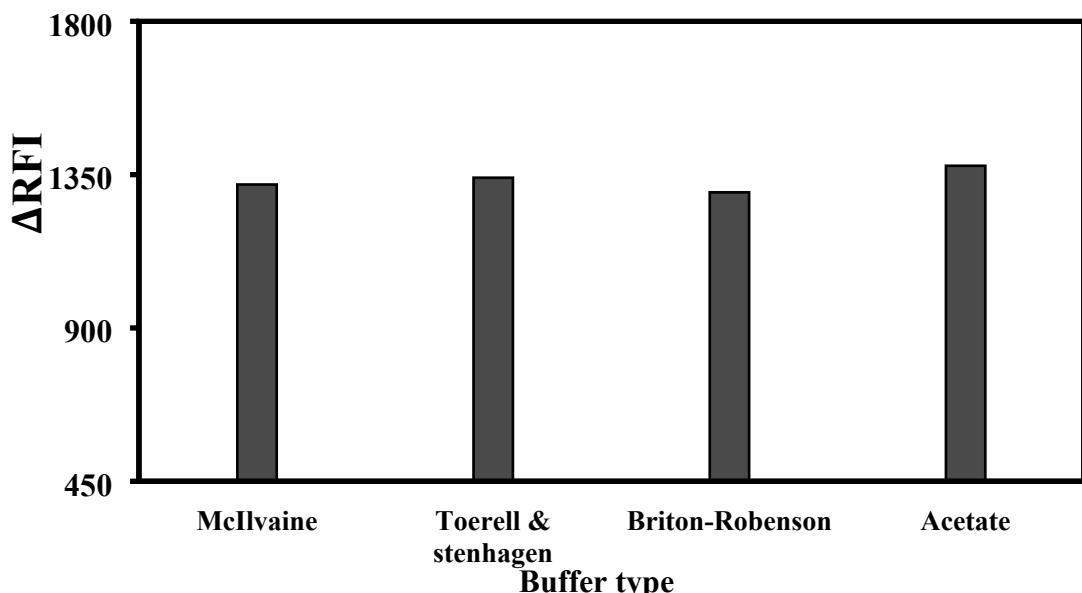
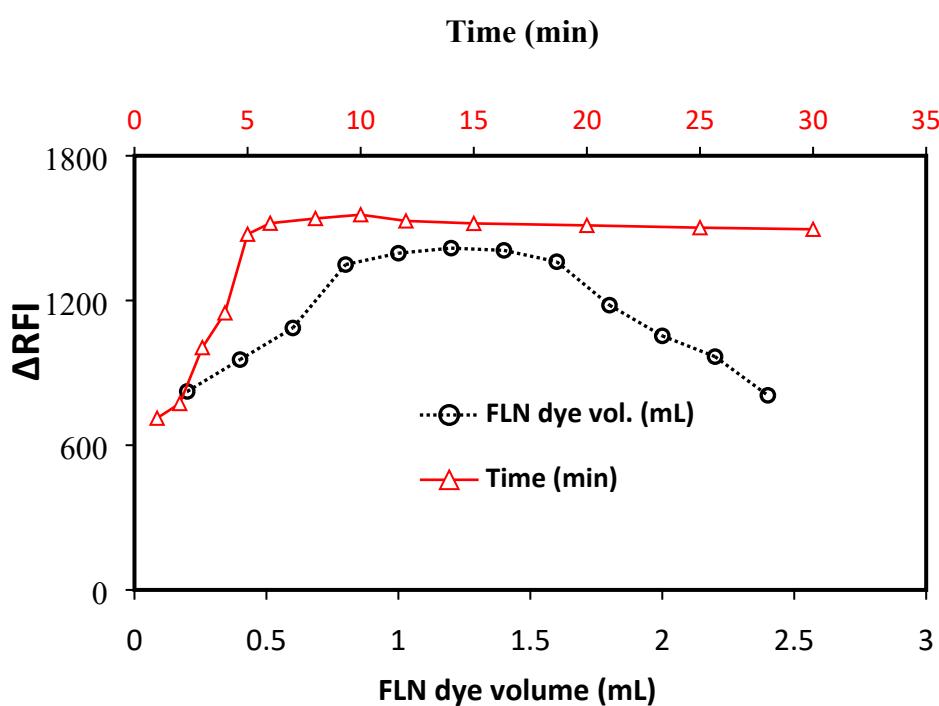


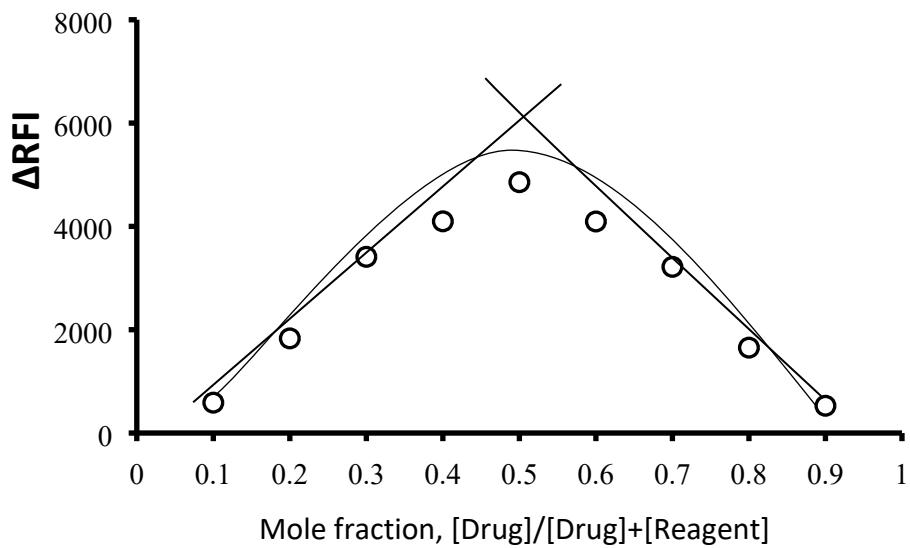
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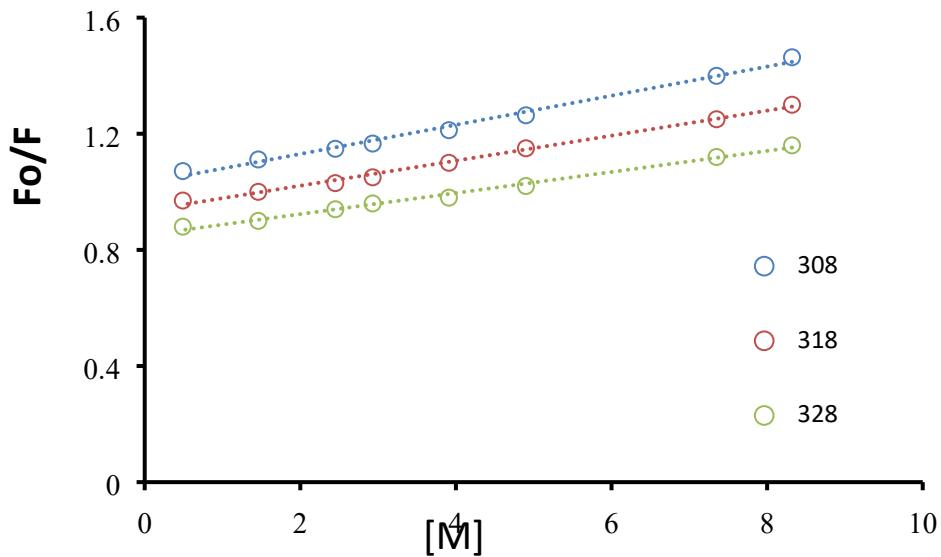
**SI figure 1:** Effect of pH controlling solution on the fluorescence quenching effect of the association complex formation between LTS and FLN.



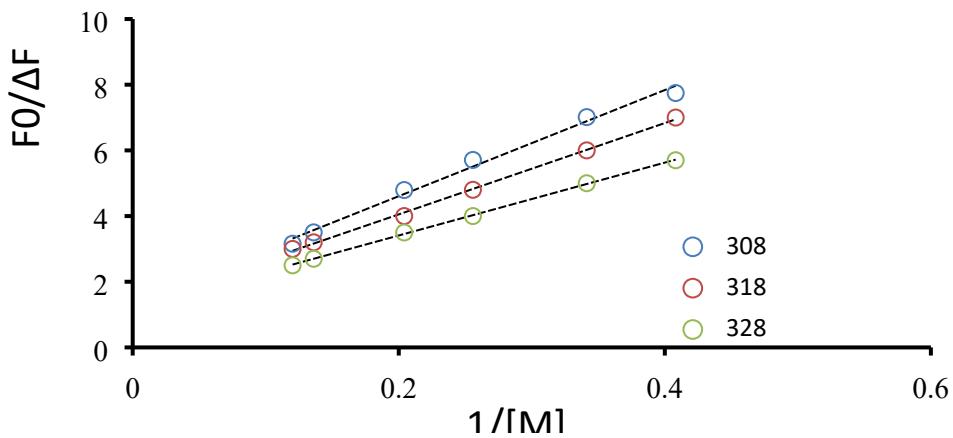
**SI figure 2:** The FLN dye volume and time impacts on the formed complex.



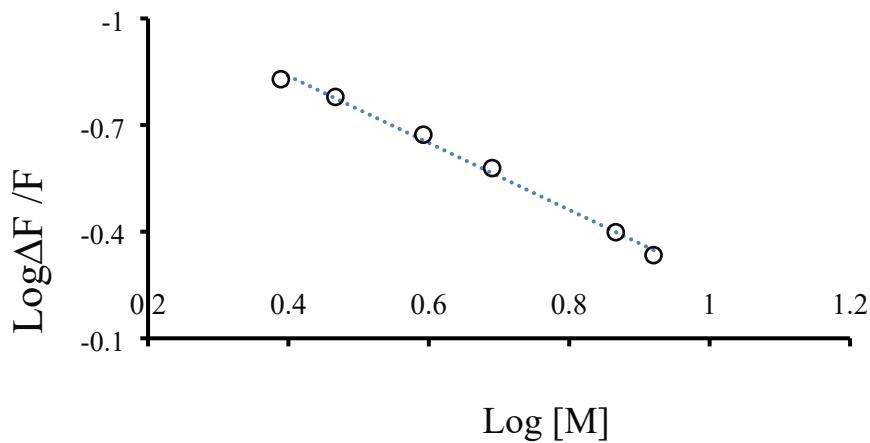
**SI figure 3:** Job's plot for association complex formation between LTS and FLN using an equimolar concentration of master solutions.



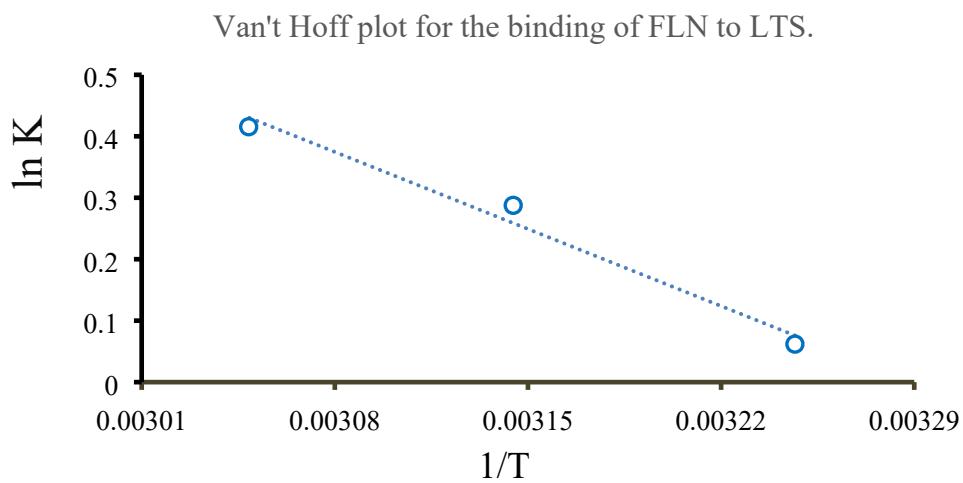
**SI figure 4:** LTS-induced FLN quenching depicted in the Stern–Volmer graph at three temperature levels.



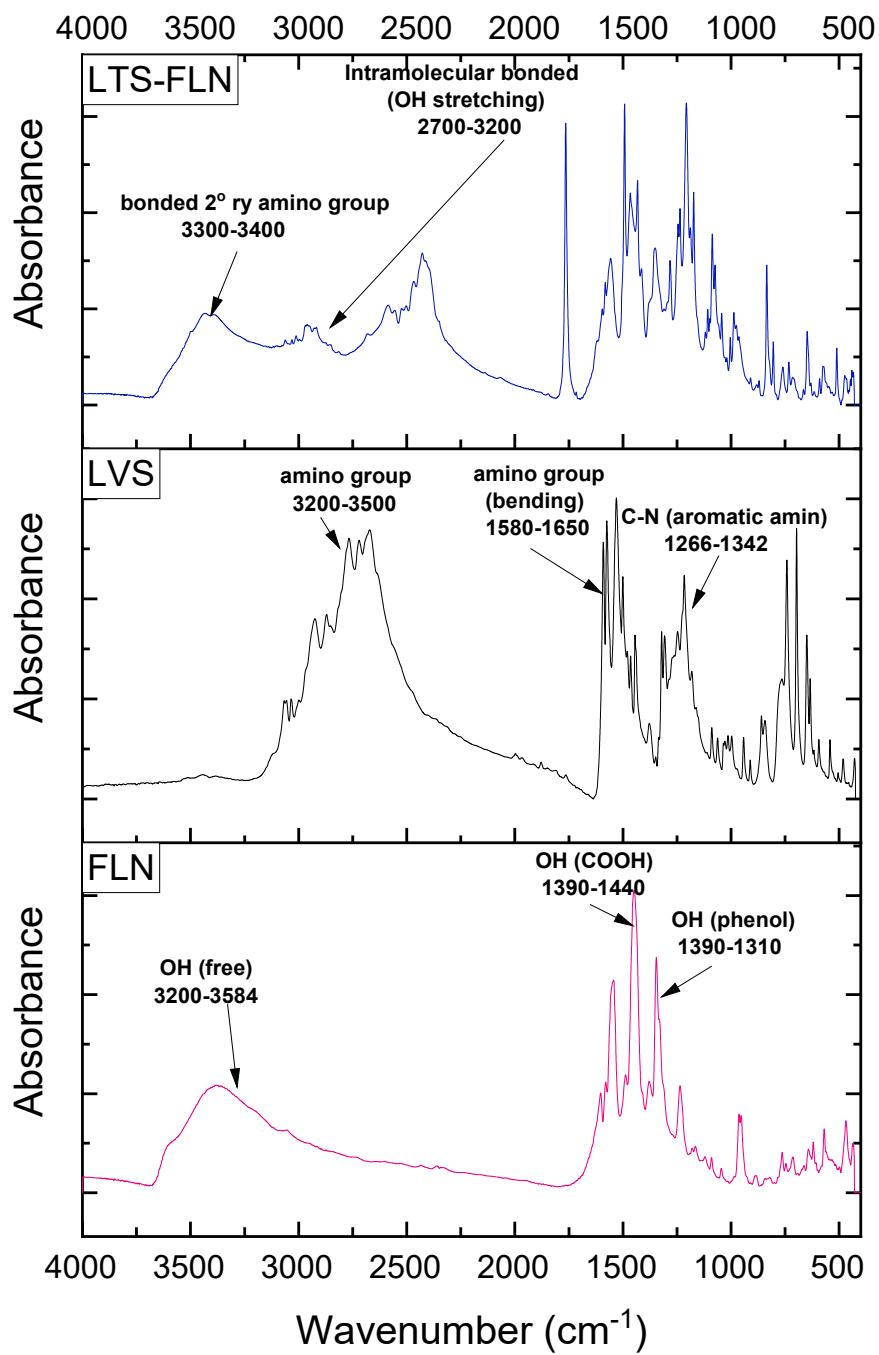
**SI figure 5:** The Modified Stern–Volmer charting for the LTS and FLN dye binding.



**SI figure 6:** The graphing of  $\log(f_0 - f) / f$  to  $\log [M]$  at operating temperature to determine the binding site(s).



**SI figure 7:** Van't Hoff charting for the thermodynamic criteria



**SI figure 8:** FTIR confirmation and characterization of the complex.

**SI Table 1:** Polarity and dielectric constant scores of the solvents used.

Solvent	Polarity index	Dielectric constant
Water	9.0	80.2
Methanol	6.6	32
Acetone	5.4	20.7
Ethanol	5.2	24.8
Dioxane	4.8	2.2
2-propanol	4.2	19.9

**SI Table 2:** A comparison of the current method with other reported methods and techniques.

Technique	Item	Range*	LOD*	LOQ*	Solvent (If present)	Detection λ (nm.)	Reagent danger	Ref.
HPLC		2-10	0.121	0.369	MeOH/ACN	225	++	[1]
Electrophoresis		5-200	0.017	0.054	MeOH/ACN	210	++	[2]
Electroanalysis		0.02-1.2	$2.04 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.0 \times 10^{-4}$	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> /Eoth	-	++	[3]
Spectrophotometry		6-24	0.145	0.484	DCM	422	+++	[4]
Fluorimetry		0.1-1.7	0.02	0.062	water	554	-	This work

\*Concentration ( $\mu$  g/mL)

MeOH: methanol; Eoth: ethanol; CAN: Acetonitrile; DCM: dichloromethane

**SI Table 3:** Robustness evaluation of the proposed system

Parameter	Value	Recovery* % $\pm$ SD
pH	- 0.2	98.92 $\pm$ 0.36
	+ 0.2	100.22 $\pm$ 0.45
Buffer volume (mL)	- 0.2	98.54 $\pm$ 1.93
	+ 0.2	101.13 $\pm$ 1.21
FLN reagent volume (mL)	- 0.2	97.34 $\pm$ 2.05
	+ 0.2	99.25 $\pm$ 0.74
Time (min)	- 1.0	97.68 $\pm$ 2.27
	+ 1.0	101.57 $\pm$ 1.69

\* The value is the mean of three measurements.

**SI Table 4:** Effect of common additives on the determination of LTS.

Additive	Recovery <sup>a</sup> % ± SD <sup>b</sup>
Lactose monohydrate	98.28 ± 1.93
Polyethylene glycol	98.87 ± 1.65
Disodium Eddate	99.76 ± 1.45
Citric Acid Monohydrate	96.76 ± 2.17
Sodium Citrate	99.54 ± 0.62
Maize starch	100.54 ± 1.21
Lactose monohydrate	99.17 ± 1.64

<sup>a</sup>Average of three determinations, <sup>b</sup>SD Standard deviation.

**SI Table 5:** Selectivity and interference testing

Tested item	Element	Recovery* %	SD
<b>Ion</b>	K <sup>+</sup>	98.35	1.87
	Na <sup>+</sup>	99.14	1.29
	Ca <sup>2+</sup>	99.76	1.54
	Zn <sup>2</sup>	98.23	2.05
	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	99.48	2.12
	Ni <sup>2+</sup>	100.16	0.96
	K <sup>+</sup>	100.35	1.67
	CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	98.68	1.71
	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	99.12	1.57
	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	98.34	1.51
	HCO <sub>3</sub>	97.56	2.51
	I <sup>-</sup>	99.45	1.79
	Cl <sup>-</sup>	97.68	2.43
<b>Small molecules</b>	Galactose	98.34	1.93
	Glucose	99.32	1.26
	Sucrose	99.37	1.82
	Glucose	100.54	1.28
	Lactose	100.48	1.65

\* Average of three determinations

**SI Table 6:** Application of the proposed system to quantify LTS in vitro

Spiked human plasma		Spiked human urine	
Amount ( $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ )	%Recovery* $\pm$ SD	Amount ( $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ )	%Recovery* $\pm$ SD
0.2	98.21 $\pm$ 1.32	0.2	97.81 $\pm$ 0.55
0.5	98.76 $\pm$ 0.92	0.5	96.12 $\pm$ 1.18
1.0	98.08 $\pm$ 1.88	1.0	98.07 $\pm$ 1.13

\* Each result is the average of three separate determinations.

**SI Table 7:** Application of the proposed method for Determination of LTS in Real Human Plasma after a dose of (Katrex, 40 mg/tab)

Parameter <sup>a</sup>	Value
$t_{\max}$ (hr.)	1.5
$C_{\max}$ (ng mL <sup>-1</sup> )	1600 (1483)
$t_{1/2}$ (hr.)	3.3-5.1
Rec* %	92.74 %
SD	1.36

<sup>a</sup>Parameters:  $t_{\max}$ , time of peak concentration;  $C_{\max}$ , peak plasma concentration;  $t_{1/2}$ , terminal elimination half live; Rec%, recovery percent; SD, and RSD%, standard deviation and relative standard deviation respectively.

\* mean of three replicates

**SI Table 8:** The greenness evaluation of the proposed fluorimetric system through the penalty points score.

Item	Parameter	PP score
Technique	Fluorimetry	0
Reagent	FLN	1
Amount of reagent	< 10 mL	1
Solvent(s)	Water	0
Heating	-	0
Temperature	25 °C	0
Cooling	-	0
pH	3.7	0
Energy (kWh per sample)	1.0 >	0
Waste	1–10 (mL)	3
Occupational hazards		0
(TPPs)		5
Eco-scale total score	= 100 – TPP	95

TPPs is the total penalty points.

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