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# Synthesis and Spectroscopic Properties of Novel N-N Linked Bis-(diphenylboron) Complexes

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#### I. Materials and instrumentations

All reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification unless otherwise indicated. All reactions and manipulations of air-sensitive compounds were carried out under dry argon by using Schlenk techniques and/or vacuum line techniques. Solvents were dried prior to use by common methods in organometallic chemistry. Toluene was distilled over sodium. Chemicals were commercially obtained and used as received. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded using Bruker DRX500 spectrometer instrument. Mass spectra were measured with a Bruker Daltonics AutoflexII TM MALDI–TOF spectrometer. Elemental analyses for C, H, and N were performed on a Vario MICRO elemental analyzer. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm relative to Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C), and coupling constants (J) were given in Hz. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on plates coated with thick silica gel GF254 (Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Co., Ltd). Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (100-200 mesh, Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Co., Ltd).

#### **II. Supporting Data**



Figure S1. The conformation of dye 1.



Figure S2. The absorption and emission spectra of 1-2 in hexane, toluene, DCM, THF, CH<sub>3</sub>CN (top for 1, bottom for 2).



Figure S3. The UV-vis absorption spectra in solid-state for 1, 2 at room temperature.



