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### **Rigid Axially Symmetrical C<sub>60</sub>-BODIPY Triplet Photosensitizers:**

### Effect of Bridge Length on Singlet Oxygen Generation

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### 1. Time-resolved fluorescence spectrum of R1



**Figure S1**. Fluorescence decay traces obtained with TCSPC of **R1** in toluene  $(1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol/L})$  and the results of single exponential function fitting combining a deconvolution (ex 475 nm, em 520 nm).

### 2. Nanosecond time-resolved transient absorption spectra of R1 and

### **R2**



**Figure S2.** Nanosecond time-resolved transient absorption spectra of (a) **R1** and (b) **R2** in deaerated toluene upon excitation (532 nm, 7 ns fwhm, 2 mJ/pulse) at room temperature. Arrows indicate the spectral trend with time increasing. Inset shows the dynamic curves and transient absorption time profiles of **R2** at 710 nm.

The concentration of **R1** is the same with  $C_{60}$ -**B1** and  $C_{60}$ -**B2**, but no obvious triplet excited state was observed. The concentration of **R2** is higher than that of  $C_{60}$ -**B1** and  $C_{60}$ -**B2**. The data in Figure S17 (b) is to certificate the triplet excited state of  $C_{60}$ .

# 3. The spectral response of DHN and DHN with R1, R2 and MB as the sensitizers

As a control experiment, Figure S2a was the photo-oxidation of DHN without photosensitizer. Both **R1** and **R2** were also used as triplet photosensitizers for photocatalytic reaction, but nearly no product was observed.



Figure S3. Absorption spectral changes for the photooxidation of DHN (a) without photosensitizer, (b) using R1, (c) R2 and (d) MB. c[sensitizers] =  $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>, c[DHN] =  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>. In CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–MeOH (9/1, v/v).

# 4. The photostability of $C_{60}$ -B1 and $C_{60}$ -B2



**Figure S4.** The stability of (a)  $C_{60}$ -B1 and (b)  $C_{60}$ -B2. c[sensitizers] =  $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol  $L^{-1}$  in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–MeOH (9/1, v/v). After being exposed to light for 1 h, no bleaching is observed for both  $C_{60}$ -B1 and  $C_{60}$ -B2.

## 5. Calculation details.

The molecular structure optimization and excited state property calculation were performed at the CAM-B3LYP/3-21G level with the Gaussian 09 package.

### 5.1 The optimized structures of C<sub>60</sub>-B1 and C<sub>60</sub>-B2



Figure S5. The optimized structures of C<sub>60</sub>-B1 and C<sub>60</sub>-B2.

5.2 Cartesian coordinate, the number of imaginary frequency and energy of  $C_{60}\mbox{-}B1$  and  $C_{60}\mbox{-}B2$ 

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# 6. High resolution mass spectra



Figure S6. Expansion of the high resolution mass spectrum of 2.



Figure S7. The high resolution mass spectrum of 2.



Figure S8. Expansion of the high resolution mass spectrum of  $C_{60}$ -B1.



Figure S9. The high resolution mass spectrum of  $C_{60}$ -B1.





Figure S10. Expansion of the high resolution mass spectrum of 4.



Figure S11. The high resolution mass spectrum of 4.





Figure S12. Expansion of the high resolution mass spectrum of 5.



Figure S13. The high resolution mass spectrum of 5.

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Figure S14. Expansion of the high resolution mass spectrum of 6.



Figure S15. The high resolution mass spectrum of 6.





Figure S16. Expansion of the high resolution mass spectrum of  $C_{60}$ -B2.



Figure S17. The high resolution mass spectrum of C<sub>60</sub>-B2.

# 7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>19</sup>F NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra



Figure S18. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (400 MHz).



**Figure S19.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of **R1** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (400 MHz).



Figure S20. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (400 MHz).



Figure S21. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (100 MHz).



**Figure S22.** <sup>19</sup>F NMR of **2** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (376 MHz).



Figure S23. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of C<sub>60</sub>-B1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (300 MHz).



**Figure S24.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR of C<sub>60</sub>-B1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (75 MHz).



Figure S25. <sup>19</sup>F NMR of C<sub>60</sub>-B1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (376 MHz).



Figure S26. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (400 MHz).



Figure S27. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (400 MHz).



**Figure S28.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **4** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (100 MHz).



Figure S29. <sup>19</sup>F NMR of 4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (376 MHz).



Figure S30. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 5 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (400 MHz).



Figure S31. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 5 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (100 MHz).



**Figure S32.** <sup>19</sup>F NMR of **5** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (376 MHz).



Figure S33. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 6 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (400 MHz).



**Figure S34.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR of **6** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (100 MHz).



**Figure S35.** <sup>19</sup>F NMR of **6** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (376 MHz).



Figure S36. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of  $C_{60}$ -B2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (400 MHz).



**Figure S37.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR of C<sub>60</sub>-B2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (100 MHz)



**Figure S38.** <sup>19</sup>F NMR of C<sub>60</sub>-B2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (376 MHz).