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## Supporting Information

# Photoswitchable Diazocine-based Estrogen Receptor Agonists Stabilization of the Active Form Inside the Receptor

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## 1. Analytical equipment

### NMR spectroscopy

NMR spectra were recorded in deuterated solvents from Deutero GmbH, VWR Chemicals and Sigma Aldrich. The solvents reference signals are summarized in table 1.

**Table 1.** Reference signals of the deuterated solvents for  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR.

solvent	degree of deuteration	$^1\text{H}$ signal (ppm)	$^{13}\text{C}$ signal (ppm)
aceton- $\text{d}_6$	99.9 %	2.05 (qui)	29.84 (sep)
acetonitril- $\text{d}_3$	99.8 %	1.94 (qui)	1.32 (sep)
chloroform- $\text{d}_1$	99.8 %	7.26 (s)	77.16 (t)
deuteriumoxide	99.9 %	4.79 (s)	/
dimethylsulfoxide- $\text{d}_6$	99.8 %	2.50 (qui)	39.52 (sep)

NMR measurements were performed on Bruker ARX300 ( $^1\text{H}$ -NMR: 300.0 MHz, only used for photochemical characterisation measurements), on Bruker Avance Neo 500 ( $^1\text{H}$ -NMR: 500.1 MHz,  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: 125.8 MHz) and on Bruker Avance 600 ( $^1\text{H}$ -NMR: 600.1 MHz,  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR: 150.9 MHz).

NMR determinations of the composition of PSS at different concentrations of CD were recorded on Bruker Avance 200MHz DPX and Bruker Avance III 400MHz spectrometers. Samples were irradiated inside a home-built photoreactor equipped with high power LEDs (405 nm) and air cooling.

### Mass spectrometry

High resolution mass spectra were recorded using the following devices:

HR-ESI and HR-APCI: Thermo Scientific Q Exactive Plus MS; Hybrid Quadrupol-Orbitrap

HR-EI: AccuTOF GCv 4G (Joel) with ionization energy of 70 eV

### IR spectroscopy

Infrared spectra were measured with a 1600 Series FT-IR spectrometer from Perkin-Elmer with an A531-G Golden-Gate-Diamond-ATR-unit. Table 2 shows the abbreviations used to describe the signal intensities.

**Table 2.** Abbreviations for the signal intensities.

signal intensity	abbreviation
weak	w
medium	m
strong	s

### Melting Point

Melting points were measured in melting point tubes using Melting Point B-560 (Büchi).

## UV/Vis spectroscopy

UV/VIS spectra were measured with a Lambda 14 (thermostat form Büchi) and a Lambda 650 UV spectrometer from Perkin-Elmer. Quartz cuvettes of 10 mm optical path length were used.

## Chromatography

Column chromatography purifications were performed on silica gel from Merck with a particle size 0.040-0.063 mm. For thin layer chromatography Alugram<sup>®</sup> Xtra SIL/UV<sub>254</sub> pre-coated sheets (0.2 mm particle size) from Macherey Nagel were used.

## Flash-Chromatography

Flash column chromatography purifications were performed on a Biotage<sup>®</sup> type Isolera one. Biotage<sup>®</sup> Ultra cartridges (Biotage<sup>®</sup>, HP-Sphere<sup>TM</sup>, particle diameter: 25 µm, cartridges sizes: 10 g, 25 g, 50 g and 100 g) and Interchim puriFlash<sup>®</sup> cartridges (Interchim<sup>®</sup>, SIHP, particle diameter: 30 µm, cartridges sizes: F0012, F0025 and F0040) were used.

## Light sources

For irradiation different custom-built light sources with a wavelength of 385nm, 405 nm and 530 nm were used (Sahlmann Photochemistry Solutions & in-house built).

385 nm: 12 x Nichia NCSU034A, FWHM = 9 nm, P(opt) = 12 x 340 mW,

530 nm: 16 x Luxeon LXML-PM01-0080, FWHM = 33 nm, P(opt) = 16 x 200 mW

## UV-Vis Nanosecond Laser flash photolysis

The kinetics of the *E*→*Z* back isomerization of compounds **3** and **4** were determined using a home-built nanosecond laser flash photolysis system described in details elsewhere.<sup>1</sup> Briefly, a Q-switched pulsed Nd:YAG laser (Surelite I-10, Continuum, Santa Clara, CA), emitting 5-ns pulses at 355 nm, 10 mJ/pulse, and operating at 1 Hz repetition rate, was used to excite the samples in air-saturated solutions. Transient absorption was monitored at 500 nm using a white-light beam probe produced by a CW 75 W Xe lamp (Photon Technology International (PTI), Nottingham, NJ) in a right-angles geometry, which was then passed through a dual-grating monochromator (mod. 101, PTI) and detected with a Hamamatsu R928 photomultiplier appropriately wired. The signal was fed to a WaveSurfer 454 oscilloscope (TeledyneLecroy, Chestnut Ridge, NY) for digitizing and averaging and finally transferred to a PC for data storage and analysis. The transient decays obeyed first-order kinetics whose lifetime was obtained using a custom-written data fitting software based on the Lavenverg-Marquardt algorithm. Activation parameters were obtained from Eyring plots of the decay rate constants measured at different temperatures using a Peltier-controlled cuvette holder (TLC50, Quantum Northwest, Liberty Lake, WA).

## 2. Molecular Modelling

The software package Maestro DrugDiscoverySuite (Maestro Version 12.6.144, MMshare Version 5.2.144, Release 2020-4, Platform Windows-x64), Schrödinger LLC (New York, USA) was used for molecular modeling studies. Calculations were run on a DELL laptop. The protein structure 1ERE of the RCSB protein data bank (PDB) was used as estrogen receptor model. The protein structure was prepared with the Protein Preparation Wizard. Bond orders were adjusted, hydrogen atoms were added, disulfide bonds were optimized and water molecules within a distance > 5 Å to heteroatoms

were deleted and H-bonding within the protein structure was optimized using the standard protocol in Glide. The geometry of the protein was improved in a simplified, restricted optimization using OPLS3e force field. In the process, heavy atoms within RMSD of 0.3 Å were converged. Receptor Grids were created using the tool Glide. Geometries of diazocines structures were optimized using LigPrep. Binding modes were calculated with the tool Glide using Standard Precision (SP) mode.

### 3. Syntheses

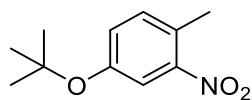
#### 3.1 Synthesis of difunctionalised diazocines

##### Syntheses of *tert*-butoxy nitrotoluenes 8-10

###### General procedure

Under nitrogen atmosphere the benzyl alcohol or nitrophenol substrate was mixed with isobutene (8 % in dichloromethane) and 100 µL concentrated sulfuric acid. After stirring at room temperature, the mixture was diluted with saturated potassium carbonate. The organic layer was separated and washed with potassium carbonate. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane and the combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure after the addition of few drops of triethylamine.

###### Synthesis of 4-(*tert*-butoxy)-1-methyl-2-nitrobenzene (8)



*tert*-Butoxy nitrotoluene **8** was prepared from 4-methyl-3-nitrophenol (6.00 g, 39.2 mmol) dissolved in 120 mL isobutene (8 % in dichloromethane) and 100 µL concentrated sulfuric acid according to the general procedure. After 3 h of stirring at room temperature the reaction mixture was purified according to the procedure described above. The target compound was obtained as a yellow liquid (6.91 g, 33.0 mmol, 84 %).

$R_f$  = 0.58 (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate 1:1).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CO}(\text{CD}_3)_2$ , 298 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 7.56 (d,  $^4J$  = 2.6 Hz, 1 H, *H*-3), 7.38 (d,  $^3J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, *H*-6), 7.27 (dd,  $^3J$  = 8.5 Hz,  $^4J$  = 2.6 Hz, 1 H, *H*-5), 2.50 (s, 3 H, - $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.38 (s, 9 H, - $\text{C-CH}_3$ ) ppm.

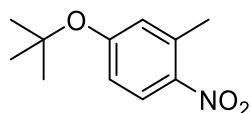
$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CO}(\text{CD}_3)_2$ , 298 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 155.4 (*C*-2), 150.6 (*C*-4), 133.9 (*C*-6), 129.6 (*C*-5), 128.2 (*C*-1), 120.0 (*C*-3), 80.3 (- $\text{C-CH}_3$ ), 28.9 (- $\text{C-CH}_3$ ), 19.4 (- $\text{CH}_3$ ) ppm.

**IR**:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2978 (m), 2934 (w), 1620 (w), 1523 (s), 1493 (m), 1454 (w), 1392 (w), 1366 (m), 1340 (m), 1278 (m), 1241 (m), 1161 (s), 1035 (w), 956 (m), 899 (m), 860 (m), 832 (m), 813 (m), 781 (w), 760 (w), 695 (w), 674 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**MS** (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 209 (34) [ $\text{M}]^{+}$ , 153 (90) [ $\text{M-C}_4\text{H}_9$ ] $^{+}$ .

**MS** (EI, HR, 70 eV):  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$   $m/z$  = calc.: 209.1052, found: 209.1048.

### Synthesis of 4-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-methyl-1-nitrobenzene (9)



*tert*-Butoxy nitrotoluene **9** was prepared from 3-methyl-4-nitrophenol (5.00 g, 32.7 mmol) dissolved in 80 mL isobutene (8 % in dichloromethane) and 100  $\mu$ L concentrated sulfuric acid according to the general procedure. However, after 1 h stirring at room temperature another amount of 70 mL isobutene and 100  $\mu$ L concentrated sulfuric acid was added. After 4.5 h the reaction mixture was purified according to the procedure described above. The target compound was obtained as a yellow liquid (5.18 g, 24.7 mmol, 76 %).

$R_f$  = 0.60 (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate 1:1).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CO}(\text{CD}_3)_2$ , 298 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 8.00 (d,  $^3J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1 H, *H*-6), 7.06-7.03 (m, 2 H, *H*-5, *H*-3), 2.57 (s, 3 H, - $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.45 (s, 9 H, C- $\text{CH}_3$ ) ppm.

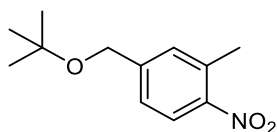
$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CO}(\text{CD}_3)_2$ , 298 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 161.3 (C-4), 146.5 (C-1), 136.6 (C-2), 127.3 (C-6), 126.1 (C-3), 120.4 (C-5), 80.8 (-C- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 29.0 (-C- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 20.9 (- $\text{CH}_3$ ) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2979 (m), 2936 (w), 1608 (w), 1577 (m), 1509 (s), 1483 (m), 1393 (w), 1368 (m), 1338 (m), 1295 (m), 1247 (m), 1154 (s), 1078 (m), 1019 (w), 967 (m), 897 (w), 871 (w), 828 (m), 762 (m), 723 (w), 694 (w), 652 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**MS** (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 209 (3) [ $\text{M}$ ] $^{+}$ , 153 (46) [ $\text{M}-\text{C}_4\text{H}_9$ ] $^{+}$ .

**MS** (EI, HR, 70 eV):  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3$   $m/z$  = calc.: 209.1052, found: 209.1054.

### Synthesis of 4-(*tert*-butoxy methyl)-2-methyl-1-nitrobenzene (10)



*tert*-Butoxy nitrotoluene **10** was prepared from (3-methyl-4-nitrophenyl) methanol (5.00 g, 29.9 mmol) dissolved in 100 mL isobutene (8 % in dichloromethane) and 100  $\mu$ L concentrated sulfuric acid according to the general procedure. After 19.5 h of stirring at room temperature the reaction mixture was purified according to the procedure described above, but the organic layer was washed with 1 M sodium hydroxide solution. The target compound was obtained as a yellow liquid (6.16 g, 27.6 mmol, 92 %).

$R_f$  = 0.83 (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate 1:1).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CO}(\text{CD}_3)_2$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  = 7.95 (d,  $^3J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1 H, *H*-6), 7.41-7.44 (m, 2 H, *H*-3, *H*-5), 4.56 (s, 2 H, Ar- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.57 (s, 3 H, - $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.28 (s, 9 H, C- $\text{CH}_3$ ) ppm.

$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CO}(\text{CD}_3)_2$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  = 149.0 (C-1), 147.4 (-C- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 134.0 (C-2), 131.6 (C-3), 126.1 (C-5), 125.3 (C-6), 74.1 (-C- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 63.5 (-C- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 27.9 (-C- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 20.3 (- $\text{CH}_3$ ) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2974 (m), 2935 (w), 1614 (w), 1591 (w), 1517 (s), 1471 (w), 1388 (w), 1364 (w), 1341 (s), 1237 (w), 1192 (s), 1162 (w), 1090 (m), 1033 (w), 938 (w), 891 (m), 836 (s), 749 (s), 689 (w), 646 (w), 581 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**MS** (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 224 (7)  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ , 208 (34)  $[\text{M}-\text{CH}_3]^+$ , 150 (100)  $[\text{M}-\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{O}]^+$ .

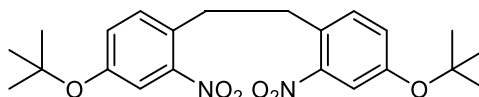
**MS** (EI, HR, 70 eV):  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_3$   $m/z$ = calc.: 224.1287, found: 224.1289.

## Syntheses of difunctionalised *tert*-butoxy-di-nitrophenyl diazocine precursors 11-15

### General procedure

Under nitrogen atmosphere the *tert*-butoxy protected benzyl alcohol or nitrophenol substrate was dissolved in dry tetrahydrofuran and cooled to  $-5\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Thereafter potassium butoxide was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 45 s, followed by the addition of bromine. After stirring for further 10 min at room temperature the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated sodium thiosulfate solution. The organic layer was separated and washed with saturated sodium chloride solution. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane and the combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate followed by removal of the solvent. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica.

### Synthesis of 1,2-bis(4-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-nitrophenyl) ethane (11)



According to the general procedure 4-(*tert*-butoxy)-1-methyl-2-nitrobenzene (**8**, 0.81 g, 3.87 mmol) reacted in the presence of potassium butoxide (434 mg, 3.87 mmol) and bromine (0.20 mL, 3.87 mmol) to the desired product. After purification using flash column chromatography on silica (*n*-pentane/dichloromethane gradient, 12 % DCM  $\rightarrow$  100 % DCM) the product was obtained as a beige solid (337 mg, 0.81 mmol, 42 %).

**melting point:** 125  $^\circ\text{C}$

$R_f$  = 0.31 (*n*-pentane/ dichloromethane 1:1).

**$^1\text{H-NMR}$**  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 7.57 (d,  $^4J$  = 2.4 Hz, 2 H, *H*-3), 7.25 (d,  $^3J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, *H*-6), 7.15 (dd,  $^3J$  = 8.4 Hz,  $^4J$  = 2.4 Hz, 2 H, *H*-5), 3.18 (s, 4 H,  $-\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.36 (s, 18 H,  $-\text{CH}_3$ ) ppm.

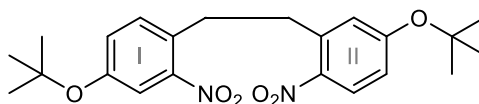
**$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$**  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 154.5 (C-4), 149.1 (C-2), 132.7 (C-6), 130.6 (C-1), 128.9 (C-5), 119.6 (C-3), 80.0 ( $-\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$ ), 33.9 ( $-\text{CH}_2$ ), 28.7 ( $-\text{CH}_3$ ) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2975 (m), 2252 (w), 1614 (w), 1519 (s), 1493 (s), 1457 (w), 1390 (w), 1365 (m), 1344 (s), 1261 (m), 1237 (m), 1160 (s), 1067 (w), 1034 (w), 955 (m), 901 (m), 857 (m), 838 (m), 809 (m), 763 (w), 743 (w), 693 (w), 634 (w), 520 (w), 477 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**MS** (APCI):  $m/z$  (%) = 416 (47)  $[\text{M}]$ , 417 (10)  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ .

**MS** (APCI):  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$   $m/z$ = calc.: 416.1953, found: 416.1941.

### Synthesis of 4-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-(4-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-nitrophenethyl)-1-nitrobenzene (12)



According to the general procedure 4-(*tert*-butoxy)-1-methyl-2-nitrobenzene (**8**, 2.14 g, 10.2 mmol) reacted with 4-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-methyl-1-nitrobenzene (**9**, 2.57 g, 12.3 mmol) in the presence of potassium butoxide (2.53 g, 22.5 mmol) and bromine (1.2 mL, 22.5 mmol). After purification using flash column chromatography on silica (*n*-pentane/ dichloromethane gradient, 5 % DCM → 100 % DCM) the product **12** and the by-product **13** could be obtained in one fraction with a ratio of 46 %: 53 % (determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectroscopy). The dimers **12** and **13** could be separated by repeated recrystallisation from cold acetone. The product was obtained as a beige solid (1.07 g, 2.58 mmol, 25 %).

**melting point:** 78 °C

$R_f$  = 0.36 (*n*-pentane/ dichloromethane 1:1).

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 7.99 (m<sub>c</sub>, 1 H, Ar<sup>II</sup>-H-6), 7.54 (d, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-H-3), 7.35 (d, <sup>4</sup>J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-H-6), 7.29 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.4 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-H-5), 7.07 (m<sub>c</sub>, 1 H, Ar<sup>II</sup>-H-3), 6.95 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 9.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.6 Hz, 1 H, Ar<sup>II</sup>-H-5), 3.25 (m<sub>c</sub>, 4 H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar<sup>II</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.43 (s, 9 H, Ar<sup>II</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.39 (s, 9 H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

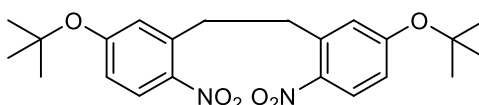
<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 161.3 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-4), 155.7 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-4), 150.4 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-2), 144.2 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-1), 139.0 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-2), 133.5 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-6), 130.6 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-1), 129.4 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-5), 127.7 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-6), 125.5 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-5), 121.00 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-3), 119.9 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-3), 80.9 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 80.4 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 35.1 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.7 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.0 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.9 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2976 (w), 1701 (w), 1608 (m), 1572 (m), 1526 (m), 1503 (s), 1416 (w), 1393 (w), 1367 (m), 1338 (m), 1317 (w), 1297 (w), 1273 (w), 1260 (w), 1237 (w), 1161 (s), 1077 (m), 973 (m), 959 (m), 908 (w), 875 (m), 824 (m), 759 (w), 693 (w), 634 (w), 528 (w), 464 (w), 411 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

MS (APCI):  $m/z$  (%) = 416 (48) [M].

MS (APCI): C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>  $m/z$  = calc.: 416.1953, found: 416.1941.

### Synthesis of 1,2-Bis(5-(*tert*-Butoxy)-2-nitrophenyl) ethane (**13**)



According to the general procedure 4-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-methyl-1-nitrobenzene (**9**, 2.88 g, 13.8 mmol) reacted in the presence of potassium butoxide (1.55 g, 13.8 mmol) and bromine (0.71 mL, 13.8 mmol) forming the desired product. After purification using flash column chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate gradient, 3 % EE → 40 % EE) the product was obtained as a beige solid (1.89 g, 4.53 mmol, 66 %).

**melting point:** 150 °C

$R_f$  = 0.36 (*n*-pentane/ dichloromethane 1:1).

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 8.00 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.9 Hz, 2 H, H-3), 7.07 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.9 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.7 Hz, 2 H, H-4), 6.96 (d, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.7 Hz, 2 H, H-6), 3.31 (s, 4 H, -CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.42 (s, 18 H, -CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.



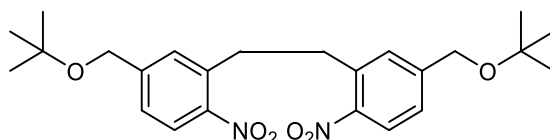
**<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (125 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 161.3 (C-5), 142.9 (C-2), 139.0 (C-1), 127.7 (C-3), 125.5 (C-6), 121.0 (C-4), 80.9 (-C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 34.9 (-CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.1 (-CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2973 (w), 2160 (w), 1980 (w), 1606 (m), 1575 (m), 1505 (s), 1482 (m), 1417 (w), 1390 (w), 1365 (m), 1344 (s), 1293 (m), 1260 (m), 1158 (s), 1076 (m), 1031 (w), 979 (m), 886 (s), 830 (m), 816 (m), 765 (m), 756 (m), 704 (w), 660 (m), 606 (w), 580 (w), 546 (w), 506 (w), 487 (w), 448 (m), 414 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**MS** (APCI):  $m/z$  (%) = 416 (9) [M], 359 (56) [M-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>].

**MS** (APCI): C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>  $m/z$ = calc.: 416.1953, found: 416.1941.

### Synthesis of 1,2-bis (5-(*tert*-butoxy methyl)-2-nitrophenyl) ethane (**14**)



According to the general procedure 4-(*tert*-butoxy methyl)-2-methyl-1-nitrobenzene (**10**, 478 mg, 2.14 mmol) reacted in the presence of potassium butoxide (288 mg, 2.57 mmol) and bromine (0.13 mL, 2.57 mmol) to the desired product. After purification using flash column chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate gradient, 6 % EE → 40 % EE) the product was obtained as a beige solid (234 mg g, 0.53 mmol, 50 %).

**melting point:** 132 °C

**R<sub>f</sub>** = 0.52 (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate 3:1).

**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (600 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  = 7.95 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H, H-3), 7.46 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.1 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.7 Hz, 2 H, H-4), 7.41 (d, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.7 Hz, 2 H, H-6), 4.56 (s, 4H, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>-OtBu), 3.27 (s, 4 H, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.28 (s, 18 H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

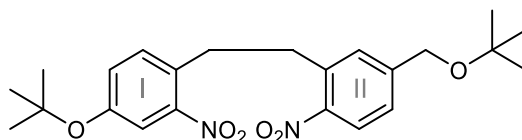
**<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (150 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  = 149.0 (C-2), 147.6 (C-5), 136.4 (C-1), 131.1 (C-6), 126.7 (C-4), 125.5 (C-3), 74.2 (-C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 63.4 (Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>-OtBu), 34.7 (Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.9 (-CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2975 (m), 2166 (w), 2045 (w), 1612 (w), 1589 (m), 1514 (s), 1463 (m), 1365 (w), 1344 (s), 1235 (m), 1190 (s), 1087 (s), 1066 (m), 1028 (m), 940 (w), 901 (s), 885 (s), 832 (s), 757 (s), 703 (s), 649 (w), 574 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**MS** (APCI):  $m/z$  (%) = 444 (20) [M].

**MS** (APCI): C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>  $m/z$ = calc.: 444.2266, found: 444.2251.

### Synthesis of 4-(*tert*-butoxy)-1-(5-(*tert*-butoxymethyl)-2-nitrophenethyl)-2-nitrobenzene (**15**)



According to the general procedure 4-(*tert*-butoxy methyl)-2-methyl-1-nitrobenzene (**10**, 2.13 g, 9.56 mmol) reacted with 4-(*tert*-butoxy)-1-methyl-2-nitrobenzene (**8**, 2.00 g, 9.56 mmol) in the presence

of potassium butoxide (2.36 g, 21.0 mmol) and bromine (1.08 mL, 21.0 mmol). After purification using flash column chromatography on silica (*n*-pentane/ dichloromethane gradient, 10 % DCM → 100 % DCM) the product was obtained as a beige solid (683 mg, 1.59 mmol, 17 %). In addition, the by-products **11** (364 mg, 0.87 mmol, 18 %,  $R_f$  = 0.30 (*n*-pentane/ dichloromethane 1:1)) and **14** (327 mg, 0.74 mmol, 15 %,  $R_f$  = 0.07 (*n*-pentane/ dichloromethane 1:1)) could be obtained.

**melting point:** 69.4 °C

$R_f$  = 0.21 (*n*-pentane/ dichloromethane 1:1).

**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (600 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  = 7.93 (d,  $^3J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1 H, Ar<sup>II</sup>-H-3), 7.55 (d,  $^4J$  = 2.6 Hz, 1 H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-H-3), 7.46 (d,  $^3J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1 H, Ar<sup>II</sup>-H-4), 7.40 (s, 1 H, Ar<sup>II</sup>-H-6), 7.33 (d,  $^3J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-H-6), 7.28 (dd,  $^3J$  = 8.4 Hz,  $^4J$  = 2.6 Hz, 1 H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-H-5), 4.55 (s, 2 H, Ar<sup>II</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>-OtBu), 3.23 (m<sub>c</sub>, 4 H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>, Ar<sup>II</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.39 (s, 9 H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.28 (s, 9 H, Ar<sup>II</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (150 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 300 K):  $\delta$  = 155.6 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-4), 150.4 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-2), 150.0 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-1), 147.6 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-5), 136.4 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-1), 133.5 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-6), 131.1 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-6), 130.6 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-1), 129.5 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-5), 126.6 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-4), 125.5 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-3), 120.0 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-3), 80.4 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 74.3 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 63.4 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>-OtBu), 34.6 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.0 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.9 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.9 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2975 (m), 2251 (w), 1721 (w), 1613 (w), 1589 (w), 1519 (s), 1493 (m), 1459 (w), 1390 (w), 1365 (m), 1342 (s), 1241 (m), 1192 (m), 1161 (s), 1091 (m), 1024 (w), 958 (m), 897 (m), 835 (m), 756 (w), 699 (w), 646 (w), 596 (w), 515 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**MS** (APCI):  $m/z$  (%) = 431 (6) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

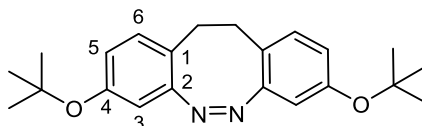
**MS** (APCI): C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>  $m/z$  = calc.: 431.2177, found: 431.2174.

## Syntheses of *tert*-butoxy diazocines 16-20

### General procedure

The *tert*-butoxy-di-nitrophenyl ethanes **11-15** (diazocine precursors) were suspended in ethanol and water in the presence of Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub> · 8 H<sub>2</sub>O and heated under reflux. Zinc powder was added, and after reaction the solution was filtrated through celite. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the obtained crude product was taken up in ethyl acetate and washed with water. The combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate followed by removal of the solvent. The residue was dissolved in 0.1 M methanolic sodium hydroxide solution and CuCl<sub>2</sub> was added. Air was led through the solution overnight. After neutralisation with 1 M HCl, and extraction with dichloromethane, the combined organic layers were dried in vacuo. The obtained crude product was purified using flash column chromatography on silica.

### Synthesis of (*Z*)-3,8-di-*tert*-butoxy-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine (**16**)



According to the general procedure 1,2-bis(4-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-nitrophenyl) ethane (**11**, 325 mg, 0.78 mmol) and Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub> · 8 H<sub>2</sub>O (738 mg, 2.34 mmol) was suspended in 67 mL ethanol and 25 mL water and heated under reflux. Zinc powder (1.02 g, 15.6 mmol) was added, and after 2.5 h the reaction mixture

was purified according to the procedure described above. The residue was dissolved in 110 mL 0.1 M methanolic sodium hydroxide solution and  $\text{CuCl}_2$  (6.3 mg) was added. Air was led through the solution overnight. After work-up and purification using flash column chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate, 6 % EE  $\rightarrow$  50 % EE) the product was obtained as a yellow solid (64.8 mg, 0.18 mmol, 23 %).

**Melting point:** 95.4 °C

**$^1\text{H-NMR}$**  (500 MHz,  $\text{CO}(\text{CD}_3)_2$ , 298 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 6.94 (d,  $^3J$  = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, H-6), 6.65 (dd,  $^3J$  = 8.4 Hz,  $^4J$  = 2.4 Hz, 2 H, H-5), 6.43 (d,  $^4J$  = 2.4 Hz, 2 H, H-3), 2.80-2.78 (m, 4 H,  $-\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.22 (s, 18 H,  $-\text{CH}_3$ ) ppm.

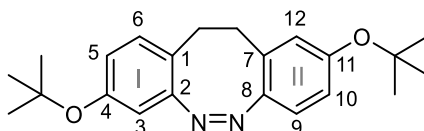
**$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$**  (125 MHz,  $\text{CO}(\text{CD}_3)_2$ , 298 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 157.1 (C-2), 155.1 (C-4), 131.1 (C-6), 124.0 (C-1), 123.1 (C-5), 114.2 (C-3), 80.0 ( $-\text{C-CH}_3$ ), 31.5 ( $-\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.0 ( $-\text{CH}_3$ ) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2974 (m), 1601 (m), 1565 (w), 1485 (s), 1391 (w), 1364 (m), 1252 (m), 1163 (s), 1079 (w), 953 (s), 886 (m), 855 (m), 822 (m), 769 (w), 645 (m), 568 (w), 506 (m), 463 (m), 420 (m), 404 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**MS** (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 352 (15)  $[\text{M}]^{+}$ , 240 (37)  $[\text{M}-\text{C}_8\text{H}_{18}]^{+}$ .

**MS** (EI, HR, 70 eV):  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $m/z$  = calc.: 352.2151, found: 352.2149.

### Synthesis of (Z)-2,8-di-*tert*-butoxy-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine (17)



According to the general procedure 4-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-(4-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-nitrophenethyl)-1-nitrobenzene (**12**, 574 mg, 1.38 mmol) and  $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 8 \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.96 g, 6.20 mmol) was suspended in 118 mL ethanol and 65 mL water and heated under reflux. Zinc powder (2.17 g, 33.1 mmol) was added, and after 2 h the reaction mixture was purified according to the procedure described above. But after removing the solvent the obtained residue was taken up in dichloromethane and filtered. The filtrate was dried in vacuo and the crude product was dissolved in 200 mL 0.1 M methanolic sodium hydroxide solution and  $\text{CuCl}_2$  (11 mg) was added. Air was led through the solution overnight. After work-up and purification using flash column chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate, 6 % EE  $\rightarrow$  60 % EE) the product was obtained as a yellow solid (107 mg, 0.30 mmol, 22 %).

**Melting point:** 111 °C

$R_f$  = 0.64 (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate 3:1).

**$^1\text{H-NMR}$**  (500 MHz,  $\text{CO}(\text{CD}_3)_2$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  = 6.92 (d,  $^3J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 6.77 (dd,  $^3J$  = 8.5 Hz,  $^4J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1 H, H-10), 6.69 (d,  $^3J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, H-9), 6.66 (d,  $^4J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1 H, H-12), 6.62 (dd,  $^3J$  = 8.3 Hz,  $^4J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 6.35 (d,  $^4J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 2.83-2.76 (m, 4 H,  $-\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.20 (s, 9 H,  $\text{Ar}^{\text{II}}-\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.19 (s, 9 H,  $\text{Ar}^{\text{I}}-\text{CH}_3$ ) ppm.

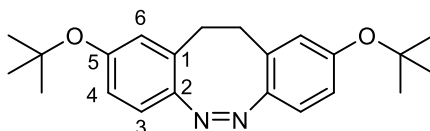
**$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$**  (125 MHz,  $\text{CO}(\text{CD}_3)_2$ , 298 K):  $\delta$  = 157.4 (C-4), 155.0 (C-2), 154.9 (C-11), 152.7 (C-8), 130.8 (C-6), 130.5 (C-7), 125.9 (C-12), 124.4 (C-1), 123.1 (C-5), 122.7 (C-10), 119.6 (C-9), 114.4 (C-3), 79.1 ( $\text{Ar}^{\text{I}}-\text{C-CH}_3$ ), 78.9 ( $\text{Ar}^{\text{II}}-\text{C-CH}_3$ ), 32.2 ( $\text{Ar}^{\text{II}}-\text{CH}_2$ ), 31.3 ( $\text{Ar}^{\text{I}}-\text{CH}_2$ ), 29.0 ( $\text{Ar}^{\text{II}}-\text{CH}_3$ ), 28.9 ( $\text{Ar}^{\text{I}}-\text{CH}_3$ ) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2975 (m), 2931 (w), 1599 (m), 1568 (w), 1482 (m), 1391 (m), 1366 (m), 1243 (m), 1158 (s), 1147 (s), 1200 (w), 1083 (w), 1000 (w), 940 (m), 910 (m), 874 (m), 849 (m), 822 (m), 767 (m), 740 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**MS** (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 352 (13)  $[\text{M}]^{+}$ , 240 (7)  $[\text{M}-\text{C}_8\text{H}_{18}]^{+}$ .

**MS** (EI, HR, 70 eV):  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $m/z$ = calc.: 352.2151, found: 352.2145.

### Synthesis of (Z)-2,9-di-*tert*-butoxy-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine (18)



According to the general procedure 1,2-Bis(5-(*tert*-Butoxy)-2-nitrophenyl) ethane (**13**, 1.89 g, 4.53 mmol) and  $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 8 \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (6.43 g, 20.4 mmol) was suspended in 370 mL ethanol and 180 mL water and heated under reflux. Zinc powder (7.26 g, 111 mmol) was added, and after 5 h the reaction mixture was purified according to the procedure described above. The residue was dissolved in 400 mL 0.1 M methanolic sodium hydroxide solution and  $\text{CuCl}_2$  (6.3 mg) was added. Air was led through the solution overnight. After work-up and purification using flash column chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate, 3 % EE  $\rightarrow$  40 % EE) the product was obtained as a yellow solid (562 mg, 1.59 mmol, 35 %).

**Melting point:** 187 °C

$R_f$  = 0.64 (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate 3:1).

**$^1\text{H-NMR}$**  (500 MHz,  $\text{CO}(\text{CD}_3)_2$ , 298 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 6.78 (dd,  $^3J$  = 8.5 Hz,  $^4J$  = 2.6 Hz, 2 H, *H*-4), 6.71-6.69 (m, 4 H, *H*-6, *H*-3), 2.81 (s, 4 H,  $-\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.21 (s, 18 H,  $-\text{CH}_3$ ) ppm.

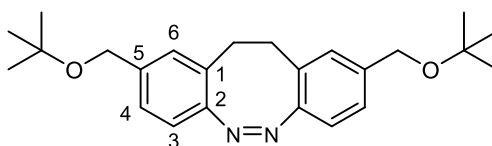
**$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$**  (125 MHz,  $\text{CO}(\text{CD}_3)_2$ , 298 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 155.0 (*C*-5), 152.6 (*C*-2), 130.2 (*C*-1), 125.6 (*C*-3), 122.8 (*C*-4), 120.1 (*C*-6), 78.8 (*C*- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 32.1 ( $-\text{CH}_2$ ), 27.5 ( $-\text{CH}_3$ ) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2974 (w), 1600 (m), 1482 (m), 1390 (w), 1365 (m), 1255 (m), 1149 (s), 1103 (w), 1001 (m), 962 (m), 935 (w), 904 (m), 859 (m), 829 (m), 768 (w), 619 (w), 548 (w), 474 (w), 456 (w), 434 (w), 417 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**MS** (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 352 (38)  $[\text{M}]^{+}$ , 296 (13)  $[\text{M}-\text{C}_4\text{H}_9]^+$ , 240 (73)  $[\text{M}-\text{C}_8\text{H}_{18}]^{+}$ .

**MS** (EI, HR, 70 eV):  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $m/z$ = calc.: 352.2151, found: 352.2149.

### Synthesis of (Z)-2,9-bis(*tert*-butoxymethyl)-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine (19)



According to the general procedure 1,2-bis (5-(*tert*-butoxy methyl)-2-nitrophenyl) ethane (**14**, 271 mg, 0.61 mmol) and Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub> · 8 H<sub>2</sub>O (577 mg, 1.83 mmol) was suspended in 50 mL ethanol and 25 mL water and heated under reflux. Zinc powder (798 mg, 12.2 mmol) was added, and after 2 h the reaction mixture was purified according to the procedure described above. The residue was dissolved in 250 mL 0.1 M methanolic sodium hydroxide solution and CuCl<sub>2</sub> (30 mg) was added. Air was led through the solution overnight. After work-up and purification using flash column chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate, 12 % EE → 40 % EE) the product was obtained as a yellow solid (152 mg, 0.34 mmol, 56 %).

**Melting point:** 167 °C

**R<sub>f</sub>** = 0.41 (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate 3:1).

**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K): δ = 7.13 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.1 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.7 Hz, 2 H, *H*-4), 7.05 (d, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.7 Hz, 2 H, *H*-6), 6.78 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H, *H*-3), 4.32 (s, 4 H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-OtBu), 2.86 (s, 4 H, -CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.21 (s, 18 H, -CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

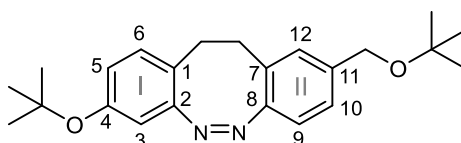
**<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (125 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K): δ = 155.6 (*C*-2), 140.1 (*C*-5), 129.3 (*C*-6), 128.7 (*C*-1), 126.5 (*C*-4), 119.5 (*C*-3), 73.7 (-*C*-CH<sub>3</sub>), 63.9 (Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>-OtBu), 32.3 (-CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.9 (-CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2969 (m), 1469 (m), 1387 (m), 1362 (s), 1103 (s), 1070 (s), 884 (s), 826 (s), 804 (m), 767 (m), 632 (w), 534 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**MS** (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* (%) = 380 (87) [M]<sup>+</sup>, 323 (5) [M-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>]<sup>+</sup>.

**MS** (EI, HR, 70 eV): C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> *m/z* = calc.: 380.2464, found: 380.2460.

### Synthesis of (*Z*)-8-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-(*tert*-butoxymethyl)-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine (**20**)



According to the general procedure 4-(*tert*-butoxy)-1-(5-(*tert*-butoxymethyl)-2-nitrophenethyl)-2-nitrobenzene (**15**, 126 mg, 0.29 mmol) and Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub> · 8 H<sub>2</sub>O (277 mg, 0.88 mmol) was suspended in 25 mL ethanol and 10 mL water and heated under reflux. Zinc powder (383 mg, 5.86 mmol) was added, and after 15.5 h the reaction mixture was purified according to the procedure described above. The residue was dissolved in 100 mL 0.1 M methanolic sodium hydroxide solution and CuCl<sub>2</sub> (25 mg) was added. Air was led through the solution overnight. After work-up and purification using flash column chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate, 6 % EE → 30 % EE) the product was obtained as a yellow solid (32.8 mg, 90.0 μmol, 31 %).

**Melting point:** 115 °C

**R<sub>f</sub>** = 0.53 (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate 3:1).

**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K): δ = 7.13 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.0 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.0 Hz 1 H, *H*-10), 7.02 (d, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.0 Hz, 1 H, *H*-12), 6.94 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, *H*-6), 6.75 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, *H*-9), 6.64 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.0 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.6 Hz, 1 H, *H*-5), 6.41 (d, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.6 Hz, 1 H, *H*-3), 4.32 (s, 2 H, -CH<sub>2</sub>OtBu), 2.83-2.77 (m, 4 H, -CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.23 (s, 9 H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.20 (s, 9 H, Ar<sup>II</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (125 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K):  $\delta$  = 157.2 (C-2), 155.6 (C-8), 155.1 (C-4), 140.1 (C-11), 131.0 (C-6), 129.3 (C-12), 128.9 (C-7), 126.3 (C-10), 123.9 (C-1), 123.0 (C-5), 119.1 (C-9), 114.4 (C-3), 79.1 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 73.7 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 63.9 (-CH<sub>2</sub>-OtBu), 32.3 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.5 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.0 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.9 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2972 (m), 2930 (m), 2179 (w), 1697 (w), 1604 (m), 1570 (w), 1488 (s), 1389 (m), 1365 (s), 1245 (m), 1196 (s), 1164 (s), 1093 (s), 953 (m), 930 (m), 871 (s), 851 (m), 807 (s), 768 (w), 651 (w), 620 (m), 595 (m), 560 (w), 522 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**MS** (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 366 (20) [M]<sup>+</sup>, 310 (14) [M-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>]<sup>+</sup>.

**MS** (EI, HR, 70 eV): C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  $m/z$ = calc.: 366.2307, found: 366.2304.

## Syntheses of difunctionalised hydroxy/ benzyl alcohol diazocines **1** and **3-6**

### General procedure

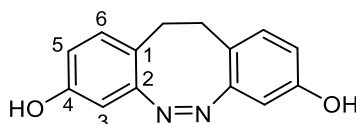
#### Deprotection using TiCl<sub>4</sub>:

Under nitrogen atmosphere the *tert*-butoxy diazocine was dissolved in dry dichloromethane and cooled to 0 °C. TiCl<sub>4</sub> (3 eq.) was added, and after further stirring at 0 °C for 1 min the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated potassium carbonate solution. The organic phase was separated and the aqueous phase was neutralised with concentrated hydrochloric acid. After extraction with dichloromethane and ethyl acetate the combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate followed by removal of the solvent. The crude product was purified using flash column chromatography on silica.

#### Deprotection using trifluoroacetic acid:

The *tert*-butoxy diazocine was dissolved in dichloromethane and trifluoroacetic acid was added. After a few hours, the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated potassium carbonate solution and the organic phase was separated. The aqueous phase was neutralised with concentrated hydrochloric acid and extracted with dichloromethane and ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate followed by removal of the solvent. The residue was purified using flash column chromatography on silica.

### Synthesis of (*Z*)-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine-3,8-diol (**1**)



Starting from (*Z*)-3,8-di-*tert*-butoxy-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine (**16**, 155 mg, 0.44 mmol) dissolved in 29 mL dichloromethane, TFA (1.1 mL) was added according to the general procedure using trifluoroacetic acid. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h. After work-up and purification using flash column chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate, 12 % EE → 60 % EE) the product was obtained as a yellow solid (48 mg, 0.20 mmol, 46 %).

**melting point:** 194 °C

**R<sub>f</sub>**= 0.42 (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate 1:1).

**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K, TMS): δ = 8.39 (s, 1 H, OH), 6.85 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.2 Hz, 2 H, H-6), 6.50 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.2 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.6 Hz, 2 H, H-5), 6.27 (d, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.6 Hz, 2 H, H-3), 2.72 (m<sub>c</sub>, 4 H, -CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm.

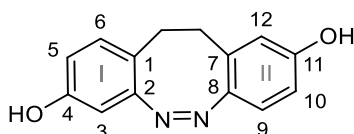
**<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (125 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K, TMS): δ = 157.5 (C-2), 156.8 (C-4), 131.7 (C-6), 120.1 (C-1), 114.8 (C-5), 105.9 (C-3), 31.5 (-CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3340 (m), 2946 (w), 2896 (w), 2591 (w), 1610 (m), 1587 (m), 1499 (m), 1440 (m), 1362 (w), 1270 (s), 1231 (s), 1135 (m), 934 (m), 903 (m), 799 (s), 740 (m), 716 (m), 676 (w), 620 (m), 552 (w), 525 (m), 505 (m), 489 (s), 451 (m), 410 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**MS** (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* (%) = 240 (88) [M]<sup>+</sup>.

**MS** (EI, HR, 70 eV): C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> *m/z*= calc.: 240.0894, found: 240.0898.

### Syntheses of (Z)-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine-2,8-diol (3)



Starting from (Z)-2,8-di-*tert*-butoxy-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine (**17**, 107 mg, 0.30 mmol) dissolved in 20 mL dry dichloromethane, TiCl<sub>4</sub> (99.9 μL, 0.91 mmol) was added according to the general procedure using TiCl<sub>4</sub>. After work-up and purification using flash column chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate, 12 % EE → 80 % EE) the product was obtained as a green, yellow solid (61.6 mg, 0.26 mmol, 86 %).

**melting point:** 200 °C

**R<sub>f</sub>** = 0.18 (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate 1:1).

**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO, 300 K, TMS): δ = 9.47 (s, 1 H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-OH), 9.43 (s, 1 H, Ar<sup>II</sup>-OH), 6.86 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 6.68 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, H-9), 6.55 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.5 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.5 Hz, 1 H, H-10), 6.44 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.3 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.5 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 6.41 (d, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.5 Hz, 1 H, H-12), 6.14 (d, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.5 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 2.64 (m<sub>c</sub>, 4 H, -CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm.

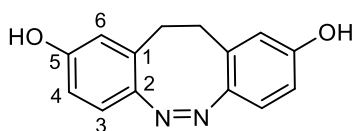
**<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (150 MHz, DMSO, 300 K, TMS): δ = 156.1 (C-11), 156.0 (C-4), 155.7 (C-2), 147.5 (C-8), 130.7 (C-6), 130.5 (C-7), 120.5 (C-9), 118.4 (C-1), 115.8 (C-12), 114.0 (C-5), 113.3 (C-10), 104.8 (C-3), 31.6 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.9 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3368 (m), 3037 (w), 2938 (w), 2697 (w), 1705 (w), 1607 (m), 1580 (s), 1499 (m), 1474 (m), 1439 (w), 1423 (w), 1364 (m), 1333 (w), 1292 (s), 1247 (s), 1211 (s), 1188 (m), 1154 (s), 1107 (m), 1046 (w), 1002 (w), 945 (w), 927 (m), 901 (m), 884 (m), 851 (m), 818 (s), 753 (w), 735 (w), 714 (w), 682 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**MS** (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* (%) = 240 (64) [M]<sup>+</sup>.

**MS** (EI, HR, 70 eV): C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> *m/z*= calc.: 240.0896, found: 240.0899.

### Syntheses of (Z)-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine-2,9-diol (**4**)



Starting from (Z)-2,9-di-*tert*-butoxy-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine (**18**, 427 mg, 1.21 mmol) dissolved in 105 mL dichloromethane, TFA (4.0 mL) was added according to the general procedure using trifluoroacetic acid. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h. After work-up and purification using flash column chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate, 12 % EE → 100 % EE) the product was obtained as a green, yellow solid (243 mg, 1.01 mmol, 84 %).

**melting point:** 173 °C

**R<sub>f</sub>** = 0.36 (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate 1:1).

**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K, TMS): δ = 8.32 (s, 2 H, OH), 6.67 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, H-3), 6.63 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.4 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.4 Hz, 2 H, H-4), 6.54 (d, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.4 Hz, 2 H, H-6), 2.75 (s, 4 H, -CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm.

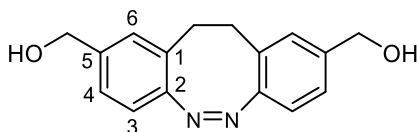
**<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (125 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K, TMS): δ = 156.8 (C-5), 149.6 (C-2), 130.8 (C-1), 121.6 (C-3), 116.5 (C-6), 114.3 (C-4), 32.4 (-CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 1602 (m), 1563 (m), 1495 (m), 1445 (m), 1366 (w), 1339 (w), 1293 (m), 1230 (s), 1153 (m), 1102 (m), 1040 (w), 954 (w), 914 (w), 892 (w), 863 (m), 822 (m), 750 (w), 714 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**MS** (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* (%) = 240 (94) [M]<sup>+</sup>.

**MS** (EI, HR, 70 eV): C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> *m/z* = calc.: 240.0899, found: 240.0895.

### Synthesis of (Z)-(11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine-2,9-diyl)dimethanol (**5**)



Starting from (Z)-2,9-bis(*tert*-butoxymethyl)-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine (**19**, 26 mg, 68.0 μmol) dissolved in 5 mL dry dichloromethane, TiCl<sub>4</sub> (22.4 μL, 0.20 mmol) was added according to the general procedure using TiCl<sub>4</sub>. After work-up and purification using flash column chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate, 20 % EE → 80 % EE) the product was obtained as a yellow solid (13 mg, 49.0 μmol, 72 %).

**melting point:** 153 °C

**R<sub>f</sub>** = 0.12 (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate 1:1).

**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 298 K, TMS): δ = 7.12 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.9 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.5 Hz, 2 H, H-4), 7.03 (s, 2 H, H-6), 6.80 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.9 Hz, 2 H, H-3), 4.44 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 5.7 Hz, 4 H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-OH), 3.15 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 5.7 Hz, 2 H, OH), 2.85 (m<sub>c</sub>, 4 H, -CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 298 K, TMS): δ = 155.6 (C-2), 142.1 (C-5), 129.4 (C-1), 129.1 (C-6), 126.1 (C-4), 119.8 (C-3), 64.0 (-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH), 32.3 (-CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm.

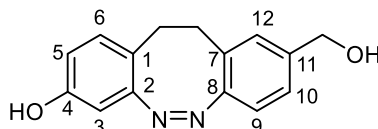


**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3284 (m), 2931 (w), 2876 (w), 2360 (w), 2174 (w), 2146 (w), 2134 (w), 2038 (w), 2013 (w), 1751 (w), 1654 (w), 1523 (w), 1483 (w), 1457 (m), 1415 (m), 1364 (m), 1206 (w), 1182 (w), 1150 (m), 1100 (w), 1022 (s), 995 (s), 960 (m), 915 (m), 892 (m), 838 (m), 814 (s), 754 (m), 734 (m), 718 (w), 699 (w), 675 (s), 604 (w), 575 (w), 533 (m), 509 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**MS** (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 268 (32)  $[\text{M}]^{+}$ .

**MS** (EI, HR, 70 eV):  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $m/z$ = calc.: 268.1212, found: 268.1209.

### Synthesis of (Z)-9-(hydroxymethyl)-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocin-3-ol (**6**)



Starting from (Z)-8-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-(*tert*-butoxymethyl)-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine (**20**, 131 mg, 0.36 mmol) dissolved in 25 mL dry dichloromethane,  $\text{TiCl}_4$  (117  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.07 mmol) was added according to the general procedure using  $\text{TiCl}_4$ . After work-up and purification using flash column chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate, 30 % EE  $\rightarrow$  80 % EE) the product was obtained as a yellow solid (66.5 mg, 0.26 mmol, 73 %).

**melting point:** 177  $^{\circ}\text{C}$

$R_f$  = 0.24 (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate 1:1).

**$^1\text{H-NMR}$**  (600 MHz,  $\text{CO}(\text{CD}_3)_2$ , 300 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 8.40 (s, 1 H, Ar-OH), 7.15 (d,  $^3J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1 H, H-10), 7.03 (s, 1 H, H-12), 6.88 (d,  $^3J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 6.77 (d,  $^3J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1 H, H-9), 6.51 (dd,  $^3J$  = 8.2 Hz,  $^4J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 6.28 (d,  $^4J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 4.50 (d, 2 H,  $^3J$  = 5.6 Hz,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ), 4.12 (t, 1 H,  $^3J$  = 5.6 Hz,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{-OH}$ ), 2.81-2.71 (m, 4 H,  $-\text{CH}_2$ ) ppm.

**$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$**  (150 MHz,  $\text{CO}(\text{CD}_3)_2$ , 300 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 157.6 (C-2), 156.9 (C-4), 155.5 (C-8), 142.1 (C-11), 131.6 (C-6), 129.0 (C-7), 128.8 (C-12), 125.6 (C-10), 119.8 (C-1), 119.4 (C-9), 114.9 (C-5), 106.0 (C-3), 64.0 ( $-\text{CH}_2\text{-OH}$ ), 32.7 ( $-\text{CH}_2\text{-Ar-CH}_2\text{OH}$ ), 31.2 ( $\text{Ar}^1\text{-CH}_2$ ) ppm.

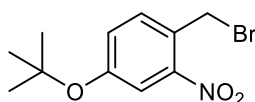
**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3221 (s), 2934 (w), 1999 (w), 1610 (s), 1499 (m), 1453 (s), 1278 (m), 1240 (s), 1170 (w), 1141 (w), 1104 (w), 1025 (s), 908 (m), 847 (w), 807 (s), 726 (w), 622 (w), 584 (w), 532 (w), 508 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**MS** (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 254 (66)  $[\text{M}]^{+}$ .

**MS** (EI, HR, 70 eV):  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$   $m/z$ = calc.: 254.1055, found: 254.1052.

## 3.2 Syntheses of monofunctionalised diazocines

### Synthesis of 1-(bromomethyl)-4-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-nitrobenzene



4-(*tert*-butoxy)-1-methyl-2-nitrobenzene (1.00 g, 4.78 mmol) was dissolved in 7.0 mL carbon tetrachloride and *N*-bromosuccinimide (938 mg, 5.27 mmol) and DBPO (36.0 mg, 0.15 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux and after 2.5 h a further amount of DBPO (40.0 mg) was added. After 7.5 h the solution was cooled to room temperature and after stirring for further 13 h it was filtrated through celite. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified using flash column chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate, 0 % EE → 20 % EE). The product was obtained as a yellow liquid (851 mg, 2.95 mmol, 62 %).

$R_f$  = 0.51 (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate 3:1).

$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 7.65 (d,  $^4J$  = 2.6 Hz, 1 H, *H*-3), 7.44 (d,  $^3J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, *H*-6), 7.20 (dd,  $^3J$  = 8.4 Hz,  $^4J$  = 2.6 Hz, 1 H, *H*-5), 4.80 (s, 2 H,  $-\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.42 (s, 9 H,  $-\text{CH}_3$ ) ppm.

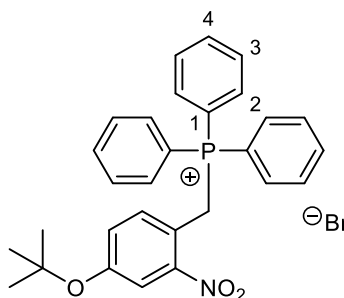
$^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 156.7 (C-4), 148.1 (C-2), 133.0 (C-6), 128.2 (C-5), 126.7 (C-1), 119.5 (C-3), 80.6 (C- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 29.0 ( $-\text{CH}_2$ ), 28.7 ( $-\text{CH}_3$ ) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2978 (m), 1765 (w), 1616 (m), 1527 (s), 1495 (m), 1439 (m), 1393 (w), 1368 (m), 1338 (m), 1342 (m), 1295 (w), 1245 (m), 1223 (m), 1157 (s), 1112 (w), 1062 (w), 1033 (w), 997 (w), 960 (m), 902 (m), 861 (m), 839 (m), 816 (m), 795 (w), 762 (w), 703 (w), 622 (m), 458 (w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**MS** (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 287 (2)  $[\text{M}]^{+}$ , 231 (7)  $[\text{M}-\text{C}_4\text{H}_9]^+$ , 153 (10)  $[\text{M}-\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{Br}]^+$ .

**MS** (EI, HR, 70 eV):  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3\text{Br}$   $m/z$  = calc.: 287.0157, found: 287.0155.

#### Synthesis of (4-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-nitrobenzyl) triphenylphosphonium bromide (21)



Under nitrogen atmosphere 1-(bromomethyl)-4-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-nitrobenzene (3.78 g, 13.1 mmol) was dissolved in 200 mL dry acetone and heated under reflux. Triphenylphosphine (6.88 g, 26.2 mmol) was added, and after 2 h the precipitated colorless solid was filtered off. After recrystallisation from ethyl acetate the product was obtained (5.22 g, 9.48 mmol, 72 %).

**melting point:** 212 °C

$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500 MHz, DMSO, 298 K):  $\delta$  = 7.92 ( $m_c$ , 3 H, *H*-4), 7.74 ( $m_c$ , 6 H, *H*-2), 7.65-7.61 (m, 6 H, *H*-3), 7.52 (d,  $^4J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1 H, *H*-3), 7.38 (dd,  $^3J$  = 8.5 Hz,  $^4J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1 H, *H*-5), 7.32 (dd,  $^3J$  = 8.5 Hz,  $^5J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1 H, *H*-6), 5.38 (d,  $^2J$  = 14.7 Hz, 2 H,  $-\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.34 (s, 9 H,  $-\text{CH}_3$ ) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (125 MHz, DMSO, 298 K):  $\delta = 156.1$  (C-4), 148.5 (C-2), 135.2 (d,  $^4J_{CP} = 2.9$  Hz, C-4), 133.7 (d,  $^3J_{CP} = 9.3$  Hz, C-3), 133.9 (C-6), 130.2 (d,  $^2J_{CP} = 12.8$  Hz, C-2), 129.0 (C-5), 119.8 (C-3), 117.3 (d,  $^1J_{CP} = 86.3$  Hz, C-1), 80.5 (C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.1 (-CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.2 (-CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm.

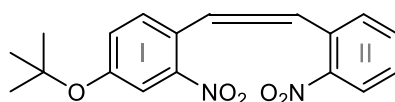
**<sup>31</sup>P-NMR** (202.5 MHz, DMSO, 300 K):  $\delta = 23.4$  ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu} = 3049$  (w), 2982 (w), 2844 (w), 2777 (w), 2033 (w), 1583 (w), 1528 (s), 1482 (m), 1431 (m), 1396 (w), 1373 (m), 1339 (m), 1304 (w), 1241 (m), 1156 (s), 1108 (s), 1027 (w), 996 (w), 963 (m), 921 (m), 865 (m), 836 (m), 752 (s), 715 (m), 690 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**MS** (ESI, pos):  $m/z$  (%) = 470 (100) [M]<sup>+</sup>.

**MS** (ESI, HR, pos): C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NP  $m/z$ = calc.: 470.1880, found: 470.1879.

#### Synthesis of 4-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-nitro-1-(2-nitrostyryl) benzene (**22**)



Under nitrogen atmosphere 4-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-nitrobenzyl triphenylphosphonium bromide (**21**, 1.00 g, 1.82 mmol) was suspended in 120 mL dry tetrahydrofuran and heated under reflux. Potassium *tert*-butoxide (204 mg, 1.82 mmol) was added, and after 10 min the reaction mixture was cooled to 50 °C. After adding 2-nitrobenzaldehyde (275 mg, 1.82 mmol) and stirring for further 2 h the solution was washed with water (30 mL). It was extracted with diethyl ether (3x 100 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried in vacuo. The crude product was purified using flash column chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate, 12 % EE → 80 % EE). The product was obtained as a yellow oil (494 mg, 1.44 mmol, 79 %).

$R_f = 0.67$  (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate 1:1).

**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K):  $\delta = 8.05$  (dd,  $^3J = 8.0$  Hz,  $^4J = 1.5$  Hz, 1 H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-H-3), 7.68 (d,  $^4J = 2.3$  Hz, 1 H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-H-3), 7.34 (m<sub>c</sub>, 1 H, Ar<sup>II</sup>-H-5), 7.30 (m<sub>c</sub>, 1 H, Ar<sup>II</sup>-H-4), 7.05 (s, 2 H, CH), 7.03 (dd,  $^3J = 8.0$  Hz,  $^4J = 1.7$  Hz, 1 H, Ar<sup>II</sup>-H-6), 6.92 (dd,  $^3J = 8.5$  Hz,  $^4J = 2.3$  Hz, 1 H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-H-5), 6.88 (d,  $^3J = 8.5$  Hz, 1 H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-H-6), 1.36 (s, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

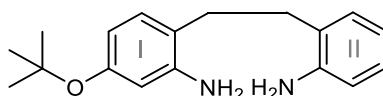
**<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K):  $\delta = 155.6$  (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-4), 148.3 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-2), 148.3 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-2), 133.0 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-4), 132.8 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-6), 132.7 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-1), 132.5 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-6), 128.7 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-CH), 128.3 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-5), 128.2 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-CH), 128.4 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-5), 126.8 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-1), 124.7 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-3), 118.8 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-3), 88.3 (C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu} = 2978$  (w), 2932 (w), 1606 (w), 1571 (w), 1554 (w), 1519 (s), 1492 (w), 1393 (w), 1367 (w), 1341 (s), 1249 (m), 1159 (s), 959 (m), 900 (w), 857 (m), 832 (w), 812 (w), 787 (w), 761 (w), 746 (w), 705 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**MS** (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 342 (2) [M]<sup>+</sup>, 286 (15) [M-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>]<sup>+</sup>.

**MS** (EI, HR, 70 eV): C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>  $m/z$ = calc.: 342.1216, found: 342.1199.

#### Synthesis of 2-(2-aminophenethyl)-5-(*tert*-butoxy) aniline (**23**)



In a baffled flask 4-(*tert*-butoxy)-2-nitro-1-(2-nitrostyryl) benzene (**22**, 913 mg, 2.67 mmol) was dissolved in 300 mL ethanol. It was carefully evacuated and flooded with nitrogen three times. Under nitrogen counter current Pd/C was added followed by an additional evacuation and flooding with hydrogen. After stirring for 15 h at room temperature the solution was filtered through celite and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate, 12 % EE → 100 % EE) and the product was obtained as a yellow solid (303 mg, 1.07 mmol, 75 %).

**melting point:** 78.5 °C

$R_f$  = 0.4 (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate 1:1).

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K, TMS): δ = 7.01 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.5 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.5 Hz, 1 H, Ar<sup>II</sup>-H-6), 6.93 (m<sub>c</sub>, 1 H, Ar<sup>II</sup>-H-5), 6.88 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-H-3), 6.69 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.7 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.2 Hz, 1 H, Ar<sup>II</sup>-H-3), 6.57 (m<sub>c</sub>, 1 H, Ar<sup>II</sup>-H-4), 6.40 (d, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.3 Hz, 1 H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-H-6), 6.23 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.0 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H, Ar<sup>I</sup>-H-4), 4.42 (bs, 4 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 2.86 (s, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.74 (m<sub>c</sub>, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm.

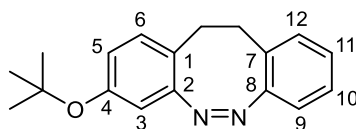
<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K, TMS): δ = 155.6 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-5), 147.2 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-1), 146.7 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-2), 130.1 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-6), 130.0 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-3), 127.5 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-5), 126.8 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-1), 121.8 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-2), 118.2 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-4), 116.0 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-C-3), 113.9 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-4), 111.7 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-C-6), 77.7 (C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 31.4 (Ar<sup>II</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.8 (Ar<sup>I</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

IR:  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3423 (w), 3350 (w), 3227 (w), 3031 (w), 2976 (w), 2933 (w), 2863 (w), 1619 (m), 1605 (m), 1575 (m), 1498 (s), 1456 (m), 1388 (m), 1365 (m), 1283 (m), 1260 (w), 1154 (s), 1136 (w), 1078 (w), 1035 (w), 991 (m), 971 (m), 886 (s), 867 (w), 851 (w), 822 (w), 806 (w), 775 (w), 749 (s), 685 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 284 (4) [M]<sup>+</sup>, 228 (3) [M-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>]<sup>+</sup>.

MS (EI, HR, 70 eV): C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O  $m/z$  = calc.: 284.1889, found: 284.1889.

### Synthesis of (Z)-3-(*tert*-butoxy)-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine (**24**)



2-(2-Aminophenethyl)-5-(*tert*-butoxy) aniline (**23**, 261 mg, 0.92 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL dichloromethane, and oxone (1.13 g, 1.83 mmol) dissolved in 10 mL water was added. After stirring for 2.5 h the phases were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 50.0 mL). The combined organic layers were dried in vacuo, and the residue was dissolved in 5 mL dichloromethane and 5 mL acetic acid. After stirring for further 14 h the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate, 6 % EE → 50 % EE). The product was obtained as a yellow solid (125 mg, 0.45 mmol, 49 %).

**melting point:** 81.6 °C

$R_f$  = 0.64 (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate 1:1).

**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 7.15 (m<sub>c</sub>, 1 H, H-10), 7.00-7.05 (m, 2 H, H-11, H-12) 6.92 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 6.78 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.0 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.5 Hz, 1 H, H-9), 6.63 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.2 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 6.39 (d, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 2.82 (m<sub>c</sub>, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.21 (s, 9 H, CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

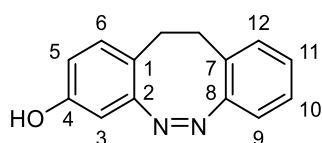
**<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (125 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 157.1 (C-2), 156.8 (C-8), 155.1 (C-4), 131.1 (C-6), 130.6 (C-12), 129.4 (C-7), 127.7 (C-11), 127.5 (C-10), 123.9 (C-1), 123.1 (C-5), 119.0 (C-9), 114.4 (C-3), 79.1 (C-CH<sub>3</sub>), 32.0 (Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.5 (OtBu-Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 2985 (w), 2937 (w), 1606 (m), 1560 (m), 1489 (s), 1460 (m), 1444 (w), 1393 (m), 1368 (m), 1290 (m), 1244 (m), 1173 (s), 1147 (m), 1102 (m), 1082 (m), 1035 (w), 973 (m), 944 (m), 918 (m), 862 (m), 847 (m), 808 (s), 781 (w), 754 (s), 728 (w), 705 (w) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**MS** (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 280 (20) [M]<sup>+</sup>, 224 (44) [M-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>]<sup>+</sup>.

**MS** (EI, HR, 70 eV): C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O  $m/z$ = calc.: 280.1576, found: 280.1572.

### Synthesis of (Z)-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocin-3-ol (**2**)



Under nitrogen atmosphere (Z)-3-(*tert*-butoxy)-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine (**24**, 75.0 mg, 0.27 mmol) was dissolved in 15.0 mL dichloromethane, cooled to 0 °C and treated with TiCl<sub>4</sub> (87.5  $\mu$ L, 0.80 mmol). After 1 min stirring at 0 °C the reaction mixture was diluted with saturated potassium carbonate solution. The organic phase was separated and the aqueous phase was neutralised with 1 M hydrochloric acid. It was extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 30.0 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate followed by removal the solvent. The residue was purified using flash column chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate, 12 % EE  $\rightarrow$  80 % EE) and the product was obtained as a yellow solid (46.4 mg, 0.21 mmol, 78 %).

**melting point:** 121 °C

**R<sub>f</sub>** = 0.49 (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate 1:1).

**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (600 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 300 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 8.39 (s, 1 H, OH), 7.16 (m<sub>c</sub>, 1 H, H-10), 7.00-7.06 (m, 2 H, H-11, H-12), 6.85 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 6.79 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, H-9), 6.49 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.3 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.5 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 6.27 (d, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.5 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 2.72-2.80 (m, 4 H, CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (150 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 300 K, TMS):  $\delta$  = 157.6 (C-2), 156.9 (C-4), 156.7 (C-8), 131.7 (C-6), 130.7 (C-12), 129.4 (C-7), 127.7 (C-11), 127.4 (C-10), 119.8 (C-1), 119.3 (C-9), 114.9 (C-5), 105.9 (C-3), 32.3 (-CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.3 (HO-Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm.

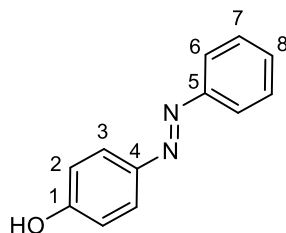
**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3215 (w), 2925 (w), 2161 (w), 1609 (m), 1582 (m), 1498 (m), 1441 (m), 1275 (m), 1232 (m), 1168 (w), 1140 (w), 1102 (w), 1083 (w), 946 (w), 911 (w), 879 (w), 843 (w), 815 (w), 754 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**MS** (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) = 224 (61) [M]<sup>+</sup>.

**MS** (EI, HR, 70 eV): C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O  $m/z$ = calc.: 224.0950, found: 224.0947.

### 3.3 Syntheses of hydroxy azobenzenes

#### Synthesis of (*E*)-4-(phenyldiazenyl)phenol



In a three-necked flask aniline (1.00 g, 10.7 mmol) was dissolved in 21 mL water and treated with 2.7 mL concentrated hydrochloric acid. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and NaNO<sub>2</sub> (1.10 g, 16.1 mmol) dissolved in 3.5 mL water was added dropwise. After 15 min stirring at 0 °C the reaction mixture was diluted with 35 mL cold ethanol.

In a separate flask, phenol (1.00 g, 10.7 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL ethanol under addition of potassium hydroxide (1.10 g, 20.3 mmol). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and was slowly added to the diazonium solution. After 17 h of stirring at room temperature the solution was acidified with 1 M hydrochloric acid. The precipitated solid was filtered off and washed with water. After recrystallisation from methanol/water the product was obtained as an orange solid (870 mg, 4.39 mmol, 41 %).

**melting point:** 155 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K):  $\delta$  = 9.11 (s, 1 H, OH), 7.87 (m<sub>c</sub>, 4 H, H-6, H-3), 7.55 (m<sub>c</sub>, 2 H, H-7), 7.47-7.51 (m, 1 H, H-8), 7.03 (m<sub>c</sub>, 2 H, H-2) ppm.

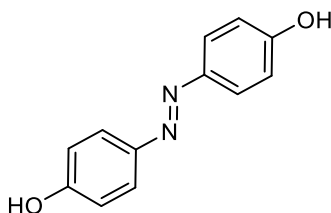
**<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (125 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K):  $\delta$  = 161.6 (C-1), 153.6 (C-5), 147.2 (C-4), 131.2 (C-8), 130.0 (C-7), 125.8 (C-3), 123.2 (C-6), 116.7 (C-2) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3095 (m), 1896 (w), 1584 (s), 1506 (s), 1471 (m), 1455 (s), 1414 (s), 1378 (m), 1273 (s), 1218 (s), 1138 (s), 1022 (w), 999 (m), 917 (m), 836 (s), 807 (w), 791 (m), 764 (s), 719 (s), 679 (s), 643 (m), 545 (s), 531 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**MS** (ESI, neg):  $m/z$  (%) = 197 (100) [M-H]<sup>-</sup>.

**MS** (ESI, HR, neg): C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ON<sub>2</sub>  $m/z$ = calc.: 197.0720, found: 197.0714.

#### Synthesis of (*E*)-4,4'-(diazene-1,2-diyl) diphenol



In a three-necked flask 4-aminophenol (1.00 g, 9.16 mmol) was dissolved in 18 mL of water and treated with 2.3 mL concentrated hydrochloric acid. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and NaNO<sub>2</sub> (943 mg, 13.7 mmol) dissolved in 3.0 mL water was added dropwise. After 15 min stirring at 0 °C the reaction mixture was diluted with 29 mL cooled ethanol.

In a separate flask, phenol (862 mg, 9.16 mmol) was dissolved in 4.3 mL ethanol under addition of potassium hydroxide (977 mg, 17.4 mmol). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and was slowly added to the diazonium solution. After 25 h of stirring at room temperature the solution was acidified with 1 M hydrochloric acid and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. After purification using column chromatography on silica (cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate; 1:1) and recrystallisation from acetone/water the product could be obtained as a dark red solid (34.8 mg, 0.16 mmol, 2 %).

**melting point:** 204 °C

**<sup>1</sup>H-NMR** (500 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K): δ = 7.79 (m<sub>c</sub>, 4 H, *H*-3), 6.99 (m<sub>c</sub>, 4 H, *H*-2) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C-NMR** (125 MHz, CO(CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, 298 K): δ = 160.8 (*C*-1), 147.2 (*C*-4), 125.2 (*C*-3), 116.6 (*C*-2) ppm.

**IR:**  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3182 (m), 2352 (w), 2012 (w), 1589 (s), 1506 (m), 1476 (s), 1428 (m), 1384 (m), 1249 (s), 1153 (s), 1104 (m), 830 (s), 772 (w), 646 (w), 530 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**MS** (ESI, pos): *m/z* (%) = 215 (71) [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

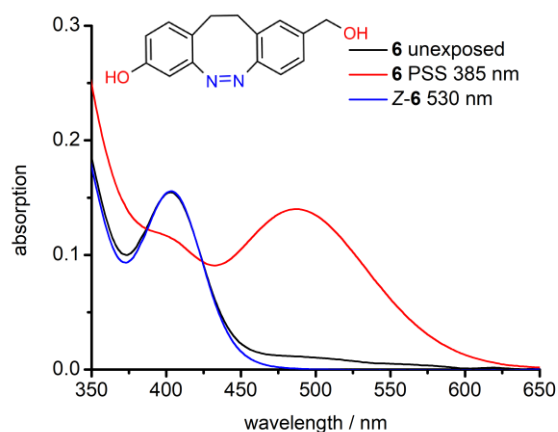
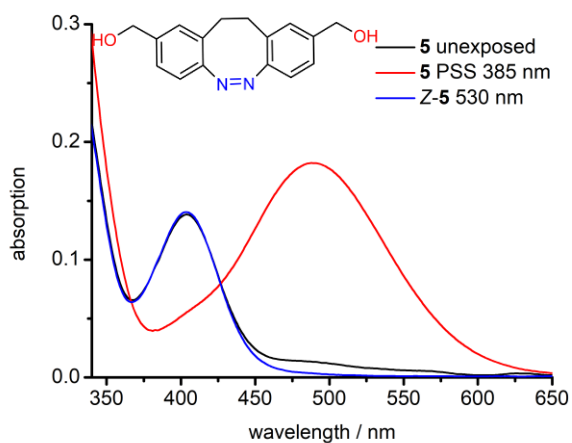
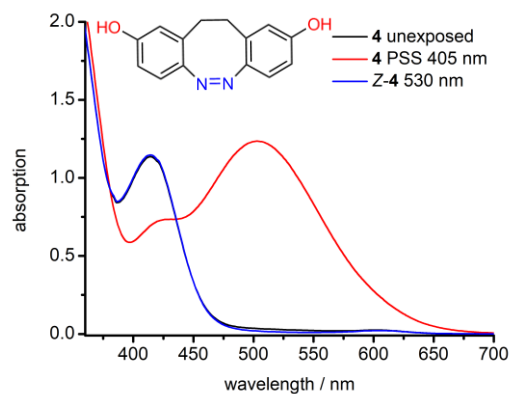
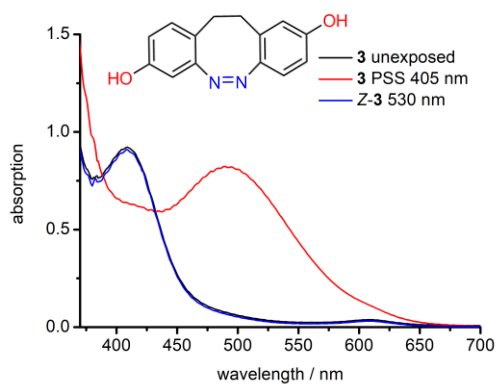
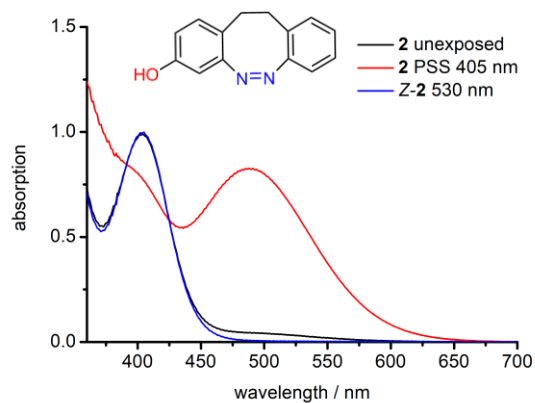
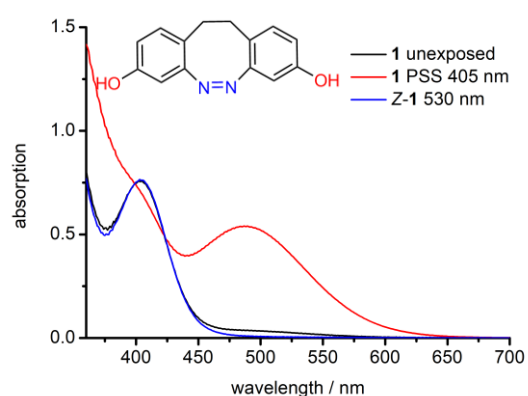
**MS** (ESI, HR, pos): C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> *m/z*= calc.: 215.0815, found: 215.0815

## 4. Photochemical Characterisation

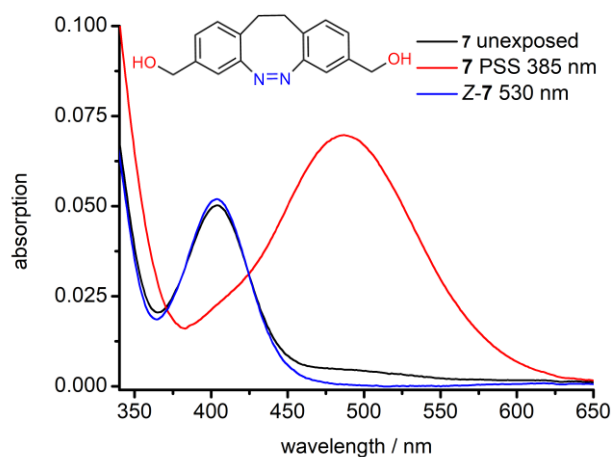
### 4.1 UV/Vis Measurements

#### UV/Vis spectra of hydroxy and benzyl alcohol diazocines

UV/Vis spectra of the unexposed samples (black) and after irradiation with 385/ 405 nm (red) were recorded in DMSO and in aqueous solution (H<sub>2</sub>O 98 %; DMSO 2 %). Additionally, UV/Vis spectra after back isomerisation with 530 nm (blue) are presented.



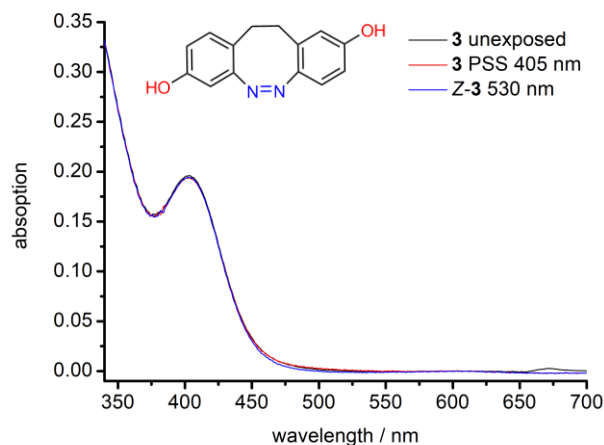
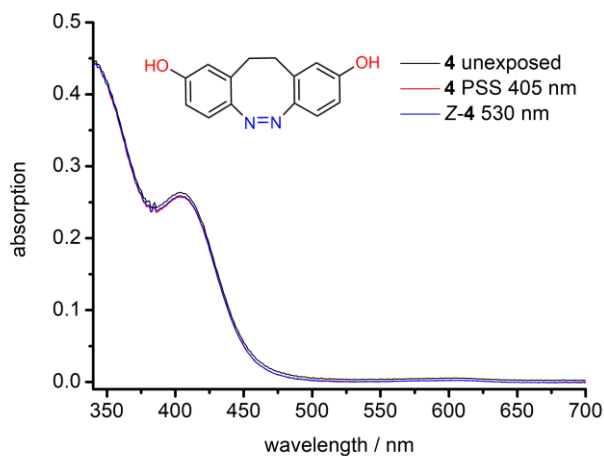
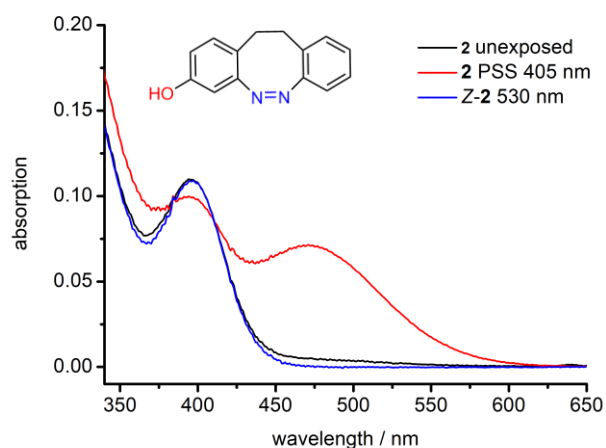
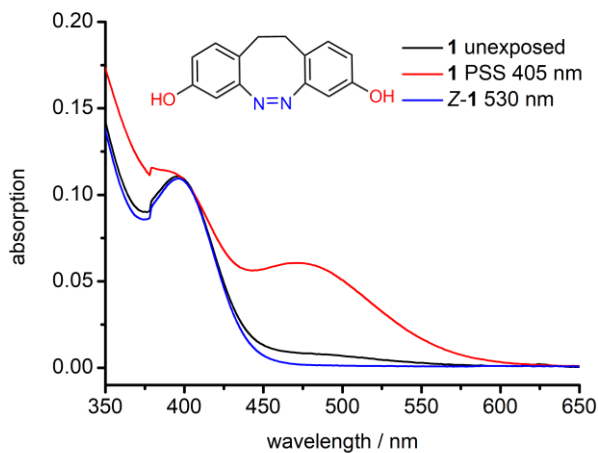


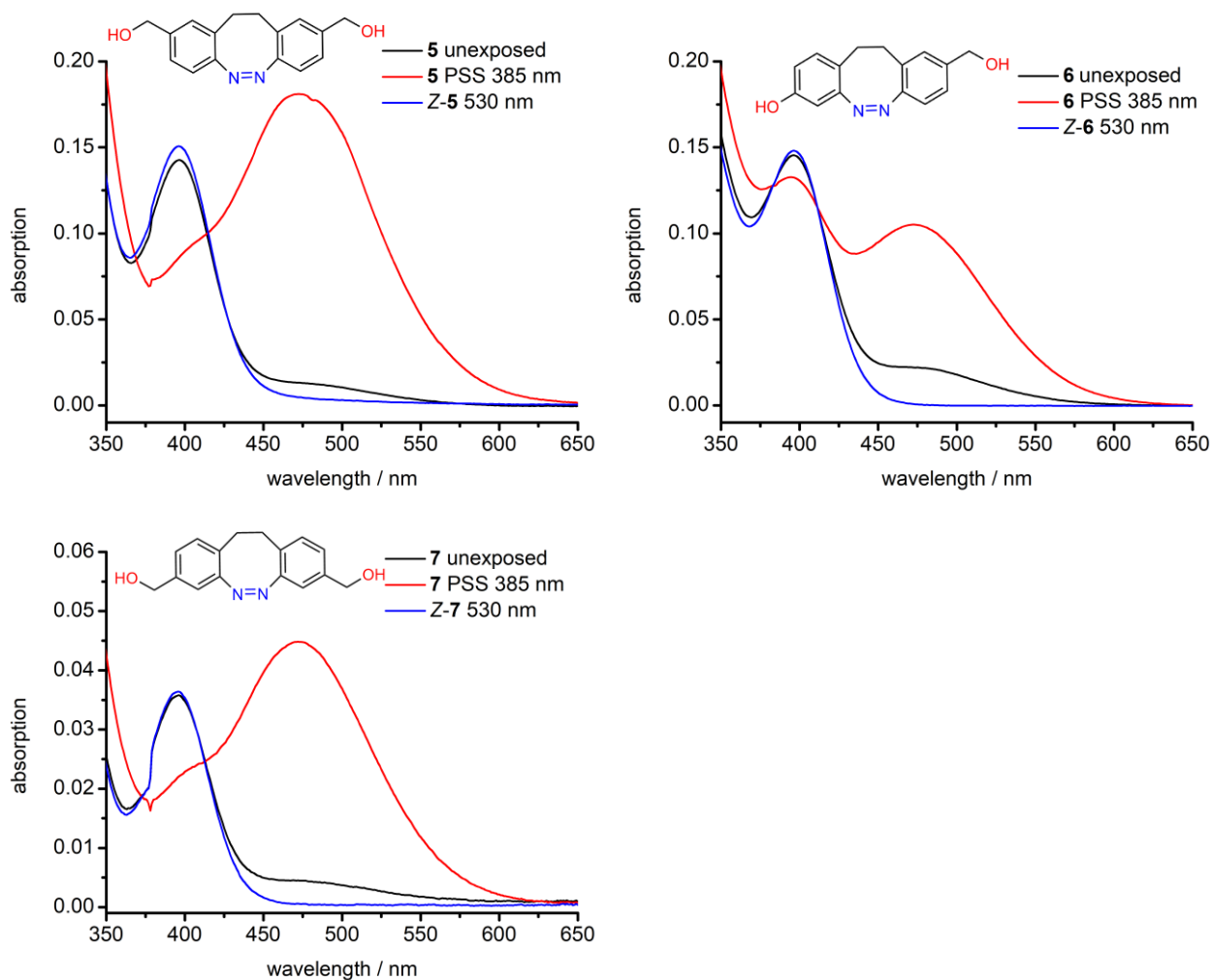


**Supplementary figure 1.** UV/Vis spectra of compound 1-7 recorded at 25 °C in pure DMSO solution. The unexposed sample is plotted in black, the spectra of the Z configuration in blue and the spectra of the PSS (405 nm or 385 nm) between Z/E in red.

Compared to DMSO in water the  $n-\pi^*$  absorption maxima of the E and Z isomers are shifted hypsochromically. Due to the solvent-dependent shift in the absorption maxima the optimal excitation wavelengths were recorded in DMSO and water.

Figure 2 shows the UV/Vis spectra of the hydroxy and benzyl alcohol diazocines in aqueous solution (H<sub>2</sub>O 98 %; DMSO 2 %).

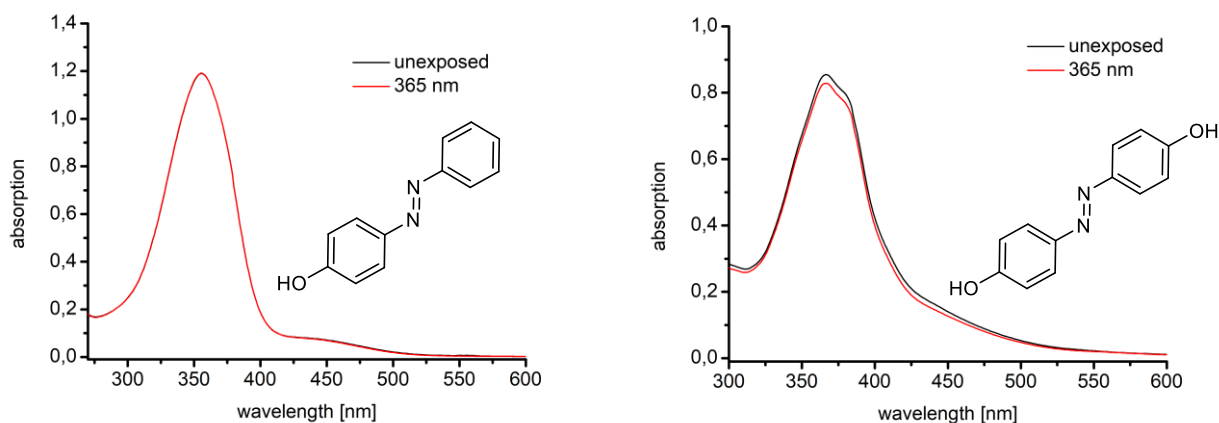




**Supplementary figure 2.** UV/Vis spectra of compound 1-7 recorded at 25 °C in aqueous solution (H<sub>2</sub>O 98%; DMSO 2%; 200 μM). The unexposed sample is plotted in black, the spectra of the Z configuration in blue and the spectra of the PSS between Z/E in red. The *para*-hydroxy diazocines **3** and **4** show no detectable switching.

## UV/Vis spectra of hydroxy azobenzenes

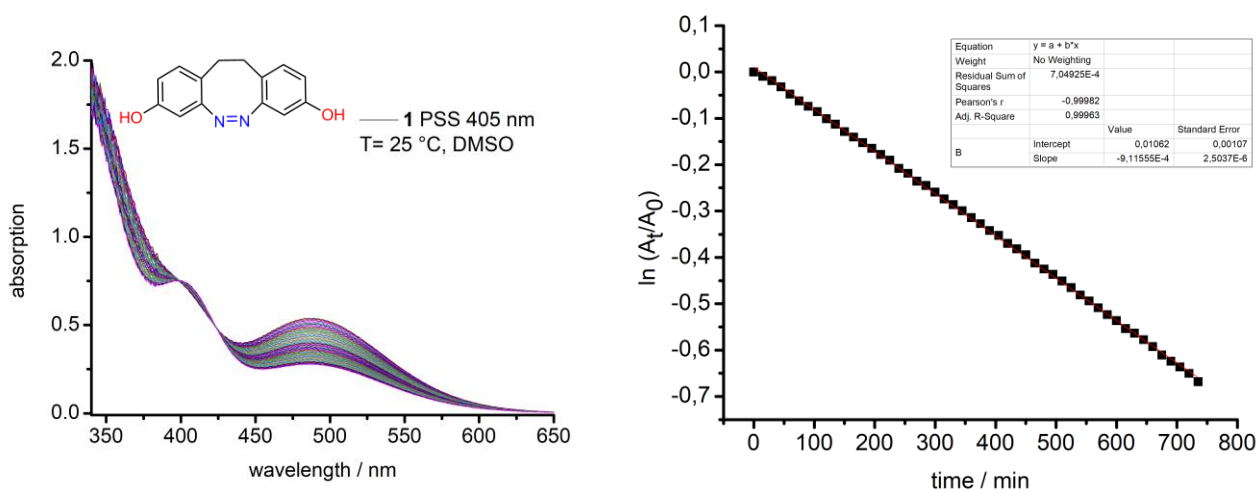
UV/Vis spectra of the hydroxy azobenzenes were recorded in DMSO at 25 °C (50  $\mu\text{M}$ ). In black the unexposed samples and in red the irradiated samples with 365 nm are display. Due to the *para*-hydroxy group and the azo hydrazone tautomerism no switching in DMSO was detectable.<sup>2-6</sup>



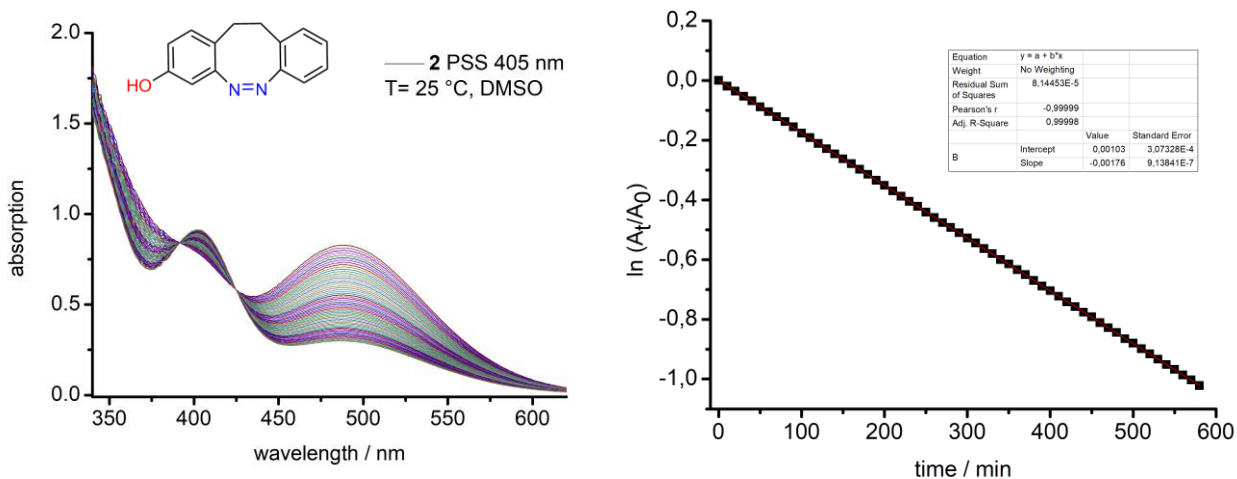
**Supplementary figure 3.** UV/Vis spectra of hydroxy azobenzenes recorded at 25 °C in DMSO (50  $\mu\text{M}$ ). The unexposed sample is plotted in black and the irradiated sample with 365 nm in red.

## 4.2 Thermal half-lives

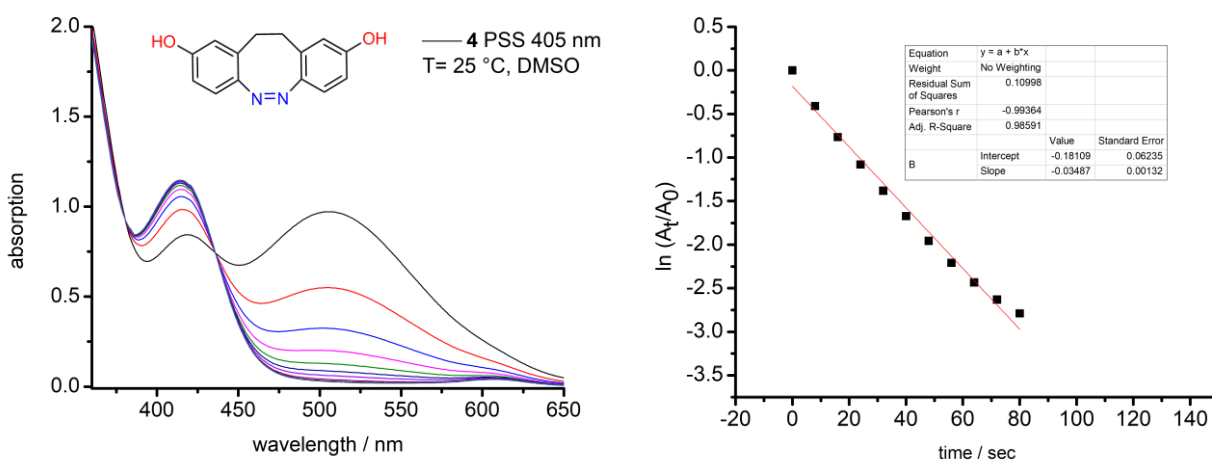
### Thermal half-lives in DMSO



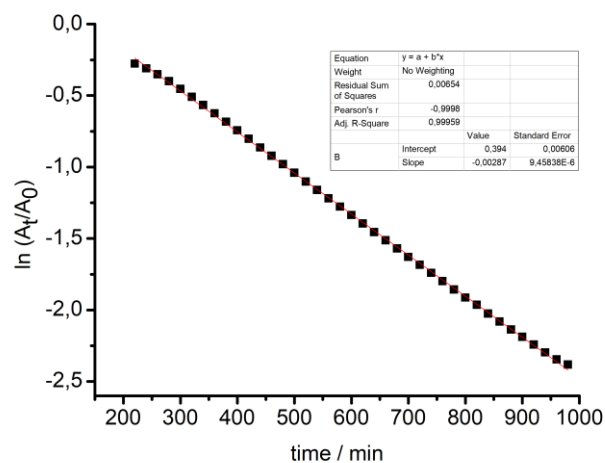
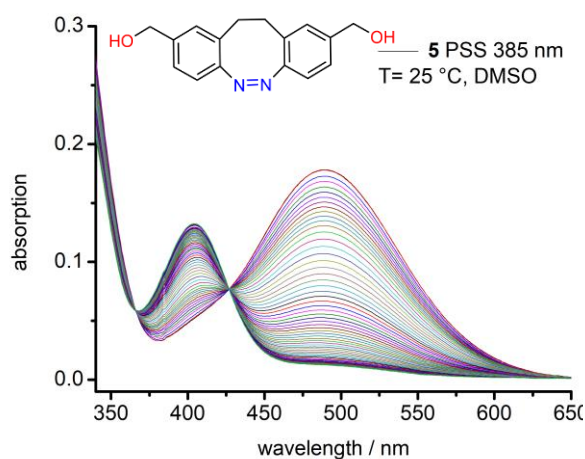
**Supplementary figure 4.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **1** in 15 min interval at 25 °C in DMSO (1.7 mM). Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 497 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -9.1156 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 12.7 \text{ h}$ ).



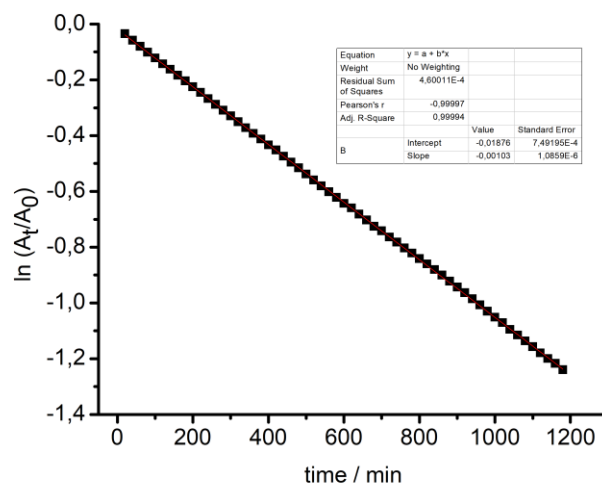
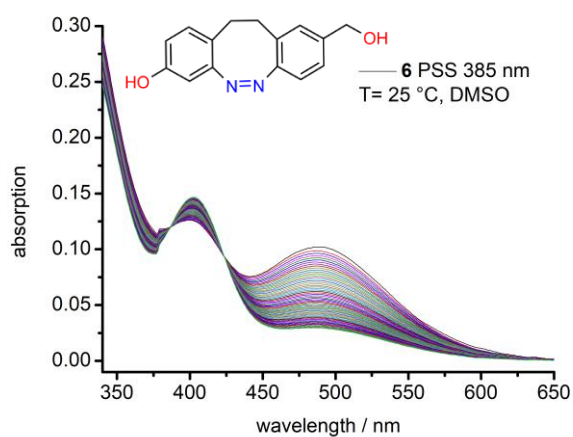
**Supplementary figure 5.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **2** in 10 min interval at 25 °C in DMSO (1.0 mM). Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 489 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -0.00176 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 6.6 \text{ h}$ ).



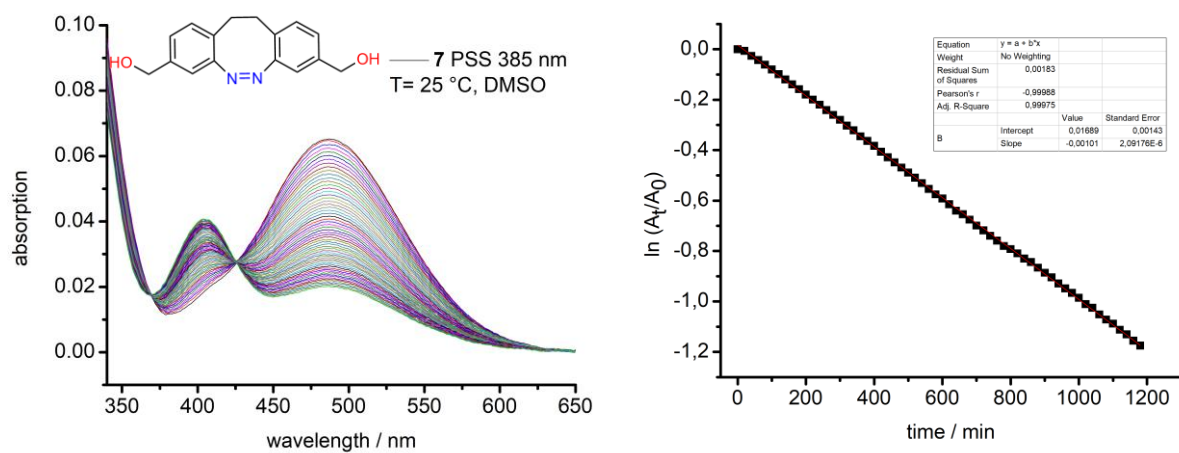
**Supplementary figure 6.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **4** in 8 s interval at 25 °C in dry DMSO (1.0 mM). Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 505 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -0.03487 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 19.9 \text{ s}$ ).



**Supplementary figure 7.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **5** in 20 min interval at 25 °C in DMSO (200 μM). Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 489 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -0.00287 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 4.0 \text{ h}$ ).

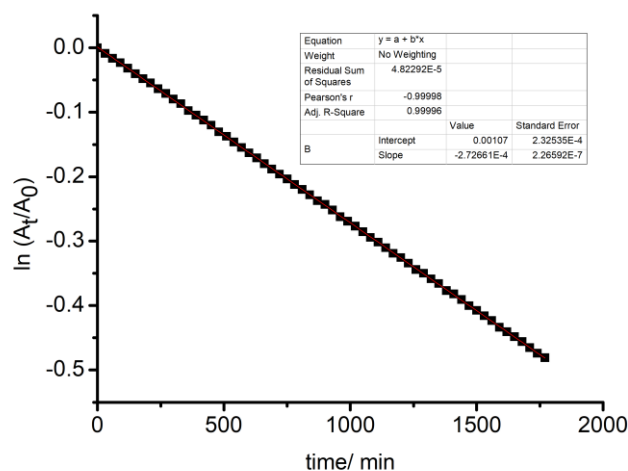
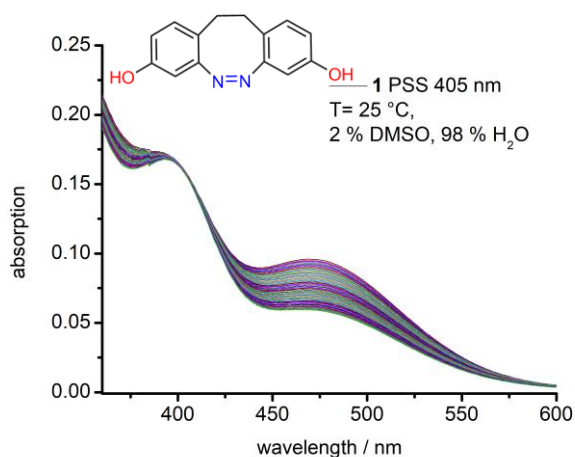


**Supplementary figure 8.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **6** in 20 min interval at 25 °C in DMSO (200 μM). Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 486 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -0.00103 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 11.2 \text{ h}$ ).

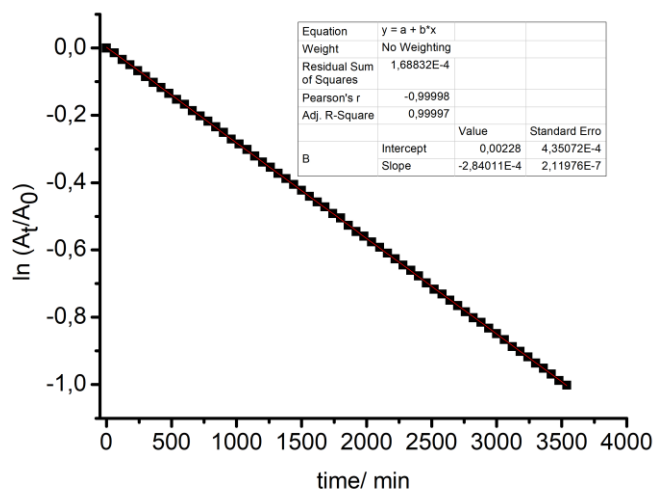
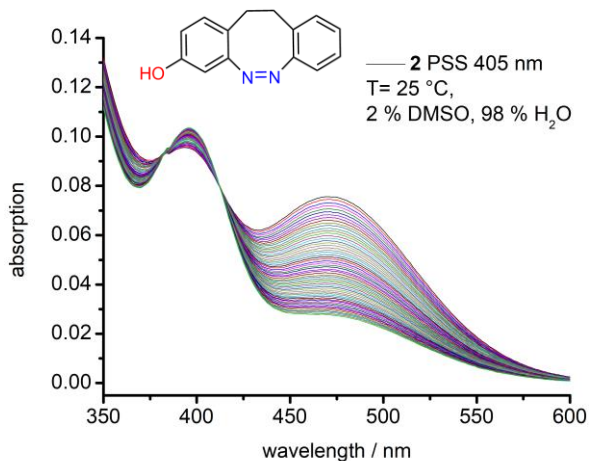


**Supplementary figure 9.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **7** in 20 min interval at 25 °C in DMSO (200  $\mu$ M). Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 487 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -0.00101 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 11.4 \text{ h}$ ).

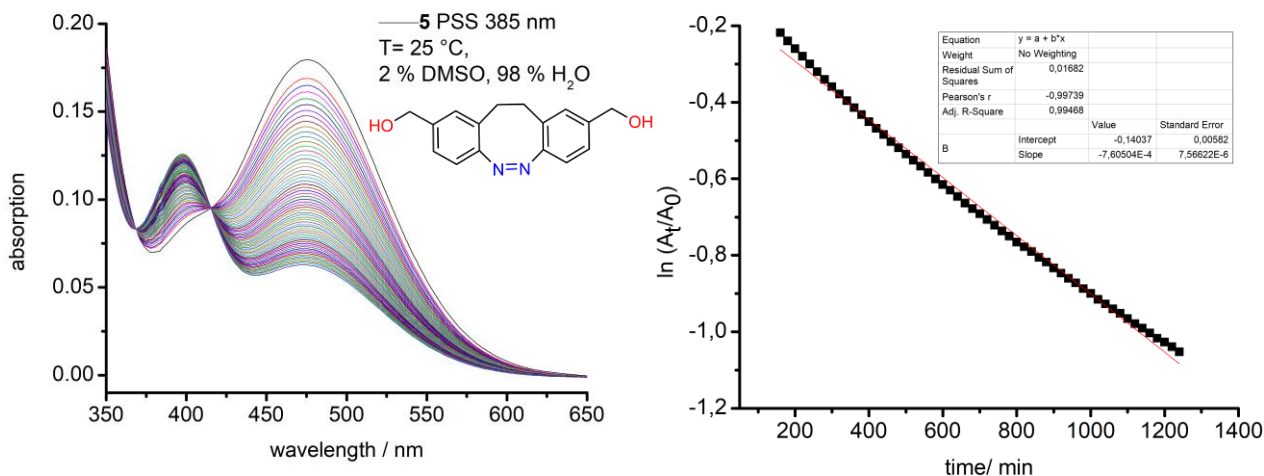
### Thermal half-lives in water at 25 °C



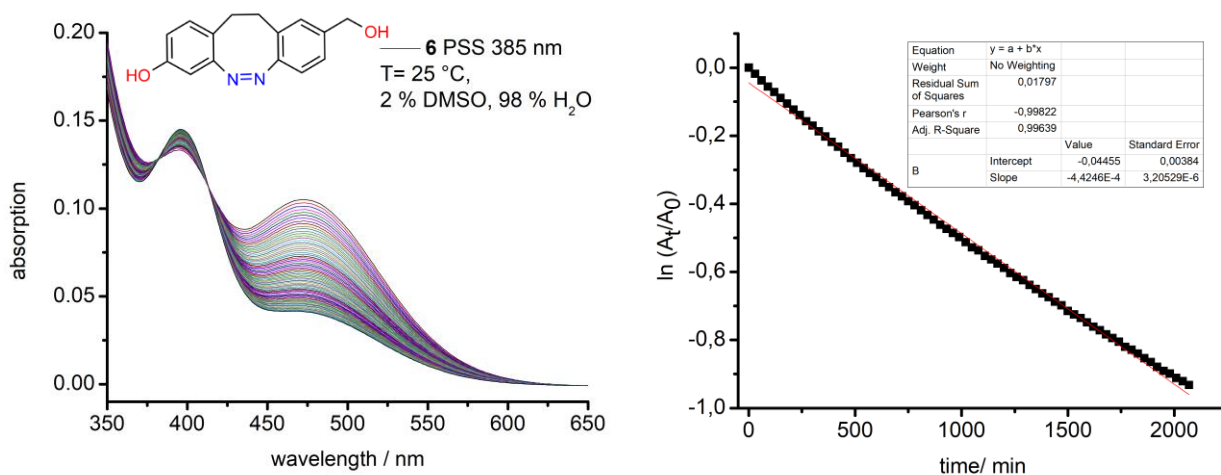
**Supplementary figure 10.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **1** in 30 min interval at 25 °C in aqueous solution (200 μM). Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 470 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -2.7266 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 42.4 \text{ h}$ ).



**Supplementary figure 11.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **2** in 60 min interval at 25 °C in aqueous solution (200 μM). Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 471 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -2.84011 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 40.7 \text{ h}$ ).

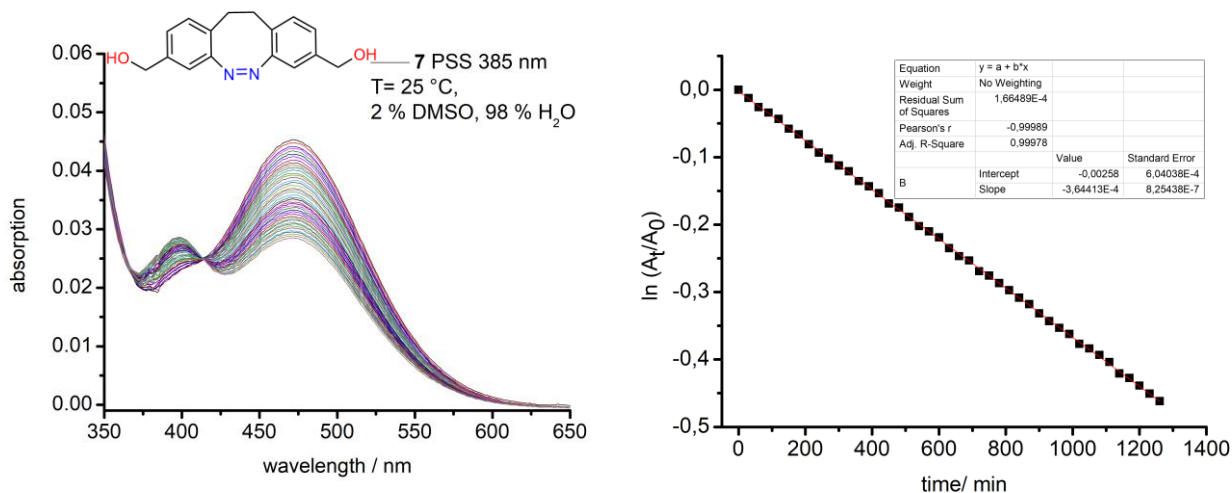


**Supplementary figure 12.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **5** in 20 min interval at 25 °C in aqueous solution (200 μM). Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 476 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -7.60504 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 15.2 \text{ h}$ ).



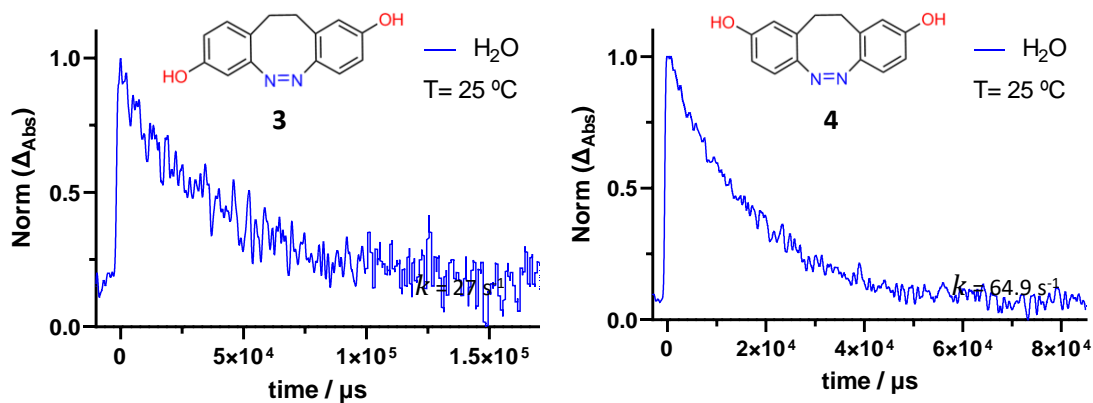
**Supplementary figure 13.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **6** in 30 min interval at 25 °C in aqueous solution (200 μM). Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 472 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -4.4246 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 26.1 \text{ h}$ ).





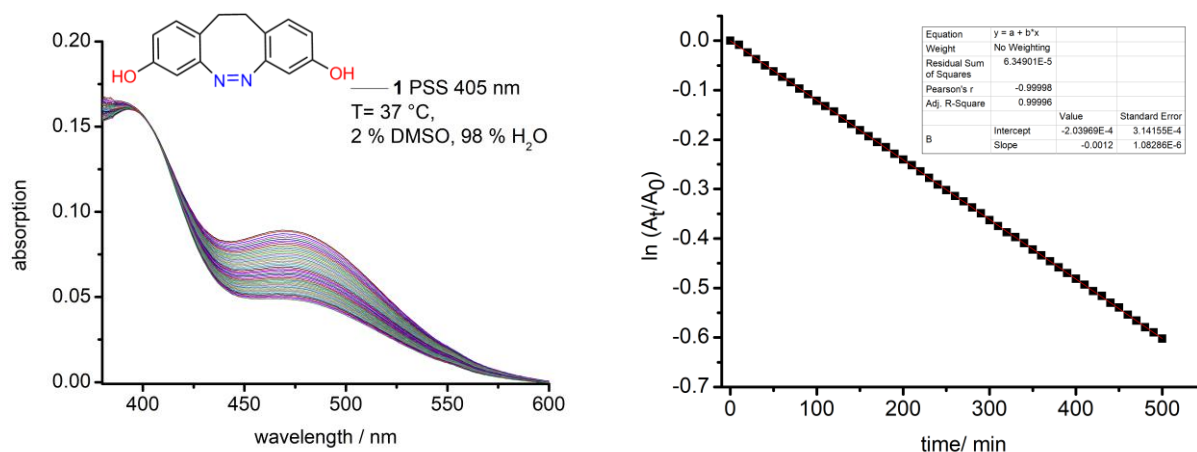
**Supplementary figure 14.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **7** in 30 min interval at 25 °C in aqueous solution (200 μM). Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 471 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -3.64413 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 31.7 \text{ h}$ )

The isomerization rates of compound **3** and **4** were determined by nanosecond laser flash photolysis.

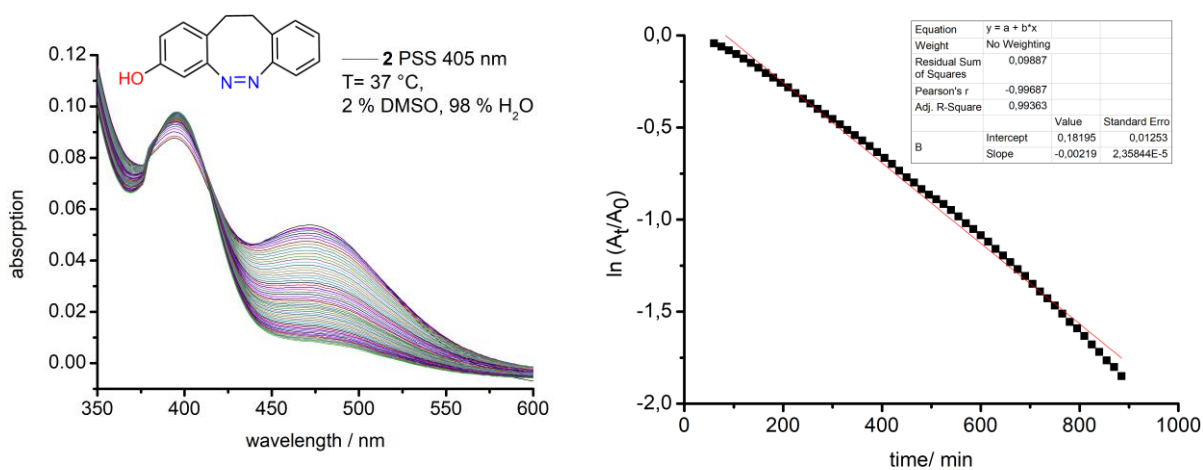


**Supplementary figure 15.** Transient absorption decay and rate constant ( $k$ ) of compounds **3** (420 μM; left) and **4** (420 μM; right) recorded at 25 °C in aqueous solution H<sub>2</sub>O 98 %; DMSO 2 %.  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 355 \text{ nm}$ ;  $\lambda_{\text{obs}} = 500 \text{ nm}$ .

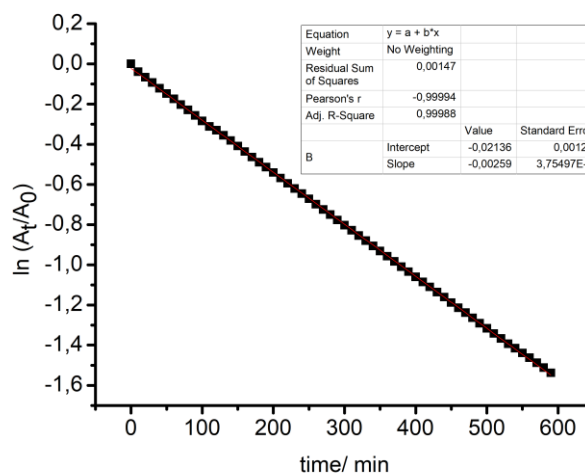
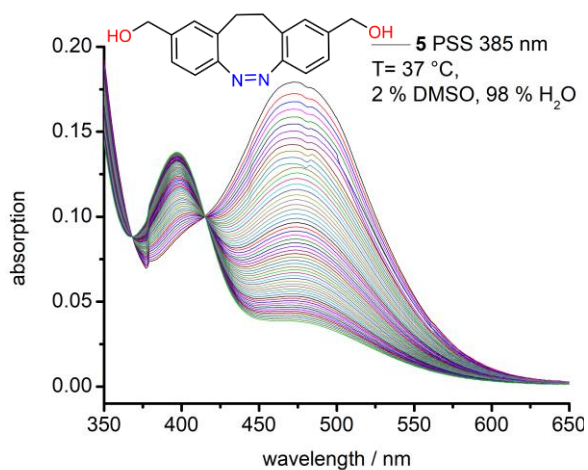
### Thermal half-lives in water at 37 °C



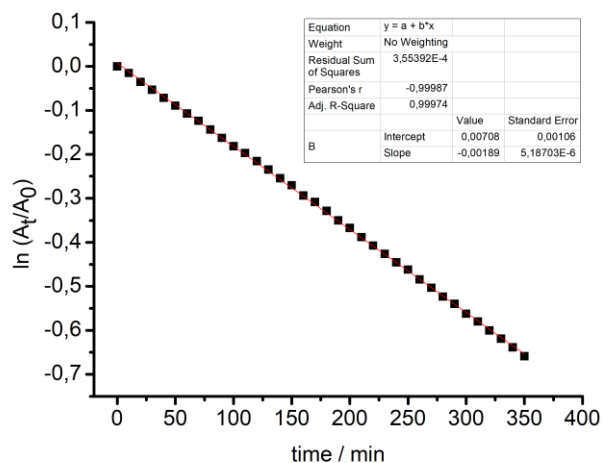
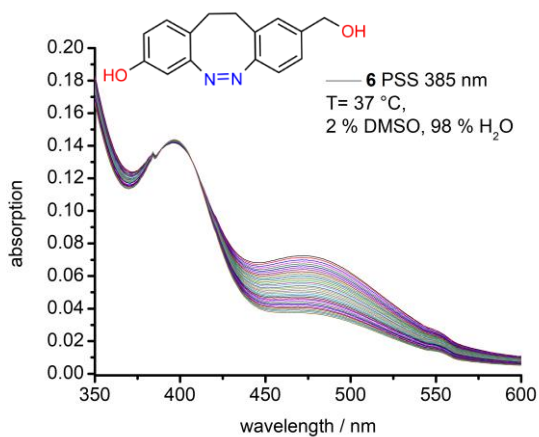
**Supplementary figure 16.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of **1** in 10 min interval at 37 °C in aqueous solution (200 μM). Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 470 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -0.0012 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 9.6 \text{ h}$ ).



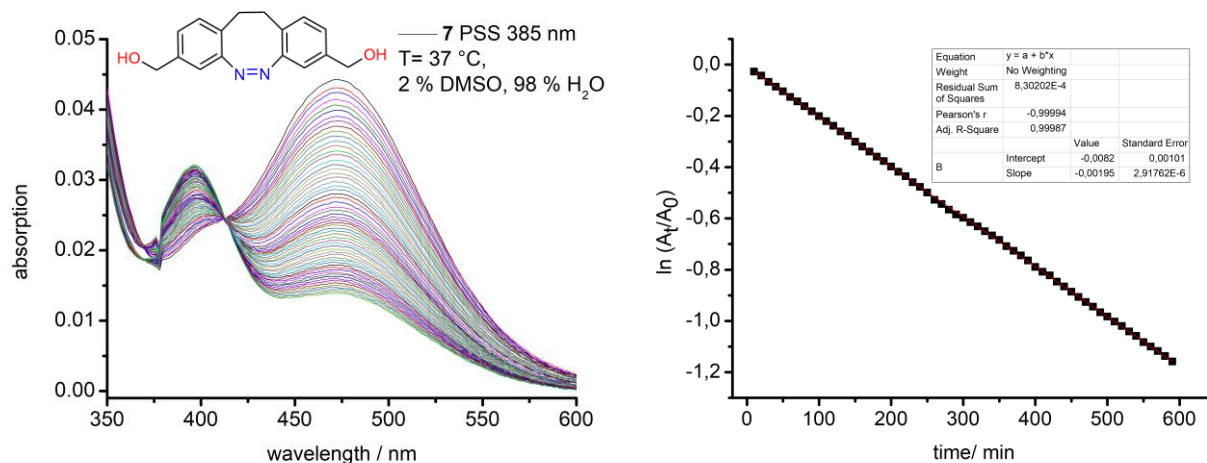
**Supplementary figure 17.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **2** in 15 min interval at 37 °C in aqueous solution (200 μM). Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 471 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -0.00219 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 5.3 \text{ h}$ ).



**Supplementary figure 18.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **5** in 10 min interval at 37 °C in aqueous solution (200 μM). Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 472 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -0.00259 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 4.5 \text{ h}$ )

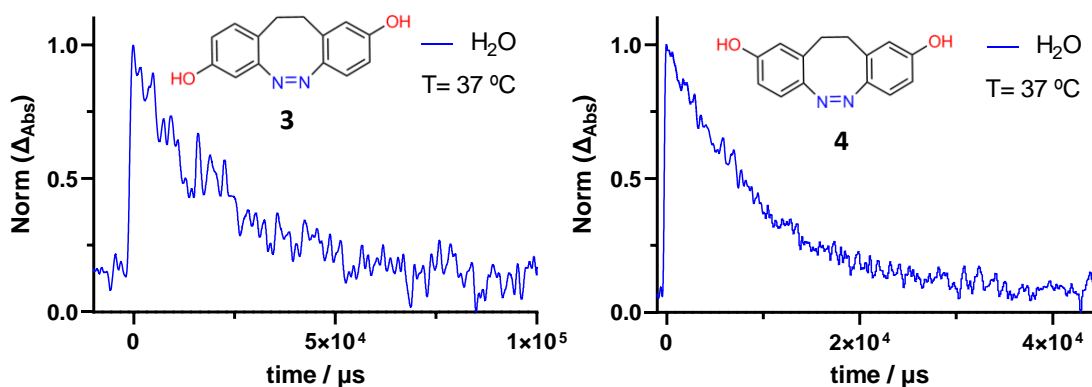


**Supplementary figure 19.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **6** in 10 min interval at 37 °C in aqueous solution (200 μM). Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 472 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -0.00189 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 6.1 \text{ h}$ ).



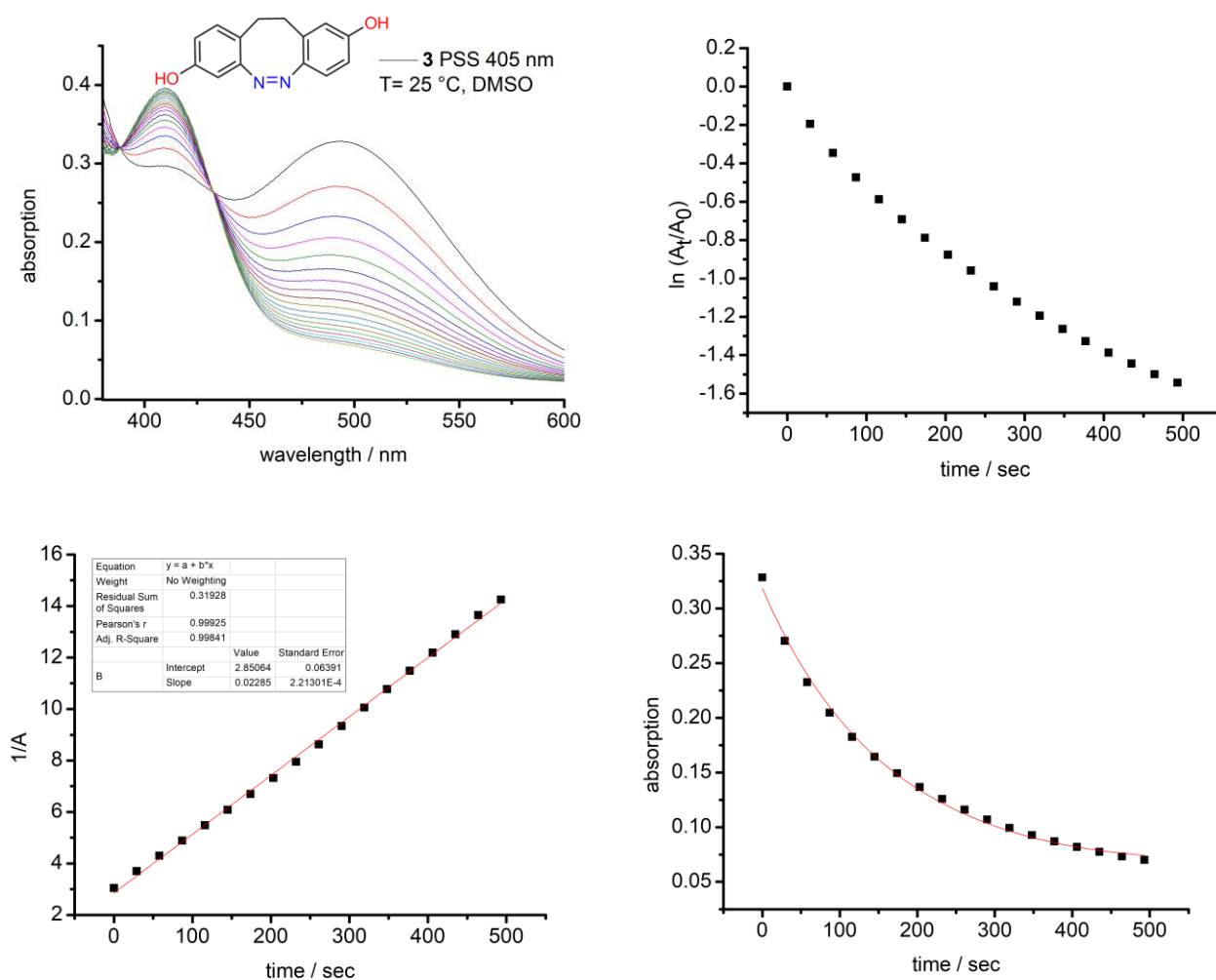
**Supplementary figure 20.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **7** in 10 min interval at 37 °C in aqueous solution (200 μM). Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 472 nm for first-order kinetics ( $k = -0.00195 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 5.9 \text{ h}$ ).

The isomerization rates of compound **3** and **4** in water at 37 °C were determined by nanosecond laser flash photolysis.



**Supplementary figure 21.** Left: Transient absorption decay and rate constant ( $k$ ) of compounds **3** (420 μM; left) and **4** (420 μM; right) recorded at 37 °C in aqueous solution H<sub>2</sub>O 98 %; DMSO 2 %.  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 355 \text{ nm}$ ;  $\lambda_{\text{obs}} = 500 \text{ nm}$ .

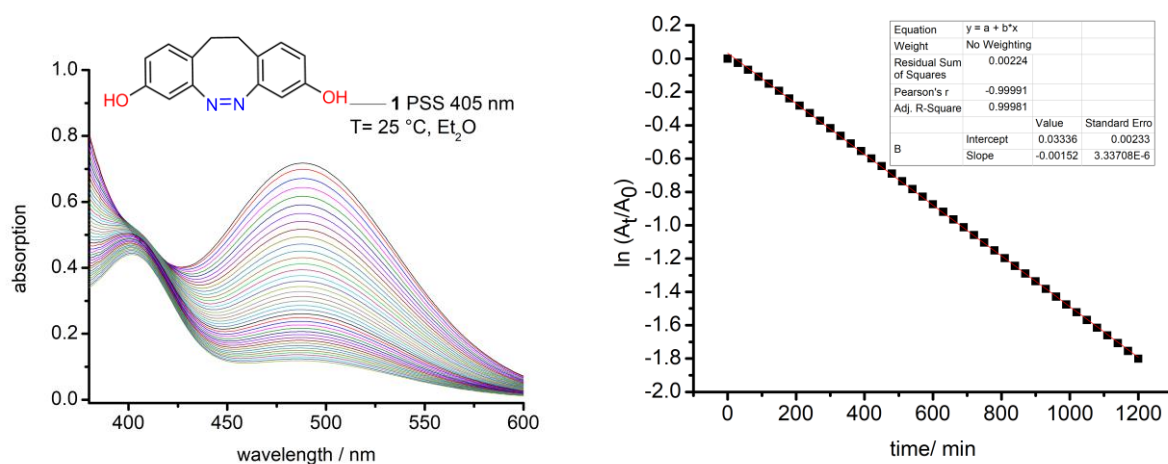
## Switching behaviour of *para*-hydroxydiazocine **3** in DMSO and determination of the half-life



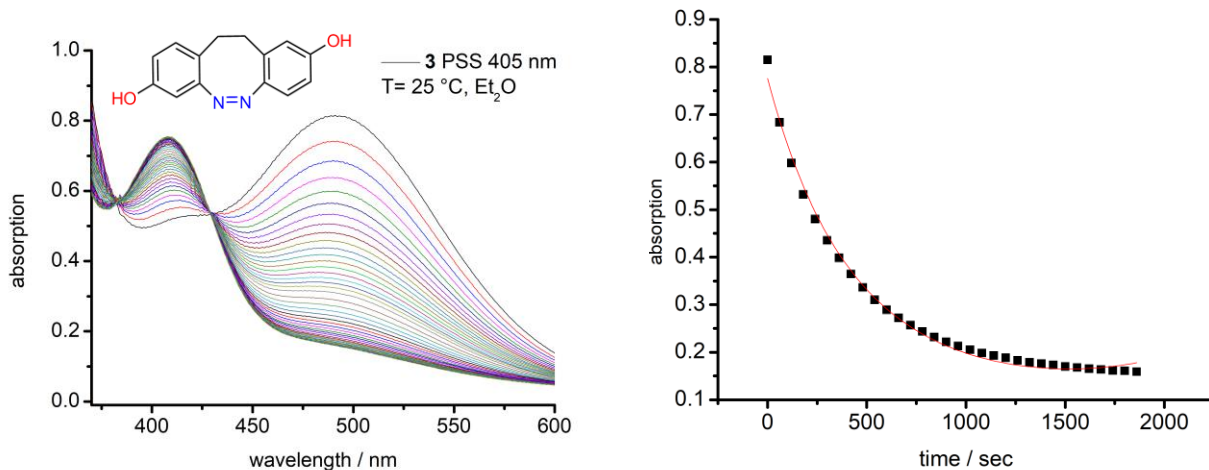
**Supplementary figure 22.** Top left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **3** in 29 s interval at 25 °C in dry DMSO (0.5 mM). Top right: The first-order kinetic fit shows strong deviations from a linear straight line. Bottom left: A linear fit for a kinetic second order was possible. Bottom right: Decrease in absorption at 494 nm versus time was plotted. Determination of the half-life when half of the absorption maximum is reached ( $A_{1/2} = 0.16423$ ; time= 2.4 min)

## Thermal half-lives of dihydroxy diazocines **1**, **3** and **4** in diethyl ether

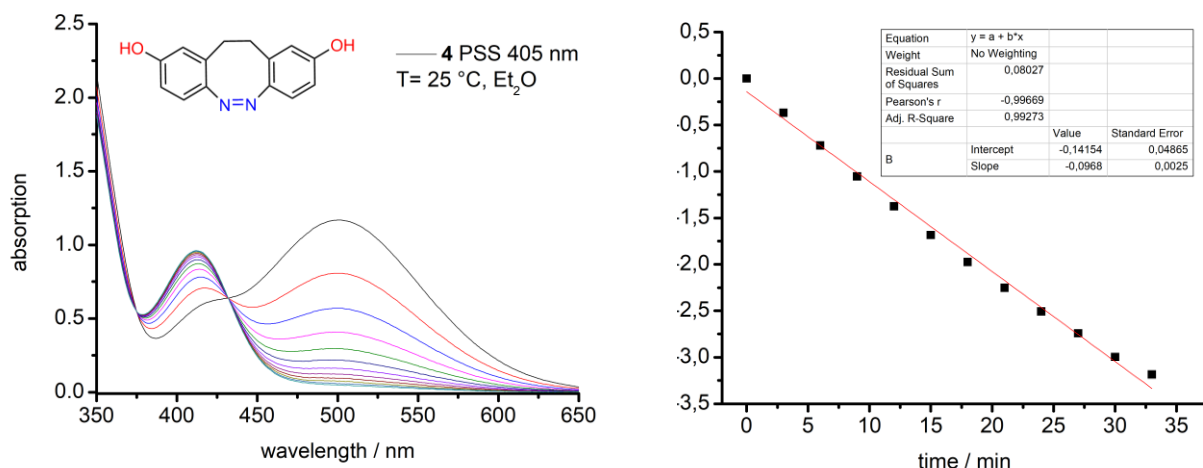
To investigate the switching properties as a function of the environment the thermal back isomerisation of compound **1**, **3** and **4** was also recorded in a non-polar solvent (Et<sub>2</sub>O).



**Supplementary figure 23.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **1** in 30 min interval at 25 °C in diethyl ether (1.0 mM). Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 488 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -0.00152 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 7.6 \text{ h}$ ).



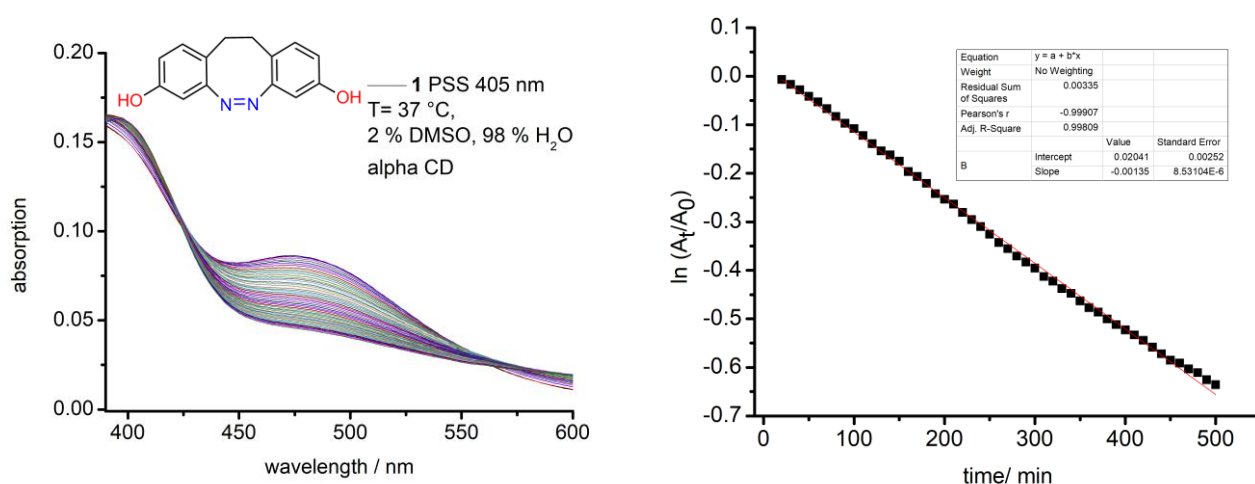
**Supplementary figure 24.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **3** in 60 s interval at 25 °C in diethyl ether (1.0 mM). Right: A first-order kinetic fit was not possible so decrease in absorption at 491 nm versus time was plotted. Determination of the half-life when half of the absorption maximum is reached ( $A_{1/2} = 0.4076$ ; time = 6.0 min)



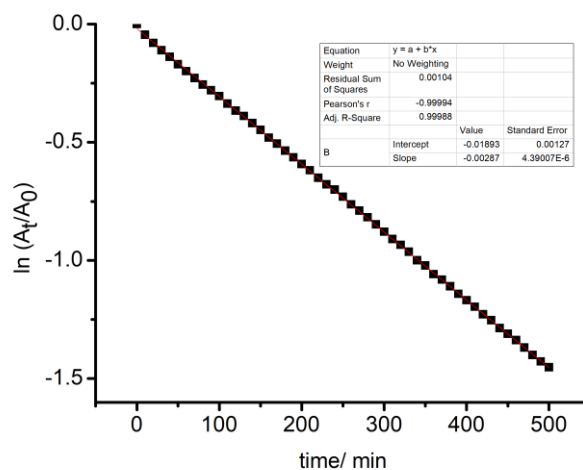
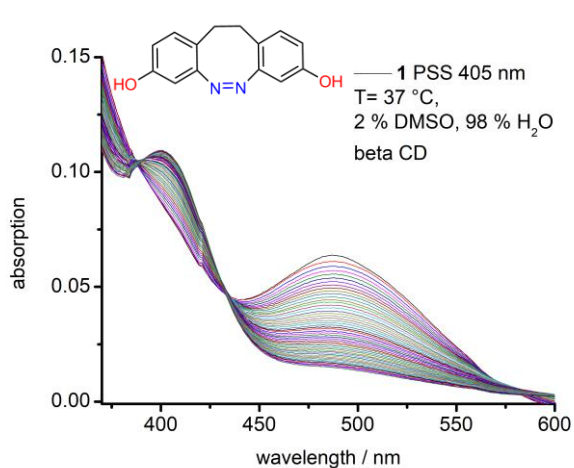
**Supplementary figure 25.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **4** in 3 min interval at 25 °C in diethyl ether (1.0 mM). Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 501 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -0.0968 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 7.2 \text{ min}$ ).

### Thermal half-lives of dihydroxy diazocines **1**, **3** and **4** in the presence of (2-hydroxypropyl)-cyclodextrin

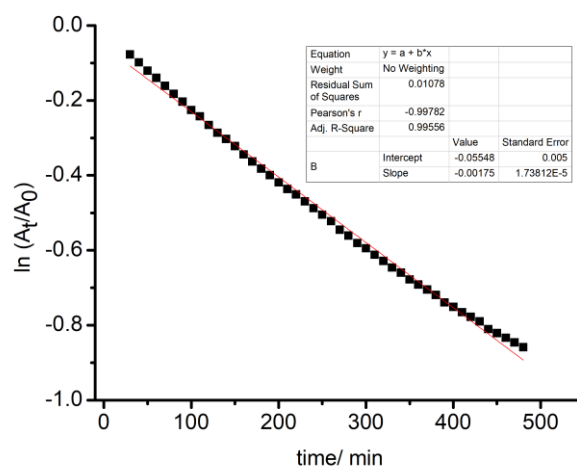
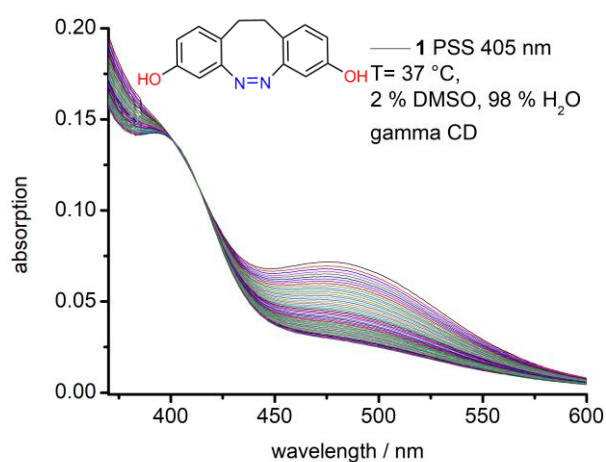
The half-lives ( $t_{1/2}$ ) of the *E* isomer of phenol-type diazocine **1** in the presence of (2-hydroxypropyl)-cyclodextrin was determined by UV/Vis spectroscopy. Measurements of the diazocine **1** (185  $\mu\text{M}$ ) and 2-hydroxypropyl)-cyclodextrin (278 mM, 1500-fold excess) were performed in water (2% DMSO and 98% water) at 37 °C.



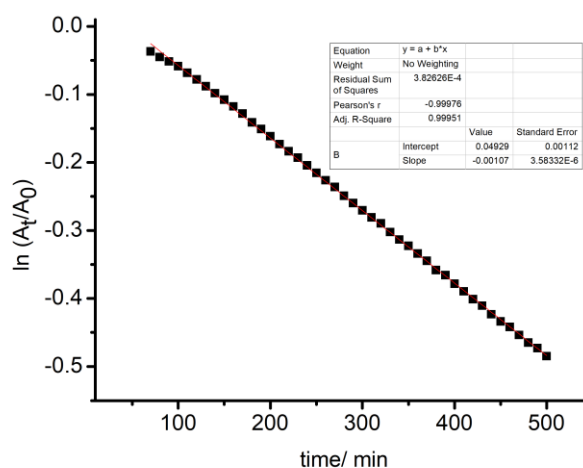
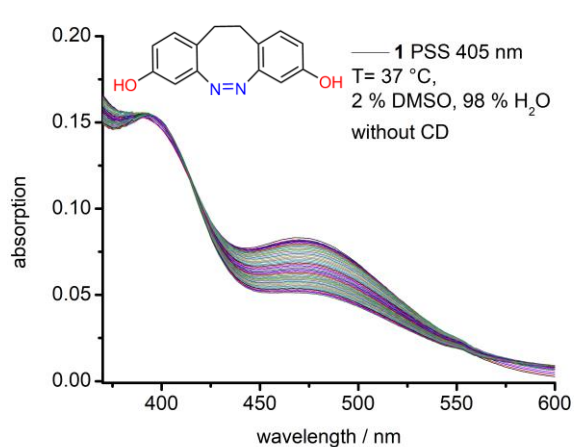
**Supplementary figure 26.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **1** (185  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in presence of (2-hydroxypropyl)- $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin (278 mM, 1500-fold excess) in 10 min interval at 37 °C. Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 474 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -0.00135 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 8.6 \text{ h}$ ).



**Supplementary figure 27.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **1** (185  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in presence of (2-hydroxypropyl)- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin (278 mM, 1500-fold excess) in 10 min interval at 37  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 487 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -0.00287 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 4.0 \text{ h}$ ).



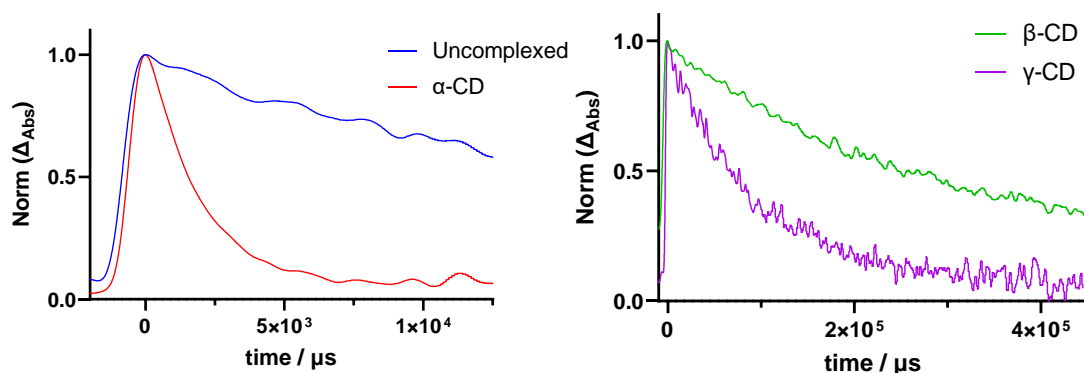
**Supplementary figure 28.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **1** (185  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in presence of (2-hydroxypropyl)- $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin (278 mM, 1500-fold excess) in 10 min interval at 37  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 477 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -0.00175 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 6.6 \text{ h}$ ).



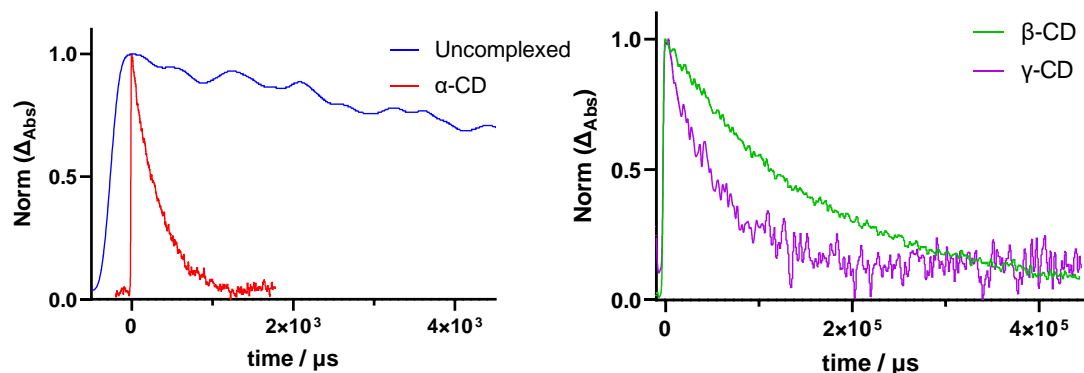
**Supplementary figure 29.** Left: UV/Vis spectra of compound **1** (185  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in water without cyclodextrin in 10 min interval at 37  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Right: Linear fit of the decrease in absorption at 470 nm for first-order kinetics ( $-k = -0.00107 \text{ min}^{-1}$ ;  $t_{1/2} = 10.8 \text{ h}$ ).



The kinetic of the reisoimerization of diazocines **3** and **4** (185  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in the presence of (2-hydroxypropyl)- $\alpha/\beta$ -cyclodextrin (278 mM, 1500-fold excess) and (2-hydroxypropyl)- $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin (151 mM, 820-fold excess) were measured by laser flash photolysis.



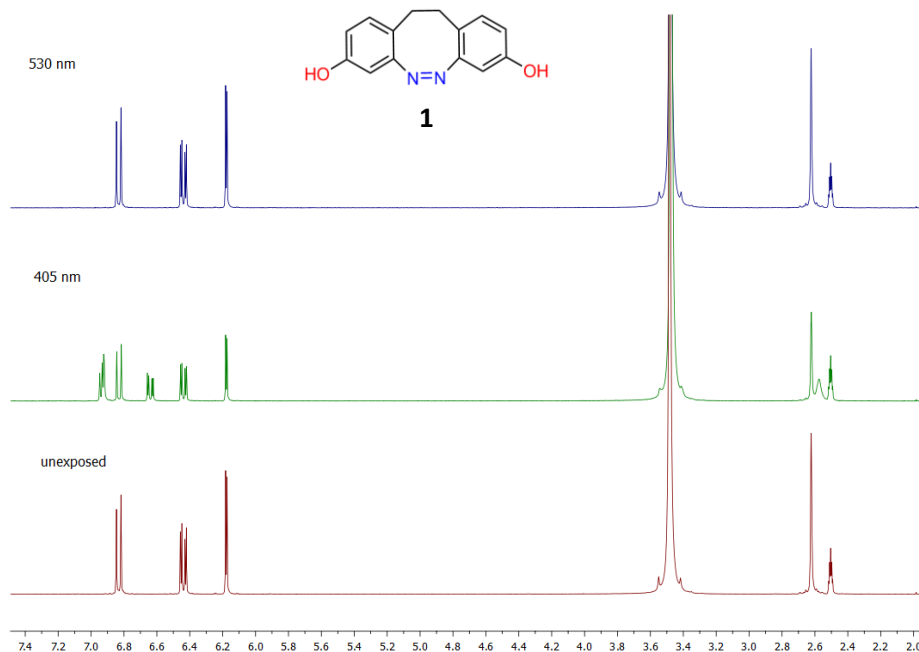
**Supplementary figure 30.** Transient absorption decay of compound **3** recorded at 37  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  in aqueous solution ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  98 %; DMSO 2 %; 185  $\mu\text{M}$ ).  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 355$  nm;  $\lambda_{\text{obs}} = 500$  nm. The uncomplexed sample is plotted in blue, the transient spectra of the compound **3** in presence of (2-hydroxypropyl)- $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin (278 mM, 1500-fold excess) is plotted in red, in presence of (2-hydroxypropyl)- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin (278 mM, 1500-fold excess) in green and in the presence of (2-hydroxypropyl)- $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin (151 mM, 820-fold excess) in purple.



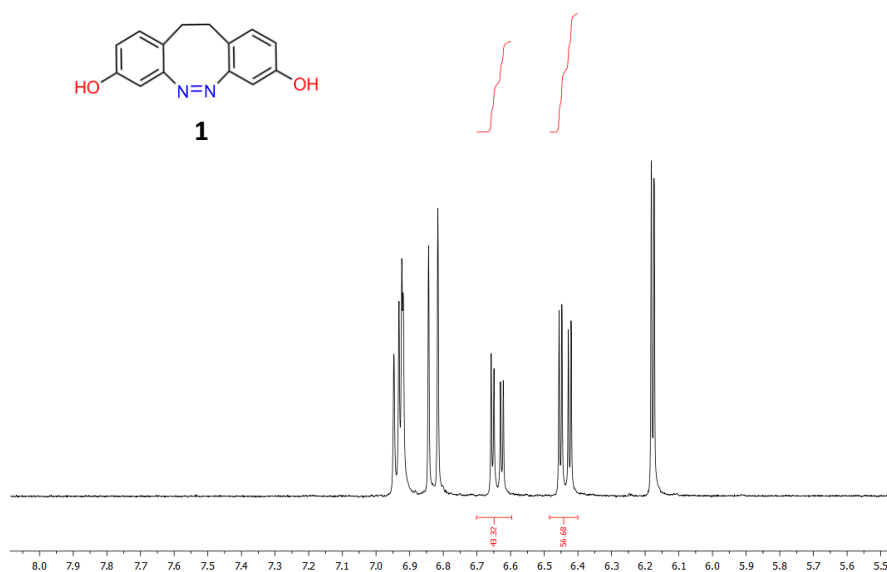
**Supplementary figure 31.** Transient absorption decay of compound **4** recorded at 37  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  in aqueous solution ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  98 %; DMSO 2 %; 185  $\mu\text{M}$ ).  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 355$  nm;  $\lambda_{\text{obs}} = 500$  nm. The uncomplexed sample is plotted in blue, the transient spectra of the compound **4** in presence of (2-hydroxypropyl)- $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin (278 mM, 1500-fold excess) is plotted in red, in presence of (2-hydroxypropyl)- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin (278 mM, 1500-fold excess) in green and in the presence of (2-hydroxypropyl)- $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin (278 mM, 1500-fold excess) in purple.

## 4.3 NMR switching experiments and photostationary states

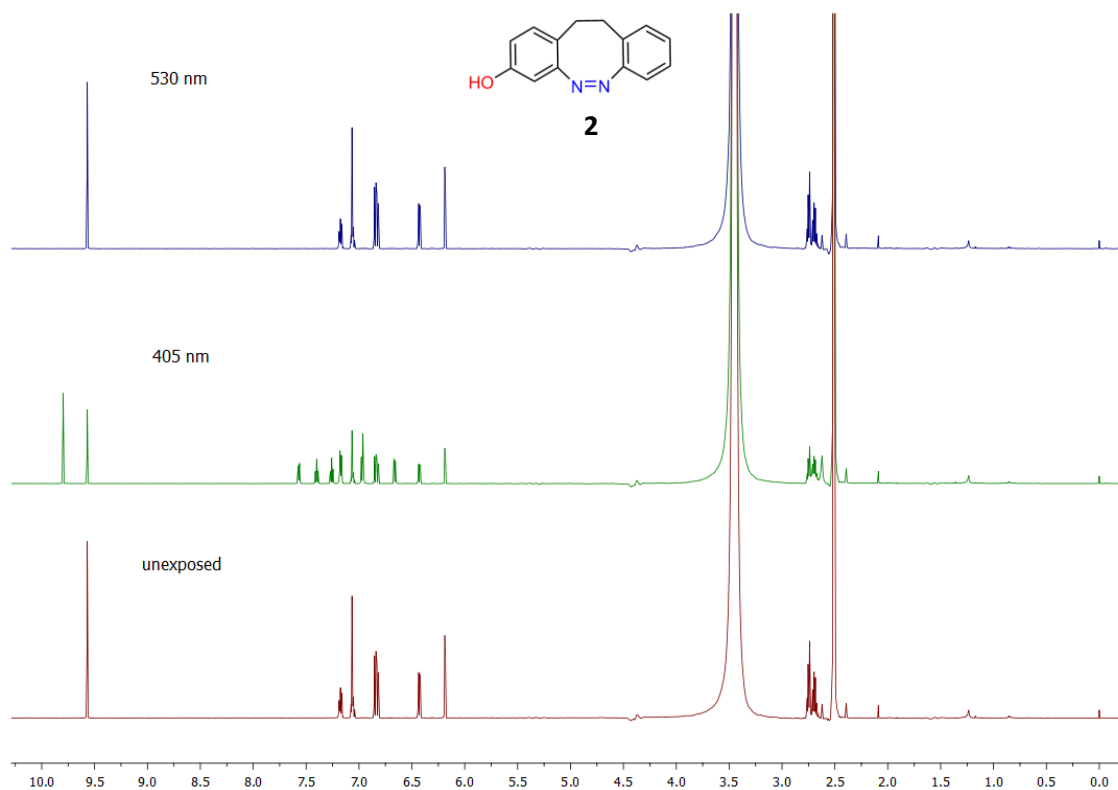
### NMR switching experiments and photostationary states in DMSO



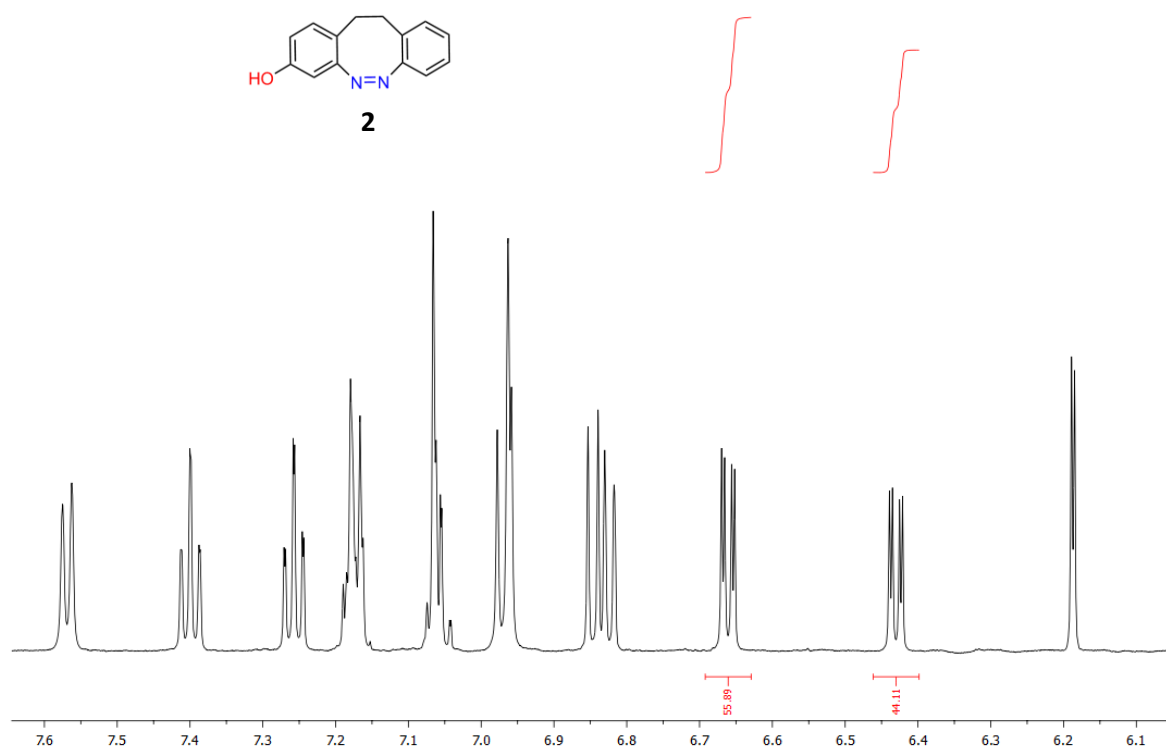
**Supplementary figure 32.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of compound **1** measured in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  at 300 K. Spectra after irradiation with 405 nm plotted in green and after irradiation with 530 nm plotted in blue.



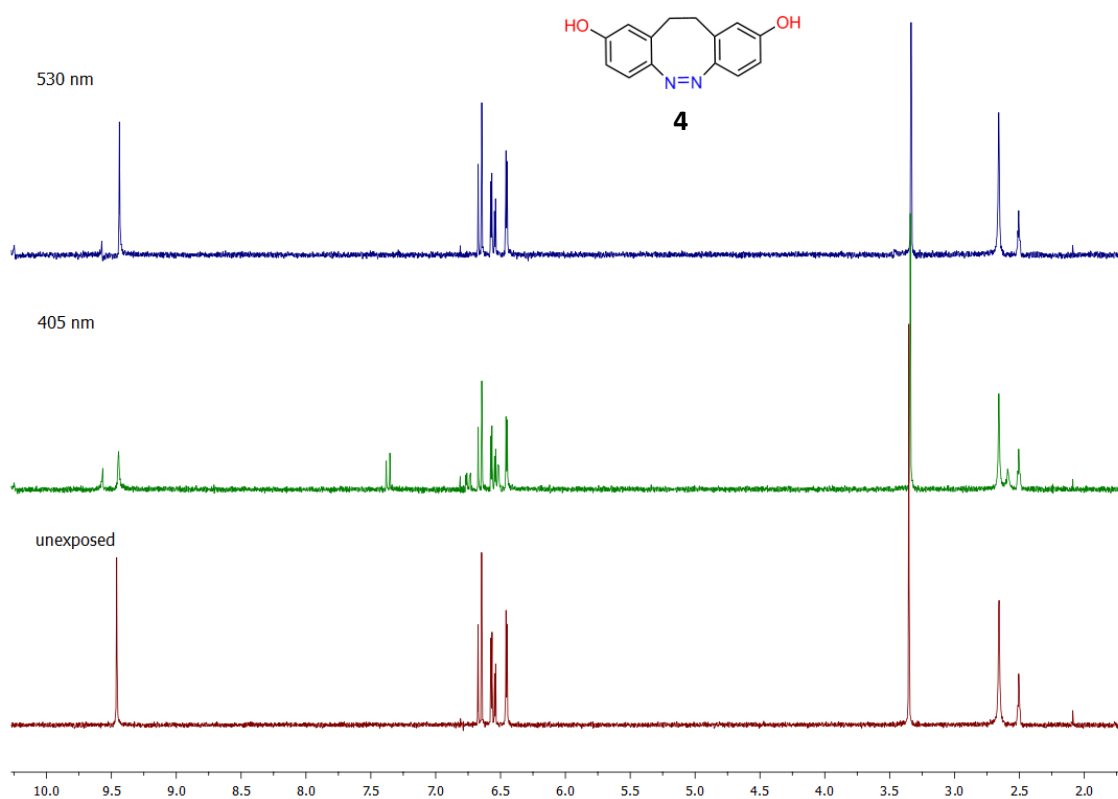
**Supplementary figure 33.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of the photostationary state of compound **1** measured in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  at 300 K. Integrals of the *E* and *Z* isomers are display in red.



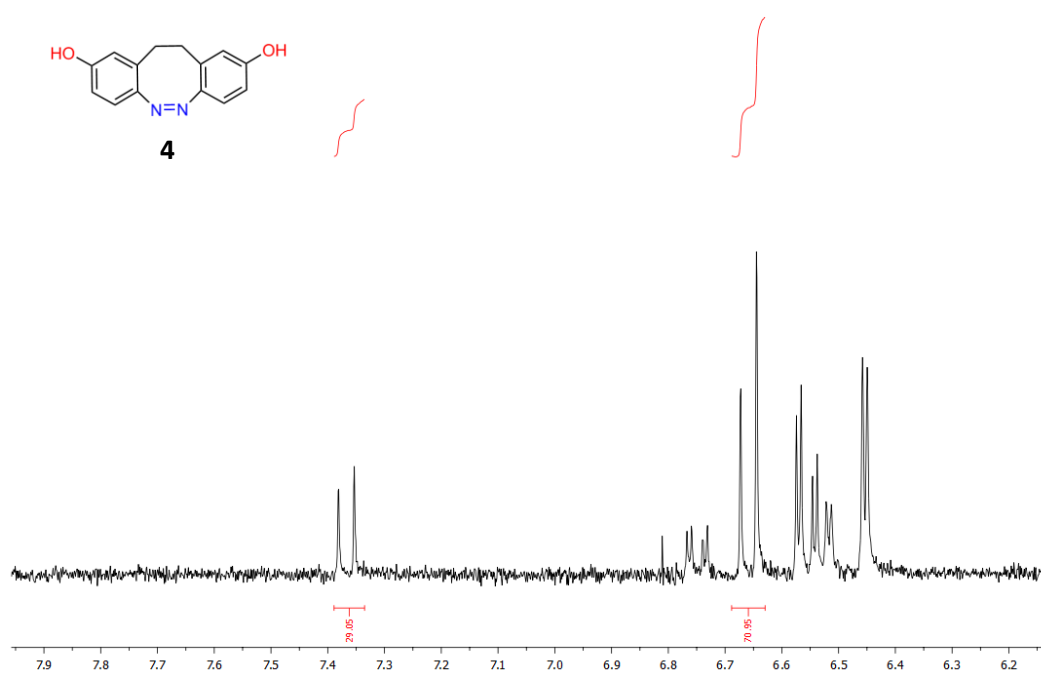
**Supplementary figure 34.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectra of compound **2** measured in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  at 300 K. Spectra after irradiation with 405 nm plotted in green and after irradiation with 530 nm plotted in blue.



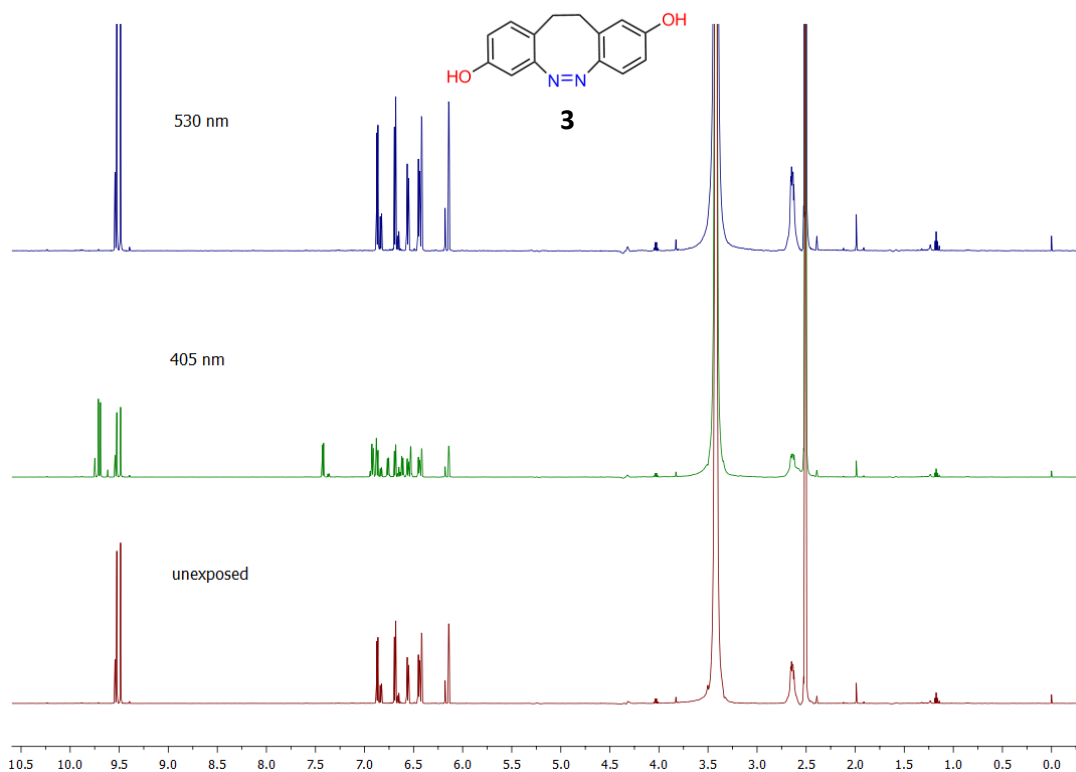
**Supplementary figure 35.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of the photostationary state of compound **2** measured in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  at 300 K. Integrals of the *E* and *Z* isomers are display in red.



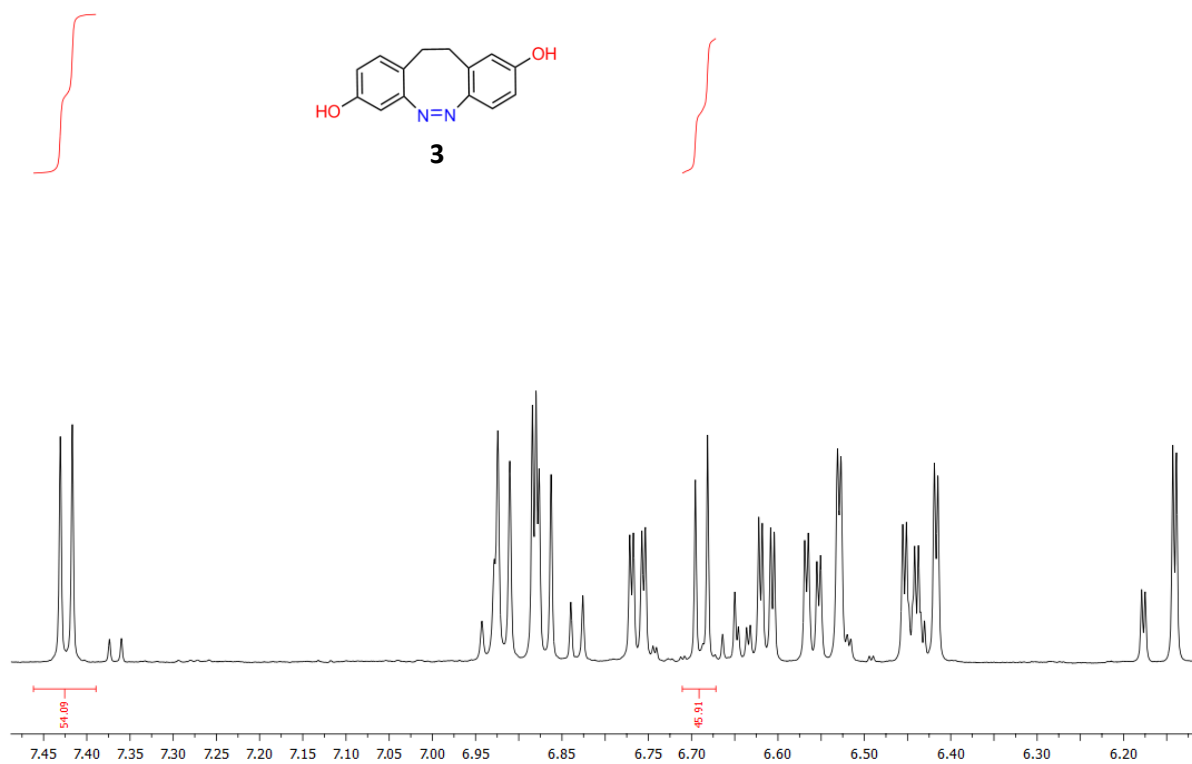
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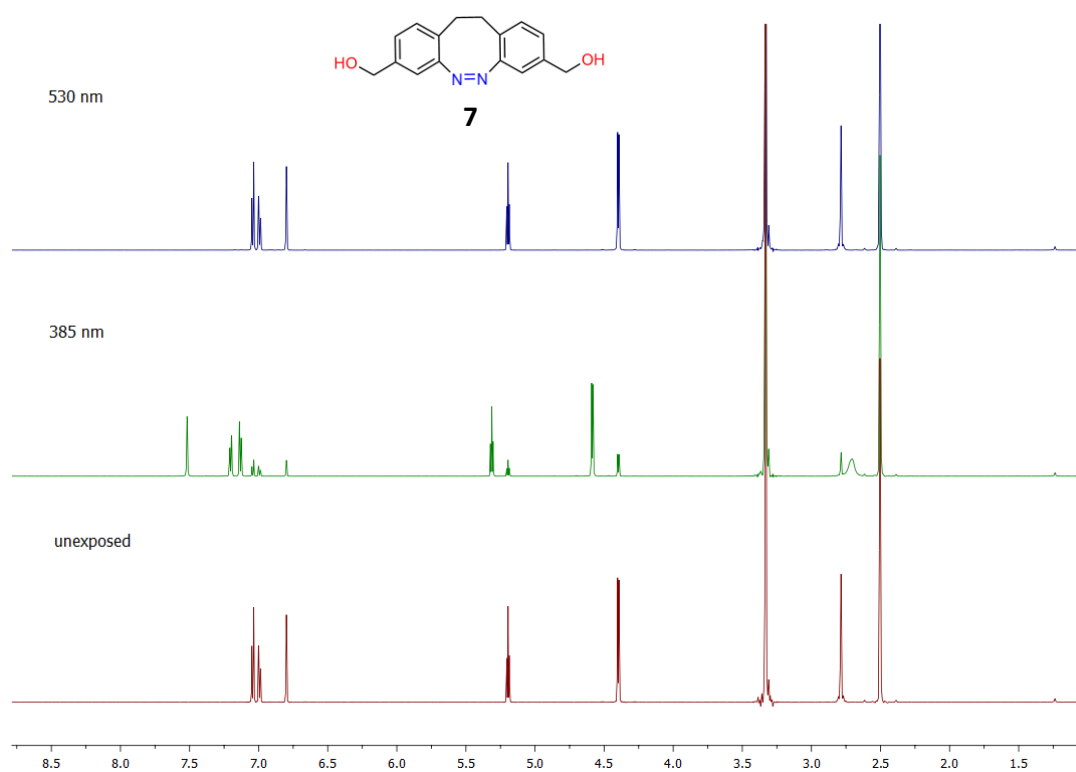
**Supplementary figure 37.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of the photostationary state of compound **4** measured in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  at 300 K. Integrals of the *E* and *Z* isomers are display in red.



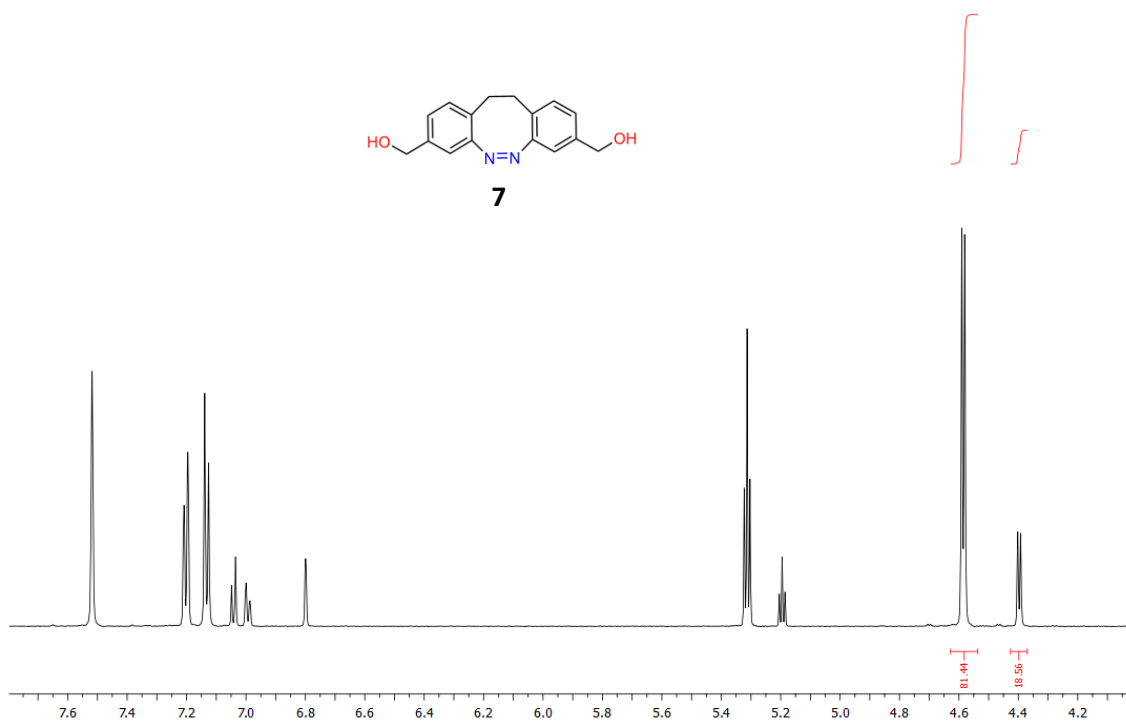
**Supplementary figure 38.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectra of compound **3** measured in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  at 300 K. Spectra after irradiation with 405 nm plotted in green and after irradiation with 530 nm plotted in blue.



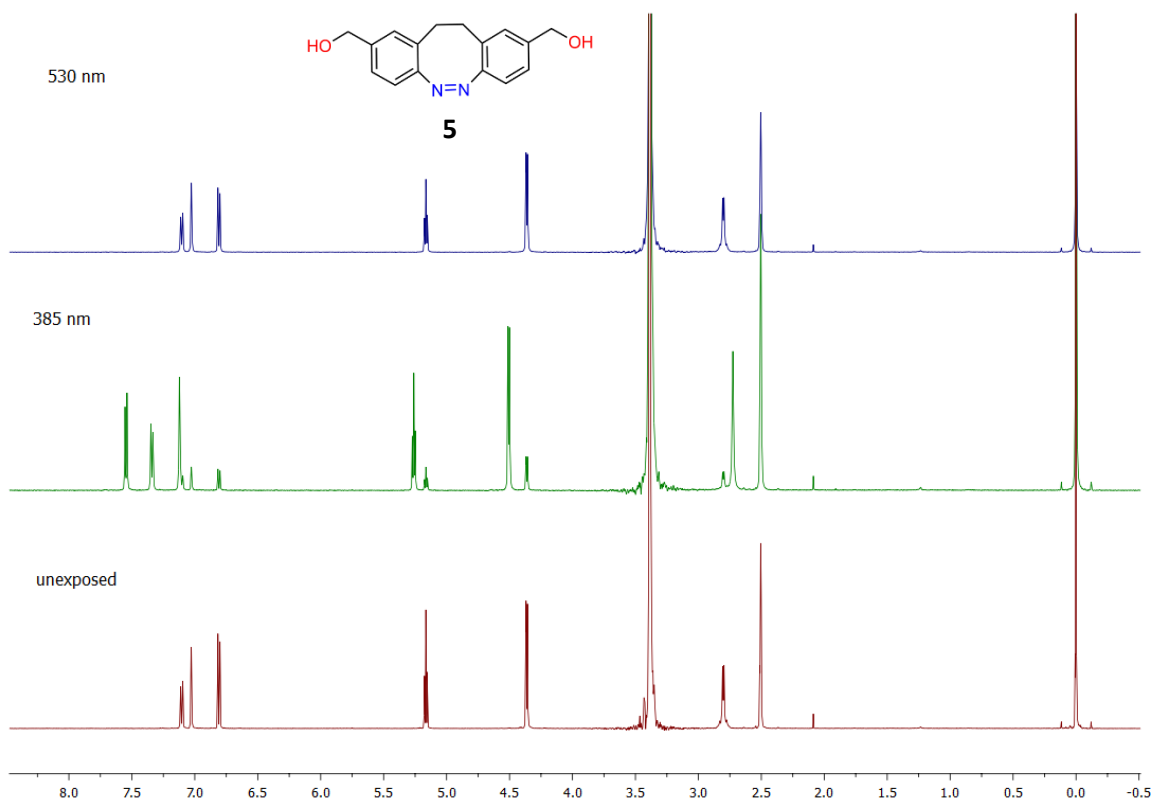
**Supplementary figure 39.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of the photostationary state of compound **3** measured in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  at 300 K. Integrals of the *E* and *Z* isomers are display in red.



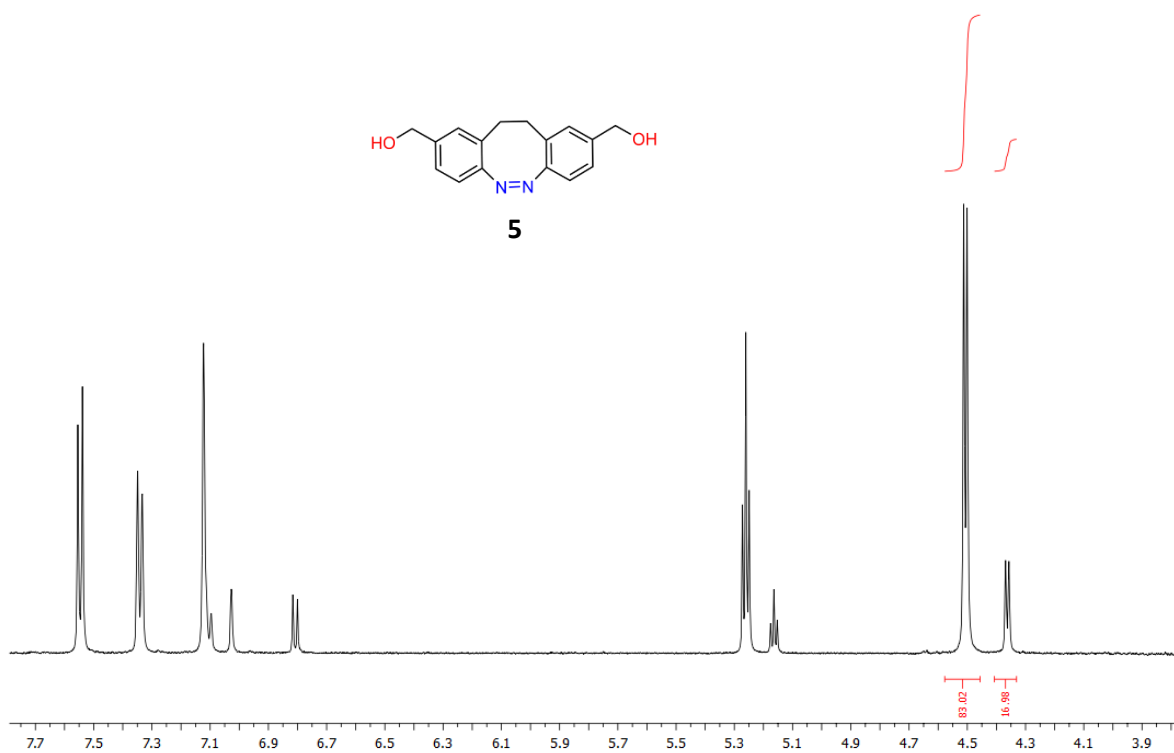
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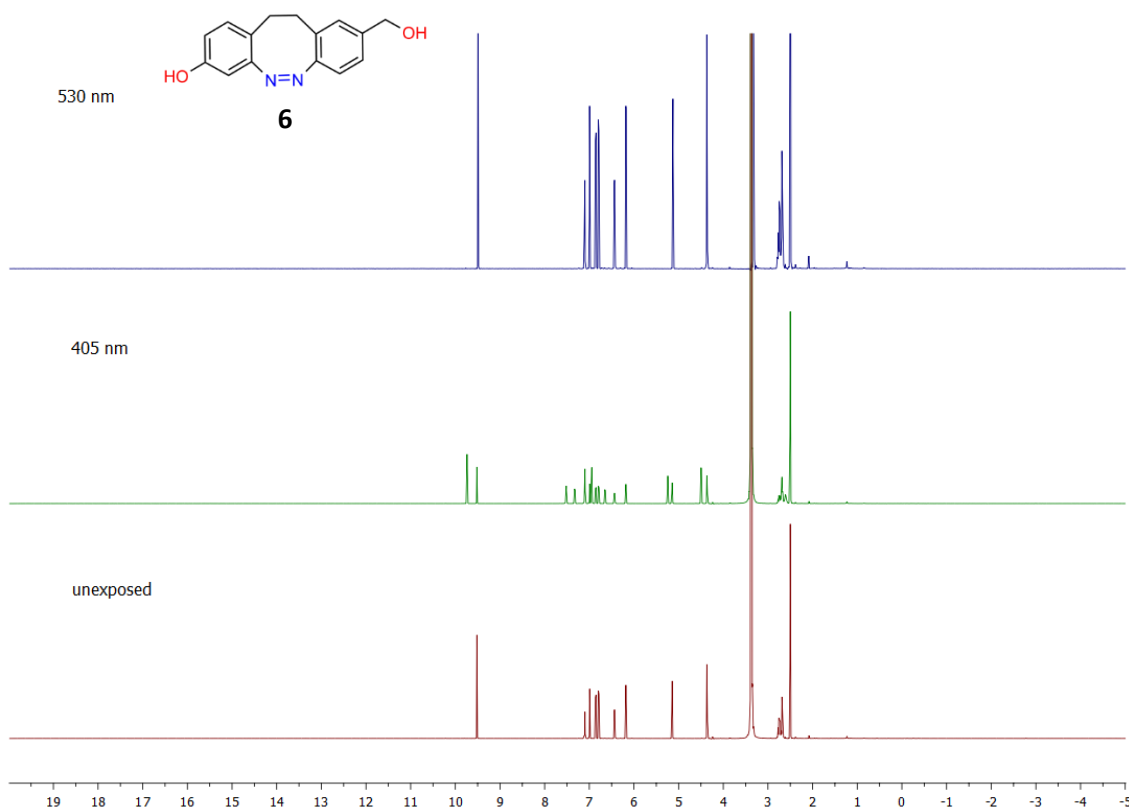
**Supplementary figure 41.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of the photostationary state of compound **7** measured in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  at 300 K. Integrals of the *E* and *Z* isomers are display in red.



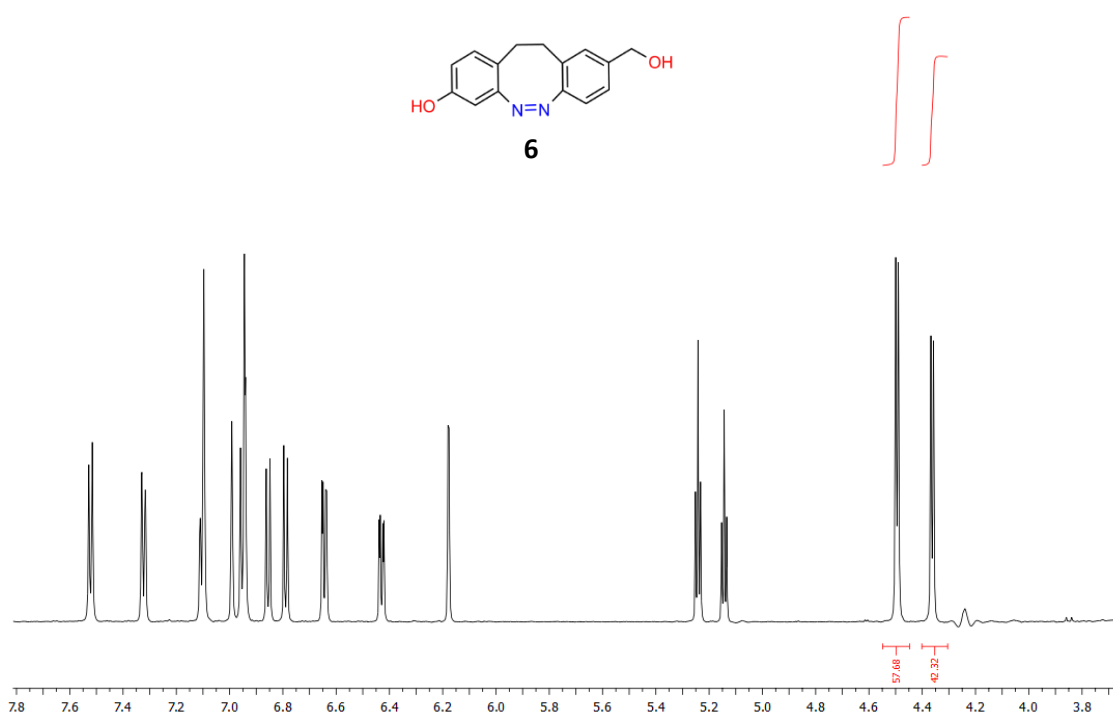
**Supplementary figure 42.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of compound **5** measured in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  at 298 K. Spectra after irradiation with 385 nm plotted in green and after irradiation with 530 nm plotted in blue.



**Supplementary figure 43.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of the photostationary state of compound **5** measured in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  at 298 K. Integrals of the *E* and *Z* isomers are display in red.



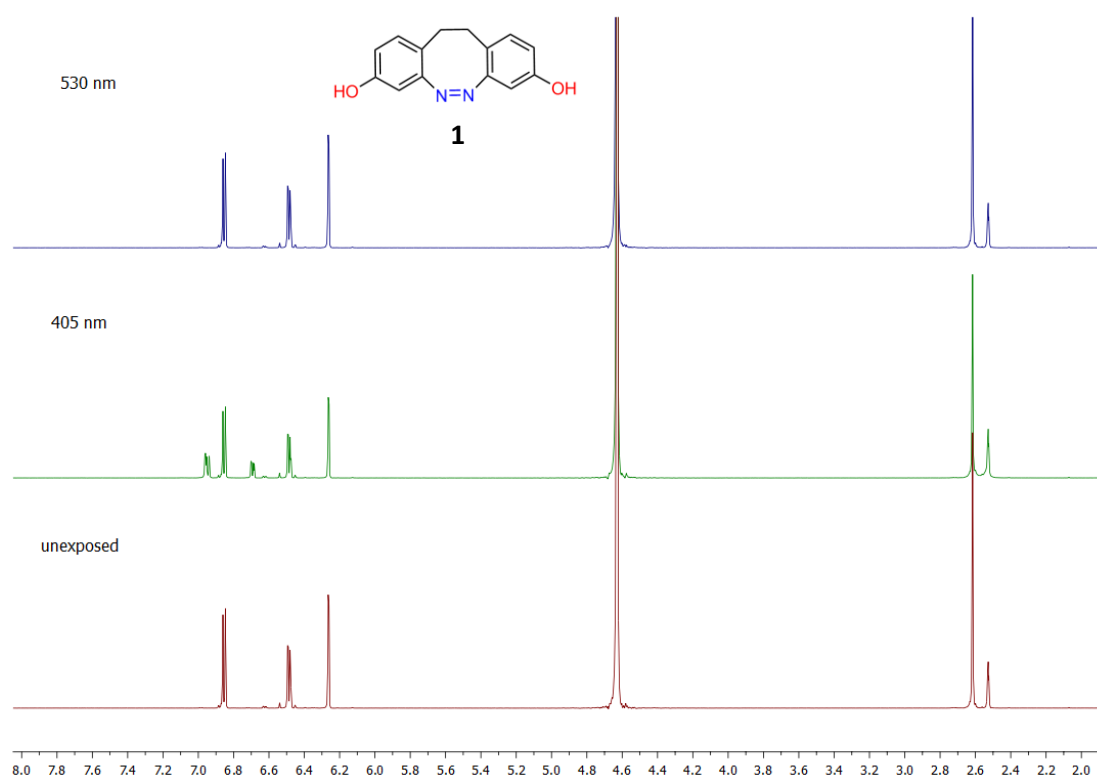
**Supplementary figure 44.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectra of compound **6** measured in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  at 300 K. Spectra after irradiation with 405 nm plotted in green and after irradiation with 530 nm plotted in blue.



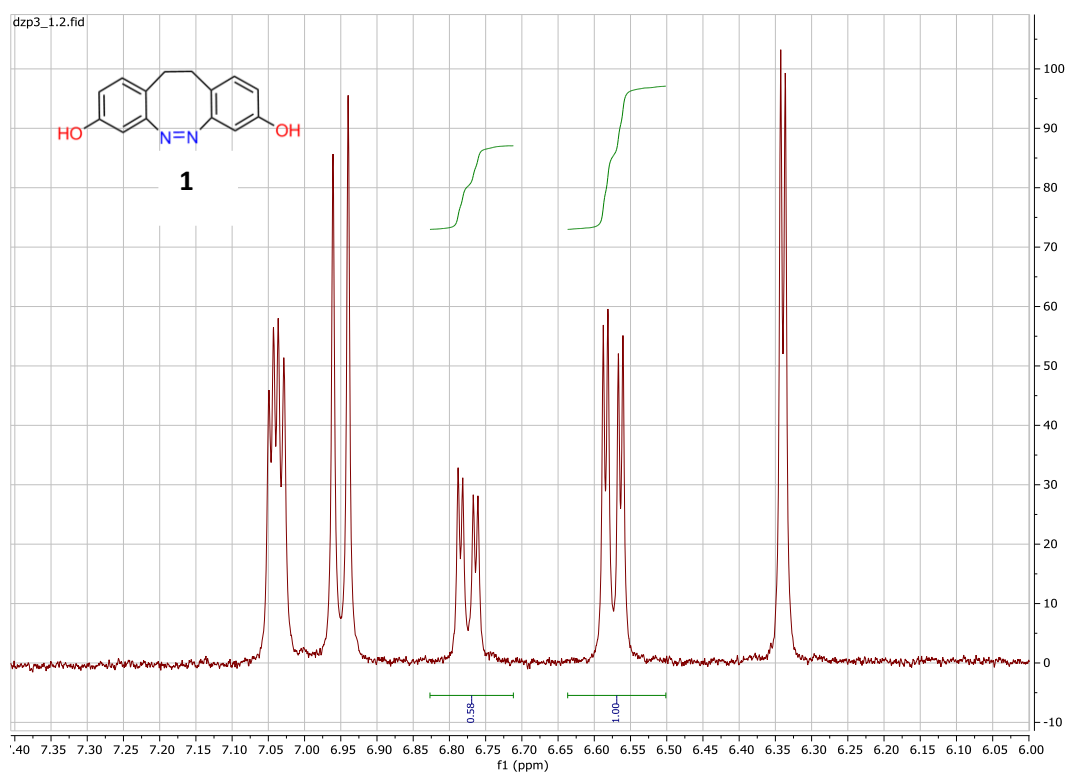
**Supplementary figure 45.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of the photostationary state of compound **6** measured in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  at 300 K. Integrals of the *E* and *Z* isomers are display in red.



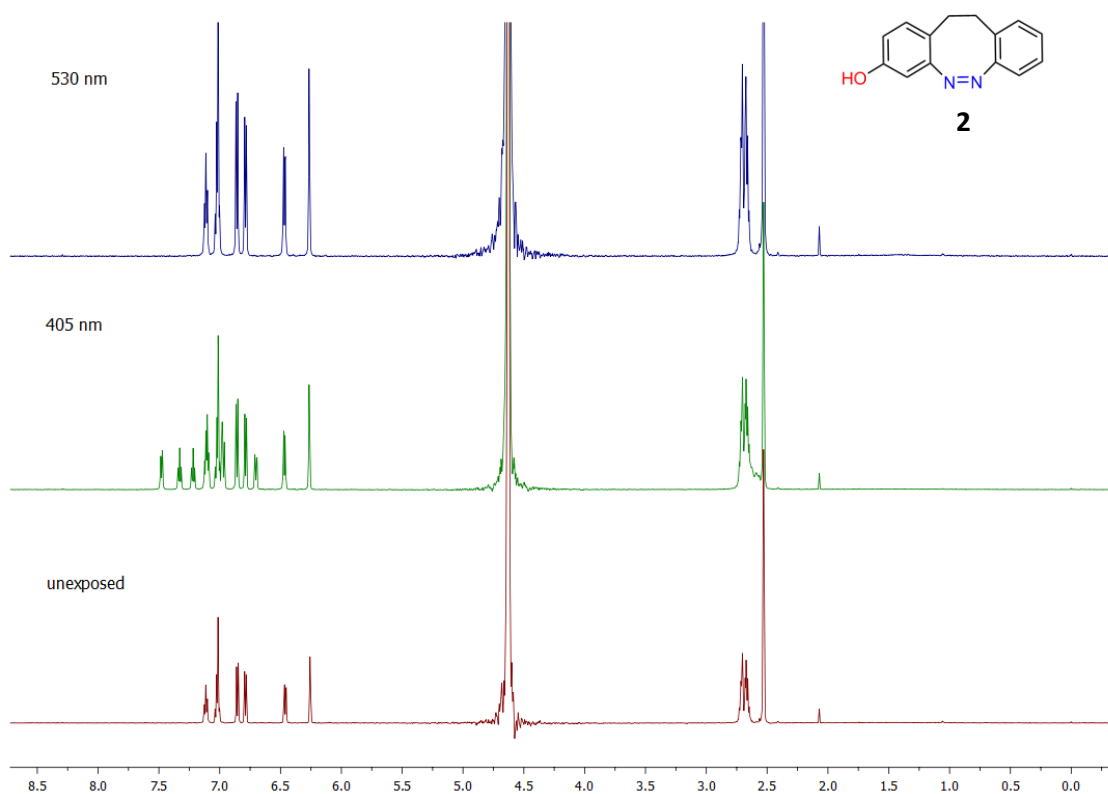
## NMR switching experiments and photostationary states in aqueous solution



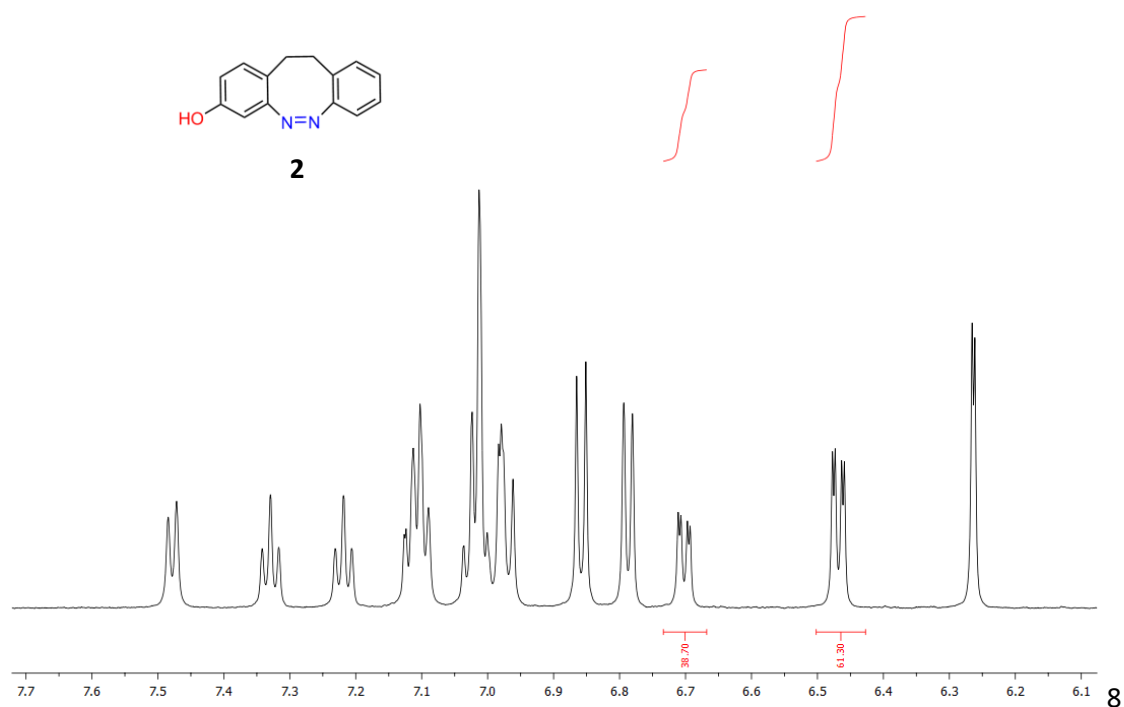
**Supplementary figure 46.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of compound **1** measured in aqueous solution (90 %  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ; 10 %  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) at 300 K. Spectra after irradiation with 405 nm plotted in green and after irradiation with 530 nm plotted in blue.



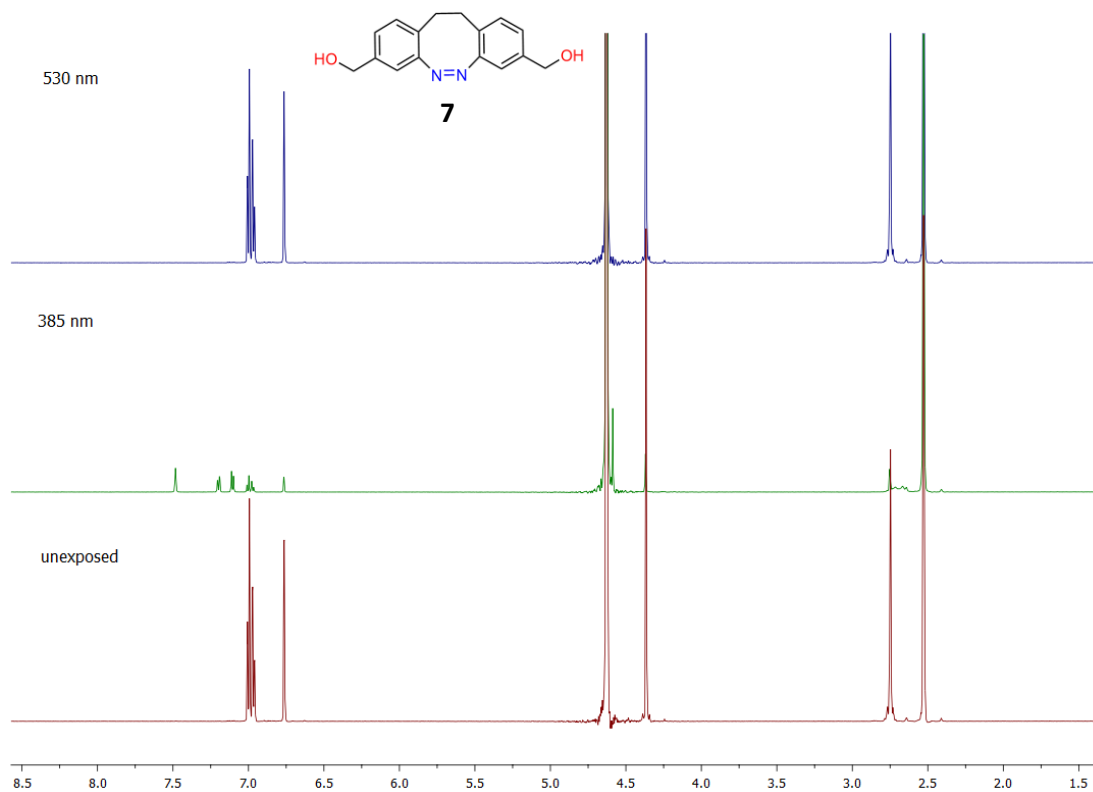
**Supplementary figure 47.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of the photostationary state of compound **1** measured in aqueous solution (90 %  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ; 10 %  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) at 300 K. Integrals of the *E* and *Z* isomers are display in green.



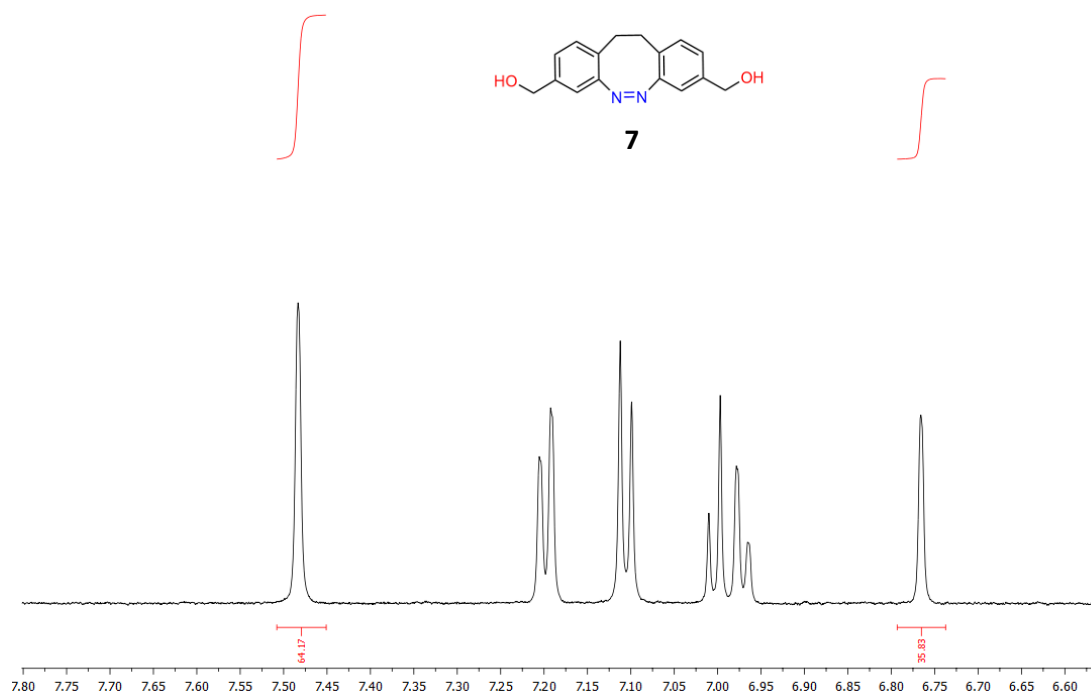
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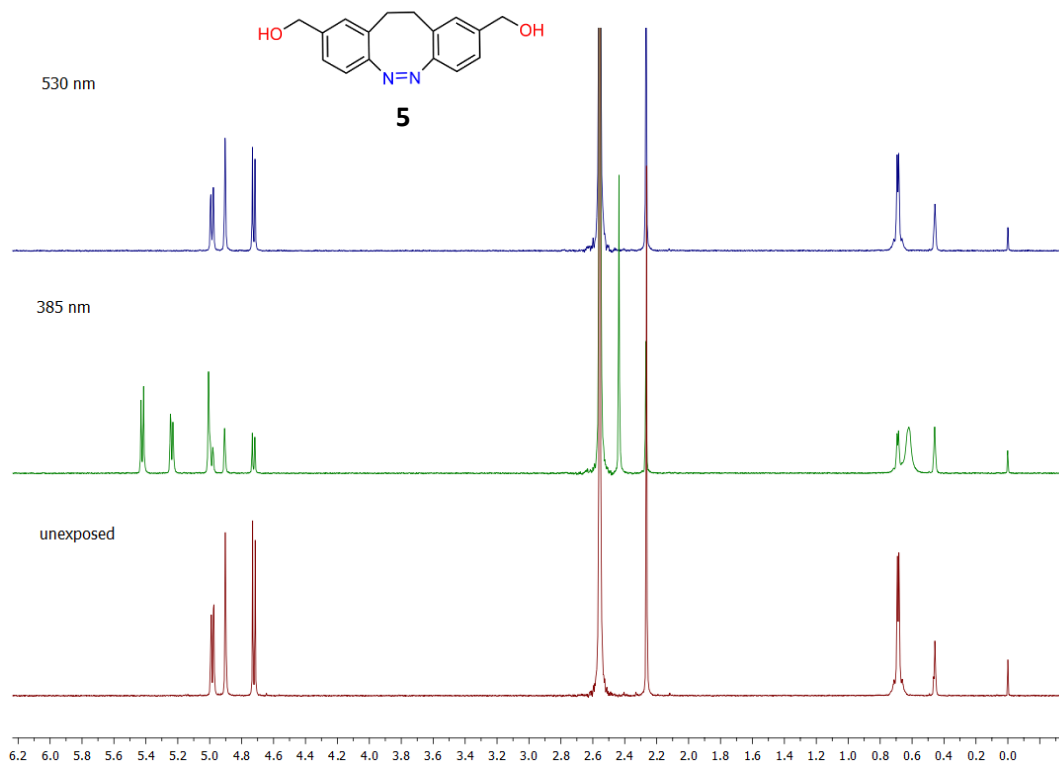
**Supplementary figure 49.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of the photostationary state of compound **2** measured in aqueous solution (90 %  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ; 10 %  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) at 300 K. Integrals of the *E* and *Z* isomers are display in red.



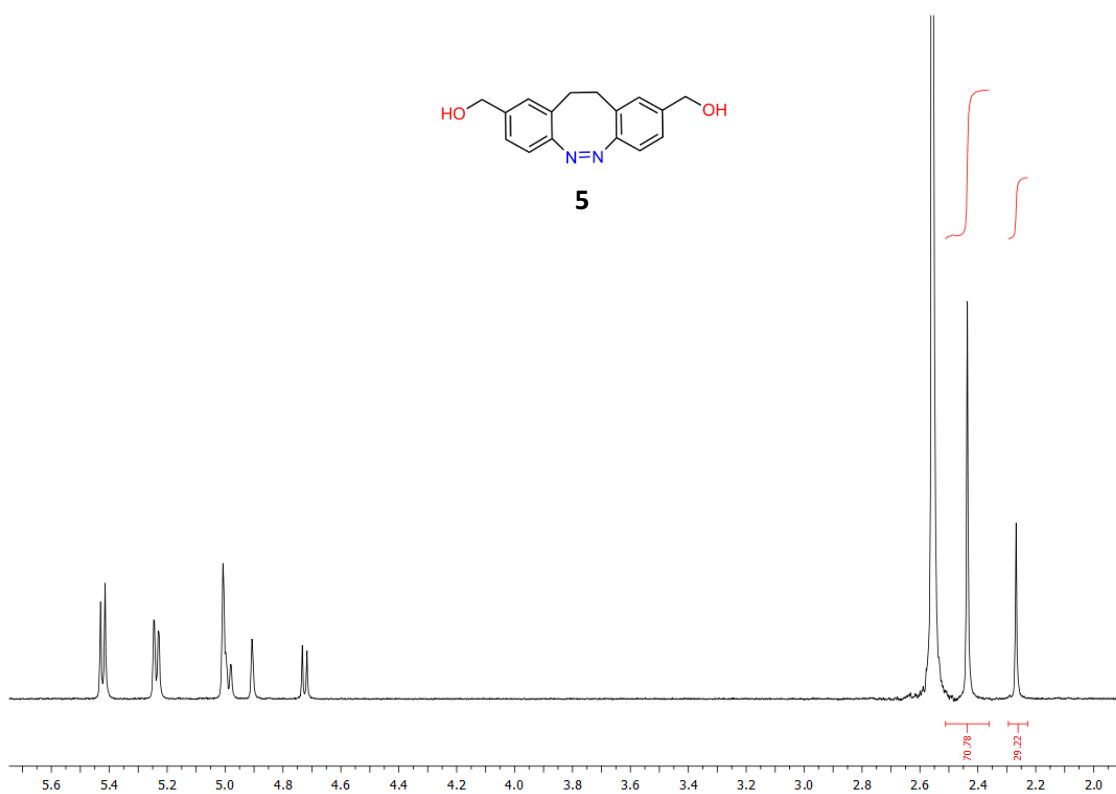
**Supplementary figure 50.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of compound **7** measured in aqueous solution (90 %  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ; 10 %  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) at 300 K. Spectra after irradiation with 385 nm plotted in green and after irradiation with 530 nm plotted in blue.



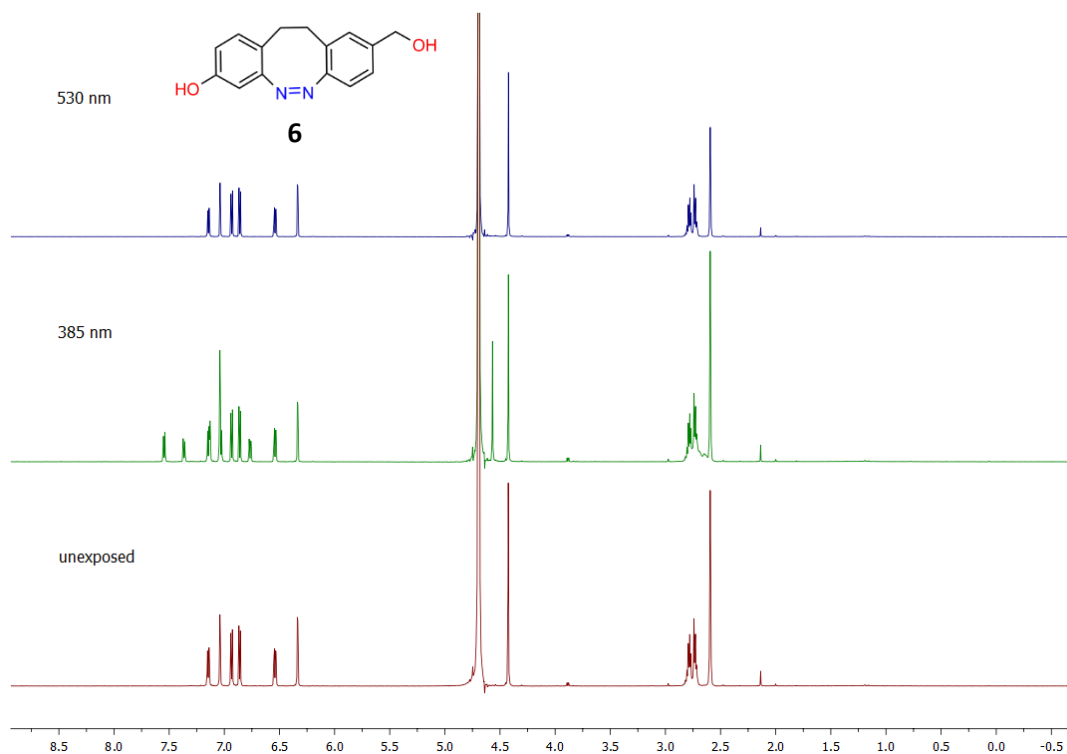
**Supplementary figure 51.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of the photostationary state of compound **7** measured in aqueous solution (90 %  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ; 10 %  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) at 300 K. Integrals of the *E* and *Z* isomers are display in red.



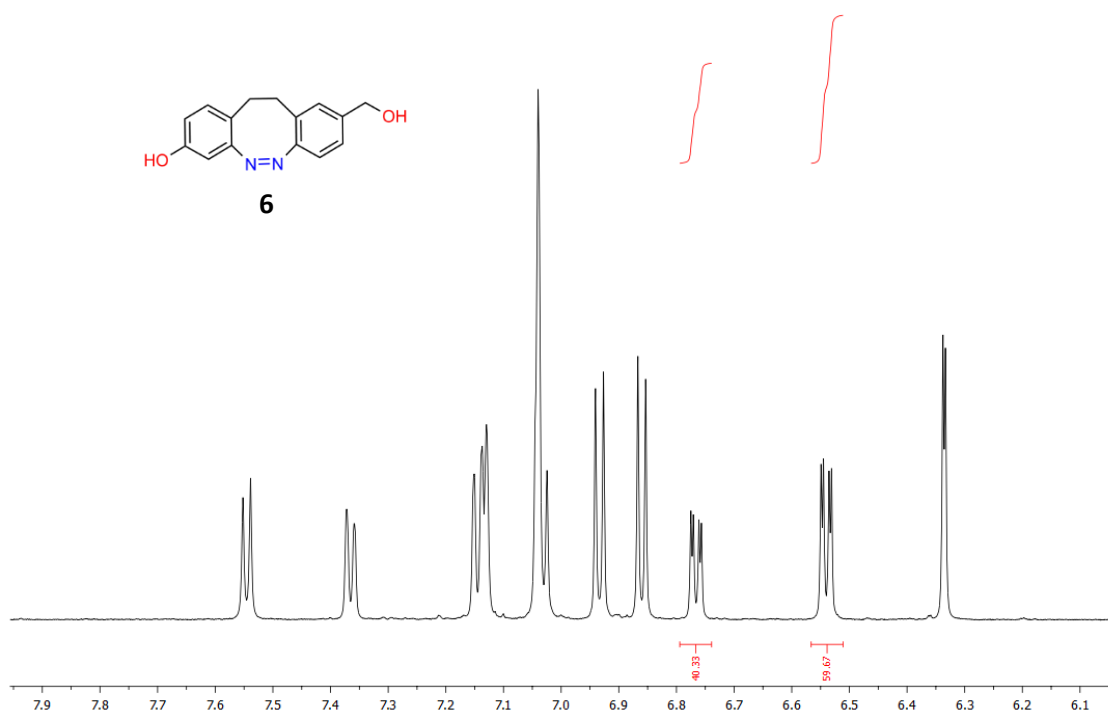
**Supplementary figure 52.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of compound **5** measured in aqueous solution (90 % D<sub>2</sub>O; 10 % DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) at 298 K. Spectra after irradiation with 385 nm plotted in green and after irradiation with 530 nm plotted in blue.



**Supplementary figure 53.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of the photostationary state of compound **5** measured in aqueous solution (90 % D<sub>2</sub>O; 10 % DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) at 298 K. Integrals of the *E* and *Z* isomers are display in red.

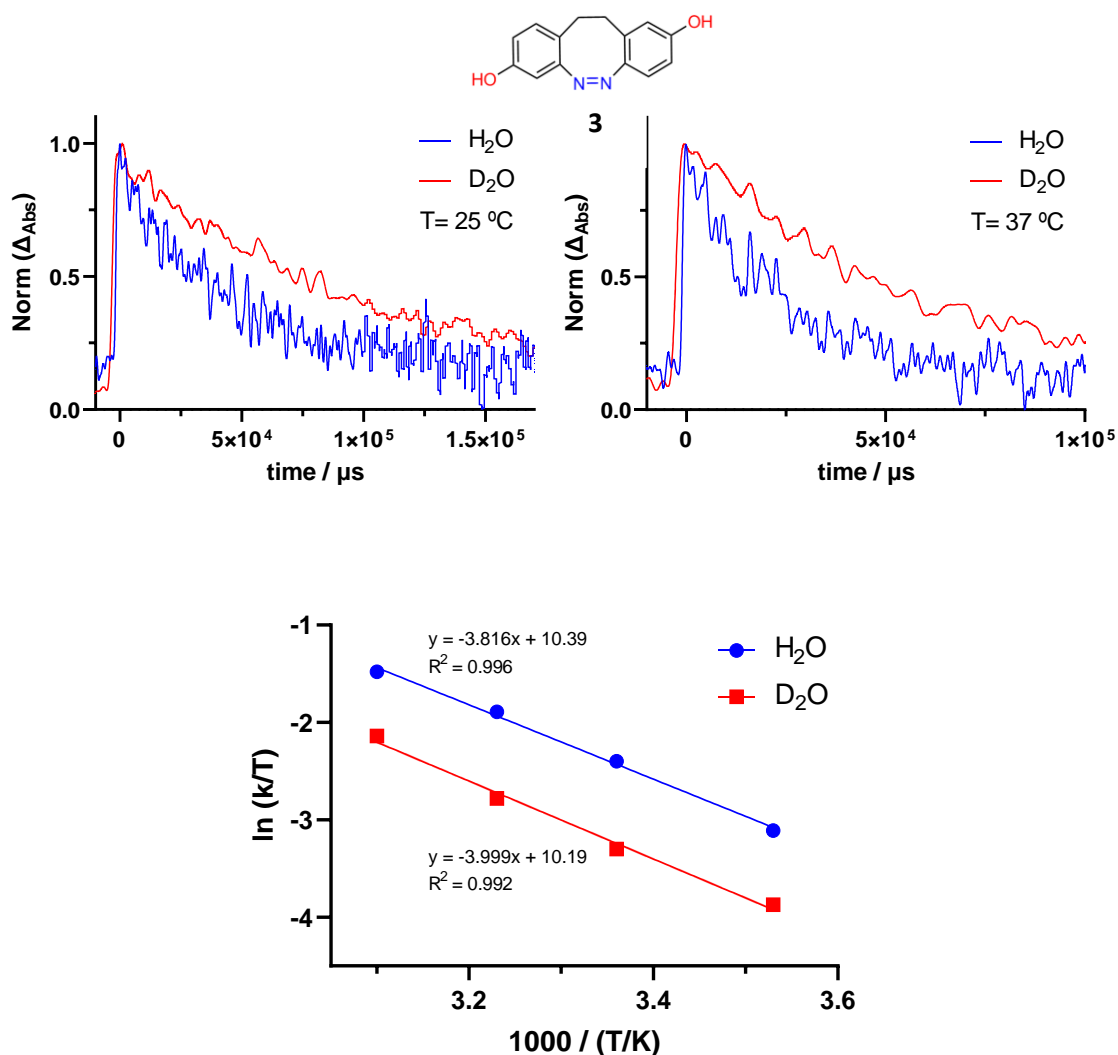


**Supplementary figure 54.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectra of compound **6** measured in aqueous solution (90 %  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ; 10 %  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) at 300 K. Spectra after irradiation with 385 nm plotted in green and after irradiation with 530 nm plotted in blue.



**Supplementary figure 55.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of the photostationary state of compound **6** measured in aqueous solution (90 %  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ; 10 %  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) at 300 K. Integrals of the *E* and *Z* isomers are display in red.

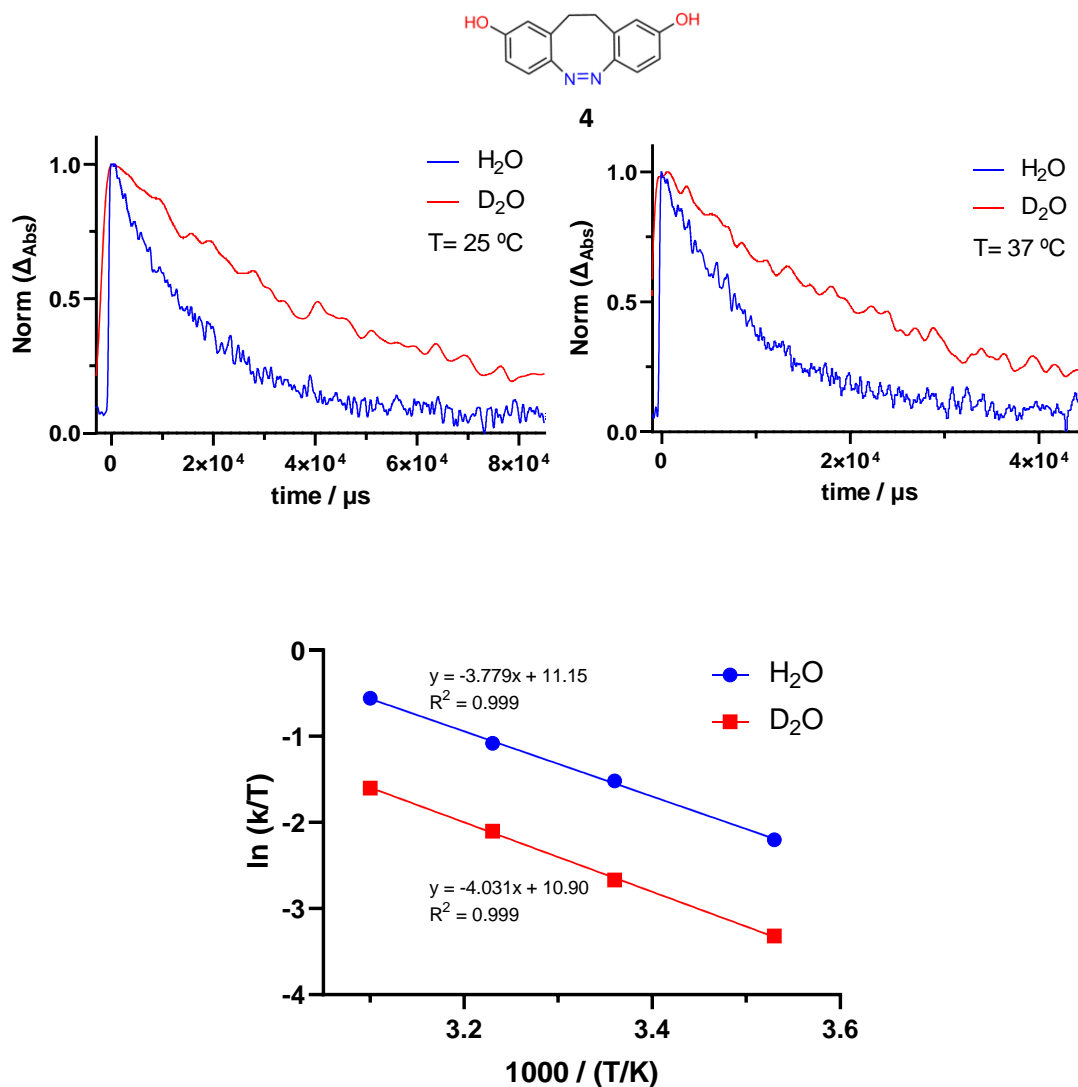
## 5. Kinetic studies of the thermal relaxation process by Laser flash-photolysis



**Supplementary figure 56.** Top: Transient absorption decays of compound **3** (420  $\mu\text{M}$ ) recorded at 25  $^\circ\text{C}$  (left) and 37  $^\circ\text{C}$  (right) in aqueous solution  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  98 %; DMSO 2 % (blue) or  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  98 %; DMSO 2 % (red).  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 355\text{ nm}$ ;  $\lambda_{\text{obs}} = 500\text{ nm}$ . Bottom: Eyring plots for the *trans*-to-*cis* thermal isomerization.

**Supplementary Table 3.** Activation parameters derived from the Eyring plots for the *trans*-to-*cis* thermal isomerization of compound **3** in aqueous solutions ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  98 %; DMSO 2 % and  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  98 %; DMSO 2 %).

Compound <b>3</b>	$\Delta H^\ddagger / \text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta S^\ddagger / \text{J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$31.3 \pm 0.4$	$-112.7 \pm 1.0$
$\text{D}_2\text{O}$	$32.7 \pm 1.3$	$-114.7 \pm 2.6$



**Supplementary figure 57.** Top: Transient absorption decays of compound **4** (420  $\mu\text{M}$ ) recorded at 25  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  (left) and 37  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  (right) in aqueous solution  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  98 %; DMSO 2 % (blue) or  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  98 %; DMSO 2 % (red).  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 355\text{ nm}$ ;  $\lambda_{\text{obs}} = 500\text{ nm}$ . Bottom: Eyring plots for the *trans*-to-*cis* thermal isomerization

**Supplementary Table 4.** Activation parameters derived from the Eyring plots for the *trans*-to-*cis* thermal isomerization of compound **4** in aqueous solutions ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  98 %; DMSO 2 % and  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  98 %; DMSO 2 %).

Compound <b>4</b>	$\Delta H^{\ddagger} / \text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta S^{\ddagger} / \text{J}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}\text{ mol}^{-1}$
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$30.9 \pm 0.1$	$-106.7 \pm 0.7$
$\text{D}_2\text{O}$	$33.0 \pm 0.8$	$-108.8 \pm 0.4$

## 6. Biological Evaluation

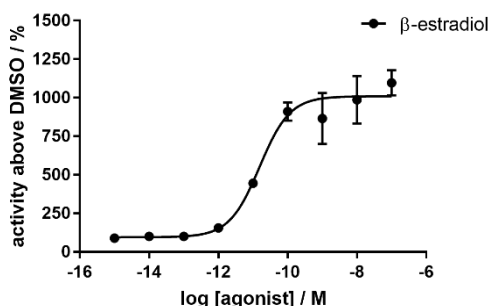
### Methodology Luciferase Reporter Gene Assay in MCF-7

For determination of estrogenic activities, a luciferase reporter gene assay was performed comparable to methods published previously.<sup>7-11</sup> MCF-7 cells (CLS Cell Lines Service, Eppenheim, Germany) were grown in DMEM, high glucose with 10 % FBS (ThermoFisher, Waltham, MA, USA) at 37 °C and 5 % CO<sub>2</sub> in a humidified atmosphere. Prior to transient transfection, cells were seeded into culture flasks at a density of  $1.2 \times 10^5$  cells / cm<sup>2</sup> with DMEM containing only 2 % FBS and were allowed to adhere for 1-2 h. Co-transfection in bulk was conducted using 1187.5 ng firefly plasmid (3X ERE TATA luc, Addgene, Watertown, MA, USA, #11354, was a gift from Donald McDonnell<sup>7</sup>) and 62.5 ng *Renilla* normalization plasmid per  $10^6$  cells. Lipofectamine 2000™ (ThermoFisher) was used as transfection reagent (3 µl per 1 µg DNA). Approx. 20 h post-transfection cells were harvested and reseeded on 96-well plates ( $4 \times 10^4$  cells / well) with hormone-free medium (phenolred-free DMEM containing 10 % charcoal-stripped FBS, ThermoFisher). Approx. 3 h later, test compounds were added to the cells with a final DMSO concentration of 1 %. Compound handling took place under light exclusion. Each compound was tested in nine concentrations together with DMSO alone as a vehicle control in triplicates. For reference β-estradiol (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA) final test concentrations were 100 nM - 1 fM in 1:10 dilution steps, for diazocines (and hydroxy azobenzenes) 100 µM - 15 nM in 1:3 dilutions. When required, irradiation of the compounds was performed in DMSO before adding this solution to the cells as well as during the 15-hour incubation with the cells, mostly every 3 h. Therefore, custom-made lamps for the cell incubator were used, which were controlled by a timer. Irradiation was conducted at 405 nm every 3 h for 1 min at 50 % power or every 30 min for 3 min at 25 % power or at 385 nm every 3 h for 3 min at 50 % power. In case of back-switching to the Z-isomer, the cell assay was additionally irradiated at 525 nm (approx. 10 min after the irradiation at 405 nm or 385 nm) using a custom-made 96-well plate lamp (16 × 380 mW Nichia NCSG219B-V1 LEDs in the distance of the wells, dimmable, Sahlmann Photochemical Solutions, Bad Segeberg, Germany). Thereby, every well was irradiated for 20 s at 5 % power. Irradiation tolerance of the cell assay was verified by performing dose-response analysis of reference β-estradiol with and without irradiation. After 15 h incubation, both luciferase activities of the cell lysates were evaluated using Dual-Luciferase® Reporter Assay (Promega, Madison, WI, USA) according to the manufacturer's protocol. Luminescence was measured with a TECAN Spark® Microplate Reader (Tecan, Männedorf, Switzerland). For each well, measured firefly signals were divided by *Renilla* signals for normalization of transfection efficiency and cell number. Estrogenic activities were calculated in percent of DMSO control without compound and plotted against logarithm of compound concentrations. Data points represent average of triplicate determinations with standard deviation as error bars. If appropriated, sigmoidal fitting (*log(agonist) vs. response – variable slope*) and calculation of EC<sub>50</sub> values were performed using GraphPad Prism® (v. 7.03, GraphPad Software, San Diego, CA, USA). Additionally, the maximum relative activity (at 100 µM) was calculated in relation to the maximum activity of reference β-estradiol (top plateau of the dose-response curve) in the respective assay as a percentage. Each experiment was repeated independently at least three times unless otherwise stated.

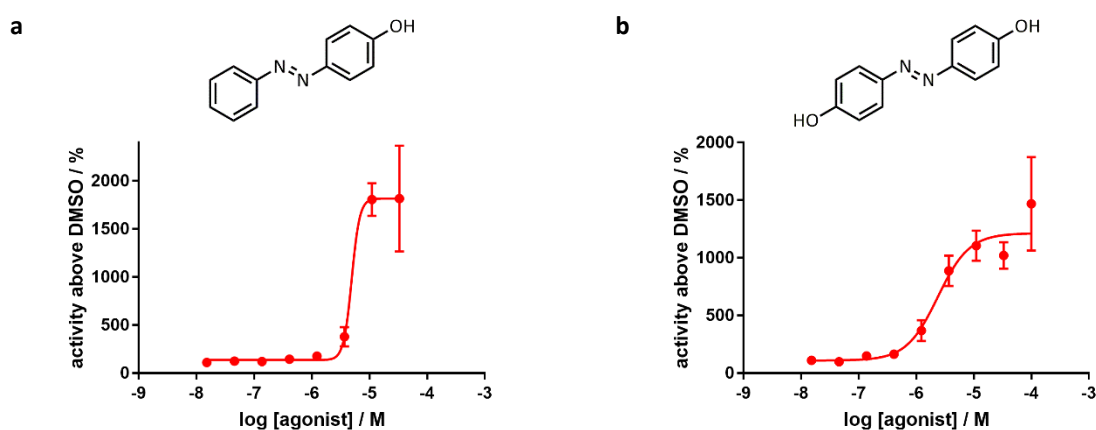
To investigate an antagonistic effect, test substances were incubated together with β-estradiol in the described reporter gene assay. For this purpose, the respective final concentrations of estradiol as well as of the respective diazocine or reference indicated above were used in the corresponding dilution series with a total of 1 % DMSO. Raloxifene hydrochloride (Cayman Chemical, Ann Arbor, MI, USA) was used as a positive control for an antagonistic effect.



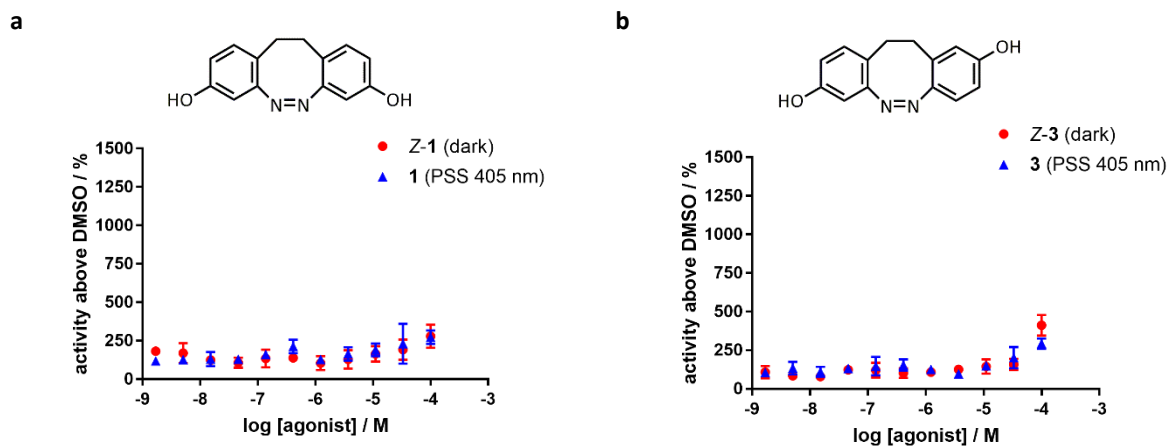
## Additional Reporter Gene Assay Results



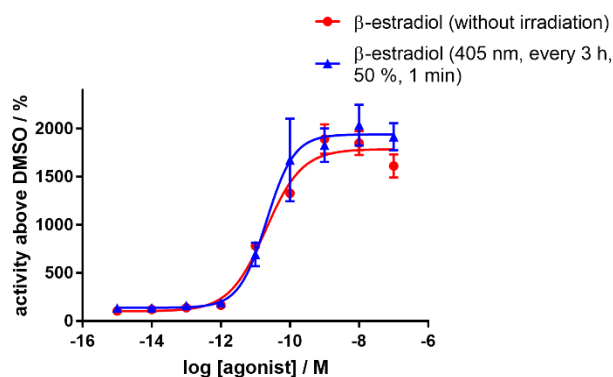
**Supplementary figure 58.** Exemplary dose-response curve of reference  $\beta$ -estradiol in a cell-based reporter gene assay.  $EC_{50} = 15.6$  pM. Data points are means of technical triplicates  $\pm$  SD.



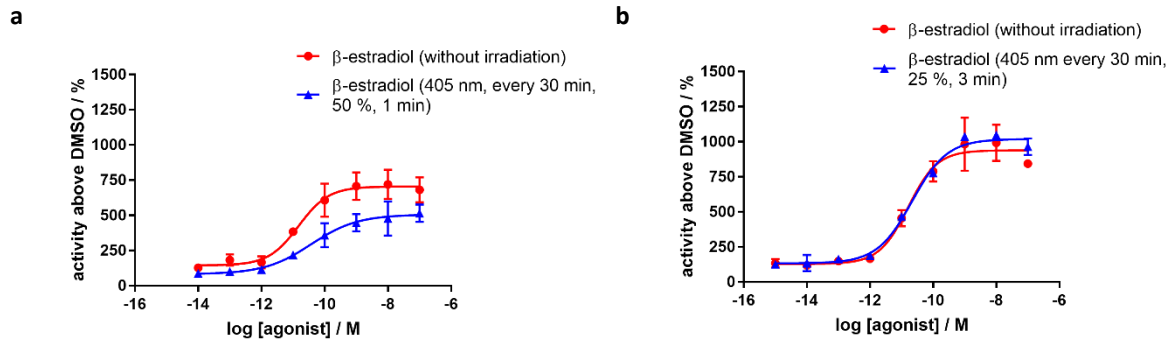
**Supplementary figure 59.** Estrogenic activities of mono- and disubstituted *para*-hydroxy azobenzenes in a cell-based reporter gene assay. **(a)** Monosubstituted hydroxy azobenzene, unirradiated (*E*-isomer, dark, red circles,  $EC_{50} = 5.4 \pm 0.7$   $\mu$ M, max. relative activity:  $123.4 \pm 46.4$  %). **(b)** Disubstituted hydroxy azobenzene, unirradiated (*E*-isomer, dark, red circles,  $EC_{50} = 1.8 \pm 0.8$   $\mu$ M, max. relative activity:  $87.9 \pm 4.3$  %). The highest concentrations (100  $\mu$ M and 33  $\mu$ M) were in part highly toxic for the cells, therefore the evaluation was only possible to a limited extent. Dose-response curves are one representative example from two independent cell assays. Data points are means of technical triplicates  $\pm$  SD.  $EC_{50}$ -values are means of biological replicates  $\pm$  SD.



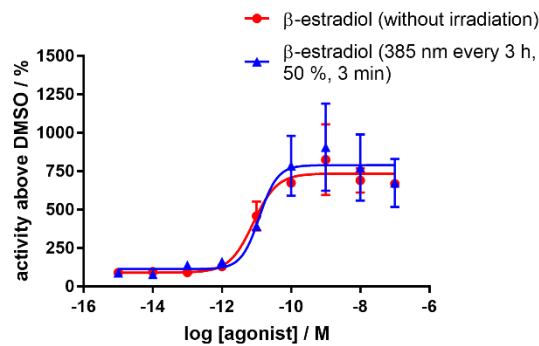
**Supplementary figure 60.** Estrogenic activities of hydroxy diazocines **1** and **3** in a cell-based reporter gene assay after one-time irradiation of the compounds before addition to the cell assay. **(a)** Diazocine **1**, unirradiated (Z-**1**, dark, red circles) vs. one-time irradiated at 405 nm (PSS 405 nm, blue triangles). **(b)** Diazocine **3**, unirradiated (Z-**3**, dark, red circles) vs. one-time irradiated at 405 nm (PSS 405 nm, blue triangles). Representative for all hydroxy diazocines **1-7** no increase in estrogenic activity could be detected after only one-time irradiation. Data points are means of technical triplicates  $\pm$  SD.



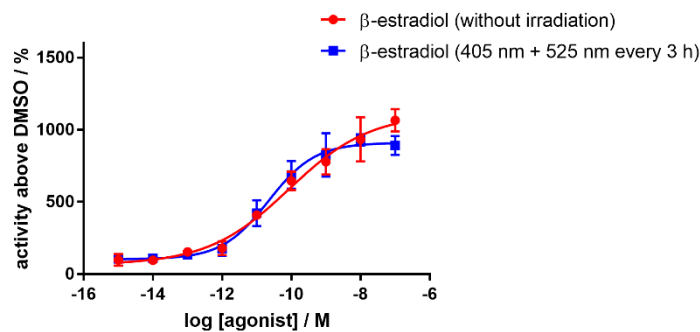
**Supplementary figure 61.** Irradiation tolerance of the cell-based reporter gene assay. Estrogenic activity of reference  $\beta$ -estradiol with and without irradiation.  $\beta$ -Estradiol, unirradiated (red circles,  $EC_{50}$  = 19.8 pM) vs. irradiated at 405 nm every 3 h with 50 % power for 1 min (blue triangles,  $EC_{50}$  = 21.0 pM). Dose-response curves are one representative example from at least two independent cell assays. Data points are means of technical triplicates  $\pm$  SD.



**Supplementary figure 62.** Irradiation tolerance of the cell-based reporter gene assay. Estrogenic activity of reference  $\beta$ -estradiol with and without irradiation. **(a)**  $\beta$ -Estradiol, unirradiated (red circles,  $EC_{50} = 15.1$  pM) vs. irradiated at 405 nm every 30 min with 50 % power for 1 min (blue triangles,  $EC_{50} = 37.2$  pM). **(b)**  $\beta$ -Estradiol, unirradiated (red circles,  $EC_{50} = 16.3$  pM) vs. irradiated at 405 nm every 30 min with 25 % power for 3 min (blue triangles,  $EC_{50} = 28.5$  pM). Irradiation at 405 nm every 30 min was only tolerated by the cell assay when the irradiation was performed with an intensity of 25 % for 3 min each (b). Irradiation at 405 nm with 50 % power for 1 min every 30 min was not tolerated (see clearly flatter blue curve in a). Data points are means of technical triplicates  $\pm$  SD.

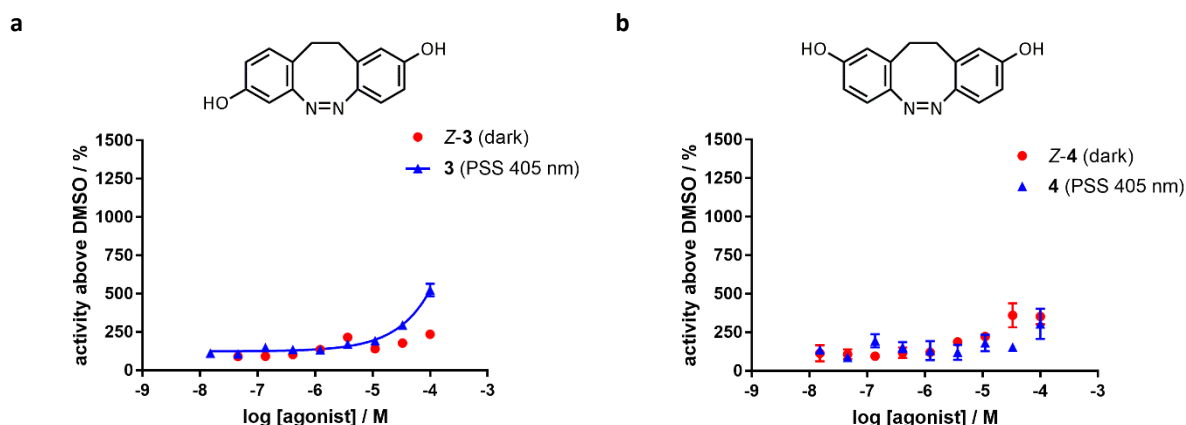


**Supplementary figure 63.** Irradiation tolerance of the cell-based reporter gene assay. Estrogenic activity of reference  $\beta$ -estradiol with and without irradiation.  $\beta$ -Estradiol, unirradiated (red circles,  $EC_{50} = 8.06$  pM) vs. irradiated at 385 nm every 3 h with 50 % power for 3 min (blue triangles,  $EC_{50} = 12.1$  pM). Dose-response curves are one representative example from at least two independent cell assays. Data points are means of technical triplicates  $\pm$  SD.

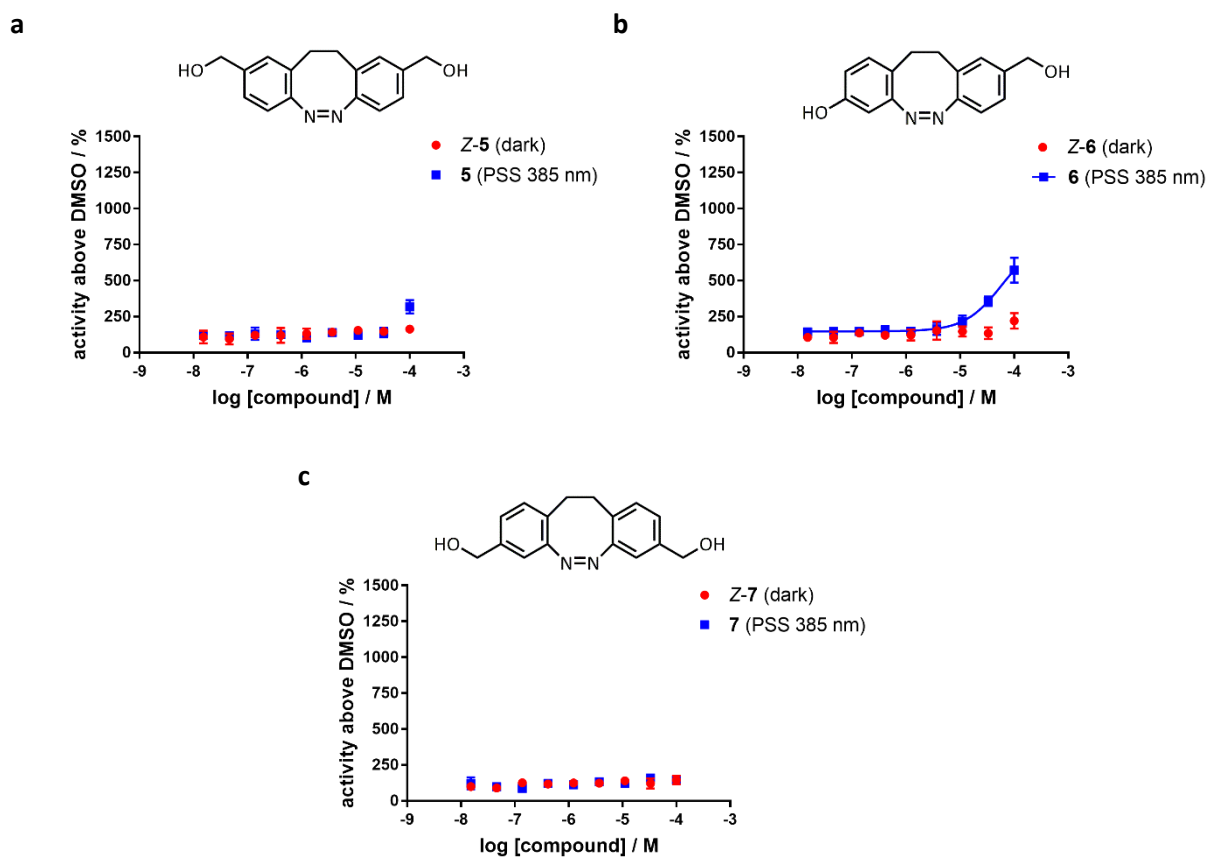


**Supplementary figure 64.** Irradiation tolerance of the cell-based reporter gene assay. Estrogenic activity of reference  $\beta$ -estradiol with and without irradiation.  $\beta$ -Estradiol, unirradiated (red circles,

EC<sub>50</sub> = 85.9 pM) vs. irradiated at 405 nm and 525 nm every 3 h (blue squares, EC<sub>50</sub> = 21.9 pM). Data points are means of technical triplicates ± SD.

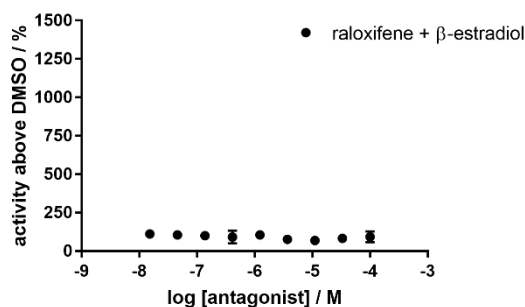


**Supplementary figure 65.** Estrogenic activities of diazocines **3** and **4** in a cell-based reporter gene assay after irradiation every 30 min. **(a)** Diazocine **3**, unirradiated (Z-3, dark, red circles, max. relative activity: 23.3 %) vs. irradiated at 405 nm every 30 min (PSS 405 nm, blue triangles, EC<sub>50</sub> cannot be determined reliably, max. relative activity: 51.7 %). **(b)** Diazocine **4**, unirradiated (Z-4, dark, red circles) vs. irradiated at 405 nm every 30 min (PSS 405 nm, blue triangles). Data points are means of technical triplicates ± SD.

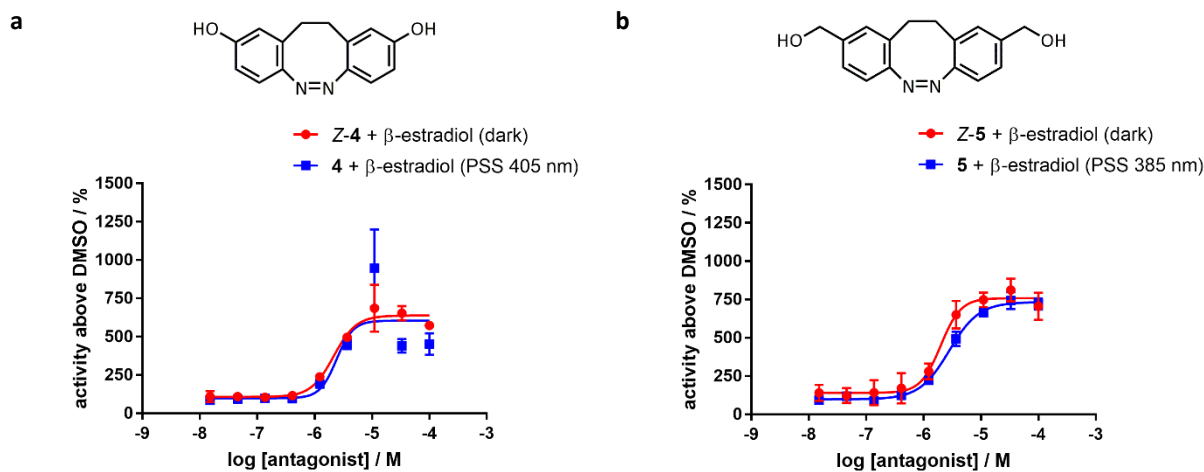


**Supplementary figure 66.** Estrogenic activities of benzyl alcohol diazocines **5**, **6** and **7** in a cell-based reporter gene assay. **(a)** *para*-disubstituted diazocine **5**, unirradiated (dark, red circles) vs. irradiated at 385 nm every 3 h (PSS 385 nm, blue squares). **(b)** Asymmetrical diazocine **6**, unirradiated (dark, red circles) vs. irradiated at 385 nm every 3 h (PSS 385 nm, blue squares, EC<sub>50</sub> cannot be determined

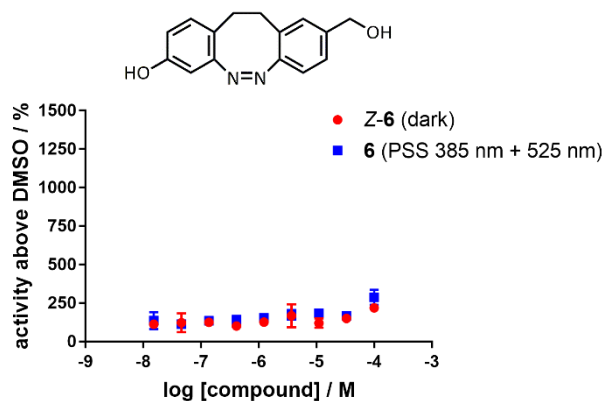
reliably). (c) *meta*-Disubstituted diazocine **7**, unirradiated (dark, red circles) vs. irradiated at 385 nm every 3 h (PSS 385 nm, blue squares). Dose-response curves are one representative example from three independent cell assays. Data points are means of technical triplicates  $\pm$  SD.



**Supplementary figure 67.** Antiestrogenic activity of reference antagonist raloxifene in a cell-based reporter gene assay. Raloxifene was used together with the reference agonist  $\beta$ -estradiol. The estrogenic activity of  $\beta$ -estradiol is completely extinguished by raloxifene. Dose-response curves are one representative example from at least two independent cell assays. Data points are means of technical triplicates  $\pm$  SD.



**Supplementary figure 68.** Antiestrogenic activity of *para*-substituted diazocines **4** and **5** in a cell-based reporter gene assay. (a) Diazocine **4** with  $\beta$ -estradiol, unirradiated (Z-4, dark, red circles) vs. irradiated at 405 nm every 3 h (PSS 405 nm, blue triangles). (b) Diazocine **5** with  $\beta$ -estradiol, unirradiated (Z-5, dark, red circles) vs. irradiated at 385 nm every 3 h (PSS 385 nm, blue triangles). Both diazocines are not able to reduce the estrogenic activity of  $\beta$ -estradiol. Data points are means of technical triplicates  $\pm$  SD.

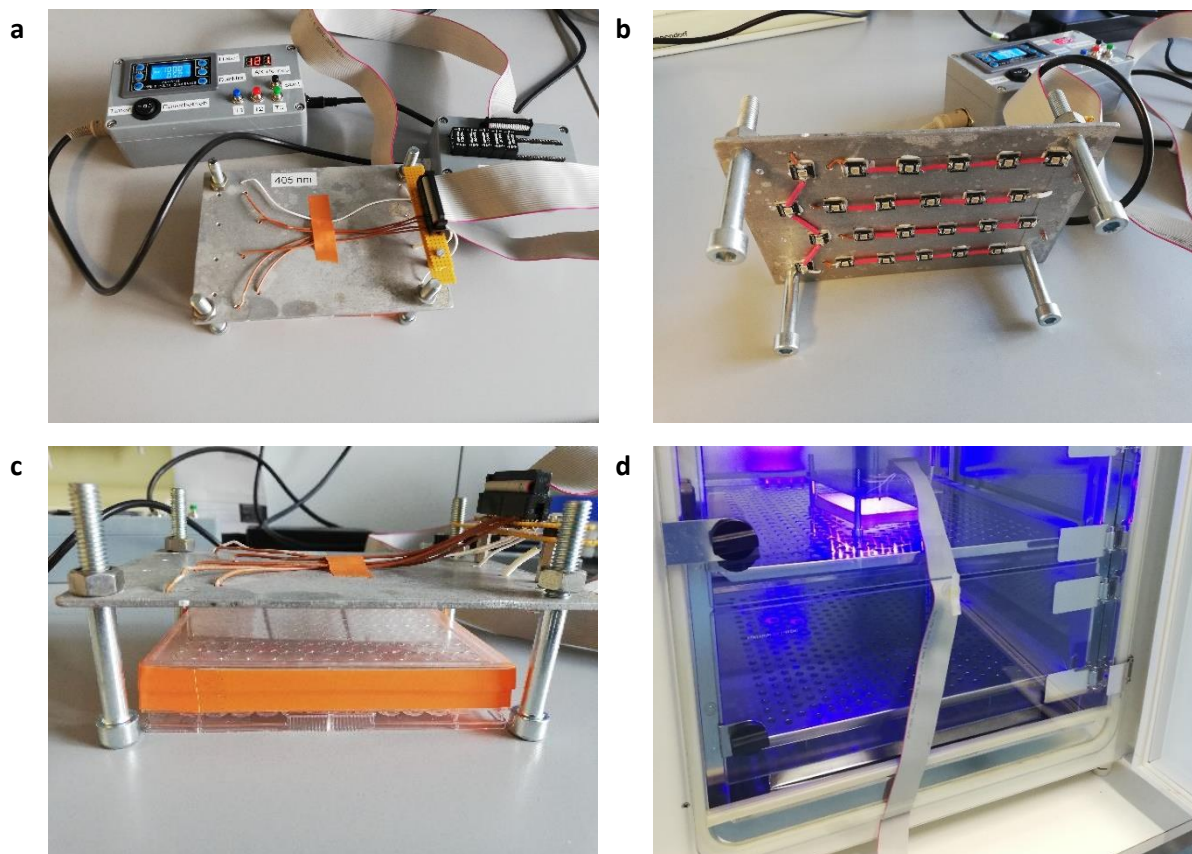


**Supplementary figure 69.** Estrogenic activities of diazocine **6** during an irradiation scheme including photochemically enforced back-isomerization with 525 nm (green light) in a cell-based reporter gene assay. Diazocine **6**, unirradiated (Z-**6**, dark, red circles) vs. irradiated at 385 nm and 525 nm (approx. 10 min later) every 3 h (PSS 385 nm + 525 nm, blue squares). Dose-response curves are one representative example from two independent cell assays. Data points are means of technical triplicates  $\pm$  SD.

## 7. Properties and characterization of the cell incubator lamps

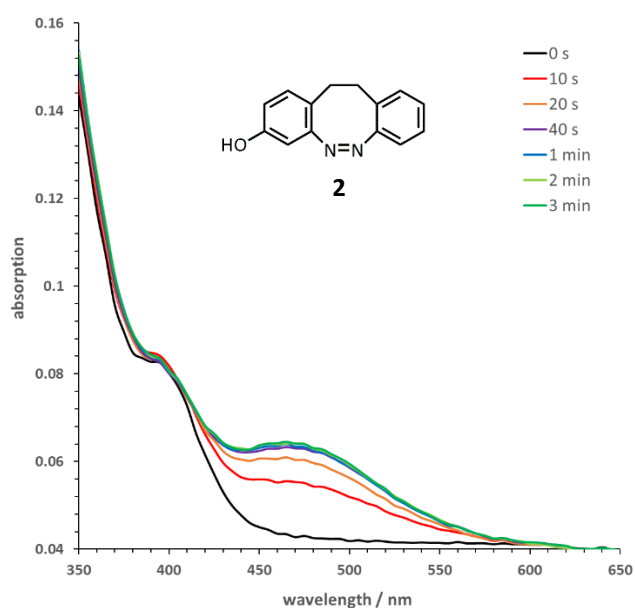
For irradiation of the cell assay inside the cell incubator a custom-made lamp was used. The set-up of both lamps (405 nm and 385 nm) is analogous and shown in supplementary figure 64. 24 LEDs (Nichia NCSU275(T)-U405, 370 mW and U385, 350 mW, respectively) are fixed with regular spacing from below on a plate that can be placed over a microtiter plate. A ribbon cable allows the cable to pass through the door seals of the cell incubator. Irradiation cycles as well as irradiation intensity can be adjusted via a connected, programmable timer. A double lid with diffuser foil in between was used for the microtiter plates to distribute the light as evenly as possible.

To determine the required intensity and duration of irradiation to switch the diazocines into the PSS, UV/Vis-spectra of the diazocines were recorded after irradiation with different parameters. Therefore, conditions as similar as possible to the cell assay were chosen. Diazocine solutions were placed in a 96-well plate with a concentration of 200  $\mu$ M in ddH<sub>2</sub>O containing 2 % DMSO and a volume of 110  $\mu$ l per well. Exemplary for hydroxy diazocines **1-4**, diazocine **2** was irradiated at 405 nm. On the one hand irradiation was performed with 50 % power for 0 s, 10 s, 20 s, 40 s, 1 min, 2 min and 3 min and on the other hand with 25 % power for 0 s, 1 min, 2 min, 3 min and 5 min. Exemplary for benzyl alcohol diazocines **5-7**, diazocine **5** was irradiated at 385 nm. Irradiation was performed with 50 % power for 0 s, 1 min, 2 min, 3 min and 5 min. After each irradiation period, 100  $\mu$ l of the compound solution was transferred to a new 96-well plate for subsequent absorbance measurement. The entire procedure took place under controlled light conditions. UV/Vis-spectra were measured in the range of 350 nm - 650 nm on a TECAN Spark<sup>®</sup> microplate reader (Tecan, Männedorf, Switzerland).



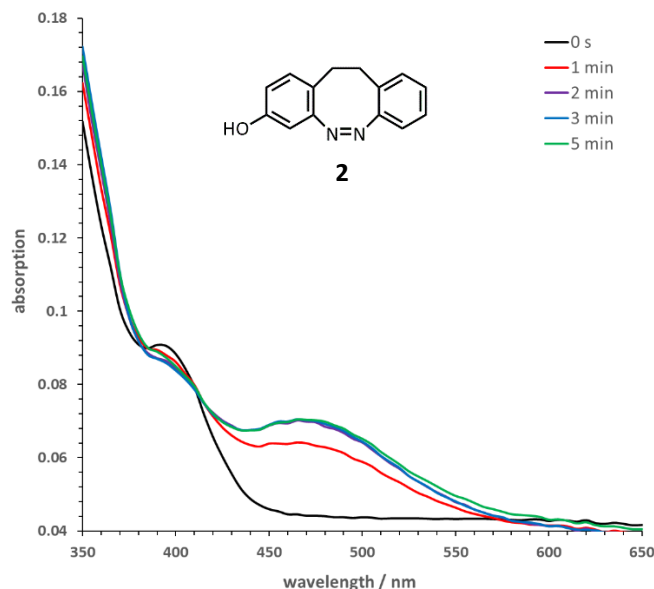
**Supplementary figure 70.** Set-up of the cell incubator lamp. (a) Overview of irradiation unit, ribbon cable and control element with timer. (b) LEDs on the underside of the irradiation unit plate. (c) The irradiation unit stands above a 96-well plate, which is used for the cell assays. A diffuser foil is integrated in the double lid of the 96-well plate. (d) Irradiation of the cell assay plate in the cell incubator. A ribbon cable allows the cable to pass through the door seals.

### UV/Vis-spectra

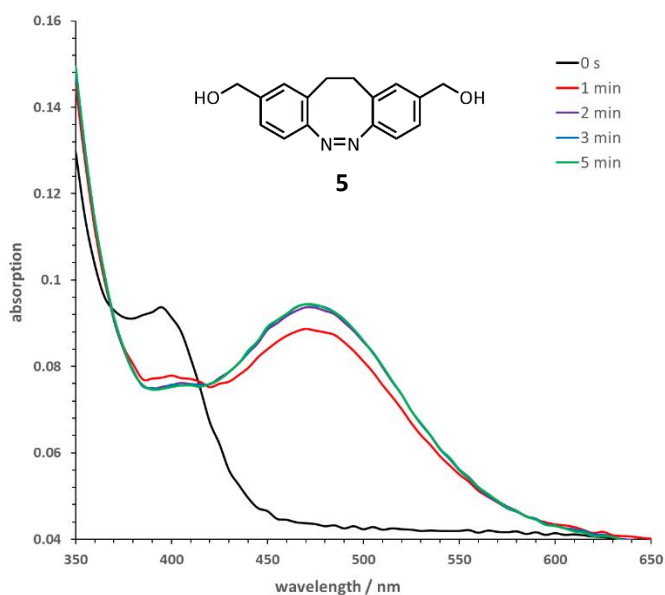


**Supplementary figure 71.** UV/Vis-spectra of hydroxy diazocine **2** (200  $\mu$ M in ddH<sub>2</sub>O with 2 % DMSO) after irradiation using the 405 nm cell incubator lamp under conditions similar to the cell assay. UV/Vis-spectra were recorded after 0 s, 10 s, 20 s, 40 s, 1 min, 2 min and 3 min irradiation with 50 % power.

An irradiation time of 1 min in the described set-up with 50 % power was determined to be sufficient for switching the diazocine into the PSS.



**Supplementary figure 72.** UV/Vis-spectra of hydroxy diazocine **2** (200 μM in ddH<sub>2</sub>O with 2 % DMSO) after irradiation using the 405 nm cell incubator lamp under conditions similar to the cell assay. UV/Vis-spectra were recorded after 0 s, 1 min, 2 min, 3 min and 5 min irradiation with 25 % power. An irradiation time of 3 min in the described set-up with 25 % power was determined to be sufficient for switching the diazocine into the PSS.



**Supplementary figure 73.** UV/Vis-spectra of benzyl alcohol diazocine **5** (200 μM in ddH<sub>2</sub>O with 2 % DMSO) after irradiation using the 385 nm cell incubator lamp under conditions similar to the cell assay. UV/VIS-spectra were recorded after 0 s, 1 min, 2 min, 3 min and 5 min irradiation with 50 % power. An irradiation time of 3 min in the described set-up with 50 % power was determined to be sufficient for switching the diazocine into the PSS.



## 8. Computational Details

### 8.1 Calculation mechanism studies of the thermal *E-Z* isomerization of **3** and **4**

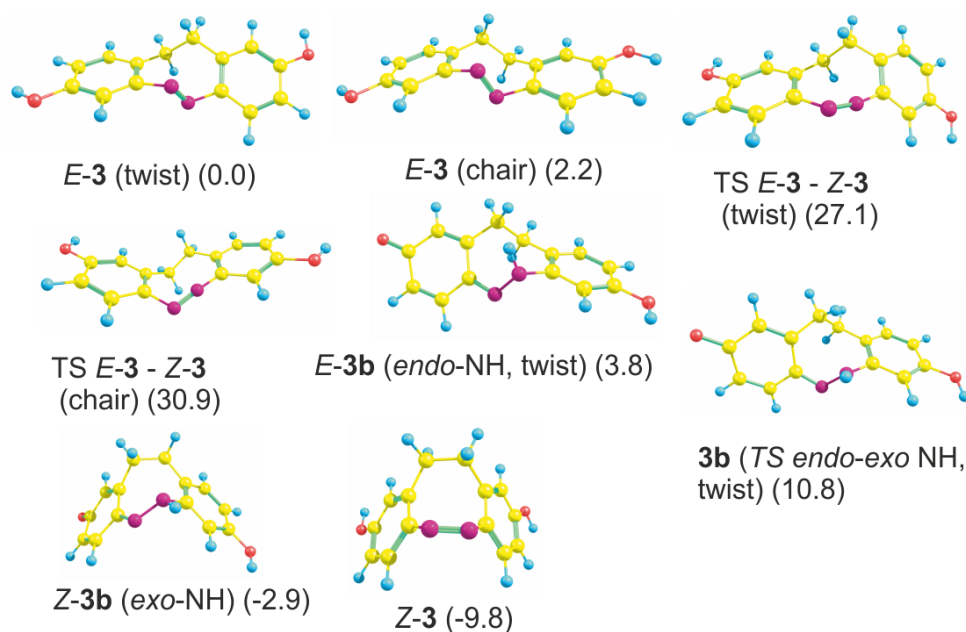
All geometry optimizations and frequency calculations were performed employing Gaussian09 Rev. E.01.<sup>12</sup> Geometry optimizations were generally performed at the M06-2X/cc-pVTZ<sup>13,14</sup> level of theory. All stationary points were characterized as minima or transition structures by performing a vibrational analysis. Single point energy calculations at the DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ(cc-pVTZ(C))//M06-2X/cc-pVTZ level of theory were performed employing ORCA 4.2.1.<sup>15-17</sup> In these DLPNO-CCSD(T) single point energy calculations, the influence of solvation by DMSO was accounted for employing the CPCMC method.<sup>18</sup>

Calculations on the *E*-dihydroxydiazocine **3** gave two possible conformations of the eight-membered ring, twist and chair. The twist conformer was found to be lower in energy (by ca. 2.2 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) than the chair conformer. The electronic energies of the TS (linear C-N-N unit, inversion at N) for direct *E-Z* interconversion of *E-3* were calculated to be substantial (for the twist conformer: 27.1 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>), which is in agreement with the kinetics of the slow and direct isomerization process. A quinone hydrazone tautomer was calculated to be 6.7 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> higher in energy than *E-3* (*E-3b*, N-H endo) or roughly equal (*Z-3b*: +0.1 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, N-H exo) to *E-3*. Flipping of the N-H proton from endo to exo position is coupled with rotation around the C-N(H)-N=C dihedral, thus resulting in the conversion from *E-3b* to *Z-3b*. The electronic energy for this N-H flipping is calculated (DLPNO-CCSD(T)) to be 10.8 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> (twist conformer). The resulting N-H (exo) quinone hydrazone **3-exo** intermediate assumes the boat conformation of the final *Z*-dihydroxydiazocine *Z-3*. The latter is predicted (DLPNO-CCSD(T)) to be lower in electronic energy than *E-3* by 9.8 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. At ambient temperature therefore formation of the quinone hydrazone tautomer **3b**, if it can be formed via a proton transfer reaction, appears to be a viable possibility for the rapid relaxation of *E-3* to *Z-3*, whereas direct *E-Z* interconversion suffers from a large barrier that would correspond to a lifetime of *E-3* of the order of days.

Figure 6 (main text) summarizes the results. To convert *E-3* into *Z-3*, the reaction has to go via a high-energy transition state TS *E-3/Z-3*. Alternatively, in a protic solvent where a solvent-mediated 1,7-H shift is feasible, the reaction can proceed via *s-E* quinone hydrazone *E-3b* and the transition state for the N-H exo-endo flip (TS *E-3b / Z-3b*) to *s-Z*-quinone hydrazone *Z-3b*. The latter would then be converted into *Z-3* via another solvent-mediated 1,7-hydrogen shift.

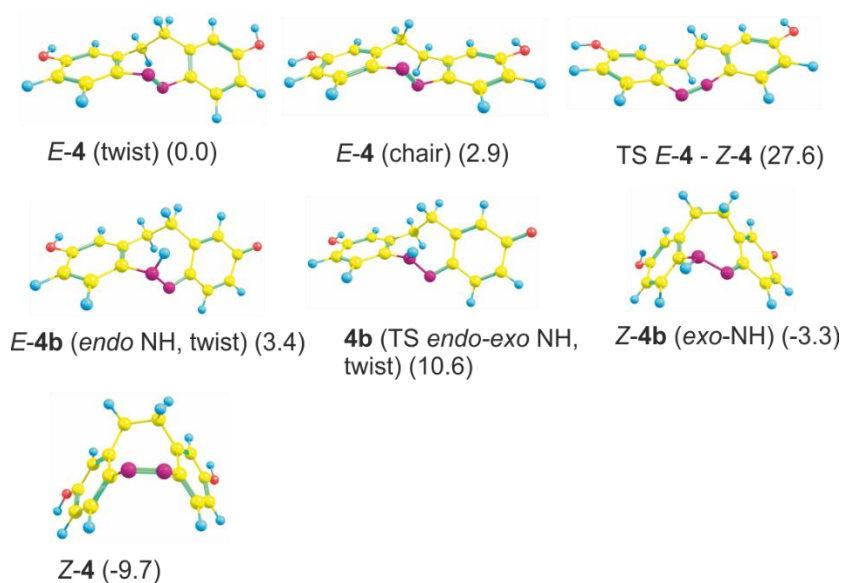
As mentioned above, the *E* dihydroxydiazocine *E-3* (asymmetric) has two possible conformations of the eight-membered ring, one twist conformer, and one chair conformer. Given that the presence of two hydroxy groups results in four different conformers for each conformer of the eight-membered ring, there are eight conformers of *E-3*. However, for the isolated molecules, the orientation of the hydroxy groups has almost no influence on the energy (differences are of the order of 0.0-0.3 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, but typically 0.1 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>), so that this factor can likely be ignored (this also applies to *E-4*, see below). The chair conformer of *E-3* was calculated (DLPNO-CCSD(T)) to be 2.2-2.5 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> higher in energy than the twist conformer (reference value = 0.0 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>). The electronic energies of the TS (linear C-N-N unit) for direct *E-Z* interconversion of *E-3* were calculated to be substantial (for the twistboat conformer: 27.1 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> if the linear CNN unit was *meta* to a hydroxy group, and 28.8 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> if it was *para* to a hydroxy group; for the chair conformer: 30.9 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>). A quinone hydrazone tautomer *E-3b* was calculated to be 6.7 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> higher in energy than *E-3* (N-H endo) or roughly equal (+0.1 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, N-H exo) to *E-3*. Flipping of the N-H proton from endo to exo position is coupled with rotation around the C-N(H)-N=C dihedral. The electronic energy for this N-H flipping is calculated (DLPNO-CCSD(T)) to be 16.9 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> (boat conformer) or 10.8 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> (twist conformer). The resulting N-H (exo) quinone hydrazone **3-exo** intermediate therefore assumes the boat conformation

of the final *Z* dihydroxydiazocine **Z-3**. The latter is predicted (DLPNO-CCSD(T)) to be lower in electronic energy than *E-3* by 9.8 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. At ambient temperature therefore formation of the quinone hydrazone tautomer *E-3b*, if it can be formed via a proton transfer reaction, appears to be a viable possibility for relaxation of *E-3* to **Z-3**, whereas direct *E-Z* interconversion suffers from a large barrier that would correspond to a lifetime of *E-3* of the order of tens of days (see below). Figure 74 summarizes the results on **3**.



**Supplementary figure 74:** Calculated structures (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ) of stationary points in the relaxation of **1** to **4**. In brackets: electronic energies [kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>], calculated at the DLPNO-CCSD(T)(CPCM,DMSO)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X/cc-pVTZ level of theory, relative to the lowest energy conformer of **1** = 0.0 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.

Similar results were obtained with symmetric *E* dihydroxydiazocine *E-4*. Here, the chair conformer of *E-4* was calculated (DLPNO-CCSD(T)) to be 2.9 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> higher in energy than the twist conformer (reference value = 0.0 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>). The electronic energy of the transition state (linear C-N-N unit, twist conformation) for direct *E-Z* interconversion is 27.6 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. Attempts to locate a TS from the chair conformer of *E-4* converged to the same TS with twist conformation. The electronic energy of its quinone hydrazone tautomer was higher than the lowest-energy conformer of *E-4* by 3.4 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> (*E-4b* NH *endo*, twist) or 7.0 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> (*E-4b* NH *endo*, chair), or lower in energy by 3.3 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> (*Z-4b* NH *exo*, twist) or 0.4 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> (*Z-4b* NH *exo*, chair). The TS for the *exo-endo* flip in **4b** is calculated (DLPNO-CCSD(T)) as 10.6 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> (twist) or 16.7 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> (chair) above *E-4*. As in the case of the isomeric quinone hydrazone **3b**, the *endo-exo* NH flip of **4b** is accompanied by a rotation around the central C-N(H)-N=C dihedral, converting the *s-E* conformation of the quinone hydrazone to the more stable *s-Z* conformation. This reaction therefore again constitutes a viable path for conversion of *E-4* into *Z*-diazocine **Z-4**, provided **4b** can be formed from *E-4* via proton transfer. The barrier for direct conversion of *E-4* into **Z-4**, on the other hand, is quite substantial. *Z*-Diazocine **Z-4** is calculated to be 9.7 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> lower in energy than *E-4*. Figure 75 summarizes the results on *E-4*.

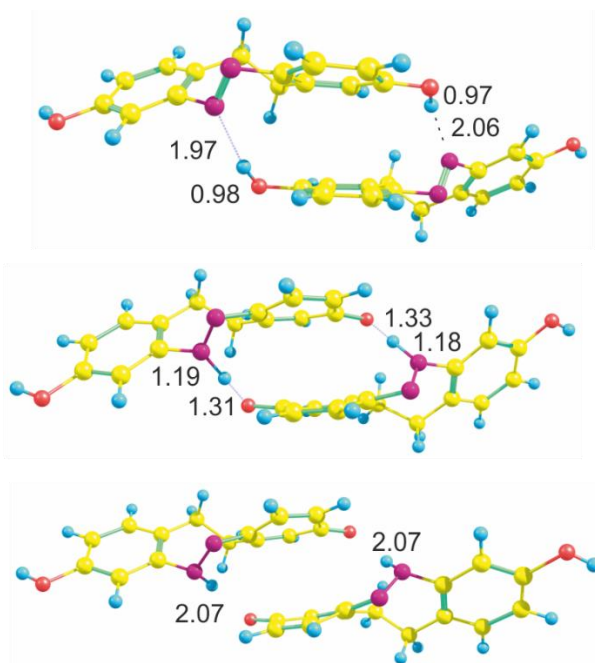


**Supplementary figure 75:** Calculated structures (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ) of stationary points in the relaxation of *E-4* to *Z-4*. In brackets: electronic energies [kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>], calculated at the DLPNO-CCSD(T)(CPCM,DMSO)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X/cc-pVTZ level of theory, relative to the lowest energy conformer of *E-4* = 0.0 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.

$$k = K_B T/h \times \exp(-\Delta H^\ddagger/RT) \times \exp(\Delta S^\ddagger/R) \quad (\text{equation SI 1})$$

Entering the calculated (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ) enthalpies and entropies and of activation for the *trans* to *cis* isomerization of *E-3* and *E-4* into the Eyring equation (eq. SI 1), the estimated lifetime of *E-3* is obtained as  $\tau = 283$  s, for *E-4*  $\tau = 632$  s. However, compared to the coupled cluster single point energy calculations detailed above, the values obtained by DFT are significantly (by ca. 5 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) smaller (electronic energy of activation:  $\Delta U^\ddagger = 21.5$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> for **1**, 22.4 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> for **2**). Entering the larger electronic energies of activation obtained by DLPNO-CCSD(T), corrected for the difference between electronic energy and enthalpy of activation as obtained by M06-2X/cc-pVTZ, into the Eyring equation,<sup>1</sup> the lifetime of **1** is obtained as  $\tau = 42$  d, for **2**:  $\tau = 58$  d. If the DLPNO-CCSD(T) energies of activation are assumed to be accurate, the conclusion therefore has to be that the direct *E-Z* isomerization should be considerably slower than the reaction kinetic observed experimentally, and that another mechanism has to be operational.

Experimental evidence indicated a higher order decay for *E* dihydroxydibenzodiazocines *E-3* in DMSO solution. We therefore also investigated a mechanism involving tautomerization of **3** and **4** into the quinone hydrazone tautomers **3b** and **4b**, via a concerted twofold hydrogen transfer via hydrogen-bonded  $\pi$ -dimers of *E-3* and *E-4*. Figure 76 shows the  $\pi$ -dimer of asymmetric *E-3*, the transition state for concerted twofold hydrogen transfer, and the  $\pi$ -dimer of the quinone hydrazone tautomer *E-3b* (NH *endo*). The twist conformers of the eight-membered ring again are more stable in the  $\pi$ -dimer than the chair conformers (for *E-3*, by 4.9 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, corresponding to roughly twice the energy difference of the monomer). For that reason, the following discussion will focus on the twist conformers only. All energy values are based on DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ(C)(CPCM, DMSO)//M06-2X/cc-pVTZ single point energy calculations.



**Supplementary figure 76:** Top:  $\pi$ -dimer of *E* dihydroxydiazocine *E-3* (twist). Middle: transition state for concerted twofold hydrogen transfer. Bottom:  $\pi$ -dimer of quinone hydrazone tautomer *E-3b* (NH *endo*). All geometries M06-2X/cc-pVTZ. Distances in Å.

Dimer formation is significantly exothermic ( $\Delta U_{dim} = -11.7 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$  for *E-3* and  $-12.1 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$  for *E-4*). The barrier of the twofold hydrogen atom transfer is moderate (*E-3*  $\rightarrow$  *E-3b*:  $\Delta U^\ddagger = 14.5 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ , *E-4*  $\rightarrow$  *E-4b*:  $\Delta U^\ddagger = 12.9 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ ), both values are relative to the free solvated monomers). Relative to the free solvated monomers, the reaction is slightly exothermic, with  $\Delta U_H = -2.6 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$  for *E-3*  $\rightarrow$  *E-3b*, and  $\Delta U_H = -3.7 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$  for *E-4*  $\rightarrow$  *E-4b*.

The calculated (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ) enthalpies and entropies of activation, entered into the Eyring equation (eq. 1), translate into a lifetime at  $T = 298 \text{ K}$  of  $\tau = 14.8 \text{ min}$  for *E-3*. Given that the barriers calculated at coupled cluster level are somewhat higher than the DFT barriers, the lifetimes could also be slightly longer ( $\tau = 59 \text{ min}$  for *E-3*).<sup>2</sup> The twofold hydrogen transfer reaction results in formation of a quinone hydrazone conformer *E-3b* retaining an *s-E* stereochemistry around the newly formed N-N bond. Inversion of the N-H proton results in a huge change of molecular geometry en route to *Z-3b*, which is reflected in a very long reaction coordinate (c.f. Figure 79). The tweezer shape of *Z-3b* is similar to the shape of *Z-3*, and it does not lend itself to formation of a doubly hydrogen-bonded  $\pi$ -dimer. Hence, the tautomerization of *Z-3b* back to *Z-3* needs to proceed via non-concerted intermolecular hydrogen transfer, presumably involving ion pairs.

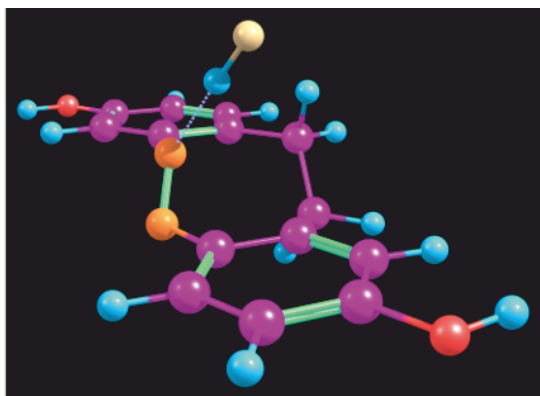
- 1) For *E-3* and *E-4*, the enthalpy of activation (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ) is smaller than the electronic energy of activation (same level of theory) by 1.0 or 1.1  $\text{kcal mol}^{-1}$ . Hence, instead of the calculated (DLPNO-CCSD(T)) electronic energies of activation (27.1 or 27.6  $\text{kcal mol}^{-1}$ ), we used the corrected values 26.1 and 26.5  $\text{kcal mol}^{-1}$ , respectively, for *E-3* and *E-4*.
- 2) At the M06-2X/cc-pVTZ level of theory, the calculated electronic energy activation for the twofold H-transfer in the  $\pi$ -dimer of twist-*E-3* is  $\Delta U^\ddagger = 25.4 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ . At the same level of theory, the calculated enthalpy of activation is  $\Delta H^\ddagger = 19.9 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ , resulting in a correction of 5.5  $\text{kcal mol}^{-1}$ . Applied to the value obtained by DLPNO-CCSD(T) ( $\Delta U^\ddagger = 26.2 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ ), a

corrected value of 20.7 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> ensues. Entered into eq. 1, along with the entropy of activation as calculated by DFT, a value of  $\tau = 59$  min results.

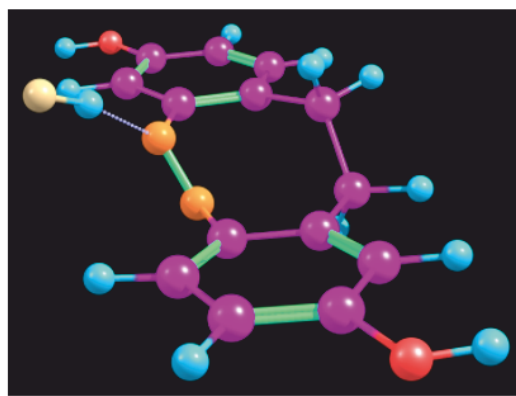
A plot of the HOMO of *E-3* and an electrostatic potential map (electrostatic potential mapped onto an electron density isosurface) clearly indicate that the electron density of the nitrogen lone pair accepting the incoming proton points inward, resulting in a preference for *endo* protonation (Figure 77, see SI). This is in agreement with the fact that an acid-base complex of *E-3* (chair conformer) with one molecule of hydrogen fluoride as a model acid hydrogen-bonded to the nitrogen accepting the proton is significantly (2.0 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, DLPNO-CCSD(T)) lower in energy when the HF molecule is in *endo* position than when it is bound *exo* (Figure 78, see SI). In case of the twist conformer of *E-3*, the *exo*-complex with HF is not even a minimum structure at the M06-2X/cc-pVTZ level of theory. Finally, an intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) calculation on the NH-flip of one of the conformers of *E-3b* indicates that the energy gradient in vicinity of the transition state is steeper when the NH is *endo* than when it is *exo* (see Figure 79). This also indicates a kinetic preference for *endo* protonation. Having a less steep gradient for the exothermic half of a reaction coordinate is unusual. It is due to the fact that the reaction initially proceeds towards a series of points on the reaction coordinate that resemble *E-3b* with an *exo*-NH proton. The latter, however, is not a minimum structure and only later on the reaction coordinate relaxes to the more stable *Z-3b*.



**Supplementary figure 77:** Left: Overlay of an electrostatic potential map (electrostatic potential mapped onto an electron isodensity surface) and the molecular structure of *E-3*. Red color in the electrostatic potential map indicates strong attraction to a positive probe charge. Calculated at the M06-2X/6-31G(d) level of theory. Right: HOMO of *E-3*, calculated at the M06-2X/cc-pVTZ level of theory.



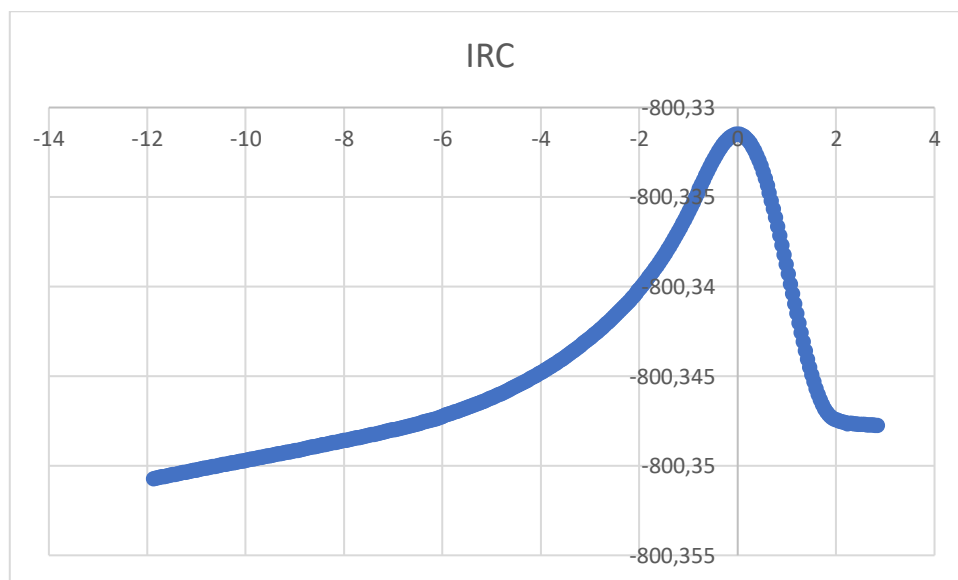
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DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ(DMSO)//M06-2X/cc-pVTZ

**Supplementary figure 78:** Left: hydrogen-bonded complex of *E-3* (chair) with HF (*endo*). Right: hydrogen-bonded complex of *E-3* (chair) with HF (*exo*). Optimized geometries (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ). The electronic energies (in Hartrees) given are single point energies at the DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ (DMSO)//M06-2X/cc-pVTZ level of theory.



**Supplementary figure 79:** Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate (IRC) calculation (M06-2X/cc-pVDZ) on the NH-flip of *E-3b* (chair). Positive values of the reaction coordinate correspond to an *endo* NH proton, negative values to an *exo* NH proton. Energies in Hartrees.

**Cartesian coordinates (in Å) and electronic energies (in Hartrees) of stationary points optimized**

Note: all minimum structures have been calculated to have exactly zero imaginary frequencies, and all transition structures optimized have been calculated to have exactly one imaginary frequency.

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**3**, chair conformer 1, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-3.379590000	1.990077000	0.082422000
6	-3.144021000	0.930953000	0.079924000
6	-2.594309000	-1.787444000	0.151158000
6	-1.826753000	0.523010000	0.245813000
6	-4.170208000	0.002867000	-0.071136000
6	-3.899738000	-1.357756000	-0.027111000
6	-1.580930000	-0.856873000	0.253874000
1	-4.715503000	-2.057967000	-0.134268000
1	-2.361260000	-2.842475000	0.187409000
6	-0.734158000	1.539625000	0.568540000
1	-0.311917000	1.274757000	1.540907000
1	-1.239638000	2.495797000	0.704377000
6	0.449422000	1.789567000	-0.420406000
1	0.707378000	2.846323000	-0.345560000
1	0.090405000	1.624368000	-1.438109000
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7	0.425149000	-0.835952000	-0.574470000
6	1.753882000	-0.384416000	-0.320795000
6	4.134920000	0.890204000	0.137433000
6	1.739956000	1.010402000	-0.219309000
6	2.895725000	-1.146775000	-0.214337000
6	4.102802000	-0.492042000	0.017163000
6	2.962603000	1.623708000	0.020605000
1	2.845200000	-2.225085000	-0.297068000
1	3.003775000	2.702111000	0.113384000
1	5.084361000	1.372847000	0.318990000
8	5.278799000	-1.164507000	0.140194000
1	5.125063000	-2.107589000	0.041797000
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1	-5.525751000	1.337933000	-0.263571000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5601168

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.228603057762

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**3**, chair conformer 2, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-3.381797000	1.994111000	0.081759000
6	-3.146952000	0.934799000	0.080677000
6	-2.597888000	-1.784067000	0.151922000
6	-1.830280000	0.525807000	0.248549000
6	-4.173237000	0.007014000	-0.071327000
6	-3.903020000	-1.353584000	-0.027684000
6	-1.584739000	-0.853731000	0.257519000
1	-4.718787000	-2.053565000	-0.136434000
1	-2.365111000	-2.839152000	0.187558000
6	-0.735365000	1.540400000	0.567559000
1	-0.314010000	1.279190000	1.541266000

1	-1.237214000	2.499301000	0.697690000
6	0.448491000	1.779435000	-0.423649000
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1	0.088442000	1.606872000	-1.439776000
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7	0.423529000	-0.849580000	-0.571445000
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6	4.130830000	0.874778000	0.133449000
6	1.737947000	0.999406000	-0.218923000
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6	4.098716000	-0.506813000	0.012242000
6	2.957280000	1.612772000	0.018097000
1	2.862785000	-2.239157000	-0.298475000
1	3.000422000	2.691118000	0.109688000
1	5.073616000	1.376820000	0.313395000
8	5.213270000	-1.279261000	0.114569000
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8	-5.470173000	0.384014000	-0.248420000
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E(M06-2X) : -800.5602936

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.228826248459

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**3**, chair conformer 3, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-3.396738000	2.006128000	0.072892000
6	-3.143236000	0.954058000	0.080124000
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6	-1.832436000	0.541544000	0.254925000
6	-4.170117000	0.025908000	-0.074240000
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6	-1.585707000	-0.841243000	0.266874000
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E(M06-2X): -800.5604904

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -799.228959202558

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**3**, chair conformer 4, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

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6	-3.141021000	0.950252000	0.079030000
6	-2.590843000	-1.773139000	0.155451000
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6	-3.897881000	-1.338234000	-0.028374000
6	-1.582037000	-0.843688000	0.264200000
1	-4.701921000	-2.055734000	-0.137105000
1	-2.360213000	-2.828612000	0.191382000
6	-0.732755000	1.552220000	0.569369000
1	-0.312085000	1.293725000	1.544094000
1	-1.233982000	2.511674000	0.694678000
6	0.451115000	1.784309000	-0.423446000
1	0.713333000	2.840749000	-0.361612000
1	0.089529000	1.609869000	-1.438770000
7	-0.189712000	-1.120393000	0.466849000
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6	1.755141000	-0.391795000	-0.315622000
6	4.137061000	0.885664000	0.130374000
6	1.740209000	1.003332000	-0.218293000
6	2.898322000	-1.152746000	-0.212641000
6	4.105619000	-0.496844000	0.013772000
6	2.963833000	1.617747000	0.014678000
1	2.848709000	-2.231261000	-0.293445000
1	3.004600000	2.696522000	0.103071000
1	5.086620000	1.369666000	0.307665000
8	5.282481000	-1.168434000	0.134922000
1	5.128863000	-2.111740000	0.038740000
8	-5.425158000	0.513477000	-0.251066000
1	-6.046991000	-0.213797000	-0.335268000

E(M06-2X): -800.5602512

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -799.228744021964

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**3**, twist conformer 1, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

6	4.144408000	-0.467362000	-0.195165000
6	2.933219000	-1.113643000	-0.411662000
6	1.766383000	-0.434228000	-0.135049000
6	4.160342000	0.847718000	0.249708000
6	2.965265000	1.516383000	0.483980000
6	1.736356000	0.898918000	0.305659000
6	0.428215000	1.639307000	0.568096000
6	-1.838412000	0.511361000	-0.213592000
6	-1.604269000	-0.780460000	0.278786000
6	-3.161913000	0.881635000	-0.419280000
6	-4.206617000	0.002172000	-0.156150000

6	-3.949152000	-1.262676000	0.358704000
6	-2.640951000	-1.640090000	0.598950000
7	0.461992000	-0.914437000	-0.431705000
7	-0.237078000	-1.037133000	0.580909000
1	2.917601000	-2.129508000	-0.778772000
1	5.106043000	1.353796000	0.401150000
1	2.996340000	2.546818000	0.816220000
1	0.039465000	1.354308000	1.547359000
1	0.684436000	2.696265000	0.642882000
1	-3.386198000	1.878678000	-0.783850000
1	-4.778472000	-1.921210000	0.572387000
1	-2.414173000	-2.610824000	1.017672000
6	-0.719572000	1.517748000	-0.480125000
1	-1.199910000	2.494477000	-0.542567000
1	-0.289303000	1.328652000	-1.464179000
8	-5.508209000	0.340994000	-0.362356000
1	-5.557386000	1.228988000	-0.725541000
8	5.280784000	-1.170851000	-0.447816000
1	6.046736000	-0.621291000	-0.262969000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5645455

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.232530394986

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**3**, twist conformer 2, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

6	4.144975000	-0.475079000	-0.190752000
6	2.932526000	-1.119008000	-0.406532000
6	1.766923000	-0.435953000	-0.133289000
6	4.163358000	0.841410000	0.249766000
6	2.969595000	1.513692000	0.480250000
6	1.739149000	0.898786000	0.302905000
6	0.432925000	1.644619000	0.559984000
6	-1.837944000	0.522389000	-0.218745000
6	-1.605228000	-0.771946000	0.278131000
6	-3.155890000	0.897930000	-0.427042000
6	-4.203452000	0.021269000	-0.162030000
6	-3.949876000	-1.242758000	0.354178000
6	-2.640733000	-1.627650000	0.597616000
7	0.462235000	-0.916069000	-0.429552000
7	-0.238374000	-1.027974000	0.583097000
1	2.914787000	-2.135930000	-0.770627000
1	5.110041000	1.345907000	0.400456000
1	3.002761000	2.545322000	0.808496000
1	0.042606000	1.366570000	1.540608000
1	0.692410000	2.701113000	0.629339000
1	-3.397365000	1.886836000	-0.794332000
1	-4.769822000	-1.914983000	0.575105000
1	-2.418910000	-2.598641000	1.018178000
6	-0.713608000	1.521228000	-0.489295000
1	-1.190269000	2.498706000	-0.561010000
1	-0.282440000	1.321909000	-1.470969000
8	-5.464364000	0.469824000	-0.408999000
1	-6.100459000	-0.210811000	-0.174550000
8	5.280156000	-1.182098000	-0.439683000
1	6.046981000	-0.633069000	-0.256922000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5646492

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.232391964346

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**3**, twist conformer 3, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

6	4.150889000	-0.458849000	-0.186052000
6	2.940512000	-1.105893000	-0.398850000
6	1.768196000	-0.427750000	-0.124366000
6	4.165534000	0.859202000	0.252648000
6	2.971064000	1.523711000	0.480934000
6	1.738191000	0.904562000	0.306177000
6	0.431448000	1.653062000	0.554357000
6	-1.836524000	0.520919000	-0.221673000
6	-1.602072000	-0.769968000	0.283200000
6	-3.154791000	0.892601000	-0.434318000
6	-4.201061000	0.015490000	-0.165441000
6	-3.945743000	-1.244833000	0.358923000
6	-2.636177000	-1.625801000	0.606615000
7	0.467880000	-0.919593000	-0.420870000
7	-0.234853000	-1.017678000	0.592281000
1	2.903771000	-2.125372000	-0.762080000
1	5.118068000	1.348807000	0.395680000
1	2.999537000	2.556624000	0.805801000
1	0.039529000	1.387583000	1.537743000
1	0.691619000	2.710088000	0.611285000
1	-3.397546000	1.878845000	-0.807857000
1	-4.764718000	-1.917167000	0.583057000
1	-2.413441000	-2.593626000	1.033934000
6	-0.712891000	1.519489000	-0.496008000
1	-1.190902000	2.495579000	-0.576561000
1	-0.278755000	1.313645000	-1.475113000
8	-5.462359000	0.460042000	-0.417089000
1	-6.097794000	-0.219632000	-0.178102000
8	5.349097000	-1.065619000	-0.402632000
1	5.206083000	-1.965518000	-0.706767000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5646004

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.232336615633

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**3**, twist conformer 4, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

6	4.150254000	-0.451243000	-0.190523000
6	2.941102000	-1.100631000	-0.403819000
6	1.767637000	-0.426021000	-0.126017000
6	4.162529000	0.865517000	0.252169000
6	2.966822000	1.526511000	0.484240000
6	1.735461000	0.904764000	0.308855000
6	0.426818000	1.647839000	0.562668000
6	-1.836991000	0.510024000	-0.216209000
6	-1.601105000	-0.778417000	0.284003000
6	-3.160815000	0.876445000	-0.426287000
6	-4.204174000	-0.003581000	-0.159571000

6	-3.944943000	-1.264835000	0.363215000
6	-2.636370000	-1.638313000	0.607803000
7	0.467563000	-0.917813000	-0.422947000
7	-0.233567000	-1.026882000	0.590334000
1	2.906384000	-2.119141000	-0.769912000
1	5.114155000	1.356712000	0.395712000
1	2.993278000	2.558293000	0.812908000
1	0.036598000	1.375279000	1.544804000
1	0.683722000	2.705390000	0.625109000
1	-3.386369000	1.870899000	-0.797057000
1	-4.773331000	-1.923598000	0.579787000
1	-2.408668000	-2.605946000	1.033149000
6	-0.718915000	1.516243000	-0.486505000
1	-1.200674000	2.491645000	-0.557510000
1	-0.285841000	1.320843000	-1.468182000
8	-5.506066000	0.331144000	-0.369873000
1	-5.556861000	1.217567000	-0.736694000
8	5.349486000	-1.054454000	-0.410446000
1	5.208416000	-1.954405000	-0.715393000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5645372

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.232489130947

Transition state for direct conversion of *E-3* into *Z-3*, chair conformer, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

6	3.876890000	-1.234415000	-0.460303000
6	2.704085000	-1.790686000	0.009563000
6	1.654191000	-0.981913000	0.420470000
6	4.007709000	0.150116000	-0.468393000
6	2.979913000	0.954581000	0.010334000
6	1.782176000	0.410110000	0.461126000
6	0.739565000	1.324766000	1.067179000
6	-1.675223000	1.030031000	0.089960000
6	-1.700627000	-0.377637000	0.190372000
6	-2.882302000	1.674462000	-0.148994000
6	-4.056626000	0.981570000	-0.392932000
6	-4.050584000	-0.409910000	-0.368124000
6	-2.892657000	-1.089027000	-0.038813000
7	0.439857000	-1.624096000	0.858485000
7	-0.563057000	-1.020608000	0.495493000
1	2.570394000	-2.863889000	0.045383000
1	3.125537000	2.029432000	0.056340000
1	0.298368000	0.849356000	1.944134000
1	1.274329000	2.203806000	1.429947000
1	-2.894524000	2.756522000	-0.201154000
1	-2.878620000	-2.167174000	0.054866000
6	-0.388376000	1.817866000	0.133525000
1	-0.644344000	2.839797000	0.415737000
1	0.010617000	1.877952000	-0.883528000
1	-4.979866000	1.496378000	-0.616746000
8	-5.223829000	-1.047324000	-0.632159000
1	-5.093011000	-1.997635000	-0.580018000
1	4.697897000	-1.842729000	-0.811457000
8	5.178500000	0.665654000	-0.927479000
1	5.149447000	1.624998000	-0.884073000

E(M06-2X): -800.5233539

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -799.183369437287

Transition state for direct conversion of *E*-**3** into *Z*-**3**, twist conformer, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

6	-0.534382000	1.392691000	-0.261683000
1	0.033292000	1.106559000	-1.149128000
1	-0.931737000	2.386804000	-0.464328000
6	4.121169000	0.933659000	-0.015888000
6	2.980957000	1.538631000	0.503347000
6	1.779113000	0.867566000	0.591423000
6	1.752035000	-0.497697000	0.203664000
6	2.883011000	-1.120177000	-0.336702000
6	4.049665000	-0.383852000	-0.458219000
6	-1.725054000	0.468180000	-0.125922000
7	0.580863000	-1.104265000	0.381185000
7	-0.483768000	-1.523007000	0.796703000
6	-1.672814000	-0.860041000	0.323106000
6	-2.977597000	0.964657000	-0.466734000
6	-4.128555000	0.186016000	-0.390270000
6	-4.059567000	-1.122493000	0.071633000
6	-2.829846000	-1.621740000	0.443271000
1	3.022656000	2.578656000	0.804734000
1	2.858329000	-2.154425000	-0.643903000
1	-3.062689000	1.993154000	-0.801698000
1	-2.728837000	-2.625342000	0.834831000
6	0.460825000	1.495503000	0.936234000
1	0.619183000	2.544766000	1.181168000
1	0.013656000	1.033695000	1.820372000
1	5.048104000	1.485929000	-0.101344000
8	5.123481000	-1.021393000	-1.002824000
1	5.878756000	-0.428036000	-0.998013000
1	-4.964033000	-1.708941000	0.141632000
8	-5.347658000	0.666145000	-0.738663000
1	-5.266686000	1.574657000	-1.041214000

E(M06-2X): -800.5303136

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -799.189361516159

*E*-Diazocine quinone hydrazone tautomer *E*-**3b** (NH *endo*), chair conformer 1, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	3.322119000	2.027576000	-0.098257000
6	3.044508000	0.982387000	-0.033033000
6	2.587136000	-1.767307000	-0.457206000
6	1.760366000	0.596800000	-0.072661000
6	4.182407000	0.035556000	-0.060879000
6	3.856869000	-1.361732000	-0.407448000
6	1.499789000	-0.868042000	-0.076719000
1	4.691998000	-2.025217000	-0.583489000
1	2.308504000	-2.795750000	-0.645312000
6	0.696949000	1.617327000	-0.483901000

1	0.300733000	1.268810000	-1.441744000
1	1.253907000	2.528497000	-0.698986000
6	-0.517817000	2.026682000	0.391151000
1	-0.802815000	3.030564000	0.077797000
1	-0.208634000	2.126757000	1.436182000
7	0.398617000	-1.438014000	0.276909000
7	-0.397699000	-0.649425000	1.082547000
6	-1.635031000	-0.216530000	0.547019000
6	-4.014816000	0.747711000	-0.456125000
6	-1.731403000	1.140219000	0.245613000
6	-2.684221000	-1.096356000	0.339762000
6	-3.877013000	-0.607777000	-0.174023000
6	-2.948178000	1.603789000	-0.245036000
1	-2.559641000	-2.143463000	0.585427000
1	-3.058412000	2.654343000	-0.483676000
8	5.324055000	0.411912000	0.104150000
1	0.120864000	0.132226000	1.463012000
1	-4.957107000	1.104909000	-0.845630000
8	-4.949381000	-1.409014000	-0.409152000
1	-4.732613000	-2.316721000	-0.180584000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5503136

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.221905194908

*E*-Diazocine quinone hydrazone tautomer *E*-**3b** (NH *endo*), chair conformer 2, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	3.317614000	2.032088000	-0.107670000
6	3.044842000	0.985888000	-0.038093000
6	2.599179000	-1.767543000	-0.449816000
6	1.762399000	0.594124000	-0.074799000
6	4.186975000	0.044211000	-0.063077000
6	3.867307000	-1.356041000	-0.401755000
6	1.507804000	-0.871416000	-0.075616000
1	4.705187000	-2.016956000	-0.574329000
1	2.325034000	-2.798078000	-0.633076000
6	0.693433000	1.608563000	-0.487263000
1	0.293574000	1.253122000	-1.441018000
1	1.246003000	2.520437000	-0.710422000
6	-0.518434000	2.019070000	0.391976000
1	-0.804147000	3.023292000	0.080261000
1	-0.205942000	2.118169000	1.436101000
7	0.405870000	-1.443111000	0.274484000
7	-0.391845000	-0.654334000	1.075371000
6	-1.634204000	-0.228987000	0.546542000
6	-4.015013000	0.735088000	-0.442629000
6	-1.732669000	1.132867000	0.249680000
6	-2.678040000	-1.110344000	0.340407000
6	-3.874222000	-0.620558000	-0.166418000
6	-2.947980000	1.596659000	-0.233915000
1	-2.571583000	-2.159695000	0.573509000
1	-3.061908000	2.647233000	-0.470344000
8	5.327204000	0.427201000	0.097966000
1	0.124445000	0.128297000	1.456374000
1	-4.954023000	1.112356000	-0.828617000
8	-4.880402000	-1.513381000	-0.360539000

1 -5.655102000 -1.058195000 -0.700505000

E(M06-2X): -800.5498962

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -799.221891244758

*E*-Diazocine quinone hydrazone tautomer *E-3b* (NH *endo*), twist conformer 1, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	2.274614000	-2.395472000	1.396647000
6	2.591646000	-1.510195000	0.861339000
6	3.147372000	0.888944000	-0.498571000
6	1.536967000	-0.784069000	0.159433000
6	3.874873000	-1.165581000	0.738736000
6	4.257062000	0.024317000	-0.041965000
6	1.855656000	0.541468000	-0.415064000
1	4.679285000	-1.734259000	1.183849000
1	3.444305000	1.875330000	-0.834551000
7	0.386902000	-1.369984000	0.126457000
7	-0.486037000	-0.949128000	-0.850389000
6	-1.687951000	-0.344789000	-0.349077000
6	-4.012590000	0.823194000	0.556950000
6	-1.606230000	0.911011000	0.259864000
6	-2.888464000	-1.009015000	-0.510208000
6	-4.060844000	-0.425594000	-0.048057000
6	-2.797389000	1.475766000	0.700048000
1	-2.910996000	-1.976471000	-0.989970000
1	-2.777997000	2.451468000	1.169753000
1	-4.924798000	1.288252000	0.910989000
6	-0.298041000	1.643348000	0.478785000
1	0.156749000	1.293181000	1.409595000
1	-0.546370000	2.690969000	0.646022000
6	0.774168000	1.591132000	-0.636318000
1	1.292257000	2.549069000	-0.644750000
1	0.296516000	1.515825000	-1.615169000
8	-5.218106000	-1.115963000	-0.223112000
1	-5.953371000	-0.613741000	0.137726000
8	5.416179000	0.327745000	-0.238557000
1	-0.038244000	-0.364247000	-1.544628000

E(M06-2X): -800.5538824

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -799.226141679939

*E*-Diazocine quinone hydrazone tautomer *E-3b* (NH *endo*), twist conformer 2, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

6	3.987994000	0.978597000	0.275030000
6	2.747105000	1.456086000	0.662482000
6	1.610428000	0.689773000	0.476233000
6	4.080148000	-0.284531000	-0.295442000
6	2.939050000	-1.058532000	-0.472979000
6	1.690851000	-0.583886000	-0.097010000
6	0.470243000	-1.447569000	-0.342048000
6	-1.819820000	-0.543893000	0.430939000
6	-1.616097000	0.786267000	-0.182808000
6	-3.071078000	-1.021689000	0.481318000

6	-4.244546000	-0.293114000	-0.047119000
6	-3.955564000	0.901735000	-0.859891000
6	-2.710410000	1.373109000	-0.950604000
7	0.335090000	1.191023000	0.895294000
7	-0.532260000	1.486435000	-0.131381000
1	2.642469000	2.433602000	1.111861000
1	3.049125000	-2.041212000	-0.912783000
1	0.027445000	-1.162626000	-1.300235000
1	0.823935000	-2.469683000	-0.469788000
1	-3.277757000	-2.021645000	0.843793000
1	-4.795913000	1.367316000	-1.355568000
1	-2.464796000	2.266644000	-1.509257000
6	-0.645111000	-1.465876000	0.731115000
1	-1.060673000	-2.472114000	0.759444000
1	-0.216019000	-1.305206000	1.721876000
8	-5.373580000	-0.707510000	0.120157000
1	4.878047000	1.578916000	0.417354000
8	5.262278000	-0.822523000	-0.694020000
1	5.975520000	-0.201899000	-0.522771000
1	-0.089939000	0.607108000	1.604277000

E (M06-2X) : -800.5550568

E (DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.226435354752

Transition state for NH flip of *E*-Diazocine quinone hydrazone tautomer *E*-**3b**, chair conformer 1, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	3.264274000	2.055731000	-0.064457000
6	3.014333000	1.002332000	-0.025844000
6	2.658271000	-1.767855000	-0.486262000
6	1.746505000	0.579529000	-0.124260000
6	4.175790000	0.086277000	-0.007991000
6	3.908792000	-1.323404000	-0.377507000
6	1.535252000	-0.896920000	-0.122640000
1	4.773755000	-1.955775000	-0.522796000
1	2.415636000	-2.800759000	-0.697515000
6	0.658154000	1.554612000	-0.559908000
1	0.220218000	1.137682000	-1.471377000
1	1.194162000	2.452546000	-0.868626000
6	-0.510040000	2.005855000	0.355614000
1	-0.774697000	3.023146000	0.064736000
1	-0.160587000	2.058031000	1.387786000
7	0.449401000	-1.490530000	0.222071000
7	-0.345647000	-0.587433000	0.951786000
6	-1.627902000	-0.214180000	0.511040000
6	-4.048449000	0.759296000	-0.382648000
6	-1.745846000	1.147598000	0.238132000
6	-2.680970000	-1.095741000	0.316734000
6	-3.896281000	-0.601420000	-0.139641000
6	-2.979104000	1.620708000	-0.195395000
1	-2.542267000	-2.150752000	0.520034000
1	-3.104665000	2.674717000	-0.409827000
8	5.300561000	0.483854000	0.207960000
1	-0.113553000	-0.544989000	1.929663000



1	-5.006516000	1.118501000	-0.730746000
8	-4.975414000	-1.402326000	-0.356284000
1	-4.744242000	-2.314678000	-0.163838000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5347321

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.205541399374

Transition state for NH flip of *E*-Diazocine quinone hydrazone tautomer *E*-**3b**, chair conformer 2, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	3.261163000	2.059632000	-0.068961000
6	3.015041000	1.005399000	-0.028172000
6	2.668849000	-1.767220000	-0.482750000
6	1.748864000	0.577499000	-0.126046000
6	4.179703000	0.093529000	-0.007859000
6	3.917751000	-1.317980000	-0.373260000
6	1.542313000	-0.899399000	-0.123879000
1	4.785020000	-1.947859000	-0.515592000
1	2.429994000	-2.801465000	-0.691803000
6	0.656222000	1.547307000	-0.562825000
1	0.216524000	1.124841000	-1.470876000
1	1.188079000	2.445746000	-0.877300000
6	-0.510232000	1.998481000	0.355344000
1	-0.775402000	3.016357000	0.066726000
1	-0.158786000	2.048642000	1.386937000
7	0.455781000	-1.494681000	0.216389000
7	-0.339976000	-0.591945000	0.944396000
6	-1.626860000	-0.226109000	0.509270000
6	-4.047508000	0.745794000	-0.371669000
6	-1.746327000	1.140418000	0.239447000
6	-2.674319000	-1.109109000	0.318100000
6	-3.893171000	-0.614165000	-0.131737000
6	-2.977637000	1.613095000	-0.188222000
1	-2.554656000	-2.165503000	0.512224000
1	-3.106791000	2.666751000	-0.401867000
8	5.303114000	0.496140000	0.206694000
1	-0.107501000	-0.549503000	1.922290000
1	-5.002268000	1.124707000	-0.716505000
8	-4.904319000	-1.507853000	-0.308812000
1	-5.692515000	-1.047499000	-0.608269000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5344648

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.205565478063

Transition state for NH flip of *E*-Diazocine quinone hydrazone tautomer *E*-**3b**, twist conformer 1, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	2.465816000	-2.214630000	1.647516000
6	2.714939000	-1.387959000	0.995476000
6	3.087389000	0.880415000	-0.646373000
6	1.590624000	-0.755230000	0.303175000
6	3.970115000	-1.040050000	0.714094000
6	4.249835000	0.072620000	-0.219465000

6	1.819207000	0.523577000	-0.405045000
1	4.828803000	-1.544702000	1.134813000
1	3.329923000	1.834687000	-1.098311000
7	0.458164000	-1.360125000	0.406163000
7	-0.455369000	-0.972985000	-0.577408000
6	-1.676524000	-0.394458000	-0.222477000
6	-4.048709000	0.845757000	0.486412000
6	-1.624531000	0.857652000	0.396355000
6	-2.891219000	-1.006716000	-0.516139000
6	-4.078392000	-0.380459000	-0.168720000
6	-2.832405000	1.447026000	0.757975000
1	-2.893113000	-1.980930000	-0.990263000
1	-2.822265000	2.417824000	1.238194000
1	-4.983657000	1.315317000	0.756631000
6	-0.309619000	1.579142000	0.586901000
1	0.194091000	1.221173000	1.488942000
1	-0.538615000	2.628199000	0.770953000
6	0.678610000	1.503431000	-0.607051000
1	1.142090000	2.482080000	-0.730862000
1	0.130238000	1.298917000	-1.525084000
8	-5.297508000	-0.926393000	-0.427791000
1	-5.186435000	-1.773685000	-0.866599000
8	5.380748000	0.357779000	-0.552766000
1	-0.248278000	-1.272048000	-1.513471000

E(M06-2X): -800.5450277

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -799.215457117068

Transition state for NH flip of *E*-Diazocine quinone hydrazone tautomer *E*-**3b**, twist conformer 2, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	2.483021000	-2.214927000	1.642602000
6	2.726219000	-1.385994000	0.991158000
6	3.084165000	0.886973000	-0.647752000
6	1.597194000	-0.755479000	0.305707000
6	3.979075000	-1.033624000	0.704064000
6	4.251153000	0.082131000	-0.227940000
6	1.818414000	0.524380000	-0.401836000
1	4.841300000	-1.536651000	1.119452000
1	3.321222000	1.843917000	-1.096955000
7	0.464260000	-1.359287000	0.415994000
7	-0.449195000	-0.979912000	-0.567975000
6	-1.675217000	-0.408122000	-0.219221000
6	-4.048464000	0.826372000	0.476900000
6	-1.626367000	0.844155000	0.408296000
6	-2.882265000	-1.018253000	-0.530409000
6	-4.072656000	-0.393341000	-0.188715000
6	-2.833215000	1.430604000	0.764050000
1	-2.901906000	-1.985371000	-1.012609000
1	-2.829196000	2.399191000	1.248642000
1	-4.977675000	1.311318000	0.750649000
6	-0.311823000	1.564928000	0.604858000
1	0.194479000	1.197405000	1.501345000
1	-0.540958000	2.611925000	0.800193000
6	0.672839000	1.501148000	-0.593342000

1	1.131896000	2.482460000	-0.712508000
1	0.121981000	1.300545000	-1.510812000
8	-5.231019000	-1.028289000	-0.514992000
1	-5.979281000	-0.515217000	-0.199234000
8	5.379869000	0.372639000	-0.564557000
1	-0.235443000	-1.270268000	-1.505413000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5451121

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.215281322038

Z-Diazocine quinone hydrazone tautomer Z-**3b**, conformer 1, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-2.335716000	1.830102000	1.421007000
6	-2.320048000	0.903870000	0.858671000
6	-2.761137000	-1.313203000	-0.763962000
6	-1.461564000	0.743568000	-0.161973000
6	-3.388577000	-0.048741000	1.211844000
6	-3.623447000	-1.120240000	0.236059000
6	-1.518259000	-0.539739000	-0.900785000
1	-4.488451000	-1.750078000	0.389279000
1	-2.865710000	-2.135152000	-1.459343000
6	-0.734939000	1.982918000	-0.646221000
1	-0.556592000	2.616498000	0.223966000
1	-1.440178000	2.523230000	-1.283672000
6	0.573149000	1.801924000	-1.404412000
1	0.996395000	2.785628000	-1.607940000
1	0.389092000	1.319038000	-2.364770000
7	-0.653978000	-1.220227000	-1.582937000
7	0.662029000	-1.021180000	-1.695269000
6	1.518949000	-0.401760000	-0.739902000
6	3.299689000	0.750915000	1.032962000
6	1.533301000	0.981448000	-0.606785000
6	2.391207000	-1.208158000	-0.021036000
6	3.285975000	-0.629299000	0.866520000
6	2.426500000	1.537376000	0.299617000
1	2.376581000	-2.284160000	-0.130768000
1	2.453544000	2.613581000	0.418742000
8	-4.073206000	0.100046000	2.205825000
1	1.071490000	-1.840094000	-2.117356000
1	3.997710000	1.205649000	1.725139000
8	4.117596000	-1.461103000	1.546732000
1	4.665571000	-0.951217000	2.149117000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5626014

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.232350927692

Z-Diazocine quinone hydrazone tautomer Z-**3b**, conformer 2, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-2.331954000	1.756735000	1.508018000
6	-2.316332000	0.859917000	0.899910000
6	-2.757841000	-1.273319000	-0.831881000

6	-1.457310000	0.750752000	-0.127045000
6	-3.385338000	-0.109117000	1.204386000
6	-3.620968000	-1.129895000	0.175543000
6	-1.514064000	-0.495041000	-0.927892000
1	-4.487278000	-1.765030000	0.296033000
1	-2.862579000	-2.058938000	-1.568072000
6	-0.730867000	2.013008000	-0.549452000
1	-0.551154000	2.601838000	0.351313000
1	-1.437305000	2.584675000	-1.157529000
6	0.576233000	1.870896000	-1.318091000
1	0.997803000	2.863866000	-1.474393000
1	0.390963000	1.434682000	-2.300319000
7	-0.648948000	-1.141728000	-1.641092000
7	0.666952000	-0.933956000	-1.739785000
6	1.520079000	-0.357523000	-0.754801000
6	3.300766000	0.714586000	1.074049000
6	1.537500000	1.014591000	-0.560673000
6	2.390369000	-1.196694000	-0.063628000
6	3.282473000	-0.658747000	0.850804000
6	2.432434000	1.529360000	0.373402000
1	2.355322000	-2.266882000	-0.232930000
1	2.459371000	2.599579000	0.538224000
8	-4.069977000	-0.011122000	2.204493000
1	1.079829000	-1.724778000	-2.208979000
1	4.002666000	1.116914000	1.790235000
8	4.154947000	-1.421452000	1.560126000
1	4.035731000	-2.348927000	1.339795000

E (M06-2X) : -800.5621813

E (DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.232283872020

Z-Diazocine Z-**3**, conformer 1, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	2.144669000	1.078835000	-2.483633000
6	2.147626000	0.573912000	-1.525336000
6	2.197720000	-0.714702000	0.928497000
6	1.440405000	1.128376000	-0.468120000
6	2.855155000	-0.610456000	-1.383796000
6	2.875471000	-1.257637000	-0.154284000
6	1.474147000	0.450272000	0.750450000
1	3.399240000	-1.026687000	-2.222823000
1	2.240416000	-1.201264000	1.892599000
6	0.632668000	2.387283000	-0.590182000
1	0.736269000	2.970851000	0.323797000
6	-0.861294000	2.120129000	-0.870129000
1	-1.004042000	2.040208000	-1.947723000
1	-1.439157000	2.989654000	-0.547044000
7	0.857738000	1.054503000	1.900495000
7	-0.368037000	1.094820000	2.010281000
6	-1.222594000	0.433679000	1.047188000
6	-3.020489000	-0.968403000	-0.531721000
6	-1.903795000	-0.663887000	1.555681000
6	-1.465002000	0.877333000	-0.256516000
6	-2.369402000	0.151959000	-1.025301000
6	-2.787686000	-1.382376000	0.772106000
1	-2.581890000	0.457213000	-2.041391000

1	-3.297472000	-2.249361000	1.173787000
1	-1.725019000	-0.951286000	2.583080000
1	1.027036000	3.000309000	-1.400108000
8	3.554143000	-2.418242000	0.051779000
1	3.985951000	-2.687113000	-0.763152000
8	-3.879984000	-1.613271000	-1.366908000
1	-4.264753000	-2.367406000	-0.913011000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5769266

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.240712418295

Z-Diazocine Z-3, conformer 2, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	2.154944000	1.203583000	-2.434706000
6	2.162075000	0.647998000	-1.504758000
6	2.222254000	-0.760769000	0.876034000
6	1.446914000	1.143841000	-0.419151000
6	2.879138000	-0.532432000	-1.427228000
6	2.905536000	-1.241392000	-0.231272000
6	1.483290000	0.406752000	0.759897000
1	3.432504000	-0.915164000	-2.272588000
1	2.258190000	-1.280458000	1.825931000
6	0.631802000	2.402287000	-0.480139000
1	0.715666000	2.934232000	0.466770000
6	-0.852090000	2.136771000	-0.799287000
1	-0.969296000	2.077795000	-1.881442000
1	-1.441718000	2.997152000	-0.472674000
7	0.866477000	0.940218000	1.943370000
7	-0.359241000	0.982283000	2.054357000
6	-1.223957000	0.382438000	1.059986000
6	-3.051389000	-0.930283000	-0.564351000
6	-1.923954000	-0.722195000	1.528301000
6	-1.465156000	0.879668000	-0.225005000
6	-2.384169000	0.197670000	-1.016367000
6	-2.821343000	-1.397037000	0.722265000
1	-2.595254000	0.545058000	-2.019130000
1	-3.345017000	-2.269255000	1.093578000
1	-1.749167000	-1.048834000	2.544649000
1	1.032582000	3.063514000	-1.247975000
8	3.628526000	-2.392993000	-0.198033000
1	3.581666000	-2.779564000	0.680189000
8	-3.923673000	-1.528397000	-1.420080000
1	-4.318280000	-2.294341000	-0.995336000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5770169

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.244469797139

Z-Diazocine Z-3, conformer 3, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	2.161738000	1.239541000	-2.419028000
6	2.168476000	0.671922000	-1.496277000
6	2.229255000	-0.766006000	0.867059000
6	1.447384000	1.150082000	-0.406664000
6	2.891265000	-0.505736000	-1.431479000
6	2.917207000	-1.229914000	-0.244509000
6	1.484945000	0.399272000	0.763668000

1	3.449460000	-0.875001000	-2.279662000
1	2.265467000	-1.297151000	1.810551000
6	0.622197000	2.402271000	-0.456626000
1	0.692296000	2.922790000	0.497635000
6	-0.854975000	2.124493000	-0.791737000
1	-0.955456000	2.055807000	-1.875474000
1	-1.454583000	2.984082000	-0.481368000
7	0.865655000	0.917287000	1.952412000
7	-0.360060000	0.957302000	2.063311000
6	-1.226245000	0.366634000	1.065092000
6	-3.062940000	-0.939305000	-0.555031000
6	-1.931758000	-0.740064000	1.531808000
6	-1.467092000	0.868045000	-0.214309000
6	-2.394016000	0.187564000	-1.004499000
6	-2.831123000	-1.410829000	0.730677000
1	-2.593612000	0.555458000	-2.005341000
1	-3.364482000	-2.282217000	1.081749000
1	-1.754276000	-1.068433000	2.547199000
1	1.022020000	3.077556000	-1.212749000
8	3.645017000	-2.378376000	-0.224227000
1	3.591417000	-2.780996000	0.646420000
8	-3.960116000	-1.613476000	-1.323372000
1	-4.033849000	-1.189319000	-2.182228000

E (M06-2X) : -800.5770134

E (DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.248152729851

Z-Diazocine Z-3, conformer 4, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	2.148031000	1.114592000	-2.471710000
6	2.152517000	0.597775000	-1.519688000
6	2.208989000	-0.719068000	0.918961000
6	1.439491000	1.134150000	-0.457027000
6	2.868843000	-0.582800000	-1.391089000
6	2.892181000	-1.244308000	-0.169147000
6	1.476861000	0.442416000	0.753756000
1	3.418234000	-0.984529000	-2.233720000
1	2.254192000	-1.216544000	1.877346000
6	0.621173000	2.387278000	-0.566574000
1	0.711910000	2.959526000	0.355816000
6	-0.866701000	2.107565000	-0.860901000
1	-0.994051000	2.018367000	-1.940172000
1	-1.454488000	2.976019000	-0.552936000
7	0.857524000	1.030220000	1.910357000
7	-0.368230000	1.067162000	2.020355000
6	-1.224452000	0.415142000	1.052819000
6	-3.035812000	-0.976799000	-0.520691000
6	-1.909989000	-0.685728000	1.559040000
6	-1.468980000	0.865241000	-0.244305000
6	-2.383297000	0.142939000	-1.011197000
6	-2.797863000	-1.398400000	0.780896000
1	-2.586556000	0.470706000	-2.025176000
1	-3.316804000	-2.265883000	1.161964000
1	-1.726558000	-0.976673000	2.584689000
1	1.014262000	3.015472000	-1.365535000
8	3.579546000	-2.401521000	0.024581000

1	4.012744000	-2.659526000	-0.793111000
8	-3.922016000	-1.692009000	-1.265132000
1	-4.003988000	-1.297376000	-2.137147000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5767473

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.248103714174

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**3**, chair conformer,  $\pi$ -dimer, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-0.348471000	2.063288000	-1.752527000
6	-0.551282000	1.004097000	-1.658995000
6	-0.977765000	-1.736416000	-1.501303000
6	-1.847824000	0.545064000	-1.499124000
6	0.529540000	0.121707000	-1.686877000
6	0.311936000	-1.250370000	-1.656285000
6	-2.019324000	-0.844708000	-1.363673000
1	-1.166337000	-2.799429000	-1.436514000
6	-3.036237000	1.497662000	-1.642921000
1	-3.666012000	1.115660000	-2.450441000
1	-2.616921000	2.436951000	-2.002603000
6	-3.963777000	1.864186000	-0.441647000
1	-4.332524000	2.872158000	-0.634009000
1	-3.354705000	1.929075000	0.461445000
7	-3.386140000	-1.195027000	-1.120561000
7	-3.708395000	-0.743403000	-0.016583000
6	-5.081892000	-0.363259000	0.079621000
6	-7.578255000	0.747899000	0.182097000
6	-5.191686000	1.006795000	-0.170539000
6	-6.149498000	-1.180327000	0.380128000
6	-7.417007000	-0.607862000	0.433819000
6	-6.476602000	1.534920000	-0.118720000
1	-5.998633000	-2.238024000	0.555245000
1	-6.620750000	2.590392000	-0.313823000
1	0.348471000	2.063289000	1.752527000
6	0.551282000	1.004098000	1.658995000
6	0.977765000	-1.736415000	1.501303000
6	1.847824000	0.545065000	1.499124000
6	-0.529540000	0.121708000	1.686877000
6	-0.311936000	-1.250369000	1.656286000
6	2.019324000	-0.844708000	1.363674000
1	1.166337000	-2.799428000	1.436515000
6	3.036237000	1.497663000	1.642920000
1	3.666012000	1.115661000	2.450441000
1	2.616921000	2.436952000	2.002602000
6	3.963777000	1.864186000	0.441647000
1	4.332524000	2.872158000	0.634008000
1	3.354705000	1.929075000	-0.461446000
7	3.386140000	-1.195027000	1.120561000
7	3.708395000	-0.743404000	0.016583000
6	5.081892000	-0.363259000	-0.079621000
6	7.578255000	0.747899000	-0.182098000
6	5.191686000	1.006795000	0.170538000
6	6.149498000	-1.180327000	-0.380127000
6	7.417007000	-0.607862000	-0.433819000
6	6.476602000	1.534920000	0.118719000

1	5.998633000	-2.238024000	-0.555245000
1	6.620750000	2.590392000	0.313822000
8	-1.774850000	0.648210000	1.774091000
1	-1.155151000	-1.925351000	1.721953000
1	1.155151000	-1.925351000	-1.721953000
8	1.774850000	0.648210000	-1.774091000
1	2.414452000	0.058266000	-1.334831000
1	-2.414452000	0.058266000	1.334831000
1	-8.572831000	1.167834000	0.226068000
1	8.572831000	1.167833000	-0.226069000
8	-8.530060000	-1.333955000	0.720809000
1	-8.290973000	-2.252197000	0.870478000
8	8.530060000	-1.333955000	-0.720808000
1	8.290973000	-2.252197000	-0.870477000

E(M06-2X): -1601.1491992

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -1598.476019

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**3**, twist conformer,  $\pi$ -dimer, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-1.313699000	1.183796000	-2.884550000
6	-0.976113000	0.358292000	-2.273063000
6	-0.172987000	-1.777085000	-0.692563000
6	-1.871584000	-0.280140000	-1.433559000
6	0.351435000	-0.032321000	-2.274799000
6	0.756581000	-1.095179000	-1.471802000
6	-1.501374000	-1.378762000	-0.642832000
1	1.080193000	0.479319000	-2.889183000
1	0.173186000	-2.618720000	-0.105683000
7	-3.270171000	-0.016546000	-1.381679000
7	-3.615107000	0.323806000	-0.242921000
6	-4.937319000	-0.103934000	0.065841000
6	-7.327662000	-1.167059000	0.877872000
6	-5.057966000	-1.502124000	0.087552000
6	-5.941229000	0.753299000	0.464818000
6	-7.159588000	0.211602000	0.854261000
6	-6.281897000	-2.002854000	0.509351000
1	-5.797783000	1.824391000	0.461740000
1	-6.426936000	-3.075171000	0.553076000
1	-8.272782000	-1.588329000	1.198427000
6	-3.915826000	-2.436248000	-0.303147000
1	-3.865991000	-2.520700000	-1.389628000
1	-4.194617000	-3.424644000	0.062344000
6	-2.490241000	-2.132451000	0.246350000
1	-2.021536000	-3.089970000	0.472215000
1	-2.583794000	-1.613565000	1.202836000
8	-8.143384000	1.078486000	1.211701000
1	-8.932658000	0.588610000	1.456787000
8	2.048456000	-1.510488000	-1.428265000
1	2.639508000	-0.734416000	-1.402089000
1	2.163755000	3.799793000	-1.309869000
6	1.563217000	3.122086000	-0.718762000
6	0.088490000	1.379825000	0.857084000
6	2.163965000	2.029287000	-0.115658000
6	0.198860000	3.302356000	-0.598726000



6	-0.546110000	2.410569000	0.169282000
6	1.452813000	1.158432000	0.725015000
1	-0.311958000	4.113808000	-1.096843000
1	-0.503123000	0.732211000	1.494517000
7	3.561472000	1.776337000	-0.146811000
7	3.794269000	0.635163000	-0.567773000
6	4.946570000	0.055940000	0.037050000
6	6.909930000	-1.294522000	1.386230000
6	4.759542000	-0.171016000	1.409263000
6	6.041983000	-0.395245000	-0.667860000
6	7.046521000	-1.060308000	0.024231000
6	5.773688000	-0.862027000	2.057278000
1	6.134125000	-0.228665000	-1.731404000
1	5.677699000	-1.071094000	3.115500000
1	7.686241000	-1.828552000	1.920661000
6	3.512890000	0.292772000	2.157943000
1	3.602410000	1.354993000	2.391732000
1	3.525515000	-0.226564000	3.116216000
6	2.116799000	0.032067000	1.517728000
1	1.431506000	-0.198692000	2.333494000
1	2.163835000	-0.870447000	0.905138000
8	8.131234000	-1.466413000	-0.686983000
1	8.750120000	-1.914324000	-0.104459000
8	-1.883523000	2.601917000	0.230543000
1	-2.339015000	1.776085000	0.461105000

E(M06-2X): -1601.1570582

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -1598.483777245731

TS for twofold H-transfer, *E*-Diazocine **E-3**, chair conformer,  $\pi$ -dimer, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	0.221921000	2.086850000	1.674017000
6	0.415869000	1.024974000	1.585914000
6	0.811310000	-1.732251000	1.700277000
6	1.690037000	0.557158000	1.413913000
6	-0.719714000	0.154321000	1.652652000
6	-0.456844000	-1.243507000	1.827386000
6	1.863442000	-0.866789000	1.356388000
1	1.016730000	-2.794191000	1.750418000
6	2.882614000	1.511473000	1.580753000
1	3.526727000	1.077817000	2.349818000
1	2.457781000	2.413879000	2.019864000
6	3.796798000	1.984910000	0.407139000
1	4.172008000	2.972480000	0.676979000
1	3.186138000	2.115933000	-0.486699000
7	3.091030000	-1.342870000	0.964663000
7	3.497430000	-0.609689000	0.008521000
6	4.860248000	-0.250997000	-0.102354000
6	7.387917000	0.793836000	-0.209717000
6	5.007283000	1.123630000	0.095700000
6	5.918526000	-1.109728000	-0.331128000
6	7.197679000	-0.571693000	-0.390644000
6	6.304715000	1.621785000	0.038789000
1	5.740789000	-2.170288000	-0.456963000
1	6.473879000	2.679526000	0.197133000

1	-0.202826000	1.928571000	-1.781299000
6	-0.401207000	0.878008000	-1.612720000
6	-0.779585000	-1.882081000	-1.466367000
6	-1.676882000	0.427114000	-1.411270000
6	0.722023000	0.005861000	-1.583484000
6	0.488501000	-1.399371000	-1.603059000
6	-1.843981000	-0.990391000	-1.238021000
1	-0.980312000	-2.943942000	-1.411860000
6	-2.863096000	1.368937000	-1.659936000
1	-3.508599000	0.880588000	-2.394139000
1	-2.431946000	2.231243000	-2.166620000
6	-3.770819000	1.934536000	-0.520609000
1	-4.118226000	2.914864000	-0.845319000
1	-3.162250000	2.090398000	0.371272000
7	-3.067819000	-1.453365000	-0.843475000
7	-3.530675000	-0.645212000	0.025848000
6	-4.886186000	-0.248513000	0.085365000
6	-7.393473000	0.830139000	0.071012000
6	-5.001963000	1.114936000	-0.185375000
6	-5.958497000	-1.086175000	0.324219000
6	-7.230227000	-0.529210000	0.320784000
6	-6.293980000	1.631969000	-0.186117000
1	-5.796427000	-2.139885000	0.511154000
1	-6.443667000	2.682811000	-0.398898000
8	1.914608000	0.494032000	-1.569324000
1	1.340485000	-2.060085000	-1.688437000
1	-1.298834000	-1.897398000	2.013750000
8	-1.905717000	0.612301000	1.581199000
1	-2.826660000	-0.048896000	0.631609000
1	2.680575000	-0.039555000	-0.788261000
1	8.393981000	1.185377000	-0.258478000
1	-8.394716000	1.236816000	0.074365000
8	8.299823000	-1.335070000	-0.621415000
1	8.042623000	-2.255337000	-0.720024000
8	-8.349707000	-1.262194000	0.555048000
1	-8.114036000	-2.179452000	0.716708000

E(M06-2X): -1601.1084015

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -1598.432679534304

TS for twofold H-transfer, *E*-Diazocine *E*-**3**, twist conformer,  $\pi$ -dimer, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	0.981596000	-1.633926000	2.779596000
6	0.757098000	-1.615534000	1.720956000
6	1.791632000	-1.278018000	0.827898000
6	-0.516036000	-1.772069000	1.257049000
6	1.596963000	-1.366867000	-0.584425000
6	0.326504000	-1.611429000	-1.028797000
6	-0.789039000	-1.671892000	-0.142219000
1	0.119689000	-1.716217000	-2.086553000
7	3.023734000	-0.914027000	1.297020000
1	-1.346904000	-1.940917000	1.929055000
8	-1.986809000	-1.645610000	-0.597808000
6	2.750545000	-1.323138000	-1.587096000
7	3.496660000	0.048829000	0.607914000

6	4.881383000	0.009850000	0.296846000
1	2.788340000	0.804419000	0.030024000
6	5.184970000	-0.986896000	-0.637506000
6	5.800526000	0.927386000	0.759585000
6	6.500929000	-1.045517000	-1.072842000
6	7.459281000	-0.156828000	-0.603918000
6	7.111805000	0.830655000	0.309253000
1	8.480435000	-0.222738000	-0.959663000
6	4.114011000	-1.934027000	-1.155678000
1	5.520936000	1.698009000	1.462912000
8	8.005797000	1.731883000	0.793975000
1	6.787111000	-1.795635000	-1.799432000
1	3.929924000	-2.714586000	-0.413565000
1	4.537466000	-2.439579000	-2.023027000
1	2.403599000	-1.893708000	-2.448342000
1	2.890578000	-0.300422000	-1.941653000
1	8.871522000	1.567853000	0.411028000
1	-2.788717000	-0.804015000	0.030223000
7	-3.496731000	-0.048804000	0.607973000
7	-3.023688000	0.914001000	1.297078000
6	-1.791592000	1.277912000	0.827933000
6	-0.757038000	1.615313000	1.721020000
1	-0.981535000	1.633653000	2.779658000
6	0.516106000	1.771765000	1.257118000
6	-1.596922000	1.366765000	-0.584393000
6	-0.326452000	1.611312000	-1.028741000
6	0.789043000	1.671698000	-0.142144000
1	-0.119609000	1.716087000	-2.086491000
1	1.346996000	1.940475000	1.929127000
8	1.986844000	1.645447000	-0.597789000
6	-2.750480000	1.323050000	-1.587083000
6	-4.881446000	-0.009764000	0.296827000
6	-5.184944000	0.986976000	-0.637548000
6	-5.800636000	-0.927231000	0.759597000
6	-6.500896000	1.045666000	-1.072899000
6	-7.459303000	0.157050000	-0.603957000
6	-7.111904000	-0.830432000	0.309249000
1	-8.480450000	0.223014000	-0.959713000
6	-4.113920000	1.934031000	-1.155717000
1	-5.521090000	-1.697851000	1.462945000
8	-8.005953000	-1.731586000	0.793986000
1	-6.787026000	1.795781000	-1.799512000
1	-3.929814000	2.714601000	-0.413619000
1	-4.537324000	2.439583000	-2.023089000
1	-2.403487000	1.893558000	-2.448350000
1	-2.890535000	0.300316000	-1.941585000
1	-8.871664000	-1.567536000	0.411015000

E (M06-2X) : -1601.116524

E (DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -1598.441900494751

*E*-Diazocine quinone hydrazone tautomer *E*-**3b**, chair conformer,  $\pi$ -dimer, NH *endo*, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-0.641383000	-2.475648000	1.697957000
6	-0.709879000	-1.407192000	1.535667000

6	-0.763744000	1.400623000	1.667587000
6	-1.878724000	-0.821794000	1.217635000
6	0.529678000	-0.656058000	1.766396000
6	0.398530000	0.796242000	1.939799000
6	-1.879311000	0.654195000	1.109156000
1	-0.885989000	2.474669000	1.718542000
6	-3.169806000	-1.632227000	1.345490000
1	-3.746268000	-1.152137000	2.141447000
1	-2.852024000	-2.596184000	1.740691000
6	-4.149716000	-1.927524000	0.174343000
1	-4.644487000	-2.868530000	0.413165000
1	-3.582776000	-2.107223000	-0.741503000
7	-2.801524000	1.357282000	0.524629000
7	-3.476170000	0.654437000	-0.425310000
6	-4.864005000	0.437571000	-0.273593000
6	-7.535808000	-0.159135000	0.016083000
6	-5.225861000	-0.885018000	-0.021987000
6	-5.792862000	1.460762000	-0.358050000
6	-7.137841000	1.155181000	-0.204378000
6	-6.583282000	-1.160174000	0.106435000
1	-5.459969000	2.473595000	-0.547096000
1	-6.902166000	-2.177114000	0.298382000
1	0.641383000	-2.475648000	-1.697957000
6	0.709879000	-1.407192000	-1.535667000
6	0.763744000	1.400623000	-1.667587000
6	1.878724000	-0.821794000	-1.217635000
6	-0.529678000	-0.656058000	-1.766396000
6	-0.398530000	0.796242000	-1.939799000
6	1.879311000	0.654194000	-1.109156000
1	0.885989000	2.474669000	-1.718542000
6	3.169806000	-1.632228000	-1.345490000
1	3.746268000	-1.152137000	-2.141447000
1	2.852024000	-2.596184000	-1.740691000
6	4.149716000	-1.927524000	-0.174343000
1	4.644487000	-2.868530000	-0.413165000
1	3.582776000	-2.107223000	0.741503000
7	2.801524000	1.357282000	-0.524629000
7	3.476170000	0.654437000	0.425309000
6	4.864005000	0.437571000	0.273593000
6	7.535808000	-0.159135000	-0.016083000
6	5.225861000	-0.885018000	0.021987000
6	5.792862000	1.460762000	0.358050000
6	7.137842000	1.155181000	0.204378000
6	6.583282000	-1.160174000	-0.106435000
1	5.459969000	2.473595000	0.547095000
1	6.902166000	-2.177114000	-0.298382000
8	-1.613901000	-1.221009000	-1.858081000
1	-1.282718000	1.337123000	-2.249557000
1	1.282718000	1.337123000	2.249557000
8	1.613901000	-1.221009000	1.858081000
1	2.982026000	-0.173073000	0.750608000
1	-2.982026000	-0.173073000	-0.750608000
1	-8.589699000	-0.371831000	0.123143000
1	8.589699000	-0.371831000	-0.123143000
8	-8.111129000	2.103197000	-0.272442000
1	-7.713691000	2.964111000	-0.426588000
8	8.111129000	2.103197000	0.272441000

1 7.713691000 2.964111000 0.426588000

E(M06-2X): -1601.1294179

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -1598.469207874990

E-diazocine quinone hydrazone tautomer *E-3b*, twist conformer,  $\pi$ -dimer, NH *endo*, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-1.692187000	0.975221000	-2.341138000
6	-1.632933000	0.828386000	-1.270608000
6	-1.480083000	0.720577000	1.530713000
6	-0.967856000	1.879450000	-0.517441000
6	-2.006583000	-0.313706000	-0.681305000
6	-1.835341000	-0.482013000	0.766693000
6	-1.032495000	1.847597000	0.952390000
1	-2.401297000	-1.156491000	-1.232629000
1	-1.613058000	0.652321000	2.603555000
7	-0.379585000	2.796433000	-1.224159000
7	0.633700000	3.457555000	-0.600793000
6	0.464784000	4.871501000	-0.467399000
6	0.163486000	7.588754000	-0.142428000
6	-0.520038000	5.329237000	0.413103000
6	1.288914000	5.732046000	-1.166266000
6	1.134380000	7.102951000	-1.007750000
6	-0.645165000	6.705341000	0.557512000
1	2.043832000	5.340893000	-1.832339000
1	-1.391767000	7.100603000	1.235259000
1	0.044220000	8.657441000	-0.009691000
6	-1.436110000	4.392348000	1.174050000
1	-2.274498000	4.111112000	0.530710000
1	-1.869807000	4.969388000	1.990213000
6	-0.828204000	3.104292000	1.782577000
1	-1.332883000	2.914748000	2.729352000
1	0.223037000	3.248477000	2.035946000
8	1.961882000	7.915461000	-1.717853000
1	1.758015000	8.833856000	-1.523260000
8	-2.006583000	-1.563043000	1.319252000
1	1.692187000	-0.975221000	-2.341138000
6	1.632933000	-0.828386000	-1.270608000
6	1.480083000	-0.720577000	1.530713000
6	0.967856000	-1.879450000	-0.517441000
6	2.006583000	0.313706000	-0.681305000
6	1.835341000	0.482013000	0.766693000
6	1.032495000	-1.847597000	0.952390000
1	2.401297000	1.156491000	-1.232629000
1	1.613058000	-0.652321000	2.603555000
7	0.379585000	-2.796433000	-1.224159000
7	-0.633700000	-3.457555000	-0.600793000
6	-0.464784000	-4.871501000	-0.467399000
6	-0.163486000	-7.588754000	-0.142428000
6	0.520038000	-5.329237000	0.413103000
6	-1.288914000	-5.732046000	-1.166266000
6	-1.134380000	-7.102951000	-1.007750000
6	0.645165000	-6.705341000	0.557512000
1	-2.043832000	-5.340893000	-1.832339000
1	1.391767000	-7.100603000	1.235259000

1	-0.044220000	-8.657441000	-0.009691000
6	1.436110000	-4.392348000	1.174050000
1	2.274498000	-4.111112000	0.530710000
1	1.869807000	-4.969388000	1.990213000
6	0.828204000	-3.104292000	1.782577000
1	1.332883000	-2.914748000	2.729352000
1	-0.223037000	-3.248477000	2.035946000
8	-1.961882000	-7.915461000	-1.717853000
1	-1.758015000	-8.833856000	-1.523260000
8	2.006583000	1.563043000	1.319252000
1	0.992989000	2.999296000	0.234436000
1	-0.992989000	-2.999296000	0.234436000

E(M06-2X) : -1601.1367456

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -1598.469207874990

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**3**, chair conformer, complex with HF (endo), optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	3.284413000	1.985212000	-0.336000000
6	3.062233000	0.923739000	-0.326950000
6	2.555636000	-1.803804000	-0.399215000
6	1.748346000	0.500364000	-0.471170000
6	4.102703000	0.010139000	-0.187866000
6	3.854461000	-1.356158000	-0.238350000
6	1.525706000	-0.886067000	-0.471734000
1	4.682632000	-2.043282000	-0.144802000
1	2.335230000	-2.861516000	-0.434033000
6	0.650859000	1.510258000	-0.814995000
1	0.211667000	1.203054000	-1.767543000
1	1.165743000	2.450743000	-1.009078000
6	-0.516733000	1.838756000	0.170373000
1	-0.782030000	2.882969000	0.004518000
1	-0.146021000	1.770797000	1.194597000
7	0.139790000	-1.219023000	-0.611501000
7	-0.453123000	-0.778674000	0.377209000
6	-1.796950000	-0.352873000	0.160726000
6	-4.200310000	0.867669000	-0.279828000
6	-1.803381000	1.038306000	0.037929000
6	-2.921943000	-1.142715000	0.076110000
6	-4.144003000	-0.513170000	-0.142103000
6	-3.041377000	1.624812000	-0.196142000
1	-2.846519000	-2.218320000	0.171722000
1	-3.103655000	2.699898000	-0.310038000
1	-5.161355000	1.330604000	-0.451854000
8	-5.310302000	-1.204212000	-0.235833000
1	-5.144546000	-2.143445000	-0.120687000
8	5.393149000	0.403269000	-0.027829000
1	5.436744000	1.361210000	0.031934000
9	0.754795000	0.076246000	2.620523000
1	0.353616000	-0.268263000	1.835187000

E(M06-2X) : -901.0279141

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -899.588032519562

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**3**, chair conformer, complex with HF (exo), optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-3.480992000	-2.238662000	0.309710000
6	-3.193025000	-1.230694000	0.030938000
6	-2.480852000	1.391078000	-0.610502000
6	-1.875298000	-0.955726000	-0.298394000
6	-4.152071000	-0.219453000	0.003123000
6	-3.799653000	1.086758000	-0.313693000
6	-1.553962000	0.368163000	-0.621688000
1	-4.564888000	1.849144000	-0.306523000
1	-2.174310000	2.406630000	-0.817147000
6	-0.773139000	-2.002800000	-0.250328000
1	-0.368440000	-2.145131000	-1.252795000
1	-1.232352000	-2.944822000	0.050280000
6	0.409363000	-1.720481000	0.738280000
1	0.705510000	-2.682897000	1.155385000
1	0.010963000	-1.143768000	1.577011000
7	-0.157044000	0.400354000	-0.852820000
7	0.554335000	0.993788000	-0.038444000
6	1.817047000	0.318839000	-0.004896000
6	4.134773000	-1.137513000	0.106544000
6	1.711014000	-1.051505000	0.286598000
6	3.020631000	0.972114000	-0.181922000
6	4.193128000	0.228922000	-0.140005000
6	2.913257000	-1.752019000	0.330064000
1	3.032600000	2.037335000	-0.376684000
1	2.896171000	-2.809835000	0.561108000
1	5.058470000	-1.697269000	0.141267000
8	5.417511000	0.783023000	-0.334929000
1	5.330044000	1.728841000	-0.479886000
8	-5.459081000	-0.458476000	0.292163000
1	-5.582099000	-1.388501000	0.498878000
9	-0.470094000	3.170247000	1.137659000
1	-0.075580000	2.367255000	0.836729000

E(M06-2X): -901.0254502

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -899.584824336351

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**3**, twist conformer, complex with HF (endo), optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-2.395852000	-2.205615000	-1.788805000
6	-2.617441000	-1.352976000	-1.162263000
6	-3.125637000	0.880548000	0.404006000
6	-1.581170000	-0.594640000	-0.651170000
6	-3.923952000	-1.029314000	-0.840286000
6	-4.174025000	0.087345000	-0.050806000
6	-1.808006000	0.559162000	0.120682000
1	-4.745309000	-1.631675000	-1.207712000
1	-3.365611000	1.761907000	0.983664000
7	-0.216785000	-0.795021000	-0.998419000
7	0.483916000	-0.897955000	0.015152000
6	1.795909000	-0.367579000	-0.148733000
6	4.193239000	0.947143000	-0.224794000
6	1.770478000	1.027351000	-0.289830000

6	2.952981000	-1.102756000	-0.012069000
6	4.169342000	-0.433232000	-0.072735000
6	3.005283000	1.659661000	-0.319814000
1	2.927587000	-2.173387000	0.129403000
1	3.044936000	2.737227000	-0.419227000
1	5.142574000	1.467892000	-0.255088000
6	0.468105000	1.815251000	-0.391464000
1	0.086229000	1.753344000	-1.412433000
1	0.732437000	2.860810000	-0.235007000
6	-0.687380000	1.481867000	0.599645000
1	-1.169236000	2.425155000	0.854489000
1	-0.277686000	1.096527000	1.534522000
8	5.298170000	-1.181403000	0.033162000
1	6.070157000	-0.610855000	-0.006702000
8	-5.431645000	0.471774000	0.288290000
1	-6.070708000	-0.143761000	-0.080277000
9	-0.368575000	-1.128429000	2.535769000
1	-0.090821000	-1.120827000	1.630300000

E (M06-2X) : -901.0323855

E (DLPNO-CCSD (T) /cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -899.592426351149



*E*-Diazocine *E*-**4**, chair conformer 1, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-3.126784000	-2.172678000	-0.054825000
6	-3.025859000	-1.092418000	-0.067944000
6	-2.825596000	1.670725000	-0.197045000
6	-1.767421000	-0.524217000	-0.219528000
6	-4.164257000	-0.299800000	0.045410000
6	-4.068691000	1.083143000	-0.029158000
6	-1.697464000	0.877010000	-0.254358000
1	-4.969205000	1.675368000	0.045719000
1	-2.727049000	2.745635000	-0.257672000
6	-0.557227000	-1.408490000	-0.520921000
1	-0.147318000	-1.087144000	-1.481539000
1	-0.949516000	-2.413084000	-0.679112000
6	0.629455000	-1.542135000	0.488330000
1	0.993779000	-2.567737000	0.423049000
1	0.245512000	-1.402354000	1.500027000
7	-0.355935000	1.350454000	-0.426873000
7	0.284430000	1.033142000	0.579501000
6	1.664179000	0.760970000	0.347987000
6	4.181257000	-0.241623000	-0.088429000
6	1.827809000	-0.626954000	0.289824000
6	2.716475000	1.637667000	0.196292000
6	3.990828000	1.130761000	-0.016761000
6	3.105183000	-1.114430000	0.057362000
1	2.544403000	2.703830000	0.241416000
1	3.269695000	-2.185092000	-0.005112000
8	-5.405798000	-0.834761000	0.208173000
1	-5.342055000	-1.792296000	0.249597000
1	4.844014000	1.782886000	-0.136089000
8	5.450562000	-0.688394000	-0.304573000
1	5.454922000	-1.648500000	-0.329022000

E (M06-2X) : -800.5591362

E (DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.227971522292

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**4**, chair conformer 2, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-3.139653000	-2.184802000	-0.046163000
6	-3.019592000	-1.109462000	-0.066580000
6	-2.821684000	1.658636000	-0.200065000
6	-1.767365000	-0.538089000	-0.224569000
6	-4.158962000	-0.317123000	0.049206000
6	-4.065295000	1.064811000	-0.027314000
6	-1.697072000	0.866421000	-0.261956000
1	-4.957034000	1.674921000	0.048232000
1	-2.726540000	2.733770000	-0.260531000
6	-0.553866000	-1.417947000	-0.523123000
1	-0.145010000	-1.099404000	-1.485144000
1	-0.942862000	-2.424420000	-0.674947000
6	0.631909000	-1.540049000	0.488432000
1	0.999500000	-2.564815000	0.430556000
1	0.245682000	-1.395942000	1.498708000
7	-0.354353000	1.335932000	-0.438992000

7	0.284351000	1.039870000	0.574603000
6	1.664623000	0.765128000	0.344599000
6	4.183119000	-0.236717000	-0.084614000
6	1.828499000	-0.622865000	0.288038000
6	2.717101000	1.641962000	0.196142000
6	3.992195000	1.135563000	-0.014100000
6	3.106958000	-1.109589000	0.059728000
1	2.544819000	2.708119000	0.240855000
1	3.271995000	-2.180290000	-0.000615000
8	-5.346643000	-0.962415000	0.215238000
1	-6.057786000	-0.319036000	0.270803000
1	4.845335000	1.788025000	-0.131885000
8	5.453009000	-0.683488000	-0.297744000
1	5.457226000	-1.643607000	-0.322057000

E(M06-2X): -800.5593559

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -799.228098006961

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**4**, chair conformer 3, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-3.146581000	-2.180011000	-0.049238000
6	-3.023746000	-1.104970000	-0.068350000
6	-2.818592000	1.662661000	-0.198545000
6	-1.769793000	-0.536963000	-0.224875000
6	-4.161116000	-0.309771000	0.047591000
6	-4.063925000	1.072014000	-0.027316000
6	-1.696068000	0.867503000	-0.260463000
1	-4.954152000	1.684333000	0.048224000
1	-2.720551000	2.737617000	-0.257817000
6	-0.558596000	-1.419870000	-0.523846000
1	-0.148609000	-1.101547000	-1.485476000
1	-0.950334000	-2.424950000	-0.677399000
6	0.626523000	-1.547589000	0.487643000
1	0.991783000	-2.572723000	0.427942000
1	0.241062000	-1.403370000	1.498196000
7	-0.352239000	1.334367000	-0.436137000
7	0.285680000	1.033924000	0.576720000
6	1.665042000	0.756968000	0.346813000
6	4.178329000	-0.256341000	-0.084662000
6	1.826747000	-0.635068000	0.288019000
6	2.716539000	1.629999000	0.200099000
6	3.992158000	1.115466000	-0.011366000
6	3.099175000	-1.127157000	0.058763000
1	2.549074000	2.696804000	0.245646000
1	3.281816000	-2.191832000	-0.006354000
8	-5.350637000	-0.952099000	0.212082000
1	-6.060041000	-0.306862000	0.268111000
1	4.837019000	1.783642000	-0.125627000
8	5.401480000	-0.819427000	-0.295102000
1	6.062623000	-0.128228000	-0.383151000

E(M06-2X): -800.5596098

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -799.228124241631

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**4**, chair conformer 4, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-3.133914000	-2.167891000	-0.057729000
6	-3.030095000	-1.087902000	-0.069691000
6	-2.822258000	1.674713000	-0.195595000
6	-1.769943000	-0.523247000	-0.220090000
6	-4.166384000	-0.292300000	0.043991000
6	-4.067116000	1.090455000	-0.028990000
6	-1.696361000	0.877892000	-0.253222000
1	-4.966047000	1.685057000	0.046047000
1	-2.720720000	2.749427000	-0.255019000
6	-0.562117000	-1.410623000	-0.521690000
1	-0.151120000	-1.089917000	-1.482069000
1	-0.957065000	-2.413915000	-0.681070000
6	0.623806000	-1.549185000	0.487592000
1	0.985872000	-2.575142000	0.421123000
1	0.240524000	-1.408783000	1.499460000
7	-0.353548000	1.348090000	-0.424792000
7	0.285892000	1.028242000	0.581413000
6	1.664680000	0.753240000	0.349933000
6	4.176392000	-0.261483000	-0.088299000
6	1.825793000	-0.638763000	0.289545000
6	2.716310000	1.625813000	0.200392000
6	3.991084000	1.110454000	-0.013771000
6	3.097049000	-1.131898000	0.056450000
1	2.549382000	2.692669000	0.246458000
1	3.278906000	-2.196587000	-0.010652000
8	-5.409419000	-0.824182000	0.205592000
1	-5.348034000	-1.781931000	0.245910000
1	4.836176000	1.778108000	-0.129365000
8	5.398723000	-0.825087000	-0.301622000
1	6.060162000	-0.134258000	-0.390525000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5594725

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.227996979776

*E*-Diazocine *E*-4, twist conformer 1, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

6	-4.061590000	1.030152000	-0.412909000
6	-2.791465000	1.542964000	-0.607126000
6	-1.684305000	0.787713000	-0.263514000
6	-4.206427000	-0.260328000	0.080928000
6	-3.086833000	-1.032567000	0.371704000
6	-1.803537000	-0.525475000	0.210705000
6	-0.589691000	-1.402674000	0.509911000
6	1.803537000	-0.525475000	-0.210704000
6	1.684305000	0.787714000	0.263514000
6	3.086833000	-1.032567000	-0.371704000
6	4.206426000	-0.260328000	-0.080928000
6	4.061591000	1.030151000	0.412909000
6	2.791465000	1.542964000	0.607126000
7	-0.335382000	1.161355000	-0.520394000
7	0.335382000	1.161356000	0.520394000
1	-2.653230000	2.537452000	-1.008148000
1	-3.219155000	-2.050521000	0.723296000
1	-0.204342000	-1.159581000	1.501010000

1	-0.958980000	-2.426423000	0.572092000
1	3.219156000	-2.050520000	-0.723298000
1	4.946333000	1.604326000	0.646877000
1	2.653230000	2.537452000	1.008148000
6	0.589691000	-1.402675000	-0.509908000
1	0.958980000	-2.426425000	-0.572087000
1	0.204342000	-1.159585000	-1.501008000
8	5.473573000	-0.731201000	-0.241095000
1	5.444348000	-1.623829000	-0.594808000
1	-4.946332000	1.604327000	-0.646877000
8	-5.473573000	-0.731202000	0.241092000
1	-5.444348000	-1.623828000	0.594808000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5641442

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.232699036412

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**4**, twist conformer 2, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

6	4.060998000	1.011173000	0.406903000
6	2.790545000	1.531365000	0.605253000
6	1.684865000	0.779413000	0.263814000
6	4.201935000	-0.278163000	-0.088117000
6	3.079715000	-1.047721000	-0.379695000
6	1.802528000	-0.536233000	-0.214915000
6	0.584071000	-1.405060000	-0.518428000
6	-1.805686000	-0.525201000	0.209468000
6	-1.684595000	0.789947000	-0.259456000
6	-3.090078000	-1.030075000	0.368958000
6	-4.208410000	-0.254554000	0.082143000
6	-4.061628000	1.037619000	-0.406726000
6	-2.790603000	1.548498000	-0.599703000
7	0.336018000	1.151206000	0.524372000
7	-0.335796000	1.164756000	-0.515529000
1	2.657382000	2.525756000	1.007990000
1	3.229985000	-2.059270000	-0.733822000
1	0.198695000	-1.150525000	-1.506703000
1	0.949669000	-2.429053000	-0.591086000
1	-3.224189000	-2.049383000	0.715882000
1	-4.945413000	1.614273000	-0.638181000
1	-2.650533000	2.544127000	-0.997291000
6	-0.594177000	-1.407796000	0.502610000
1	-0.966570000	-2.430757000	0.558355000
1	-0.207951000	-1.172636000	1.495249000
8	-5.476252000	-0.723831000	0.241279000
1	-5.448153000	-1.618682000	0.589460000
1	4.937653000	1.600359000	0.646563000
8	5.418583000	-0.854678000	-0.290709000
1	6.112349000	-0.237140000	-0.045532000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5643162

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.232647724249

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**4**, twist conformer 3, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

6	-4.060943000	1.018469000	-0.401335000
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6	-2.789572000	1.536617000	-0.598569000
6	-1.685096000	0.781487000	-0.260008000
6	-4.203907000	-0.272342000	0.089355000
6	-3.083013000	-1.045170000	0.377268000
6	-1.804673000	-0.535982000	0.213809000
6	-0.588492000	-1.410249000	0.511219000
6	1.804672000	-0.535982000	-0.213809000
6	1.685097000	0.781489000	0.260007000
6	3.083011000	-1.045171000	-0.377267000
6	4.203907000	-0.272344000	-0.089355000
6	4.060944000	1.018467000	0.401336000
6	2.789574000	1.536616000	0.598570000
7	-0.336355000	1.154456000	-0.519647000
7	0.336357000	1.154464000	0.519645000
1	-2.654503000	2.532004000	-0.998244000
1	-3.235107000	-2.057949000	0.727029000
1	-0.202076000	-1.163649000	1.501068000
1	-0.957179000	-2.433534000	0.577483000
1	3.235104000	-2.057950000	-0.727027000
1	4.936603000	1.610073000	0.638659000
1	2.654505000	2.532004000	0.998245000
6	0.588492000	-1.410251000	-0.511217000
1	0.957180000	-2.433535000	-0.577476000
1	0.202076000	-1.163655000	-1.501067000
8	5.421555000	-0.847139000	-0.290691000
1	6.114195000	-0.228012000	-0.046368000
1	-4.936602000	1.610078000	-0.638654000
8	-5.421557000	-0.847138000	0.290693000
1	-6.114197000	-0.228027000	0.046327000

E(M06-2X): -800.5644221

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -799.232464653949

*E*-Diazocine *E*-**4**, twist conformer 4, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

6	-4.061627000	1.037620000	-0.406726000
6	-2.790602000	1.548498000	-0.599703000
6	-1.684595000	0.789945000	-0.259458000
6	-4.208409000	-0.254552000	0.082143000
6	-3.090080000	-1.030076000	0.368958000
6	-1.805688000	-0.525203000	0.209467000
6	-0.594178000	-1.407796000	0.502611000
6	1.802528000	-0.536233000	-0.214915000
6	1.684866000	0.779415000	0.263813000
6	3.079715000	-1.047722000	-0.379694000
6	4.201934000	-0.278164000	-0.088117000
6	4.060999000	1.011173000	0.406903000
6	2.790547000	1.531366000	0.605253000
7	-0.335793000	1.164745000	-0.515531000
7	0.336020000	1.151215000	0.524371000
1	-2.650529000	2.544127000	-0.997290000
1	-3.224193000	-2.049383000	0.715884000
1	-0.207952000	-1.172630000	1.495250000
1	-0.966568000	-2.430757000	0.558362000
1	3.229984000	-2.059271000	-0.733820000

1	4.937654000	1.600357000	0.646565000
1	2.657384000	2.525756000	1.007991000
6	0.584072000	-1.405063000	-0.518425000
1	0.949672000	-2.429055000	-0.591076000
1	0.198697000	-1.150535000	-1.506702000
8	5.418581000	-0.854678000	-0.290708000
1	6.112347000	-0.237135000	-0.045543000
1	-4.945412000	1.614275000	-0.638181000
8	-5.476256000	-0.723827000	0.241279000
1	-5.448159000	-1.618677000	0.589461000

E(M06-2X): -800.5643162

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -799.232647759917

Transition state for direct conversion of *E-4* (twist) to *Z-4*, lowest energy conformer, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

6	3.921960000	-1.166739000	-0.509540000
6	2.718125000	-1.759472000	-0.178216000
6	1.643553000	-1.003963000	0.269934000
6	4.056439000	0.206148000	-0.350928000
6	2.997958000	0.957928000	0.146615000
6	1.777811000	0.375874000	0.463980000
6	0.696864000	1.256294000	1.037897000
6	-1.663123000	0.966009000	-0.016386000
6	-1.744924000	-0.430975000	0.226469000
6	-2.826859000	1.673830000	-0.266998000
6	-4.056261000	1.024229000	-0.337411000
6	-4.148560000	-0.350598000	-0.129416000
6	-3.007277000	-1.055245000	0.174375000
7	0.442857000	-1.753523000	0.523942000
7	-0.631674000	-1.137311000	0.513972000
1	2.574148000	-2.827691000	-0.274214000
1	3.155702000	2.017984000	0.301224000
1	0.197752000	0.776644000	1.880154000
1	1.177955000	2.148950000	1.439084000
1	-2.782721000	2.744297000	-0.438479000
1	-3.047612000	-2.117474000	0.371089000
6	-0.339221000	1.682124000	-0.030041000
1	-0.544532000	2.748763000	0.061695000
1	0.118175000	1.540005000	-1.012038000
1	4.750885000	-1.758045000	-0.879343000
8	5.209438000	0.865397000	-0.644715000
1	5.866284000	0.238251000	-0.958202000
1	-5.117068000	-0.825497000	-0.191078000
8	-5.204159000	1.688830000	-0.607474000
1	-5.020248000	2.624191000	-0.732589000

E(M06-2X): -800.5283791

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -799.188695147349

Quinone hydrazone tautomer *E-4b*, chair conformer 1 (NH *endo*), optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-3.104645000	-2.220650000	0.044367000
6	-2.954049000	-1.147808000	0.031875000
6	-2.815436000	1.594431000	-0.608406000

6	-1.724585000	-0.614560000	-0.027724000
6	-4.194932000	-0.347725000	-0.078318000
6	-4.029715000	1.046323000	-0.533001000
6	-1.636447000	0.863737000	-0.151331000
1	-4.934068000	1.590644000	-0.766433000
1	-2.657083000	2.630518000	-0.877178000
6	-0.540727000	-1.525257000	-0.356503000
1	-0.171893000	-1.198419000	-1.332704000
1	-0.979474000	-2.510039000	-0.512170000
6	0.696029000	-1.725984000	0.557744000
1	1.097246000	-2.712899000	0.329754000
1	0.384922000	-1.772844000	1.605399000
7	-0.608802000	1.581432000	0.153186000
7	0.253085000	0.969649000	1.038046000
6	1.549045000	0.634620000	0.566216000
6	4.050560000	-0.143692000	-0.306965000
6	1.803523000	-0.718449000	0.358524000
6	2.522277000	1.592064000	0.325687000
6	3.771873000	1.206343000	-0.121904000
6	3.072037000	-1.099541000	-0.065127000
1	2.288729000	2.634263000	0.492775000
1	3.294844000	-2.149284000	-0.223257000
8	-5.287016000	-0.843401000	0.107716000
1	-0.183710000	0.176710000	1.491823000
1	4.548237000	1.930935000	-0.320929000
8	5.301443000	-0.471419000	-0.731833000
1	5.374771000	-1.424957000	-0.821738000

E (M06-2X) : -800.5489977

E (DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.221550157255

Quinone hydrazone tautomer *E-4b*, chair conformer 2 (NH *endo*),  
 optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-3.112659000	-2.215046000	0.036958000
6	-2.958290000	-1.142728000	0.027188000
6	-2.808751000	1.600654000	-0.605736000
6	-1.726720000	-0.613973000	-0.028927000
6	-4.196018000	-0.337953000	-0.083368000
6	-4.025049000	1.056711000	-0.534436000
6	-1.633309000	0.864526000	-0.147634000
1	-4.927034000	1.604714000	-0.768438000
1	-2.646086000	2.636872000	-0.871410000
6	-0.545562000	-1.528039000	-0.357772000
1	-0.174947000	-1.201277000	-1.333365000
1	-0.987286000	-2.511098000	-0.515539000
6	0.689765000	-1.734487000	0.556879000
1	1.088719000	-2.721746000	0.327793000
1	0.378458000	-1.780786000	1.604518000
7	-0.604915000	1.578714000	0.161984000
7	0.254774000	0.962000000	1.046532000
6	1.549741000	0.625004000	0.573166000
6	4.044982000	-0.163565000	-0.309520000
6	1.801261000	-0.731295000	0.358358000
6	2.523131000	1.578186000	0.336259000
6	3.772325000	1.185532000	-0.117426000

6	3.062849000	-1.117356000	-0.069140000
1	2.295812000	2.620895000	0.508198000
1	3.300398000	-2.159247000	-0.238655000
8	-5.290379000	-0.829694000	0.099580000
1	-0.184100000	0.167344000	1.495265000
1	4.539485000	1.925458000	-0.310337000
8	5.256791000	-0.611804000	-0.737831000
1	5.846809000	0.133607000	-0.875949000

E(M06-2X): -800.5493989

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -799.221489984216

Quinone hydrazone tautomer *E-4b*, twist conformer 1 (NH endo),  
optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

6	3.989835000	0.997280000	0.276439000
6	2.749018000	1.470111000	0.658185000
6	1.610676000	0.699584000	0.474553000
6	4.085385000	-0.268964000	-0.288486000
6	2.946507000	-1.046013000	-0.462623000
6	1.692600000	-0.574084000	-0.089691000
6	0.475393000	-1.443874000	-0.330066000
6	-1.817415000	-0.540868000	0.435225000
6	-1.616372000	0.785159000	-0.187654000
6	-3.067308000	-1.022096000	0.487446000
6	-4.242307000	-0.300400000	-0.047053000
6	-3.955790000	0.890364000	-0.866478000
6	-2.711698000	1.364380000	-0.959420000
7	0.333421000	1.201054000	0.887612000
7	-0.533001000	1.486817000	-0.141636000
1	2.640081000	2.449726000	1.102113000
1	3.038296000	-2.036576000	-0.895754000
1	0.031966000	-1.168045000	-1.290654000
1	0.831177000	-2.466632000	-0.449063000
1	-3.271525000	-2.020315000	0.856083000
1	-4.796952000	1.350903000	-1.365468000
1	-2.468167000	2.255135000	-1.523410000
6	-0.640553000	-1.457712000	0.742634000
1	-1.053588000	-2.464802000	0.777652000
1	-0.211909000	-1.288839000	1.732141000
8	-5.370152000	-0.717863000	0.120768000
1	4.887671000	1.583458000	0.407899000
8	5.321779000	-0.703381000	-0.646107000
1	5.260505000	-1.581228000	-1.031792000
1	-0.091343000	0.624872000	1.603052000

E(M06-2X): -800.5547387

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -799.227353351378

Quinone hydrazone tautomer *E-4b*, twist conformer 2 (NH endo),  
optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

6	3.987994000	0.978597000	0.275030000
6	2.747105000	1.456086000	0.662482000
6	1.610428000	0.689773000	0.476233000
6	4.080148000	-0.284531000	-0.295442000
6	2.939050000	-1.058532000	-0.472979000



6	1.690851000	-0.583886000	-0.097010000
6	0.470243000	-1.447569000	-0.342048000
6	-1.819820000	-0.543893000	0.430939000
6	-1.616097000	0.786267000	-0.182808000
6	-3.071078000	-1.021689000	0.481318000
6	-4.244546000	-0.293114000	-0.047119000
6	-3.955564000	0.901735000	-0.859891000
6	-2.710410000	1.373109000	-0.950604000
7	0.335090000	1.191023000	0.895294000
7	-0.532260000	1.486435000	-0.131381000
1	2.642469000	2.433602000	1.111861000
1	3.049125000	-2.041212000	-0.912783000
1	0.027445000	-1.162626000	-1.300235000
1	0.823935000	-2.469683000	-0.469788000
1	-3.277757000	-2.021645000	0.843793000
1	-4.795913000	1.367316000	-1.355568000
1	-2.464796000	2.266644000	-1.509257000
6	-0.645111000	-1.465876000	0.731115000
1	-1.060673000	-2.472114000	0.759444000
1	-0.216019000	-1.305206000	1.721876000
8	-5.373580000	-0.707510000	0.120157000
1	4.878047000	1.578916000	0.417354000
8	5.262278000	-0.822523000	-0.694020000
1	5.975520000	-0.201899000	-0.522771000
1	-0.089939000	0.607108000	1.604277000

E(M06-2X): -800.5550568

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -799.227284943828

Transition state for NH flip of *E*-Diazocine quinone hydrazone  
tautomer *E*-**4b**, chair conformer, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-3.047844000	-2.238922000	0.069048000
6	-2.924730000	-1.163019000	0.037773000
6	-2.891826000	1.590200000	-0.621019000
6	-1.715845000	-0.598596000	-0.088019000
6	-4.185787000	-0.390940000	-0.008188000
6	-4.082475000	1.010352000	-0.477323000
6	-1.677668000	0.886349000	-0.197424000
1	-5.014683000	1.524802000	-0.665714000
1	-2.771130000	2.626586000	-0.907069000
6	-0.514474000	-1.459335000	-0.461590000
1	-0.119554000	-1.046690000	-1.394291000
1	-0.934054000	-2.432369000	-0.718234000
6	0.685798000	-1.713346000	0.485796000
1	1.067377000	-2.711533000	0.268476000
1	0.334804000	-1.729936000	1.518461000
7	-0.663620000	1.621315000	0.090386000
7	0.214671000	0.885239000	0.904158000
6	1.542734000	0.626236000	0.521024000
6	4.083251000	-0.145295000	-0.245532000
6	1.817251000	-0.727468000	0.324430000
6	2.522288000	1.586865000	0.310900000
6	3.793860000	1.204751000	-0.079631000
6	3.099942000	-1.109110000	-0.044493000
1	2.278110000	2.631210000	0.450879000

1	3.335557000	-2.157581000	-0.193159000
8	-5.257981000	-0.902486000	0.235048000
1	-0.050174000	0.879434000	1.874431000
1	4.576170000	1.929785000	-0.252497000
8	5.351077000	-0.470324000	-0.616462000
1	5.429378000	-1.424039000	-0.701047000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5350664

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.206147

Transition state for NH flip of *E*-Diazocine quinone hydrazone tautomer *E-4b*, twist conformer 1, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

6	-3.996466000	0.956947000	-0.421590000
6	-2.741144000	1.445507000	-0.728727000
6	-1.599487000	0.712416000	-0.419907000
6	-4.110366000	-0.269876000	0.223173000
6	-2.974260000	-1.011032000	0.523229000
6	-1.709741000	-0.541770000	0.189006000
6	-0.483158000	-1.388655000	0.445988000
6	1.797707000	-0.538854000	-0.404840000
6	1.653799000	0.768820000	0.273031000
6	3.036950000	-1.024104000	-0.558318000
6	4.245606000	-0.329063000	-0.066938000
6	4.021377000	0.826523000	0.827697000
6	2.792013000	1.302831000	1.022419000
7	-0.304444000	1.142674000	-0.727567000
7	0.579445000	1.479841000	0.300270000
1	-2.630936000	2.411241000	-1.203738000
1	-3.079122000	-1.981313000	0.997529000
1	-0.010299000	-1.073102000	1.380091000
1	-0.819486000	-2.411335000	0.613019000
1	3.211189000	-2.005108000	-0.983805000
1	4.898229000	1.253448000	1.294511000
1	2.587141000	2.164144000	1.644406000
6	0.584145000	-1.408647000	-0.679335000
1	0.960721000	-2.427758000	-0.768303000
1	0.119230000	-1.162024000	-1.631921000
8	5.360591000	-0.735331000	-0.319614000
1	-4.894048000	1.511496000	-0.654493000
8	-5.363738000	-0.705196000	0.523393000
1	-5.313253000	-1.552411000	0.973461000
1	-0.031042000	1.433079000	-1.649229000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5452129

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.215751192579

Transition state for NH flip of *E*-Diazocine quinone hydrazone tautomer *E-4b*, twist conformer 2, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

6	-3.995324000	0.938173000	-0.417339000
6	-2.739746000	1.432906000	-0.728904000
6	-1.599628000	0.704294000	-0.418865000

6	-4.105839000	-0.285802000	0.231459000
6	-2.967248000	-1.023154000	0.534635000
6	-1.708557000	-0.550070000	0.198059000
6	-0.478375000	-1.389978000	0.460517000
6	1.799765000	-0.542048000	-0.399879000
6	1.654783000	0.771096000	0.267624000
6	3.039863000	-1.025527000	-0.552000000
6	4.247957000	-0.324096000	-0.068435000
6	4.023113000	0.837473000	0.818392000
6	2.793234000	1.312878000	1.011413000
7	-0.305940000	1.134243000	-0.732919000
7	0.580465000	1.482002000	0.289827000
1	-2.634038000	2.397281000	-1.207449000
1	-3.090061000	-1.986402000	1.012465000
1	-0.006163000	-1.063446000	1.391108000
1	-0.812078000	-2.411399000	0.638146000
1	3.215408000	-2.009250000	-0.970597000
1	4.899934000	1.269315000	1.280728000
1	2.587545000	2.178296000	1.627388000
6	0.587659000	-1.416449000	-0.665777000
1	0.966229000	-2.435413000	-0.747371000
1	0.121607000	-1.178391000	-1.620028000
8	5.363415000	-0.728985000	-0.321153000
1	-4.885069000	1.505581000	-0.661835000
8	-5.306619000	-0.821959000	0.580301000
1	-6.014076000	-0.227234000	0.318237000
1	-0.035219000	1.416719000	-1.657729000

E (M06-2X) : -800.545315

E (DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.215707004322

Z-Diazocine quinone hydrazone tautomer Z-4b, optimized geometry  
(M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

6	3.204511000	0.441778000	-1.231193000
6	2.253172000	1.335790000	-0.778265000
6	1.390792000	1.014534000	0.265717000
6	3.283468000	-0.812466000	-0.638674000
6	2.419644000	-1.140695000	0.394333000
6	1.473434000	-0.239116000	0.869588000
6	0.622592000	-0.664586000	2.038737000
6	-1.531169000	-0.078839000	0.813602000
6	-1.534168000	1.106636000	-0.063526000
6	-2.350067000	-1.096427000	0.513414000
6	-3.261342000	-1.094126000	-0.647038000
6	-3.380643000	0.181749000	-1.374726000
6	-2.595214000	1.214543000	-1.066319000
7	0.445380000	2.025911000	0.680517000
7	-0.725853000	2.109070000	-0.048735000
1	2.166162000	2.308509000	-1.246091000
1	2.501011000	-2.124862000	0.836733000
1	0.526863000	-1.750468000	1.994402000
1	1.157948000	-0.438566000	2.964354000
1	-2.425927000	-1.961823000	1.161491000
1	-4.123813000	0.226859000	-2.158614000
1	-2.643552000	2.157351000	-1.594673000

6	-0.777060000	-0.055078000	2.118202000
1	-1.353374000	-0.627266000	2.845326000
1	-0.720497000	0.968810000	2.478578000
8	-3.917849000	-2.072477000	-0.943236000
1	3.869410000	0.709457000	-2.042989000
8	4.181703000	-1.753588000	-1.028928000
1	4.707390000	-1.418406000	-1.759931000
1	0.883160000	2.931886000	0.593132000

E(M06-2X): -800.5671226

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -799.233330768498

Z-Diazocine Z-4, conformer 1, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	2.534146000	1.096946000	1.844441000
6	2.369577000	0.639627000	0.874172000
6	2.009846000	-0.555856000	-1.594751000
6	1.549686000	-0.478510000	0.777190000
6	2.982018000	1.172237000	-0.252237000
6	2.801949000	0.571848000	-1.493458000
6	1.360994000	-1.056111000	-0.474341000
1	1.882561000	-1.055200000	-2.545690000
6	0.858043000	-1.064523000	1.973628000
1	0.826170000	-2.148501000	1.874594000
6	-0.567334000	-0.513899000	2.157786000
1	-0.507428000	0.433593000	2.693864000
1	-1.125802000	-1.197458000	2.802101000
7	0.615390000	-2.280177000	-0.590421000
7	-0.604201000	-2.295254000	-0.415287000
6	-1.359203000	-1.071843000	-0.235277000
6	-3.044536000	1.135430000	-0.171962000
6	-2.215552000	-0.799572000	-1.295612000
6	-1.368951000	-0.258746000	0.902218000
6	-2.221859000	0.841130000	0.903746000
6	-3.043433000	0.306715000	-1.285446000
1	-2.253938000	1.498013000	1.763052000
1	-3.689384000	0.516830000	-2.128972000
1	-2.218188000	-1.476336000	-2.139476000
1	1.429352000	-0.845217000	2.875258000
8	-3.834416000	2.239239000	-0.075512000
1	-4.350229000	2.337423000	-0.879935000
1	3.300314000	0.991495000	-2.355360000
8	3.783715000	2.270517000	-0.197567000
1	3.832230000	2.590820000	0.706775000

E(M06-2X): -800.5766665

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -799.248092295171

Z-Diazocine Z-4, conformer 2, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	2.536721000	1.172749000	1.801796000
6	2.374380000	0.674315000	0.851533000
6	2.021479000	-0.627239000	-1.564120000
6	1.548656000	-0.442774000	0.799169000
6	2.996219000	1.153081000	-0.293628000
6	2.818984000	0.499684000	-1.508273000

6	1.363966000	-1.074568000	-0.426327000
1	1.896685000	-1.167348000	-2.492823000
6	0.846437000	-0.970183000	2.016481000
1	0.804462000	-2.057065000	1.965693000
6	-0.573922000	-0.399035000	2.167497000
1	-0.504144000	0.578820000	2.645589000
1	-1.136840000	-1.037303000	2.853186000
7	0.615814000	-2.300501000	-0.491840000
7	-0.604146000	-2.306766000	-0.319340000
6	-1.361329000	-1.078043000	-0.195891000
6	-3.062215000	1.118332000	-0.242851000
6	-2.221762000	-0.859738000	-1.270432000
6	-1.374778000	-0.214326000	0.898895000
6	-2.238672000	0.880511000	0.844989000
6	-3.055092000	0.237162000	-1.316605000
1	-2.261135000	1.567681000	1.684246000
1	-3.706880000	0.419603000	-2.158614000
1	-2.218612000	-1.577245000	-2.080016000
1	1.414724000	-0.716144000	2.910963000
8	-3.899901000	2.188157000	-0.308256000
1	-3.817182000	2.713197000	0.491962000
1	3.324258000	0.878120000	-2.385085000
8	3.804423000	2.248021000	-0.282908000
1	3.855988000	2.603313000	0.608056000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5764384

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.248099762181

Z-Diazocine Z-4, conformer 3, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	2.537174000	1.115858000	1.851973000
6	2.366399000	0.639958000	0.894871000
6	2.019515000	-0.572021000	-1.572579000
6	1.546018000	-0.473370000	0.795483000
6	2.989313000	1.163518000	-0.230835000
6	2.816075000	0.556422000	-1.468713000
6	1.362929000	-1.061179000	-0.455938000
1	1.898597000	-1.075370000	-2.522132000
6	0.839453000	-1.047640000	1.988778000
1	0.796940000	-2.131872000	1.897298000
6	-0.580590000	-0.479665000	2.153779000
1	-0.509937000	0.479898000	2.667203000
1	-1.148498000	-1.141150000	2.812821000
7	0.615009000	-2.284283000	-0.568097000
7	-0.605636000	-2.295855000	-0.400737000
6	-1.361634000	-1.071427000	-0.235344000
6	-3.054518000	1.130895000	-0.210813000
6	-2.218678000	-0.813732000	-1.303736000
6	-1.375557000	-0.246792000	0.889333000
6	-2.235193000	0.852445000	0.870603000
6	-3.048294000	0.286994000	-1.314137000
1	-2.257041000	1.510392000	1.732916000
1	-3.697849000	0.500294000	-2.150618000
1	-2.215967000	-1.503196000	-2.137360000
1	1.404258000	-0.825875000	2.893629000
8	-3.887414000	2.206079000	-0.241544000

1	-3.802224000	2.704378000	0.575390000
1	3.314498000	0.955376000	-2.343715000
8	3.771123000	2.264239000	-0.058366000
1	4.153335000	2.523257000	-0.900786000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5768115

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.248149622431

Z-Diazocine Z-4, conformer 4, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	2.542485000	1.057328000	1.880824000
6	2.368780000	0.612487000	0.909471000
6	2.012628000	-0.517851000	-1.595123000
6	1.549157000	-0.497842000	0.777165000
6	2.986623000	1.173425000	-0.200993000
6	2.808699000	0.607406000	-1.457522000
6	1.361333000	-1.044149000	-0.492418000
1	1.888530000	-0.990212000	-2.560086000
6	0.849732000	-1.113380000	1.953978000
1	0.812902000	-2.194349000	1.827343000
6	-0.572849000	-0.558741000	2.144187000
1	-0.507762000	0.378611000	2.697052000
1	-1.137093000	-1.250339000	2.774771000
7	0.614306000	-2.263936000	-0.641939000
7	-0.605862000	-2.282155000	-0.471762000
6	-1.361139000	-1.063591000	-0.263175000
6	-3.047864000	1.140548000	-0.151141000
6	-2.218008000	-0.768684000	-1.317124000
6	-1.371473000	-0.276108000	0.892371000
6	-2.224934000	0.823143000	0.917673000
6	-3.046591000	0.336522000	-1.282658000
1	-2.256972000	1.460953000	1.791199000
1	-3.693454000	0.564278000	-2.120922000
1	-2.220839000	-1.427311000	-2.175238000
1	1.417575000	-0.918327000	2.863009000
8	-3.838623000	2.241390000	-0.030491000
1	-4.357747000	2.354173000	-0.830821000
1	3.303559000	1.035197000	-2.320867000
8	3.768819000	2.268044000	0.004558000
1	4.143585000	2.558068000	-0.831038000

E(M06-2X) : -800.5767986

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -799.248223982909

E-Diazocine E-4, chair conformer,  $\pi$ -dimer, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	-0.375327000	-1.870918000	1.744640000
6	-0.573805000	-0.811150000	1.647998000
6	-0.989900000	1.930708000	1.487449000
6	-1.866171000	-0.348154000	1.467795000
6	0.509326000	0.067936000	1.691340000
6	0.295829000	1.440916000	1.660632000
6	-2.032465000	1.042823000	1.330177000
1	-1.174700000	2.994300000	1.420888000

6	-3.058296000	-1.299399000	1.596060000
1	-3.706640000	-0.907219000	2.383647000
1	-2.647879000	-2.233281000	1.979016000
6	-3.958651000	-1.686702000	0.379721000
1	-4.317662000	-2.698589000	0.567275000
1	-3.336654000	-1.740646000	-0.514981000
7	-3.391270000	1.402168000	1.059749000
7	-3.700322000	0.911419000	-0.031825000
6	-5.073451000	0.536747000	-0.152363000
6	-7.563516000	-0.601005000	-0.273352000
6	-5.188997000	-0.839536000	0.088100000
6	-6.153317000	1.334723000	-0.447334000
6	-7.416039000	0.756593000	-0.515551000
6	-6.457132000	-1.391610000	0.032286000
1	-6.017372000	2.393474000	-0.617293000
1	-8.281906000	1.363602000	-0.749446000
1	-6.612799000	-2.446064000	0.218754000
8	-8.772506000	-1.225291000	-0.319380000
1	-9.457540000	-0.587587000	-0.535788000
1	0.375327000	-1.870917000	-1.744641000
6	0.573805000	-0.811149000	-1.647999000
6	0.989900000	1.930709000	-1.487448000
6	1.866171000	-0.348153000	-1.467795000
6	-0.509326000	0.067937000	-1.691339000
6	-0.295829000	1.440916000	-1.660631000
6	2.032465000	1.042824000	-1.330176000
1	1.174700000	2.994300000	-1.420887000
6	3.058296000	-1.299399000	-1.596060000
1	3.706640000	-0.907218000	-2.383647000
1	2.647879000	-2.233280000	-1.979016000
6	3.958651000	-1.686701000	-0.379721000
1	4.317662000	-2.698589000	-0.567276000
1	3.336654000	-1.740646000	0.514980000
7	3.391270000	1.402169000	-1.059748000
7	3.700322000	0.911419000	0.031826000
6	5.073451000	0.536747000	0.152363000
6	7.563516000	-0.601005000	0.273351000
6	5.188997000	-0.839536000	-0.088101000
6	6.153317000	1.334723000	0.447335000
6	7.416039000	0.756593000	0.515552000
6	6.457132000	-1.391610000	-0.032287000
1	6.017372000	2.393474000	0.617294000
1	8.281906000	1.363602000	0.749446000
1	6.612799000	-2.446064000	-0.218755000
8	8.772506000	-1.225291000	0.319380000
1	9.457540000	-0.587587000	0.535787000
8	-1.752015000	-0.461480000	-1.793322000
1	-1.140148000	2.113076000	-1.739858000
1	1.140148000	2.113075000	1.739859000
8	1.752015000	-0.461481000	1.793322000
1	2.397406000	0.121544000	1.350605000
1	-2.397406000	0.121545000	-1.350605000

E (M06-2X) : -1601.14883657

E (DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -1598.475738899177

*E*-Diazocine *E*-4, twist conformer,  $\pi$ -dimer, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	1.362625000	2.086344000	2.470256000
6	1.028404000	1.117927000	2.124254000
6	0.226296000	-1.382181000	1.219253000
6	1.906934000	0.292437000	1.446941000
6	-0.284894000	0.714715000	2.297278000
6	-0.690584000	-0.532925000	1.831880000
6	1.537353000	-0.984791000	1.000999000
1	-1.003728000	1.360710000	2.783454000
1	-0.117455000	-2.356406000	0.894491000
7	3.294906000	0.541795000	1.248376000
7	3.574202000	0.625958000	0.043876000
6	4.882210000	0.130936000	-0.217357000
6	7.273256000	-1.081284000	-0.828789000
6	5.061220000	-1.209743000	0.150173000
6	5.844742000	0.834373000	-0.921547000
6	7.057890000	0.238305000	-1.209849000
6	6.277193000	-1.798345000	-0.173989000
1	5.645408000	1.854716000	-1.219625000
1	6.450596000	-2.839106000	0.078413000
6	3.972369000	-2.037375000	0.830560000
1	3.977436000	-1.835594000	1.901996000
1	4.268798000	-3.080218000	0.717561000
6	2.515897000	-1.918180000	0.290533000
1	2.073934000	-2.913169000	0.335039000
1	2.555879000	-1.657337000	-0.769606000
8	-1.970685000	-0.967158000	1.963870000
1	-2.585679000	-0.241349000	1.740211000
1	-2.293753000	4.085619000	0.441122000
6	-1.681686000	3.298319000	0.022978000
6	-0.174528000	1.258882000	-1.103931000
6	-2.249408000	2.065979000	-0.252765000
6	-0.330133000	3.489149000	-0.194378000
6	0.432552000	2.456297000	-0.733795000
6	-1.522966000	1.032680000	-0.864374000
1	0.157782000	4.420141000	0.056278000
1	0.427302000	0.488125000	-1.572336000
7	-3.631838000	1.769552000	-0.114118000
7	-3.809504000	0.792318000	0.627891000
6	-4.937202000	0.021264000	0.224734000
6	-6.874386000	-1.702789000	-0.686456000
6	-4.791956000	-0.532705000	-1.058155000
6	-5.987482000	-0.316041000	1.054361000
6	-6.979392000	-1.165556000	0.590019000
6	-5.780929000	-1.400110000	-1.492829000
1	-6.038715000	0.099860000	2.051097000
1	-5.718246000	-1.867706000	-2.466633000
6	-3.583457000	-0.241984000	-1.945405000
1	-3.724716000	0.718487000	-2.442818000
1	-3.599100000	-0.994613000	-2.733129000
6	-2.165491000	-0.283415000	-1.300728000
1	-1.491985000	-0.713624000	-2.041895000
1	-2.171436000	-0.984686000	-0.463546000
8	1.757911000	2.672519000	-0.895452000
1	2.245371000	1.831698000	-0.907235000



1	-7.823133000	-1.419178000	1.219661000
1	7.840303000	0.767791000	-1.733669000
8	8.473913000	-1.634082000	-1.145419000
1	8.510458000	-2.538534000	-0.823355000
8	-7.802951000	-2.553952000	-1.198394000
1	-8.498748000	-2.700999000	-0.552451000

E(M06-2X) : -1601.1576855

E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -1598.484712001321

TS for twofold H-transfer, *E*-Diazocine *E*-**4**, chair conformer,  $\pi$ -dimer, optimized geometry (M06-2X/cc-pVTZ)

1	0.204747000	-1.771760000	-1.721814000
6	0.406853000	-0.716739000	-1.588416000
6	0.803557000	2.042549000	-1.525914000
6	1.684320000	-0.265491000	-1.392834000
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E(DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X): -1598.459005173977

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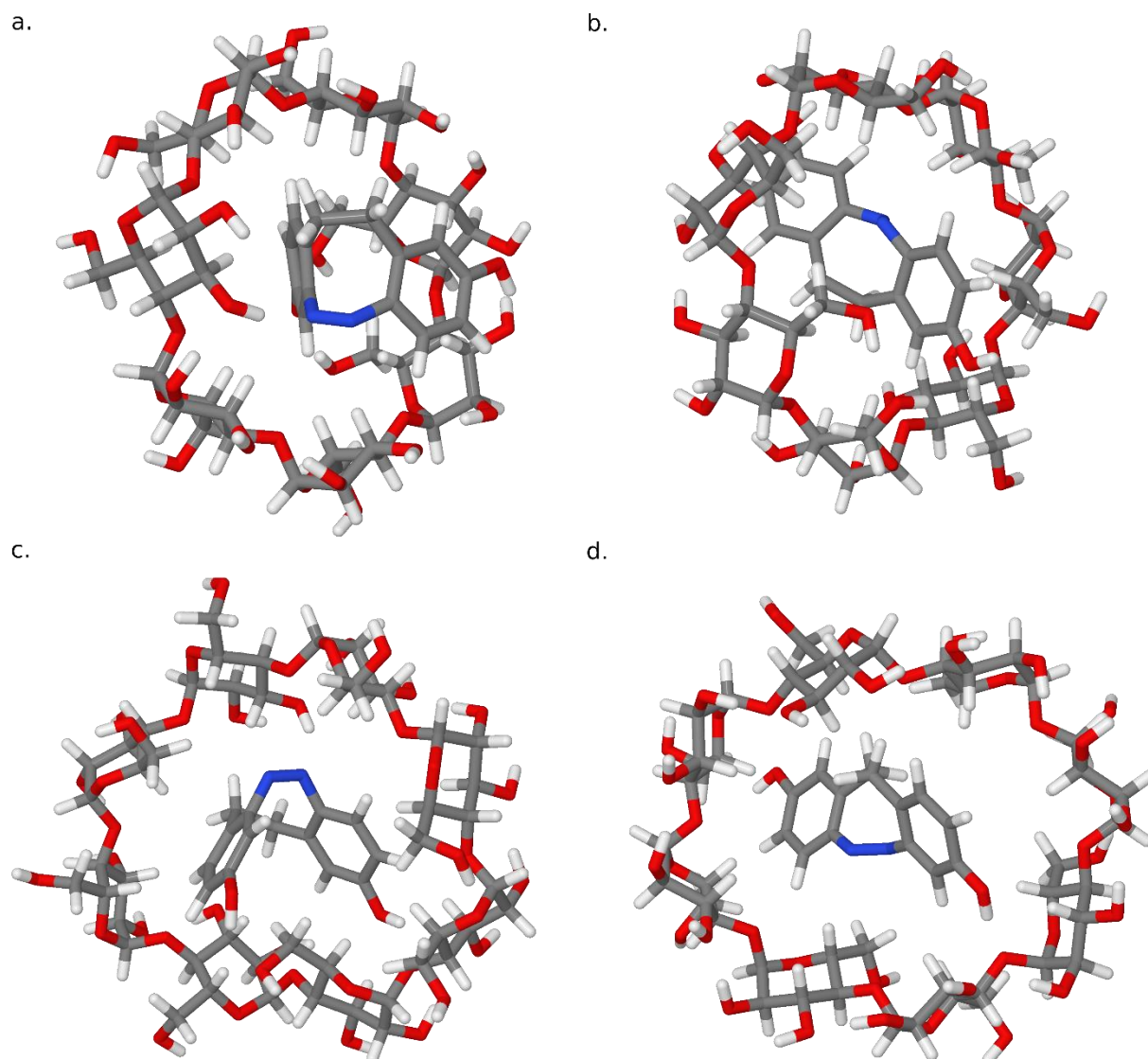
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E (M06-2X) : -1601.1389457

E (DLPNO-CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ//M06-2X) : -1598.479308858603

## 8.2 Calculations of diazocine **3** in the presence of cyclodextrins

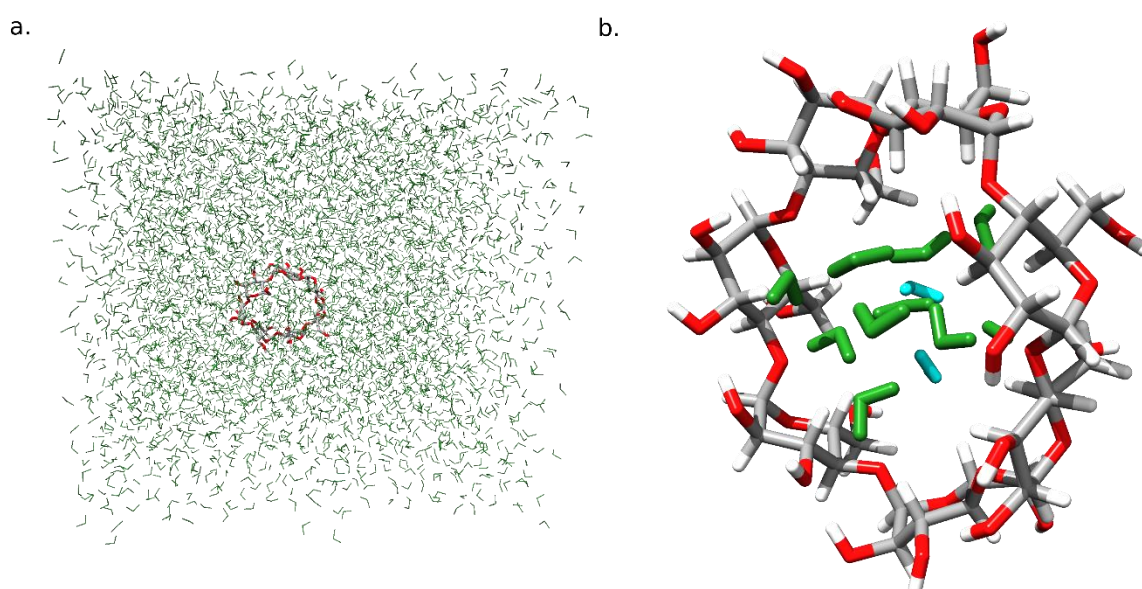
The structures of all diazocine **3**/cyclodextrin host/guest systems were obtained by geometry optimizations in two stages. Pre-optimizations were carried out with xtb<sup>19</sup> and the GFN2-xtb method.<sup>20</sup> The resulting structures were refined using ORCA<sup>15</sup> at the  $\omega$ B97X-D3<sup>21</sup>/def2-SVP<sup>22</sup> level of theory with Grimme's dispersion correction<sup>23</sup> as well as an auxiliary basis set<sup>24</sup> and the RIJCOSX approximation for Coulomb and HF Exchange<sup>25</sup>. While it was possible to obtain geometries for the  $\beta$ - and  $\gamma$ - cyclodextrin inclusion compounds, no viable structure could be obtained for the system with  $\alpha$ -cyclodextrin because its cavity is too small to accommodate the dihydroxy diazocines. The optimized geometries are displayed in Supplementary figure 80. The \*.xyz files are listed at the end of this section.



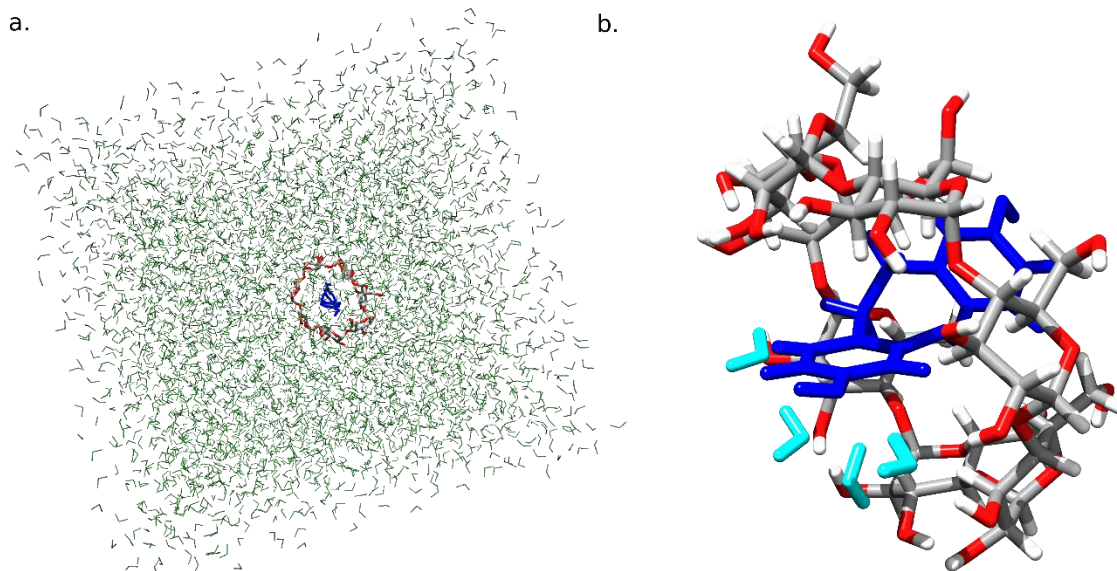
**Supplementary figure 80.** Geometries of the (*Z/E*)-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine-2,8-diol (**3**) complex with  $\beta$ - (**a** and **b**) and  $\gamma$ - cyclodextrine (**c** and **d**). Optimizations were carried out for *Z*-isomers (**a**, **c**) and *E*-isomers (**b**, **d**) at the  $\omega$ B97X-D3/def2-SVP level of theory with D3 dispersion correction.

While high level DFT calculations provide an impression of the host/guest proportions, molecular dynamics (MD) calculations including explicit water molecules are necessary to provide more insight into the mechanism of the thermochemical back-isomerizations. Whereas the slow *E*→*Z* mechanism is well described in vacuo, and theoretically predicted activation barriers agree well with kinetic data from experiments, the fast tautomerization mechanism can only be operative in the presence of water

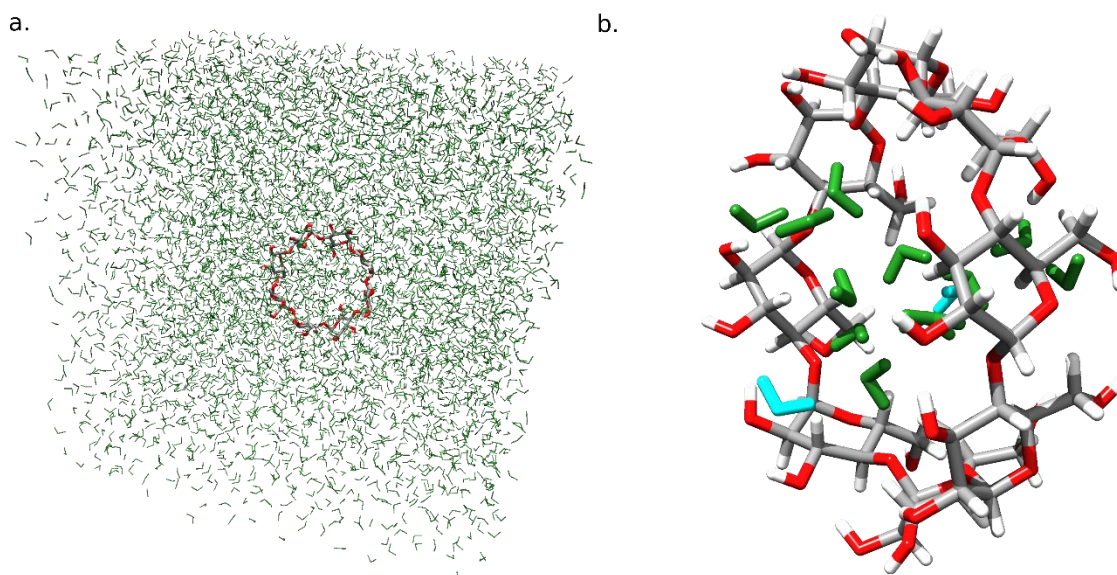
(or protic solvents). MD calculations should reveal if there is sufficient space available inside the cyclodextrin cavities for water to intrude and to support the tautomerization mechanism in a similar way as it operates in solution. Towards this end molecular dynamics (MD) simulations were performed utilizing the OpenMM toolkit<sup>26</sup>. Starting geometries of the host/guest structures of diazocine **3** in *E* configuration with  $\beta$ - and  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin were taken from the above DFT calculations. Parameters for the individual molecules were assigned with the antechamber and tleap tool provided with AmberTools 21<sup>27</sup>, as well as the GAFF2 forcefield<sup>28</sup>. An initial box with TIP3P water molecules was constructed with tleap providing at least 2 nm distance for each atom of the complex to a face of said box. The initial structure was first minimized and afterwards propagated for 500 ps at 300K with a friction of 1/ps. To achieve a realistic density within the periodic system a barostat was used (1 bar, 300K). The constructed systems for  $\beta$ - and  $\gamma$ - cyclodextrin and their corresponding host/guest systems with the *trans*-diazocine **3** after 500ps are shown below. The OpenMM simulation protocol used is provided below for more details.



**Supplementary figure 81.** MD calculation for  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin in a periodic TIP3P water-box after a simulation time of 500 ps at 300 K, 1bar. **(a)** Complete simulation-box. Water molecules are represented as wireframes. **(b)**  $\beta$ -Cyclodextrin with water molecules inside the cavity. Water molecules that are not within the ring cavity are removed for better visibility. Water molecules inside the cavity are colored in green to further improve visibility, water molecules that are located only partially within the cavity are colored in cyan. Under these boundary conditions of the simulation and after 500 ps simulation time, 11 water molecules are located within the cavity, counting partially included water molecules (cyan) as 0.5 water. The number of water molecules inside the cavity is in good agreement with experimental data.



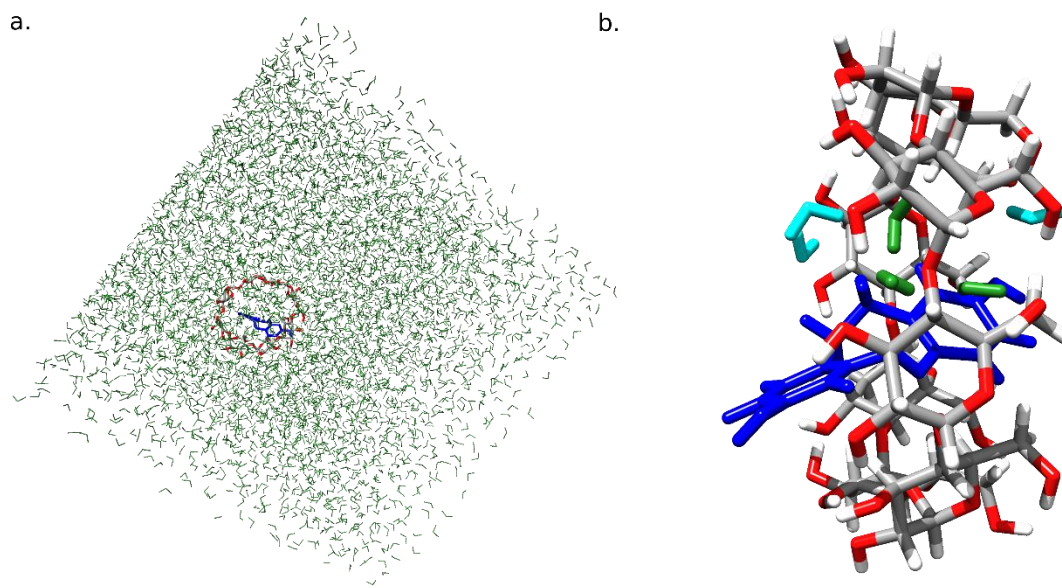
**Supplementary figure 82.** MD calculation for the complex of  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin including (*E*)-**3**. The MD calculation was performed in a periodic TIP3P water-box and the snapshots were taken after a trajectory propagation of 500 ps at 300 K, 1bar. **(a)** Complete simulation-box. Water molecules are represented as wireframes. **(b)**  $\beta$ -Cyclodextrin with water molecules at the brim and (*E*)-**3** (coloured in blue) inside the cavity. Water molecules that are not within the ring cavity are removed for better visibility. Water molecules that are located only partially within the cavity are colored in cyan. Under above boundary conditions of the simulation, 4 water molecules are present at the edge of the cavity and no water molecule is located inside the cavity. Since there is no water molecule interacting with the azo group, the fast tautomerization process is inhibited as long as the diazocine stays inside the cavity, and back-isomerization can only proceed via the slow nitrogen inversion process. This is in agreement with our experimental finding that the back-isomerization is drastically slowed down in the presence of  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin.



**Supplementary figure 83.** MD calculation for  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin in a periodic TIP3P water-box after a simulation time of 500 ps at 300 K, 1bar. **(a)** Complete simulation-box. Water molecules are represented as wireframes. **(b)**  $\beta$ -Cyclodextrin with water molecules inside the cavity. Water molecules

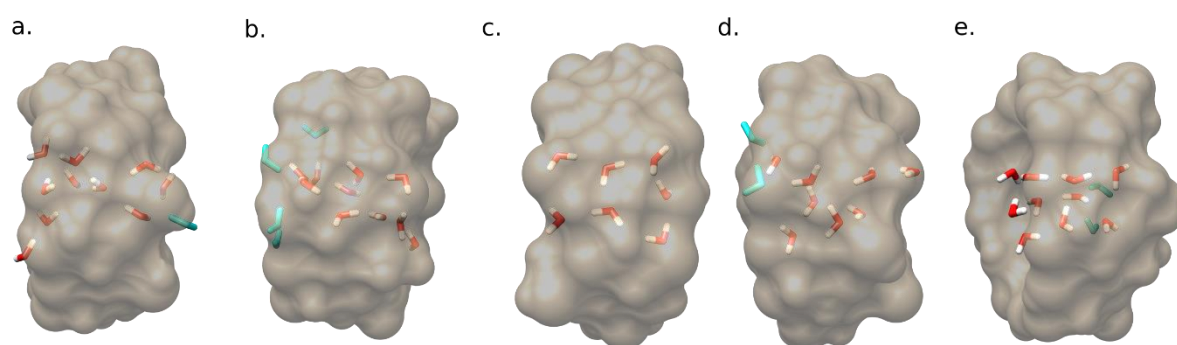


that are not within the ring cavity are removed for better visibility. Water molecules inside the cavity are colored in green to further improve visibility, water molecules that are located only partially within the cavity are colored in cyan. Under these boundary conditions of the simulation and after 500 ps simulation time, 13 water molecules are located within the cavity, counting partially included water molecules (cyan) as 0.5 water.



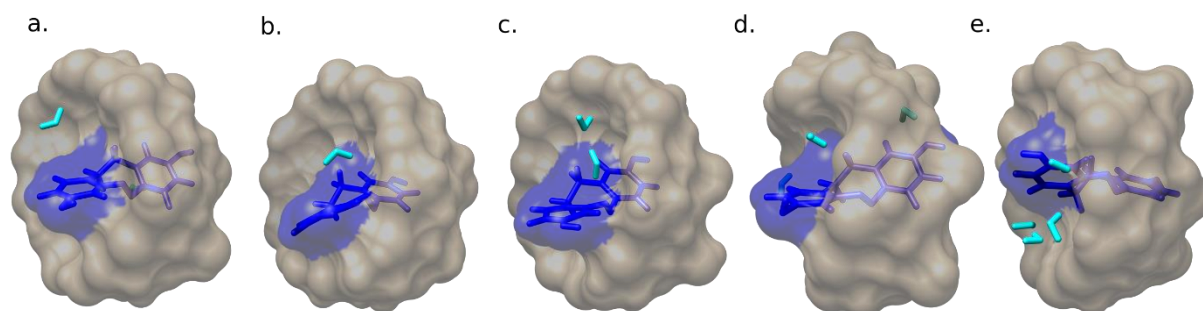
**Supplementary figure 84.** MD calculation for the complex of  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin including (*E*)-**3**. The MD calculation was performed in a periodic TIP3P water-box and the snapshots were taken after a trajectory propagation of 500 ps at 300 K, 1bar. **(a)** Complete simulation-box. Water molecules are represented as wireframes. **(b)**  $\beta$ -Cyclodextrin with water molecules and (*E*)-**3** inside the cavity. Water molecules that are not within the ring cavity are removed for better visibility. Water molecules inside the cavity are in green and those located only partially within the cavity are colored in cyan. Under above boundary conditions of the simulation, 3 water molecules are completely inside the cavity and 3 water molecules are partially inside. Hence, the azo group is not fully protected from water and a tautomerization process might be hindered, but it may not be completely impossible.

For a statistical analysis, five snapshots (a-e) during each trajectory were recorded (see Supplementary figure 85).

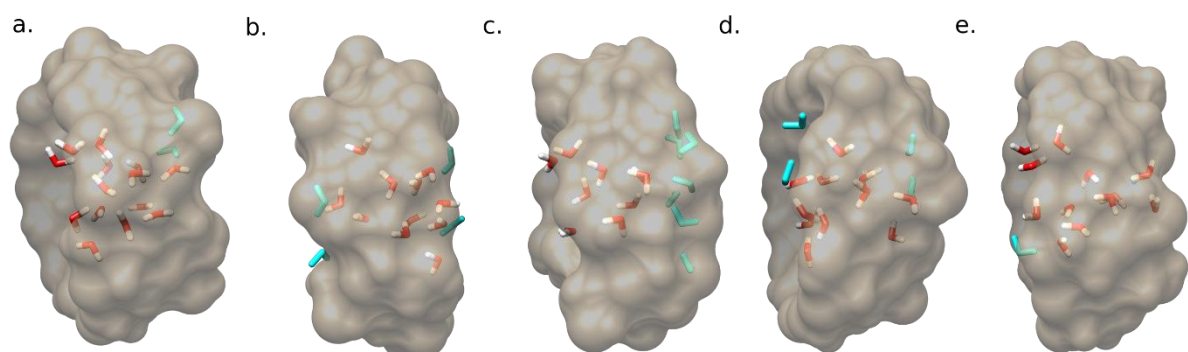


**Supplementary figure 85.** Snapshots during a molecular dynamic (MD) run of  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin in a periodic TIP3P water-box after propagation for **(a)** 100, **(b)** 200, **(c)** 300, **(d)** 400 and **(e)** 500 ps at 300 K, 1bar. Water molecules located inside the cyclodextrin are colored by element, while water molecules that lie only partially in the cyclodextrin cavity are colored cyan. Partial water molecules are

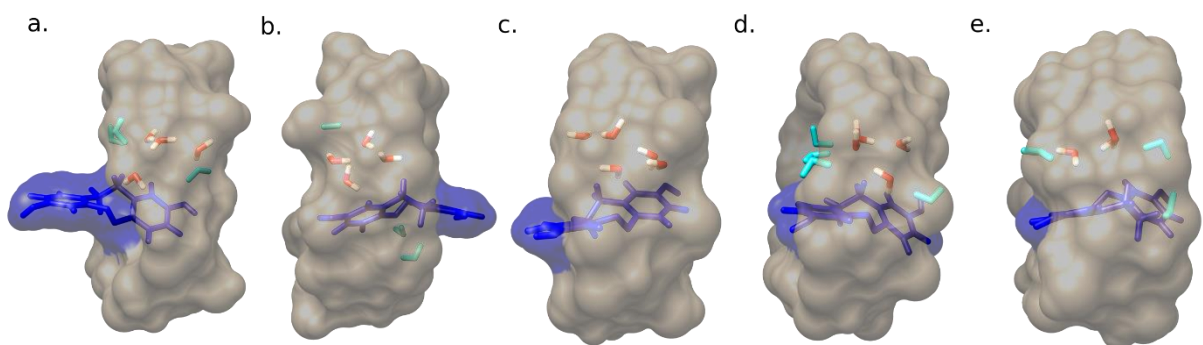
counted as 0.5 water. The numbers of water molecules present in the cyclodextrin cavity are: **(a)** 10.5, **(b)** 12, **(c)** 7, **(d)** 9, **(e)** 11.



**Supplementary figure 86.** Snapshots during an MD simulation for the complex of  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin and (E)-3 in a periodic TIP3P water-box after propagation for **(a)** 100, **(b)** 200, **(c)** 300, **(d)** 400 and **(e)** 500 ps at 300 K, 1bar. Water molecules fully encapsulated by the cyclodextrin are colored by element, while water molecules that lie only partially in the cyclodextrin cavity are colored cyan. Partial water molecules were counted as 0.5 water. The numbers of water molecules present within the cyclodextrin cavity are: **(a)** 1, **(b)** 0.5, **(c)** 1, **(d)** 1.5, **(e)** 2. None of the water molecules in snapshots a-e is completely inside the cavity and in contact with the azo group of (E)-3.



**Supplementary figure 87.** MD system for  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin in a periodic TIP3P water-box after propagation for **(a)** 100, **(b)** 200, **(c)** 300, **(d)** 400 and **(e)** 500 ps at 300 K, 1bar. Water molecules fully included in the cyclodextrin are colored by element, while water molecules that lie only partially in the cyclodextrin cavity are colored cyan. Partial water molecules are counted as 0.5 water. The numbers of water molecules present within the cyclodextrin cavity are: **(a)** 15, **(b)** 13, **(c)** 12.5, **(d)** 14, **(e)** 13.



**Supplementary figure 88.** MD system for  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin/(E)-3 host/guest system in a periodic TIP3P water-box after propagation for **(a)** 100, **(b)** 200, **(c)** 300, **(d)** 400 and **(e)** 500 ps at 300 K, 1bar. Water

molecules fully enveloped by the cyclodextrin are colored by element, while water molecules that lie only partially in the cyclodextrin cavity were colored cyan. Partial water molecules were counted as 0.5 water. The numbers of water molecules present within the cyclodextrin cavity are: **(a)** 5.5, **(b)** 4.5, **(c)** 5, **(d)** 6, **(e)** 4.5.

For  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin in water (Supplementary figure 85) an average of approx. 11 water (rounded from 10.63) molecules were present within the  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin cavity when excluding the structure at 300 ps (Supplementary figure 85 c) as an outlier. (approx. 10 water rounded from 9.9 when including c). For the  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin/(*E*)-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine-2,8-diol (**3**) complex an average of 1 water molecule (rounded down from 1.2) is present at the edge of the cyclodextrin cavity (Supplementary figure 86). It is, however, noteworthy that water molecules only enter the cavity partially.

In contrast  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin exhibits a much larger cavity (Supplementary figure 80 c, d). An average of approx. 14 water (rounded from 13.5) molecules were present within the  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin cavity (Supplementary figure 87). Assigning the inside/outside of the cavity attribute to water molecules becomes more challenging with larger ring sizes (due to increased flexibility). This led to an increased number of partially assigned water molecules. For the  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin/(*E*)-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[*c,g*][1,2]diazocine-2,8-diol (**3**) host/guest system (Supplementary figure 76) at least 3 water molecules were present in every analyzed frame. Accounting for partial water molecules led to an average of 5 water molecules (rounded from 5.1) present within the cavity of the host/guest system.

The MD simulations clearly show the spatial dimensions of  $\beta$ - and  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin and their capability to accommodate water in their cavities when a diazocine is bound at the same time. Water is present within the cavity of the  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin/(*E*)-**3** host/guest system in every frame of the MD simulation while no water molecule could be observed fully included in the cavity of the  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin/(*E*)-**3** host/guest system.

Summing up: our molecular dynamics calculations predict a complete shutdown of the back-isomerization mechanism via the fast tautomerization process if the diazocine **3** is bound inside the cavity of  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin. Re-isomerization can only proceed either via the slow classical N-inversion process or by leaving the cavity. This agrees with the experimental finding that the back-isomerization dramatically slows down upon adding  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin to the solution of the diazocine (*E*)-**3**.  $\gamma$ -Cyclodextrin is less efficient in slowing down the reaction either because it allows water to enter the cavity or because the binding constant to the diazocine (*E*)-**3** is lower.

### OpenMM simulation protocol:

```
from openmm.app import *
from openmm import *
from openmm.unit import *

from openff.toolkit.topology import Molecule

#load Amberfiles
print('Definition')
prmtop = AmberPrmtopFile('inputbox.prmtop')
inpcrd = AmberInpcrdFile('inputbox.inpcrd')
#define System from Amberfiles (prmtop contains topology and parameters)
system = prmtop.createSystem(nonbondedMethod=PME, nonbondedCutoff=1*nanometer,
    constraints=HBonds)

#Minimization
print('Starting minimization')
integrator = VerletIntegrator(0.001*picoseconds)
simulation = Simulation(prmtop.topology, system, integrator)
simulation.context.setPositions(inpcrd.positions)
```

```

simulation.context.setPeriodicBoxVectors(*inpcrd.boxVectors)
simulation.minimizeEnergy(maxIterations=100)
print('Saving to output_minimization.pdb')
positions = simulation.context.getState(getPositions=True).getPositions()
PDBFile.writeFile(simulation.topology, positions, open('output_minimization.pdb', 'w'))

```

```

#Propagate the System
time_step = 1 * femtoseconds # simulation timestep
temperature = 300 * kelvin # simulation temperature
friction = 1 / picosecond # collision rate
integrator = LangevinIntegrator(temperature, friction, time_step)

```

```

# Length of the simulation.
num_steps = 500000 # number of integration steps to run

```

```

# Logging options.
trj_freq = 100 # number of steps per written trajectory frame
data_freq = 100 # number of steps per written simulation statistics

```

```

#Adding a barostat
barostat = MonteCarloBarostat(1, 300)
system.addForce(barostat)

```

```

# Set up an OpenMM simulation.
simulation = Simulation(prmtop.topology, system, integrator)

```

```

# Set the initial positions.
simulation.context.setPositions(positions)

```

```

#initial Periodic Box from Amberfile
simulation.context.setPeriodicBoxVectors(*inpcrd.boxVectors)

```

```

# Randomize the velocities from a Boltzmann distribution at a given temperature.
simulation.context.setVelocitiesToTemperature(temperature)

```

```

# Configure the output files.
pdb_reporter = PDBReporter("trajectory.pdb", trj_freq)
state_data_reporter = StateDataReporter(
    "data.csv",
    data_freq,
    step=True,
    potentialEnergy=True,
    temperature=True,
    density=True,
)
simulation.reporters.append(pdb_reporter)
simulation.reporters.append(state_data_reporter)

```

```
import time
```

```

print("Starting simulation")
start = time.process_time()

```

```

# Run the simulation
simulation.step(num_steps)

```

```

end = time.process_time()
print("Elapsed time %.2f seconds" % (end - start))
print("Done!")

```

### XYZ file $\beta$ -cyclodextrin/ (Z)-11,12-dihydrodibenzo[c,g][1,2]diazocine-2,8-diol (3):

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ENERGY = -5071.094177386979 Input = w897X-D3 def2-SVP def2/J D3ZERO RIJCOSX OPT
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H 0.79525364927199 23.3518444416216 7.02116308234714
H 1.26962784655446 21.66225269385605 6.73825527448504
C 1.12634099085398 22.88772218336619 4.97067320921330
H 0.44234747367488 22.07699919421664 4.66505986681346
C 2.33293625852138 22.86536449329452 4.03735362797898
H 3.05745315725920 23.62811389167679 4.36939404692284
C 1.88214079083858 23.11737838233919 2.61053374161194
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H -0.62893771382329 25.26692198501959 3.53970198322070
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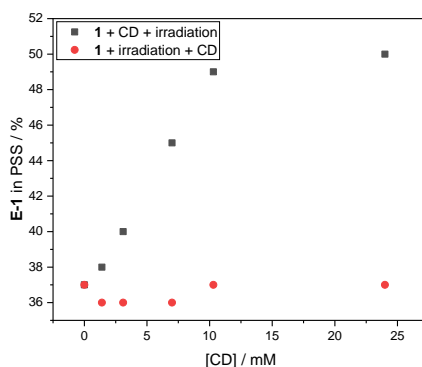




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C	7.38363598507586	30.86468337674998	9.66952797262935
C	7.3130244552432	31.10527850645398	11.03946180047143
C	7.07551496441271	30.07329701029584	11.95455105271535
C	6.90678452243191	28.78457953990324	11.41483959474949
C	6.93106415880964	28.52230135892902	10.05115040508582
C	7.20049317446050	29.56976928952803	9.16517283769734
C	6.35356314949090	28.37008764494639	15.09278608775654
N	6.58708528866997	27.83052519896290	12.41376212796362
N	7.53965672342516	27.62356391710455	13.18227323607302
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C	6.00657029364898	28.22707829016502	16.43360030590230
C	6.36451185958051	27.08547198685737	17.15877537597367
C	7.11688132322348	26.07818908588859	16.55173488656800
C	7.50821818339577	26.21498479662824	15.22098288944247
H	5.44973943497143	29.01118701344702	16.95274904874975
H	7.46665597885802	32.12170801318209	11.41933944050821
H	7.59109780643506	31.67201014282718	8.96405347787114
C	7.01854886090420	30.35643796904056	13.45588791963185
H	6.82016351639669	31.43465300066196	13.54334472571176
H	8.01459734789995	30.19901865037338	13.90456807780645
H	6.75484244078729	27.50738104212544	9.68378943739279
H	8.12861685309327	25.45542902404357	14.73720539048040
O	7.30298463764536	29.37960863273735	7.83949812410672
H	7.06365039966525	28.46599797354444	7.58784513509576
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O	5.98065523301500	27.03163334914301	18.45566467231637
H	6.32404415299095	26.23151399878070	18.86542957973269

## 9. NMR determination of the composition of PSS at different concentrations of CD

Figure 89 shows that the fraction of *E*-1 in PSS increases when the irradiation is performed in presence of the CD. In other words if irradiation of the sample with certain concentration of *Z*-1 is done after the addition of CD to the sample, the degree of conversion of *Z*-1 to *E*-1 increases compared to samples that were irradiated without CD. This clearly indicates that the *Z/E* equilibrium is shifted to the *E* isomer in the presence of CD.



**Supplementary figure 89.** Fraction of *E*-1 (total concentration of *E/Z*-1 1.7 mM) in the PSS depending on the concentration of CD (black squares) vs fraction of *E*-1 (ca. 36 %) in samples that were irradiated without CD (red circles, deviation of values is due to the NMR integration error).

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