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# Supporting Information for

# Rearrangement of an aniline linked perylene bisimide under acidic conditions and visible to near-infrared emission from intramolecular charge-transfer state of its fused derivatives

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#### 1. Instrumentation and Materials

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz and 150 MHz) spectra were recorded with JEOL JNM-ECX 400, JEOL JNM-ECP 400 and JEOL JNM-ECA 600 spectrometers at ambient temperature by using tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. The high-resolution MS were measured by a JEOL spiralTOF JMS-S3000 spectrometer using positive ion modes. X–ray crystallographic data were recorded at 90 K on a Bruker APEX II X-ray diffractometer equipped with a large area CCD detector by using graphite monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation for **3** and at 100 K on a Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID/S using Mo-K $\alpha$ radiation for **5**.

UV/Vis absorption spectra were measured with a JASCO UV/Vis/NIR spectrophotometer V-570. CV measurements were conducted in a solution of 0.1 M TBAPF<sub>6</sub> in dry dichloromethane with a scan rate of 100 mV/s at room temperature in an argon-filled cell. A glassy carbon electrode and a Pt wire were used as a working and a counter electrode, respectively. An Ag/Ag<sup>+</sup> electrode was used as reference electrodes, which were normalized with the half-wave potential of ferrocene/ferrocenium<sup>+</sup> (Fc/Fc<sup>+</sup>) redox couple.

TLC and gravity column chromatography were performed on Art. 5554 (Merck KGaA) plates and silica gel 60N (Kanto Chemical), respectively. All other solvents and chemicals were reagent-grade quality, obtained commercially, and used without further purification. For spectral measurements, spectral-grade solvents were purchased from Nacalai Tesque.

All DFT calculations were performed with a Gaussian 09 program package.<sup>[S1]</sup> The geometries were fully optimized at the Becke's three-parameter hybrid functional combined with the Lee-Yang-Parr correlation functional abbreviated as the B3LYP level of density functional theory. The 6-31G(d) bases set implemented was used for structure optimizations and frequency analyses.

#### 2. Experimental Section

#### N,N'-Bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1,7-bis(N,N'-dimethylanilin-4-yl)-perylene-3,4,9,10-

tetracarboxylic acid bisimide (1): A mixture of *N*,*N*<sup>-</sup>(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1,7-dibromoperylene-3,4,9,10-tetracarboxilic acid bisimide (520 mg, 0.60 mmol), *N*,*N*<sup>-</sup>dimethyl-4-(1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl) aniline (1.2 g, 4.8 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (190 mg, 1.8 mmol), and toluene (2.0 mL) was degassed by freezepump-thaw cycle for 3 times. Then, PdCl<sub>2</sub>(dppf) (17 mg, 2.5 mol%, 0.015 mmol) was added under Ar flow and stirred for 24 h at 80°C. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The mixture was concentrated in vacuo and purified by a flash silica gel column chromatography eluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> and recrystallized from CHCl<sub>3</sub> / methanol to give pure compound **1** (228 mg, 0.24 mmol) as a green solid in 40% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$  1.16 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 24H), 2.76 (sep, 4H), 3.08 (s, 12H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 4H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.45–7.53 (m, 6H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H) and 8.71 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$  24.05, 29.09, 40.32, 113.40, 121.32, 121.91, 123.98, 124.11, 128.08 129.36, 130.05, 130.21, 130.67, 132.61, 136.10, 136.26, 141.61, 142.88, 145.61, 150.44, and 163.74. HR-MS (MALDI): Calcd: 948.46091, Obs. [*M*<sup>+</sup>]: 948.46145. UV-vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\varepsilon$  [M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>]) = 314 (4.4 × 10<sup>4</sup>), 488 (3.1 × 10<sup>4</sup>) and 683 (1.4 × 10<sup>4</sup>) nm.

#### N,N'-Bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-4,12-bis(dimethylamino)benzo[a,j]coronene-1,8,9,16-

tetracarboxylic acid bisimide (2) and  $N_{N}$ '-bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-4,13-bis(dimethylamino)benzo[a,j]coronene-1,8,9,16-tetracarboxylic acid bisimide (3): To a mixture of 1 (100 mg, 0.10 mmol) and 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyanobenzoquinone (DDQ) (60 mg, 0.50 mmol), o-dichlorobenzene (50 mL) was added and degassed by argon for 20 min. TfOH (0.10 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at 150°C. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was neutralized by triethylamine, and was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic layer was washed with water, brine, and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The mixture of 2 and 3 was concentrated and purified by a flash silica gel column chromatography with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in 14.4% and 16.6% yield, respectively (determined from <sup>1</sup>H NMR). Then, 2 and 3 were further purified by three times of a flash silica gel column chromatography with a 1:3 mixture of ethyl acetate and n-hexane to give pure compounds 2 (0.5 mg, 0.001 mmol) and 3 (1 mg, 0.002 mmol) as a dark green solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm) **2**;  $\delta$  1.27 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 24H), 3.01 (sep, 4H), 3.40 (s, 12H), 7.45 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 7.58 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 8.52 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 30 (s, 2Hz, 30 (s, 22H), and 10.53 (s, 2H); HR-MS (MALDI): Calcd: 944.42961, Obs. [M<sup>+</sup>]: 944.42999. UV-vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\lambda_{\text{max}} (\varepsilon [\text{M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}]) = 326 (4.6 \times 10^4), 400 (3.9 \times 10^4) 460 (1.0 \times 10^4), 491 (2.2 \times 10^4) \text{ and } 644 (1.1 \times 10^4)$ nm; **3**;  $\delta$  1.26–1.30 (m, 24H), 2.96–3.06 (m, 4H), 3.40 (s, 12H), 7.45 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 7.59 (t, J = 6.0Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 8.53 (s, 2H), 9.39 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 10.41 (s, 2H), and 10.67 (s, 2H); HR-MS (MALDI): Calcd: 944.42961, Obs.  $[M^+]$ : 944.43003.  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\varepsilon$   $[M^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}]$ ) = 324 (4.4 × 10<sup>4</sup>), 377  $(4.7 \times 10^4)$ , 418  $(1.6 \times 10^4)$ , 447  $(2.3 \times 10^4)$  and 601  $(1.6 \times 10^4)$  nm.

*N*,*N*<sup>-</sup>Bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1,7-bis(10*H*-phenothiazine-3-yl)-perylene-3,4,9,10-tetracarboxylic acid bisimide (4): A mixture of *N*,*N*<sup>-</sup>(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-1,7-dibromoperylene-3,4,9,10-tetracarboxylic acid bisimide (138 mg, 0.144 mmol), 3-bromo-10*H*-phenothiazine (80 mg, 0.288 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (200 mg, 1.44 mmol), TBABr (5 mg, 0.0144 mmol), toluene (2.5 mL), and water (2.5 mL), was degassed by freeze-pump-thaw for 3 timers. Then, PdCl<sub>2</sub>(dppf) (12 mg, 0.0144 mmol) was added under Ar flow and stirred for 3 h at 90°C. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The mixture was concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by a flash silica gel column chromatography eluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> / methanol to give pure compound **4** (64 mg, 0.24 mmol) as a green solid in 40% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$  1.13–1.20 (m, 24H), 2.76 (sep, 4H), 6.16 (s, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.60–6.70 (m, 2H), 6.84 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.92–7.04 (m, 4H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H) and 8.65 (s, 2H); HR-MS (MALDI): Calcd: 1104.37375, Obs. [*M*<sup>+</sup>]: 1104.37295. UV-vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\varepsilon$  [M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>]) = 513 (2.2 × 10<sup>4</sup>) and 620 (0.8 × 10<sup>4</sup>) nm.

**Phenothiazine-fused PBI 5:** To a mixture of **4** (120 mg, 0.11 mmol) and DDQ (126 mg, 0.55 mmol), *o*dichlorobenzene (20 mL) was added and degassed by argon for 20 min. TfOH (0.10 mL) was added and stirred for 90 min at 120°C. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was neutralized by triethylamine, and it was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic layer was washed with water, brine, and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The mixture was concentrated in *vacuo* and purified by a flash silica gel column chromatography eluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> / methanol to give pure compound **5** (14 mg, 0.013 mmol) as a dark green solid in 12% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, ppm)  $\delta$  1.21–1.32 (m, 24H), 2.99 (sep, 4H), 6.58 (s, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.04–7.11 (m, 2H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 8.44 (s, 2H), 9.02 (s, 2H), 10.36 (s, 2H) and 10.40 (s, 2H), HR-MS (MALDI): Calcd: 1100.34245, Obs. [*M*<sup>+</sup>]: 1100.34202. UV-vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\lambda_{max} = 353$ , 391, 410, 478, 511, 623 nm.



Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of a) pure 1 and b) the products after heating with acid in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 5 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

#### 4. HR-MS



Figure S8. HR-Spiral-MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of 1.



Figure S9. HR-Spiral-MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of 2.





Figure S10. HR-Spiral-MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of 3.

Figure S11. Spiral-MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of 4.



Figure S12. Spiral-MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of 5.

### 5. UV-vis-NIR Absorption and Fluorescence Spectra



Figure S13. Fluorescence spectra of 3 in toluene (black), CHCl<sub>3</sub> (blue), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (red), and DMF (green).



Figure S14. Normalized UV-vis absorption spectra of 2 in toluene (black), CHCl<sub>3</sub> (blue), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (red), and DMF (green).



Figure S15. Normalized UV-vis absorption spectra of **3** in toluene (black), CHCl<sub>3</sub> (blue), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (red), and DMF (green).



Figure S16.Lippert-Mataga plots of 2 (black) and 3 (red).

## 6. Molecular Orbital



**Figure S17**. MO diagram of **5'** based on the calculations at the B3LYP/6-31G\* level.

# 7. X-Ray Crystal Data

Table S1.	Crystal	data	and	structure	refinement	t for 3

Empirical formula	$C_{64}H_{56}N_4O_4$			
Formula weight	945.12			
Temperature	90 K			
Wavelength	0.71073 Å			
Crystal system	Monoclinic			
Space group	P21			
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.9335(9) Å			
	$b = 13.6371(12) \text{ Å}$ $\beta = 98.5$	801(2)°		
	c = 22.866(2) Å			
Volume	3369.2(5) Å <sup>3</sup>			
Ζ	2			
Density (calculated)	0.932 g/cm <sup>3</sup>			
Absorption coefficient	0.058 mm <sup>-1</sup>			
<i>F</i> (000)	1000			
Crystal size	0.500 x 0.300 x 0.300 mm <sup>3</sup>			
Theta range for data collection	1.744 to 26.000°			
Index ranges	$-13 \le h \le 12, -16 \le k \le 16, -17 \le l \le 28$			
Reflections collected	19412			
Independent reflections	12991 [ $R(int) = 0.0266$ ]			
Completeness to theta = $25.242^{\circ}$	99.4%			
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents			
Max. and min. transmission	0.983 and 0.852			
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$			
Data / restraints / parameters	12991 / 45 / 730			
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	0.940			
Final <i>R</i> indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0797, wR_2 = 0.2100$			
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.1190, wR_2 = 0.2357$			
Absolute structure parameter	0(3)			
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.686 and $-0.267 \text{ e.}\text{Å}^{-3}$			



Figure S18. X-ray crystal structure of 3. Thermal ellipsoids were scaled to 50% probability.

Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for S						
Empirical formula	$C_{72}H_{52}N_4O_4S_2$					
Formula weight	1101.29					
Temperature	103(2) K					
Wavelength	0.71075 Å					
Crystal system	Triclinic					
Space group	<i>P</i> -1					
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.5479(11) Å	$\alpha = 82.196(6)^{\circ}$				
	b = 12.3384(13) Å	$\beta = 72.123(5)^{\circ}$				
	c = 16.2391(17) Å	$\gamma = 64.915(5)^{\circ}$				
Volume	1821.6(3) Å <sup>3</sup>					
Ζ	1					
Density (calculated)	1.004 g/cm <sup>3</sup>					
Absorption coefficient	0.117 mm <sup>-1</sup>					
F(000)	576					
Crystal size	0.150 x 0.040 x 0.020 mm <sup>3</sup>					
Theta range for data collection	3.195 to 23.500°					
Index ranges	$-11 \le h \le 11, -13 \le k \le 13, -18 \le l \le 18$					
Reflections collected	20855					
Independent reflections	5349 [R(int) = 0.1433]					
Completeness to theta = $23.500^{\circ}$	99.4%					
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents					
Max. and min. transmission	0.9140 and 0.3370					
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$					
Data / restraints / parameters	5349 / 29 / 395					
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.001					
Final <i>R</i> indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0911, wR_2 = 0.1591$					
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.2158, wR_2 = 0.1938$					
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.259 and -0.179 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>					

## Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for 5



Figure S19. X-ray crystal structure of 5. Thermal ellipsoids were scaled to 30% probability.

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