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## Distinct phosphorescence enhancement of red-emitting iridium(III) complexes with formyl-functionalized phenylpyridine ligands

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Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of Ir-CHO.





Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of **Ir-OH**.



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Figure S6. MALDI-TOF mass spectra of Ir-OH.



Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of Ir-PQCz.



Figure S9. MALDI-TOF mass spectra of Ir-PQCz.



Figure S10. DSC traces of the Ir(III) complexes measured at a scan rate of  $10_{-}^{\circ}C/min$  under N<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S11. WAXD patterns (15-60°) of the Ir(III) complexes.



Figure S12. The PL transients of the Ir(III) complexes in N2-degassed  $CH_2Cl_2$  at 298 K with 400 nm

excitation.



Figure S13. Cyclic voltammograms of the Ir(III) complexes in 0.1 M tetra-n-butylammonium

hexafluorophosphate (Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub>) with a scanning rate of 50 mV/s.



Figure S14. EL spectra of OLEDs with increasing the operating voltage from 7 V to 16 V.



Figure S15. EL spectra of WOLEDs with increasing the operating voltage from 6 V to 13 V.