

**Wide bandgap copolymers with vertical benzodithiophene  
dicarboxylate for high-performance polymer solar cells with  
efficiency up to 7.49%**

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**Table S1** Dihedral angles between donor BDT, thiophene space and acceptor V- BDTC units in PV-BDTC1 and PV-BDTC2

**Table S2** Photovoltaic parameters of the polymer/PC<sub>71</sub>BM-based PSCs at different polymer/PC<sub>71</sub>BM weight ratios from 1:1 to 1:2.5

**Table S3** Photovoltaic parameters of PV-BDTC2/PC<sub>71</sub>BM-based PSCs at different DIO concentrations from 2 wt% to 4 wt%.

**Fig. S1** Apsorption spectrum of the PV-BDTC2/PC<sub>71</sub>BM blend film at a weight ratio of 1:2.

**Fig. S2** *J – V* curves of the optimized polymer/PC<sub>61</sub>BM-based solar cells under a simulated AM 1.5 G irradiation (100 mW cm<sup>-2</sup>); (b) *EQE* curves of the optimized polymer/PC<sub>61</sub>BM-based solar cells under illumination of monochromatic light.

**Fig. S3** AFM morphology images (2 um × 2 um). (a), (d) PV-BDTC2purefilm, RMS: 0.629 nm; (b), (e) PV-BDTC2:PC<sub>71</sub>BM blendfilm without DIO,RMS: 0.440 nm; (c), (f) PV-BDTC2:PC<sub>71</sub>BM blendfilm with 3% DIO, RMS:0.783 nm.

**Fig. S4** <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound **1-6** and monomer M1.

**Fig. S5** MALDI-TOF MS spectrum of compound **6**.

Table S1

polymer	$\theta 1$	$\theta 2$	$\theta 3$	$\theta 4$
PV-BDTC1	20.39	47.98	41.30	24.13
PV-BDTC2	27.36	47.99	41.39	25.76

$\theta 1$ ,  $\theta 4$  dihedral angles between donor BDT and thiophene space;  $\theta 2$ ,  $\theta 3$  dihedral angles between V-BDTC unit and thiophene space.

Table S2

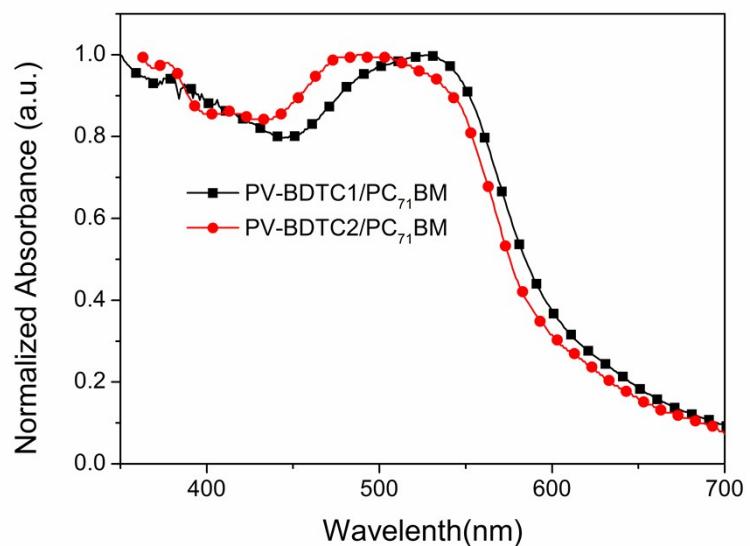
polymer	D/A ratio	$V_{oc}$ (V)	$J_{sc}$ ( $\text{mA cm}^{-2}$ )	FF (%)	PCE (%)
PV-BDTC1	1:1	0.94	6.08	36.00	2.06
	1:1.5	0.89	5.13	44.35	2.02
	1:2	0.93	5.90	59.39	3.25
	1:2.5	0.88	6.12	43.58	2.34
PV-	1:2	0.89	4.89	43.96	1.90
PV-BDTC2	1:1	1.06	7.18	38.99	2.96
	1:1.5	1.02	8.23	46.94	3.94
	1:2	1.04	8.93	60.8	5.61
	1:2.5	0.95	6.90	35.36	2.32

Table S3

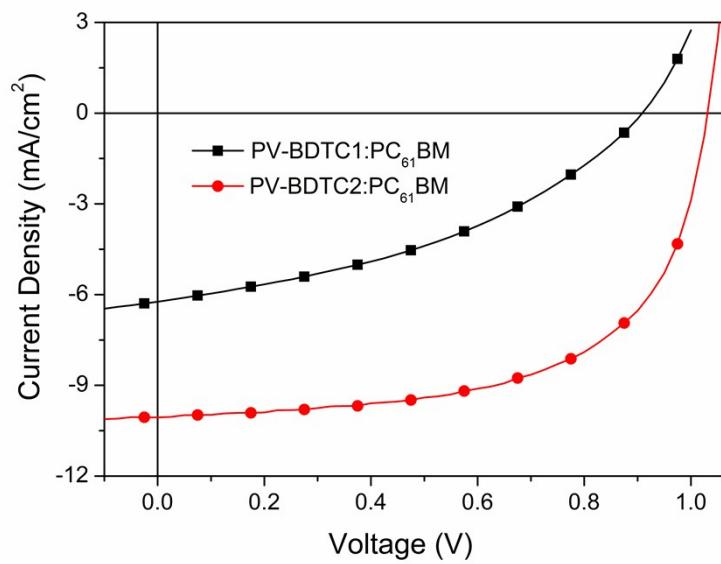
PV-BDTC2: PC <sub>71</sub> BM	$V_{oc}$ (V)	$J_{sc}$ ( $\text{mA cm}^{-2}$ )	FF (%)	PCE (%)	PCE <sub>max</sub> (%)
(1:1, 3% DIO)	1.033 $\pm$ 0.005	9.083 $\pm$ 0.121	0.605 $\pm$ 0.006	5.677 $\pm$ 0.105	5.791

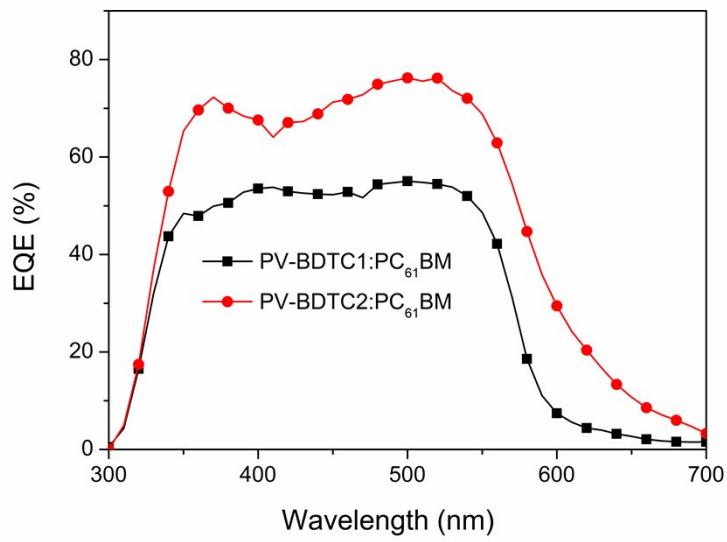
(1:2, 3% DIO)	$1.031 \pm 0.004$	$10.15 \pm 0.102$	$0.700 \pm 0.005$	$7.326 \pm 0.112$	7.491
(1:3, 3% DIO)	$1.010 \pm 0.006$	$9.412 \pm 0.098$	$0.565 \pm 0.004$	$5.371 \pm 0.097$	5.473
(1:2, 0% DIO)	$1.035 \pm 0.004$	$8.775 \pm 0.103$	$0.605 \pm 0.004$	$5.495 \pm 0.104$	5.616
(1:2, 2% DIO)	$1.033 \pm 0.003$	$9.881 \pm 0.114$	$0.651 \pm 0.003$	$6.645 \pm 0.126$	6.763
(1:2, 4% DIO)	$1.008 \pm 0.005$	$9.255 \pm 0.096$	$0.571 \pm 0.005$	$5.327 \pm 0.094$	5.466

**Figure S1**

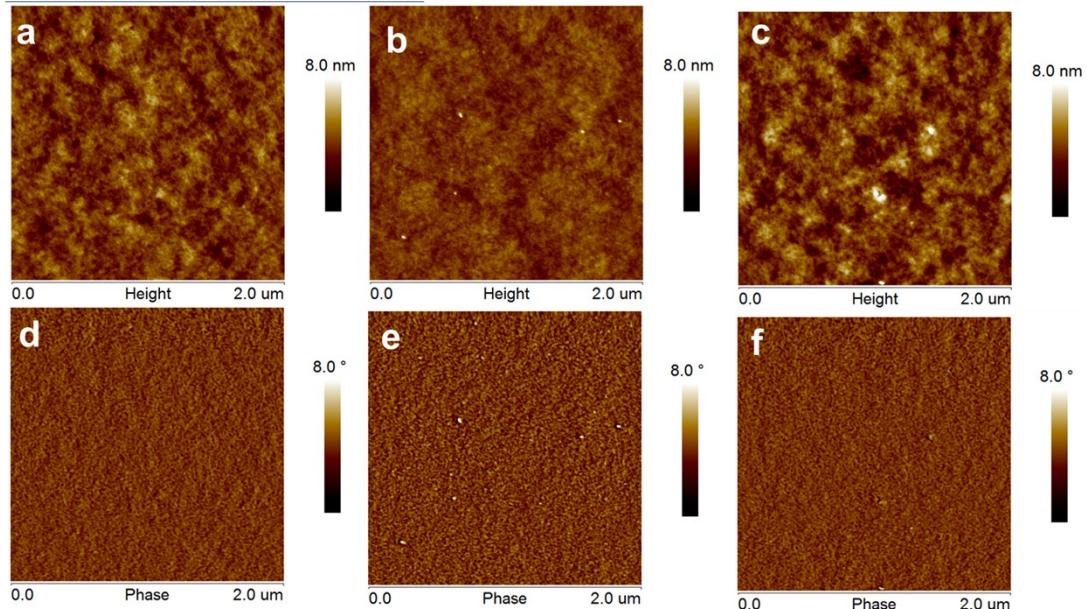


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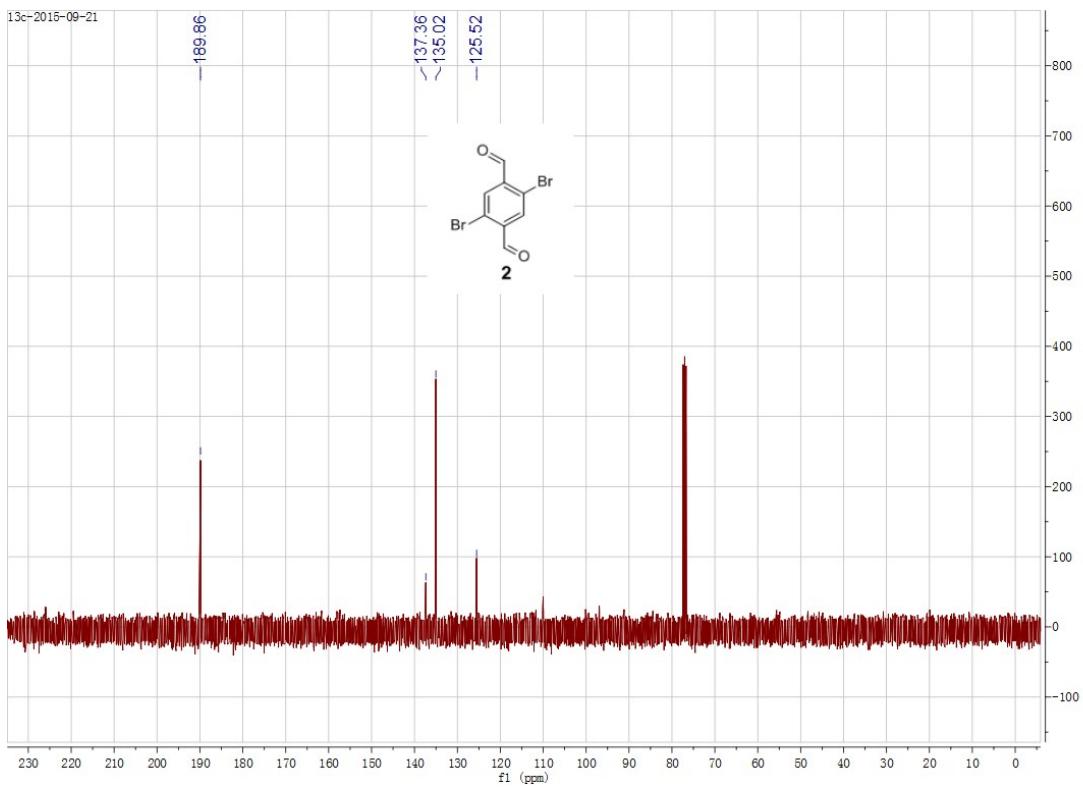
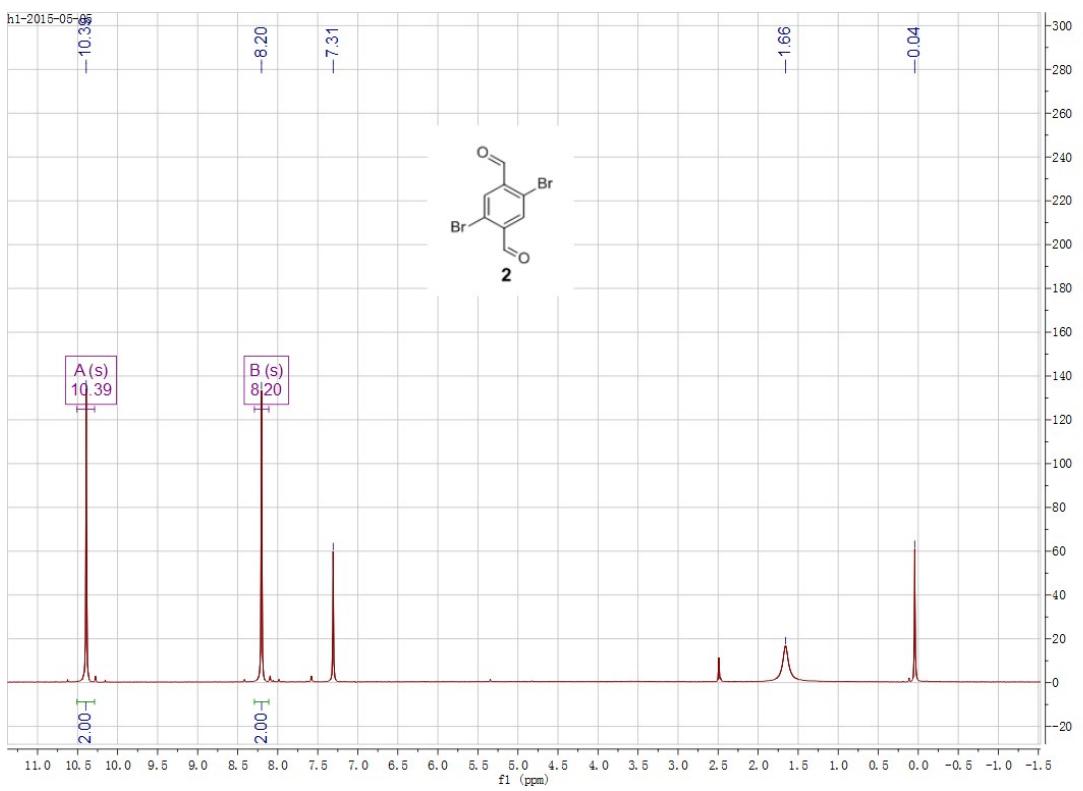


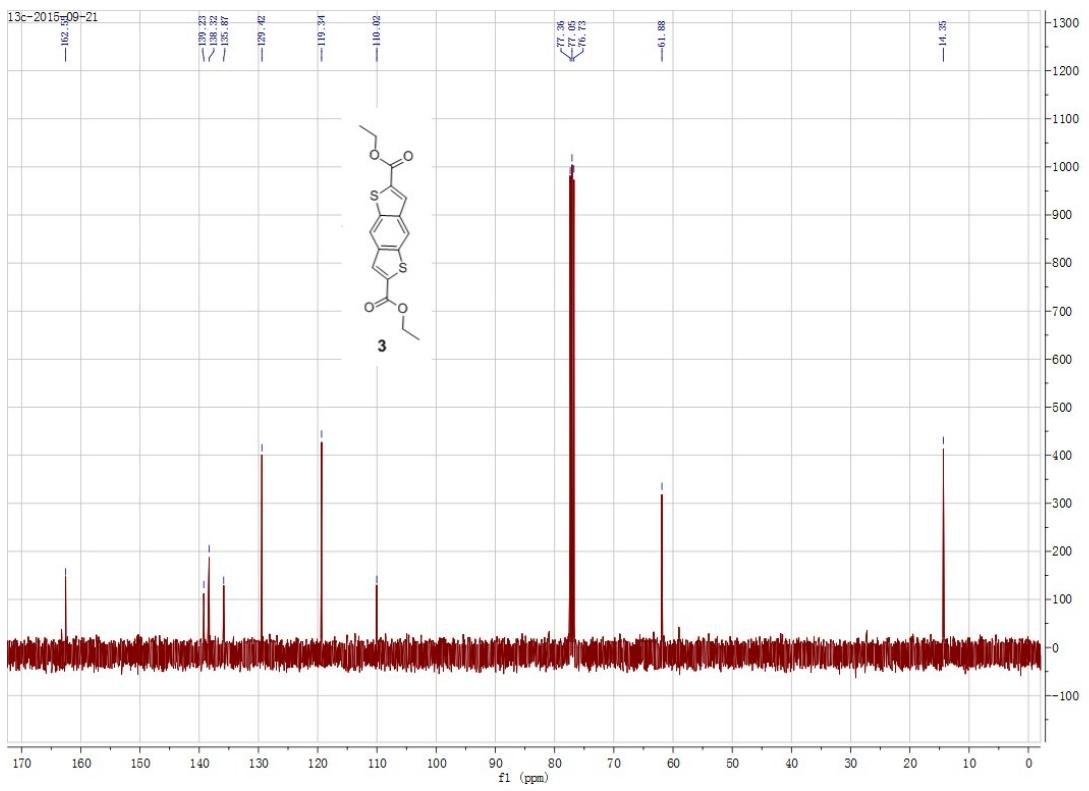
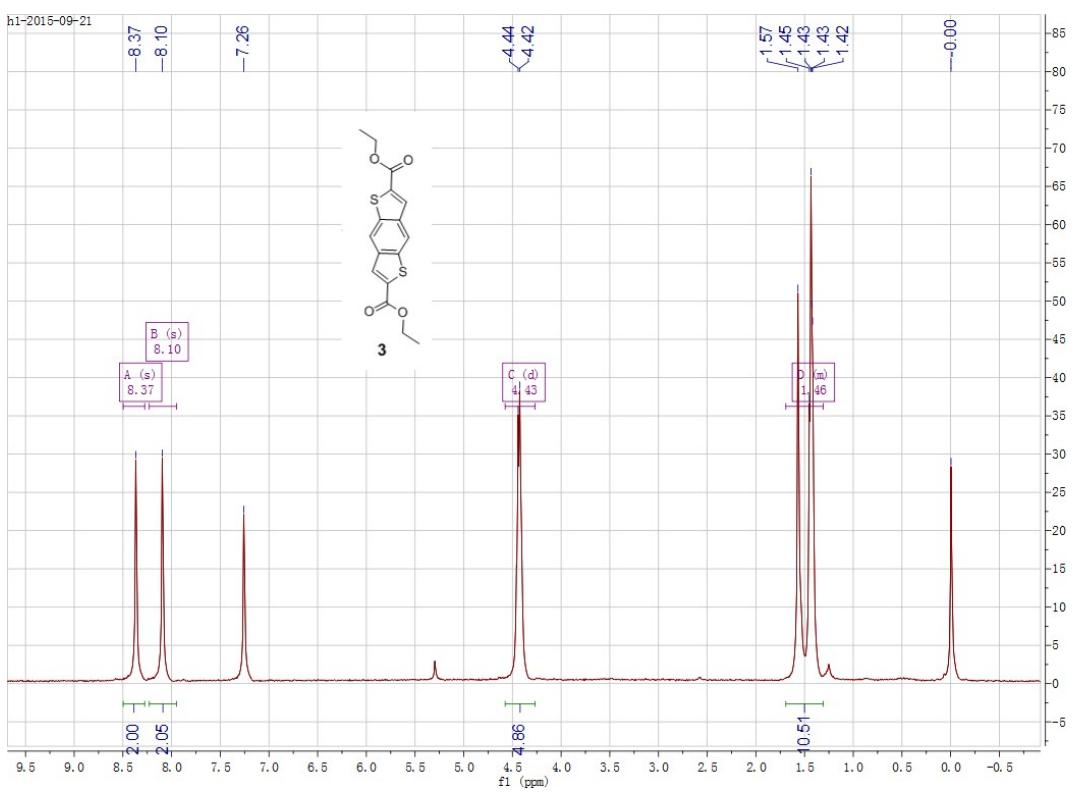


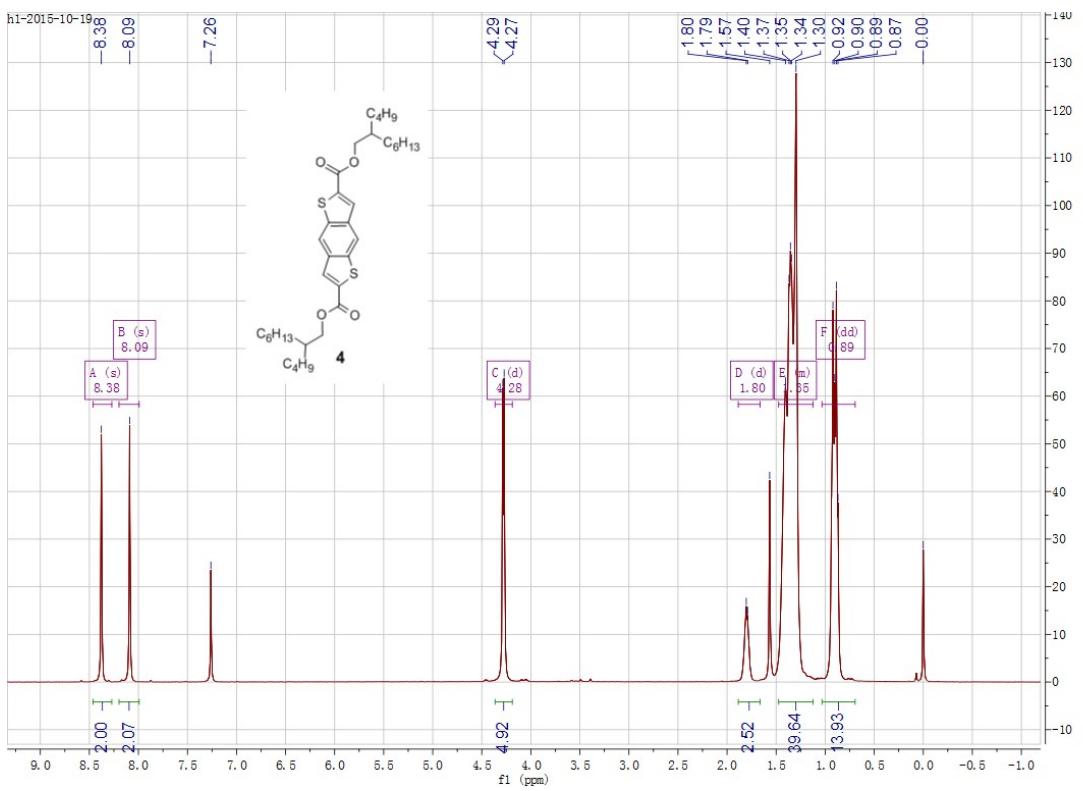
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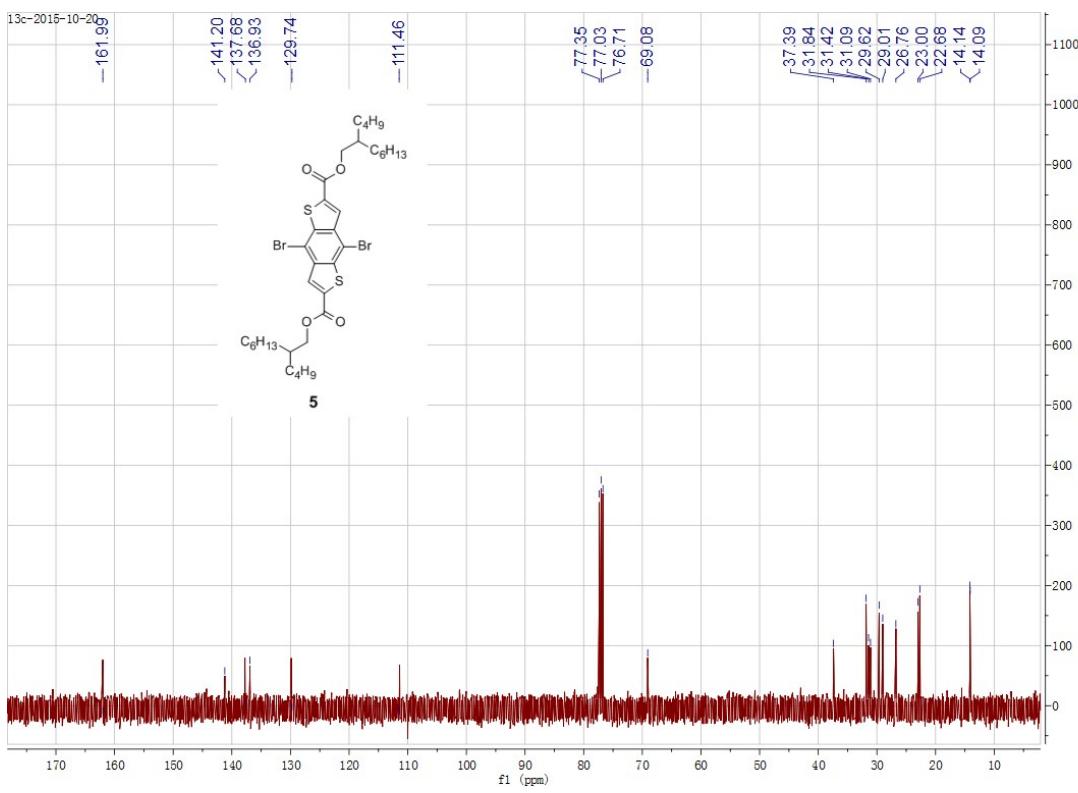
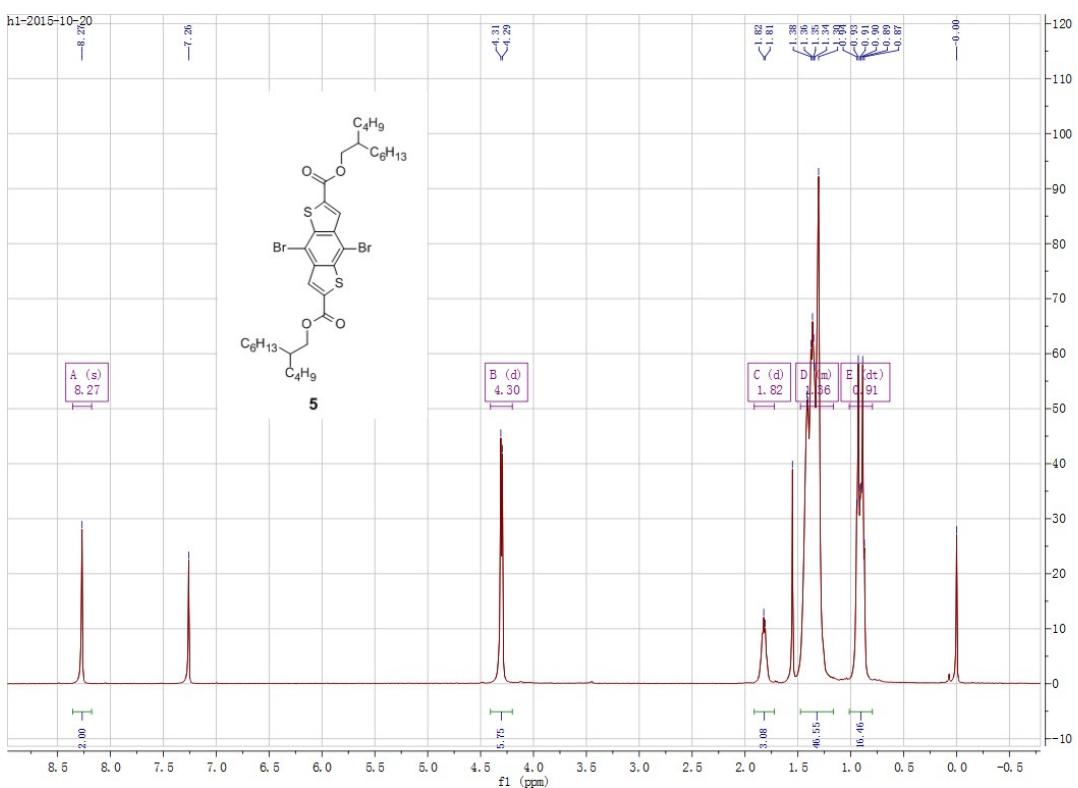


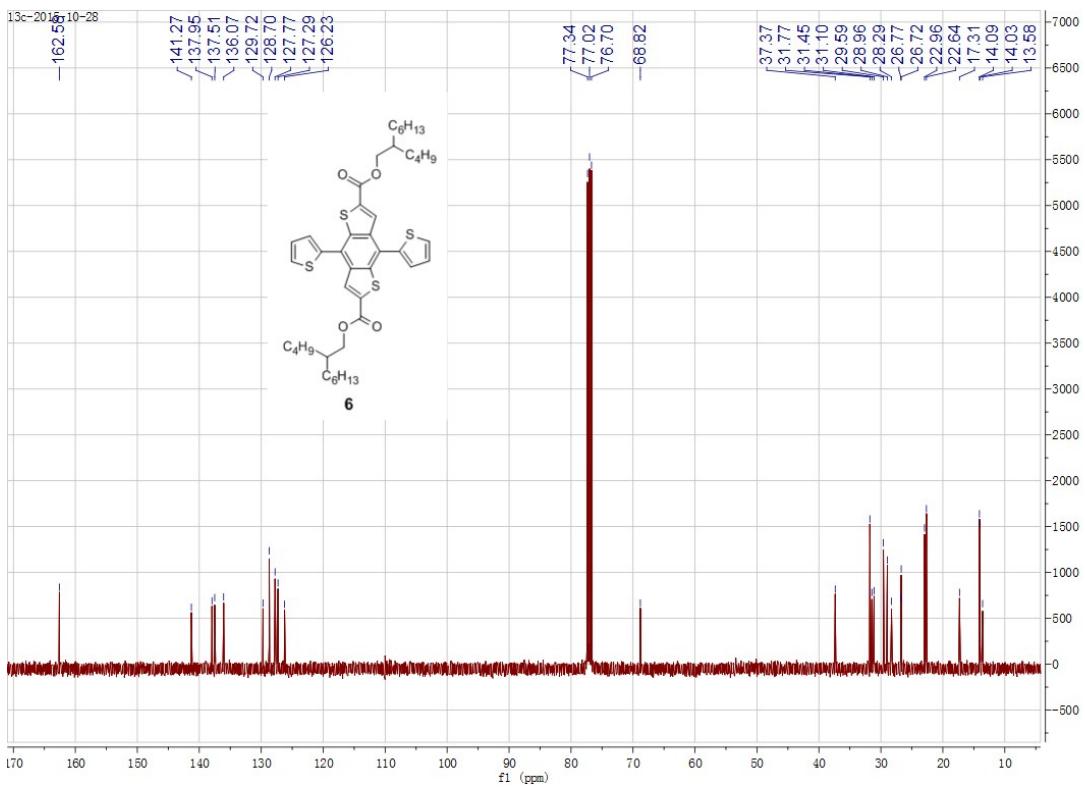
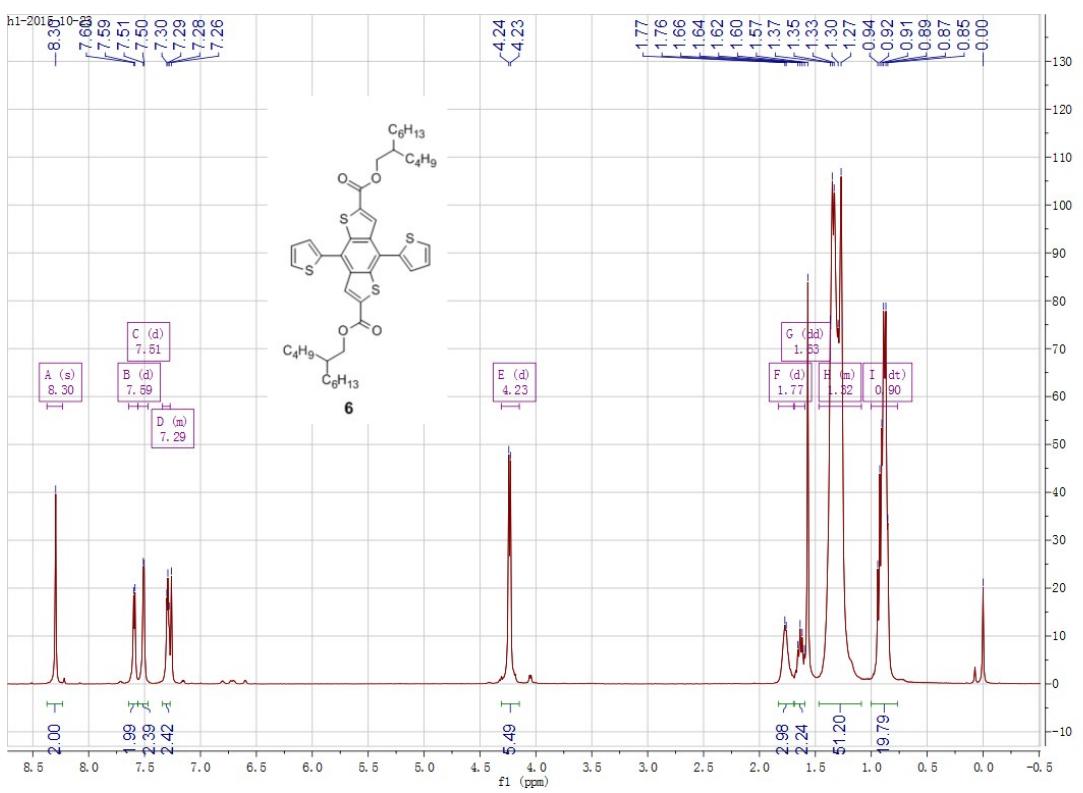
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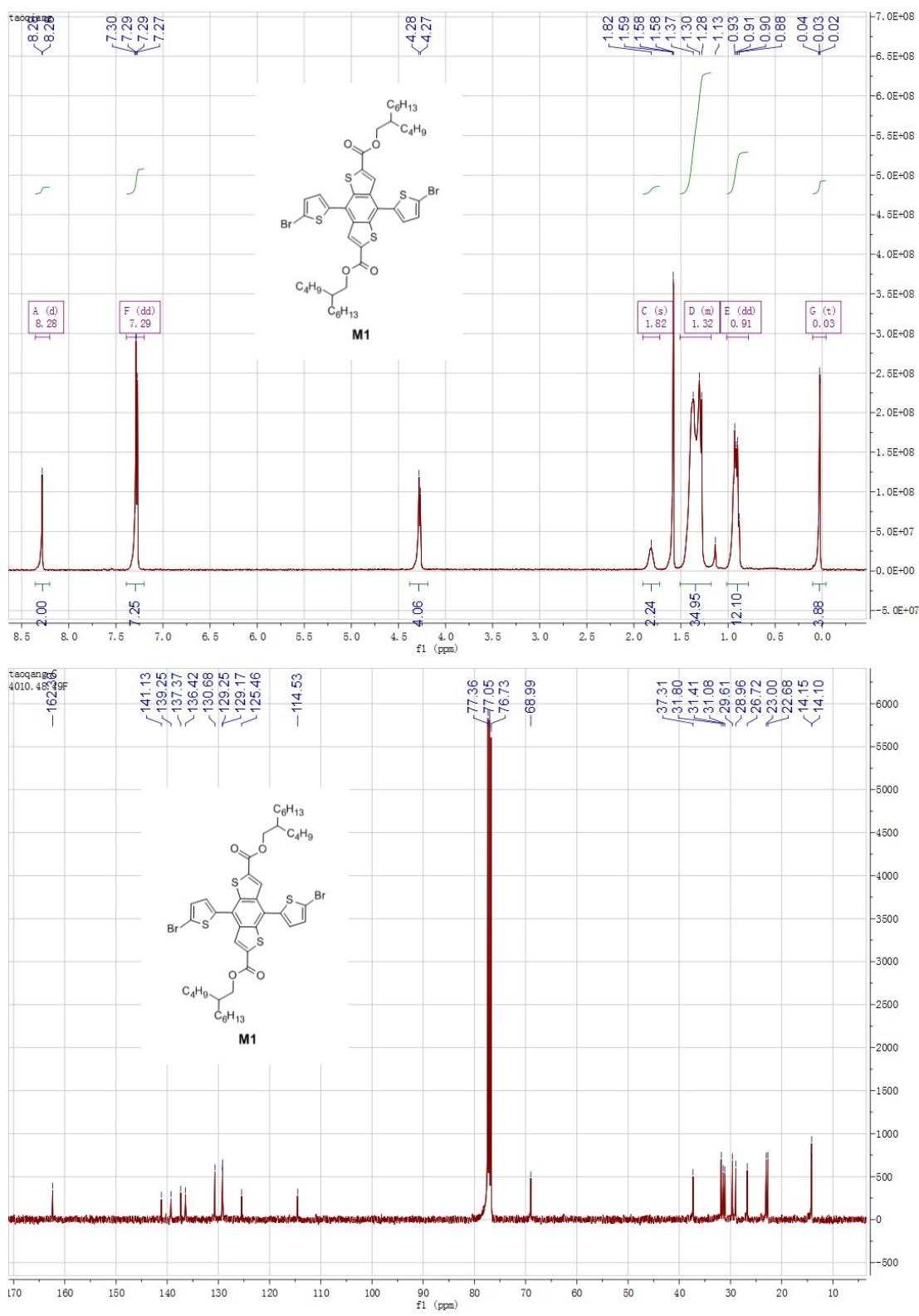












## Figure S5

