## Aggregation-induced emission enhancement (AIEE)-active boron-difluoride dyes

## with reversible mechanochromic fluorescence

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Compound	solvent	$\lambda_{max}, nm$	$\epsilon, M^{-1} cm^{-1} (\times 10^4)$	$\lambda_{em}, nm$	$\Phi_{ m F}$
PHPO-BF <sub>2</sub>	hexane	490	0.202	546, 586	0.5%
	chloroform	496	0.318	564	1.3%
	THF	480	0.230	566	0.4%
	acetonitrile	491	0.209	568	0.5%
NHPO-BF <sub>2</sub>	hexane	505	0.307	572, 616	0.3%
	chloroform	514	0.304	593	0.7%
	THF	496	0.330	590	0.6%
	acetonitrile	510	0.333	595	0.4%

Table S1. Photophysical data of boron-difluoride dyes



Figure S1. HOMO and LUMO orbitals of PHPO-BF2 and NHPO-BF2



Figure S2. Normalized concentration-dependent fluorescence spectra of  $PHPO-BF_2$  (A) and  $NHPO-BF_2$  (B) in hexane



Figure S3. (A) Normalized concentration-dependent absorption and (B) fluorescence spectra of  $PHPO-BF_2$  in THF



Figure S4. (A) Normalized concentration-dependent absorption and (B) fluorescence spectra of  $NHPO-BF_2$  in THF



Figure S5. Tyndall effect:  $(1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}, \text{ the content of } H_2\text{O} \text{ in THF/H}_2\text{O} \text{ is } 0\% \text{ or } 99\%)$ 



Figure S6. Particle size distribution of PHPO-BF<sub>2</sub> aggregates from mixture of THF and water (A) THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v 20:80); (B) THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v 1:99)



Figure S7. Particle size distribution of  $NHPO-BF_2$  aggregates from mixture of THF and water (THF/H<sub>2</sub>O, v/v 1:99)



Figure S8. Dihedral angle between different planes in the crystal structure of PHPO-BF<sub>2</sub>



Figure S9. XRD patterns of  $PHPO-BF_2$  (A) simulated spectra from single crystal structure; (B) initial polycrystalline powder



Figure S10. Proposed intermolecular interactions in molecular clusters of  $PHPO-BF_2$  during the mechanochromism (shown as green cloud)



Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PHPO-BF<sub>2</sub> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



Figure S12. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of PHPO-BF<sub>2</sub> (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



Figure S13. HRMS spectrum of PHPO-BF<sub>2</sub>



Figure S14. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of NHPO-BF<sub>2</sub> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)





Figure S15. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of NHPO-BF<sub>2</sub> (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

