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## **Electronic supplementary information**

## Novel Dendritic Large Molecules as Solution-Processable Thermally Activated Delayed Fluorescent Emitters for Simple Structured Non-doped Organic Light Emitting Diodes

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## **Figures**



Fig. S1 Chemical structures of carbazole-based dendrons and emissive core used in this study.



Fig. S2 DSC thermograms of the TB2CZ-ACTRZ and TB14CZ-ACTRZ.



Fig. S3 UV-Vis absorption and PL spectra of (a) TB7CZ, and (b) ACTRZ in toluene and film states.



**Fig. S4** UV-Vis absorption and PL spectra of **TB2CZ-ACTRZ** (**a** and **b**) and **TB14CZ-ACTRZ** (**c** and **d**) in different polar solvents.



**Fig. S5** Low temperature fluorescence and phosphorescence spectra measured at 77K in film states. (a) **TB2CZ-ACTRZ** and (b) **TB14CZ-ACTRZ** 



Fig. S6 Temperature-dependent transient PL decay of (a) TB2CZ-ACTRZ and (b) TB14CZ-ACTRZ in film states.



**Fig. S7** Characteristics of TADF-OLED devices for **TB2CZ-ACTRZ** (t=120 nm) and **TB14CZ-ACTRZ** (t=90 nm): (a) the normalized EL spectra (measured at 1000 cd m<sup>-2</sup>), (b) current density–voltage–luminance (J-V-L), (c) EQE versus current density, and (d) current efficiency and power efficiency versus current density plots. The inset in Fig. a is the device structure.



Fig. S8 Schematic energy level diagrams of (a) device A, and (b) device B.



**Fig. S9** Characteristics of TADF-OLED devices for **TB2CZ-ACTRZ** and **TB14CZ-ACTRZ**: (a) the normalized EL spectra, at 1000 cd m<sup>-2</sup> (inset shows the device structure), (b) current density–voltage–luminance (J-V-L), (c) EQE *versus* current density and (d) current efficiency and power efficiency *versus* current density plots.



**Fig. S10** Current density–voltage (*J*–*V*) characteristics of hole only devices in simple (device C) and multilayered structure (device D): (a) **TB2CZ-ACTRZ** and (b) **TB14CZ-ACTRZ**.

## **Tables**

Table S1: Optical, photophysical, and electrochemical data of key fragments (TB7CZ and ACTRZ).

compound	$\lambda_{abs}$ <sup>a/b</sup> (nm)	λ <sub>em</sub> <sup>a/b</sup> (nm)	<i>E<sub>g</sub></i> <sup>c</sup> (eV)	HOMO <sup>d</sup> (eV)	LUMO <sup>e</sup> (eV)
TB7CZ	300, 333, 349/ 299, 335, 350	404/403	3.30	-5.51	-2.21
ACTRZ	332, 406/ 334, 406	524/526	2.70	-5.35	-2.65

<sup>a</sup> In toluene. <sup>b</sup> In thin film. <sup>c</sup> Calculated from absorption threshold (film state). <sup>d</sup> Calculated using oxidation onset in film state. <sup>e</sup> Obtained by adding optical band gap to HOMO level.

compound	Hexane <sup>a/b</sup> (nm)	Toluene <sup>a/b</sup> (nm)	Chloroform <sup>a/b</sup> (nm)	EA <sup>a/b</sup> (nm)
TB2CZ-	298, 335, 347/	299, 338, 349/	299, 338, 349/	298, 337, 348/
ACTRZ	389, 467, 488	394, 517	425, 575	400, 572
TB14CZ-	298, 335, 348/	299, 336, 349/	299, 337, 350/	297, 336, 348/
ACTRZ	388, 460	392, 492	396, 551	390, 558

Table S2: UV-Vis absorption and PL data of TB2CZ-ACTRZ and TB14CZ-ACTRZ in different polar solvents.

<sup>a</sup> UV-Vis absorption. <sup>b</sup> PL data.

Table S3: **TB2CZ-ACTRZ** and **TB14CZ-ACTRZ** dendrimers based TADF-OLED performance data (device A).

Compound	V <sub>on</sub> <sup>a</sup> (V)	Luminance <sup>b</sup> (cd m <sup>-2</sup> )	CE <sup>b</sup> (cd A <sup>-1</sup> )	PE <sup>b</sup> (Im W⁻¹)	EQE (%) <sup>b</sup>	λ <sub>max</sub> <sup>c</sup> (nm)	CIE <sup>c</sup> (x,y)
TB2CZ-ACTRZ	4.1	1626	26.4	16.6	8.0	524	0.32, 0.57
TB14CZ-ACTRZ	4.2	2370	17.7	12.1	6.8	496	0.22, 0.42

<sup>a</sup> Turn-on voltage at a brightness of 1 cd m<sup>-2</sup>. <sup>b</sup> Maximum value. <sup>c</sup> At a luminance of 1000 cd m<sup>-2</sup>. \* CE : current efficiency, PE: power efficiency, EQE: external quantum efficiency. Thickness of TB2Cz-ACTRZ= 120 nm; Thickness of TB14Cz-ACTRZ = 90 nm

Table S4: **TB2CZ-ACTRZ** and **TB14CZ-ACTRZ** dendrimers based TADF-OLED performance data (device B).

Compound	V <sub>on</sub> <sup>a</sup> (V)	Luminance <sup>b</sup> (cd m <sup>-2</sup> )	CE <sup>b</sup> (cd A <sup>-1</sup> )	PE <sup>b</sup> (Im W⁻¹)	EQE (%) <sup>c</sup> at max/100/500 cd m <sup>-2</sup>	λ <sub>max</sub> <sup>d</sup> (nm)	CIE <sup>d</sup> (x,y)
TB2CZ-ACTRZ	3.5	5060	32.0	23.7	9.9/9.9/7.4	520	0.31, 0.57
TB14CZ-ACTRZ	4.0	2622	13.9	7.9	5.5/5.4/2.9	492	0.21, 0.42

<sup>a</sup> Turn-on voltage at a brightness of 1 cd m<sup>-2</sup>. <sup>b</sup> Maximum value. <sup>c</sup> Data at maximum, 100 and 1000 cd m<sup>-2</sup>. <sup>d</sup> At a luminance of 1000 cd m<sup>-2</sup>. \* CE : current efficiency, PE: power efficiency, EQE: external quantum efficiency.