

Supporting Information

Luminescent Color Tuning with Polymer Films Composed of Boron Diiminate Conjugated Copolymers by Changing Connection Points to Comonomers

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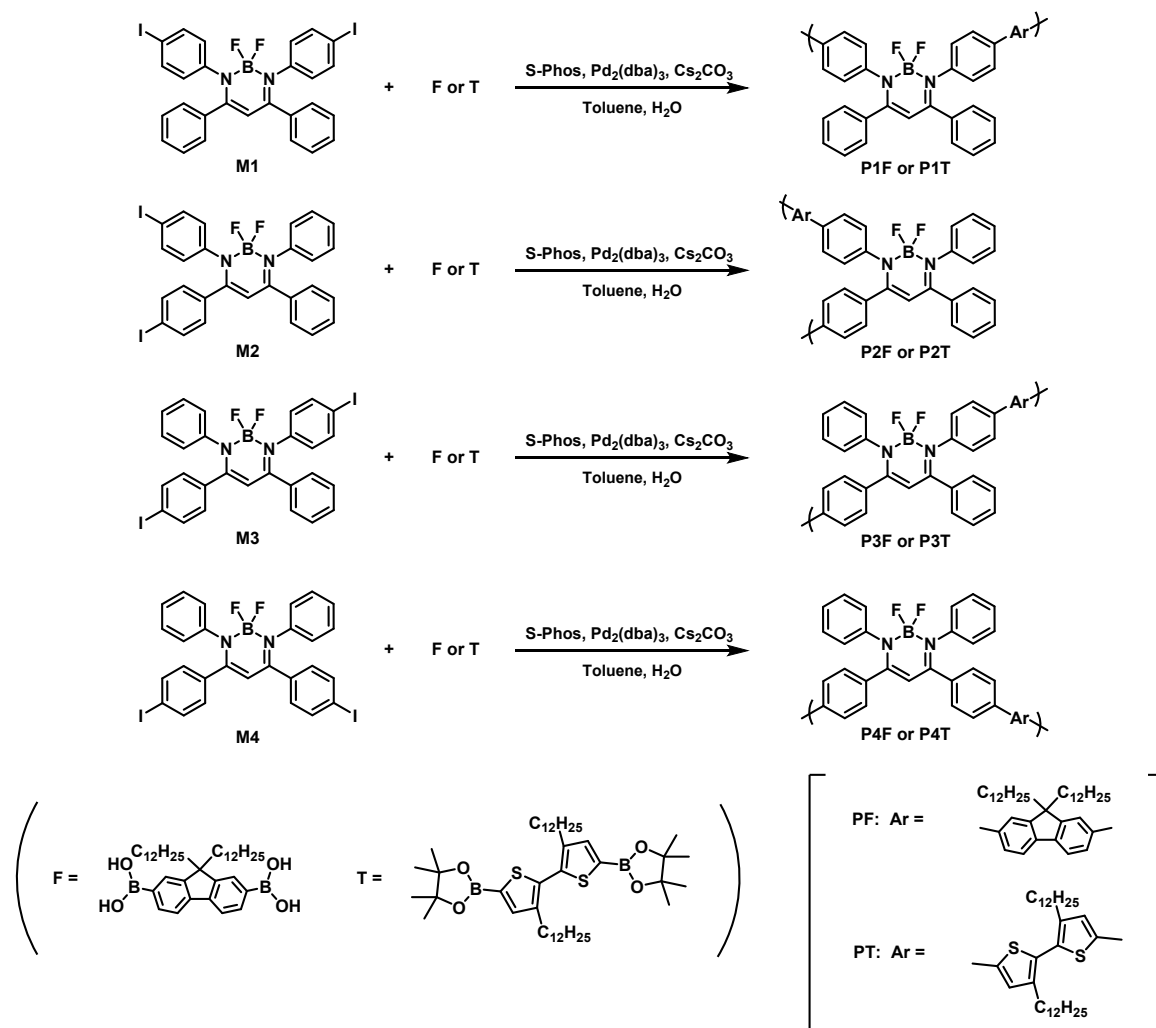
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Experimental Section

Measurements: ^1H (400 MHz), ^{13}C (100 MHz), and ^{11}B (128 MHz) NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL JNM-EX400 spectrometers. In ^1H and ^{13}C spectra, tetramethylsilane (TMS) was used as an internal standard in CDCl_3 , and ^{11}B NMR spectra were referenced externally to $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ (sealed capillary). UV-vis spectra were recorded on a SHIMADZU UV-3600 spectrophotometer. Fluorescence emission spectra were measured with a HORIBA JOBIN YVON Fluoromax-4P spectrofluorometer. The number-average molecular weight (M_n) and the molecular weight distribution (weight-average molecular weight/number-average molecular weight (M_w/M_n)) values of all polymers were estimated by the size-exclusion chromatography (SEC) with a TOSOH G3000HXL system equipped with three consecutive polystyrene gel columns (TOSOH gels: α -4000, α -3000, and α -2500) and ultraviolet detector at 40 °C. The system was operated at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min, with chloroform as an eluent. Polystyrene standards were employed for the calibration. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) was carried out on a BAS ALS-Electrochemical-Analyzer Model 600D with a glassy carbon working electrode, a Pt counter electrode, an Ag/Ag^+ reference electrode, and the ferrocene/ferrocenium external reference at a scan rate of 0.05 Vs^{-1} . All reactions were performed under argon.

Materials: 9,9-Didodecylfluorene-2,7-diboronic acid (Aldrich Chemical, Co.), 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2',6'-dimethoxybiphenyl (S-Phos, Aldrich Chemical, Co.) and tris(dibenzylideneacetone dipalladium(0)) ($\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$, Tokyo Kasei Kogyo, Co.) were used as received. 4,4-Didodecyl-2,2'-bithiophene-5,5'-diboronic acid bis(pinacol) ester were synthesized according to the reported method.¹ **M1–M4** were synthesized according to our previous work (Scheme S1).²

Scheme S1. Synthesis of the polymers



Synthesis of P1F: Water (0.5 mL) was added to the solution of **M1** (50 mg, 0.074 mmol), 9,9-didodecylfluorene-2,7-diboronicacid **F** (44 mg, 0.074 mmol), Pd₂(dba)₃ (2.0 mg, 2.2 μmol), S-Phos (2.1 mg, 5.2 μmol) and cesium carbonate (241 mg, 74 mmol) in toluene (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h under argon atmosphere, and then 1,4-dimethyl-2-iodobenzene (13 μL, 150 μmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h, and poured into a large amount of methanol to collect the polymer by filtration. The precipitate was dissolved in a small amount of THF, and then the product was reprecipitated from ethanol. The polymer collected by filtration was dried in vacuum to give **P1F** as a yellow solid (52 mg, 77%). $M_n = 8,500$, $M_w/M_n = 2.2$. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.69–7.11 (24H, Ar-H), 5.69 (1H, -CH=), 1.96 (4H, -CH₂-), 1.27–1.02 (36H, -C₇H₁₅), 0.87–0.83 (6H, -CH₃), 0.65 (4H, -CH₂-) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 164.3, 151.7, 140.9, 140.0, 139.5, 139.2, 136.6, 129.5, 129.1, 128.2, 128.1, 126.9, 125.9, 121.3, 119.9, 100.0, 55.3, 40.4, 31.89, 30.1, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.3, 23.9, 22.7, 14.1 ppm. ¹¹B NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.76 (t, $J = 31$ Hz) ppm.

Synthesis of P1T Compound **P1T** was prepared from **M1** (50 mg, 0.074 mmol) and 4,4'-didodecyl-2,2'-bithiophene-5,5'-diboronicacid bis(pinacol) ester **T** (56 mg, 0.074 mmol) in 70% yield (48 mg, yellow solid) according to the same method with **P1F**. $M_n = 6,900$, $M_w/M_n = 1.8$. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.41–6.96 (20H, Ar-H), 5.66 (1H, -CH=), 2.50–2.46 (4H, -CH₂-), 1.22 (40H, -C₁₀H₂₀-), 0.89–0.85 (6H, -CH₃) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 164.3, 143.5, 143.0, 141.1, 136.4, 132.2, 129.6, 129.1, 128.3, 128.1, 125.4, 124.8, 100.0, 55.3, 31.9, 30.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.1, 22.7, 14.1 ppm. ¹¹B NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.66 (t, $J = 31$ Hz) ppm.

Synthesis of P2F Compound **P2F** was prepared from **M2** (50 mg, 0.074 mmol) and 9,9-didodecylfluorene-2,7-diboronicacid **F** (44 mg, 0.074 mmol) in 63% yield (43 mg, yellow solid) according to the same method with **P1F**. $M_n = 7,600$, $M_w/M_n = 1.7$. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.70\text{--}7.10$ (24H, Ar-*H*), 5.72 (1H, -CH=), 1.96 (4H, -CH₂-), 1.16–0.99 (36H, -C₇H₁₅), 0.82 (6H, -CH₃), 0.62 (4H, -CH₂-) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 164.5, 163.7, 151.9, 151.7, 142.8, 142.7, 141.8, 141.2, 141.1, 140.8, 140.5, 140.1, 139.8, 139.5, 139.4, 139.2, 138.9, 138.6, 136.5, 135.2, 129.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.1, 126.9, 126.3, 126.2, 126.0, 125.9, 121.3, 120.2, 120.0, 119.9, 100.0, 55.3, 40.4, 31.9, 30.0, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.2, 23.8, 22.6, 14.1$ ppm. $^{11}\text{B NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 1.76$ (t, $J = 31$ Hz) ppm.

Synthesis of P2T Compound **P2T** was prepared from **M2** (50 mg, 0.074 mmol) and 4,4'-didodecyl-2,2'-bithiophene-5,5'-diboronicacid bis(pinacol) ester **T** (56 mg, 0.074 mmol) in 85% yield (58 mg, yellow solid) according to the same method with **P1F**. $M_n = 4,500$, $M_w/M_n = 1.5$. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.52\text{--}6.94$ (20H, Ar-*H*), 5.67 (1H, -CH=), 2.49–2.47 (4H, -CH₂-), 1.19 (40H, -C₁₀H₂₀-), 0.86–0.82 (6H, -CH₃) ppm. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 164.6, 163.3, 143.9, 143.7, 143.6, 143.5, 143.2, 143.0, 142.5, 142.2, 141.7, 141.3, 141.2, 136.5, 135.5, 135.4, 135.3, 135.2, 132.3, 132.2, 129.8, 129.5, 129.07, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 126.3, 125.7, 125.5, 125.1, 124.8, 99.8, 31.9, 30.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 22.7, 14.1$ ppm. $^{11}\text{B NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 1.76$ (t, $J = 31$ Hz) ppm.

Synthesis of P3F Compound **P3F** was prepared from **M3** (50 mg, 0.074 mmol) and 9,9-didodecylfluorene-2,7-diboronicacid **F** (44 mg, 0.074 mmol) in 81% yield (55 mg, yellow solid) according to the same method with **P1F**. $M_n = 13,500$, $M_w/M_n = 2.5$. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.73\text{--}7.07$ (24H, Ar-*H*), 5.73 (1H, -CH=), 1.98 (4H, -CH₂-), 1.25–1.03 (36H, -C₇H₁₅), 0.88–0.84 (6H, -CH₃), 0.64

(4H, $-CH_2-$) ppm. ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$): $\delta = 164.1, 151.8, 151.7, 142.7, 142.6, 141.9, 140.9, 140.7, 140.5, 139.5, 136.6, 136.59, 135.0, 129.7, 129.2, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 127.0, 126.7, 126.0, 122.6, 122.4, 121.3, 120.0, 99.9, 55.3, 40.4, 31.9, 30.0, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 23.9, 22.7, 14.1$ ppm. ^{11}B NMR ($CDCl_3$): $\delta = 1.76$ (t, $J = 31$ Hz) ppm.

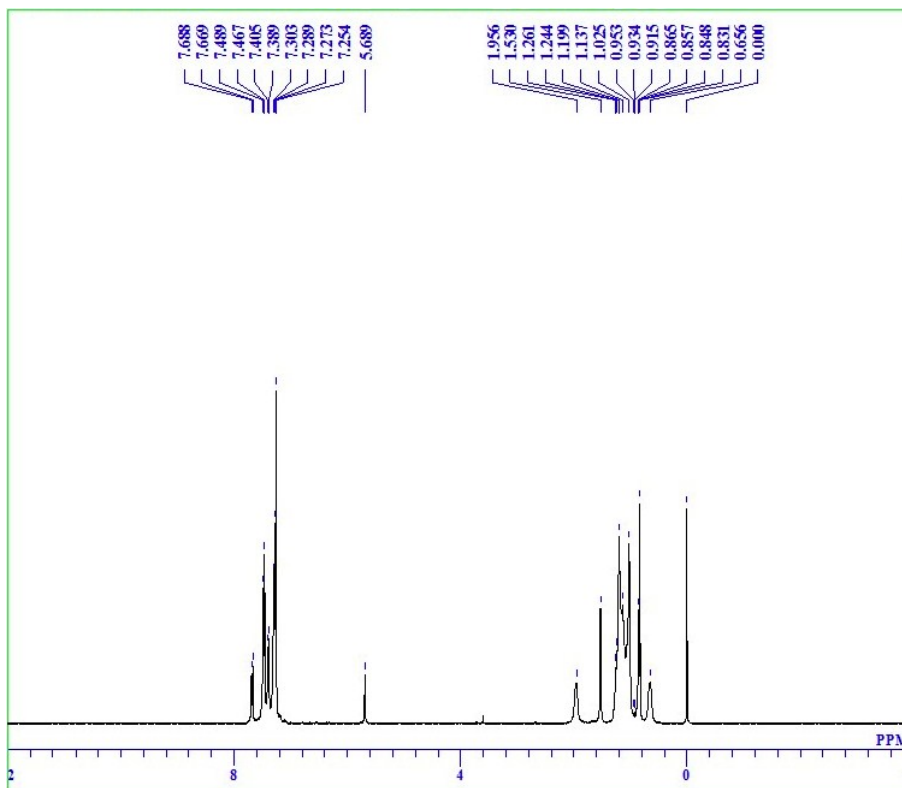
Synthesis of P3T Water (2 mL) was added to the solution of **M3** (107 mg, 0.160 mmol), 9,9-didodecylfluorene-2,7-diboronicacid **F** (120 mg, 0.160 mmol), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (1.5 mg, 1.6 μ mol), S-Phos (2.6 mg, 6.3 μ mol) and cesium carbonate (519 mg, 1.6 mmol) in toluene (2.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h under argon atmosphere, and then 1,4-dimethyl-2-iodobenzene (30 μ L, 320 μ mol) was added to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h, and poured into a large amount of methanol to collect the polymer by filtration. The precipitate was dissolved in a small amount of THF, and then the product was reprecipitated from ethanol. The polymer collected by filtration was dried in vacuum to give **P3T** as a yellow solid (133 mg, 91%). $M_n = 8,500$, $M_w/M_n = 2.2$. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$): $\delta = 7.46\text{--}6.92$ (20H, Ar-H), 5.68 (1H, $-CH=$), 2.48 (4H, $-CH_2-$), 1.22 (40H, $-C_{10}H_{20}-$), 0.89–0.86 (6H, $-CH_3$) ppm. ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$): $\delta = 164.1, 163.8, 143.8, 143.7, 143.6, 143.4, 143.2, 143.0, 142.5, 142.2, 141.8, 141.1, 136.4, 135.2, 132.1, 129.8, 129.6, 129.1, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.7, 126.4, 125.6, 125.3, 124.9, 99.7, 31.9, 30.7, 29.6, 26.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.1, 22.7, 14.1$ ppm. ^{11}B NMR ($CDCl_3$): $\delta = 1.76$ (t, $J = 32$ Hz) ppm.

Synthesis of P4F Compound **P4F** was prepared from **M4** (50 mg, 0.074 mmol) and 9,9-didodecylfluorene-2,7-diboronicacid **F** (44 mg, 0.074 mmol) in 80% yield (55 mg, yellow solid) according to the same method with **P1F**. $M_n = 12,000$, $M_w/M_n = 1.9$. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$): $\delta = 7.75\text{--}7.12$

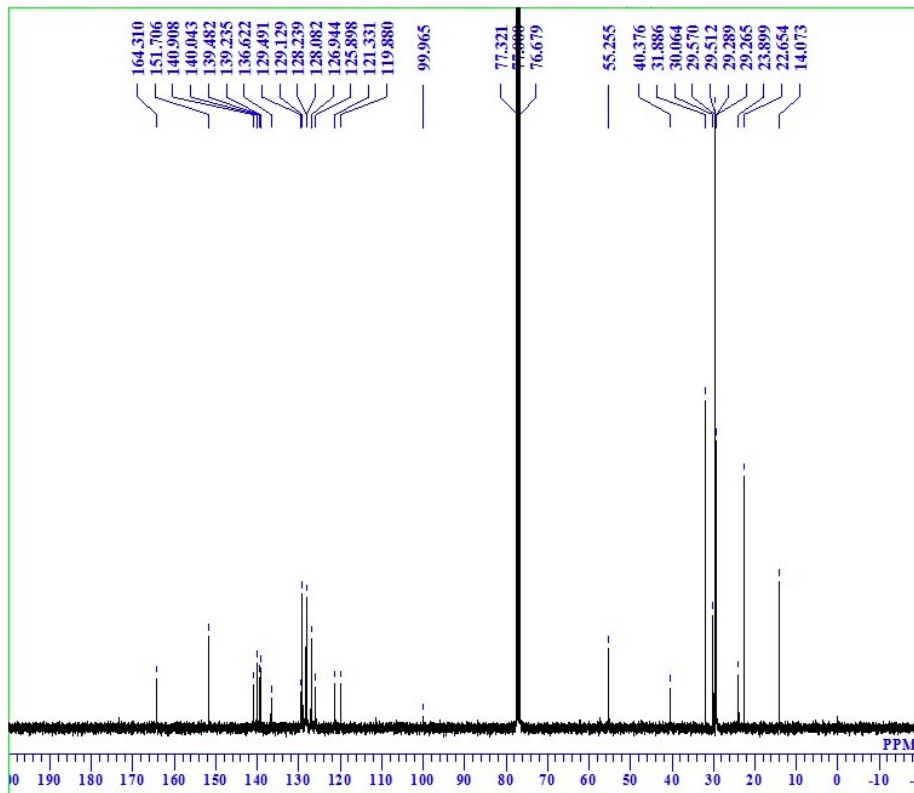
(24H, Ar-*H*), 5.76 (1H, -CH=), 1.99 (4H, -CH₂-), 1.26–1.03 (36H, -C₇H₁₅), 0.86–0.83 (6H, -CH₃), 0.64 (4H, -CH₂-) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 164.0, 151.9, 142.6, 142.0, 140.6, 138.9, 135.3, 129.7, 128.4, 127.9, 126.7, 126.3, 126.2, 121.3, 120.2, 99.7, 55.4, 40.4, 31.9, 30.0, 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.3, 29.2, 23.9, 22.9, 14.1 ppm. ¹¹B NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.76 (t, *J* = 31 Hz) ppm.

Synthesis of P4T Compound **P4T** was prepared from **M4** (50 mg, 0.074 mmol) and 4,4'-didodecyl-2,2'-bithiophene-5,5'-diboronic acid bis(pinacol) ester **T** (56 mg, 0.074 mmol) in 80% yield (56 mg, yellow solid) according to the same method with **PIF**. *M_n* = 7,200, *M_w*/*M_n* = 1.9. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.47–6.97 (20H, Ar-*H*), 5.69 (1H, -CH=), 2.52–2.48 (4H, -CH₂-), 1.22 (40H, -C₁₀H₂₀-), 0.88–0.85 (6H, -CH₃) ppm. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 163.8, 143.9, 142.6, 141.9, 135.4, 135.3, 129.9, 129.1, 128.4, 127.8, 126.4, 125.7, 125.6, 125.0, 99.5, 31.9, 30.7, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.4, 29.1, 22.7, 14.1 ppm. ¹¹B NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 1.66 (t, *J* = 31 Hz) ppm.

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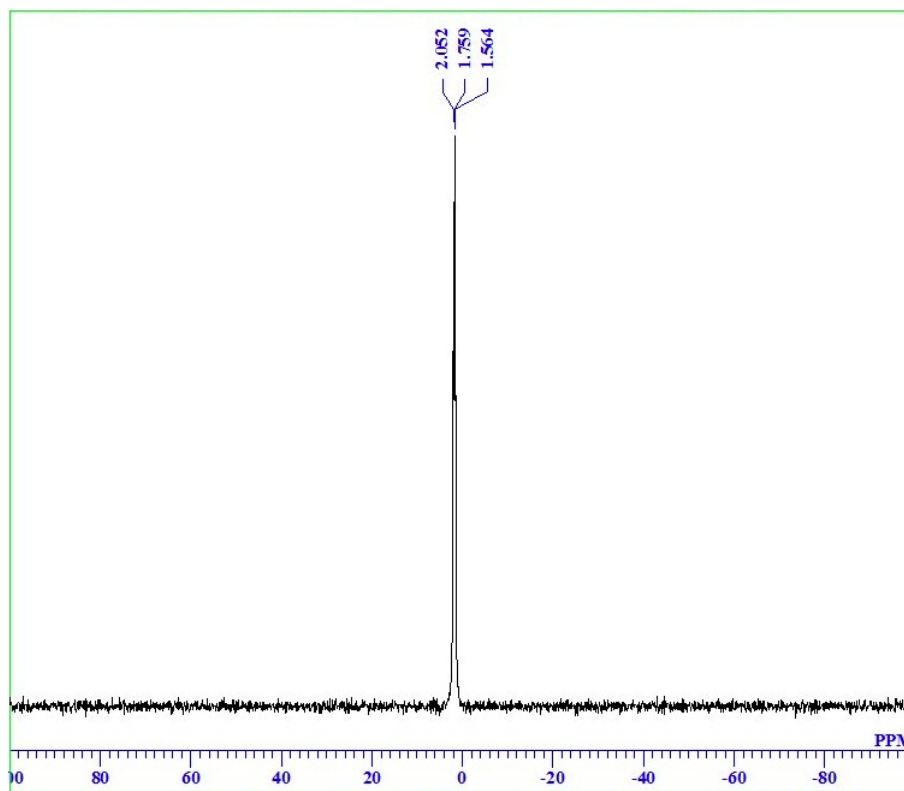
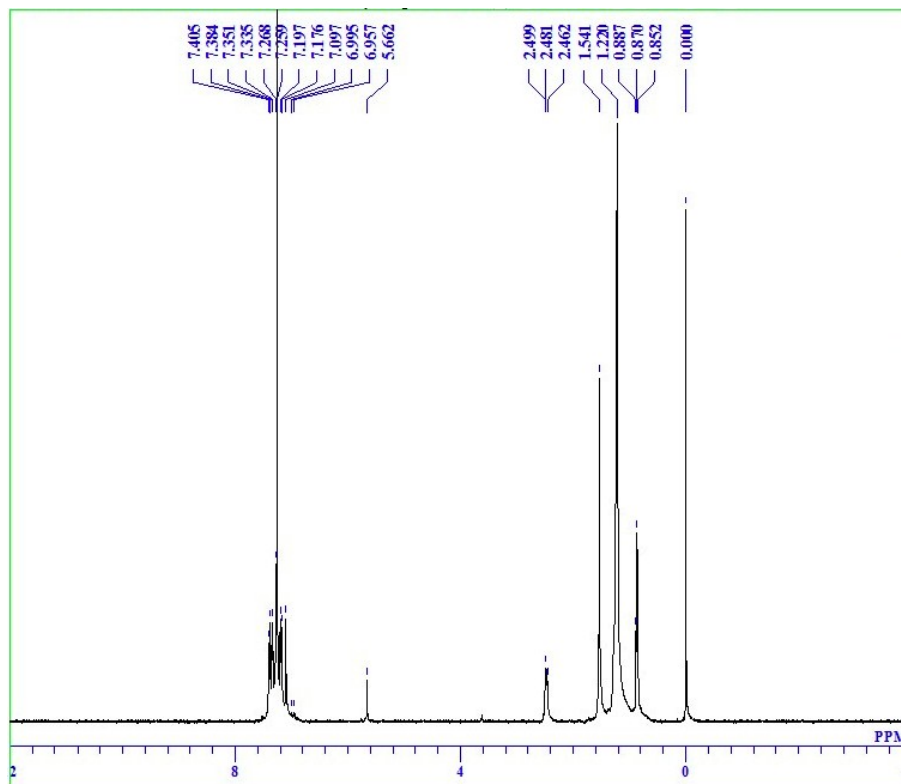
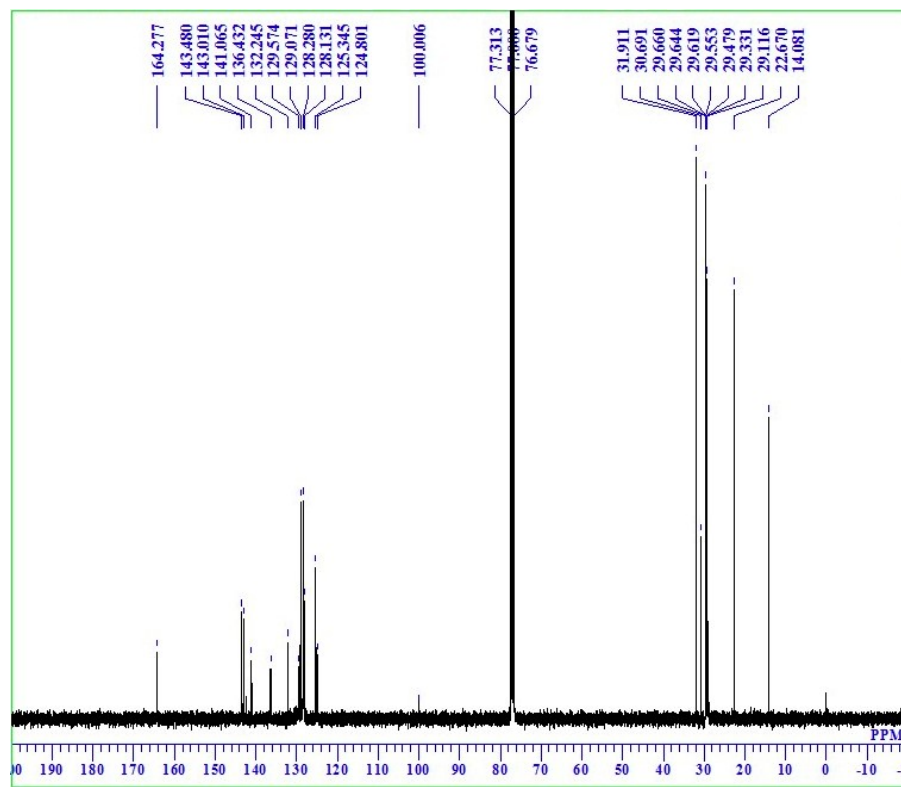


Figure S1. (a) ^1H , (b) ^{13}C , (c) ^{11}B NMR spectra of **P1F** in CDCl_3 .

(a)



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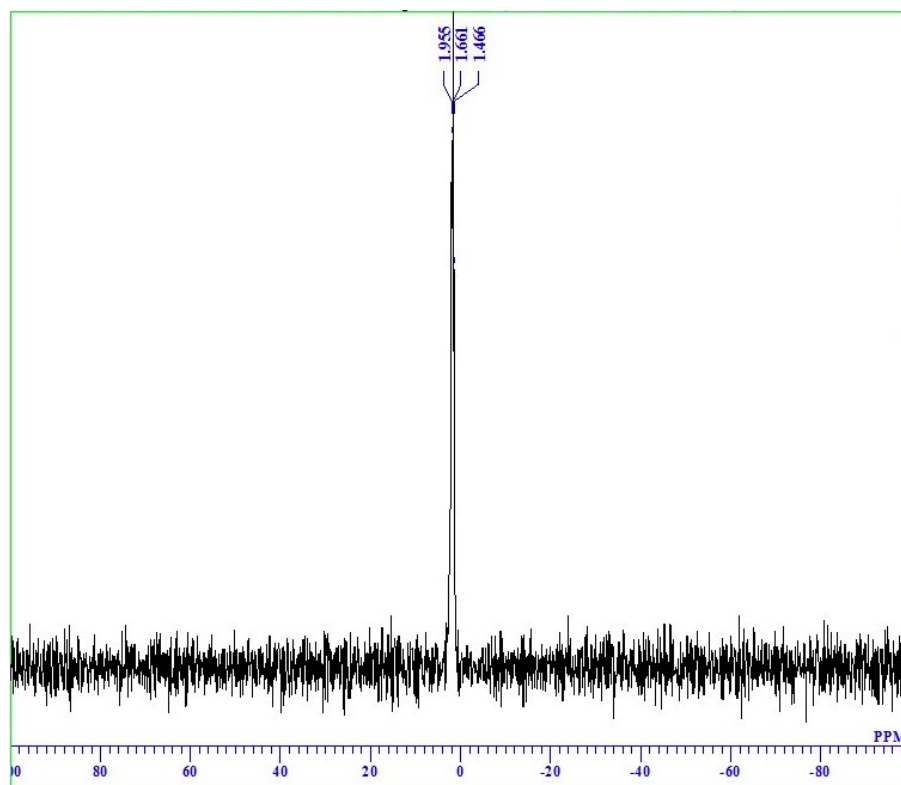
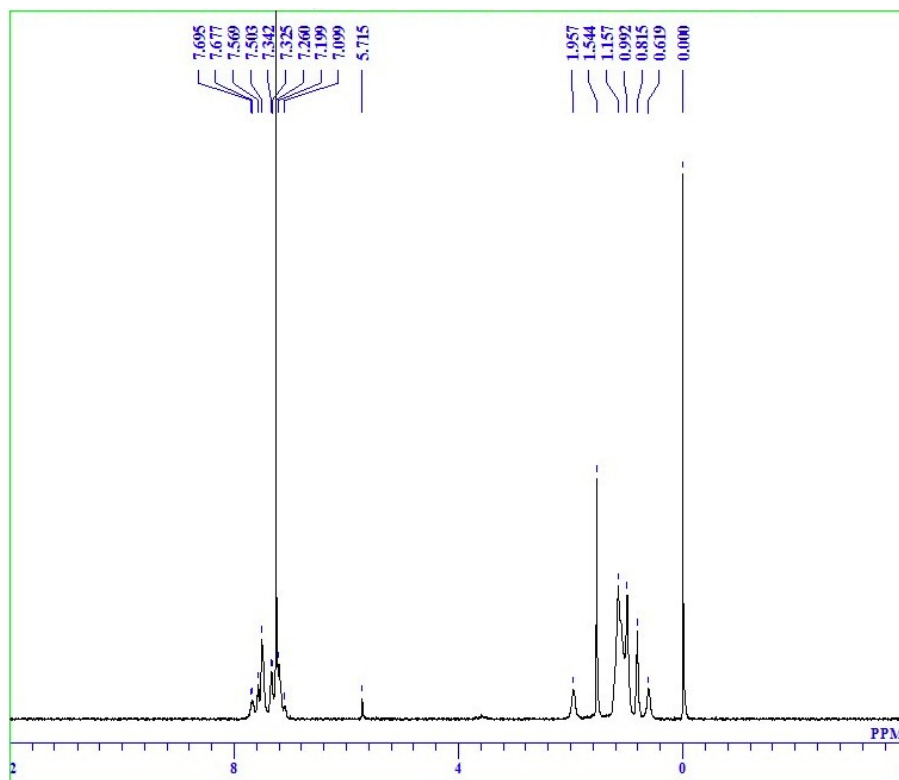
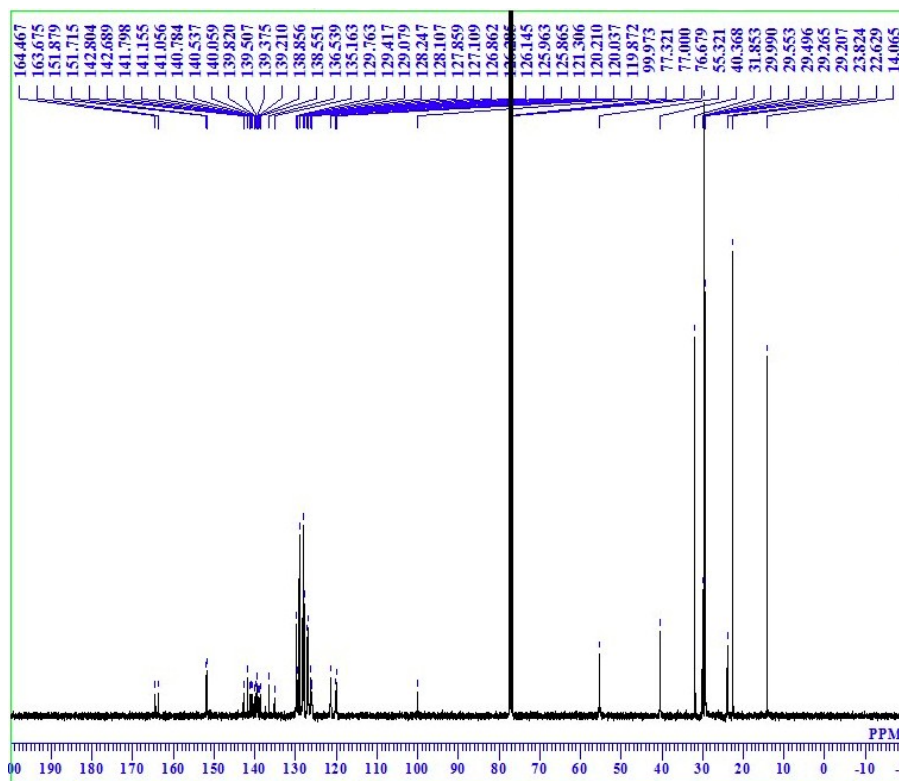


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(b)



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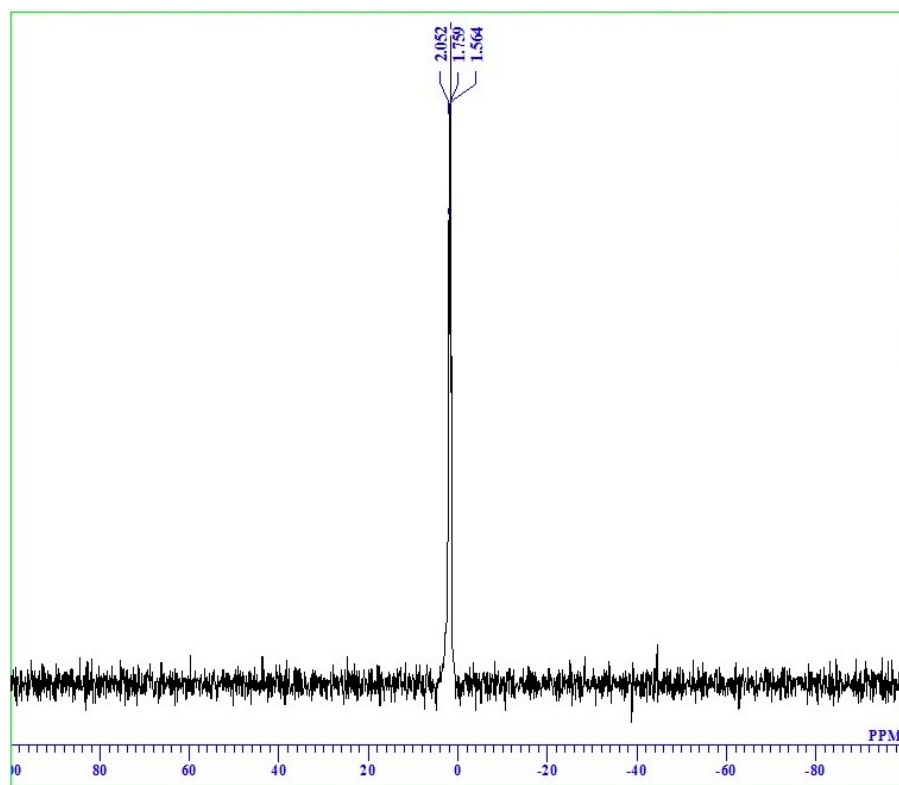
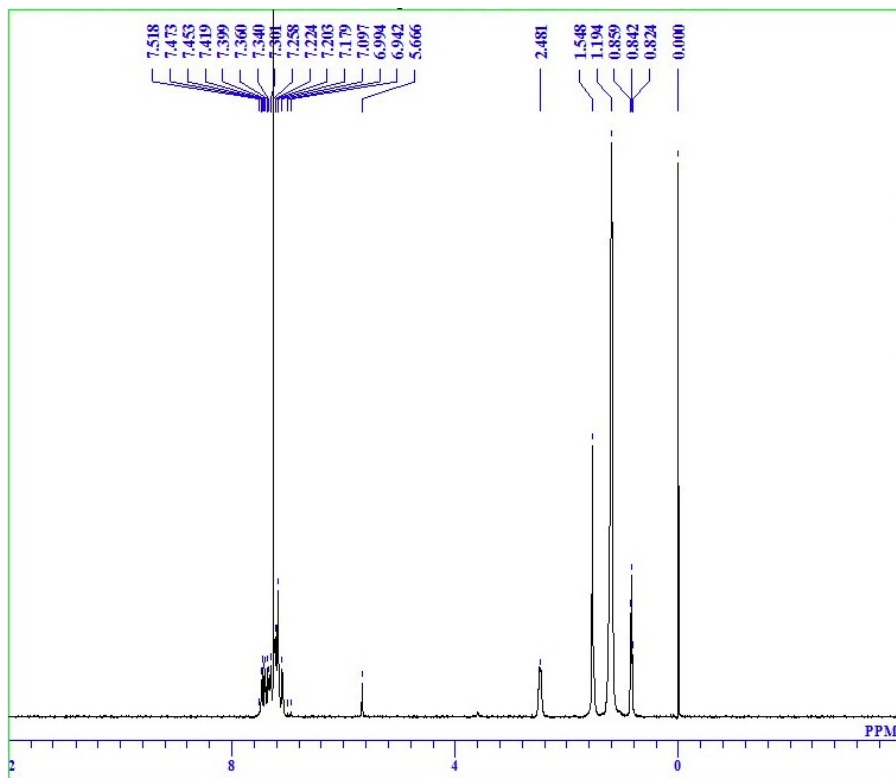
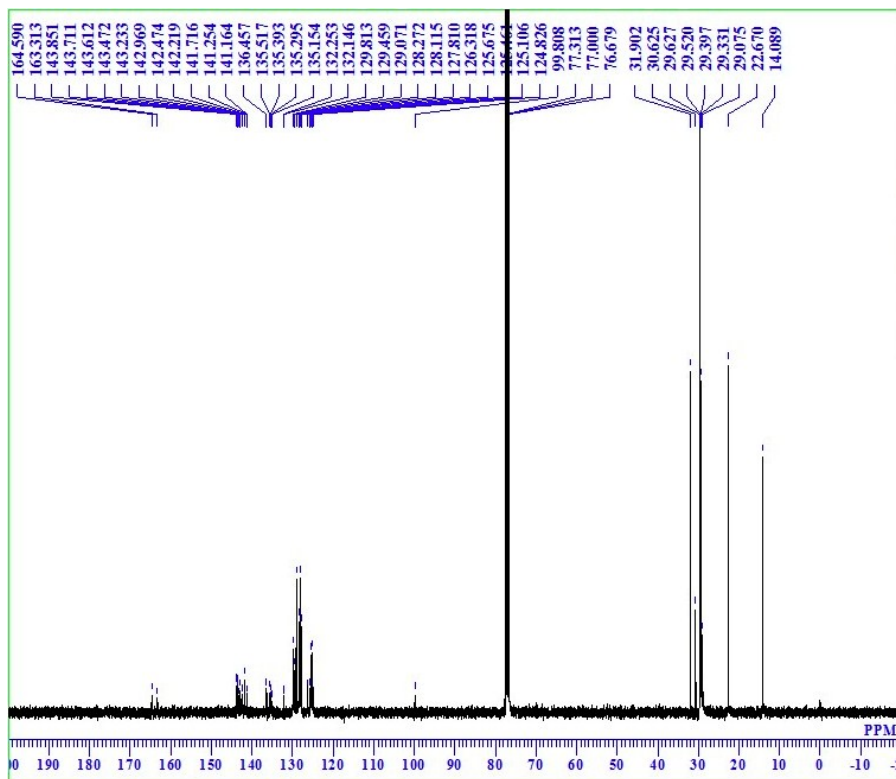


Figure S3. (a) ^1H , (b) ^{13}C , (c) ^{11}B NMR spectra of **P2F** in CDCl_3 .

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(b)



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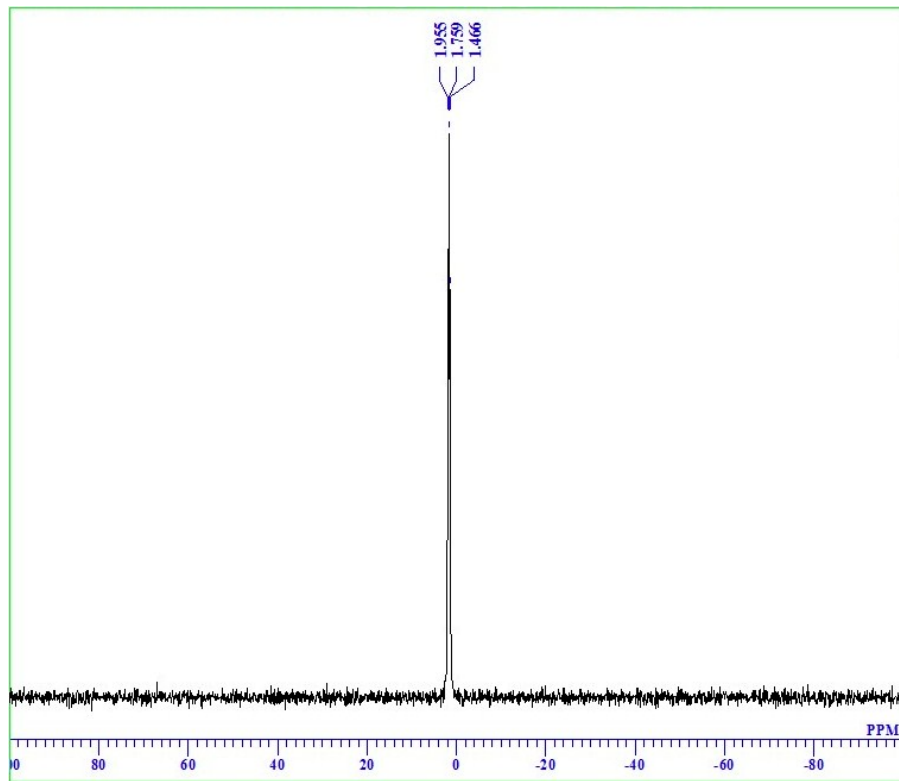
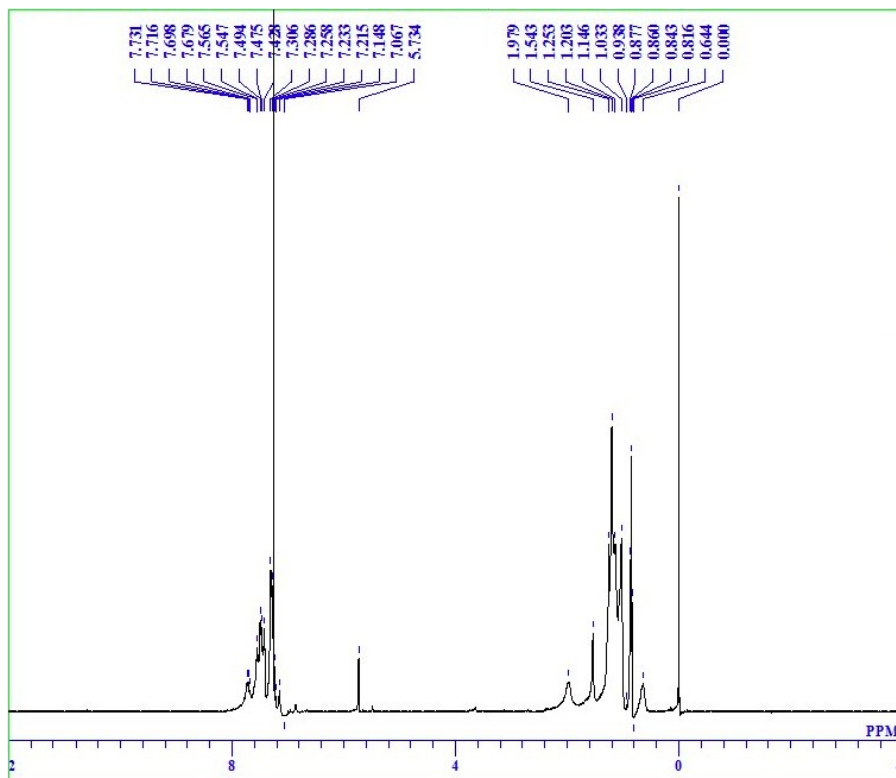
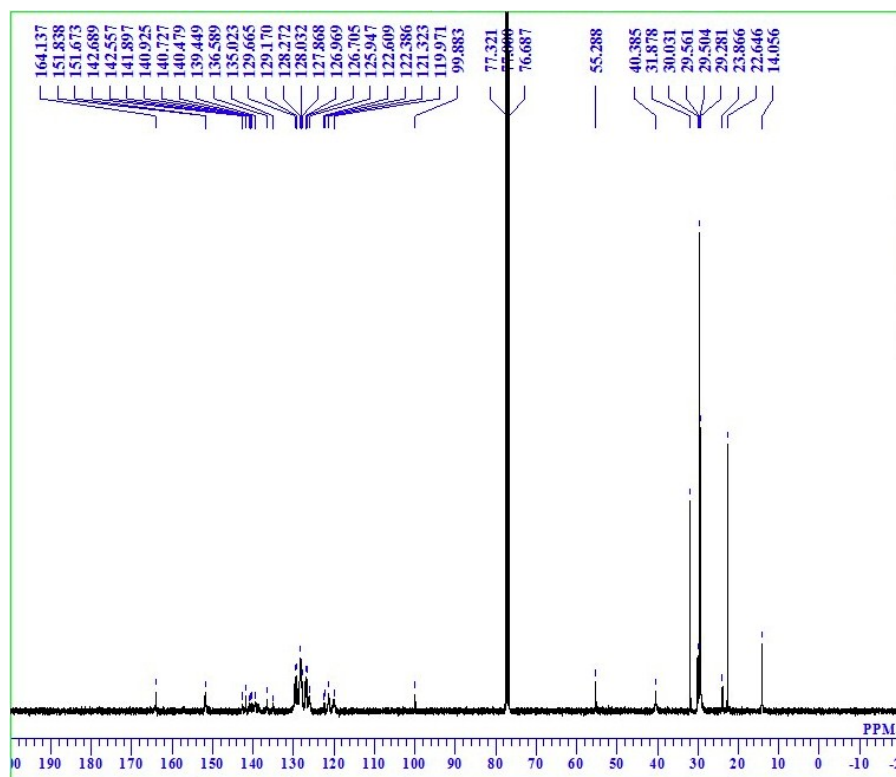


Figure S4. (a) ^1H , (b) ^{13}C , (c) ^{11}B NMR spectra of **P2T** in CDCl_3 .

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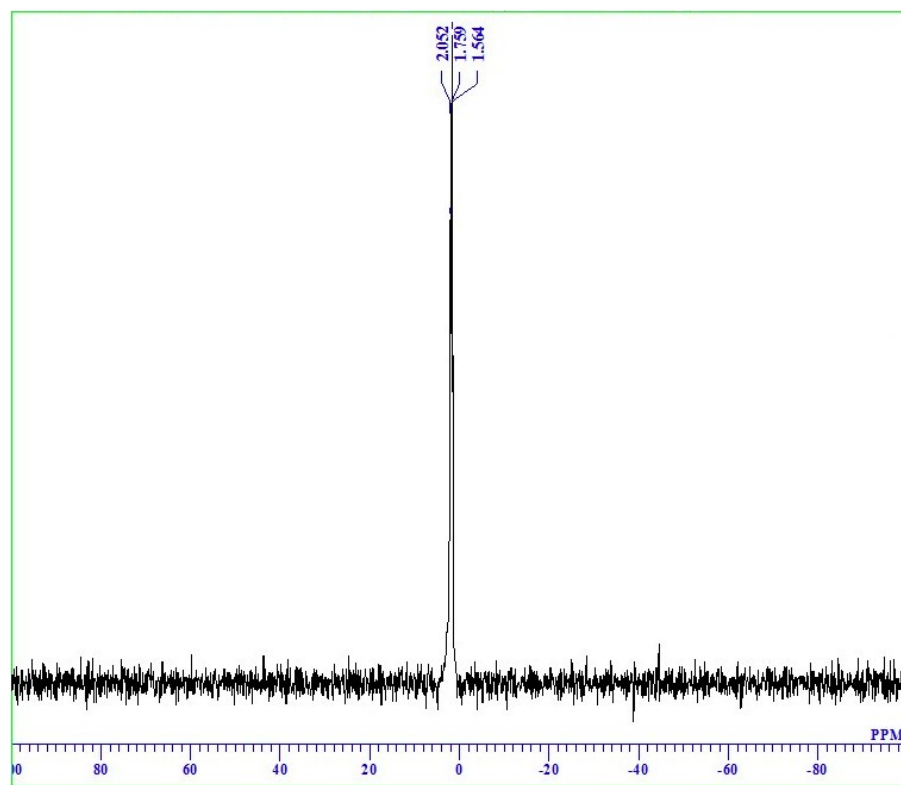
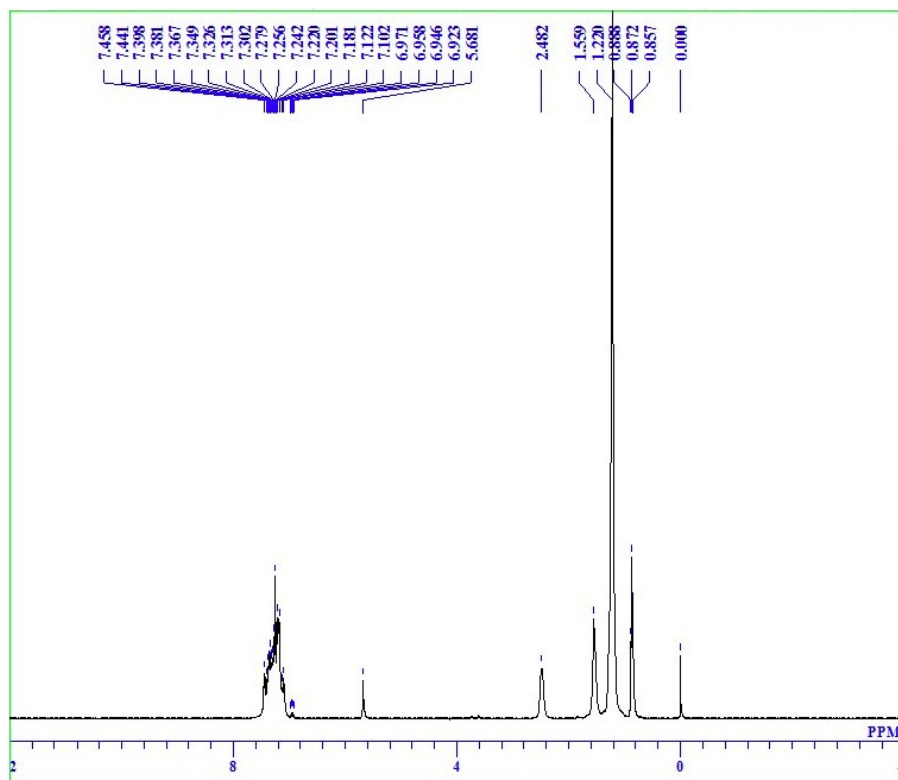
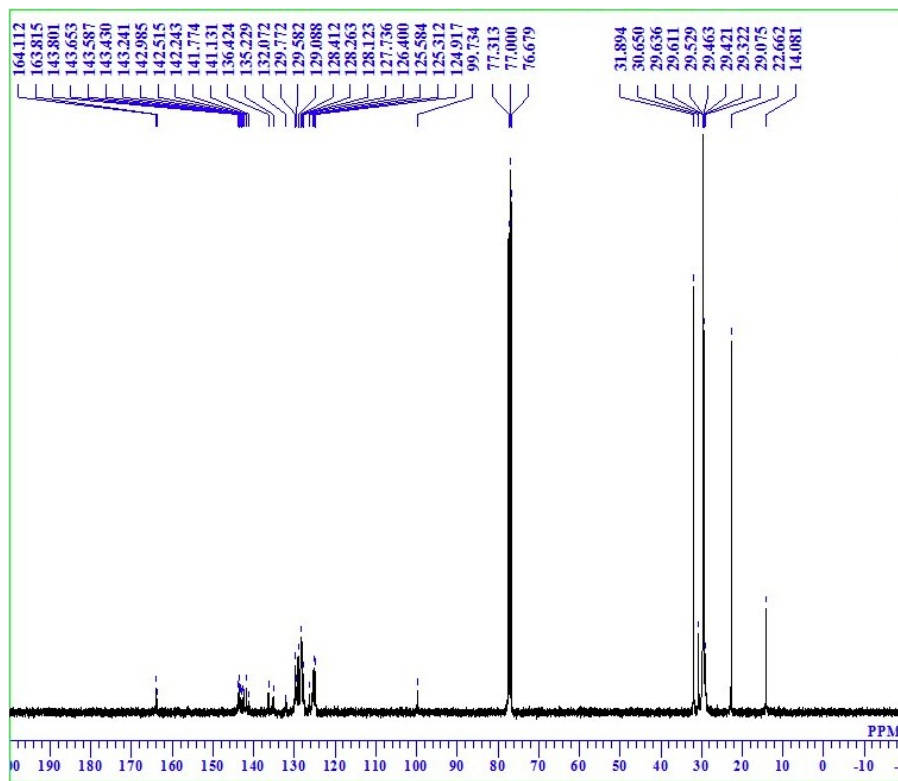


Figure S5. (a) ^1H , (b) ^{13}C , (c) ^{11}B NMR spectra of **P3F** in CDCl_3 .

(a)



(b)



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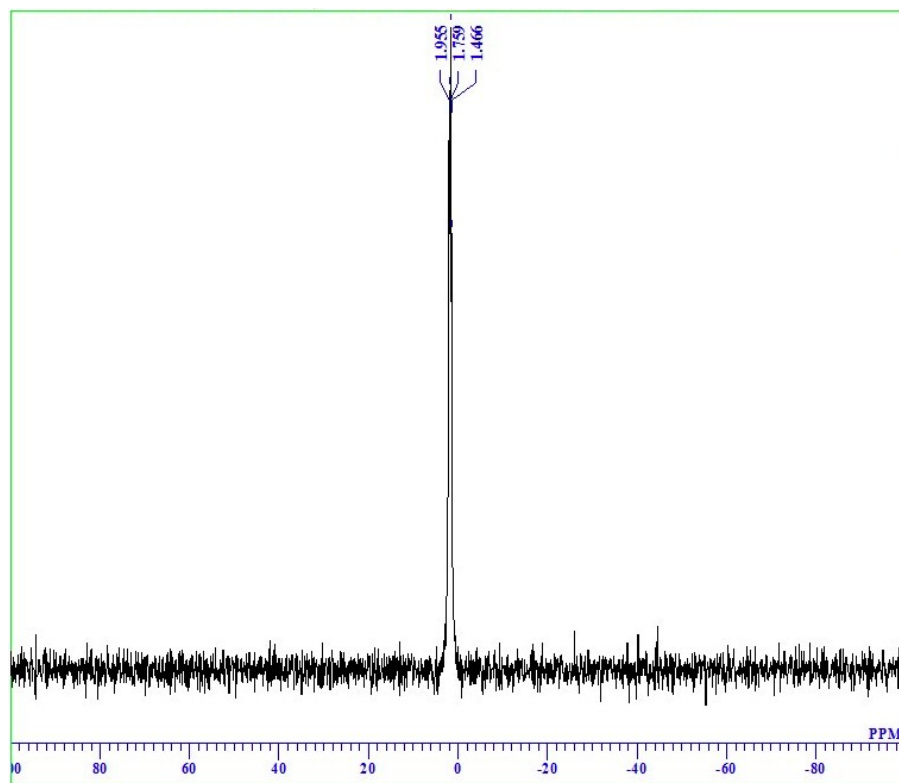
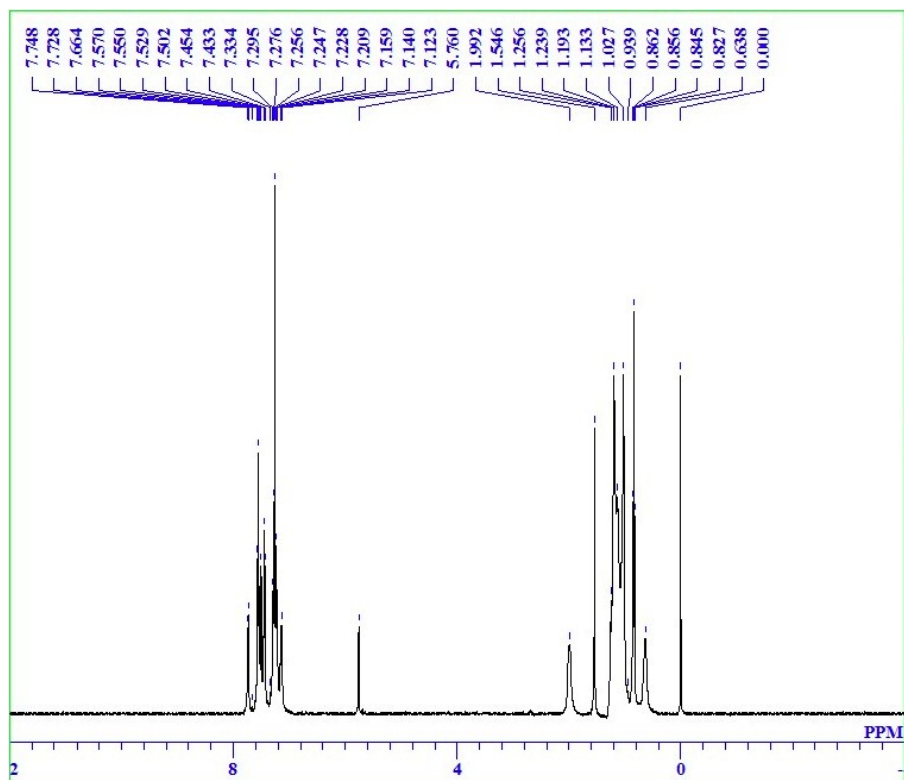
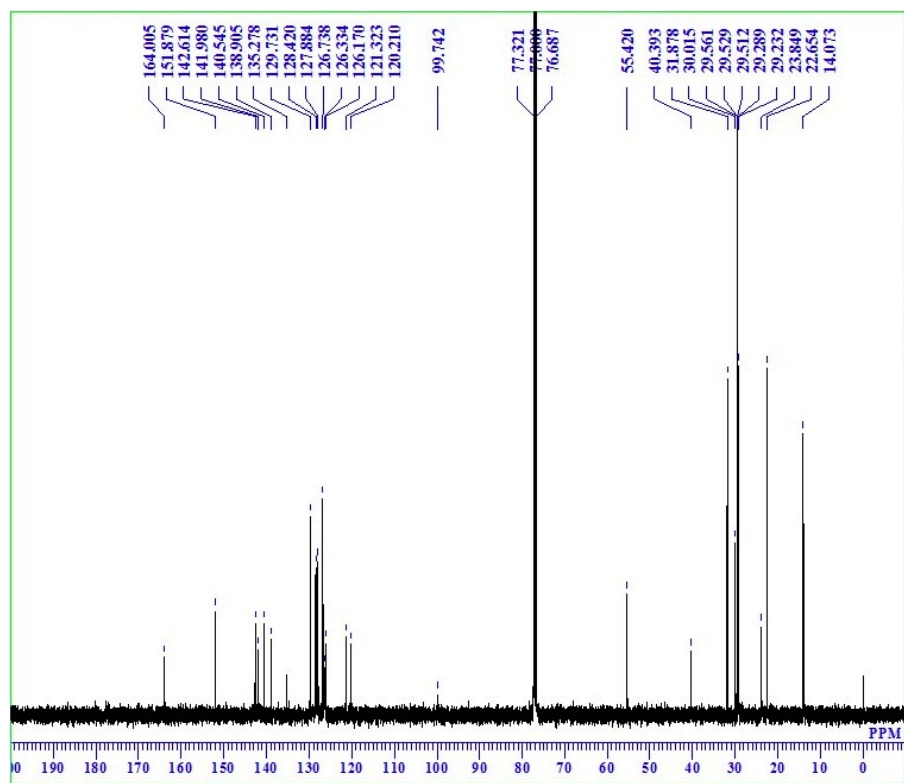


Figure S6. (a) ^1H , (b) ^{13}C , (c) ^{11}B NMR spectra of **P3T** in CDCl_3 .

(a)



(b)



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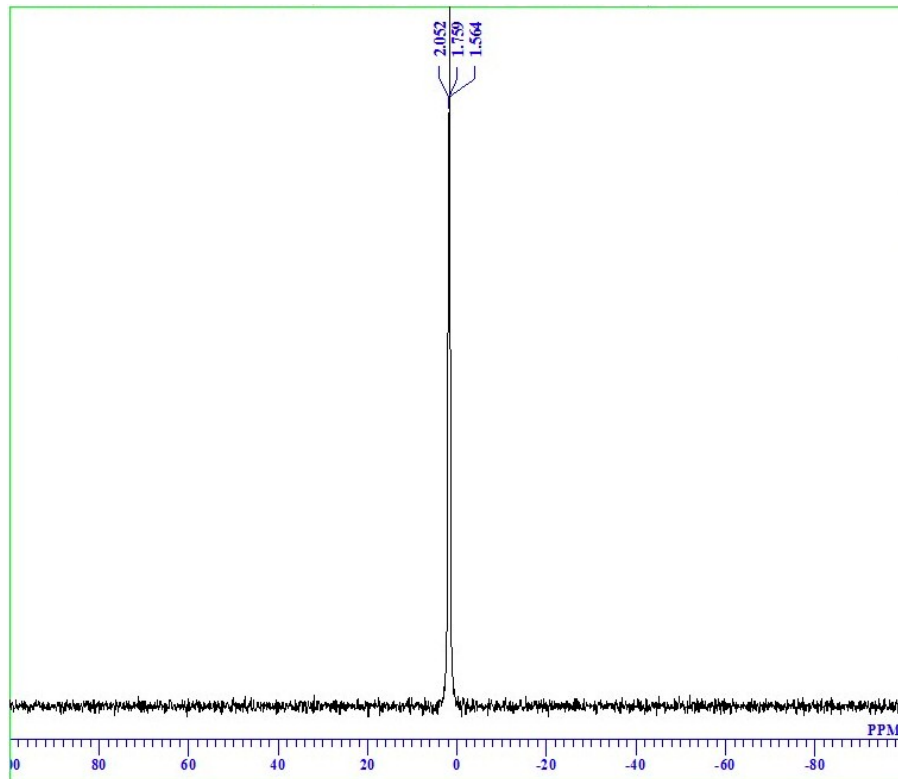
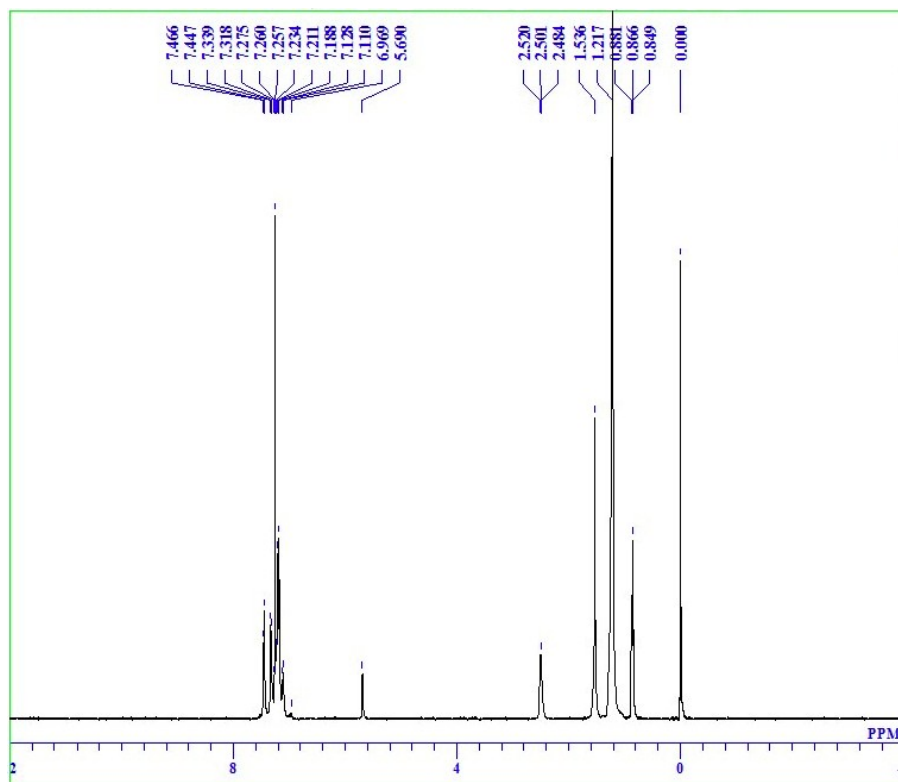
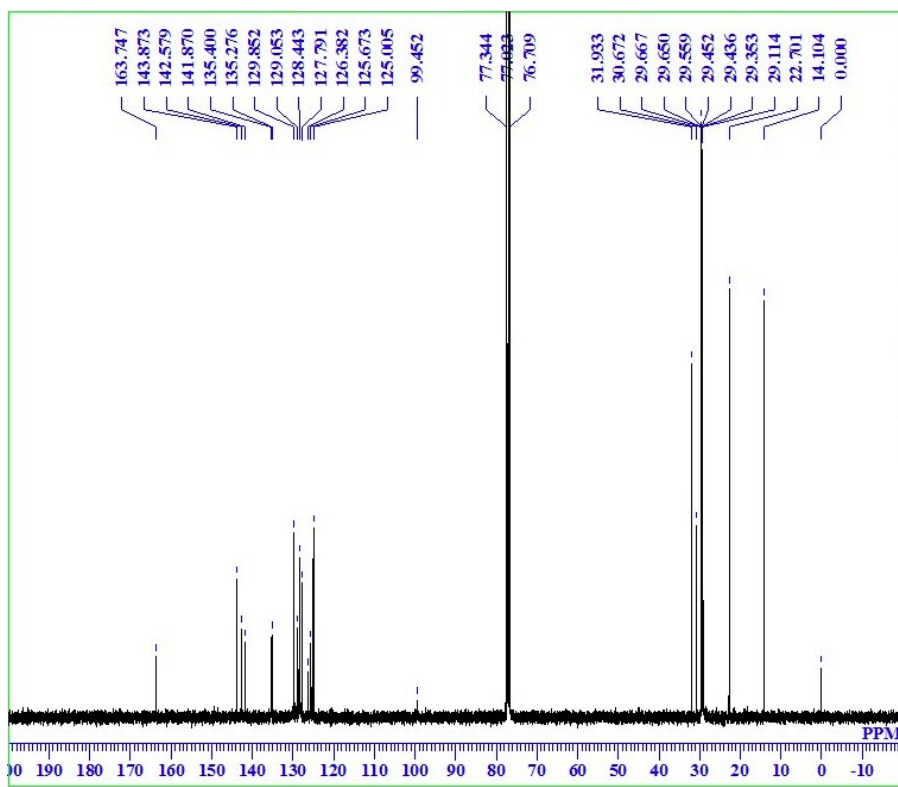


Figure S7. (a) ^1H , (b) ^{13}C , (c) ^{11}B NMR spectra of **P4F** in CDCl_3 .

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(b)



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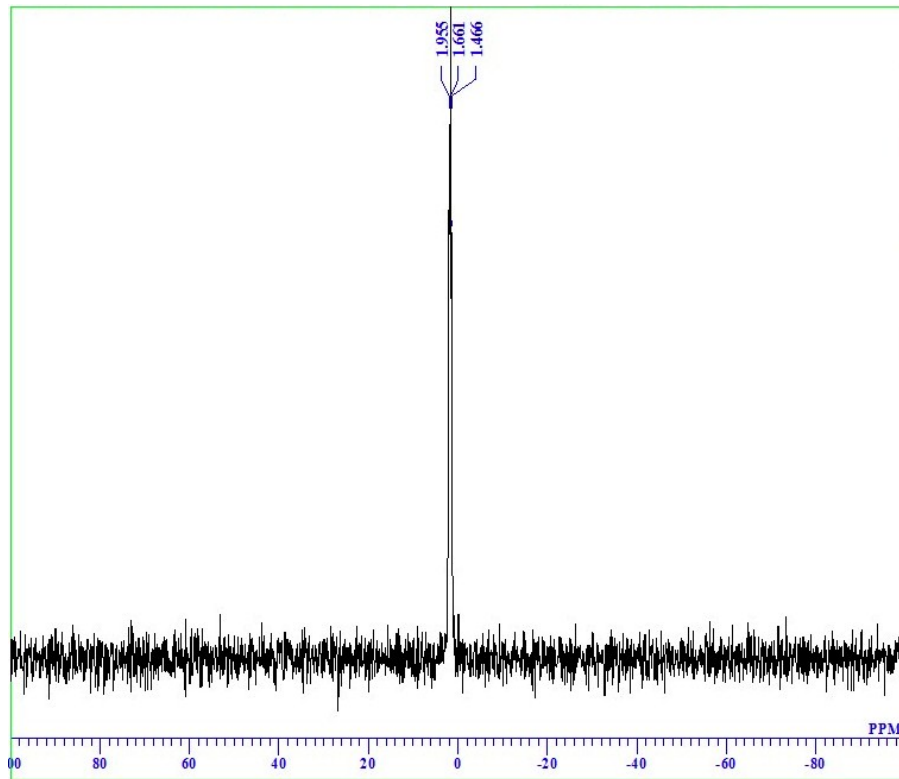


Figure S8. (a) ^1H , (b) ^{13}C , (c) ^{11}B NMR spectra of **P4T** in CDCl_3 .

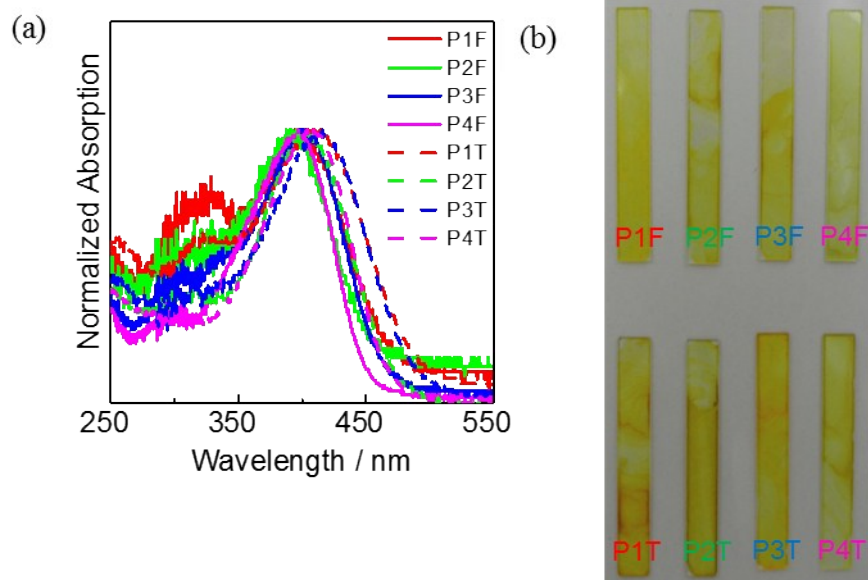


Figure S9. (a) UV-vis absorption spectra of each polymer in the film state. (b) Photograph of each polymer in the film state under visible irradiation.

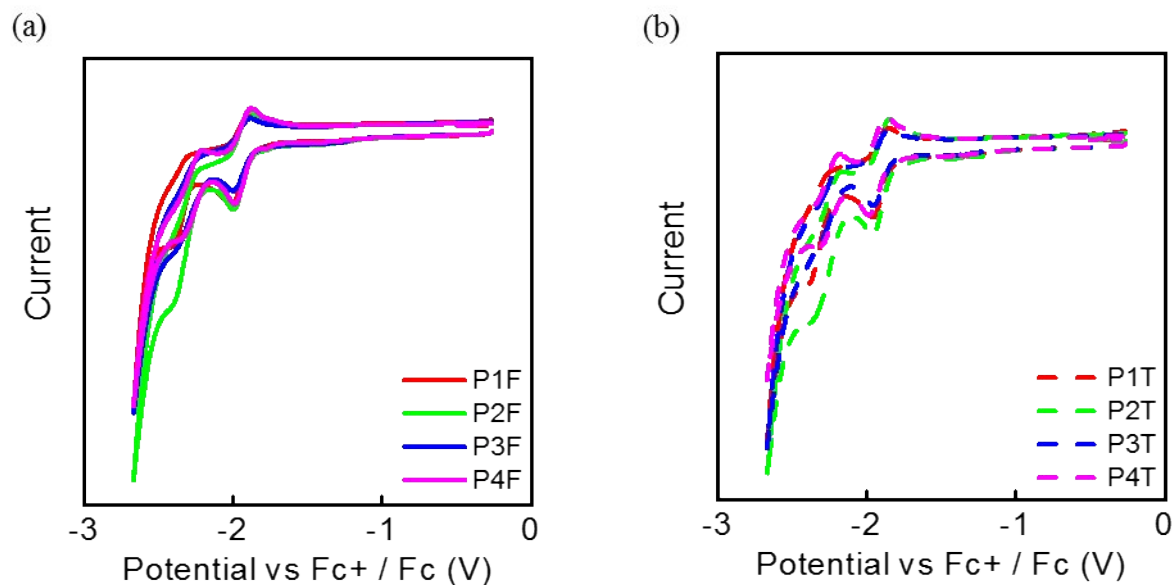


Figure S10. Cyclic voltammograms of (a) **P1F–P4F** and (b) **P1T–P4T** from 0 V to -2.4 V in CH_2Cl_2 (1×10^{-3} M) with 0.1 M Bu_4NPF_6 as a supporting electrolyte, AgCl/Ag as a reference electrode, Pt as working and counter electrodes, and scan rate at 100 mV/s.

Table S1. UV–vis absorption and electrochemical properties of the polymers

	λ_{abs}^a (CHCl ₃) [nm]	ϵ^b (CHCl ₃) [M ⁻¹ cm ⁻¹]	λ_{abs} (Film) [nm]	E_g^c [eV]	$E_{\text{red}}^{d,e}$ [V]	HOMO ^f [eV]	LUMO ^g [eV]
P1F	397	50800	400	2.73	-1.85	-5.68	-2.95
P2F	388	53600	392	2.80	-1.84	-5.76	-2.96
P3F	397	56800	400	2.74	-1.83	-5.71	-2.97
P4F	392	50700	397	2.83	-1.84	-5.79	-2.96
P1T	402	34800	409	2.63	-1.81	-5.63	-2.99
P2T	396	31000	404	2.70	-1.81	-5.69	-2.99
P3T	404	40400	416	2.65	-1.81	-5.64	-2.99
P4T	401	37600	407	2.73	-1.82	-5.71	-2.98

^a UV–vis spectra were measured in CHCl₃ (1.0 × 10⁻⁵ M).

^b Molar absorption coefficients at the peak top wavelength.

^c The optical band gap estimated from the onset wavelength of the UV–vis spectra in CHCl₃.

^d CV was carried out in CH₂Cl₂ with 0.1 M Bu₄NPF₆ as supporting electrolyte.

^e E_{red} is the onset potential of first reduction wave.

^f Calculated from LUMO and optical band gap (E_g), HOMO = LUMO - E_g (eV).

^g Calculated from the empirical formula, LUMO = - E_{red} - 4.80 (eV).³

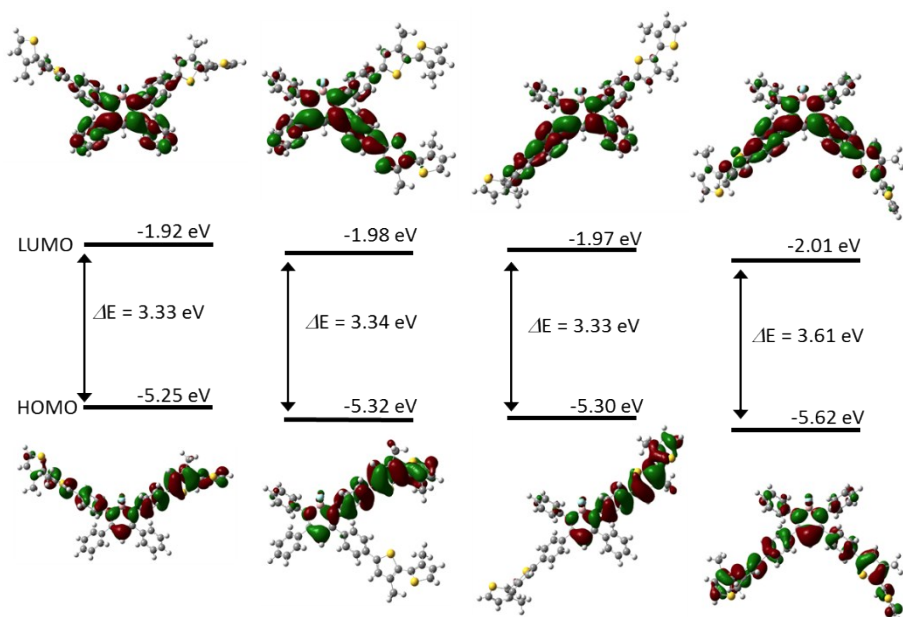


Figure S11. Structures and molecular orbital diagrams of the LUMO and HOMO of the model compounds with bithiophene obtained from the DFT calculations (B3LYP/6-31G (d)//B3LYP/6-31G (d)).⁴

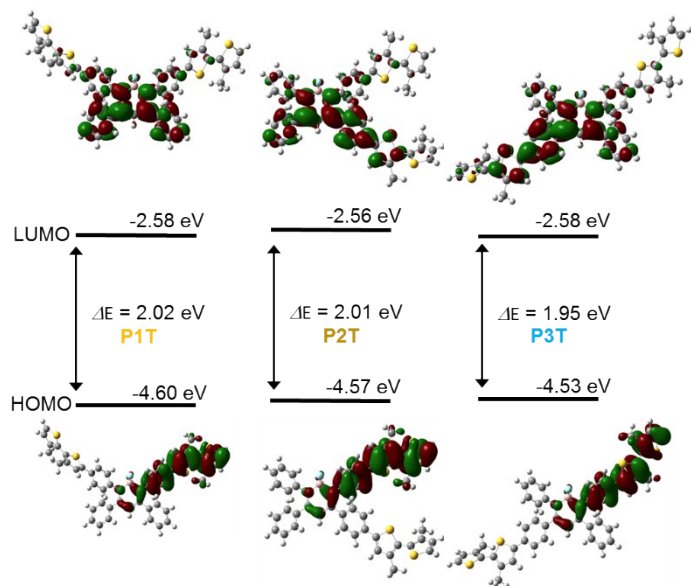


Figure S12. Structures and molecular orbital diagrams of the LUMO and HOMO of the model compounds with bithiophene obtained from the TD-DFT calculations (B3LYP/6-31G (d)//B3LYP/6-31G (d)).⁴

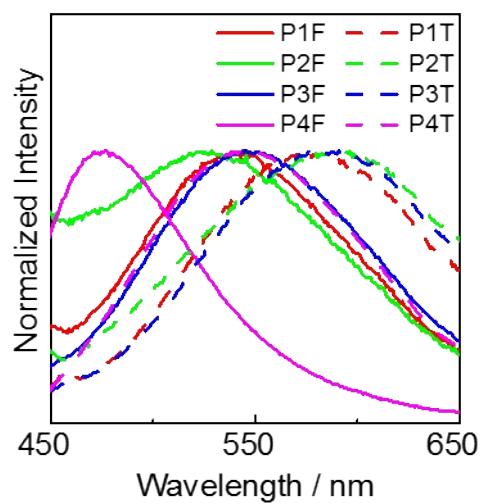


Figure S13. PL spectra of the polymers in CHCl_3 (1.0×10^{-5} M).

Lippert–Mataga Plots

Lippert–Mataga plots were conducted with the following formula.⁵

$$\Delta\nu = \nu_1 - \nu_0 = \frac{2(\mu_1 - \mu_0)^2}{hca^3} \Delta f + k \quad (1)$$

$$\Delta f = \frac{\varepsilon - 1}{2\varepsilon + 1} - \frac{n^2 - 1}{2(2n^2 + 1)} \quad (2)$$

where $\Delta\nu$ is the Stokes shift, h is the Planck constant, c is the velocity of light, a is the Onsager radius of the chromophore, ε is the dielectric constant of the solvent, n is the refractive index of the solvent, and μ_1 and μ_0 are the dipole moments in the excited (1) and ground (0) states, respectively.

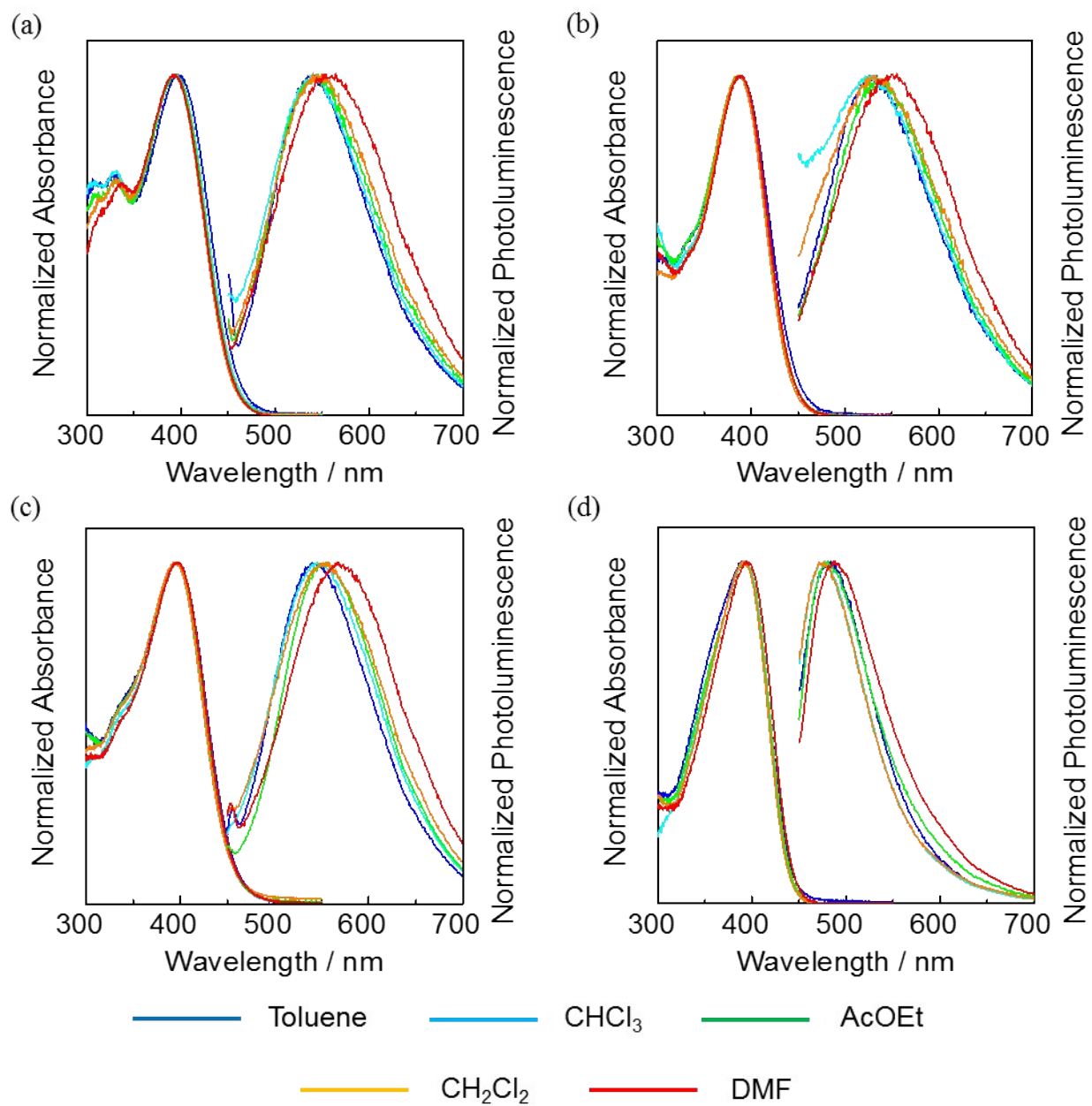


Figure S14. Normalized UV-vis absorption and photoluminescence spectra of (a) **P1F** (b) **P2F** (c) **P3F** (d) **P4F** in various solvents (1.0×10^{-5} M).

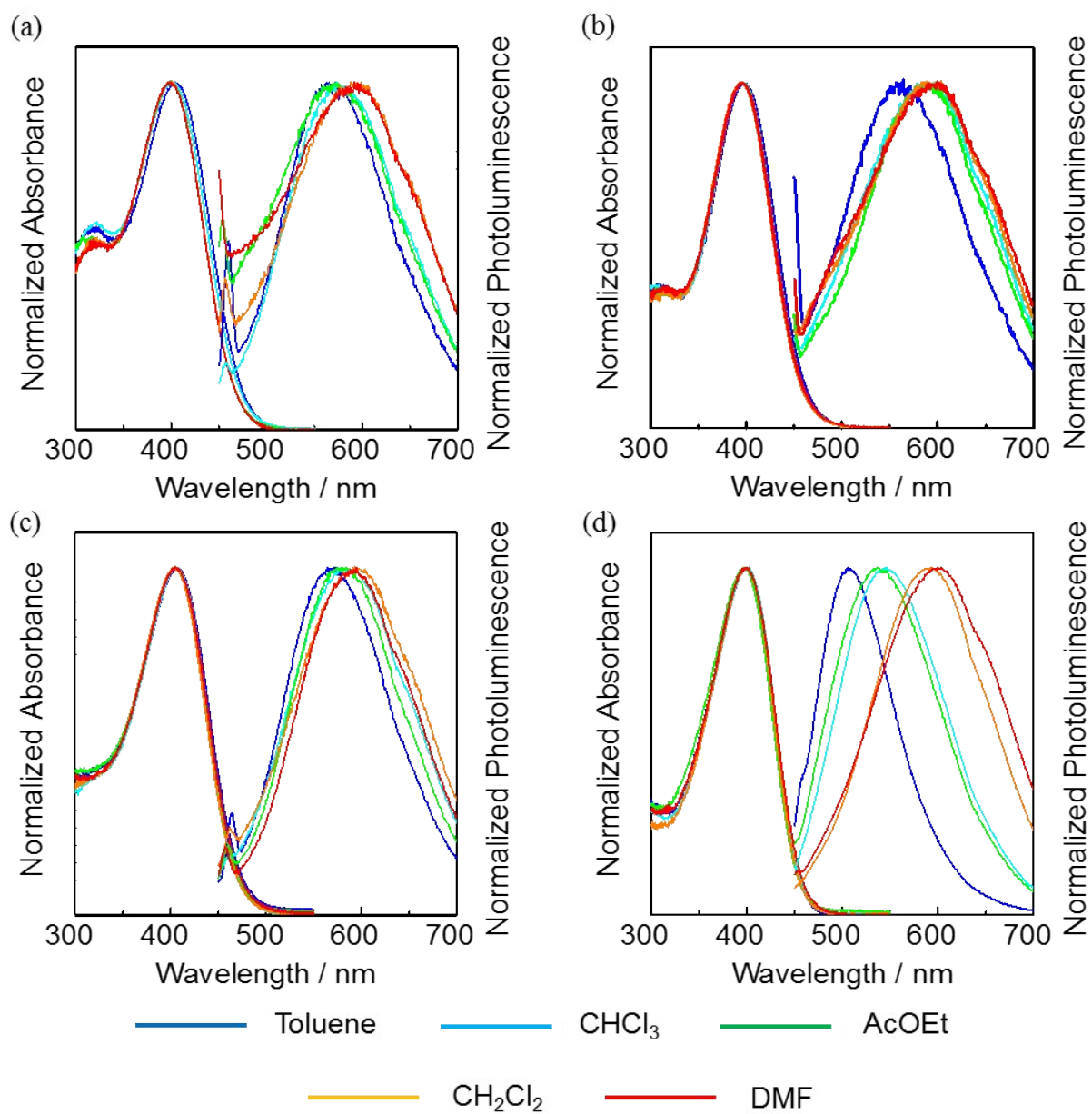


Figure S15. Normalized UV-vis absorption and photoluminescence spectra of (a) **P1T** (b) **P2T** (c) **P3T** (d) **P4T** in various solvents (1.0×10^{-5} M).

Table S2. Photophysical properties of **P1F** in various solvents (1.0×10^{-5} M)

Solvent	λ_{abs} [nm]	λ_{PL} [nm]	Stokes shift [cm ⁻¹]
toluene	397	544	6807
CHCl ₃	393	545	7097
AcOEt	394	547	7115
CH ₂ Cl ₂	394	550	7215
DMF	393	552	7345

Table S3. Photophysical properties of **P2F** in various solvents (1.0×10^{-5} M)

Solvent	λ_{abs} [nm]	λ_{PL} [nm]	Stokes shift [cm ⁻¹]
toluene	389	526	6696
CHCl ₃	387	529	6952
AcOEt	386	533	7145
CH ₂ Cl ₂	386	532	7126
DMF	389	545	7375

Table S4. Photophysical properties of **P3F** in various solvents (1.0×10^{-5} M)

Solvent	λ_{abs} [nm]	λ_{PL} [nm]	Stokes shift [cm ⁻¹]
toluene	398	540	6639
CHCl ₃	396	545	6936
AcOEt	396	555	7266
CH ₂ Cl ₂	393	557	7492
DMF	397	568	7583

Table S5. Photophysical properties of **P4F** in various solvents (1.0×10^{-5} M)

Solvent	λ_{abs} [nm]	λ_{PL} [nm]	Stokes shift [cm ⁻¹]
toluene	391	482	4840
CHCl ₃	391	477	4644
AcOEt	391	481	4785
CH ₂ Cl ₂	393	477	4459
DMF	395	489	4878

Table S6. Photophysical properties of **P1T** in various solvents (1.0×10^{-5} M)

Solvent	λ_{abs} [nm]	λ_{PL} [nm]	Stokes shift [cm ⁻¹]
toluene	405	570	7163
CHCl ₃	401	574	7532
AcOEt	399	573	7627
CH ₂ Cl ₂	401	588	7962
DMF	399	592	8171

Table S7. Photophysical properties of **P2T** in various solvents (1.0×10^{-5} M)

Solvent	λ_{abs} [nm]	λ_{PL} [nm]	Stokes shift [cm ⁻¹]
toluene	397	557	7236
CHCl ₃	397	592	8283
AcOEt	395	585	8222
CH ₂ Cl ₂	395	587	8298
DMF	396	600	8604

Table S8. Photophysical properties of **P3T** in various solvents (1.0×10^{-5} M)

Solvent	λ_{abs} [nm]	λ_{PL} [nm]	Stokes shift [cm ⁻¹]
toluene	407	573	7118
CHCl ₃	404	581	7541
AcOEt	405	594	7856
CH ₂ Cl ₂	405	594	7856
DMF	405	600	8025

Table S9. Photophysical properties of **P4T** in various solvents (1.0×10^{-5} M)

Solvent	λ_{abs} [nm]	λ_{PL} [nm]	Stokes shift [cm ⁻¹]
toluene	401	506	5175
CHCl ₃	402	545	6541
AcOEt	396	538	6665
CH ₂ Cl ₂	401	594	8134
DMF	399	600	8396

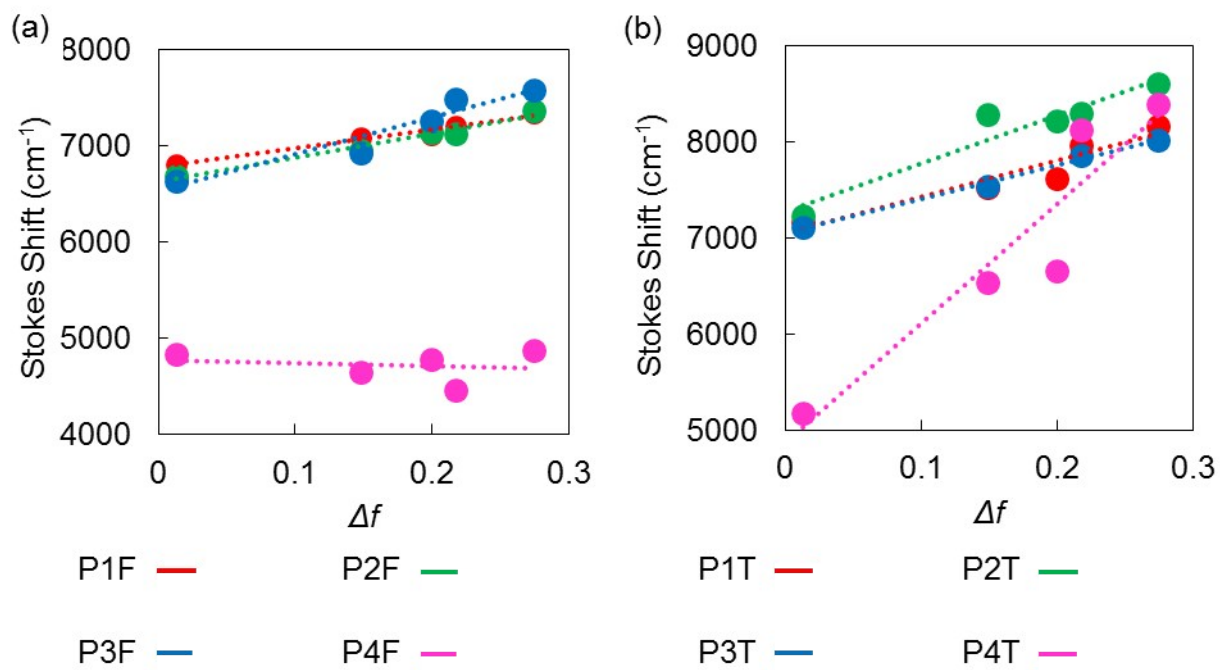


Figure S16. Lippert–Mataga plots for (a) **P1F–P4F** (b) **P1T–P4T**. Solvents and Δf : toluene, 0.0132; chloroform, 0.148; ethyl acetate, 0.200; dichloromethane, 0.217; dimethylformamide, 0.274.

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