

Supplementary Material for

## Tuning Sensory Properties of Triazole-Conjugated Spiroprans: Metal-Ion Selectivity and Paper-Based Colorimetric Detection of Cyanide

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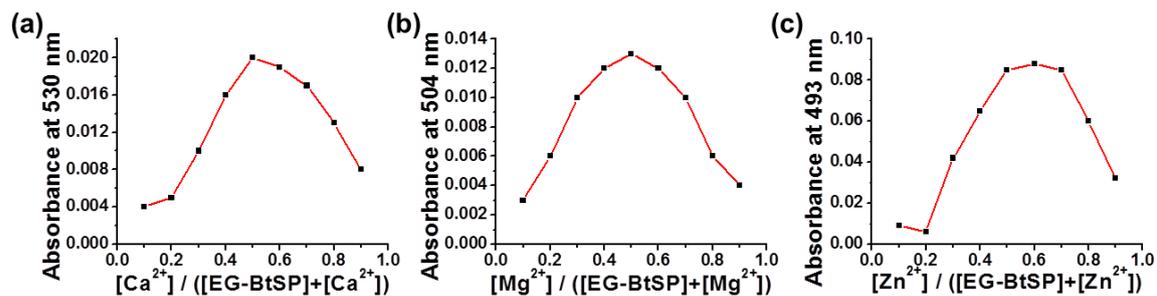
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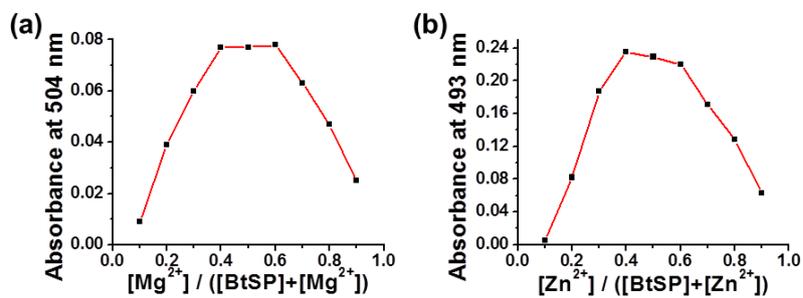
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**Figure S1.** Job's analyses of (a) EG-BtSP- $Ca^{2+}$  complex, (b) EG-BtSP- $Mg^{2+}$  complex, and (c) EG-BtSP- $Zn^{2+}$  complex.  $[EG-BtSP] + [M^{2+}] = 5 \times 10^{-5}$  M and all solutions were in  $CH_3CN$ .

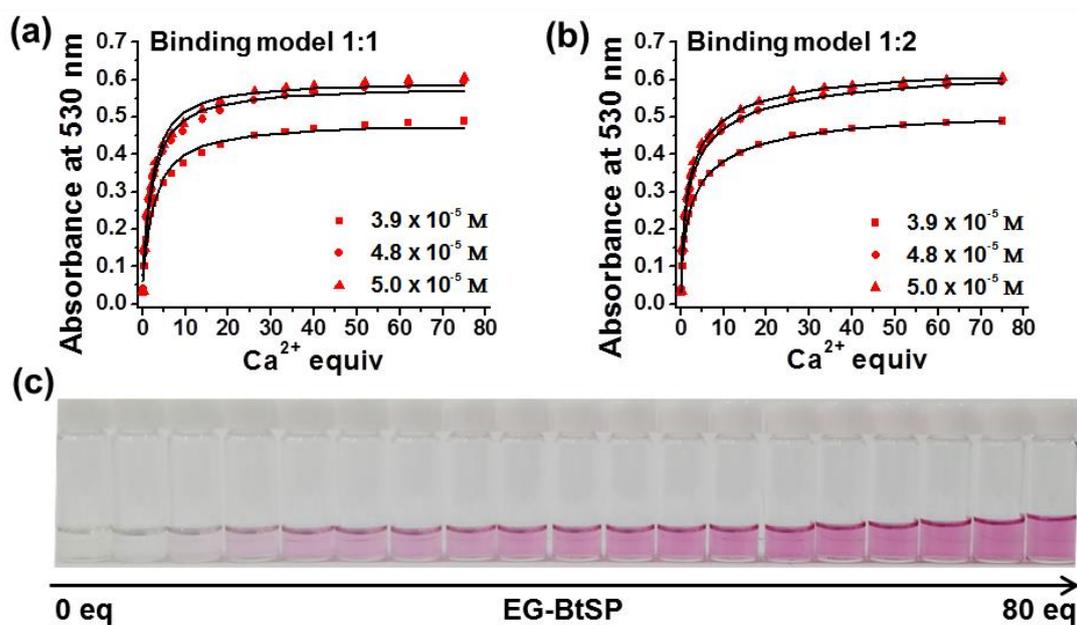


**Figure S2.** Job's analyses of (a) BtSP- $Mg^{2+}$  complex and (b) BtSP- $Zn^{2+}$  complex.  $[BtSP] + [M^{2+}] = 1 \times 10^{-4}$  M and both solutions were in  $CH_3CN$ .

**Table S1.** Association constants of **EG-BtSP** ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$  M,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ ) towards the calcium cation obtained from UV-vis spectroscopic titration and nonlinear regression analysis.

| binding model | experiment #   | $cov_{\text{fit}}$ ( $10^{-3}$ ) | $cov_{\text{fit}}$ factor   | $K_1$ ( $\text{M}^{-1}$ )            | $K_2$ ( $\text{M}^{-1}$ ) | $\beta_{12}$ ( $\text{M}^{-2}$ )     | $\Delta G_1$ (kJ/mol) | $\Delta G_2$ (kJ/mol) | $\alpha$ ( $4K_2/K_1$ ) |
|---------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1:1           | 1              | 12.3                             | 1                           | $0.96 \times 10^4$                   | -                         | -                                    | -22.7                 | -                     | -                       |
|               | 2              | 15.3                             | 1                           | $1.15 \times 10^4$                   | -                         | -                                    | -23.2                 | -                     | -                       |
|               | 3              | 14.2                             | 1                           | $1.30 \times 10^4$                   | -                         | -                                    | -23.5                 | -                     | -                       |
|               | <b>Average</b> | <b>13.9</b>                      | <b>1</b>                    | <b><math>1.14 \times 10^4</math></b> | -                         | -                                    | <b>-23.1</b>          | -                     | -                       |
|               | Std. Dev.      | 1.52                             | -                           | $0.17 \times 10^4$                   | -                         | -                                    | 0.38                  | -                     | -                       |
| 95% C.I.      | 3.43           | -                                | $0.39 \times 10^4$<br>(34%) | -                                    | -                         | 0.86                                 | -                     | -                     |                         |
| 1:2           | 1              | 0.70                             | 17.6                        | $2.91 \times 10^4$                   | 1480                      | $4.31 \times 10^7$                   | -25.5                 | -18.1                 | 0.203                   |
|               | 2              | 0.50                             | 30.6                        | $4.33 \times 10^4$                   | 1549                      | $6.70 \times 10^7$                   | -26.4                 | -18.2                 | 0.143                   |
|               | 3              | 0.64                             | 22.2                        | $6.95 \times 10^4$                   | 2380                      | $16.5 \times 10^7$                   | -27.6                 | -19.3                 | 0.137                   |
|               | <b>Average</b> | <b>0.61</b>                      | <b>22.8</b>                 | <b><math>4.73 \times 10^4</math></b> | <b>1803</b>               | <b><math>9.18 \times 10^7</math></b> | <b>-26.5</b>          | <b>-18.5</b>          | <b>0.161</b>            |
|               | Std. Dev.      | 0.10                             | -                           | $2.05 \times 10^4$                   | 501                       | $6.48 \times 10^7$                   | 1.08                  | 0.65                  | 0.040                   |
| 95% C.I.      | 0.23           | -                                | $4.64 \times 10^4$<br>(98%) | 1133<br>(63%)                        | $14.7 \times 10^7$        | 2.44                                 | 1.47                  | 0.083                 |                         |

<sup>a</sup> $cov_{\text{fit}}$  factor =  $cov_{\text{fit}}$  for the **1:1** model divided by the  $cov_{\text{fit}}$  for the **1:2** binding model. The analyses (Tables S1–S5) were followed by Thordarson *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2014**, *136*, 7505-7516. The details were described therein.



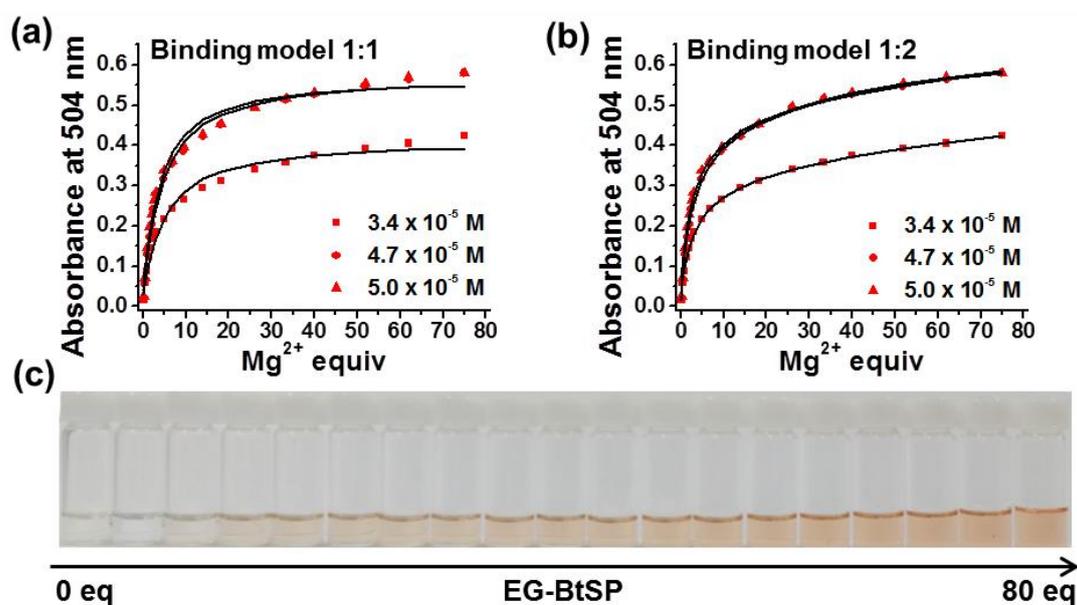
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**Conclusion:** The binding model **1:2** is always much better than the binding model **1:1**.

**Table S2.** Association constants of **EG-BtSP** ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$  M,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ ) towards the magnesium cation obtained from UV-vis spectroscopic titration and nonlinear regression analysis.

| binding model | experiment #   | $cov_{\text{fit}}$ ( $10^{-3}$ ) | $cov_{\text{fit}}$ factor   | $K_1$ ( $\text{M}^{-1}$ )            | $K_2$ ( $\text{M}^{-1}$ ) | $\beta_{12}$ ( $\text{M}^{-2}$ )     | $\Delta G_1$ (kJ/mol) | $\Delta G_2$ (kJ/mol) | $\alpha$ ( $4K_2/K_1$ ) |
|---------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1:1           | 1              | 16.5                             | 1                           | $4.52 \times 10^3$                   | -                         | -                                    | -20.9                 | -                     | -                       |
|               | 2              | 10.7                             | 1                           | $5.24 \times 10^3$                   | -                         | -                                    | -21.2                 | -                     | -                       |
|               | 3              | 16.4                             | 1                           | $6.19 \times 10^3$                   | -                         | -                                    | -21.6                 | -                     | -                       |
|               | <b>Average</b> | <b>14.5</b>                      | <b>1</b>                    | <b><math>5.32 \times 10^3</math></b> | -                         | -                                    | <b>-21.2</b>          | -                     | -                       |
|               | Std. Dev.      | 3.32                             | -                           | $0.84 \times 10^3$                   | -                         | -                                    | 0.39                  | -                     | -                       |
| 95% C.I.      | 7.51           | -                                | $1.89 \times 10^3$<br>(36%) | -                                    | -                         | 0.88                                 | -                     | -                     |                         |
| 1:2           | 1              | 0.68                             | 24.3                        | $1.01 \times 10^4$                   | 230                       | $2.32 \times 10^6$                   | -22.8                 | -13.5                 | 0.091                   |
|               | 2              | 1.12                             | 9.55                        | $1.12 \times 10^4$                   | 428                       | $4.80 \times 10^6$                   | -23.1                 | -15.0                 | 0.153                   |
|               | 3              | 1.91                             | 8.59                        | $1.47 \times 10^4$                   | 400                       | $5.86 \times 10^6$                   | -23.8                 | -14.8                 | 0.109                   |
|               | <b>Average</b> | <b>1.24</b>                      | <b>11.7</b>                 | <b><math>1.20 \times 10^4</math></b> | <b>353</b>                | <b><math>4.33 \times 10^6</math></b> | <b>-23.2</b>          | <b>-14.4</b>          | <b>0.118</b>            |
|               | Std. Dev.      | 0.62                             | -                           | $0.24 \times 10^4$                   | 107                       | $1.82 \times 10^6$                   | 0.48                  | 0.84                  | 0.030                   |
| 95% C.I.      | 1.41           | -                                | $0.54 \times 10^4$<br>(45%) | 243<br>(69%)                         | $4.11 \times 10^6$        | 1.08                                 | 1.91                  | 0.072                 |                         |

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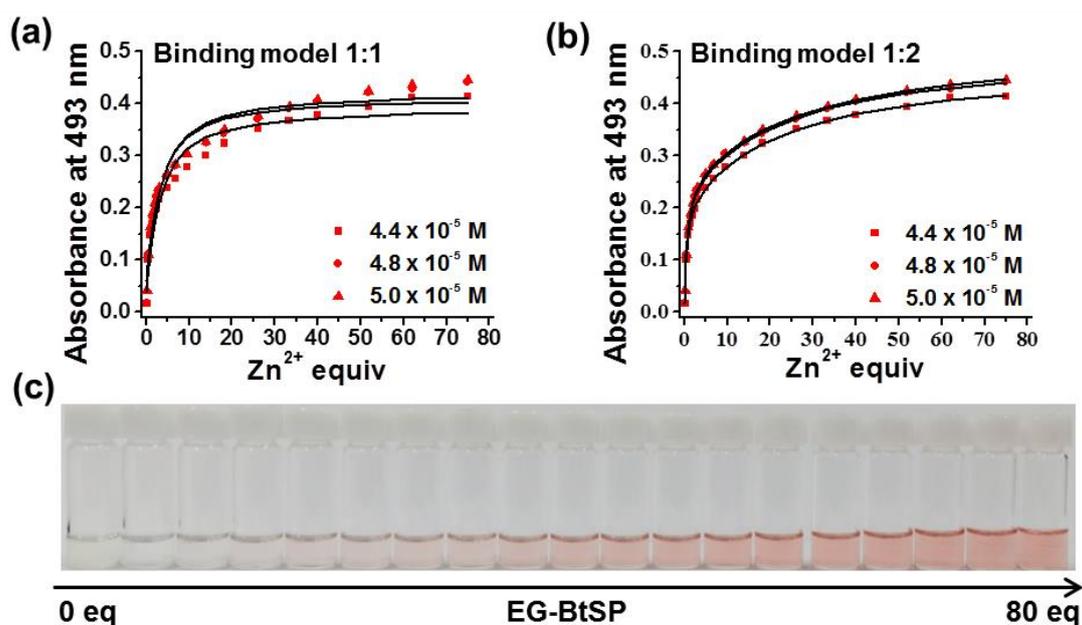
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**Table S3.** Association constants of **EG-BtSP** ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$  M, CH<sub>3</sub>CN) towards the zinc cation obtained from UV-vis spectroscopic titration and nonlinear regression analysis.

| binding model | experiment #   | $cov_{fit}$ ( $10^{-3}$ ) | $cov_{fit}$ factor          | $K_1$ ( $M^{-1}$ )                   | $K_2$ ( $M^{-1}$ ) | $\beta_{12}$ ( $M^{-2}$ )            | $\Delta G_1$ (kJ/mol) | $\Delta G_2$ (kJ/mol) | $\alpha$ ( $4K_2/K_1$ ) |
|---------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1:1           | 1              | 49.2                      | 1                           | $8.23 \times 10^3$                   | -                  | -                                    | -22.3                 | -                     | -                       |
|               | 2              | 47.6                      | 1                           | $9.24 \times 10^3$                   | -                  | -                                    | -22.6                 | -                     | -                       |
|               | 3              | 43.1                      | 1                           | $7.94 \times 10^3$                   | -                  | -                                    | -22.2                 | -                     | -                       |
|               | <b>Average</b> | <b>46.6</b>               | <b>1</b>                    | <b><math>8.47 \times 10^3</math></b> | -                  | -                                    | <b>-22.4</b>          | -                     | -                       |
|               | Std. Dev.      | 3.16                      | -                           | $0.68 \times 10^3$                   | -                  | -                                    | 0.20                  | -                     | -                       |
| 95% C.I.      | 7.16           | -                         | $1.54 \times 10^3$<br>(18%) | -                                    | -                  | 0.44                                 | -                     | -                     |                         |
| 1:2           | 1              | 0.84                      | 58.6                        | $10.0 \times 10^4$                   | 938                | $9.40 \times 10^7$                   | -28.5                 | -17.0                 | 0.037                   |
|               | 2              | 1.21                      | 39.3                        | $8.87 \times 10^4$                   | 888                | $7.87 \times 10^7$                   | -28.2                 | -16.8                 | 0.040                   |
|               | 3              | 0.12                      | 359                         | $6.69 \times 10^4$                   | 777                | $5.20 \times 10^7$                   | -27.5                 | -16.5                 | 0.046                   |
|               | <b>Average</b> | <b>0.72</b>               | <b>64.7</b>                 | <b><math>8.52 \times 10^4</math></b> | <b>868</b>         | <b><math>7.49 \times 10^7</math></b> | <b>-28.1</b>          | <b>-16.8</b>          | <b>0.041</b>            |
|               | Std. Dev.      | 0.55                      | -                           | $1.69 \times 10^4$                   | 82.4               | $2.13 \times 10^7$                   | 0.51                  | 0.24                  | 0.005                   |
| 95% C.I.      | 1.25           | -                         | $3.83 \times 10^4$<br>(45%) | 186<br>(21%)                         | $4.82 \times 10^7$ | 1.16                                 | 0.54                  | 0.011                 |                         |

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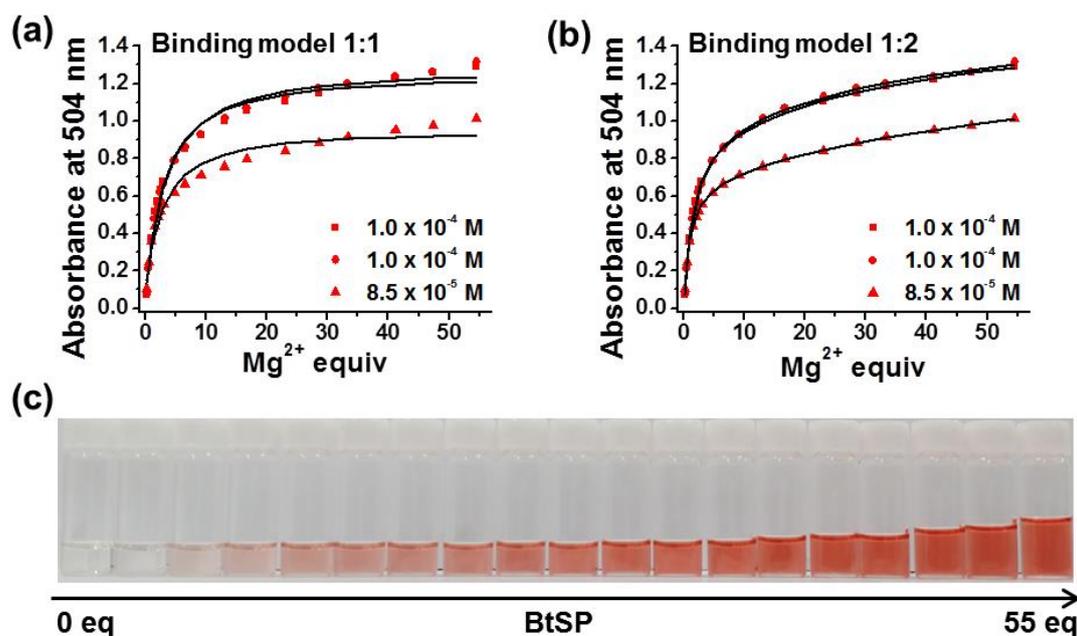
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**Conclusion:** The binding model **1:2** is always much better than the binding model **1:1**.

**Table S4.** Association constants of **BtSP** ( $1 \times 10^{-4}$  M, CH<sub>3</sub>CN) towards the magnesium cation obtained from UV-vis spectroscopic titration and nonlinear regression analysis.

| binding model | experiment #   | $cov_{fit}$ ( $10^{-3}$ ) | $cov_{fit}$ factor          | $K_1$ ( $M^{-1}$ )                   | $K_2$ ( $M^{-1}$ ) | $\beta_{12}$ ( $M^{-2}$ )            | $\Delta G_1$ (kJ/mol) | $\Delta G_2$ (kJ/mol) | $\alpha$ ( $4K_2/K_1$ ) |
|---------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1:1           | 1              | 16.6                      | 1                           | $3.96 \times 10^3$                   | -                  | -                                    | -20.5                 | -                     | -                       |
|               | 2              | 11.4                      | 1                           | $3.47 \times 10^3$                   | -                  | -                                    | -20.2                 | -                     | -                       |
|               | 3              | 32.7                      | 1                           | $4.07 \times 10^3$                   | -                  | -                                    | -20.6                 | -                     | -                       |
|               | <b>Average</b> | <b>20.2</b>               | <b>1</b>                    | <b><math>3.83 \times 10^3</math></b> | -                  | -                                    | <b>-20.4</b>          | -                     | -                       |
|               | Std. Dev.      | 11.1                      | -                           | $0.32 \times 10^3$                   | -                  | -                                    | 0.21                  | -                     | -                       |
| 95% C.I.      | 25.1           | -                         | $0.73 \times 10^3$<br>(19%) | -                                    | -                  | 0.48                                 | -                     | -                     |                         |
| 1:2           | 1              | 0.91                      | 18.2                        | $9.61 \times 10^3$                   | 202                | $1.94 \times 10^6$                   | -22.7                 | -13.2                 | 0.084                   |
|               | 2              | 0.65                      | 17.5                        | $7.03 \times 10^3$                   | 165                | $1.16 \times 10^6$                   | -21.9                 | -12.7                 | 0.094                   |
|               | 3              | 0.17                      | 192                         | $13.2 \times 10^3$                   | 148                | $1.96 \times 10^6$                   | -23.5                 | -12.4                 | 0.045                   |
|               | <b>Average</b> | <b>0.58</b>               | <b>34.8</b>                 | <b><math>9.95 \times 10^3</math></b> | <b>172</b>         | <b><math>1.69 \times 10^6</math></b> | <b>-22.7</b>          | <b>-12.7</b>          | <b>0.074</b>            |
|               | Std. Dev.      | 0.38                      | -                           | $3.11 \times 10^3$                   | 27.6               | $0.46 \times 10^6$                   | 0.78                  | 0.39                  | 0.026                   |
| 95% C.I.      | 0.85           | -                         | $7.03 \times 10^3$<br>(71%) | 62.5<br>(36%)                        | $1.03 \times 10^6$ | 1.77                                 | 0.89                  | 0.059                 |                         |

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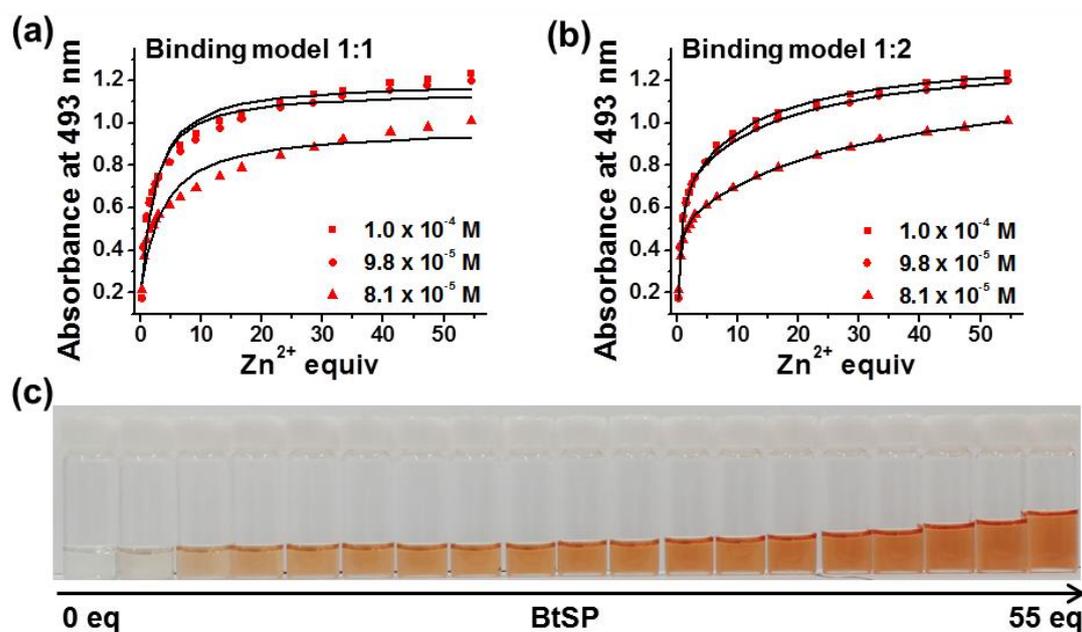
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**Conclusion:** The binding model **1:2** is always much better than the binding model **1:1**.

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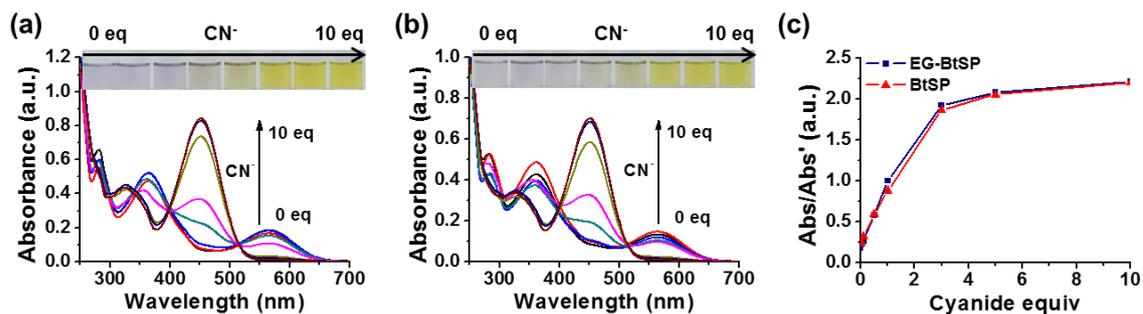
| binding model | experiment #   | $cov_{fit}$ ( $10^{-3}$ ) | $cov_{fit}$ factor          | $K_1$ ( $M^{-1}$ )                   | $K_2$ ( $M^{-1}$ ) | $\beta_{12}$ ( $M^{-2}$ )            | $\Delta G_1$ (kJ/mol) | $\Delta G_2$ (kJ/mol) | $\alpha$ ( $4K_2/K_1$ ) |
|---------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1:1           | 1              | 31.5                      | 1                           | $5.62 \times 10^3$                   | -                  | -                                    | -21.4                 | -                     | -                       |
|               | 2              | 38.7                      | 1                           | $6.23 \times 10^3$                   | -                  | -                                    | -21.6                 | -                     | -                       |
|               | 3              | 58.0                      | 1                           | $3.20 \times 10^3$                   | -                  | -                                    | -20.0                 | -                     | -                       |
|               | <b>Average</b> | <b>42.7</b>               | <b>1</b>                    | <b><math>5.02 \times 10^3</math></b> | -                  | -                                    | <b>-21.0</b>          | -                     | -                       |
|               | Std. Dev.      | 13.7                      | -                           | $1.61 \times 10^3$                   | -                  | -                                    | 0.89                  | -                     | -                       |
| 95% C.I.      | 31.0           | -                         | $3.63 \times 10^3$<br>(72%) | -                                    | -                  | 2.01                                 | -                     | -                     |                         |
| 1:2           | 1              | 1.27                      | 24.8                        | $9.13 \times 10^4$                   | 887                | $8.09 \times 10^7$                   | -28.3                 | -16.8                 | 0.039                   |
|               | 2              | 0.96                      | 40.3                        | $7.22 \times 10^4$                   | 677                | $4.89 \times 10^7$                   | -27.7                 | -16.1                 | 0.037                   |
|               | 3              | 0.43                      | 135                         | $5.27 \times 10^4$                   | 343                | $1.81 \times 10^7$                   | -26.9                 | -14.5                 | 0.026                   |
|               | <b>Average</b> | <b>0.89</b>               | <b>48.0</b>                 | <b><math>7.20 \times 10^4</math></b> | <b>636</b>         | <b><math>4.93 \times 10^7</math></b> | <b>-27.7</b>          | <b>-15.8</b>          | <b>0.034</b>            |
|               | Std. Dev.      | 0.42                      | -                           | $1.93 \times 10^4$                   | 274                | $3.14 \times 10^7$                   | 0.68                  | 1.21                  | 0.007                   |
| 95% C.I.      | 0.96           | -                         | $4.37 \times 10^4$<br>(61%) | 621<br>(98%)                         | $7.12 \times 10^7$ | 1.55                                 | 2.75                  | 0.016                 |                         |

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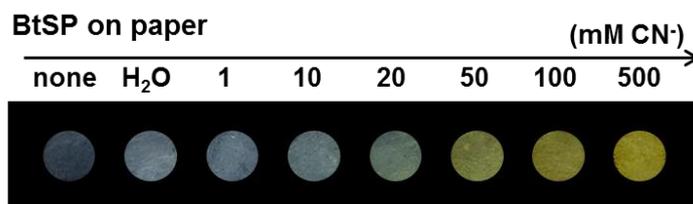


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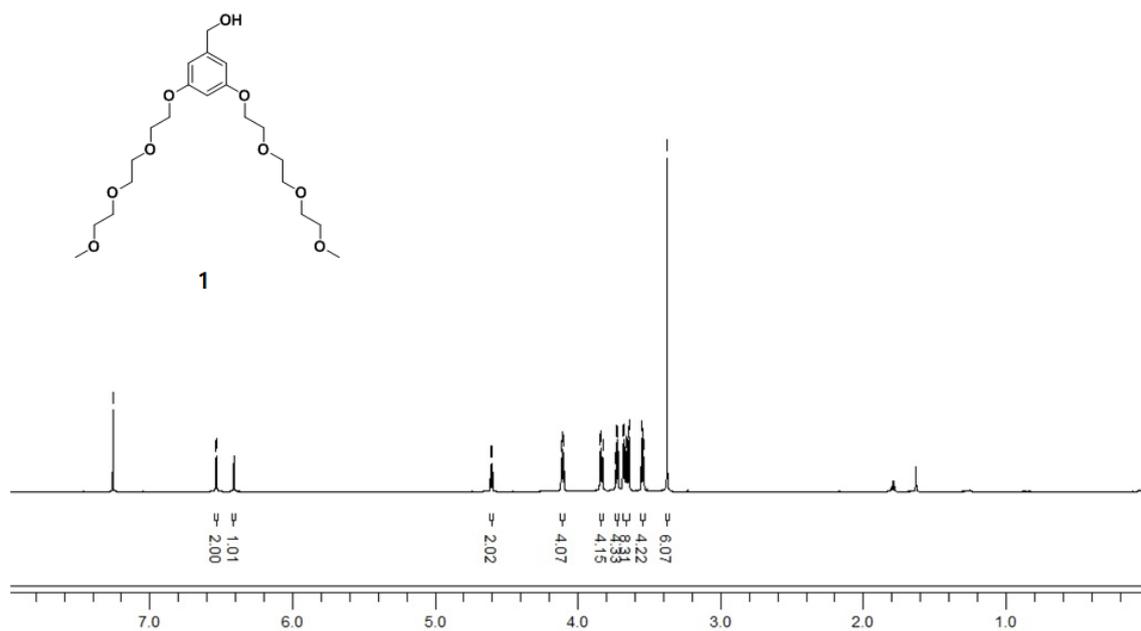
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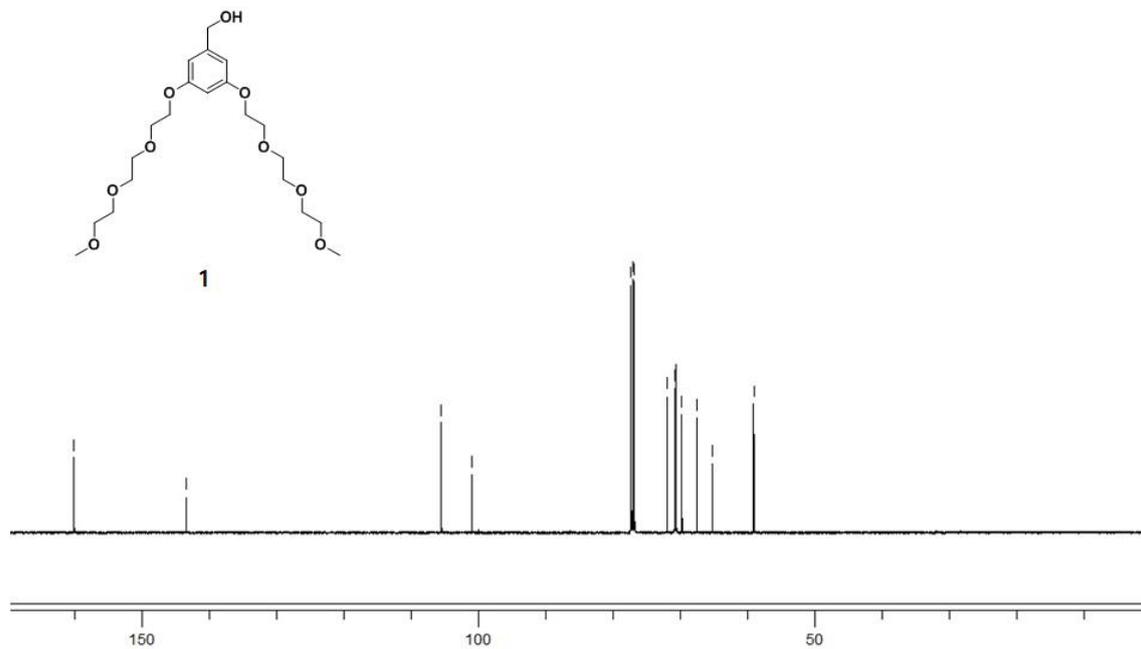
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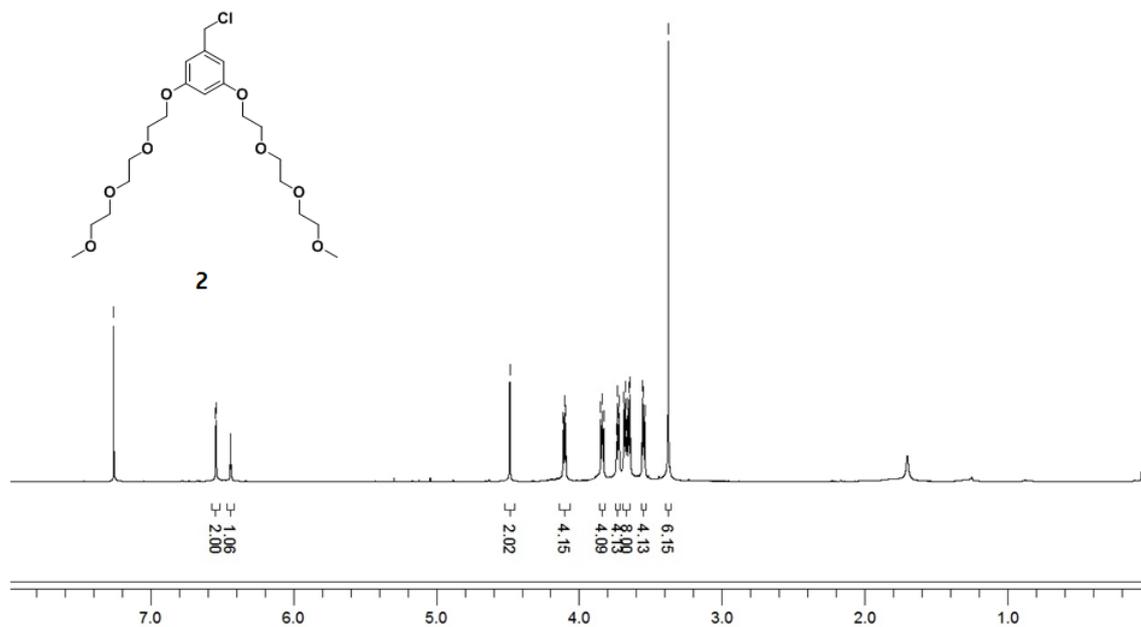
**Figure S9.** Colorimetric changes of the papers with SP probes, **BtSP** upon the application of cyanide in CH<sub>3</sub>CN:H<sub>2</sub>O mixture. From left to right: probe only, H<sub>2</sub>O, 1 mM, 10 mM, 20 mM, 50 mM, 100 mM, and 500 mM of cyanide.



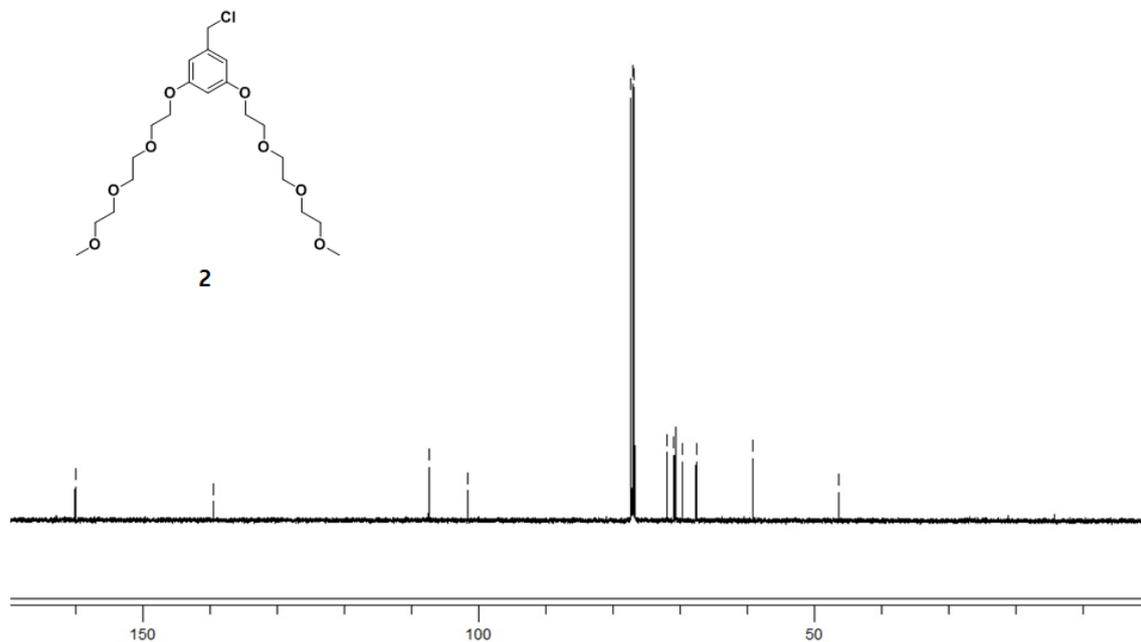
**Figure S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



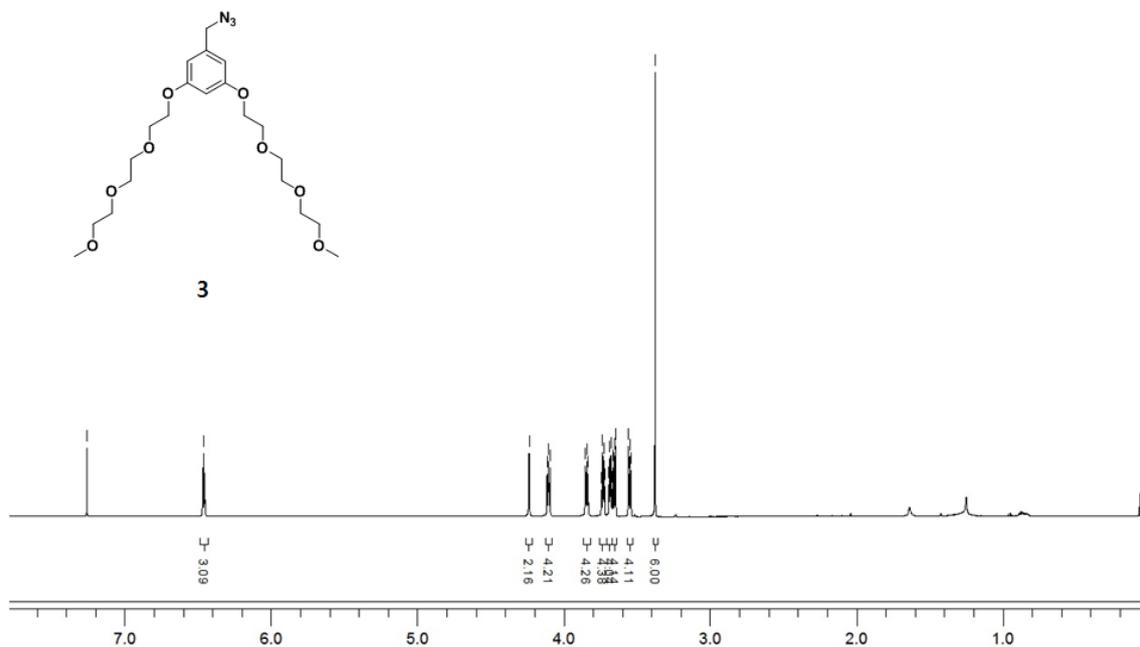
**Figure S11.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **1** (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



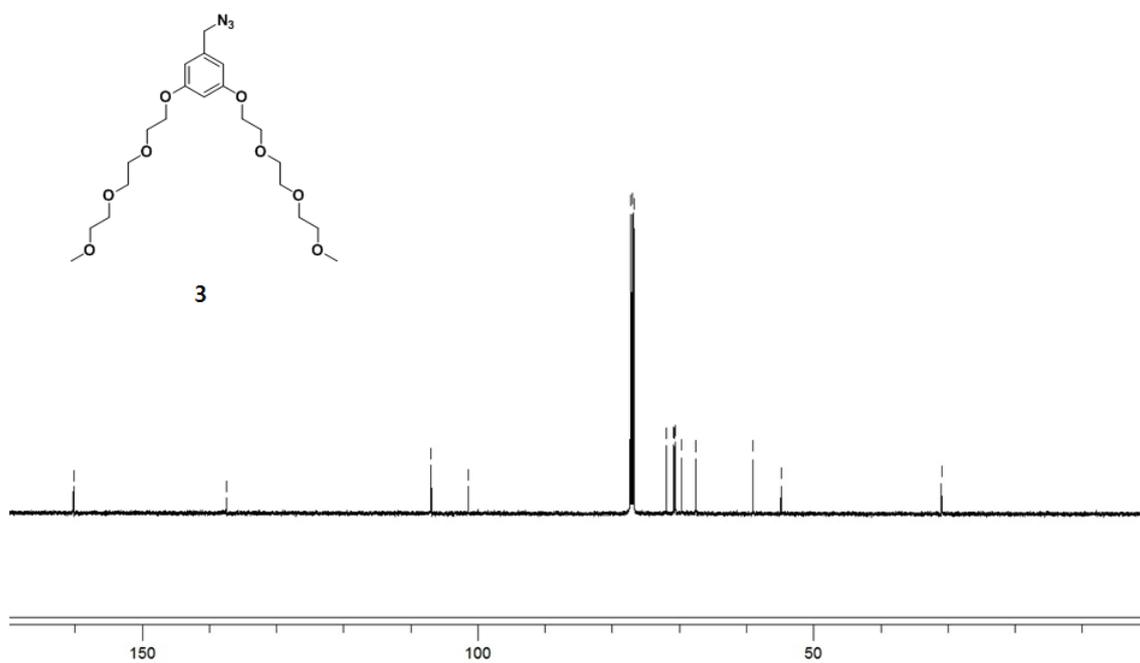
**Figure S12.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



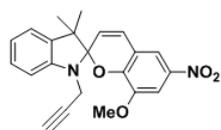
**Figure S13.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **2** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S14.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3** (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



**Figure S15.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **3** (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



Propagyl-functionalized SP

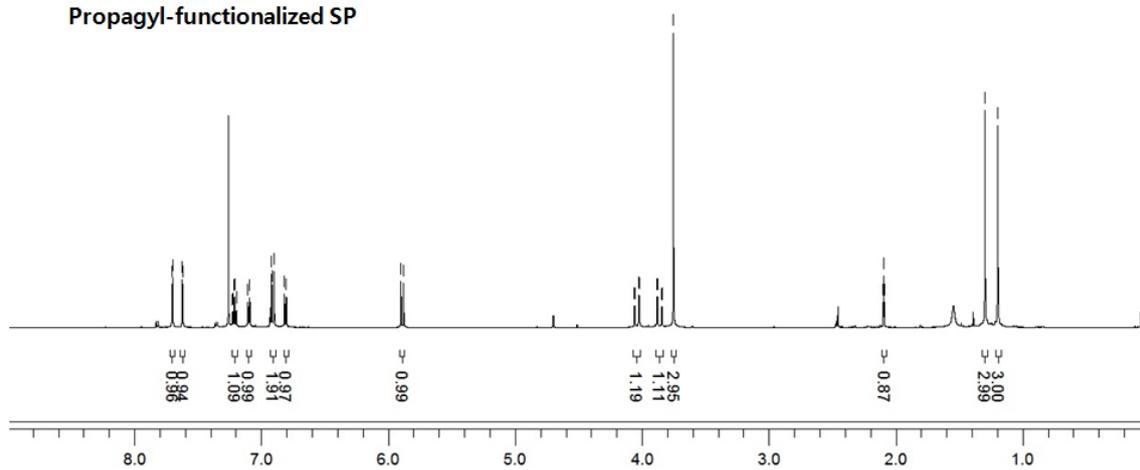
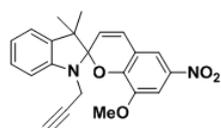


Figure S16. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 6 (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Propagyl-functionalized SP

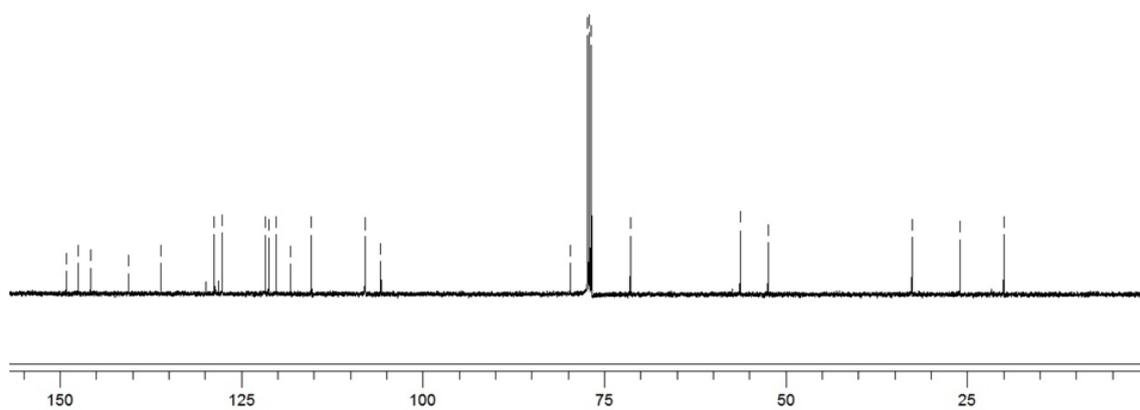
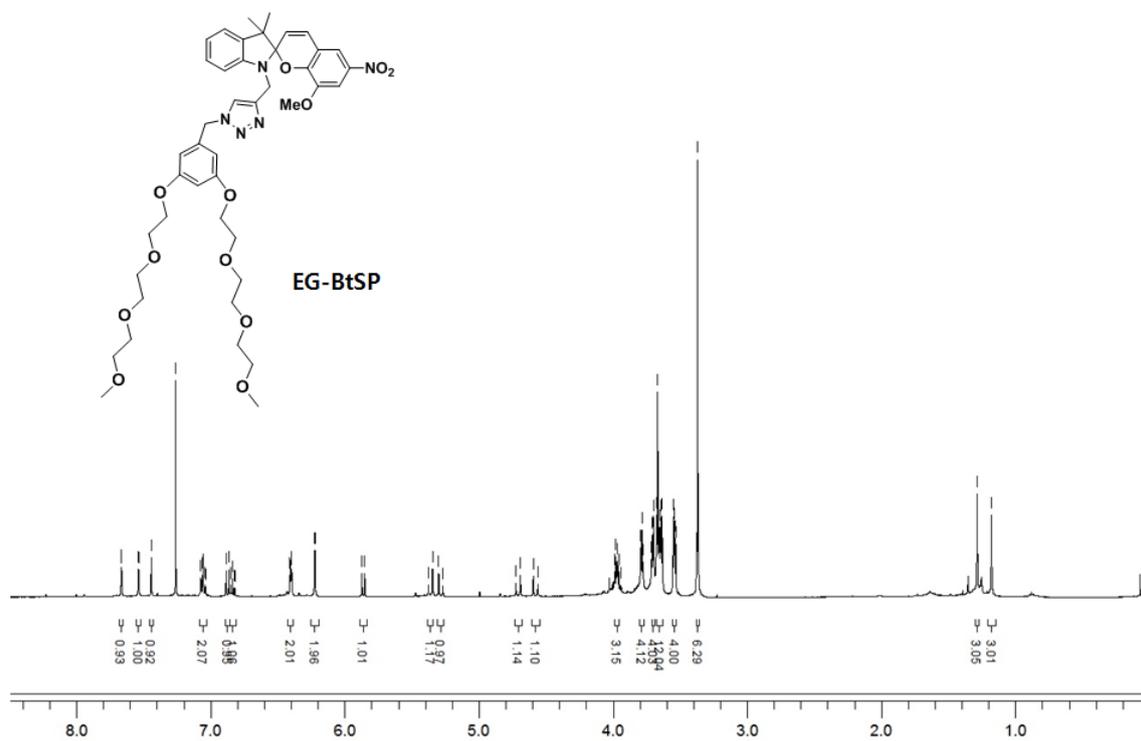
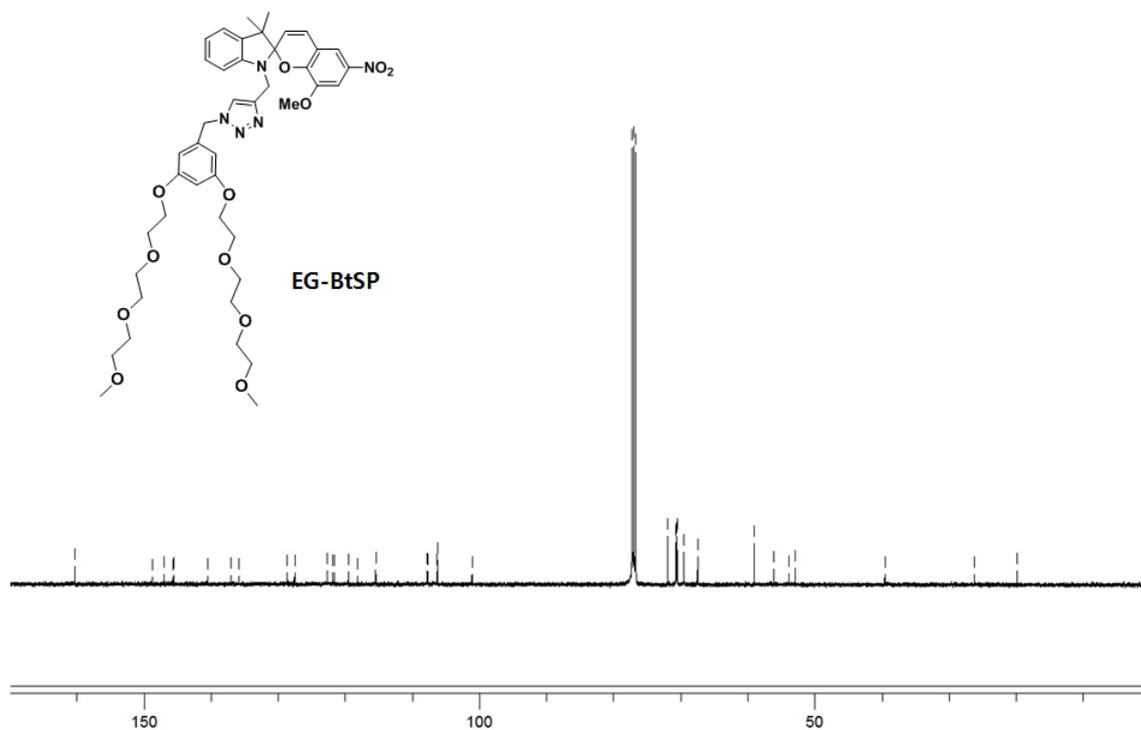


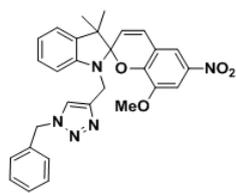
Figure S17. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 6 (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



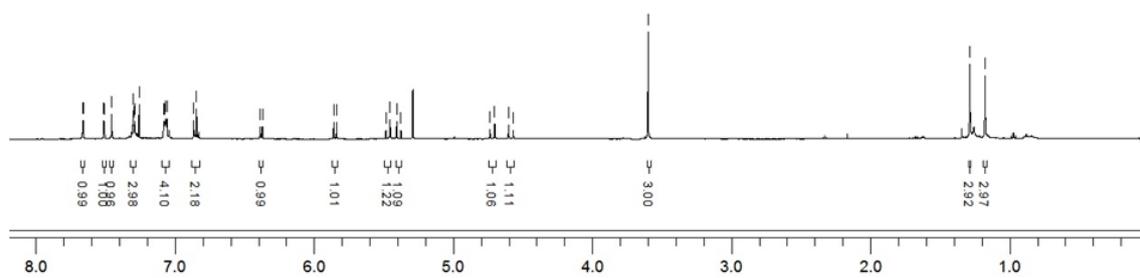
**Figure S18.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of EG-BtSP (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



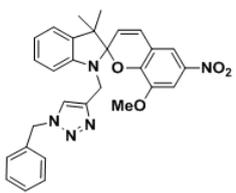
**Figure S19.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of EG-BtSP (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



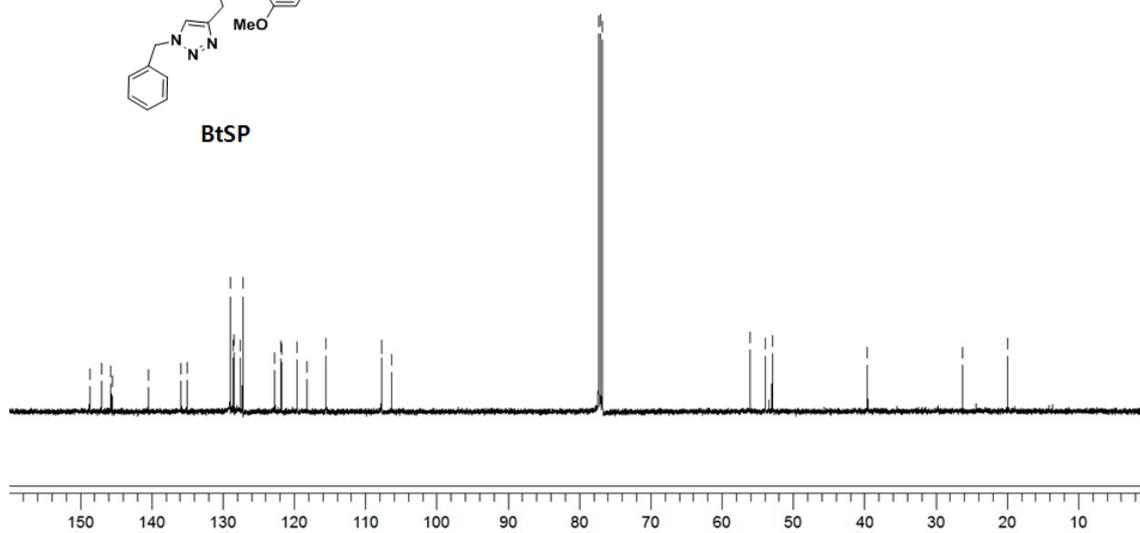
**BtSP**



**Figure S20.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of BtSP (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



**BtSP**



**Figure S21.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of BtSP (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).