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## **Substituents para-to-ortho positioning effect driving the photoreactivity of a dibenzothiophene-based oxalate series used as LEDs excitable free radical photoinitiators**

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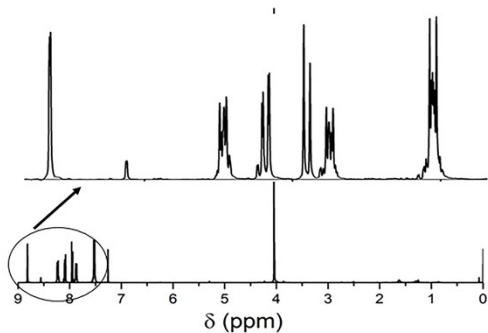
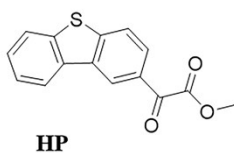
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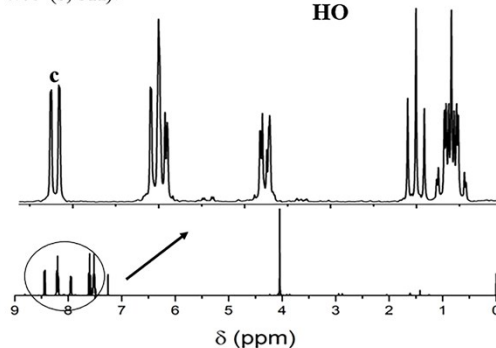
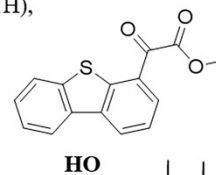
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 8.09 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 1.7$  Hz, 1H),  
 7.95 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H),  
 7.91 – 7.84 (m, 1H),  
 7.56 – 7.48 (td/td, 2H),  
 4.04 (s,  $J = 5.0$  Hz, 3H).



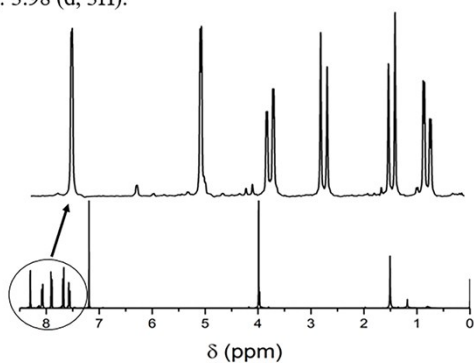
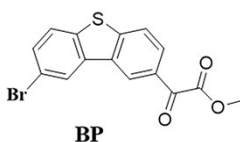
(a)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of HP in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

8.44 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.0$  Hz, 1H),  
 8.29 – 8.12 (dd/dd, 2H),  
 8.04 – 7.90 (dd, 1H),  
 7.60 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H),  
 7.56 – 7.48 (t/t, 2H),  
 4.05 (s, 3H).



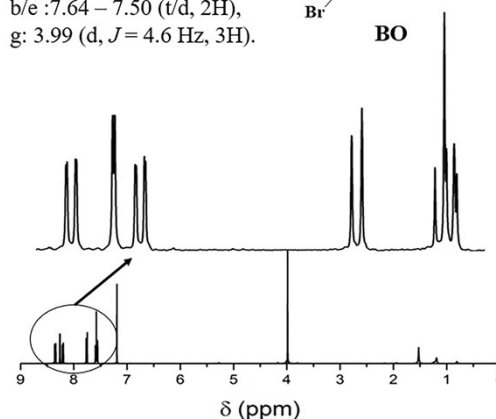
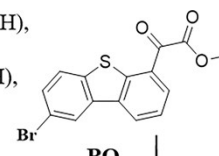
(b)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of HO in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

c: 8.74 (s, 1H),  
 d: 8.32 (s, 1H),  
 a: 8.08 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 1.6$  Hz, 1H),  
 f: 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H),  
 e: 7.68 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H),  
 b: 7.57 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 1.9$  Hz, 1H),  
 g: 3.98 (d, 3H).



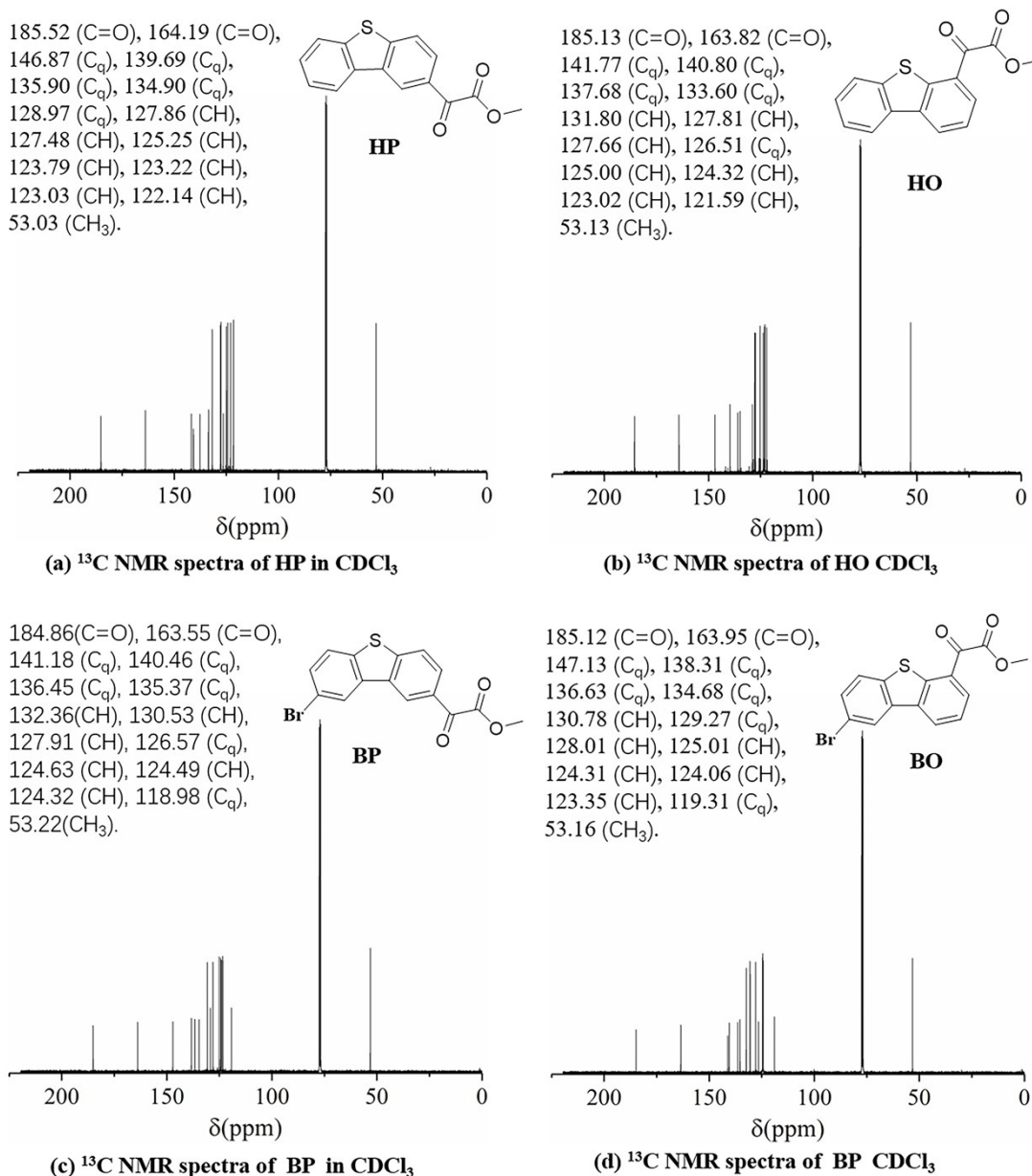
(c)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of BP in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

c: 8.34 (dd,  $J = 10.9, 5.4$  Hz, 1H),  
 d: 8.25 (s, 1H),  
 a: 8.21 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.0$  Hz, 1H),  
 f: 7.76 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H),  
 b/e: 7.64 – 7.50 (t/d, 2H),  
 g: 3.99 (d,  $J = 4.6$  Hz, 3H).



(d)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of BO in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

**Figure S1.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of four compounds in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Figure S2.** The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of four compounds in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

**HP.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 8.82 (s, 1H), 8.24 (dd, J = 6.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd, J = 6.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 8.4 Hz 1H), 7.91–7.84 (m, 1H), 7.56–7.48 (td/td, 2H), 4.04 (s, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 185.52 (C=O), 164.19 (C=O), 146.87 (C<sub>q</sub>), 139.69 (C<sub>q</sub>), 135.90 (C<sub>q</sub>), 134.90 (C<sub>q</sub>), 128.97 (C<sub>q</sub>), 127.86 (CH), 127.48 (CH), 125.25 (CH), 123.79 (CH), 123.22 (CH), 123.03 (CH), 122.14 (CH), 53.03 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (TOF MS ESI): m/z 293.0247 (M + Na<sup>+</sup>) (Calcd: 270.0351).

**HO.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.44 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 8.29–8.12 (dd/dd, 2H), 8.04–7.90 (dd, 1H), 7.60 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.56–7.48 (t/t, 2H), 4.05 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 185.13 (C=O), 163.82 (C=O), 141.77 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 140.80 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 137.68 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 133.60 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 131.80 (CH), 127.81 (CH), 127.66 (CH), 126.51 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 125.00 (CH), 124.32 (CH), 123.02 (CH), 121.59 (CH), 53.13 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). HRMS (TOF MS ESI):  $m/z$  293.0247 ( $\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$ ) (Calcd: 270.0351).

**BP.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.74 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.08 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 184.86(C=O), 163.55 (C=O), 141.18 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 140.46 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 136.45 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 135.37 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 132.36(CH), 130.53 (CH), 127.91 (CH), 126.57 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 124.63 (CH), 124.49 (CH), 124.32 (CH), 118.98 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 53.22( $\text{CH}_3$ ). HRMS (TOF MS ESI):  $m/z$  370.9355 ( $\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$ ) (Calcd: 347.9456).

**BO.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 8.34 (dd,  $J = 10.9, 5.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.21 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.64 – 7.50 (t/d, 2H), 3.99 (d,  $J = 4.6$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  (ppm): 185.12 (C=O), 163.95 (C=O), 147.13 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 138.31 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 136.63 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 134.68 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 130.78 (CH), 129.27 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 128.01 (CH), 125.01 (CH), 124.31 (CH), 124.06 (CH), 123.35 (CH), 119.31 ( $\text{C}_q$ ), 53.16 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). HRMS (TOF MS ESI):  $m/z$  386.0710 ( $\text{M} + \text{K}^+$ ) (Calcd: 347.9456).

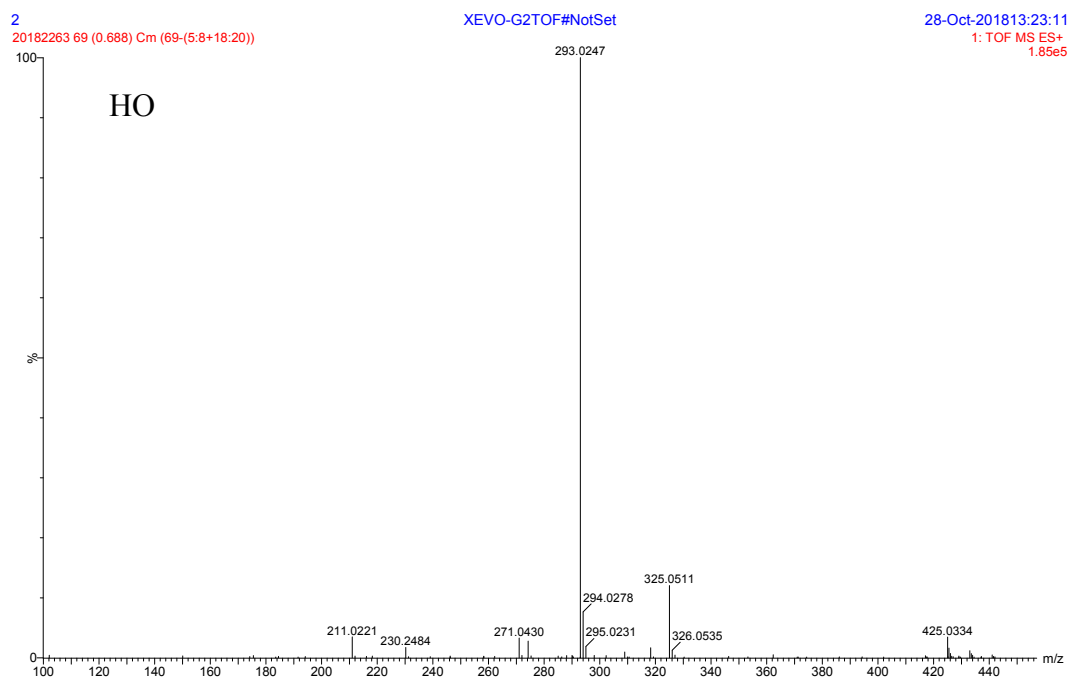
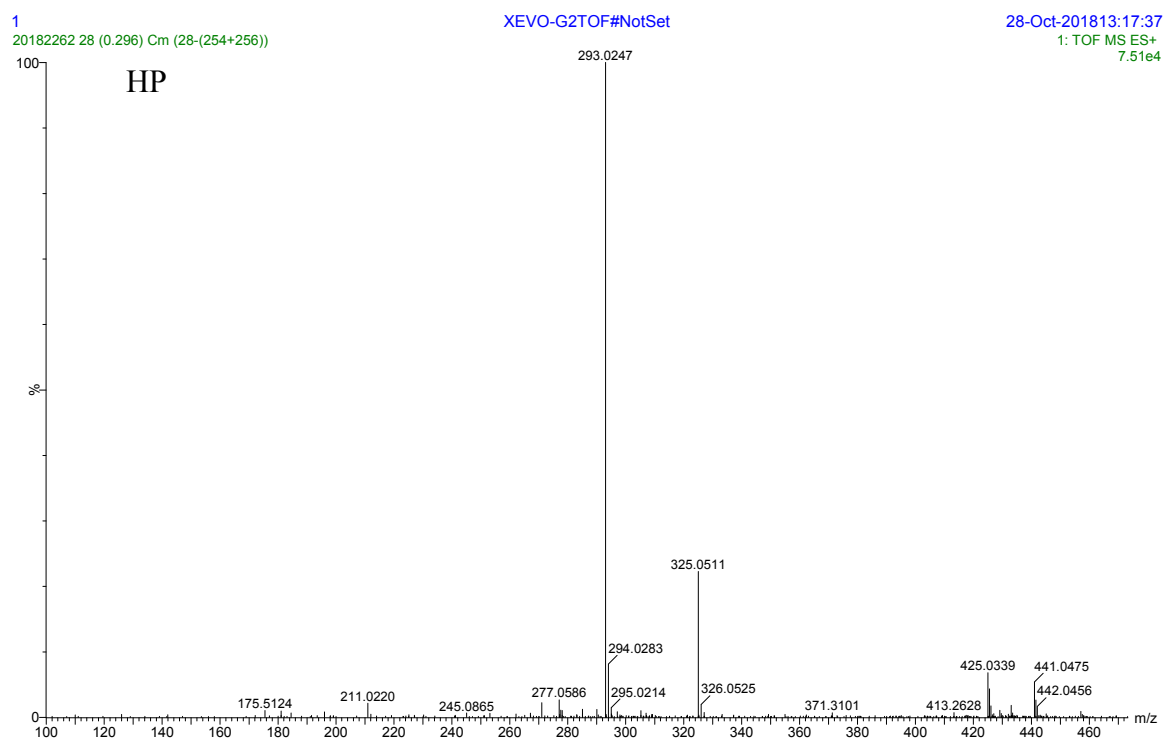


Figure S3. The Mass spectra of HO and HP.

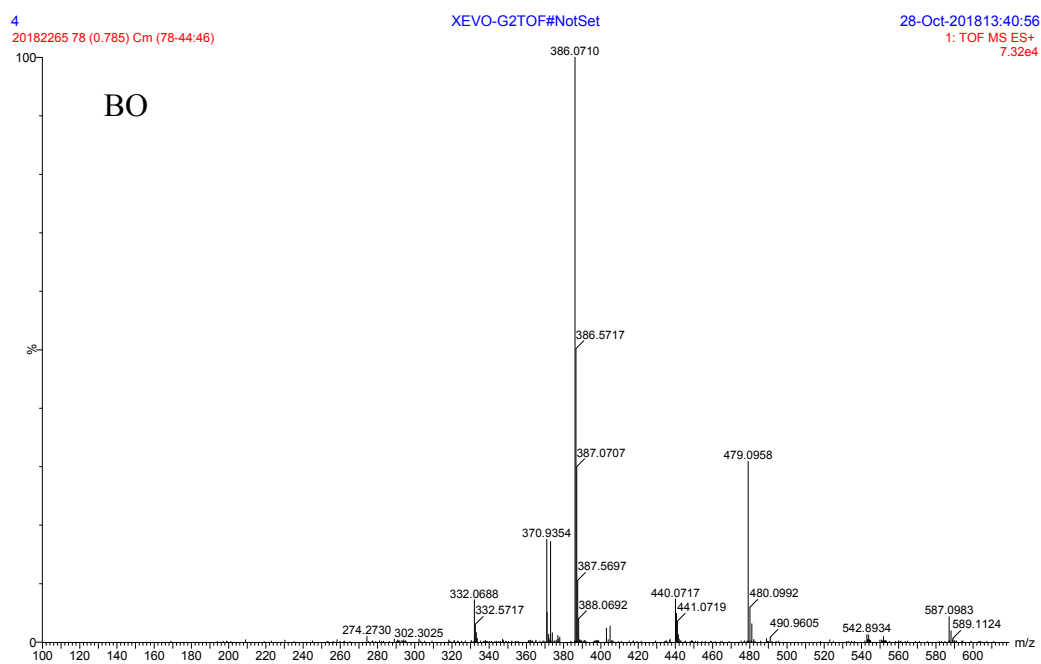
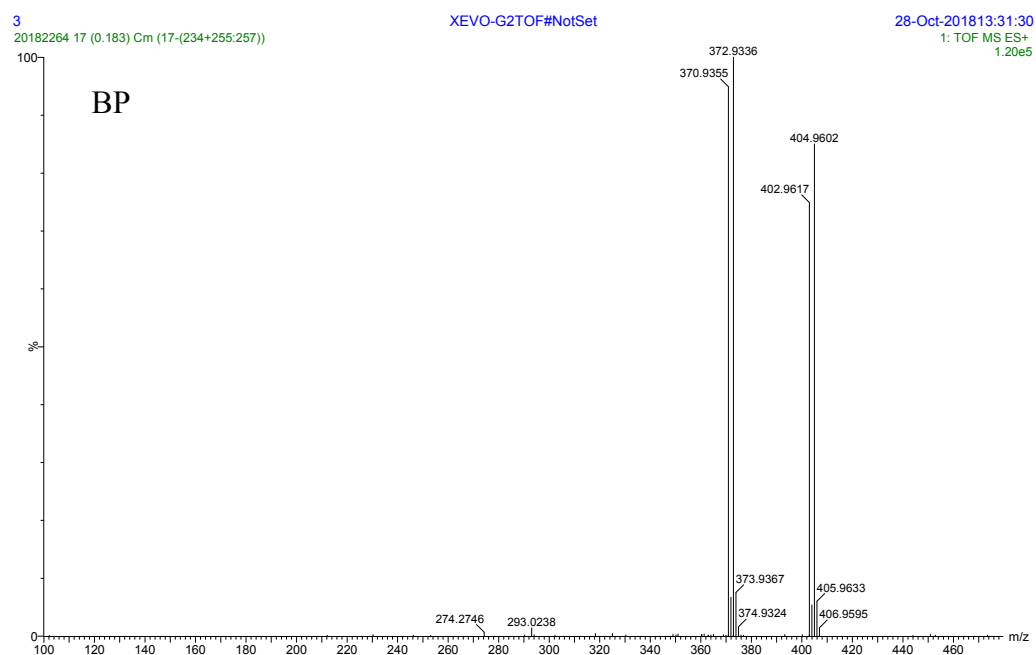


Figure S4. The Mass spectra of BO and BP.

**Table S1.** hfc (hyperfine coupling constants) for the detected spin adduct of PBN in

<b>PIs</b>	<b>Radical 1</b>	<b>Radical 2</b>	<b>PBN<sub>ox</sub></b>
<b>HP</b>	$a_N = 13.5 \text{ G} ; a_H = 1.8 \text{ G} ;$ (53.3%)	$a_N = 14.0 \text{ G} ; a_H = 5.1 \text{ G} ;$ (44.3%)	(3.4%)
<b>HO</b>	$a_N = 13.5 \text{ G} ; a_H = 1.8 \text{ G} ;$ (56.2%)	$a_N = 14.0 \text{ G} ; a_H = 5.1 \text{ G} ;$ (42.0%)	(1.8%)
<b>BP</b>	$a_N = 13.6 \text{ G} ; a_H = 1.8 \text{ G} ;$ (47.8%)	$a_N = 14.0 \text{ G} ; a_H = 5.1 \text{ G} ;$ (50.2%)	(2.0%)
<b>BO</b>	$a_N = 13.6 \text{ G} ; a_H = 1.8 \text{ G} ;$ (59.3%)	$a_N = 14.0 \text{ G} ; a_H = 5.1 \text{ G} ;$ (39.2%)	(1.5%)

toluene of four PIs.

**Table S2.** Complete photopolymerization results using distinctive LEDs sources and upon irradiance in the 30-80 mW cm<sup>-2</sup> range

Monomer	LEDs ( $\lambda_{irr}$ ) / (mW·cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Photoinitiator	concentration of Photoinitiator	R <sub>p</sub> / [M] s <sup>-1</sup>	Conversion at t = 60 s (%)
<b>TPGDA</b>		<b>HP</b>	3 wt%	26	92
		<b>HO</b>		11	91
		<b>BP</b>		30	93
		<b>BO</b>		22	95
<b>TMPTA</b>	365/27	<b>HP</b>	1 wt%	5.6	41
		<b>HO</b>		3.7	43
		<b>BP</b>		4.4	40
		<b>BO</b>		3.2	51
<b>HDDA</b>		<b>HP</b>	1 wt%	9.3	85
		<b>HO</b>		4.3	82
		<b>BP</b>		6.9	78
		<b>BO</b>		4.1	70
<b>TPGDA</b>		<b>HP</b>	3 wt%	24	92
		<b>HO</b>		16	92
		<b>BP</b>		25	94
		<b>BO</b>		20	95
<b>TMPTA</b>	385/48	<b>HP</b>	1 wt%	5.3	44
		<b>HO</b>		4.6	48
		<b>BP</b>		3.6	36
		<b>BO</b>		4.2	41
<b>HDDA</b>		<b>HP</b>	1 wt%	6.5	83
		<b>HO</b>		3.5	82
		<b>BP</b>		5.7	82
		<b>BO</b>		3.5	76
<b>TPGDA</b>		<b>HP</b>	3 wt%	25	89
		<b>HO</b>		25	89
		<b>BP</b>		24	87
		<b>BO</b>		24	90
<b>TMPTA</b>	405/77	<b>HP</b>	1 wt%	1.5	31
		<b>HO</b>		3.1	46
		<b>BP</b>		1.5	34
		<b>BO</b>		2.2	32
<b>HDDA</b>		<b>HP</b>	1 wt%	1.0	59
		<b>HO</b>		1.7	79
		<b>BP</b>		1.2	62
		<b>BO</b>		2.4	70
<b>TPGDA</b>		<b>HP</b>	3 wt%	6.7	88
		<b>HO</b>		9.2	88
		<b>BP</b>		5.4	82
		<b>BO</b>		6.5	86
<b>TMPTA</b>	425/37	<b>HP</b>	1 wt%	0.1	17
		<b>HO</b>		0.5	28
		<b>BP</b>		0.04	14
		<b>BO</b>		0.1	20
<b>HDDA</b>		<b>HP</b>	1 wt%	0.5	46
		<b>HO</b>		0.7	66
		<b>BP</b>		0.8	41
		<b>BO</b>		0.9	70