

Electronic Supplementary Information

## **Facile and High-yield Formation of Dipyrrin-Boronic Acid Dyads and Triads: Light-Harvesting System in the Visible Region Based on Efficient Energy Transfer**

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# (1) $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra

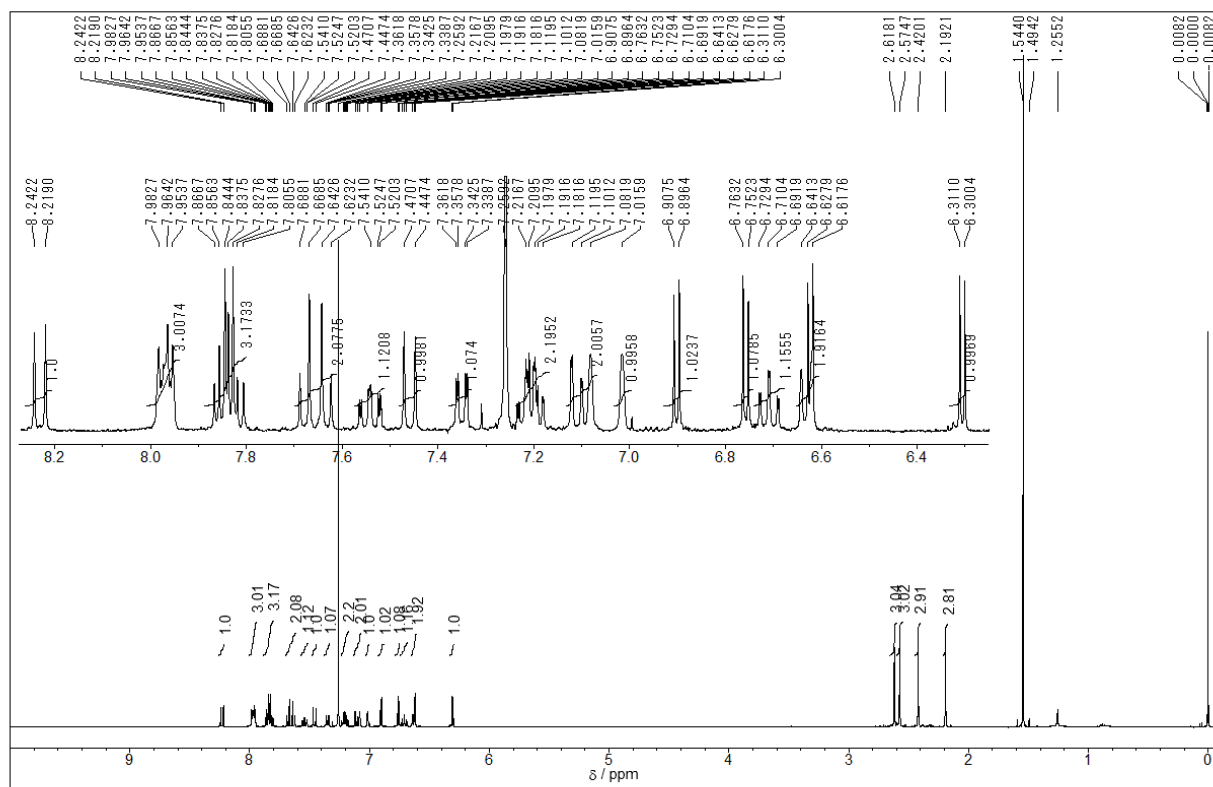


Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **2** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

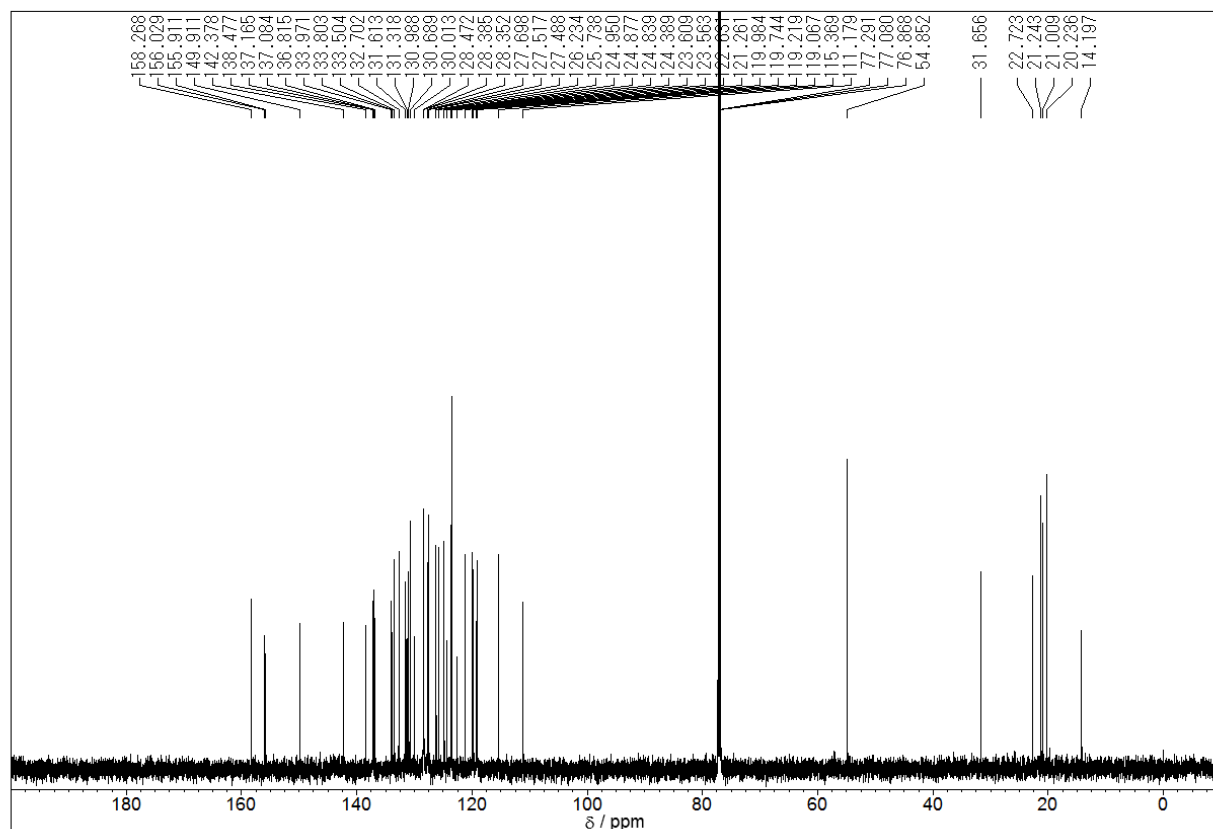


Figure S2.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **2** (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

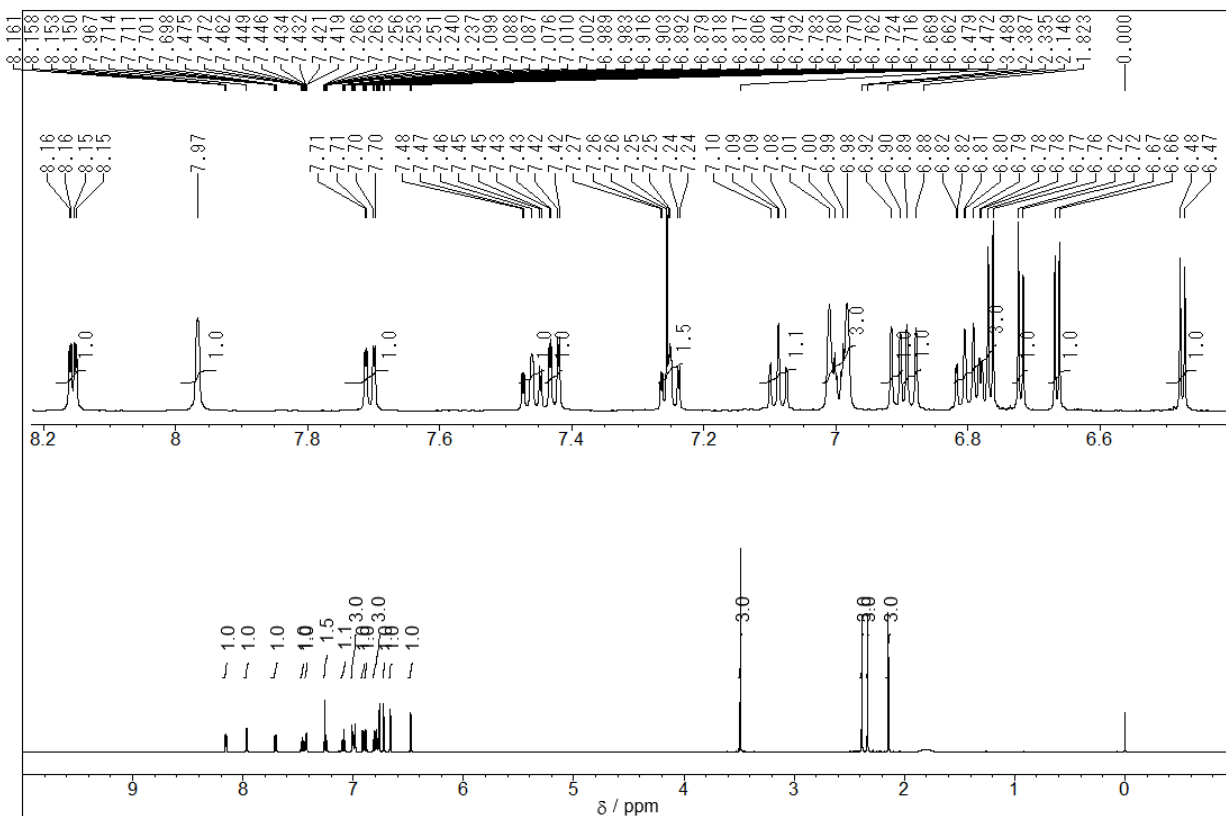


Figure S3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **3** (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

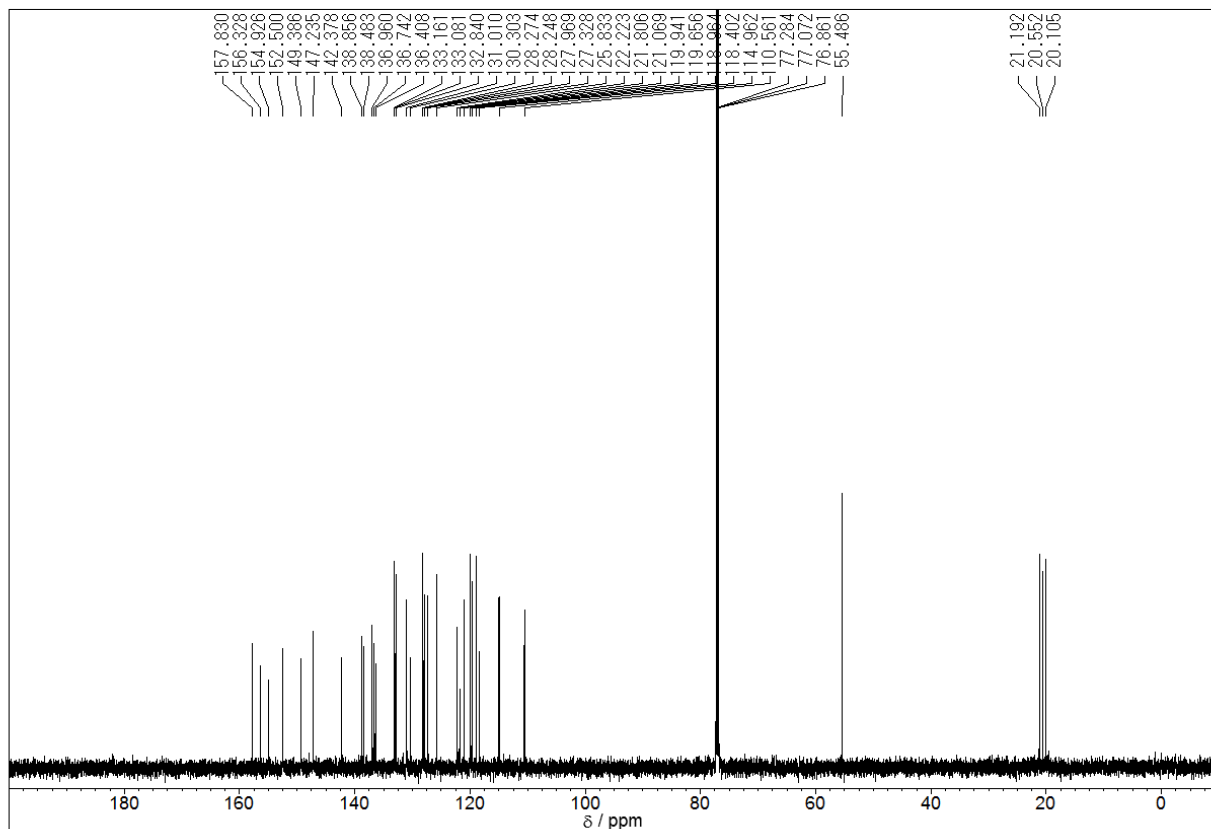


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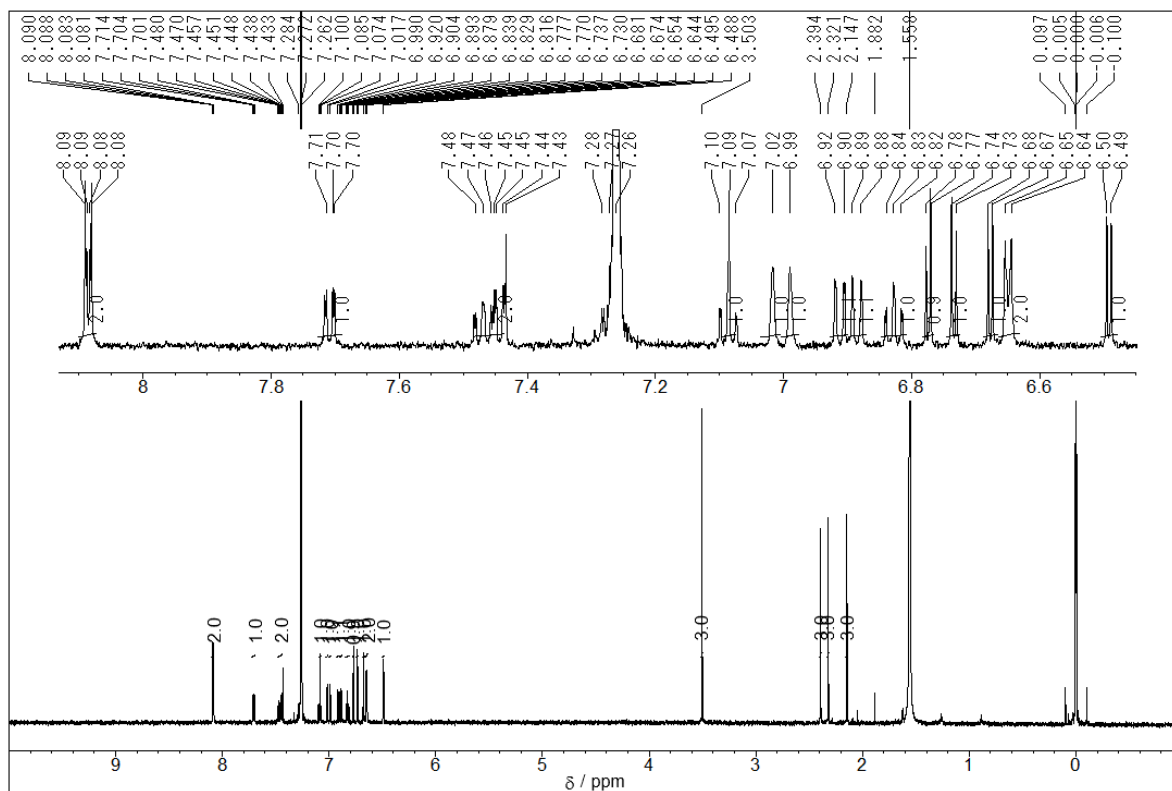


Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

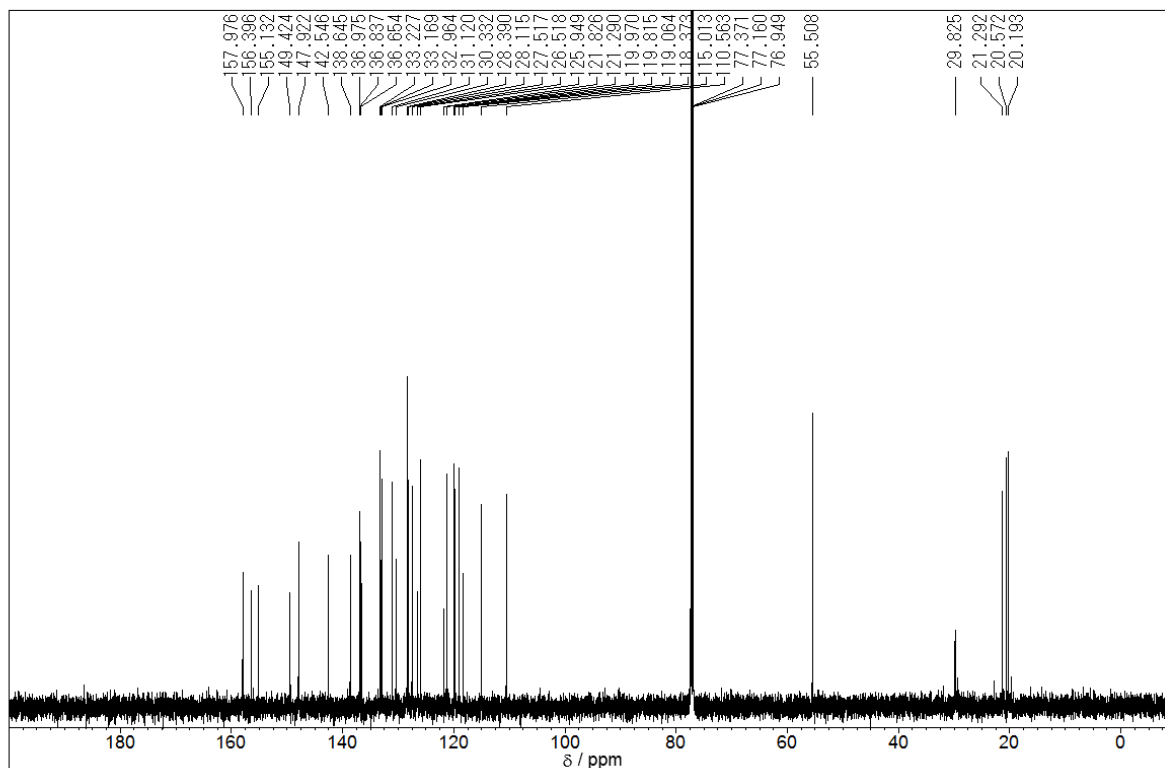


Figure S6. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **4** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

(2) ESI-TOF mass spectra

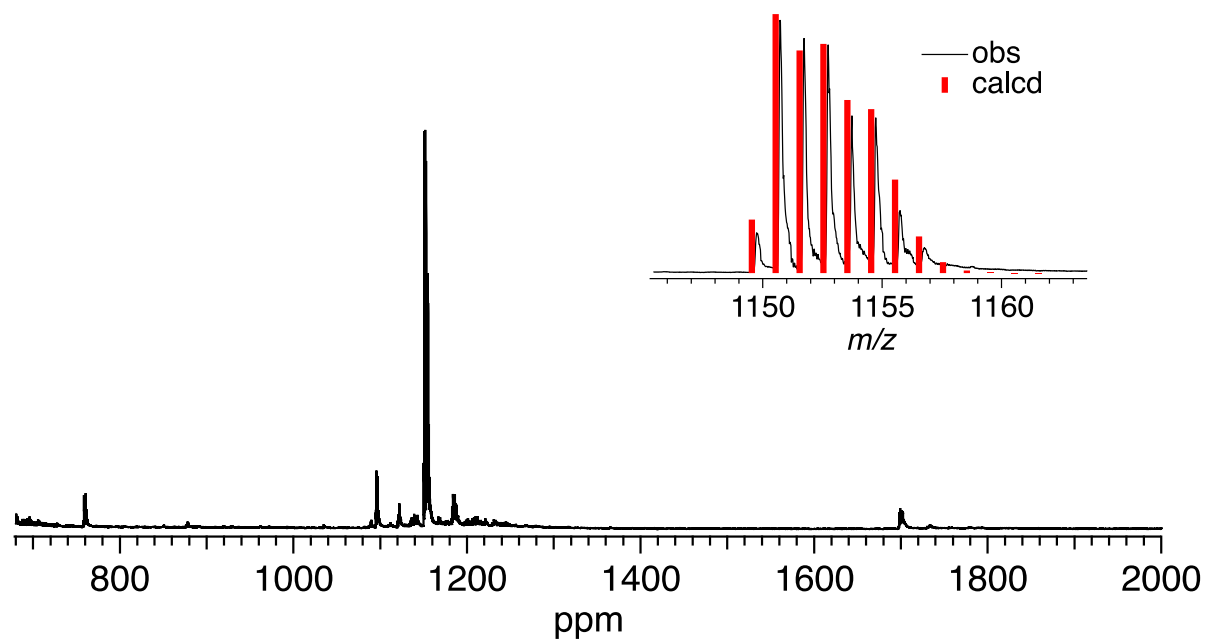


Figure S7. ESI-TOF MS of **3·5**. The observed ion peaks:  $[3·5+H]^+$ .

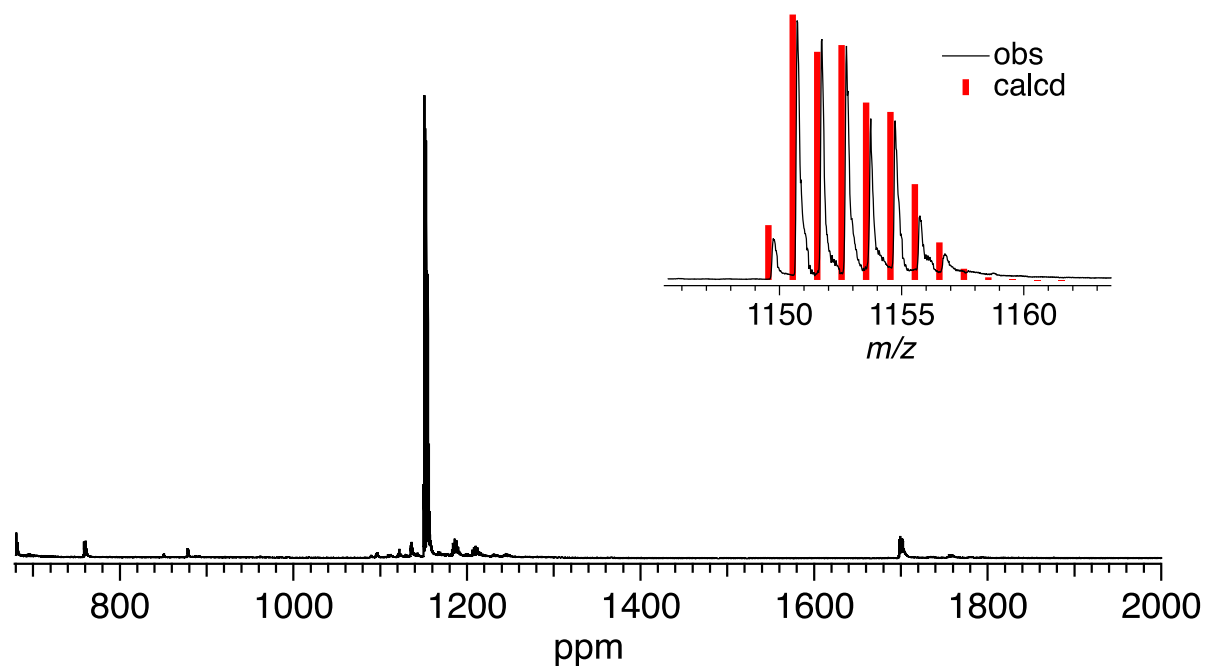
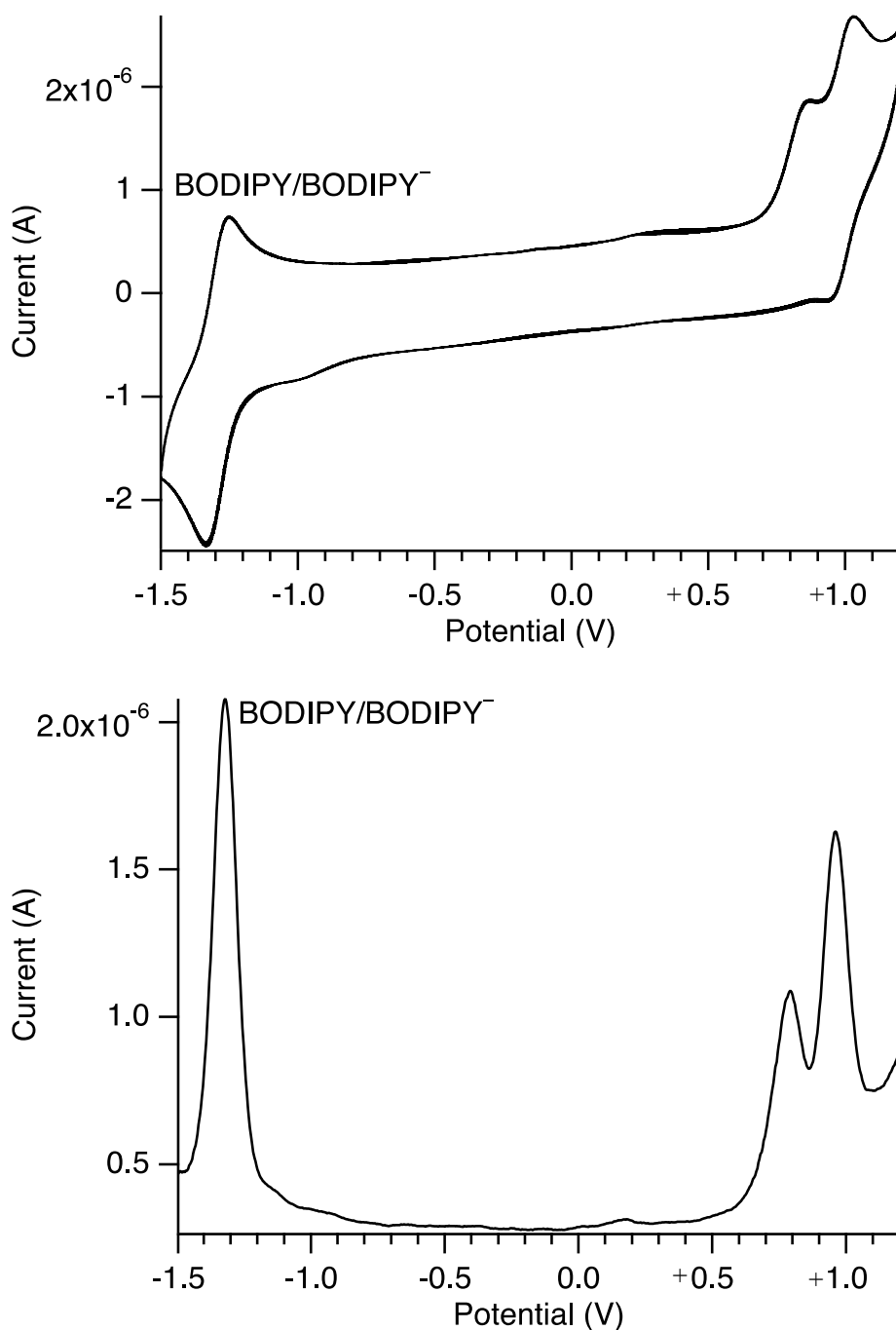
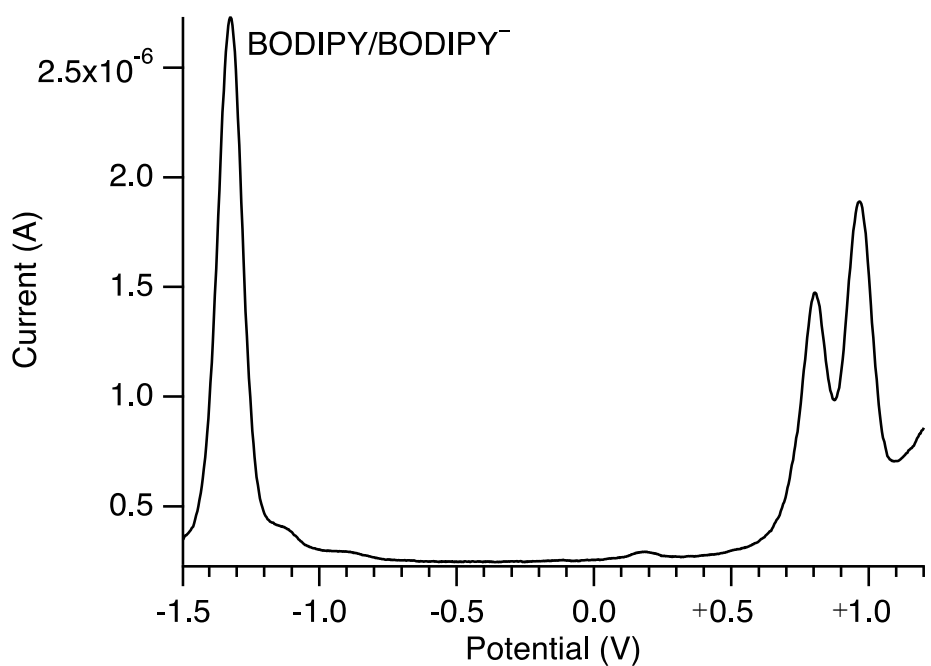
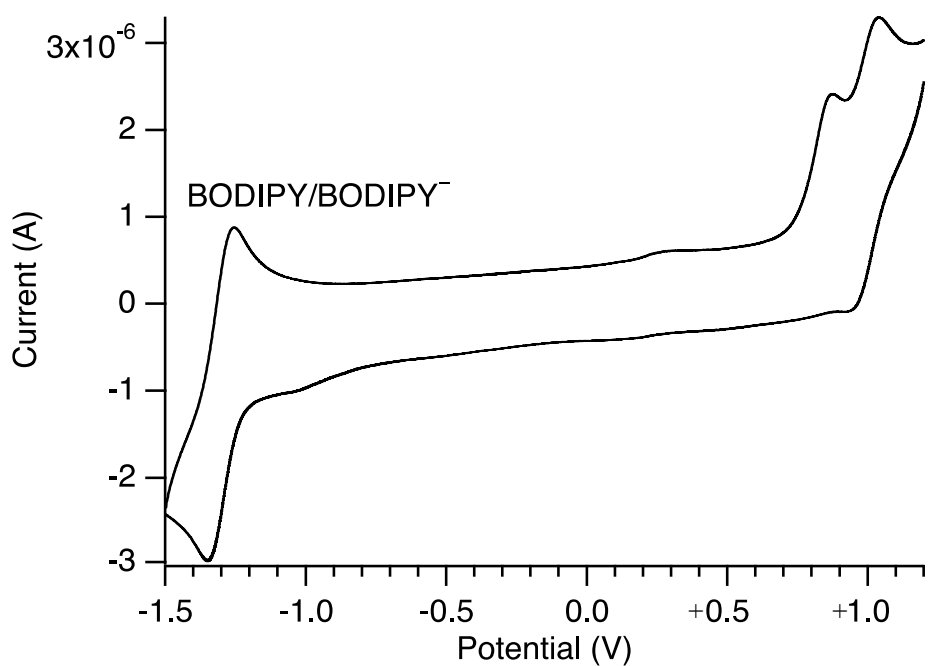


Figure S8. ESI-TOF MS of **4·5**. The observed ion peaks:  $[4·5+H]^+$ .

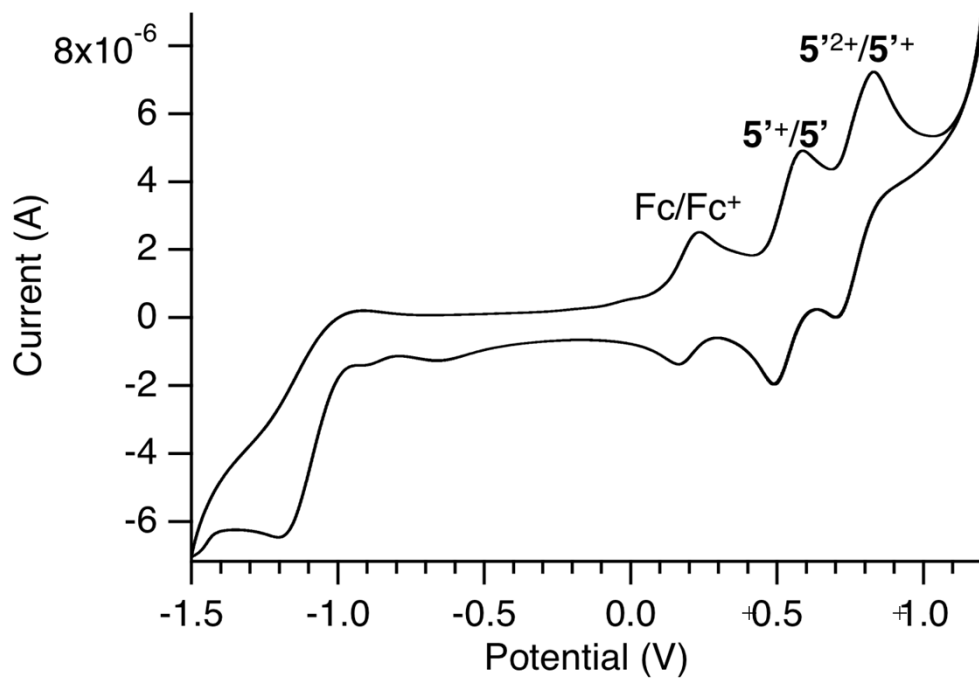
### (3) Electrochemical Studies



**Figure S9.** Cyclic (upper) and differential pulse (lower) voltammograms of **3** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (0.1 M  $\text{TBAClO}_4$ ). Working: glassy carbon, counter: Pt, reference:  $\text{Ag}/\text{Ag}^+$ , Scan rate: 0.1 V/s. Potential vs  $\text{Fc}/\text{Fc}^+ = +0.20$  V.



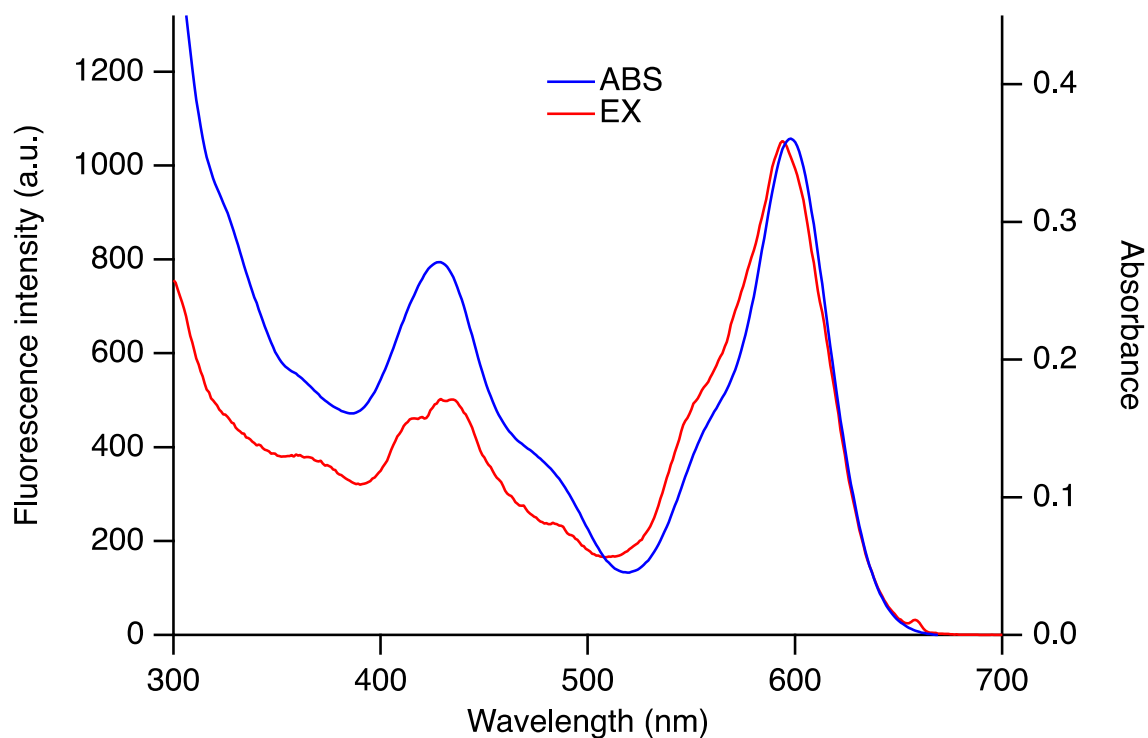
**Figure S10.** Cyclic (upper) and differential pulse (lower) voltammograms of **4** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.1 M TBAClO<sub>4</sub>). Working: glassy carbon, counter: Pt, reference: Ag/Ag<sup>+</sup>, Scan rate: 0.1 V/s. Potential vs Fc/Fc<sup>+</sup> = +0.20 V.



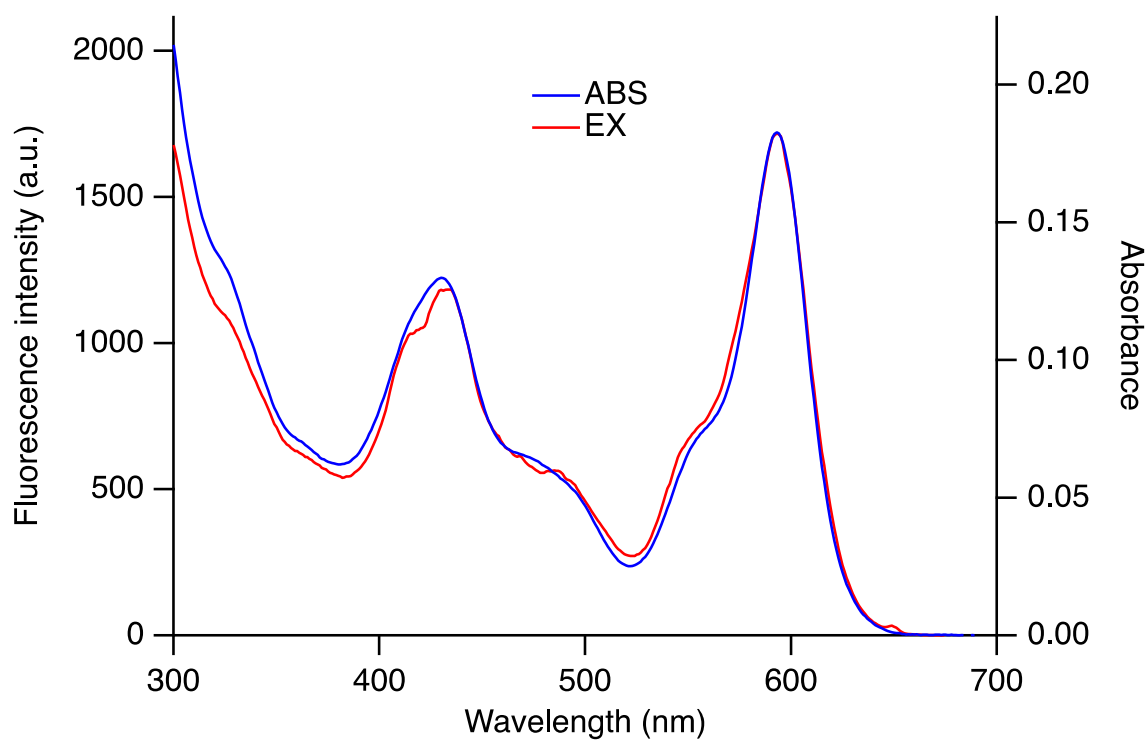
**Figure S11.** Cyclic voltammogram of **5'** (= **5**-pyridine) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (0.1 M  $\text{TBAClO}_4$ ). Working: glassy carbon, counter: Pt, reference:  $\text{Ag}/\text{Ag}^+$ , Scan rate: 0.1 V/s. Potential vs  $\text{Fc}/\text{Fc}^+ = +0.20 \text{ V}$ .



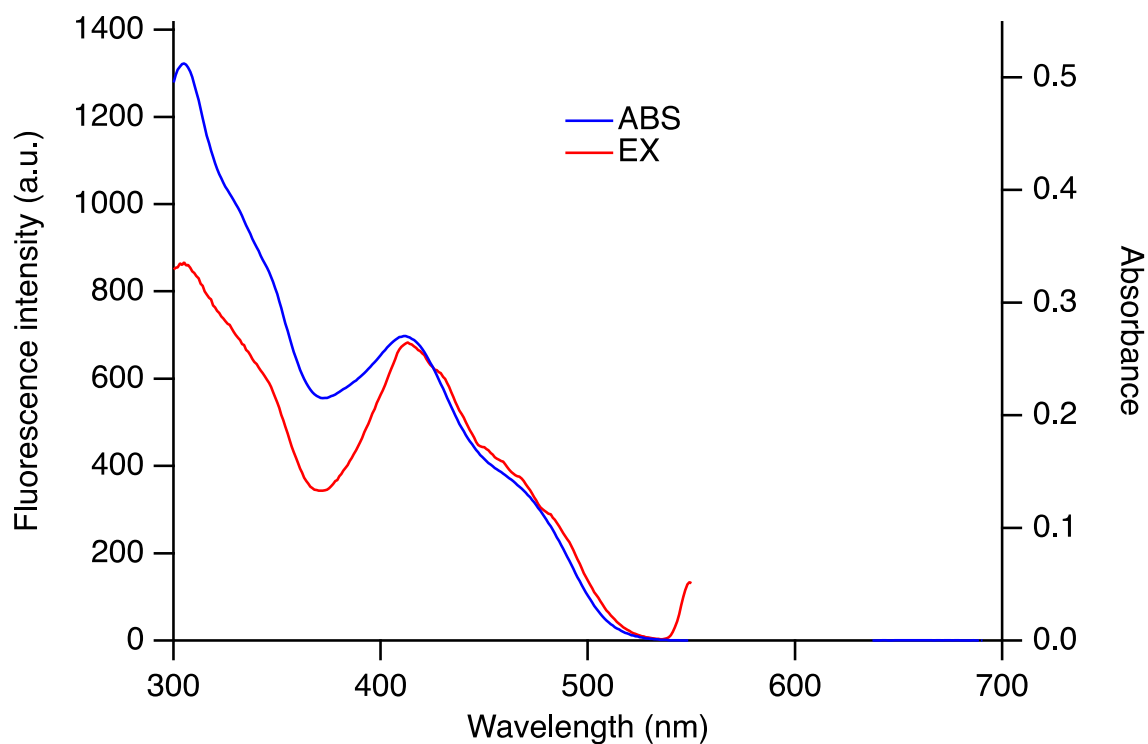
#### (4) Photophysical studies



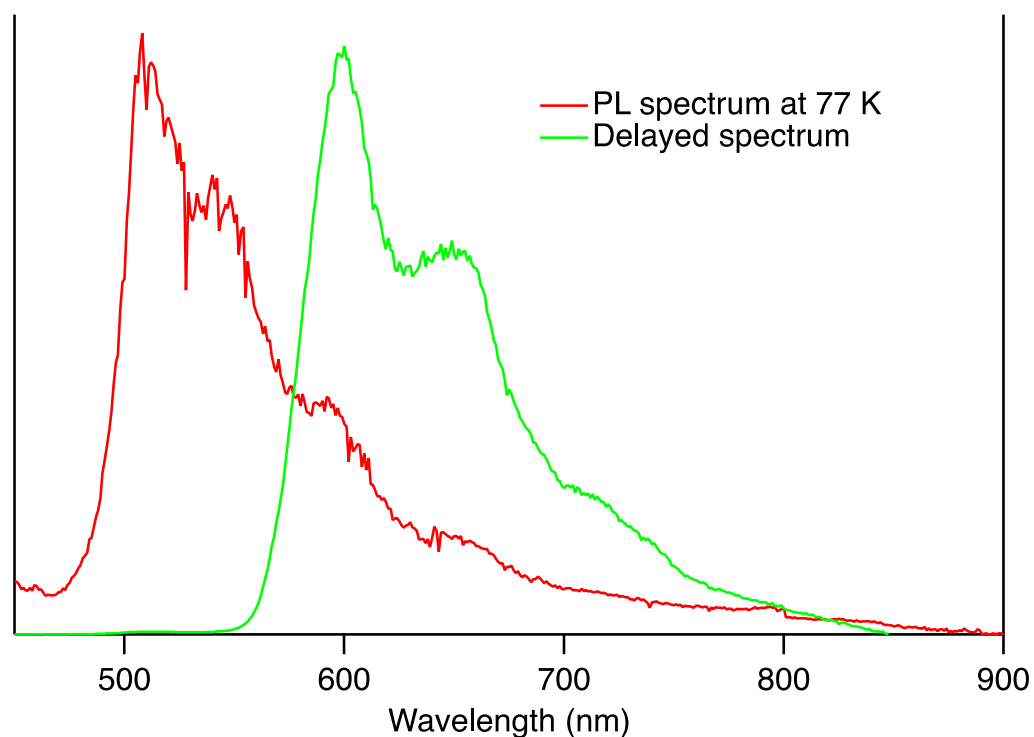
**Figure S12.** Absorption and excitation (650 nm) spectra of **3·5** (*n*-hexane,  $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M, rt).



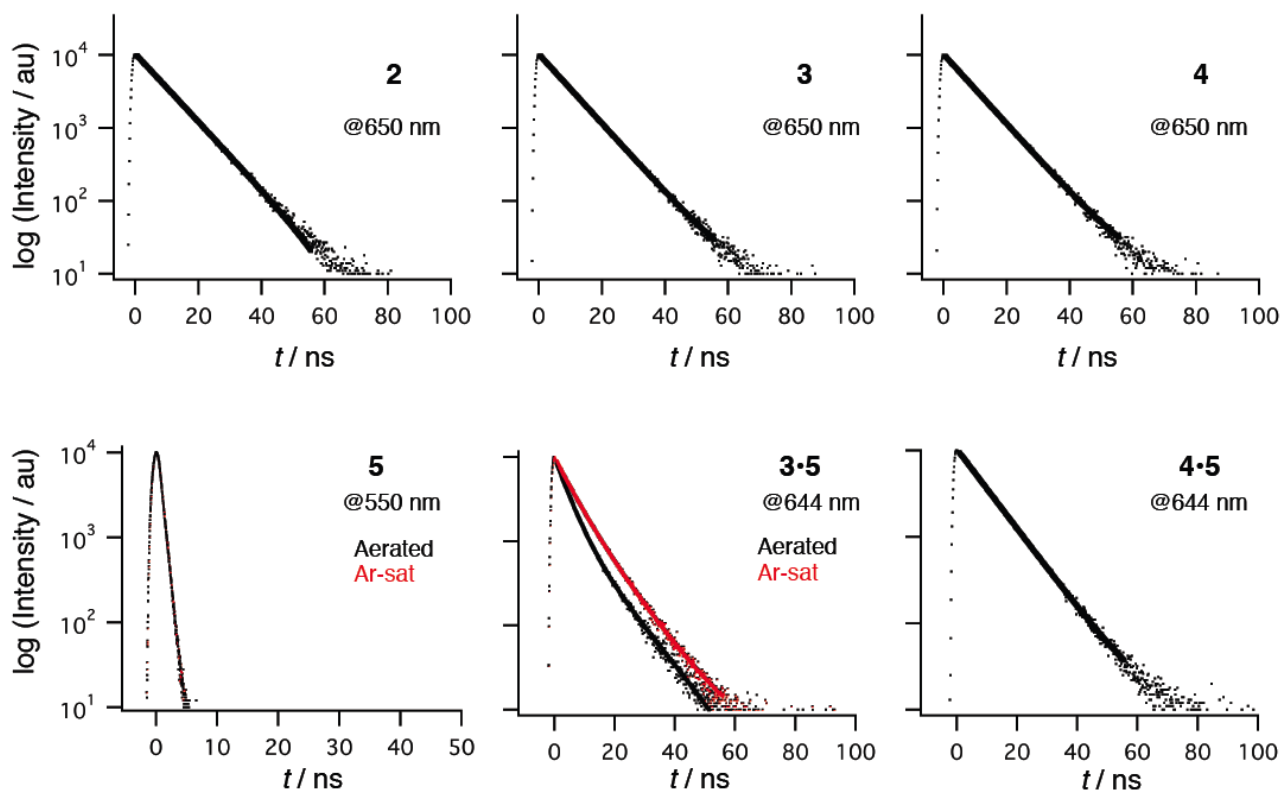
**Figure S13.** Absorption and excitation (650 nm) spectra of **4·5** (*n*-hexane,  $5.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M, rt).



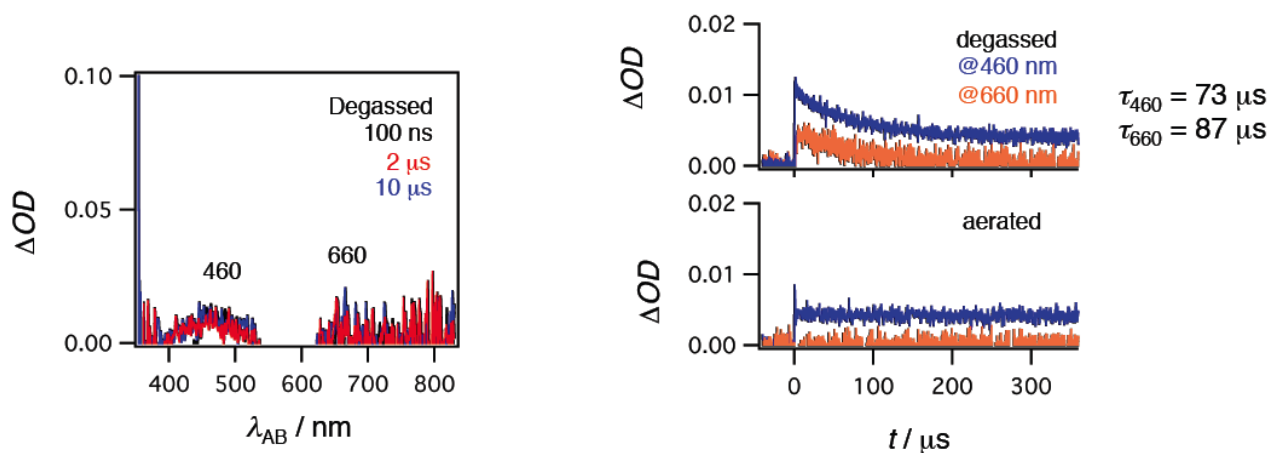
**Figure S14.** Absorption and excitation (550 nm) spectra of **5** (*n*-hexane,  $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M, rt).



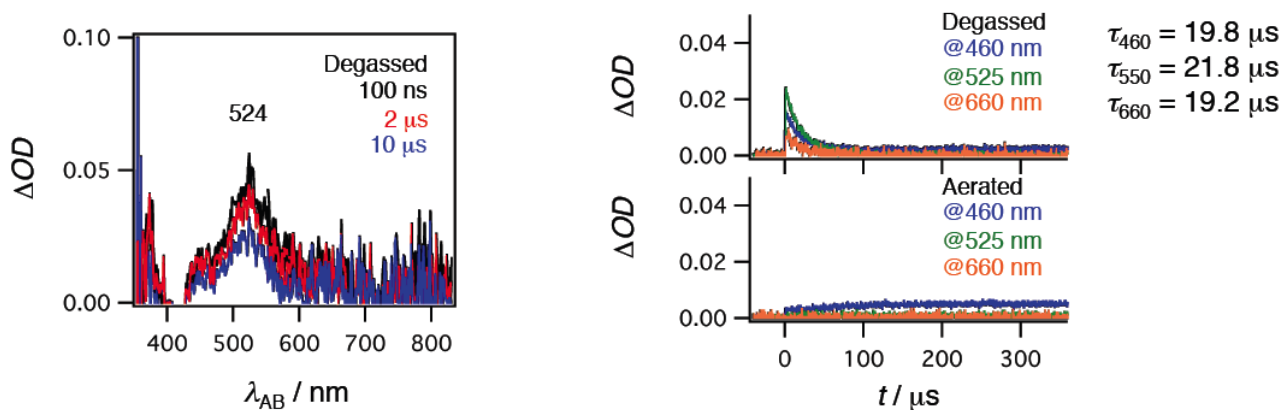
**Figure S15.** Photoluminescence spectrum of **5** (degassed methylcyclohexane-glass-matrix, 77 K,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 420$  nm) and delayed spectrum (delay time: 20 msec).



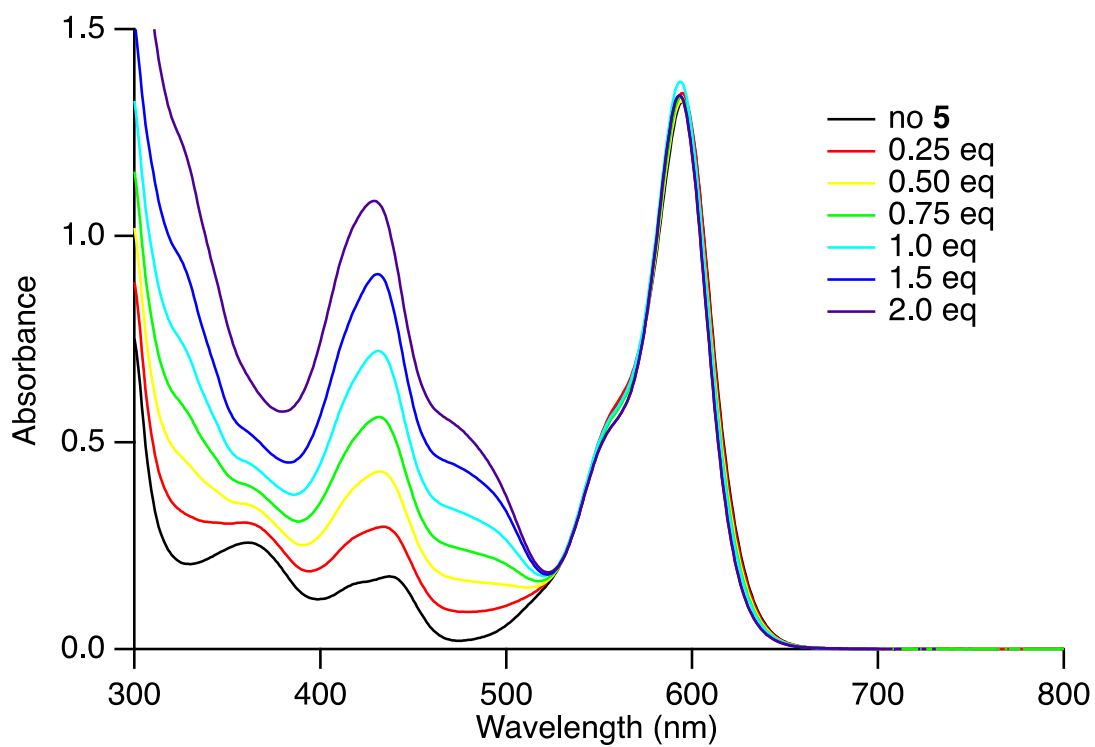
**Figure S16.** Fluorescence decay of **2**, **3**, **4**, **5**, **3·5**, and **4·5** at the  $\lambda_{\max}$  (*n*-hexane,  $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 371$  nm, rt).



**Figure S17.** Transient absorption spectra of **3·5** (*n*-hexane,  $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355$  nm, rt).



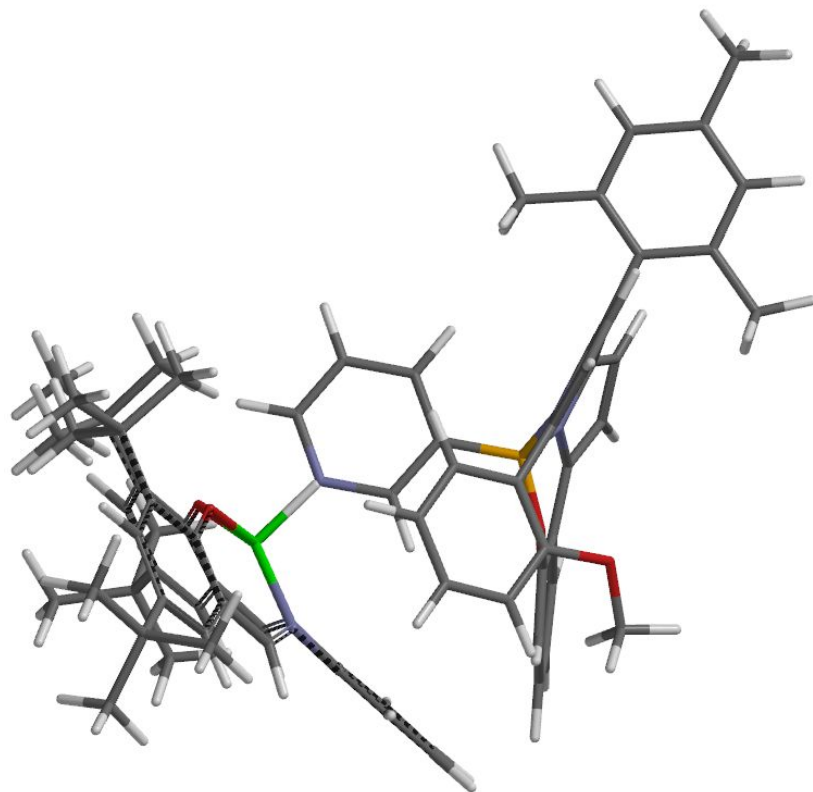
**Figure S18.** Transient absorption spectra of **5** (*n*-hexane,  $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355$  nm, rt).



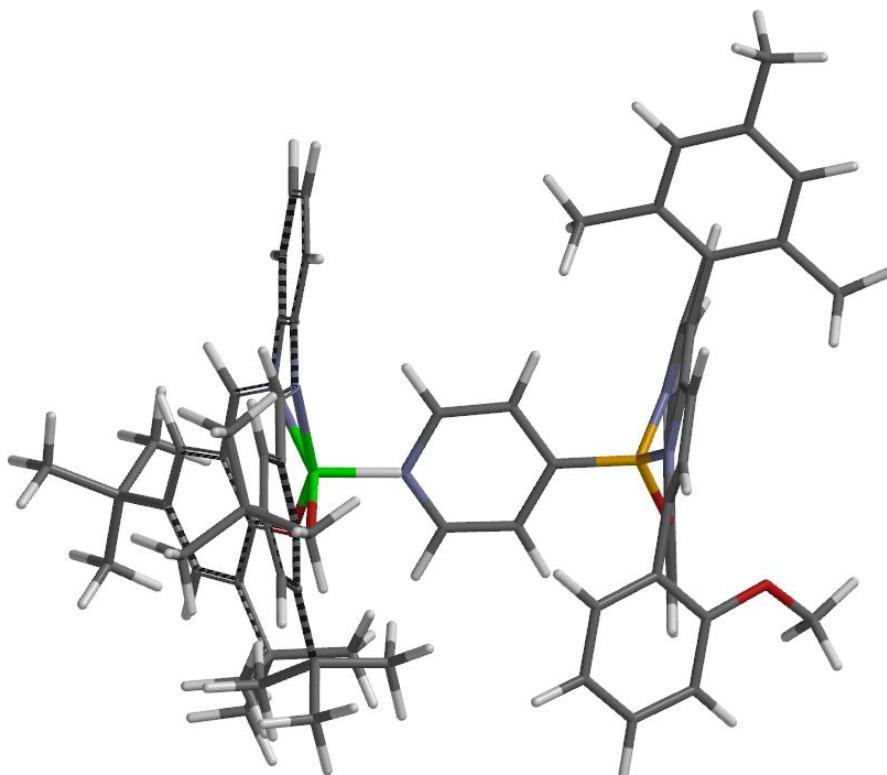
**Figure S19.** UV-vis spectroscopic titration of **4** with the addition of **5** (*n*-hexane,  $[4] = 2.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M).

### (5) Computational details

The geometry optimization and time-dependent calculation of **3** and **5**-pyridine were performed at the RM06-2X<sup>S1</sup>/6-31G(d,p) level using Gaussian09 program.<sup>S2</sup> Coordinates for the optimized structures were shown in Table S1–S2.



**Figure S20.** Model structure of **3**·**5**.



**Figure S21.** Model structure of **4**·**5**.

**Table S1.** Coordinates of the optimized **3**.

Center Number	Atom	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	C	-0.518236	-2.269984	-0.412814
2	C	0.566183	-3.176175	-0.438239
3	H	0.469887	-4.247312	-0.538924
4	C	1.723850	-2.425949	-0.345798
5	H	2.749110	-2.771057	-0.347181
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7	C	2.140139	0.073221	-0.146995
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**Table S2.** Coordinates of the optimized **5**-pyridine.

Center Number	Atom	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	C	4.901261	-1.461082	-0.512029
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