Supporting Information

High efficiency and low efficiency roll-off hole-transporting layer-free solution-processed fluorescent NIR-OLEDs based on oligothiophenebenzothiadiazole derivatives

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Materials synthesis and characterizations



Scheme S1 Synthesis of TBtz1-2. *Reagents and Conditions:* i) 4-hexylthiophen-2-yl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane Pd(PPh₃)₄, 2M Na₂CO₃, THF, reflux. ii) NIS, THF. iii) (4-(diphenylamino)phenyl)boronic acid, Pd(PPh₃)₄, 2M Na₂CO₃, THF, reflux.

4,7-Dibromobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (1)

A dry 250 mL round-bottomed flask with a magnetic stirring bar was placed with enzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (4.26 g, 31.29 mmol) and HBr (50 mL). Then Br₂ (mixture between bromine in HBr) was added dropwise at reflux for 2 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and separated. The aqueous solution was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 50 ml) and the combined organic layers with

aqueous sodium thiosulfate solution until red color of bromine disappeared. After that were added NaHCO₃ solution to be neutral and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₃, filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The finally was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH₂Cl₂/hexane to give white solids (8.36 g, 91 %); mp: 169-170 °C; ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.73 (s, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 132.37, 113.92; (APCI): clacd. for C₆H₂Br₂N₂S 293.8285, found: 294.8294 (M+).

4,7-Bis(4-hexylthiophen-2-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (2)

A mixture of **1** (0.70 g, 2.38 mmol), 4-hexylthiophen-2-yl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2dioxaborolane (1.47g, 5.00 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.14 g, 0.11 mmol) and 2 M Na₂CO₃ (20 mL) in THF (30 mL) was degassed with N₂ for 10 min. The mixture was stirred at reflux under N₂ for 24 h. After cooling, water (50 m) was added and the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 mL), brine solution (50 mL), dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH₂Cl₂/hexane to give orange solids (1.04 g, 93%); m.p. 93-94 °C; ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.97 (s, 2H), 7.82 (s, 2H), 7.038 (s, 2H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 1.73-1.67 (m, 4H), 1.40-1.32 (m, 12H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.65, 144.37, 139.01, 132.26, 129.62, 129.00, 126.03, 125.59, 125.54, 122.07, 121.53, 31.71, 30.67, 30.61, 30.49, 29.06, 22.64, 14.12; (MALDI-TOF): clacd. for C₂₆H₃₂N₂S₃ 468.1728, found : 468.1920 (M+).

4,7-Bis(4-hexyl-5-iodothiophen-2-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (3)

Compound **2** (1.00 g, 1.39 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture solvent between CH₃COOH/ CHCl₃ (1:1) (25 mL). After that NIS (0.65 g, 2.91 mmol) was slowly added. When reaction completed, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50mL), brine solution (50 mL), dried with anhydrous Na₂CO₃, filtered and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH₂Cl₂/hexane to give orange-red solids (1.51g, 98%); m.p. 98-99 °C; ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.75 (s, 2H), 7.70 (s, 2H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 4H), 1.67-1.64 (m, 4H), 1.55 (s, 6H), 1.42-1.33 (m, 14H), 0.90(t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.25, 148.27, 143.61, 127.75, 125.44, 125.04, 32.25, 31.67, 30.06, 29.71, 28.96, 22.63, 14.12 ppm; (MALDI-TOF): clacd. for C₂₆H₃₀I₂N₂S₃ : 719.9660, found : 719.9730 (M+).

4,7-Bis(3,4'-dihexyl-[2,2'-bithiophen]-5-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (4)

A mixture of **3** (0.33 g, 0.45 mmol), 4-hexylthiophen-2-yl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2dioxaborolane (0.28 g, 0.95 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.02 g, 0.02 mmol) and 2 M Na₂CO₃ (15 mL) in THF (30 mL) was degassed with N₂ for 10 min. The mixture was stirred at reflux under N₂ for 24 h. After cooling, water (50 mL) was added, and the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 mL), brine solution (50 mL), dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH₂Cl₂/hexane to give red solids (0.30g, 83%); m.p. 94-95 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.95 (s, 2H), 7.78 (s, 2H), 7.07 (s, 2H), 6.93 (s, 2H), 2.83 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H) 2.63 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.76-1.71 (m, 4H), 1.69-1.64 (m, 4H), 1.44-1.41 (m, 4H), 1.39-1.33 (m, 20H); ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.57, 144.38, 143.75, 140.23, 136.61, 135.70, 132.89, 130.59, 129.01, 127.39, 125.50, 125.44, 125.14, 121.56, 120.27, 31.71, 30.61, 30.53, 30.43, 29.53, 29.33, 29.04, 28.06, 22.67, 22.64, 14.11 ppm; (MALDI-TOF): clacd. for C₄₆H₆₀N₂S₅ : 800.3360, found : 800.3821 (M+).

4,7-Bis(3,4'-dihexyl-5'-iodo-[2,2'-bithiophen]-5-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (5)

Compound **4** (0.23 g, 0.28 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture solvent between CH₃COOH/ CHCl₃ (1:1) (15 mL). After that NIS (0.13 g, 0.59 mmol) was slowly added. When reaction completed, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50mL), brine solution (50 mL), dried with anhydrous Na₂CO₃, filtered and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH₂Cl₂/hexane to yield red solids (0.25 g, 84%); m.p. 89-90 °C; ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.94 (s, 2H), 7.81 (s, 2H), 6.88 (s, 2H), 2.79 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H) 2.56 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 1.73-1.70 (m, 4H), 1.63-1.60 (m, 12H), 1.44-1.32 (m, 26H), 0.92-89 (m, 14H); ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.54, 147.74, 140.78, 140.60, 137.04, 132.08, 130.51, 126.60, 125.45, 125.27, 32.38, 31.69, 31.67, 30.61, 29.99, 29.72, 29.53, 29.28, 28.95, 22.66, 22.63, 14.13 ppm; (MALDI-TOF): clacd. for C₄₆H₅₈I₂N₂S₅ : 1052.1293, found : 1051.9563 (M+).

4,7-Bis(3,4',4"-trihexyl-[2,2':5',2"-terthiophen]-5-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (6)

A mixture of **5** (0.18 g, 0.17 mmol), 4-hexylthiophen-2-yl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (0.11 g, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.01 g, 0.01 mmol) and 2 M Na₂CO₃ (15 mL) in THF (30 mL) was degassed with N₂ for 10 min. The mixture was stirred at reflux under N₂ for 24 h. After cooling, water (50 mL) was added, and the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 mL), brine solution (50 mL), dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH₂Cl₂/hexane to yield red-purple solids (0.14 g, 73%); m.p. 97-98 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.98 (s, 2H), 7.83 (s, 2H), 7.07 (s, 2H), 6.99 (s, 2H), 6.91 (s, 2H), 2.87 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 2.77 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.77-1.73 (m, 4H), 1.70-1.62 (m, 8H), 1.47-1.32 (m, 38H), 0.90 (s, 18H); ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.61, 143.71, 140.42, 139.72, 136.67, 135.50, 133.64, 132.57, 131.34, 130.75, 128.77, 127.24, 125.46, 125.20, 120.10, 31.69, 31.62, 30.58, 30.56, 30.41, 29.65, 29.31, 29.26, 29.01, 22.65, 22.63, 22.62, 14.11, 14.08 ppm; (MALDI-TOF): clacd. for C₆₆H₈₈N₂S₇ : 1132.4992, found : 1132.5853 (M+).

4,7-Bis(3,4',4''-trihexyl-5''-iodo-[2,2':5',2''-terthiophen]-5-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (7)

Compound **6** (0.14 g, 1.26 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture solvent between CH₃COOH/ CHCl₃(1:1) (15 mL). After that NIS (0.06 g, 0.26 mmol) was slowly added. When reaction completed, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50mL), brine solution (50 mL), dried with anhydrous Na₂CO₃, filtered and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH₂Cl₂/hexane to give purple solids (0.12 g, 71%); m.p. 88-89 °C; ¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.97 (s, 2H), 7.82 (s, 2H), 7.06 (s, 2H), 6.80 (s, 2H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 2.55 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.75-1.74 (m, 4H), 1.67-1.66 (m, 4H), 1.62-1.60 (m, 4H), 1.53 (s, 8H), 1.47-1.33 (m, 48H), 0.91 (m, 18H); ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 152.59, 143.70, 140.40, 139.70, 136.67, 135.51, 133.65, 132.56, 131.33, 130.74, 128.74, 127.23, 125.43, 125.17, 120.08, 31.69, 30.58, 30.55, 30.51, 30.40, 29.66, 29.31, 29.26, 29.02, 22.66, 22.63, 22.62, 14.11, 14.08 ppm; (MALDI-TOF): clacd. for C₆₆H₈₆I₂N₂S₇ : 1384.2925, found : 1384.4622 (M+).



Fig. S1 The optimized structures of **TBtz1-2** calculated by TD-DFT B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) in CH₂Cl₂.



Fig. S2 Simulated UV-vis absorption of **TBtz1-2** obtained from TD-DFT calculation using B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) in CH₂Cl₂.



Fig. S3 PL spectra of **TBtz1-2** in different solvents (ethanol (EtOH), tetrahydrofuran (THF), dichloromethane (DCM), toluene and hexane).



Fig. S4 Normalized PL spectra of thin films spin-coated on fused silica substrates of **TBtz1-2** doped (10, 20 and 30 wt%) in CBP.

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Fig. S5 Photoemission yield spectroscopy in air (PYSA) spectra for TBtz1 (top) and TBtz2 (bottom).



Fig. S6 Current density-voltage (*J-V*) characteristic of hole only device (ITO/PEDOT:PSS/**TBtz1-2** (170nm)/MoO₃/Al).













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