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**The relationship of boron dipyrromethene (BODIPY)
structure to the effectiveness of homogeneous and
heterogeneous solar hydrogen-generating systems as
well as DSSCs**

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Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI):

[Table S1-S4; Scheme S1-S3; Fig. S1-S11; Additional calculations]

(1) Table S1-Table S4

Table S1 Crystallographic data for **B1**, **B3** and **B9**

BODIPY	B1	B3	B9
formula	C ₂₀ H ₁₉ BF ₂ N ₂ O ₂	C ₂₀ H ₁₇ BF ₂ I ₂ N ₂ O ₂	C ₂₁ H ₁₉ BF ₂ I ₂ N ₂ O ₂
formula weight	368.18	619.97	633.99
crystal system	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic
space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> (Å)	8.3643(17)	7.7470(19)	10.0744(9)
<i>b</i> (Å)	9.794(3)	10.414(3)	10.4080(10)
<i>c</i> (Å)	11.596(2)	14.007(3)	11.8050(11)
α (deg)	79.79(3)	91.746(4)	69.844(2)
β (deg)	71.08(3)	105.965(4)	85.884(2)
γ (deg)	87.20(3)	91.149(5)	68.191(2)
<i>Z</i> , <i>D</i> _{calcd} (g m ⁻³)	2, 1.383	2, 1.897	2, 1.956
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	884.3(3)	1085.6(5)	1076.58(17)
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.10	2.93	2.96
<i>F</i> (000)	384	592	608
<i>T</i> (K)	173(2)	173(2)	100(2)
no. of reflns collected	7041	5398	24030
no. of unique reflns.	3106 (<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.053)	3713 (<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.032)	9766 (<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.046)
no. of observed reflns	1832	3291	8491
parameters	245	262	276
R indices	R ₁ = 0.0652,	R ₁ = 0.0552,	R ₁ = 0.0225,
[I > 2σ(I)] ^{a,b}	wR ₂ = 0.1890	wR ₂ = 0.1495	wR ₂ = 0.0513
R indices	R ₁ = 0.1126,	R ₁ = 0.0613,	R ₁ = 0.0276,
all data	wR ₂ = 0.2612	wR ₂ = 0.1557	wR ₂ = 0.0533
GOF	1.195	1.073	1.033
Max., min electron	0.49, -0.46	1.25, -0.84	1.003, -0.835
Density (e Å ⁻³)			

^a*R*₁ = Σ| |*F*_o| - |*F*_c| | / Σ|*F*_o|, ^bwR₂ = [Σ*w*(*F*_o² - *F*_c²)²] / Σ*w*(*F*_o²)^{1/2}

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Table S2 Crystallographic data for **B2**, **B3** and **B5**

Compound	B2	B3	B5
ΔG_1 (eV) ^a	0.18	0.27	0.24
ΔG_2 (eV) ^b	-0.60	-0.47	-0.48

a) In deoxygenated acetonitrile. b) $\Delta G_1 = E(\text{PS}^+/\text{PS}) - E(\text{Co}^{\text{III}}/\text{Co}^{\text{II}}) - E(^3\text{PS}^*)$, $E(^3\text{PS}^*) = 1.51$ eV (obtained from TDDFT calculations in acetonitrile. c) $\Delta G_2 = E(\text{PS}^-/\text{PS}) - E(\text{Co}^{\text{III}}/\text{Co}^{\text{II}})$.

Table S3 Photovoltaic parameters of BODIPY-sensitized solar cells^{a,b}

dye	J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²)	V_{oc} (V)	FF	η (%)	dye loading density (mol/cm ²)
B1	0.71	0.487	0.4	0.14	1.53×10^{-10}
B2	0.28	0.415	0.39	0.046	0.42×10^{-10}
B3	0.22	0.283	0.3	0.019	0.21×10^{-10}
B4	0.22	0.400	0.45	0.04	0.28×10^{-10}
B5	0.19	0.186	0.23	0.008	0.10×10^{-10}

^a Open-circuit potential (V_{oc}), short-circuit current (J_{sc}), fill factor (FF), and overall efficiency (η).

^b The dye loading was carried out in methanol for 1h for cell fabrication.

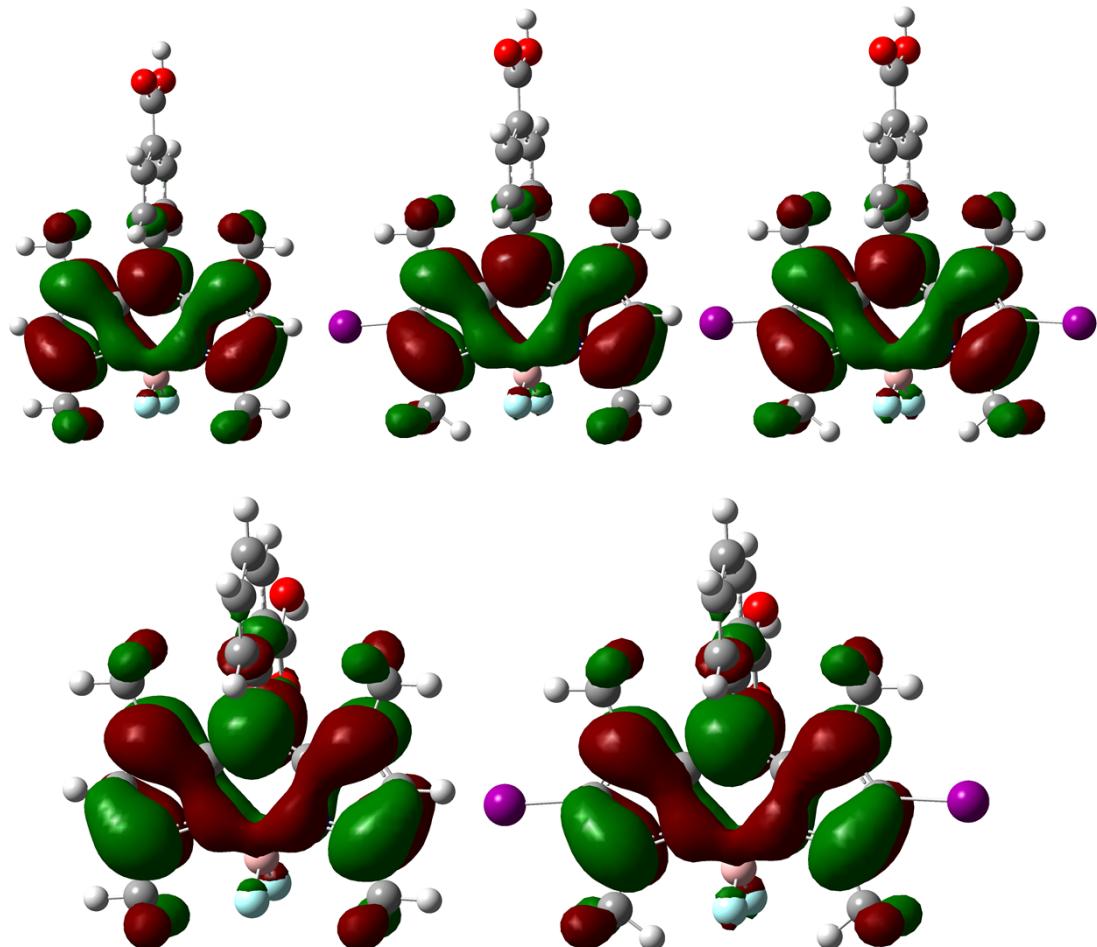
Table S4 The HOMO and LUMO energy levels for **B3**, **B3⁺** and **B3[−]**

	B3 (eV)	B3⁺ (eV)		B3[−] (eV)	
		α electron	β electron	α electron	β electron
HOMO	-3.03	-3.81	-5.44	-1.69	-2.17
LUMO	-2.07	-2.29	-3.57	-0.57	-1.45
Energy gap ^a	0.96	1.52	1.87	1.12	0.72

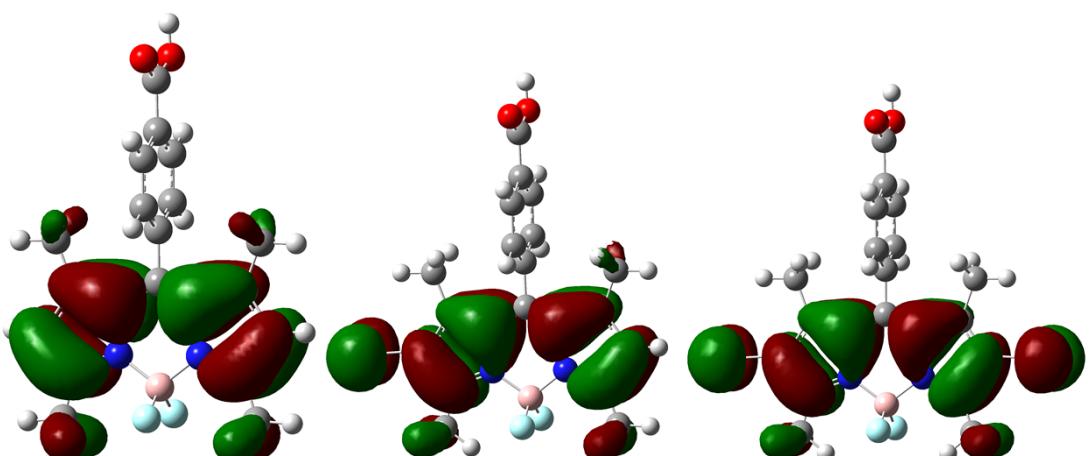
^aEnergy gap is the difference between LUMO and HOMO energy levels.

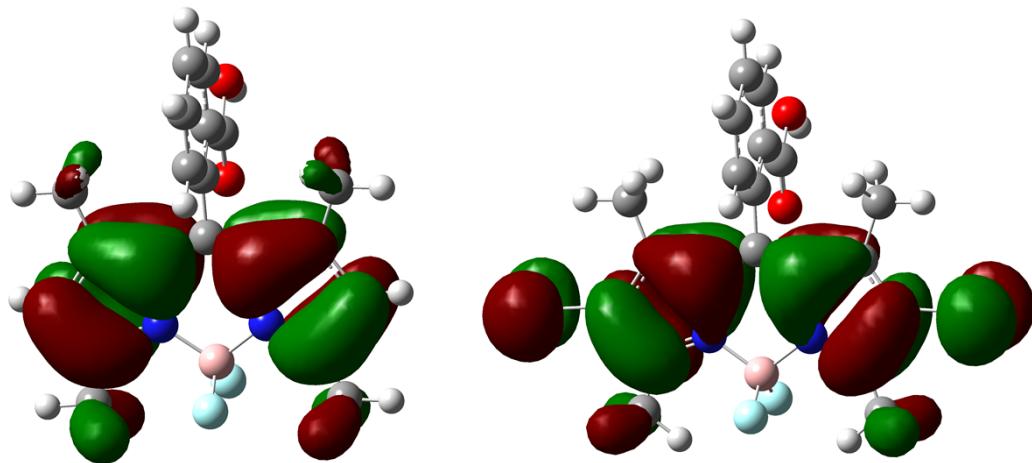
(2) Scheme S1-Scheme S3

(a) LUMOs of B1-B5

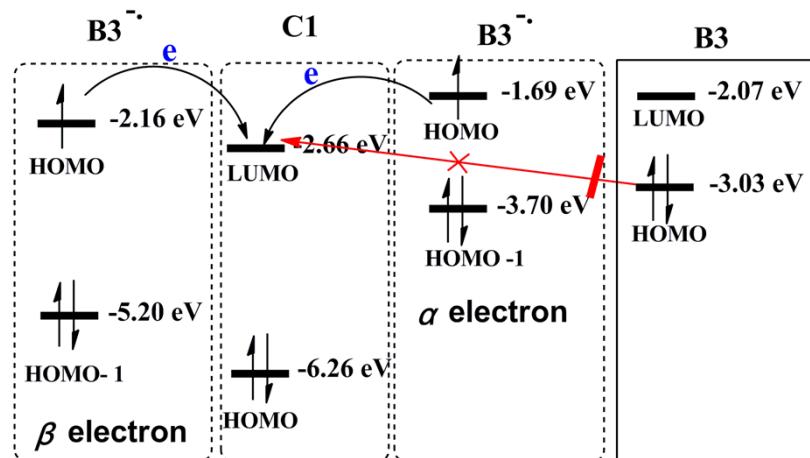


(b) HOMOs of B1-B5

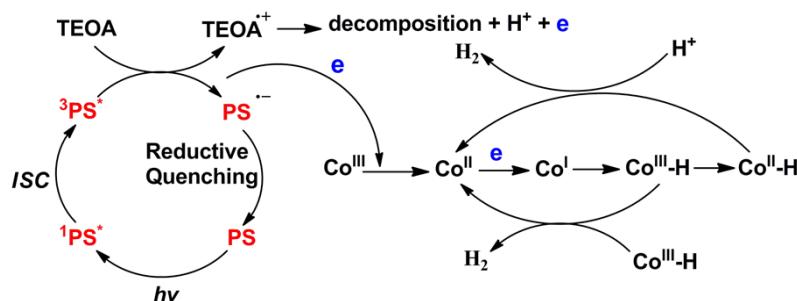




Scheme S1 LUMO (a) and HOMO (b) orbitals of **B1-B5** determined by DFT.



Scheme S2 Qualitative energy diagram for an electron transfer from HOMO of anion dye to the LUMO of caboloxime.



Scheme S3 Proposed reductive quenching mechanism of homogeneous photogeneration of H₂.

(3) Fig. S1-Fig. S11

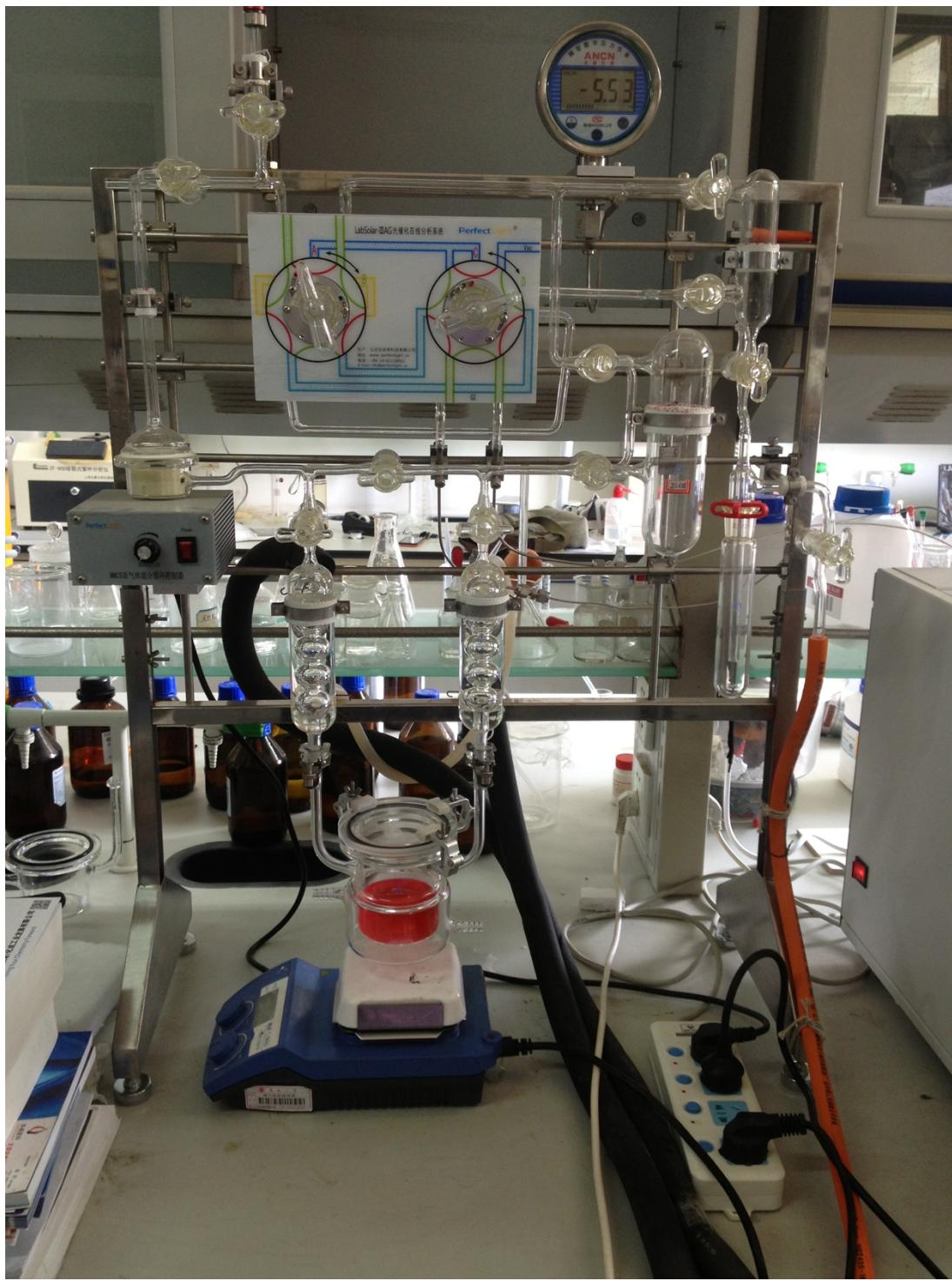


Fig. S1 Pyrex top-irradiation reaction vessel connected to a glass closed gas circulation system.

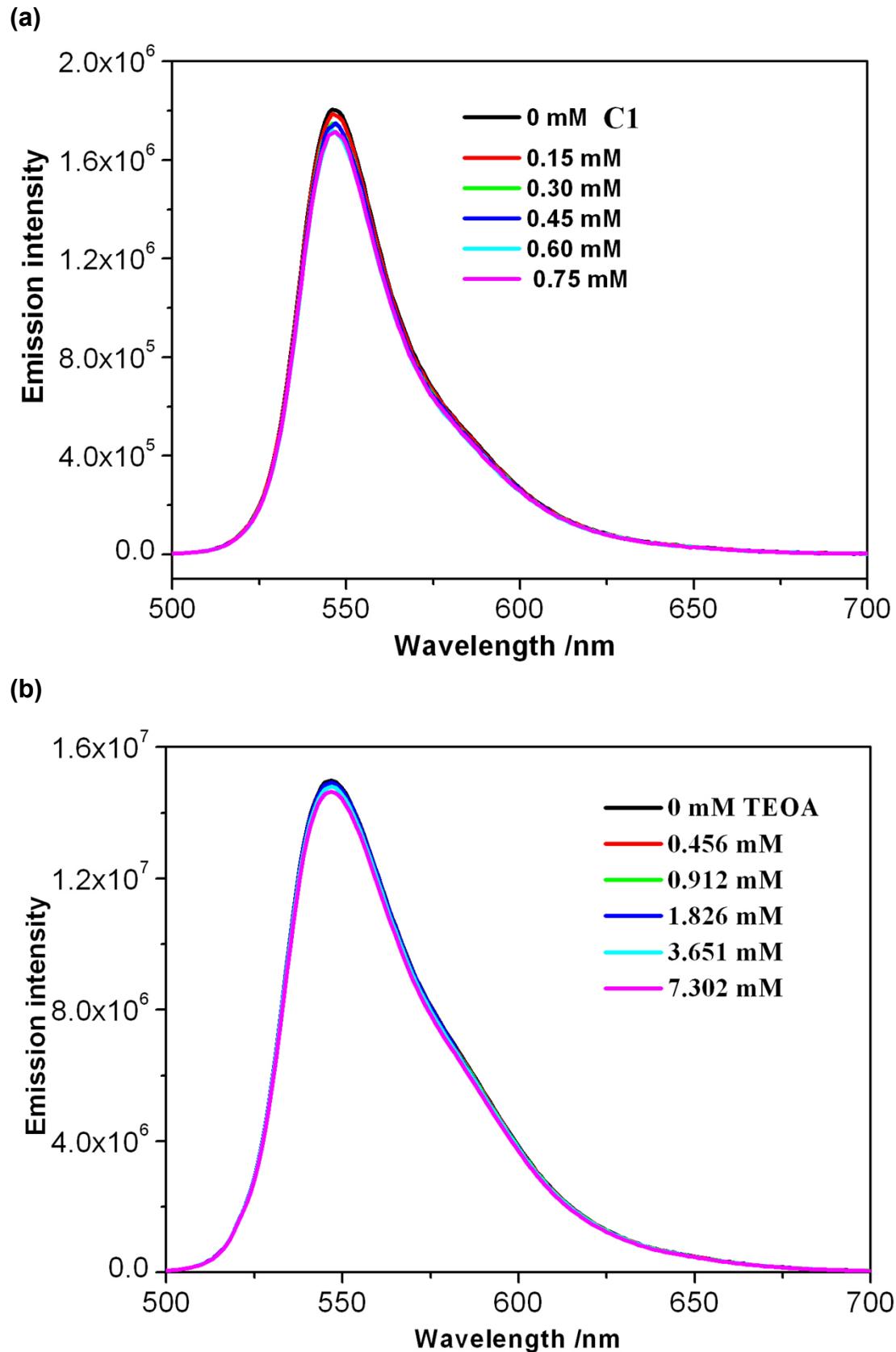
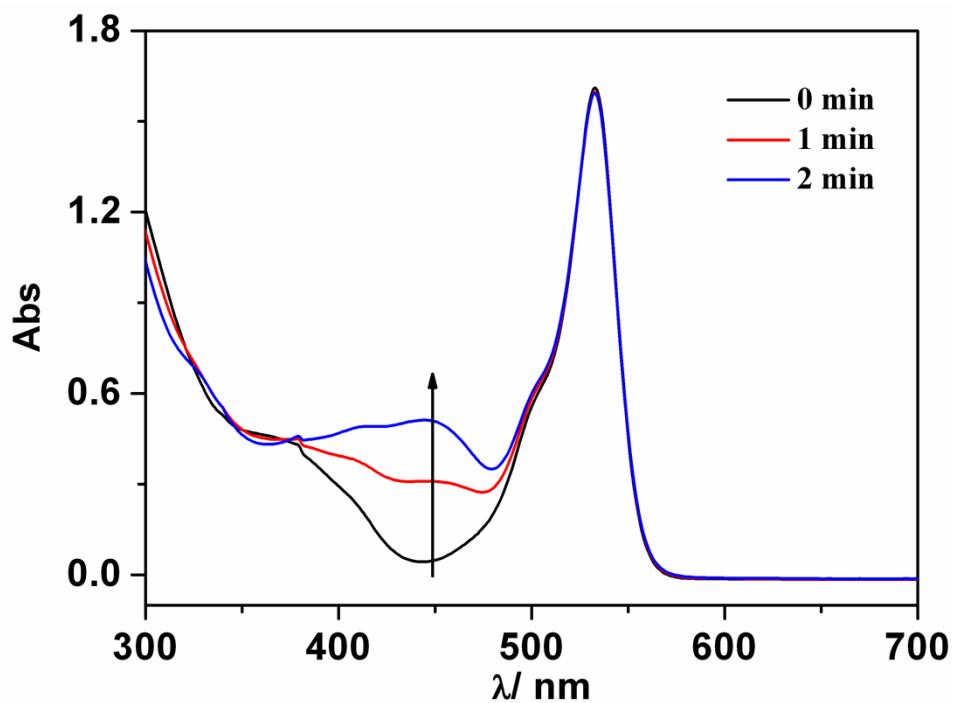


Fig. S2 Emission spectra of systems containing (a) **B3 + C1**; and (b) **B3 + C1 + TEOA**.

(a)



(b)

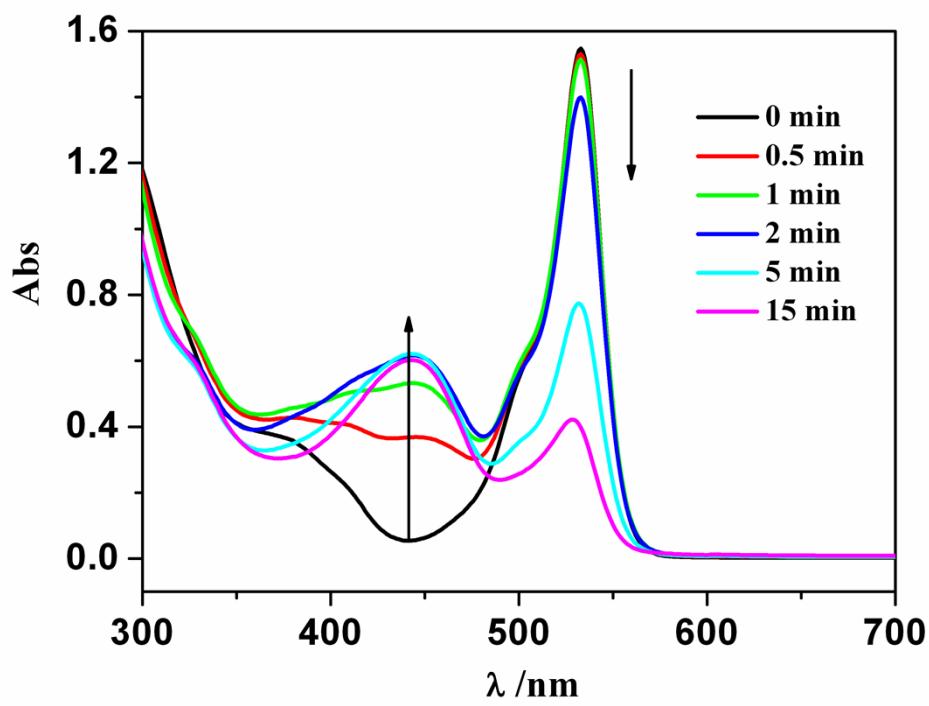


Fig. S3 UV-Vis spectra at pH 8.5 and pH 12 before and after visible light irradiation of degassed solutions (3:2 acetonitrile-water) containing **B3** (1.0×10^{-4} M), **C1** (2.5×10^{-4} M) and TEOA (5%, v/v).

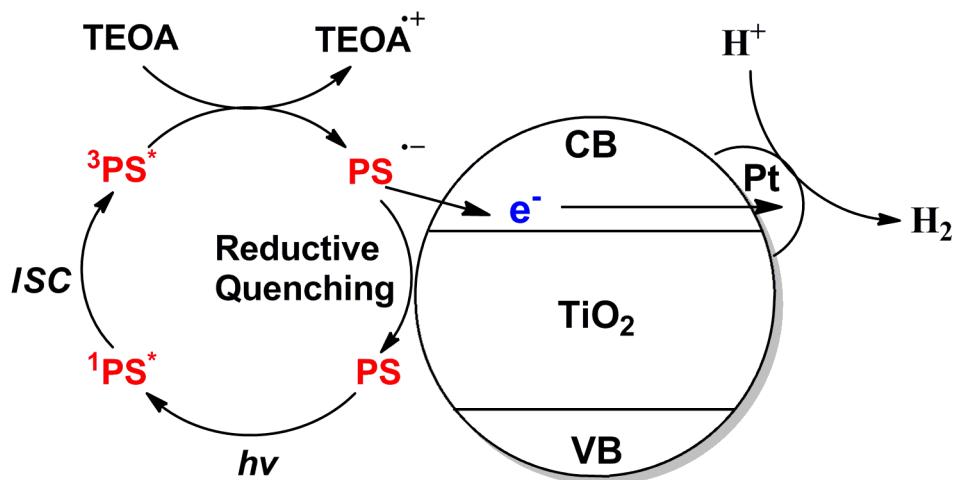


Fig. S4 Illustration of visible light induced H_2 production on a BODIPY-sensitized Pt/TiO₂ catalyst.

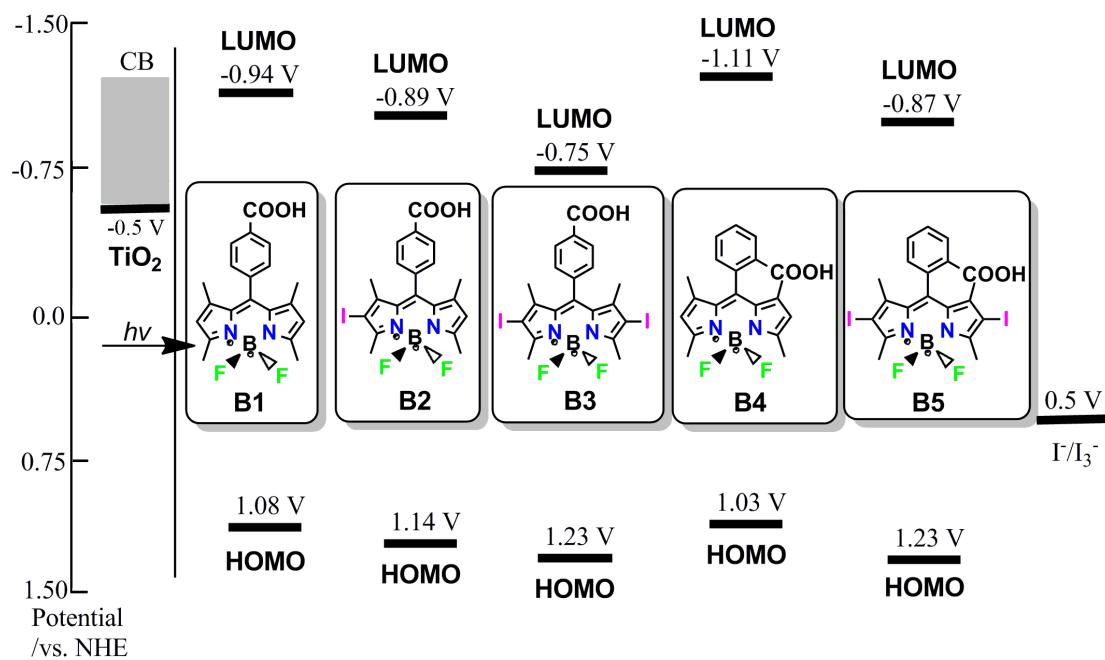


Fig. S5 Schematic energy diagrams for DSSCs based on BODIPY dyes, a nanocrystalline TiO₂ electrode, and I⁻/I₃⁻ redox couple. The oxidation potential (E_{ox}) and $E_{\text{ox}}-E_{0-0}$ for BODIPYs are used as energy levels for the HOMO and LUMO, respectively.

Comments: In a conventional DSSC, the dye is excited by the absorbing photon and then forms oxidized dye after injection of the electron into the

conducting band (CB) of TiO_2 . Then the oxidized dye accepts electron from iodine/iodide to be regenerated. Fig. S5 compares the HOMO-LUMO energy levels of the BODIPY dyes (**B1-B5**). The HOMO and LUMO levels of these organic dyes correspond to the oxidation potentials of the dyes and their $E_{\text{ox}} - E_{0-0}$ levels, respectively. E_{0-0} energy levels were estimated from the absorption threshold of these dyes adsorbed onto TiO_2 films. All BODIPY dyes have higher LUMO energy levels than that of the base level of the CB of TiO_2 (-0.5 V vs NHE) and lower HOMO energy levels than that of the most commonly employed I/I_3^- redox couple (0.5 V vs NHE); these findings as well as dyes having the ability to bind to TiO_2 through their carboxylic groups, respectively reveal that both electron injection into TiO_2 from the dye's excited states and dye reduction by the I/I_3^- couple are exothermic, making DSSC operation feasible.

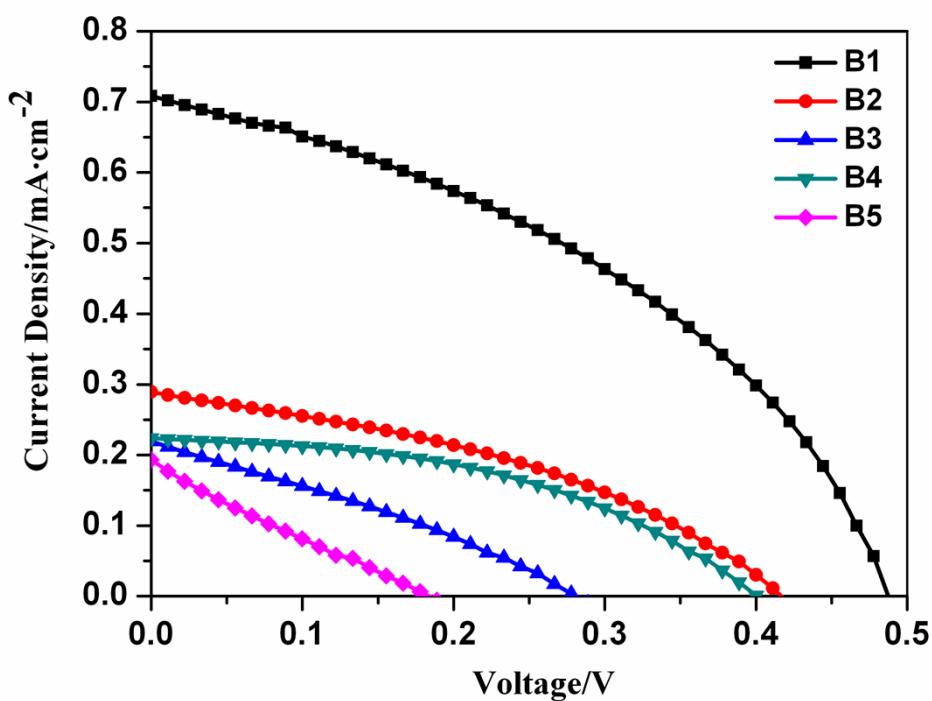


Fig. S6 The J - V curves of BODIPY-sensitized solar cells.

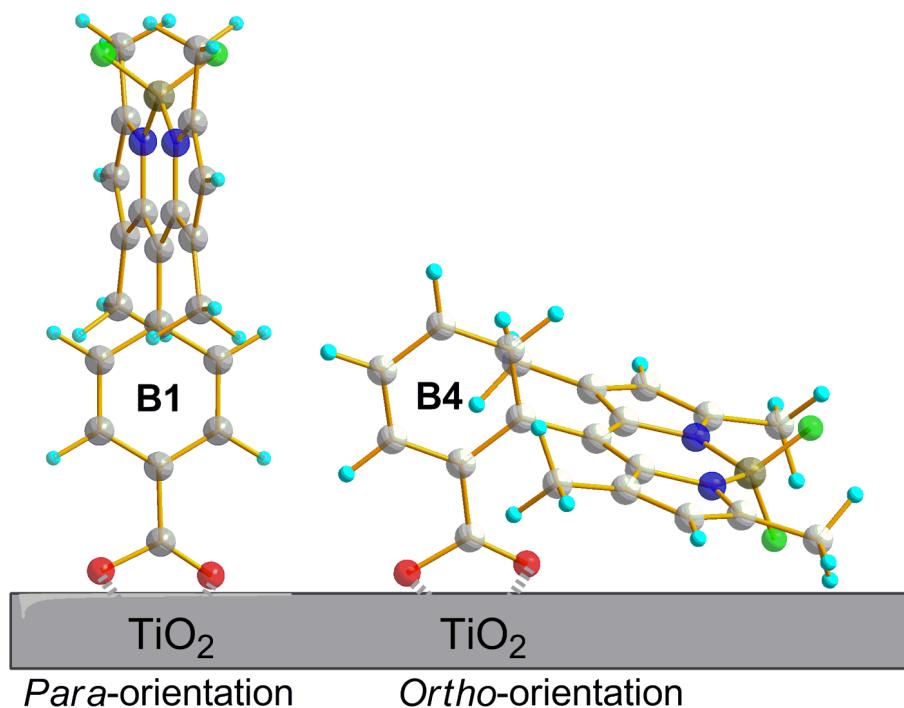


Fig. S7 Depiction of the possible orientations of BODIPYs with *para*-COOH and *ortho*-COOH anchoring groups to the TiO₂ semiconductor surface.

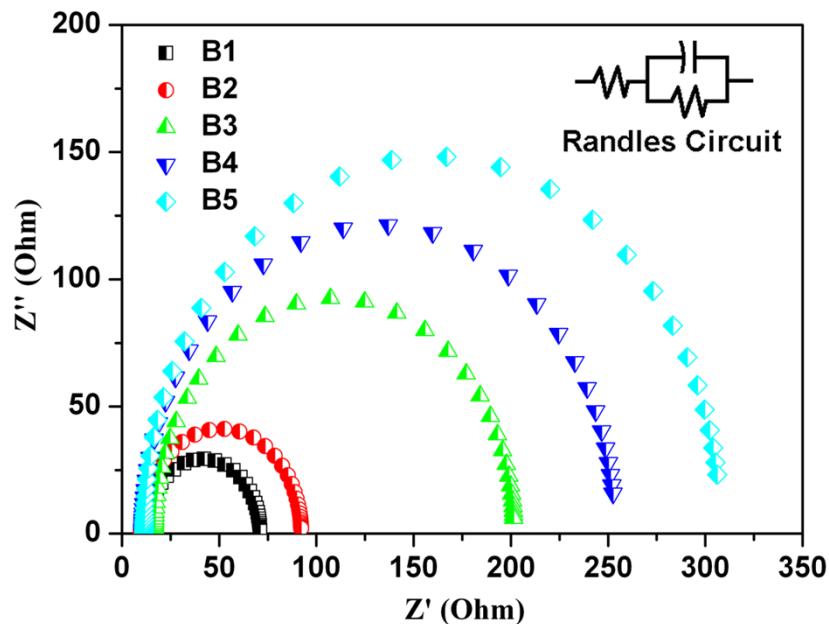


Fig. S8 Nyquist plots of the EIS of DSSCs that were sensitized by BODIPY dyes under bias of -0.5 V. Inset is the equivalent Randle's circuit impedance model used for data fitting.

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Comments: Fig. S8 shows the typical Nyquist plots at an applied voltage of -0.5 V. The simplified Randle's model was used to fit the data. The observed trend in $R_{ct}(\text{TiO}_2)$ for a given series was **B1 < B2 < B3**, and **B4 < B5**, respectively, indicating that the substitution of iodine atoms indeed raised the recombination resistance. The radii of the semicircles lie in the order **B4 > B1**, indicating the sequence of the charge transfer resistance at the interface when the orientation of carboxyl group varies from *ortho*- to *para*-position. These results support the overall lower efficiency of the *ortho*-COOH and iodinated dyes compared with either *para*-COOH or noniodinated BODIPYs.

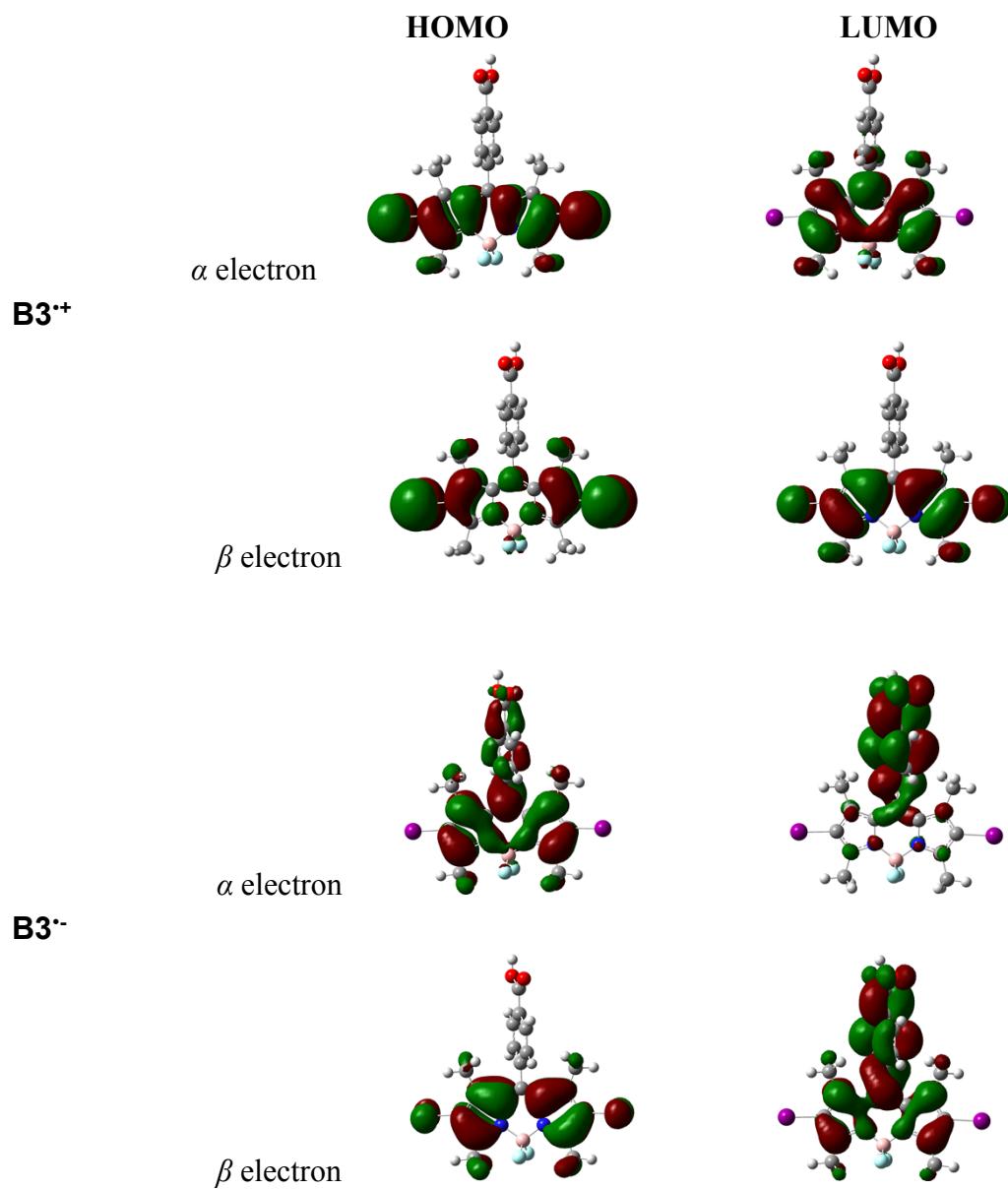
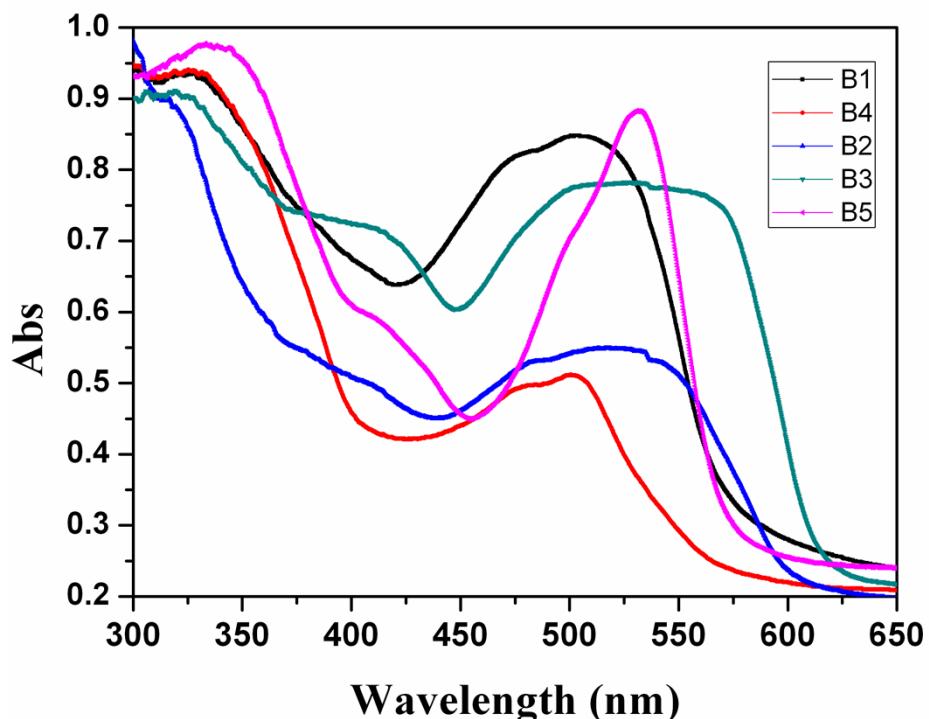


Fig. S9 Frontier molecular molecular orbitals of **B3⁺** and **B3⁻** obtained through DFT calculations. Since the cation and anion dye have unpaired electrons, the alpha/beta molecular orbitals were all defined due to the positive and negative charge the open-shell system adopted.

(a)



(b)

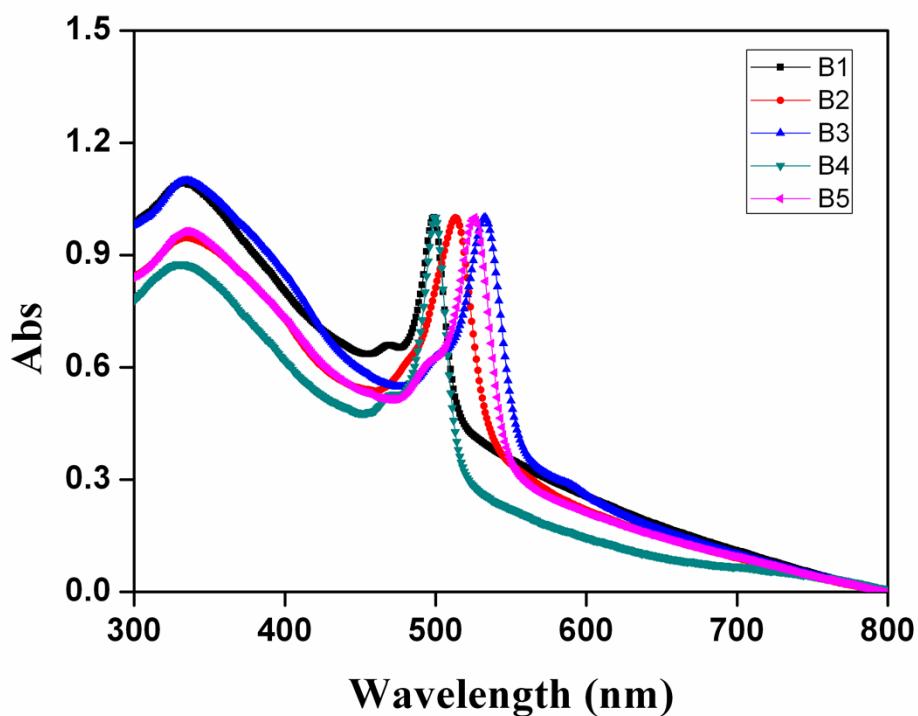
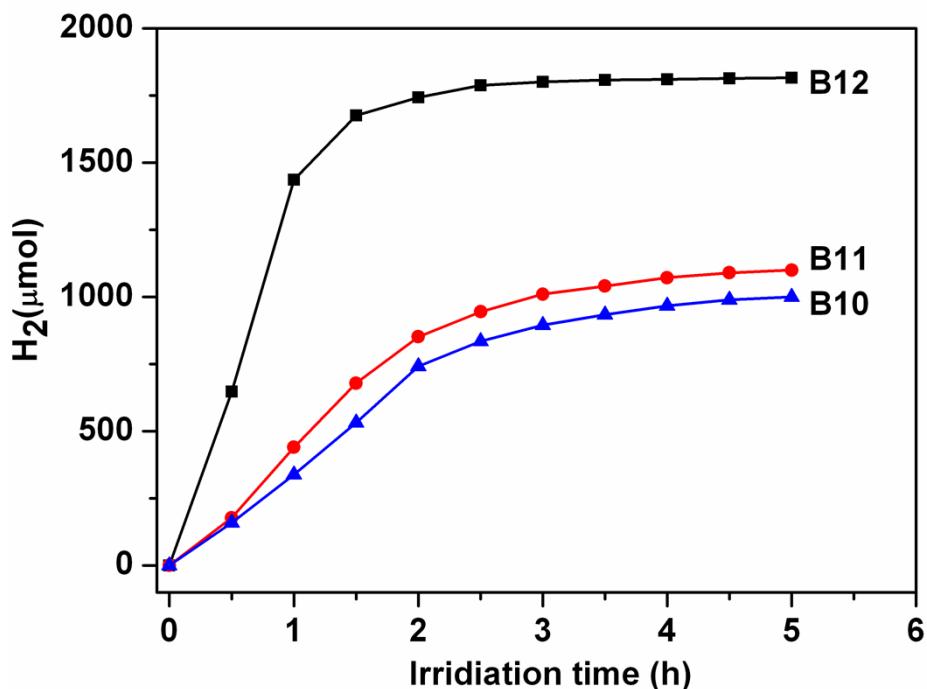
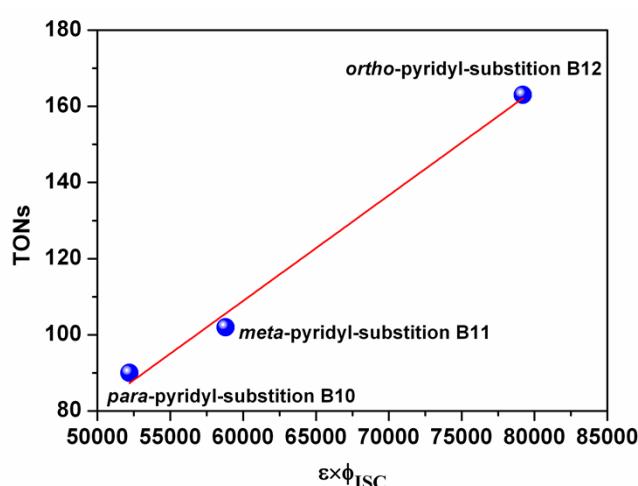


Fig. S10 Absorption spectra of the BODIPYs **Bn** ($n = 1-5$), bound to a TiO_2 film in methanol (a) and bound to colloidal TiO_2 particles in methanol (b).

(a)



(b)



(c)

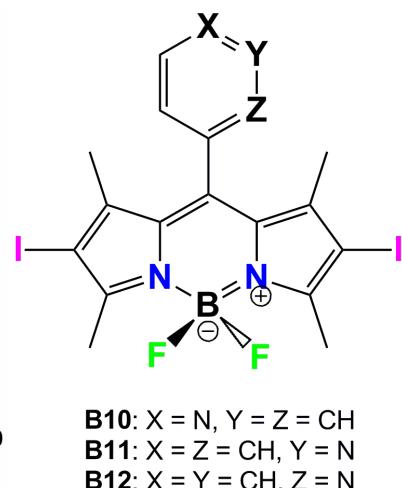
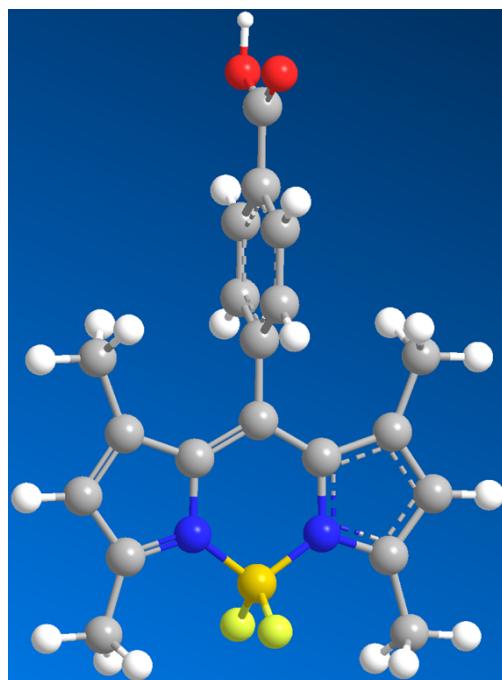


Fig. S11 (a) Hydrogen production *vs.* pyridyl-substitution BODIPYs **B10-B12** obtained in the photocatalytic reaction with continuous irradiation ($\lambda > 420$ nm), containing a BODIPY sensitizer (1.0×10^{-4} M), **C1** (2.5×10^{-4} M) and TEOA (5%, v/v). (b) Linear relationship ($r = 0.99$) of $\varepsilon \times \Phi_{\text{ISC}}$ *versus* TONs of H_2 production for iodinated BODIPYs (**B10**, **B11** and **B12**). (c) The structures of **B10-B12**.

(4) Additional calculations

B1:



DFT B3LYP/6-31+G(d) optimized structure of B1

Optimized Geometry:

Center #	Atomic #	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	6	0	5.596416	0.000051	0.083331
2	6	0	4.110664	0.000057	0.029701
3	6	0	3.397674	0.000212	1.237961
4	1	0	3.940855	0.000325	2.177347
5	6	0	2.005055	0.000223	1.230747
6	1	0	1.459470	0.000341	2.170131
7	6	0	1.303074	0.000085	0.015853
8	6	0	2.017177	-0.000104	-1.191042
9	1	0	1.481003	-0.000242	-2.135833
10	6	0	3.411224	-0.000108	-1.187073
11	1	0	3.953004	-0.000242	-2.126341
12	6	0	-0.192781	0.000056	0.008046
13	6	0	-0.882281	-1.224291	0.004462
14	6	0	-0.421028	-2.583121	0.007524
15	6	0	0.979884	-3.121965	0.015803
16	1	0	0.951050	-4.215947	0.015714
17	1	0	1.540667	-2.798610	0.899251

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18	1	0	1.551225	-2.798696	-0.860883
19	6	0	-1.565889	-3.376532	0.001349
20	1	0	-1.595214	-4.459127	0.001624
21	6	0	-2.697123	-2.537563	-0.005294
22	6	0	-4.132595	-2.953480	-0.013034
23	1	0	-4.662309	-2.570402	0.866390
24	1	0	-4.202564	-4.044244	-0.014230
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30	1	0	-4.662436	2.570428	0.866585
31	6	0	-1.566247	3.376520	0.001182
32	1	0	-1.595695	4.459112	0.001350
33	6	0	-0.421297	2.583240	0.007476
34	6	0	0.979541	3.122275	0.015758
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41	9	0	-4.020122	-0.000141	-1.163175
42	9	0	-4.036325	-0.000122	1.131801
43	5	0	-3.199079	-0.000091	-0.009756
44	8	0	6.175138	-0.000088	-1.138344
45	1	0	7.143326	-0.000104	-1.012579
46	8	0	6.254588	0.000121	1.112456

Excitation Energies and Oscillator Strengths:

HOMO = 96

LUMO = 97

Excited State 1: Triplet-A 1.5200 eV 815.70 nm f=0.0000
 $\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 2.000$

96 -> 97 0.71015

96 <- 97 0.11701

Excited State 2: Triplet-A 2.7292 eV 454.29 nm f=0.0000
 $\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 2.000$

95 -> 97 0.69147

Excited State 3: Singlet-A 2.8695 eV 432.07 nm f=0.5806
 $\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 0.000$

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96 -> 97 0.69844

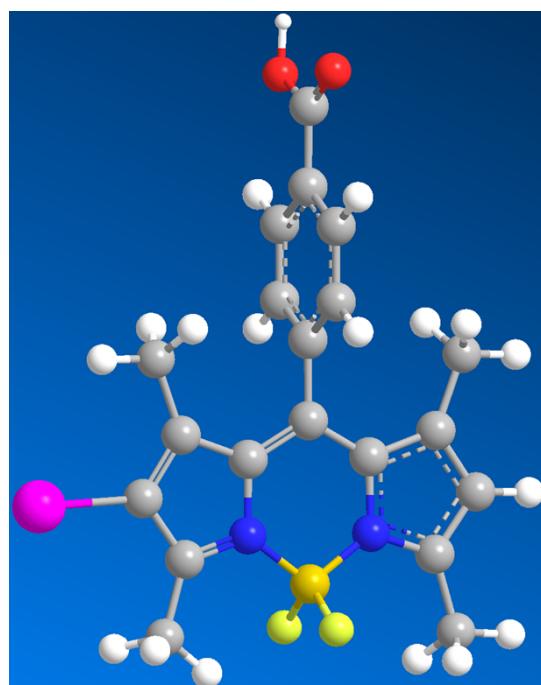
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<S**2>=2.000						
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94 -> 97		0.68364				
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96 -> 98		0.70482				
Excited State	6:	Singlet-A	3.2652 eV	379.71 nm	f=0.0000	
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<S**2>=2.000						
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92 -> 99		-0.25916				
93 -> 98		0.56643				
93 -> 99		-0.13075				
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90 -> 97		-0.11939				
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94 -> 97		0.11848				
Excited State	10:	Singlet-A	3.6661 eV	338.19 nm	f=0.0483	
<S**2>=0.000						
94 -> 97		0.70387				
Excited State	11:	Triplet-A	3.9078 eV	317.27 nm	f=0.0000	
<S**2>=2.000						
92 -> 97		-0.24535				
93 -> 97		0.65964				
Excited State	12:	Singlet-A	3.9323 eV	315.30 nm	f=0.0000	
<S**2>=0.000						
92 -> 97		-0.24833				
93 -> 97		0.65953				
Excited State	13:	Triplet-A	3.9795 eV	311.56 nm	f=0.0000	
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92 -> 98		0.58121				
93 -> 98		0.27614				
95 -> 98		-0.26170				
Excited State	14:	Triplet-A	4.0082 eV	309.33 nm	f=0.0000	
<S**2>=2.000						

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93 -> 97	0.24495
Excited State 15:	Singlet-A
<S**2>=0.000	4.0369 eV 307.13 nm f=0.0023
92 -> 97	0.66095
93 -> 97	0.24912
Excited State 16:	Triplet-A
<S**2>=2.000	4.2404 eV 292.39 nm f=0.0000
96 -> 99	0.64871
96 ->104	0.23089
Excited State 17:	Singlet-A
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96 -> 99	0.70142
Excited State 18:	Singlet-A
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95 -> 98	0.70292
Excited State 19:	Singlet-A
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94 -> 98	0.70509
Excited State 20:	Singlet-A
<S**2>=0.000	4.6816 eV 264.83 nm f=0.0247
92 -> 98	0.57484
92 -> 99	-0.12187
93 -> 98	0.29980
93 -> 99	0.24217

B2:



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DFT B3LYP/6-31+G(d) optimized structure of B2

Optimized Geometry:

Center #	Atomic #	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
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3	6	0	-3.739895	-1.248416	1.238512
4	6	0	-2.607586	-0.437255	1.231505
5	6	0	-2.029746	-0.039449	0.016345
6	6	0	-2.602039	-0.464980	-1.191142
7	6	0	-3.735688	-1.276562	-1.187343
8	6	0	-0.818690	0.838251	0.008393
9	6	0	-0.985407	2.231168	0.004921
10	6	0	-2.162216	3.056202	0.006630
11	6	0	-3.611199	2.665413	0.013251
12	6	0	-1.707582	4.371721	0.000698
13	6	0	-0.298188	4.363858	-0.004952
14	6	0	0.614860	5.546784	-0.012453
15	6	0	2.705156	0.280800	-0.008014
16	6	0	4.108301	0.790659	-0.017380
17	6	0	2.279691	-1.063761	0.000921
18	53	0	3.617544	-2.701155	0.002608
19	6	0	0.886953	-1.112778	0.008738
20	6	0	0.045900	-2.353017	0.019774
21	6	0	0.464652	0.256727	0.004063
22	7	0	1.608528	1.069016	-0.005733
23	7	0	0.133202	3.081402	-0.002577
24	9	0	2.261675	3.101417	-1.166954
25	9	0	2.278865	3.110147	1.129980
26	5	0	1.603981	2.618950	-0.011546
27	8	0	-5.981490	-2.885936	-1.140029
28	8	0	-6.064446	-2.911243	1.110607
29	1	0	-4.187743	-1.556407	2.177651
30	1	0	-2.169878	-0.110549	2.170512
31	1	0	-2.160202	-0.159558	-2.135369
32	1	0	-4.171040	-1.599569	-2.126392
33	1	0	-4.232624	3.566166	0.001490
34	1	0	-3.876355	2.083195	0.902233
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36	1	0	-2.323794	5.262104	0.000164
37	1	0	1.269124	5.548349	0.866620
38	1	0	0.028701	6.469266	-0.013126

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39	1	0	1.262219	5.542691	-0.896621
40	1	0	4.149035	1.878868	-0.031932
41	1	0	4.645012	0.408821	-0.894478
42	1	0	4.648299	0.432702	0.867902
43	1	0	0.684763	-3.239647	0.036364
44	1	0	-0.595269	-2.418007	-0.865303
45	1	0	-0.608621	-2.393878	0.896201
46	1	0	-6.770143	-3.448171	-1.016099

Excitation Energies and Oscillator Strengths:

HOMO = 122

LUMO = 123

Excited State 1: Triplet-A 1.5230 eV 814.10 nm f=0.0000
 $\langle S^{*2} \rangle = 2.000$

121 ->123	-0.13632
122 ->123	0.70019
122 <-123	0.11016

Excited State 2: Triplet-A 2.5733 eV 481.80 nm f=0.0000
 $\langle S^{*2} \rangle = 2.000$

120 ->123	-0.16898
121 ->123	0.65528
122 ->123	0.13428

Excited State 3: Singlet-A 2.7581 eV 449.53 nm f=0.5371
 $\langle S^{*2} \rangle = 0.000$

121 ->123	0.20265
122 ->123	0.67764

Excited State 4: Triplet-A 2.8535 eV 434.51 nm f=0.0000
 $\langle S^{*2} \rangle = 2.000$

116 ->123	0.11107
120 ->123	0.66311
121 ->123	0.15733

Excited State 5: Singlet-A 3.2500 eV 381.48 nm f=0.2225
 $\langle S^{*2} \rangle = 0.000$

121 ->123	0.66944
122 ->123	-0.20964

Excited State 6: Triplet-A 3.2827 eV 377.69 nm f=0.0000
 $\langle S^{*2} \rangle = 2.000$

122 ->124	0.70349
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Excited State 7: Singlet-A 3.3009 eV 375.60 nm f=0.0013
 $\langle S^{*2} \rangle = 0.000$

122 ->124	0.70354
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Excited State 8: Triplet-A 3.3733 eV 367.54 nm f=0.0000
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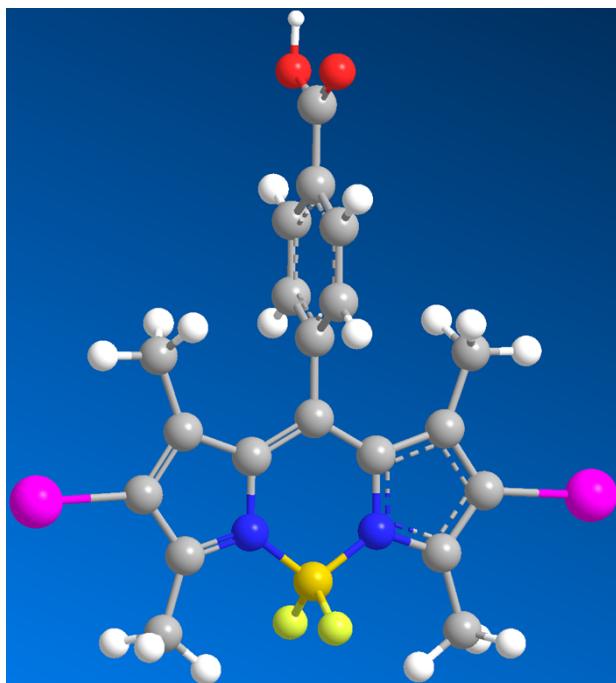
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114 ->123	0.23883			
116 ->123	0.58174			
117 ->124	0.15554			
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117 ->124	0.39326			
117 ->125	-0.18809			
118 ->124	0.40546			
118 ->125	0.19254			
119 ->124	-0.14468			
Excited State 10: <S**2>=0.000		Singlet-A	3.5352 eV	350.71 nm f=0.0477
120 ->123	0.69963			
Excited State 11: <S**2>=2.000		Triplet-A	3.8263 eV	324.03 nm f=0.0000
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118 ->123	-0.34984			
119 ->123	0.53276			
Excited State 12: <S**2>=0.000		Singlet-A	3.8453 eV	322.43 nm f=0.0001
117 ->123	-0.27800			
118 ->123	-0.32815			
119 ->123	0.55931			
Excited State 13: <S**2>=2.000		Triplet-A	3.8915 eV	318.60 nm f=0.0000
117 ->123	0.30910			
118 ->123	0.42422			
119 ->123	0.45367			
Excited State 14: <S**2>=0.000		Singlet-A	3.9137 eV	316.80 nm f=0.0001
117 ->123	0.32667			
118 ->123	0.45346			
119 ->123	0.43033			
Excited State 15: <S**2>=2.000		Triplet-A	3.9255 eV	315.84 nm f=0.0000
121 ->126	0.35842			
122 ->126	0.58397			
Excited State 16: <S**2>=2.000		Triplet-A	3.9405 eV	314.64 nm f=0.0000
117 ->123	0.53846			
117 ->124	-0.11633			
118 ->123	-0.40376			

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118 ->124	0.10597			
Excited State 17:	Singlet-A	3.9690 eV	312.38 nm	f=0.0030
<S**2>=0.000				
117 ->123	0.55978			
118 ->123	-0.42863			
Excited State 18:	Singlet-A	4.1613 eV	297.95 nm	f=0.0003
<S**2>=0.000				
121 ->124	0.70227			
Excited State 19:	Singlet-A	4.3015 eV	288.24 nm	f=0.0001
<S**2>=0.000				
121 ->126	0.12648			
122 ->126	0.69165			
Excited State 20:	Singlet-A	4.3564 eV	284.60 nm	f=0.0052
<S**2>=0.000				
116 ->123	-0.16011			
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B3:



DFT B3LYP/6-31+G(d) optimized structure of B3

Optimized Geometry:

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3	6	0	-0.000718	2.616290	-1.838693

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5	6	0	0.000815	3.161442	0.523525
6	6	0	0.000999	4.526104	0.185532
7	6	0	-0.000113	0.713508	-0.257349
8	6	0	-1.226085	0.027377	-0.190742
9	6	0	-2.579973	0.491813	-0.261636
10	6	0	-3.086078	1.890386	-0.444781
11	6	0	-3.364393	-0.651110	-0.120462
12	53	0	-5.475384	-0.763894	-0.126466
13	6	0	-2.532277	-1.779181	0.034079
14	6	0	-2.950397	-3.200984	0.212926
15	6	0	2.531759	-1.779426	0.034445
16	6	0	2.949703	-3.201216	0.213799
17	6	0	3.364012	-0.651527	-0.120651
18	53	0	5.474987	-0.764617	-0.126896
19	6	0	2.579736	0.491452	-0.262130
20	6	0	3.086025	1.889864	-0.446004
21	6	0	1.225786	0.027244	-0.190779
22	7	0	1.248153	-1.362824	-0.009676
23	7	0	-1.248612	-1.362745	-0.010103
24	9	0	-0.000544	-2.915496	1.375420
25	9	0	-0.000109	-3.243158	-0.899762
26	5	0	-0.000287	-2.266494	0.120792
27	6	0	0.001439	2.754557	1.956798
28	8	0	0.000046	1.603114	2.362093
29	8	0	0.003778	3.807250	2.805789
30	1	0	0.000407	5.992370	-1.389452
31	1	0	-0.001103	4.278338	-3.205817
32	1	0	-0.001346	1.871926	-2.629920
33	1	0	0.001651	5.266344	0.977052
34	1	0	-4.178391	1.892288	-0.478268
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37	1	0	-2.098493	-3.863837	0.357336
38	1	0	-3.514287	-3.544595	-0.663370
39	1	0	-3.617491	-3.293890	1.078255
40	1	0	2.097757	-3.863804	0.359177
41	1	0	3.617371	-3.293756	1.078720
42	1	0	3.512920	-3.545456	-0.662687
43	1	0	4.178287	1.891400	-0.481146
44	1	0	2.779972	2.547437	0.374410
45	1	0	2.719671	2.338661	-1.374528
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Excitation Energies and Oscillator Strengths:

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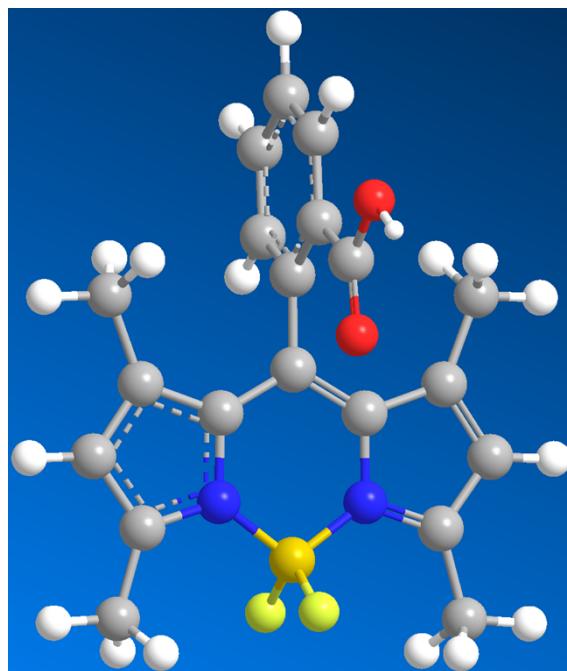
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148 ->149		0.69357			
148 <-149		0.10403			
Excited State	2:	Triplet-A	2.5044 eV	495.06 nm	f=0.0000
<S**2>=2.000					
139 ->149		-0.12590			
147 ->149		0.66952			
148 ->149		0.15928			
Excited State	3:	Triplet-A	2.6581 eV	466.44 nm	f=0.0000
<S**2>=2.000					
141 ->149		0.11342			
146 ->149		0.68218			
Excited State	4:	Singlet-A	2.6652 eV	465.20 nm	f=0.5523
<S**2>=0.000					
147 ->149		0.21103			
148 ->149		0.67626			
Excited State	5:	Singlet-A	3.2045 eV	386.90 nm	f=0.0578
<S**2>=0.000					
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Excited State	6:	Singlet-A	3.2370 eV	383.02 nm	f=0.3118
<S**2>=0.000					
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Excited State	7:	Triplet-A	3.3093 eV	374.65 nm	f=0.0000
<S**2>=2.000					
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Excited State	8:	Triplet-A	3.3236 eV	373.04 nm	f=0.0000
<S**2>=2.000					
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141 ->149		0.63891			
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<S**2>=0.000					
148 ->150		0.70398			
Excited State	10:	Triplet-A	3.3909 eV	365.64 nm	f=0.0000
<S**2>=2.000					
142 ->150		0.52544			
142 ->151		-0.12492			
143 ->150		-0.26633			

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143 ->151	-0.26384			
145 ->150	-0.20437			
Excited State 11: <S**2>=2.000	Triplet-A	3.7476 eV	330.84 nm	f=0.0000
142 ->149	-0.29135			
143 ->149	0.17147			
145 ->149	0.61907			
Excited State 12: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	3.7657 eV	329.24 nm	f=0.0000
142 ->149	-0.27508			
143 ->149	0.16020			
145 ->149	0.62992			
Excited State 13: <S**2>=2.000	Triplet-A	3.8223 eV	324.37 nm	f=0.0000
144 ->149	0.70558			
Excited State 14: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	3.8386 eV	322.99 nm	f=0.0000
144 ->149	0.70629			
Excited State 15: <S**2>=2.000	Triplet-A	3.8429 eV	322.63 nm	f=0.0000
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145 ->149	0.33325			
Excited State 16: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	3.8669 eV	320.63 nm	f=0.0003
142 ->149	0.48210			
143 ->149	-0.40659			
145 ->149	0.31539			
Excited State 17: <S**2>=2.000	Triplet-A	3.8812 eV	319.45 nm	f=0.0000
142 ->149	0.43013			
143 ->149	0.55727			
Excited State 18: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	3.9057 eV	317.45 nm	f=0.0045
142 ->149	0.43457			
143 ->149	0.55375			
Excited State 19: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	4.1715 eV	297.22 nm	f=0.0003
147 ->150	0.70273			
Excited State 20: <S**2>=0.000	Singlet-A	4.2332 eV	292.88 nm	f=0.0000
146 ->150	0.69505			
148 ->152	0.11816			

B4:



DFT B3LYP/6-31+G(d) optimized structure of B4

Optimized Geometry:

Center #	Atomic #	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	6	0	4.535305	0.000063	-1.164791
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5	6	0	2.747890	-0.000008	0.490410
6	6	0	4.115531	0.000016	0.163642
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9	6	0	0.072696	2.581361	-0.326049
10	6	0	1.463696	3.122796	-0.487840
11	6	0	-1.066497	3.375663	-0.206144
12	6	0	-2.188618	2.537083	-0.068916
13	6	0	-3.616616	2.951625	0.084428
14	6	0	-2.188565	-2.537097	-0.069000
15	6	0	-3.616552	-2.951677	0.084334
16	6	0	-1.066420	-3.375648	-0.206229
17	6	0	0.072752	-2.581314	-0.326123

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18	6	0	1.463772	-3.122698	-0.487902
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24	5	0	-2.681457	-0.000013	0.019132
25	6	0	2.333154	-0.000082	1.921247
26	8	0	1.181214	-0.000247	2.323678
27	8	0	3.382909	0.000023	2.775861
28	1	0	5.596054	0.000075	-1.397536
29	1	0	3.897530	0.000121	-3.228791
30	1	0	1.486937	0.000089	-2.672995
31	1	0	4.849059	-0.000011	0.961359
32	1	0	1.429266	4.216361	-0.514024
33	1	0	1.937085	2.777687	-1.413106
34	1	0	2.121877	2.829563	0.337479
35	1	0	-1.096431	4.458268	-0.216072
36	1	0	-4.228442	2.585144	-0.747704
37	1	0	-3.685231	4.042250	0.111870
38	1	0	-4.051657	2.550903	1.006704
39	1	0	-4.228395	-2.585163	-0.747771
40	1	0	-4.051593	-2.551018	1.006637
41	1	0	-3.685144	-4.042306	0.111717
42	1	0	-1.096327	-4.458253	-0.216170
43	1	0	1.429390	-4.216265	-0.514050
44	1	0	2.121941	-2.829405	0.337406
45	1	0	1.937144	-2.777597	-1.413179
46	1	0	3.023761	-0.000052	3.683751

Excitation Energies and Oscillator Strengths:

HOMO = 96

LUMO = 97

Excited State 1: Triplet-A 1.5460 eV 801.96 nm f=0.0000

<S**2>=2.000

96 -> 97 0.70937

96 <- 97 0.11274

Excited State 2: Triplet-A 2.7587 eV 449.42 nm f=0.0000

<S**2>=2.000

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Excited State 3: Singlet-A 2.8656 eV 432.67 nm f=0.5672

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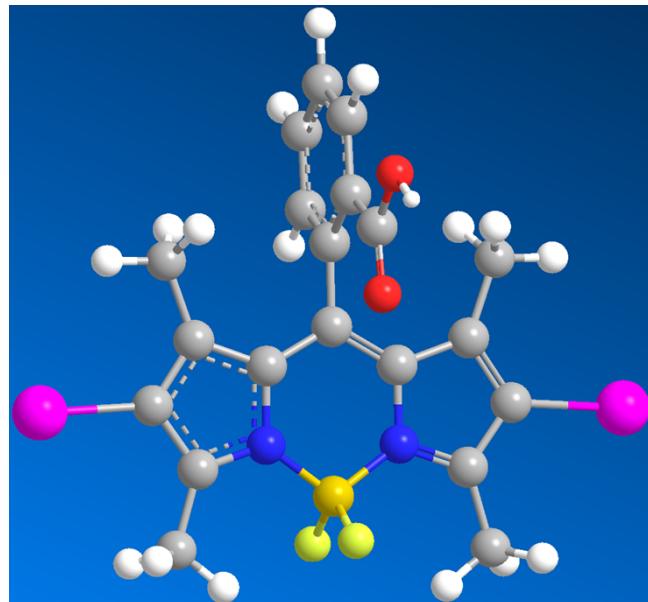
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Excited State	5:	Triplet-A	3.1014 eV	399.77 nm	f=0.0000
<S**2>=2.000					
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Excited State	6:	Singlet-A	3.1202 eV	397.36 nm	f=0.0007
<S**2>=0.000					
96 -> 98		0.70571			
Excited State	7:	Triplet-A	3.3292 eV	372.41 nm	f=0.0000
<S**2>=2.000					
90 -> 97		-0.20159			
92 -> 97		0.64271			
94 -> 97		0.17322			
Excited State	8:	Singlet-A	3.4270 eV	361.78 nm	f=0.0620
<S**2>=0.000					
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Excited State	9:	Triplet-A	3.4377 eV	360.66 nm	f=0.0000
<S**2>=2.000					
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93 -> 99		0.33084			
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Excited State	10:	Singlet-A	3.6856 eV	336.40 nm	f=0.0371
<S**2>=0.000					
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<S**2>=2.000					
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<S**2>=0.000					
93 -> 97		0.70314			
Excited State	13:	Triplet-A	3.9401 eV	314.67 nm	f=0.0000
<S**2>=2.000					
91 -> 98		-0.20187			
93 -> 98		0.64378			
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Excited State	14:	Triplet-A	4.1183 eV	301.06 nm	f=0.0000
<S**2>=2.000					
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Excited State 16:	Triplet-A	4.1656 eV	297.64 nm	f=0.0000	
<S**2>=2.000					
91 -> 97	0.69757				
Excited State 17:	Singlet-A	4.1933 eV	295.67 nm	f=0.0040	
<S**2>=0.000					
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Excited State 18:	Singlet-A	4.2590 eV	291.11 nm	f=0.0045	
<S**2>=0.000					
95 -> 98	0.70516				
Excited State 19:	Singlet-A	4.3741 eV	283.45 nm	f=0.2115	
<S**2>=0.000					
90 -> 97	0.17369				
92 -> 97	0.66919				
Excited State 20:	Singlet-A	4.4318 eV	279.76 nm	f=0.0002	
<S**2>=0.000					
90 -> 98	-0.11266				
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94 -> 98	0.61908				

B5



DFT B3LYP/6-31+G(d) optimized structure of B5

Optimized Geometry:

Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coordinates (Angstroms)
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11	6	0	-3.364393	-0.651110	-0.120462
12	53	0	-5.475384	-0.763894	-0.126466
13	6	0	-2.532277	-1.779181	0.034079
14	6	0	-2.950397	-3.200984	0.212926
15	6	0	2.531759	-1.779426	0.034445
16	6	0	2.949703	-3.201216	0.213799
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18	53	0	5.474987	-0.764617	-0.126896
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23	7	0	-1.248612	-1.362745	-0.010103
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25	9	0	-0.000109	-3.243158	-0.899762
26	5	0	-0.000287	-2.266494	0.120792
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29	8	0	0.003778	3.807250	2.805789
30	1	0	0.000407	5.992370	-1.389452
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33	1	0	0.001651	5.266344	0.977052
34	1	0	-4.178391	1.892288	-0.478268
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36	1	0	-2.778522	2.547886	0.375118
37	1	0	-2.098493	-3.863837	0.357336
38	1	0	-3.514287	-3.544595	-0.663370
39	1	0	-3.617491	-3.293890	1.078255
40	1	0	2.097757	-3.863804	0.359177
41	1	0	3.617371	-3.293756	1.078720
42	1	0	3.512920	-3.545456	-0.662687

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43	1	0	4.178287	1.891400	-0.481146
44	1	0	2.779972	2.547437	0.374410
45	1	0	2.719671	2.338661	-1.374528
46	1	0	0.003965	3.453910	3.716173

Excitation Energies and Oscillator Strengths:

HOMO = 148

LUMO = 149

Excited State	1:	Triplet-A	1.5519 eV	798.89 nm	f=0.0000
<S**2>=2.000					
147 ->149		0.16277			
148 ->149		0.69388			
148 <-149		0.10018			
Excited State	2:	Triplet-A	2.5393 eV	488.27 nm	f=0.0000
<S**2>=2.000					
140 ->149		-0.12433			
147 ->149		0.67066			
148 ->149		-0.15552			
Excited State	3:	Singlet-A	2.6782 eV	462.94 nm	f=0.5630
<S**2>=0.000					
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148 ->149		0.68087			
Excited State	4:	Triplet-A	2.6982 eV	459.51 nm	f=0.0000
<S**2>=2.000					
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<S**2>=2.000					
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142 ->149		0.51071			
148 ->150		-0.43830			
Excited State	6:	Triplet-A	3.1799 eV	389.90 nm	f=0.0000
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142 ->149		0.41288			
148 ->150		0.54553			
Excited State	7:	Singlet-A	3.1881 eV	388.90 nm	f=0.0001
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Excited State	8:	Singlet-A	3.2444 eV	382.14 nm	f=0.0556
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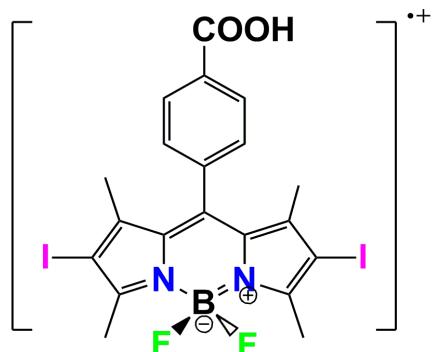
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 147 ->150 -0.11400
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 145 ->149 0.53356
 Excited State 12: Singlet-A 3.7922 eV 326.94 nm f=0.0006
 <S**2>=0.000
 143 ->149 -0.43355
 145 ->149 0.55364
 Excited State 13: Triplet-A 3.8745 eV 320.00 nm f=0.0000
 <S**2>=2.000
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 145 ->149 0.40133
 146 ->153 -0.14199
 147 ->152 -0.10440
 148 ->152 0.29563
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 145 ->149 -0.22823
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 Excited State 16: Singlet-A 3.8931 eV 318.47 nm f=0.0000
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 Excited State 17: Singlet-A 3.8996 eV 317.94 nm f=0.0001
 <S**2>=0.000
 143 ->149 0.55148
 145 ->149 0.43795
 Excited State 18: Singlet-A 4.0606 eV 305.33 nm f=0.0021

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$\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 0.000$
 147 -> 150 0.70179
 Excited State 19: Singlet-A 4.0682 eV 304.76 nm f=0.0077
 $\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 0.000$
 141 -> 149 0.70150
 Excited State 20: Singlet-A 4.1333 eV 299.97 nm f=0.0002
 $\langle S^{**2} \rangle = 0.000$
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Optimized Geometry:

Center	Atomic #	Atomic #	Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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3	6	0		0.000154	6.175738	0.090289
4	6	0		0.000123	4.686636	0.032745
5	6	0		-0.000537	3.973619	1.240372
6	1	0		-0.001008	4.515444	2.180192
7	6	0		-0.000569	2.580611	1.232555
8	1	0		-0.001077	2.033530	2.170817
9	6	0		0.000030	1.886431	0.013382
10	6	0		0.000681	2.597380	-1.194991
11	1	0		0.001161	2.063706	-2.140958
12	6	0		0.000740	3.991925	-1.186087
13	1	0		0.001255	4.535911	-2.123766
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17	6	0		3.073289	1.589300	0.003260
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24	1	0	2.115301	-4.235658	-0.008126
25	1	0	3.577863	-3.732277	0.875646
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33	6	0	-2.590958	0.174910	0.001708
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41	5	0	-0.000058	-2.653457	-0.003659
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43	9	0	-0.000234	-3.449601	1.143678
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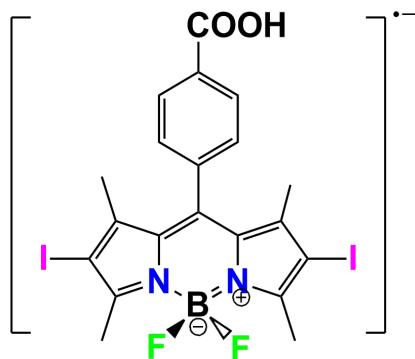
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3	6	0	0.016739	6.222799	0.085865
4	6	0	-0.000564	4.746441	0.036141
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9	6	0	-0.000440	1.914132	0.019771
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14	6	0	0.000597	0.433017	0.011596
15	6	0	1.239649	-0.281836	0.013118
16	6	0	2.587314	0.159569	-0.087359
17	6	0	3.119616	1.547235	-0.299977
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19	1	0	3.226844	2.112733	0.636074
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22	6	0	2.545351	-2.131801	0.098071
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33	6	0	-2.586029	0.149557	0.091446
34	6	0	-3.125899	1.534113	0.305267
35	1	0	-4.123908	1.482217	0.753187
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39	7	0	-1.234962	-1.682955	-0.091987
40	7	0	1.245274	-1.678697	0.100139
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42	9	0	0.090823	-3.460768	-1.091130
43	9	0	-0.081645	-3.398300	1.196571
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