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**Band gap, sorption properties and fluorescence sensing
behaviour of a novel 1D→2D catenane-like cobalt(II)–organic
framework**

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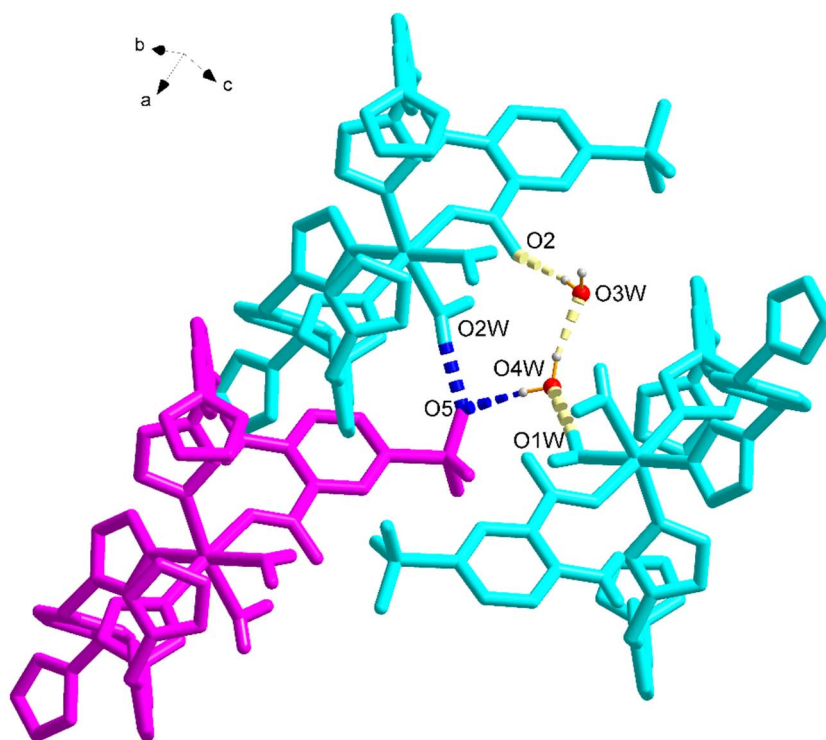


Figure S1 The interlayer hydrogen bonding between the uncoordinated sulfonate oxygen atom O5 of the adjacent layer and the coordinated O2W and the lattice O4W [O2W-H2WB \cdots O5^{vi}_{sulfonate} 1.9337(198) Å, symmetry code: (vi) $x-1, y, z$, O4W-H4WB \cdots O5ⁱ_{sulfonate} 2.0714(250) Å, symmetry code: (i) $x-1, -y+3/2, z+1/2$].

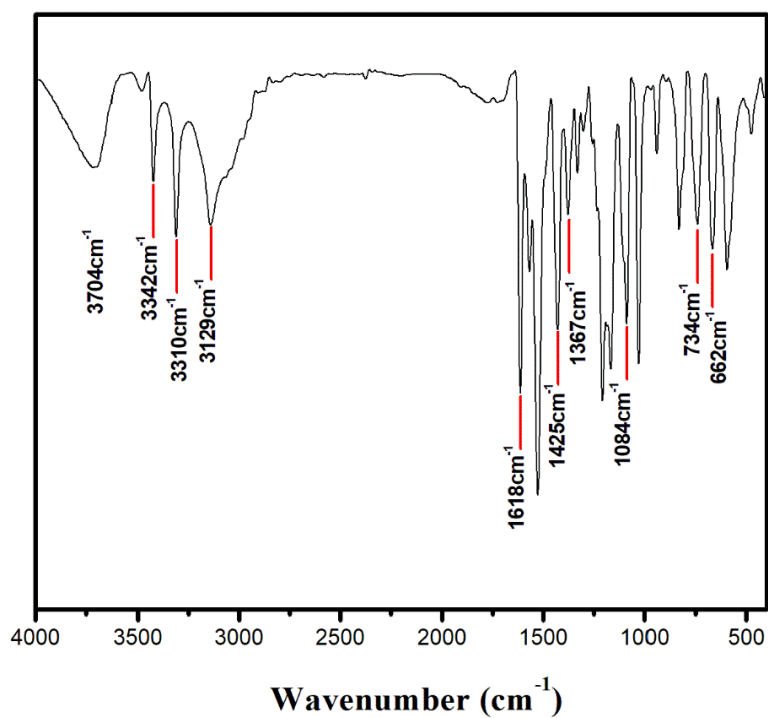


Figure S2 The FT-IR spectrum of complex (1).

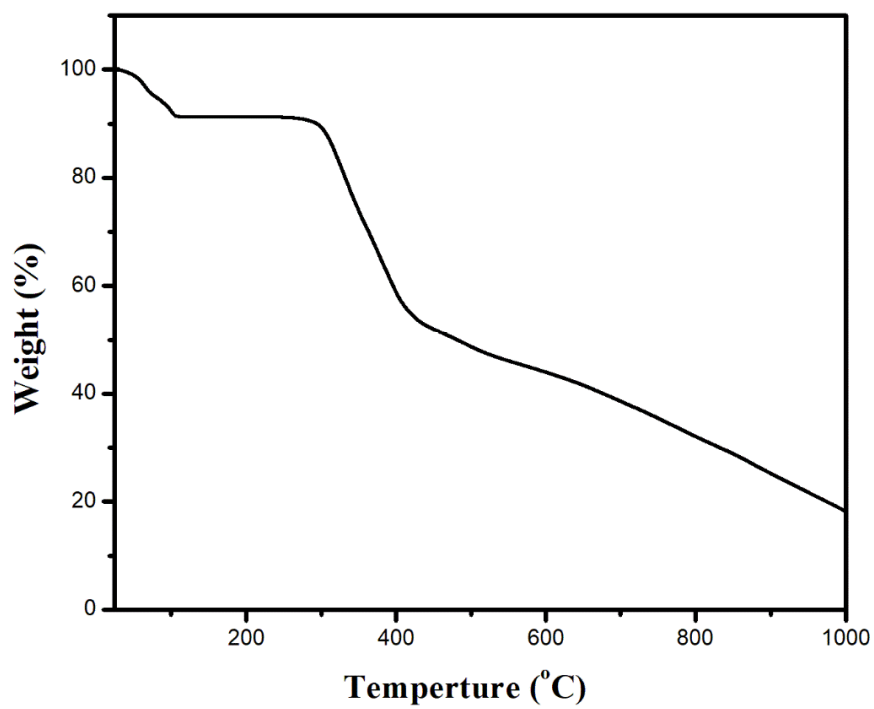


Figure S3 The thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) curve of complex (1).

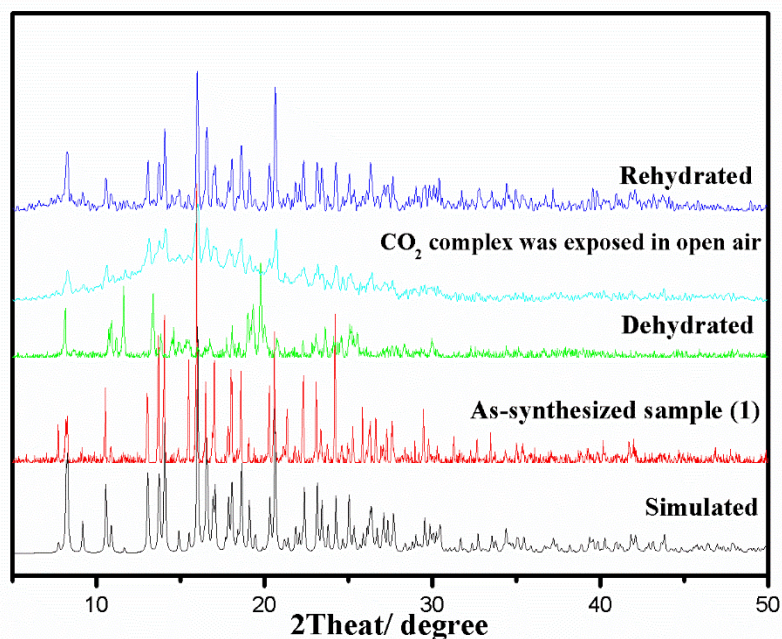


Figure S4 The VT-PXRD patterns recorded for (1), showing the simulated XRD pattern calculated from the single-crystal data with Mercury (Macrae et al., 2008) (black), that for the sample as-synthesized (red), that after removal of the water molecules at 388 K (green), the CO₂ complex exposed in 1 bar in atmosphere (cyan) and that after being soaked in water for about 3 d at room temperature (blue).

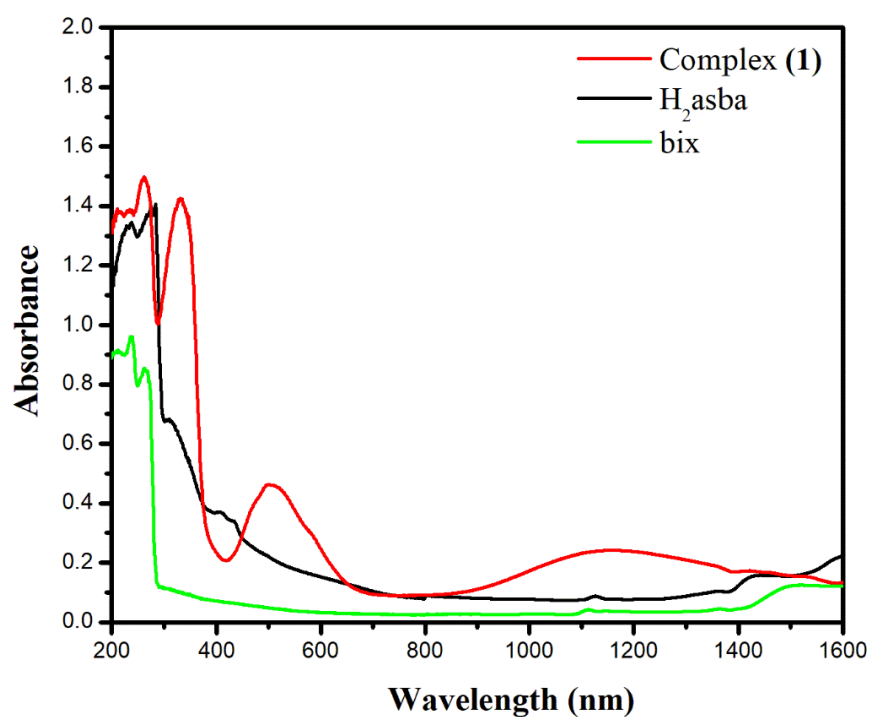


Figure S5 The solid-state UV–Vis–NIR absorption spectra of H₂asba (black), bix (green) and complex (1) (red), respectively.

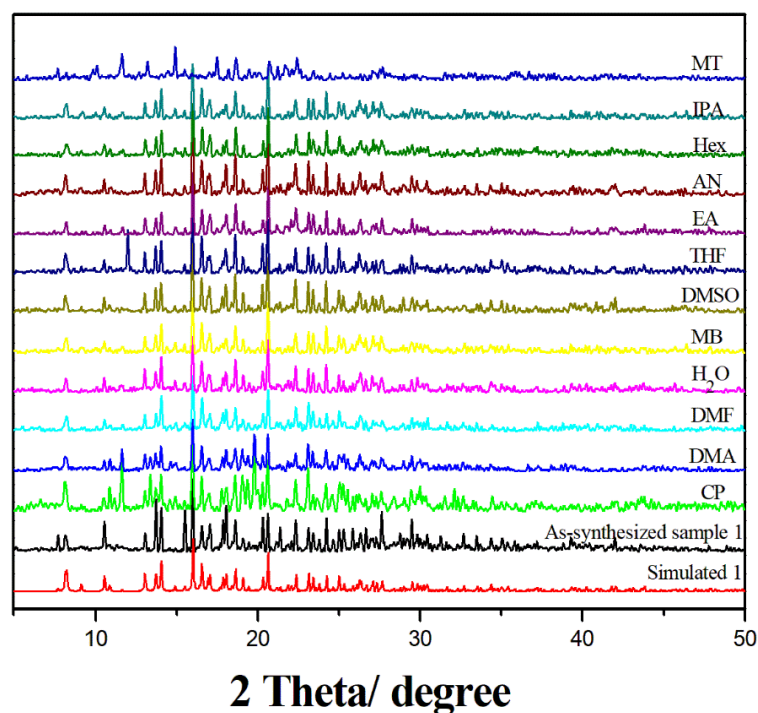
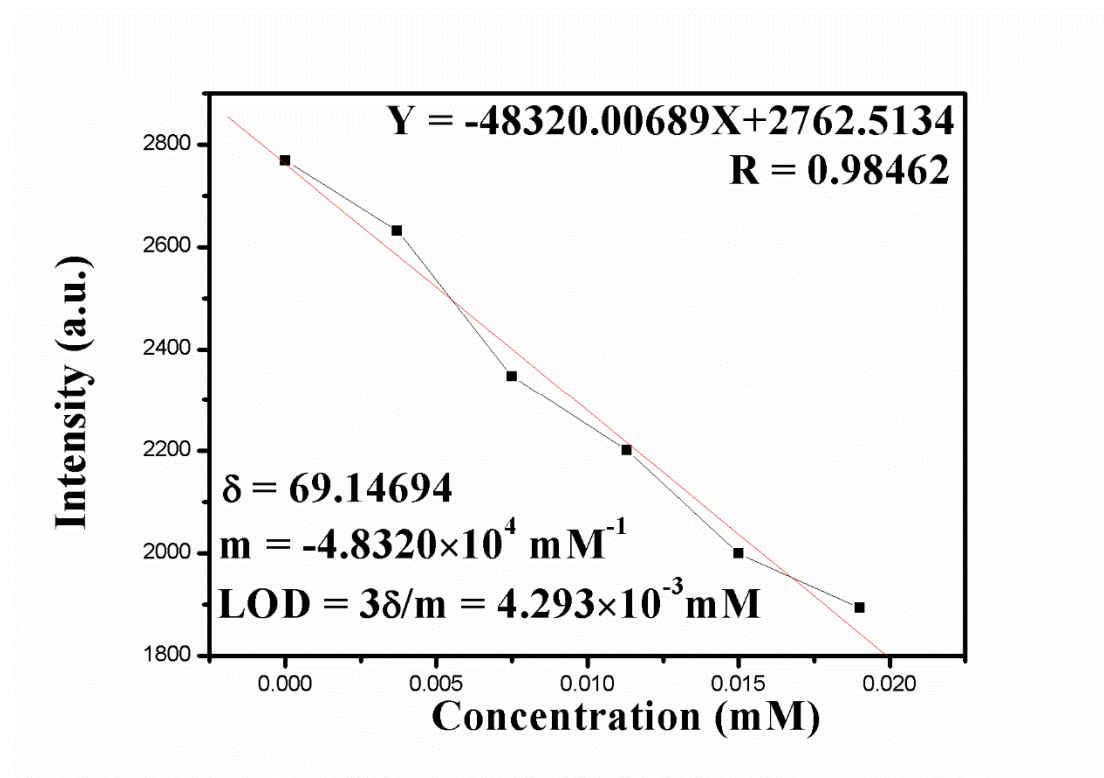
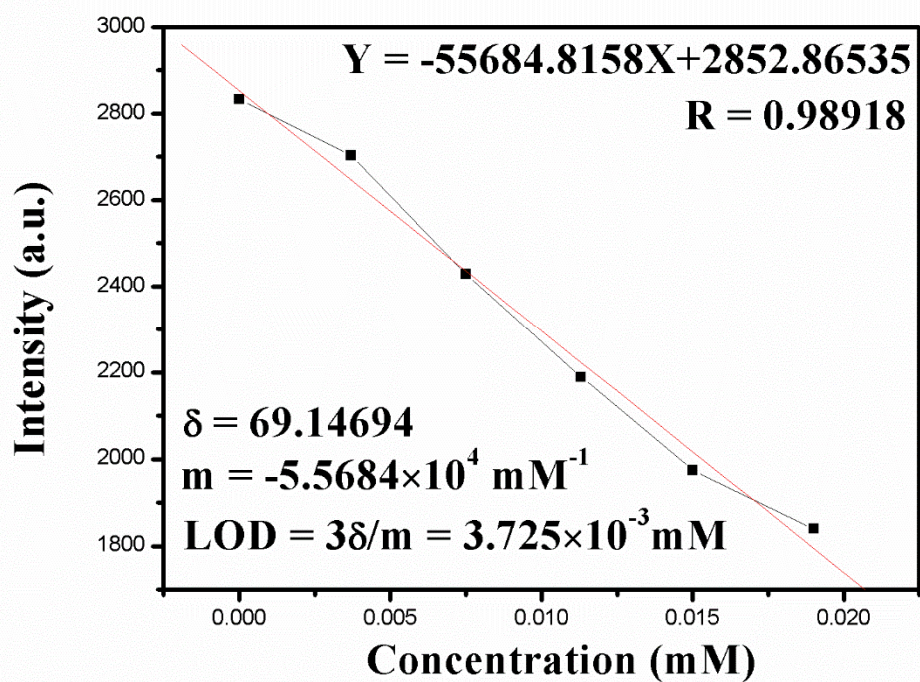
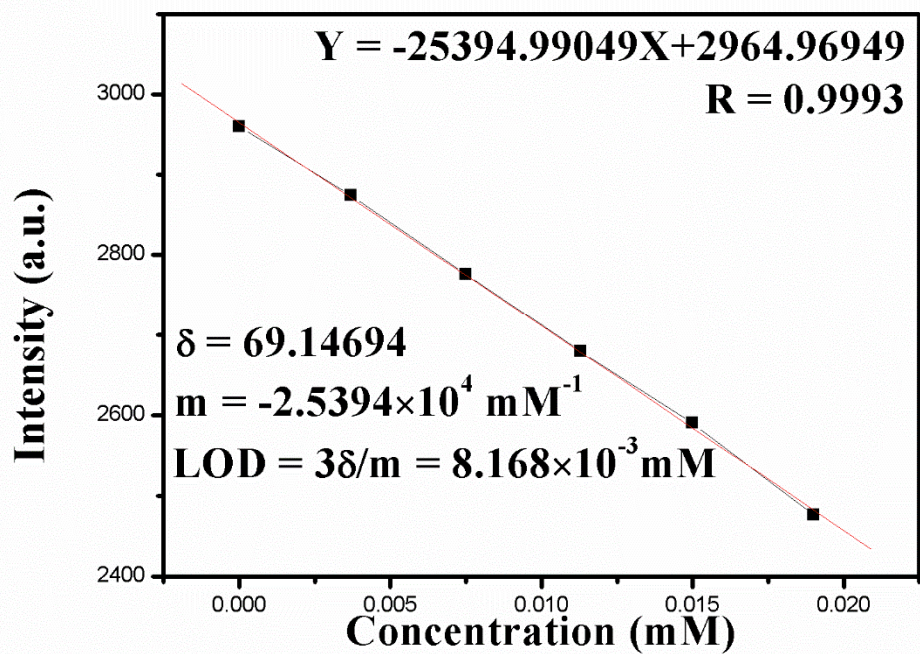


Figure S6 The PXRD patterns of the samples after being immersed in different solvents for about 4 d and that of the bulk sample (1).

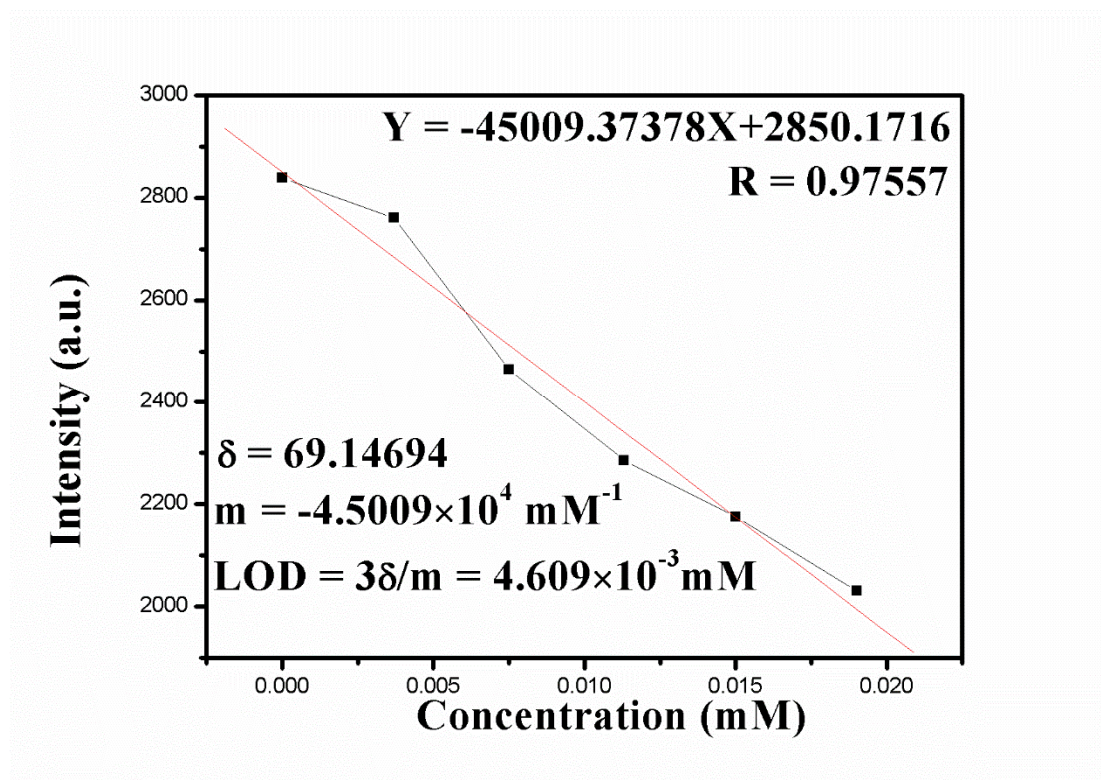




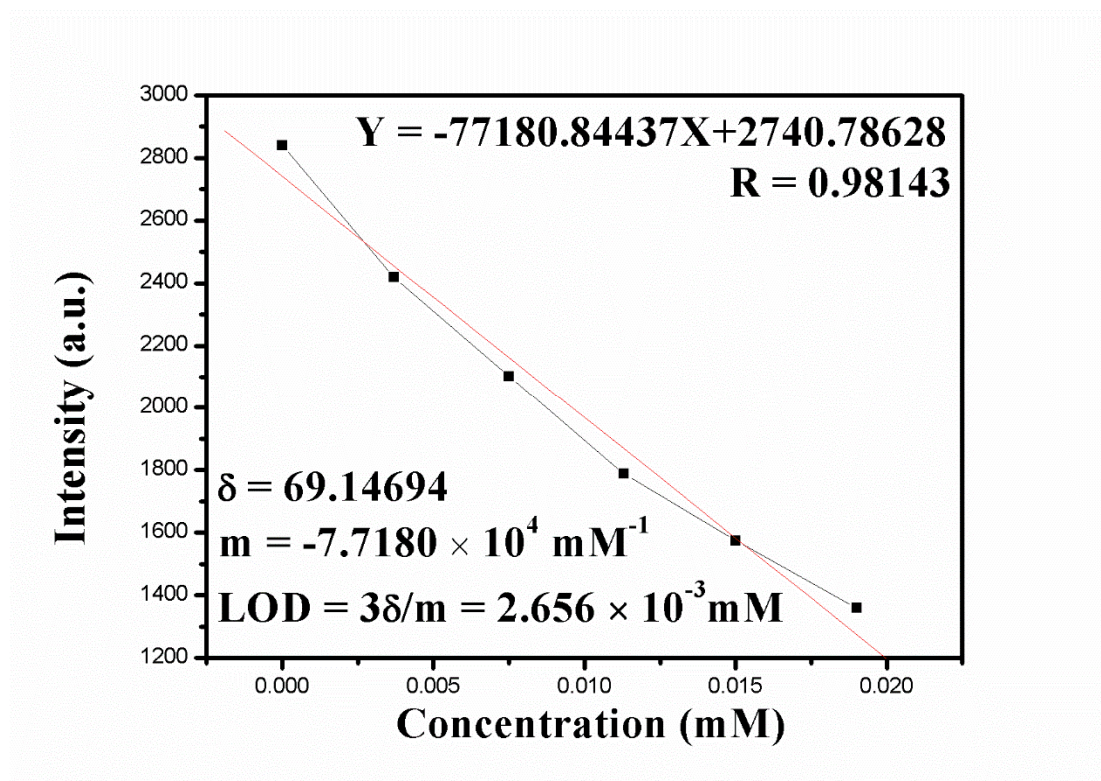
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D



E

Figure S7 The best linear fitting of the fluorescence intensity of the aqueous suspensions of **(1)** (A-E) *versus* the NACs concentration (0 - 0.01875 mM). **A:** 2,6-DC-4-NP, **B:** 2-M-4-NA, **C:** 2-MO-5-NP, **D:** 4-NA, **E:** TNP.