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Supporting Information

# Preservation of Main-Chain Conjugation through BODIPY-Containing

# Alternating Polymers from Electronic Interactions with Side-Chain

## Substituents by Cardo Boron Structures

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#### **Experimental Sections**

Measurements: <sup>1</sup>H (400 MHz), <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz), and <sup>11</sup>B (128 MHz) NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL JNM-EX400 spectrometers. In <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra, tetramethylsilane (TMS) was used as an internal standard in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectra were referenced externally with BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (sealed capillary). Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed with silica gel 60 Merck F254 plates. Column chromatography was performed with a Wakogel C-300 silica gel. Number-average molecular weight  $(M_n)$  and molecular weight distribution  $(M_w/M_n)$  values of all polymers were estimated by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) with a TOSOH 8020 series [a dual pump system (DP-8020), a column oven (CO-8020), and a degasser (SD-8020)] equipped with three consecutive polystyrene gel columns [TOSOH TSKgel: G2000H, G3000H and G4000H] and refractive-index (RI-8020) and ultraviolet detectors (UV-8020) at 40 °C. The system was operated at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min with CHCl<sub>3</sub> as an eluent. Polystyrene standards were employed for calibration. UV-vis spectra were recorded on a SHIMADZU UV-3600 spectrophotometer. Fluorescence emission spectra were measured with a HORIBA JOBIN YVON Fluoromax-4P spectrofluorometer, and the absolute quantum yield was calculated by integrating sphere method on a HORIBA JOBIN YVON Fluoromax-P spectrofluorometer. Photoluminescence (PL) lifetime was measured by a Horiba FluoreCube spectrofluorometer system, and excitation was carried out at 375nm using UV diode laser (NanoLED 375 nm). Cyclic voltammetry (CV) was carried out on a BAS ALS-Electrochemical-Analyzer Model 600D with a glassy carbon (GC) working electrode, a Pt counter electrode, an Ag/Ag<sup>+</sup> reference electrode, and the ferrocene/ferrocenium external reference at a scan rate of 50 mVs<sup>-1</sup>. Ferrocene (Aldrich Chemical, Co.) was used as received. All reactions were performed under argon atmosphere.

**Computational Details:** The Gaussian 09 program package<sup>1</sup> was used for computations of the compounds. The optimized structures was obtained by DFT calculation at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory. TD-DFT calculation was carried out at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level for the electronic transitions.

**Materials:** 2,4-Dimethylpyrrole (Tokyo Kasei Kogyo, Co.), decanoyl chloride (Tokyo Kasei Kogyo, Co.), *4*-bromoanisole (Tokyo Kasei Kogyo, Co.), *4*-bromobenzotrifluoride (Tokyo Kasei Kogyo, Co.), *n*-butyllithium (*n*-BuLi, 1.6 mol/L in hexane, Kanto Chemical, Co., Inc.), boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>, Aldrich Chemical, Co.), *N*-iodosuccinimide (NIS, Tokyo Kasei Kogyo, Co.), [9,9-bis(2-dodecyl)-9H-fluorene-2,7-diyl]bisboronic acid (Aldrich Chemical, Co.), 2-dicyclohexylphosphino-2',6'-dimethoxybiphenyl (S-Phos, Wako Chemical, Co.), tris(dibenzylideneacetone dipalladium(0)) (Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>, Wako Chemical, Co.), dichloromethane (Wako Chemical, Co.) and toluene (Wako Chemical, Co.) were used as received. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), diethyl ether and triethylamine were purified using a two-column solid-state purification system (Glasscoutour System, Joerg Meyer, Irvine, CA). **B0**<sup>2</sup>, **B2**<sup>2</sup> and 2,2'-(3,3'-didodecyl-[2,2'-bithiophene]-5,5'-diyl)bis(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane)<sup>3</sup> were prepared according to the previous reports.

Synthesis of DM: *n*-BuLi (4.1 mL, 1.55 mol/L in hexane, 6.4 mmol) was added to the solution of 4bromoanisole (0.80 mL, 6.4 mmol) in THF (120 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h. Then, the solution of **B0** (0.60 g, 1.6 mmol, dissolved in 15 mL of THF) was added to the mixture via a cannula. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C, cooled saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride was added. The solution was extracted with dichloromethane, and the organic layer was washed with water and brine. After drying over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, the solvent was removed by a rotary evaporator. The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography with the mixed solvents of hexane/toluene (1/2) as an eluent. The product was obtained as an orange powder (0.46 g, 52%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.17 (4H, d, *J* = 7.19 Hz, Ar-*H*), 6.76 (4H, d, *J* = 8.22 Hz, Ar-*H*), 5.97 (2H, s, Ar-*H*), 3.76 (6H, s, -OC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 3.02 (2H, t, *J* = 7.80 Hz, Ar-*CH*<sub>2</sub>), 2.45 (6H, s, Ar-*CH*<sub>3</sub>), 1.80–1.60 (8H, m, Ar-*CH*<sub>3</sub>, -*CH*<sub>2</sub>-), 1.49–1.20 (12H, br, -*CH*<sub>2</sub>-), 0.89 (3H, t, *J* = 6.70 Hz, -*CH*<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDcl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 158.00, 153.02, 147.34, 137.50, 134.87, 132.05, 122.52, 112.85, 55.06, 32.51, 32.03, 30.33, 29.72, 29.70, 29.44, 28.86, 22.81, 17.10, 17.03, 14.21 ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta$  = -0.39 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 551.3803, found: 551.3798. Synthesis of DF: n-BuLi (0.92 mL, 1.55 mol/L in hexane, 6.7 mmol) was added to the solution of 4bromobenzotrifluoride (0.92 mL, 6.7 mmol) in diethyl ether (12.5 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 h. Then, the solution of B0 (1.0 g, 2.7 mmol in 25 mL of diethyl ether) was added to the mixture via a cannula. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at -78 °C, methanol was added. The solution was extracted with dichloromethane, and the organic layer was washed with water and brine. After drying over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, the solvent was removed by a rotary evaporator. The product was purified by silica gel column chromatography with the mixed solvents of hexane/ethyl acetate (50/1) as an eluent. The isolated product was dissolved in a small amount of THF, and the product was reprecipitated from cold methanol to give pure **DF** as a candy-like orange paste (0.19 g, 11%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta = 7.44$ (4H, d, J = 7.98 Hz, Ar-H), 7.35 (4H, br s, Ar-H), 6.02 (2H, s, Ar-H), 3.06  $(2H, t, J = 8.22 \text{ Hz}, \text{Ar-}CH_2)$ , 2.47 (6H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.70–1.60 (8H, br, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1.42 (2H, quint, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1.36–1.20 (10H, br, - $CH_{2}$ ), 0.88 (3H, t, J = 6.94 Hz,  $-CH_{3}$ ) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 152.81$ , 147.96, 138.40, 133.65, 131.98, 128.31, 128.00, 126.16, 124.02, 123.99, 123.95, 123.91, 122.83, 32.36, 31.88, 30.12, 29.56, 29.27, 28.82, 22.67, 17.05, 16.90, 14.06 ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta = -1.37$  ppm. HRMS (APCI) m/z calcd. [M+H]+: 627.3340, found: 627.3336.

**Synthesis of F:** 4-Bromobenzotrifluoride (1.48 mL, 10.7 mmol) in THF (70 mL) was added to magnesium (0.38 g, 16 mmol) at r.t. under argon atmosphere. The reaction solution was stirred at 60 °C for 30 min. The resulting solution was cooled to r.t. and transferred via a cannula to a solution of **B0** (1.0 g, 2.7 mmol) in THF (50 mL). After the mixture solution was stirred at reflux temperature for 1 h, water was added to the reaction mixture to quench the reaction. The solution was extracted with dichloromethane, and the organic layer was washed with water and brine. After drying over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, the solvent was removed by a rotary evaporator. The product was purified by column chromatography with hexane/ethyl acetate (24/1). The isolated product was dissolved in a small amount of THF, and the product was reprecipitated from methanol to give pure **F** as

an orange powder (0.75 g, 56%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.41 (4H, br, Ar-*H*), 6.01 (2H, s, Ar-*H*), 3.09 (2H, br, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>-), 2.47 (6H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.12 (6H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.74 (2H, br, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1.56–1.52 (2H, m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1.40–1.32 (10H, br, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 0.89 (3H, t, *J* = 6.94 Hz, -CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta$  = 2.15 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. [M–H]<sup>-</sup>: 499.2913, found: 499.2918.

Synthesis of MF: 4-Bromoanisole (0.10 mL, 0.80 mmol) in THF (5.5 mL) was added to magnesium (29 mg, 1.2 mmol) at r.t. under argon atmosphere. The reaction solution was stirred at 50 °C for 1.5 h. The resulting solution was cooled to r.t. and transferred via a cannula to a solution of F (0.2 g, 0.4 mmol) in THF (7.6 mL). After the mixture solution was refluxed for 3 h, water was added to the reaction mixture to quench the reaction. The solution was extracted with dichloromethane, and the organic layer was washed with water and brine. After drying over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, the solvent was removed by a rotary evaporator. The product was purified by column chromatography with hexane/toluene (3/1). The isolated product was dissolved in a small amount of THF, and pure MF was obtained from the reprecipitation with cold methanol as a candy-like orange paste (96 mg, 41%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta = 7.41$  (2H, d, J = 7.74 Hz, Ar-*H*), 7.28 (2H, br, Ar-*H*), 7.19 (2H, d, J = 7.80 Hz, Ar-*H*), 6.77 (2H, dt, J = 8.65, 2.07 Hz, Ar-*H*), 6.00 (2H, s, Ar-H), 3.77 (3H, s, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.04 (2H, t, J = 8.10 Hz, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>-), 2.46 (6H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.71–1.54 (8H, m,  $CH_2$ , Ar- $CH_3$ ), 1.49–1.20 (12H, br,  $-CH_2$ -), 0.88 (3H, t, J = 6.58 Hz,  $-CH_3$ ) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 158.21, 152.94, 147.59, 137.91, 134.98, 133.36, 132.36, 132.01, 127.86, 127.54, 126.29, 123.80, 127.54, 126.29, 123.80, 127.54, 126.29, 123.80, 127.54, 126.29, 123.80, 127.54, 126.29, 123.80, 127.54, 126.29, 123.80, 127.54, 126.29, 123.80, 127.54, 126.29, 123.80, 127.54, 126.29, 123.80, 127.54, 126.29, 123.80, 127.54, 126.29, 123.80, 127.54, 126.29, 123.80, 127.54, 126.29, 123.80, 127.54, 126.29, 123.80, 127.54, 126.29, 123.80, 127.54, 126.29, 123.80, 127.54, 126.29, 123.80, 127.54, 126.29, 123.80, 126.29, 123.80, 126.29,$ 123.77, 123.73, 123.69, 122.62, 112.96, 54.96, 32.37, 31.88, 30.12, 29.56, 29.28, 28.71, 22.67, 17.00, 16.89, 14.05 ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta = -0.98$  ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 589.3572, found: 589.3564.

#### Synthesis of the Iodized Monomers (B0-I, B2-I, DM-I, DF-I and MF-I)

*General procedure*: **B0** (1.00 g, 2.67 mmol) and *N*-iodosuccinimide (2.40 g, 10.7 mmol) were dissolved in dichloromethane (120 mL) under argon atmosphere. After stirred at r.t. for 0.5 h, the solvent was removed by a rotary evaporator. The mixture was

purified with flash column chromatography with dichloromethane as an eluent. The product **B0-I** was dissolved in a small amount of THF and precipitated from methanol as an orange solid (1.22 g, 73%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 3.00$  (2H, t, J = 8.45 Hz, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>-), 2.61 (6H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.48 (6H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.70– 1.42 (4H, br, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1.40–1.20 (10H, br, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 0.89 (3H, t, J = 6.83 Hz, -CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 155.31$ , 146.48, 142.24, 131.50, 86.32, 31.84, 31.79, 30.33, 29.50, 29.43, 29.23, 22.64, 18.98, 16.11, 14.05 ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.29$  ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 625.0565; found, m/z 625.0566.

**B2-I:** An orange solid, 86% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.33–7.12(8H, br, Ar-*H*), 3.13 (2H, t, *J* = 8.35 Hz, Ar-C*H*<sub>2</sub>-), 2.54 (6H, s, Ar-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 1.88 (6H, s, Ar-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 1.66 (2H, quint, *J* = 7.98 Hz, -C*H*<sub>2</sub>-), 1.46 (2H, quint, *J* = 7.43 Hz, -C*H*<sub>2</sub>-), 1.39–1.20 (10H, br, -C*H*<sub>2</sub>-), 0.89 (3H, t, *J* = 6.70 Hz, -C*H*<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 153.78, 146.83, 139.71, 133.64, 131.69, 127.42, 126.04, 87.79, 32.22, 31.84, 30.10, 29.65, 29.51, 29.25, 22.65, 19.72, 18.61, 14.05 ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 0.39 ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 743.1525; found, m/z 743.1518.

**DM-I:** A red solid, 68% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta = 7.17$  (4H, br, Ar-*H*), 6.77 (4H, dt, J = 8.34 Hz, 2.18 Hz, Ar-*H*), 3.77 (6H, s, -OC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 3.12 (2H, t, J = 8.35 Hz, Ar-*CH*<sub>2</sub>-), 2.54 (6H, s, Ar-*CH*<sub>3</sub>), 1.89 (6H, s, Ar-*CH*<sub>3</sub>), 1.66 (2H, quint, J = 7.89 Hz, -*CH*<sub>2</sub>-), 1.46 (2H, quint, J = 7.39 Hz, -*CH*<sub>2</sub>-), 1.39–1.22 (10H, br, -*CH*<sub>2</sub>-), 0.89 (3H, t, J = 6.83 Hz, -*CH*<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 158.14$ , 153.73, 146.67, 139.56, 134.70, 131.63, 112.99, 87.75, 54.94, 32.22, 31.84, 30.11, 29.64, 29.54, 29.26, 22.65, 19.69, 18.57, 14.04 ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.88$  ppm. HRMS (APCI) m/z calcd. [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 803.1736, found: 803.1726.

**DF-I:** A red solid, 71% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta = 7.47$  (4H, d, J = 7.98 Hz, Ar-H), 7.36 (4H, br, Ar-H), 3.15 (2H, t, J = 8.26 Hz, Ar- $CH_2$ -), 2.56 (6H, s, Ar- $CH_3$ ), 1.83 (6H, s, Ar- $CH_3$ ), 1.66 (2H, quint, J = 7.84 Hz, - $CH_2$ -), 1.46 (2H, quint, J = 7.25 Hz, - $CH_2$ -), 1.39–1.20 (10H, br, - $CH_2$ -), 0.89 (3H, t, J = 6.55 Hz, - $CH_3$ ) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 153.73$ ,

147.44, 140.64, 133.57, 131.73, 128.81, 128.49, 125.99, 124.35, 124.31, 124.27, 124.24, 123.28, 88.15, 32.25, 31.84, 30.10, 29.71, 29.52, 29.25, 22.66, 19.80, 18.81, 14.05 ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -0.59$  ppm. HRMS (APCI) m/z calcd. [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 627.3340, found: 627.3336.

**MF-I:** A red solid, 66% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta = 7.45$  (2H, d, J = 7.74 Hz, Ar-*H*), 7.38–7.23 (2H, br, Ar-*H*), 7.18 (2H, br, Ar-*H*), 6.79 (2H, dt, J = 8.65, 2.17 Hz, Ar-*H*), 3.78 (3H, s, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.13 (2H, t, J = 7.55 Hz, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>-), 2.55 (6H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.87 (6H, s, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.64 (2H, br, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1.53–1.20 (12H, br, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 0.89 (3H, t, J = 6.73 Hz, -CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 158.36$ , 153.73, 147.05, 140.08, 134.84, 133.40, 131.59, 128.25, 127.91, 126.05, 124.06, 124.03, 123.99, 123.95, 123.35, 113.17, 87.96, 54.95, 32.19, 31.83, 30.10, 29.63, 29.50, 29.25, 22.65, 19.74, 18.67, 14.06 ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta = -0.29$  ppm. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. [M–H]<sup>-</sup>: 839.1359, found: 839.1372.

#### Synthesis of the Polymers:

**PFB0:** Water (2.0 mL) was added to the solution of **B0-I** (0.15 g, 0.24 mmol), [9,9-bis(dodecyl)-9H-fluorene-2,7-diyl]bisboronic acid (0,14 g, 0.24 mmol), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (2.2 mg, 2.4 µmol), S-Phos (3.9 mg, 9.6 µmol) and cesium carbonate (0.78 g, 2.4 mmol) in toluene (2.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 72 h (**PFB0, PFB2**) or 48 h (**PFDM, PFDF, PFMF**) under argon atmosphere, and poured into a large amount of methanol to collect the polymer by filtration. The precipitate was dissolved in a small amount of THF, and then the product was reprecipitated from ethanol. The polymer collected by filtration was dried in vacuum to give **PFB0** as a red solid (0.19 g, 89%).  $M_n = 10,200$ ,  $M_w/M_n = 2.7$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 7.90-7.60$  (2H, br, Ar-*H*), 7.40–7.10 (4H, br, Ar-*H*), 3.14 (2H, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>-), 2.66–2.30 (12H, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.01 (4H, >C(CH<sub>2</sub>-)<sub>2</sub>), 1.77 (2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>-), 1.47–0.95 (52H, -C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>- and -C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>20</sub>-), 0.93–0.51 (9H, -CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 152.71$ , 151.10, 146.88, 139.89, 136.25, 134.44, 132.64, 131.63, 129.21, 125.12, 119.64, 55.22, 40.38, 31.94, 31.88, 30.46, 30.08, 29.66, 29.58, 29.52, 29.39, 29.36, 29.28 ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 8.14$  ppm.

**PFB2:** A red solid, 53% yield.  $M_n = 6,200$ ,  $M_w/M_n = 2.2$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 7.90-7.00$  (14H, br, Ar-H), 3.24 (2H, Ar-CH<sub>2</sub>-), 2.44 (6H, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.01–1.64 (12H, >C(CH<sub>2</sub>-)<sub>2</sub>, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, and Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.59–0.78 (55H, -C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>15</sub> and -C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>20</sub>-), 0.61 (6H, br, -CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 151.93$ , 150.79, 147.30, 140.97, 139.58, 134.79, 134.03, 133.42, 132.08, 129.55, 127.31, 127.21, 125.62, 125.22, 119.19, 55.15, 55.10, 40.33, 32.49, 31.94, 31.90, 30.30, 29.99, 29.63, 29.53, 29.35, 29.31, 23.92, 22.70, 22.67, 15.75, 15.06, 14.11, 14.08 ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -2.25$  ppm.

**PFDM:** A red solid, 59% yield.  $M_n = 7,400$ ,  $M_w/M_n = 1.9$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 7.66$  (2H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.51–7.20 (4H, br, Ar-*H*), 7.08 (4H, m, Ar-*H*), 6.83 (4H, m, Ar-*H*), 3.80 (6H, -OC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 3.24 (2H, Ar-C*H*<sub>2</sub>-), 2.44 (6H, Ar-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 2.90–1.64 (12H, >C(C*H*<sub>2</sub>-)<sub>2</sub>, -C*H*<sub>2</sub>-, and Ar-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 1.62–0.78 (55H, -C<sub>7</sub>*H*<sub>15</sub> and -C<sub>10</sub>*H*<sub>20</sub>-), 0.62 (6H, br, -C*H*<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 157.77$ , 151.85, 150.73, 147.14, 139.52, 135.06, 134.66, 133.41, 133.24, 131.94, 129.53, 125.18, 119.15, 112.68, 55.13, 54.91, 40.36, 32.47, 31.94, 31.90, 30.32, 30.30, 29.62, 29.53, 29.36, 29.32, 23.93, 22.70, 22.67, 15.73, 15.04, 14.12, 14.10 ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.88$  ppm.

**PFDF:** A red solid, 89% yield.  $M_n = 6,000, M_w/M_n = 1.7$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 7.79$  (2H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.62– 7.39 (6H, br, Ar-*H*), 7.32 (2H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.07 (4H, m, Ar-*H*), 3.26 (2H, Ar-C*H*<sub>2</sub>-), 2.45 (6H, Ar-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 2.13–1.60 (12H, >C(C*H*<sub>2</sub>-)<sub>2</sub>, -C*H*<sub>2</sub>-, and Ar-C*H*<sub>3</sub>), 1.58–0.78 (55H, -C<sub>7</sub>*H*<sub>15</sub> and -C<sub>10</sub>*H*<sub>20</sub>-), 0.62 (6H, br, -C*H*<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 150.94$ , 150.82, 147.93, 139.75, 135.19, 134.34, 133.86, 132.98, 132.09, 129.52, 126.12, 125.07, 124.03, 123.42, 119.15, 55.22, 40.24, 32.46, 31.90, 31.85, 30.22, 29.97, 29.92, 29.56, 29.50, 29.47, 29.44, 29.31, 29.27, 23.82, 22.65, 15.58, 15.06, 14.06 ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -3.03$  ppm.

**PFMF:** A red solid, 87% yield. *M*<sub>n</sub> = 8,400, *M*<sub>w</sub>/*M*<sub>n</sub> = 2.5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.68 (2H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.59–7.42 (4H, br, Ar-*H*), 7.41–7.27 (2H, m, Ar-*H*), 7.08 (4H, m, Ar-*H*), 6.84 (2H, m, Ar-*H*), 3.80 (6H, - OC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 3.24 (2H, Ar-C*H*<sub>2</sub>-), 2.44 (6H, Ar-C*H*<sub>3</sub>),

2.12–1.59 (12H, >C( $CH_2$ -)<sub>2</sub>, - $CH_2$ -, and Ar- $CH_3$ ), 1.58–0.76 (55H, - $C_7H_{15}$  and - $C_{10}H_{20}$ -), 0.62 (6H, br, -  $CH_3$ ) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 158.07, 151.83, 150.82, 147.51, 139.64, 135.14, 134.92, 133.80, 133.20, 132.02, 129.54, 126.25, 125.11, 123.80, 123.55, 119.30, 112.91, 55.17, 54.93, 40.32, 33.95, 32.47, 31.93, 31.88, 30.27, 29.96, 29.60, 29.51, 29.34, 29.30, 23.91, 22.68, 22.66, 15.80, 15.06, 14.10, 14.08 ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 5.30 ppm.

**PTB0:** A metallic purple solid, 97% yield.  $M_n = 9,500$ ,  $M_w/M_n = 1.7$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 6.79$  (2H, br, Ar-*H*), 3.11 (2H, Ar-C*H*<sub>2</sub>-), 2.74–2.36 (16H, Ar-C*H*<sub>3</sub>, Ar-C*H*<sub>2</sub>-), 1.81–0.96 (54H, -C<sub>7</sub>*H*<sub>14</sub>- and -C<sub>10</sub>*H*<sub>20</sub>-), 0.93–0.71 (9H, -C*H*<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 153.71$ , 147.49, 142.42, 137.84, 134.20, 131.61, 129.87, 129.41, 126.53, 31.94, 31.84, 30.78, 30.42, 29.72, 29.69, 29.68, 29.64, 29.55, 29.49, 29.37, 29.25, 29.08, 28.94, 22.69, 22.64, 14.67, 14.08, 14.05, 13.49 ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.59$  ppm.

**PTB2:** A metallic purple solid, 79% yield.  $M_n = 11,500$ ,  $M_w/M_n = 1.8$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 7.45-7.07$  (10H, br, Ar-*H*), 6.64 (2H, br, Ar-*H*), 3.20 (2H, Ar-C*H*<sub>2</sub>-), 2.60–2.32 (10H, Ar-C*H*<sub>3</sub>, Ar-C*H*<sub>2</sub>-), 1.93–0.93 (54H, -C<sub>7</sub>*H*<sub>14</sub>- and -C<sub>10</sub>*H*<sub>20</sub>-), 0.92–0.73 (9H, -C*H*<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 152.79$ , 147.89, 142.19, 141.98, 135.14, 135.06, 133.85, 132.06, 129.76, 129.10, 128.71, 128.61, 127.23, 126.62, 125.70, 32.37, 31.94, 31.87, 30.70, 30.25, 29.69, 29.65, 29.60, 29.58, 29.44, 29.38, 29.30, 28.98, 22.71, 22.67, 15.90, 15.20, 14.12, 14.10 ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 5.20$  ppm.

**PTDM:** A metallic purple solid, 90% yield.  $M_n = 7,800$ ,  $M_w/M_n = 1.7$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 7.45-7.10$  (4H, br, Ar-*H*), 6.86–6.71 (4H, br, Ar-*H*), 6.64 (2H, br, Ar-*H*), 3.78 (6H, -OC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 3.20 (2H, Ar-C*H*<sub>2</sub>-), 2.72–2.30 (10H, Ar-C*H*<sub>3</sub>, Ar-C*H*<sub>2</sub>-), 1.99–1.00 (54H, -C<sub>7</sub>*H*<sub>14</sub>- and -C<sub>10</sub>*H*<sub>20</sub>-), 0.98–0.74 (9H, -C*H*<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 157.89$ , 152.78, 147.67, 141.96, 135.17, 135.01, 134.87, 132.03, 129.73, 129.11, 128.76, 128.61, 126.58, 125.10, 112.77, 54.88, 32.39, 31.93, 31.86, 30.68, 30.25, 29.67, 29.64, 29.59, 29.44, 29.36, 29.29, 28.99, 22.69, 22.65, 15.85, 15.17, 14.09, 14.06 ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -2.44$ 

ppm.

**PTDF:** A metallic purple solid, 90% yield.  $M_n = 9,100$ ,  $M_w/M_n = 1.9$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 7.56-7.30$  (8H, br, Ar-*H*), 6.66 (2H, br, Ar-*H*), 3.22 (2H, Ar-C*H*<sub>2</sub>-), 2.72–2.22 (10H, Ar-C*H*<sub>3</sub>, Ar-C*H*<sub>2</sub>-), 1.93–0.95 (54H, -C<sub>7</sub>*H*<sub>14</sub>- and -C<sub>10</sub>*H*<sub>20</sub>-), 0.93–0.75 (9H, -C*H*<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 152.61$ , 148.53, 142.22, 136.03, 134.56, 133.74, 132.05, 129.94, 129.27, 128.75, 128.41, 128.10, 127.07, 126.04, 124.09, 123.33, 32.39, 31.91, 31.84, 30.66, 30.19, 29.64, 29.63, 29.57, 29.54, 29.42, 29.40, 29.34, 29.26, 29.14, 28.97, 22.68, 22.65, 16.00, 15.21, 14.07, 14.06 ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -2.44$  ppm.

**PTMF:** A metallic purple solid, 84% yield.  $M_n = 11,400$ ,  $M_w/M_n = 1.8$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 7.55-7.17$  (6H, br, Ar-*H*), 6.87–6.75 (2H, br, Ar-*H*), 6.65 (2H, br, Ar-*H*), 3.79 (3H, -OC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 3.21 (2H, Ar-C*H*<sub>2</sub>-), 2.76–2.29 (10H, Ar-C*H*<sub>3</sub>, Ar-C*H*<sub>2</sub>-), 2.02–1.01 (54H, -C<sub>7</sub>*H*<sub>14</sub>- and -C<sub>10</sub>*H*<sub>20</sub>-), 0.98–0.78 (9H, -C*H*<sub>3</sub>) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 158.16$ , 152.75, 148.15, 142.27, 142.21, 142.09, 135.53, 134.87, 133.54, 132.08, 129.84, 129.19, 128.62, 127.97, 127.65, 126.82, 126.17, 125.18, 123.86, 123.47, 112.99, 54.92, 32.38, 31.92, 31.84, 30.67, 30.20, 29.66, 29.64, 29.58, 29.42, 29.35, 29.27, 28.98, 22.68, 22.65, 15.93, 15.19, 14.08, 14.06 ppm. <sup>11</sup>B NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = -2.25$  ppm.

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**Chart S1.** (a) <sup>1</sup>H, (b) <sup>13</sup>C and (c) <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectra of modified BODIPYs.



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Chart S2. (a) <sup>1</sup>H, (b) <sup>13</sup>C and (c) <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectra of monomers.

(c)



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**Chart S3.** (a) <sup>1</sup>H, (b) <sup>13</sup>C and (c) <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectra of fluorene copolymers.

(c)





Chart S4. (a) <sup>1</sup>H, (b) <sup>13</sup>C and (c) <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectra of bithiophene copolymers.



80', 82', DM', DF', MF'



PFB0', PFB2', PFDM', PFDF', PFMF'



B0', PFB0', PTB0'	:	$R^1 = R^2 = F$
B2', PFB2', PTB2'	:	$R^1 = R^2 = Ph$
DM', DMB2', DMB2'	:	$R^1 = R^2 = p$ -MeO-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -
DF', DFB2', DFB2'	:	$R^1 = R^2 = p - CF_3 - C_6H_4$ -
MF', MFB2', MFB2'	:	$R^1 = p$ -CF <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> - $R^2 = p$ -MeO-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -

**PTB0'**, **PTB2'**, **PTDM'**, **PTDF'**, **PTMF' Figure S1.** Structure of the model compounds for DFT caluculation.



Figure S2. Frontier orbitals and energy diagrams of B0', B2', DM', DF' and MF'.



Figure S3. Frontier orbitals and energy diagrams of PFB0', PFB2', PFDM', PFDF' and PFMF'.



Figure S4. Frontier orbitals and energy diagrams of PTB0', PTB2', PTDM', PTDF' and PTMF'.

### **Electrochemical Properties**

### **Cyclic Voltammetry**

Electrolyte solution: dichloromethane containing tetrabutylammonium chloride (0.1 M) as an electrolyte.

Counter electrode: glassy carbon.

Reference electrode: Ag/AgCl

Scan condition: scan rate of 0.05 V/s under argon.



Figure S5. Cyclic voltammograms of the B0, B2, DM, DF and MF in (a) negative and (b) positive sweeps.



Figure S6. Cyclic voltammograms of the PFB0, PFB2, PFDM, PFDF and PFMF in (a) negative and

(b) positive sweeps.



Figure S7. Cyclic voltammograms of the PTB0, PTB2, PTDM, PTDF and PTMF in (a) negative and

(b) positive sweeps.



**Figure S8.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **PFB2** in chloroform before and after UV (365 nm) irradiation for 30 min at ambient temperature.

	E <sub>onset, ox</sub>	$E_{\text{onset, red}}$	E <sub>HOMO</sub>	E <sub>LUMO</sub>	$E_{\rm g}^{\rm CV}$	$\lambda_{\text{onset}}$	$E_{g}^{opt}$
	[V]	[V]	[eV]	[eV]	[eV]	[nm]	[eV]
<b>B</b> 0	0.64	-1.71	-5.44	-3.09	2.35	512	2.42
B2	0.46	-1.98	-5.26	-2.82	2.44	510	2.43
DM	0.46	-1.91	-5.26	-2.89	2.37	510	2.43
DF	0.60	-1.83	-5.40	-2.97	2.43	510	2.43
MF	0.55	-1.88	-5.35	-2.92	2.43	510	2.43
PFB0	0.54	-1.67	-5.34	-3.13	2.21	576	2.15
PFB2	0.37	-1.92	-5.17	-2.88	2.29	566	2.19
PFDM	0.36	-1.86	-5.16	-2.94	2.23	567	2.19
PFDF	0.52	-1.76	-5.32	-3.04	2.28	566	2.19
PFMF	0.45	-1.81	-5.25	-2.99	2.26	568	2.18
РТВО	0.43	-1.49	-5.23	-3.31	1.92	600	2.07
PTB2	0.37	-1.78	-5.17	-3.02	2.14	587	2.11
PTDM	0.34	-1.80	-5.14	-3.00	2.14	586	2.12
PTDF	0.42	-1.68	-5.22	-3.12	2.10	589	2.11
PTMF	0.38	-1.71	-5.18	-3.08	2.10	588	2.11

Table S1. Results of the electrochemical and optical measurements

<sup>*a*</sup>The onset wavelength of the UV–vis spectra in chloroform. <sup>*b*</sup>Optical band gaps were estimated from the corresponding  $\lambda_{onset}$ .