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meta-Terphenyl Linked Donor–π–Acceptor Dyads: Intramolecular Charge Transfer Controlled by Electron Acceptor Group Tuning

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Figure S1. ¹H-NMR spectrum of Cya in CDCl₃ (500MHz, 293K)



Figure S2. ¹³C{¹H}-NMR spectrum of **Cya** in CDCl₃ (125MHz, 293K)



Figure S3. ¹H-NMR spectrum of **Oxa** in CDCl₃ (500MHz, 293K)



Figure S4. ¹³C{¹H}-NMR spectrum of **Oxa** in CDCl₃ (125MHz, 293K)



Figure S5. ¹H-NMR spectrum of Thia in CDCl₃ (500MHz, 293K)



Figure S6. ¹³C{¹H}-NMR spectrum of **Thia** in CDCl₃ (125MHz, 293K)



Figure S7. ¹H-NMR spectrum of Tria in CDCl₃ (500MHz, 293K)



Figure S8. ¹³C{¹H}-NMR spectrum of **Tria** in CDCl₃ (125MHz, 293K)









Figure S9. GC-MS data of Cya–Tria.



Figure S10. ORTEP drawings of **Tria**. Ellipsoid contour percent probability level is 50%. The white, gray, and blue color refer to H, C, and N atoms.

| Comp. | Tria | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Empirical formula | $C_{45} H_{32} N_4$ | | |
| Formula weight | 628.74 | | |
| Temperature | 223(2) K | | |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 Å | | |
| Crystal system | Triclinic | | |
| Space group | P-1 | | |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 9.945(6) Å | $\alpha = 91.599(15)^{\circ}.$ | |
| | b = 18.098(8) Å | $\beta = 94.106(17)^{\circ}.$ | |
| | c = 18.778(10) Å | $\gamma = 104.334(16)^{\circ}$. | |
| Volume | 3263(3) Å ³ | | |
| Z | 4 | | |
| Density (calculated) | 1.280 Mg/m ³ | | |
| Absorption coefficient | 0.076 mm ⁻¹ | | |
| F(000) | 1320 | | |
| Crystal size | 0.211 x 0.140 x 0.048 mm ² | 3 | |
| Theta range for data collection | 2.121 to 26.000°. | | |
| Index ranges | -12<=h<=12, -22<=k<=22, | , -23<=1<=23 | |
| Reflections collected | 79354 | | |
| Independent reflections | 12825 [R(int) = 0.1893] | | |
| Completeness to theta = 25.242° | 100.0 % | | |
| Absorption correction | Semi-empirical from equiv | alents | |
| Max. and min. transmission | 0.7457 and 0.5900 | | |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares of | n F ² | |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 12825 / 0 / 883 | | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.062 | | |
| Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] | R1 = 0.0725, $wR2 = 0.1612$ | | |
| R indices (all data) | R1 = 0.2074, wR2 = 0.2514 | | |
| Extinction coefficient | n/a | | |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.266 and -0.262 e.Å ⁻³ | | |

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for Tria



Figure S11. UV-vis absorption (left) and emission (right) spectra of triphenylamine (TPA), and all dyads in dichloromethane solution.



Figure S12. UV-vis absorption (left) and emission (right) spectra of Cya-Tria in the solid state.



Figure S13. Fluorescence lifetimes ($^{\tau_{em}}$) of Cya–Tria in dichloromethane solution at RT.



Figure S14. UV-vis absorption spectra of **Cya–Tria** in various solvents at room temperature. UV-vis absorption and emission spectra of **Cya–Tria** in the acetic acid solution.

| dyads | Solvents | λ_{max} abs (nm) | $\lambda_{max} em (nm)$ | Stokes shift (cm ⁻¹) |
|-------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Cya | <i>n</i> -Hexane | 333 | 377 | 3505 |
| | Toluene | 333 | 409 | 5580 |
| | Ether | 328 | 434 | 7446 |
| | THF | 328 | 363, 482 | 9741 |
| | DCM | 329 | 506 | 10632 |
| | ACN | 325 | 360, 567 | 13132 |
| Oxa | <i>n</i> -Hexane | 314, 335 | 373 | 3041 |
| | Toluene | 318, 338 | 413 | 5373 |
| | Ether | 315, 336 | 361, 444 | 7239 |
| | THF | 318, 338 | 366, 494 | 9343 |
| | DCM | 318, 338 | 368, 517 | 10243 |
| | ACN | 316, 337 | 365, 596 | 12895 |
| Thia | <i>n</i> -Hexane | 329, 345 | 374 | 2248 |
| | Toluene | 332, 346 | 423 | 5261 |
| | Ether | 328, 343 | 456 | 7225 |
| | THF | 331, 346 | 369, 513 | 9408 |
| | DCM | 331, 346 | 375, 541 | 10417 |
| | ACN | 329, 345 | 365, 630 | 13112 |
| Tria | <i>n</i> -Hexane | 307, 327 | 340, 391 | 5006 |
| | Toluene | 310, 335 | 343, 450 | 7628 |
| | Ether | 306, 329 | 389, 491 | 10028 |
| | THF | 309, 332 | 404, 559 | 12231 |
| | DCM | 309, 330 | 405, 591 | 13382 |
| | ACN | 306, 333 | 350, 427, 722 | 16180 |

Table S2. Spectroscopic parameters of Cya–Tria in various solvents



Figure S15. Lippert-Mataga plots for Cya–Tria.

Table S3. Dipole moment values of Cya-Tria in the ground and excited states

| Dyads | $\Delta \mu$ | μ_g | μ_e |
|-------|--------------|---------|---------|
| Cya | 34.49 D | 5.92 D | 40.41 D |
| Oxa | 59.71 D | 1.98 D | 61.69 D |
| Thia | 64.21 D | 1.52 D | 65.73 D |
| Tria | 72.45 D | 0.94 D | 73.39 D |

DFT/TD-DFT Calculation Details

All the calculations were performed on the platform of the Gaussian 16 package.¹ The ground-state geometry of all dyads has been optimized at the density function theory (DFT) level. Full geometry optimizations in their ground state were performed using the B3LYP functional²⁻⁵ and the 6-31G^{6,7} basis set for all atoms. No charge and no symmetry constraints were applied during the geometry optimizations. The nature of the stationary points located was further checked by computations of harmonic vibrational frequencies at the same level of theory. As well as, all of the Cartesian coordinates for optimized structure of all dyads are also summarized in Table S5–S8. The Isodensity plots (isodensity contour = 0.045 a.u.) of the selected frontier orbitals (HOMO-3, HOMO-2, HOMO-1, HOMO, LUMO, LUMO+1, LUMO+2, LUMO+3) were visualized by Chem3D Ultra and GaussView 5.0 program (Figure S16–S19). The excitation energies and oscillator strengths for the lowest 100 singlet–singlet transitions at the optimized geometry in the ground state were obtained in TD-DFT calculations using the same basis set and functional as for the ground state. The simulated absorption spectra were obtained by the GaussSum program based on TD-DFT results (Figure S20–S23). To reduce the meaningless features, only 20 singlet–singlet transitions are summarized in Table S9–S12.

| Fntry | Number of imaginary | Total energies (Eh) | Ground state dipole moment |
|---------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Liiti y | nequeneies | (Hartices) | (neu-maependent basis, Debye) |
| Cya | 0 | -1304.09131610 | 5.92 |
| Oxa | 0 | -1610.39647096 | 1.98 |
| Thia | 0 | -1933.36904757 | 1.52 |
| Tria | 0 | -1953.17801918 | 0.94 |

Table S4. The number of imaginary frequencies, total energies, and dipole moments for the dyads **Cya–Tria** as obtained in the geometry optimizations at B3LYP/6-31G method

Table S5. Cartesian coordinates for optimized structure for **Cya** Symbolic Z-matrix: Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 1

| Atom | Х | Y | Ζ | Atom | Х | Y | Ζ |
|------|----------|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|----------|
| С | 1.624835 | -1.7702 | 0.034847 | С | 7.38388 | 1.332572 | 0.010013 |
| С | 1.865892 | -3.15499 | 0.039871 | С | 7.441032 | 0.134916 | -0.72192 |
| С | 3.168173 | -3.64948 | 0.039289 | С | 6.360594 | -0.73835 | -0.71011 |
| С | 4.25573 | -2.77896 | 0.038061 | С | 8.494331 | 2.238449 | 0.001479 |
| С | 4.04861 | -1.38976 | 0.03672 | Ν | 9.396026 | 2.973988 | -0.00543 |
| С | 2.731602 | -0.90698 | 0.032846 | Н | 1.02795 | -3.84429 | 0.070758 |
| С | 0.242428 | -1.23457 | 0.022342 | Н | 3.337019 | -4.72218 | 0.059111 |
| С | -0.09528 | -0.06296 | 0.721092 | Н | 5.266062 | -3.17467 | 0.068331 |
| С | -1.39115 | 0.439169 | 0.718894 | Н | 2.562468 | 0.163483 | -0.0268 |
| С | -2.40809 | -0.20855 | -0.0031 | Н | 0.661417 | 0.44361 | 1.312845 |
| С | -2.08036 | -1.37711 | -0.71167 | Н | -1.62596 | 1.332322 | 1.287456 |
| С | -0.78442 | -1.87863 | -0.68897 | Н | -2.8457 | -1.88308 | -1.28992 |
| С | 5.197922 | -0.45065 | 0.02705 | Н | -0.55619 | -2.76652 | -1.27107 |
| Ν | -3.72821 | 0.30304 | -0.01634 | Н | -5.94248 | 0.497294 | -1.49755 |
| С | -4.84112 | -0.58421 | 0.005456 | Н | -7.88865 | -1.02858 | -1.44684 |
| С | -3.95173 | 1.708534 | -0.05201 | Н | -7.89576 | -3.00245 | 0.070517 |
| С | -5.94705 | -0.35662 | -0.82852 | Н | -5.93492 | -3.41618 | 1.547839 |
| С | -7.04081 | -1.21922 | -0.79516 | Н | -4.00405 | -1.87096 | 1.51787 |
| С | -7.04473 | -2.32877 | 0.052342 | Н | -5.51921 | 1.66263 | 1.425365 |
| С | -5.9424 | -2.56184 | 0.877038 | Н | -5.927 | 4.101254 | 1.35053 |
| С | -4.85187 | -1.69463 | 0.864416 | Н | -4.57607 | 5.553235 | -0.15453 |
| С | -4.9358 | 2.291713 | 0.761511 | Н | -2.82437 | 4.526707 | -1.59542 |
| С | -5.16147 | 3.665912 | 0.714663 | Н | -2.44078 | 2.083998 | -1.54198 |
| С | -4.40213 | 4.482093 | -0.12594 | Н | 4.280989 | 0.983445 | 1.352917 |
| С | -3.41712 | 3.905416 | -0.93018 | Н | 6.185567 | 2.554521 | 1.323939 |
| С | -3.19667 | 2.529832 | -0.90422 | Н | 8.327883 | -0.09674 | -1.30205 |
| С | 5.156609 | 0.7516 | 0.755485 | Н | 6.406261 | -1.64699 | -1.30148 |
| C | 6.229016 | 1.634754 | 0.750478 | | | | |

Table S6. Cartesian coordinates for optimized structure for **Oxa** Symbolic Z-matrix: Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 1

| Atom | Х | Y | Ζ | Atom | Х | Y | Ζ |
|------|----------|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|----------|
| С | -0.76296 | -2.41045 | 0.076088 | С | 8.260053 | 1.663569 | 0.397263 |
| С | -0.80997 | -3.81448 | 0.118373 | С | 8.83923 | 0.679294 | -0.41765 |
| С | 0.365039 | -4.56265 | 0.133853 | Ν | 7.884089 | -0.29485 | -0.69142 |
| С | 1.606666 | -3.93139 | 0.112289 | С | 8.935837 | 2.782209 | 0.858715 |
| С | 1.688489 | -2.52946 | 0.07273 | С | 10.27096 | 2.889136 | 0.460145 |
| С | 0.495963 | -1.79053 | 0.052647 | С | 10.87715 | 1.916898 | -0.35669 |
| С | -2.00772 | -1.60498 | 0.04687 | С | 10.17603 | 0.79971 | -0.80835 |
| С | -2.09856 | -0.37313 | 0.717135 | Н | -1.77067 | -4.31767 | 0.165869 |
| С | -3.26558 | 0.381699 | 0.699951 | Н | 0.312756 | -5.64652 | 0.182287 |
| С | -4.39398 | -0.06268 | -0.00932 | Н | 2.515604 | -4.52322 | 0.154712 |
| С | -4.31267 | -1.28914 | -0.68976 | Н | 0.547966 | -0.71005 | -0.03621 |
| С | -3.1456 | -2.04319 | -0.65196 | Н | -1.25263 | -0.01745 | 1.297806 |
| С | 3.004738 | -1.84483 | 0.040323 | Н | -3.31306 | 1.317288 | 1.24654 |
| Ν | -5.58393 | 0.706486 | -0.03759 | Н | -5.16664 | -1.64202 | -1.2577 |
| С | -6.85205 | 0.063926 | 0.022631 | Н | -3.10354 | -2.97262 | -1.21199 |
| С | -5.51675 | 2.125039 | -0.12644 | Н | -7.7359 | 1.298086 | -1.50644 |
| С | -7.90202 | 0.483563 | -0.8095 | Н | -9.94746 | 0.197302 | -1.39036 |
| С | -9.14604 | -0.14003 | -0.73928 | Н | -10.3293 | -1.6879 | 0.190675 |
| С | -9.36071 | -1.19991 | 0.14388 | Н | -8.46993 | -2.44264 | 1.664667 |
| С | -8.31566 | -1.62473 | 0.966658 | Н | -6.26898 | -1.31939 | 1.568684 |
| С | -7.07352 | -0.99547 | 0.917056 | Н | -7.0588 | 2.45588 | 1.341614 |
| С | -6.35986 | 2.927195 | 0.658878 | Н | -6.95956 | 4.921373 | 1.175396 |
| С | -6.29986 | 4.31576 | 0.560583 | Н | -5.34189 | 6.010511 | -0.37264 |
| С | -5.39061 | 4.928207 | -0.30403 | Н | -3.83818 | 4.594714 | -1.76332 |
| С | -4.5451 | 4.13286 | -1.08 | Н | -3.96164 | 2.129335 | -1.61833 |
| С | -4.61036 | 2.743214 | -1.00262 | Н | 3.946895 | -3.3047 | -1.24055 |
| С | 4.08658 | -2.38645 | -0.67891 | Н | 6.14675 | -2.16966 | -1.27483 |
| С | 5.320117 | -1.7511 | -0.71126 | Н | 4.583738 | 0.935764 | 1.243912 |
| С | 5.512734 | -0.54317 | -0.02076 | Н | 2.401945 | -0.21025 | 1.31224 |
| С | 4.4424 | 0.008431 | 0.700005 | Н | 8.458191 | 3.524845 | 1.487755 |
| С | 3.211213 | -0.63615 | 0.727623 | Н | 10.85368 | 3.743765 | 0.789474 |
| С | 6.815398 | 0.108008 | -0.0684 | Н | 11.91745 | 2.043175 | -0.64048 |
| 0 | 6.957239 | 1.296676 | 0.62245 | Н | 10.64012 | 0.048408 | -1.43802 |

Table S7. Cartesian coordinates for optimized structure for **Thia** Symbolic Z-matrix: Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 1

| Atom | Х | Y | Ζ | Atom | Х | Y | Ζ |
|------|----------|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|----------|
| С | -1.03333 | -2.40433 | 0.081968 | С | 8.503252 | 1.650239 | 0.325734 |
| С | -1.07487 | -3.80887 | 0.110588 | С | 8.692451 | 0.48791 | -0.46272 |
| С | 0.10314 | -4.5522 | 0.132586 | Ν | 7.583744 | -0.32469 | -0.59682 |
| С | 1.342225 | -3.9156 | 0.131373 | С | 9.540117 | 2.559264 | 0.544569 |
| С | 1.41858 | -2.51301 | 0.105899 | С | 10.77782 | 2.294246 | -0.03639 |
| С | 0.22312 | -1.77899 | 0.078816 | С | 10.9792 | 1.145182 | -0.82069 |
| С | -2.28109 | -1.60369 | 0.045871 | С | 9.948065 | 0.240545 | -1.0386 |
| С | -2.38449 | -0.37812 | 0.725755 | Н | -2.03385 | -4.31654 | 0.142289 |
| С | -3.55429 | 0.37222 | 0.701968 | Н | 0.054956 | -5.63668 | 0.17025 |
| С | -4.67288 | -0.07042 | -0.02378 | Н | 2.253109 | -4.50403 | 0.178796 |
| С | -4.57895 | -1.29062 | -0.7138 | Н | 0.271453 | -0.69753 | 0.000444 |
| С | -3.40929 | -2.0403 | -0.66943 | Н | -1.5466 | -0.02415 | 1.318977 |
| С | 2.732004 | -1.82276 | 0.095433 | Н | -3.61167 | 1.302816 | 1.256076 |
| Ν | -5.86544 | 0.694377 | -0.05885 | Н | -5.42503 | -1.64195 | -1.29437 |
| С | -7.1317 | 0.046618 | -0.01933 | Н | -3.3572 | -2.96462 | -1.23701 |
| С | -5.8028 | 2.113941 | -0.13412 | Н | -8.00227 | 1.291465 | -1.54734 |
| С | -8.17347 | 0.470011 | -0.85982 | Н | -10.2109 | 0.18162 | -1.46716 |
| С | -9.41589 | -0.15871 | -0.80983 | Н | -10.6041 | -1.71926 | 0.092176 |
| С | -9.6369 | -1.22736 | 0.06113 | Н | -8.75928 | -2.48061 | 1.580949 |
| С | -8.59992 | -1.65585 | 0.892198 | Н | -6.56155 | -1.3486 | 1.520832 |
| С | -7.35964 | -1.02168 | 0.862819 | Н | -7.36154 | 2.425521 | 1.320455 |
| С | -6.65728 | 2.905703 | 0.649459 | Н | -7.27013 | 4.892823 | 1.17767 |
| С | -6.60166 | 4.295329 | 0.56439 | Н | -5.64049 | 6.002118 | -0.34327 |
| С | -5.68572 | 4.919059 | -0.28499 | Н | -4.11669 | 4.604765 | -1.73072 |
| С | -4.82897 | 4.134021 | -1.05913 | Н | -4.232 | 2.137692 | -1.60927 |
| С | -4.88962 | 2.743491 | -0.995 | Н | 2.108291 | -0.19822 | 1.370661 |
| С | 2.925406 | -0.61833 | 0.792922 | Н | 4.268042 | 0.953597 | 1.343573 |
| С | 4.155265 | 0.029265 | 0.784188 | Н | 5.892797 | -2.12213 | -1.17891 |
| С | 5.242868 | -0.50534 | 0.076369 | Н | 3.700533 | -3.26758 | -1.18226 |
| С | 5.057559 | -1.71098 | -0.62345 | Н | 9.389693 | 3.447672 | 1.149187 |
| С | 3.826883 | -2.35255 | -0.612 | Н | 11.59845 | 2.987646 | 0.12045 |
| С | 6.555923 | 0.147185 | 0.042674 | Н | 11.95478 | 0.964089 | -1.26128 |
| S | 6.851154 | 1.69035 | 0.904876 | Н | 10.08793 | -0.65053 | -1.64129 |

Table S8. Cartesian coordinates for optimized structure for **Tria** Symbolic Z-matrix: Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 1

| Atom | Х | Y | Z | Atom | Х | Y | Ζ |
|------|----------|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|----------|
| С | 2.622604 | -2.48719 | -0.74996 | С | -7.05423 | 5.644072 | -1.47637 |
| С | 2.715645 | -3.82759 | -1.16219 | С | -5.7951 | 5.060984 | -1.63684 |
| С | 1.565893 | -4.57358 | -1.41186 | С | -5.58891 | 3.731639 | -1.27772 |
| С | 0.304483 | -4.00193 | -1.2611 | С | -8.1483 | -2.54813 | 1.381443 |
| С | 0.176847 | -2.66359 | -0.85355 | С | -9.20116 | -3.29602 | 1.901807 |
| С | 1.344227 | -1.92721 | -0.60183 | С | -10.4621 | -2.71663 | 2.061061 |
| С | 3.839799 | -1.68779 | -0.46938 | С | -10.6656 | -1.38355 | 1.696943 |
| С | 3.905497 | -0.31961 | -0.78366 | С | -9.61514 | -0.63239 | 1.176369 |
| С | 5.046419 | 0.432563 | -0.52959 | Н | 3.69283 | -4.27593 | -1.31228 |
| С | 6.172103 | -0.15647 | 0.07003 | Н | 1.654118 | -5.60372 | -1.74488 |
| С | 6.115775 | -1.52197 | 0.395409 | Н | -0.58408 | -4.58324 | -1.48634 |
| С | 4.975206 | -2.26792 | 0.12174 | Н | 1.255042 | -0.91071 | -0.23206 |
| С | -1.16101 | -2.04473 | -0.681 | Н | 3.06182 | 0.156832 | -1.27401 |
| Ν | 7.334827 | 0.607875 | 0.340087 | Н | 5.075635 | 1.481277 | -0.80474 |
| С | 8.624799 | 0.039305 | 0.148069 | Н | 6.967695 | -1.99205 | 0.874607 |
| С | 7.217133 | 1.946761 | 0.807212 | Н | 4.95083 | -3.31408 | 0.411897 |
| С | 9.642317 | 0.24926 | 1.09237 | Н | 9.434202 | 0.843086 | 1.975999 |
| С | 10.90784 | -0.29927 | 0.895106 | Н | 11.68345 | -0.12677 | 1.635817 |
| С | 11.1768 | -1.07851 | -0.23178 | Н | 12.16205 | -1.51008 | -0.37843 |
| С | 10.16421 | -1.29588 | -1.16825 | Н | 10.36061 | -1.89311 | -2.05411 |
| С | 8.900793 | -0.73634 | -0.98934 | Н | 8.121626 | -0.89596 | -1.72704 |
| С | 8.049004 | 2.954593 | 0.294077 | Н | 8.778589 | 2.705404 | -0.46907 |
| С | 7.938849 | 4.262291 | 0.762245 | Н | 8.590499 | 5.029752 | 0.354401 |
| С | 6.990204 | 4.592242 | 1.732112 | Н | 6.902538 | 5.613648 | 2.089196 |
| С | 6.155889 | 3.593444 | 2.237969 | Н | 5.418469 | 3.833157 | 2.998702 |
| С | 6.270896 | 2.279191 | 1.789797 | Н | 5.630296 | 1.503883 | 2.196389 |
| С | -1.39117 | -0.70276 | -1.03287 | Н | -0.58311 | -0.11812 | -1.46149 |
| С | -2.64297 | -0.12179 | -0.87254 | Н | -2.8115 | 0.910638 | -1.15496 |
| С | -3.71384 | -0.8656 | -0.35347 | Н | -4.3157 | -2.78061 | 0.40947 |
| С | -3.49357 | -2.20577 | -8.8E-05 | Н | -2.08356 | -3.81228 | 0.143914 |
| С | -2.23981 | -2.78228 | -0.16136 | Н | -8.71463 | 2.965254 | -0.18788 |
| С | -5.04912 | -0.24892 | -0.18233 | Н | -9.08832 | 5.340037 | -0.82794 |
| Ν | -5.19883 | 1.035909 | -0.54147 | Н | -7.21361 | 6.681272 | -1.75701 |
| С | -6.42543 | 1.55159 | -0.3695 | Н | -4.97335 | 5.643708 | -2.04253 |
| Ν | -7.46814 | 0.867912 | 0.126952 | Н | -4.61716 | 3.267595 | -1.3973 |
| С | -7.22487 | -0.40942 | 0.459197 | Н | -7.16549 | -2.98577 | 1.253044 |
| Ν | -6.03313 | -1.01023 | 0.321972 | Н | -9.03893 | -4.33216 | 2.183832 |
| С | -8.34544 | -1.20805 | 1.01351 | Н | -11.2826 | -3.30136 | 2.467145 |
| С | -6.64309 | 2.968187 | -0.75246 | Н | -11.6445 | -0.92947 | 1.819193 |
| С | -7.90559 | 3.560633 | -0.59397 | Н | -9.75994 | 0.402535 | 0.890209 |
| С | -8.10791 | 4.890288 | -0.95421 | | | | |



Figure S16. Optimized structure of dyads. The gray, blue, red, and yellow balls refer to C, N, O, and S atoms.



Figure S17. Energy levels and isodensity plots (isodensity contour = 0.045 a.u.) for selected occupied and unoccupied molecular orbitals of **Cya** obtained by DFT calculations.



Figure S18. Energy levels and isodensity plots (isodensity contour = 0.045 a.u.) for selected occupied and unoccupied molecular orbitals of **Oxa** obtained by DFT calculations.



Figure S19. Energy levels and isodensity plots (isodensity contour = 0.045 a.u.) for selected occupied and unoccupied molecular orbitals of **Thia** obtained by DFT calculations.



Figure S20. Energy levels and isodensity plots (isodensity contour = 0.045 a.u.) for selected occupied and unoccupied molecular orbitals of **Tria** obtained by DFT calculations.



Figure S21. Electronic transition and simulated absorption spectra of **Cya** in the ground state geometry obtained by TD-DFT calculations.



Figure S22. Electronic transition and simulated absorption spectra of **Oxa** in the ground state geometry obtained by TD-DFT calculations.



Figure S23. Electronic transition and simulated absorption spectra of **Thia** in the ground state geometry obtained by TD-DFT calculations.



Figure S24. Electronic transition and simulated absorption spectra of **Tria** in the ground state geometry obtained by TD-DFT calculations.

| No. | Excitation | Wavelength | Oscillator | Assignment |
|-----|--------------------|------------|------------|---|
| | Energy (cm^{-1}) | (nm) | strength | |
| 1 | 24969.48448 | 400.49 | 0.0156 | HOMO->LUMO (99%) |
| 2 | 29055.51744 | 344.17 | 0.6835 | HOMO->L+1 (97%) |
| 3 | 31136.44224 | 321.17 | 0.0139 | HOMO->L+3 (96%) |
| 4 | 32897.16272 | 303.98 | 0.1996 | HOMO->L+4 (97%) |
| 5 | 33214.1408 | 301.08 | 0.0052 | HOMO->L+2 (99%) |
| 6 | 35220.05552 | 283.93 | 0.0368 | H-2->LUMO (17%), H-1->LUMO (48%), HOMO- |
| | | | | >L+5 (13%) |
| 7 | 35431.37424 | 282.24 | 0.1068 | H-1->LUMO (19%), HOMO->L+5 (23%), HOMO- |
| | | | | >L+6 (47%) |
| 8 | 35883.8544 | 278.68 | 0.0121 | HOMO->L+7 (90%) |
| 9 | 36233.90144 | 275.98 | 0.2437 | H-2->LUMO (22%), H-1->LUMO (17%), HOMO- |
| | | | | >L+5 (26%), HOMO->L+6 (22%) |
| 10 | 37090.46816 | 269.61 | 0.2645 | H-2->LUMO (40%), HOMO->L+5 (31%), HOMO- |
| | | | | >L+6 (11%) |
| 11 | 38386.61008 | 260.51 | 0.075 | H-1->L+1 (15%), HOMO->L+8 (78%) |
| 12 | 38939.91024 | 256.81 | 0.0047 | H-7->LUMO (10%), H-3->LUMO (68%) |
| 13 | 38960.8808 | 256.67 | 0.003 | H-7->LUMO (33%), H-3->LUMO (21%), H-1- |
| | | | | >L+2 (25%) |
| 14 | 39570.64016 | 252.71 | 0.0334 | H-4->LUMO (54%), H-2->LUMO (11%), H-1- |
| | | | | >L+1 (17%) |
| 15 | 40259.4424 | 248.39 | 0.1246 | H-4->LUMO (37%), H-1->L+1 (44%) |
| 16 | 41410.40352 | 241.49 | 0.0015 | H-6->LUMO (25%), H-5->LUMO (62%) |
| 17 | 41730.60784 | 239.63 | 0.0985 | H-2->L+1 (75%) |
| 18 | 41954.02496 | 238.36 | 0.0127 | H-3->L+1 (39%), H-1->L+3 (22%) |
| 19 | 42091.94672 | 237.58 | 0.0012 | H-6->LUMO (70%), H-5->LUMO (29%) |
| 20 | 43137.24848 | 231.82 | 0.0493 | H-8->LUMO (58%), H-4->L+1 (13%) |

Table S9. TD-DFT calculation: Transition assignment of Cya

| No. | Excitation | Wavelength | Oscillator | Assignment |
|-----|----------------------|------------|------------|---|
| | Energy (cm^{-1}) | (nm) | strength | |
| 1 | 24858.1792 | 402.28 | 0.0076 | HOMO->LUMO (99%) |
| 2 | 29101.49136 | 343.63 | 1.0675 | H-1->LUMO (11%), HOMO->L+1 (87%) |
| 3 | 31100.14704 | 321.54 | 0.0135 | HOMO->L+2 (96%) |
| 4 | 31567.14528 | 316.79 | 0.8867 | H-1->LUMO (87%), HOMO->L+1 (11%) |
| 5 | 32772.14592 | 305.14 | 0.2233 | HOMO->L+3 (94%) |
| 6 | 34545.77136 | 289.47 | 0.0028 | H-2->LUMO (26%), H-1->L+1 (13%), HOMO- |
| | | | | >L+4 (41%) |
| 7 | 35174.88816 | 284.29 | 0.003 | H-2->LUMO (44%), HOMO->L+4 (30%), HOMO- |
| | | | | >L+6 (14%) |
| 8 | 35631.40112 | 280.65 | 0.0233 | HOMO->L+4 (18%), HOMO->L+5 (14%), HOMO- |
| | | | | >L+6 (52%) |
| 9 | 35766.09664 | 279.59 | 0.0126 | HOMO->L+7 (86%) |
| 10 | 35934.66768 | 278.28 | 0.0145 | HOMO->L+5 (70%) |
| 11 | 36215.35056 | 276.13 | 0.0033 | H-3->LUMO (77%) |
| 12 | 36883.18224 | 271.13 | 0.0396 | H-8->LUMO (11%), H-2->LUMO (15%), H-1- |
| | | | | >L+1 (54%) |
| 13 | 37229.19648 | 268.61 | 0.0051 | H-8->LUMO (43%), H-1->L+1 (18%), H-1->L+4 |
| | | | | (10%), H-1->L+5 (16%) |
| 14 | 37544.56144 | 266.35 | 0.0277 | H-4->LUMO (70%) |
| 15 | 38088.98944 | 262.54 | 0.0153 | HOMO->L+8 (46%), HOMO->L+9 (35%) |
| 16 | 38885.87072 | 257.16 | 0.0006 | H-5->LUMO (90%) |
| 17 | 39723.88656 | 251.74 | 0.0003 | H-6->LUMO (89%) |
| 18 | 40095.71072 | 249.40 | 0.0024 | HOMO->L+8 (37%), HOMO->L+9 (50%) |
| 19 | 40689.33888 | 245.76 | 0.0097 | H-1->L+2 (79%) |
| 20 | 41124.88128 | 243.16 | 0.1368 | H-2->L+1 (61%), H-1->L+4 (10%) |

Table S10. TD-DFT calculation: Transition assignment of Oxa

| No. | Excitation | Wavelength | Oscillator | Assignment |
|-----|--------------------|------------|------------|---|
| | Energy (cm^{-1}) | (nm) | strength | |
| 1 | 24053.23232 | 415.74 | 0.0052 | HOMO->LUMO (99%) |
| 2 | 28937.75968 | 345.57 | 1.257 | H-1->LUMO (23%), HOMO->L+1 (76%) |
| 3 | 30740.42128 | 325.30 | 0.5938 | H-1->LUMO (74%), HOMO->L+1 (22%) |
| 4 | 31094.50112 | 321.60 | 0.014 | HOMO->L+2 (93%) |
| 5 | 32763.27376 | 305.22 | 0.2151 | HOMO->L+3 (70%), HOMO->L+4 (27%) |
| 6 | 33108.48144 | 302.04 | 0.045 | H-2->LUMO (88%) |
| 7 | 34041.67136 | 293.76 | 0.0035 | H-3->LUMO (36%), HOMO->L+3 (12%), HOMO- |
| | | | | >L+4 (29%) |
| 8 | 34621.588 | 288.84 | 0.011 | H-3->LUMO (46%), HOMO->L+3 (14%), HOMO- |
| | | | | >L+4 (30%) |
| 9 | 35572.52224 | 281.12 | 0.0245 | HOMO->L+5 (10%), HOMO->L+7 (71%) |
| 10 | 35746.7392 | 279.75 | 0.0095 | HOMO->L+5 (14%), HOMO->L+8 (73%) |
| 11 | 35837.88048 | 279.03 | 0.0126 | HOMO->L+5 (57%), HOMO->L+8 (21%) |
| 12 | 36502.48592 | 273.95 | 0.0201 | H-8->LUMO (52%), H-1->L+1 (13%), H-1->L+5 |
| | | | | (10%) |
| 13 | 36852.53296 | 271.35 | 0.0013 | H-4->LUMO (41%), H-1->L+1 (19%) |
| 14 | 36908.1856 | 270.94 | 0.0188 | H-4->LUMO (28%), H-1->L+1 (48%) |
| 15 | 37732.48992 | 265.02 | 0.0007 | H-11->LUMO (94%) |
| 16 | 37826.85744 | 264.36 | 0.0004 | HOMO->L+6 (89%) |
| 17 | 38055.11392 | 262.78 | 0.0259 | HOMO->L+9 (86%) |
| 18 | 38125.28464 | 262.29 | 0.0013 | H-5->LUMO (80%), H-4->LUMO (12%) |
| 19 | 38911.68064 | 256.99 | 0.0005 | H-6->LUMO (86%) |
| 20 | 40564.32208 | 246.52 | 0.0044 | H-7->LUMO (17%), H-1->L+2 (47%) |

Table S11. TD-DFT calculation: Transition assignment of Thia

| No. | Excitation | Wavelength | Oscillator | Assignment |
|-----|--------------------|------------|------------|--|
| | Energy (cm^{-1}) | (nm) | strength | |
| 1 | 22782.90032 | 438.93 | 0.0035 | HOMO->LUMO (99%) |
| 2 | 23964.51072 | 417.28 | 0 | HOMO->L+1 (100%) |
| 3 | 29011.15664 | 344.69 | 1.0159 | H-1->LUMO (11%), HOMO->L+2 (81%) |
| 4 | 30767.84432 | 325.01 | 0.0003 | H-1->L+1 (87%) |
| 5 | 31059.01248 | 321.97 | 0.0632 | HOMO->L+4 (81%) |
| 6 | 31147.73408 | 321.05 | 0.4771 | H-1->LUMO (75%), HOMO->L+2 (11%) |
| 7 | 32093.0224 | 311.59 | 0.017 | HOMO->L+3 (83%) |
| 8 | 32647.93568 | 306.30 | 0.0049 | H-13->L+1 (21%), H-12->LUMO (71%) |
| 9 | 32766.5 | 305.19 | 0.2088 | HOMO->L+5 (96%) |
| 10 | 33070.57312 | 302.38 | 0.0043 | H-13->LUMO (89%) |
| 11 | 33199.62272 | 301.21 | 0.0006 | H-13->L+1 (72%), H-12->LUMO (21%) |
| 12 | 33353.67568 | 299.82 | 0.0038 | H-12->L+1 (84%) |
| 13 | 33556.12224 | 298.01 | 0.0176 | H-4->L+1 (12%), H-3->LUMO (63%) |
| 14 | 33603.70928 | 297.59 | 0.0916 | H-2->LUMO (85%) |
| 15 | 35162.78976 | 284.39 | 0.0036 | H-4->LUMO (77%), H-3->L+1 (12%) |
| 16 | 35195.05216 | 284.13 | 0.0109 | H-2->L+1 (91%) |
| 17 | 35345.07232 | 282.92 | 0.0272 | H-9->LUMO (51%), H-7->LUMO (19%), H-4- |
| | | | | >L+1 (16%) |
| 18 | 35487.02688 | 281.79 | 0.022 | HOMO->L+9 (35%), HOMO->L+10 (47%) |
| 19 | 35755.61136 | 279.68 | 0.0292 | HOMO->L+10 (10%), HOMO->L+11 (81%) |
| 20 | 35807.2312 | 279.27 | 0.0423 | H-8->LUMO (69%), H-3->L+1 (12%) |

Table S12. TD-DFT calculation: Transition assignment of Tria

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