

## Supporting Information

### Progress Towards Colorimetric and Fluorescent Detection of Carbonyl Sulfide

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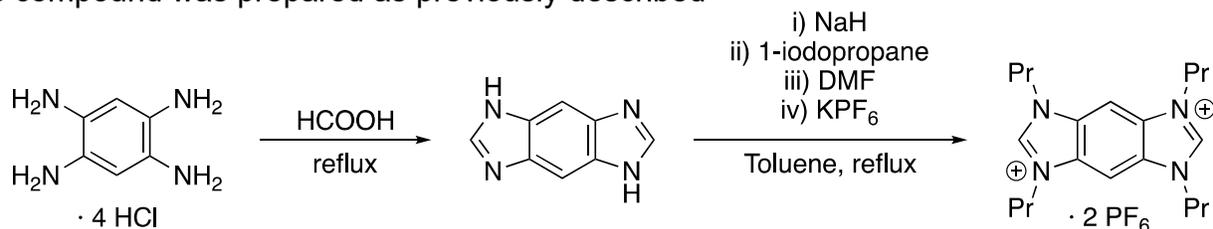
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## Materials and Methods

Reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, TCI, Fisher Scientific, or Combi-Blocks and used as received. Non-fritted gas washing bottles were purchased from ChemGlass (CG-1112). UV-Vis spectra were acquired on a Cary 100 spectrophotometer equipped with a Quantum Northwest TLC-42 dual cuvette temperature controller set at  $25.00 \pm 0.05$  °C. Fluorescence spectra were obtained on a Quanta Master 40 spectrofluorometer (Photon Technology International) equipped with a Quantum Northwest TLC-50 temperature controller set at  $25.00 \pm 0.05$  °C. Air-free manipulations were performed under an inert atmosphere using an Innovative Atmospheres N<sub>2</sub>-filled glove box. IR spectroscopy was performed with a Bruker Alpha Compact FT-IR spectrometer equipped with an ATR accessory.

## Synthesis of TBBi

This compound was prepared as previously described<sup>1</sup>



## Synthesis and Purification of Carbonyl Sulfide (COS)

This procedure was adapted and modified from a previous report.<sup>2</sup>

KSCN (25 g, 0.26 mol) was dissolved in deionized H<sub>2</sub>O (150 mL) and added to a closed addition funnel. Concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (50 mL) and a stir bar were added to a three-necked round bottom flask. KOH (100 g, 1.78 mol) was dissolved in deionized H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) and added to the first gas washing bottle. Aniline (25 mL, 0.27 mol) was dissolved in anhydrous ethanol (75 mL) and added to the second gas washing bottle. Ice chips were added directly to the third gas washing bottle. Concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (50 mL) was added directly to the fourth gas washing bottle. A sulfide-quenching solution containing Zn(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (24 g, 0.13 mol), sodium citrate dihydrate (2.25 g, 7.65 mmol), NaOH (1.66 g, 41.5 mmol), and bleach (300 mL) was added to a 1 L graduated cylinder. The solution was filled to 1 L with deionized H<sub>2</sub>O. The gas washing bottles were sealed with vacuum grease and the system was assembled as shown below (**Figure S1**).



**Figure S1.** Assembled glassware for synthesis and purification of COS.

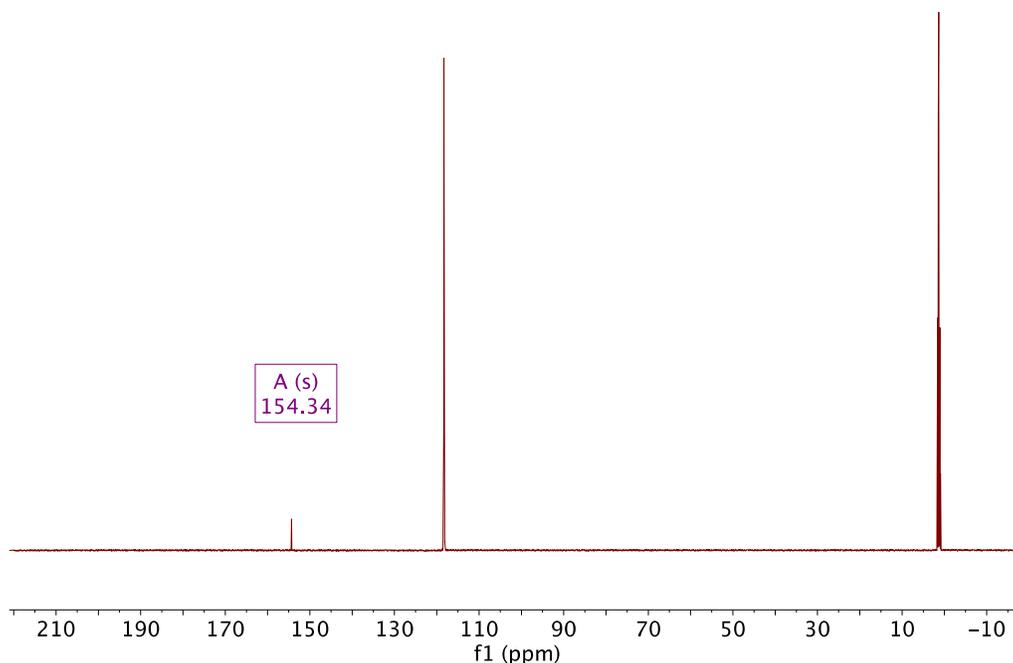
The assembled system was charged with a stream of nitrogen and sparged for approximately 1 hour. The potassium thiocyanate and concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solutions were both sparged for 30 min. To begin the synthesis of COS, nitrogen sparging was stopped and aqueous potassium thiocyanate was added dropwise to concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

**Note:** *This reaction is very exothermic.*

The purified COS was collected in a 500 mL round bottom, Schlenk storage flask with a Teflon Kontes screw valve with a 14/20 sidearm joint. After approximately two-thirds of the potassium thiocyanate solution was added, the storage flask was sealed, and the excess COS gas was bubbled directly into the sulfide-quenching solution.

The purity of the synthesized COS (g) could be assessed by <sup>13</sup>C NMR (**Figure S2**). The gas was bubbled directly into an NMR tube containing 0.5 mL CD<sub>3</sub>CN briefly.

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} (126 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN), δ (ppm): 154.34.



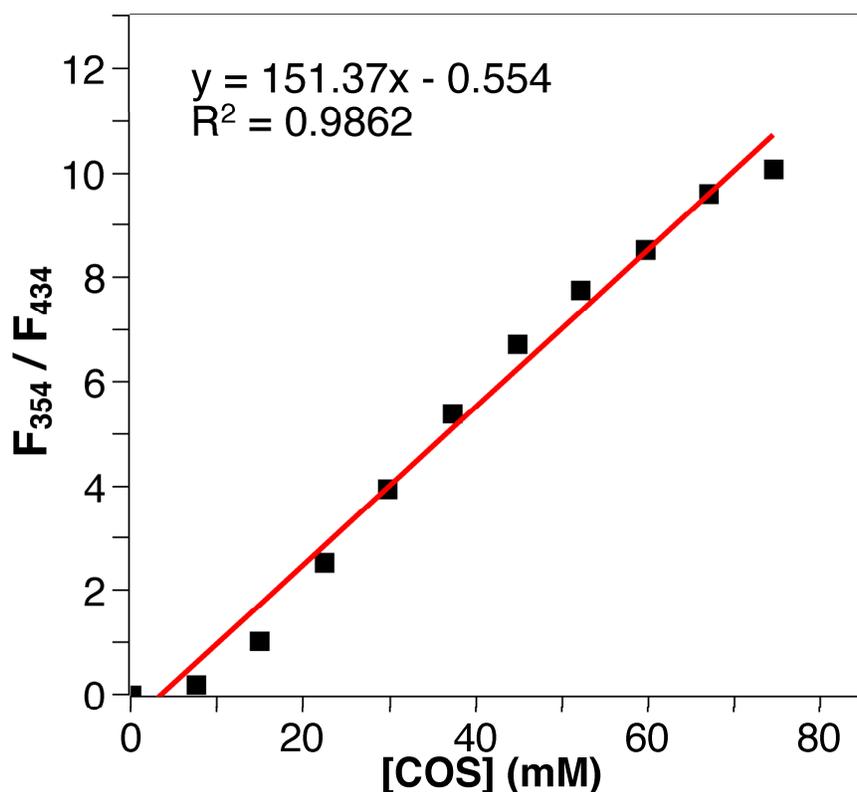
**Figure S2.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of COS (g) in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

**General Procedure for UV-Vis Measurements**

A septum-sealed cuvette was charged with 3.00 mL of MeCN containing 1% (v/v) deionized H<sub>2</sub>O and 20 μL of 2.5 mM **TBBI** in anhydrous MeCN for a final concentration of 15 μM **TBBI**. An initial UV-Vis absorbance spectrum was recorded (250-450 nm). A 6.75 mM solution of TBAF in anhydrous MeCN was prepared *via* dilution of 1.0 M TBAF in THF and 40 μL was added to the cuvette solution for a final concentration of 90 μM TBAF (6.0 equiv.) Another UV-Vis absorbance spectrum was recorded (250-450 nm). A 5.0 mL gastight Hamilton syringe was charged with COS (g) and added in 0.5 mL increments to the cuvette solution. A UV-Vis absorbance spectrum was recorded (250-450 nm) between additions.

### General Procedure for Fluorescence Intensity Measurements

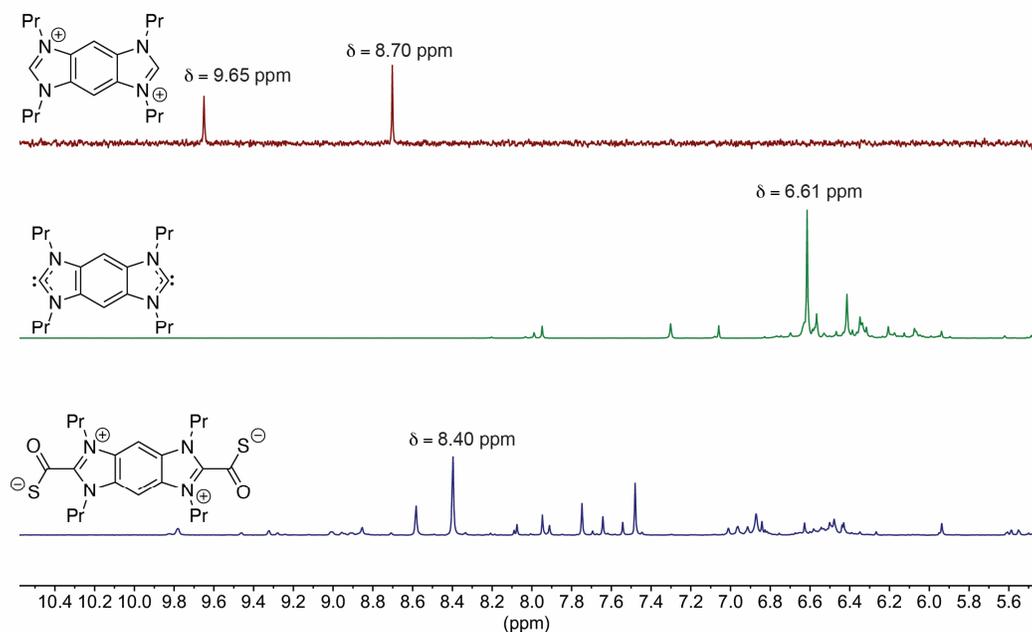
A septum-sealed cuvette was charged with 3.00 mL of MeCN containing 1% (v/v) deionized H<sub>2</sub>O and 20 μL of 2.5 mM **TBBI** in anhydrous MeCN for a final concentration of 15 μM **TBBI**. An initial fluorescence spectrum was recorded ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 321 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 330\text{-}600 \text{ nm}$ ). A 6.75 mM solution of TBAF in anhydrous MeCN was prepared *via* dilution of 1.0 M TBAF in THF and 40 μL was added to the cuvette solution for a final concentration of 90 μM TBAF (6.0 equiv.) Another fluorescence spectrum was recorded ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 321 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 330\text{-}600 \text{ nm}$ ). A 5.0 mL gastight Hamilton syringe was charged with COS (g) and added in 0.5 mL increments to the cuvette solution. A fluorescence measurement was recorded ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 321 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 330\text{-}600 \text{ nm}$ ) between additions.



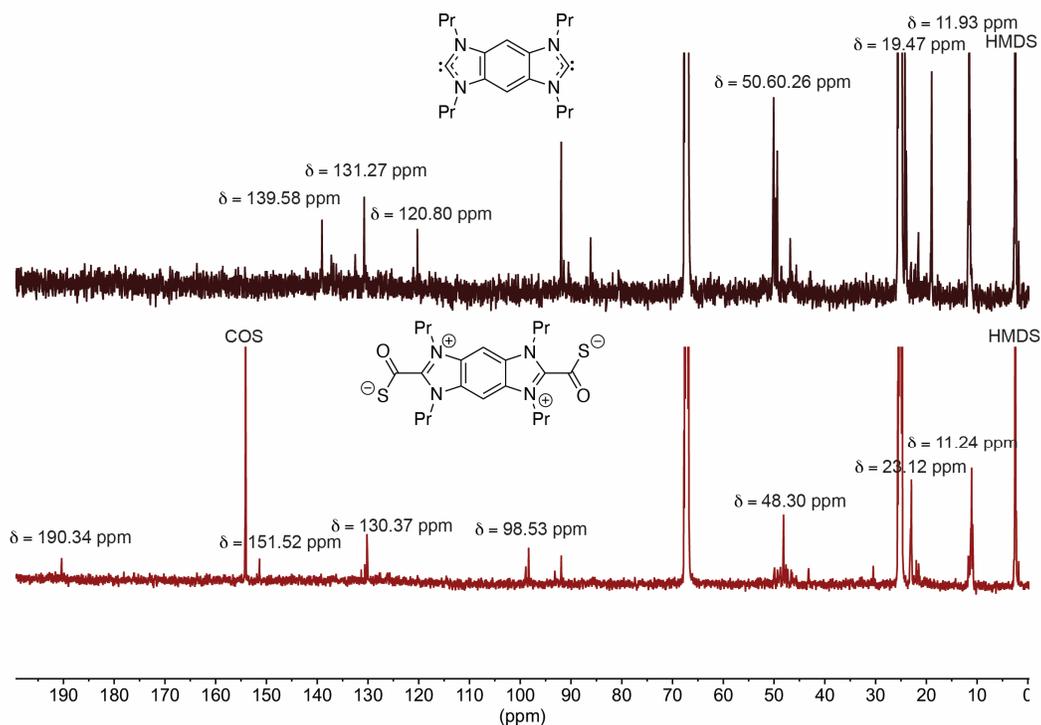
**Figure S3.** Plot of COS concentrations (mM) against the ratio of fluorescence intensities at 354 and 434 nm.

### Synthesis of TBBI•COS Adduct (TBBI•(COS)<sub>2</sub>)

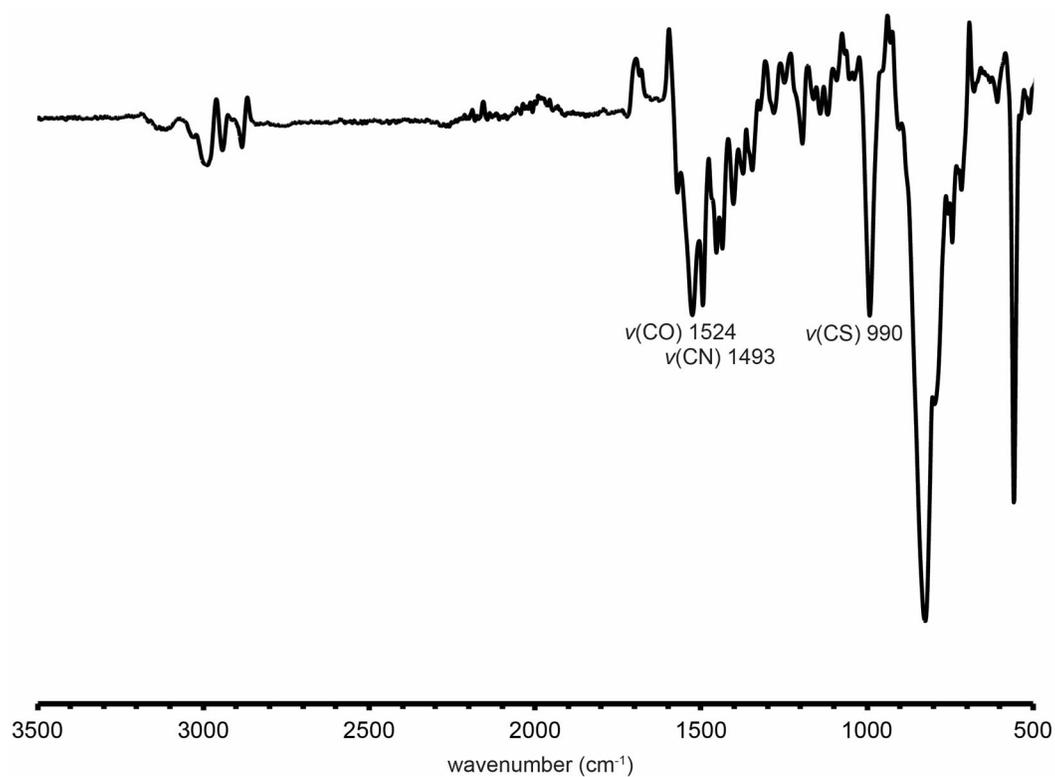
In an N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox, a 20 mL scintillation vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with **TBBI** (30.8 mg, 0.0467 mmol) and 1.35 mL THF-d<sub>8</sub> (34.4 mM). To this slurry was added ~2.0 equiv. KHMDS (20.8 mg, 0.104 mmol) while stirring and the reaction immediately began to turn orange. After 30 minutes, the dark orange homogeneous solution was transferred to a septum sealed NMR tube. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra were acquired. Under positive N<sub>2</sub> pressure, ~10 equiv. COS (g) (10 mL, 0.446 mmol) was added *via* a gas tight syringe causing the solution to immediately turn dark brown. After 30 min, the reaction solution was a light orange/yellow color. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra were acquired. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and an IR spectrum was obtained under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere (Figure S4, Figure S5, Figure S6).



**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{THF-d}_8$  of (a) **TBBI** (b) **TBBI** after the addition of KHMDS (c) **TBBI** after the addition of KHMDS and the addition of COS (g).



**Figure S5.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{THF-d}_8$  of (a) **TBBI** after the addition of KHMDS (b) **TBBI** after the addition of KHMDS and the addition of COS (g).



**Figure S6.** IR spectrum (ATR) of **TBBI** after the addition of KHMDS and the addition of COS (g).

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