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### A Boron Dipyrromethene Chiral-at-Boron and Carbon with a Bent Geometry: Synthesis, Resolution and Chiroptical Properties

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## General

*F*-BODIPY (**2**)<sup>1</sup> was synthesized following the literature. A 1.0 M *n*-hexane solution of BCl<sub>3</sub> was prepared from the neat reagent. All other chemicals and solvents used in this work were supplied commercially and used with no further purification unless noted otherwise. 1D and 2D NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Spectrospin Avance DPX 400 spectrometer using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as the solvent. High resolution NMR spectra were taken on an Agilent-Premium Compact (600 MHz, 14.1 Tesla). Chemical shifts values are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane as internal standard. Spin multiplicities are reported as the following: s (singlet), d (doublet), dd (doublet of doublet), m (multiplet). HRMS data were acquired on an Agilent Technologies 6530 Accurate-Mass Q-TOF LC/MS. UV-Vis Absorption spectra were taken on a Shimadzu UV-3101PC UV-VIS-NIR spectrophotometer. Fluorescence measurements were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer (Model LS 55) spectrofluorometer. Horiba Jobin-Yvon Time-Resolved Fluorometer, Fluorolog FL-1057, equipped with HORIBA NanoLED-495 light source, was used the fluorescence decay experiments. FT-IR spectra of compounds were obtained on a Perkin Elmer 100 model FTIR spectrometer (ATR). Chiral HPLC analytical resolutions were done on an Agilent Technologies Preparative HPLC-1260 Infinity II using a Chiralcel® OD-H column (0.46 cmØ×25 cm). Chiral HPLC semipreparative separations were done on an Agilent Technologies Preparative HPLC-1200 Series with a diode array detector (DAD) using a Kromasil® 10-Cellucoat column (1.0 cmØ×25 cm). LC-MS analyses were carried on a UPLC: Waters Acquity & MS: Waters SYNAPT G1 MS System equipped with ACQUITY UPLC BEH C18 1.7µm column (1.0Ø×100 mm). Polarimetry measurements were recorded on an Rudolph Scientific Autopole III polarimeter. Electronic Circular Dichroism spectra were acquired on a JASCO J-1500 CD Spectrometers. Electrochemical studies were carried on a Gamry PCI4/300 Potentiostat/Galvanostat. X-ray data were collected on a four-circle Rigaku R-Axis RAPID-S Diffractometer. For the detailed configuration of X-ray Diffractometer, see page S29. Flash grade silica gel (SiliaFlash Irregular Silica Gels, F60, 40–63 µm, 60 Å) was used for flash column chromatography (FCC) purifications. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using precoated silica gel plates (Merck Silica Gel PF-254), visualized by a handheld UV-Vis lamp. All organic extracts were dehydrated over either anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> or MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated by using rotary evaporator before being subjected to FCC. For all absorption and emission spectra recordings a quartz cell with 1.0 cm pathlength was used. The relative fluorescence quantum yields ( $\Phi_f$ ) of the dye were calculated by taking aqueous alkaline solutions of fluorescein as the standard ( $\lambda_{ex}$  490 nm in 0.1 N NaOH,  $\Phi_f$  = 0.85 according to the literature).<sup>1</sup> Following equation was used to calculate  $\Phi_f$ :

$$\Phi_s = \Phi_r \left( \frac{m_s}{m_r} \right) \left( \frac{n_s}{n_r} \right)^2$$

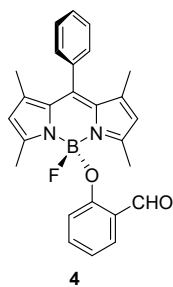
Where  $\Phi$  denotes fluorescence quantum yield,  $m$ : gradient of the plot of integrated fluorescence intensity against absorbance,  $n$ : refractive index of solution, subscripts  $r$  and  $s$  denotes reference and sample, respectively. In fluorescence studies of Fig.1b and Table 1, the instrument parameters was set to followings:  $\lambda_{\text{ex}}$  490 nm; slit widths:  $d_{\text{ex}} = 5.0$  nm,  $d_{\text{em}} = 2.5$  nm.

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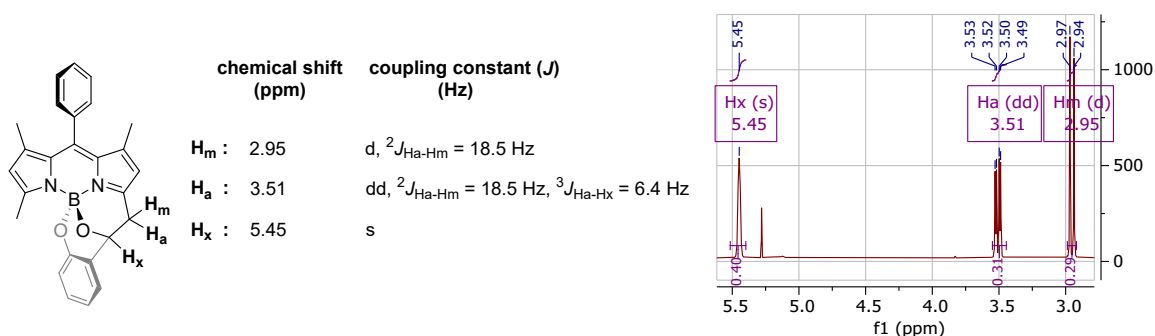
## Procedure for the synthesis of *B*\**C*\*-BODIPY

A 50 mg of BODIPY (**2**) placed in a 10 mL vial was dissolved in HPLC grade dichloromethane (5 mL) and to that 1.0 equiv  $\text{BCl}_3$  (154  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1.0 M in *n*-hexane) was added dropwise while stirring with a magnetic bar at rt. To another vessel (25 mL round-bottomed flask) containing a magnetic bar was added 3.60 equiv caesium carbonate (179 mg, 550  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), 3.25 equiv salicylaldehyde (61 mg, 500  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), and anhydrous DMF (3 mL) and left to stir at rt. After stirring both vessels for about an hour, the former solution was poured over the latter, and the resultant mixture was left to stir for an additional hour. To this dark-colored mixture, 50 mL dichloromethane was added and the resulting mixture was washed repeatedly with water ( $3 \times 50$  mL). After a final wash with brine (25 mL), the organic phase was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered and concentrated using a rotary evaporator. The residue was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (FCC) using DCM as the eluent. Chromatography gave the product (*B*\**C*\*-BODIPY) as an orange-red solid (11 mg, 18% yield). mp = 214–217 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.52 – 7.42 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.19 (m, 1H), 7.11 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 7.02 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.78 (td,  $J = 7.4, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H), 5.45 (bs, 1H), 3.51 (dd,  $J = 18.5, 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 2.95 (d,  $J = 18.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  155.9, 154.2, 151.7, 144.1, 142.81, 142.29, 134.9, 131.5, 129.82, 129.01, 128.90, 128.81, 128.34, 128.19, 128.08, 127.97, 125.3, 120.9, 118.25, 118.17, 118.10, 70.3, 35.6, 29.7, 14.9, 13.9. HRMS (APCI negative)  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{22}\text{BN}_2\text{O}_2$  calcd for  $[\text{M} - \text{H}]^-$  405.1774, found 405.1786.  $\Delta = 2.90$  ppm. IR (neat)  $\nu$  3052, 2955, 2922, 2885, 1607, 1581, 1548, 1538, 1514, 1500, 1488, 1426, 1406, 1380, 1361, 1348, 1329, 1308, 1282, 1243, 1217, 1191, 1153, 1051  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $[\alpha]_D^{20} - 567.9^\circ$  ( $c$  4.05  $\times 10^{-3}$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) for fast-eluting enantiomer, 99.5% ee, (–)-*B*\**C*\*-BODIPY;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} + 617.3^\circ$  ( $c$  4.05  $\times 10^{-3}$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) for slow-eluting enantiomer, 98.5% ee, (+)-*B*\**C*\*-BODIPY. HPLC (Chiralcel® OD-H column, 98:2 *n*-hexanes:2-propanol, 1 mL/min, 505 nm):  $t_{\text{R}1} = 8.38$  and  $t_{\text{R}2} = 11.42$  min. UV-vis:  $\lambda_{\text{abs}}$  508 nm ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). Fluorescence:  $\lambda_{\text{em}}$  521 nm ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ),  $\Phi_{\text{fl}} = 0.013$  ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}$  490 nm,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). ECD for (+)-*B*\**C*\*-BODIPY ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ )  $\lambda_{\text{ext}}$  508 nm ( $\Delta\epsilon + 22.13$ ); ECD for (–)-*B*\**C*\*-BODIPY ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ )  $\lambda_{\text{ext}}$  508 nm ( $\Delta\epsilon - 18.41$ ).



The minor product (**4**) was isolated as an orange solid in 3% chemical yield. mp = 185–189 °C.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  10.69 (s, 1H), 7.76 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 6.83 (dd,  $J = 13.4, 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 6H), 1.40 (s, 6H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  191.4, 159.89, 159.83, 155.9, 143.7, 141.8, 135.7, 134.7, 131.5, 129.24, 129.23, 129.14, 127.97, 127.85, 127.80, 121.78, 121.76, 119.5, 117.2, 14.83, 14.81, 14.5. HRMS (APCI negative)  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{BFN}_2\text{O}_2$  calcd for  $[\text{M}]^-$  426.1914, found 426.19200  $\Delta = 1.22$  ppm.

## Proton NMR discussion of $B^*C^*$ -BODIPY on account of its chirality

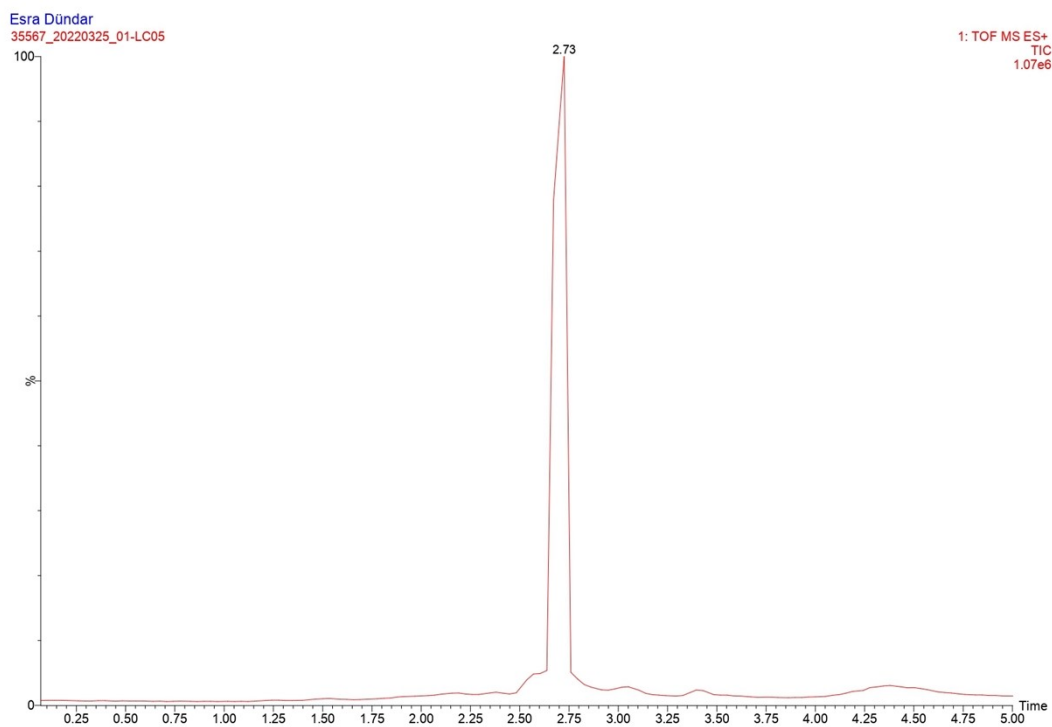


An AMX-type spin patterning is observed for the coupling of diastereotopic methylenic protons ( $\delta_{\text{Ha}}$ : 3.51 ppm;  $\delta_{\text{Hm}}$ : 2.95 ppm) with that of neighboring methynic ( $\delta_{\text{Hx}}$ : 5.45 ppm). In other words, the generated asymmetric centers ( $B^*$  and  $C^*$ ), or more inclusively, the thus generated chiral space, cause a significant chemical differentiation of the diastereotopic protons. The geminal homonuclear coupling ( $^2J_{\text{Ha-Hm}} = 18.5$  Hz) of diastereotopic protons and that of vicinal ( $^3J_{\text{Ha-Hx}} = 6.4$  Hz) is traceable from the cross-peaks in the  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum (see Fig. S6). There was no vicinal coupling between  $\text{H}_m$  and  $\text{H}_x$  ( $^3J_{\text{Hm-Hx}}$ ), presumably because the dihedral angle is *ca.* 78°.

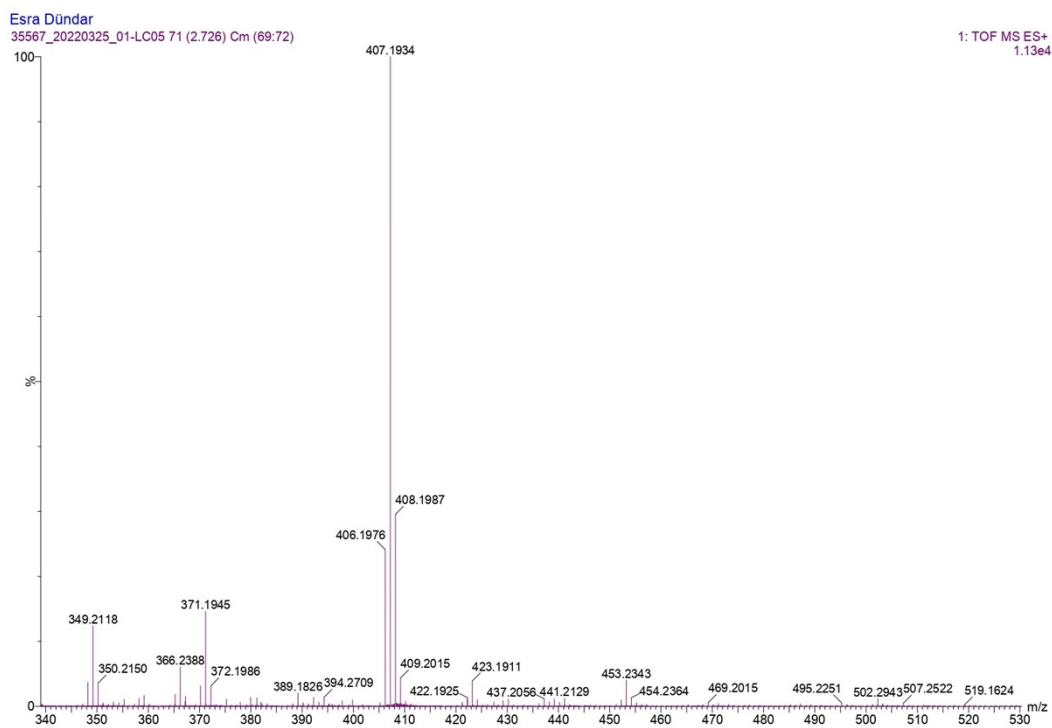
## LC-MS analysis of $B^*C^*$ -BODIPY synthesis reaction

To decide the optimum time to quench the reaction, we took several aliquots of 1 mL from the reaction mixture at times  $t_1$ : 1 min,  $t_2$ : 15 min,  $t_3$ : 30 min, and  $t_4$ : 60 min, extracted thrice with water, and ran LC-MS analysis. We observed no other molecules with the same mass of  $B^*C^*$ -BODIPY. The chromatograms shows that the reaction is almost instantaneous. However, we found 60 min. (1 h) as the optimum reaction time as it allows a smoother chromatographic separation.

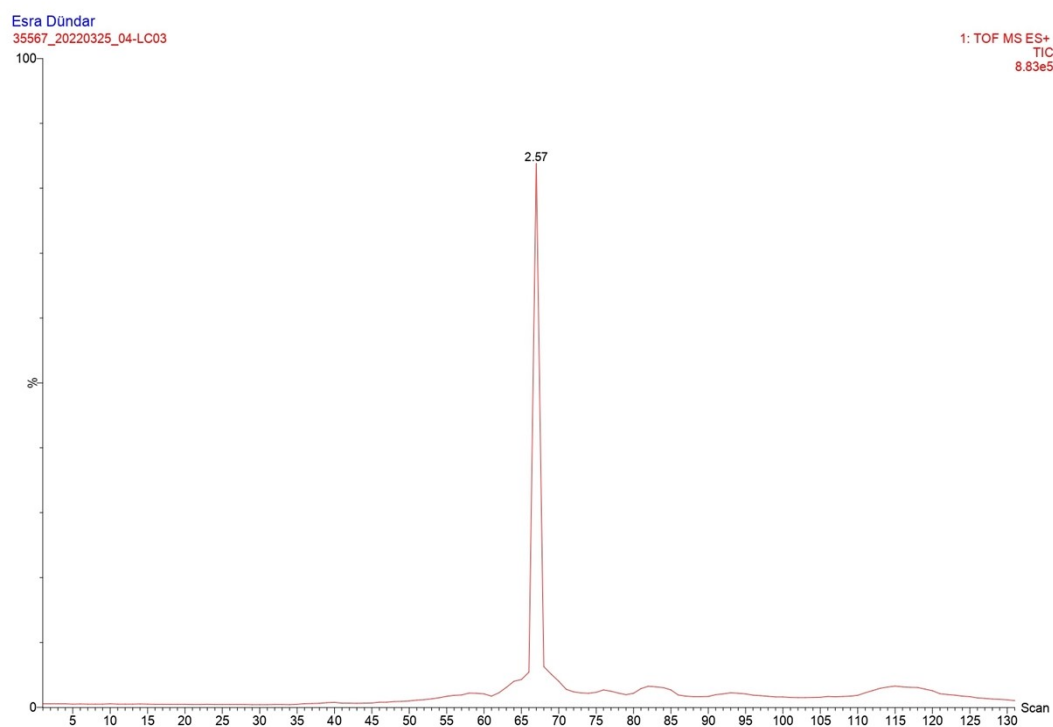
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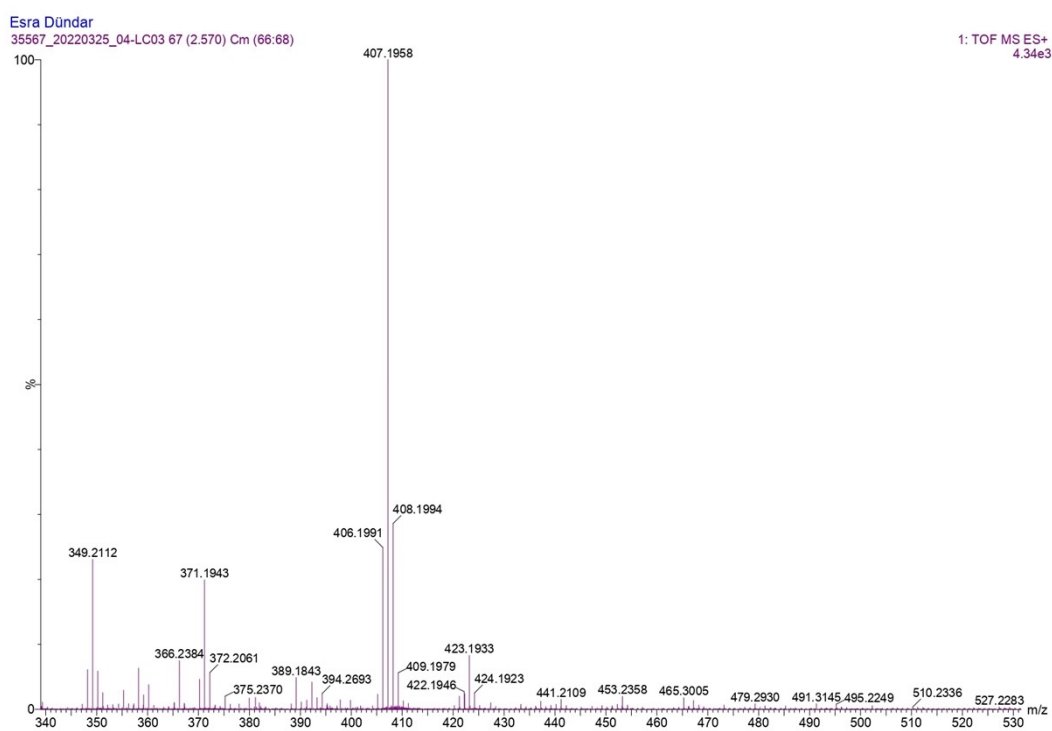
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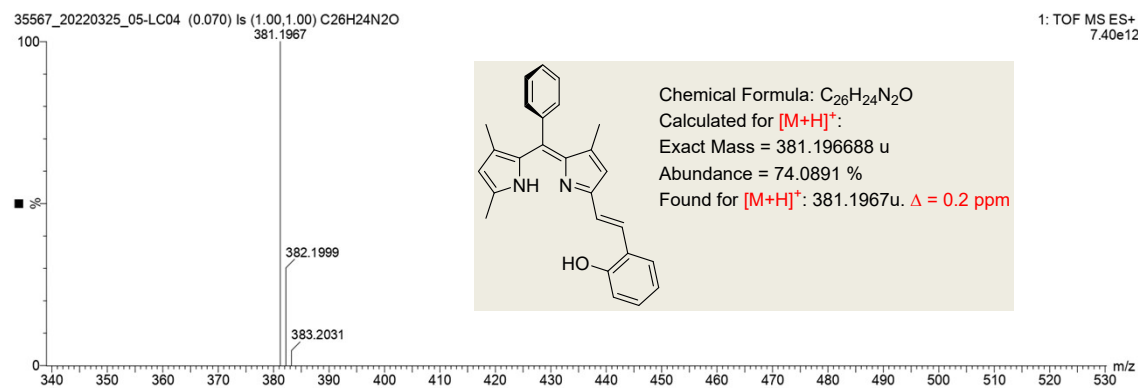
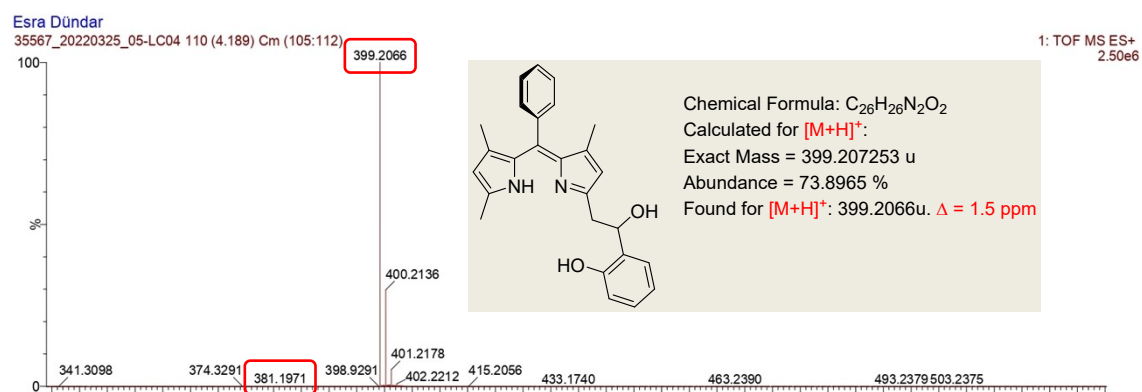
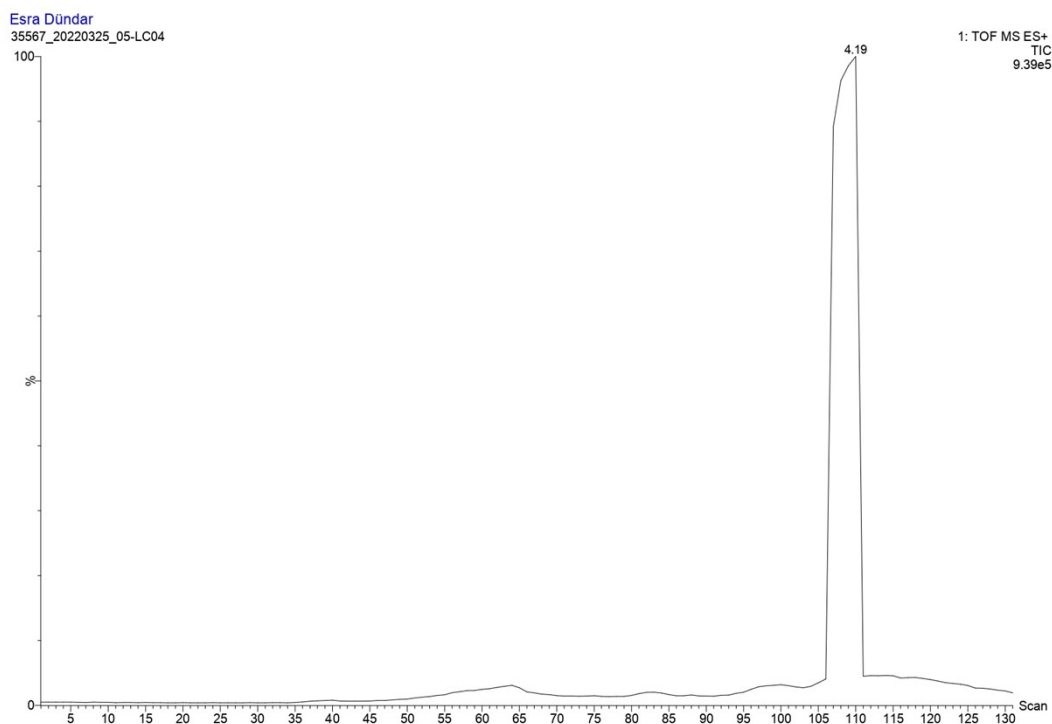
## LCMS chromatogram of t<sub>4</sub>: 60min



## LCMS mass spectrum of t<sub>4</sub>: 60min



# LC-MS results of chemical stability experiment: *B*\**C*\*-BODIPY with TFA



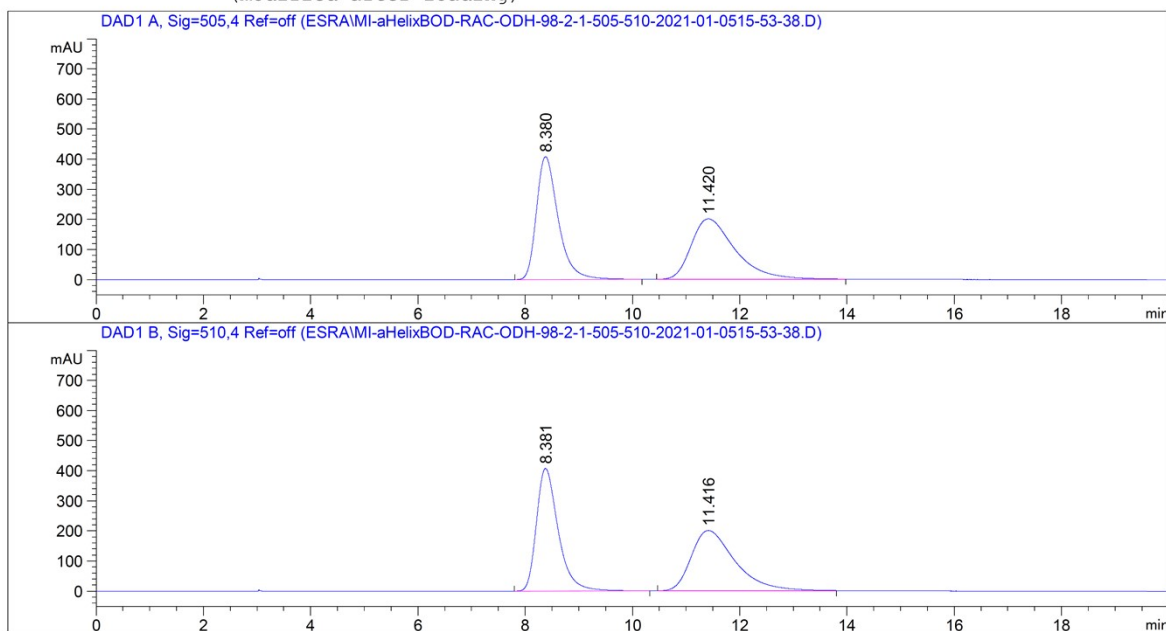
## Reports of chiral HPLC resolution

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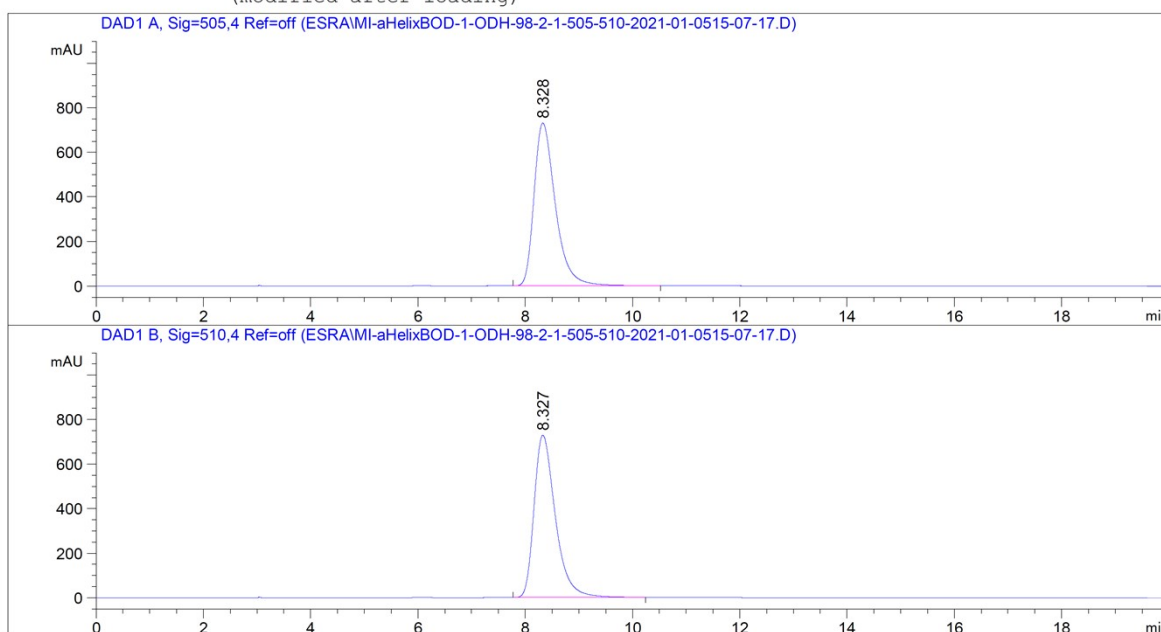
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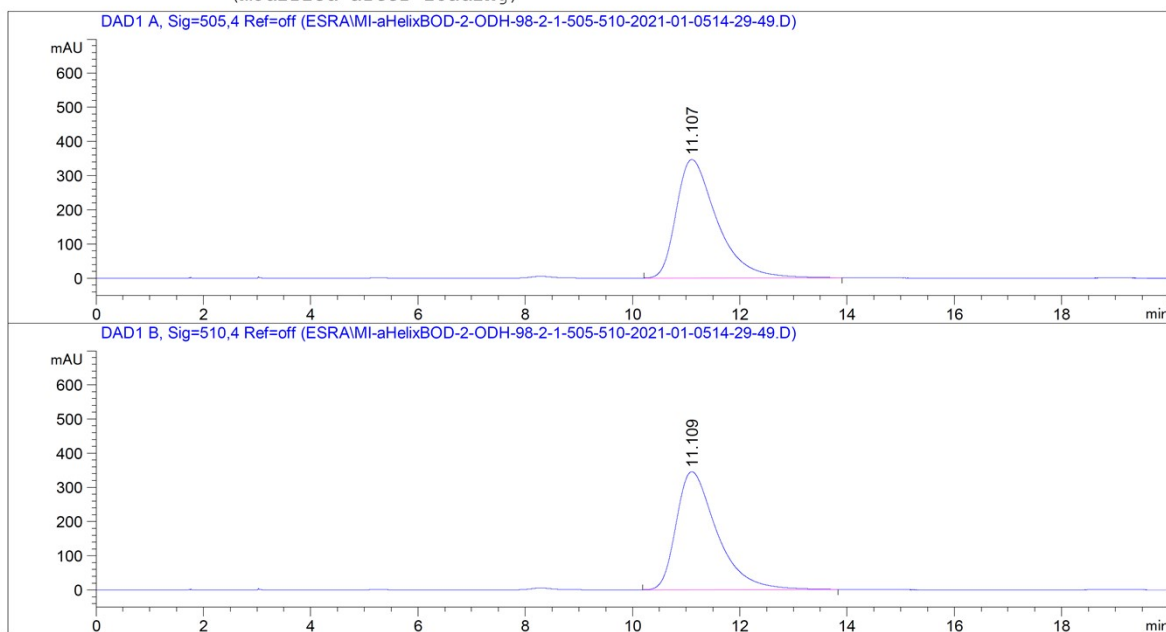
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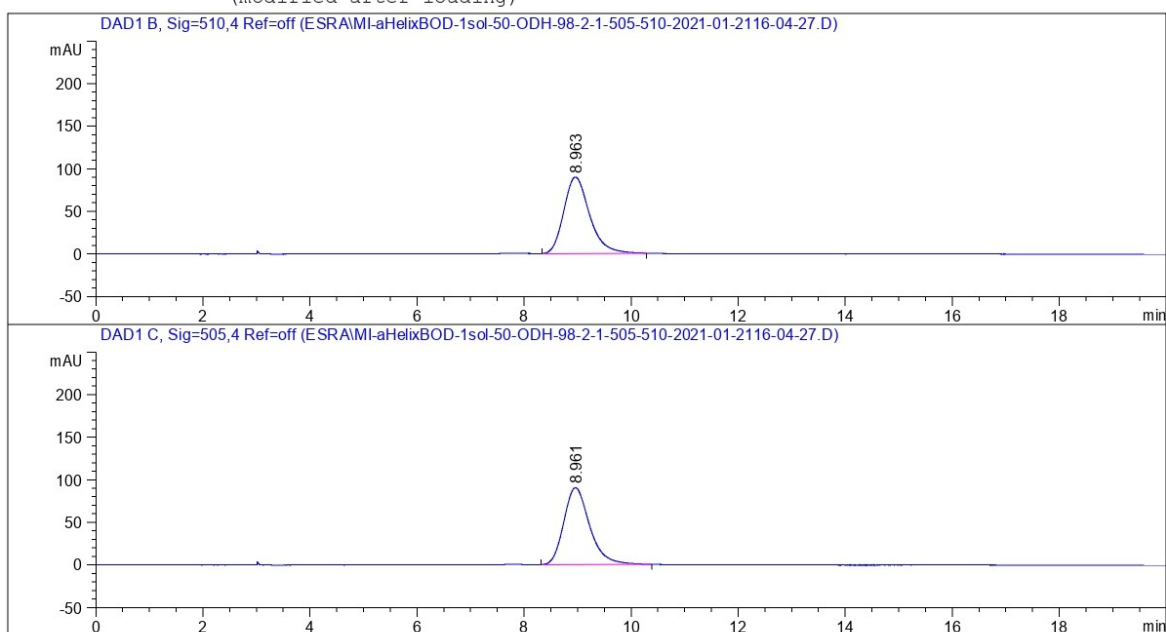
# Configurational stability test: chiral HPLC reports

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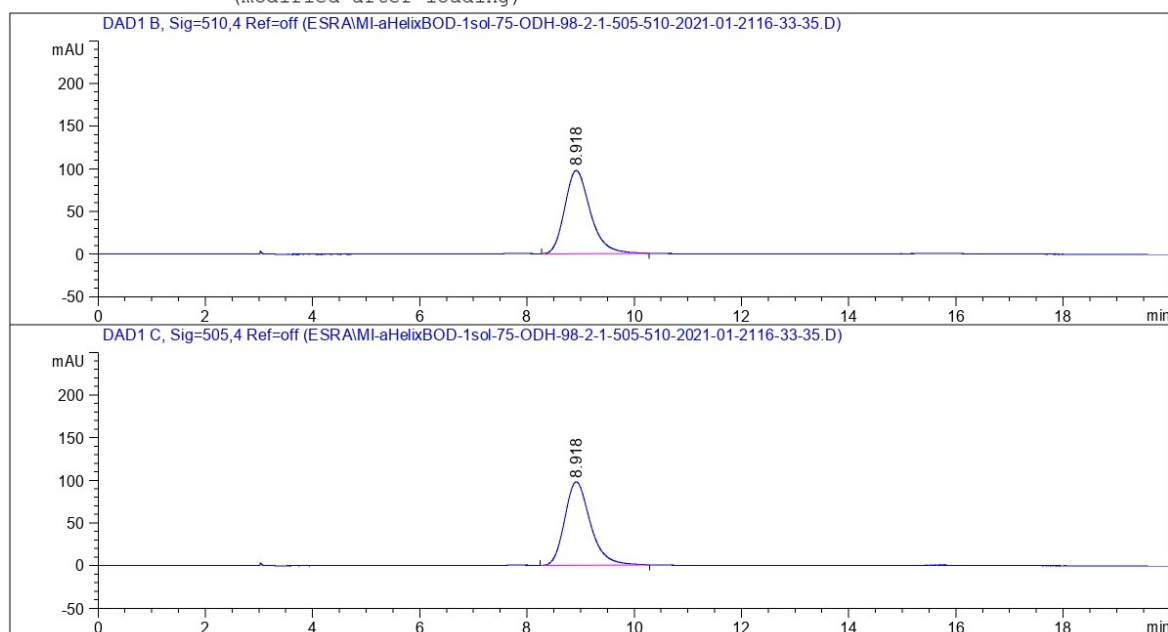
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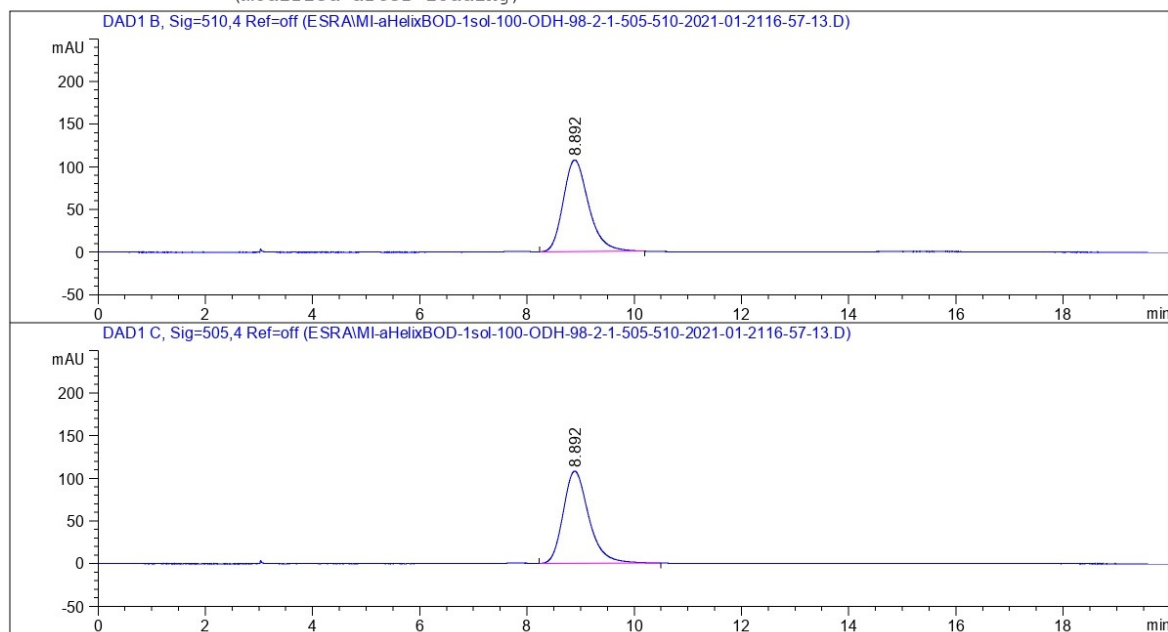
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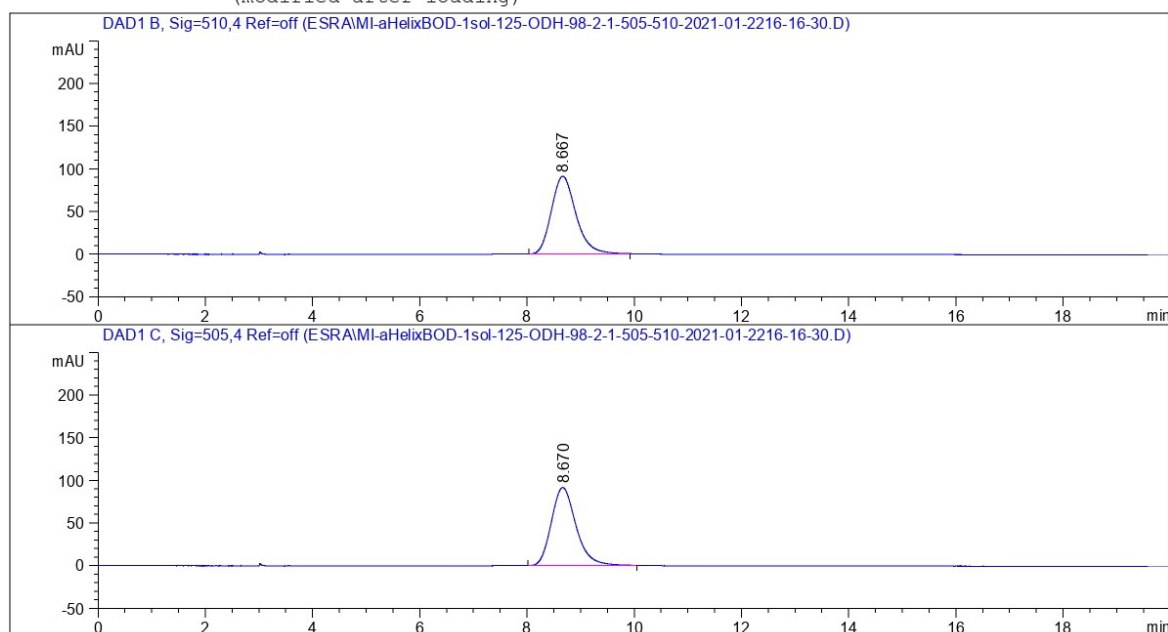
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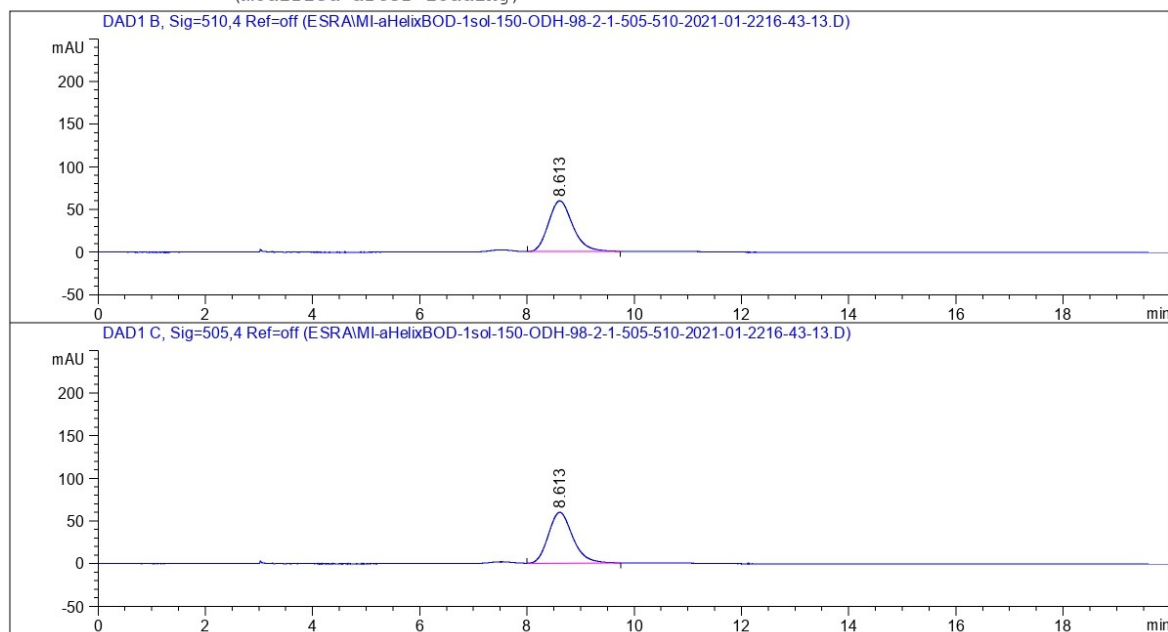
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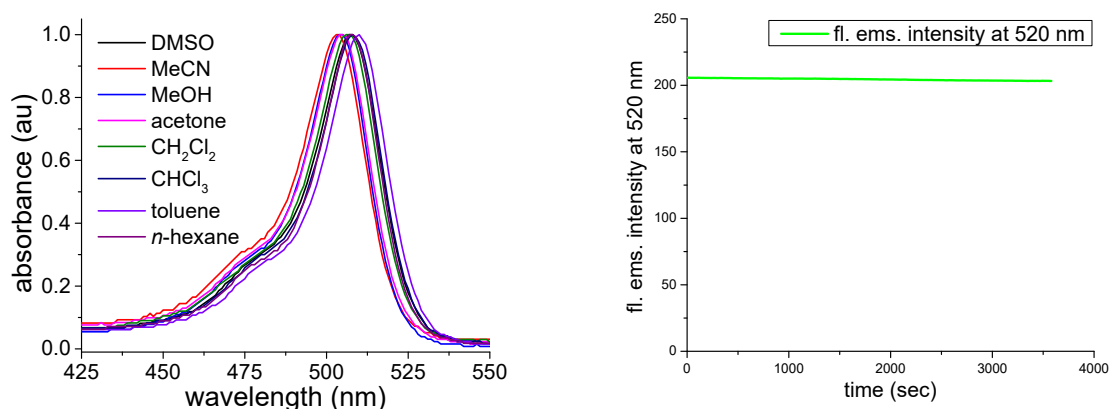
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## Normalized Absorbance and Photochemical stability

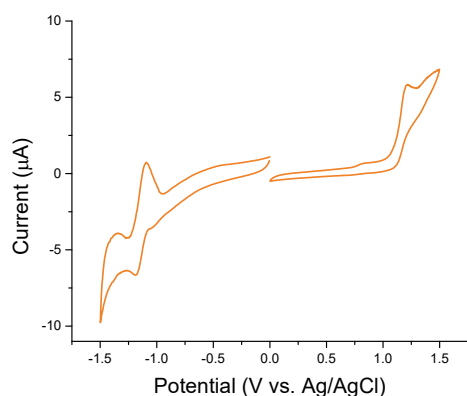
We were aware of the recent work by the group of Nagano and Urano, in which 4-aryloxy boron dipyrromethenes were shown to uncage photolytically in polar protic solvents such as methanol.<sup>2</sup> Consequently, we wanted to test the photostability of the dye in methanol by irradiating it with a light pulse ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}$  490 nm) for one hour at 10 second intervals and recording its fluorescence. Fig. S1 (Right) shows that the racemic dye is considerably photostable; the fluorescence of the dye remained almost constant (<1% decomposition) over that period.



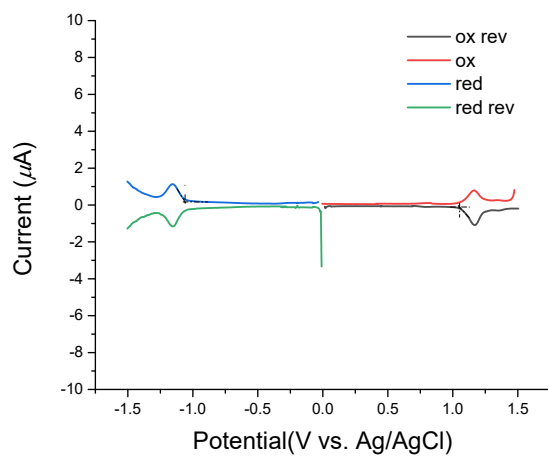
**Fig. S1 (Left)** Normalized absorption spectra of (±)-B\*C\*-BODIPY (2 μM) in solvents of varying polarity. **(Right)** Time-dependent fluorescence intensity profile of (±)-B\*C\*-BODIPY (2 μM) in methanol at 520 nm. A laser pulse of 490 nm is given for 3600 sec with 10-sec intervals.

## Electrochemical properties

The electrochemical properties of B\*C\*-BODIPY were also studied by cyclic voltammetry (CV) and differential pulse voltammetry (DPV). The analysis was performed vs. Ag/AgCl in degassed, anhydrous acetonitrile solution containing [Bu<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup>][PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>] (0.1 M) as a supporting electrolyte. Reversibility of oxidation and reduction processes can be seen from the looping CV (Fig. S2) and symmetric DPV spectra (Fig. S3 and Table S1).



**Fig. S2** Cyclic voltammetry of ( $\pm$ )- $B^*C^*$ -BODIPY in MeCN.



**Fig. S3** DPV of  $B^*C^*$ -BODIPY in MeCN.

**Table S1** Electrochemical properties of  $B^*C^*$ -BODIPY in MeCN

	$E_{\text{ox}}^{\text{onset}}$ (eV) <sup>a</sup>	$E_{\text{red}}^{\text{onset}}$ (eV) <sup>a</sup>	$E_{\text{HOMO}}$ (eV) <sup>b</sup>	$E_{\text{LUMO}}$ (eV) <sup>c</sup>	$E_{\text{gap}}$ (eV) <sup>d</sup>
$B^*C^*$ - BODIPY	1.05	-1.06	-5.76	-3.65	2.1

<sup>a</sup>Calculated from the DPV, <sup>b</sup>Calculated with  $E_{\text{HOMO}}$ : - (4.71 +  $E_{\text{ox}}^{\text{onset}}$ ), <sup>c</sup>Calculated with  $E_{\text{LUMO}}$ : - (4.71 +  $E_{\text{red}}^{\text{onset}}$ )

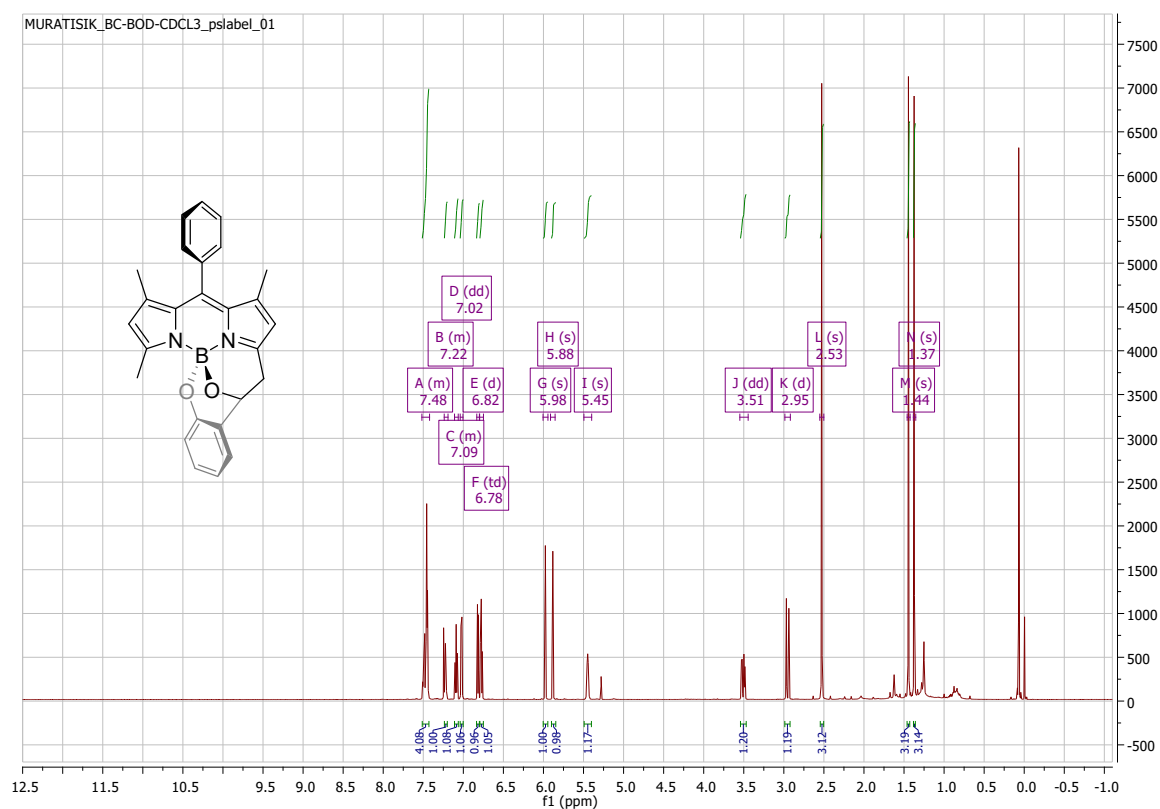
<sup>d</sup>Calculated with  $E_{\text{gap}}$ :  $E_{\text{LUMO}} - E_{\text{HOMO}}$

**Table S2** Electrochemical properties of  $F$ -BODIPY (**2**)<sup>a</sup>

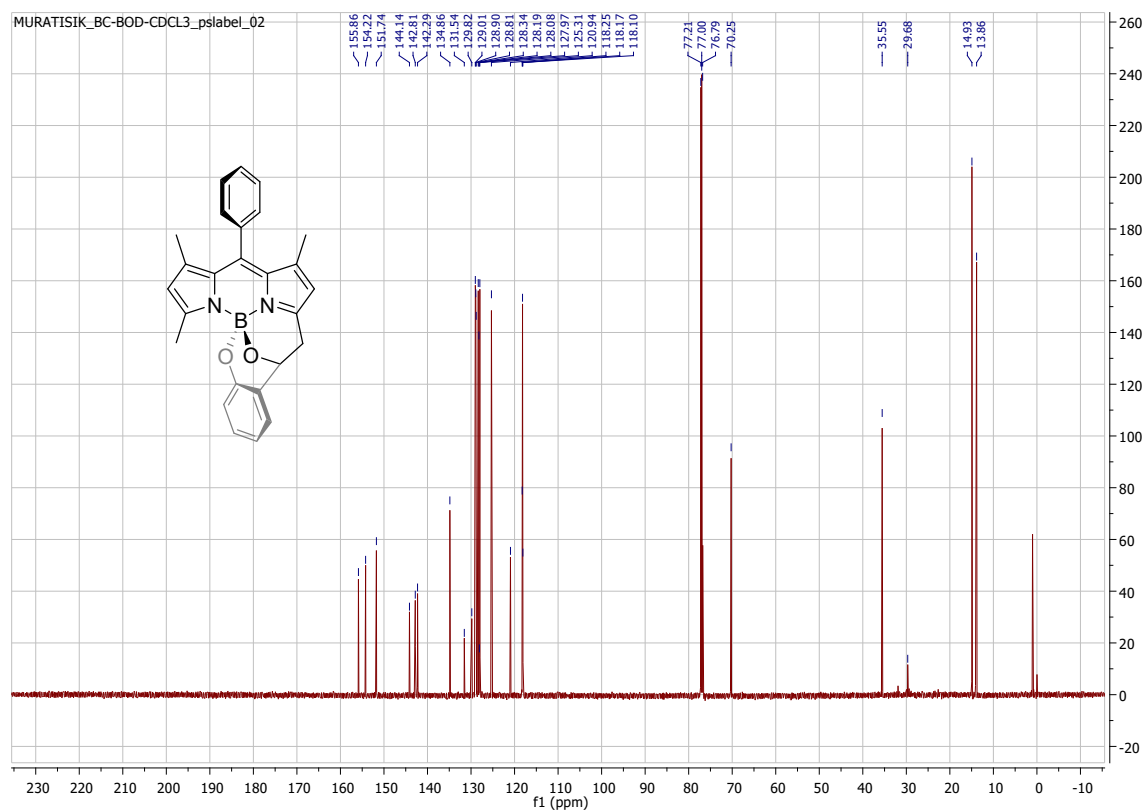
	$E_{1/2}^{\text{red}}$ (mV)	$E_{1/2}^{\text{ox}}$ (mV)	$E_{00}$ (eV)
$F$ -BODIPY ( <b>2</b> )	-1570	760	2.48

<sup>a</sup>Electrochemical data of this compound in acetonitrile (potentials in mV vs  $\text{Fe}^+/\text{Fe}$ ). The data are taken from the lit.<sup>3</sup>

## Copies of NMR (1D and 2D), HRMS and IR spectra of *B*\**C*\*-BODIPY

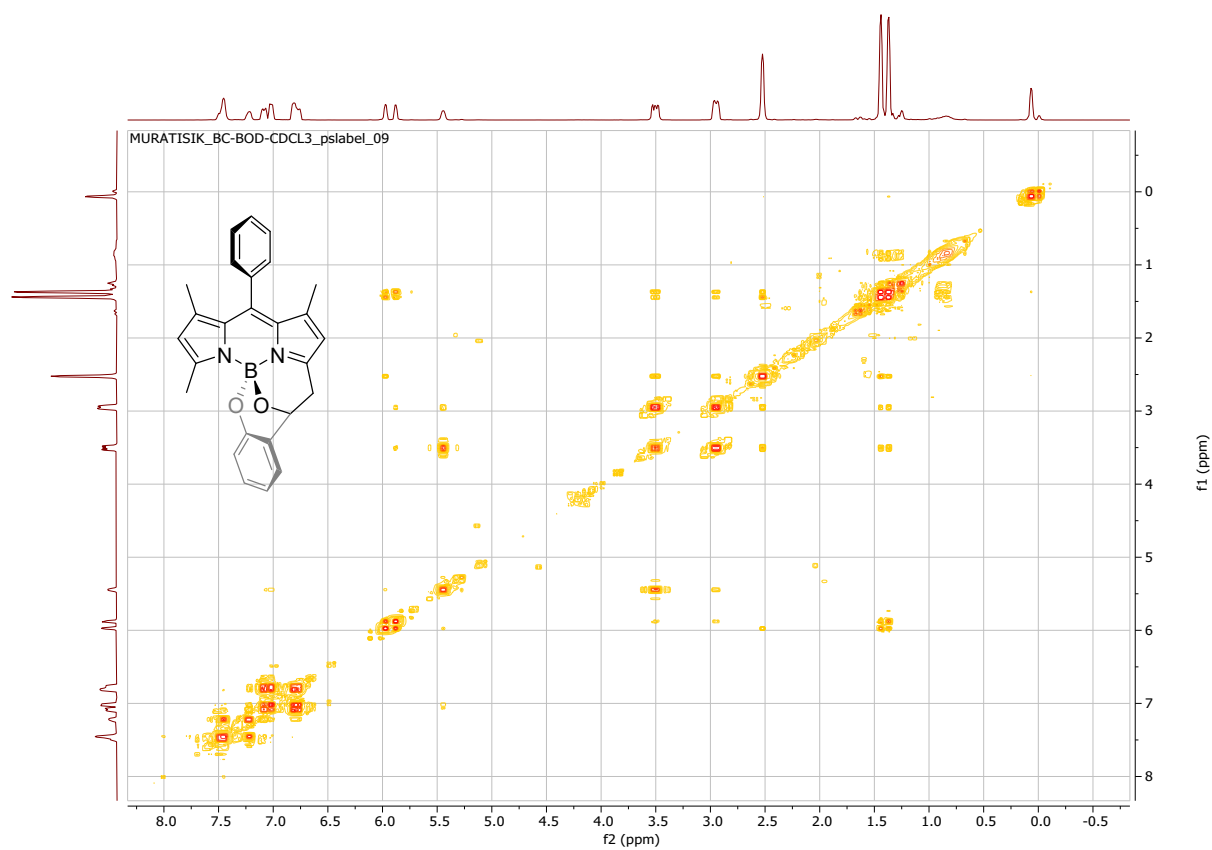


**Fig. S4** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (600 MHz) of *B*\**C*\*-BODIPY in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

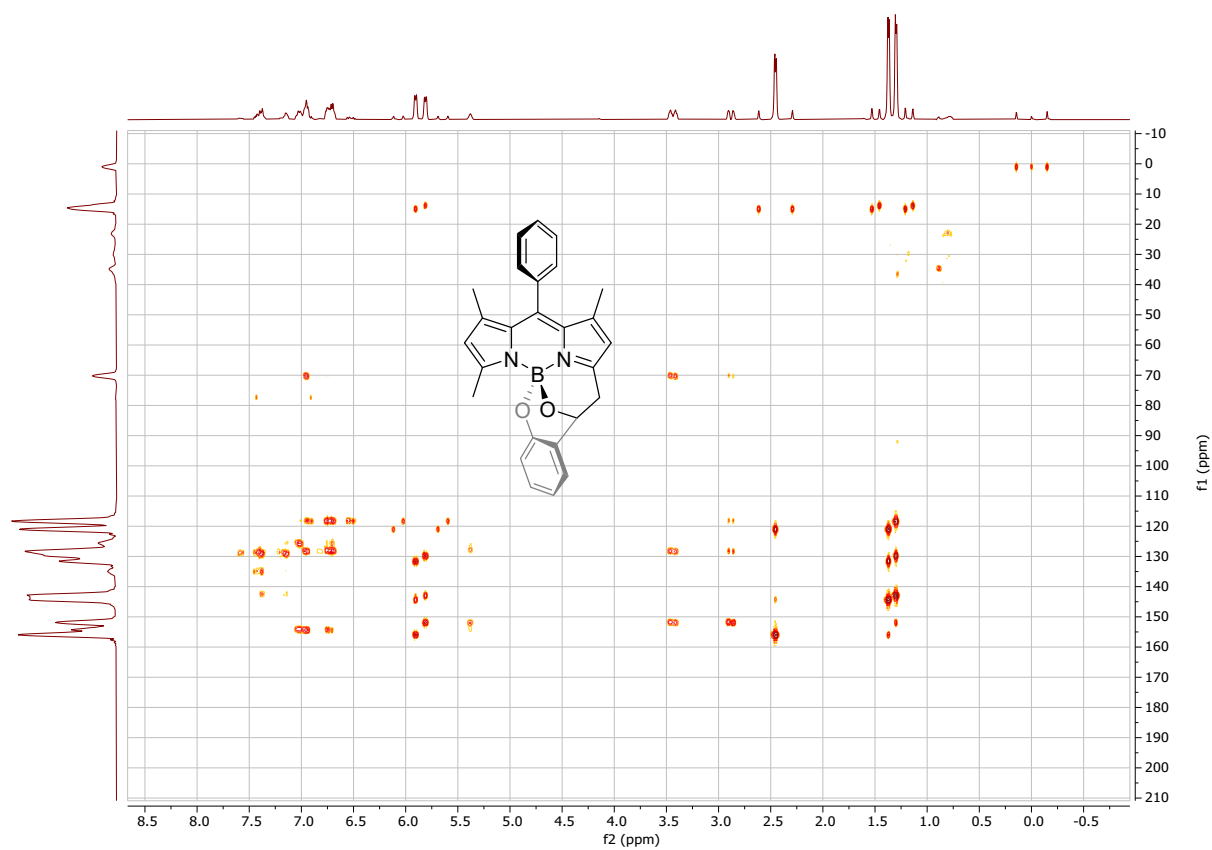


**Fig. S5** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (151 MHz) of *B*\**C*\*-BODIPY in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

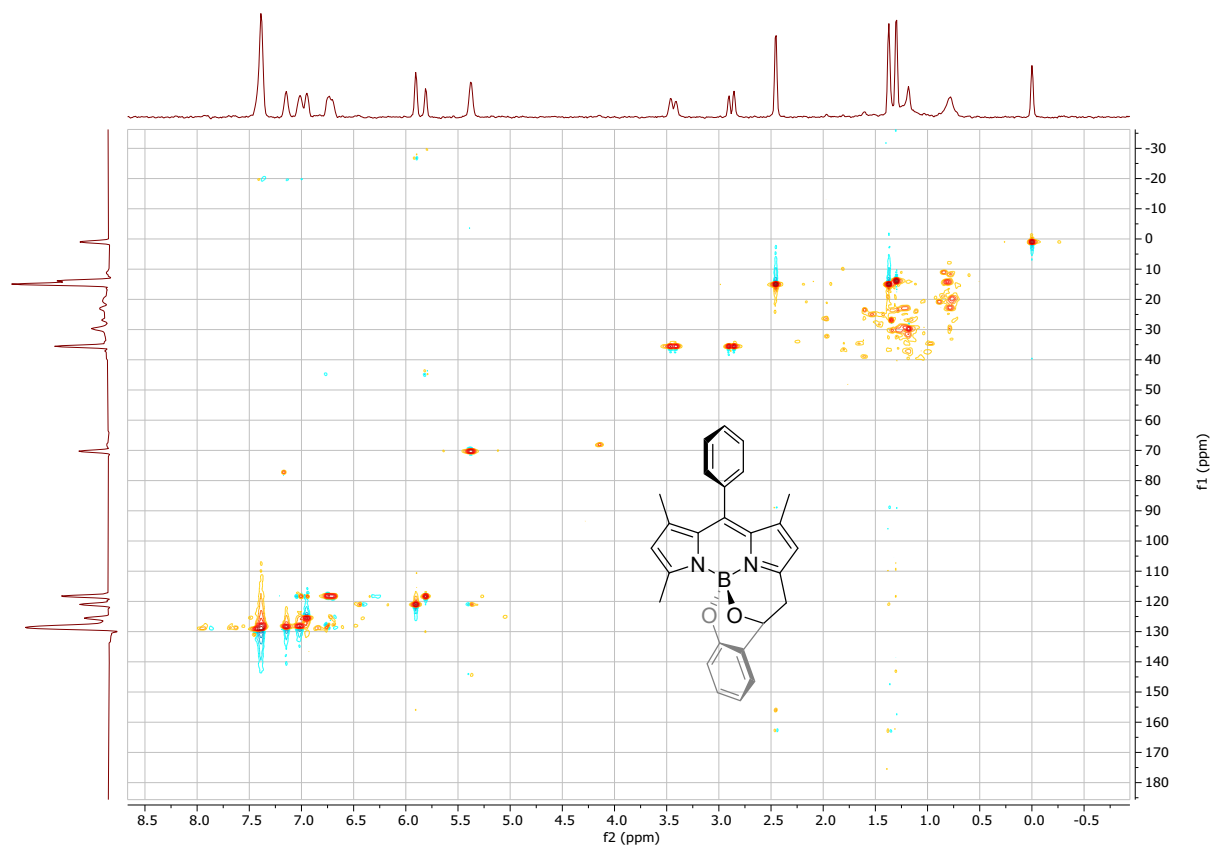




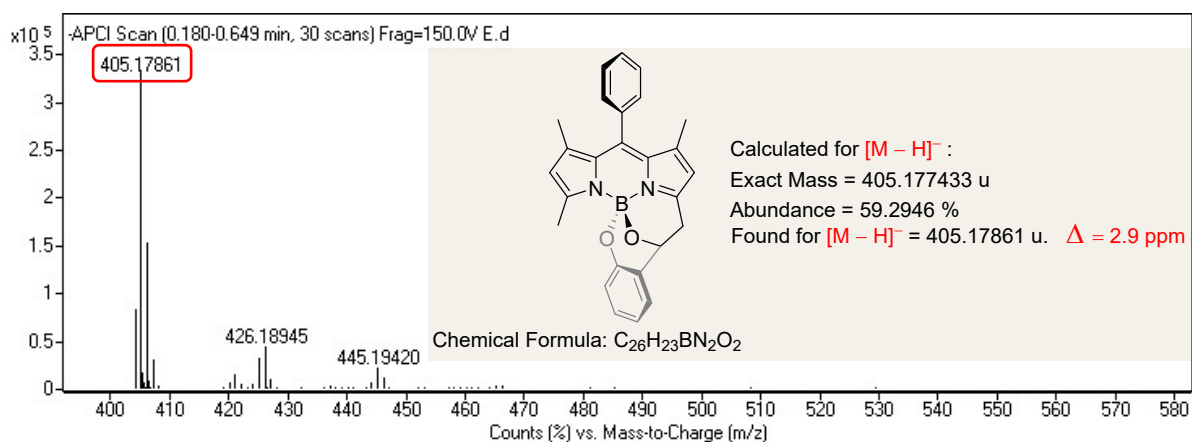
**Fig. S6** <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY NMR spectrum (600 MHz) of *B*\**C*\*-BODIPY in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



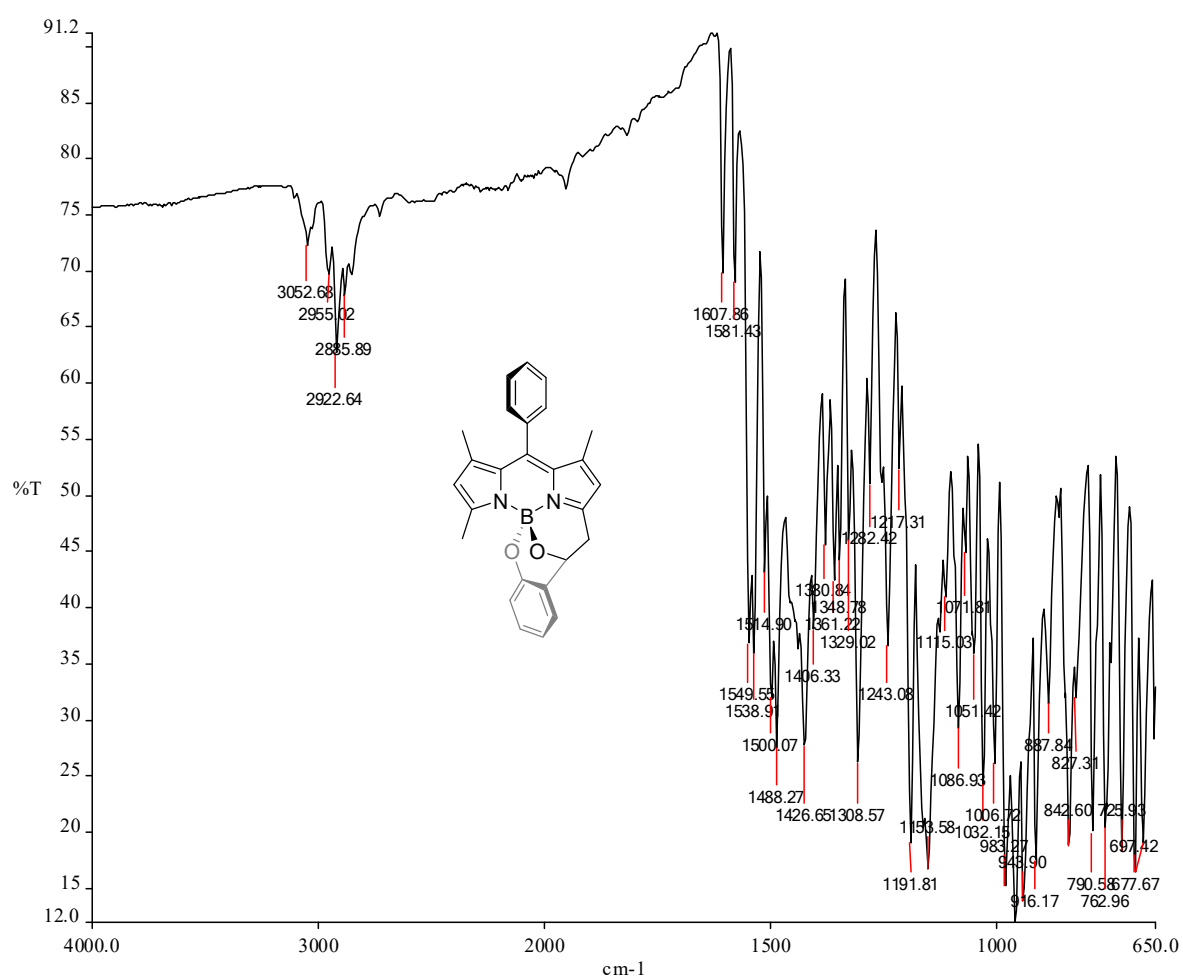
**Fig. S7** HMBC NMR spectrum (400 MHz) of *B*\**C*\*-BODIPY in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



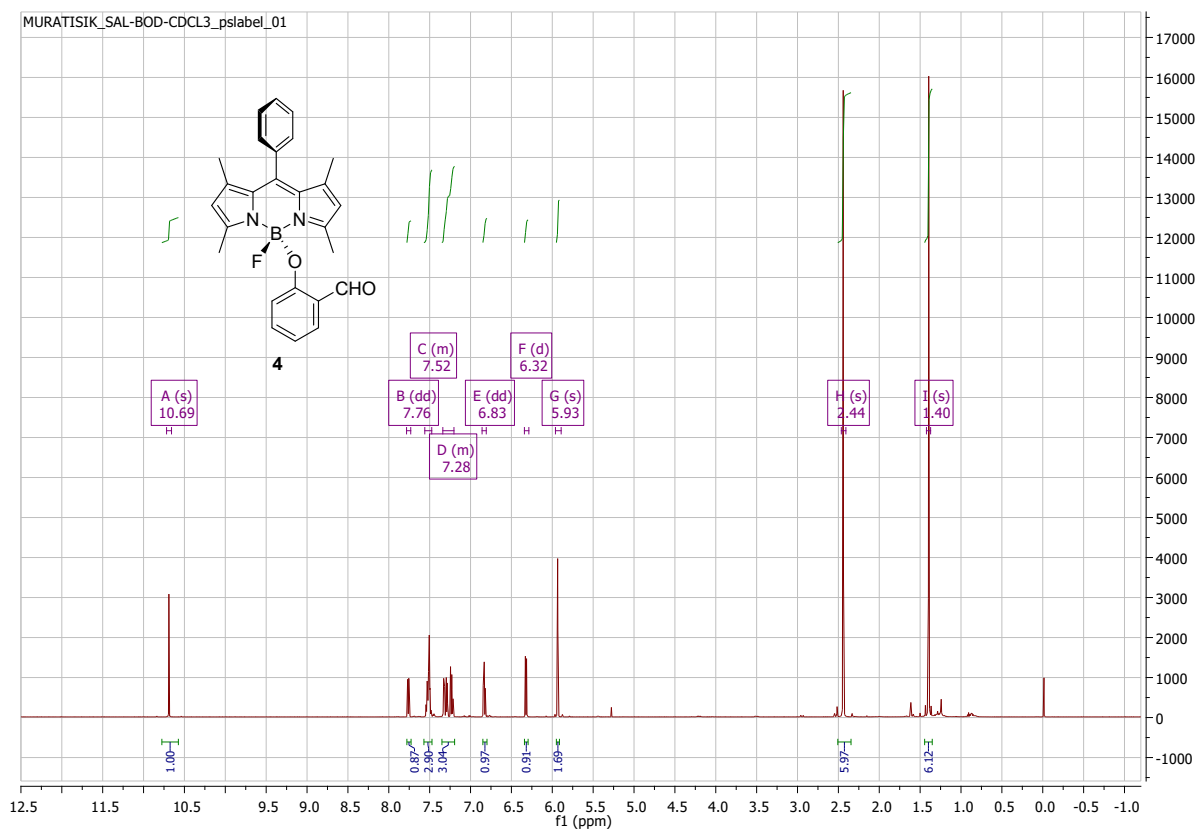
**Fig. S8** HSQC NMR spectrum (400 MHz) of *B*\**C*\*-BODIPY in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



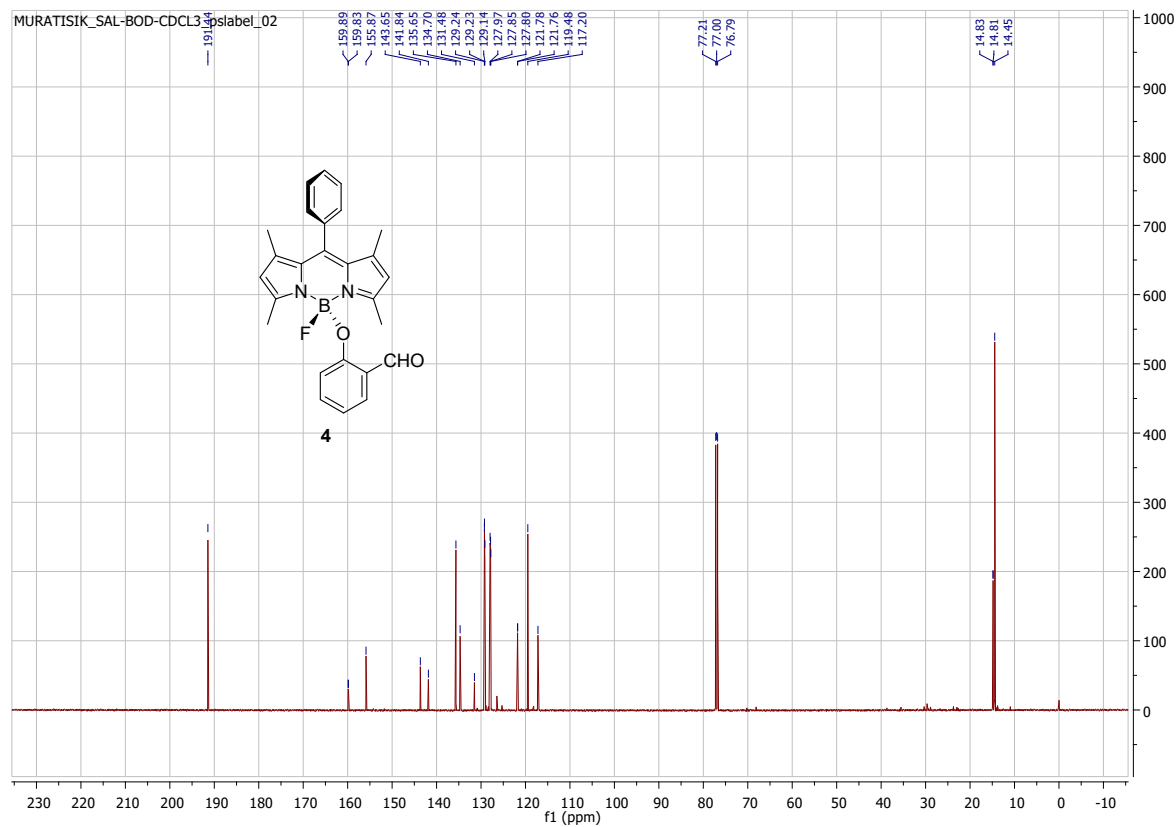
**Fig. S9** HRMS (APCI negative) chromatogram of *B*\**C*\*-BODIPY.



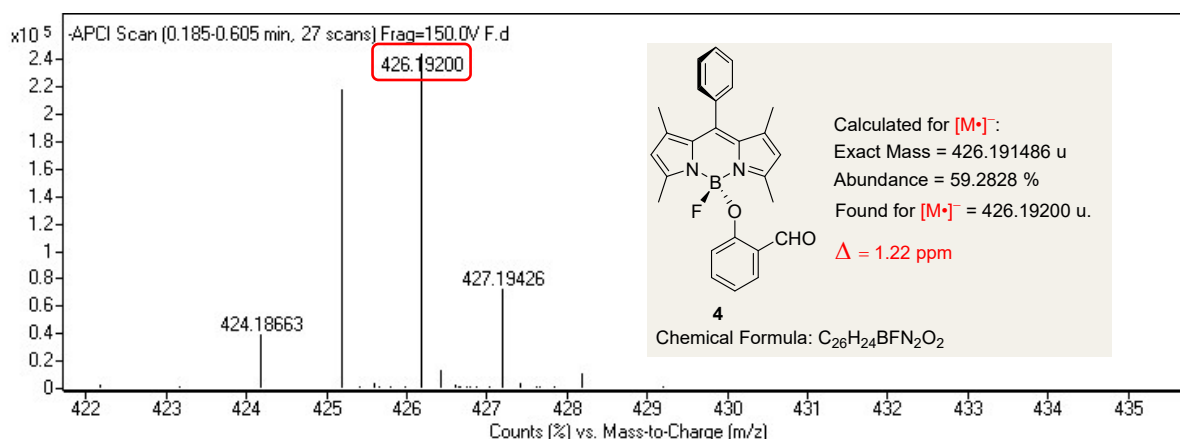
**Fig. S10** IR (neat) spectrum of *B*\**C*\*-BODIPY.



**Fig. S11** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (600 MHz) of compound **4** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Fig. S12** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (151 MHz) of compound **4** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



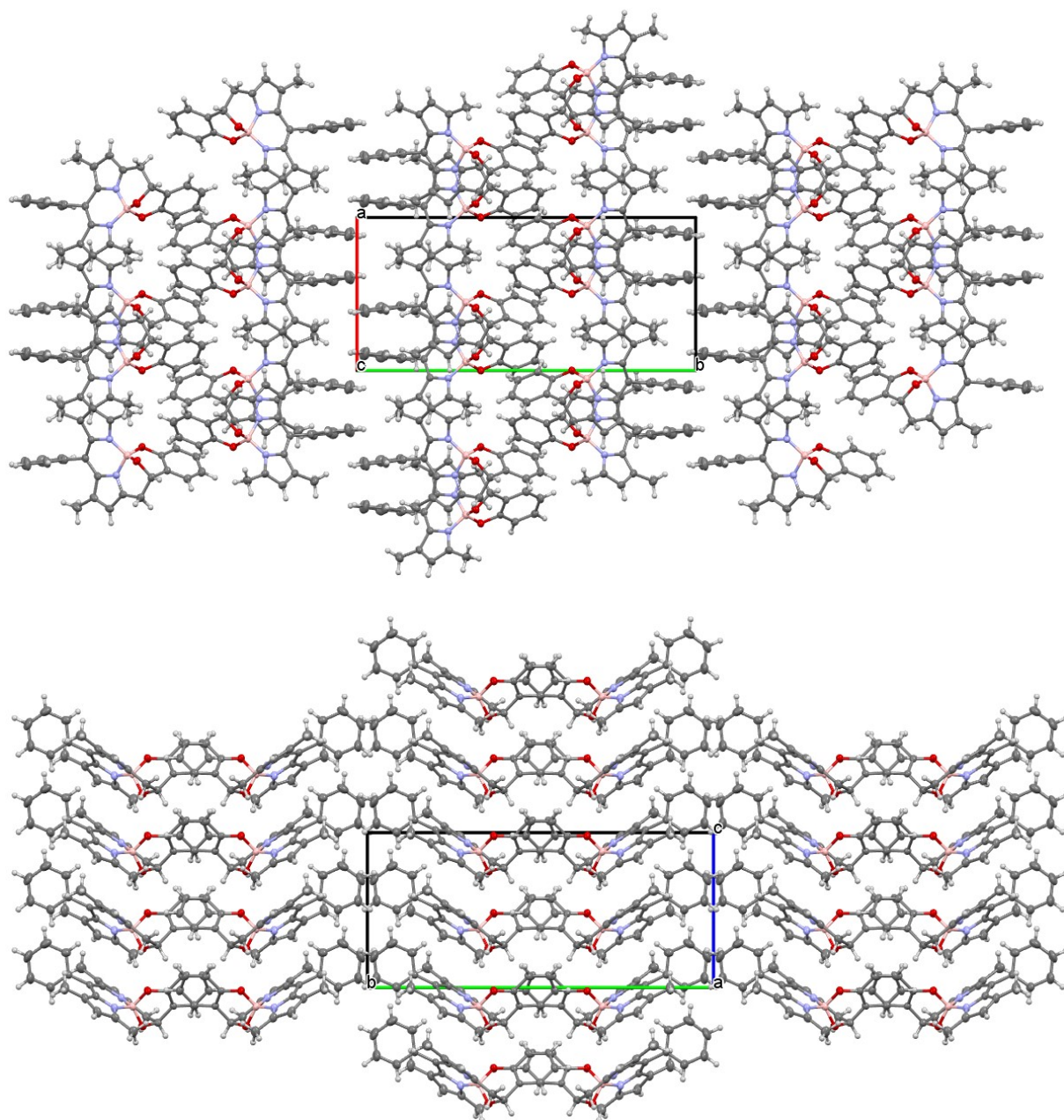
**Fig. S13** HRMS (APCI negative) chromatogram of compound **4**.

### X-ray diffraction data

For the crystal structure determination, single-crystal of the compound *B*\**C*\*-BODIPY was used for data collection on a four-circle Rigaku R-Axis RAPID-S diffractometer (equipped with a two-dimensional area IP detector). Graphite-monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) and oscillation scans technique with  $\Delta\omega = 5^\circ$  for one image were used for data collection. The lattice parameters were determined by the least-squares methods on the basis of all reflections with  $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$ . Integration of the intensities, correction for Lorentz and polarization effects and cell refinement were performed using CrystalClear (Rigaku/MSI Inc., 2005) software.<sup>3</sup> The structures were solved by direct methods using SHELXS-97 which allowed for the location of most of the heaviest atoms, with the remaining non-hydrogen atoms being located from different Fourier maps calculated from successive full-matrix least squares refinement cycles on  $F^2$  using SHELXL-97.<sup>4</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were refined using anisotropic displacement parameters. Hydrogens attached to carbons were located at their geometric positions using appropriate HFIX instructions in SHELXL. The final difference Fourier maps showed no peaks of chemical significance.

*Crystal data for B*\**C*\*-BODIPY: C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>B, crystal system, space group: orthorhombic, Pca2<sub>1</sub>; (no:29); unit cell dimensions:  $a = 9.8114(5)$ ,  $b = 21.6884(8)$ ,  $c = 9.7138(6)$  Å,  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 90^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 90^\circ$ ; volume; 2067.0(3) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z=4$ ; calculated density: 1.306 g/cm<sup>3</sup>; absorption coefficient: 0.082 mm<sup>-1</sup>;  $F(000)$ : 856;  $\theta$ -range for data collection 2.4–26.0°; refinement method: full matrix least-square on  $F^2$ ; data/parameters: 4026/285; goodness-of-fit on  $F^2$ : 1.060; final  $R$ -indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]:  $R_1 = 0.043$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.103$ ; largest diff. peak and hole: 0.177 and -0.164 e Å<sup>-3</sup>.

CCDC-2095290 number contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this structure. These data are provided free of charge via the joint CCDC/FIZ Karlsruhe deposition service [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures)



**Fig. S12** Stacking of the molecules with the unit cell viewed down along the (top) *c*-axis and the (bottom) *a*-axis. Note: The strongest intermolecular interaction is the X-H $\cdots$ Cg (Pi-Ring) interaction [C26-H $\cdots$ C20/C25(ring centroid) 3.585(4) Å]. The  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions are relatively weak, for which the ring centroids are found to be in the range of 4.90–5.95 Å.

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