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Supplementary Information

Transformation of azulenes to bicyclic [4]dendralene and heptafulvene derivatives by photochemical cycloaddition of dialkylsilylene

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1. Experimental Details

General Procedures

All reactions treating air-sensitive compounds were carried out under inert atmosphere (N₂ or Ar) using a highvacuum line, standard Schlenk techniques, a glove box, and dry and oxygen-free solvents. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III 500 FT NMR spectrometer. The ¹H NMR chemical shifts in C₆D₆ were referenced to residual C₆D₅H signal and the ¹³C{¹H} NMR chemical shifts in C₆D₆ were referenced to the solvent signal (¹H δ 7.16 and ¹³C δ 128.0). The ²⁹Si{¹H} NMR chemical shifts were relative to Me₄Si in ppm. Sampling of air-sensitive compounds was carried out using a VAC NEXUS 100027 type glove box. Mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker Daltonics SolariX 9.4T. X-ray analysis was carried out using a Bruker AXS APEXII CCD diffractometer. UV-vis spectra were recorded on a JASCO V-660. Light at a wavelength of 440 ± 10 nm was provided from 150 W xenon lamp through a monochromater using a BUNKOUKEIKI SM-25ER.

Materials

Benzene- d_6 , diethyl ether and hexane were dried in a tube covered with potassium mirror or over LiAlH₄, and then distilled prior to use by using a vacuum line. Azulene, guaiazulene and ferrocene were commercially available and used without further purification. Dialkylsilylene **1** was prepared according to the procedure described in the literature.^{S1}

Reaction of Dialkylsilylene with Azulene

In a Schlenk tube-type flask (30 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar, dialkylsilylene **1** (22.7 mg, 0.061 mmol) and azulene (3.8 mg, 0.030 mmol) in hexane (20 mL) were placed. The mixture was irradiated for 10 hours at a wavelength of 440 nm \pm 10 nm. This reaction performed three times in the same condition (total amount of materials: **1** (52.4 mg, 0.14 mmol), azulene (8.7 mg, 0.068 mmol)). After the resulting mixtures were combined and then concentrated in vacuo, recrystallization from diethyl ether at -30 °C gave **2** as yellow crystals (25.2 mg, 42%). mp 149-150 °C; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (500 MHz, C₆D₆, 301 K) 0.10 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 0.12 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 0.18 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 0.23 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 0.32 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 0.336 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 0.340 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 0.36 (s, 9H, SiMe₃), 1.73 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 1.86 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 2.08 (s, 4H, CH₂), 2.15 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 11 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.30 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 11 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.74 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 12 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.92 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H, CH); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (125 MHz, C₆D₆) 2.95 (SiMe₃), 3.03 (SiMe₃), 3.8 (SiMe₃), 4.0 (SiMe₃), 4.5 (SiMe₃), 4.7 (SiMe₃), 4.8 (SiMe₃), 5.0 (SiMe₃), 1.15 (C), 13.3 (C), 26.8 (CH), 29.6 (CH), 32.2 (CH₂), 33.9 (CH₂), 34.1 (CH₂), 34.7 (CH₂), 123.9 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 132.0 (CH), 139.1 (CH), 145.1 (CH), 148.0 (C), 153.8 (CH); $\delta_{\rm Si}$ (99 MHz, C₆D₆) –28.9 (Si), -6.9 (Si), 3.09 (SiMe₃), 3.17 (SiMe₃), 3.19 (SiMe₃), 3.3 (SiMe₃), 4.2 (SiMe₃), 5.6 (SiMe₃), 6.0 (SiMe₃); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (hexane)/nm 287 (ε /dm³ mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹

42700), 371 (4260); Found: C, 57.68; H, 10.26%; M⁺, 872.4575. Calc. for $C_{42}H_{88}Si_{10}$: C, 57.72; H, 10.15%; M⁺, 872.4573. One ¹³C resonance due to quaternary carbon nuclei in the dendralene moiety was not observed possibly because of overlapping with the resonance due to carbon nuclei of C_6D_6 .

(NMR yield) In a Schlenk tube-type flask (30 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar, dialkylsilylene **1** (23.0 mg, 0.061 mmol) and azulene (4.1 mg, 0.030 mmol) in hexane (20 mL) were placed. The mixture was irradiated for 10 hours using light of wavelength of 440 nm. After the resulting mixtures were concentrated in vacuo, ferrocene (4.6 mg, 0.025 mmol) was added as an internal standard and NMR yield of **2** was estimated to be 68% by using the signal of the internal standard at 4.00 ppm.

Reaction of Dialkylsilylene with Guaiazulene

In a Schlenk tube-type flask (30 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar, dialkylsilylene **1** (15.0 mg, 0.040 mmol) and guaiazulene (5.6 mg, 0.028 mmol) in hexane (20 mL) were placed. The mixture was irradiated for 14 hours at a wavelength of 440 nm \pm 10 nm. This reaction performed three times in the same condition (total amount of materials: **1** (45.2 mg, 0.12 mmol), guaiazulene (18.4 mg, 0.093 mmol)). After the resulting mixtures were combined and then concentrated in vacuo, recrystallization from hexane at –30 °C gave **3** as orange crystals (19.6 mg, 37%). mp 129-130 °C; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.26 (s, 18H, SiMe₃), 0.29 (s, 18H, SiMe₃), 1.08 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H, CH₃), 2.03 (s, 4H, CH₂), 2.15 (s, 3H, Me), 2.17 (s, 3H, Me), 2.34 (hept, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 5.98 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.01 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 6.32 (s, 2H, CH), 6.54 (s, 1H, CH); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (125 MHz, C₆D₆) 4.67 (SiMe₃), 4.74 (SiMe₃), 12.1 (C), 23.2 (Me), 26.8 (Me), 27.6 (Me), 34.3 (CH₂), 37.2 (CH), 125.3 (CH), 125.5 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 135.3 (CH), 139.5 (C), 141.5 (C), 146.3 (C), 151.6 (C), 154.4 (C); $\delta_{\rm Si}$ (99 MHz, C₆D₆) –6.4 (Si), 3.1 (SiMe₃, overlapped); $\lambda_{\rm max}$ (hexane)/nm 254 (*a*/dm³ mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹ 20400), 276sh (15200), 336 (5740), 380sh (2980); Found: C, 65.56; H, 10.39%; M⁺, 570.3380. Cale. for C₃₁H₅₈Si₅: C, 65.18; H, 10.23; M⁺, 570.3379.

(NMR yield) In a Schlenk tube-type flask (30 mL) equipped with a magnetic stir bar, dialkylsilylene **1** (12.6 mg, 0.034 mmol) and guaiazulene (5.0 mg, 0.025 mmol) in hexane (20 mL) were placed. The mixture was irradiated for 14 hours at a wavelength of 440 nm. After the resulting mixtures were concentrated in vacuo, ferrocene (2.5 mg, 0.013 mmol) was added as an internal standard and NMR yield of **3** was estimated to be 62% by using the signal of the internal standard at 4.00 ppm

2. NMR Spectra



Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of **2** in C₆D₆ at room temperature ($\circ = C_6D_5H$, $\bullet = Et_2O$, $\Box = hexane$).



Figure S2. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of **2** in C₆D₆ at room temperature ($\circ = C_6D_6$, $\bullet = Et_2O$).



Figure S3. ²⁹Si $\{^{1}H\}$ NMR spectrum of 2 in C₆D₆ at room temperature.



Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectrum of **3** in C_6D_6 at room temperature ($\circ = C_6D_5H$).



Figure S5. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of **3** in C₆D₆ at room temperature ($\circ = C_6D_6$).



Figure S6. ²⁹Si $\{^{1}H\}$ NMR spectrum of **3** in C₆D₆ at room temperature.

3. X-ray Analysis

Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction study were obtained by recrystallization in an inert atmosphere using following conditions; from Et₂O at -30 °C for **2** and from hexane at -30 °C for **3**. The single crystals for data collection coated by Apiezon® grease were mounted on the glass fiber and then transferred to the cold gas stream of the diffractometer. X-ray diffraction data were collected on a Bruker AXS APEX II CCD diffractometer with graphite monochromated Mo-K α radiation (λ 0.71073 Å). An empirical absorption correction based on the multiple measurement of equivalent reflections was applied using the program SADABS and the structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least squares against F^2 using all data (SHELXL-97).^{S2} Molecular structure was analyzed by Yadokari-XG software.^{S3} Details of crystal data were shown in Table S1.

	$2 \cdot Et_2O$	3
empirical formula	C ₄₆ H ₉₈ OSi ₁₀	C ₃₁ H ₅₈ Si ₅
formula weight	948.14	571.22
Temperature (K)	100(2)	100(2)
crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic
space group	P-1	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> (Å)	9.4329(13)	9.5864(15)
<i>b</i> (Å)	11.2567(16)	10.9534(17)
<i>c</i> (Å)	29.197(4)	18.638(3)
α (deg.)	85.049(2)	105.877(2)
β (deg.)	83.862(2)	92.815(2)
$\gamma(\text{deg.})$	67.021(2)	110.499(2)
volume (Å ³)	2834.5(7)	1740.3(5)
Ζ	2	2
density (Mg/m ³)	1.111	1.090
absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	0.263	0.223
<i>F</i> (000)	1044	628
Theta range for data collection(deg.)	1.40 to 25.00	1.15 to 25.00
Index ranges	-11<=h<=10,-13<=k<=13, 23<=l<=34	-11<=h<=11,-13<=k<=13,-22<=l<=22
Refrections collected	13273	16560
Independent reflections	9746 [<i>R</i> (int) = 0.0201]	6099 [<i>R</i> (int) = 0.0298]
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.074	1.043
Final <i>R</i> indices $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0445	0.0348
R indices (all data)	0.1036	0.0980

Table S1. Crystal data of 2 and 3.



Figure S7. ORTEP drawings of **2**·**Et**₂**O**. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg): Si1–C1 1.858(2), Si1–C10 1.871(2), Si2–C5 1.894(2), Si2–C6 1.898(2), C1–C2 1.343(4), C2–C3 1.477(3), C3–C4 1.357(4), C3–C9 1.490(3), C4–C5 1.467(4), C5-C6 1.546(3), C6-C7 1.463(4), C7-C8 1.337(4), C8-C9 1.479(3), C9-C10 1.354(4), C1-Si1-C10 98.13(11), C5–Si2–C6 48.13(10), Si2–C5–C6 66.06(13), Si2–C6–C5 65.81(12).



Figure S8. ORTEP drawings of **3**. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angle (deg): Si1–C1 1.8545(15), Si1–C5 1.8486(16), C1–C2 1.345(2), C2–C3 1.489(2), C3–C4 1.492(2), C4–C5 1.355(2), C3–C6 1.363(2), C6–C7 1.439(2), C7–C8 1.349(2), C8–C9 1.437(2), C9–C10 1.349(2), C10–C4 1.488(2), C1–Si1–C5 97.83(7).

4. Theoretical Calculations

All theoretical calculations were performed using the Gaussian 09^{84} program and the GRRM14 program.^{S5} Geometry optimization and frequency analysis for compounds **2'** and **3'** were carried out at the B3LYP/6-311G(d) level and those for dimethylsilylene (1"), azulene, **2"**, **4"** and **5"** were performed at the B3PW91/6-311G(d) level. The transition state between **4"** and **5"** (TS(4"-5")) was found using the 2PSHS⁸⁶ method in the GRRM14 program and confirmed using the IRC calculation. No imaginary frequencies were found in the optimized structures of all compounds except for TS(4"-5"). Atomic coordinates for **2'**, **3'**, **1"**, azulene, **2"**, **4"**, **5"** and TS(4"-5") were summarized in Tables S2-S9. Thirty two excited states of **2'** and **3'** calculated at the TD-B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level were summarized in Tables S10 and S11. Kohn-Sham orbitals, their energy levels and assignment of absorption bands were shown in Figure S9. Energies for the reactions of silylene **1"** and azulene are summarized in Chart S1 and Figure S10.

Table S2. Atomic Coordinates of 2' Calculated at the B3LYP/6-311G(d) Level.



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Table S3. Atomic Coordinates of **3'** Calculated at the B3LYP/6-311G(d) Level.



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H	0.65985600	1.85635100	-1.38739800	
С	-2.95602000	-0.00648800	0.69906300	
H	-3.22837500	-0.72061300	1.46779800	
С	-4.02818400	0.26148800	-0.22284200	
С	-4.08410200	1.36832200	-1.01228300	
Н	-4.99242800	1.51629700	-1.59284300	
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Н	5.13679900	2.19460300	-0.81305300	

E(RB3LYP) = -2192.18839276 A.U. Zero-point correction = 0.459901 (Hartree/Particle)

Tab	le S	4. <i>I</i>	Atomic	Coord	linates	of	1'	' (Calcu	lated	l at	the	B:	3P	W	91	/6	-31	11	G(d)	Leve	el.
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 Table S5. Atomic Coordinates of azulene Calculated at the B3PW91/6-311G(d) Level.

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 Table S6. Atomic Coordinates of 2" Calculated at the B3PW91/6-311G(d) Level.

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Atom	X	У	Z
Si C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	1.260351513555 1.316786666332 0.564976416174 0.227147889401 2.894293034396 3.033715749775 2.047705127651 2.571211322334 2.078612002227 0.635999658523 -0.432532520156 -0.408760213914 0.642467747407 -0.829072844281 3.777657265527 4.017267099770 3.624118730884 2.561657608698 0.317444524958 -1.406990528797 -1.373757244835 1.958509239191 0.321090463838 1.70776915127 -0.438308510419 1.197580445143 0.499787786319 1.853579669756 1.862123001574 2.455028422071 2.878096840146 1.427144527678 1.278136083449 3.488048163269 1.840050728785 2.415873638447	6.250025109647 6.494644827304 7.827574611544 4.774730855504 5.765867893804 4.579066554595 3.509157321329 2.431396678011 1.120983621591 0.612781029643 1.436042261577 2.653880451771 3.656911984690 4.789376721244 6.401821669881 4.337027269611 2.537985444980 0.767705032377 0.032928565675 0.948020281581 2.990045838336 7.340577965915 6.699876932361 5.607028662262 8.049911659257 8.691937498645 7.741859693275 -0.284872956085 0.148435838457 -1.997097932533 0.159297510795 1.138162458219 -0.571331810219 -2.159768884246 -2.774551271552 -2.143880549307	$\begin{array}{c} 2.631938148481\\ 4.503957374144\\ 1.862163330553\\ 2.178859502671\\ 1.920406313478\\ 1.300784854037\\ 1.070562243922\\ 0.418284636095\\ 0.017864312112\\ 0.148611352034\\ 0.714110064679\\ 1.281773093312\\ 1.517668298920\\ 2.454255846406\\ 1.968654841407\\ 0.893512851854\\ 0.156517864179\\ -0.894222162786\\ -0.718435033080\\ 0.696335956738\\ 1.655913446868\\ 4.773029010628\\ 4.911406248549\\ 5.008743092607\\ 2.240985368762\\ 2.091223219583\\ 0.774134109762\\ 1.266893855857\\ 3.080732758065\\ 0.801370833528\\ 3.485619476154\\ 3.235526563476\\ 3.662098141856\\ 1.123387501813\\ 1.265061491528\\ -0.281096928240\\ \end{array}$
ENERGY Spin(**2 ZPVE	= -1124.340037057087) = 0.00000000000 = 0.296392673705	,	

SYMMETRY = C1

Atom	X	У	Z
Si C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	$\begin{array}{c} 1.159003259676\\ 1.208304062541\\ 0.539576783560\\ 0.760288240878\\ 2.262571025826\\ 2.914129805400\\ 2.047813903315\\ 2.416555047217\\ 1.657940755865\\ 0.264569773694\\ -0.622672140287\\ -0.431748685132\\ 0.695790968380\\ 0.159631813992\\ 2.718647347879\\ 3.971732953956\\ 3.460495460391\\ 2.169468931240\\ -0.109102738573\\ -1.633777511798\\ -1.319435739212\\ 1.798792904262\\ 0.202318475192\\ 1.65244446628\\ -0.482641231965\\ 1.168715594083\\ 0.542782272125\\ \end{array}$	6.323075371430 5.384623033631 8.089422873978 5.441837442557 5.824967840842 4.506411427468 3.464521369404 2.068447867282 0.962493442682 0.847705291110 1.845096568193 3.268455677105 3.967269056779 6.012475583134 6.566022645167 4.395248425569 1.902557719778 0.012566070474 -0.169780327403 1.533015490717 3.860591786855 5.917793489850 5.243275086307 4.397682718284 8.135930896445 8.695833085778 8.560971987345	$\begin{array}{c} 2.466297673698\\ 4.080508065547\\ 2.568864828891\\ 0.842088098843\\ 1.043915716701\\ 1.187532054965\\ 1.058264790972\\ 1.189482522562\\ 1.017476950508\\ 0.660790467505\\ 0.421212905517\\ 0.467188616811\\ 0.767666329910\\ 0.136765681182\\ 0.386778257513\\ 1.405434697041\\ 1.451763073758\\ 1.161770562796\\ 0.574380901527\\ 0.165458955572\\ 0.252086758777\\ 4.831855157154\\ 4.486299882031\\ 3.935598490704\\ 2.957108594468\\ 3.227778324802\\ 1.582548260801\\ \end{array}$
ENERGY Spin(**2 ZPVE SYMMETRY	$\begin{array}{rcl} &=& -755.030984223648 \\ &=& 0.00000000000 \\ &=& 0.220920645983 \\ &=& C1 \end{array}$		

 Table S7. Atomic Coordinates of 4" Calculated at the B3PW91/6-311G(d) Level.

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Table S8. Atomic Coordinates of **5**" Calculated at the B3PW91/6-311G(d) Level.

SiMe ₂						
Atom	X	У	Z			
Si C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	1.253115657957 1.132400395111 0.966472585279 0.089567905351 2.875785564413 2.935546618566 1.840835308348 2.271646811084 1.603889911517 0.273840592871	6.182058223341 6.400251770712 7.869229261460 4.895802387442 5.439513962795 4.261617036942 3.381825879958 2.251055263919 1.127074067840 0.874954120900	2.647616456551 4.518540111009 1.851486725341 2.011533569321 2.137711916956 1.485493882381 1.069304250873 0.420274138702 -0.156728523518 -0.213057899881			

С	-0.682811771410	2.888521388265	0.954171314069
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Н	-0.980689047506	5.046822286999	2.161031308554
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Н	3.353324968339	2.187652369395	0.318209689792
Н	2.264361874245	0.388140439392	-0.604216095251
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H	-1.779195801243	1.322540412603	0.160156087218
H	-1.643174308316	3.310101825484	1.245545900553
H	1.867833988311	7.124759892510	4.884637082783
H	0.142953552188	6.767581444053	4.811511878761
H	1.304139733546	5.455645002252	5.041580793377
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H	1.700719177376	8.604510850041	2.197962036925
Н	1.037836828572	7.812800282544	0.761959127626
ENERGY	= -755.054222397669		
Spin(*	(*2) = 0.0000000000000000000000000000000000)	
ZPVE	= 0.221240596633		
SYMMET	'RY = Cs		

 Table S9. Atomic Coordinates of TS(4"-5") Calculated at the B3PW91/6-311G(d) Level.



Atom	Х	У	Z
Si C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	1.230474870901 1.435995753934 0.724785063014 0.329109097243 2.428430982785 2.826853116909 1.886281415411 2.254204505829 1.522985027306 0.183067825499 -0.708293273960 -0.549921567288 0.499124742336 -0.423681161827 2.947255200212 3.874684276321 3.295896006375 2.052190523815 -0.171439624651 -1.684730314467 -1.431080181369 2.190279538730 0.496481034856 1.747579630944 -0.236872429017 1.459578356662 0.629411644763	$\begin{array}{c} 6.214055072440\\ 5.396852002680\\ 8.014538956689\\ 5.338517332921\\ 5.825157134316\\ 4.459176408022\\ 3.449985997458\\ 2.076174872788\\ 0.949019759226\\ 0.849824289749\\ 1.861561699203\\ 3.253782536486\\ 3.960260946413\\ 5.891616928387\\ 6.579639974139\\ 4.225439511341\\ 1.900792180423\\ 0.004649024654\\ -0.159942981310\\ 1.561683126371\\ 3.851946313251\\ 5.912003013630\\ 5.408263079896\\ 4.355501652424\\ 8.121264334728\\ 8.594589378252\\ 8.472751116228\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.588872195188\\ 4.260793105783\\ 2.719870718232\\ 1.247038880363\\ 1.262935435075\\ 1.123078305845\\ 1.11270437258\\ 1.138765208531\\ 0.868063586220\\ 0.420097427217\\ 0.173710097506\\ 0.384781386121\\ 0.927945843786\\ 0.683929433288\\ 0.665996982283\\ 0.941600691645\\ 1.405856147971\\ 0.972634085293\\ 0.223709332594\\ -0.199947283064\\ 0.154447229553\\ 4.864315470396\\ 4.822437771275\\ 4.150051444441\\ 3.231654759590\\ 3.286662120531\\ 1.731722987209\end{array}$
ENERGY Spin(**2 ZPVE	$\begin{array}{rcl} &=& -755.001550573164\\ 2) &=& 0.00000000000\\ &=& 0.218606319133 \end{array}$		
SYMMETRY	$c = C \bot$		

Table S10. Transition Energy, Wavelength, and Oscillator Strengths of Electronic Transitions of **2'** Calculated at the TD-B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) Level (The 144th orbital is Highest Occupied Orbital Shown in Figure S9)

Excited State 143 ->145 144 ->145	1:	Singlet-A 0.21492 0.66696	3.1310 e	eV	395.99 nm	f=0.0380	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 143 ->145 143 ->146 144 ->145 144 ->146	2:	Singlet-A 0.60709 0.13963 -0.16044 0.26565	3.8196	eV	324.60 nm	f=0.2088	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 143 ->145 143 ->146 144 ->145 144 ->146	3:	Singlet-A -0.12871 -0.36653 0.10992 0.56897	4.2319	eV	292.98 nm	f=0.4001	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 142 ->145 143 ->145 143 ->146 144 ->146 144 ->149	4:	Singlet-A 0.19576 -0.19424 0.54443 0.28986 0.11080	4.4767	eV	276.95 nm	f=0.7463	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 144 ->147 144 ->148 144 ->149 144 ->150	5:	Singlet-A 0.65292 -0.11082 0.13630 -0.15386	4.5136	eV	274.69 nm	f=0.0001	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 144 ->147 144 ->148	6:	Singlet-A 0.14958 0.66257	4.7672	eV	260.08 nm	f=0.0114	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 140 ->145 141 ->145 142 ->145 143 ->146	7:	Singlet-A 0.16850 0.36945 0.53469 -0.13857	4.8072	eV	257.91 nm	f=0.0510	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 141 ->145 142 ->145 143 ->147 143 ->150 144 ->149 144 ->150	8:	Singlet-A -0.38888 0.24009 0.44832 -0.16833 -0.12152 -0.11226	4.8556	eV	255.35 nm	f=0.0004	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 141 ->145 142 ->145 143 ->146 143 ->147 143 ->148 143 ->149 144 ->149	9:	Singlet-A 0.42107 -0.26648 0.11406 0.40543 -0.11588 0.11398 -0.11728	4.8631	eV	254.95 nm	f=0.0781	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>

Excited State 143 ->147 144 ->147 144 ->149	10:	Singlet-A 0.17404 -0.12973 0.62738	4.8948 eV	253.30 nm	f=0.0621	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 143 ->147 144 ->147 144 ->148 144 ->150 144 ->151	11:	Singlet-A 0.16592 0.12853 -0.13303 0.60629 0.18011	4.9364 eV	251.16 nm	f=0.0451	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 143 ->148 144 ->150 144 ->151 144 ->152 144 ->153	12:	Singlet-A 0.14149 -0.23006 0.57055 -0.17293 0.17215	5.0478 eV	245.62 nm	f=0.0038	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 142 ->145 143 ->148 143 ->149 143 ->150 144 ->151 144 ->152 144 ->154	13:	Singlet-A 0.11577 -0.16859 0.55904 0.22237 0.10838 0.14771 0.10543	5.0878 ev	243.69 nm	f=0.0114	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 143 ->148 143 ->149 144 ->152 144 ->153	14:	Singlet-A 0.18899 -0.10849 0.61180 0.19368	5.1302 eV	241.68 nm	f=0.0034	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 143 ->147 143 ->148 143 ->149 143 ->150 144 ->151 144 ->153	15:	Singlet-A 0.12877 0.57973 0.15906 0.19932 -0.14416 -0.11567	5.1395 eV	241.24 nm	f=0.0021	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 140 ->145 144 ->151 144 ->152 144 ->153 144 ->154	16:	Singlet-A 0.32269 -0.24405 -0.12665 0.41879 0.31301	5.1744 eV	239.61 nm	f=0.0005	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 140 ->145 144 ->153 144 ->155	17:	Singlet-A 0.53564 -0.36043 -0.11308	5.1981 eV	238.52 nm	f=0.0067	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 139 ->145 140 ->145 143 ->149 144 ->153 144 ->154	18:	Singlet-A -0.16718 -0.21428 -0.14686 -0.21743 0.52320	5.2563 eV	235.88 nm	f=0.0072	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>

144 ->155 -0.19646 5.2734 eV 235.11 nm f=0.0012 <S**2>=0.000 Excited State 19: Singlet-A 0.53744 139 ->145 143 ->147 0.11463 143 ->149 -0.23248 143 ->150 0.28742 143 ->151 0.10566 144 ->155 -0.15255 5.2837 eV 234.65 nm f=0.0018 <S**2>=0.000 Excited State 20: Singlet-A 139 ->145 -0.38258 143 ->147 0.13762 143 ->148 -0.11975 143 ->149 -0.14779 143 ->150 0.45069 0.17313 143 ->151 144 ->154 -0.19566 Excited State 21: Singlet-A 5.2912 eV 234.32 nm f=0.0031 <S**2>=0.000 143 ->153 0.11545 144 ->153 -0.13089 144 ->154 0.21795 144 ->155 0.56810 144 ->158 0.12158 Excited State 22: Singlet-A 5.3742 eV 230.70 nm f=0.0131 <S**2>=0.000 143 ->150 -0.17247 143 ->151 0.58243 -0.15137 143 ->152 143 ->154 -0.16101 144 ->156 -0.17173 Excited State 23: Singlet-A 5.4019 eV 229.52 nm f=0.0057 <S**2>=0.000 -0.12131 144 ->153 144 ->156 0.49388 144 ->157 -0.41685 144 ->159 0.12024 Excited State 24: Singlet-A 5.4206 eV 228.73 nm f=0.0033 <S**2>=0.000 143 ->151 0.15466 143 ->154 0.13822 144 ->155 -0.18444 144 ->156 0.40144 144 ->157 0.41035 144 ->158 0.19935 Excited State 25: Singlet-A 5.4756 eV 226.43 nm f=0.0373 <S**2>=0.000 0.17338 143 ->151 143 ->152 0.32271 143 ->153 0.31158 143 ->154 0.36462 143 ->155 -0.18181 143 ->158 -0.10330 144 ->158 -0.18151 Excited State 26: Singlet-A 5.4781 eV 226.33 nm f=0.0037 <S**2>=0.000 0.38474 143 ->152 143 ->153 -0.30721 143 ->154 -0.16082 0.12492 144 ->155

144 ->156 0.10663 0.20063 144 ->157 144 ->158 -0.33581 5.4876 eV 225.94 nm f=0.0104 <S**2>=0.000 Excited State 27: Singlet-A 0.12776 143 ->151 143 ->152 0.37798 143 ->153 -0.18720 144 ->157 -0.21747 144 ->158 0.46282 Excited State 28: Singl 138 ->145 0.65946 143 ->154 0.10197 Singlet-A 5.5013 eV 225.37 nm f=0.0136 <S**2>=0.000 Excited State 29: Singlet-A 5.5185 eV 224.67 nm f=0.0114 <S**2>=0.000 138 ->145 0.15632 0.18990 143 ->152 143 ->153 0.46790 143 ->154 -0.35307 143 ->155 0.16913 Excited State 30: Singlet-A 5.5660 eV 222.75 nm f=0.0016 <S**2>=0.000 144 ->157 0.12306 0.13846 144 ->158 0.64176 144 ->159 0.10703 144 ->161 Excited State 31: Singlet-A 5.6160 eV 220.77 nm f=0.0059 <S**2>=0.000 143 ->155 -0.27054 0.11132 0.50619 -0.13617 144 ->159 144 ->160 144 ->161 144 ->162 0.11078 144 ->163 -0.22257 Excited State 32: Singlet-A 5.6206 eV 220.59 nm f=0.0031 <S**2>=0.000 143 ->154 0.30334 143 ->155 0.48088 0.48088 0.19453 -0.10016 143 ->158 143 ->161 144 ->160 0.21625 -0.14396 144 ->163 0.10745 144 ->164

Table S11. Transition Energy, Wavelength, and Oscillator Strengths of the Electronic Transition of **3'** Calculated at the TD-B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) Level (The 109th orbital is Highest Occupied Orbital Shown in Figure S9)

Excited State 109 ->110	1:	Singlet-A 0.69380	2.9174 eV	424.98 nm	f=0.0702	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 108 ->110 109 ->111	2:	Singlet-A 0.30048 0.62805	3.6786 eV	337.04 nm	f=0.1127	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 105 ->110 107 ->110 108 ->110	3:	Singlet-A -0.15098 -0.12110 0.58147	4.3692 eV	283.77 nm	f=0.3876	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>

108 ->111 -0.18427 109 ->111 -0.23092 4.5992 eV 269.58 nm f=0.0061 <S**2>=0.000 Excited State 4: Singlet-A 0.67685 109 ->112 109 ->115 -0.13996 Excited State 5: Singlet-A 4.7272 eV 262.28 nm f=0.0274 <S**2>=0.000 106 ->110 -0.28680 108 ->111 -0.18889 109 ->113 -0.32194 109 ->114 0.39899 109 ->115 0.22964 109 ->116 -0.18897 Singlet-A 4.7316 eV 262.04 nm f=0.0033 <S**2>=0.000 Excited State 6: 106 ->110 0.49856 107 ->110 0.39320 109 ->113 -0.15873 109 ->114 0.17400 Excited State 7: Singlet-A 4.7797 eV 259.40 nm f=0.1649 <S**2>=0.000 106 ->110 -0.28267 0.37597 107 ->110 0.16882 108 ->110 108 ->111 0.44965 -0.13134 109 ->111 109 ->113 -0.10103 Excited State 8: 4.8998 eV 253.04 nm f=0.0007 <S**2>=0.000 Singlet-A 109 ->112 0.13448 109 ->114 -0.38118 109 ->115 0.56105 Excited State 9: Singlet-A 4.9066 eV 252.69 nm f=0.0056 <S**2>=0.000 109 ->113 0.54868 109 ->114 0.33782 109 ->115 0.23256 Excited State 10: Singlet-A 4.9420 eV 250.88 nm f=0.0708 <S**2>=0.000 106 ->110 0.24281 107 ->110 -0.38228 108 ->111 0.44943 109 ->113 -0.10450 109 ->114 0.17535 109 ->115 0.11236 Excited State 11: Singlet-A 5.0528 eV 245.38 nm f=0.0019 <S**2>=0.000 0.12014 105 ->110 109 ->113 -0.14919 109 ->115 0.15890 109 ->116 0.64033 Excited State 12: Singlet-A 5.1398 eV 241.22 nm f=0.0900 <S**2>=0.000 -0.39609 105 ->110 109 ->117 0.52704 Excited State 13: Singlet-A 5.1568 eV 240.43 nm f=0.1145 <S**2>=0.000 0.45302 105 ->110 107 ->111 -0.12209 109 ->117 0.45439

109 ->118 -0.12812 5.1851 eV 239.12 nm f=0.0220 <S**2>=0.000 Excited State 14: Singlet-A 0.68175 104 ->110 105 ->110 0.10322 Excited State 15: Singlet-A 5.2860 eV 234.55 nm f=0.0273 <S**2>=0.000 0.64107 109 ->118 109 ->119 -0.13747 109 ->121 -0.15127 Excited State 16: Singlet-A 5.3444 eV 231.99 nm f=0.0004 <S**2>=0.000 109 ->118 0.14778 109 ->119 0.65761 109 ->122 0.10693 Excited State 17: Singlet-A 5.3608 eV 231.28 nm f=0.0083 <S**2>=0.000 103 ->110 -0.40478 105 ->110 0.13993 106 ->111 0.31497 107 ->111 0.41592 Excited State 18: Singlet-A 5.4074 eV 229.29 nm f=0.0060 <S**2>=0.000 103 ->110 0.43672 0.28944 106 ->111 107 ->111 0.20029 0.10322 109 ->119 0.34230 109 ->120 109 ->121 -0.11964 Excited State 19: 5.4091 eV 229.21 nm f=0.0189 <S**2>=0.000 Singlet-A 103 ->110 -0.30257 106 ->111 -0.19438 109 ->120 0.54312 109 ->122 -0.18032 Excited State 20: Singlet-A 5.4643 eV 226.90 nm f=0.0058 <S**2>=0.000 106 ->111 0.15665 109 ->118 0.13612 109 ->120 0.15813 109 ->121 0.56777 109 ->122 0.22359 109 ->123 -0.16297 5.5096 eV 225.04 nm f=0.0080 <S**2>=0.000 Excited State 21: Singlet-A 0.12469 109 ->120 109 ->121 -0.34403 109 ->122 0.49818 109 ->123 -0.27317 Singlet-A 5.5153 eV 224.80 nm f=0.0300 <S**2>=0.000 Excited State 22: 102 ->110 -0.14639 106 ->111 0.43199 107 ->111 -0.39298 109 ->122 -0.23144 109 ->123 -0.13602 Excited State 23: Singlet-A 5.5517 eV 223.33 nm f=0.0269 <S**2>=0.000 -0.17190 107 ->111 0.11890 109 ->120 0.25916 109 ->122

109 ->123 0.58594 5.6549 eV 219.25 nm f=0.0071 <S**2>=0.000 Excited State 24: Singlet-A 0.21519 102 ->110 105 ->111 0.23675 109 ->124 0.55658 109 ->125 0.20171 109 ->128 -0.10756 Excited State 25: Singlet-A 5.6741 eV 218.51 nm f=0.0016 <S**2>=0.000 102 ->110 -0.28931 105 ->111 -0.26879 109 ->124 0.37660 109 ->125 -0.36665 109 ->127 0.11035 109 ->131 -0.10347 Excited State 26: Singlet-A 5.7059 eV 217.29 nm f=0.0115 <S**2>=0.000 101 ->110 0.18169 102 ->110 -0.10372105 ->111 -0.40011 107 ->111 0.13754 109 -> 1250.45982 Excited State 27: 5.7693 eV 214.90 nm f=0.0158 <S**2>=0.000 Singlet-A 0.12929 101 ->110 102 ->110 -0.25518 105 ->111 0.21590 108 ->112 0.10045 109 ->125 0.14120 109 ->126 0.23849 109 ->127 0.36376 109 ->128 -0.30440 Excited State 28: Singlet-A 5.7910 eV 214.10 nm f=0.0045 <S**2>=0.000 0.21845 102 ->110 105 ->111 -0.21223 108 ->112 -0.24641 109 ->126 0.52211 109 ->128 -0.11325 Excited State 29: 5.8071 eV 213.50 nm f=0.0145 <S**2>=0.000 Singlet-A -0.10042 96 ->110 99 ->110 -0.11064 101 ->110 0.58651 102 ->110 0.15662 106 ->110 0.10413 108 ->112 -0.13363109 ->125 -0.13492 Singlet-A 5.8224 eV 212.94 nm f=0.0095 <S**2>=0.000 Excited State 30: 101 ->110 -0.11292 102 ->110 0.15345 105 ->111 -0.16777 108 ->112 -0.25619 109 ->124 -0.10933 109 ->126 -0.31803 109 ->127 0.43312 109 ->128 -0.15486 Excited State 31: Singlet-A 5.8303 eV 212.65 nm f=0.0006 <S**2>=0.000 S23

101 ->110	-0.12632
104 ->111	0.63069
105 ->111	0.14416
108 ->112	-0.18059

Excited State 32: Singlet-A 5.8556 eV 211.74 nm f=0.0128 <S**2>=0.000

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102 ->110	0.23886
104 ->111	0.18510
105 ->111	-0.13287
108 ->112	0.51789
108 ->113	-0.10150
108 ->116	-0.10575
109 ->127	0.18623



Figure S9. Frontier Kohn-Sham orbitals, their energy levels of **2'** (left) and **3'** (right) at the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-311G(d) level. Transitions i-iv mainly contribute calculated absorption bands a-d shown in Figure 2 in the main text, respectively.

i) Addition of dimethylsilylene to azulene



 $\Delta E = -141.1 \text{ kJ/mol}$ $\Delta G(298\text{K}) = -87.5 \text{ kJ/mol}$

Figure S10. Calculated enthalpies and Gibbs energies at the B3PW91/6-311G(d) level.



Chart S1. Calculated enthalpies (including a zero-point vibrational energy, upper) and Gibbs energies at 298 K (lower) at the B3PW91/6-311G(d) level. All geometries are optimized at the same level.

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