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## **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

## Aggregation-induced emission enhancement and living cell imaging of novel diarylanthracene conjugated dyes

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## 1, Characterization of CzAn and BCzAn







Fig. S2 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of CzAn in  $C_6D_6$ 



Fig. S3 HRMS-MALDI-TOF of CzAn



Fig. S4 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of BCzAn in CDCl<sub>3</sub>







Fig. S6 HRMS-MALDI-TOF of BCzAn

2, Fluorescence spectra of CzAn in THF-water mixtures



Fig. S7 Optical photographs recorded under 365 nm UV irradiation for and CzAn in THF-H<sub>2</sub>O mixtures with various volume fractions of water





Fig. S8 Fluorescence spectra of CzAn (10<sup>-5</sup> mol·L<sup>-1</sup>) in THF with different water fractions excited at 425nm (a); fluorescence peak intensities of BCzAn in THF (10<sup>-5</sup> mol·L<sup>-1</sup>) with different water fractions (I/I<sub>0</sub>, I<sub>0</sub>= fluorescence intensity in pure THF solution,  $\lambda_{ex}$ =430 nm,  $\Phi_{f}$  represents fluorescence quantum yield) (b)

3, UV-vis absorbance spectra of BCzAn in THF-water mixtures



Fig. S9 UV-vis absorbance spectra of CzAn in THF  $(10^{-5} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1})$  with different water fractions



Fig. S10 UV-vis absorbance spectra of BCzAn in THF ( $10^{-5}$  mol·L<sup>-1</sup>) with different water fractions

4, Fluorescence spectra of CzAn in DMF-glycerol mixtures



**Fig. S11** Fluorescence spectra of CzAn at  $10^{-5} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$  in DMF with different glycerol fractions ( $\lambda_{ex}$ =430 nm) (a); fluorescence peak intensities of BCzAn in DMF ( $10^{-5} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ ) with different glycerol fractions (I/I<sub>0</sub>, I<sub>0</sub>= fluorescence intensity in pure DMF solution,  $\lambda_{ex}$ =425 nm) (b).



5, Fluorescence, UV-vis absorption spectra of CzAn and BCzAn in different organic solvents

Fig. S12 Fluorescence spectra of CzAn (10<sup>-5</sup> mol·L<sup>-1</sup>) in different organic solvents excited at 430nm



Fig. S13 UV-vis absorption spectra of CzAn (10-5 mol·L-1) in different organic solvents



Fig. S14 Fluorescence spectra of BCzAn (10<sup>-5</sup> mol·L<sup>-1</sup>) in different organic solvents excited at 425nm



Fig. S15 UV-vis absorption spectra of BCzAn (10<sup>-5</sup> mol·L<sup>-1</sup>) in different organic solvents