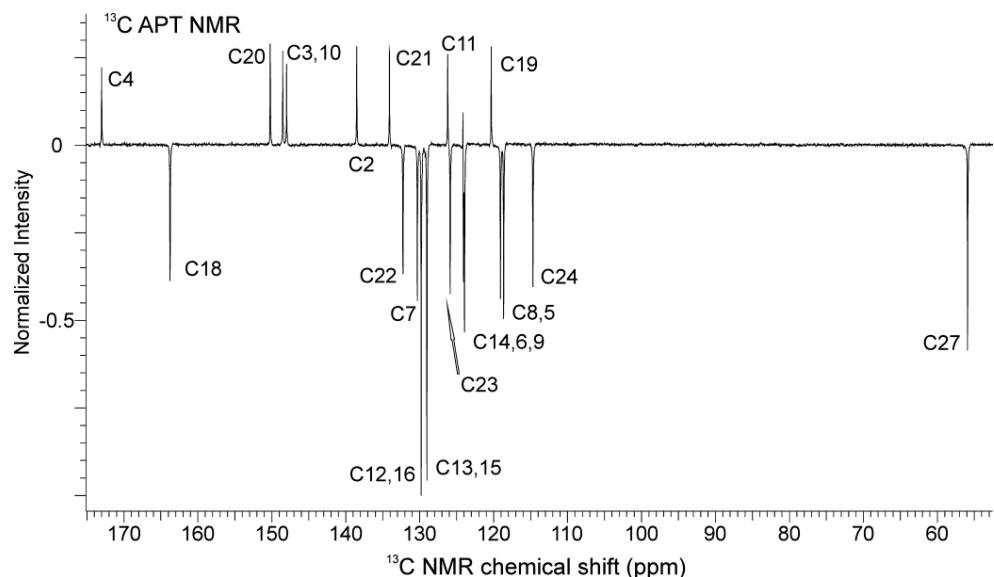


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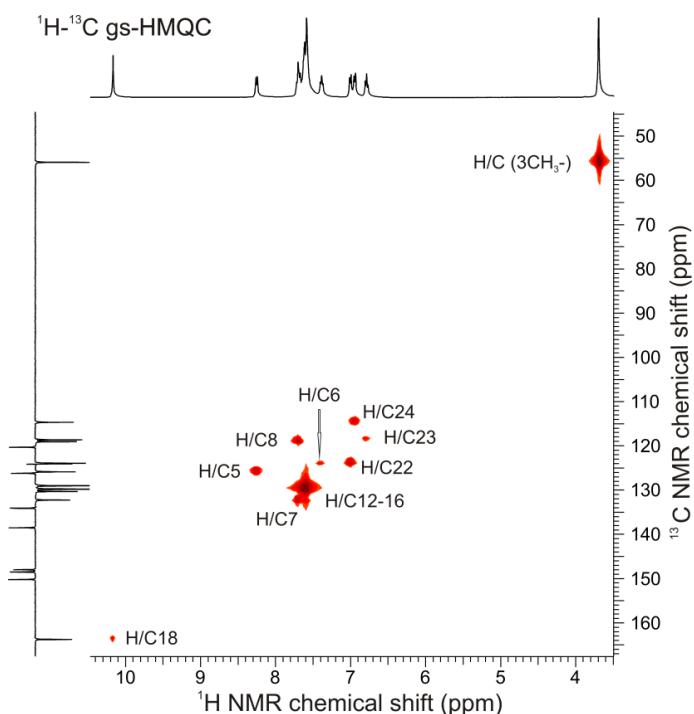
## Characterization of 2-Phenyl-3-amino-4(1*H*)-quinolinone

The compound was characterized by elemental analysis and ESI+ mass spectrometry. Anal. Calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (M<sub>r</sub> = 236.3): C, 76.3; H, 5.1; N, 11.9. Found: C, 76.4; H, 5.0; N, 11.3%. ESI+ *m/z* (Int. %): 237 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (100), 276 [2M+K]<sup>+</sup> (10).

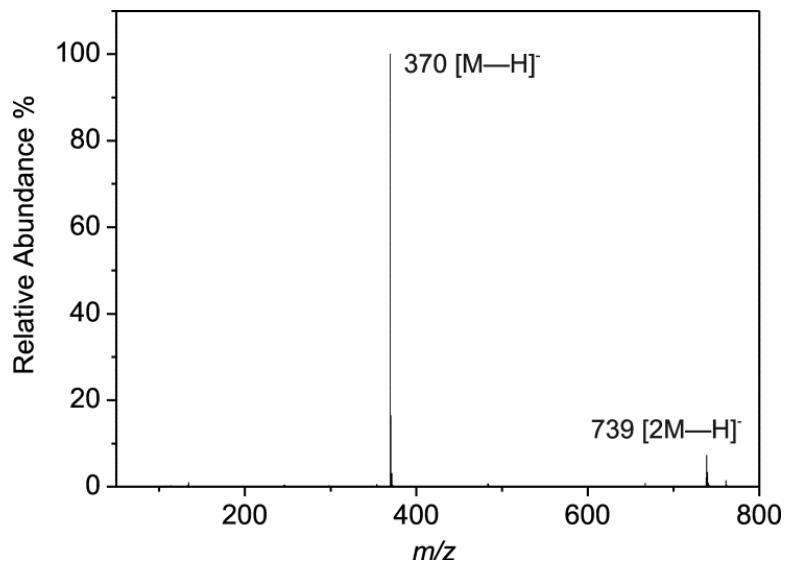
**Figure S1.** <sup>13</sup>C APT NMR spectrum of compound 3.



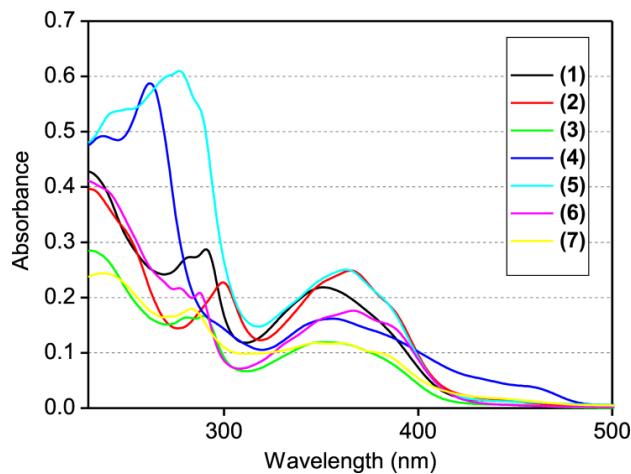
**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C gs-HMQC NMR spectrum of compound 3.



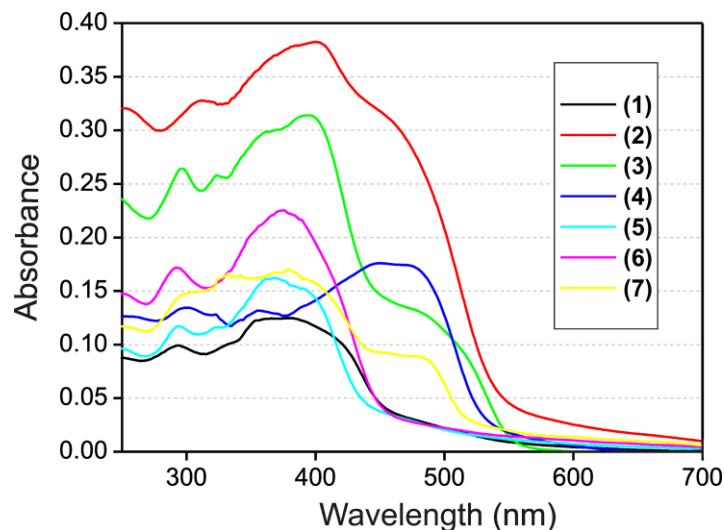
**Figure S3.** ESI– mass spectrum of **3** showing the molecular peak at  $370\text{ }m/z$  and pseudo-molecular peak of a dimer at  $739\text{ }m/z$ .



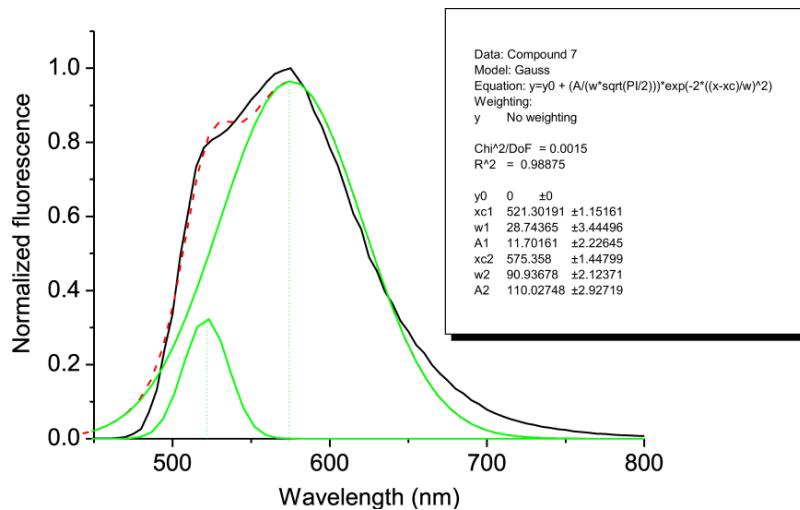
**Figure S4.** Electronic spectra of compounds **1–7**,  $10\text{ }\mu\text{M}$  in EtOH–H<sub>2</sub>O (95:5 v/v).



**Figure S5.** Electronic solid state spectra of compounds **1–7**.



**Figure S6.** A deconvoluted fluorescence spectrum of compound 7, showing two emission maxima at 521 nm and 575 nm.



**Table** for compounds **1**, **3** and **7**.

**Table S1.** Selected non-covalent contacts ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ) for compounds **1**, **3** and **7**.

D-H $\cdots$ A	$d(\text{H}\cdots\text{A})/\text{\AA}$	$d(\text{D}\cdots\text{A})/\text{\AA}$	$\angle (\text{DHA})/^\circ$	Symmetry codes
<b>1</b>				
O1 $\cdots$ N1	1.862(1)	2.599(2)	145.74(9)	x,y,z
N2 $\cdots$ O3	2.030(1)	2.885(2)	163.4(1)	1-x, -0.5+y, 0.5-z
N2 $\cdots$ O1	2.482(1)	3.067(2)	124.43(9)	1-x, -0.5+y, 0.5-z
O3 $\cdots$ O2s	1.739(2)	2.594(2)	159.0(1)	x, y, z
O2s $\cdots$ O2	1.89(2)	2.751(2)	161(2)	-x, -0.5+y, 0.5-z
O2s $\cdots$ O2	1.90(2)	2.711(2)	168(2)	x, 1.5-y, -0.5+z
<b>3</b>				
O1 $\cdots$ N1	1.825(1)	2.565(2)	146.09(9)	x, y, z
N2 $\cdots$ O1	2.370(1)	3.198(2)	156.7(1)	1-x, 0.5+y, 0.5-z
N2 $\cdots$ O3	2.188(1)	2.871(2)	134.1(1)	1-x, 0.5+y, 0.5-z
<b>7</b>				
O1 $\cdots$ N1	1.871(2)	2.615(3)	147.0(1)	x, y, z
N2 $\cdots$ O2	1.950(2)	2.806(3)	164.1(1)	-0.25+x, 0.25-y, -0.25+z