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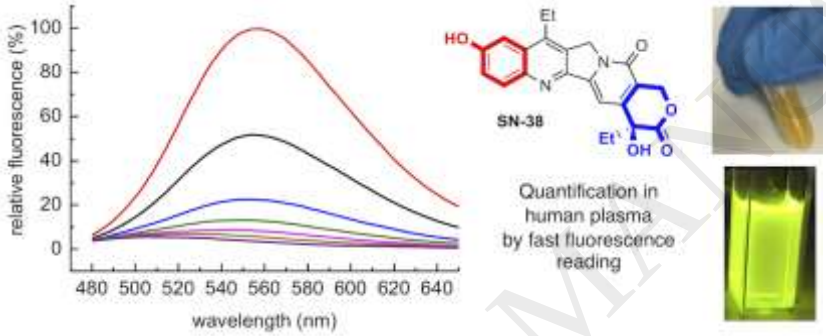
GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



Highlights

- SN-38 is the active metabolite of anticancer drug irinotecan and displays a strong fluorescence emission.
- A fluorimetric assay for the quantification of SN-38 in denatured human plasma was developed.
- A linear range between 10 and 500 ng mL^{-1} with intra- and inter-day precision and accuracy within the 15% tolerance range were obtained.
- The comparison of the fluorescent assay for SN-38 with HPLC-MS showed a good agreement between the two techniques.