## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Push-pull ruthenium diacetylide complexes: new dyes for p-type dye-sensitized solar cells.

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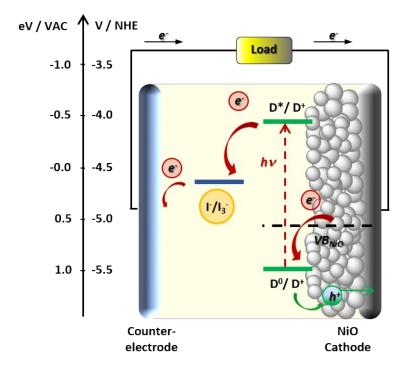


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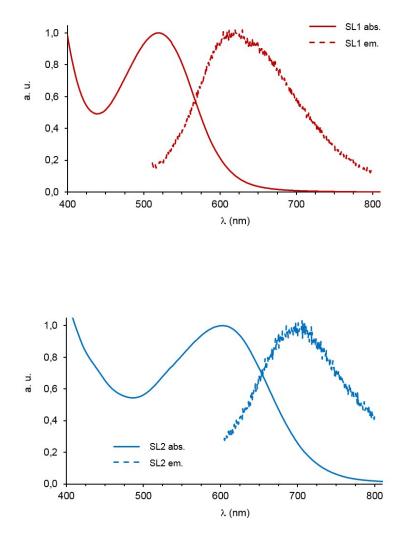
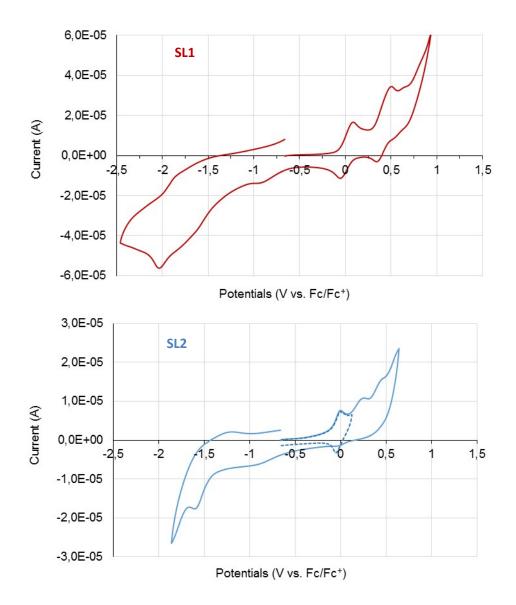
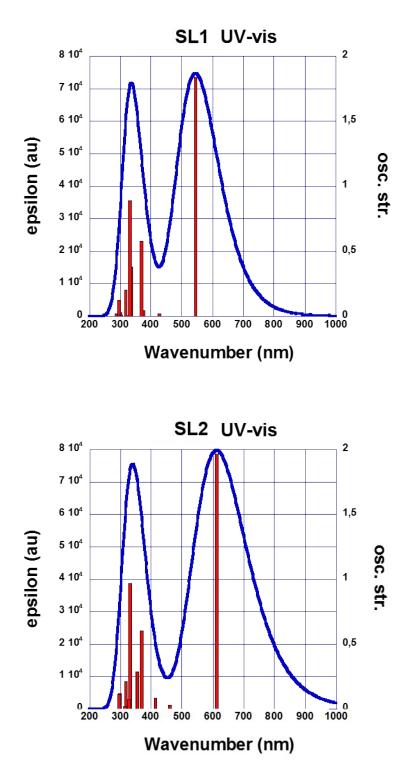


Figure S2. Normalized electronic absorption (plain) and fluorescence emission (dashed) spectra of SL1 and SL2 in  $CH_2Cl_2$ .



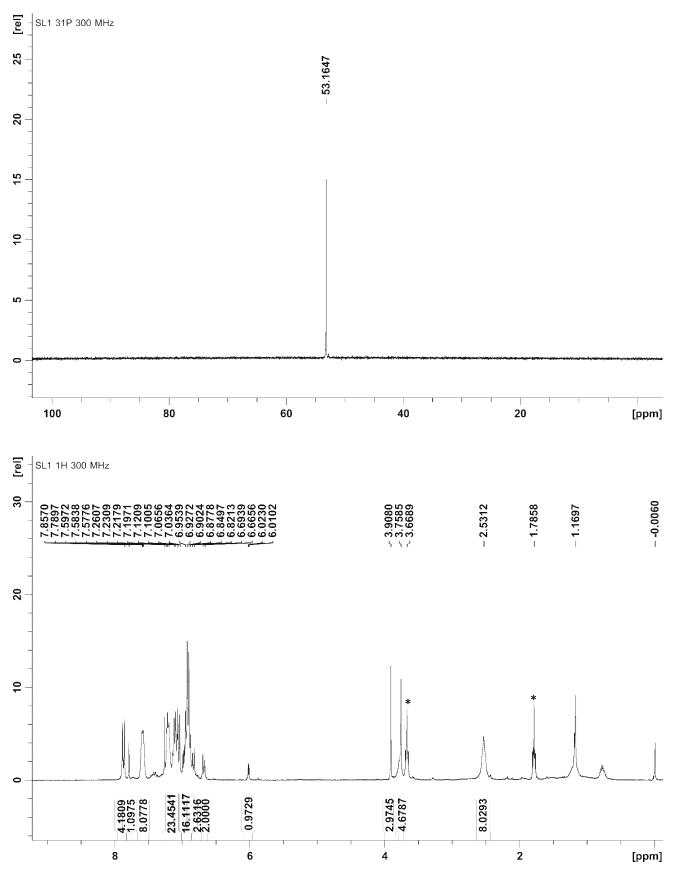
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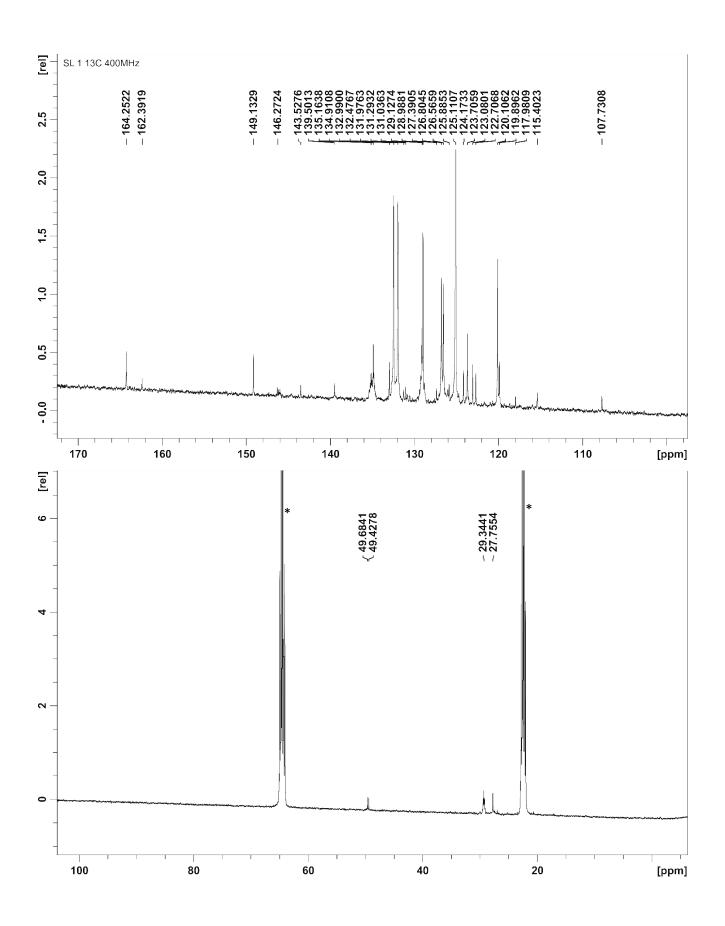


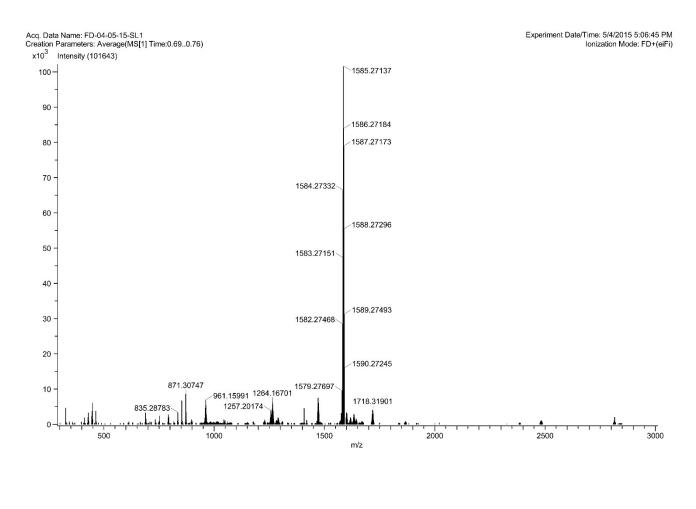
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 $^{31}\text{P},\,^{1}\text{H},\,^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and HR-MS spectra of SL1 and SL2

(\* correspond to signals of solvent residuals)





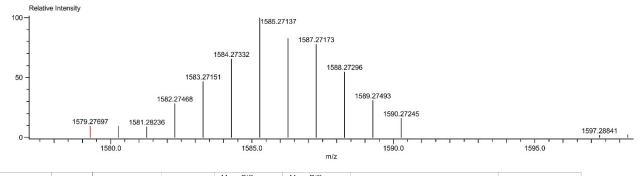


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History:Determine m/z[Peak Detect[Centroid,30,Area];Smooth[23]];Correct Base[];Average(MS[1] 0.69..0.76)

Charge number:1 Tolerance:5.00(ppm) Element:<sup>12</sup>C:0 .. 200, <sup>1</sup>H:0 .. 200, <sup>14</sup>N:1 .. 1, <sup>16</sup>O:8 .. 8, <sup>31</sup>P:4 .. 4, <sup>96</sup>Ru:1 .. 1, <sup>32</sup>S:2 .. 2 Acquired:5/4/2015 5:06:45 PM Operator:AccuTof Mass Calibration data:FD-141114-PEG1000 Created:5/4/2015 5:23:18 PM Created by:AccuTof

Unsaturation Number:-20.0 .. 100.0 (Fraction:Both)



Mass	Intensity	Relative Intensity	Calc. Mass	Mass Difference (mmu)	Mass Difference (ppm)	Possible Formula	Unsaturation Number
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