## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Influence of moiety sequence on the performance of small molecular photovoltaic materials

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Compound	Weight	Curt	Additive <sup>b</sup>	T	Vec	Jsc	FF	PCE
	Ratio to	$(\text{mg mL}^{-1})$	(amount)	$^{-1}$ annealing	$(\mathbf{V})$	$(mA \text{ cm}^{-2})$	(%)	(%)
	PC <sub>61</sub> BM		(uniounit)	( C)	(•)	(mirtem)	(70)	(70)
BDT(ThBTTh)2	3:1	30	-	120	0.90	5.97	53.7	2.88
	1.5:1	30	-	120	0.91	7.94	56.8	4.10
	1:1	30	-	100	0.86	7.57	64.1	4.19
	1:1	30	-	120	0.89	9.33	54.5	4.53
	1:1	40	-	120	0.86	9.07	54.7	4.28
	1:1	30	-	140	0.87	3.85	45.9	1.53
	1:2	30	-	120	0.90	4.92	60.0	2.65
	1:3	30	-	120	0.87	2.24	65.2	1.27
	1:1	30	DIO (0.25% in v/v)	120	0.84	6.30	42.4	2.25
	1:1	30	DIO (0.5% in v/v)	120	0.21	3.77	26.1	0.21
	1:1	30	PDMS $(0.2 \text{ mg mL}^{-1})$	120	0.88	8.57	55.7	4.19
BDT(BTTh <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	3:1	30	-	120	0.53	3.36	36.7	0.65
	1.5:1	30	-	120	0.76	3.19	38.6	0.93
	1:1	30	-	80	0.74	1.96	38.0	0.55
	1:1	30	-	100	0.74	4.59	36.7	1.25
	1:1	20	-	120	0.63	4.52	35.8	1.02
	1:1	30	-	120	0.82	4.74	40.5	1.58
	1:1	40	-	120	0.76	3.73	37.9	1.08
	1:1	30	-	140	0.53	2.73	28.8	0.42
	1:2	30	-	120	0.62	2.81	33.7	0.59
	1:3	30	-	120	0.54	1.08	33.2	0.19
	1:1	30	DIO (0.25% in v/v)	120	0.51	3.45	33.2	0.59
	1:1	30	DIO (0.5% in v/v)	120	0.33	0.75	28.5	0.07
	1:1	30	PDMS $(0.2 \text{ mg mL}^{-1})$	120	0.74	4.13	40.9	1.26

Table S1 Device optimization for the OSCs based on BDT(ThBTTh)<sub>2</sub> and **BDT(BTTh<sub>2</sub>)**<sup>*a*</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> Other conditions: annealing for 10 min, spin coated at 1000 rpm for 30 s <sup>*b*</sup> DIO: 1,8-diiodoctane, PDMS: polydimethylsiloxane.



**Fig. S1** TGA curves of **BDT(ThBTTh)**<sub>2</sub> and **BDT(BTTh**<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, at a heating rate of 10  $^{\circ}$ C min <sup>-1</sup> under N<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S2 The second heating and cooling DSC curves of **BDT(ThBTTh)**<sub>2</sub> and **BDT(BTTh**<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, at a heating and cooling rate of 10  $^{\circ}$ C min<sup>-1</sup> under N<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S3** Cyclic voltammograms of **BDT(ThBTTh)**<sub>2</sub> and **BDT(BTTh**<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> films. The film samples were casted from chlorobenzene solutions onto glassy carbon electrodes and measured in CH<sub>3</sub>CN containing 0.1 M Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> at a scan rate of 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. S4 The OFET transfer curves of (a)  $BDT(ThBTTh)_2$  and (b)  $BDT(BTTh_2)_2$  measured with a device structure of Si/SiO<sub>2</sub>/OTS/active layer/Au.



Fig. S5  $\ln J - \ln V$  and their SCLC fitting curves of BDT(ThBTTh)<sub>2</sub> and BDT(BTTh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> blend films with PC<sub>61</sub>BM (1/1, w/w) under different thicknesses.



**Fig. S6** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1 in  $CDCl_3$  at room temperature.



**Fig. S7** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **1** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



**Fig. S8** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **2** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



**Fig. S9**  $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of compound **2** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



**Fig. S10** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **3** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Fig. S11  ${}^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of compound 3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



**Fig. S12** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **BDT(ThBTTh)**<sub>2</sub> in  $CD_2Cl_4$  at 110 °C.



Fig. S13 MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of BDT(ThBTTh)<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S14** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **4** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



**Fig. S15** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **5** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Fig. S16  $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of compound 5 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



**Fig. S17** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **BDT(BTTh<sub>2</sub>)**<sub>2</sub> in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub> at 110  $^{\circ}$ C.



Fig. S18 MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of compound BDT(BTTh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.