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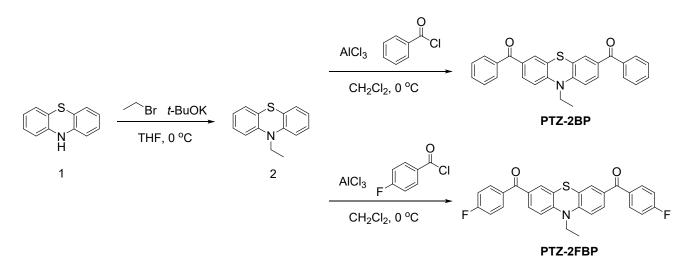
4. Structure Information

Fig. S20-S24 ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of PTZ derivatives conducted in CDCl₃.

1. General experimental procedures

Characterization: ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz Varian Mercury, using CDCl₃ as the solvent. High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was measured by an Aglient 7250 & JEOL-JMS-T100LP AccuTOF mass spectrophotometer. High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed by a Shimadzu LC-20AD (85 bar, 1 mL/min, 7% H₂O 93% MeOH). PL spectra were recorded by a Hitachi F-4600 fluorescence spectrophotometer. The ML spectra were measured on a spectrometer of Acton SP2750 with CCD (SPEC-10, Princeton) as a power detector. Absolute photoluminescence quantum yield (PLQY) and luminescence decay were recorded by an Edinburgh FLS920 spectrometer. The powder X-ray diffraction patterns were measured on Panalytical X'pert powder at 25 °C at 40 kV and 40 mA at a scan rate of 10° (20)/min (scan range: 5-60°). The single-crystal X-ray diffraction data were recorded by a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer. The CCDC numbers of PTZ-2FBP and PTZ-2BP are 2391557 and 2391558 respectively. Differential scanning calorimetry were performed on TA Q20 instrument from room temperature to 250 °C at a heating rate of 10 °C/min under nitrogen. The Gaussian 09 program was utilized to perform the TD-DFT calculations. The ground state (S₀) geometry was obtained from the single crystal structure and no further geometry optimization was conducted in order to maintain the specific molecular configuration and corresponding intermolecular locations.

2. Synthesis



Scheme S1. The synthetic routes of PTZ-2BP and PTZ-2FBP.

Compound 2: To a Schlenk flask was added Phenothiazine (1.99 g, 10 mmol), potassium tert-butoxide (1.68 g, 15 mmol) and THF (30 mL). The resultant solution was stirred under nitrogen atmosphere at 0 °C for 20 min. Then ethyl bromide (1.12 mL, 15 mmol) was added at 0 °C and stirred for another 12 h. After the reaction completed, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and quenched with water, then

extracted by dichloromethane. The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated by rotary evaporation to afford a crude product. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using petroleum ether as eluent to give the pure compound 2 as a white solid (1.71 g, 75%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.17-7.13 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 3.93 (s, 2H, - CH₂), 1.56-1.41 (m, 3H, -CH₃). MS (EI), m/z: 227.07, calcd for C₁₄H₁₃NS: 227.08.

PTZ-2BP: Under a nitrogen atmosphere, compound 2 (1.82 g, 8.0 mmol) and AlCl₃ (2.35 g, 17.6 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (DCM) (20 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min, then a solution of benzoyl chloride (2.03 mL, 17.6 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (20 mL) was slowly added at 0 °C. After stirred at room temperature for 6 h, the reaction was quenched with water and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1/2) to give the pure compound of PTZ-2BP as a yellow solid (2.09 g, 60%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.76-7.74 (d, *J* = 8Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 7.67-7.64 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.60-7.56 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.94-6.92 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H, -CH₂), 1.63-1.48 (s, 3H, -CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 194.59, 147.30, 137.82, 132.26, 132.17, 130.57, 129.67, 129.38, 128.33, 123.08, 114.44, 42.73, 12.77. HRMS (ESI⁺), m/z: 436.13, calcd for C₂₈H₂₁NO₂S: 435.12. [CCDC 2391558]

PTZ-2FBP: Similar procedure to that of PTZ-2BP. Compound 2 (1.82 g, 8.0 mmol) and AlCl₃ (2.35 g,

17.6 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (DCM) (20 mL). A solution of 4-fluorobenzoyl chloride (2.08 mL, 17.6 mmol) in anhydrous DCM (20 mL). The crude product was purified by column chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 1/2) to give the pure compound of PTZ-2FBP as an orange solid (2.45 g, 65%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.81-7.77 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 7.63-7.61 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.53 (s, 2H, Ar-H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.95-6.93 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 4.06-4.01 (m, 2H, -CH₂), 1.63-1.48 (m, 3H, -CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 193.11, 166.49, 163.97, 147.31, 133.99, 133.96, 132.30, 132.21, 132.17, 130.43, 129.20, 123.16, 115.62, 115.40, 114.49, 42.75, 12.75. HRMS (ESI⁺), m/z: 472.11, calcd for C₂₈H₁₉F₂NO₂S: 471.11. [CCDC 2391557]

3. Figures and Tables

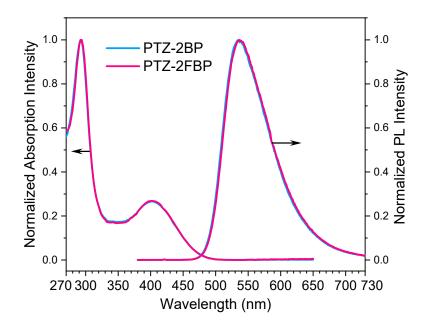


Figure S1. UV and PL spectra of PTZ-2BP and PTZ-2FBP in THF solution. ($c = 10^{-5}$ M)

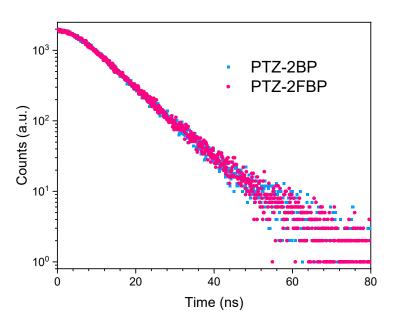


Figure S2. PL decay curves of PTZ-2BP and PTZ-2FBP in THF solution. ($c = 10^{-5}$ M, $\lambda_{ex} = 375$ nm)

Table S1. The photophysical data of PTZ-2BP and PTZ-2FBP in THF solution. ($c = 10^{-5}$ M)

Compound	$\lambda_{abs}(nm)$	$\lambda_{\rm em}$ (nm)	τ (ns)	$\varPhi(\%)$
PTZ-2BP	292,402	536	9.50	71.49
PTZ-2FBP	294,400	537	9.47	81.52

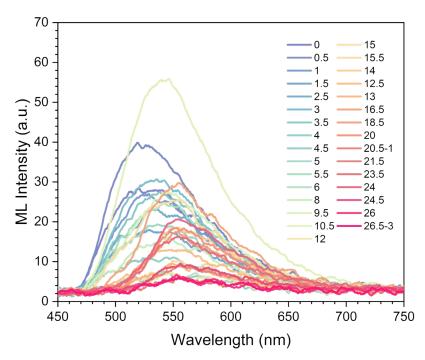


Figure S3. ML spectra of PTZ-2BP under continuos mechanical stimulus within 30 s.

Grinding time (s)	λ_{ML} (nm)	Grinding time (s)	λ_{ML} (nm)
0.0	520	12.5	549
0.5	520	13.0	550
1.0	528	14.0	555
1.5	529	15.0	555
2.5	530	15.5	555
3.0	536	16.5	555
3.5	538	18.5	554
4.0	545	20.0	553
4.5	541	20.5	556
5.0	537	21.5	554
5.5	542	23.5	555
6.0	542	24.0	555
8.0	547	24.5	556
9.5	544	26.0	553
10.5	546	26.5	555
12.0	548	\	\

Table S2. ML wavelength of PTZ-2BP under continuos mechanical grinding within 30 s.

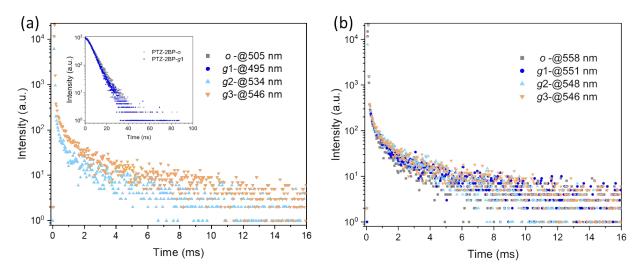
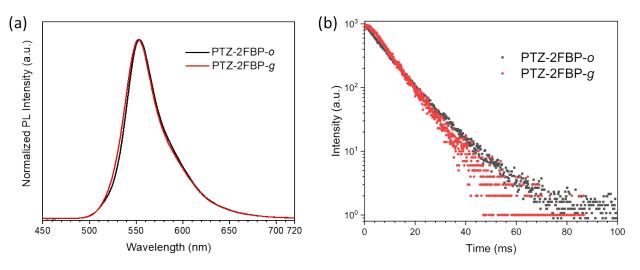


Figure S4. The (a) PL decay and (b) long-lived PL decay of PTZ-2BP in different states. (o: the as-

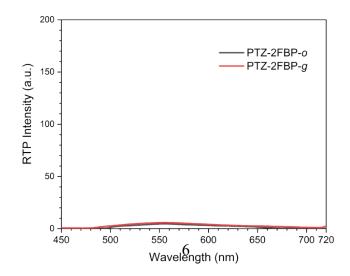


prepared state; g1: ground state of o; g2; ground state of g1; g3: ground state of g2.)

Figure S5. (a) Normalized PL spectra of PTZ-2FBP in original (-*o*) and ground (-*g*) states; (b) PL decay of PTZ-2FBP in original (-*o*) and ground (-*g*) states.

Figure S6. The delayed PL spectra of PTZ-2FBP in original (-o) and ground (-g) states.

Table S3. Optical properties of PTZ-2FBP in *o* and *g* state.



state	$\lambda_{PL}^{a}(nm)$	$ au_{\mathrm{PL}}^{\mathrm{a}}\left(\mathrm{ns}\right)$	$arPhi^b(\%)$
0	555	10.22	49.47
g	552	8.13	32.99

^a The maximum emission wavelength (λ_{PL}) of photoluminescence and corresponding lifetime (τ_{PL}). ^b The photoluminescence quantum yield (Φ). (All the data were collected at room temperature in air.)

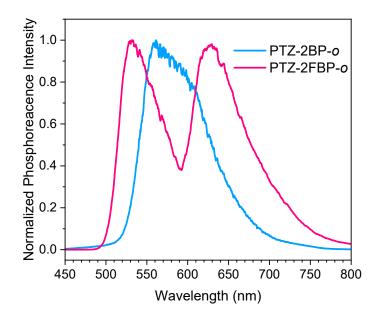


Figure S7. The phosphorescence spectra of PTZ-2BP and PTZ-2FBP in the as-prepared state at 77 K.

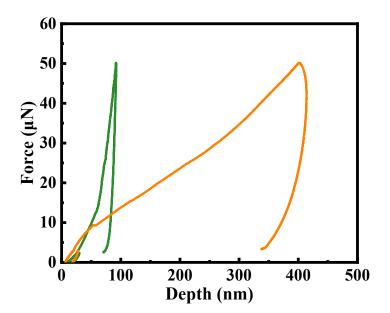


Figure S8. The nanoindentation test of a typical load versus displacement (P-h) curve

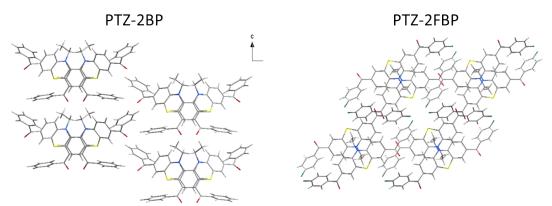


Figure S9. The melecular packing in the crystals of PTZ-2BP and PTZ-2FBP.

Name	PTZ-2BP	PTZ-2FBP
Empirical formula	$C_{28}H_{21}NO_2S$	$C_{28}H_{19}F_2NO_2S$
Wavelength (Å)	1.54184	0.71073
Crystal system	orthorhombic	triclinic
Space group	$Pna2_{1}(33)$	<i>P-1</i> (2)
	Non-centrosysmetric	Centrosysmetric
	$\alpha = 90$	$\alpha = 86.808(1)$
Unit cell angles (°)	$\beta = 90$	$\beta = 84.321(1)$
	$\gamma = 90$	$\gamma = 80.408(1)$
	a = 7.287(4)	a = 8.356(4)
Unit cell length (Å)	b = 31.403(13)	b = 12.466(6)
	c = 9.407(4)	c = 20.999(8)
Unit cell volume (Å ³)	2153.02(18)	2144.82(17)
Ζ	4	4
Density (g/cm ³)	1.344	1.460
F(000)	912.0	976.0
CCDC number	2391558	2391557

Table S4. Structure data of PTZ-2BP and PTZ-2FBP crystals.

	Dim	er of PTZ-2BP		
Position of interaction	Type of Interaction		d /Å	Number(2)
	1	$\pi\pi$	3.654	1
	2	$\pi\pi$	3.879	1
	Туре	of Interaction	d /Å	Number(8)
	1	С-Нπ	2.998	1
	2	С-Нπ	3.352	1
	3	C-Hπ	3.409	1
	4	C-Hπ	3.467	1
	5	C-Hπ	3.744	1
	6	C-Hπ	3.855	1
	7	C-Ηπ	3.919	1
	8	C-Hπ	3.934	1
	Туре	of Interaction	d /Å	Number(3)
	1	C-HN	3.301	1
	2	C-HN	3.524	1
	3	C-HN	3.800	1
	Туре	of Interaction	d /Å a	Number(5)
	1	C-HS	2.763	1
	2	C-HS	3.281	1
	3	C-HS	3.449	1
	4	C-HS	3.529	1
	5	C-HS	3.924	1
	Туре	of Interaction	d /Å a	Number(1)
	1	С-НО	2.985	1

Table S5. Summarization of intermolecular interactions in the molecular dimer derived from the unit cell of PTZ-2BP.

	Dimer	-1 of PTZ-2FB	P	
Position of interaction	Type of Interaction		d /Å	Number(16)
	1	C-Hπ	2.894	2
Alkyl chain	2	C-Ηπ	2.944	2
Alkyl chain	3	C-Hπ	2.949	2
Alkyl chain	4	C-Ηπ	3.287	2
Alkyl chain	5	C-Hπ	3.602	2
Alkyl chain	6	С-Нπ	3.616	2
Alkyl chain	7	С-Нπ	3.809	2
Alkyl chain	8	С-Нπ	3.813	2
	Туре	of Interaction	d /Å	Number(4)
Alkyl chain	1	C-HN	3.237	2
Alkyl chain	2	C-HN	3.493	2
-	Туре	of Interaction	d /Å a	Number(4)
Alkyl chain	1	C-HS	3.724	2
Alkyl chain	2	C-HS	3.784	2
-	Type of Interaction		d /Å a	Number(2)
	1	C-HF	3.145	2

Table S6. Summarization of intermolecular interactions in the molecular dimer 1 derived from the unit cell of PTZ-2FBP.

Table S7. Summarization of intermolecular interactions in the molecular dimer 2 derived from the unit cell of PTZ-2FBP.

	Dimer-2 of PTZ-2FBP				
Position of interaction	Type of Interaction		d /Å	Number(12)	
Alkyl chain	1	С-Нπ	2.906	2	
	2	С-Нπ	3.029	2	
Alkyl chain	3	С-Нπ	3.267	2	
Alkyl chain	4	С-Нπ	3.404	2	
Alkyl chain	5	C-Hπ	3.932	2	
	6	C-Hπ	3.997	2	
	Туре	of Interaction	d /Å	Number(6)	
Alkyl chain	1	C-HN	3.168	2	
Alkyl chain	2 C-HN		3.635	2	
	3	C-HN	3.950	2	
	Туре	of Interaction	d /Å	Number(4)	
Alkyl chain	1	C-HS	3.161	2	
Alkyl chain	2	C-HS	3.616	2	
	Type of Interaction		d /Å	Number(4)	
	1	C-HF	3.234	2	
	2	C-HF	3.978	2	

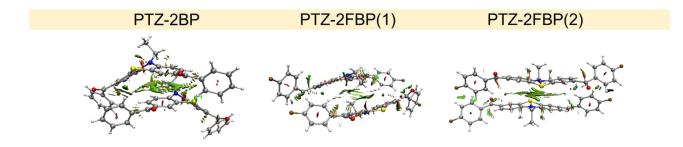


Figure S10. The calculated intramolecular noncovalent interactions (NCI) based on reduced density gradient (RDG) in the molecular dimer derived from the unit cell of PTZ-2BP or PTZ-2FBP.

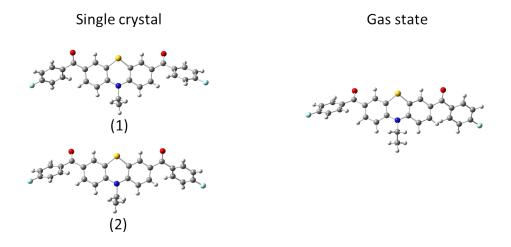


Figure S11. The calculated conformations based on PTZ-2FBP (left: from single crystal; right: from theoretical calculation).

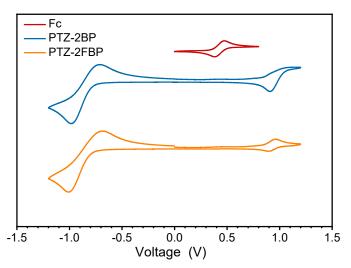


Figure S12. The electrochemical cyclic voltammetry curves of PTZ-2BP and PTZ-2FBP.

Cyclic voltammetry (CV) measurements were carried out to investigate the electrochemical properties of the two compounds. The highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) energy levels were estimated from the onset oxidation potentials, following the equation: $HOMO = -(4.8 + E_{ox} - E_{(Fc/Fc+)})$ eV, while the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) energy levels were determined by combining the optical band-gap energies (estimated from the onset wavelengths of the UV absorptions) and HOMO

values. As shown in Fig. S12, the HOMO values of PTZ-2BP and PTZ-2FBP in CH_2Cl_2 solution (single molecule) are calculated to be -5.22 eV and -5.23 eV, respectively. And their corresponding LUMO energy levels in CH_2Cl_2 solution (single molecule) were calculated to be -2.60 eV and -2.61 eV, respectively. These results indicate similar electronic properties in single molecule of PTZ-2BP and PTZ-2FBP.

Monomer	PTZ-2BP	PTZ-2FBP (1)	PTZ-2FBP (2)
LUMO	-1.67 eV	-1.90 eV	-1.89 eV
номо	-5.39 eV	-5.22 eV	-5.22 eV
$\Delta F_{\rm g}$	3.72 eV	3.32 eV	3.33 eV

Figure S13. The HOMO and LUMO of the single molecules in the PTZ-2BP and PTZ-2FBP calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d, p) level.

Dimer	PTZ-2BP	PTZ-2	PTZ-2FBP (1)		PTZ-2FBP (2)	
LUMO	L L+1		L+1		L+1	
	-1.74 eV -1.72 eV	-2.11 eV	-2.08 eV	-2.11 eV	-2.09 eV	
	Н	н	H-1	н	H-1	
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	-5.39 eV	-5.40 eV	-5.43 eV	-5.45 eV	-5.45 eV	
$\Delta E_{\rm g}$	3.65 eV	3.2	29 eV	3.3	34 eV	

Figure S14. The HOMO and LUMO of the dimers in the PTZ-2BP and PTZ-2FBP calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d, p) level.

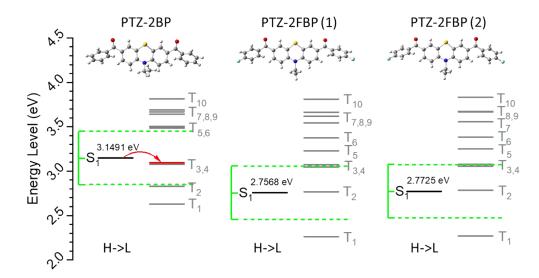


Figure S15. The lowest singlet (S_1) and triplet (T_n) states of a PTZ-2BP monomer and two PTZ-2FBP monomers, respectively obtained by TD-DFT calculations based on the single crystal structure data of PTZ-2BP and PTZ-2FBP.

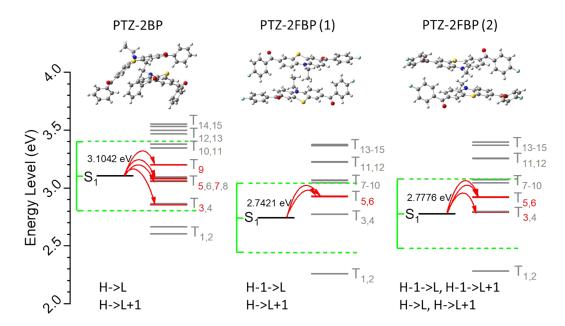


Figure S16. The lowest singlet (S_1) and triplet (T_n) states of a PTZ-2BP dimer and two PTZ-2FBP dimers, respectively obtained by TD-DFT calculations based on the single crystal structure data of PTZ-2BP and PTZ-2FBP.

Table S8. Singlet and triplet excited state transition configurations of PTZ-2BP monomer and PTZ-2FBP monomers revealed by TD-DFT calculations.

Monomer-PTZ-2	BP (eV)	Monomer-PTZ-21	FBP (1) (eV)	Monomer-PTZ-2	FBP (2) (eV)
,	T1: 2.6293		T1: 2.2624		T1: 2.2692
,	T2: 2.8303	S1: 2.7568 H ->L (96.7%)		S1: 2.7725 H ->L (96.7%)	
	T3: 3.0750 [->L (3.1%)		T2: 2.7682		T2: 2.7824
	T4: 3.0941		T3: 3.0451		T3: 3.0552
S1: 3.1491 H ->L (96.4%)			T4: 3.0732		T4: 3.0753
	T5: 3.4854		T5: 3.2299		T5: 3.2501
,	T6: 3.5038		T6: 3.3739		T6: 3.3851
,	T7: 3.6412		T7: 3.5451		T7: 3.5561
,	T8: 3.6682		T8: 3.6180		T8: 3.6655
,	T9: 3.6900		T9: 3.6633		T9: 3.6736
Г	Г10: 3.8153		T10: 3.8102		T10: 3.8322
Г	Г11: 4.1667		T11: 4.0085		T11: 4.0354
Г П	Г12: 4.1862		T12: 4.1911		T12: 4.2004
Г Г	Г13: 4.2750		T13: 4.1960		T13: 4.2140
Г Г	Г14: 4.2830		T14: 4.2943		T14: 4.2891
Г	Г15: 4.3533		T15: 4.3114		T15: 4.3017

Dimer-PTZ-2BP (eV)	Dimer-PTZ-2FBP (1) (eV)	Dimer-PTZ-2FBP (2) (eV)
T1: 2.6037	T1: 2.2572	T1: 2.2808
T2: 2.6636	T2: 2.2588	T2: 2.2829
T3: 2.8537 H ->L (3.4%)	S1: 2.7421 H-1 ->L (51.3%) H ->L+1 (45.6%)	S1: 2.7776 H-1 ->L (52.1%) H-1 ->L+1 (3.3%) H ->L (4.2%) H ->L+1 (37.2%) T3: 2.7903
T4: 2.8634	T3: 2.7737	H-1 ->L+1 (2.5%) H ->L (2.6%)
T5: 3.0584 H ->L(2.4%) H ->L+1 (2.3%)	T4: 2.7742	T4: 2.7957
T6: 3.0655	T5: 2.9270 H-1 ->L (39.7%) H ->L+1 (41.6%)	T5: 2.9194 H-1 ->L (28.9%) H ->L (20.0%) H ->L+1 (50.4%)
T7: 3.0818 H ->L (3.2%)	T6: 2.9286 H-1 ->L (8.8%) H ->L+1 (9.3%)	T6: 2.9220 H-1 ->L (15.7%) H-1 ->L+1 (49.9%) H ->L (27.7%)
T8: 3.0947	T7: 3.0425	T7: 3.0447
S1: 3.1042 H ->L (25.5%) H ->L+1 (67.8%) T9: 3.1998	T8: 3.0435	T8: 3.0450
H ->L (39.4%) H ->L+1 (23.9%)	T9: 3.0662	T9: 3.0724
T10: 3.3467	T10: 3.0687	T10: 3.0745
T11: 3.3803	T11: 3.2222	T11: 3.2550
T12: 3.4660	T12: 3.2263	T12: 3.2579
T13: 3.4993	T13: 3.3656	T13: 3.3683
T14: 3.5333	T14: 3.3680	T14: 3.3704
T15: 3.5535	T15: 3.3752	T15: 3.3970

Table S9. Singlet and triplet excited state transition configurations of PTZ-2BP dimer and PTZ-2FBP dimers revealed by TD-DFT calculations.

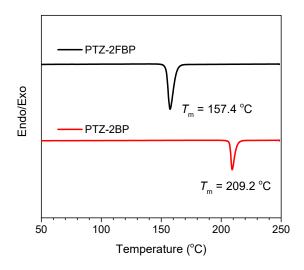


Figure S17. The Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC) curves of PTZ-2BP and PTZ-2FBP. (T_m : melting temperature).

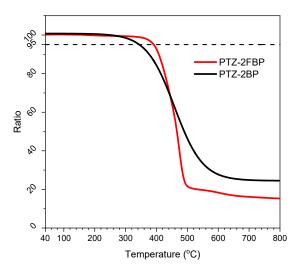


Figure S18. The Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) curves of PTZ-2BP and PTZ-2FBP.

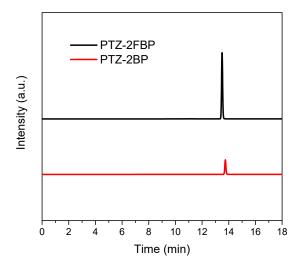
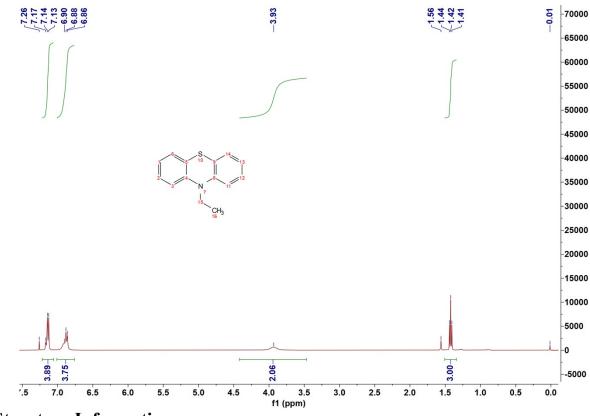


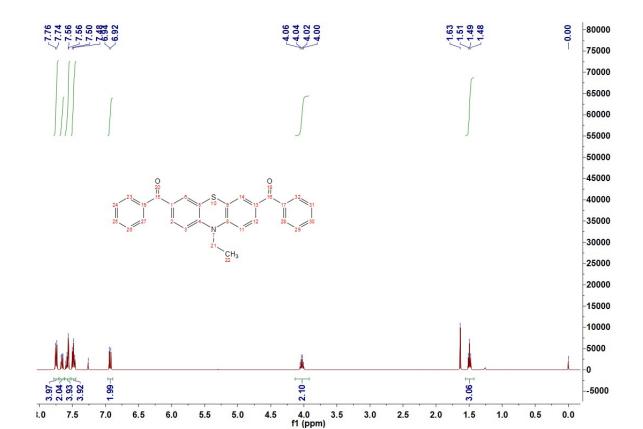
Figure S19. The High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) of PTZ-2BP and PTZ-2FBP.



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Figure S20. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 2 conducted in CDCl₃.

Figure S21. ¹H NMR spectrum of PTZ-2BP conducted in CDCl₃.



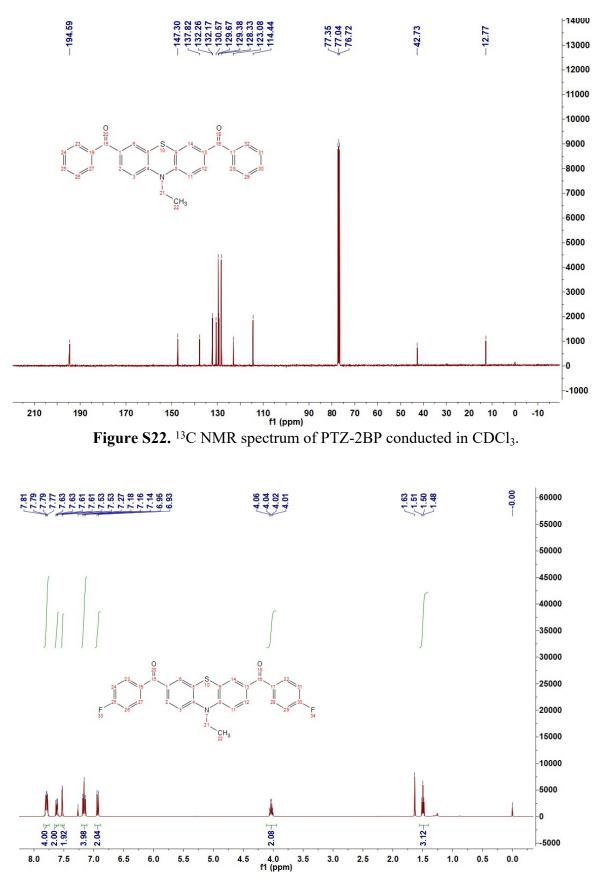


Figure S23. ¹H NMR spectrum of PTZ-2FBP conducted in CDCl₃

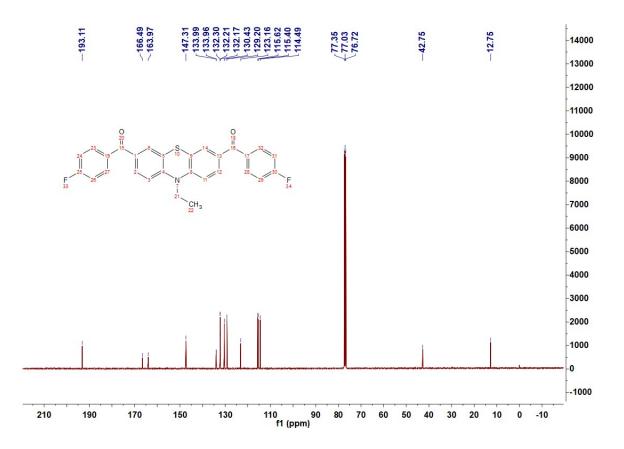


Figure S24. ¹³C NMR spectrum of PTZ-2FBP conducted in CDCl₃