

## Supporting material

# Modification of Thermally Activated Delayed Fluorescence Emitters Comprising Fluorinated Acridan-Quinazoline or Spiroacridan Moieties for Efficient Green OLEDs

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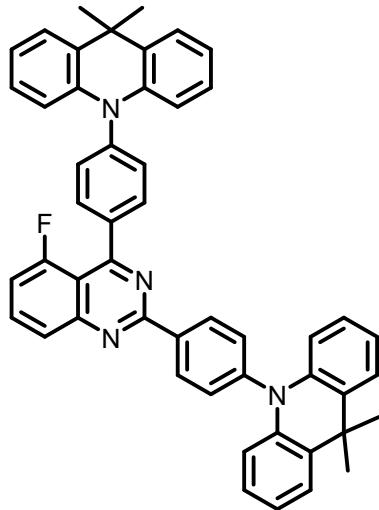
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## Experimental Section

### 10,10'-(5-fluoroquinazoline-2,4-diyl)bis(4,1-phenylene)bis(9,9-dimethyl-9,10-dihydroacridine)



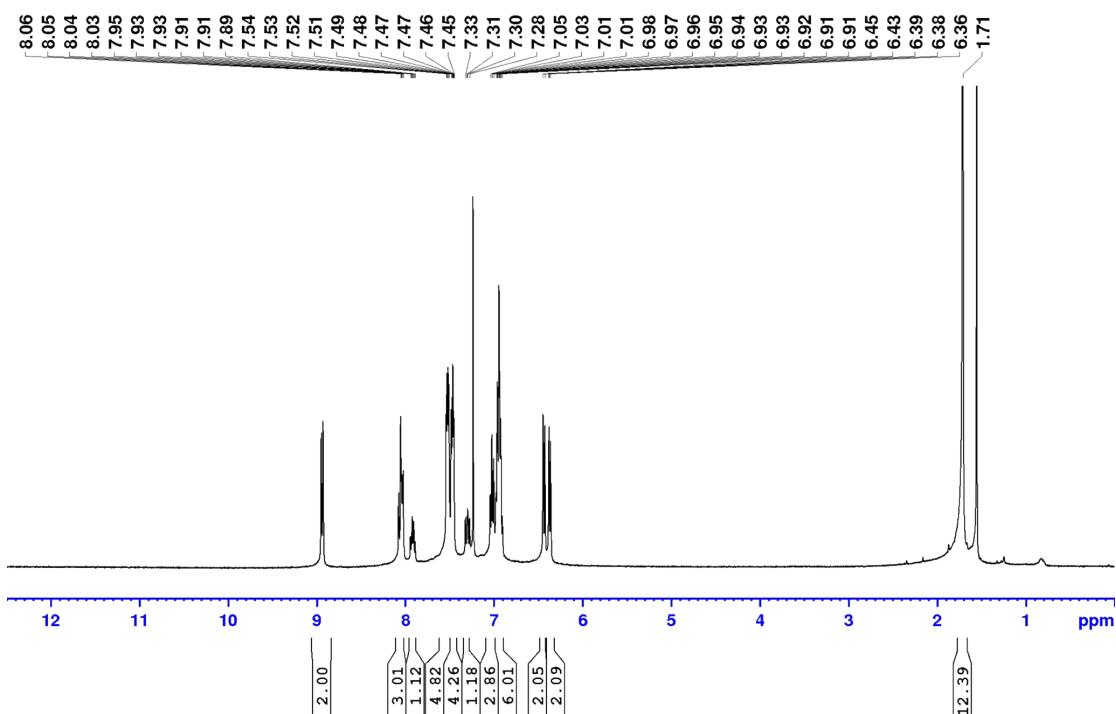
**4Ac5FQN**

A two-neck flask under argon atmosphere was charged with Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (229 mg, 0.1 mmol), 5-Fluoro-2,4-bis(4-bromophenyl)quinazoline (458 mg, 1.0 mmol), sodium tert-butoxide (721 mg, 3.0 mmol), XPhos (238 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 9,9-dimethyl-9,10-dihydroacridine (2.2 mmol). Dry and de-aerated toluene (10 mL) was added. The mixture was refluxed for 15 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and filtered through celite, then dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated by vacuum and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (DCM/Hexane = 1/3). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*<sub>1</sub>): δ 8.94 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), δ 8.08-8.03 (m, 3 H), δ 7.95-7.89 (m, 1 H), δ 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3.8 Hz, 5 H), δ 7.49-7.15 (m, 4 H), δ 7.33-7.28 (m, 1 H), δ 7.05-7.00 (m, 3 H), δ 6.98-6.91 (m, 6 H), δ 6.44 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), δ 6.37 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), δ 1.71 (s, 12 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*<sub>1</sub>): δ 167.07, 165.67, 159.89, 159.25, 156.65, 153.47, 143.89, 142.75, 140.77, 140.69, 139.79, 137.43, 134.49, 134.23,

134.14, 131.98, 131.93, 131.64, 131.45, 130.82, 130.18, 130.07, 126.46, 126.39, 125.63, 125.30, 125.25, 120.77, 120.69, 114.22, 114.14, 112.90, 112.82, 112.70, 36.06, 36.01, 31.35, 31.20; HRMS calcd. for  $C_{50}H_{40}FN_4$  ( $M+1^+$ ) 715.3237, obsd. 715.3232

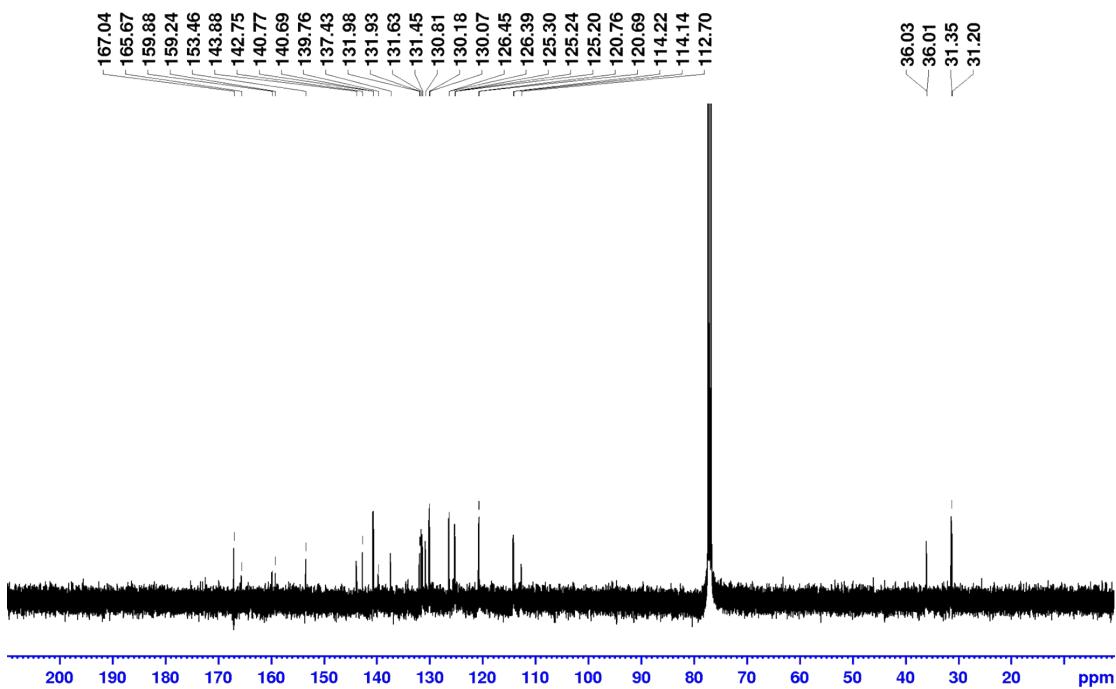
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4Ac5FQN**.

4AC5FQN H1 CDC13



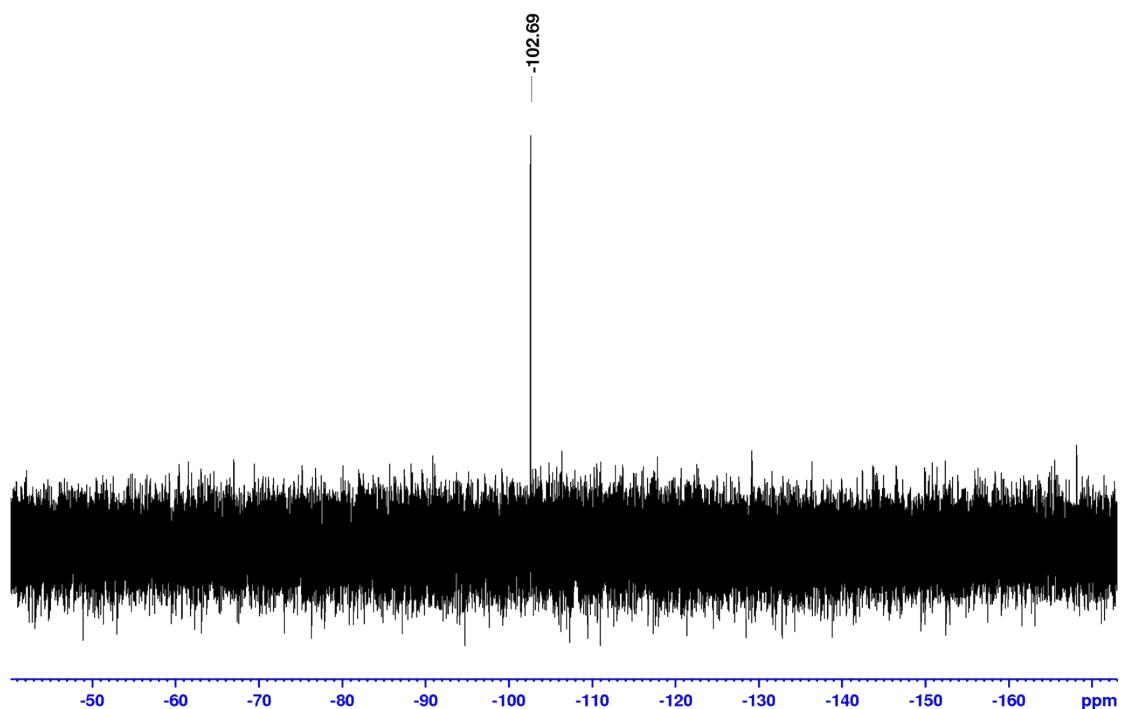
**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **4Ac5FQN**.

4Ac5FQN C13 CDC13

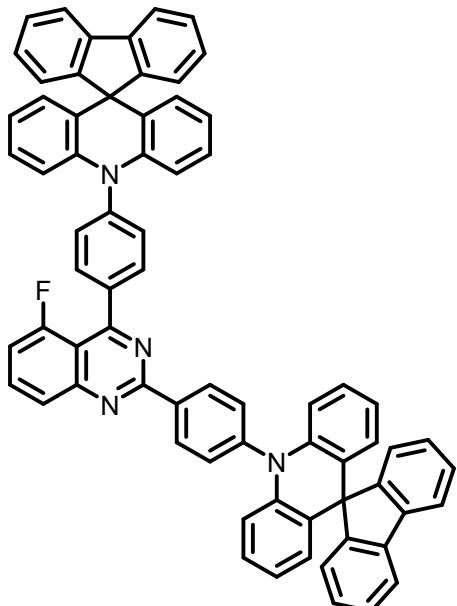


**Figure S3.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of compound **4Ac5FQN**.

4Ac5FQN F19 CDCl<sub>3</sub>



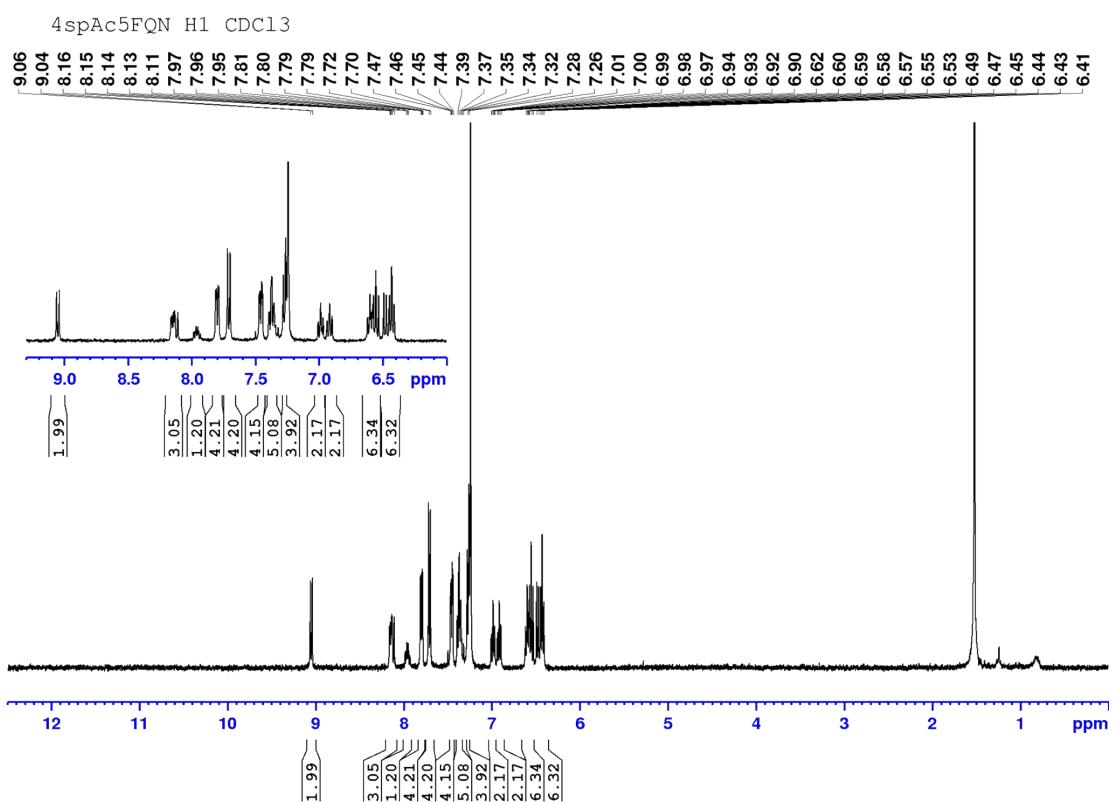
**10,10''-((5-fluoroquinazoline-2,4-diyl)bis(4,1-phenylene))bis(10H-spiro[acridine-9,9'-fluorene])**



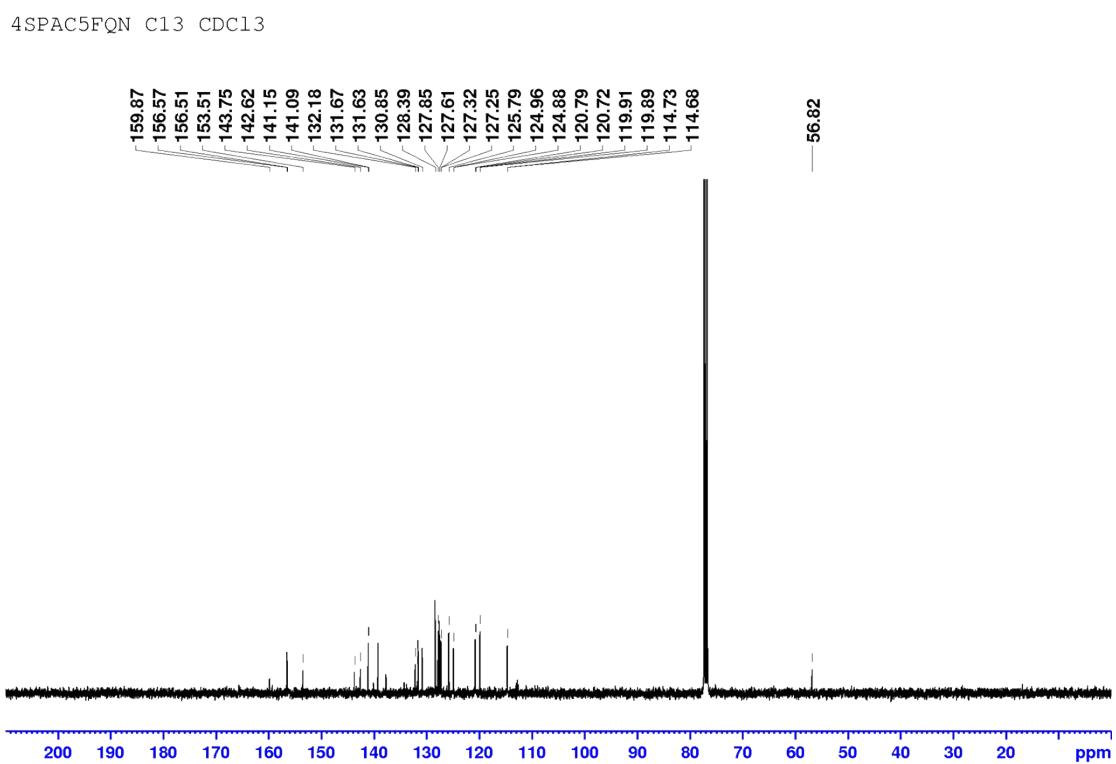
**4SpAc5FQN**

A two-neck flask under argon atmosphere was charged with Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (229 mg, 0.1 mmol), 5-fluoro-2,4-bis(4-bromophenyl)quinazoline (458 mg, 1.0 mmol), sodium tert-butoxide (721 mg, 3.0 mmol), XPhos (238mg, 0.2mmol) and 10H-spiro[acridine-9,9'-fluorene] (2.2 mmol). Dry and de-aerated toluene (10 mL) was added. The mixture was refluxed for 15 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and filtered through celite, then dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated by vacuum and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (DCM/Hexane = 1/3). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*<sub>1</sub>): δ 9.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.16~8.11 (m, 3H), 7.98~7.94 (m, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2.6 Hz, 4H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4 H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2.6 Hz, 4H), 7.39~7.32 (m, 5H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 6.98 (td, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (td, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 6.62~6.53 (m, 6H), 6.49~6.41 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*<sub>1</sub>): δ 159.87, 156.57, 156.51, 153.51, 143.75, 142.62, 141.15, 141.09, 132.18, 131.67, 131.63, 130.85, 128.39, 127.85, 127.61, 127.25, 125.79, 124.96, 124.88, 120.79, 120.72, 119.91, 119.89, 114.73, 114.68, 56.82; HRMS calcd. for C<sub>70</sub>H<sub>44</sub>FN<sub>4</sub> (M+1<sup>+</sup>) 959.3550, obsd. 959.3543

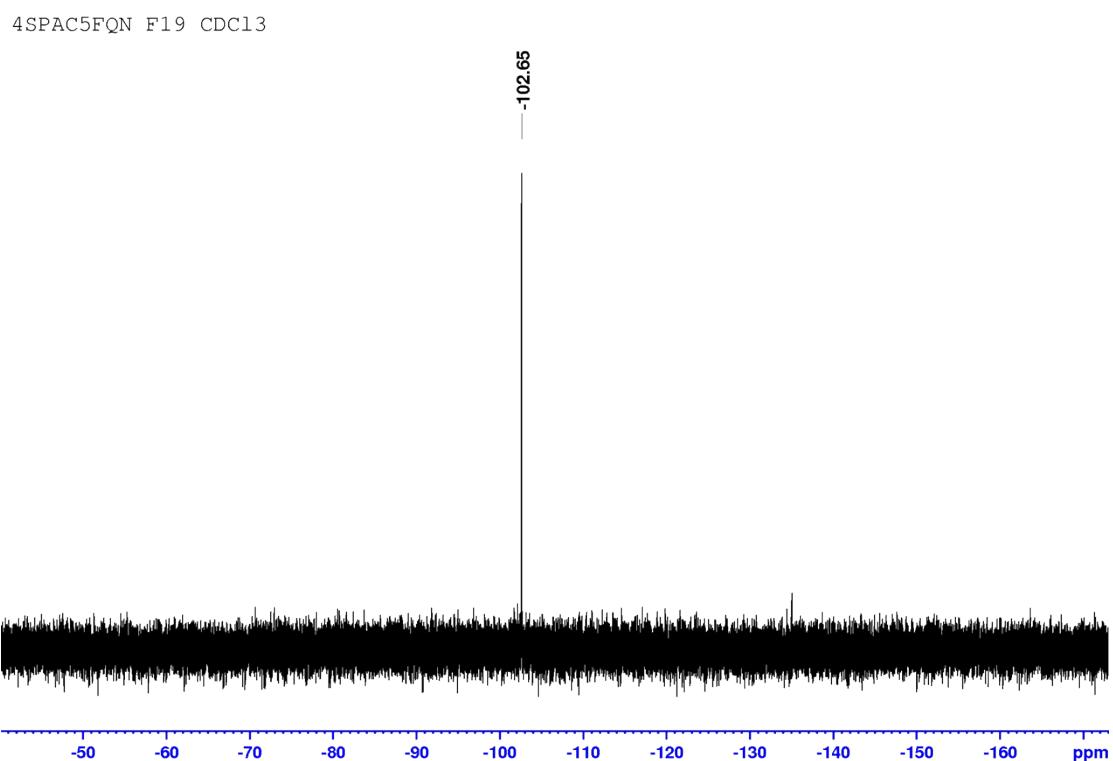
**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **4SpAc5FQN**.

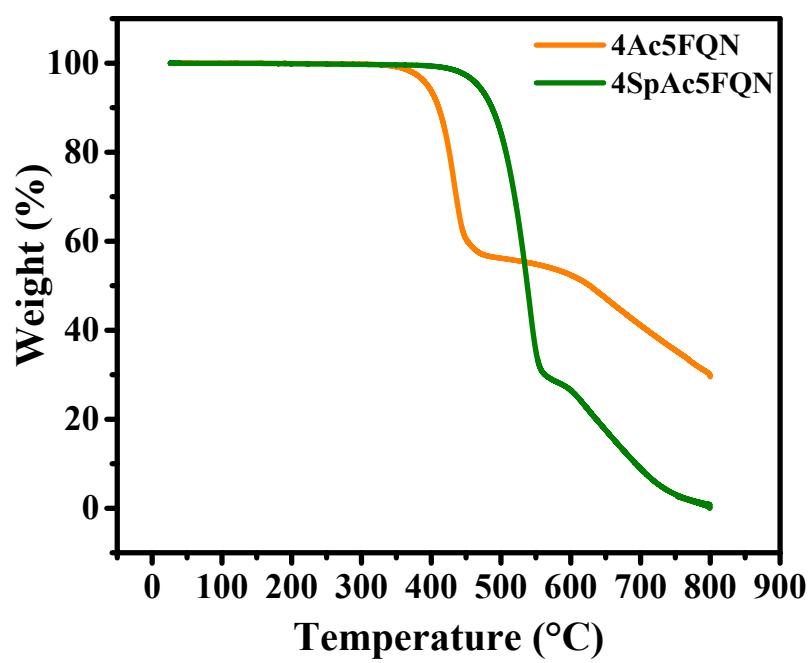


**Figure S5.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **4SpAc5FQN**.



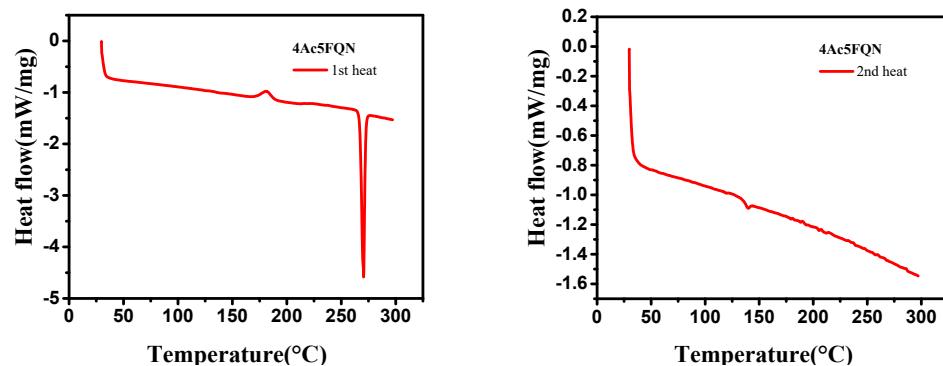
**Figure S6.**  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of compound 4SpAc5FQN.



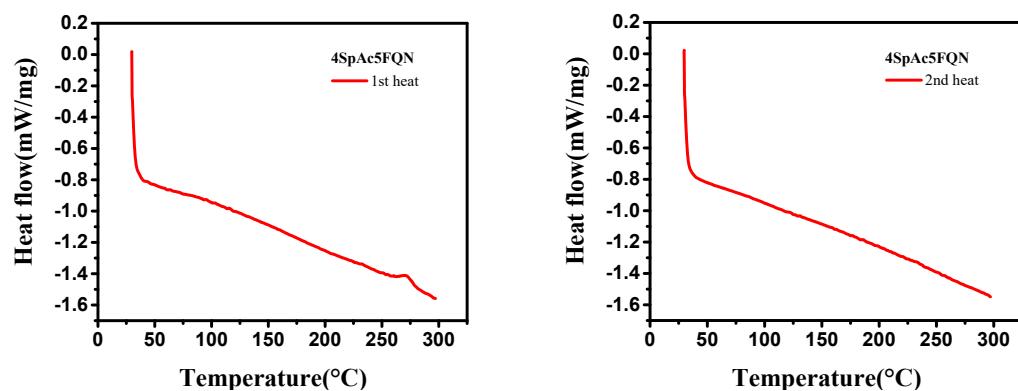


**Figure S7.** Thermal gravity analysis (TGA) curves of **4Ac5FQN** and **4SpAc5FQN**.

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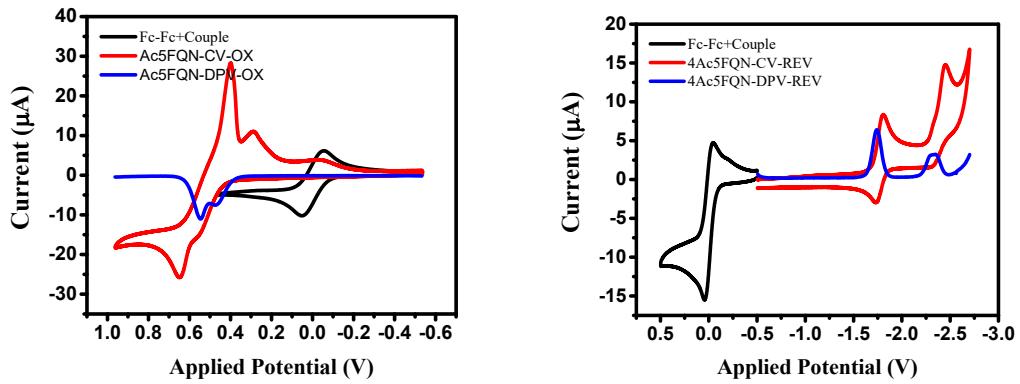


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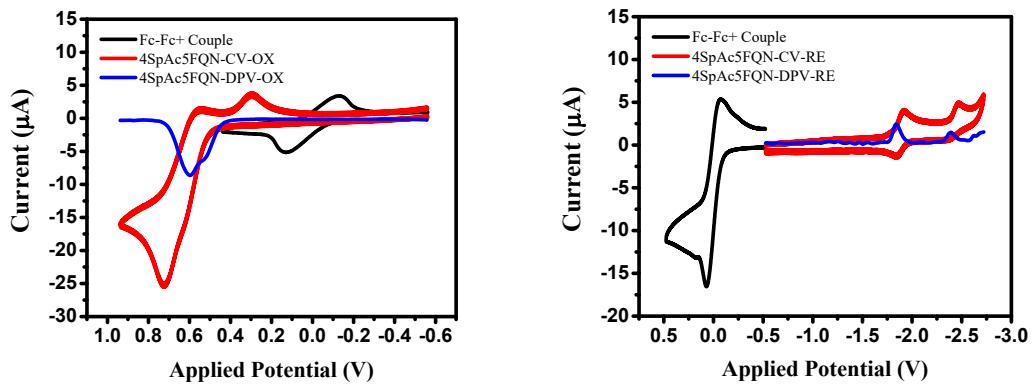


**Figure S8.** Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) curves of (a) **4Ac5FQN** and (b) **4SpAc5FQN**.

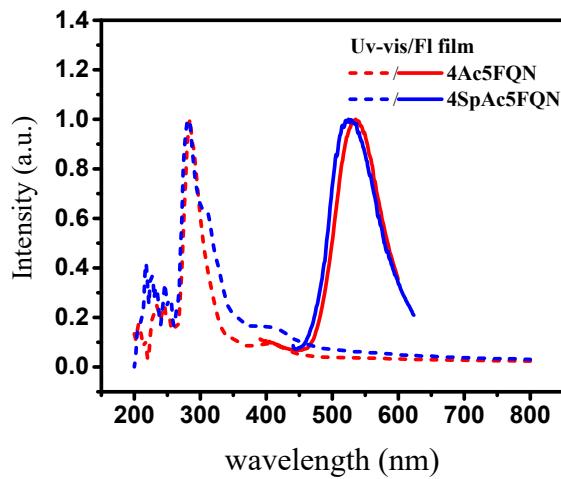
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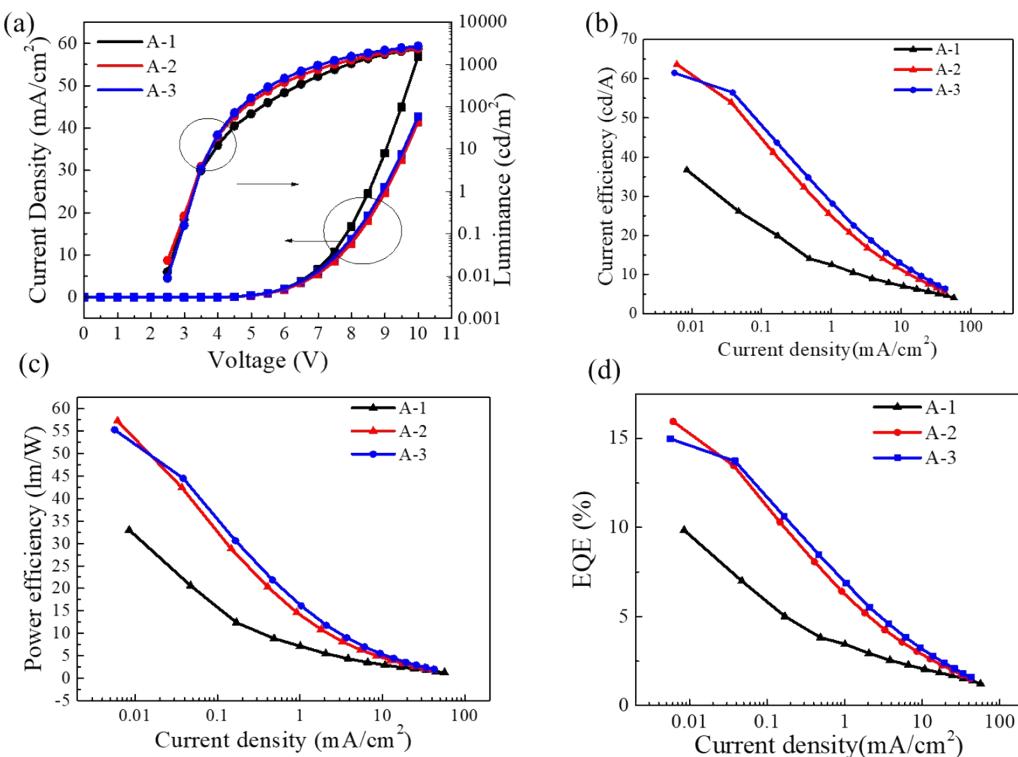
**Figure S9.** Cyclic voltammogram (CV) and differential pulse voltammetry (DPV) of (a) **4Ac5FQN** and (b) **4SpAc5FQN**.



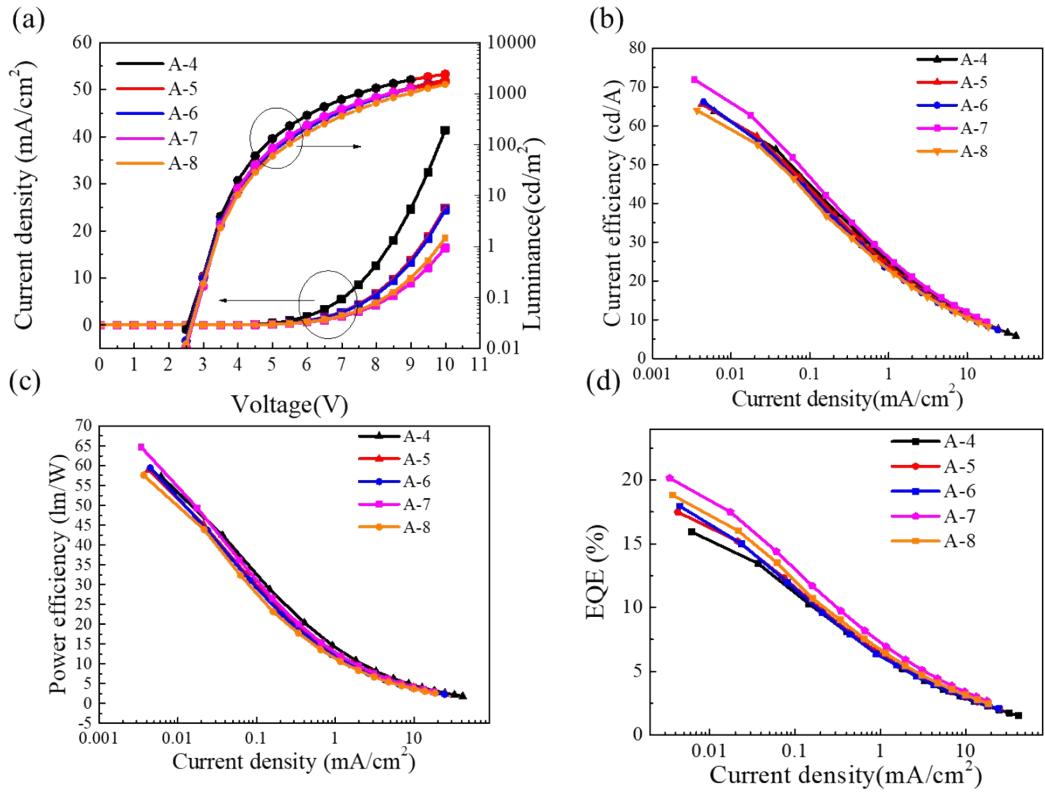
**Figure S10.** PL of thin film with **4Ac5FQN** and **4SpAc5FQN**

**Table S1.** Device structure of OLEDs with **4Ac5FQN** as emitter.

Device	HTL TAPC	EBL mCP	EML <i>o</i> -DiCbBz/X% <b>4Ac5FQN</b>	ETL DPPS	cathode LiF/Al
A-1			30/5%		
A-2			30/10%		
A-3			30/15%		
A-4	50	10		45	
A-5				50	
A-6			30/5%	55	
A-7				60	
A-8				65	
<b>Unit:nm</b>					



**Figure S11.** Device performance of (a) J-L-V; (b)CE-J; (c)PE-J; (d) EQE-J for OLEDs (A-1, A-2, A-3)



**Figure S12.** Device performance of (a) J-L-V; (b)CE-J; (c)PE-J; (d) EQE-J for OLEDs (A-4, A-5, A-6, A-7, A-8)

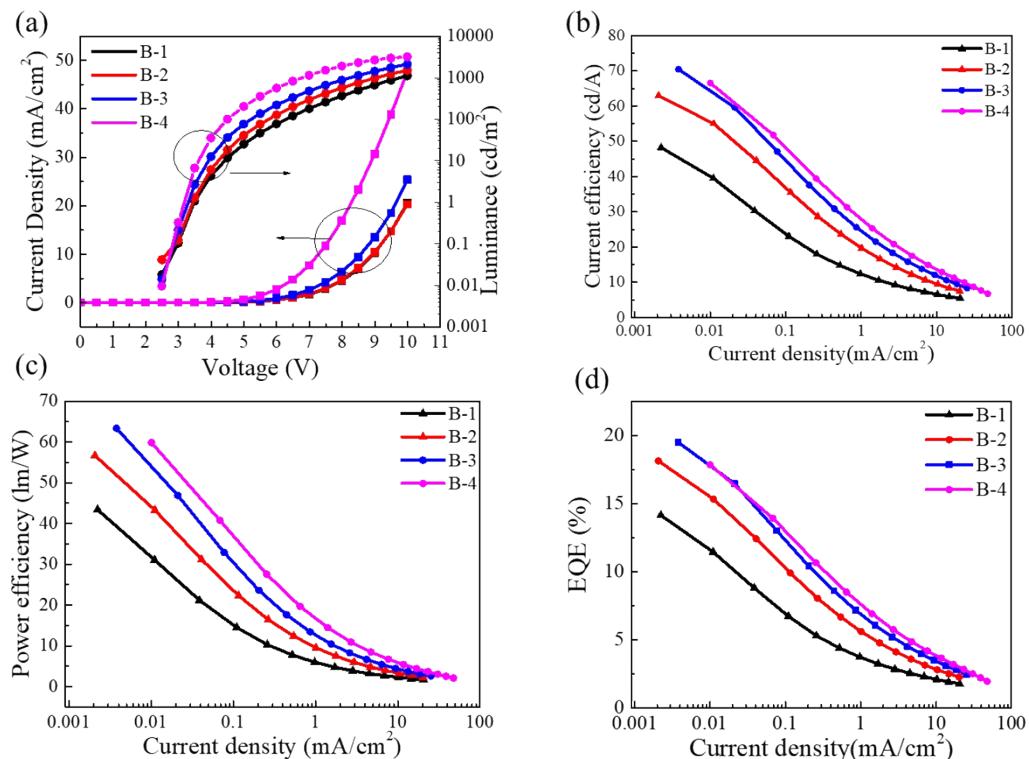
**Table S2.** Device performance of OLEDs with **4Ac5FQN** as emitter.

Device	EML/ETL (%, nm)	Voltage <sup>a</sup> (V)	Luminance <sup>b</sup> ( $\text{cd}/\text{m}^2$ )	CE <sup>c</sup> (cd/A)	PE <sup>c</sup> (lm/W)	EQE <sup>c</sup> (%)	CIE <sup>d</sup> (x,y)
A-1	1%, 30/45	7.39	2290	36.70/12.94/6.54	33.01/7.71/2.47	9.84/3.61/1.86	(0.257,0.515)
<b>A-2</b>	<b>5%, 30/45</b>	<b>7.66</b>	<b>2406</b>	<b>63.67/34.30/12.03</b>	<b>57.28/22.23/5.02</b>	<b>15.94/8.59/3.05</b>	<b>(0.327,0.581)</b>
A-3	10%, 30/45	7.55	2710	61.50/38.87/14.98	55.30/25.76/6.71	14.97/9.42/3.72	(0.347,0.585)
A-4	5%, 30/45	7.66	2406	66.52/34.64/11.94	59.86/22.55/5.02	15.94/8.67/3.05	(0.327,0.581)
A-5	5%, 30/50	8.51	1841	70.86/33.14/11.33	63.73/19.93/4.28	17.48/8.80/3.08	(0.323,0.582)
A-6	5%, 30/55	8.56	1797	72.39/31.57/10.86	65.70/18.78/4.03	17.96/8.50/3.00	(0.328,0.581)
<b>A-7</b>	<b>5%, 30/60</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>1666</b>	<b>71.90/40.51/14.45</b>	<b>64.73/29.31/7.14</b>	<b>20.15/11.28/4.10</b>	<b>(0.351,0.578)</b>
A-8	5%, 30/65	9.00	1513	75.70/31.44/10.59	68.08/18.15/3.74	18.83/9.14/3.17	(0.351,0.576)

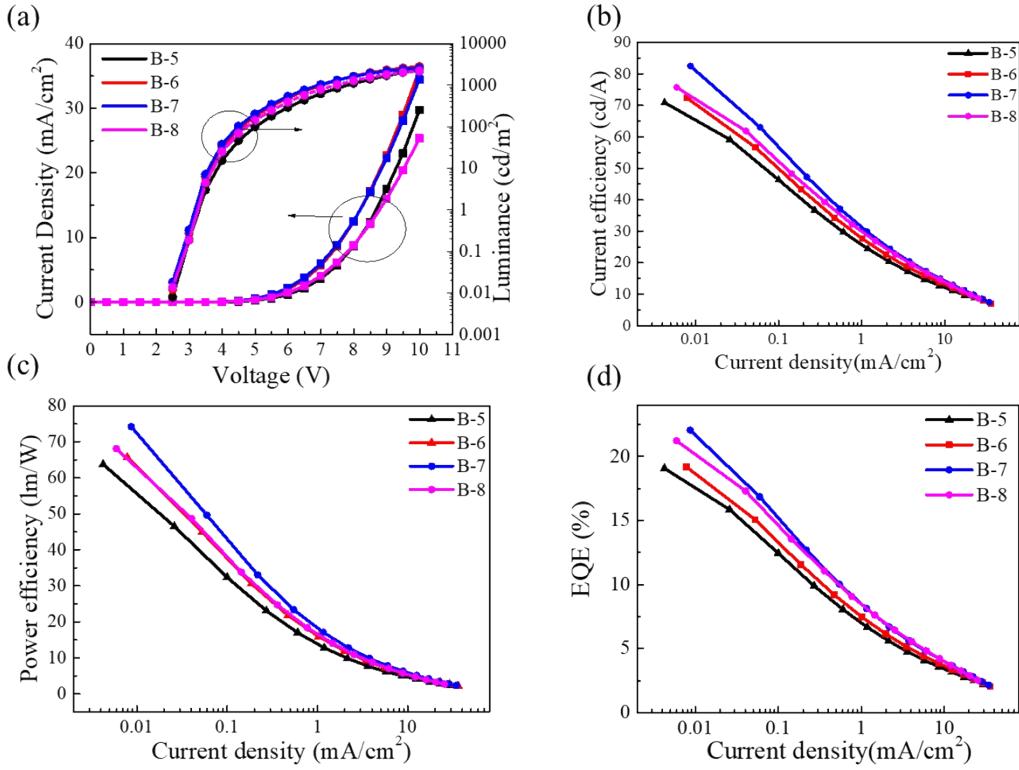
<sup>a</sup>at  $J=10\text{mA}/\text{cm}^2$ ; <sup>b</sup>Maximum; <sup>c</sup> CE/PE/EQE measured at maximum/100  $\text{cd}/\text{m}^2/1000 \text{cd}/\text{m}^2$ ; <sup>d</sup> at 4 V.

**Table S3.** Device structure of OLEDs with **4SpAc5FQN** as emitter.

Device	HTL TAPC	EBL mCP	EML <i>o</i> -DiCbzBz/X% 4SpAc5FQN	ETL DPPS	cathode LiF/Al
A-1	50	10	30/5%	45	1/120
A-2			30/10%		
A-3			30/15%		
A-4			30/20%		
A-5			30/15%	50	1/120
A-6					
A-7					
A-8				55	
<b>Unit:nm</b>					



**Figure S13.** Device performance of (a) J-L-V; (b)CE-J; (c)PE-J; (d) EQE-J for OLEDs (B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4)



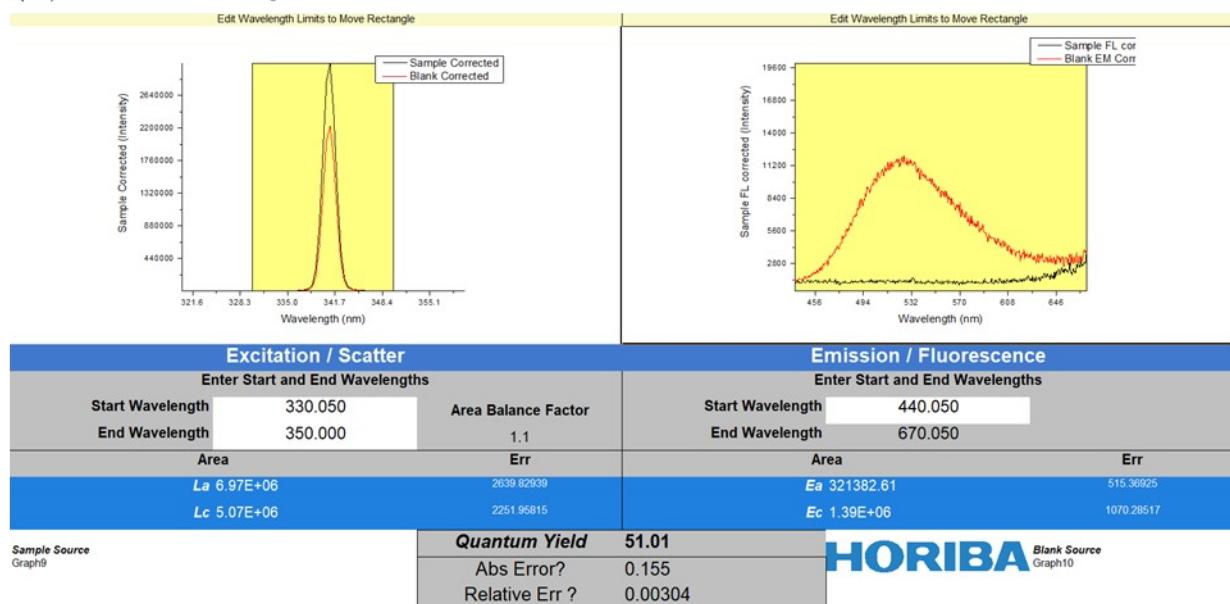
**Figure S14.** Device performance of (a) J-L-V; (b)CE-J; (c)PE-J; (d) EQE-J for OLEDs (B-5, B-6, B-7 , B-8)

**Table S4.** Device performance of OLEDs with **4SpAc5FQN** as emitter.

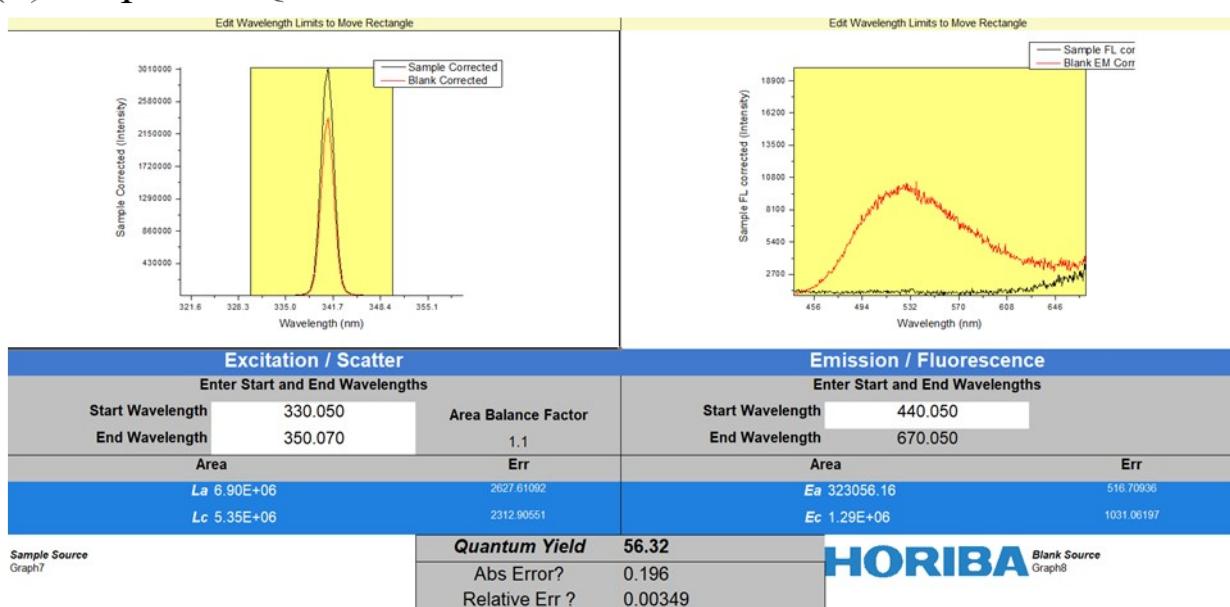
Device	EML/ETL (%, nm)	Voltage <sup>a</sup> (V)	Luminance <sup>b</sup> (cd/m <sup>2</sup> )	CE <sup>c</sup> (cd/A)	PE <sup>c</sup> (lm/W)	EQE <sup>c</sup> (%)	CIE <sup>d</sup> (x,y)
B-1	5%, 30/45	8.95	1115	48.24/13.15/5.66	43.40/6.53/1.82	14.14/3.93/1.82	(0.274,0.535)
B-2	10%, 30/45	8.93	1519	62.96/25.73/9.30	56.68/14.08/3.24	18.13/7.27/2.77	(0.317,0.565)
<b>B-3</b>	<b>15%, 30/45</b>	<b>8.56</b>	<b>2106</b>	<b>70.46/33.47/12.92</b>	<b>63.37/19.91/4.90</b>	<b>19.50/9.30/3.72</b>	<b>(0.327,0.577)</b>
B-4	20%, 30/45	7.28	3203	66.52/39.90/15.90	59.86/28.13/7.36	17.85/10.81/4.42	(0.335,0.576)
B-5	15%, 30/45	8.16	2292	70.86/37.85/13.37	63.73/24.30/5.40	19.07/10.21/3.74	(0.328,0.577)
B-6	15%, 30/50	7.67	2800	72.39/40.90/15.95	65.70/28.20/7.23	19.18/10.94/4.42	(0.336,0.575)
<b>B-7</b>	<b>15%, 30/55</b>	<b>7.64</b>	<b>2570</b>	<b>82.50/47.80/17.54</b>	<b>74.19/33.56/7.94</b>	<b>22.06/12.84/4.86</b>	<b>(0.348,0.580)</b>
B-8	15%, 30/60	8.16	2197	75.70/44.61/16.99	68.08/31.64/7.16	21.23/12.04/4.88	(0.369,0.572)

<sup>a</sup> at J= 10mA/cm<sup>2</sup>; <sup>b</sup> Maximum; <sup>c</sup> CE/PE/EQE measured at maximum/100 cd/m<sup>2</sup>/1000 cd/m<sup>2</sup>; <sup>d</sup> at 4 V.

## (a) 4Ac5FQN



## (b) 4SpAc5FQN



**Figure S15.** PLQY of mixed film (a) 4Ac5FQN doped *o*-DiCbzBZ; (b) 4SpAc5FQN doped *o*-DiCbzBZ.

