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#### Molecular design of organic small molecules based on indolo[7,6-g]indole-

#### diimide with fused aromatic heterocycles as donors for organic solar cells

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### Table SI

Calculated the longest wavelength of absorption  $\lambda_{max}$  and corresponding oscillator strength *f* of molecule **1** by various methods with 6-31G(d,p) basis set, along with available experimental data.

Methods	$\lambda_{ m max}$	f
TD-B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)//B3LYP//6-31G(d,p)	542	0.127
TD-PBE0/6-31G(d,p)//PBE0/6-31G(d,p)	514	0.138
TD-CAM-B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)//CAM-B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)	441	0.167
TD-wB97XD/6-31G(d,p)//wB97XD/6-31G(d,p)	435	0.168
TD-M062X /6-31G(d,p)//M062X /6-31G(d,p)	433	0.178
TD-LCWPBE/6-31G(d,p)//LCWPBE/6-31G(d,p)	388	0.192
Exp <sup>a</sup>	540	

<sup>a</sup> Experimental data for molecule **1** were taken from ref. [13]

## Table SII

The  $\lambda_{abs}$  and corresponding oscillator strength *f* (in parenthesis) and absorption region *R* of the first fifteen excited states for **1–6** obtained by the TD-B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level.

Species	1	2	3	4	5	6	
$\mathbf{S}_1$	542(0.127)	473(0.084)	559(0.088)	595(0.175)	565(0.188)	708(0.195)	
$S_2$	478(0.049)	430(0.015)	515(0.095)	520(0.077)	480(0.042)	614(0.0)	
$S_3$	445(0.0)	395(0.0)	468(0.0)	497(0.0)	472(0.0)	550(0.0)	
$S_4$	441(0.0)	388(0.00)	429(0.0)	484(0.0)	455(0.0)	535(0.113)	
$S_5$	380(0.0)	384(0.0)	411(0.0)	435(0.0)	393(0.057)	479(0.063)	
$S_6$	372(0.028)	372(0.0)	369(0.018)	423(0.0)	389(0.0)	478(0.0)	
$S_7$	367(0.0)	371(0.210)	366(0.0)	415(0.092)	380(0.0)	430(0.131)	
$\mathbf{S}_8$	355(0.083)	352(0.0)	351(0.016)	406(0.090)	375(0.054)	423(0.020)	
$S_9$	339(0.321)	349(0.004)	334(0.0)	375(0.029)	365(0.239)	405(0.0)	
$S_{10}$	334(0.001)	346(0.0)	333(0.00)	367(0.153)	341(0.0)	378(0.0)	
<b>S</b> <sub>11</sub>	333(0.0)	345(0.0)	321(0.211)	356(0.0)	335(0.010)	364(0.067)	
S <sub>12</sub>	318(0.283)	338(0.001)	310(0.0)	353(1.265)	334(0.0)	360(0.0)	
S <sub>13</sub>	315(0.0)	333(0.808)	308(0.550)	346(0.0)	334(1.001)	354(0.0)	
S <sub>14</sub>	308(0.0)	321(0.0)	300(0.229)	335(0.000)	321 (0.0)	352(0.123)	
					321 (0.110		
$S_{15}$	306(0.291)	312(0.042)	295(0.0)	334(0.0)	)	346(1.251)	
R	236	140	259	242	244	362	

Space groups	Total energies	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	α (deg)	β (deg)	γ (deg)
<i>C2</i>	612.79487788	61.80	6.26	59.87	90.0	162.5	90.0
C2/c	633.49840288	42.90	36.68	28.86	90.0	144.8	90.0
Сс	630.51867650	8.68	57.72	18.19	90.0	100.5	90.0
$P2_1$	606.24905143	33.23	25.12	4.81	90.0	114.0	90.0
$P2_{l}/c$	632.00029706	16.74	18.68	39.16	90.0	117.5	90.0
$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	630.90048464	12.27	32.61	31.34	90.0	90.0	90.0
$P\overline{1}$	616.90495361	35.34	6.74	28.36	73.7	87.7	70.9
Pbca	641.49652287	35.95	36.11	25.73	90.0	90.0	90.0
Pbcn	631.56607314	33.20	44.98	20.65	90.0	90.0	90.0
$Pna2_1$	636.22629013	27.86	25.08	18.75	90.0	90.0	90.0

# Table SIII The calculated total energies and crystal cell parameters of 5 in different space groups.

Space groups	Total energies	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	α (deg)	β (deg)	γ (deg)
<i>C2</i>	419.85271579	31.24	23.40	15.04	90.0	89.5	90.0
C2/c	416.82590713	70.36	20.16	49.54	90.0	154.2	90.0
Сс	414.68879048	21.37	26.80	17.49	90.0	81.6	90.0
$P2_{I}$	412.73668316	17.87	24.61	11.06	90.0	69.7	90.0
$P2_{l}/c$	415.62613857	24.89	34.24	11.03	90.0	101.0	90.0
$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	421.00145620	10.94	32.46	28.34	90.0	90.0	90.0
Pī	412.17292067	20.18	20.14	19.18	93.2	117.3	107.6
Pbca	422.82068477	12.65	56.31	35.11	90.0	90.0	90.0
Pbcn	411.53702602	30.04	23.60	26.16	90.0	90.0	90.0
$Pna2_1$	416.50439053	14.95	20.61	31.35	90.0	90.0	90.0

# **Table SIV**The calculated total energies and crystal cell parameters of **6** in different space groups.



Figure SI Herringbone Structures of 5 in  $P2_1$  space group and 6 in *Pbcn* space group.