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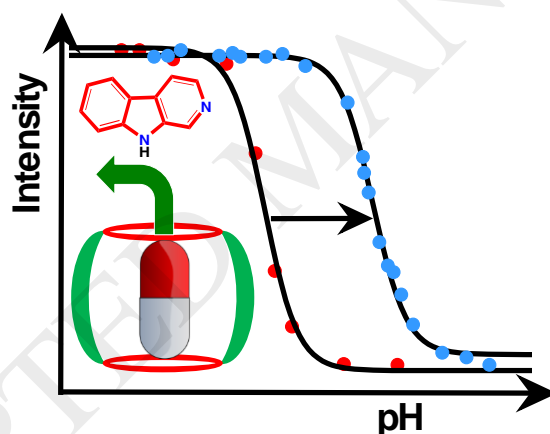
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## Graphical Abstract:



## Highlights

- Micellar environments and cucurbit[7]uril binding modulate  $pK_a$  of Norharmane (NHM)
- Large positive  $pK_a$  shift imparts a remarkable effect on NHM photophysics
- Encapsulation-induced protonation of NHM significantly enhances aqueous solubility

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