## **Supporting Information**

# Hydroxychalcone dyes that serve as color indicators for pH and fluoride ions

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## 1. Checklist of characterization data of all compounds

Compound	Know/Unknown	<sup>1</sup> H NMR	<sup>13</sup> C NMR	HRMS	UV-Vis
OH O OH H <sub>3</sub> CO CLN1	Unknown	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
H <sub>3</sub> CO CLN2	Unknown	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	V
OH O H <sub>3</sub> CO CLN3	Unknown	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	V

Compound	Know/Unknown	<sup>1</sup> H NMR	<sup>13</sup> C NMR	HRMS	UV-Vis
O OH H <sub>3</sub> CO CLN4	Unknown	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
OH O OH CLN5	Unknown	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
OH O OH	Unknown	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

# 2. UV-vis absorption spectral tirations and Job plots of CLN5 and CLN6 with TBAF



**Fig. 1** UV-vis absorption spectral titrations of (a) CLN5 ( $4.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ) and (b) CLN6 ( $4.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ) with TBAF in CH<sub>3</sub>CN at 298 K (left), plots of the absorbance changes at  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  with respect to [TBAF]/[CLN] (centre), and Job plots for the absorbance changes with respect to [TBAF]/[TBAF + CLN] (right).

### 3. Changes in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of CLN2 upon mixing with TBAF



**Fig.2** Changes in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600 MHz) of CLN2  $(1.4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1})$  upon mixing with TBAF in CD<sub>3</sub>CN at 293 K.

4. UV-vis absorption spectra of CLN1 and CLN1 + TBAF in  $CH_2Cl_2$ 



Fig. 3 UV-vis absorption spectra of CLN1 and a mixture of CLN1 and 5 equiv. amounts of TBAF in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> ( $4.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol·L<sup>-1</sup>) at 298 K.

#### 5. Mass spectra







6. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra



CLN1

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 293 K)





CLN2

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 293 K)





CLN3





CLN4

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 293 K) 9.5 5.5 4.5 13.5 12.5 11.5 10.5 8.5 7.5 6.5 3.5 X: parts per Million: Proton ppm <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 293 K) 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 X: parts per Million: Carbon13 ppm



CLN5

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 293 K)





CLN6

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 293 K)

