

Supporting Information For:

**Luminescent organogels based on triphenylamine functionalized
β-diketones and their difluoroboron complexes**

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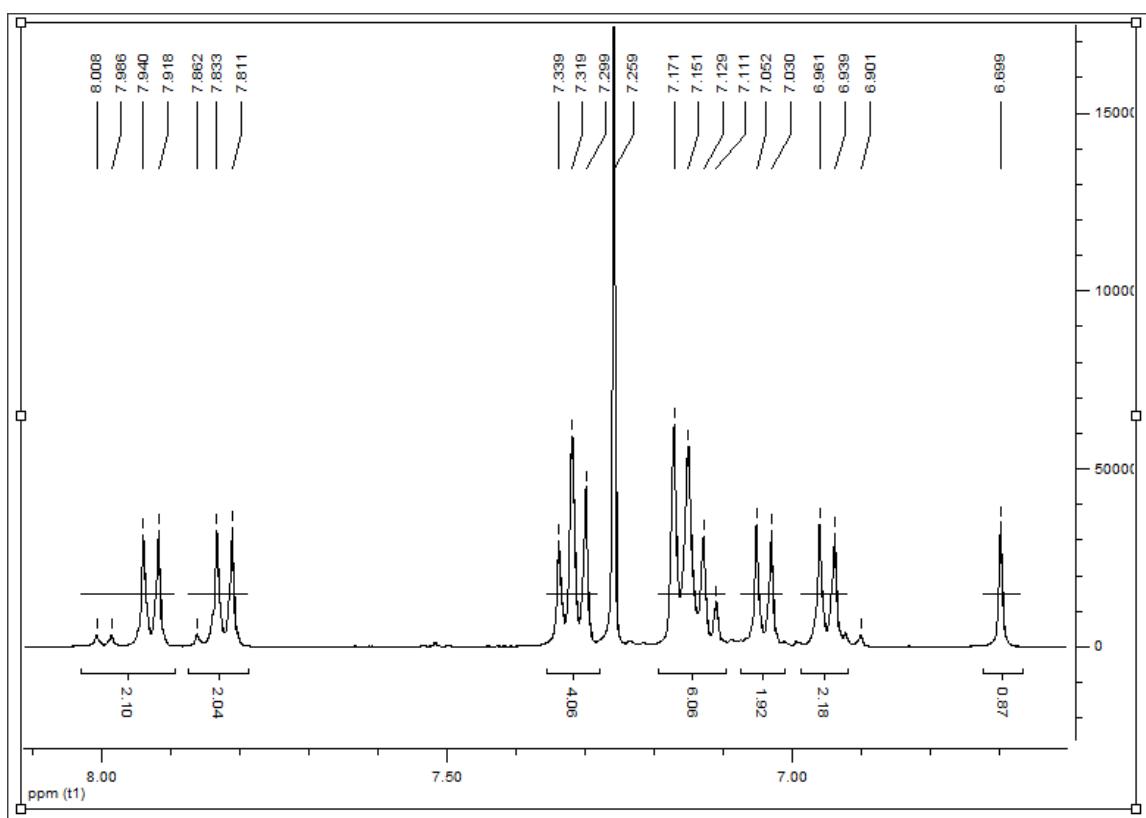
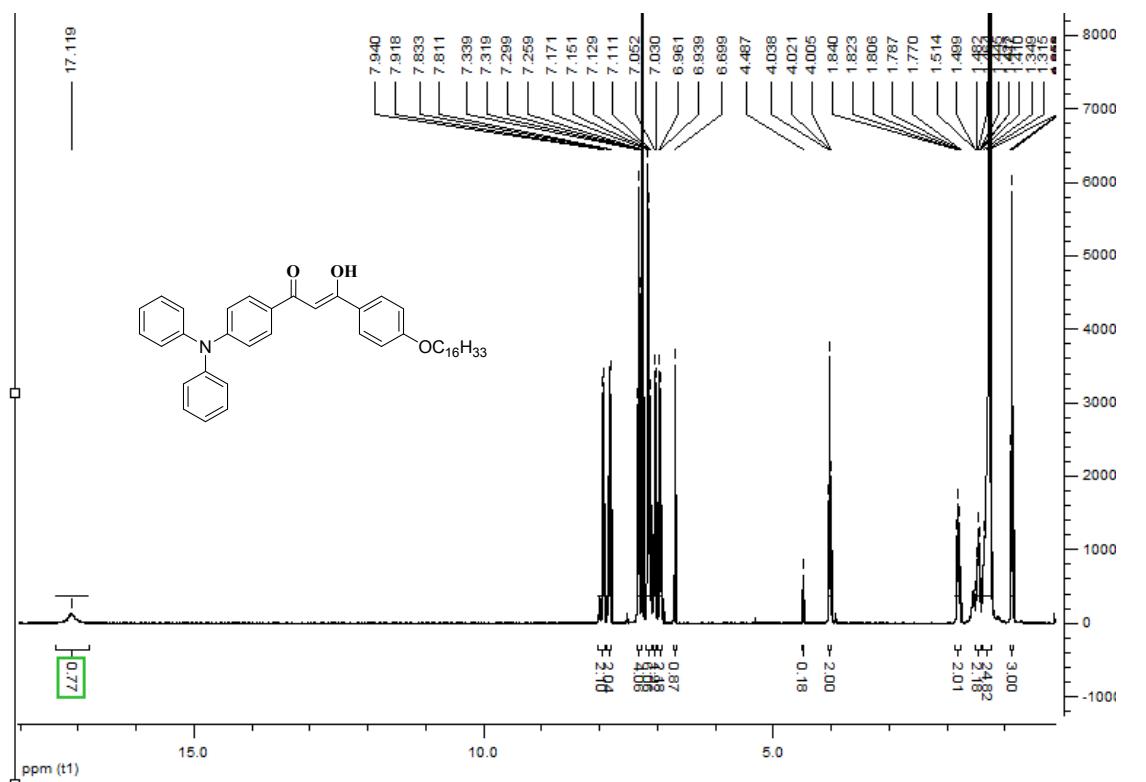


Fig. S1. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of compound **1**.

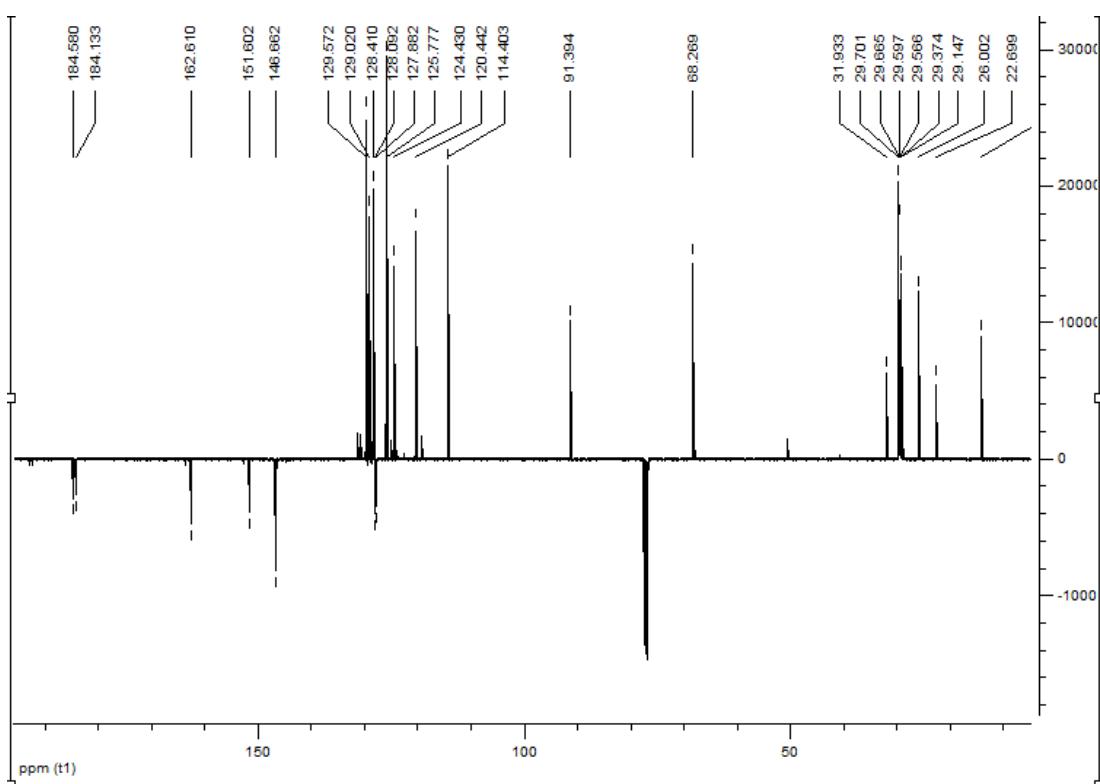


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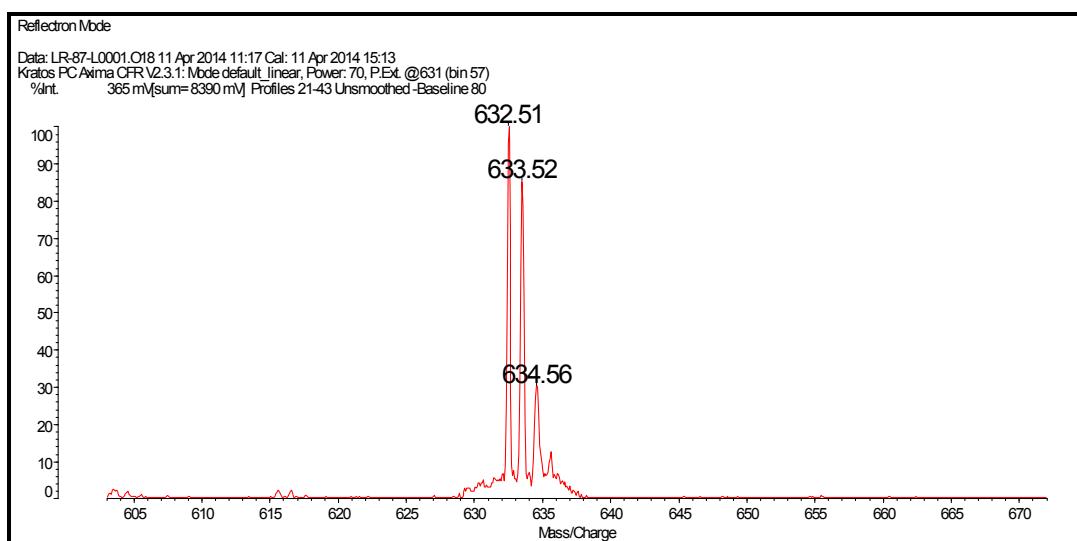


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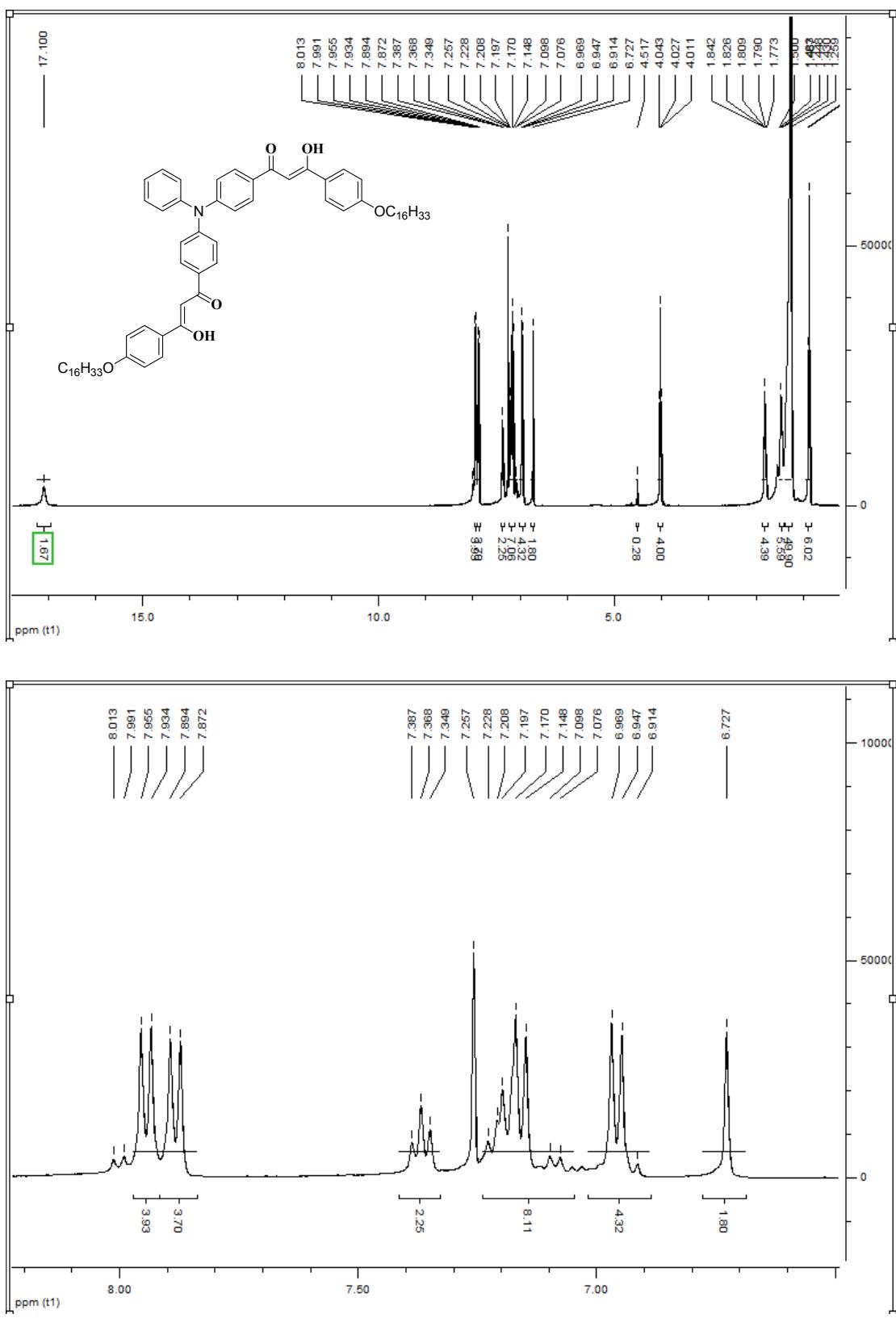


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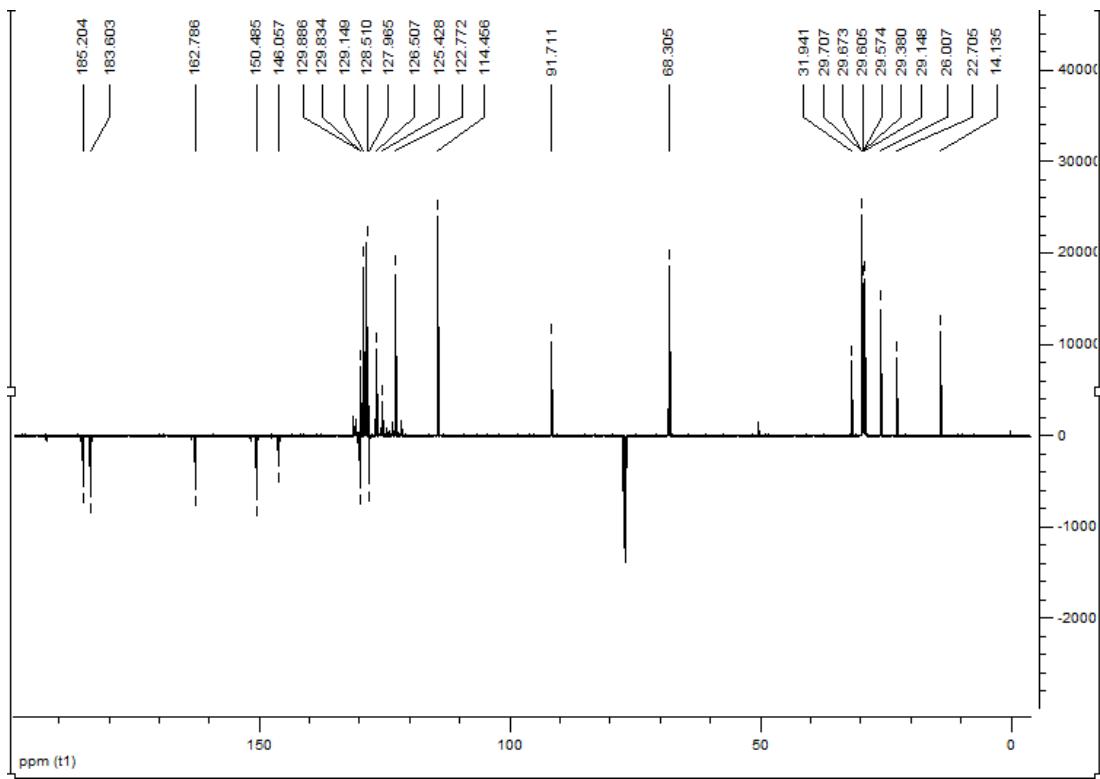


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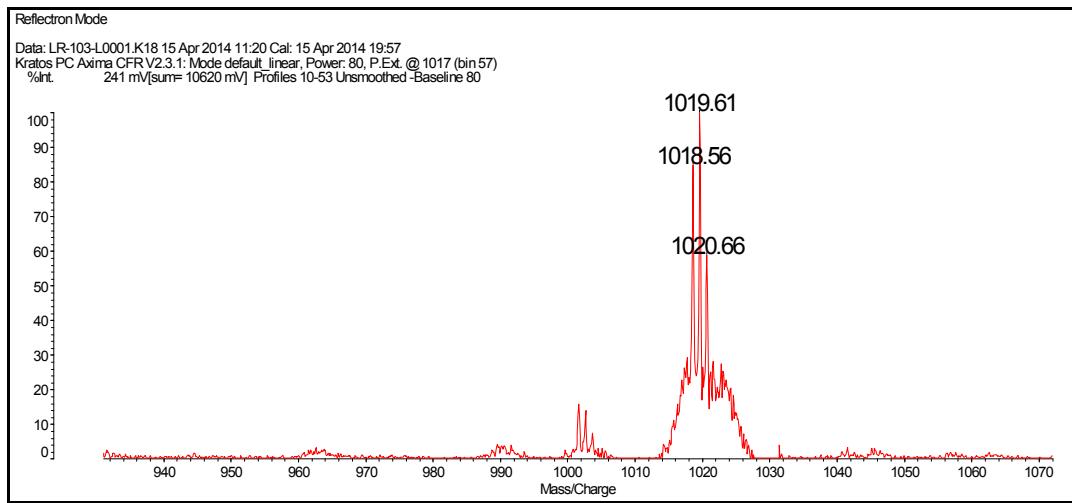


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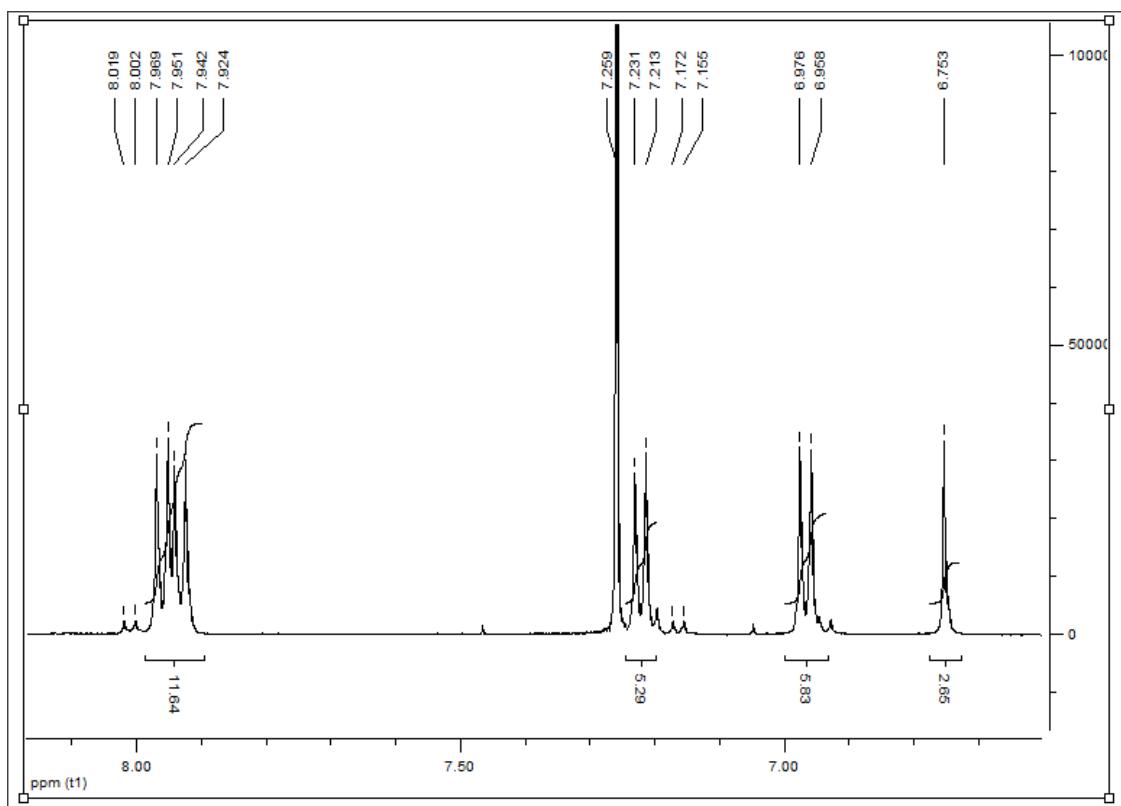
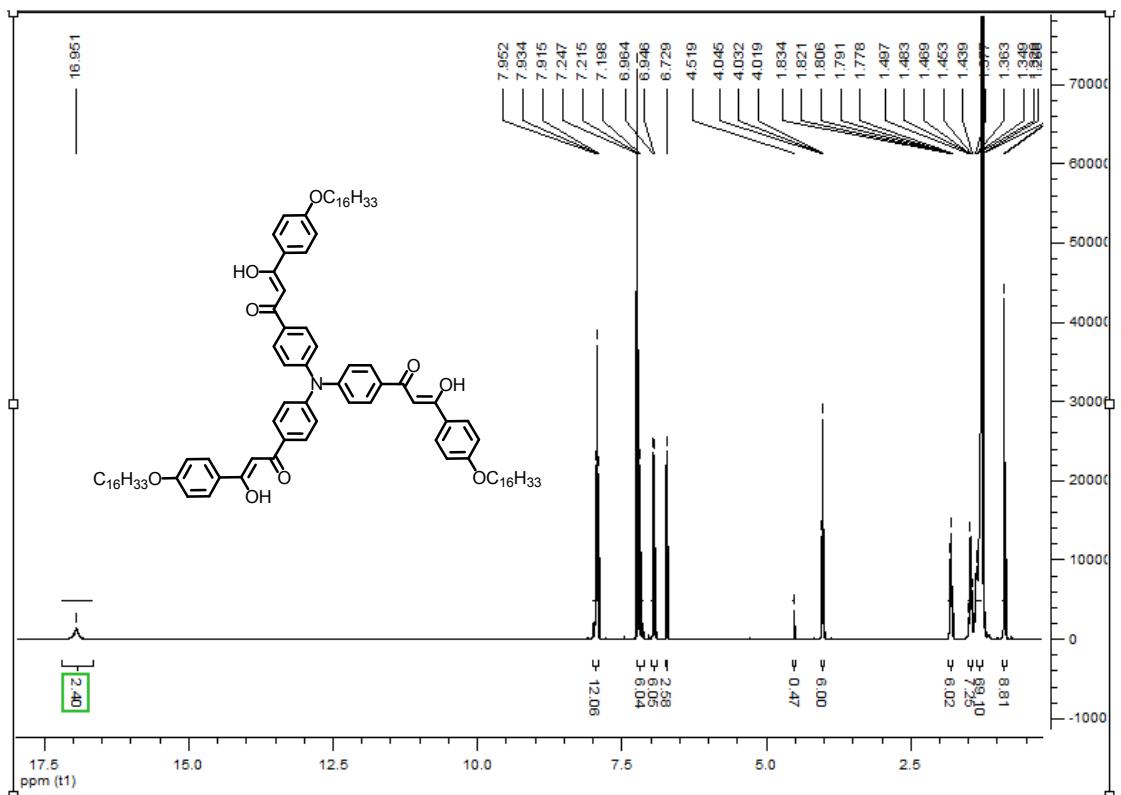


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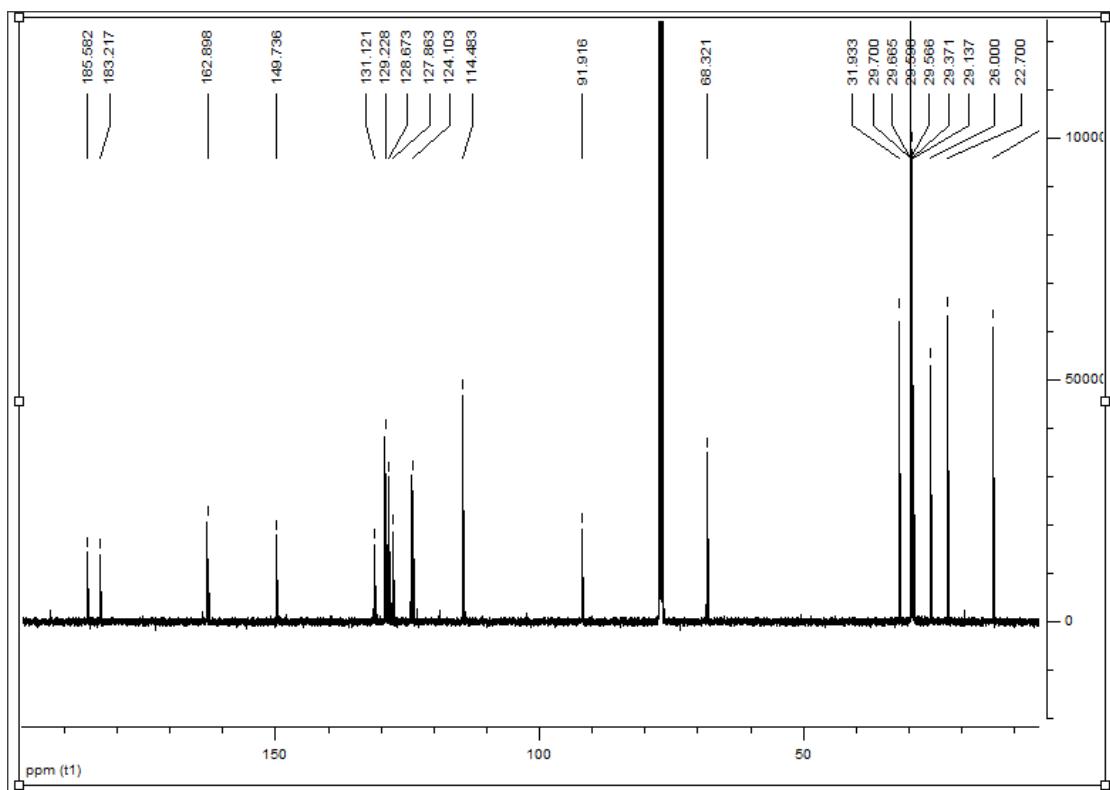


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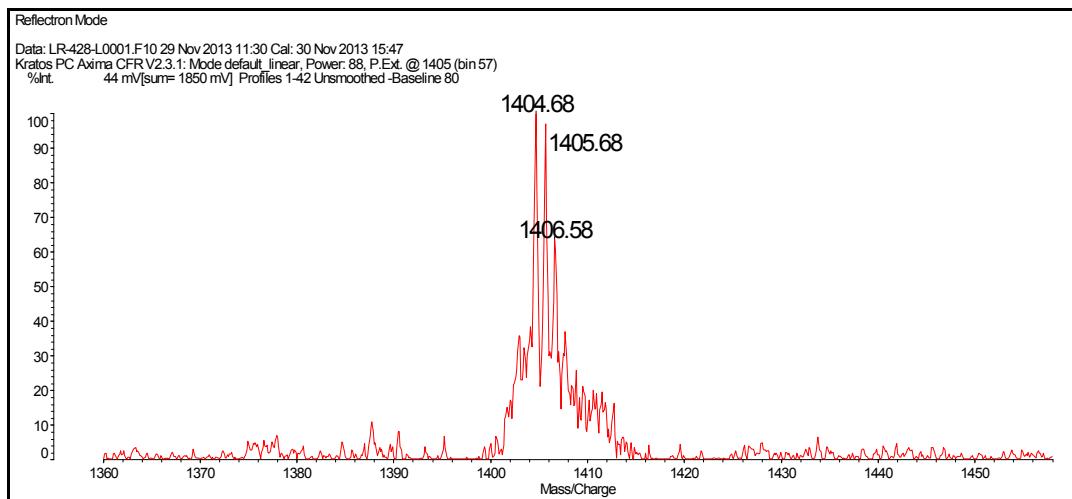


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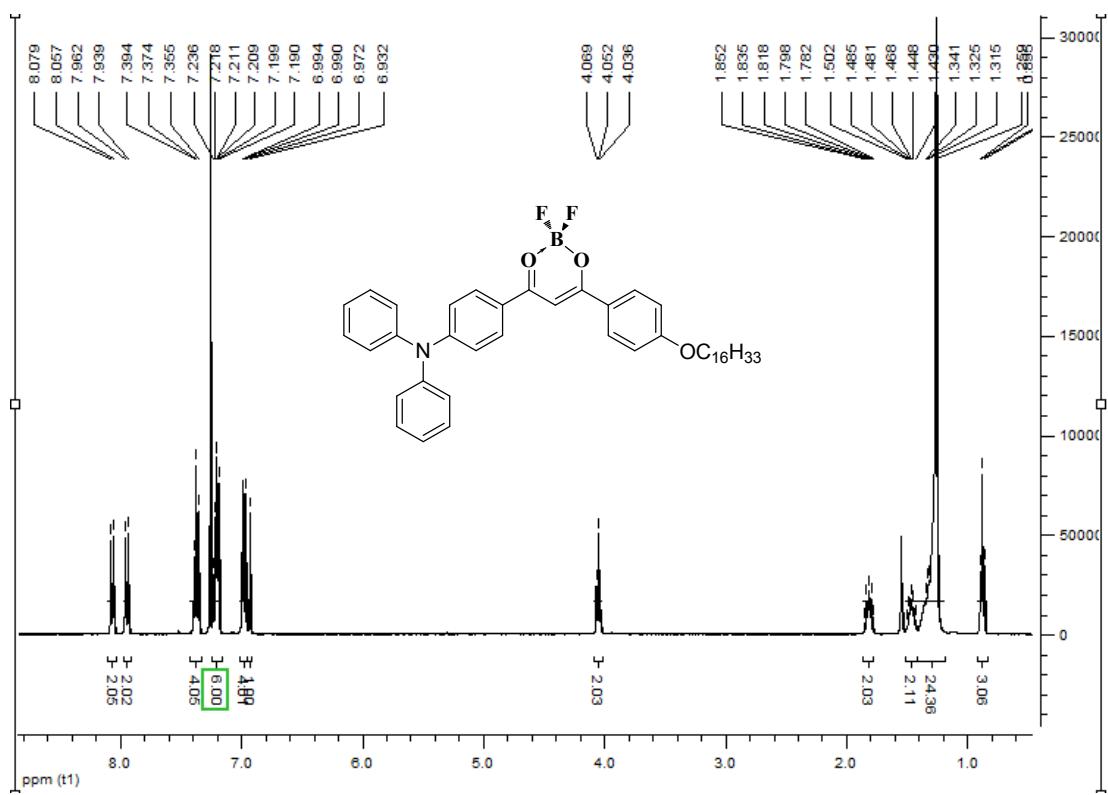


Fig. S10. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of compound 1B.

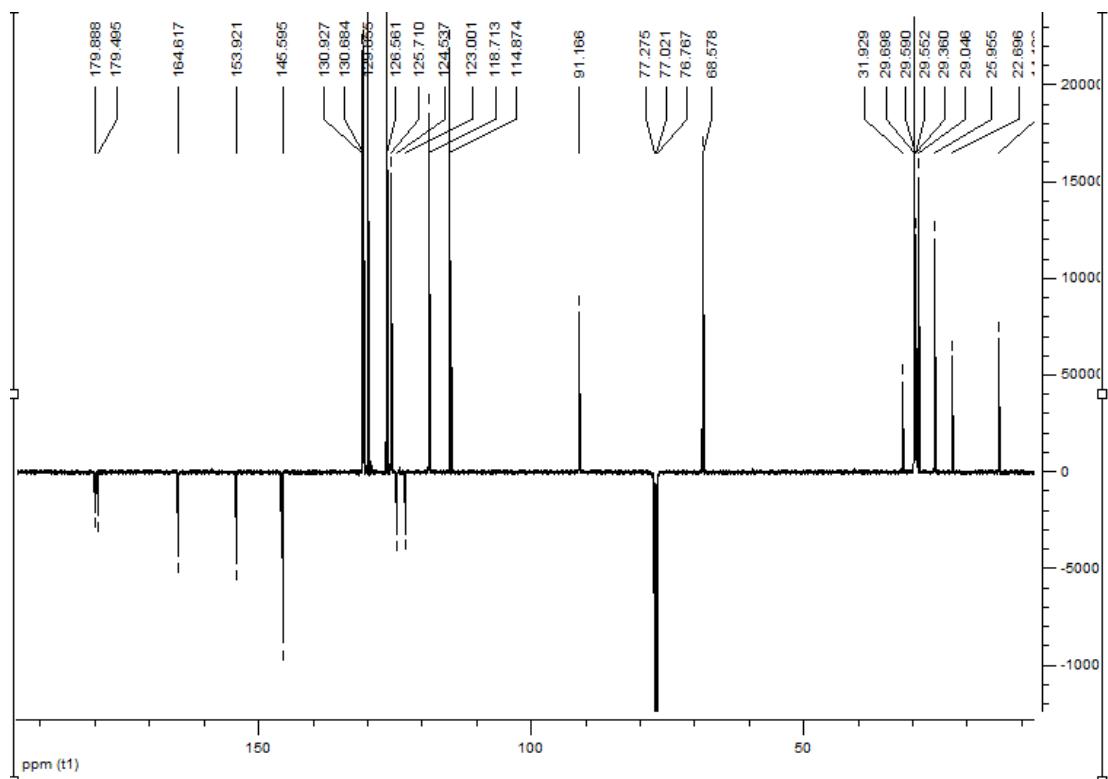


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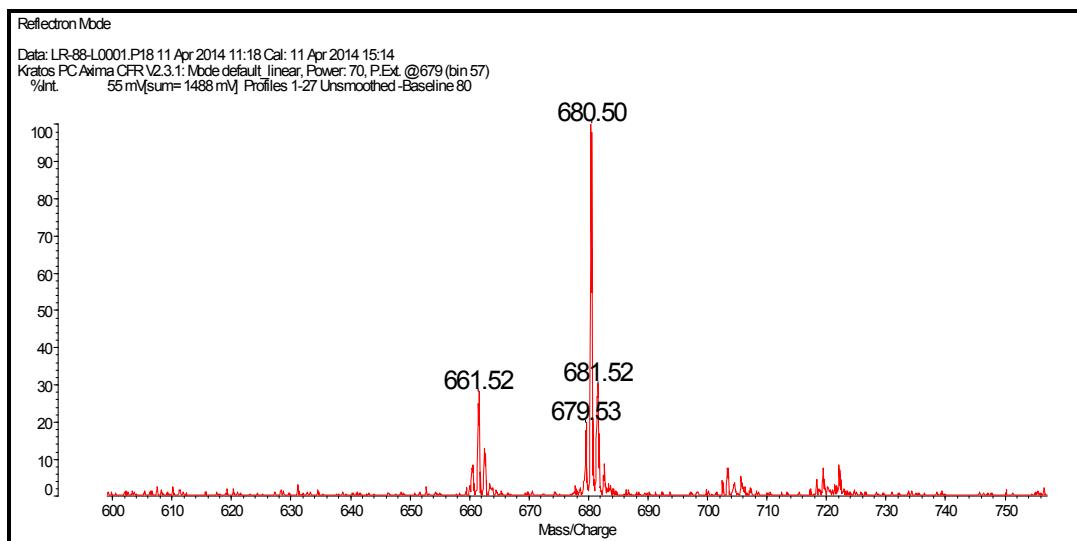


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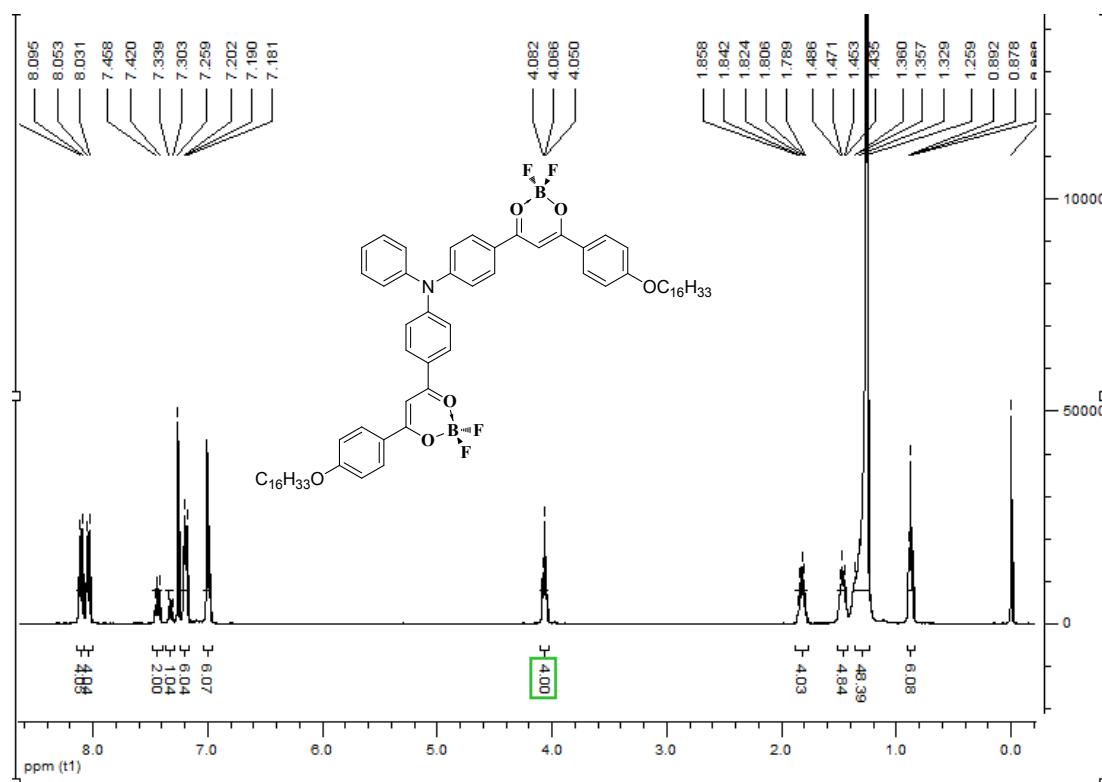


Fig. S13. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of compound **2B**.

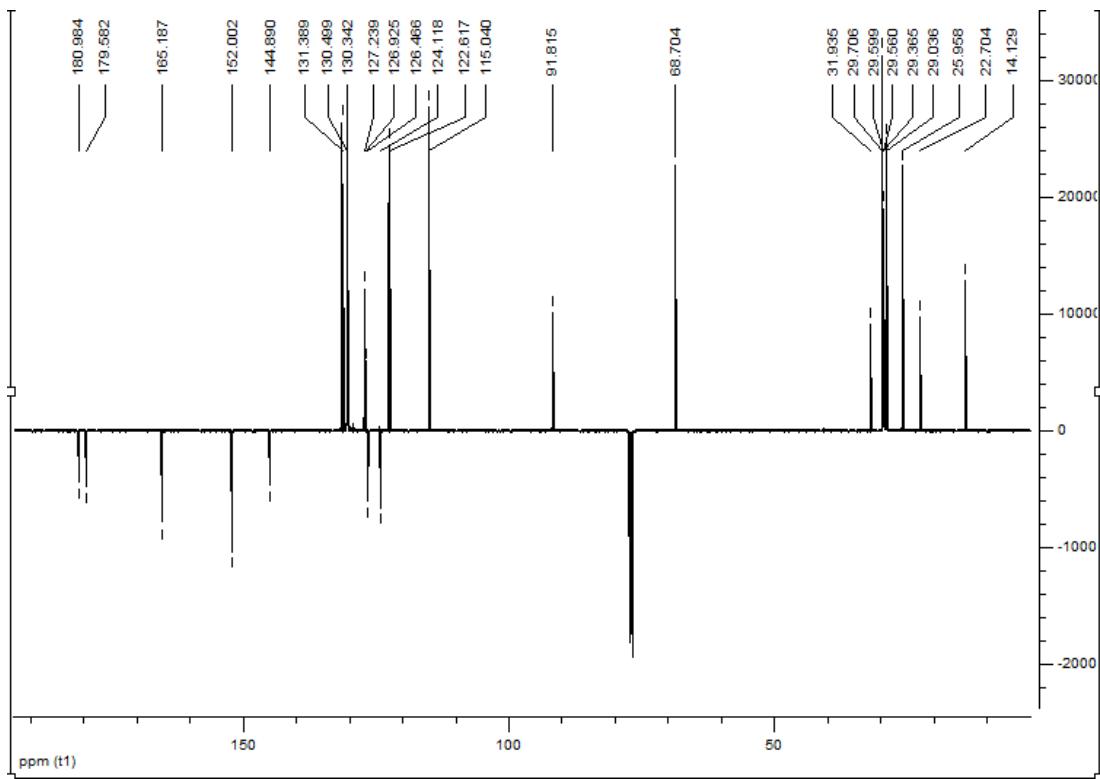


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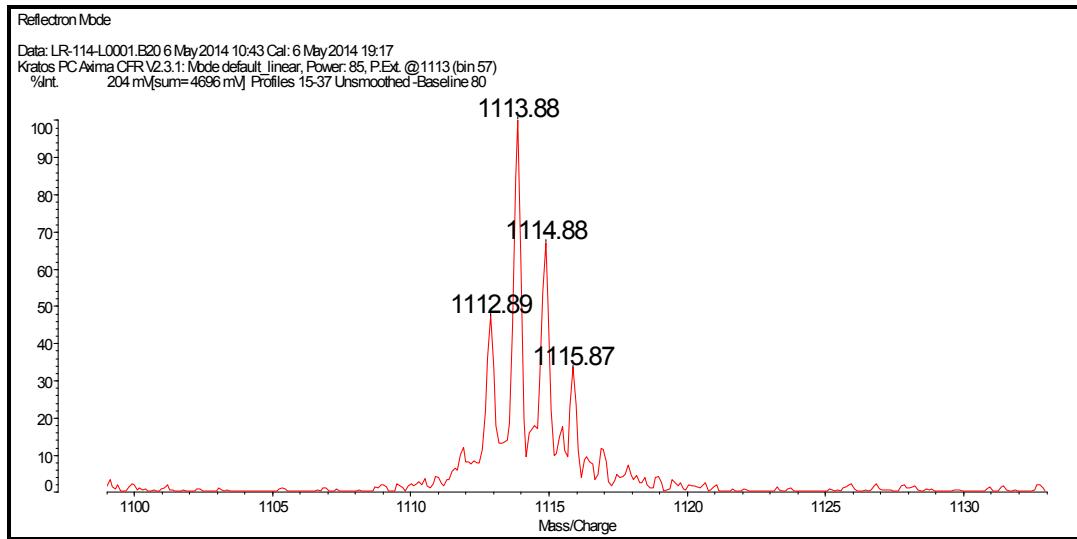


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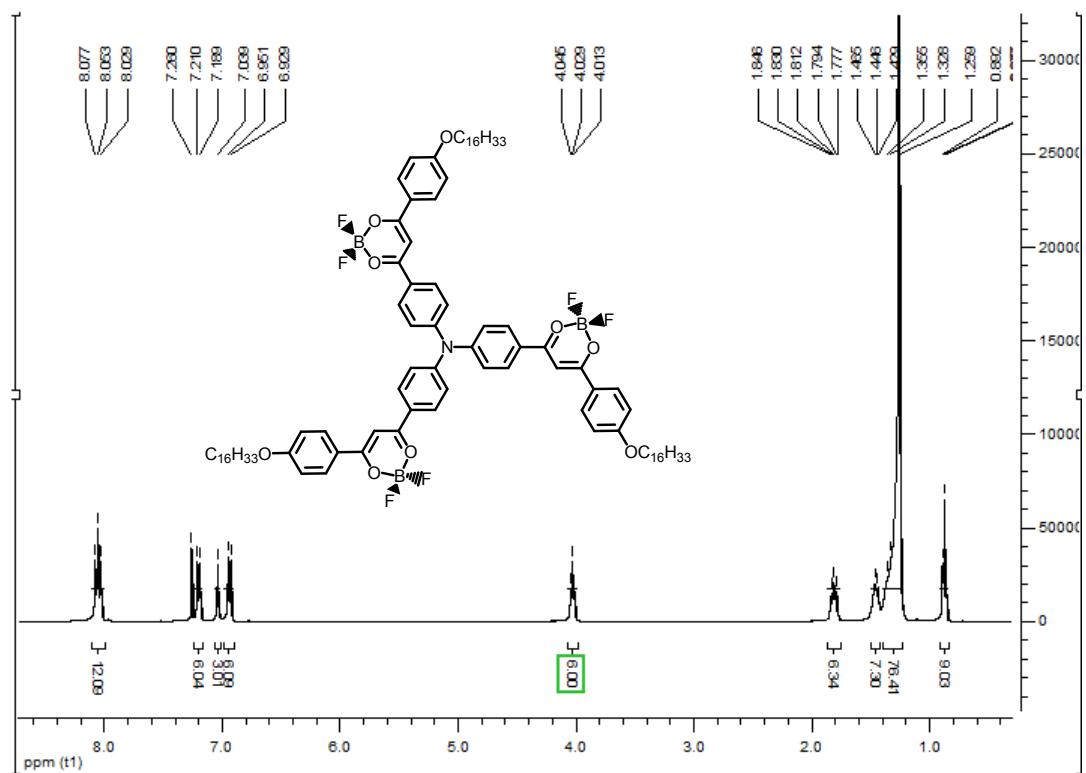


Fig. S16. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of compound **3B**.

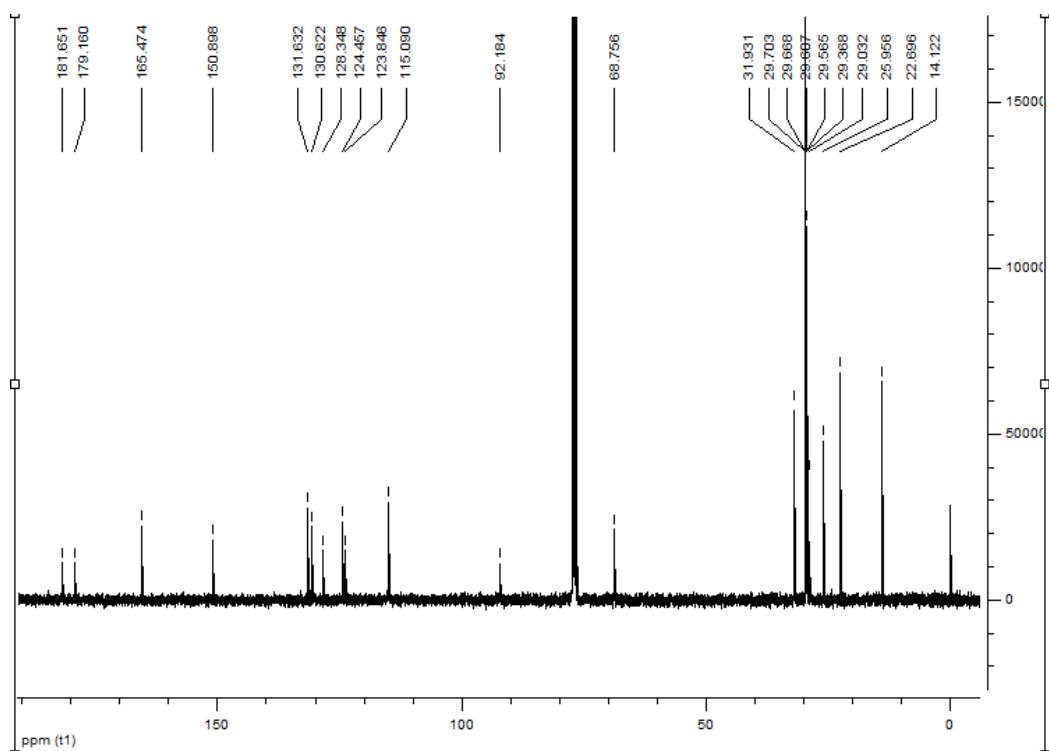


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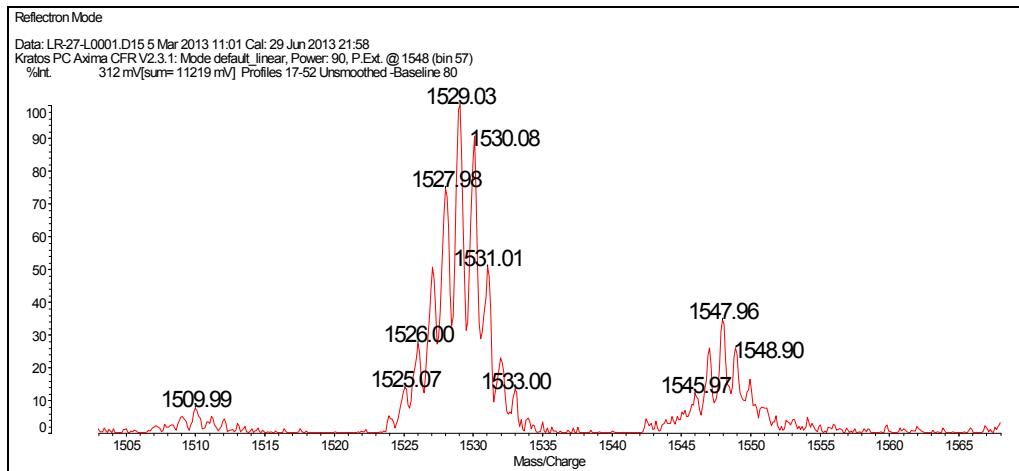


Fig. S18. MALDI/TOF MS spectrum of **3B**.

Table S1. Photophysical data of ligands **1-3** and complexes **1B-3B**.

Compound	in toluene			in solid state	
	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}^{\max}$ / nm ($\epsilon_{\text{max}}^{\text{a}}$)	λ_{em} / nm	Φ_f^b	$\lambda_{\text{em}}^{\text{c}}$ / nm	Φ_f^d
1	408 (4.22)	462	0.53	498	0.43
2	427 (6.40)	460	0.57	502	0.11
3	422 (10.28)	454	0.54	517	0.10
1B	467 (6.21)	547	0.60	616	0.25
2B	490 (8.99)	525	0.82	609	0.14
3B	479 (15.62)	510	0.76	604	0.66

^a M⁻¹ cm⁻¹, × 10⁴.

^b Determined by a standard method.^[1] For **1-3**, diphenylanthracene ($\Phi_f = 0.85$, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 390$ nm, in benzene) was used as reference.^[2] For **1B-3B**, fluorescein ($\Phi_f = 0.88$, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 460$ nm, in 0.1 N NaOH) was used as reference.^[3]

^c The films were obtained by dropping the solutions in dichloromethane (1.0 × 10⁻⁴ M) on quartz slide.

^d Measured using an integrating sphere.

Table S2. Photophysical data of **1-3** in different solvents.

Compound	Solvents	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}^{\text{max}}$ / nm ($\epsilon_{\text{max}}^{\text{a}}$)	λ_{em} / nm	stokes shift ^b / nm	fw hm/ nm	Φ_f^{c}
1	Toluene	408 (4.22)	457	49	52	0.53
	1,4-Dioxane	408 (4.51)	475	67	81	0.77
	DCM	412 (4.20)	523	111	129	0.57
	DMF	411 (3.62)	539	128	145	0.22
2	Toluene	427 (6.47)	460	33	68	0.57
	1,4-Dioxane	425 (6.40)	468	43	76	0.61
	DCM	430 (6.07)	498	68	106	0.59
	DMF	423 (5.52)	511	78	119	0.37
3	Toluene	422 (10.28)	454	32	53	0.54
	1,4-Dioxane	423 (10.19)	463	40	62	0.52
	DCM	426 (10.04)	488	63	88	0.59
	DMF	429 (7.50)	507	78	103	0.50

^a M⁻¹ cm⁻¹, × 10⁴.^b Calculated from the difference of λ_{em} and $\lambda_{\text{abs}}^{\text{max}}$.^c Fluorescence quantum yield determined by a standard method with diphenylanthracene in benzene ($\Phi_f = 0.85$, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 390$ nm) as reference.

Table S3. Photophysical data of **1B**-**3B** in different solvents.

Compound	Solvents	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}^{\max}$ / nm (ϵ_{max} ^a)	λ_{em} / nm	stokes shift ^b / nm	fw hm/ nm	Φ_f ^c
1B	Toluene	467 (6.21)	547	80	83	0.60
	1,4-Dioxane	466 (6.25)	576	110	112	0.40
	DCM	473 (6.35)	640	167	176	0.02
	DMF	473 (6.70)	-	-	-	-
2B	Toluene	490 (8.99)	525	35	44	0.82
	1,4-Dioxane	491 (9.73)	542	51	78	0.77
	DCM	502 (9.60)	571	69	107	0.41
	DMF	506 (9.23)	616	110	152	0.02
3B	Toluene	479 (15.62)	510	31	42	0.76
	1,4-Dioxane	481 (15.76)	526	45	52	0.71
	DCM	490 (15.28)	550	60	75	0.58
	DMF	498 (15.09)	590	92	96	0.18

^a M⁻¹ cm⁻¹, × 10⁴.^b Calculated from the difference of λ_{em} and $\lambda_{\text{abs}}^{\max}$.^c Fluorescence quantum yield determined by a standard method with Fluorescein in 0.1 N NaOH (Φ_f = 0.88, λ_{ex} = 460 nm) as reference.

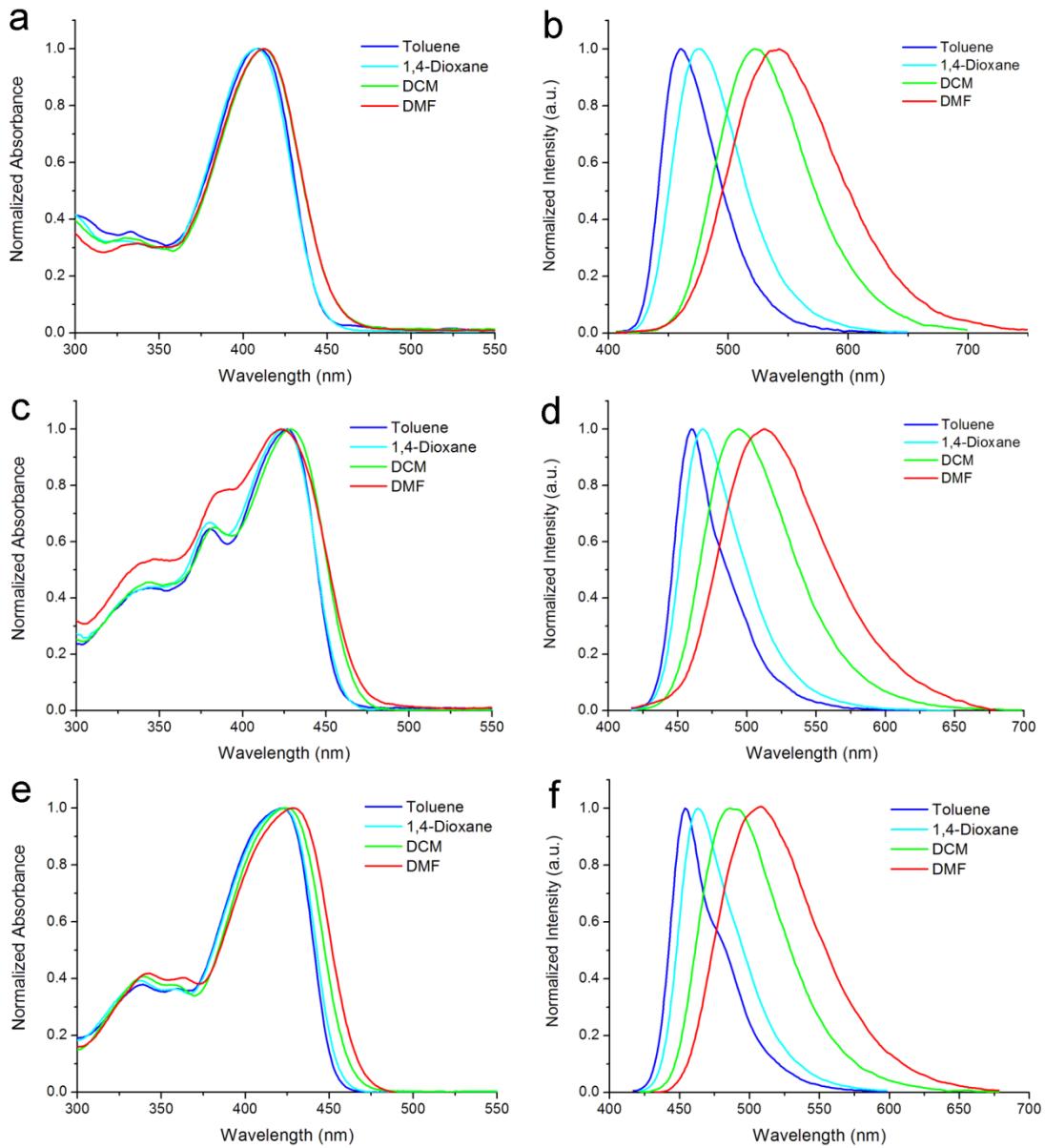


Fig. S19. Normalized UV-vis absorption (a, c and e) and fluorescence emission spectra (b, d and f, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 400$ nm) of **1** (a,b), **2** (c,d) and **3** (e,f) in different solvents (2.0×10^{-6} M).

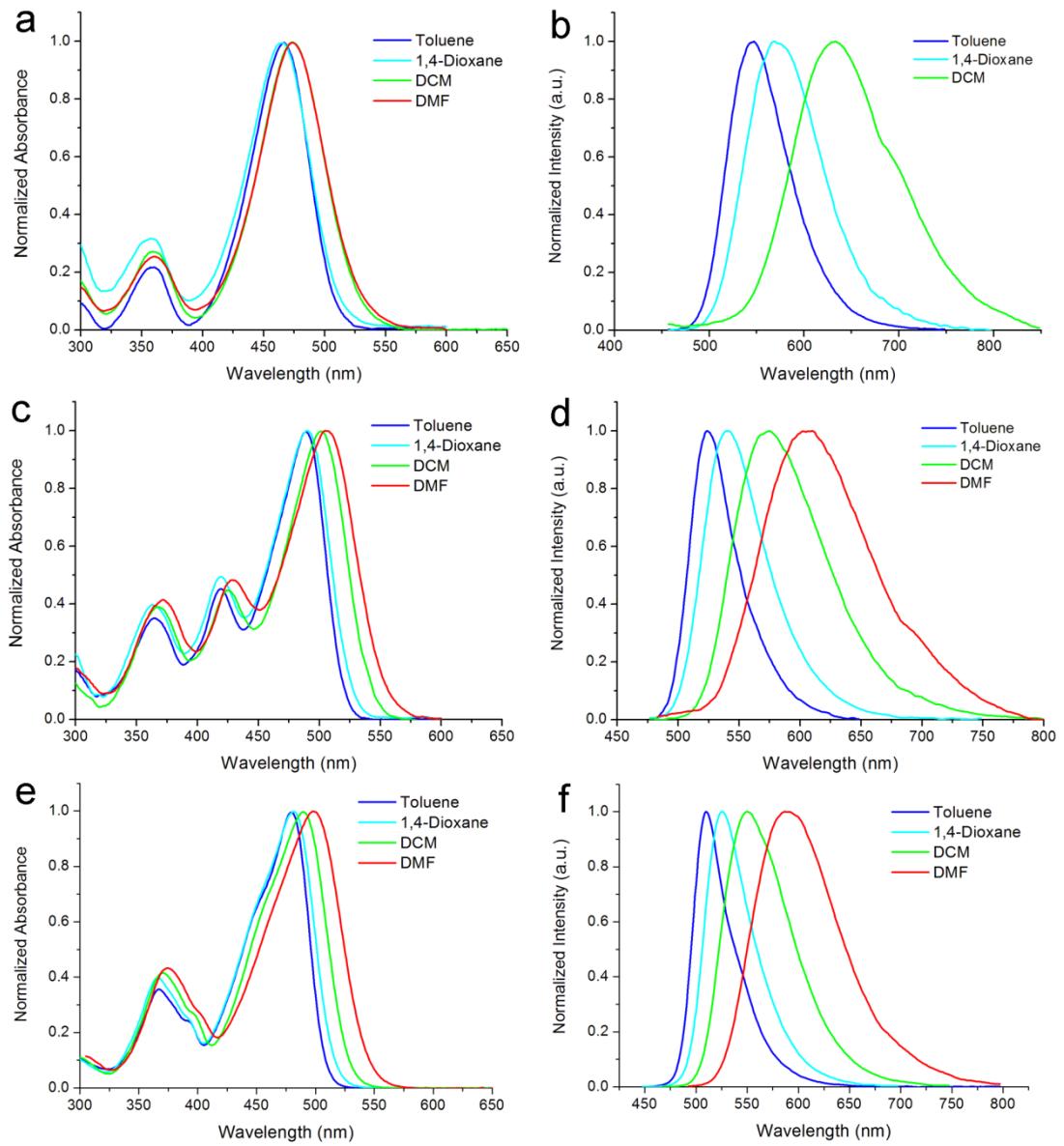


Fig. S20. Normalized UV-vis absorption (a, c and e) and fluorescence emission spectra (b, d and f, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 450$ nm) of **1B** (a,b), **2B** (c,d) and **3B** (e,f) in different solvents (2.0×10^{-6} M).

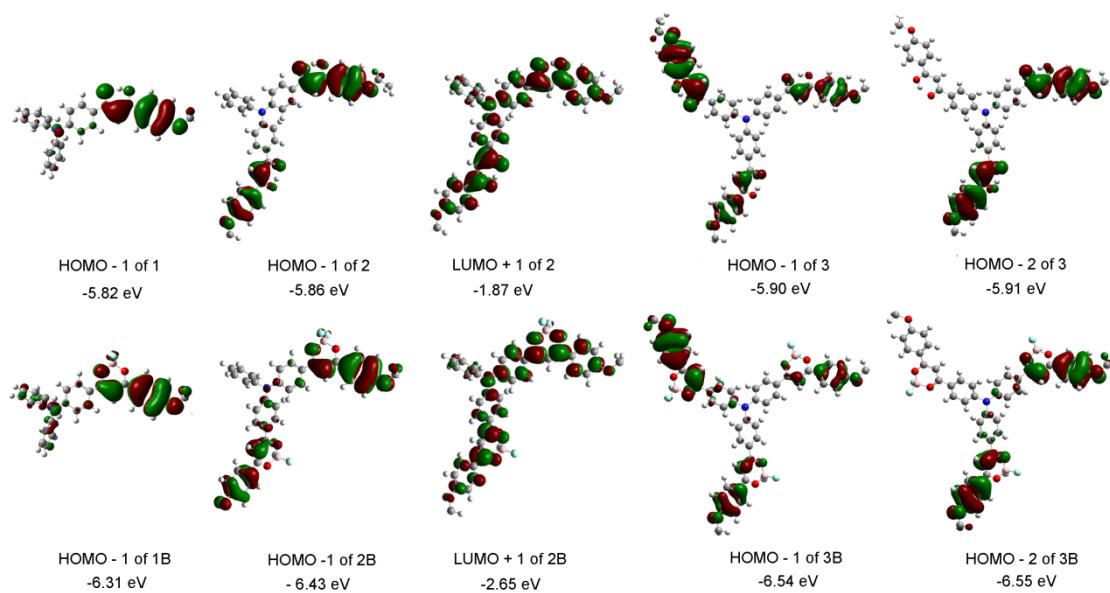


Fig. S21. The energy levels and molecular orbital surfaces in the optimized ground-state structure of β -diketonate **1-3** and complexes **1B-3B**, in which hexadecyl groups were omitted.

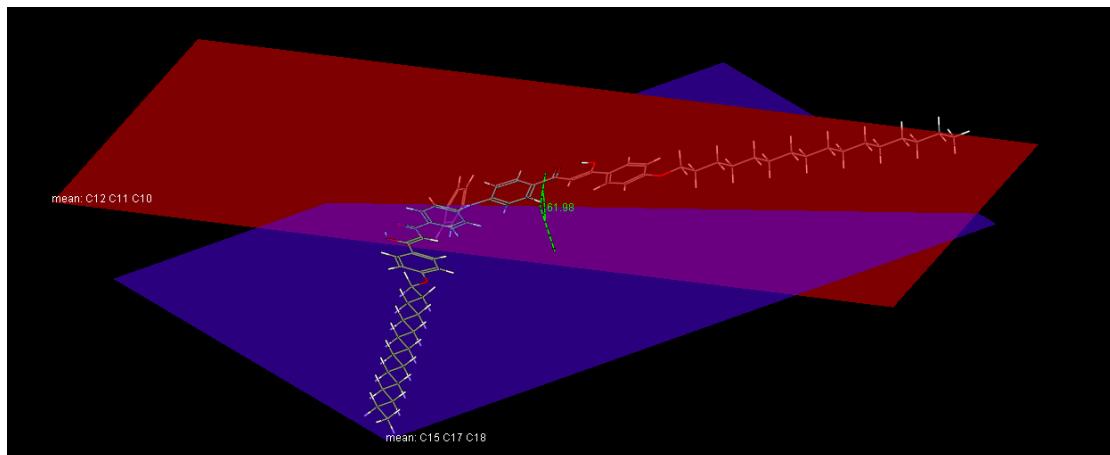


Fig. S22. Illustration of the dihedral angle between two β -diketone units of **2** in optimized structure.

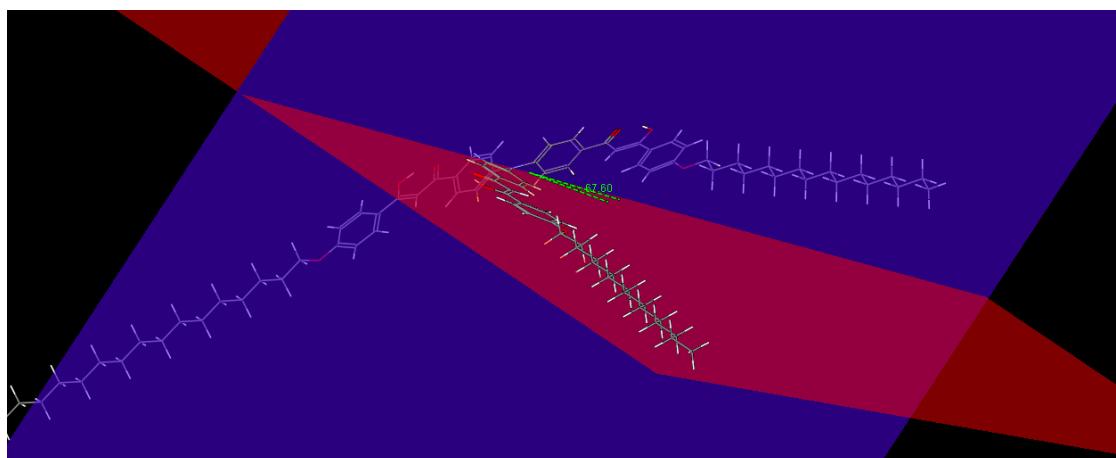


Fig. S23. Illustration of the dihedral angle between two β -diketone units of **3** in optimized structure.

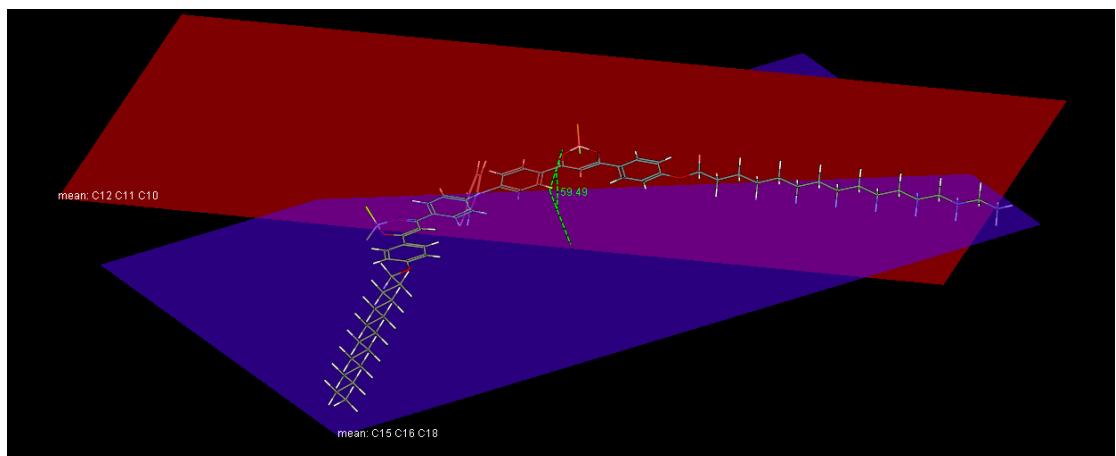


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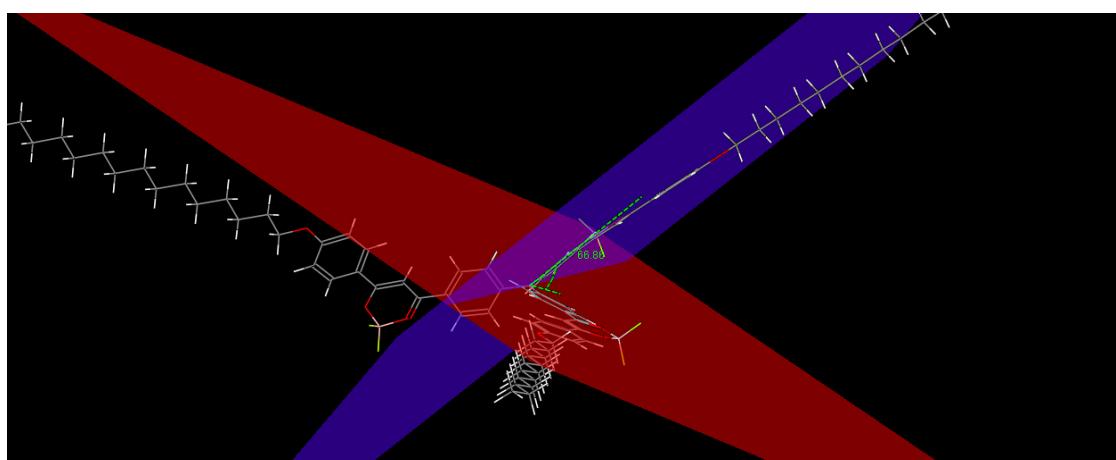


Fig. S25. Illustration of the dihedral angle between two β -diketone units of **3B** in optimized structure.

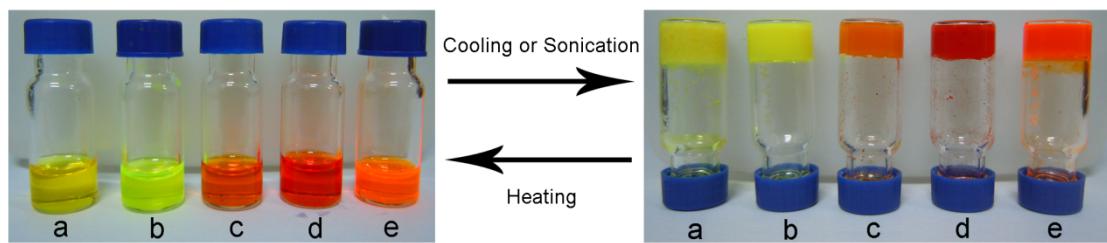


Fig. S26. The photos of the solutions and their corresponding gels of a) **1** in DMSO; b) **3** in DMF; c) **1B** in $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O} = 10/1$; d) **2B** in DMSO; e) **3B** in heptane.

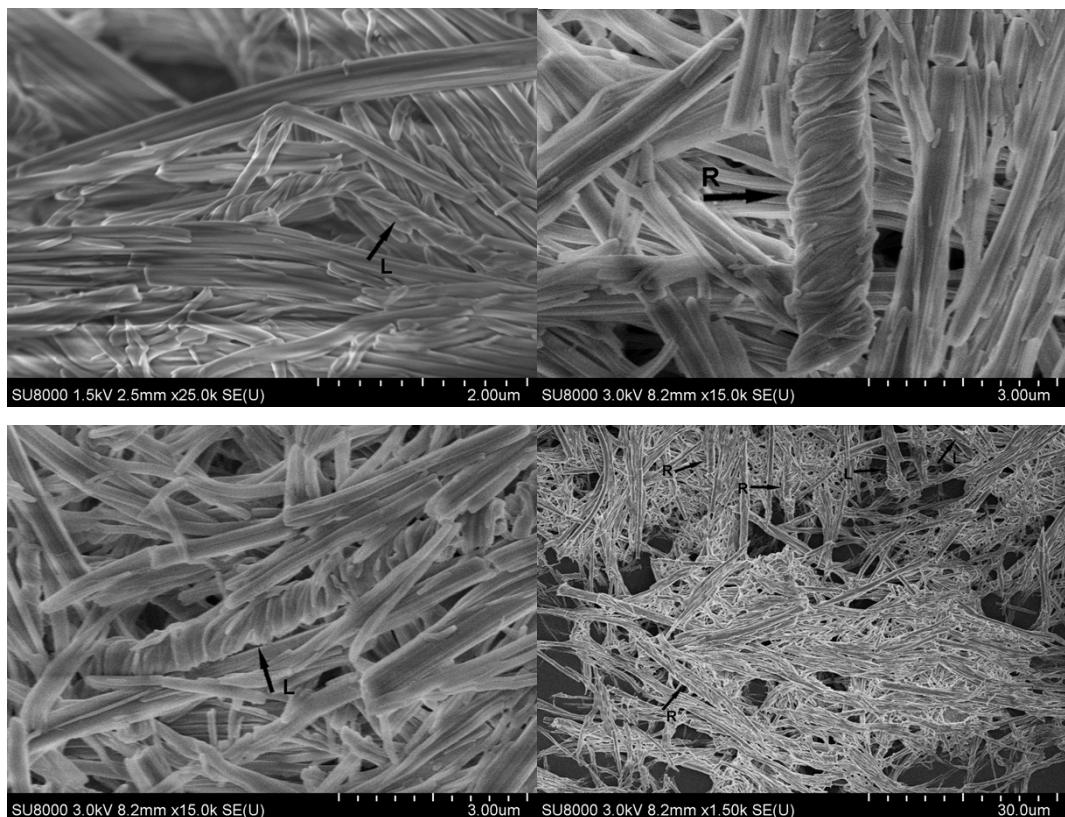


Fig. S27. SEM images of the xerogel **3** obtained from DMF.

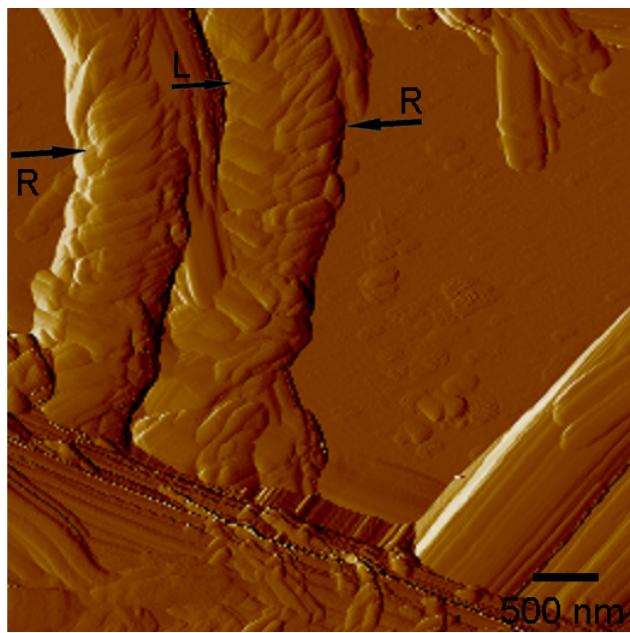


Fig. S28. AFM image of the gel of **3** in DMF.

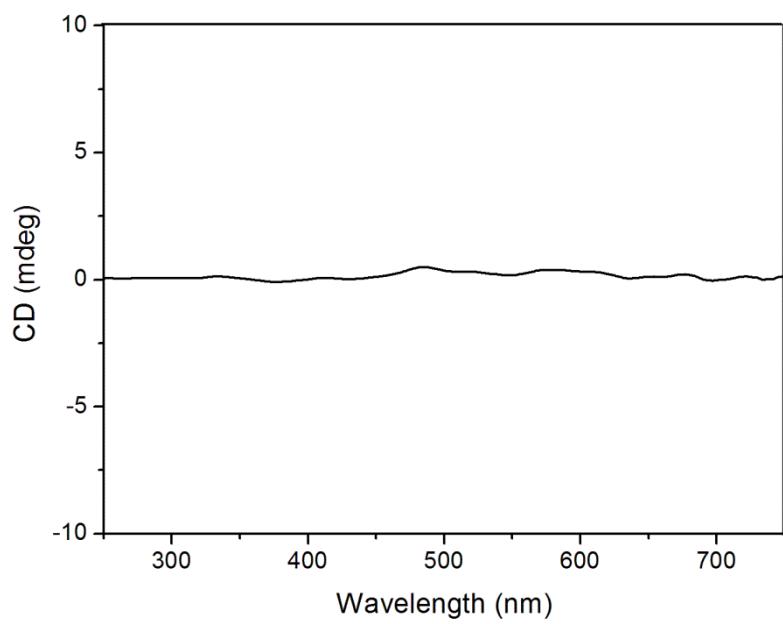


Fig. S29. CD spectra of gel formed from **3** in DMF (8.0 mg/mL).

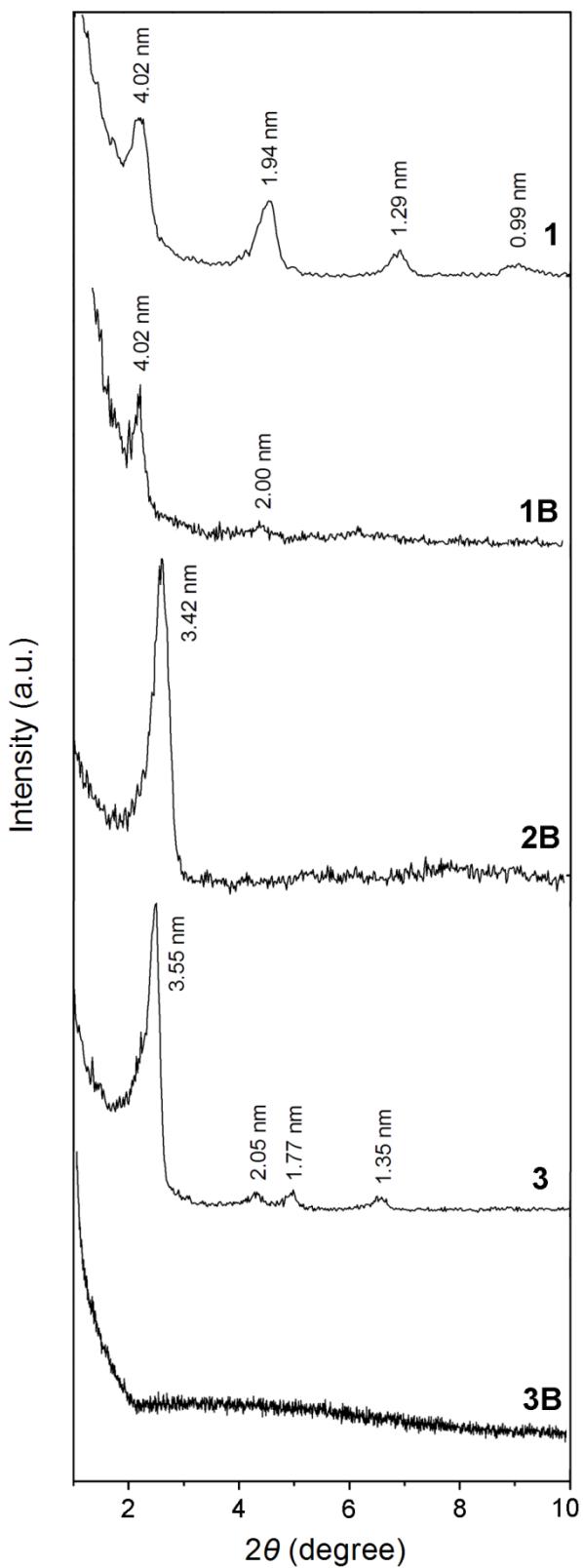


Fig. S30. Small-angle X-ray diffraction patterns of the xerogels of **1** in DMSO, **1B** in $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O} = 10/1$, **2B** in DMSO, **3** in DMF and **3B** in heptane (from top to bottom).

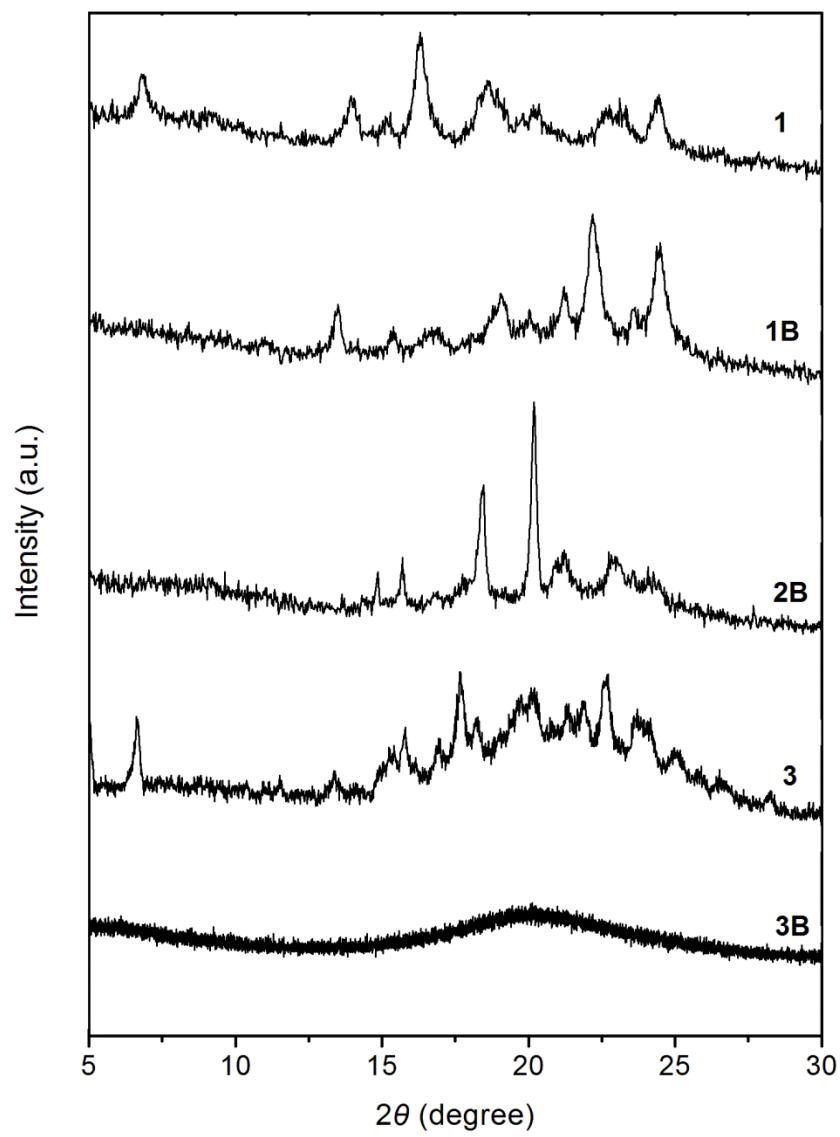


Fig. S31. Wide-angle X-ray diffraction patterns of the xerogels of **1** in DMSO, **1B** in $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O} = 10/1$, **2B** in DMSO, **3** in DMF and **3B** in heptane (from top to bottom).

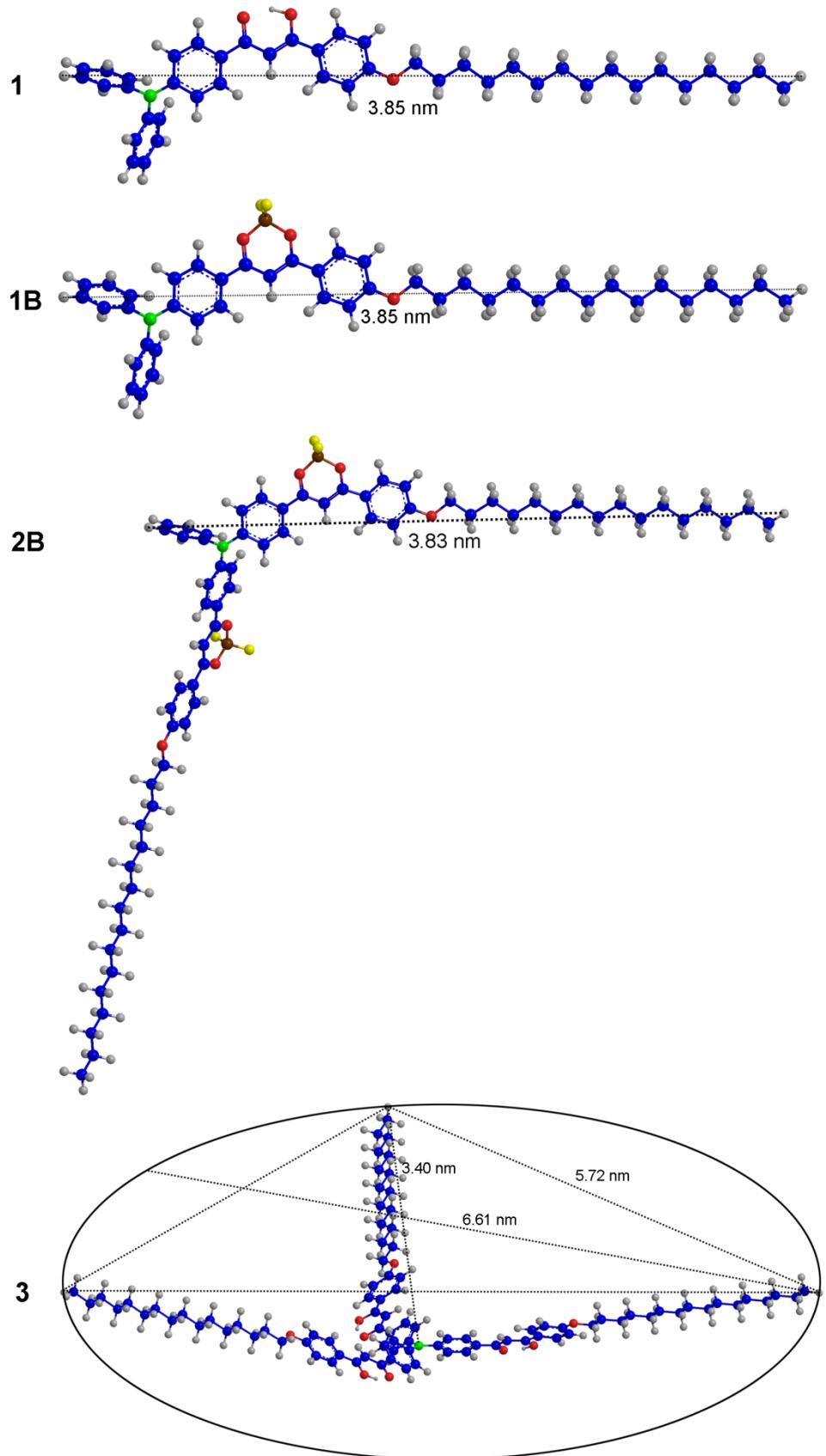


Fig. S32. Optimized geometry structure of **1**, **1B**, **2B** and **3** by DFT calculation.

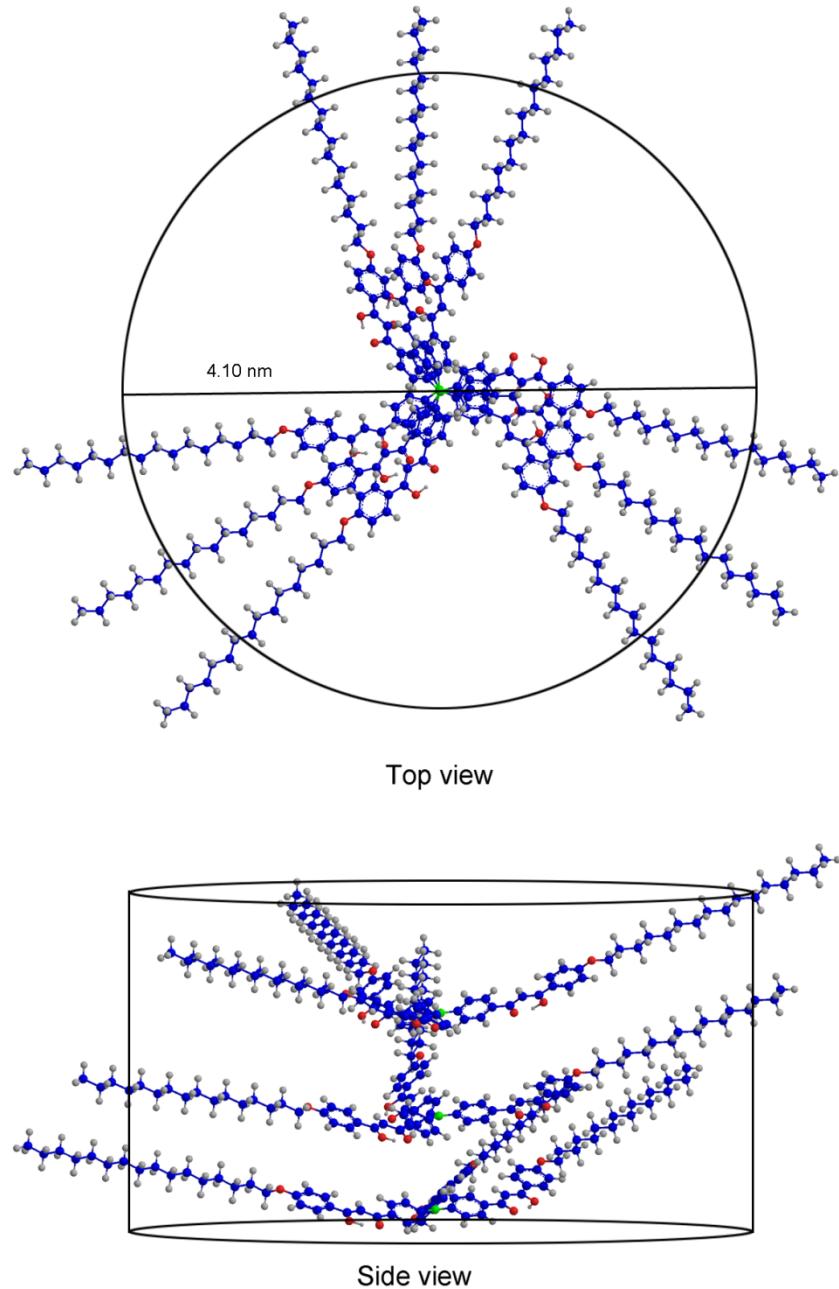


Fig. S33. Schematic depiction for proposed self-assembled structure from **3** of xerogels.

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