
A palette of bridged bicycle-strengthened fluorophores

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Supplementary Figures 1 to 12

Calculated Relative S_1 Energy

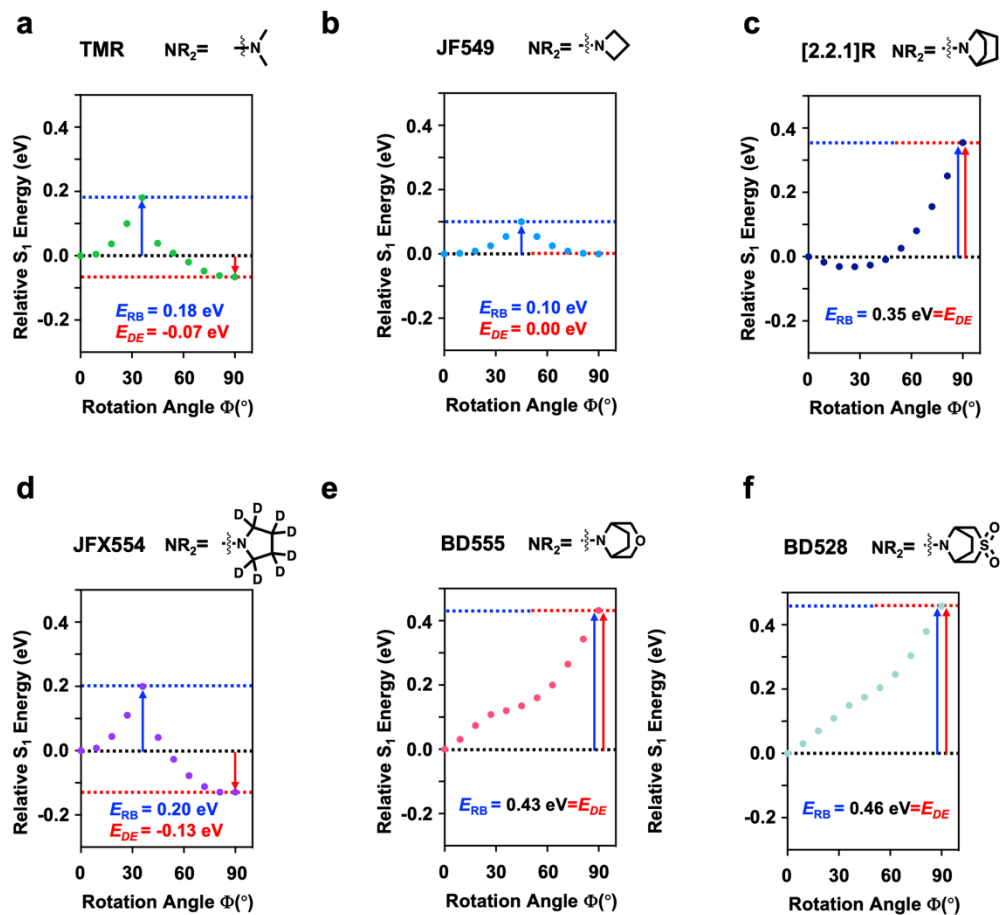


Fig.S1 Calculated relative S_1 energy for O-rhodamine with various auxochromes in water. (a) TMR; (b) JF549; (c) [2.2.1]R; (d) JFX554; (e) BD555; (f) BD528.

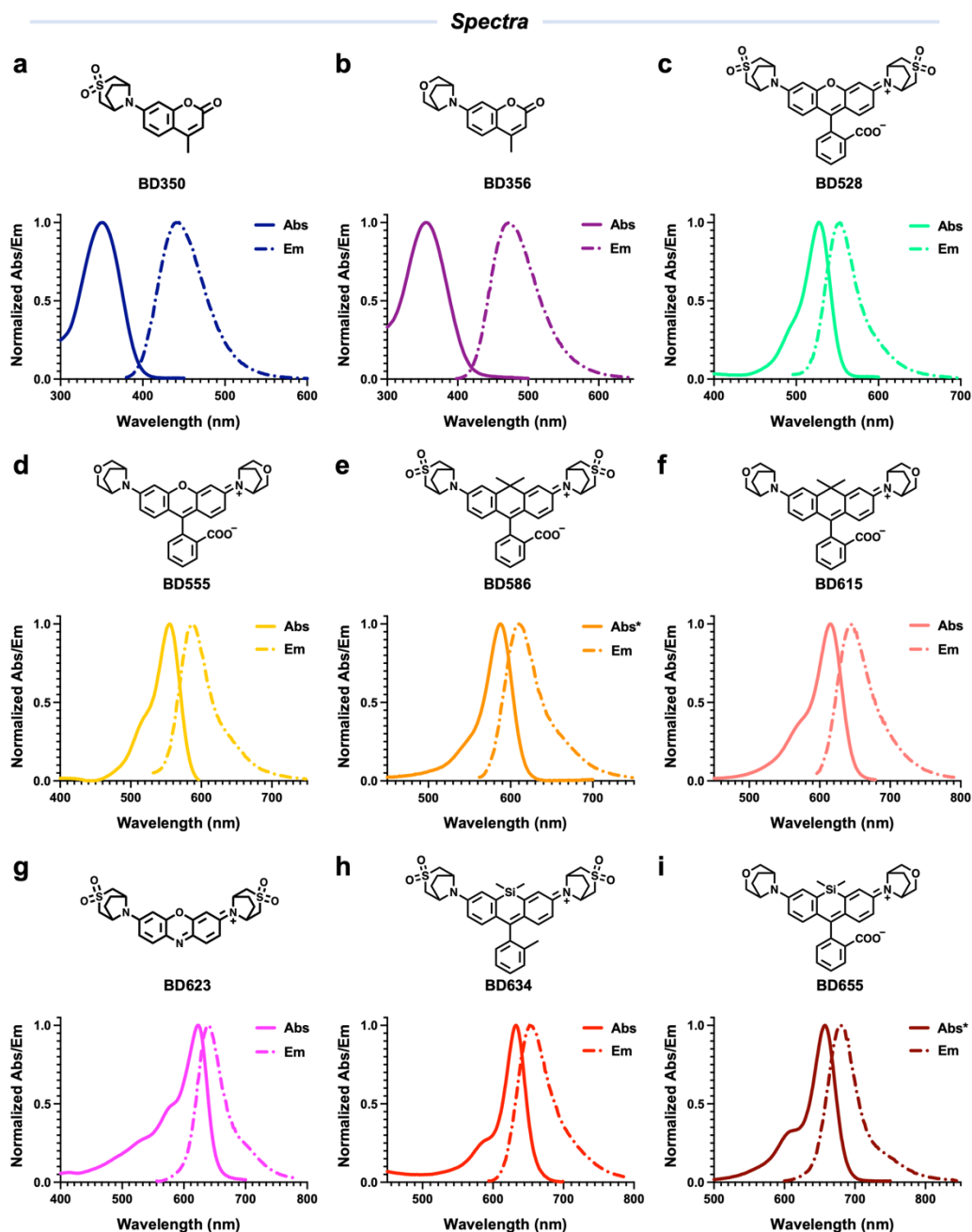


Fig.S2 Spectra for BD dyes.

Normalized absorption (Abs) and fluorescence emission (Em) spectra for (a) **BD350**; (b) **BD356**; (c) **BD528**; (d) **BD555**; (e) **BD586**; (f) **BD615**; (g) **BD623**; (h) **BD634**; (i) **BD655** in HEPES buffer, (10 mM, pH=7.3) ($n=2$).

*Absorption of **BD586** in (e) and **BD655** in (i) were measured in HEPES buffer (10 mM, pH=7.3) with 0.1% SDS to enforce the open-zwitterionic form.

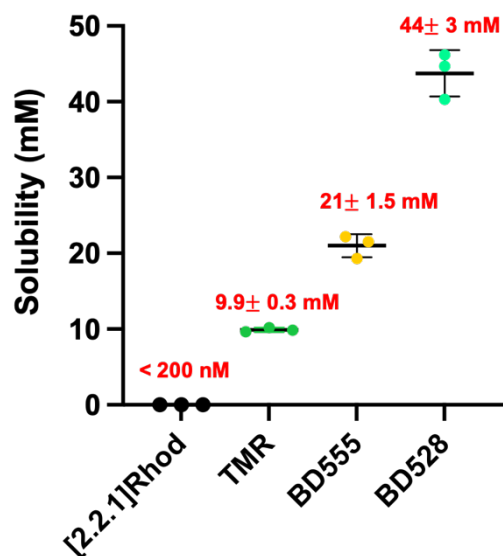


Fig.S3 Water solubility of [2.2.1]Rhod, TMR, BD555 and BD528.

Each dot represents an independent experiment; $n = 3$; data are presented as mean $\pm$ S.D.

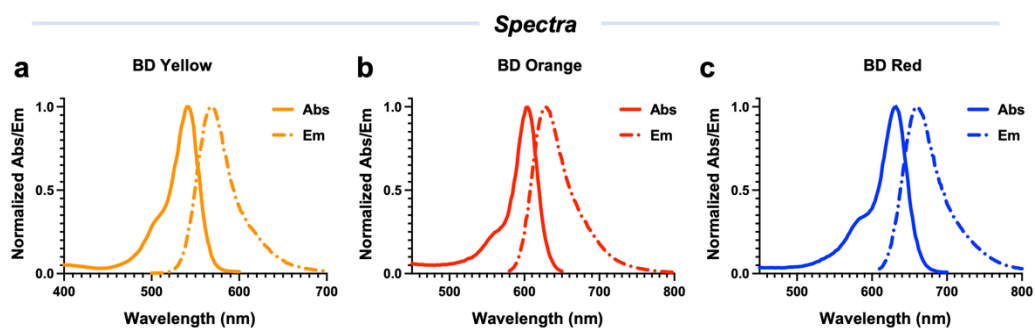


Fig.S4 Spectra for BD derivatives for antibody bioconjugation.

Normalized absorption (Abs) and fluorescence emission (Em) spectra for (a) **BD Yellow**; (b) **BD Orange**; (c) **BD Red** in HEPES buffer (10 mM, pH=7.3) ($n=2$ independent experiments).

Photostability Tests of free dyes

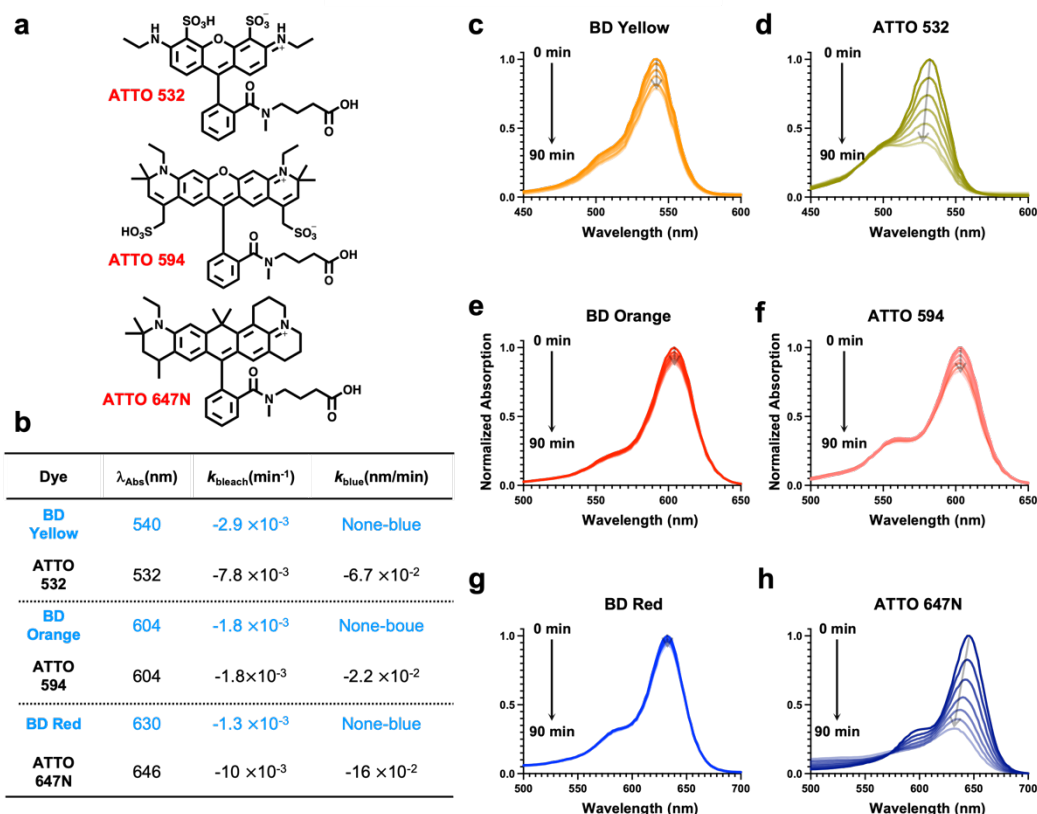


Fig.S5 Photostability and photobluening properties of free BD derivatives for antibody bioconjugation and various ATTO dyes.

(a) Chemical structures of various **ATTO** dyes;

(b) Photobleaching and photobleaching rates of selected fluorophores in HEPES buffer (10 mM, pH 7.3) ($n=3$ independent experiments);

(c) to (d) The absorption of dyes over time demonstrates the photobleaching of photooxidation-resistant, nonbleeding fluorophore **BD Yellow** (c) in comparison with photooxidation-prone fluorophore **ATTO 532** (d) under irradiation with an LED lamp (0.5 W/cm^2 , 520-530 nm).

(e) to (f) The absorption of dyes over time demonstrates the photobleaching of photooxidation-resistant, nonbleeding fluorophore **BD Orange** (e) in comparison with photooxidation-prone fluorophore **ATTO 594** (f) under irradiation with an LED lamp (0.5 W/cm^2 , 590-600 nm).

(g) to (h) The absorption of dyes over time demonstrates the photobleaching of photooxidation-resistant, nonbleeding fluorophore **BD Red** (g) in comparison with photooxidation-prone fluorophore **ATTO 647N** (h) under irradiation with an LED lamp (0.5 W/cm^2 , 620-630 nm).

Photostability Tests of antibody-coupled dyes

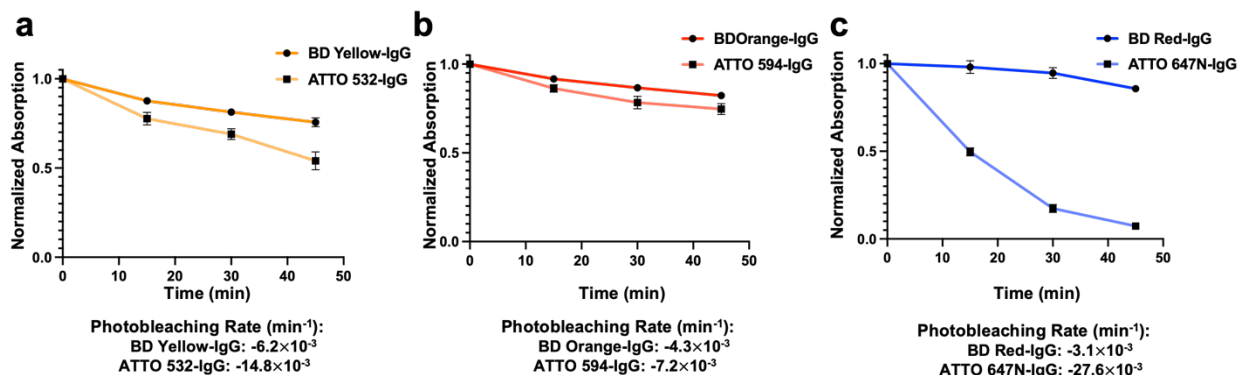


Fig.S6 Photostability of antibody-coupled BD derivatives and selected ATTO dyes.

(a) to (c) Photobleaching curves of antibody-coupled dyes in HEPES buffer (10 mM, pH=7.3), ($n=3$ independent experiments, error bar show mean $\pm$ S.D.). (a) Absorption at λ_{max} of **BD Yellow** (DOL=3.27) and **ATTO 532** (DOL=3.47) were plotted as a function of irradiation time with an LED lamp (0.5 W/cm^2) at 520-530 nm; (d) Absorption at λ_{max} of **BD Orange** (DOL=2.63) and **ATTO 594** (DOL=2.50) were plotted as a function of irradiation time with an LED lamp (0.5 W/cm^2) at 590-600 nm; (e) Absorption at λ_{max} of **BD Red** (DOL=2.42) and **ATTO 647N** (DOL=2.02) were plotted as a function of irradiation time with an LED lamp (0.5 W/cm^2) at 620-630 nm.

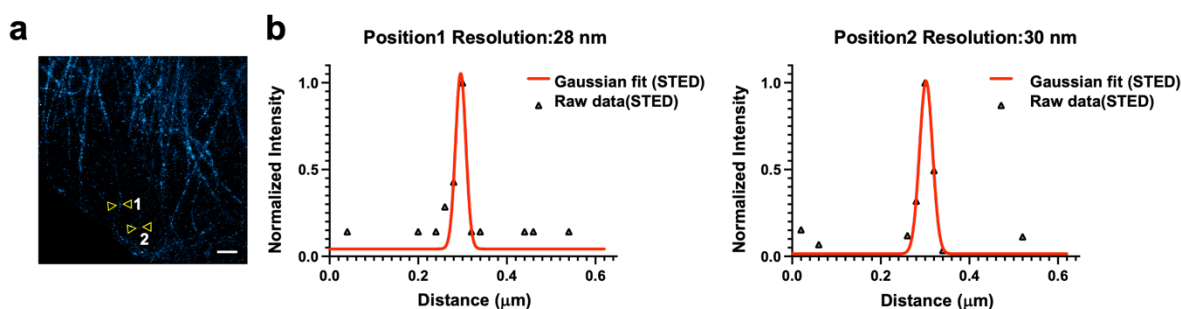


Fig.S7 Ultra-high resolution immunofluorescence STED imaging by BD Red.

(a) STED images of α -tubulin structures in fixed-HeLa cells labeled by indirect immunofluorescence with a secondary antibody bearing **BD Red** (DOL=2.42), 640 nm Ex./650-700 nm Em., STED at 775 nm ($\sim 200 \text{ mW}$), scale bar=1 μm ; this experiment was independently repeated three times;
(b) Line-scan profile of fluorescence intensity at the yellow arrow in (a) under ultra-high resolution STED conditions.

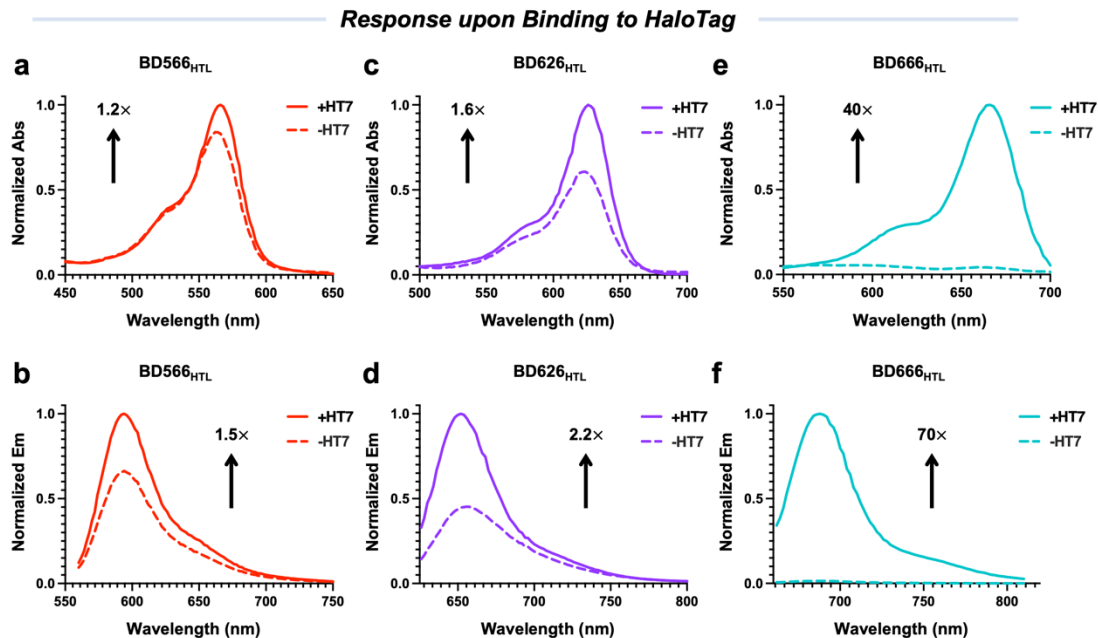


Fig.S8 Response of BD_{HTL}s to HaloTag.

Absorption (a, c, e) and fluorescence emission (b, d, f) spectra of 2 μ M of **BD566_{HTL}** (a-b), **BD626_{HTL}** (c-d), **BD666_{HTL}** (e-f) measured in the absence (dashed line) and presence of HaloTag (5 μ M, solid line) after 2 h incubation in HEPES buffer (10 mM, pH 7.3) ($n=3$ independent experiments). The numbers indicate the ratio of absorption maximum or emission maximum of each **BD_{HTL}**s in the presence and absence of HaloTag.

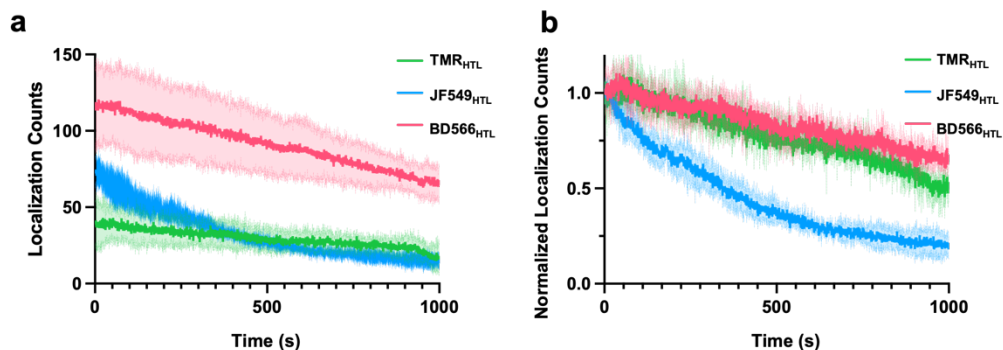


Fig. S9 Single-molecule localization number per nuclei over time. (a) Original data; (b) Normalized data, with the initial number as 1. $n=4$ cells in 2 independent experiments; error bar show mean $\pm$ S.D.

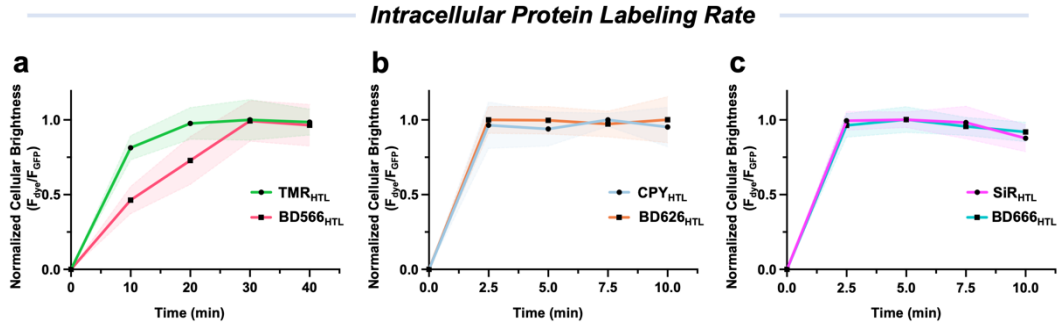


Fig.S10 Intracellular protein labeling rate of BD_{HTL}s and control dyes.

Normalized ratio of BD_{HTL}s and control ligands (200 nM each) fluorescence to GFP fluorescence at different time point in HeLa cells stably expressing H2B-HaloTag7-GFP; $n=100$ cells in each group were examined in 2 independent experiments; error bar show mean $\pm$ S.D.

(a) BD566_{HTL} v. s. TMR_{HTL}; (b) BD626_{HTL} v. s. CPY_{HTL}; (c) BD666_{HTL} v. s. SiR_{HTL}.

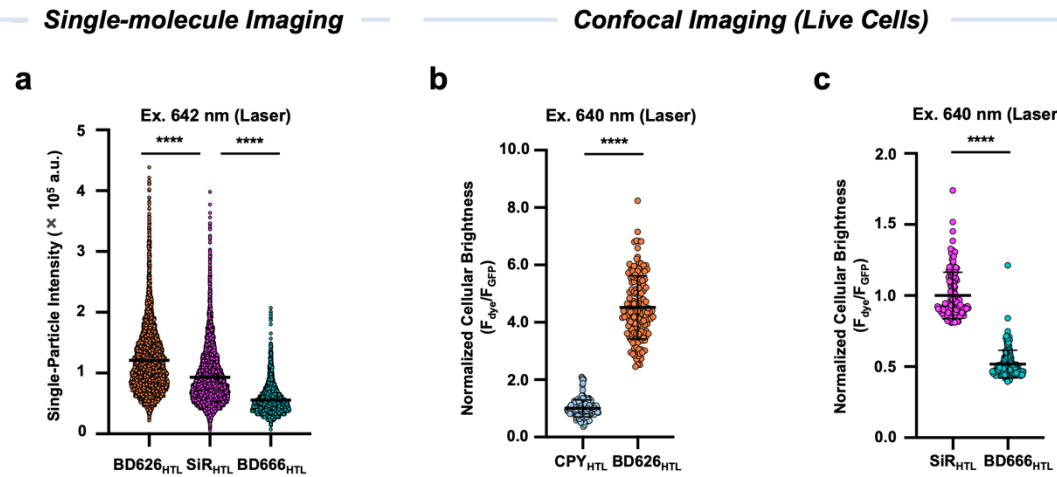


Fig.S11 Brightness of BD_{HTL}s and control ligands on mammalian cells under 633/640-nm lasers.

(a) Comparison of brightness on single-molecule level in fixed U-2 OS cells stably expressing H2B-HaloTag7 labeled with BD626_{HTL}, SiR_{HTL} and BD666_{HTL} (2.5 pM, 30 min, 37°C, one wash) under 642-nm laser;

For BD626_{HTL}, $n=5158$; SiR_{HTL}, $n=5591$; BD666_{HTL}, $n=4476$; $p=1.319E-179$ (BD626_{HTL} v.s. SiR_{HTL}); $p=5.656E-183$ (SiR_{HTL} v.s. BD666_{HTL}); error bar show mean $\pm$ S.E.M.

(b-c) Comparison of apparent cellular brightness in live HeLa cells stably expressing H2B-HaloTag7-GFP labeled with different HaloTag ligands (200 nM, 1 h, 37°C, one wash) under 640-nm laser. The fluorescence intensity from single nuclei was normalized by the cytosolic GFP fluorescence intensity of the same cell (expression control) to assess the cellular brightness (error bar show mean $\pm$ S.D.);

For CPY_{HTL}, $n=154$ cells, BD626_{HTL}, $n=149$ cells; $p=2.121E-117$;

For SiR_{HTL}, $n=150$ cells, for BD666_{HTL}, $n=158$ cells; $p=7.913E-99$;

Significance was evaluated by a two-sided unpaired Student's t-test for mean. $p^*<0.0001$.

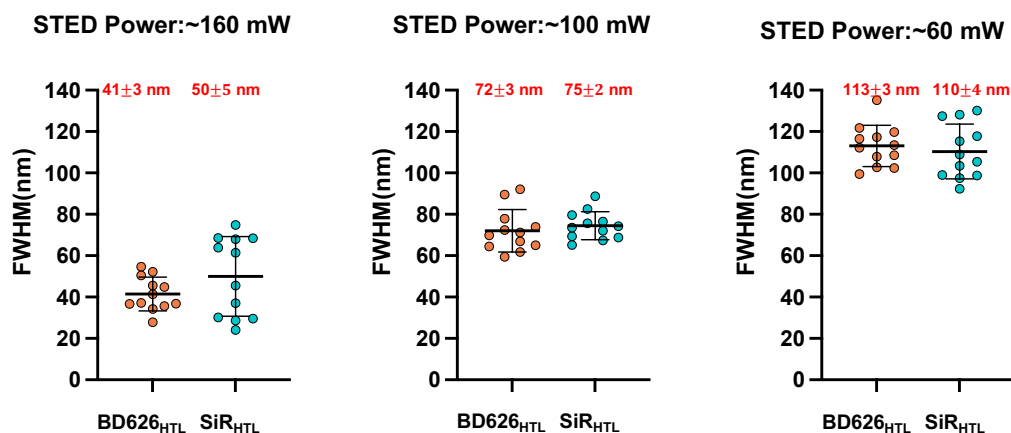


Fig.S12 Comparison of the FWHM achieved under different STED microscopy conditions. Live HeLa cells expressing HT7-Cep41 and stain with BD626_{HTL} or SiR_{HTL} (500 nM, 30 min, 37°C, one wash). (n=12 filaments from 3 samples).

Table S1 Statistical tests and exact *p* values for Fig 4.

Figure Index	Comparison group	Statistical test	<i>P</i> value	Symbol
Figure 4e	TMR _{HTL} vs JF549 _{HTL}	Two-sided unpaired students t-test	6.666E-126	****
Figure 4e	JF549 _{HTL} vs BD566 _{HTL}	Two-sided unpaired students t-test	4.259E-119	****
Figure 4f	TMR _{HTL} vs JF549 _{HTL}	Two-sided unpaired students t-test	2.762E-35	****
Figure 4f	JF549 _{HTL} vs BD566 _{HTL}	Two-sided unpaired students t-test	1.017E-13	****
Figure 4h	TMR _{HTL} vs JF549 _{HTL}	Two-sided unpaired students t-test	2.598E-131	****
Figure 4h	JF549 _{HTL} vs BD566 _{HTL}	Two-sided unpaired students t-test	1.744E-29	****
Figure 4j	CPY _{HTL} vs BD626 _{HTL}	Two-sided unpaired students t-test	1.062E-101	****
Figure 4n	SiR _{HTL} vs BD666 _{HTL}	Two-sided unpaired students t-test	4.713E-63	****
Figure 4r	BD566 _{HTL} vs JF552 _{HTL}	Two-sided unpaired students t-test	0.4059	ns

Table S2 Data collection and refinement statistics for the crystal structure of BD626_{HTL}-HaloTag7. Values in parentheses are for the highest resolution shell.

PDB code	
Data-collection statistics	
Diffraction Source	XtaLAB Synergy Custom FRX
Wavelength (Å)	1.54178
Temperature (K)	100
Resolution range (Å)	31.35 - 1.698 (1.759 - 1.698)
Space group	<i>P</i> 4 ₃ 2 ₁ 2
Unit cell parameters	
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	62.696, 62.696, 164.386
α , β , γ (°)	90, 90, 90
Total reflections	1004475
Unique reflections	37009 (3540)
Multiplicity	27.1(4.9)
Completeness (%)	99.55 (97.84)
Mean <i>I</i> / σ (<i>I</i>)	39.47(1.70)
Wilson <i>B</i> factor (Å ²)	21.37
<i>R</i> _{meas}	0.126(0.604)
<i>R</i> _{p.i.m.}	0.020(0.256)
CC _{1/2}	0.998(0.859)
Structure-refinement statistics	
Reflections used in refinement	36979 (3540)
Reflections used for <i>R</i> _{free}	1841 (170)
<i>R</i> _{work}	0.1912 (0.2334)
<i>R</i> _{free}	0.2404 (0.2723)
No. of protein chains in asymmetric unit	1
No. of non-H atoms	2857
Protein residues	299
R.m.s.d., bond lengths (Å)	0.047
R.m.s.d., bond angles (°)	0.9
Ramachandran statistics (%)	
Favored	95.53
Allowed	4.47
Outliers	0
Rotamer outliers (%)	0
Clashscore	1.28
Average <i>B</i> factor (Å ²)	
Overall	24.46
Macromolecules	22.27
Ligands	35.42
Solvent	34.26

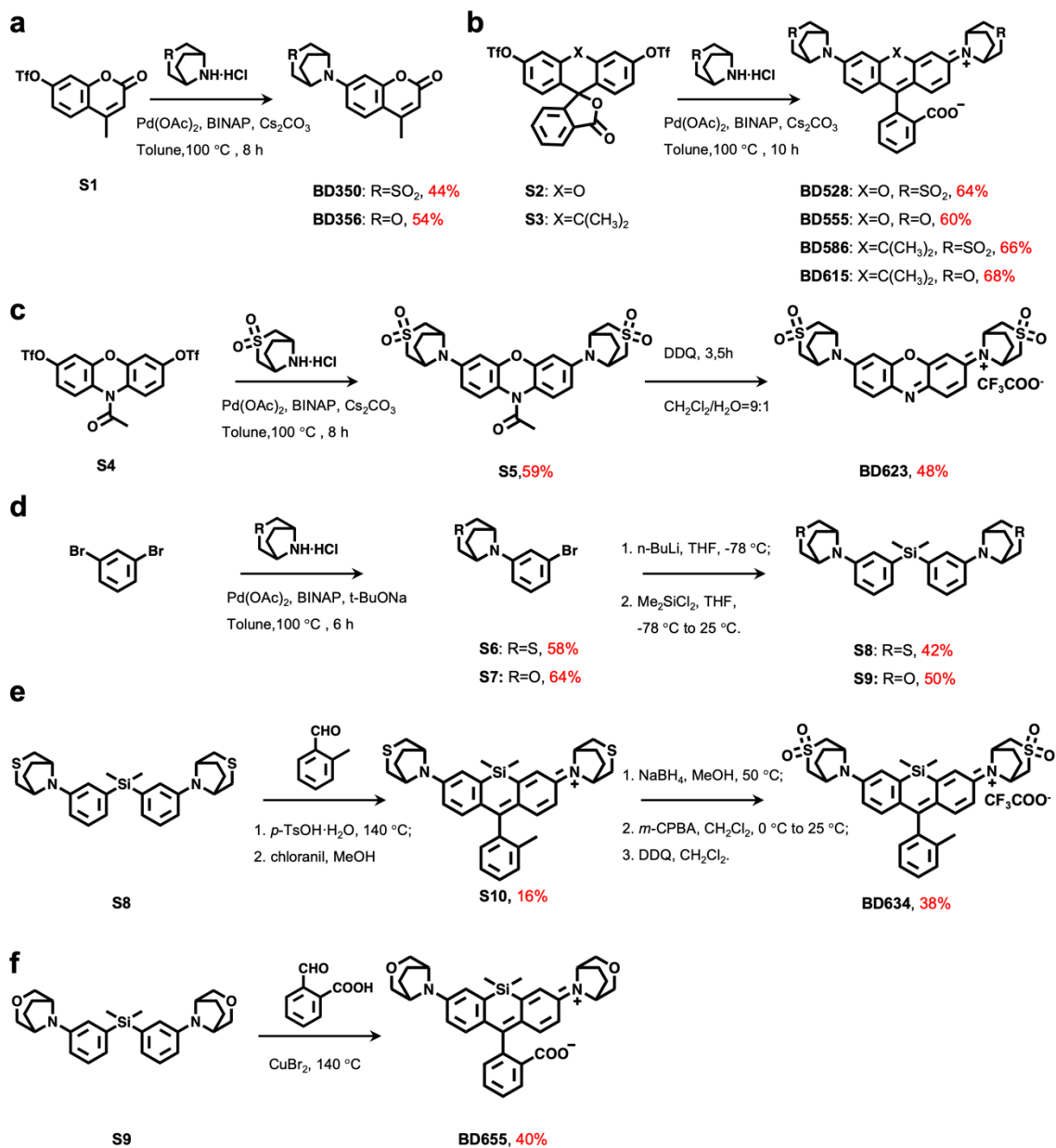
Synthesis and Characterization of New Compounds

General Information

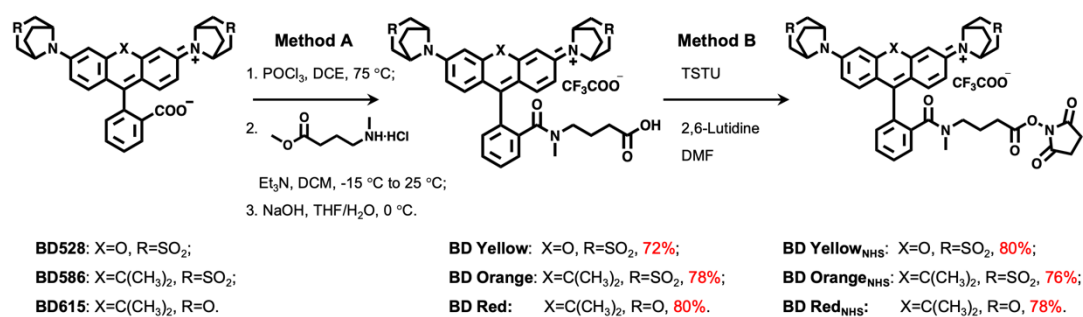
Unless otherwise mentioned, all reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere with dry solvents under anhydrous conditions. All the chemicals were purchased at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification unless otherwise stated. Reactions were conducted in round-bottomed flasks or septum-capped crimp-top vials containing Teflon-coated magnetic stir bars. The heating of reactions were accomplished with a silicon oil bath on a stirring hotplate equipped with an electronic contact thermometer to maintain the indicated temperatures. Anhydrous N, N-dimethylformamide (DMF) and tetrahydrofuran (THF) was purchased from Innochem (China). 3-thia-8-azabicyclo [3.2.1] octane 3,3-dioxide hydrochloride, 3-thia-8-azabicyclo [3.2.1] octane 3,3-dioxide hydrochloride and 3-thia-8-azabicyclo [3.2.1] octane hydrochloride were purchased from PharmaBlock (China).

Reactions were monitored by Thin Layer Chromatography on plates (GF254) supplied by Yantai Chemicals (China) using UV light as a visualizing agent and an ethanolic solution of phosphomolybdic acid and cerium sulfate, and heat as developing agents or by LC/MS (4.6 mm × 150 mm 5 μm C18 column; 2 μL injection; 5-100% CH₃CN/H₂O, linear-gradient, with constant 0.1% v/v TFA additive; 6 min run; 0.6 mL/min flow; ESI; positive ion mode; UV detection at 254 nm with ACQUITY PDA). If not specially mentioned, flash column chromatography uses silica gel (200-300 mesh) supplied by Tsingtao Haiyang Chemicals (China). Preparative HPLC separations were performed using Teledyne Isco EZ Prep UV-Vis and a RediSep Prep C18 column (100 Å, 5 μm, 20 × 150 mm).

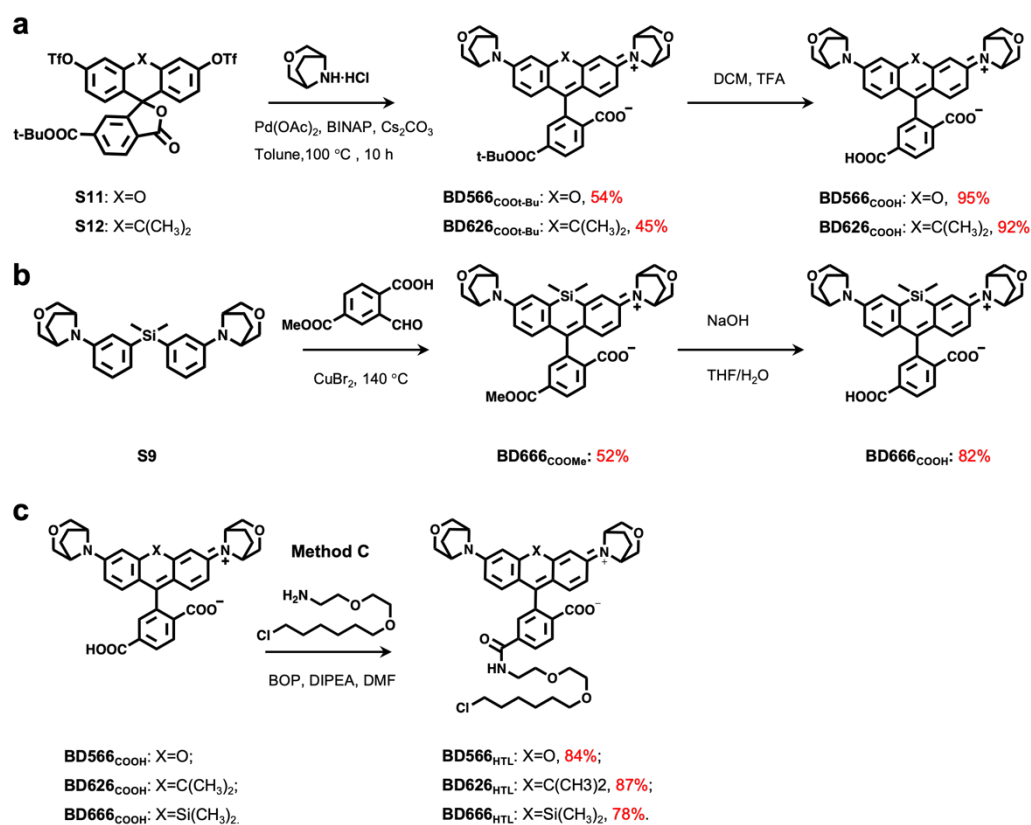
NMR spectra were recorded on Brüker Advance 400 (¹H 400 MHz, ¹³C 101 MHz) and are calibrated using residual undeuterated solvent (CDCl₃ at 7.26 ppm ¹H NMR, 77.16 ppm ¹³C NMR; CD₃OD at 3.31 ppm ¹H NMR, 49.00 ppm ¹³C NMR; CD₃CN at 1.94 ppm ¹H NMR, 1.32 and 118.26 ppm ¹³C NMR; DMSO-*d*₆ at 2.50 ppm ¹H NMR, 39.52 ppm ¹³C NMR). Data for ¹H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = triplet of doublets, m=multiplet, br=broad), coupling constant (Hz), integration. Data for ¹³C NMR are reported by chemical shift (δ ppm). NMR data were collected by Bruker Topspin 4.2.0 and analysed by MestReNova 12.0.2. High-resolution mass spectrometric data were obtained using Acquity I class UPLC synapt G2-SI using ESI (electrospray ionization).



Scheme S1. Synthesis of bridged-bicycle strengthened fluorophores.

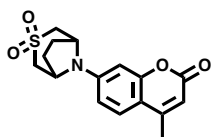


Scheme S2. Synthesis of BD derivatives for bioconjugation.



Scheme S3. Synthesis of cell-permeant BD derivatives with HaloTag ligands

Synthetic Procedures and Characterizations

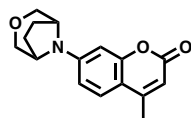


BD 350: **S1** is prepared according to a published protocol¹. A vial was charged with 4-methylumbelliferone triflate **S1** (120 mg, 390 μ mol, 1.0 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (18 mg, 78 μ mol, 0.2 eq.), BINAP (72 mg, 117 μ mol, 0.3 eq.), Cs₂CO₃ (356 mg, 1092 μ mol, 2.8 eq.) and 3-thia-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane 3,3-dioxide hydrochloride (323 mg, 1640 μ mol, 4.2 eq.). The vial was sealed and evacuated/backfilled with N₂ for three times. Toluene (3 mL) was added, and the reaction was flushed again with N₂ for three times. The reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 8 h. After cooling to room temperature, water (10 mL) was added and CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL $\times$ 3) was used to extract organic compounds. The combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by silica gel chromatography (PE/EA=1/1, v/v) provided **BD 350** (55 mg, 44% yield) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.11 – 6.07 (m, 1H), 4.93 – 4.87 (m, 2H), 3.31 – 3.28 (m, 2H), 3.27 – 3.20 (m, 2H), 2.37 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 2.36 – 2.33 (m, 2H), 2.18 – 2.13 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 160.4, 155.3, 153.5, 146.9, 126.9, 111.6, 110.9, 109.8, 101.2, 55.0, 53.1, 26.3, 18.0.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₈NO₄S [M+H]⁺ 320.0957, found 320.0962.

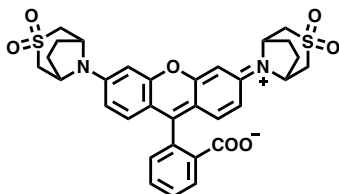


BD 356: **S1** is prepared according to a published protocol¹. A vial was charged with 4-methylumbelliferone triflate **S1** (120 mg, 390 μ mol, 1.0 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (18 mg, 78 μ mol, 0.2 eq.), BINAP (72 mg, 117 μ mol, 0.3 eq.), Cs₂CO₃ (356 mg, 1092 μ mol, 2.8 eq.) and 3-oxa-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane hydrochloride (245 mg, 1640 μ mol, 4.2 eq.). The vial was sealed and evacuated/backfilled with N₂ for three times. Toluene (3 mL) was added, and the reaction was flushed again with N₂ for three times. The reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 8 h. After cooling to room temperature, water (10 mL) was added and CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL $\times$ 3) was used to extract organic compounds. The combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by silica gel chromatography (PE/EA=1/1, v/v) provided **BD 356** (57 mg, 54% yield) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.07 – 5.96 (m, 1H), 4.17 – 4.11 (m, 2H), 3.89 – 3.81 (m, 2H), 3.59 – 3.52 (m, 2H), 2.36 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 2.20 – 2.03 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.0, 156.0, 152.9, 149.8, 126.1, 111.7, 111.0, 110.2, 101.6, 69.6, 57.0, 27.1, 18.6.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₆H₁₈NO₃ [M+H]⁺ 272.1287, found 272.1280.

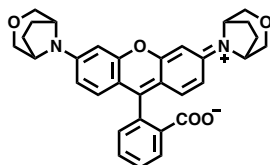


BD 528: **S2** is prepared according to a published protocol¹. A vial was charged with fluorescein ditriflate **S2** (100 mg, 168 μ mol, 1.0 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (7.5 mg, 34 μ mol, 0.2 eq.), BINAP (31 mg, 50 μ mol, 0.3 eq.), Cs₂CO₃ (153 mg, 469 μ mol, 2.8 eq.) and 3-thia-8-azabicyclo [3.2.1] octane 3,3-dioxide hydrochloride (139 mg, 705 μ mol, 4.2 eq.). The vial was sealed and evacuated/backfilled with N₂ for three times. Toluene (2 mL) was added, and the reaction was flushed again with N₂ for three times. The reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 10 h. It was subsequently cooled to room temperature, diluted with MeOH, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by reverse phase HPLC (eluent, a 30-min linear gradient, from 20% to 95% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 mL/min; detection wavelength, 530 nm; eluent A (ddH₂O containing 0.1% TFA (v/v)) and eluent B (CH₃CN)) provided **BD 528** (66 mg, 64% yield) as a red solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 4.71 – 4.54 (m, 4H), 3.57 – 3.36 (m, 4H), 3.17 – 3.00 (m, 4H), 2.64 – 2.48 (m, 4H), 2.34 – 2.15 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 168.7, 152.4, 152.1, 145.6, 135.6, 130.1, 129.3, 126.4, 124.6, 124.2, 111.5, 108.5, 101.4, 83.3, 69.8, 54.7, 54.6, 53.0, 52.9, 26.4.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₂H₃₁N₂O₇S₂ [M+H]⁺ 619.1567, found 619.1573.

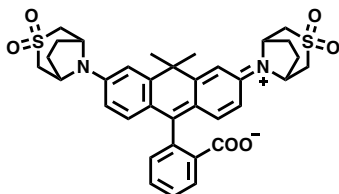


BD 555: **S2** is prepared according to a published protocol¹. A vial was charged with fluorescein ditriflate **S2** (100 mg, 168 μ mol, 1.0 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (7.5 mg, 34 μ mol, 0.2 eq.), BINAP (31 mg, 50 μ mol, 0.3 eq.), Cs₂CO₃ (153 mg, 469 μ mol, 2.8 eq.) and 3-oxa-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane hydrochloride (105 mg, 704 μ mol, 4.2 eq.). The vial was sealed and evacuated/backfilled with N₂ for three times. Toluene (2 mL) was added, and the reaction was flushed again with N₂ for three times. The reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 10 h. It was subsequently cooled to room temperature, diluted with MeOH, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by reverse phase HPLC (eluent, a 30-min linear gradient, from 20% to 95% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 mL/min; detection wavelength, 555 nm; eluent A (ddH₂O containing 0.1% TFA (v/v)) and eluent B (CH₃CN)) provided **BD 555** (53 mg, 60% yield) as a purple solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (td, J = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 4.15 – 4.02 (m, 4H), 3.93 – 3.81 (m, 4H), 3.59 – 3.45 (m, 4H), 2.19 – 1.89 (m, 8H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 168.1, 161.2, 159.6, 154.7, 135.3, 133.9, 132.9, 132.6, 132.2, 131.5, 131.5, 116.7, 115.5, 98.9, 72.7, 72.7, 59.2, 27.5.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₂H₃₁N₂O₅ [M+H]⁺ 523.2227, found 523.2256.

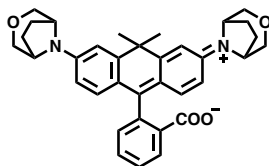


BD 586: **S3** is prepared according to a published protocol¹. A vial was charged with carbofluorescein ditriflate **S3** (100 mg, 161 μ mol, 1.0 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (7.2 mg, 32 μ mol, 0.2 equiv), BINAP (30 mg, 48 μ mol, 0.3 equiv), Cs₂CO₃ (147 mg, 450 μ mol, 2.8 equiv) and 3-thia-8-azabicyclo [3.2.1] octane 3,3-dioxide hydrochloride (133 mg, 676 μ mol, 4.2 equiv). The vial was sealed and evacuated/backfilled with N₂ for three times. Toluene (2 mL) was added, and the reaction was flushed again with N₂ for three times. The reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 10 h. It was subsequently cooled to room temperature, diluted with MeOH, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by reverse phase HPLC (eluent, a 30-min linear gradient, from 30% to 95% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 mL/min; detection wavelength, 590 nm; eluent A (ddH₂O containing 0.1% TFA (v/v)) and eluent B (CH₃CN)) provided **BD 586** (69 mg, 66% yield) as an off-white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 4.77 – 4.63 (m, 4H), 3.54 – 3.35 (m, 4H), 3.16 – 2.98 (m, 4H), 2.62 – 2.49 (m, 4H), 2.30 – 2.18 (m, 4H), 1.83 (s, 3H), 1.75 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.8, 155.3, 147.1, 143.82, 135.0, 130.3, 129.3, 126.5, 125.1, 124.2, 122.1, 114.0, 111.7, 86.5, 54.7, 54.6, 53.5, 53.4, 38.4, 35.3, 33.5, 27.1, 27.0.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₅H₃₇N₂O₆S₂ [M+H]⁺ 645.2088, found 645.2048.

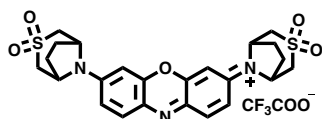


BD 615: **S3** is prepared according to a published protocol¹. A vial was charged with carbofluorescein ditriflate **S3** (100 mg, 161 μ mol, 1.0 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (7.2 mg, 32 μ mol, 0.2 equiv), BINAP (30 mg, 48 μ mol, 0.3 equiv), Cs₂CO₃ (147 mg, 450 μ mol, 2.8 equiv) and 3-oxa-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane hydrochloride (101 mg, 676 μ mol, 4.2 equiv). The vial was sealed and evacuated/backfilled with N₂ for three times. Toluene (2 mL) was added, and the reaction was flushed again with N₂ for three times. The reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 10 h. It was subsequently cooled to room temperature, diluted with MeOH, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by reverse phase HPLC (eluent, a 30-min linear gradient, from 30% to 95% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 mL/min; detection wavelength, 620 nm; eluent A (ddH₂O containing 0.1% TFA (v/v)) and eluent B (CH₃CN)) provided **BD 615** (60 mg, 68% yield) as a blue solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (dd, J = 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (td, J = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 4.11 – 4.06 (m, 4H), 3.93 – 3.86 (m, 4H), 3.56 – 3.50 (m, 4H), 2.12 – 1.96 (m, 8H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.8, 155.3, 147.8, 147.2, 134.6, 129.5, 129.0, 127.1, 125.0, 124.0, 121.3, 114.4, 112.3, 87.7, 69.8, 69.7, 57.1, 38.5, 35.6, 32.6, 26.9.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₅H₃₇N₂O₄ [M+H]⁺ 549.2748, found 549.2761.

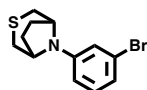


BD 623: **S4** is prepared according to a published protocol¹. A vial was charged with ditriflate **S4** (150 mg, 288 μ mol, 1.0 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (13 mg, 57.6 μ mol, 0.2 equiv), BINAP (54 mg, 86.4 μ mol, 0.3 equiv), Cs₂CO₃ (263 mg, 806 μ mol, 2.8 eq.) and 3-thia-8-azabicyclo [3.2.1] octane 3,3-dioxide hydrochloride (238 mg, 1210 μ mol, 4.2 eq.). The vial was sealed and evacuated/backfilled with N₂ for three times. Toluene (3 mL) was added, and the reaction was flushed again with N₂ for three times. The reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 8 h. It was subsequently cooled to room temperature, diluted with dichloromethane. The combined organic phase was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by silica gel chromatography (PE/ EA =2/3, v/v) afforded the *N*-acetyl leuco-dye **S5** as a colorless solid (93 mg, 59%). The intermediate **S5** (93 mg, 171 μ mol) was taken up in a mixture of dichloromethane (10.0 mL) and water (1.1 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. DDQ (43 mg, 188 μ mol) was added, and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. A second portion of DDQ (21 mg, 94 μ mol) was added, and the reaction was stirred for an additional 0.5 h. The mixture was evaporated, redissolved in CH₃CN, filtered and concentrated to dryness. Purification of the residue by reverse phase HPLC (eluent, a 30-min linear gradient, from 10% to 95% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 mL/min; detection wavelength, 630 nm; eluent A (ddH₂O containing 0.1% TFA (v/v)) and eluent B (CH₃CN)) provided **BD 623** (41 mg, 48% yield, TFA salt) as a blue solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 5.38 – 5.34 (m, 4H), 3.65 – 3.57 (m, 4H), 3.53 – 3.45 (m, 4H), 2.53 – 2.40 (m, 4H), 2.29 – 2.21 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 153.5, 149.3, 135.2, 134.7, 119.7, 98.4, 58.2, 55.1, 25.8.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₄H₂₆N₃O₅S₂ [M]⁺ 500.1308, found 500.1318.

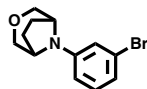


S6: A vial was charged with 1,3-dibromobenzene (7.5 g, 32 mmol, 1.0 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (1.4 g, 6.4 mmol, 0.2 eq.), BINAP (6.0 g, 9.6 mmol, 0.3 eq.), *t*-BuONa (6.2 g, 64 mmol, 2.0 eq.) and 3-thia-8-azabicyclo [3.2.1] octane hydrochloride (6.3 g, 38 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The vial was sealed and evacuated/backfilled with N₂ for three times. Toluene (30 mL) was added, and the reaction was flushed again with N₂ for three times. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 6 h. After cooling to room temperature, water (20 mL) was added and CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL $\times$ 3) was used to extract organic compounds. The combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by silica gel chromatography (PE/EA=50/1, v/v) provided compound **S6** (5.3 g, 58% yield) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.08 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.87 – 6.78 (m, 2H), 6.62 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.44 – 4.32 (m, 2H), 3.41 – 3.30 (m, 2H), 2.31 – 2.12 (m, 4H), 2.00 – 1.84 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.6, 131.1, 124.0, 119.7, 117.6, 113.4, 54.2, 28.8, 27.4.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₅BrNS [M+H]⁺ 284.0103, found 284.0105.

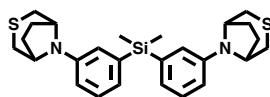


S7: A vial was charged with 1,3-dibromobenzene (7.5 g, 32 mmol, 1.0 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (1.4 g, 6.4 mmol, 0.2 eq.), BINAP (6.0 g, 9.6 mmol, 0.3 eq.), t-BuONa (6.2 g, 64 mmol, 2.0 eq.) and 3-oxa-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane hydrochloride (5.7 g, 38 mmol, 1.2 equiv). The vial was sealed and evacuated/backfilled with N₂ for three times. Toluene (30 mL) was added, and the reaction was flushed again with N₂ for three times. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 6 h. After cooling to room temperature, water (20 mL) was added and CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL × 3) was used to extract organic compounds. The combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by silica gel chromatography (PE/EA=50/1, v/v) provided compound **S7** (5.5 g, 64% yield) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.08 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.68 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.04 – 3.97 (m, 2H), 3.92 – 3.84 (m, 2H), 3.57 – 3.47 (m, 2H), 2.14 – 1.94 (m, 4H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.7, 131.0, 123.8, 120.9, 118.1, 113.9, 69.8, 57.8, 26.9.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₂H₁₅BrNO [M+H]⁺ 268.0332, found 268.0338.

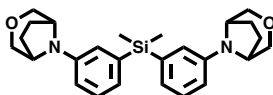


S8: To a flame-dried flask flushed with nitrogen, compound **S6** (3.7 g, 13 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and anhydrous THF (9 mL) were added. The solution was cooled to -78 °C, n-BuLi (8.8 mL of 1.6 M solution in hexane, 14 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was injected with a syringe quickly dropwise, and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 20 min. At the same temperature, SiMe₂Cl₂ (0.78 mL, 6.5 mmol, 0.5 equiv) was injected with a syringe dropwisely, and the mixture was warmed to room temperature, then stirred for 30 min. It was subsequently quenched with saturated NH₄Cl, diluted with water, and extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase was collected and washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE / EA = 20/1, v/v) to afford product **S8** as a white solid (1.3 g, 42%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 6.81 (m, 4H), 6.83 – 6.58 (m, 2H), 4.46 – 4.39 (m, 4H), 3.47 – 3.31 (m, 4H), 2.30 – 2.12 (m, 8H), 1.98 – 1.77 (m, 4H), 0.52 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.6, 139.8, 129.3, 123.0, 120.8, 116.0, 53.9, 28.8, 27.0, -2.1.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₃₅N₂S₂Si [M+H]⁺ 467.2005, found 467.2019.

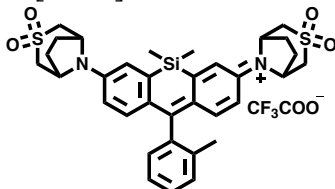


S9: To a flame-dried flask flushed with nitrogen, compound **S7** (3.5 g, 13 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and anhydrous THF (9 mL) were added. The solution was cooled to -78 °C, n-BuLi (8.8 mL of 1.6 M solution in hexane, 14 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was injected with a syringe quickly dropwise, and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 20 min. At the same temperature, SiMe₂Cl₂ (0.78 mL, 6.5 mmol, 0.5 equiv) was injected with a syringe dropwisely, and the mixture was warmed to room temperature, then stirred for 30 min. It was subsequently quenched with saturated NH₄Cl, diluted with water, and extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase was collected and washed with brine,

dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE / EA = 20/1, v/v) to afford product **S9** as a white solid (1.3 g, 42%).
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.90 (m, 4H), 6.88 – 6.77 (m, 2H), 4.09 – 3.98 (m, 4H), 3.98 – 3.83 (m, 4H), 3.56 – 3.42 (m, 4H), 2.10 – 2.01 (m, 4H), 1.99 – 1.91 (m, 4H), 0.51 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.8, 139.6, 129.1, 124.4, 121.2, 116.4, 70.0, 57.3, 26.7, -2.1.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₂₆H₃₅N₂S₂Si [M+H]⁺ 435.2462, found 435.2477.

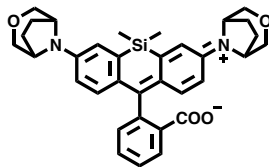


BD 634: Compound **S8** (150 mg, 0.32 mmol, 1.0 eq.), *o*-tolualdehyde (190 mg, 1.6 mmol, 5.0 eq.) and *p*-TsOH·H₂O (61 mg, 0.32 mmol, 1.0 eq.) were mixed in a sealable pressure tube. The tube was sealed tightly and heated at 140 °C for 8 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was diluted with MeOH (3 mL), then added chloranil (79 mg, 0.32 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and stirred for 2 h. After filtration and removal of the solvent, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH=15/1, v/v, with constant 1% v/v AcOH additive) to afford intermediate **S10** as blue-green solid (39 mg, 16%).

The intermediate **S10** (39 mg, 69 mmol) was taken up in MeOH (5 mL) and added NaBH₄ (5.2 mg, 140 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 0.5 h at 50°C. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was diluted with H₂O and then extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated *in vacuo* and directly used for the next reaction. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) and a solution of 3-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (126 mg, 550 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added dropwisely at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at 0 °C, then allowed to warm to room temperature for an additional 2h. After that, the mixture was washed with aq. NaHSO₃ and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The collected organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was again dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL), and DDQ (15 mg, 69 mmol) was added in one portion. The mixture was stirred for 2 h, and then washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was redissolved in MeOH (1 mL), and AcOH (10 μL) was added (immediate blue color). After stirring the blue solution at room temperature for 10 min, the mixture was concentrated to dryness and purified by HPLC (eluent, a 30-min linear gradient, from 10% to 95% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 mL/min; detection wavelength, 630 nm; eluent A (ddH₂O containing 0.1% TFA (v/v)) and eluent B (CH₃CN)) provided **BD 634** (16 mg, 38% yield, TFA salt) as a blue solid.
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMF-*d*₇) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.15 (m, 4H), 5.65 – 5.30 (m, 4H), 3.67 – 3.53 (m, 8H), 2.61 – 2.52 (m, 4H), 2.37 – 2.27 (m, 4H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 0.70 (s, 3H), 0.69 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 173.5, 151.5, 151.1, 143.8, 139.2, 136.6, 131.2, 130.2, 130.0, 129.7, 126.6, 123.5, 116.8, 59.0, 55.3, 26.8, 19.5, -1.4, -1.5.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₄H₃₉N₂O₄S₂Si [M]⁺ 631.2115, found 631.2107.



BD 655: Compound **S9** (139 mg, 0.32 mmol, 1.0 eq.), 2-formylbenzoic acid (240 mg, 1.6 mmol, 5.0 eq.) and CuBr₂ (7 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.1 eq.) were mixed in a sealable pressure tube. The tube was sealed tightly and heated at 140 °C for 4 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was dissolved in MeOH (5 mL), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE / EA = 5/2, v/v) to afford product **BD 655** as a blue-green solid (72 mg, 40%).

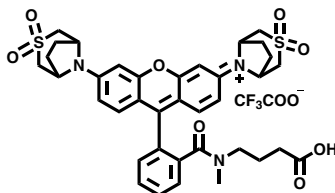
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 4.11 – 4.05 (m, 4H), 3.91 – 3.84 (m, 4H), 3.56 – 3.46 (m, 4H), 2.12 – 1.99 (m, 4H), 2.02 – 1.93 (m, 4H), 0.61 (s, 3H), 0.60 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7, 154.0, 146.5, 137.7, 133.8, 133.7, 129.0, 128.7, 127.1, 125.9, 124.8, 119.9, 116.2, 91.6, 69.9, 69.8, 57.0, 56.9, 26.9, 26.9, 0.5, -1.5.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₄H₃₇N₂O₄Si [M+H]⁺ 565.2517, found 565.2528.

General Method A: Functionalization with carboxylic acid

Representative Procedure for **BD Yellow**:



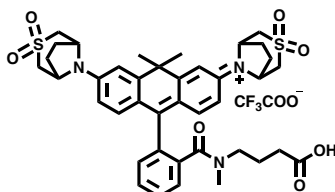
BD Yellow: To a flame-dried flask flushed with nitrogen, **BD528** (24 mg, 0.038 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and anhydrous 1,2-dichloroethane (2 mL) were added. Then POCl₃ (0.18 mL, 1.9 mmol, 50.0 eq.) was added by a syringe. The reaction was stirred at 75 °C for 2 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added and removed by rotary evaporation, and the mixture was placed under high vacuum (25 mmHg) for 0.5 h. To the round-bottomed flask, anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added by a syringe and the reaction was placed in an ice bath (−15 °C). Meanwhile, methyl 4-(methylamino)butanoate hydrochloride (63 mg, 0.38 mmol, 10.0 eq.) and triethylamine (0.05 mL) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL), giving amine solution. After the reaction mixture had stirred for 10 minutes in the external bath, the free-based amine was added via syringe in one addition. The reaction was stirred at the same temperature for another 20 minutes and then allowed to warm to 25 °C and stirred for an additional 20 minutes. 1 N HCl (2 mL) was added by syringe and the two layers separated. The aqueous layer was further extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 3 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation and the crude methyl ester was taken directly to the next reaction. The crude methyl ester **24** (0.038 mmol) was added into a 25 mL flask. THF (5 mL) was added by a syringe followed by ddH₂O (2 mL). The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min. A solution of 1 N NaOH (0.19 mL, 0.19 mmol, 5.0 eq.) was added and the reaction was stirred at this same temperature for 2 h before acidified with glacial AcOH (0.5 mL, 8.75 mmol, 10.0 eq.). The reaction was concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by HPLC (eluent, a 30-min linear gradient, from 10% to 90% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 mL/min;

detection wavelength, 540 nm; eluent A (ddH₂O containing 0.1% TFA (v/v)) and eluent B (CH₃CN)) provided **BD Yellow** (19 mg, 72% yield) as a red solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 7.77 – 7.60 (m, 3H), 7.51 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.03 (m, 4H), 5.07 – 5.01 (m, 4H), 3.75 – 3.30 (m, 8H), 3.24 – 3.13 (m, 2H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.58 – 2.48 (m, 4H), 2.37 – 2.16 (m, 4H), 1.78 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.25 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 174.6, 169.0, 159.3, 154.1, 137.7, 134.4, 134.0, 131.1, 131.0, 130.5, 128.4, 126.7, 116.7, 116.3, 99.7, 58.8, 55.6, 55.6, 46.7, 37.7, 31.0, 27.1, 22.3.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₇H₄₀N₃O₈S₂ [M]⁺ 718.2251, found 718.2253.

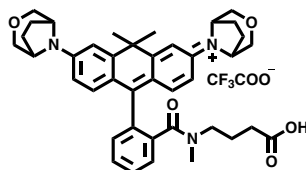


BD Orange: The title compound (25 mg, 78%, purple solid) was prepared from **BD 586** according to general method A.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetonitrile-*d*₃) δ 7.72 – 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.39 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.23 (m, 4H), 6.90 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 5.11 (s, 4H), 3.49 – 3.30 (m, 8H), 3.24 – 3.16 (m, 2H), 2.92 (s, 3H), 2.58 – 2.45 (m, 4H), 2.30 – 2.22 (m, 4H), 1.83 (s, 3H), 1.81 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.41 – 1.30 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 174.6, 169.3, 167.3, 159.7, 153.1, 140.1, 137.3, 135.1, 131.1, 130.3, 130.1, 128.1, 123.2, 115.2, 113.8, 59.1, 59.0, 55.4, 46.9, 43.1, 37.7, 34.8, 32.4, 31.2, 27.0, 26.9, 22.5.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₀H₄₆N₃O₇S₂ [M]⁺ 744.2772, found 744.2790.



BD Red: The title compound (28 mg, 80%, blue solid) was prepared from **BD 615** according to general method A.

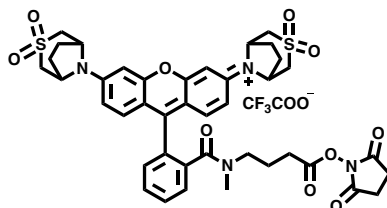
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 7.67 – 7.62 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.14 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 6.79 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 4.65 – 4.62 (m, 4H), 3.72 – 3.65 (m, 8H), 3.26 – 3.14 (m, 2H), 2.88 (s, 3H), 2.18 – 2.10 (m, 4H), 2.12 – 2.04 (m, 4H), 1.83 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.45 – 1.37 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 174.4, 169.5, 163.0, 158.2, 152.8, 139.1, 137.3, 135.4, 131.2, 130.0, 129.9, 127.9, 121.9, 114.6, 113.4, 72.8, 58.8, 58.7, 46.9, 42.6, 37.8, 31.4, 27.1, 27.0, 22.6.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₀H₄₆N₃O₅ [M]⁺ 648.3432, found 648.3440.

General Method B: Conversion of carboxylic acids to NHS esters

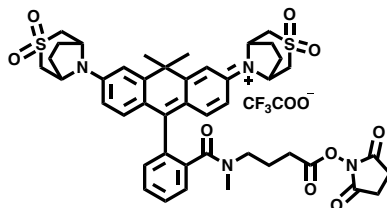
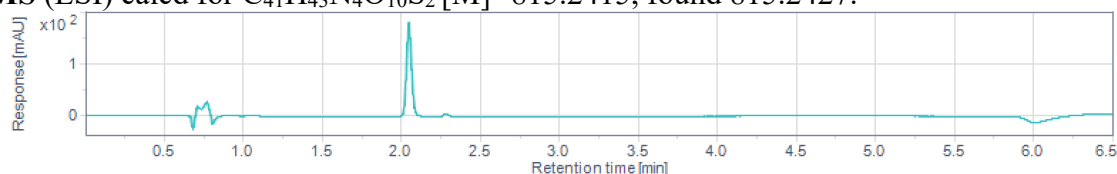
Representative Procedure for **BD Yellow_{NHS}**:



BD Yellow (16) (10 mg, 14 μmol , 1.0 eq.), TSTU (8.6 mg, 28 μmol , 2.0 eq.) and 2,6-Lutidine (15 mg, 140 μmol , 10.0 eq.) were dissolved in anhydrous DMF (1 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. The product was purified by RP-HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 20% to 80% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 mL/min; detection wavelength, 540 nm; eluent A (ddH₂O containing 0.1% TFA (v/v)) and eluent B (CH₃CN)) and freeze-dried to yield **BD Yellow_{NHS}** (8 mg, 80% yield) as a red solid.

Analytical HPLC: 97.6% purity (4.6 mm $\times$ 150 mm 5 μm C18 column; 2 μL injection; 5-100% CH₃CN/H₂O, linear-gradient, with constant 0.1% v/v TFA additive; 6 min run; 0.6 mL/min flow; ESI; positive ion mode; detection at 600 nm).

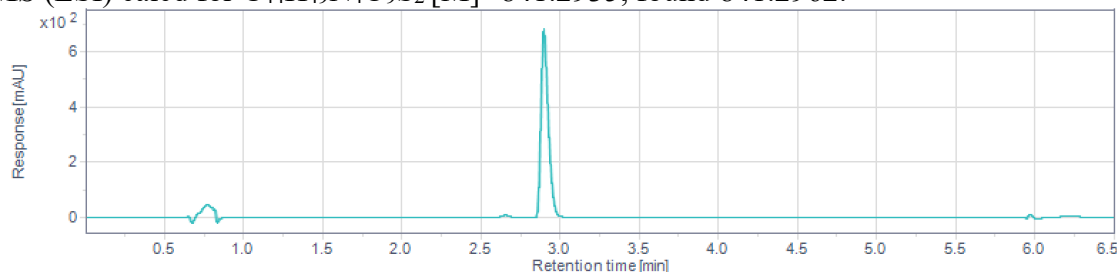
HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₁H₄₃N₄O₁₀S₂ [M]⁺ 815.2415, found 815.2427.

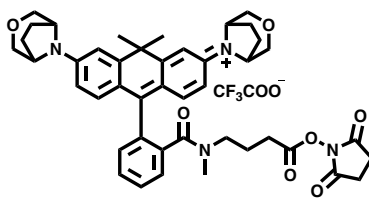


BD Orangen_{NHS}: The title compound (8.8 mg, 76%, purple solid) was prepared from **BD Orange (17)** according to general method B.

Analytical HPLC: 98.4% purity (4.6 mm $\times$ 150 mm 5 μm C18 column; 2 μL injection; 5-100% CH₃CN/H₂O, linear-gradient, with constant 0.1% v/v TFA additive; 6 min run; 0.6 mL/min flow; ESI; positive ion mode; detection at 600 nm).

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₄H₄₉N₄O₉S₂ [M]⁺ 841.2935, found 841.2962.

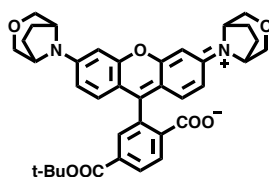
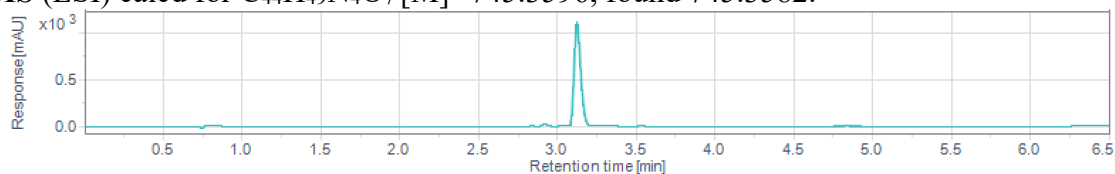




BD Red_{NHS}: The title compound (9.0 mg, 78%, blue solid) was prepared from **BD Red** according to general method B.

Analytical HPLC: 96.8% purity (4.6 mm × 150 mm 5 μm C18 column; 2 μL injection; 5-100% CH₃CN/H₂O, linear-gradient, with constant 0.1% v/v TFA additive; 6 min run; 0.6 mL/min flow; ESI; positive ion mode; detection at 630 nm).

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₄H₄₉N₄O₇ [M]⁺ 745.3596, found 745.3582.

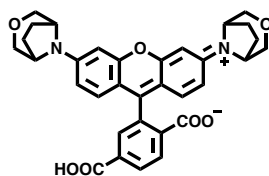


BD 566_{COOt-Bu}: **S11** is prepared according to a published protocol¹. A vial was charged with ditriflate **S11** (100 mg, 144 μmol, 1.0 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (6.4 mg, 29 μmol, 0.2 eq.), BINAP (27 mg, 43 μmol, 0.3 eq.), Cs₂CO₃ (131 mg, 403 μmol, 2.8 eq.) and 3-oxa-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane hydrochloride (90 mg, 605 μmol, 4.2 eq.). The vial was sealed and evacuated/backfilled with N₂ for three times. Toluene (2 mL) was added, and the reaction was flushed again with N₂ for three times. The reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 10 h. It was subsequently cooled to room temperature, diluted with MeOH, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by silica gel chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (2M NH₃) = 20/1, v/v) provided **BD 566_{COOt-Bu}** (48 mg, 54% yield) as a purple solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 6.63 – 6.53 (m, 4H), 6.48 – 6.41 (m, 2H), 4.09 – 4.05 (m, 4H), 3.92 – 3.84 (m, 5H), 3.56 – 3.49 (m, 4H), 2.16 – 1.96 (m, 8H), 1.55 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.0, 164.5, 153.3, 149.2, 138.0, 130.8, 130.7, 129.6, 125.4, 125.4, 125.0, 124.9, 111.7, 107.9, 101.7, 82.5, 69.7, 69.6, 57.0, 56.9, 28.2, 27.0.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₇H₃₉N₂O₇ [M+H]⁺ 623.2752, found 623.2764.



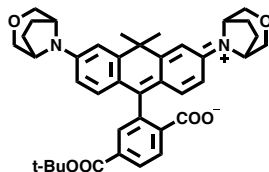
BD 566_{COOH}: **BD 566_{COOt-Bu}** (48 mg, 77 μmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL), and trifluoroacetic acid (0.3 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and

then concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by reverse phase HPLC (eluent, a 30-min linear gradient, from 30% to 95% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 mL/min; detection wavelength, 560 nm; eluent A (ddH₂O containing 0.1% TFA (v/v)) and eluent B (CH₃CN)) provided **BD 566**_{COOH} (41 mg, 95% yield) as a purple solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.46 – 8.36 (m, 2H), 8.02 – 7.97 (m, 1H), 7.17 – 7.05 (m, 6H), 4.67 – 4.61 (m, 4H), 3.81 – 3.68 (m, 8H), 2.26 – 2.09 (m, 8H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 167.7, 167.4, 159.7, 159.7, 154.7, 136.0, 135.9, 135.4, 132.9, 132.7, 132.4, 132.3, 116.9, 115.4, 99.0, 72.8, 59.3, 27.5.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₃H₃₁N₂O₇ [M+H]⁺ 567.2126, found 567.2148.

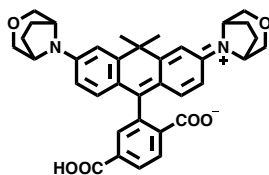


BD 626_{COOt-Bu}: **S12** is prepared according to a published protocol¹. A vial was charged with ditriflate **S12** (104 mg, 144 μmol, 1.0 eq.), Pd(OAc)₂ (6.4 mg, 29 μmol, 0.2 eq.), BINAP (27 mg, 43 μmol, 0.3 eq.), Cs₂CO₃ (131 mg, 403 μmol, 2.8 eq.) and 3-oxa-8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane hydrochloride (90 mg, 605 μmol, 4.2 eq.). The vial was sealed and evacuated/backfilled with N₂ for three times. Toluene (2 mL) was added, and the reaction was flushed again with N₂ for three times. The reaction was stirred at 100 °C for 6 h. It was subsequently cooled to room temperature, diluted with MeOH, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by silica gel chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH=40/1, v/v) provided **BD 626**_{COOt-Bu} (42 mg, 45% yield) as a blue solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.15 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.60 – 6.51 (m, 4H), 4.14 – 4.03 (m, 4H), 3.95 – 3.83 (m, 4H), 3.58 – 3.47 (m, 4H), 2.13 – 1.95 (m, 8H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 9H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.1, 164.5, 155.5, 147.9, 147.1, 137.9, 130.2, 130.1, 129.5, 125.1, 124.9, 120.6, 114.5, 112.4, 88.0, 82.5, 69.9, 69.8, 57.1, 57.0, 38.5, 35.4, 33.1, 28.2, 26.9.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₀H₄₅N₂O₆ [M+H]⁺ 649.3272, found 649.3291.

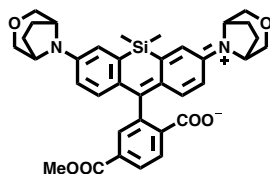


BD 626_{COOH}: **BD 626**_{COOt-Bu} (42 mg, 65 μmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL), and trifluoroacetic acid (0.3 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and then concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by reverse phase HPLC (eluent, a 30-min linear gradient, from 30% to 95% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 mL/min; detection wavelength, 630 nm; eluent A (ddH₂O containing 0.1% TFA (v/v)) and eluent B (CH₃CN)) provided **BD 626**_{COOH} (35 mg, 92% yield) as a blue solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMF-*d*₇) δ 8.31 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.50 – 4.27 (m, 4H), 3.83 – 3.74 (m, 4H), 3.58 – 3.46 (m, 4H), 2.07 – 1.94 (m, 8H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.80 (s, 3H).

Analytical HPLC: >99% purity (4.6 mm × 150 mm 5 μm C18 column; 2 μL injection; 5-100% CH₃CN/H₂O, linear-gradient, with constant 0.1% v/v TFA additive; 6 min run; 0.6 mL/min flow; ESI; positive ion mode; detection at 630 nm).

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₆H₃₇N₂O₆ [M+H]⁺ 593.2646, found 593.2641.

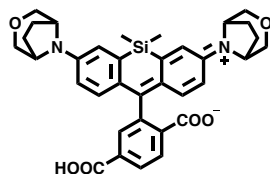


BD 666COOMe: Compound **S9** (130 mg, 0.30 mmol, 1.0 eq.), 2-formyl-4-(methoxycarbonyl) benzoic acid (312 mg, 1.5 mmol, 5.0 eq.) and CuBr₂ (7 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.1 eq.) were mixed in a sealable pressure tube. The tube was sealed tightly and heated at 140 °C for 4 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was dissolved in MeOH (5 mL), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE / EA = 10/1, v/v) to afford product **BD 666COOMe** as a blue-green solid (97 mg, 52%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.21 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.99 – 7.96 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 4.10 – 4.05 (m, 4H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.90 – 3.84 (m, 4H), 3.56 – 3.49 (m, 4H), 2.14 – 1.93 (m, 8H), 0.65 (s, 3H), 0.59 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.9, 166.0, 154.6, 146.5, 137.4, 135.2, 133.0, 130.2, 130.1, 128.4, 126.0, 125.9, 120.0, 116.4, 91.7, 69.8, 69.7, 57.0, 52.8, 26.9, 26.9, 0.4, -1.2.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₆H₃₉N₂O₆Si [M+H]⁺ 623.2572, found 623.2560.



BD 666COOH: To a solution of **BD666COOMe** (97 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF/ddH₂O (2:1, 2 mL in total) was added 1 N LiOH (800 μL, 0.80 mmol, 5.0 eq.). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. It was subsequently acidified with 1 N HCl (900 μL), diluted with water, and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×). The organic extracts were combined and dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂ / MeOH = 25/1, v/v) to afford product **BD 666COOH** as a blue-green solid (78 mg, 82%).

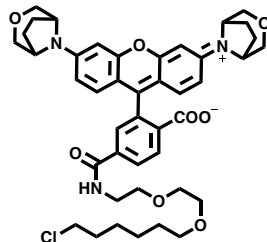
¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 8.17 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.37 – 4.08 (m, 4H), 3.69 – 3.61 (m, 4H), 3.47 – 3.39 (m, 4H), 1.98 – 1.80 (m, 8H), 0.64 (s, 3H), 0.54 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 169.0, 166.1, 158.4, 158.1, 146.4, 136.4, 131.5, 130.2, 128.6, 127.6, 126.1, 124.7, 119.9, 116.4, 91.1, 68.9, 55.8, 26.4, 26.4, -0.1, -1.3.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₅H₃₇N₂O₆Si [M+H]⁺ 609.2415, found 609.2420.

General Method C: Functionalization with HaloTag ligand

Representative Procedure for **BD 566_{HTL}**:

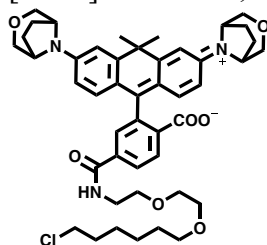


BD 566_{COOH} (22 mg, 40 μ mol, 1.0 eq.), HaloTag(O2)amine (13 mg, 60 μ mol, 1.5 eq.) and BOP (21 mg, 48 μ mol, 1.2 eq.) were dissolved in anhydrous DMF (2 mL). Then DIPEA (13 μ L, 80 μ mol, 2.0 eq.) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Purification of the mixture by reverse phase HPLC (eluent, a 30-min linear gradient, from 30% to 95% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 mL/min; detection wavelength, 560 nm; eluent A (ddH₂O containing 0.1% TFA (v/v)) and eluent B (CH₃CN)) provided **BD 566_{HTL}** (30 mg, 84% yield) as a purple solid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.42 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.05 (m, 6H), 4.68 – 4.59 (m, 4H), 3.80 – 3.70 (m, 8H), 3.70 – 3.53 (m, 8H), 3.52 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.44 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.28 – 2.05 (m, 8H), 1.76 – 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.27 (m, 4H).

Analytical HPLC: 98.6% purity (4.6 mm $\times$ 150 mm 5 μ m C18 column; 2 μ L injection; 5-100% CH₃CN/H₂O, linear-gradient, with constant 0.1% v/v TFA additive; 6 min run; 0.6 mL/min flow; ESI; positive ion mode; detection at 560 nm).

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₃H₅₁ClN₃O₈ [M+H]⁺ 772.3359, found 772.3383.

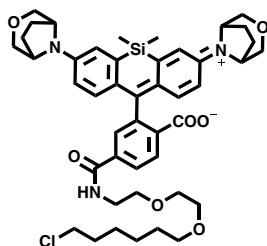


BD 626_{HTL}: The title compound (28 mg, 87%, blue solid) was prepared from **BD 626_{COOH}** according to general method C.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 8.27 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (dd, J = 9.3, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 4.61 – 4.54 (m, 4H), 3.76 – 3.63 (m, 8H), 3.63 – 3.46 (m, 10H), 3.35 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.17 – 2.01 (m, 8H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.70 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.20 (m, 6H).

Analytical HPLC: >99% purity (4.6 mm $\times$ 150 mm 5 μ m C18 column; 2 μ L injection; 5-100% CH₃CN/H₂O, linear-gradient, with constant 0.1% v/v TFA additive; 6 min run; 0.6 mL/min flow; ESI; positive ion mode; detection at 620 nm).

HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₆H₅₇ClN₃O₇ [M+H]⁺ 798.3880, found 798.3872.



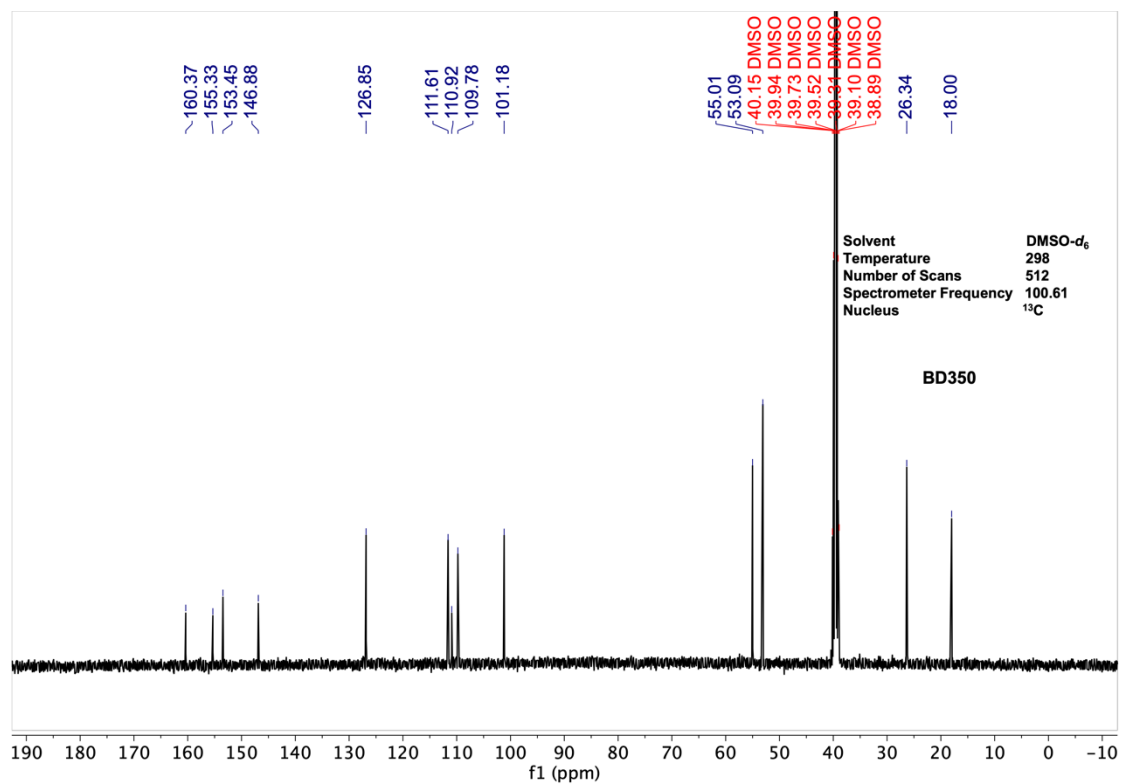
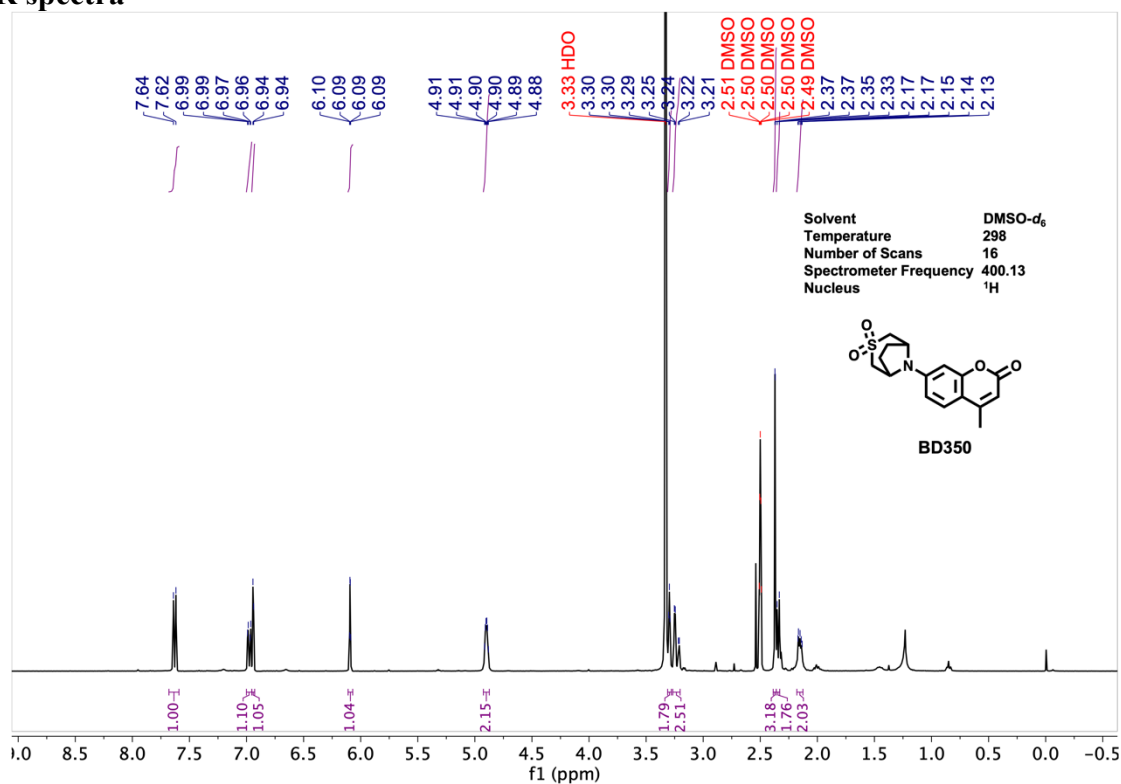
BD 666_{HTL}: The title compound (25 mg, 78%, blue-green solid) was prepared from **BD 666_{COOH}** according to general method C.

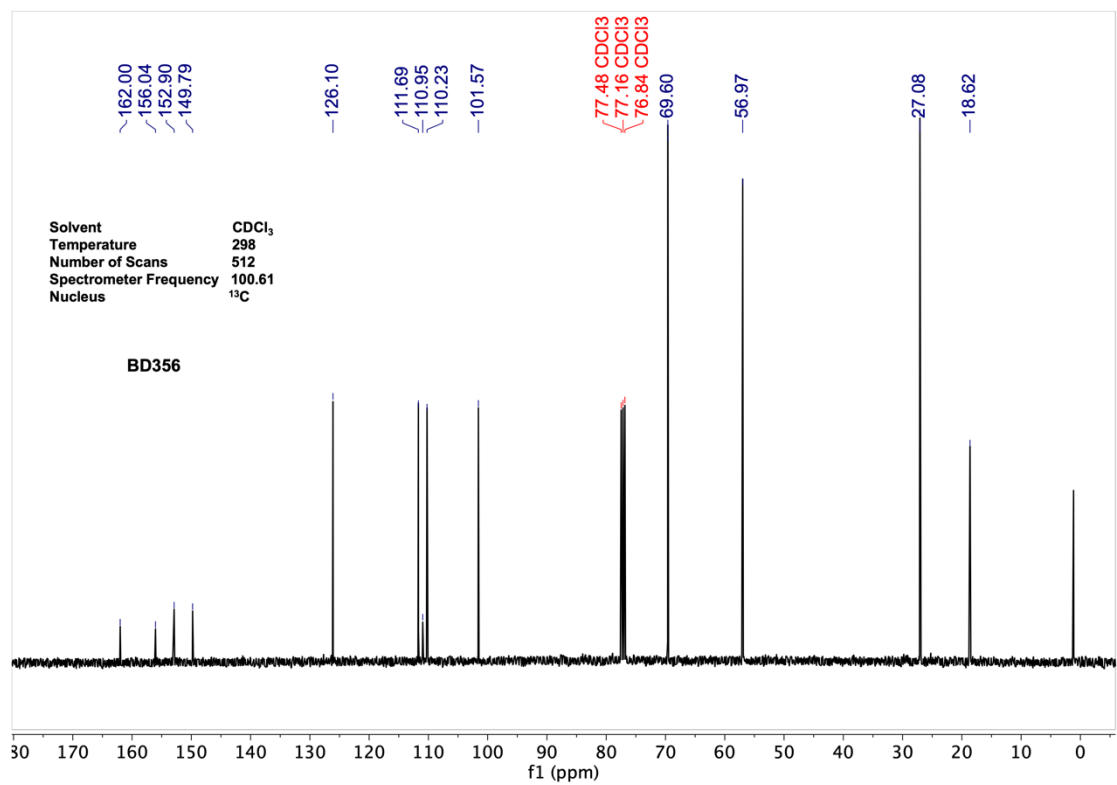
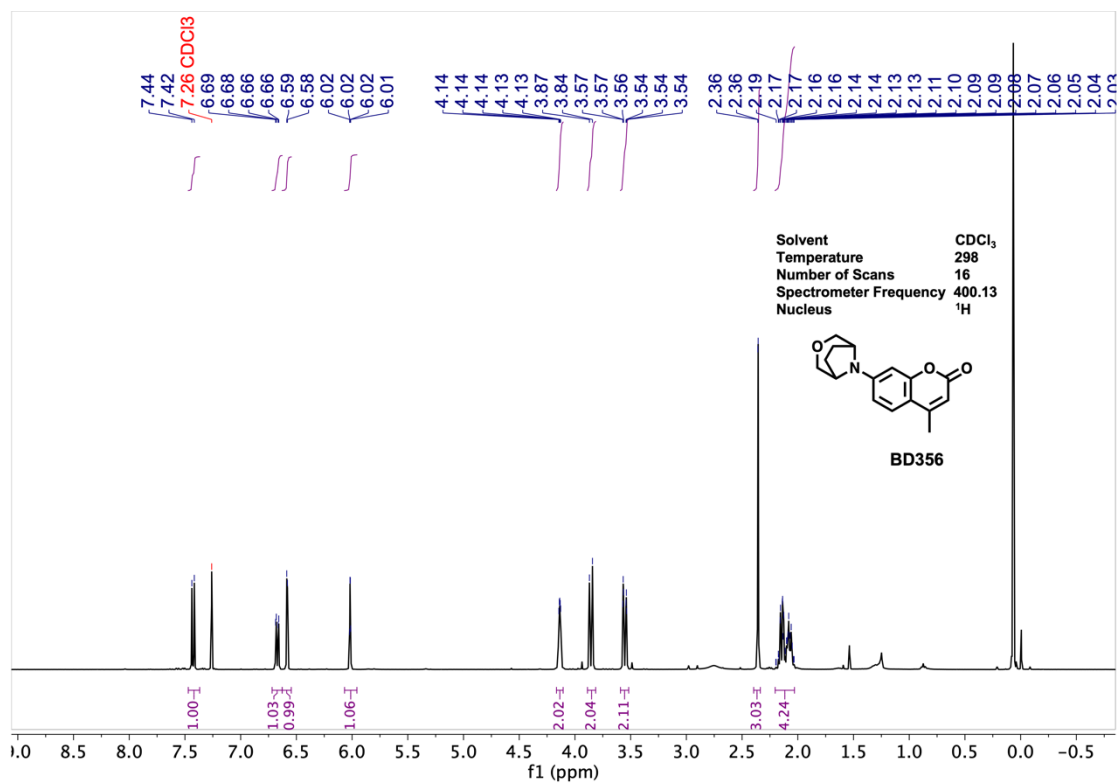
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.29 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 4.75 – 4.54 (m, 4H), 3.79 – 3.55 (m, 16H), 3.51 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.26 – 2.01 (m, 8H), 1.76 – 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.51 (p, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.46 – 1.24 (m, 2H), 0.64 (s, 3H), 0.59 (s, 3H).

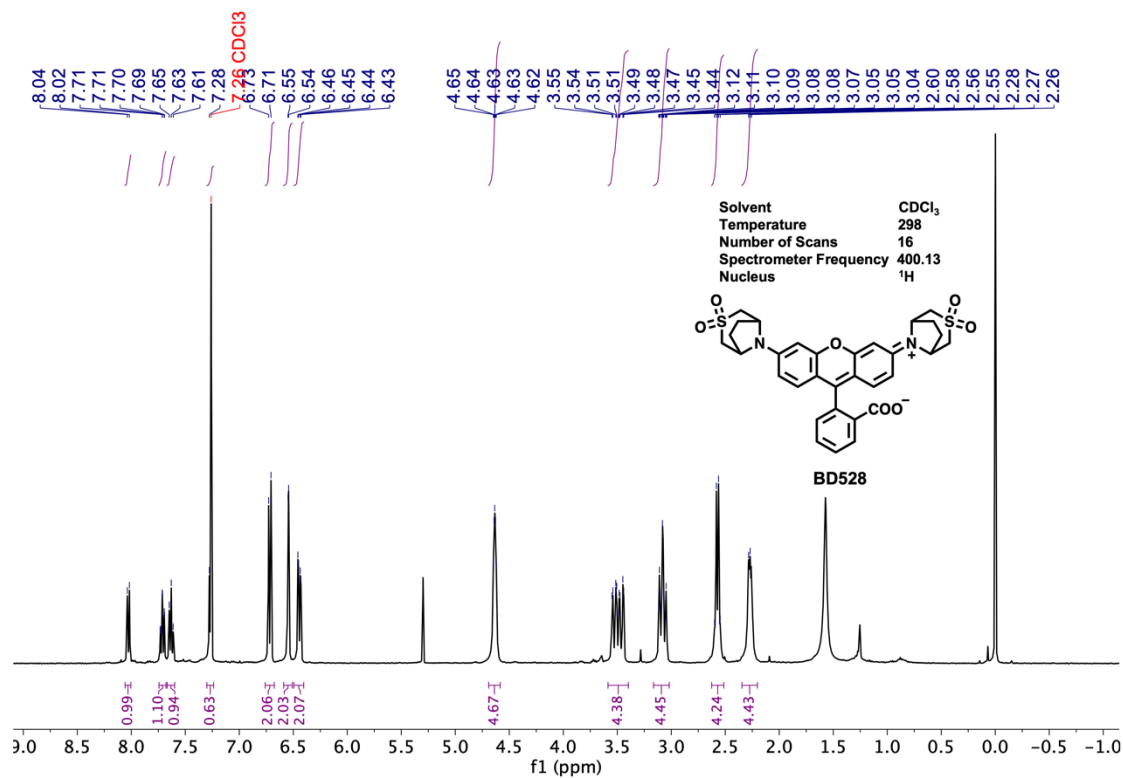
Analytical HPLC: 98.8% purity (4.6 mm × 150 mm 5 μm C18 column; 2 μL injection; 5-100% CH₃CN/H₂O, linear-gradient, with constant 0.1% v/v TFA additive; 6 min run; 0.6 mL/min flow; ESI; positive ion mode; detection at 660 nm).

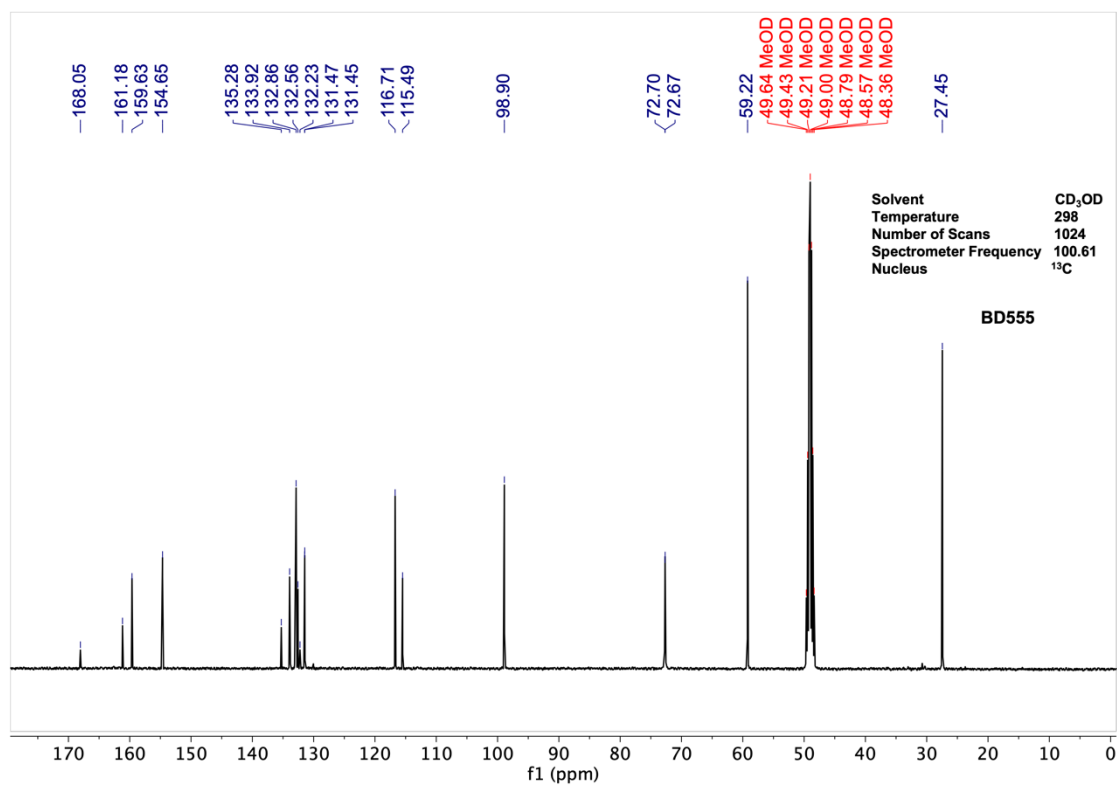
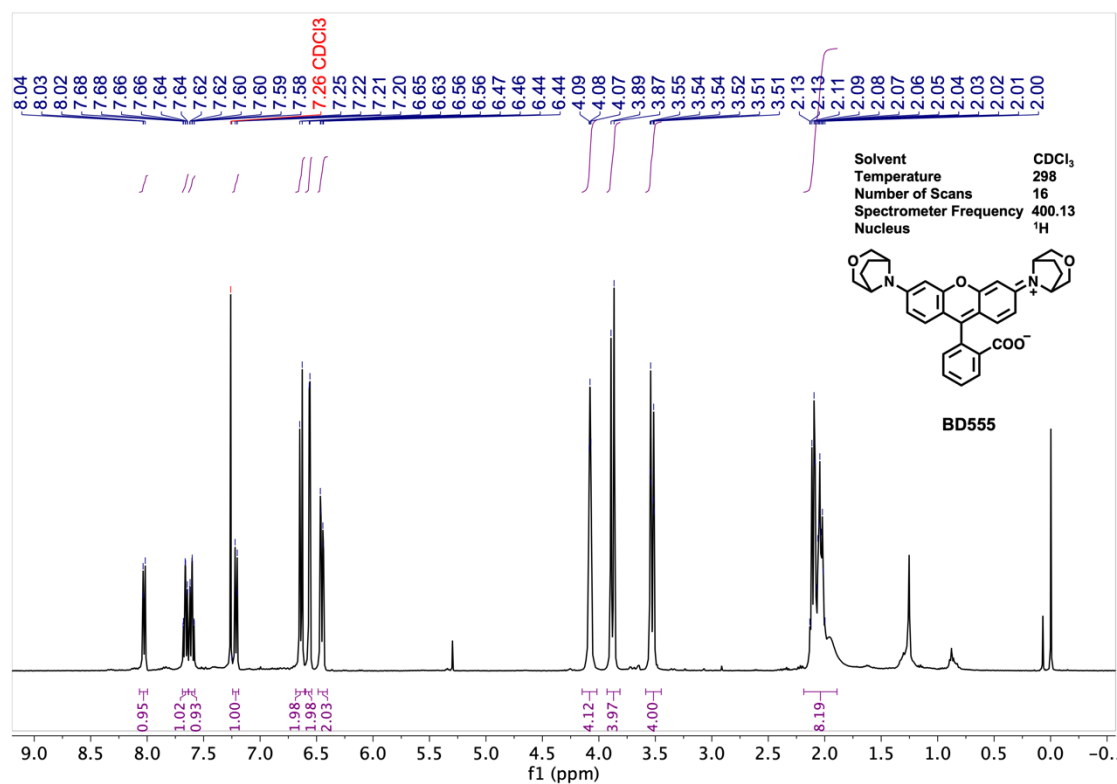
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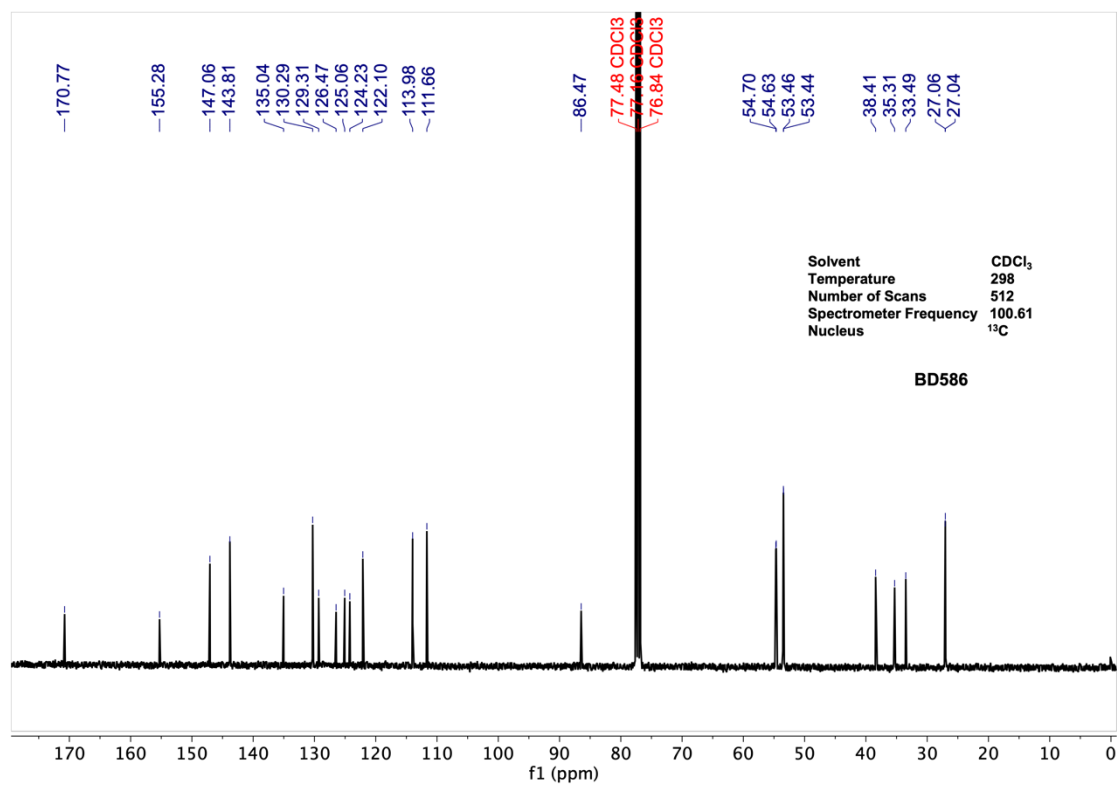
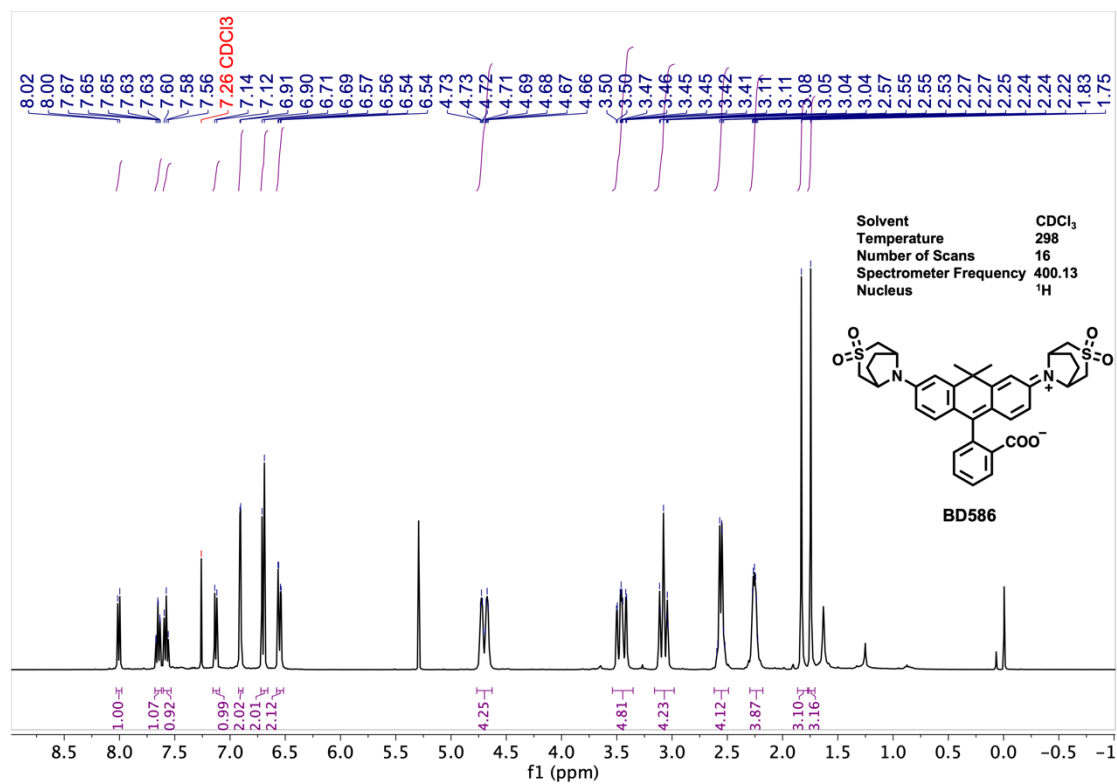
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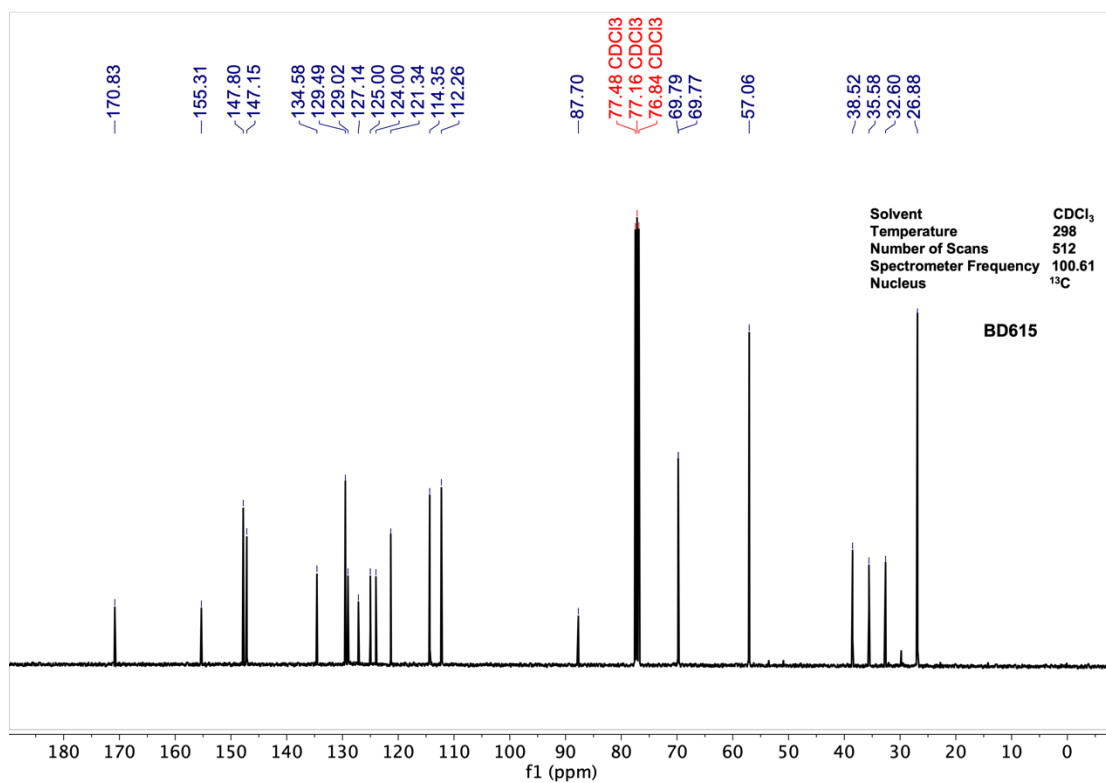
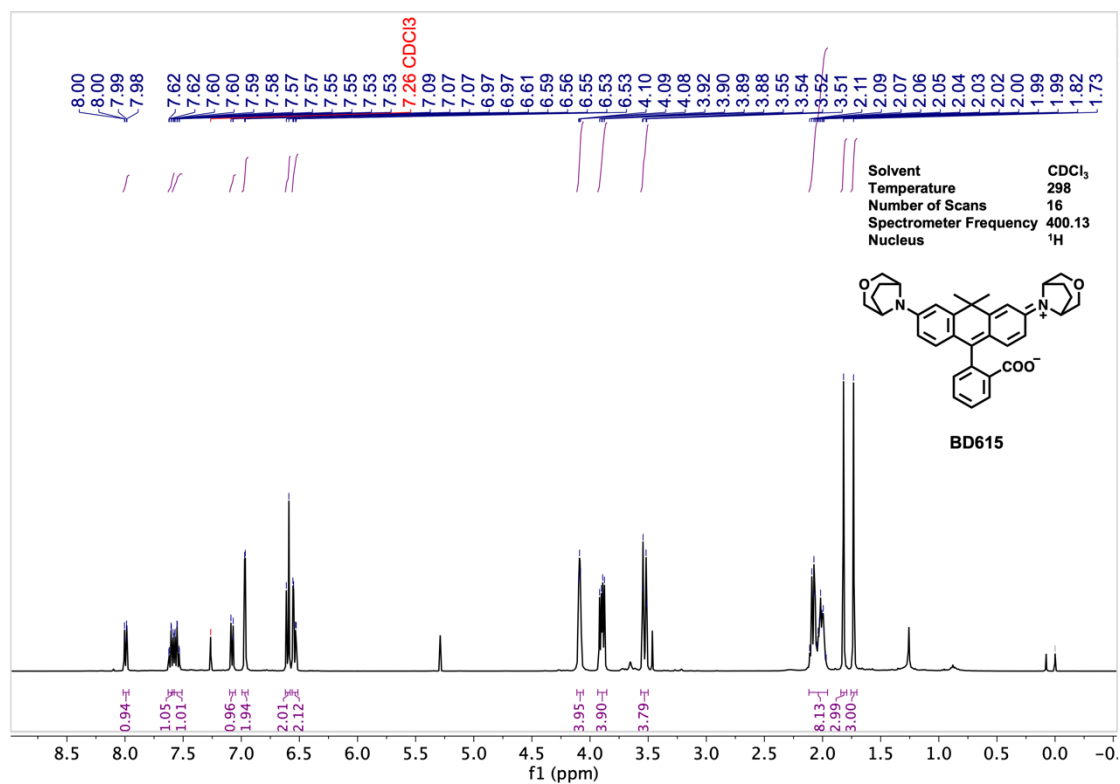


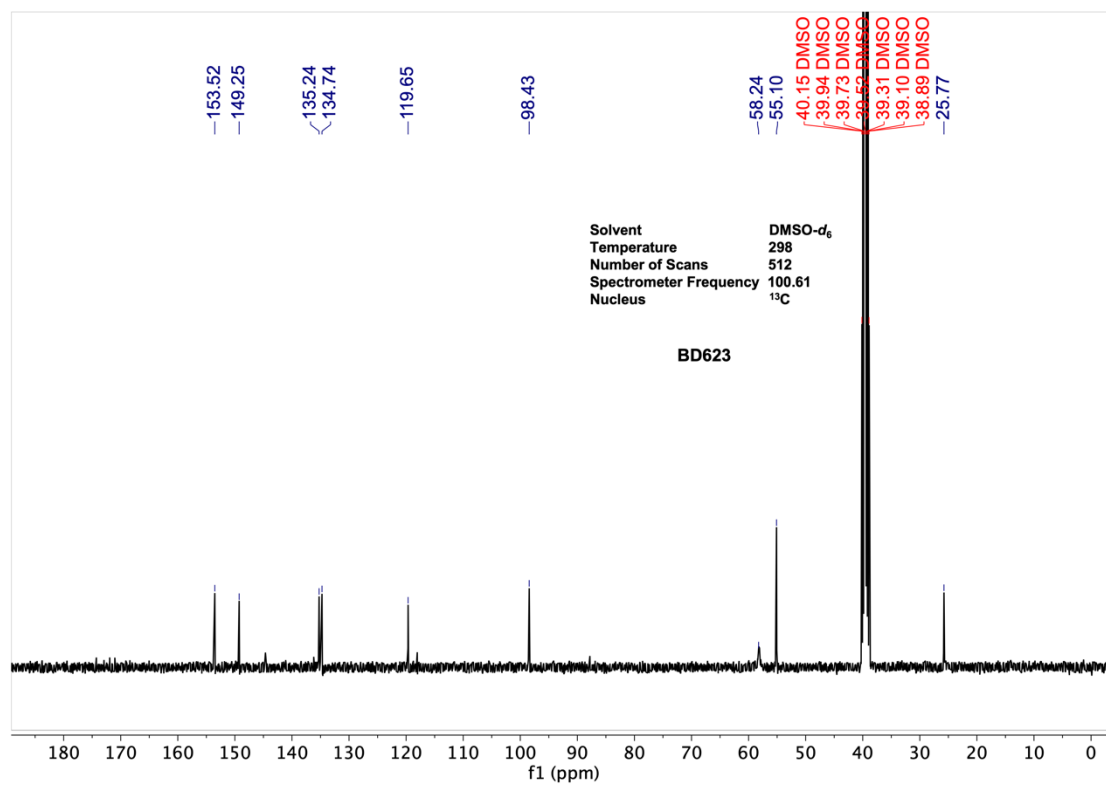
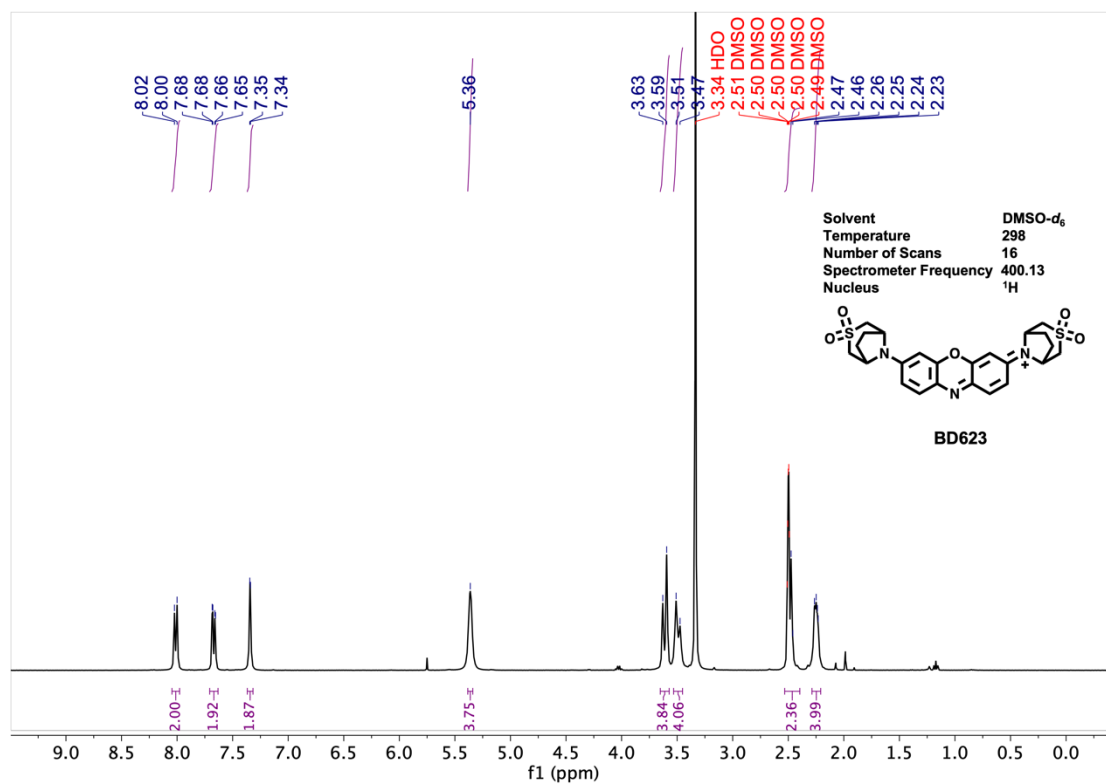


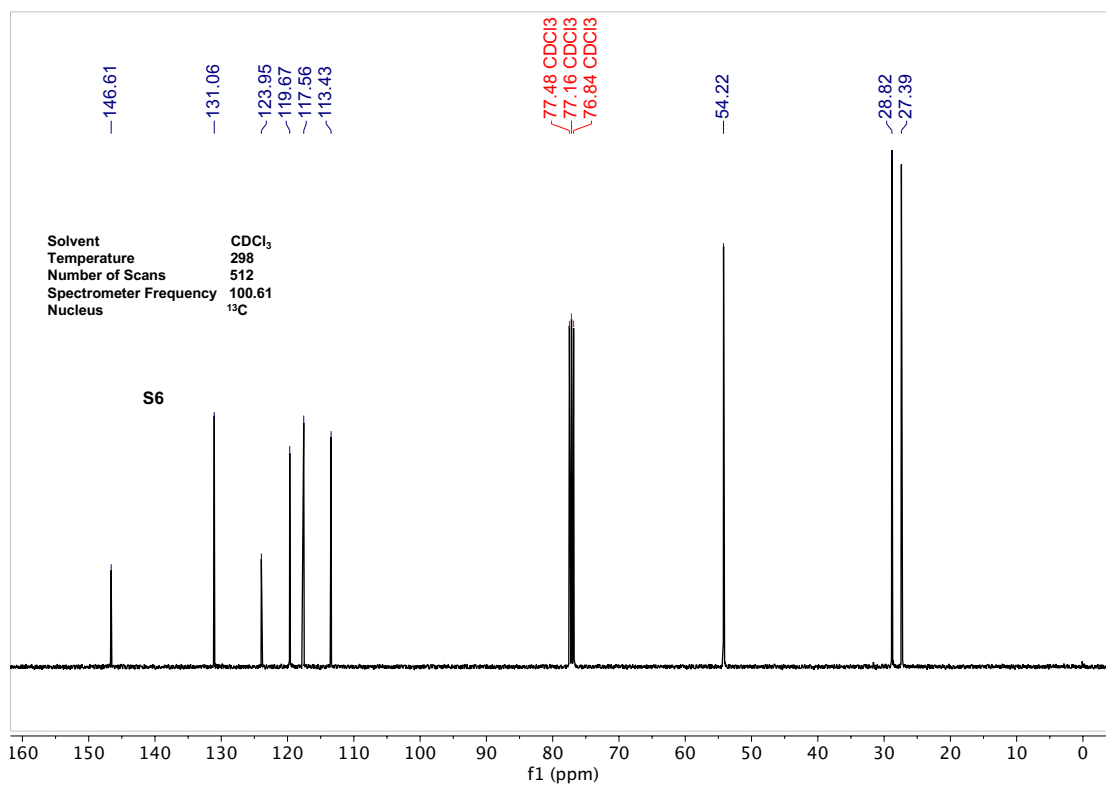
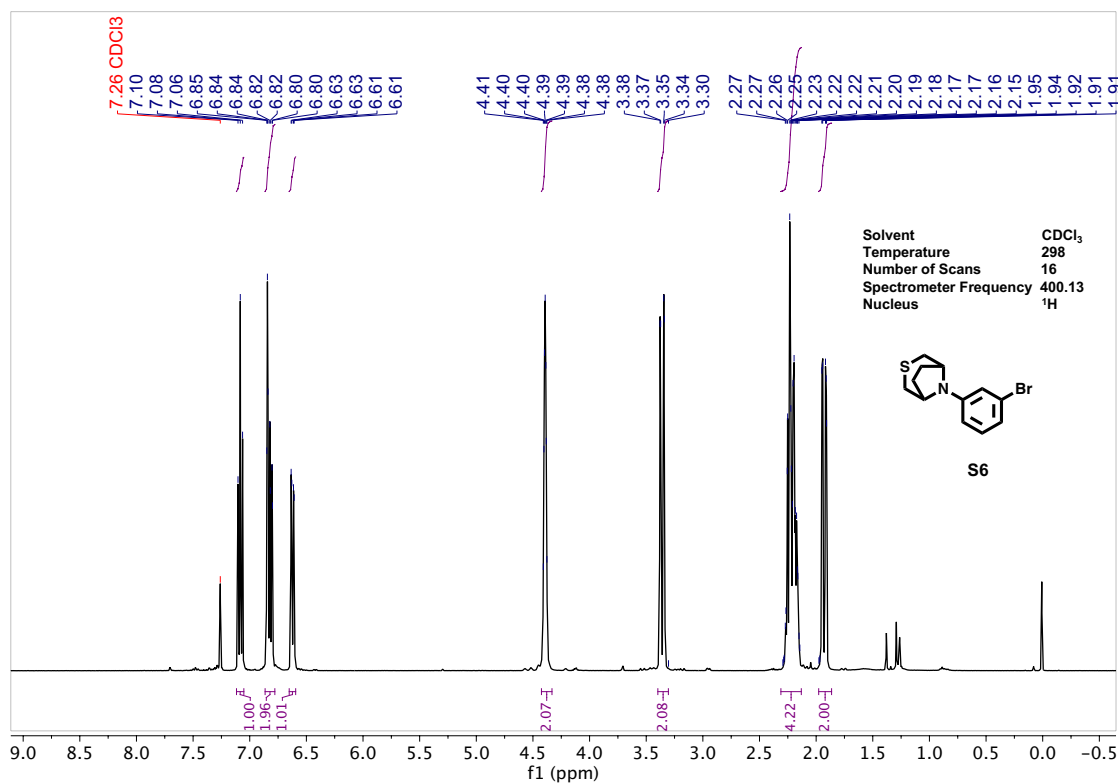


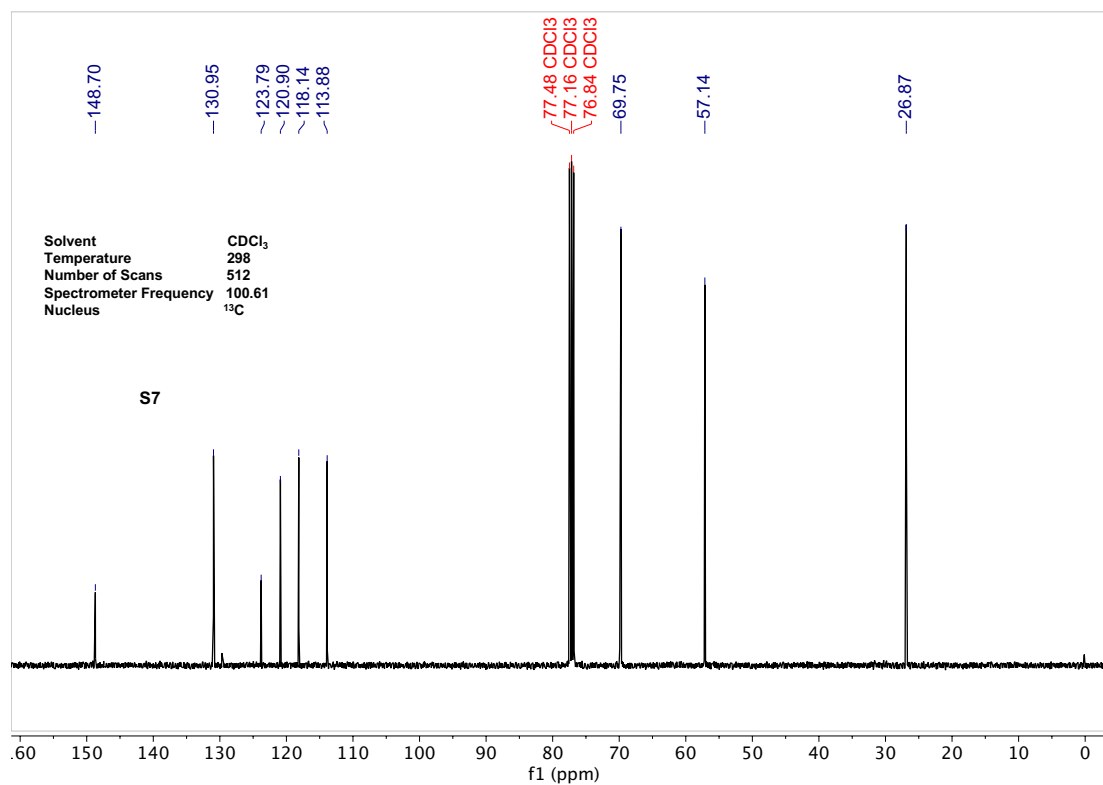
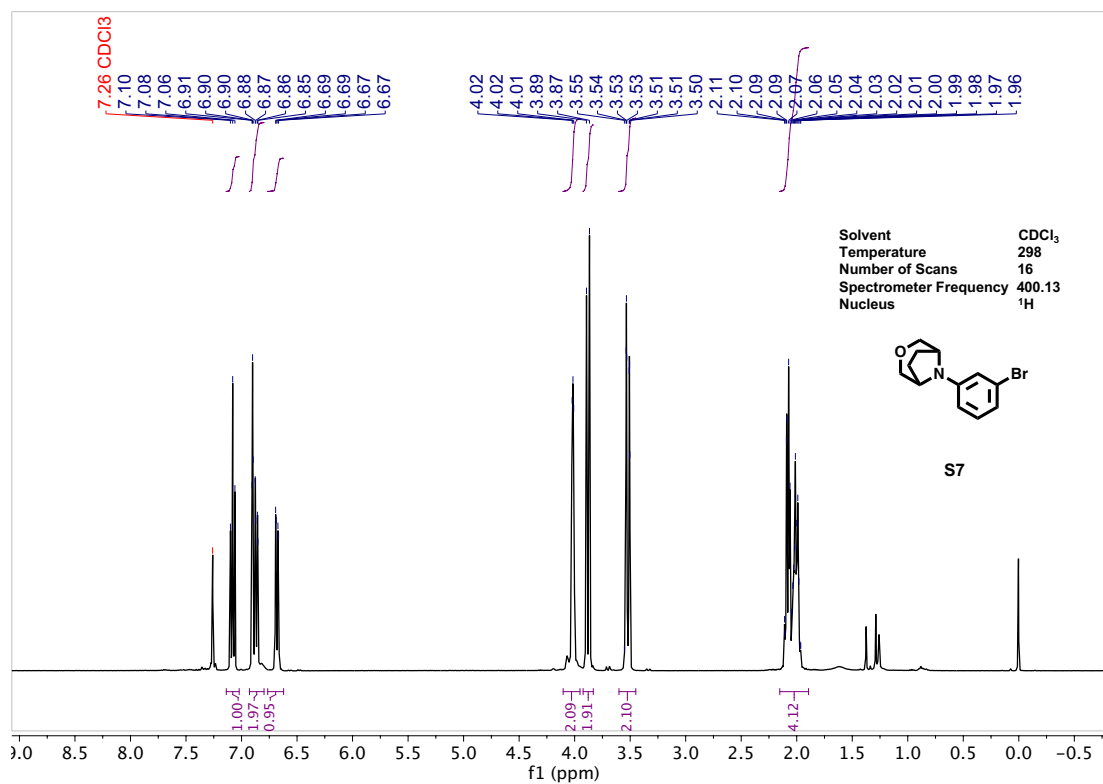


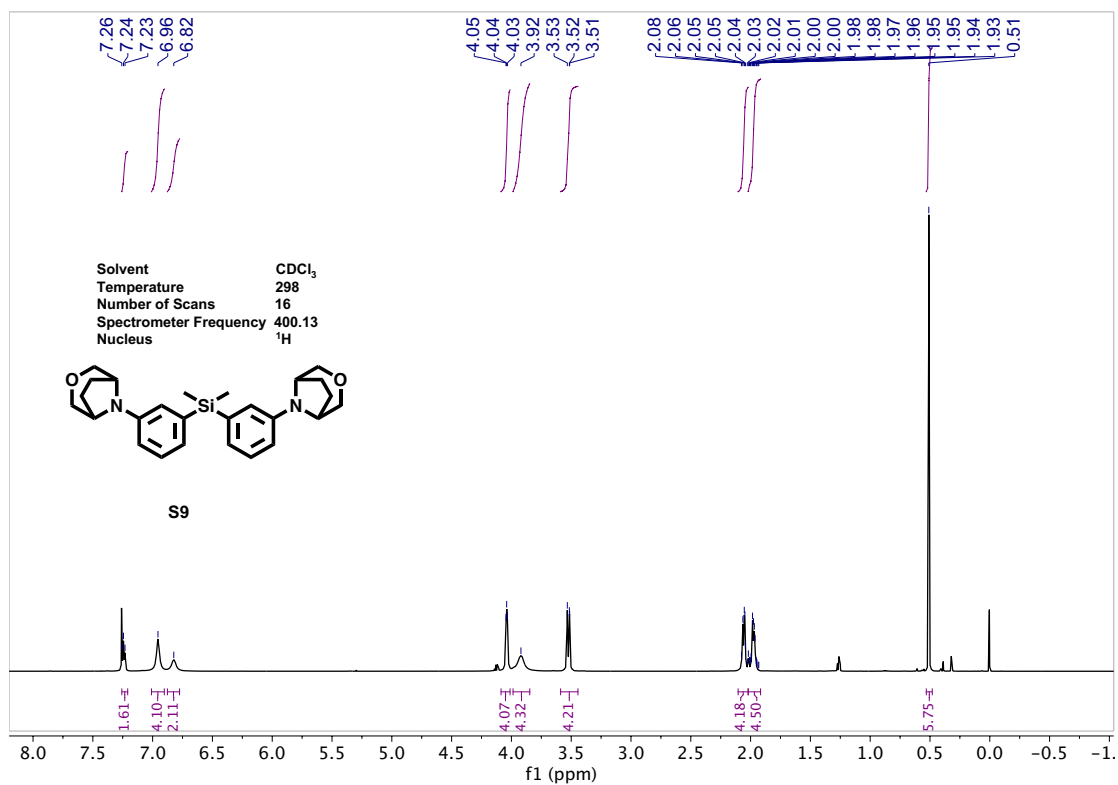
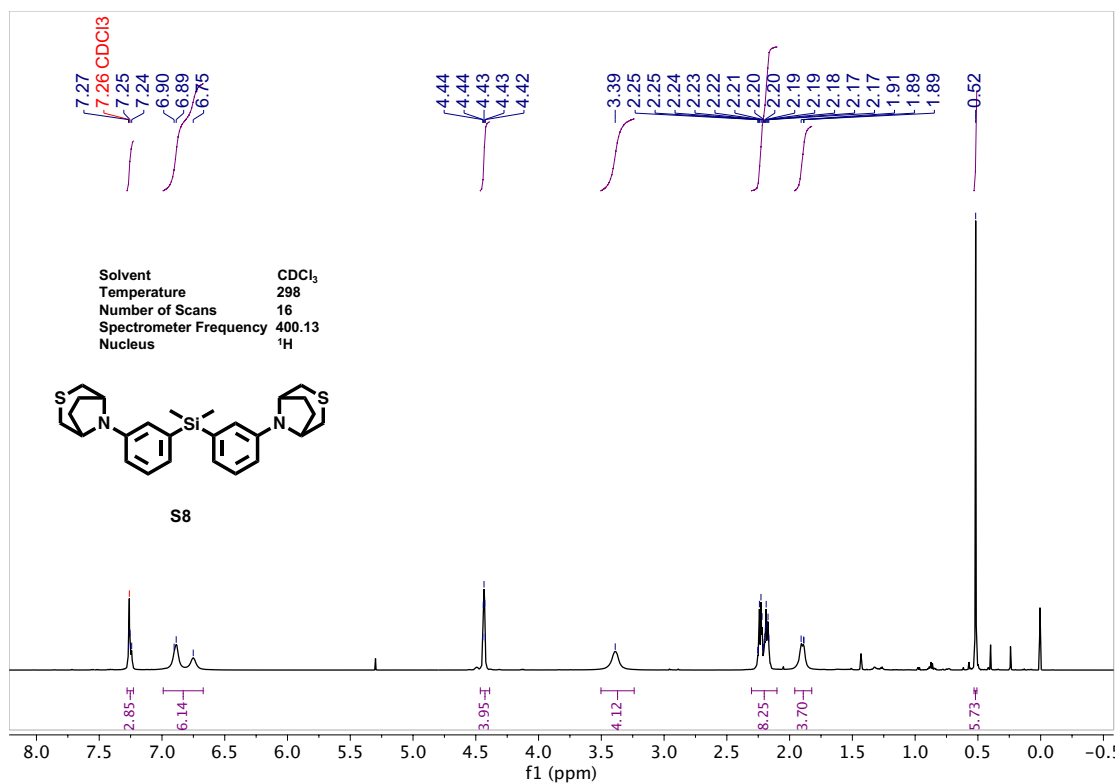


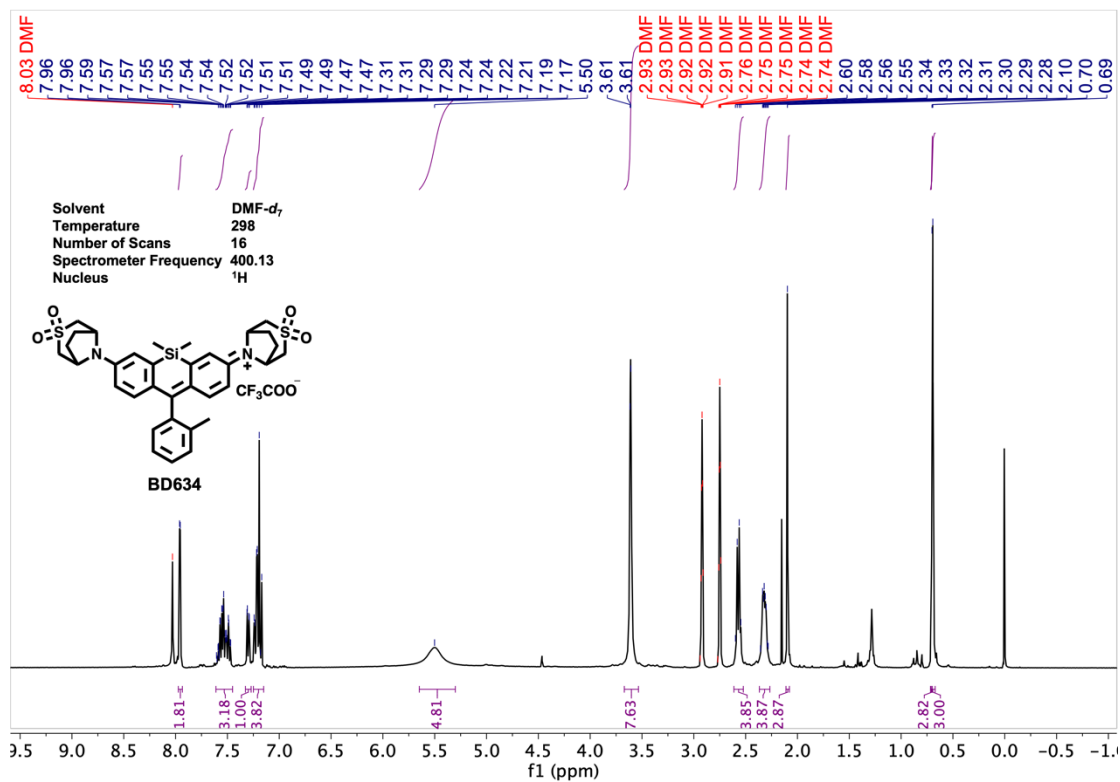


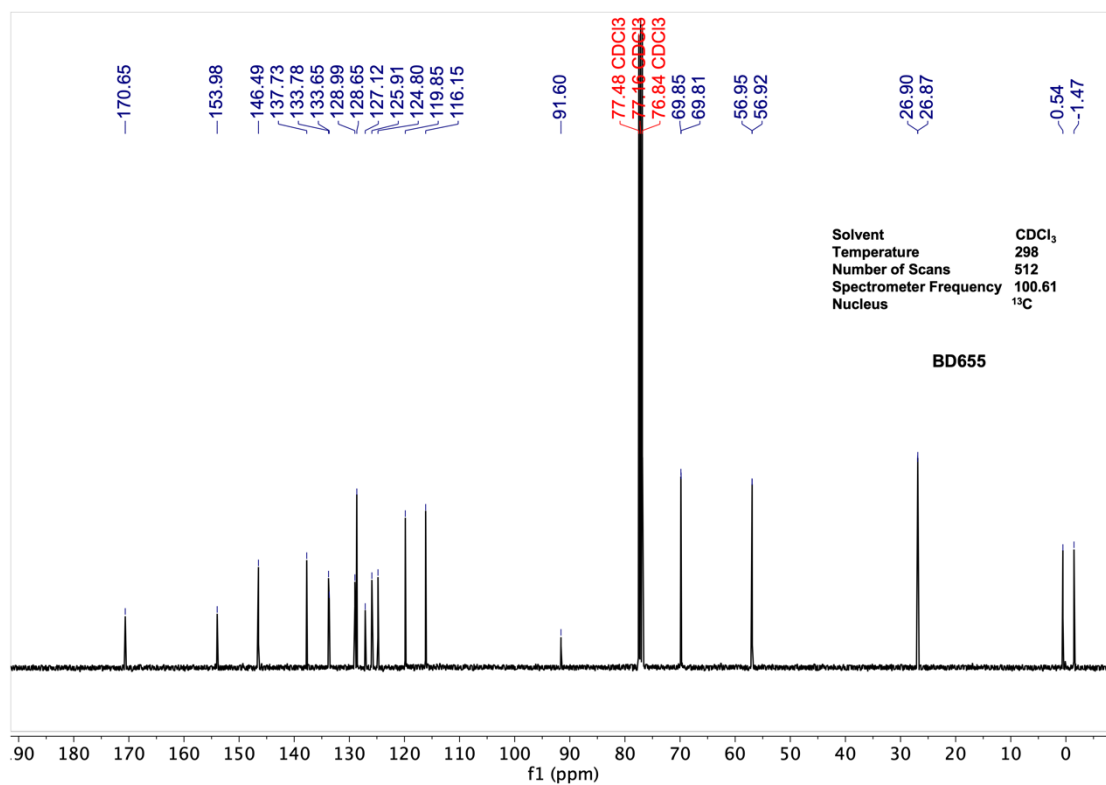
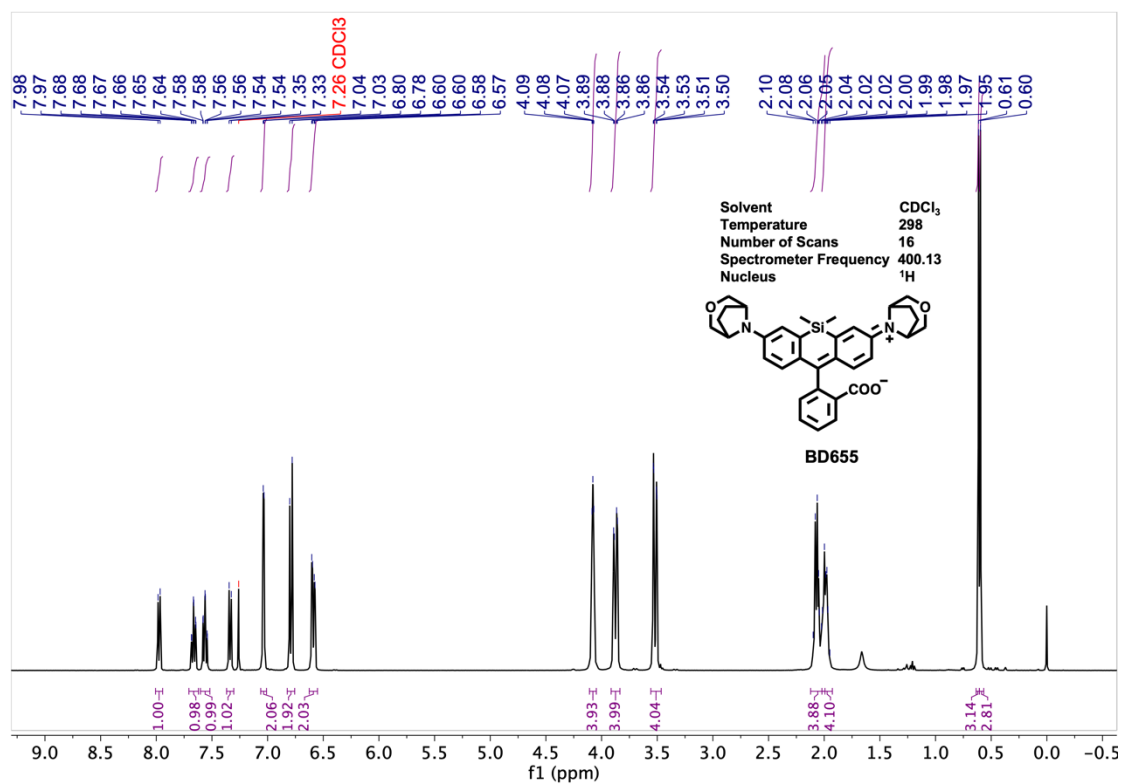


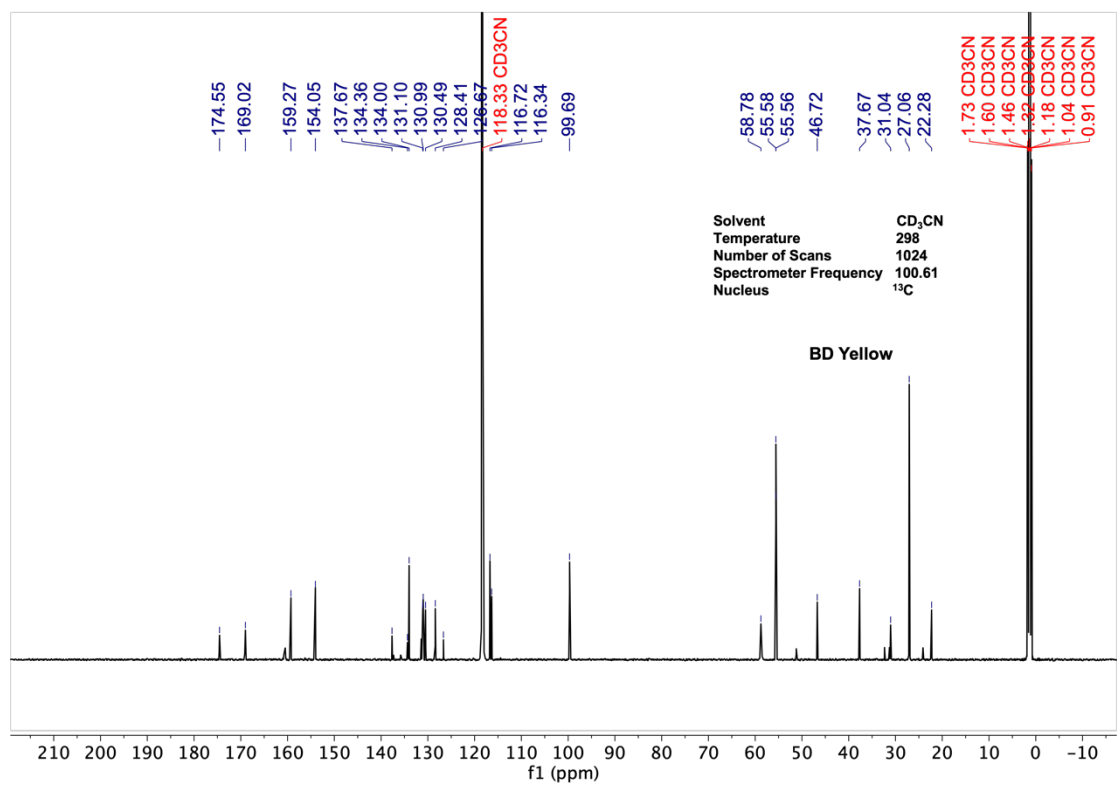
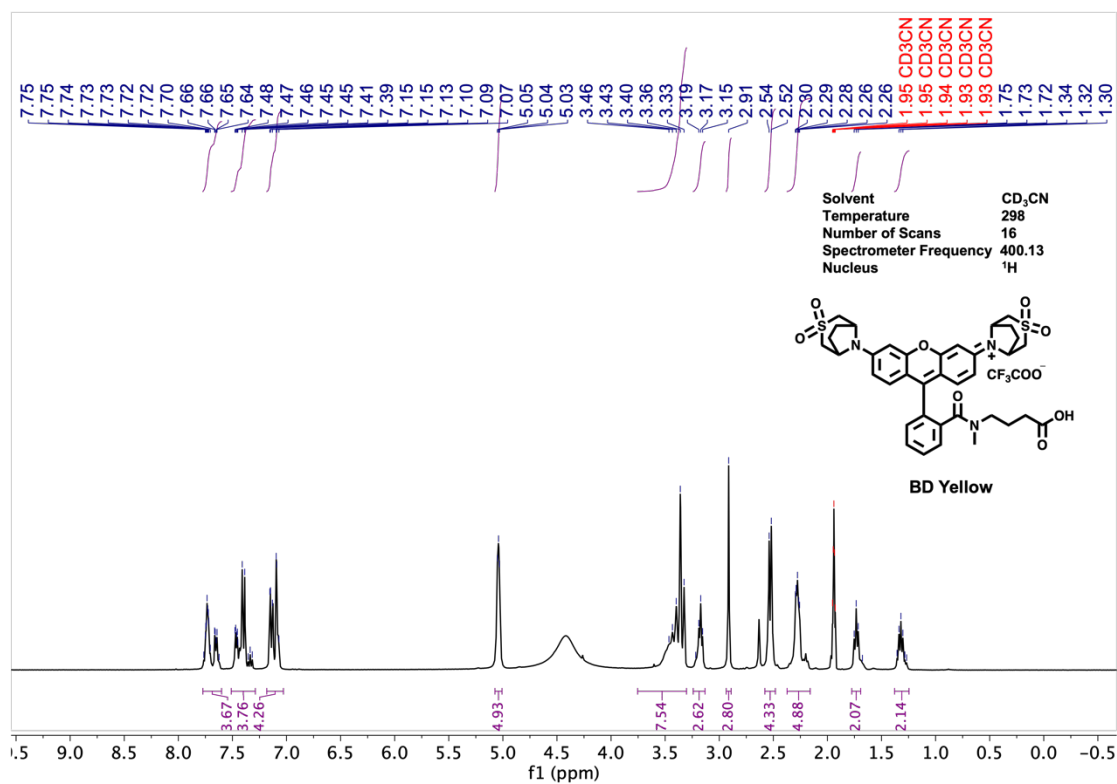


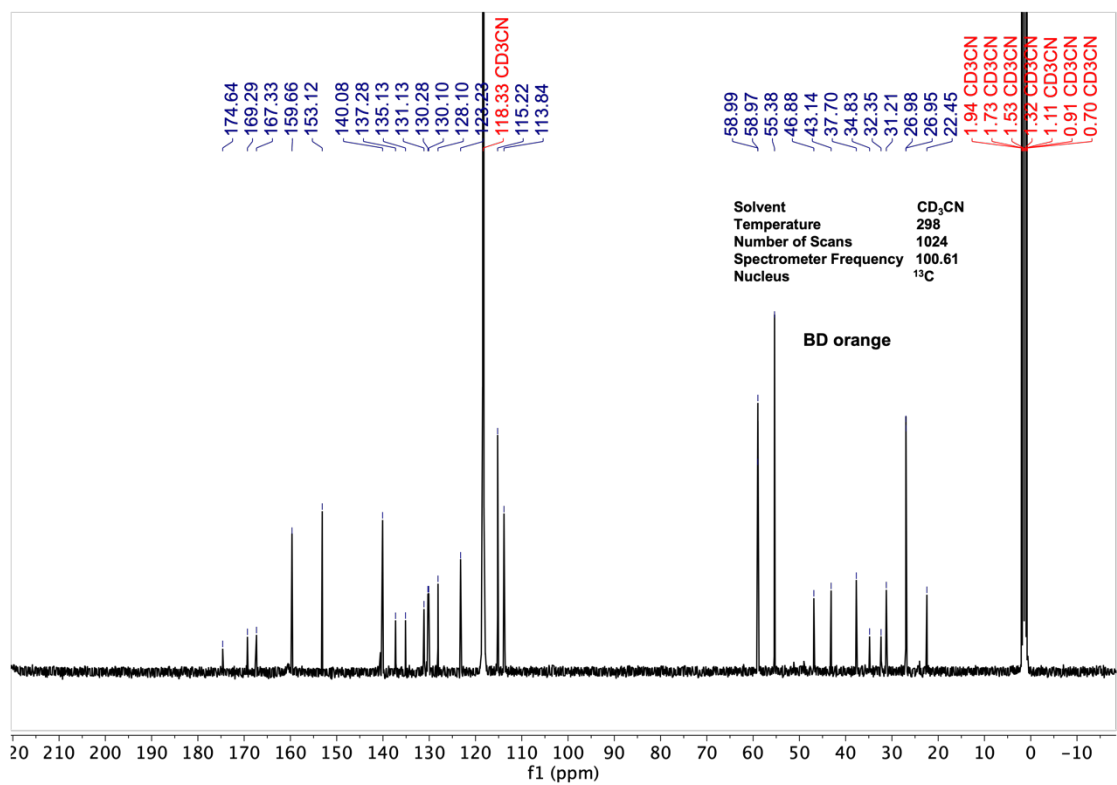
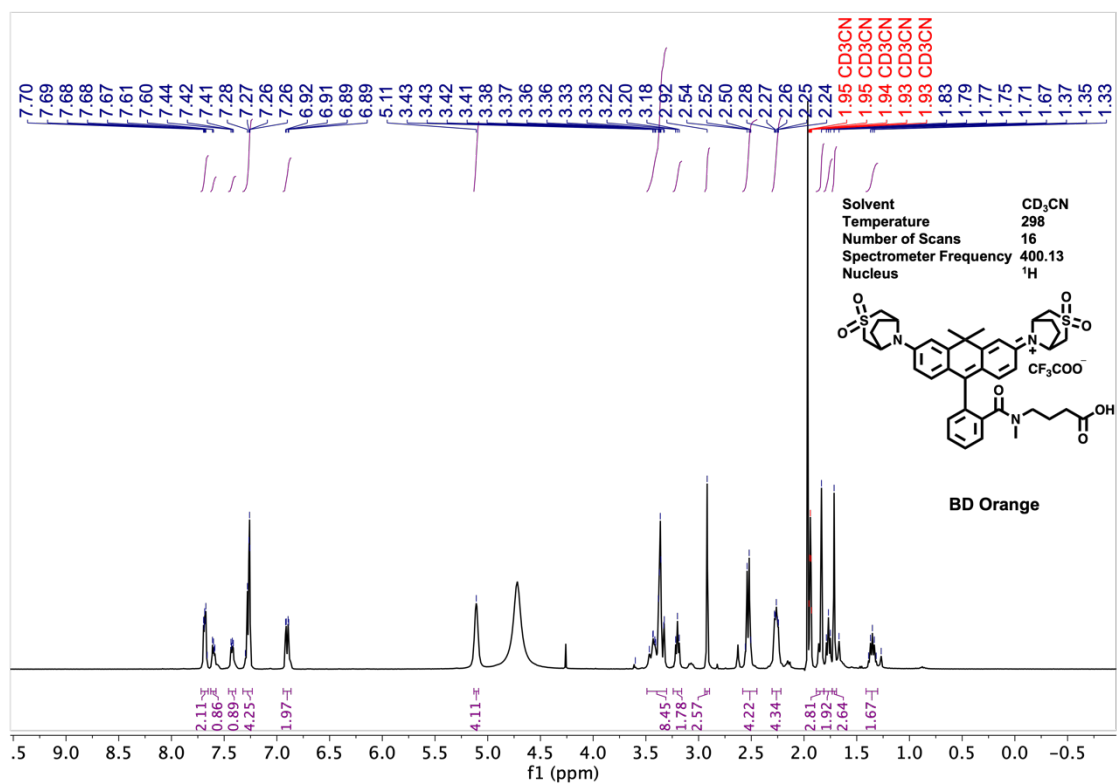


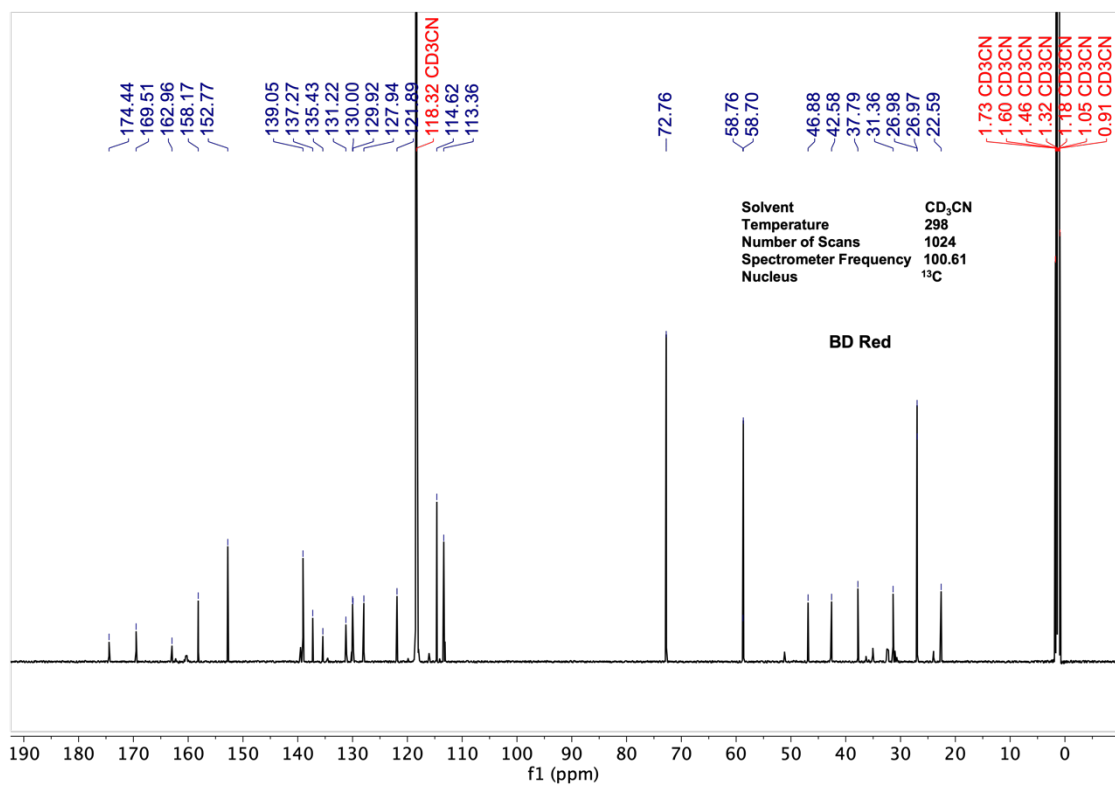
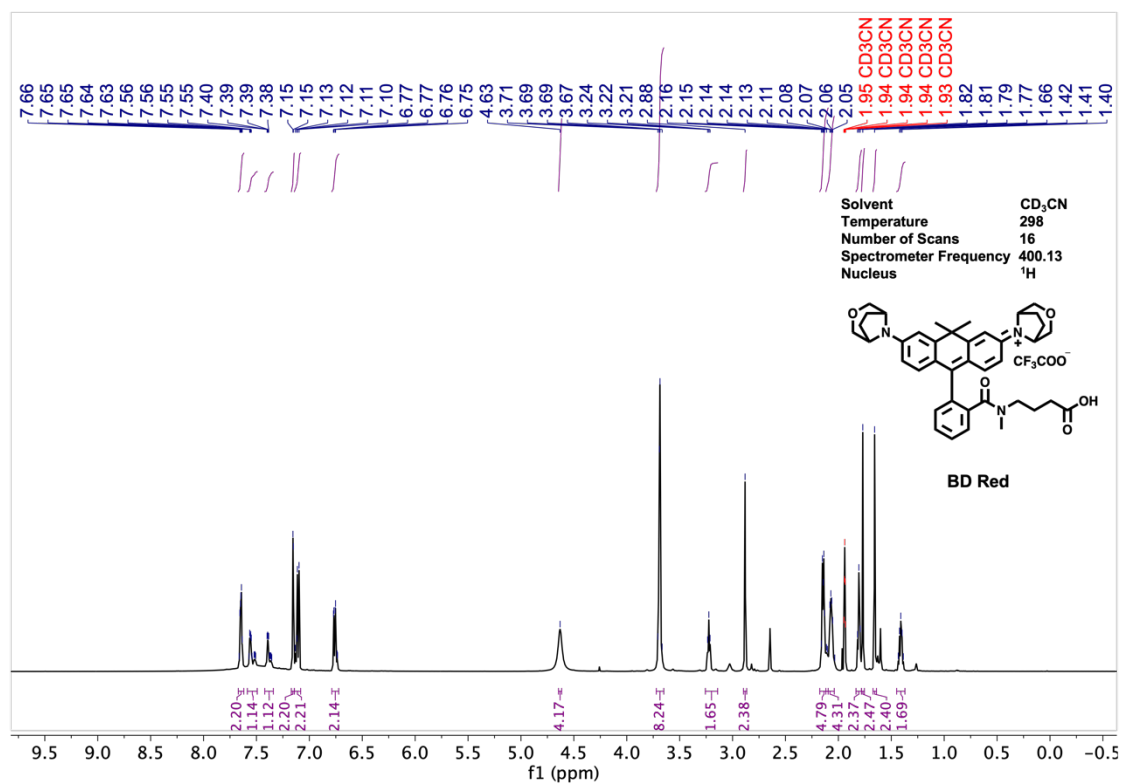


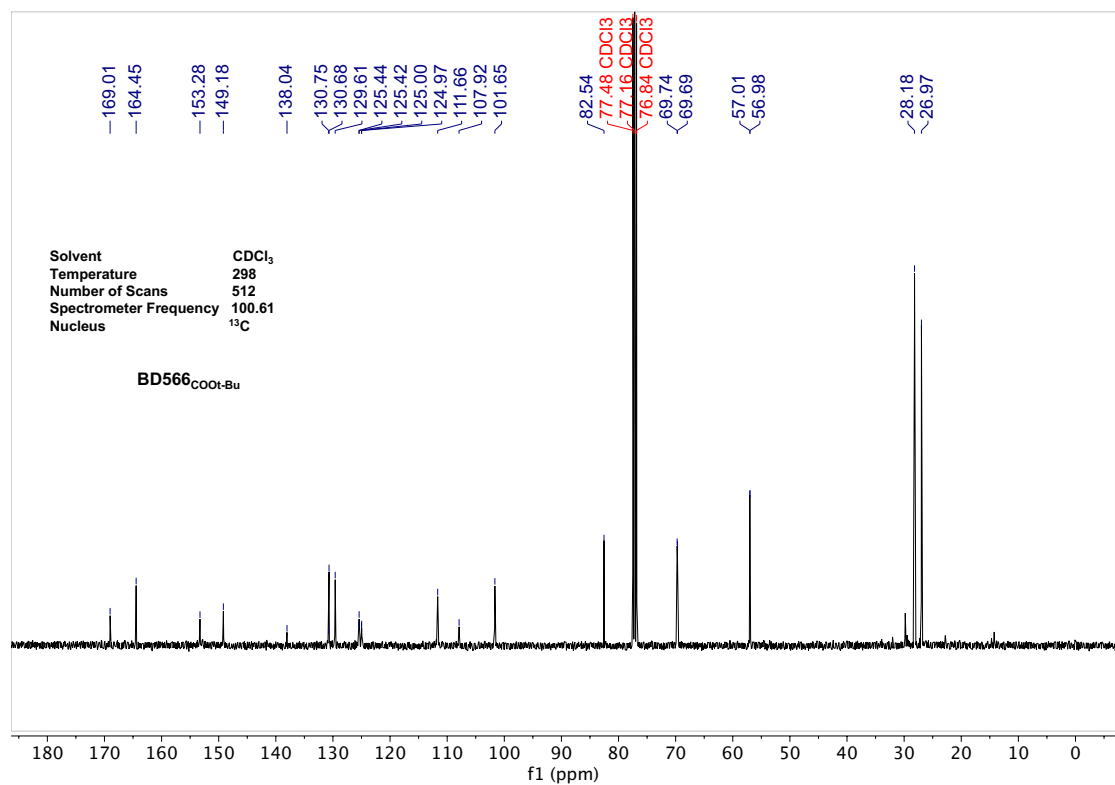
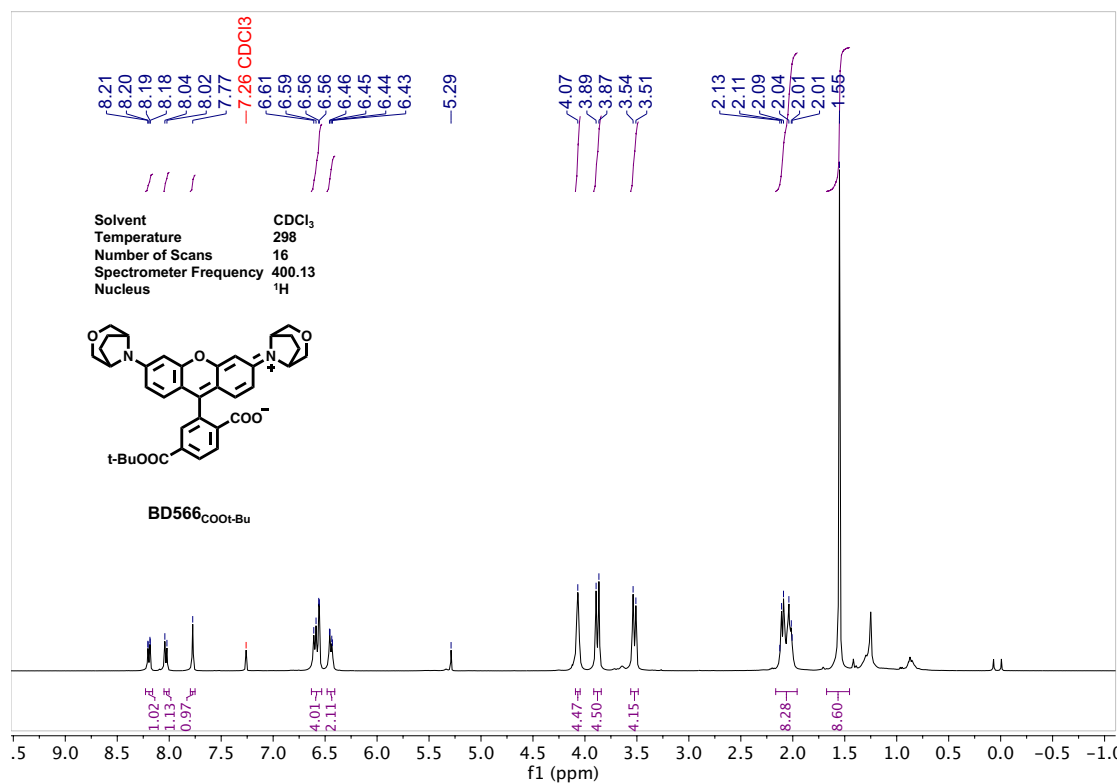


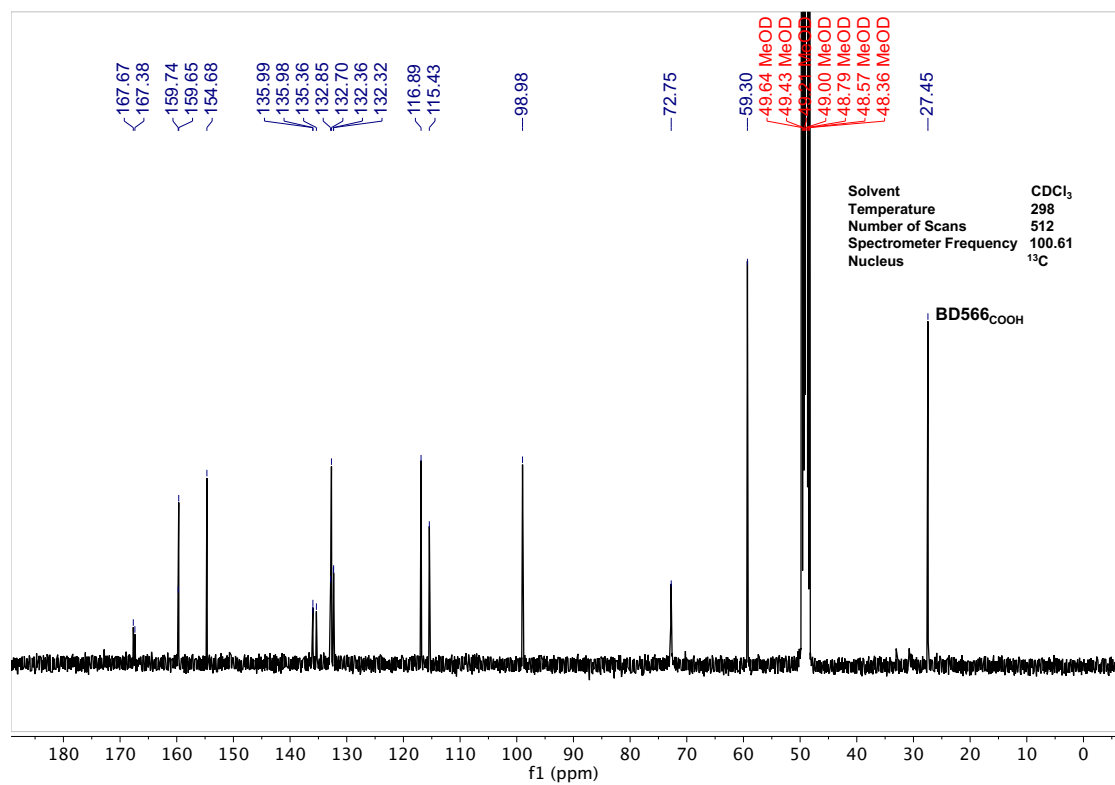
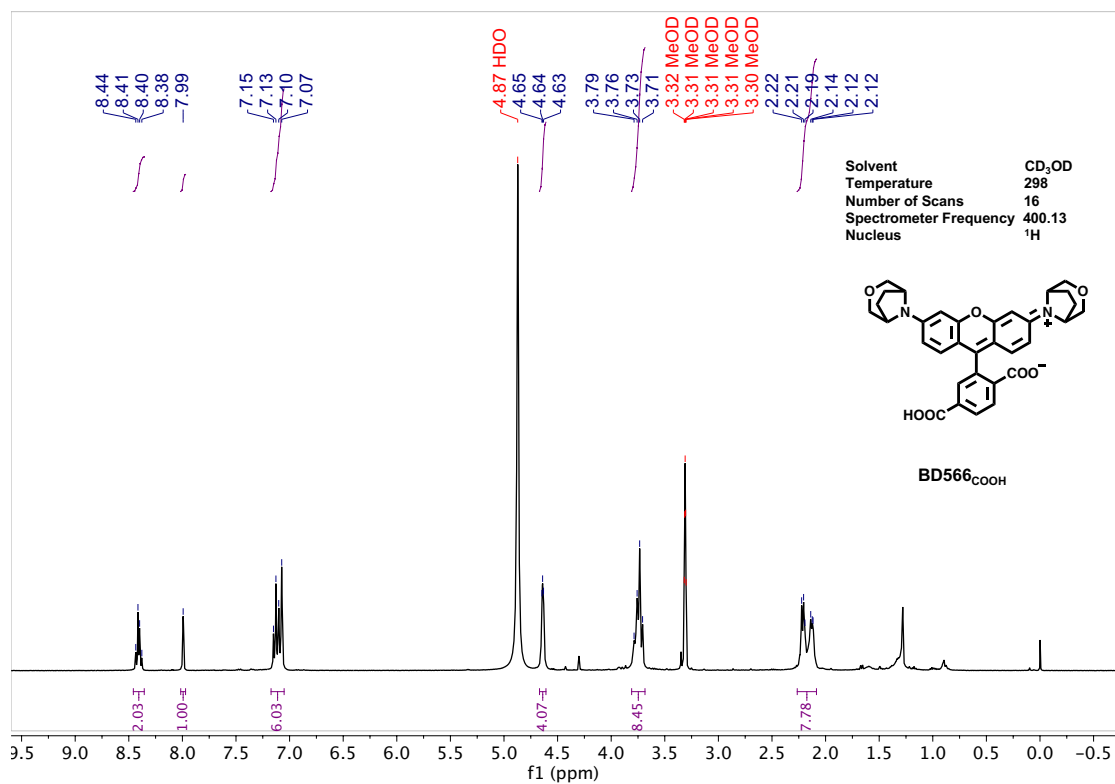


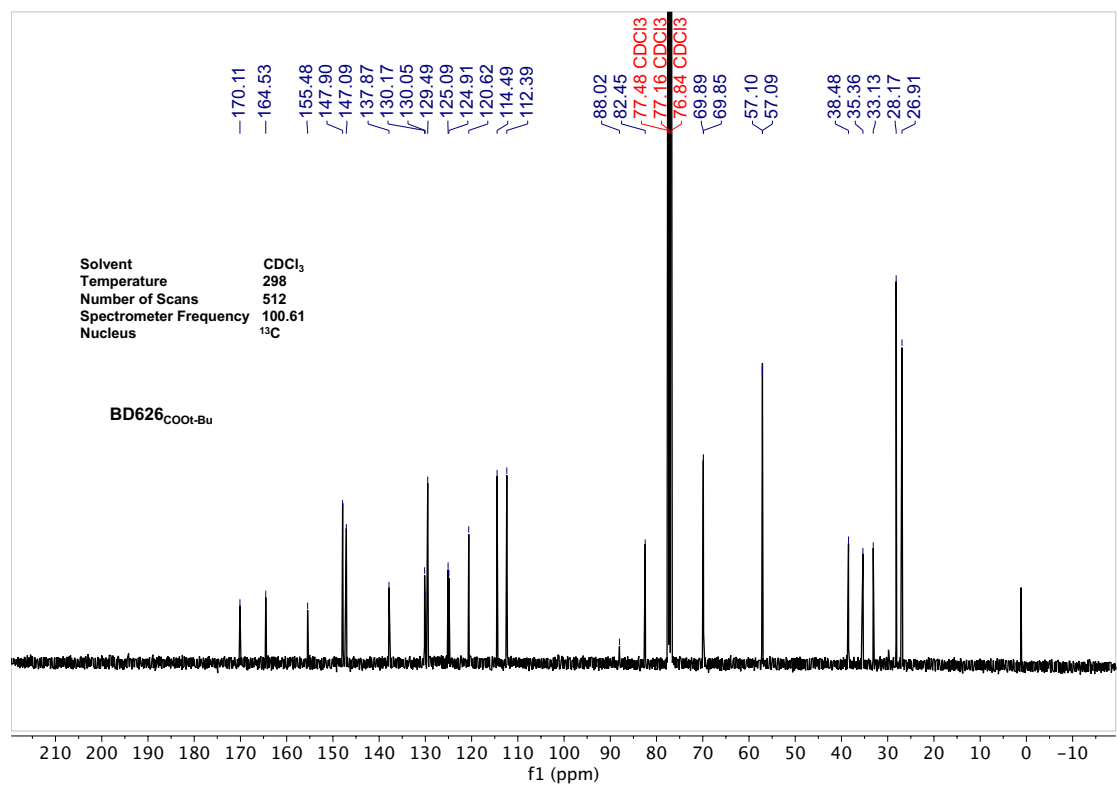
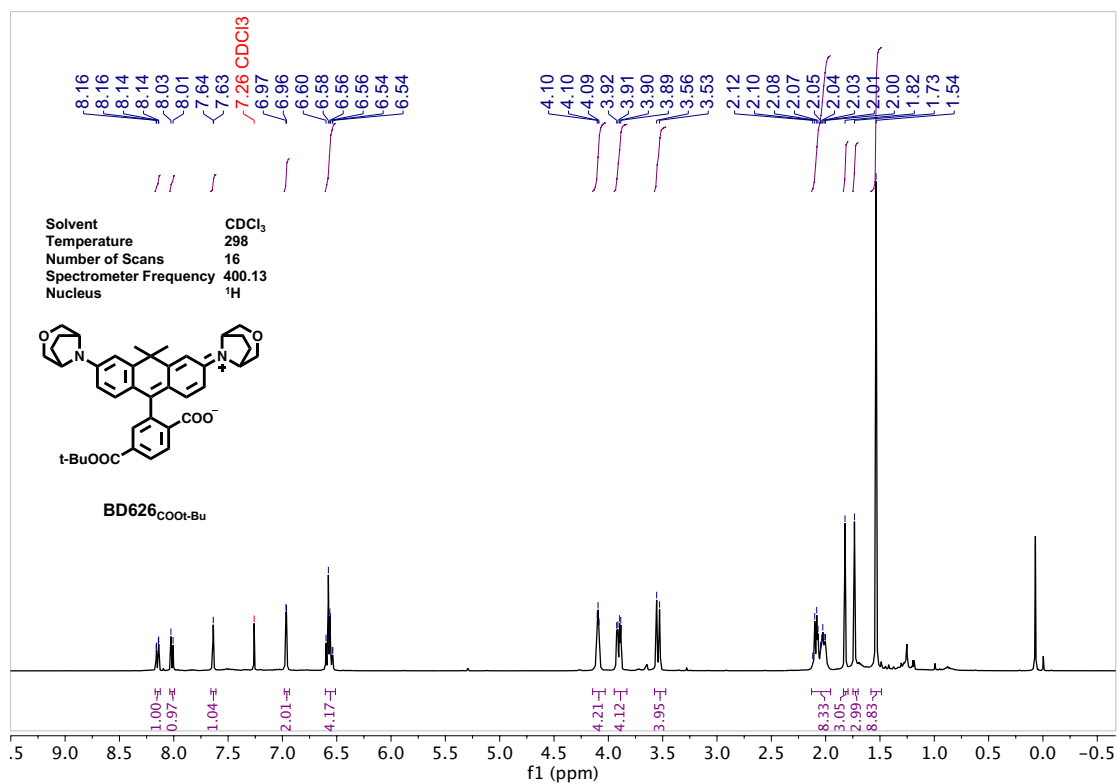


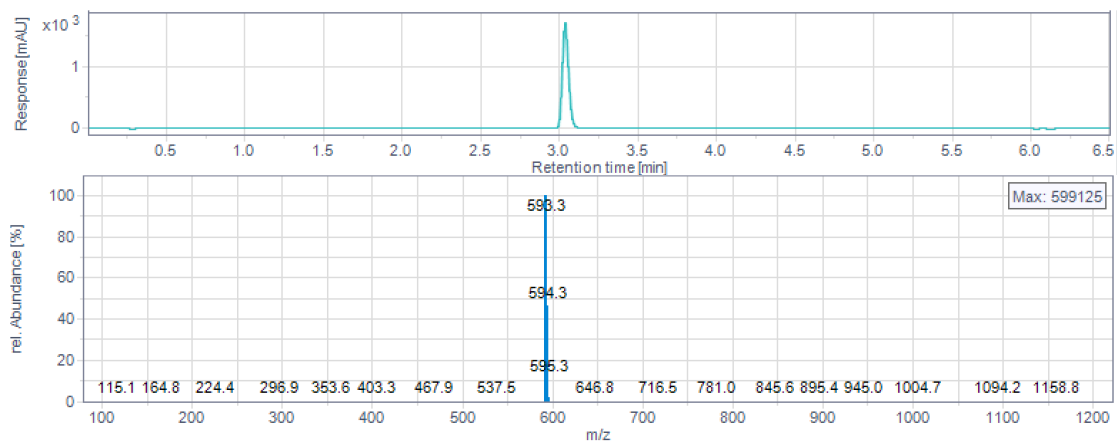
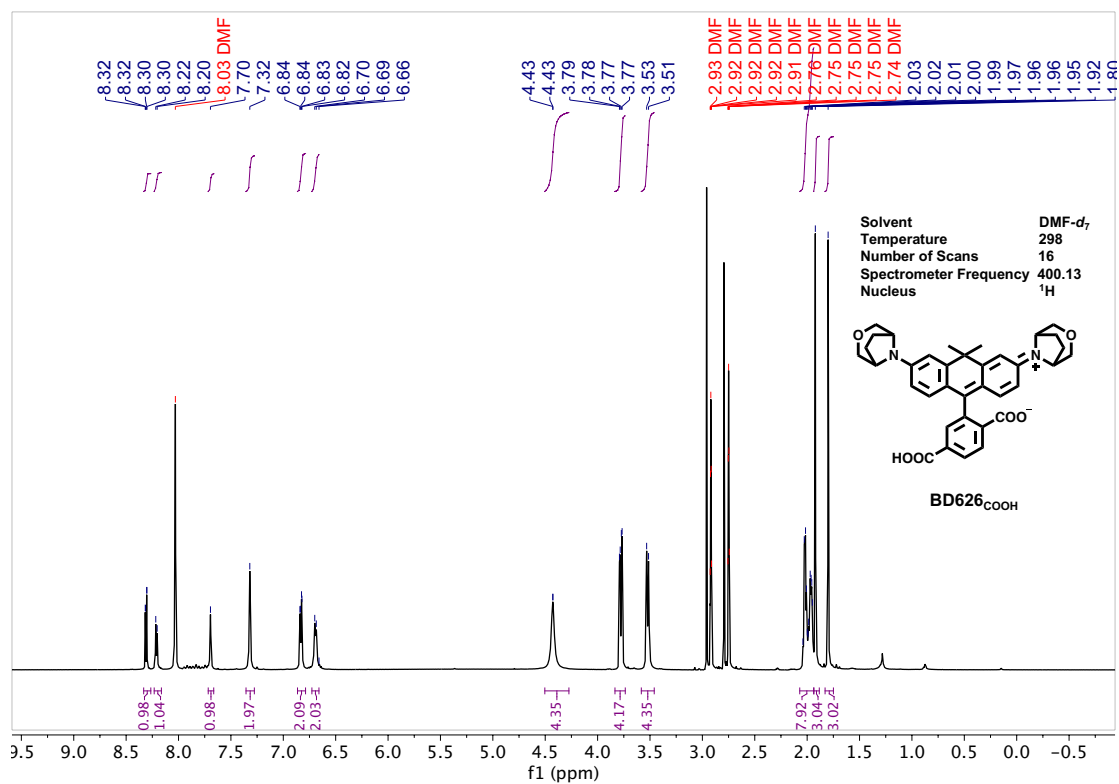


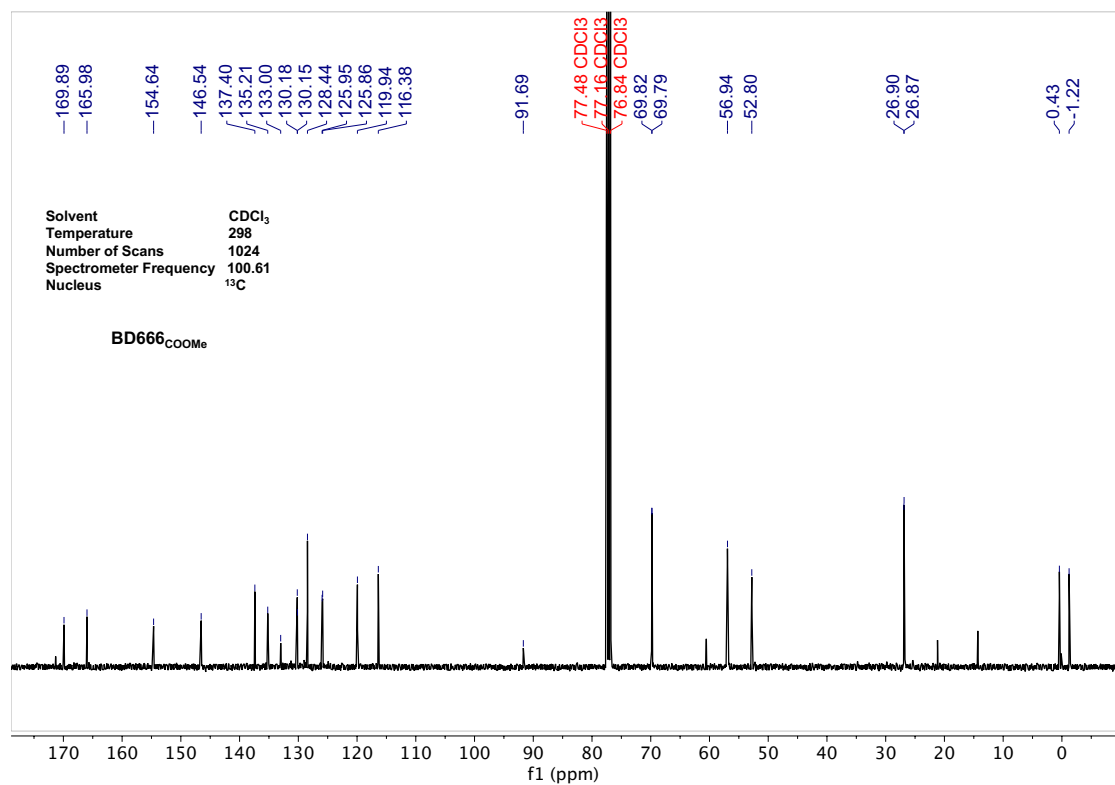
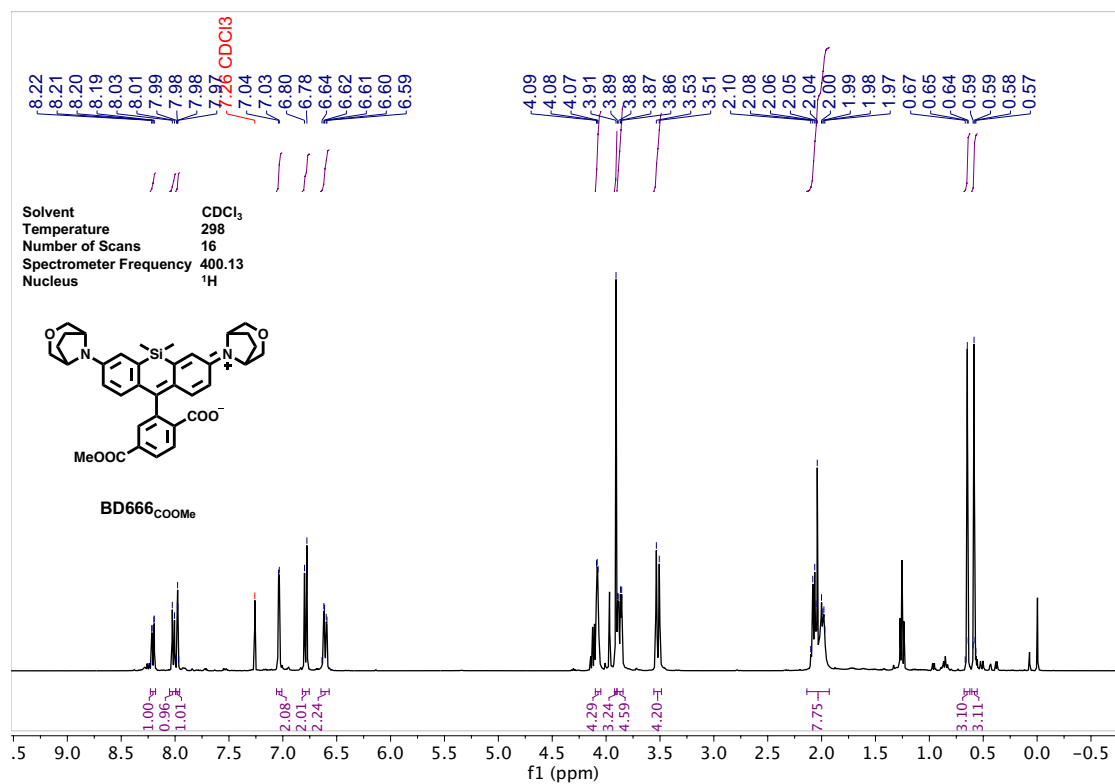


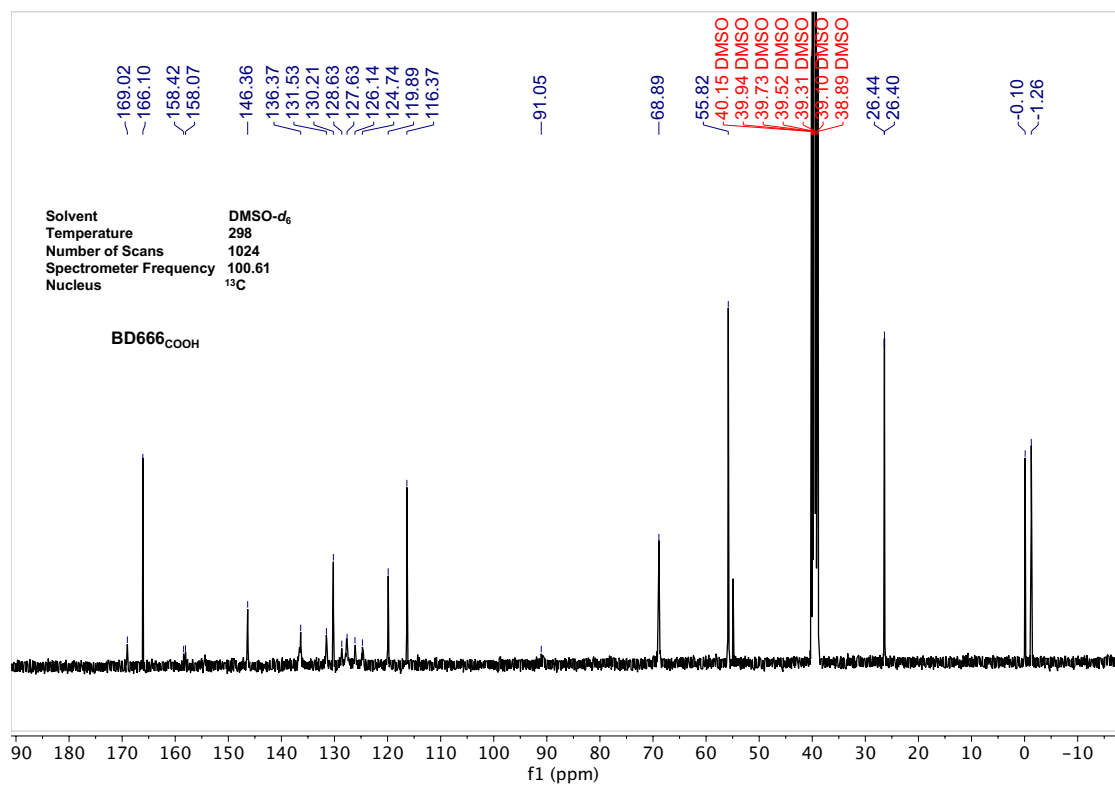
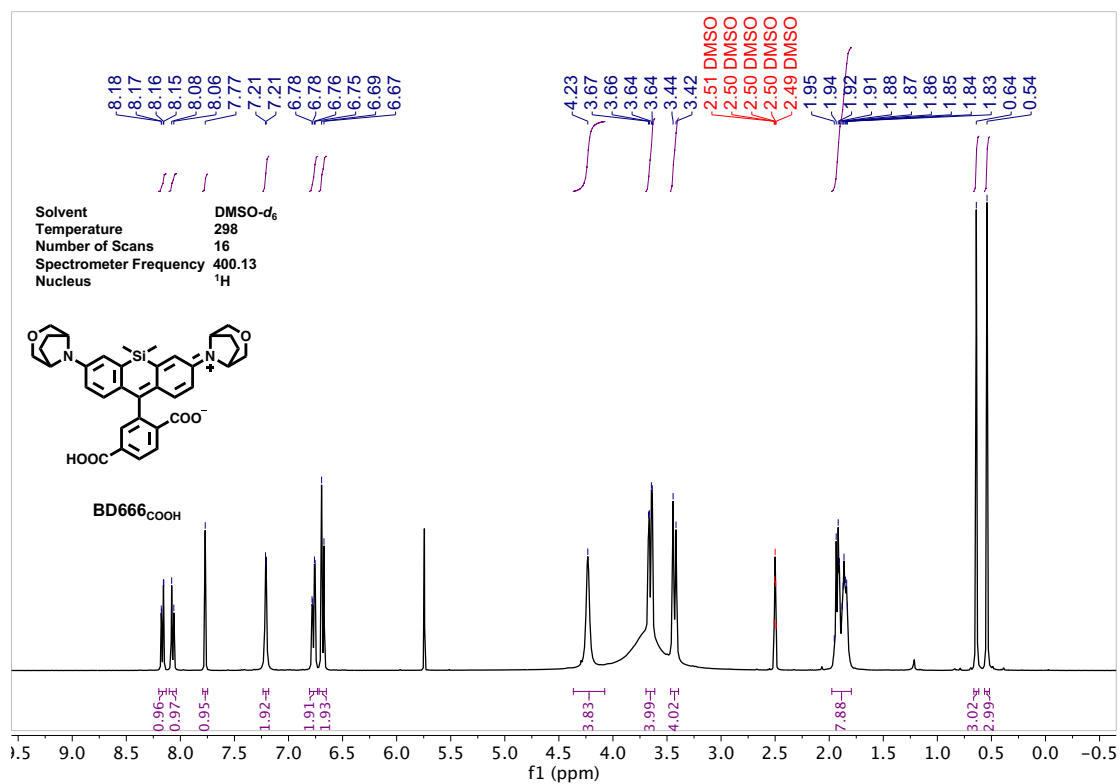


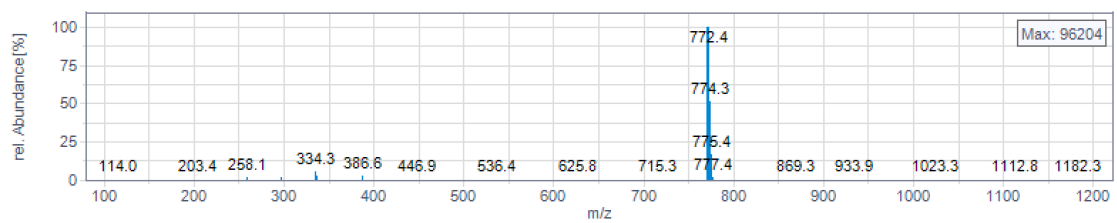
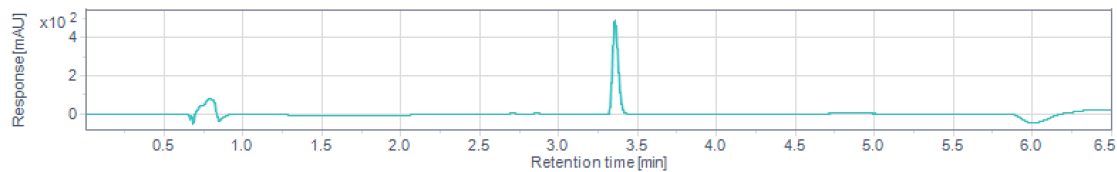
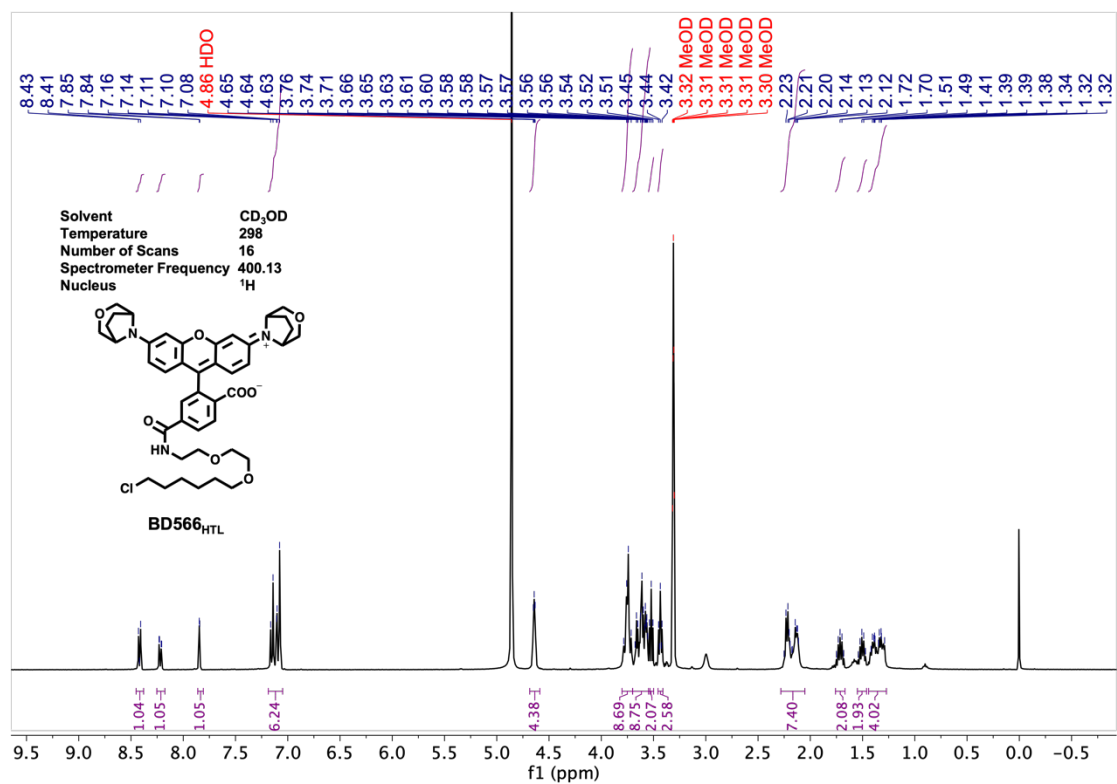


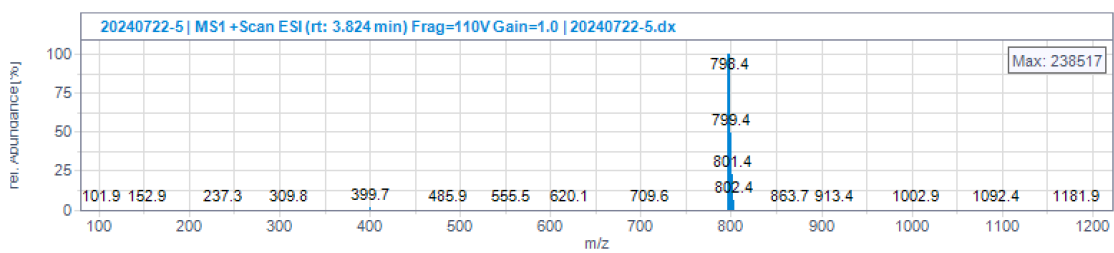
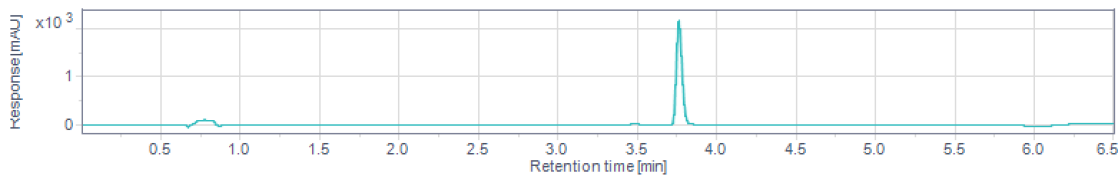
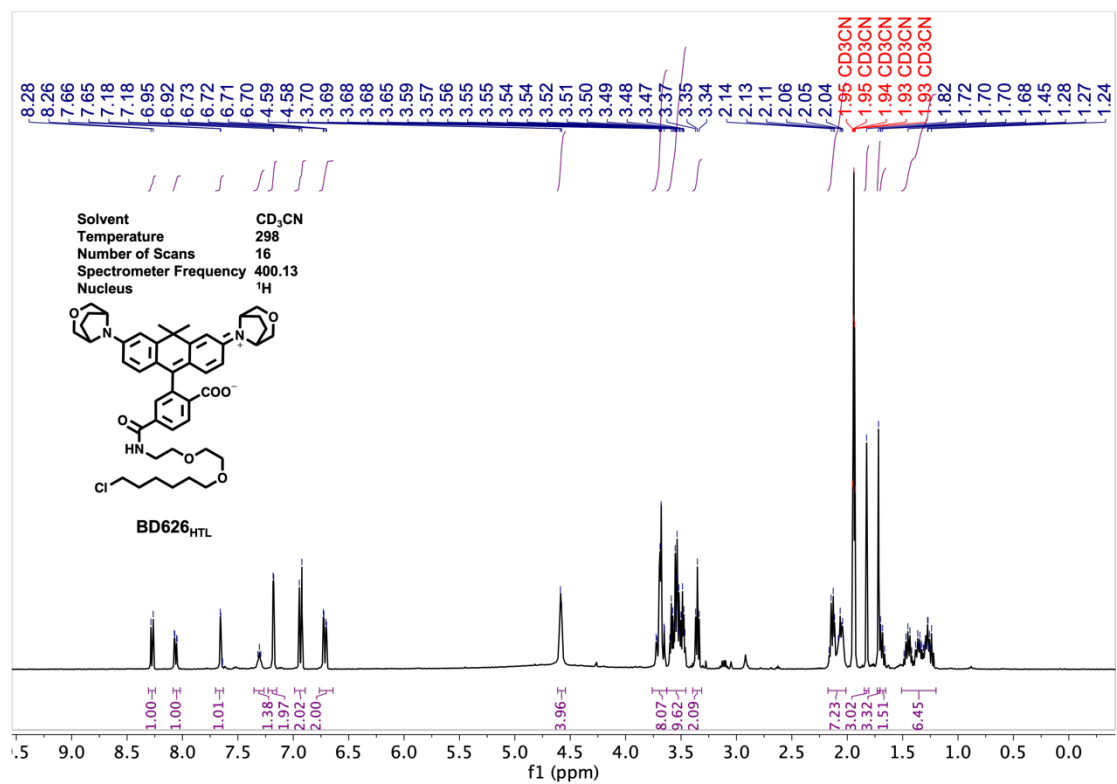


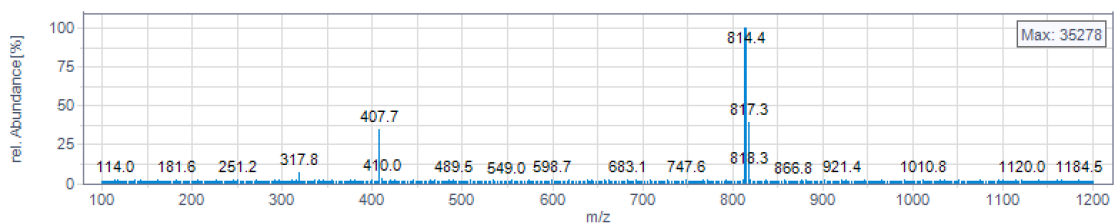
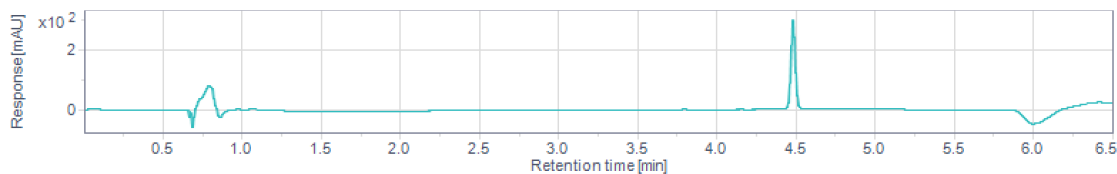
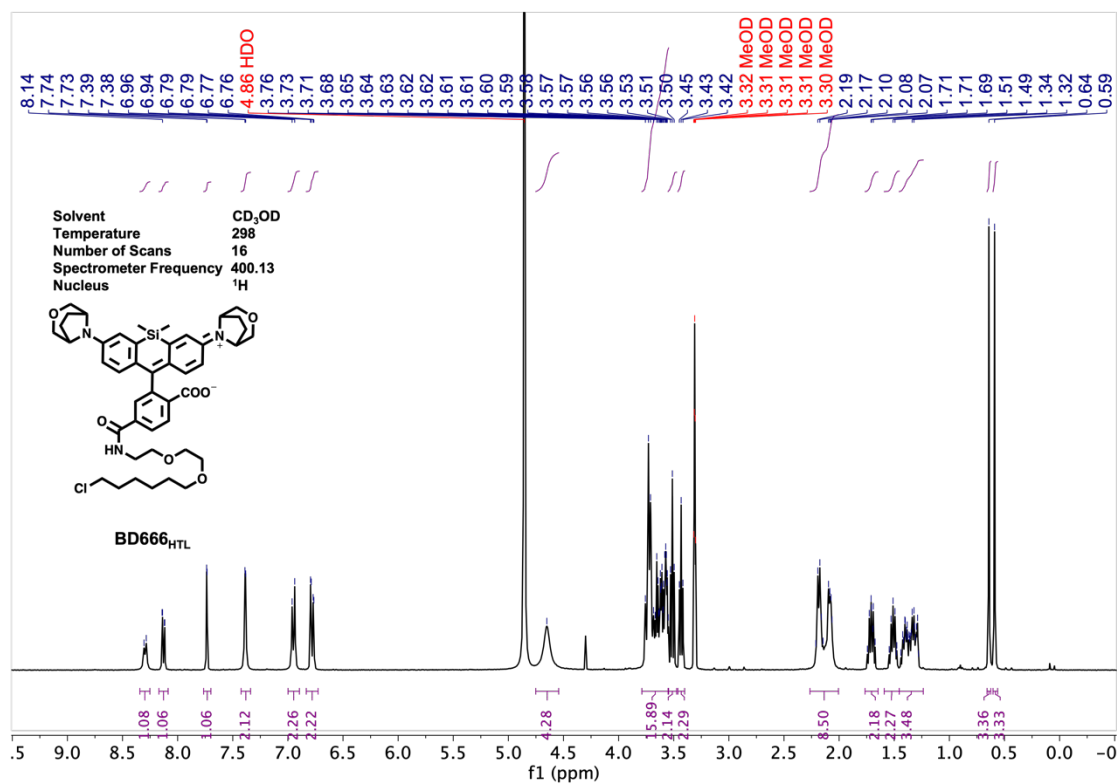












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