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**Dramatic Emission Enhancement of Aggregation-Induced
Emission Luminogens by Dynamic Metal Coordination Bonds
and Anti-Heavy-Atom Effect**

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1. Experimental Section

Synthesis of ((Z)-(1,2-diphenyl)-(Z)-di(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl))ethene (DPDBE). To a degassed solution of diphenylacetylene (5.00 g, 28.0 mmol) and bis(pinacolato)diboron (14.25 g, 56.0 mmol) in DMF (150 ml) was added Pt(PPh₃)₄ (0.35 g, 1 mol%), and then the mixture was heated at 90°C for 24 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was extracted three times with ethyl acetate. The crude product of DPDBE was obtained after removal of the solvent under reduced pressure. DPDBE (10.00 g) was obtained by washing several times with ethanol as a white solid in a yield of 82%. Molecular formula: C₂₆H₃₄B₂O₄. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.07-7.05 (m, 6H), 6.95-6.94 (d, J=4 Hz, 4H), 1.32 (s, 24H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 141.27, 129.32, 127.44, 125.80, 84.08, 24.90. HRMS (EI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ 433.2735 (calcd. 433.2643).

Synthesis of ((Z)-(1,2-diphenyl)-(Z)-1,2-dipyridin-4-yl)ethene (DPDPE). A mixture of DPDBE (2.00 g, 4.6 mmol), 4-bromopyridine (1.10 mL, 11.56 mmol), potassium carbonate (1.60 g, 11.56 mmol) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.10 g, 0.10 mmol) in 150 mL of toluene/THF/water (8:6:1; v/v/v) was refluxed for 24 h under nitrogen. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was extracted three times with dichloromethane. The combined organic layers were washed with brine and then dried over MgSO₄. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (2:3) as eluent. The final product DPDPE was obtained by recrystallization with ethanol as a white solid (1.10 g) in 72% yield. Molecular formula: C₂₄H₁₈N₂. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃/CD₃OD=3:2) δ (ppm) 8.34-8.33 (d, J=8 Hz, 4H), 7.18-7.16 (m, 6H), 7.06-7.05 (d, J=8 Hz, 4H), 7.01-6.99 (d, J=8 Hz, 4H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃/CD₃OD=3:2) δ (ppm) 150.50, 149.74, 141.41, 140.60, 131.02, 128.12, 127.56, 125.69. HRMS (EI) m/z: [M+H]⁺ 335.1541 (calcd. 335.1570), [M+Na]⁺ 357.1361 (calcd. 357.1470).

Crystal growth of the complex of Zn²⁺ and DPDPE (Zn-DPDPE). To a solution of DPDPE (1.00 g, 3.00 mmol) in CHCl₃ (10 mL), a methanol solution of Zn(OAc)₂·2H₂O (1.37 g, 6.00 mmol) was added and the solution was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the final product Zn-DPDPE was obtained as a white solid (0.95 g) in 62% yield.

The solid (20 mg) was dissolved in a mixed solution containing CHCl_3 (2 mL), methanol (1 mL) and petroleum ether (1 mL) to the saturated state, and then the resulting mixture was naturally evaporated at room temperature through several small pores. The cubic and colorless crystals were obtained, and then were selected for single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CD}_3\text{OD}=3:2$) δ (ppm) 8.48-8.46 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 8H), 7.20-7.19 (m, 20H), 7.00-6.99 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 8H), 2.05 (s, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CD}_3\text{OD}=3:2$) δ (ppm) 180.25, 153.34, 148.99, 141.00, 140.29, 130.82, 128.34, 128.09, 126.95, 21.83. CCDC No: 2170098.

Crystal growth of the complex of Cd^{2+} and DPDPE (Cd-DPDPE). To a solution of DPDPE (1.00 g, 3.00 mmol) in CHCl_3 (10 mL), a methanol solution of $\text{Cd}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1.60 g, 6.00 mmol) was added, and then the resulting solution was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the final product Cd-DPDPE was obtained as a white solid (0.90 g) in 64% yield. The solid (20 mg) was dissolved in a mixed solution containing CHCl_3 (2 mL), methanol (1 mL) and petroleum ether (1 mL) to the saturated state, and then the resulting mixture was naturally evaporated at room temperature through several small pores. The cubic and colorless crystals were obtained, and then were selected for single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CD}_3\text{OD}=3:2$) δ (ppm) 8.38-8.37 (d, $J=4$ Hz, 8H), 7.19-7.17 (m, 12H), 7.12-7.10 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 8H), 6.99-6.97 (d, $J=8$ Hz, 8H), 2.04(s, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CD}_3\text{OD}=3:2$) δ (ppm) 180.62, 152.27, 149.05, 140.81, 140.66, 130.81, 128.23, 127.91, 126.50, 21.18. CCDC No: 2170097.

Crystal growth of the complex of Hg^{2+} and DPDPE (Hg-DPDPE). To a solution of DPDPE (1.00 g, 3.00 mmol) in CHCl_3 (10 mL), a methanol solution of $\text{Hg}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (2.12 g, 6.00 mmol) was added, and then the solution was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the final product Hg-DPDPE was obtained as a white solid (1.02 g) in 50% yields. The solid (20 mg) was dissolved in a mixed solution containing CHCl_3 (2 mL), methanol (1 mL) and petroleum ether (1 mL) to the saturated state, and then the resulting mixture was naturally evaporated at room temperature through several small pores. The cubic and colorless crystals were obtained, and then were selected for single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CD}_3\text{OD}=3:2$) δ (ppm) 8.50-8.49 (d, $J = 4$ Hz, 8H), 7.27-7.25 (m, 10H), 7.21-7.19 (d, $J = 8$ Hz,

10H), 6.99-6.97 (d, J=8 Hz, 8H), 2.08(s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃/CD₃OD=3:2) δ (ppm) 180.62, 152.27, 149.05, 140.81, 140.66, 130.81, 128.23, 127.91, 126.50, 21.18. CCDC No: 2170096.

Characterization of UV-Visible and Fluorescence Properties of All Samples. UV-vis absorption spectra were recorded using an Agilent Cary 5000 UV-Vis-NIR spectrophotometer. Steady PL spectra of all samples were performed on an Edinburgh Instruments model FLS980 fluorescence spectrophotometer equipped with a xenon arc lamp using a front face sample holder. Time-resolved fluorescence measurements were conducted with EPL-series lasers. The absolute PL quantum yields of all samples were determined using an integrating sphere equipped in FLS980 spectrophotometer for at least three times.

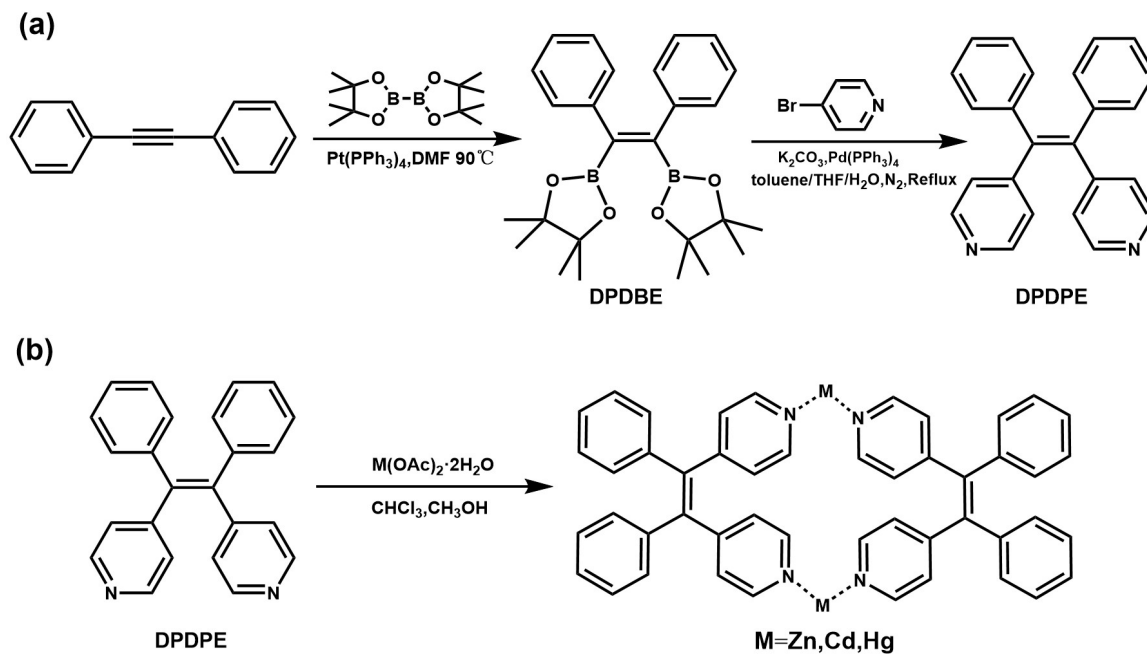
Controllable Patterning Application Based on Stimuli-Responsive Behaviours of Dynamic DPDPE-Metal Complexes. A paper was soaked with a solution of DPDPE at 100 μM, and then the paper was dried naturally. The paper retained white in daylight, but exhibited intense blue emission under UV light. After a pattern of mountain was drawn on the paper using a solution of zinc ion, the pattern with green color appeared while the background is with blue emission under UV light, and the mountain pattern can be easily erased with a solution of EDTA to return its initial state, during which a competitive coordination reaction occurs. After the paper soaked with DPDPE was further treated with a solution of zinc ion, the whole paper turned from blue to bright green color under the UV light. Then a pattern of two leaves was drawn on the paper using trifluoacetic acid, the yellow leaves appeared under the UV light, and then the pattern can be rapidly erased with triethylamine, during which a competition between a coordination reaction and an acid-base reaction takes place. The paper soaked with DPDPE can be treated using sodium sulfide to write a group of letters “ZJNU”, where the letters appeared with quenched fluorescence under the UV light, during which a competition between a coordination reaction and a precipitation reaction takes place and the formed precipitate ZnS can quench the fluorescence of DPDPE. The PL spectra during these controllable patterning demonstrations were recorded and displayed in Figure S11, which well supported the observed changes in emission colors. Therefore, controllable patterning can be achieved based on the distinct emission colors of DPDPE and its zinc complex on the paper by competitive reactions and dynamic

nature of these complexes.

2. Computational Details.

All the calculations were performed with density functional theory (DFT) and time-dependent density functional theory (TDDFT) implemented in Gaussian 09 program package.¹ The equilibrium geometries at S_0 and S_1 state and the normal modes of vibration of the single molecule of DPDPE, Zn-DPDPE, Cd-DPDPE and Hg-DPDPE were computed using density functional theory (DFT) with the hybrid M062X functional at 6-31+G(d,p) level.² Excitation energies, absorption maxima and emission maxima of all the four molecules were calculated using M062X functional with 6-31+G(d,p) level based on the optimized structure in acetonitrile with SCRF at S_0 and S_1 state.³

3. Supplementary Schemes and Figure



Scheme S1. Synthesis routes of DPDPE and Zn-DPDPE, Cd-DPDPE and Hg-DPDPE.

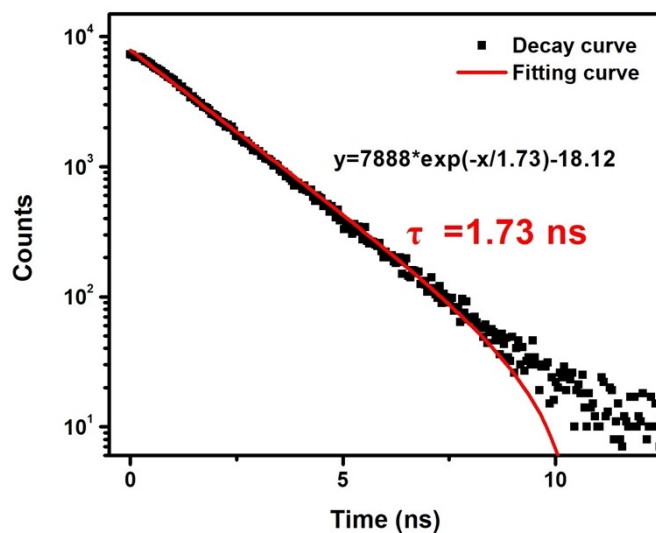


Figure S1. Time-resolved PL decay curve of DPDPE in solid at room temperature.

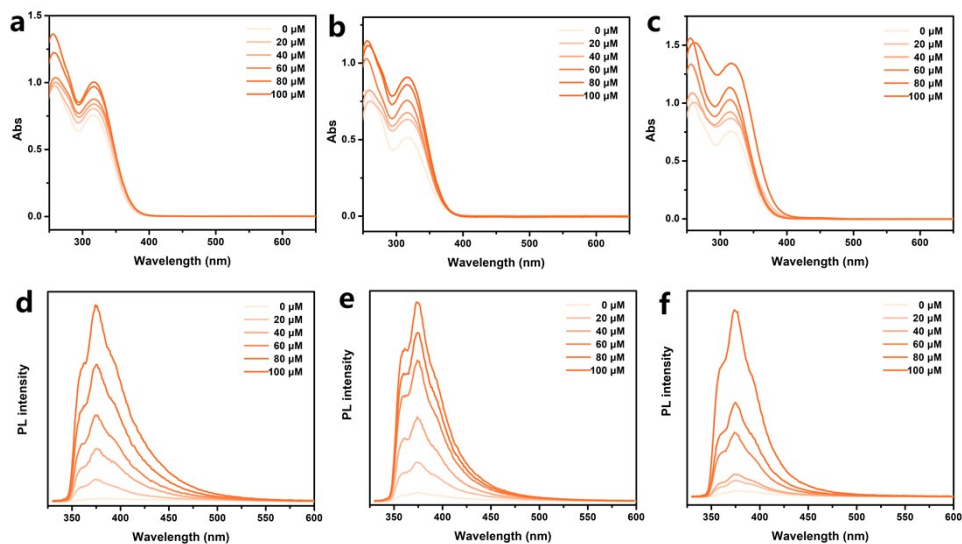


Figure S2. The change of UV-visible spectra of DPDPE (100 μM) in methanol in the presence of different amounts of Zn^{2+} (a), Cd^{2+} (b), and Hg^{2+} (c) respectively, and change of PL spectra of DPDPE (100 μM) in methanol in the presence of different amounts of Zn^{2+} (d), Cd^{2+} (e), and Hg^{2+} (f) respectively.

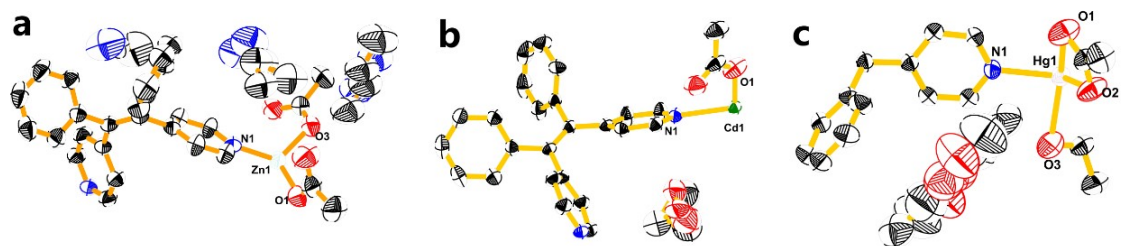


Figure S3. The asymmetric units of Zn-DPDPE (a), Cd-DPDPE (b) and Hg-DPDPE (c).

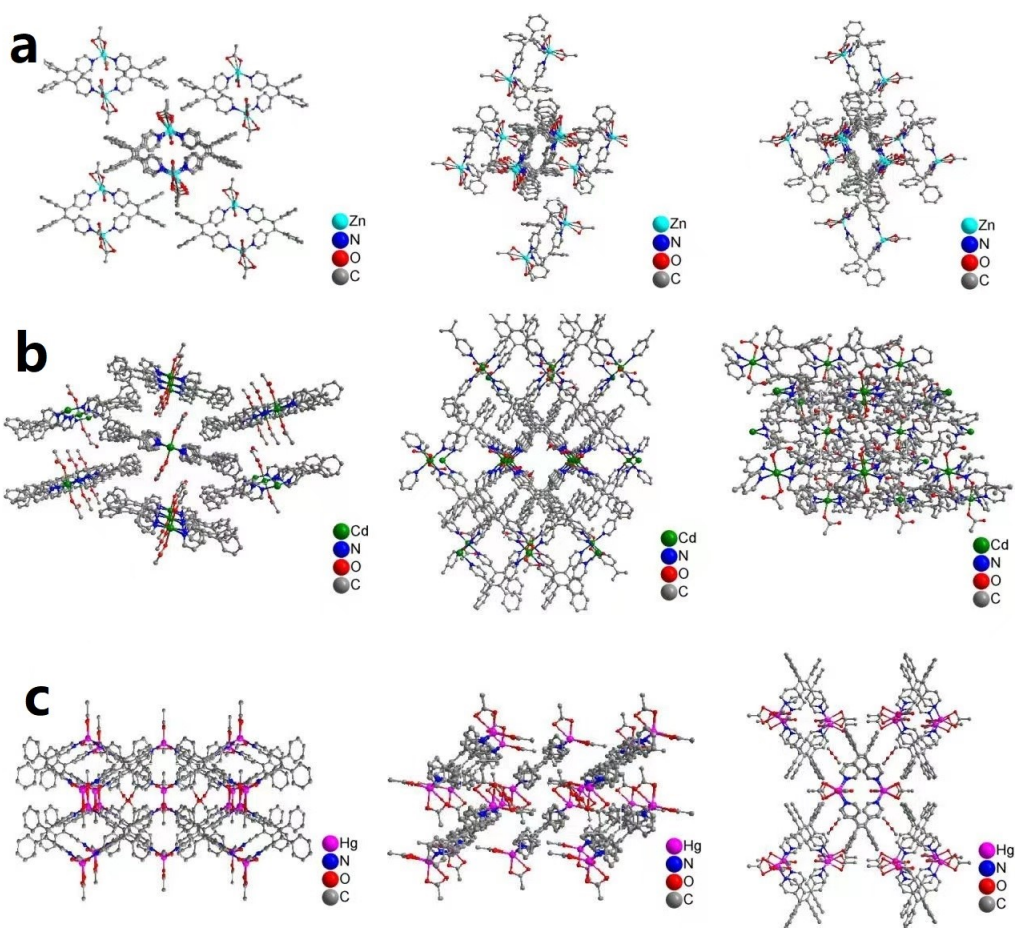


Figure S4. Stacking patterns of Zn-DPDPE (a), Cd-DPDPE (b) and Hg-DPDPE (c) in crystal.

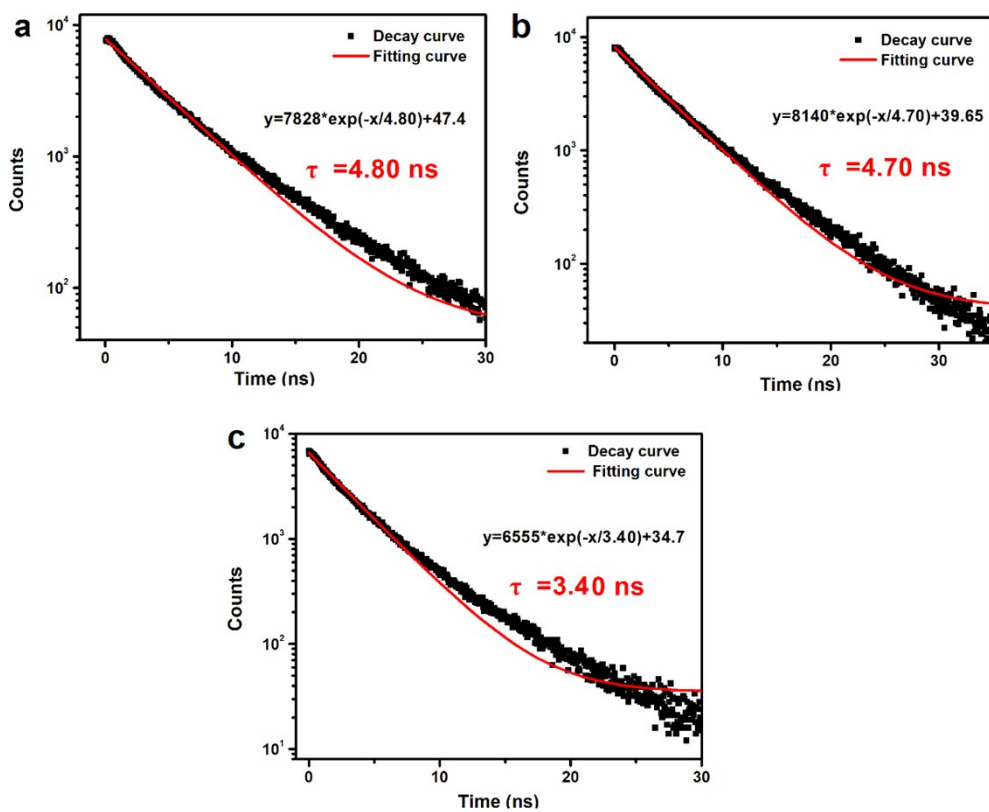


Figure S5. Time-resolved PL decay curves of Zn-DPDPE (a), Cd-DPDPE (b) and Hg-DPDPE (c) in solid at room temperature.

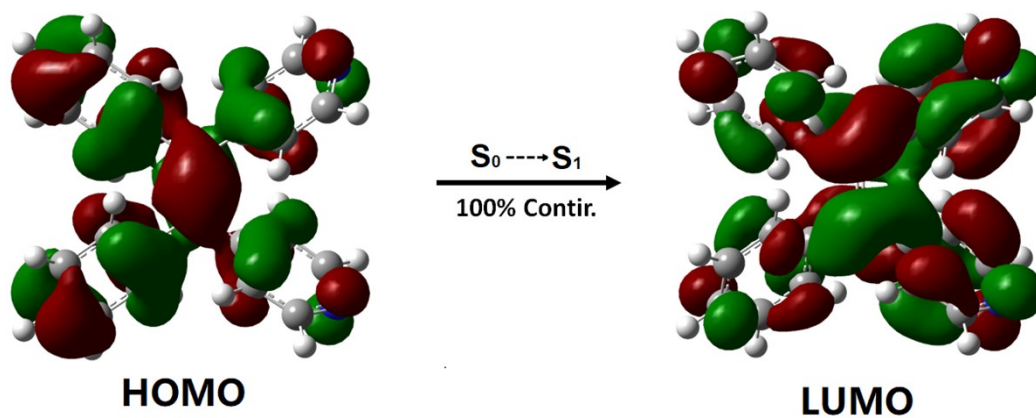


Figure S6. Natural transition orbitals of DPDPE for the transition from S_0 to S_1 with labeled contribution calculated with TDDFT.

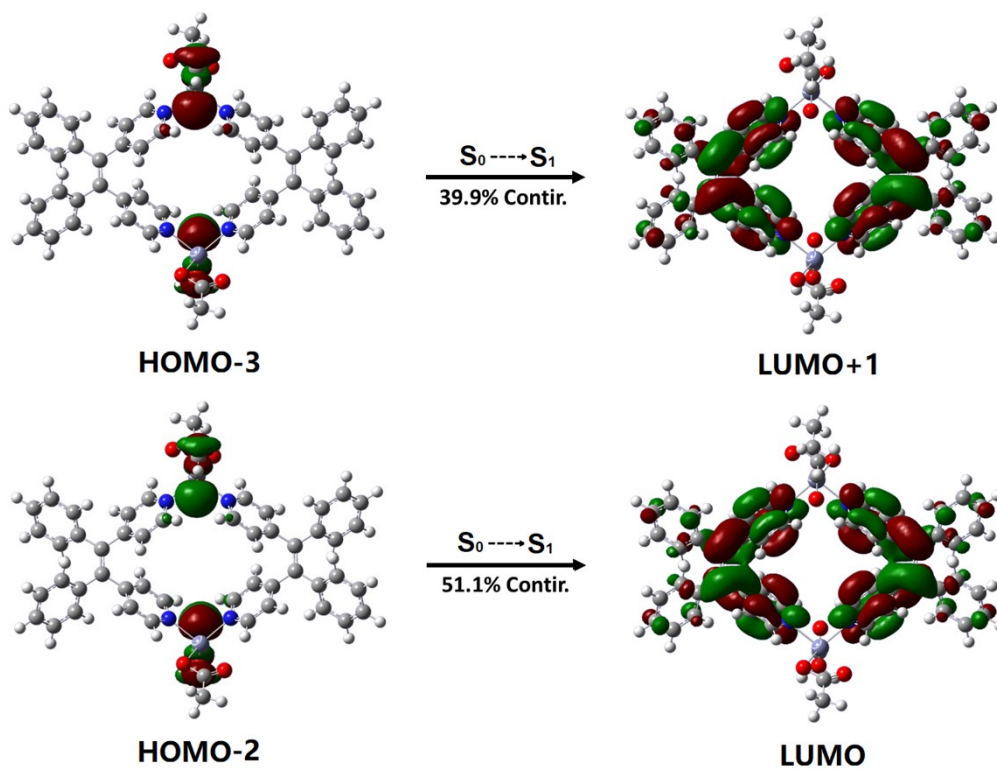


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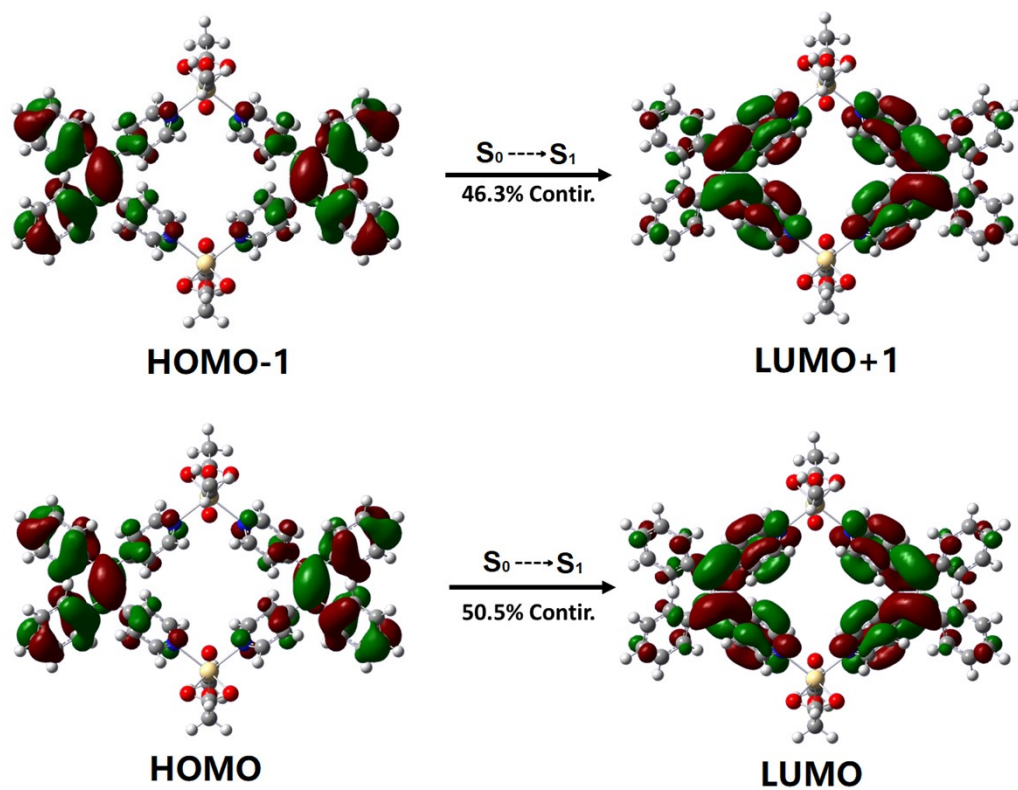


Figure S8. Natural Transition Orbitals of Cd-DPDPE for the transition from S_0 to S_1 with labeled contribution calculated with TDDFT.

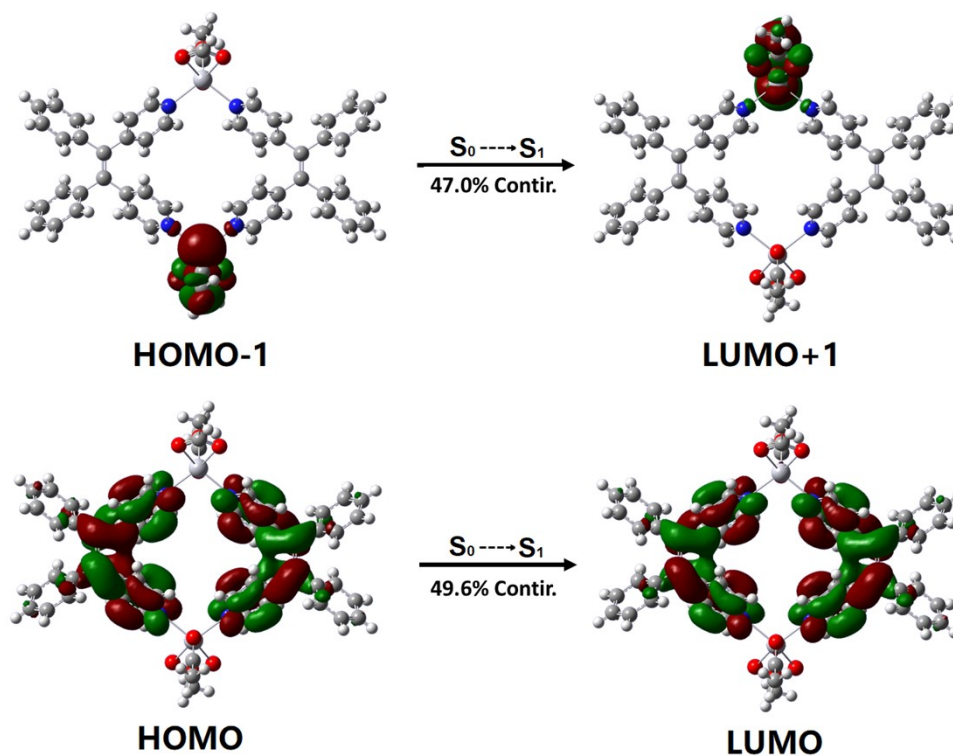


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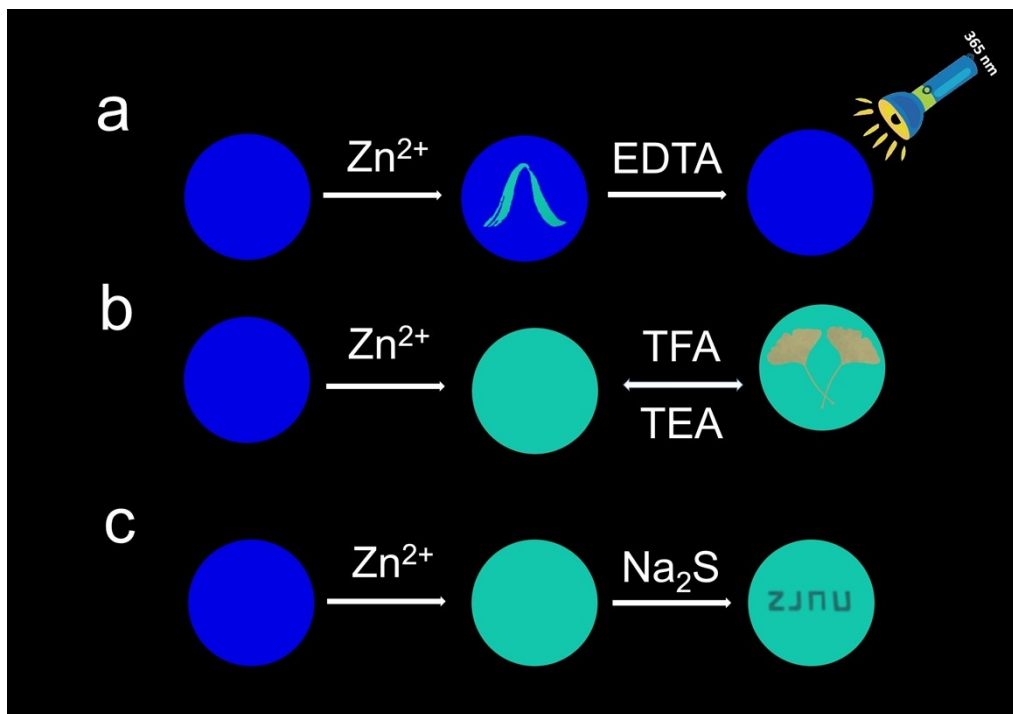


Figure S10. Controllable patterning demonstrations based on stimuli-responsive behaviours of DPDPE and its zinc complex. (a) A green pattern of mountain is written on a paper containing DPDPE with blue emission using zinc ion, and then is erased using EDTA. (b) The blue paper is firstly turned to green using zinc ion, then a yellow pattern of two leaves is drawn on the green paper using trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), and finally erased with triethenylamine (TEA). (c) The blue paper is firstly turned to green using zinc ion, and then a group of letters “ZJNU” is written on the green paper with quenched fluorescence using sodium sulfide.

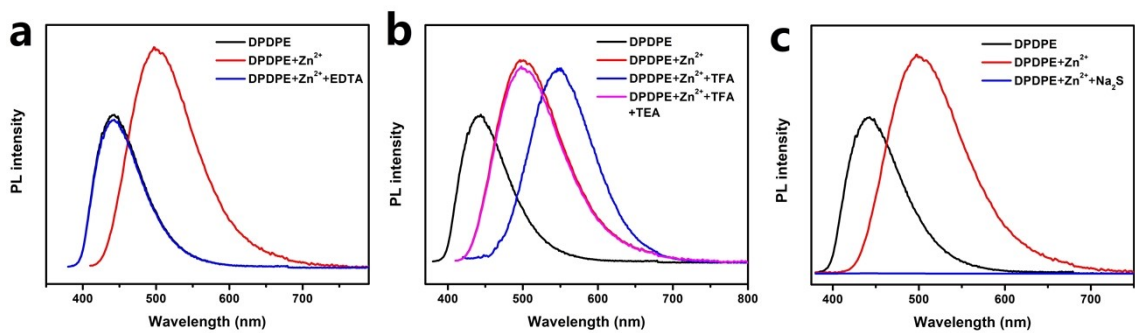


Figure S11. (a) PL spectra of DPDPE on a paper in the presence of different compositions: DPDPE, DPDPE+Zn²⁺, and DPDPE+Zn²⁺+EDTA. (b) PL spectra of DPDPE on a paper in the presence of different compositions: DPDPE, DPDPE+Zn²⁺, DPDPE+Zn²⁺+TFA, and DPDPE+Zn²⁺+TFA+TEA. (c) PL spectra of DPDPE on a paper in the presence of different compositions: DPDPE, DPDPE+Zn²⁺, and DPDPE+Zn²⁺+Na₂S.

4. Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Crystallographic data for Zn-DPDPE, Cd-DPDPE and Hg-DPDPE.

source	Zn-DPDPE	Cd-DPDPE	Hg-DPDPE
CCDC	2170098	2170097	2170096
Formula	$C_{56}H_{48}N_4O_8Zn_2 \cdot 5(C_2H_3N)$	$C_{52}H_{42}CdN_4O_4 \cdot 2(H_2O) \cdot 2(CH_4O)$	$C_{56}H_{48}Hg_2N_4O_8 \cdot 2(C_4H_8O_2)$
$D_{calc.}/g\ cm^{-3}$	1.249	1.345	1.628
μ/mm^{-1}	0.79	0.50	5.14
Formula Weight	1240.99	999.41	1482.37
Shape	block	block	block
Crystal System	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space Group	P-1	$P2_1/n$	$C2/m$
a (Å)	8.1837 (18)	9.8170 (5)	17.1620 (12)
b (Å)	13.428 (3)	9.5192 (5)	21.5993 (15)
c (Å)	15.086 (4)	26.5971 (12)	8.1568 (5)
α	86.984 (8)	90	90
β	85.155 (8)	96.935 (2)	90.374 (2)
γ	89.371 (8)	90	90
wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Radiation type	Mo $K\alpha$	Mo $K\alpha$	Mo $K\alpha$
min/ $^\circ$	2.9	2.7	2.9
max/ $^\circ$	28.3	28.7	27.5
Measured Refl's.	48270	25598	11516
Ind't Refl's	8402	5647	3537
R_{int}	0.053	0.042	0.043
Parameters	457	344	224
GooF	1.034	1.042	1.077
w R_2 (all data)	0.1524	0.0860	0.0795
w R_2	0.1368	0.0778	0.0728
R_1 (all data)	0.0665	0.0455	0.0518
R_1	0.0482	0.0325	0.0361

Table S2. Photophysical properties of DPDPE, Zn-DPDPE, Cd-DPDPE and Hg-DPDPE in different states.

	λ_{ab} (nm)	λ_{em} (nm)	τ (ns)	Φ (%)	k_r (10^8 s ⁻¹)	k_{nr} (10^8 s ⁻¹)
					1)	
<i>solid powder</i>						
DPDPE	—	443	1.73	12.6	0.73	5.05
Zn-DPDPE	—	500	4.80	70.2	1.46	0.62
Cd-DPDPE	—	494	4.70	65.2	1.39	0.74
Hg-DPDPE	—	472	3.40	68.4	2.0	0.93
<i>In solution at 77 K</i>						
DPDPE	—	449	4.33	—	—	—
Zn-DPDPE	—	502	6.38	—	—	—
Cd-DPDPE	—	497	6.41	—	—	—
Hg-DPDPE	—	487	6.01	—	—	—

Table S3. Compositions of Natural Transition Orbitals of DPDPE, Zn-DPDPE and Cd-DPDPE and Hg-DPDPE for the $S_0 \rightarrow S_1$ transition.

	NTOs	Contribution (%)
DPDPE	HOMO→LUMO	100
Zn-DPDPE	HOMO-3→LUMO+1	39.9
	HOMO-2→LUMO	51.1
Cd-DPDPE	HOMO-1→LUMO+1	46.3
	HOMO→LUMO	50.5
Hg-DPDPE	HOMO-1→LUMO+1	47.0
	HOMO→LUMO	49.6

Table S4. Contribution ratios of different groups to natural transition orbitals of DPDPE, Zn-DPDPE,

Cd-DPDPE and Hg-DPDPE.

Compound	Group	Contribution to HOMO(%)	Contribution to LUMO(%)
DPDPE		100	100
Compound	Group	Contribution to HOMO-2(%)	Contribution to LUMO(%)
Zn-DPDPE	DPDPE	1.85	99.58
	Zn	0.61	0.34
	CH ₃ COO ⁻	97.53	0.07
Compound	Group	Contribution to HOMO (%)	Contribution to LUMO(%)
Cd-DPDPE	DPDPE	99.94	99.95
	Cd	0.02	0.3
	CH ₃ COO ⁻	0.04	0.04
Compound	Group	Contribution to HOMO (%)	Contribution to LUMO(%)
Hg-DPDPE	DPDPE	0.83	99.53
	Hg	2.47	0.4
	CH ₃ COO ⁻	96.71	0.07

Table S5. Experimental and calculated absorption and emission maxima of DPDPE, Zn-DPDPE, Cd-DPDPE and Hg-DPDPE in different states.

	λ_{ab}^{exp} (nm) ^a	λ_{ab}^{cal} (nm) ^b	λ^{exp} (nm) ^c	λ^{cal} (nm) ^d
DPDPE	315	292.35	443	598.50
Zn-DPDPE	316	275.37	500	593.37
Cd-DPDPE	316	327.45	494	579.55
Hg-DPDPE	317	326.98	472	585.92

^a Experimental absorption maximum in TCM/MeOH. ^b Calculated absorption maximum with TDDFT.

^c Experimental emission maximum in solid. ^d Calculated emission maximum with TDDFT.

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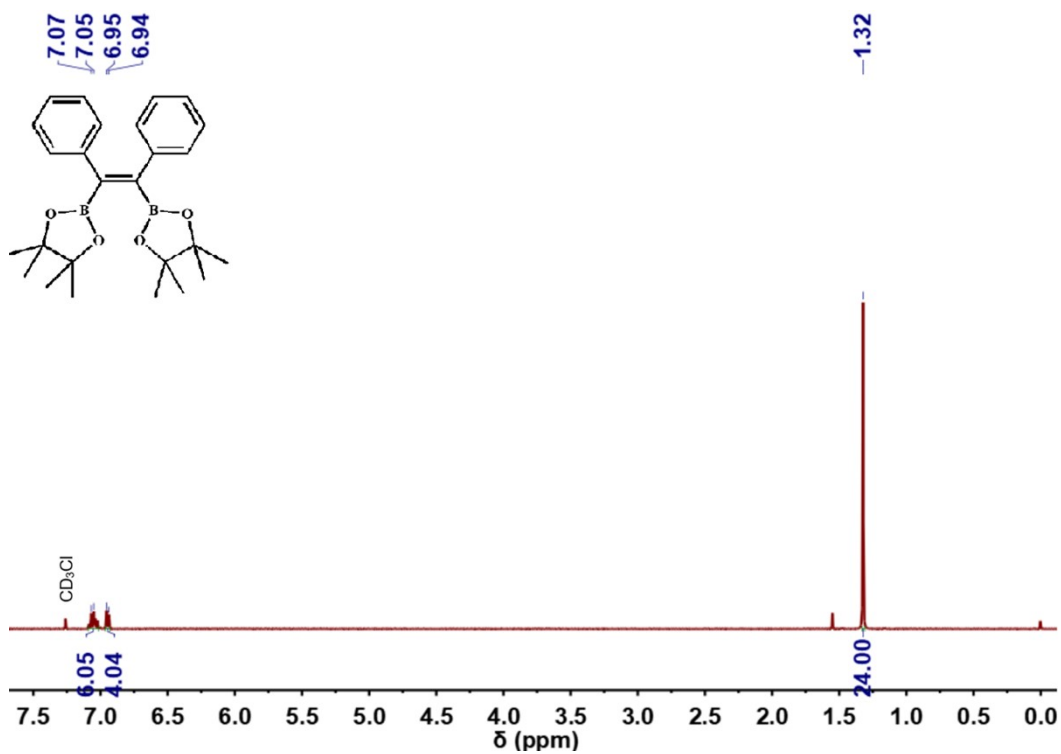


Figure S9. ¹H NMR spectrum of DPDBE in CDCl₃.

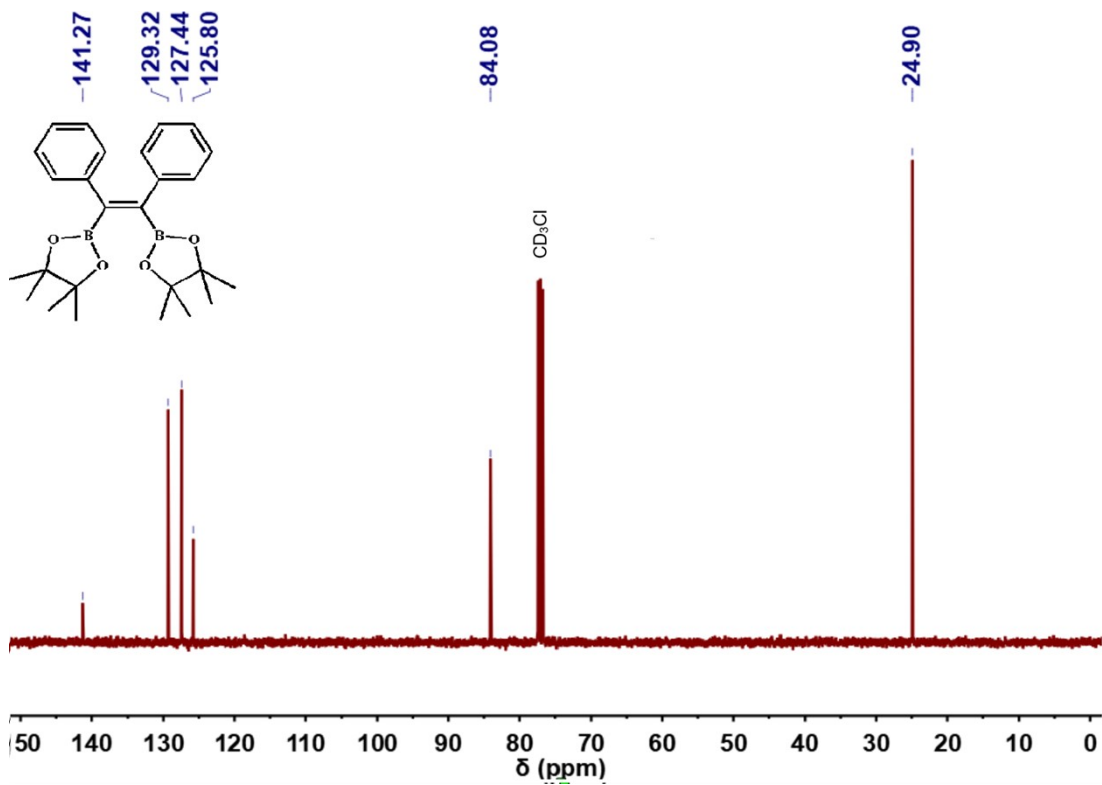


Figure S10. ¹³C NMR spectrum of DBDBE in CDCl₃.

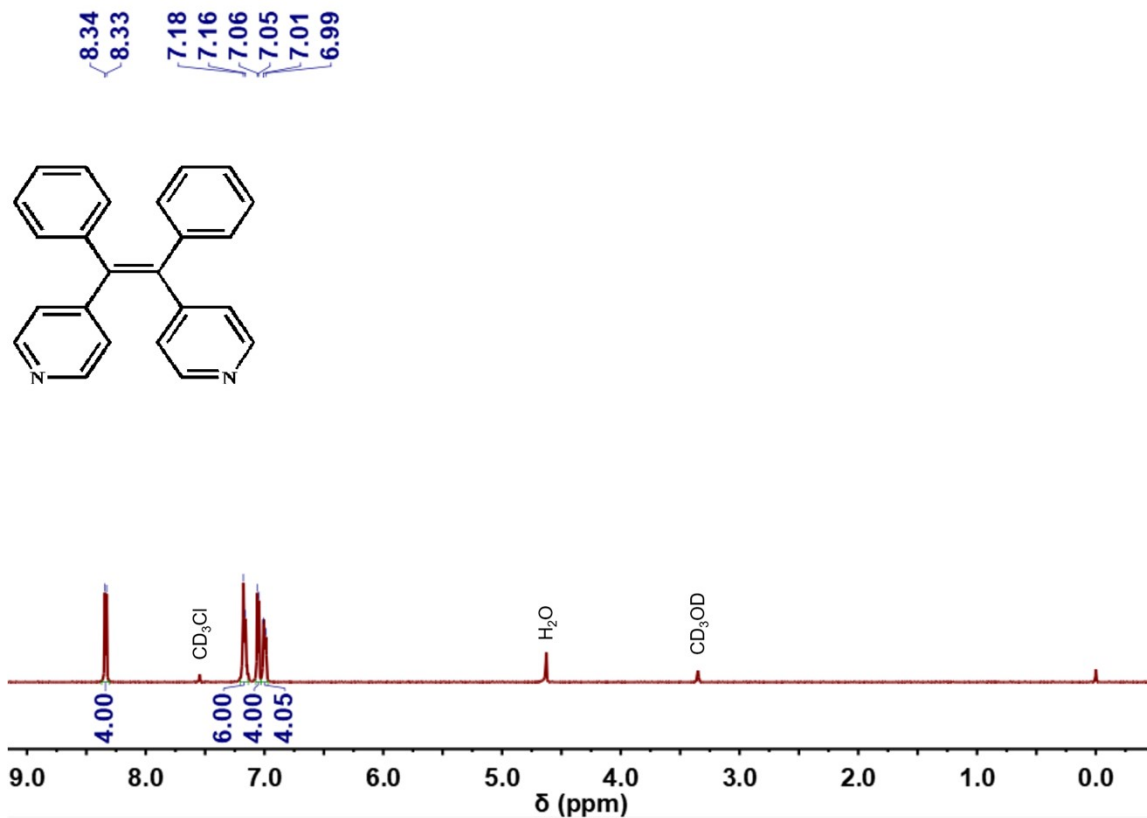


Figure S11. ¹H NMR spectrum of DPDPE in CDCl₃/CD₃OD (3:2).

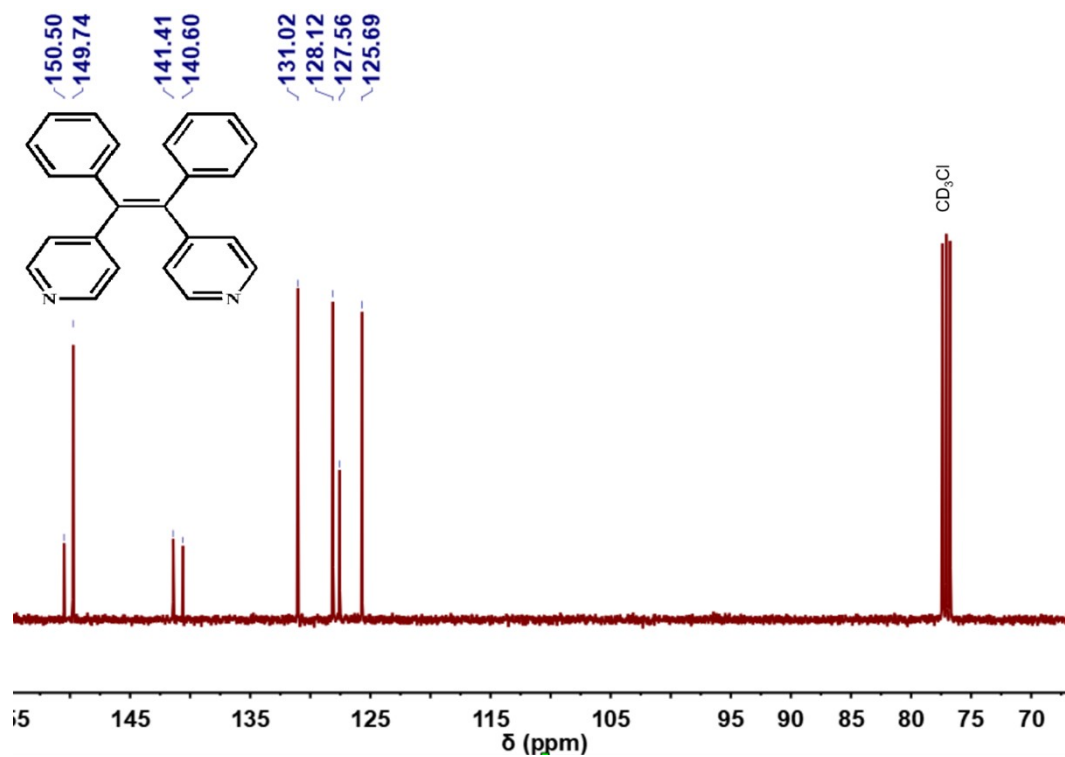


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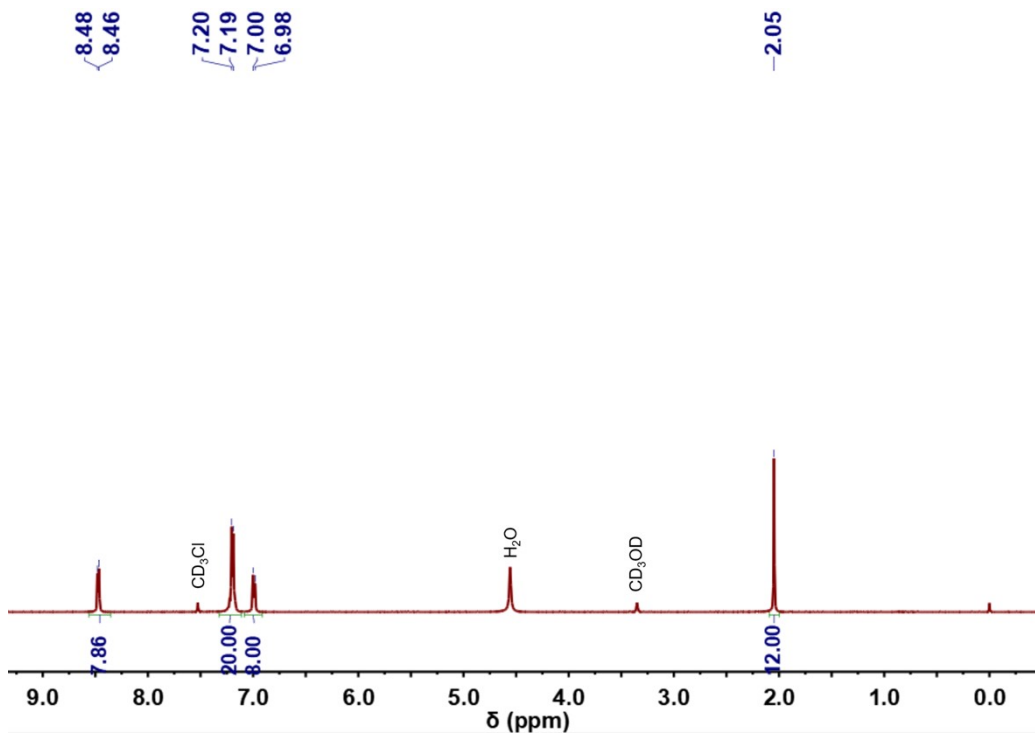


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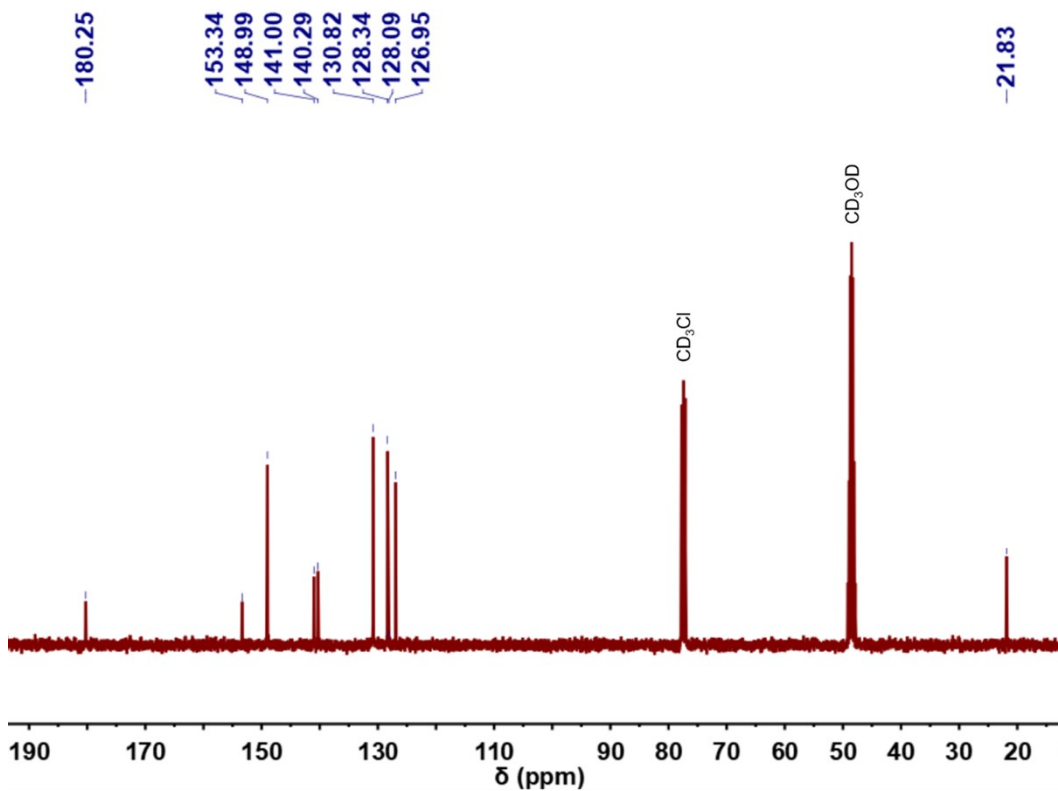


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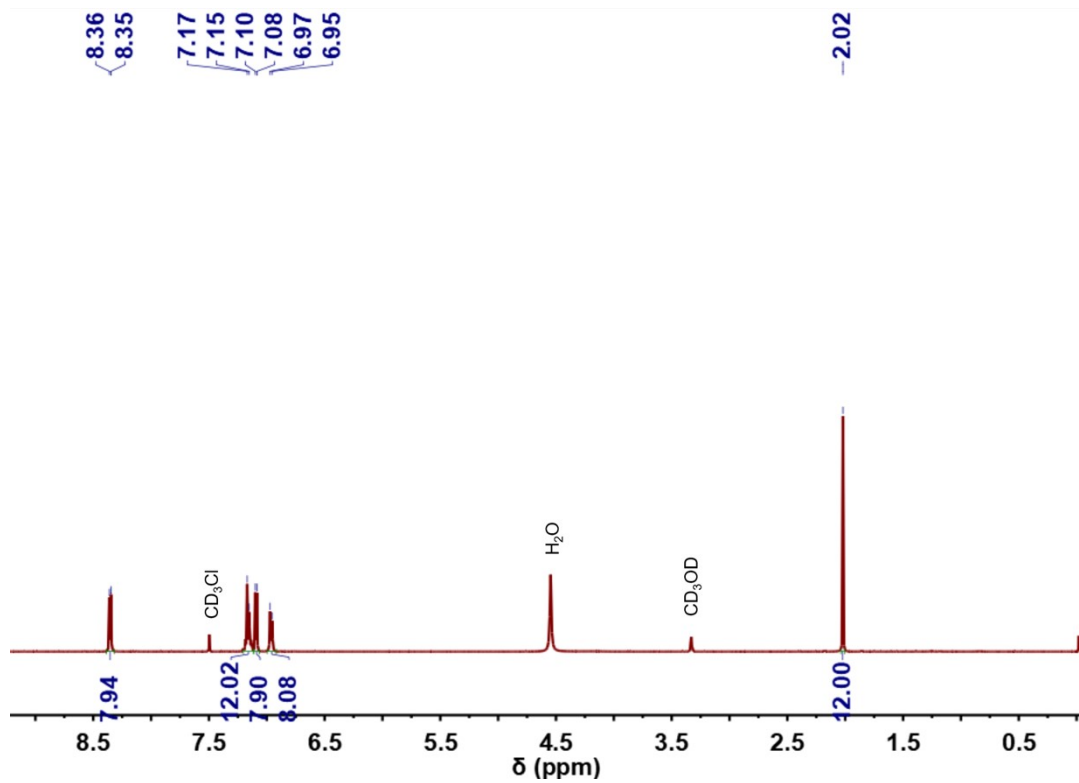


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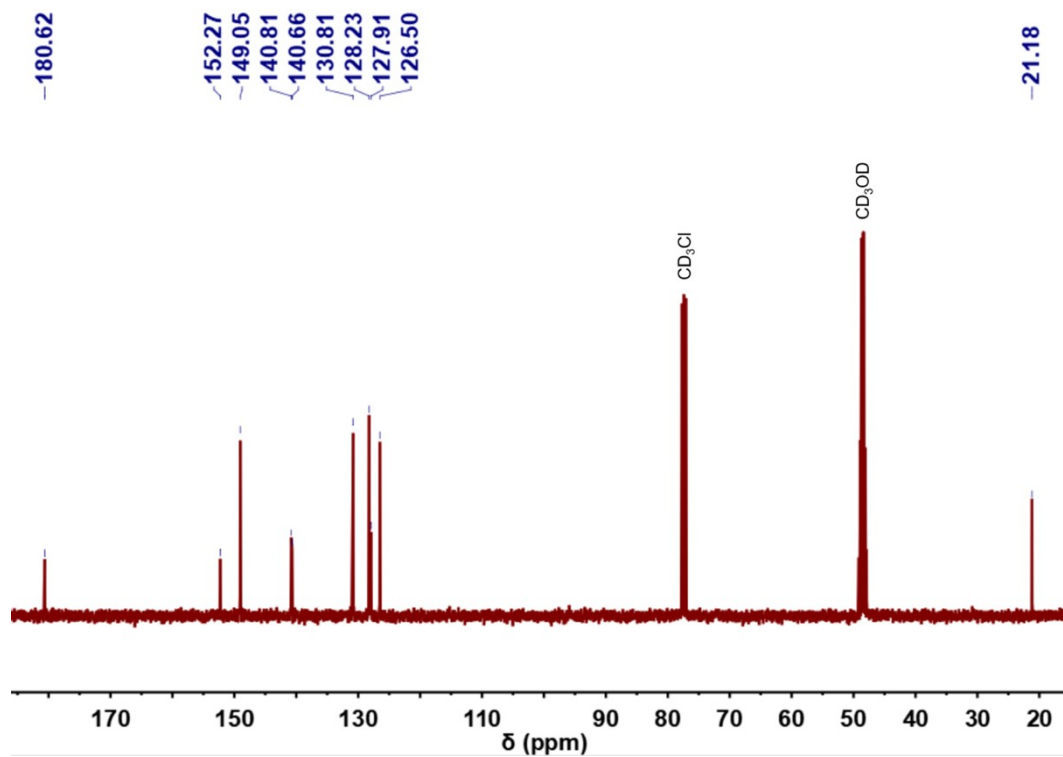


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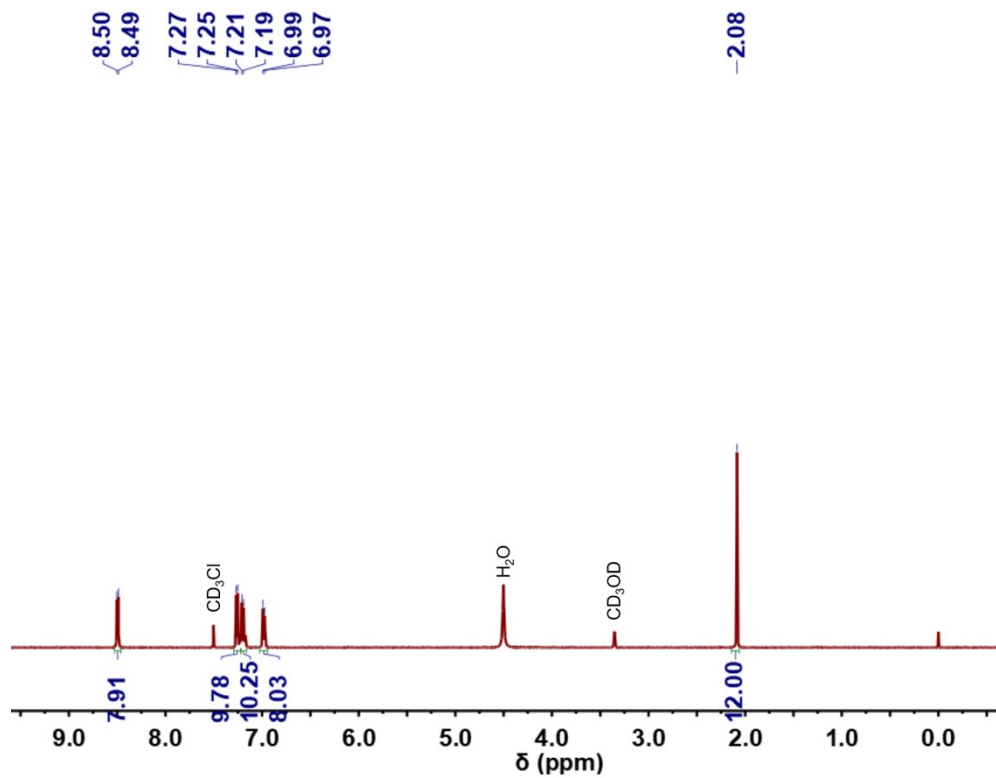


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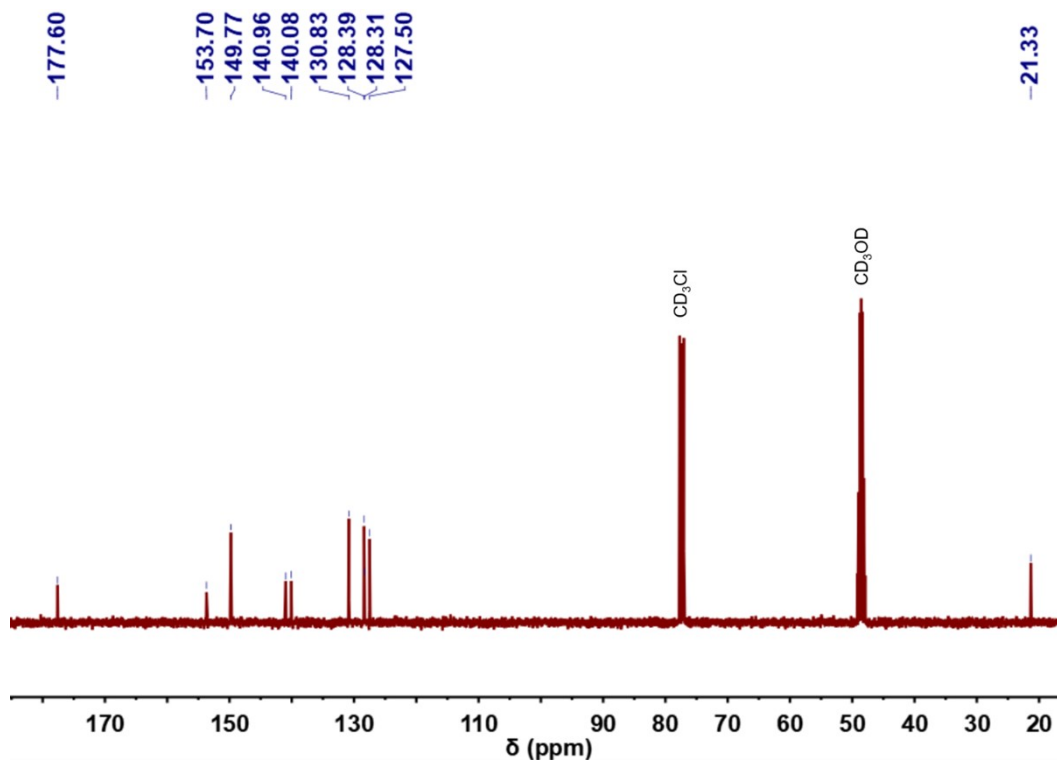


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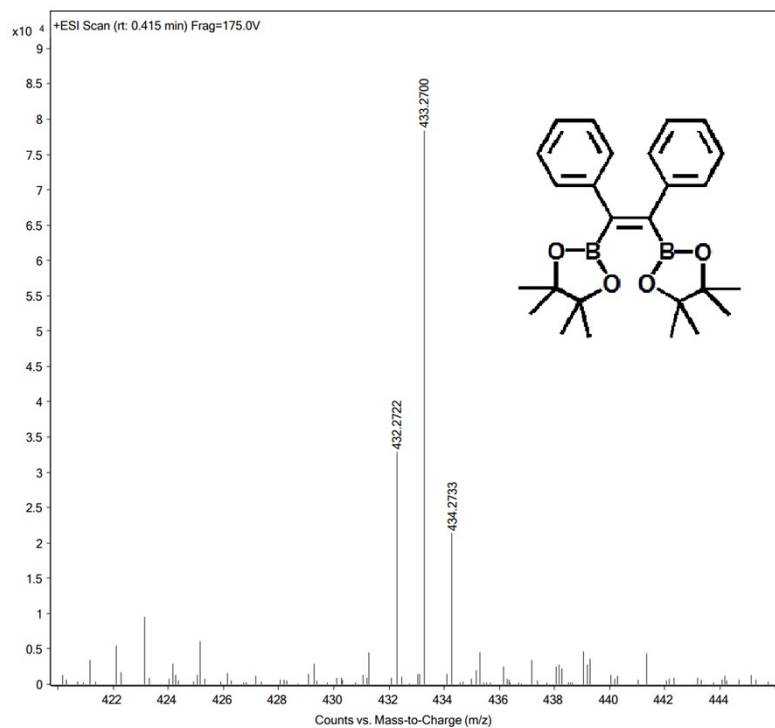


Figure S19. High-resolution mass spectrum of DPDBE.

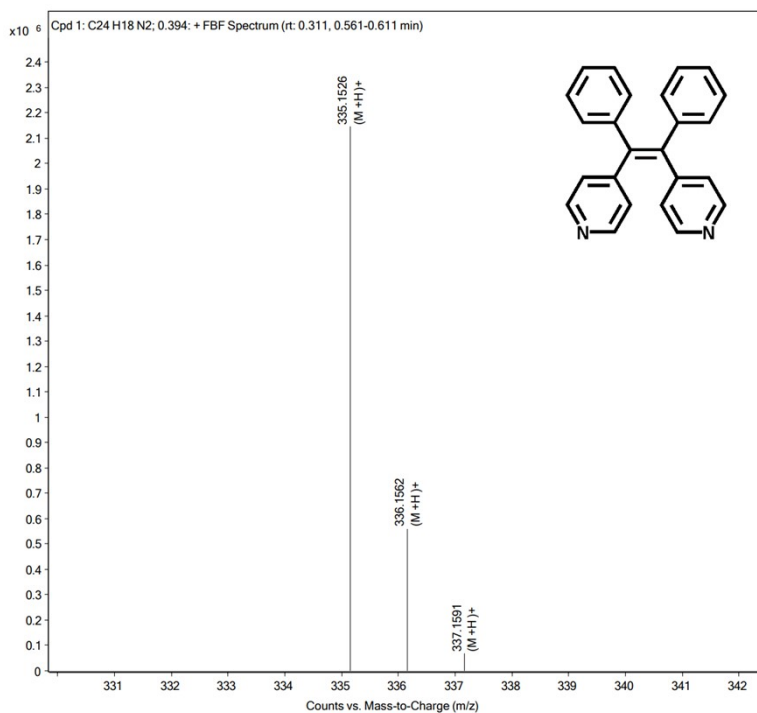


Figure S20. High-resolution mass spectrum of DPDPE.

6. Cartesian Coordinates

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O	3.00200000	11.89040000	10.72030000
C	6.06200000	10.79960000	13.88260000
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