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## Synthesis of pyramidal tetraarylborate pentads

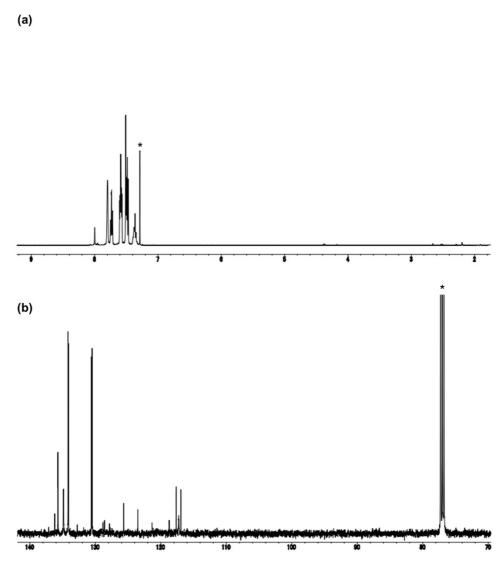
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**Figure S1.** (a) <sup>1</sup>H NMR and (b) <sup>13</sup>C NMR sprctrum of **(TPP)**<sub>5</sub>·**1** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature. The solvents peaks are marked as asterisk.

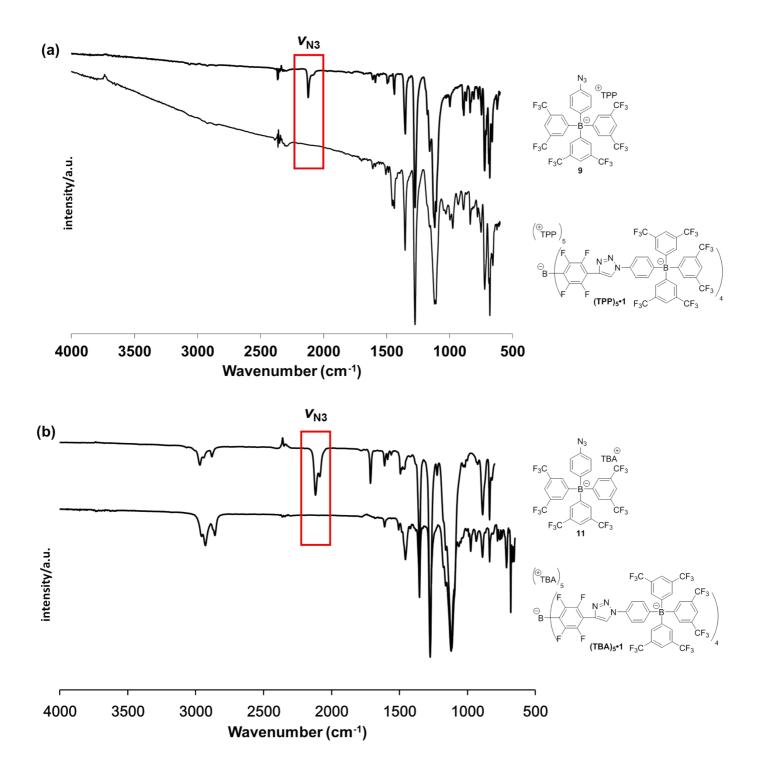


Figure S2. FT-IR spectra of (a) 9 and (TPP)<sub>5</sub>·1, and (b) 11 and (TBA)<sub>5</sub>·1.

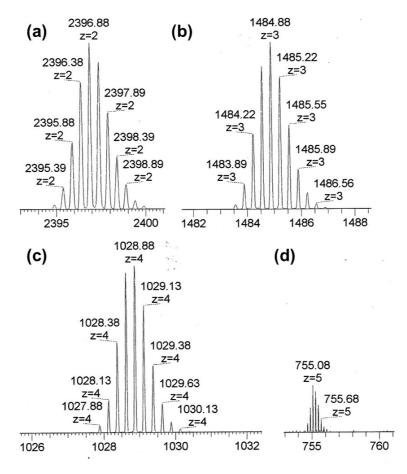


Figure S3. Electron-spray ionization mass spectrum (ESI-MS) of (TPP)<sub>5</sub>·1 for (a) z = 2, (b) z = 3, (c) z = 4, (d) z = 5.

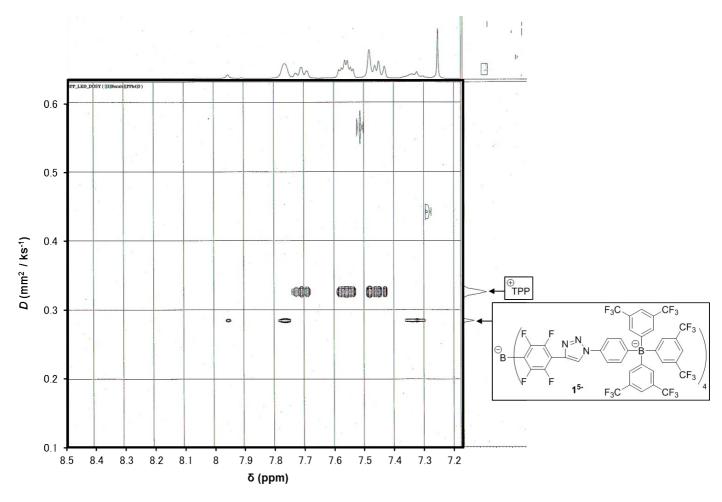


Figure S4. DOSY spectrum of (TPP)<sub>5</sub>·1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mM) at 20 °C.