# Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI):

Tetraphenylethene end-capped [1,2,5]thiadiazolo[3,4-c]pyridine with aggregation -induced emission and large two-photon absorption cross-sections

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**Figure S1** Absorption spectra of (A) **TPEPT1** and (B) **TPEPT2** versus water fraction ( $f_w$ ) of aqueous at the concentration of 10<sup>-5</sup> M.



Figure S2 one-photon absorption spectra of (A) **TPEPT1** and (B) **TPEPT2** in different solvents at the concentration of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M.



Figure S3 (A) Normalized absorption spectra of **TPEPT1** in different solvents at the concentration of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M. (B) Emission spectra of **TPEPT1** in different solvents at the concentration of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M,  $\lambda_{ex} = 510$  nm. (C) Plot of Stokes shift ( $\Delta v$ ) of **TPEPT1** vs solvent polarity parameter ( $\Delta f$ ) of its solution at the concentration of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M.<sup>1</sup>



Figure S4 (A) Normalized absorption spectra of **TPEPT2** in different solvents at the concentration of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M. (B) Emission spectra of **TPEPT2** in different solvents at the concentration of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M,  $\lambda_{ex} = 475$  nm. (C) Plot of Stokes shift ( $\Delta v$ ) of **TPEPT2** vs solvent polarity parameter ( $\Delta f$ ) of its solution at the concentration of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M.<sup>1</sup>



**Figure S5.** Cyclic voltammograms of **TPEPT1** and **TPEPT2** using 0.1 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (TBAPF<sub>6</sub>) as electrolyte in DCM with platinum button working electrodes, a platinum wire counter electrode, and an SCE reference electrode.



**Figure S6** SEM images of **TPEPT1** in the different solvents (A) toluene, (B) THF, (C) DCM and (D) DMF. Concentration:  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M.

Solvent	$\Delta f$	$\lambda_{ab}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{em}(nm)$	$\Delta \upsilon (\text{cm}^{-1})$
Toluene	0.014	514 nm	647 nm	3999
1,4-dioxane	0.021	515 nm	657 nm	4197
chloroform	0.149	522 nm	696 nm	4890
THF	0.210	512 nm	690 nm	5039

Table S1. Photophysical properties of TPEPT1 in different solvents<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Abbreviation:  $\Delta f$  = solvent polarity parameter taken from the ref. (Macromolecules, 2007, 40, 4879-4886),  $\lambda_{ab}$  = absorption maximum,  $\lambda_{em}$  = emission maximum,  $\Delta v$  = stokes shift.

Solvent	$\Delta f$	λab (nm)	λem (nm)	Δυ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
Toluene	0.014	475 nm	589 nm	4075
1,4-dioxane	0.021	475 nm	593 nm	4331
chloroform	0.149	479 nm	623 nm	4826
THF	0.210	473 nm	619 nm	4986

#### Table S2. Photophysical properties of TPEPT2 in different solvents<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Abbreviation:  $\Delta f$  = solvent polarity parameter taken from the ref. (Macromolecules, 2007, 40, 4879-4886),  $\lambda_{ab}$  = absorption maximum,  $\lambda_{em}$  = emission maximum,  $\Delta v$  = stokes shift.

	Table S3. Electro	chemical propert	ies of TPEPT	and TPEP12	
Compound	E <sub>HOMO</sub> <sup>[a]</sup>	E <sub>LUMO</sub> <sup>[b]</sup>	Eg <sup>[c]</sup>	$\lambda_{cutoff}^{[d]}$	
	(eV)	(eV)	(eV)	(nm)	
TPEPT1	-5.74	-3.86	1.88	650	
TPEPT2	-5.74	-3.72	2.02	610	

## Table S3. Electrochemical properties of TPEPT1 and TPEPT2

<sup>[a]</sup> HOMO = -e (Eox + 4.7) (eV). <sup>[b]</sup>  $E_g$  = energy band gap determined from the intercept of the normalized absorption and emission spectra. <sup>[c]</sup> ELUMO =  $E_g$  +  $E_{HOMO}$ . <sup>[d]</sup> Estimated from the absorption thresholds.

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#### Charaterization:

Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



Figure S9. HR mass spectrum of 3



Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 5 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 6 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



Figure S12. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 6 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



Figure S13. HR mass spectrum of 6



Figure S14. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of TPEPT1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



Figure S15. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of TPEPT1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

**Elemental Composition Report** 

Single Mass Analysis Tolerance = 30.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 100.0 Element prediction: Off Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 2 Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions 200 formula(e) evaluated with 6 results within limits (up to 1 closest results for each mass) Elements Used: C: 0-90 H: 0-60 N: 0-9 S: 0-3 01-Nov-2013 14:55:21 1: TOF MS ES+ 5.35e+003 ECUST institute of Fine Chem HUA-JL HL-JT-201 136 (0.934) Cm (136:165) 1132.4409 100-1134,4459 %-1135.4506 981.7482 1174.9480 1186.0385 1202.9814 1140 1160 1180 1200 Minimum: Maximum: -1.5 100.0 50.0 30.0 DBE i-FIT i-FIT (Norm) Formula Mass Calc. Mass mDa PPM 1132.4409 1132.4413 10.5 -0.4 55.5 0.0 C81 H58 N5 S -0.4

Figure S16. HR mass spectrum of TPEPT1



Figure S17. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of TPEPT2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

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Figure S18. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of TPEPT2 in THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>



Figure S19. MALDI-TOF spectrum of TPEPE2