### **Supporting Information**

# Continuous Tunable Emission Based on the Molecular Aggregation

### of (2Z,2'Z)-2,2'-(1,4-phenylenae)bis(3-(4-(dodecyloxy)

## phenyl)acrylonitrile

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#### **Supplementary Figures**



Fig. S1 Calculated optimized PDPA molecular structure.

**Quantum Chemical Calculations:** Single-molecule calculations in the gas phase were performed at the density functional theory (DFT) level of theory with the Gaussian 09 program. Herein, the ground-state geometry was fully optimized using the B3LYP functional and 3-21G basis set.



Fig. S2 Schematic illustration of the molecular arrangements in helical structure (phase I).



Fig. S3 PDPA POM images for cooling at 30 °C /min (a); at 40 °C /min (b); and at 50 °C /min (c).

Cooling rate( <sup>o</sup> C/min)	0.5	5	10	20	30	40	50
Absorb wavelength	308 nm	318 nm	319 nm	333 nm	345 nm	355 nm	356 nm
Emission wavelength	506 nm	517 nm	535 nm	540 nm	560 nm	575 nm	600 nm
QY	26.37%	50.18%	54.26%	55.9 %	33.37%	28.64%	28.33%

 Table S1. Fluorescence quantum yield of PDPA.



Fig. S4 PDPA IR spectra with different cooling rate:0.5 °C /min (a); 5 °C /min (b); 10 °C /min (c); 20 °C /min(d); 30 °C /min (e) ); 40 °C /min (f) ; and 50 °C /min (g).



Fig. S5 PDPA UV absorption spectra with different cooling rate: at 0.5 °C /min (a); at 5 °C /min (b); at 10 °C /min (c); at 20 °C /min(d); at 30 °C /min (e) ); at 40 °C /min (f); and at 50 °C /min (g).



Fig. S6 Fluorescence decay profiles of PDPA film with the cooling rate (0.5  $^{\circ}$ C min<sup>-1</sup> and 50  $^{\circ}$ C min<sup>-1</sup>).



Fig. S7 The pitch length for the PDPA film with the cooling rate (0.5 °C min<sup>-1</sup>).