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### Reversible mechanochromism in dipyridylamine-substituted unsymmetrical

benzothiadiazoles

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**I. Experimental Section:** Chemicals were used as received unless otherwise indicated. All oxygen or moisture sensitive reactions were performed under nitrogen/argon atmosphere. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz), and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz) spectra were recorded on on the Bruker Avance (III) 400 MHz instrument by using CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Chemical shifts for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are reported in delta ( $\delta$ ) units, expressed in parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane using residual protonated solvent as an internal standard {CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 7.26 ppm}. Chemical shifts for <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra are reported in delta ( $\delta$ ) units, expressed in parts per million (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane using the solvent as internal standard {CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 77.0 ppm}. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR splitting patterns have been described as "s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet and m, multiplet". Thermogravimetric analyses were performed on the Metler Toledo Thermal Analysis system. UV-visible absorption spectra were recorded on a Carry-100 Bio UV-visible Spectrophotometer. Emission spectra were taken in a fluoromax-4p fluorimeter from HoribaYovin (model: FM-100). The excitation and emission slits were 2/2 nm for the emission measurements. All of the measurements were done at 25°C. The density functional theory (DFT) calculation were carried out at the B3LYP/6-31G\*\* level for C, N, S, H in the Gaussian 09 program. HRMS was recorded on Brucker-Daltonics, micrOTOF-Q II mass spectrometer. The XRD measurements were performed using Rigaku SmartLab, Automated Multipurpose Xray diffractometer. The X-rays were produced using a sealed tube and the wavelength of the X-ray was 0.154 nm (Cu K-alpha).

#### **Reaction Scheme**



#### Preparation of benzothiazole 1.

To a stirred solution of the 4-ethynylbiphenyl (1 mmol), and dibromo-BTD **1** (1 mmol) in THF, and TEA (1:1, v/v) were added [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] (10 mg, 0.014 mmol) and CuI (2 mg, 0.01 mmol) under an argon flow at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at 60 °C, and then cooled to room temperature. The solvent was then evaporated under reduced pressure, and the mixture was purified by SiO<sub>2</sub> chromatography with DCM/hexane (1:3, v/v), followed by recrystallization in DCM:hexane (1:3) to obtain **1**. Pale yellowish solid (203 mg, Yield: 52 %): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  in ppm): 7.85 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.75–7.72 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, 1H, 7.5 Hz), 7.65–7.62 (m, 4H), 7.49–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.36 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  in ppm): 154.1, 153.1, 141.8, 140.1, 132.7, 132.4, 132.0, 128.9, 127.8, 127.1, 127.0, 121.2, 116.7, 114.6, 96.8, 85.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>S + Na: 412.9719 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, found 412.9683 [M+ Na]<sup>+</sup>.

#### Preparation of benzothiadiazole 2.

To a stirred solution of the 3-ethynylpyridine (1 mmol), **1** (1 mmol) in THF, and TEA (1:1, v/v) were added [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] (10 mg, 0.014 mmol) and CuI (2 mg, 0.01 mmol) under an argon flow at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at 60 °C, and then cooled to room temperature. The solvent was then evaporated under reduced pressure, and the mixture was purified by SiO<sub>2</sub> chromatography with DCM/hexane (2:2, v/v), to obtain **2.** Yellowish green solid ( 322 mg, Yield: 78 %); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  in ppm): 8.91 (s, 1H), 8.63 (m, 1H), 7.98–7.95 (m, 1H), 7.86–7.82 (m, 2H), 7.77–7.74 (m, 2H), 7.67–7.63 (m, 4H), 7.49–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.34 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  in ppm): 154.3, 154.2, 152..5, 149.2, 141.9, 140.1, 138.7, 132.8, 132.4, 132.2, 128.9, 127.8, 127.1, 127.0, 123.1, 121.2, 119.8, 117.9,

116.2, 97.9, 93.6, 88.4, 85.9, HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z calcd for  $C_{27}H_{15}N_3S + H$ : 414.1059 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, found 414.1058 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>.

#### Preparation of benzothiadiazole 3.

2,2'-Dipyridylamine (4.0 mmol), **1** (3.0 mmol), anhydrous potassium carbonate (12.0 mmol), cupric sulfate (0.63 mmol), and 1,2-dichlorobenzene (10 mL) were added to a round bottom flask, degassed, and flushed with N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was heated at 180 °C for 48 h, and then cooled to room temperature. Dichloromethane and water were added. The organic phase was washed with water and then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent, the residue was purified by SiO<sub>2</sub> column chromatography, using DCM: Ethylacetate (9 : 1) mixture as eluent to afford **3**. Yellow solid (313 mg, Yield: 65 %); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  in ppm): 8.30-8.28 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.75-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.66-7.61 (m, 6H), 7.49-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.03-6.99 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  in ppm): 157.5, 156.1, 151.5, 148.6, 141.4, 140.3, 137.8, 137.6, 133.3, 132.3, 128.9, 127.7, 127.04, 127.0, 125.6, 121.7, 119.1, 117.2, 114.2, 95.5, 86.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>5</sub>S + H: 482.143 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>, found 482.143 [M + H]<sup>+</sup>.

II. Copies of <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra and HRMS of the New Compounds



Fig. S1<sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of 1.



**Fig. S2** <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **1**.



Fig. S3 <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of 2.



**Fig. S4** <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **2**.



Fig. S5 <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectra of 3.



**Fig. S6**<sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of **3**.





Fig. S7 HRMS of 1.











Fig. S9 HRMS of 3

## III. TGA of BTD 2 and 3



Fig. S10 TGA plots of 2 and 3 at a heating rate of 10 °C min<sup>-1</sup>, under nitrogen atmosphere.

# IV. UV/vis and Emission Data of BTD 2 and 3



Fig. S11 UV/vis absorption spectra of 2.



Fig. S12 UV/vis absorption spectra 3.



Fig. S13 Emission spectra of 2.



Fig. S14 Emission spectra of 3.



Fig. S15 Normalized absorbance and photograph of the solid sample of BTD 2 as prepared.



Fig. S16 Normalized absorbance and photograph of the sample of BTD 3 as prepared.



Fig. S17 Normalized absorbance and photograph of the sample of BTD 3 after grinding.



Fig. S18 Normalized emission and photograph of the solid sample of BTD 2 as prepared.

BTD	Photophysical data <sup>a</sup>										
	In dichloromethane solution <sup>a</sup> In solid state								Optical Gap	HOMO-LUMO	
	λ <sub>abs</sub> (nm)	$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} (\mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{cm}^{-1})$	λ <sub>em</sub> (nm)	Stoke's shift (nm)	$\mathbf{\Phi}_{\mathrm{F}}$	$\lambda_{abs}$ (nm) as prepared	λ <sub>abs</sub> (nm) after grinding	λ <sub>em</sub> (nm) as prepared	λ <sub>em</sub> (nm) after grinding	(eV) <sup>b</sup>	Gap (eV) <sup>c</sup>
2	312 417	50437 40382	513	96	0.47	443	-	538	538	2.68	2.79
3	319 448	90273 52841	578	130	0.14	481	498	556	582	2.47	2.69

Table S1. Photophysical data of BTD 2 and 3

<sup>a</sup> measured in DCM; Stoke's shift calculated from the difference of  $\lambda_{max}$  abs and  $\lambda_{max}$ em.  $\Phi_F$  calculated with Quinine sulfate ( $\Phi = 0.55$ ) in 0.1M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> as standard; <sup>b</sup>Optical gap determined from  $\lambda_{onset}$ ; <sup>c</sup> HOMO–LUMO gap: calculations performed at the B3LYP/6-31G\*\* level.



Fig. S19 BTD 3 as prepared (Ap) and repeated switching of the solid-state fluorescence by repeated grinding (G) and heating (H) cycles.



Fig. S20 BTD 3 as prepared (Ap) and repeated switching of the solid-state fluorescence by repeated grinding (G) and fuming (V) cycles

#### I. Crystallographic Data

Single crystal X-ray structural studies of benzothiadiazole **3** was collected at 150(2) K using graphitemonochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda_{\alpha} = 0.71073$  Å). The strategy for the Data collection was evaluated by using the CrysAlisPro CCD software. The data were collected by the standard 'phi-omega scan techniques, and were scaled and reduced using CrysAlisPro RED software. The structures were solved by direct methods using SHELXS-97, and refined by full matrix least-squares with SHELXL-97, refining on  $F^2$ . The positions of all the atoms were obtained by direct methods. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The remaining hydrogen atoms were placed in geometrically constrained positions, and refined with isotropic temperature factors, generally  $1.2U_{eq}$  of their parent atoms. The crystal, and refinement data are summarized in Table 1. The CCDC number **1020099** contains the supplementary crystallographic data for BTD **3**. These data can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk (or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 union Road, Cambridge CB21 EZ, UK; Fax: (+44) 1223-336-033; or deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for BTD 3.

BTD	3
Identification code	rm108
Empirical formula	$C_{30} H_{19} N_5 S$
Formula weight	481.56
Temperature	273(2) K
Wavelength(A)	1.5418 A
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P 21/c
a/ (Å)	20.8735(5)
b/ (Å)	11.8292(3)
c/ (Å)	9.8383(3)
α/(°)	90
<b>β</b> / (°)	101.978(3)
γ⁄ (°)	90

Volume	2376.35(11) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z, Calculated density (mg m <sup>-3</sup> )	4, 1.346
Absorption coefficient /(mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.438
F(000)	1000
Crystal size	0.22 x 0.18 x 0.14 mm
θ range for data collection/(°)	4.32 to 71.98
Limiting indices	-25<=h<=24, -14<=k<=10, -12<=l<=11
Reflections collected / unique	15657 / 4584 [R(int) = 0.0256]
Completeness to theta	$\theta = 25.00; 99.5 \%$
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.8240 and 0.7426
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	4584 / 0 / 400
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.057
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0452, wR2 = 0.1274
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0529, wR2 = 0.1393
Largest diff. peak and hole (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	0.312 and -0.397



**Fig. 21** ORTEP view of **3** and the atom-labelling scheme. Thermal ellipsoids are plotted at the 50 % level.



Fig. S22 Crystal structure of 3 side view (above) and top view (below).

Bor	nd lengths [Å]	Bond an	gles [°]					
For 3								
S(1)-N(2)	1.6035(18)	N(2)-S(1)-N(1)	101.64(8)					
S(1)-N(1)	1.6086(17)	C(1)-N(1)-S(1)	105.76(12)					
N(1)-C(1)	1.341(2)	C(6)-N(2)-S(1)	106.07(12)					
N(2)-C(6)	1.339(2)	N(1)-C(1)-C(2)	126.49(15)					
C(2)-N(5)	1.416(2)	N(1)-C(1)-C(6)	113.32(15)					
C(21)-N(5)	1.429(2)	C(3)-C(2)-N(5)	121.05(16)					
C(21)-N(3)	1.320(2)	N(5)-C(2)-C(1)	121.69(15)					
C(25)-N(3)	1.347(3)	N(2)-C(6)-C(5)	125.63(15)					
C(26)-N(4)	1.336(2)	N(2)-C(6)-C(1)	113.21(15)					
C(26)-N(5)	1.394(2)	N(3)-C(21)-C(22)	123.75(17)					
N(4)-C(30)	1.350(3)	N(3)-C(21)-N(5)	115.47(15)					
		C(22)-C(21)-N(5)	120.77(17)					
		N(3)-C(25)-C(24)	123.5(2)					
		N(3)-C(25)-H(25)	118.3					
		N(4)-C(26)-C(27)	123.23(16)					

Table S3. Selected bond length and bond angle of BTD 3



Fig. S23 Powder-XRD patterns of BTD 3 after fuming with DCM vapor.

# **DFT** Calculations for 2 and 3.<sup>1</sup>

## BTD 2

		Standard	orientation:		
Center	Atomic	Atomic	Coord	dinates (Ang	stroms)
Number	Number	Туре	X	Y	Z
1	16	0	2.186558	3.018415	-0.198171
2	7	0	0.906723	1.989942	-0.136800
3	7	0	3.426868	1.942778	-0.128510
4	б	0	1.418570	0.758746	-0.059130
5	б	0	2.868360	0.731796	-0.054262
6	б	0	3.579870	-0.518633	0.025101
7	б	0	2.804238	-1.670056	0.094133
8	1	0	3.306442	-2.629892	0.154940
9	б	0	1.390007	-1.644076	0.089265
10	1	0	0.851816	-2.584296	0.146512
11	б	0	0.658325	-0.464011	0.015181
12	б	0	-0.754436	-0.444004	0.012766
13	б	0	-1.972005	-0.423371	0.011959
14	б	0	-3.391561	-0.375649	0.011462
15	б	0	-4.066580	0.860778	-0.058713
16	6	0	-4.159169	-1.556195	0.082093
17	6	0	-5.454303	0.907395	-0.057184
18	1	0	-3.486390	1.775444	-0.123716
19	б	0	-5.546623	-1.497354	0.083790
20	1	0	-3.653251	-2.514191	0.146347
21	6	0	-6.226201	-0.267129	0.014722
22	1	0	-5.952489	1.868516	-0.139390
23	1	0	-6.116502	-2.417668	0.167514
24	6	0	-7.708329	-0.209768	0.019353
25	6	0	-8.388358	0.824073	0.686938
26	6	0	-8.472080	-1.187192	-0.642431
27	6	0	-9.781119	0.878340	0.692556
28	l	0	-7.820103	1.574510	1.228429
29	6	0	-9.864900	-1.132855	-0.636623
30		0	-/.968561	-1.9/9226	-1.188/2/
31	6	0	-10.525938	-0.099903	0.030930
32	1	0	-10.285508	1.681508	1.222327
33	1	0	-10.434632	-1.893942	-1.1622/5
34		0	-11.611181	-0.05/583	0.035305
35	6	0	4.993580	-0.553/64	0.031770
30	6	0	6.210318	-0.583682	0.038124
37	6	0	7.630094	-0.58//43	0.043909
38	6	U	Ø.35⊥629 0.374122	0.024/94	-0.030181
39	6 7	U	0.3/4133	-1.//9848	0.122682
4U 11	/	U	7.00192U	U.098329 1 564063	-0.02942/
41 40	⊥ ¢	U	/.8Ub34b	1.304Ub3	-0.092189
4Z 10	0	U	У./04194 7 060617	-1./U044/ 0 70/17/	U.123020 0 101/50
43 11	⊥ 6	0	10 260275	-2.1341/4	0.101439
44	U	U	TO.2002/2	-0.430040	0.040334

46	1	0	11.453081	-0.361763	0.045148
45	1	0	10.368373	-2.604888	0.183224

Total Energy (HF) = -1600.2309089 Hartree

# BTD 3

#### Standard orientation:

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coord X	dinates (Ang Y	stroms) Z
1	16	0	-1.743098	-2.197647	2.184761
2	7	0	-0.461369	-1.485540	1.443324
3	7	0	-2.981151	-1.449663	1.408020
4	б	0	-0.970461	-0.627776	0.555183
5	6	0	-2.422219	-0.607967	0.533900
б	б	0	-3.120828	0.266205	-0.363311
7	6	0	-2.357249	1.072450	-1.178333
8	1	0	-2.863029	1.748969	-1.859705
9	б	0	-0.938337	1.064813	-1.152129
10	1	0	-0.401861	1.728977	-1.821418
11	6	0	-0.208750	0.235068	-0.312741
12	б	0	1.206123	0.225377	-0.293309
13	6	0	2.423193	0.217360	-0.276809
14	б	0	3.843732	0.195303	-0.241910
15	6	0	4.526693	-0.656245	0.650841
16	б	0	4.604629	1.021052	-1.094401
17	б	0	5.914912	-0.676161	0.684736
18	1	0	3.952369	-1.303461	1.305646
19	б	0	5.992599	0.992984	-1.051859
20	1	0	4.093111	1.689157	-1.779880
21	б	0	6.679789	0.145890	-0.163337
22	1	0	6.418704	-1.359372	1.361787
23	1	0	6.556745	1.657748	-1.698962
24	б	0	8.162335	0.120122	-0.121837
25	6	0	8.848204	-0.038165	1.095232
26	6	0	8.920956	0.253171	-1.298047
27	6	0	10.241326	-0.062650	1.134524
28	1	0	8.283888	-0.115251	2.019860
29	6	0	10.314108	0.228823	-1.258692
30	1	0	8.412698	0.348833	-2.253000
31	б	0	10.980950	0.070786	-0.042201
32	1	0	10.750064	-0.177368	2.087545
33	1	0	10.879563	0.324537	-2.181374
34	1	0	12.066448	0.051739	-0.011495
35	7	0	-4.542659	0.313511	-0.384666
36	б	0	-5.169916	1.513628	0.045117
37	6	0	-6.430309	1.907856	-0.439069
38	6	0	-6.950606	3.116986	0.001727

39	1	0	-6.979634	1.280238	-1.126850
40	б	0	-4.969310	3.429570	1.292475
41	б	0	-6.213408	3.905512	0.890004
42	1	0	-7.922167	3.446969	-0.355162
43	1	0	-4.350625	4.005752	1.978539
44	1	0	-6.588796	4.856102	1.253827
45	б	0	-5.260349	-0.863682	-0.688515
46	б	0	-4.675282	-1.853067	-1.503465
47	б	0	-7.181113	-2.097159	-0.463281
48	б	0	-5.399858	-3.008305	-1.761137
49	1	0	-3.686817	-1.708362	-1.922993
50	6	0	-6.685089	-3.147931	-1.230202
51	1	0	-8.181944	-2.148963	-0.037434
52	1	0	-4.969521	-3.788138	-2.383064
53	1	0	-7.283705	-4.034097	-1.411308
54	7	0	-6.493535	-0.983581	-0.187489
55	7	0	-4.454816	2.261739	0.890005

Total Energy (HF) = -1826.5141315 Hartree

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