

## Supplementary information

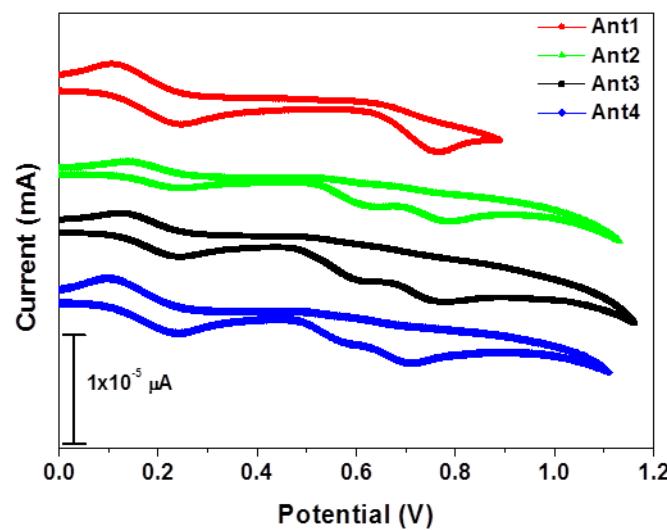
### 2,6-Conjugated anthracene sensitizers for high-performance dye-sensitized solar cells

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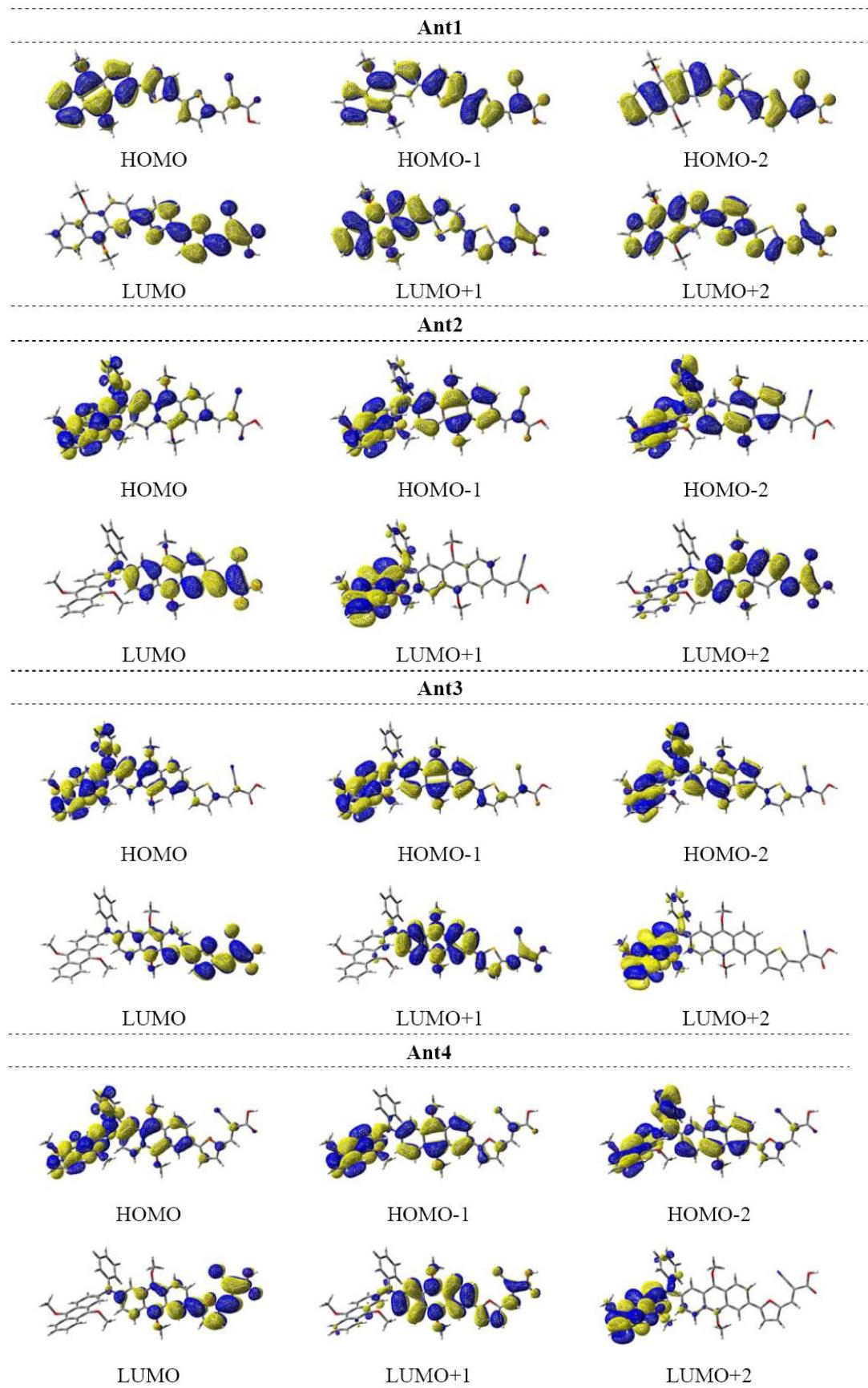
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**Fig. S1** Cyclic voltammograms of **Ant** dyes recorded in THF.



**Fig. S2** Selected frontier orbitals of the dyes

**Table S1** Calculated lower-lying transitions of the dyes<sup>a</sup>

dye	State	excitation <sup>a</sup>	$\lambda_{\text{cal.}}$ eV	f <sup>b</sup>	$\Delta(\text{Mulliken}$ charge), <sup>c</sup>  e	f × $\Delta q$	dye	State	excitation <sup>a</sup>	$\lambda_{\text{cal.}}$ eV	f <sup>b</sup>	$\Delta(\text{Mulliken}$ charge), <sup>c</sup>  e	f × $\Delta q$
<b>Ant1</b>	S <sub>1</sub>	H → L (98%)	2.16	0.39	Ant: 0.77	-0.13	<b>Ant2</b>	S <sub>1</sub>	H → L (99%)	2.12	0.38	AntN: 0.73	-0.14
					T1: -0.12							Ant: -0.35	
					T2: -0.30							Ac: -0.38	
<b>Ant3</b>	S <sub>2</sub>	H1 → L (92%)	2.76	1.08	Ant: 0.11	-0.21	<b>Ant4</b>	S <sub>2</sub>	H1 → L (97%)	2.46	0.17	AntN: 0.36	-0.07
		H → L1 (5%)			T1: 0.14							Ant: 0.04	
					T2: -0.06							Ac: -0.40	
<b>Ant3</b>	S <sub>6</sub>	H → L1 (93%)	2.94	0.11	Ant: 0.07	-0.01	<b>Ant4</b>	S <sub>6</sub>	H → L1 (84%)	2.78	0.04	AntN: 0.00	0.00
					T1: 0.03							Ant: 0.02	
					T2: -0.03							Ac: -0.02	
<b>Ant3</b>					Ac: -0.08								
								S <sub>1</sub>	H → L (99%)	2.02	0.45	AntN: 0.60	-0.19
												Ant: 0.06	
<b>Ant4</b>												F: -0.25	
												Ac: -0.41	
								S <sub>2</sub>	H1 → L (96%)	2.35	0.12	AntN: 0.48	-0.05
<b>Ant4</b>												Ant: 0.21	
												F: -0.26	
												Ac: -0.43	
<b>Ant4</b>	S <sub>3</sub>	H → L1 (85%)	2.63	0.08	AntN: 0.60	-0.01		S <sub>3</sub>	H → L1 (77%)	2.65	0.08	AntN: 0.53	-0.01
		H → L2 (7%)			Ant: -0.45							Ant: -0.36	
					T: -0.06							F: -0.06	
<b>Ant4</b>					Ac: -0.09							Ac: -0.11	

<sup>a</sup> Results are based on gas-phase TD-DFT calculation. <sup>b</sup> H = HOMO, L = LUMO, H1 = The next highest occupied molecular orbital, or HOMO – 1, H2 = HOMO – 2, L1 = LUMO + 1, L2 = LUMO + 2. In parentheses is the population of a pair of MO excitations. <sup>c</sup> Oscillator strength. <sup>d</sup> The difference of the Mulliken charge between the ground state and excited state.