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Bodipy functionalized *ortho*-carborane dyads for low-energy photo-sensitization

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Table S1. Fluorescence maxima for compounds **1-6** in various solvents

Compounds	Solvent			
	acetonitrile (nm)	methylene chloride (nm)	tetrahydrofuran (nm)	<i>n</i> -hexane (nm)
1	537	542	541	540
2	537	540	539	538
3	538	543	541	539
4	538	543	540	540
5	536	544	542	541
6	539	544	542	542

Excitation wavelength is 380 nm.

Table S2. Oxidation and Reduction Potentials of compounds, **1-6**

Compounds	Oxidation peaks (V) ^a			Reduction peaks (V) ^a			HOMO (eV) ^c	LUMO (eV) ^c
	<i>E</i> _{pa} ^b	<i>E</i> _{pc} ^b	<i>E</i> _{ox}	<i>E</i> _{pa} ^b	<i>E</i> _{pc} ^b	<i>E</i> _{red}		
1	0.67	0.59	0.63	-1.69	-1.76	-1.73	-5.43	-3.07
2	0.66	0.58	0.62	-1.68	-1.75	-1.72	-5.42	-3.08
3	0.65	0.59	0.62	-1.68	-1.75	-1.72	-5.42	-3.08
4	0.65	0.59	0.62	-1.66	-1.73	-1.70	-5.42	-3.10
5	0.67	0.62	0.65	-1.60, -1.75	-1.70, -1.82	-1.65, -1.79	-5.45	-3.15
6	0.66	0.61	0.64	-1.50, -1.74	-1.70, -1.87	-1.60, -1.81	-5.44	-3.20

^a Potentials calibrated with an internal ferrocene redox reference ($\text{Fc}^+|\text{Fc}$) using 0.1 M tetrabutylammonium perchlorate electrolyte in CH_2Cl_2 . ^b E_{pa} = anodic peak potentials. E_{pc} = cathodic peak potentials. E_{ox} = half-wave oxidation potential between anodic and cathodic peaks. E_{red} = half-wave reduction potential between anodic and cathodic peaks. ^c HOMO (eV) = $-\text{e}(E_{\text{ox}} + 4.8)$ and LUMO (eV) = $-\text{e}(E_{\text{red}} + 4.8)$.

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for compound **6**

Identification code	k120401
Empirical formula	C ₅₁ H ₅₉ B ₁₂ Cl ₂ F ₄ N ₄
Formula weight	1004.64
Temperature	293(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, <i>P2₁/n</i>
Unit cell dimensions	<i>a</i> = 12.955(2) Å <i>b</i> = 16.894(3) Å, β = 100.016(4) $^\circ$ <i>c</i> = 25.673(5) Å
Volume	5533.0(17) Å ³
Z, D _{calc}	4, 1.206 g/cm ³
μ	0.169 mm ⁻¹
<i>F</i> (000)	2092
Crystal size	0.3 × 0.15 × 0.15 mm
θ range for data collection	1.61 to 28.41 $^\circ$
Limiting indices	-17 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 17, -22 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 22, -34 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 33
Reflections collected / unique	56353 / 13834 [<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0439]
Completeness to θ = 28.41	99.4 %
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> ²
Data / restraints / parameters	13834 / 0 / 686
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.005
Final <i>R</i> indices [<i>I</i> >2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0814, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.2338
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.1441, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.2927
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.161 and -0.789 e.Å ⁻³

^a*R*₁ = $\sum||F_0|-|F_c||$ (based on reflections with $F_o^2 > 2\sigma F^2$), ^b*wR*₂ = [$\sum[w(F_o^2-F_c^2)^2]/\sum[w(F_o^2)^2]$]^{1/2}; *w* = 1/[$\sigma^2(F_o^2)+(0.095P)^2$]; , *P* = [max(F_o^2 , 0)+2 F_c^2]/3(also with $F_o^2 > 2\sigma F^2$)

Table S4. Important bond lengths [\AA], angle [°] and torsion angles[°] for **6**. Numbering is for below crystal.

Atom1-Atom2	Distance	A1-A2-A3	Angle	A1-A2-A3-A4	Angle
C(1)-C(13)	1.428(4)	C(1)-B(3)-C(2)	59.4(2)	C(13)-C(1)-C(2)-C(39)	-3.0(4)
C(1)-C(2)	1.714(4)	C(1)-B(3)-B(9)	104.8(3)	C(2)-C(1)-C(13)-C(14)	-29(4)
C(2)-C(39)	1.504(4)	C(2)-B(3)-B(9)	105.8(2)	C(1)-C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	-18(8)
C(13)-C(14)	1.185(4)	C(1)-B(6)-C(2)	59.4(2)	C(13)-C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	143(4)
C(14)-C(15)	1.435(4)	C(13)-C(1)-C(2)	116.7(2)	C(14)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	-177.9(3)
		C(39)-C(2)-C(1)	117.4(2)	C(17)-C(18)-C(21)-C(30)	89.6(4)
				C(1)-C(2)-C(39)-C(40)	-125.8(3)
				C(1)-C(2)-C(39)-C(44)	51.2(4)
				C(44)-C(39)-C(40)-C(41)	-1.2(4)
				C(2)-C(39)-C(40)-C(41)	175.9(3)
				C(41)-C(42)-C(45)-C(46)	-90.9(4)
				C(43)-C(42)-C(45)-C(46)	88.9(4)

Table S5. Selected oscillator strength (> 0.001) and calculated electronic transitions of complexes.

1	No.	Wavelength (nm)	Osc. Strength	Symmetry	Major contributors
1	430	0.4745	Singlet	HOMO→LUMO (89%), H-1→LUMO (12%)	
2	372	0.1826	Singlet	H-1→LUMO (88%), HOMO→LUMO (12%)	
3	355	0.0332	Singlet	H-2→LUMO (99%)	
4	300	0.0059	Singlet	HOMO→L+2 (99%)	
5	292	0.0021	Singlet	H-4→LUMO (100%)	
6	258	0.1740	Singlet	H-5→LUMO (89%)	
7	240	0.0073	Singlet	H-1→L+2 (99%)	
8	211	0.0569	Singlet	H-7→LUMO (64%), HOMO→L+3 (32%)	
9	210	0.2272	Singlet	HOMO→L+3 (48%), H-7→LUMO (35%)	
10	205	0.0015	Singlet	H-5→L+1 (95%)	
11	204	0.0691	Singlet	HOMO→L+4 (79%)	
12	202	0.0035	Singlet	H-3→L+1 (50%), H-4→L+2 (37%)	
13	199	0.0016	Singlet	H-12→LUMO (48%), H-11→LUMO (34%)	
14	197	0.0022	Singlet	H-11→LUMO (48%), H-12→LUMO (36%), HOMO→L+4 (10%)	
15	194	0.0019	Singlet	H-13→LUMO (94%)	
16	193	0.0134	Singlet	HOMO→L+5 (69%), H-1→L+3 (28%)	
17	187	0.0154	Singlet	H-15→LUMO (79%)	
18	184	0.0023	Singlet	H-17→LUMO (85%)	
19	184	0.0036	Singlet	H-14→LUMO (87%)	
20	183	0.0848	Singlet	H-18→LUMO (78%)	
21	181	0.0026	Singlet	H-1→L+3 (36%), HOMO→L+8 (18%), HOMO→L+5 (15%), HOMO→L+6 (15%)	
22	180	0.2100	Singlet	H-2→L+3 (76%), H-18→LUMO (10%)	
23	178	0.2233	Singlet	H-4→L+1 (40%), H-3→L+2 (38%)	
24	177	0.5860	Singlet	H-4→L+2 (45%), H-3→L+1 (27%)	
25	176	0.0081	Singlet	H-19→LUMO (76%), H-20→LUMO (15%)	
26	176	0.0308	Singlet	HOMO→L+7 (60%), H-1→L+4 (23%)	
27	175	0.3002	Singlet	H-1→L+4 (60%), HOMO→L+7 (32%)	

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No.	Wavelength (nm)	Osc. Strength	Symmetry	Major contributors
1	431	0.4709	Singlet	HOMO→LUMO (89%), H-1→LUMO (12%)
2	373	0.1830	Singlet	H-1→LUMO (87%), HOMO→LUMO (-13%)
3	361	0.0024	Singlet	HOMO→L+1 (99%)
4	356	0.0350	Singlet	H-2→LUMO (99%)
5	307	0.0078	Singlet	HOMO→L+2 (99%)
6	284	0.0017	Singlet	H-4→LUMO (100%)
7	260	0.3764	Singlet	H-5→LUMO (83%)
8	251	0.0133	Singlet	H-6→LUMO (95%)
9	242	0.3313	Singlet	H-3→L+1 (74%)
10	212	0.0111	Singlet	H-9→LUMO (82%), HOMO→L+3 (-16%)
11	209	0.1891	Singlet	HOMO→L+3 (69%), H-9→LUMO (17%)
12	204	0.0332	Singlet	HOMO→L+4 (50%), HOMO→L+5 (35%)
13	204	0.0252	Singlet	HOMO→L+4 (48%), HOMO→L+5 (-30%), H-5→L+2 (-13%)
14	203	0.1253	Singlet	H-4→L+1 (41%), H-3→L+2 (32%)
15	203	0.0170	Singlet	H-5→L+2 (74%)
16	199	0.0027	Singlet	H-6→L+2 (38%), H-14→LUMO (-36%), H-13→LUMO (15%)
17	198	0.0016	Singlet	H-6→L+2 (60%), H-14→LUMO (26%)
18	197	0.0025	Singlet	H-13→LUMO (63%), H-14→LUMO (19%), HOMO→L+5 (-11%)
19	193	0.0819	Singlet	H-7→L+1 (28%), H-4→L+2 (-27%), H-8→L+1 (21%), HOMO→L+6 (-15%)
20	185	0.0015	Singlet	H-16→LUMO (89%)
21	185	0.0014	Singlet	HOMO→L+7 (95%)
22	184	0.0445	Singlet	H-7→L+1 (61%), H-8→L+1 (-23%), H-4→L+2 (12%)
23	183	0.0486	Singlet	H-17→LUMO (78%)

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No.	Wavelength (nm)	Osc. Strength	Symmetry	Major contributors
1	457	0.0014	Singlet	H-1→LUMO (55%), H-1→L+1 (39%)
2	434	0.0264	Singlet	H-1→L+1 (31%), HOMO→LUMO (23%), HOMO→L+1 (19%), H-1→LUMO (-14%)
3	433	0.8155	Singlet	HOMO→L+1 (31%), H-1→LUMO (23%), H-1→L+1 (-19%), HOMO→LUMO (14%)
4	408	0.0016	Singlet	HOMO→L+2 (60%), H-1→L+2 (-34%)
5	408	0.0589	Singlet	H-1→L+2 (59%), HOMO→L+2 (33%)
6	381	0.0711	Singlet	H-2→LUMO (98%)
7	374	0.0075	Singlet	H-3→LUMO (42%), H-4→L+1 (-40%)
8	373	0.3730	Singlet	H-4→LUMO (41%), H-3→L+1 (-39%)
9	357	0.0945	Singlet	H-6→LUMO (50%), H-5→L+1 (48%)
10	314	1.8056	Singlet	H-2→L+2 (90%)
11	307	0.0152	Singlet	H-1→L+4 (29%), HOMO→L+3 (29%), H-1→L+3 (-19%), HOMO→L+4 (18%)
12	306	0.0027	Singlet	H-4→L+2 (96%)
13	292	0.0048	Singlet	H-6→L+2 (98%)
14	283	0.0023	Singlet	H-9→LUMO (51%), H-8→L+1 (48%)
15	266	0.0271	Singlet	H-7→L+1 (55%), H-11→L+1 (33%)
16	257	0.1212	Singlet	H-10→LUMO (62%), H-11→L+1 (11%)
17	253	0.0069	Singlet	H-12→L+1 (54%), H-10→LUMO (21%), H-7→L+1 (20%)

No.	Wavelength (nm)	Osc. Strength	Symmetry	Major contributors
1	435	0.1814	Singlet	H-1→LUMO (20%), HOMO→LUMO (20%), HOMO→L+1 (16%), H-1→L+1 (-15%), HOMO→L+2 (-11%), H-1→L+2 (10%)
2	435	0.4681	Singlet	H-1→LUMO (20%), HOMO→LUMO (-19%), H-1→L+1 (-16%), HOMO→L+1 (-15%), H-1→L+2 (12%), HOMO→L+2 (11%)
3	424	0.0699	Singlet	H-1→L+2 (38%), HOMO→L+2 (-36%)
4	424	0.2011	Singlet	HOMO→L+2 (37%), H-1→L+2 (36%)
5	379	0.0568	Singlet	H-2→L+1 (95%)
6	374	0.0879	Singlet	H-4→LUMO (22%), H-3→LUMO (-22%), H-3→L+1 (22%), H-4→L+1 (21%)
7	373	0.2751	Single	H-4→L+1 (23%), H-3→LUMO (22%), H-4→LUMO (21%), H-3→L+1 (-21%)
8	357	0.1558	Singlet	H-5→LUMO (49%), H-6→L+1 (-48%)
9	347	0.8194	Singlet	H-2→L+2 (80%), H-7→L+3 (-10%)
10	346	0.0032	Singlet	HOMO→L+3 (74%), H-1→L+3 (22%)
11	346	0.0076	Singlet	H-1→L+3 (74%), HOMO→L+3 (-22%)
12	323	0.1383	Singlet	H-7→LUMO (92%)
13	316	0.001	Singlet	H-3→L+2 (92%)
14	316	0.001	Singlet	H-4→L+2 (92%)
15	310	0.024	Singlet	H-1→L+4 (34%), HOMO→L+5 (-33%), H-1→L+5 (-17%), HOMO→L+4 (-16%)
16	280	0.0015	Singlet	H-10→LUMO (44%), H-11→L+1 (43%)
17	280	0.0016	Singlet	H-11→LUMO (44%), H-10→L+1 (43%)
18	269	2.1968	Singlet	H-7→L+3 (54%), H-8→L+1 (18%), H-9→LUMO (-17%)

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No.	Wavelength (nm)	Osc. Strength	Symmetry	Major contributors
1	442	0.6849	Singlet	H-1→LUMO (-44%), HOMO→L+1 (47%)
2	437	0.1411	Singlet	H-1→L+1 (46%), HOMO→LUMO (-41%)
3	376	0.3052	Singlet	H-2→L+1 (35%), H-3→LUMO (32%), H-1→L+2 (-22%)
4	374	0.0688	Singlet	H-2→LUMO (35%), H-3→L+1 (31%), HOMO→L+2 (21%)
5	361	0.0284	Singlet	H-4→L+1 (52%), H-5→LUMO (-45%)
6	360	0.0391	Singlet	H-4→LUMO (54%), H-5→L+1 (-42%)
7	348	0.0074	Singlet	HOMO→L+3 (88%)
8	347	0.0112	Singlet	H-1→L+3 (89%)
9	322	0.0072	Singlet	HOMO→L+4 (41%), H-1→L+4 (-35%), HOMO→L+5 (10%)
10	322	0.0072	Singlet	H-1→L+4 (41%), HOMO→L+4 (36%), H-1→L+5 (-10%)
11	303	0.0011	Singlet	HOMO→L+5 (78%), H-1→L+4 (19%)
12	297	0.0716	Singlet	H-6→LUMO (50%), H-7→L+1 (40%)
13	296	0.0779	Singlet	H-6→L+1 (46%), H-7→LUMO (40%)
14	295	0.0052	Singlet	H-2→L+2 (93%)
15	294	0.0028	Singlet	H-3→L+2 (92%)
16	280	0.0014	Singlet	H-7→L+1 (32%), H-6→LUMO (-28%), H-11→LUMO (10%), H-8→LUMO (-10%)
17	279	0.0019	Singlet	H-7→LUMO (32%), H-6→L+1 (-29%), H-10→LUMO (11%), H-8→L+1 (-10%) H-10→L+1 (23%), H-7→L+1 (-19%),
18	273	0.0049	Singlet	H-6→LUMO (18%), H-8→LUMO (-17%), H-11→LUMO (16%)
19	272	0.0055	Singlet	H-2→L+3 (89%)
20	262	0.0125	Singlet	HOMO→L+6 (92%)
21	262	0.2042	Singlet	H-9→L+1 (37%), H-8→LUMO (28%)
22	261	0.0003	Singlet	H-4→L+3 (87%)
23	260	0.0451	Singlet	H-5→L+3 (50%), H-8→L+1 (-21%), H-9→LUMO (-12%)
24	260	0.056	Singlet	H-5→L+3 (37%), H-8→L+1 (28%), H-9→LUMO (14%)
25	259	0.0129	Singlet	H-10→L+1 (57%), H-11→LUMO (-20%), H-8→LUMO (18%)
26	259	0.165	Singlet	H-10→LUMO (46%), H-9→LUMO (-23%), H-11→L+1 (-14%)

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No.	Wavelength (nm)	Osc. Strength	Symmetry	Major contributors
1	452	0.1157	Singlet	HOMO→L+2 (64%), HOMO→L+1 (32%)
2	443	0.4286	Singlet	H-1→LUMO (88%)
3	431	0.2825	Singlet	HOMO→L+1 (57%), HOMO→L+2 (-31%), H-2→L+1 (-12%)
4	397	0.0065	Singlet	H-1→L+2 (91%)
5	387	0.0268	Singlet	H-2→LUMO (82%)
6	380	0.1401	Singlet	H-4→LUMO (72%)
7	377	0.1311	Singlet	H-2→L+1 (82%), HOMO→L+1 (12%)
8	361	0.0182	Singlet	H-5→LUMO (90%)
9	360	0.0518	Singlet	H-3→L+1 (88%)
10	355	0.0024	Singlet	HOMO→L+3 (97%)
11	349	0.0512	Singlet	H-1→L+3 (95%)
12	331	0.0129	Singlet	HOMO→L+5 (79%), HOMO→L+4 (-18%)
13	328	0.0021	Singlet	H-2→L+2 (97%)
14	320	0.0034	Singlet	H-6→LUMO (99%)
15	314	0.0298	Singlet	H-6→L+1 (96%)
16	307	0.1075	Singlet	H-7→LUMO (82%)
17	301	0.0012	Singlet	H-4→L+2 (94%)
18	286	0.0018	Singlet	H-9→LUMO (92%)
19	278	0.685	Singlet	H-6→L+2 (80%)
20	278	0.0032	Singlet	H-2→L+3 (93%)
21	277	0.0032	Singlet	H-8→LUMO (97%)
22	273	0.0065	Singlet	H-4→L+3 (90%)
23	269	0.0013	Singlet	H-10→LUMO (95%)
24	268	0.0013	Singlet	H-10→L+1 (91%)
25	268	0.0114	Singlet	H-7→L+1 (94%)
26	261	0.0063	Singlet	H-5→L+3 (80%)
27	261	0.0375	Singlet	H-12→L+2 (38%), H-5→L+3 (-17%), H-7→L+2 (11%)

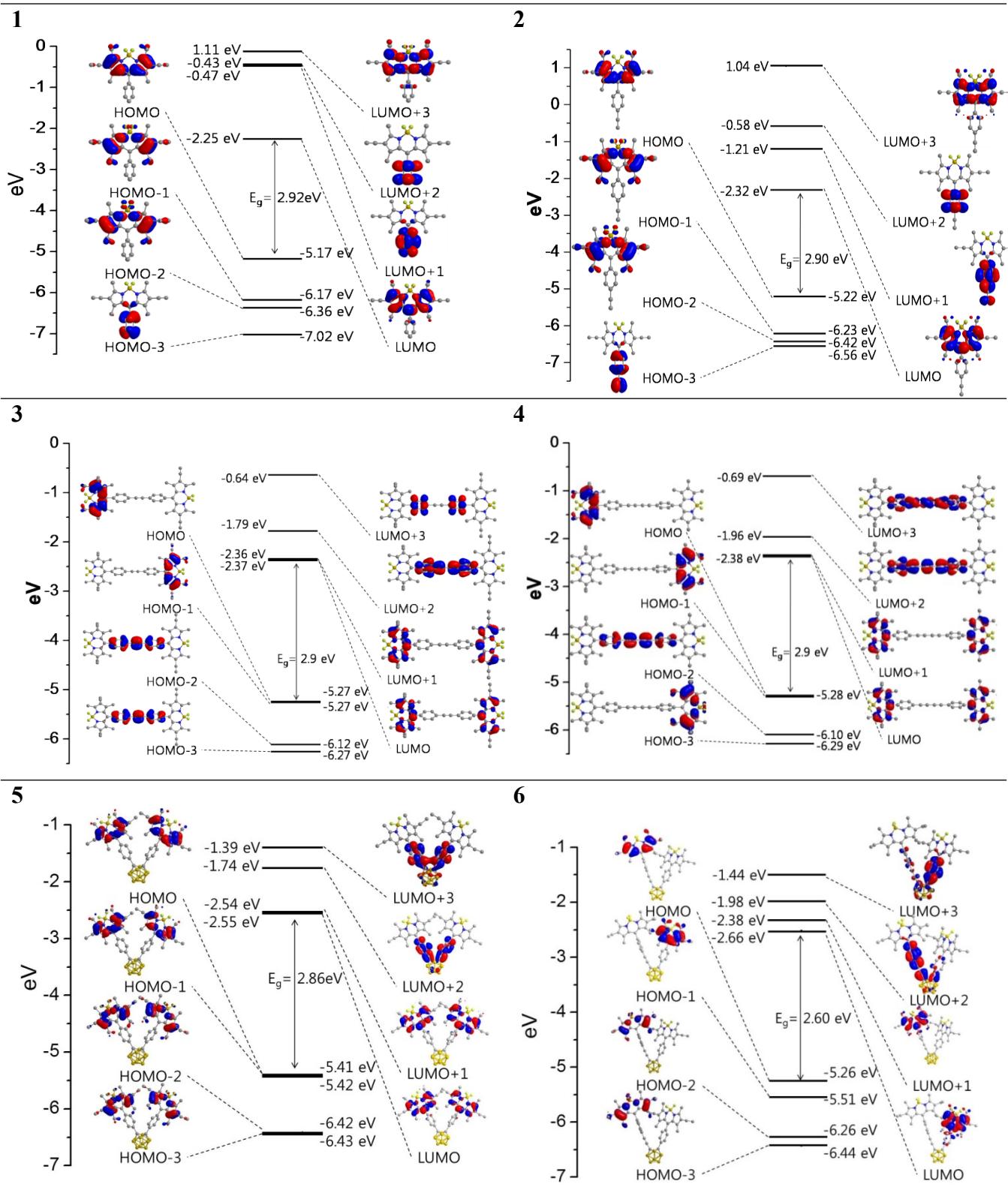
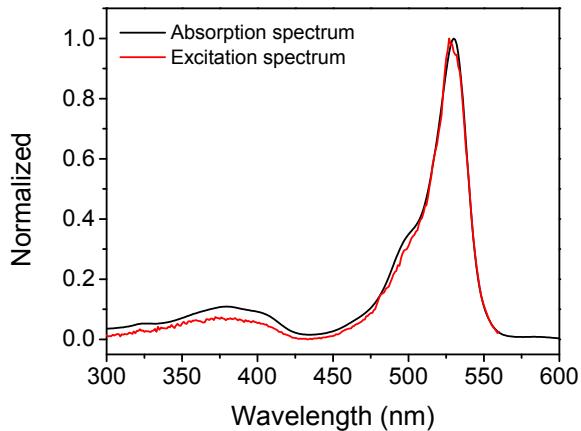
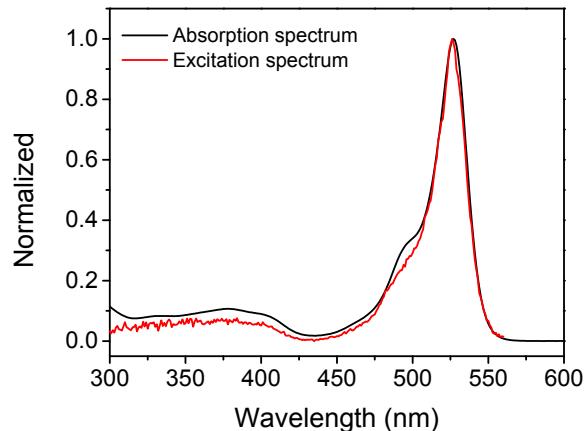
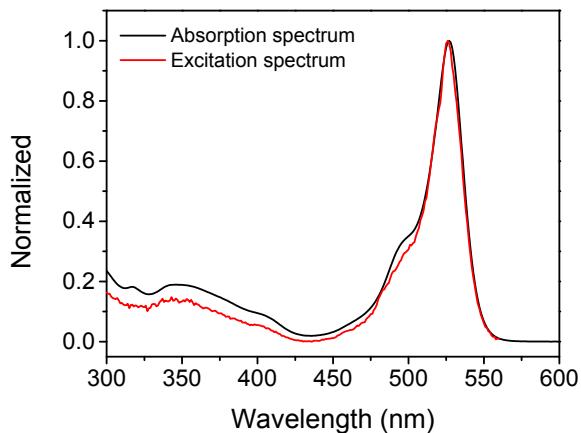
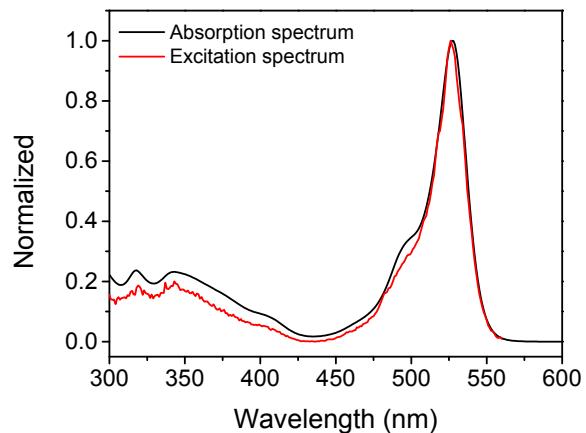
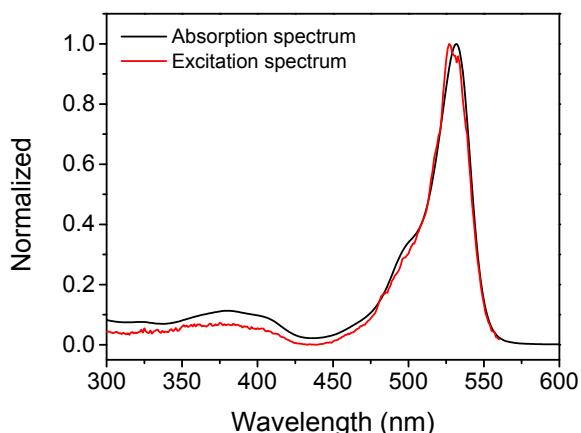
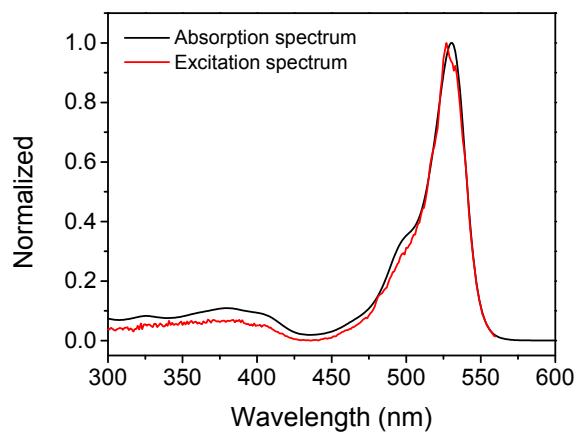


Fig. S1 Energy levels and isodensity plots for selected occupied and unoccupied molecular orbitals of the complexes.

Compound 1**Compound 2****Compound 3****Compound 4****Compound 5****Compound 6****Fig. S2** Absorption (black lines) and excitation (red lines) spectra of **1–6** in CH_2Cl_2 at room temperature.

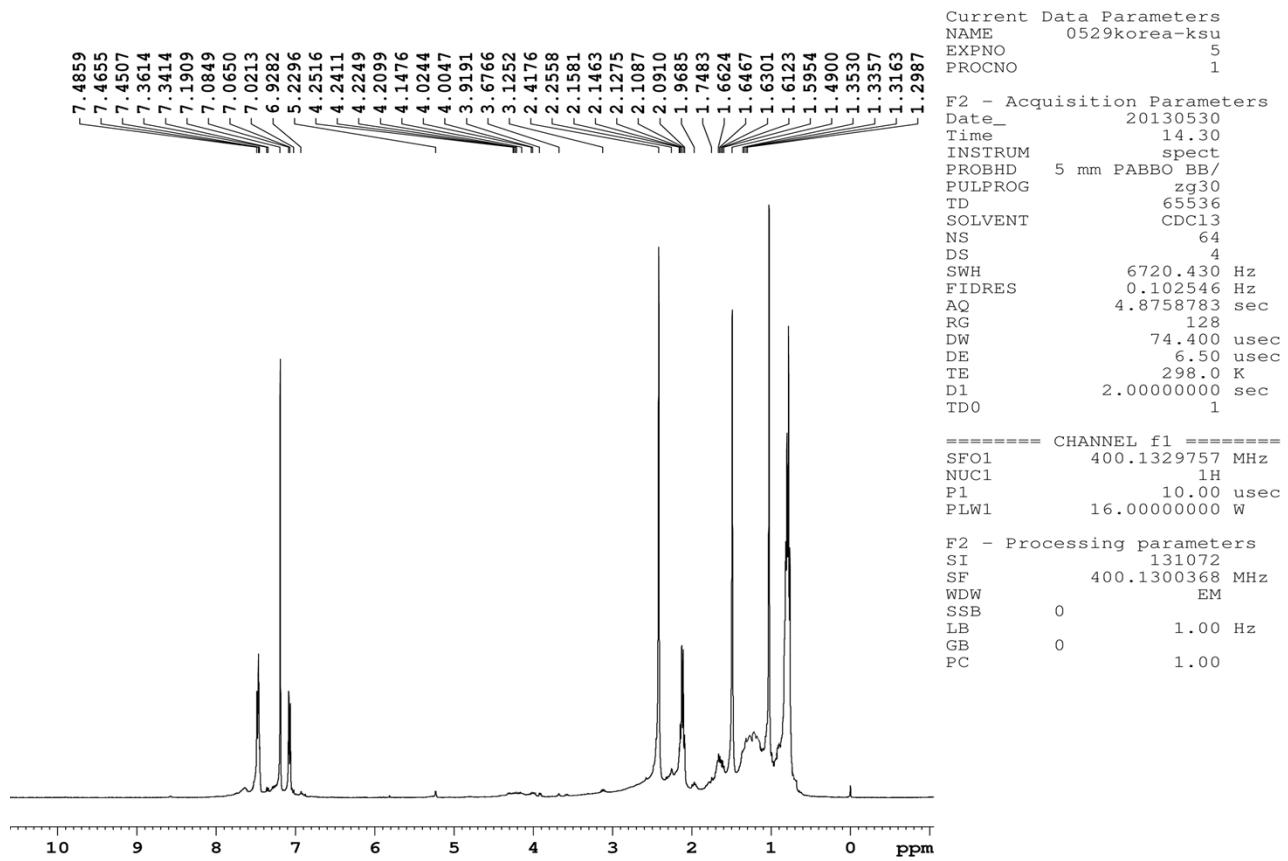


Fig. S3 ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound 5.

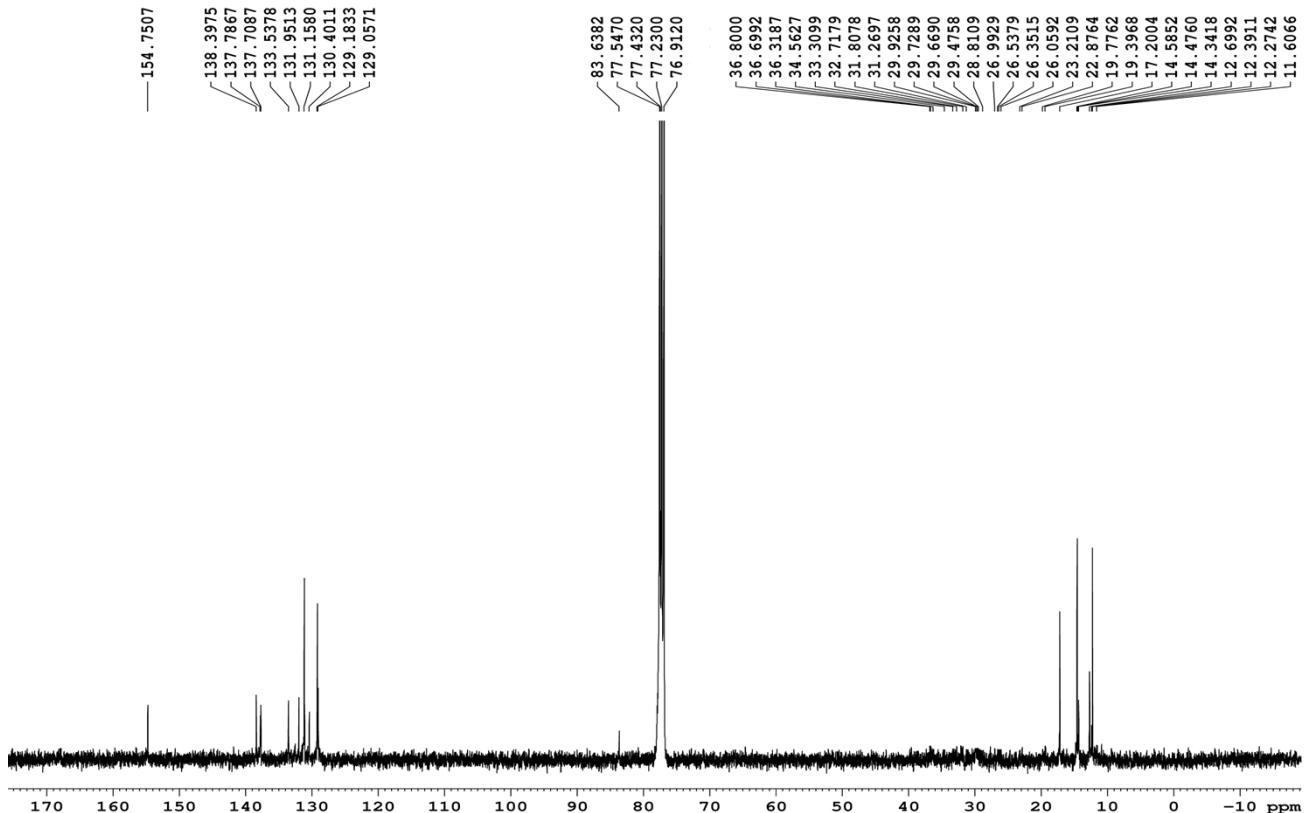


Fig. S4 ^{13}C -NMR spectrum of compound 5.

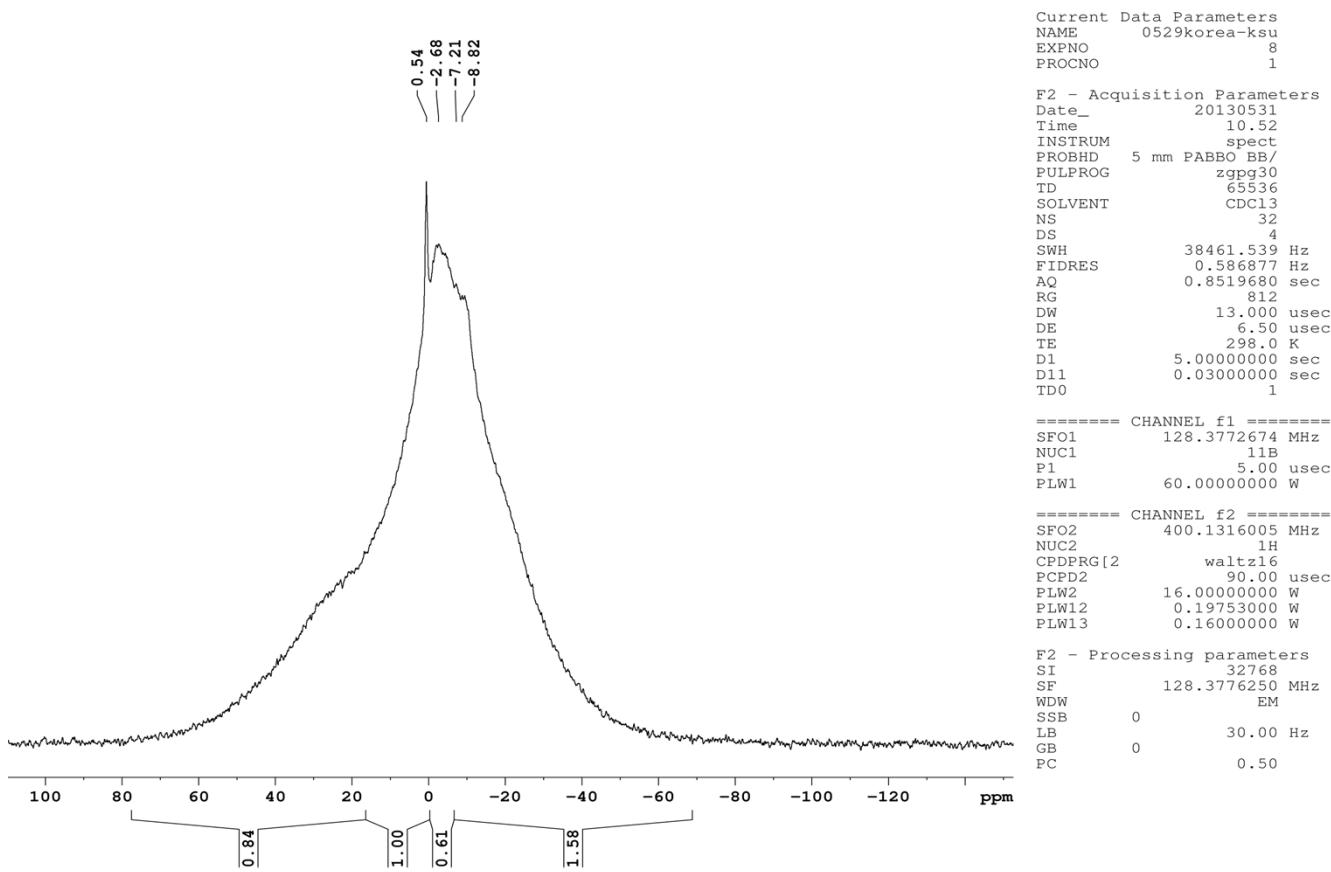


Fig. S5 $^{11}\text{B}\{\text{H}\}$ -NMR spectrum of compound 5.

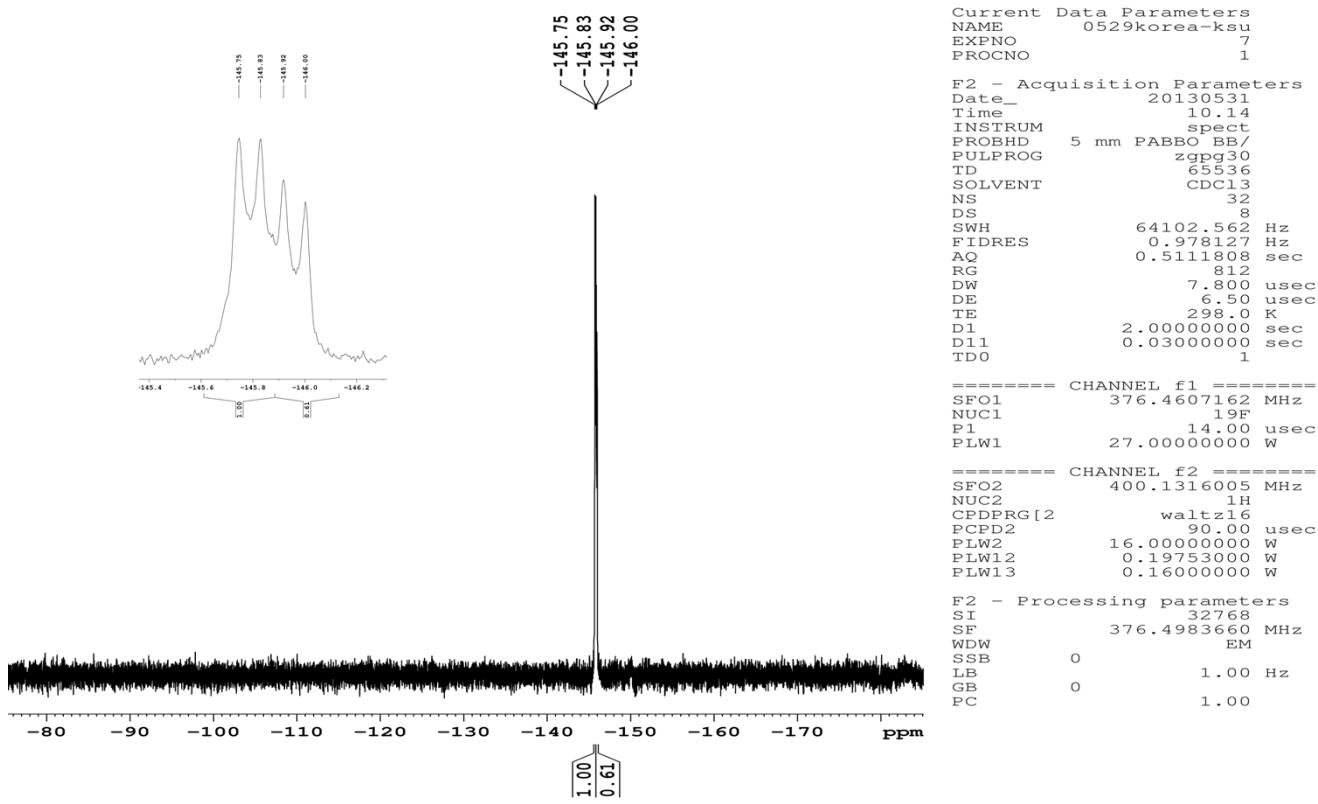


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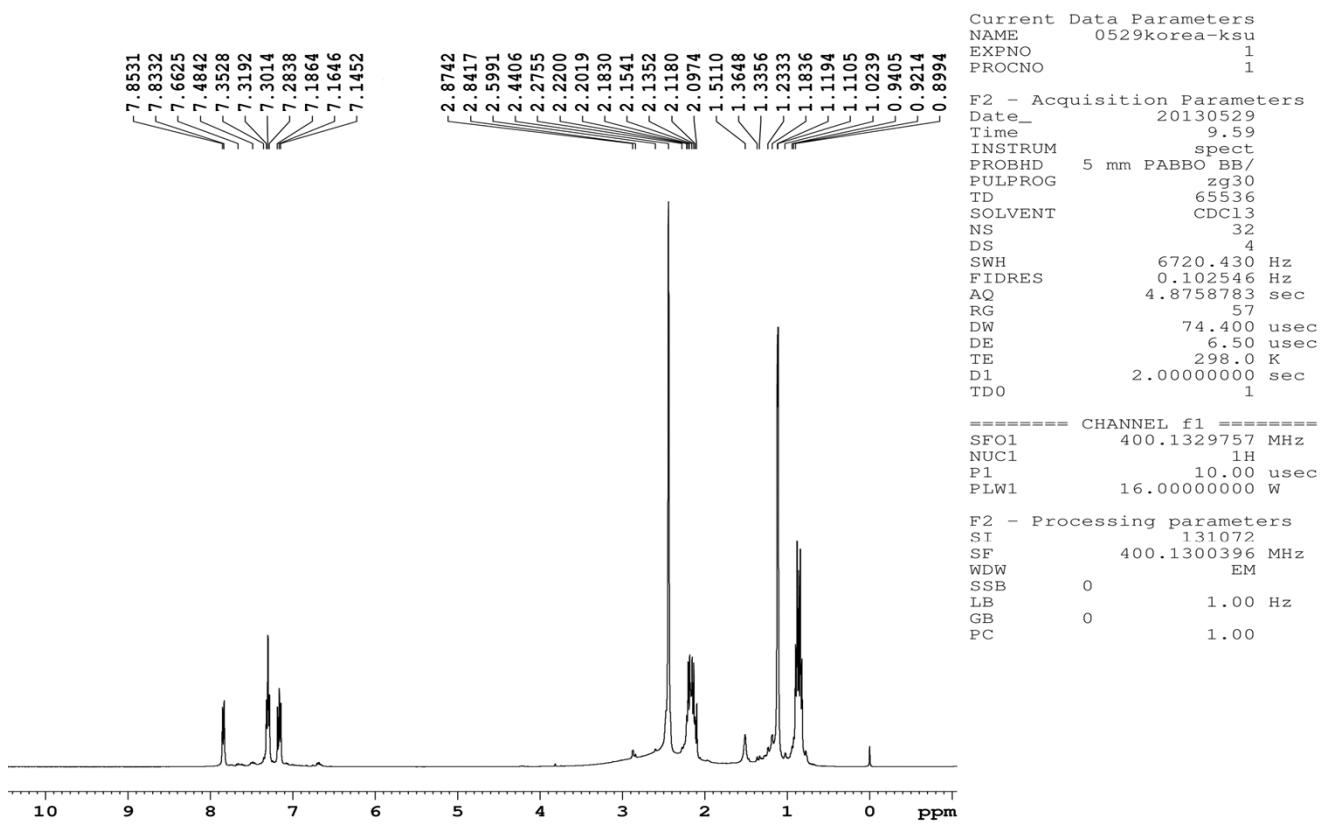


Fig. S7 ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound 6.

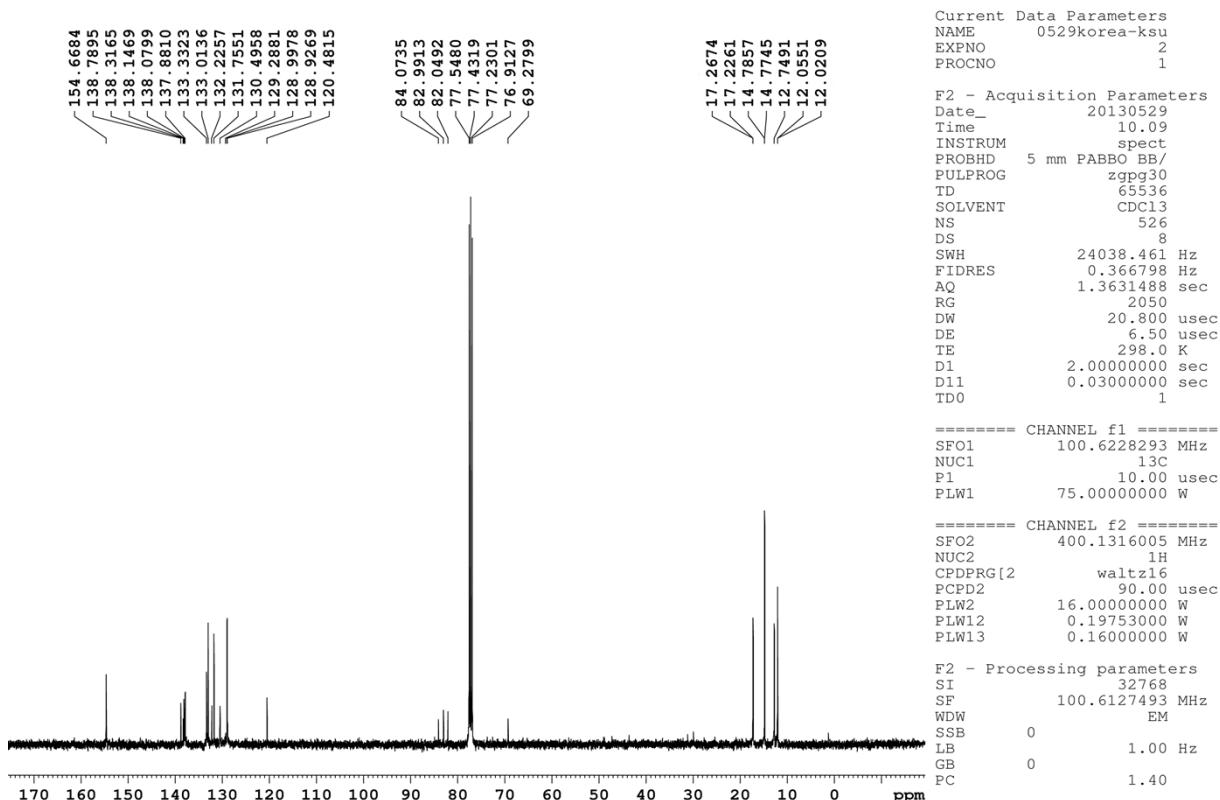


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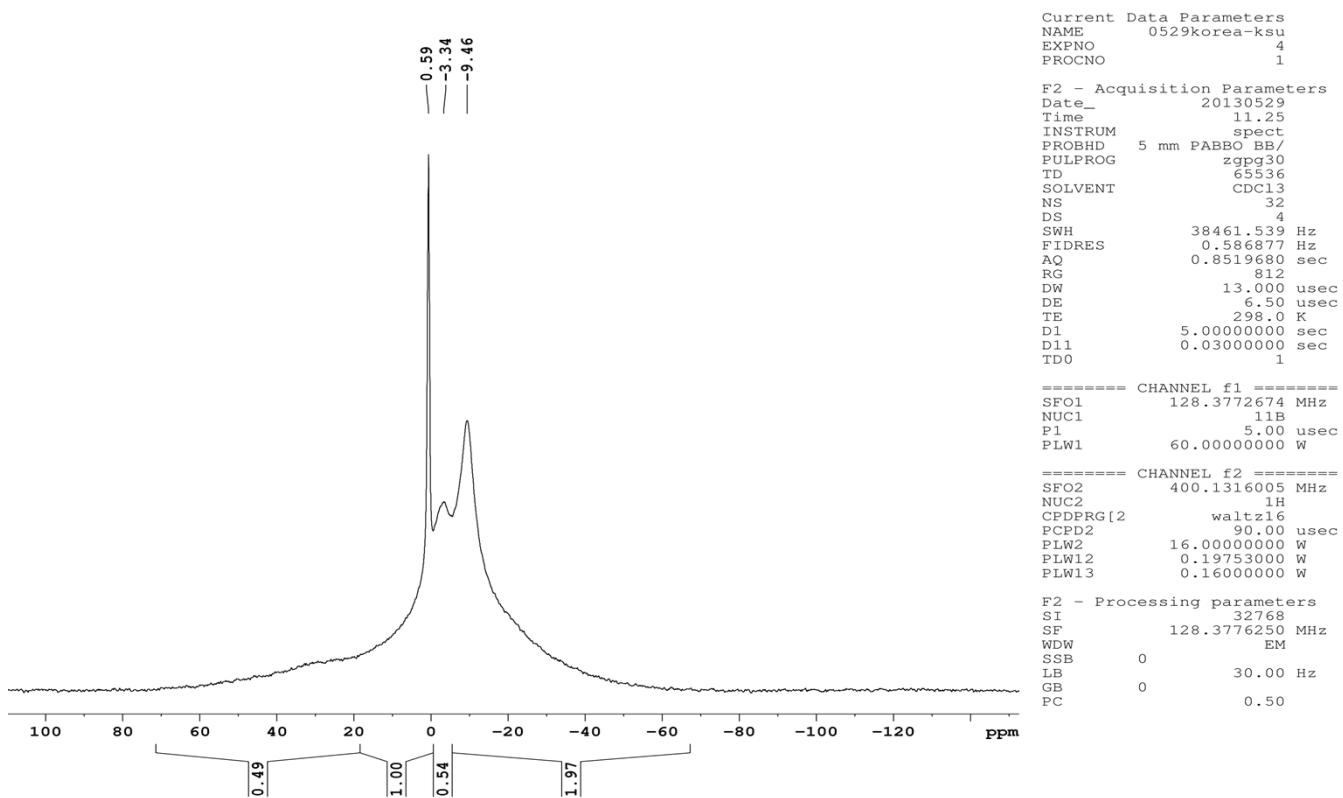


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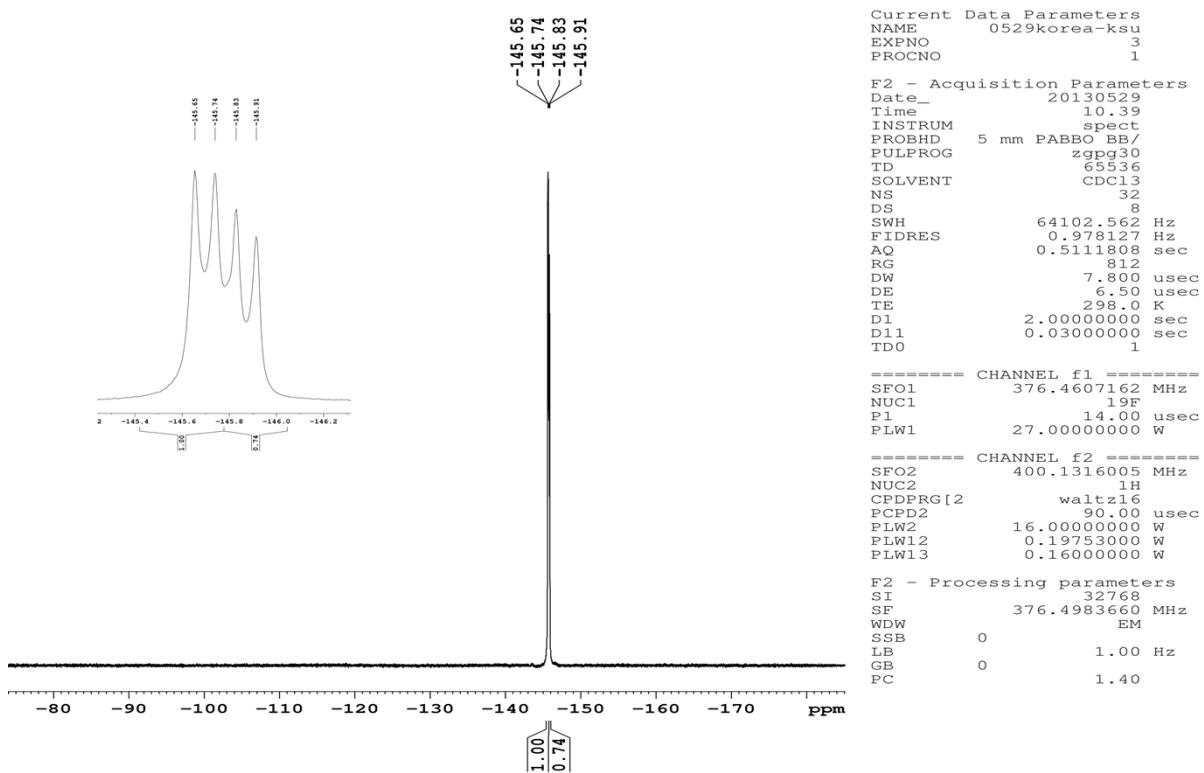


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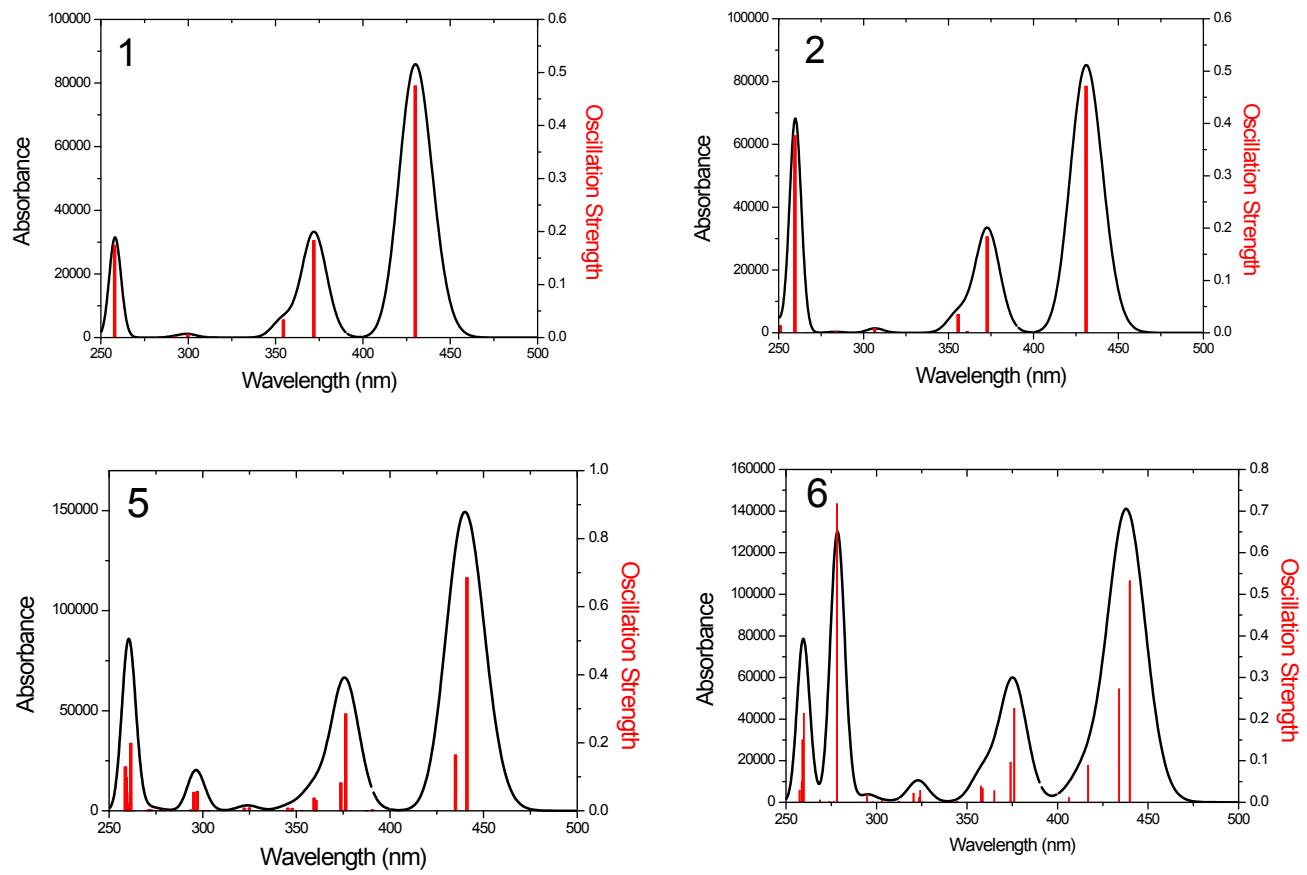


Fig. S11 Simulated absorption spectra of references (**1** and **2**) and dyads (**5** and **6**) calculated by TD-DFT.

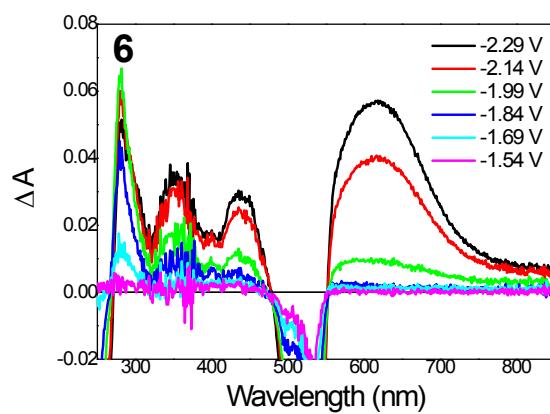
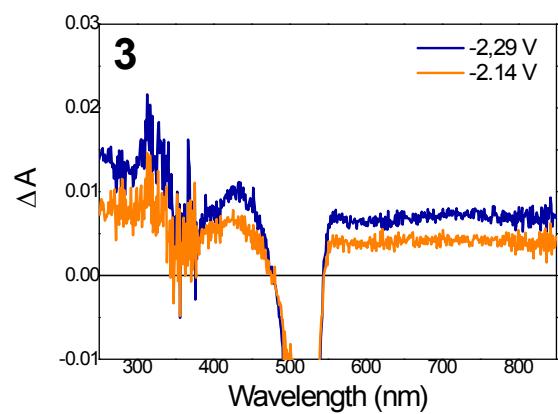
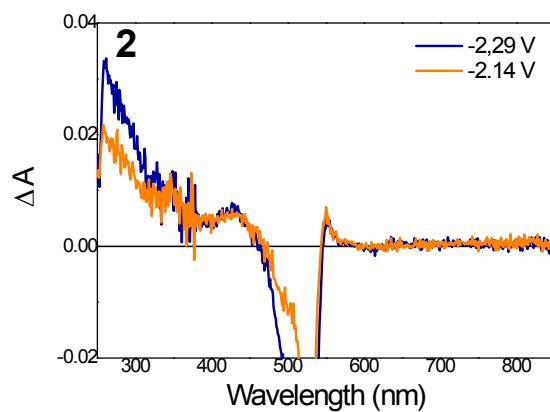
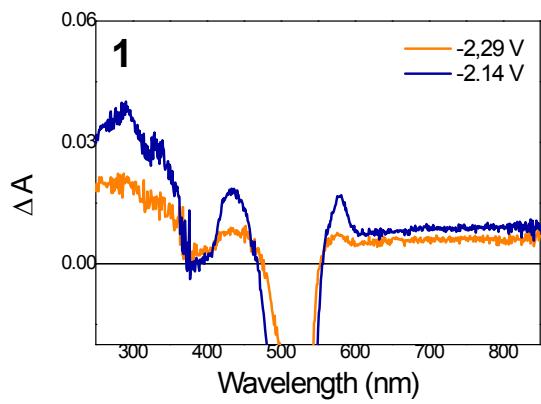


Fig. S12 Spectroelectrochemical spectra for **1**, **2**, **3** and **6** under various voltages.