Newly High-T_g Bipolar Benzimidazole Derivatives in Improving

Stability of High-Efficiency OLEDs

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The starting materials 1-4 were prepared according to the procedures reported in ref. 10 in the manuscript.

General synthetic procedure for 2, 3, and 4-3cbzBIZ's

9-(1,2-Diphenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-4-yl)-9*H*-3,6-di(*N*-carbazolyl)carbazole (**4-3cbzBIZ**)





To a mixture of 4-bromo-1,2-diphenyl-1*H*-benzimidazole (1) (0.73 g, 2.1 mmol), 9H-3,6-di(N-carbazolyl)carbazole (Tcbz) (1.09 g, 2.2 mmol), copper (I) iodide (CuI, 0.016 g, 0.08 mmol), potassium carbonate (K₂CO₃, 0.87 g, 6.3 mmol) was added dimethylacetamide (DMAc, 2.1 mL). The mixture was reacted at 180 °C for 16 h. After completion of the reaction, DMAc was removed by distillation under vacuum. The residue was taken up with chloroform. The insoluble salt was removed by filtration through celite. The filtrate was washed with brine. The organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated by rotary evaporation to give crude residue that was further purified by liquid chromatography on silica gel, using hexanes/dichloromethane (1:2) as the eluent to give**4-3cbzBIZ**as colourless crystals (1.2 g, 75% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 8.36 (s, 2H), 8.17 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.72-7.67 (m, 3H), 7.64-7.54 (m, 8H), 7.50-7.45 (m, 7H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.37-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100

MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 153.68, 142.29, 141.73, 140.16, 140.03, 137.23, 130.59, 130.49, 130.17, 130.08, 129.44, 128.72, 128.23, 127.99, 126.35, 126.31, 124.57, 124.22, 123.49, 122.16, 120.55, 120.03, 119.97, 112.84, 111.40, 110.27. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₅₅H₃₆N₅ 766.2971, obsd. 766.3002 (M+). Anal. Calcd for C₅₅H₃₅N₅: C, 86.25; H, 4.61; N, 9.14; Found: C, 85.91; H, 4.54; N, 9.15.

9-(1,2-Diphenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-5-yl)-9*H*-3,6-di(*N*-carbazolyl)carbazole (**3-3cbzBIZ**)



3-3cbzBIZ

3-Bromo-1,2-diphenyl-1H-benzimidazole (2) (0.61 g, 1.75 mmol), 9H-3,6-di(*N*-carbazolyl)carbazole (**Tcbz**) (0.91 g, 1.82 mmol), copper(I) iodide (CuI, 0.013 g, 0.07 mmol)), potassium carbonate (0.72 g, 5.21 mmol) in dimethylacetamide (DMAc, 1.74 mL) were reacted to give crude product that was purified by liquid chromatography on silica gel, using hexanes/dichloromethane (1:3) as the eluent to give **3-3cbzBIZ** as colourless crystals (0.95 g, 71% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 8.33 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 2H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 2 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75-7.68 (m, 8H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.35 (m, 13H), 7.31-7.26 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.21, 141.97, 141.48, 137.07, 136.68, 132.53, 130.39, 130.33, 130.22, 129.67, 129.30, 128.68, 127.55, 126.41, 126.03, 123.95, 123.29, 123.05, 120.40, 119.86, 119.79, 118.93, 112.10, 111.50, 109.89. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₅₅H₃₆N₅ 766.2971, obsd. 766.2943 (M+). Anal. Calcd for C₅₅H₃₅N₅: C, 86.25; H, 4.61; N, 9.14; Found: C, 85.70; H, 4.49; N, 9.14.

9-(1,2-Diphenyl-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazol-6-yl)-9*H*-3,6-di(*N*-carbazolyl)carbazole (**2-3cbzBIZ**)



2-3cbzBIZ

2-Bromo-1,2-diphenyl-1H-benzimidazole (**3**) (0.58 g, 1.66 mmol), 9H-3,6-di(*N*-carbazolyl)carbazole (**Tcbz**) (0.87 g, 1.75 mmol), copper(I) iodide (CuI, 0.013 g, 0.07 mmol)), potassium carbonate (0.69 g, 4.99 mmol) in dimethylacetamide (DMAc, 1.74 mL) were reacted to give crude product that was purified by liquid chromatography on silica gel, using hexanes/dichloromethane (1:5) as the eluent to give **2-3cbzBIZ** as colourless crystals (0.72 g, 57% yield).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 8.29 (s, 2H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.69-7.58 (m, 8H), 7.56-7.48 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.35 (m, 13H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.11, 141.93, 141.45, 138.03, 136.37, 132.95, 130.45, 129.77, 129.44, 128.76, 127.46, 126.47, 126.02, 123.91, 123.39, 123.30, 121.31, 120.44, 119.88, 119.84, 111.37, 110.08, 109.82. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₅₅H₃₆N₅ 766.2971, obsd. 766.2948 (M+). Anal. Calcd for C₅₅H₃₅N₅: C, 86.25; H, 4.61; N, 9.14; Found: C, 85.86; H, 4.46; N, 9.13.

Preparation of 1-3cbzBIZ

2-(9H-[3,6-Di(N-carbazolyl)carbazole]-9-yl)-6-nitro-N-phenylaniline (5)



A mixture of 2-fluoro-6-nitro-*N*-phenylbenzenamine (4) (0.35 g, 1.51 mmol), 9*H*-3,6-di(*N*-carbazolyl)carbazole (**Tcbz**) (0.75 g, 1.51 mmol), and caesium carbonate (Cs_2CO_3 , 0.54 g, 1.66 mmol) in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO, 4.2 mL) was heated at 130 °C for 9 hours. After completion of the reaction, DMSO was removed by distillation under vacuum. The residue was taken up with dichloromethane. The insoluble salt was removed by filtration through celite. The filtrate was washed with brine. The organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated by rotary evaporation to give crude residue that was further purified by liquid chromatography on silica gel, using hexanes/ethylacetate (10:1) as the eluent to give **5** as yellowish crystals (0.22 g, 21% yield). The product **5** was directly used for preparation of **1-3cbzBIZ**.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.97-7.94 (m, 3H), 7.63-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.42 (m, 6H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 5H), 6.72-6.62 (m, 3H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 142.22, 140.49, 139.32, 139.10, 138.48, 137.68, 130.75, 127.90, 127.72, 127.10, 126.39, 126.34, 126.27, 124.61, 124.33, 123.50, 122.17, 120.64, 120.23, 120.11, 119.84, 119.72, 112.03, 110.04.

9-(1,2-Diphenyl-1*H*-benzo[d]imidazol-7-yl)-9*H*-3,6-di(*N*-carbazolyl)carbazole (**1-3cbzBIZ**)



1-3cbzBIZ

A mixture of **5** (0.28 g, 0.39 mmol), tin(II) chloride (SnCl₂, 0.37 g, 1.95 mmol), benzaldehyde (0.05 mL) and sodium metabisulfite (0.08 g, 0.46 mmol) in dried dimethylformamide (DMF, 2.2 mL) and ethanol (2.2 mL) was heated at 130 °C for 16 hours. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed by distillation under reduced pressure. The residue was taken up with chloroform. The insoluble salt was removed by filtration through celite. The filtrate was washed with brine. The organic extracts were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated by rotary evaporation to give crude residue that was further purified by liquid chromatography on silica gel, using hexanes/chloroform (1:5) as the eluent to give **1-3cbzBIZ** as colourless crystals (0.29 g, 94% yield)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 8.22-8.16 (m, 5H), 8.03 (s, 2H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.33 (m, 13H), 7.32-7.21 (m, 8H), 7.01-6.96 (m, 1H), 6.76-6.70(m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 154.35, 146.16, 142.18, 142.05, 135.82, 134.42, 130.24, 130.18, 130.01, 129.95, 128.73, 128.59, 128.11, 127.45, 126.32, 126.15, 125.81, 123.92, 123.73, 123.49, 121.95, 120.83, 120.64, 120.10, 119.57, 111.75, 110.05. HRMS (MALDI-TOF) m/z calcd for C₅₅H₃₅N₅ 765.2892, obsd. 765.2916. Anal. Calcd for C₅₅H₃₅N₅: C, 86.25; H, 4.61; N, 9.14; Found: C, 86.03; H, 4.46; N, 9.14.



Fig. S2.¹³C NMR spectrum of 5



Fig. S3. ¹H NMR spectrum of 4-3cbzBIZ







Fig. S5. ¹H NMR spectrum of 3-3cbzBIZ

Fig. S6. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3-3cbzBIZ**





Fig. S7. ¹H NMR spectrum of 2-3cbzBIZ



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Fig. S9. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1-3cbzBIZ



Fig. S10. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1-3cbzBIZ



Fig. S11. ORTEP of 1-3cbzBIZ



| | Crystal data | |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Empirical formula | C57 H35 N5 O | |
| Formula weight | 805.90 | |
| Crystal system | Triclinic | |
| Space group | P-1 | |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 9.5409(6) Å | $\alpha = 106.064(4)^{\circ}$ |
| | b = 12.4732(7) Å | β=91.848(4)°. |
| | c = 19.1087(7) Å | $\gamma = 104.015(5)^{\circ}$ |
| Volume | 2108.15(19) Å ³ | |
| Z | 2 | |
| F(000) | 840 | |
| Density (calculated) | 1.270 Mg/m ³ | |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 Å | |
| Cell parameters reflections used | 4336 | |
| Theta range for Cell parameters | 3.3450 to 28.2410°. | |
| Absorption coefficient | 0.077 mm ⁻¹ | |
| Temperature | 150(2) K | |
| Crystal size | 0.25 x 0.20 x 0.15 mm ³ | |
| | Data collection | |
| Diffractometer | Xcalibur, Atlas, Gemini | |
| Absorption correction | Semi-empirical from equ | uvalents |
| Max. and min. transmission | 1.00000 and 0.98521 | |
| No. of measured reflections | 13093 | |
| No. of independent reflections | 7393 [R(int) = 0.0396] | |
| No. of observed [I>2_igma(I)] | 4926 | |
| Completeness to theta = 25.00° | 99.5 % | |
| Theta range for data collection | 3.10 to 25.00°. | |
| | Refinement | |
| Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] | R1 = 0.0526, wR2 = 0.1 | 101 |
| R indices (all data) | R1 = 0.0904, wR2 = 0.13 | 346 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.020 | |
| No. of reflections | 7393 | |
| No. of parameters | 583 | |
| No. of restraints | 0 | |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.393 and -0.272 e.Å ⁻³ | |

Table S1. Crystal data and experimental details for 1-3cbzBIZ (ic19209).



Fig. S12. ORTEP of 2-3cbzBIZ

| Table 52 . Crystal data and structure refinement is | 51 1010094. | |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Identification code | ic18894 | |
| Empirical formula | C56 H37 Cl2 N5 | |
| Formula weight | 850.81 | |
| Temperature | 150(2) K | |
| Wavelength | 1.54178 Å | |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | |
| Space group | P 1 21/c 1 | |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 16.6376(6) Å | α= 90°. |
| | b = 19.3882(7) Å | β= 102.484(4)°. |
| | c = 13.5075(5) Å | $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$. |
| Volume | 4254.1(3) Å ³ | |
| Z | 4 | |
| Density (calculated) | 1.328 Mg/m ³ | |
| Absorption coefficient | 1.730 mm ⁻¹ | |
| F(000) | 1768 | |
| Crystal size | 0.20 x 0.15 x 0.10 mm ³ | |
| Theta range for data collection | 3.55 to 68.00°. | |
| Index ranges | -18<=h<=20, -23<=k<=14, -10 | 6<=1<=16 |
| Reflections collected | 19842 | |
| Independent reflections | 7748 [R(int) = 0.0371] | |
| Completeness to theta = 68.00° | 99.9 % | |
| Absorption correction | Semi-empirical from equivalent | nts |
| Max. and min. transmission | 1.00000 and 0.88409 | |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on F | 2 |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 7748 / 0 / 568 | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.032 | |
| Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] | R1 = 0.0514, wR2 = 0.1349 | |
| R indices (all data) | R1 = 0.0709, wR2 = 0.1506 | |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.527 and -0.568 e.Å ⁻³ | |



Fig. S13 ORTEP of 3-3cbzBIZ

| Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinem | ent for ic18971. | | | | |
|--|--|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Identification code | ic18971 | | | | |
| Empirical formula | C58 H41 N5 O | C58 H41 N5 O | | | |
| Formula weight | 823.96 | | | | |
| Temperature | 200(2) K | | | | |
| Wavelength | | | | | |
| Crystal system | Triclinic | | | | |
| Space group | P -1 | | | | |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 12.9028(5) Å | $\alpha = 63.011(5)^{\circ}.$ | | | |
| | b = 13.7936(6) Å | β= 73.842(4)°. | | | |
| | c = 14.0702(8) Å | $\gamma = 86.730(3)^{\circ}.$ | | | |
| Volume | 2136.27(17) Å ³ | | | | |
| Ζ | 2 | | | | |
| Density (calculated) 1.281 Mg/m ³ | | | | | |
| Absorption coefficient | bsorption coefficient 0.077 mm ⁻¹ | | | | |
| F(000) | 864 | | | | |
| Crystal size | 0.350 x 0.150 x 0.080 mi | m ³ | | | |
| Theta range for data collection | 2.96 to 27.50°. | | | | |
| Index ranges | -16<=h<=16, -13<=k<=1 | 17, - 18<=1<=17 | | | |
| Reflections collected | 15875 | | | | |
| Independent reflections | 9339 [R(int) = 0.0297] | | | | |
| Completeness to theta = 27.50° | 95.3 % | | | | |
| Absorption correction | Semi-empirical from equ | ivalents | | | |
| Max. and min. transmission | 1.00000 and 0.98201 | | | | |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on F ² | | | | |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 9339 / 0 / 577 | | | | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.016 | | | | |
| Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] | R1 = 0.0552, wR2 = 0.1184 | | | | |
| R indices (all data) | R1 = 0.0915, wR2 = 0.14 | 410 | | | |
| Largest diff. peak and hole 0.557 and -0.284 e.Å ⁻³ | | | | | |



Fig. S14. ORTEP of 4-3cbzBIZ

| Table 54. Crystal data and structure refinement for | n 10705. | |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| Identification code | ic18783 | |
| Empirical formula | C55.50 H36 Cl N5 | |
| Formula weight | 808.34 | |
| Temperature | 200(2) K | |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 Å | |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | |
| Space group | P2(1)/n | |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 13.0717(3) Å | α= 90°. |
| | b = 13.8814(3) Å | β= 90.645(2)°. |
| | c = 23.1396(5) Å | $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$. |
| Volume | 4198.50(16) Å ³ | |
| Ζ | 4 | |
| Density (calculated) | 1.279 Mg/m ³ | |
| Absorption coefficient | 0.137 mm ⁻¹ | |
| F(000) | 1684 | |
| Crystal size | 0.25 x 0.20 x 0.15 mm ³ | |
| Theta range for data collection | 2.78 to 27.50°. | |
| Index ranges | -16<=h<=16, -18<=k<=18, -28 | 3<=1<=26 |
| Reflections collected | 28993 | |
| Independent reflections | 9330 [R(int) = 0.0401] | |
| Completeness to theta = 27.50° | 96.9 % | |
| Absorption correction | Semi-empirical from equivaler | nts |
| Max. and min. transmission | 1.00000 and 0.98811 | |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on F ² | 2 |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 9330 / 0 / 568 | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.009 | |
| Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] | R1 = 0.0635, wR2 = 0.1593 | |
| R indices (all data) | R1 = 0.1081, wR2 = 0.1926 | |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.568 and -0.329 e.Å ⁻³ | |



Fig. S15. Thermogravimetric analysis of 3cbzBIZ's



Fig. S16. Differential scanning calorimetric analysis of 3cbzBIZ's



Fig. S17. Spectrometric analysis of **3cbzBIZ's**, including UV-Vis, room temperature steady state fluorescence, and low temperature fluorescence and phosphorescence spectral data at 77K

The initial structures for the **3cbzBIZ's** were first setup based on their crystal structures. These structures have undergone geometry optimizations through density functional theory (DFT) calculations (DA) at the S₀ state. In these DFT-based optimizations, the BLYP-D3/6-311+G(d) $^{3-6}$ hybrid functional was used.

Table S5. The theoretical HOMO and LUMO information of **3cbzBIZ's** in THF was predicted by the Ab initio calculation method at BLYP-D3/6-311+G(d) level.

| | 1-3cbzBIZ | | 2-3cb | 2-3cbzBIZ | | 3-3cbzBIZ | | 4-3cbzBIZ | |
|---------|-----------|--------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|--|
| | Calcd | Exptl ^a | Calcd | Exptl | Calcd | Exptl | Calcd | Exptl | |
| | (ev) | (ev) | (ev) | (ev) | (ev) | (ev) | (ev) | (ev) | |
| LUMO | -1.70 | -2.41 | -1.80 | -2.42 | -1.80 | -2.43 | -1.85 | -2.41 | |
| HOMO | -5.54 | -5.78 | -5.44 | -5.82 | -5.38 | -5.81 | -5.34 | -5.78 | |
| Optical | 3.84 | 3.37 | 3.64 | 3.40 | 3.58 | 3.38 | 3.49 | 3.37 | |
| gap | | | | | | | | | |

a. In THF



Fig. S18 Photoelectron spectra of 1-, 2-, and 4-3cbzBIZ from AC2 measurements.



Fig. S19 Photoluminescence spectra of 1-, 2-, and 4-3cbzBIZ and the absorption spectrum of FIrpic.

| Davias | HTL | EBL | EML | ETL | EIL | Cathode | | | |
|--------|------|-----|--------------------|------|-----|---------|------|-----|--|
| Device | TAPC | mCP | 1-3cbzBIZ : FIrpic | DPPS | LiF | Al | | | |
| B-1 | | 10 | 129 | 6 | | | | | |
| B-2 | 50 | | 10 | 10 | 10 | 30 15 | % 55 | | |
| B-3 | 30 | | | | 18 | % | 1.5 | 120 | |
| B-4 | | | 20 150 | 50 | - | | | | |
| B-5 | | | 50 155 | 60 | | | | | |

Table S6 Device structure of device B-1 to B-5.



Fig. S20 Device performance of (a) J-V; (b)CE-J; (c)PE-J; (d) EQE-J for device B-1 to B-5 using 1-**3cbzBIZ** as host.

Table S7 Device performance for device B-1 to B-5.

| Device | Driving voltage* (V) | Max. luminance (cd/m ²) | Max. current efficiency (cd/A) | Max. power efficiency (lm/W) | Max. EQE (%) |
|--------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| B-1 | 7.29 | 17050 | 49.17 | 50.44 | 23.77 |
| B-2 | 7.11 | 17670 | 50.15 | 51.66 | 24.28 |
| B-3 | 7.00 | 19550 | 49.84 | 50.98 | 24.18 |
| B-4 | 7.11 | 18700 | 49.50 | 51.29 | 23.92 |
| B-5 | 7.30 | 17030 | 49.74 | 50.66 | 24.04 |

| Devrice | HTL | EBL | EML | | ETL | EIL | Cathode |
|---------|------|-----|------------------|--------------------|-----|-----|---------|
| Device | TAPC | mCP | 2-3cbzBIZ : FIrp | 2-3cbzBIZ : FIrpic | | LiF | Al |
| C-1 | | | | 9% | | | |
| C-2 | 50 | 10 | 30 | 12% | 50 | | |
| C-3 | 50 | | 10 | | 15% | | 1.5 |
| C-4 | | · | 20 | 120/ | 45 | | |
| C-5 | | | 50 | 12% | 55 | | |

Table S8 Device structure of devices C-1 to C-5.



Fig. S21 Device performance of (a) J-V; (b)CE-J; (c)PE-J; (d) EQE-J for devices C-1 to C-5 using **2-3cbzBIZ** as host.

Table S9 Device performance for devices C-1 to C-5.

| Device | Driving voltage* (V) | Max. luminance (cd/m ²) | Max. current efficiency (cd/A) | Max. power efficiency (lm/W) | Max. EQE (%) |
|--------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| C-1 | 6.90 | 15230 | 43.05 | 38.64 | 20.78 |
| C-2 | 6.75 | 17730 | 46.49 | 41.73 | 22.42 |
| C-3 | 6.27 | 21390 | 44.26 | 39.73 | 21.35 |
| C-4 | 6.42 | 17340 | 45.21 | 40.58 | 21.46 |
| C-5 | 7.01 | 15810 | 41.68 | 37.42 | 20.73 |

| Device | HTL | EBL | EML | | ETL | EIL | Cathode |
|--------|------|-----|------------------|------|-----|-----|---------|
| | TAPC | mCP | 4-3cbzBIZ : FIrp | DPPS | LiF | Al | |
| D-1 | | | | 9% | | | |
| D-2 | | | 30 | 12% | 55 | | |
| D-3 | | 10 | | 15% | | | |
| D-4 | 50 | | 20 | | 50 | 1.5 | 120 |
| D-5 | | | 30 | 60 | | | |
| D-6 | | | 40 | 12% | 55 | - | |
| D-7 | | | 50 | | | | |

Table S10 Device structure of devices D-1 to D-7.



Fig. S22 Device performance of (a) J-V; (b)CE-J; (c)PE-J; (d) EQE-J for device C-1 to C-5 using 4-3cbzBIZ as host.

| Devic | e Driving voltage* (V) | Max. luminance (cd/m ²) | Max. current efficiency (cd/A) | Max. power efficiency (lm/W) | Max. EQE (%) |
|-------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| D-1 | 6.56 | 18200 | 55.71 | 49.28 | 26.93 |
| D-2 | 7.14 | 15200 | 57.26 | 58.15 | 27.73 |
| D-3 | 7.56 | 15170 | 54.59 | 54.44 | 26.51 |
| D-4 | 6.70 | 16500 | 54.03 | 54.14 | 25.50 |
| D-5 | 7.32 | 13990 | 55.41 | 56.55 | 26.34 |
| D-6 | 8.05 | 14420 | 58.73 | 59.31 | 28.58 |
| D-7 | 8.45 | 11800 | 54.74 | 55.58 | 26.64 |

Table S11 Device performance for devices D-1 to D-7.



Fig. S23 Luminance decay curves for 1-, 2- and 4-3cbzBIZ in blue OLEDs at initial luminance of 1000 cd/m².



Fig. S24 Driving voltage changes with aging time for initial luminescence of (a) 10000; (b) 20000; (c) 30000 cd/m^2



Fig. S25 Luminance decay curves of (a) **4-3cbzBIZ** and (b) CBP devices under different temperature at initial luminance of 10000 cd/m².



Figure S26 PL spectra of doped films of (a) **4-3cbzBIZ**:10%Ir(ppy)₃ and (b) CBP: 10%Ir(ppy)₃ before and after with annealing of 40 °C, 60 °C, 80 °C for 30 mins.



Figure S27 AFM images of doped films before and after annealing at a high temperature (80 °C) of **4-3cbzBIZ**:10%Ir(ppy)₃ (a) before (b) after, and CBP: 10%Ir(ppy)₃ (c) before (d) after, respectively.