## Impact of N-substitution of carbazole unit on molecular packing and

## charge transport of DPP-carbazole copolymers

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### **Supplementary Information**

#### 1. Computer simulations of model compounds, DBTCz-H and DBTCz-Me



Geometry optimization of DBTCz-H and DBTCz-Me were performed with the density functional theory (DFT) calculation using the B3LYP hybrid functional<sup>1</sup> with the 6-31G\* basis set. Orbital shapes were prepared with the GaussView 5.0 software.<sup>2</sup> Calculations were performed using the Gaussian 09W package<sup>3</sup> on the Shared Hierarchical Academic Research Computer Network (SHARCNET) of Canada.

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#### 2. Additional data:



C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>21</sub>

Figure S1 The 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of

2,5-bis(2-octyldodecyl)-3,6-bis(5-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)thiophen-2-yl)pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4(2*H*,5*H*)-dione (Compound **1**) measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

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Figure S2 The 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2,7-dibromo-9-methyl-9*H*-carbazole (Compound 2)

measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

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Figure S3. The 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of P1 measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.





Figure S5. Diagrams of thermal analysis of P1 and P2. Top: TGA curves with a heating rate of 10 °C·min<sup>-1</sup> under N<sub>2</sub>. Bottom: DSC curves with a heating/cooling rate of 10 °C·min<sup>-1</sup> under nitrogen.



Figure S6. Cyclic voltammograms of films of P1 and P2 in 0.1 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate in dry acetonitrile at a sweeping rate of 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup> under nitrogen, using ferrocene (Fc) as a standard.

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