Facile Synthesis of D- π -A structured Dyes and their applications towards cost effective

fabrication of solar cell as well as sensing of hazardous Hg (II)

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Supporting Information S1



Fig S1. Plausible mechanism for the synthesis of compound 1 and 2





Fig S2.1. ¹H NMR of Compound (i) in DMSO-*d6*







Fig S2.3. Mass Spectra of Compound (i)



Fig S2.4. ¹H NMR of Compound (ii) in DMSO-d6



Fig S2.5. ¹³C NMR of Compound (ii) in DMSO-d6

| Sample Name Inj Vol | b2-0 2 | Position InjPosition | p1b1 | Instrument Name SampleType | Instrument 1 Sample | User Name IRM Calibration Status | QTOF\admin Success |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Data Filename | b2-0 | ACQ Method | 2MINS DIRECT MS.m | Comment | | Acquired Time | 13/01/2015 6:05:10 |
| ×10 ⁵ +E | SI Scan (0.1 | 45 min) Frag=165. | 0V | | | | |
| 1.45- | | | | | | | |
| 1.4- | | | | | | | |
| 1.35- | | | | | | | |
| 13- | | | | | | | |
| 1.25- | | | | | | | |
| 1.2- | | | | | | F.69 DE | |
| 1.15- | | | | | | 569.20 | |
| 1.1- | | | | | | | |
| 1.05- | | | | | | | |
| 1- | | | | | | | |
| 0.95- | | | | | | | |
| 0.9- | | | | | | | |
| 0.85- | | | | | | | |
| 0.8- | | | | | | | |
| 0.75- | | | | | | | |
| 0.7- | | | | | | | |
| 0.65- | | | | | | | |
| 0.6- | | | | | | | |
| 0.55- | | | | | | | |
| 0.5- | | | | | | | |
| 0.45- | | | | 369 15 | | | |
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| 0.35- | | | | | | | |
| 0.3- | | | | | | | |
| 0.25- | | 318.00 | | | | 490.44 | |
| 0.2- | | 218.09 | | | | 490.44 | |
| 0.15- | | | | | | | |
| 0.1- | | | 273.45 | | | | |
| 0.05- | | | | | | | |
| 0.00 | | 1 | | | | | |

Fig S2.6. Mass spectra of Compound (ii)



Fig S2.7. ¹H NMR of Compound 1 in DMSO-d6



Fig S2.8. ¹³C NMR of Compound 1 in DMSO-d6



Fig S2.9. HRMS of Compound 1



Fig S2.10. ¹H NMR of Compound 2 in DMSO-d6



Fig S2.11. ¹³C NMR of Compound 2 in DMSO-d6



Fig S2.12. HRMS of Compound 2

Supporting Information S3



Optical band gaps (E_g^{opt})

Fig S3.1. Optical Band gap of TiO₂



Fig S3.2. Optical Band gap of Compound 1 and compound 2

Supporting Information S4

¹H-NMR titration



Fig S4.1. ¹H-NMR spectra of Receptor 1 upon the addition of 0,1,2,5 equiv of Hg (II) in DMSO-*d6*



Fig S4.2. ¹H-NMR spectra of Receptor 2 upon the addition of 0,1,2,5 equiv of Hg (II) in DMSO-*d6*



Fig S5.1. Mole ratio plot for Receptor 1. Hg(II)



Fig S5.2. Normalized plot for Receptor 1. Hg(II)



Fig S5.3. Mole ratio plot for Receptor 2. Hg(II)



Fig S5.4. Normalized plot for Receptor 2. Hg(II)