## Supplementary Information

# Structurally simple thienodipyrandione-containing reversible fluorescent switching piezo- and acido-chromic materials

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Figure S1: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S2: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

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Figure S3: Crystal structure of compound 1 (a) front view and (b) side view.



Figure S4: HR-MS mass spectrum of compound 1.



Figure S5: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S6: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S7: HR-MS mass spectrum of compound 2.



Figure S9: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.





Figure S10: HR-MS mass spectrum of compound 3.



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



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



Figure S13: Crystal structure of compound TDAn in different views.



Figure S14: HR-MS mass spectrum of compound TDAn.



**Figure S15:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **TDAn** in [D<sub>6</sub>]-DMSO.



Figure S16: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound TDAn in [D<sub>6</sub>]-DMSO.



Figure S17: Crystal structure of compound TDAnPh in different views.



Figure S18: HR-MS mass spectrum of compound TDAnPh.



Figure S19: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound TDAnPh in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S20: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound TDAnPh in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S21: HR-MS mass spectrum of compound TDPy.



Figure S22: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound TDPy in [D<sub>6</sub>]-DMSO.



**Figure S23:** Normalized absorption  $(10^{-5} \text{ M})$  and PL  $(10^{-6} \text{ M})$  spectra of **TDAn** in toluene. Inset shows the colour of the compound under UV lamp (365 nm).



**Figure S24:** Normalized absorption  $(10^{-5} \text{ M})$  and PL  $(10^{-6} \text{ M})$  spectra of **TDAnPh** in toluene. Inset shows the colour of the compound under UV lamp (365 nm).



**Figure S25:** Normalized absorption  $(10^{-5} \text{ M})$  and PL  $(10^{-6} \text{ M})$  spectra of **TDPy** in toluene. Inset shows the colour of the compound under UV lamp (365 nm).



**Figure S26**: Photographs of **TDAnPh** (a) and **TDPy** (b) under ambient light (left) and UV-lamp (right).



**Figure S27:** Comparison of absorption spectra of **TDAn**, **TDAnPh** and **TDPy** in 2-methyl THF at 77K ( $5x10^{-6}$  M).



**Figure S28:** Comparison of PL spectra of **TDAn**, **TDAnPh** and **TDPy** in 2-methyl THF at 77K ( $1x10^{-6}$  M).



**Figure S29:** Comparison of PL spectra of (a) **TDAn**, (b) **TDAnPh** and (c) **TDPy** at room temperature and 77K ( $5x10^{-6}$  M).



Figure S30: Solid-state absorption and emission spectra of TDAn in as-synthesized, ground and acid-fumed states.



Figure S31: Solid-state absorption and emission spectra of TDAnPh in as-synthesized, ground states.



Figure S32: Solid-state absorption spectrum of TDPy.



**Figure S33:** Change in quantum yields ( $\phi$ ) of (a) **TDAn** (b) **TDAnPh** in different THF/water fraction.



Figure S34: The normalized PL curves of TDAn reversible grinding and heating states



Figure S35: The normalized PL curves of TDAnPh reversible grinding and heating states



Figure S36: Comparison of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of TDAn in various states.



Figure S37: Comparison of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of TDAnPh in various states.



Figure S39: PXRD pattern of TDAnPh



Figure S40: Photographs of TDAnPh in the process of evaporation of the solvent.



Figure S41: Solid sate emission colours of (a) TDAn and (b) TDAnPh.

	Solvent	$\lambda_{abs} (nm)$	$\lambda_{em}\left(nm\right)$	Quantum yields (\u00f6)	Stokes shift (nm)
	Toluene	390	571	8.3	181
TDAn	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	389	573	6.5	184
	THF	391	573	6.8	182
	2-MeTHF <sup>a</sup>	390	449	49	59
	Toluene	398	591	6.2	193
TDAnPh	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	399	592	4.9	193
	THF	398	592	5.3	194
	2-MeTHF <sup>a</sup>	397	449	60	52
	Toluene	420	538	18.5	118
TDPy	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	421	537	15.4	116
	THF	418	535	17.1	117
	2-MeTHF <sup>a</sup>	422	505	42	83

Table S1: Photophysical data of TDAn, TDAnPh and TDPy in various solvents

<sup>a</sup>Data collected at 77k

	TDAn	TDAnPh	
formula	$C_{40}H_{26}O_5S_2$	$C_{30}H_{30}O_4S$	
Formulawt	572.63	724.82	
Т, К	293 (2)	293 (2)	
crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	
space group	C 2/c	C 2/m	
a, Å	36.933(5)	10.544(5)	
b, Å	13.5190(17)	36.761(17)	
c, Å	11.8390(13)	5.8903(19)	
a,deg	90	90	
β,deg	94.100(12)	101.277(16)	
γ,deg	90	90	
V,Å <sup>3</sup>	5896.05	2239.05	
Ζ	8	2	
density, mg/m3	1.466	1.075	
$\mu/\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$	0.231	0.112	
$\theta$ range, deg	3.15 to 30.05°	2.05 to 25.11°	
no. of reflens collected	36817	7680	
no. of unique reflens			
R(int)	0.1992	0.1204	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.013	0.876	
R1 [I > $2\sigma(I)$ ]	0.0962	0.0834	
wR2 $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.1762	0.2048	
R1 (all data)	0.2354	0.2180	
wR2 (all data)	0.2348	0.2504	

Table S2: Crystal Data and Structure Refinements of TDAn and TDAnPh

#### **Computational Details**

Geometry optimizations of the ground-state were done by density functional theory (DFT) employing the B3LYP functional and the 6-31G(d) basis set.<sup>1,2</sup>The frontier MO energy level distributions were estimated at the same functional level based on the optimized structures.

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