

Supplementary Information

A Rare Case of Brominated Small Molecule Acceptors for High-Efficiency Organic Solar Cells

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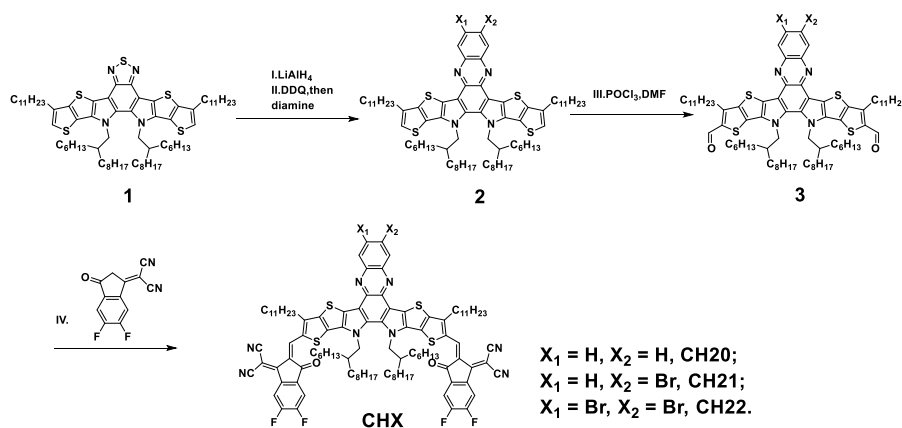
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1. Supplementary Methods

The overall synthesis of compound 2,2'-((2Z,2'Z)-((15,16-bis(2-hexyldecyl)-3,12-diundecyl-15,16-dihydrothieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[3,2-a]thieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[2,3-c]phenazine-2,13-diyl)bis(methaneylylidene))bis(5,6-difluoro-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2,1-diylidene))dimalononitrile (CH 20), 2,2'-((2Z,2'Z)-((7-bromo-15,16-bis(2-hexyldecyl)-3,12-diundecyl-15,16-dihydrothieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[3,2-a]thieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[2,3-c]phenazine-2,13-diyl)bis(methaneylylidene))bis(5,6-difluoro-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2,1-diylidene))dimalononitrile (CH21) and 2,2'-((2Z,2'Z)-((7,8-dibromo-15,16-bis(2-hexyldecyl)-3,12-diundecyl-15,16-dihydrothieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[3,2-a]thieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[2,3-c]phenazine-2,13-diyl)bis(methaneylylidene))bis(5,6-difluoro-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2,1-diylidene))dimalononitrile (CH22).

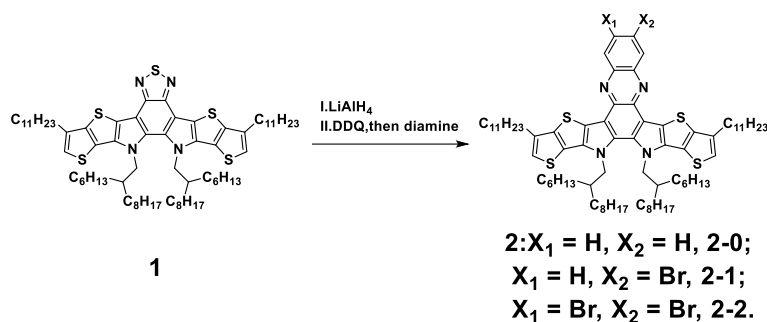
As shown in Supplementary Fig. 1, the reagents and conditions used were as follows: (I) LiAlH₄, THF, reflux; (II) DDQ, CHCl₃, then benzene-1,2-diamine, 4-bromobenzene-1,2-diamine or 4,5-dibromobenzene-1,2-diamine, 0 °C to room temperature; (III) POCl₃, DMF, ClCH₂CH₂Cl, reflux; (IV) 2-(6,7-difluoro-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-cyclopenta[b] naphthalen-1-ylidene) malononitrile or 2-(5,6-dichloro-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-ylidene) malononitrile, pyridine, CHCl₃, reflux.



Supplementary Fig. 1 The overall synthetic route to CH20, CH21 and CH22.

Synthesis of 15,16-bis(2-hexyldecyl)-3,12-diundecyl-15,16-dihydrothieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[3,2-a]thieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[2,3-c]phenazine (2-0), 7-bromo-15,16-bis(2-hexyldecyl)-3,12-diundecyl-15,16-dihydrothieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[3,2-a]thieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[2,3-c]phenazine (2-1) and 7,8-dibromo-15,16-bis(2-hexyldecyl)-3,12-diundecyl-15,16-dihydrothieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[3,2-a]thieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[2,3-c]phenazine (2-2).

As shown in Supplementary Fig. 2, under the protection of argon, LiAlH₄ (119 mg, 3.14 mmol, 5.0 eq.) was added to a solution of 12,13-bis(2-hexyldecyl)-3,9-diundecyl-12,13-dihydro-[1,2,5]thiadiazolo[3,4-e]thieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[3,2-g]thieno[2',3':4,5]thieno[3,2-b]indole (**1**) (750 mg, 0.63 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in tetrahydrofuran (THF, 50 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred and heated to reflux for 12 h. After being cooled to 0 °C, water (30 mL) is slowly dropped into the reaction and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ for 1 h. After removal of solvent, the crude product was dissolved in chloroform (45 mL), then 3-dichloro-5, 6-dicyano-1, 4-benzoquinone (DDQ, 285 mg, 1.26 mmol, 2.0 eq.) and benzene-1,2-diamine, (339 mg, 3.14 mmol, 5.0 eq.) were added to the solution in turn. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 6 h, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. Finally, the residue was purified by column chromatography to give compound **2-0** as a red solid. (625 mg, 79%). Compound **2-1** is obtained by a similar method with a yield of 75% as a red solid. Compound **2-2** is obtained by a similar method with a yield of 78% as a red solid.



Supplementary Fig. 2 Synthesis of compound **2**.

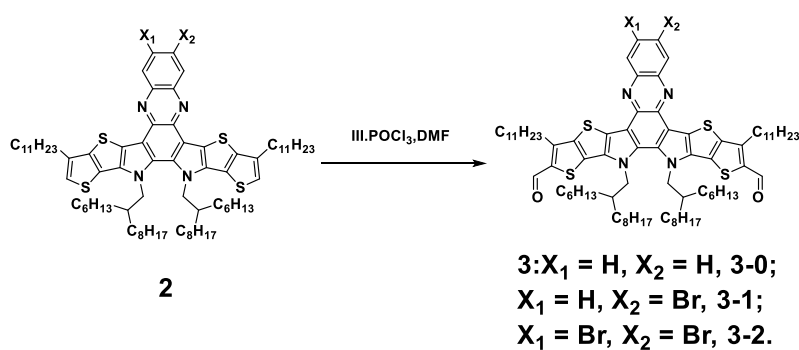
Data for compound **2-0**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.50 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (s, 2H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 2.92 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 2.23 (h, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.94 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.17 (s, 86H), 0.83 (s, 6H), 0.71 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.04, 141.46, 138.44, 136.93, 136.89, 131.58, 129.47, 129.40, 128.26, 128.09, 123.54, 123.48, 118.83, 117.14, 55.03, 38.76, 38.72, 32.00, 31.84, 31.69, 30.51, 30.42, 29.75, 29.62, 29.57, 29.45, 29.20, 28.99, 25.57, 22.77, 22.64, 22.58, 22.53, 14.23, 14.17, 14.13, 14.02.

Data for compound **2-1**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.68 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (s, 2H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 2.90 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 2.18 (h, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 124.3 Hz, 86H), 0.81 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 6H), 0.69 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.13, 141.73, 139.98, 138.68, 138.47, 136.94, 131.83, 131.64, 131.43, 130.70, 130.61, 123.49, 123.46, 123.37, 121.95, 119.02, 116.96, 116.86, 55.07, 38.73, 31.97, 31.82, 31.65, 30.40, 29.76, 29.71, 29.62, 29.54, 29.45, 29.42, 29.39, 29.18, 28.96, 25.54, 22.75, 22.62, 22.50, 14.20, 14.15, 14.11, 13.99.

Data for compound **2-2**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.75 (s, 2H), 7.05 (s, 2H), 4.70 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 2.88 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 2.20 (h, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (p, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 1.43 – 0.90 (m, 86H), 0.81 (s, 6H), 0.69 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.17, 138.90, 136.98, 136.90, 133.06, 131.86, 124.01, 123.48, 123.41, 119.11, 116.77, 55.15, 38.76, 31.97, 31.82, 31.64, 29.62, 29.55, 29.46, 29.41, 29.18, 28.95, 25.56, 22.75, 22.62, 22.50, 14.14, 13.99.

Synthesis of 15,16-bis(2-hexyldecyl)-3,12-diundecyl-15,16-dihydrothieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[3,2-a]thieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[2,3-c]phenazine-2,13-dicarbaldehyde (**3-0**), 7-bromo-15,16-bis(2-hexyldecyl)-3,12-diundecyl-15,16-dihydrothieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[3,2-a]thieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[2,3-c]phenazine-2,13-dicarbaldehyde (**3-1**) and 7,8-dibromo-15,16-bis(2-hexyldecyl)-3,12-diundecyl-15,16-dihydrothieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[3,2-a]thieno[2'',3'':4',5']thieno[2',3':4,5]pyrrolo[2,3-c]phenazine-2,13-dicarbaldehyde (**3-2**).

As shown in Supplementary Fig. 3, under the protection of argon, phosphorus oxychloride (0.3 mL) was added to a solution of compound **2** (550 mg) and N, N-Dimethylformamide (DMF, 0.3 mL) in 1, 2-dichloroethane (ClCH₂CH₂Cl, 50 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred and heated to reflux for 12 h, then cooled to 0 °C. The resulting mixture was slowly added to a saturated solution of sodium acetate (40 mL), then stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The resulting mixture was extracted with dichloromethane and the organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ for 1 h. After removal of solvent, the crude product was then purified by column chromatography on silica gel with hexanes/dichloromethane (v/v=1:2) as eluent to afford compound **3-0** as a red solid (498 mg, 82%). Compound **3-1** is obtained by a similar method with a yield of 85% as a red solid. Compound **3-2** is obtained by a similar method with a yield of 86% as a red solid.



Supplementary Fig. 3 Synthesis of compound **3**.

Data for compound **3-0**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 10.18 (s, 2H), 8.46 (dd, $J = 6.7, 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.88 (dd, $J = 6.7, 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.73 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 4H), 3.26 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 4H), 2.17 (m, 2H), 1.99 (m, 4H), 1.51 (m, 4H), 1.29 (m, 82H), 0.78 (m, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 6H), 0.69 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.68, 146.94, 144.16, 141.73, 138.27, 136.71, 136.65, 132.77, 129.61, 129.40, 128.92, 128.22, 118.04, 55.29, 38.96, 31.93, 31.76, 31.58, 30.55, 30.48, 30.38, 29.70, 29.65, 29.57, 29.43, 29.37, 29.31, 29.15, 28.19, 26.93, 25.52, 22.70, 22.57, 22.48, 14.13, 14.08, 13.95.

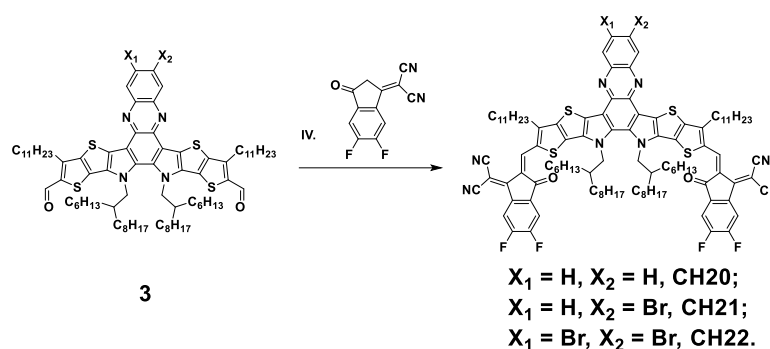
Data for compound **3-1**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 10.18 (s, 2H), 8.56 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd, $J = 9.0, 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.73 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 3.24 (q, $J = 8.6, 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 2.19 (dt, $J = 12.5, 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 1.97 (q, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 4H), 1.51 (s, 4H), 1.35 – 0.88 (m, 82H), 0.79 (m, 6H), 0.69 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.71, 146.90, 146.87, 144.21, 141.90, 140.19, 138.52, 138.27, 136.83, 136.79, 136.72, 136.67, 132.93, 132.77, 132.28, 131.29, 130.51, 129.53, 129.46, 128.19, 128.06, 122.84, 117.84, 117.74, 55.39, 39.02, 31.92, 31.76, 31.57, 30.55, 30.51, 30.43, 29.76, 29.72, 29.69, 29.64, 29.58, 29.44, 29.36, 29.31, 29.15, 28.20, 25.56, 22.70, 22.57, 22.47, 14.13, 14.07, 13.95.

Data for compound **3-2**: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 10.18 (s, 2H), 8.67 (s, 2H), 4.72 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 3.23 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 4H), 2.22 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.96 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 4H), 1.51 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 1.30 (s, 82H), 0.78 (m, 6H), 0.69 (m, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.74, 146.86, 144.31, 140.47, 138.66, 136.91, 136.71, 132.90, 129.43, 128.09, 125.05, 117.55, 55.45, 39.05, 31.91, 31.75, 31.56, 30.53, 30.45, 29.76, 29.74, 29.68, 29.64, 29.60, 29.44, 29.35, 29.32, 29.15, 28.20, 25.60, 25.56, 22.69, 22.56, 22.46, 14.13, 14.06, 13.95.

Synthesis of compound CH20, CH21 and CH22.

As shown in Supplementary Fig. 4, under argon protection, compound **3** (221 mg, 0.07 mmol, 1.0 eq.), 2-(5,6-difluoro-3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-ylidene)malononitrile (49 mg, 0.21 mmol, 3 eq.) and 30 mL dry chloroform were added to 100 mL two-necked round bottom flask. Then 0.5 mL pyridine was dropped into the mixture. The r

reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 12 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was precipitated in 70 mL methanol. The precipitate was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with petroleum ether/ chloroform (v/v=4/5) as eluent to give black compound CH20 (182 mg, 79%); Compound CH21 was obtained by a similar method with a yield of 76% as a black solid. Compound CH22 was obtained by a similar method with a yield of 82% as a black solid.



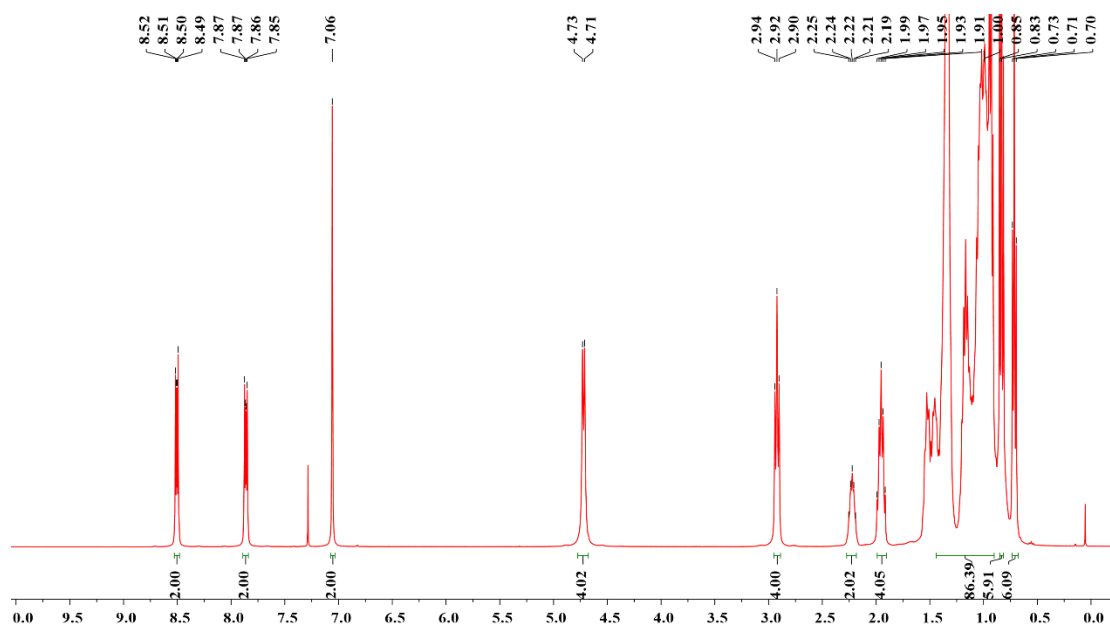
Supplementary Fig. 4 Synthesis of compound CH20, CH21 and CH22.

Data for compound CH20: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.12 (s, 2H), 8.48 (dd, $J = 9.9, 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 8.38 (dd, $J = 6.5, 3.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.90 (dd, $J = 6.6, 3.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.69 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.87 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 3.28 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 4H), 2.36 – 2.25 (m, 2H), 1.91 (p, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 4H), 1.58 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 4H), 1.42 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 4H), 1.29 -1.04 (m, 72H), 0.87 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H), 0.77 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 6H), 0.71 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 186.06, 158.67, 155.62, 155.49, 154.10, 153.04, 152.90, 146.36, 141.86, 138.25, 137.70, 136.62, 136.54, 136.21, 135.09, 134.47, 134.40, 133.91, 133.17, 131.83, 129.55, 129.38, 119.42, 119.39, 115.04, 114.96, 114.75, 114.61, 112.37, 112.19, 68.12, 55.74, 39.33, 31.92, 31.85, 31.66, 31.42, 30.67, 30.58, 29.88, 29.73, 29.65, 29.58, 29.55, 29.42, 29.37, 29.22, 25.72, 22.69, 22.59, 22.52, 14.11, 14.06, 14.03.

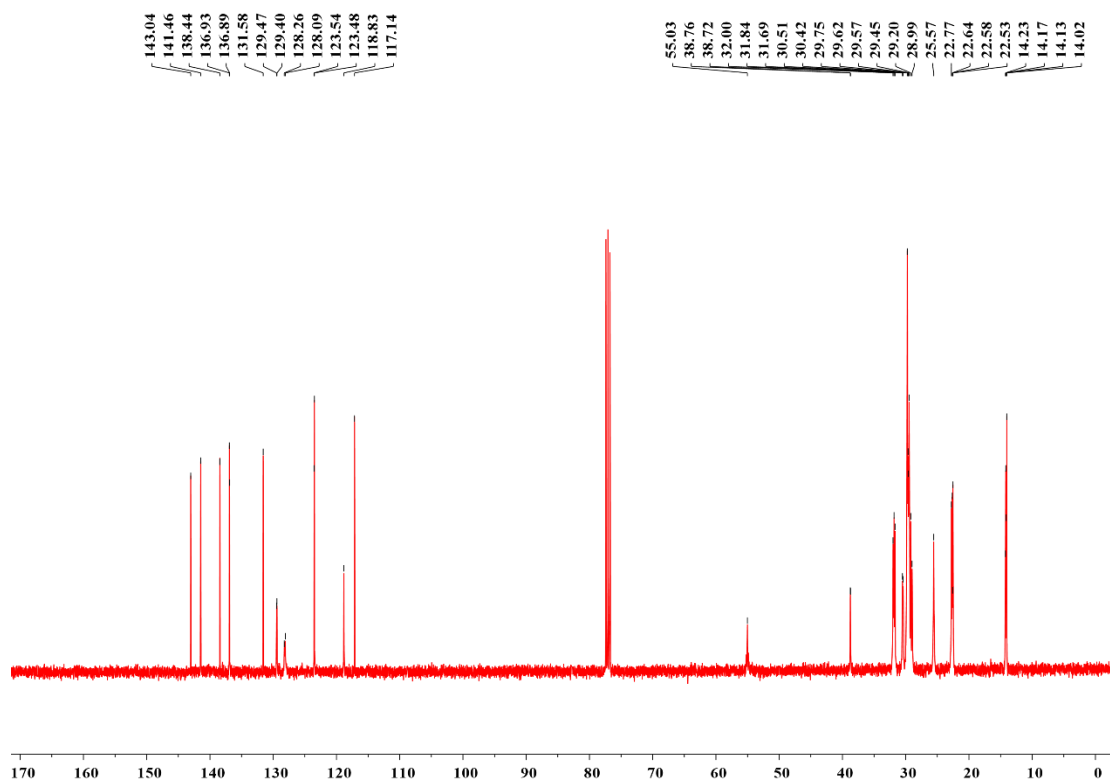
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4H), 2.29 (s, 2H), 1.87 (q, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 4H), 1.52 (s, 4H), 1.38 (s, 4H), 1.03 (s, 72H), 0.87 – 0.83 (m, 6H), 0.72 (dt, $J = 19.5, 6.9$ Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 186.13, 158.56, 155.70, 155.57, 154.01, 153.12, 152.96, 146.38, 141.90, 140.25, 138.43, 138.16, 137.74, 137.70, 136.60, 136.08, 136.04, 135.07, 134.48, 133.98, 133.78, 133.20, 133.17, 131.73, 131.59, 123.56, 119.55, 119.12, 118.99, 115.00, 114.97, 114.58, 112.42, 68.28, 39.45, 31.94, 31.87, 31.69, 31.47, 30.70, 29.94, 29.75, 29.68, 29.61, 29.46, 29.39, 29.26, 25.82, 22.71, 22.66, 22.62, 22.54, 14.13, 14.07.

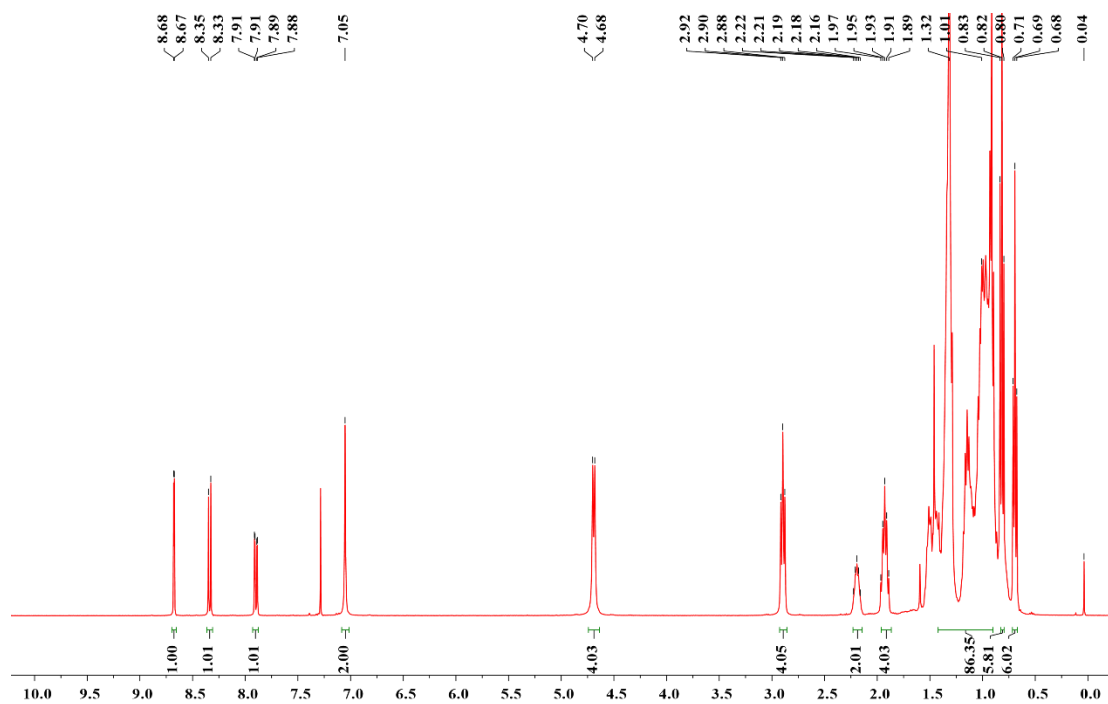
Data for compound CH22: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 9.12 (s, 2H), 8.55 (dd, $J = 9.9, 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.41 (s, 2H), 7.76 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.90 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 4H), 3.22 (s, 4H), 2.34 (s, 2H), 1.87 (q, $J = 8.0, 7.5$ Hz, 4H), 1.55 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 4H), 1.39 (s, 4H), 1.37 – 1.04 (m, 72H), 0.90 – 0.85 (m, 6H), 0.74 (dt, $J = 13.3, 6.2$ Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 186.13, 158.60, 155.77, 155.64, 153.87, 146.47, 140.29, 138.32, 137.65, 136.60, 135.88, 135.09, 134.46, 133.72, 133.20, 132.59, 131.49, 125.75, 119.71, 118.67, 114.95, 114.51, 112.56, 112.37, 68.41, 55.98, 39.60, 31.93, 31.85, 31.71, 31.42, 30.78, 30.04, 30.01, 29.94, 29.73, 29.69, 29.67, 29.63, 29.61, 29.49, 29.37, 29.24, 25.98, 25.91, 22.69, 22.59, 22.53, 14.12, 14.03.



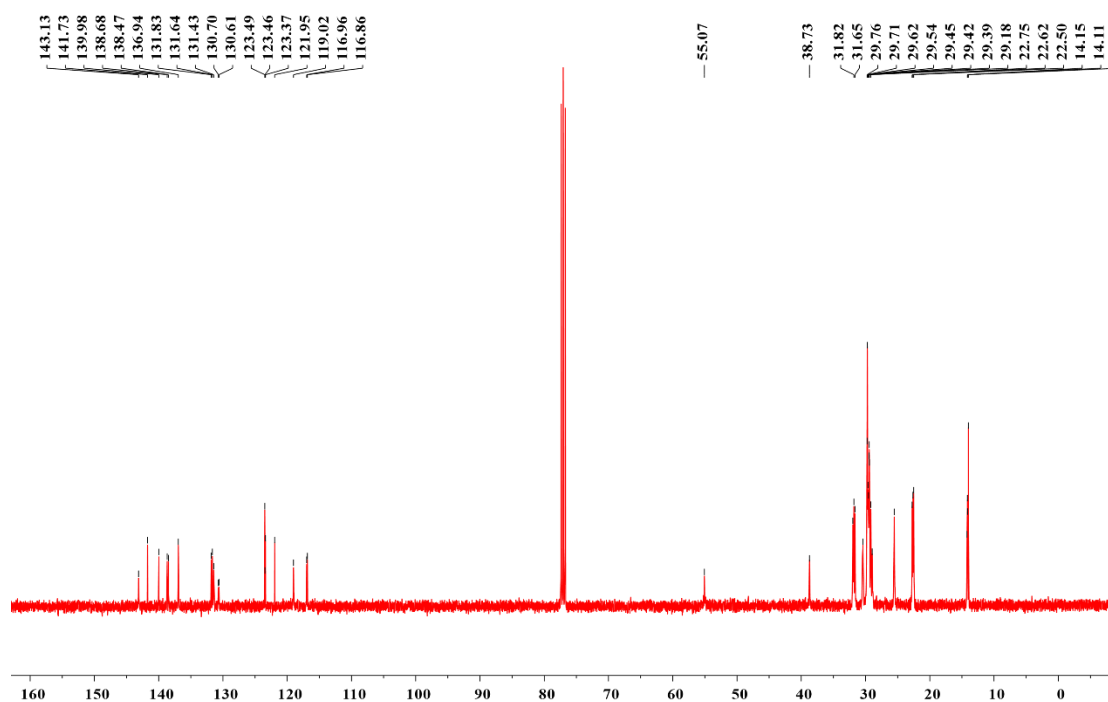
Supplementary Fig. 5 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 2-0 at 300K in CDCl₃.



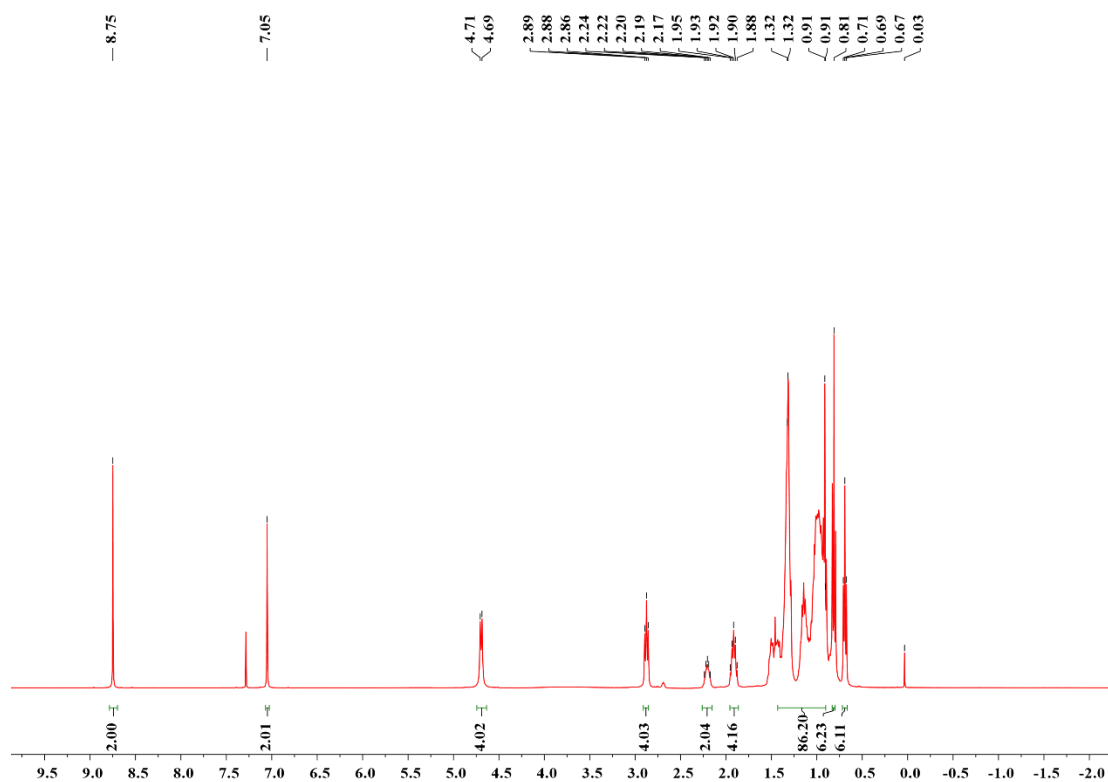
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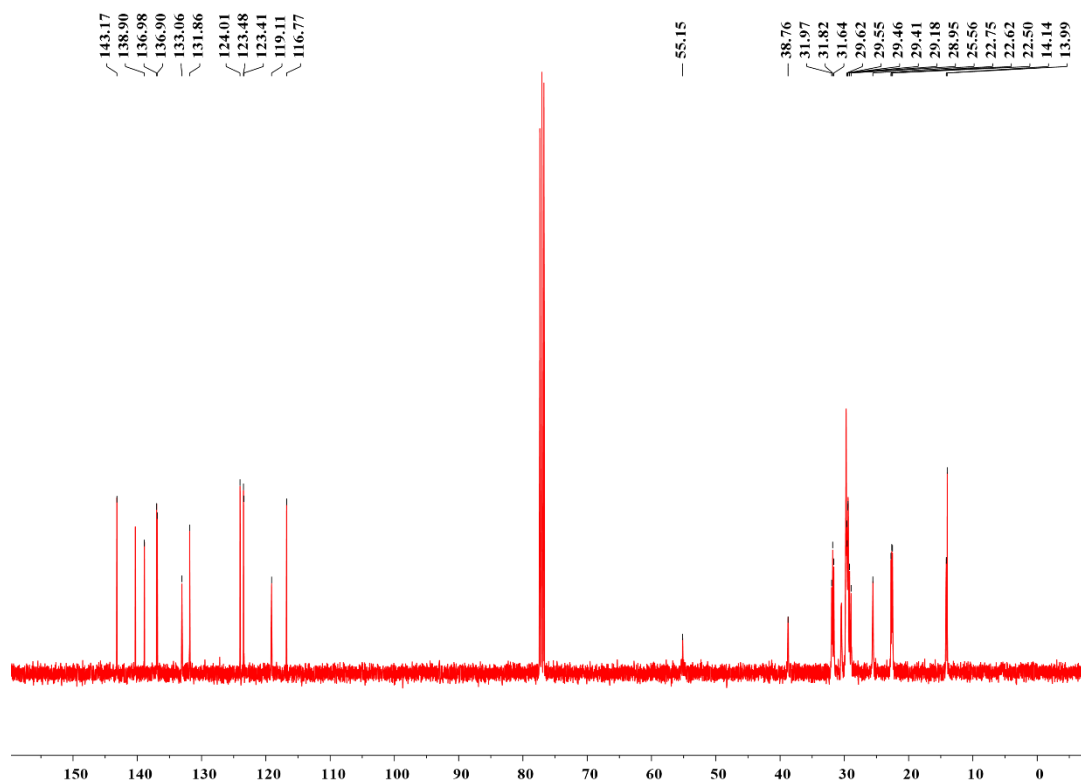
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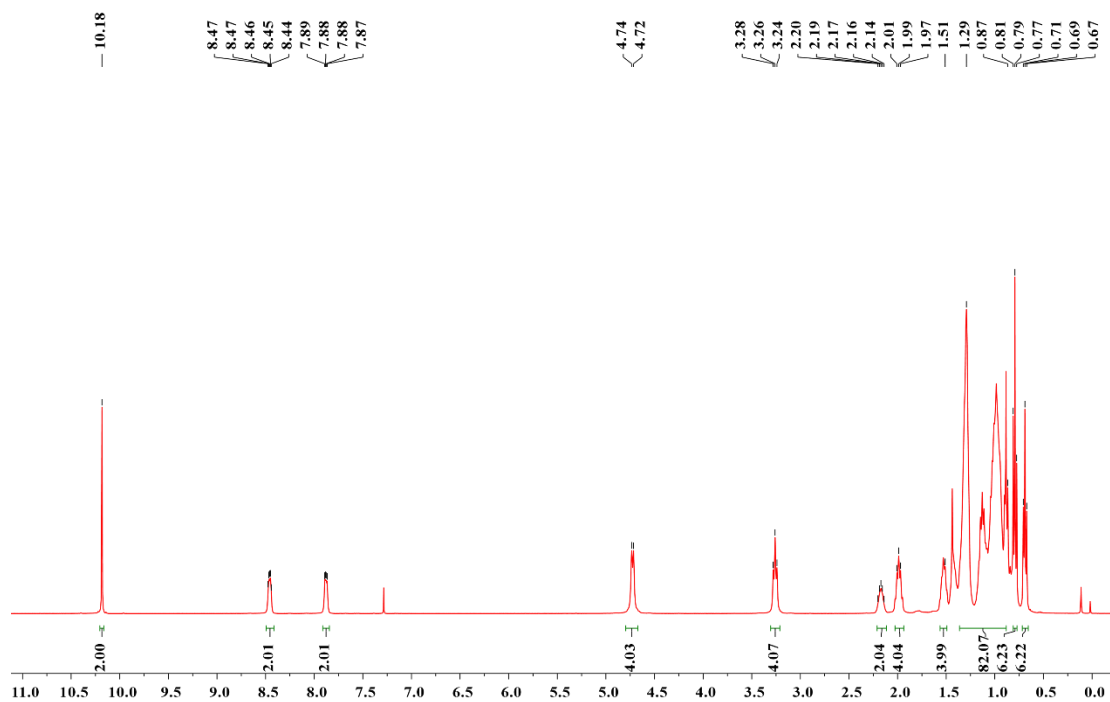
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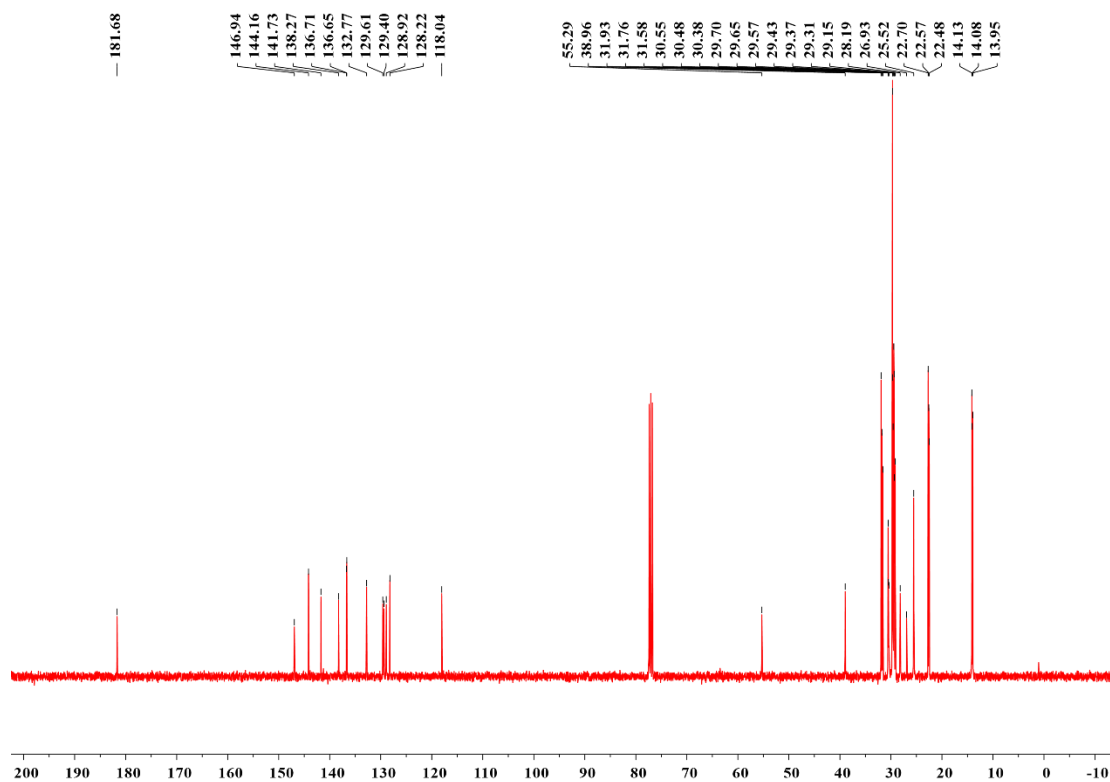
Supplementary Fig. 9 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 2-2 at 300K in CDCl₃.



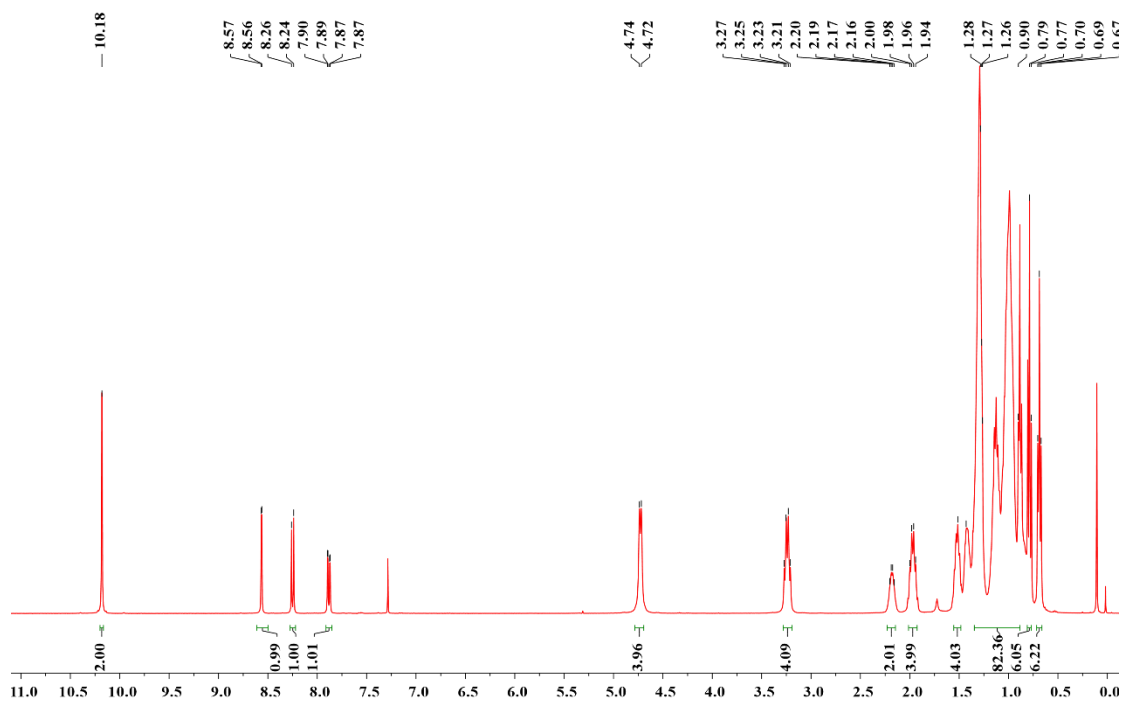
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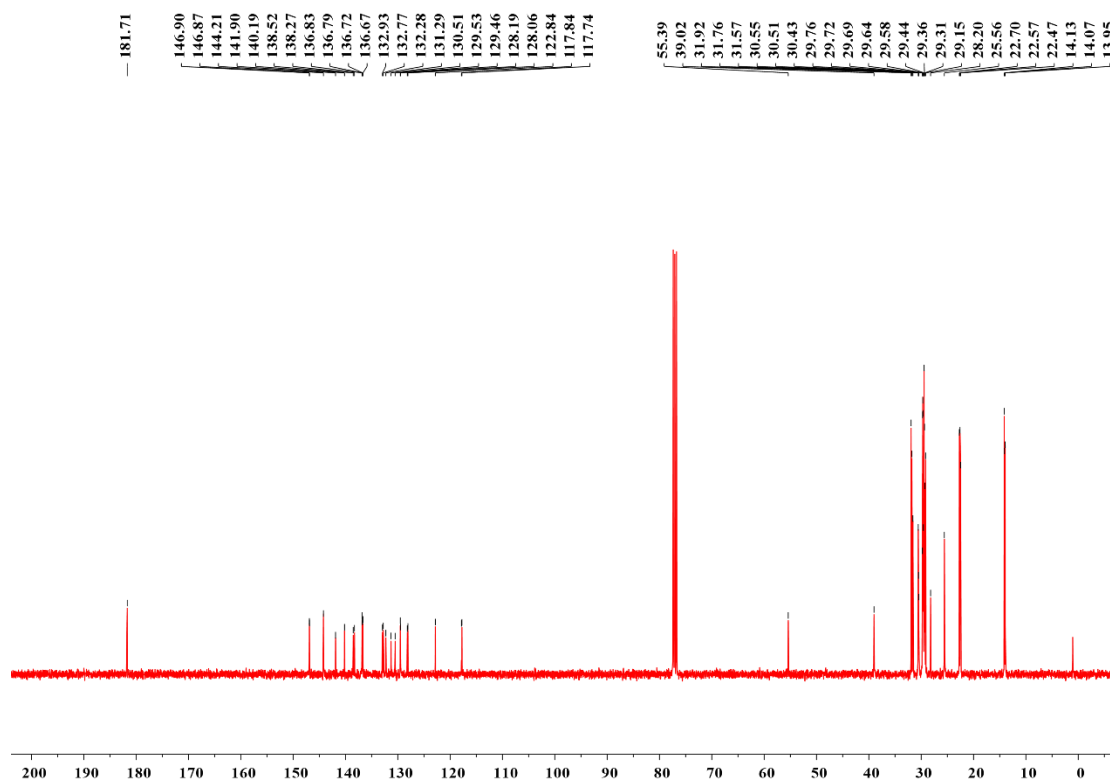
Supplementary Fig. 11 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 3-0 at 300K in CDCl₃.



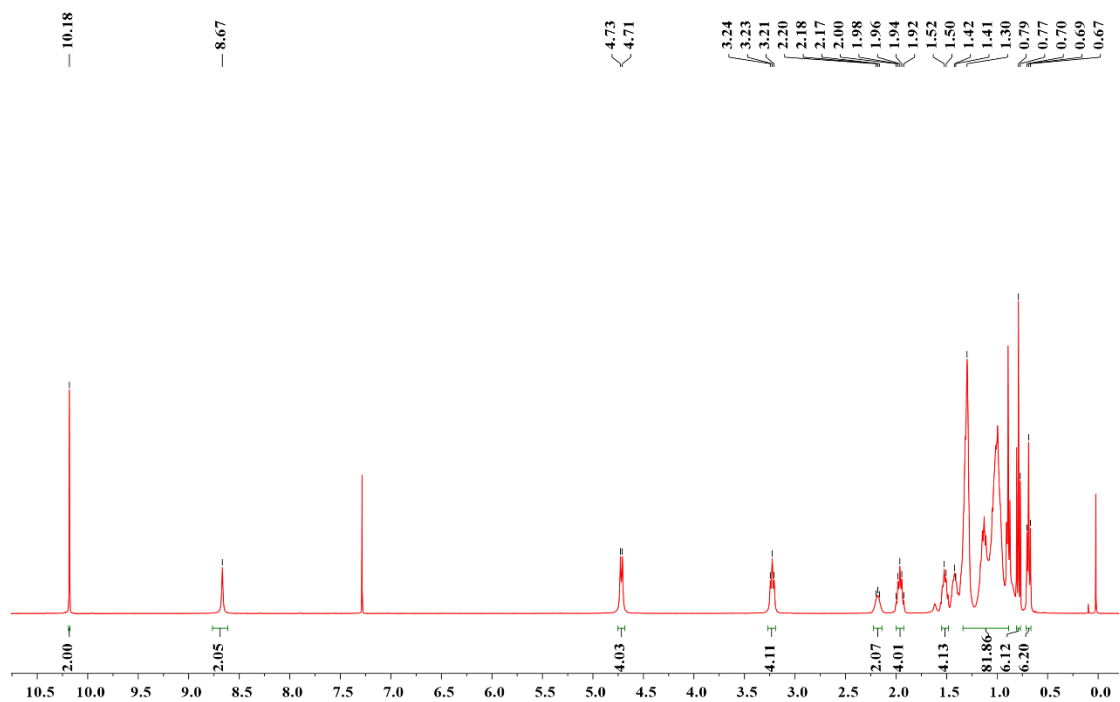
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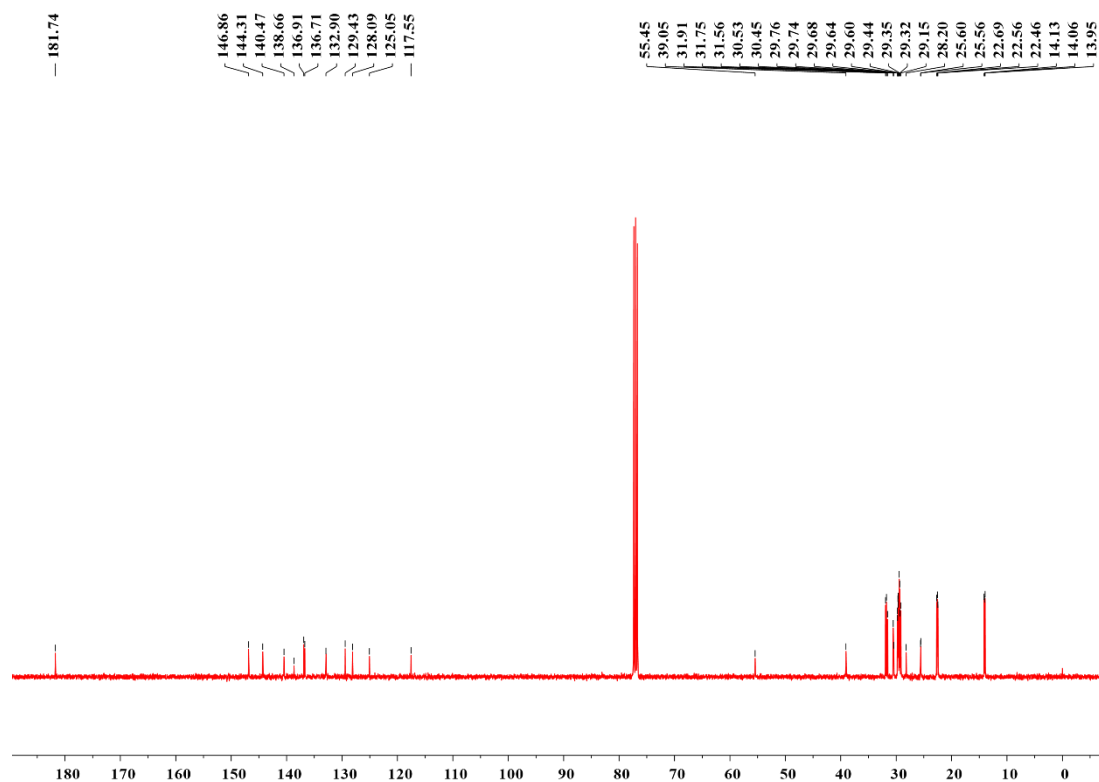
Supplementary Fig. 13 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 3-1 at 300K in CDCl₃.



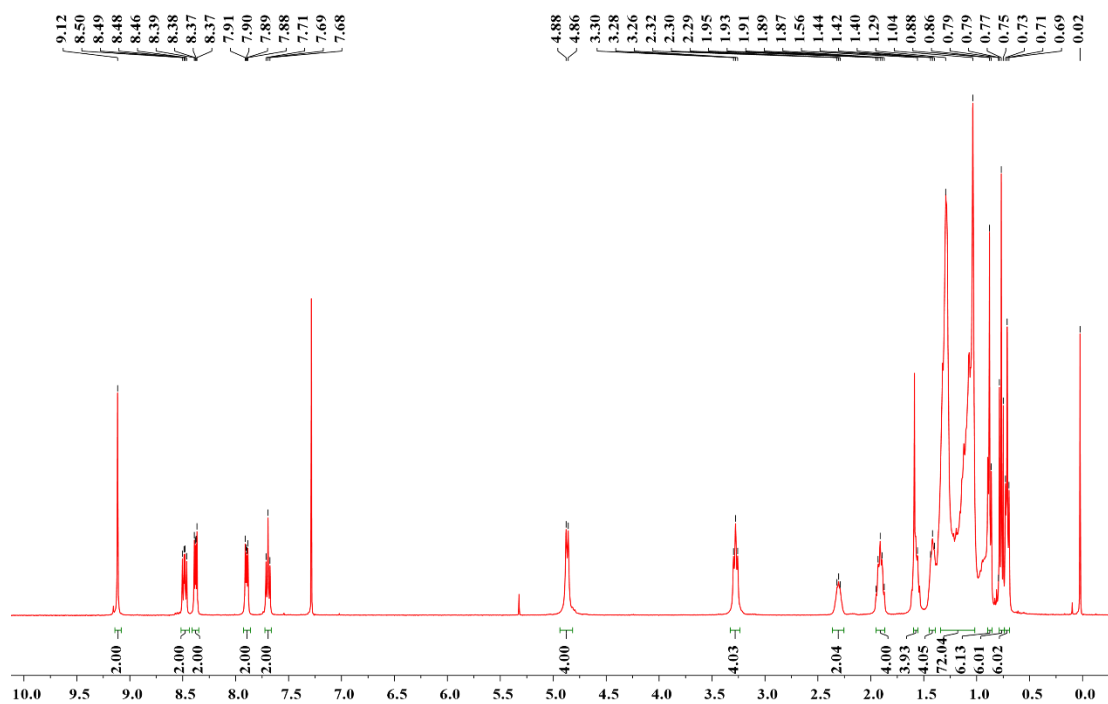
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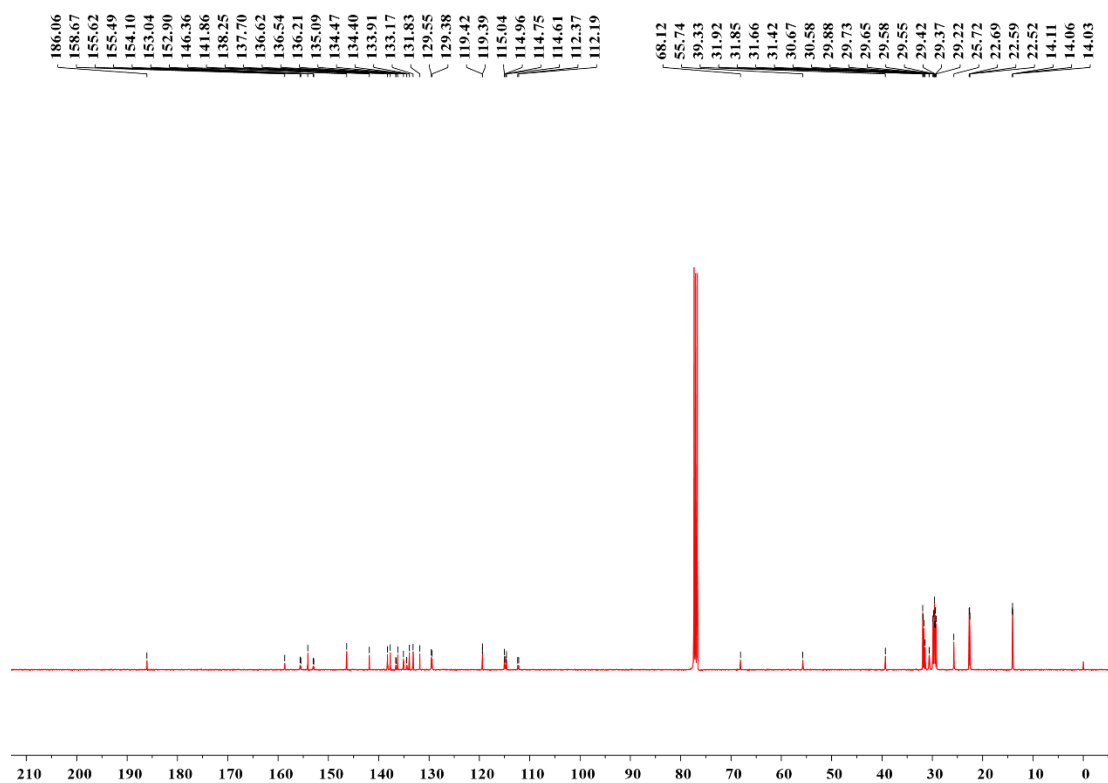
Supplementary Fig. 15 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 3-2 at 300K in CDCl₃.



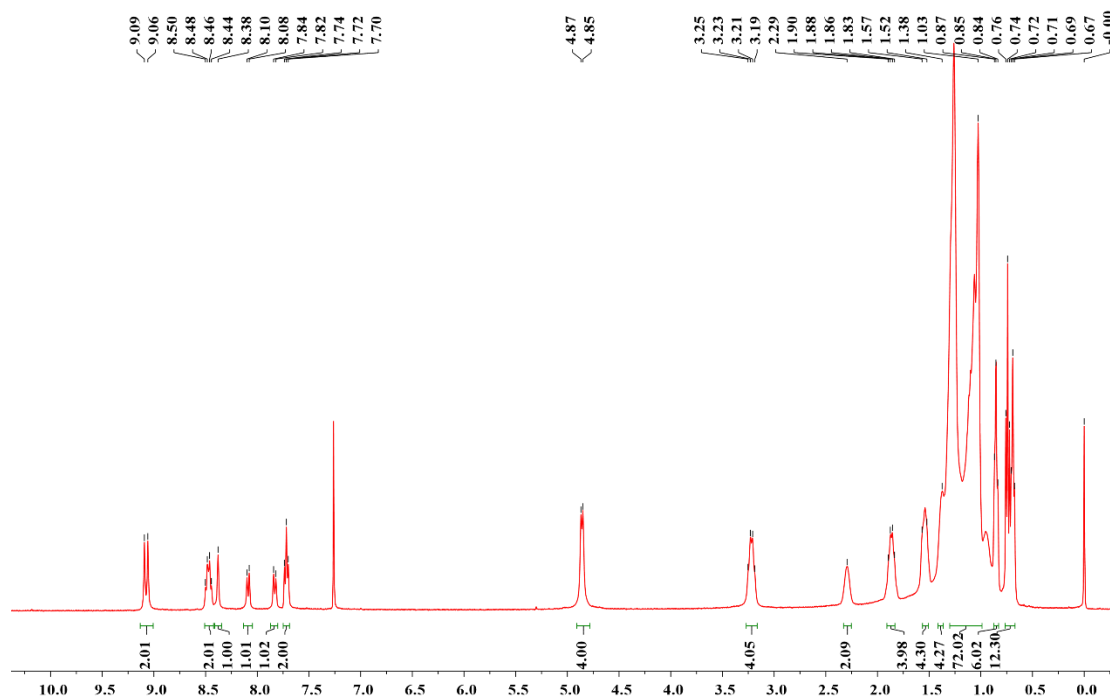
Supplementary Fig. 16 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 3-2 at 300K in CDCl₃.



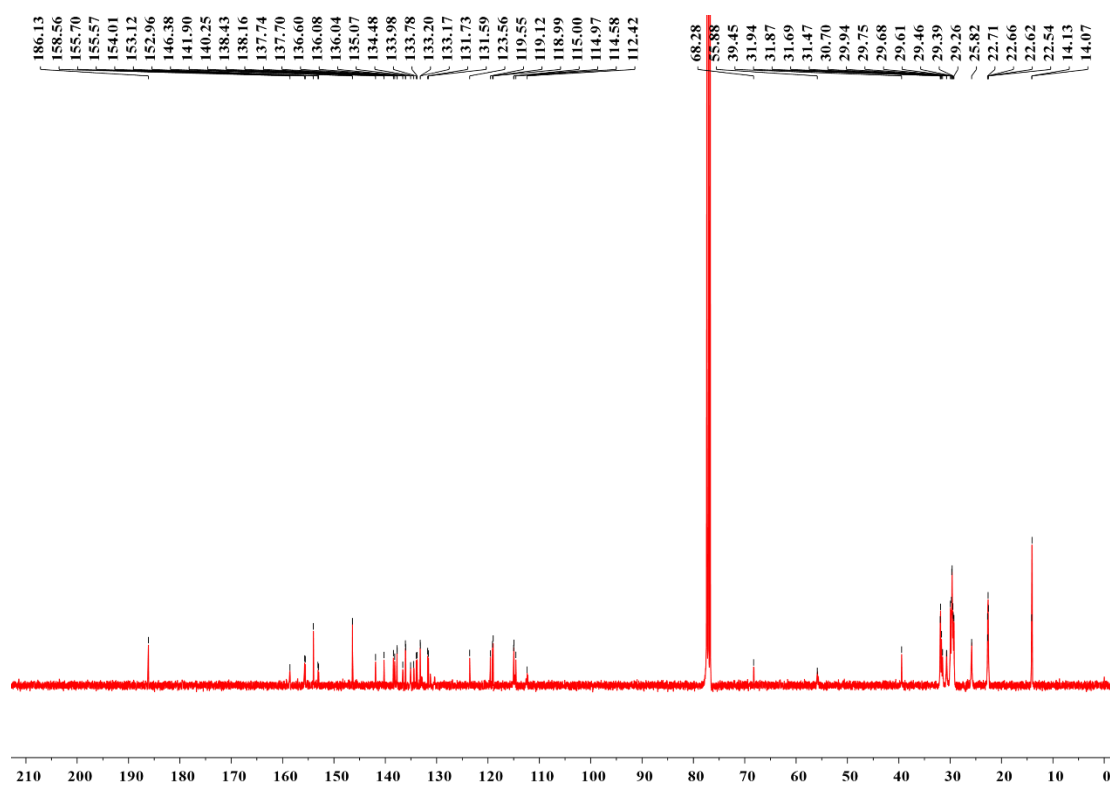
Supplementary Fig. 17 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound CH₂₀ at 300K in CDCl₃.



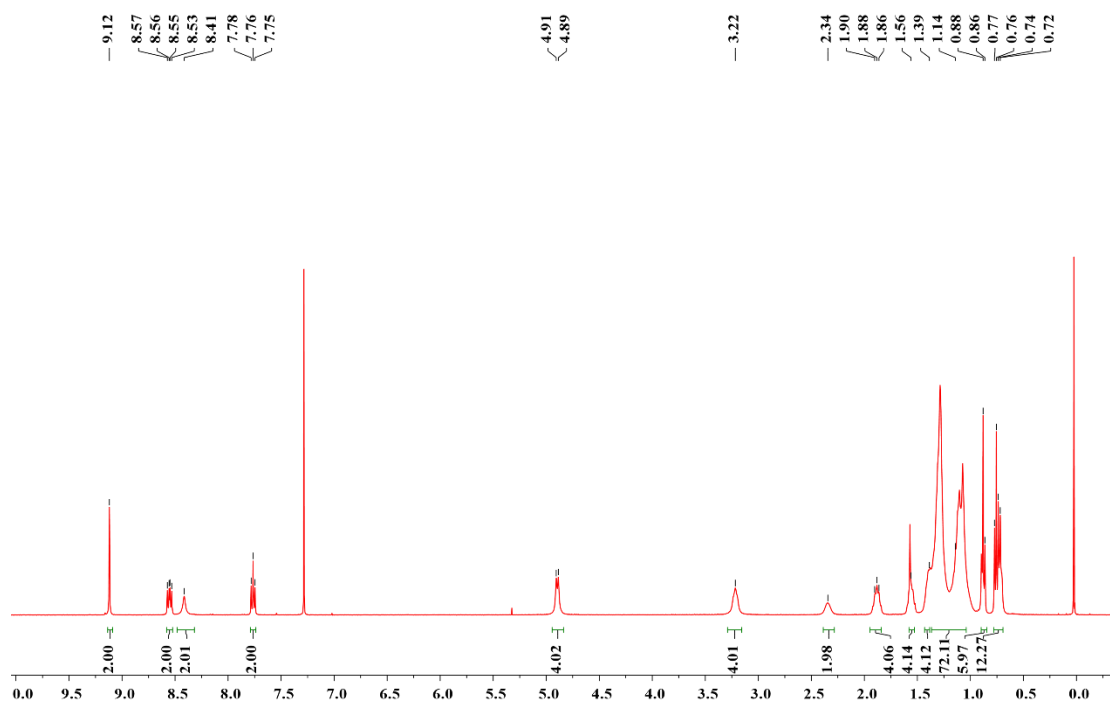
Supplementary Fig. 18 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound CH₂₀ at 300K in CDCl₃.



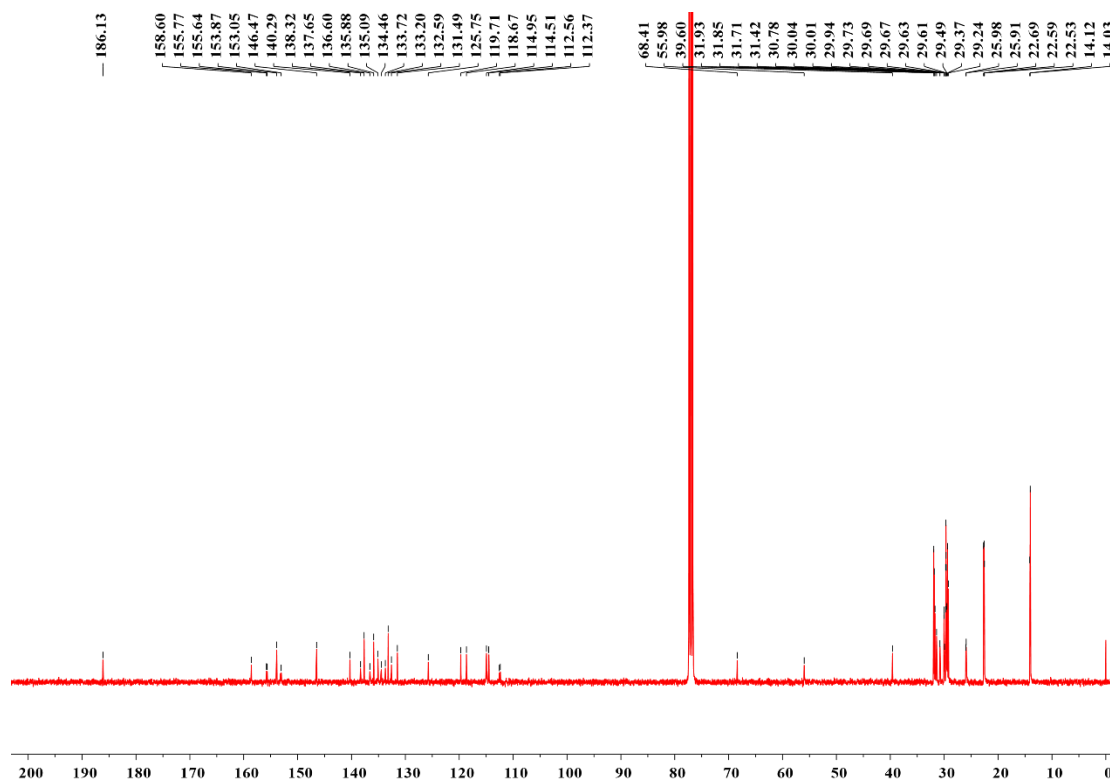
Supplementary Fig. 19 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound CH21 at 300K in CDCl₃.



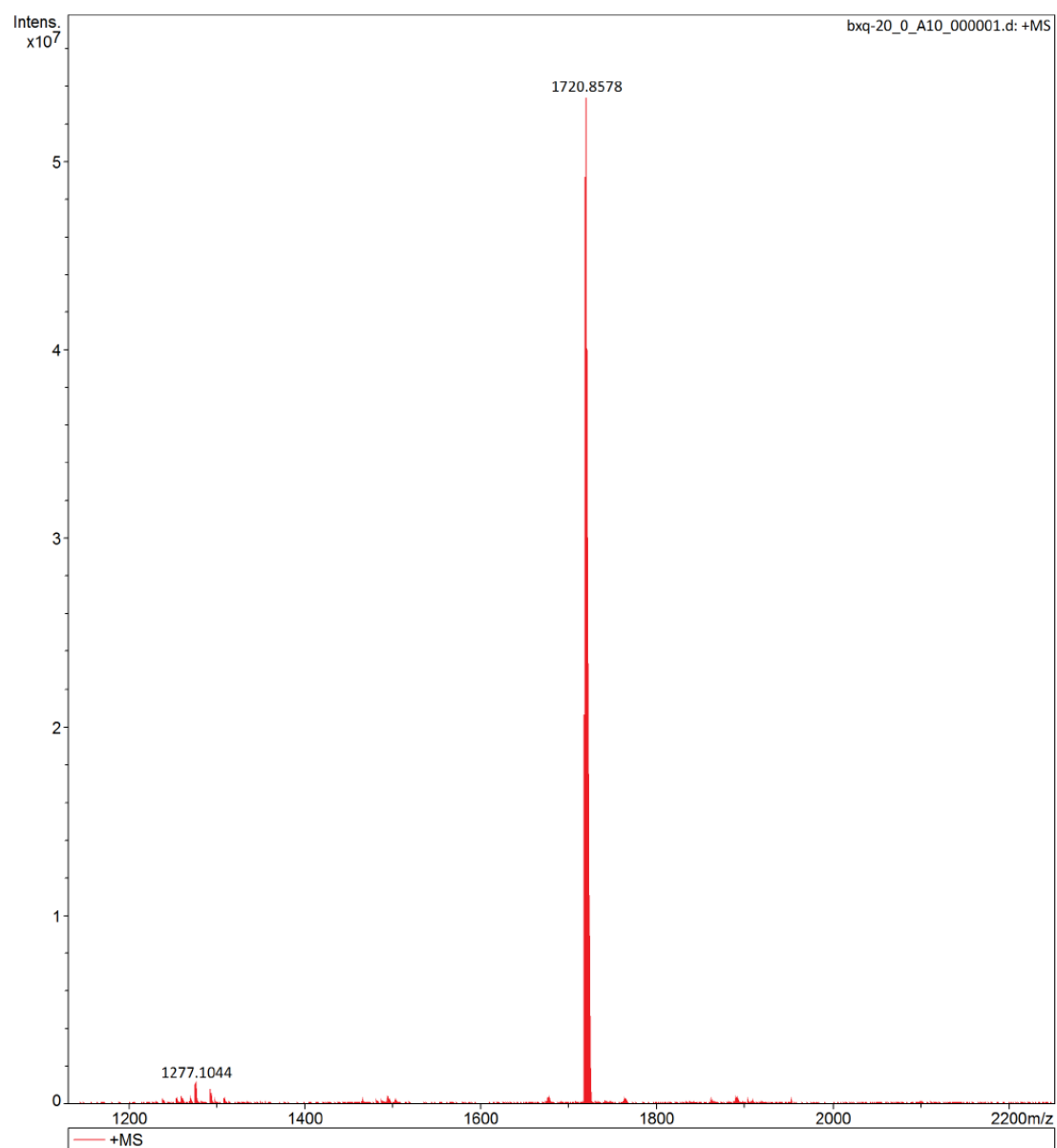
Supplementary Fig. 20 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound CH21 at 300K in CDCl₃.



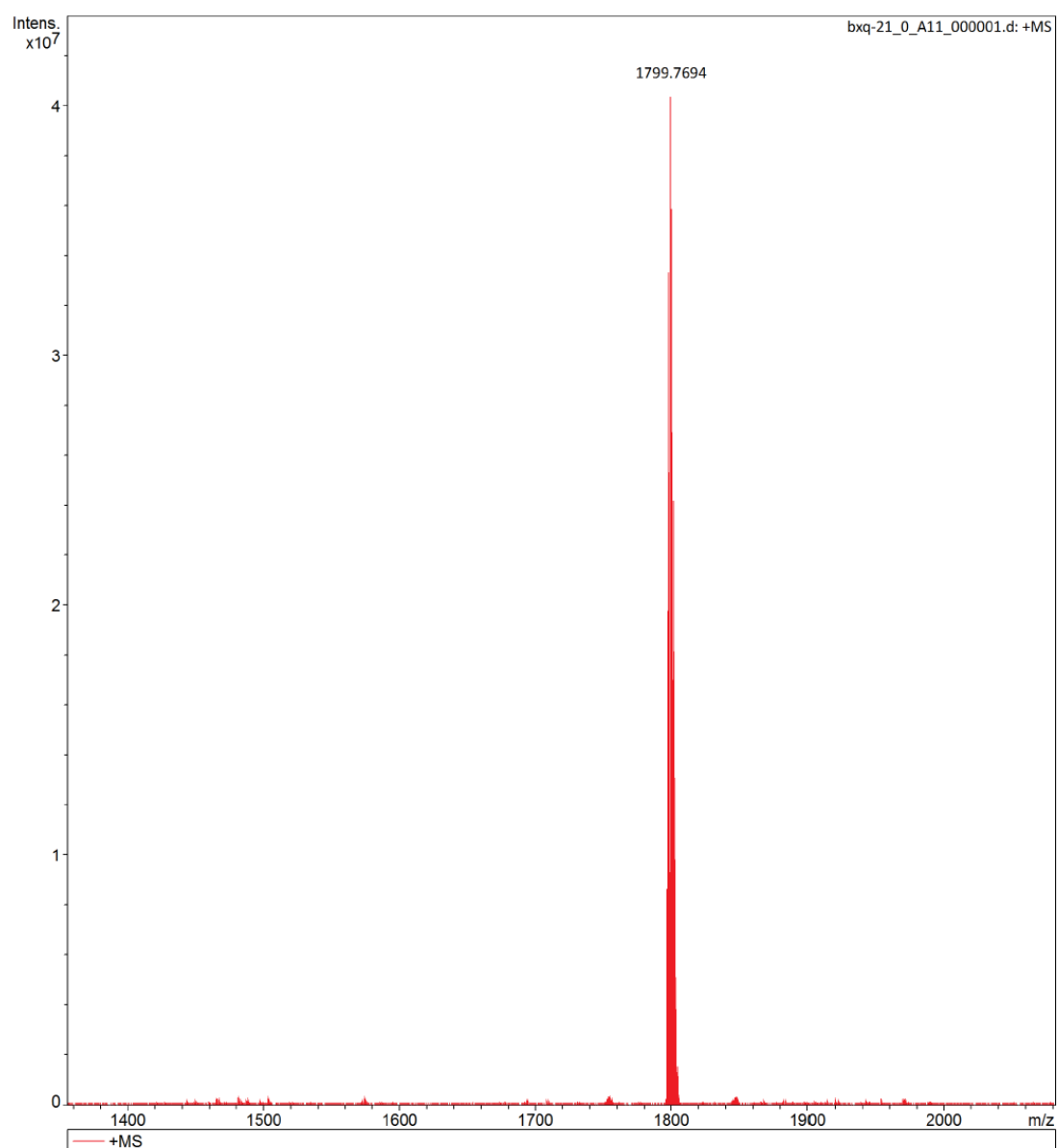
Supplementary Fig. 21 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound CH22 at 300K in CDCl₃.



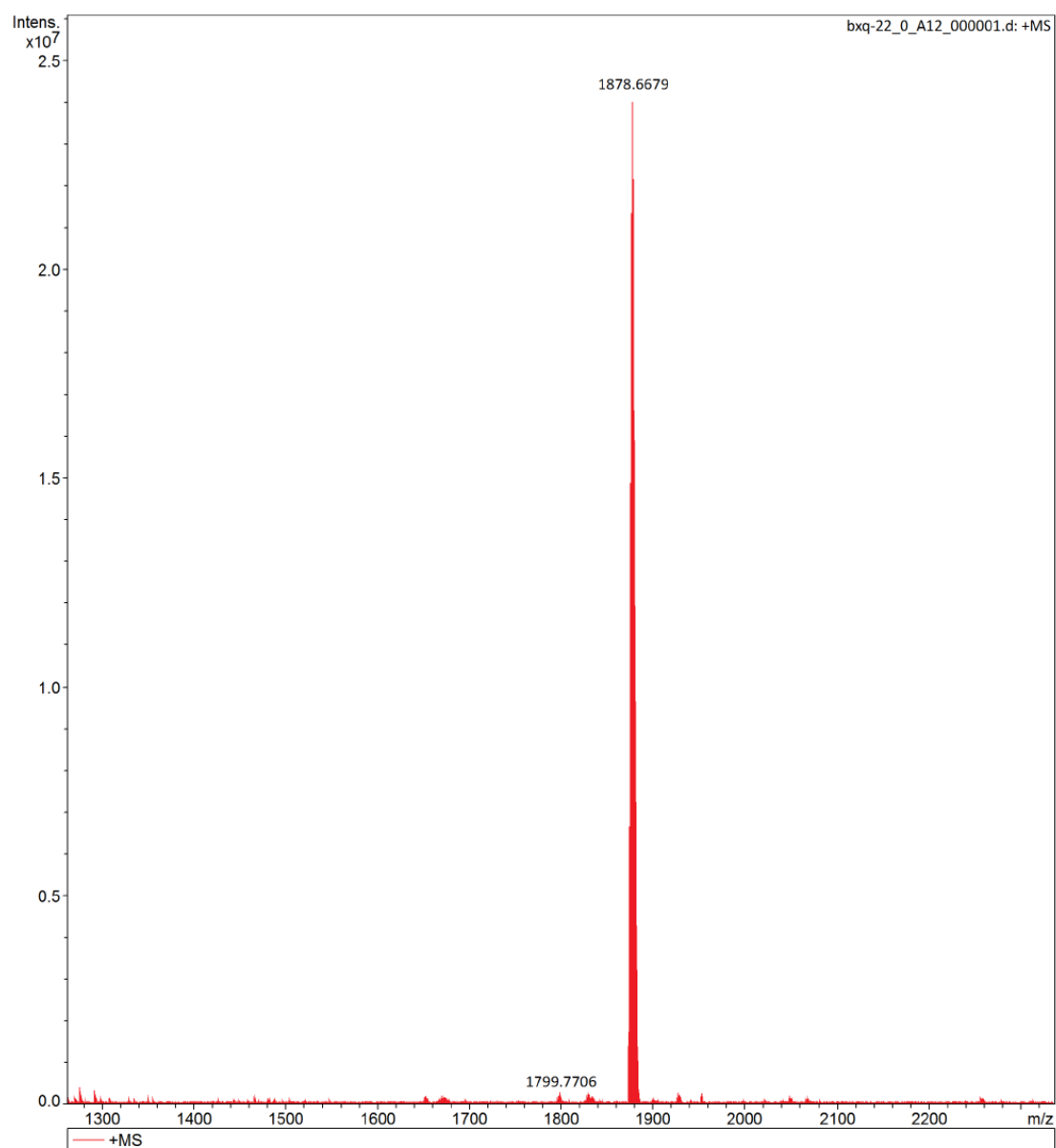
Supplementary Fig. 22 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound CH22 at 300K in CDCl₃.



Supplementary Fig. 23 High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) of CH₂₀.



Supplementary Fig. 24 HRMS of CH₂I.



Supplementary Fig. 25 HRMS of CH₂₂.

2. Supplementary Note 1

Computational Methods in This Work

The ground-state (S_0) geometries of studied molecules, energy level of frontier molecular orbital and the reorganization energy were optimized by density functional theory (DFT) using the Becke three-parameter Lee-Yang-Parr (B3LYP) hybrid functional.¹ The 6-31G(d)² and the quasi-relativistic pseudopotentials LANL2DZ³ basis sets were employed for light C, H, O, N, S F atoms and heavy Br atom, respectively. All the alkyl chains were replaced with methyl groups ($-\text{CH}_3$) to reduce the computational requirements. And the vibrational frequencies were calculated after geometries optimization and no imaginary frequency was found. All the calculations were performed in the Gaussian 16 package.⁴ The electronic coupling between dimer can be obtained by using Prof. Shuai's code based on the Supplementary Equation 1:

$$V = \frac{H_{12} - \frac{1}{2}(H_{11} + H_{22})S_{12}}{1 - S_{12}^2} \quad (\text{S1})$$

Here, $H_{12} = \langle \psi_1 | H | \psi_2 \rangle$, $S_{12} = \langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle$, $H_{11} = \langle \psi_1 | H | \psi_1 \rangle$, $H_{22} = \langle \psi_2 | H | \psi_2 \rangle$. H is the Kohn-Sham Hamiltonian of the dimer, $\psi_{1/2}$ means the LUMO of the monomer in the dimer for electron transport, S_{12} is the overlap integral. We obtained the transfer integrals at DFT/PW91PW91/6-31G(d) level. Besides, the Mercury software was employed to obtain the total packing energy and the π - π stacking interaction energy were calculated in details.

3. Supplementary Note 2

Single-crystal Growth

Single crystals of CH20 were grown by the liquid diffusion method at room temperature. In detail, 1.5 mL of methanol was transferred to 0.15 mL of concentrated chloroform solution of CH20 slowly, and the beautiful cuboid-shape dark purple crystals were formed on the inner glassy tube after about 3 days. The X-ray diffraction signals of single crystal were collected on Rigaku XtalAB PRO MM007 DW. The crystal was kept at 193.0 K during data collection. The single crystal growth methods of CH21 and CH22 are the same as CH20.

4. Supplementary Note 3

UV-Visible (UV-vis) Absorption. The UV-vis spectra were obtained by a Cary 5000 UV-vis spectrophotometer.

Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA) and Differential Scanning Calorimeter (DSC) analysis. The TGA analysis and the DSC were carried out on a TG209 DSC204 DMA242 TMA202 (NETZSCH) instrument with a heating rate of 5 °C min⁻¹ under a nitrogen atmosphere.

Cyclic Voltammetry (CV). The CV experiments were performed with a LK98B II Microcomputer-based Electrochemical Analyzer. All measurements were conducted at room temperature with a three-electrode configuration. Among them, a glassy carbon electrode was employed as the working electrode, a saturated calomel electrode (SCE) was used as the reference electrode, and a Pt wire was used as the counter electrode. Tetrabutyl ammonium phosphorus hexafluoride (n-Bu₄NPF₆, 0.1 M) in acetonitrile was employed as the supporting electrolyte, and the scan rate was kept at 100 mV s⁻¹. Electrochemically reversible ferrocene was employed as internal reference. The HOMO and LUMO energy levels were calculated from the onset oxidation and the onset reduction potentials, respectively, by following the Supplementary Equation 2-3:

$$E_{\text{HOMO}} = -(4.80 + E_{\text{ox}}^{\text{onset}}) \text{ eV} \quad (\text{S2})$$

$$E_{\text{LUMO}} = -(4.80 + E_{\text{re}}^{\text{onset}}) \text{ eV} \quad (\text{S3})$$

Temperature-dependent Photoluminescence (PL) spectra.^{5, 6} The temperature-dependent PL spectra varied from 130 to 300 K were conducted by using FLS1000 equipment. The E_b values were obtained by fitting the temperature-varying PL intensities, $I(T)$, with the Supplementary Equation 4:

$$I(T) = \frac{I_0}{1 + A e^{-\frac{E_b}{k_b T}}} \quad (\text{S4})$$

Where I_0 is the PL intensity at the lowest temperature; T is the temperature; A is a constant; k_b is the Boltzmann constant.

Exciton Binding Energy Calculations.^{5, 6, 7} Exciton binding energy is defined as the difference between the fundamental transport gap (E_g^t) and the optical gap (E_g^O):

$$E_b = E_g^t - E_g^O \quad (S5)$$

Where, E_g^t is calculated as the energy difference between the ionization potential (IP) and electron affinity (EA), by following the Supplementary Equation 6-8:

$$E_g^t = IP - EA \quad (S6)$$

$$IP = E_+ - E_0 \quad (S7)$$

$$EA = E_0 - E_- \quad (S8)$$

Where E_0 , E_+ , and E_- denote the total potential energies of the ground state (S_0) and the cationic and anionic states, respectively. E_g^O is the excitation energy of the first singlet excited state (S_1). In the gas phase, the calculations were performed on the isolated molecules extracted directly from the optimized crystal structure. The S_0 and ionic states were calculated by DFT while the S_1 state was calculated by time-dependent DFT (TDDFT) with the long-range corrected (LRC) functional ω B97XD and the def2-SVP basis set.

Relative Dielectric Constant (ϵ_r) Test.^{8, 9} The dielectric constant should be calculated in terms of the material's geometric capacitance, which represents the capacitance derived from only the material itself (the electronic, atomic, and ionic polarization). The capacitance-frequency of CH20, CH21 and CH22 neat and blended films were performed with a capacitor architecture of ITO/active layer/Ag at difference frequency from 100 Hz to 1M Hz using Zennium-E under dark conditions and analyzed with the Zahner Analysis software. Between 10^4 Hz and 2×10^5 Hz, a flat capacitive response with respect to frequency is obtained. Relative dielectric constant (ϵ_r) can be calculated according to the Supplementary Equation 9:

$$\epsilon_r = \frac{C_p \times D}{A \times \epsilon_0} \quad (S9)$$

Where C_p is the measured capacitance; D is the thickness of film; A is the contact area and ϵ_0 is the permittivity of free space.

Electroluminescence (EL) and Electroluminescence External Quantum Efficiency (EQE_{EL}). For the EQE_{EL} measurements, a digital source meter (Keithley 2400) was employed to inject electric current into the solar cells, and the emitted

photons were collected by a Si diode (Hamamatsu s1337-1010BQ) and indicated by a picometer (Keithley 6482). The injection current to the OSCs was kept at 1 mA by the direct current meter (PWS2326 Tectronix).

Fourier Transform Photocurrent Spectrometer EQE (FTPS-EQE). The FTPS-EQE measurement was carried out on an Enlitech FTPS PECT-600 instrument.

Measurements of Transient Photovoltage (TPV)/Transient Photocurrent (TPC).

A white light bias was generated from an array of diodes (Molex 180081-4320) with light intensity about 0.5 sun. The light intensity of the diode pumped laser passing through an attenuator is about 1132.5 $\mu\text{W cm}^{-2}$. A diode pumped laser (Lapa-80) was used as the perturbation source, with a pulse duration of 10 ns and a repetition frequency of 20 Hz. The perturbation light intensity was attenuated to keep the amplitude of transient V_{OC} (ΔV_{OC}) below 10 mV so that $\Delta V_{\text{OC}} \ll V_{\text{OC}}$. Voltage and current dynamics were recorded on a digital oscilloscope (Tektronix MDO4104C), and voltages at open circuit and currents under short circuit conditions were measured over a 1M Ω and a 50 Ω resistor, respectively.

Space-Charge-Limited Current (SCLC) Measurement. The SCLC method was used to measure the hole and electron mobilities, by using a diode configuration of ITO/PEDOT:PSS/active layer/MoO₃/Ag for hole and ITO/ZnO/active layer/PNDIT-F3N/Ag for electron. The SMAs were fully dissolved in CF with 15 mg mL⁻¹ and then the solutions were stirred 4 hours at room temperature and spin-casted at 1500 rpm for 30s. After spin-coating, the neat films were annealed at 80 °C for 5 mins. The fabrication method of blended films was consistent with that of active layer of device. The dark current density curves were recorded with a bias voltage in the range of 0~8 V. The mobilities were estimated by taking current-voltage curves and fitting the results based on the Supplementary Equation 10 listed below:

$$J = \frac{9\varepsilon_0\varepsilon_r\mu V^2}{8L^3} \quad (\text{S10})$$

Where J is the current density, ε_0 is the vacuum permittivity, ε_r is the relative dielectric constant, μ is the mobility, and L is the film thickness. $V = (V_{\text{app}} - V_{\text{bi}})$ is the internal voltage in the device, where V_{app} is the applied voltage to the device and V_{bi} is the

built-in voltage due to the relative work function difference between the two electrodes.

Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM) and Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM).

The AFM images were performed using in tapping mode on a Bruker Dimension Icon atomic force microscope. The TEM was performed on a Talos F200X G2.

Grazing Incidence Wide Angle X-ray Scattering (GIWAXS). The GIWAXS samples were prepared on Si/PEDOT:PSS substrates by use of the same preparation conditions with devices and were carried out at XEUSS SAXS/WAXS equipment.

The Calculation of Energy Loss. The E_g of the blended films were calculated from the intersection of the normalized UV-vis absorption and PL spectra of acceptors.^{10, 11} In general, the total E_{loss} was calculated by using the Supplementary Equation 11:

$$E_{\text{loss}} = E_g - qV_{\text{oc}} \quad (\text{S11})$$

The total E_{loss} can be divided into three parts: the energy loss during the CT process or the formation of CT state at D/A interfaces (ΔE_{CT}), the radiative recombination loss ($q\Delta V_r$) and the non-radiative recombination loss ($q\Delta V_{\text{nr}}$). E_{CT} is obtained by fitting the low-energy region of highly sensitive EQE and EL spectra.

$$\Delta E_{\text{CT}} = E_g - E_{\text{CT}} \quad (\text{S12})$$

$V_{\text{OC,rad}}$ is the radiative recombination limit for the V_{OC} of the solar cell, which can be determined by the Supplementary Equation 13:

$$V_{\text{OC,rad}} \approx \frac{kT_a}{q} \ln \left(\frac{J_{\text{ph}}}{J_{0,\text{rad}}} \right) \quad (\text{S13})$$

Where, the $J_{0,\text{rad}}$ values calculated by the Supplementary Equation 14:

$$J_{0,\text{rad}} = q \int_0^{+\infty} \text{EQE}_{\text{PV}}(E) \phi_{\text{BB}}(E) dE \quad (\text{S14})$$

Thus, ΔV_r and ΔV_{nr} can be determined by the Supplementary Equation 15-16:

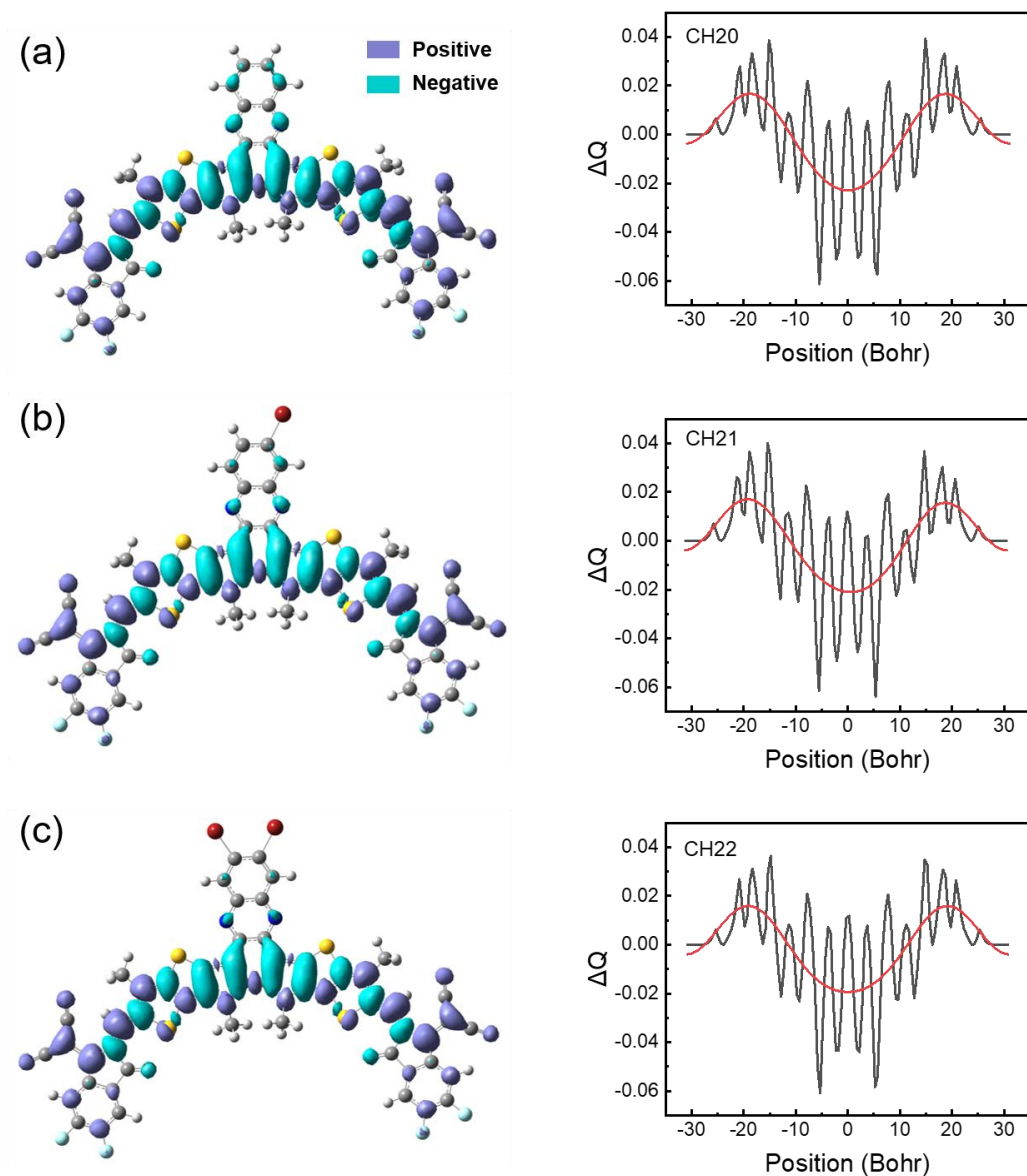
$$q\Delta V_r = qE_{\text{CT}} - qV_{\text{OC,rad}} \quad (\text{S15})$$

$$q\Delta V_{\text{nr}} = qV_{\text{OC}}^{\text{rad}} - qV_{\text{OC}} \quad (\text{S16})$$

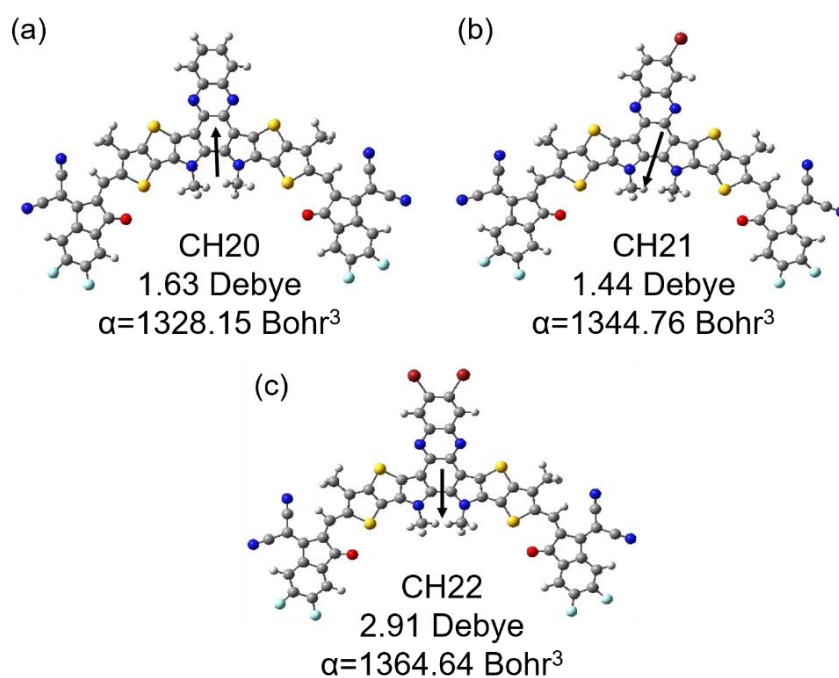
5. Supplementary Figures 26-56 and Supplementary Tables 1-18

Supplementary Table 1. Comparison of brominated OSCs performance between this work and references.

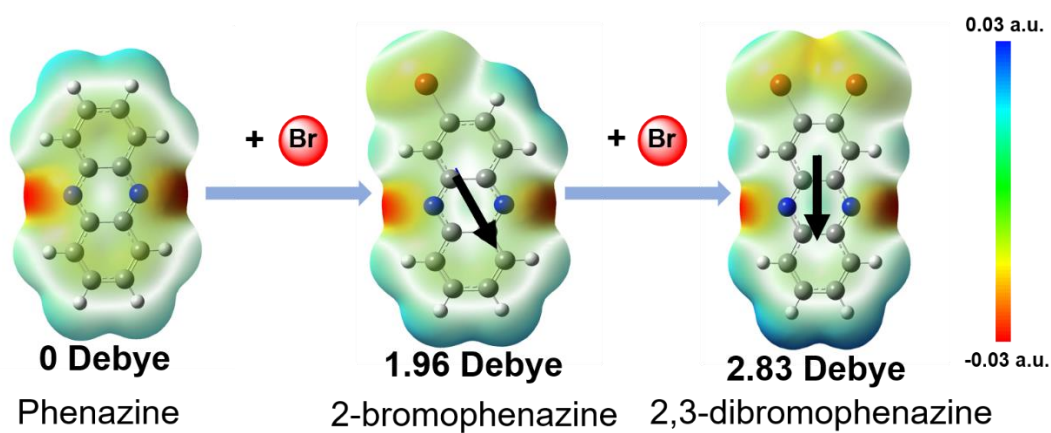
Active layer	V_{oc} (V)	J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²)	FF (%)	PCE (%)	Ref.
PTPDBDT:Br-ITIC	0.93	15.4	66.00	9.4	16
PBDB-T:F-Br	0.87	18.22	76.00	12.05	17
PBDB-T:IT-2Br	0.83	17.93	71.00	10.66	18
PM6:ITIC-2Br- γ	0.89	19.01	71.21	12.05	19
PM6:ITC-2Br2	0.90	19.8	73.80	13.10	20
PBDB-T:BTTPC-Br	0.86	24.71	71.00	15.22	21
PM6:TSeIC4Br	0.77	21.27	72.40	11.92	22
PM7:BDSec-2(BrCl)	0.83	22.91	76.50	14.54	23
PM6:ZB	0.90	26.38	64.16	15.23	24
PM6:BTIC-2Br-m	0.88	25.03	73.13	16.11	25
PM6:BTP-ClBr	0.906	23.48	79.00	16.82	26
PM6:C8IDT-Br	0.97	15.66	64.81	9.85	27
PM6:BTIC-4EO-4Br	0.84	22.78	65.21	12.41	28
PM6:BTP-(Br,Me)-1	0.92	21.38	68.25	13.43	29
PM6:IT-2Br	0.845	21.98	69.53	12.92	30
PTQ10:IDIC-Br	0.92	16.3	65.00	10.80	31
PBDB-T:6TIC-2Br	0.76	22.74	68.27	11.77	32
D18:F-ThBr	1.089	16.68	71.69	13.03	33
PM6:Y-BO-FBr	0.85	25.83	75.02	16.47	34
PM6:BTP-H2	0.932	25.33	78.50	18.50	35
PM6:CH22-6Br	0.871	26.25	74.31	17.00	This work
PM6:CH21	0.873	26.57	78.13	18.12	This work
PM6:CH22	0.884	26.74	80.62	19.06	This work



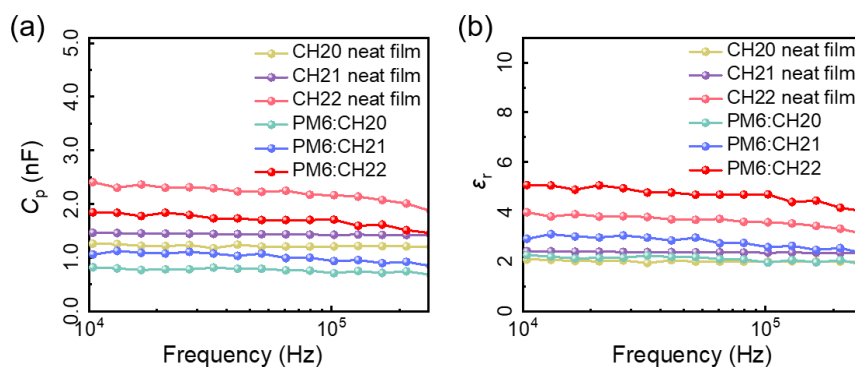
Supplementary Fig. 26 Theoretical density distribution ΔQ . ΔQ ($\Delta Q = \Psi_{\text{LUMO}}^2 - \Psi_{\text{HOMO}}^2$) along the longest axis (backbone) of (a) CH20, (b) CH21 and (c) CH22.¹² Black curves are the integral lines of the charge density difference (ΔQ) along the longest axis (backbone) of the defined molecules. Red curves are the simulated results with low frequencies wave functions by fast Fourier transform filters.



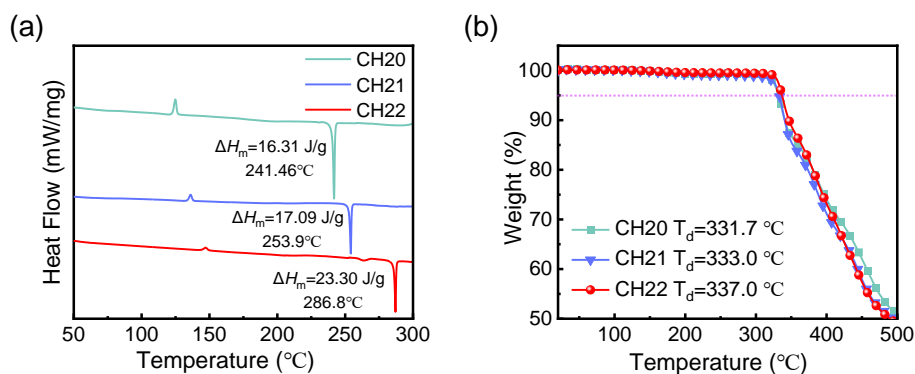
Supplementary Fig. 27 The isotropic polarizability and dipole moment of (a) CH20, (b) CH21 and (c) CH22.



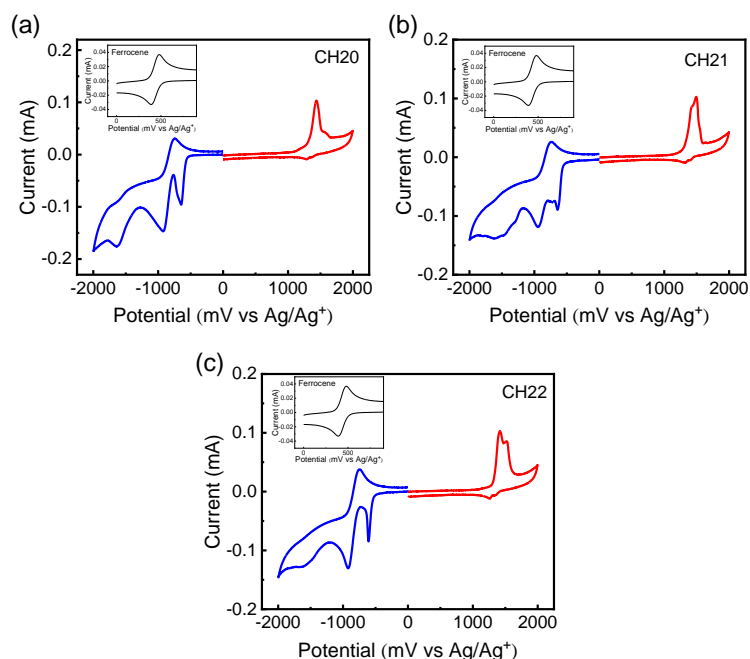
Supplementary Fig. 28 Electrostatic surface potential (ESP) maps of central units for CH20, CH21 and CH22.



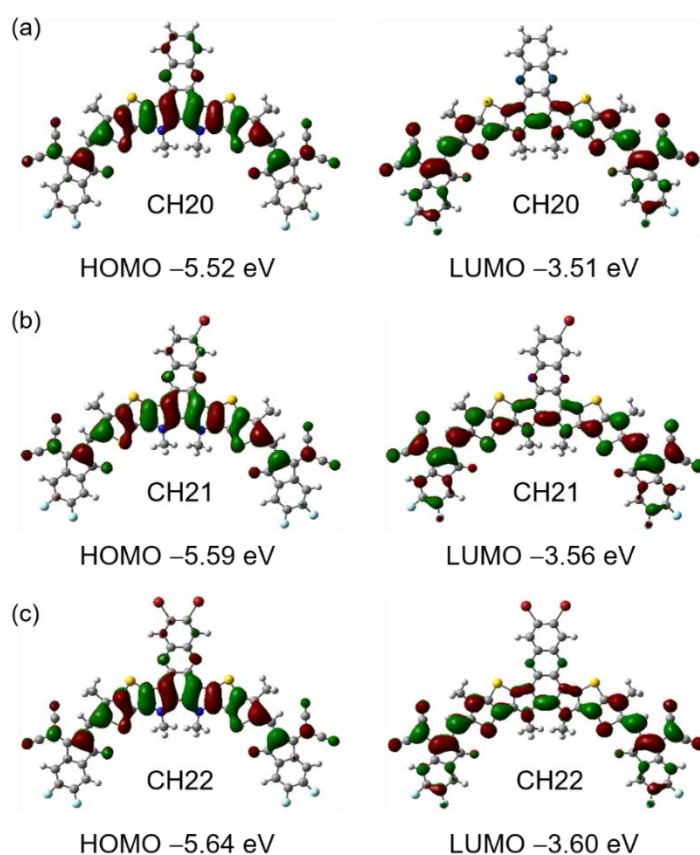
Supplementary Fig. 29 Relative Dielectric Constant(ϵ_r) Test. (a) Flat C_p response of CH20, CH21 and CH22 neat films and blended films at different frequency. (b) ϵ_r as a function of frequency measured by impedance spectroscopy.



Supplementary Fig. 30 DSC and TGA. (a) Differential Scanning Calorimeter (DSC) curves of CH20, CH21 and CH22. (b) Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) curves of CH20, CH21 and CH22.



Supplementary Fig. 31 Cyclic voltammograms of (a) CH20, (b) CH21 and (c) CH22 films. Red line: oxidation cycle, blue line: reduction cycle.



Supplementary Fig. 32 Theoretical density distribution for the frontier molecular orbitals of (a) CH20, (b) CH21 and (c) CH22. Note that the relative alignment of energy levels derived from CVs is in accordance with the results from theoretical calculations.

Supplementary Table 2. The optical and electrochemical properties of CH20, CH21 and CH22 SMAs.

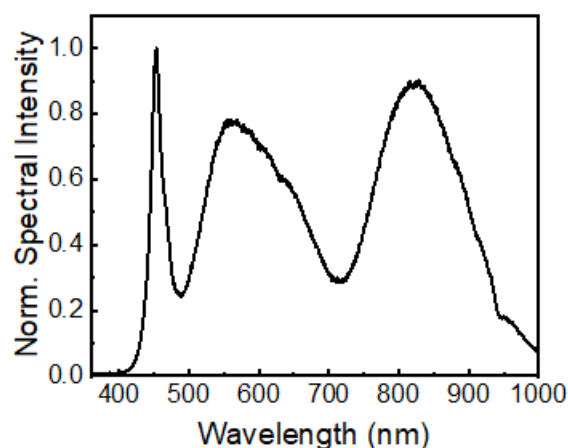
SMA _s	$\lambda_{\max}^{[a]}$ (nm)	$\varepsilon^{[b]}$ (10^5 L mol ⁻¹ cm ⁻¹)	$\lambda_{\max}^{[c]}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{onset}}^{[c]}$ (nm)	$E_{\text{g}}^{\text{opt } [d]}$ (eV)	HOMO ^{CV} ^[e] (eV)	LUMO ^{CV} ^[e] (eV)
CH20	740	2.04	824	914	1.36	-5.61	-3.80
CH21	733	2.13	821	905	1.37	-5.63	-3.80
CH22	729	2.20	813	892	1.39	-5.67	-3.83

^aIn the chloroform solution. ^bThe molar absorption coefficient of CH20, CH21, CH22 in the chloroform solution. ^cIn the neat films. ^dOptical band gap was calculated by $1240/\lambda_{\text{onset}}^{\text{film}}$. ^eThe highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) energy levels were calculated from the onset oxidation potential and the onset reduction potential using the equation: $E_{\text{HOMO}} = -(4.80 + E_{\text{ox}}^{\text{onset}})$ eV, $E_{\text{LUMO}} = -(4.80 + E_{\text{re}}^{\text{onset}})$ eV.

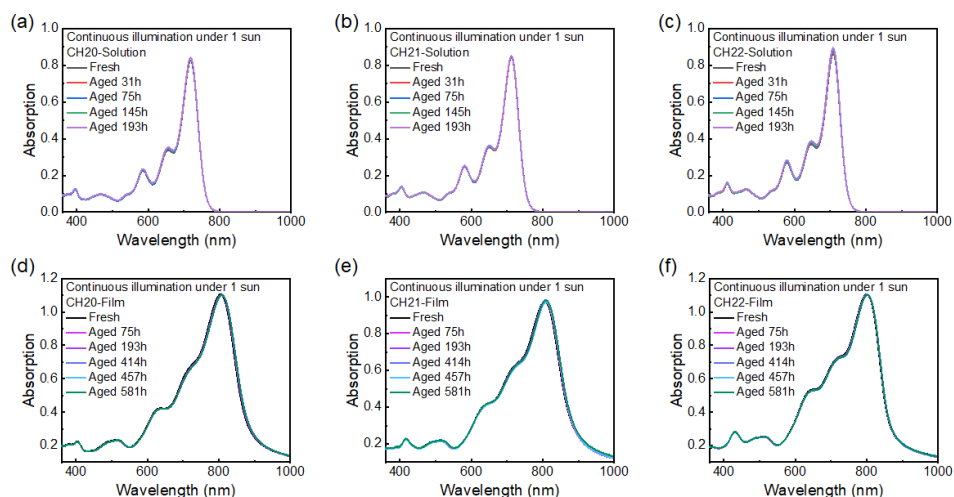
Supplementary Table 3. Capacitance, film thickness, device area and dielectric constant at 2×10^5 Hz of CH20, CH21, CH22 neat films and blended films. ^[a]

Materials	C (10^{-9} F)	d (nm)	A (mm ²)	$\varepsilon_{\text{r max}}$	$\varepsilon_{\text{r avg}}$
CH20	1.15±0.05	60	4.10	2.00	1.91±0.08
CH21	1.39±0.02	60	4.10	2.35	2.30±0.03
CH22	1.93±0.05	60	4.10	3.32	3.19±0.09
PM6:CH20	0.72±0.02	100	4.10	2.06	1.98±0.06
PM6:CH21	0.89±0.03	100	4.10	2.54	2.45±0.08
PM6:CH22	1.42±0.08	100	4.10	4.17	3.92±0.22

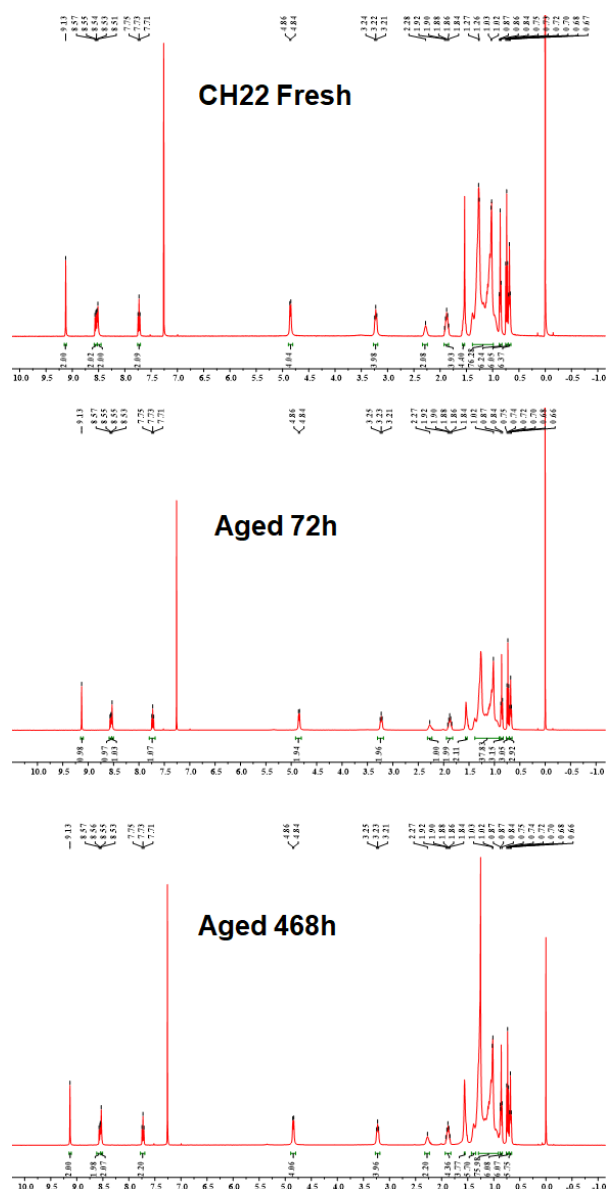
^aThe average relative dielectric constant calculated from 5 independent devices.



Supplementary Fig. 33 Light spectrum of the LEDs used for photo stability test in this work as extracted from the company's datasheet.



Supplementary Fig. 34 Photo stability. UV-vis absorption spectra plotted vs. aging time under continuous illumination of (a-c) CH20, CH21 and CH22 in dilute toluene solutions and (d-f) CH20, CH21 and CH22 in films.

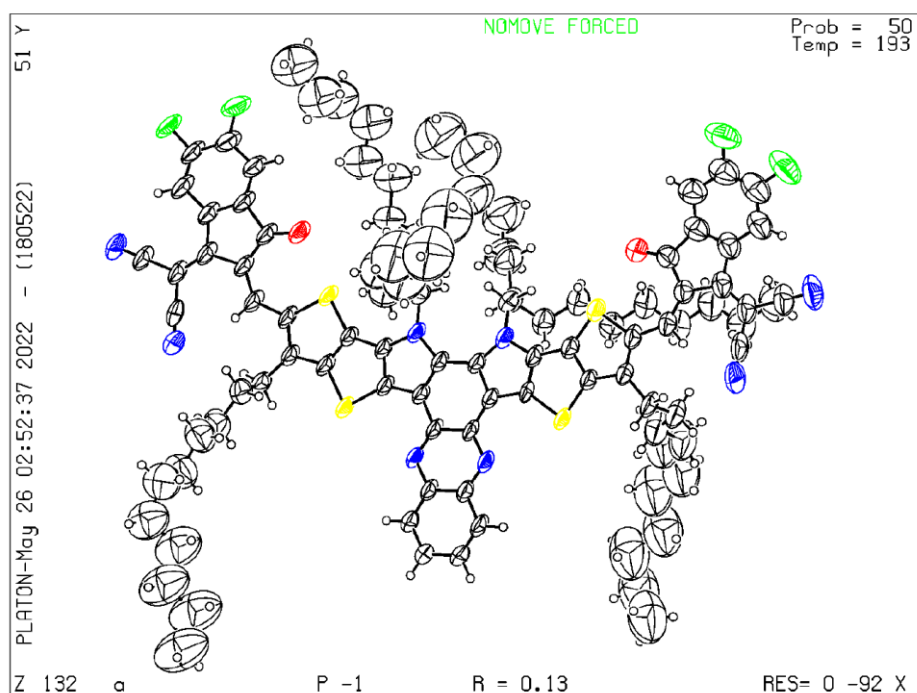


Supplementary Fig. 35 Photo stability. ^1H NMR spectra of CH22 fresh and aged samples in CDCl_3 . The samples of spin-coated films of CH22 were aged under continuous illumination for 468 h, then collected and dried before conducting ^1H NMR.

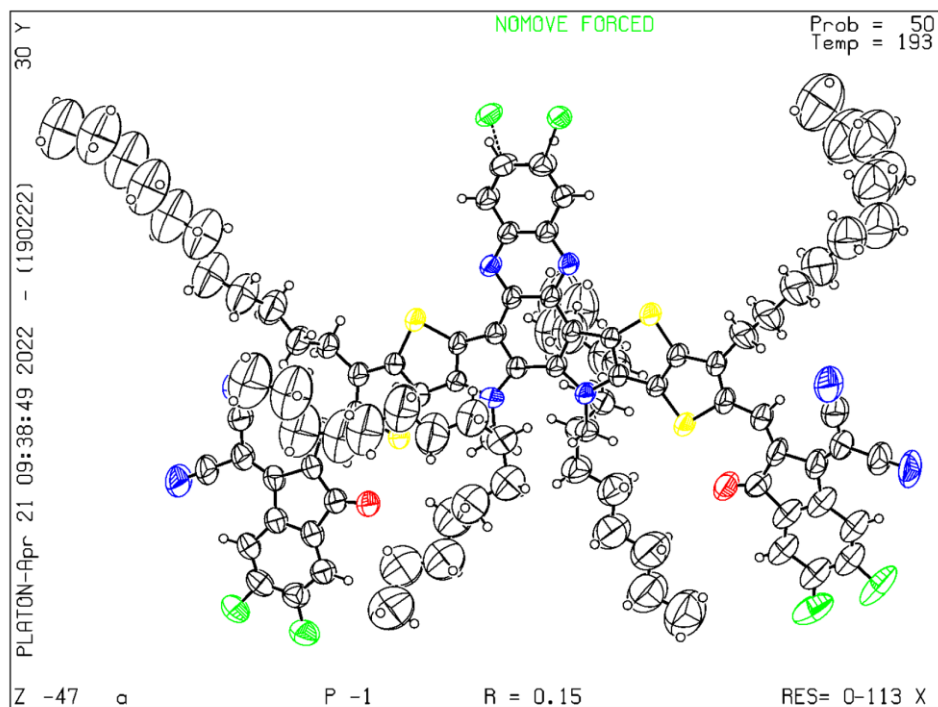
Supplementary Table 4. Crystal data and structure refinement for CH20, CH21 and CH22.

Compound		CH20	CH21	CH22
Empirical formula		C ₁₀₄ H ₁₂₂ F ₄ N ₈ O ₂ S ₄	C ₁₀₄ H ₁₂₁ BrF ₄ N ₈ O ₂ S ₄	C ₁₀₄ H ₁₂₀ Br ₂ F ₄ N ₈ O ₂ S ₄
Formula weight		1720.33	1799.23	1878.13
Temperature/k		193.0	193.0	193.0
Crystal system		triclinic	triclinic	triclinic
Space group		P-1	P-1	P-1
Cell	a/Å	13.2412(10)	15.5364(10)	15.4802(4)
	b/Å	17.7848(10)	17.0821(13)	17.2861(5)
	c/Å	21.2417(10)	19.3025(14)	19.2225(5)
	α /°	93.403(4)	97.034(4)	96.771(2)
	β /°	103.507(5)	102.772(4)	102.9300(10)
	γ /°	99.261(5)	102.220(4)	101.9740(10)
Volume/Å ³		4775.9(5)	4805.2(6)	4830.9(2)
Z		2	2	2
ρ_{calc} , g/cm ⁻³		1.196	1.244	1.288
μ /mm ⁻¹		1.394	1.231	1.544
F(000)		1836.0	1904.0	1968.0
Crystal size/mm ³		0.13×0.12×0.1	0.12×0.11×0.1	0.15×0.12×0.1
Radiation		CuK α (λ =1.54178)	GaK α (λ = 1.34139)	GaK α (λ =1.34139)
2 Θ range for data collection/°		5.06 to 136.484	6.786 to 115.212	4.616 to 114.274
Index ranges		-15 ≤ h ≤ 15, -19 ≤ k ≤ 21, -25 ≤ l ≤ 25	-19 ≤ h ≤ 19, -21 ≤ k ≤ 15, -23 ≤ l ≤ 24	-17 ≤ h ≤ 19, -21 ≤ k ≤ 21, -23 ≤ l ≤ 24
Reflections collected		48102	49324	55804
Independent reflections		17068 [R _{int} =0.1084, R _{sigma} =0.1304]	19555 [R _{int} =0.0673, R _{sigma} =0.0988]	19703 [R _{int} =0.0723, R _{sigma} =0.0808]
Data/restraints/parameters		17068/426/1105	19555/475/1122	19703/775/1211
Goodness-of-fit on F ²		1.120	1.067	1.099
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2 σ (I)]		R ₁ =0.1330, wR ₂ =0.3100	R ₁ =0.1498, wR ₂ =0.3473	R ₁ =0.1300, wR ₂ =0.3079
Final R indexes [all data]		R ₁ =0.2034, wR ₂ =0.3544	R ₁ =0.2286, wR ₂ =0.3810	R ₁ =0.2058, wR ₂ =0.3445
Largest diff. peak/hole/e Å ⁻³		0.77/-0.82	1.15/-0.87	1.42/-1.23

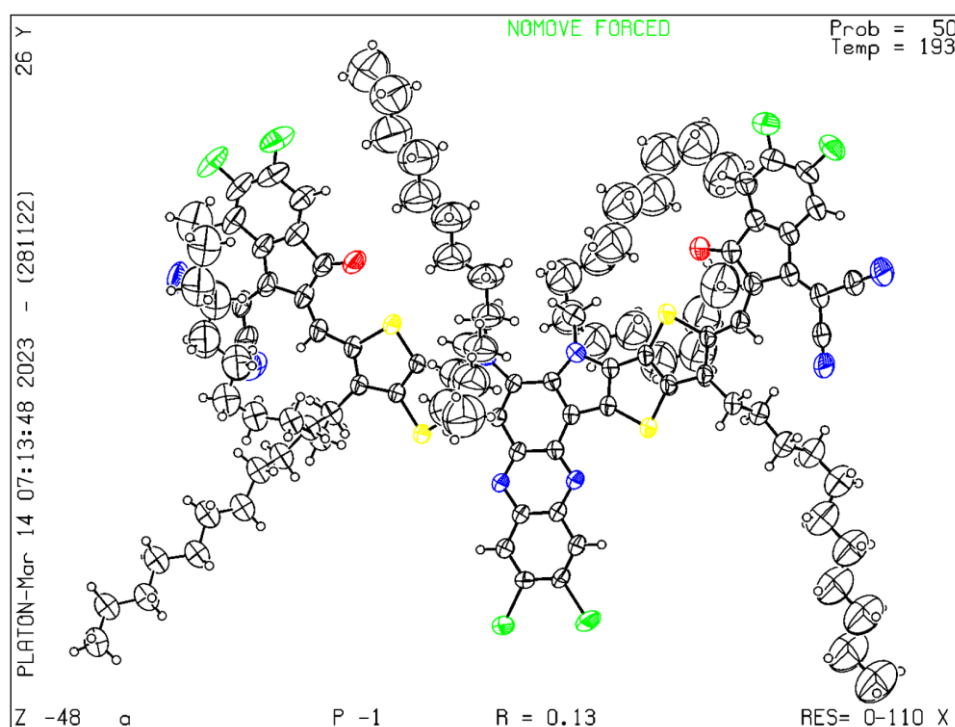
The X-ray diffraction signals of single crystals were collected on Rigaku XtalAB PRO MM007 DW at 193 K.



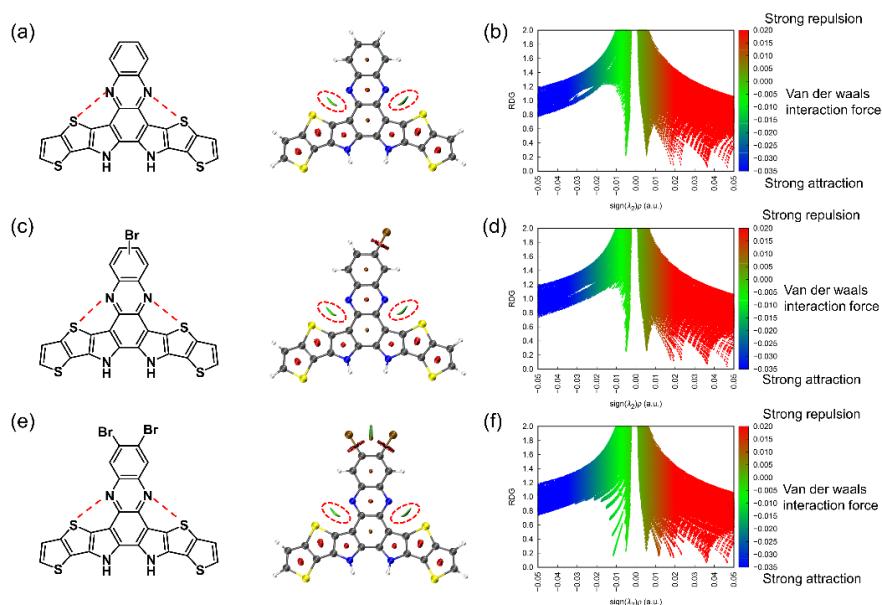
Supplementary Fig. 36 The ORTEP-style illustration with probability ellipsoids of CH20 (CCDC: 2244842).



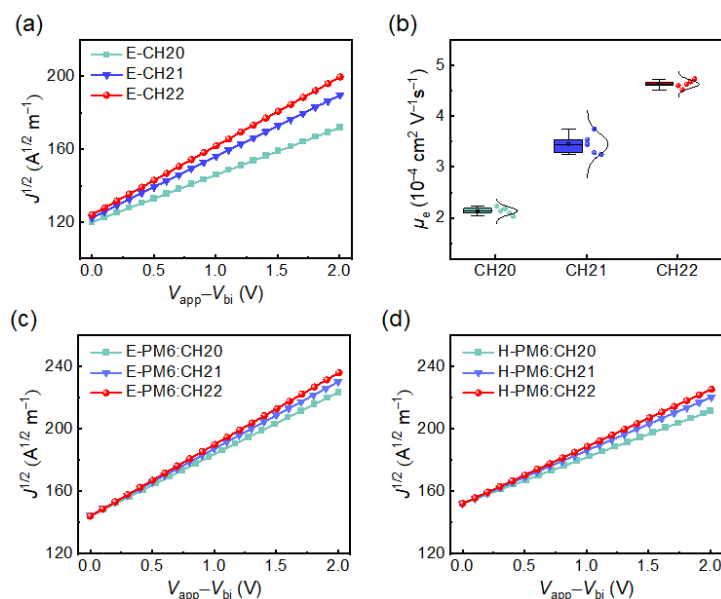
Supplementary Fig. 37 The ORTEP-style illustration with probability ellipsoids of CH21 (CCDC: 2244846).



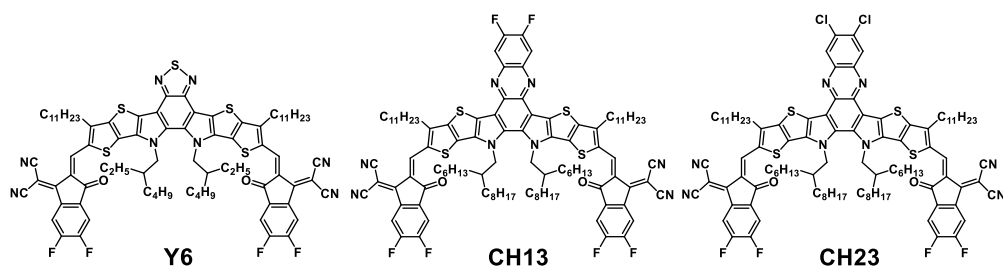
Supplementary Fig. 38 The ORTEP-style illustration with probability ellipsoids of CH22 (CCDC: 2244848).



Supplementary Fig. 39 Reduced density gradient (RDG) versus $\text{sign}(\lambda_2)\rho$ with a (RDG) iso-surface of the central phenazine cores and bridged thiophene structures of (a, b) CH20, (c, d) CH21 and (e, f) CH22.



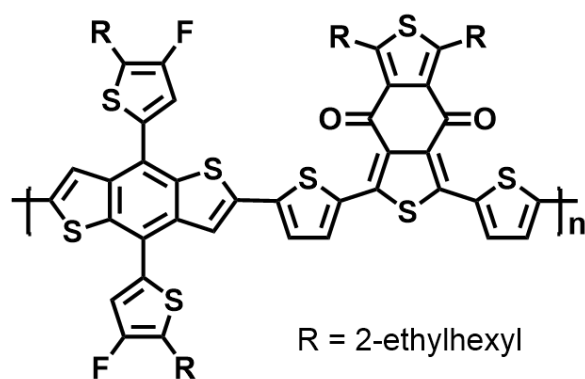
Supplementary Fig. 40 Mobilities of the neat and blended films of three SMAs. (a) Electron mobilities of the three SMAs. (b) Electron mobilities distributions counted by 5 devices of the three SMAs. (c) Electron mobilities and (d) hole mobilities of the blended films.



Supplementary Fig. 41 Molecular structures of Y6, CH13 and CH23.

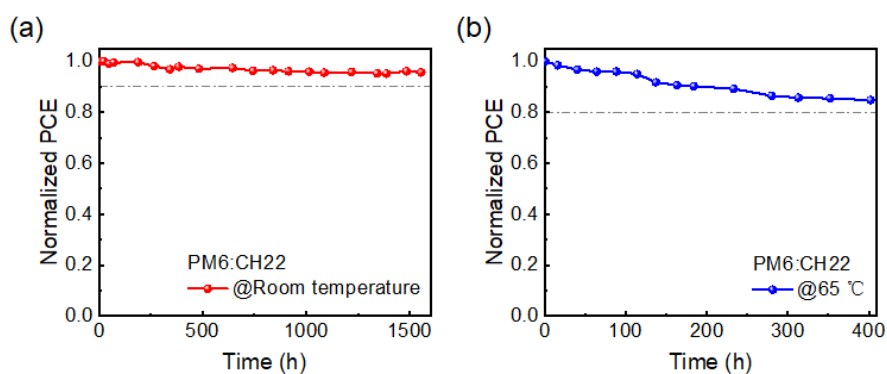
Supplementary Table 5. Ionization potential (IP), electron affinity (EA), transport gap (E_g^t), optical gap (E_g^o), and exciton binding energy (E_b) of Y6, CH20, CH13, CH23, CH22 calculated in gas phase.

Molecule	IP/eV	EA/eV	E_g^t /eV	E_g^o /eV	E_b /eV
Y6	6.374	2.844	3.531	1.803	1.728
CH20	6.243	2.791	3.452	1.792	1.660
CH13	6.317	2.845	3.471	1.842	1.630
CH23	6.346	2.882	3.464	1.845	1.620
CH22	6.354	2.890	3.464	1.846	1.617



PM6

Supplementary Fig. 42 Chemical structure of PM6.



Supplementary Fig. 43 Stability. PCE variation versus operating time in a glovebox filled with nitrogen at (a) room temperature and (b) 65 °C of PM6:CH22-based devices.

Supplementary Table 6. Detailed photovoltaic parameters of the PM6:CH22 based devices processed by varied thermal annealing temperature under the illumination of AM 1.5 G, 100 mW cm⁻². ^[a]

TA (°C)	V _{OC} (V)	J _{SC} (mA cm ⁻²)	FF (%)	PCE (%)
w/o	0.900	25.38	74.26	16.97
75	0.887	25.46	74.59	16.84
80	0.887	25.85	75.56	17.32
90	0.884	25.79	74.84	17.06

^aThe device architecture is ITO/PEDOT:PSS/active layer/PNDIT-F3N/Ag, D_{donor}=6 mg mL⁻¹ in chloroform, the D:A ratio was 1:1.2, the resulting active layer solutions were spin-casted at 1800 rpm for 30 s.

Supplementary Table 7. Detailed photovoltaic parameters of the PM6:CH22 based devices processed by varied D:A ratios under the illumination of AM 1.5 G, 100 mW cm⁻². ^[a]

D:A (w/w)	V _{OC} (V)	J _{SC} (mA cm ⁻²)	FF (%)	PCE (%)
1:1	0.887	25.46	74.59	16.84
1:1.1	0.887	25.58	75.85	17.22
1:1.2	0.887	25.79	76.01	17.38
1:1.3	0.881	25.83	75.09	17.09

^aThe device architecture is ITO/PEDOT:PSS/active layer/PNDIT-F3N/Ag, D_{donor}=6 mg mL⁻¹ in chloroform, and the thermal annealing temperature was 80 °C.

Supplementary Table 8. Detailed photovoltaic parameters of the PM6:CH22 based devices processed by varied addition ratio of 1-CN under the illumination of AM 1.5 G, 100 mW cm⁻². ^[a]

1-CN (v/v)	V _{OC} (V)	J _{SC} (mA cm ⁻²)	FF (%)	PCE (%)
0.2%	0.888	26.28	78.68	18.36
0.4%	0.884	26.74	80.62	19.06
0.6%	0.878	26.59	78.93	18.43

^aThe device architecture is ITO/PEDOT:PSS/active layer/PNDIT-F3N/Ag, D_{donor}=6 mg mL⁻¹ in chloroform, the D:A ratio was 1:1.2, the resulting active layer solutions were spin-casted at 1800 rpm for 30 s, and the thermal annealing temperature was 80 °C.

Supplementary Table 9. Detailed photovoltaic parameters of the PM6:CH20 based devices by optimal conditions under the illumination of AM 1.5 G, 100 mW cm⁻².

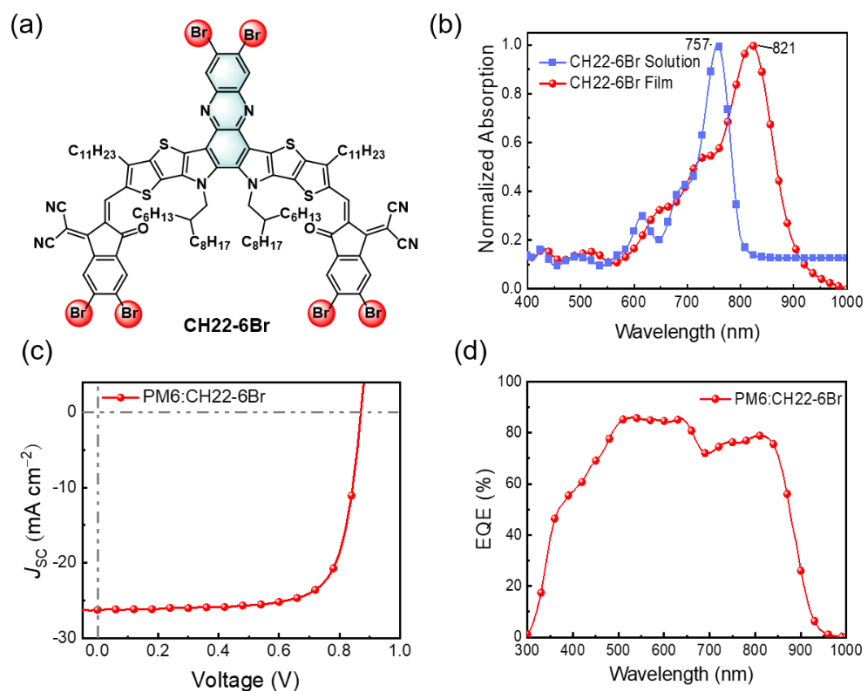
Active layer	V_{OC} (V)	J_{SC} (mA cm ⁻²)	FF (%)	PCE (%)
PM6:CH20	0.885	25.17	74.48	16.59
	0.884	25.26	74.27	16.58
	0.882	25.30	74.24	16.57
	0.884	25.40	73.95	16.60
	0.881	25.44	74.92	16.79
	0.879	25.51	74.62	16.73
	0.878	25.28	75.02	16.65
	0.878	25.47	74.56	16.67
	0.882	25.13	74.83	16.59
	0.880	24.90	74.91	16.41
	0.882	25.07	74.70	16.52
	0.880	25.12	74.88	16.55
	0.880	25.29	74.58	16.60
	0.878	25.34	74.53	16.58
	0.878	25.38	74.78	16.66
Average	0.881	25.27	74.62	16.61

Supplementary Table 10. Detailed photovoltaic parameters of the PM6:CH21 based devices by optimal conditions under the illumination of AM 1.5 G, 100 mW cm⁻².

Active layer	V_{OC} (V)	J_{SC} (mA cm ⁻²)	FF (%)	PCE (%)
PM6:CH21	0.875	26.66	77.57	18.10
	0.874	26.46	77.79	17.99
	0.874	26.48	77.90	18.03
	0.874	26.51	77.47	17.95
	0.874	26.54	77.62	18.00
	0.870	26.62	77.70	17.99
	0.872	26.57	77.58	17.97
	0.870	26.67	77.62	18.01
	0.873	26.57	78.13	18.12
	0.873	26.56	76.64	17.77
	0.871	26.60	77.40	17.93
	0.869	26.57	77.57	17.91
	0.872	26.48	77.92	17.99
	0.873	26.59	77.02	17.88
	0.873	26.70	77.41	18.04
Average	0.872	26.57	77.56	17.98

Supplementary Table 11. Detailed photovoltaic parameters of the PM6:CH22 based devices by optimal conditions under the illumination of AM 1.5 G, 100 mW cm⁻².

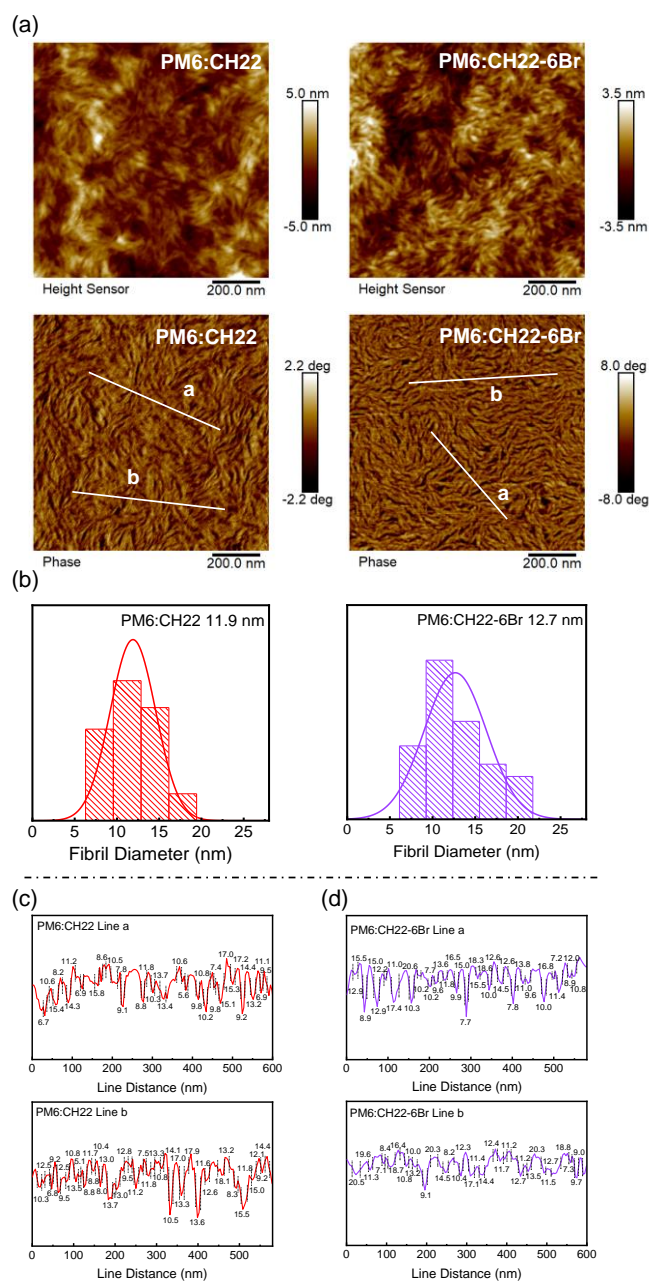
Active layer	V_{OC} (V)	J_{SC} (mA cm ⁻²)	FF (%)	PCE (%)
PM6:CH22	0.885	26.78	80.19	19.01
	0.882	26.56	80.28	18.81
	0.884	26.53	80.23	18.82
	0.881	26.68	80.37	18.89
	0.884	26.56	80.44	18.89
	0.885	26.53	80.37	18.87
	0.884	26.74	80.62	19.06
	0.883	26.47	80.53	18.82
	0.884	26.61	80.46	18.93
	0.881	26.83	79.81	18.87
	0.885	26.55	80.68	18.96
	0.887	26.40	80.54	18.87
	0.887	26.84	79.93	19.03
	0.885	26.57	80.25	18.88
	0.883	26.60	80.43	18.89
Average	0.884	26.62	80.34	18.91



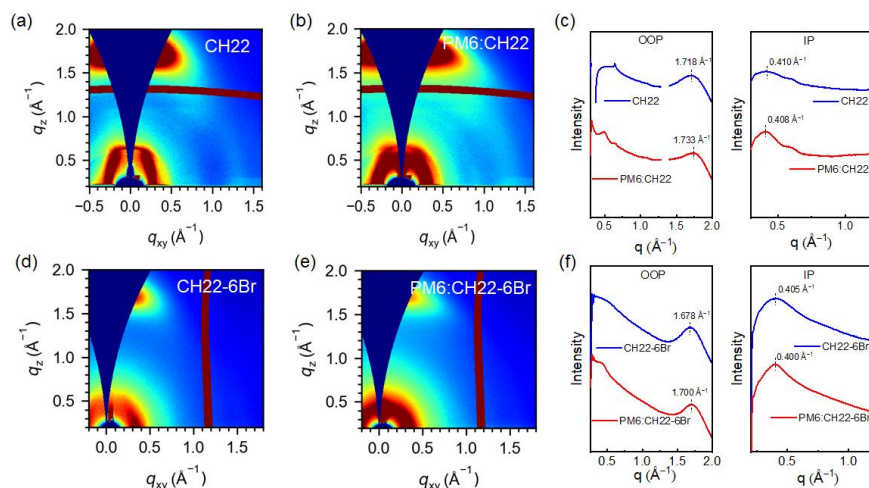
Supplementary Fig. 44 Molecular structures, UV-vis spectra of CH22-6Br and photovoltaic performances of the optimized OSCs. (a) Molecular structures of CH22-6Br. (b) The normalized absorption spectra of CH22-6Br in dilute chloroform solution and neat films. (c) Current density–voltage curves of PM6:CH22-6Br based OSCs. (d) The EQE spectra of PM6:CH22-6Br based OSCs.

Supplementary Table 12. Summary of device parameters for PM6:CH22-6Br and PM6:Y6 based OSCs.

Active layers	V_{oc} (V)	J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²)	Cal. J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²)	FF (%)	PCE (%)
PM6:CH22-6Br	0.871	26.25	25.34	74.31	17.00
PM6:Y6	0.852	25.90	25.16	74.54	16.45



Supplementary Fig. 45 AFM characterization. (a) AFM height images and phase images of PM6:CH22 and PM6:CH22-6Br blended films. (b) The statistical distribution of the fibril diameter for PM6:CH22 and PM6:CH22-6Br blended films. (c, d) The line profile to obtain the fibril width from the AFM phase images of PM6:CH22 and PM6:CH22-6Br blended films.

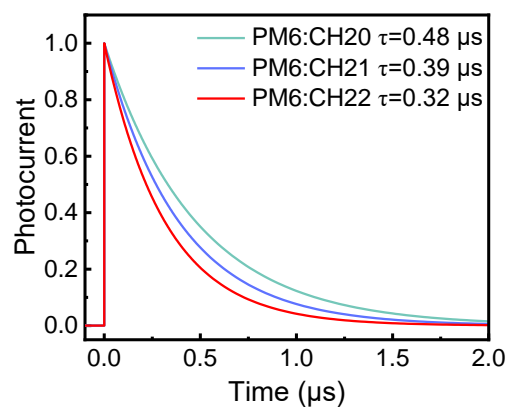


Supplementary Fig. 46 GIWAXS characterization. (a, b) 2D GIWAXS patterns of CH22-based neat and blended films. (c) The corresponding out of plane (OOP) and in plane (IP) extracted line-cut profiles of CH22-based neat and blended films. (d, e) 2D GIWAXS patterns of CH22-6Br-based neat and blended films. (f) The corresponding out of plane (OOP) and in plane (IP) extracted line-cut profiles of CH22-6Br-based neat and blended films.

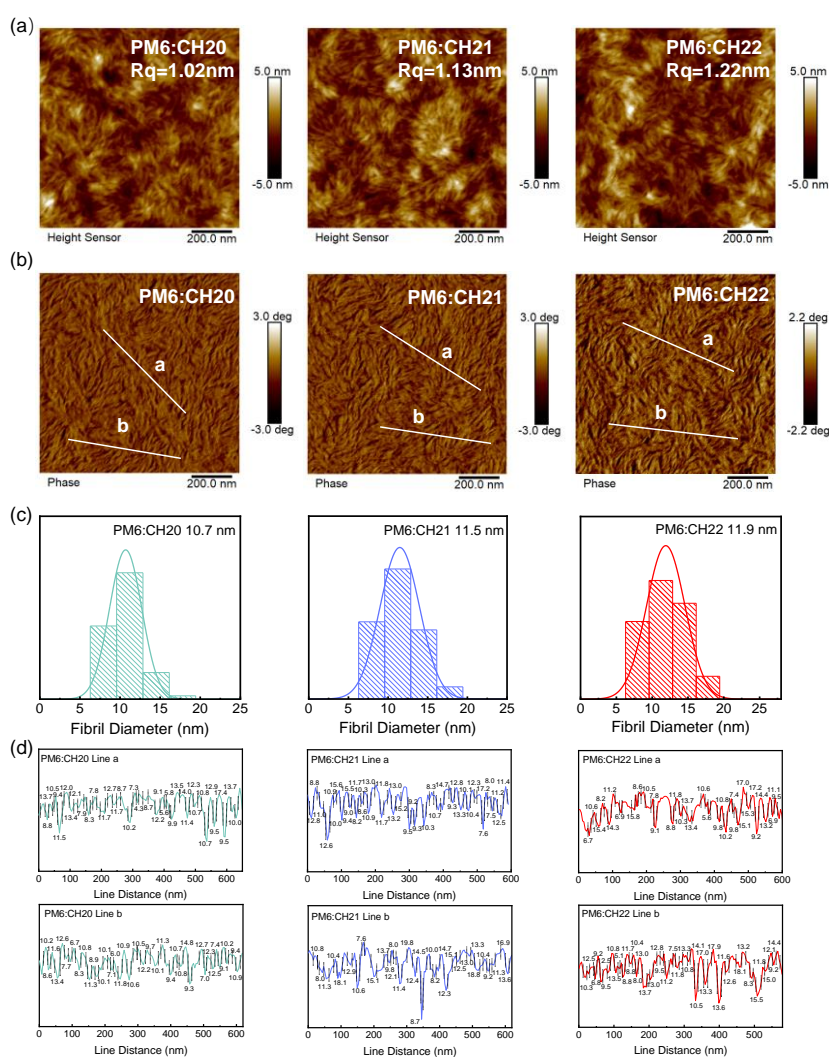
Supplementary Table 13. The detailed parameters of corresponding 2D GIWAXS.

Materials	(010) Diffraction Peak				(100) Diffraction Peak	
	q (\AA^{-1})	$d^{[a]}$ (\AA)	FWHM (\AA^{-1})	CCL ^[b] (\AA)	q (\AA^{-1})	$d^{[a]}$ (\AA)
CH22	1.718	3.66	0.251	22.53	0.410	15.33
PM6:CH22	1.733	3.63	0.252	22.44	0.408	15.42
CH22-6Br	1.678	3.74	0.242	23.37	0.405	15.51
PM6:CH22-6Br	1.700	3.70	0.236	23.96	0.400	15.71

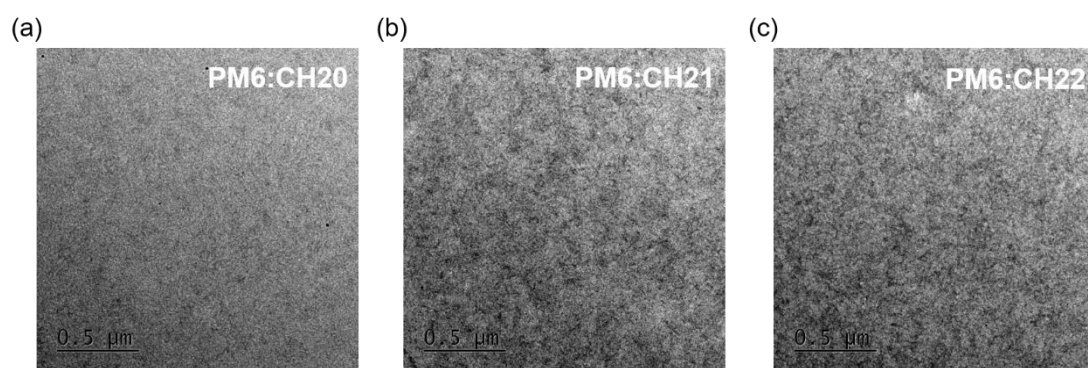
^aCalculated from the equation: $d\text{-spacing}=2\pi/q$. ^bObtained from the Scherrer equation: $\text{CCL}=2\pi K/\text{FWHM}$, where FWHM is the full-width at half-maximum and K is a shape factor ($K=0.9$ here).



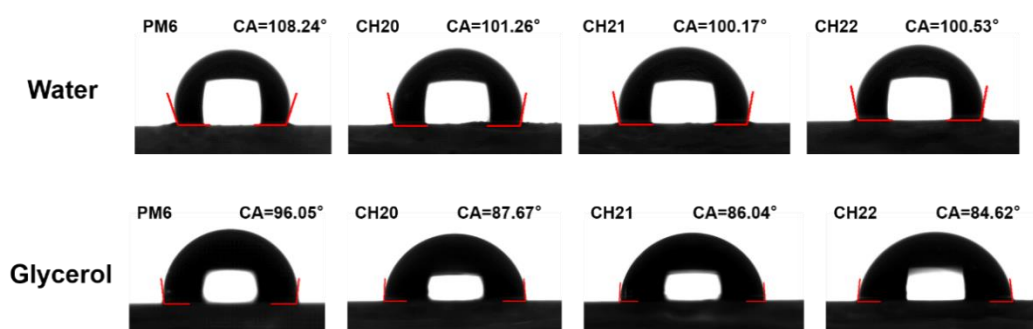
Supplementary Fig. 47 TPC. Transient photocurrent (TPC) measurements of the devices based on PM6:CH20, PM6:CH21 and PM6:CH22.



Supplementary Fig. 48 AFM characterization of the blended films. (a) AFM height and (b) phase images of PM6:CH20, PM6:CH21 and PM6:CH22 blended films. (c) The statistical distribution of fibril diameters existing in PM6:CH20, PM6:CH21 and PM6:CH22 blended films. (d) The line profile to obtain the fibril width form the AFM phase images of PM6:CH20, PM6:CH21 and PM6:CH22 blended films.



Supplementary Fig. 49 TEM characterization of the blended films. (a-c) TEM images of PM6:CH20, PM6:CH21 and PM6:CH22 blended films.



Supplementary Fig. 50 The images of water and glycerol drops on PM6, CH20, CH21 and CH22 neat films.

Supplementary Table 14. Information about surface energies of PM6, CH20, CH21, CH22 neat films calculated by water and glycerol contact angle.

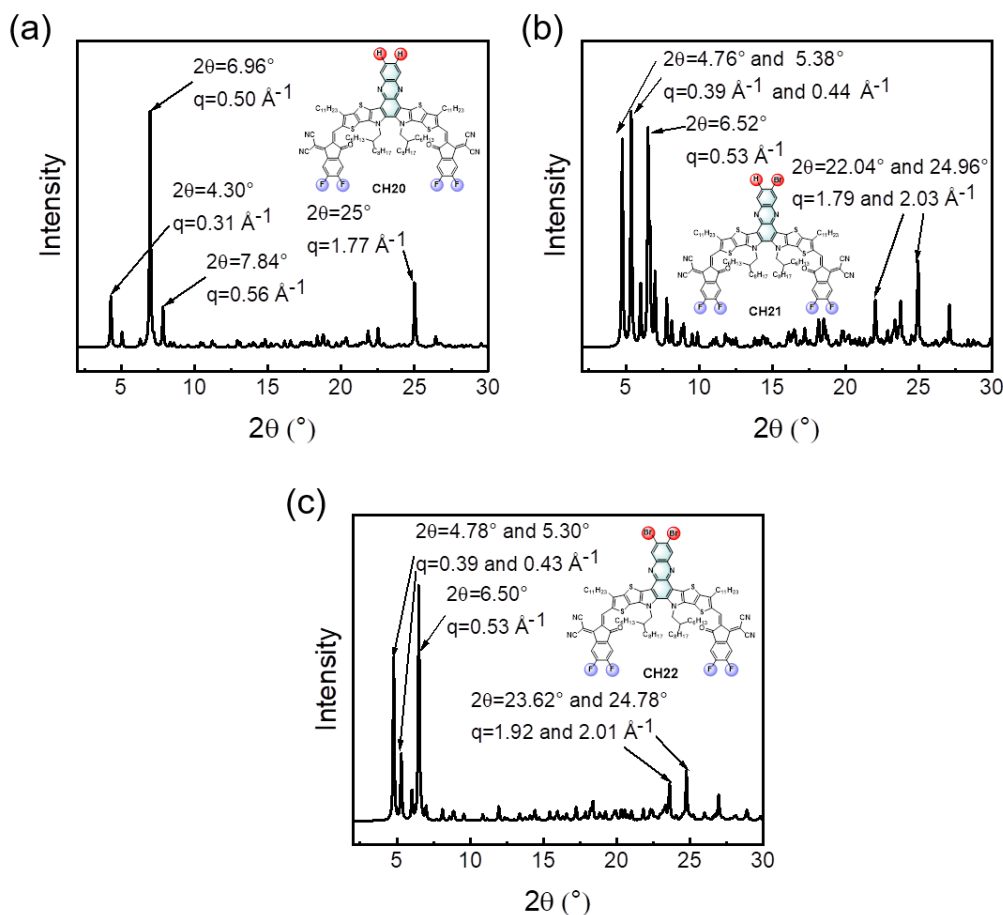
Materials	θ_{water} (°)	θ_{glycerol} (°)	γ_d (mN m ⁻¹)	γ_p (mN m ⁻¹)	γ (mN m ⁻¹)	$\chi_{D:A}^{[a]}$ (K)
PM6	108.24	96.05	0.60	16.07	16.67	–
CH20	101.26	87.67	0.79	21.91	22.70	0.46
CH21	100.17	86.04	0.80	23.00	23.80	0.63
CH22	100.53	84.62	1.02	23.40	24.42	0.74

^aThe molecular miscibility can be evaluated by Flory–Huggins interaction parameter χ , which is calculated by using the equation of: $\chi_{D:A} = K(\sqrt{\gamma_D} - \sqrt{\gamma_A})^2$.

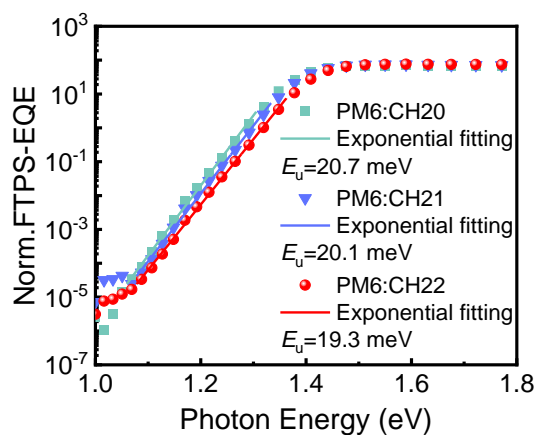
Supplementary Table 15. The detailed parameters of corresponding 2D GIWAXS.

Materials	(010) Diffraction Peak				(100) Diffraction Peak			
	q (Å ⁻¹)	d ^[a] (Å)	FWHM (Å ⁻¹)	CCL ^[b] (Å)	q (Å ⁻¹)	d ^[a] (Å)	FWHM (Å ⁻¹)	CCL ^[b] (Å)
CH20	1.663	3.78	0.268	21.10	0.423	14.87	0.105	53.86
CH21	1.690	3.72	0.267	21.18	0.418	15.05	0.095	59.53
CH22	1.718	3.66	0.251	22.53	0.410	15.33	0.090	62.83
PM6:CH20	1.713	3.67	0.257	22.00	0.418	15.05	0.088	64.26
PM6:CH21	1.718	3.66	0.256	22.09	0.413	15.23	0.082	68.96
PM6:CH22	1.733	3.63	0.252	22.44	0.408	15.42	0.078	72.50

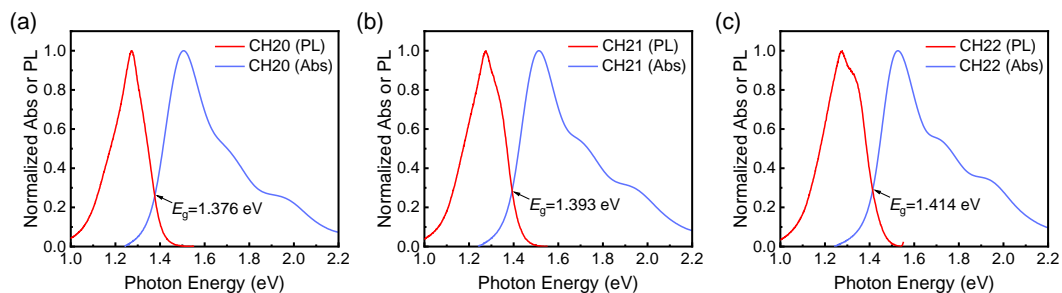
^aCalculated from the equation: d-spacing=2 π /q. ^bObtained from the Scherrer equation: CCL= 2 π K/FWHM, where FWHM is the full-width at half-maximum and K is a shape factor (K= 0.9 here).



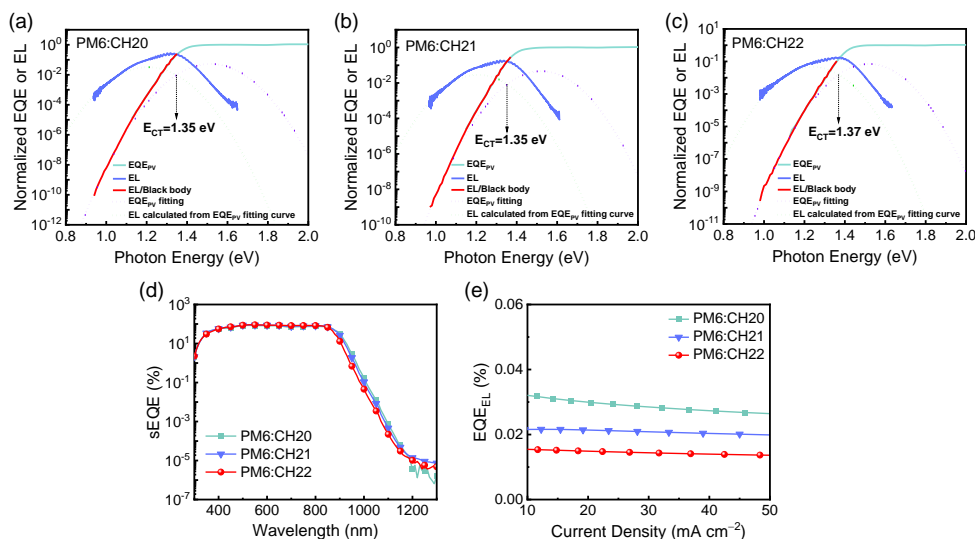
Supplementary Fig. 51 X-ray diffraction pattern generated with Mercury CSD software using single crystal diffraction data of (a) CH20, (b) CH21 and (c) CH22 respectively. According to the Bragg equation $2d\sin\theta = \lambda$ and $d = 2\pi/q$, there are strong peaks of 0.31, 0.50, 0.56 and 1.77 \AA^{-1} observed in X-ray diffraction pattern generated from single crystal structure data of CH20, corresponding to the packing distances of 20.52, 12.69, 11.26 and 3.56 \AA , respectively. And there are strong peaks of 0.39, 0.44, 0.53, 1.79 and 2.03 \AA^{-1} observed in X-ray diffraction pattern generated from single crystal structure data of CH21, corresponding to the packing distances of 16.13, 14.28, 11.78, 3.51 and 3.10 \AA , respectively. And there are strong peaks of 0.39, 0.43, 0.53, 1.92 and 2.01 \AA^{-1} observed in X-ray diffraction pattern generated from single crystal structure data of CH22, corresponding to the packing distances of 16.07, 14.49, 11.82, 3.27 and 3.12 \AA , respectively.



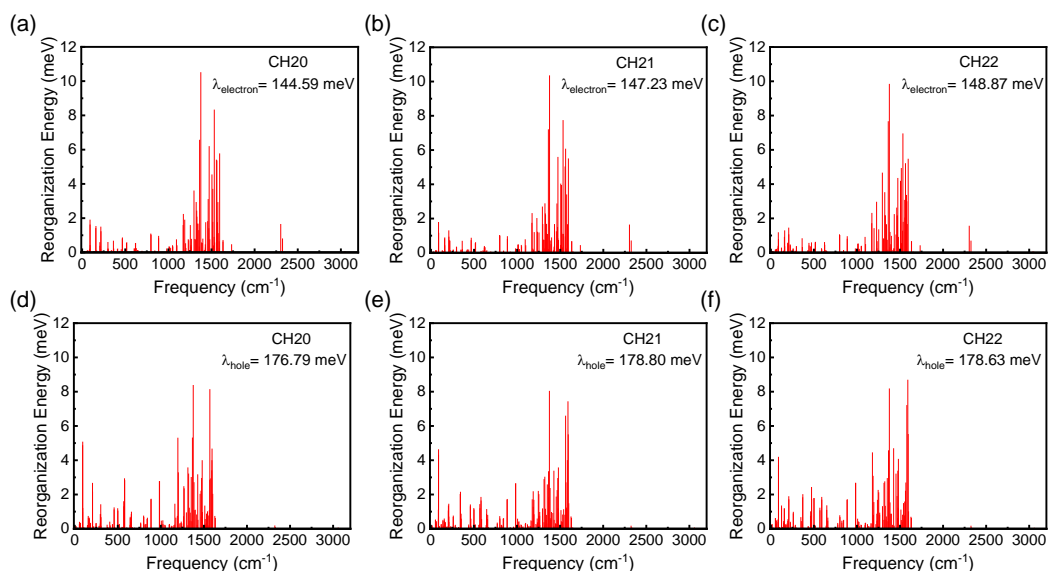
Supplementary Fig. 52 E_u of the PM6:CH20, PM6:CH21 and PM6:CH22-based devices.¹³



Supplementary Fig. 53 Details of optical E_g determination for (a) CH20, (b) CH21 and (c) CH22. E_g is estimated by the cross-point of normalized absorption and PL spectra¹⁴ of the PM6:CH20, PM6:CH21 and PM6:CH22 blended films at 1.376, 1.393 and 1.414 eV, respectively.



Supplementary Fig. 54 Energy loss analysis of the optimized OSCs. (a-c) Sensitive external quantum efficiency (sEQE) and Electroluminescence (EL) spectra for the optimized PM6:CH20, PM6:CH21 and PM6:CH22 blended films. (d) Sensitive external quantum efficiency (sEQE) spectra of the PM6:CH20, PM6:CH21 and PM6:CH22 based devices. (e) EQE_{EL} spectra for the PM6:CH20, PM6:CH21 and PM6:CH22 based devices.



Supplementary Fig. 55 The calculated reorganization energies of (a, d) CH20, (b, e) CH21 and (c, f) CH22 at the level of ω B97XD/6-31G (d, p).¹⁵

Supplementary Table 16. Total energy loss values and different contributions in solar cells.

Active layer	$E_g^{[a]}$ (eV)	$E_{CT}^{[b]}$ (eV)	$\Delta E_{CT}^{[c]}$ (eV)	$V_{oc,rad}^{[d]}$ (V)	$q\Delta V_r^{[e]}$ (eV)	V_{oc} (V)	$q\Delta V_{nr}^{[f]}$ (eV)	E_{loss} (eV)	$q\Delta V_{nr}'^{[g]}$ (eV)
PM6:CH20	1.376	1.35	0.026	1.089	0.261	0.881	0.208	0.495	0.211
PM6:CH21	1.393	1.35	0.043	1.094	0.256	0.872	0.222	0.525	0.220
PM6:CH22	1.414	1.37	0.044	1.112	0.258	0.884	0.228	0.530	0.230

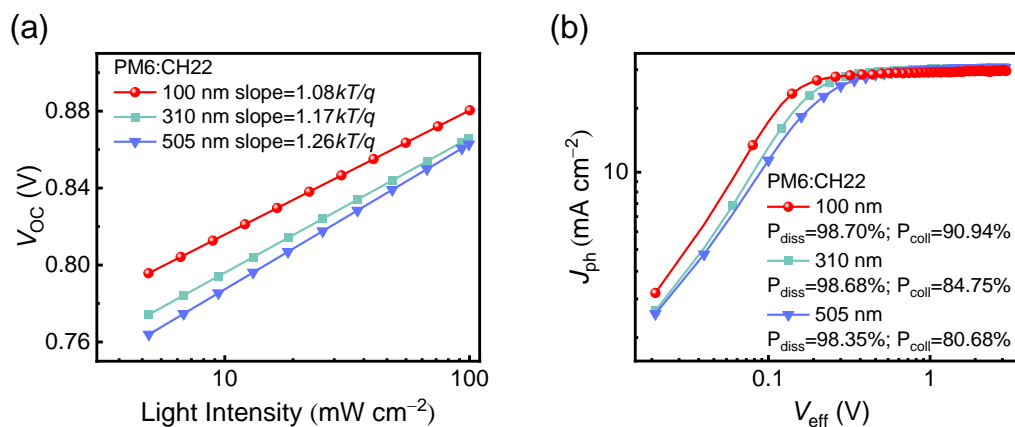
$^a E_g$ is estimated via the intersection of normalized absorption and PL spectra. $^b E_{CT}$ is obtained by fitting the low-energy region of highly sensitive EQE and EL spectra. $^c \Delta E_{CT} = E_g - E_{CT}$. $^d V_{oc,rad}$ is the radiative recombination limit for the V_{oc} of the solar cell, which can be determined by the equation: $V_{oc,rad} \approx \frac{kT_a}{q} \ln \left(\frac{J_{ph}}{J_{0,rad}} \right)$, in which the $J_{0,rad}$ values are 1.603×10^{-17} , 1.388×10^{-17} and 6.848×10^{-18} for the CH20-,

CH21- and CH22-based devices, calculated by the equation: $J_{0,rad} = q \int_0^{+\infty} EQE_{PV}(E) \phi_{BB}(E) dE$.

$^e q\Delta V_r = qE_{CT} - qV_{oc,rad}$. $^f q\Delta V_{nr} = qV_{oc}^{rad} - qV_{oc}$. $^g q\Delta V_{nr}'$ can be calculated by the equation:

$q\Delta V_{nr}' = -qkT \ln \left(\frac{1}{EQE_{EL}} \right)$, in which the EQE_{EL} values are 2.94×10^{-4} , 2.10×10^{-4} , and 1.46×10^{-4} for the

CH20-, CH21- and CH22-based devices, measured by EL measurements. The $q\Delta V_{nr}'$ values agreed well with the $q\Delta V_{nr}$ values.



Supplementary Fig. S56 The thick-film device performance of PM6:CH22. (a) Dependences of V_{oc} on P_{light} of optimized OSCs of PM6:CH22 with different thicknesses (100 nm, 310 nm and 505 nm). (b) J_{ph} versus V_{eff} curves of optimized OSCs of PM6:CH22 with different thicknesses (100 nm, 310 nm and 505 nm).

Supplementary Table 17. Summary of device parameters for optimized PM6:CH22 OSCs with different thicknesses ^[a]

Active layers	V_{oc} (V)	J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²)	Cal. J_{sc} ^[b] (mA cm ⁻²)	FF (%)	PCE (%)
100nm	0.884 (0.884±0.002)	26.74 (26.62±0.13)	26.17	80.62 (80.34±0.24)	19.06 (18.91±0.08)
220nm	0.870 (0.871±0.002)	27.44 (27.23±0.24)	26.58	73.00 (72.70±0.37)	17.44 (17.23±0.13)
310nm	0.873 (0.869±0.003)	27.76 (27.48±0.16)	26.97	70.10 (70.10±0.31)	16.99 (16.74±0.15)
405nm	0.869 (0.865±0.003)	27.93 (27.55±0.17)	27.09	66.93 (66.80±0.50)	16.25 (15.91±0.17)
505nm	0.867 (0.863±0.003)	28.14 (27.64±0.49)	27.40	64.37 (64.00±0.20)	15.70 (15.25±0.30)

^aThe average photovoltaic parameters calculated from 10 independent devices. ^bCurrent densities calculated from EQE curves.

Supplementary Table 18. The performance of the reported thick-film OSCs with ~500 nm.

Thickness (nm)	Active layer	V _{oc} (V)	J _{sc} (mA cm ⁻²)	FF (%)	PCE (%)	Ref.
450nm	PBDB-T:a-IT-2OM	0.90	18.55	53.81	8.81	36
460nm	PM6:Y6	0.823	24.17	56.91	11.32	37
470nm	PM6:IDIC-C5Ph	0.921	20.15	70.12	13.01	38
480nm	PM6:Y6:F1	0.834	27.08	67.43	15.23	37
480nm	Si25:Y14	0.782	27.16	71.87	15.26	39
500nm	PM6:BTP-eC9:L8-BO-F	0.835	27.49	66.4	15.21	40
500nm	PT2:TTPTTT-4F:IDIC	0.86	22.0	61.4	11.6	41
500nm	PM7:MF2	0.953	19.20	54.90	10.04	42
500nm	PBDB-T:IDT-OB	0.84	17.23	47.9	6.93	43
505nm	PTQ10:IDTPC	0.91	17.81	56.9	9.2	44
505nm	PM6:CH22	0.867	28.14	64.37	15.70	This work
508nm	PTIQ4TFBT:PC71BM	0.79	17.80	57.9	8.13	45
510nm	PM7:MF1	0.929	16.97	63.9	10.07	42
519nm	PM6:F-2Cl	0.884	20.60	63	11.41	46
520nm	P2FEhp:Y6	0.70	26.10	56.90	10.50	47
520nm	PTzBI-Si:N2200	0.84	16.4	63.2	8.7	47
530nm	PM6:IDTN	0.912	17.93	52.00	8.5	48
540nm	PM6:EC9:L8-BO:BTP-S10	0.857	27.94	61.33	14.90	49
545nm	PM6:BTP-4Cl	0.841	28.2	58.0	13.8	50

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