Electronic Supplementary Material (ESI) for Organic Chemistry Frontiers. This journal is © the Partner Organisations 2019

**Electronic Supplementary Information for** 

# 1,1'-Bi(2-naphthol-4,5-dicarboximide)s: Blue Emissive Axially Chiral Scaffolds with Aggregation-enhanced Emission Properties

Meng-Ting Chen,<sup>a</sup> Yang Zhang,<sup>a</sup> Myroslav O. Vysotsky,<sup>b</sup> Joachim O. Lindner,<sup>b</sup> Meng-Hua Li,<sup>a</sup> Mei-Jin Lin,<sup>a</sup>\* and Frank Würthner <sup>b</sup>\*

<sup>a</sup> State Key Laboratory of Photocatalysis on Energy and Environment, College of Chemistry, Fuzhou University, 350116 Fuzhou, China. E-mail: meijin\_lin@fzu.edu.cn

<sup>b</sup>-Institut für Organische Chemie & Center for Nanosystems Chemistry, Universität Würzburg, Am Hubland, 97074 Würzburg, Germany. E-mail: wuerthner@uni-wuerzburg.de

#### Table of Contents:

1.	Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra	S2
2.	High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS)	S16
3.	Single-crystal X-ray diffraction analyses	S23
	3.1 Methods and crystal data	S23
	3.2 The molecular structure of <b>4b</b>	S24
4.	Chiral HPLC analyses of 6a, 6b, 1a, 1b, (R)-1a	S25
5.	Absorption, fluorescence and circular dichroism spectral measurements	S29
6.	Cyclic voltammetry measurements	S34
7.	Theoretical calculations	S36
8.	Methanol-water system luminescence measurements	S38
9.	Luminescence lifetime measurements	S39
10.	References	S43

1. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra

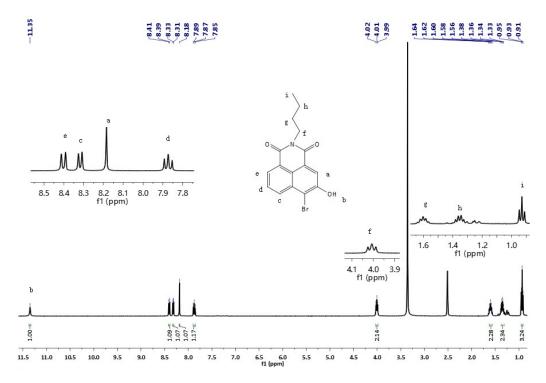


Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3a (400 MHz, d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 298K)

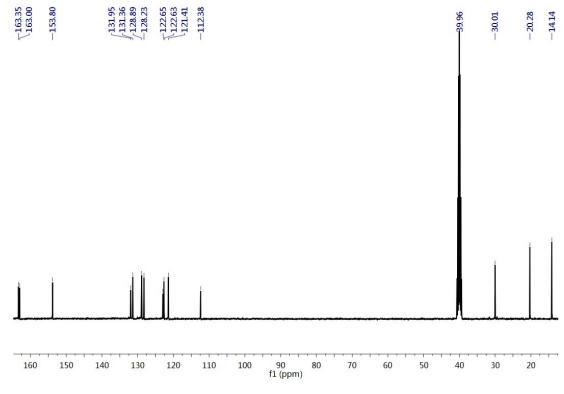
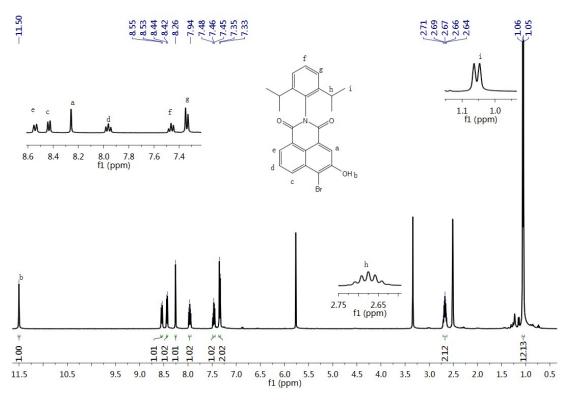
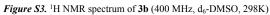


Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3a (100 MHz, d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 298K)





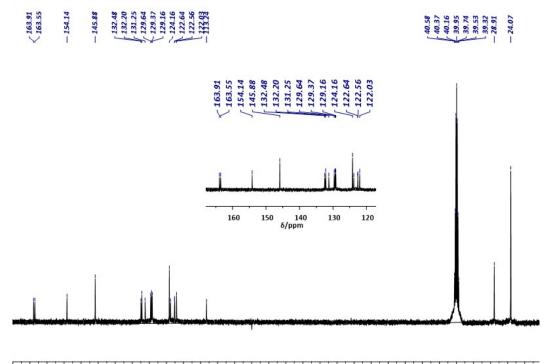


Figure S4. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3b (100 MHz, d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 298K)

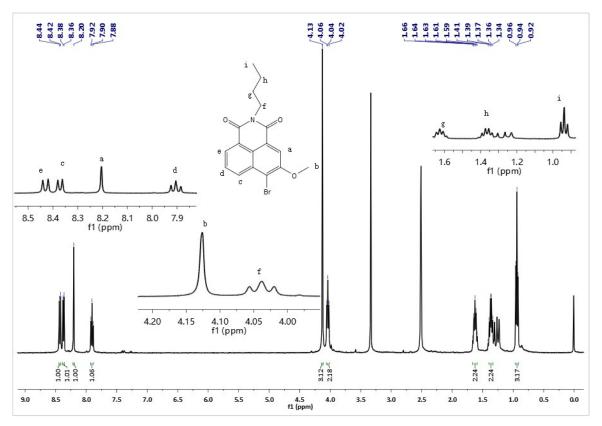


Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4a (400 MHz, d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 298K)

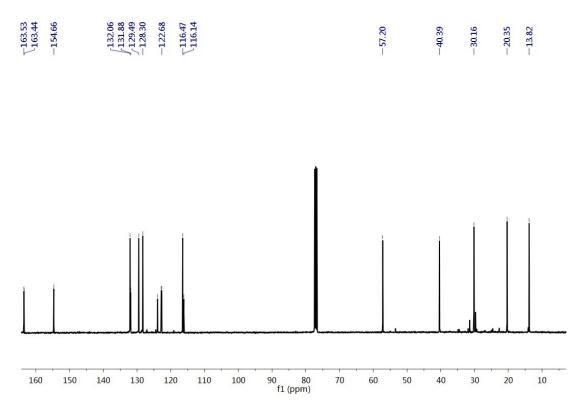


Figure S6. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4a (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K)

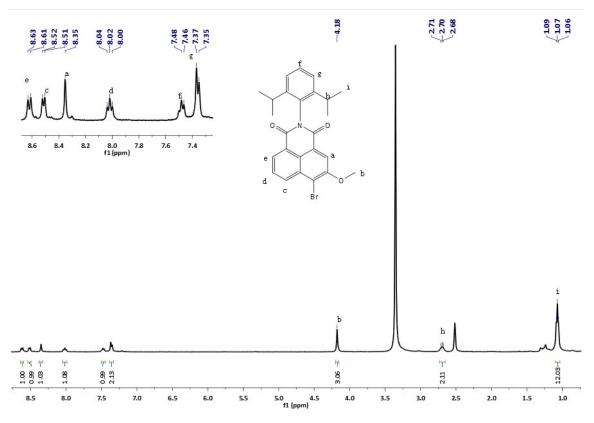
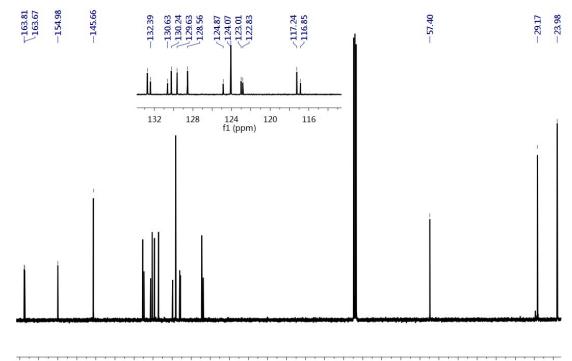
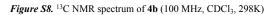


Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4b (400 MHz, d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 298K)

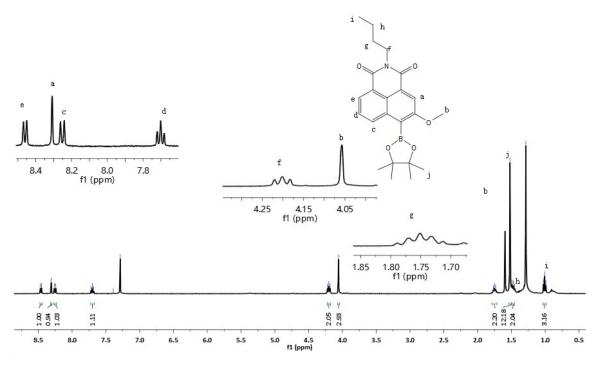


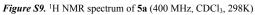
165 155 145 135 125 115 105 95 90 85 80 75 70 65 60 55 50 45 40 35 30 25 f1 (ppm)

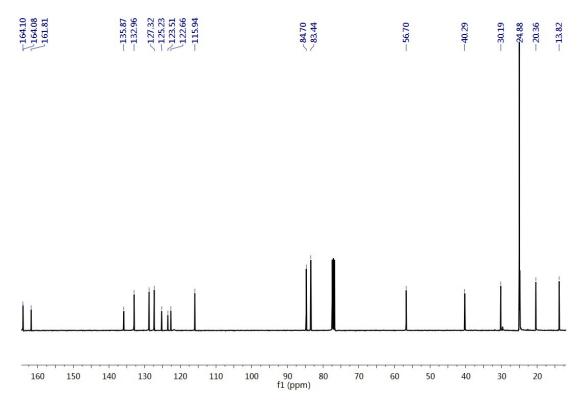


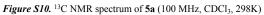
8.47 8.45 8.31 8.31 8.26 8.24 7.72 7.70 7.73 7.39 7.39 4.20

#### 177 175 175 173 152 149 149 149 149 103









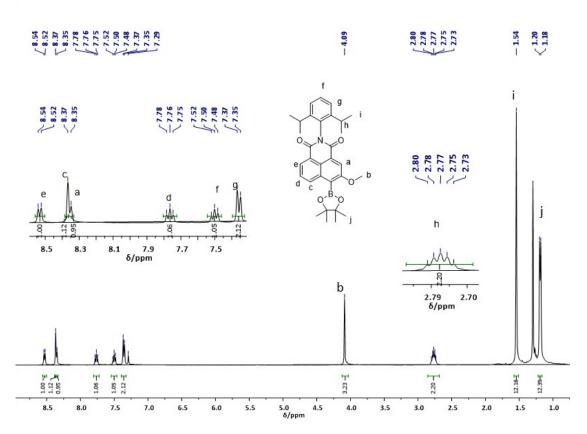
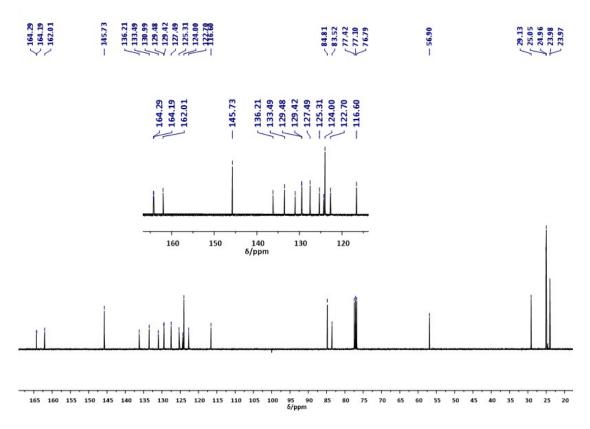
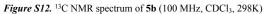


Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 5b (400 MHz, d<sub>6</sub>-Acetone, 298K)





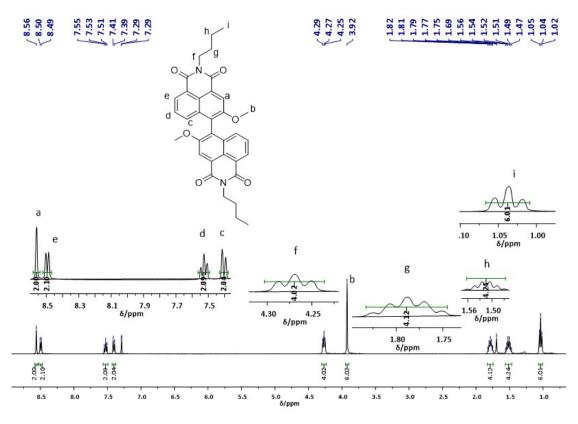
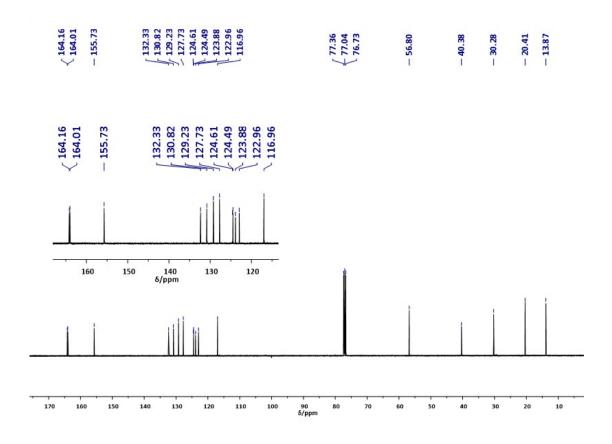
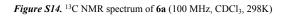
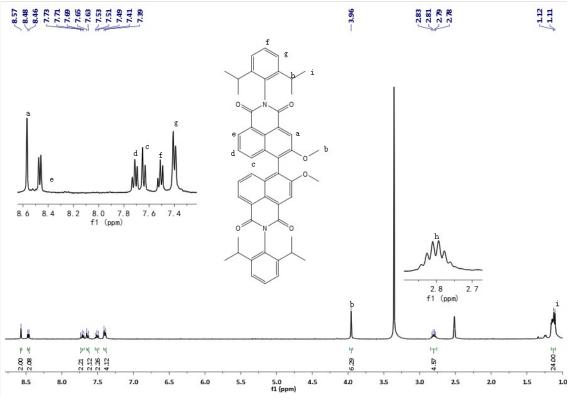
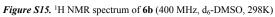


Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 6a (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K)









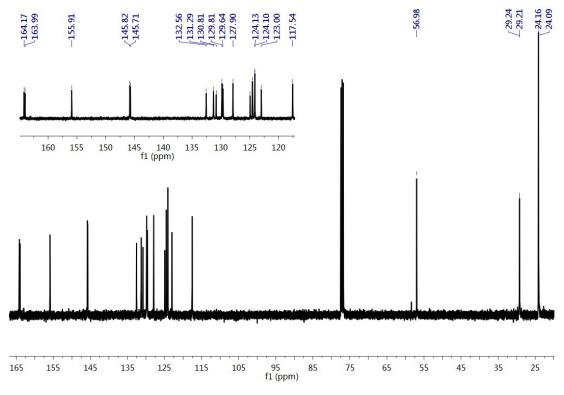
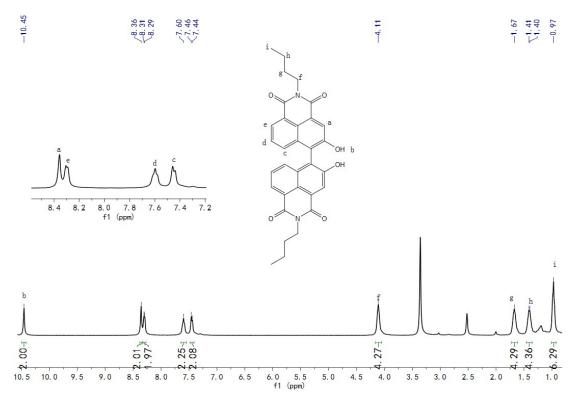
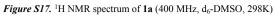
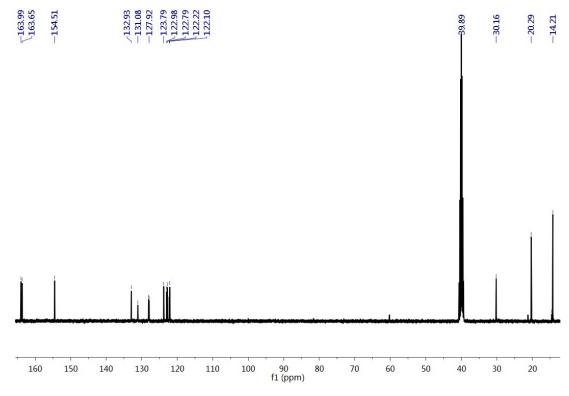
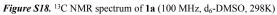


Figure S16. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 6b (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K)









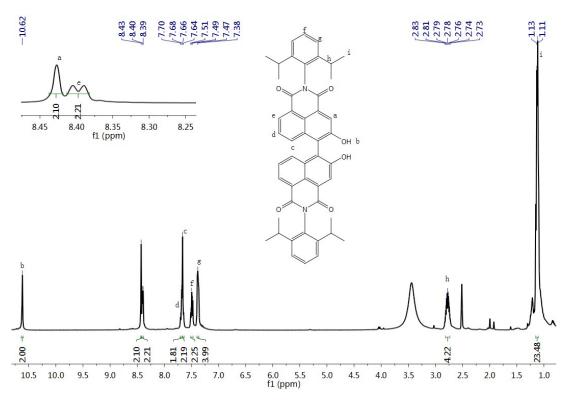
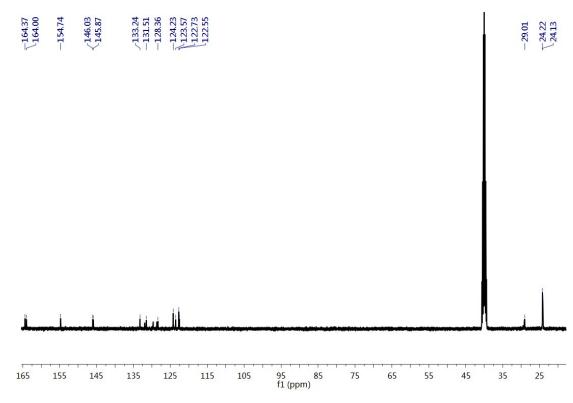
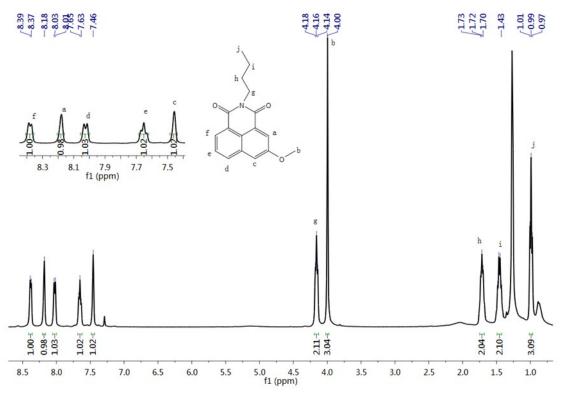
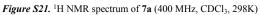


Figure S19. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1b (400 MHz, d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 298K)



*Figure S20.* <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **1b** (100 MHz, d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 298K)





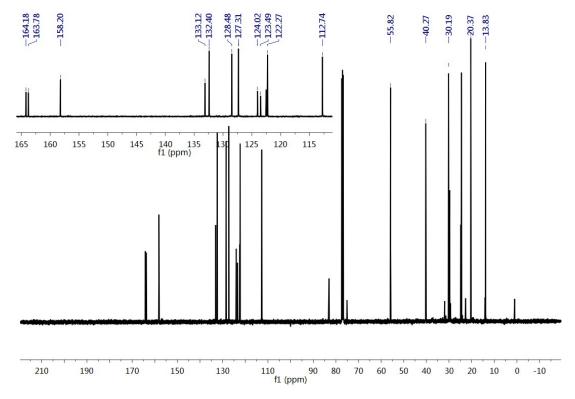


Figure S22. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 7a (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K)

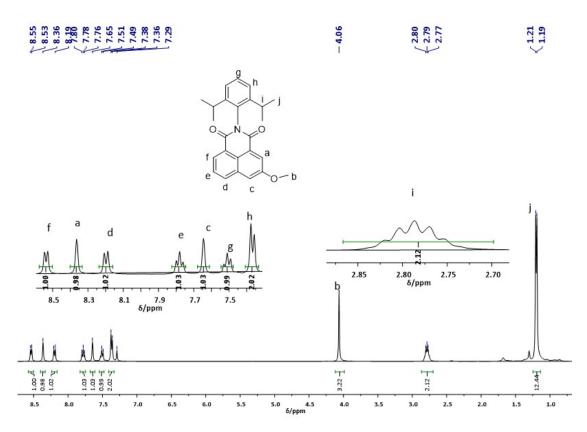
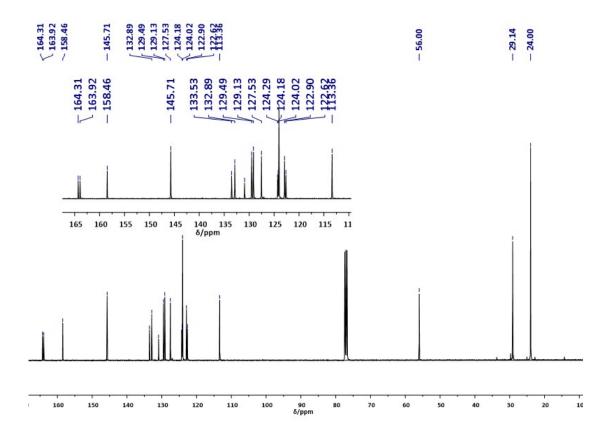
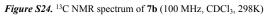


Figure S23. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 7b (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K)





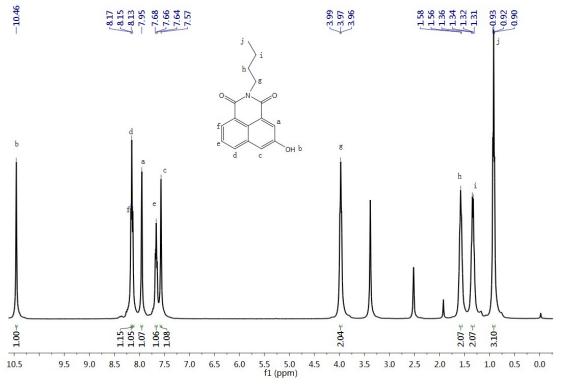
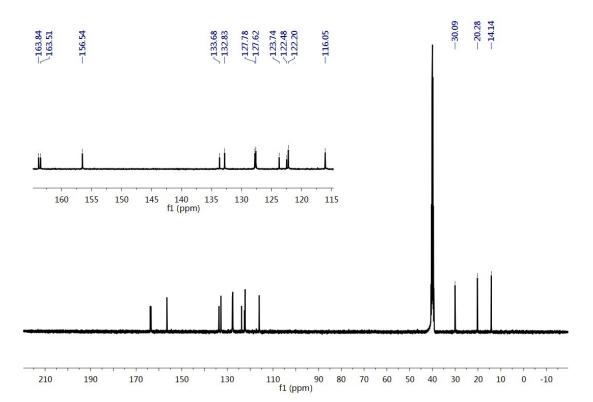


Figure S25. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 8a (400 MHz, d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 298K)



*Figure S26.* <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **8a** (100 MHz, d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 298K)

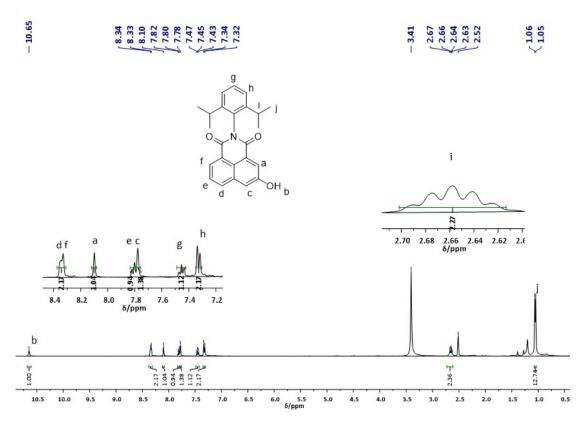


Figure S27. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 8b (400 MHz, d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 298K)

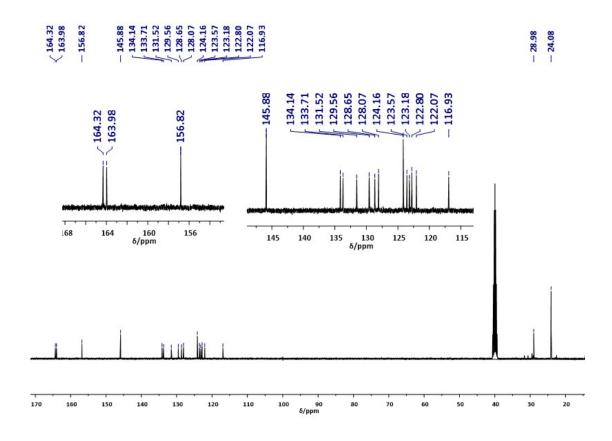


Figure S28. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 8b (100 MHz, d<sub>6</sub>-DMSO, 298K)

# 2. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS)

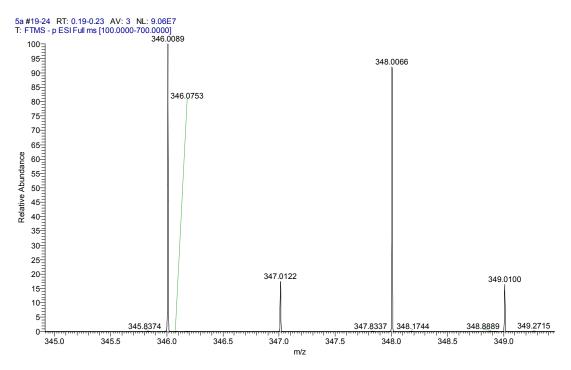


Figure S29. ESI mass spectrum of 3a in DMSO in negative mode

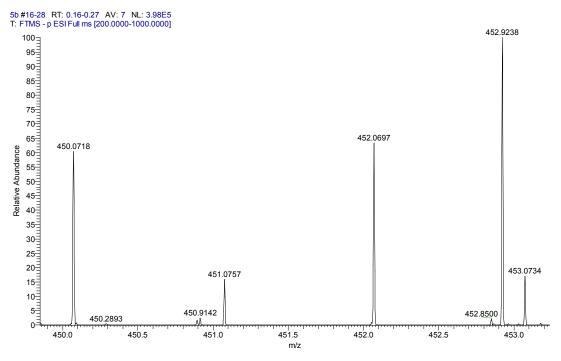


Figure S30. ESI mass spectrum of 3b in DMSO in negative mode

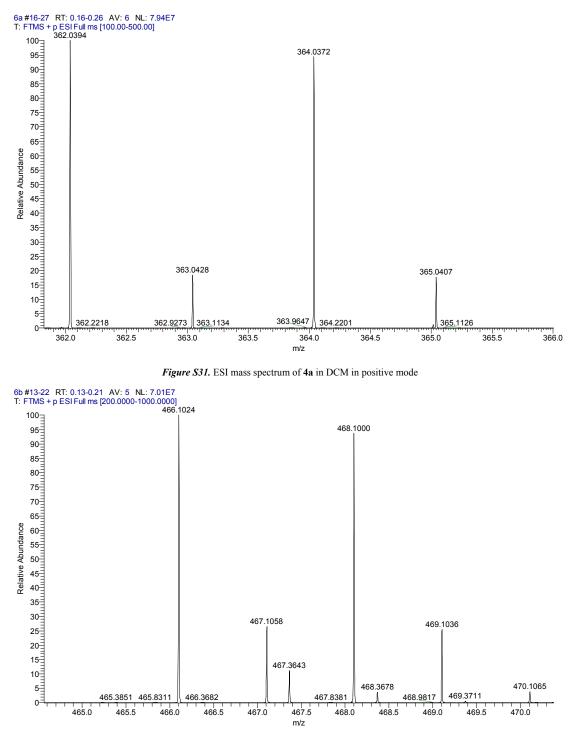


Figure S32. ESI mass spectrum of 4b in DCM in positive mode

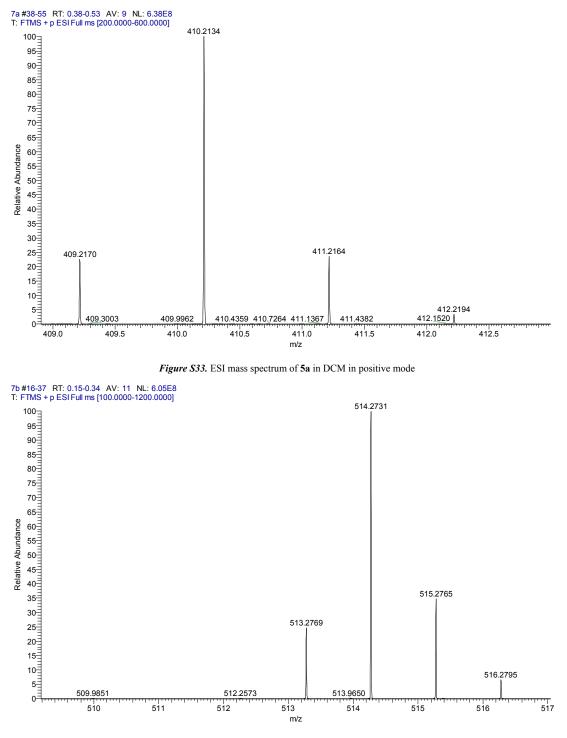


Figure S34. ESI mass spectrum of 5b in DCM in positive mode

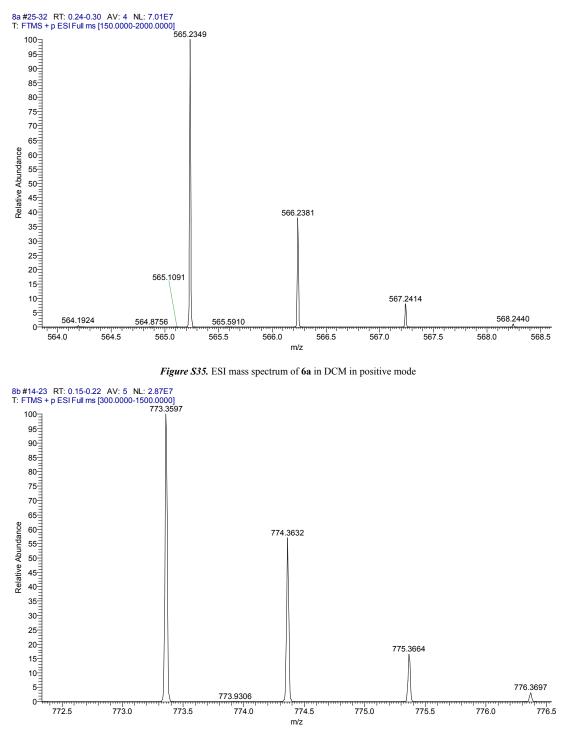


Figure S36. ESI mass spectrum of 6b in DCM in positive mode

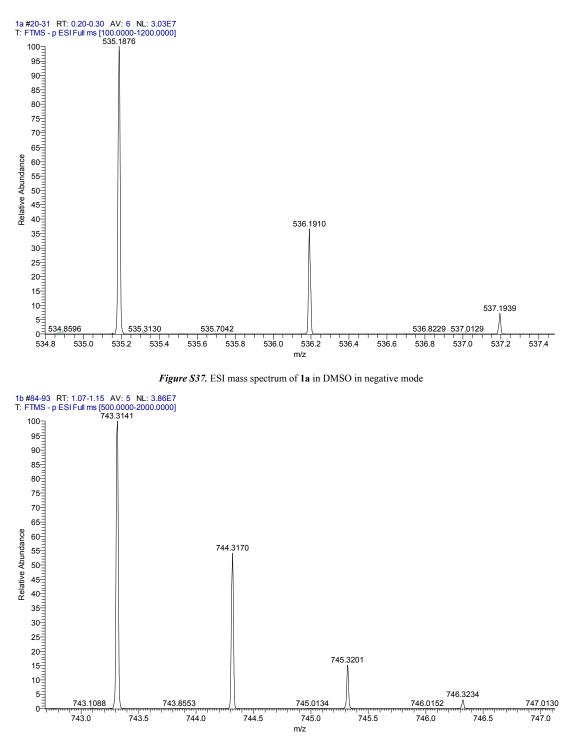


Figure S38. ESI mass spectrum of 1b in DMSO in negative mode

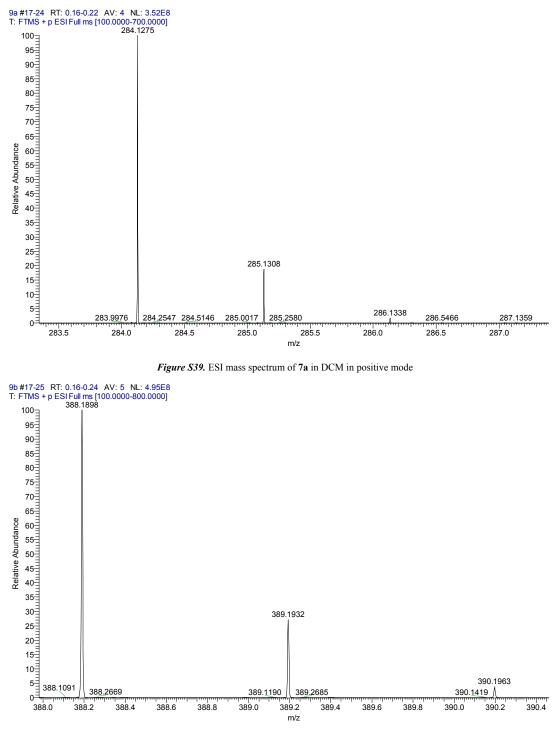


Figure S40. ESI mass spectrum of 7b in DCM in positive mode

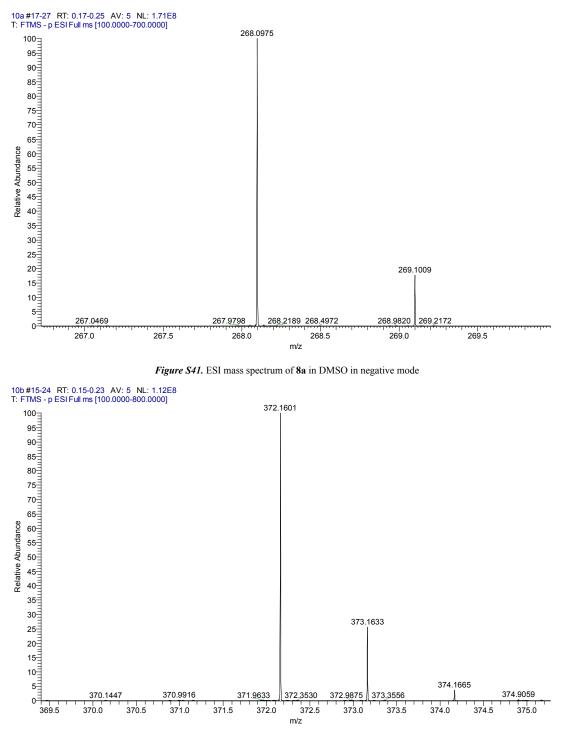


Figure S42. ESI mass spectrum of 8b in DMSO in negative mode

#### 3. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction analyses

#### 3.1 Methods and crystal data

Single crystals of 2 and 3 suitable for X-ray diffraction analyses were obtained by evaporation of their water and dimethyl sulfoxide solutions, respectively, while those of 4b, 6a, 6b and 1a were obtained by dissolving each of them in a solvent mixture (dichloromethane/ethanol = 90:10), followed by slow evaporation of the solvents within several days. However, single crystals of 2, 3a, 3b, 4a, 5a, 5b and 1b obtained were too small to for the measurements in spite of several attempts by changing the solvents and methods.

Crystal data for **4b**, **6a**, **6b** and **1a** were collected using a Rigaku-AFC7 equipped with a Rigaku Saturn CCD area-detector system. The measurement was made by using graphic monochromatic Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) under a cold nitrogen stream. The frame data were integrated and absorption correction using a Rigaku Crystal Clear program package. All calculations were performed with the *SHELXTL-97* program package, <sup>[S1-S3]</sup> and structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares against F<sup>2</sup>. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, and hydrogen atoms of the organic ligands were generated theoretically onto the specific atoms. Crystallographic data are summarized as followings and have been deposited in the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center as supplementary publication number CCDC 1856478, 1854207, 1854208, 1894292 for **4b**, **6a**, **6b** and **1a**, respectively, which can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif.

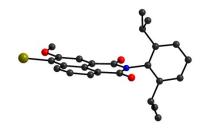
*Crystal data for* **4b**: empirical formula  $C_{25}H_{24}NO_3Br$ , formula weight 465.09, T = 293(2) K, wavelength 0.71073 Å, crystal system: monoclinic, space group P2<sub>1</sub>/n, unit cell dimensions a = 12.2045(9) Å, b = 12.4239(7) Å, c = 14.9788(12) Å,  $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$ ,  $\beta = 100.238^{\circ}(8)$ ,  $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ , V = 2235.0(3) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 10,  $\rho_{cal} = 1.279$  g / cm<sup>3</sup>, absorption coefficient, 0.083mm<sup>-1</sup>, F(000) = 910.0, crystal size 0.55 × 0.45 × 0.40 mm<sup>3</sup>, theta range for data collection 7.119° to 58.604°, index ranges -16<=h<=15; -16<=k<=15; -19<=l<=20, reflections collected 19756, independent reflections, 5148 [R (int) = 0.0656,R(sigma) = 0.1003], GooF(F<sup>2</sup>) = 1.024, R<sub>1</sub> = 0.0664, wR<sub>2</sub> = 0.1261 for I >= 2sigma (I), R<sub>1</sub> = 0.1598,wR<sub>2</sub> = 0.1497 for all data, data completeness 0.842 and largest diff. peak and hole, 0.85 and -0.70 e. Å<sup>-3</sup>.

*Crystal data for* **6a**: empirical formula  $C_{34}H_{32}N_2O_6$ , formula weight 564.23, T = 293(2) K, wavelength 0.71073 Å, crystal system: triclinic, space group P-1, unit cell dimensions a = 10.4723(7) Å, b = 12.7127(9) Å, c = 12.7391(9) Å, a = 113.157°(7),  $\beta$  = 97.019°(6),  $\gamma$  = 110.996°(6), V =1385.74(19) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z =2,  $\rho_{cal}$  = 1.343 g / cm<sup>3</sup>, absorption coefficient, 0.093 mm<sup>-1</sup>, F(000) = 587.0, crystal size 0.26 × 0.16 × 0.10 mm<sup>3</sup>, theta range for data collection 3.654° to 59.584°, index ranges -13<=h<=12; -15<=k<=16; -15<=l<=17, reflections collected 20408, independent reflections, 6490 R (int) = 0.0401, R(sigma) = 0.0491], GooF(F<sup>2</sup>) = 1.071, R<sub>1</sub> = 0.0784, wR<sub>2</sub> = 0.2369 for I >= 2sigma (I), R<sub>1</sub> = 0.1197, wR<sub>2</sub> = 0.2764 for all data, data completeness 0.817 and largest diff. peak and hole, 1.02 and -0.42 e. Å<sup>-3</sup>.

*Crystal data for* **6b**: empirical formula  $C_{50}H_{48}N_2O_6$ , formula weight 772.35, T = 293(2) K, wavelength 0.71073 Å, crystal system: triclinic, space group P-1, unit cell dimensions a = 12.2870(13) Å, b = 13.2979(16) Å, c = 27.850(4) Å,  $\alpha$  = 86.660°(13),  $\beta$  = 90°,  $\gamma$  = 10°, V =4542.7(10) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z =2,  $\rho_{cal}$  = 1.177 g / cm<sup>3</sup>, absorption coefficient, 0.078mm<sup>-1</sup>, F(000) = 1712.0, crystal size 0.30 × 0.25 × 0.14 mm<sup>3</sup>, theta range for data collection 7.056°to 46.512°, index ranges -13<=h<=12; -14<=k<=14; -30<=l<=24, reflections collected 25172, independent reflections, 12376 [R (int) = 0.1058, R (sigma) = 0.2130], GooF(F<sup>2</sup>) = 1.008, R<sub>1</sub> = 0.1070, wR<sub>2</sub> = 0.2667 for I >= 2sigma (I), R<sub>1</sub> = 0.2354, wR<sub>2</sub> = 0.3490 for all data, data completeness 0.949 and largest diff. peak and hole, 0.47 and -0.26 e. Å<sup>-3</sup>.

*Crystal data for* **1a**: empirical formula  $C_{32}H_{28}N_2O_6$ , formula weight 536.23, T = 293(2) K, wavelength 1.54184 Å, crystal system: orthorhombic, space group Pna21, unit cell dimensions a = 32.9749(8) Å, b = 12.7486(2) Å, c = 24.5123(6) Å,  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 90^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 90^\circ$ , V =10298.3(4) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z =4,  $\rho_{cal} = 1.361$  g / cm<sup>3</sup>, absorption coefficient, 0.779mm<sup>-1</sup>, F(000) = 4418.0, crystal size  $0.2 \times 0.12 \times 0.08$  mm<sup>3</sup>, theta range for data collection 3.2120° to 73.9060°, index ranges -41<=h<=41; -15<=k<=16; -25<=l<=31, reflections collected 20878, independent reflections, 11364 R (int) = 0.894, R(sigma) = 0.940], GooF(F<sup>2</sup>) = 1.351, R<sub>1</sub> = 0.1779, wR<sub>2</sub> = 0.3425 for I >= 2sigma (I), R<sub>1</sub> = 0.1534, wR<sub>2</sub> = 0.3669 for all data, data completeness 0.940 and largest diff. peak and hole, 1.083 and -0.468 e. Å<sup>-3</sup>.

#### 3.2 The molecular structure of 4b



*Figure S43.* Molecular structure of **4b** in the single crystal the single crystal as determined by single crystal X-ray analysis at 293 K. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity

### 4. Chiral HPLC analyses of 6a, 6b, 1a, 1b, (R)-1a

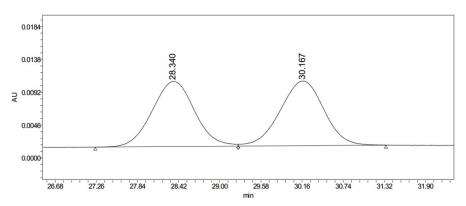
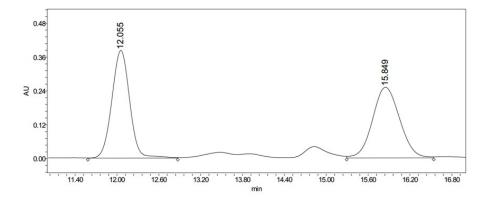


Figure S44. HPLC chromatogram of 6a on a CHIRALPAK chiral- NR column ( $\Phi = 0.46$  cm) at ambient conditions using a mixture solution of cyclohexane and isopropanol (1:1 in volume) as eluent (flow rate 0.5 mL/min).

Table S1. The chiral HPLC chromatographic data of 6a on a CHIRALPAK chiral-NR column ( $\Phi = 0.46$  cm) at ambient conditions

Peak	Processed channel	Ret. Time (min)	Area (mAu*s)	Height (mAu)	Area (%)
1	PDA 400.02 nm	28.340	380585	9141	49.39
2	PDA 400.02 nm	30.167	389922	9065	50.61



*Figure S45.* HPLC chromatogram of **6b** on a CHIRALPAK chiral-NR column ( $\Phi = 0.46$  cm) at ambient conditions using a mixture solution of cyclohexane and isopropanol (1:1 in volume) as eluent (flow rate 0.5 mL/min).

Table S2. The chiral HPLC chromatographic data of 6b on a CHIRALPAK chiral-NR column ( $\Phi = 0.46$  cm) at ambient conditions

Peak	Processed channel	Ret. Time (min)	Area (mAu*s)	Height (mAu)	Area (%)
1	PDA 400.02 nm	12.055	6793359	381593	50.02
2	PDA 400.02 nm	15.849	6786911	250502	49.98

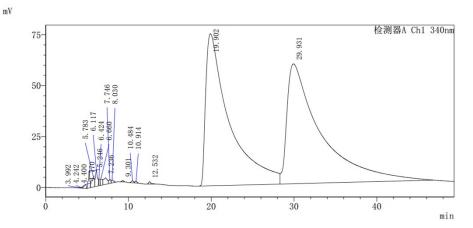


Figure S46. HPLC chromatogram of 1a on a SHIMADZU-GL INERTSIL chiral- preparation column ( $\Phi = 0.50$  cm) at ambient conditions using a mixture solution of cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (2:3 in volume) as eluent (flow rate 0.7 mL/min).

Table S3. The chiral HPLC chromatographic data of 1a on a SHIMADZU-GL INERTSIL chiral- preparation column (  $\Phi = 0.50$  cm) at ambient conditions

Peak	Processed channel	Ret. Time (min)	Area (mAu*s)	Height (mAu)	Area (%)
1	Ch1 340nm	19.902	14794683	74646	46.93
2	Ch1 340nm	29.931	16732072	58839	53.07

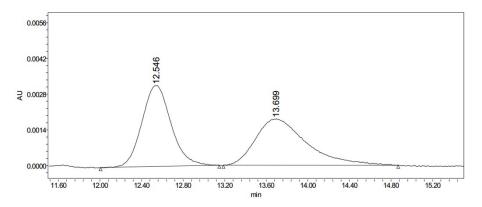


Figure S47. HPLC chromatogram of 1b on a CHIRALPAK chiral-NR column ( $\Phi = 0.46$  cm) at ambient conditions using a mixture solution of cyclohexane and isopropanol (4:1 in volume) as eluent (flow rate 0.5 mL/min).

Table S4. The chiral HPLC chromatographic data of 1b on a CHIRALPAK chiral-NR column ( $\Phi = 0.46$  cm) at ambient conditions

Peak	Processed channel	Ret. Time (min)	Area (mAu*s)	Height (mAu)	Area (%)
1	PDA 400.02 nm	12.546	61940	3176	50.03
2	PDA 400.02 nm	13.699	61866	1814	49.97

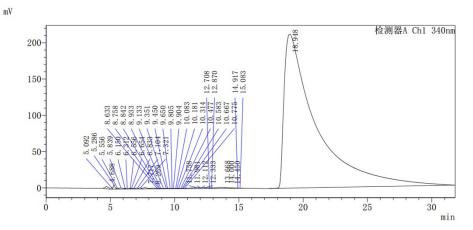
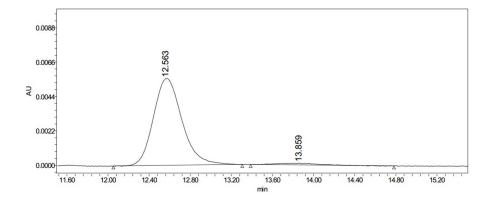


Figure S48. HPLC chromatogram of 1a-1 on a SHIMADZU-GL INERTSIL chiral- preparation column ( $\Phi = 0.50$  cm) at ambient conditions using a mixture solution of cyclohexane and ethyl acetate (2:3 in volume) as eluent (flow rate 0.7 mL/min).

Table S5. The chiral HPLC chromatographic data of 1a-1 on a SHIMADZU-GL INERTSIL chiral- preparation column (  $\Phi$  = 0.50 cm) at ambient conditions

Peak	Processed channel	Ret. Time (min)	Area (mAu*s)	Height (mAu)	Area (%)
1	Ch1 340nm	18.948	36925211	212348	98.29
2	Ch1 340nm	29.931	642434	4394	1.71



*Figure S49.* HPLC chromatogram of **1b-1** on a CHIRALPAK chiral-NR column ( $\Phi = 0.46$  cm) at ambient conditions using a mixture solution of cyclohexane and isopropanol (4:1 in volume) as eluent (flow rate 0.5 mL/min).

Table S6. The chiral HPLC chromatographic data of 1b-1 on a CHIRALPAK chiral-NR column ( $\Phi = 0.46$  cm) at ambient conditions

Peak	Processed channel	Ret. Time (min)	Area (mAu*s)	Height (mAu)	Area (%)
1	PDA 400.02 nm	12.563	107127	5545	97.24
2	PDA 400.02 nm	13.859	3044	121	2.76

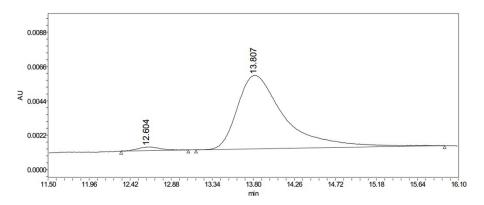
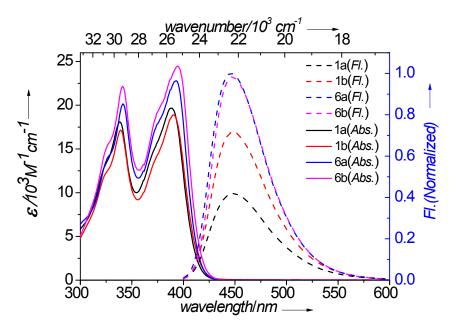


Figure S50. HPLC chromatogram of 1b-2 on a CHIRALPAK chiral-NR column ( $\Phi = 0.46$  cm) at ambient conditions using a mixture solution of cyclohexane and isopropanol (4:1 in volume) as eluent (flow rate 0.5 mL/min).

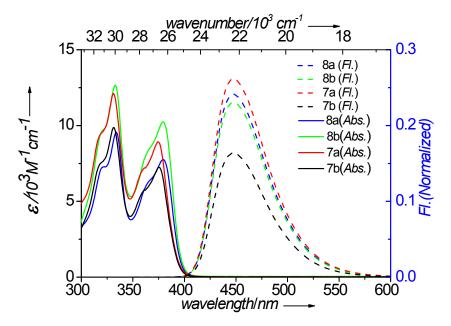
*Table S7.* The chiral HPLC chromatographic data of 1b-2 on a CHIRALPAK chiral-NR column ( $\Phi = 0.46$  cm) at ambient conditions

Peak	Processed channel	Ret. Time (min)	Area (mAu*s)	Height (mAu)	Area (%)
1	PDA 400.02 nm	12.604	4033	237	2.29
2	PDA 400.02 nm	13.807	172049	4706	97.71

5. Absorption absorption, fluorescence and circular dichroism spectral measurements



*Figure S51.* Absorption absorption (solid lines) and fluorescence spectra (dashed lines) of **1a-1b** and their methylated **6a-6b**; All spectra were measured for dilute solutions (10<sup>-5</sup> M) in ethyl acetate at 298 K, and the fluorescence intensities have been normalized with the strongest emission intensity of **6a**.



*Figure S52.* Absorption absorption (solid lines) and fluorescence spectra (dashed lines) of **7a-7b** and their methylated **8a-8b**; All spectra were measured for dilute solutions ( $10^{-5}$  M) in ethyl acetate at 298 K, and the fluorescence intensities have been normalized with the strongest emission intensity of **7a**.

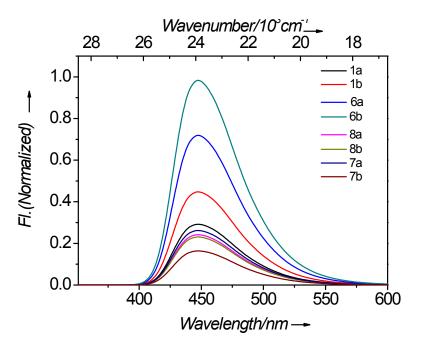
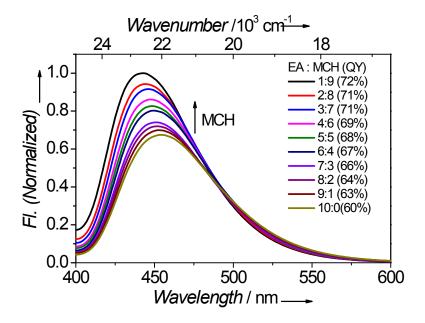
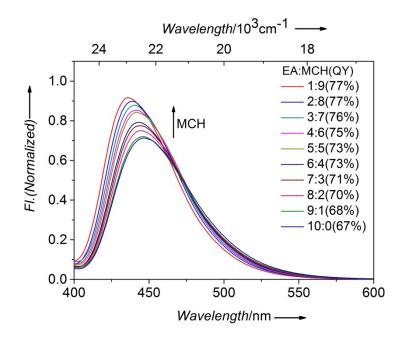


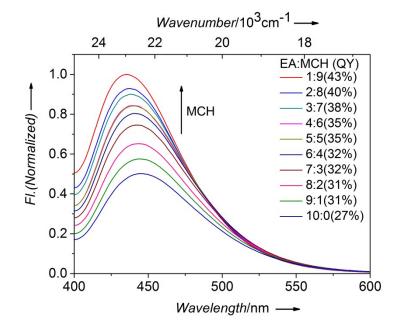
Figure S53. The fluorescence spectral of 1a-1b, 6a-6b, 8a-8b and 7a-7b in EA solutions



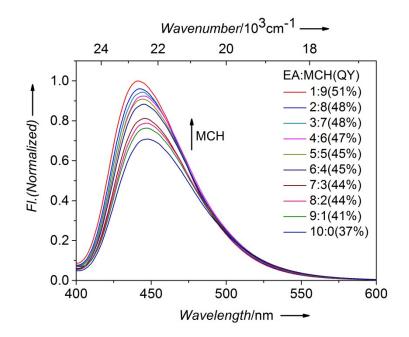
*Figure S54.* The fluorescence spectral changes of **6a** in EA solutions with the increasing of MCH fractions; for clarity, the fluorescence intensities have been normalized with the strongest emissions in EA-MCH mixture with a ratio of 1: 9.



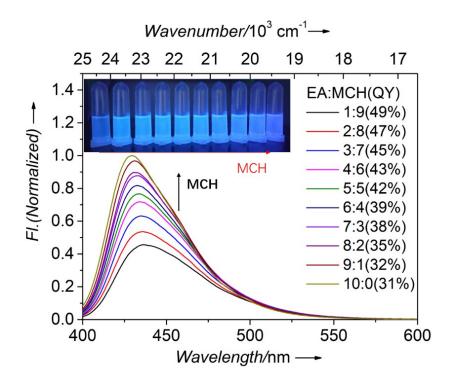
*Figure S55.* The fluorescence spectral changes of **6b** in EA solutions with the increasing of MCH fractions; for clarity, the fluorescence intensities have been normalized with the strongest emissions in EA-MCH mixture with a ratio of 1: 9.



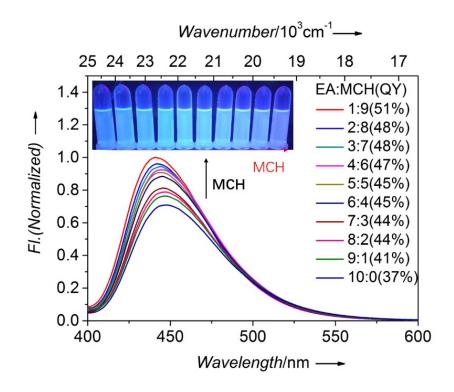
*Figure S56.* The fluorescence spectral changes of **1a** in EA solutions with the increasing of MCH fractions; for clarity, the fluorescence intensities have been normalized with the strongest emissions in EA-MCH mixture with a ratio of 1: 9.



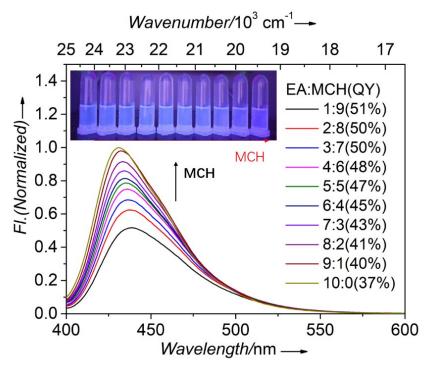
*Figure S57.* The fluorescence spectral changes of **1b** in EA solutions with the increasing of MCH fractions; for clarity, the fluorescence intensities have been normalized with the strongest emissions in EA-MCH mixture with a ratio of 1: 9.



*Figure S58.* The fluorescence spectral changes of **R-1a** in EA solutions with the increasing of MCH fractions; for clarity, the fluorescence intensities have been normalized with the strongest emissions in EA-MCH mixture with a ratio of 1: 9.

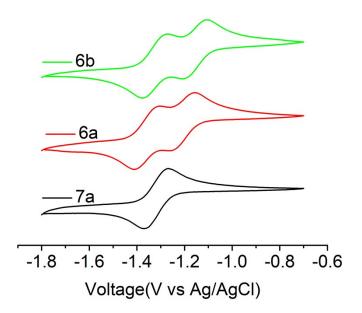


*Figure S59.* The fluorescence spectral changes of **1b** in EA solutions with the increasing of MCH fractions; for clarity, the fluorescence intensities have been normalized with the strongest emissions in EA-MCH mixture with a ratio of 1:9

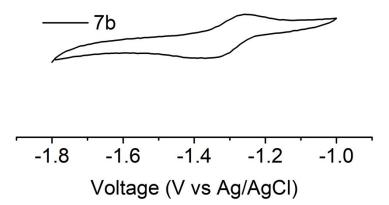


*Figure S60.* The fluorescence spectral changes of **R-1b** in EA solutions with the increasing of MCH fractions; for clarity, the fluorescence intensities have been normalized with the strongest emissions in EA-MCH mixture with a ratio of 1: 9.

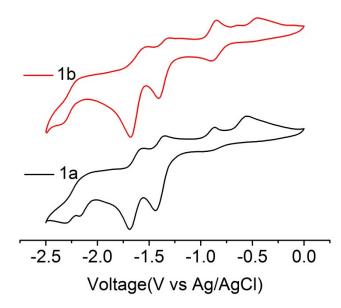
# 6. Cyclic voltammetry measurements



*Figure S61.* Cyclic voltammetry of **6a**, **6b**, **7a** recorded with a scan rate of 100 mv  $\cdot$  s<sup>-1</sup> at 298K in Ar-purged solvent mixture (ethyl acetate: acetonitrile=5:1) (1mM) using a glassy carbon working electrode and 0.1M [Bu<sub>4</sub>N]<sup>+</sup>[PF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>-</sup> as the supporting electrolyte.

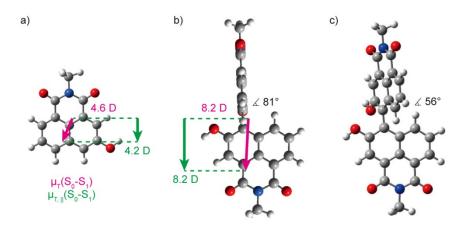


*Figure S62.* Cyclic voltammetry of **7b** recorded with a scan rate of 100 mv  $\cdot$  s<sup>-1</sup> at 298K in Ar-purged solvent mixture (ethyl acetate: acetonitrile=5:1) (1mM) using a glassy carbon working electrode and 0.1M [Bu<sub>4</sub>N]<sup>+</sup>[PF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>-</sup> as the supporting electrolyte.

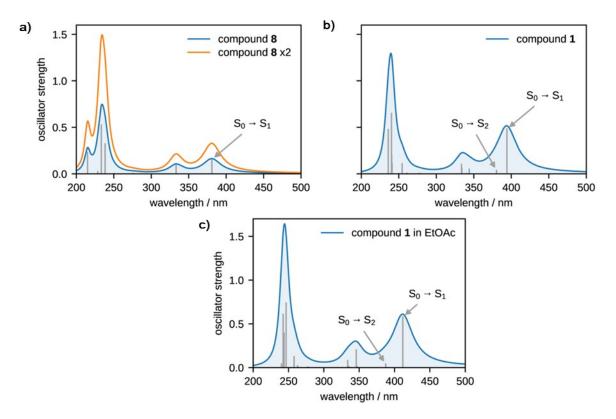


*Figure S63.* Cyclic voltammetry of **1a** and **1b** recorded with a scan rate of 100 mv  $\cdot$  s<sup>-1</sup> at 298K in Ar-purged solvent mixture (ethyl acetate: acetonitrile=5:1) (1mM) using a glassy carbon working electrode and 0.1M [Bu<sub>4</sub>N]<sup>+</sup>[PF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>-</sup> as the supporting electrolyte.

### 7. Theoretical calculations



*Figure S64.* a) Optimized structure of the compound **8** model in the electronic ground state. b) Optimized structure of the compound **1** model in the electronic ground state. c) Optimized structure of the compound 1 model in the electronically excited S1 state. In a) and b), the S0-S1 transition dipole moments (pink) are plotted as well as their projection on the C-C connection axis of the NI units (green)



*Figure S65.* Calculated absorption spectra for a) compound **8** and b) compound **1** in vacuum , as well as c) for compound **1** with an implicit solvation model of ethyl acetate. For better comparability, the spectrum of **8** is also depicted multiplied by a factor of 2.

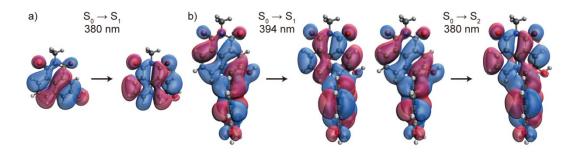
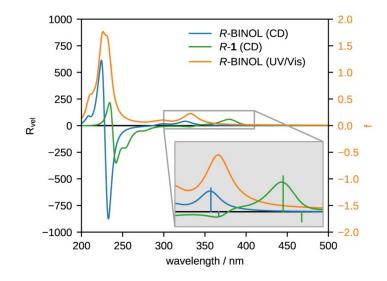
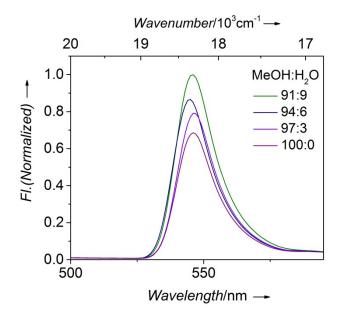


Figure S66. Natural transition orbitals for the lowest electronic transitions in a) compound 8 and b) compound 1 models.



*Figure S67.* Calculated CD spectra of *R*-1 and R-BINOL and absorption spectrum of *R*-BINOL. In the zoomed inset, the rotatory strengths for the lowest two vertical transitions are visualized. The spectra have been calculated and convoluted according to the methods section in the main paper.

#### 8. Methanol-water system luminescence measurements



*Figure S68.* The fluorescence spectral changes of **1a** in CH<sub>3</sub>OH solutions with the increasing of H<sub>2</sub>O fractions; for clarity, the fluorescence intensities have been normalized in CH<sub>3</sub>OH - H<sub>2</sub>O mixture with a ratio of 91: 9.

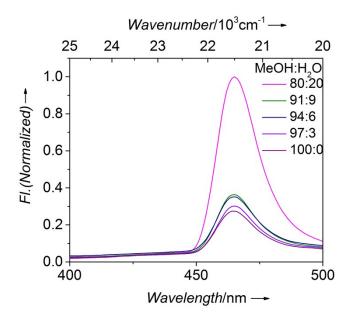
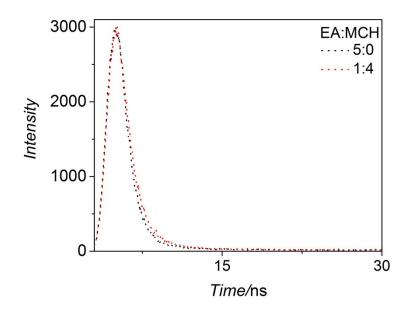


Figure S69. The fluorescence spectral changes of 6a in CH<sub>3</sub>OH solutions with the increasing of H<sub>2</sub>O fractions; for clarity, the fluorescence intensities have been normalized in CH<sub>3</sub>OH - H<sub>2</sub>O mixture with a ratio of 4 : 1.

# 9. Luminescence lifetime measurements

The sample in



*Figure S70.* The luminescence lifetime spectra of **1a** at  $3 \times 10^{-3}$  M in the solvent of EA (black dash line) and the mixture of EA-MCH (1:4). The sample in EA (black dash line) with the lifetime fitting formula:

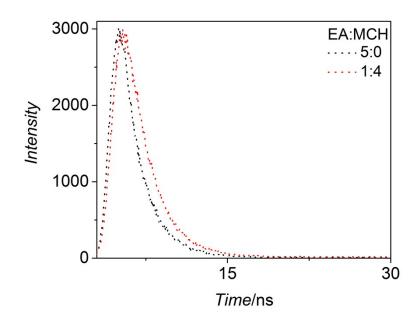
$$R(t) = 2119.44e^{-t/1.04} + 66.85e^{-t/5.94}$$

$$x^{2} = 1.173$$

$$t_{(5:0)} = 1.79 \text{ ns}$$
the mixture of 80 % MCH (red dash line) with the lifetime fitting formula:
$$R(t) = 2250.90e^{-t/1.22} + 54.76e^{-t/7.69}$$

$$x^{2} = 1.200$$

t<sub>(1:4)</sub>=2.08 ns



*Figure S71.* The luminescence lifetime spectra of **1b** at  $3 \times 10^{-3}$  M in the solvent of EA (black dash line) and the mixture of EA-MCH (1:4). The sample in EA (black dash line) with the lifetime fitting formula:

 $R(t) = 3245.54e^{-t/2.01}$ 

 $x^2 = 1.283$ 

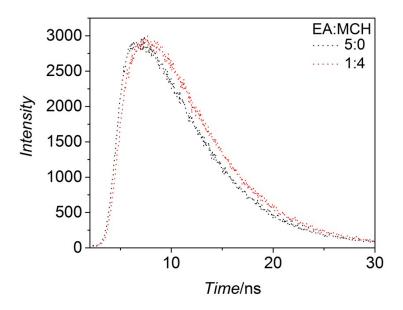
t(5:0)=2.01 ns

The sample in the mixture of 80 % MCH (red dash line) with the lifetime fitting formula:

 $R(t) = 2528.91e^{-t/2.19}$ 

 $x^2 = 1.194$ 

t<sub>(1:4)</sub>=2.19 ns

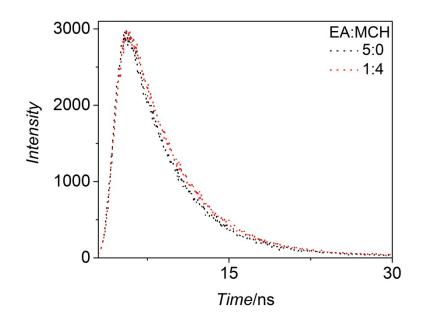


*Figure S72.* The luminescence lifetime spectra of **6a** at  $3 \times 10^{-3}$  M in the solvent of EA (black dash line) and the mixture of EA-MCH (1:4). The sample in EA (black dash line) with the lifetime fitting formula:

 $R(t) = 2711.809e^{-t/4.2172}$  $x^2 = 1.256$  $t_{(5.0)} = 4.2172$  ns

The sample in the mixture of 80 % MCH (red dash line) with the lifetime fitting formula:

 $R(t) = 1153.44e^{-t/5.2874}$  $x^2 = 1.009$  $t_{(1:4)} = 5.2874$  ns



*Figure S73.* The luminescence lifetime spectra of **6b** at  $3 \times 10^{-3}$  M in the solvent of EA (black dash line) and the mixture of EA-MCH (1:4). The sample in EA (black dash line) with the lifetime fitting formula:

 $R(t) = 2794.82e^{-t/4.32}$  $x^2 = 1.049$  $t_{(5:0)}=4.32$  ns

The sample in the mixture of 80 % MCH (red dash line) with the lifetime fitting formula:

 $R(t) = 3032.21e^{-t/4.56}$  $x^2 = 1.213$  $t_{(1:4)}=4.56$  ns

# 10. References

- [S1] O.V. Dolomanov, L.J. Bourhis, R.J. Gildea, J.A.K. Howard, H. Puschmann. J. Appl. Cryst, 2009, 42, 339-341.
- [S2] G. Sheldrick, Acta Crystallogr, 2008, A64, 112-122.
- [S3] A. L. Spek, J. Appl. Cryst., 2003, 36, 7-13.