## **Supporting Information for:**

## Effects of alkyl chain length on film morphologies and photocurrent responses of tetrathiafulvalene-bipyridinium charge transfer salts, a study in terms of structures

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	1	2	3
formula	$C_{19}H_{22}NO_5S_6$	$C_{46}H_{56}N_2O_8S_{12}$	$C_{54}H_{72}N_2O_8S_{12}$
fw	536.77	1149.64	1261.94
cryst size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.05×0.20×0.20	0.20×0.20×0.30	0.20×0.20×0.40
cryst syst	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic
space group	Ρī	Ρī	<i>P</i> ī
<i>a</i> (Å)	5.3407(4)	9.7149(6)	9.6659(6)
<i>b</i> (Å)	10.8805(9)	13.5293(6)	13.4126(7)
<i>c</i> (Å)	20.8512(12)	21.8111(9)	25.3171(17)
$\alpha$ (deg)	93.153(6)	78.118(4)	76.598(5)
$\beta$ (deg)	94.366(6)	83.149(4)	79.897(5)
γ (deg)	99.411(7)	86.593(4)	86.413(5)
$V(Å^3)$	1189.07(15)	2783.5(2)	3142.5(3)
Z	2	2	2
$ ho_{ m calcd} ({ m g \ cm^{-3}})$	1.496	1.372	1.331
<i>F</i> (000)	556	1204	1328
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.606	0.521	0.468
<i>T</i> (K)	293(2)	293(2)	293(2)
reflns collected	8192	25623	30599
unique reflns	4200	9785	11047
observed reflns	2979	5440	7374
no. params	283	597	6752
GOF on $F^2$	1.047	1.014	1.153
$R_1[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0792	0.0976	0.0904
$_{W}R_{2}$ [I>2 $\sigma(I)$ ]	0.01747	0.1636	0.1706

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C10…C12	3.224	C3…C10#	3.387	
S5…S5 #	3.453	S6…S6 #	3.579	
O1…H–O5 #	3.011	O5−H···O2	2.892	
С11–Н…О4#	3.167	C14–H···O5#	3.140	
С15–Н…О1#	3.145			
	2	2		
C9…C25#	3.327	C34…O8#	3.068	
C26…O5 #	3.157	C24–H···O8	3.194	
С22–Н…О8	3.212			
3				
C9…C40#	3.386	C37…C37	3.389	
C2…S9	3.497	C42…O4#	3.215	
C21…O5 #	3.036			

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