

## Supporting Information

### **Symmetry Breaking of $A_3M_2X_9$ -type Perovskites-Derivative Induced by Polar Quaternary Ammonium Cation: Achieving Efficient Nonlinear Optical Properties**

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Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{eq}}$
Bi (1)	8325.2(2)	5772.0(2)	10057.2(2)	39.5 (7)
Bi (2)	5678.1(2)	6591.7(2)	9977.9(2)	38.8 (7)
Cl (1)	10105.3(15)	6232.7(9)	10474.2(12)	60.3(5)
Cl (2)	8741(2)	4880.6(10)	10896.4(16)	86.3(8)
Cl (3)	9027.2(18)	5308.9(10)	8829.8(13)	69.6(6)
Cl (4)	7199.2(15)	6390.8(8)	11242.0(10)	50.6(5)
Cl (5)	6227.5(15)	5371.1(8)	9693.1(10)	50.7(4)
Cl (6)	4072.1(16)	6266.3(9)	10724.6(12)	64.0(5)
Cl (7)	4578.1(17)	6763.1(10)	8708.0(11)	63.5(5)
Cl (8)	5548.9(16)	7660.9(8)	10395.3(12)	55.9(5)
Cl (9)	7558.6(16)	6803.2(9)	9167.7(11)	56.3(5)
N (1)	5562(4)	5408(2)	7126(3)	39.3(1)
C (14)	3541(7)	6125(4)	6215(5)	65(2)
C (15)	2963(8)	6626(5)	6078(6)	81(3)
C (16)	3429(10)	7138(5)	5943(6)	86(3)
C (17)	4482(10)	7168(4)	5925(6)	85(3)
C (18)	5086(7)	6674(4)	6079(5)	62(2)
C (19)	4616(6)	6142(3)	6222(4)	47.5(2)
C (20)	5248(6)	5590(3)	6300(4)	47.3(2)
C (21)	6212(6)	5883(3)	7542(4)	46.2(2)
C (22)	7247(6)	6020(4)	7198(5)	62(2)
C (23)	6176(7)	4846(3)	7048(4)	55(2)
C (24)	6565(8)	4579(4)	7812(5)	69(3)
C (25)	4640(6)	5322(3)	7615(4)	50.2(2)
C (26)	3927(9)	4819(4)	7353(6)	84(3)
N (2)	846(4)	7076(3)	8174(3)	43.7(1)
C (27)	2120(7)	7485(4)	9886(4)	60(2)
C (28)	2814(7)	7842(5)	10267(5)	73(3)
C (29)	2787(8)	8427(5)	10126(6)	81(3)
C (30)	2058(9)	8666(4)	9626(5)	77(3)
C (31)	1334(8)	8302(4)	9251(5)	65(2)
C (32)	1352(6)	7699(3)	9372(4)	47.1(2)
C (33)	567(6)	7299(3)	8979(4)	49.1(2)
C (34)	963(6)	7570(4)	7610(4)	50.1(2)
C (35)	-5(8)	7916(4)	7427(5)	79(3)
C (36)	-19(6)	6665(4)	7917(5)	64(2)

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Atom	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{eq}}$
C (37)	107(7)	6375(4)	7130(5)	75(3)
C (38)	1881(6)	6757(3)	8228(5)	53.7(19)
C (39)	1908(7)	6194(4)	8678(5)	75(3)
N (3)	750(6)	3590(3)	7937(5)	71.4(18)
C (1)	2166(13)	4900(6)	9817(8)	125(4)
C (2)	3136(12)	4840(6)	9647(7)	113(4)
C (3)	3563(12)	4363(7)	9337(7)	120(4)
C (4)	2898(10)	3924(6)	9055(6)	101(3)
C (5)	1851(8)	3981(4)	9112(5)	72(2)
C (6)	1455(11)	4423(6)	9526(7)	114(3)
C (7)	1154(9)	3505(4)	8768(6)	83(3)
C (8)	1602(9)	3519(5)	7364(7)	103(3)
C (9)	1983(10)	2843(6)	7326(8)	129(5)
C (10)	-105(9)	3145(5)	7707(7)	105(3)
C (11)	-1115(9)	3245(6)	8120(8)	122(4)
C (12)	216(11)	4186(5)	7746(9)	120(4)
C (13)	967(12)	4653(6)	7471(8)	138(5)

$U_{\text{eq}}$  is defined as 1/3 of the trace of the orthogonalised  $U_{ij}$  tensor.

**Table S2.** Bond lengths for (BTA)<sub>3</sub>Bi<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>9</sub>.

Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	Atom	Length/Å
Bi (1)	Cl (1)	2.596(2)	N (2)	C (34)	1.501(9)
Bi (1)	Cl (2)	2.541(2)	N (2)	C (36)	1.509(9)
Bi (1)	Cl (3)	2.561(2)	N (2)	C (38)	1.520(9)
Bi (1)	Cl (4)	2.918(2)	C (27)	C (28)	1.358(12)
Bi (1)	Cl (5)	2.896 (2)	C (27)	C (32)	1.385(10)
Bi (1)	Cl (9)	2.957(2)	C (28)	C (29)	1.362(13)
Bi (2)	Cl (4)	2.895(2)	C (29)	C (30)	1.359(13)
Bi (2)	Cl (5)	2.929(2)	C (30)	C (31)	1.387(13)
Bi (2)	Cl (6)	2.592(2)	C (31)	C (32)	1.397(11)
Bi (2)	Cl (7)	2.577(2)	C (32)	C (33)	1.502(10)
Bi (2)	Cl (8)	2.557(2)	C (34)	C (35)	1.500(12)
Bi (2)	Cl (9)	2.889(2)	C (36)	C (37)	1.521(12)
N (1)	C (20)	1.516(8)	C (38)	C (39)	1.502(11)
N (1)	C (21)	1.529(9)	N (3)	C (7)	1.510(12)
N (1)	C (23)	1.520(9)	N (3)	C (8)	1.515(13)
N (1)	C (25)	1.499(9)	N (3)	C (10)	1.537(13)
C (14)	C (15)	1.382(12)	N (3)	C (12)	1.557(14)
C (14)	C (19)	1.384(11)	C (1)	C (2)	1.303(18)
C (15)	C (16)	1.342(14)	C (1)	C (6)	1.496(18)
C (16)	C (17)	1.360(15)	C (2)	C (3)	1.343(17)
C (17)	C (18)	1.390(12)	C (3)	C (4)	1.393(17)
C (18)	C (19)	1.387(11)	C (4)	C (5)	1.363(14)
C (19)	C (20)	1.507(10)	C (5)	C (6)	1.350(15)
C (21)	C (22)	1.517(11)	C (5)	C (7)	1.516(13)
C (23)	C (24)	1.512(10)	C (8)	C (9)	1.625(15)
C (25)	C (26)	1.529(11)	C (10)	C (11)	1.527(15)
N (2)	C (33)	1.532(9)	C (12)	C (13)	1.529(17)

**Table S3.** Bond angles for (BTA)<sub>3</sub>Bi<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>9</sub>.

Atom Atom Atom	Angle/°	Atom Atom Atom	Angle/°
Cl (1) Bi (1) Cl (4)	94.10(6)	C (14) C (19) C (18)	117.9(7)
Cl (1) Bi(1) Cl (5)	173.14(6)	C (14) C (19) C (20)	120.9(8)
Cl (1) Bi (1) Cl (9)	95.10(6)	C (18) C (19) C (20)	120.9(7)
Cl (2) Bi (1) Cl (1)	90.49(8)	C (19) C (20) N (1)	115.7(6)
Cl (2) Bi (1) Cl (3)	93.51(8)	C (22) C (21) N (1)	115.9(6)
Cl (2) Bi (1) Cl (4)	95.33(8)	C (24) C (23) N (1)	114.7(6)
Cl (2) Bi (1) Cl (5)	92.23(7)	N (1) C (25) C (26)	114.5(6)
Cl (2) Bi (1) Cl (9)	172.24(7)	C (34) N (2) C (33)	111.4(6)
Cl (3) Bi (1) Cl (1)	93.14(7)	C (34) N (2) C (36)	112.1(6)
Cl (3) Bi (1) Cl (4)	168.52(7)	C (34) N (2) C (38)	106.7(5)
Cl (3) Bi (1) Cl (5)	92.98(7)	C (36) N (2) C (33)	105.7(5)
Cl (3) Bi (1) Cl (9)	91.56(7)	C (36) N (2) C (38)	110.7(6)
Cl (4) Bi (1) Cl (9)	78.93(5)	C (38) N (2) C (33)	110.2(5)
Cl (5) Bi (1) Cl (4)	79.39(5)	C (28) C (27) C (32)	122.0(8)
Cl (5) Bi (1) Cl (9)	81.63(5)	C (27) C (28) C (29)	119.7(9)
Cl (4) Bi (2) Cl (5)	79.23(5)	C (30) C (29) C (28)	121.3(9)
Cl (6) Bi (2) Cl (4)	96.43(6)	C (29) C (30) C (31)	118.9(9)
Cl (6) Bi (2) Cl (5)	90.74(6)	C (30) C (31) C (32)	121.2(8)
Cl (6) Bi (2) Cl (9)	172.72(7)	C (27) C (32) C (31)	116.8(8)
Cl (7) Bi (2) Cl (4)	170.65(6)	C (27) C (32) C (33)	121.2(7)
Cl (7) Bi (2) Cl (5)	97.57(6)	C (31) C (32) C (33)	121.9(7)
Cl (7) Bi (2) Cl (6)	92.38(7)	C (32) C (33) N (2)	115.4(6)
Cl (7) Bi (2) Cl (9)	90.47(7)	C (35) C (34) N (2)	115.2(7)
Cl (8) Bi (2) Cl (4)	89.55(6)	N (2) C (36) C (37)	115.1(7)
Cl (8) Bi (2) Cl (5)	168.20(6)	C (39) C (38) N (2)	116.3(6)
Cl (8) Bi (2) Cl (6)	94.17(7)	C (7) N (3) C (8)	111.8(8)
Cl (8) Bi (2) Cl (7)	92.94(7)	C (7) N (3) C (10)	111.7(8)
Cl (8) Bi (2) Cl (9)	92.37(6)	C (7) N (3) C (12)	116.2(9)
Cl (9) Bi (2) Cl (4)	80.42(5)	C (8) N (3) C (10)	107.1(8)
Cl (9) Bi (2) Cl (5)	82.24(6)	C (8) N (3) C (12)	106.5(8)
Bi (2) Cl (4) Bi (1)	83.99(5)	C (10) N (3) C (12)	102.8(9)
Bi (1) Cl (5) Bi (2)	83.80(5)	C (2) C (1) C (6)	115.4(14)
Bi (2) Cl (9) Bi (1)	83.42(5)	C (1) C (2) C (3)	126.0(16)
C (20) N (1) C (21)	111.1(5)	C (2) C (3) C (4)	117.8(15)
C (20) N (1) C (23)	105.5(5)	C (5) C (4) C (3)	120.1(13)
C (23) N (1) C (21)	111.5(6)	C (4) C (5) C (7)	118.4(10)
C (25) N (1) C (20)	112.0(6)	C (6) C (5) C (4)	120.5(12)

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Atom Atom Atom	Angle/°	Atom Atom Atom	Angle/°
C (25) N (1) C (21)	105.2(5)	C (6) C (5) C (7)	120.8(11)
C (25) N (1) C (23)	111.5(6)	C (5) C (6) C (1)	118.8(13)
C (15) C (14) C (19)	120.6(9)	N (3) C (7) C (5)	116.6(8)
C (16) C (15) C (14)	120.8(10)	N (3) C (8) C (9)	110.9(9)
C (15) C (16) C (17)	120.2(9)	C (11) C (10) N (3)	113.4(10)
C (16) C (17) C (18)	120.3(10)	C (13) C (12) N (3)	113.4(11)
C (19) C (18) C (17)	120.1(9)		

**Table S4.** Hydrogen bond lengths (Å) for (BTA)<sub>3</sub>Bi<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>9</sub>.

D–H	d(D–H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	∠(D–H...A)(°)	A
C(7)-H(7B)	0.970	2.896	3.513	122.46	Cl (8) <sup>#1</sup>
C(8)-H(8B)	0.970	2.809	3.744	162.12	Cl (1) <sup>#2</sup>
C(10)-H(10B)	0.970	2.843	3.633	139.18	Cl(7) <sup>#1</sup>
C(12)-H(12B)	0.970	2.744	3.560	142.15	Cl(3) <sup>#3</sup>
C(21)-H(21A)	0.970	2.865	3.588	132.14	C(17)
C(21)-H(21B)	0.970	2.922	3.874	167.19	Cl (5)
C(22)-H(22B)	0.960	2.987	3.652	127.56	Cl(2) <sup>#4</sup>
C(24)-H(24A)	0.960	2.925	3.615	129.68	Cl(4) <sup>#4</sup>
C(24)-H(24C)	0.960	2.988	3.926	165.88	Cl (3)
C(33)-H(33B)	0.970	2.659	3.610	166.93	Cl(1) <sup>#3</sup>
C(35)-H(35A)	0.960	2.906	3.627	132.74	Cl(6) <sup>#5</sup>
C(36)-H(36B)	0.970	2.837	3.710	150.27	Cl(3) <sup>#3</sup>
C(37)-H(37A)	0.960	2.867	3.770	157.17	Cl(8) <sup>#5</sup>
C(38)-H(38B)	0.970	2.883	3.535	125.46	Cl (7)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1  $x-1/2, y-1/2, z$ ; #2  $x-1, -y+1, z-1/2$ ; #3  $x-1, y, z$ ; #4  $x, -y+1, z-1/2$ ; #5  $x-1/2, -y+3/2, z-1/2$ .

**Table S5.** Infrared vibration peaks (cm<sup>-1</sup>) of (BTA)<sub>3</sub>Bi<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>9</sub>.

Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment
3057	$\nu(\text{CH})$
2991	$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{CH}_3)$
2939	$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{CH}_2)$
1585	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{C}) + \delta(\text{CH})$
1470	$\delta_{\text{s}}(\text{CH}_3)$
1384	$\omega(\text{CH}_2) + \delta_{\text{as}}(\text{CH}_3)$
1153	$\delta(\text{CH})$
1007	$\delta(\text{C-N-C}) + \nu(\text{C-C})$
796	$\nu_3(\text{NC}_4)$
753	$\gamma(\text{CH})$
705	$\nu(\text{CH}_2\text{-N})$



**Table S6.** Comparison of structural feature and NLO properties for low-toxic lead-free hybrid metal halides.

Materials	Space group	Structural feature	Band gap (eV)	SHG response	Ref.
(PBA) <sub>4</sub> BiBr <sub>7</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	<i>C</i> 2	0D [BiBr <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup> octahedra	3.52	0.4×KDP@1064 nm	1
(PBA) <sub>4</sub> BiI <sub>7</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	<i>C</i> 2	0D [BiI <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup> octahedra	2.29	2.3×AGS@2090 nm	2
(PBA) <sub>4</sub> InBr <sub>7</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	<i>C</i> 2	0D [InBr <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup> octahedra	4.05	0.6×KDP@1064 nm	2
(C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>3</sub> )BiBr <sub>6</sub>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	0D [BiBr <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup> octahedron	2.72	0.6×KDP	3
[NH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> F] <sub>3</sub> BiCl <sub>6</sub>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2	0D [BiCl <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup> octahedron	/	PM; 0.6×KDP@1064 nm	4
[(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> N]InCl <sub>4</sub>	<i>P</i> 6 <sub>3</sub> mc	0D [InCl <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup> tetrahedron	4.3	PM; 0.5×KDP@1064 nm	5
[(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> N]InCl <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>2</sub>	<i>P</i> 6 <sub>3</sub> mc	0D [InCl <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>-</sup> tetrahedron	3.55	PM; 0.7×KDP@1064 nm	5
[(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> N]InBr <sub>4</sub>	<i>P</i> 6 <sub>3</sub> mc	0D [InBr <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup> tetrahedron	2.85	PM; 0.8×KDP@1064 nm	5
(4-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> MnBr <sub>4</sub>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	0D [MnBr <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>2-</sup> tetrahedra	/	PM; 0.3×KDP@1064 nm	6
[(R)-3-hydroxy-pyrrolidinium] <sub>5</sub> Sb <sub>4</sub> Br <sub>17</sub>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	0D [Sb <sub>4</sub> Br <sub>16</sub> ] <sup>4+</sup> tetranuclear clusters	3.0	0.79×KDP@1064 nm	6
[C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N]SnCl <sub>3</sub>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	0D [SnCl <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2-</sup> octahedra	3.647	PM; 1.1×KDP@1064 nm	7
[NH <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>3</sub> BiCl <sub>6</sub>	<i>R</i> 3c	0D [BiCl <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup> octahedron	3.26	PM; 1.9× KDP@1064 nm	8

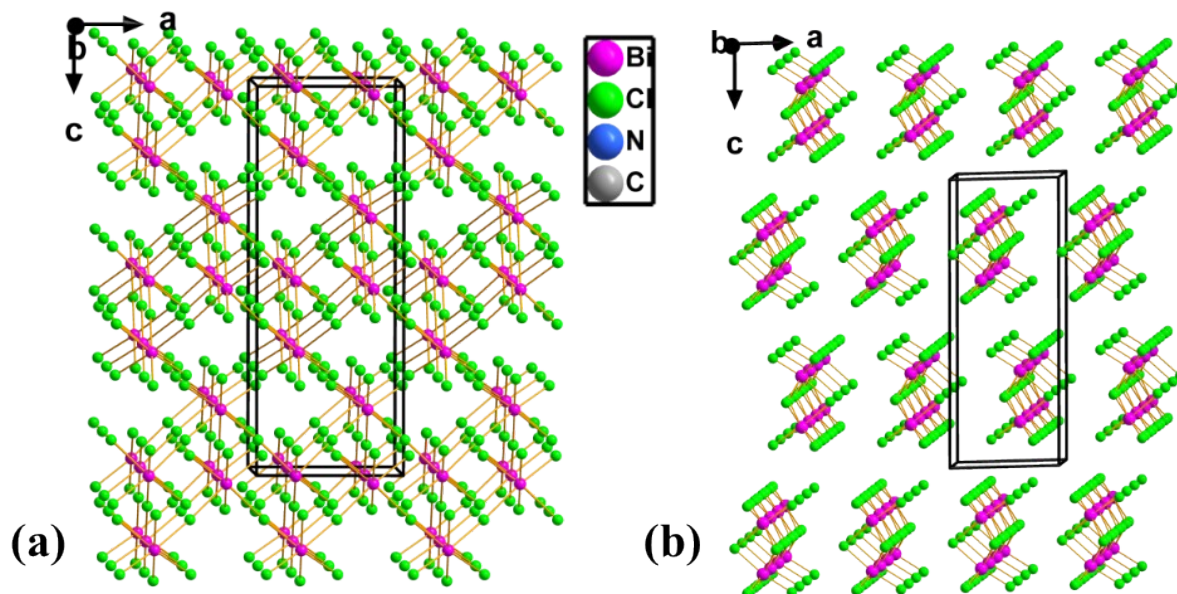
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Materials	Space group	Structural feature	Band gap (eV)	SHG response	Ref.
$[\text{NH}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2]_3\text{BiBr}_6$	$R3c$	0D [BiBr <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup> octahedron	2.81	PM; 3.2×KDP@1064 nm	8
(R-MPEA) <sub>2</sub> SnBr <sub>6</sub>	$P2_1$	0D [SnBr <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>2-</sup> octahedra	2.68	PM; 18×α-SiO <sub>2</sub> @980 nm	9
[(R)-C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> ][Bi <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>10</sub> ]	$P2_1$	0D edge-sharing [Bi <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>10</sub> ] <sup>4-</sup> dimers.	2.88	NPM; 20×α-SiO <sub>2</sub> @1064 nm	10
(R-MBA)BiI <sub>4</sub>	$P2_12_12_1$	1D edge-sharing [BiI <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup> octahedra	/	1.56×LiNbO <sub>3</sub> @150 nm	11
(R-MBA) <sub>2</sub> CuCl <sub>4</sub>	$C2$	2D [CuCl <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>2-</sup> tetrahedra	2.93	28.75 pmV <sup>-1</sup> @800 nm	12
N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ZnCl <sub>3</sub>	$Pmc2_1$	[ZnCl <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>2-</sup> tetrahedra	3.4	NPM; 15×α-SiO <sub>2</sub> @1064 nm	13
[(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> NH] <sub>3</sub> Bi <sub>2</sub> I <sub>9</sub>	$R3c$	face-sharing [Bi <sub>2</sub> I <sub>9</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup> dimers	2.0	0.65×KDP	14
(BTA) <sub>3</sub> Bi <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>9</sub>	$Cc$	0D face-sharing [Bi <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>9</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup> dimers and BTA <sup>+</sup> cations	3.21	1.36×KDP	This work

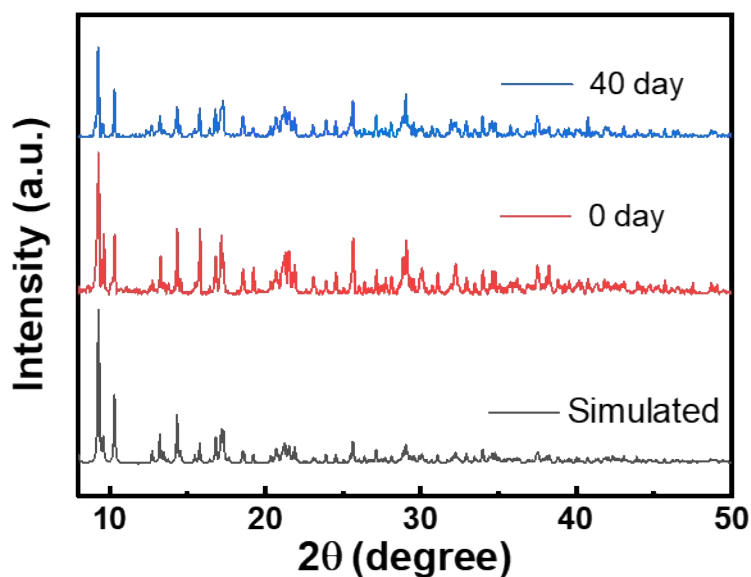
D: dimensionality.

**Table S7.** The  $x/y/z$ -projections of local dipole moment (D) of  $[\text{BiCl}_6]^{3-}$  octahedrons and  $\text{BTA}^+$  groups in one-unit cell of  $(\text{BTA})_3\text{Bi}_2\text{Cl}_9$ .

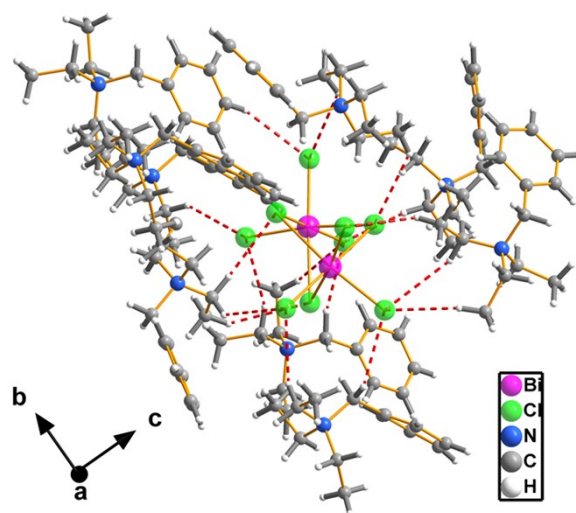
<b>Ion</b>	$\mu_x$	$\mu_y$	$\mu_z$
$\text{BTA}^+$	107.433	0	-115.774
$\text{BTA}^+$	-46.898	-0.006	-289.918
$\text{BTA}^+$	347.993	-0.011	87.909
$[\text{BiCl}_6]^{3-}$	34.592	0.012	0.321
$[\text{BiCl}_6]^{3-}$	-31.994	0.001	-1.428



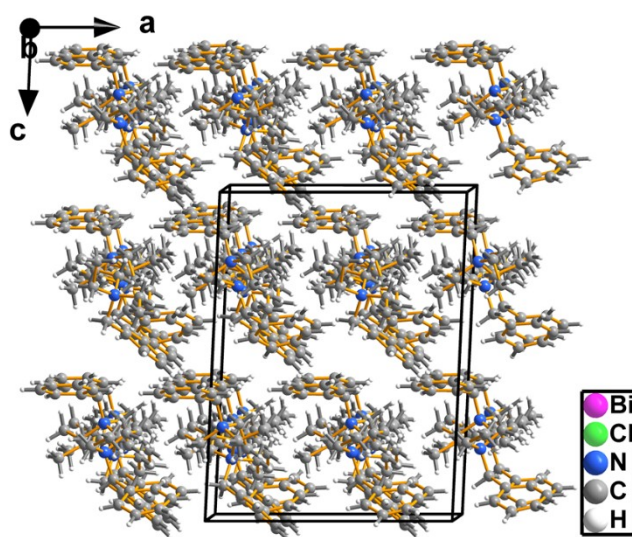
**Figure S1.** The crystal structures of  $(\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3)_3\text{Bi}_2\text{Cl}_9$  (a, orthorhombic  $Pnma$ ) and  $(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{N})_3\text{Bi}_2\text{Cl}_9$  (b, hexagonal  $P6_3/mmc$ ). Noted the C, N and H atoms were omitted for clarity.



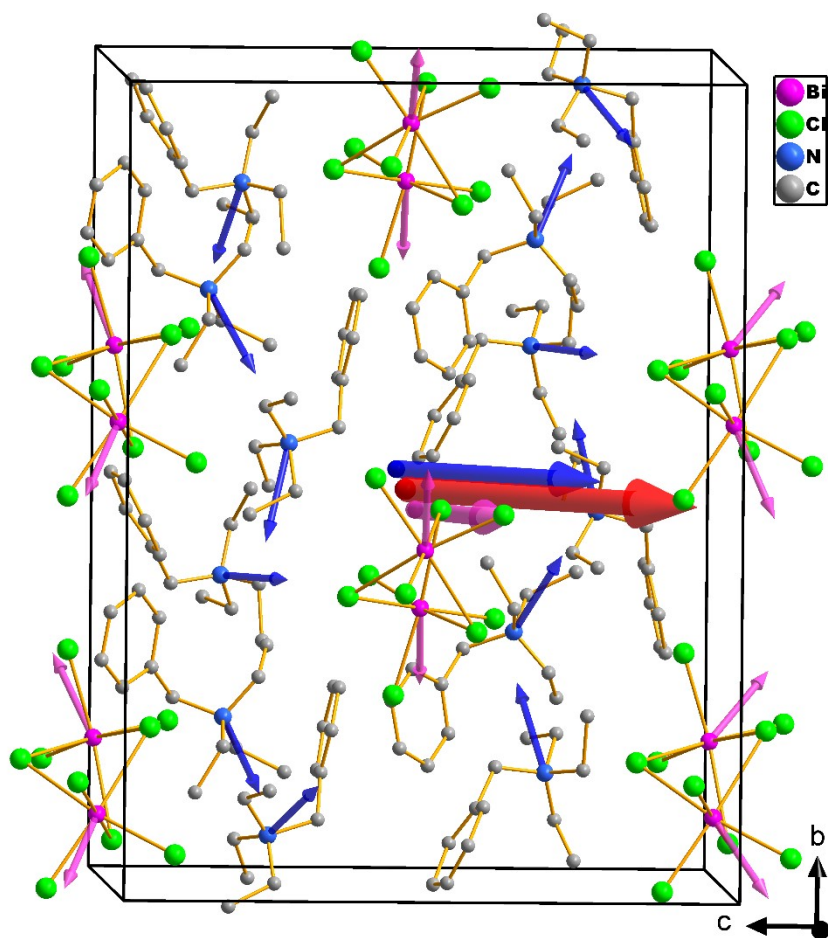
**Figure S2.** The powder X-ray diffraction patterns of  $(\text{BTA})_3\text{Bi}_2\text{Cl}_9$ , including simulated and experimental ones (Blue: after exposed in air for 40 days and dried at  $120^\circ\text{C}$ ).



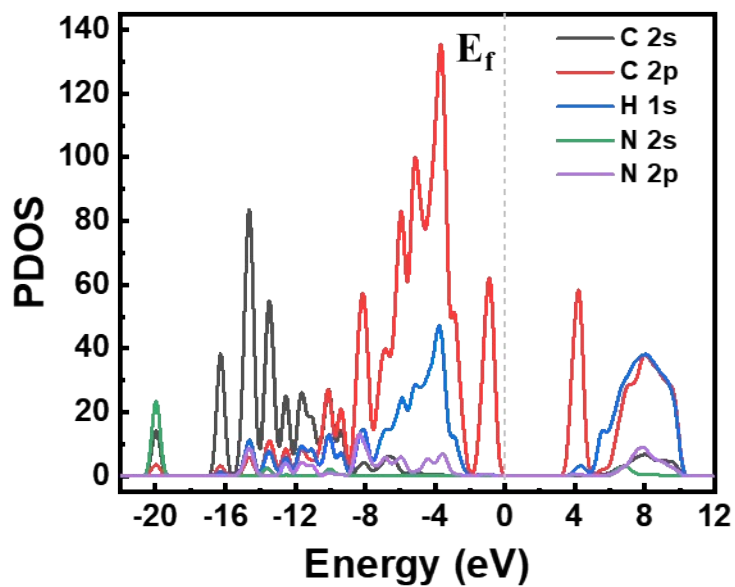
**Figure S3.** Structure showing the hydrogen bonds between the hydrogen atoms in  $\text{BTA}^+$  cations and the chlorine atoms in  $[\text{Bi}_2\text{Cl}_9]^{3-}$  in the  $bc$ -plane.



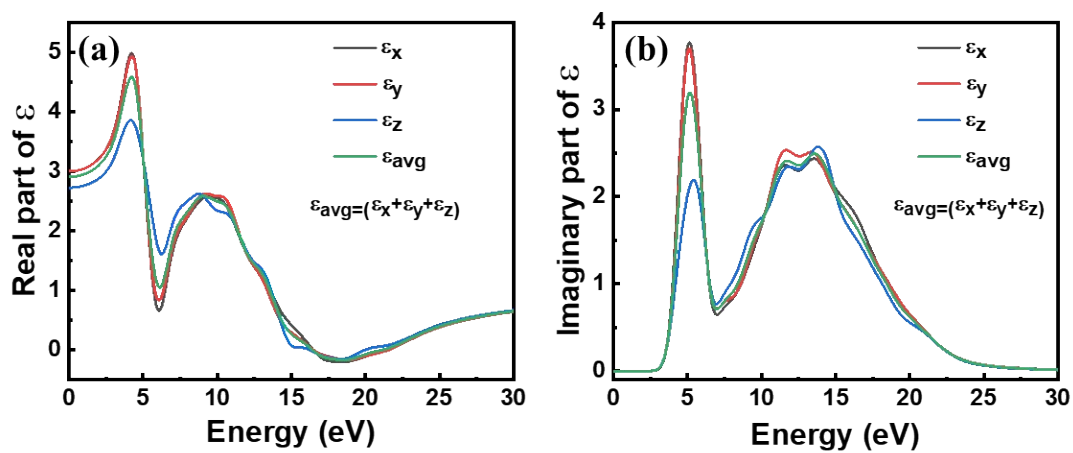
**Figure S4.** Uniformly arranged organic cations viewed along the  $b$ -axis.



**Figure S5.** Dipole moments of  $[\text{Bi}_2\text{Cl}_9]^{3-}$  and  $\text{BTA}^+$  groups in one-unit cell. Blue:  $\text{BTA}^+$ ; purple:  $[\text{BiCl}_6]^{3-}$ . The blue, purple and red arrows in the middle present the total dipole moments of the organic parts, the inorganic parts and the whole unit cell, respectively.



**Figure S6.** Partial density of states of C, N, and H atoms in  $(\text{BTA})_3\text{Bi}_2\text{Cl}_9$ .



**Figure S7.** The calculated real and imaginary parts of the dielectric function polarized along the three directions for  $(\text{BTA})_3\text{Bi}_2\text{Cl}_9$ .

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