

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL TO  
**Solvent, substituents and pH effects towards the spectral shifts  
 of some highly colored indicators**

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The chemical structures and the corresponding abbreviations of the six studied indicators are given in Fig. S-1.

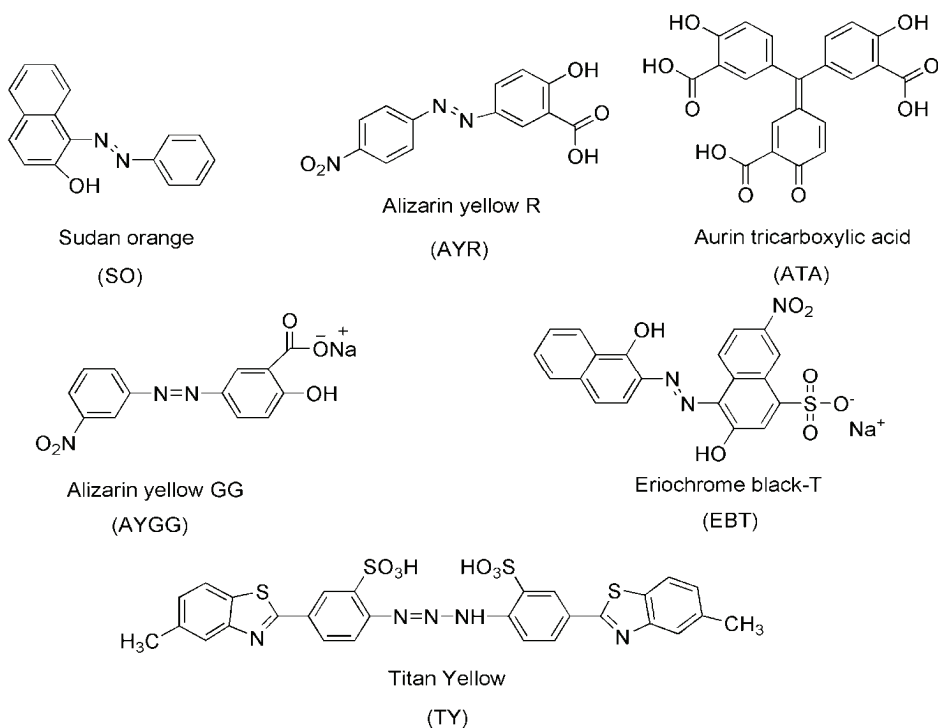


Fig. S-1. Structure of the investigated indicators and their abbreviations.

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### The pH effect on the absorption spectra

A representative example for the effect of pH on the absorption spectra of AYGG is given Fig. S-2.

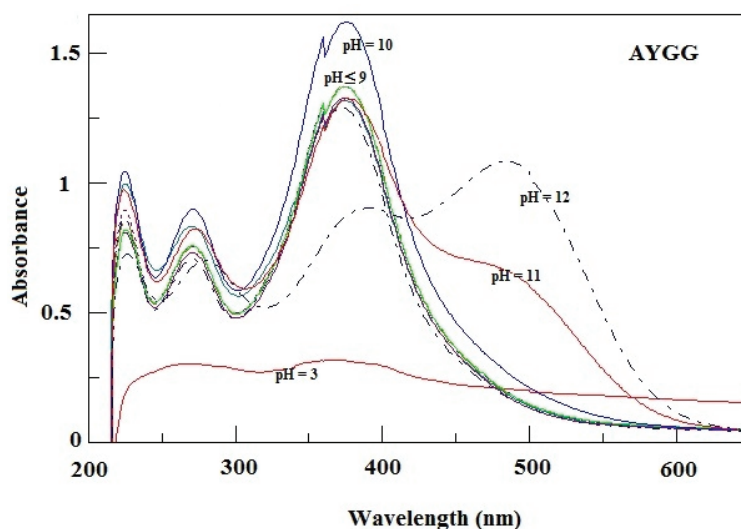


Fig. S-2. Effect of pH on the electronic absorption spectra of  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  M of AYGG.

### The solvent parameters

TABLE S-I. The Physical parameters for the solvents

Solvent	Dioxane	Ethanol	DMF	DMSO	Acetone	Acetonitrile	H <sub>2</sub> O
<i>n</i>	1.422	1.361	1.427	1.478	1.359	1.344	1.333
<i>D</i>	2.2	24.3	36.7	48.9	20.7	37.5	78.5
<i>K</i>	0.223	0.470	0.480	0.485	0.465	0.48	0.491
<i>M</i>	0.203	0.181	0.204	0.221	0.180	0.175	0.171
<i>N</i>	0.031	0.665	0.666	0.658	0.648	0.712	0.757
<i>E</i>	36.0	51.9	43.8	45.0	42.2	46.0	63.1
<i>J</i>	0.286	0.886	0.922	0.941	0.868	0.924	0.963
<i>H</i>	0.254	0.221	0.257	0.283	0.220	0.212	0.206
<i>β</i>	0.37	0.77	0.69	0.76	0.48	0.31	0.47
<i>α</i>	0.00	0.83	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.19	1.17
<i>π*</i>	0.55	0.54	0.87	1.00	0.71	0.75	1.09

*The regression data for the indicator*

TABLE S-II. Regression analysis data for  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  bands for SO indicator

Parameter	$a_0$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	MCC	P
$Y_1$							
<i>K</i>	314.092	-10.037				0.281	0.358
<i>M</i>	292.304	89.085				0.585	0.132
<i>N</i>	312.171	-4.339				0.334	0.307
<i>E</i>	323.149	-0.300				0.621	0.113
<i>K,M</i>	297.235	-7.851	81.069			0.752	0.248
<i>K,N</i>	287.678	115.606	-49.984			0.614	0.386
<i>K,E</i>	325.008	6.196	-0.401			0.657	0.343
<i>M,N</i>	296.353	77.102	-3.104			0.745	0.255
<i>M,E</i>	307.574	58.557	-0.208			0.816	0.184
<i>N,E</i>	325.651	1.880	-0.379			0.640	0.360
<i>K,M,N</i>	338.248	-411.615	297.965	162.954		0.925	0.345
<i>K,M,E</i>	307.498	-9.85E-02	58.732	-0.206		0.816	0.529
<i>K,N,E</i>	304.406	85.937	-33.453	-0.294		0.780	0.575
<i>M,N,E</i>	307.699	58.381	5.84E-02	-0.211		0.816	0.529
$Y_2$							
<i>K</i>	416.508	-9.860				0.009	0.844
<i>M</i>	317.234	498.397				0.787	0.008
<i>N</i>	416.989	-8.196				0.039	0.672
<i>E</i>	451.818	-0.847				0.490	0.080
<i>K,M</i>	303.480	18.850	526.797			0.816	0.034
<i>K,N</i>	227.867	882.599	-349.177			0.896	0.011
<i>K,E</i>	444.992	52.666	-1.199			0.649	0.123
<i>M,N</i>	306.622	533.118	6.765			0.810	0.036
<i>M,E</i>	351.369	405.771	-0.352			0.845	0.024
<i>N,E</i>	457.490	18.886	-1.206			0.609	0.153
<i>K,M,N</i>	243.283	639.102	177.567	-250.122		0.916	0.040
<i>K,M,E</i>	349.573	47.246	388.287	-0.689		0.943	0.008
<i>K,N,E</i>	269.565	741.252	-286.940	-0.340		0.919	0.038
<i>M,N,E</i>	356.298	409.369	19.379	-0.716		0.969	0.009
<i>K,M,N,E</i>	329.412	187.900	325.422	-58.246	-0.597	0.974	0.051

TABLE S-III. Regression analysis data for  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  bands for AYR indicator

Parameter	$a_0$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	MCC	P
$Y_1$							
<i>K</i>	278.210	52.012				0.640	0.056
<i>M</i>	291.506	49.406				0.020	0.790
<i>N</i>	289.814	19.237				0.582	0.078
<i>E</i>	294.136	0.144				0.037	0.716
<i>K,M</i>	249.686	58.602	133.406			0.774	0.107
<i>K,N</i>	242.474	221.207	-66.036			0.724	0.145
<i>K,E</i>	287.856	75.086	-0.415			0.818	0.078
<i>M,N</i>	254.429	170.495	23.745			0.786	0.099

TABLE S-III. Continued

Parameter	$a_0$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	MCC	P
$Y_1$							
<i>M,E</i>	250.198	168.840	0.385			0.166	0.761
<i>N,E</i>	307.157	31.277	-0.511			0.815	0.079
<i>K,M,N</i>	288.769	-397.975	415.403	183.635		0.825	0.251
<i>K,M,E</i>	273.621	72.229	55.620	-0.314		0.831	0.243
<i>K,N,E</i>	294.849	48.010	11.358	-0.451		0.819	0.259
<i>M,N,E</i>	282.135	94.008	29.937	-0.349		0.854	0.211
<i>K,M,N,E</i>	370.372	-802.391	535.333	356.551	-0.588	0.977	0.225
$Y_2$							
<i>K</i>	379.351	28.895				0.398	0.129
<i>M</i>	415.873	-124.617				0.268	0.234
<i>N</i>	384.916	12.222				0.471	0.089
<i>E</i>	379.131	0.278				0.287	0.215
<i>K,M</i>	398.304	24.081	-88.336			0.522	0.229
<i>K,N</i>	424.896	-186.579	84.305			0.680	0.103
<i>K,E</i>	376.264	22.118	0.130			0.158	0.315
<i>M,N</i>	399.884	-72.301	10.193			0.548	0.204
<i>M,E</i>	397.919	-75.898	0.185			0.354	0.417
<i>N,E</i>	382.270	10.453	7.880			0.484	0.266
<i>K,M,N</i>	436.429	-368.745	132.843	158.411		0.741	0.205
<i>K,M,E</i>	397.034	23.298	-84.520	1.899		0.044	0.472
<i>K,N,E</i>	458.156	-299.326	133.949	-0.271		0.760	0.184
<i>M,N,E</i>	400.555	-73.974	10.364	-9.684E-03		0.548	0.438
<i>K,M,N,E</i>	503.883	-722.116	248.640	308.684	-0.468	0.934	0.128

TABLE S-IV. Regression analysis data for  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  bands for ATA indicator

Parameter	$a_0$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	MCC	P
$Y_1$							
<i>K</i>	277.052	58.079				0.767	0.022
<i>M</i>	307.047	-23.663				0.004	0.901
<i>N</i>	289.746	21.932				0.727	0.031
<i>E</i>	290.565	0.251				0.107	0.528
<i>K,M</i>	263.341	61.247	64.127			0.797	0.092
<i>K,N</i>	256.988	153.074	-37.076			0.792	0.095
<i>K,E</i>	284.264	75.332	-0.310			0.862	0.051
<i>M,N</i>	268.593	101.924	24.627			0.797	0.091
<i>M,E</i>	265.345	96.912	0.389			0.148	0.787
<i>N,E</i>	303.739	31.646	-0.412			0.873	0.045
<i>K,M,N</i>	267.393	13.901	93.369	19.042		0.797	0.288
<i>K,M,E</i>	290.157	76.514	-23.026	-0.352		0.864	0.196
<i>K,N,E</i>	306.314	-10.043	35.813	4.000		0.873	0.184
<i>M,N,E</i>	298.825	18.463	31.383	-0.380		0.874	0.182
<i>K,M,N,E</i>	333.112	-311.794	189.954	158.299	-0.473	0.892	0.475

TABLE S-IV. Continued

Parameter	$a_0$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	MCC	P
	$Y_2$						
<i>K</i>	395.774	-2.715				0.004	0.888
<i>M</i>	381.445	68.929				0.102	0.486
<i>N</i>	395.625	-1.782				0.012	0.812
<i>E</i>	409.108	-0.310				0.445	0.102
<i>K,M</i>	380.618	1.135	70.639			0.102	0.806
<i>K,N</i>	364.235	146.492	-58.378			0.172	0.686
<i>K,E</i>	406.428	20.673	-0.448			0.610	0.152
<i>M,N</i>	381.167	69.841	0.178			0.102	0.807
<i>M,E</i>	413.732	-18.680	-0.333			0.450	0.303
<i>N,E</i>	411.825	9.050	-0.482			0.628	0.138
<i>K,M,N</i>	359.967	213.910	-49.164	-85.804		0.183	0.875
<i>K,M,E</i>	412.932	21.042	-26.467	-0.483		0.620	0.349
<i>K,N,E</i>	438.568	-105.482	52.570	-0.606		0.671	0.287
<i>M,N,E</i>	416.029	-17.003	9.030	-0.503		0.633	0.333
<i>K,M,N,E</i>	461.618	-318.611	125.339	140.654	-0.705	0.726	0.473

TABLE S-V. Regression analysis data for  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  bands for AYGG indicator

Parameter	$a_0$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	MCC	P
	$Y_1$						
<i>K</i>	262.225	-0.893				0.000	0.969
<i>M</i>	232.235	154.026				0.444	0.149
<i>N</i>	262.764	-1.600				0.009	0.856
<i>E</i>	270.978	-0.192				0.149	0.449
<i>K,M</i>	227.077	7.227	164.386			0.470	0.386
<i>K,N</i>	207.004	260.556	-102.042			0.463	0.394
<i>K,E</i>	269.581	16.704	-0.316			0.238	0.665
<i>M,N</i>	227.773	168.598	2.857			0.469	0.387
<i>M,E</i>	226.827	169.662	5.045			0.449	0.409
<i>N,E</i>	273.380	5.769	-0.313			0.210	0.702
<i>K,M,N</i>	218.124	111.824	99.783	-42.069		0.476	0.672
<i>K,M,E</i>	229.644	8.689	156.042	-3.368		0.471	0.676
<i>K,N,E</i>	204.243	269.686	-106.121	2.378		0.463	0.685
<i>M,N,E</i>	230.533	160.977	3.474	-3.474		0.471	0.677
<i>K,M,N,E</i>	218.371	110.600	100.146	-41.545	-1.780	0.476	0.896
	$Y_2$						
<i>K</i>	374.040	-39.781				0.159	0.376
<i>M</i>	388.693	-169.431				0.104	0.481
<i>N</i>	364.214	-13.167				0.115	0.457
<i>E</i>	360.080	-7.793				0.005	0.883
<i>K,M</i>	427.655	-53.400	-249.885			0.366	0.402
<i>K,N</i>	468.745	-487.830	175.300			0.414	0.343
<i>K,E</i>	367.186	-54.827	0.288			0.201	0.639
<i>M,N</i>	421.536	-276.889	-20.937			0.353	0.419
<i>M,E</i>	429.300	-279.617	-0.419			0.197	0.645

TABLE S-V. Continued

Parameter	$a_0$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$MCC$	$P$
	$Y_2$						
$N,E$	354.093	-19.934	0.301			0.156	0.713
$K,M,N$	466.733	-456.053	-23.173	162.373		0.415	0.608
$K,M,E$	431.245	-260.674	-51.188	-5.367		0.367	0.667
$K,N,E$	532.935	-705.420	271.109	-0.523		0.477	0.529
$M,N,E$	424.142	-283.381	-20.275	-3.759		0.353	0.684
$K,M,N,E$	557.250	-930.240	132.215	364.024	-0.628	0.488	0.762

TABLE S-VI. Regression analysis data for  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  bands for EBT indicator

Parameter	$a_0$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$MCC$	$P$
	$Y_1$						
$K$	292.604	-24.960				0.277	0.283
$M$	277.336	22.536				0.008	0.868
$N$	287.216	-9.543				0.269	0.291
$E$	293.709	-0.253				0.213	0.357
$K,M$	295.651	-25.664	-14.251			0.280	0.611
$K,N$	296.073	-41.386	6.411			0.279	0.612
$K,E$	295.264	-18.596	-0.114			0.303	0.582
$M,N$	293.484	-30.201	-10.342			0.282	0.609
$M,E$	319.778	-100.179	-0.396			0.298	0.588
$N,E$	290.760	-7.083	-0.104			0.288	0.601
$K,M,N$	289.698	43.877	-57.202	-27.970		0.282	0.850
$K,M,E$	315.035	-14.628	-77.250	-0.254		0.350	0.793
$K,N,E$	330.868	-156.449	57.827	-0.300		0.358	0.786
$M,N,E$	313.523	-85.523	-5.863	-0.252		0.358	0.795
$K,M,N,E$	331.456	-163.070	4.168	60.514	-0.301	0.358	0.945
	$Y_2$						
$K$	406.647	-16.443				0.254	0.308
$M$	398.778	3.728				0.000	0.970
$N$	403.180	-6.528				0.254	0.308
$E$	425.142	-0.581				0.789	0.018
$K,M$	410.305	-17.088	-17.440			0.262	0.634
$K,N$	404.526	-6.353	-4.017			0.254	0.644
$K,E$	428.191	12.975	-0.778			0.857	0.054
$M,N$	408.474	-25.851	-7.038			0.271	0.622
$M,E$	441.902	-67.092	-0.666			0.898	0.032
$N,E$	432.249	6.086	-0.819			0.877	0.043
$K,M,N$	387.182	181.010	-109.178	-80.219		0.319	0.820
$K,M,E$	447.011	14.899	-73.530	-0.900		0.986	0.021
$K,N,E$	458.665	-109.310	50.698	-0.911		0.951	0.072
$M,N,E$	448.921	-66.859	6.059	-0.903		0.985	0.022
$K,M,N,E$	444.832	31.449	-80.942	-6.781	-0.895	0.986	0.174

TABLE S-VII. Regression analysis data for  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  bands for TY indicator

Parameter	$a_0$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	MCC	P	
	$Y_1$							
<i>K</i>	441.698	-249.581				0.423	0.235	
<i>M</i>	315.416	32.548				0.054	0.708	
<i>N</i>	352.286	-44.369				0.402	0.251	
<i>E</i>	322.126	-1.052				0.001	0.964	
<i>K,M</i>	437.571	-256.181	38.442			0.497	0.503	
<i>K,N</i>	416.697	-160.021	-26.165			0.508	0.492	
<i>K,E</i>	457.720	-293.802	0.105			0.489	0.511	
<i>M,N</i>	385.178	-73.920	-71.621			0.527	0.473	
<i>M,E</i>	307.423	53.033	8.209			0.081	0.919	
<i>N,E</i>	374.626	-108.172	0.436			0.946	0.054	
<i>K,M,N</i>	-1108.976	7002.622	-3050.621	-1965.685		0.920	0.356	
<i>K,M,E</i>	491.609	-458.300	151.594	0.435		0.993	0.109	
<i>K,N,E</i>	415.892	-105.074	-93.282	0.416		0.991	0.120	
<i>M,N,E</i>	393.261	-44.800	-120.976	0.411		0.991	0.123	
	$Y_2$							
<i>K</i>	280.821	266.019				0.094	0.555	
<i>M</i>	355.899	278.413				0.558	0.088	
<i>N</i>	437.009	-41.882				0.058	0.645	
<i>E</i>	403.565	9.798				0.011	0.841	
<i>K,M</i>	280.611	161.641	266.772			0.591	0.261	
<i>K,N</i>	125.796	811.188	-155.246			0.502	0.351	
<i>K,E</i>	266.602	303.183	-7.385			0.098	0.856	
<i>M,N</i>	311.567	338.076	48.338			0.610	0.244	
<i>M,E</i>	303.972	399.963	0.597			0.870	0.047	
<i>N,E</i>	483.512	-168.709	0.829			0.331	0.548	
<i>K,M,N</i>	670.455	-1444.981	864.913	390.868		0.679	0.441	
<i>K,M,E</i>	465.715	-415.608	504.412	0.962		0.975	0.038	
<i>K,N,E</i>	153.963	873.589	-306.078	0.929		0.841	0.229	
<i>M,N,E</i>	355.892	358.552	-87.805	0.925		0.947	0.079	
<i>K,M,N,E</i>	670.285	-1269.805	821.065	216.230	0.905	1.000	0.011	