

Electronic Supplementary Information

for

Chiral Tetracoordinate Organoboranes Based on Double B←N Bridged Bipyridine with Circularly Polarized Luminescence

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1. High-resolution mass spectra

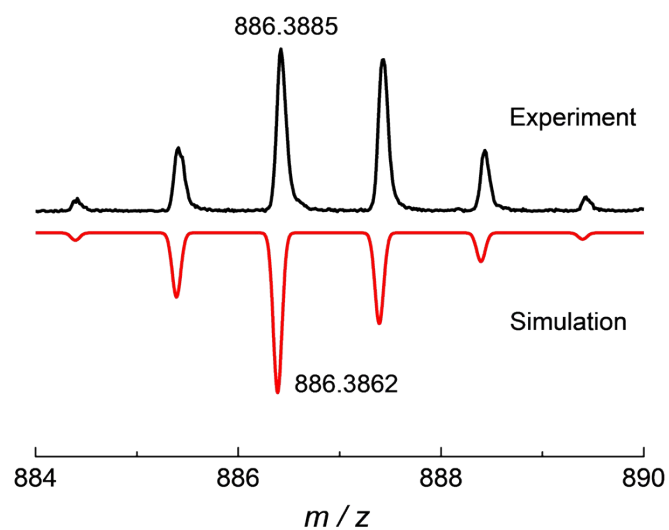


Fig. S1. High-resolution MALDI-TOF MS spectrum of **(*R,R*)-1**.

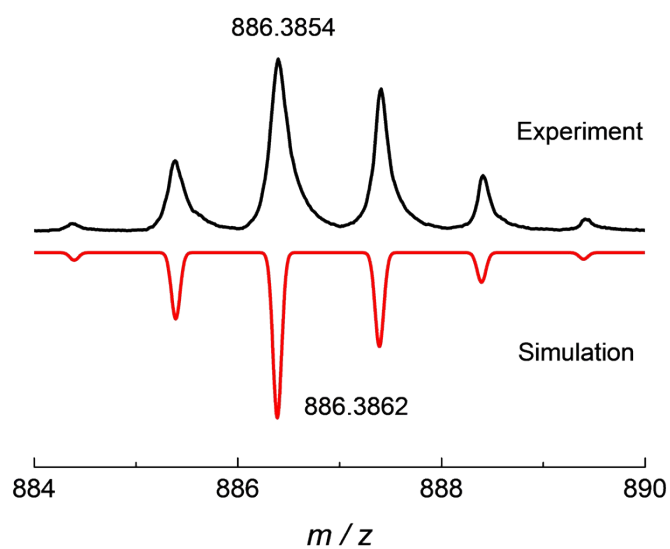


Fig. S2. High-resolution MALDI-TOF MS spectrum of **(*S,S*)-1**.

2. Thermal properties

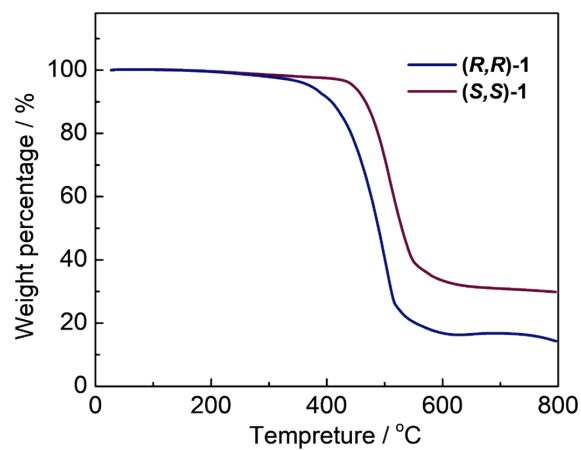


Fig. S3. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) curves of **(*R,R*)-1** and **(*S,S*)-1**.

3. Photophysical properties

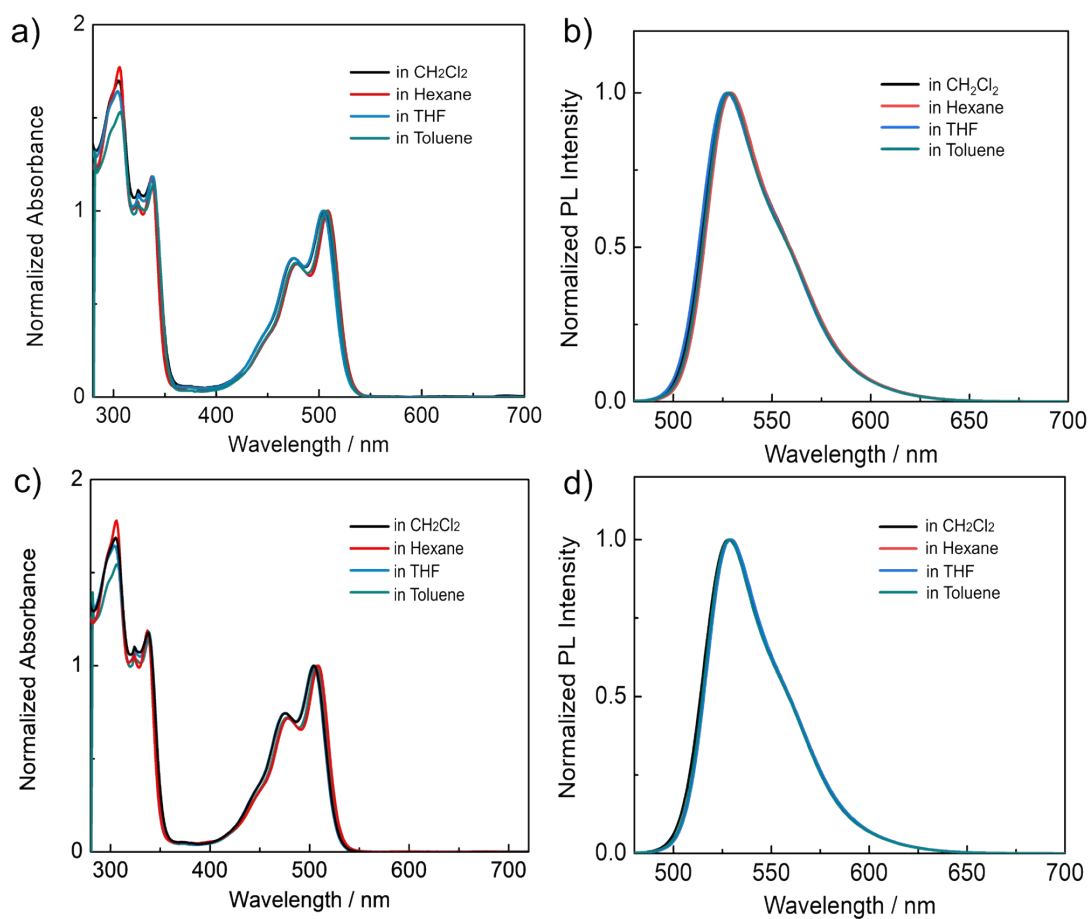


Fig. S4. UV/Vis absorption and fluorescence ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 460 \text{ nm}$) spectra of a), b) **(*R,R*)-1** and c), d) **(*S,S*)-1** in various solvents.

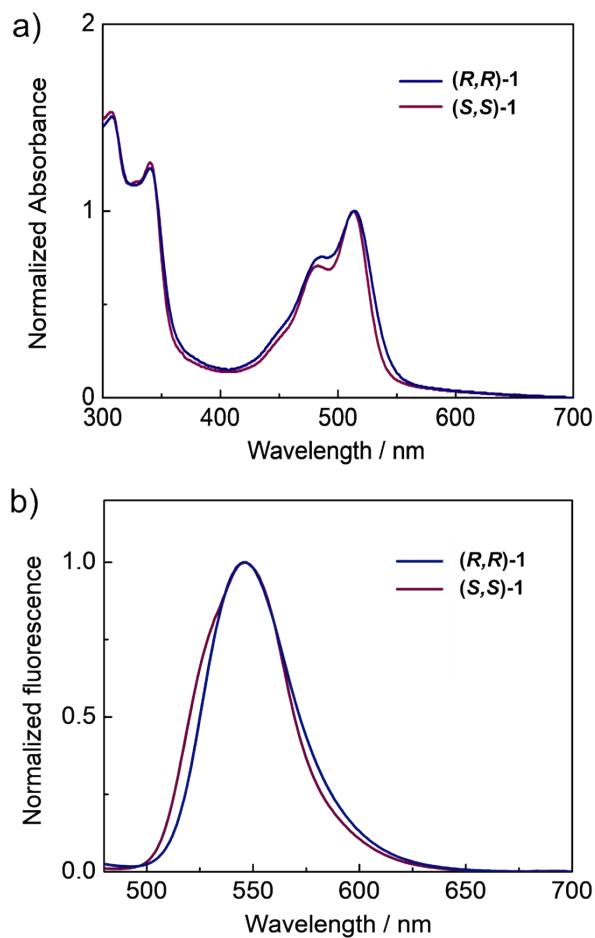


Fig. S5. a) UV/Vis absorption and b) fluorescence ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 460$ nm) spectra of **(R,R)-1** and **(S,S)-1** in thin films.

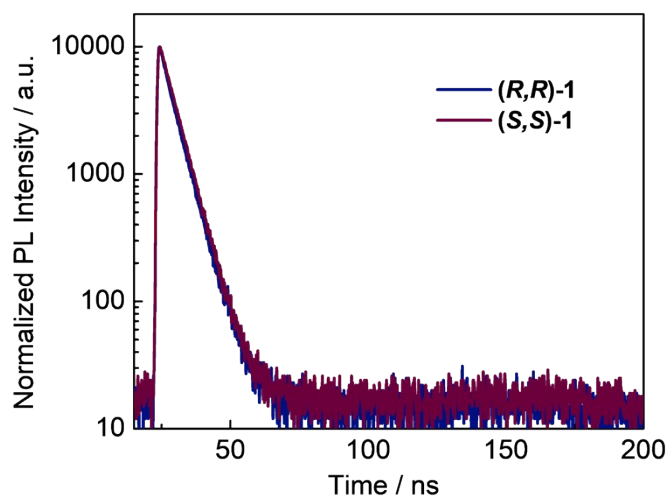


Fig. S6. Transient photoluminescence decay spectra of **(R,R)-1** and **(S,S)-1** in thin films. Both of them display the nanosecond-scaled lifetimes of 9.3 ns. There are no delayed components, indicating that **(R,R)-1** and **(S,S)-1** are typical fluorescent materials.

Table S1. Absorption and fluorescence properties, as well as the calculated energy levels of **(R,R)-1**, **(S,S)-1** and **2**.

Compd	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}^{[a]}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{F}}^{[a]}$ (nm)	$\phi_{\text{F}}^{[a]}$	$E_{\text{LUMO}}^{[c]}$ (eV)	$E_{\text{HOMO}}^{[c]}$ (eV)
(R,R)-1	504, 474	527	0.94	−2.49	−5.38
(S,S)-1	504, 474	529	0.94	−2.56	−5.41
2	501, 471 ^[b]	528 ^[b]	0.98 ^[b]	−2.75	−5.74

^[a]Measured in THF solution. ^[b]Measured in CHCl₃ solution. ^[c]DFT calculation at the B3LYP/6-311G(d) level of theory.

The fluorescence bands and long-wavelength absorption bands of **(R,R)-1** and **(S,S)-1**, as well as their fluorescence quantum yields in solution are very comparable to that of compound **2**. These results suggest that the BNPB skeleton significantly contributes to the optical properties of **(R,R)-1** and **(S,S)-1**. On the other hand, the LUMO and HOMO energy levels of **(R,R)-1** and **(S,S)-1** are higher than that of compound **2** by 0.2–0.3 eV, indicating the electron-donating effects of the BINOL groups.

4. Chiroptical properties

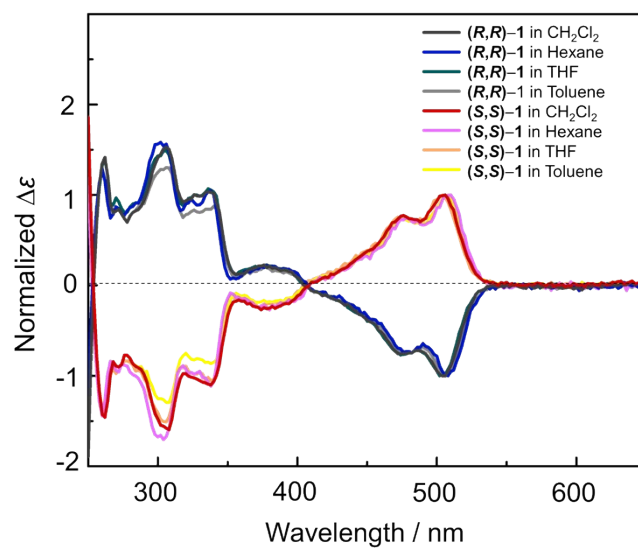


Fig. S7. Circular dichroism (CD) spectra of (R,R) -1 and (S,S) -1 in various solvents.

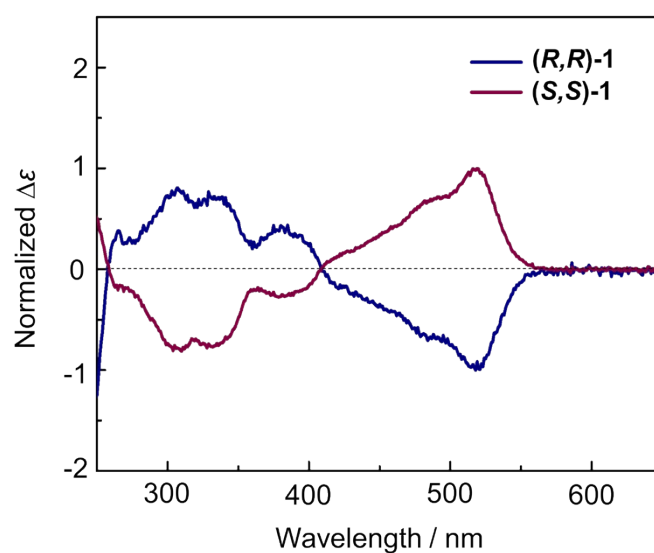


Fig. S8. Circular dichroism (CD) spectra of (R,R) -1 and (S,S) -1 in thin films.

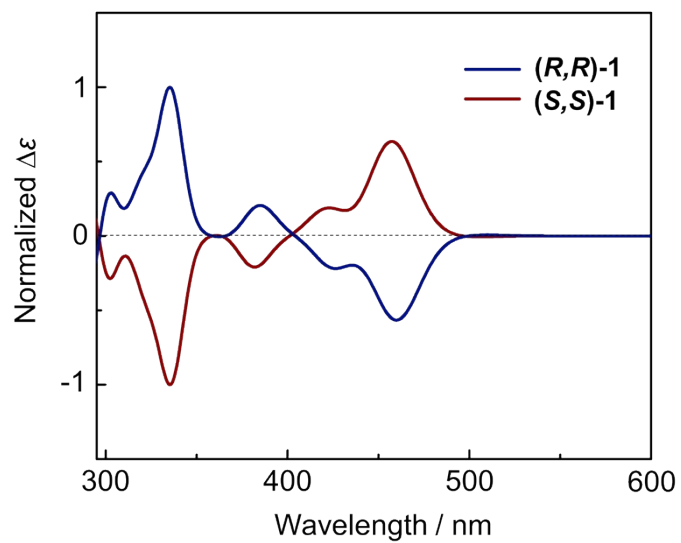


Fig. S9. Calculated circular dichroism (CD) spectra of **(*R,R*)-1** and **(*S,S*)-1**.

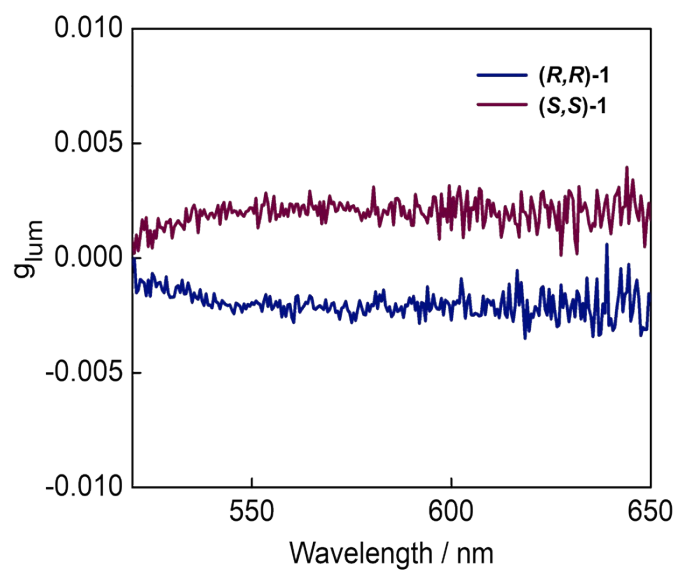


Fig. S10. The g_{lum} values of **(*R,R*)-1** and **(*S,S*)-1** in THF as a function of the emission wavelength.

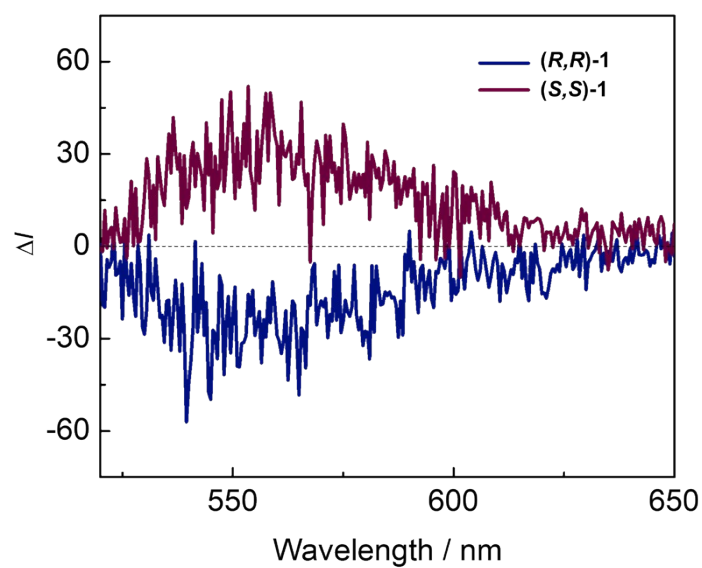


Fig. S11. Circularly polarized luminescence spectra of **(R,R)-1** and **(S,S)-1** in thin films.

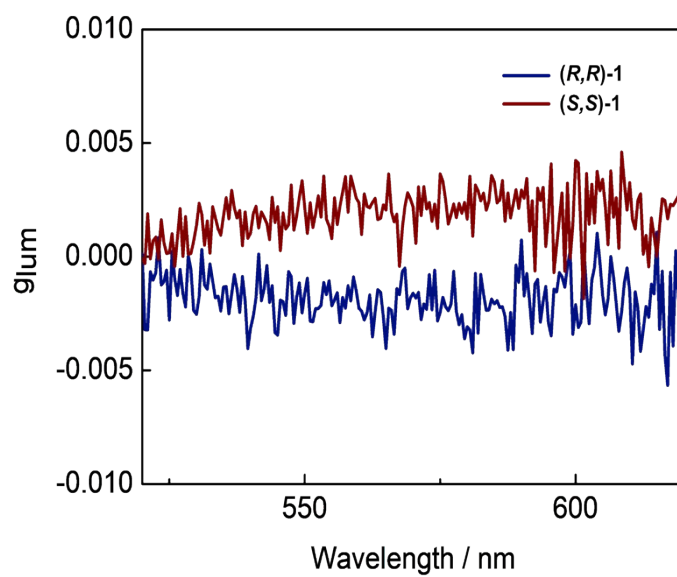


Fig. S12. The g_{lum} values of **(R,R)-1** and **(S,S)-1** in thin films as a function of the emission wavelength.

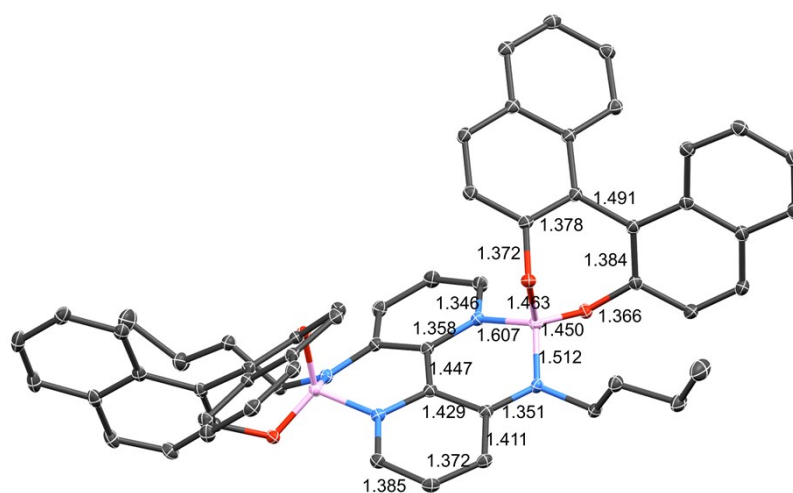
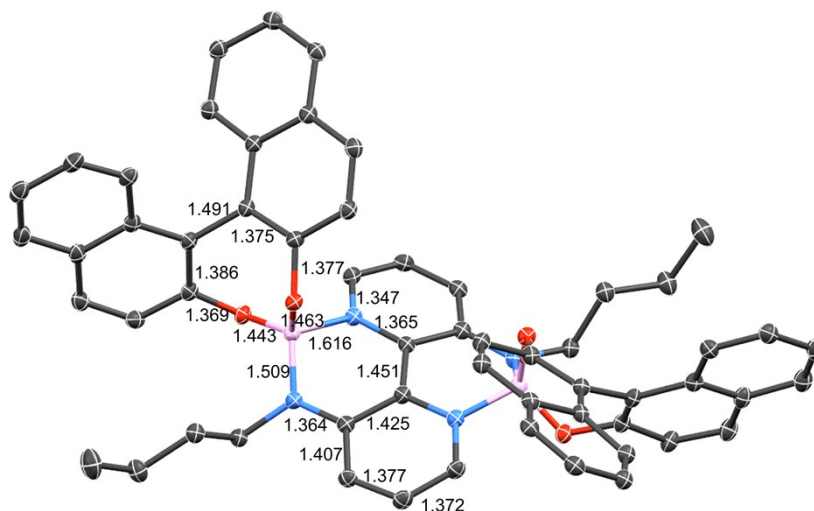
5. X-ray crystallographic analysis

Single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected on a Rigaku RAXIS-PRID diffractometer with graphite monochromator Mo·K α radiation. The structures were solved using the SHELXTL-97 and refined by the full-matrix least-squares on F^2 (SHELXL-97). CCDC of 2124951 and 2124961 of **(R,R)-1** and **(S,S)-1** contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper, respectively. The data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures/.

X-ray crystallographic analysis of (R,R)-1. The single crystals of **(R,R)-1** and **(S,S)-1** suitable for XRD analysis were grown by slow diffusion of CH₃OH into their CH₂Cl₂ solutions.

The crystal data of **(R,R)-1** are as follows: C₅₈H₄₈B₂N₄O₄; FW = 886.62, Orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$, $a = 10.1907(3)$ Å, $b = 13.7025(5)$ Å, $c = 33.1501(11)$, $\alpha = 90^\circ$, $\beta = 90^\circ$, $\gamma = 90^\circ$, $V = 4629.0(3)$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $D_{\text{calcd}} = 1.272$ g cm⁻³, $R1 = 0.0469$ ($I > 2\sigma(I)$), $wR2 = 0.1181$ (all data), GOF = 1.077.

The crystal data of **(S,S)-1** are as follows: C₅₈H₄₈B₂N₄O₄; FW = 886.62, Orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$, $a = 10.1845(4)$ Å, $b = 13.6915(5)$ Å, $c = 33.1377(11)$, $\alpha = 90^\circ$, $\beta = 90^\circ$, $\gamma = 90^\circ$, $V = 4620.8(3)$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $D_{\text{calcd}} = 1.274$ g cm⁻³, $R1 = 0.0271$ ($I > 2\sigma(I)$), $wR2 = 0.0675$ (all data), GOF = 1.051.



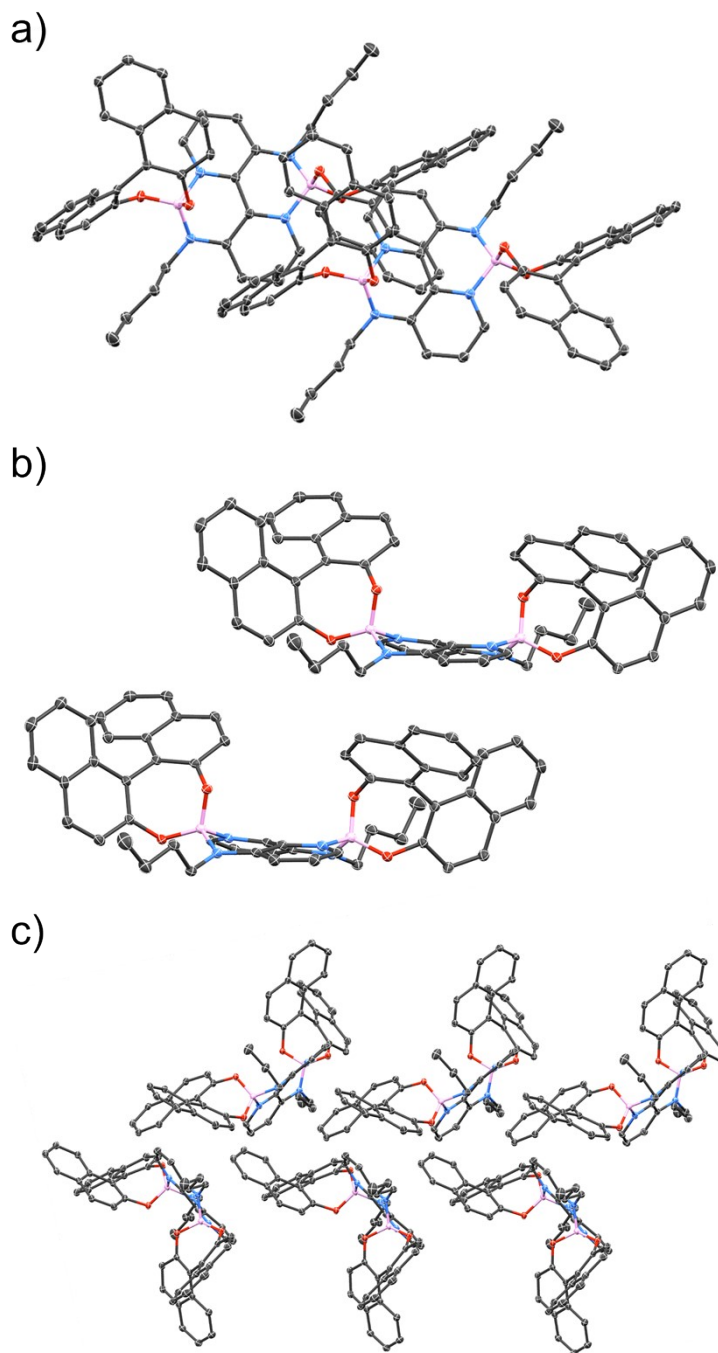


Fig. S15. a)–c) Packing structure of **(*R,R*)-1** in the crystalline state. Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity.

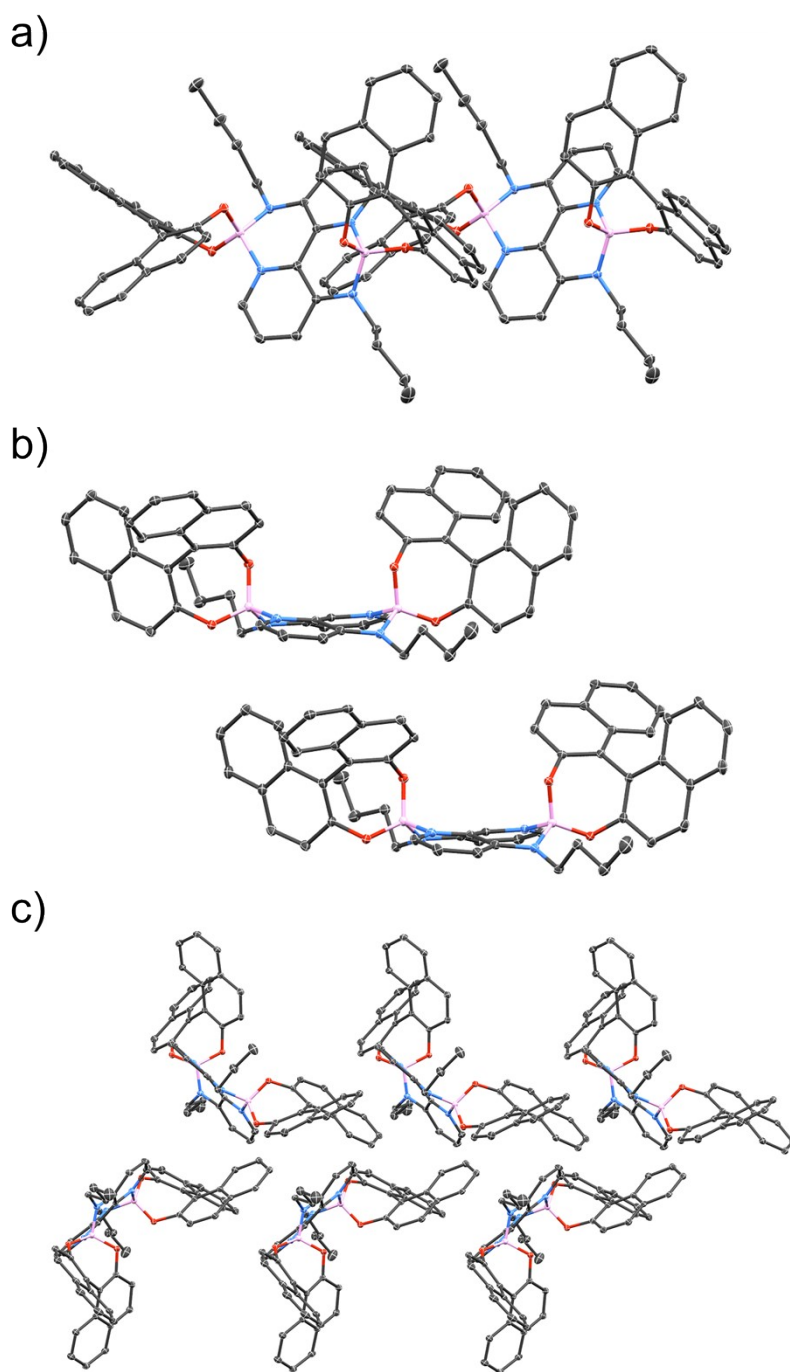


Fig. S16. a)–c) Packing structure of **(*S,S*)-1** in the crystalline state. Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity.

6. Geometry optimizations and time-dependent DFT calculations

All calculations were carried out using the Gaussian 09 program.¹ Density functional theory (DFT) calculation was performed on (*R,R*)-**1** and (*S,S*)-**1** at the B3LYP/6-311G(d) level of theory to obtain the optimized structure and molecular orbitals. Time-dependent DFT (TD-DFT) calculation was performed on (*R,R*)-**1** and (*S,S*)-**1** at the same level of theory to assign the absorption bands observed in the UV/Vis spectrum.

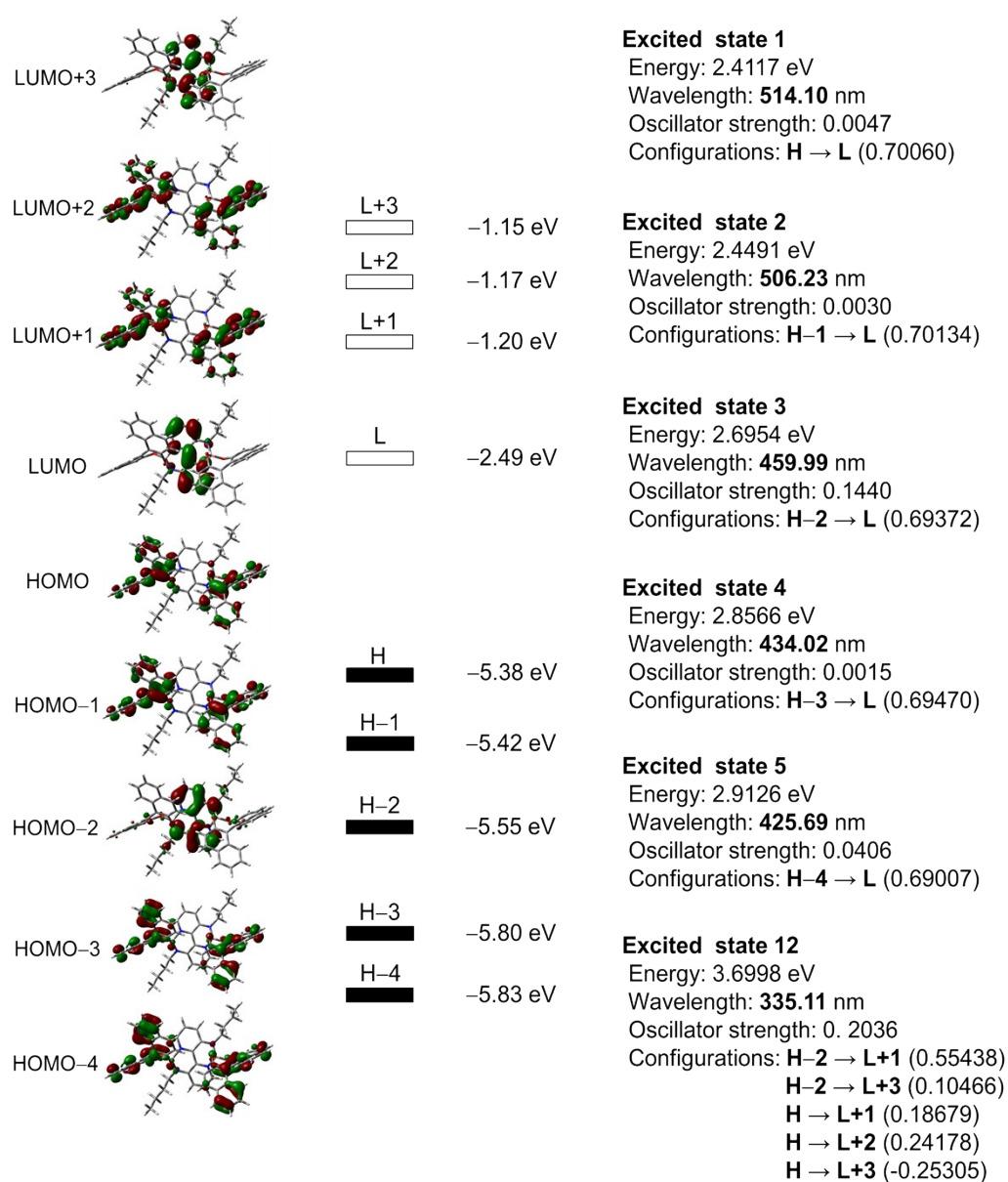


Fig. S17. The molecular orbitals, energy levels, excitation energies and oscillator strengths of (*R,R*)-**1**, based on the TD-DFT (UB3LYP/6-311G(d)) calculation.

Table S1. Coordinates of the optimized structure for (*R,R*)-**1** at the B3LYP/6-311G(d)

level.

Atom	x	y	z
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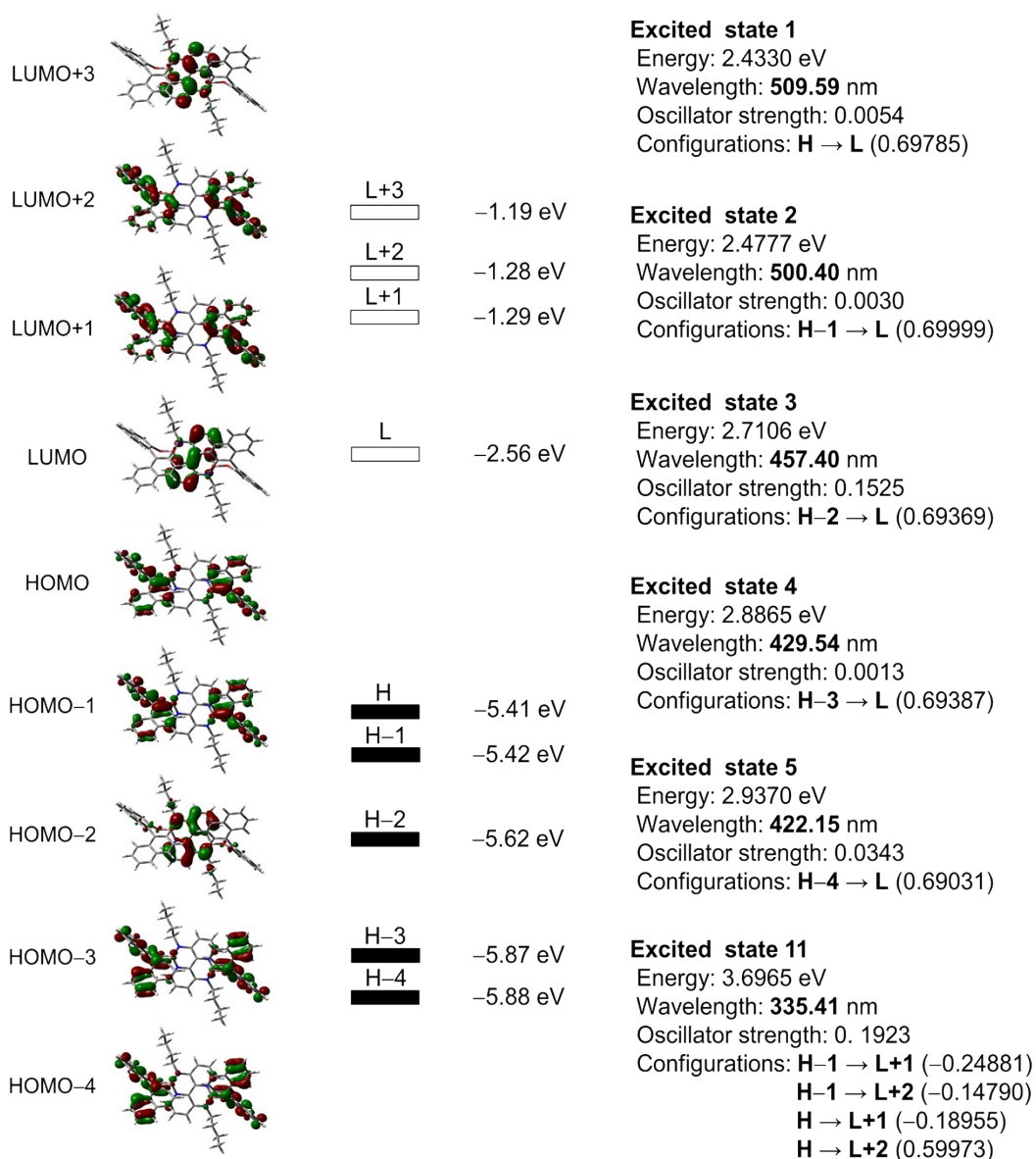


Fig. S18. The molecular orbitals, energy levels, excitation energies and oscillator strengths of **(S,S)-1**, based on the TD-DFT (UB3LYP/6-311G(d)) calculation.

Table S2. Coordinates of the optimized structure for **(S,S)-1** at the B3LYP/6-311G(d) level.

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7. ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra

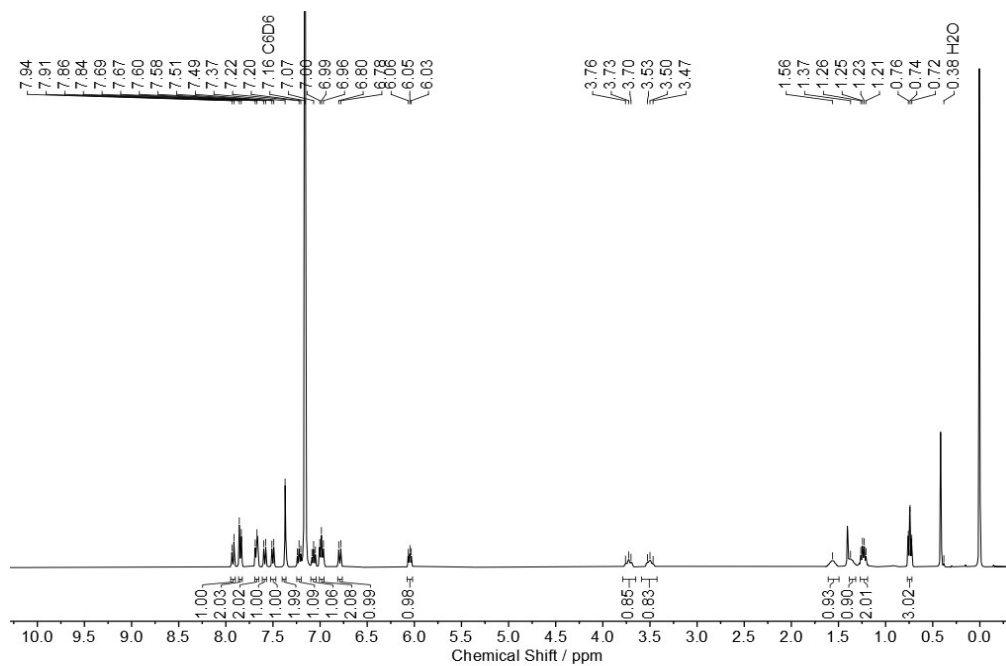


Fig. S19. ¹H NMR spectrum of (*R,R*)-1 in C₆D₆.

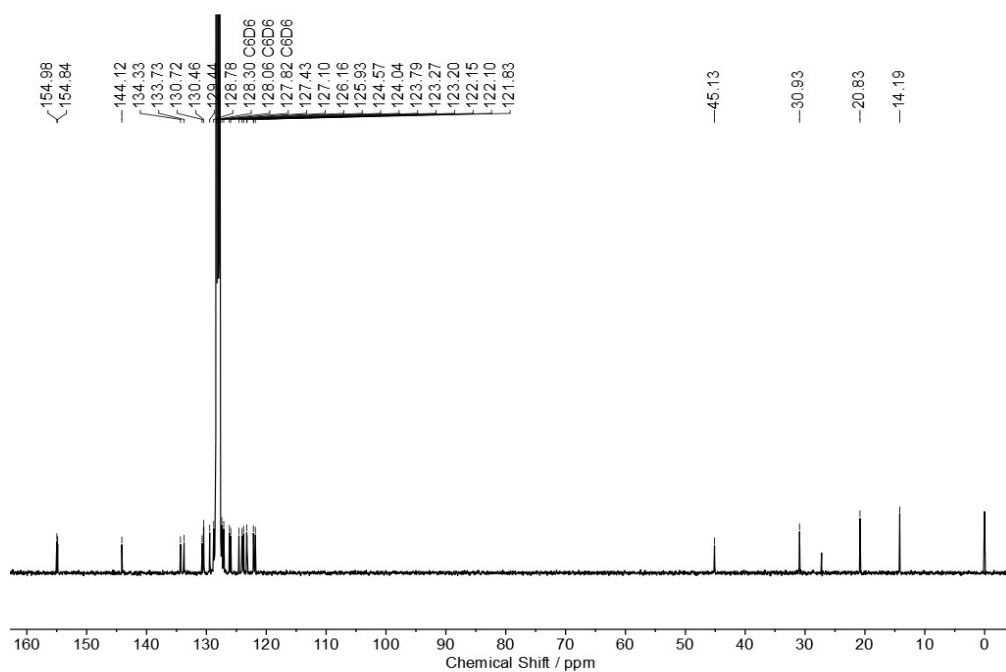


Fig. S20. ¹³C NMR spectrum of (*R,R*)-1 in C₆D₆.

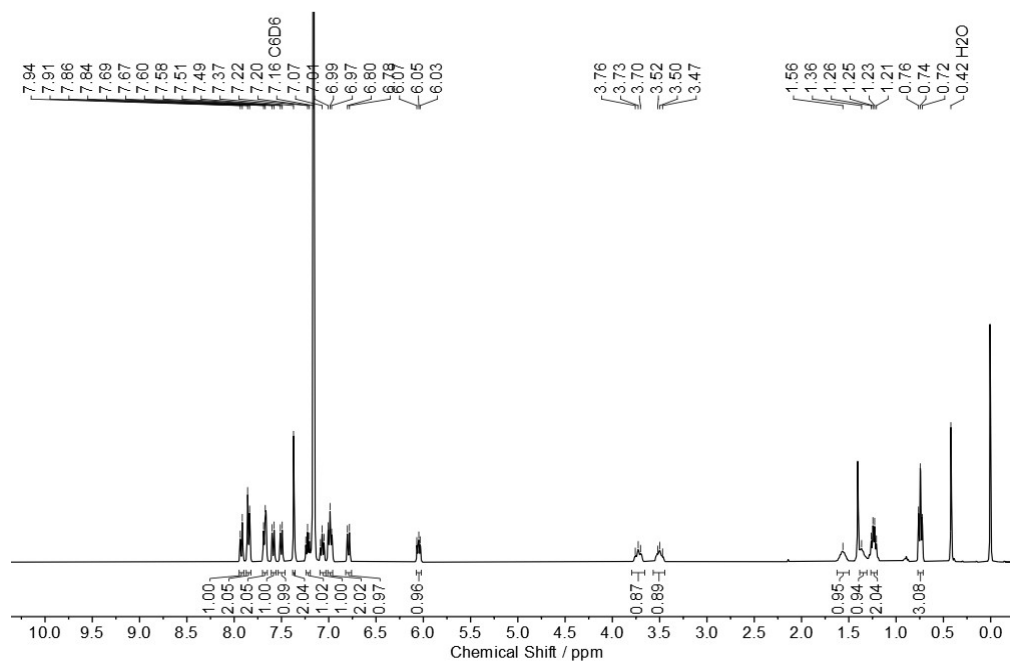


Fig. S21. ^1H NMR spectrum of (*S,S*)-**1** in C_6D_6 .

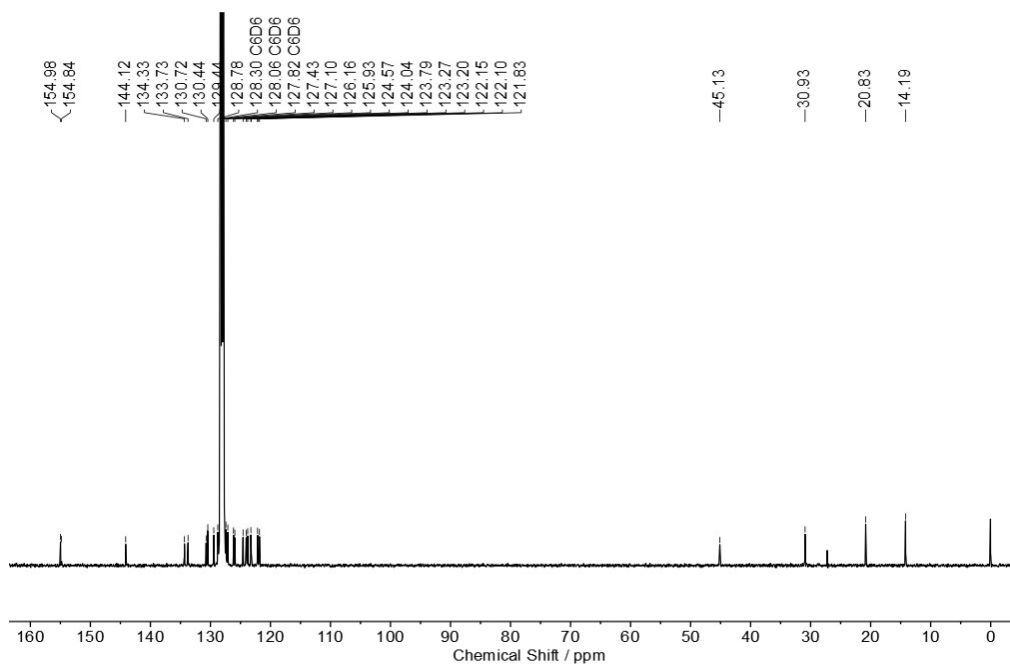


Fig. S22. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of (*S,S*)-**1** in C_6D_6 .

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