

## *Supporting Information*

# **Tuning alkynyl-extended 9,10-dihydroanthracene-based systems into aggregation-induced emission (AIE) luminophores**

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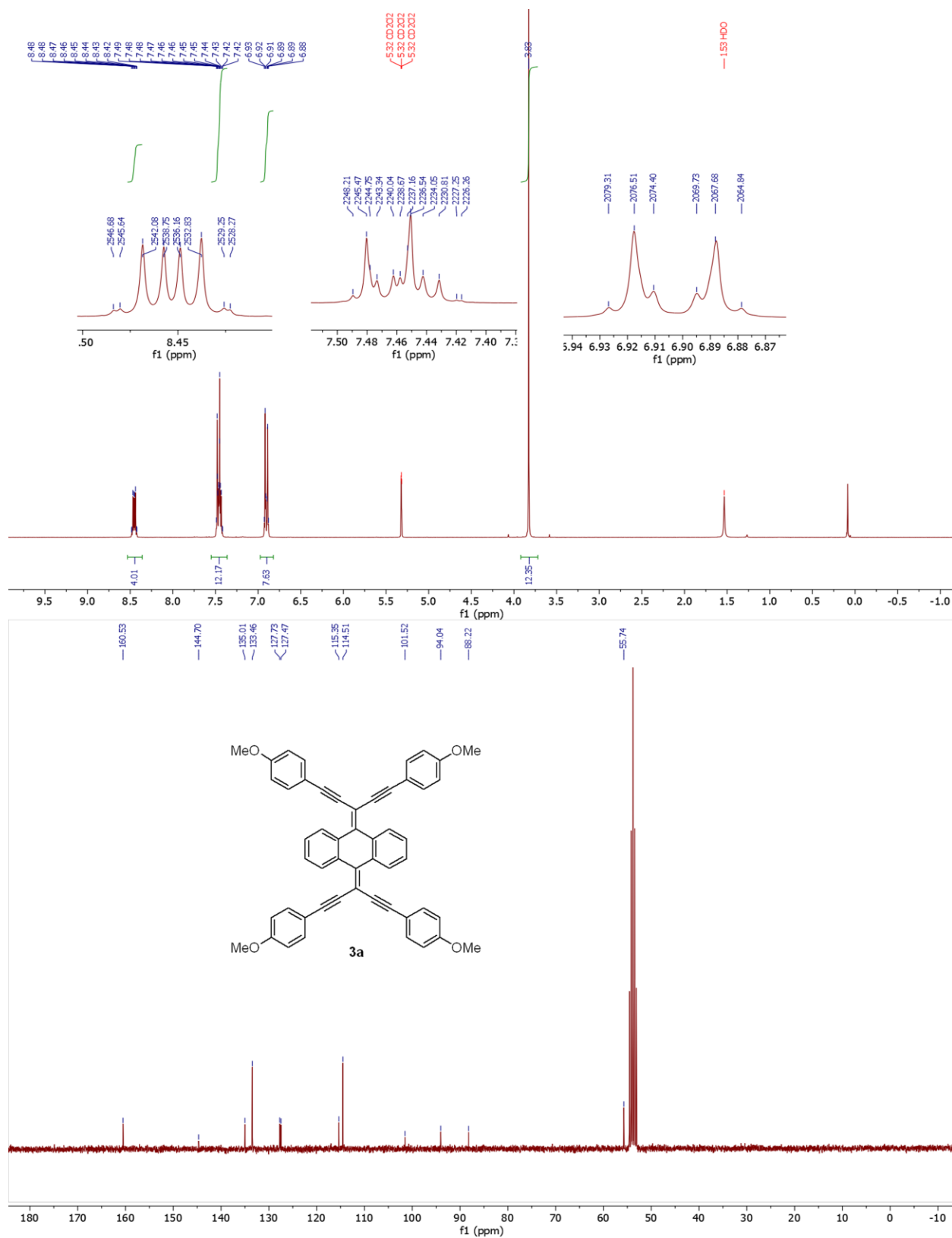
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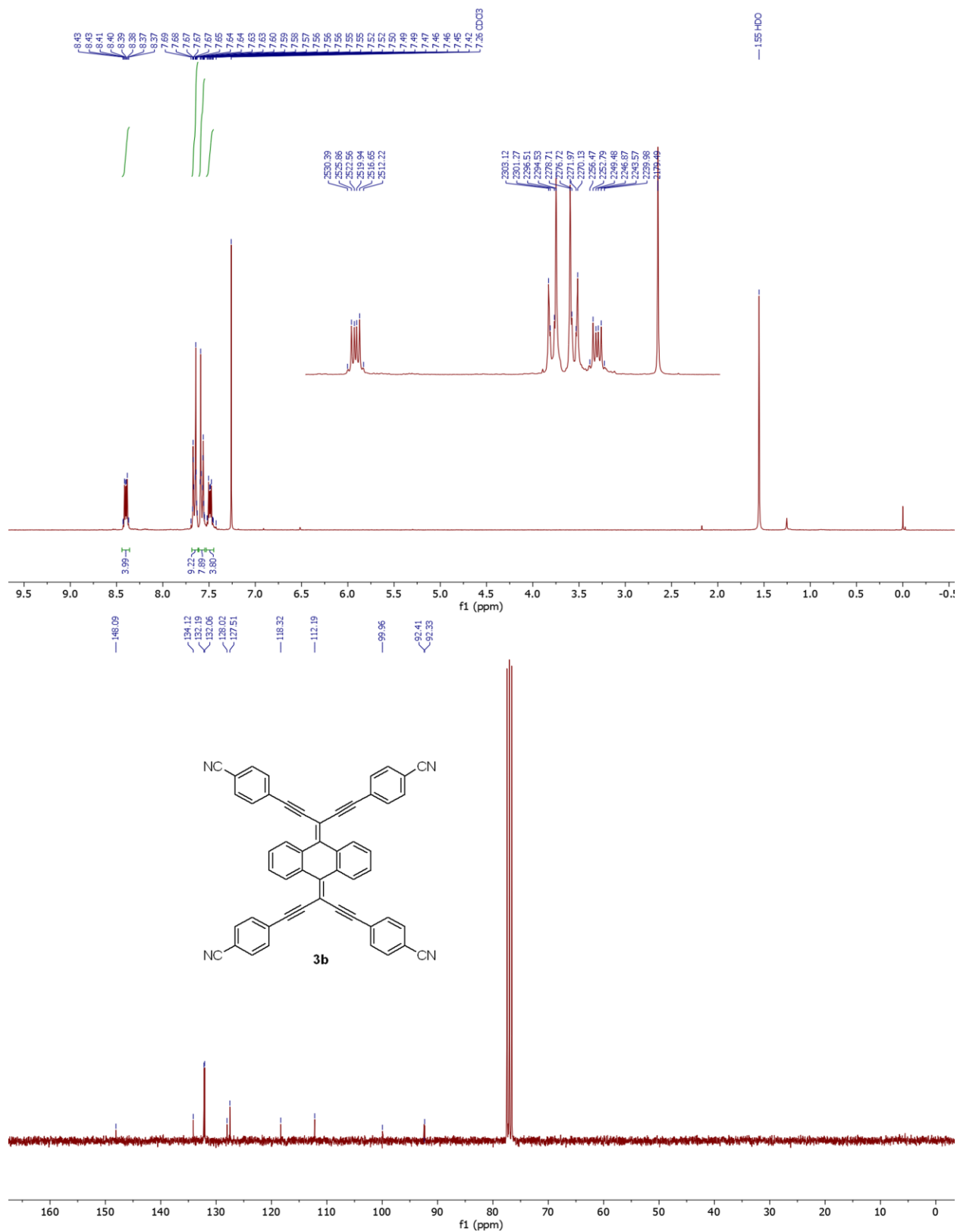
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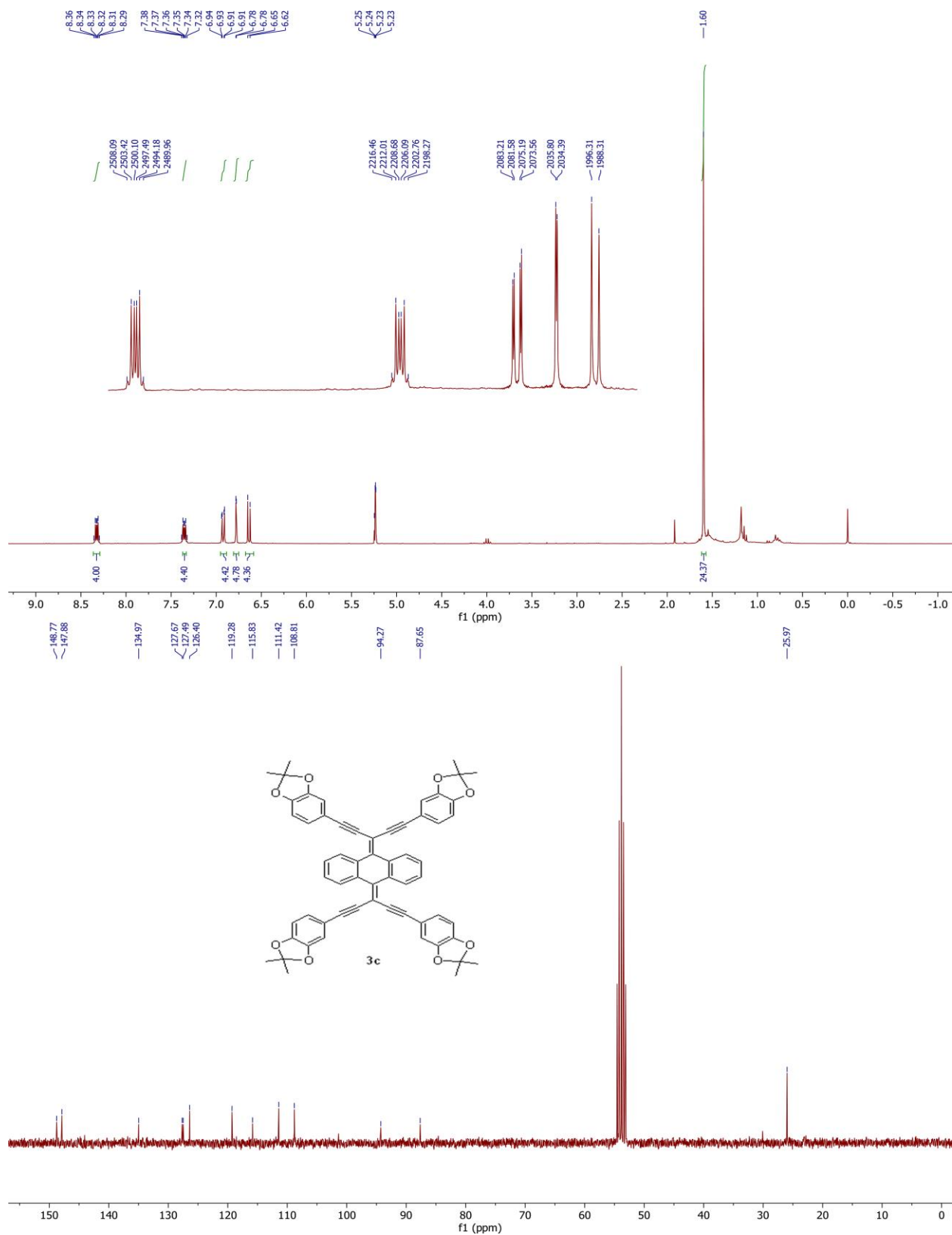
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**Table S-1:** Crystallographic data and refinement conditions for **3a** and **3c****Compound 3a**

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|                                              |                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| formula                                      | C <sub>53</sub> H <sub>37</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>               |
| formula weight                               | 844.17                                                                       |
| crystal dimensions (mm)                      | 0.44 × 0.30 × 0.05                                                           |
| crystal system                               | triclinic                                                                    |
| space group                                  | <i>P</i> $\bar{1}$ (No. 2)                                                   |
| unit cell parameters                         |                                                                              |
| <i>a</i> (Å)                                 | 11.149(2)                                                                    |
| <i>b</i> (Å)                                 | 13.306(3)                                                                    |
| <i>c</i> (Å)                                 | 15.211(3)                                                                    |
| <i>α</i> (deg)                               | 81.578(3)                                                                    |
| <i>β</i> (deg)                               | 87.381(3)                                                                    |
| <i>γ</i> (deg)                               | 71.177(3)                                                                    |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )                   | 2112.8(8)                                                                    |
| <i>Z</i>                                     | 2                                                                            |
| $\rho_{\text{calcd}}$ (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )  | 1.327                                                                        |
| $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )                    | 0.265                                                                        |
| diffractometer                               | Bruker PLATFORM/APEX II CCD <sup>b</sup>                                     |
| radiation ( $\lambda$ [Å])                   | graphite-monochromated Mo <i>Kα</i> (0.71073)                                |
| temperature (°C)                             | -80                                                                          |
| scan type                                    | $\omega$ scans (0.3°) (20 s exposures)                                       |
| data collection $2\theta$ limit (deg)        | 50.50                                                                        |
| total data collected                         | 14465 ( $-13 \leq h \leq 13$ , $-15 \leq k \leq 15$ , $-18 \leq l \leq 18$ ) |
| independent reflections                      | 7640 ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0596$ )                                           |
| number of observed reflections ( <i>NO</i> ) | 3820 [ $F_o^2 \geq 2\sigma(F_o^2)$ ]                                         |

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### **Compound 3c**

|                                                         |                                                                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| formula                                                 | C <sub>60</sub> H <sub>44</sub> O <sub>8</sub>                               |
| formula weight                                          | 892.95                                                                       |
| crystal dimensions (mm)                                 | 0.32 × 0.12 × 0.11                                                           |
| crystal system                                          | triclinic                                                                    |
| space group                                             | $P\bar{1}$ (No. 2)                                                           |
| unit cell parameters <sup>a</sup>                       |                                                                              |
| <i>a</i> (Å)                                            | 8.58110(10)                                                                  |
| <i>b</i> (Å)                                            | 16.8286(3)                                                                   |
| <i>c</i> (Å)                                            | 17.0367(3)                                                                   |
| <i>α</i> (deg)                                          | 81.6064(9)                                                                   |
| <i>β</i> (deg)                                          | 75.5209(8)                                                                   |
| <i>γ</i> (deg)                                          | 77.4936(11)                                                                  |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )                              | 2314.57(7)                                                                   |
| <i>Z</i>                                                | 2                                                                            |
| $\rho_{\text{calcd}}$ (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )             | 1.281                                                                        |
| $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )                               | 0.679                                                                        |
| <br><i>B. Data Collection and Refinement Conditions</i> |                                                                              |
| diffractometer                                          | Bruker D8/APEX II CCD <sup>b</sup>                                           |
| radiation ( $\lambda$ [Å])                              | Cu K $\alpha$ (1.54178) (microfocus source)                                  |
| temperature (°C)                                        | -100                                                                         |
| scan type                                               | $\omega$ and $\phi$ scans (1.0°) (5 s exposures)                             |
| data collection $2\theta$ limit (deg)                   | 148.67                                                                       |
| total data collected                                    | 64886 ( $-10 \leq h \leq 10$ , $-20 \leq k \leq 20$ , $-21 \leq l \leq 21$ ) |
| independent reflections                                 | 9038 ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0475$ )                                           |
| number of observed reflections ( <i>NO</i> )            | 7757 [ $F_o^2 \geq 2\sigma(F_o^2)$ ]                                         |
| structure solution method                               | intrinsic phasing ( <i>SHELXT-2014</i> <sup>c</sup> )                        |
| refinement method                                       | full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$ ( <i>SHELXL-2017</i> <sup>d</sup> )       |

|                                                      |                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| absorption correction method                         | multi-scan ( <i>SADABS</i> )       |
| range of transmission factors                        | 1.0000 – 0.7956                    |
| data/restraints/parameters                           | 9038 / 0 / 621                     |
| goodness-of-fit ( <i>S</i> ) <sup>e</sup> [all data] | 1.039                              |
| final <i>R</i> indices <sup>f</sup>                  |                                    |
| $R_1 [F_o^2 \geq 2\sigma(F_o^2)]$                    | 0.0409                             |
| $wR_2$ [all data]                                    | 0.1146                             |
| largest difference peak and hole                     | 0.439 and –0.457 e Å <sup>-3</sup> |

**Table S-2.** Calculated UV-Vis absorption properties for compound **3a** and **3b** in the gas phase at the TD-CAM-B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory

| Entry     | $\lambda_{\max}$ | <i>f</i> | MO Composition                           |
|-----------|------------------|----------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>3a</b> | 448 nm           | 1.2097   | H → L (68.4 %)<br>H – 1 → L + 1 (13.1 %) |
| <b>3b</b> | 451 nm           | 1.2057   | H → L (68.1 %)<br>H – 1 → L + 1 (13.6 %) |

**Table S-3.** Geometries of **3a** and **3b** optimized at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory

| <b>3a</b> |             |             |            | <b>3b</b> |             |             |            |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 0         | 1           |             |            | 0         | 1           |             |            |
| C         | -0.69917700 | 3.51252300  | 3.13767700 | C         | 0.69806900  | -3.50805600 | 3.06409600 |
| C         | -1.39299000 | 2.38305300  | 2.71569400 | C         | 1.39341200  | -2.38107600 | 2.63670900 |
| C         | -0.71074400 | 1.23443900  | 2.27975400 | C         | 0.71022400  | -1.23455300 | 2.19897500 |
| C         | 0.71046700  | 1.23460400  | 2.27974700 | C         | -0.71073000 | -1.23435400 | 2.19897200 |
| C         | 1.39245000  | 2.38337800  | 2.71567800 | C         | -1.39425800 | -2.38069200 | 2.63667900 |
| C         | 0.69837900  | 3.51268600  | 3.13766800 | C         | -0.69923400 | -3.50786600 | 3.06408000 |
| C         | -1.40788100 | -0.00015800 | 1.87498700 | C         | 1.40440500  | -0.00011900 | 1.79087200 |
| C         | 1.40788700  | 0.00016800  | 1.87497900 | C         | -1.40456200 | 0.00025500  | 1.79085900 |
| C         | 0.71075200  | -1.23442400 | 2.27976400 | C         | -0.71039100 | 1.23467700  | 2.19902300 |
| C         | -0.71045900 | -1.23459000 | 2.27976500 | C         | 0.71056300  | 1.23448800  | 2.19900500 |
| C         | -1.39244000 | -2.38335900 | 2.71571300 | C         | 1.39408600  | 2.38084200  | 2.63668000 |
| H         | -2.47491600 | -2.37465600 | 2.75167000 | H         | 2.47643400  | 2.37146400  | 2.67646600 |
| C         | -0.69836600 | -3.51266200 | 3.13771100 | C         | 0.69904100  | 3.50801000  | 3.06406700 |
| C         | 0.69919000  | -3.51249900 | 3.13771200 | C         | -0.69826000 | 3.50817600  | 3.06411700 |
| C         | 1.39300100  | -2.38303400 | 2.71571300 | C         | -1.39359600 | 2.38117400  | 2.63675300 |
| H         | -1.24809000 | 4.38138200  | 3.49120200 | H         | 1.24578300  | -4.37465500 | 3.42383600 |
| H         | -2.47546400 | 2.37409900  | 2.75165500 | H         | 2.47576000  | -2.37202600 | 2.67650200 |
| H         | 2.47492700  | 2.37467700  | 2.75162800 | H         | -2.47661000 | -2.37132800 | 2.67643400 |
| H         | 1.24709300  | 4.38167300  | 3.49118700 | H         | -1.24718300 | -4.37431000 | 3.42383000 |
| H         | -1.24707900 | -4.38164600 | 3.49124300 | H         | 1.24697800  | 4.37448100  | 3.42377100 |



|   |             |             |             |   |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| H | 1.24810500  | -4.38135400 | 3.49124400  | H | -1.24596900 | 4.37477000  | 3.42387000  |
| H | 2.47547500  | -2.37408000 | 2.75166800  | H | -2.47594900 | 2.37210000  | 2.67654000  |
| C | -2.57516200 | -0.00029500 | 1.12680400  | C | 2.56729200  | -0.00023900 | 1.03584100  |
| C | 2.57516400  | 0.00029600  | 1.12678900  | C | -2.56736700 | 0.00044300  | 1.03571200  |
| C | -3.20682900 | 1.18833600  | 0.65752400  | C | 3.19264600  | -1.18960900 | 0.56161200  |
| C | -3.20655400 | -1.18907300 | 0.65753000  | C | 3.19305600  | 1.18893700  | 0.56163300  |
| C | 3.20682800  | -1.18834000 | 0.65752000  | C | -3.19272700 | 1.18985800  | 0.56157300  |
| C | 3.20655400  | 1.18906900  | 0.65749900  | C | -3.19306900 | -1.18874800 | 0.56146800  |
| C | -3.79085300 | 2.15184600  | 0.19502600  | C | 3.77193600  | -2.15174400 | 0.09154600  |
| C | -3.79035700 | -2.15271900 | 0.19503300  | C | 3.77279800  | 2.15078100  | 0.09153700  |
| C | 3.79085100  | -2.15185600 | 0.19503100  | C | -3.77196700 | 2.15199500  | 0.09147500  |
| C | 3.79035600  | 2.15270800  | 0.19498700  | C | -3.77264400 | -2.15067600 | 0.09134700  |
| C | -5.68807900 | 5.63314000  | -1.30878300 | C | 5.66396500  | -5.61038300 | -1.44290300 |
| C | -6.28062900 | 4.37723200  | -1.49572700 | C | 6.26502700  | -4.34916800 | -1.60343100 |
| C | -5.65251000 | 3.23607400  | -1.00094900 | C | 5.64451800  | -3.21408300 | -1.10184500 |
| C | -4.42919400 | 3.31605200  | -0.31231100 | C | 4.40927700  | -3.31061200 | -0.42716100 |
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| C | -4.46516200 | 5.72961900  | -0.62441500 | C | 4.43165400  | -5.71630500 | -0.77340400 |
| H | -7.22319200 | 4.27732300  | -2.02160600 | H | 7.21531600  | -4.27092200 | -2.12136900 |
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| H | -2.89902100 | 4.66996200  | 0.38957700  | H | 2.86006100  | -4.65767800 | 0.24165700  |
| H | -4.02193600 | 6.71178300  | -0.49324700 | H | 3.96975200  | -6.69085900 | -0.65333500 |
| C | -5.65177600 | -3.23736400 | -1.00093500 | C | 5.64625500  | 3.21192700  | -1.10148600 |
| C | -6.27961300 | -4.37866300 | -1.49574200 | C | 6.26742800  | 4.34656800  | -1.60325200 |
| C | -5.68672500 | -5.63442400 | -1.30888000 | C | 5.66681200  | 5.60808900  | -1.44344800 |
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| H | -2.89795100 | -4.67062600 | 0.38958000  | H | 2.86183400  | 4.65716300  | 0.24031500  |
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| C | 6.28062400  | -4.37727200 | -1.49569100 | C | -6.26563700 | 4.34909300  | -1.60302400 |
| C | 5.65251300  | -3.23610600 | -1.00091700 | C | -5.64496200 | 3.21411400  | -1.10141800 |
| H | 2.89900400  | -4.66996400 | 0.38959900  | H | -2.85995500 | 4.65795900  | 0.24066400  |
| H | 4.02190100  | -6.71180000 | -0.49321000 | H | -3.96994100 | 6.69095300  | -0.65435600 |
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| C | 5.68675300  | 5.63439900  | -1.30894100 | C | -5.66613300 | -5.60835300 | -1.44342700 |
| H | 4.02041500  | 6.71269100  | -0.49334800 | H | -3.97192000 | -6.68951800 | -0.65480400 |
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| H | 6.11316900  | 2.26557000  | -1.14740300 | H | -6.10832100 | -2.23832700 | -1.22405300 |
| H | 7.22224400  | 4.27893700  | -2.02162400 | H | -7.21738200 | -4.26827400 | -2.12090600 |
| O | 6.21209900  | -6.81172800 | -1.74916200 | C | 6.30432000  | -6.78324300 | -1.95929400 |
| O | 6.21054100  | 6.81306600  | -1.74938200 | N | 6.82467500  | -7.73633400 | -2.37742100 |
| O | -6.21215800 | 6.81170500  | -1.74916900 | C | 6.30786000  | 6.78049100  | -1.96001700 |
| O | -6.21059200 | -6.81306300 | -1.74926300 | N | 6.82878100  | 7.73320800  | -2.37829400 |

|   |             |             |             |   |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C | 7.44259300  | 6.78270700  | -2.45328100 | C | -6.30501400 | 6.78308700  | -1.95943700 |
| H | 7.36568100  | 6.19189500  | -3.37548000 | N | -6.82550900 | 7.73609200  | -2.37758700 |
| H | 7.66703000  | 7.82016600  | -2.70727600 | C | -6.30698000 | -6.78088300 | -1.95995800 |
| H | 8.25232200  | 6.37810200  | -1.83187300 | N | -6.82773300 | -7.73370600 | -2.37819900 |
| C | 7.44453500  | -6.78113900 | -2.45237700 |   |             |             |             |
| H | 7.66933600  | -7.81854900 | -2.70624700 |   |             |             |             |
| H | 7.36800000  | -6.19033100 | -3.37460900 |   |             |             |             |
| H | 8.25383600  | -6.37635800 | -1.83052300 |   |             |             |             |
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| H | -7.36519900 | -6.19137800 | -3.37553500 |   |             |             |             |
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| H | -8.25238200 | -6.37820500 | -1.83231500 |   |             |             |             |
| C | -7.44465700 | 6.78111400  | -2.45228300 |   |             |             |             |
| H | -7.66964900 | 7.81855800  | -2.70584500 |   |             |             |             |
| H | -7.36810400 | 6.19057400  | -3.37468200 |   |             |             |             |
| H | -8.25384700 | 6.37603500  | -1.83048300 |   |             |             |             |