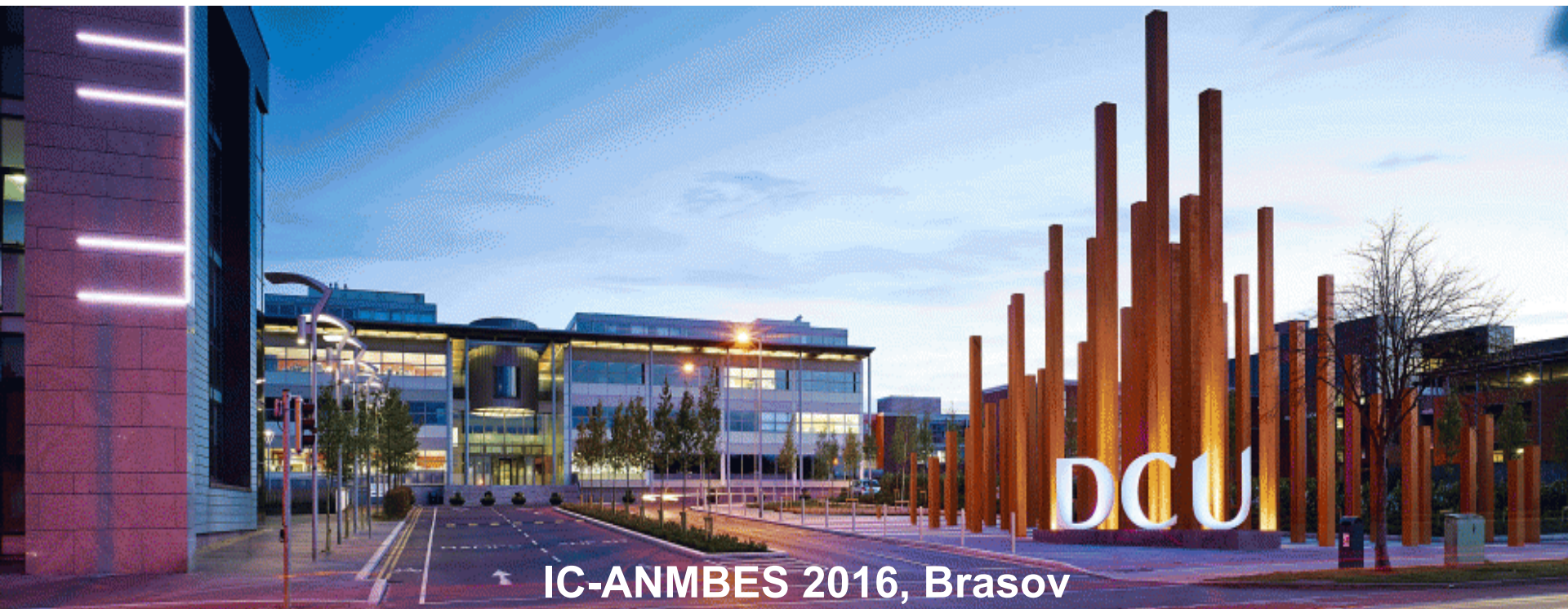




Two-Component Fluorescence Sensing of Saccharides

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Overview



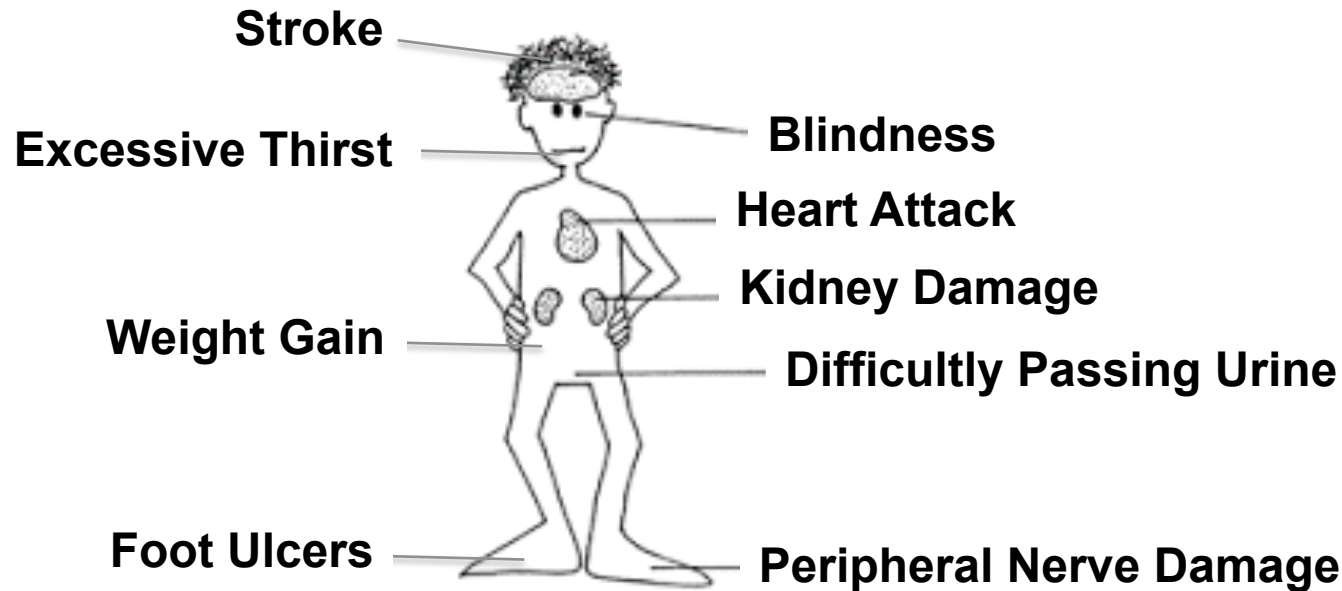
- Background
 - Diabetes – Side Effects
 - Monitoring Devices
- Project Goal
- Boronic Acids (BAs) for Sugar Recognition
- Direct Sensing
- Indirect Sensing
- Conclusions
- Future Work



Importance of Saccharide Sensing



- **Disease: Diabetes and the consequential side effects**



- **Monitoring glucose levels to prolong life expectancy**
- **Currently no noninvasive, continuous monitoring systems available**
- **Demonstrates a need for real-time, non-invasive monitoring**



Implanted Wearable Devices



Advantages:

- Real-time monitoring
- Continuous
- Coupled to insulin pump
- Eliminates injections *via* syringe

Disadvantages:

- Invasive

Finger Pricking Method



Advantages:

- Minimally Invasive

Disadvantages

- Not continuous
- Insulin injections required
- Miss episodes of hyper- and hypoglycaemia

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Contact Lenses – The Answer!



Electrochemical sensor in a wearable platform

Battery Powered



Interference from
Electroactive Species in
Ocular fluid



Use of Enzymes



H. Yao, et al, *Biosensors and Bioelectronics*, **2011**, 26, 3290-3296
B.E. Watt, et al, *Toxicol. Rev.*, **2004**, 23(1), 51-57

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Realistically....Not a Real Working Device



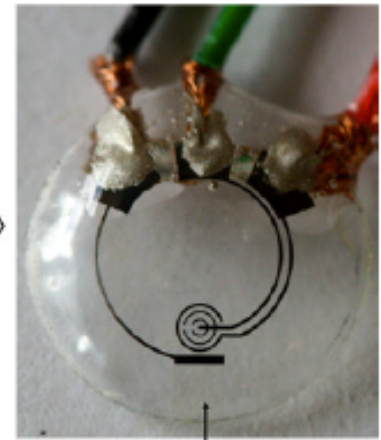
A 30 μ L solution of glucose oxidase



A layer of GOD/titania sol-gel membrane



A spread of 30 μ L Nafion[®] on sol-gel membrane



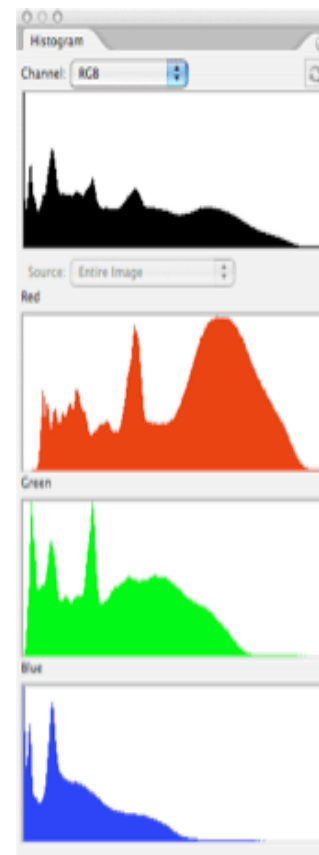
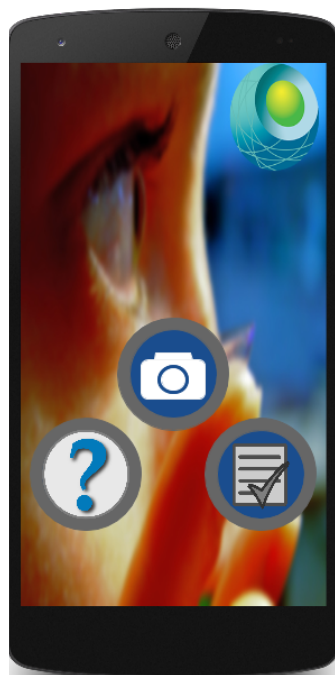
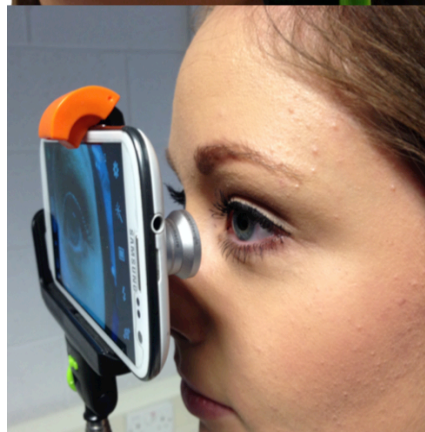
A transparent sensing area after rinsing with DI water

- Attached to a BASi Epsilon- EC Potentiostat +400 mV
- Sensing platform proposes glucose monitoring between 0.5-50 mM
- Ocular glucose range is 0.05-0.5 mM and up to 5 mM in diabetics
- Major shortcomings to meet immediate expectations

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The Solution!



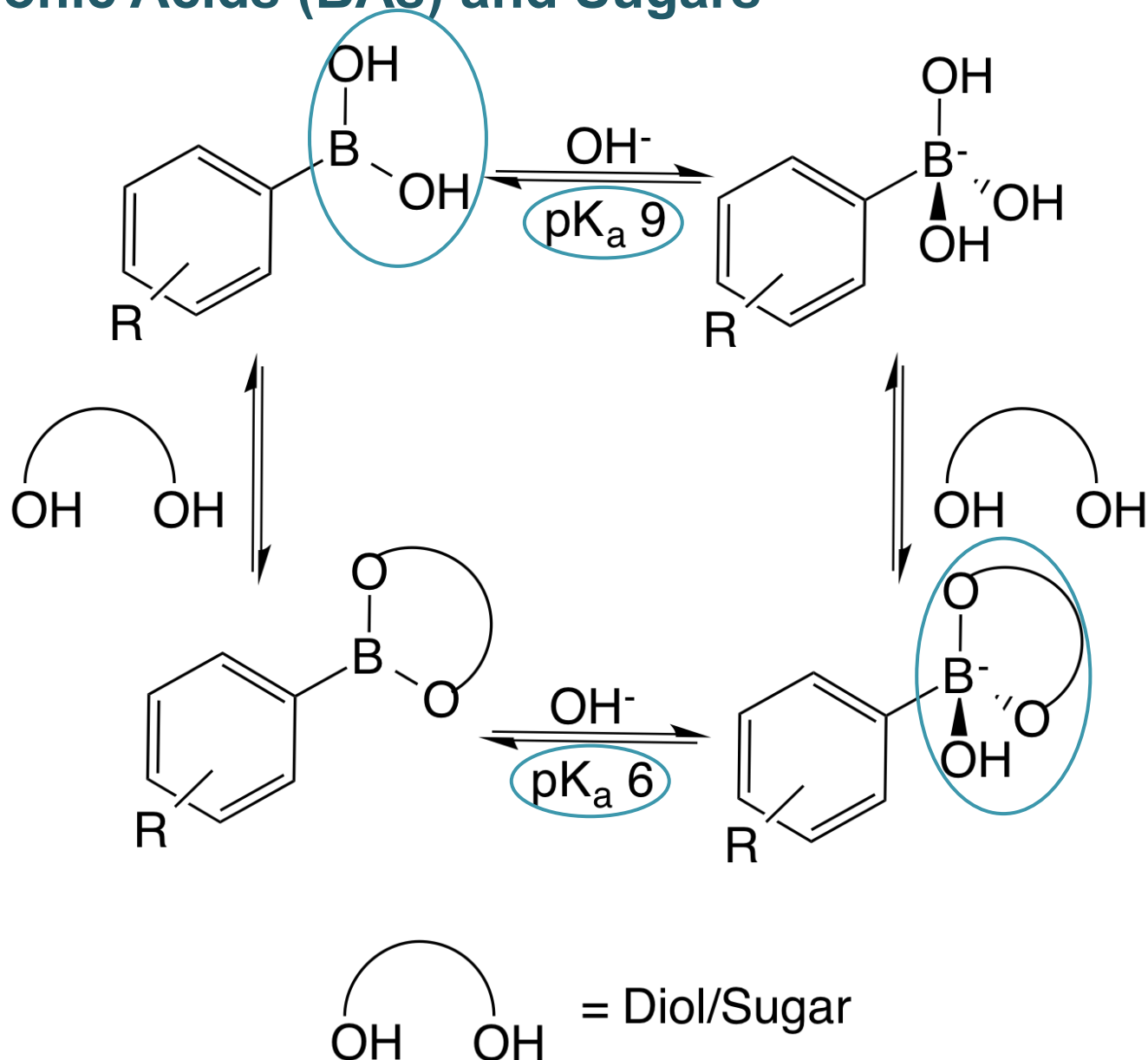
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0.05





Boronic Acids (BAs) and Sugars

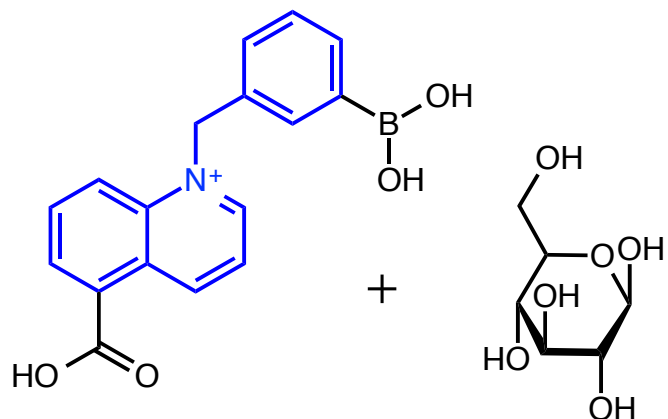




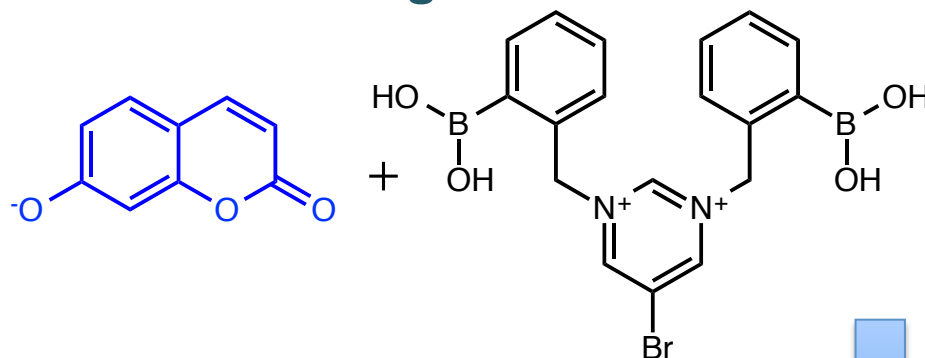
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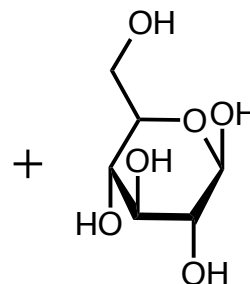
Direct Sensing



Indirect Sensing



Fluorescence Decrease

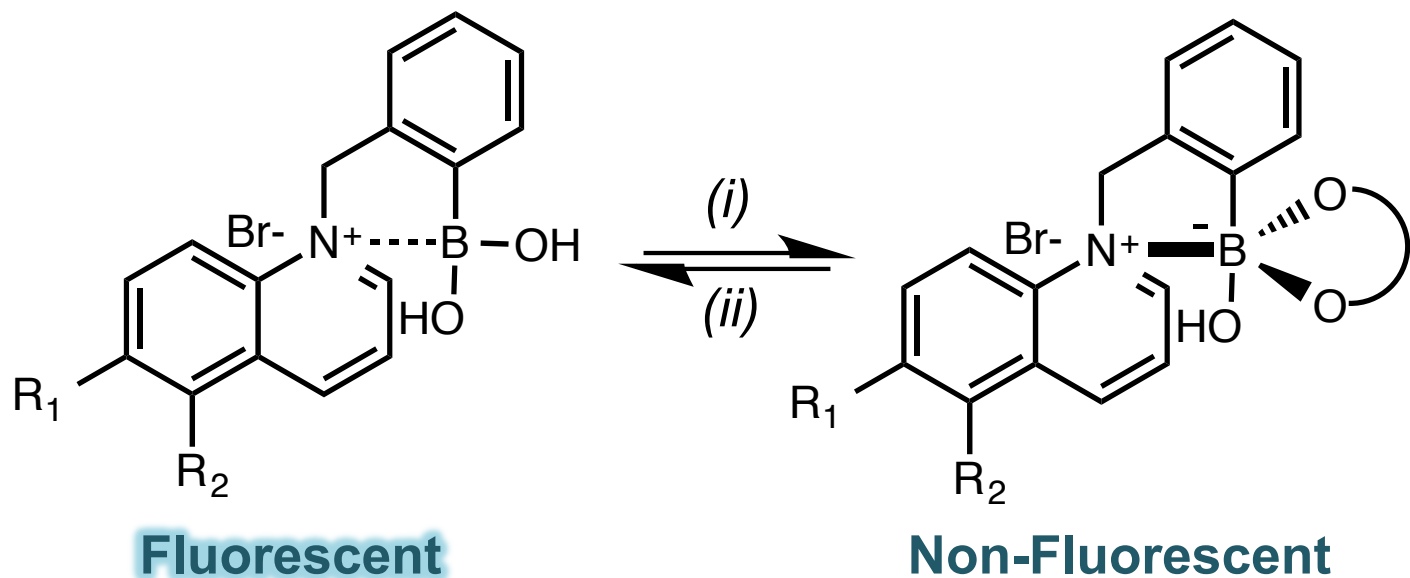


Fluorescence Increase

Fluorophore

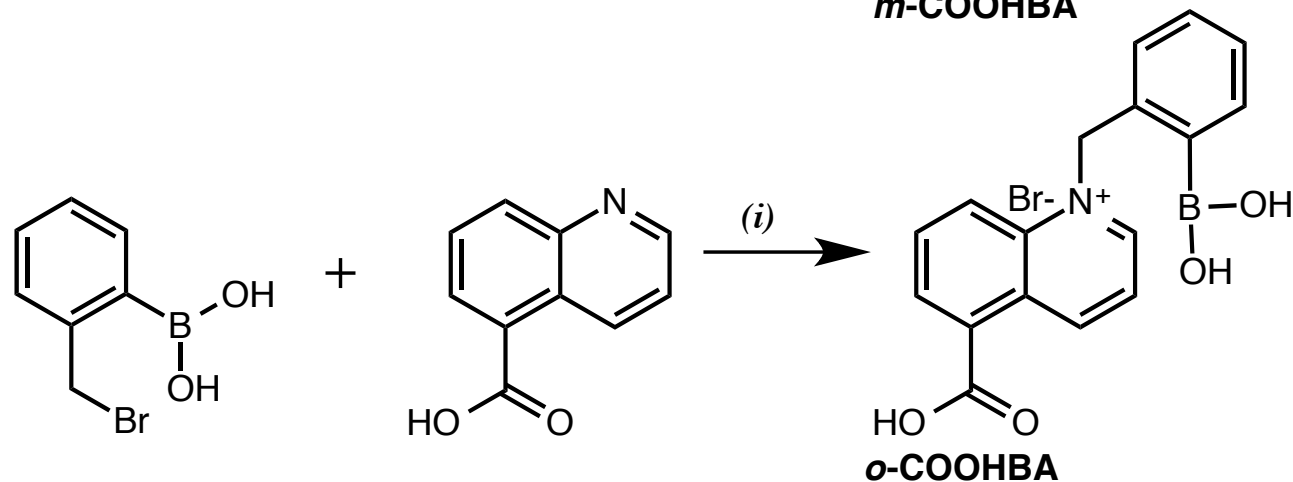
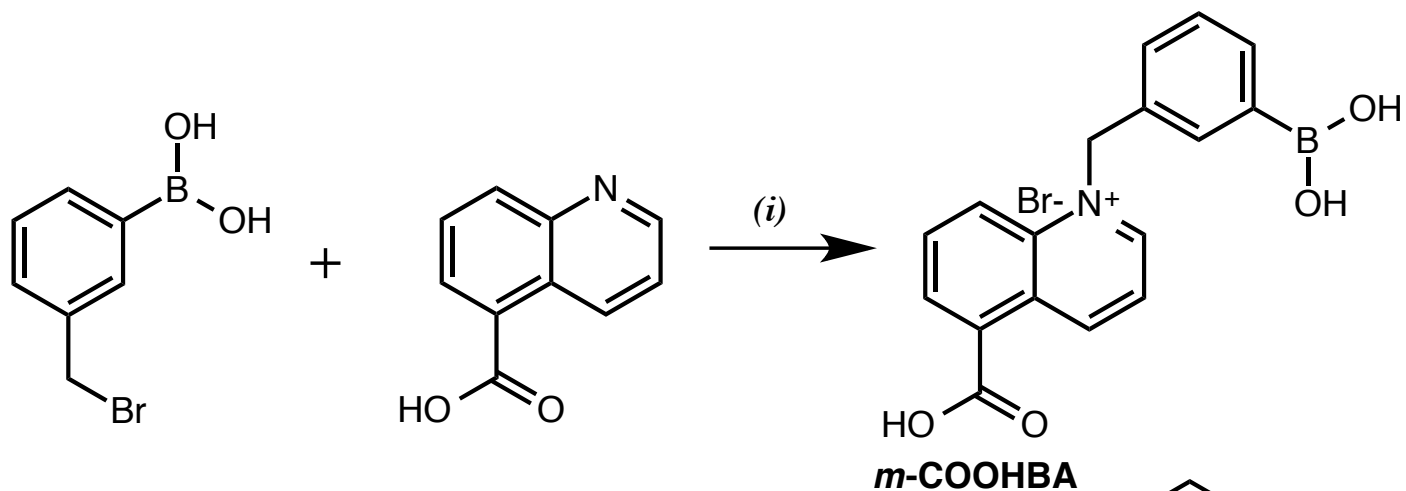


Direct Sensing



(i) Addition of OH⁻ ions/glucose

(ii) Addition of water/removal of glucose

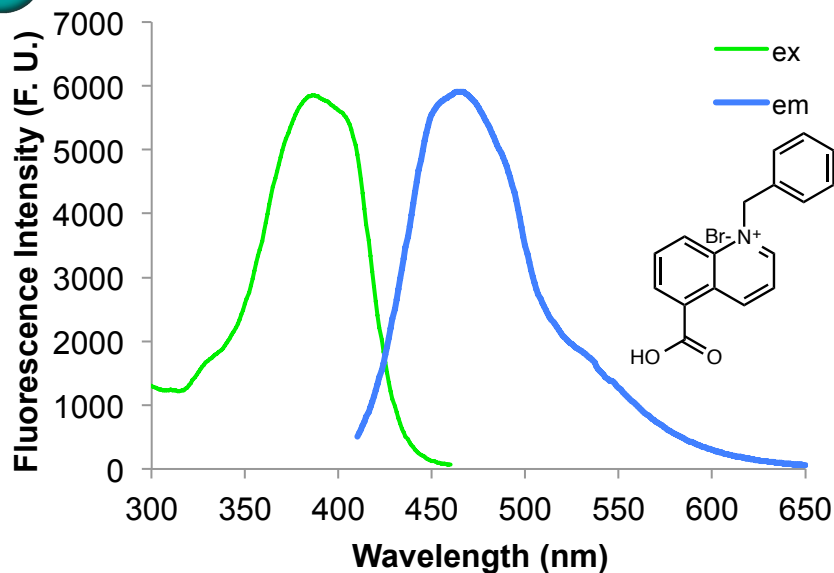


(i) Anhydrous dimethylformamide, N₂, 80 °C for 48h.

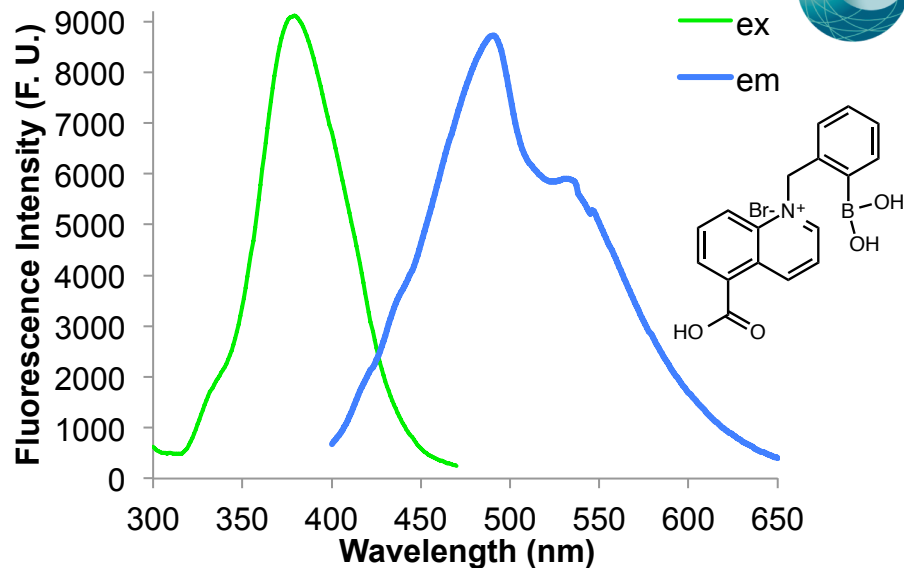
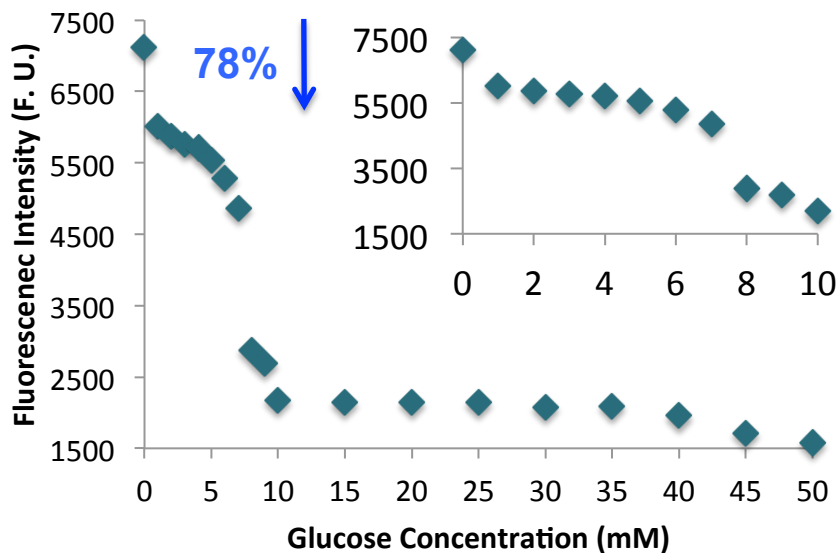
Successful synthesis of novel BA sensors were confirmed by NMR.



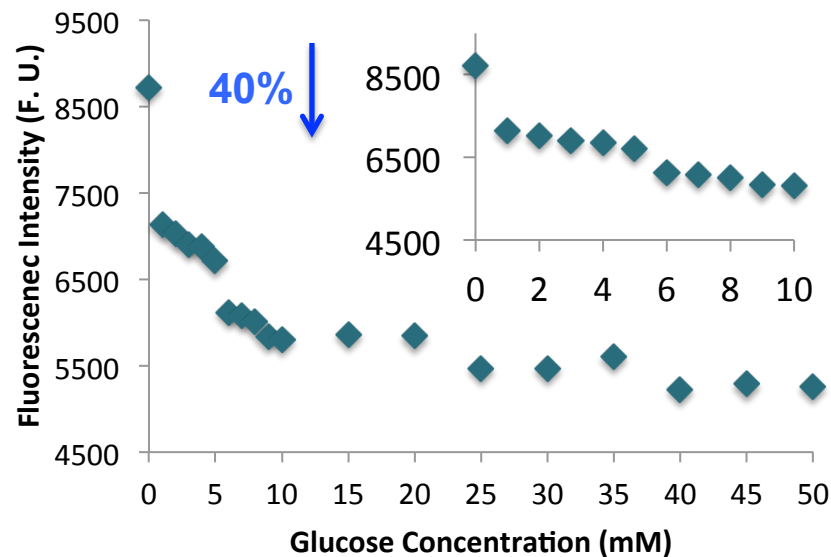
Fluorescence Results



m-COOHBA 0.5 mM in pH 7.4 phosphate buffer;
Excitation 390 nm; Emission 465 nm

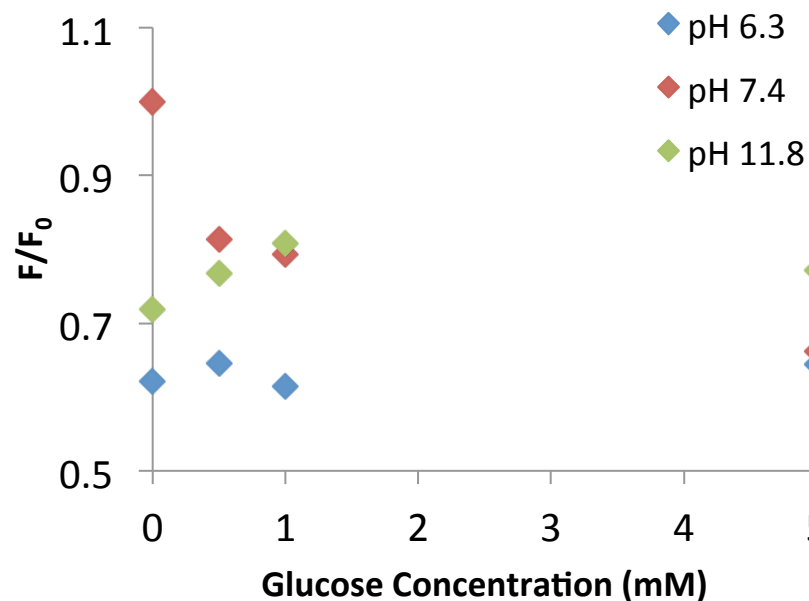
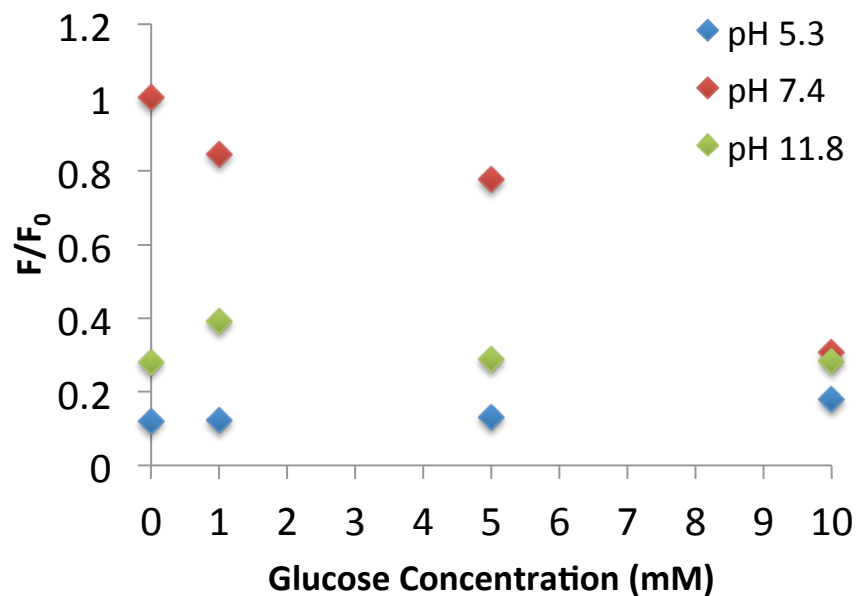


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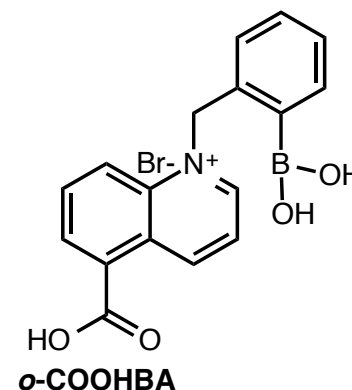
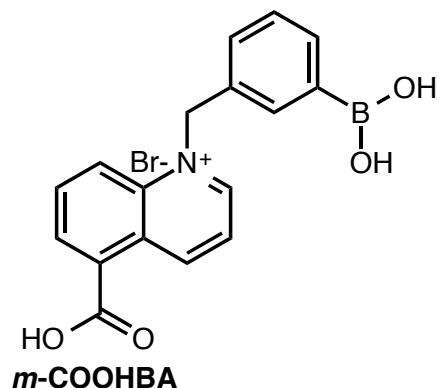




pK_a Investigation – Glucose Sensing pH Range

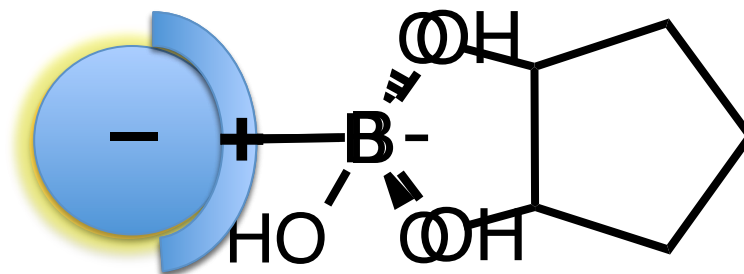


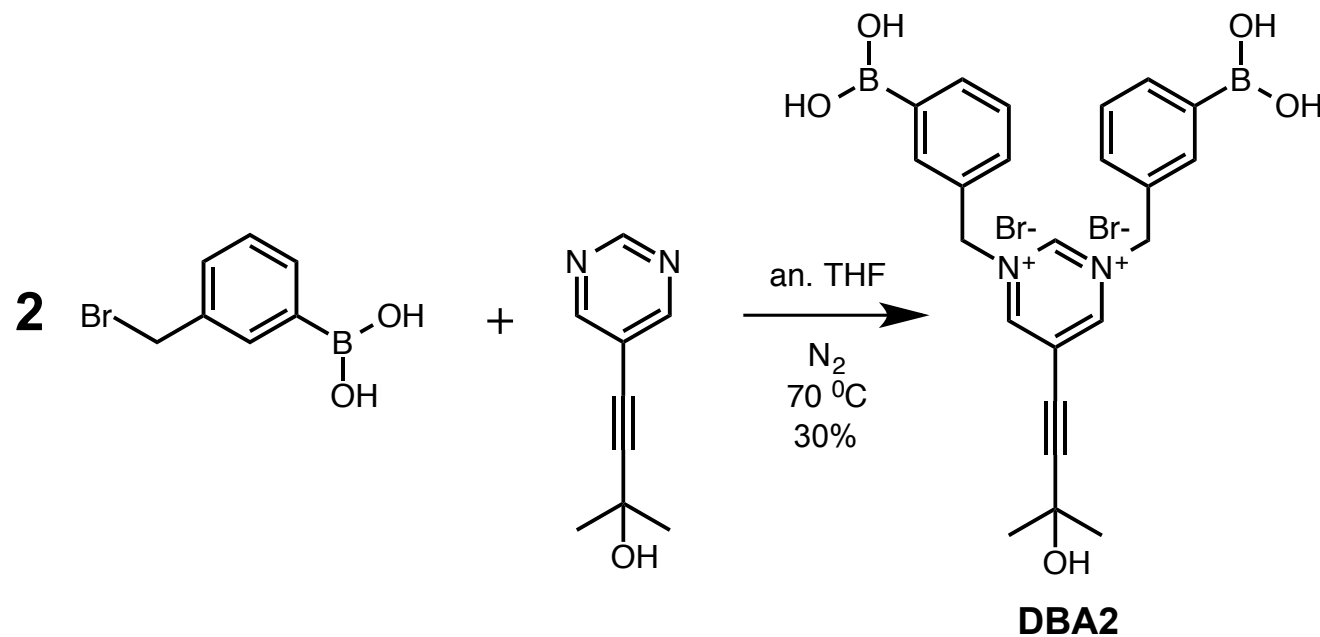
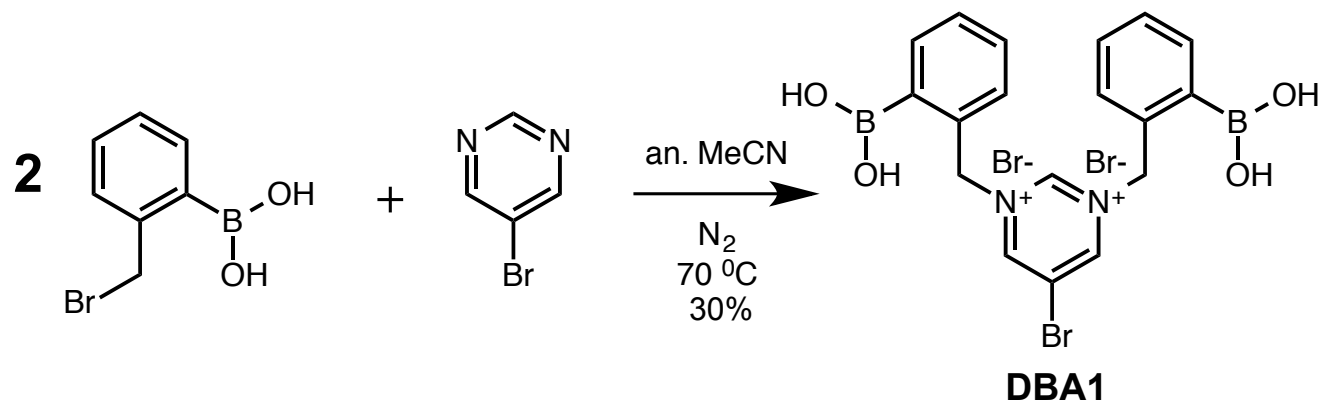
Glucose response for *m*-COOHBA and *o*-COOHBA (0.5 mM) in different pH buffer solutions ranging from pH 5-11.

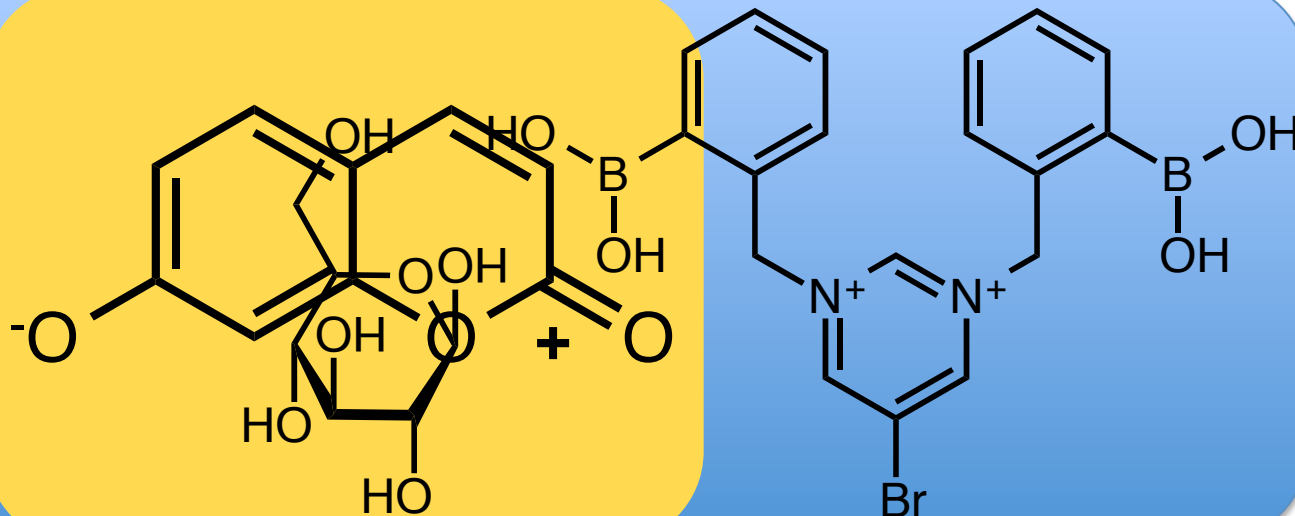




Indirect Sensing



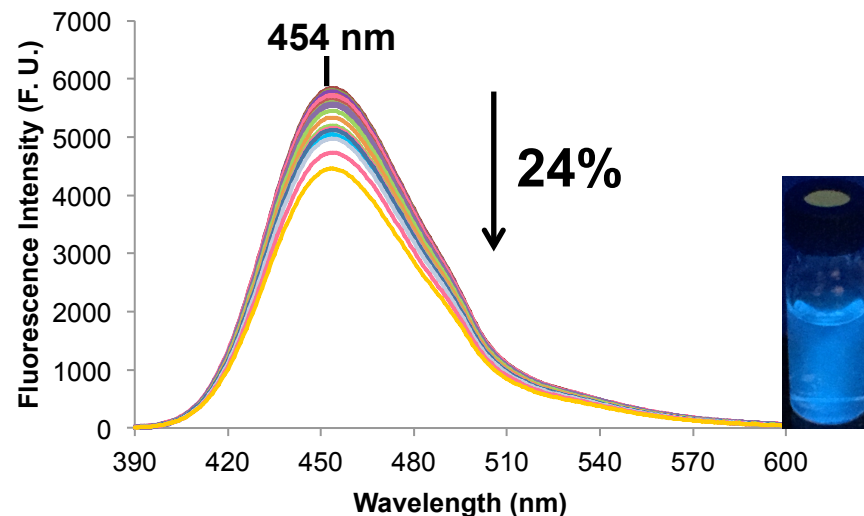
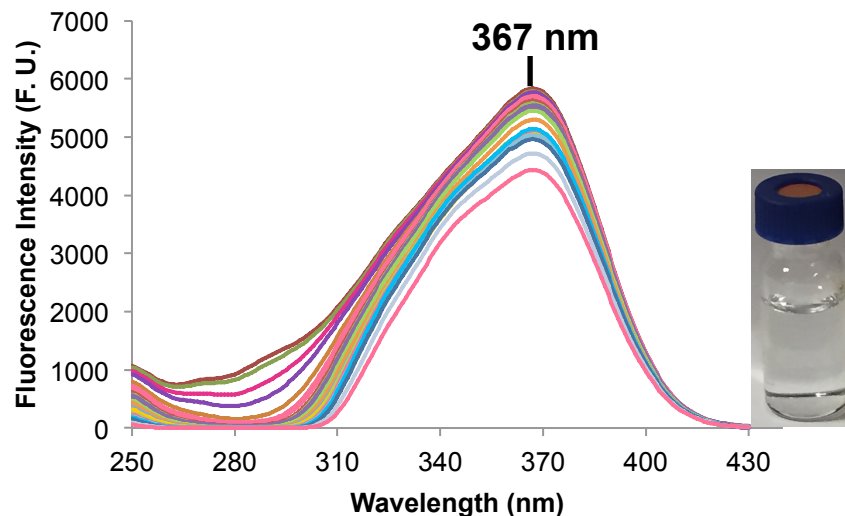




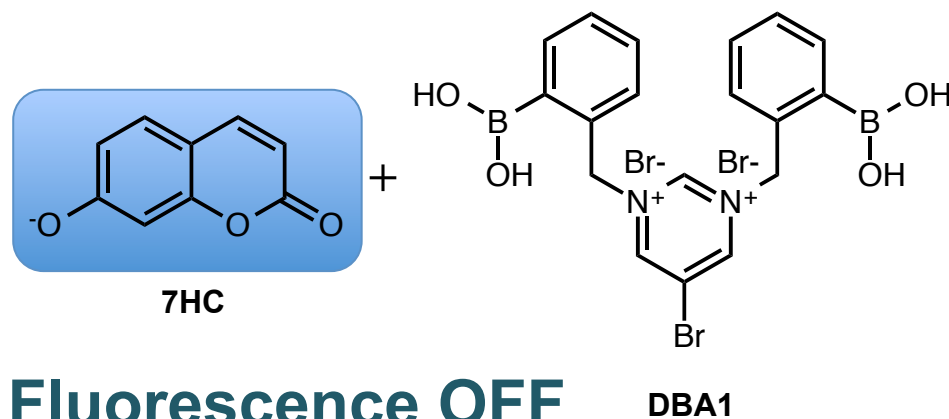
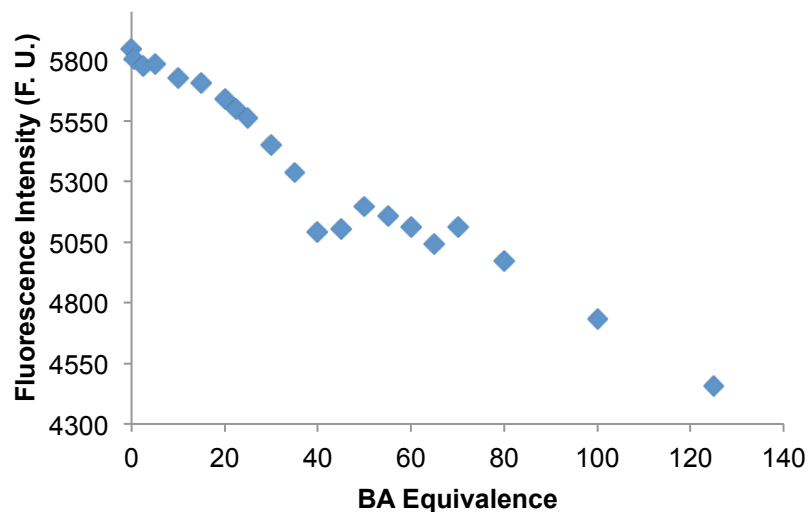
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Two-Component Sensing – Fluorescence Quenching

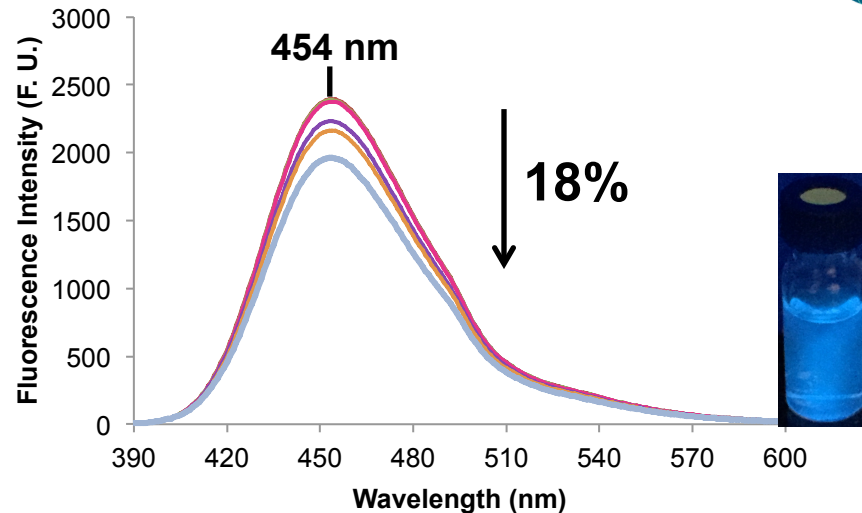
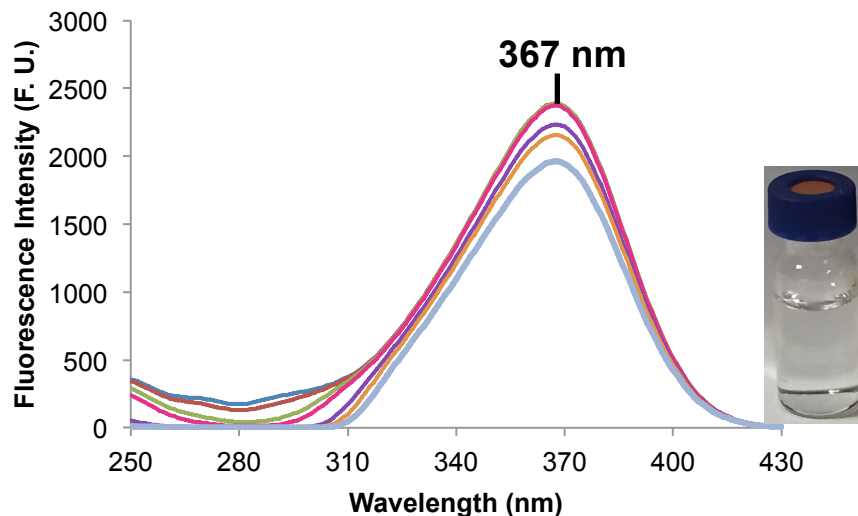


Excitation and emission spectra of 4 μM 7HC in pH 8.12 buffer solution with increasing DBA1 concentrations up to 0.5 mM (125 eq.); Medium sensitivity; 2.5 nm bandwidth

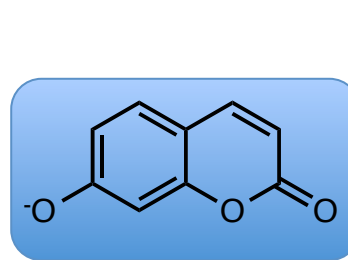
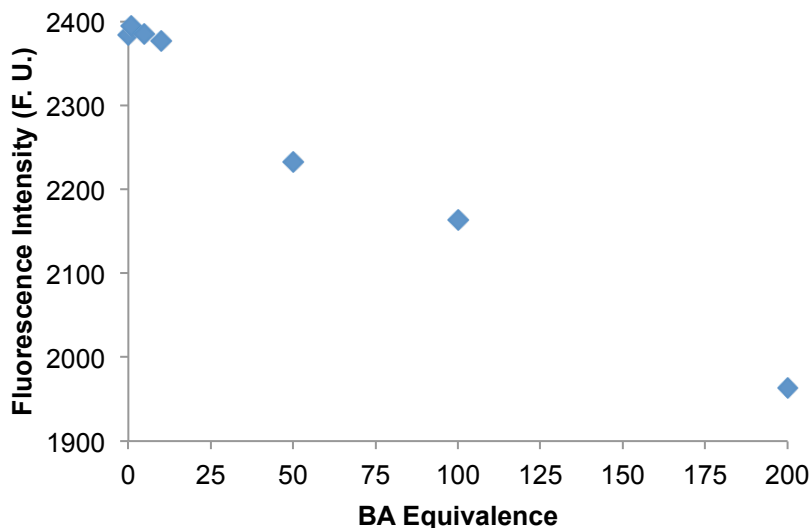




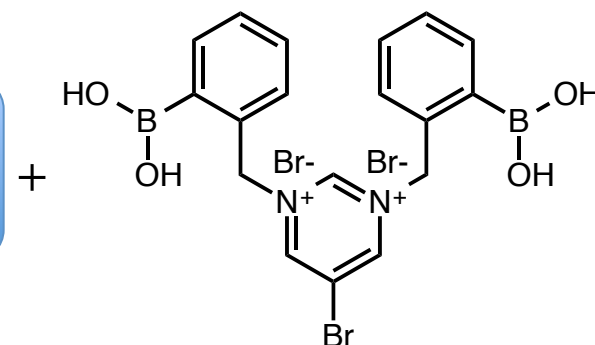
Two-Component Sensing – Fluorescence Quenching



Excitation and emission spectra of 4 μM 7HC in pH 8.88 buffer solution with increasing DBA1 concentrations up to 0.8 mM (200 eq.); Medium sensitivity; 2.5 nm bandwidth



7HC

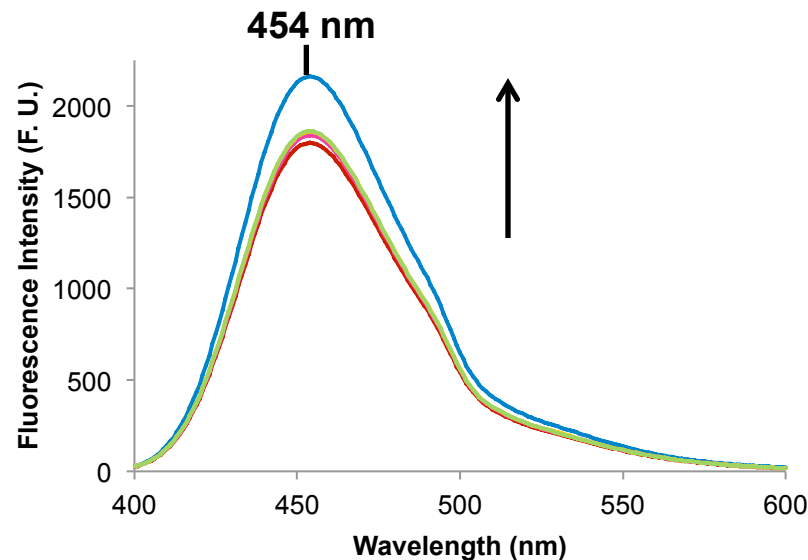
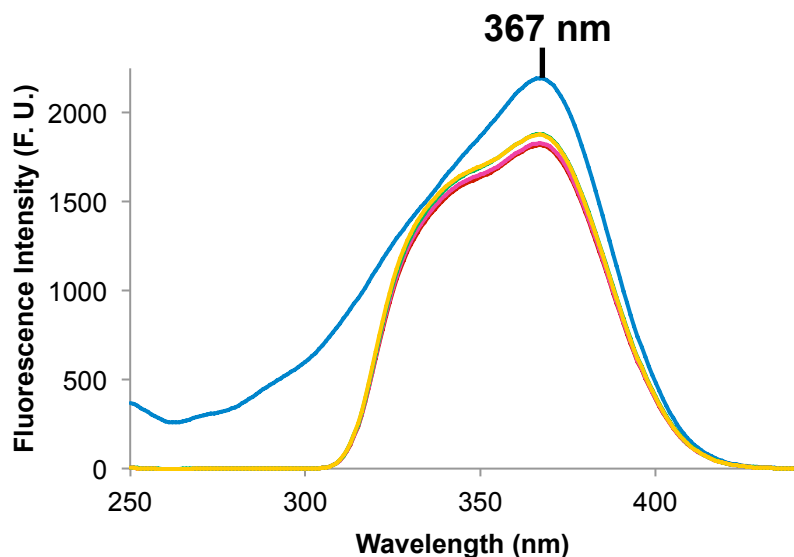


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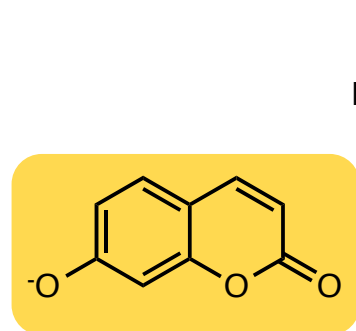
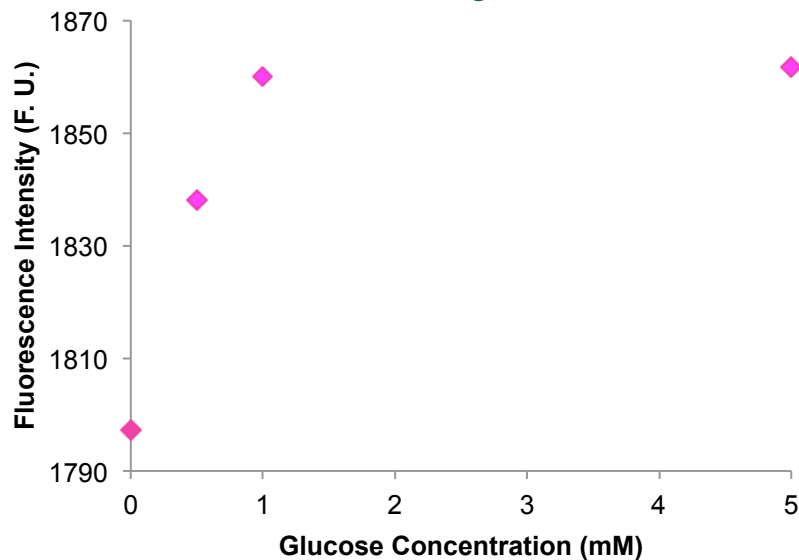
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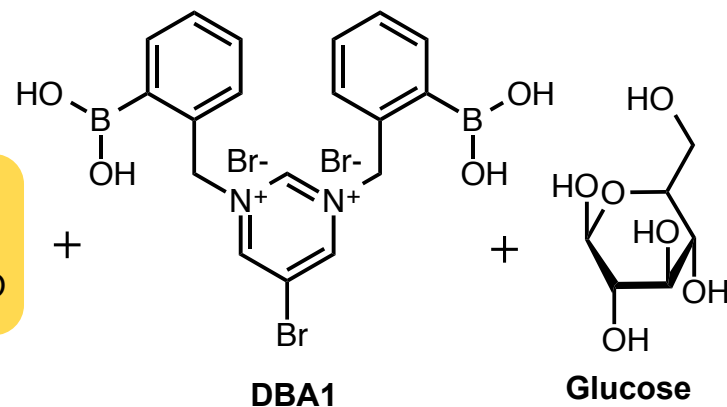
Two-Component Sensing – Fluorescence Recovery



Excitation and emission spectra of 7HC (4 μ M) and DBA2 (700 μ M) (1:175 eq.) in pH 8.12 buffer solution with increasing concentrations of glucose up to 5 mM; Medium sensitivity; 2.5 nm bandwidth



7HC



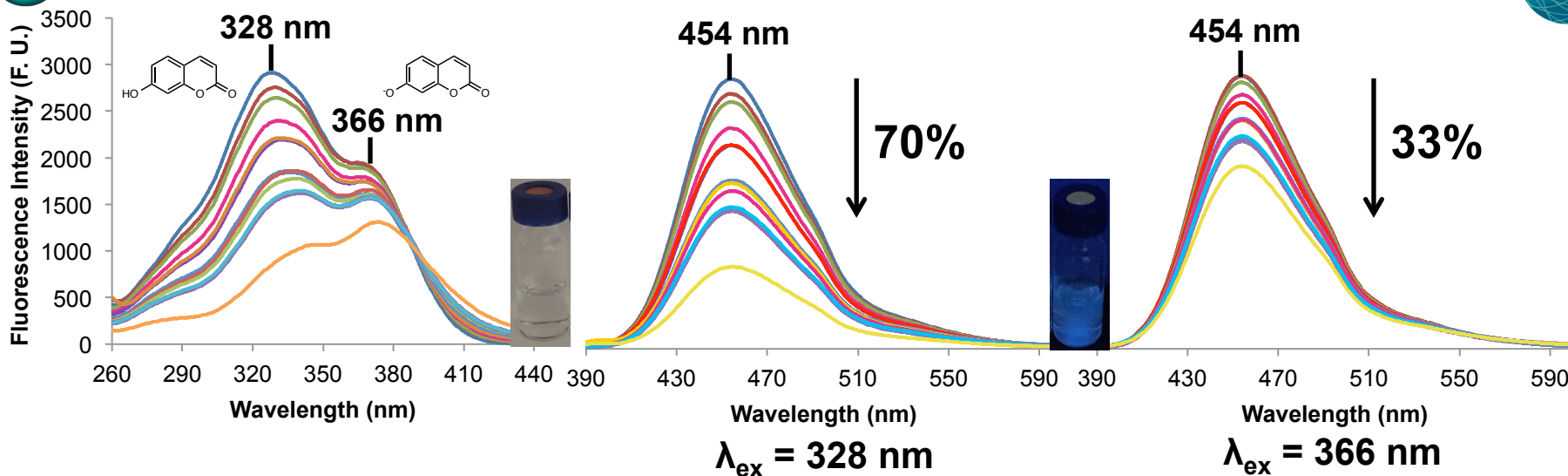
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Glucose

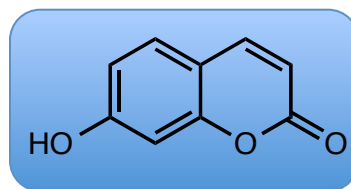
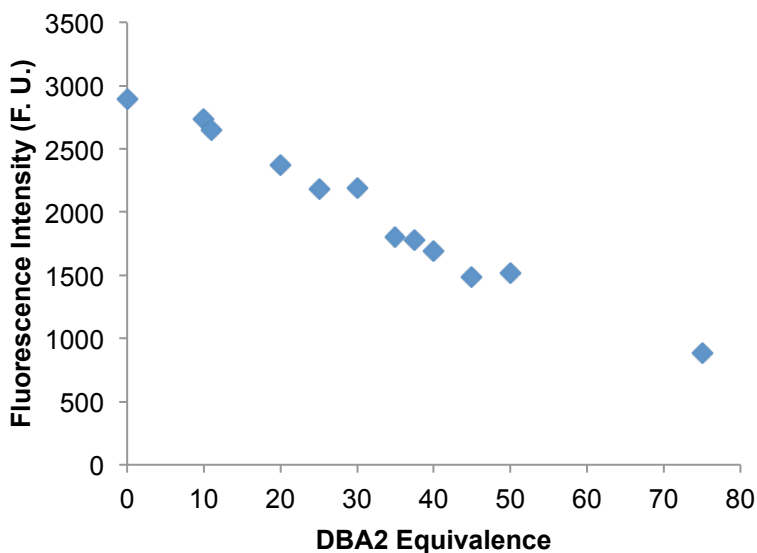
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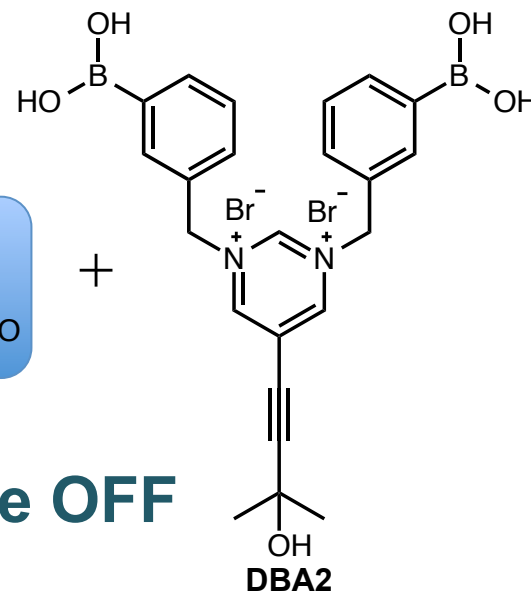
Two-Component Sensing – Fluorescence Quenching



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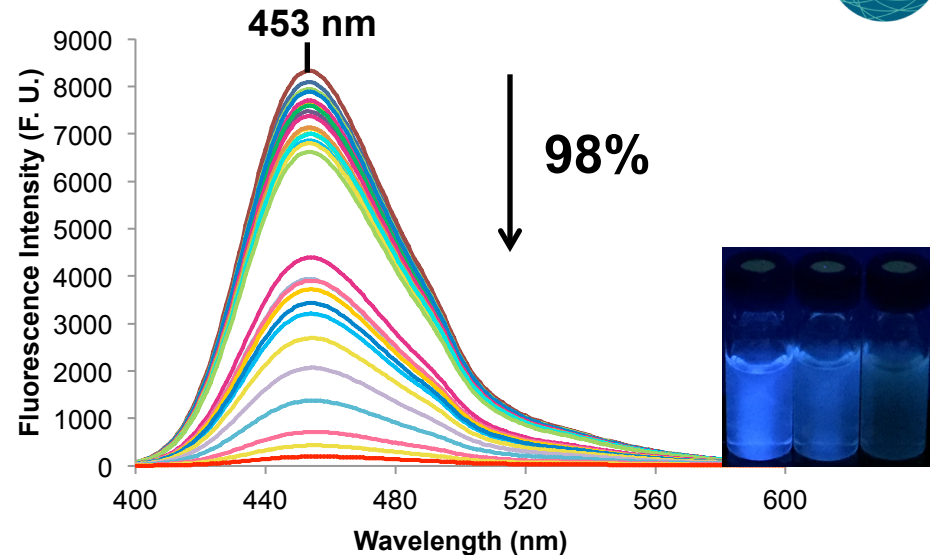
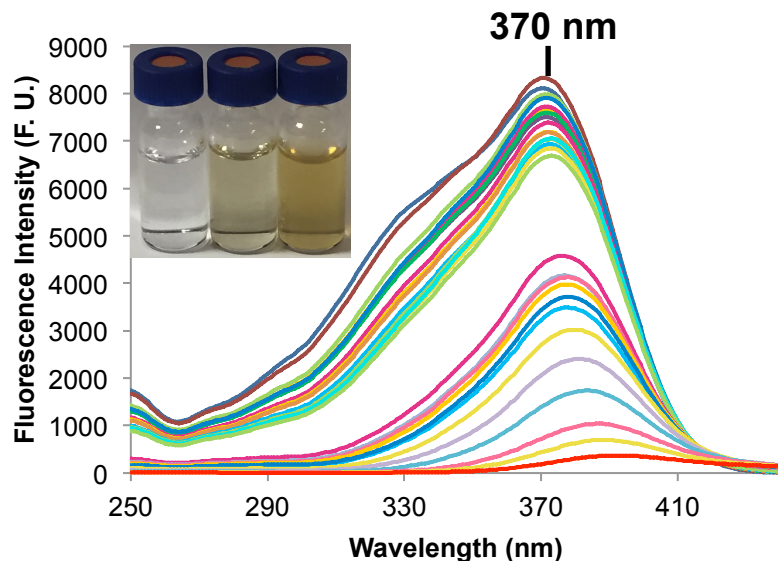


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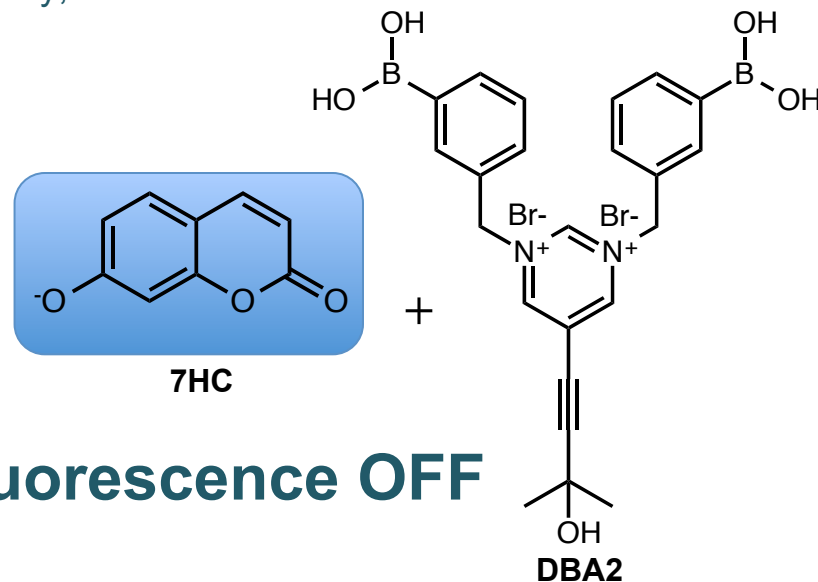
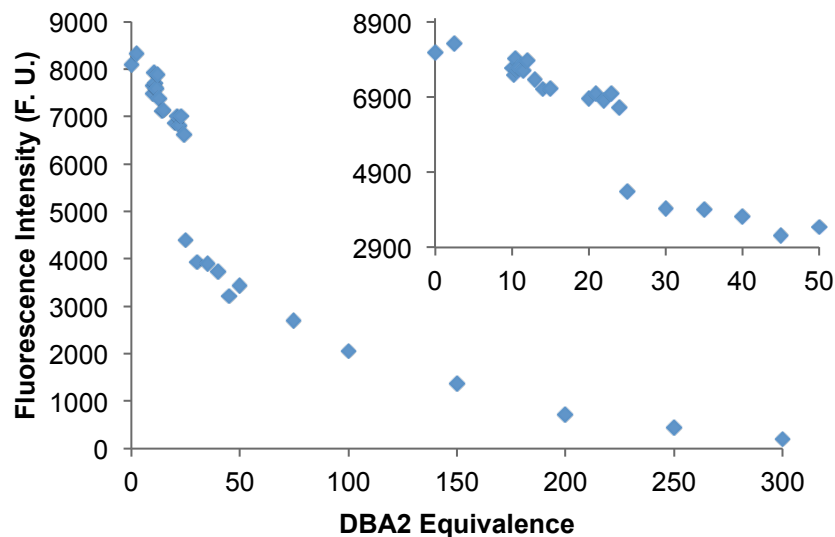




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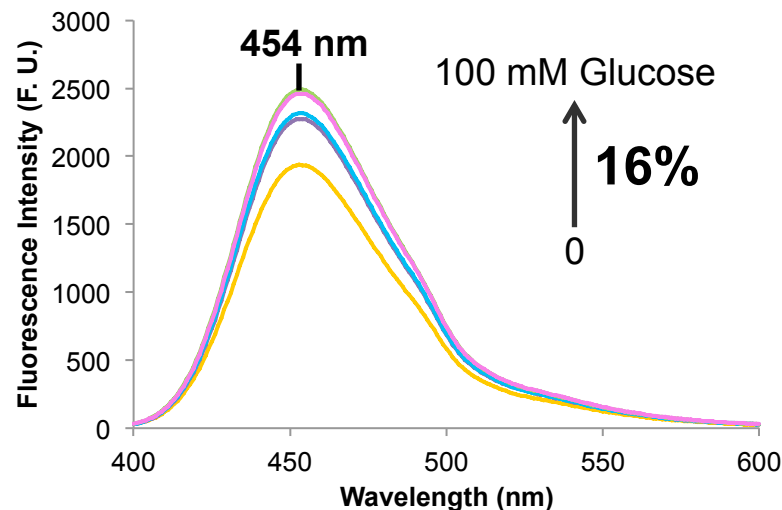
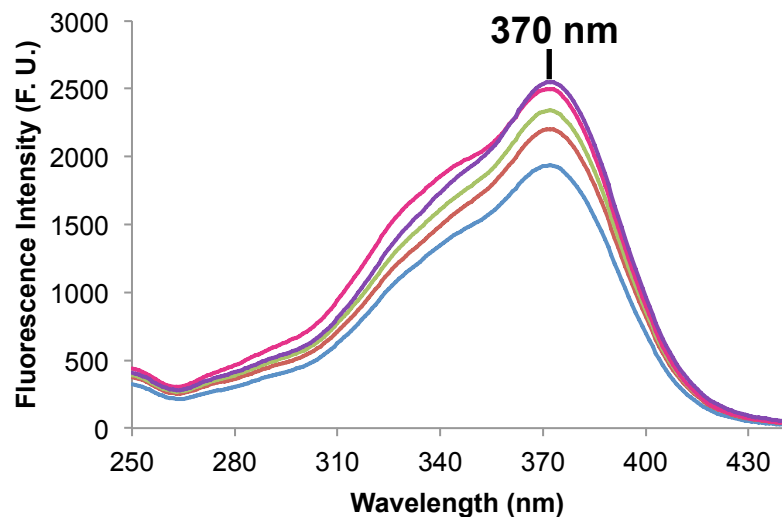
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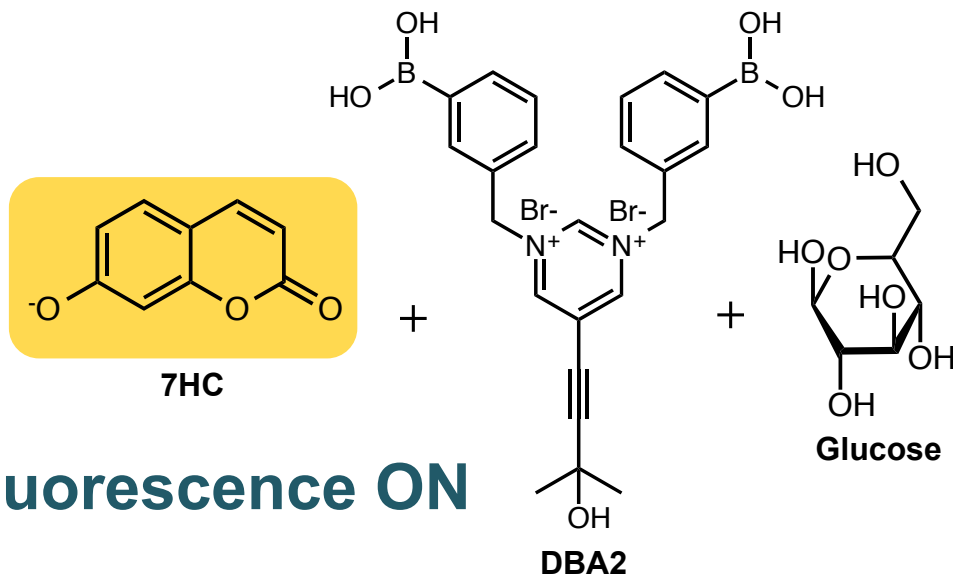
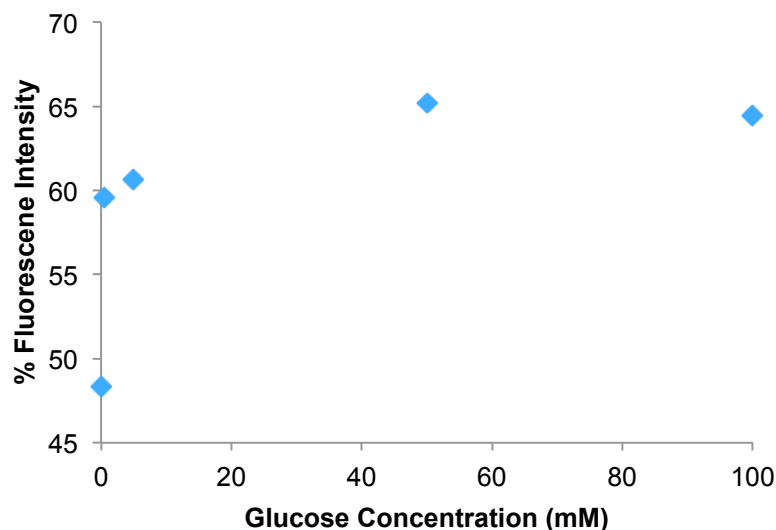
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Excitation and emission spectra of 7HC (4 μ M) and DBA2 (80 μ M) (1:20 eq.) in pH 7.4:MeOH (1:1) (pH 8.6) with increasing concentrations of glucose up to 100 mM; Medium sensitivity; 2.5 nm bandwidth





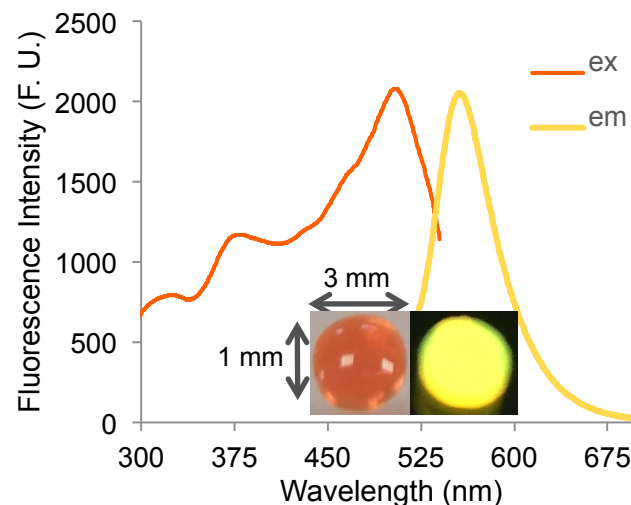
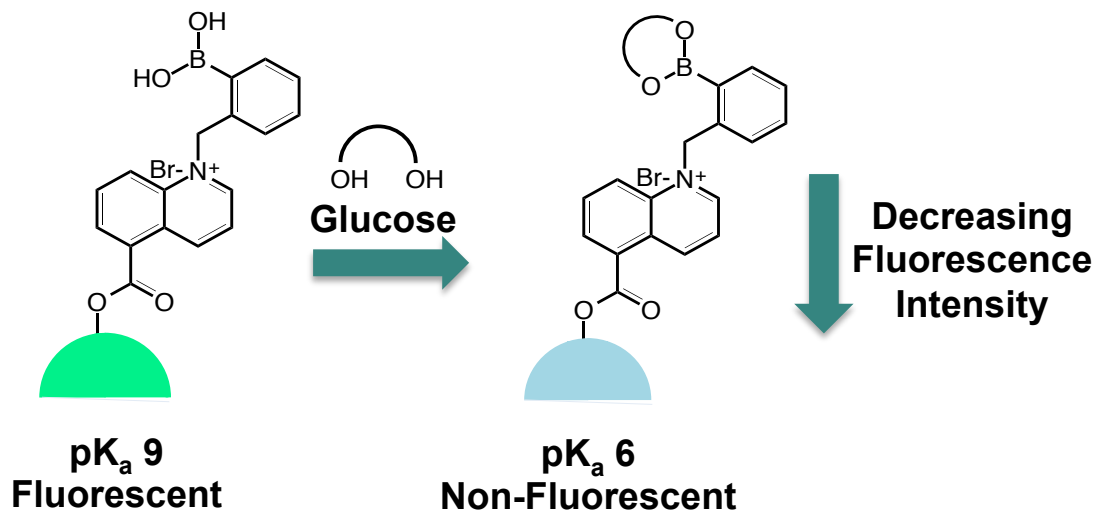
Conclusions and Future Work

Conclusions

- Novel BAs are capable of direct and indirect glucose sensing
- -COOH substituent for desired anchoring possibilities
- Two-Component Sensing depends on the pK_a of the fluorophore and hence, the pH of the buffer solution

Future Work

- Immobilisation of the sensors on to a lens-like platform
- The incorporation of the two component sensing system in to ionogels





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