

Electronic Supplementary Information for: Stealth Fast Photoswitching of Negative Photochromic Naphthalene-Bridged Phenoxyl-Imidazolyl Radical Complexes

Katsuya Mutoh,^a Yoichi Kobayashi,^a Yasukazu Hirao,^b Takashi Kubo,^b and Jiro Abe^{a*, †}

^aDepartment of Chemistry, School of Science and Engineering, Aoyama Gakuin University, 5-10-1

Fuchinobe, Chuo-ku, Sagamihara, Kanagawa 252-5258, Japan

^bDepartment of Chemistry, Graduate School of Science, Osaka University, 1-1 Machikaneyama, Toyonaka, Osaka
560-0043, Japan

E-mail: jiro_abe@chem.aoyama.ac.jp

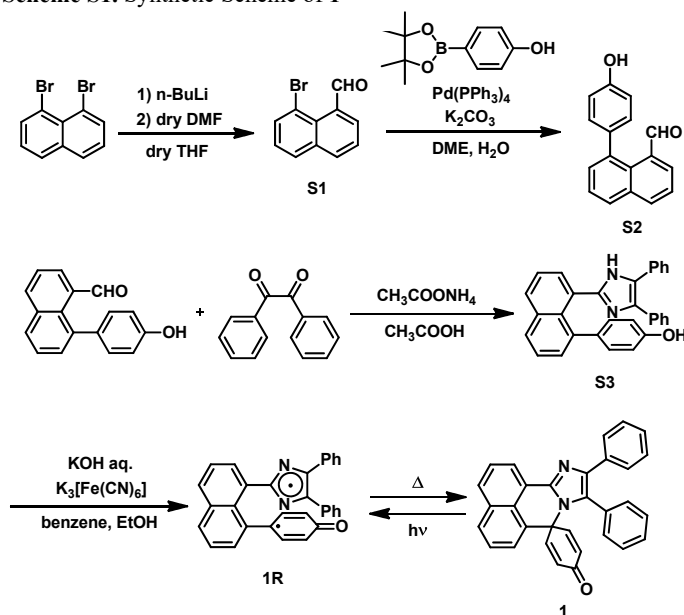
CONTENTS

1. Syntheses	S2
2. NMR Spectra	S9
3. HR-ESI-TOF MS Spectra	S18
4. HPLC Chromatograms	S23
5. X-ray Crystallographic Analyses	S25
6. Steady-state UV-vis absorption spectra	S29
7. Time Profiles of the Transient Absorbance Excited at 355 nm	S29
8. Durability against the repetitive laser pulse excitation	S30
9. TDDFT calculations for the UV-vis absorption spectrum	S30
10. Eyring Analysis for the Thermal Back Reaction	S46
11. VT-NMR spectroscopy under UV light irradiation	S47
12. Time-resolved FT-IR measurement	S49
13. Conversion Efficiency	S51
14. CD spectra	S53
15. DFT calculations for the transition states	S75
16. References	S92

1. Syntheses

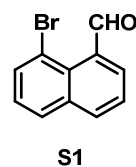
All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography carried out on 0.2 mm E. Merck silica gel plates (60F-254). Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (Wakogel® C-300). ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz on a Bruker AVANCE III 400 NanoBay. DMSO-*d*₆, CD₂Cl₂ and CDCl₃ were used as deuterated solvent. ESI-TOF-MS spectra were recorded on a Bruker micrOTOF II-AGA1. All glassware was washed with distilled water and dried. Unless otherwise noted, all reagents and reaction solvents were purchased from TCI, Wako Co. Ltd., Aldrich Chemical Co., Inc., Kanto Chemical Co., Inc. and ACROS Organics and were used without further purification.

Scheme S1. Synthetic Scheme of **1**



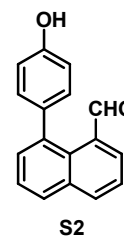
8-bromo-1-naphthaldehyde (S1)

12.1 mL (19.36 mmol) of n-butyl lithium solution (1.6 M in hexane) was added into a solution of 3.7 g (12.94 mmol) of 1,8-dibromonaphthalene in 36 mL of anhydrous THF at -78°C under N_2 atmosphere. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at -78°C for 20 minutes, treated with 1.9 mL (24.54 mmol) of anhydrous DMF, and then kept stirred at -78°C for 15 minutes. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature, and stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature. After the quenching with water, the reaction mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic extract was washed with water and brine, and dried over Na_2SO_4 . After removal of the solvents, the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{hexane} = 2/3$), to give desired product as a white solid (1.75 g, 57 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ : 11.44 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.94–7.88 (m, 3H), 7.57 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H).



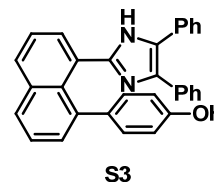
8-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-naphthaldehyde (S2)

K₂CO₃ (163 mg, 1.18 mmol), 1-bromo-8-naphthaldehyde (400 mg, 1.70 mmol), and 4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenol (450 mg, 2.05 mmol) were added to DME (8 mL) and water (4.8 mL) and the mixture was purged with N₂ gas. Pd(PPh₃)₄ (56 mg, 0.048 mmol) was added to the solution and the solution was refluxed for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂, and the organic extract was washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvents, the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt = 25/1), to give desired product as a yellow solid (328 mg, 78 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 9.76 (br, 1H), 9.46 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67–7.62 (m, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H).



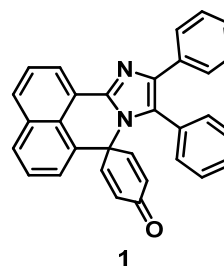
4-(8-(4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)naphthalen-1-yl)phenol (S3)

8-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-naphthaldehyde (98 mg, 0.395 mmol), benzil (153 mg, 0.728 mmol) and ammonium acetate (225 mg, 2.92 mmol) were dissolved in acetic acid 5 mL. The mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 25 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was neutralized with aqueous NH₃, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. The product was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt = 5/1) to give desired product as a pale brown solid (140 mg, 81 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 11.75 (s, 1H), 9.04 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.59 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.14 (m, 10H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₃₁H₂₂N₂O [M+H]⁺: 439.1805, found: 489.1798.

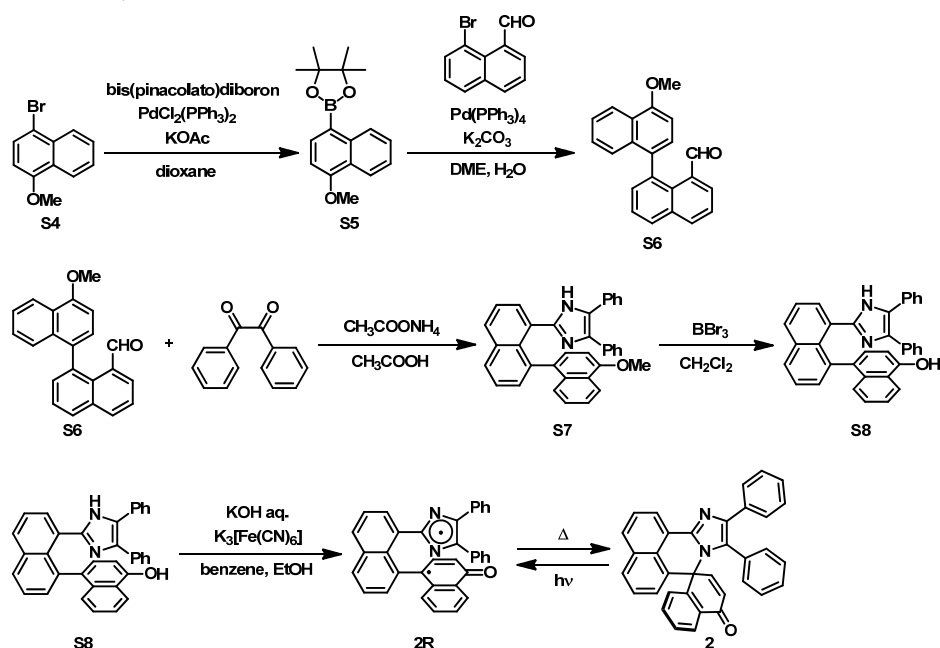


naphthalene bridged phenoxy-imidazolyl radical complex (1)

To a solution of 8-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-naphthaldehyde (98 mg, 0.395 mmol) (150 mg, 0.342 mmol) in benzene 60 mL and ethanol 1.8 mL was added KOH (2.1 g, 37.4 mmol) and K₃[Fe(CN)₆] (1.5 g, 4.56 mmol) in water 60 mL. The mixture was vigorously stirred for 1.5 hours at room temperature. The reaction mixture was washed with water and the solvent was removed by evaporation. The crude product was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt = 5/1) to give desired product as a pale yellow powder. The product was recrystallized from CHCl₃ and hexane to give pale yellow crystals (52 mg, 35 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ: 8.54 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.38–7.31 (m, 5H), 7.22–7.14 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 2H), 5.84 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 184.65, 149.29, 141.25, 140.25, 134.70, 133.87, 133.27, 131.23, 130.34, 130.16, 129.05, 128.90, 128.76, 128.48, 127.52, 127.31, 127.08, 127.03, 126.67, 126.41, 125.91, 124.94, 123.27, 121.43, 62.93. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₃₁H₂₀N₂O [M+H]⁺: 437.1648, found: 437.1667.



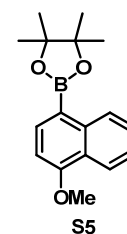
Scheme S2. Synthetic Scheme of **2**



1-bromo-4-methoxynaphthalene (S4) was synthesized according to a literature procedure^{S1}.

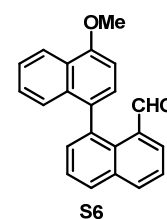
2-(4-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (S5)

KOAc (4.02 g, 51.44 mmol), 1-bromo-4-methoxynaphthalene (2.61 g, 11.01 mmol) and bis(pinacolato)diboron (3.5 g, 13.78 mmol) were added to dioxane (50 mL), and the mixture was purged with N₂ gas. PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (400 mg, 0.570 mmol) was added to the solution and the solution was stirred at 80 °C for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered. The mixture was added water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic extract was washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvents, the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/CH₂Cl₂ = 2/1), to give desired product as a white solid (1.74 g, 56 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.75 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H).



4'-methoxy-[1,1'-binaphthalene]-8-carbaldehyde (S6)

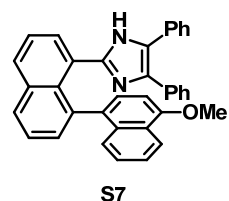
K₂CO₃ (242 mg, 1.75 mmol), 1-bromo-8-naphthaldehyde (403 mg, 1.71 mmol) and 2-(4-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (580 mg, 2.04 mmol) were added to DME 8 mL and water 4.8 mL, and the mixture was purged with N₂ gas. Pd(PPh₃)₄ (60 mg, 0.0519 mmol) was added to the solution and the solution was stirred at 90 °C for 21 hours. The reaction mixture was added water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic extract was washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvents, the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/CH₂Cl₂ = 1/1), to give desired product as a yellow solid (460 mg, 86 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 9.22 (s, 1H),



8.37 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.48 (m, 5H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H).

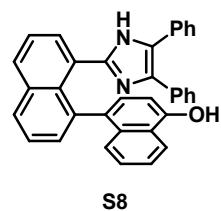
2-(4'-methoxy-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-8-yl)-4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole (S7)

4'-methoxy-[1,1'-binaphthalene]-8-carbaldehyde (100 mg, 0.320 mmol), benzil (100 mg, 0.476 mmol) and ammonium acetate (350 mg, 4.54 mmol) were dissolved in acetic acid 4 mL. The mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 23 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was neutralized with aqueous NH₃, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. The product was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt = 10/1) to give desired product as a white solid (145 mg, 90 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 333 K) δ : 11.38 (br, 1H), 8.17 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 3H), 7.10–7.06 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (br, 4H), 6.44 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₃₆H₂₆N₂O [M+H]⁺: 503.2118, found: 503.2094.



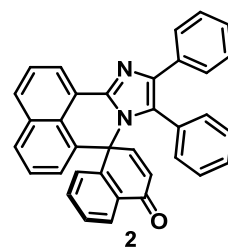
8'-(4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-4-ol (S8)

2-(4'-methoxy-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-8-yl)-4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole (150 mg, 0.298 mmol) was dissolved in dry CH₂Cl₂ 8.5 mL. BBr₃ (990 μ L, 0.952 mmol) was dropwised into the solution at 0 °C and stirred at room temperature for 10 hours. The reaction mixture was neutralized with aqueous NaHCO₃, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and evaporated to give gray solid 122 mg (84 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 333 K) δ : 11.36 (br, 1H), 9.48 (s, 1H), 8.16 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.66–7.61 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.18 (br, 3H), 7.05 (br, 3H), 6.89–6.84 (m, 5H), 6.46 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₃₅H₂₄N₂O [M+H]⁺: 489.1961, found: 489.1966.

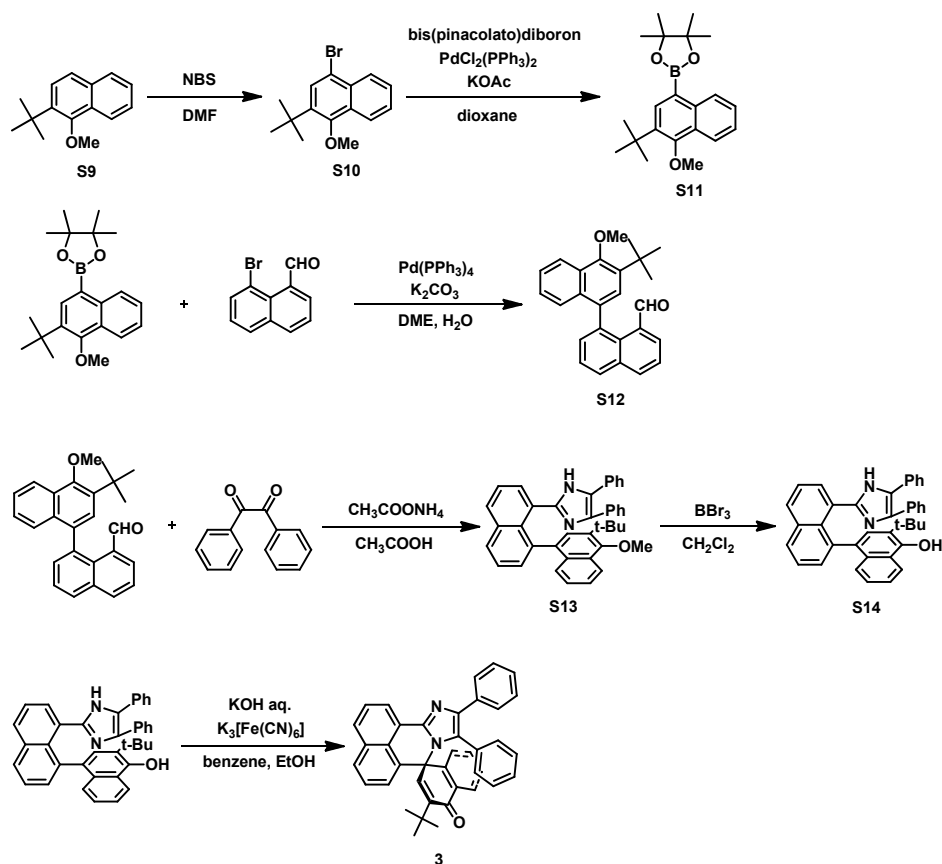


naphthalene bridged naphthoxyl-imidazolyl radical complex (2)

To a solution of 8'-(4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-4-ol (109 mg, 0.223 mmol) in benzene 100 mL and ethanol 0.2 mL was added KOH (2.57 g, 45.80 mmol) and K₃[Fe(CN)₆] (2.5 g, 7.59 mmol) in water 80 mL. The mixture was vigorously stirred for 1.5 hours at room temperature. The reaction mixture was washed with water and the solvent was removed by evaporation. Then the crude product was separated by SiO₂ column chromatography using CH₂Cl₂ as the eluent to give desired product as a yellow solid 27 mg. The yellow solid was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂/hexane, to give pale yellow crystal 18 mg (17 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 8.53 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.81 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.53–7.37 (m, 7H), 7.34–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.11 (m, 3H), 7.02 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.84 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₃₅H₂₂N₂O [M+H]⁺: 487.1805, found: 487.1786.



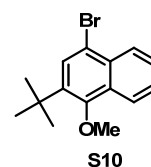
Scheme S3. Synthetic Scheme of **3**



2-(tert-butyl)-1-methoxynaphthalene (S9) was synthesized according to a literature procedure^{S2}.

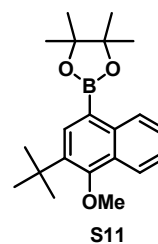
4-bromo-2-(tert-butyl)-1-methoxynaphthalene (S10)

2-(tert-butyl)-1-methoxynaphthalene (202 mg, 0.942 mmol) was dissolved in DMF 2.2 mL, and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. *N*-bromosuccinimide (213 mg, 1.20 mmol) was added to the solution and the solution was stirred for 4 hours at room temperature. After quenching with water, the reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic extract was washed with water and brine, and dried over MgSO₄. After removal of the solvents, the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/hexane = 1/4), to give desired product as transparent oil 252 mg (91 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ: 8.16–8.13 (m, 1H), 8.08–8.05 (m, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.56–7.50 (m, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 9H).



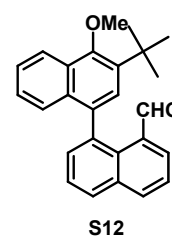
2-(3-(tert-butyl)-4-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (S11)

KOAc (333 mg, 3.39 mmol), 2-(tert-butyl)-1-methoxynaphthalene (250 mg, 0.853 mmol) and bis(pinacolato)diboron (265 mg, 1.04 mmol) were added to dioxane (3 mL), and the mixture was purged with N₂ gas. PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (30 mg, 0.0427 mmol) was added to the solution and the solution was stirred at 80 °C for 11 hours. The reaction mixture was added water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic extract was washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvents, the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/CH₂Cl₂ = 3/1), to give desired product as transparent oil (202 mg, 70 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ: 8.75–8.72 (m, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 8.09–8.05 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.44 (m, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 9H), 1.41 (s, 12H).



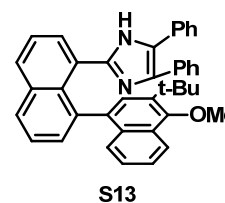
3'-(*tert*-butyl)-4'-methoxy-[1,1'-binaphthalene]-8-carbaldehyde (S12)

K₂CO₃ (54 mg, 0.391 mmol), 1-bromo-8-naphthaldehyde (86 mg, 0.366 mmol) and 2-(3-(*tert*-butyl)-4-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (150 mg, 0.441 mmol) were added to DME 1.7 mL and water 1 mL, and the mixture was purged with N₂ gas. Pd(PPh₃)₄ (13 mg, 0.0113 mmol) was added to the solution and the solution was stirred at 90 °C for 17 hours. The reaction mixture was added water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic extract was washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvents, the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/CH₂Cl₂ = 1/1), to give desired product as a yellow amorphous (115 mg, 85 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (dd, *J* = 7.2 Hz, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68–7.49 (m, 5H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H).



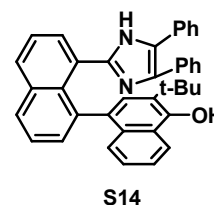
2-(3'-(*tert*-butyl)-4'-methoxy-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-8-yl)-4,5-diphenyl-1*H*-imidazole (S13)

3'-(*tert*-butyl)-4'-methoxy-[1,1'-binaphthalene]-8-carbaldehyde (78 mg, 0.212 mmol), benzil (68 mg, 0.323 mmol) and ammonium acetate (167 mg, 2.17 mmol) were dissolved in acetic acid 2 mL. The mixture was stirred at 110 °C for 42 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was neutralized with aqueous NH₃, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. The product was purified by SiO₂ column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/AcOEt = 10/1) to give a orange amorphous (80 mg, 68 %). The desired product included a few percent of the by-product or the diastereomer which cannot be isolated by the SiO₂ column chromatography. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 333 K) δ: 11.49 (br, 1H), 8.17 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68–7.63 (m, 3H), 7.51–7.37 (m, 4H), 7.05–7.03 (m, 4H), 6.89–6.78 (m, 3H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 9H); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₄₀H₃₄N₂O [M+H]⁺: 559.2744, found: 559.2716.



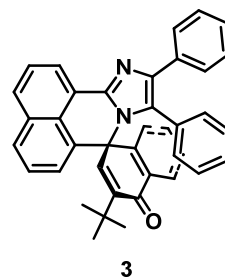
3-(*tert*-butyl)-8'-(4,5-diphenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-4-ol (S14)

2-(3'-(*tert*-butyl)-4'-methoxy-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-8-yl)-4,5-diphenyl-1*H*-imidazole (40 mg, 0.0717 mmol) was dissolved in dry CH₂Cl₂ 1.5 mL. BBr₃ (180 μL, 0.180 mmol) was dropwise into the solution at 0 °C and stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was neutralized with aqueous NaHCO₃, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and evaporated to give gray solid 35 mg (87 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 333 K) δ: 11.30 (br, 1H), 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.16–8.06 (m, 3H), 7.83–7.81 (m, 1H), 7.65–7.61 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.31 (m, 2H), 7.12–7.10 (m, 3H), 7.04–7.02 (m, 3H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.91 (br, 2H), 6.75 (br, 2H), 1.08 (s, 9H); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₃₉H₃₂N₂O [M+H]⁺: 545.2587, found: 545.2575.



Compound 3

To a solution of 3-(*tert*-butyl)-8'-(4,5-diphenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-4-ol (10 mg, 0.0184 mmol) in benzene 5 mL and ethanol 0.4 mL was added KOH (135 mg, 2.41 mmol) and K₃[Fe(CN)₆] (250 mg, 0.759 mmol) in water 4 mL. The mixture was vigorously stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. The reaction mixture was washed with water and the solvent was removed by evaporation. Then the crude product was separated by SiO₂ column chromatography using CH₂Cl₂ as the eluent to give desired product as a pale yellow solid 6 mg (60 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ: 8.53 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.34–7.25 (m, 5H), 7.18–7.10 (m, 4H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89–6.83 (m, 2H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.09 (s, 9H); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calculated for C₃₉H₃₀N₂O [M+H]⁺: 543.2431, found: 543.2429.



2. NMR Spectra

^1H NMR Spectra

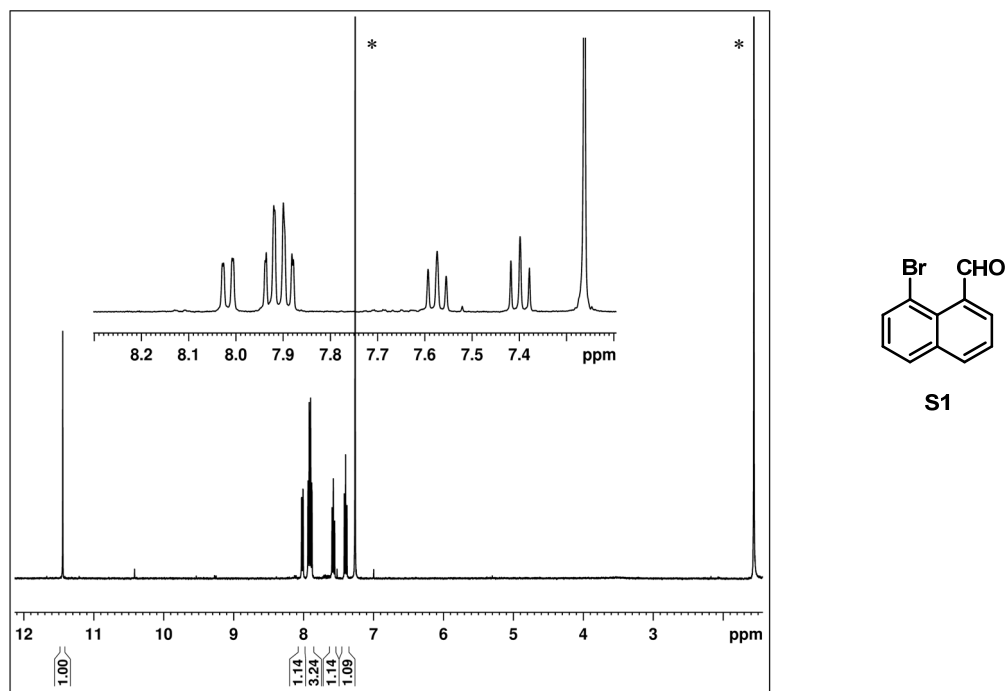


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of 8-bromo-1-naphthaldehyde (S1) in CDCl_3 (* solvent peaks).

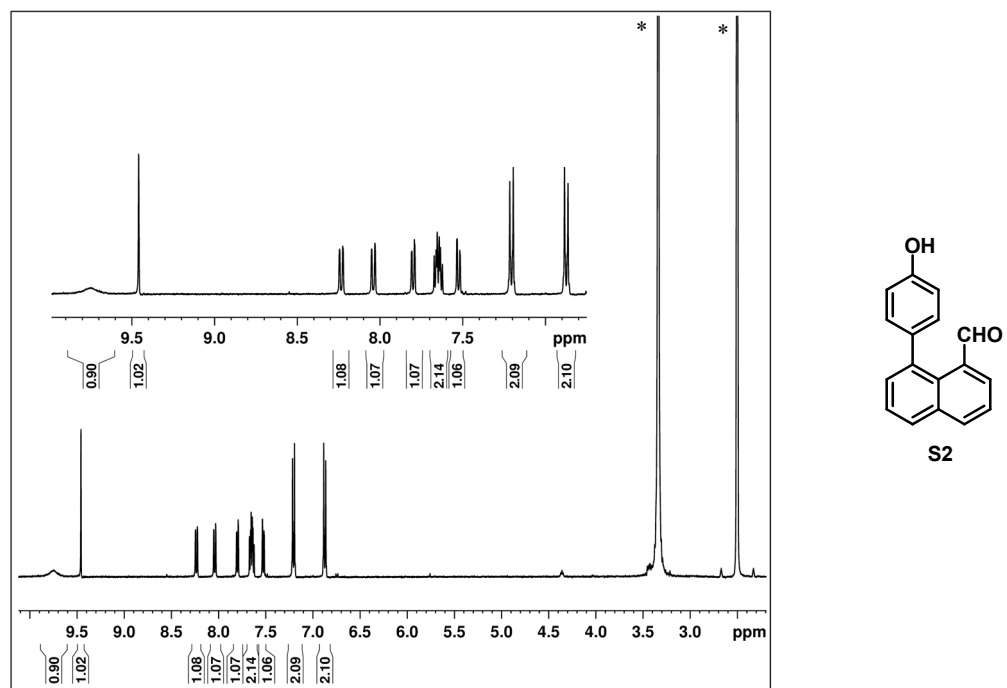
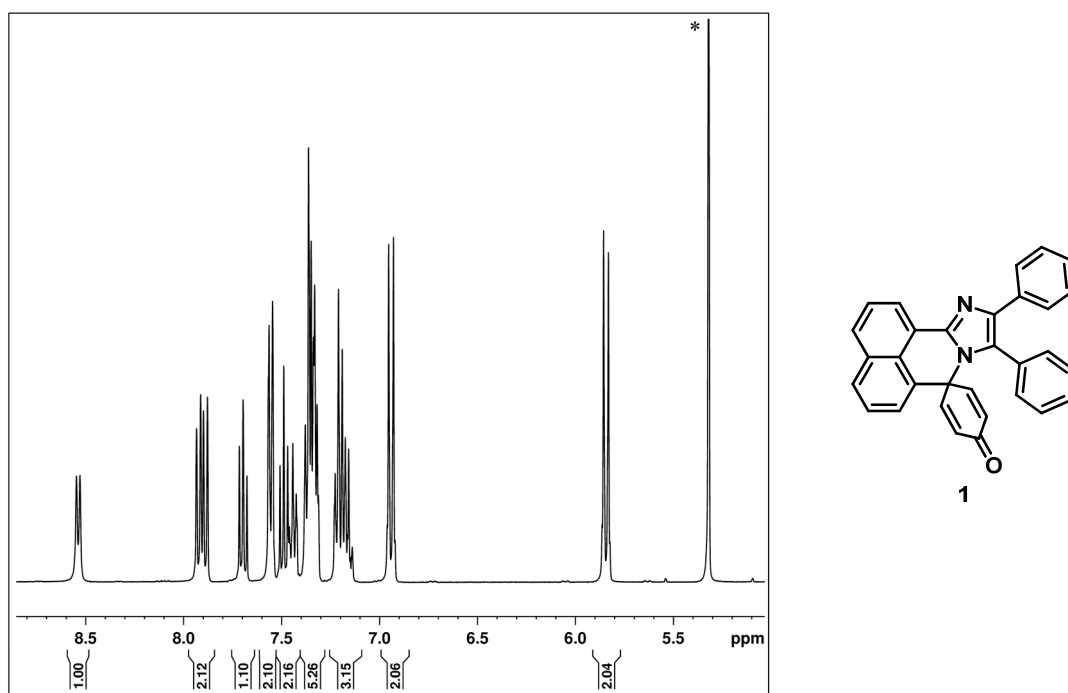
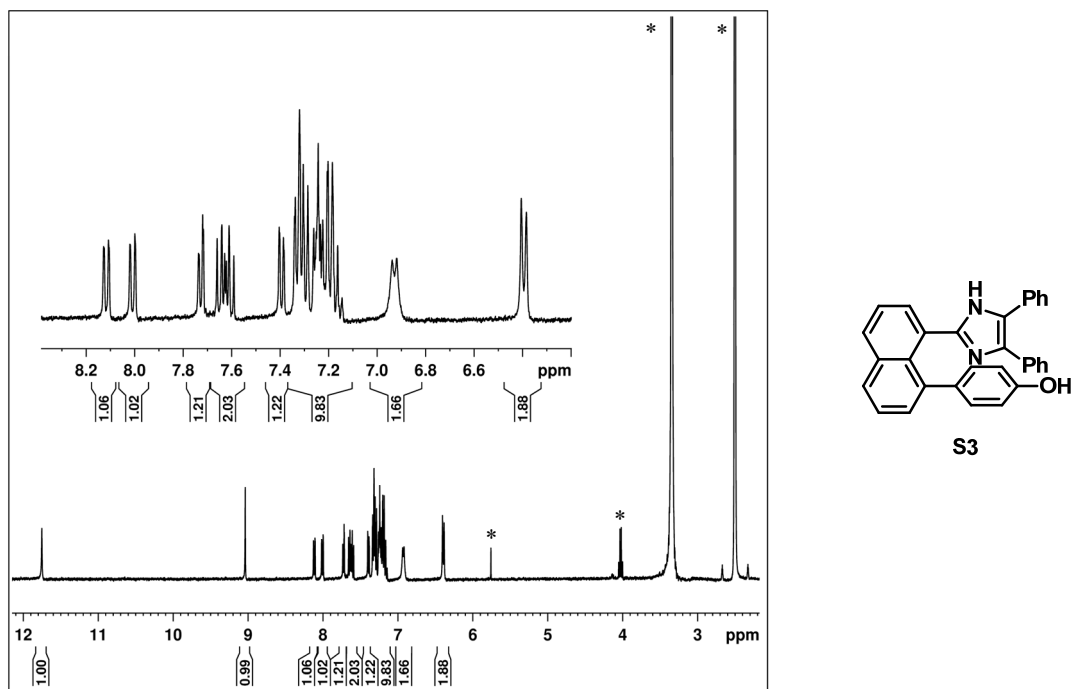


Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectrum of 8-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-naphthaldehyde (S2) in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (* solvent peaks).



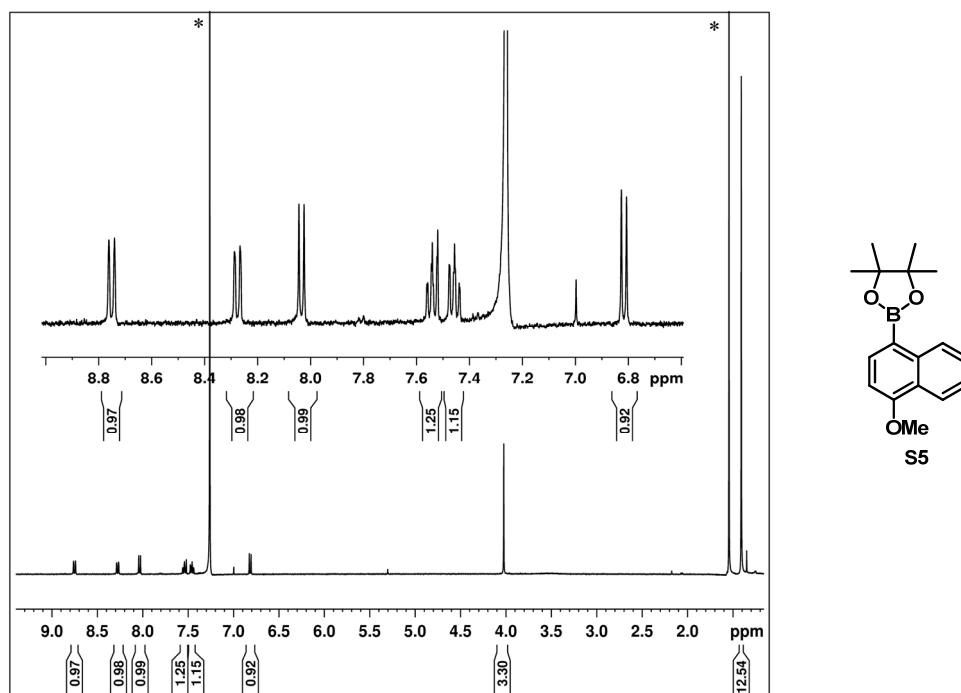


Figure S5. ¹H NMR spectrum of 2-(4-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (**S5**) in CDCl₃ (* solvent peaks).

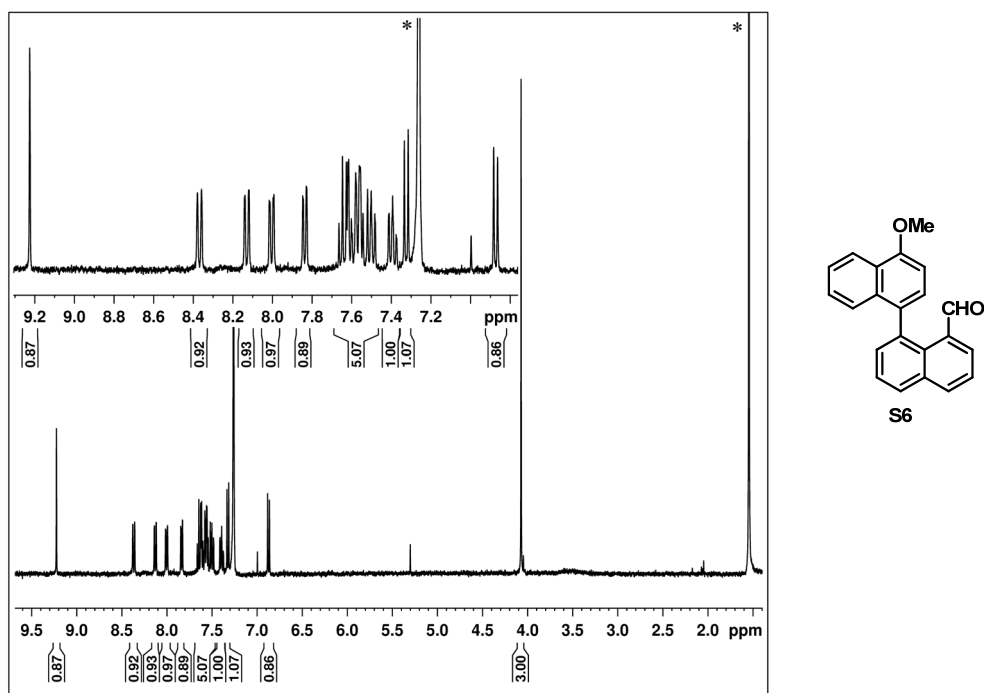


Figure S6. ¹H NMR spectrum of 4'-methoxy-[1,1'-binaphthalene]-8-carbaldehyde (**S6**) in CDCl₃ (* solvent peaks).

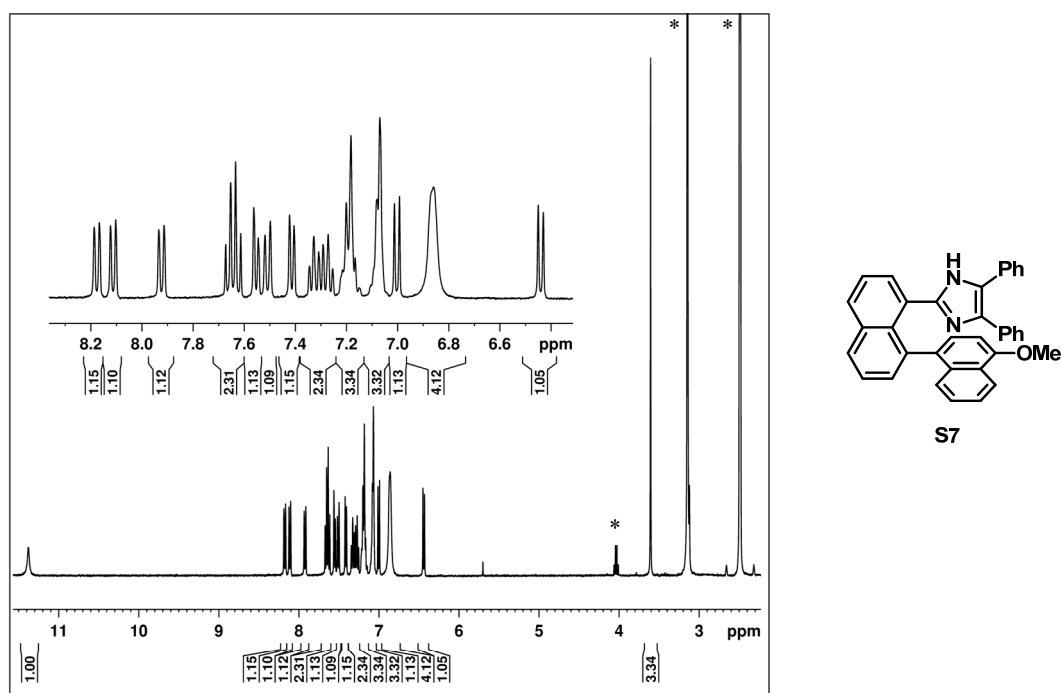


Figure S7. ^1H NMR spectrum of 2-(4'-methoxy-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-8-yl)-4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole (S7) in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ at 333 K (* solvent peaks).

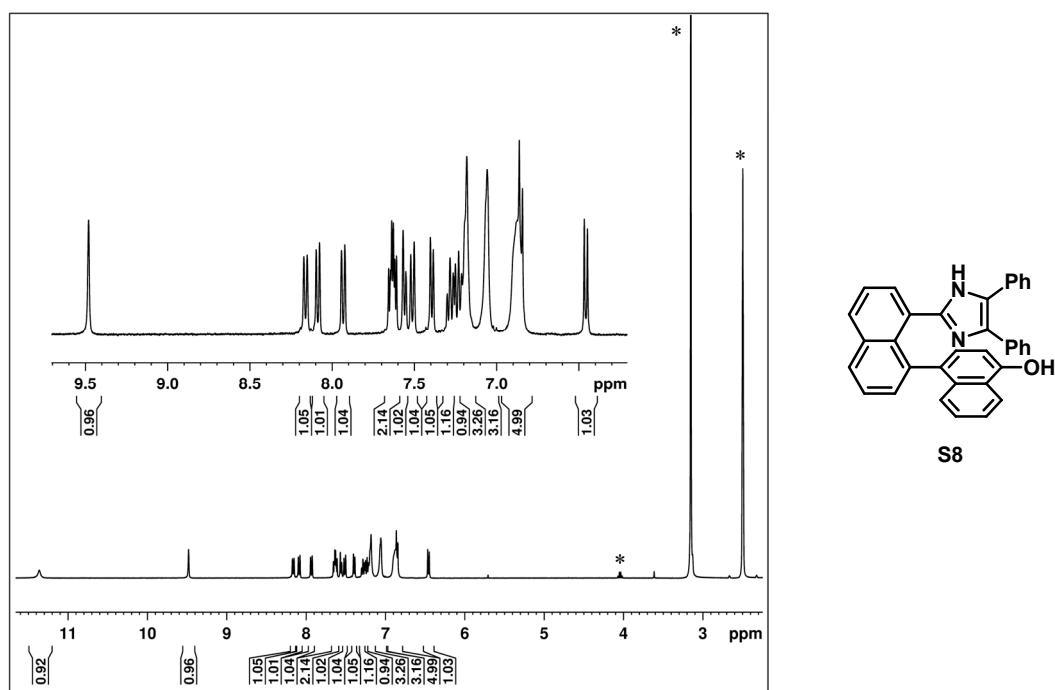


Figure S8. ^1H NMR spectrum of 8'-(4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-4-ol (S8) in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ at 333 K (* solvent peaks).

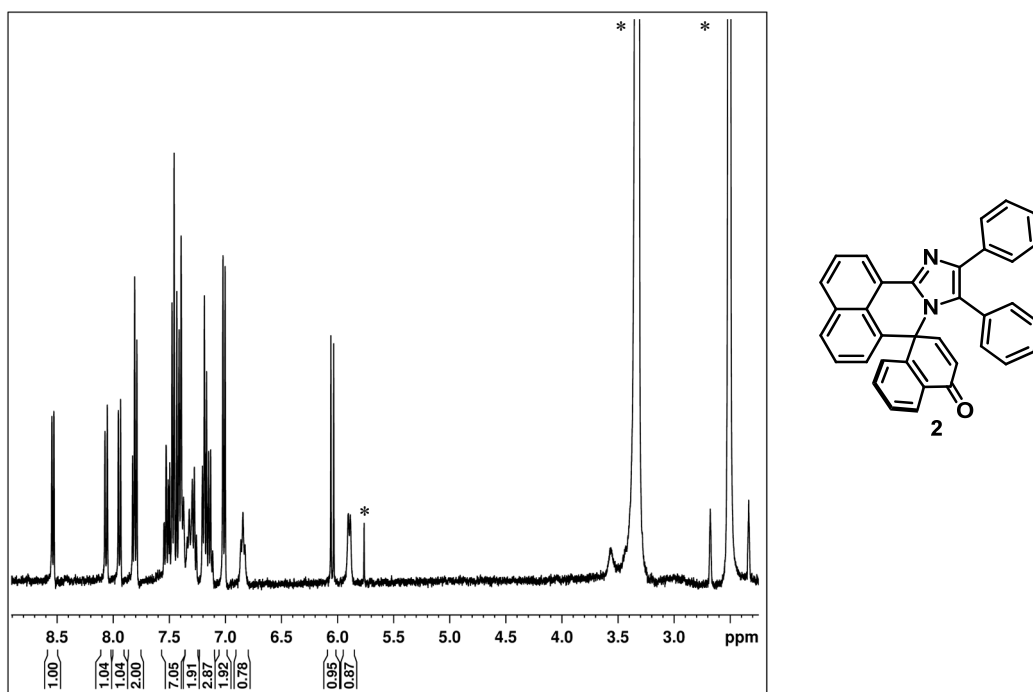


Figure S9. ^1H NMR spectrum of **2** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ (* solvent peaks).

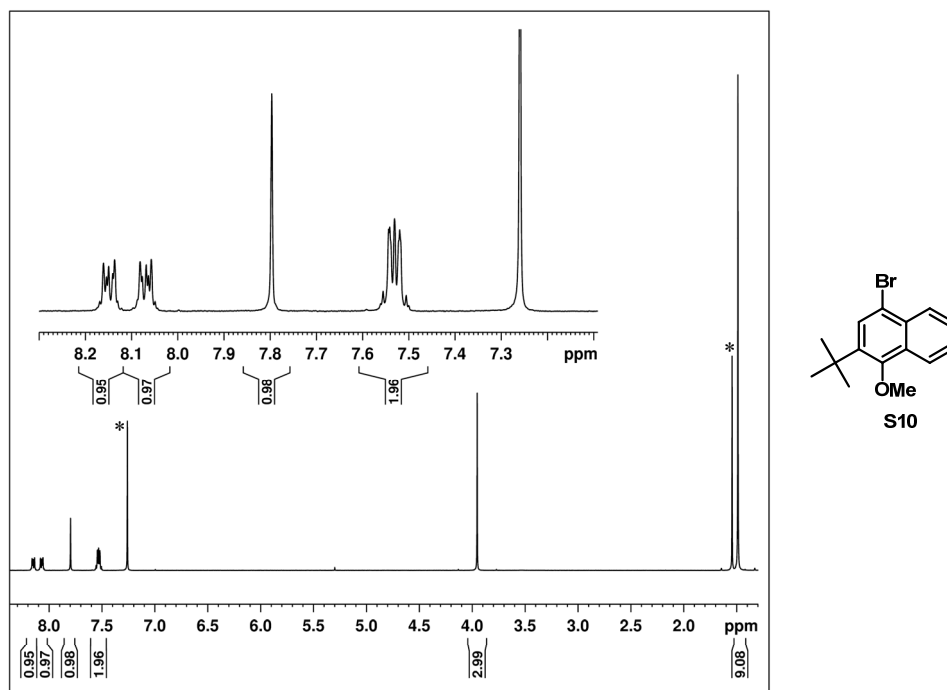


Figure S10. ¹H NMR spectrum of 4-bromo-2-(tert-butyl)-1-methoxynaphthalene (S10) in CDCl₃ (* solvent peaks).

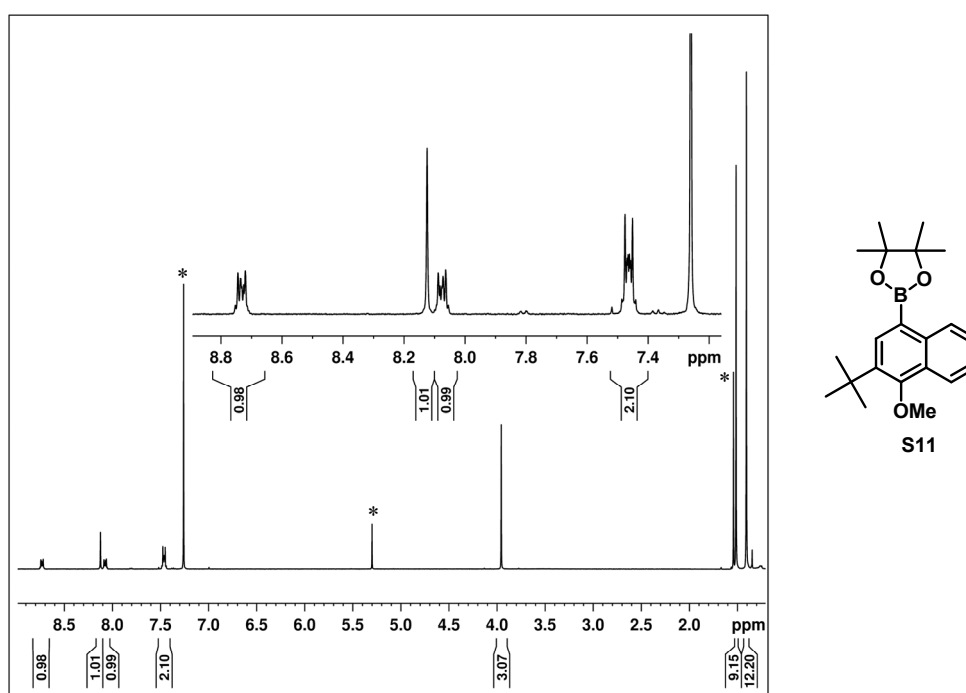


Figure S11. ¹H NMR spectrum of 2-(3-(tert-butyl)-4-methoxynaphthalen-1-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (S11) in CDCl₃ (* solvent peaks).

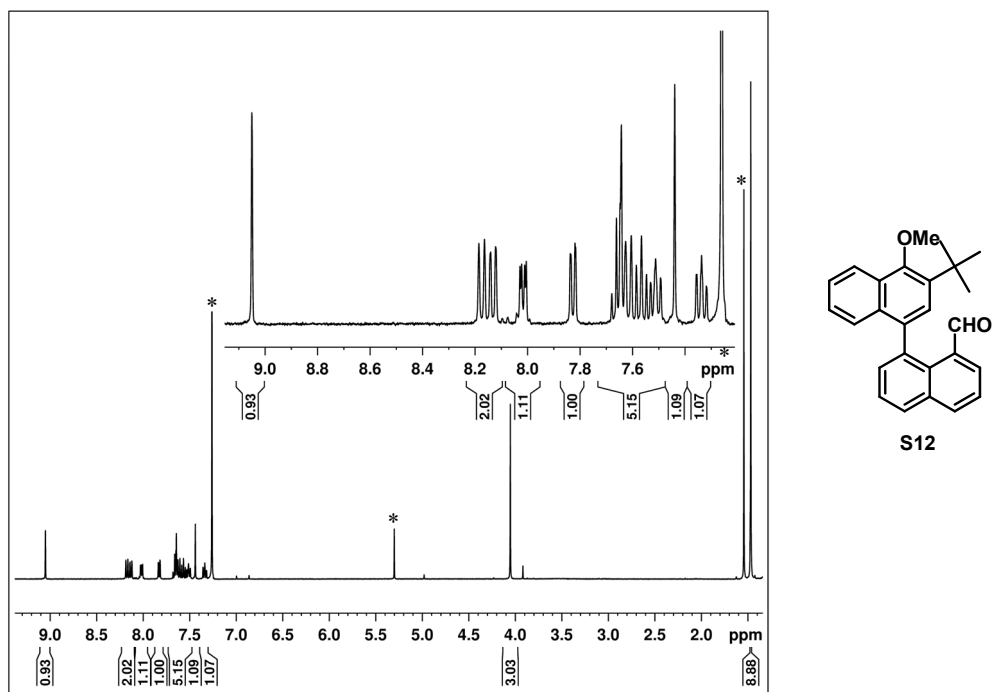


Figure S12. ^1H NMR spectrum of 3'-(*tert*-butyl)-4'-methoxy-[1,1'-binaphthalene]-8-carbaldehyde (S12) in CDCl_3 (* solvent peaks).

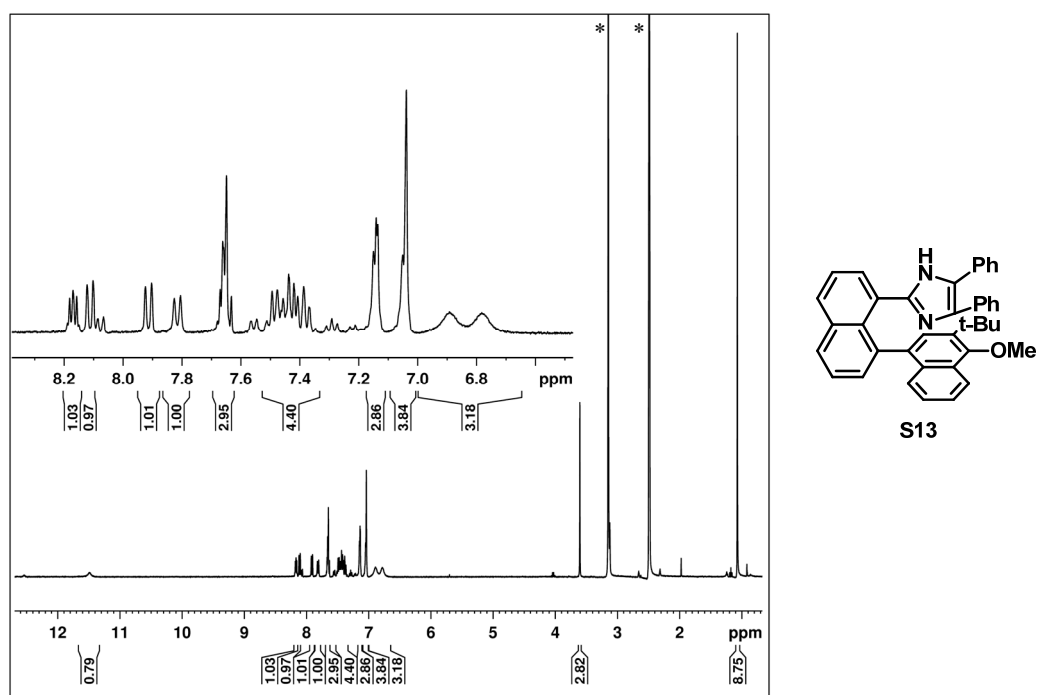


Figure S13. ^1H NMR spectrum of 2-(3'-(*tert*-butyl)-4'-methoxy-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-8-yl)-4,5-diphenyl-1*H*-imidazole (S13) in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ at 333 K (* solvent peaks).

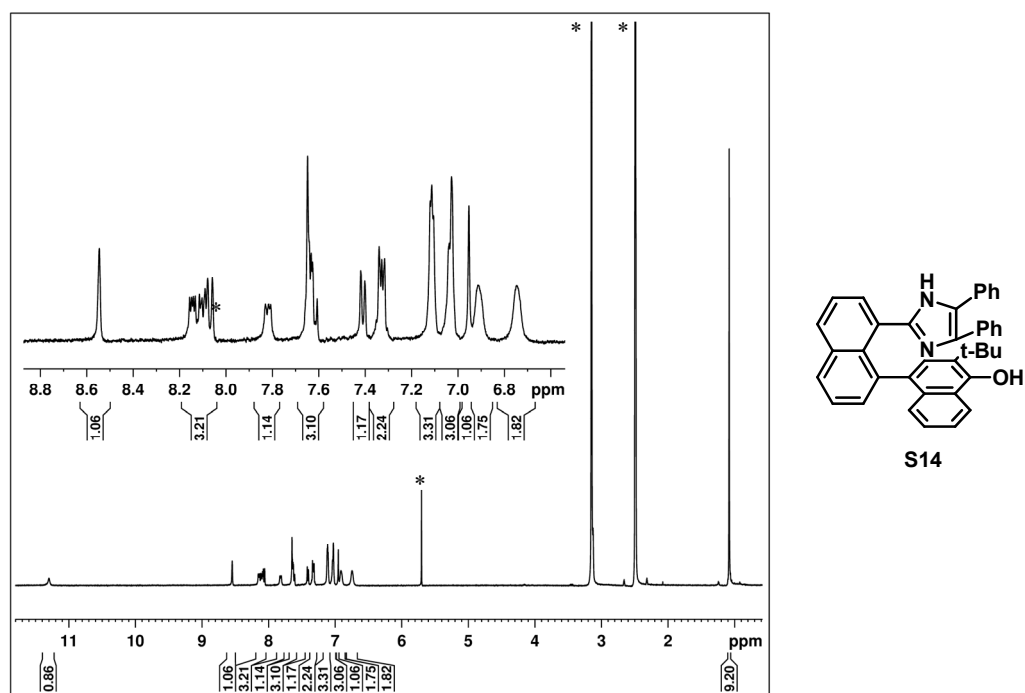


Figure S14. ^1H NMR spectrum of 3-(tert-butyl)-8'-(4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-4-ol (**S14**) in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ at 333 K (* solvent peaks).

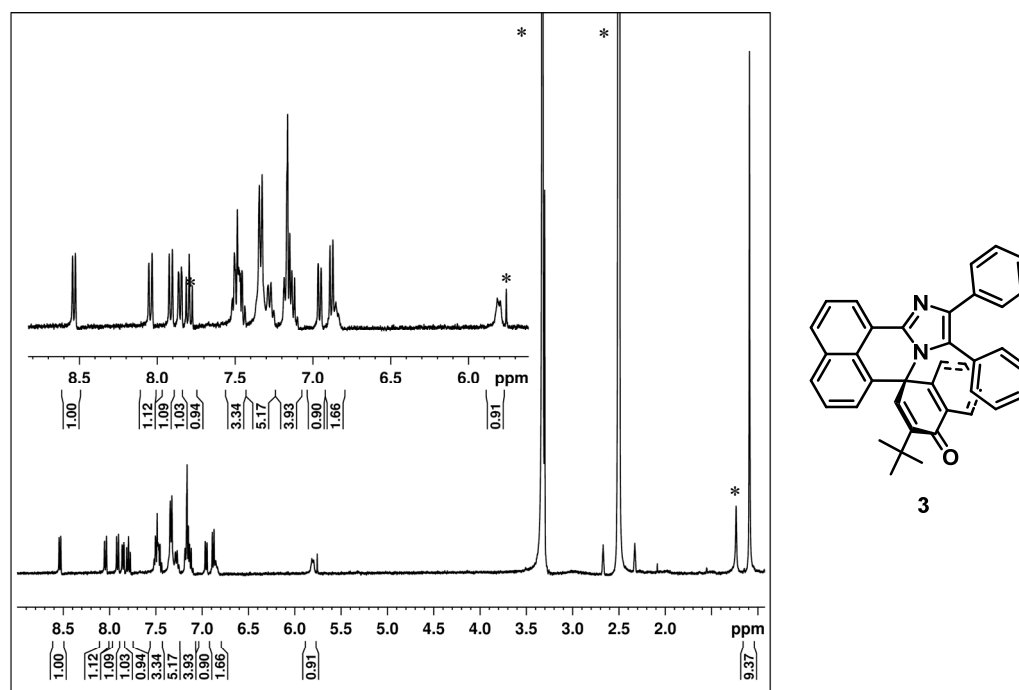


Figure S15. ^1H NMR spectrum of **3** in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ (* solvent peaks).

¹³C NMR Spectra

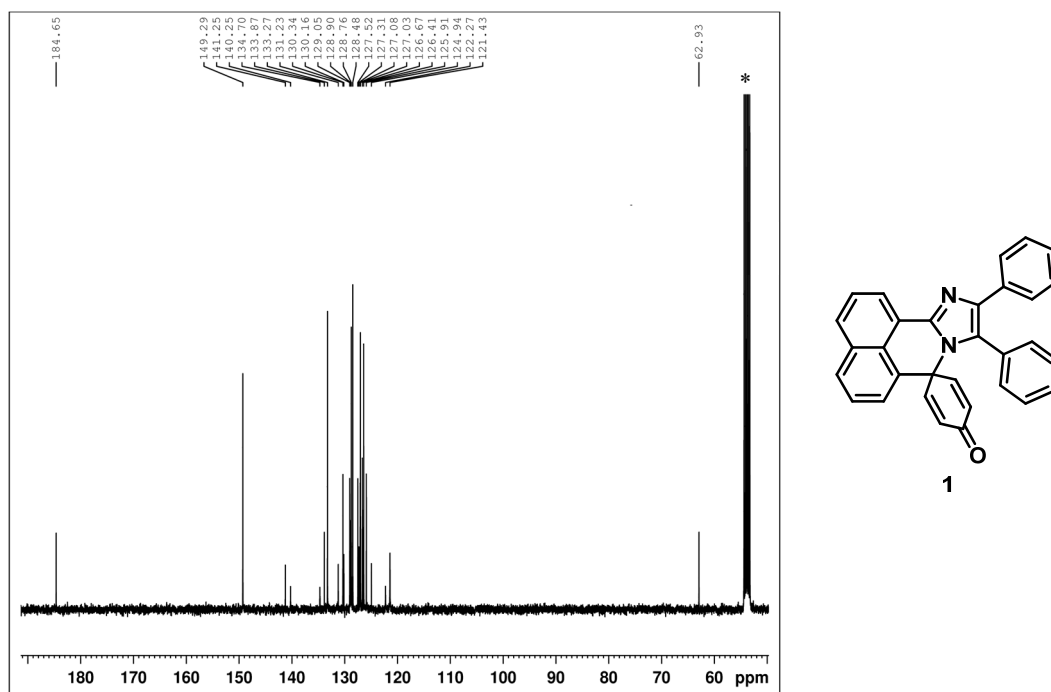


Figure S16. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **1** in CD₂Cl₂ (* solvent peaks).

3. HR-ESI-TOF MS Spectra

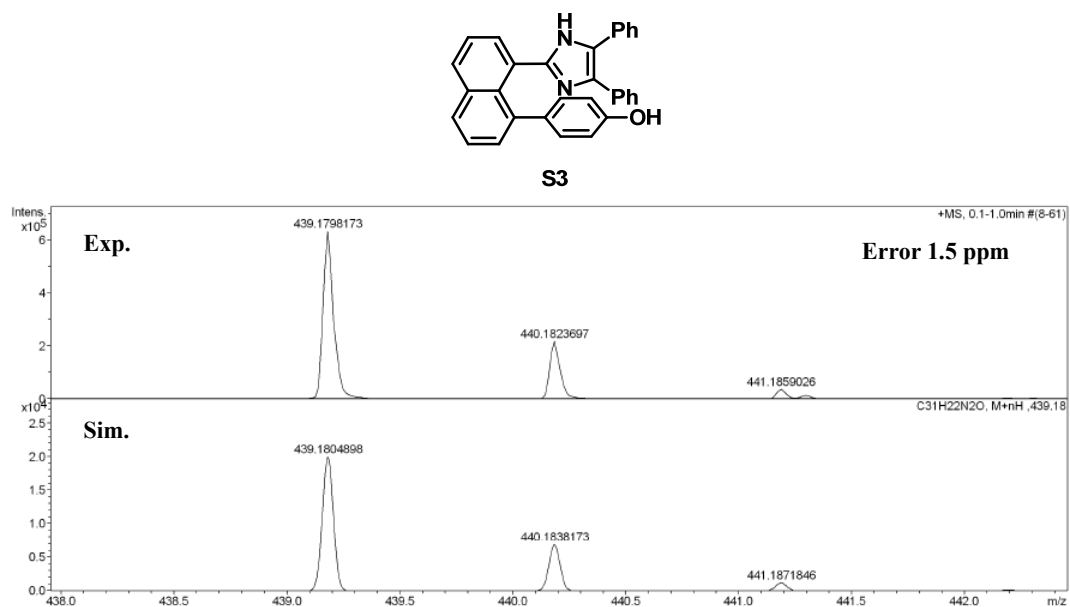


Figure S17. HR-ESI-TOF MS spectra of 4-(8-(4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)naphthalen-1-yl)phenol (S3).

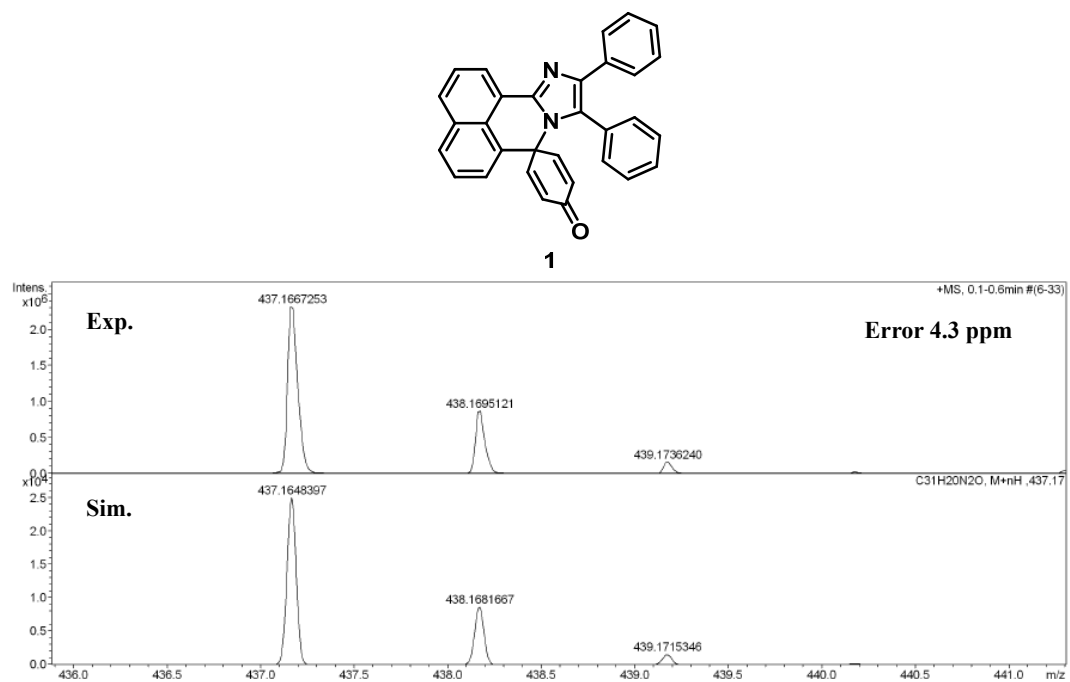


Figure S18. HR-ESI-TOF MS spectra of 1.

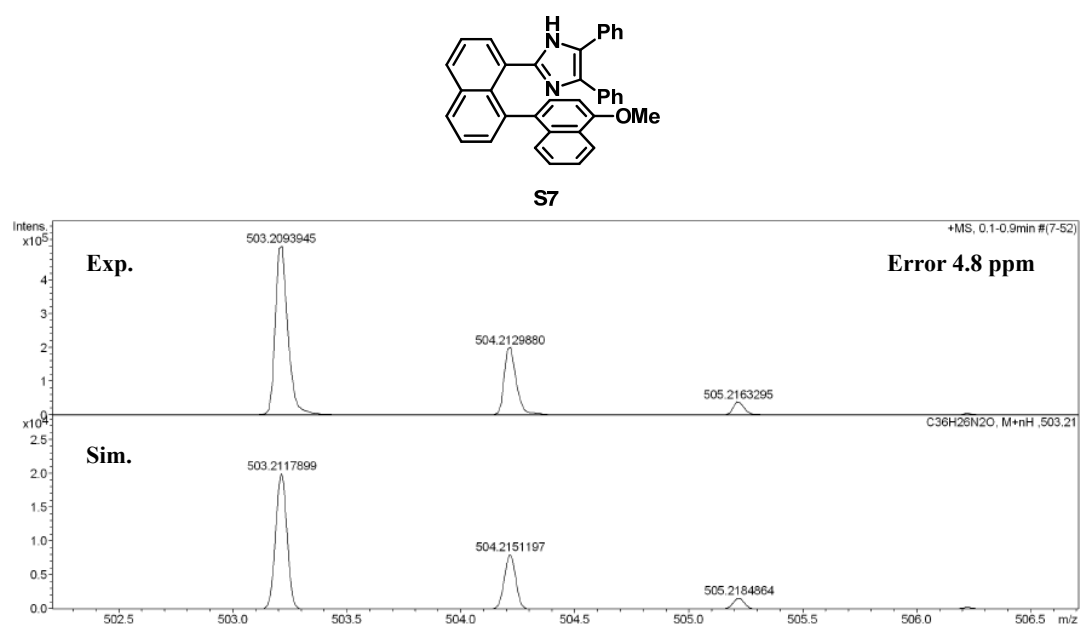


Figure S19. HR-ESI-TOF MS spectra of 2-(4'-methoxy-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-8-yl)-4,5-diphenyl-1*H*-imidazole (S7).

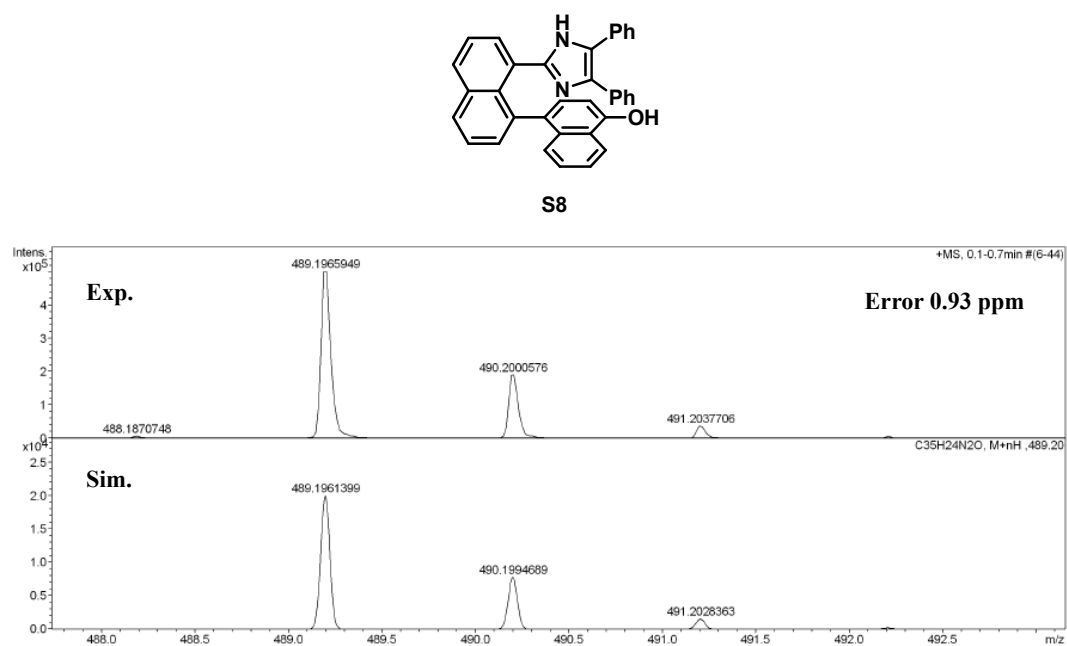


Figure S20. HR-ESI-TOF MS spectra of 8'-(4,5-diphenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-4-ol (S8).

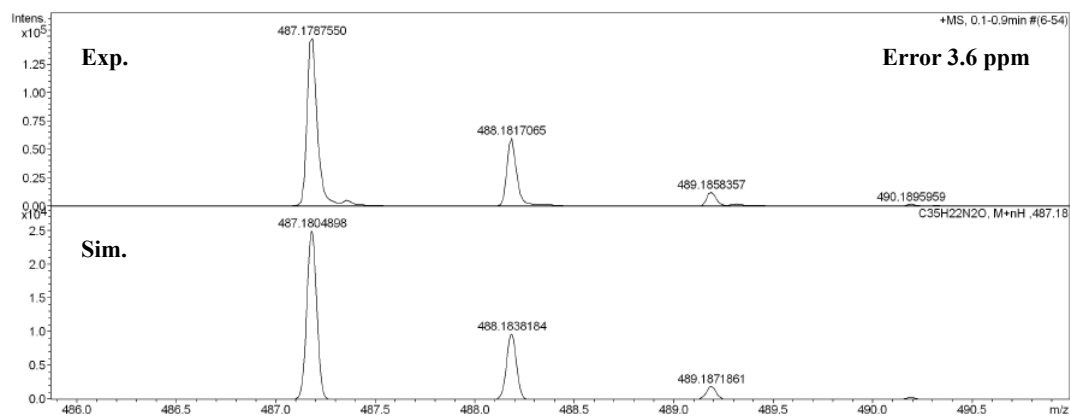
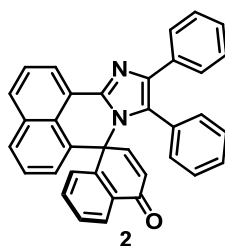


Figure S21. HR-ESI-TOF MS spectra of **2**.

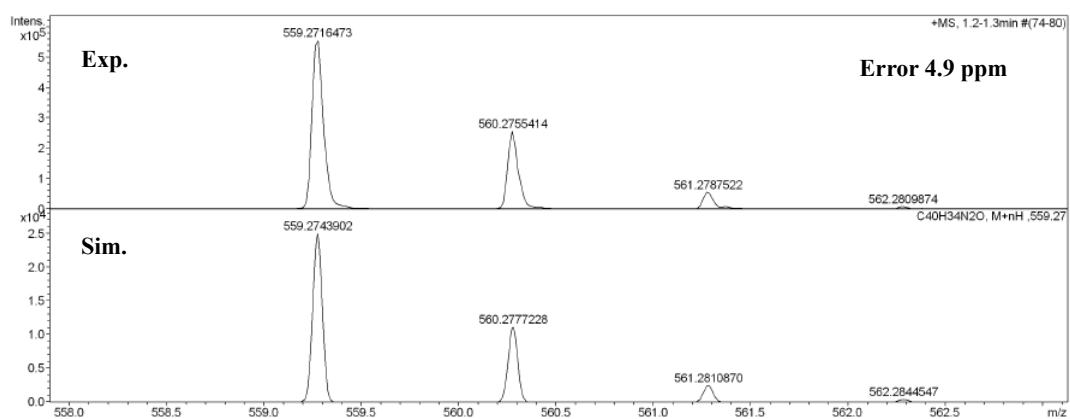
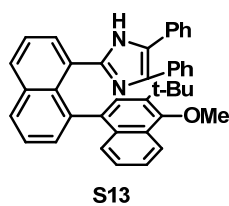


Figure S22. HR-ESI-TOF MS spectra of 2-(3'-(*tert*-butyl)-4'-methoxy-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-8-yl)-4,5-diphenyl-1H-imidazole (**S13**).

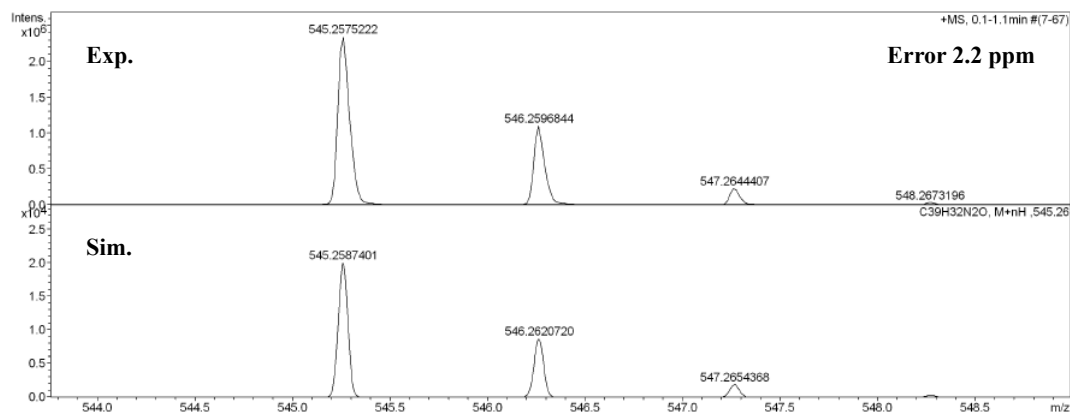
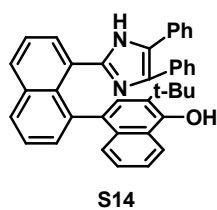


Figure S23. HR-ESI-TOF MS spectra of 3-(*tert*-butyl)-8'-(4,5-diphenyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)-[1,1'-binaphthalen]-4-ol (S14).

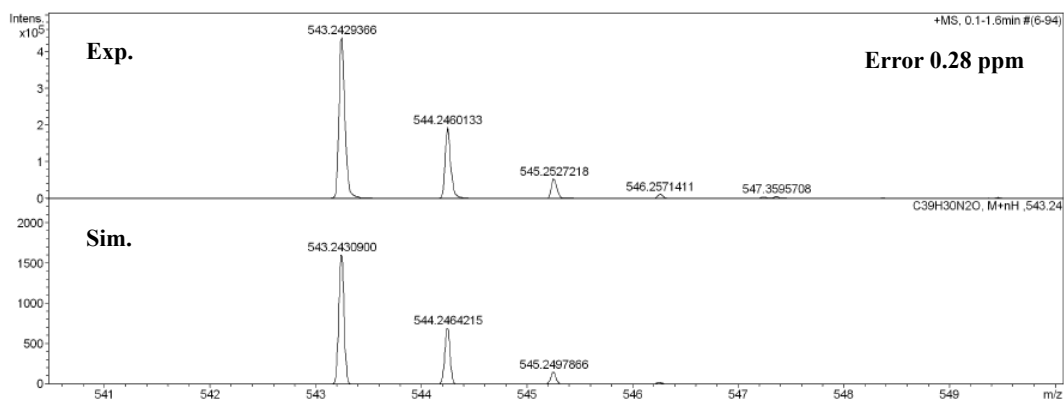
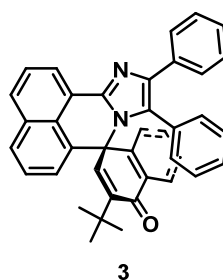


Figure S24. HR-ESI-TOF MS spectra of **3**.

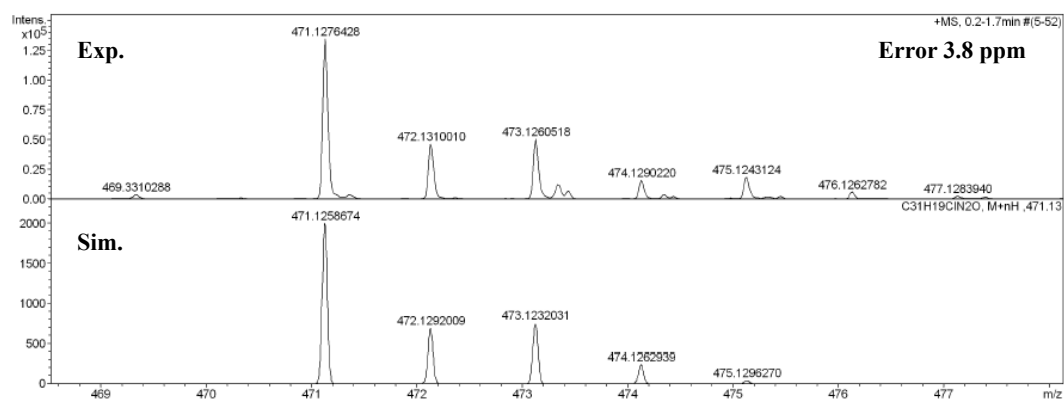
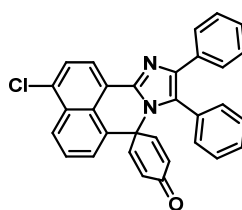


Figure S25. HR-ESI-TOF MS spectra of by-product 2.

4. HPLC Chromatograms

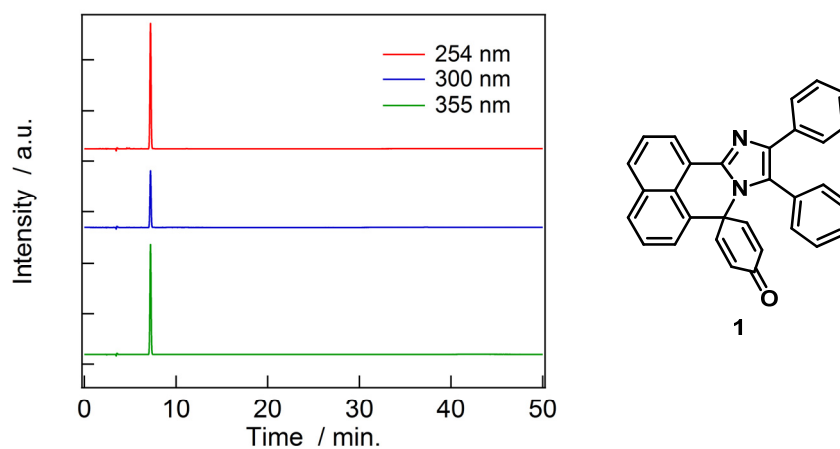


Figure S26. HPLC chromatograms of **1**; 99 % purity. HPLC analysis was performed using a reverse phase analytical column (Mightysil RP18, 25cm×4.6mm, 5μm particle) from Kanto Chemical Industries, equipped with a UV detector; the mobile phase was CH₃CN/H₂O = 9/2 with a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min (detection wavelength; 254, 300 and 355 nm).

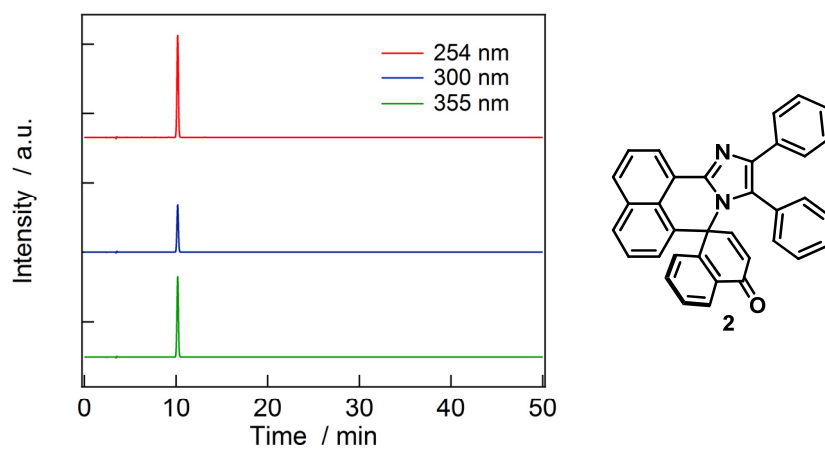


Figure S27. HPLC chromatograms of **2**; 99 % purity. HPLC analysis was performed using a reverse phase analytical column (Mightysil RP18, 25cm×4.6mm, 5μm particle) from Kanto Chemical Industries, equipped with a UV detector; the mobile phase was CH₃CN/H₂O = 9/2 with a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min (detection wavelength; 254, 300 and 355 nm).

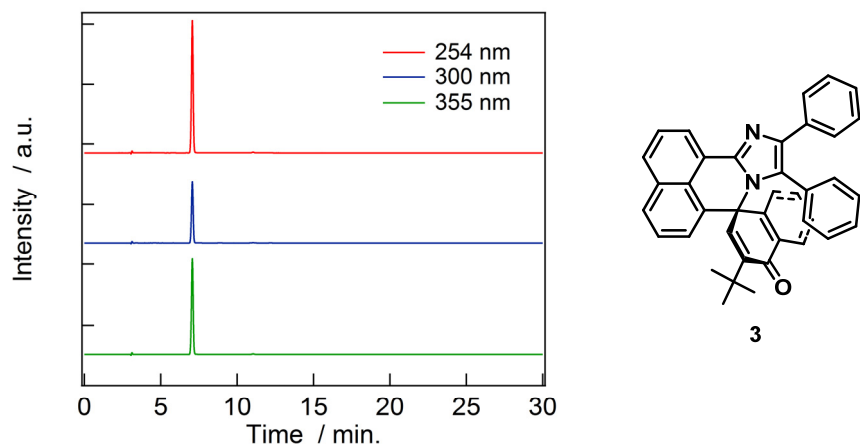


Figure S28. HPLC chromatograms of **3**; 99 % purity. HPLC analysis was performed using a reverse phase analytical column (Mightysil RP18, 25cm×4.6mm, 5μm particle) from Kanto Chemical Industries, equipped with a UV detector; the mobile phase was CH₃CN with a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min (detection wavelength; 254, 300 and 355 nm).

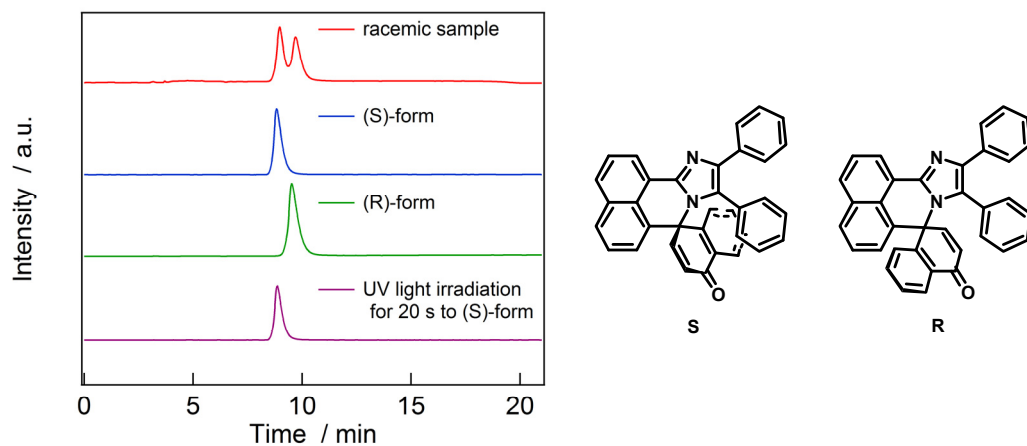


Figure S29. Chiral HPLC chromatograms of **2**; (S)-form 99 %ee and (R)-form 99 %ee. HPLC analysis was performed using a silica gel substituted Cellulose tris(3,5-dichlorophenylcarbamate) column (CHIRALPAK IC, Daicel Corporation), equipped with a UV detector; the mobile phase was CH₂Cl₂:hexane=1:1 (0.1 % diethylamine) with a flow rate of 6.0 mL/min (detection wavelength; 254 nm).

5. X-ray Crystallographic Analyses

The diffraction data of the single crystals were collected on the Bruker APEX II CCD area detector (Mo K α , λ = 0.71073 nm). The data refinement was carried out by the Bruker APEXII software package with SHELXT program.^{S3} All non-hydrogen atoms were anisotropically refined.

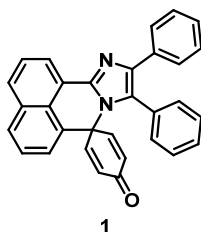


Table S1. Crystallographic Parameters of **1**

Empirical formula	C ₃₁ H ₂₀ N ₂ O	
Formula weight	436.49	
Temperature	90 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21/c 1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 15.6295(14) Å	α = 90°
	b = 11.7772(10) Å	β = 100.3750(10)°
	c = 23.646(2) Å	γ = 90°
Volume	4281.4(7) Å ³	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	1.354 g/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.082 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	1824	
Theta range for data collection	1.45 to 26.39°	
Index ranges	-17<= <i>h</i> <=19, -8<= <i>k</i> <=14, -29<= <i>l</i> <=28	
Reflections collected	22198	
Independent reflections	8756 [R(int) = 0.0187]	
Absorption correction	Empirical	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	8756 / 0 / 613	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.989	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0369, wR2 = 0.0874	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0475, wR2 = 0.0932	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.262 and -0.217 eÅ ⁻³	

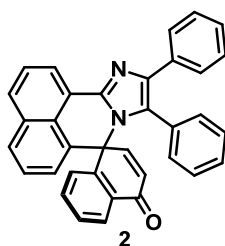


Table S2. Crystallographic Parameters of **2**

Empirical formula	C ₃₅ H ₂₂ N ₂ O	
Formula weight	486.54	
Temperature	90 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21 1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.417(3) Å	α = 90°
	b = 7.846(3) Å	β = 109.024(4)°
	c = 15.614(5) Å	γ = 90°
Volume	1206.5(7) Å ³	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.339 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.081 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	508	
Theta range for data collection	1.38 to 26.55°	
Index ranges	-13 ≤ h ≤ 9, -9 ≤ k ≤ 9, -19 ≤ l ≤ 17	
Reflections collected	6504	
Independent reflections	4678 [R(int) = 0.0145]	
Absorption correction	Empirical	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	4678 / 1 / 343	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.029	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0323, wR2 = 0.0705	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0371, wR2 = 0.0728	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.157 and -0.187 eÅ ⁻³	

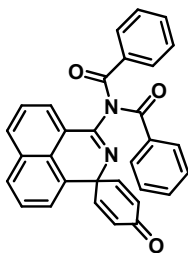


Table S3. Crystallographic Parameters of **by-product 1**

Empirical formula	$C_{31}H_{20}N_2O_3$	
Formula weight	468.49	
Temperature	90 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21/n 1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 10.4123(13)$ Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	$b = 10.6141(13)$ Å	$\beta = 101.1402(17)^\circ$
	$c = 22.372(5)$ Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	$2425.9(5)$ Å ³	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.283 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.083 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	976	
Theta range for data collection	1.86 to 25.40°	
Index ranges	$-12 \leq h \leq 12$, $-12 \leq k \leq 12$, $-26 \leq l \leq 18$	
Reflections collected	11645	
Independent reflections	4436 [R(int) = 0.0208]	
Absorption correction	Empirical	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	4436 / 0 / 405	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.997	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0341, wR2 = 0.0748	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0454, wR2 = 0.0800	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.221 and -0.195 eÅ ⁻³	

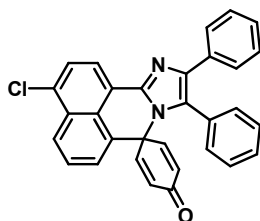


Table S4. Crystallographic Parameters of **by-product 2**

Empirical formula	$C_{31}H_{19.46}Cl_{0.08}N_2O$	
Formula weight	438.91	
Temperature	90 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21/n 1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 15.6018(16)$ Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	$b = 11.8059(12)$ Å	$\beta = 100.4922(12)^\circ$
	$c = 23.666(2)$ Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	4286.2(8) Å ³	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	1.360 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.093 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	1831	
Theta range for data collection	1.45 to 26.50°	
Index ranges	-11 ≤ h ≤ 19, -14 ≤ k ≤ 14, -29 ≤ l ≤ 29	
Reflections collected	22553	
Independent reflections	8842 [R(int) = 0.0256]	
Absorption correction	Empirical	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	8842 / 12 / 636	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.068	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0415, wR2 = 0.1010	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0577, wR2 = 0.1098	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.426 and -0.244 eÅ ⁻³	

6. Steady-state UV-vis absorption spectra

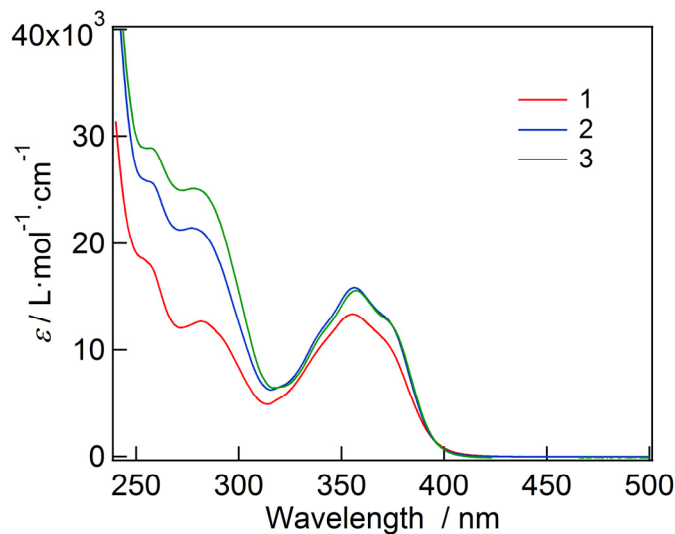


Figure S30. Steady-state absorption spectra of **1**, **2** and **3** in 2-methyl THF at 298 K.

7. Time profiles of the transient absorbance excited at 355 nm

The laser flash photolysis experiments were carried out with a TSP-1000 time resolved spectrophotometer (Unisoku). A 10 Hz Q-switched Nd:YAG laser (Continuum Minilite II) with the third harmonic at 355 nm (pulse width, 5 ns) was employed for the excitation light. A halogen lamp (OSRAM HLX64623) was used as the probe beam arranged in an orientation perpendicular to the exciting laser beam. The probe beam was monitored with a photomultiplier tube (Hamamatsu R2949) through a spectrometer (Unisoku MD200) for the time profile for the thermal isomerization. Optical grade solvents were used for all measurements.

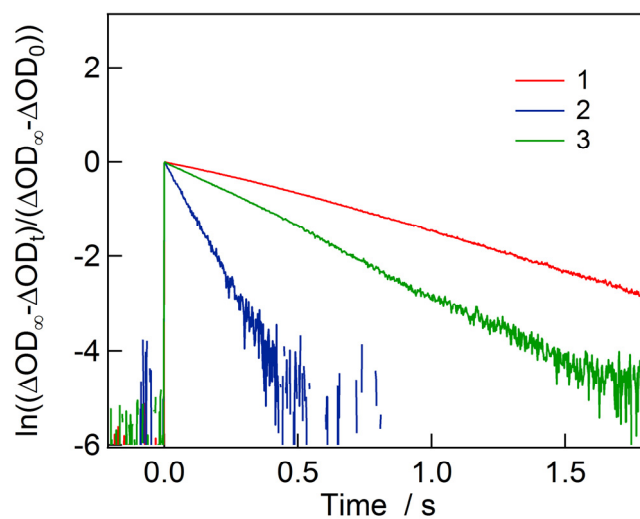


Figure S31. First-order plots for the time profiles of the transient absorbance at 380 nm (**1**: 7.4×10^{-5} M, **2**: 5.9×10^{-5} M, **3**: 4.9×10^{-5} M) in Ar-saturated benzene excited by 355-nm laser pulse (5 ns, 7 mJ) at 298 K.

8. Durability against the repetitive laser pulse excitation

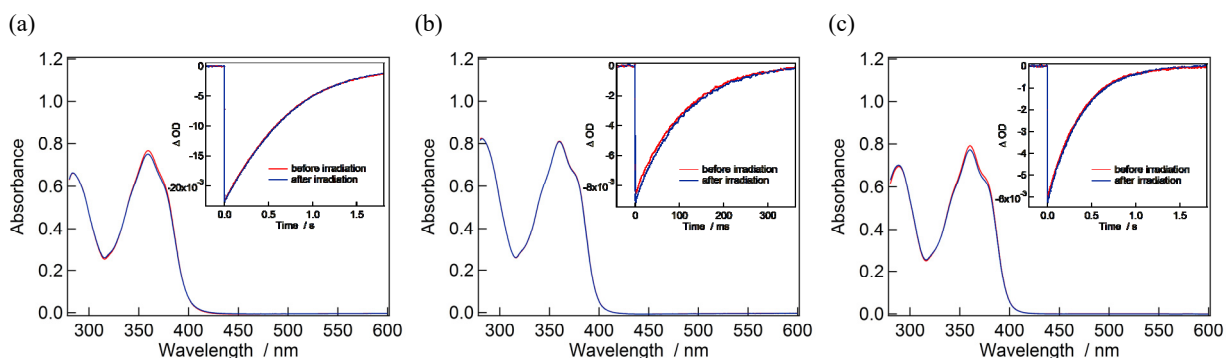


Figure S32. Durability of (a) **1**, (b) **2**, and (c) **3** against the repetitive 355-nm laser pulse excitation (5 mJ, 10,000 shots, 10 Hz) in Ar-saturated benzene at 298 K.

9. TDDFT calculations for the UV-vis absorption spectrum

All calculations were carried out using the Gaussian 09 program (Revision D.01).^{S4} The molecular structure was fully optimized at the MPW1PW91/6-31G(d) level of theory, and analytical second derivative was computed using vibrational analysis to confirm each stationary point to be a minimum. TDDFT calculations were performed at the MPW1PW91/6-31+G(d) level of the theory for the optimized structures.

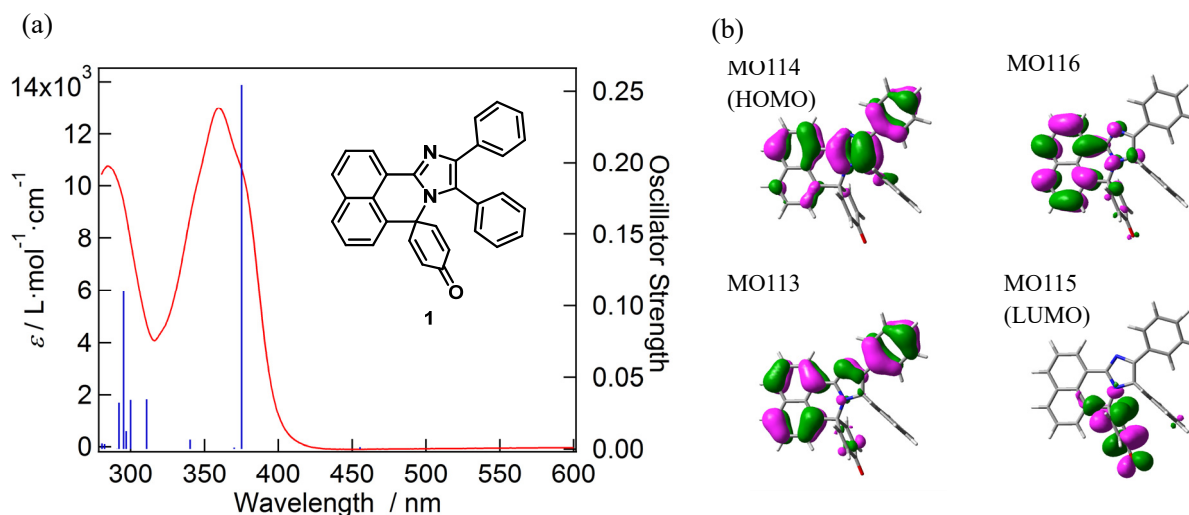


Figure S33. UV-Vis absorption spectrum of **1** in benzene. The calculated spectra (MPW1PW91/6-31+G(d)//MPW1PW91/6-31G(d) level of the theory) are shown by the blue perpendicular lines. (b) The relevant molecular orbitals of **1**.

Table S5. Standard Orientation of the Optimized Geometry for **1**

Tag	Symbol	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	C	-3.7891600	0.9722590	-0.3639520
2	C	-5.0921270	0.4511100	-0.4668320
3	C	-5.3113160	-0.8994670	-0.3586480
4	C	-4.2290810	-1.7854470	-0.1549550
5	C	-2.9072140	-1.2550770	-0.0647710
6	C	-2.7038510	0.1452620	-0.1656030
7	C	-4.4168100	-3.1847920	-0.0370600
8	C	-3.3454520	-4.0238440	0.1527620
9	C	-2.0385190	-3.5091760	0.2213100
10	C	-1.8192080	-2.1519400	0.1110240
11	C	-1.3083350	0.7831360	0.0391680
12	C	-0.4832940	-1.6006930	0.1213010
13	C	-1.0649420	1.7606720	-1.0817730
14	C	-1.0900760	3.0865170	-0.9155020
15	C	-1.2654570	3.7055030	0.4130490
16	C	-1.3752830	2.7778600	1.5563340
17	C	-1.3568160	1.4515180	1.3937710
18	O	-1.3086760	4.9169260	0.5606520
19	N	-0.2626360	-0.2529330	0.0351510
20	C	1.1168050	-0.0736960	0.0278980
21	C	1.6473820	-1.3531540	0.1060870
22	N	0.6400440	-2.2777070	0.1614700
23	C	3.0486350	-1.7969720	0.1112230
24	C	1.7880340	1.2303250	-0.1408820
25	C	4.1179570	-0.9483150	0.4251380
26	C	5.4246450	-1.4235750	0.4142940
27	C	5.6902990	-2.7524720	0.0975950
28	C	4.6329630	-3.6072120	-0.2041550
29	C	3.3268630	-3.1358150	-0.1964810
30	C	1.9458290	2.1187840	0.9280930
31	C	2.5924550	3.3365620	0.7445980
32	C	3.1060980	3.6742210	-0.5049080
33	C	2.9807420	2.7845090	-1.5683470
34	C	2.3272210	1.5708630	-1.3876290
35	H	-3.6429670	2.0443480	-0.4356320
36	H	-5.9225110	1.1308280	-0.6258180
37	H	-6.3162850	-1.3045930	-0.4284310
38	H	-5.4253070	-3.5818330	-0.1010370
39	H	-3.5016410	-5.0937410	0.2430870
40	H	-1.1853540	-4.1651990	0.3505830
41	H	-0.9214170	1.3147410	-2.0618300
42	H	-0.9558530	3.7684790	-1.7483020
43	H	-1.4619820	3.2332570	2.5374560
44	H	-1.4336340	0.7720650	2.2386000
45	H	3.9311840	0.0851360	0.6909780
46	H	6.2390540	-0.7500690	0.6628870

47	H	6.7116180	-3.1200660	0.0908480
48	H	4.8264300	-4.6473950	-0.4479660
49	H	2.4983210	-3.7961000	-0.4255620
50	H	1.5606230	1.8505360	1.9053940
51	H	2.6991890	4.0211120	1.5797470
52	H	3.6104350	4.6246570	-0.6461850
53	H	3.3921330	3.0358840	-2.5406970
54	H	2.2315670	0.8722890	-2.2125740

SCF Done: E(RmPW1PW91) = -1377.76630388 A.U.

Zero-point correction = 0.428202 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy = 0.453011
Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.453955
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.372129
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1377.338102
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1377.313293
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1377.312349
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1377.394175

Low frequencies --- -8.0629 -6.2552 -2.9355 -0.0006 -0.0005 -0.0003
Low frequencies --- 18.8566 28.7595 30.9589

The Result for the TDDFT calculation

Excited State 1: Singlet-A 2.7230 eV 455.32 nm f=0.0013 <S**2>=0.000
114 ->115 0.70395

This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Total Energy, E(TD-HF/TD-KS) = -1377.70148825

Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.

Excited State 2: Singlet-A 3.3056 eV 375.07 nm f=0.2543 <S**2>=0.000
114 ->116 0.69914

Excited State 3: Singlet-A 3.3494 eV 370.17 nm f=0.0011 <S**2>=0.000
107 ->115 -0.17871
108 ->115 0.30722
109 ->115 0.57967

Excited State 4: Singlet-A 3.6437 eV 340.27 nm f=0.0063 <S**2>=0.000
113 ->115 0.68460

Excited State 5: Singlet-A 3.9893 eV 310.79 nm f=0.0348 <S**2>=0.000
114 ->117 0.67889

Excited State 6: Singlet-A 4.1330 eV 299.99 nm f=0.0344 <S**2>=0.000
110 ->116 0.19277
113 ->116 0.29508
114 ->118 0.56829

Excited State 7: Singlet-A 4.1760 eV 296.90 nm f=0.0122 <S**2>=0.000
111 ->115 0.49161
112 ->115 -0.47691

Excited State	8:	Singlet-A	4.2007 eV	295.15 nm	f=0.1102	<S**2>=0.000
	113 ->116	0.60729				
	114 ->118	-0.27638				
	114 ->119	0.14749				
Excited State	9:	Singlet-A	4.2457 eV	292.02 nm	f=0.0325	<S**2>=0.000
	110 ->115	-0.13538				
	110 ->116	0.16075				
	112 ->115	-0.10061				
	113 ->116	-0.15376				
	114 ->119	0.61081				
	114 ->121	0.10166				
Excited State	10:	Singlet-A	4.2641 eV	290.76 nm	f=0.0002	<S**2>=0.000
	108 ->115	-0.22967				
	110 ->115	0.16129				
	111 ->115	0.43093				
	112 ->115	0.45284				
	114 ->119	0.10892				
Excited State	11:	Singlet-A	4.3908 eV	282.37 nm	f=0.0033	<S**2>=0.000
	108 ->115	-0.35267				
	109 ->115	0.27917				
	110 ->115	0.44496				
	111 ->115	-0.19249				
	112 ->115	-0.20907				
Excited State	12:	Singlet-A	4.4190 eV	280.57 nm	f=0.0037	<S**2>=0.000
	107 ->115	-0.17840				
	108 ->115	0.41415				
	109 ->115	-0.21666				
	110 ->115	0.46345				
	114 ->119	0.10962				
Excited State	13:	Singlet-A	4.5008 eV	275.47 nm	f=0.0278	<S**2>=0.000
	114 ->120	0.67522				
	114 ->121	-0.11655				
Excited State	14:	Singlet-A	4.5141 eV	274.66 nm	f=0.0127	<S**2>=0.000
	105 ->115	-0.11893				
	107 ->115	0.61511				
	108 ->115	0.20149				
	109 ->115	0.11258				
	110 ->115	0.12431				
Excited State	15:	Singlet-A	4.6370 eV	267.38 nm	f=0.0485	<S**2>=0.000
	110 ->116	-0.17020				
	112 ->116	0.47882				
	114 ->118	0.10743				
	114 ->121	0.42028				
Excited State	16:	Singlet-A	4.6703 eV	265.48 nm	f=0.0969	<S**2>=0.000
	110 ->116	0.16488				
	111 ->116	-0.12260				

	112 ->116	0.48499				
	113 ->118	-0.10407				
	114 ->118	-0.17213				
	114 ->120	-0.11978				
	114 ->121	-0.37196				
Excited State 17:	Singlet-A	4.7636 eV	260.27 nm	f=0.0102	<S**2>=0.000	
	106 ->116	0.10538				
	111 ->116	0.63578				
	112 ->116	0.14748				
Excited State 18:	Singlet-A	4.7981 eV	258.40 nm	f=0.0532	<S**2>=0.000	
	107 ->116	0.15750				
	110 ->116	0.28047				
	111 ->116	0.15831				
	113 ->117	0.32950				
	113 ->118	-0.20080				
	113 ->119	-0.11585				
	114 ->118	-0.13435				
	114 ->119	-0.20699				
	114 ->121	0.29353				
Excited State 19:	Singlet-A	4.8510 eV	255.59 nm	f=0.0054	<S**2>=0.000	
	105 ->115	0.47870				
	106 ->115	-0.45701				
	107 ->115	0.15574				
Excited State 20:	Singlet-A	4.9108 eV	252.47 nm	f=0.0034	<S**2>=0.000	
	107 ->116	-0.12887				
	109 ->116	-0.11191				
	112 ->118	-0.15742				
	112 ->121	-0.18227				
	113 ->123	0.11268				
	114 ->122	-0.34687				
	114 ->123	0.44696				
Excited State 21:	Singlet-A	4.9327 eV	251.35 nm	f=0.0087	<S**2>=0.000	
	107 ->116	0.36506				
	109 ->116	0.46002				
	110 ->116	-0.24984				
	114 ->122	-0.11009				
	114 ->123	0.10638				
Excited State 22:	Singlet-A	4.9975 eV	248.09 nm	f=0.0358	<S**2>=0.000	
	109 ->116	-0.15300				
	113 ->117	0.38289				
	113 ->118	0.18396				
	114 ->121	-0.12064				
	114 ->122	0.39827				
	114 ->123	0.13000				
	114 ->125	-0.12315				
Excited State 23:	Singlet-A	5.0138 eV	247.28 nm	f=0.0039	<S**2>=0.000	
	107 ->116	-0.33082				
	108 ->116	0.26666				

109 ->116	0.36691					
109 ->117	-0.10101					
114 ->122	0.29882					
114 ->123	0.16875					
Excited State 24:	Singlet-A	5.0284 eV	246.57 nm	f=0.0227	<S**2>=0.000	
105 ->115	-0.13520					
106 ->115	-0.12949					
107 ->116	-0.26843					
108 ->116	0.20434					
109 ->116	0.12344					
113 ->117	0.31833					
113 ->118	0.15075					
114 ->122	-0.28331					
114 ->123	-0.25326					
Excited State 25:	Singlet-A	5.0919 eV	243.49 nm	f=0.0037	<S**2>=0.000	
107 ->116	0.20689					
108 ->116	0.55490					
109 ->116	-0.23187					
110 ->116	-0.19892					
Excited State 26:	Singlet-A	5.1586 eV	240.35 nm	f=0.1112	<S**2>=0.000	
104 ->115	-0.10995					
105 ->115	0.41101					
106 ->115	0.45025					
106 ->116	-0.10405					
107 ->116	-0.14243					
113 ->117	0.17028					
114 ->125	-0.10741					
Excited State 27:	Singlet-A	5.2448 eV	236.39 nm	f=0.0647	<S**2>=0.000	
104 ->115	-0.12563					
113 ->117	0.14170					
113 ->118	0.14196					
114 ->123	0.21415					
114 ->124	0.26351					
114 ->125	0.50939					
Excited State 28:	Singlet-A	5.2718 eV	235.18 nm	f=0.0271	<S**2>=0.000	
105 ->116	0.19556					
106 ->116	0.44011					
111 ->116	-0.11661					
111 ->117	0.20456					
113 ->118	0.23503					
113 ->119	-0.23270					
Excited State 29:	Singlet-A	5.2945 eV	234.17 nm	f=0.0900	<S**2>=0.000	
105 ->116	0.10685					
106 ->116	0.36982					
113 ->118	-0.35529					
113 ->119	0.37885					
Excited State 30:	Singlet-A	5.3481 eV	231.83 nm	f=0.0106	<S**2>=0.000	
114 ->124	0.59181					

114 ->125	-0.31055				
Excited State 31:	Singlet-A	5.3839 eV	230.29 nm	f=0.0254	<S**2>=0.000
106 ->116	-0.19954				
108 ->118	0.13413				
108 ->119	-0.22177				
111 ->117	0.28003				
111 ->119	0.10073				
111 ->120	-0.22969				
112 ->117	-0.16725				
112 ->118	-0.12620				
112 ->120	0.12813				
113 ->118	-0.17767				
113 ->120	-0.10592				
Excited State 32:	Singlet-A	5.4558 eV	227.25 nm	f=0.0063	<S**2>=0.000
104 ->115	0.19300				
105 ->116	0.32829				
109 ->117	-0.12512				
111 ->117	-0.14950				
112 ->117	0.19434				
114 ->125	0.15039				
114 ->126	0.42283				
Excited State 33:	Singlet-A	5.4659 eV	226.83 nm	f=0.0357	<S**2>=0.000
105 ->116	-0.26131				
106 ->116	0.14071				
109 ->117	-0.11451				
111 ->117	-0.17194				
112 ->117	0.31324				
112 ->118	-0.18713				
112 ->119	0.16064				
113 ->120	-0.21725				
114 ->123	-0.19282				
114 ->126	-0.18792				
Excited State 34:	Singlet-A	5.4825 eV	226.15 nm	f=0.0099	<S**2>=0.000
105 ->116	-0.33908				
108 ->117	0.10517				
109 ->117	0.21485				
114 ->126	0.46978				
Excited State 35:	Singlet-A	5.5071 eV	225.14 nm	f=0.0308	<S**2>=0.000
104 ->115	0.21567				
105 ->116	0.16118				
107 ->117	-0.12946				
108 ->117	0.19643				
109 ->116	0.13660				
109 ->117	0.46701				
109 ->118	0.11734				
112 ->117	0.21481				
114 ->126	-0.14950				
Excited State 36:	Singlet-A	5.5257 eV	224.38 nm	f=0.0083	<S**2>=0.000
105 ->116	-0.12740				

111 ->117	0.12024				
111 ->120	-0.13733				
112 ->117	0.39767				
112 ->118	0.22411				
113 ->120	0.24097				
113 ->121	0.11843				
114 ->123	0.16308				
114 ->125	-0.12284				
114 ->128	-0.17093				
Excited State 37:	Singlet-A	5.5340 eV	224.04 nm	f=0.1805	<S**2>=0.000
103 ->115	-0.30303				
110 ->116	0.17892				
112 ->117	-0.11378				
113 ->118	0.20539				
113 ->119	0.33647				
113 ->121	0.25822				
114 ->127	-0.21399				
Excited State 38:	Singlet-A	5.5405 eV	223.78 nm	f=0.0376	<S**2>=0.000
103 ->115	0.43355				
104 ->115	-0.30030				
105 ->116	0.14721				
112 ->117	0.13524				
113 ->119	0.11996				
113 ->121	0.11424				
114 ->127	-0.28690				
Excited State 39:	Singlet-A	5.5451 eV	223.59 nm	f=0.0837	<S**2>=0.000
103 ->115	0.12566				
104 ->115	-0.12942				
113 ->119	0.19232				
113 ->121	0.16228				
114 ->127	0.56075				
114 ->129	-0.10331				
Excited State 40:	Singlet-A	5.5636 eV	222.85 nm	f=0.0033	<S**2>=0.000
111 ->117	0.10813				
113 ->120	0.11775				
114 ->122	-0.13866				
114 ->128	0.61057				

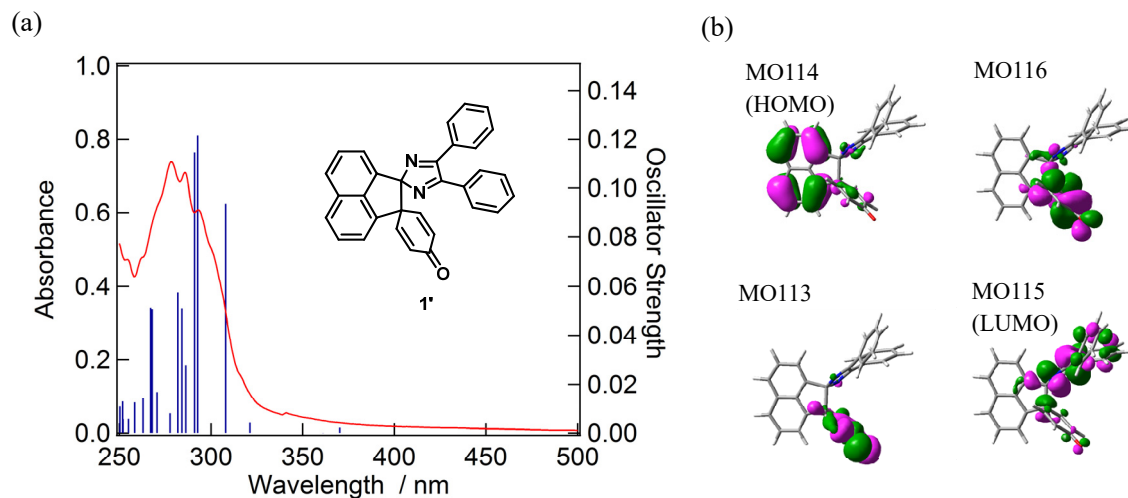


Figure S34. UV–Vis absorption spectrum for the solution of **1** at photostationary state after 365-nm UV light irradiation in 2-methyl THF at 153 K. The calculated spectra for **1'** (MPW1PW91/6-31+G(d)//MPW1PW91/6-31G(d) level of the theory) are shown by the blue perpendicular lines. (b) The relevant molecular orbitals of **1'**.

Table S6. Standard Orientation of the Optimized Geometry for **1'**

Tag	Symbol	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	C	-4.2893690	0.3625950	0.9732200
2	C	-5.3993560	-0.4393260	0.5984210
3	C	-5.3065530	-1.4338850	-0.3526630
4	C	-4.0654290	-1.7040660	-0.9839330
5	C	-2.9753150	-0.9149470	-0.5689400
6	C	-3.0791320	0.1148350	0.3785770
7	C	-3.7887310	-2.6692440	-1.9844020
8	C	-2.5126390	-2.7965330	-2.4948500
9	C	-1.4284090	-2.0032620	-2.0398750
10	C	-1.6752640	-1.0691630	-1.0676920
11	C	-1.7398870	0.8542330	0.4715220
12	C	-1.8726930	2.1171560	-0.3343100
13	C	-1.7217660	3.3416880	0.1836740
14	C	-1.3596810	3.5512430	1.5952910
15	C	-1.1836110	2.3306990	2.4050120
16	C	-1.3408260	1.1045440	1.8925600
17	O	-1.2144180	4.6684460	2.0714790
18	H	-4.4115740	1.1553770	1.7041680
19	H	-6.3576380	-0.2493770	1.0716000
20	H	-6.1849390	-2.0130890	-0.6210680
21	H	-4.5866470	-3.3069240	-2.3530040
22	H	-2.3248650	-3.5361340	-3.2668840
23	H	-0.4366800	-2.1465040	-2.4556940
24	H	-2.1315400	1.9839290	-1.3804020

25	H	-1.8531030	4.2354230	-0.4177280
26	H	-0.9190570	2.4829400	3.4465940
27	H	-1.2083380	0.2207220	2.5076600
28	C	-0.7393100	-0.1545880	-0.2858010
29	N	0.2030190	0.5419140	-1.1292980
30	N	-0.0019190	-0.9512690	0.6823930
31	C	1.3747080	0.1908950	-0.7316920
32	C	1.2438560	-0.7501900	0.4345740
33	C	2.5935230	0.6698010	-1.4036680
34	C	2.6160800	1.9710840	-1.9201500
35	C	3.7027170	-0.1621060	-1.5943790
36	C	3.7345830	2.4361190	-2.5986200
37	H	1.7474130	2.6042580	-1.7775520
38	C	4.8153940	0.3034580	-2.2865140
39	H	3.6904200	-1.1779900	-1.2151530
40	C	4.8365820	1.6034080	-2.7835590
41	H	3.7468950	3.4496410	-2.9860270
42	H	5.6667630	-0.3520890	-2.4378520
43	H	5.7095380	1.9672680	-3.3159620
44	C	2.3025530	-1.3647220	1.2519770
45	C	2.0950410	-2.6422230	1.7867120
46	C	3.4787970	-0.6745410	1.5667480
47	C	3.0539760	-3.2243950	2.6046810
48	H	1.1732170	-3.1629460	1.5519700
49	C	4.4309070	-1.2565800	2.3966230
50	H	3.6415580	0.3248150	1.1790550
51	C	4.2246330	-2.5331340	2.9112530
52	H	2.8872520	-4.2181870	3.0074640
53	H	5.3343960	-0.7085970	2.6432340
54	H	4.9723150	-2.9877370	3.5532840

SCF Done: E(RmPW1PW91) = -1377.73280797 A.U.

Zero-point correction = 0.427209 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy = 0.452133
Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.453077
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.370663
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1377.305599
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1377.280675
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1377.279731
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1377.362144

Low frequencies --- -0.9499 -0.0002 0.0002 0.0005 2.5505 8.2441
Low frequencies --- 21.3402 24.9211 32.1880

The Result for the TDDFT calculation

Excited State 1: Singlet-A 3.3487 eV 370.25 nm f=0.0022 <S**2>=0.000
114 ->115 0.69497

This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Total Energy, E(TD-HF/TD-KS) = -1377.64725433

Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.

Excited State	2:	Singlet-A	3.4332 eV	361.14 nm	f=0.0001	<S**2>=0.000
	113 ->115	0.26390				
	113 ->116	0.62510				
	114 ->115	0.10442				
Excited State	3:	Singlet-A	3.8599 eV	321.21 nm	f=0.0042	<S**2>=0.000
	114 ->116	0.69298				
Excited State	4:	Singlet-A	4.0257 eV	307.98 nm	f=0.0936	<S**2>=0.000
	105 ->115	-0.32482				
	106 ->115	-0.13315				
	109 ->115	-0.17997				
	112 ->115	0.46310				
	113 ->115	-0.29143				
	113 ->116	0.11283				
Excited State	5:	Singlet-A	4.2355 eV	292.72 nm	f=0.1216	<S**2>=0.000
	112 ->115	0.28373				
	113 ->115	0.46721				
	113 ->116	-0.19931				
	114 ->117	0.38259				
Excited State	6:	Singlet-A	4.2605 eV	291.01 nm	f=0.1147	<S**2>=0.000
	105 ->115	0.11416				
	112 ->115	-0.16792				
	113 ->115	-0.30972				
	113 ->116	0.13718				
	114 ->117	0.56008				
Excited State	7:	Singlet-A	4.3319 eV	286.21 nm	f=0.0277	<S**2>=0.000
	110 ->115	-0.24729				
	111 ->115	0.64810				
Excited State	8:	Singlet-A	4.3641 eV	284.10 nm	f=0.0510	<S**2>=0.000
	103 ->115	0.10985				
	110 ->115	0.63357				
	111 ->115	0.25451				
Excited State	9:	Singlet-A	4.3980 eV	281.91 nm	f=0.0575	<S**2>=0.000
	105 ->115	0.19181				
	106 ->115	0.12615				
	109 ->115	0.52938				
	112 ->115	0.31549				
	113 ->115	-0.10605				
	114 ->117	-0.10250				
	114 ->118	-0.11418				
Excited State	10:	Singlet-A	4.4660 eV	277.62 nm	f=0.0080	<S**2>=0.000
	109 ->115	-0.10474				
	111 ->117	-0.40060				
	112 ->117	0.15937				
	114 ->118	-0.19723				

114 ->119	-0.11221					
114 ->120	0.47212					
Excited State 11:	Singlet-A	4.5822 eV	270.57 nm	f=0.0168	<S**2>=0.000	
105 ->115	0.35731					
106 ->115	0.32080					
109 ->115	-0.35562					
112 ->115	0.15425					
114 ->118	-0.25714					
Excited State 12:	Singlet-A	4.6280 eV	267.90 nm	f=0.0507	<S**2>=0.000	
106 ->115	-0.14106					
107 ->115	-0.15456					
108 ->115	0.56899					
112 ->115	-0.11147					
114 ->118	-0.25875					
Excited State 13:	Singlet-A	4.6422 eV	267.08 nm	f=0.0512	<S**2>=0.000	
105 ->115	0.12834					
106 ->115	0.14983					
107 ->115	-0.15688					
108 ->115	0.27302					
114 ->118	0.54415					
114 ->120	0.11369					
Excited State 14:	Singlet-A	4.7156 eV	262.92 nm	f=0.0143	<S**2>=0.000	
107 ->115	0.63406					
108 ->115	0.22021					
Excited State 15:	Singlet-A	4.7987 eV	258.37 nm	f=0.0125	<S**2>=0.000	
105 ->115	-0.31424					
106 ->115	0.47921					
110 ->116	-0.17090					
112 ->116	-0.26255					
Excited State 16:	Singlet-A	4.8626 eV	254.97 nm	f=0.0057	<S**2>=0.000	
105 ->115	0.17268					
106 ->115	-0.20817					
111 ->116	0.53097					
112 ->116	-0.33284					
Excited State 17:	Singlet-A	4.9201 eV	251.99 nm	f=0.0056	<S**2>=0.000	
110 ->116	-0.15519					
111 ->116	-0.22603					
112 ->116	-0.19844					
113 ->117	0.56651					
113 ->118	-0.12439					
Excited State 18:	Singlet-A	4.9241 eV	251.79 nm	f=0.0129	<S**2>=0.000	
105 ->115	-0.12333					
106 ->115	0.11939					
106 ->116	-0.12211					
110 ->116	0.19526					
111 ->116	0.35998					
112 ->116	0.34117					

113 ->117	0.35706					
Excited State 19:	Singlet-A	4.9521 eV	250.37 nm	f=0.0109	<S**2>=0.000	
106 ->116	-0.10009					
110 ->116	0.57027					
112 ->116	-0.33973					
Excited State 20:	Singlet-A	5.0781 eV	244.15 nm	f=0.0182	<S**2>=0.000	
102 ->115	0.10706					
103 ->115	0.42222					
104 ->115	0.10899					
108 ->115	-0.11946					
111 ->117	-0.15337					
112 ->117	-0.39441					
112 ->118	-0.10504					
113 ->118	0.13305					
Excited State 21:	Singlet-A	5.1192 eV	242.19 nm	f=0.0017	<S**2>=0.000	
103 ->115	0.37805					
104 ->115	0.10203					
106 ->116	-0.11149					
111 ->117	0.14782					
112 ->117	0.48590					
Excited State 22:	Singlet-A	5.1402 eV	241.21 nm	f=0.0006	<S**2>=0.000	
114 ->119	0.67369					
114 ->120	0.13112					
Excited State 23:	Singlet-A	5.2031 eV	238.29 nm	f=0.0081	<S**2>=0.000	
103 ->115	0.13691					
106 ->116	0.35555					
107 ->116	-0.10015					
108 ->116	-0.28541					
109 ->116	0.40289					
110 ->116	0.19215					
112 ->116	0.10212					
Excited State 24:	Singlet-A	5.2372 eV	236.74 nm	f=0.0345	<S**2>=0.000	
104 ->115	-0.11898					
110 ->117	0.39973					
112 ->118	-0.18922					
113 ->117	0.12222					
113 ->118	0.46018					
Excited State 25:	Singlet-A	5.2572 eV	235.84 nm	f=0.0235	<S**2>=0.000	
109 ->116	0.18236					
109 ->118	-0.10692					
110 ->117	0.45201					
113 ->117	-0.11158					
113 ->118	-0.40251					
Excited State 26:	Singlet-A	5.2707 eV	235.23 nm	f=0.0009	<S**2>=0.000	
104 ->115	0.12007					
106 ->116	-0.15463					
107 ->115	0.13087					

107 ->116	0.11371					
108 ->116	0.12649					
109 ->116	0.22298					
109 ->117	0.23864					
109 ->118	0.38685					
110 ->121	0.14109					
112 ->118	0.15214					
112 ->119	0.21988					
Excited State 27:	Singlet-A	5.2989 eV	233.98 nm	f=0.0075	<S**2>=0.000	
106 ->116	-0.27476					
108 ->116	0.21655					
109 ->116	0.43933					
109 ->117	-0.10082					
109 ->118	-0.19693					
110 ->117	-0.23600					
112 ->119	-0.10808					
Excited State 28:	Singlet-A	5.3342 eV	232.43 nm	f=0.0697	<S**2>=0.000	
104 ->115	0.29663					
109 ->118	-0.16195					
110 ->117	0.10595					
111 ->118	0.13554					
112 ->118	0.49008					
112 ->119	-0.10613					
113 ->118	0.18716					
Excited State 29:	Singlet-A	5.3564 eV	231.47 nm	f=0.0080	<S**2>=0.000	
103 ->115	-0.17062					
104 ->115	0.56524					
108 ->117	0.11217					
112 ->118	-0.28835					
Excited State 30:	Singlet-A	5.4211 eV	228.71 nm	f=0.0532	<S**2>=0.000	
107 ->118	0.28908					
108 ->117	-0.22792					
108 ->118	-0.18742					
109 ->116	-0.10686					
109 ->122	0.10150					
110 ->118	0.33373					
110 ->119	-0.25049					
112 ->121	-0.16955					
114 ->119	0.11075					
Excited State 31:	Singlet-A	5.4258 eV	228.51 nm	f=0.0005	<S**2>=0.000	
106 ->116	0.14998					
106 ->117	0.10117					
107 ->117	-0.13483					
108 ->116	0.10943					
108 ->117	-0.20639					
112 ->118	-0.14631					
114 ->121	0.13301					
114 ->122	0.34057					
114 ->123	0.38705					
114 ->124	0.12613					

Excited State 32:	Singlet-A	5.4697 eV	226.67 nm	f=0.0528	<S**2>=0.000
106 ->116	0.29936				
106 ->117	-0.28340				
107 ->116	0.12979				
107 ->117	0.16280				
108 ->116	0.26669				
108 ->117	0.23092				
108 ->118	-0.11424				
109 ->117	-0.17920				
110 ->117	-0.13340				
Excited State 33:	Singlet-A	5.5120 eV	224.93 nm	f=0.0155	<S**2>=0.000
106 ->116	-0.14430				
107 ->116	0.42371				
107 ->117	0.13671				
108 ->116	-0.36061				
108 ->117	0.17357				
109 ->117	-0.20668				
114 ->121	0.10985				
114 ->122	0.11783				
114 ->123	0.12011				
Excited State 34:	Singlet-A	5.5219 eV	224.53 nm	f=0.0408	<S**2>=0.000
106 ->117	-0.25765				
107 ->116	0.37997				
107 ->117	-0.21022				
108 ->117	-0.36443				
114 ->121	-0.10909				
114 ->122	-0.13289				
114 ->123	-0.14199				
Excited State 35:	Singlet-A	5.5423 eV	223.71 nm	f=0.1978	<S**2>=0.000
107 ->117	-0.10617				
107 ->118	-0.19689				
108 ->118	0.15161				
110 ->118	0.54307				
110 ->119	0.18108				
111 ->118	0.15292				
112 ->121	0.10173				
Excited State 36:	Singlet-A	5.5514 eV	223.34 nm	f=0.0514	<S**2>=0.000
107 ->116	0.10798				
109 ->117	0.15601				
110 ->118	-0.13151				
111 ->117	0.19982				
111 ->118	0.52485				
112 ->118	-0.14859				
114 ->120	0.11599				
114 ->121	-0.21933				
Excited State 37:	Singlet-A	5.5643 eV	222.82 nm	f=0.0140	<S**2>=0.000
107 ->116	0.18955				
108 ->117	0.14681				
109 ->117	0.38666				

111 ->118	-0.30382				
112 ->118	0.10607				
114 ->121	-0.35996				
Excited State 38:	Singlet-A	5.5878 eV	221.89 nm	f=0.0196	<S**2>=0.000
107 ->116	0.11999				
109 ->117	0.33316				
109 ->118	-0.17618				
112 ->119	-0.13248				
114 ->121	0.49833				
114 ->122	-0.11284				
114 ->123	-0.10650				
Excited State 39:	Singlet-A	5.6413 eV	219.78 nm	f=0.0105	<S**2>=0.000
105 ->116	0.63095				
106 ->117	0.18029				
109 ->116	-0.11390				
Excited State 40:	Singlet-A	5.6728 eV	218.56 nm	f=0.2216	<S**2>=0.000
105 ->116	-0.19843				
106 ->116	0.13786				
106 ->117	0.48001				
106 ->118	0.10223				
107 ->116	0.14185				
108 ->116	0.19530				
109 ->117	-0.13051				
111 ->117	-0.10743				
114 ->120	-0.11215				
114 ->122	-0.11628				

10. Eyring Analysis for the Thermal Back Reaction

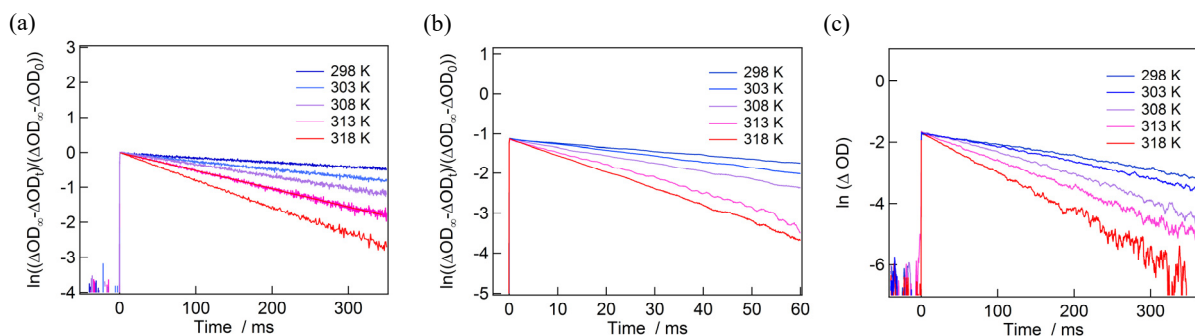


Figure S35. First-order plots for the time profiles of the transient absorbance at 380 nm of (a) **1**, (b) **2**, and (c) **3** in Ar-saturated benzene excited by 355-nm laser pulse (5 ns, 7 mJ) at 298 K.

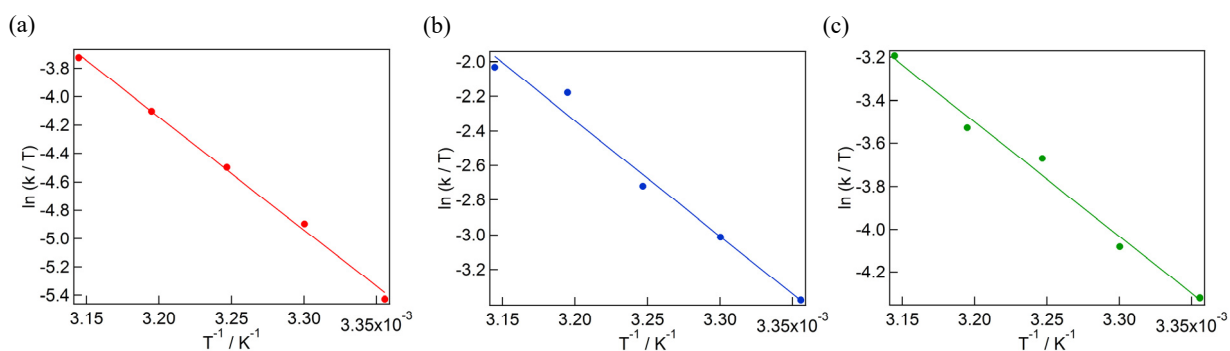


Figure S36. Eyring plots for the time profiles of the transient absorbance at 380 nm of (a) **1**, (b) **2**, and (c) **3** in Ar-saturated benzene excited by 355-nm laser pulse (5 ns, 7 mJ) at 298 K.

Table S7. Activation Parameters for the Thermal Back Reactions

	$\Delta H^\ddagger$ [kJ·mol ⁻¹]	$\Delta S^\ddagger$ [J·mol ⁻¹ ·K ⁻¹]	$\Delta G^\ddagger$ [kJ·mol ⁻¹]
1	66.2	-20.2	72.2
2	55.6	-39.0	67.3
3	44.2	-85.2	69.6

11. VT-NMR spectroscopy under UV light irradiation

^1H NMR spectra for the solution of **1** at 200 K were recorded at 400 MHz on a Bruker AVANCE III 400 NanoBay. The excitation UV light (365 nm, 4 mW) was guided with an optical fiber into the NMR spectrometer (15 m, $\varnothing$: 4 mm). THF- d_8 was used as deuterated solvent.

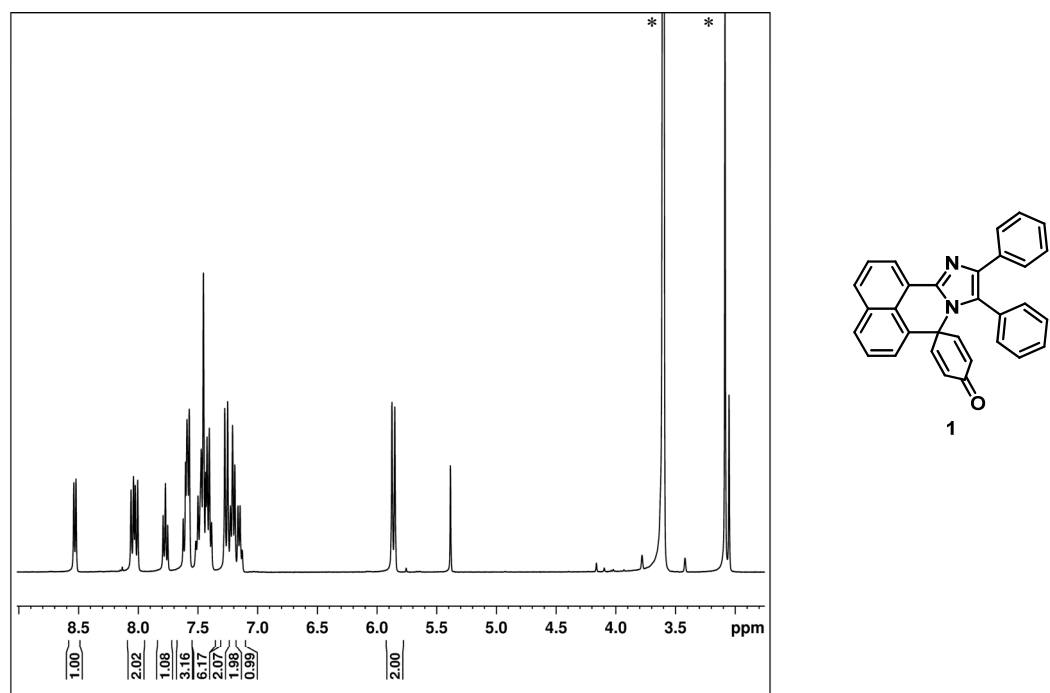


Figure S37. ^1H NMR spectrum of **1** in THF- d_8 at 200 K (* solvent peaks).

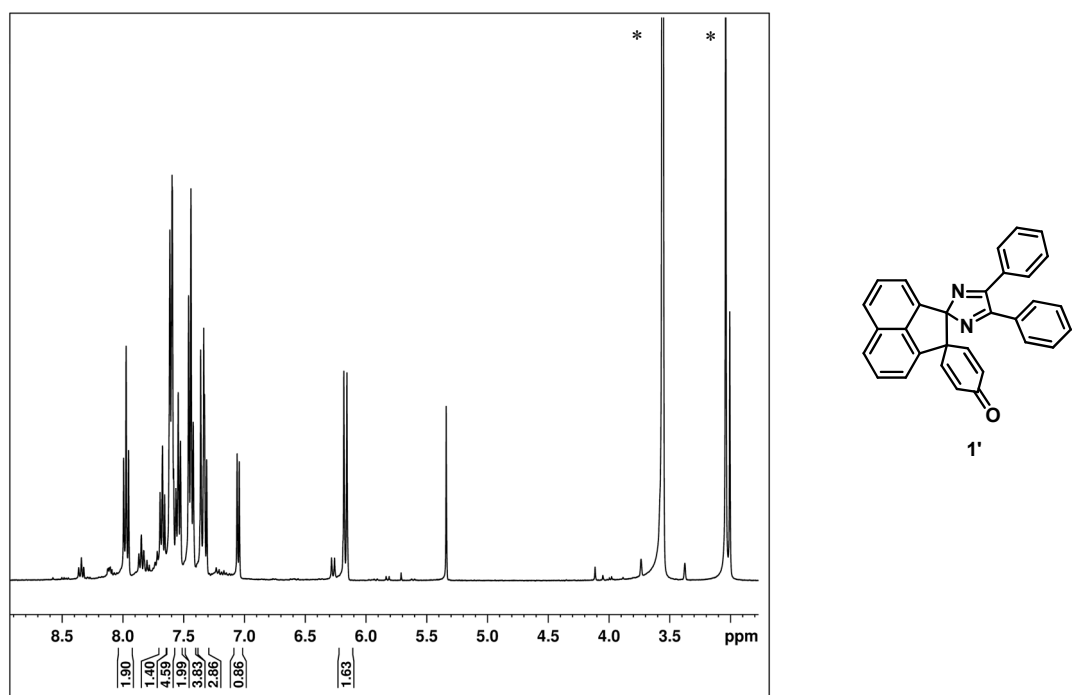


Figure S38. ^1H NMR spectrum for the solution of **1** at PSS after 365-nm UV light irradiation in THF- d_8 at 200 K (* solvent peaks).

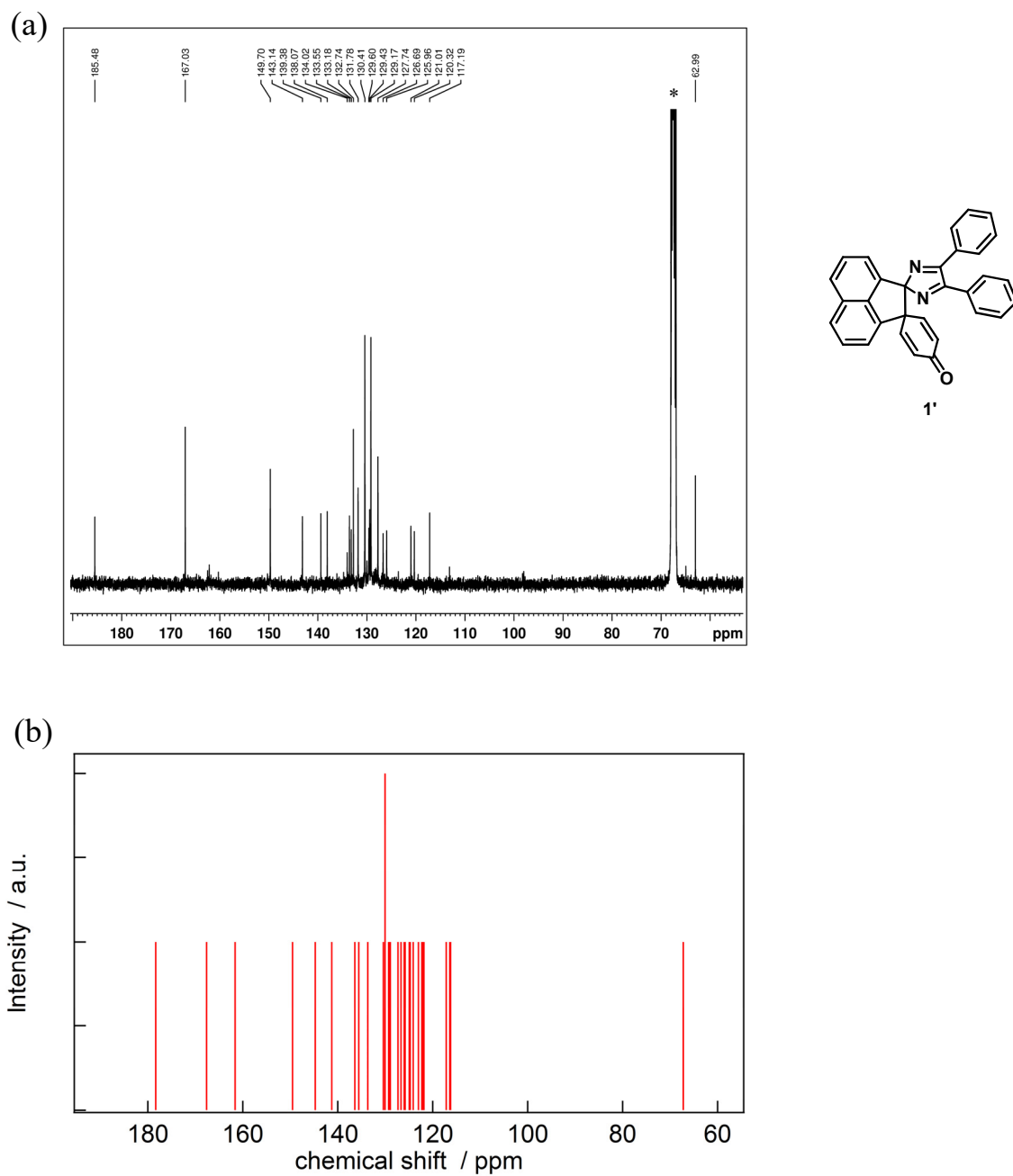


Figure S39. (a) ^{13}C NMR spectrum for the solution of **1** at PSS after 365-nm UV light irradiation in $\text{THF-}d_8$ at 200 K (* solvent peaks), (b) Theoretical ^{13}C NMR spectrum for **1'** by the GIAO-DFT (MPW1PW91/6-31+G(d,p)/MPW1PW91/6-31G(d) level of the theory).

12. Time-resolved FT-IR measurement

The time-resolved FT-IR spectra for **1** were recorded on a Bruker VERTEX 70 spectrometer (rapid scan mode, 160 kHz). The FT-IR spectra of the CD₂Cl₂ solution of **1** were measured with a 200- μ m CaF₂ liquid cell. A Q-switched Nd:YAG laser (Continuum Surelite II Q-switched Nd:YAG) with the third harmonic at 355 nm (pulse width, 5 ns) was employed for the excitation light (2 mJ/pulse). The calculations for the IR spectra were carried out using the Gaussian 09 program (Revision D.01).^{S4} The molecular structure was fully optimized at the MPW1PW91/6-31G(d) level of theory, and analytical second derivative was computed using vibrational analysis to confirm each stationary point to be a minimum. The IR spectrum for **1** can be well described by the DFT calculation (MPW1PW91/6-31G(d)). The strong absorption at 1670 cm⁻¹ can be assigned to the C=O stretching vibration of the cyclohexadienone ring and that at 1265 cm⁻¹ can be assigned to the C–N stretching vibration between the imidazole ring and the cyclohexadienone ring. The absorption band at 1670 cm⁻¹ was shifted to 1664 cm⁻¹ upon UV light excitation, indicating the photo-isomerization of **1** accompanied with the change of the binding mode between the imidazole ring and the cyclohexadienone ring as well as the result of the NMR spectroscopy. Moreover, the characteristic band at 1557 cm⁻¹ in the transient IR spectrum can be ascribed to the C–N stretching vibration on the imidazole ring of the 2,4-isomer.

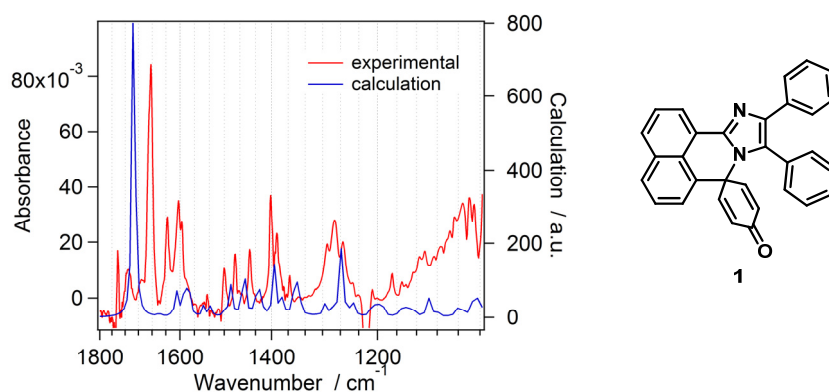


Figure S40. Experimental and calculated FT-IR spectra of **1** (MPW1PW91/6-31G(d) level of the theory, frequency scaling factor 0.9499^{S5}).

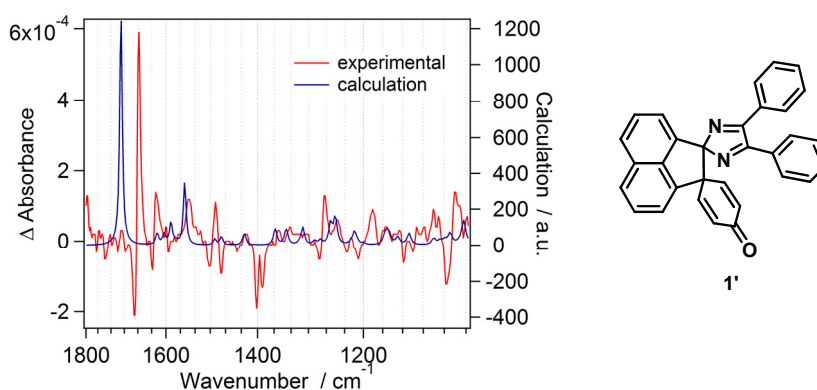


Figure S41. Experimental transient FT-IR spectrum of **1** upon UV light excitation at 355 nm (5 ns, 2 mJ) and calculated FT-IR spectrum of **1'** (MPW1PW91/6-31G(d) level of the theory, frequency scaling factor 0.9499^{S5}).

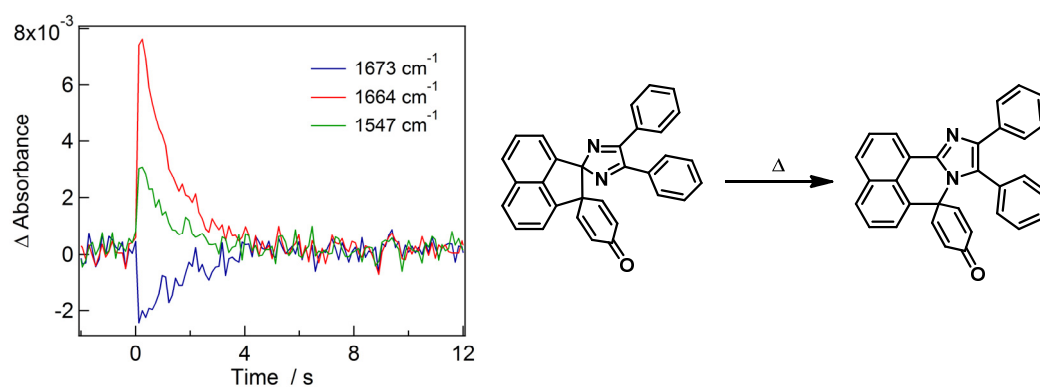


Figure S42. Time profiles for the transient absorbance upon UV light excitation at 355 nm (5 ns, 2 mJ) at 293 K.

13. Conversion Efficiency

The conversion efficiency from the 1,4-isomer to the 2,4-isomer can be estimated by the laser actinometry. We used the quantum yield of the triplet state of benzophenone as the standard. The conversion efficiency Φ_N can be defined as follows,

$$\Delta OD_{(BPh)} = \frac{\phi_{BPh} \epsilon_{BPh}}{\phi_N \epsilon_i (1 - \frac{\epsilon_f}{\epsilon_i})} |\Delta OD_{(N)}|$$

where $\Delta OD_{(BPh)}$ is the magnitude of the triplet absorption at 530 nm of benzophenone after laser pulse excitation, $\Delta OD_{(N)}$ (N=1, 2, and 3) is the absorption change at 380 nm with the negative photochromic reaction of **1**, **2**, and **3**, Φ_{BPh} is the quantum yield of the intersystem crossing of benzophenone ($\Phi_{BPh} = 1$), Φ_N is the conversion efficiency from the initial 1,4-isomer to the transient 2,4-isomer, ϵ_{BPh} is the extinction coefficient of the triplet state of benzophenone ($7220 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ at 530 nm),^{S6} ϵ_f/ϵ_i is the ratio of the extinction coefficient of the 1,4-isomer (ϵ_i) and that the 2,4-isomer (ϵ_f) at 380 nm. Because the 1,4-isomer almost isomerize into the 2,4-isomer at photostationary state at 153 K and the absorption at 380 nm is not be much affected by the polarity of solvent, ϵ_f/ϵ_i is estimated from the ratio of the absorbance in Me-THF at 153 K and the absorbance at PSS after 365-nm UV light irradiation (25 mW) in Me-THF at 153 K (Fig. 2a, $\epsilon_f/\epsilon_i(\mathbf{1}) = 0.03$, $\epsilon_f/\epsilon_i(\mathbf{2}) = 0.04$, $\epsilon_f/\epsilon_i(\mathbf{3}) = 0.13$).

The solutions of benzophenone, **1**, **2** and **3** in benzene matched absorbance at 355 nm (Abs. = 0.54) are irradiated with various laser energies ($\lambda_{ex.} = 355 \text{ nm}$) at 298 K. The solution of benzophenone was degassed with Ar-bubbling. The $\Delta OD_{(BPh)}$ and $\Delta OD_{(N)}$ for benzophenone, **1**, **2** and **3** were estimated just after laser excitation (Fig. S44 and S45). The $\Delta OD_{(BPh)}$ values are plotted against the $\Delta OD_{(N)}$ values. It gives excellent straight line. Φ_N of **1**, **2**, and **3** were estimated from the slope of the fit of the data and were estimated to be 0.18, 0.06, and 0.04, respectively (Fig. S46).

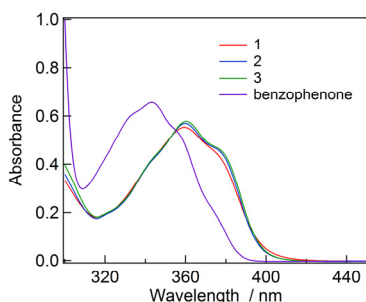


Figure S43. Absorption spectra of **1**, **2**, **3**, and benzophenone in benzene.

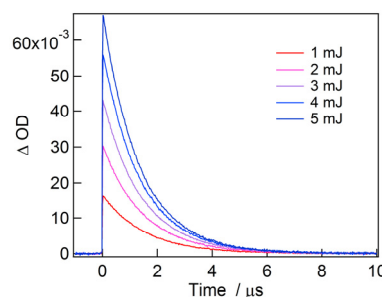


Figure S44. Transient absorbance of benzophenone excited by the 355-nm laser pulse in benzene at 298 K ($\lambda_{obs.} = 530 \text{ nm}$).

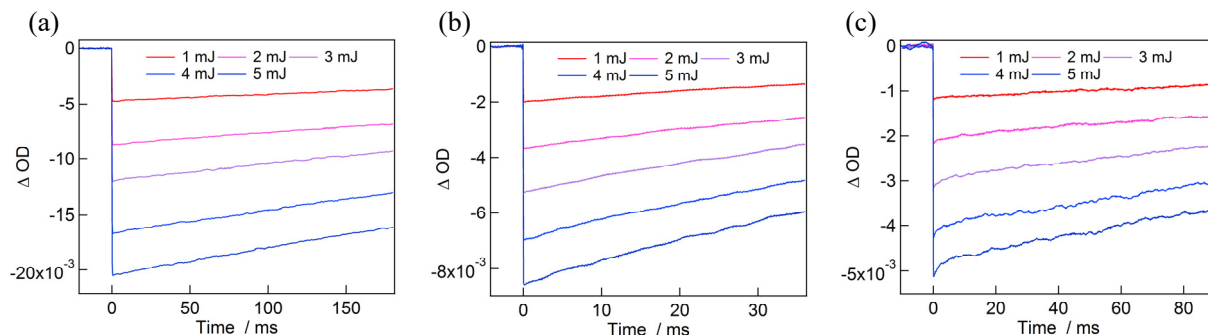


Figure S45. Transient absorbance of (a) **1**, (b) **2**, and (c) **3** excited by the 355-nm laser pulse in benzene at 298 K ($\lambda_{obs.} = 380 \text{ nm}$).

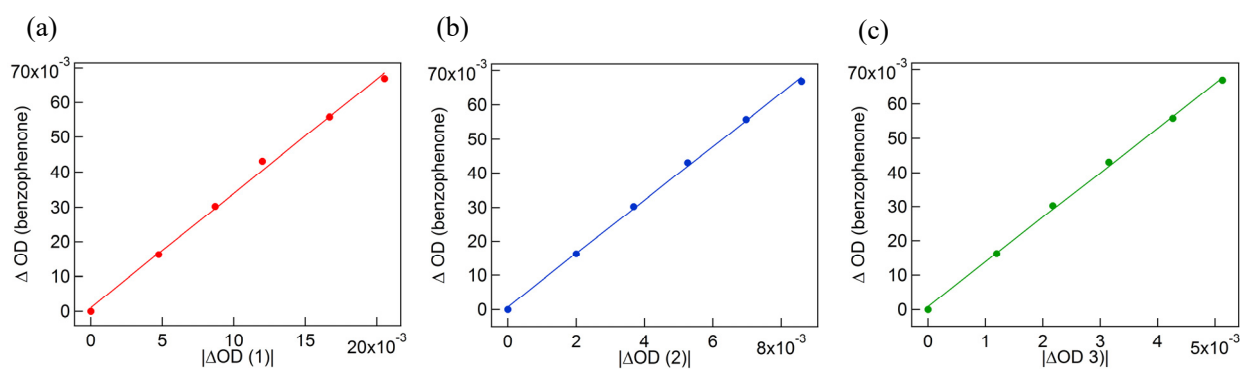


Figure S46. $\Delta OD_{(BPh)}$ vs $\Delta OD_{(N)}$ plots of (a) **1**, (b) **2**, and (c) **3** at various laser intensity (1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 mJ).

14. CD spectra

Circular dichroism (CD) spectra were recorded on a JASCO J-820 spectropolarimeter. The CD spectra of the solution of the enantiomers **2** were measured with a 10-mm quartz cell. The CD spectra of the solution of the enantiomers **2** at photostationary state were measured after UV light irradiation (365 nm, 10 mW) with a 5-mm quartz cell at 153 K using a CRYL-416 liquid nitrogen-cooled cryostat (JASCO) equipped with a TC-22HK temperature controller.

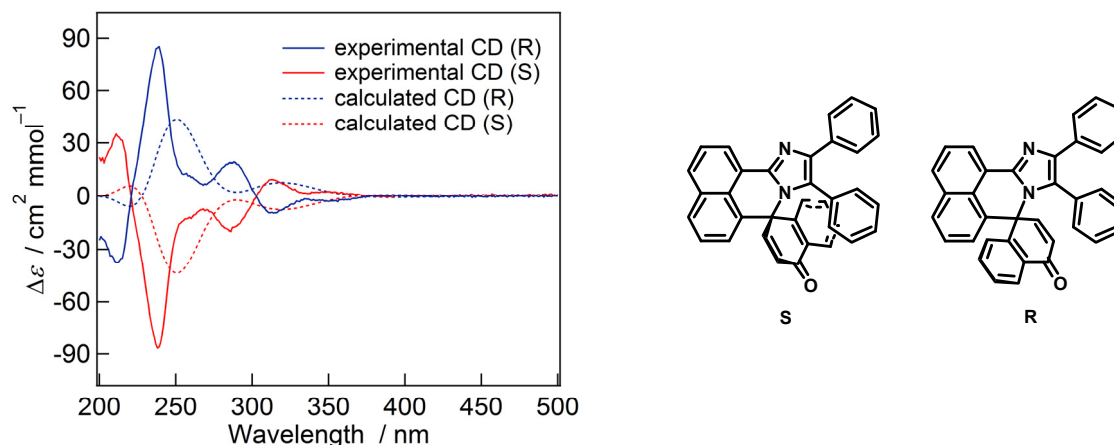


Figure S47. Experimental CD spectra in acetonitrile and calculated CD spectra of the enantiomers of **2** (MPW1PW91/6-31+G(d)//MPW1PW91/6-31G(d) level of the theory).

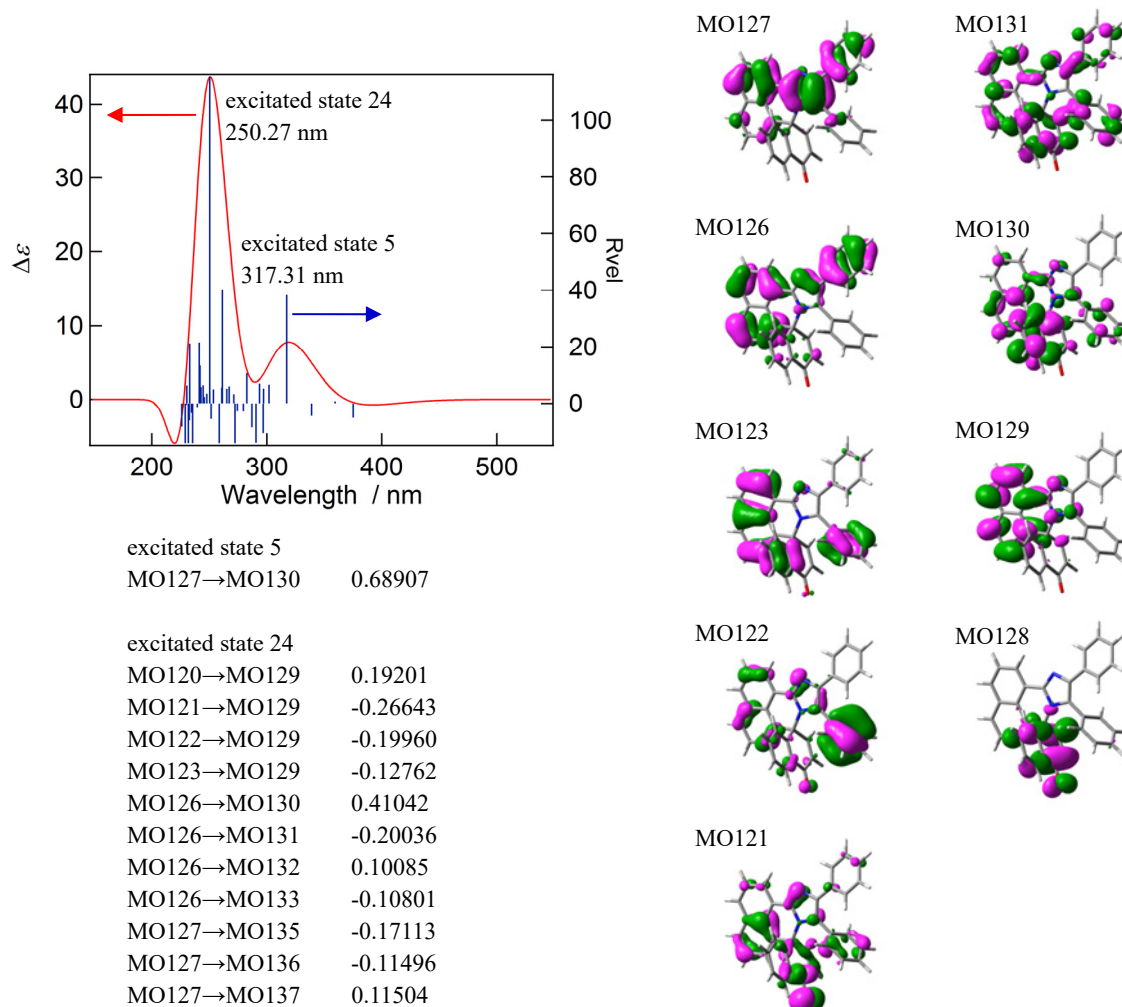


Figure S48. The calculated spectrum for the (R)-form of **2** (MPW1PW91/6-31+G(d)//MPW1PW91/6-31G(d) level of the theory) and the relevant molecular orbitals.

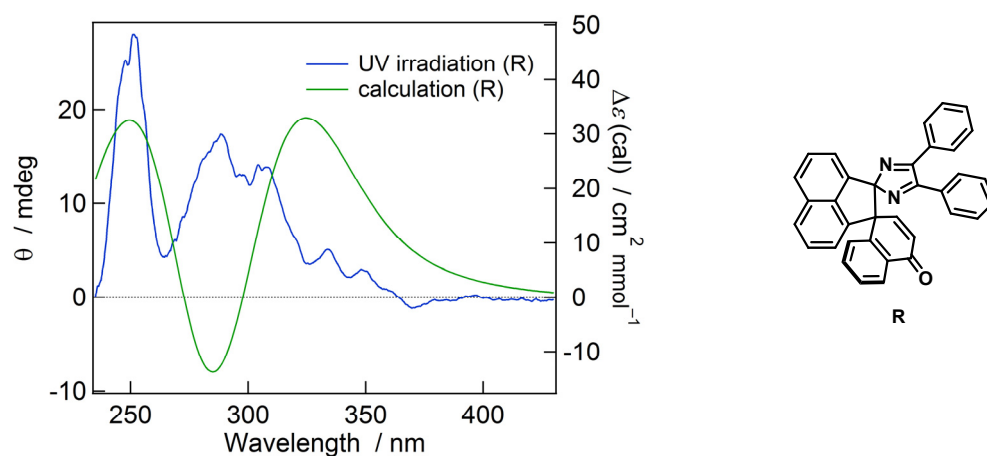


Figure S49. CD spectrum for the Me-THF solution of the (R)-form of **2** at PSS at 153 K and calculated CD spectrum of the (R)-form of **2'** (MPW1PW91/6-31+G(d)//MPW1PW91/6-31G(d) level of the theory).

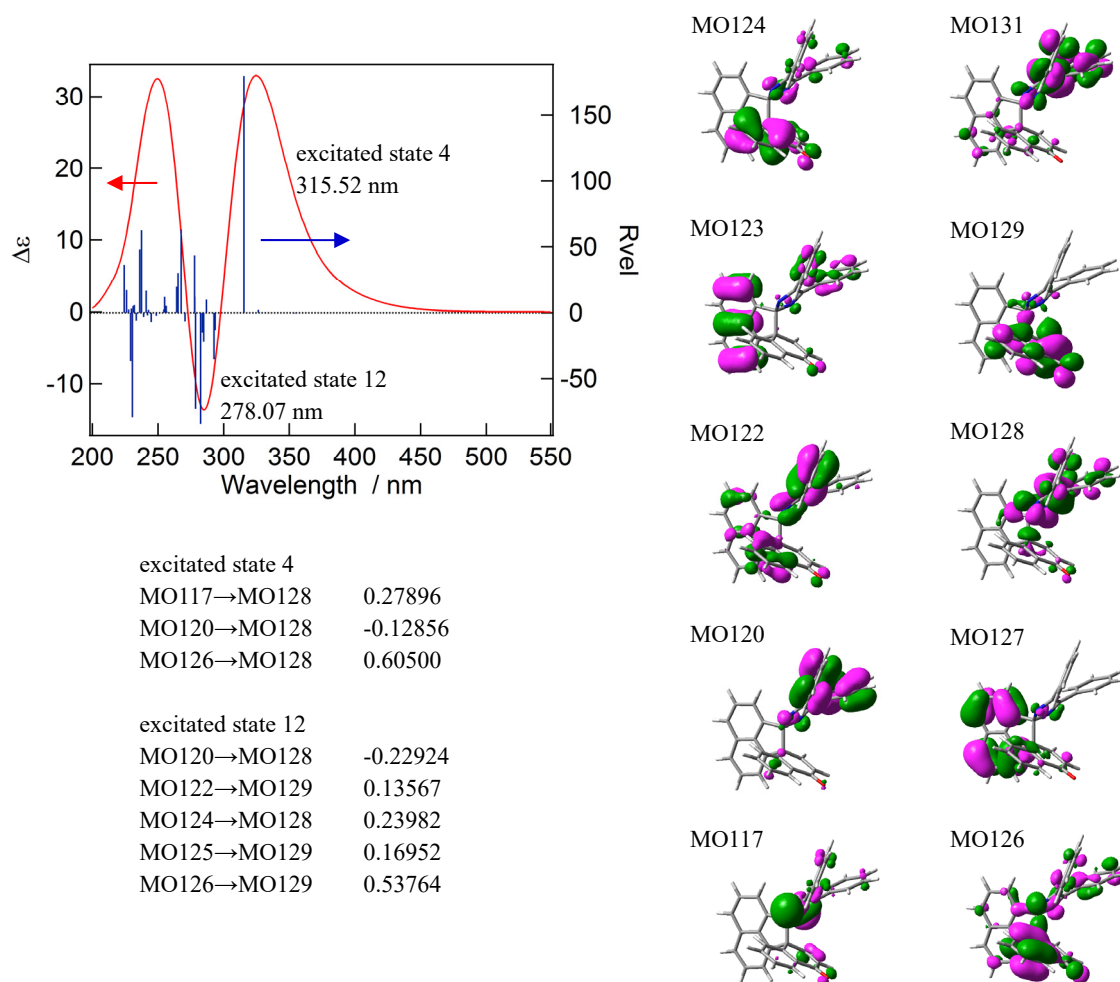


Figure S50. The calculated spectrum for the (R)-form of **2'** (MPW1PW91/6-31+G(d)//MPW1PW91/6-31G(d) level of the theory) and the relevant molecular orbitals.

Table S8. Standard Orientation of the Optimized Geometry for the (R)-form of **2**

Tag	Symbol	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	C	1.8020340	-1.1995880	-0.4661840
2	C	2.4055530	-1.4653130	-1.7018290
3	C	-3.6632970	-0.1530860	-0.8928810
4	C	-4.8807950	0.5466070	-0.9781780
5	C	-4.9262480	1.8957030	-0.7305020
6	C	-3.7475840	2.6001090	-0.3962440
7	C	-2.5125650	1.8887650	-0.3191600
8	C	-2.4897330	0.4915760	-0.5636730
9	C	-3.7548270	3.9930930	-0.1371610
10	C	-2.5932220	4.6561390	0.1772050
11	C	-1.3704210	3.9643660	0.2383050
12	C	-1.3266660	2.6077160	-0.0072040
13	C	-0.0783330	1.8794420	0.0025940
14	N	-0.0353510	0.5298820	-0.2179570
15	C	1.3040150	0.1611110	-0.1843020
16	C	1.9962420	1.3381950	0.0616680
17	N	1.1215680	2.3847430	0.1716060
18	C	3.4412580	1.5739540	0.1900560
19	C	4.3577160	0.5545880	0.4786530
20	C	5.7148750	0.8350280	0.5921030
21	C	6.1835920	2.1349960	0.4267740
22	C	5.2788960	3.1574760	0.1516500
23	C	3.9229890	2.8809840	0.0355380
24	C	2.9069450	-2.7296970	-1.9877000
25	C	2.8135520	-3.7467840	-1.0413070
26	C	2.2317020	-3.4888150	0.1969540
27	C	1.7351860	-2.2218720	0.4871320
28	O	-1.8659660	-4.4665040	-0.7850070
29	C	-1.6334030	-2.6157260	0.6804090
30	C	-1.3862680	-1.2446610	0.8186120
31	C	-1.2002280	-0.3485440	-0.4043530
32	C	-1.0209390	-1.1268530	-1.6831970
33	C	-1.2530240	-2.4373380	-1.8013600
34	C	-1.6144060	-3.2786580	-0.6504360
35	C	-1.3647240	-0.6810790	2.0947130
36	C	-1.5791700	-1.4722970	3.2161550
37	C	-1.8313710	-2.8382470	3.0780890
38	C	-1.8584980	-3.4032710	1.8135460
39	H	2.4807950	-0.6679830	-2.4341060
40	H	-3.6576940	-1.2203690	-1.0841280
41	H	-5.7843430	0.0056750	-1.2386100
42	H	-5.8646040	2.4387260	-0.7899960
43	H	-4.6980510	4.5279660	-0.1933230
44	H	-2.6118350	5.7230230	0.3740150
45	H	-0.4459690	4.4814990	0.4685330
46	H	4.0105220	-0.4607090	0.6281440

47	H	6.4083700	0.0310960	0.8189840
48	H	7.2437270	2.3502100	0.5166900
49	H	5.6314280	4.1766350	0.0255220
50	H	3.2122420	3.6723960	-0.1731950
51	H	3.3702150	-2.9213840	-2.9502650
52	H	3.1994730	-4.7361340	-1.2649490
53	H	2.1663660	-4.2749680	0.9420850
54	H	1.2973850	-2.0194710	1.4583500
55	H	-0.7469960	-0.5247140	-2.5449710
56	H	-1.1668360	-2.9462530	-2.7553550
57	H	-1.1743990	0.3811440	2.2112740
58	H	-1.5521530	-1.0206180	4.2025770
59	H	-2.0030780	-3.4527120	3.9556680
60	H	-2.0433560	-4.4615340	1.6646510

SCF Done: E(RmPW1PW91) = -1531.39395856 A.U.

Zero-point correction = 0.476159 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy = 0.503524
Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.504469
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.417421
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1530.917800
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1530.890434
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1530.889490
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1530.976538

Low frequencies --- -6.8513 -6.2662 -0.0006 0.0003 0.0009 5.8679
Low frequencies --- 21.9868 27.5900 30.5899

The Result for the TDDFT calculation

$\langle 0 | \hat{\mu} | b \rangle \cdot \langle b | \hat{r} | x \rangle \langle 0 | + \langle 0 | \hat{\mu} | b \rangle \cdot \langle b | \hat{r} | r \rangle \langle 0 |$
Rotatory Strengths (R) in cgs (10^{-40} erg-esu-cm/Gauss)

state	XX	YY	ZZ	R(velocity)	E-M Angle
1	-0.7178	-0.9126	2.1960	0.1885	90.00
2	-74.0824	13.6946	44.9575	-5.1434	90.69
3	1.5594	-0.3906	1.1429	0.7706	72.04
4	1.9045	-6.6274	-8.5657	-4.4295	105.94
5	33.4088	70.0001	11.5655	38.3248	67.97
6	-16.2181	5.7712	30.3338	6.6290	67.14
7	36.2761	-37.9438	17.5206	5.2843	82.95
8	-7.7742	5.6748	-29.7356	-10.6117	101.32
9	1.2842	-10.3897	30.2846	7.0597	77.42
10	-27.8584	-19.2887	5.6568	-13.8301	114.17
11	-18.3652	-0.9755	-6.2803	-8.5403	95.93
12	27.9224	-12.5636	16.7606	10.7065	76.31
13	6.1872	16.3301	-31.0760	-2.8529	98.52
14	-37.2214	-13.1333	42.0521	-2.7675	101.10

15	-30.5605	-39.1022	-9.5938	-26.4188	102.95
16	-7.8032	1.8847	15.8386	3.3067	81.31
17	-6.7984	5.9650	18.8908	6.0191	87.12
18	-12.1928	10.3462	17.4949	5.2161	79.64
19	-15.5005	100.8691	35.2620	40.2102	66.11
20	-9.2929	12.7273	13.4801	5.6382	74.02
21	34.1671	-106.5037	-29.6431	-33.9933	114.23
22	25.6428	-7.2213	-3.4067	5.0049	72.07
23	-1.4517	-8.4078	-6.7840	-5.5478	101.59
24	18.7579	179.5407	147.8413	115.3800	76.30
25	3.2962	8.2696	-1.1489	3.4723	51.68
26	3.6222	0.2454	3.1912	2.3529	61.83
27	5.4057	8.9240	4.9278	6.4192	45.15
28	-5.1212	16.1565	6.5045	5.8466	63.67
29	-27.1995	39.8888	27.3815	13.3569	82.93
30	-34.7128	-21.3171	120.6307	21.5336	83.98
31	-2.9038	57.6003	-58.5998	-1.3011	91.58
32	2.2527	-31.9762	-14.5611	-14.7616	119.07
33	-52.9326	-26.8786	69.5826	-3.4095	91.56
34	50.6194	9.0209	4.0751	21.2385	56.54
35	-9.8638	-14.3704	5.9758	-6.0861	108.94
36	0.9458	-75.9741	-13.6581	-29.5622	160.08
37	13.2509	27.7251	-21.8919	6.3614	54.84
38	-4.9820	0.7346	2.7175	-0.5100	95.83
39	-5.9574	-13.1239	-28.5994	-15.8936	98.24
40	-0.5836	3.2831	-27.5480	-8.2828	112.83

$$1/2[\langle 0|r|b \rangle \langle b|rx_{del}|0 \rangle + \langle 0|rx_{del}|b \rangle \langle b|r|0 \rangle]$$

Rotatory Strengths (R) in cgs (10**40 erg-esu-cm/Gauss)

state	XX	YY	ZZ	R(length)
1	2.6450	1.4927	-3.2939	0.2813
2	83.5476	-39.8133	-57.1845	-4.4834
3	0.9327	0.9458	0.1198	0.6661
4	-10.1157	-6.6828	2.1928	-4.8686
5	54.3271	-1.8055	59.8721	37.4646
6	11.4802	8.4297	-0.0088	6.6337
7	45.0560	-12.6550	-16.8917	5.1697
8	-8.8080	-32.6471	10.3802	-10.3583
9	-1.2579	36.3927	-14.6122	6.8408
10	11.3040	7.1872	-59.4752	-13.6614
11	-9.1980	-20.3681	9.4725	-6.6979
12	42.5340	8.1953	-15.7459	11.6611
13	-7.7201	-0.9799	1.1664	-2.5112
14	7.6249	0.6950	-15.6890	-2.4564
15	-28.3462	-9.1897	-39.1122	-25.5494
16	13.5290	3.2357	-4.4842	4.0935

17	23.1363	-24.5681	19.9334	6.1672
18	24.4736	-7.1363	-0.1697	5.7225
19	110.7387	-14.7175	30.2309	42.0840
20	18.7748	-1.7463	0.3098	5.7794
21	-95.8133	50.9696	-60.6176	-35.1538
22	-14.1431	0.1080	32.6427	6.2025
23	-12.9615	1.9208	-6.4462	-5.8290
24	218.8058	36.8728	112.5210	122.7332
25	-0.5967	1.6583	10.3519	3.8045
26	1.3955	6.7400	-0.5032	2.5441
27	9.0800	-1.5259	11.4257	6.3266
28	23.2205	-7.8528	1.0070	5.4582
29	68.8966	-50.7349	19.5590	12.5736
30	160.4682	0.5829	-92.4922	22.8530
31	-32.8745	-10.4444	32.5732	-3.5819
32	-56.5923	13.9077	-5.1712	-15.9519
33	127.9956	-22.4702	-105.8741	-0.1162
34	-17.2899	92.1971	-8.9353	21.9907
35	-6.6358	0.9849	-10.6247	-5.4252
36	-44.0543	1.9051	-53.8569	-32.0021
37	-5.0318	2.5702	20.9060	6.1481
38	1.9405	-1.0774	-1.7963	-0.3111
39	-44.1449	2.4268	-4.3834	-15.3672
40	-16.6725	1.2990	-8.9233	-8.0990

$$1/2[\langle 0 | \text{del} | b \rangle^* \langle b | r | 0 \rangle + (\langle 0 | r | b \rangle^* \langle b | \text{del} | 0 \rangle)^*] \text{ (Au)}$$

state	X	Y	Z	Dip. S.	Osc. (frdel)
1	0.0000	-0.0011	-0.0001	0.0012	0.0008
2	-0.3059	-0.0854	-0.0008	0.3921	0.2614
3	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
4	-0.0001	-0.0011	-0.0004	0.0016	0.0010
5	-0.0201	-0.0001	-0.0009	0.0210	0.0140
6	-0.0596	-0.0120	0.0000	0.0716	0.0477
7	-0.1157	-0.0186	-0.0030	0.1373	0.0916
8	-0.0422	-0.0062	-0.0003	0.0487	0.0324
9	-0.0002	-0.0292	-0.0009	0.0303	0.0202
10	-0.0002	-0.0011	-0.0090	0.0104	0.0069
11	-0.0033	-0.0235	0.0000	0.0268	0.0179
12	-0.0019	-0.0004	-0.0162	0.0185	0.0123
13	-0.0210	0.0000	-0.0057	0.0267	0.0178
14	-0.0016	-0.0171	-0.0123	0.0310	0.0207
15	-0.0500	-0.0073	-0.0008	0.0581	0.0387
16	-0.0061	-0.0062	-0.0001	0.0124	0.0083
17	-0.0992	-0.0093	-0.0004	0.1089	0.0726
18	-0.0796	-0.0006	-0.0001	0.0803	0.0535
19	-0.0065	-0.0007	-0.0335	0.0407	0.0271

20	-0.0009	-0.0092	0.0000	0.0101	0.0067
21	-0.0132	-0.0182	-0.0411	0.0725	0.0484
22	-0.0023	0.0000	-0.0016	0.0039	0.0026
23	-0.0029	-0.0176	-0.0001	0.0205	0.0137
24	-0.0477	-0.1262	-0.0010	0.1749	0.1166
25	0.0000	-0.0001	-0.0021	0.0022	0.0015
26	-0.0006	-0.0008	0.0000	0.0014	0.0010
27	-0.0019	-0.0006	-0.0007	0.0031	0.0021
28	-0.0037	-0.0049	-0.0006	0.0092	0.0061
29	-0.0159	-0.0961	-0.0006	0.1126	0.0751
30	-0.1235	0.0000	-0.0028	0.1263	0.0842
31	-0.0143	-0.0222	-0.0026	0.0391	0.0260
32	-0.0133	-0.0044	0.0000	0.0178	0.0118
33	-0.0359	-0.0484	-0.0113	0.0956	0.0638
34	-0.0059	-0.0337	-0.0015	0.0411	0.0274
35	-0.0014	-0.0060	-0.0004	0.0077	0.0051
36	-0.0056	-0.0004	-0.0064	0.0124	0.0082
37	-0.0071	-0.0005	-0.0122	0.0198	0.0132
38	0.0000	-0.0028	-0.0007	0.0036	0.0024
39	-0.0774	-0.0015	0.0000	0.0790	0.0527
40	-0.0236	-0.0089	-0.0008	0.0332	0.0221

Excited State 1: Singlet-A 2.7668 eV 448.11 nm f=0.0009 <S**2>=0.000
127 ->128 0.70420

This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Total Energy, E(TD-HF/TD-KS) = -1531.33015760

Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.

Excited State 2: Singlet-A 3.3052 eV 375.12 nm f=0.2610 <S**2>=0.000
127 ->129 0.70071

Excited State 3: Singlet-A 3.4504 eV 359.34 nm f=0.0000 <S**2>=0.000
119 ->128 0.11870
120 ->128 0.38943
121 ->128 0.53717
122 ->128 0.13569

Excited State 4: Singlet-A 3.6579 eV 338.95 nm f=0.0012 <S**2>=0.000
126 ->128 0.68713

Excited State 5: Singlet-A 3.9073 eV 317.31 nm f=0.0145 <S**2>=0.000
127 ->130 0.68907

Excited State 6: Singlet-A 4.1071 eV 301.88 nm f=0.0508 <S**2>=0.000
123 ->129 -0.13852
126 ->129 -0.28130
127 ->131 0.60259

Excited State 7: Singlet-A 4.1730 eV 297.11 nm f=0.0893 <S**2>=0.000
124 ->128 0.11499
126 ->129 0.60536

127 ->131	0.27698					
Excited State 8:	Singlet-A	4.1777 eV	296.77 nm	f=0.0326	<S**2>=0.000	
119 ->128	0.10886					
124 ->128	0.53387					
125 ->128	-0.38103					
126 ->129	-0.11627					
Excited State 9:	Singlet-A	4.2216 eV	293.69 nm	f=0.0198	<S**2>=0.000	
123 ->129	0.21460					
126 ->129	-0.13347					
127 ->132	0.46545					
127 ->133	-0.37440					
Excited State 10:	Singlet-A	4.2669 eV	290.57 nm	f=0.0070	<S**2>=0.000	
121 ->128	0.10461					
122 ->128	-0.22476					
123 ->128	-0.33420					
124 ->128	0.30149					
125 ->128	0.46906					
Excited State 11:	Singlet-A	4.3203 eV	286.98 nm	f=0.0177	<S**2>=0.000	
127 ->131	0.10615					
127 ->132	0.40509					
127 ->133	0.51621					
127 ->134	-0.17435					
Excited State 12:	Singlet-A	4.3859 eV	282.69 nm	f=0.0129	<S**2>=0.000	
122 ->128	0.24970					
123 ->128	0.49693					
124 ->128	0.25411					
125 ->128	0.32861					
Excited State 13:	Singlet-A	4.4344 eV	279.60 nm	f=0.0179	<S**2>=0.000	
119 ->128	0.14886					
120 ->128	-0.15683					
122 ->128	0.57165					
123 ->128	-0.29714					
Excited State 14:	Singlet-A	4.5198 eV	274.32 nm	f=0.0199	<S**2>=0.000	
119 ->128	0.58121					
120 ->128	-0.20763					
122 ->128	-0.15158					
123 ->128	0.17445					
Excited State 15:	Singlet-A	4.5527 eV	272.33 nm	f=0.0380	<S**2>=0.000	
119 ->128	0.13293					
120 ->128	0.10685					
121 ->128	-0.11154					
127 ->133	0.10769					
127 ->134	0.53797					
127 ->135	-0.33873					
Excited State 16:	Singlet-A	4.5693 eV	271.34 nm	f=0.0084	<S**2>=0.000	
118 ->128	-0.13386					

119 ->128	0.17252					
120 ->128	0.46896					
121 ->128	-0.41021					
127 ->134	-0.17061					
Excited State 17:	Singlet-A	4.6380 eV	267.32 nm	f=0.0744	<S**2>=0.000	
121 ->129	-0.10117					
123 ->129	-0.21239					
125 ->129	-0.29083					
126 ->132	0.10175					
127 ->132	0.17979					
127 ->134	0.22626					
127 ->135	0.44043					
Excited State 18:	Singlet-A	4.6747 eV	265.23 nm	f=0.0548	<S**2>=0.000	
124 ->129	-0.18987					
125 ->129	0.58820					
127 ->132	0.13762					
127 ->134	0.19058					
127 ->135	0.12443					
Excited State 19:	Singlet-A	4.7433 eV	261.39 nm	f=0.0281	<S**2>=0.000	
117 ->128	-0.19993					
118 ->128	0.51171					
120 ->128	0.12230					
123 ->129	0.10923					
124 ->129	-0.25865					
126 ->130	0.17833					
Excited State 20:	Singlet-A	4.7537 eV	260.82 nm	f=0.0070	<S**2>=0.000	
118 ->128	0.14717					
124 ->129	0.55638					
125 ->129	0.20538					
126 ->130	0.20218					
127 ->135	0.12499					
Excited State 21:	Singlet-A	4.7926 eV	258.70 nm	f=0.0506	<S**2>=0.000	
118 ->128	-0.31130					
119 ->128	-0.10142					
120 ->129	-0.10125					
123 ->129	0.17286					
124 ->129	-0.18493					
126 ->130	0.35119					
126 ->132	-0.13850					
127 ->132	-0.12770					
127 ->133	0.13609					
127 ->134	0.14483					
127 ->135	0.24183					
Excited State 22:	Singlet-A	4.8897 eV	253.56 nm	f=0.0028	<S**2>=0.000	
120 ->129	-0.15298					
121 ->129	0.14406					
122 ->129	0.10008					
123 ->129	-0.11604					
125 ->131	0.13448					

125 ->133	-0.10926					
125 ->134	-0.16147					
127 ->136	-0.32734					
127 ->137	0.43341					
127 ->138	-0.13077					
Excited State 23:	Singlet-A	4.9303 eV	251.47 nm	f=0.0143	<S**2>=0.000	
120 ->129	-0.25522					
121 ->129	0.30431					
122 ->129	0.24069					
123 ->129	-0.27948					
126 ->130	0.20782					
126 ->131	-0.17670					
127 ->135	-0.13445					
127 ->138	0.16150					
Excited State 24:	Singlet-A	4.9540 eV	250.27 nm	f=0.1200	<S**2>=0.000	
120 ->129	0.19201					
121 ->129	-0.26643					
122 ->129	-0.19960					
123 ->129	-0.12762					
126 ->130	0.41042					
126 ->131	-0.20036					
126 ->132	0.10085					
126 ->133	-0.10801					
127 ->135	-0.17113					
127 ->136	-0.11496					
127 ->137	0.11504					
Excited State 25:	Singlet-A	5.0036 eV	247.79 nm	f=0.0014	<S**2>=0.000	
118 ->129	0.15017					
119 ->129	-0.19453					
120 ->129	0.27438					
122 ->129	0.44936					
123 ->129	0.30532					
126 ->131	-0.16182					
Excited State 26:	Singlet-A	5.0487 eV	245.58 nm	f=0.0010	<S**2>=0.000	
127 ->136	0.54673					
127 ->137	0.35131					
127 ->140	0.10215					
127 ->141	-0.15285					
Excited State 27:	Singlet-A	5.0685 eV	244.62 nm	f=0.0021	<S**2>=0.000	
119 ->129	-0.19327					
120 ->129	0.41449					
121 ->129	0.43740					
122 ->129	-0.22149					
123 ->129	-0.11553					
Excited State 28:	Singlet-A	5.1072 eV	242.76 nm	f=0.0060	<S**2>=0.000	
117 ->129	-0.11501					
119 ->129	0.54787					
120 ->129	0.17486					
121 ->129	0.17534					

122 ->129	0.16948					
126 ->131	0.14225					
126 ->132	0.16740					
Excited State 29:	Singlet-A	5.1268 eV	241.84 nm	f=0.0765	<S**2>=0.000	
117 ->128	0.34706					
117 ->129	0.10577					
119 ->129	-0.18976					
121 ->129	-0.10539					
126 ->130	0.16193					
126 ->131	0.34610					
126 ->132	0.27734					
127 ->137	-0.10143					
127 ->138	-0.17581					
Excited State 30:	Singlet-A	5.1410 eV	241.17 nm	f=0.0886	<S**2>=0.000	
117 ->128	0.28481					
118 ->128	0.11737					
126 ->131	0.11308					
127 ->136	-0.10390					
127 ->137	0.23930					
127 ->138	0.46616					
127 ->139	0.11109					
127 ->140	-0.10162					
Excited State 31:	Singlet-A	5.1754 eV	239.57 nm	f=0.0273	<S**2>=0.000	
117 ->128	0.44508					
118 ->128	0.16311					
119 ->129	0.11275					
126 ->131	-0.36599					
126 ->132	-0.13668					
127 ->138	-0.16024					
Excited State 32:	Singlet-A	5.2638 eV	235.54 nm	f=0.0121	<S**2>=0.000	
117 ->129	0.24678					
118 ->129	0.27030					
119 ->129	0.16527					
122 ->131	-0.12893					
122 ->133	0.12112					
124 ->130	0.32161					
126 ->132	-0.15831					
126 ->133	-0.25280					
Excited State 33:	Singlet-A	5.2881 eV	234.46 nm	f=0.0654	<S**2>=0.000	
116 ->128	-0.17655					
117 ->129	0.25857					
118 ->129	0.28210					
122 ->129	-0.15024					
126 ->131	-0.14469					
126 ->132	0.21143					
126 ->133	0.40302					
Excited State 34:	Singlet-A	5.3245 eV	232.85 nm	f=0.0285	<S**2>=0.000	
116 ->128	0.46614					
117 ->129	0.38562					

118 ->129	-0.11446				
Excited State 35:	Singlet-A	5.3290 eV	232.66 nm	f=0.0051	<S**2>=0.000
127 ->138	-0.23514				
127 ->139	0.59373				
127 ->140	-0.13980				
Excited State 36:	Singlet-A	5.3516 eV	231.68 nm	f=0.0087	<S**2>=0.000
116 ->128	0.30044				
117 ->129	-0.23270				
124 ->130	0.25157				
125 ->130	-0.24212				
126 ->132	0.17460				
126 ->133	0.26278				
127 ->139	-0.12379				
Excited State 37:	Singlet-A	5.3798 eV	230.46 nm	f=0.0128	<S**2>=0.000
116 ->128	0.24323				
117 ->129	-0.25098				
118 ->129	0.51240				
124 ->130	-0.18047				
Excited State 38:	Singlet-A	5.3943 eV	229.84 nm	f=0.0024	<S**2>=0.000
127 ->138	0.12767				
127 ->139	0.21210				
127 ->140	0.61640				
Excited State 39:	Singlet-A	5.4136 eV	229.02 nm	f=0.0541	<S**2>=0.000
121 ->130	0.10261				
123 ->130	-0.14695				
125 ->130	0.50650				
125 ->131	0.15224				
125 ->133	-0.15033				
126 ->133	0.12971				
126 ->134	0.10351				
127 ->137	-0.11712				
127 ->140	-0.13288				
Excited State 40:	Singlet-A	5.4861 eV	226.00 nm	f=0.0221	<S**2>=0.000
121 ->130	-0.14197				
122 ->130	-0.10132				
124 ->130	0.24021				
125 ->130	0.31245				
125 ->131	-0.27508				
126 ->134	-0.26696				
127 ->137	0.15178				
127 ->138	-0.13871				
127 ->141	0.19577				

Table S9. Standard Orientation of the Optimized Geometry for the (R)-form of **2'**

Tag	Symbol	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	C	-4.0058310	-0.8849470	1.1806860
2	C	-4.9840980	-1.7890540	0.6918490
3	C	-4.7729480	-2.5791040	-0.4190340
4	C	-3.5362470	-2.5207120	-1.1097900
5	C	-2.5736860	-1.6362360	-0.5837460
6	C	-2.8006090	-0.8123640	0.5292210
7	C	-3.1540790	-3.2379090	-2.2713710
8	C	-1.9041220	-3.0506900	-2.8254600
9	C	-0.9474680	-2.1672650	-2.2628040
10	C	-1.2955310	-1.4716090	-1.1344440
11	H	-4.2243800	-0.2616480	2.0418030
12	H	-5.9370880	-1.8487270	1.2081990
13	H	-5.5546940	-3.2467490	-0.7685990
14	H	-3.8524340	-3.9318440	-2.7296110
15	H	-1.6357690	-3.6028360	-3.7207150
16	H	0.0299140	-2.0585280	-2.7209650
17	C	-0.4823700	-0.5554400	-0.2274800
18	N	0.2854940	0.4226500	-0.9564260
19	N	0.4335270	-1.3849240	0.5457630
20	C	1.5213020	0.1979940	-0.6799780
21	C	1.6151360	-0.9466010	0.2909940
22	C	2.6016210	0.9816350	-1.3007860
23	C	2.3778200	2.3352920	-1.5816790
24	C	3.8166660	0.3961950	-1.6743410
25	C	3.3596180	3.0919420	-2.2069010
26	H	1.4273300	2.7761890	-1.3021850
27	C	4.7917800	1.1551270	-2.3125820
28	H	3.9943320	-0.6557720	-1.4802560
29	C	4.5687490	2.5039490	-2.5735470
30	H	3.1812030	4.1426910	-2.4108570
31	H	5.7270450	0.6901150	-2.6068050
32	H	5.3347040	3.0961800	-3.0640310
33	C	2.8075220	-1.5285910	0.9285630
34	C	2.8308890	-2.9022570	1.1994560
35	C	3.8873640	-0.7338850	1.3300970
36	C	3.9215350	-3.4720650	1.8423920
37	H	1.9825800	-3.5075830	0.8995120
38	C	4.9719170	-1.3068470	1.9854810
39	H	3.8719950	0.3344890	1.1460890
40	C	4.9950510	-2.6756540	2.2365810
41	H	3.9338450	-4.5390800	2.0399040
42	H	5.7991900	-0.6802720	2.3023810
43	H	5.8460580	-3.1212000	2.7417540
44	C	-1.5957600	0.1029350	0.7542110

45	C	-1.9393320	1.5227080	0.3217000
46	C	-1.1354300	0.0128640	2.1787110
47	C	-2.4914760	1.7606160	-0.9408350
48	C	-1.7253390	2.6161540	1.1723640
49	C	-0.9533210	1.0633260	2.9860390
50	H	-0.9477140	-0.9930000	2.5378880
51	C	-2.8081660	3.0479070	-1.3487310
52	H	-2.6648560	0.9300390	-1.6156300
53	C	-2.0464780	3.9127370	0.7546390
54	C	-1.1834860	2.4431680	2.5441410
55	H	-0.6188600	0.9397900	4.0109620
56	C	-2.5843100	4.1339420	-0.5006850
57	H	-3.2327020	3.2058230	-2.3351880
58	H	-1.8637940	4.7243890	1.4503940
59	H	-2.8350410	5.1400660	-0.8210490
60	O	-0.9594130	3.3949770	3.2792580

SCF Done: E(RmPW1PW91) = -1531.35539268 A.U.

Zero-point correction = 0.474843 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy = 0.502424
Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.503368
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.414629
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1530.880550
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1530.852969
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1530.852025
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1530.940763

Low frequencies --- -5.8489 0.0005 0.0005 0.0007 1.6650 3.7998
Low frequencies --- 14.8508 17.0213 30.5828

The Result for the TDDFT calculation

$\langle 0 | \hat{d} | b \rangle * \langle b | \hat{r} \hat{x} \hat{d} | 0 \rangle + \langle 0 | \hat{d} | b \rangle * \langle b | \hat{d} \hat{r} + \hat{r} \hat{d} | 0 \rangle$
Rotatory Strengths (R) in cgs (10^{-40} erg-esu-cm/Gauss)

state	XX	YY	ZZ	R(velocity)	E-M Angle
1	8.2255	32.8048	7.1389	16.0564	46.27
2	-0.7534	-3.1858	2.6653	-0.4247	95.70
3	0.3994	5.2610	0.4856	2.0487	81.58
4	-3.7795	182.1229	361.7622	180.0352	21.42
5	14.1154	-111.5974	58.2824	-13.0665	97.19
6	-67.3502	-2.4137	-36.8884	-35.5507	133.77
7	-45.4202	42.3708	32.6399	9.8635	76.66
8	5.5853	-51.7243	-20.8836	-22.3409	135.10
9	5.2399	-73.1901	23.2075	-14.9143	126.93
10	-74.4673	-148.4902	-31.3382	-84.7652	157.61
11	-177.5864	-15.1184	-27.5383	-73.4144	171.58
12	46.7913	-9.7023	-1.5909	11.8327	73.42

13	64.6596	48.8366	17.6923	43.7295	24.77
14	-10.7426	-43.0143	34.4248	-6.4440	144.33
15	82.0061	-66.6554	173.4926	62.9477	63.81
16	33.5442	39.3006	18.0382	30.2944	20.54
17	-54.6422	74.7349	38.4532	19.5153	85.27
18	2.6755	-10.0993	9.9762	0.8508	88.24
19	2.4310	4.6325	8.4913	5.1850	61.80
20	33.5557	12.9343	-10.7917	11.8994	60.71
21	-6.8678	13.9692	-0.0973	2.3347	67.40
22	44.4985	-47.1190	-3.9561	-2.1922	98.76
23	-10.4129	-5.2557	-5.2186	-6.9624	151.58
24	56.3799	2.4189	-52.8586	1.9801	86.06
25	-0.8859	-4.9842	-0.0004	-1.9568	118.89
26	-9.5709	15.5730	43.6570	16.5530	40.51
27	8.3456	4.1032	-11.4762	0.3242	88.46
28	-70.9389	100.2493	-38.7500	-3.1465	93.03
29	111.5332	41.4228	34.5324	62.4961	52.61
30	105.0791	62.0704	-23.4622	47.8958	42.51
31	-4.4806	-9.2633	14.5377	0.2646	88.78
32	-29.6120	-58.7597	70.6458	-5.9086	94.86
33	0.5879	9.5201	7.0449	5.7176	39.74
34	25.6984	1.1332	-11.8698	4.9873	78.69
35	-48.2344	12.0025	-202.7109	-79.6476	159.11
36	-12.2584	1.8571	19.4643	3.0210	73.40
37	-199.9948	-18.6654	107.8176	-36.9475	100.24
38	-4.4429	-84.7548	96.2500	2.3508	84.39
39	-13.6035	69.2882	-4.3256	17.1197	34.47
40	60.8964	32.5918	16.1037	36.5306	59.95

$1/2[\langle 0|r|b \rangle \langle b|rxdel|0 \rangle + (\langle 0|rxdel|b \rangle \langle b|r|0 \rangle)^*]$
 Rotatory Strengths (R) in cgs (10^{40} erg-esu-cm/Gauss)

state	XX	YY	ZZ	R(length)
1	13.8143	-4.1537	38.3130	15.9912
2	-0.8306	4.7120	-3.8914	-0.0033
3	8.3968	-6.2023	3.5310	1.9085
4	562.7653	-7.0026	-2.8541	184.3028
5	-31.4833	61.3173	-67.9895	-12.7185
6	-99.3870	2.5398	-5.6664	-34.1712
7	78.3388	-14.6643	-33.6009	10.0245
8	-78.5982	7.3565	4.6692	-22.1908
9	-49.9460	3.5124	0.8109	-15.2075
10	-192.7906	7.5496	-75.6713	-86.9708
11	0.2256	-28.0400	-192.4786	-73.4310
12	-1.6355	57.2174	-21.0570	11.5083
13	52.8246	72.7992	5.2765	43.6335
14	-16.7618	1.4137	-4.5473	-6.6318

15	82.5433	123.9923	-12.2095	64.7754
16	0.8141	8.4682	80.3582	29.8802
17	265.7683	-172.4869	-24.4335	22.9493
18	-2.1751	5.7150	4.2678	2.6026
19	9.9876	2.4343	3.9401	5.4540
20	-6.0399	15.3530	27.5350	12.2827
21	0.5103	1.0157	8.3508	3.2923
22	-9.9864	15.8977	-13.1333	-2.4074
23	0.0686	-8.2576	-13.1657	-7.1183
24	4.8031	-5.4199	13.3724	4.2518
25	-3.8618	-1.8510	-0.0720	-1.9283
26	56.4992	1.7263	-6.8068	17.1395
27	-15.4025	5.1801	11.1463	0.3079
28	37.0882	-44.6930	-2.2815	-3.2954
29	32.9417	110.2131	46.1744	63.1097
30	34.8390	47.7313	64.3470	48.9724
31	6.8890	1.3036	-8.4774	-0.0949
32	43.0756	-9.9021	-52.7452	-6.5239
33	9.1160	8.8014	-1.6289	5.4295
34	-0.5545	38.7218	-29.1604	3.0023
35	-132.7795	-116.7335	1.9811	-82.5107
36	18.6041	0.6595	-9.9591	3.1015
37	45.0024	152.1291	-295.1308	-32.6664
38	6.4767	-3.0886	3.8590	2.4157
39	35.2336	-2.1969	19.0637	17.3668
40	37.1080	89.1605	-18.9854	35.7610

$$1/2[\langle 0 | \text{del} | b \rangle^* \langle b | r | 0 \rangle + (\langle 0 | r | b \rangle^* \langle b | \text{del} | 0 \rangle)^*] \text{ (Au)}$$

state	X	Y	Z	Dip. S.	Osc. (frdel)
1	-0.0057	-0.0005	-0.0035	0.0097	0.0065
2	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0000
3	0.0000	-0.0008	-0.0004	0.0012	0.0008
4	-0.1009	-0.0025	0.0000	0.1034	0.0689
5	-0.1827	-0.1377	-0.0186	0.3390	0.2260
6	-0.0135	-0.0005	-0.0144	0.0284	0.0189
7	-0.0379	-0.0044	-0.0095	0.0518	0.0346
8	-0.0248	-0.0054	-0.0008	0.0311	0.0207
9	-0.0428	-0.0003	0.0000	0.0432	0.0288
10	-0.0503	-0.0008	-0.0138	0.0649	0.0433
11	-0.0002	-0.0030	-0.0302	0.0335	0.0223
12	-0.0002	-0.0403	-0.0017	0.0422	0.0281
13	-0.0324	-0.0179	-0.0026	0.0529	0.0353
14	-0.0385	-0.0013	-0.0040	0.0439	0.0292
15	-0.1128	-0.0234	-0.0002	0.1365	0.0910
16	0.0000	-0.0018	-0.0090	0.0108	0.0072
17	-0.0143	-0.0280	-0.0463	0.0886	0.0591

18	-0.0237	-0.0002	0.0000	0.0239	0.0159
19	-0.0064	0.0000	-0.0005	0.0069	0.0046
20	-0.0064	-0.0010	-0.0101	0.0175	0.0116
21	-0.0001	0.0000	-0.0042	0.0042	0.0028
22	-0.0016	-0.0048	-0.0085	0.0149	0.0100
23	0.0000	-0.0007	-0.0031	0.0038	0.0025
24	-0.0020	-0.0329	-0.0005	0.0354	0.0236
25	-0.0015	-0.0001	0.0000	0.0016	0.0011
26	-0.0137	-0.0018	-0.0007	0.0162	0.0108
27	-0.0025	-0.0009	-0.0058	0.0092	0.0061
28	-0.0030	-0.0103	-0.0380	0.0513	0.0342
29	-0.0007	-0.0341	-0.0036	0.0384	0.0256
30	-0.0432	-0.0350	-0.0119	0.0901	0.0601
31	-0.0054	-0.0001	-0.0003	0.0058	0.0039
32	-0.0498	-0.0011	-0.0039	0.0548	0.0365
33	-0.0023	-0.0036	-0.0002	0.0062	0.0041
34	-0.0002	-0.0115	-0.0023	0.0140	0.0093
35	-0.0215	-0.0234	-0.0050	0.0498	0.0332
36	-0.0029	-0.0012	-0.0032	0.0073	0.0049
37	-0.0009	-0.0175	-0.0738	0.0922	0.0614
38	-0.0597	-0.0002	-0.0005	0.0605	0.0403
39	-0.0620	-0.0022	-0.0120	0.0762	0.0508
40	-0.0097	-0.0089	-0.0262	0.0448	0.0299

Excited State 1: Singlet-A 3.3486 eV 370.26 nm f=0.0063 <S**2>=0.000
127 ->128 0.70082

This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Total Energy, E(TD-HF/TD-KS) = -1531.27217677

Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.

Excited State 2: Singlet-A 3.4982 eV 354.43 nm f=0.0001 <S**2>=0.000
125 ->128 0.20891
125 ->129 0.61738
126 ->129 -0.20005

Excited State 3: Singlet-A 3.7981 eV 326.44 nm f=0.0010 <S**2>=0.000
127 ->129 0.69362

Excited State 4: Singlet-A 3.9296 eV 315.52 nm f=0.0711 <S**2>=0.000
117 ->128 0.27896
120 ->128 -0.12856
126 ->128 0.60500

Excited State 5: Singlet-A 4.2237 eV 293.55 nm f=0.2238 <S**2>=0.000
122 ->128 -0.17216
125 ->128 -0.16122
127 ->130 0.63574

Excited State 6: Singlet-A 4.2359 eV 292.70 nm f=0.0179 <S**2>=0.000
117 ->128 -0.18430
118 ->128 0.13056

120 ->128	0.14584					
122 ->128	0.22898					
123 ->128	0.12069					
125 ->128	0.49245					
125 ->129	-0.12901					
126 ->128	0.10041					
127 ->130	0.23714					
Excited State 7:	Singlet-A	4.3206 eV	286.96 nm	f=0.0352	<S**2>=0.000	
122 ->128	0.36474					
123 ->128	0.17835					
124 ->128	0.41486					
125 ->128	-0.31766					
126 ->128	0.10647					
126 ->129	-0.16727					
Excited State 8:	Singlet-A	4.3526 eV	284.85 nm	f=0.0206	<S**2>=0.000	
117 ->128	0.15828					
118 ->128	-0.10795					
120 ->128	-0.20811					
122 ->128	-0.28072					
123 ->128	0.39671					
124 ->128	0.24610					
125 ->128	0.19296					
125 ->129	-0.12798					
126 ->128	-0.15261					
126 ->129	-0.14621					
Excited State 9:	Singlet-A	4.3673 eV	283.89 nm	f=0.0294	<S**2>=0.000	
123 ->128	0.49559					
124 ->128	-0.40507					
125 ->128	-0.14193					
125 ->129	0.11689					
126 ->129	0.10359					
Excited State 10:	Singlet-A	4.3880 eV	282.55 nm	f=0.0443	<S**2>=0.000	
117 ->128	0.20829					
118 ->128	-0.10433					
120 ->128	-0.36547					
122 ->128	0.37810					
123 ->128	-0.10094					
124 ->128	-0.15662					
125 ->128	0.10983					
126 ->128	-0.18361					
126 ->129	-0.11184					
127 ->131	0.11377					
127 ->133	0.11952					
Excited State 11:	Singlet-A	4.4502 eV	278.60 nm	f=0.0224	<S**2>=0.000	
121 ->128	0.47263					
122 ->128	0.14550					
122 ->130	0.10308					
123 ->130	-0.25069					
127 ->131	-0.17628					
127 ->132	-0.15336					

127 ->133	-0.27343					
Excited State 12:	Singlet-A	4.4588 eV	278.07 nm	f=0.0276	<S**2>=0.000	
120 ->128	-0.22924					
122 ->129	0.13567					
124 ->128	0.23982					
125 ->129	0.16952					
126 ->129	0.53764					
Excited State 13:	Singlet-A	4.4631 eV	277.80 nm	f=0.0353	<S**2>=0.000	
121 ->128	0.48024					
123 ->128	0.13221					
123 ->130	0.24631					
127 ->131	0.16101					
127 ->132	0.17852					
127 ->133	0.27813					
Excited State 14:	Singlet-A	4.5811 eV	270.64 nm	f=0.0305	<S**2>=0.000	
117 ->128	0.28671					
118 ->128	-0.35795					
120 ->128	0.40686					
127 ->131	0.21202					
Excited State 15:	Singlet-A	4.6332 eV	267.60 nm	f=0.0949	<S**2>=0.000	
117 ->128	-0.11148					
118 ->128	0.17398					
123 ->130	-0.11979					
127 ->131	0.60366					
127 ->133	-0.13382					
Excited State 16:	Singlet-A	4.6744 eV	265.24 nm	f=0.0070	<S**2>=0.000	
119 ->128	0.65131					
Excited State 17:	Singlet-A	4.6909 eV	264.31 nm	f=0.0608	<S**2>=0.000	
118 ->129	-0.14007					
124 ->129	0.64627					
Excited State 18:	Singlet-A	4.8265 eV	256.88 nm	f=0.0166	<S**2>=0.000	
115 ->128	0.13406					
117 ->128	0.39909					
118 ->128	0.47646					
120 ->128	0.10130					
123 ->129	0.16092					
126 ->128	-0.10027					
Excited State 19:	Singlet-A	4.8386 eV	256.24 nm	f=0.0047	<S**2>=0.000	
118 ->128	-0.10187					
122 ->129	-0.36641					
123 ->129	0.56948					
Excited State 20:	Singlet-A	4.8610 eV	255.06 nm	f=0.0118	<S**2>=0.000	
122 ->129	0.40080					
123 ->129	0.23511					
126 ->129	-0.15053					
126 ->130	0.44339					

Excited State 21:	Singlet-A	4.8722 eV	254.47 nm	f=0.0031	<S**2>=0.000
122 ->129	-0.36139				
123 ->129	-0.26609				
126 ->129	0.12445				
126 ->130	0.47892				
Excited State 22:	Singlet-A	4.9837 eV	248.78 nm	f=0.0104	<S**2>=0.000
120 ->129	-0.16690				
121 ->129	0.63570				
122 ->129	0.11845				
Excited State 23:	Singlet-A	5.0617 eV	244.94 nm	f=0.0028	<S**2>=0.000
125 ->130	0.66460				
126 ->130	-0.13525				
Excited State 24:	Singlet-A	5.1046 eV	242.89 nm	f=0.0227	<S**2>=0.000
114 ->128	-0.12898				
115 ->128	0.49312				
116 ->128	-0.18918				
117 ->131	0.11577				
118 ->128	-0.16969				
122 ->129	0.10041				
126 ->131	0.24279				
Excited State 25:	Singlet-A	5.1197 eV	242.17 nm	f=0.0011	<S**2>=0.000
120 ->129	-0.19169				
124 ->130	0.10472				
127 ->132	0.56132				
127 ->133	-0.29381				
Excited State 26:	Singlet-A	5.1439 eV	241.03 nm	f=0.0114	<S**2>=0.000
120 ->129	-0.21218				
124 ->130	0.60613				
127 ->132	-0.16591				
Excited State 27:	Singlet-A	5.1592 eV	240.32 nm	f=0.0062	<S**2>=0.000
117 ->129	-0.10256				
120 ->129	0.56129				
121 ->129	0.14575				
124 ->130	0.28155				
127 ->132	0.14843				
Excited State 28:	Singlet-A	5.1843 eV	239.15 nm	f=0.0343	<S**2>=0.000
115 ->128	0.20672				
116 ->128	-0.10871				
122 ->130	0.41547				
123 ->130	0.20406				
126 ->131	-0.30723				
127 ->134	-0.24125				
Excited State 29:	Singlet-A	5.2198 eV	237.53 nm	f=0.0262	<S**2>=0.000
122 ->130	0.27385				
124 ->130	-0.10837				
127 ->133	0.12502				

127 ->134	0.58097				
127 ->135	0.12373				
Excited State 30:	Singlet-A	5.2500 eV	236.16 nm	f=0.0618	<S**2>=0.000
115 ->128	-0.13090				
121 ->130	0.19368				
122 ->130	0.36842				
123 ->130	0.14287				
126 ->131	0.45721				
Excited State 31:	Singlet-A	5.2767 eV	234.96 nm	f=0.0040	<S**2>=0.000
119 ->128	0.17352				
120 ->130	0.22839				
120 ->131	0.37780				
121 ->130	0.22270				
121 ->131	0.19552				
122 ->132	-0.14670				
122 ->135	0.10928				
123 ->131	-0.10099				
123 ->132	-0.10532				
126 ->132	0.15017				
Excited State 32:	Singlet-A	5.3091 eV	233.53 nm	f=0.0372	<S**2>=0.000
116 ->128	-0.23361				
120 ->130	-0.21830				
121 ->130	0.51398				
123 ->130	-0.14369				
126 ->131	-0.20094				
Excited State 33:	Singlet-A	5.3434 eV	232.03 nm	f=0.0040	<S**2>=0.000
125 ->130	0.12230				
125 ->131	0.64690				
125 ->136	-0.14300				
Excited State 34:	Singlet-A	5.3645 eV	231.12 nm	f=0.0096	<S**2>=0.000
115 ->128	0.19808				
116 ->128	0.57311				
118 ->129	-0.10761				
120 ->130	-0.10006				
121 ->130	0.13033				
126 ->131	-0.11859				
127 ->136	-0.13981				
Excited State 35:	Singlet-A	5.3784 eV	230.52 nm	f=0.0344	<S**2>=0.000
115 ->128	0.13041				
116 ->128	0.12745				
117 ->129	-0.19692				
118 ->129	0.47842				
127 ->136	0.30382				
Excited State 36:	Singlet-A	5.3951 eV	229.81 nm	f=0.0051	<S**2>=0.000
118 ->129	0.11110				
119 ->129	0.54294				
119 ->130	0.12045				
119 ->131	0.21043				

121 ->131	-0.11145				
122 ->131	-0.10641				
Excited State 37:	Singlet-A	5.4082 eV	229.25 nm	f=0.0645	<S**2>=0.000
117 ->129	0.12984				
118 ->129	-0.24299				
119 ->129	0.12823				
122 ->131	0.20643				
123 ->131	0.13058				
124 ->131	-0.22716				
124 ->134	-0.15990				
126 ->136	-0.11263				
127 ->136	0.38004				
Excited State 38:	Singlet-A	5.4438 eV	227.75 nm	f=0.0411	<S**2>=0.000
119 ->129	0.35794				
119 ->130	-0.14503				
119 ->131	-0.21723				
121 ->130	-0.12017				
121 ->131	0.10304				
122 ->131	0.31553				
124 ->131	0.20164				
127 ->136	-0.15013				
Excited State 39:	Singlet-A	5.4819 eV	226.17 nm	f=0.0518	<S**2>=0.000
118 ->130	0.16495				
119 ->129	-0.16510				
119 ->130	0.12247				
119 ->131	0.19201				
121 ->131	-0.12884				
121 ->132	0.10432				
122 ->131	0.37136				
123 ->131	0.25220				
124 ->131	0.11090				
127 ->135	-0.12575				
127 ->136	-0.18406				
Excited State 40:	Singlet-A	5.5294 eV	224.23 nm	f=0.0301	<S**2>=0.000
117 ->130	-0.14898				
118 ->130	0.27615				
120 ->130	0.38100				
120 ->131	-0.13995				
121 ->130	0.11571				
123 ->130	-0.18090				
123 ->131	-0.11344				
127 ->133	0.11750				
127 ->134	-0.11509				
127 ->135	0.28970				

15. DFT calculations for the transition states

The DFT calculations were carried out to understand the thermodynamics and the reaction kinetics for the negative photochromism of **1** and **2**. All calculations were carried out using the Gaussian 09 program (Revision D.01).^{S4} The molecular structures were fully optimized at the (U)M05-2X/6-31G(d,p) level of theory. The stationary nature of the structures was confirmed by harmonic vibrational frequency calculations; that is, equilibrium species possess all real frequencies, whereas transition states possess only one imaginary frequency. The calculated energy diagrams for **1** and **2** are shown in Figure S45. The experimental observation for the thermal stability of each transient species can be qualitatively explained by the DFT calculations. The biradical species is extremely unstable and the activation free energy barrier for the relaxation path is small. That is why we could not observe the transient absorbance attributable to the biradical species by the nanosecond laser flash photolysis. The large steric repulsion between the imidazolyl radical and the phenoxy (or naphthoxy) radical will destabilize the biradical species. The activation free energy barrier for the thermal recombination reaction from the biradical species into the 2,4-isomer (TS2) is smaller than that into the 1,4-isomer (TS1). This result supports that the 2,4-isomer is kinetically generated through the thermal recombination reaction of the photogenerated biradical species upon UV light irradiation. On the other hand, the 2,4-isomer is thermodynamically unstable, compared with the 1,4-isomer, leading to the isomerization reaction from the 2,4-isomer into the 1,4-isomer through the biradical species by the thermodynamic controlled reaction. The thermal back reaction from the 2,4-isomer into the 1,4-isomer of **2** was accelerated as compared with that of **1** by replacing the phenoxy unit to the naphthoxy unit. However, the reason for the acceleration of the thermal back reaction of **2** cannot be explained by the calculated activation free energy between the reactions of **1** and **2**. While the calculated activation free energy barrier of TS1 of **2** is smaller than that of **1**, the energy of TS2 of **2** increases according to the calculation. This calculated result suggests the reduction of the rate for the thermal isomerization reaction from the 2,4-isomer of **2**, which conflicts with the experimental results. Presumably, considerations of some solvent effects and more suitable calculations for the open-shell biradical species are required to quantitatively discuss about the activation free energy for the thermal back reactions.

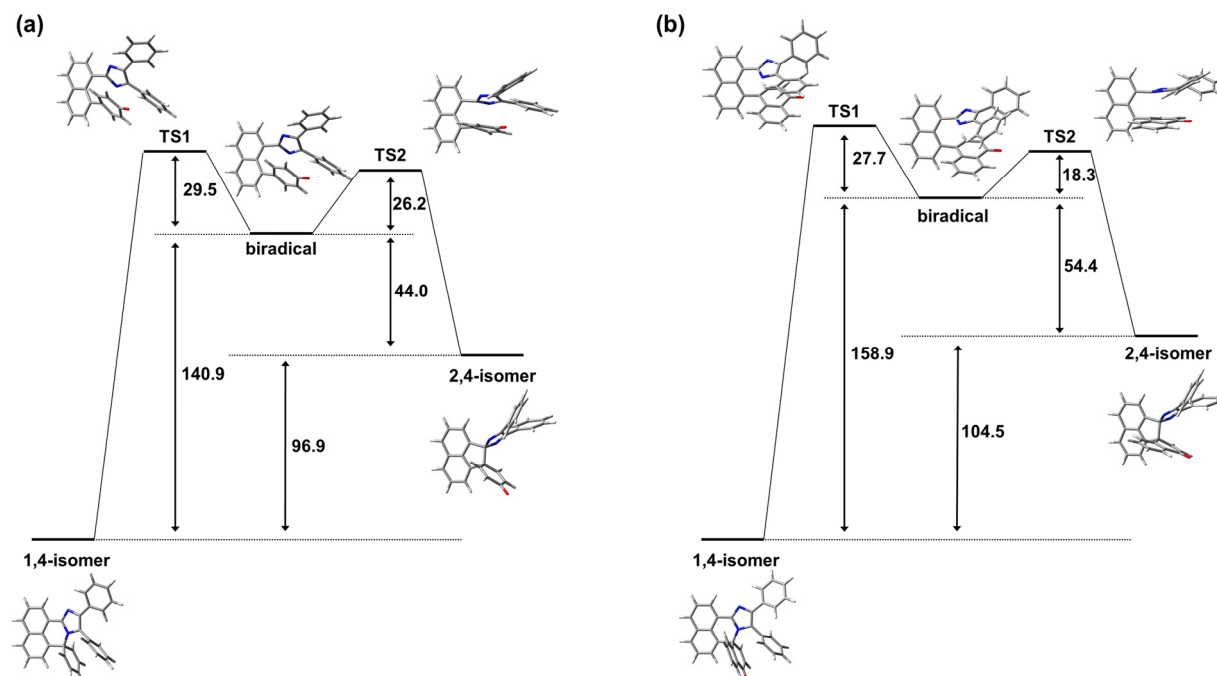


Figure S51. Energy diagrams for the thermal back reactions and the optimized molecular structures of (a) **1** and (b) **2** calculated by the DFT method (M05-2X/6-31G(d,p) level of the theory). The Gibbs free energies at 298.15 K are given in the unit of kJ mol⁻¹.

Table S10. Standard Orientation of the Optimized Geometry for the 1,4-isomer of **1**

Tag	Symbol	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	C	3.7511130	0.9834800	0.3970250
2	C	5.0606020	0.4735620	0.5147380
3	C	5.2932970	-0.8725440	0.4028360
4	C	4.2200800	-1.7678410	0.1801880
5	C	2.8997230	-1.2529240	0.0773130
6	C	2.6810980	0.1459420	0.1838820
7	C	4.4260500	-3.1659820	0.0552390
8	C	3.3683160	-4.0140250	-0.1531920
9	C	2.0532620	-3.5112330	-0.2335660
10	C	1.8238550	-2.1608930	-0.1172610
11	C	1.2881310	0.7693870	-0.0506530
12	C	0.4768370	-1.6188850	-0.1338790
13	C	1.0118050	1.7636090	1.0501880
14	C	0.9995740	3.0830580	0.8579810
15	C	1.1694510	3.6739890	-0.4884600
16	C	1.3367600	2.7254520	-1.6137860
17	C	1.3487400	1.4065480	-1.4204440
18	O	1.1618220	4.8785280	-0.6664670
19	N	0.2527240	-0.2751060	-0.0425990
20	C	-1.1252360	-0.0994010	-0.0387880
21	C	-1.6524680	-1.3750710	-0.1193060
22	N	-0.6425010	-2.3001950	-0.1775520
23	C	-3.0605510	-1.8068260	-0.1205610
24	C	-1.7734970	1.2156260	0.1498620
25	C	-4.1145900	-0.9359280	-0.4167300
26	C	-5.4277790	-1.3929400	-0.4010300
27	C	-5.7084790	-2.7217660	-0.0986760
28	C	-4.6626750	-3.5960700	0.1850240
29	C	-3.3496090	-3.1437280	0.1739450
30	C	-1.8815410	2.1315270	-0.8986710
31	C	-2.4310000	3.3895090	-0.6751230
32	C	-2.9021390	3.7297700	0.5904480
33	C	-2.8429900	2.8028850	1.6277850
34	C	-2.2810470	1.5507090	1.4086720
35	H	3.5885410	2.0517230	0.4662680
36	H	5.8807360	1.1585040	0.6865200
37	H	6.2982070	-1.2698220	0.4822780
38	H	5.4365190	-3.5498660	0.1287730
39	H	3.5370260	-5.0789550	-0.2488030
40	H	1.2072130	-4.1706230	-0.3752690
41	H	0.8628640	1.3307850	2.0332920
42	H	0.8283990	3.7803560	1.6679520
43	H	1.4274560	3.1651240	-2.5991220
44	H	1.4576510	0.7068890	-2.2428100

45	H	-3.9105290	0.0954620	-0.6706250
46	H	-6.2334210	-0.7076850	-0.6340630
47	H	-6.7323720	-3.0742400	-0.0891820
48	H	-4.8704530	-4.6335140	0.4168220
49	H	-2.5281870	-3.8137670	0.3891330
50	H	-1.5213150	1.8584080	-1.8815480
51	H	-2.4906860	4.1039290	-1.4863410
52	H	-3.3256440	4.7111000	0.7633410
53	H	-3.2279220	3.0579730	2.6070720
54	H	-2.2207710	0.8231200	2.2091160

SCF Done: E(RM052X) = -1378.00369160 A.U.

Zero-point correction = 0.431185 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy = 0.455839
Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.456783
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.374496
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1377.572506
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1377.547853
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1377.546909
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1377.629196

Low frequencies --- -13.7992 -6.8227 -4.7060 -0.0004 -0.0002 0.0005

Low frequencies --- 12.4850 26.4166 32.1655

Table S11. Standard Orientation of the Optimized Geometry for the Biradical Species of **1**

Tag	Symbol	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	C	-4.0100150	-1.6950790	0.7876750
2	C	-5.3404480	-1.4173770	0.4138870
3	C	-5.6458130	-0.2137560	-0.1607760
4	C	-4.6259240	0.7292020	-0.4469240
5	C	-3.2677400	0.4145280	-0.1625080
6	C	-2.9871400	-0.8007910	0.5452990
7	C	-4.9572710	1.9918510	-1.0031940
8	C	-3.9864970	2.9199030	-1.2695530
9	C	-2.6322920	2.5896090	-1.0661610
10	C	-2.2665650	1.3522260	-0.5773850
11	C	-1.6632880	-1.0949050	1.1326030
12	C	-0.8382520	1.0286900	-0.5957180
13	C	-1.0142450	-0.1422830	1.9558860
14	C	0.2262170	-0.3975210	2.4736830
15	C	0.8914010	-1.6661590	2.2377490
16	C	0.1647510	-2.6502510	1.4502440
17	C	-1.0627060	-2.3658050	0.9284710
18	O	2.0358170	-1.8960840	2.6709750
19	N	-0.3666710	-0.1651320	-1.0728920
20	C	0.9381380	-0.0925240	-0.8883950
21	C	1.2484770	1.2454360	-0.3380080

22	N	0.1020610	1.9044190	-0.1797620
23	C	2.5283090	1.8776860	-0.0426580
24	C	1.8052570	-1.2345690	-1.1870700
25	C	3.7086720	1.5252340	-0.7117900
26	C	4.8969010	2.1836370	-0.4217880
27	C	4.9227410	3.1935220	0.5361280
28	C	3.7497420	3.5594400	1.1950180
29	C	2.5579670	2.9145060	0.9021830
30	C	1.4297960	-2.1045910	-2.2193270
31	C	2.1819440	-3.2396690	-2.4839580
32	C	3.3040540	-3.5304990	-1.7090700
33	C	3.6683940	-2.6827430	-0.6668510
34	C	2.9280480	-1.5357010	-0.4058720
35	H	-3.7880650	-2.6055360	1.3310170
36	H	-6.1181830	-2.1395300	0.6261840
37	H	-6.6703040	0.0411690	-0.4051140
38	H	-6.0005070	2.2103140	-1.1991180
39	H	-4.2480260	3.8899830	-1.6717020
40	H	-1.8491330	3.2854330	-1.3377100
41	H	-1.5007650	0.8076660	2.1393980
42	H	0.7534650	0.3267900	3.0809130
43	H	0.6668140	-3.5903470	1.2624630
44	H	-1.5709070	-3.0782490	0.2908250
45	H	3.6887840	0.7532490	-1.4690790
46	H	5.8027680	1.9105050	-0.9476070
47	H	5.8526220	3.6988050	0.7647920
48	H	3.7674410	4.3490970	1.9354760
49	H	1.6341940	3.1901410	1.3929290
50	H	0.5428870	-1.8732100	-2.7942620
51	H	1.8920480	-3.9019830	-3.2899610
52	H	3.8854520	-4.4214830	-1.9112150
53	H	4.5199000	-2.9203530	-0.0424490
54	H	3.1895750	-0.9062900	0.4340680

SCF Done: E(UM052X) = -1377.94575346 A.U.

Zero-point correction = 0.426821 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy = 0.452172
Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.453117
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.370208
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1377.518933
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1377.493581
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1377.492637
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1377.575545

Low frequencies --- -10.4816 -6.3781 -0.0003 -0.0001 0.0007 3.5914
Low frequencies --- 16.6091 30.6819 33.4261

Table S12. Standard Orientation of the Optimized Geometry for the 2,4-isomer of **1**

Tag	Symbol	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	C	-4.2515310	0.3092360	1.0621970
2	C	-5.3691360	-0.4870520	0.6846440
3	C	-5.2997520	-1.4358870	-0.3110740
4	C	-4.0745770	-1.6677920	-0.9920640
5	C	-2.9822600	-0.8940770	-0.5740510
6	C	-3.0625520	0.0936660	0.4219300
7	C	-3.8209430	-2.5827200	-2.0473420
8	C	-2.5615850	-2.6732720	-2.6002270
9	C	-1.4665110	-1.8933070	-2.1382450
10	C	-1.6943760	-1.0129750	-1.1170400
11	C	-1.7283860	0.8446240	0.4887220
12	C	-1.8995070	2.1087200	-0.3113040
13	C	-1.7489850	3.3306270	0.2039290
14	C	-1.3495170	3.5330790	1.6107480
15	C	-1.1354420	2.3098000	2.4155400
16	C	-1.2921980	1.0877790	1.9014290
17	O	-1.2038590	4.6459940	2.0880500
18	H	-4.3529800	1.0710970	1.8256690
19	H	-6.3120880	-0.3259480	1.1922470
20	H	-6.1800740	-2.0076970	-0.5793550
21	H	-4.6237470	-3.2067680	-2.4215270
22	H	-2.3928960	-3.3715200	-3.4106870
23	H	-0.4860050	-2.0054810	-2.5840750
24	H	-2.1817630	1.9689840	-1.3490560
25	H	-1.9044390	4.2264610	-0.3838630
26	H	-0.8447410	2.4658850	3.4469550
27	H	-1.1352440	0.2014330	2.5035450
28	C	-0.7471540	-0.1377000	-0.3051190
29	N	0.2092740	0.5812450	-1.1187580
30	N	-0.0184310	-0.9821340	0.6353170
31	C	1.3707700	0.2105490	-0.7248240
32	C	1.2251100	-0.7775600	0.4056230
33	C	2.6060040	0.7093250	-1.3583820
34	C	2.6376640	2.0295400	-1.8164740
35	C	3.7099980	-0.1230820	-1.5608990
36	C	3.7705410	2.5165940	-2.4550670
37	H	1.7676550	2.6548560	-1.6610040
38	C	4.8374610	0.3665080	-2.2109940
39	H	3.6830060	-1.1505590	-1.2211900
40	C	4.8713550	1.6860190	-2.6525330
41	H	3.7953160	3.5424020	-2.8000980
42	H	5.6880010	-0.2832430	-2.3734310
43	H	5.7536850	2.0665040	-3.1516800
44	C	2.2855520	-1.4267390	1.2001120
45	C	2.0814310	-2.7301640	1.6617340

46	C	3.4514780	-0.7410290	1.5524590
47	C	3.0427350	-3.3476660	2.4511350
48	H	1.1644960	-3.2395550	1.3950690
49	C	4.4059030	-1.3602850	2.3519360
50	H	3.6045600	0.2761130	1.2158220
51	C	4.2067550	-2.6642130	2.7957420
52	H	2.8839240	-4.3600220	2.8002670
53	H	5.3033050	-0.8223750	2.6296080
54	H	4.9549310	-3.1455690	3.4130270

SCF Done: E(RM052X) = -1377.96603945 A.U.

Zero-point correction = 0.430194 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy = 0.454951
Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.455895
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.373710
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1377.535846
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1377.511088
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1377.510144
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1377.592329

Low frequencies --- -4.8332 -0.0007 -0.0006 -0.0005 3.8120 5.8650
Low frequencies --- 21.7368 24.3175 31.5776

Table S13. Standard Orientation of the Transition State Between the Biradical and the 1,4-isomer of **1**

Tag	Symbol	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	C	-3.8540140	-1.7797300	0.6029080
2	C	-5.2088350	-1.5297710	0.2888290
3	C	-5.5936180	-0.3050070	-0.1868690
4	C	-4.6330190	0.7144780	-0.4175110
5	C	-3.2647820	0.4405480	-0.1703030
6	C	-2.8942630	-0.8131200	0.4022920
7	C	-5.0053530	2.0035980	-0.8786860
8	C	-4.0586200	2.9729980	-1.0876130
9	C	-2.6898210	2.6836600	-0.9059850
10	C	-2.2926020	1.4334430	-0.4885730
11	C	-1.5142040	-1.0312350	0.8911620
12	C	-0.8694900	1.0950360	-0.4374800
13	C	-0.9895180	-0.1448480	1.8951770
14	C	0.2201180	-0.3872810	2.4570780
15	C	0.9263720	-1.6514260	2.2203200
16	C	0.2494000	-2.6366600	1.3572330
17	C	-0.9071170	-2.3388520	0.7376480
18	O	2.0212820	-1.8891290	2.7224760
19	N	-0.4273520	-0.1683320	-0.8382910
20	C	0.8972460	-0.1162270	-0.6836240
21	C	1.2331410	1.2075060	-0.2400180
22	N	0.0850910	1.9352120	-0.0950790

23	C	2.5232210	1.8715470	-0.0669290
24	C	1.7397450	-1.2747090	-1.0331930
25	C	3.6754840	1.4692810	-0.7555190
26	C	4.8692030	2.1567480	-0.5799540
27	C	4.9316460	3.2466630	0.2845530
28	C	3.7861870	3.6628270	0.9601010
29	C	2.5871200	2.9899290	0.7773480
30	C	1.3163030	-2.1251550	-2.0608660
31	C	2.0460420	-3.2643230	-2.3766740
32	C	3.2066110	-3.5708930	-1.6699130
33	C	3.6308490	-2.7313950	-0.6434550
34	C	2.9044930	-1.5898730	-0.3247050
35	H	-3.5759410	-2.7239600	1.0545380
36	H	-5.9444490	-2.3051600	0.4596030
37	H	-6.6360860	-0.0949600	-0.3947890
38	H	-6.0547150	2.2096440	-1.0533810
39	H	-4.3541970	3.9578060	-1.4256810
40	H	-1.9309160	3.4224950	-1.1278180
41	H	-1.5445980	0.7548850	2.1264910
42	H	0.6755730	0.2966440	3.1614630
43	H	0.7627410	-3.5775660	1.2063110
44	H	-1.3686590	-3.0278440	0.0414460
45	H	3.6291120	0.6345630	-1.4410410
46	H	5.7518110	1.8431700	-1.1228700
47	H	5.8664560	3.7748580	0.4243580
48	H	3.8283360	4.5160470	1.6252780
49	H	1.6838420	3.3109870	1.2783500
50	H	0.4071440	-1.8818140	-2.5952920
51	H	1.7101120	-3.9130390	-3.1762110
52	H	3.7735790	-4.4604950	-1.9142320
53	H	4.5202410	-2.9719420	-0.0750910
54	H	3.2186340	-0.9659820	0.5016630

SCF Done: E(UM052X) = -1377.93714693 A.U.

Zero-point correction = 0.427376 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy = 0.451884
Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.452828
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.372846
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1377.509771
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1377.485263
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1377.484319
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1377.564301

Low frequencies --- -631.7548 -8.8125 -5.7833 -0.0009 -0.0007 -0.0004

Low frequencies --- 8.0626 21.8419 39.0813

***** 1 imaginary frequencies (negative Signs) *****

Table S14. Standard Orientation of the Transition State Between the Biradical and the 2,4-isomer of **1**

Tag	Symbol	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	C	3.9385630	0.2564920	2.0116690
2	C	5.2846340	0.4776870	1.6306610
3	C	5.6619920	0.4007240	0.3150560
4	C	4.6991440	0.1483070	-0.6963210
5	C	3.3453990	-0.0005780	-0.3151180
6	C	2.9817570	0.0056860	1.0584590
7	C	5.0286890	0.0317080	-2.0708230
8	C	4.0527160	-0.2133360	-3.0029000
9	C	2.6926600	-0.2992170	-2.6216970
10	C	2.3394870	-0.1731040	-1.3007960
11	C	1.5950800	-0.4035290	1.4110090
12	C	0.9215570	-0.0706980	-0.8822140
13	C	1.3336240	-1.8204510	1.5207720
14	C	0.1477160	-2.2837070	1.9756620
15	C	-0.9315120	-1.3552030	2.3244820
16	C	-0.5890620	0.0715470	2.3119470
17	C	0.6523500	0.5055680	1.9530030
18	O	-2.0651090	-1.7445790	2.6085640
19	N	0.3552190	1.1805090	-0.7080290
20	C	-0.9267580	0.9370270	-0.5793550
21	C	-1.1477700	-0.5223920	-0.7690610
22	N	0.0249170	-1.0910490	-0.9832080
23	C	-2.3995000	-1.2724450	-0.8683980
24	C	-1.8882360	1.9966800	-0.2554620
25	C	-3.5573580	-0.6890310	-1.4001850
26	C	-4.7136230	-1.4436780	-1.5490470
27	C	-4.7292230	-2.7821210	-1.1647560
28	C	-3.5791710	-3.3708830	-0.6439780
29	C	-2.4187220	-2.6239990	-0.5015730
30	C	-1.6240830	3.3029550	-0.6830730
31	C	-2.4961940	4.3341580	-0.3590630
32	C	-3.6311340	4.0755330	0.4062460
33	C	-3.8891900	2.7810580	0.8515190
34	C	-3.0250750	1.7432820	0.5237490
35	H	3.6686130	0.2513280	3.0605490
36	H	6.0234330	0.6777950	2.3960000
37	H	6.6988730	0.5328270	0.0299860
38	H	6.0647980	0.1322130	-2.3714560
39	H	4.3153190	-0.3142010	-4.0480620
40	H	1.9247640	-0.4343630	-3.3722840
41	H	2.1142800	-2.5001560	1.2019800
42	H	-0.0680840	-3.3408740	2.0583460
43	H	-1.3561310	0.7563820	2.6482190
44	H	0.8911610	1.5609460	1.9483100
45	H	-3.5431760	0.3449950	-1.7177450

46	H	-5.6007310	-0.9880900	-1.9696840
47	H	-5.6348290	-3.3655720	-1.2732340
48	H	-3.5894770	-4.4107240	-0.3439330
49	H	-1.5153180	-3.0662780	-0.1048300
50	H	-0.7316210	3.4880100	-1.2660420
51	H	-2.2898820	5.3403710	-0.7009540
52	H	-4.3087720	4.8808000	0.6601790
53	H	-4.7604650	2.5787160	1.4611860
54	H	-3.2153790	0.7420380	0.8911430

SCF Done: E(UM052X) = -1377.90452448 A.U.

Zero-point correction = 0.428200 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy = 0.452834
Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.453778
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.372716
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1377.476325
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1377.451690
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1377.450746
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1377.531809

Low frequencies --- -408.5235 -8.8708 -4.2988 -0.0004 -0.0002 0.0003

Low frequencies --- 6.7952 11.8141 37.2919

***** 1 imaginary frequencies (negative Signs) *****

Table S15. Standard Orientation of the Optimized Geometry for the 1,4-isomer of **2**

Tag	Symbol	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	C	1.7898470	-1.1649870	-0.4620410
2	C	2.3845850	-1.4283570	-1.6999840
3	C	-3.6490530	-0.2220770	-0.8826740
4	C	-4.8859170	0.4496730	-0.9623650
5	C	-4.9609430	1.7963970	-0.7185930
6	C	-3.7947850	2.5289990	-0.3932060
7	C	-2.5479340	1.8506580	-0.3220010
8	C	-2.4935010	0.4530300	-0.5647450
9	C	-3.8360440	3.9239930	-0.1371190
10	C	-2.6916320	4.6148490	0.1690940
11	C	-1.4488310	3.9510030	0.2255650
12	C	-1.3784740	2.5998140	-0.0171690
13	C	-0.1088200	1.8959470	-0.0080490
14	N	-0.0450930	0.5501890	-0.2260670
15	C	1.2966560	0.1997000	-0.1791520
16	C	1.9705010	1.3831290	0.0620860
17	N	1.0808020	2.4208160	0.1645910
18	C	3.4179330	1.6252790	0.1865660
19	C	4.3280580	0.6034600	0.4772790
20	C	5.6860650	0.8826630	0.5832450

21	C	6.1544170	2.1814190	0.4090240
22	C	5.2518360	3.2045950	0.1315360
23	C	3.8946930	2.9302490	0.0218030
24	C	2.8214870	-2.7101730	-2.0108190
25	C	2.6666540	-3.7406950	-1.0868630
26	C	2.1027920	-3.4789720	0.1587540
27	C	1.6764210	-2.1933080	0.4769550
28	O	-1.6534580	-4.4986930	-0.7323620
29	C	-1.5207240	-2.6208270	0.7066070
30	C	-1.3406260	-1.2418910	0.8232350
31	C	-1.1880840	-0.3548320	-0.4076820
32	C	-0.9826630	-1.1380350	-1.6824990
33	C	-1.1482660	-2.4569850	-1.7863200
34	C	-1.4670570	-3.3003490	-0.6178160
35	C	-1.3299900	-0.6556720	2.0881490
36	C	-1.4846020	-1.4425180	3.2218720
37	C	-1.6652550	-2.8221340	3.1053400
38	C	-1.6847700	-3.4069400	1.8492950
39	H	2.4928190	-0.6188490	-2.4117370
40	H	-3.6139650	-1.2885410	-1.0670360
41	H	-5.7764460	-0.1115740	-1.2138860
42	H	-5.9091450	2.3178430	-0.7726270
43	H	-4.7913590	4.4324710	-0.1898080
44	H	-2.7350130	5.6788610	0.3633340
45	H	-0.5354440	4.4858520	0.4496590
46	H	3.9754580	-0.4071870	0.6325570
47	H	6.3787640	0.0818470	0.8109530
48	H	7.2126250	2.3950950	0.4940170
49	H	5.6060910	4.2195340	-0.0007590
50	H	3.1829710	3.7171640	-0.1889540
51	H	3.2756980	-2.9069610	-2.9737780
52	H	2.9933210	-4.7431780	-1.3328300
53	H	1.9914910	-4.2755590	0.8835830
54	H	1.2458980	-1.9852730	1.4484460
55	H	-0.7328870	-0.5316650	-2.5465080
56	H	-1.0332240	-2.9759110	-2.7291100
57	H	-1.1893470	0.4151380	2.1819840
58	H	-1.4648860	-0.9795150	4.2004190
59	H	-1.7865690	-3.4304370	3.9924870
60	H	-1.8130070	-4.4732800	1.7149630

SCF Done: E(RM052X) = -1531.66204600 A.U.

Zero-point correction = 0.479608 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy = 0.506739
Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.507683
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.421193
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1531.182438
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1531.155307
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1531.154363

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1531.240853

Low frequencies --- -10.2677 -2.1523 -0.0002 0.0007 0.0008 5.9820
 Low frequencies --- 21.3646 28.3038 34.9806

Table S16. Standard Orientation of the Optimized Geometry for the Biradical Species of **2**

Tag	Symbol	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	C	-0.0774420	4.4720350	-0.4878010
2	C	-0.7771790	3.4965330	-1.1784880
3	C	1.1803030	4.1744450	0.0486600
4	C	1.7435870	2.9227330	-0.1303460
5	C	-1.9503540	0.7400990	1.4596250
6	C	-1.4627600	2.0237930	1.7442840
7	C	4.0457160	1.0091700	-1.1174070
8	C	5.3832310	0.6734940	-0.8259000
9	C	5.6541630	-0.4351460	-0.0719750
10	C	4.6030790	-1.2351710	0.4417320
11	C	3.2471710	-0.8689750	0.2052280
12	C	2.9886090	0.2662970	-0.6315760
13	C	4.9025440	-2.4165730	1.1682940
14	C	3.9024730	-3.2272800	1.6308880
15	C	2.5574640	-2.8569080	1.4328480
16	C	2.2242980	-1.6895890	0.7806100
17	C	0.7943690	-1.3512290	0.7294980
18	N	0.2882070	-0.1697530	1.1860270
19	C	-1.0137390	-0.2684160	0.9644440
20	C	-1.2671230	-1.5800440	0.3280970
21	N	-0.1148950	-2.2432690	0.2682990
22	C	-2.4958300	-2.1524750	-0.2172760
23	C	-2.6808760	-3.5402070	-0.1559710
24	C	-3.8194220	-4.1161860	-0.7013290
25	C	-4.7694290	-3.3176150	-1.3359980
26	C	-4.5747970	-1.9416870	-1.4284900
27	C	-3.4462240	-1.3542180	-0.8700890
28	C	-2.3069270	2.9962070	2.2582180
29	C	-3.6444760	2.6992490	2.5138190
30	C	-4.1300790	1.4197970	2.2604140
31	C	-3.2915260	0.4428820	1.7382580
32	O	-2.1886470	1.4166290	-2.4076640
33	C	-0.3895760	-0.0888530	-2.2591080
34	C	0.8973380	-0.3299950	-1.8394900
35	C	1.6227280	0.6118580	-1.0901980
36	C	1.0682800	1.9324580	-0.8702600
37	C	-0.2182340	2.2323570	-1.3684150
38	C	-1.0275200	1.1959660	-2.0475330
39	H	-0.5102880	5.4540720	-0.3442710
40	H	-1.7696890	3.6726180	-1.5716330

41	H	1.7171460	4.9244010	0.6160780
42	H	2.7034990	2.6951240	0.3112470
43	H	-0.4198590	2.2374860	1.5513590
44	H	3.8357830	1.8513940	-1.7654750
45	H	6.1860930	1.2792380	-1.2256310
46	H	6.6762970	-0.7286710	0.1362760
47	H	5.9432380	-2.6719290	1.3297040
48	H	4.1349690	-4.1401140	2.1635840
49	H	1.7581910	-3.4752040	1.8201890
50	H	-1.9215340	-4.1441490	0.3229810
51	H	-3.9654000	-5.1871380	-0.6380770
52	H	-5.6544550	-3.7688750	-1.7668760
53	H	-5.2968650	-1.3227490	-1.9452640
54	H	-3.2829380	-0.2887680	-0.9756840
55	H	-1.9204360	3.9880810	2.4572450
56	H	-4.3030400	3.4593970	2.9153160
57	H	-5.1631130	1.1779810	2.4760660
58	H	-3.6719810	-0.5544400	1.5680180
59	H	-0.9630970	-0.8384650	-2.7878540
60	H	1.3524250	-1.2939900	-2.0298900

SCF Done: E(UM052X) = -1531.59788757 A.U.

Zero-point correction = 0.475685 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy = 0.503375
Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.504319
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.417554
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1531.122203
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1531.094513
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1531.093568
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1531.180333

Low frequencies --- -9.0736 -7.2587 -4.6517 -0.0007 -0.0006 0.0001

Low frequencies --- 21.4203 30.6512 44.5760

Table S17. Standard Orientation of the Optimized Geometry for the 2,4-isomer of **2**

Tag	Symbol	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	C	-3.9353650	-0.7925770	1.5067060
2	C	-5.0132440	-1.6072330	1.0621000
3	C	-4.9823410	-2.2867920	-0.1354840
4	C	-3.8347250	-2.2099590	-0.9688430
5	C	-2.7713300	-1.4350400	-0.4833300
6	C	-2.8175290	-0.7109240	0.7211800
7	C	-3.6386820	-2.8105810	-2.2411380
8	C	-2.4599990	-2.6145080	-2.9271950
9	C	-1.3890780	-1.8415720	-2.4000570
10	C	-1.5594420	-1.2658830	-1.1723730
11	H	-4.0166900	-0.2399110	2.4348370

12	H	-5.8972240	-1.6778880	1.6839470
13	H	-5.8346470	-2.8786670	-0.4473100
14	H	-4.4248530	-3.4169940	-2.6749750
15	H	-2.3364900	-3.0722120	-3.9009620
16	H	-0.4690730	-1.7238540	-2.9587570
17	C	-0.5955370	-0.5162740	-0.2662530
18	N	0.2254100	0.4667110	-0.9294690
19	N	0.2771940	-1.4972450	0.3780420
20	C	1.4428760	0.1414670	-0.6952490
21	C	1.4755630	-1.1090310	0.1458500
22	C	2.5727210	0.9248530	-1.2290420
23	C	2.4319520	2.3122570	-1.3291970
24	C	3.7430000	0.3094950	-1.6810260
25	C	3.4615550	3.0770730	-1.8615260
26	H	1.5128690	2.7696000	-0.9838990
27	C	4.7656820	1.0796750	-2.2237440
28	H	3.8490020	-0.7660480	-1.6176390
29	C	4.6287460	2.4621150	-2.3088700
30	H	3.3537610	4.1522300	-1.9282930
31	H	5.6680720	0.5996920	-2.5804170
32	H	5.4301930	3.0599570	-2.7246780
33	C	2.6493810	-1.8207800	0.6863770
34	C	2.6124800	-3.2150190	0.7760800
35	C	3.7623220	-1.1237590	1.1646930
36	C	3.6882000	-3.9059460	1.3183520
37	H	1.7342080	-3.7368460	0.4184040
38	C	4.8316450	-1.8198510	1.7173590
39	H	3.7853320	-0.0425930	1.1158740
40	C	4.7993360	-3.2094810	1.7883380
41	H	3.6595660	-4.9866370	1.3780250
42	H	5.6883690	-1.2759390	2.0942930
43	H	5.6368820	-3.7489090	2.2128210
44	C	-1.5639190	0.1477830	0.8466730
45	C	-1.8603990	1.5904160	0.4549430
46	C	-0.9168890	0.0236860	2.1952790
47	C	-2.6898450	1.8778150	-0.6309500
48	C	-1.2627100	2.6542220	1.1390340
49	C	-0.3739380	1.0456240	2.8601820
50	H	-0.8607370	-0.9827850	2.5907470
51	C	-2.9018320	3.1906950	-1.0295610
52	H	-3.1669630	1.0718200	-1.1726220
53	C	-1.4771640	3.9738140	0.7342390
54	C	-0.4191480	2.4243630	2.3423860
55	H	0.1262340	0.9104410	3.8108420
56	C	-2.2922670	4.2461400	-0.3517820
57	H	-3.5479630	3.3914880	-1.8752060
58	H	-0.9946700	4.7598240	1.3007960
59	H	-2.4616410	5.2679490	-0.6667460
60	O	0.1734720	3.3327900	2.9007500

SCF Done: E(RM052X) = -1531.61840083 A.U.

Zero-point correction = 0.478261 (Hartree/Particle)

Thermal correction to Energy = 0.505672

Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.506616

Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.417345

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1531.140140

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1531.112729

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1531.111785

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1531.201056

Low frequencies --- -8.0179 -2.3913 -0.0008 -0.0004 0.0004 4.0778

Low frequencies --- 8.7344 19.6277 29.3377

Table S18. Standard Orientation of the Transition State Between the Biradical and the 1,4-isomer of **2**

Tag	Symbol	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	C	-0.3993760	4.3854180	-0.4065300
2	C	-1.0503160	3.3653210	-1.0864140
3	C	0.8692230	4.1616830	0.1265170
4	C	1.4933990	2.9314900	-0.0300730
5	C	-1.7690020	0.8827240	1.2273370
6	C	-1.1838060	1.8355370	2.0749290
7	C	3.8738970	1.1905960	-1.0496990
8	C	5.2416920	0.9069990	-0.8434690
9	C	5.6197810	-0.2378070	-0.1947800
10	C	4.6457730	-1.1471430	0.2911710
11	C	3.2702350	-0.8424920	0.1265500
12	C	2.8957610	0.3421450	-0.5780650
13	C	5.0150050	-2.3682350	0.9129290
14	C	4.0595130	-3.2541740	1.3351490
15	C	2.6895050	-2.9427010	1.1981950
16	C	2.2969670	-1.7509060	0.6367950
17	C	0.8706540	-1.4107270	0.5600440
18	N	0.4079250	-0.1706330	0.9564190
19	C	-0.9098630	-0.2170680	0.7398110
20	C	-1.2078620	-1.5231320	0.1961160
21	N	-0.0626220	-2.2635930	0.1692820
22	C	-2.4755850	-2.2123430	-0.1098900
23	C	-2.6808970	-3.4716800	0.4670980
24	C	-3.8443870	-4.1835970	0.2064120
25	C	-4.8033580	-3.6610220	-0.6573320
26	C	-4.5874170	-2.4279950	-1.2655700
27	C	-3.4314740	-1.7032480	-0.9960550
28	C	-1.9233950	2.9022480	2.5628670
29	C	-3.2671230	3.0412280	2.2217270
30	C	-3.8585780	2.0963490	1.3921200

31	C	-3.1197950	1.0252630	0.8978720
32	O	-2.3464620	1.1920180	-2.2695390
33	C	-0.4702590	-0.2273040	-2.1219000
34	C	0.8500030	-0.3547400	-1.7954760
35	C	1.4698040	0.5791000	-0.9220610
36	C	0.8657210	1.9081040	-0.7499830
37	C	-0.4244100	2.1350280	-1.2576130
38	C	-1.1853020	1.0375140	-1.9105410
39	H	-0.8860250	5.3422040	-0.2673390
40	H	-2.0545270	3.4832670	-1.4709120
41	H	1.3683340	4.9449450	0.6831210
42	H	2.4583320	2.7550000	0.4238290
43	H	-0.1401880	1.7242150	2.3351310
44	H	3.5895400	2.0705470	-1.6126040
45	H	5.9877360	1.5930850	-1.2232540
46	H	6.6679200	-0.4720260	-0.0512800
47	H	6.0685240	-2.5930210	1.0295480
48	H	4.3494910	-4.1919650	1.7912780
49	H	1.9292420	-3.6264770	1.5520850
50	H	-1.9189090	-3.8759730	1.1201740
51	H	-3.9999980	-5.1488070	0.6717770
52	H	-5.7087320	-4.2176120	-0.8649140
53	H	-5.3160080	-2.0289490	-1.9600430
54	H	-3.2573930	-0.7617240	-1.5031930
55	H	-1.4494740	3.6273450	3.2134890
56	H	-3.8460660	3.8734600	2.6027040
57	H	-4.9028920	2.1881490	1.1206810
58	H	-3.6050650	0.3069720	0.2575780
59	H	-0.9863670	-0.9833460	-2.6996970
60	H	1.3987560	-1.2484420	-2.0608850

SCF Done: E(UM052X) = -1531.59159573 A.U.

Zero-point correction = 0.477137 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy = 0.503682
Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.504626
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.421826
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1531.114459
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1531.087914
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1531.086970
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1531.169770

Low frequencies --- -167.0667 -7.2100 -6.1901 -0.0007 0.0002 0.0005

Low frequencies --- 9.6182 33.3842 50.3451

***** 1 imaginary frequencies (negative Signs) *****

Table S19. Standard Orientation of the Transition State Between the Biradical and the 2,4-isomer of **2**

Tag	Symbol	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
		X	Y	Z
1	C	0.4542530	4.4382030	-0.4926970
2	C	-0.4555080	3.5479450	-1.0488590
3	C	1.7169160	3.9858710	-0.1078590
4	C	2.0778450	2.6575260	-0.2918940
5	C	-2.1800930	0.8560330	1.2712960
6	C	-1.8043500	2.1693390	1.5879670
7	C	3.9569680	0.3311870	-1.7201970
8	C	5.2966200	-0.0365180	-1.4551210
9	C	5.6083440	-0.7827400	-0.3483860
10	C	4.5915450	-1.2108430	0.5418370
11	C	3.2480830	-0.8539270	0.2650980
12	C	2.9445660	-0.0683430	-0.8793540
13	C	4.8645640	-1.9876670	1.6963350
14	C	3.8461400	-2.3907800	2.5201230
15	C	2.5052190	-2.0475600	2.2289220
16	C	2.2063980	-1.2864790	1.1262770
17	C	0.7974690	-0.9889820	0.7719170
18	N	0.1274270	0.1248660	1.2046560
19	C	-1.1286070	-0.0855210	0.8606050
20	C	-1.2057980	-1.4311230	0.2323200
21	N	-0.0024330	-1.9799610	0.2809560
22	C	-2.3578670	-2.1857190	-0.2866100
23	C	-2.3621950	-3.5766070	-0.1352220
24	C	-3.4172590	-4.3314880	-0.6323310
25	C	-4.4684510	-3.7080380	-1.2990700
26	C	-4.4578220	-2.3255750	-1.4730990
27	C	-3.4110210	-1.5627290	-0.9703950
28	C	-2.7494710	3.0842920	2.0264160
29	C	-4.0802630	2.6997160	2.1768300
30	C	-4.4543650	1.3890960	1.9005060
31	C	-3.5123490	0.4695540	1.4529760
32	O	-2.2690800	1.6195340	-1.9936870
33	C	-0.6447000	-0.0862850	-2.0523330
34	C	0.6652500	-0.4498660	-1.8680000
35	C	1.5352570	0.3511310	-1.1105550
36	C	1.1783060	1.7549280	-0.8722670
37	C	-0.1011700	2.2151840	-1.2327050
38	C	-1.1134770	1.2742600	-1.7753170
39	H	0.1818360	5.4759670	-0.3478150
40	H	-1.4557020	3.8497690	-1.3312710
41	H	2.4240910	4.6728670	0.3398080
42	H	3.0564820	2.3141480	0.0150440
43	H	-0.7643760	2.4490040	1.4885710
44	H	3.7246800	0.9401100	-2.5855790
45	H	6.0771370	0.2840570	-2.1331870
46	H	6.6357760	-1.0562990	-0.1387290

47	H	5.8908630	-2.2611480	1.9116090
48	H	4.0616460	-2.9861370	3.3981850
49	H	1.7053460	-2.3911940	2.8721400
50	H	-1.5292510	-4.0449840	0.3720240
51	H	-3.4175210	-5.4064090	-0.5022490
52	H	-5.2891930	-4.2969960	-1.6891980
53	H	-5.2626680	-1.8387920	-2.0092380
54	H	-3.3918760	-0.4909970	-1.1355060
55	H	-2.4466500	4.0986500	2.2552020
56	H	-4.8183690	3.4147690	2.5185500
57	H	-5.4814010	1.0758770	2.0390220
58	H	-3.8113470	-0.5523790	1.2700800
59	H	-1.3412370	-0.7428180	-2.5557730
60	H	0.9955540	-1.4425080	-2.1443740

SCF Done: E(UM052X) = -1531.59472206 A.U.

Zero-point correction = 0.477231 (Hartree/Particle)
Thermal correction to Energy = 0.503816
Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.504760
Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.421350
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1531.117492
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1531.090906
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1531.089962
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1531.173372

Low frequencies --- -61.4628 -6.1745 -4.8056 -0.0002 0.0000 0.0003

Low frequencies --- 6.5184 25.6403 39.6834

***** 1 imaginary frequencies (negative Signs) *****

16. References

- S1. C. Peebles, P. M. Alvey, V. Lynch and B. L. Iverson, *Cryst. Growth. Des.*, 2014, **14**, 290–299.
- S2. C.-L. Chen, S. F. Martin, *J. Org. Chem.*, 2006, **71**, 4810–4817.
- S3. (a) Sheldrick GM. SHELXS-97 and SHELXL-97; University of Gottingen, Germany, 1997.
(b) Sheldrick GM. SADABS; University of Gottingen, Germany, 1996.
- S4. Gaussian 09, Revision D.01, M. J. Frisch, G. W. Trucks, H. B. Schlegel, G. E. Scuseria, M. A. Robb, J. R. Cheeseman, G. Scalmani, V. Barone, B. Mennucci, G. A. Petersson, H. Nakatsuji, M. Caricato, X. Li, H. P. Hratchian, A. F. Izmaylov, J. Bloino, G. Zheng, J. L. Sonnenberg, M. Hada, M. Ehara, K. Toyota, R. Fukuda, J. Hasegawa, M. Ishida, T. Nakajima, Y. Honda, O. Kitao, H. Nakai, T. Vreven, J. A. Montgomery, Jr., J. E. Peralta, F. Ogliaro, M. Bearpark, J. J. Heyd, E. Brothers, K. N. Kudin, V. N. Staroverov, R. Kobayashi, J. Normand, K. Raghavachari, A. Rendell, J. C. Burant, S. S. Iyengar, J. Tomasi, M. Cossi, N. Rega, J. M. Millam, M. Klene, J. E. Knox, J. B. Cross, V. Bakken, C. Adamo, J. Jaramillo, R. Gomperts, R. E. Stratmann, O. Yazyev, A. J. Austin, R. Cammi, C. Pomelli, J. W. Ochterski, R. L. Martin, K. Morokuma, V. G. Zakrzewski, G. A. Voth, P. Salvador, J. J. Dannenberg, S. Dapprich, A. D. Daniels, Ö. Farkas, J. B. Foresman, J. V. Ortiz, J. Cioslowski, and D. J. Fox, Gaussian, Inc., Wallingford CT, 2009.
- S5. J. P. Merrick, D. Moran and L. Radom, *J. Phys. Chem. A*, 2007, **111**, 11683–11700.
- S6 (a) J. K. Hurley, N. Sinai and H. Linschitz, *Photochem. Photobiol.*, 1983, **38**, 9–14. (b) I. Carmichael, W. P. Helman and G. L. Hug, *J. Phys. Chem. Ref. Data*, 1987, **16**, 239–260.