## Stable and charge recombination minimized $\pi$ -extended thioalkyl substituted tetrathiafulvalene sensitized dye-sensitized solar cells

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Fig. S1: <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of (1) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. S2: <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of (2a) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



Fig. S3: <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of (2c) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



Fig. S4: <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectrum of (G1) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



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Fig. S9: <sup>13</sup>C-NMR Spectrum of (G1) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>







Fig. S11: MALDI-TOF Spectrum of compound (1)







Fig. S13: MALDI-TOF Spectrum of compound (2c)







Fig. S15: MALDI-TOF Spectrum of compound (G3)



Fig. S16: IR Spectrum of G1.



Fig. S17: IR Spectrum of G3.



Fig. S18: Energy Optimized Structures of G1&G3.



Fig. S19: TG/DTG Curves of G1 with a heating rate of 10 °C min-1 under nitrogen atmosphere.

| Dye | <sup>a</sup> λ <sub>max</sub> | <sup>b</sup> λ <sub>max</sub> | <sup>c</sup> f | <sup>d</sup> E (eV) | % of Molecular Orbital Composition                 |
|-----|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--|
| G1  | 421                           | 453                           | 0.636          | 2.73                | HOMO->LUMO (82%)<br>H-2->LUMO (5%), HOMO->L+1 (7%) |
| G3  | 417                           | 391                           | 0.824          | 3.16                | HOMO->LUMO (29%), HOMO->L+1 (65%)                  |

**Table S1**: Comparison of the experimental optical properties with the theoretical data by B3LYP in dichloromethane.

<sup>a</sup>Recorded absorbance in nm, <sup>b</sup> theoretical absorbance in nm, <sup>c</sup> Oscillation strength, and <sup>d</sup> excited state energy in eV.