**Electronic Supplementary Information** Organogels from unsymmetrical  $\pi$ -conjugated 1,3,4-oxadiazole derivatives

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	Solvents	4-POXD-B8	4-PO	XD-B12	
Aromatic	Benzene	S	S		
	Toluene	S	S		
	Chlorobenzene	S	S		
	Nitrobenzene	S	S		
Chlorinated	Chloroform	S	S		
	Dichloromethane	S	S		
	1,2-dichloroethane	S	S		
Alkanes	Cyclohexane	S	S		
	n-heptane	Р	Р		
esters	Ethyl acetate	S	S		
	Methyl acetate	S	S		
ethers	Tetrahydrofuran	S	S		
	Diethyl ether	S	S		
ketones	Acetone	Р	Р		
	2- butanone	S	S		
Alcohols	Glycol	Ι	Ι		
<sup>a</sup> P = precipitatio	on; S = solution.				
Table S2. Differ	ent solvent parameter	rs.			
Class of solvent Solvents		$\delta_a$ (cal cm-3)1/2		$E_{\rm T}(30)^{[1]}$	ε
				(kcal mol-1)	
Aromatic	Benzene	1		34.5	2.27
	Toluene	1.22		33.9	2.379
	Chlorobenzene	2.33		38.1	5.6
	Nitrobenzene	4.65		42	34.8
Chlorinated	Chloroform	3.18		39.1	4.806
	Dichloromethane	4.31		38.1	9.08
	1,2-dichloroethane	4.12		41.3	10.37
Alkanes	Cyclohexane	0.1		31.2	2.1
esters	Ethyl acetate	4.36		38.1	
	Methyl acetate	4.36		40.0	
ethers	Tetrahydrofuran	4.8		37.4	
	Diethyl ether	2.87		34.6	4.335

Tabel S1. Gelation properties of 4-POXD-Bn (n= 8, 12) in different solvents.<sup>a</sup>

ketones	Acetone	6.13	42.2	
alcohols	Glycol	13.8	56.3	41.4
	Methanol	12.44	55.4	33.62
	Ethanol	10.43	51.6	25.07
	n-propanol	9.12	50.7	20.8
_	n-butanol	8.19	50.2	17.84
Others	Acetonitrile	9.3	45.6	38.8
	Dimethylformanide	8,67	43.8	37.6
	Dimethylsulfoxide	9.43	45.1	48.9

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Class of solvent	Solvents	Gibbs energies ( $\Delta G_{solv}$ )
Aromatic	Benzene	-1.2
	Toluene	-2.6
	Chlorobenzene	-2.0
	Nitrobenzene	0.4
Chlorinated	Chloroform	-2.2
	Dichloromethane	
	1,2-dichloroethane	0.1
Alkanes	Cyclohexane	-3.5
esters	Ethyl acetate	-0.8
	Methyl acetate	
ethers	Tetrahydrofuran	-2.1
	Diethyl ether	
ketones	Acetone	0.9
alcohols	Glycol	11.9
	Methanol	4.2
	Ethanol	2.2
	n-propanol	1.4
	n-butanol	0.0
Others	Acetonitrile	4.1
	Dimethylformanide	3.2
	Dimethylsulfoxide	7.3



Fig. S1. Gel images of 4-POXD-B8 in various solvents.



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Fig. S4. Effect of the polar solubility parameter  $\delta_a$  on GN of gelator 4-POXD-Bn. (a) "other" solvents, (b) alcohol solvents.



Fig. S5. SEM images of 4-POXD-B8 on Si underlay after solvent had evaporated from  $1.8 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/L DMSO solutions of the compound drop cast on the surface. (Solvent evaporated at room-temperature)



Fig S6. SEM images of 4-POXD-B8 on Si underlay after solvent had evaporated from (a)  $1.8 \times 10-4$  mol/L, (b)  $5.3 \times 10-4$  mol/L, and (c)  $1.0 \times 10-3$  mol/L DMSO solutions of the compound drop cast on the surface. (Solvent evaporated at room-temperature)



Fig. S7. SEM images of 4-POXD-B8 on Si underlay after solvent had evaporated from (a), (b) 1.1  $\times 10^{-4}$  mol/L and (c)  $2.3 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/L DMF solutions of the compound drop cast on the surface. (Solvent evaporated at room-temperature)



Fig. S8. SEM images of 4-POXD-B12 xerogels from (a) DMSO, (b) acetonitrile, and (c) DMF.



Fig. S9. X-Ray diffraction (XRD) spectra of 4-POXD-B8 xerogels from DMF and ethanol.



Fig. S10. X-Ray diffraction (XRD) spectra of 4-POXD-B12 xerogels from DMSO, acetonitrile and DMF.



Fig. S11. UV-vis spectra of 4-POXD-B8 in aprotic solvents.



Fig. S12. UV-vis spectra of 4-POXD-B8 in protic solvents.



Fig. S13. FL spectra of 4-POXD-B8 in different solvents at a concentration of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  mol/L at room temperature.



Fig. S14.<sup>1</sup> H NMR spectrum of 4-POXD-B4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.





Fig. S16. FTIR spectrum of 4-POXD-B4 powder.

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