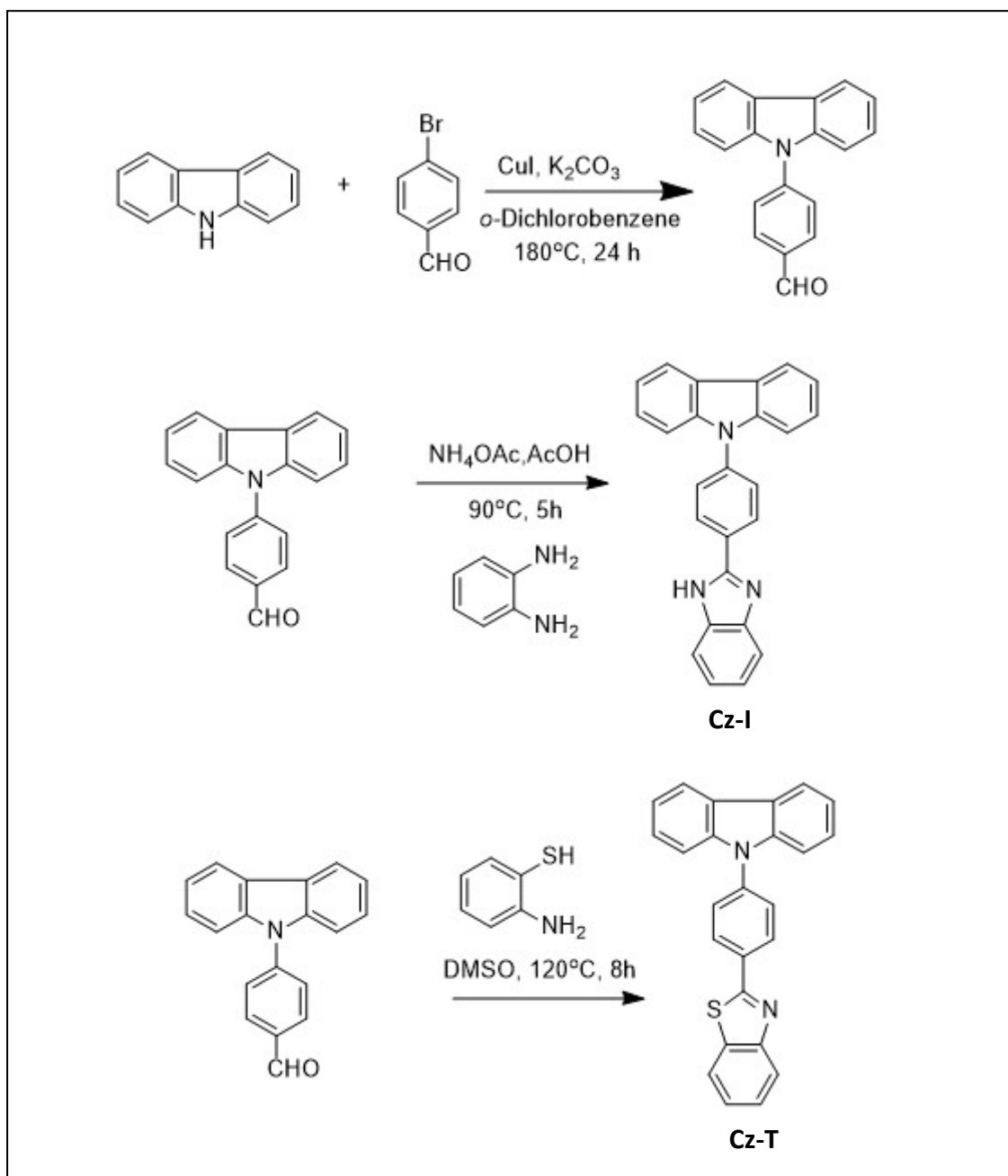


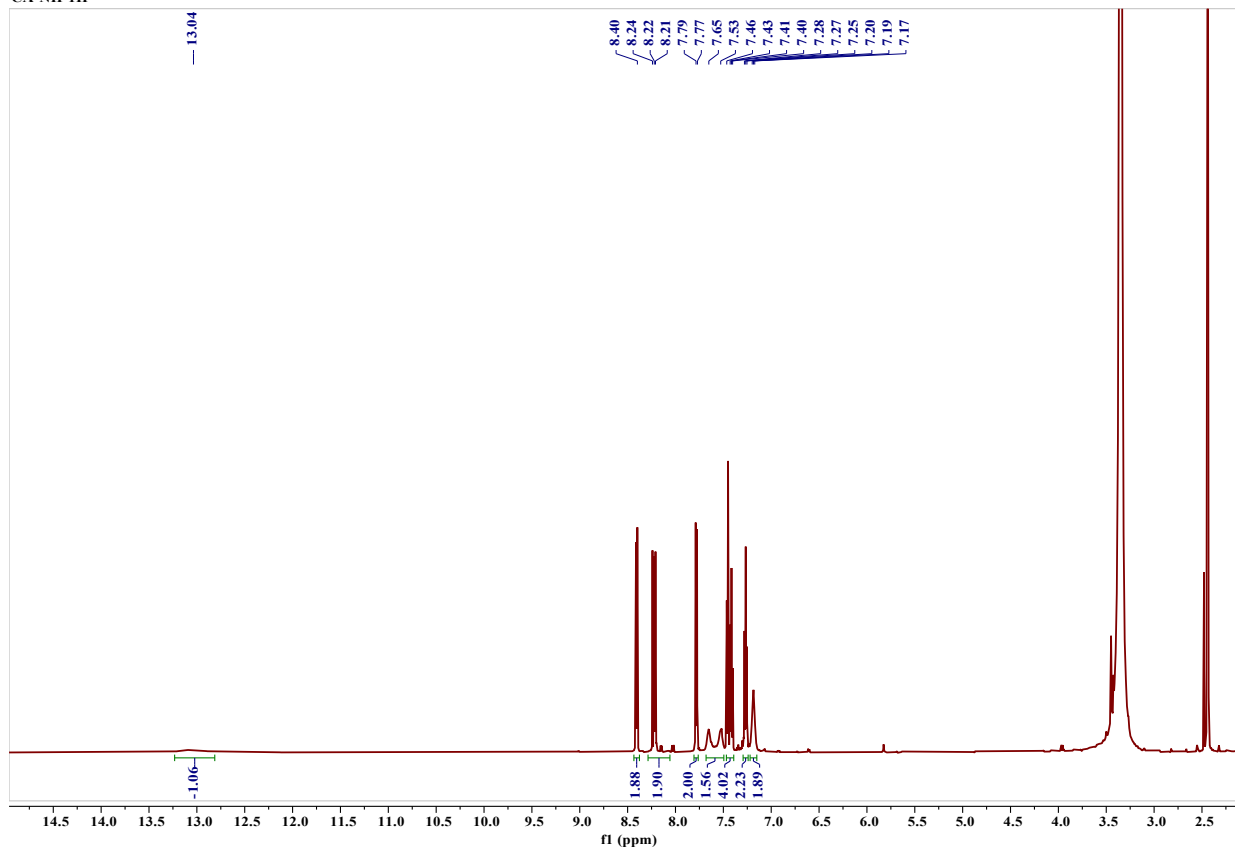
### Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

#### Carbazole fluorophore with imidazole/thiazole unit: Contrasting stimuli-induced fluorescence switching, water sensing and deep blue emission

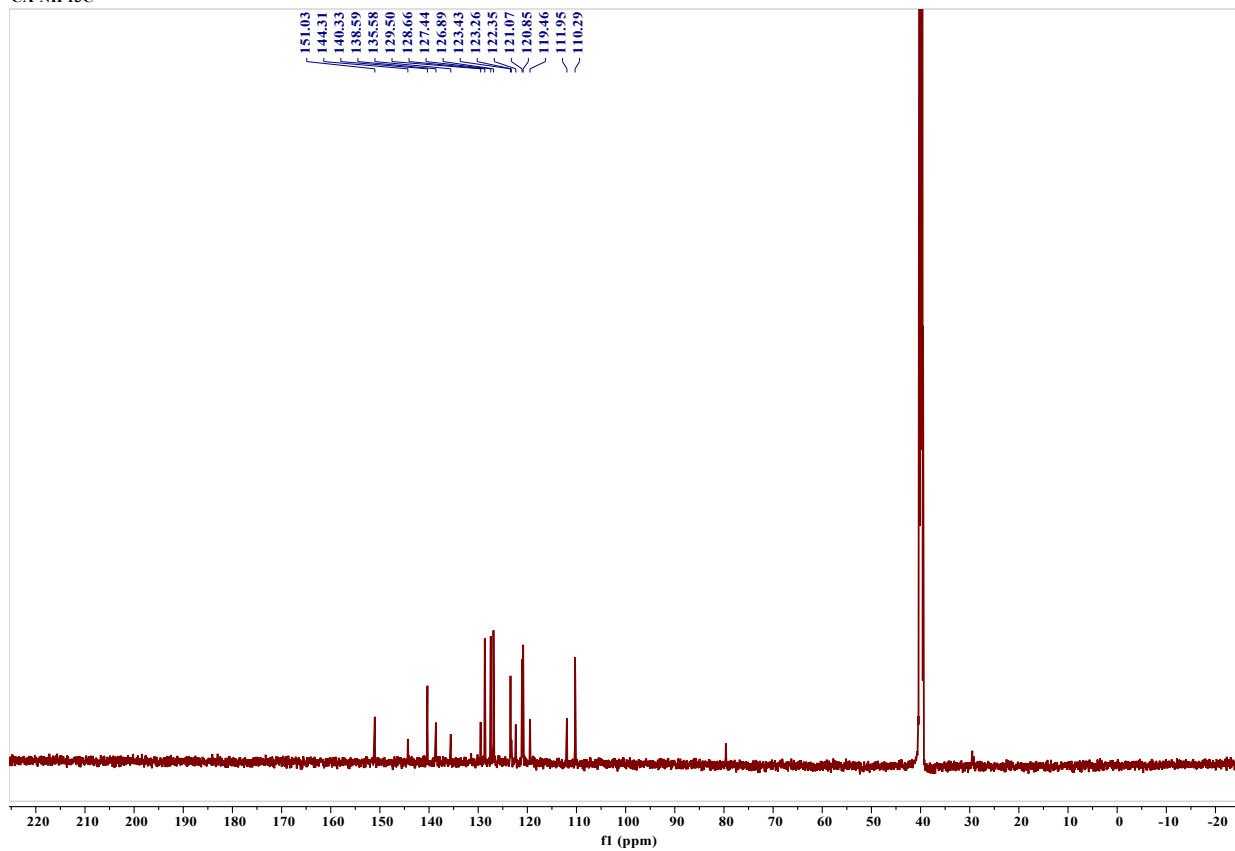


Scheme S1. Synthesis of Cz-I and Cz-T.

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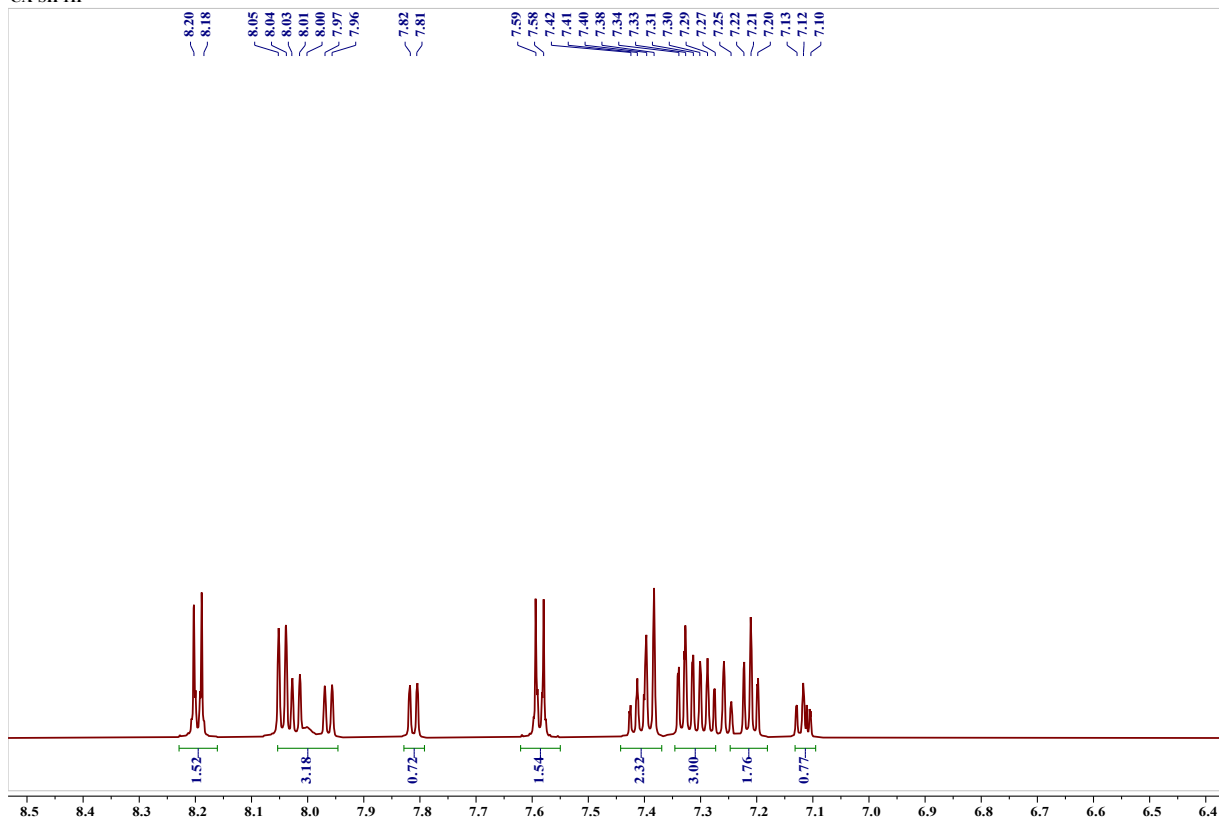


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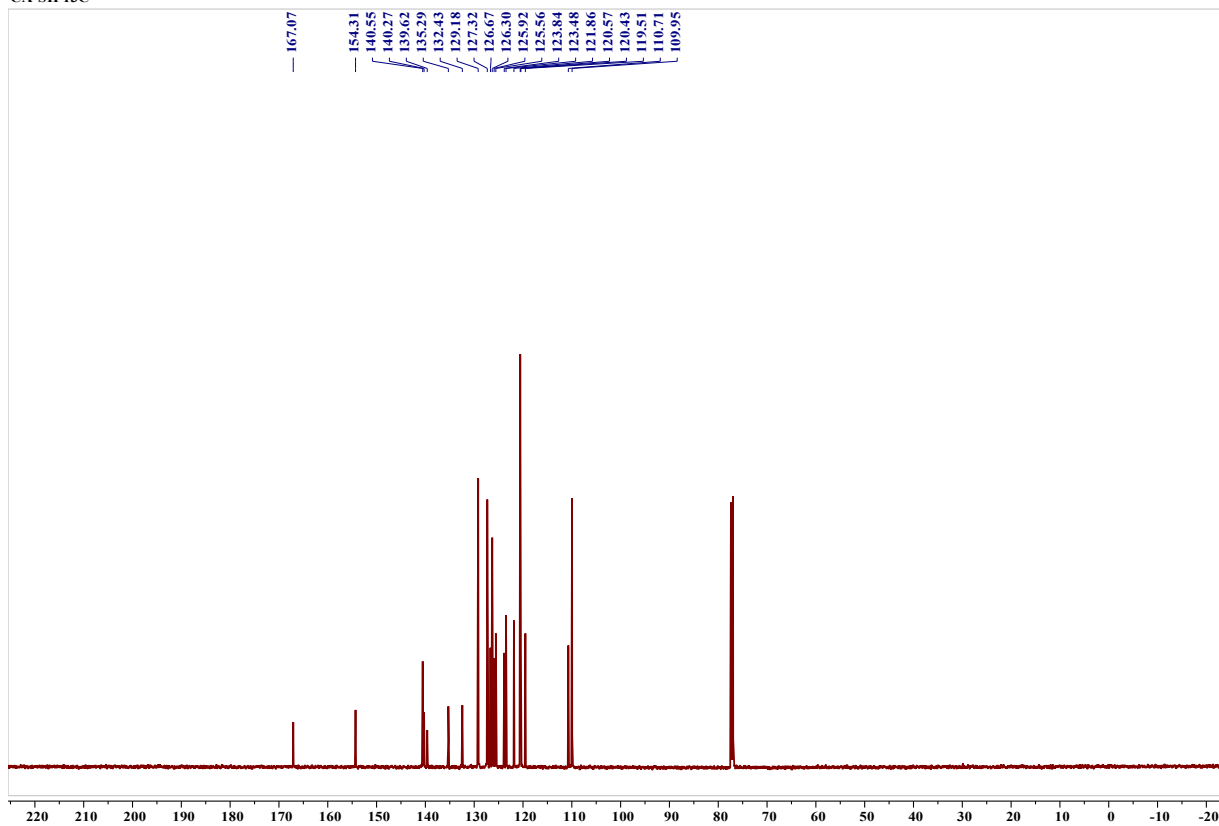


<sup>1</sup>H & <sup>13</sup>C NMR of Cz-I.

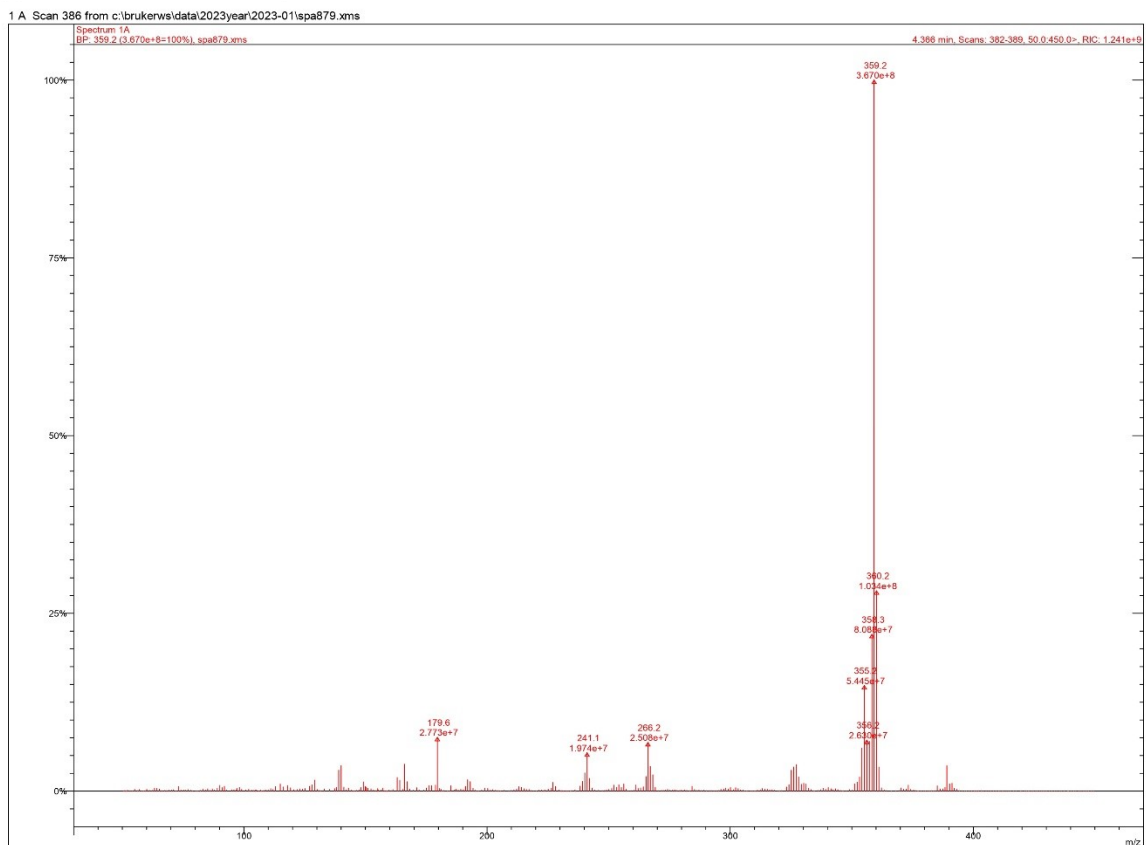
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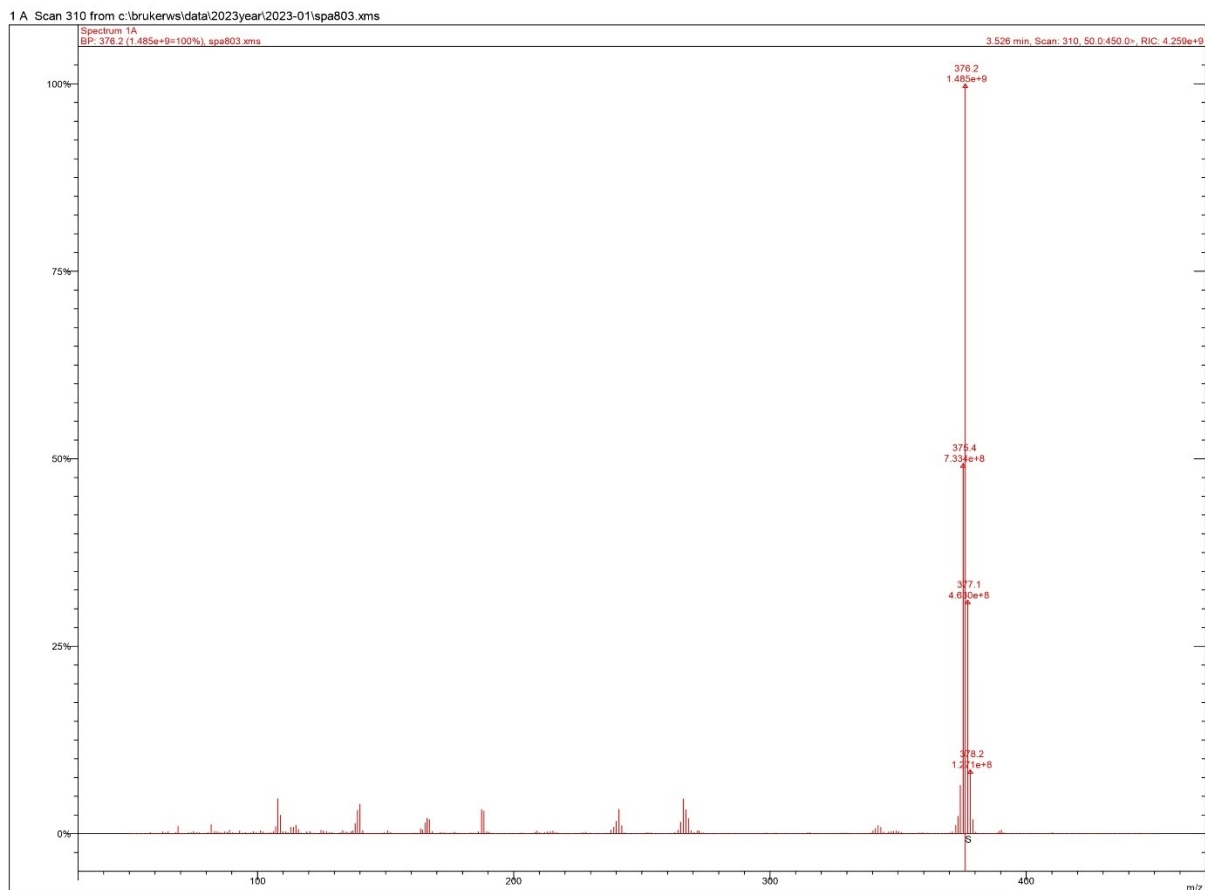
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$^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of Cz-T.



Mass spectrum of **Cz-I** m/z calculated  $C_{25}H_{17}N_3$  (M + H): 359.14, found: 359.2.



Mass spectrum of **Cz-T** m/z calculated  $C_{25}H_{17}N_2S$  (M + H): 376.14, found: 376.2.

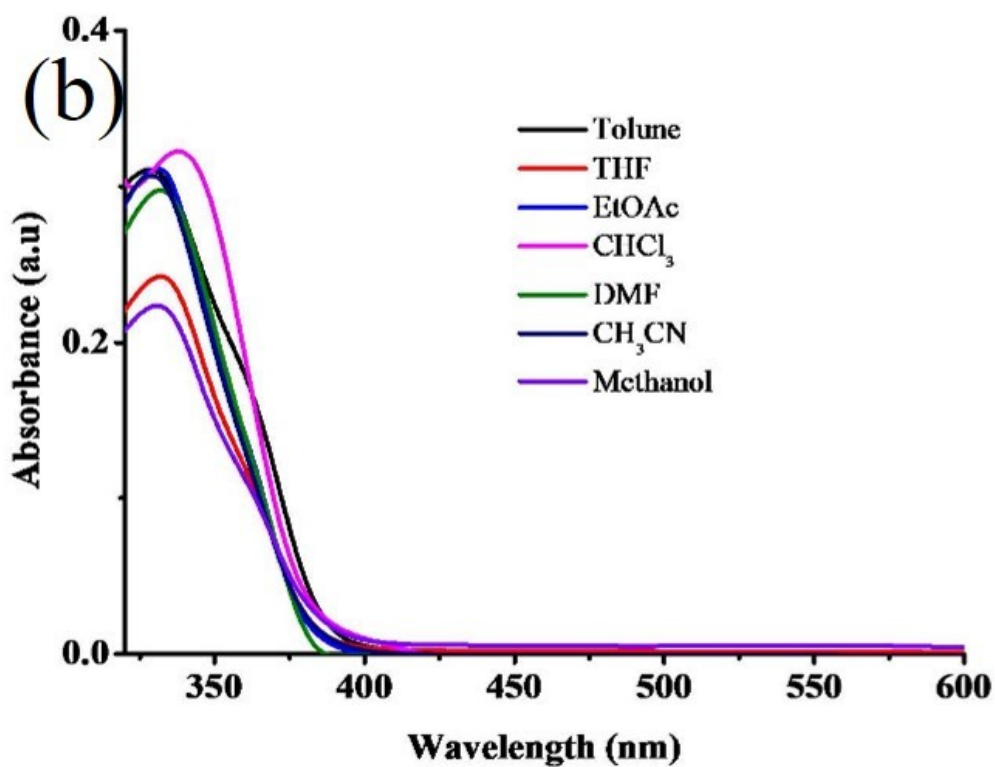
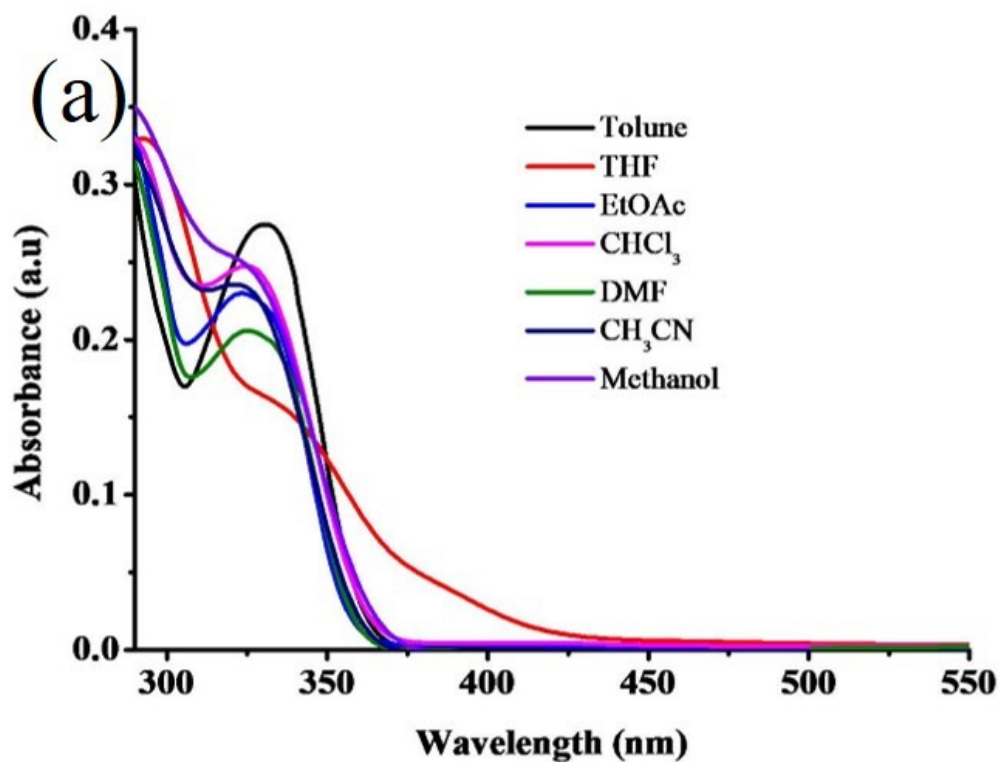


Figure S1. Absorption spectra of (a) Cz-I and (b) Cz-T.

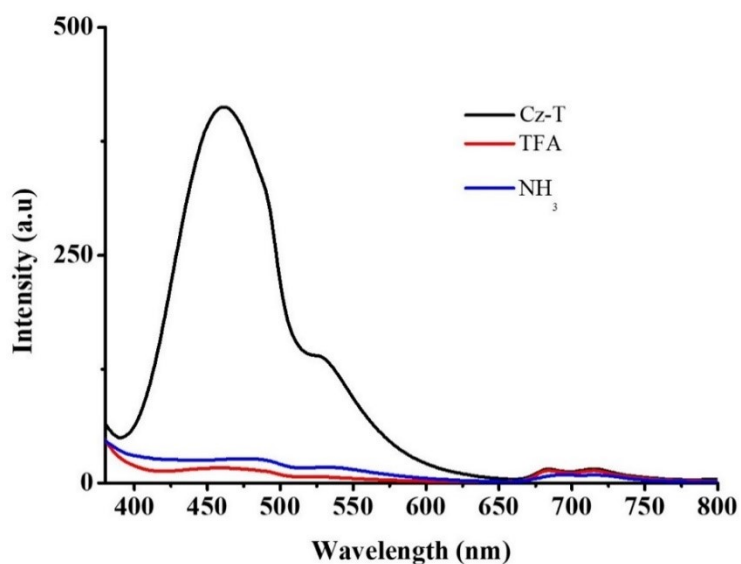


Figure S2. Halochromic fluorescence response of **Cz-T** by adding TFA/ $\text{NH}_3$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ .

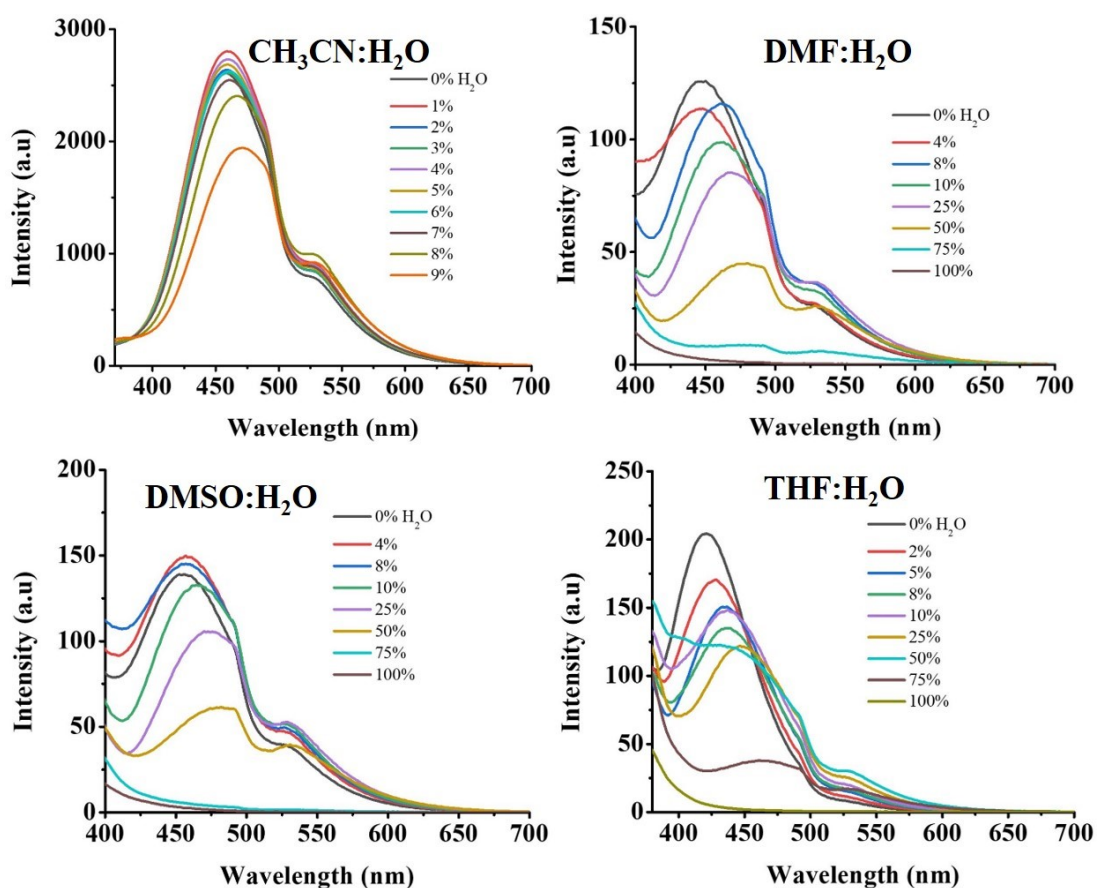


Figure S3. The change of **Cz-T** fluorescence response in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ , DMF, DMSO and THF with increasing water percentage.

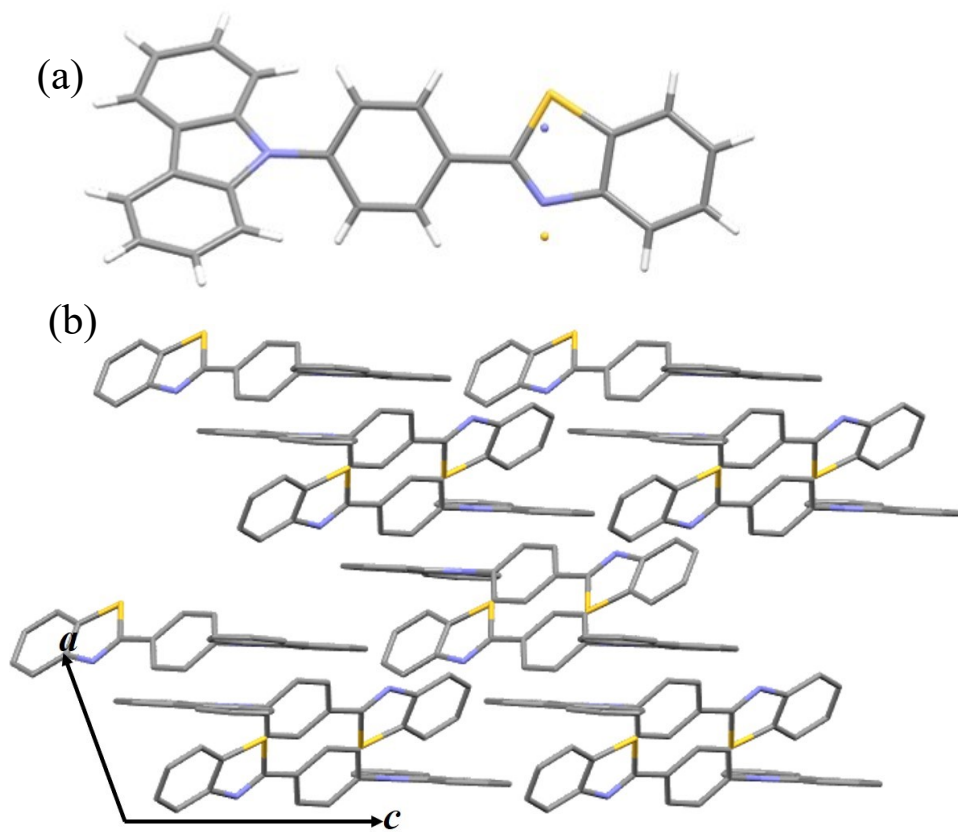


Figure S4. (a) Molecular structure and (b) packing of Cz-T in the crystal lattice.