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Solid state structure and properties of phenyl diketopyrrolopyrrole derivatives

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Experimental section

General Methods and Materials. All commercially available reagents and solvents were used as received. Chromatography purifications were performed using Sigma-Aldrich Silica Gel (pore size 60Å, particle size 40- 63 μ m) and thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on E. Merck silica gel plates, irradiated using UV light (365 nm). NMR spectra were acquired on a Bruker AV400, Bruker AV(III)500 or Bruker DPX300 spectrometers and NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature. All chemical shifts are reported in δ parts per million (ppm), using the solvent residual signal as an internal standard and the coupling constant values (J) are reported in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations are used for signal multiplicities: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet; and b, broad. ESI-MS were recorded using a Bruker micro-TOF II instrument. Infra-red spectra were recorded on a Bruker Tensor 27 instrument equipped with a Pike GladiATR attachment with a diamond crystal. Melting points were determined on a Stuart SMP20 Melting Point Apparatus. Elemental analysis (CHN) was performed by the University of Nottingham, School of Chemistry Microanalytical Service on an Exeter Analytical CE- 440 instrument.

The band gap was calculated from the onset of the optical absorption of the film using the equation: Eg = 1240 / λ_{onset} [eV].

For PhOMeDPP N-Hex and PhOBocDPP N-Boc, single crystals were selected and mounted using Fomblin® (YR-1800 perfluoropolyether oil) on a polymer-tipped MiTeGen MicroMountTM and cooled rapidly to 120 K in a stream of cold N₂ using an Oxford Cryosystems open flow cryostat.¹ Single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected on an Oxford Diffraction GV1000 (AtlasS2 CCD area detector, mirror-monochromated Cu-K α radiation source; $\lambda = 1.54184$ Å, ω scans). Cell parameters were refined from the observed positions of all strong reflections and absorption corrections were applied using a Gaussian numerical method with beam profile correction (CrysAlisPro).² Structures were solved within Olex2³ by dual space iterative methods (SHELXT)⁴ and all non-hydrogen atoms refined by full-matrix least-squares on all unique F2 values with anisotropic displacement parameters (SHELXL).⁵ Hydrogen atoms were refined with constrained geometries and riding thermal parameters. Structures were checked with checkCIF.⁶ CCDC-2005929 and 2005925 contains the supplementary data for these compounds. This data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif. For PhOMeDPP N-Boc X-ray diffraction measurements were performed in Experiments Hutch 1 (EH1) of Beamline I19, at Diamond Light Source.⁷ The data were collected at a wavelength of 0.6889 Å on a Fluid Film Devices 3-circle fixed-chi diffractometer using a Dectris Pilatus 2M detector. The crystal was mounted on a MiTeGen MicroMountTM using a perfluoropolyether oil, and cooled for data collection by a Cryostream nitrogen-gas stream.¹ The collected frames were integrated using XIA26 software⁸ and the data were

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corrected for absorption effects using AIMLESS,⁹ an empirical method. Structures were solved within Olex2³ by dual space iterative methods (SHELXT)⁴ and all non-hydrogen atoms refined by full-matrix least-squares on all unique F2 values with anisotropic displacement parameters (SHELXL).⁵ Hydrogen atoms were refined with constrained geometries and riding thermal parameters. The terminal OMe group is disordered over two positions. The occupancies of the two components were refined competitively, converging to a ratio of 0.51:0.49. Structures were checked with checkCIF.⁶ CCDC-2005924 contains the supplementary data for these compounds. This data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif. For PhOHDPP N-Hex, a single crystal was selected and mounted using Fomblin® (YR-1800 perfluoropolyether oil) on a polymer-tipped MiTeGen MicroMountTM and cooled rapidly to 120 K in a stream of cold N₂ using an Oxford Cryosystems open flow cryostat.¹ Single crystal X-ray diffraction data was collected on an Oxford Diffraction GV1000 (TitanS2 CCD area detector, mirrormonochromated Cu-K α radiation source; $\lambda = 1.54184$ Å, ω scans). Cell parameters were refined from the observed positions of all strong reflections and absorption corrections were applied using a Gaussian numerical method with beam profile correction (CrysAlisPro).² The structure was solved within Olex2³ by dual space iterative methods (SHELXT)⁴ and all non-hydrogen atoms refined by fullmatrix least-squares on all unique F2 values with anisotropic displacement parameters (SHELXL).⁵ The structure was checked with checkCIF.⁶ CCDC-2005927 contains the supplementary data for this compounds. This data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif. For PhOTHPDPP N-Hex and PhOMeDPP N-2MB, single crystals were selected and mounted using Fomblin® (YR-1800 perfluoropolyether oil) on a polymer-tipped MiTeGen MicroMountTM and cooled rapidly to 120 K in a stream of cold N₂ using an Oxford Cryosystems open flow cryostat.¹ Single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected on an SuperNova Duo diffractometer (Atlas CCD area detector, mirror-monochromated Cu-Ka radiation source; $\lambda = 1.54184$ Å or mirror-monochromated Mo-K α radiation source; $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å; ω scans). Cell parameters were refined from the observed positions of all strong reflections and absorption corrections were applied using a Gaussian numerical method with beam profile correction (CrysAlisPro).² Structures were solved within Olex2³ by dual space iterative methods (SHELXT)⁴ and all non-hydrogen atoms refined by full-matrix least-squares on all unique F2 values with anisotropic displacement parameters (SHELXL).⁵ For PhOTHPDPP *N*-Hex, conformational disorder is modelled for the hexyl and phenol-tetrahydropyran moieties. Large quantities of restraints have been applied to the geometries and displacement parameters of these two regions of disorder to aid refinement of sensible models. The hexyl chain is disordered over two overlapping conformations, the occupancies of which have been refined and constrained to sum to unity resulting in values of 0.68(1) and 0.32(1).

The phenol-tetrahydropyran moiety is disordered between two overlapping diastereomeric conformations of the group. The occupancies of these conformations are refined and constrained to sum to unity resulting in values of 0.85(1) and 0.15(1). The molecule lies on a two-fold symmetry element meaning that all three possible diastereomers R,R S,S and R,S are likely to be present in the crystal, and in unequal amounts. The atoms of the minor occupancy disorder component of the phenol-tetrahydropyran moiety are modelled with isotropic displacement parameters; all other nonhydrogen atoms are modelled anisotropically. Rigid bond and similarity restraints have been applied to the displacement parameters of the disordered atoms. The geometries of the disorder components have been restrained to have similar geometries (SAME, SADI). The phenol ring systems are restrained to have planar geometries and planar connections to the adjacent atoms (FLAT). The C-C bond length of the terminal two carbon atoms in both disorder components are restrained to a target value of 1.5 A (DFIX). All hydrogen atoms were geometrically placed and refined using a riding model. The structures were checked with checkCIF.⁶ CCDC-2005930 and 2005928 contains the supplementary data for this compounds. This data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif. For PhOHDPP N--2MB, a single crystal was selected and mounted using Fomblin® (YR-1800 perfluoropolyether oil) on a polymer-tipped MiTeGen MicroMountTM and cooled rapidly to 120 K in a stream of cold N₂ using an Oxford Cryosystems open flow cryostat.¹ Single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected on an XtaLAB PRO MM007 (PILATUS3 R 200K Hybrid Pixel Array detector, mirror-monochromated Cu-Ka radiation source; $\lambda = 1.54184$ Å, ω scans). Cell parameters were refined from the observed positions of all strong reflections and absorption corrections were applied using a Gaussian numerical method with beam profile correction (CrysAlisPro).² The structure was solved within Olex2³ by dual space iterative methods (SHELXT)⁴ least squares refinement of the structure was carried using (SHELXL).⁵ Structures were checked with checkCIF.⁶ CCDC-2005926 contains the supplementary data for these compounds. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

UV/Vis absorption studies were performed using a Cary 5000 UV-Vis-NIR Absorption spectrometer. Emission studies were performed using an Edinburgh Instruments FLS980 Photoluminescence spectrometer. For quantum yield studies, fluorescence spectra were recorded as aerated solutions using a Jobin Yvon Horiba FluoroMax-3 spectrometer at ambient temperature in a 1cm pathlength quartz cuvette.

Quantum yields were calculated by comparison with the fluorescence observed for fluorescein (F = 91 in NaOH) under identical conditions of irradiation.¹⁰ . Cyclic voltammetric studies were carried out using an Autolab PGSTAT20 potentiostat and in some cases an EmStat3 potentiostat. Standard cyclic

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voltammetry was carried out under an atmosphere of argon using a three-electrode arrangement in a single compartment cell. A glassy carbon working electrode, a Pt wire secondary electrode and a saturated calomel reference electrode, chemically isolated from the test solution *via* a bridge tube containing electrolyte solution and fitted with a porous Vycor frit, were used in the cell when using the Autolab PGSTAT20 potentiostat. For the EmStat3 potentiostat a three electrode set up consisting of a platinum wire counter electrode, a platinum disc working electrode and a Ag/AgCl wire quasi reference electrode was used. Redox potentials are quoted versus the ferrocenium-ferrocene couple, which was used as an internal reference.¹¹ Acetonitrile was utilised as solvent for PhOMeDPP *N*-Hex, PhOMeDPP *N*-2MB and PhOTHPDPP *N*-Hex, dimethylformamide was used for PhOHDPP *N*-Hex and PhOHDPP *N*-2MB and dichloromethane for PhOMeDPP *N*-Boc and PhOBocDPP *N*-Boc. Tetrabutylammoniumhexafluorphosphae was employed as supporting electrolyte for all electrochemical experiments. HOMO and LUMO levels were calculated using the equations¹²:

 $E_{HOMO} = -(E_{onset}(ox) + 4.8 \text{ [eV]}) \text{ and } E_{LUMO} = -(E_{onset}(red) + 4.8 \text{ [eV]}).$

The band gap is calculated using the equation

$$E_g = E_{HOMO} - E_{LUMO} [eV].$$

Alternatively, the band gap can also be calculated from the onset of the optical absorption of the film using the equation:

$$E_g = 1240 / \lambda_{onset} [eV]$$

Electronic structure calculations were performed using Gaussian 09.¹³ Electronic coupling calculations used molecular geometries taken from the crystal structures and used the B3LYP exchange-correlation functional and 6-311G(d,p) basis set with an ultrafine integration grid. Calculations of reorganisation energies used the larger 6-311+(d,p) basis set, with alkyl groups replaced with methyl to speed up geometry optimisation. Coupling values were calculated by 3 different methods (DIPRO,¹⁴ monomer projection¹⁵ and Fock matrix),¹⁶ which all provided comparable values. Mobilities were calculated using a sum-over-neighbours approach using rate constants derived from Marcus theory.¹⁷

PhOMeDPP *N*-H 3,6-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione



Sodium (8.75g, 0.380 mol) and a catalytic amount of iron chloride were added to anhydrous tamyl alcohol (170 ml, 2.40 mol) and the mixture was heated at 120°C for 1 hour under an argon atmosphere, whilst stirring until all the sodium had dissolved. The solution was then cooled to around 80°C and 4-methoxybenzonitrile (25.0g, 0.188 mol) added. The reaction was then heated slowly to 130°C and once it had reached this temperature, a solution of diethyl succinate (16.0 ml, 96.1 mmol) in t-amyl alcohol (42.5 ml, 0.388 mol) was added via syringe pump over 3 hours. Once added, the reaction was heated at 130°C overnight. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was cooled to 50°C and glacial acetic acid (100 ml, 1.75 mol) added and the solution was heated at refluxfor 1 hour. The solid was separated by filtration (No. 4 porosity glass sinter), washed with hot methanol and dried in vacuo to afford the known product as a red solid (9.40 g, 2.70 mol, 14.5%), which had the following data in agreement with the literature^{18,19}: Mp: >250 °C; **v** max (ATR-IR) 3125 (NH stretch), 3086 (CH stretch), 3018 (CH stretch), 2983 (CH stretch), 2855 (CH stretch), 1634 (C=O), 1594 (C=C stretch), 1512, 1446, 1339, 1304, 1267, 1189, 1147, 1022, 946, 911, 865, 830, 754, 628, 602, 501 cm⁻¹;¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.17 (2H, bs, NH), 8.46-8.44 (4H, m, ArH), 7.14-7.11 (4H, m, ArH), 3.85 (6H, s, OMe) ppm;

General synthesis route for N-alkylation of PhOMeDPP N-H

3,6-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (500 mg, 1.44 mmol) was added to caesium carbonate (2 g, 6.14mmol) and alkyl halide (6.24 mmol) in anhydrous acetonitrile (20 ml) and the mixture was heated to 85° C, whilst stirring under an inert atmosphere for 24 hours. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure. Dichloromethane (100 ml) was added and the remaining unreacted starting material filtered off using a No. 4 porosity glass sintered crucible. The solution was washed with water (200 ml), the organic phase was separated and the aqueous phase was washed with dichloromethane (2 x100 ml). The organic extracts were combined and dried (MgSO₄). The solution was filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using an eluent system of 95:5 CH₂Cl₂: ethyl acetate to yield the pure product.

PhOMeDPP N-2MB

3,6-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-bis((S)-2-methylbutyl)-2,5- dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione



The compound was synthesised using the general method for *N*-alkylation of **PhOMeDPP N-H** using (S)-(+)-1-bromo-2-methylbutane as alkyl halide to yield the product as an orange crystalline solid (133 mg, 0.273 mmol, 19%). The product is novel and has: Mp: 222°C; (ESI-MS): Found [M+ H]+ 489.2754 and $C_{30}H_{37}N_2O_4$ requires 489.2748; ν max (ATR-IR) 3073 (CH stretch), 3010 (CH stretch), 2954 (CH stretch), 1660 (C=O), 1601(C=C stretch), 1564, 1508, 1456, 1419, 1349, 1304, 1257, 1176, 1123, 1084, 1026, 966, 917, 871, 836, 791, 735, 653, 595, 527, 478 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (4H, d, J 8.5 Hz, ArH), 7.03 (4H, d, J 8.5 Hz, ArH), 3.89 (6H, s, OMe), 3.81-3.64 (4 H, m, NCH₂), 1.70-1.60 (2 H, m, CH), 1.35-0.98 (4 H, m, CH₂), 0.81-0.73 (12 H, m, RCH₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.0, 161.6, 147.9, 130.5, 121.1, 114.2, 110.0, 55.4, 47.7, 34.5, 26.9, 16.8, 11.1 ppm; Elemental analysis: calcd for $C_{30}H_{37}N_2O_4$: C, 73.74; H, 7.43; N, 5.73%; found: C, 72.8; H, 7.42; N, 5.64%

PhOMeDPP N-Hex

2,5-Dihexyl-3,6-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione



The compound was synthesised using the general method for *N*-alkylation of **PhOMeDPP N-H** using hexyl iodide as alkyl halide to yield the product as an orange solid (250 mg, 0.484 µmol, 34%). This compound is known¹⁸ and the ¹H NMR is in agreement with the literature, but it is not fully characterised. The compound has: Mp: 163°C; ESI-MS found: [M+ H]+ 517.3072 and C₃₂H₄₁N₂O₄ requires M 517.3061; **v** max (ATR-IR) 3067 (CH stretch), 3010(CH stretch), 2962(CH stretch), 2927(CH stretch), 2855(CH stretch), 1666 (C=O), 1607 (C=C stretch), 1566, 1506, 1454, 1380, 1341, 1304, 1255, 1178, 1119, 1084, 1024, 962, 836, 781, 737, 655, 587, 538, 507, 478, 420 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (4 H, d, J 9.0 Hz, ArH), 7.06 (4 H, d, J 9.0 Hz, ArH), 3.91 (6 H, s, OMe), 3.78 (4 H, t, J 6.0 Hz, NCH₂), 1.68-1.59 (4 H, m, CH₂), 1.28-1.22 (12 H, m, CH₂), 0.86 (6 H, t, J 6.0 Hz, Me) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.9, 161.7, 147.7, 130.6, 120.8, 114.4, 108.9, 55.5, 42.1, 31.3, 29.5, 26.5, 22.5, 14.0 ppm; Elemental analysis: calcd for C₃₂H₄₁N₂O₄: C, 74.39; H, 7.80; N, 5.42%; found: C, 74.21; H, 7.79; N, 5.42%.

PhOMeDPP N-Boc

Di-tert-butyl 3,6-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,4-dioxopyrrolo[3,4- c]pyrrole-2,5(1H,4H)-dicarboxylate



3,6-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (1.0g, 2.9 mmol), di-*tert*butyldicarbonate (1.25g, 5.44mmol) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.70g, 5.73 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous DMF (50 ml) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature under an inert atmosphere for 24 hours. Once this time had elapsed, the reaction mixture was washed with water (200 ml) and the solution was filtered (No. 4 porosity glass sinter), to remove unreacted starting material. The excess solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was then purified by column chromatography using an eluent system of 95:5 petroleum ether: ethyl acetate to yield the pure product a yellow solid (560mg, 1.02 mmol, 35 %). The product is novel and has: Mp: decomposed 120° C ; ESI-MS found: $[M+H]^+$ 549.2247 and C₃₀H₃₃N₂O₈ requires M 549.2231; ν max (ATR-IR) 3073 (CH stretch), 2989(CH stretch), 2933 (CH stretch), 1747(C=O), 1708(C=O DPP), 1625 (C=C stretch), 1599, 1508, 1461, 1370, 1257, 1207, 1178, 1141, 1053, 1024, 876, 834, 766, 733, 661, 608, 550, 513, 484 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (4 H, d, *J* 8.0 Hz, ArH), 6.99 (4 H, d, *J* 8.0 Hz, ArH), 3.88 (6 H, s, OMe), 1.47 (18 H, s, Me) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.2, 159.8, 148.6, 145.3, 130.5, 120.7, 113.9, 111.0, 102.0, 85.0, 55.5, 27.6 ppm

PhOTHPDPP N-H

3,6-Bis(4-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione



Sodium (3.92 g, 1.70 mol) and a catalytic amount of iron chloride were added to anhydrous *t*-amyl alcohol (112 ml, 1.02 mol) and heated at 120°C for 1 hour, under an argon atmosphere, whilst stirring, until all the sodium had dissolved. The solution was then cooled to around 80°C and 4- (tetrahydro-2-pyran-2H-yloxy) benzonitrile (17.3 g, 8.46 mol) ²⁰ added. The reaction was then heated slowly to 130 °C and once it had reached this temperature a solution of di-*tert* amyl succinate (10.5 ml, 4.79 mmol) in *t*-amyl alcohol (28.0 ml, 0.256 mol) was added *via* syringe pump over 3 hours. The reaction was heated at 130°C overnight. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was cooled and hot methanol added. The solid was separated by filtration(No. 4 porosity glass sinter) and washed with hot methanol and dried in vacuo to afford the pure product as a red solid (11.9 g, 2.43 mmol, 28.7 %). This compound is known²⁰; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 11.11 (2H, s, NH), 8.43 (4H, d, *J* 7.8 Hz, ArH), 7.17 (4H, d, *J* 7.8 Hz, ArH), 5.63 (2H,m, OCH), 3.79-3.69 (2H, m, OCH), 3.64 – 3.56 (2H, m, OCH), 1.95-1.48 (12H, m, CH and CH₂) ppm

PhOTHPDPP N-Hex

2,5-Dihexyl-3,6-bis(4-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione



3,6-Bis(4-((tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)oxy)phenyl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (500 mg, 1.02 mmol) was added to a mixture of caesium carbonate (1.42 g, 4.35 mmol) and hexyl iodide (0.94 g, 4.42 mmol) in anhydrous acetonitrile (20 ml) and the reaction mixture was heated to 85°C, whilst stirring under an inert atmosphere for 24 hours. The mixture was then evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. Dichloromethane (100 ml) was added and unreacted starting material filtered off (No. 4 porosity glass sinter). The solution was washed with water (200 ml), the organic phase was separated and the aqueous phase was washedwith dichloromethane (2 x100 ml). The organic extracts were combined and dried (MgSO₄).The solution was filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using an eluent system of 95:5 DCM: ethyl acetate to yield the pure product as an orange crystalline solid (121 mg, 0.18mmol, 18%). This compound is novel and has: Mp: 144°C; ESI-MS found: [M+Na]⁺ 679.3715 and C₄₀H₅₂N₂O₆Na requires M 679.3718; vmax (ATR-IR) 2931 (CH stretch), 2855 (CH stretch), 1765 (C=O), 1739 (C=C stretch), 1660, 1609, 1508, 1454, 1358, 1279, 1242, 1201, 1176, 1088, 1036, 958, 919, 847, 764, 737, 655, 630, 603, 562, 538, 499, 470 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (4H, d, J 8.9 Hz, ArH), 7.18 (4H, d, J 8.9 Hz, ArH), 5.51 (2H, t, J 3.1 Hz, OCH), 3.90 (2H, ddd, J = 12.4, 9.6, 3.0 Hz, OCH), 3.79 – 3.71 (4H, m, NCH₂), 3.67 – 3.59 (2H, m, OCH), 2.07 – 1.95 (2H, m, CH), 1.94 – 1.83 (4H, m, CH₂), 1.77 – 1.57 (10H, m, CH and CH₂), 1.31 – 1.17 (12H, m, CH₂), 0.87 – 0.79 (6H, m, CH₃) ppm ; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.1, 159.4, 147.9, 130.6, 121.6, 116.7, 109.1, 96.4, 62.3, 42.2, 31.4, 30.4, 29.6, 26.6, 25.3, 22.6, 18.8, 14.1 ppm.

General synthesis of PhOHDPP N-R by deprotection of PhOMeDPP N-R

3,6-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-bis((S)-2-methylbutyl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4dione (100mg, 0.20 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (5 ml) and the solution was cooled to -20°C whilst stirring under an argon atmosphere. Once this temperature had been reached, a solution of boron tribromide (0.1 ml, 1.05 mmol) in dichloromethane (3 ml) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature, continuing stirring for 24 hours. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was quenched with water (20 ml) and an orange solid precipitated. The solid was separated by filtration (No. 4 porosity glass sinter) and washed with 10 % sodium hydroxide (10 ml) and 2M hydrochloric acid (10 ml) and dried in vacuo to yield the pure product

PhOHDPP N-Hex



2,5-Dihexyl-3,6-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione

The compound was synthesised using the general method for deprotection of **PhOMeDPP** *N*-**R** to yield the pure product as a red solid (75mg , 0.15 mmol, 81%). This compound is known¹⁸ and the ¹H NMR is in agreement with the literature but it is not fully characterised. The compound has: Mp: 225°C; ESI-MS found: $[M-H]^-$ 487.2717 and C₃₀H₃₅N₂O₄ requires M 487.2675; γ max (ATR-IR) 3187 (OH stretch), 3024 (CH stretch), 2917(CH stretch), 2851(CH stretch), 2746(CH stretch), 2678(CH stretch), 1664 (C=O), 1592 (C=C stretch), 1514, 1444, 1374, 1277, 1232, 1178, 1098, 1005, 960, 892, 843, 764, 705, 647, 595, 521, 490, 447 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.29 (2H, s, Ar-OH), 7.73 (4 H, d, *J* 8.7 Hz, ArH), 6.93 (4 H, d, *J* 8.7 Hz, ArH), 3.71 (4 H, t, *J* 7.0 Hz, NCH₂), 1.45-1.40 (4 H, m, CH₂), 1.18-1.13 (12 H, m, CH₂), 0.79 (6 H, t, *J* 7.0 Hz, Me) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 161.8, 160.2, 147.1, 130.6, 118.63, 115.6, 107.3, 48.5, 30.5, 28.4, 25.6, 21.8, 13.8 ppm;

PhOHDPP N-2MB

3,6-Bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,5-bis((S)-2-methylbutyl)-2,5- dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione



The compound was synthesised using the general method for deprotection of **PhOMeDPP** *N*-**R** to yield the pure product as a red solid (74 mg, 0.16 mmol, 80 %). The product is novel and has: Mp: >250°C; ESI-MS found: $[M+H]^+$ 461.2452 and C₃₀H₃₃N₂O₄ requires M 461.2435; ν max (ATR-IR) 3232 (OH stretch), 3180 (CH stretch), 2962(CH stretch), 2876 (CH stretch), 1640 (C=O), 1588 (C=C stretch), 1514, 1444, 1378, 1347, 1275, 1230, 1174, 1094, 970, 917, 840, 740, 639, 593, 521, 439 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.26 (2H, s, Ar-OH) 7.76 (4 H, d, *J* 8.8 Hz, ArH), 6.93 (4 H, d, *J* 8.8 Hz, ArH), 3.78-3.59 (4 H, m, NCH₂), 1.47-1.41 (2H, m, CH), 1.25-0.96 (4 H, m, CH₂), 0.73-0.63 (12 H, m, Me) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 162.0, 160.0, 147.3, 130.6, 118.9, 115.6, 107.4, 46.1, 33.9, 26.3, 16.6, 10.8 ppm

PhOHDPP N-H

3,6-Bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione



3,6-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (500 mg, 1.44 mmol) and pyridinium hydrochloride (500 mg, 4.3 mmol) were degassed in a microwave vial. The vial was then heated (210°C) and stirred under microwave irradiation (150 W) for 15 minutes then cooled and held at 160 °C for 5 minutes. The cycle was then repeated. The progress of the reaction was monitored between cycles by ¹H NMR until no starting material remained. Typically, 3 cycles were sufficient to ensure complete conversion. The desired material was produced in good yield after washing with water and CH₂Cl₂ to yield the pure product as a red solid (225 mg, 0.70 mmol, 49%). This compound is known²⁰ and the ¹H NMR is in agreement with the literature but it is not fully characterised. The compound has Mp: >250°C; MALDI-TOF MS found M 320.119 and C₁₈H₁₂N₂O₄ requires M 320.0797; V_{Max} (ATR-IR) 3102 (v.broad OH stretch), 3045 (v.broad NH stretch), 2958 (CH stretch), 2929 (CH stretch), 2839 (CH stretch), 2775 (CH stretch), 1636 (C=O), 1578 (C=C stretch), 1512, 1454, 1432, 1384, 1333, 1283, 1246, 1187, 1143, 1106, 1034, 948, 876, 838, 793, 756, 670, 630, 604, 509, 461 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 11.01 (2 H, s, NH), 10.36 (2H, s, OH), 8.35 (4H, d, J 8 Hz, ArH), 6.90 (4H, d, J 8 Hz, ArH) ppm ; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 162.5, 160.7, 143.0, 129.9, 119.2, 115.8, 108.4 ppm;

PhOBocDPP N-Boc

Di-*tert*-butyl 3,6-bis(4-((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)oxy)phenyl)-1,4-dioxopyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-2,5(1H,4H)-dicarboxylate



3,6-Bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2,5-dihydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4-dione (0.65g, 2.03 mmol), di*tert*-butyldicarbonate (2.09 g, 9.58 mmol) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.2 g , 1.64 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous DMF (50 ml) and the solution was stirred at room temperature, under an argon atmosphere. Once this time had elapsed, the reaction mixture was washed with water (200 ml) and the solution was filtered (No. 4 porosity glass sinter) to remove unreacted starting material. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was then purified by column chromatography, using an eluent system of 95:5 petroleum ether: ethyl acetate, to yield the pure product an orange solid (1.05 g, 1.46 mmol, 72 %). The product is novel and has: Mp: 190°C ; ESI-MS found: [M+Na]⁺ 743.2763 and C₃₈H₄₄N₂O₁₂Na requires M 743.2786; ν max (ATR-IR) 2981(CH stretch), 1747 (C=O), 1708 (C=O DPP), 1621(C=C stretch), 1510, 1458, 1370, 1341, 1273, 1222, 1137, 1065, 956, 888, 836, 781, 744, 696, 659, 628, 564, 507, 476 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78(4 H, d, *J* 8.9 Hz, ArH), 7.31 (4 H, d, *J* 8.9 Hz, ArH), 1.57 (18 H, s, O(Me)₃), 1.42 (18 H, s, O(Me)₃) ppm; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.5,153.5, 151.0, 148.1, 145.4, 130.1, 125.7, 121.4, 112.4, 85.6, 84.3, 27.8, 27.7 ppm

1. ¹H NMR Spectra

¹H NMR spectrum of **PhOMeDPP N-H** in D₆-DMSO



¹H NMR spectrum of **PhOMeDPP N-2MB** in CDCl₃



¹H NMR spectrum of **PhOMeDPP** *N*-Hex in CDCl₃



¹H NMR spectrum of **PhOMeDPP N-Boc** in CDCl₃



¹H NMR spectrum of **PhOTHPDPP** *N*-**H** in D₆-DMSO



^1H NMR spectrum of **PhOTHPDPP N-Hex** in CDCl_3



¹H NMR spectrum of **PhOHDPP** *N***-Hex** in D₆-DMSO



¹H NMR spectrum of **PhOHDPP N-2MB** in D₆-DMSO



¹H NMR spectrum of **PhOHDPP N-H** in D₆-DMSO



^1H NMR spectrum of <code>PhOBocDPP N-Boc</code> in CDCl_3



2. ¹³C NMR Spectra



¹³C NMR spectrum of **PhOMeDPP N-2MB** in CDCl₃



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 $^{\rm 13}C$ NMR spectrum of **PhOHDPP N-H** in D₆-DMSO





3. IR Spectra



FT-IR spectrum of PhOMeDPP N-H









FT-IR spectrum of PhOMeDPP N-Boc



FT-IR spectrum of PhOHDPP N-Hex



FT-IR spectrum of PhOHDPP N-2MB



Wavenumber/ cm⁻¹







4. Mass Spectra

ESI-MS of PhOMeDPP N-2MB



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#	meas. m/z	theo. m/z	Err [ppm]	Sigma		Formula		
1	489.2754	489.2748	1.30	0.0055	C 30 H	37 N 2 O 4		
2	511.2574	511.2567	1.30	0.0021	C 30 H 36 N	2 Na 1 O 4		
			Note	: Sigma fits	s < 0.05 ind	icates high	probability of correct MF	:

ESI-MS of PhOMeDPP N-Hex



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Ехр	ected Formu	ila C32 H	140 N2 O4			Ad	duct(s): H, Na, N	IH4, radical
#	meas. m/z	theo. m/z	Err [ppm]	Sigma	Formula	Addu	ct Adduct Mass	
1	517.3072	517.3061	2.10	0.0084	C32H41N2O4	MH	+H 1.0078	
1	539.2868	539.2880	2.20	0.0072	C32H40N2NaO4	M+N	Na 22.9898	

Note: Sigma fits < 0.05 indicates high probability of correct MF

ESI-MS of PhOMeDPP N-Boc



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#	meas. m/z	theo. m/z	Err [ppm]	Sigma	Formula	
1	571.2078	571.2075	0.60	0.0029	C 32 H 31 N 2 O 8	
		571.2064	2.50	0.0050	C 31 H 28 N 6 Na 1 O 4	
		571.2061	2.90	0.0054	C 30 H 29 N 5 O 7	
		571.2051	4.80	0.0074	C 29 H 26 N 9 Na 1 O 3	
		571.2078	0.10	0.0083	C 33 H 30 N 3 Na 1 O 5	
2	572.2116	572.2086	5.20	0.0347	C 23 H 28 N 10 O 8	
		572.2089	4.70	0.0390	C 25 H 33 N 4 Na 1 O 10	
		572.2100	2.80	0.0405	C 25 H 30 N 7 O 9	
		572.2113	0.50	0.0504	C 27 H 32 N 4 O 10	
		572.2102	2.40	0.0545	C 26 H 29 N 8 Na 1 O 6	
3	549.2247	549.2231	2.90	0.0069	C 30 H 33 N 2 O 8	
		549.2218	5.30	0.0094	C 28 H 31 N 5 O 7	

ESI-MS of PhOTHPDPP N-Hex



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#	meas. m/z	theo. m/z	Err[ppm]	Sigma		Formula	
1	711.3602	711.3627	3.50	0.0032	C 40 H	149 N 5 O 7	
		711.3616	2.00	0.0045	C 40 H 52 M	12 Na 1 O 8	
		711.3613	1.60	0.0068	C 38 H	147 N 8 O 6	
		711.3616	2.00	0.0070	C 39 H 46 M	19 Na 1 O 3	
		711.3640	5.40	0.0081	C 42 H	151 N 2 O 8	
2	679.3715	679.3728	1.90	0.0023	C 40 H	149 N 5 O 5	
		679.3718	0.40	0.0041	C 40 H 52 M	12 Na 1 O 6	

ESI-MS of PhOHDPP N-Hex



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No of Most Intense MS Peaks Analysed 5

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#	meas. m/z	theo. m/z	Err [ppm]	Sigma	Formula	
1	487.2717	487.2731	2.80	0.0038	C 32 H 36 N 2 Na 1 O 1	
		487.2717	0.00	0.0056	C 30 H 34 N 5 Na 1	
		487.2728	2.20	0.0075	C 31 H 37 N 1 O 4	
		487.2741	4.90	0.0079	C 32 H 33 N 5	
		487.2715	0.60	0.0120	C 29 H 35 N 4 O 3	

Calibration

ESI-MS of PhOHDPP N-2MB



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No of Most Intense MS Peaks Analysed 5

For	mula Min C	1 H 0 N 0 0	0	For	mula Max C	50 H100 N10 O10	H Na
#	meas. m/z	theo. m/z	[Err][ppm]	Sigma	1	Formula	
1	413.2668	413.2649	4.60	0.0022	C 22 H 36 N 3	Na 1 O 3	
		413.2662	1.40	0.0056	C 24 H 38	Na 1 O 4	
		413.2660	2.10	0.0058	C 22 H 33	3N6O2	
		413.2646	5.30	0.0059	C 20 H 31	IN901	
		413.2646	5.30	0.0090	C 21 H 37	N206	
2	483.2262	483.2265	0.70	0.0036	C 28 H 29	N503	
		483.2254	1.50	0.0048	C 28 H 32 N 2	Na 1 O 4	
		483.2251	2.10	0.0057	C 26 H 27	N802	
		483.2268	1.30	0.0084	C 29 H 28	N 6 Na 1	
		483.2278	3.50	0.0098	C 30 H 31	N204	
3	414,2703	414 2684	4.40	0.0204	C 16 H 38	N408	
-		414.2698	1.20	0.0236	C 18 H 40	N109	
		414.2687	3.80	0.0279	C 17 H 37 N 5 N	a 1 O 5	
		414.2698	1.20	0.0340	C 17 H 34 I	N804	
		414.2700	0.50	0.0345	C 19 H 39 N 2 N	a 106	
- 4	461.2452	461.2435	3.70	0.0081	C 28 H 331	N 2 O 4	
		461.2438	3.10	0.0082	C 29 H 32 N 3 N	a 1 O 1	
		461.2451	0.10	0.0086	C 31 H 34 N	a 1 O 2	
		461.2448	0.80	0.0089	C 29 H	29 N 6	
		461.2424	6.00	0.0114	C 27 H 30 N	6 Na 1	

Calibration

TRUE

MALDI of PhOHDPP N-H



ESI-MS of PhOBocDPP N-Boc

meas. m/z theo. m/z [Err][ppm] 743.2763 743.2786 3.20

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Note: Sigma fits < 0.05 indicates high probability of correct MF

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Sigma Formula 0.0898 C38H44N2NaO12

5. Electrochemistry

Cyclic voltammogram of PhOMeDPP N-2MB in acetonitrile at 100 mV/s scan rate



Cyclic voltammogram of PhOMeDPP N-Hex in acetonitrile at 100 mV/s scan rate



Cyclic voltammogram of PhOMeDPP N-Boc in dichloromethane at 100 mV/s scan rate



Cyclic voltammogram of PhOHDPP N-Hex in dimethylformamide at 100 mV/s scan rate



Cyclic voltammogram of PhOHDPP N-2MB in dimethylformamide at 100 mV/s scan rate



PhOTHPDPP *N*-Hex

Cyclic voltammogram of PhOTHPDPP N-Hex in acetonitrile at 100 mV/s scan rate





Cyclic voltammogram of PhOBocDPP N-Boc in dichloromethane at 100 mV/s scan rate

Table of potentials for oxidation and reduction processes for **PhOMeDPP** *N***-2MB**, **PhOMeDPP N-Hex**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Boc**, **PhOHDPP** *N***-2MB**, **PhOHDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOBocDPP** *N***-Boc** and **PhOTHPDPP** *N***-Hex** at 100 mV/s scan rate. Potentials in V versus Fc⁺ / Fc. Values in brackets are Epa – Epc for couples.

Compound	Epc (1st ox) / V	Epa (1st ox) / V	E 1/2 (1st ox) / V	Epa (2nd ox) / V	Epc (red) / V	Epa (red)/V	E 1/2 (red) / V
PhOMeDPP N-2MB	+ 0.50	+ 0.59	+ 0.54	+ 0.84	- 1.83	- 1.73	- 1.78
			(0.09)				(0.10)
PhOMeDPP N-Hex	+ 0.48	+ 0.56	+ 0.52	+ 0.81	- 1.84	- 1.70	- 1.77
			(0.08)				(0.13)
PhOMeDPP N-Boc	+ 0.89	-	-	+ 0.98	- 1.71	- 1.62	- 1.66
							(0.09)
PhOHDPP N-2MB	+ 0.10	+ 0.36	+ 0.23	-	- 1.85	- 1.82	- 1.85
			(0.26)				(0.06)
PhOHDPP N-Hex	+ 0.12	+ 0.29	+ 0.21	-	- 1.89	- 1.81	- 1.85
			(0.17)				(0.08)
PhOBocDPP N-Boc	+ 1.24	-	-	-	- 1.46	- 1.36	- 1.41
							(0.10)
PhOTHPDPP N-Hex	+0.62	+0.70	+0.66	+0.96	-1.76	-1.69	-1.72
			(0.08)				(0.07)

Identification code	PhOMeDPP N-2MB	PhOMeDPP N-Hex	PhOHDPP N-Hex	PhOHDPP N-2MB
Empirical formula	C ₃₀ H ₃₆ N ₂ O ₄	C ₃₂ H ₄₀ N ₂ O ₄	C ₃₀ H ₃₆ N ₂ O ₄	C28H32N2O₄
Formula weight	488.61	516.66	488.61	460.55
Temperature/K	120(2)	120.00(12)	120(2)	120(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁	P21/c	<i>P</i> -1	P2 ₁
a/Å	11.0360(8)	17.998(4)	5.2797(14)	11.3208(2)
b/Å	11.6239(6)	10.8801(7)	7.831(2)	8.58917(16)
c/Å	11.4808(10)	11.445(5)	16.028(3)	13.1920(3)
α/°	90	90	76.61(2)	90
β/°	118.259(11)	141.57(5)	85.29(2)	108.388(2)
γ/°	90	90	76.64(2)	90
Volume/Å ³	1297.3(2)	1393.0(12)	627.0(3)	1217.25(5)
Z (Z')	2 (1)	2 (0.5)	1 (0.5)	2 (1)
ρ _{calc} g/cm ³	1.251	1.232	1.294	1.257
µ/mm ⁻¹	0.660	0.641	0.683	0.674
F(000)	524.0	556.0	262.0	492.0
Crystal size/mm	0.34 × 0.2434 × 0.1397	0.15 × 0.103 × 0.027	$0.141 \times 0.048 \times 0.036$	0.196 × 0.115 × 0.061
Radiation type	CuKα	CuKα	CuKα	СиКα
20 range for data collection/°	8.744 to 148.84	12.766 to 117.826	11.354 to 147.158	8.23 to 156.62
Index ranges	-13 ≤ h ≤ 13, -14 ≤ k ≤	-19 ≤ h ≤ 15, -8 ≤ k ≤	-4 ≤ h ≤ 6, -9 ≤ k ≤ 9, -	-14 ≤ h ≤ 14, -10 ≤ k ≤
	14, -12 ≤ ≤ 14	12, -9 ≤ ≤ 12	19 ≤ l ≤ 19	10, -16 ≤ l ≤ 16
Reflections collected	8266	2973	4095	13621
Independent reflections	4540 [R _{int} = 0.0395,	1605 [R _{int} = 0.0373,	2419 [R _{int} = 0.1408,	5021 [R _{int} = 0.0400,
	R _{sigma} = 0.0403]	R _{sigma} = 0.0425]	R _{sigma} = 0.2050]	R _{sigma} = 0.0470]
Data/restraints/parameters	4540/1/331	1605/0/174	2419/0/165	5021/1/313
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.044	1.055	0.983	1.060
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0525,$	$R_1 = 0.0448,$	$R_1 = 0.0880,$	$R_1 = 0.0395$,
	wR ₂ = 0.1382	wR ₂ = 0.1137	wR ₂ = 0.1686	wR ₂ = 0.0997
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0541,$	R ₁ = 0.0590,	R ₁ = 0.1663,	$R_1 = 0.0452,$
	wR ₂ = 0.1411	wR ₂ = 0.1218	wR ₂ = 0.2184	wR ₂ = 0.1042
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.44/-0.28	0.17/-0.17	0.29/-0.33	0.17/-0.23
Flack parameter	0.0(2)			-0.11(13)
CCDC Deposit Number				

6. Crystallographic tables

Identification code	PhOTHPDPP N-Hex	PhOMeDPP N-Boc	PhOBocDPP N-Boc
Empirical formula	C ₄₀ H ₅₂ N ₂ O ₆	C ₃₀ H ₃₂ N ₂ O ₈	C ₃₈ H ₄₄ N ₂ O ₁₂
Formula weight	656.83	548.57	720.75
Temperature/K	120(2)	120(2)	120(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c	P2 ₁ /n	l2/a
a/Å	12.4391(17)	6.2882(2)	16.4073(9)
b/Å	15.1213(15)	22.9444(5)	10.3312(4)
c/Å	9.5874(8)	9.3448(2)	21.7327(10)
α/°	90	90	90
β/°	96.470(10)	96.832(2)	91.113(5)
γ/°	90	90	90
Volume/Å ³	1791.9(3)	1338.68(6)	3683.2(3)
Z (Z')	2 (0.5)	2 (0.5)	4 (0.5)
ρ _{calc} g/cm ³	1.217	1.361	1.300
µ/mm⁻¹	0.647	0.093	0.808
F(000)	708.0	580.0	1528.0
Crystal size/mm	0.456 × 0.187 × 0.03	$0.15 \times 0.03 \times 0.01$	$0.221 \times 0.125 \times 0.053$
Radiation type	СиКα	synchrotron	CuKα
20 range for data collection/°	7.152 to 153.616	6.692 to 63.58	8.138 to 146.906
Index ranges	-15 ≤ h ≤ 15, -18 ≤ k ≤ 18, -	-9 ≤ h ≤ 7, -35 ≤ k ≤ 34, -12	-19 ≤ h ≤ 15, -12 ≤ k ≤ 8, -
	$10 \le I \le 11$	≤ I ≤ 14	20 ≤ l ≤ 27
Reflections collected	18027	16657	6992
Independent reflections	3626 [R _{int} = 0.0349,	4316 [R _{int} = 0.0413,	3595 [R _{int} = 0.0259,
	R _{sigma} = 0.0217]	R _{sigma} = 0.0333]	R _{sigma} = 0.0333]
Data/restraints/parameters	3626/1116/325	4316/0/205	3595/0/241
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.069	1.080	1.031
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0850,	R ₁ = 0.0479,	R ₁ = 0.0452,
	wR ₂ = 0.2398	$wR_2 = 0.1168$	$wR_2 = 0.1122$
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.1027,	R ₁ = 0.0645,	R ₁ = 0.0530,
	wR ₂ = 0.2621	wR ₂ = 0.1237	$wR_2 = 0.1184$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.37/-0.31	0.41/-0.20	0.44/-0.27
Flack parameter			
CCDC Deposit Number			

7. Computational calculations

PhDPP N-H

Separation distances and electronic coupling for unique neighbouring molecules:

R _{centre-centre} (Å)	V (meV)
5.5404	14.12
9.049	0.41
9.189	0.40



PhOMeDPP N-2MB

Separation distances and electronic coupling for unique neighbouring molecules:

R _{centre-centre} (Å)	V (meV)	
11.036	0.785	
8.002	8.004	
8.033	3.509	4
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PhOMeDPP N-Hex

Separation distances and electronic coupling for unique neighbouring molecules:

R _{centre-centre} (Å)	V (meV)	4
7.896	4.636	
7.896	4.636	
11.497	0.023	
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PhOMeDPP N-Boc

Separation distances and electronic coupling for unique neighbouring molecules:

R _{centre-centre} (Å)	V (meV)	+ ,
16.536	7.314	
6.288	79.3	
11.878	7.180	
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PhOHDPP N-Hex

Separation distances and electronic coupling for unique neighbouring molecules:

R _{centre-centre} (Å)	V (meV)	Y
16.028	0	
7.831	1.407	
10.407	12.231	
5.280	5.564	
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PhOHDPP N-2MB

Separation distances and electronic coupling for unique neighbouring molecules:

R _{centre-centre} (Å)	V (meV)	-4
11.321	2.101	s ¥
8.589	8.832	
8.231	0.803	
8.231	0.803	
10.877	0.081	11
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PhOTHPDPP N-Hex

Separation distances and electronic coupling for unique neighbouring molecules:

R _{centre-centre} (Å)	V (meV)
14.83	0.086
8.95	4.855
8.95	4.86
9.59	16.451



PhOBocDPP N-Boc

Separation distances and electronic coupling for unique neighbouring molecules:

R _{centre-centre} (Å)	V (meV)	
12.03	1.153	-17
12.03	1.153	- X, Dar
8.20	5.656	
10.33	43.075	
		7

PhOMeDPP N-Alkyl calculated electron density distribution of frontier molecular orbitals



PhOHDPP N-Alkyl calculated electron density distribution of frontier molecular orbitals



PhOMeDPP N-Boc calculated electron density distribution of frontier molecular orbitals



PhOBocDPP *N***-Boc** calculated electron density distribution of frontier molecular orbitals



PhOTHPDPP *N***-Hex** calculated electron density distribution of frontier molecular orbitals



8. Supporting Figures

Fig. S1 Example of DPP-Aryl angle calculation with a plane on the aryl ring and a plane on the connected lactam





Fig. S2 Example of DPP-Alkyl angle calculation with a plane on the lactam and a plane on [Clactam - N - C(R)]

Fig. S3 Closest π - π contact of **PhDPP** *N* **Hex**



Fig. S4 Closest π - π contact of PhOHDPP N-Hex



Fig. S5 Plot of Vertical Displacement vs DPP-Aryl Dihedral Angle for PhDPP N-Hex, PhOMeDPP N-Hex, PhOHDPP N-Hex, PhOTHPDPP N-Hex, PhOHDPP N-2MB, PhOMeDPP N-2MB,PhDPP N-Boc, PhOMeDPP N-Boc and PhOBocDPP N-Boc



Fig. S6 Plot of Overall Displacement vs DPP-Aryl Dihedral Angle for PhDPP N-Hex, PhOMeDPP N-Hex, PhOHDPP N-Hex, PhOTHPDPP N-Hex, PhOHDPP N-2MB, PhOMeDPP N-2MB,PhDPP N-Boc, PhOMeDPP N-Boc and PhOBocDPP N-Boc



Fig. S7 Plot of Lateral Displacement vs DPP-Aryl Dihedral Angle for **PhDPP N-Hex**, **PhOMeDPP N-Hex**, **PhOHDPP N-Hex**, **PhOTHPDPP N-Hex**, **PhOHDPP N-2MB**, **PhOMeDPP N-2MB**, **PhDPP N-Boc**, **PhOMeDPP N-Boc** and **PhOBocDPP N-Boc**



Fig. S8 Plot of Longitudinal Displacement vs DPP-Aryl Dihedral Angle for PhDPP N-Hex, PhOMeDPP N-Hex, PhOHDPP N-Hex, PhOTHPDPP N-Hex, PhOHDPP N-2MB, PhOMeDPP N-2MB,PhDPP N-Boc, PhOMeDPP N-Boc and PhOBocDPP N-Boc



Fig. S9 Plot of DPP-Alkyl Dihedral Angle vs DPP-Aryl Dihedral Angle for **PhDPP N-Hex**, **PhOMeDPP N-Hex**, **PhOHDPP N-Hex**, **PhOTHPDPP N-Hex**, **PhOHDPP N-2MB**, **PhOMeDPP N-2MB**, **PhDPP N-Boc**, **PhOMeDPP N-Boc** and **PhOBocDPP N-Boc**



Fig. S10 Plot of Torsion Angle vs Overall Displacement for PhDPP N-Hex, PhOMeDPP N-Hex, PhOHDPP N-Hex, PhOTHPDPP N-Hex, PhOHDPP N-2MB, PhOMeDPP N-2MB, PhOPP N-Boc, PhOMeDPP N-Boc and PhOBocDPP N-Boc



Fig. S11 Plot of Torsion Angle vs Vertical Displacement for PhDPP N-Hex, PhOMeDPP N-Hex, PhOHDPP N-Hex, PhOTHPDPP N-Hex, PhOHDPP N-2MB, PhOMeDPP N-2MB, PhDPP N-Boc, PhOMeDPP N-Boc and PhOBocDPP N-Boc



Fig. S12 Plot of Torsion Angle vs Longitudinal Displacement for **PhDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOHDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOHDPP** *N***-2MB**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-2MB**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Boc**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Boc** and **PhOBocDPP** *N***-Boc**



Fig. S13 Plot of Torsion Angle vs Lateral Displacement for PhDPP N-Hex, PhOMeDPP N-Hex, PhOHDPP N-Hex, PhOTHPDPP N-Hex, PhOHDPP N-2MB, PhOMeDPP N-2MB, PhDPP N-Boc, PhOMeDPP N-Boc and PhOBocDPP N-Boc



Fig. S14 Plot of Torsion Angle vs DPP-Aryl Dihedral Angle for **PhDPP** *N*-**Hex**, **PhOMeDPP** *N*-**Hex**, **PhOHDPP** *N*-**Hex**, **PhOHDPP** *N*-**Hex**, **PhOHDPP** *N*-**2MB**, **PhOMeDPP** *N*-**2MB**, **PhOMeDPP** *N*-**2MB**, **PhOMeDPP** *N*-**Boc**, **PhOMeDPP** *N*-**Boc** and **PhOBocDPP** *N*-**Boc**



Fig. S15 Plot of Torsion Angle vs DPP-Alkyl Dihedral Angle for **PhDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOHDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOHDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOHDPP** *N***-2MB**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-2MB**, **PhDPP** *N***-Boc**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Boc** and **PhOBocDPP** *N***-Boc**



Fig. S16 Plot of DPP-Alkyl Dihedral Angle(°)vs Longitudinal Displacement for PhDPP N-Hex, PhOMeDPP N-Hex, PhOHDPP N-Hex, PhOTHPDPP N-Hex, PhOHDPP N-2MB, PhOMeDPP N-2MB,PhDPP N-Boc, PhOMeDPP N-Boc and PhOBocDPP N-Boc



Fig. S17 Plot of Torsion Angle vs Overall Displacement for PhDPP N-Hex, PhOMeDPP N-Hex, PhOHDPP N-Hex, PhOHDPP N-PhoHDPP N-Pho



Fig. S18 Plot of DPP-Alkyl Dihedral Angle vs Vertical Displacement for PhDPP N-Hex, PhOMeDPP N-Hex, PhOHDPP N-Hex, PhOTHPDPP N-Hex, PhOHDPP N-2MB, PhOMeDPP N-2MB,PhDPP N-Boc, PhOMeDPP N-Boc and PhOBocDPP N-Boc



Fig. S19 Plot of DPP-Alkyl Dihedral Angle vs Lateral Displacement for **PhDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOHDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOHDPP** *N***-Box**, **PhOMeDPP** *N*-**Box**, **PhOMeDPP** *N*-**Box**,



Fig. S20 Chemical structures of PhDPP N-Hex and PhDPP N-MonoHex



PhDPP NH



PhDPP N-MonoHex

Fig. S21 Hydrogen bonding interactions of PhOHDPP N-Hex and PhOHDPP N-2MB



PhOHDPP N-Hex



PhOHDPP N-2MB









Fig. S24 Solution vs solid absorption of PhOMeDPP N-Boc in THF and DCM







Fig. S26 Solution vs solid absorption of PhOBocDPP N-Boc in DCM



Fig. S27 Plot of solid-state absorption maxima vs. overall displacement for PhDPP N-Hex, PhOMeDPP N-Hex, PhOMeDPP N-2MB, PhOHDPP N-2MB, PhOMeDPP N-Boc, PhOBocDPP N-Boc and PhOTHPDPP N-Hex



Fig. S28 Plot of solid-state absorption maxima vs. vertical displacement for PhDPP N-Hex, PhOMeDPP N-Hex, PhOMeDPP N-2MB, PhOHDPP N-2MB, PhOMeDPP N-Boc, PhOBocDPP N-Boc and PhOTHPDPP N-Hex



Fig. S29 Plot of solid-state absorption maxima vs. Longitudinal Displacement for **PhDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Boc**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Boc**, **PhOBocDPP** *N*



Fig. S30 Plot of solid-state absorption maxima vs. Lareral Displacement for **PhDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-2MB**, **PhOHDPP** *N***-2MB**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Boc**, **PhOBocDPP** *N***-Boc** and **PhOTHPDPP** *N***-Hex**



Fig. S31 Plot of solid-state absorption maxima vs. DPP-Alkyl Dihedral Angle for **PhDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Boc**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Boc**, **PhOBocDPP** *N*



Fig. S32 Plot of Torsion Anglw vs. DPP-Alkyl Dihedral Angle for **PhDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-2MB**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Boc**, **PhOBocDPP** *N***-Boc** and **PhOTHPDPP** *N***-Hex Hex**



Fig. S33 Plot of solid-state absorption maxima vs. DPP-aryl angle for PhDPP N-Hex, PhOMeDPP N-Hex, PhOMeDPP N-2MB, PhOHDPP N-2MB, PhOMeDPP N-Boc, PhOBocDPP N-Boc and PhOTHPDPP N-Hex









Fig. S35 Solution vs solid emission and solid absorption of PhDPP N-Hex in THF





Fig. S37 Solution vs solid emission and solid absorption of PhOMeDPP N-Boc in THF and DCM





Fig. S38 Solution vs solid emission and solid absorption of PhOBocDPP N-Boc in THF





Fig. S40 Plot of solid-state emission maxima vs. vertical displacement for PhDPP N-Hex, PhOMeDPP N-Hex, PhOMeDPP N-Boc, PhOBocDPP N-Boc and PhOTHPDPP N-Hex



Fig. S41 Plot of solid-state emission maxima vs. overall displacement for **PhDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Hex**, **PhOMeDPP** *N***-Boc**, **PhOBocDPP** *N***-Boc** and **PhOTHPDPP** *N***-Hex**







9. Supporting Tables

PhDPP N-Hex			
Number	Atom1	Atom2	Length (Å)
1	C3	H4	2.868
2	01	H3	2.494



PhOMeDPP N-2MB			
Number	Atom1	Atom2	Length
			(A)
1	C14	H13A	2.876
2	H20C	01	2.687
3	H20C	C7	2.816
4	H8	04	2.634
5	C15	02	3.120
6	H15	02	2.279
7	01	C9	3.183
8	01	H9	2.276
9	01	H26B	2.472
10	03	H16	2.595



PhOMeDPP N-Hex			
Number	Atom1	Atom2	Length (Å)
1	0001	H00Q	2.690
2	H00C	COOJ	2.893
3	H00C	H00Q	2.380
4	0001	C009	3.217
5	0001	H009	2.395
6	0002	H008	2.621



PhOMeDPP N-Boc				
Number	Atom1	Atom2	Length (Å)	
1	H6	H10B	2.355	
2	C10	C10	2.171	
3	C10	H10A	1.775	
4	C10	H10B	2.369	
5	C10	H10C	2.068	
6	H10A	H10A	1.874	
7	H10A	H10B	1.847	
8	H10A	H10C	1.441	
9	H10B	H10C	2.13	
10	C3	C5	3.343	
11	C7	C2	3.325	
12	C8	C1	3.342	
13	H15C	01	2.641	



PhOTHPDPP N-Hex			
Number	Atom1	Atom2	Length
			(Å)
1	H15A	O66	2.712
2	C2	H63A	2.888
3	C3	H63A	2.83
4	05	H33	2.717
5	05	H11B	2.485
6	H11A	C33	2.845
7	H11A	H33	2.298
8	H13B	C33	2.898



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PhOHDPP N-Hex			
Number	Atom1	Atom2	Length (گ)
			(~)
1	01	02	2.681
2	01	H11B	2.672
3	H1	02	1.843
4	H1	H11B	2.385
5	H6	02	2.595
6	01	H10A	2.647
7	C1	H10A	2.831
8	C2	H10A	2.841
9	01	H15A	2.572



PhOHDPP N-2MB					
Number	Atom1	Atom2	Length (مُ)		
			(A)		
1	C17	C6	3.369		
2	H28C	01	2.587		
3	02	04	2.73		
4	02	H4	1.897		
5	02	H15	2.641		
6	C16	H14	2.85		
7	01	03	2.713		
8	H1	03	1.889		
9	H21B	C12	2.857		





PhDPP N-Boc					
Number	Atom1	Atom2	Length(Å)		
1	01	H3	2.645		
2	H8	H13	2.334		
3	H9	02	2.543		
4	H9	C12	2.898		
5	H22	С9	2.839		
6	C16	C16	3.310		
7	06	H10	2.716		
8	06	H4	2.582		
9	C12	C12	3.342		
10	C8	03	3.217		
11	H1	03	2.628		
12	H20	C3	2.858		





PhDPP N-Boc					
Number	Atom1	Atom2	Length(Å)		
1	O(2)	C(16)	3.140		
2	O(2)	H(8)	2.423		
3	C(10)	O(1)	3.209		
4	C(11)	O(1)	3.213		
5	H(3)	O(1)	2.576		
6	H(3)	H(19)	2.291		
7	H(4)	O(1)	2.581		
8	H(17)	O(5)	2.688		
9	C(1)	H(26)	2.773		
10	C(6)	H(26)	2.750		
11	C(10)	H(30)	2.843		
12	O(2)	H(37)	2.595		
13	C(3)	O(8)	3.011		
14	C(4)	O(8)	3.002		
15	C(5)	O(8)	3.080		
16	C(6)	O(8)	3.030		

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