

**Supporting Information for**

**Perylene bisimide with diphenylacrylonitrile on side-chain: Strong fluorescence liquid crystal with large pseudo Stokes shift based on AIE and FRET effect**

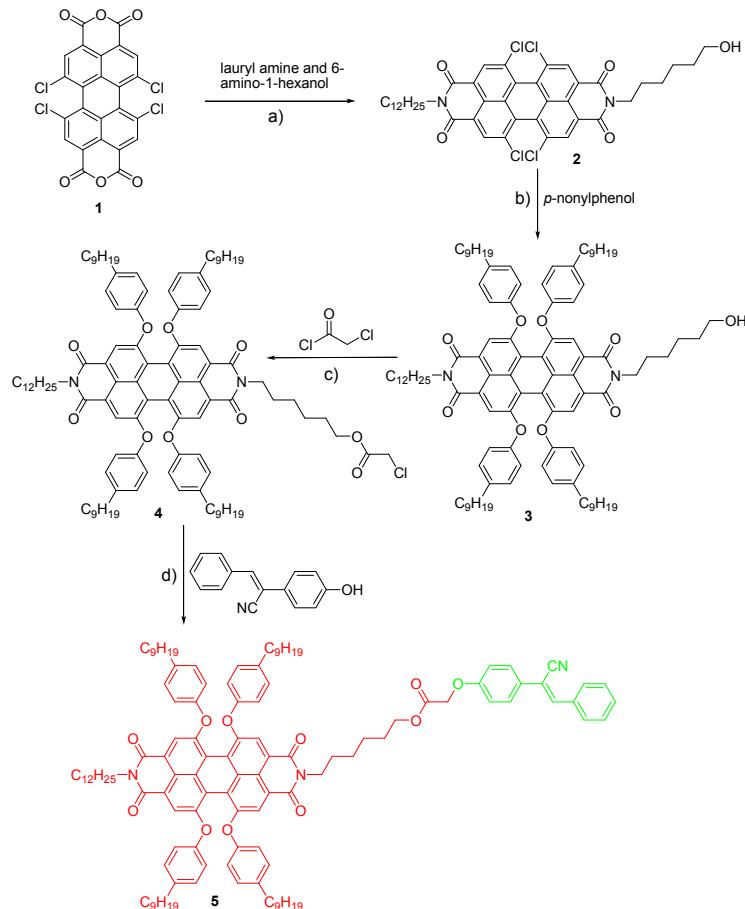
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**1. The synthetic route of title compound**



**Scheme 1** Synthetic route of title compound: a) isopropanol, reflux, 8h, yield: 28%; b) *N*-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, 130 °C, overnight, yield: 78%; c) DCM, 35 °C, 6h, yield: 86%; d) anhydrous MeCN, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, reflux, overnight, yield: 75%.

## 2. Analytical Data

### 2.1. $^1\text{H}$ NMR and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR Spectroscopy

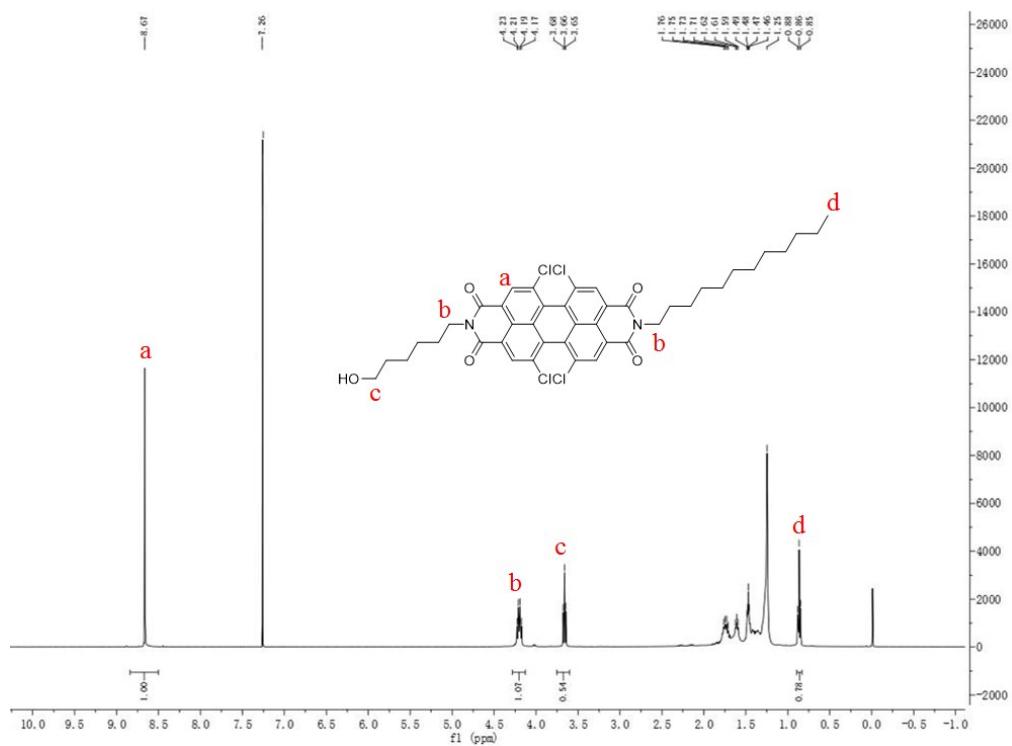


Fig.S1  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of PBI 2.

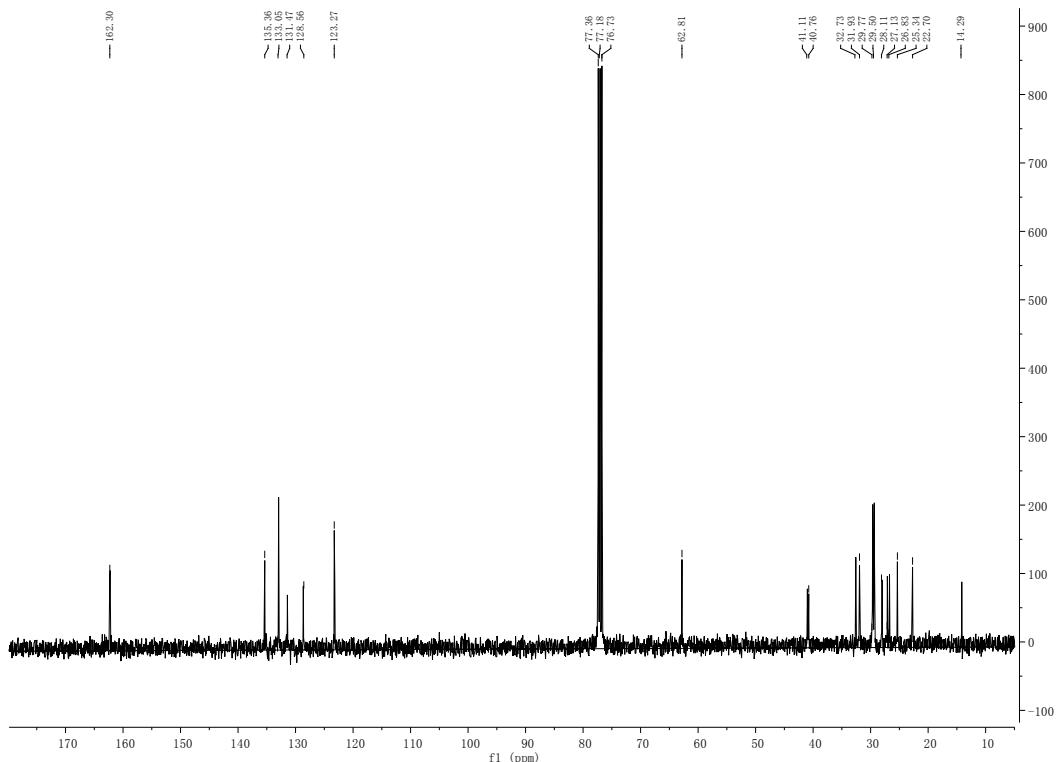
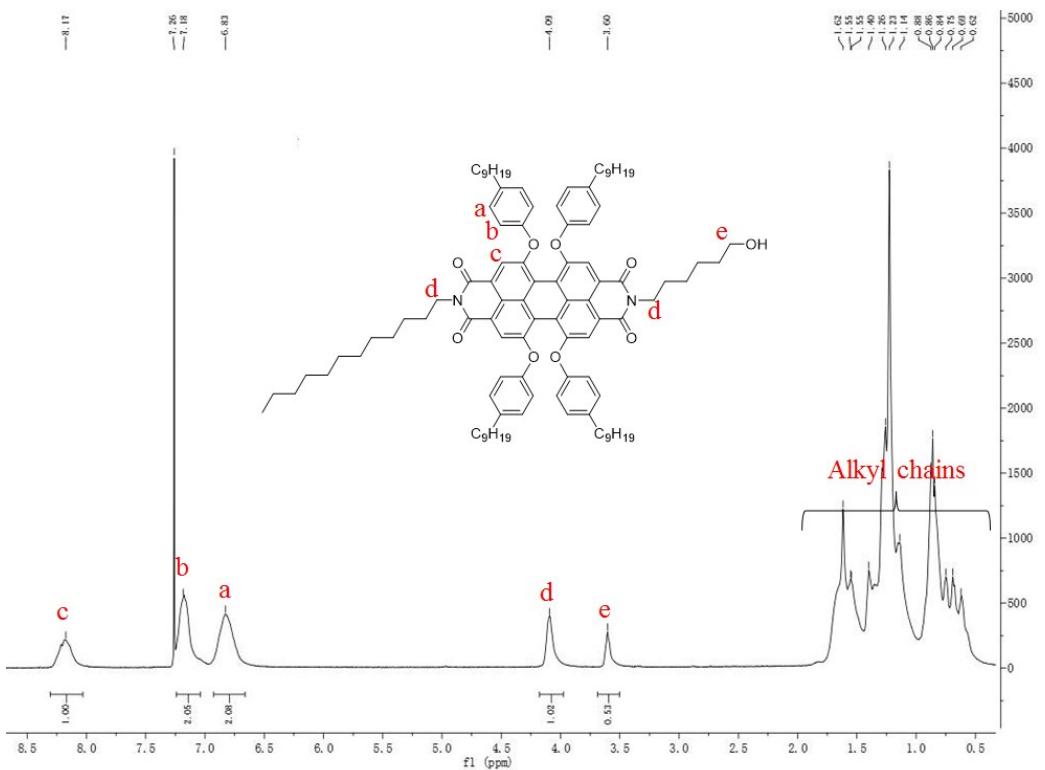
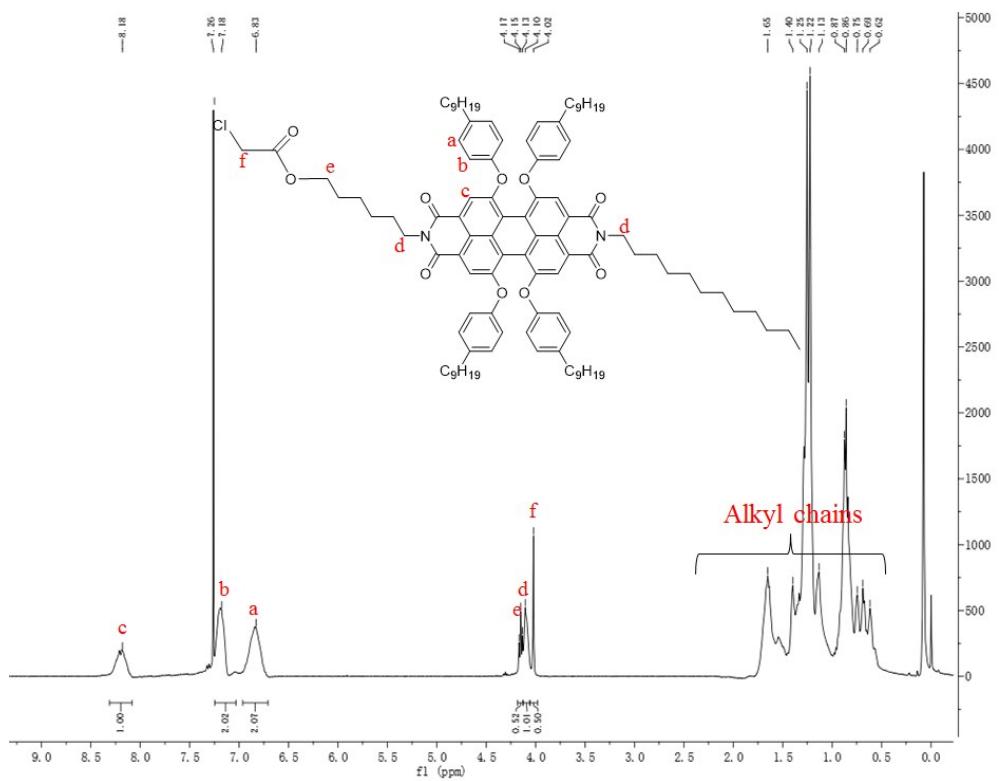


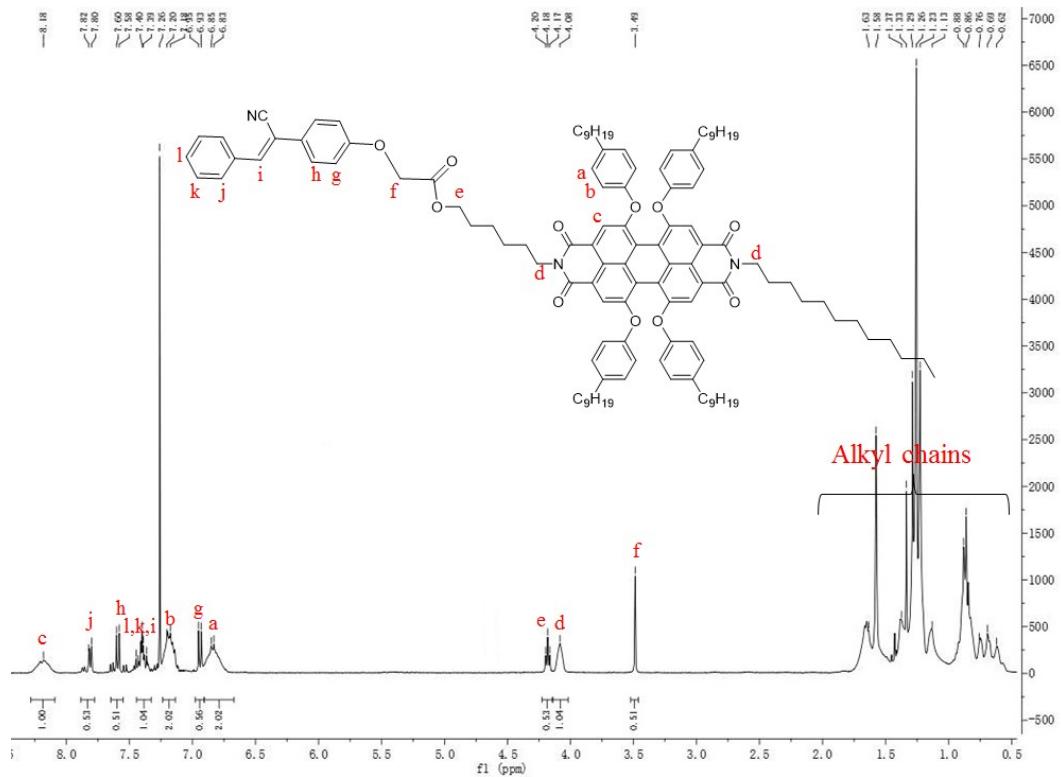
Fig.S2  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of PBI 2.



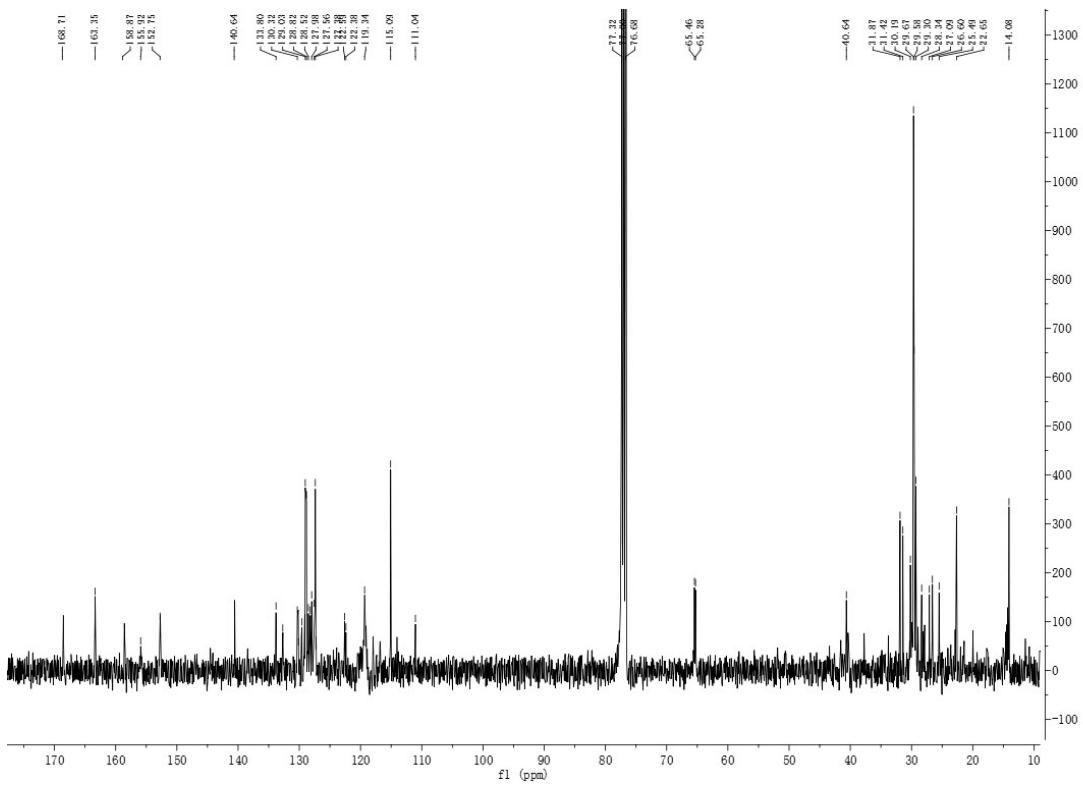
**Fig.S3** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PBI 3.



**Fig.S4** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PBI 4.

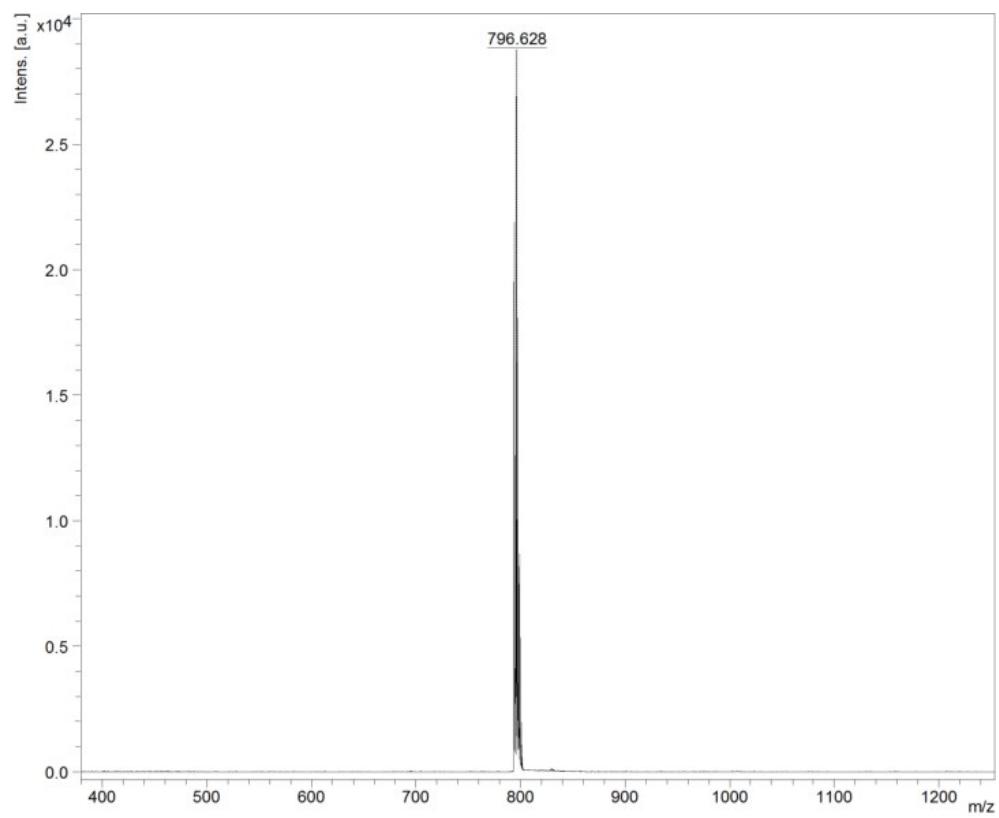


**Fig.S5**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of PBI 5.

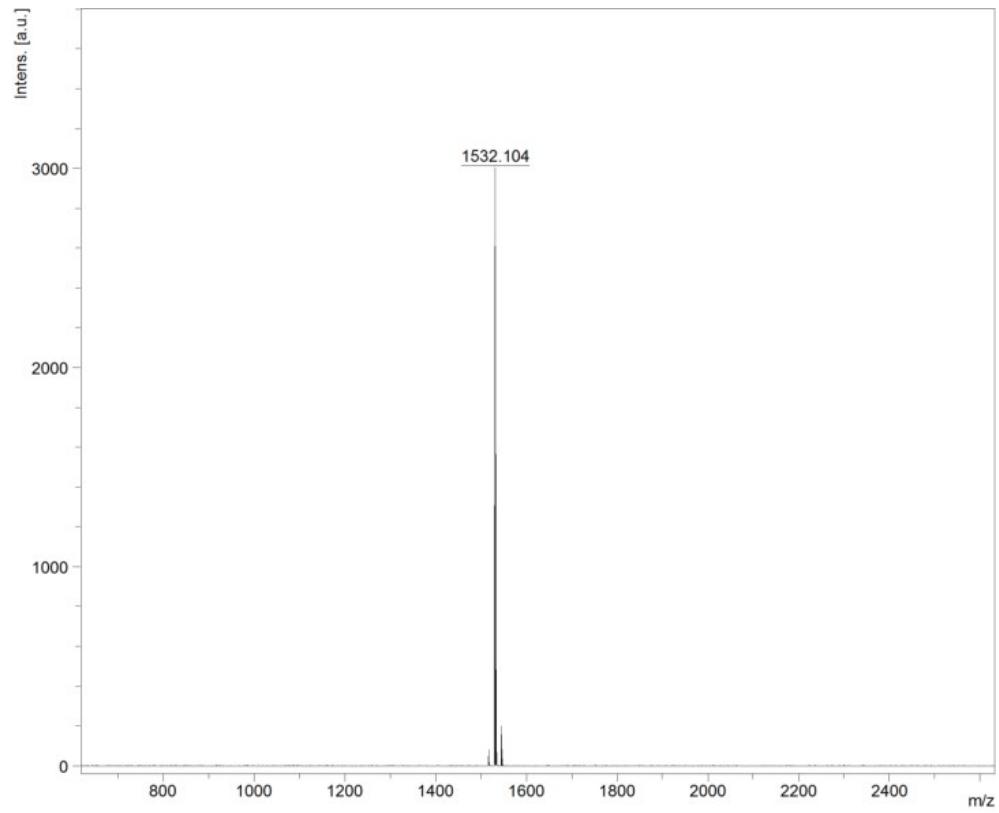


**Fig.S6**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of PBI 5.

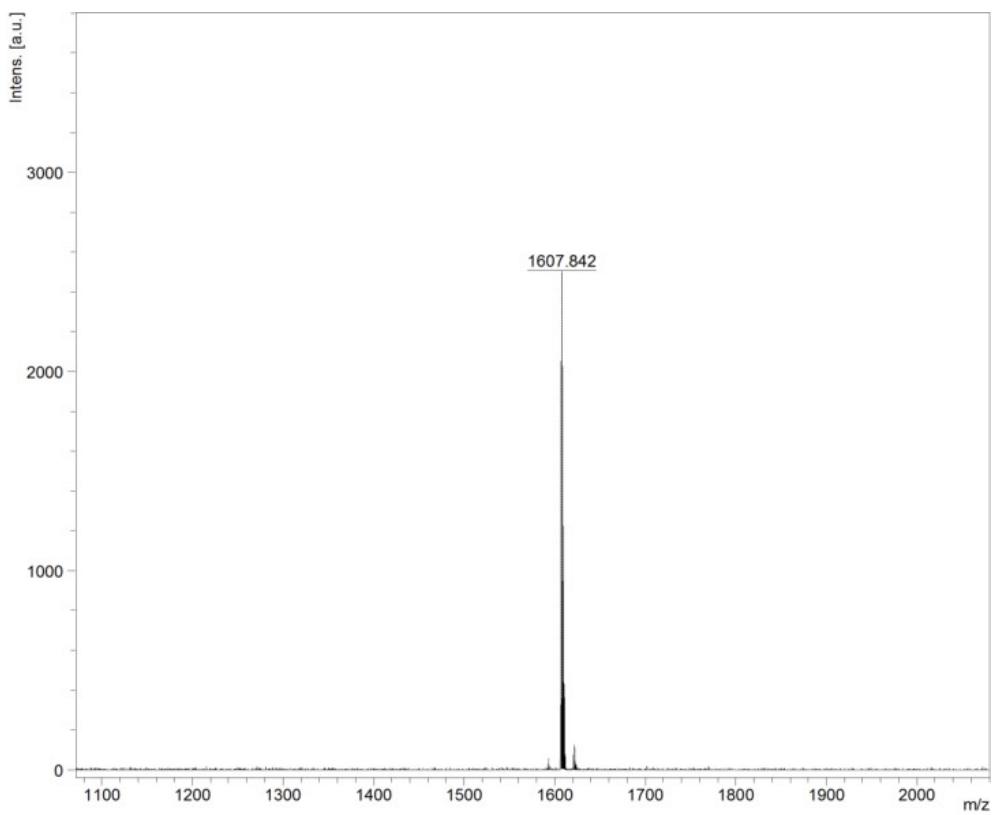
## 2.2. MALDI-TOF Mass spectrometry



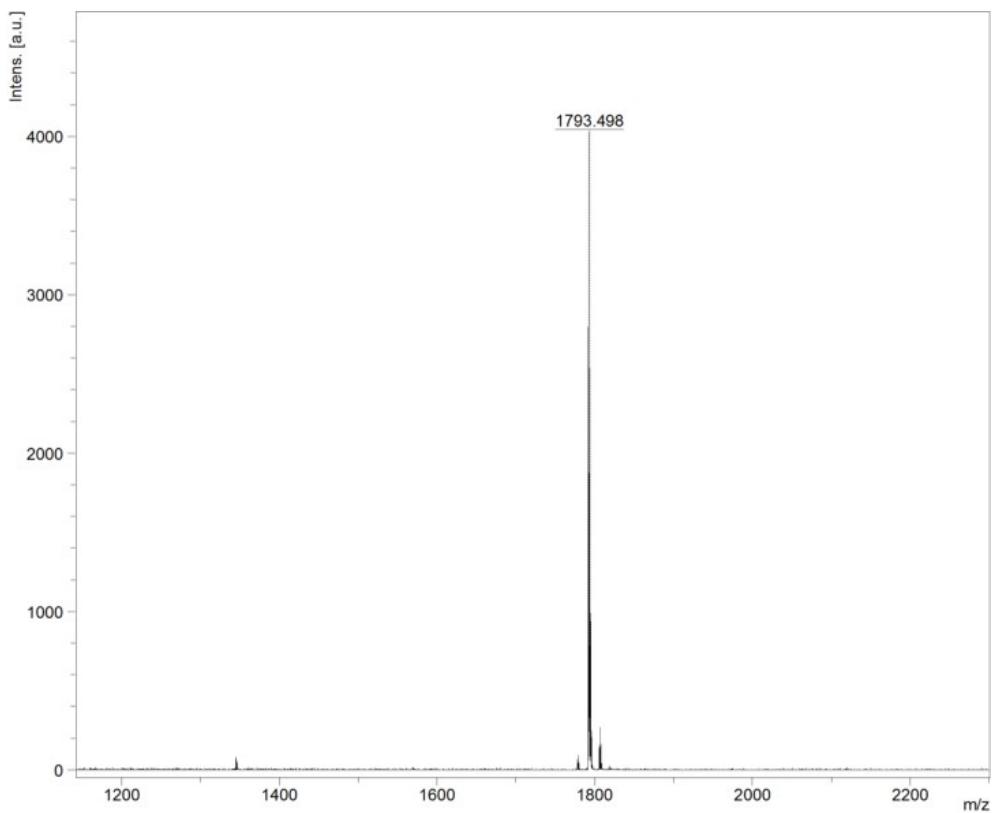
**Fig. S7:** MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of PBI 2.



**Fig. S8:** MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of PBI 3.

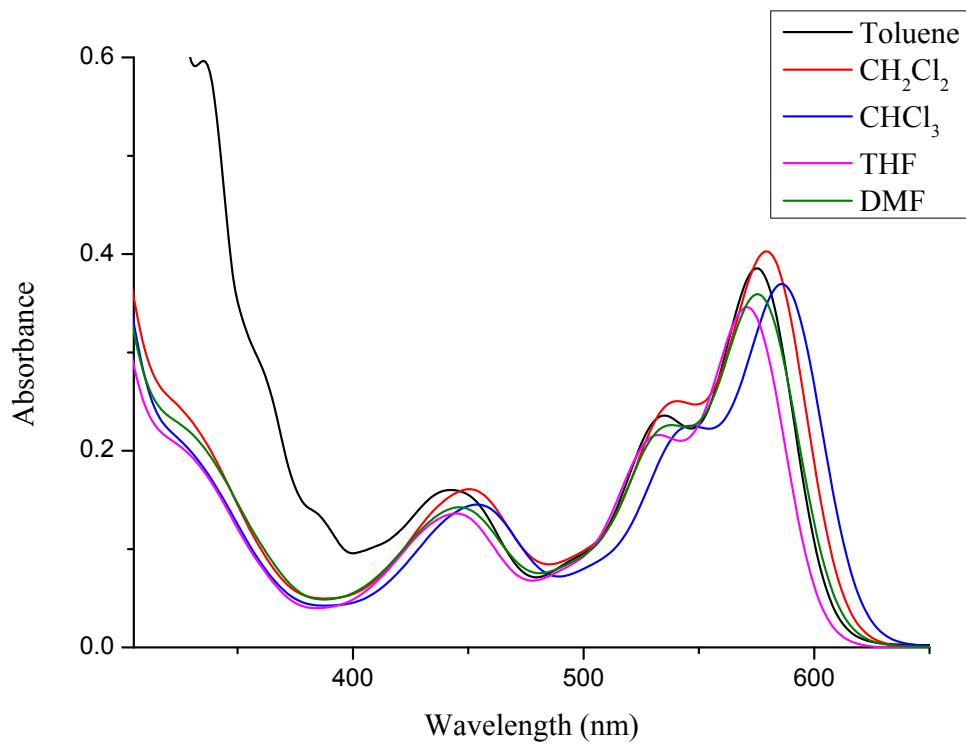


**Fig. S9:** MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of PBI 4.

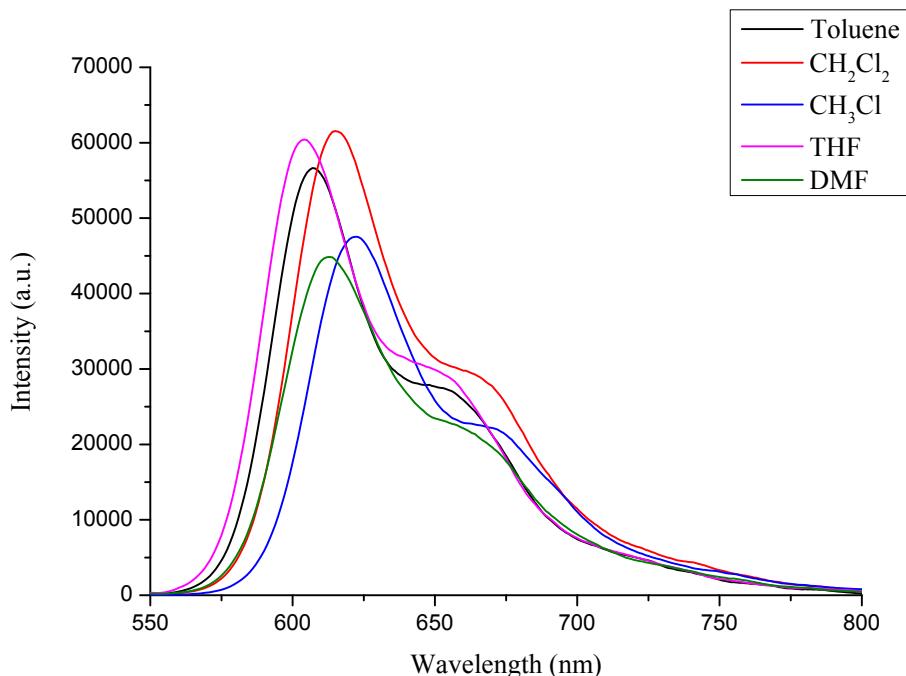


**Fig. S10:** MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of PBI 5.

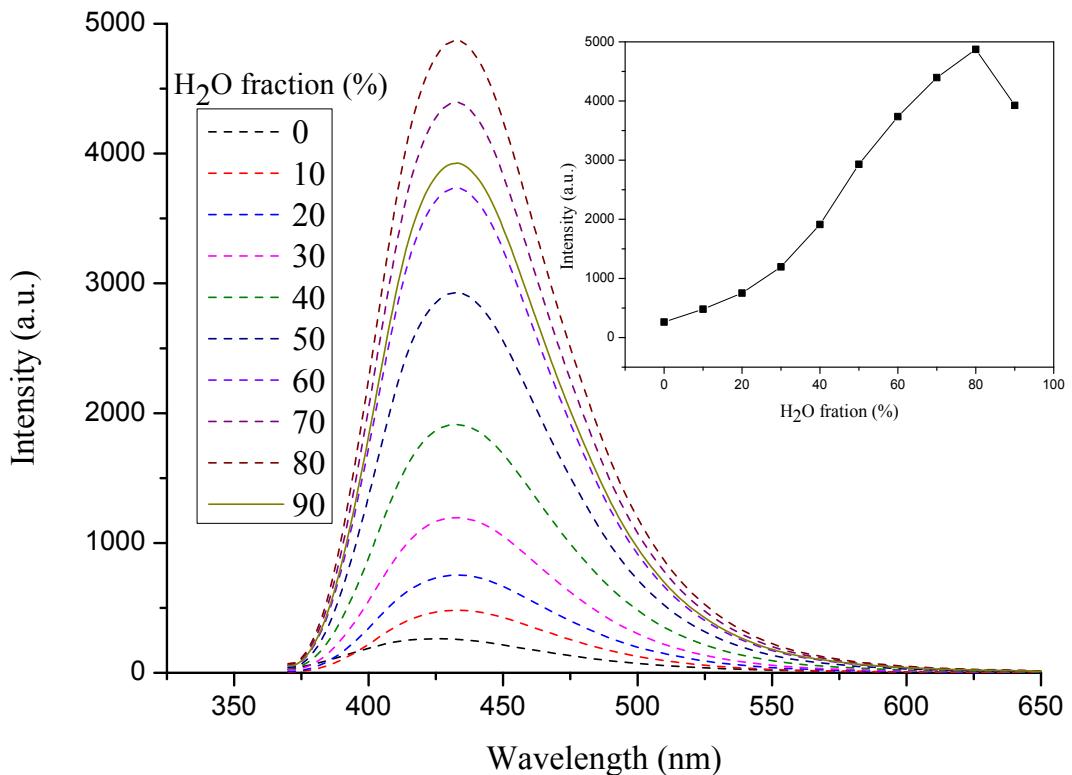
## 2.3 Photophysical properties



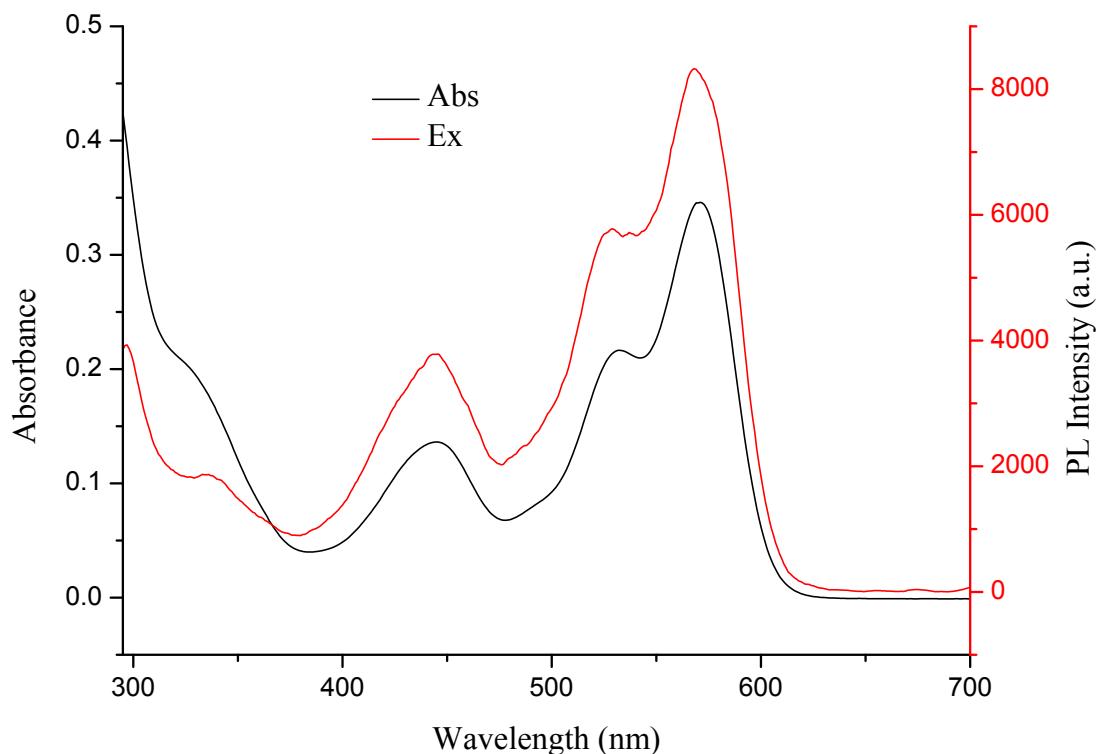
**Fig. S11** The UV-Vis absorption spectra of PBI 5 in different solvents ( $10 \mu\text{M}$ ).



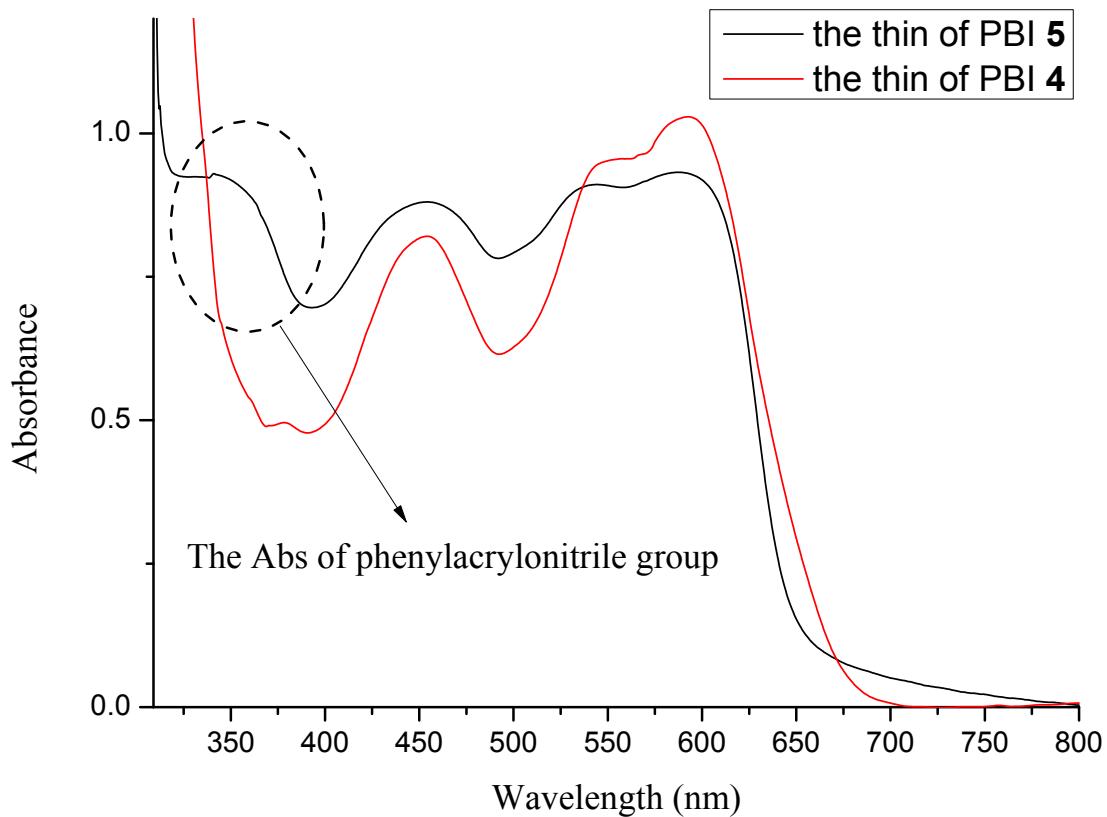
**Fig. S12** Fluorescence emission spectra of PBI 5 in different solvents ( $10 \mu\text{M}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 530 \text{ nm}$ ).



**Fig. S13** Emission spectra of the hydroxyl-diphenylacrylonitrile in THF-water system ( $10 \mu\text{M}$ ) with different water fractions ( $f_w$ ), excited at  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 330 \text{ nm}$ . (The inset: Variations in intensity with  $f_w$ ).



**Fig. S14** The absorption and excitation spectra of PBI 5 in THF solution. ( $10 \mu\text{M}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 604 \text{ nm}$  was used to record the excitation spectrum).



**Fig. S15** The thin film absorption spectra of PBIs 4 and 5.