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## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## For

Molecular engineering of starburst triarylamine donor with selenophene containing  $\pi$ -linker for dye-sensitized solar cells with high open-circuit voltage



Scheme S1 Synthetic routes of 11b–13b.

	HOMO	LUMO
7a	-5.41	-2.84
7b	-5.11	-2.86
7c	-5.35	-2.84
7d	-5.07	-2.83
11d	-5.10	-2.73
12d	-5.18	-2.61
13d	-5.14	-2.55

Table S1 Calculated energy values (in eV) of HOMO and LUMO for all the dyes

Table S2 Absorption transitions calculated by the TD-DFT method

	state	transition	contributuion (%)	E (nm)	oscillator
					strength
7a	<b>S</b> 1	HOMO→LUMO	93%	574.86	1.3404
7b	<b>S</b> 1	HOMO→LUMO	97%	640.62	0.8164
7c	<b>S</b> 1	HOMO→LUMO	96%	583.30	1.1880
7d	<b>S</b> 1	HOMO→LUMO	96%	641.08	0.7104
11d	<b>S</b> 1	HOMO→LUMO	98%	611.64	0.6092
12d	<b>S</b> 1	HOMO→LUMO	98%	574.41	0.5524
13d	<b>S</b> 1	HOMO→LUMO	98%	560.03	0.6013



Fig. S1 Contour plots of selected frontier orbitals of 7a.



Fig. S2 Contour plots of selected frontier orbitals of 7b.



Fig. S3 Contour plots of selected frontier orbitals of 7c.



Fig. S4 Contour plots of selected frontier orbitals of 7d.



Fig. S5 Contour plots of selected frontier orbitals of 11d.



Fig. S6 Contour plots of selected frontier orbitals of 12d.



Fig. S7 Contour plots of selected frontier orbitals of 13d.



Fig. S8 Cyclic voltammograms of organic dyes 7a-7d.



Fig. S9 Cyclic voltammograms of organic dyes 11d–13d.