Electronic Supplementary Information for

First thermal studies on visible-light-switchable negative T-type photochromes of nitrile-rich series

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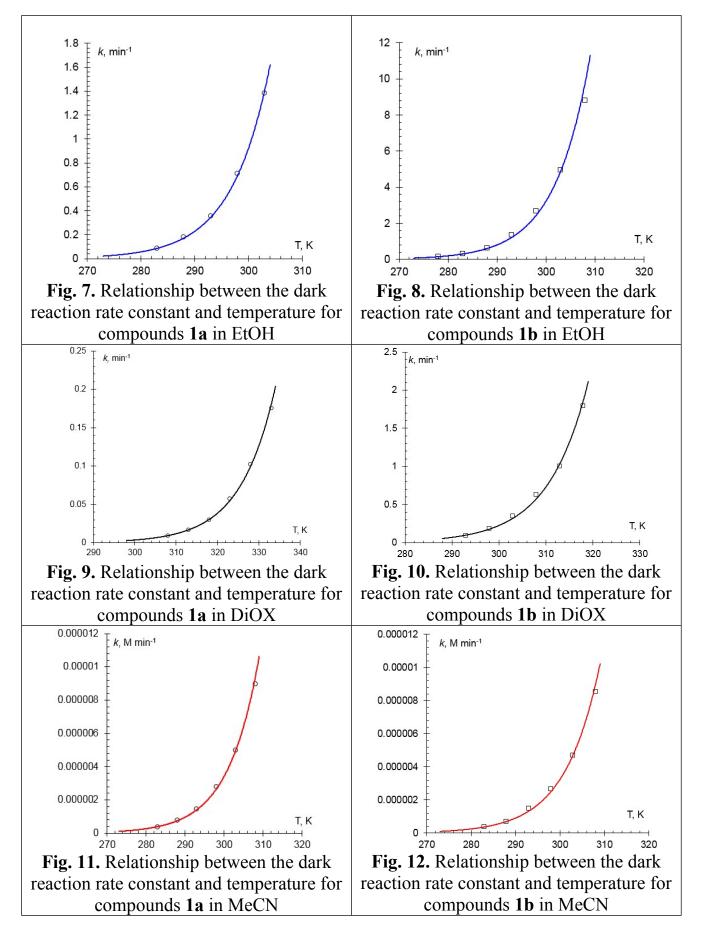
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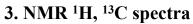
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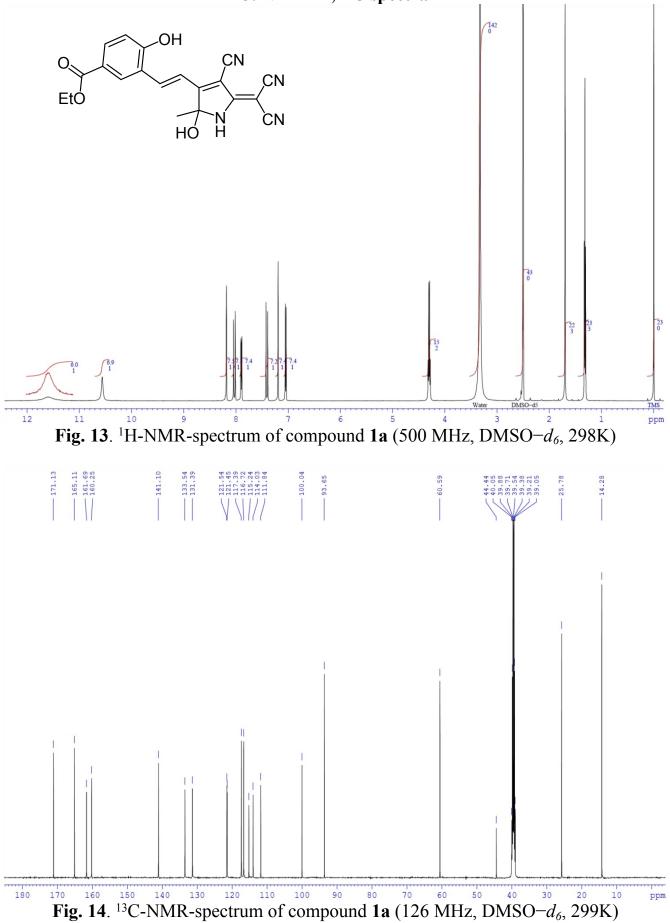
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1. Kinetics of the dark reaction for compounds 1a and 1b at different temperatures (C = 2.5×10^{-5} M)

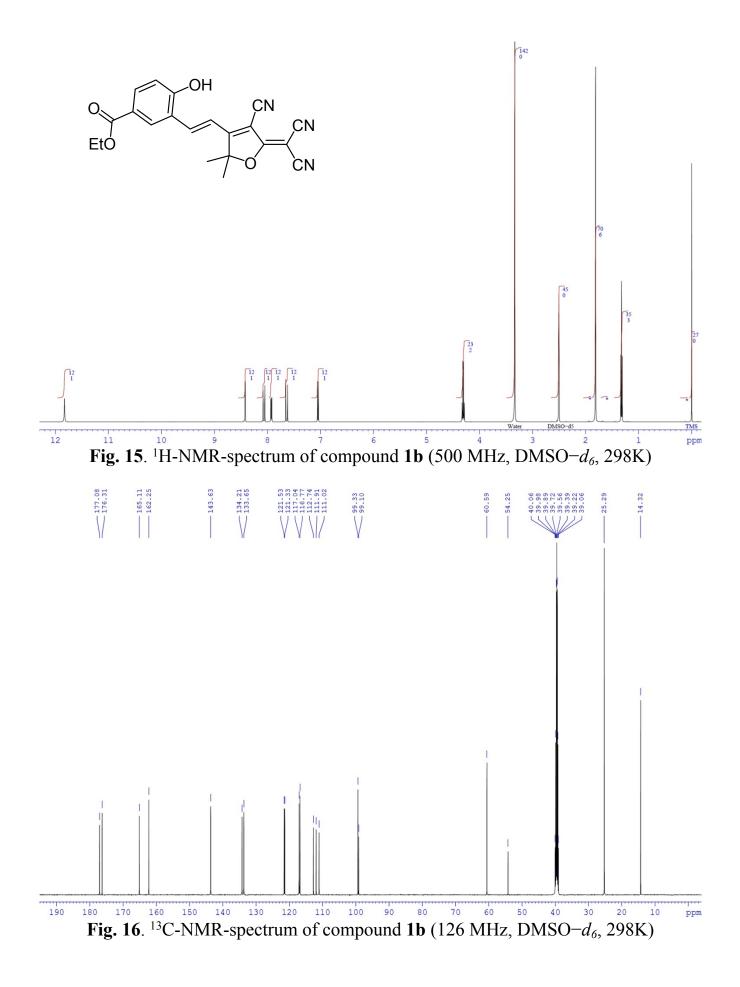


2. Relationship between the dark reaction rate constant and temperature for compounds 1a and 1b ($C = 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$ M)





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4. DFT calculations

Geometry optimization of the compounds was performed using Becke-3-Lee-Yang-Parr (B3LYP) functional with 6-311++G(d,p) basis set in gas phase. The frontier molecular orbitals were visualized using Avogadro software.

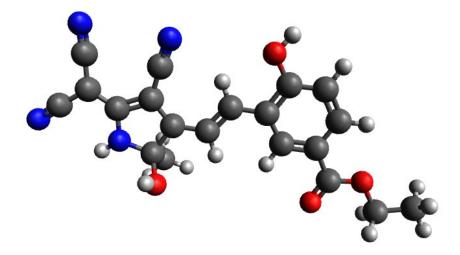


Fig. 17. Optimized geometry of compound 1a

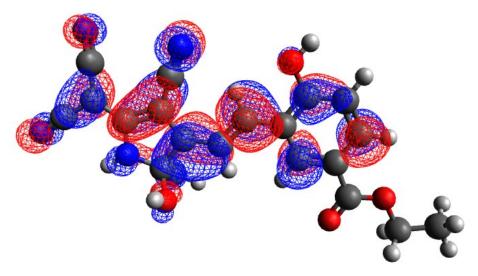


Fig. 18. Visualization of LUMO of compound 1a

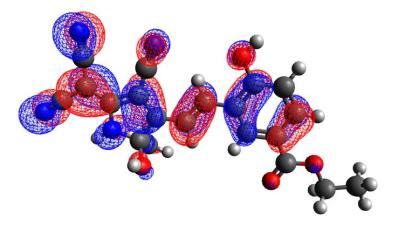


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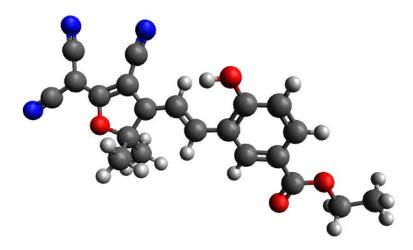


Fig. 20. Optimized geometry of compound 1b

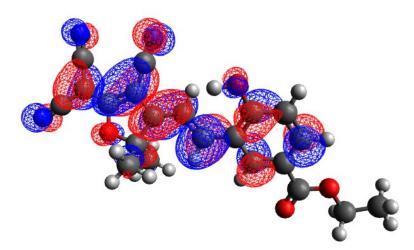


Fig. 21. Visualization of LUMO of compound 1b

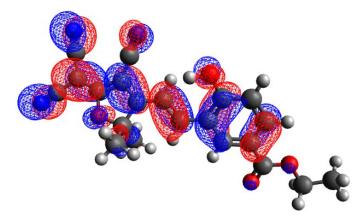


Fig. 22. Visualization of HOMO of compound 1b