

## Supplementary Information

### Distribution of Xanthene Dyes in DPPC Vesicles: Rationally Accounting for Drug Partitioning Using a Membrane Model

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The Förster distance (cm) is given by the equation S1:

$$R_0 = 8.8 \times 10^{-5} (k^2 n^{-4} Q_D J) \quad (S1)$$

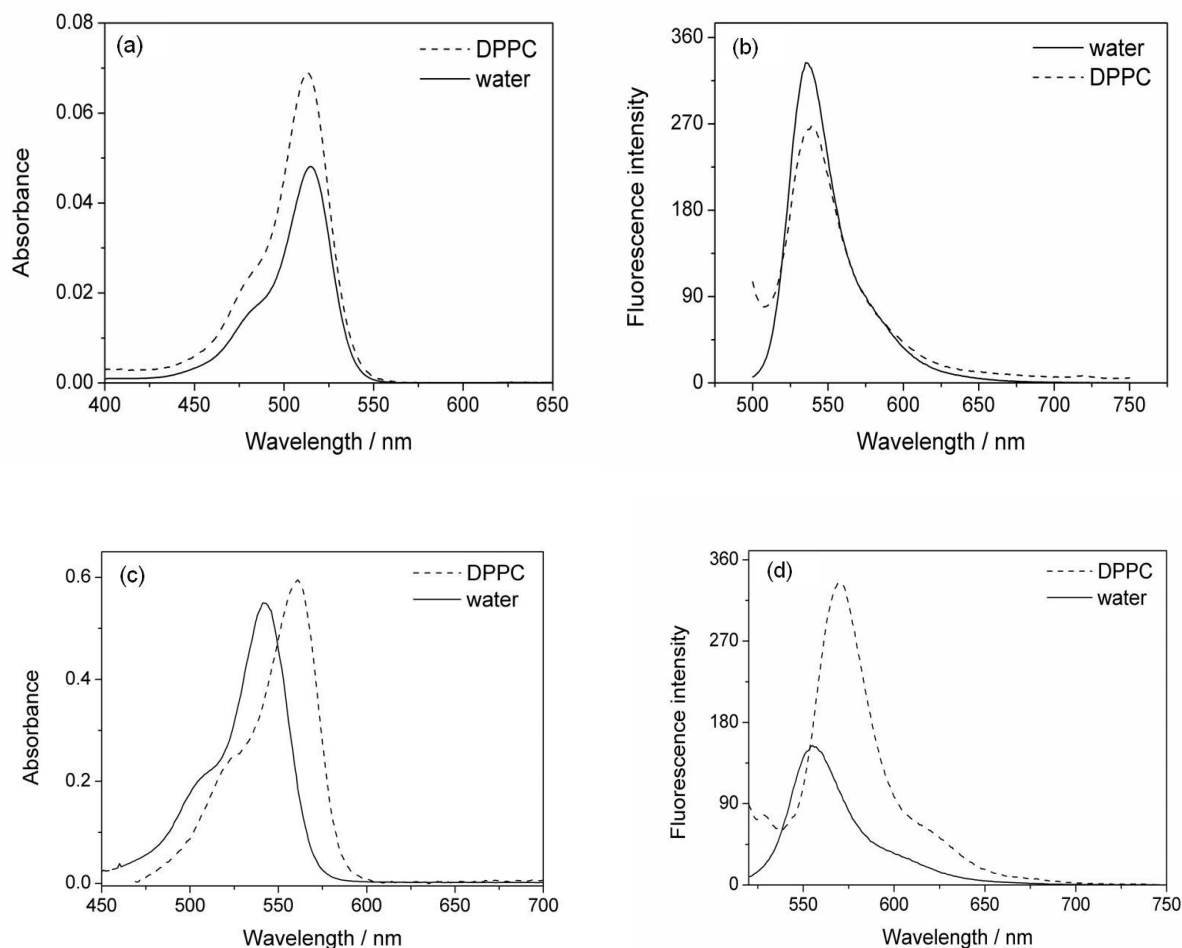
where  $k^2$  is the factor describing the relative orientation in space of the transition dipoles of the donor and acceptor,  $n$  is the refractive index of the medium,  $Q_d$  is the fluorescence quantum yield of the donor in the absence of the acceptor, and  $J$  is the overlap integral between the donor emission and acceptor absorption, as given by equation S2:

$$J = \int_0^{\infty} F_d(\lambda) \varepsilon_a(\lambda) \lambda^4 d\lambda \quad (S2)$$

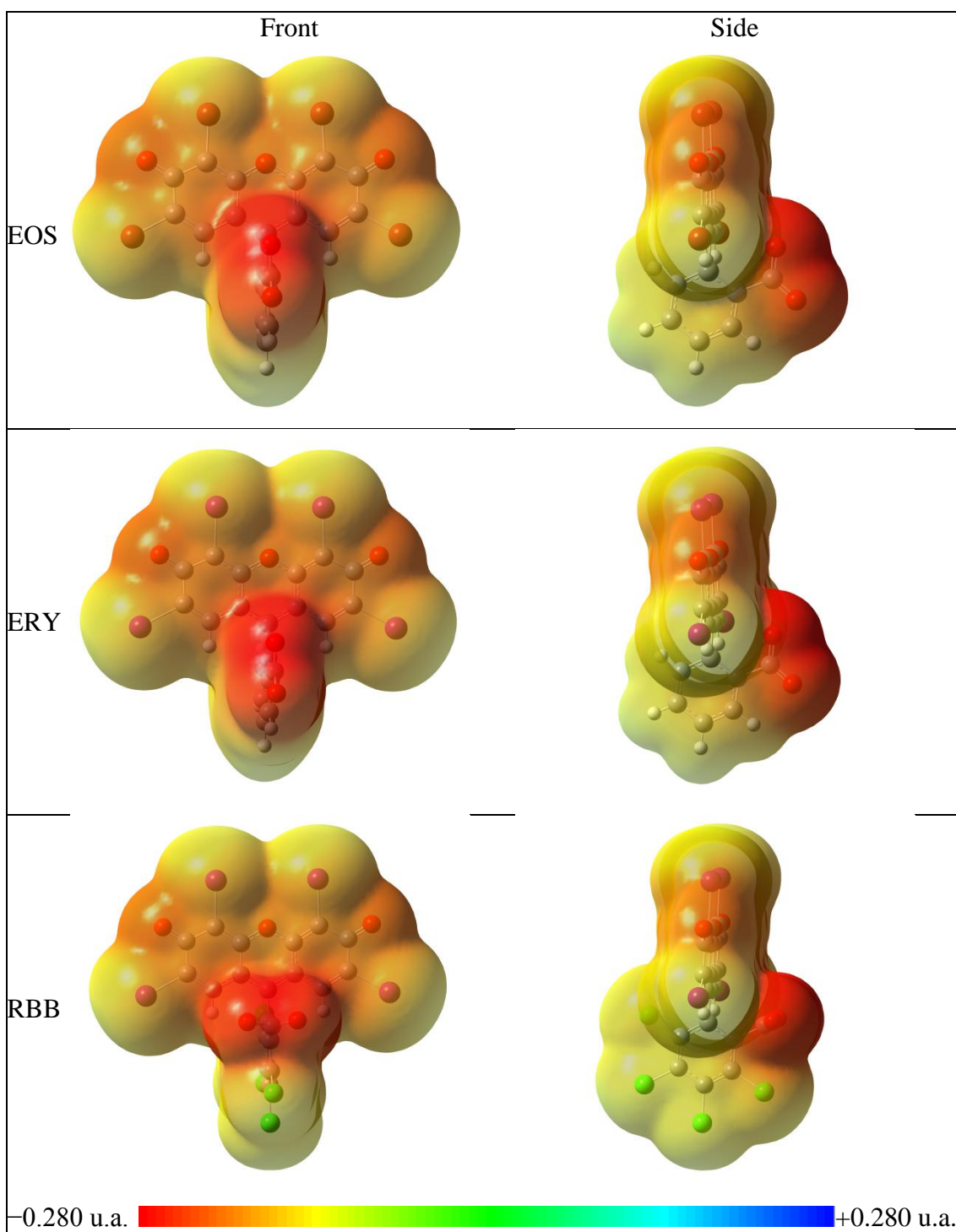
where  $F_d$  is the corrected fluorescence intensity of the donor at wavelength  $\lambda$  to  $\lambda + \Delta\lambda$  with the total intensity normalized to unity, and  $\varepsilon_a$  is the molar absorptivity of the acceptor in absence of the donor (in  $L \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). Equation S3 gives the efficiency of energy transfer.

$$E = 1 - \left( \frac{F_{da}}{F_d} \right) = 1 - \left( \frac{\tau_{da}}{\tau_d} \right) \quad (S3)$$

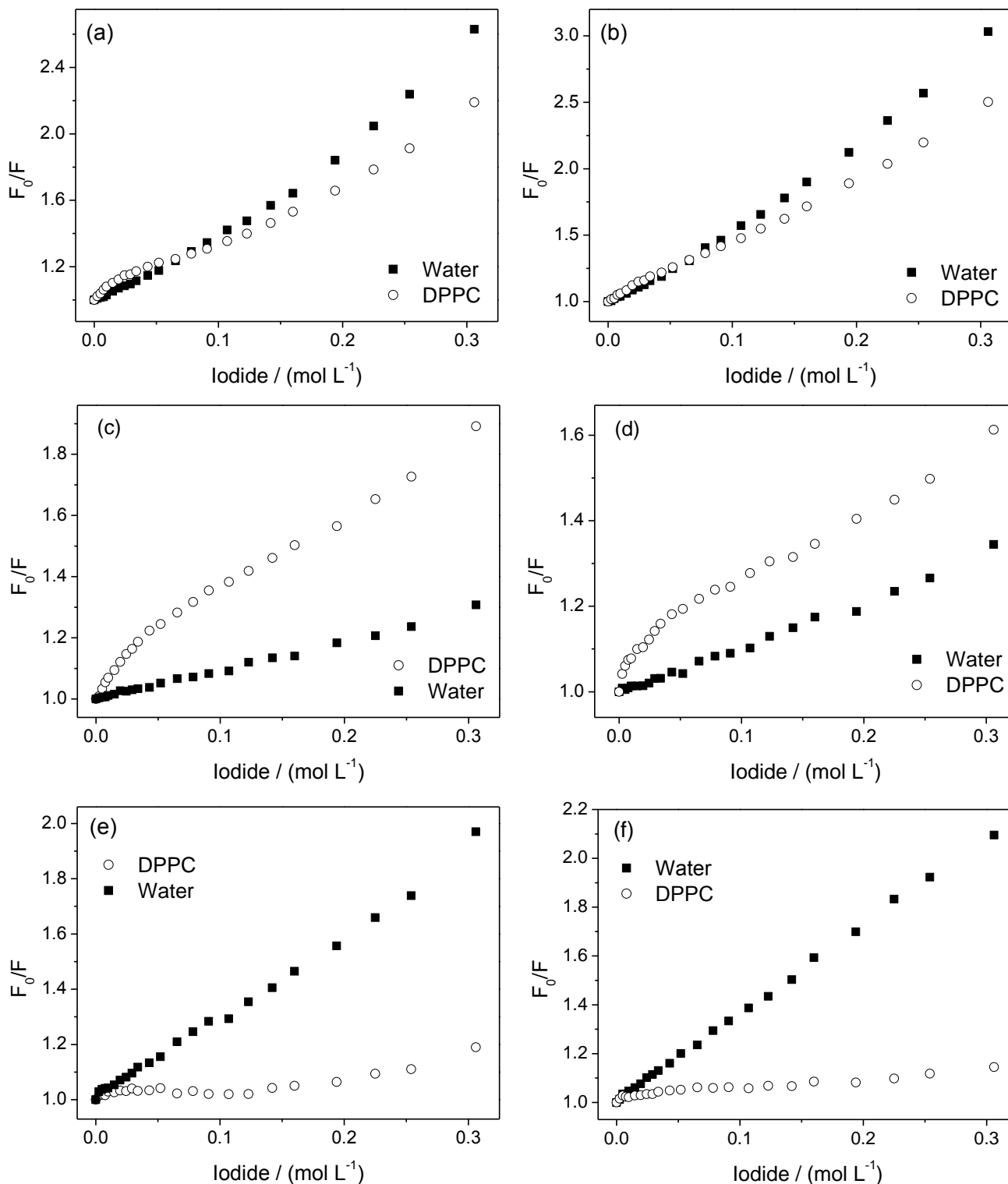
where  $F_{da}$  and  $F_d$  correspond to the static fluorescence intensities of the donor in the presence and absence of acceptor, respectively, and  $\tau_{da}$  and  $\tau_d$  correspond to the fluorescence lifetime of the donor in the presence and absence of the acceptor, respectively.



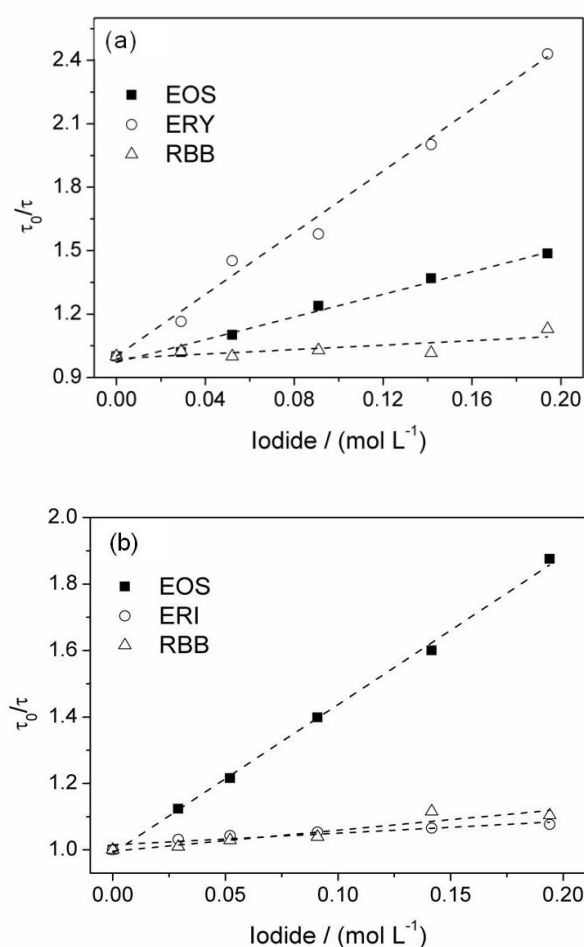
**Figure S1.** Absorption ( $5.00 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ) of (a) EOS and (c) RBB; fluorescence emission ( $5.00 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ) spectra of (b) EOS and (d) RBB in water (solid line) and DPPC vesicle (dashed line) suspension ( $7.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ). The excitation wavelength used was 480 and 500 nm for EOS and RBB, respectively. pH 7.25,  $I = 0.10 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  at 30.0 °C.



**Figure S2.** Electrostatic potential maps to EOS, ERY and RB generated with electron density from total SCF density, mapped with ESP.



**Figure S3.** Stern-Volmer plot for EOS (a) 30.0 °C and (b) 50.0 °C; ERY (c) 30.0 °C and (D) 50.0 °C; RBB (e) 30.0 °C and (f) 50.0 °C using iodide as quencher: steady-state measurements in water (filled square) and in DPPC vesicle (empty circle) suspension. The excitation wavelength used was 480, 495 and 500 nm for EOS, ERY and RBB, respectively.



**Figure S4.** Stern-Volmer plot for EOS (filled square), ERY (empty circle) and RBB (empty triangle) at (a) 30.0 °C; (b) 50.0 °C using iodide as quencher: time-resolved measurements in DPPC vesicle suspension. The excitation wavelength used was 480, 495 and 500 nm for EOS, ERY and RBB, respectively.

**Table S1.** Fluorescence lifetime of XD ( $5.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ) in water (30 °C) and DPPC vesicles (30 and 50 °C) suspension ( $1.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ )

XD	Water		DPPC		
	$\tau$ (30°C) / ns	$\chi^2$	$\tau$ (30°C) / ns	$\tau$ (50°C) / ns	$\chi^2$
EOS	1.19	0.89	0.94	0.86	0.795 (30 °C) 0.795 (50 °C)
ERI	0.16	1.17	0.13	0.66	0.688 (30 °C) 0.736 (50 °C)
RBB	1.44	0.77	2.15	2.49	0.842 (30 °C) 0.799 (50 °C)

**Table S2.** Fluorescence quantum yield ( $\Phi_f$ ) of XDs in water (30.0 °C) and DPPC vesicles (30.0 and 50.0 °C) suspension. The excitation wavelength used was 480, 495 and 500 nm for EOS, ERY and RBB, respectively

XD	$\lambda_{exc}$ / nm	$\Phi_f$ Water <sup>a</sup>		
		30.0 °C	30.0 °C	50.0 °C
EOS	480	0.20	0.249 ± 0.001	0.266 ± 0.005
ERY	490	0.02	0.090 ± 0.001	0.108 ± 0.004
RBB	500	0.02	0.079 ± 0.003	0.089 ± 0.003

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