

### Supporting Information

Outside rules inside: the Role of the Electron-active Substituents in Thiophene-based Heterophenoquinones

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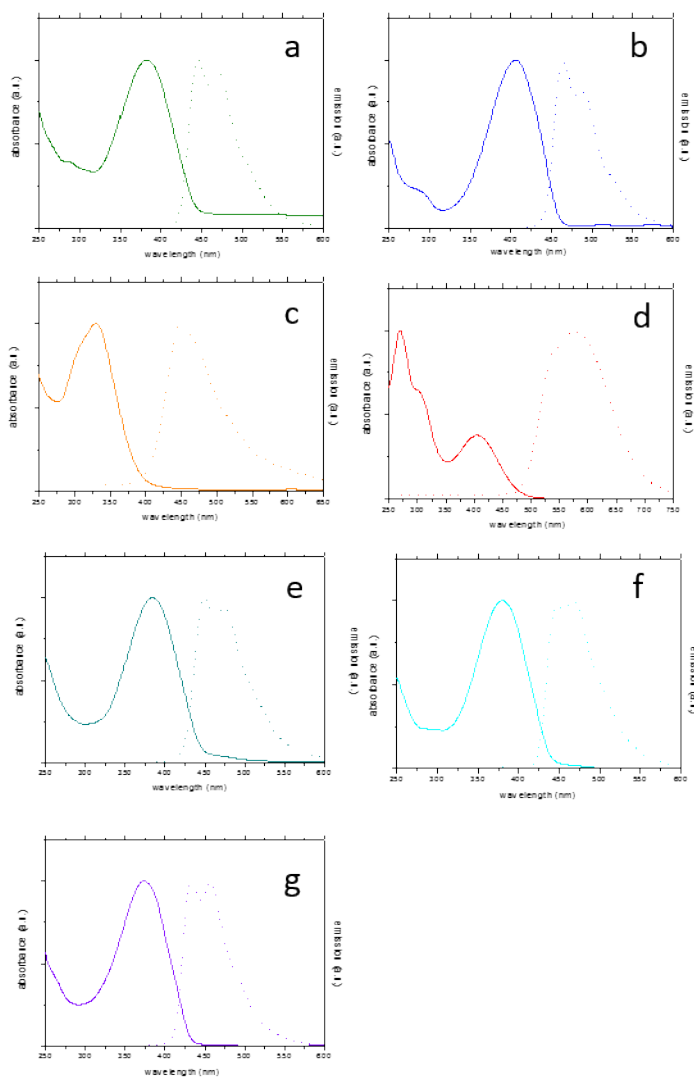
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## 1. UV-Vis absorption and photoluminescence spectra of aromatic compounds

UV-vis absorption spectra were recorded on a Cary 5000 spectrophotometer (Varian), while photoluminescent spectra were recorded with a Jasco FP6600.

Photoluminescence spectra of the aromatic species were collected with very dilute solutions to avoid aggregation phenomena and minimize internal filter effects.



**Figure S01:** Normalized UV-Vis absorption and photoluminescence spectra of aromatic precursors in chloroform: (a) ABT, (b) AOO (c) AXX (d) ACO, (e) AMeOMeO, (f) AMeOCF<sub>3</sub>, (g) ACF<sub>3</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>.

“Substituted core” “Substituted wings”	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}$ (nm)	$\lambda^{\text{em}0-0}$ (nm)	Stokes shift
<b>ABT</b>	382	445	0.46
<b>AOO</b>	406	464	0.38
<b>AXX</b>	329	448	1.00
<b>ACO</b>	406	540	0.75
<b>AMeOMeO</b>	385	449	0.46
<b>AMeOCF<sub>3</sub></b>	379	448	0.50
<b>ACF<sub>3</sub>CF<sub>3</sub></b>	372	433	0.47

**Table S01:** Absorption, emission and Stokes shift values of all aromatic compounds.

2. Crystallographic Information about **QOO**.

<b>QOO</b>	
<b>Formula</b>	C <sub>46</sub> H <sub>64</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub>
<b>Fw</b>	745,13
<b>Crystal system</b>	Monoclinic
<b>Space group</b>	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
<b>a (Å)</b>	8.972 (2)
<b>b (Å)</b>	17.266 (4)
<b>c (Å)</b>	14.260 (5)
<b>α (deg)</b>	90.00
<b>β (deg)</b>	94.66 (3)
<b>γ (deg)</b>	90.00
<b>V (Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>	2201.9 (12)
<b>T (K)</b>	296 (2)
<b>Z</b>	4
<b>F(000)</b>	804
<b>P</b>	1.121
<b>M</b>	1.39
<b>crystalsize (mm<sup>3</sup>)</b>	0.30*0.08*0.08
<b>θ<sub>max</sub> (deg)</b>	50.04
<b>Total reflections Collected</b>	4958
<b>Rint</b>	0.0578
<b>No. Unique</b>	2115
<b>No. With I &gt; 2σ(I)</b>	1316
<b>Refined parameters</b>	243
<b>Restraints</b>	0
<b>Final R indices [I &gt; 2σ(I)]</b>	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0844w R <sub>2</sub> = 0.2102
<b>R indices (all data)</b>	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1343w R <sub>2</sub> = 0.2427
<b>Δρ [eÅ<sup>-3</sup>]</b>	(-) 0.274, 0.438

**Figure S02:** Crystallographic Information and structure refinement of **QOO**.