Supplementary information for

Optical and Electrochemical Properties of Ethynylaniline Derivatives of Phenothiazine, Phenothiazine-5-oxide and Phenothiazine-5,5-dioxide

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Figure S1: Calculated ground state and excited state geometries of 3a-3c



Figure S2: Cyclic Voltammograms in DMF of 3a (blue), 3b (green) and 3c (black) vs. Fc/Fc⁺

Figure S3: Differential Pulse Voltammograms in DMF of 3a (blue), 3b (green), 3c (black) vs Fc/Fc⁺.





Figure S4: Normalized diffuse reflectance FTIR spectra in KBr of 3a, 3b and 3c

Figure S5: ¹H and ¹³C NMR of all newly synthesized compounds. **1**









3a C₁₀H₂₁ ↓ √N. C₁₀H₂₁ $C_{10}H_{21}$ C₁₀H₂₁ S N | C₁₀H₂₁ 2.09 8.21 68.33 5.00 月5.00 Ϋ́ राम् \mathcal{H} 3.79 2.09 1.68 3.94 7.95 1.97 Т 7 5 f1 (ppm) 8 10 9 6 3 2 1 0 4 CDCl₃ -- 90.64 -- 86.26 ~ 50.97 ~ 47.62 Γ 100 f1 (ppm) 60 200 180 160 140 120 80 40 20



















Fig S7a. a) Absorption and emission spectra of **3a** in different solvents. b) Emission peak wavenumber as a function of solvent dipolarity (SdP) c) Emission peak wavenumber as a function of orientation polarizability.



Fig S7b. a) Absorption and emission spectra of **3b** in different solvents. b) Emission peak wavenumber as a function of solvent dipolarity (SdP) c) Emission peak wavenumber as a function of orientation polarizability.



Fig S7c. a) Absorption and emission spectra of **3c** in different solvents. b) Emission peak wavenumber as a function of solvent dipolarity (SdP) c) Emission peak wavenumber as a function of orientation polarizability.

S8. Multi-parameter solvent effect analysis of **3a**, **3b** and **3c**

Using the approach described by Catalán¹ to determine a multi-parameter general scale for describing the optical response in different solvents using solvent scales based on two specific scales (solvent acidity, SA and solvent basicity, SB) and two general scales (solvent polarizability, SP and solvent dipolarizability, SdP). The linear combination of solvent scales results in the following formula:

$$v = bSA + cSB + dSP + eSdP + v_0$$

where v is the optical property of interest (absorption or emission peak) in wavenumbers, v_0 is the frequency of the transition in absence of solvent (gas phase), SA, SB, SP and SdP are solvent parameters to describe solute-solvent interactions and coefficients *b* to *e* are regressions coefficients that correlate to the sensitivity of the optical property to the different solute-solvent parameters.

The multi-parameter regression analysis resulted in the following fits to the absorption and emission peaks.

3a (PTZ-thioether)

 $v_{abs} = (-2712 \pm 522)SP - (783 \pm 100)SdP + (29221 \pm 349)$ $n = 11; R^2 = 0.94$

 $v_{em} = (142 \pm 72)SB - (1875 \pm 206)SP - (560 \pm 49)SdP + (22742 \pm 141)$ $n = 11; R^2 = 0.98$

3b (PTZ-sulfoxide)

 $v_{abs} = (-3350 \pm 559)SP + (642 \pm 82)SdP + (28818 \pm 349)$ $n = 5; R^2 = 0.98$

 $\begin{aligned} \nu_{em} &= (669 \pm 403)SB + (4136 \pm 1380)SP - (1730 \pm 217)SdP + (21035 \pm 903) \\ n &= 5; R^2 = 0.98 \end{aligned}$

3c (PTZ-sulfone)

 $v_{abs} = (-3593 \pm 297)SP - (445 \pm 60)SdP + (28823 \pm 194)$ $n = 6; R^2 = 0.98$

 $\begin{aligned} \nu_{em} &= (2750 \pm 206)SB + (7936 \pm 547)SP - (4778 \pm 107)SdP + (19817 \pm 377) \\ n &= 6; R^2 = 0.99 \end{aligned}$

1 J. Catalán, *The Journal of Physical Chemistry B*, 2009, **113**, 5951-5960.