# $\mathrm{Ru}(\mathrm{II})$-catalysed regiospecific $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} / \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}$ oxidative annulation to access isochromeno[8,1-ab]phenazines: far red fluorescence and live cancer cell imaging 

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## 1. General information

Reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial sources. $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(p \text {-cymene })\right]_{2}$, $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ were used as purchased without further purification, reagents otherwise noted. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (100-200 mesh). Analytical TLC was performed on precoated aluminium sheets of silica gel 60F254 of 0.2 mm thickness. Melting points were determined in capillary tubes and are uncorrected. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz ) and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}(100 \mathrm{MHz})$ spectra were recorded in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ solution with TMS as internal standard. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS-ESI) were recorded using high resolution mass spectrometer. UV-visible absorption spectra were measured using UV spectrophotometer. The steady state fluorescence measurements were measured using fluorescence spectrophotometer. Cell imaging was done using laser confocal microscope instrument.

## 2. General procedure for synthesis of benzo[a]phenazin-5-ol 1a



Scheme S1. General procedure for synthesis of benzo[a]phenazin-5-ol 1a

A mixture of ortho-phenylenediamine 2.16 g (1.0 equiv), 2-hydroxy 1,4-napthaquinone 3.48 g (1.0 equiv) and ( $20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) acetic acid in ethanol 50 ml was added heated at reflux for 2 hours. The reaction was cooled, the resulting solid was collected for filtration, washed with cold ethanol. The benzo[a]phenazin-5-ol was obtained as yellow solid with the yield of $95 \%$.

## 3. General procedure for synthesis of 4,5-dibromobenzene-1,2-diamine ${ }^{1-2}$



Scheme S2. General procedure for synthesis of 4,5-dibromobenzene-1,2-diamine
(i) Synthesis of $N, N^{\prime}$-(1,2-Phenylene)bis-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (S1): oPhenylenediamine ( 1.0 equiv). Was added slowly to a solution of p-toluenesulfonyl chloride (2 equiv) in pyridine 50 mL which was cooled to $0{ }^{0} \mathrm{C}$ in a ice bath. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h . After slow addition of $15 \%$ aqueous HCl , a precipitate was formed. The solids was filtered by suction filtration. The solid was recrystallized from ethanol. After recrystallization,
compound $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}^{\prime}$-(1,2-Phenylene)bis(4-methylbenzenesulfonamide) was obtained as a pale solid $92 \%$ of yield.
(ii) Synthesis of $N, N^{\prime}$-(4,5-dibromo-1,2-phenylene)bis-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (S2): A solution of $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}$ '-(1,2-Phenylene)bis (4-methylbenzenesulfonamide) lequiv in glacial acetic was stirred and sodium acetate (2 equiv) added. Bromine (2 equiv) was added dropwise and the resulting dark solution then heated at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 3 hr . Water ( 50 ml ) was added and the resulting precipitate isolated by filtration and purified by recrystallization from acetic acid to give the required product N,N'-(4,5-dibromo-1,2-phenylene)bis(4-methylbenzenesulfonamide) Yield of $94 \%$, white needles.
(iii) Synthesis of 4,5-dibromobenzene-1,2-diamine (S3): $\quad N, N^{\prime}$-(4,5-dibromo-1,2-phenylene)bis(4-methylbenzenesulfonamide) was dissolved and heated in concentrated sulphuric acid at $110^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for about 15 min . After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was poured into ice-water and neutralized with $50 \% \mathrm{NaOH}$ solution until the color of the solution is off-white and lots of precipitate was formed. After filtration, the filtrate was recrystallized from methanol. The precipitate gave an off-white powder yield of $95 \%$.

## 4. Reaction procedure for synthesis of $\left[1,1^{\prime}: 2^{\prime}, 1^{\prime \prime}\right.$-terphenyl]-4',5'-diamine (S4): ${ }^{3}$


. Scheme S3. Reaction procedure for synthesis of [1, $1^{\prime}: 2^{\prime}, 1^{\prime \prime}$-terphenyl]-4',5'-diamine
4,5-dibromobenzene-1,2-diamine ( 0.500 mg 1.88 mmol ), phenylboronic acid ( 570 mg 2.0 equiv) and $\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}(64.1 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0555 \mathrm{mmol})$ were dissolved toluene ( 50 mL ). Next, $2.0 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ aqueous solution ( 15 mL ) was added to the toluene solution under nitrogen atmosphere. And, the mixture was stirred at $85{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 24 h . After finishing reaction, water was added to the toluene solution. Then, compounds were extracted with Ethyl acetate, and the organic layer was washed with brine and dried by anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. Next, the organic solution was evaporated, and then the crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate) to afford compound $\mathbf{S 4}$ ( $507.6 \mathrm{mg}, 1.95$ $\mathrm{mmol}, 97 \%)$ as white solid.

## 5. Reaction procedure for synthesis $N^{4}, N^{4}, N^{4 \prime \prime}, N^{4 \prime \prime}$-tetraphenyl-[1, $1^{\prime}: 2^{\prime}, 1^{\prime \prime}$-terphenyl]-4,4',4',5'-tetraamine (S5):

4, 5-Dibromobenzene-1,2-diamine ( 0.500 g 1.88 mmol ), 4-(Diphenylamino) phenylboronic acid ( 1.08 g 2.00 equiv) and $\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}(64.1 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0555 \mathrm{mmol})$ were dissolved toluene ( 50 mL ). Next, 2.0 M $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ aqueous solution ( 15 mL ) was added to the toluene solution under nitrogen atmosphere. And,
the mixture was stirred at $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 24 h . After finishing reaction, water was added to the toluene solution. Then, compounds were extracted with Ethyl acetate, and the organic layer was washed with brine and dried by anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. Next, the organic solution was evaporated, and then the crude was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate) to afford compound $\mathbf{S 5}$ ( $507.6 \mathrm{mg}, 1.95 \mathrm{mmol}, 97 \%$ ) as white solid.


Scheme S4. Reaction procedure for synthesis $N^{4}, N^{4}, N^{4 \prime \prime}, N^{4 \prime \prime}$-tetraphenyl-[1, 1':2', 1"-terphenyl]-4,4',4",5'-tetraamine

## 6. General procedure for synthesis of alkynes (2): ${ }^{\mathbf{4}}$



Scheme S5. General procedure for synthesis of alkynes

Following the literature procedure, $\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(105 \mathrm{mg}, 0.15 \mathrm{mmol}), 1,4-$ bis (diphenyl phosphino) butane ( $128 \mathrm{mg}, 0.30 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), aryl halides $(6.00 \mathrm{mmol})$, and propiolic acid ( $212 \mathrm{mg}, 3.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) were combined with DBU $(913 \mathrm{mg}, 6.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ in a round bottom flask. DMSO $(15.0 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added and the reaction was maintained in the oxygen atmosphere. The resulting mixture was placed in an oil bath at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 3 h . The reaction was poured in saturated ammonium chloride solution and extracted with ethyl acetate $3 \times 25 \mathrm{~mL}$. The combined ethyl acetate layer was washed with brine solution, dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate, filtered, and the solvent were removed under vacuum. The resulting crude product was purified using flash column chromatography in silica gel 100-200 mesh using 5\% EtOAc in pet ether.

## 7. Experimental procedure for synthesis of isochromeno[8,1-ab]phenazine 3a



Scheme S6. Experimental procedure for synthesis of isochromeno[8,1-ab]phenazine

To an oven-dried 25 mL round bottom flask fitted with a reflux condenser were added benzo[a]phenazin-5-ol 1a ( $73.88 \mathrm{mg}, 0.3 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), Diphenylacetylene 2a ( $53.43 \mathrm{mg}, 0.3$ mmol, 1.0 equiv), [RuCl2(p-cymene) $]_{2}\left(9.18 \mathrm{mg}, 0.015 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.05\right.$ equiv), $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ ( $20.62 \mathrm{mg}, 0.06$ mmol, 0.2 equiv) $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} . \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(59.89 \mathrm{mg}, 0.3 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv) and in 1,2-dichloroethane 3.0 ml (1,2-DCE). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 12 h . After cooling to ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, filtered through celite and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified through a silica gel column using hexane and ethyl acetate (85:15) as eluent. Desired product orange solid 3a 91.25 mg was obtained in 72 \% of yield.

Table S1 Optimization of reaction condition of benzo[a]phenazin-5-ol with di-phenyl acetylene ${ }^{a}$


| Entry | Catalyst | Additive | Oxidant (equiv.) | Solvent | Yield (\%) ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{cymene})\right]_{2}$ | $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | Toluene | $14^{c}, 30$ |
| 2 | $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p} \text {-cymene) }]_{2}\right.$ | $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | Choro benzene | 40 |
| 3 | $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{cymene})\right]_{2}$ | $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | 1,4-dioxane | 10 |
| 4 | $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{cymene})\right]_{2}$ | $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $t$ - AmOH | 20 |
| 5 | $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{cymene})\right]_{2}$ | $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ | 18 |
| 6 | $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p} \text {-cymene) }]_{2}\right.$ | $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | DMF | 30 |
| 7 | $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p} \text {-cymene) }]_{2}\right.$ | $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | 1,2- DCE | 72 |
| 8 | $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{cymene})\right]_{2}$ | $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ | 1,2- DCE | 68 |
| 9 | $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p} \text {-cymene) }]_{2}\right.$ | $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{Ag}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ | 1,2- DCE | 45 |
| 10 | $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{cymene})\right]_{2}$ | $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{Ag}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ | 1,2- DCE | 25 |
| 11 | $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p} \text {-cymene) }]_{2}\right.$ | $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{8}$ | 1,2- DCE | 18 |


| $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{cymene})\right]_{2}$ | $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{PhI}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ | $1,2-\mathrm{DCE}$ | trace |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{cymene})\right]_{2}$ | $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(0.5)$ | $1,2-\mathrm{DCE}$ | 28 |
| $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{cymene})\right]_{2}$ | $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ | - | $1,2-\mathrm{DCE}$ | - |
| $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{cymene})\right]_{2}$ | $\mathrm{KPF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $1,2-\mathrm{DCE}$ | 65 |
| $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{cymene})\right]_{2}$ | $\mathrm{AgBF}_{4}$ | $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $1,2-\mathrm{DCE}$ | 50 |
| $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{cymene})\right]_{2}$ | - | $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $1,2-\mathrm{DCE}$ | 10 |
| $\mathrm{RuCl}_{2} \cdot 5 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $1,2-\mathrm{DCE}$ | trace |
| $\left[\mathrm{RhCp}^{*} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right]_{2}$ | $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $1,2-\mathrm{DCE}$ | 60 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ | - | $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ | DMF | Trace |

${ }^{a}$ Reaction conditions: $\mathbf{1 a}(0.3 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathbf{2 a}(0.3 \mathrm{mmol})$, catalyst ( $5.0 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ), additive ( $20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) and oxidant ( 1 equiv.) in the indicated solvent $(2.0 \mathrm{~mL})$ at reflux or $110{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 12 h under air. ${ }^{b}$ Isolated yield. ${ }^{c}$ Under nitrogen
8. ORTEP diagram of compound 3a
a)



3a
b)


Figure S1. (a) ORTEP diagram of compound 3a (CCDC Number: 1503529) with 30\% probability ellipsoids. (b) Intermolecular $\pi-\pi$ stacking interaction.

## 9. Competitive Experiments



Scheme S7. Competitive Experiments
To an oven-dried 25 mL round bottom flask fitted with a reflux condenser were added benzo[ $a$ ]phenazin-5-ol 1a ( $73.88 \mathrm{mg}, 0.3 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), Diphenylacetylene 2a ( $53.43 \mathrm{mg}, 0.3$ mmol, 1.0 equiv), 21 ( $36.06 \mathrm{mg}, 0.3 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), $[\mathrm{RuCl} 2(\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{cymene})]_{2}(9.18 \mathrm{mg}, 0.015 \mathrm{mmol}$, 0.05 equiv), $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}\left(20.62 \mathrm{mg}, 0.06 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.2\right.$ equiv) $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(59.89 \mathrm{mg}, 0.3 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv) and in 1,2-dichloroethane 3.0 ml ( 1,2 -DCE). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 12 h . After cooling to ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, filtered through celite and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified through a silica gel column using hexane and ethyl acetate (85:15) as eluent. Desired product orange solid 3a and 31. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR analysis confirmed that the annulated product originating from the electron-deficient alkyne 2a was obtained in higher preposition 1.7:1.0 when compared with 21 .


Figure S2. ${ }^{1}$ HNMR of Competitive Experiments

## 10. Regioselectivity of the reaction



Scheme S8. Regioselectivity of the reaction
To an oven-dried 25 mL round bottom flask fitted with a reflux condenser were added benzo[a]phenazin-5-ol 1a ( $73.88 \mathrm{mg}, 0.3 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), 1 -phenyl-1-propyne $\mathbf{2 i}$ ( $34.84 \mathrm{mg}, 0.3$ $\mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p} \text {-cymene) }]_{2}(5.0 \mathrm{~mol} \%), \mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right.$ ( 1 equiv) and $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}(20 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ in 1,2-DCE. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 12 h . After cooling to ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, filtered through celite and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified through a silica gel column using hexane and ethyl acetate (85:15) as eluent. Desired product orange solid $\mathbf{3 i} 73.52 \mathrm{mg}$ was obtained in $68 \%$ of yield.. The regioselectivity of the annulated product was confirmed by NOE experiment.

$3 i$


Figure S3. 1D NOE spectrum of compound 3i


Figure S4. H-H COSY spectrum of compound 3i


Figure S5. HSQC spectrum of compound 3i


Figure S6. HMBC spectrum of compound 3i

## 11. Gram scale synthesize of 4,5-diphenylisochromeno[8,1-ab]phenazine



Scheme S9. Gram scale synthesize of 4,5-diphenylisochromeno[8,1-ab]phenazine
To an oven-dried 100 mL round bottom flask fitted with a reflux condenser were added benzo[a]phenazin-5-ol 1a ( $1.03 \mathrm{~g} 4.2 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), Diphenylacetylene $\mathbf{2 a}(0.722 \mathrm{~g}, 4.2 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv), $\left[\mathrm{RuCl}_{2} \text { (p-cymene) }\right]_{2}(128 \mathrm{mg}, 5.0 \mathrm{~mol} \%), \mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\left(0.8350 \mathrm{~g}, 1.0\right.$ equiv) and $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ ( $0.287 \mathrm{~g}, 0.2$ equiv) in 1,2-DCE 50 ml . The reaction mixture was refluxed for 12 h . After cooling to ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, filtered through celite and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified through a silica gel column using hexane and ethyl acetate as eluent (85:15) to afford 3a in $66 \%$ yield.

## 12. The preliminary mechanism study

To an oven-dried 25 mL round bottom flask fitted with a reflux condenser were added benzo[ $a$ ]phenazin-5-ol $\mathbf{1}\left(0.3 \mathrm{mmol}\right.$ ) and $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ (10 equiv.) in 1,2-dichloroethane (1,2-DCE). This mixture was refluxed for 12 h . After cooling to ambient temperature, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on a silica gel to give the mixture 1a/1aa. The mixture was analyzed using ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrometer. The deuterium incorporation was estimated to be $69 \%$ as shown in the following scheme.

To an oven-dried 25 mL round bottom flask fitted with a reflux condenser were added benzo[ $a$ ]phenazin-5-ol 1 ( 0.3 mmol ), acetylene $2(0.3 \mathrm{mmol})$, $\left[\operatorname{RuCl}_{2}(\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{cymene})\right]_{2}(5.0 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$, $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ( 1 equiv) $\mathrm{AgSbF}_{6}$ ( $20 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) and $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ( 10 equiv.) in 1,2-dichloroethane (1,2DCE). This mixture was refluxed for 12 h . After cooling to ambient temperature, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on a silica gel to give the mixture $\mathbf{1 a} / \mathbf{1 a b}$. The mixture was analyzed using ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrometer. The deuterium incorporation was estimated to be $66 \%$ and $75 \%$ as shown in the following scheme.



Scheme S10. The preliminary mechanism study


Figure S7. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of preliminary mechanism study

## 13. Molecular orbital amplitude plots of HOMO and LUMO levels of 3p

Density functional theory (DFT) calculation of the compound 3p was carried out using Gaussian 09 program package. The ground state geometries of $\mathbf{3 p}$ was optimized using DFT-B3LYP-6-311G basis set. In order to get the information about absorption properties TDDFT calculations ware carried out using the optimized geometries.

HOMO


LUMO:


E: 2.9468415951338 eV
HOMO: -5.1692517844812

LUMO: -2.2224101893474

Figure S8. HOMO and LUMO

Table S2. Atom coordinates

| 1 | 6 | -2.216690000 | 0.775436000 | -0.026287000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 6 | -1.051180000 | 1.487909000 | -0.027945000 |
| 3 | 6 | 0.196769000 | 0.791860000 | -0.022550000 |
| 4 | 6 | 0.213915000 | -0.656494000 | -0.011451000 |
| 5 | 6 | -1.045961000 | -1.388371000 | -0.006593000 |
| 6 | 6 | -2.264480000 | -0.660266000 | -0.021291000 |
| 7 | 6 | 2.532209000 | -0.629410000 | -0.003026000 |
| 8 | 6 | 2.517575000 | 0.804183000 | -0.020415000 |
| 9 | 6 | 3.756046000 | 1.497031000 | -0.011826000 |
| 10 | 1 | 3.717931000 | 2.579707000 | 0.024382000 |
| 11 | 6 | 4.970805000 | 0.830145000 | 0.002963000 |
| 12 | 6 | 4.983424000 | -0.621998000 | -0.013575000 |
| 13 | 6 | 3.777760000 | -1.305909000 | -0.004994000 |
| 14 | 1 | -1.050488000 | 2.569284000 | -0.035181000 |
| 15 | 1 | 3.756212000 | -2.389253000 | -0.040543000 |
| 16 | 6 | 6.243031000 | -1.419857000 | -0.083780000 |
| 17 | 6 | 6.439241000 | -2.505244000 | 0.792338000 |
| 18 | 6 | 7.227855000 | -1.157484000 | -1.056339000 |
| 19 | 6 | 7.585666000 | -3.301323000 | 0.703280000 |
| 20 | 1 | 5.693655000 | -2.713401000 | 1.553521000 |
| 21 | 6 | 8.370523000 | -1.956310000 | -1.147838000 |
| 22 | 1 | 7.071465000 | 0.574133000 | 1.748635000 |
| 23 | 6 | 8.555614000 | -3.029896000 | -0.267836000 |
| 24 | 1 | 7.721188000 | -4.129000000 | 1.392610000 |
| 25 | 1 | 9.114929000 | -1.742391000 | -1.908412000 |
| 26 | 1 | 9.445766000 | -3.646929000 | -0.338902000 |
| 27 | 6 | 6.217808000 | 1.647426000 | 0.079941000 |
| 28 | 6 | 7.199690000 | 1.401451000 | 1.059587000 |
| 29 | 6 | 6.402672000 | 2.734335000 | -0.796552000 |
| 30 | 6 | 8.329094000 | 2.218165000 | 1.157732000 |


| 31 | 1 | 7.091575000 | -0.331273000 | -1.745153000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 32 | 6 | 7.536323000 | 3.547778000 | -0.701306000 |
| 33 | 1 | 5.658395000 | 2.930586000 | -1.562094000 |
| 34 | 6 | 8.503581000 | 3.292868000 | 0.276948000 |
| 35 | 1 | 9.071371000 | 2.017253000 | 1.923907000 |
| 36 | 1 | 7.663566000 | 4.376586000 | -1.390799000 |
| 37 | 1 | 9.383515000 | 3.923794000 | 0.353121000 |
| 38 | 7 | 1.347097000 | 1.500310000 | -0.026886000 |
| 39 | 7 | 1.367554000 | -1.339103000 | -0.001543000 |
| 40 | 6 | -3.521342000 | -1.329628000 | -0.012938000 |
| 41 | 6 | -4.753283000 | -0.522537000 | -0.026013000 |
| 42 | 6 | -4.666743000 | 0.839550000 | -0.049028000 |
| 43 | 6 | -3.522765000 | -2.731000000 | 0.033769000 |
| 44 | 6 | -2.317026000 | -3.449971000 | 0.046794000 |
| 45 | 6 | -1.090180000 | -2.796007000 | 0.022334000 |
| 46 | 1 | -4.463742000 | -3.265212000 | 0.062654000 |
| 47 | 1 | -2.347999000 | -4.534277000 | 0.079787000 |
| 48 | 1 | -0.154368000 | -3.340517000 | 0.032653000 |
| 49 | 8 | -3.415784000 | 1.483578000 | -0.029158000 |
| 50 | 6 | -6.071789000 | -1.225290000 | 0.049505000 |
| 51 | 6 | -6.540149000 | -1.997834000 | -1.031076000 |
| 52 | 6 | -6.854884000 | -1.152299000 | 1.215597000 |
| 53 | 6 | -7.765493000 | -2.668023000 | -0.950492000 |
| 54 | 1 | -5.943501000 | -2.065336000 | -1.935754000 |
| 55 | 6 | -8.080502000 | -1.821587000 | 1.295225000 |
| 56 | 1 | -6.499896000 | -0.565065000 | 2.056119000 |
| 57 | 6 | -8.540019000 | -2.580507000 | 0.212724000 |
| 58 | 1 | -8.114978000 | -3.254739000 | -1.794310000 |
| 59 | 1 | -8.673465000 | -1.751891000 | 2.201680000 |
| 60 | 1 | -9.490745000 | -3.100298000 | 0.274993000 |
| 61 | 6 | -5.739878000 | 1.854730000 | -0.079403000 |


| 62 | 6 | -5.536854000 | 3.087452000 | 0.575812000 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 63 | 6 | -6.948286000 | 1.651280000 | -0.775134000 |
| 64 | 6 | -6.524731000 | 4.073771000 | 0.557840000 |
| 65 | 1 | -4.601716000 | 3.262831000 | 1.092949000 |
| 66 | 6 | -7.931255000 | 2.643509000 | -0.793513000 |
| 67 | 1 | -7.114534000 | 0.726082000 | -1.311241000 |
| 68 | 6 | -7.727633000 | 3.855701000 | -0.124046000 |
| 69 | 1 | -6.353863000 | 5.013052000 | 1.074073000 |
| 70 | 1 | -8.853313000 | 2.471208000 | -1.339368000 |
| 71 | 1 | -8.494116000 | 4.623974000 | -0.139932000 |

## Optimized geometry:



Possible packing arrangement:


Figure S9. Optimized geometry and Possible packing arrangement:

## 14. Photophysical properties of compounds (3a-v):

Table S3. Photophysical properties of compounds (3a-v):

| entry | $\lambda_{\text {max,ab }}$, (nm) |  | $\lambda_{\text {max,em, }}(\mathrm{nm})$ |  | Stokes shift ${ }^{\text {e }}\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ |  | Quantum <br> Yield $\left(\Phi_{\mathrm{F}}\right)^{f}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Solution ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Solid ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | Solution ${ }^{\text {a,c }}$ | Solid ${ }^{\text {b,d }}$ | Solution ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Solid ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |  |
| 3 a | 494 | 508 | 553 | 590 | 2160 | 2736 | 0.54 |
| 3b | 498 | 511 | 559 | 585 | 2191 | 2475 | 0.43 |
| 3 c | 500 | 514 | 572 | 604 | 2517 | 2899 | 0.48 |
| 3d | 490 | 504 | 544 | 619 | 2026 | 3686 | 0.35 |
| 3 e | 489 | 496 | 540 | 565 | 1931 | 2462 | 0.37 |
| 3 f | 488 | 501 | 539 | 565 | 1939 | 2261 | 0.39 |
| 3h | 486 | 498 | 538 | 566 | 1989 | 2412 | 0.32 |
| $3 i$ | 495 | 497 | 554 | 566 | 2151 | 2453 | 0.45 |
| 3j | 497 | 550 | 563 | 599 | 2359 | 1487 | 0.41 |
| 3 k | 501 | 527 | 563 | 579 | 2198 | 1704 | 0.47 |
| 31 | 499 | 503 | 563 | 581 | 2278 | 2669 | 0.52 |
| 3 m | 503 | 510 | 567 | 588 | 2244 | 2601 | 0.65 |
| $3 n$ | 491 | 503 | 544 | 573 | 1984 | 2429 | 0.37 |
| 30 | 518 | 529 | 580 | 616 | 2064 | 2670 | 0.12 |
| 3 p | 507 | 521 | 559 | 607 | 1835 | 2719 | 0.86 |
| $3 q$ | 503 | 509 | 551 | 582 | 1732 | 2464 | 0.23 |
| 3 r | 516 | 525 | 568 | 599 | 1774 | 2353 | 0.37 |
| 3 s | 501 | 512 | 594 | 630 | 3125 | 3658 | 0.17 |
| 3 t | 431 | 435 | 545 | 580 | 4853 | 5747 | 0.52 |
| 3 u | 526 | 532 | 609 | 640 | 2591 | 3172 | 0.28 |
| 3 v | 511 | 540 | 632 | 637 | 3747 | 2820 | 0.22 |

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## 15. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of synthesised compounds:



Figure S10. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound 3a


Figure S11. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound 3b


Figure S12. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound 3c


Figure S13. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound 3d


Figure S14. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound 3e


Figure S15. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound $3 f$


Figure S16. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound 3h


Figure S17. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound 3i


Figure S18. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound 3j


Figure S19. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound 3k


Figure S20. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound 31


Figure S21. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound 3m


Figure S22. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound $3 n$


Figure S23. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound 3o


Figure S24. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound 3p


Figure S25. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound 3q


Figure S26. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound $3 r$


Figure S27. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound 3s


Figure S28. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound 3t


Figure S29. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound $3 u$


Figure S30. Absorption and fluorescent spectra of compound 3 v

## 16. Solvatochromism



Figure S31. Solvatochromism spectra of compound 3p

## 17. Live cell imaging experiment

Fluorescence compounds of $\mathbf{3 p}$ and $\mathbf{3 t}$ were examined for intracellular imaging in A549, HepG2 and U937 cells. A549 and HepG2 cells were grown in DMEM, and U937 cells were grown in RMPI media with $10 \%$ fetal bovine serum, $1 \%$ penicillin/streptomycin at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under a $5 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ atmosphere for 24 h . The cells were incubated at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ with $10 \mu \mathrm{M}$ of the fluorescence compounds of $\mathbf{3 p}$ and $\mathbf{3 t}$ for 30 min separately. After thorough washing with PBS, the cells were stained with nucleus staining dye DAPI ( $2 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ) for another 20 min . After that, the staining solution was replaced with fresh PBS to remove the remaining dye. Finally, the blue, green and red fluorescence images of A549, HepG2 and U937 cells were captured using a confocal laser scanning microscope (ZEISS, LSM710). Excitation wavelength for Green: 488 nm ; Emission collection: 490-554 nm; Excitation wavelength for Red: 561 nm; Emission collection: 570-680 nm; Excitation wavelength for Blue: 405 nm ; Emission collection: 410-460 nm.


Figure S32. Live cell imaging of compound $3 p$ in A549, HepG2 and U937 cells. (A) Row 1 (a1-a3): A549 cells treated with $10 \mu \mathrm{M} \mathrm{3p}$ for 30 min . (B) Row 2 (b1-b3): HepG2 cells treated with $10 \mu \mathrm{M} \mathrm{3p}$ for 30 min . (C) Row 3 (c1-c3): U937 cells treated with $10 \mu \mathrm{M} \mathrm{3p}$ for 30 min . For A, B and C, column 1 (a1-c1): DAPI stained blue fluorescence images; column 2 ( $a 2-c 2$ ): red fluorescence images; column 3 (a3-c3): merging of the blue and red fluorescence images. Scale bar $=10 \mu \mathrm{~m}$. Excitation and emission wavelength: 405 nm and 410-460 nm for blue fluorescence images; 561 nm and 570-680 nm for red fluorescence images.


Figure S33. Live cell imaging of compound $3 t$ in A549, HepG2 and U937 cells. (A) Row 1 (a1-a3): A549 cells treated with $10 \mu \mathrm{M} 3 \mathrm{t}$ for 30 min . (B) Row 2 (b1-b3): HepG2 cells treated with $10 \mu \mathrm{M} 3 \mathrm{t}$ for 30 min . (C) Row 3 (c1-c3): U937 cells treated with $10 \mu \mathrm{M} 3 \mathrm{t}$ for 30 min . For A, B and C, column 1 (a1-c1): DAPI stained blue fluorescence images; column 2 ( $a 2-c 2$ ): green fluorescence images; column 3 (a3-c3): merging of the blue and green fluorescence images. Scale bar $=10 \mu \mathrm{~m}$. Excitation and emission wavelength: 405 nm and 410-460 nm for blue fluorescence images; 488 nm and 490554 nm for green fluorescence images.

## 18. Cell viability assay

Cytotoxic properties of the synthesized compounds $\mathbf{3 p}$ and $\mathbf{3 t}$ were studied against A549, HepG2 and U937 cells. A549 and HepG2 cells were maintained in complete tissue culture medium DMEM and U937 cells were maintained in RPMI with $10 \%$ fetal bovine serum and 2 mM L-glutamine, along with antibiotics (about 100 International Unit per mL of penicillin, $100 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ per mL of streptomycin) with the pH adjusted to 7.2 . Medium of $50 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ containing 5000 cells per well and different concentrations of synthesized compounds $\mathbf{3 p}$ and $\mathbf{3 t}$ were seeded in 96 well plates. The cells were cultivated at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ with $5 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ and $95 \%$ air in $100 \%$ relative humidity. AQueous One Solution reagent of $20 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ was added to each well of CellTiter $96 ®$ according to the manufacturer's guidelines and incubated at 37 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for $1-4 \mathrm{~h}$ under a humidified, $5 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ atmosphere. The cytotoxicity against cells was determined by measuring the absorbance of the converted dye at 490 nm in an ELISA reader. Cytotoxicity of each sample was expressed as an $\mathrm{IC}_{50}$ value.


Figure S34. Cell viability assay in A549, HepG2 and U937 cells using MTS reagent. Cells have been incubated with Compound $3 \mathrm{p}(0-200 \mu \mathrm{M})$ for 48 h .


Figure S35. Cell viability assay in A549, HepG2 and U937 cells using MTS reagent. Cells have been incubated with Compound $\mathbf{3 t}(0-200 \mu \mathrm{M})$ for 48 h .

## 19. Spectral Data for synthesized compounds

## benzo[a]phenazin-5-ol (1a)



1a

Yield: $95 \%$, Yellow Solid; ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) $\delta 11.52$ $(\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 9.27(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.41-8.23(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 7.99 - 7.80 (m, 4H), 7.21 (s, 1H) ppm; ${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - ~}$ d6) $\delta 131.5,130.7,130.7,130.6,130.2,129.7,129.3,129.3,126.8$, $125.3,124.0,123.4,121.2,103.9 \mathrm{ppm}$.

## 9,10-dibromobenzo[a]phenazin-5-ol (1c)

Yield: 87 \%, Yellow Solid; ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}$, DMSO-d6) $\delta 11.73$


1c $(\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 9.12(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.5,2.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.58(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.48(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.31$ $-8.27(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.95-7.87(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.09(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm} ;{ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d6) $\delta 149.8,142.1,139.0,133.4,131.1,131.1$, $131.0,129.5,129.46,125.9,125.4,123.6,123.5,103.5 \mathrm{ppm}$.

## 9,10-diphenylbenzo[a]phenazin-5-ol (1d)

Yield: $82 \%$, Yellow Solid; ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}$, DMSO-d6) $\delta 11.58$


1d ( $\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $9.26(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.33(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.3,2.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.22(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.11$ (s, 1H), $7.96-7.86(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.36-7.25(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}), 7.22(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm}$; ${ }^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d6) $\delta$ 165.8, 143.2, 140.5, 131.4, $130.6,130.54,130.1,130.1,129.2,128.6,127.7,127.6,125.3,123.4$, 123.42, 123.4, 104.0 ppm .

## 8,11-diphenylbenzo[a]phenazin-5-ol (1e)



Yield: 79 \%, Yellow Solid; ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}$, DMSO-d6) $\delta 11.49$ ( $\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ) , $8.95(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.6,2.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.31(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.6,2.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.98-7.91(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.89-7.82(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.63(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.56(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.3,6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.50(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.3,5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.09$ ( $\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ) ppm; ${ }^{\mathbf{1 3}} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d 6 ) ~} \delta 157.58,144.78$, 140.97, 139.87, 139.08, 138.92, 138.87, 138.63, 137.76, 131.70, $131.39,131.20,130.45,129.32,129.24,128.59,128.43,128.38$, $128.04,127.88,125.30,123.38,104.11 \mathrm{ppm}$.

## 9,10-bis(4-(diphenylamino)phenyl)benzo[a]phenazin-5-ol (1f)



Yield: $90 \%$, Red color solid; ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}$, DMSO-d6) $\delta$ $11.51(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 9.22(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.33-8.25(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.17(\mathrm{~s}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 8.06(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.90-7.84(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.28(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 7.19$ $(\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.14(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.08-7.00(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H}), 6.90(\mathrm{dd}, J=$
8.5, 1.3 Hz, 4H) ppm; ${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d6) $\delta 157.3$, $147.4,147.4,146.87,146.7,143.0,142.3,141.3,139.9,138.1,134.5$, $134.4,131.4,131.2,130.4,130.0,129.6,129.1,128.4,125.2,124.5$, $124.5,123.74,123.6,122.8,122.7,104.0 \mathrm{ppm}$.

## 6-hydroxybenzo[f]quinoxaline-2,3-dicarbonitrile (1g)

Yield: 82 \%, Yellow Solid; ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{4 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z}$, DMSO-d6) $\delta 12.45$
 (s, 1H), $8.93-8.89(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.34(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.9,1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.01-$ 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H) ppm; ${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR ( $\mathbf{1 0 0} \mathbf{~ M H z , ~ D M S O - d 6 ) ~} \delta$ 161.6, 145.0, 137.6, 132.1, 131.5, 130.6, 129.6, 129.1, 125.8, 125.5, 123.6, 115.6, 115.1, 103.6 ppm .

## 7a,8,9,10,11,11a-hexahydrobenzo[a]phenazin-5-ol (1h)



1h

Yield: 86 \%, Yellow Solid; ${ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) $\delta 8.10$ $8.05(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.03(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.93-7.87(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.63-7.54(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $5.54(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.28(\mathrm{td}, J=11.6,3.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.93(\mathrm{td}, J=11.2,3.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.33(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.93(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.77(\mathrm{dd}$, $J=29.7,7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.51-1.26(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm} ;{ }^{13} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{N M R}(100$ MHz, DMSO-d6) $\delta 181.8,153.0,146.0,133.2,132.3,131.5,131.1$, $125.1,123.9,100.06,62.8,52.5,32.3,30.7,25.4,24.0 \mathrm{ppm}$.
20. Copies of ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compounds (1a-h)


Figure S36. ${ }^{l} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 1a in DMSO- $d_{6}$




Figure S37. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of synthesized compound la in DMSO- $d_{6}$


Figure S38. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound 1a


Figure S39. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound 1 b


Figure S40. ${ }^{1} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 1 c in DMSO- $d_{6}$




Figure S41. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 1c in DMSO-d ${ }_{6}$


Figure S42. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound 1c


Figure S43. ${ }^{1} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $1 d$ in DMSO- $d_{6}$


Figure S44. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 1 d in DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$


Figure S45. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound 1d



Figure S46. ${ }^{I} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound le in DMSO- $d_{6}$


Figure S47. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 1e in DMSO-d ${ }_{6}$


Figure S48. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound $1 e$


Figure S49. ${ }^{l} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $1 f$ in DMSO- $d_{6}$


Figure S50. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of synthesized compound lf in DMSO- $d_{6}$


Figure S51. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound $1 f$


Figure S52. ${ }^{1} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $1 g$ in DMSO- $d_{6}$




Figure S53. ${ }^{13} C$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 1 g in DMSO- $d_{6}$


Figure S54. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound $1 g$

1h


Figure S55. ${ }^{l} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 1 h in DMSO- $d_{6}$


Figure S56. ${ }^{13} C$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 1 h in DMSO- $d_{6}$


Figure S57. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound 1 h
21. Copies of ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR and HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound (3a-s)


Figure S58. ${ }^{l} H N M R$ spectrum of synthesized compound $3 a$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$




Figure S59. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 a in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$




Figure S60. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 a in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$

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Figure S61. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound $3 a$


3b


Figure S62. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 b in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S63. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 b in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$




Figure S64. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 b$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$

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Figure S65. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound $3 b$


Figure S66. ${ }^{l} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 c in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S67. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 c in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$

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Figure S68. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound 3c



Figure S69. ${ }^{l} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 d$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$





Figure S70. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 d$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$




Figure S71. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3d in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S72. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound 3d



Figure S73. ${ }^{1} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 e$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


$3 e$



Figure S74. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 e$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$




Figure S75. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3e in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S76. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound 3e


Figure S77. ${ }^{l}{ }^{1} H N R$ spectrum of synthesized compound $3 f$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$



Figure S78. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3f in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


$3 f$


Figure S79. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3f in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$

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Figure S80. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound 3f

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3 g


Figure S81. ${ }^{l} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 g in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S82. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 g in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$

$3 g$



Figure S83. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 g in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S84. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound $3 g$



Figure S85. ${ }^{1} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 h$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S86. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 h in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$




Figure S87. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3h in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S88. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound $3 h$



Figure S89. ${ }^{1} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 i$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$



$3 i$



Figure S90. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3i in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$



Figure S91. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3i in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S92. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound 3i



3j


Figure S93. ${ }^{1} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 j$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$

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3j


Figure S94. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3j in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$



3j



Figure S95. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 j in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$

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Figure S96. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound 3j
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3k


Figure S97. ${ }^{1} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 k$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S98. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 k in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$



3k


Figure S99. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 k$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S100. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound $3 k$



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Figure S101. ${ }^{l} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 l$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S102. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 31 in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$





Figure S103. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 31 in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$

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Figure S104. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound 3I



Figure S105. ${ }^{l} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 m in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S106. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 m in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S107. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 m in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S108. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound $3 m$



Figure S109. ${ }^{l} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 n$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$



Figure S110. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 n$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S111. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound $3 n$

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Figure S112. ${ }^{l} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3o in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$





Figure S113. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 30 in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S114. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound 30


Figure S115. ${ }^{l} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 p$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S116. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 p$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$



[^2]Figure S117. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3p in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S118. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound $3 p$



Figure S119. ${ }^{1}$ H NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 q$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S120. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 q$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S121. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound $3 q$


Figure S122. ${ }^{1} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 r in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S123. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 r in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S124. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound 3r

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3s


Figure S125. ${ }^{l} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 s$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S126. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 s in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S127. DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 \mathrm{~s}_{\text {in }} \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S128. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound 3s

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Figure 129. ${ }^{l} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 t$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


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Figure S130. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 t in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S131. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound $3 t$


Figure S132. ${ }^{l} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 u$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$



Figure S133. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of synthesized compound 3 u in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S134. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound $3 u$




Figure S135. ${ }^{1} H$ NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 v$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S136. ${ }^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of synthesized compound $3 v$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$


Figure S137. HRMS spectrum of synthesized compound $3 v$

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[^1]:    ${ }^{a}$ In DCM solvent at $5 \mu \mathrm{M} .{ }^{b}$ Thin film ${ }^{c}$ Excitation wavelengh: $450-500 \mathrm{~nm} .{ }^{d}$ Excitation wavelengh: $450-540 \mathrm{~nm} .{ }^{e}$ Stokes shift $=\lambda_{\text {max,ab }}-\lambda_{\text {max,em }}\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) .{ }^{\dagger}$ Determined by Fluorescein $\left(\Phi_{\mathrm{F}}=0.79\right)$ as a standard in 0.1 M ethanol solution.

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