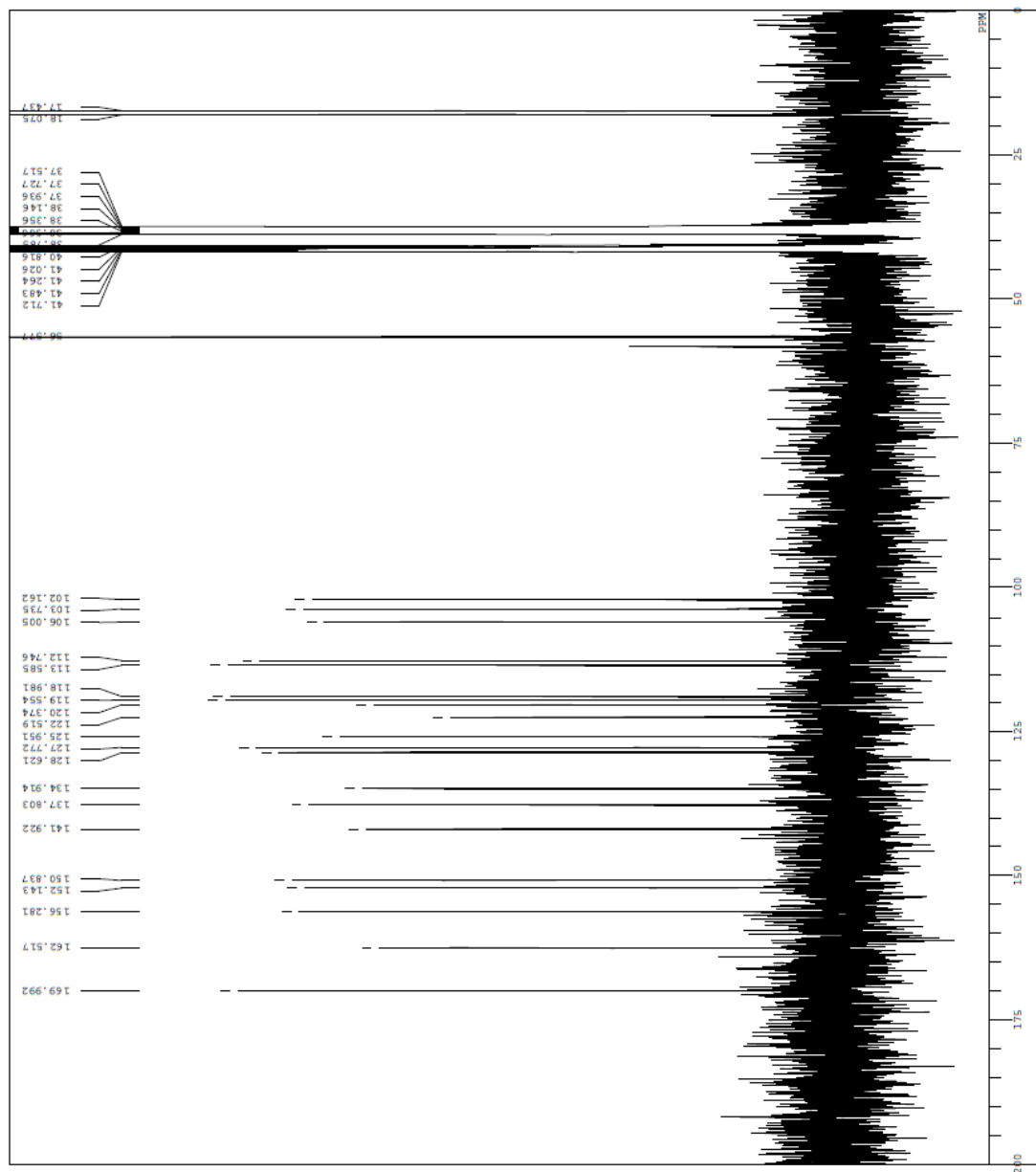
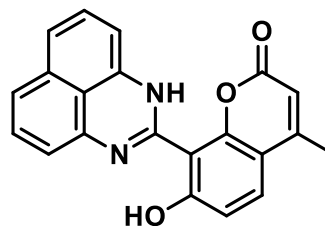
Fig. S5 <sup>1</sup>H NMR chart of 1' (24 mM, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz).



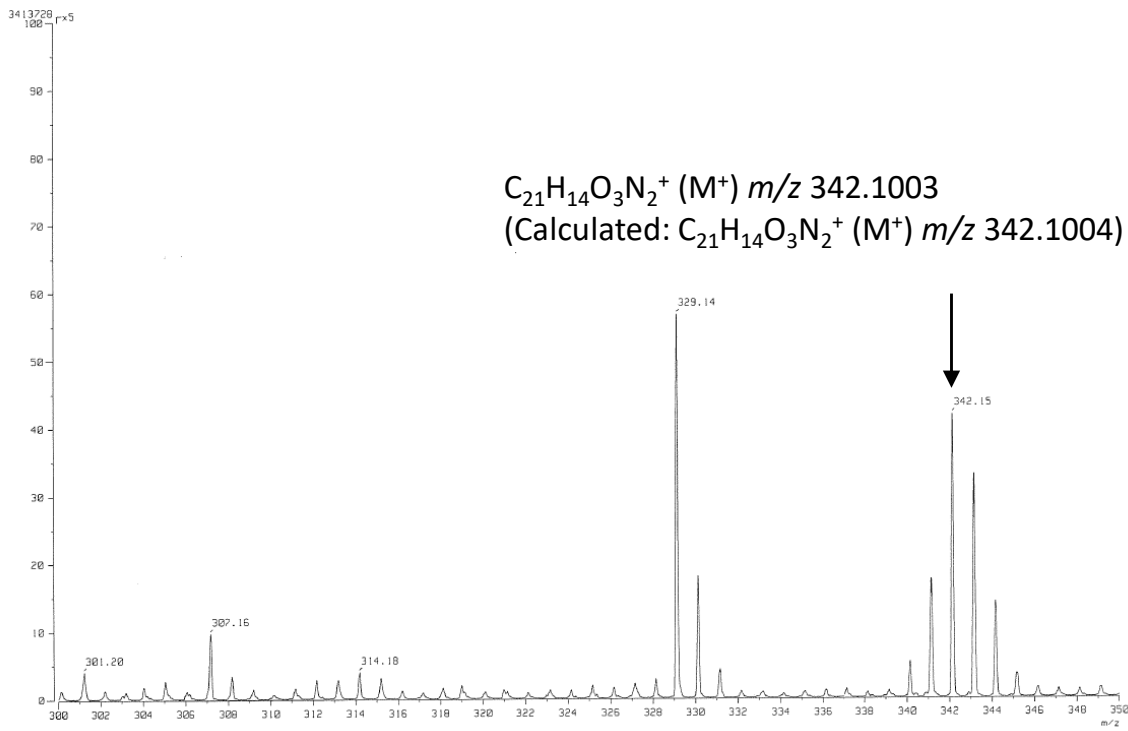
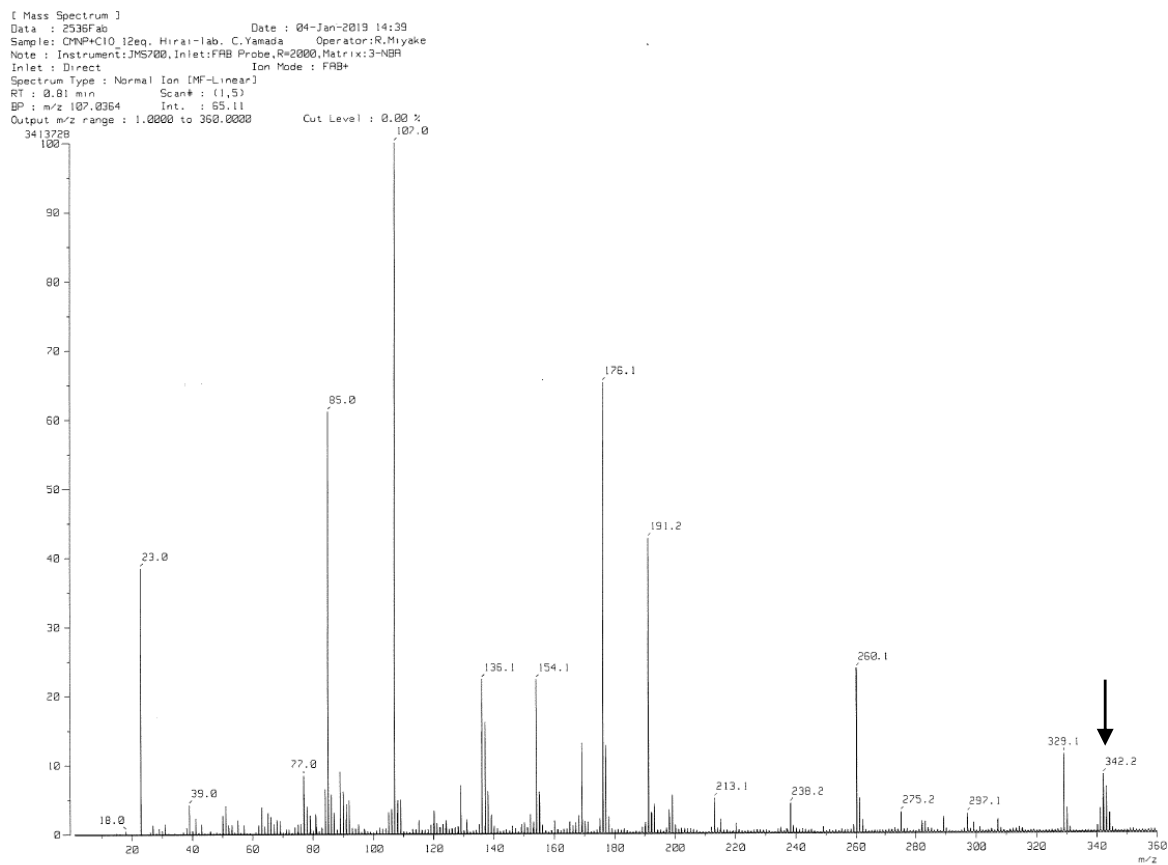
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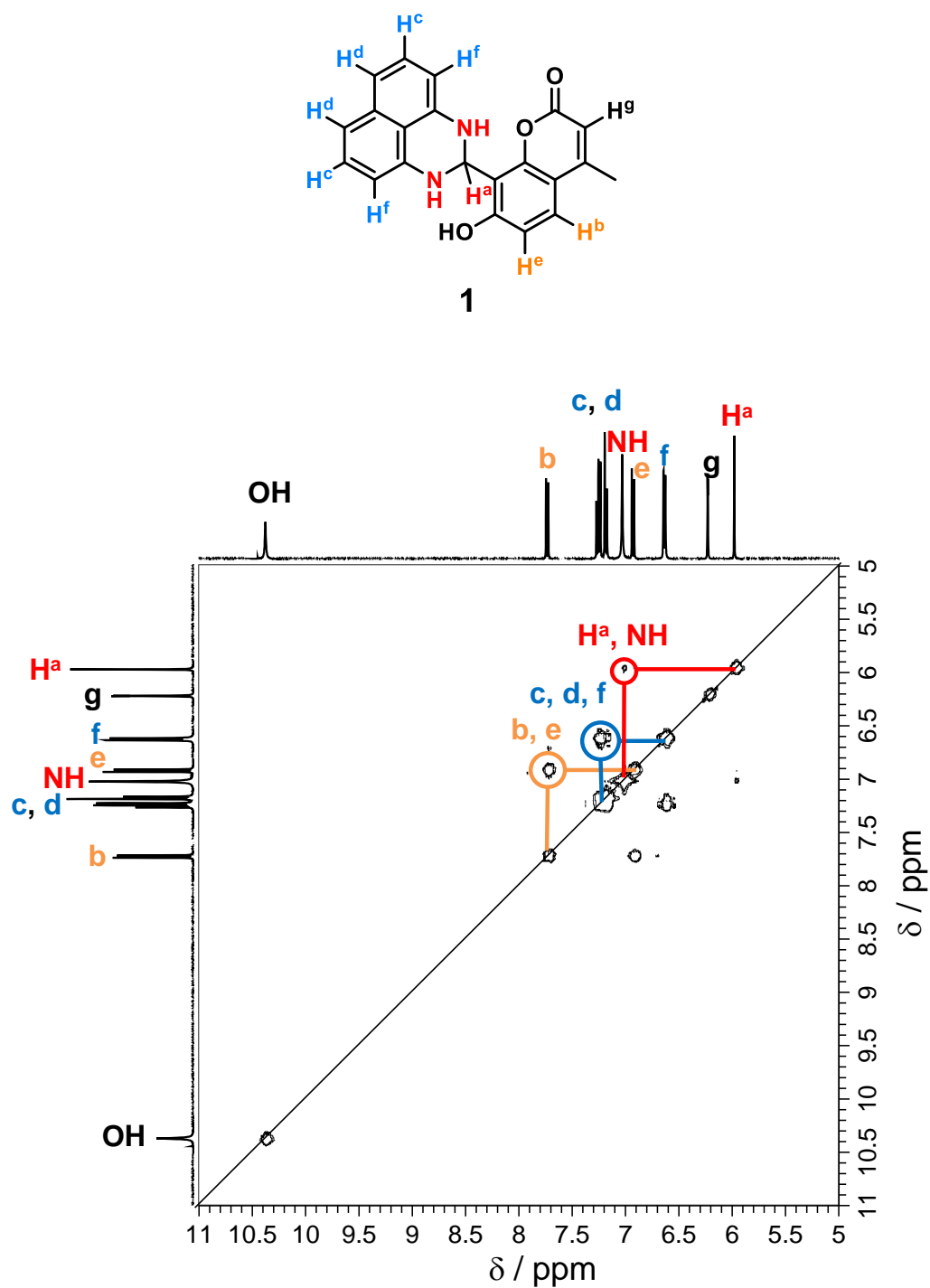
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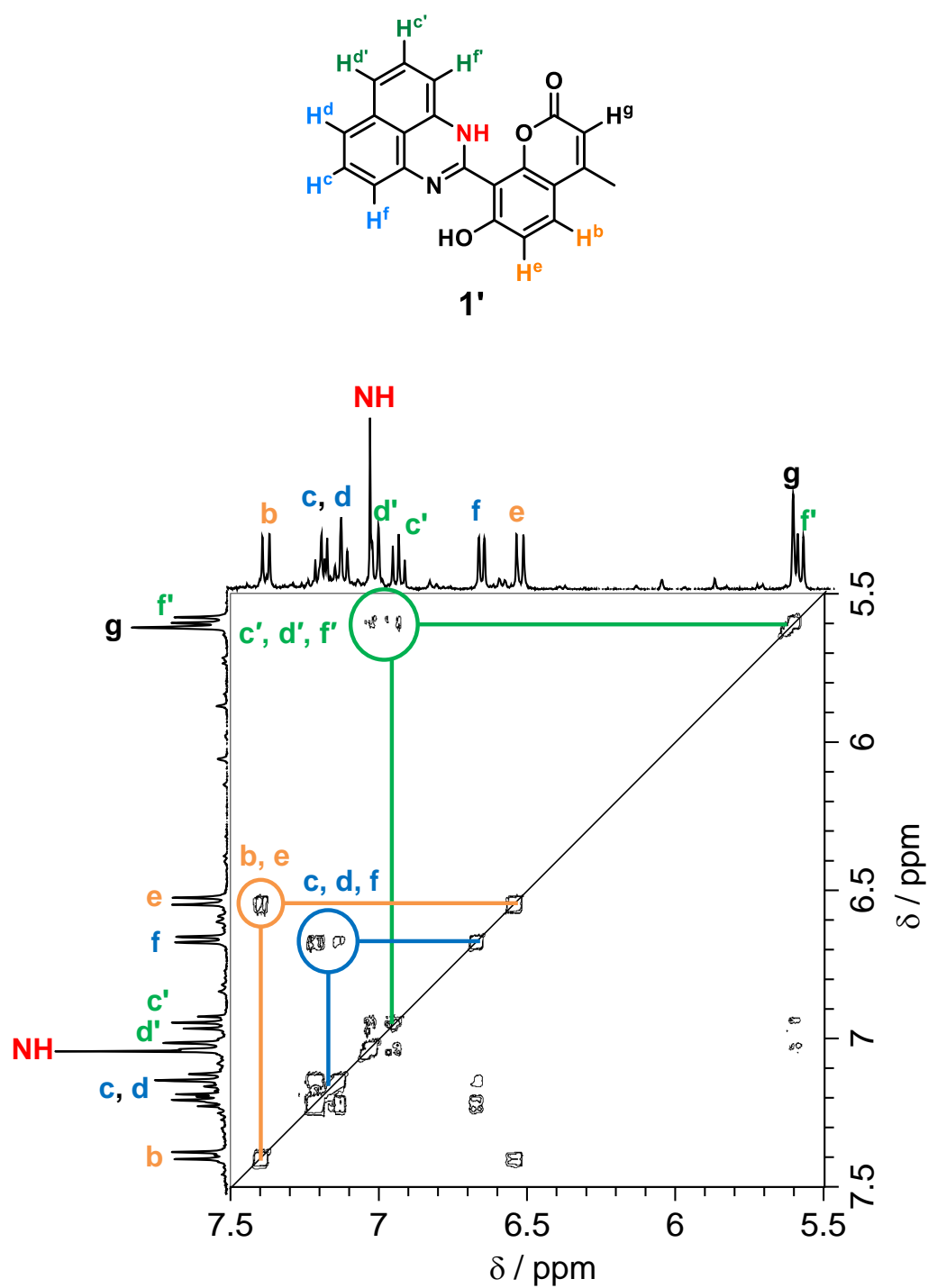
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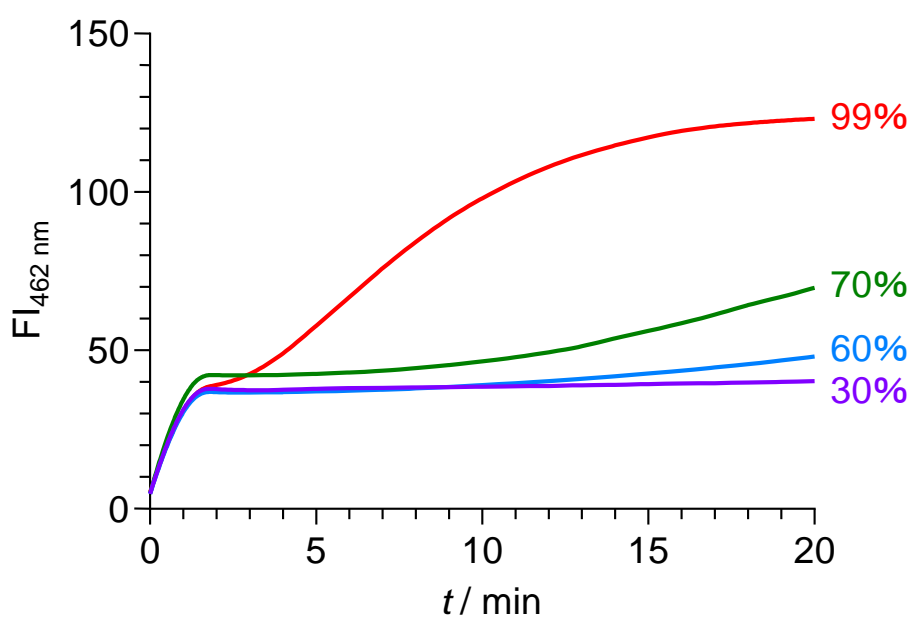
**Fig. S7** FAB-MS chart of **1'**. (top) full and (bottom) partial charts.



**Fig. S8**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY chart of **1** (30 mM,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , 400 MHz). Colored circles indicate the observed cross peaks. The texts next to the circle mean the coupling protons.

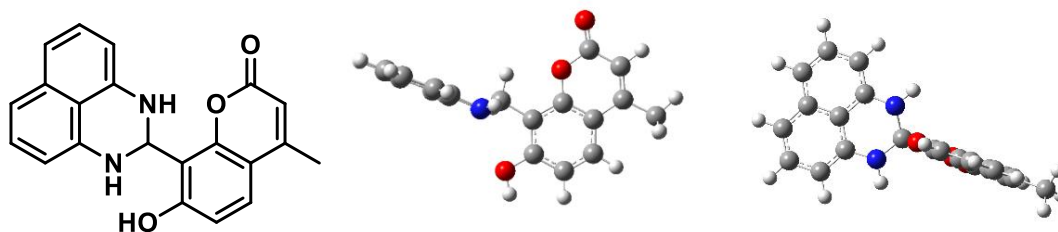


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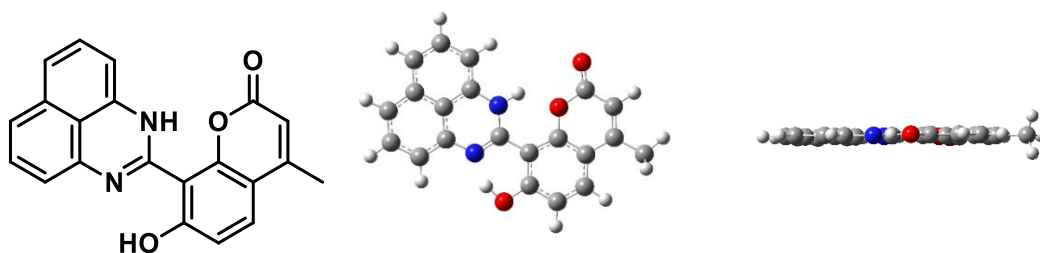
**Fig. S10** Time-dependent change in the fluorescence intensity of **1** at 462 nm (10  $\mu$ M) after addition of  $\text{OCl}^-$  (50 equiv) measured at 25  $^\circ\text{C}$  in MeCN solutions (HEPES 0.1 M, pH 7.0) with different water contents.

Cartesian Coordinates (in Å) of **1** (DFT/B3LYP/6-31+G\*)



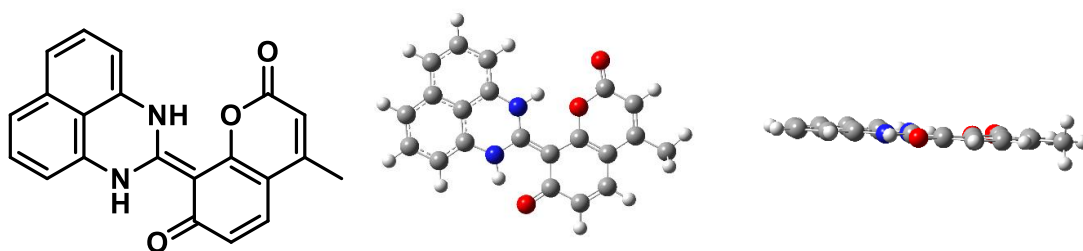
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Cartesian Coordinates (in Å) of **1'** (DFT/B3LYP/6-31+G\*)



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Cartesian Coordinates (in Å) of **1''** (DFT/B3LYP/6-31+G\*)



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