

## **Synthesis, characterization and use of a POSS-Arylamine Based Push-Pull Octamer**

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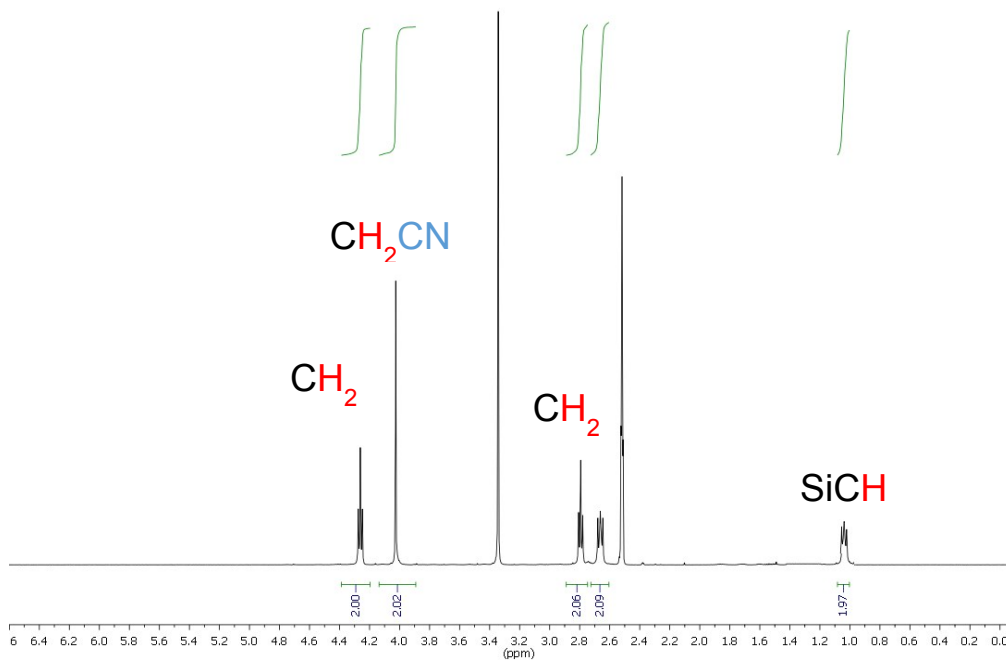
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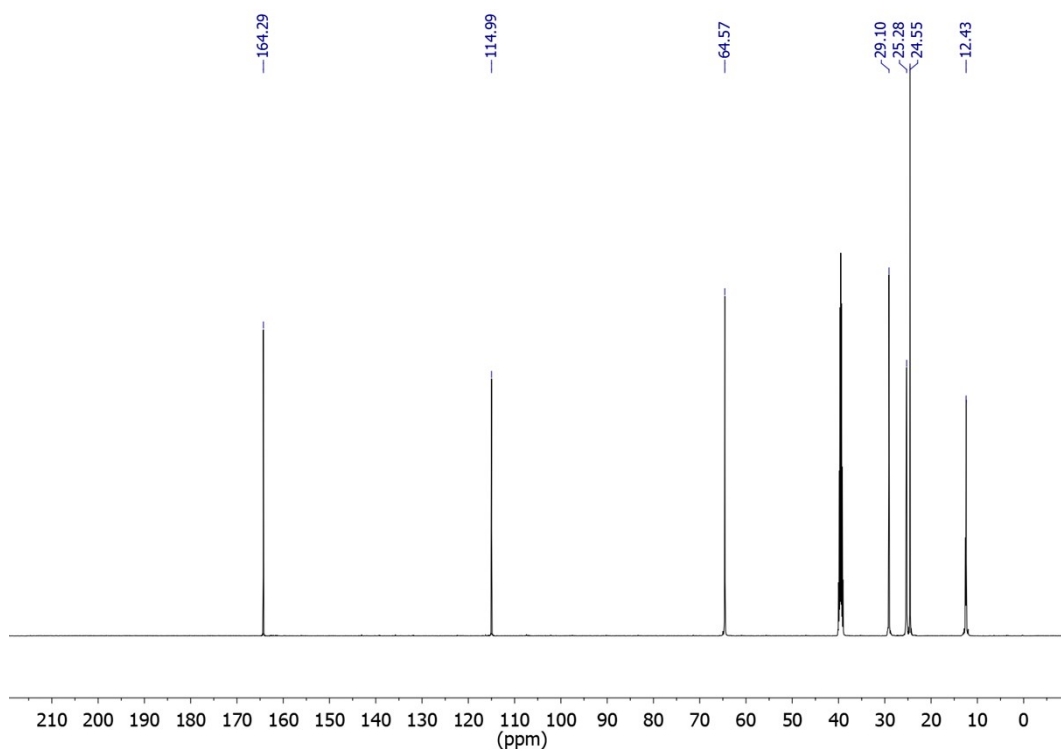
**NMR and MS/HRMS Spectra**

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**Device Fabrication and Characterization**



**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (DMSO- $d_6$ , 500 MHz) spectrum of compound **3** recorded at 20 °C.



**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 125 MHz) spectrum of compound **3** recorded at 20 °C.

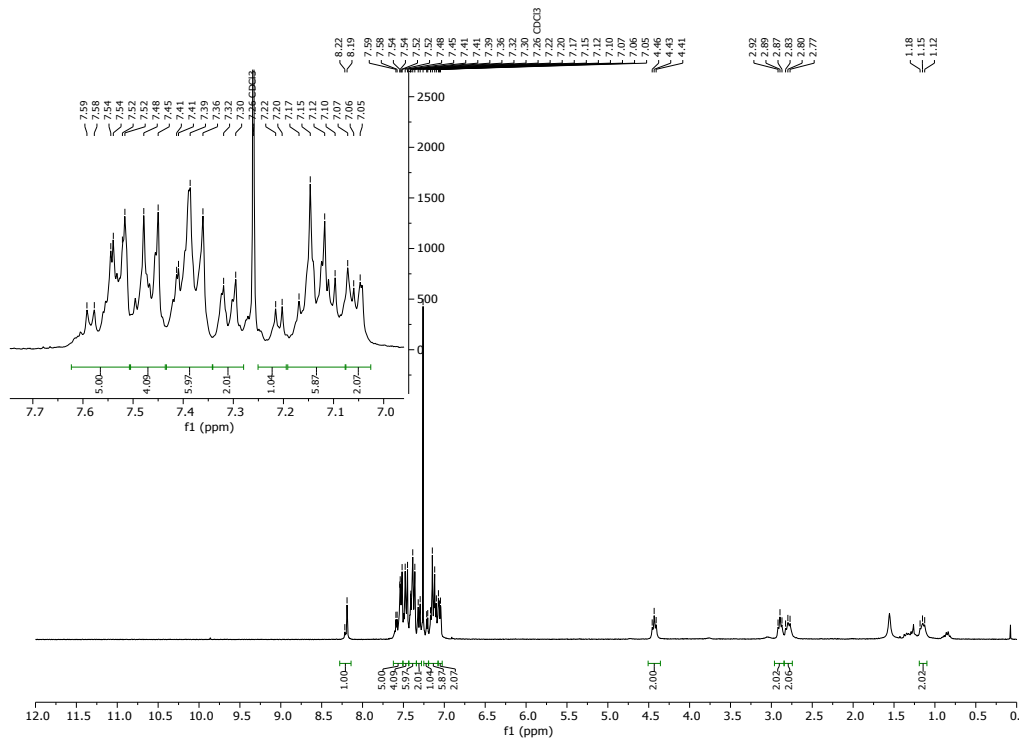
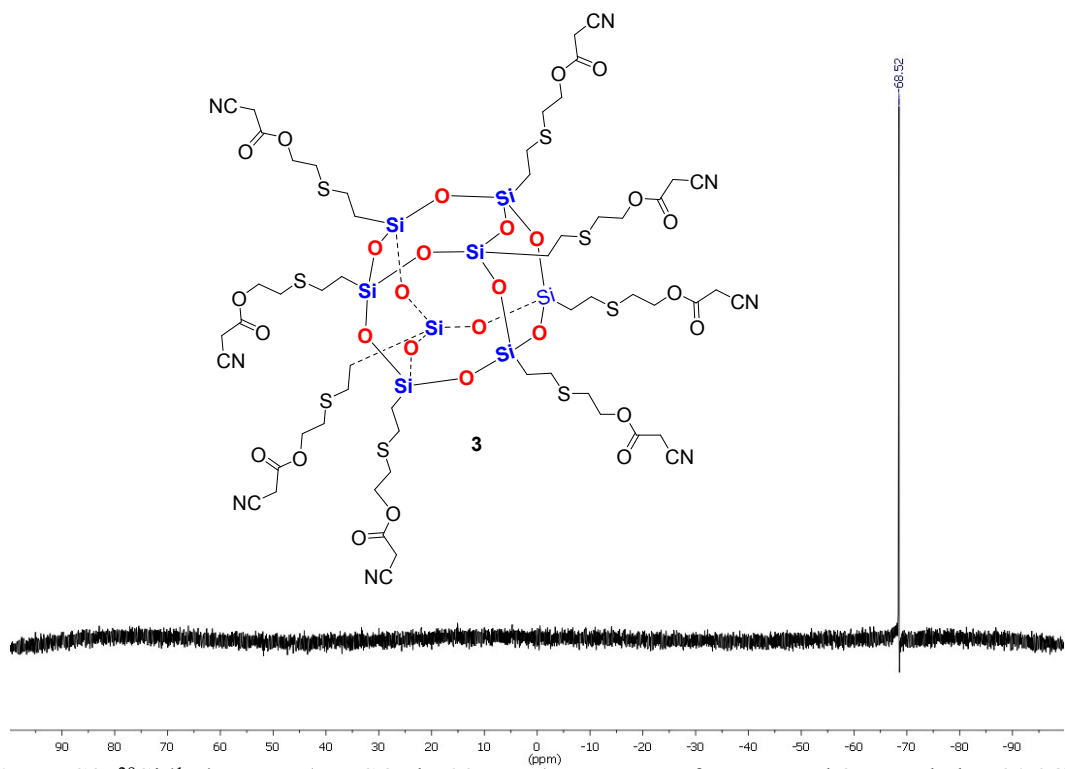
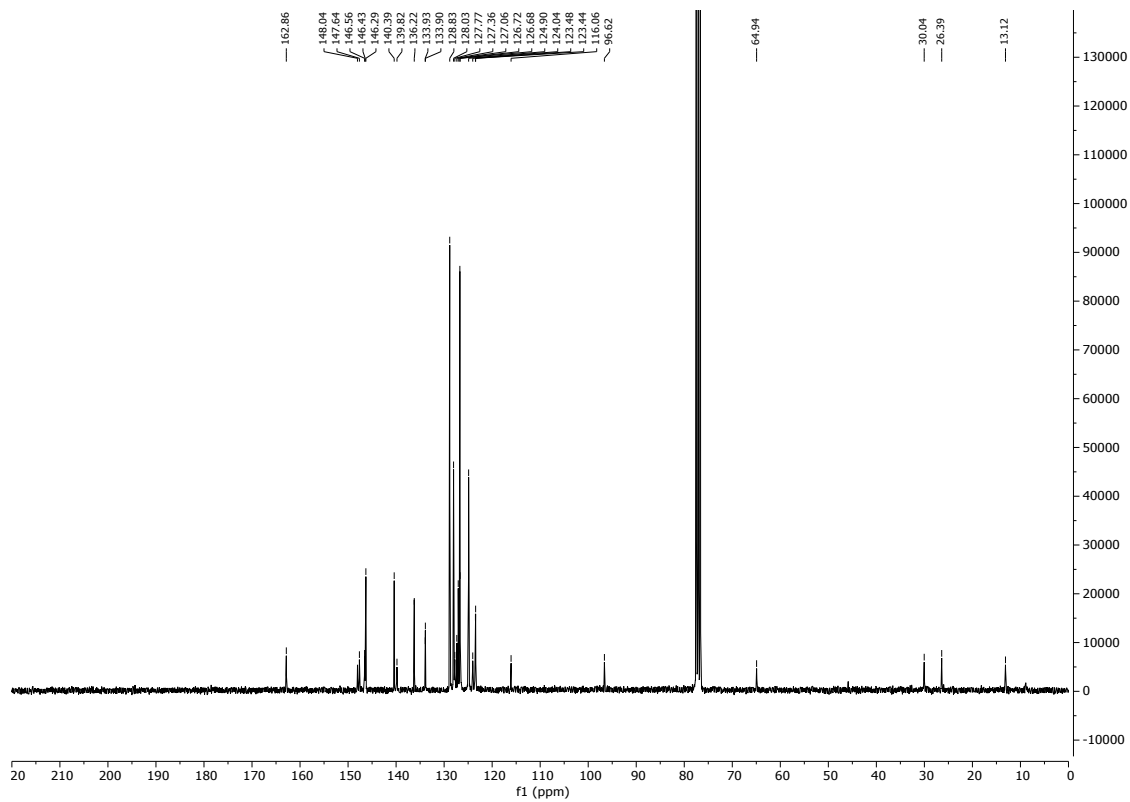
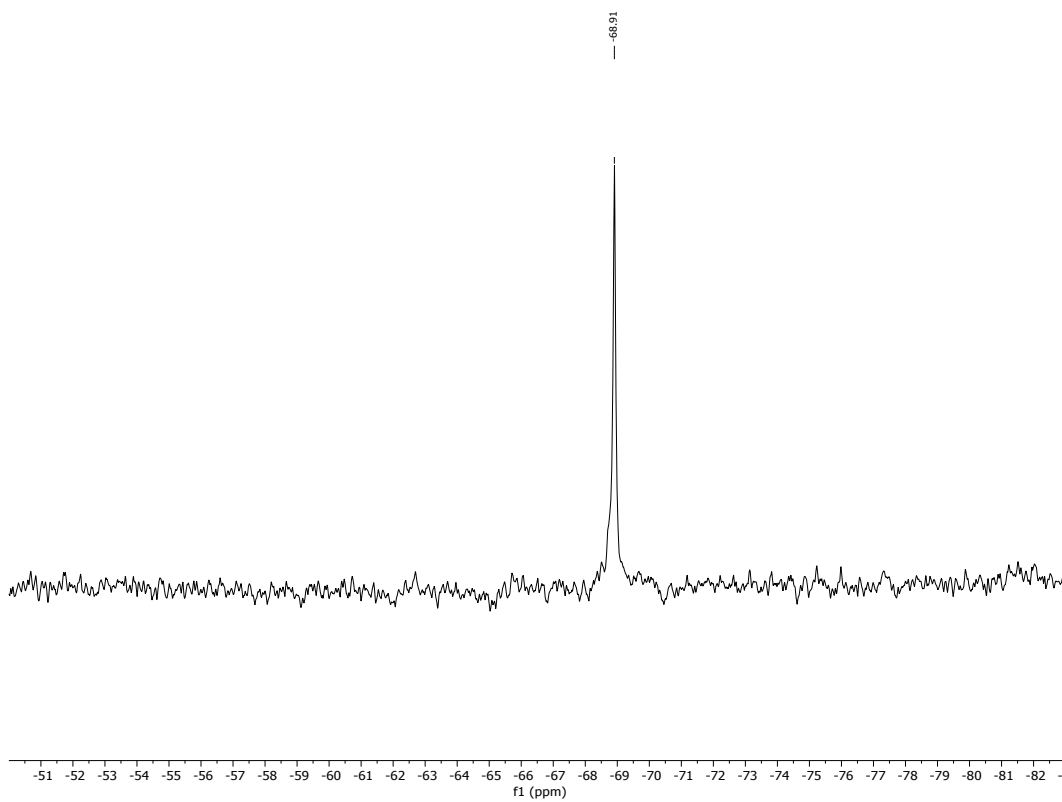


Figure S4.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz) spectrum of EA-POSS recorded at 20 °C.



**Figure S5.**  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz) spectrum of EA-POSS recorded at 20 °C.



**Figure S6.**  $^{29}\text{Si}\{^1\text{H}\}$ -NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 59.6 MHz) spectrum of EA-POSS recorded at 20 °C.

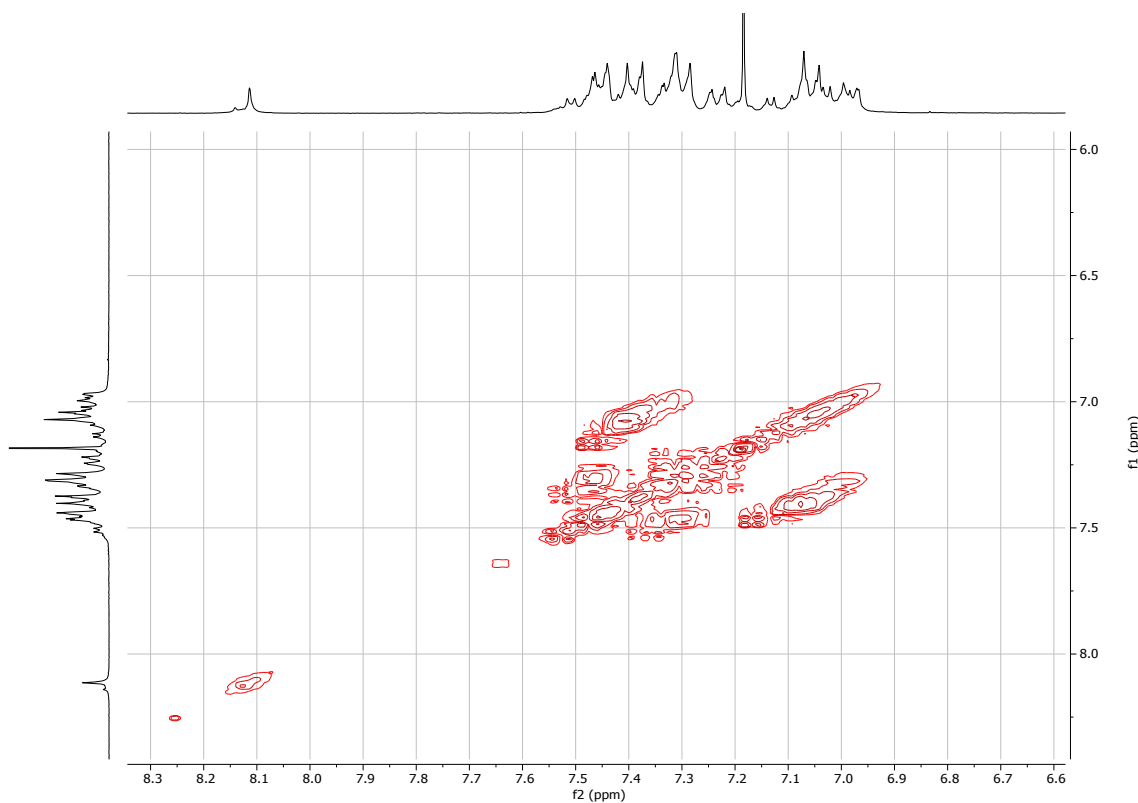


Figure S7. 2D-COSY ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz) aromatic zoom of **EA-POSS** recorded at 20 °C.

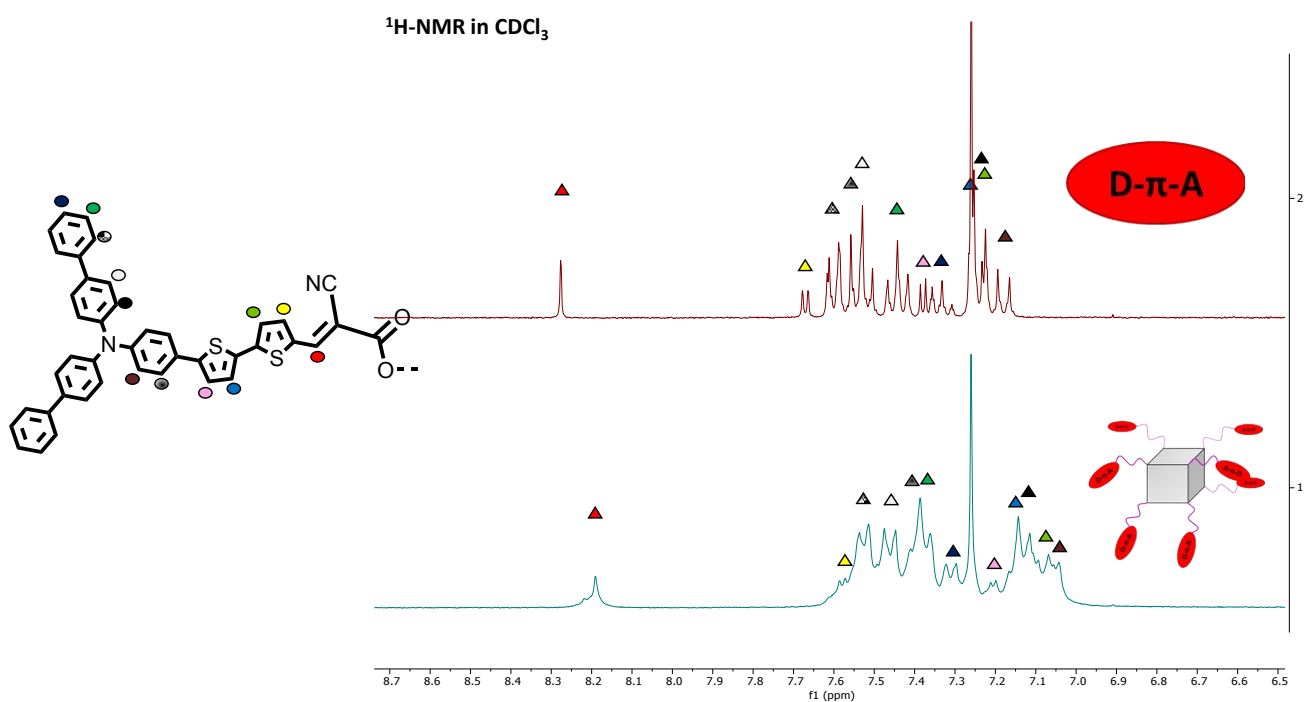


Figure S8.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  aromatic comparison and signal assignment of monomer **EA-M** (top) and octamer **EA-POSS** (bottom).

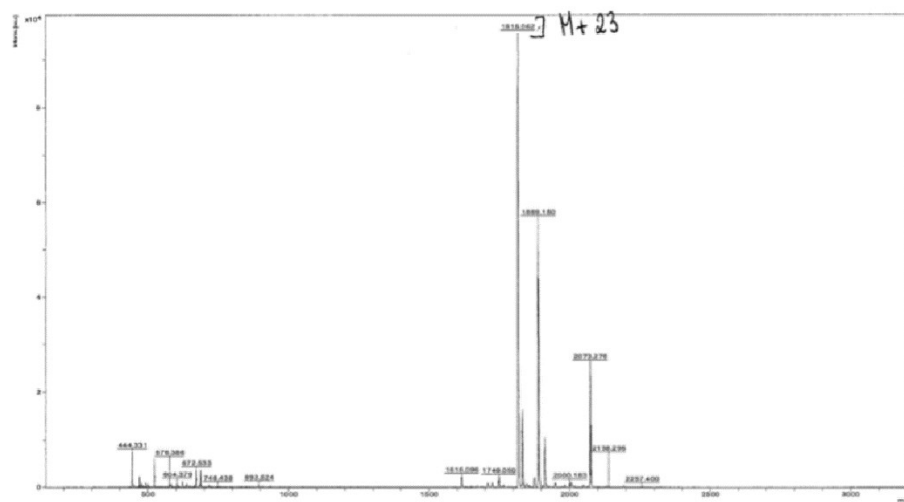
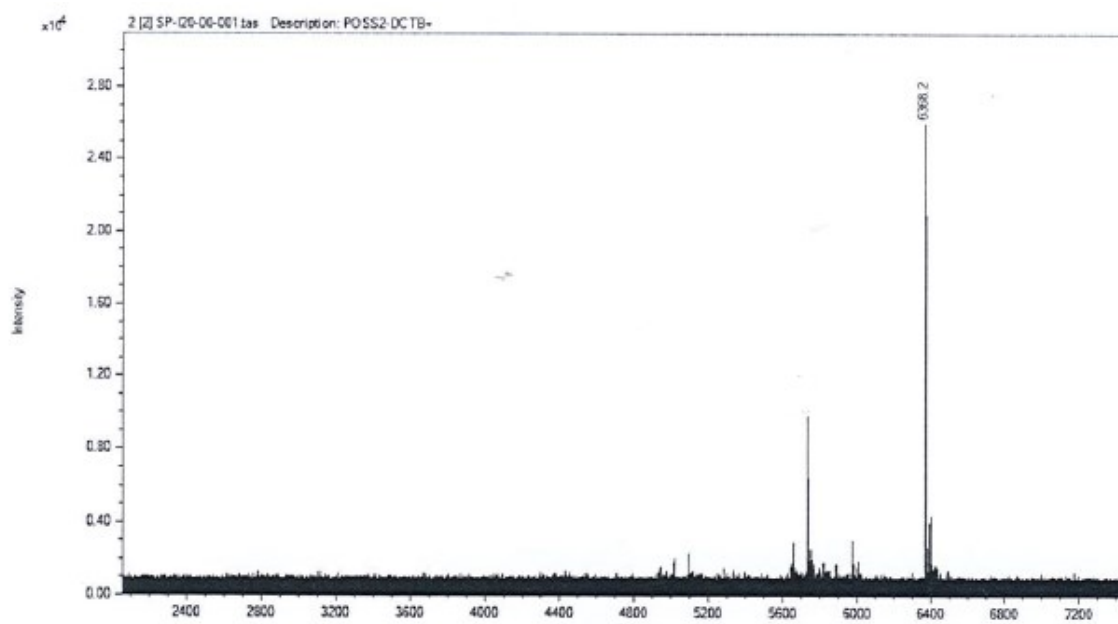
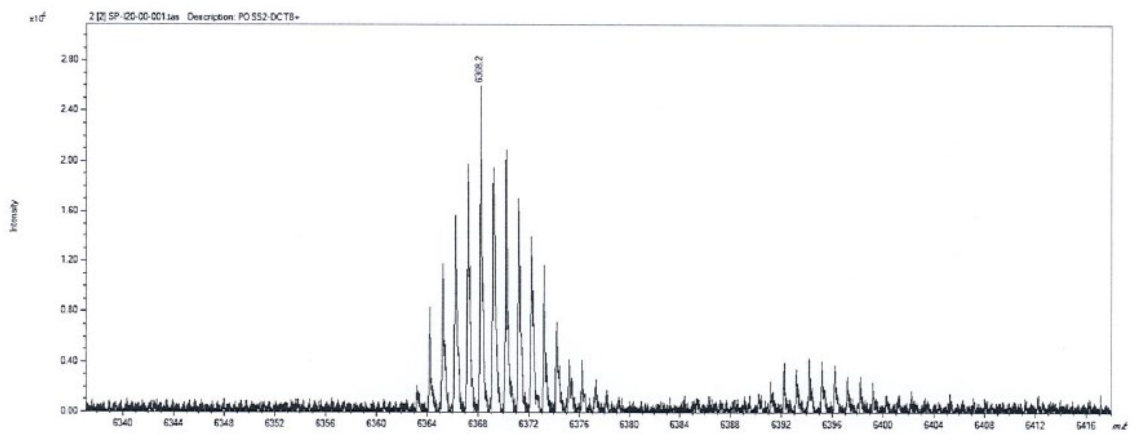


Figure S9. MALDI-TOF MS (DCTB+) of 3.





**Figure S10.** MALDI-TOF MS (DCTB+) of EA-POSS.

## IR spectra

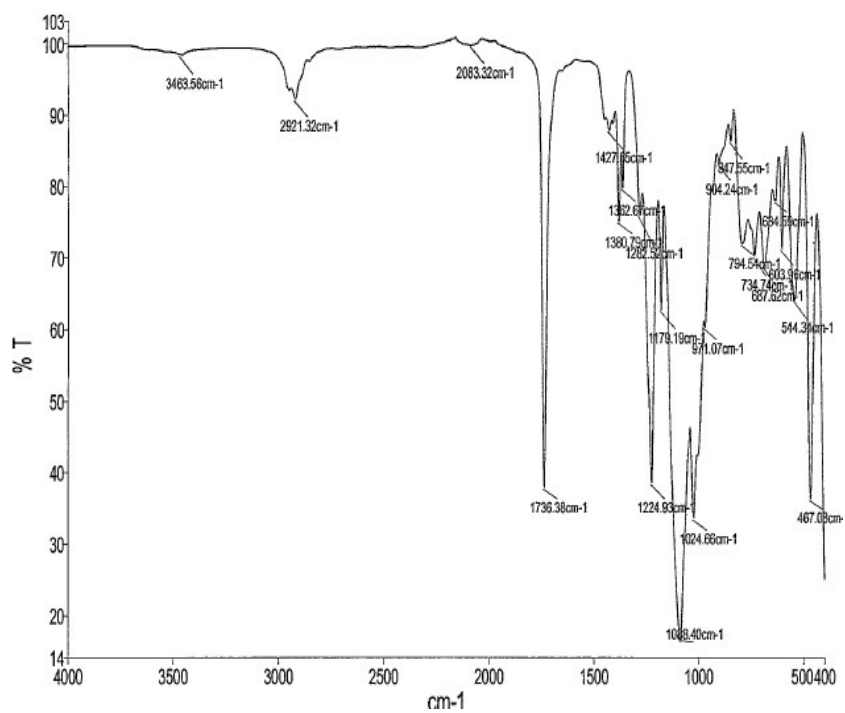
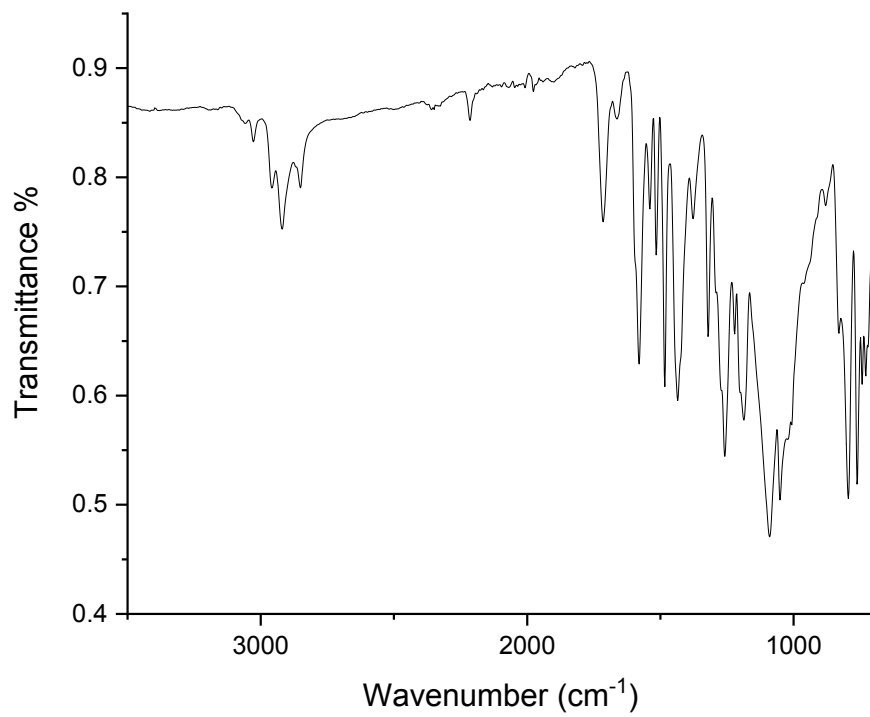


Figure S11. IR spectrum of 3.



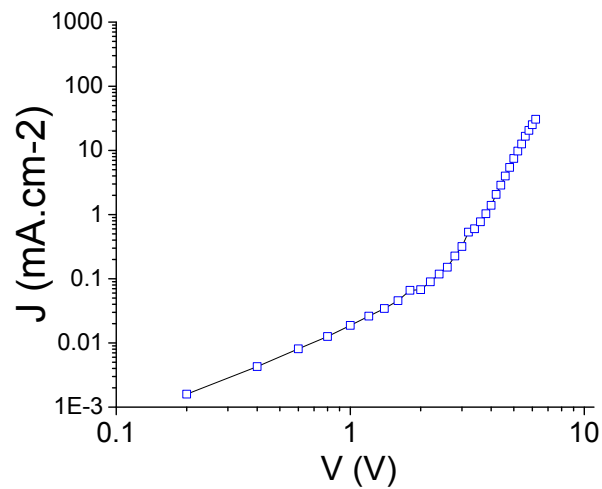
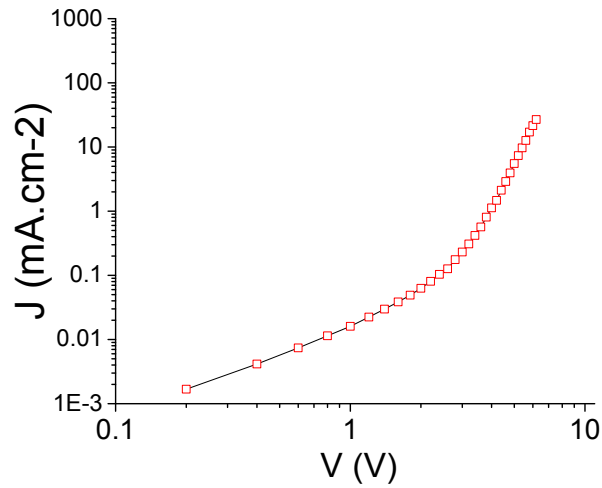


**Figure S12.** IR spectrum of neat **EA-POSS**.

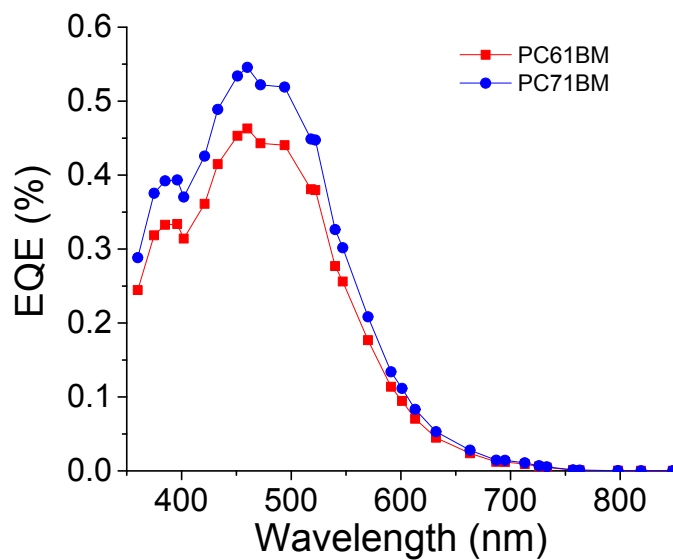
**Table S1.** Photovoltaic characteristics of the BHJ cells based on PC<sub>61</sub>BM blended with EA-POSS. Measurements performed under an AM. 1.5 simulated solar illumination (100 mW.cm<sup>-2</sup>). Averages values and standard deviation collected on 6 devices in parentheses.

Compound	D:A Ratio (w:w)	Voc (V)	Jsc (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF (%)	PCE (%)
PC <sub>61</sub> BM	1:1	0.92 (0.91±0.02)	3.70 (3.62±0.21)	35.63 (35.89±0.84)	1.21 (1.17±0.04)
	1:2	0.95 (0.93±0.03)	4.11 (4.17±0.13)	36.67 (35.86±1.46)	1.44 (1.38±0.04)
	1:3	0.88 (0.86±0.05)	3.50 (3.34±0.20)	36.54 (36.60±1.20)	1.13 (1.05±0.06)
PC <sub>71</sub> BM	1:1	0.93 (0.94±0.02)	5.34 (5.24±0.11)	36.21 (35.35±0.95)	1.80 (1.73±0.07)
	1:2	0.96 (0.95±0.01)	7.21 (7.09±0.12)	36.05 (35.45±0.51)	2.50 (2.39±0.07)
	1:3	0.95 (0.95±0.01)	5.01 (4.70±0.31)	36.01 (35.10±0.76)	1.71 (1.56±0.13)

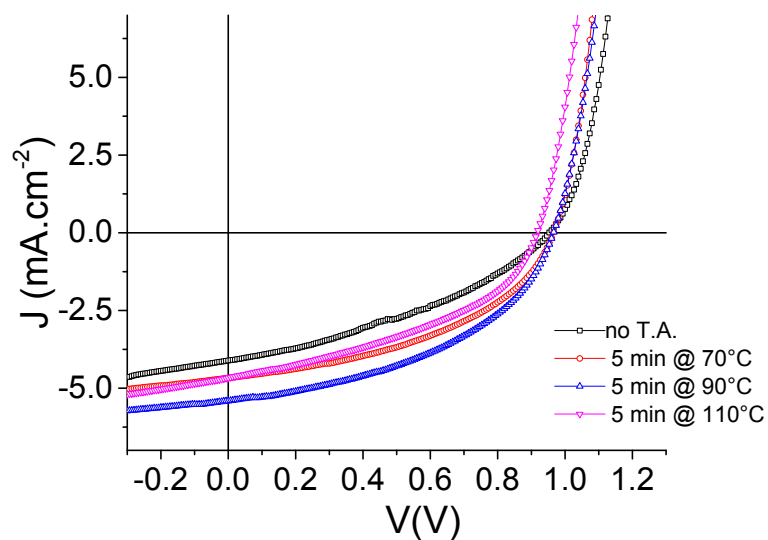
### Device Fabrication and Characterization



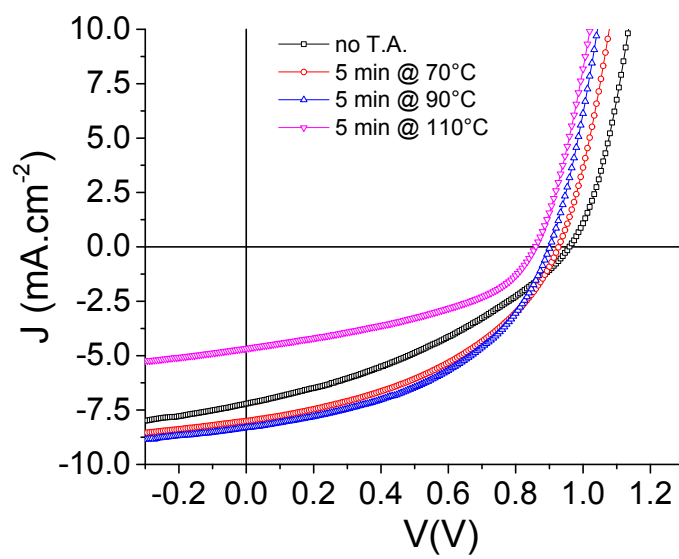
**Figure S13.** J–V characteristics of hole only devices ITO/PEDOT:PSS/ EA-POSS:PC<sub>61</sub>BM (red) or EA-POSS:PC<sub>71</sub>BM (blue)/Au.



**Figure S14** External quantum efficiency spectra of the best working solar cells (1:2 D:A ratio)



**Figure S15.** Effect of a thermal treatment on a PC<sub>61</sub>BM based solar cell (D:A = 1:2)



**Figure S16.** Effect of a thermal treatment on a **PC<sub>71</sub>BM** based solar cell (D:A = 1:2)