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A comparison of optical, electrochemical and self-assembling properties of two structural isomers based on 1,6- and 1,8-pyrenedione chromophores

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190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 Chemical Shift (ppm)

Figure 1. ¹H and ¹³C NMR of 3











Figure 5 ¹H and ¹³C NMR of 7









Figure 9. DPVs of **16ketPyr** and **18ketPyr** in CH_2Cl_2 solution with 0.05 M NBu₄PF₆ electrolyte. Measurements were taken with a Pt button working electrode, Ag wire reference electrode, and Pt wire counter electrode.



Figure 10. CVs of **16ketPyr** and **18ketPyr** in CH_2Cl_2 solution with 0.05 M NBu₄PF₆ electrolyte. Measurements were taken with a scan rate of 20 mVs⁻¹ using a glassy carbon working electrode, Ag wire reference electrode, and Pt wire counter electrode.



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| Compound | Major Transition | Wavelength (nm) | Energy (eV) | Oscillator Strength |
|----------|---|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 16ketPyr | HOMO - LUMO (100%) | 788 | 1.57 | 0.6615 |
| | HOMO-2 - LUMO (91%) HOMO-1 - LUMO+1 (7%) | 481 | 2.57 | 0.5941 |
| | HOMO-5 - LUMO (37%) HOMO-1 - LUMO+1 (51%) HOMO-9 - LUMO (8%) HOMO-2 - LUMO (3%) | 411 | 3.02 | 0.4796 |
| | HOMO-5 - LUMO (54%) HOMO-1 - LUMO+1 (39%) HOMO-2 - LUMO (4%) | 391 | 3.17 | 0.2891 |
| 18ketPyr | HOMO - LUMO (100%) | 789 | 1.57 | 0.2106 |
| | HOMO-1 - LUMO (100%) | 748 | 1.66 | 0.3135 |
| | HOMO-2 - LUMO (93%) HOMO-1 - LUMO+1 (2%) | 504 | 2.45 | 0.4615 |
| | HOMO-4 - LUMO (56%) HOMO-1 - LUMO+1 (42%) | 420 | 2.95 | 0.2860 |
| | HOMO-9 - LUMO (8%) HOMO-3 - LUMO (81%) HOMO - LUMO+1 (9%) | 418 | 2.96 | 0.0527 |
| | HOMO-3-LUMO(10%) HOMO - LUMO+1 (89%) | 406 | 3.05 | 0.7381 |
| | HOMO-4-LUMO (39%) HOMO-2-LUMO (4%) HOMO-1 - LUMO+1 (55%) | 396 | 3.13 | 0.0022 |

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