

*Supporting Information for*

A Novel Fluorescence Probe for Simultaneous Detection of Mitochondrial Viscosity in Hepatic  
Ischemia Reperfusion Injury Models

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## Experimental section

### Materials and apparatus

All chemicals were commercially available and used without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded using Bruker Avance 500 MHz spectrometers. The spectra were reported in ppm (δ) and referenced to a tetramethylsilane (TMS) standard in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) for reaction monitoring was performed on pre-coated silica gel plates (Merck 60 F254 nm) with a UV254 fluorescent indicator and column chromatography was conducted over silica gel (mesh 300–400). The fluorescence and UV-vis spectra were acquired on a SpectraMax M5 (Molecular Devices).

### Measurement of Viscosity

PN solutions (5 μM) of different viscosity were obtained by water-glycerol mixture in different volume ratios. The solution was continuously shaken for 1 hour and then allowed to stand for 30 minutes to eliminate bubbles. The mixed solution was measured fluorescence spectra with λ<sub>ex/em</sub> = 490/615 nm and both excitation and emission slit widths of 8 nm.

### Quantum yield calculation

The fluorescence quantum yield Φ<sub>s</sub> was estimated from the absorption and fluorescence spectra of probe according to equation, where the subscript s and r stand for the sample and reference (fluorescein as standard Φ<sub>F</sub> = 0.85), respectively. Φ is the quantum yields, a represents the absorbance at the excitation wavelength, S refers to the integrated emission band areas and n<sub>D</sub> is the solvent refractive index. The fluorescence quantum yields (Φ<sub>F</sub>) were estimated with equation as follows:

$$\varphi_s = \varphi_r \frac{S_s A_r n_{D_s}^2}{S_r A_s n_{D_r}^2}$$

### Cytotoxicity of probe PN

The cytotoxicity of probe PN was tested by MTT method. Miha cells were seeded at a density at 1 × 10<sup>4</sup> cells per well into 96-well plate, and incubated in 37 °C cell incubator

(containing 5% CO<sub>2</sub>) for 12 hours. The culture medium was high glucose DMEM with fetal bovine serum and appropriate antibiotics (penicillin and streptomycin). Then the probe **PN** (0, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 μM) was added and incubated for 24 h. 50 μL MTT was added to each pore and the cells were incubated at 37 °C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 4 h. Then, removed the medium and replaced it with DMSO (150μL), and detected the absorption values at 490 nm.

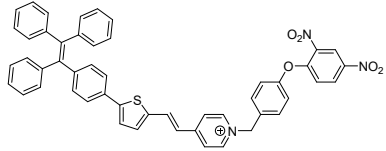
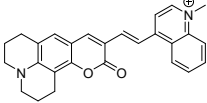
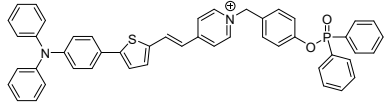
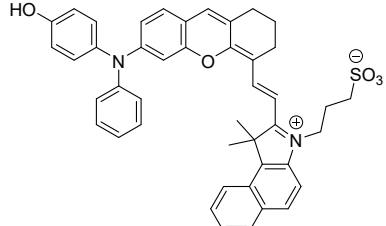
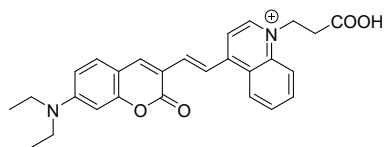
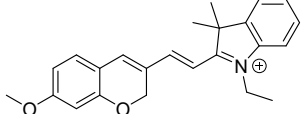
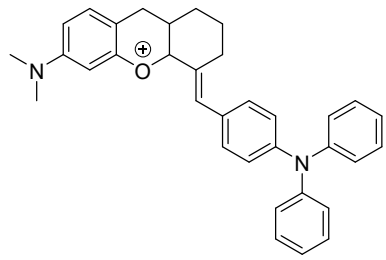
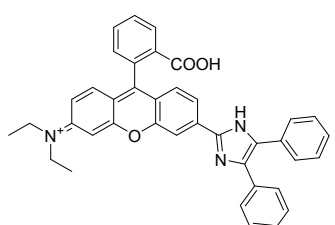
### **Cell culture and fluorescence imaging**

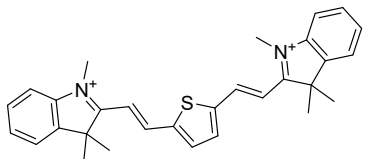
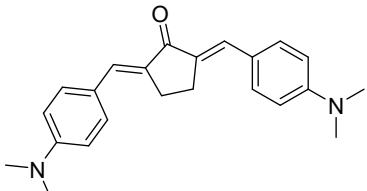
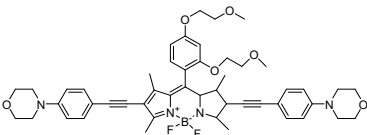
DMEM containing 10% fetal bovine serum and 1% penicillin was used for HepG2 cell culture in an incubator supplemented with 95% air and 5% CO<sub>2</sub> at 37 °C. Then cells were seeded into cell culture dishes at a density of  $2.0 \times 10^4$  in growth medium. For stimuli experiments, the cells were pretreated with nystatin for 30 min and then treated with 10 μM **PN** for 15 min. Then, nutrient solution was removed and cells were washed three times with PBS buffer (pH=7.0, 10 mM) before imaging. FL imaging was recorded by confocal luminescence microscope.

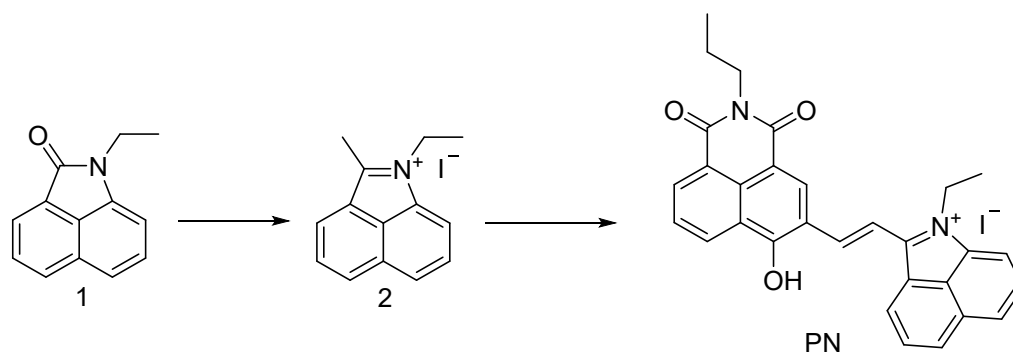
### **Viscosity monitoring in HIRI mouse model**

Before initiating experiments, mice underwent a 7-day acclimation period upon their arrival. Each study group comprised n = 3 mice. To construct HIRI mice model, an already established methodology was employed. All mice were intravenously injected with probe **PN** (100 μL, 0.1 mM in ultrapure water, with 2% DMSO, v/v), and then were fully anesthetized. After laparotomy, vascular clamps were used to block the blood flow to the left and median hepatic lobes, resulting in ~70% of the liver ischemia. After 90 min of ischemia, we removed the clamps, the blood supply to the mice's liver was restored for 1 hours. For normal group, the liver was exposed as a control. The abdominal cavity was then opened and the liver was removed for fluorescence imaging.

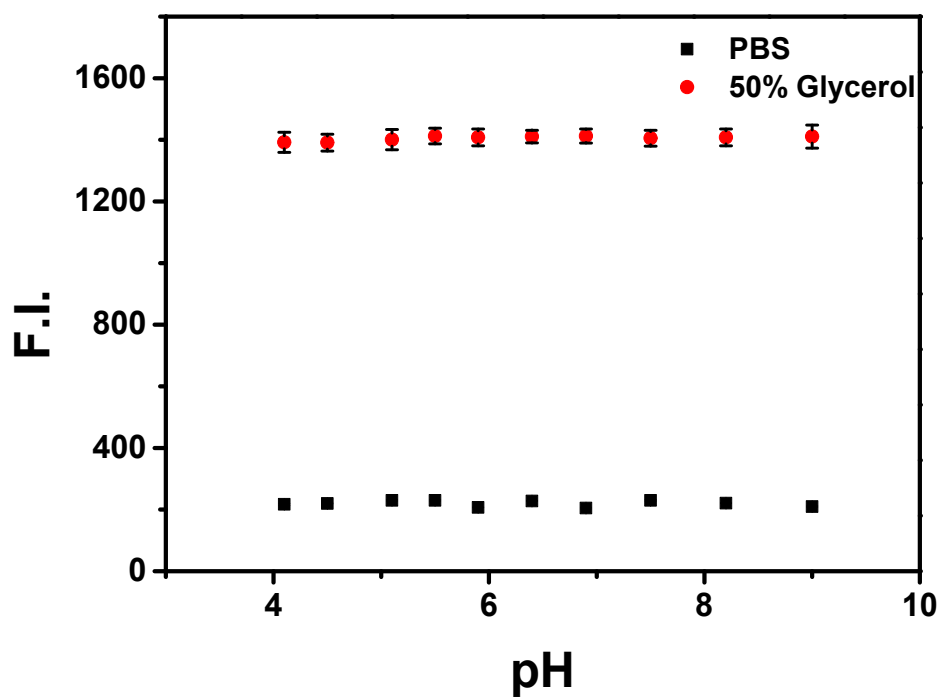
Table S1 previous viscosity probes and this work

Probes	$\lambda_{\text{ex}}/\text{nm}$	$\lambda_{\text{em}}/\text{nm}$	Stokes shift/nm	sensitivity	
	440	620	180	31 times	1
	600	710	110	437 times	2
	488	671	183	Not mention	3
	734	911	177	10 times	4
	550	675	125	125 times	5
	500	628	128	20 times	6
	640	725	85	140 times	7
	570	655	85	48.5-fold	8

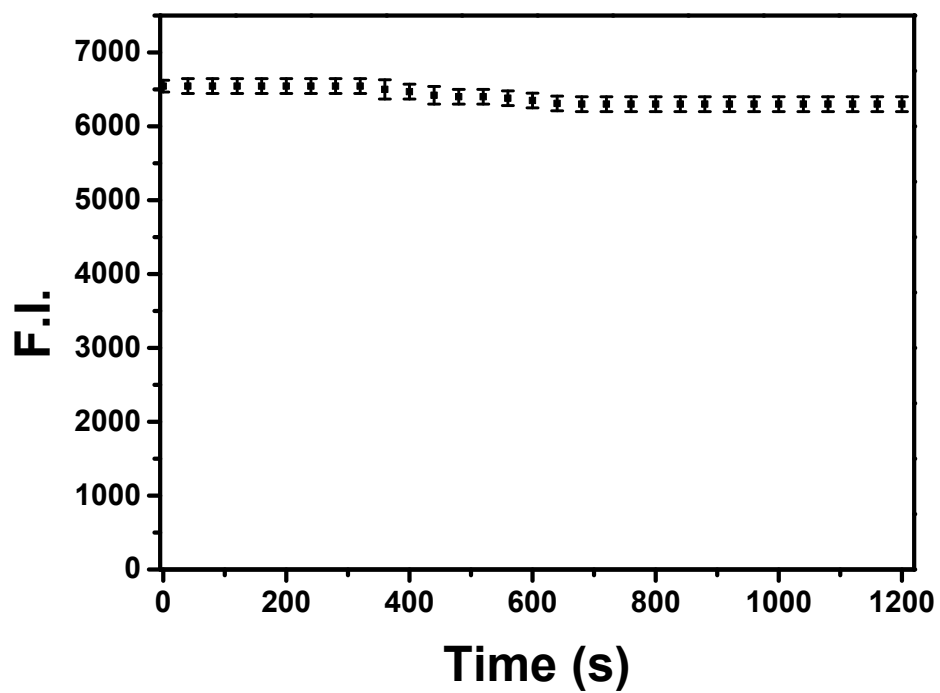
	525	595	70	Not mention	9
	450	508	58	less than 10-fold	10
	550	586	36	Nearly 20-fold	11
This work	600	790	190	32 times	



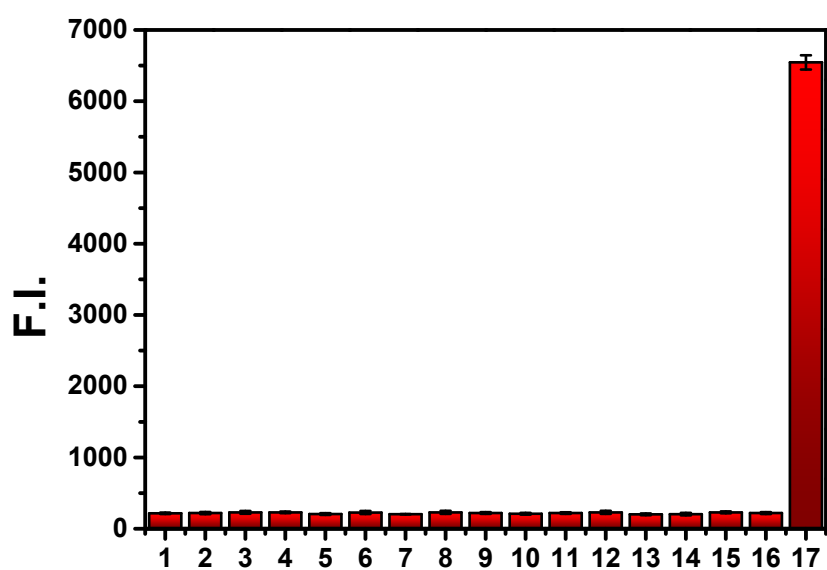
Scheme S1. Synthesis route of PN.



**Fig. S1** The effects of pH on the fluorescence intensity of 10  $\mu\text{M}$  PN in presence of varied glycerol volumetric ratios.

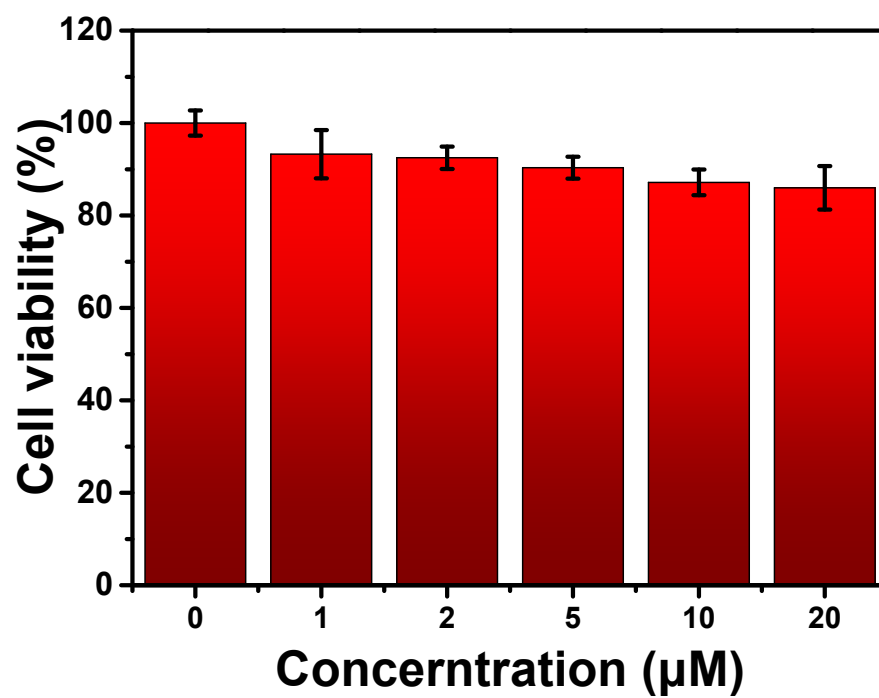


**Fig. S2** Photobleaching of PN (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in 95% glycerol solution under irradiation with 660 nm laser (300  $\text{mW}/\text{cm}^2$ ).



**Fig. S3** Fluorescence intensity of 10 μM PN toward various species (100 μM) in PBS/glycerol (v:v = 1:1) mixture (down), respectively. (1) Blank; (2)Ser; (3)Cys; (4)GSH; (5)Hcy; (6)BSA; (7)SO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>; (8)ClO<sup>-</sup>; (9)ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>; (10)H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>; (11)CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>; (12)OAc<sup>-</sup>; (13)NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>; (14)Cl<sup>-</sup>; (15)Fe<sup>3+</sup>; (16)Zn<sup>2+</sup>; (17) Glycerol.





**Fig. S4** MTT results of HepG2 cells viabilities after incubation with PN for 24 h. Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD (\* $p < 0.05$ , experiment times  $n = 3$ ).

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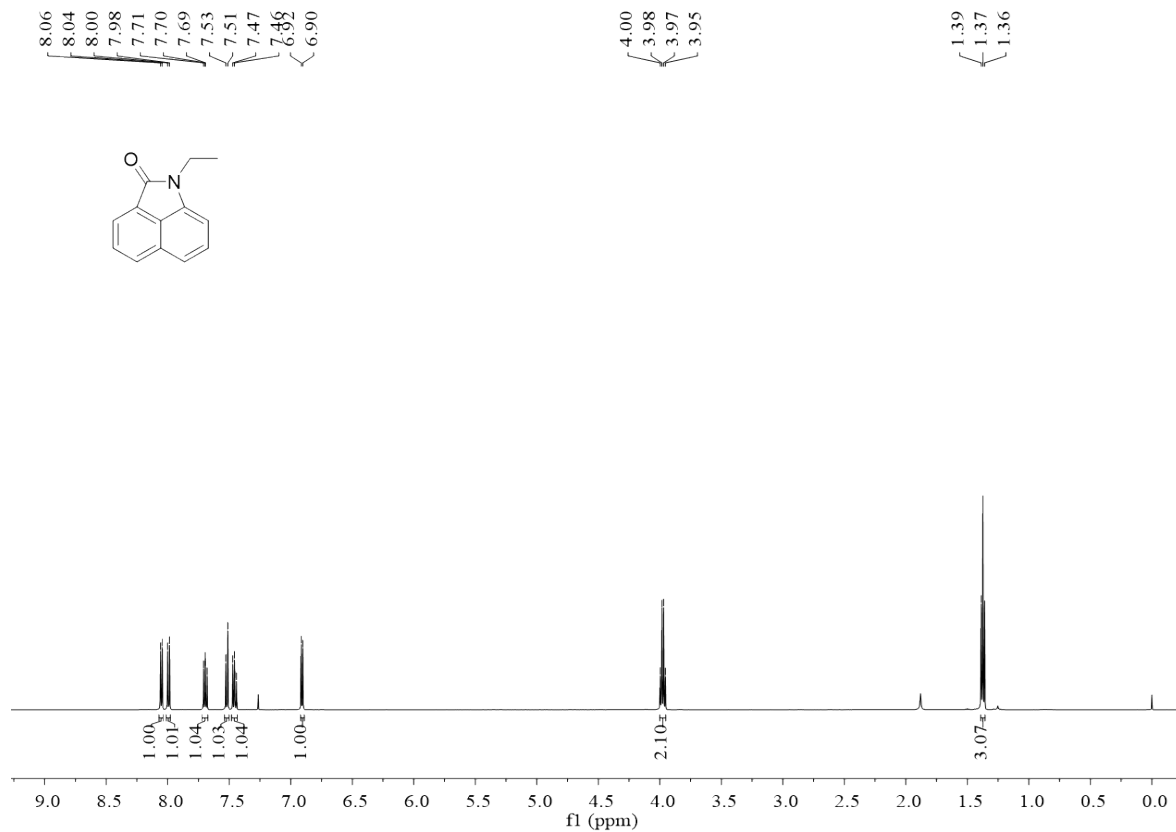


Fig. S5 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>-d<sub>6</sub>.

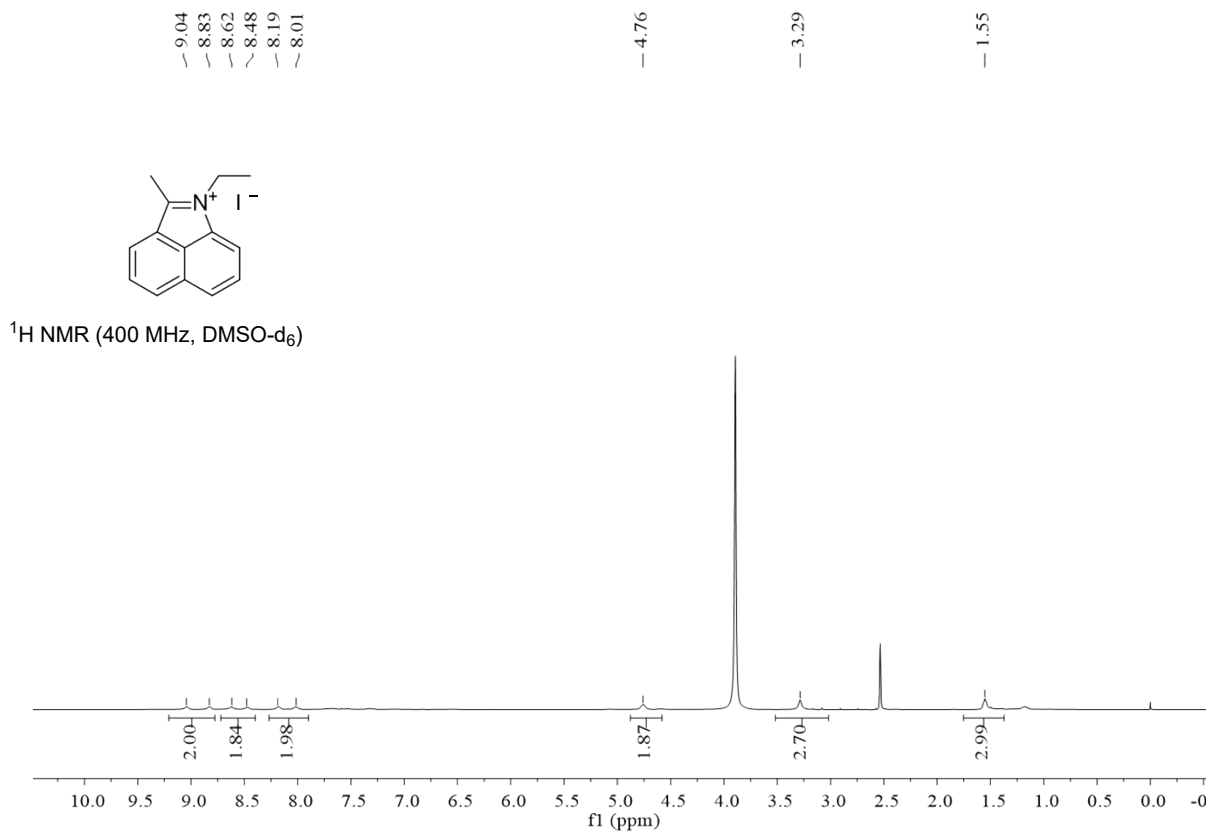
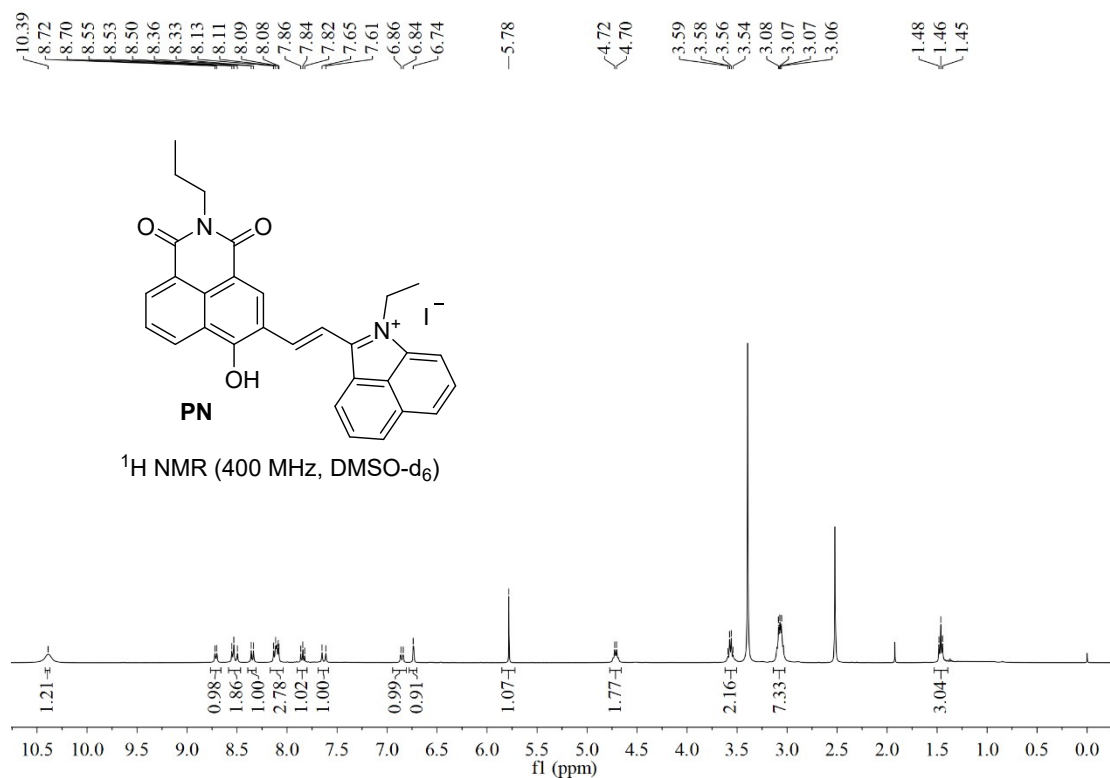
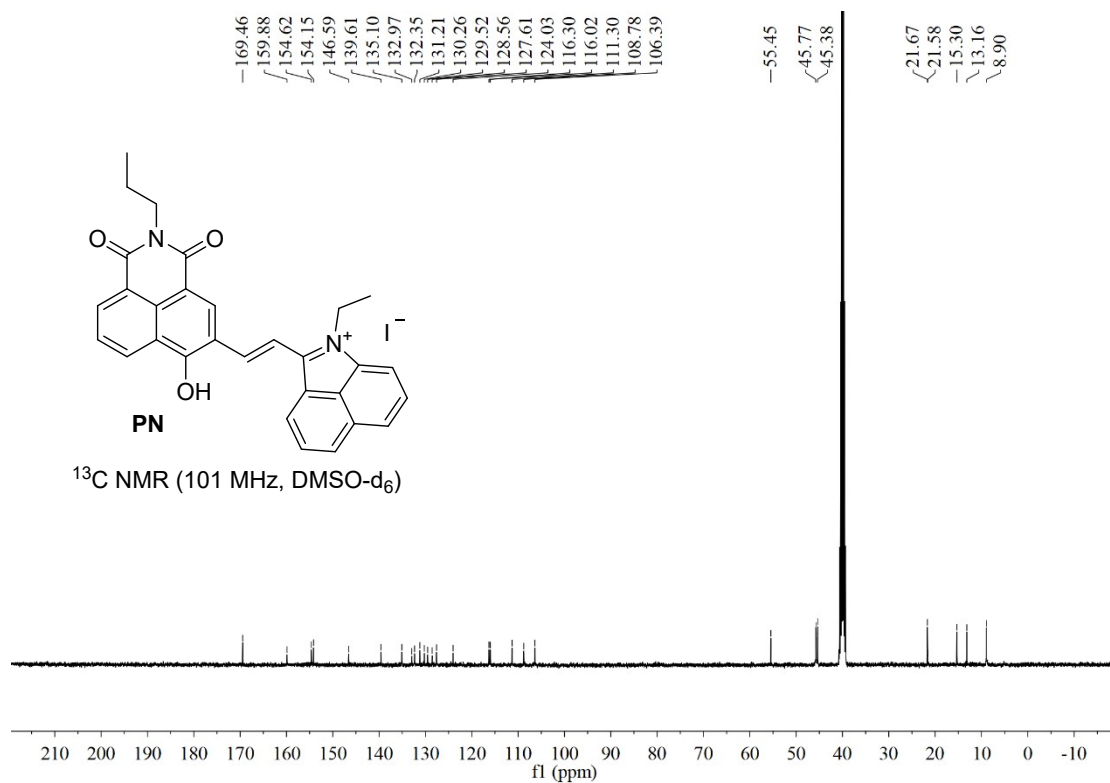


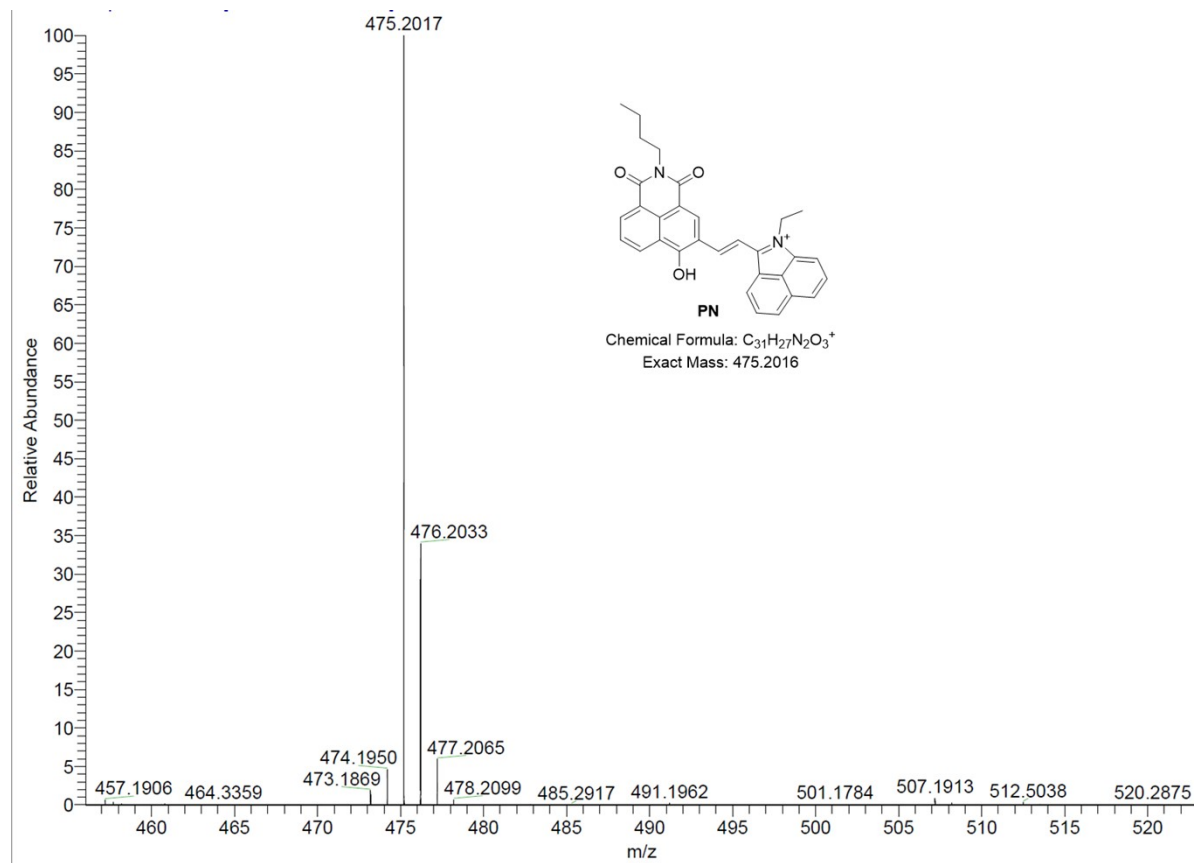
Fig. S6 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 2 in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



**Fig. S7**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of PN in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .



**Fig. S8**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of PN in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .



**Fig. S9** HRMS result of compound **PN'** cation part.