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Low bandgap copolymers based on monofluorinated isoindigo towards efficient polymer solar cells

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1. Solar cell optimization tables

Table S1. Overview of the solar cell optimization studies for copolymer **PIID-5T**.

| PIID-5T:PC ₇₁ BM (w/w) | Total conc. (mg/mL) | Solvent | DIO (% v/v) | Annealing (°C-min) | V _{oc} (V) | J _{sc} (mA/cm ²) | FF (%) | PCE (%) |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|-----------|-------------|
| 1:1 | 20 | odCB | - | - | 0.69 | 8.88 | 43 | 2.61 |
| 1:1 | 20 | odCB | - | 140-30 | 0.71 | 6.28 | 50 | 2.24 |
| 1:1 | 20 | CHCl ₃ :odCB (1:1) | - | - | 0.67 | 8.18 | 37 | 2.01 |
| 1:1 | 20 | CHCl ₃ :odCB (1:1) | - | 120-10 | 0.70 | 6.69 | 40 | 1.88 |
| 1:2 | 25 | odCB | - | - | 0.70 | 6.95 | 47 | 2.30 |
| 1:2 | 25 | odCB | - | 120-10 | 0.71 | 4.64 | 56 | 1.83 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | - | - | 0.70 | 6.51 | 58 | 2.64 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | - | 120-2 | 0.72 | 5.37 | 64 | 2.45 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | - | 120-5 | 0.71 | 6.19 | 64 | 2.83 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | 3 | - | 0.67 | 8.03 | 39 | 2.12 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | 3 | 120-5 | 0.69 | 5.11 | 53 | 1.85 |

Table S2. Overview of the solar cell optimization studies for copolymer **PFIID-5T**.

| PFIID-5T:PC ₇₁ BM (w/w) | Total conc. (mg/mL) | Solvent | DIO (% v/v) | Annealing (°C-min) | V _{oc} (V) | J _{sc} (mA/cm ²) | FF (%) | PCE (%) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|-----------|-------------|
| 1:1 | 25 | odCB | - | - | 0.60 | 7.94 | 44 | 2.10 |
| 1:1 | 25 | odCB | - | 120-2 | 0.64 | 6.74 | 44 | 1.94 |
| 1:1 | 25 | odCB | - | 120-5 | 0.64 | 7.41 | 49 | 2.33 |
| 1:2 | 25 | odCB | - | - | 0.62 | 7.59 | 66 | 3.13 |
| 1:2 | 25 | odCB | - | 120-2 | - | - | - | - |
| 1:2 | 25 | odCB | - | 120-5 | - | - | - | - |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | - | - | 0.61 | 9.88 | 60 | 3.64 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | - | 120-2 | 0.65 | 9.08 | 63 | 3.68 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | - | 120-5 | 0.65 | 8.93 | 64 | 3.72 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | 1 | - | 0.58 | 9.39 | 55 | 3.00 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | 1 | 120-5 | 0.61 | 8.28 | 61 | 3.08 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | 2 | - | 0.58 | 9.64 | 54 | 3.03 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | 2 | 120-5 | 0.64 | 7.96 | 59 | 3.03 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | 3 | - | 0.58 | 9.79 | 48 | 2.73 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | 3 | 120-5 | 0.64 | 7.32 | 59 | 2.78 |
| 1:4 | 25 | odCB | - | - | 0.59 | 9.47 | 53 | 2.97 |
| 1:4 | 25 | odCB | - | 120-2 | 0.63 | 9.88 | 58 | 3.64 |
| 1:4 | 25 | odCB | - | 120-5 | 0.63 | 9.69 | 60 | 3.64 |

Table S3. Overview of the solar cell optimization studies for copolymer **PFIID-5T_H**.

| PFIID-5T_H:PC₇₁BM (w/w) | Total conc. (mg/mL) | Solvent | DIO (% v/v) | Annealing (°C-min) | V _{oc} (V) | J _{sc} (mA/cm ²) | FF (%) | PCE (%) |
|--|------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|-----------|-------------|
| 1:1 | 12 | odCB | - | - | 0.61 | 8.52 | 57 | 2.96 |
| 1:1 | 12 | odCB | - | 120-5 | 0.64 | 7.06 | 57 | 2.55 |
| 1:2 | 15 | odCB | - | - | 0.59 | 9.60 | 60 | 3.44 |
| 1:2 | 15 | odCB | - | 120-5 | 0.63 | 9.27 | 56 | 3.30 |
| 1:2 | 12 | odCB | - | - | 0.58 | 4.84 | 61 | 1.72 |
| 1:2 | 12 | odCB | - | 120-5 | 0.61 | 5.04 | 58 | 1.78 |
| 1:3 | 16 | odCB | - | - | 0.59 | 13.88 | 61 | 5.04 |
| 1:3 | 16 | odCB | - | - | 0.62 | 10.99 | 60 | 4.13 |
| 1:4 | 12 | odCB | - | - | 0.59 | 5.94 | 65 | 2.25 |
| 1:4 | 12 | odCB | - | 120-5 | 0.62 | 6.34 | 64 | 2.52 |

Table S4. Overview of the solar cell optimization study for the mixed **PFIID-5T:PFIID-5T_H** blend.

| PFIID-5T:PFIID-5T_H:PC₇₁BM (w/w) | Total conc. (mg/mL) | Solvent | V _{oc} (V) | J _{sc} (mA/cm ²) | FF (%) | PCE (%) |
|---|------------------------|---------|------------------------|--|-----------|------------|
| 0.5:0.5:3 | 16 | odCB | 0.59 | 10.81 | 62 | 4.00 |

Table S5. Overview of the solar cell optimization studies for copolymer **PFIID-T-BDT-T**.

| PFIID-T-BDT-T:PC₇₁BM (w/w) | Total conc. (mg/ml) | Solvent | DIO (% v/v) | Annealing (°C-min) | V _{oc} (V) | J _{sc} (mA/cm ²) | FF (%) | PCE (%) |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|-----------|-------------|
| 1:1 | 25 | odCB | - | - | 0.86 | 1.43 | 45 | 0.55 |
| 1:1 | 25 | odCB | - | 120-5 | 0.88 | 1.45 | 50 | 0.64 |
| 1:2 | 25 | odCB | - | - | 0.86 | 2.32 | 54 | 1.08 |
| 1:2 | 25 | odCB | - | 120-5 | 0.88 | 1.92 | 59 | 0.99 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | - | - | 0.86 | 2.66 | 57 | 1.30 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | - | 120-2 | 0.88 | 2.42 | 60 | 1.28 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | - | 120-5 | 0.87 | 2.32 | 60 | 1.22 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | 3 | - | 0.78 | 1.56 | 46 | 0.56 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | 3 | - | 0.71 | 0.38 | 44 | 0.12 |
| 1:3 | 12 | CHCl ₃ | - | - | 0.84 | 1.00 | 60 | 0.51 |
| 1:3 | 12 | CHCl ₃ | - | 120-5 | 0.86 | 1.06 | 59 | 0.54 |
| 1:3 | 20 | CB | - | - | 0.84 | 1.49 | 63 | 0.79 |
| 1:3 | 20 | CB | - | 120-5 | 0.85 | 1.26 | 61 | 0.66 |
| 1:4 | 25 | odCB | - | - | 0.85 | 2.62 | 57 | 1.27 |
| 1:4 | 25 | odCB | - | 120-5 | 0.86 | 2.57 | 58 | 1.28 |

Table S6. Overview of the solar cell optimization studies for copolymer **PFIID-2T-BDT-2T**.

| PFIID-2T-BDT-2T:PC₇₁BM (w/w) | Total conc. (mg/mL) | Solvent | DIO (% v/v) | Annealing (°C-min) | V _{oc} (V) | J _{sc} (mA/cm ²) | FF (%) | PCE (%) |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|-----------|-------------|
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | - | - | 0.68 | 6.33 | 57 | 2.45 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | - | 120-2 | 0.75 | 5.53 | 63 | 2.62 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | - | 120-5 | 0.74 | 4.68 | 64 | 2.23 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | 3 | - | 0.61 | 4.76 | 29 | 0.85 |
| 1:3 | 25 | odCB | 3 | 120-2 | 0.72 | 5.00 | 46 | 1.66 |
| 1:3 | 12 | CHCl ₃ | - | - | 0.74 | 1.42 | 68 | 0.72 |
| 1:3 | 12 | CHCl ₃ | - | 120-5 | 0.76 | 1.62 | 66 | 0.81 |
| 1:3 | 20 | CB | - | - | 0.64 | 2.47 | 43 | 0.68 |
| 1:3 | 20 | CB | - | 120-5 | 0.22 | 2.64 | 34 | 0.20 |
| 1:3 | 20 | odCB | - | 100-5 | 0.73 | 5.71 | 46 | 1.91 |
| 1:3 | 20 | odCB | - | 120-5 | 0.76 | 5.98 | 49 | 2.22 |

2. ^1H NMR spectra of monomers and polymers

Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of monomer 6 (CDCl_3).

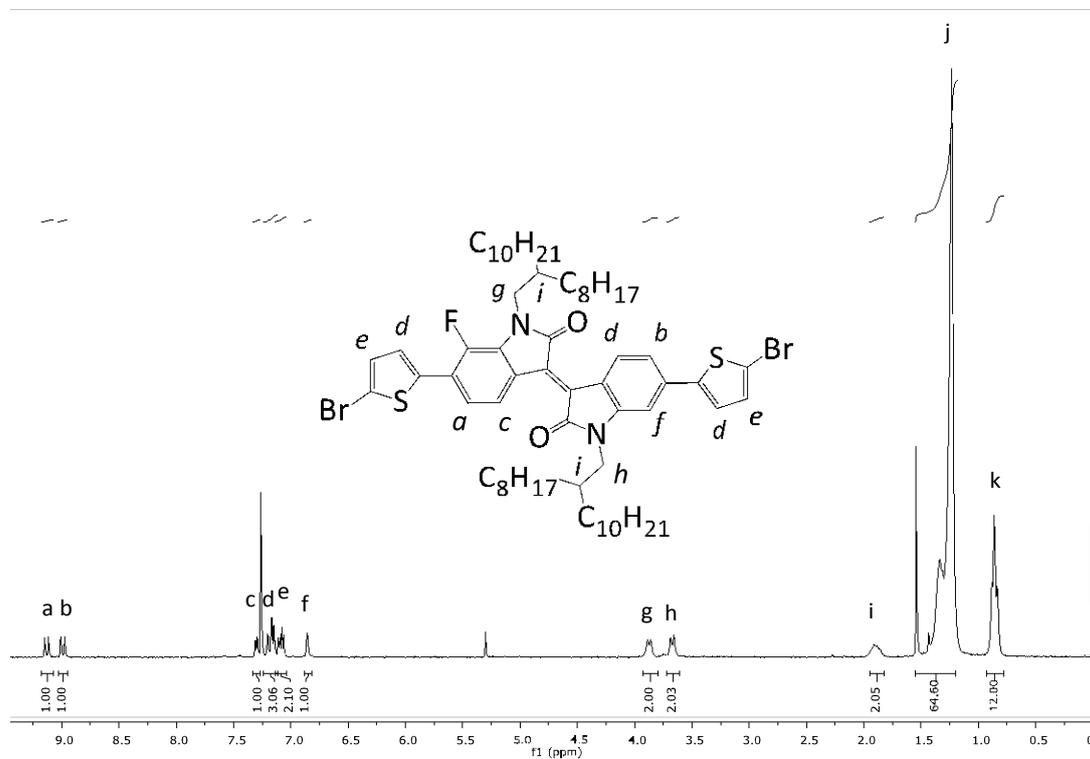
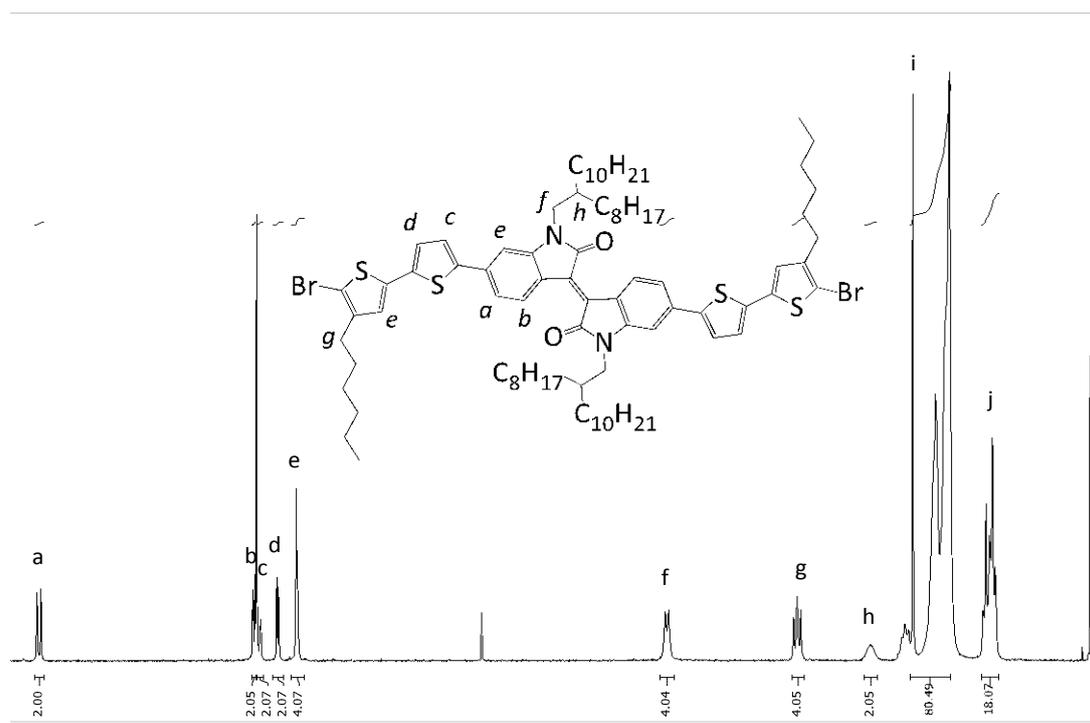


Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectrum of monomer 9 (CDCl_3).



9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5
f1 (ppm)

Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectrum of monomer **10** (CDCl_3).

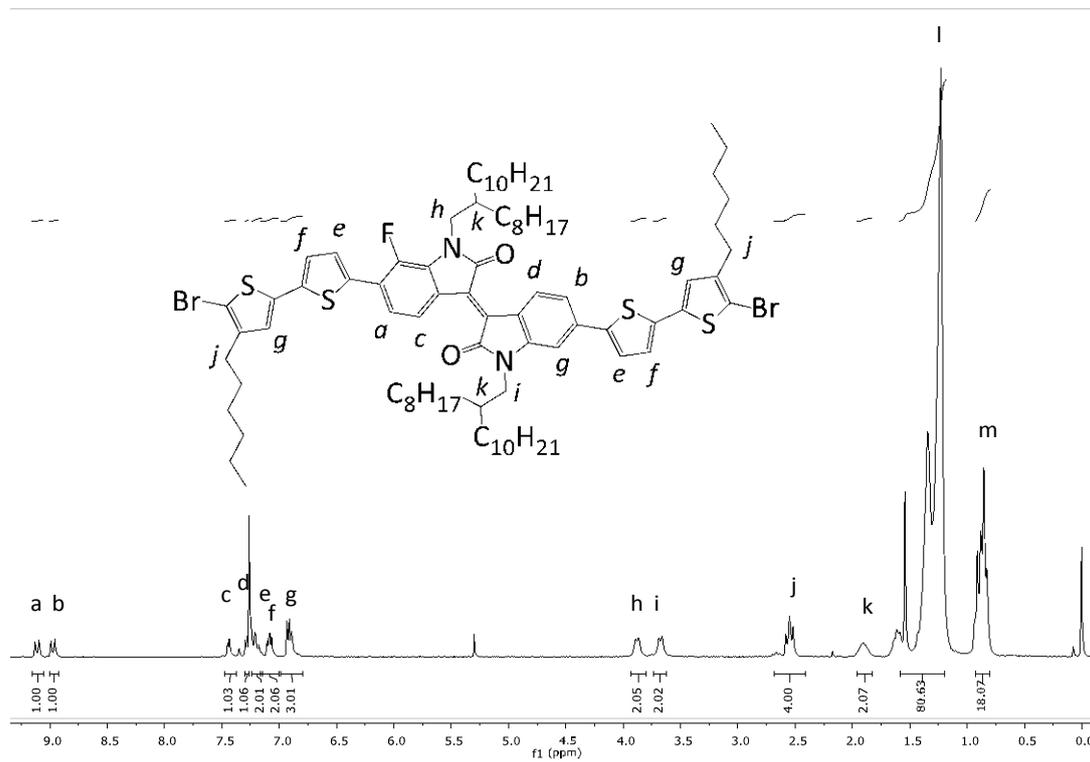


Figure S4. ^1H NMR spectrum of **PIID-5T** ($\text{C}_2\text{D}_2\text{Cl}_4$, 100°C).

Figure S5. ^1H NMR spectrum of PFIID-5T ($\text{C}_2\text{D}_2\text{Cl}_4$, 100°C).

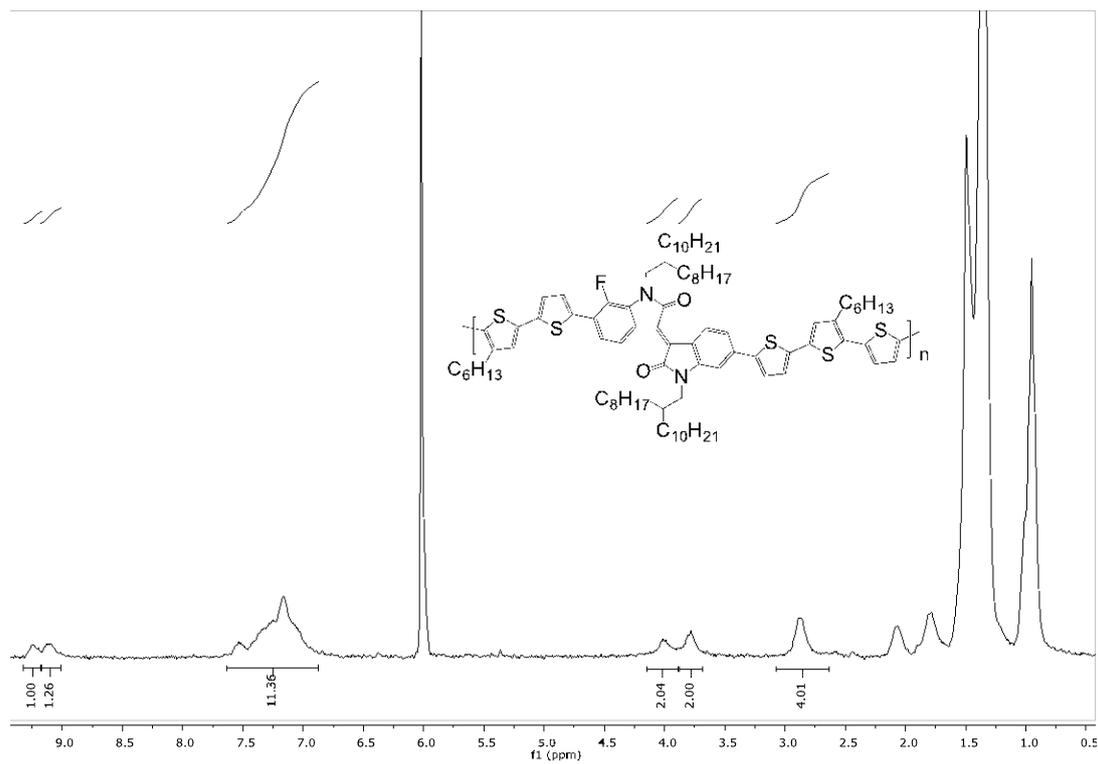


Figure S6. ^1H NMR spectrum of PFIID-T-BDT-T ($\text{C}_2\text{D}_2\text{Cl}_4$, 100°C).

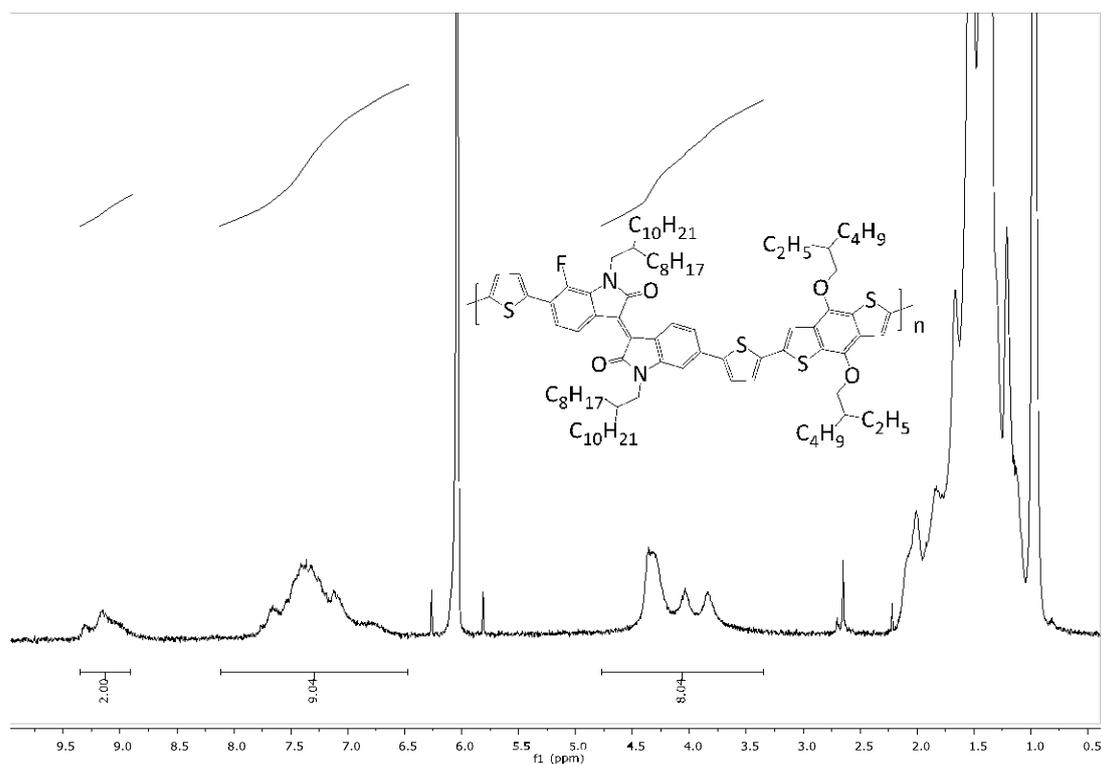
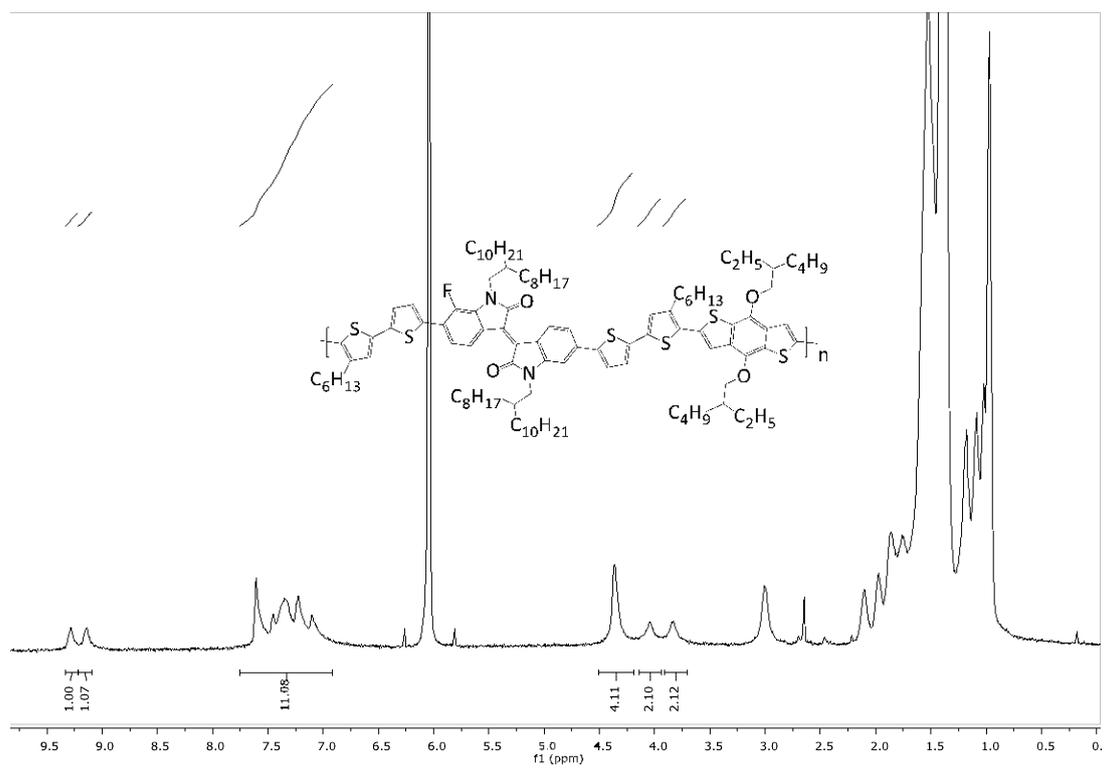
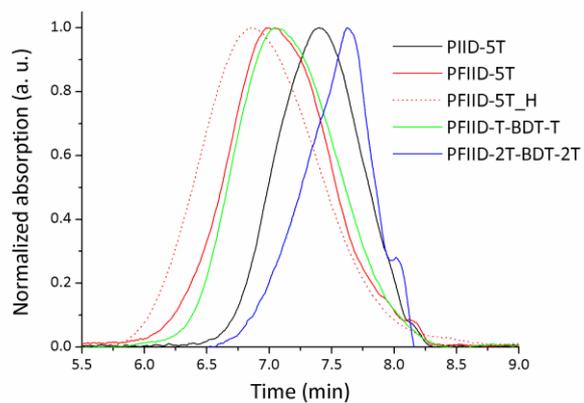


Figure S7. ^1H NMR spectrum of PFIID-2T-BDT-2T ($\text{C}_2\text{D}_2\text{Cl}_4$, $100\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$).



3. Gel permeation chromatograms and data

Figure S8. Gel permeation chromatograms for the copolymers (using *ortho*-dichlorobenzene at 140 °C as an eluent).



| Copolymer | M_n (kg/mol) | D |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----|
| PIID-5T | 20.8 | 2.0 |
| PFIID-5T | 36.1 | 3.2 |
| PFIID-5T_H | 45.3 | 4.4 |
| PFIID-T-BDT-T | 32.8 | 2.8 |
| PFIID-2T-BDT-2T | 15.8 | 1.9 |

