

## Supporting Information

### **Rational molecular engineering of pyrene-based D–A– $\pi$ –A–D donor molecules for high-performance photovoltaics**

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**Table 1: Optimized coordinates of the designed compounds in the gas phase employing the HSEH1PBE/6-31G(d,p) level of theory.**

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<b>Atoms</b>	<b><u>Coordinates (Å)</u></b>		
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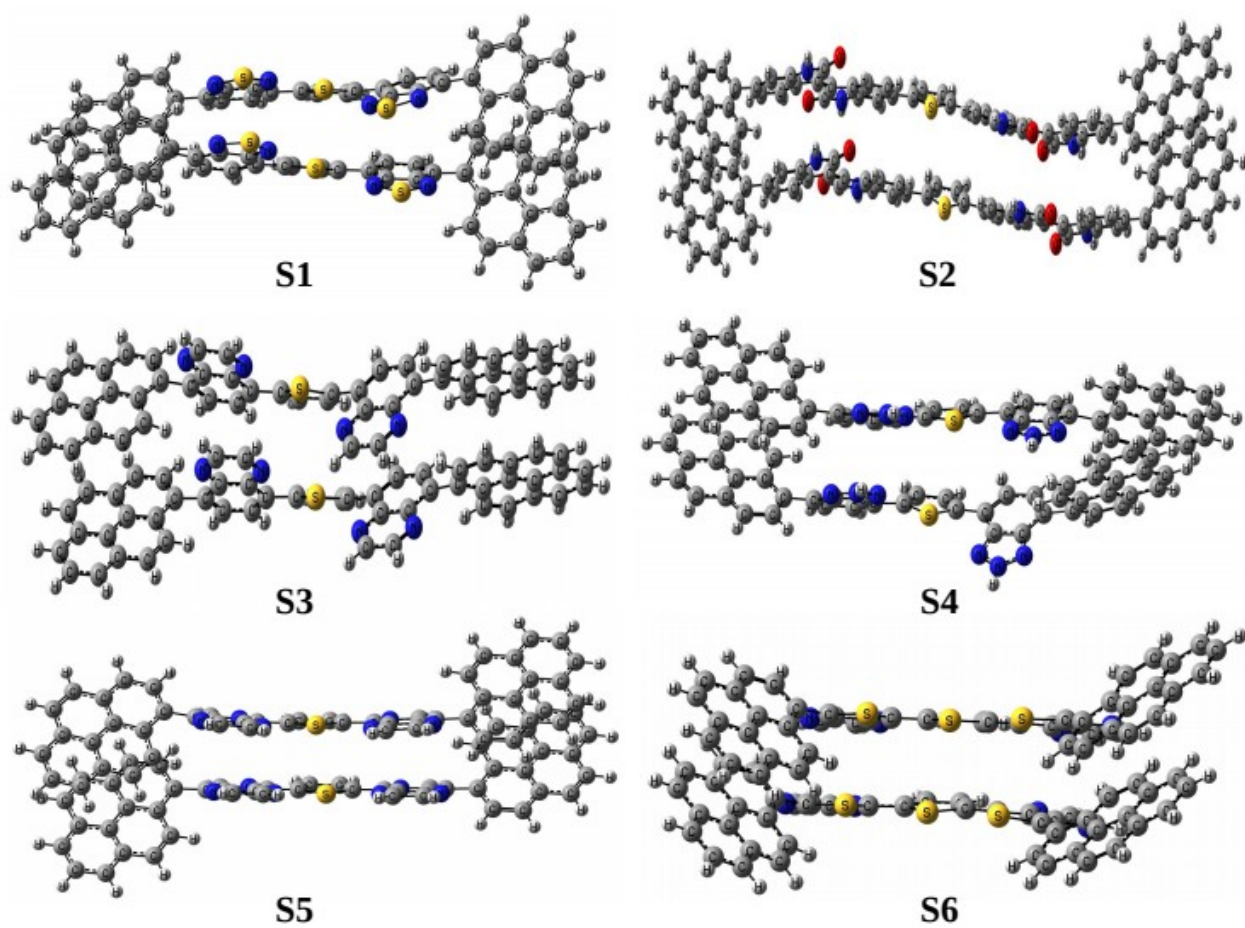


Fig. 1: Structural representations of the optimized  $\pi$ -stacked dimers of the studied compounds.