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## **Supporting Information**

## Nondoped Deep-blue Spirofluorenexanthene-based Green Organic Semiconductors via a Pot, Atom and Step Economic (PASE) Route Combining Direct Arylation and Tandem Reactions

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## **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

**Chemicals**. All reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Merck and Alfa Aesar, and used as received unless stated otherwise. Anhydrous THF (HPLC grade) was collected from Solvent Purification Systems (Innovative Technology, Inc.). Anhydrous chloroform was pre-dried over molecular sieves.

*Characterization:* <sup>1</sup>H-NMR in CDCl<sub>3</sub> was recorded at 400 MHz using a Varian Mercury 400 plus spectrometer. For the MALDI-TOF MS spectra, the spectra were recorded in reflective mode, no substrates were used. Elemental analyses were carried out on an Elementar Analysensysteme GmbH Vario EL *III* Instrument. Absorption spectra were measured with a Shimadzu UV-3150 spectrometer and emission spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu RF-530XPC luminescence spectrometer. Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) analyses were performed on a Shimadzu DSC-60A Instrument. Thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) were conducted on a Shimadzu DTG-60H thermogravimetric Analyzer under a heating rate of 10°C/min and a nitrogen flow rate of 20 cm<sup>3</sup>/min. Cyclic voltammetric (CV) studies were conducted using an CHI600C in a typical three-electrode cell with a platinum sheet working electrode, a platinum wire counter electrode, and a silver/silver nitrate (Ag/Ag<sup>+</sup>) reference electrode.



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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (s, 4H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 10H), 6.79 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 4H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H).



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.21 (s), 155.00 (s), 151.43 (s), 140.67 (s), 138.88 – 138.68 (m), 129.91 (s), 129.02 (s), 128.28 (s), 128.01 (s), 127.71 (s), 127.65 (s), 127.15 (s), 125.79 (s), 124.47 (s), 123.36 (s), 120.34 (s), 120.06 (s), 116.84 (s), 54.45 (s).



Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, <sup>13</sup>C-NMR and MALDI-TOF mass spectra of DSFX-TFB.



Figure S2. The TGA and DSC curve of DSFX-TFB.







Figure S3. Normalized EL spectra of device A-E at the different Voltage.







Figure S4. The CIE coordinates versus the voltage of the device A–E.

Cmpd.	$\lambda^{abs.}_{max} [a] (nm)$	λ <sup>em.</sup> <sub>max</sub> ( FWHM) [b] (nm)	Φ[c]	$T_{\rm d}/T_{\rm g}$ [d] (°C)	HOMO/ LUMO/Bandgap [e] (eV)
DSFX-TFB	322/330	375 (54)/401 ( 54)	0.81/0.66	440/ NA	-5.76/-2.39/ 3.37

Table S1. Thermal and photophysical properties of the DSFX-TFB.

[a] Maximum absorption measured in chloroform solution and solid film(vacuum deposited on quartz substrates). [b] Maximum emission wavelength and FWHM measured in solution and film. [c] Fluorescence quantum yields in solution/film, using 9,10-diphenyl-anthracence ( $\Phi_{366} = 0.9$ ) as a standard. [d]  $T_d$ : decomposition temperature, measured by TGA;  $T_g$ : glass transition temperature, measured by DSC. [e] HOMO and LUMO energy levels determined by cyclic voltammetry. NA: not available.