

# Supporting Information

## π-Fused bis-BODIPY as a candidate for NIR dyes

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## Experimental Procedure

**General:** Melting points are uncorrected. Unless otherwise specified, NMR spectra were obtained with a JEOL JNM AL-400 spectrometer at ambient temperature by using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as a solvent and tetramethylsilane as an internal standard for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C. Mass spectra (EI and FAB) were measured with an MStation spectrometer (JEOL MS-700). MALDI-TOF mass spectra were measured on Voyager DE Pro (Applied Biosystems) in VBL, Ehime University by using sinapinic acid as matrix. IR spectra were measured with a Horiba FT-720 spectrophotometer. UV-vis and fluorescence spectra were measured on JASCO V-570 and HITACHI F-4500, respectively. Absolute quantum yields were measured on a Hamamatsu Photonics C9920-02. TG analysis was done with SII Exstar 600 TG/DTA 6200. Elemental analysis was performed on a Yanaco MT-5 elemental analyzer. X-ray diffraction data were collected by Rigaku Mercury-8 (Mo *K*<sub>a</sub> radiation, 3-kW sealed tube), Rigaku VariMax Saturn (Mo *K*<sub>a</sub> radiation, 1.2-kW rotating anode), or Rigaku VariMax RAPID (Cu *K*<sub>a</sub> radiation, 1.2-kW rotating anode). The X-ray diffraction, NMR, IR, TG, and EA measurements were performed in INCS, Ehime University. Preparative GPC was done by a JAI LC-9801 installed with JAI-1H (Φ20 x 600 mm) and 2H (Φ20 x 600 mm) columns.

**Diethyl 3,5-bis(5-ethoxycarbonyl-3,4-diethylpyrrol-2-ylmethyl)-4,8-dihydro-4,8-ethanopyrrolo[3,4-*f*]isoindole-1,7-dicarboxylate (*syn*-4a):** The reaction of ethyl 5-acetoxymethyl-3,4-diethylpyrrole-1-carboxylate (**3a**; 0.900 g, 3.37 mmol), and diethyl 4,8-dihydro-4,8-ethanopyrrolo[3,4-*f*]isoindole-1,7-dicarboxylate (*syn*-2; 0.500 g, 1.52 mmol) gave 0.615 g (54%) of the title compound as a white powder: mp, 130–132 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 8.89 (br s, 2H), 8.40 (br s, 2H), 5.20 (m, 1H), 4.21–4.33 (m, 8H), 3.85 (m, 4H), 3.66 (m, 1H), 2.72 (m, 4H), 2.39 (m, 4H), 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.37 (t, 6H, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.27 (t, 6H, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.15 (t, 6H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.06 (t, 6H, *J* = 7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 162.03, 161.46, 136.24, 133.55, 129.20, 128.43, 124.20, 123.27, 116.95, 113.56, 60.02, 59.75, 31.91, 29.04, 28.81, 27.78, 23.06, 18.40, 17.03, 16.31, 15.85, 14.53, 14.37; IR (KBr): *v*<sub>max</sub>, 3316, 1674, 1442, 1257 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (FAB<sup>+</sup>): *m/z* 743 (M<sup>+</sup>+1). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>54</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>: C, 67.90; H, 7.33; N, 7.54. Found: C, 67.67; H, 7.23; N, 7.42.

**Diethyl 3,5-bis(3-ethoxycarbonyl-4,7-dihydro-4,7-ethano-2*H*-isoindolylmethyl)-4,8-dihydro-4,8-ethanopyrrolo[3,4-*f*]isoindole-1,7-dicarboxylate (*syn*-4b):** The reaction of ethyl 3-acetoxymethyl-4,7-dihydro-4,7-ethano-2*H*-isoindole-1-carboxylate (**3b**; 2.35 g, 8.13 mmol) and *syn*-2 (1.33 g, 4.05 mmol) gave 1.95 g (61%) of the title compound as a diastereomeric mixture: white powder: mp, 180 – 181 °C (decomp.); <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 9.47 (m, 4H), 6.47 (m, 4H), 5.19 (m, 1H), 4.35 (m, 4H), 4.26 (m, 8H), 3.90 (m, 4H), 3.71 (m, 1H), 1.53 (m, 12H), 1.37 (m, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (typical signals): δ 171.41, 162.63, 137.52, 136.45, 136.08, 135.37, 131.66, 128.44, 121.71, 115.16, 113.49, 112.72, 60.07, 56.90, 56.20, 33.94, 32.41, 31.86, 28.97, 27.85, 27.03, 26.28, 23.07, 20.94, 14.51; IR (KBr): *v*<sub>max</sub>, 3309, 2946, 1674 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (FAB): *m/z* 787 (M<sup>+</sup>+1); HRMS (FAB<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>50</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>+H<sup>+</sup>, 787.3707; Found: 787.3714.

**Diethyl 3,7-bis(3-ethoxycarbonyl-4,7-dihydro-4,7-ethano-2*H*-isoindolylmethyl)-4,8-dihydro-4,8-ethanopyrrolo[3,4-*f*]isoindole-1,5-dicarboxylate (*anti*-4b):** The reaction of **3b** (2.35 g, 8.13 mmol) with *syn*-2 (1.33 g, 4.05 mmol) afforded 2.13 g (72%) of the title compound as a diastereomeric mixture: white powder: mp, 181–183 °C (decomp.); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ 10.69 (m, 4H), 6.36 (m, 2H), 6.24 (m, 2H), 4.78 (m, 2H), 4.60 (m, 2H), 4.28 (m, 2H), 4.18 (m, 8H), 3.60 (m, 4H), 1.47 (m, 8H), 1.35 (m, 12H), 1.12 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>; typical signals): δ 216.71, 210.59, 201.60, 161.82, 137.04, 135.55, 128.51, 125.84, 120.36, 119.67, 118.09, 113.64, 65.84, 59.94, 59.73, 34.55, 32.98, 32.27, 31.20, 30.55, 27.45, 26.98, 23.25; IR (KBr): *v*<sub>max</sub>, 3309, 2978, 1666 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (FAB<sup>+</sup>): *m/z* 787 (M<sup>+</sup>+1), 786 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (FAB<sup>+</sup>): Calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>50</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>+H<sup>+</sup>, 787.3707. Found: 787.3695.

**1,7-Dimethyl-3,5-bis(3,4-diethyl-5-methylpyrrol-2-ylmethyl)-4,8-dihydro-4,8-ethanopyrrolo[3,4-*f*]isoindole (*syn*-5a):** Tetra ester *syn*-4a (0.615 g, 0.827 mmol) was reduced with LiAlH<sub>4</sub> to give 0.406 g (96%) of the title compound as a pale yellow powder: <sup>1</sup>H NMR: δ 7.26 (br s, 2H), 6.85 (br s, 2H), 3.98 (m, 1H), 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.76 (m, 1H), 2.36–2.44 (m, 8H), 2.15 (s, 6H), 2.08 (s, 6H), 1.62–1.70 (m, 4H), 1.11 (t, 6H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.09 (t, 6H, *J* = 7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: δ 126.44, 125.80, 121.97, 120.98, 120.27, 119.85, 116.58,

115.70, 30.23, 30.07, 28.94, 28.77, 22.70, 17.62, 17.55, 16.79, 16.40, 11.19, 11.07; IR (KBr): 3371, 2962, 2931, 2862  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (FAB $^+$ ):  $m/z$  511 ( $M^++1$ ), 510 ( $M^+$ ), 509 ( $M^+-1$ ); HRMS (FAB $^+$ ):  $C_{34}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_4\text{H}^+$ , 511.3801. Found: 511.3777.

**1,7-Dimethyl-3,5-bis(3-methyl-4,7-dihydro-4,7-ethano-2*H*-isoindolylmethyl)-4,8-dihydro-4,8-ethanopyrrolo[3,4-*f*]isoindole**

(*syn*-**5b**): *syn*-Bis-dipyrromethane tetra ester *syn*-**4b** (3.41 g, 4.33 mmol) was reduced to give 1.55 g (65%) of the crude title compound as a mixture of diastereomers: brown powder;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  10.69 (m, 4H), 6.36 (m, 2H), 6.24 (m, 2H), 4.78 (m, 1H), 4.60 (m, 1H), 4.28 (m, 2H), 3.75 (m, 4H), 3.60 (m, 2H), 1.47 (m, 8H), 1.35 (m, 6H), 1.27 (m, 6H), 1.12 (m, 4H); MS (FAB $^+$ ):  $m/z$  555 ( $M^++1$ ), 554 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (FAB $^+$ ):  $C_{38}\text{H}_{42}\text{N}_4\text{H}^+$ , 555.3488. Found 555.3493.

**1,5-Dimethyl-3,7-bis(3-methyl-4,7-dihydro-4,7-ethano-2*H*-isoindolylmethyl)-4,8-dihydro-4,8-ethanopyrrolo[3,4-*f*]isoindole**

(*anti*-**5b**): *anti*-Bis-dipyrromethane tetra ester *anti*-**4b** (2.123 g, 2.70 mmol) was converted to give 1.227 g (82%) of the crude title compound as a mixture of diastereomers: brown powder;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  6.85 (m, 4H), 6.38 (m, 4H), 3.77 (m, 2H), 3.75 (m, 4H), 3.62 (m, 2H), 3.52 (m, 2H), 2.02 (s, 12H), 1.58 (m, 4H), 1.43 (m, 8H); MS (FAB $^+$ ):  $m/z$  555 ( $M^++1$ ), 554 ( $M^+$ ); HRMS (FAB $^+$ ):  $C_{38}\text{H}_{42}\text{N}_4\text{H}^+$ , 555.3488. Found 555.3480.

**1,2,10,11-Tetraethyl-4,4,8,8-tetrafluoro-3,5,7,9-tetramethyl-6,13-dihydro-6,13-ethano-4,8-dibora-3*a*,4*a*,7*a*,8*a*-tetraazabenzo[1,2-*a*:5,4-*a*']-*s*-indacene** (*syn*-**6a**): The title compound was obtained from *syn*-**5a** (28 mg, 0.054 mmol) in 36% yield (12 mg) as pink crystals: mp, 160  $^\circ\text{C}$  (decomp.);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.04 (s, 2H), 4.57 (m, 1H), 4.19 (m, 1H), 2.60 (q, 4H,  $J = 7.6\text{ Hz}$ ), 2.54 (s, 6H), 2.51 (s, 6H), 2.39 (q, 4H,  $J = 7.6\text{ Hz}$ ), 1.69–1.73 (m, 4H), 1.21 (t, 6H,  $J = 7.6\text{ Hz}$ ), 1.09 (t, 6H,  $J = 7.6\text{ Hz}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  158.13, 146.31, 145.75, 144.40, 136.79, 132.85, 132.16, 126.36, 119.03, 32.11, 29.85, 29.17, 28.70, 17.93, 17.31, 16.96, 15.02, 12.97, 12.66 IR (KBr): 2966, 2870, 1603, 1174  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; UV-vis (CHCl $_3$ ):  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\epsilon/10^4\text{ M}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), 550 (15.1), 503 (7.52), 387 (2.15) nm; MS (FAB $^+$ ):  $m/z$  603 ( $M^++1$ ); HRMS (FAB $^+$ ):  $C_{34}\text{H}_{40}\text{B}_2\text{F}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}^+$ , 603.3453. Found: 603.3451. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{34}\text{H}_{40}\text{B}_2\text{F}_4\text{N}_4+2/3\text{CHCl}_3$ : C, 61.03; H, 6.01; N, 8.21. Found: C, 61.08; H, 6.13; N, 7.93.

**6,6,10,10-Tetrafluoro-5,7,9,11-tetramethyl-1,4,8,12,15,17-hexahydro-1,4:8,17:12,15-triethano-6,10-dibora-5*a*,6*a*,9*a*,10*a*-tetraaza-*s*-indaceno[2,3-*b*:6,5-*b*']difluorene** (*syn*-**6b**): Bis-dipyrromethane *syn*-**5b** (862 mg, 1.55 mmol) was reacted to give 698 mg (70%) of the title compound as a mixture of diastereomers: purple powder; mp, 160  $^\circ\text{C}$  (decomp.);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.15 (m, 2H), 6.50 (m, 2H), 6.38 (m, 2H), 4.53 (m, 1H), 4.18 (m, 1H), 4.07 (m, 2H), 3.89 (m, 2H), 2.93 (s, 6H), 2.54 (s, 6H), 1.69 (m, 8H), 1.43 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (typical signals):  $\delta$  150.95, 150.25, 147.41, 143.24, 136.36, 133.57, 128.15, 127.02, 125.52, 119.76, 118.86, 34.39, 33.12, 29.83, 28.39, 26.42, 26.48, 26.54, 26.61, 12.82, 12.67; IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2866, 1616, 1403, 1176, 1122  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  UV-vis (CHCl $_3$ ):  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\epsilon/10^4\text{ M}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), 553 (10.9), 504 (5.76), 397 (2.15) nm; MS (FAB $^+$ ):  $m/z$  647 ( $M^++1$ ); HRMS (FAB $^+$ ):  $C_{38}\text{H}_{36}\text{B}_2\text{F}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}^+$ , 647.3140. Found: 647.3165.

**6,6,15,15-Tetrafluoro-5,7,14,16-tetramethyl-1,4,8,10,13,17-hexahydro-1,4:8,17:10,13-triethano-6,15-dibora-5*a*,6*a*,14*a*,15*a*-tetraaza-*s*-indaceno[2,3-*b*:6,7-*b*']difluorene** (*anti*-**6b**): *anti*-Bis-dipyrromethane *anti*-**5b** (255 mg, 0.46 mmol) was reacted to give 259 mg (82%) of the title compound as a mixture of diastereomers: purple powder; mp, 160  $^\circ\text{C}$  (decomp.);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  7.12 (m, 2H), 6.50 (m, 2H), 6.40 (m, 2H), 4.36 (m, 2H), 4.10 (m, 2H), 3.89 (m, 2H), 2.54 (m, 6H), 2.51 (m, 6H), 1.67 (m, 8H), 1.43 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (typical signals):  $\delta$  151.18, 150.23, 149.03, 146.95, 138.35, 136.20, 133.61, 128.27, 126.82, 120.05, 118.92, 34.35, 33.12, 31.88, 30.90, 29.57, 28.66, 26.53, 22.64; UV-vis (CHCl $_3$ ):  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ( $\epsilon/10^4\text{ M}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), 545 (23.4), 509 (6.85), 403 (3.17) nm; MS (FAB $^+$ ):  $m/z$  647 ( $M^++1$ ); HRMS (FAB $^+$ ): Calcd for  $C_{38}\text{H}_{36}\text{B}_2\text{F}_4\text{N}_4\text{H}^+$ , 647.3140. Found: 647.3137.

**Ethyl 3-(4-*tert*-butylbenzoyl)-4,7-dihydro-4,7-ethano-2*H*-isoindole-1-carboxylate** (**11**): 4-*tert*-Butylbenzoic acid (5.36 g, 30.1 mmol) was added to trifluoroacetic anhydride (4.2 ml, 30.0 mmol) at room temperature under an inert atmosphere and the mixture was stirred for 15min. After the vessel was wrapped with an aluminum foil, trifluoroacetic acid (2.7 ml, 35.3 mmol) and ethyl 4,7-dihydro-4,7-ethano-2*H*-isoindole-1-carboxylate (**1**; 2.17 g, 9.99 mmol) were successively added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 days. The reaction was quenched by the addition of aqueous saturated NaHCO $_3$  and the resulted mixture was extracted with CHCl $_3$ . The organic extract was washed with aqueous saturated NaHCO $_3$ , water, and brine, dried over Na $_2$ SO $_4$ , and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel (Rf, 0.10; CH $_2$ Cl $_2$ ) and alumina (Rf, 0.45; CH $_2$ Cl $_2$ ) to give 2.91 g (77%) of the title compound as white solid; mp, 138  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  9.20 (br s, 1H), 7.74 (m, 2H), 7.52 (m, 2H), 6.54 (m, 1H), 6.43 (m, 1H), 4.45 (m, 1H), 4.37 (m, 2H), 3.84 (m, 1H), 1.64–1.44 (m, 4H), 1.41 (t, 3H,  $J = 7.1\text{ Hz}$ ), 1.39 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR:  $\delta$  186.01, 161.21, 156.40, 137.54, 137.09, 136.37, 136.09, 135.23, 129.32, 125.57, 125.02, 118.24, 61.07, 35.55, 34.87, 33.93, 31.60, 26.58, 26.55, 14.87; IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3313, 1697, 1628, 1281  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (MALDI-TOF):  $m/z$  378 ( $M^++1\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), 349 ( $M^+-\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{24}\text{H}_{27}\text{NO}_3$ : C, 76.36; H, 7.21; N, 3.71. Found: C, 76.13; H, 7.20; N, 3.76.

**Ethyl 3-[4-*tert*-butylphenyl]hydroxymethyl]-4,7-dihydro-4,7-ethano-2*H*-isoindole-1-carboxylate** (**12**): To a stirred solution of ketone **11** (1.12 g, 2.98 mmol) in dry THF (30 ml) and dry MeOH (10 ml) was added NaBH $_4$  (0.375 g, 9.91 mmol) at 0  $^\circ\text{C}$  under an inert atmosphere and then the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The mixture was quenched with water and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The organic extract was washed with water and brine, dried over Na $_2$ SO $_4$ , and concentrated. The residue was recrystallized from CHCl $_3$ /hexane to give 1.084 g (95%) of the title compound as a mixture of diastereomers: white solid; mp, 170  $^\circ\text{C}$  (decomp.);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  8.67–8.34 (m, 1H), 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.29 (m, 2H), 6.50–6.33 (m, 2H), 5.88 (m, 1H), 4.32 (m, 1H), 4.27 (m, 2H), 3.54 (m, 1H), 2.49–2.19 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.38 (m, 4H), 1.34 (m, 3H), 1.32 (m, 9H); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ , 3360, 3332, 1681, 1639  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (MALDI-TOF):  $m/z$  362 ( $M^++1\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{24}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_3+1/6\text{CHCl}_3$ : C, 72.68; H, 7.36; N, 3.51. Found: C, 72.66; H, 7.16; N, 3.60.

**Ethyl 3-[acetoxymethyl]hydroxymethyl]-4,7-dihydro-4,7-ethano-2*H*-isoindole-1-carboxylate** (**13**): To a stirred solution of alcohol **12** (0.759 g, 2.00 mmol) and 4-(*N,N*-dimethylamino)pyridine (0.038 g, 0.307 mmol) in dry CH $_2$ Cl $_2$  (28 ml) was added acetic anhydride (1.9 ml, 20.1 mmol) at room temperature under an inert atmosphere and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. The reaction mixture was washed with aqueous saturated NaHCO $_3$ , water, and brine, dried over Na $_2$ SO $_4$ , and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue

was chromatographed on silica gel ( $R_f$ , 0.6; 40% EtOAc/hexane) to give 0.840 g (99 %) of the title compound as a mixture of diastereomers: white solid; mp, 170 °C (decomp.);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  8.32 (m, 1H), 7.42–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.24 (m, 2H), 6.93 (m, 1H), 6.46 (m, 1H), 6.39 (m, 1H), 4.35–4.23 (m, 3H), 3.57 (s, 1H), 2.14 (m, 3H), 1.68–1.38 (m, 4H), 1.38–1.33 (m, 3H), 1.32 (s, 9H); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ , 3309, 1747, 1660, 1219  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (FAB $^+$ ): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_4+\text{H}^+$ , 422.2326. Found: 422.2322. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{32}\text{NO}_4+1/3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ : C, 73.04; H, 7.47; N, 3.28. Found: C, 72.89; H, 7.42; N, 3.32.

**Diethyl 3,7-bis[(3-ethoxycarbonyl-4,7-dihydro-4,7-ethano-2*H*-isoindolyl)(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)methyl]-4,8-dihydro-4,8-ethanopyrrolo[3,4-*f*]isoindole-1,5-dicarboxylate (14):** To a stirred solution of acetate **13** (0.847 g, 2.01 mmol) and *anti*-dipyrrole **anti-2** (0.329 g, 1.00 mmol) in acetic acid (26 ml) was added *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (0.10 g, 0.53 mmol) at room temperature in the dark. After being stirred for 3 h, the mixture was quenched by addition of water. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The organic extract was washed with water and brine, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel ( $R_f$ , 0.5, 40% EtOAc/hexane) to give 1.040 g (99%) of the title compound as a mixture of diastereomers: white powder; mp, 170 °C (decomp.);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR:  $\delta$  8.04 (m, 4H), 7.36–7.27 (m, 4H), 7.15–7.01 (m, 4H), 6.49–5.99 (m, 4H), 5.56–5.16 (m, 2H), 4.45–4.03 (m, 12H), 3.24–2.94 (m, 2H), 1.56–1.34 (m, 8H), 1.34–1.11 (m, 34H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (typical signals):  $\delta$  161.75, 150.35, 150.20, 150.10, 137.9–135.1, 129.3–125.5, 113.3–112.5, 59.85, 59.77, 34.47, 33.78, 32.40, 31.33, 30.63, 28.08, 27.97, 26.7–26.1, 14.46; IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ , 3448, 1697, 1508, 1234  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (MALDI-TOF):  $m/z$  1022 [ $\text{M}^++\text{H}-(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)$ ], 978 [ $\text{M}^++\text{H}-(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2$ ]. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{66}\text{H}_{74}\text{N}_4\text{O}_8$ : C, 75.40; H, 7.09; N, 5.33. Found: C, 75.30; H, 7.09; N, 5.42.

**1,5-Dimethyl-3,7-bis[(3-methyl-4,7-dihydro-4,7-ethano-2*H*-isoindolyl)(4-*tert*-butyl-phenyl)methyl]-4,8-dihydro-4,8-ethanopyrrolo[3,4-*f*]isoindole (15):** Tetra ester **14** (0.526 g, 0.500 mmol) was reduced with  $\text{LiAlH}_4$  to give 0.351 g (86%) of the title compound as a mixture of diastereomer: orange solid,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):  $\delta$  7.7–6.8 (br m, 10H), 6.5–6.2 (br m, 4H), 3.67 (br m, 4H), 3.2–3.0 (br m, 2H), 2.7–2.6 (br m, 2H), 2.10 (m, 12H), 2.0–1.3 (12H), 1.32 (m, 18H); IR (KBr):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ , 3456, 3417, 2951, 2861  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; MS (FAB $^+$ ):  $m/z$  819 ( $\text{M}^++1$ ), 818 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), 817 ( $\text{M}^+-1$ ). HRMS (FAB $^+$ ): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{58}\text{H}_{66}\text{N}_4+\text{H}^+$ , 819.5366. Found: 819.5354.

## X-ray experiment

**Table S1.** Crystallographic summary

	<i>syn</i> - <b>6a</b>	<i>anti</i> - <b>6a</b> ·PhCl <sup>a</sup>	<i>syn</i> - <b>6b</b> ·CHCl <sub>3</sub>	<i>anti</i> - <b>6b</b> ·2CHCl <sub>3</sub>	<i>syn</i> - <b>7</b> ·PhMe
crystal formula	$\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{40}\text{B}_2\text{F}_4\text{N}_4$	$\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{45}\text{ClB}_2\text{F}_4\text{N}_4$ [ $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{40}\text{B}_2\text{F}_4\text{N}_4$ ]	$\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{37}\text{B}_2\text{Cl}_3\text{F}_4\text{N}_4$	$\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{38}\text{B}_2\text{Cl}_6\text{F}_4\text{N}_4$	$\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{44}\text{B}_2\text{F}_4\text{N}_4$
space group	<i>Pbca</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>
<i>a</i> [ $\text{\AA}$ ]	16.8468(3)	24.4208(4)	16.5658(16)	13.753(3)	11.0884(3)
<i>b</i> [ $\text{\AA}$ ]	14.7846(2)	11.8609(2)	15.3933(15)	13.110(3)	23.5088(9)
<i>c</i> [ $\text{\AA}$ ]	24.5438(4)	29.0741(5)	14.3780(12)	25.759(5)	13.9282(5)
$\alpha$ [ $^\circ$ ]	90	90	90	90	90
$\beta$ [ $^\circ$ ]	90	118.0000(10)	95.115(4)	119.635(3)	102.6061(14)
$\gamma$ [ $^\circ$ ]	90	90	90	90	90
<i>V</i> [ $\text{\AA}^3$ ]	6113.20(17)	7435.6(2)	3651.8(6)	4036.9(15)	3543.2(2)
<i>Z</i>	8	8	4	4	4
<i>Radiation</i>	$\text{CuK}\alpha$	$\text{CuK}\alpha$	$\text{CuK}\alpha$	$\text{MoK}\alpha$	$\text{CuK}\alpha$
$\mu$ [ $\text{mm}^{-1}$ ]	0.766	0.630 [0.629]	2.741	0.480	0.712
unique reflns	5591	13133 [13133]	6636	9252	6472
obsd reflns	4660	10614 [10180]	2317	7147	4116
<i>R</i> <sub>equiv</sub>	0.0504	0.0469 [0.0471]	0.0901	0.0350	0.0572
Parameters (restrained)	398 (0)	1193 (711) [810 (1)]	512 (388)	584 (0)	613 (527)
<i>R</i> <sub>I</sub> [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	0.0421	0.0438 [0.0455]	0.0975	0.0600	0.0785
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (All)	0.1109	0.1326 [0.1302]	0.2239	0.1722	0.2203
GOF	1.075	1.177 [1.135]	1.103	1.078	1.059
T[K]	100	100	100	100	100
CCDC No	864644	864645, [865408] <sup>a</sup>	864646	864647	864648

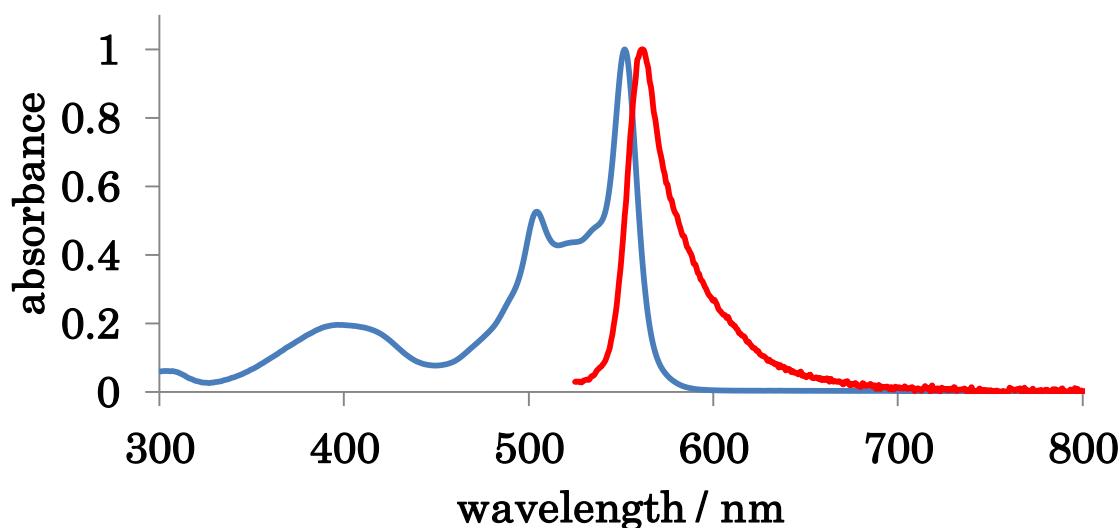
<sup>a</sup> The structure of bis-BODIPY *anti*-**6a** ( $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{40}\text{B}_2\text{F}_4\text{N}_4$ ) is also refined without the solvent molecules by Platon Squeeze. The data based on the Squeeze result is shown in brackets.

**Table S1 (continued).** Crystallographic summary

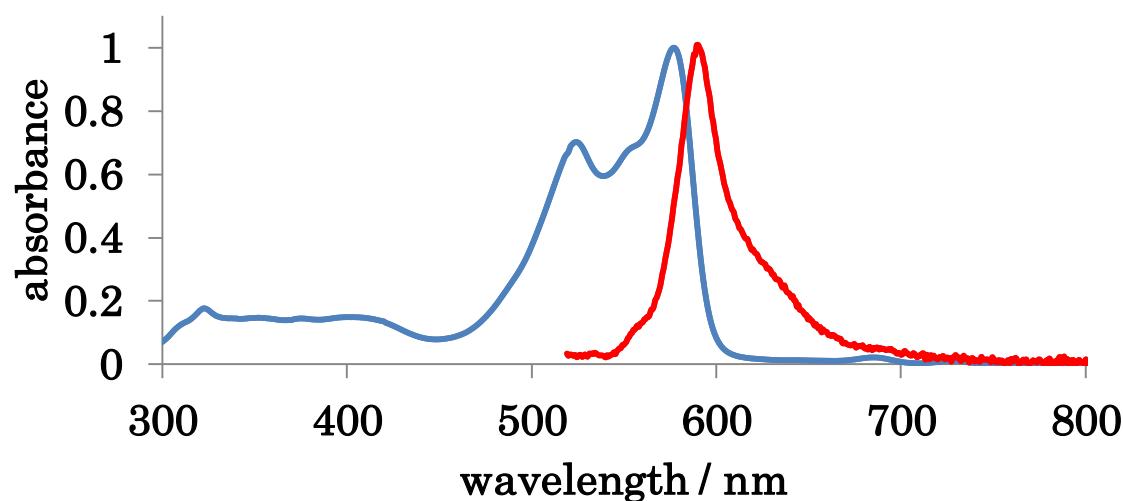
	<i>anti</i> -7·2C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>7</sub> Cl <sup>a</sup>	<b>16</b> ·2CHCl <sub>3</sub>	<b>16</b> ·PhCl	<b>17</b> ·PhCl·1/2i-PA
crystal formula	C <sub>52</sub> H <sub>50</sub> B <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>60</sub> H <sub>62</sub> B <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> F <sub>4</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>64</sub> H <sub>65</sub> B <sub>2</sub> ClF <sub>4</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>123</sub> H <sub>122</sub> B <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>8</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O
space group	<i>P</i> - <i>I</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> - <i>I</i>
<i>a</i> [Å]	7.944(3)	11.3126(2)	11.247(4)	12.9946(3)
<i>b</i> [Å]	10.964(4)	29.2235(6)	27.084(9)	13.0045(3)
<i>c</i> [Å]	13.432(4)	17.1103(3)	17.815(6)	17.9199(4)
<i>α</i> [°]	98.902(13)	90	90	74.7391(8)
<i>β</i> [°]	93.514(13)	92.3136(11)	94.678(6)	88.1657(9)
<i>γ</i> [°]	104.888(14)	90	90	62.0910(10)
<i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	1110.7(7)	5651.93(18)	5409(3)	2566.87(11)
<i>Z</i>	1	4	4	1
Radiation	MoK $\alpha$	CuK $\alpha$	MoK $\alpha$	CuK $\alpha$
$\mu$ [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.0530	3.230	0.0439	1.148
unique reflns	5031	10206	12384	9258
obsd reflns	3071	7145	9355	8081
<i>R</i> <sub>equiv</sub>	0.0530	0.0511	0.0439	0.0474
Parameters (restrained)	293 (0)	870 (867)	733 (243)	739 (269)
<i>R</i> <sub>I</sub> [I > 2σ(I)]	0.1653	0.0667	0.0619	0.0554
w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> (All)	0.3974	0.1916	0.1538	0.1572
GOF	1.233	1.064	1.082	1.085
T[K]	100	100	100	100
CCDC No	864649	864650	864651	864652

<sup>a</sup> The crystal is treated as twin.

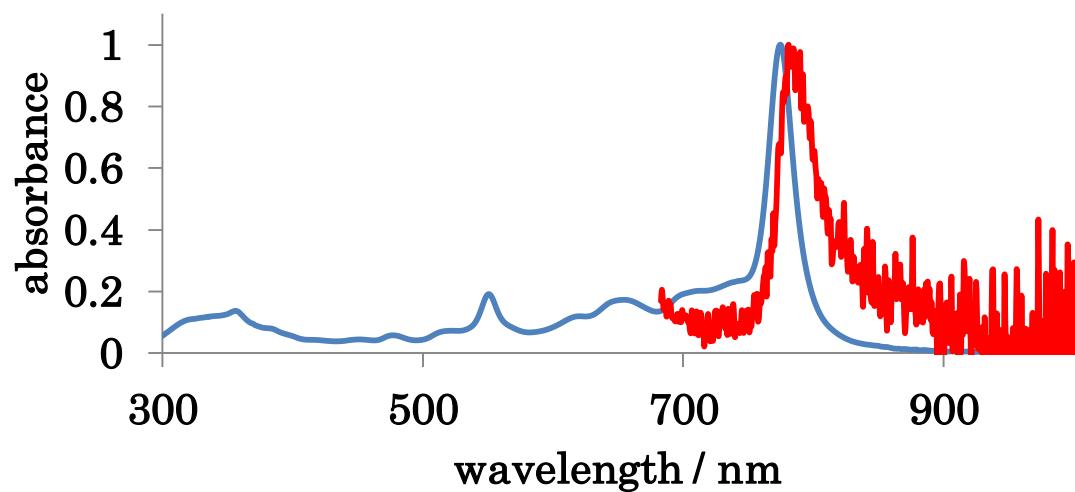
## Fluorescence spectra



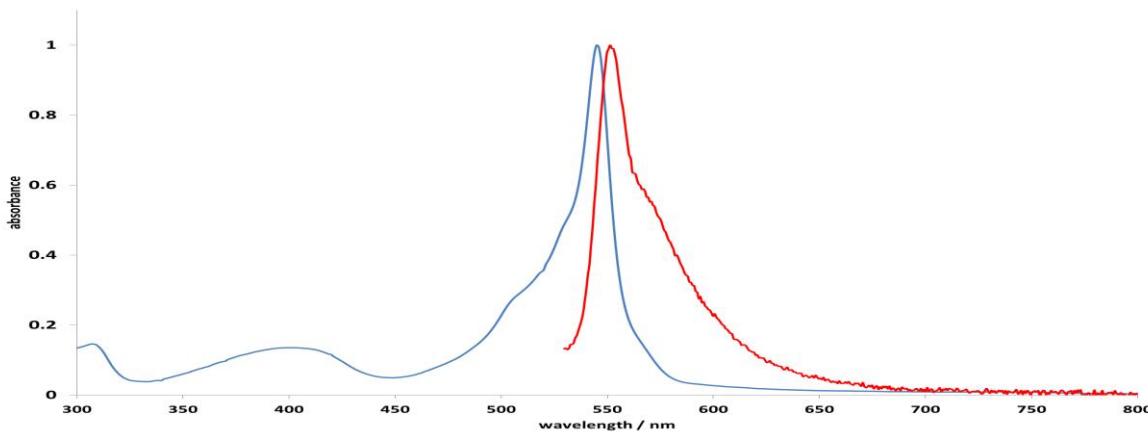
**Figure S1.** UV (blue) and fluorescence (red) spectra of *syn*-6b



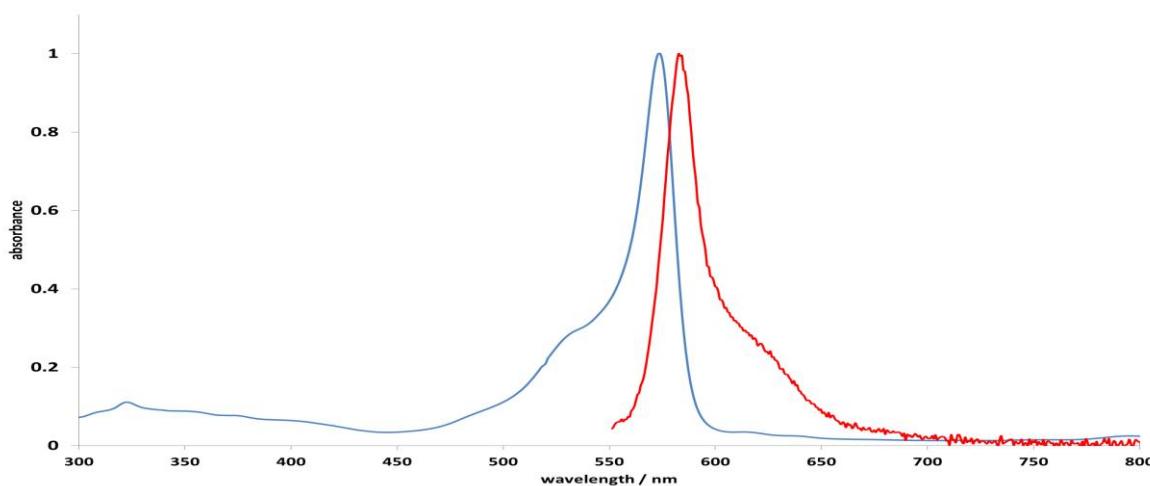
**Figure S2.** UV (blue) and fluorescence (red) spectra of *syn*-8



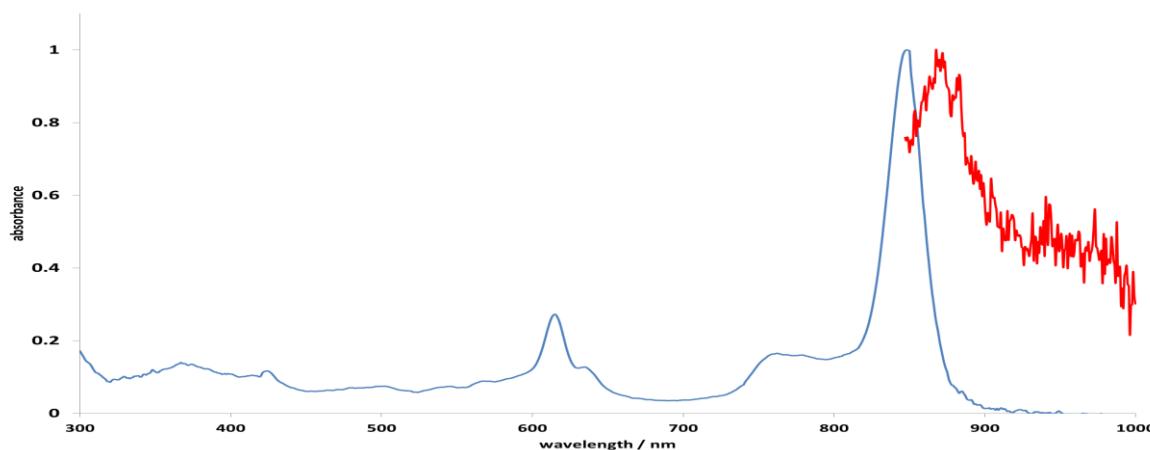
**Figure S3.** UV (blue) and fluorescence (red) spectra of *syn*-9



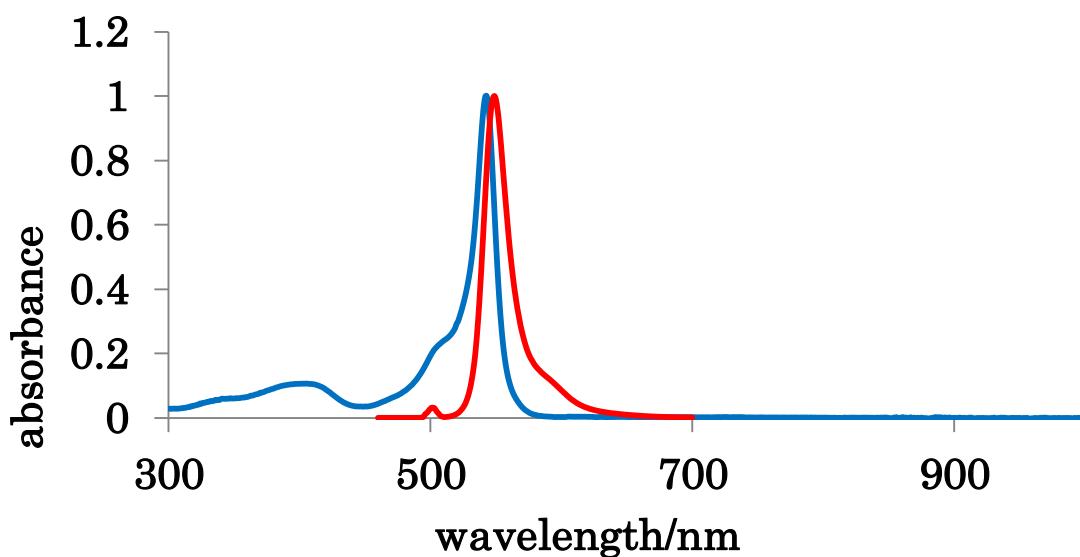
**Figure S4.** UV (blue) and fluorescence (red) spectra of *anti*-6b



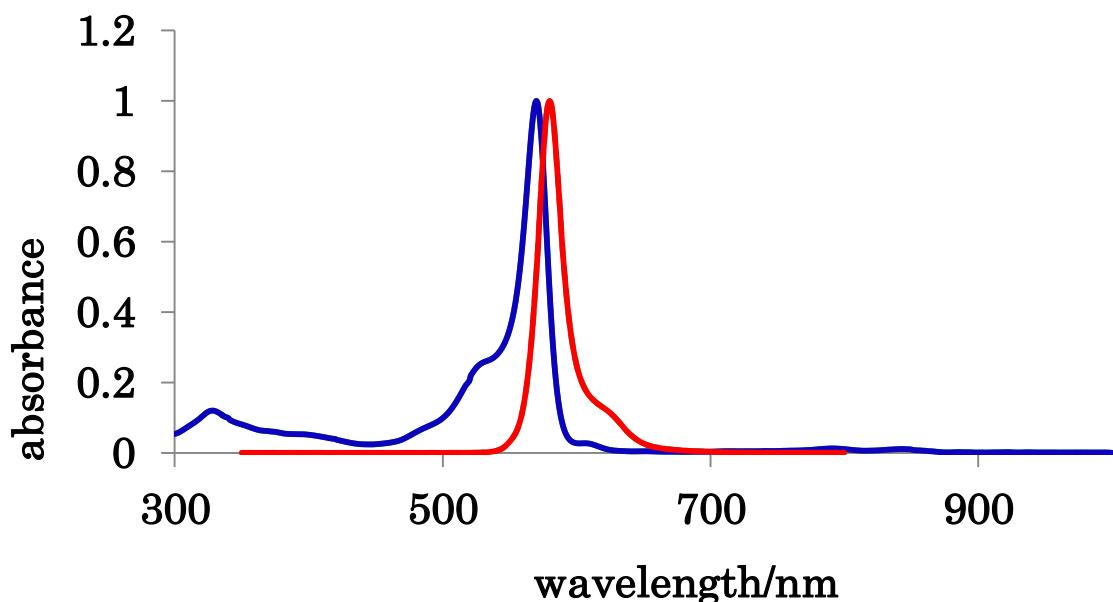
**Figure S5.** UV (blue) and fluorescence (red) spectra of *anti*-8



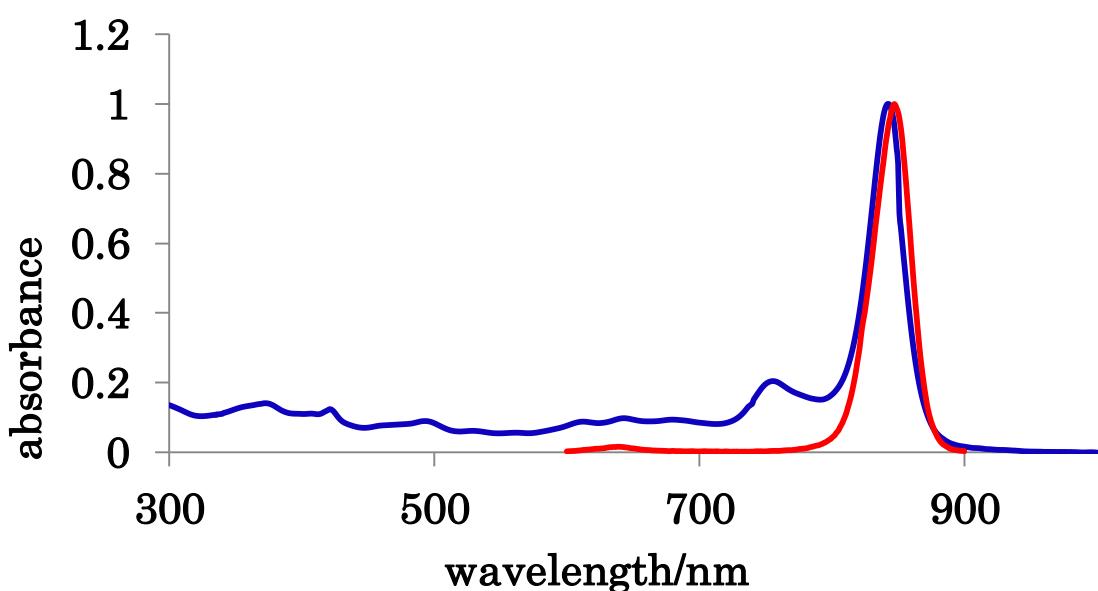
**Figure S6.** UV (blue) and fluorescence (red) spectra of *anti*-9



**Figure S7.** UV (blue) and fluorescence (red) spectra of 16



**Figure S8.** UV (blue) and fluorescence (red) spectra of **17**



**Figure S9.** UV (blue) and fluorescence (red) spectra of **10**

## TD-DFT calculation

### Excitation energies and oscillator strengths

*syn*-**6a**, HOMO-2: 157; HOMO(s): 158, HOMO(a): 159; LUMO(s): 160, LUMO(a): 161

Excited State 1: Singlet-A 2.5245 eV 491.12 nm f=0.0602  
158 ->161 -0.36991  
159 ->160 0.58579

This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.

Excited State 2: Singlet-A 2.5492 eV 486.37 nm f=0.0035

158 ->160	0.52490
159 ->161	-0.47689
Excited State 3:	Singlet-A 2.8622 eV 433.17 nm f=0.4961
157 ->160	-0.24261
158 ->161	0.51376
159 ->160	0.24716
Excited State 4:	Singlet-A 2.9756 eV 416.67 nm f=0.2811
156 ->160	0.16358
157 ->161	-0.35888
158 ->160	0.31784
159 ->161	0.36885
Excited State 5:	Singlet-A 3.1089 eV 398.80 nm f=0.4206
157 ->160	0.63422
158 ->161	0.16025
159 ->160	0.13081
Excited State 6:	Singlet-A 3.3502 eV 370.08 nm f=0.1205
155 ->161	0.15030
156 ->160	0.21828
157 ->161	0.56721
158 ->160	0.13904
159 ->161	0.17223
Excited State 7:	Singlet-A 3.4806 eV 356.22 nm f=0.0134
155 ->160	0.55006
156 ->161	0.36946
Excited State 8:	Singlet-A 3.5032 eV 353.91 nm f=0.3317
155 ->161	0.25535
156 ->160	0.53882
157 ->161	-0.12497
158 ->160	-0.14065
159 ->161	-0.16247
Excited State 9:	Singlet-A 3.6999 eV 335.10 nm f=0.0135
154 ->160	0.58307
155 ->161	-0.30611
156 ->160	0.17111
Excited State 10:	Singlet-A 3.7073 eV 334.43 nm f=0.0283
154 ->161	0.39649
155 ->160	-0.30831
156 ->161	0.47698
Excited State 11:	Singlet-A 3.8143 eV 325.05 nm f=0.0114
154 ->160	0.35486
155 ->161	0.53590
156 ->160	-0.28200
Excited State 12:	Singlet-A 3.8503 eV 322.01 nm f=0.0066
154 ->161	0.56565
155 ->160	0.26470
156 ->161	-0.31711
Excited State 13:	Singlet-A 4.8175 eV 257.36 nm f=0.0078
152 ->160	0.61241
153 ->161	-0.33044
Excited State 14:	Singlet-A 4.8185 eV 257.31 nm f=0.0029
152 ->161	-0.34117
153 ->160	0.60836
Excited State 15:	Singlet-A 5.0245 eV 246.76 nm f=0.0401
152 ->160	0.25352

153 ->161	0.57197
158 ->163	0.14033
159 ->162	-0.18540
Excited State 16:	Singlet-A
152 ->161	0.56237
153 ->160	0.25871
158 ->162	-0.18756
159 ->163	0.15737
Excited State 17:	Singlet-A
150 ->161	-0.40720
151 ->160	0.56622
Excited State 18:	Singlet-A
149 ->161	0.10169
150 ->160	0.54810
151 ->161	-0.42402
Excited State 19:	Singlet-A
149 ->160	0.56757
150 ->161	0.30227
151 ->160	0.27731
Excited State 20:	Singlet-A
149 ->161	0.42160
150 ->160	0.29248
151 ->161	0.46958

***anti-6a, HOMO-2: 157; HOMO(s): 158, HOMO(a): 159; LUMO(s): 160, LUMO(a): 161***

Excited State 1:	Singlet-A	2.5669 eV	483.01 nm	f=0.0015
158 ->160	0.53303			
159 ->161	0.46278			

This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.

Excited State 2:	Singlet-A	2.5695 eV	482.52 nm	f=0.0564
158 ->161	0.44247			
159 ->160	0.54265			
Excited State 3:	Singlet-A	2.8830 eV 430.06 nm f=0.9828		
156 ->160	0.11280			
157 ->161	0.17858			
158 ->161	0.46238			
159 ->160	-0.34316			
Excited State 4:	Singlet-A	2.9326 eV	422.77 nm	f=0.0611
156 ->161	0.13060			
157 ->160	0.43283			
158 ->160	0.26125			
159 ->161	-0.37493			
Excited State 5:	Singlet-A	3.2248 eV	384.47 nm	f=0.4103
157 ->161	0.65471			
158 ->161	-0.12155			
Excited State 6:	Singlet-A	3.2841 eV	377.53 nm	f=0.1067
155 ->160	0.15621			
156 ->161	-0.14230			
157 ->160	0.51926			
158 ->160	-0.23397			
159 ->161	0.21287			
Excited State 7:	Singlet-A	3.4855 eV	355.72 nm	f=0.1851
155 ->161	-0.36692			
156 ->160	0.54770			

Excited State 8:	Singlet-A	3.5105 eV	353.18 nm	f=0.0151
155 ->160	0.47505			
156 ->161	-0.40630			
158 ->160	0.11147			
159 ->161	-0.12519			
Excited State 9:	Singlet-A	3.7112 eV	334.08 nm	f=0.0231
154 ->160	0.53264			
155 ->161	0.35774			
156 ->160	0.24203			
Excited State 10:	Singlet-A	3.7179 eV	333.48 nm	f=0.0175
154 ->161	0.44675			
155 ->160	0.32671			
156 ->161	0.40630			
Excited State 11:	Singlet-A	3.8315 eV	323.59 nm	f=0.0054
154 ->160	-0.43636			
155 ->161	0.45211			
156 ->160	0.31710			
Excited State 12:	Singlet-A	3.8462 eV	322.36 nm	f=0.0031
154 ->161	0.52089			
155 ->160	-0.33840			
156 ->161	-0.32663			
Excited State 13:	Singlet-A	4.8534 eV	255.46 nm	f=0.0005
152 ->161	-0.36605			
153 ->160	0.59607			
Excited State 14:	Singlet-A	4.8623 eV	254.99 nm	f=0.0006
152 ->160	0.52739			
153 ->161	-0.46783			
Excited State 15:	Singlet-A	5.0277 eV	246.60 nm	f=0.0128
152 ->161	0.54880			
153 ->160	0.29144			
158 ->163	0.14216			
159 ->162	-0.18658			
Excited State 16:	Singlet-A	5.0358 eV	246.21 nm	f=0.0824
152 ->160	0.39658			
153 ->161	0.46587			
158 ->162	0.18477			
159 ->163	-0.16201			
Excited State 17:	Singlet-A	5.2155 eV	237.72 nm	f=0.0006
150 ->161	-0.45647			
151 ->160	0.52461			
Excited State 18:	Singlet-A	5.2181 eV	237.60 nm	f=0.0000
150 ->160	0.51150			
151 ->161	-0.46828			
Excited State 19:	Singlet-A	5.5320 eV	224.12 nm	f=0.0001
149 ->160	0.53299			
150 ->161	-0.30291			
151 ->160	-0.33375			
Excited State 20:	Singlet-A	5.5783 eV	222.26 nm	f=0.0004
149 ->161	0.47217			
150 ->160	-0.29995			
151 ->161	-0.41657			
<b><i>syn-7, HOMO: 151; LUMO: 152</i></b>				
Excited State 1:	Singlet-A	2.1893 eV	566.32 nm	f=1.2907
151 ->152	0.59919			

This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.

Excited State	2:	Singlet-A	2.2406 eV	553.36 nm	f=0.0451
150 ->152		0.25165			
151 ->153		0.63318			
Excited State	3:	Singlet-A	2.8397 eV	436.61 nm	f=0.1228
148 ->152		0.12145			
150 ->152		0.56141			
151 ->153		-0.12525			
151 ->154		-0.27611			
Excited State	4:	Singlet-A	3.0189 eV	410.69 nm	f=0.0137
149 ->152		0.11031			
150 ->153		0.65055			
Excited State	5:	Singlet-A	3.2134 eV	385.84 nm	f=0.0088
148 ->152		0.55714			
149 ->153		0.15576			
151 ->154		0.35244			
Excited State	6:	Singlet-A	3.2539 eV	381.03 nm	f=0.0162
148 ->153		0.17221			
149 ->152		0.64587			
150 ->153		-0.10882			
Excited State	7:	Singlet-A	3.4693 eV	357.38 nm	f=0.2317
147 ->152		0.21319			
148 ->152		-0.34347			
150 ->152		0.17309			
151 ->154		0.45466			
Excited State	8:	Singlet-A	3.7069 eV	334.47 nm	f=0.0444
148 ->153		0.66088			
149 ->152		-0.19927			
150 ->154		-0.10164			
Excited State	9:	Singlet-A	3.7266 eV	332.70 nm	f=0.0469
147 ->152		-0.12204			
148 ->152		-0.15817			
149 ->153		0.66583			
Excited State	10:	Singlet-A	3.8645 eV	320.83 nm	f=0.2249
146 ->152		0.14823			
148 ->153		0.10196			
150 ->154		0.66228			
Excited State	11:	Singlet-A	3.9003 eV	317.88 nm	f=0.0215
147 ->152		0.62902			
149 ->153		0.10179			
151 ->154		-0.16412			
Excited State	12:	Singlet-A	4.0944 eV	302.81 nm	f=0.3227
146 ->152		-0.30084			
147 ->153		0.60242			
Excited State	13:	Singlet-A	4.2558 eV	291.33 nm	f=0.0029
146 ->152		0.55765			
147 ->153		0.25538			
147 ->154		-0.22130			
150 ->154		-0.11633			
Excited State	14:	Singlet-A	4.5342 eV	273.44 nm	f=0.0088
145 ->152		-0.17860			
146 ->153		0.65987			

Excited State 15:	Singlet-A	4.7282 eV	262.22 nm	f=0.0095
149 ->154	0.69497			
Excited State 16:	Singlet-A	4.7359 eV	261.80 nm	f=0.0120
148 ->154	0.68897			
Excited State 17:	Singlet-A	4.9549 eV	250.23 nm	f=0.0522
145 ->152	0.63076			
146 ->153	0.12131			
150 ->155	-0.10789			
151 ->157	-0.16353			
Excited State 18:	Singlet-A	5.1060 eV	242.82 nm	f=0.0896
144 ->152	0.16520			
145 ->153	0.45646			
147 ->154	0.31956			
151 ->155	0.36269			
Excited State 19:	Singlet-A	5.1607 eV	240.25 nm	f=0.0634
144 ->152	-0.30575			
145 ->153	0.42059			
146 ->152	-0.10043			
147 ->154	-0.37981			
151 ->156	-0.22363			
Excited State 20:	Singlet-A	5.2992 eV	233.97 nm	f=0.0002
142 ->153	-0.25498			
143 ->152	0.63111			

**anti-7, HOMO: 151; LUMO: 152**

Excited State 1: Singlet-A 1.9399 eV 639.13 nm f=1.0350  
151 ->152 0.59308

This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.

Excited State 2:	Singlet-A	2.3966 eV	517.33 nm	f=0.0000
150 ->152	0.52544			
151 ->153	-0.47088			
Excited State 3:	Singlet-A	2.8726 eV	431.61 nm	f=0.0005
148 ->152	0.28791			
149 ->152	0.13041			
150 ->152	0.33593			
150 ->154	-0.10501			
151 ->153	0.39159			
Excited State 4:	Singlet-A	3.0350 eV	408.52 nm	f=0.0806
148 ->152	-0.16277			
149 ->152	0.49336			
151 ->154	0.42139			
Excited State 5:	Singlet-A	3.1097 eV	398.71 nm	f=0.3511
147 ->152	0.12265			
149 ->152	-0.41424			
151 ->154	0.49724			
Excited State 6:	Singlet-A	3.1557 eV	392.89 nm	f=0.0024
148 ->152	0.58365			
149 ->152	0.14541			
150 ->152	-0.14669			
150 ->154	0.11288			
151 ->153	-0.19172			
Excited State 7:	Singlet-A	3.3388 eV	371.34 nm	f=0.4700
147 ->152	-0.18176			
150 ->153	0.63741			

Excited State 8:	Singlet-A	3.7526 eV	330.40 nm	f=0.2497
147 ->152	0.62297			
150 ->153	0.15239			
151 ->154	-0.11338			
Excited State 9:	Singlet-A	3.7965 eV	326.58 nm	f=0.0001
149 ->153	0.12964			
150 ->154	0.65393			
Excited State 10:	Singlet-A	3.9882 eV	310.87 nm	f=0.0048
149 ->153	0.65923			
150 ->154	-0.12875			
Excited State 11:	Singlet-A	4.0253 eV	308.01 nm	f=0.0821
146 ->152	-0.16279			
148 ->153	0.64665			
Excited State 12:	Singlet-A	4.0367 eV	307.14 nm	f=0.1203
146 ->152	0.62238			
147 ->154	0.14685			
148 ->153	0.18889			
Excited State 13:	Singlet-A	4.3072 eV	287.85 nm	f=0.0000
147 ->153	0.68326			
Excited State 14:	Singlet-A	4.6195 eV	268.39 nm	f=0.0056
145 ->152	0.46608			
146 ->153	-0.21310			
148 ->154	0.16672			
149 ->154	0.43116			
Excited State 15:	Singlet-A	4.6252 eV	268.06 nm	f=0.0135
145 ->152	-0.38797			
146 ->153	0.18586			
149 ->154	0.53998			
Excited State 16:	Singlet-A	4.6486 eV	266.71 nm	f=0.0051
145 ->152	-0.12606			
148 ->154	0.67715			
Excited State 17:	Singlet-A	4.8519 eV	255.54 nm	f=0.0001
145 ->152	0.21854			
146 ->153	0.59885			
151 ->155	0.20536			
Excited State 18:	Singlet-A	5.0200 eV	246.98 nm	f=0.1081
144 ->152	0.46936			
146 ->152	-0.10250			
147 ->154	0.43312			
151 ->156	0.21670			
Excited State 19:	Singlet-A	5.1434 eV	241.05 nm	f=0.0003
142 ->153	-0.16010			
143 ->152	0.67056			
Excited State 20:	Singlet-A	5.2157 eV	237.71 nm	f=0.0216
142 ->152	0.58895			
143 ->153	-0.17237			
144 ->152	0.20535			
147 ->154	-0.16884			
151 ->157	0.10092			

***syn-9, HOMO: 145; LUMO: 146***

Excited State 1: Singlet-A 1.9858 eV 624.34 nm f=1.3464  
145 ->146 0.59412

This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.

Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.

Excited State	2:	Singlet-A	2.0183 eV	614.31 nm	f=0.0512
144 ->146		-0.25822			
145 ->147		0.62565			
Excited State	3:	Singlet-A	2.6576 eV	466.53 nm	f=0.1837
144 ->146		0.54990			
145 ->147		0.11435			
145 ->148		-0.33052			
Excited State	4:	Singlet-A	2.7923 eV	444.03 nm	f=0.0442
144 ->147		0.65821			
Excited State	5:	Singlet-A	3.0683 eV	404.09 nm	f=0.0989
140 ->146		0.11187			
144 ->146		0.21126			
145 ->148		0.56584			
Excited State	6:	Singlet-A	3.4639 eV	357.93 nm	f=0.0077
141 ->146		0.10123			
142 ->146		0.20375			
145 ->149		0.64276			
Excited State	7:	Singlet-A	3.5747 eV	346.84 nm	f=0.0019
141 ->147		-0.10937			
142 ->147		-0.10951			
143 ->146		0.47371			
145 ->150		0.47173			
Excited State	8:	Singlet-A	3.5810 eV	346.22 nm	f=0.0881
142 ->146		0.19164			
144 ->148		0.65902			
Excited State	9:	Singlet-A	3.7125 eV	333.97 nm	f=0.0375
141 ->146		0.56231			
142 ->146		0.24539			
143 ->147		-0.22020			
145 ->149		-0.19271			
Excited State	10:	Singlet-A	3.7747 eV	328.46 nm	f=0.1813
143 ->146		-0.45958			
145 ->150		0.46889			
Excited State	11:	Singlet-A	3.8278 eV	323.90 nm	f=0.0872
140 ->147		0.19866			
141 ->146		-0.23507			
142 ->146		0.54437			
143 ->147		0.13638			
144 ->148		-0.15281			
145 ->149		-0.10362			
Excited State	12:	Singlet-A	3.8457 eV	322.40 nm	f=0.0100
140 ->146		0.65911			
141 ->147		0.15730			
Excited State	13:	Singlet-A	3.9883 eV	310.87 nm	f=0.2307
140 ->147		0.34924			
141 ->146		0.25237			
143 ->147		0.49233			
Excited State	14:	Singlet-A	4.1094 eV	301.71 nm	f=0.0237
141 ->147		-0.22120			
142 ->147		0.62560			
144 ->149		0.12417			
Excited State	15:	Singlet-A	4.1415 eV	299.37 nm	f=0.0204
140 ->146		-0.14699			

141 ->147	0.62421
142 ->147	0.21841
143 ->146	0.16184
Excited State 16:	Singlet-A      4.1724 eV    297.15 nm    f=0.0169
140 ->147	0.52701
141 ->146	-0.12359
142 ->146	-0.12329
143 ->147	-0.40291
Excited State 17:	Singlet-A      4.2216 eV    293.69 nm    f=0.0103
139 ->146	0.65598
144 ->149	0.13643
Excited State 18:	Singlet-A      4.3776 eV    283.22 nm    f=0.1548
139 ->146	-0.12164
142 ->147	-0.11461
144 ->149	0.65198
Excited State 19:	Singlet-A      4.4667 eV    277.58 nm    f=0.0003
138 ->146	0.13746
139 ->147	-0.37137
144 ->150	0.55492
Excited State 20:	Singlet-A      4.5217 eV    274.20 nm    f=0.0803
138 ->146	-0.22764
139 ->147	0.48441
140 ->147	0.10345
140 ->148	0.14332
144 ->150	0.37307
<b>anti-9, HOMO: 145; LUMO: 146</b>	
Excited State 1:	Singlet-A      1.7631 eV    703.21 nm    f=1.1956
145 ->146	0.58401
This state for optimization and/or second-order correction.	
Copying the excited state density for this state as the 1-particle RhoCI density.	
Excited State 2:	Singlet-A      2.1593 eV    574.19 nm    f=0.0000
144 ->146	0.49465
145 ->147	0.50546
Excited State 3:	Singlet-A      2.6958 eV    459.91 nm    f=0.0000
144 ->146	0.40898
145 ->147	-0.39048
Excited State 4:	Singlet-A      2.8615 eV    433.28 nm    f=0.3398
142 ->146	0.10754
145 ->148	0.65843
Excited State 5:	Singlet-A      3.0604 eV    405.12 nm    f=0.3121
140 ->146	-0.11168
144 ->147	0.65698
Excited State 6:	Singlet-A      3.4314 eV    361.32 nm    f=0.0083
141 ->147	-0.10110
143 ->146	0.52895
145 ->149	0.42704
Excited State 7:	Singlet-A      3.4726 eV    357.04 nm    f=0.0000
141 ->146	0.49046
143 ->147	-0.11286
145 ->150	-0.46486
Excited State 8:	Singlet-A      3.5601 eV    348.26 nm    f=0.0000
144 ->148	0.65090
145 ->150	0.16561

Excited State 9:	Singlet-A	3.5740 eV	346.91 nm	f=0.3632
142 ->146	-0.34168			
143 ->146	-0.33690			
145 ->149	0.47610			
Excited State 10:	Singlet-A	3.6175 eV	342.74 nm	f=0.0000
141 ->146	0.46306			
144 ->148	-0.17789			
145 ->150	0.45604			
Excited State 11:	Singlet-A	3.6494 eV	339.74 nm	f=0.0495
140 ->146	-0.21163			
142 ->146	0.54112			
143 ->146	-0.23488			
145 ->149	0.21740			
Excited State 12:	Singlet-A	3.7254 eV	332.81 nm	f=0.1394
140 ->146	0.62154			
142 ->146	0.16231			
Excited State 13:	Singlet-A	4.0355 eV	307.24 nm	f=0.0000
139 ->146	0.66370			
140 ->147	-0.10353			
Excited State 14:	Singlet-A	4.1352 eV	299.82 nm	f=0.0000
140 ->147	-0.45254			
142 ->147	0.16864			
143 ->147	0.47000			
144 ->149	-0.10508			
Excited State 15:	Singlet-A	4.3192 eV	287.06 nm	f=0.0000
137 ->146	-0.11116			
140 ->147	-0.11699			
142 ->147	0.55384			
143 ->147	-0.24790			
144 ->149	0.27122			
Excited State 16:	Singlet-A	4.3528 eV	284.84 nm	f=0.0213
141 ->147	0.59326			
143 ->146	0.11076			
144 ->150	0.32215			
Excited State 17:	Singlet-A	4.3929 eV	282.23 nm	f=0.0000
140 ->147	0.46646			
141 ->146	0.11087			
142 ->147	0.32827			
143 ->147	0.27332			
144 ->149	-0.23793			
Excited State 18:	Singlet-A	4.4337 eV	279.64 nm	f=0.1897
141 ->147	-0.30440			
144 ->150	0.59128			
Excited State 19:	Singlet-A	4.4407 eV	279.20 nm	f=0.0000
140 ->147	0.17082			
143 ->147	0.30555			
144 ->149	0.56591			
Excited State 20:	Singlet-A	4.4871 eV	276.31 nm	f=0.1255
138 ->146	0.61206			
139 ->147	0.19318			
140 ->148	-0.15254			
141 ->147	-0.10919			

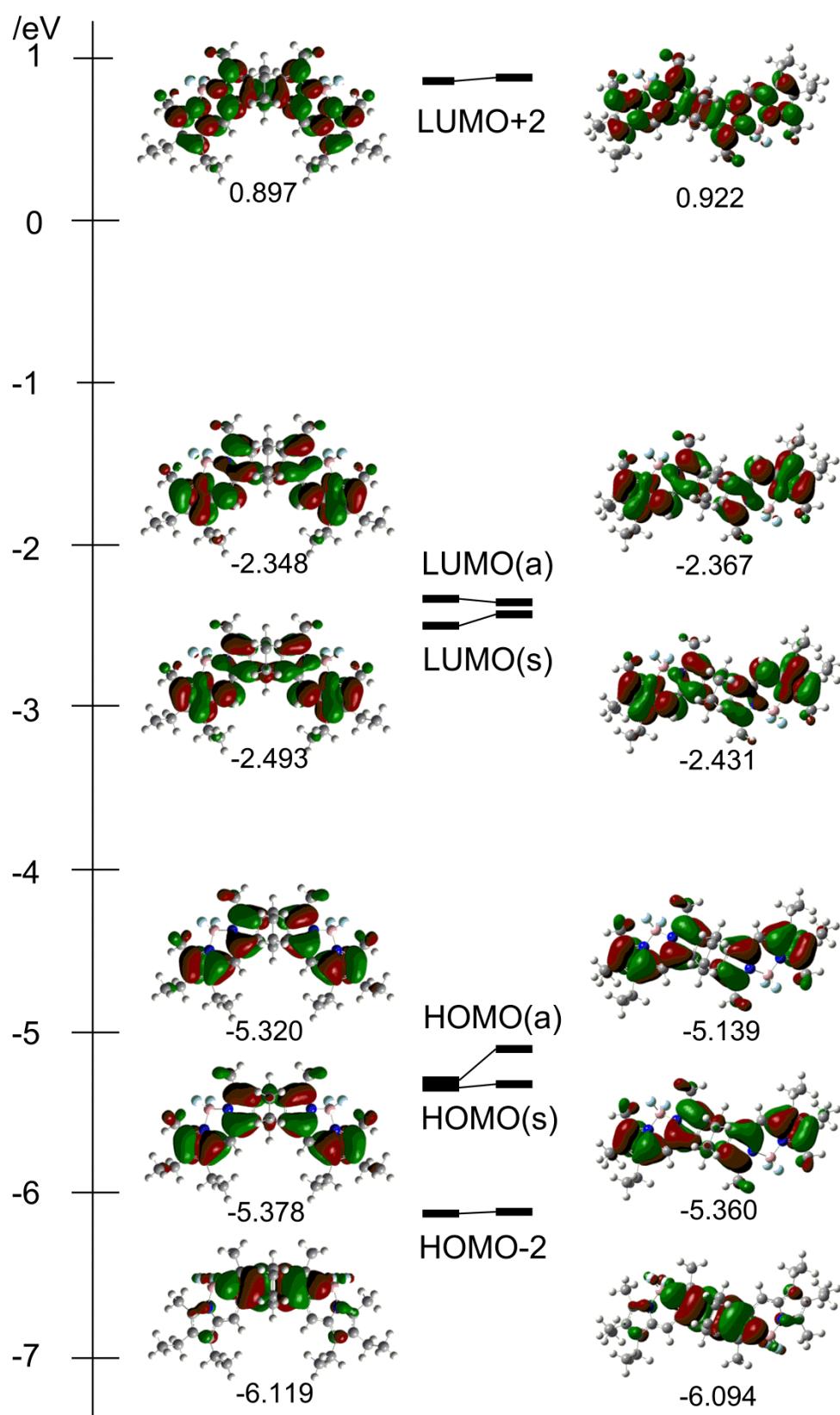


Figure S1. The calculated frontier orbitals of *syn*-6a (left) and *anti*-6a (right)

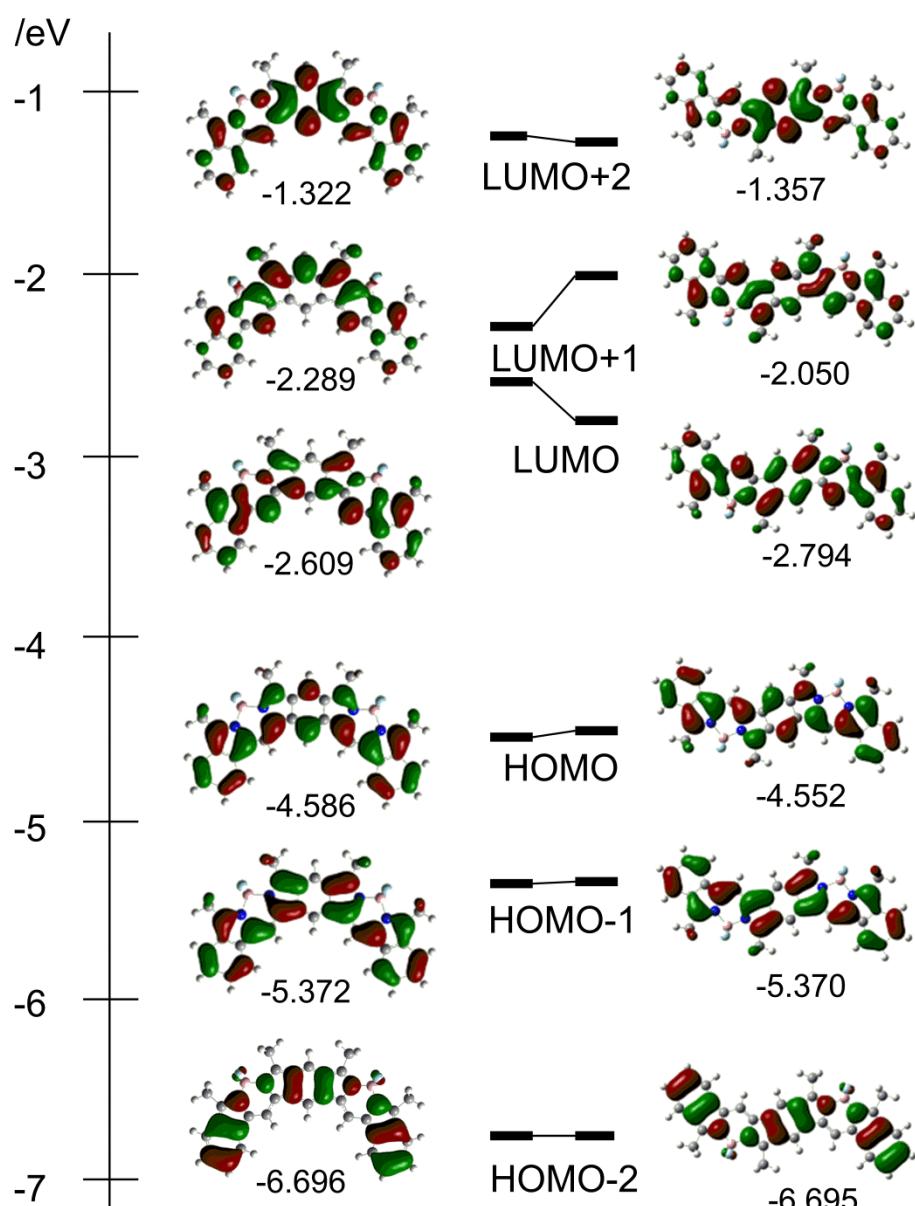
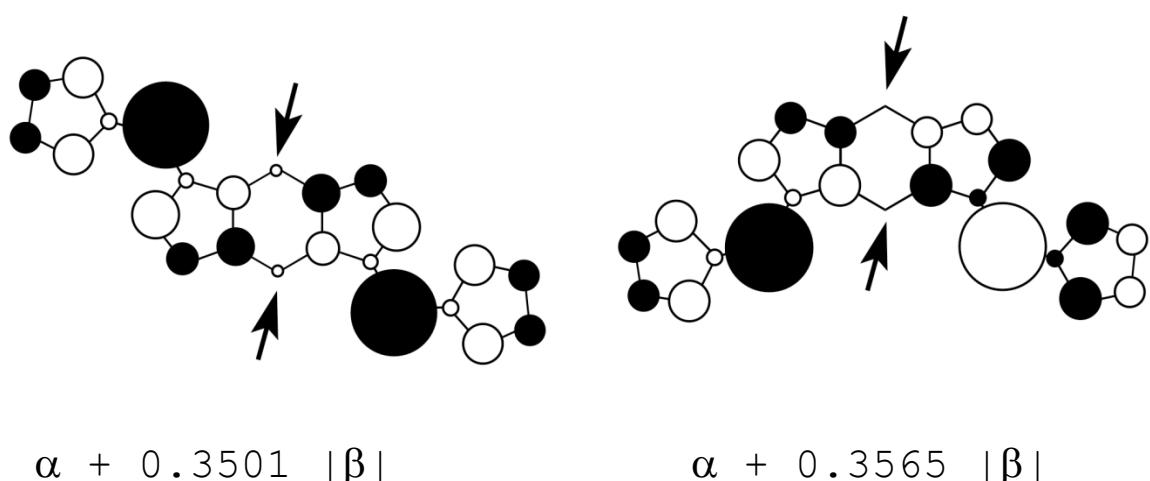


Figure S2. The calculated frontier orbitals of *syn*-9 (left) and *anti*-9 (right)

## Hückel-type calculation



**Figure S3.** The Hückel LUMOs of the *syn/anti* isomers of **7**. Only the atoms contained in the  $\pi$ -electron system are considered, and the nitrogen atoms are replaced by  $sp^2$  carbon atoms to emphasize the effect of topology. The presence and absence of the interaction between the LUMOs of the two BODIPY moieties are indicated by the AO coefficients of fused benzo atoms (marked with arrows). The orbital energy of the *anti* isomer is slightly lower than that of the *syn* isomer.