## **Supplementary Material**

## Synthesis and characterization of a substituted indolizine and investigation of its photoluminescence quenching via electron deficient nitroaromatics

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1.639, 2.439, 3.225 and 6.250  $\mu$ M of (2f) pre-dissolved in CH3CNS10



**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2d** (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1 (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S3.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **1** (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S4. Mass spectrum of 1.



Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 5 (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S6.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **5** (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

![](_page_4_Figure_4.jpeg)

Figure S7. Mass spectrum of 5.

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**Figure S8.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1:2d** complex (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>) Inset: Expanded <sup>1</sup>H NMR region showing the broad NH protons.

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Figure S9. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1:2d complex (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

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Figure S10. Mass spectrum of 4.

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**Figure S11.** Emission spectrum of dimethyl 3-(4-aminophenyl)indolizine-1,2- dicarboxylate (1)  $(\lambda_{exc}=330 \text{ nm})$  in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.

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**Figure S12.** Emission spectra of guest compounds (**2a-f**) ( $\lambda_{exc}$ = 330 nm) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.

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**Figure S13.** Fluorescence spectra (excitation at 330 nm) of (1) (0.209  $\mu$ M) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN in the presence of 0.066, 0.133, 0.199, 0.265, 0.332, 0.497, 0.662, 0.826, 1.639, 2.439, 3.225 and 6.250  $\mu$ M of (**2a**) pre-dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.

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**Figure S14.** Fluorescence spectra (excitation at 330 nm) of (1) (0.209  $\mu$ M) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN in the presence of 0.066, 0.133, 0.199, 0.265, 0.332, 0.497, 0.662, 0.826, 1.639, 2.439, 3.225 and 6.250  $\mu$ M of (**2b**) pre-dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.

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**Figure S15.** Fluorescence spectra (excitation at 330 nm) of (1) (0.209  $\mu$ M) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN in the presence of 0.066, 0.133, 0.199, 0.265, 0.332, 0.497, 0.662, 0.826, 1.639, 2.439, 3.225 and 6.250  $\mu$ M of (**2c**) pre-dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.

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**Figure S16.** Fluorescence spectra (excitation at 330 nm) of (1) (0.209  $\mu$ M) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN in the presence of 0.066, 0.133, 0.199, 0.265, 0.332, 0.497, 0.662, 0.826, 1.639, 2.439, 3.225 and 6.250  $\mu$ M of (**2e**) pre-dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.

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**Figure S17.** Fluorescence spectra (excitation at 330 nm) of (1) (0.209  $\mu$ M) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN in the presence of 0.066, 0.133, 0.199, 0.265, 0.332, 0.497, 0.662, 0.826, 1.639, 2.439, 3.225 and 6.250  $\mu$ M of (**2f**) pre-dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.