## **Supplementary Information**

## Designing of Rigid Cyclic Tripyrrins: The Importance of Intermolecular Interactions on Aggregation and Luminescence

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Figure S10 IR spectrum of 1.







Figure S13 Single crystal structure of 1 (CCDC 1581723).



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Figure S16 Cyclic voltammogram of 1.







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Figure S19 HOMO, LUMO and LUMO+1 molecular orbital of 1-3.



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Figure S27 Crystal packing of 1 along the (a) *a*, (b) *b* and (c) *c* directions with J-dimer in red



Figure S28 Crystal packing of 2 along the (a) a, (b) b and (c) c directions with J-dimer in red



Figure S29 Crystal packing of 3 along the (a) *a*, (b) *b* and (c) *c* directions.



**Figure S30** Fluorescence of **1-3** under the 365 nm UV lamp in crystalline (before grinding and after evaporating) and amorphous states (after grinding).



Figure S31 Normalized emission spectra of 2-3 in amorphous state.



Figure S32 Normalized emission spectra of 1-3 in PMMA films. Insert: photograph taken under the 365 nm UV lamp.



Figure S33 Absolute quantum yield of 1 in PMMA films.



Figure S34 Absolute quantum yield of 2 in PMMA films.



Figure S35 Absolute quantum yield of 3 in PMMA films.



Figure S36 Weak halogen bonds and  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interaction of 1 (a) and 3 (b) in crystal. Up: top view in perpendicular direction of intramolecular N<sub>3</sub>-plane, down: side view in parallel direction of intramolecular N<sub>3</sub>-plane.

Complex	1·0.5THF
molecular formula	$C_{36}H_{11}CI_2F_{10}N_5O_{2.5}$
formula wt. (g mol <sup>-1</sup> )	814.40
temperature (K)	180.01(10)
radiation (λ, Å)	0.71073
crystal system	monoclinic
space group	P 21/m
a (Å)	6.3689(5)
b (Å)	19.2075(10)
c (Å)	14.4005(9)
α (°)	90
β (°)	96.153(7)
γ (°)	90
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1751.5(2)
Z	2
$ ho_{ m calcd}$ (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.544
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.282
F(000)	812
crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.41×0.25× 0.03
Theta range	3.214 to 24.997°
reflections collected	10154
independent reflections	3185 [R(int) = 0.0429]
Completeness	99.64 %
goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.117
final R indices	R1 <sup>a</sup> = 0.0683
R indices (all data)	R1 <sup>a</sup> = 0.0931
largest diff. peak and hole (e Å-3)	1.57 and -0.26

 Table S1. X-ray crystallographic data of 1 (CCDC 1581723)

Complex	2·THF
molecular formula	$C_{38}H_{15}Br_2F_{10}N_5O_3$
formula wt. (g mol <sup>-1</sup> )	939.37
temperature (K)	180(2)
radiation (λ, Å)	0.71073
crystal system	orthorhombic
space group	Pnma
a (Å)	18.5573(10)
b (Å)	18.3335(13)
c (Å)	14.8419(10)
α (°)	90
β (°)	90
γ (°)	90
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	5049.5(5)
Z	4
ρ <b>calcd (g cm<sup>-3</sup>)</b>	1.225
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.676
F(000)	1816
crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.35×0.25× 0.24
Theta range	3.512 to 24.996°
reflections collected	52350
independent reflections	4591 [R(int) = 0.0646]
Completeness	99.58 %
goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.065
final R indices	R1ª = 0.0702
R indices (all data)	R1ª = 0.0938
largest diff. peak and hole (e Å-3)	0.68 and -0.62

 Table S2. X-ray crystallographic data of 2 (CCDC 1581724)

Complex	3
molecular formula	C32H7CI4F10N3O2
formula wt. (g mol <sup>-1</sup> )	797.21
temperature (K)	180.01(10)
radiation (λ, Å)	0.71073
crystal system	monoclinic
space group	P 21/m
a (Å)	6.4792(4)
b (Å)	25.1943(14)
c (Å)	10.1094(6)
α (°)	90
β (°)	106.673(6)
γ (°)	90
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1580.88(16)
Z	2
hocalcd (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.675
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.471
F(000)	788
crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.27×0.24× 0.06
Theta range	3.207 to 27.453°
reflections collected	11013
independent reflections	3708 [R(int) = 0.0325]
Completeness	99.73 %
goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.025
final R indices	R1 <sup>a</sup> = 0.0441
R indices (all data)	R1ª = 0.0694
largest diff. peak and hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.37 and -0.35

 Table S3. X-ray crystallographic data of 3 (CCDC 1581725)

Table S4. Calculated energy levels of 1-3

	1	2	3
LUMO+1/eV	-2.72	-2.70	-2.05
LUMO/eV	-3.38	-3.36	-3.16
HOMO/eV	-5.94	-5.91	-5.72

 Table S5. Calculated vertical excitation and configuration analysis of 1

No.	λ (nm)	Exp. (nm)	f	Major Contribution
S <sub>1</sub>	500.33	530	0.4395	HOMO -> LUMO (99.9%)
S <sub>2</sub>	466.28	500	0.0006	HOMO -> L+1 (99.8%)
<b>S</b> <sub>24</sub>	284.35	319	0.8392	H-10 -> LUMO (27.7%)
				HOMO -> L+2 (20.9%)
				H-5 -> LUMO (15.0%)
				HOMO -> L+5 (14.5%)
				H-1 -> LUMO (7.1%)
				H-9 -> LUMO (4.7%)
				H-3 -> LUMO (2.4%)

No.	λ (nm)	Exp. (nm)	f	Major Contribution
S <sub>1</sub>	502.80	530	0.4184	HOMO -> LUMO (99.8%)
S <sub>2</sub>	466.56	500	0.0008	HOMO -> L+1 (99.8%)
<b>S</b> <sub>26</sub>	283.21	319	0.7708	H-10 -> LUMO (33.2%)
				HOMO -> L+6 (19.9%)
				HOMO -> L+2 (17.7%)
				H-5 -> LUMO (9.0%)
				H-1 -> LUMO (7.9%)
				H-9 -> LUMO (4.4%)

Table S6. Calculated vertical excitation and configuration analysis of 2

Table S7. Calculated vertical excitation and configuration analysis of 3

No.	λ (nm)	Exp. (nm)	f	Major Contribution
S <sub>1</sub>	500.98	530	0.4445	HOMO -> LUMO (100%)
<b>S</b> <sub>18</sub>	283.96	319	0.8495	H-10 -> LUMO (32.9%)
				HOMO -> L+1 (19.2%)
				H-7 -> LUMO (16.3%)
				HOMO -> L+5 (10.2%)
				H-2 -> LUMO (5.3%)
				H-9 -> LUMO (4.9%)
				H-1 -> LUMO (4.5%)
				HOMO -> L+6 (2.1%)

	1	2	3
UV/nm	532	533	529
FL/nm	560	560	551
QY/% <sup>a</sup>	8.2	7.3	8.5
т/ps <sup>b</sup>	708	656	715
Solid FL/nm	627	622	582
Solid QY/% °	3.8	2.4	3.1
Solid т/ps <sup>d</sup>	364 (68%), 1014	304 (51%), 808 (49%)	227 (65%), 770 (35%)
	(32%)		

 Table S8. Photophysical properties of 1-3

<sup>a</sup> Fluorescein as reference, excitation = 470 nm. <sup>b</sup> Lifetime experiments use 590 nm as

emission.

<sup>c</sup> Absolute quantum yield. <sup>d</sup> **1** and **2** use 620 nm as emission, **3** uses 580 nm as emission.