

Supporting Information for

Synthesis of Azafluoranthenes by Iridium-Catalyzed [2+2+2] Cycloaddition and Evaluation of their Fluorescent Properties

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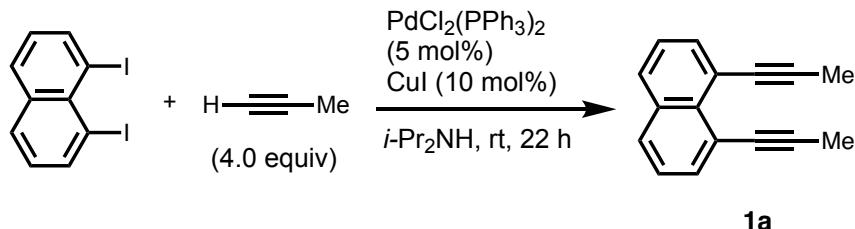
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1. General Methods and Materials

All anaerobic and moisture-sensitive manipulations were carried out with standard Schlenk techniques under predried argon. ^1H , ^{13}C , and ^{19}F NMR spectra were measured on JEOL ECX 500II spectrometers (500 MHz for ^1H , 126 MHz for ^{13}C , 471 MHz for ^{19}F). Chemical shifts are reported in δ (ppm) referenced to the tetramethylsilane (δ 0.00) for ^1H NMR and the residual peaks of CDCl_3 (δ 77.00) for ^{13}C NMR. The following abbreviations are used; s: singlet, d: doublet, t: triplet, m: multiplet. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained with a JEOL JMS-700 Mstation. IR spectra were measured on a JASCO FT/IR-4100 spectrometer. Absorption spectra were obtained with a JASCO V-650. Fluorescence spectra were measured on a Shimadzu RF-6000. The products were purified by column chromatography on 63-210 mesh silica gel (Kanto Kagaku; Silica Gel 60N). Cells were incubated using a CO_2 incubator (MCO-18AIC, SANYO) at 37 °C in 5% CO_2 . Cells were observed using a C2 confocal laser scanning microscope (Nikon). Cell viability was recorded on a xMarkTM microplate absorbance spectrophotometer (BIO RAD). SK-BR-3 was purchased from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC). All solvents were dried and distilled before use by the usual procedures. $[\text{IrCl}(\text{cod})_2]$,¹ **1a** [22360-77-6], **1b** [17694-87-0], **2m** [14271-73-9],² **2n** [1530-89-8],³ **2u** [1530-88-7],³ **2v** [1530-87-6],⁴ **2w** [2050-54-6],³ and **2x** [18773-77-8]³ were prepared according to the literature. *rac*-BINAP, nitriles **2a** [100-47-0], **2b** [104-85-8], **2c** [874-90-8], **2d** [4421-09-4], **2e** [1443-80-7], **2f** [455-18-5], **2g** [623-00-7], **2h** [619-72-7], **2i** [1129-35-7], **2j** [100-70-9], **2k** [617-90-3], **2l** [1003-31-2], **2o** [623-49-4], **2p** [75-05-8], **2q** [628-73-9], **2r** [78-82-0], **2s** [5500-21-0] and **2t** [105-56-6] were purchased and used as received.

2. Preparation of Diynes **1a** and **1b**

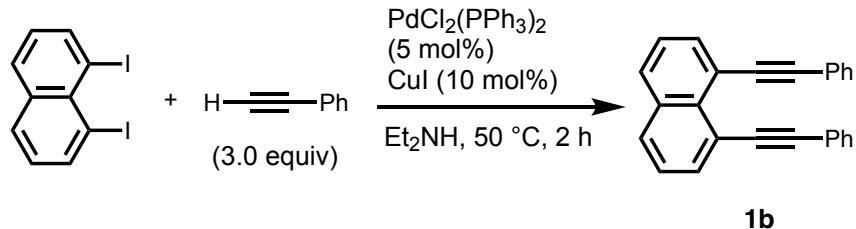
Procedure for Preparation of Diyne **1a**



To a solution of CuI (38.3 mg, 0.201 mmol) and $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (69.8 mg, 0.0994 mmol) in $i\text{-Pr}_2\text{NH}$ (16 mL) were added 1,8-diiodonaphthalene (757.0 mg, 1.992 mmol) and 1-propyne (8.0 mL, 8.0 mmol, 1.0 M solution in THF) at room temperature. After the mixture was stirred for 22 h, the white solid was filtered off with Celite. sat. NH_4Cl aq. was added, and the mixture was extracted with Et_2O . The combined organic extracts were dried

(MgSO_4), filtered, and concentrated on a rotary evaporator. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (Hexane/ CH_2Cl_2 = 95/5) to give **1a** (348.7 mg, 1.707 mmol, 86% yield) as a brown solid (m.p. 112.8 °C-112.9 °C). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.20 (s, 6H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 134.2, 134.1, 131.7, 128.8, 125.3, 121.3, 92.9, 79.8, 5.3; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3234, 3047, 2950, 2909, 2841, 2230, 1568, 1503, 1426, 1372, 1350, 1174, 830, 771, 726, 613; HRMS (FAB $^+$) m/z [M+H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}$ 204.0934; found 204.0935.

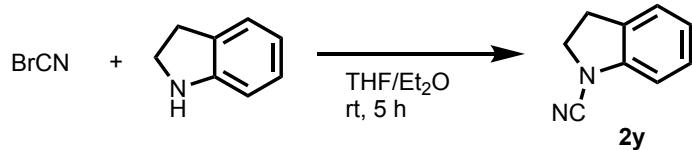
Procedure for Preparation of Diyne **1b**



To a solution of CuI (38.2 mg, 0.201 mmol) and $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (70.1 mg, 0.0999 mmol) in Et_2NH (12.0 mL) were added 1,8-diiodonaphthalene (762.5 mg, 2.007 mmol) and phenylacetylene (609.7 mg, 5.969 mmol) at room temperature. After the mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 2 h, sat. NH_4Cl aq. was added, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc . The combined organic extracts were dried (MgSO_4), filtered, and concentrated on a rotary evaporator. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (Hexane/ CH_2Cl_2 = 95/5) to give **1b** [CAS RN: 17694-87-0]⁵ (584.6 mg, 1.780 mmol, 89% yield) as a brown solid. ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.87 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 4H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H).

3. Preparation of Nitrile **2y**

Procedure for Preparation of Nitrile **2y**



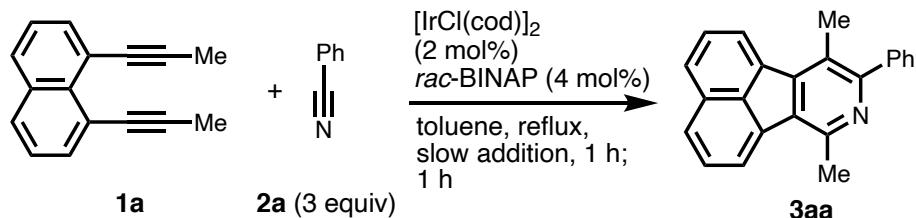
To a solution of BrCN (1894.8 mg, 17.889 mmol) in Et_2O (10 mL) and THF (10 mL) were added indoline (4461.1 mg, 37.438 mmol) at 0 °C. After the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h, the white solid was filtered off with Celite, and the filtrate was

extracted with Et₂O and H₂O. The combined organic extracts were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated on a rotary evaporator. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 95/5) to give **2y** [CAS RN: 90036-14-9]⁶ (1119.0 mg, 7.7613 mmol, 43% yield) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H).

4. General Procedure for the [2+2+2] Cycloaddition of Diyne **1a** with Nitriles **2** (Scheme 2)

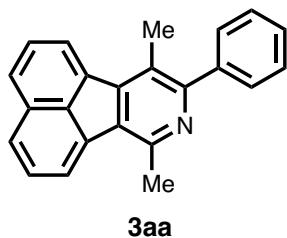
Representative Procedure for the Reaction of Diyne **1a** with Nitrile **2a**



To the mixture of $[\text{Ir}(\text{cod})\text{Cl}]_2$ (6.8 mg, 0.010 mmol), *rac*-BINAP (12.5 mg, 0.0201 mmol), and toluene (1.0 mL) was added **2a** (159.0 mg, 1.542 mmol). A solution of **1a** (102.1 mg, 0.4998 mmol) in toluene (1.0 mL) was added over 1 h with a syringe pump under reflux. The vessel was washed with toluene (1.0 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 1 h. After the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator, the residue was subjected to column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/EtOAc = 9/1) to give **3aa** (126.6 mg, 0.4118 mmol, 82% yield).

5. Characterization of **3aa**-**3at** and **4**

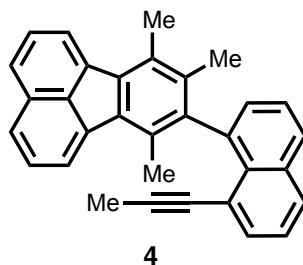
7,10-Dimethyl-9-phenylacenaphtho[1,2-*c*]pyridine (**3aa**)



Compound **3aa** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (102.1 mg, 0.4998 mmol) and **2a** (159.0 mg, 1.542 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (9/1) to afford **3aa** (126.6 mg, 0.4118 mmol,

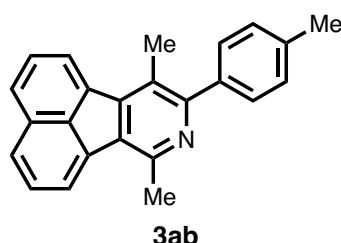
82% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 146.8-147.1 °C). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.09 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.63-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H), 2.69 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.9, 150.0, 145.5, 140.9, 135.9, 135.6, 132.6, 130.4, 129.9, 129.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 126.7, 125.2, 124.3, 123.1, 23.4, 17.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3053, 2958, 2923, 2853, 1740, 1579, 1560, 1442, 1420, 1404, 1383, 1183, 1020, 822, 771, 752, 700; HRMS (FAB) m/z [M+H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}$ 308.1434; found 308.1431.

7,8,10-Trimethyl-9-(prop-1-yn-1-yl)naphthalen-1-yl)fluoranthene (4)



Compound **4**: brown solid (m.p. 150.8-151.6 °C). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.91-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.7, 139.9, 138.4, 138.3, 136.9, 135.8, 134.6, 134.4, 133.4, 133.1, 131.5, 131.4, 130.1, 129.9, 129.1, 128.9, 128.3, 127.8, 127.7, 125.9, 125.8, 125.6, 125.1, 122.9, 122.6, 121.5, 91.7, 78.7, 18.2, 17.9, 16.6, 4.2; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3047, 2986, 2909, 2859, 1572, 1424, 1364, 1346, 831, 823, 770; HRMS (FAB) m/z [M+H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{24}$ 408.1873; found 408.1876.

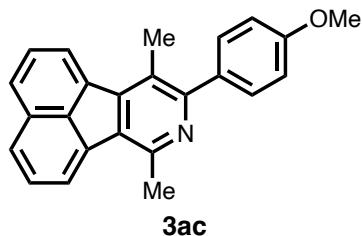
7,10-Dimethyl-9-(*p*-tolyl)acenaphtho[1,2-*c*]pyridine (3ab)



Compound **3ab** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (98.8 mg, 0.4837 mmol) and **2b** (224.4 mg, 1.915 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene/EtOAc (8/2) to afford **3ab** (137.7 mg, 0.4284 mmol,

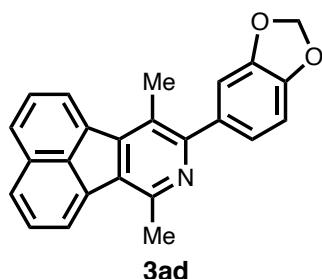
89% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 136.2-137.8 °C). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.08 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.0, 150.0, 145.4, 138.0, 137.4, 136.0, 135.7, 132.6, 130.2, 129.9, 129.5, 128.8, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 126.6, 125.1, 124.3, 123.0, 23.4, 21.3, 17.1; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3051, 3035, 2955, 2915, 2860, 1579, 1559, 1444, 1424, 1397, 1228, 1185, 1137, 1032, 1020, 822, 814, 791, 770, 744, 525; HRMS (FAB) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}$ 322.1590; found 322.1591.

9-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-7,10-dimethylacenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine (3ac)



Compound **3ac** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (105.3 mg, 0.5155 mmol) and **2c** (210.2 mg, 1.579 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene/EtOAc (7/3) to afford **3ac** (141.6 mg, 0.4197 mmol, 81% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 138.2-139.2 °C). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.16 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.00 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.75 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.4, 157.7, 150.0, 145.6, 136.1, 135.8, 133.4, 132.7, 130.9, 130.1, 130.0, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 126.6, 125.3, 124.3, 123.1, 113.6, 55.4, 23.4, 17.2; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3053, 3003, 2955, 2933, 2911, 2835, 1607, 1577, 1513, 1461, 1421, 1400, 1293, 1251, 1179, 1023, 959, 842, 822, 797, 771, 589, 538; HRMS (FAB) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{NO}$ 338.1539; found 338.1539.

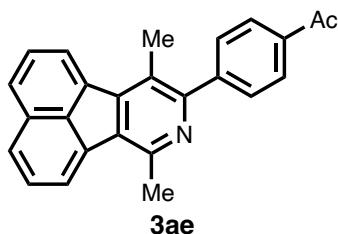
9-(Benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-7,10-dimethylacenaphtho[1,2-c] (3ad)



Compound **3ad** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (99.9 mg,

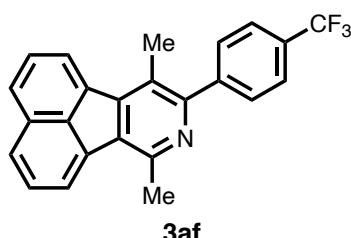
0.4891 mmol) and **2d** (221.7 mg, 1.507 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene/EtOAc (9/1) to afford **3ad** (157.7 mg, 0.4488 mmol, 92% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 186.5-187.8 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (s, 2H), 2.97 (s, 3H), 2.71 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.4, 149.9, 147.5, 147.3, 145.6, 135.9, 135.6, 134.9, 132.6, 130.3, 129.9, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 126.7, 125.2, 124.3, 123.4, 123.1, 110.3, 108.0, 101.1, 23.4, 17.1; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3049, 2991, 2952, 2892, 2786, 1580, 1563, 1502, 1464, 1441, 1412, 1379, 1335, 1240, 1189, 1173, 1122, 1097, 1064, 1037, 936, 905, 866, 822, 773, 565; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₁₈NO₂ 352.1332; found 352.1331.

1-(4-(7,10-Dimethylacenaphtho[1,2-*c*]pyridin-9-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3ae)



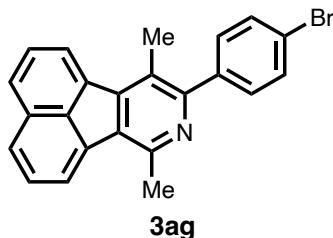
Compound **3ae** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (102.1 mg, 0.4998 mmol) and **2e** (218.2 mg, 1.503 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (9/1) to afford **3ae** (148.0 mg, 0.4235 mmol, 85% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 250.3-253.2 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.14-8.11 (m, 1H), 8.11-8.06 (m, 2H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.68 (m, 4H), 2.99 (s, 3H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.0, 156.5, 150.3, 145.64, 145.60, 136.2, 135.7, 135.3, 132.5, 130.9, 129.9, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.0, 125.4, 124.4, 123.4, 26.7, 23.3, 17.0; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3050, 2992, 2950, 2914, 2866, 2857, 1677, 1603, 1577, 1415, 1396, 1356, 1265, 956, 849, 826, 776, 737, 693, 627, 602, 574, 590; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₂₀NO 350.1539; found 350.1539.

7,10-Dimethyl-9-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-*c*]pyridine (3af)



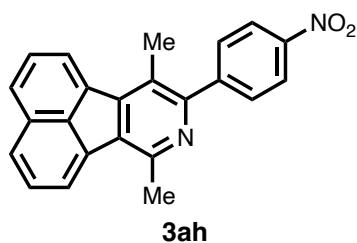
Compound **3af** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (101.8 mg, 0.4984 mmol) and **2f** (257.0 mg, 1.502 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene to afford **3af** (165.7 mg, 0.4414 mmol, 89% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 216.2–218.1 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.94 (s, 3H), 2.65 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.1, 150.3, 145.6, 144.4, 135.5, 135.2, 132.5, 130.9, 129.96, 129.91 (q, *J* = 21.6 Hz), 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 126.9, 125.3, 125.2–125.0 (m), 124.29 (q, *J* = 271.9 Hz), 124.26, 123.4., 23.3, 16.9; ¹⁹F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.4; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3054, 2991, 2958, 2925, 2863, 1614, 1577, 1560, 1447, 1423, 1399, 1324, 1166, 1107, 1065, 1016, 850, 823, 774, 758; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₁₇F₃N 376.1308; found .376.1307

9-(4-Bromophenyl)-7,10-dimethylacenaphtho[1,2-*c*]pyridine (3ag)



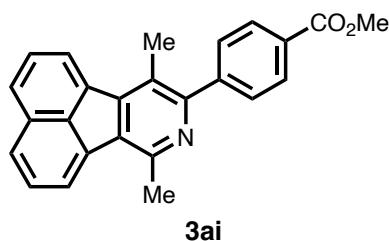
Compound **3ag** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (91.8 mg, 0.4494 mmol) and **2g** (274.2 mg, 1.506 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene to afford **3ag** (131.3 mg, 0.3399 mmol, 76% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 248.8–251.0 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.73 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.6, 150.3, 145.7, 139.8, 135.8, 135.5, 132.6, 131.3, 130.7, 129.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 126.9, 125.4, 124.3, 123.4, 122.1, 23.4, 17.0; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3078, 3058, 2993, 2955, 2914, 2854, 1574, 1556, 1487, 1458, 1442, 1422, 1413, 1386, 1364, 1350, 1072, 1011, 831, 815, 793, 771, 746; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₁₇BrN 386.0539; found 386.0539.

7,10-Dimethyl-9-(4-nitrophenyl)acenaphtho[1,2-*c*]pyridine (3ah)



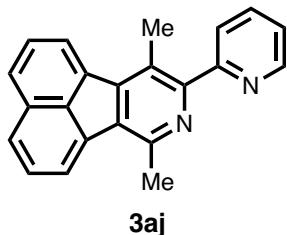
Compound **3ah** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (94.9 mg, 0.4646 mmol) and **2h** (220.2 mg, 1.487 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene/EtOAc (9/1) to afford **3ah** (97.7 mg, 0.2772 mmol, 60% yield) as a brown solid (m.p. 280.0-281.1 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40-8.34 (m, 2H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.85-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.77 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 2.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.2, 150.7, 147.5, 147.4, 145.9, 135.5, 135.2, 132.6, 131.4, 130.7, 130.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.1, 127.3, 125.7, 124.5, 123.8, 123.4, 23.4, 17.0; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3067, 3001, 2965, 2918, 2851, 2837, 1593, 1519, 1445, 1423, 1396, 1342, 1104, 861, 849, 823, 774, 748, 702, 576, 451; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₁₇N₂O₂ 353.1285; found 353.1285.

Methyl 4-(7,10-dimethylacenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridin-9-yl)benzoate (3ai)



Compound **3ai** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (101.9 mg, 0.4988 mmol) and **2i** (240.1 mg, 1.490 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (8/2) to afford **3ai** (159.0 mg, 0.4351 mmol, 87% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 236.6-236.9 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.67 (m, 4H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 2.99 (s, 3H), 2.69 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.0, 156.6, 150.3, 145.6, 145.4, 135.7, 135.3, 132.5, 130.8, 129.9, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 126.9, 125.4, 124.4, 123.4, 52.1, 23.3, 17.0; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3051, 2993, 2948, 2928, 1726, 1712, 1607, 1575, 1435, 1424, 1397, 1276, 1113, 1101, 1017, 862, 824, 776, 751, 712; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₂₀NO₂ 366.1489; found 366.1489.

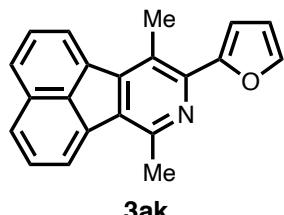
7,10-Dimethyl-9-(pyridin-2-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine (3aj)



3aj

Compound **3aj** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (99.9 mg, 0.4891 mmol) and **2j** (148.4 mg, 1.425 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene/EtOAc (6/4) to afford **3aj** (129.8 mg, 0.4209 mmol, 86% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 156.0–157.3 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.77–8.73 (m, 1H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (ddd, *J* = 6.9, 5.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.2, 155.6, 150.0, 148.6, 145.9, 136.5, 135.9, 135.4, 132.6, 131.2, 129.9, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 126.9, 125.6, 125.4, 124.9, 123.4, 122.4, 23.3, 16.5; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3044, 3002, 2959, 2911, 2852, 1587, 1558, 1460, 1441, 1423, 1405, 1381, 1364, 1032, 820, 783, 767, 745, 698, 687, 608; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₁₇N₂ 309.1386; found 309.1391.

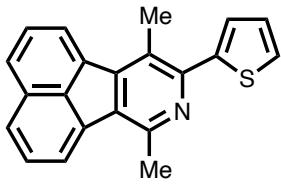
9-(Furan-2-yl)-7,10-dimethylacenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine (3ak)



3ak

Compound **3ak** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (97.7 mg, 0.478 mmol) and **2k** (138.42 mg, 1.487 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene/EtOAc (9/1) to afford **3ak** (116.2 mg, 0.3908 mmol, 82% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 78.5–79.8 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.60 (m, 3H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.61–6.57 (m, 1H), 2.96 (s, 3H), 2.88 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.8, 150.3, 146.9, 145.8, 142.9, 135.8, 135.3, 132.5, 130.3, 129.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 126.8, 125.5, 124.3, 123.2, 111.5, 111.3, 23.5, 16.4; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3114, 3097, 3051, 3011, 2963, 2916, 2855, 1576, 1493, 1448, 1417, 1384, 1365, 1175, 1136, 1033, 1014, 914, 822, 768, 736, 596; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₆NO 298.1226; found 298.1226.

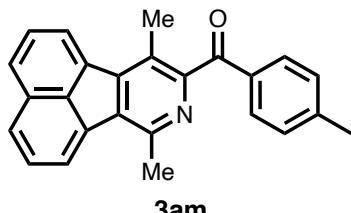
7,10-Dimethyl-9-(thiophen-2-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine (3al)



3al

Compound **3al** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (99.3 mg, 0.486 mmol) and **2l** (205.0 mg, 1.896 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene to afford **3al** (136.1 mg, 0.4342 mmol, 89% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 91.3-92.5 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.13 (m, 1H), 2.92 (s, 3H), 2.85 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.5, 150.1, 145.7, 144.6, 135.8, 135.3, 132.6, 130.1, 129.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.5, 127.2, 127.0, 126.7, 125.3, 124.0, 123.1, 23.3, 17.1; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3078, 3043, 2987, 2964, 2914, 2859, 1575, 1560, 1436, 1422, 1411, 1363, 1215, 1054, 945, 820, 768, 689, 679; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₁₆NS 314.0998; found 314.0995.

(7,10-Dimethylacenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridin-9-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone (3am)

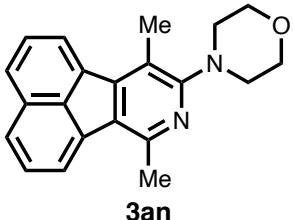


3am

Compound **3am** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (102.2 mg, 0.5003 mmol) and **2m** (146.0 mg, 1.006 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene/EtOAc (9/1) to afford **3am** (169.8 mg, 0.4859 mmol, 97% yield) as a light brown solid (m.p. 243.7-244.0 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.77-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 2H), 2.98 (s, 3H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.0, 154.9, 150.1, 145.5, 144.6, 135.5, 135.2, 134.3, 132.6, 132.3, 130.9, 130.3, 130.0, 129.3, 129.0, 128.4, 128.2, 127.6, 125.8, 125.2, 124.1, 23.3, 21.9, 15.7; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3054, 3018, 2984, 2952, 2919, 2857, 1662, 1604, 1573, 1561, 1444, 1422, 1374, 1319, 1302, 1238, 1174, 984, 930, 852, 821, 766, 741; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₂₀NO 350.1539; found

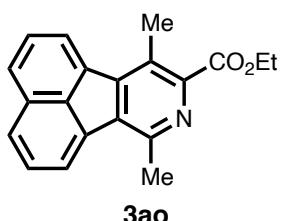
350.1540.

4-(7,10-Dimethylacenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridin-9-yl)morpholine (3an)



Compound **3an** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (102.6 mg, 0.5023 mmol) and **2n** (114.4 mg, 1.020 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene/EtOAc (8/2) to afford **3an** (146.7 mg, 0.4636 mmol, 92% yield) as a light yellow solid (m.p. 216.2-217.1 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 4H), 3.26 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 4H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 2.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.6, 148.3, 146.9, 136.2, 136.1, 133.1, 130.0, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 125.4, 124.5, 121.7, 117.9, 67.2, 51.0, 23.1, 15.2; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2969, 2954, 2891, 2847, 2822, 2812, 1593, 1572, 1453, 1413, 1394, 1361, 1270, 1262, 1251, 1146, 1131, 1111, 1069, 1045, 1033, 984, 864, 827, 780; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₁N₂O 317.1648; found 317.1651.

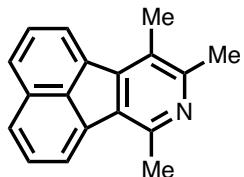
Ethyl 7,10-dimethylacenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine-9-carboxylate (3ao)



Compound **3ao** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (102.8 mg, 0.5033 mmol) and **2o** (147.2 mg, 1.486 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (8/2) to afford **3ao** (141.8 mg, 0.4674 mmol, 93% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 132.0-132.3 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.64 (m, 2H), 4.54 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (s, 3H), 2.85 (s, 3H), 1.50 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.4, 150.3, 147.7, 145.6, 135.1, 134.6, 133.1, 132.4, 129.8, 128.9, 128.2, 128.0, 127.7, 126.8, 125.8, 124.2, 61.7, 23.4, 15.8, 14.4; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3049, 2980, 2926, 2902, 2865, 1721, 1568, 1442, 1422, 1383, 1314, 1227, 1184, 1140, 1074, 1059, 1020, 822, 770; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₈NO₂ 304.1332;

found 304.1334.

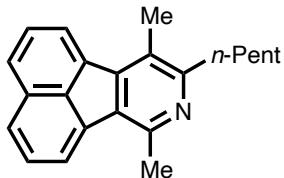
7,9,10-Trimethylacenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine (3ap)



3ap

Compound **3ap** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (102.2 mg, 0.5003 mmol) and **2p** (219.6 mg, 5.349 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (7/3) to afford **3ap** (96.6 mg, 0.394 mmol, 79% yield) as a light yellow solid (m.p. 150.2-150.9 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.59 (m, 2H), 2.86 (s, 3H), 2.63 (s, 3H), 2.60 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6, 149.2, 144.5, 136.0, 135.8, 132.6, 129.9, 129.6, 128.0, 127.7, 126.2, 124.8, 122.5, 23.1, 22.7, 15.3; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3067, 3042, 2986, 2943, 2916, 2862, 1585, 1567, 1439, 1411, 1388, 1186, 1063, 1014, 994, 963, 824, 775, 749; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₁₆N 246.1277; found 246.1278.

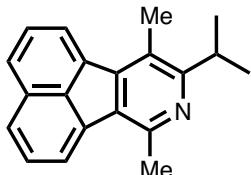
7,10-Dimethyl-9-pentylacenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine (3aq)



3aq

Compound **3aq** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (102.5 mg, 0.5018 mmol) and **2q** (254.1 mg, 2.615 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (9/1) to afford **3aq** (121.5 mg, 0.4031 mmol, 80% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 111.9-112.1 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.57 (m, 2H), 2.97-2.90 (m, 2H), 2.88 (s, 3H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 1.80-1.68 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.33 (m, 4H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.7, 149.5, 144.8, 136.1, 135.9, 132.5, 129.9, 129.5, 128.05, 128.01 127.7, 126.2, 124.8, 124.2, 122.5, 36.0, 32.1, 29.7, 23.2, 22.7, 15.2, 14.1; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2952, 2932, 2886, 2855, 1593, 1571, 1464, 1428, 1414, 1374, 1343, 1186, 824, 775, 731; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₄N 302.1903; found 302.1908.

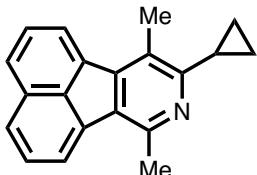
9-Isopropyl-7,10-dimethylacenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine (3ar)



3ar

Compound **3ar** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (102.0 mg, 0.4993 mmol) and **2r** (115.3 mg, 1.668 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (95/5) to afford **3ar** (93.4 mg, 0.3417 mmol, 68% yield) as a light yellow solid (m.p. 170.2-171.6 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.59 (m, 2H), 3.50 (septet, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 2.72 (s, 3H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.5, 149.5, 144.7, 136.5, 136.1, 132.6, 129.9, 129.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 126.1, 124.8, 123.5, 122.5, 31.1, 23.5, 22.1, 14.8; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3049, 2979, 2964, 2928, 2867, 1580, 1562, 1441, 1414, 1381, 1356, 1330, 1187, 1141, 1050, 1030, 822, 773, 759, 622; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₂₀N 274.1590; found 274.1591.

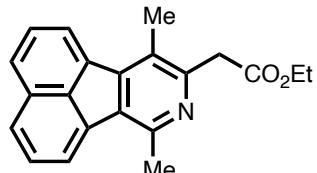
9-Cyclopropyl-7,10-dimethylacenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine (3as)



3as

Compound **3as** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (101.9 mg, 0.4988 mmol) and **2s** (100.6 mg, 1.500 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (95/5) to afford **3as** (114.0 mg, 0.4201 mmol, 84% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 175.9-176.3 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.92-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.59 (m, 2H), 2.83 (s, 3H), 2.79 (s, 3H), 2.31-2.23 (m, 1H), 1.18-1.13 (m, 2H), 1.03-0.97 (m, 2H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.8, 149.4, 144.2, 136.3, 136.1, 132.7, 129.9, 128.9, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 126.0, 124.8, 124.7, 122.3, 23.3, 14.7, 14.1, 8.5; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3087, 3050, 3005, 2939, 2914, 2862, 1584, 1564, 1467, 1437, 1420, 1395, 1379, 1369, 1207, 1188, 1066, 1057, 1020, 972, 908, 859, 824, 776, 752; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₁₈N 272.1434; found 272.1435.

Ethyl 2-(7,10-dimethylacenaphtho[1,2-*c*]pyridin-9-yl)acetate (3at)

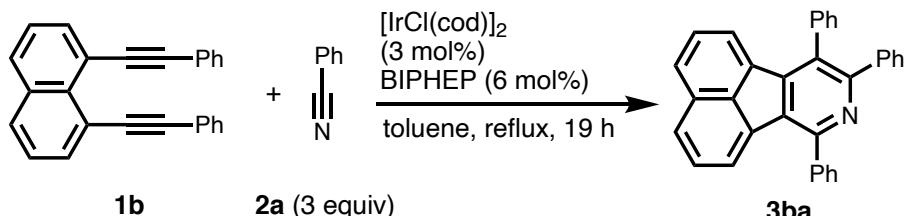


3at

Compound **3at** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (102.9 mg, 0.5037 mmol) and **2t** (175.5 mg, 1.552 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene/EtOAc (9/1) to afford **3at** (143.8 mg, 0.4531 mmol, 90% yield) as a red solid (m.p. 140.9–141.8 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.07 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70–7.62 (m, 2H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 2.90 (s, 3H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.0, 151.7, 149.8, 145.1, 135.7, 135.5, 132.5, 130.8, 129.9, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 126.6, 125.6, 125.1, 123.0, 60.9, 42.2, 23.1, 15.5, 14.2; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 2984, 2974, 2952, 2927, 2901, 2858, 1735, 1589, 1576, 1450, 1432, 1415, 1366, 1312, 1263, 1151, 1038, 950, 827, 804, 781, 687, 581; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₀NO₂ 318.1489; found 318.1488.

6. General Procedure for the [2+2+2] Cycloaddition of Diyne **1b** with Nitriles **2** (Scheme 3)

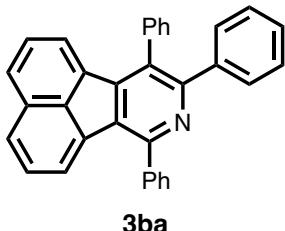
Representative Procedure for the Reaction of Diyne **1b** with Nitrile **2a**



To the solution of $[\text{IrCl}(\text{cod})]_2$ (10.8 mg, 0.0161 mmol), BIPHEP (15.5 mg, 0.0297 mmol), and toluene (3.0 mL) was added **2a** (156.0 mg, 1.513 mmol) and **1b** (165.3 mg, 0.5033 mmol). The mixture was stirred under reflux for 19 h. After the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator, the residue was subjected to column chromatography (silica gel, toluene) to give **3ba** (157.8 mg, 0.3657 mmol, 73% yield).

7. Characterization of **3ba**-**3by**

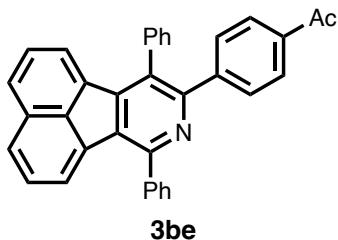
7,9,10-Triphenylacenaphtho[1,2-*c*]pyridine (**3ba**)



3ba

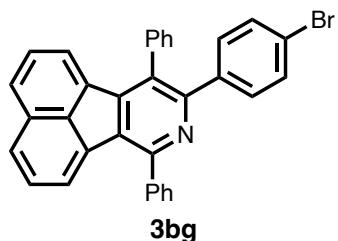
Compound **3ba** was prepared according to general procedure using **1b** (165.3 mg, 0.5033 mmol) and **2a** (156.0 mg, 1.513 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene to afford **3ba** (157.8 mg, 0.3657 mmol, 73% yield) as a pale yellow solid (m.p. 206.2-206.8 °C). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.95 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.51-7.34 (m, 9H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 3H), 6.90 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 156.0, 153.8, 146.3, 140.5, 140.3, 138.0, 134.8, 134.4, 133.0, 130.6, 130.2, 130.1, 129.9, 129.2, 128.83, 128.75, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 125.1, 123.5; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3055, 3027, 2960, 2925, 2854, 1550, 1494, 1426, 1402, 1071, 1021, 985, 825, 775, 755, 702, 546; HRMS (FAB) m/z [M+H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}$ 432.1747; found 432.1736.

1-(4-(7,10-Diphenylacenaphtho[1,2-*c*]pyridin-9-yl)phenyl)ethan-1-one (3be)



Compound **3be** was prepared according to general procedure using **1b** (167.8 mg, 0.5109 mmol) and **2e** (218.6 mg, 1.506 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene to afford **3be** (239.0 mg, 0.5047 mmol, 99% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 274.3-274.6 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.53 (m, 6H), 7.51-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.36 (m, 3H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.0, 154.6, 154.0, 146.4, 145.1, 140.3, 137.5, 135.7, 134.5, 134.1, 133.0, 130.8, 130.6, 130.3, 130.1, 129.9, 129.2, 129.01, 128.97, 128.92, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 125.3, 123.8, 26.6; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3057, 3033, 1685, 1604, 1562, 1550, 1424, 1394, 1354, 1265, 1017, 985, 956, 849, 829, 778, 768, 721, 700; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₅H₂₄NO 474.1852; found 474.1851.

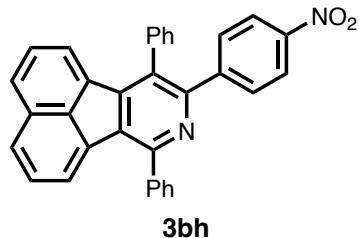
9-(4-Bromophenyl)-7,10-diphenylacenaphtho[1,2-*c*]pyridine (3bg)



Compound **3bg** was prepared according to general procedure using **1b** (164.2 mg, 0.5000 mmol) and **2g** (261.4 mg, 1.436 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene to afford **3bg** (203.5 mg, 0.3987 mmol, 80% yield) as a dark yellow solid (m.p. 249.9-252.0 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.52-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.29 (m, 7H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.6, 153.9, 146.5, 140.3, 139.2, 137.7, 134.6, 134.2, 133.0, 131.8, 130.7, 130.5, 130.3, 130.1, 129.9, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 125.2, 123.7, 121.9; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3055, 3033, 1580, 1561, 1548, 1485, 1423, 1387, 1349, 1076, 1010, 984, 841,

829, 817, 774, 738, 701, 544; HRMS (FAB) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₃H₂₁BrN 510.0852; found 510.0852.

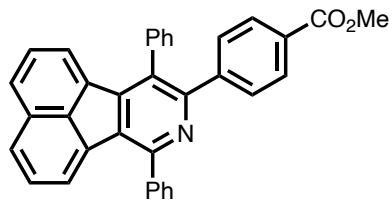
9-(4-Nitrophenyl)-7,10-diphenylacenaphtho[1,2-*c*]pyridine (3bh)



3bh

Compound **3bh** was prepared according to general procedure using **1b** (164.1 mg, 0.4997 mmol) and **2h** (227.0 mg, 1.533 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene to afford **3bh** (205.4 mg, 0.4310 mmol, 86% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 136.3-136.4 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.09-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.97-7.89 (m, 3H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.55 (m, 6H), 7.54-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.38 (m, 3H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.2, 153.2, 146.9, 146.8, 146.6, 140.0, 137.1, 134.3, 133.9, 133.0, 131.04, 131.01, 130.9, 130.0, 129.9, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 128.0, 127.83, 127.81, 125.4, 124.1, 122.8; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3057, 3029, 1598, 1552, 1517, 1422, 1345, 862, 843, 828, 776, 701; HRMS (FAB) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₃H₂₁N₂O₂ 477.1598; found 477.1600.

Methyl 4-(7,10-diphenylacenaphtho[1,2-*c*]pyridin-9-yl)benzoate (3bi)

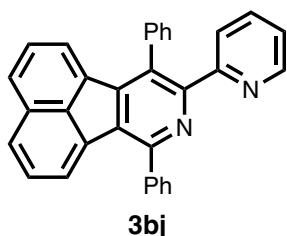


3bi

Compound **3bi** was prepared according to general procedure using **1b** (164.1 mg, 0.4997 mmol) and **2i** (242.3 mg, 1.503 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene to afford **3bi** (224.8 mg, 0.4592 mmol, 92% yield) as a light yellow solid (m.p. 203.9-204.2 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 3H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.58 (m, 3H), 7.58-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.35 (m, 3H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 167.1, 154.7, 154.0, 146.4, 144.9, 140.3, 137.5, 134.6, 134.1, 133.0, 130.8, 130.5, 130.15, 130.09, 129.9, 129.2, 129.0, 128.95, 128.91, 128.85, 128.75,

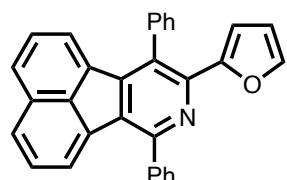
128.6, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 125.3, 123.8, 52.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3057, 3027, 2991, 2945, 2852, 1717, 1608, 1562, 1547, 1427, 1395, 1277, 1106, 1019, 863, 828, 779, 767, 701; HRMS (FAB) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₅H₂₄NO₂ 490.1802; found 490.1800.

7-Methyl-10-phenyl-9-(pyridin-2-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine (3bj)



Compound **3bj** was prepared according to general procedure using **1b** (163.3 mg, 0.4972 mmol) and **2j** (157.3 mg, 1.511 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene/EtOAc (8/2) to afford **3bj** (198.7 mg, 0.4594 mmol, 92% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 213.9-214.0 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.95-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.88 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.35 (m, 13H), 7.12-7.06 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.3, 155.0, 153.8, 148.8, 146.3, 140.3, 137.6, 135.5, 134.6, 134.3, 133.0, 131.1, 130.9, 130.0, 129.8, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 125.3, 125.0, 123.8, 122.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3052, 3025, 1585, 1549, 1476, 1424, 1402, 1169, 1146, 1019, 994, 826, 775, 767, 737, 703, 549; HRMS (FAB) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₂H₂₁N₂ 433.1699; found 433.1699.

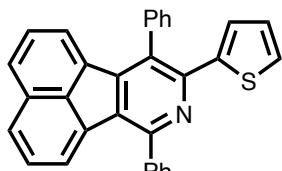
9-(Furan-2-yl)-7,10-diphenylacenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine (3bk)



Compound **3bk** was prepared according to general procedure using **1b** (166.1 mg, 0.5058 mmol) and **2k** (143.1 mg, 1.537 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene to afford **3bk** (178.6 mg, 0.4237 mmol, 84% yield) as a light brown solid (m.p. 249.5-251.0 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70-7.42 (m, 10H), 7.37 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.30-6.24 (m, 1H), 5.81 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.0, 152.6, 146.5, 145.5, 143.1, 140.4, 138.2, 134.6, 134.3,

133.0, 129.8, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.80, 128.76, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 125.3, 123.6, 112.6, 111.3; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3129, 3104, 3078, 3054, 3030, 2960, 2925, 2858, 1763, 1719, 1600, 1566, 1484, 1425, 1389, 1344, 1226, 1189, 1175, 1018, 987, 827, 765, 725, 699, 549; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₁H₂₀NO 422.1539; found 422.1540.

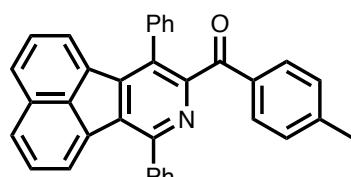
7,10-Diphenyl-9-(thiophen-2-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine (3bl)



3bl

Compound **3bl** was prepared according to general procedure using **1b** (162.8 mg, 0.4957 mmol) and **2l** (157.6 mg, 1.444 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using hexane/DCM/EtOAc (97/2/1) to afford **3bl** (213.0 mg, 0.4868 mmol, 98% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 192.6-193.5 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02-7.95 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.49 (m, 8H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.21 (m, 1H), 6.81 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.4, 148.6, 146.9, 145.5, 140.2, 138.1, 134.7, 134.3, 133.0, 129.83, 129.80, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.45, 128.39, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.5, 127.1, 125.2, 123.5; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3054, 2961, 2924, 1563, 1552, 1431, 1409, 1372, 1092, 1072, 1059, 1042, 1025, 826, 775, 768, 699, 549; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₁H₂₀NS 438.1311; found 438.1309.

(7,10-Diphenylacenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridin-9-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone (3bm)

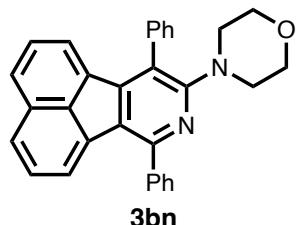


3bm

Compound **3bm** was prepared according to general procedure using **1b** (165.9 mg, 0.5052 mmol) and **2m** (218.8 mg, 1.507 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene/EtOAc (75/25) followed by GPC to afford **3bm** (175.4 mg, 0.3703 mmol, 73% yield) as a light brown solid (m.p. 201.5-202.0 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91-7.84 (m, 4H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H),

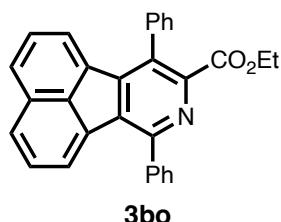
7.60-7.37 (m, 10H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 194.7, 154.4, 153.1, 146.1, 144.0, 139.7, 135.7, 134.4, 134.1, 134.0, 132.9, 131.7, 130.61, 130.57, 129.9, 129.5, 129.22, 129.18, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.91, 127.88, 125.5, 124.3, 21.7; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3051, 3029, 1672, 1604, 1548, 1425, 1403, 1329, 1248, 1225, 1173, 1021, 954, 828; HRMS (FAB) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}$ 474.1852; found 474.1851.

4-(7,10-Diphenylacenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridin-9-yl)morpholine (3bn)



Compound **3bn** was prepared according to general procedure using **1b** (165.8 mg, 0.5049 mmol) and **2n** (170.3 mg, 1.519 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene/EtOAc (9/1) to afford **3bn** (216.5 mg, 0.4914 mmol, 97% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 195.6-196.0 °C). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.64-7.48 (m, 9H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 4H), 3.19 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 4H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.6, 151.5, 147.5, 140.7, 137.5, 135.1, 134.9, 133.6, 130.0, 129.2, 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 125.7, 125.4, 124.3, 122.8, 121.5, 66.9, 49.8; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3049, 2953, 2907, 2887, 2852, 1584, 1569, 1409, 1389, 1362, 1270, 1240, 1116, 958, 826, 776, 703; HRMS (FAB) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}$ 441.1961; found 441.1960.

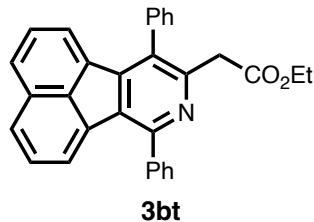
Ethyl 7,10-diphenylacenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine-9-carboxylate (3bo)



Compound **3bo** was prepared according to general procedure using **1b** (164.2 mg, 0.500 mmol) and **2o** (150.3 mg, 1.517 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc/ CH_2Cl_2 (8/1/1) to afford **3bo** (195.9 mg, 0.4582 mmol, 92% yield) as a light yellow solid (m.p. 211.8-212.6 °C). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.93-7.83 (m, 4H), 7.65-7.51 (m, 9H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.7 Hz,

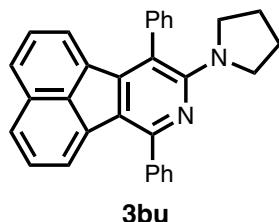
1H), 6.96 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.03 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.9, 153.8, 148.1, 146.2, 139.6, 136.6, 133.9, 133.7, 132.8, 132.5, 131.0, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 125.7, 124.6, 61.3, 13.7; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3055, 3026, 2995, 2975, 2954, 2932, 1719, 1555, 1424, 1414, 1375, 1328, 1246, 1221, 1198, 1176, 1108, 1092, 1020, 824, 774, 723, 711, 702; HRMS (FAB) m/z [M+H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_2$ 428.1645; found 428.1644.

Ethyl 2-(7,10-diphenylacenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridin-9-yl)acetate (3bt)



Compound **3bt** was prepared according to general procedure using **1b** (163.5 mg, 0.4978 mmol) and **2t** (286.5 mg, 2.778 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using toluene/EtOAc (8/2) to afford **3bt** (187.0 mg, 0.4235 mmol, 85% yield) as a white solid (m.p. 129.9-130.6 °C). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.90-7.82 (m, 3H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.51 (m, 7H), 7.51-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 2H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 171.0, 153.6, 151.4, 146.0, 140.3, 137.3, 134.5, 134.4, 132.8, 131.7, 130.2, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.73, 128.70, 128.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 127.2, 124.9, 123.5, 60.7, 41.9, 14.2; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3058, 2982, 2940, 2925, 1736, 1553, 1423, 1367, 1318, 1184, 1165, 1025, 828, 777, 703, 664, 528; HRMS (FAB) m/z [M+H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_2$ 442.1802; found 442.1803.

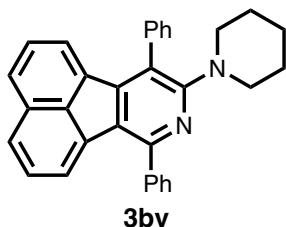
7,10-Diphenyl-9-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine (3bu)



Compound **3bu** was prepared according to general procedure using **1b** (81.0 mg, 0.2466 mmol) and **2u** (75.0 mg, 0.780 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (98/2) to afford **3bu** (99.3 mg, 0.234 mmol, 95% yield) as a orange solid (m.p. 176.1-176.5 °C). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.91 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.46 (m, 8H), 7.42

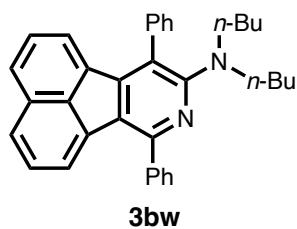
(d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.48 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.33-3.25 (m, 4H), 1.78-1.70 (m, 4H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 155.2, 151.6, 147.9, 141.3, 139.1, 135.8, 135.7, 133.6, 130.9, 130.0, 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 124.3, 123.8, 120.6, 120.2, 117.8, 50.1, 25.6; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3050, 3032, 2958, 2868, 1583, 1569, 1550, 1469, 1437, 1343, 1258, 1091, 1019, 768, 703; HRMS (FAB) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2$ 425.2012; found 452.2019.

7,10-Diphenyl-9-(piperidin-1-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine (3bv)



Compound **3bv** was prepared according to general procedure using **1b** (164.2 mg, 0.5000 mmol) and **2v** (162.9 mg, 1.479 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (99/1) to afford **3bv** (213.7 mg, 0.4873 mmol, 97% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 184.0-184.3 °C). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.46 (m, 9H), 7.38 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.24-3.10 (m, 4H), 1.52-1.42 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.32 (m, 4H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.0, 151.5, 147.2, 140.9, 138.0, 135.4, 135.1, 133.6, 130.1, 130.0, 129.2, 129.0, 128.5, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 127.3, 125.4, 124.7, 124.0, 123.2, 121.2, 50.6, 25.8, 24.6; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3048, 2975, 2931, 2912, 2814, 1585, 1572, 1556, 1410, 1370, 1239, 1126, 1090, 1030, 1018, 824, 812, 787, 776, 766, 707, 700, 666; HRMS (FAB) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{27}\text{N}_2$ 439.2169; found 439.2174.

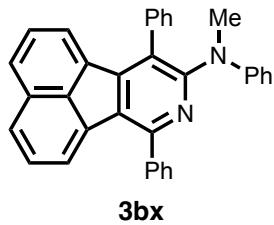
N,N-Dibutyl-7,10-diphenylacenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridin-9-amine (3bw)



Compound **3bw** was prepared according to general procedure using **1b** (163.5 mg, 0.4978 mmol) and **2w** (229.1 mg, 1.485 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (99/1) to afford **3bw** (230.7 mg, 0.4780 mmol, 96% yield) as a brown-yellow solid (m.p. 142.6-142.9 °C). ^1H NMR (500 MHz,

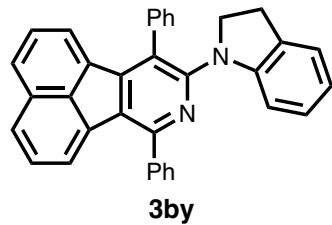
CDCl_3) δ 7.94-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 1.41-1.31 (m, 4H), 1.13 (sextet, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 0.81 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 6H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.5, 151.2, 147.8, 141.1, 138.6, 135.6, 135.3, 133.5, 130.2, 130.0, 129.2, 129.1, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.3, 125.1, 124.0, 123.2, 122.5, 120.8, 51.4, 30.5, 20.3, 14.0; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3057, 3033, 2953, 2927, 2867, 2828, 1583, 1569, 1554, 1464, 1449, 1413, 1362, 1344, 1299, 1223, 1125, 1091, 823, 770, 732, 715, 699, 666; HRMS (FAB) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_2$ 483.2795; found 483.2802.

N-Methyl-N,7,10-triphenylacenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridin-9-amine (3bx)



Compound **3bx** was prepared according to general procedure using **1b** (163.3 mg, 0.4972 mmol) and **2x** (191.6 mg, 1.450 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (20/1) to afford **3bx** (216.8 mg, 0.4707 mmol, 95% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 207.5-208.1 °C). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.97-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.26 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.08-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (s, 3H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 157.4, 152.6, 149.5, 148.2, 140.4, 136.6, 134.8, 134.6, 133.4, 130.0, 129.8, 129.2, 128.7, 128.51, 128.47, 128.43, 128.3, 127.8, 127.5, 127.3, 127.2, 126.7, 126.2, 124.5, 122.2, 120.8, 120.4, 40.5; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3079, 3059, 3025, 2998, 2961, 2924, 2896, 1583, 1571, 1554, 1491, 1424, 1397, 1379, 1352, 1114, 1020, 778, 763, 695; HRMS (FAB) m/z [M+H]⁺ calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2$ 461.2012; found 461.2020.

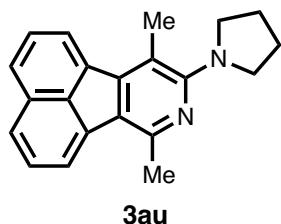
9-(Indolin-1-yl)-7,10-diphenylacenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine (3by)



Compound **3by** was prepared according to general procedure using **1b** (165.9 mg, 0.5052 mmol) and **2y** (213.8 mg, 1.483 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by

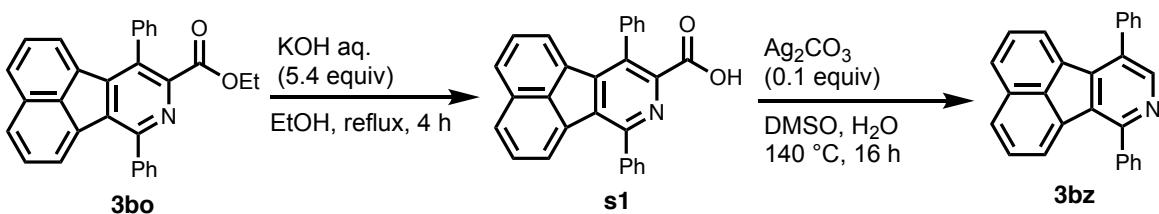
column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (9/1) to afford **3by** (229.3 mg, 0.4852 mmol, 96% yield) as a orange solid (m.p. 236.5-237.6 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95-7.89 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.63-7.48 (m, 10H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80-6.70 (m, 1H), 3.43 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.92 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.7, 152.1, 148.3, 147.4, 140.2, 137.2, 135.0, 134.7, 133.3, 130.7, 130.3, 130.0, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.5, 126.6, 126.1, 126.0, 124.6, 124.3, 123.6, 122.0, 119.7, 113.6, 52.6, 29.1; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3054, 3033, 2952, 2892, 2877, 2844, 1560, 1582, 1564, 1582, 1564, 1478, 1460, 1407, 1390, 1363, 1247, 1021, 823, 770, 752, 701, 543; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₃₅H₂₅N₂ 473.2012; found 473.2019.

7,10-Dimethyl-9-(pyrrolidin-1-yl)acenaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine (3au)



Compound **3au** was prepared according to general procedure using **1a** (102.9 mg, 0.5037 mmol) and **2u** (145.6 mg, 1.515 mmol). The crude reaction mixture was purified by column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (98/2) to afford **3au** (133.7 mg, 0.4451 mmol, 88% yield) as a yellow solid (m.p. 143.7-144.1 °C). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.58 (m, 2H), 3.64-3.59 (m, 4H), 2.80 (s, 3H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 1.98-1.92 (m, 4H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.6, 147.6, 146.9, 136.72, 136.67, 133.4, 130.1, 128.2, 127.53, 127.51, 124.3, 124.1, 123.8, 120.4, 114.2, 50.6, 25.7, 23.1, 16.5; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3054, 2964, 2924, 2867, 1596, 1565, 1460, 1419, 1343, 1252, 1186, 823, 771; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₁N₂ 301.1699; found 301.1704.

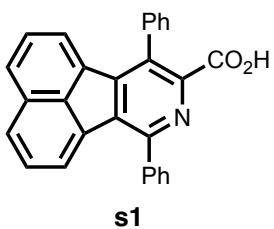
8. Procedure for the synthesis of azafluoranthene 3bz (Scheme 4)⁷



To a solution of KOH aq. (5.04 mL, 5.393 mmol, 1.07 M) and EtOH (5.04 mL) was added azafluoranthene **3bo** (427.5 mg, 0.9999 mmol) at room temperature. After the mixture was stirred under reflux for 4 h, the solution was concentrated on a rotary evaporator. HCl aq. was added, and the resulting solid was filtered and dried in vacuo to give **s1** (380.1 mg, 0.9516 mmol, 95% yield) as a light yellow solid (m.p. 206.9-207.9 °C).

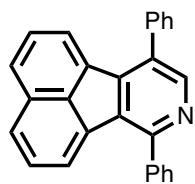
A mixture of **s1** (199.7 mg, 0.4999 mmol) and Ag_2CO_3 (14 mg, 0.051 mmol) in H_2O (452 μL) and DMSO (2.5 mL) was stirred at 140 °C for 16 h. sat. NaHCO_3 aq. was added, and the mixture was extracted with Et_2O . The combined organic extracts were dried (MgSO_4), filtered, and concentrated on a rotary evaporator. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 4/1) to give **3bz** (166.0 mg, 0.4670 mmol, 93% yield) as a light yellow solid (m.p. 153.3-154.0 °C).

7,10-Diphenylacaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine-9-carboxylic acid (**s1**)



^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.86 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.85-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.22-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H); $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 163.2, 152.1, 148.8, 140.6, 138.5, 136.6, 135.0, 134.0, 133.4, 133.0, 132.7, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.84, 128.81, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 126.9, 125.3; IR (KBr, cm^{-1}) 3411, 3058, 3027, 1763, 1560, 1469, 1423, 1378, 1359, 1336, 1308, 1144, 1019, 997, 827, 773, 741, 701, 552; HRMS (FAB) m/z [M+H] $^+$ calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_2$ 400.1332; found 400.1333.

7,10-Diphenylacaphtho[1,2-c]pyridine (**3bz**)



3bz

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.59 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88-7.82 (m, 3H), 7.72-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.50 (m, 8H), 7.50-7.42 (m, 2H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.0, 148.8, 144.2, 140.3, 137.5, 134.6, 134.2, 132.6, 132.2, 131.1, 129.9, 129.2, 129.03, 128.96, 128.87, 128.81, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 125.0, 123.7; IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3046, 3025, 1578, 1558, 1461, 1431, 1311, 1176, 1070, 1019, 977, 911, 824, 772, 703, 524; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ calcd for C₂₇H₁₈N 356.1434; found 356.1433.

9. UV/Vis and Fluorescence Spectra

Absorption spectra were obtained with a JASCO V-650. Fluorescence spectra were measured on a Shimadzu RF-6000. 9,10-Diphenylanthracene ($\Phi_F = 0.97$)⁸ and fluorescein ($\Phi_F = 0.80$)⁹ were used as standards for the determination of quantum yields.

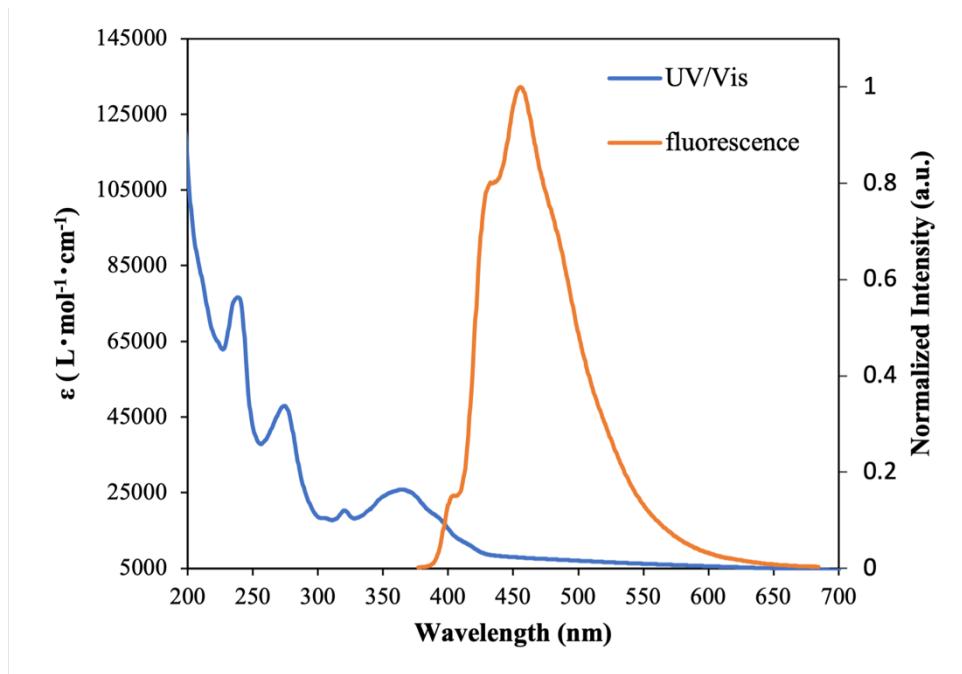


Figure S1. UV-Vis (blue) and fluorescence (orange, excitation at 365 nm) spectra of **3aa** in cyclohexane at 25 °C.

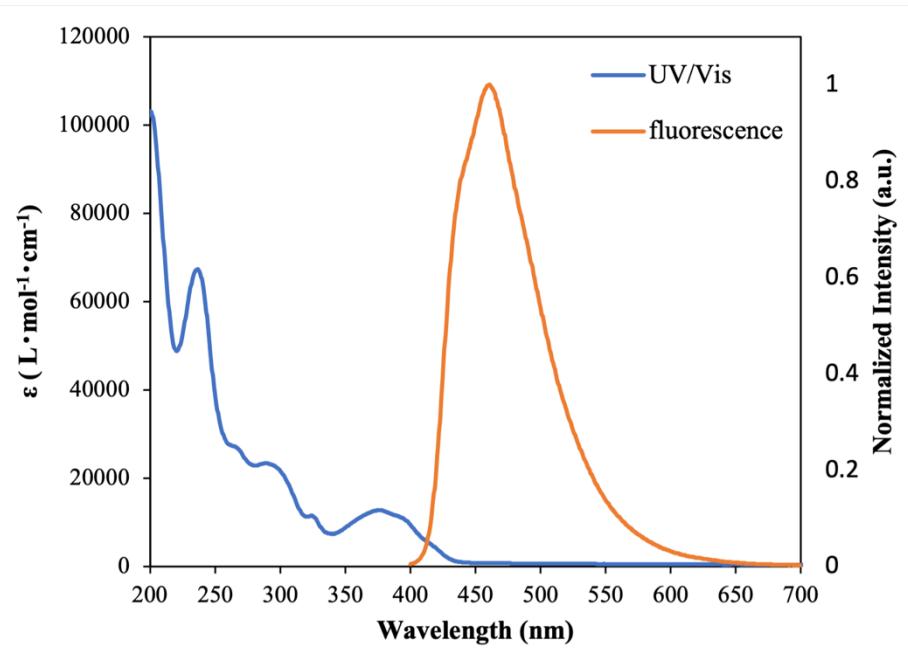


Figure S2. UV-Vis (blue) and fluorescence (orange, excitation at 376 nm) spectra of **3ba** in cyclohexane at 25 °C.

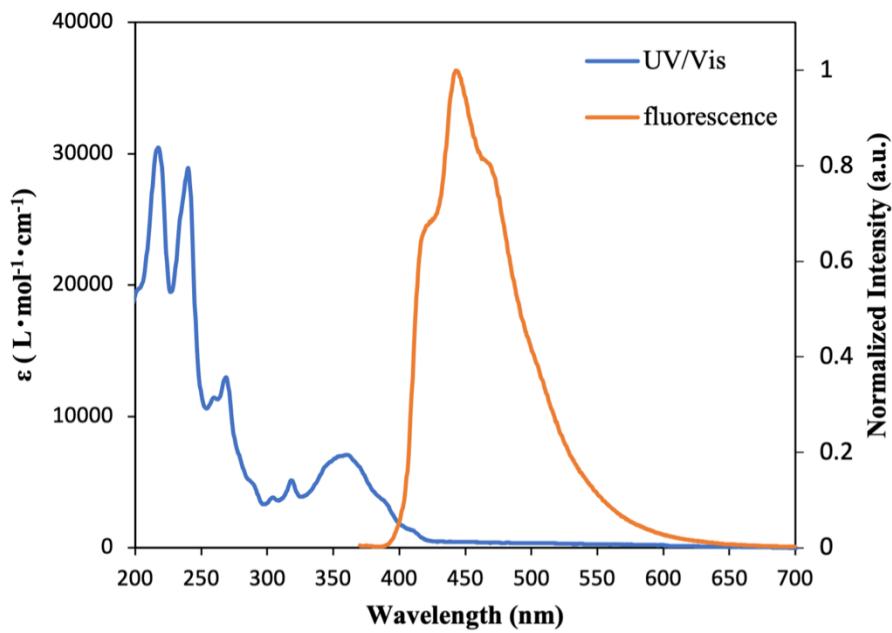


Figure S3. UV-Vis (blue) and fluorescence (orange, excitation at 360 nm) spectra of **3ap** in cyclohexane at 25 °C.

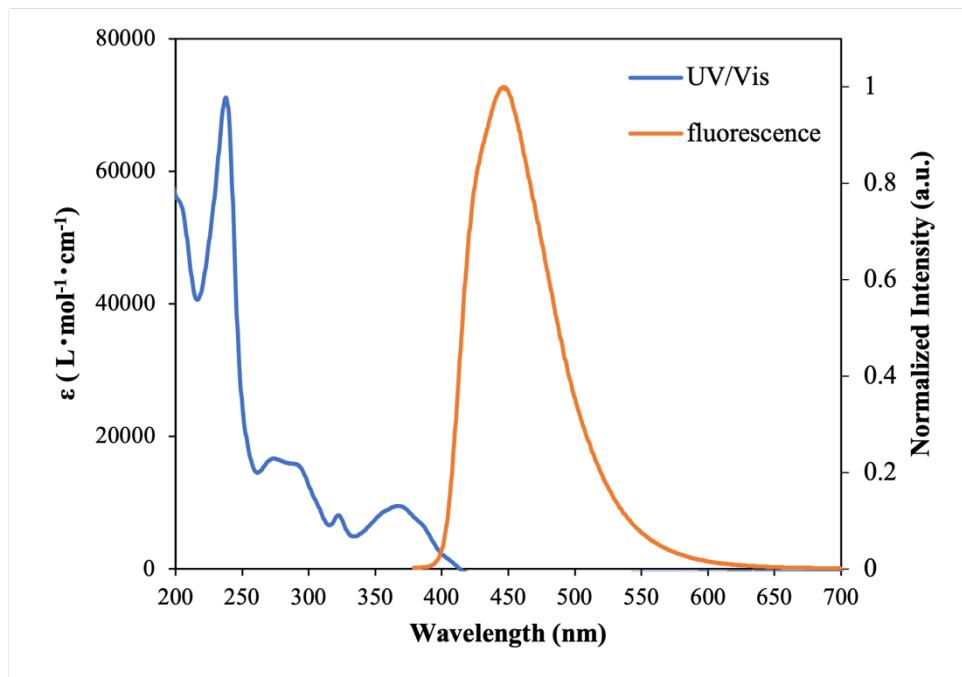


Figure S4. UV-Vis (blue) and fluorescence (orange, excitation at 367 nm) spectra of **3bz** in cyclohexane at 25 °C.

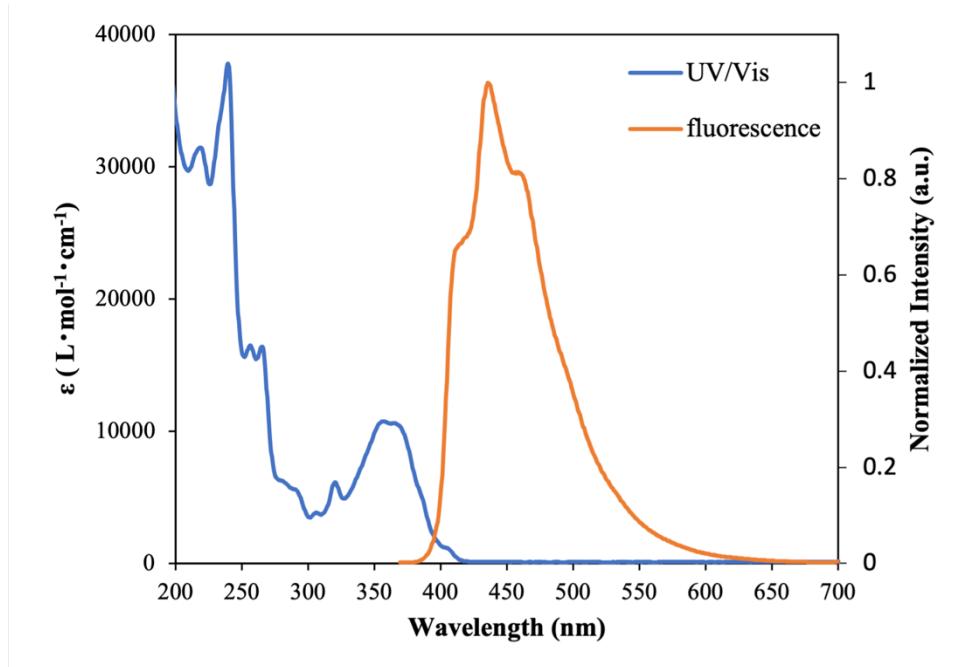


Figure S5. UV-Vis (blue) and fluorescence (orange, excitation at 357 nm) spectra of **3ao** in cyclohexane at 25 °C.

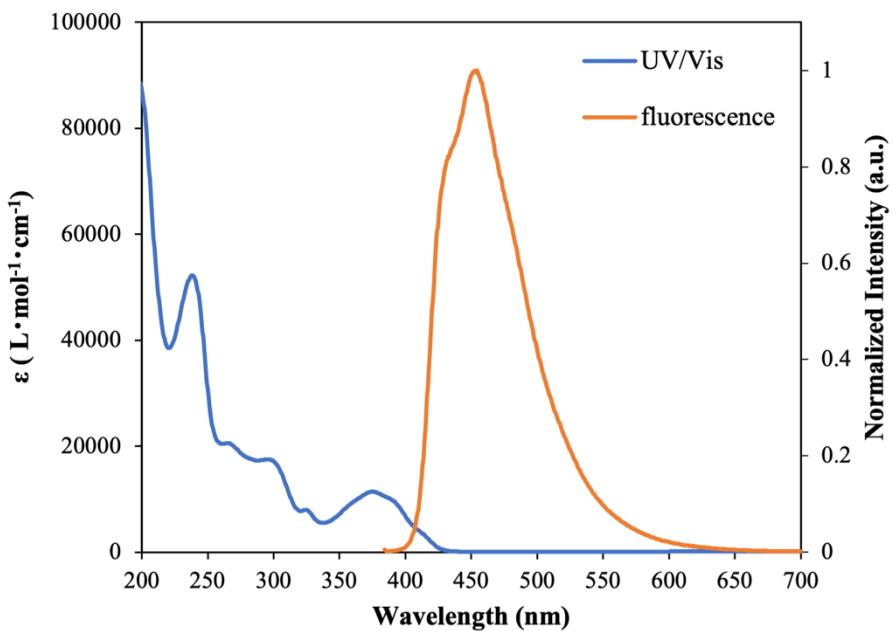


Figure S6. UV-Vis (blue) and fluorescence (orange, excitation at 375 nm) spectra of **3bj** in cyclohexane at 25 °C.

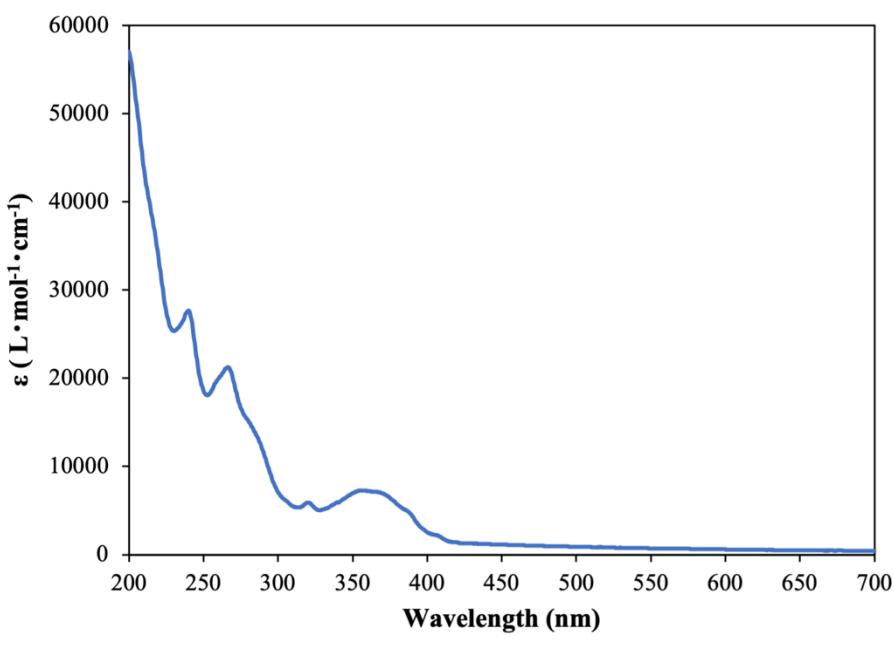


Figure S7. UV-Vis (blue) spectra of **3am** in cyclohexane at 25 °C.

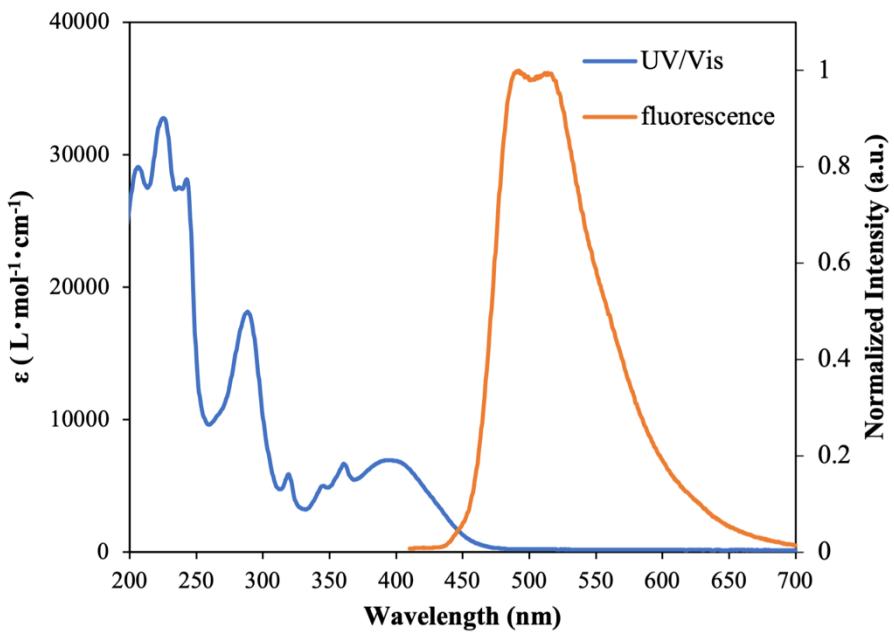


Figure S8. UV-Vis (blue) and fluorescence (orange, excitation at 395 nm) spectra of **3an** in cyclohexane at 25 °C.

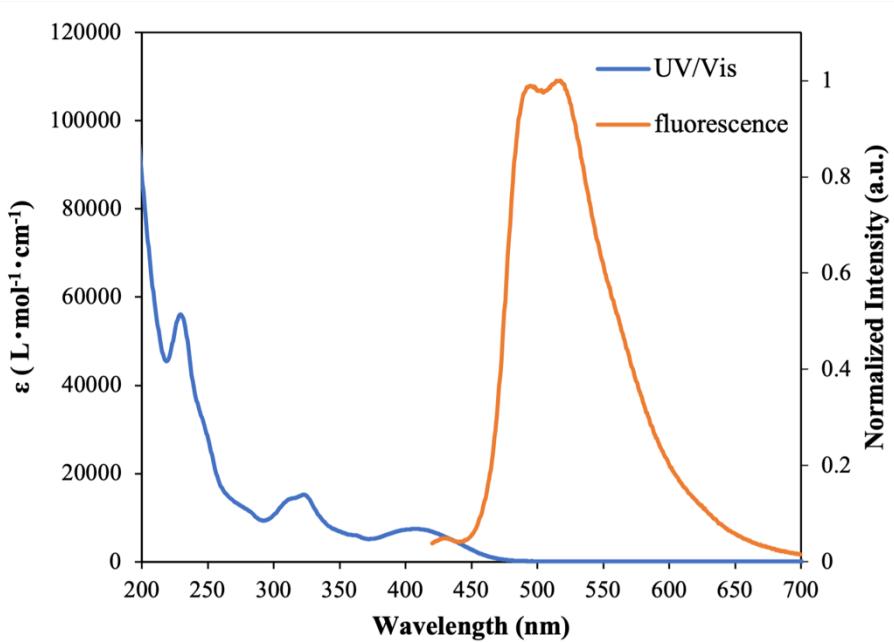


Figure S9. UV-Vis (blue) and fluorescence (orange, excitation at 407 nm) spectra of **3bn** in cyclohexane at 25 °C.

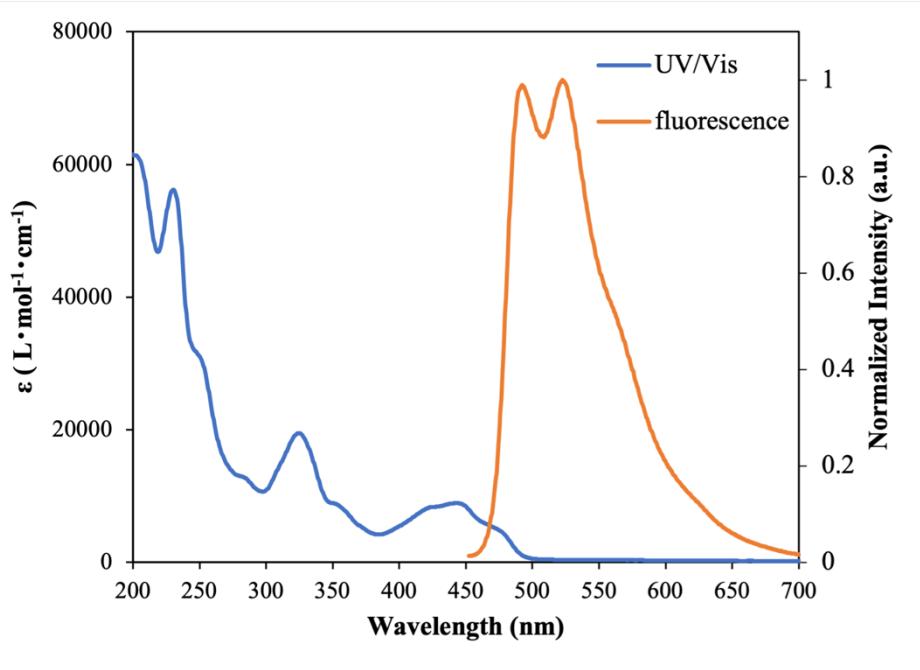


Figure S10. UV-Vis (blue) and fluorescence (orange, excitation at 443 nm) spectra of **3bu** in cyclohexane at 25 °C.

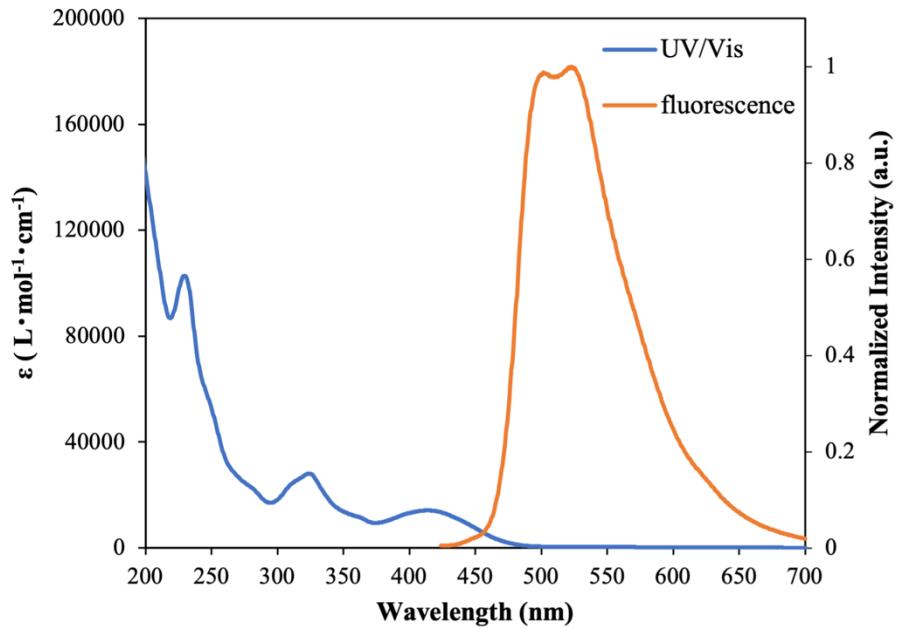


Figure S11. UV-Vis (blue) and fluorescence (orange, excitation at 414 nm) spectra of **3bv** in cyclohexane at 25 °C.

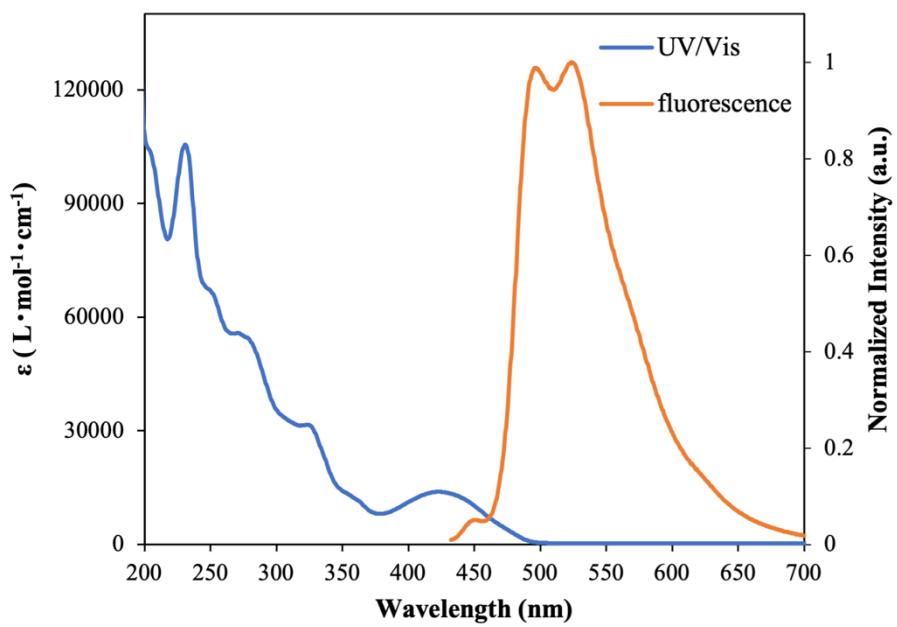


Figure S12. UV-Vis (blue) and fluorescence (orange, excitation at 423 nm) spectra of **3bw** in cyclohexane at 25 °C.

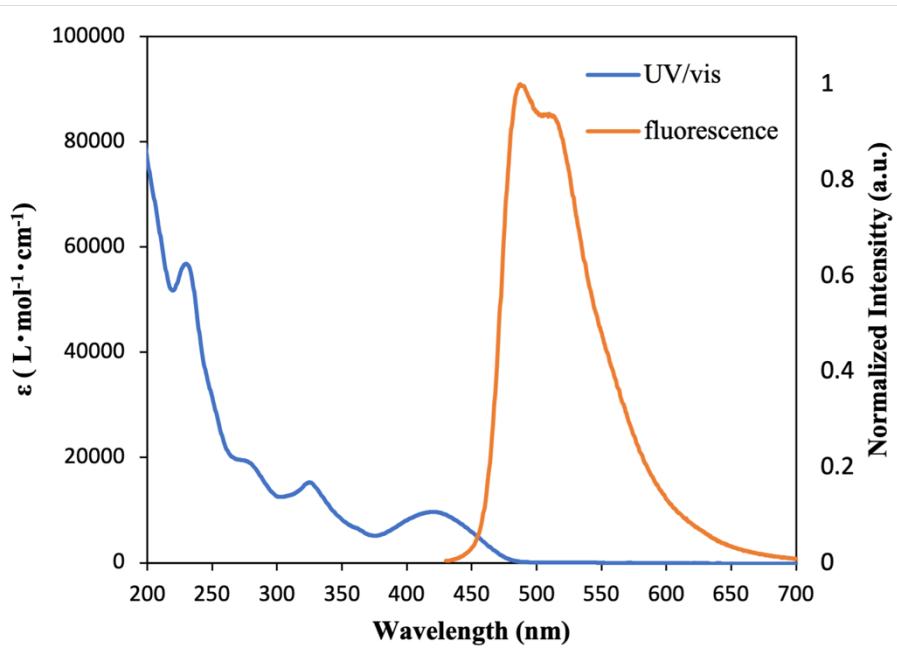


Figure S13. UV-Vis (blue) and fluorescence (orange, excitation at 420 nm) spectra of **3bx** in cyclohexane at 25 °C.

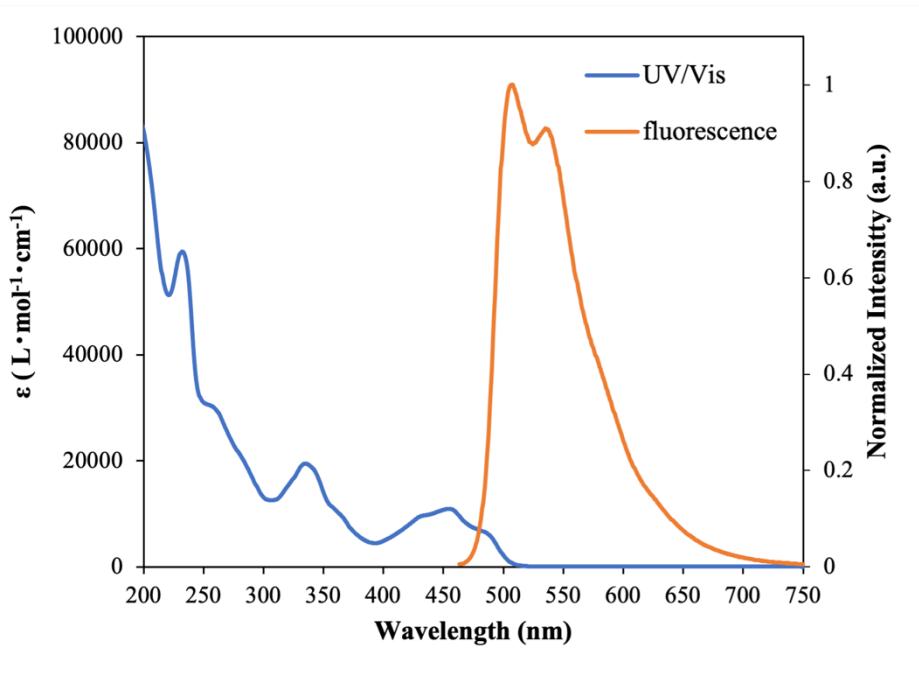


Figure S14. UV-Vis (blue) and fluorescence (orange, excitation at 455 nm) spectra of **3by** in cyclohexane at 25 °C.

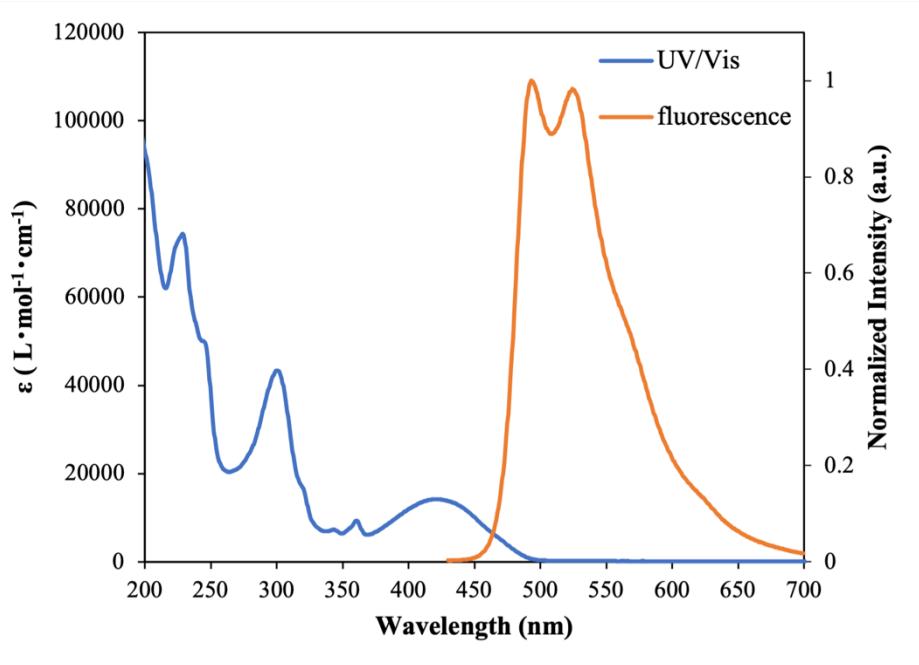


Figure S15. UV-Vis (blue) and fluorescence (orange, excitation at 420 nm) spectra of **3au** in cyclohexane at 25 °C.

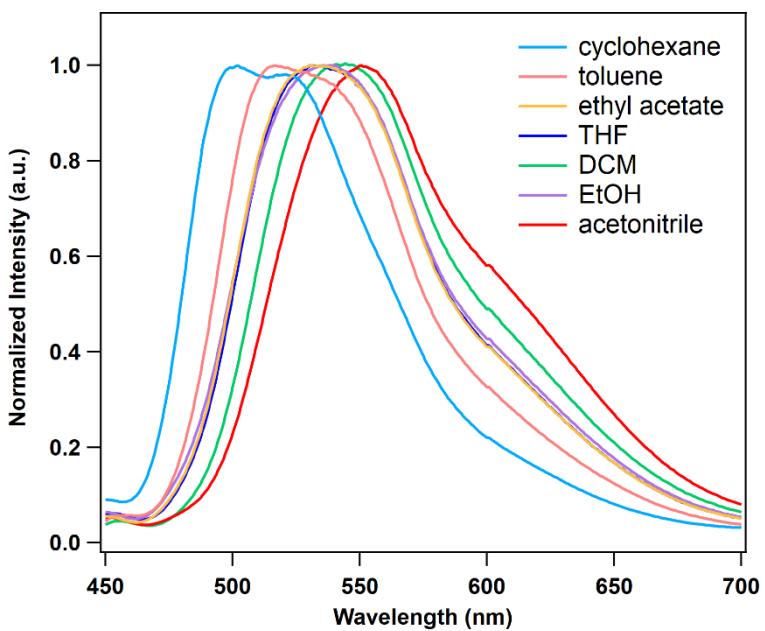


Figure S16. Normalized fluorescence spectra of **3bv** in cyclohexane (sky blue line), toluene (pink line), ethyl acetate (yellow line), THF (blue line), DCM (green line), EtOH (purple line), and acetonitrile (red line) obtained by 440 nm excitation at 25 °C.

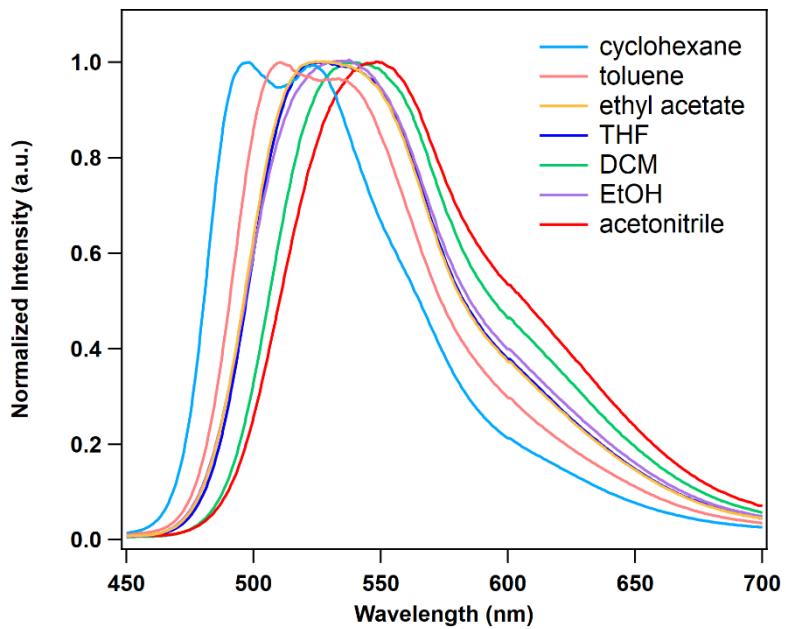


Figure S17. Normalized fluorescence spectra of **3bw** in cyclohexane (sky blue line), toluene (pink line), ethyl acetate (yellow line), THF (blue line), DCM (green line), EtOH (purple line), and acetonitrile (red line) obtained by 440 nm excitation at 25 °C.

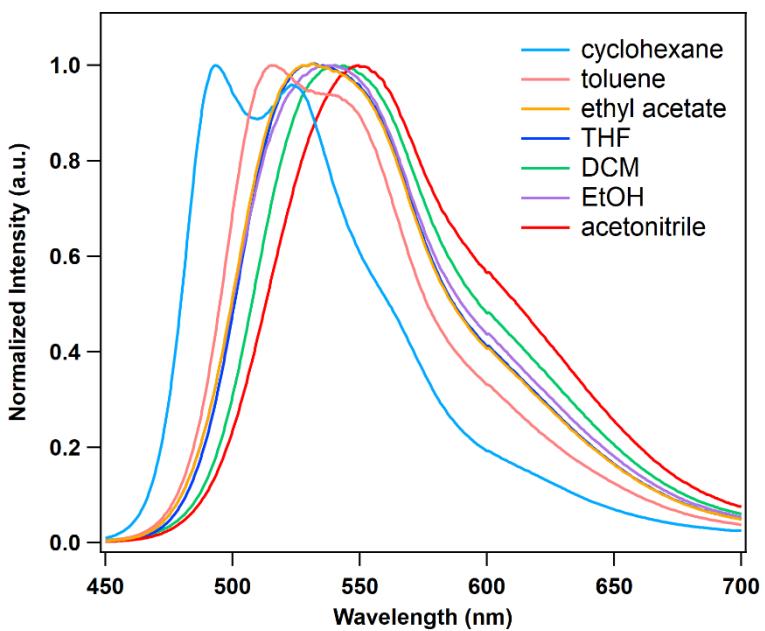


Figure S18. Normalized fluorescence spectra of **3au** in cyclohexane (sky blue line), toluene (pink line), ethyl acetate (yellow line), THF (blue line), DCM (green line), EtOH (purple line), and acetonitrile (red line) obtained by 440 nm excitation at 25 °C.

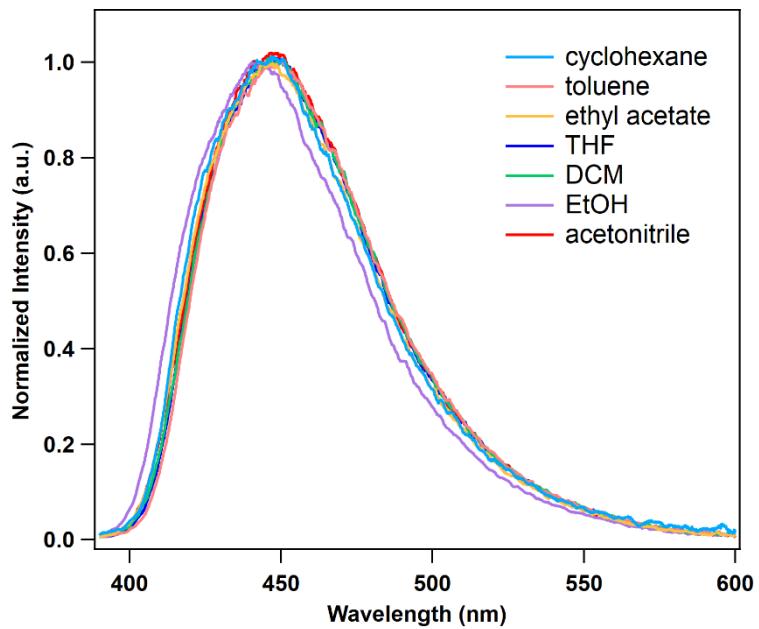


Figure S19. Normalized fluorescence spectra of **3bz** in cyclohexane (sky blue line), toluene (pink line), ethyl acetate (yellow line), THF (blue line), DCM (green line), EtOH (purple line), and acetonitrile (red line) obtained by 370 nm excitation at 25 °C.

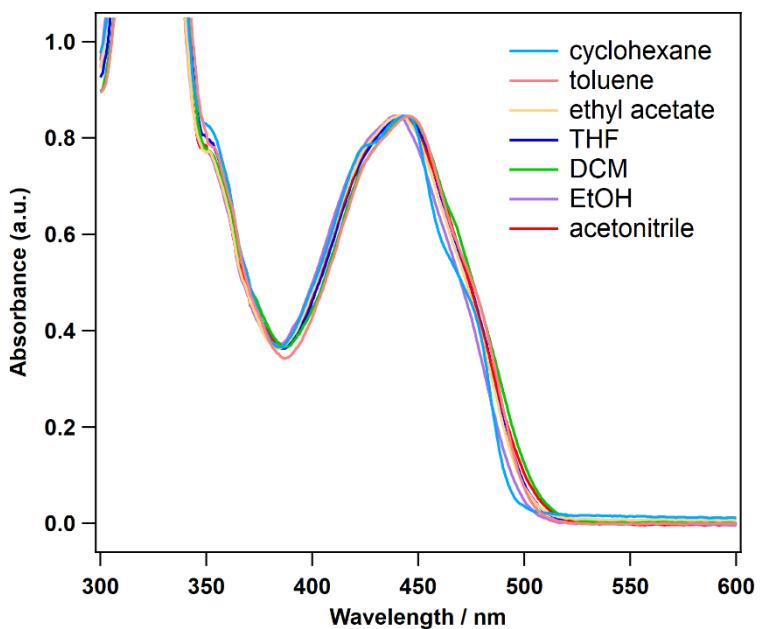


Figure S20. UV-Vis spectra of **3bu** in cyclohexane (sky blue line), toluene (pink line), ethyl acetate (yellow line), THF (blue line), DCM (green line), EtOH (purple line), and acetonitrile (red line) at 25 °C.

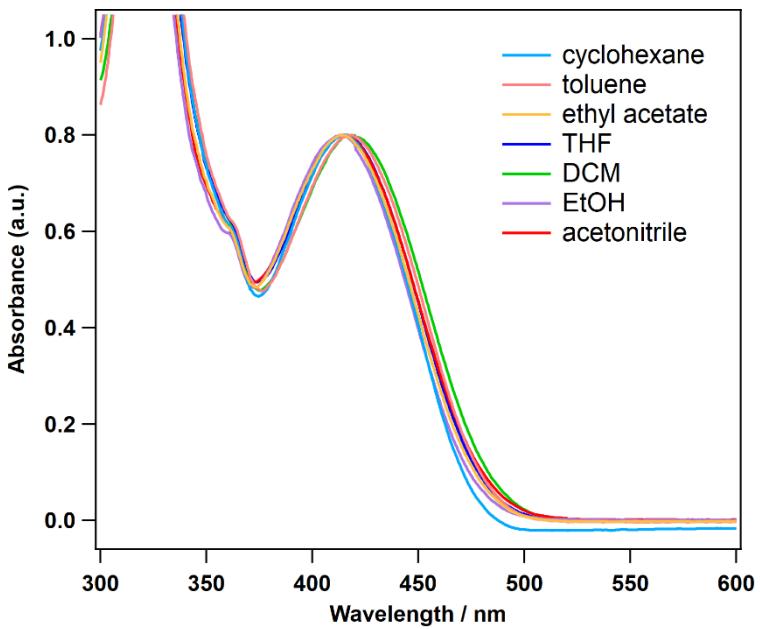


Figure S21. UV-Vis spectra of **3bv** in cyclohexane (sky blue line), toluene (pink line), ethyl acetate (yellow line), THF (blue line), DCM (green line), EtOH (purple line), and acetonitrile (red line) at 25 °C.

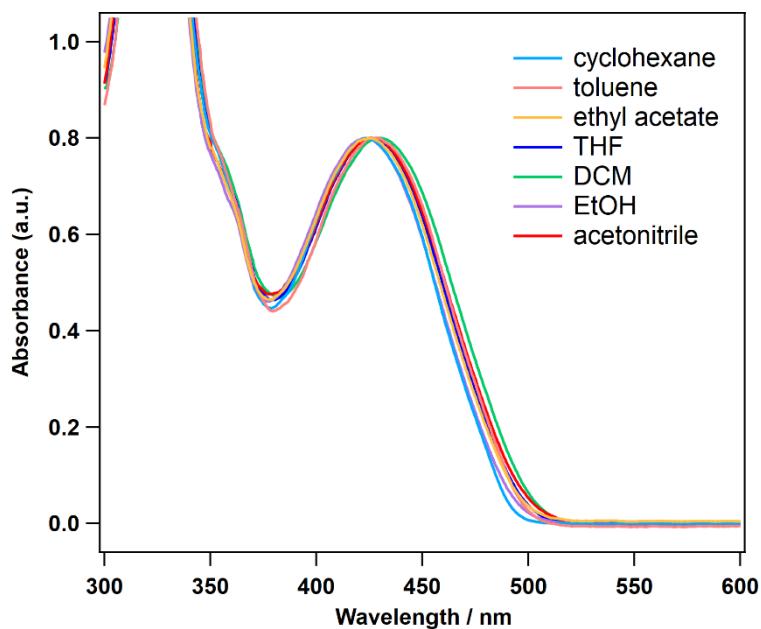


Figure S22. UV-Vis spectra of **3bw** in cyclohexane (sky blue line), toluene (pink line), ethyl acetate (yellow line), THF (blue line), DCM (green line), EtOH (purple line), and acetonitrile (red line) at 25 °C.

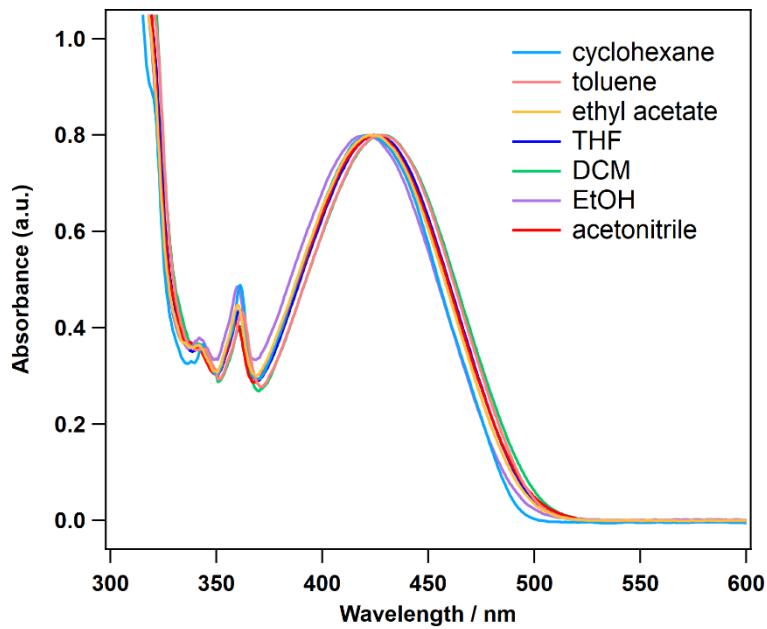


Figure S23. UV-Vis spectra of **3au** in cyclohexane (sky blue line), toluene (pink line), ethyl acetate (yellow line), THF (blue line), DCM (green line), EtOH (purple line), and acetonitrile (red line) at 25 °C.

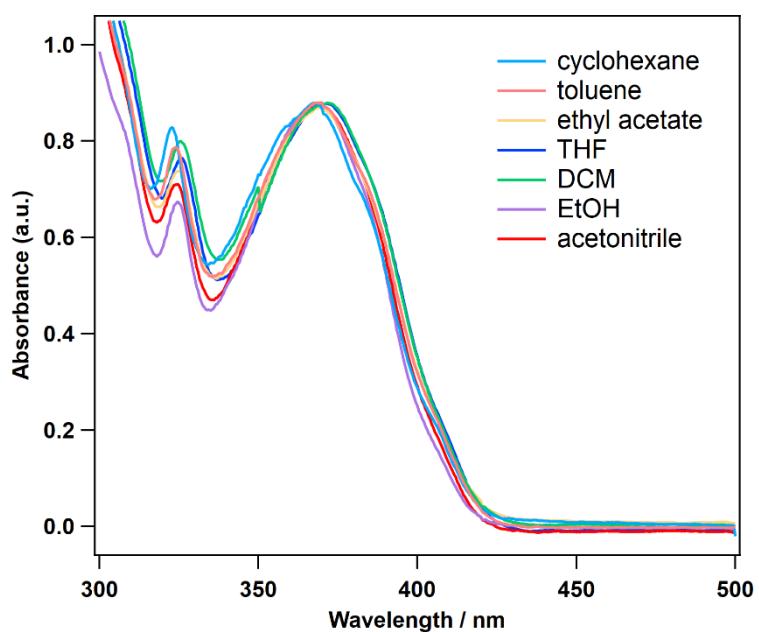
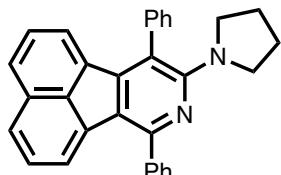


Figure S24. UV-Vis spectra of **3bz** in cyclohexane (sky blue line), toluene (pink line), ethyl acetate (yellow line), THF (blue line), DCM (green line), EtOH (purple line), and acetonitrile (red line) at 25 °C.

10. Fluorescence Quantum Yields of **3bu** in a Variety of Solvents

Table S1.^a



3bu

entry	solvent	Φ_F^c (nm) ^b
1	cyclohexane	0.67 (440)
2	toluene	0.76 (440)
3	ethyl acetate	0.59 (440)
4	THF	0.60 (440)
5	DCM	0.75 (440)
6	EtOH	0.62 (440)
7	acetonitrile	0.54 (440)

^aMeasured at 25 °C. ^bExcitation wavelength. ^cStandards for the determination of quantum yields: Fluorescein.

11. Theoretical Calculation

Quantum chemical calculations were performed with the Gaussian 09 program package.¹⁰ Geometry optimization and vibrational frequency analysis in the ground state were performed at the B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level with the polarizable continuum model (PCM) in cyclohexane and acetonitrile. The vertical transition energies, contributions of excitation configurations, and oscillator strengths of the transitions from the ground to the excited singlet states were estimated by time-dependent DFT (TD-DFT).

Table S2. Cartesian coordinates [Å] of the optimized geometries of **3bu**, **3bv**, **3bw**, **3bz**, and **3au** in the ground state calculated at the PCM/B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level in cyclohexane and acetonitrile. Onsager cavity radius, a_0 , was calculated at the PCM/B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level in cyclohexane.

3bu; $a_0 = 6.14$ [Å]

atom	cyclohexane			acetonitrile		
	X	Y	Z	X	Y	Z
C	-0.093705	2.280115	-0.063487	-0.090064	2.275195	-0.064202
C	0.738919	3.383310	-0.040576	0.743118	3.378645	-0.039267

C	-1.492921	2.497168	-0.023132	-1.489752	2.493612	-0.028704
C	-2.216584	1.275974	-0.016854	-2.215334	1.272916	-0.029650
C	-3.593577	1.346133	0.078575	-3.593786	1.344904	0.050917
H	-4.208324	0.456854	0.109879	-4.211553	0.457342	0.069506
C	-4.220086	2.619695	0.142964	-4.219639	2.619537	0.112209
C	-3.508307	3.801491	0.121718	-3.505862	3.801029	0.100807
C	-2.088438	3.767023	0.044948	-2.084827	3.764498	0.035536
C	-1.204629	4.879056	0.052260	-1.200272	4.876671	0.047572
C	0.161361	4.678293	0.011423	0.166225	4.674516	0.011772
H	0.823246	5.537179	0.025340	0.828633	5.532703	0.027380
H	-1.605976	5.886047	0.098934	-1.601132	5.883687	0.092189
H	-5.301834	2.655388	0.213625	-5.301900	2.656408	0.170989
H	-4.024541	4.754036	0.173297	-4.021005	4.754114	0.149065
H	1.815423	3.287946	-0.058049	1.819612	3.283507	-0.056855
C	-1.204873	0.204372	-0.068181	-1.204464	0.200794	-0.077211
C	0.093783	0.809056	-0.087751	0.096404	0.803558	-0.092173
N	-0.158424	-1.934130	0.055168	-0.161243	-1.940692	0.037156
C	1.251410	0.041252	-0.054963	1.253043	0.035239	-0.059986
C	-1.269174	-1.185826	-0.005253	-1.270708	-1.188448	-0.013907
C	1.064861	-1.380754	0.011940	1.066165	-1.389289	-0.006004
C	2.589444	0.702687	0.024331	2.589780	0.698937	0.031650
C	3.194215	1.260174	-1.109076	3.204495	1.256769	-1.096274
C	3.245815	0.812882	1.255824	3.231059	0.812884	1.270949
C	4.427494	1.901019	-1.016505	4.434093	1.903229	-0.990258
H	2.692121	1.188474	-2.067692	2.716330	1.179729	-2.061577
C	4.478364	1.456826	1.351208	4.460214	1.462141	1.379537
H	2.783660	0.393316	2.142466	2.762826	0.391610	2.153727
C	5.074055	2.001132	0.214993	5.066126	2.007863	0.248900
H	4.882783	2.323402	-1.905489	4.897972	2.325657	-1.874569
H	4.971410	1.534884	2.313881	4.942710	1.541993	2.347252
H	6.033430	2.500799	0.288167	6.022526	2.511413	0.332143
C	-2.544872	-1.959354	-0.002066	-2.550596	-1.956649	0.004139
C	-2.775760	-2.926570	0.983478	-2.795480	-2.887690	1.021538
C	-3.499919	-1.783553	-1.009773	-3.497114	-1.809083	-1.016668
C	-3.946461	-3.679039	0.978239	-3.970149	-3.635457	1.031272

H	-2.028077	-3.081795	1.751818	-2.059516	-3.018922	1.805899
C	-4.665295	-2.547595	-1.024480	-4.666714	-2.567778	-1.015361
H	-3.320292	-1.058037	-1.794880	-3.310011	-1.109332	-1.823220
C	-4.895574	-3.492312	-0.026373	-4.909548	-3.478482	0.011816
H	-4.116727	-4.415726	1.755657	-4.151157	-4.343498	1.832301
H	-5.389798	-2.408071	-1.819252	-5.384955	-2.449787	-1.818975
H	-5.804209	-4.083901	-0.034899	-5.821050	-4.065376	0.015547
C	3.447540	-2.102158	-0.509673	3.459244	-2.097802	-0.506447
C	1.807070	-3.711836	0.288793	1.813269	-3.724110	0.249572
C	3.925560	-3.533022	-0.799284	3.948939	-3.522848	-0.801073
H	3.405403	-1.493330	-1.413749	3.435015	-1.478219	-1.403105
H	4.118325	-1.602556	0.195143	4.109156	-1.606688	0.222958
C	3.186521	-4.370021	0.251391	3.197594	-4.372554	0.230041
H	1.280187	-3.853627	1.233855	1.274701	-3.873575	1.186834
H	1.155450	-4.098885	-0.503333	1.179718	-4.114868	-0.555507
H	5.012282	-3.619997	-0.744325	5.034676	-3.603493	-0.727078
H	3.613783	-3.837506	-1.803095	3.655844	-3.819153	-1.812759
H	3.678758	-4.278692	1.224793	3.671879	-4.285515	1.212443
H	3.130929	-5.430415	-0.001133	3.151843	-5.430813	-0.032068
N	2.102018	-2.284370	0.072132	2.099253	-2.292937	0.040164

3bv ; $a_0 = 6.44 \text{ [\AA]}$

atom	cyclohexane			acetonitrile		
	X	Y	Z	X	Y	Z
C	0.323160	-0.903463	-0.033063	0.315753	-0.901464	-0.037421
C	1.401623	0.039307	-0.082910	1.399736	0.036213	-0.079003
C	-0.999024	-0.472366	-0.011670	-1.004137	-0.463964	-0.012875
C	1.090662	1.395048	-0.022561	1.095778	1.392890	-0.018445
C	2.669427	-0.710662	-0.170615	2.664719	-0.719427	-0.160052
C	0.916075	-2.261890	0.011860	0.901102	-2.263170	-0.001980
C	-1.200732	0.943015	-0.061372	-1.200123	0.952468	-0.055964
C	-2.132499	-1.433348	0.133016	-2.139831	-1.423048	0.135013
C	2.104201	2.484322	0.068000	2.117665	2.475854	0.066912
N	-0.188427	1.810464	-0.047926	-0.181954	1.815822	-0.040921

C	2.317133	-2.082081	-0.095792	2.304251	-2.089673	-0.097973
C	4.004645	-0.394561	-0.331102	4.003803	-0.409043	-0.302532
C	0.433330	-3.550610	0.139101	0.410270	-3.551201	0.104795
N	-2.494728	1.488568	-0.050179	-2.492236	1.500908	-0.043205
C	-2.475197	-2.314229	-0.901323	-2.509760	-2.279700	-0.910178
C	-2.867548	-1.481224	1.323731	-2.842777	-1.497572	1.343948
C	3.106663	2.465108	1.045005	3.098264	2.470625	1.066517
C	2.023551	3.585908	-0.792926	2.069084	3.555427	-0.824776
C	3.244807	-3.135687	-0.127421	3.226805	-3.148300	-0.131362
C	4.961102	-1.443324	-0.386774	4.955660	-1.462668	-0.357075
H	4.341372	0.630047	-0.414406	4.348542	0.613958	-0.371411
C	1.351982	-4.632291	0.133255	1.323313	-4.638173	0.094743
H	-0.622492	-3.757727	0.242293	-0.647551	-3.754905	0.193147
C	-2.612260	2.901566	0.334473	-2.611908	2.909370	0.358841
C	-3.397589	1.143810	-1.162621	-3.386538	1.172363	-1.170077
C	-3.521984	-3.221144	-0.748750	-3.554154	-3.188816	-0.751016
H	-1.916797	-2.285730	-1.830707	-1.976438	-2.231681	-1.853307
C	-3.909727	-2.392384	1.479844	-3.883054	-2.410668	1.506305
H	-2.615596	-0.802287	2.129690	-2.568002	-0.840406	2.160764
C	4.015520	3.515868	1.149625	4.015335	3.515395	1.166002
H	3.163384	1.632918	1.736966	3.133610	1.654373	1.778728
C	2.940149	4.628794	-0.697952	2.993745	4.592631	-0.734138
H	1.233768	3.615597	-1.533489	1.302065	3.573717	-1.589702
C	4.611645	-2.774332	-0.280037	4.597610	-2.793302	-0.267212
C	2.713886	-4.447547	-0.004409	2.688062	-4.459272	-0.027162
H	6.005381	-1.179345	-0.512839	6.002550	-1.203194	-0.468401
H	0.962093	-5.639017	0.234692	0.926958	-5.643654	0.179687
C	-4.048201	3.212790	0.765942	-4.051966	3.219443	0.777327
H	-2.319321	3.559237	-0.499472	-2.310111	3.578115	-0.463025
H	-1.912481	3.097049	1.145212	-1.924296	3.092006	1.183379
C	-4.857069	1.408210	-0.788978	-4.848796	1.437752	-0.809503
H	-3.128752	1.747013	-2.047590	-3.106097	1.785763	-2.043625
H	-3.263453	0.099338	-1.430193	-3.251235	0.131207	-1.449401
C	-4.241451	-3.264614	0.444228	-4.242952	-3.258484	0.459223
H	-3.774025	-3.893272	-1.561537	-3.827548	-3.842381	-1.571752

H	-4.462787	-2.421014	2.412165	-4.411711	-2.460002	2.451689
C	3.939810	4.597241	0.273759	3.969927	4.576078	0.262271
H	4.778310	3.492095	1.920024	4.761576	3.502268	1.952438
H	2.871480	5.469653	-1.379268	2.950640	5.415512	-1.438882
H	5.373880	-3.545173	-0.316415	5.355640	-3.567995	-0.303247
H	3.381392	-5.302737	-0.015556	3.351127	-5.317545	-0.041281
C	-5.054831	2.858553	-0.334438	-5.046265	2.883140	-0.339540
H	-4.118138	4.273897	1.026160	-4.120441	4.277299	1.049979
H	-4.276849	2.641188	1.672605	-4.293374	2.637474	1.674078
H	-5.143129	0.722190	0.015391	-5.148916	0.744044	-0.016591
H	-5.492655	1.181976	-1.651158	-5.474075	1.224960	-1.682221
H	-5.054763	-3.971175	0.565446	-5.053786	-3.966881	0.585248
H	4.649636	5.413062	0.352547	4.686243	5.386383	0.336972
H	-6.080028	3.017142	0.013843	-6.074526	3.040996	-0.000744
H	-4.904896	3.529165	-1.190419	-4.883235	3.563234	-1.185314

3bw ; $a_0 = 6.43 \text{ \AA}$

atom	cyclohexane			acetonitrile		
	X	Y	Z	X	Y	Z
C	-1.388276	-2.428648	0.203478	-1.382204	2.429084	0.193809
C	-0.951934	-3.702917	0.512626	-0.942177	-3.706235	0.487738
C	-2.779799	-2.220091	0.039625	-2.775521	-2.220799	0.041500
C	-3.081398	-0.861801	-0.234888	-3.080816	-0.861254	-0.224498
C	-4.401530	-0.528051	-0.468130	-4.404123	-0.526706	-0.440656
H	-4.700093	0.485254	-0.701346	-4.707563	0.487638	-0.662730
C	-5.393355	-1.542722	-0.398594	-5.395119	-1.542506	-0.366110
C	-5.093301	-2.856686	-0.100766	-5.090905	-2.858835	-0.080401
C	-3.742931	-3.237555	0.131376	-3.737380	-3.239908	0.135775
C	-3.259903	-4.536663	0.443415	-3.250897	-4.541613	0.433930
C	-1.907622	-4.745208	0.633080	-1.896091	-4.750688	0.608535
H	-1.555044	-5.741104	0.877406	-1.540377	-5.748220	0.840418
H	-3.956434	-5.363498	0.534298	-3.945973	-5.369300	0.525142
H	-6.425249	-1.265076	-0.583630	-6.429027	-1.264066	-0.537171
H	-5.881564	-3.599920	-0.048137	-5.877766	-3.603002	-0.024289

H	0.094563	-3.927394	0.664354	0.105823	-3.932624	0.625620
C	-1.789236	-0.149694	-0.226756	-1.788816	-0.148741	-0.225114
C	-0.747154	-1.110474	-0.016811	-0.743982	-1.108759	-0.021840
N	-0.134451	1.551404	-0.410201	-0.136766	1.556166	-0.409479
C	0.588938	-0.726137	-0.023873	0.591262	-0.722013	-0.027826
C	-1.427715	1.189651	-0.348426	-1.429940	1.190468	-0.349090
C	0.846963	0.655798	-0.290393	0.847874	0.661433	-0.290187
C	1.674533	-1.691505	0.325778	1.676666	-1.687174	0.325348
C	2.282751	-1.626642	1.585392	2.259625	-1.637064	1.597844
C	2.080136	-2.695869	-0.561736	2.102554	-2.677583	-0.568249
C	3.264345	-2.545287	1.950629	3.239189	-2.556036	1.969337
H	1.977432	-0.854507	2.281906	1.936887	-0.877852	2.301086
C	3.067580	-3.610852	-0.201076	3.087015	-3.593521	-0.200680
H	1.614346	-2.762994	-1.538989	1.657663	-2.733921	-1.555745
C	3.661445	-3.539735	1.058111	3.657294	-3.536691	1.070543
H	3.718790	-2.483703	2.933242	3.674644	-2.505854	2.961077
H	3.369225	-4.380826	-0.902526	3.404633	-4.353011	-0.906250
H	4.426634	-4.253600	1.341406	4.420096	-4.251148	1.358403
C	-2.401972	2.315724	-0.420680	-2.409475	2.312580	-0.427449
C	-2.273586	3.288758	-1.419718	-2.309707	3.259773	-1.454958
C	-3.415578	2.460655	0.534117	-3.401084	2.477732	0.547534
C	-3.153575	4.365409	-1.478437	-3.194391	4.333265	-1.518792
H	-1.477400	3.191179	-2.147517	-1.535510	3.145873	-2.204215
C	-4.287605	3.546021	0.483994	-4.277941	3.559557	0.491603
H	-3.509902	1.730011	1.328995	-3.476380	1.765972	1.361439
C	-4.163981	4.497732	-0.526565	-4.181300	4.486942	-0.544940
H	-3.048427	5.104507	-2.264974	-3.111876	5.051642	-2.326741
H	-5.059426	3.650717	1.238479	-5.032997	3.679635	1.260357
H	-4.845307	5.340164	-0.568091	-4.866363	5.325901	-0.590927
N	2.160961	1.142603	-0.373124	2.161211	1.147882	-0.371137
C	3.053798	0.545971	-1.384987	3.052564	0.554491	-1.389416
C	4.473900	0.278733	-0.880026	4.471874	0.279077	-0.887600
H	3.091278	1.215215	-2.258961	3.091881	1.232230	-2.255889
H	2.614471	-0.385888	-1.737017	2.608791	-0.371940	-1.749602
C	5.399565	-0.243649	-1.984739	5.396037	-0.230628	-1.999719

H	4.896603	1.199271	-0.460793	4.896584	1.193828	-0.458221
H	4.425919	-0.444187	-0.060439	4.423420	-0.454991	-0.077544
C	6.820431	-0.529773	-1.490272	6.816851	-0.524883	-1.509666
H	4.972618	-1.159262	-2.411235	4.967383	-1.139433	-2.438858
H	5.438575	0.485329	-2.803519	5.435411	0.510121	-2.807499
H	7.457149	-0.900921	-2.298113	7.452194	-0.885303	-2.323415
H	7.287909	0.374072	-1.087048	7.284695	0.373335	-1.094464
H	6.816184	-1.282412	-0.696050	6.812920	-1.288915	-0.726141
C	2.342752	2.595258	-0.219164	2.349768	2.598982	-0.209121
C	2.150184	3.080322	1.219259	2.161767	3.078086	1.232168
H	1.669826	3.140924	-0.890640	1.682059	3.152635	-0.879470
H	3.366391	2.816471	-0.529740	3.373752	2.817237	-0.518955
C	2.362651	4.591666	1.360638	2.370321	4.589662	1.378579
H	1.141023	2.824649	1.554455	1.156304	2.816513	1.575177
H	2.850342	2.542985	1.869780	2.868139	2.542506	1.877244
C	2.189001	5.089268	2.798607	2.207364	5.080045	2.820337
H	3.366068	4.855465	1.003301	3.369872	4.856805	1.014165
H	1.656920	5.117268	0.706764	1.658330	5.116880	0.732446
H	2.342811	6.169692	2.868912	2.358051	6.160689	2.893476
H	1.183466	4.871259	3.171287	1.205982	4.856594	3.201506
H	2.903614	4.606764	3.472939	2.930236	4.596986	3.485297

3bz ; $a_0 = 5.89 \text{ \AA}$

atom	cyclohexane			acetonitrile		
	X	Y	Z	X	Y	Z
C	-1.177694	1.309944	0.075431	-1.174430	1.312931	0.066487
C	-2.405285	1.931982	0.194445	-2.400200	1.942520	0.171908
C	-0.018735	2.118301	-0.002946	-0.010115	2.115214	-0.002858
C	1.162419	1.339552	-0.086718	1.168179	1.330655	-0.074434
C	2.364168	2.005587	-0.229193	2.376078	1.990227	-0.198922
H	3.302562	1.475698	-0.320517	3.312063	1.458353	-0.275012
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Table S3. Vertical transition energies, contributions of excitation configurations, and oscillator strengths, f , of the transitions from the ground state to the first singlet excited state for **3bu**, **3bv**, **3bw**, **3bz**, and **3au** calculated at the PCM/TD-B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level in cyclohexane and acetonitrile.

compound	solvent	transition energy / eV	contribution of excitation configuration	f
3bu	cyclohexane	2.739	LUMO \leftarrow HOMO (0.69)	0.229
3bv	cyclohexane	2.862	LUMO \leftarrow HOMO (0.69)	0.248
3bw	cyclohexane	2.832	LUMO \leftarrow HOMO (0.69)	0.237
3bz	cyclohexane	3.230	LUMO \leftarrow HOMO (0.68) LUMO \leftarrow HOMO-1 (0.16)	0.184
3au	cyclohexane	2.761	LUMO \leftarrow HOMO (0.70)	0.239
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3bu	acetonitrile	2.729	LUMO \leftarrow HOMO (0.69)	0.229
3bv	acetonitrile	2.881	LUMO \leftarrow HOMO (0.69)	0.246
3bw	acetonitrile	2.844	LUMO \leftarrow HOMO (0.69)	0.235
3bz	acetonitrile	3.266	LUMO \leftarrow HOMO (0.68) LUMO \leftarrow HOMO-1 (0.16)	0.185
3au	acetonitrile	2.753	LUMO \leftarrow HOMO (0.70)	0.242

12. Procedure for Cellular Experiments

Cell culture.

A human breast adenocarcinoma cell line, SK-BR-3, was cultured in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (D-MEM) supplemented with 10 % fetal bovine serum (FBS), 1 % penicillin-streptomycin. The cells were maintained at 37 °C in 5% CO₂ / 95% air and kept in a logarithmic growth phase by routine passages every 2–3 days. Prior to the use of cells, the densities of cells were determined using a hemocytometer.

Cytotoxicity evaluation.

SK-BR-3 cells (5.0×10^3 cells per well) were seeded onto 96-well plates in D-MEM, and maintained at 37 °C in a 5% CO₂ / 95% air incubator for 24 h. After incubation, the cells were incubated in the medium containing 10 μM azafluoranthenes and 1% DMSO for 24 h. Next, 10 μL of Cell Counting Kit-8 solution (Dojindo) was added, and the plate was further incubated at 37 °C. After incubation for 210 min, absorbance at 450 nm was recorded on a microplate absorbance spectrophotometer to estimate the cytotoxic effects of azafluoranthenes.

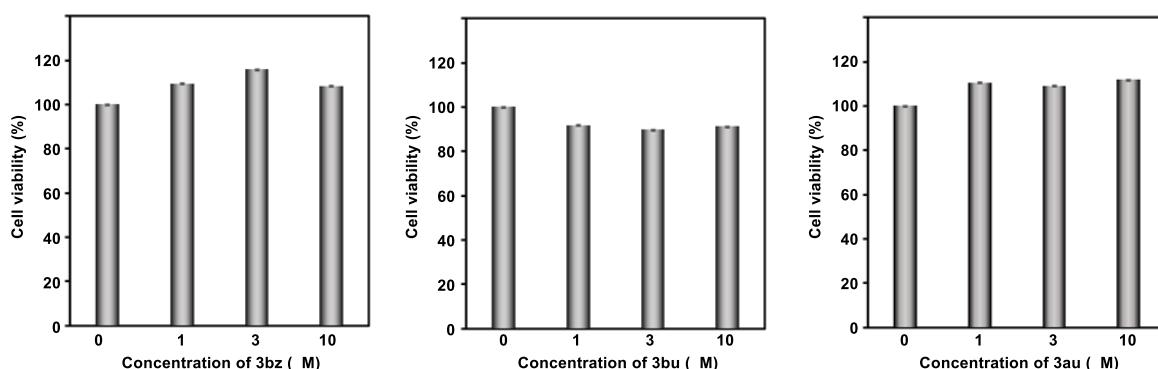


Figure S25. Cytotoxicity of 3bz, 3bu and 3au against SK-BR-3 cells. SK-BR-3 cells were cultured in the presence or absence of azafluoranthenes at the designated concentrations for 24 h at 37 °C. Results are shown as the mean ± S.E. (n = 5).

Cellular imaging and cellular localization of azafluoranthenes.

SK-BR-3 cells (5×10^3 cells) were plated in 35 mm glass-bottom dishes and cultured for 24 h. Azafluoranthenes were then added to the medium containing 1% DMSO at a final concentration of 10 μM and incubated for 1 h. After the cells were washed, imaging by microscopy was conducted. Fluorescent images of azafluoranthenes in cells were acquired using excitation at 405 or 488 nm and a 526–575 nm band-pass filter for

emission.

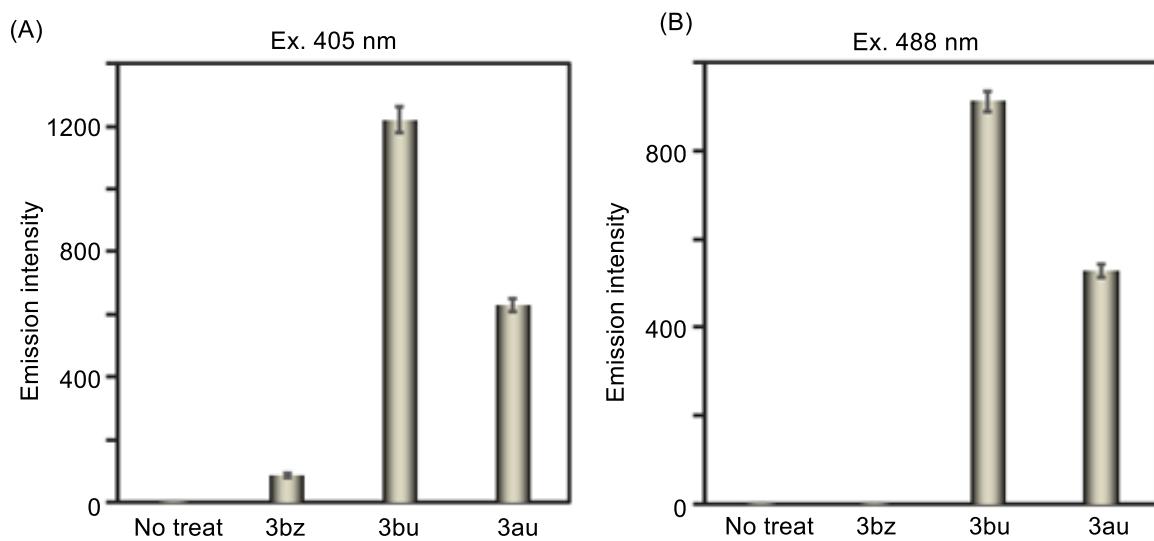


Figure S26. Emission intensity obtained from each cell. The fluorescence intensity was obtained from Figure 4A (A: Excitation at 405 nm) and 4B (B: Excitation at 488 nm).

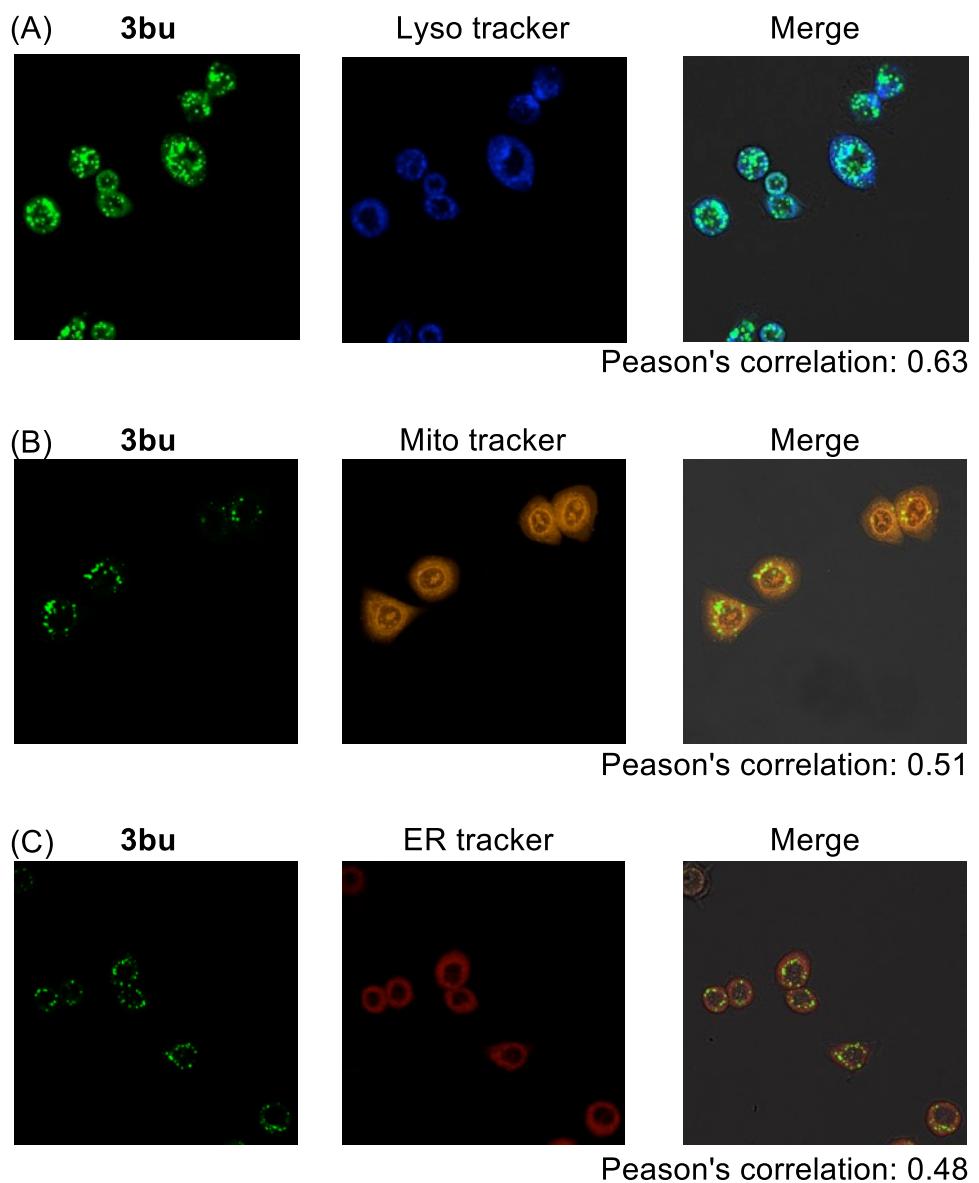


Figure S27. Localization of **3bu** in SK-BR-3 cells. The cells were incubated with **3bu** and then lysosome (A), mitochondria (B) and ER (C) were stained by organelle markers, Lyso tracker, Mito tracker and ER tracker, respectively. Right, merged pictures.

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14. ^1H , ^{13}C , and ^{19}F NMR Charts

