

Cyclodextrin encapsulated pH sensitive dyes as fluorescent cellular probes: self-aggregation and in vitro assessments

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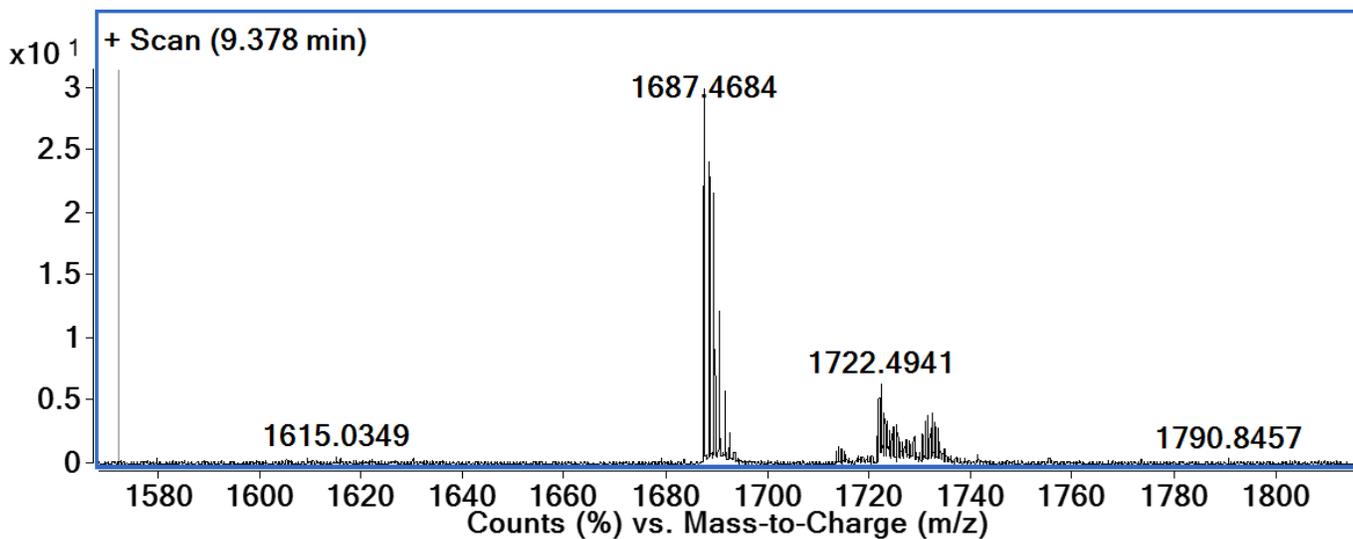
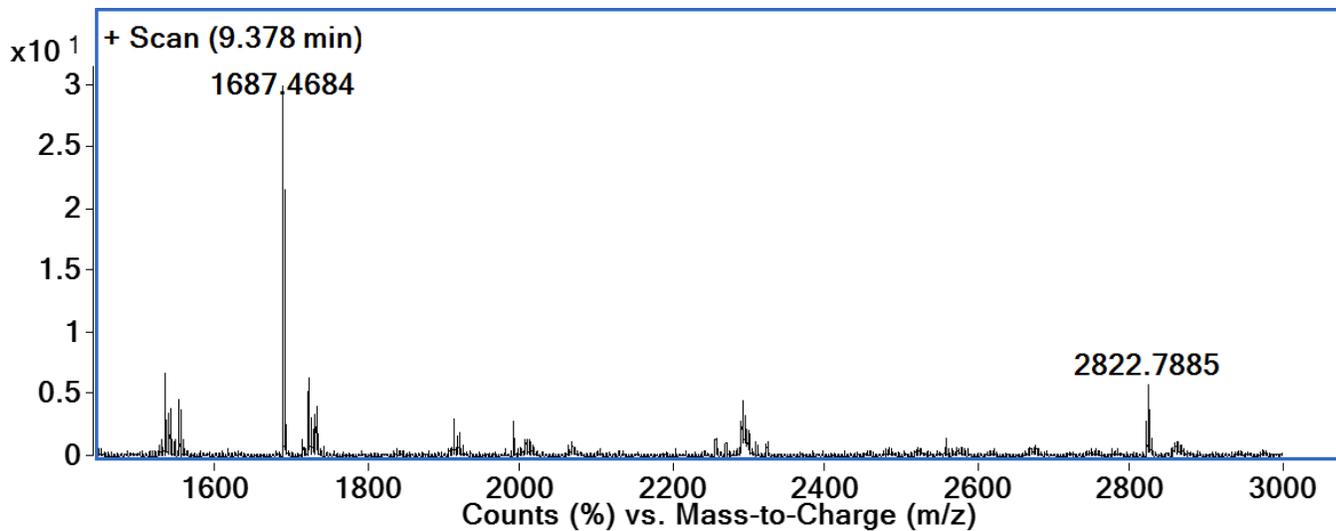
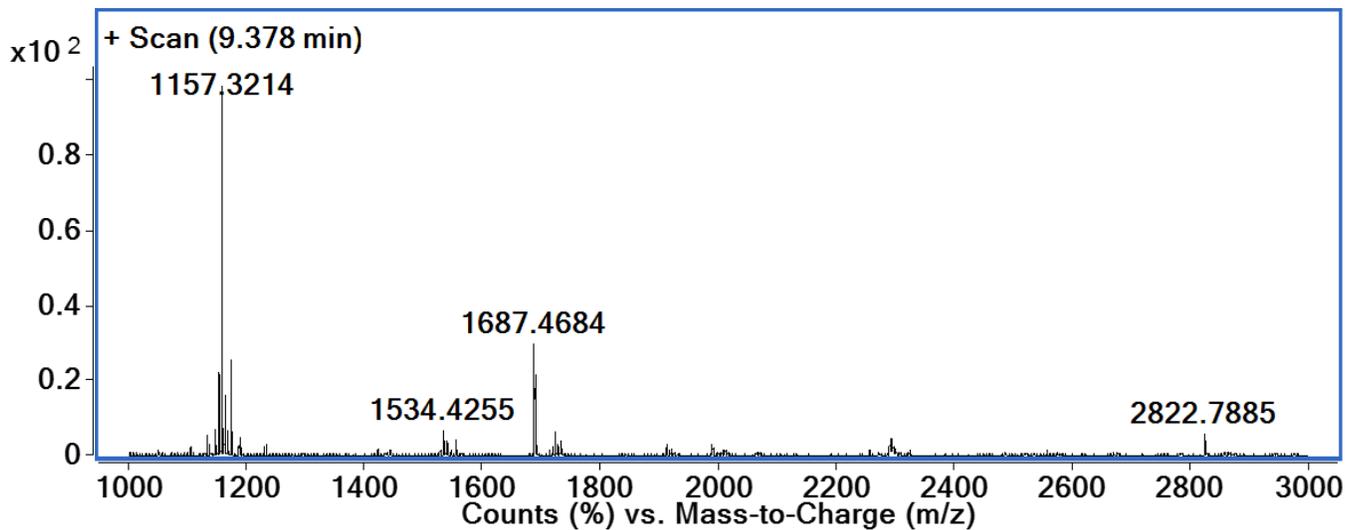
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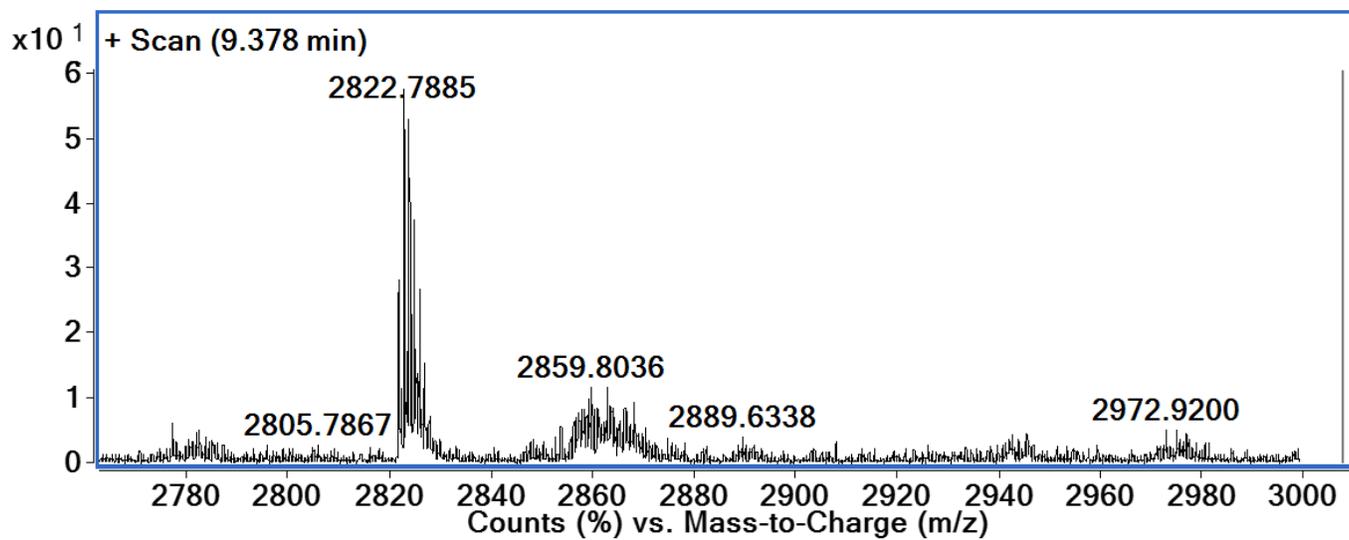
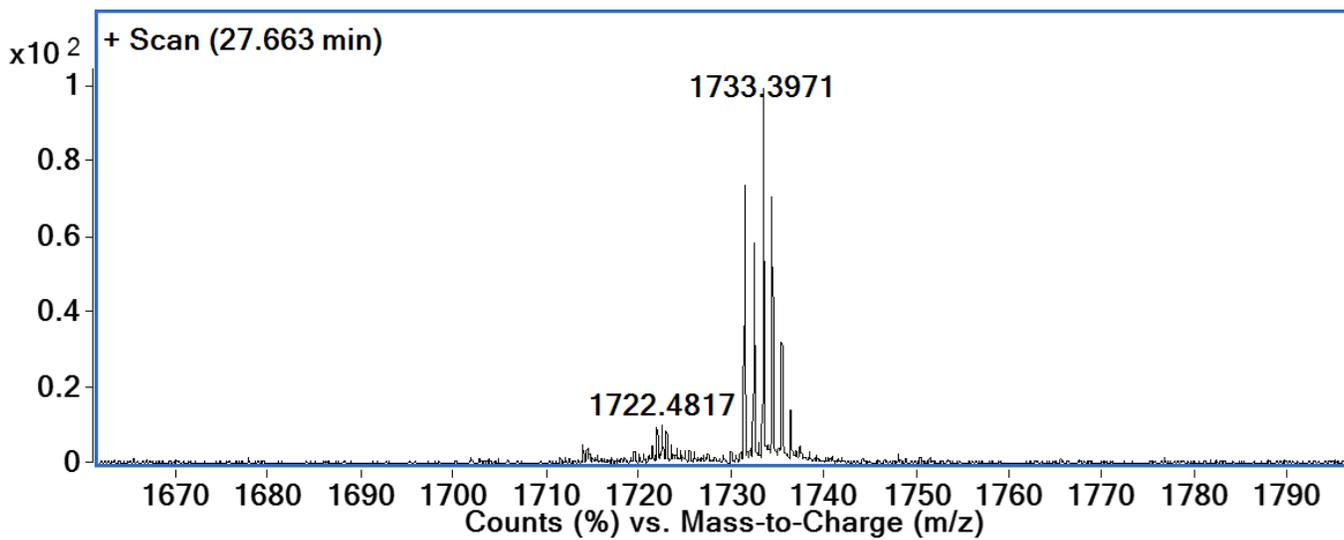
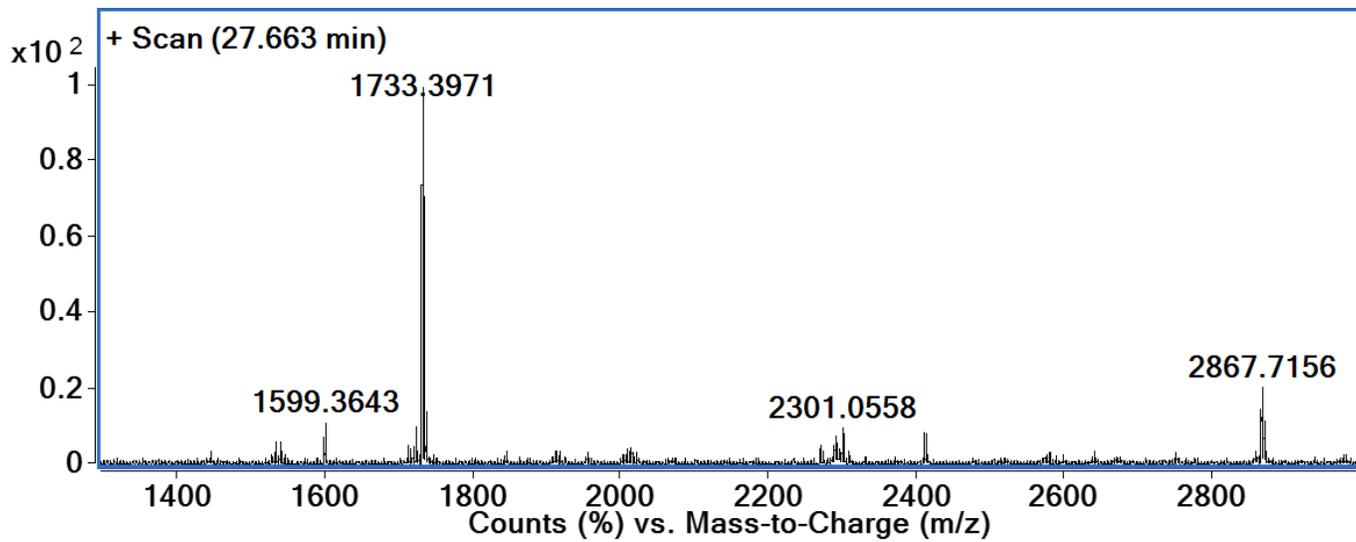
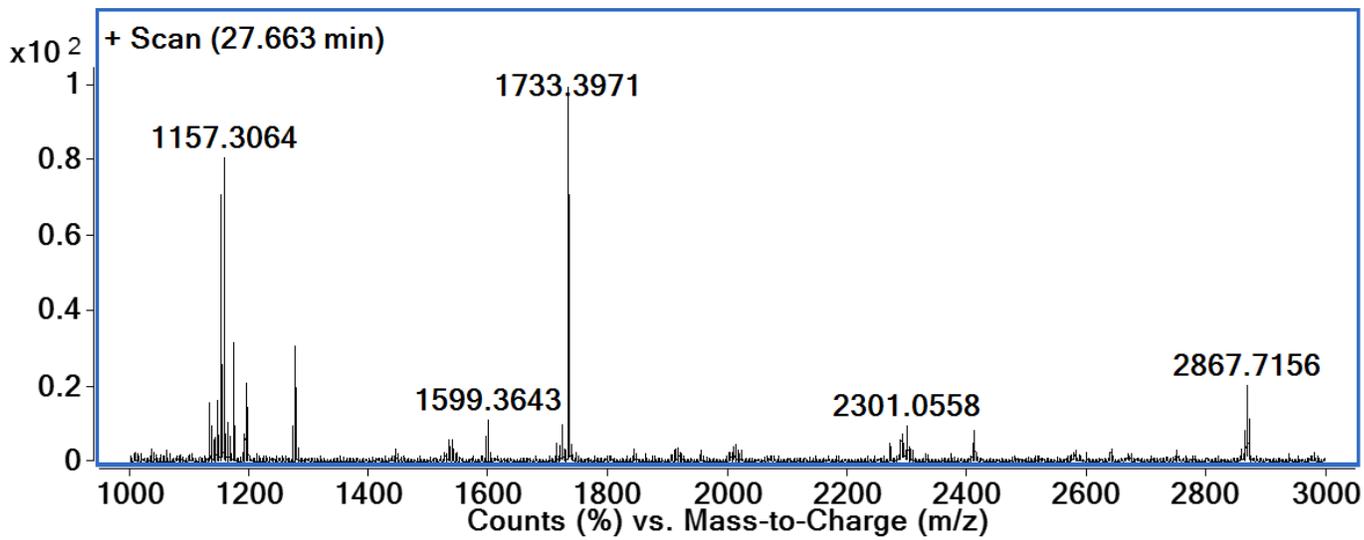


Figure S1. Examples of ESI-MS spectra of the **1a_CD** at 1:5 molar ratio between indolizine **1a** and CD. Peaks corresponding to: β -CD (MNa^+ ion at m/z 1157), the formation of 1:1 inclusion complex ($M^+-Br + CD$ ion at m/z 1687) and 1:2 ($M^+-Br + 2CD$ ion at m/z 2822) have been identified.



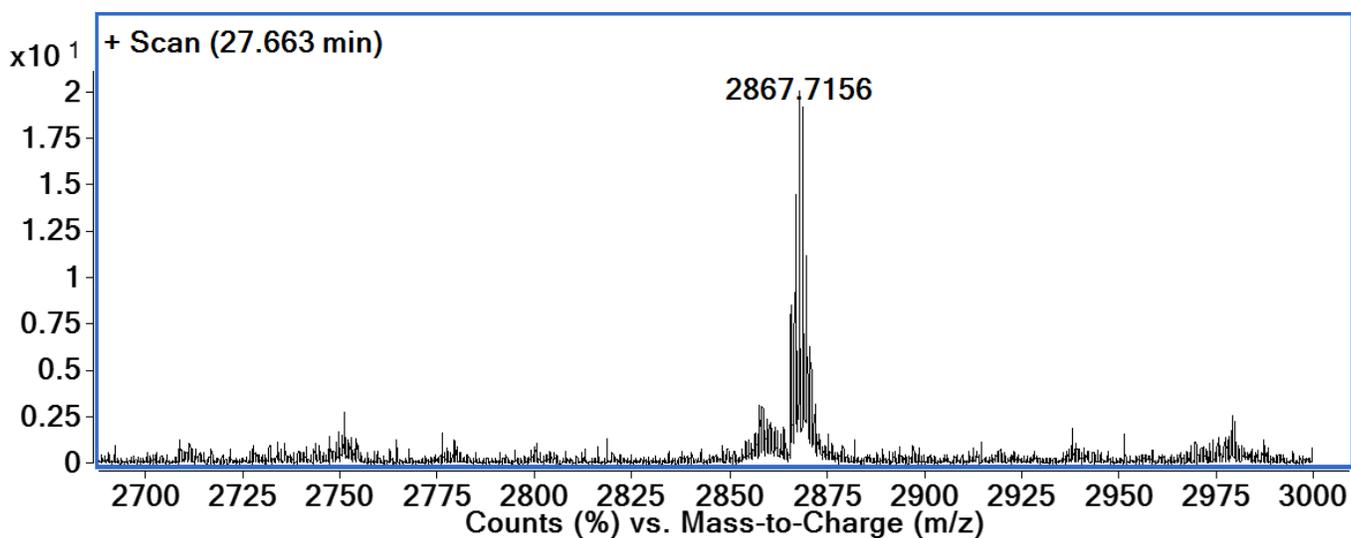
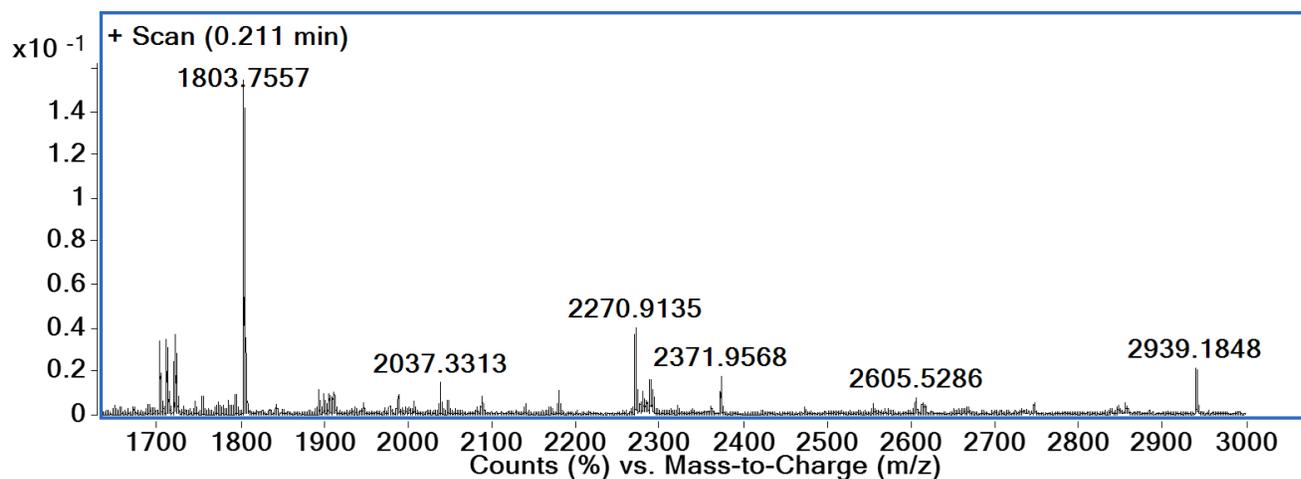


Figure S2. Examples of ESI-MS spectra of the **1b**_CD at 1:5 molar ratio between indolizine **1b** and CD. Peaks corresponding to: β -CD (MNa^+ ion at m/z 1157), the formation of 1:1 inclusion complex ($M^+-Br + CD$ ion at m/z 1733) and 1:2 ($M^+-Br + 2CD$ ion at m/z 2867) have been identified.



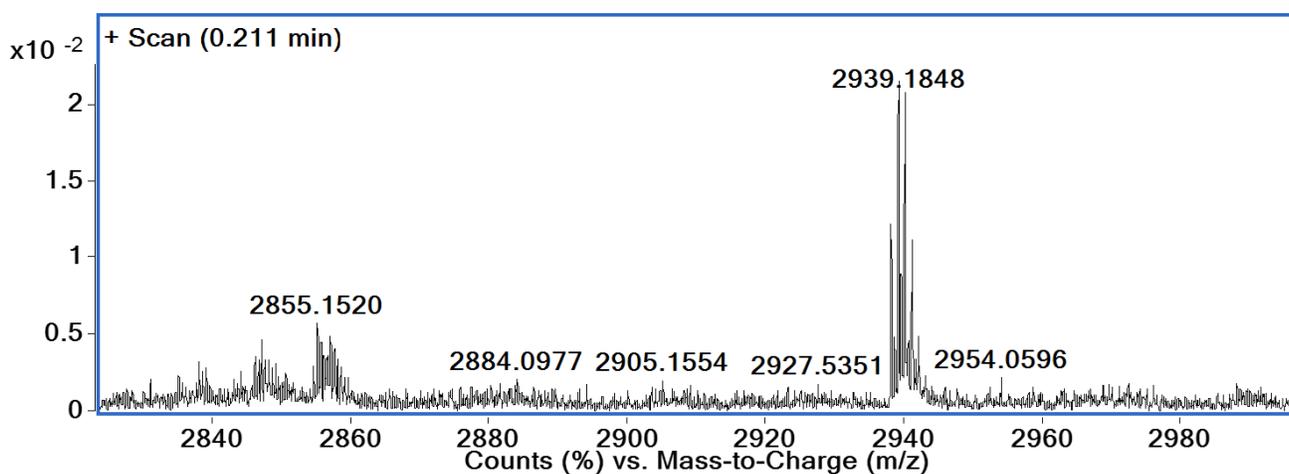
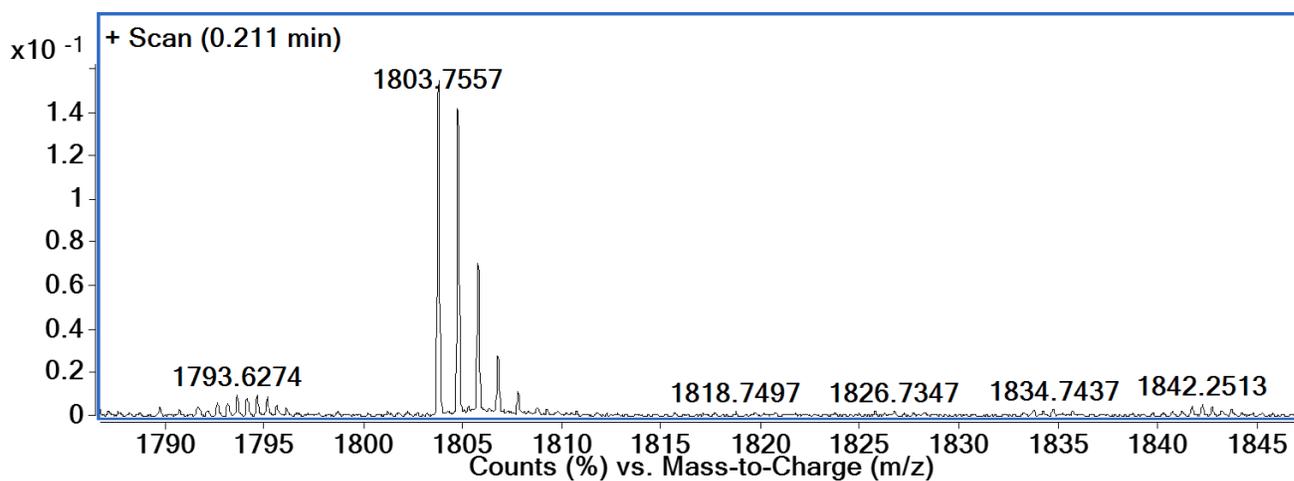
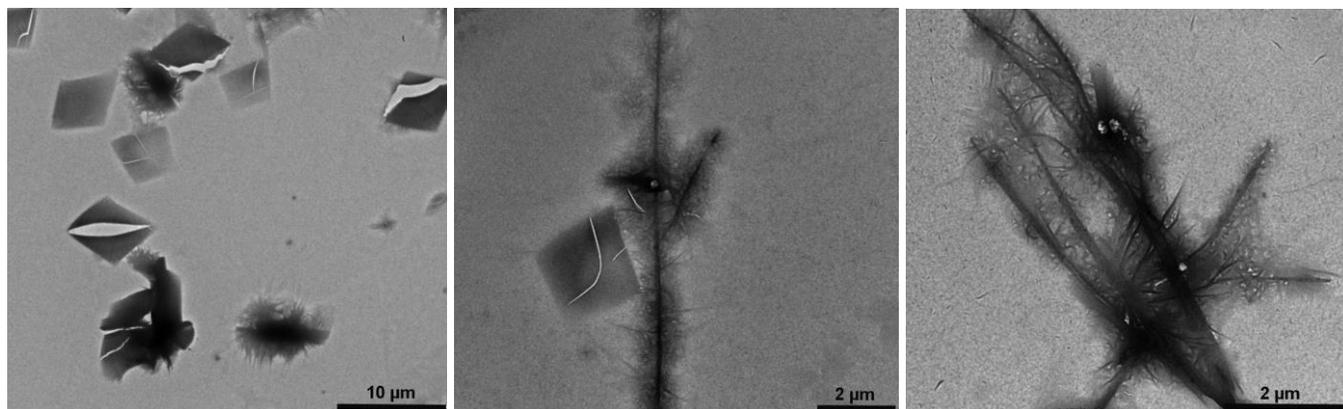
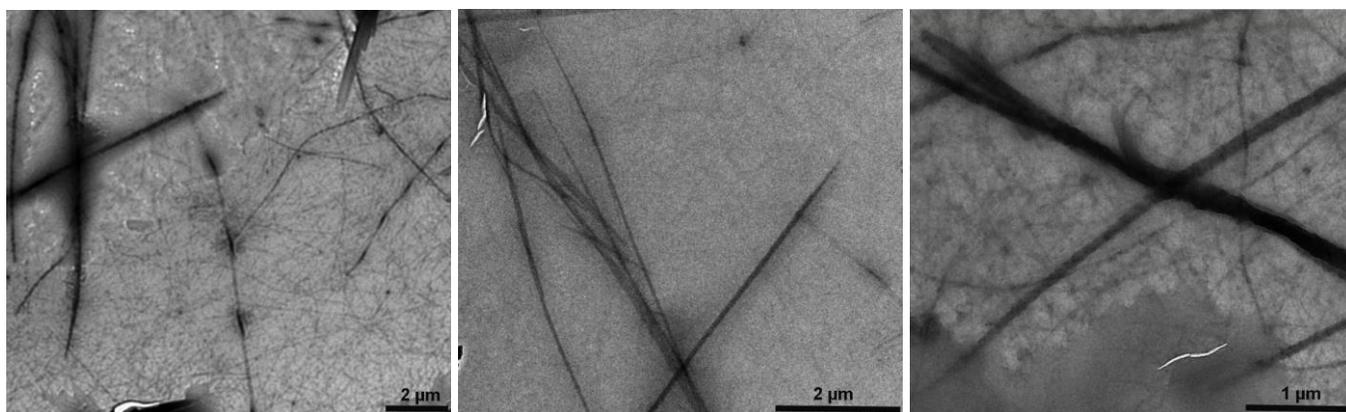


Figure S3. Examples of ESI-MS spectra of the **1c_CD** at 1:5 molar ratio between indolizine **1c** and CD. Peaks corresponding to: the formation of 1:1 inclusion complex ($M^+-Br + CD$ ion at m/z 1803) and 1:2 ($M^+-Br + 2CD$ ion at m/z 2939) have been identified.

(A)



(B)



(C)

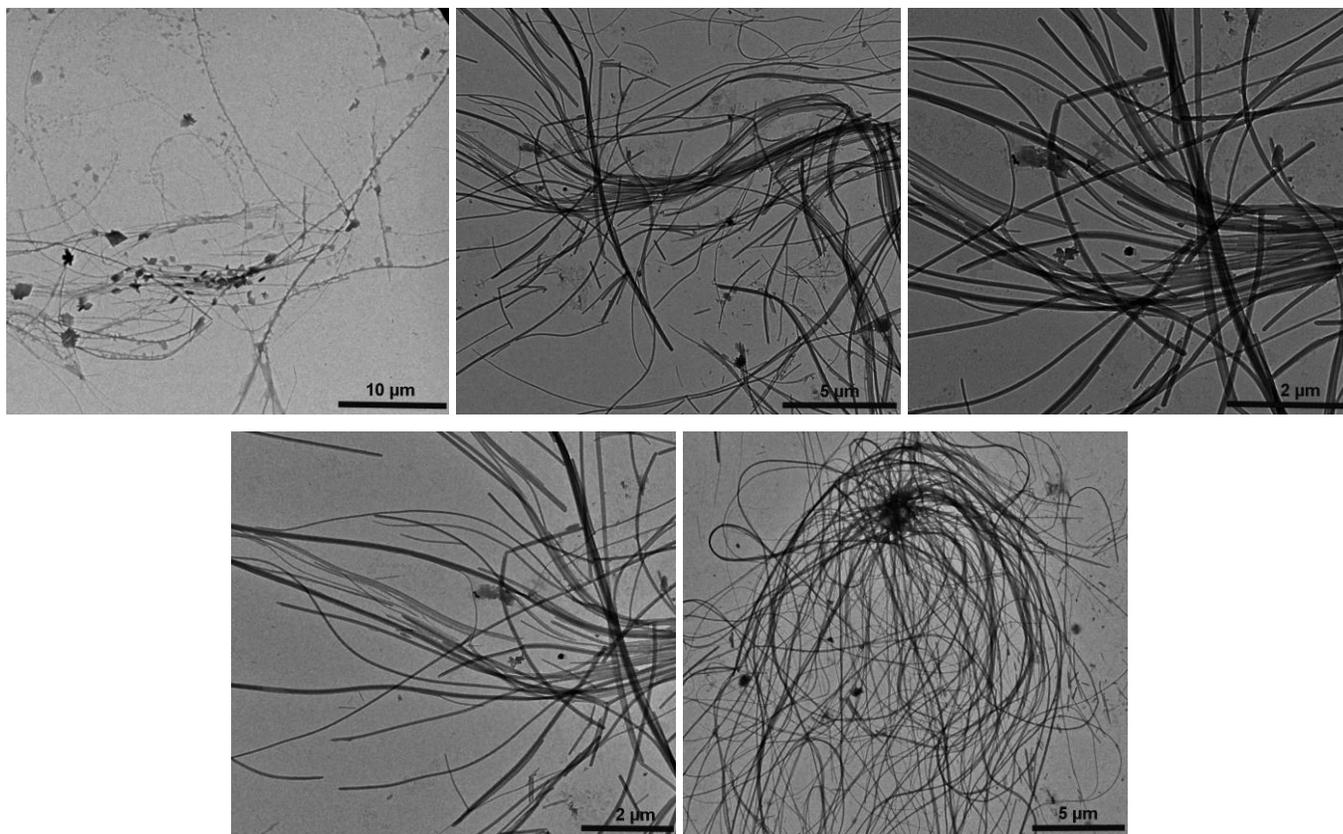


Figure S4: Examples of TEM images for compounds **1a_CD** (A); **1b_CD** (B); **1c_CD** (C).

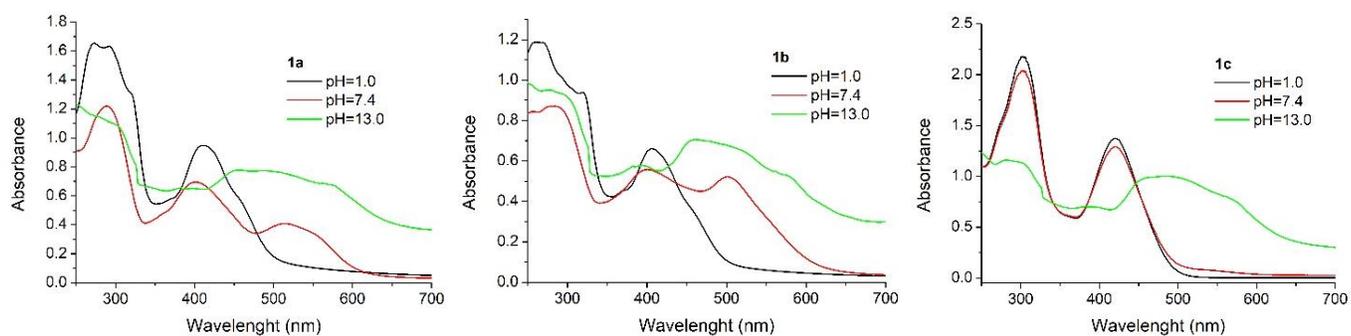


Figure S5: UV-Vis spectra of compounds **1(a-c)** at pH value of 1.0 (0.1 M HCl), 7.4 (1xTAE) and 13.0 (0.1 M NaOH).

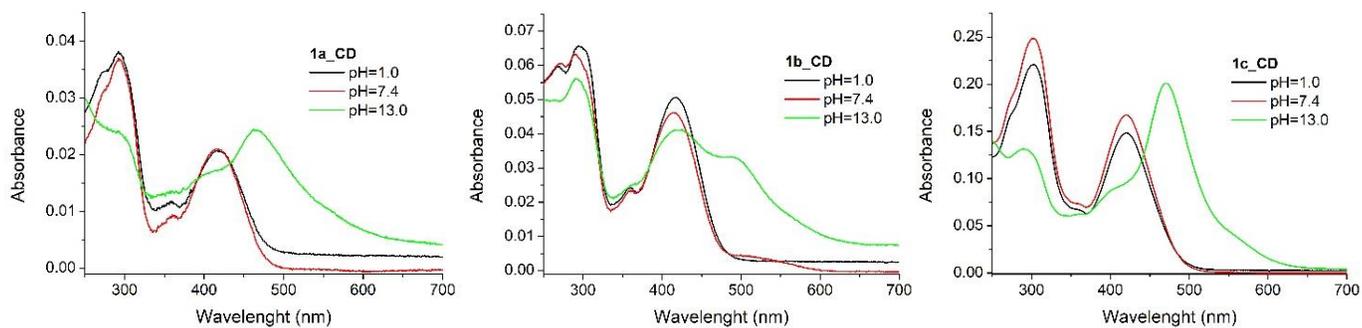
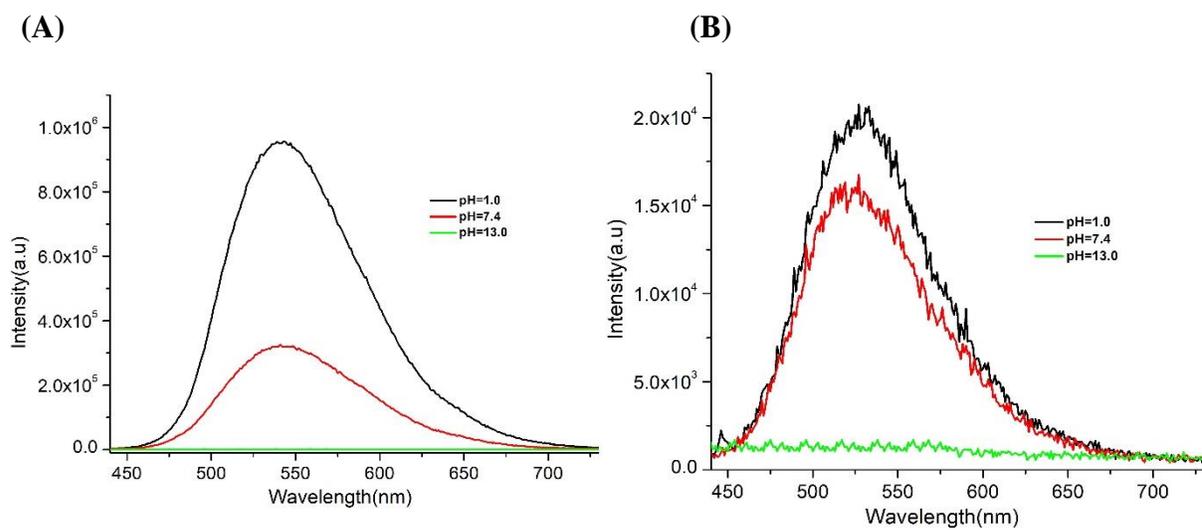


Figure S6: UV-Vis spectra of compounds **1(a-c)_CD** at pH value of 1.0 (0.1 M HCl), 7.4 (1xTAE) and 13.0 (0.1 M NaOH).



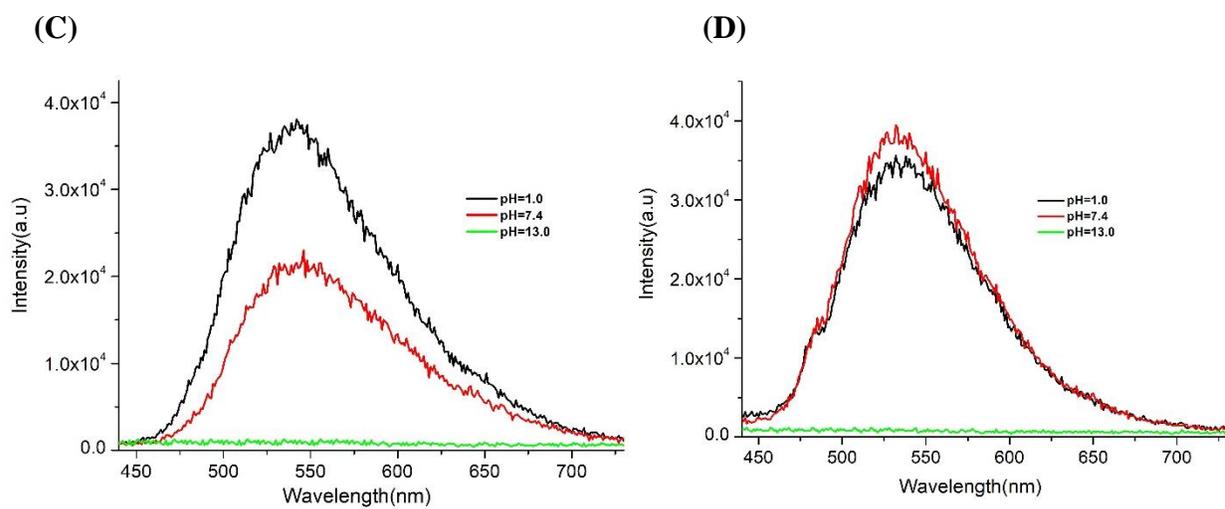


Figure S7: Fluorescence spectra at pH = 1.0 (0.1 M HCl), 7.4 (1xTAE) and 13.0 (0.1 M NaOH) for compounds: (A) compound **1b**, (B) compound **1b_CD**, (C) compound **1c** and (D) compound **1c_CD**.

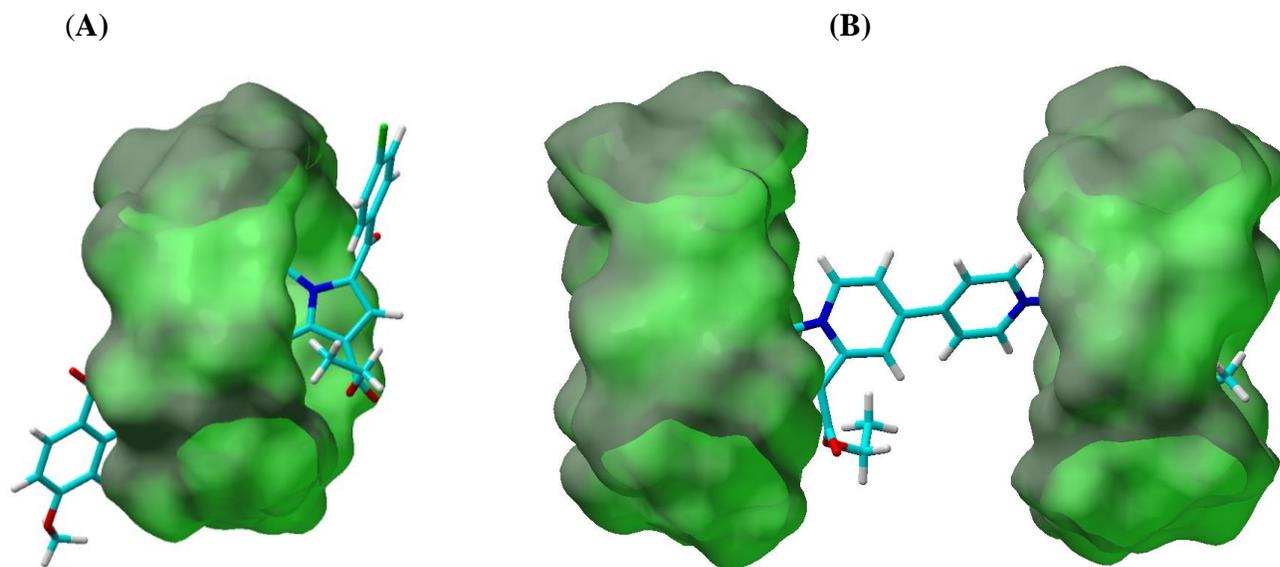


Figure S8: Examples of molecular docking models of compound **1b** in complex with β -CD showing the possibility of the 1:1 (A) and 1:2 (B) inclusion complexes formation.

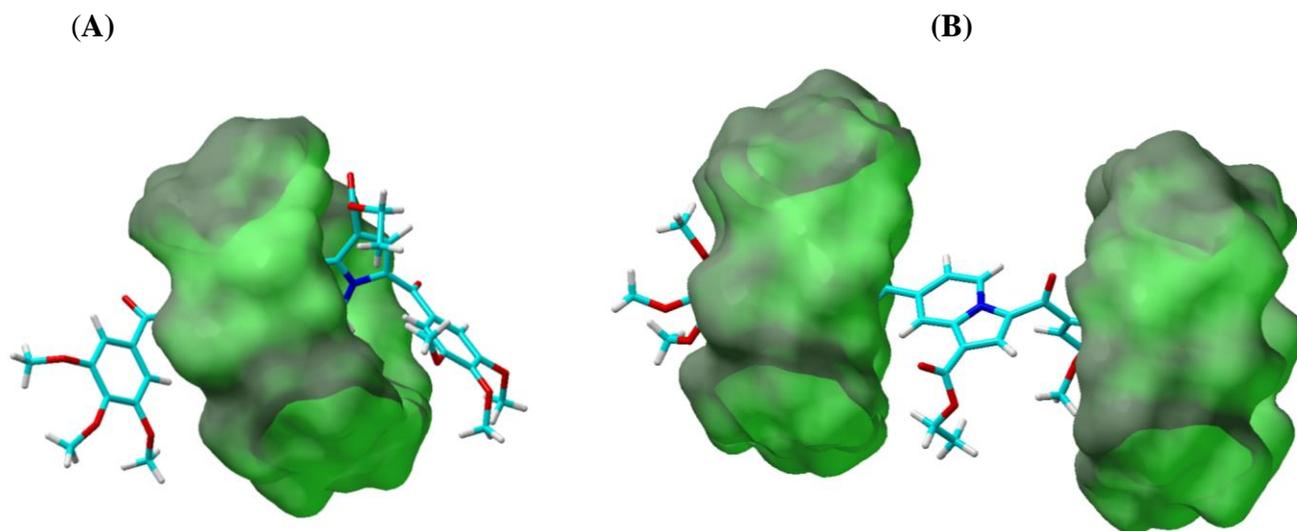


Figure S9: Examples of molecular docking models of compound **1c** in complex with β -CD showing the possibility of the 1:1 (A) and 1:2 (B) inclusion complexes formation.

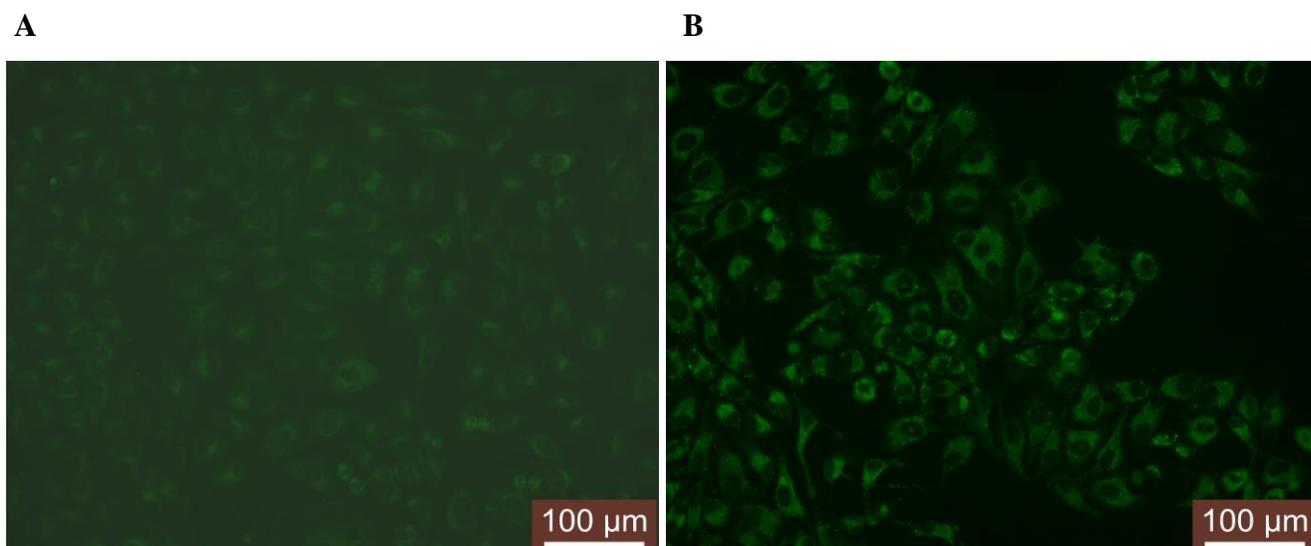


Figure S10. Compound **1b_CD** uptake into HeLa cells after 15 min (left) and 24 hours (right) incubation.

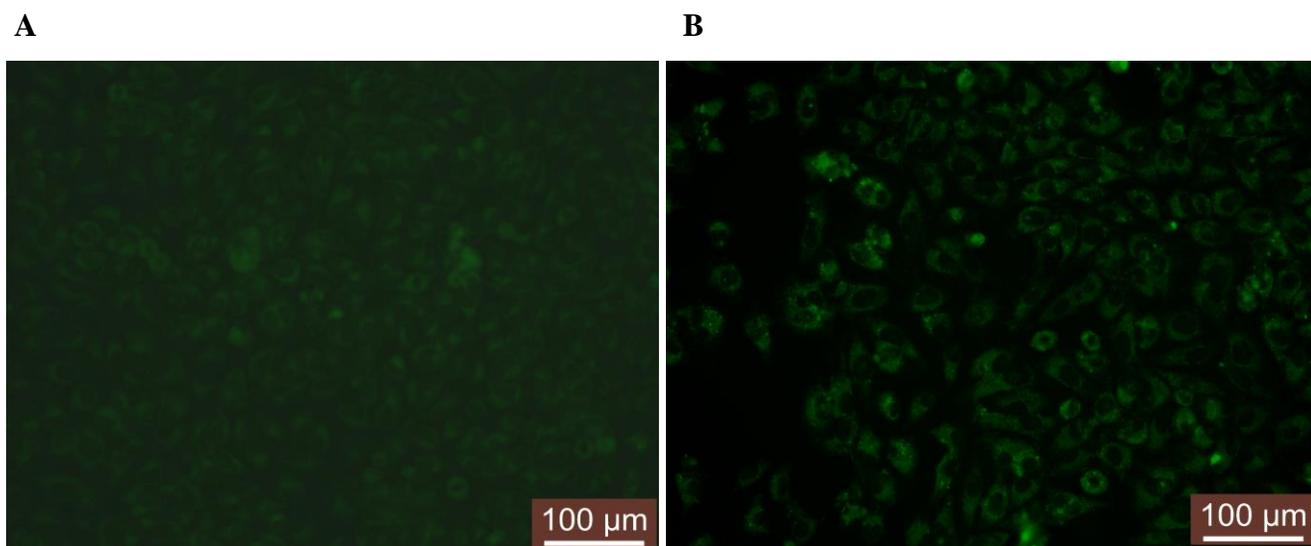


Figure S11. Compound **1c_CD** uptake into HeLa cells after 15 min (left) and 24 hours (right) incubation.

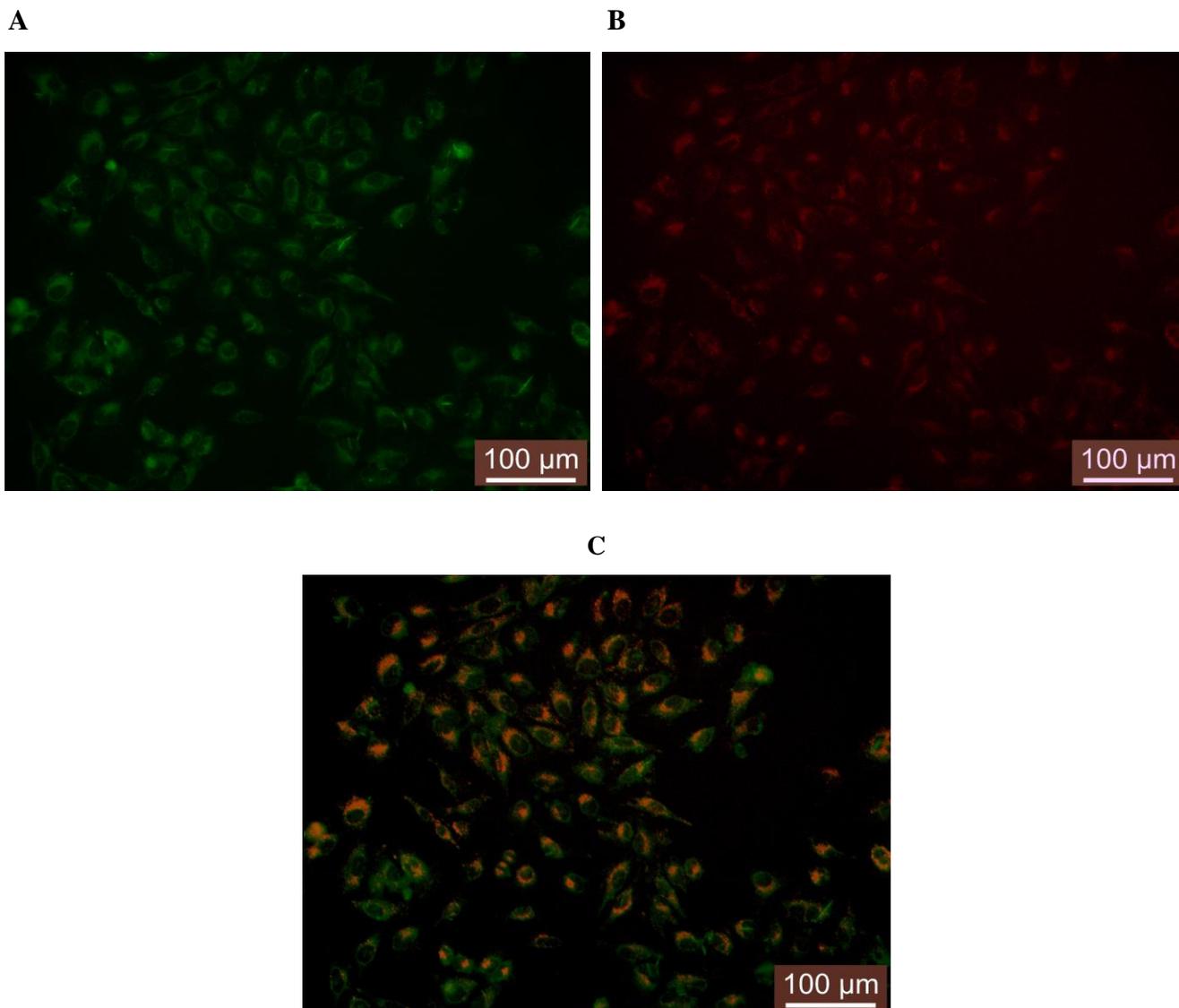


Figure S12. Examples of images for intracellular distribution of compound **1b_CD** after 24 hours (A) compared to LysoTracker Red (B) and corresponding overlay (C).

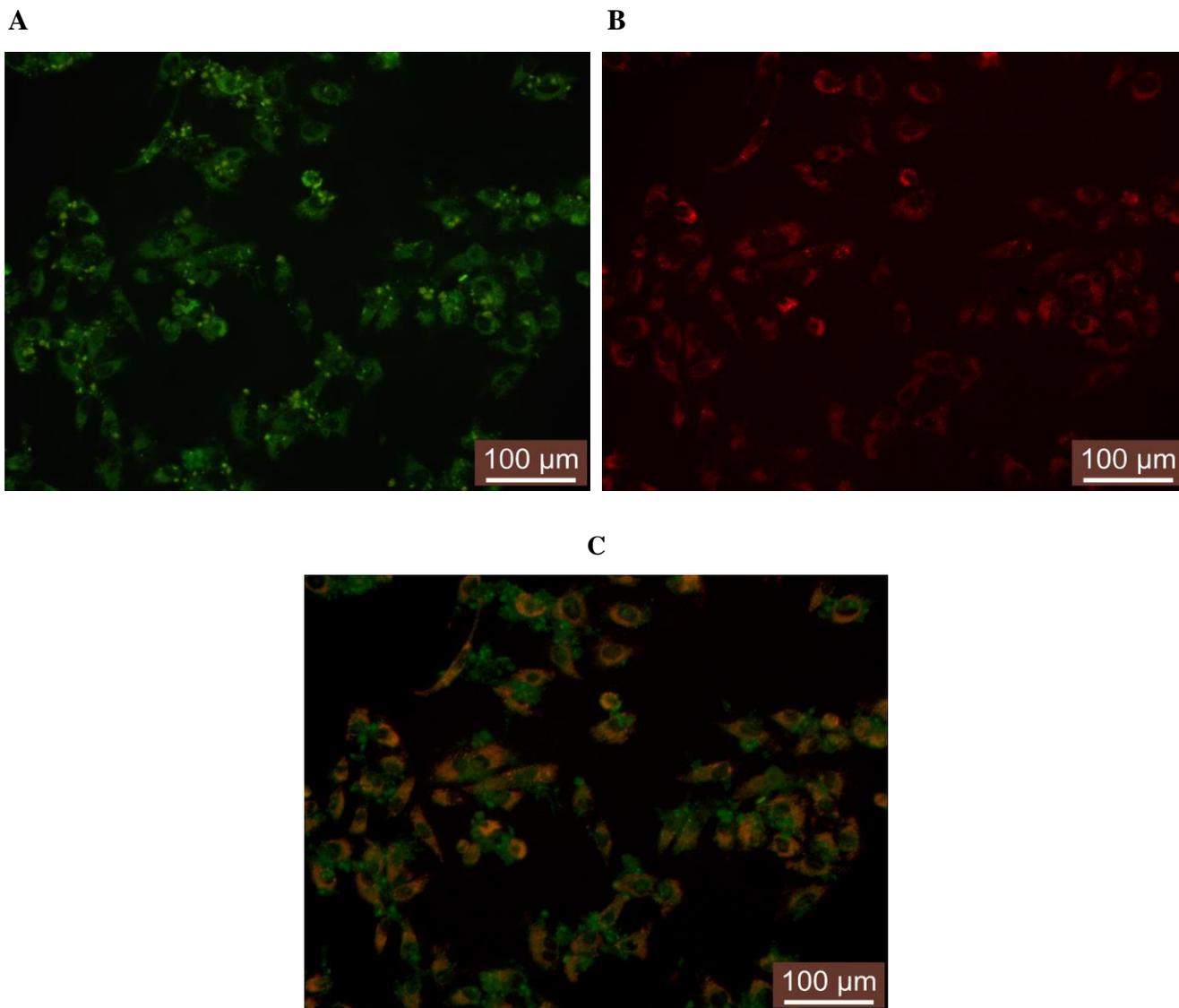


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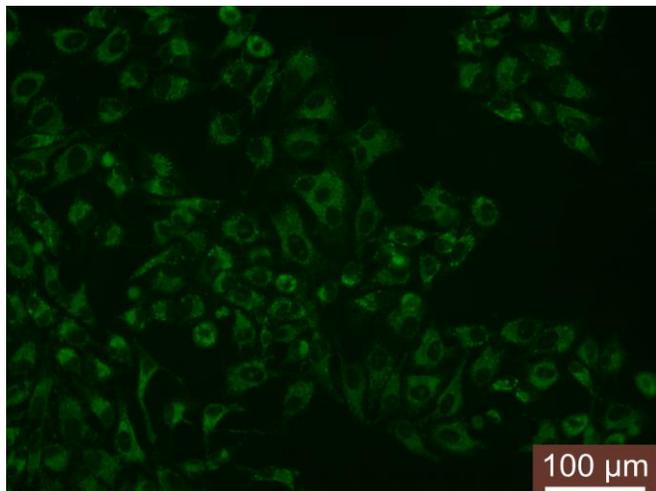
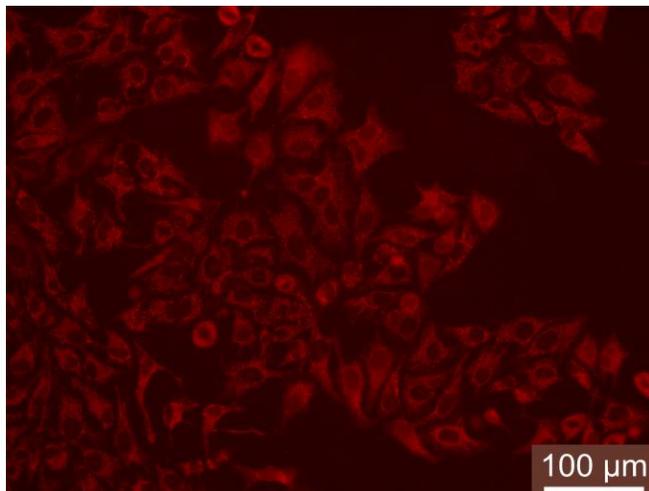
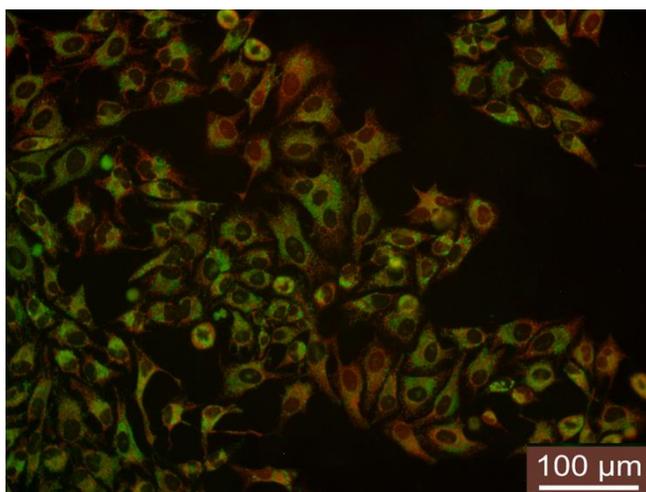
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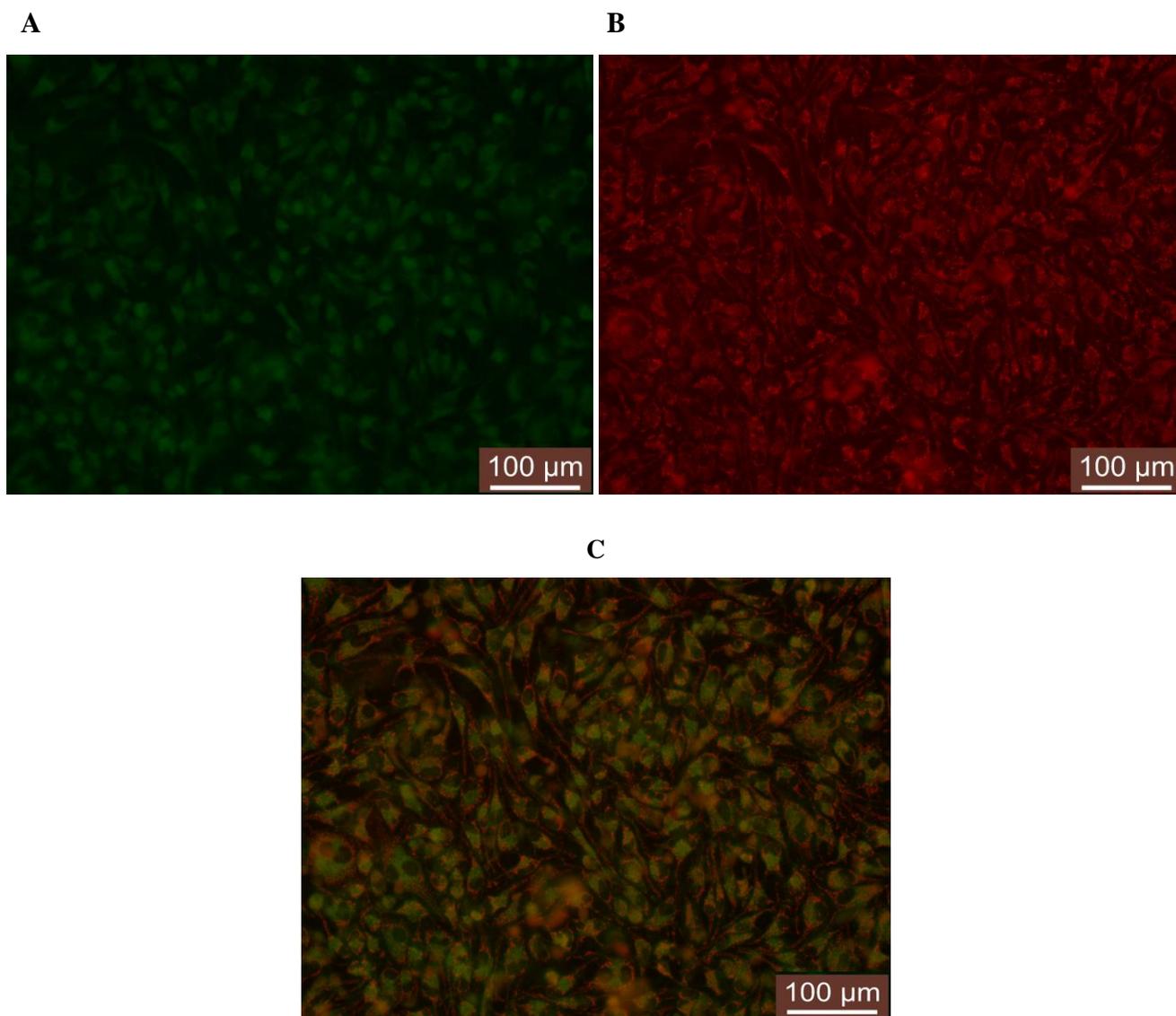


Figure S15. Examples of images for intracellular distribution of compound **1c_CD** after 24 hours (A) compared to MitoTracker Red (B) and corresponding overlay (C).