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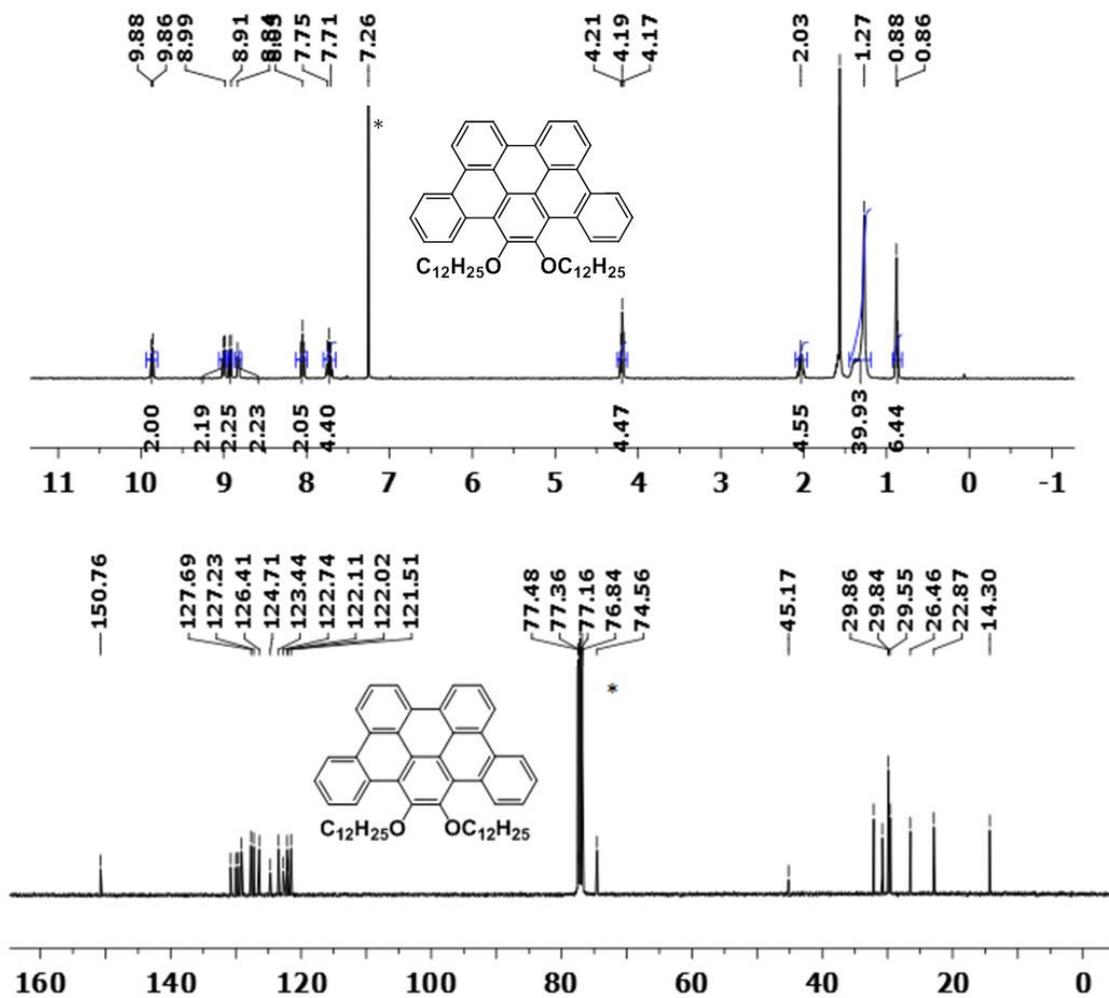
**Synthesis, self-assembly and photovoltaic  
applications of tribenzopentaphene derivatives**

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**Figure S1:** <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K) spectra of **1a** (\*solvent).

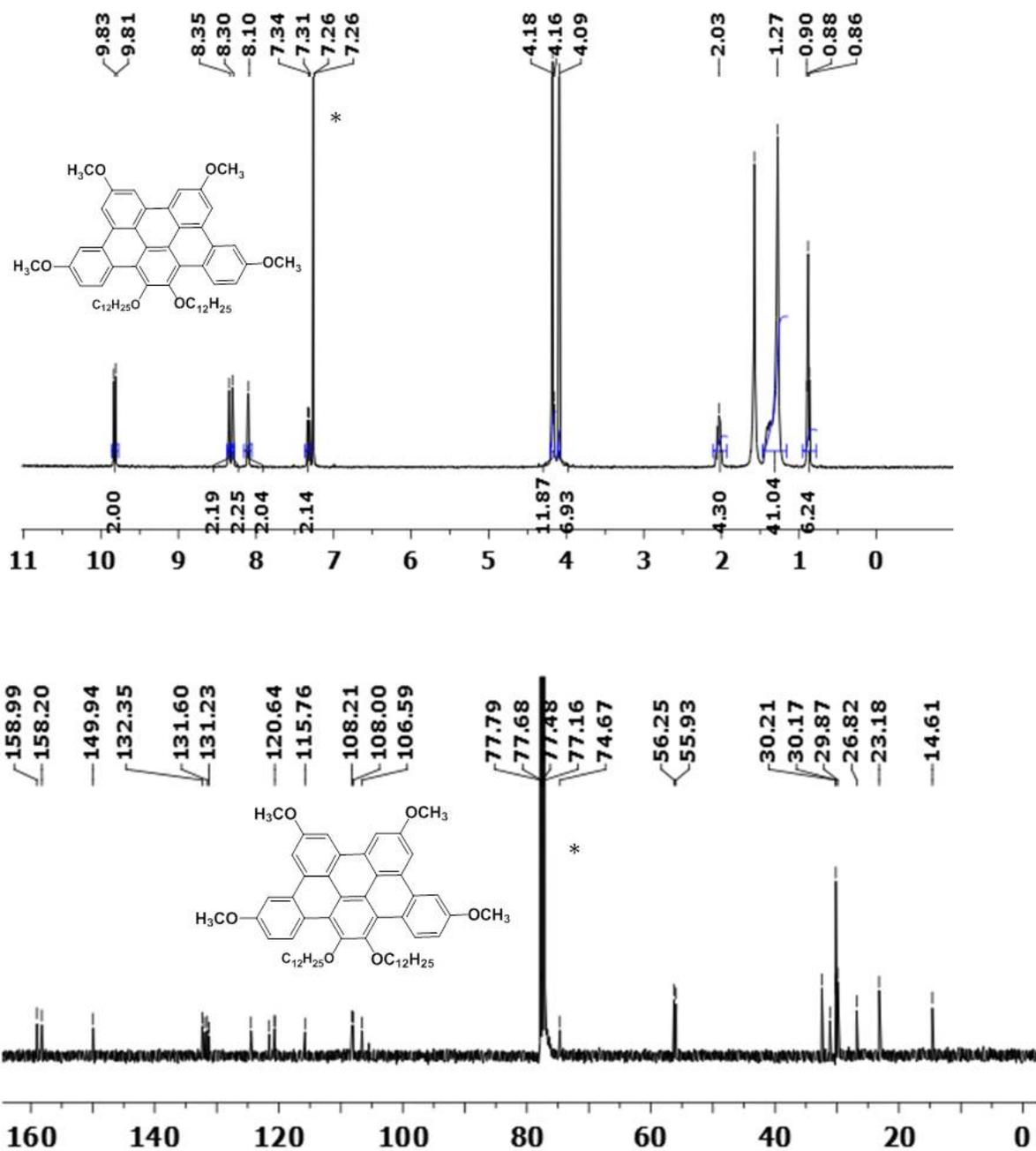
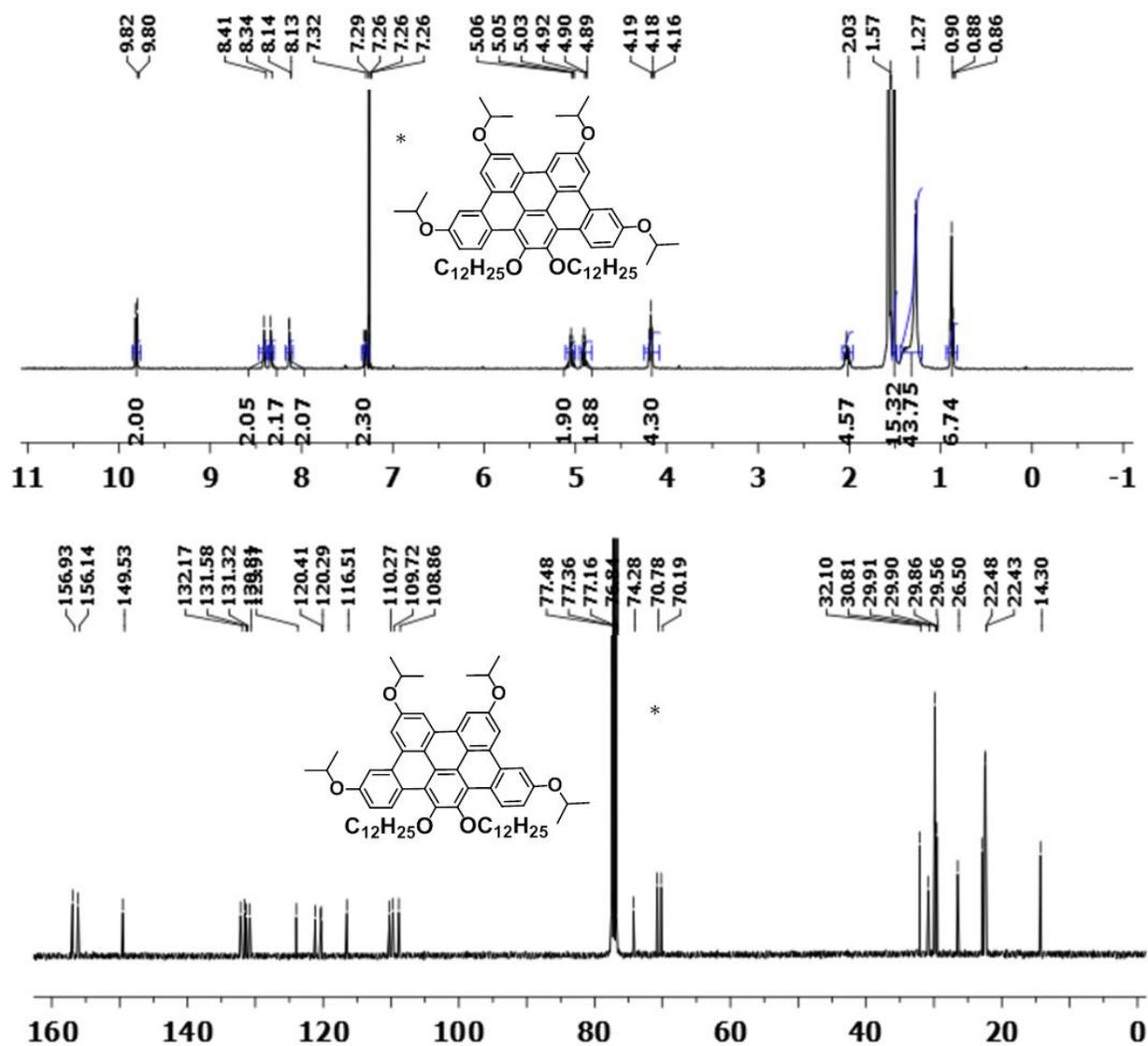
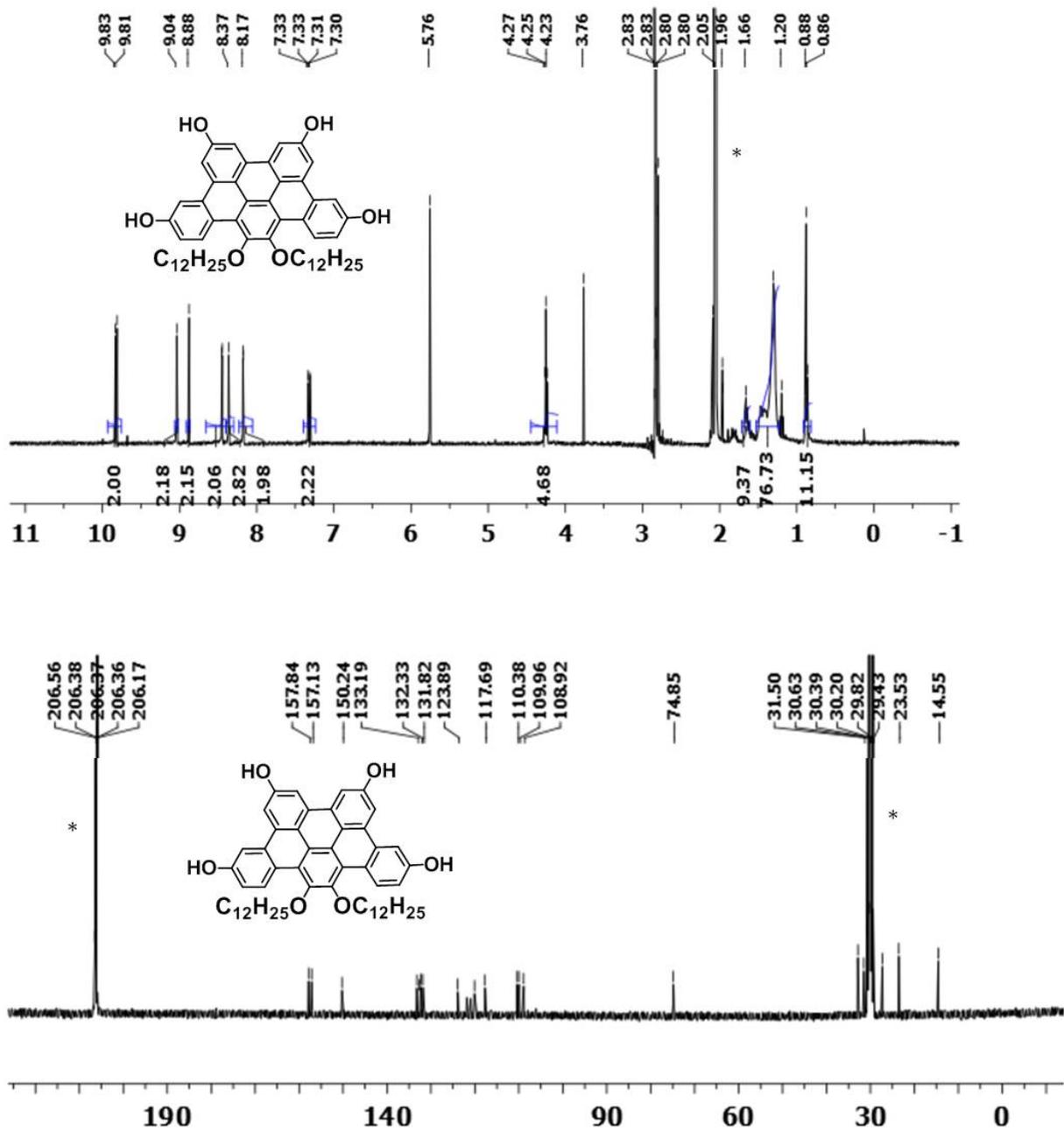


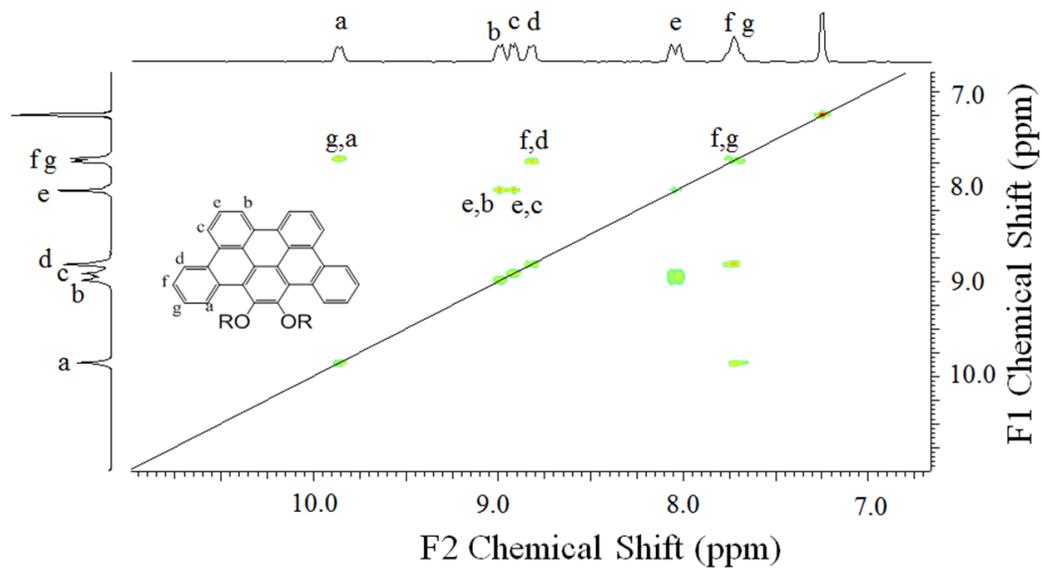
Figure S2:  $^1\text{H}$  (top) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (bottom) NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K) spectra of **1b** (\*solvent).



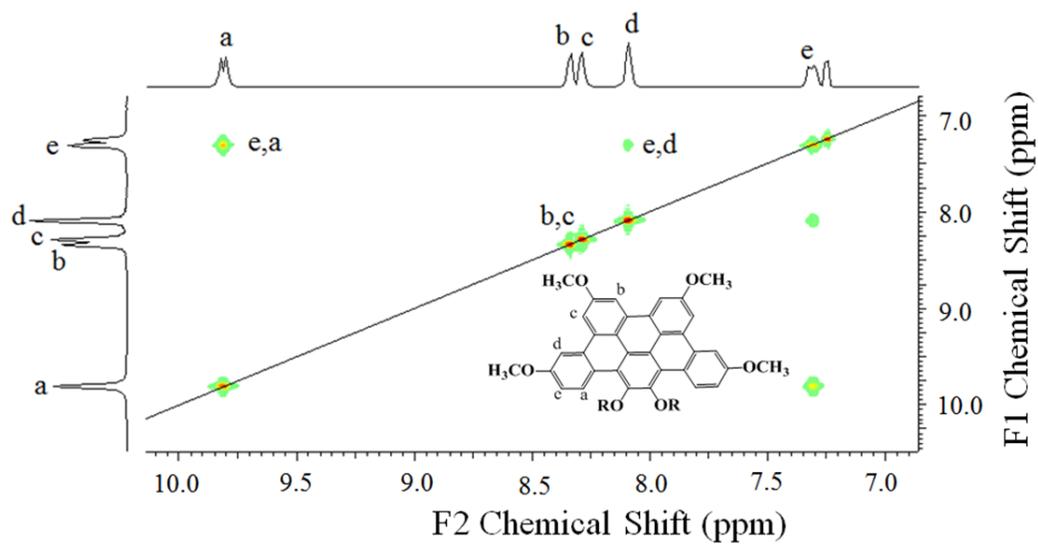
**Figure S3:**  $^1\text{H}$  (top) and  $^{13}\text{C}$  (bottom) NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K) spectra of **1c** (\*solvent).



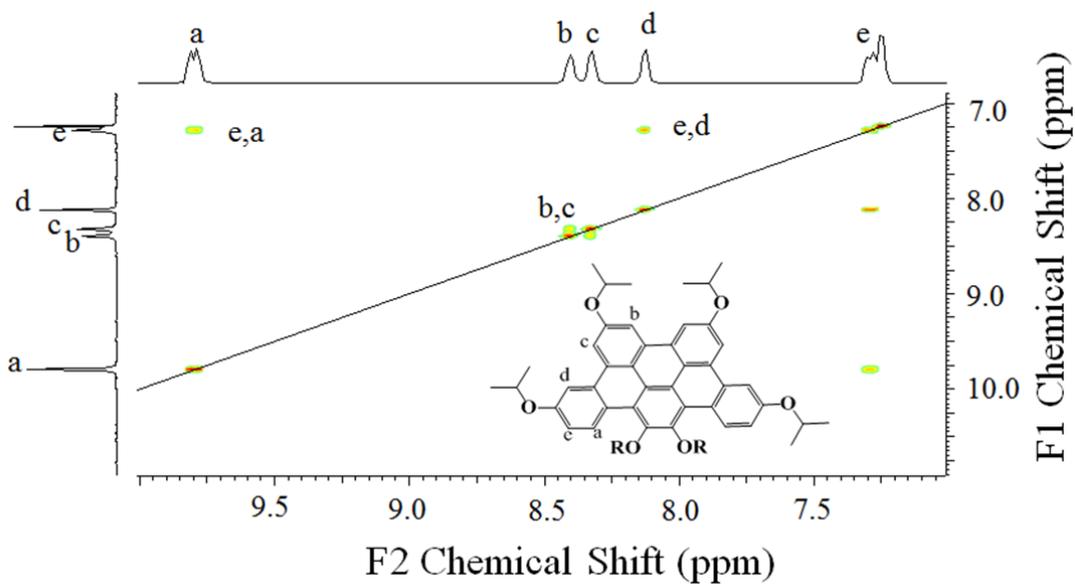
**Figure S4:** <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom) NMR (Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 298K) spectra of **1d** (\*solvent).



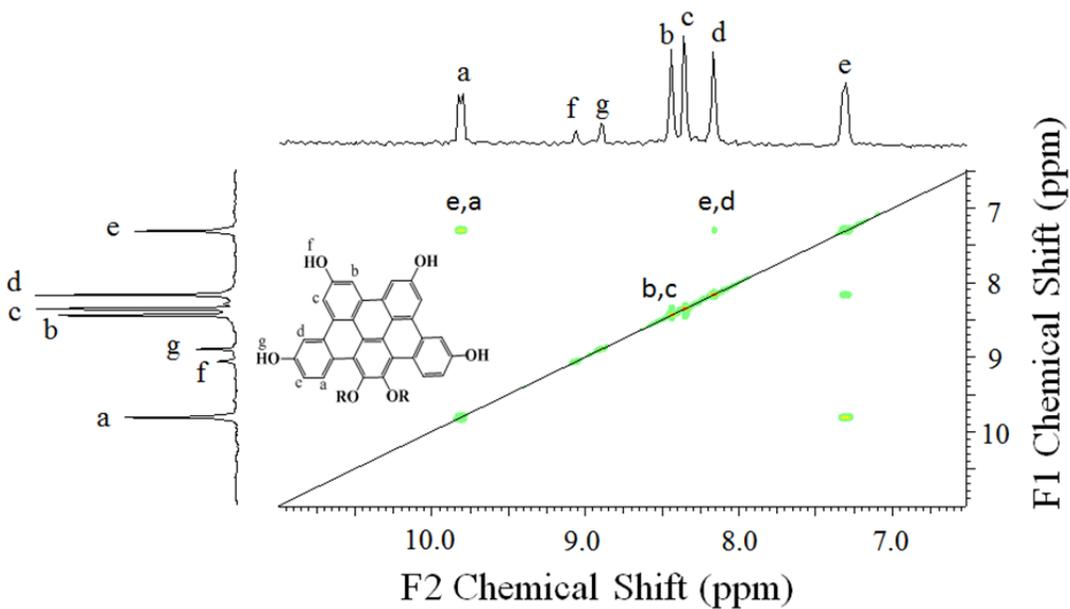
**Figure S5:** 2D COSY  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1a** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



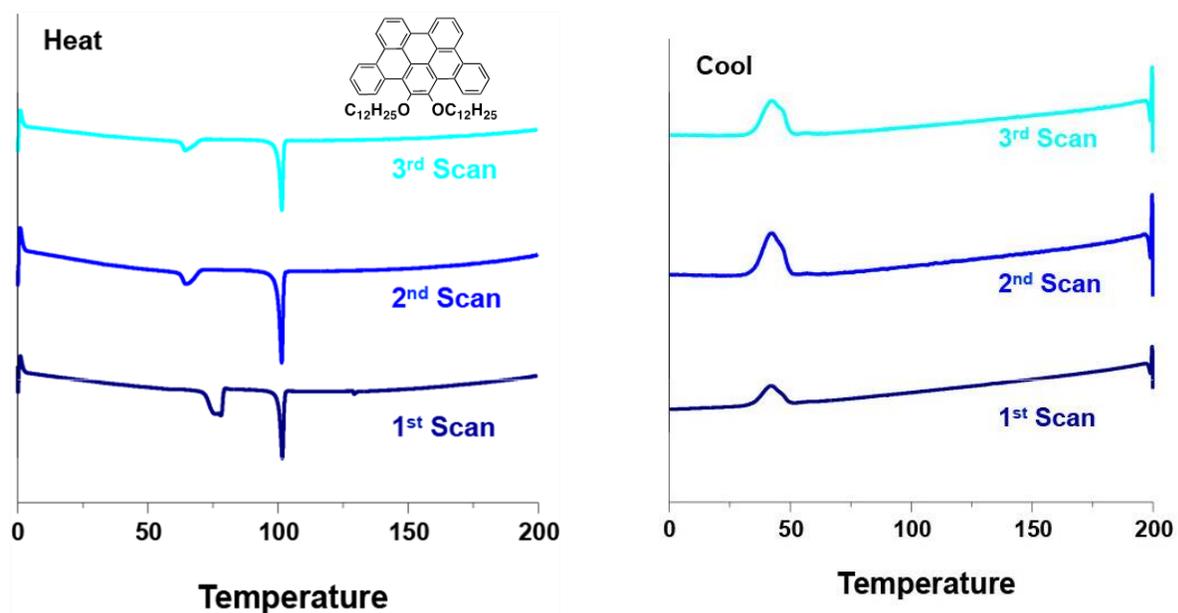
**Figure S6:** 2D COSY  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1b** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



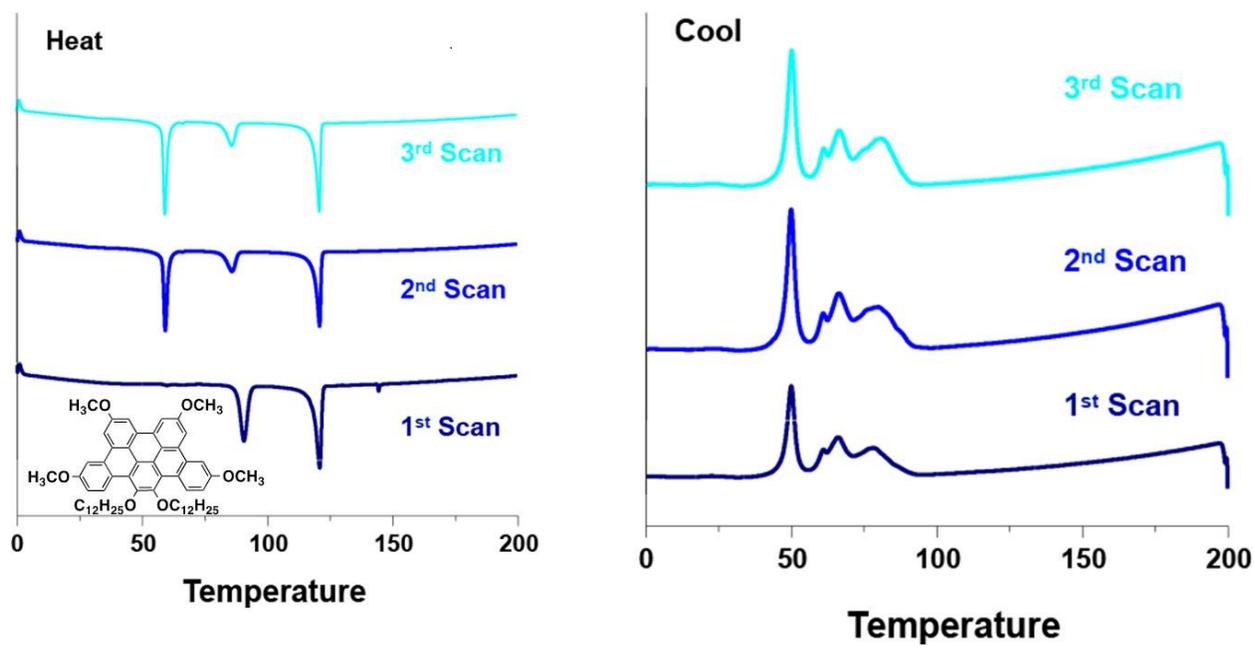
**Figure S7:** 2D COSY  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1c** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



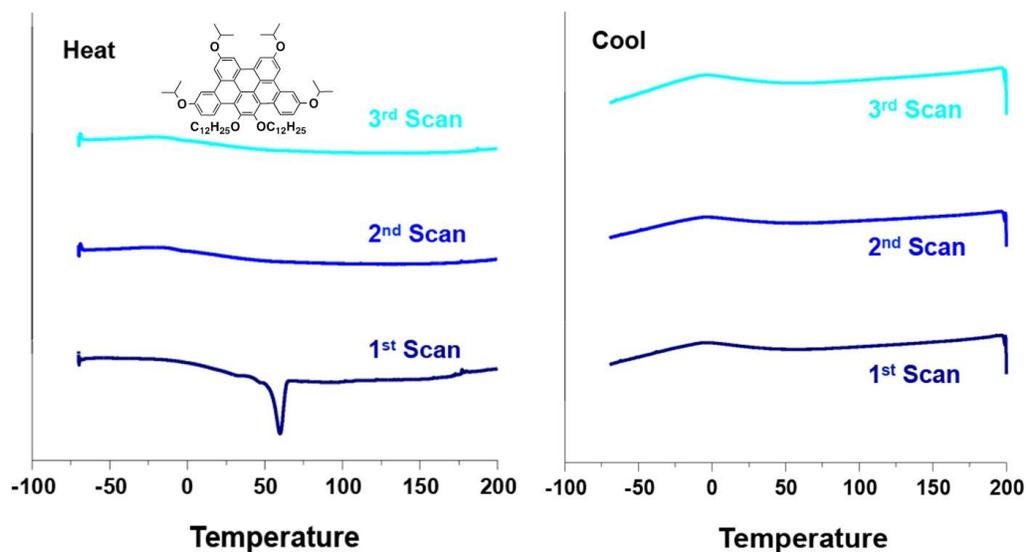
**Figure S8:** 2D COSY  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **1d** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



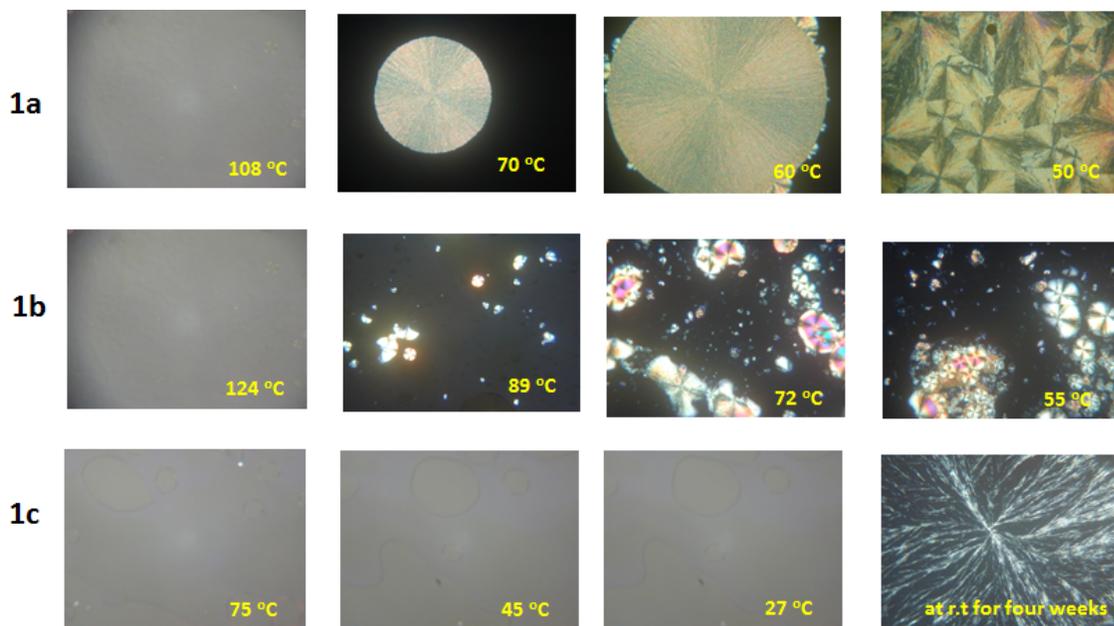
**Figure S9:** DSC thermograms for **1a** with a heating and cooling rate of 10 °C/min.



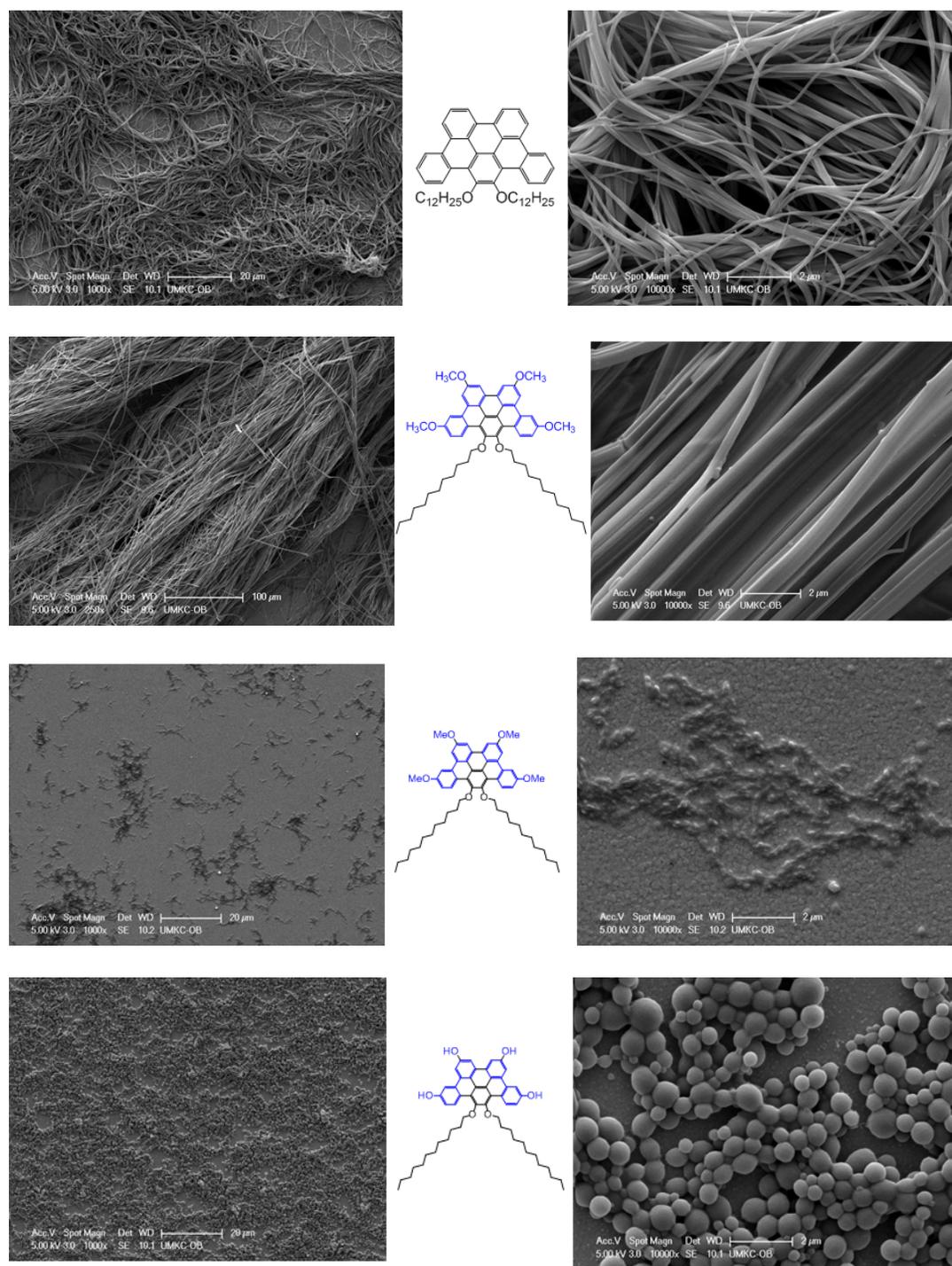
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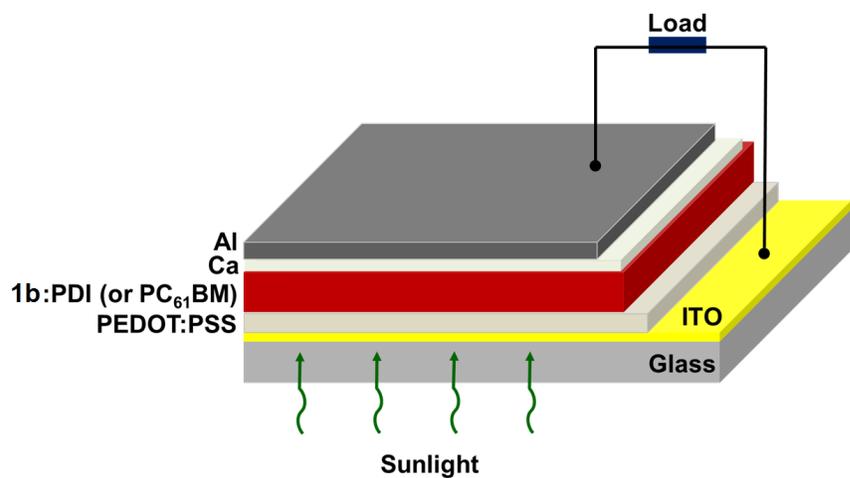
**Figure S11:** DSC thermograms for **1c** with a heating and cooling rate of 10 °C/min.



**Figure S12:** POM images of **1a**, **1b**, and **1c** during cooling from melt (1 °C/min).



**Figure S13:** SEM images of self-assembled objects of **1a~1d**.



**Figure S14:** The solar cell device configuration of **1b** blended with PDI or PC<sub>61</sub>BM.