Supporting Information for Publication

The partner does matter: the structure of heteroaggregates of acridine orange in water

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Figure S1. Absorption spectra of 0.1 M of AcrHCl (dashed) and 0.04 M of 9AAHCl (dotted) in water.



Figure S2. The electrostatic potential map of AOH⁺, AcrH⁺, and 9AAH⁺ calculated at the B3LYP/aug-cc-pVTZ approximation using Gaussian 16.A.03¹ according to L. E. Chirlian and M. M. Francl, "Atomic charges derived from electrostatic potentials – a detailed study," J. Comp. Chem., 8 (1987) 894-905. DOI: 10.1002/jcc.540080616. Charge densities are shown in numbers and colors: positive - bright green, negative - bright red, neutral– dark.



Figure S3. 1 H NMR spectra of AOHCl in D₂O at 0.001 M (a) and 0.1 M (b).



Figure S4. ¹H and HSQC NMR spectra of an AOHCl/9AAHCl mixture in D₂O.



Figure S5. ¹H and HMBC NMR spectra of an AOHCl/9AAHCl mixture in D₂O.



Figure S6. ¹H NMR spectrum of an AOHCl/AcrHCl mixture in D₂O.



Figure S7. Normalized excitation spectrum of a mixture of $2 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M of AOHCl and 0.02 M of NaB(C₆H₅)₄, λ_{ex} =614 nm.



Figure S8. Normalized excitation spectrum of a concentrated aqueous solution of AcrHCl (0.1 M) and $2 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M of AOHCl, λ_{ex} =541 nm.



Figure S9. Normalized excitation spectrum of a concentrated aqueous solution of 9AAHCl (0.04 M) and $2 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M of AOHCl, λ_{ex} =550 nm.

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