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# **Pyrene – N-phenylparaphenylene diamine-Based Imine Conjugate as a Chemodosimeter for the Detection of Trace Amounts of Water in Organic Solvents: Real-Time Application in Honey Samples**

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## SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

### 1. POWDER X-RAY DIFFRACTION (PXRD) STUDY

Crystallite size of PNPd was evaluated and was found to be 142.8 nm. The high intensity peak at  $20.462^\circ$  ( $2\theta$ ) shows a uniform orientation of crystals at that angle. The uniformity in crystal orientation was then found to be in the following angle of orientations ( $2\theta$ ),  $24.288^\circ$ ,  $21.264^\circ$  and  $27.567^\circ$ . At lower angles, there is not much high intensity peaks evidencing lack of uniform orientation however moderate peaks are observed at  $10.18^\circ$  and  $14.58^\circ$  (Fig. S1).

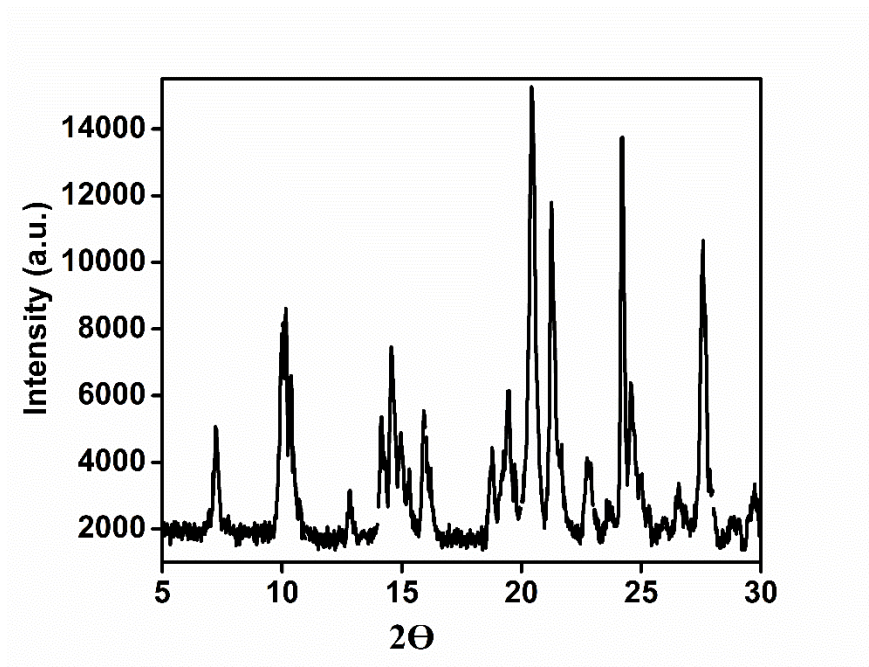
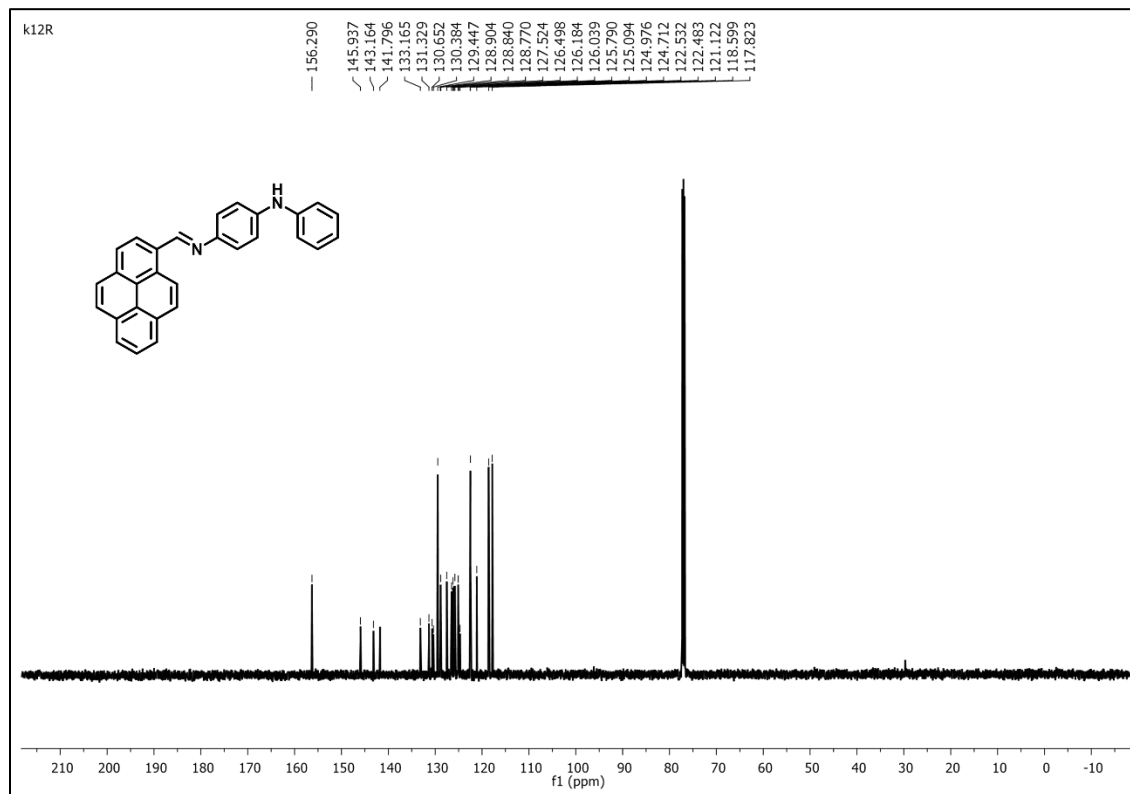
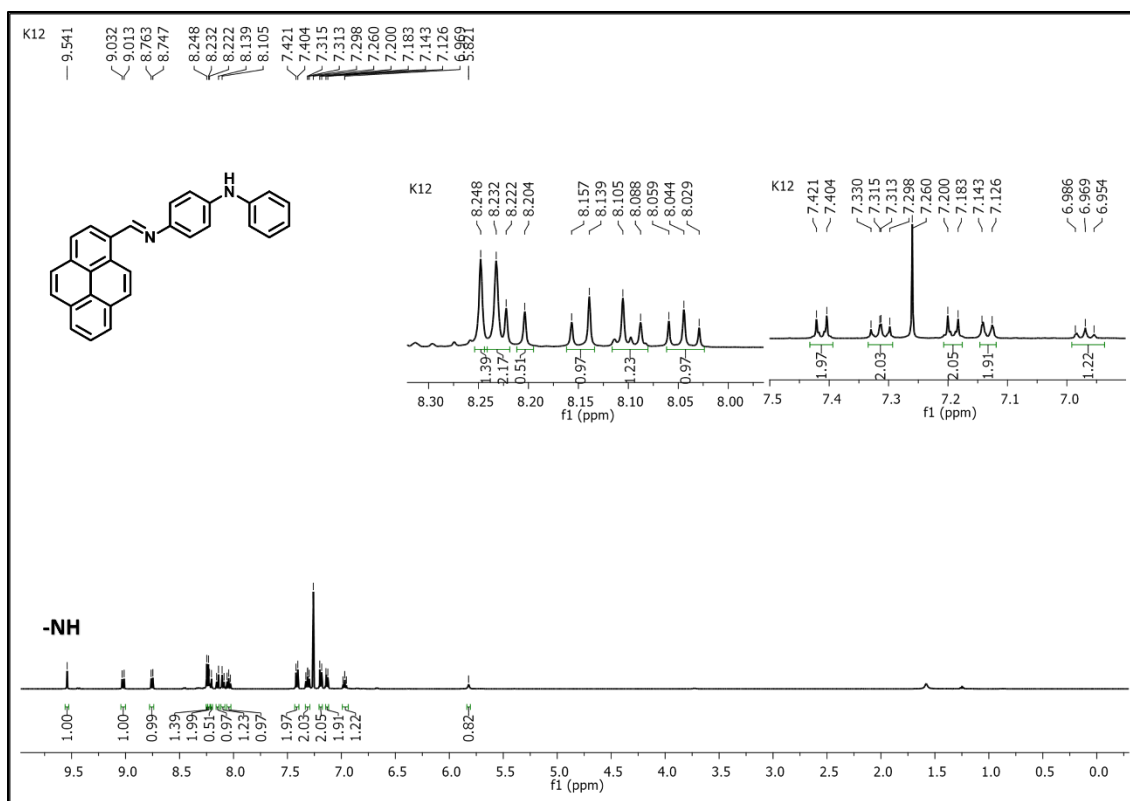


Figure S1. PXRD pattern of PNPd



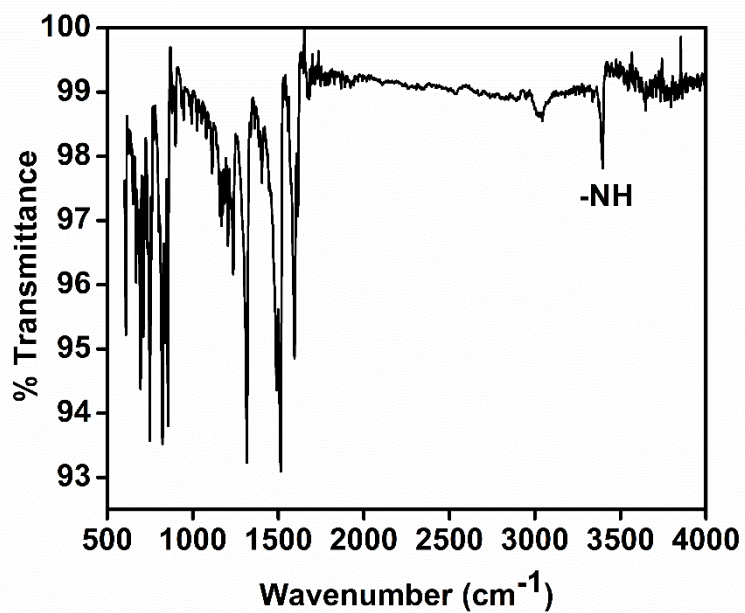


Figure S4. FT-IR spectrum of PNPD

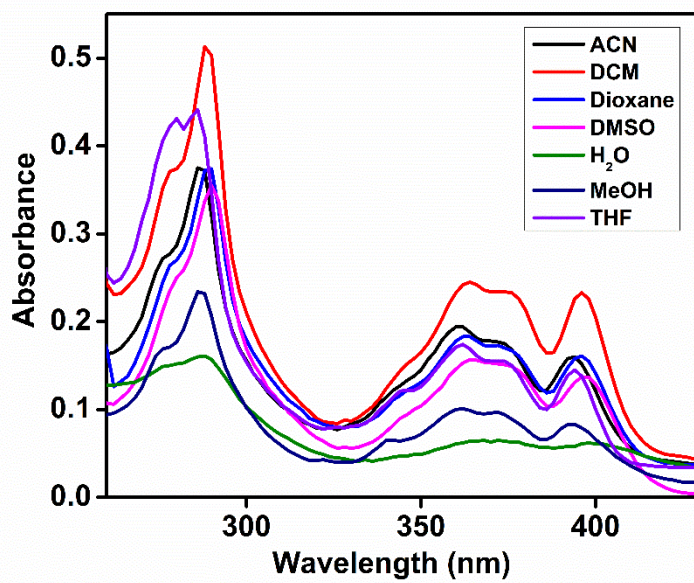


Figure S5. Absorption spectra of PNPD (10μM) in different solvents

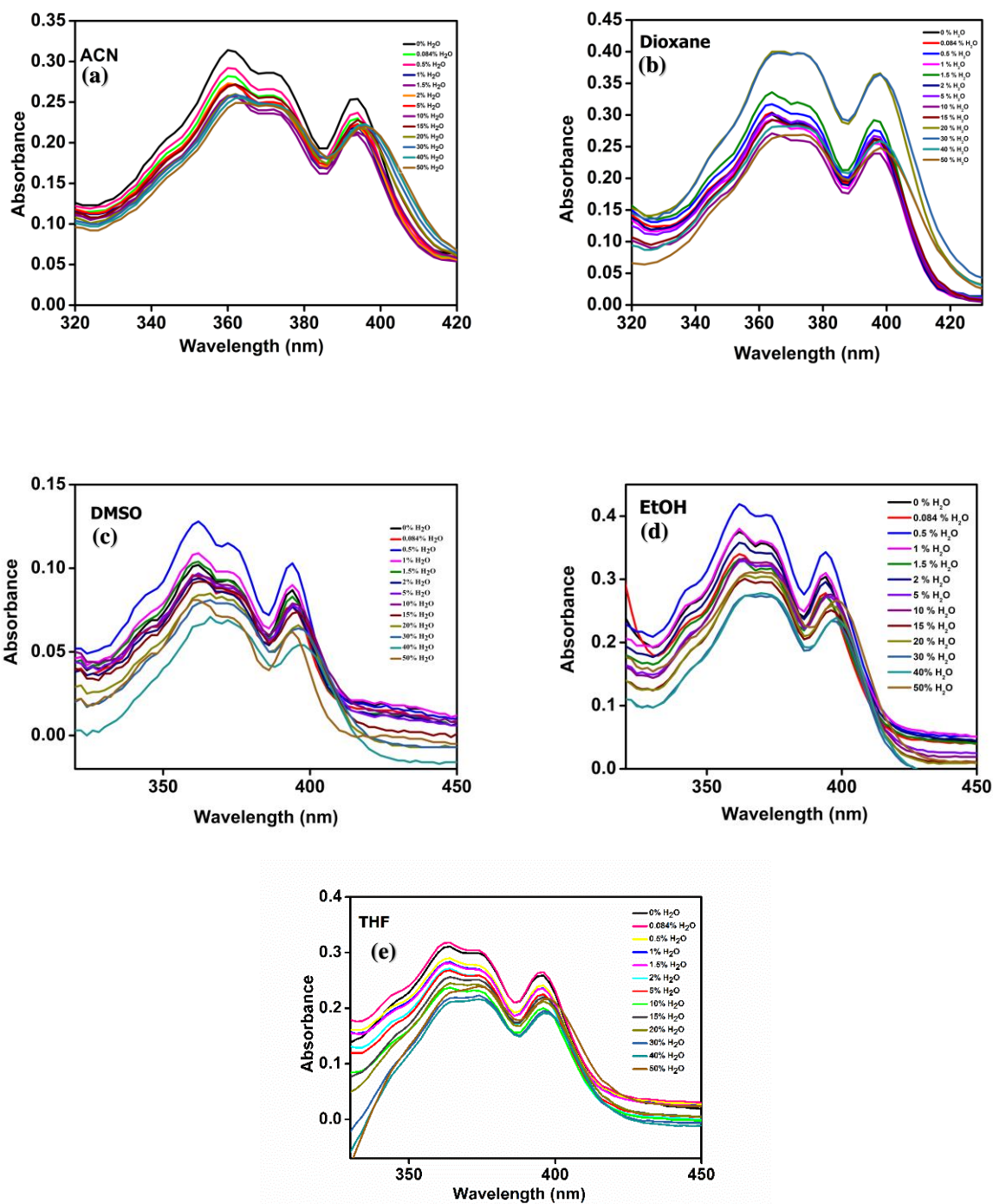


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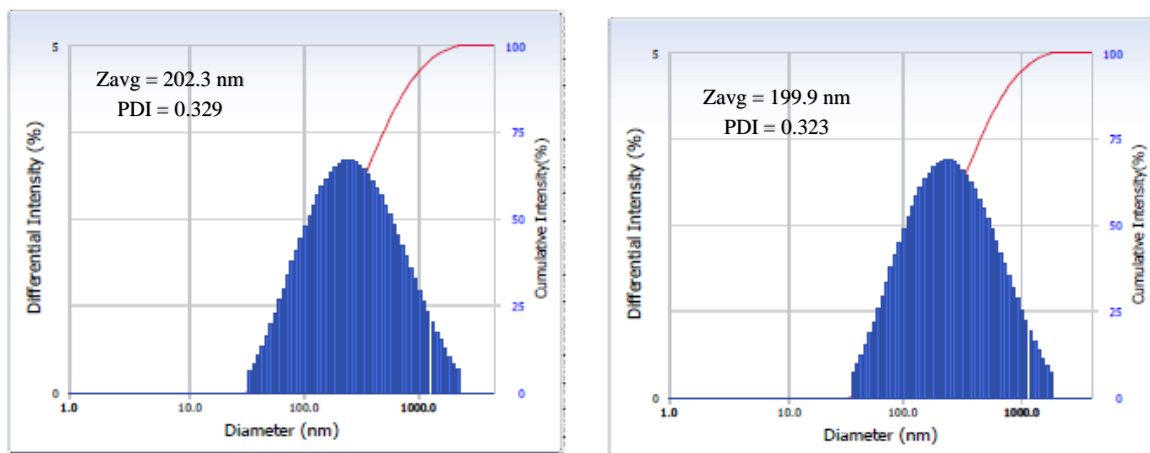


Figure S7. DLS-based particle size analysis of PNPd (10 μM) in (a) 50% H<sub>2</sub>O-DMSO and (b) 90% H<sub>2</sub>O-DMSO

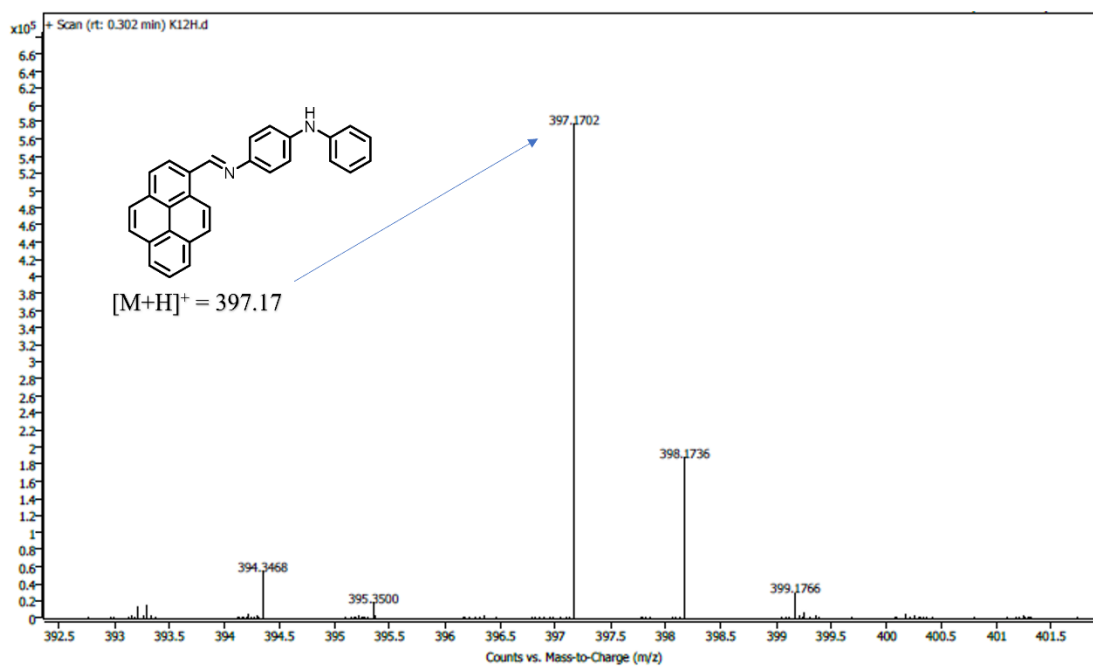


Figure S8. HRMS spectrum of PNPd in 100% acetonitrile

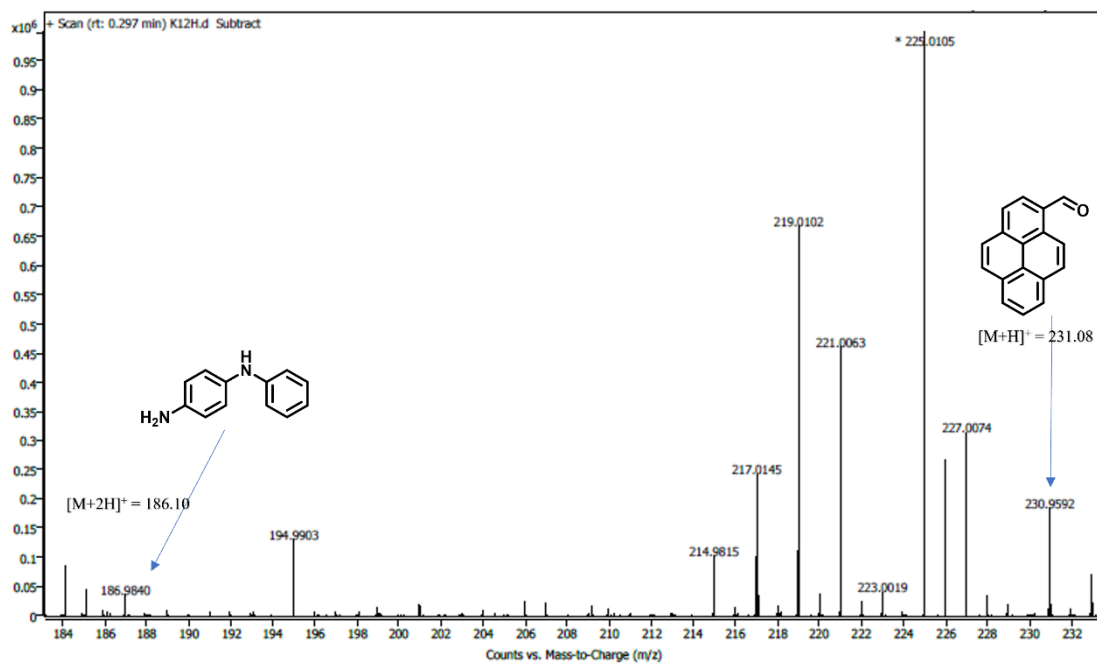
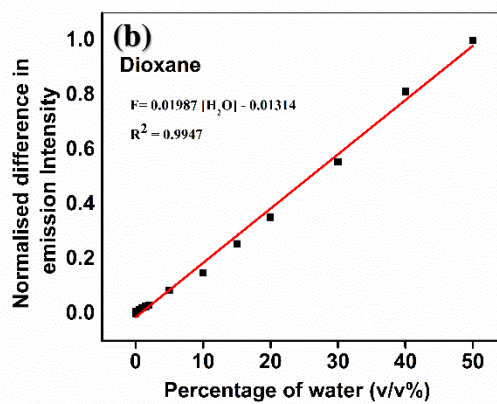
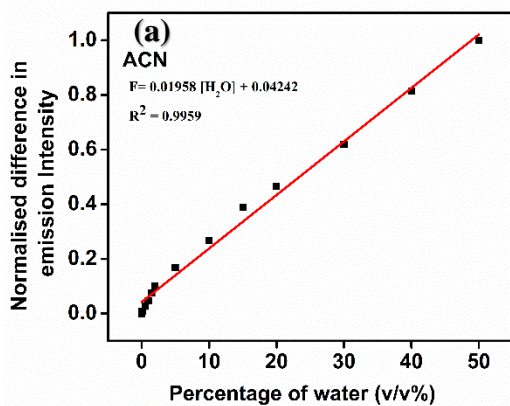


Figure S9. HRMS spectrum of PNPD in 80% acetonitrile: H<sub>2</sub>O





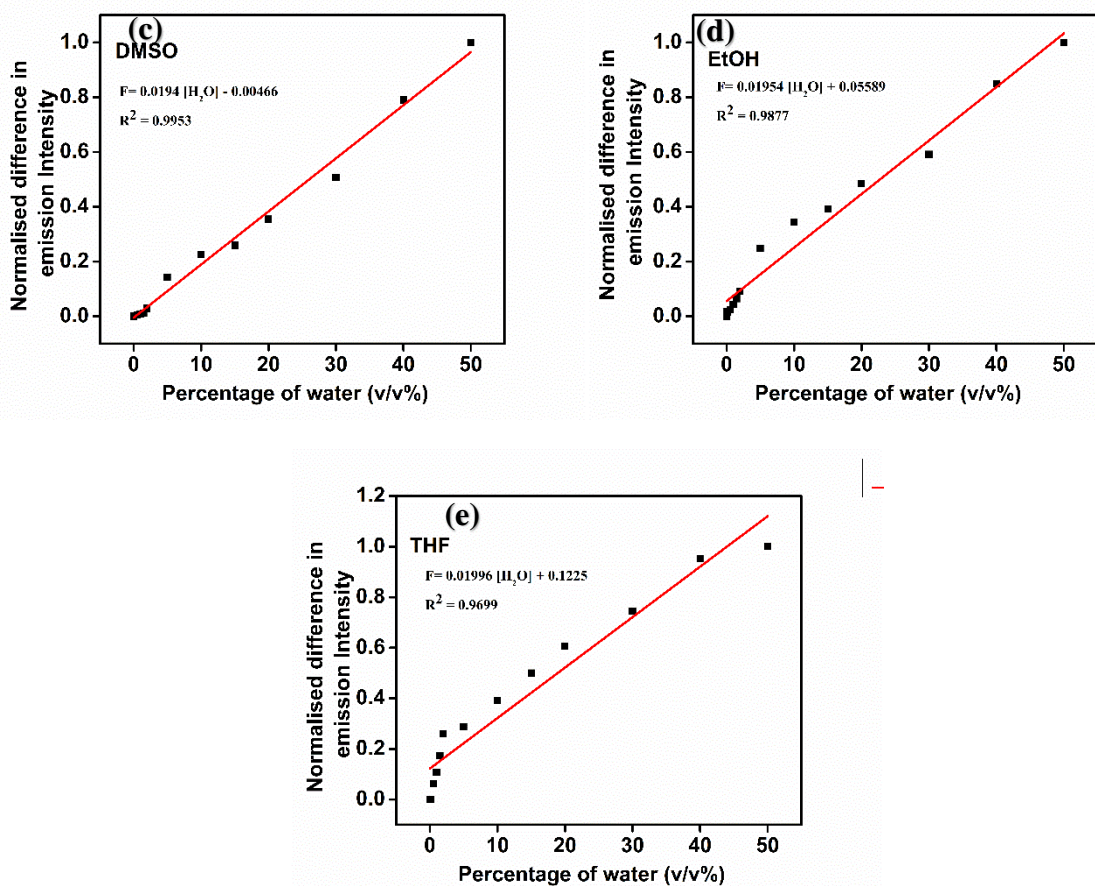


Figure S10. Normalized difference in emission intensity plot to find out the unknown water percentage in (a) ACN (b) Dioxane (c) DMSO (d) EtOH (e) THF

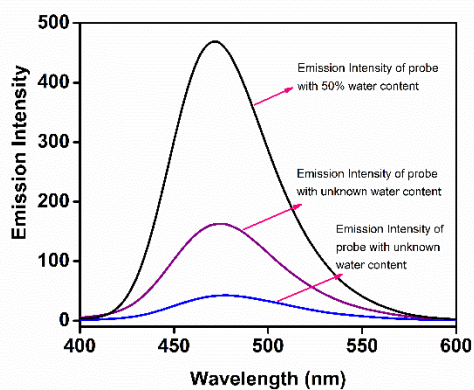
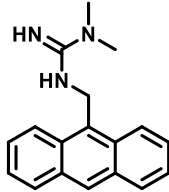
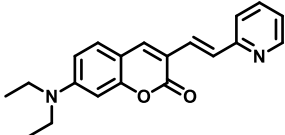
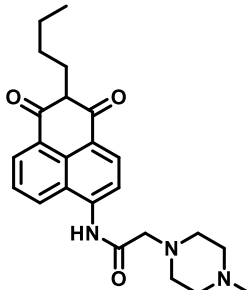
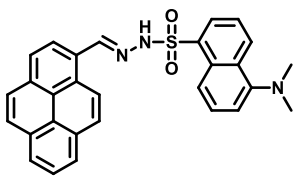
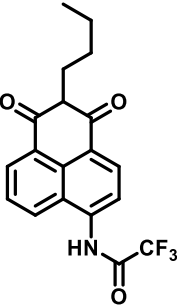
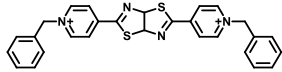
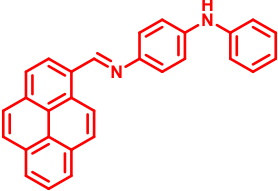


Figure S11. Emission intensity plot for the calculation of quantitative determination of water content.

**Table S1: Comparison of previous reports of water sensors with PNPD**

Sl. No.	Sensor molecule	Solvent	Sensing mechanism	LOD v/v%	LOQ v/v%	Reference
1		Dioxane DMF MeCN EtOH	PET	0.060 0.020 0.013 0.134	0.184 0.060 0.045 0.406	1
2		DMSO	Hydrolysis of imine bond	0.0018	0.540	2
3		MeOH EtOH	Protonation induced destabilization of excimer formation	1 2		3
4		Acetone	Monomer/excimer switching, ICT FRET	0.0165		4
5		MeCN MeOH EtOH	ICT	0.78 0.26 0.024		5
6		THF	H-bonding network	0.019		6
<b>Present work</b>		ACN	Hydrolysis of imine bond	0.06246	0.20823	
		Dioxane		0.18329	0.61097	
		DMSO		0.17478	0.58262	
		EtOH		0.39660	1.32201	
		THF		0.47389	1.57965	

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