

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

### Acid–base regulated inclusion complexes of $\beta$ -cyclodextrin with 1-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl]-4,4'-bipyridinium dichloride displaying multistimuli-responsive chromic behaviors and photomodulable fluorescence

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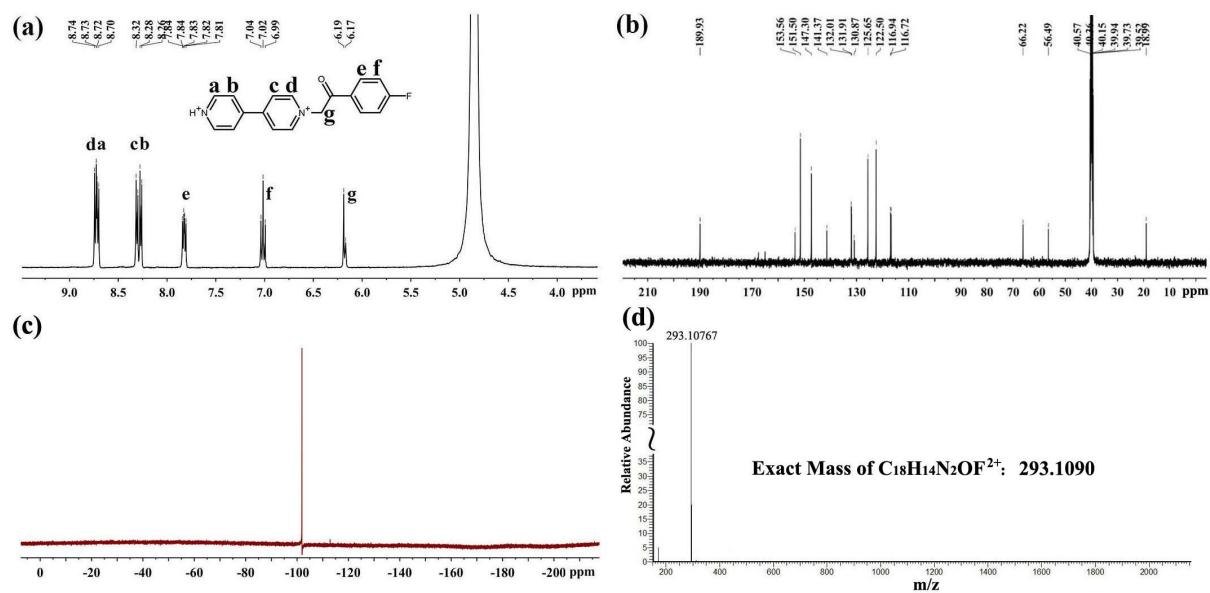


Figure S1. (a)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ), (b)  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ), (c)  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ) and (d) HRMS spectra of  $\text{FOV}\cdot\text{Cl}_2$ .

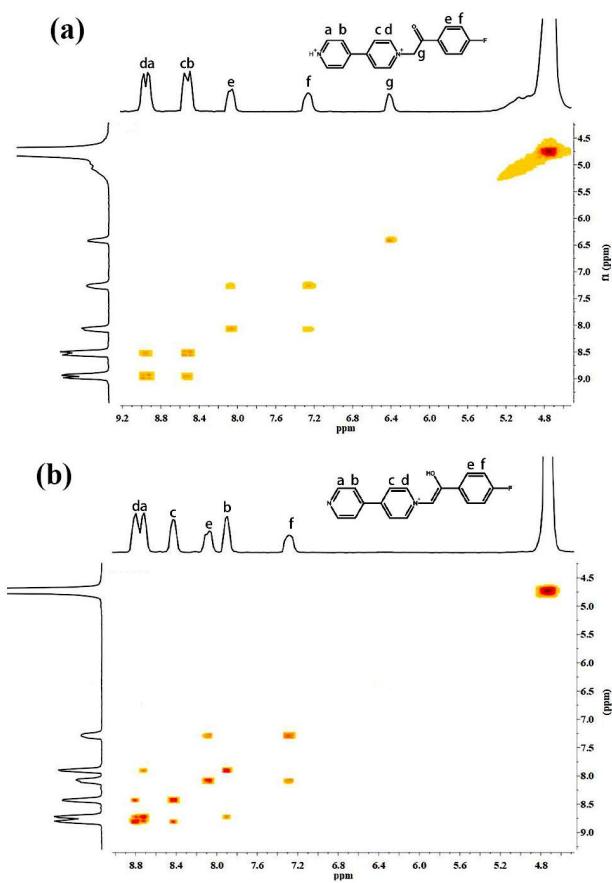


Figure S2. 2D Cosy NMR of FOV·Cl<sub>2</sub> and FHV·Cl<sub>1</sub>.

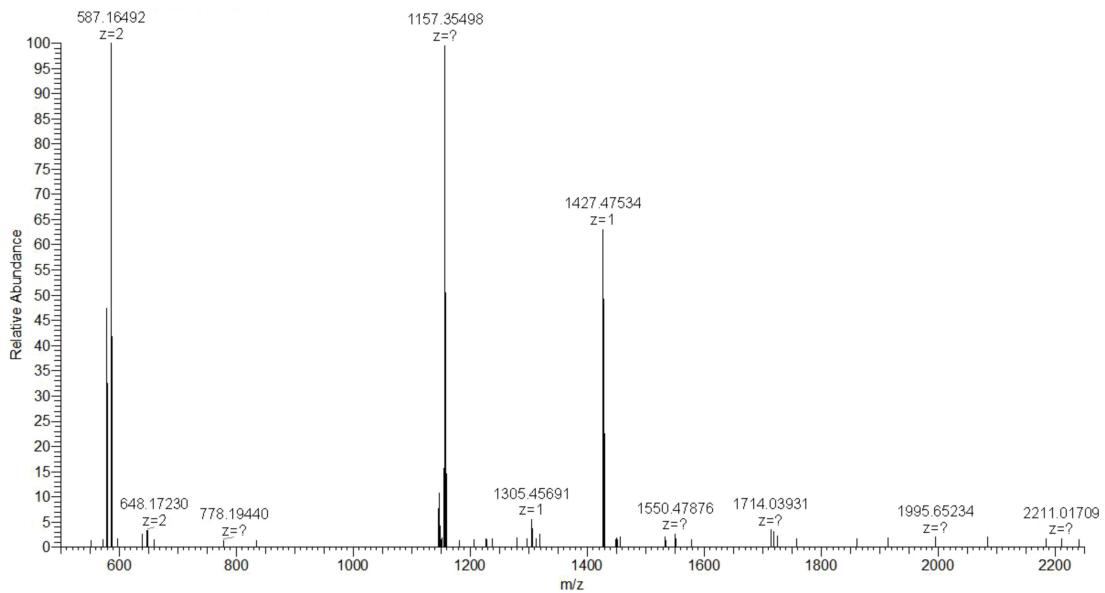


Figure S3. ESI-MS of inclusion complex  $\text{FOV}^{2+}@\beta\text{-CD}$ . The peak found at  $m/z$  1427.47534 corresponds to  $\{\text{FOV}\cdot\text{Cl}_2+\beta\text{-CD-Cl}_2\}$  (calculated for  $\{\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{OF}^+ + \text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{70}\text{O}_{35}\}$ , 1427.4788).

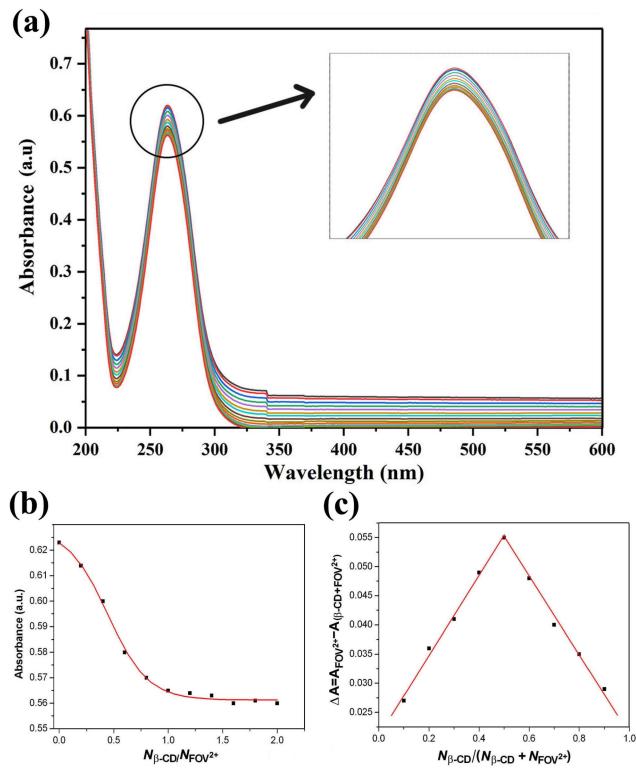


Figure S4. (a) Change in absorption spectra of  $\text{FOV}\cdot\text{Cl}_2$  ( $2.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ) with increasing concentration of  $\beta\text{-CD}$ . (b) The curve of absorbance intensity *vs.*  $N_{\beta\text{-CD}}/N_{\text{FOV}\cdot\text{Cl}_2}$ . (c) Continuous variation Job's plot for the  $\beta\text{-CD}$  and  $\text{FOV}\cdot\text{Cl}_2$  on the basis of UV spectra.

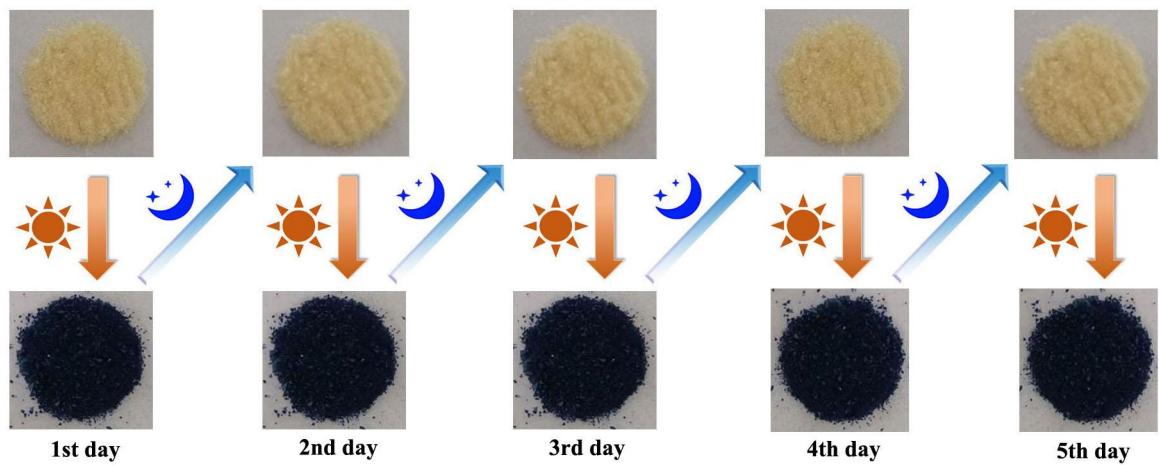


Figure S5. Photographs showing the reversible colour change can occur multiple times.

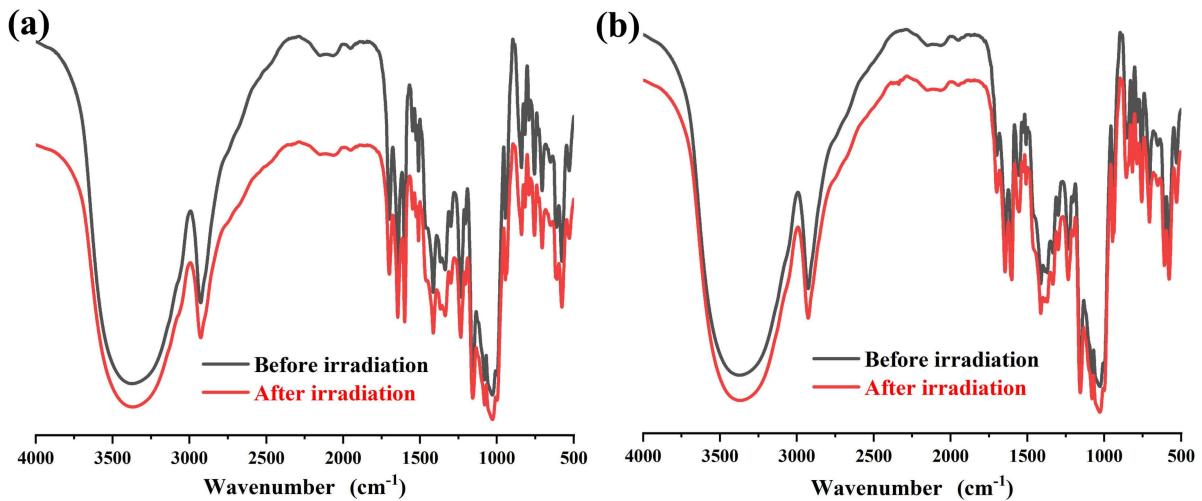


Figure S6. IR spectra of inclusion complexes (a) FOV<sup>2+</sup>@β-CD and (b) FHV<sup>+</sup>@β-CD before and after irradiation.

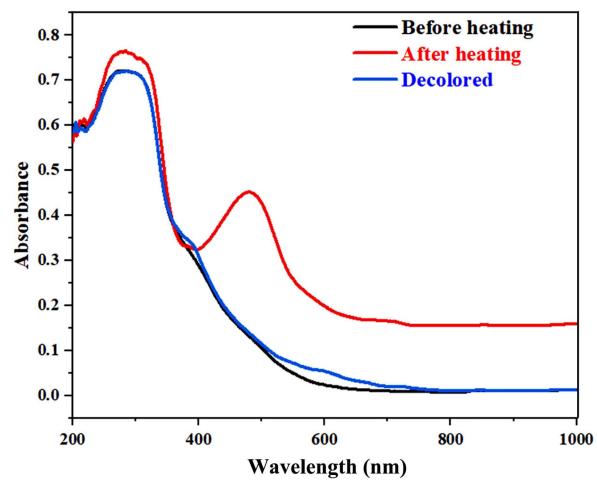


Figure S7. Solid-state UV-vis absorption spectra of  $\text{FOV}^{2+}@\beta\text{-CD}$  before and after heating .

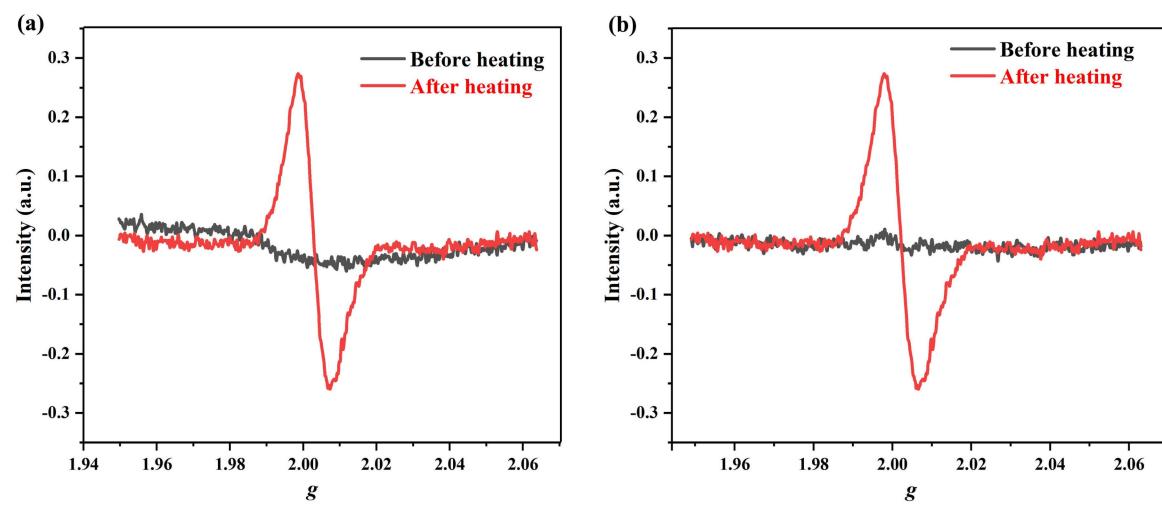


Figure S8. ESR spectra of the FOV<sup>2+</sup>@β-CD (a) and FHV<sup>+</sup>@β-CD (b) before and after heating.

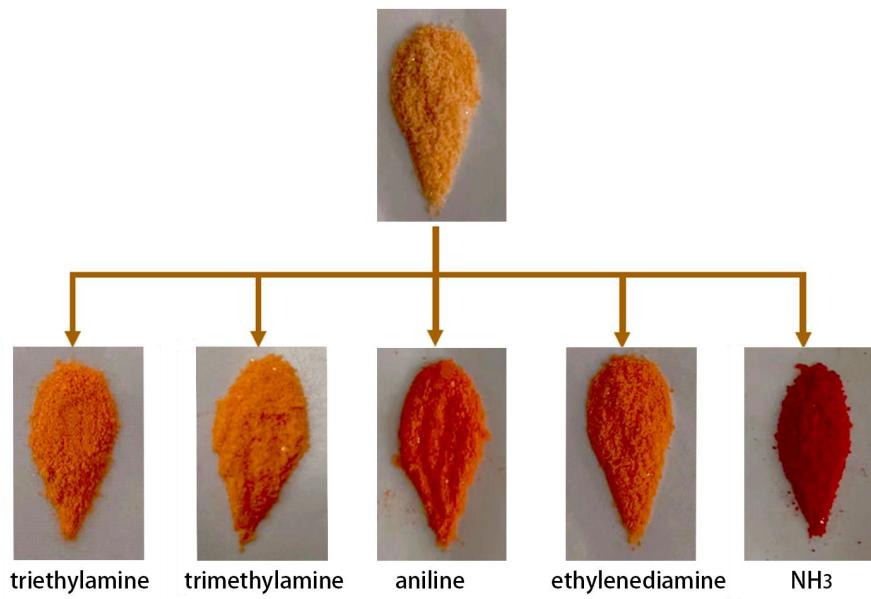


Figure S9. Photographs of the  $\text{FHV}^{2+}@\beta\text{-CD}$  treated with vapors of ammonia and organic amines.

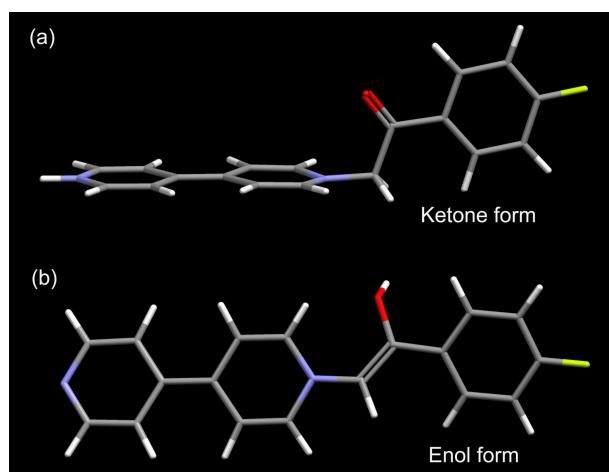


Figure S10. Energy minimized structures of  $\text{FOV}^{2+}$  (a) and  $\text{FHV}^+$  (b) in the gas phase.