

Supplementary Information

Exact Helical Polymer Synthesis by Two-point-covalent-linking
Protocol between C_2 -Chiral Spirobifluorene and C_2 - or
 C_s -Symmetric Anthraquinone Monomers

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1. Materials and measurements

Materials: Racemic and optically pure 2,2'-dihydroxy-9,9'-spirobifluorene (**R**)-**1**¹, and 1,5-bis(*p*-tolylxy)anthracene-9,10-dione **4**² were prepared according to the literature. Other commercially available materials were used without further purification. All solvents were dried before the use if necessary.

Measurements: ¹H NMR (400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectra were recorded on a JEOL AL-400 spectrometer using CDCl₃ and acetone-*d*₆ as the solvent and tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. The molecular weights and their distributions were estimated by a size exclusion column chromatography (SEC) on a JASCO Gulliver system equipped with two consecutive linear polystyrene gel columns (Tosoh TSK-gel GMHXL and G5000HXL) at 30 °C (flow rate 0.85 mL/min) according to polystyrene standards using CHCl₃ as the eluent. SEC analyses were also performed using Wyatt Technology Dawn EOS-N MALS detector and Viscotek Model TDA300 on-line RI and viscometric detectors at 30 °C (flow rate 1.00 mL/min) on the basis of polystyrene standards using THF as the eluent. Right-angle scattering (RALS) information was obtained from the MALS detector and integrated into the TDA detector system to calculate the absolute molecular weights, distributions, and Mark–Houwink–Sakurada coefficients (α). FT-IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-460 Plus spectrophotometer. Melting points were measured with a Stuart Scientific SMP3. MALDI–TOF MS spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu Voyager-DE STR-H mass spectrometer (matrix: CHC α). UV-vis spectra were recorded on a JASCO V-550 UV-vis spectrometer. CD spectra were recorded on a JASCO J-820 spectropolarimeter. ESI–TOF MS spectra were taken on a Bruker Daltonics microTOF II mass spectrometer at the Center for Advanced Material Analysis, Tokyo Institute of Technology on request. FAB MS spectra were taken on a JMS-700 mass spectrometer at the Center for Advanced Material Analysis, Tokyo Institute of Technology on request. MALDI–TOF MS spectra were taken on an AXIMA-CFR plus mass spectrometer.

2. Experimental section

Typical procedure for intramolecular cyclization of **4** (Table S1, entry 3)

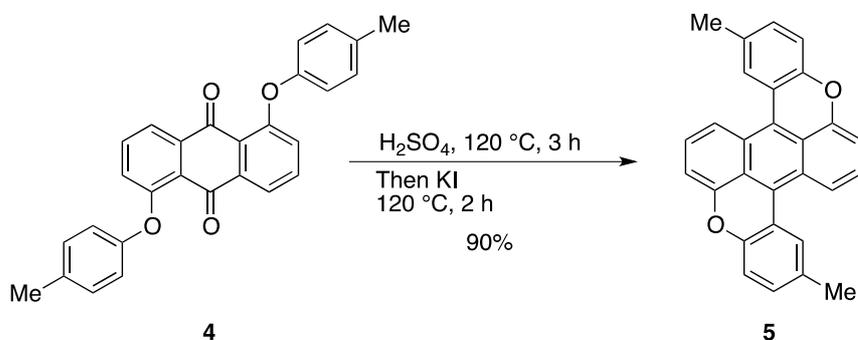


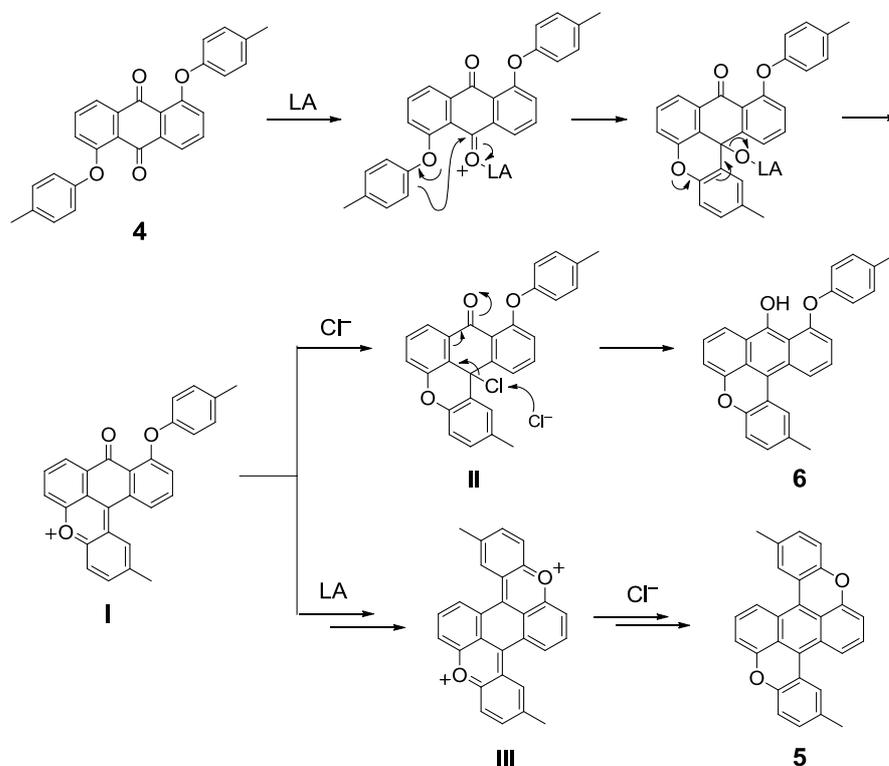
Table S1. Cyclization of **4**^[a]

Entry	Acid	Additive	Yield of 5 (%)
1	AlCl_3	NaCl	37 ^[b]
2	H_2SO_4	$\text{KI}^{\text{[c]}}$	40
3	H_2SO_4	H_2O	— ^[d]
4	H_2SO_4	KI	90
5	H_2SO_4	Bu_4NI	88
6	$\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$	KI	— ^[d]

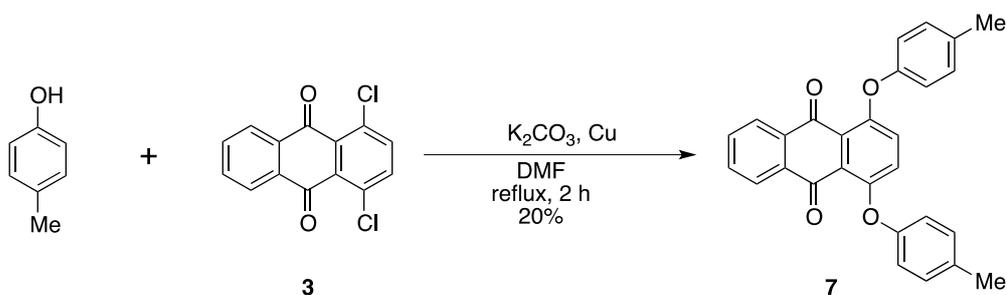
[a] An additive was added after the reaction in acid for 2 h at 120 °C. [b] Phenol **6** was obtained as a byproduct. [c] The reaction mixture was poured into an aqueous solution of KI (1.0 M) at room temperature. [d] No reaction.

4 (50 mg, 0.12 mmol) and concd H_2SO_4 (5.0 mL) were placed in a 10 mL one-necked round-bottomed flask. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 3 h. After cooling to room temperature, KI (70 mg, 0.42 mmol) was added to the mixture. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 2 h, cooled to room temperature, and poured into a half-saturated K_2CO_3 aqueous solution. The products were extracted with CH_2Cl_2 repeatedly. The combined organic layer was washed with sat. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ aq., dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and evaporated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by a silica gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane– CH_2Cl_2 (3:2 v/v)) to give **5** (48 mg, 90%) as a pink solid; mp 270–273 °C (lit. 282 °C)²; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ 8.12 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 8.01 (s, 2H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 7.6, 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.25–7.08 (m, 4H), 6.92 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 6H) ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3000, 1600, 1525, 1260, 780

cm^{-1} ; FAB-HRMS $[\text{M}]^+$ calc'd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$, 386.1307; found, 386.1307; UV-vis abs. (CH_2Cl_2 , 250–700 nm) 548, 510, 412, 310 nm.

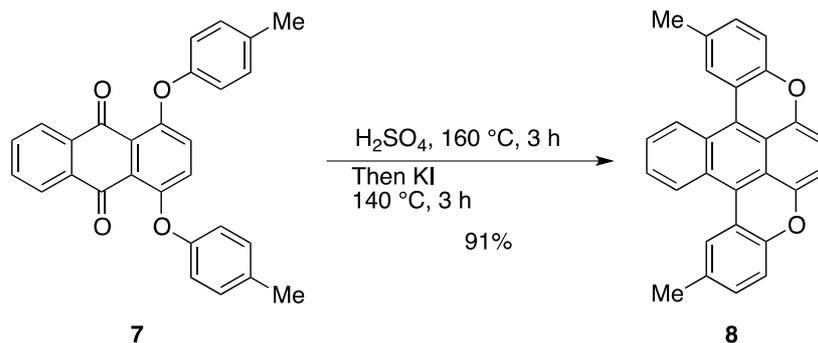


Scheme S1. Plausible mechanism to give **6** and **5** using AlCl_3 and NaCl .



p-Cresol (3.4 mL, 33 mmol), **3** (3.0 g, 10.8 mmol), K_2CO_3 (4.5 g, 32.5 mmol), Cu (1.0 g, 16.2 mmol), and DMF (10 mL) were placed in a round-bottom flask, and the mixture was refluxed for 2 h. After cooling to room temperature, 1 M NaOH aq. was added to the reaction mixture. The products were extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and evaporated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by a silica gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane–ethyl acetate (1:1 v/v)) to give **7** as an orange solid. The analytically pure sample **7** (0.90 g, 20%) was obtained by recrystallization using CH_2Cl_2 –hexane; mp 193.8–194.3 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone- d_6 , 298 K) δ 7.96 (ddd, $J = 3.4, 3.3,$

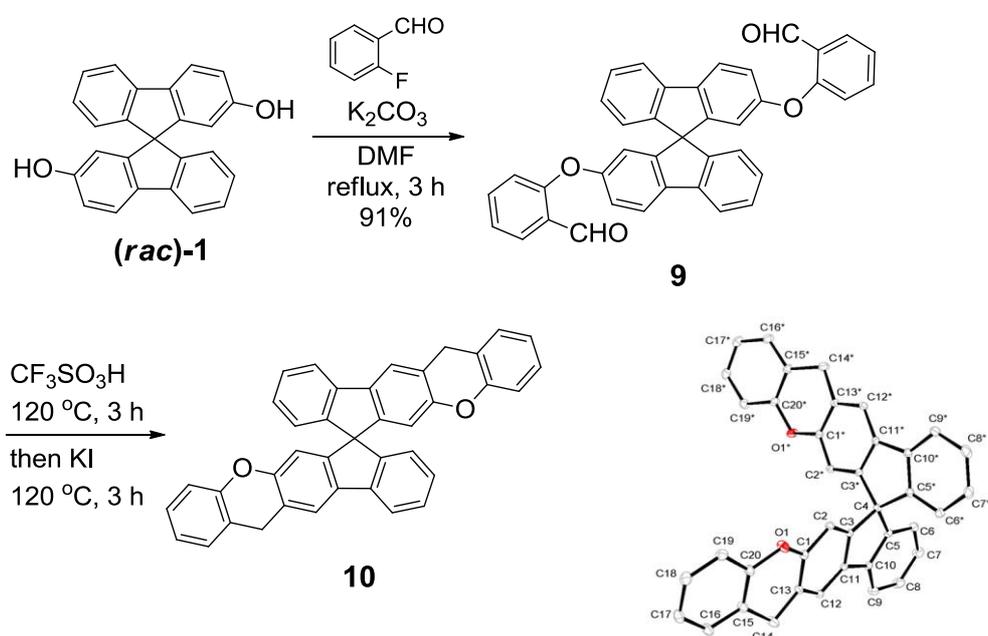
2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (ddd, $J = 3.4, 3.3, 2.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 6.81 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 2.17 (s, 6H) ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3000, 1670, 1260, 798 cm^{-1} ; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ 182.1, 154.6, 153.0, 134.0, 134.0, 133.6, 130.4, 127.8, 126.7, 125.3, 118.1, 20.6 ppm; UV-vis abs. (CH_2Cl_2 , 250–700 nm) 375 nm; $[\text{M}]^+$ calc'd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_4$, 420.1362; found, 420.1358.



7 (50 mg, 0.12 mmol) and concd H_2SO_4 (5.0 mL) were placed in a 10 mL one-necked round-bottomed flask, and the mixture was stirred at 160 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 3 h. After cooling to room temperature, KI (70 mg, 0.42 mmol) was added to the mixture. The mixture was stirred at 140 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 3 h, cooled to room temperature, and poured into a half-saturated K_2CO_3 aqueous solution. The products were extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layer was washed with sat. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ aq., dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and evaporated in vacuo to give **8** (49 mg, 91%) as a pink solid with a trace amount of the endoperoxide; mp 173.8–175.4 $^\circ\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone- d_6 , 298 K) δ 8.49–8.47 (m, 2H), 7.74 (s, 2H), 7.42–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.62 (s, 2H), 2.26 (s, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ 153.5, 144.9, 132.5, 130.2, 128.1, 127.7, 126.3, 126.1, 123.2, 122.3, 122.1, 116.8, 105.9, 21.2 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 2917, 2848, 1462, 1260, 1100, 803 cm^{-1} ; FAB-HRMS $[\text{M}]^+$ calc'd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_2$, 386.1307; found, 386.1310.

Synthesis of model compound **10**

We investigated the reductive cyclization of **9** possessing *o*-formyl phenyl ethers to confirm the cyclization position of the SBF moiety, because the SBF skeleton has two reactive points at the 1- and 3-positions (Scheme S2). Ultimately, the reductive cyclization of **9** proceeded even when using CF₃SO₃H to afford 3-position-fused xanthene **10** selectively. The structure of **10** was determined with ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, FT-IR, and single crystal X-ray analysis. These results indicate that the cyclization at the 3-position of SBF is remarkably faster than that at the 1-position, probably due to steric hindrance around the latter position.



Scheme S2. Synthesis and ORTEP diagram of model compound **10**. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids at 50% probability.

(rac)-1 (500 mg, 1.40 mmol), 2-fluorobenzaldehyde (450 mg, 3.59 mmol), K₂CO₃ (500 mg, 3.59 mmol), and DMF (10 mL) were placed in a round-bottom flask, then the mixture was refluxed for 3 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with CH₂Cl₂, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and evaporated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by a silica gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane–CH₂Cl₂ (1:1 v/v)) to give **9** (720 mg, 90%) as a white solid; mp 112.4–114.2 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆, 298 K) δ 10.35 (s, 2H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20–7.12 (m, 6H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (s, 2H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K) δ 189.1, 160.7, 157.2,

151.6, 149.1, 141.8, 139.1, 136.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.6, 127.5, 124.4, 124.2, 122.7, 121.0, 120.4, 118.9, 116.0, 66.0 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3044, 2857, 1685, 1449, 1219, 756 cm^{-1} ; FAB HR-MS $[\text{M}]^+$ calc'd for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4$, 565.1675; found, 556.1658.

9 (100 mg, 0.18 mmol) and $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ (5.0 mL) were placed in a 10 mL one-necked round-bottomed flask, and the mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 3 h. After cooling the reaction mixture to room temperature, KI (70 mg, 0.42 mmol) was added to the mixture. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 3 h, cooled to room temperature, and poured into a half-saturated K_2CO_3 aqueous solution. The products were extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layer was washed with sat. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ aq., water, and brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and evaporated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by a silica gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane– CH_2Cl_2 (2:1 v/v)) and recrystallized from acetone to give an analytically pure sample **10** (28 mg, 28%) as a pale yellow solid; mp 116.8–118.2 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone- d_6 , 298 K) δ 7.81 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.72 (s, 2H), 7.27 (dd, $J = 7.3, 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.03–6.96 (m, 4H), 6.89 (dd, $J = 7.3, 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.22 (s, 2H), 4.05 (s, 4H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 298 K) δ 152.2, 152.1, 149.0, 148.8, 141.5, 136.9, 128.9, 128.0, 127.7, 127.3, 124.2, 123.1, 120.5, 120.5, 120.2, 119.6, 116.5, 112.4, 65.7, 28.6; IR(KBr) ν 2924, 1577, 1481, 1447, 1359, 1266, 1234, 1103, 872, 753 cm^{-1} ; FAB HR-MS $[\text{M}]^+$ calc'd for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_2$, 524.1776; found, 524.1785; Crystals of **7** suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by recrystallization from a solution of acetone. Single crystal data of **7**·(acetone) $_2$: $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_4$, $M_w = 640.78$, pale yellow, size: 0.37 × 0.26 × 0.15 mm, monoclinic, $C2/c$ (#15), $Z = 4$, $a = 20.810(5)$ Å, $b = 13.789(3)$ Å, $c = 12.317(3)$ Å, $\beta = 90.752(4)^\circ$, $V = 3534(2)$ Å 3 , $D_{\text{calc}} = 1.204$ g/cm 3 , $\mu = 0.757$ cm $^{-1}$, $T = 113$ K, $F(000) = 1352$, Rigaku Saturn CCD area detector with graphite monochromated Mo $K\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 0.7107$ Å), 14220 reflections measured, 4024 unique reflections ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0379$). Refined parameters, final $R1 = 0.0549$ for reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$, $wR = 0.1343$ (all data), GOF = 1.000. Final largest diffraction peak and hole: 0.51 and -0.33 e $^{-}/\text{Å}^3$. Crystallographic data reported in this manuscript have been deposited with Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication no. CCDC-960052.

Typical procedure for polymerization of **(R)-1** and **2** (Table S2, Entry 2)

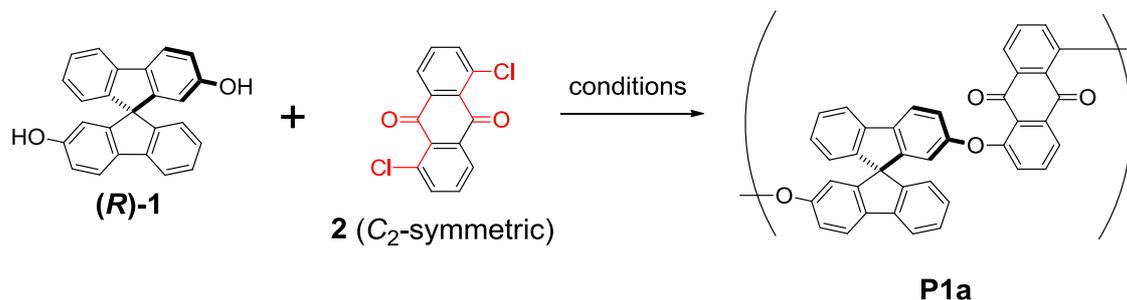
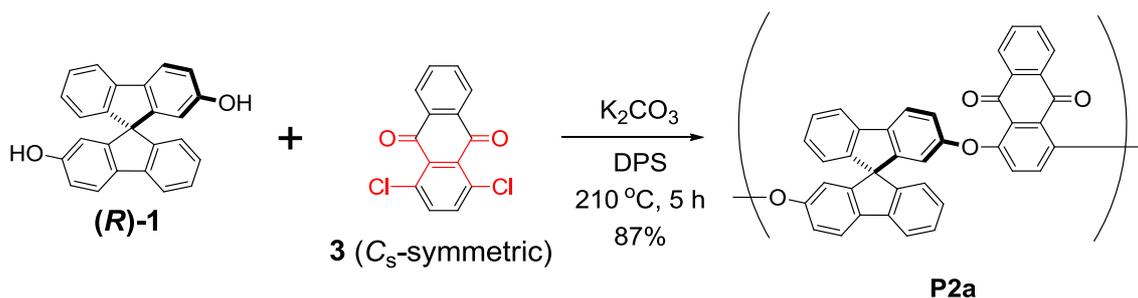


Table S2. Effects of temperature and base on polycondensation of **(R)-1** and **2**.

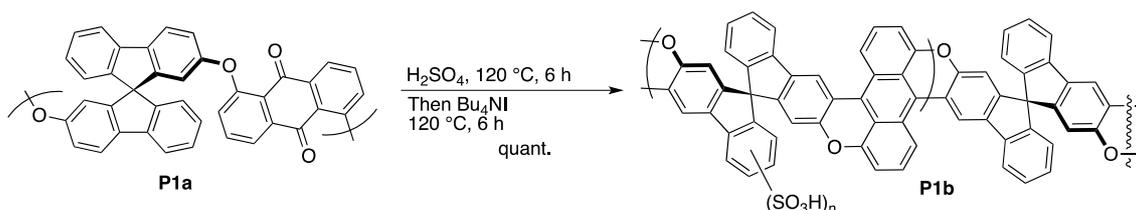
Entry	Solvent	Base	Temp. ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Yield (%)	$M_n^{[a]} (\times 10^3)$	$M_w/M_n^{[a]}$
1	DMF	K_2CO_3	160	87	4.0	1.8
2	DPS	K_2CO_3	210	86	9.0	2.6
3	DPS	Cs_2CO_3	210	20	3.0	4.2

[a] Estimated by SEC on a basis of polystyrene standards in DMF containing LiBr (0.01 M). DMF = *N,N*-dimethylformamide, DPS = diphenylsulfone.

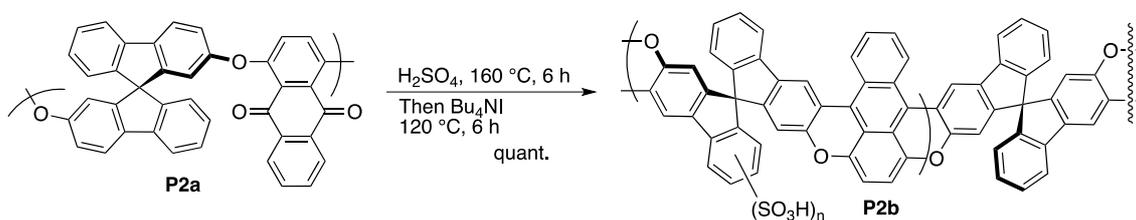
(R)-1 (0.10 g, 0.29 mmol), **2** (80 mg, 0.29 mmol), K_2CO_3 (90 mg, 0.86 mmol), and diphenylsulfone (DPS, 1.5 g) were placed in a round-bottom flask, and the mixture was stirred at 160 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 5 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 to give inorganic precipitates. The precipitates were removed by filtration. The filtrate was poured into MeOH to give a yellow solid, which was collected by filtration, washed with MeOH, and dried in vacuo to give **P1a** (137 mg, 86%) as a yellow solid; M_w 9000, M_w/M_n 2.6 (estimated by SEC on the basis of polystyrene standards using CHCl_3 as an eluent); M_w 14600, M_w/M_n 2.0, α 0.07 (estimated by SEC-VISC-RALS on the basis of polystyrene standards using THF as an eluent); no T_g was observed in a range from room temperature to 200 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; T_{d5} 324.9 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 293 K) δ 7.88–7.85 (m, 2H), 7.78–7.72 (m, 4H), 7.75–7.49 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.10–6.96 (m, 6H), 6.76–6.74 (m, 2H), 6.57 (s, 2H) ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3326, 3063, 1674, 1581, 1445, 1244, 734 cm^{-1} ; UV-vis abs. (CH_2Cl_2 , 250–700 nm) 375, 315 nm.



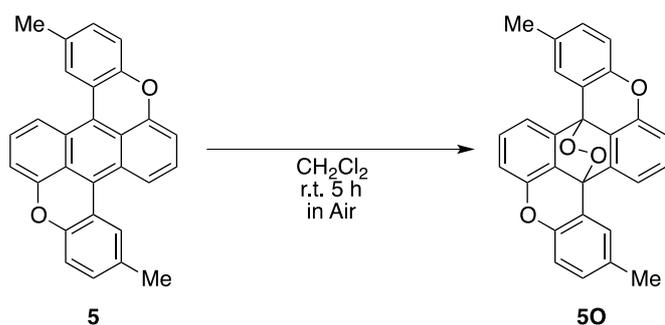
(R)-1 (0.20 g, 0.57 mmol), **3** (0.16 g, 0.57 mmol), K_2CO_3 (170 mg, 1.25 mmol), and diphenylsulfone (1.0 g) were placed in round-bottom flask, and the mixture was stirred at 210 °C for 5 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 to give inorganic precipitates. The precipitates were removed by filtration. The filtrate was poured into MeOH to give a yellow solid, which was collected by filtration, washed with MeOH, and dried in vacuo to give **P2a** (139 mg, 87%) as a yellow solid; M_w 8000, M_w/M_n 2.4 (estimated by SEC on the basis of polystyrene standards using CHCl_3 as an eluent); M_w 6700, M_w/M_n 1.8, α 0.29 (estimated by SEC-VISC-RALS on the basis of polystyrene standards using THF as an eluent); no T_g was observed in a range from room temperature to 200 °C; T_{d5} 375.2 °C; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3 298 K) δ 8.00–7.90 (m, 2H), 7.68–7.65 (m, 4H), 7.51–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.08 (s, 2H), 6.99–6.91 (m, 2H), 6.85–6.82 (m, 2H), 6.73–6.66 (m, 2H), 6.51 (s, 2H) ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3057, 1675, 1444, 1236, 726 cm^{-1} ; UV-vis abs. (CH_2Cl_2 , 200–700 nm) 400 nm.



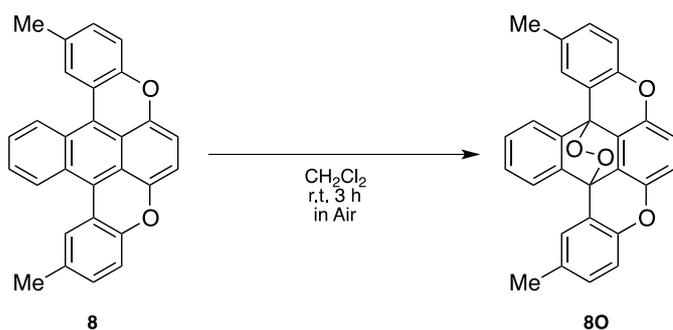
P1a (50 mg, 0.090 mmol) and concd H_2SO_4 (5.0 mL) were placed in a 10 mL one-necked round-bottomed flask, and the mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 6 h. After cooling the reaction mixture to room temperature, Bu_4NI (0.20 g, 0.54 mmol) was added to the mixture. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 6 h, cooled to room temperature, and poured into Et_2O . The purple precipitates were collected by filtration, washed with acetonitrile, acetone, and CH_2Cl_2 , and dried in vacuo to give **P1b** (45 mg). From the result of the elemental analysis (found: C, 55.25; H, 3.65; S, 7.30), we determined the functionalization ratio of SO_3H to be 1.9 per one repeating unit; IR (KBr) ν 3000, 1190, 1010 cm^{-1} .



P2a (50 mg, 0.090 mmol) and concd H_2SO_4 (5.0 mL) were placed in a 10 mL one-necked round-bottomed flask, and the mixture was stirred at 160 °C for 6 h. After cooling the reaction mixture to room temperature, Bu_4NI (0.20 g, 0.54 mmol) was added to the mixture. The mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 6 h, cooled to room temperature, and poured into Et_2O . The purple precipitates were collected by filtration, washed with acetonitrile, acetone, and CH_2Cl_2 , and dried in vacuo to give **P2b** (48 mg). From the result of the elemental analysis (found: C, 48.58; H, 3.16; S, 3.18), we determined the functionalization ratio of SO_3H to be 2.5 per one repeating unit; IR (KBr) ν 3000, 1190, 1010 cm^{-1} .



5 (5.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) and CH_2Cl_2 (5.0 mL) were placed in round-bottom flask, and the mixture was stirred for 5 h at room temperature and concentrated in vacuo to give the crude product **50** in a quantitative yield; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, $\text{Acetone-}d_6$, 293 K) δ 7.48 (s, 2H), 7.38 (dd, $J = 1.7, 8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 6H) ppm; IR (KBr) ν 3000, 1640, 1260, 790 cm^{-1} ; UV-vis abs. (CH_2Cl_2 , 200–700 nm) 315 nm; FAB-HRMS $[\text{M}]^+$ calc'd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4$, 418.1205; found, 418.1186.



8 (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) and CH_2Cl_2 (500 mL) were placed in a round-bottom flask, and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature and concentrated in vacuo to give the crude product **80** in a quantitative yield. The crude was purified by a silica gel column chromatography (eluent: hexane– CHCl_3 (1:1 v/v)) to give **80** (10 mg, 18%) as a pale yellow solid; mp 142 °C (decomp); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Acetone- d_6 , 298 K) δ 7.55 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.39 (dd, $J = 1.7, 8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.25–7.19 (m, 6H), 7.12 (s, 2H), 2.36 (s, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , 298 K) δ 151.5, 142.7, 140.5, 133.3, 132.8, 131.0, 127.3, 123.2, 120.2, 118.2, 116.2, 112.2, 75.0, 21.0 ppm; IR (KBr) ν 2925, 2852, 1654, 1473, 1260, 1232, 1210, 1052, 814, 743 cm^{-1} .

3. ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, FT-IR, and MALDI-TOF MS spectra and GPC and TGA profiles

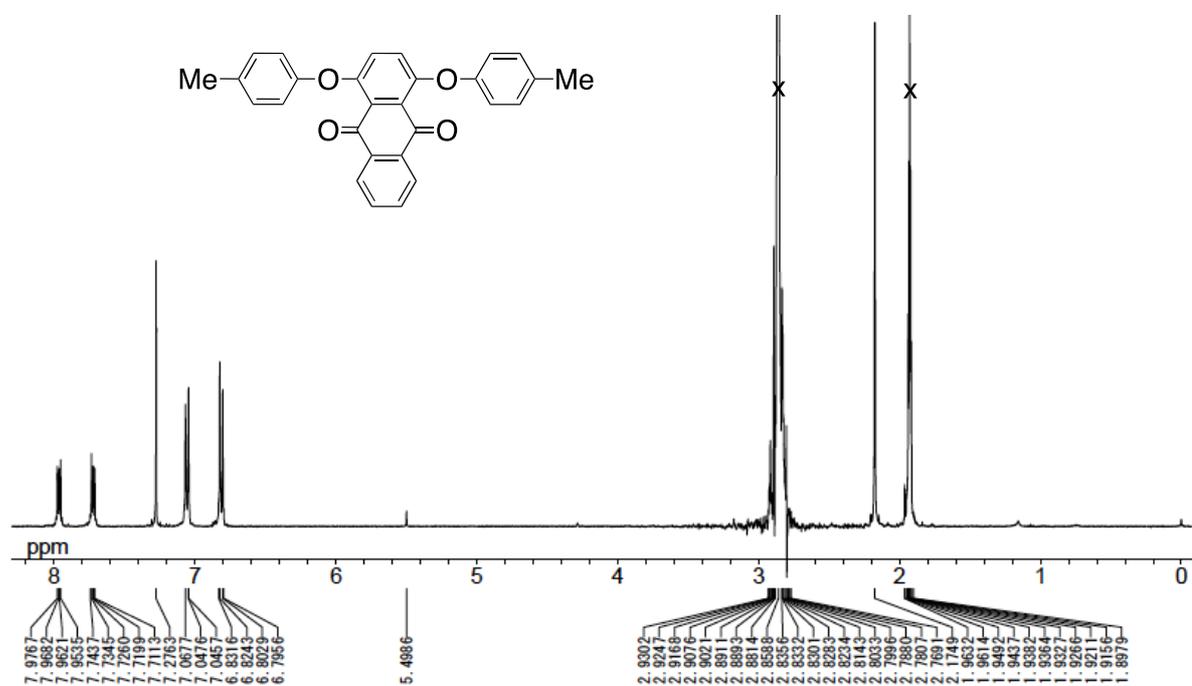


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of **7** (Acetone- d_6 , 400 MHz, 293 K)

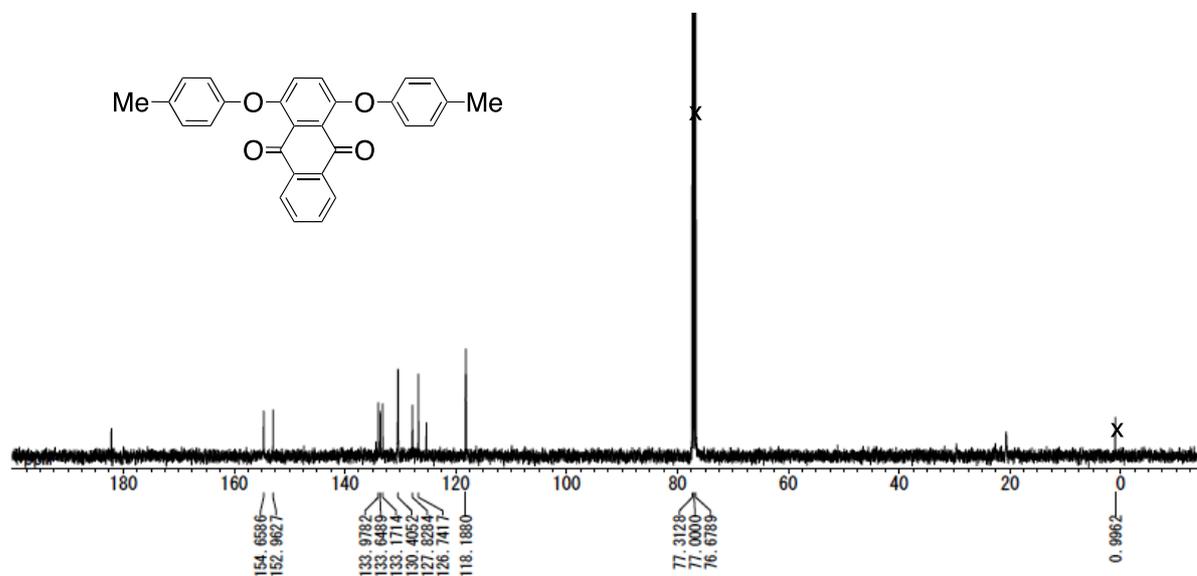


Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **7** (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, 293 K)

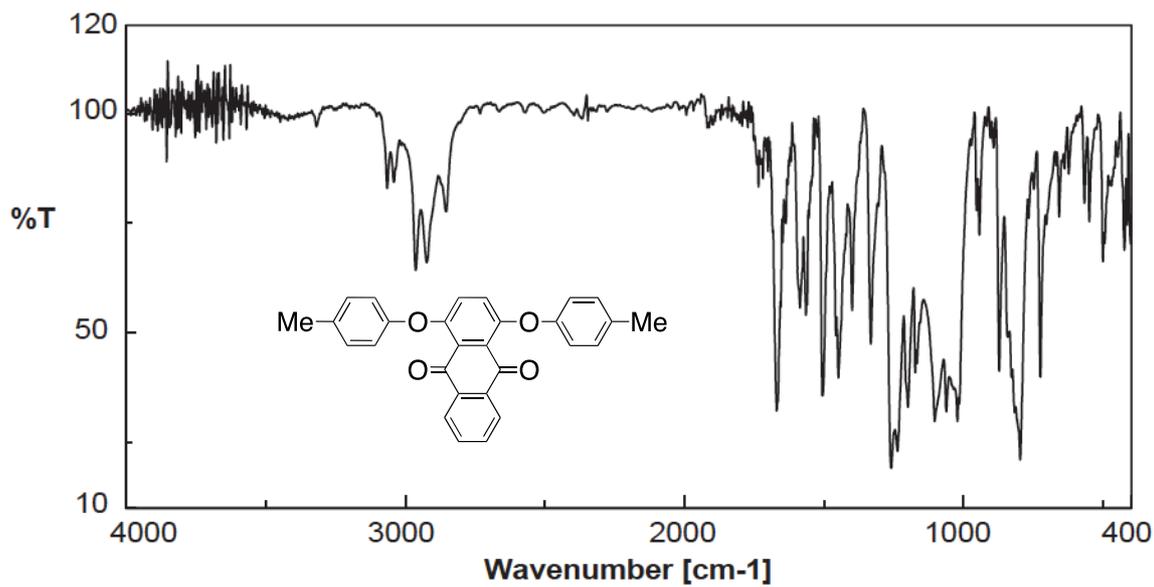


Figure S3. IR spectrum of **7** (KBr)

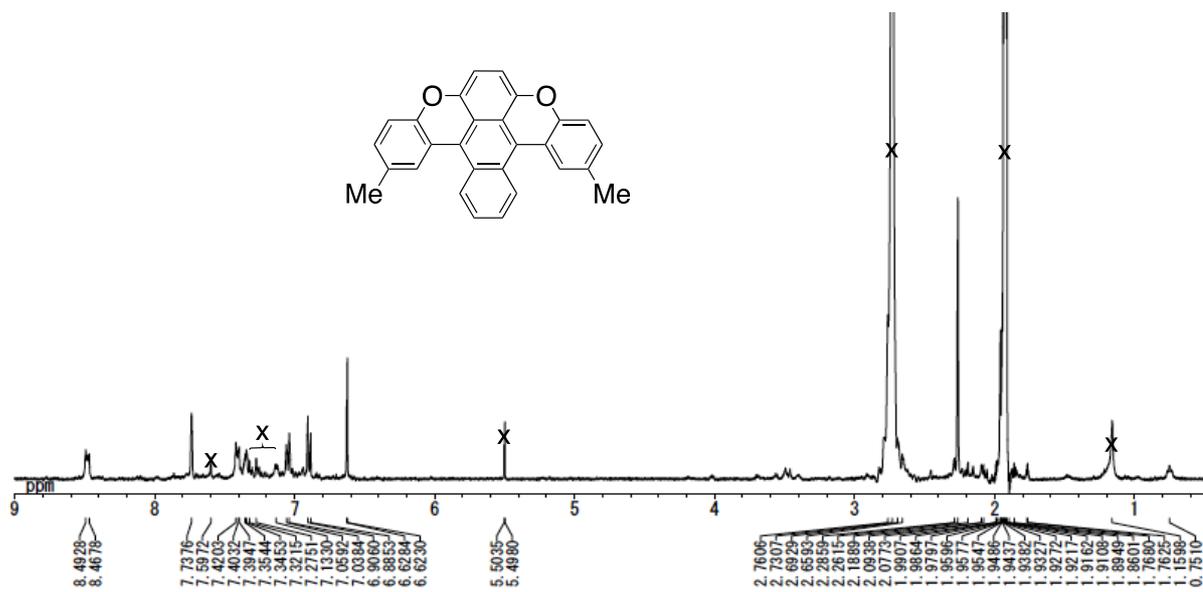


Figure S4. ^1H NMR spectrum of **8** (Acetone- d_6 , 400 MHz, 293 K)

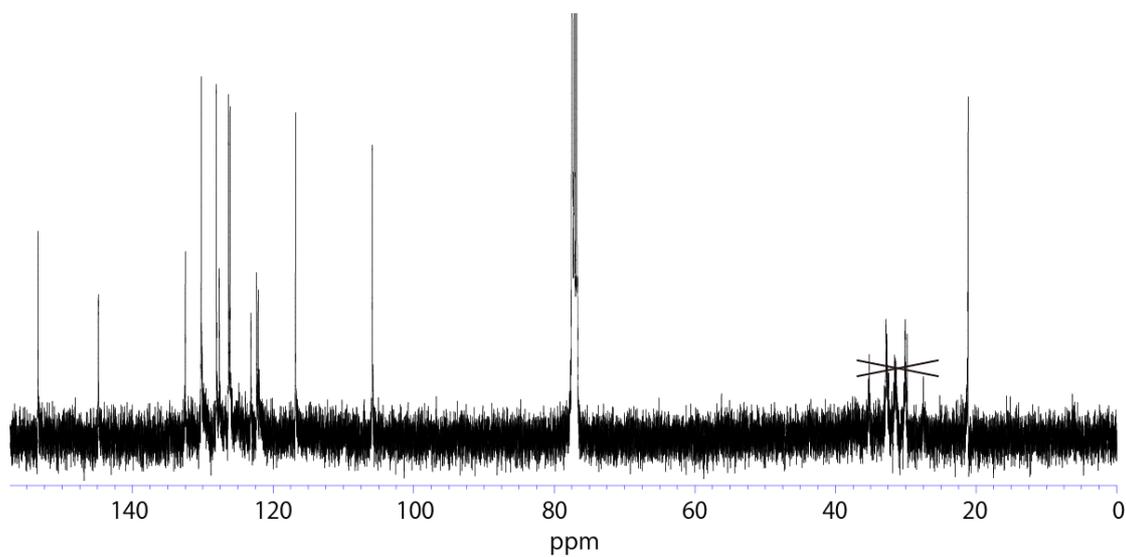


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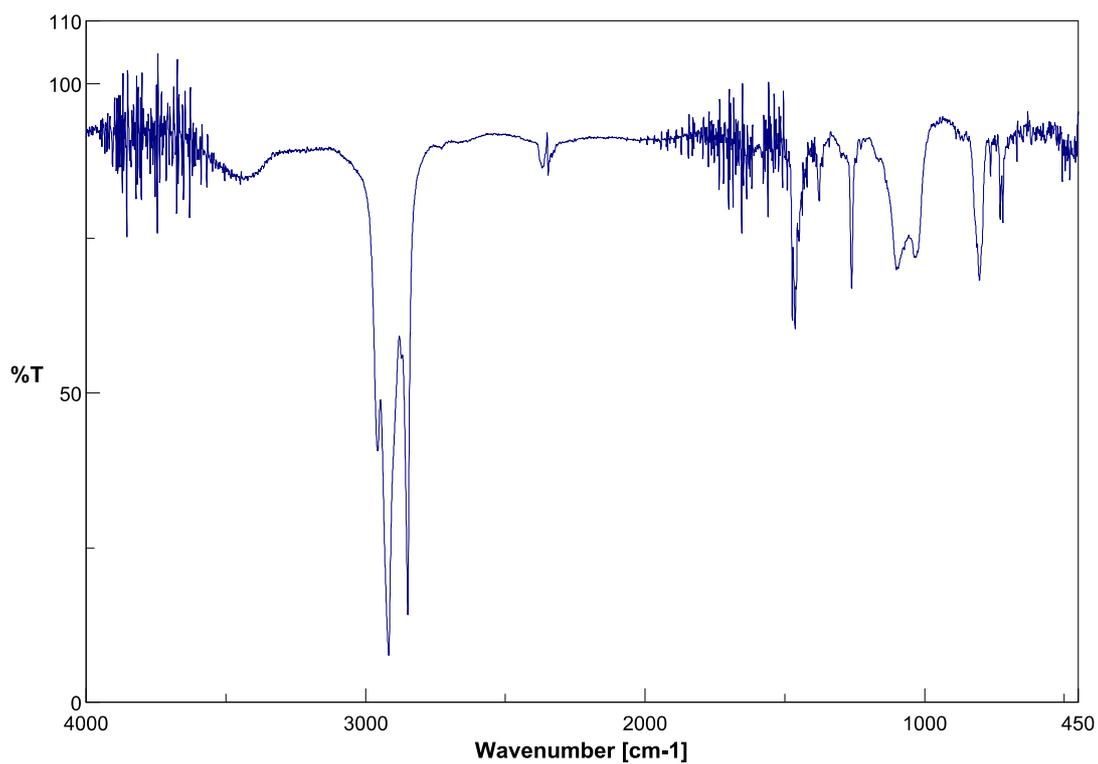


Figure S6. IR spectrum of **8** (KBr)

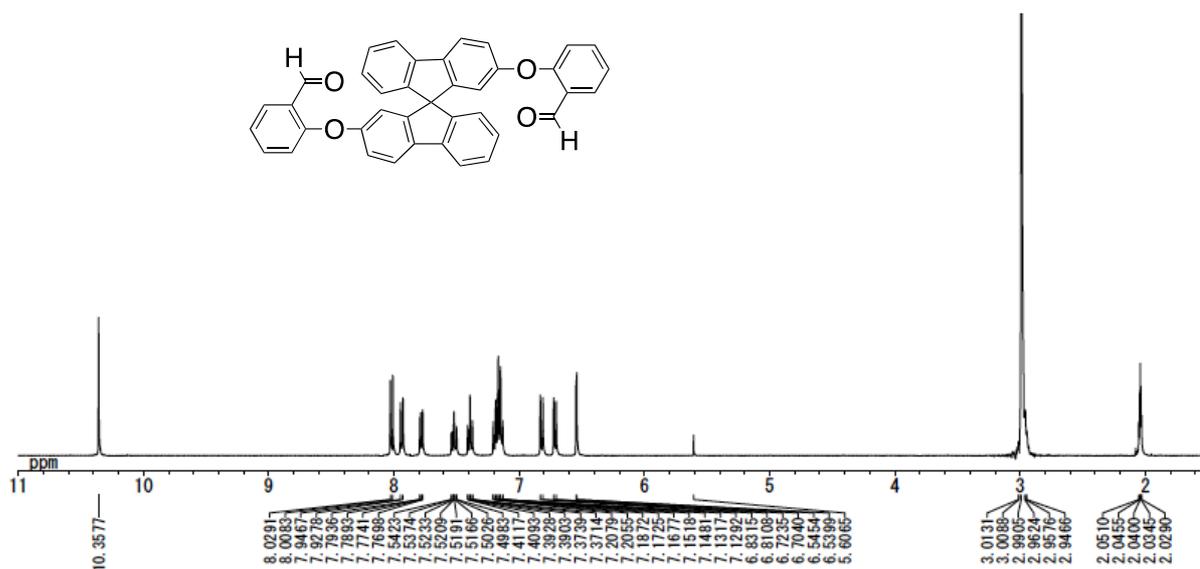


Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum of **9** (Acetone-*d*₆, 400 MHz, 293 K)

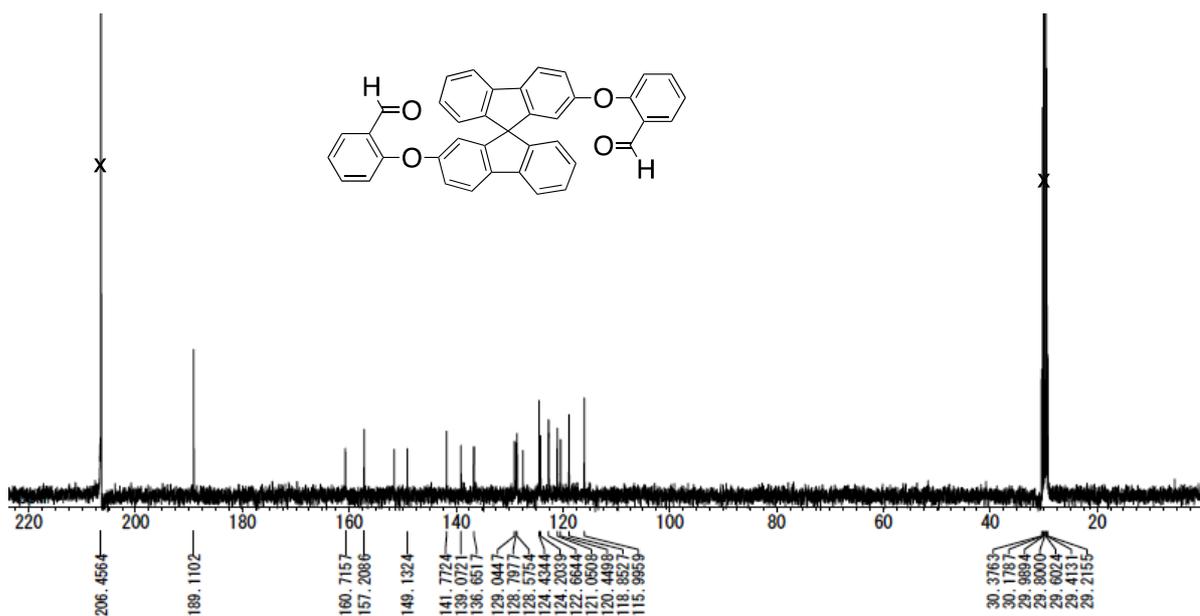


Figure S8. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **9** (Acetone-*d*₆, 100 MHz, 293 K)

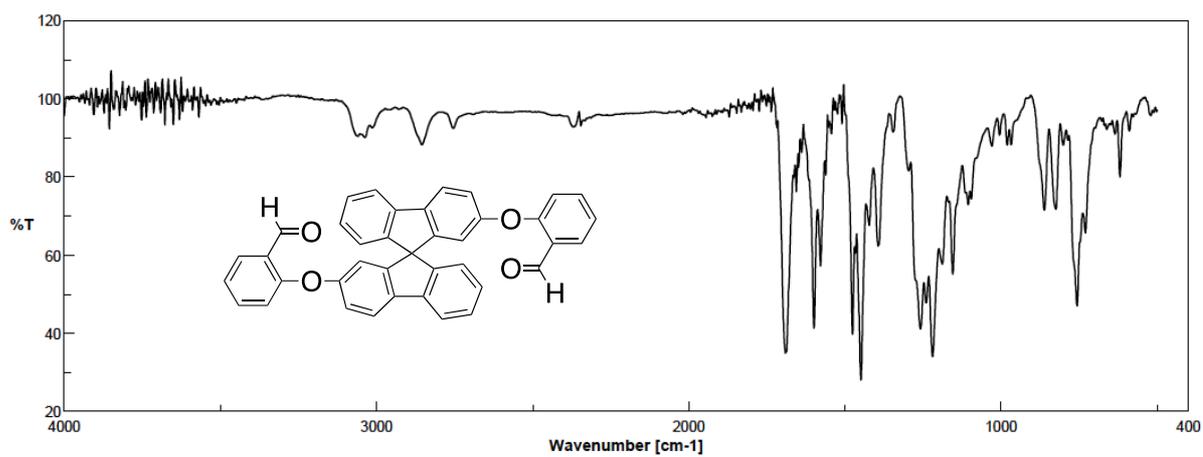


Figure S9. IR spectrum of **9** (KBr)

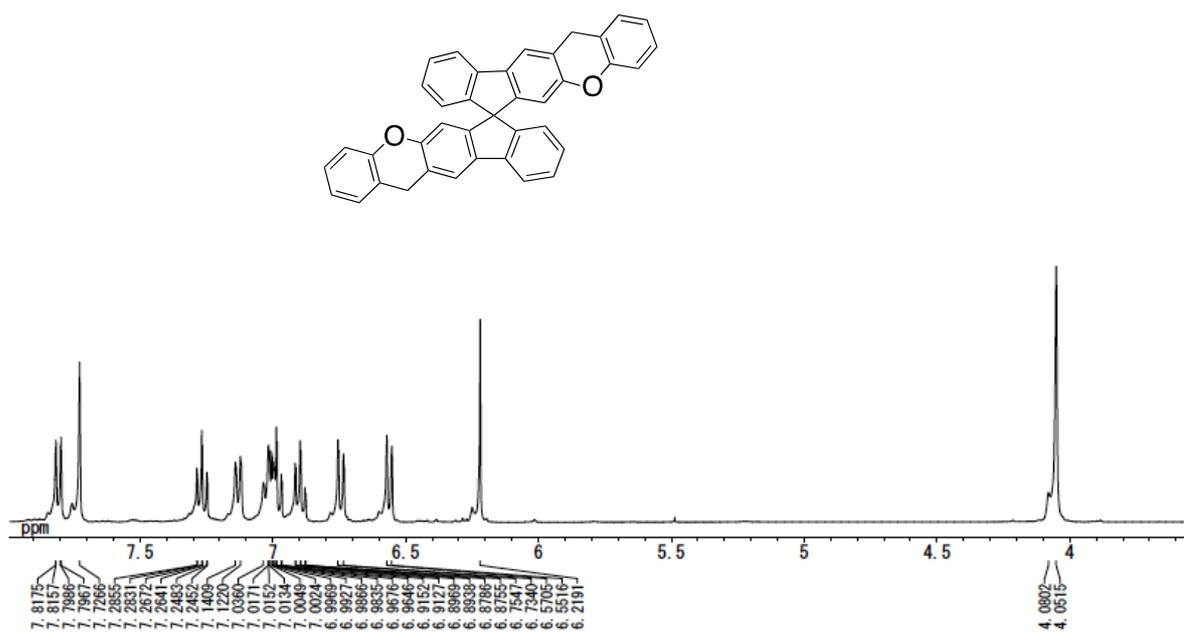


Figure S10. ¹H NMR spectrum of **10** (Acetone-*d*₆, 400 MHz, 293 K)

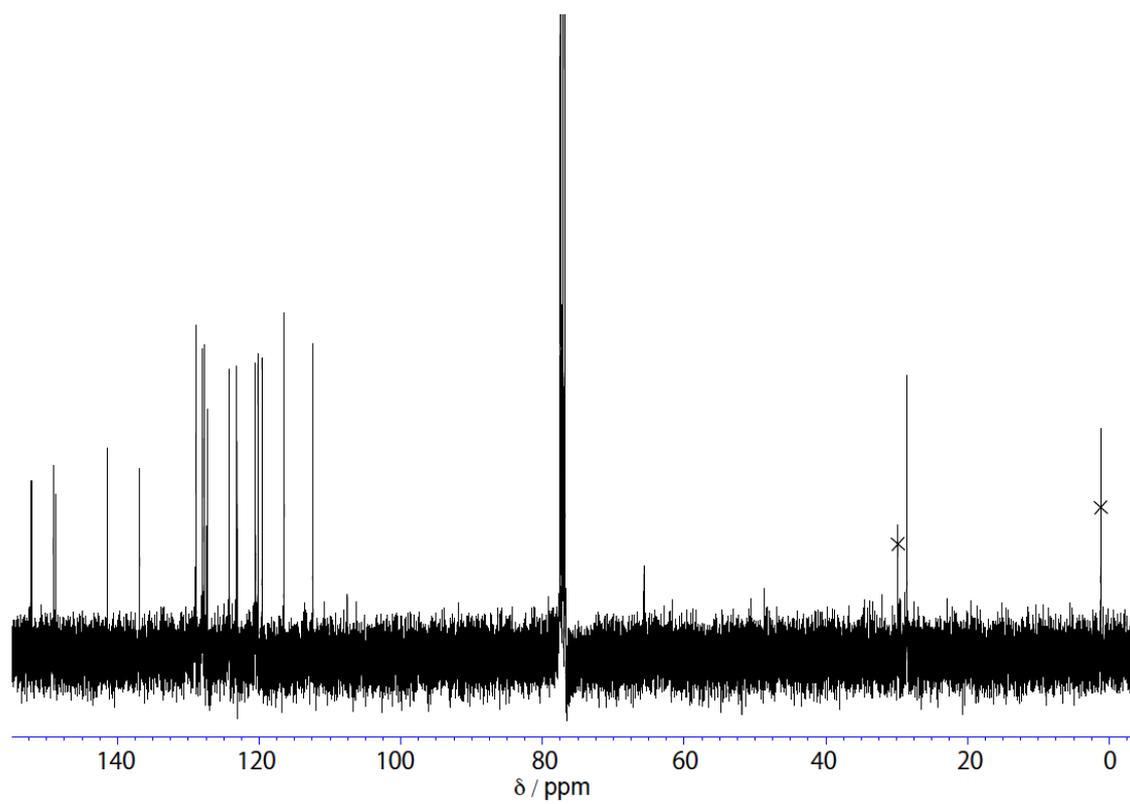


Figure S11. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **10** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, 293 K)

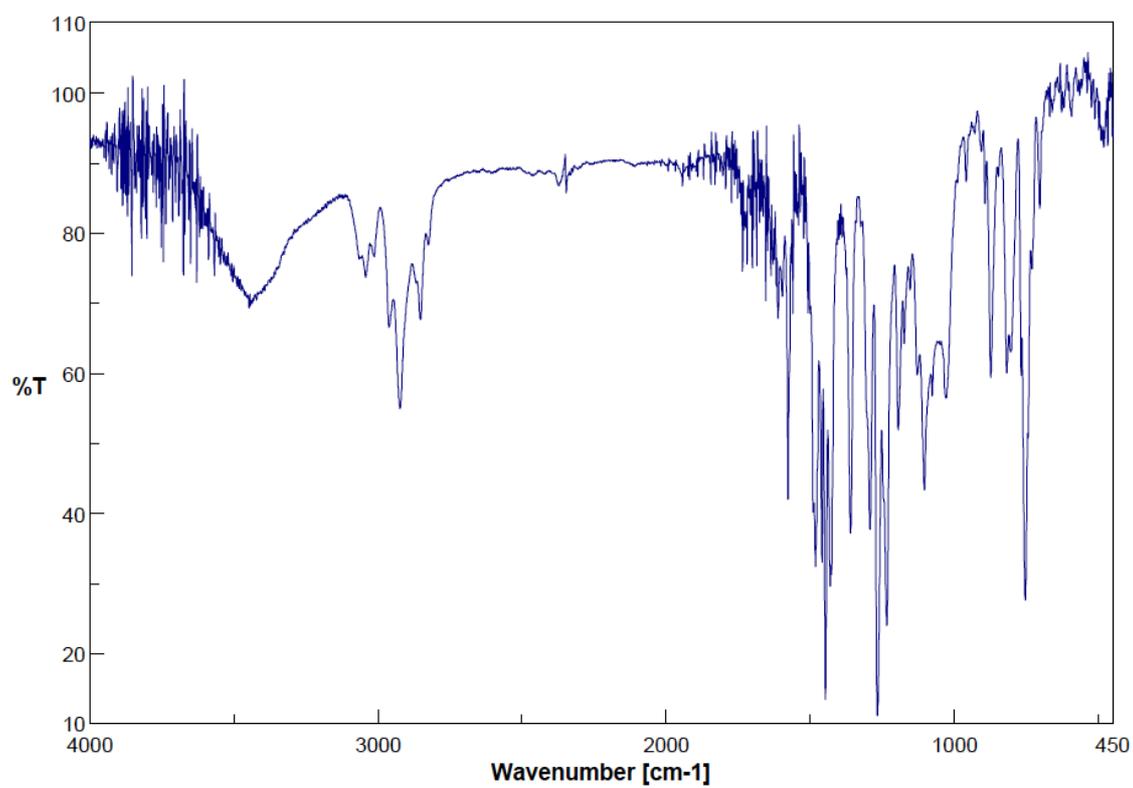


Figure S12. IR spectrum (KBr) of **10**.

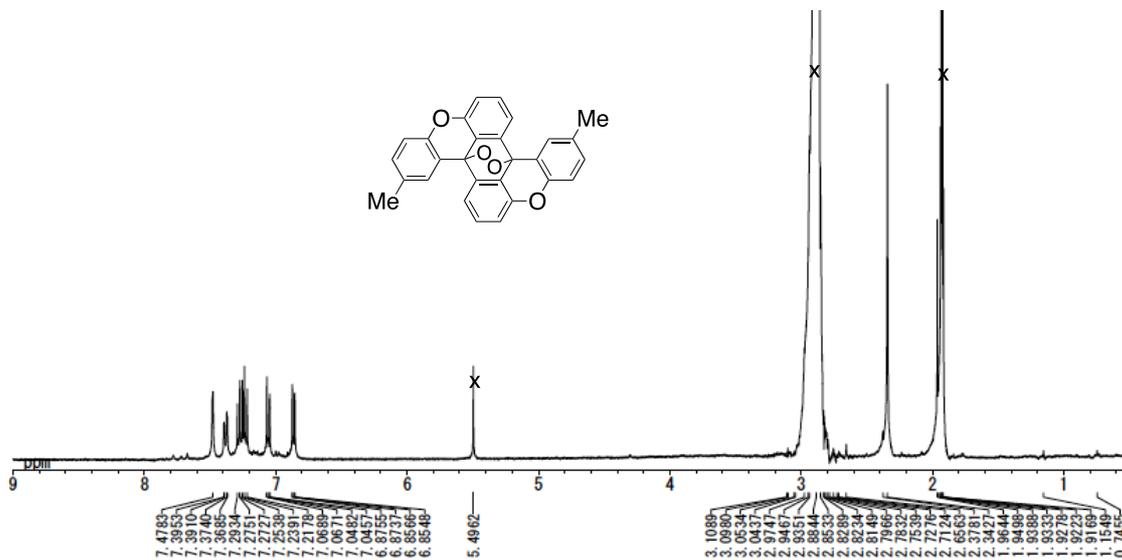


Figure S13. ¹H NMR spectrum of **5O** (Acetone-*d*₆, 400 MHz, 293 K)

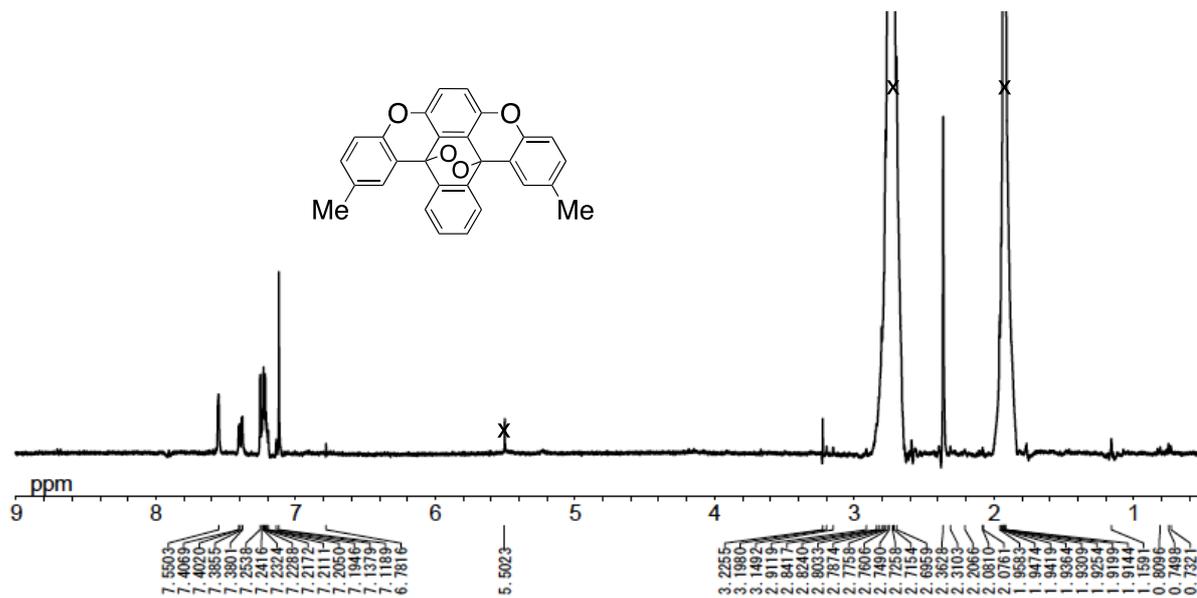


Figure S14. ¹H NMR spectrum of **8O** (Acetone-*d*₆, 400 MHz, 293 K)

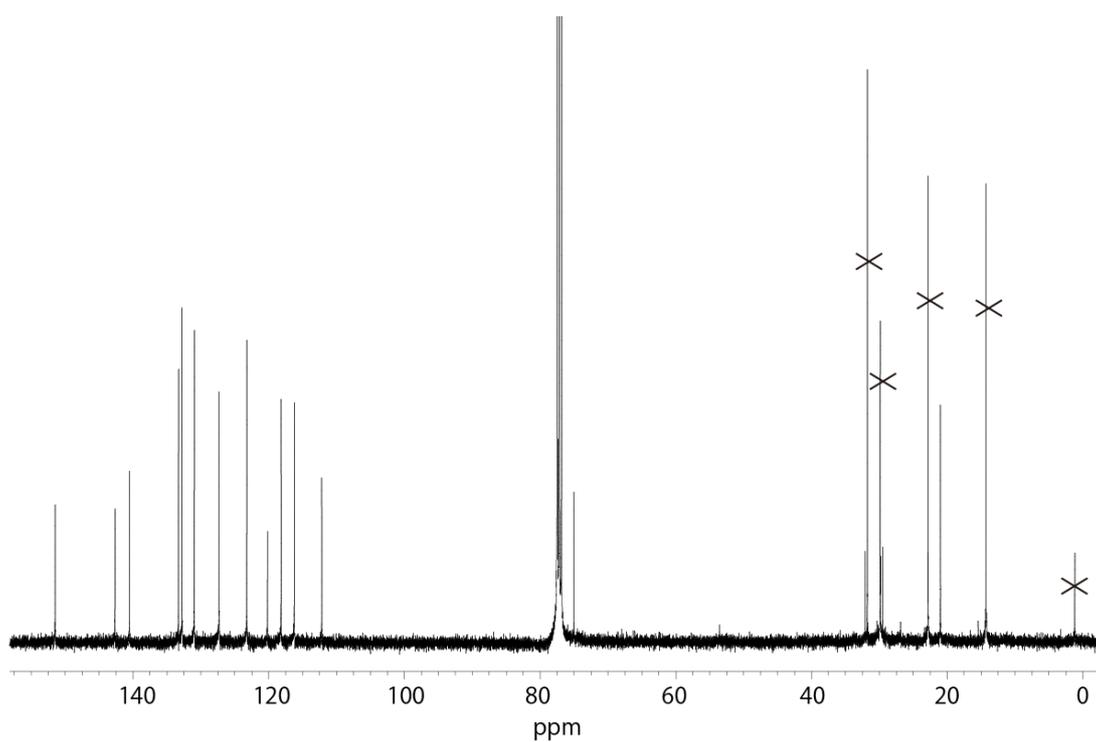


Figure S15. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **8O** (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, 293 K)

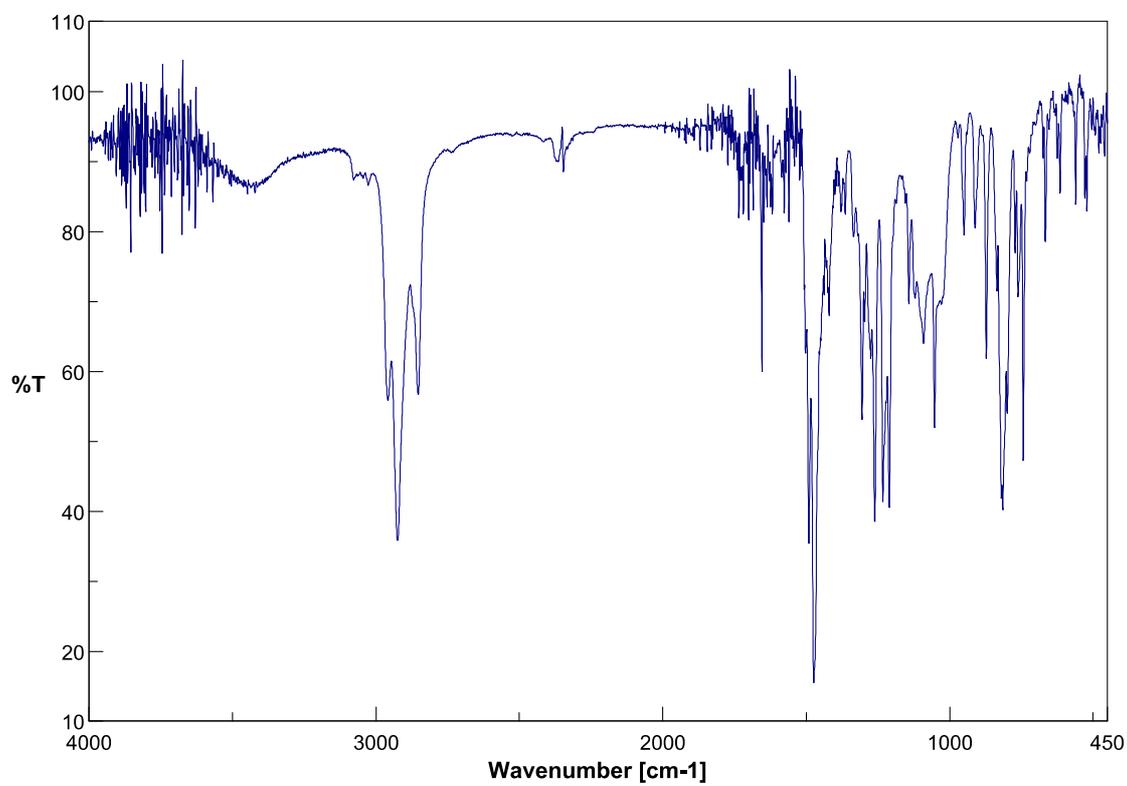


Figure S16. IR spectrum of **8O** (KBr)

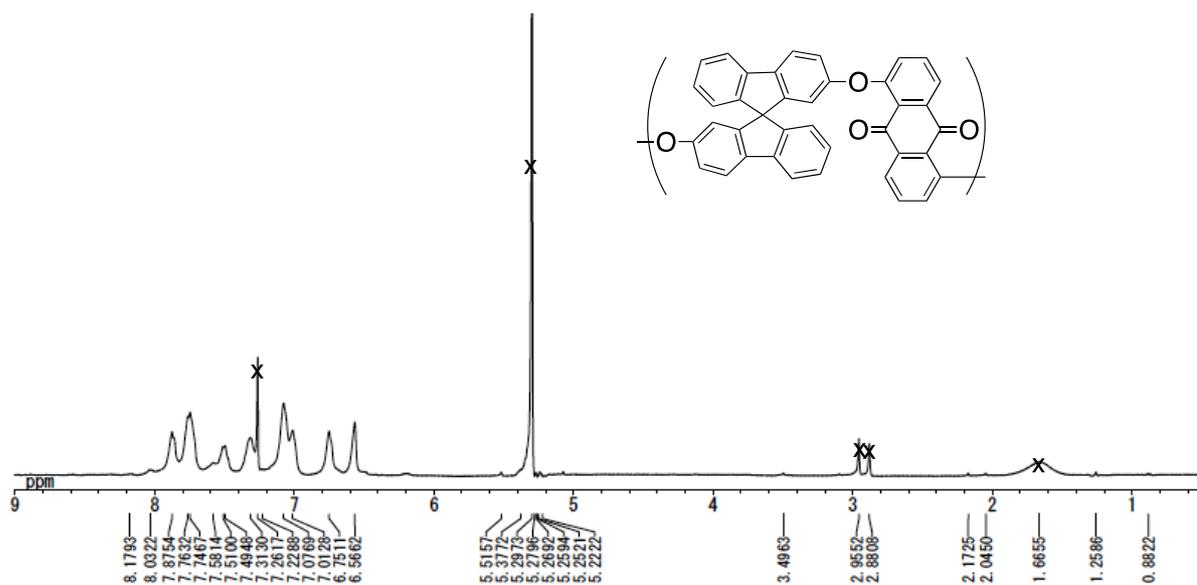


Figure S17. ¹H NMR spectrum of **P1a** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 293 K)

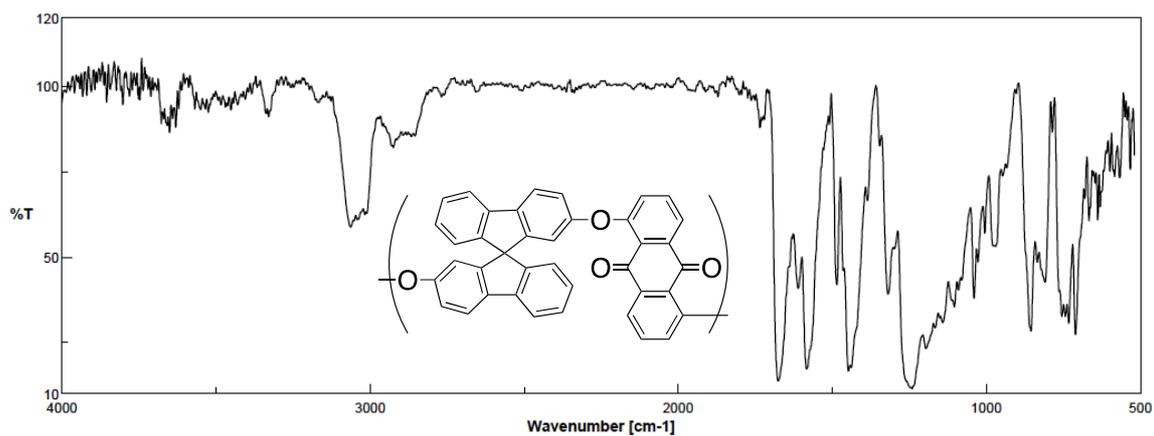


Figure S18. IR spectrum of **P1a** (KBr)

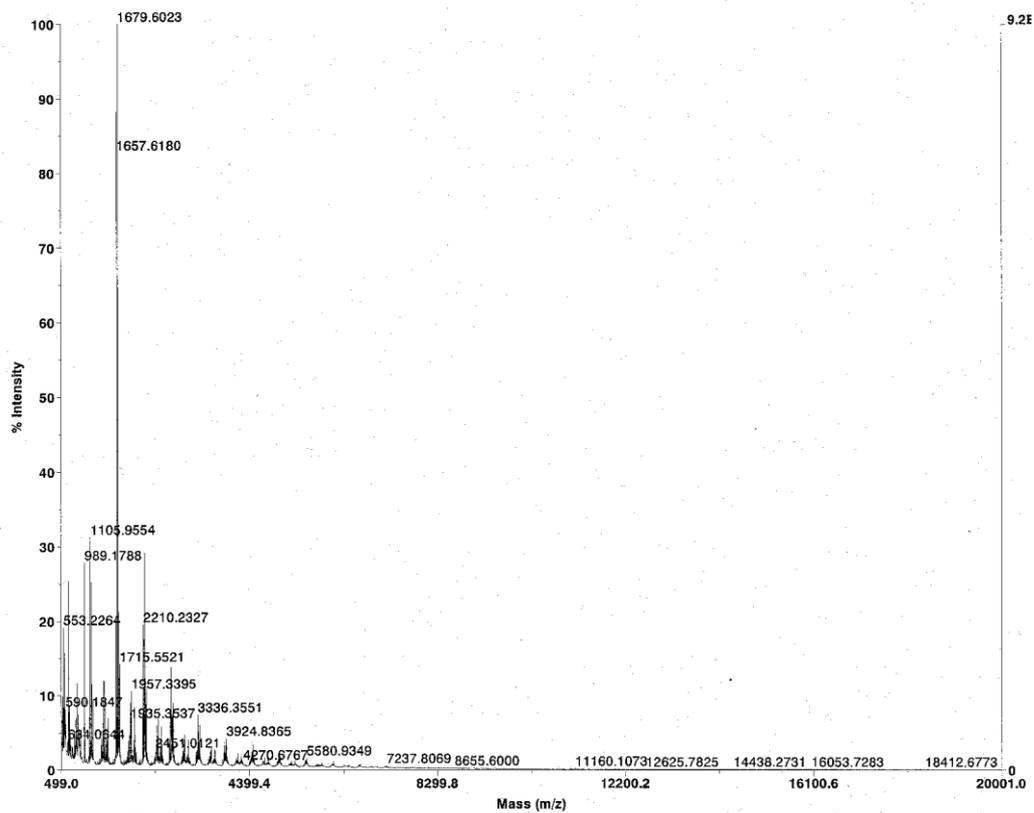


Figure S19. MALDI-TOF MS spectrum of **P1a**.

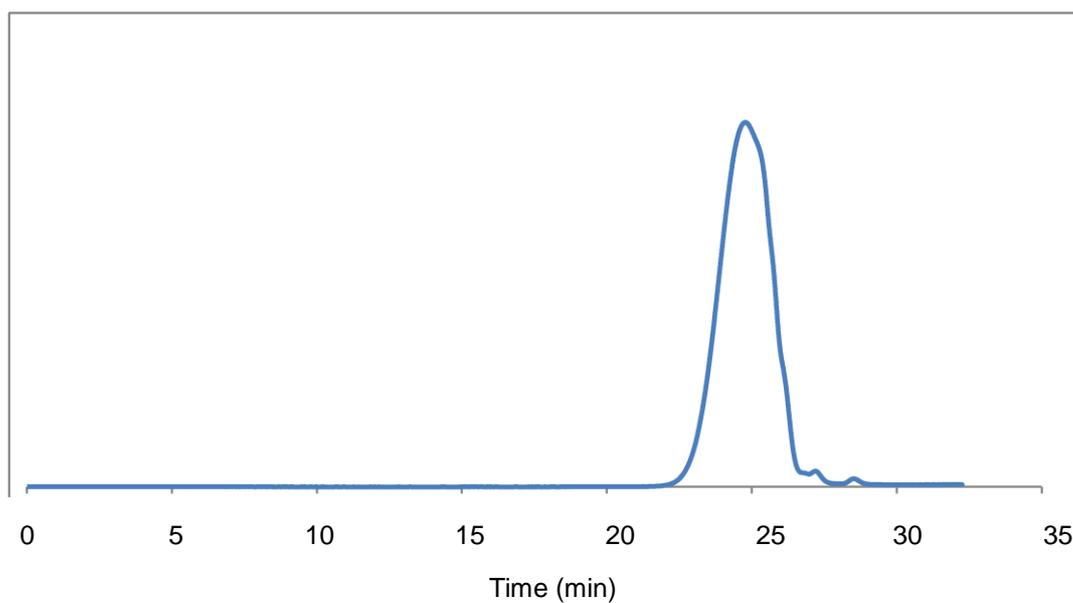


Figure S20. SEC profile of **P1a** (eluent: CHCl_3 , 293 K)

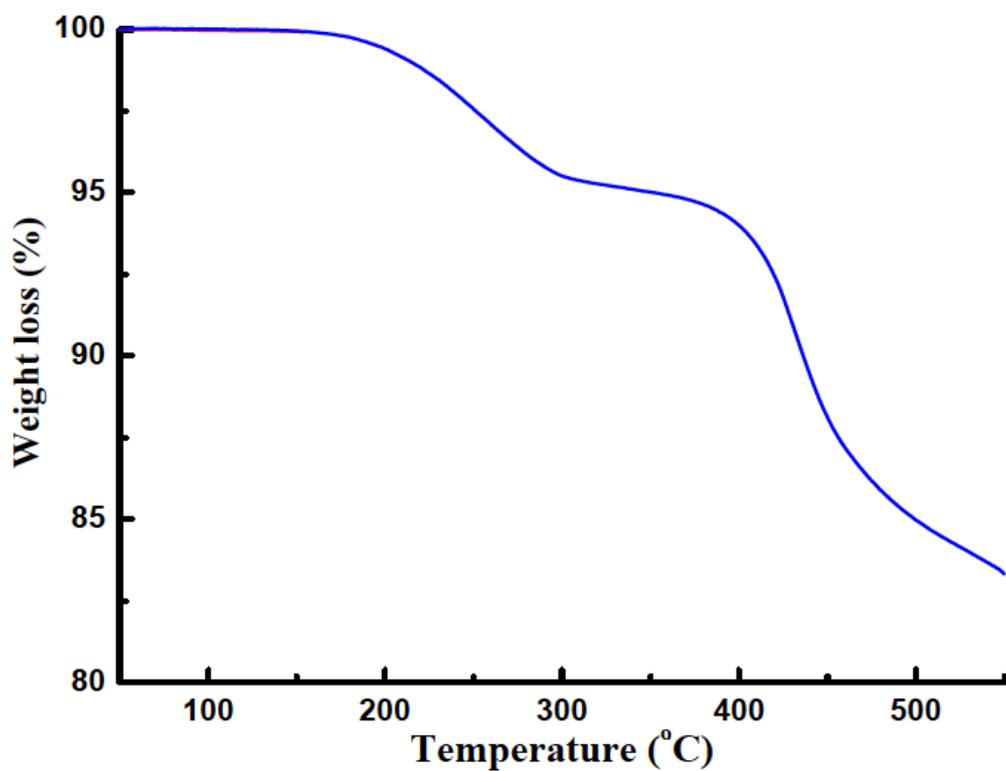


Figure S21. TGA profile of **P1a**; heating rate: 10 °C/min; N₂ atmosphere

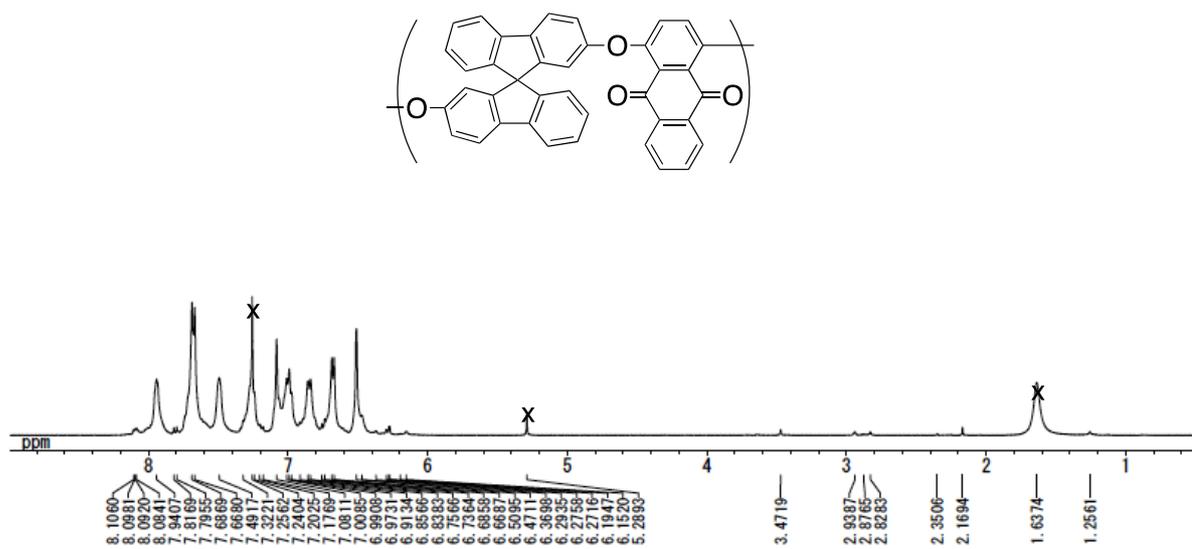


Figure S22. ¹H NMR spectrum of **P2a** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 293 K)

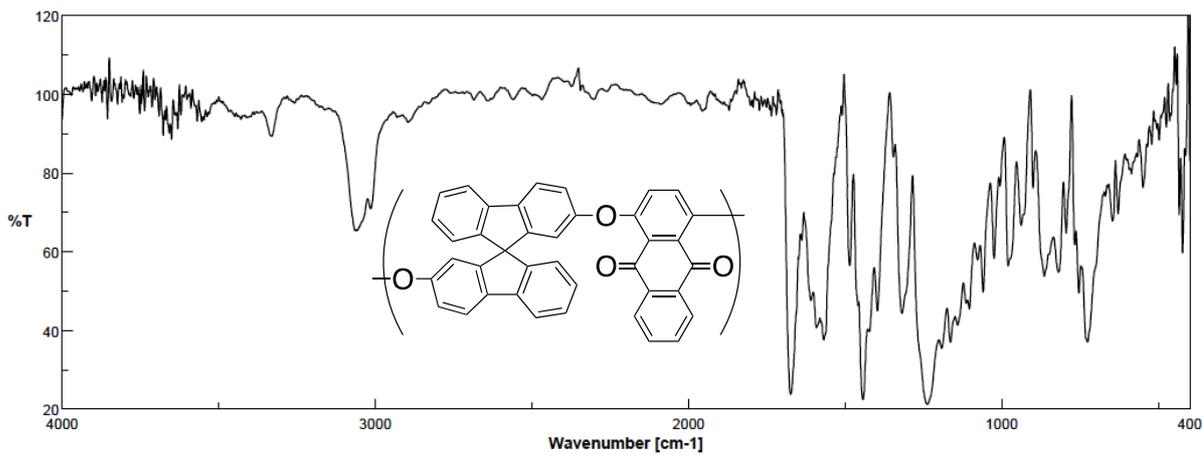


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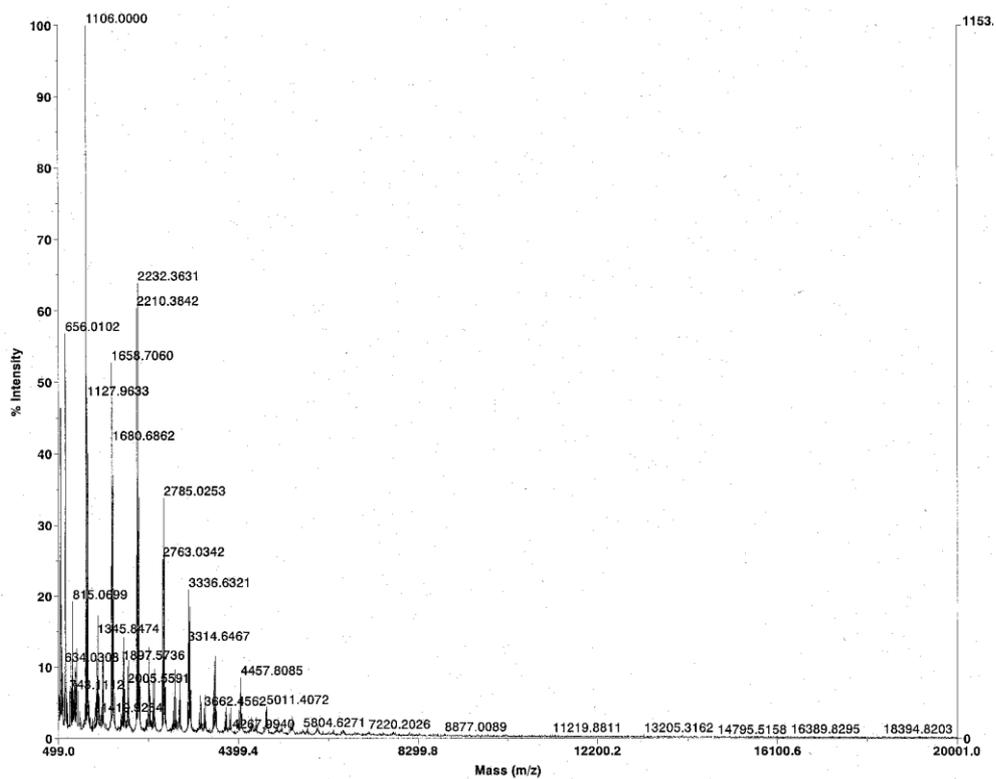


Figure S24. MALDI-TOF MS spectrum of **P2a**.

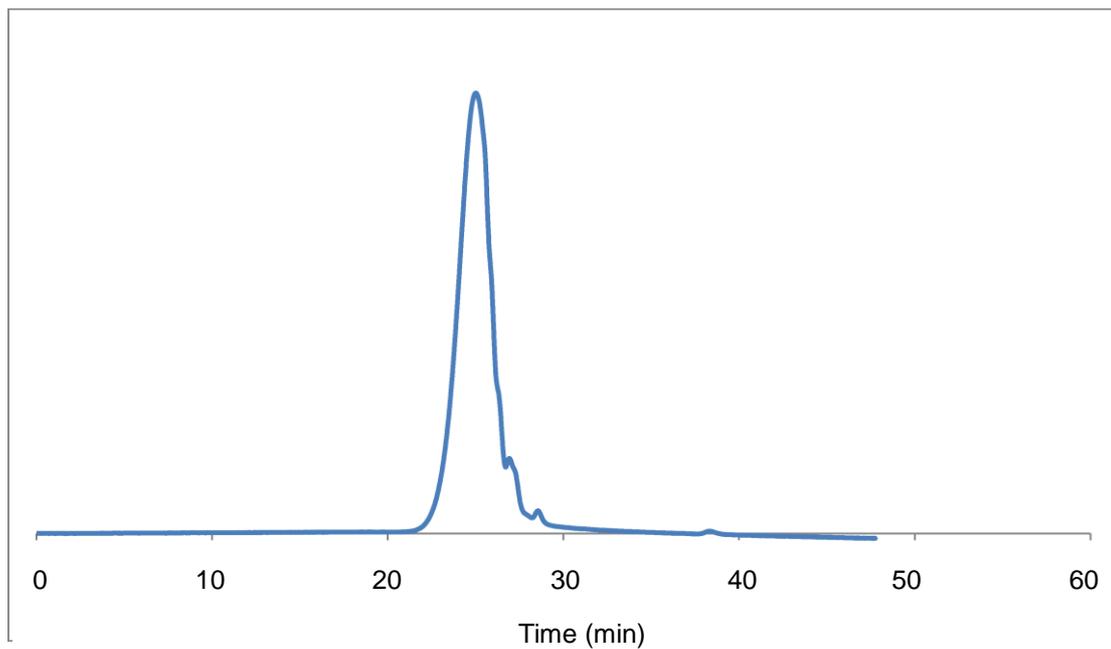


Figure S25. SEC profile of **P2a** (eluent: CHCl₃, 293 K)

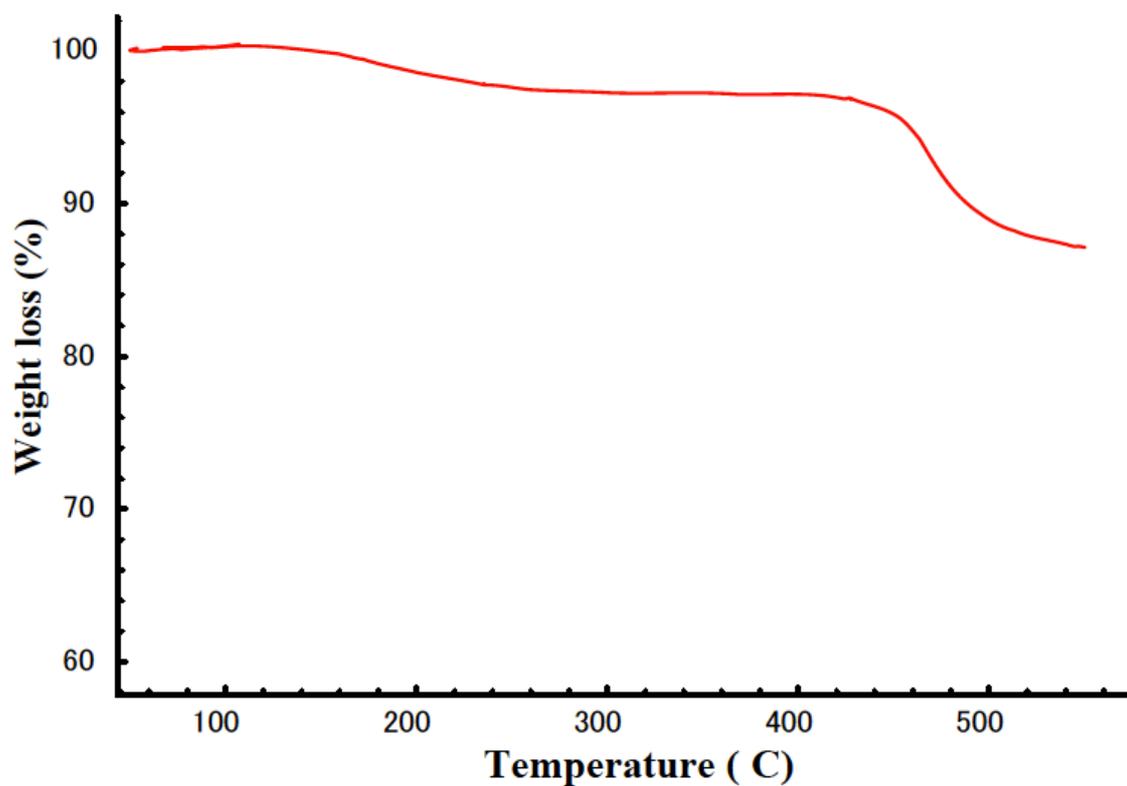


Figure S26. TGA profile of **P2a**; heating rate: 10 °C/min; N₂ atmosphere

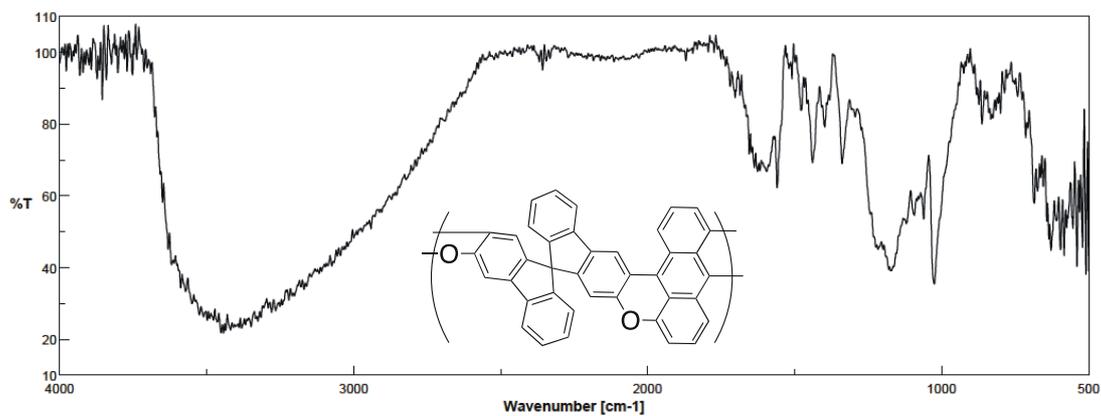


Figure S27. IR spectrum of **P1b** (KBr)

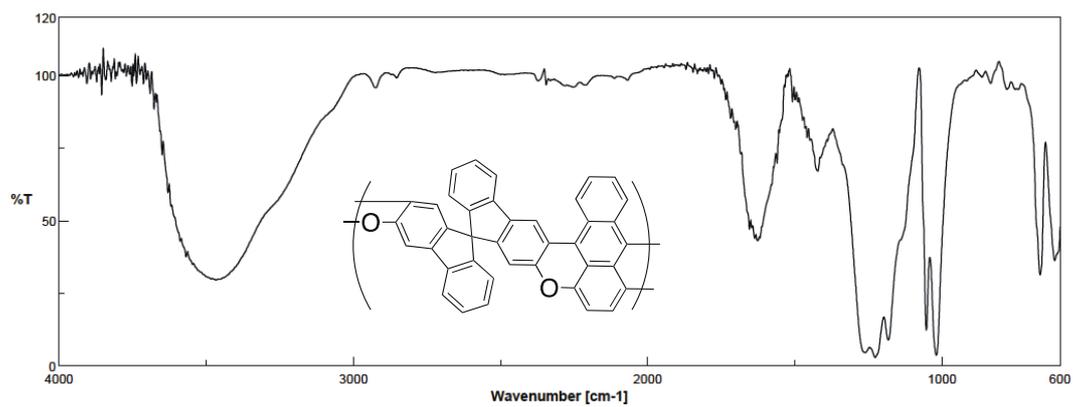


Figure S28. IR spectrum of **P2b** (KBr)

4. UV-vis and CD spectra before and after exposure of P1b and P2b to air

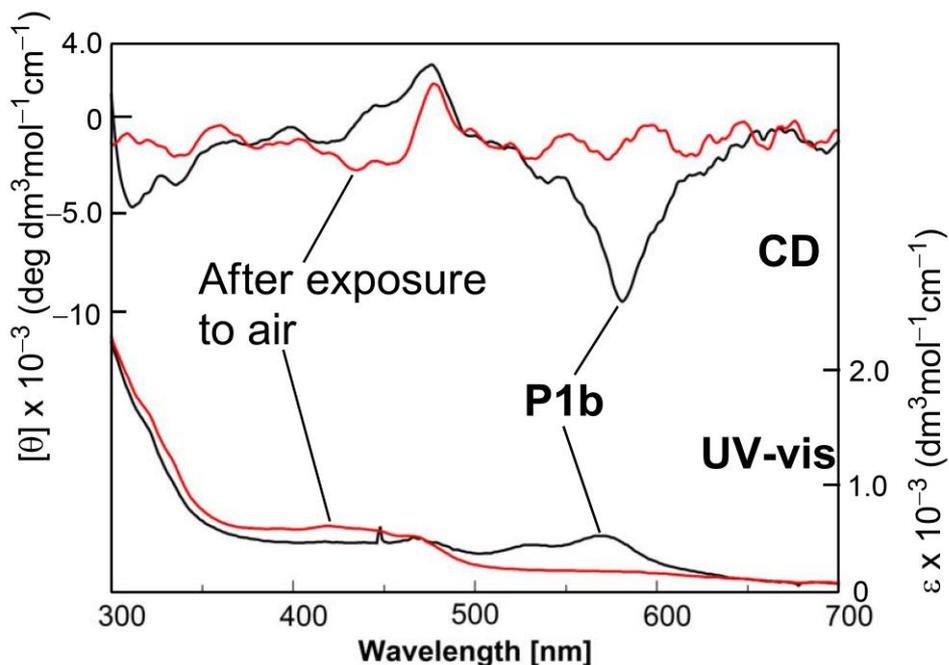


Figure S29. UV-vis and CD spectral change of **P1b** after exposing to air for 1 week. The g_{CD} value of the oxidized polymer was estimated to be 1.6×10^{-4} at 477 nm.

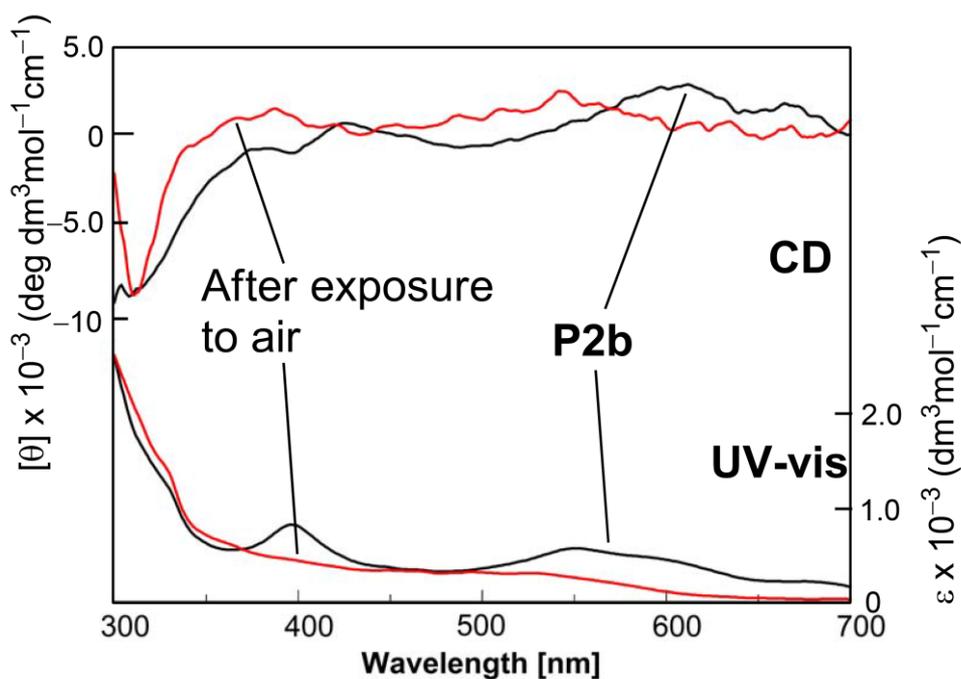


Figure S30. UV-vis and CD spectral change of **P2b** after exposing to air for 1 week. The g_{CD} value of the oxidized polymer was estimated to be 2.5×10^{-4} at 542 nm.

5. Simulated UV-vis and CD spectra of sulfonate-free P1b and P2b in the presence of DMSO using molecular orbital (MO) calculations with a Zerner's intermediate neglect of differential overlap (ZINDO) method in Gaussian 09.³

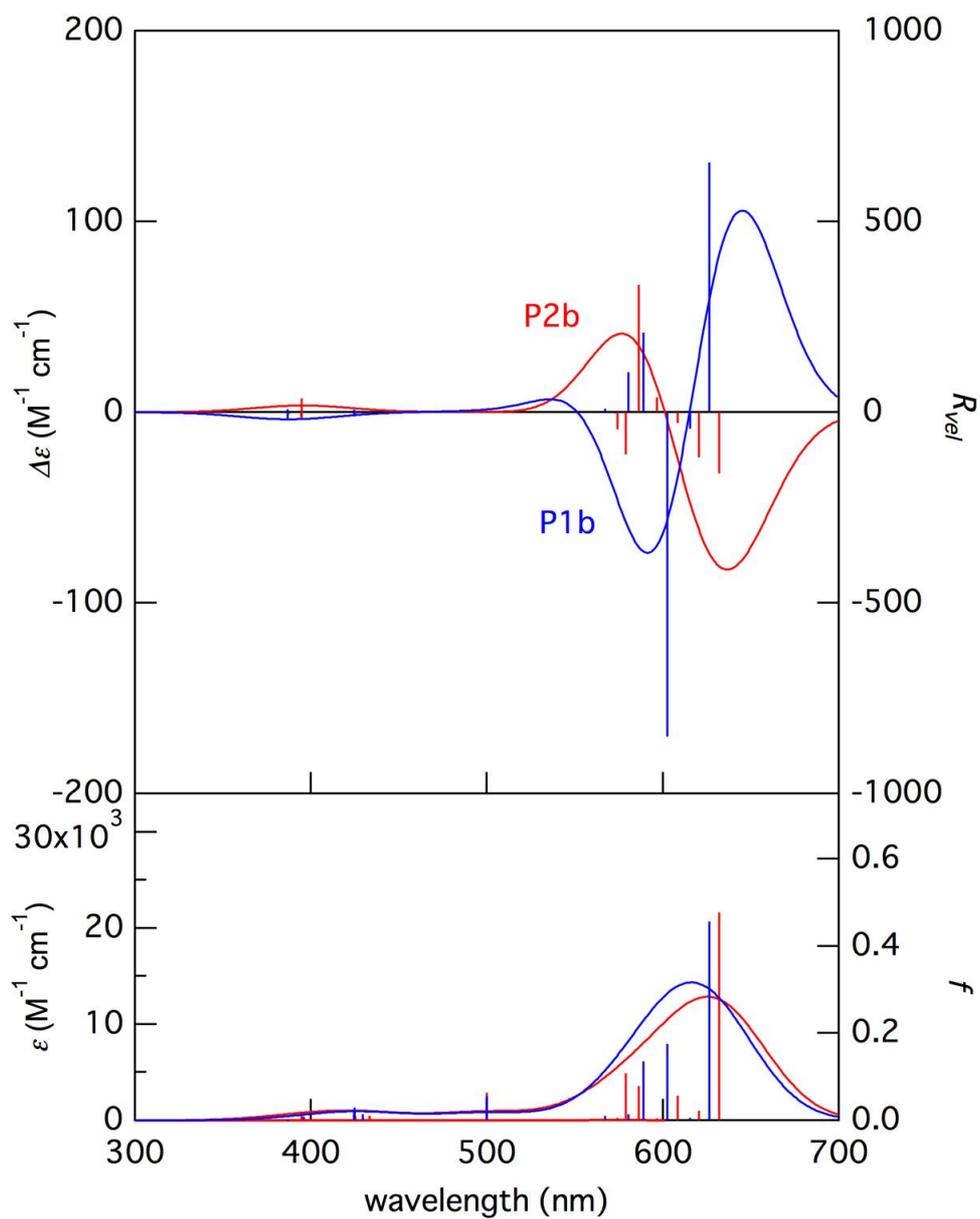


Figure S31. UV-vis and CD spectra of **P1b** and **P2b** simulated by the ZINDO/S (nstates = 20) method using the geometries optimized by OPLS2005.

6. Energy minimized structures of P1a, P2a, P1b, and P2b calculated by OPLS2005

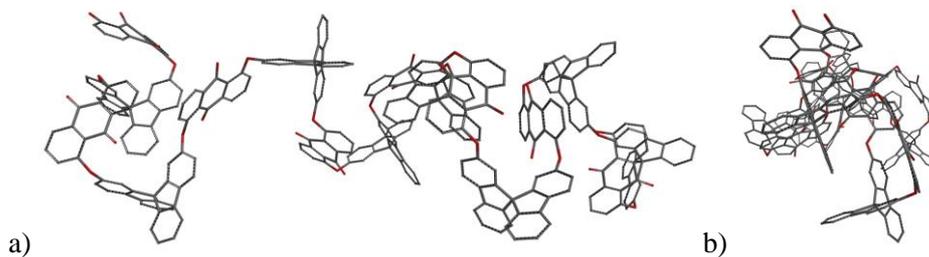


Figure S32. Energy-minimized structure of **P1a** calculated by OPLS2005: a) side view and b) front view. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

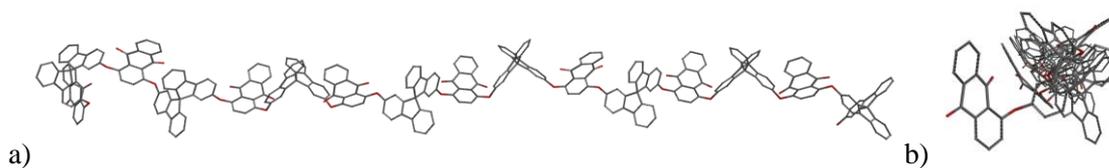


Figure S33. Energy-minimized structure of **P2a** calculated by OPLS2005: a) side view and b) front view. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

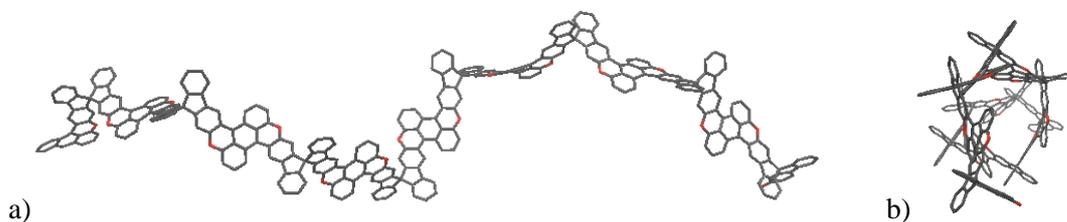


Figure S34. Energy-minimized structure of **P1b** calculated by OPLS2005: a) side view and b) front view. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

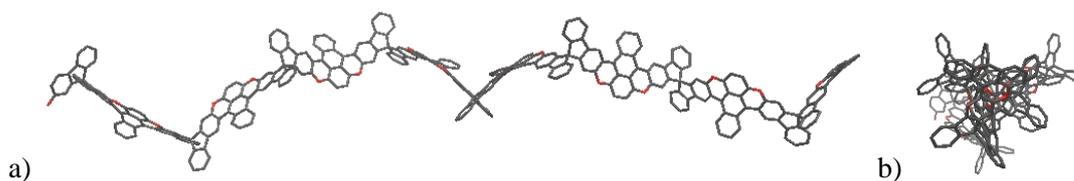


Figure S35. Energy-minimized structure of **P2b** calculated by OPLS2005: a) side view and b) front view. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

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