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Efficient Yellow and Red Thermally Activated Delayed Fluorescence Materials Based on a Quinoxaline-Derived Electron-Acceptor

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1. Synthesis of Materials

1, 2-bis (4-(9, 9-dimethylacridin-10(9H)-yl) phenyl) ethane-1, 2-dione (DDMAC-BZ)

To a solution of 4, 4'-Dibromobenzil (1.1 g, 3 mmol), 9,9-dimethyl-9,10-dihydroacridine (1.38 g, 6.6 mmol), cesium carbonate (3.91 g, 12.00 mmol), and tri-tert-butylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (131 mg, 0.45 mmol) in dry toluene (60 mL), palladium (II) acetate (34 mg, 0.15 mmol) was added, and then the mixture was refluxed at 110°C for 12h under a nitrogen atmosphere. After cooling, the mixture was extracted with brine and CH₂Cl₂. The collected organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated by rotary evaporation. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give an orange powder (1.2 g, 64%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 4H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (ddd, *J* = 9.3, 7.5, 1.7 Hz, 8H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 1.69 (s, 12H).

1, 2-bis (4-(10H-phenoxazin-10-yl) phenyl) ethane-1, 2-dione (DPXZ-BZ)

The synthesis process was referred to the reported literature.¹

10, 10'-((6, 7-dibromoquinoxaline-2, 3-diyl) bis (4, 1-phenylene)) bis (9, 9-dimethyl-9, 10-dihydroacridine) (BrQP-DDMAC)

DDMAC-BZ (937.2 mg, 1.5 mmol) and 4, 5-Dibromobenzene-1, 2-diamine (398.9 mg, 1.5 mmol) were added into a two-necked round-bottomed flask containing 25 mL dry 1-Butanol. The mixture was refluxed at 120°C for 12h under a nitrogen atmosphere. When the reaction completed, the reaction mixture was extracted with brine and CH₂Cl₂, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the product as a yellowish green solid (0.94 g, 73%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.62 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 3H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.03 (ddd, *J* = 14.7, 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 6.95 – 6.84 (m, 7H), 6.40 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 3H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 12H).

10, 10'-((6, 7-dibromoquinoxaline-2, 3-diyl) bis (4, 1-phenylene)) bis (10H-

phenoxazine) (BrQP-DPXZ)

It was prepared by the same procedure with BrQP-DDMAC excepting using the DPXZ-BZ (860 mg, 1.5 mmol). And get DPXZ-BZ is an orange solid (0.84 g, 70 %).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.57 (s, 2H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 4H), 6.64 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 4H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 4H).

4, 4'-(2, 3-bis (4-(9, 9-dimethylacridin-10(9H)-yl) phenyl) quinoxaline-6, 7-diyl) dibenzonitrile (DMAC-QCN)

A two-necked round-bottomed flask was charged with BrQP-DDMAC (854.7 mg, 1 mmol), 4-Cyanophenylboronic acid (441 mg, 3 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (57.8 mg, 0.05 mmol), K₂CO₃ (414.6 mg, 3 mmol) and THF/H₂O solution (15 ml/3 ml). The flask was then evacuated and purged with nitrogen gas for three times and the mixture was refluxed at 70°C for 12h under a nitrogen atmosphere. After cooled to room temperature, the solution was extracted several times with ethyl acetate and brine, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuum. Then the crude product was purified via column chromatography on silica gel to give the product as a yellowish green solid (0.61 g, 68%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.37 (s, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 7.48 – 7.38 (m, 12H), 6.93 – 6.83 (m, 8H), 6.34 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 4H), 1.69 (s, 12H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.37, 144.15, 142.60, 141.21, 140.86, 140.61, 138.26, 132.44, 132.34, 131.50, 131.24, 130.52, 130.37, 126.52, 125.19, 120.93, 118.35, 114.02, 111.91, 36.05, 30.91. Anal. calcd. for C₆₄H₄₆N₆: C, 85.50; H, 5.16; N, 9.35. Found: C, 85.42; H, 5.12; N, 9.33.

4, 4'-(2, 3-bis (4-(10H-phenoxazin-10-yl) phenyl) quinoxaline-6, 7-diyl) dibenzonitrile (PXZ-QCN)

It was prepared by the same procedure with DMAC-QCN excepting using the BrQP-DPXZ (802.5 mg, 1 mmol). And get PXZ-QCN is an orange solid (0.65 g, 77 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34 (s, 2H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 4H),

6.64 (td, $J = 7.6, 1.4$ Hz, 4H), 6.53 (td, $J = 7.7, 1.5$ Hz, 4H), 5.96 (dd, $J = 8.0, 1.4$ Hz, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 153.98, 144.04, 143.97, 141.40, 140.72, 140.43, 138.35, 133.83, 132.61, 132.35, 131.13, 131.05, 130.50, 123.41, 121.75, 118.31, 115.69, 113.15, 111.97. Anal. calcd. For $\text{C}_{58}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2$: C, 82.25; H, 4.05; N, 9.92. Found: C, 82.29; H, 4.07; N, 9.97.

2. NMR Spectra

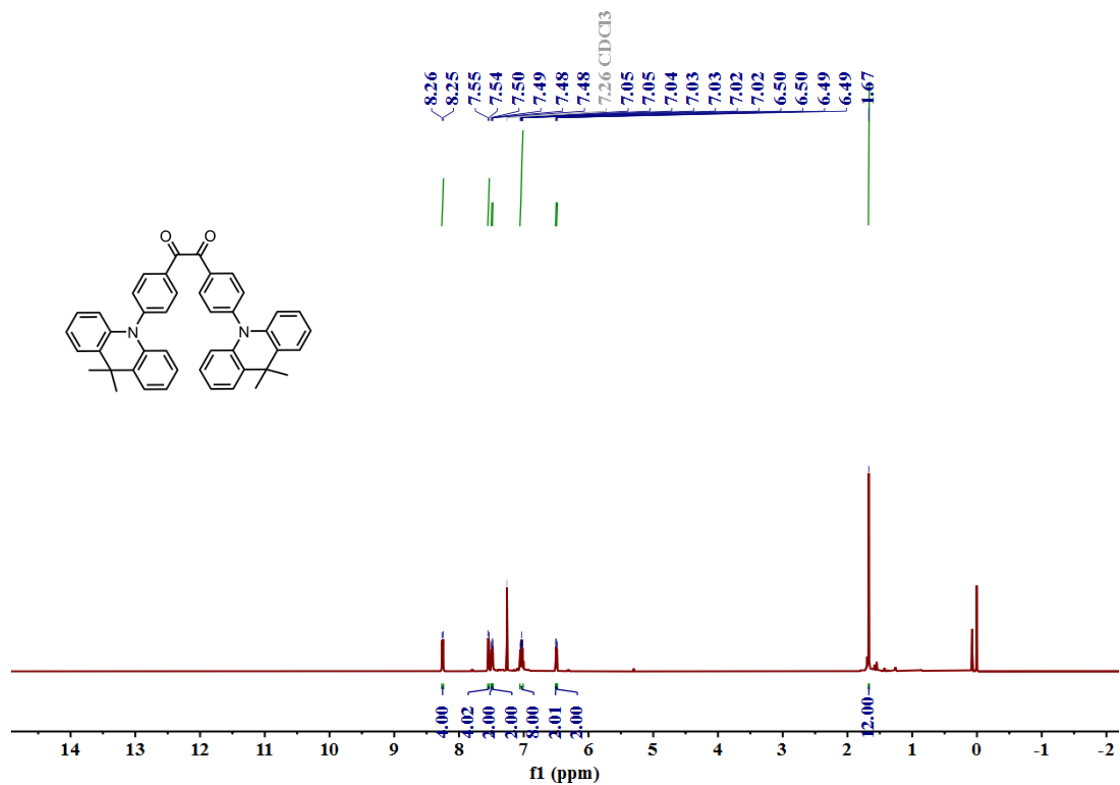


Figure S1. ^1H -NMR spectrum of DDMAC-BZ (500 MHz, CDCl_3).

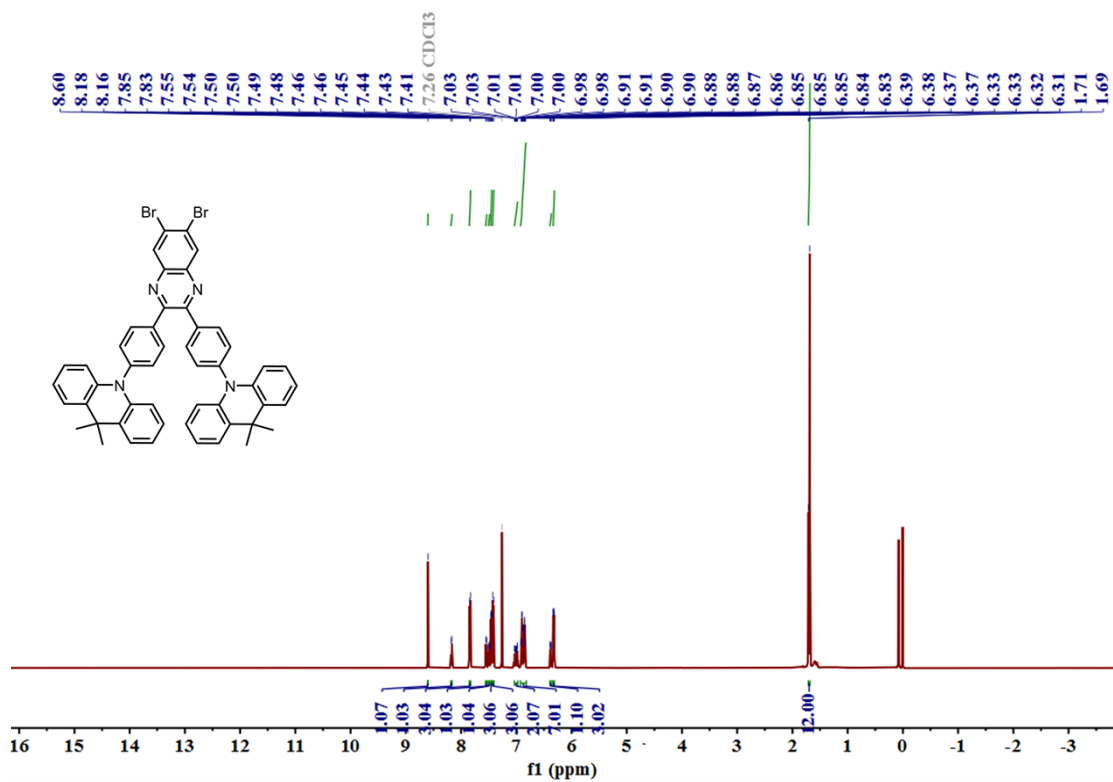


Figure S2. ¹H-NMR spectrum of BrQP-DDMAC (500 MHz, CDCl₃).

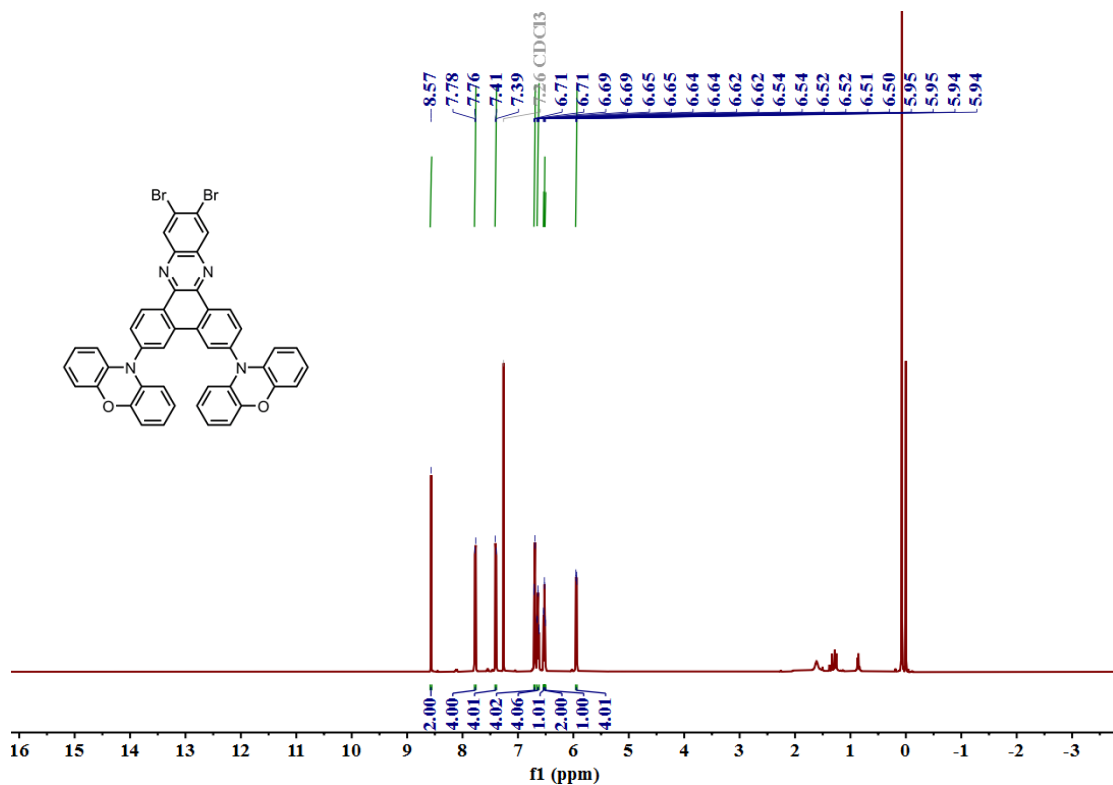


Figure S3. ¹H-NMR spectrum of BrQP-DPXZ (500 MHz, CDCl₃).

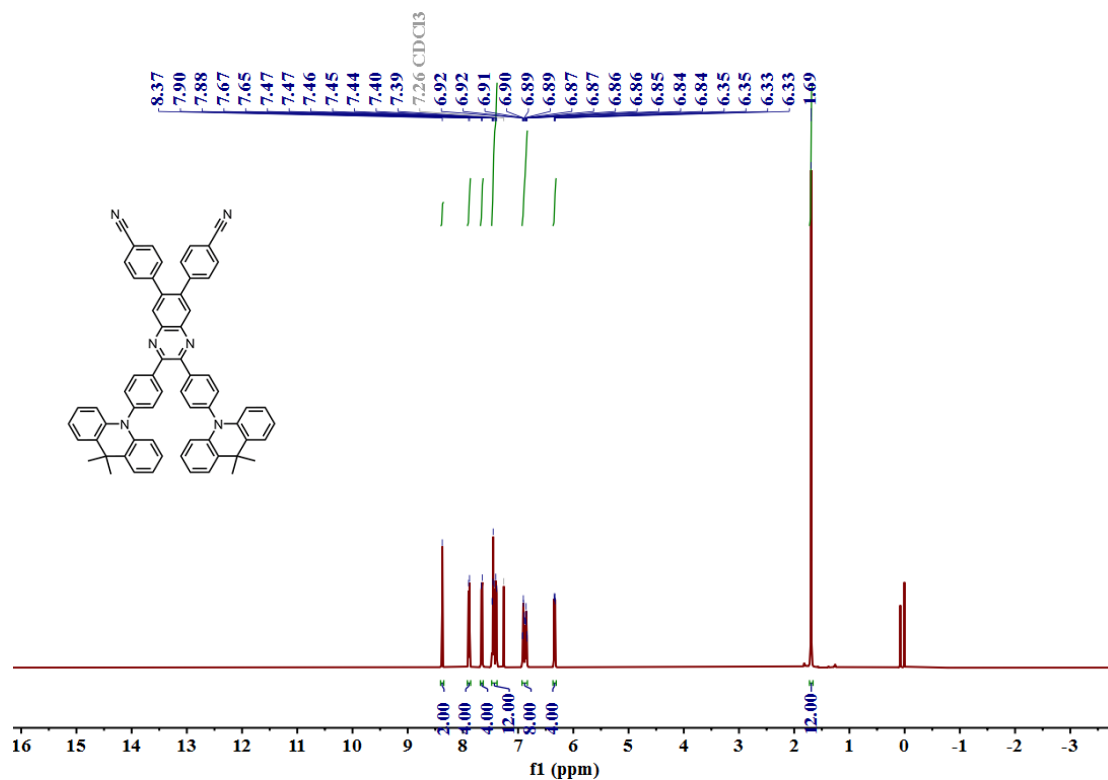


Figure S4. ¹H-NMR spectrum of DMAC-QCN (500 MHz, CDCl₃).

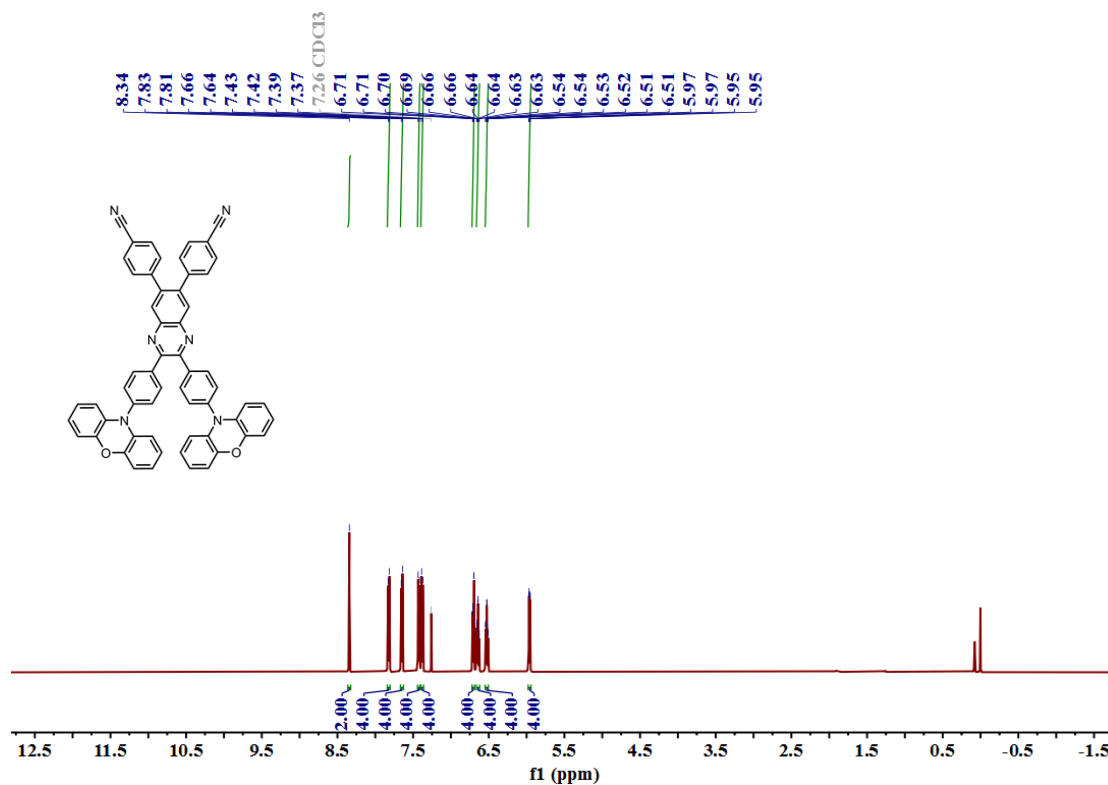


Figure S5. ¹H-NMR spectrum of PXZ-QCN (500 MHz, CDCl₃).

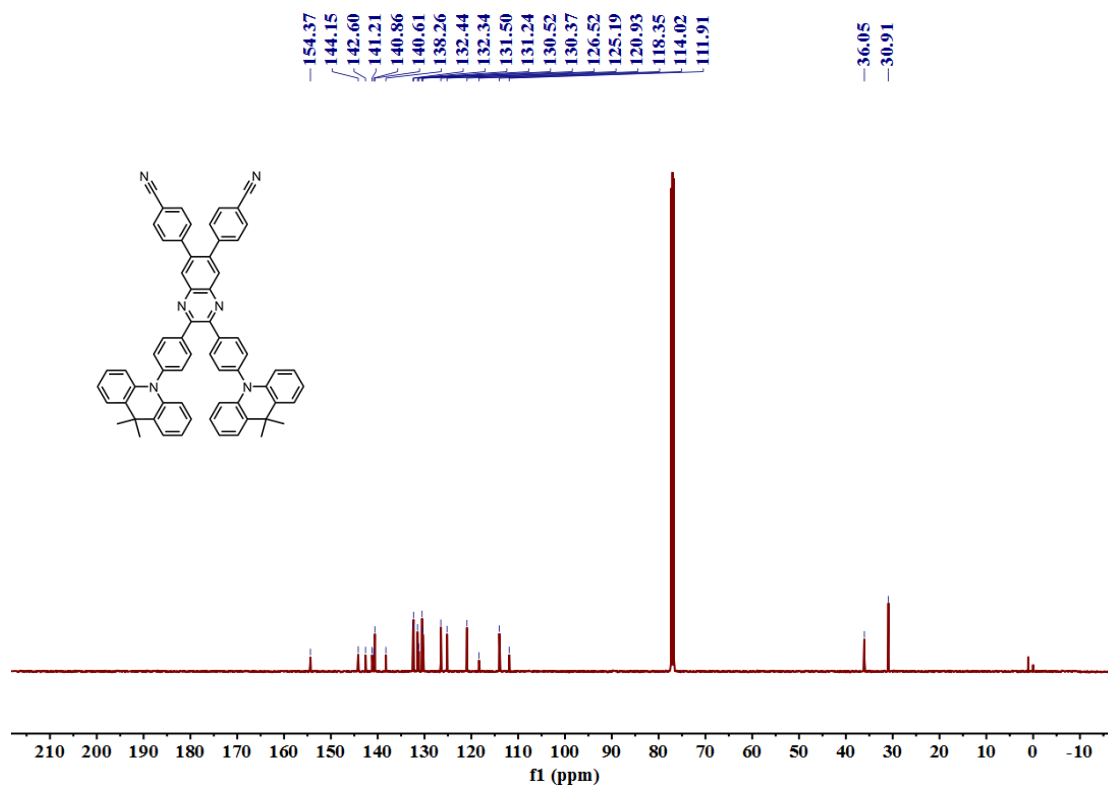


Figure S6. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of DMAC-QCN (500 MHz, CDCl₃).

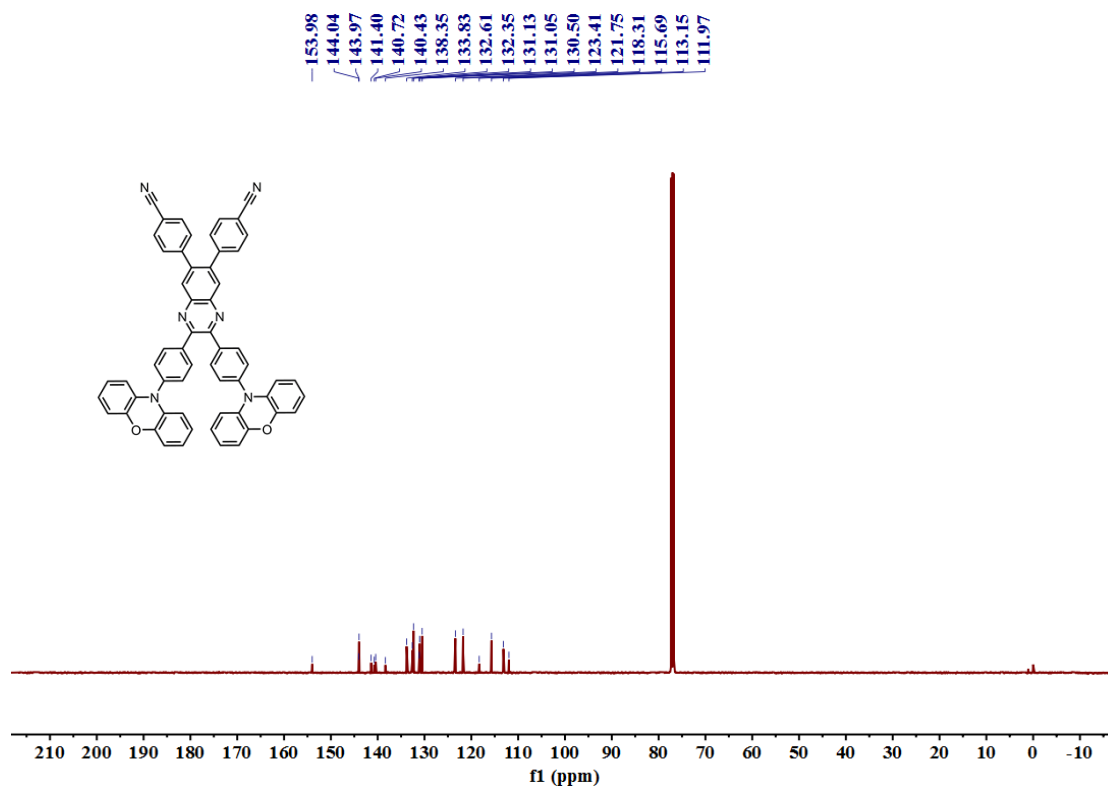


Figure S7. ¹³C-NMR spectrum of PXZ-QCN (500 MHz, CDCl₃).

3. X-ray Crystallographic Analysis

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinements for DMAC-QCN and PXZ-QCN.

| Compounds | DMAC-QCN | PXZ-QCN |
|------------------------------------|--|---|
| Empirical formula | C ₆₄ H ₄₆ N ₆ | C ₅₈ H ₃₄ N ₆ O ₂ |
| Formula weight | 899.07 | 846.91 |
| Temperature/K | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Crystal system | triclinic | triclinic |
| Space group | P-1 | P-1 |
| a/Å | 10.5869(4) | 11.0106(5) |
| b/Å | 14.2196(6) | 15.1674(8) |
| c/Å | 16.8639(7) | 15.2817(9) |
| α/° | 87.049(2) | 77.222(2) |
| β/° | 82.503(2) | 73.086(2) |
| γ/° | 74.066(2) | 74.851(2) |
| Volume/Å ³ | 2419.98(17) | 2327.5(2) |
| Z | 2 | 2 |
| ρ _{calc} /cm ³ | 1.234 | 1.208 |
| μ/mm ⁻¹ | 0.073 | 0.075 |
| F(000) | 944.0 | 880.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | 0.15 × 0.1 × 0.06 | 0.16 × 0.04 × 0.03 |
| Radiation | MoKα (λ = 0.71073) | MoKα (λ = 0.71073) |
| 2θ range for data collection/° | 3.818 to 55.034 | 5.32 to 49.994 |
| Index ranges | -13 ≤ h ≤ 13, -18 ≤ k ≤ 18, -21 ≤ l ≤ 21 | -13 ≤ h ≤ 13, -18 ≤ k ≤ 18 |
| Reflections collected | 107112 | 90423 |
| Independent reflections | 11104 [R _{int} = 0.1571, R _{sigma} = 0.0773] | 8170 [R _{int} = 0.1268, R _{sigma} = 0.0538] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 11104/0/635 | 8170/0/571 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.016 | 1.119 |
| Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)] | R ₁ = 0.0614, wR ₂ = | R ₁ = 0.0654, wR ₂ = |

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| | 0.1260 | 0.1668 |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.1423, wR_2 =$ | $R_1 = 0.1177, wR_2 =$ |
| | 0.1627 | 0.1862 |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.20/-0.26 | 0.80/-0.44 |

Table S2. Bond Lengths for DMAC-QCN.

| Atom | Atom | Length/Å | Atom | Atom | Length/Å |
|------|------|----------|------|------|----------|
| N1 | C4 | 1.412(3) | C22 | C23 | 1.381(4) |
| N1 | C5 | 1.442(3) | C23 | C24 | 1.489(3) |
| N1 | C51 | 1.412(3) | C23 | C63 | 1.389(3) |
| N2 | C14 | 1.438(3) | C24 | C25 | 1.436(3) |
| N2 | C15 | 1.421(3) | C24 | C42 | 1.371(3) |
| N2 | C33 | 1.411(3) | C25 | C26 | 1.367(3) |
| N3 | C19 | 1.146(3) | C25 | C56 | 1.495(3) |
| N4 | C10 | 1.320(3) | C26 | C27 | 1.410(3) |
| N4 | C27 | 1.370(3) | C27 | C41 | 1.402(3) |
| N5 | C9 | 1.322(3) | C28 | C29 | 1.399(4) |
| N5 | C41 | 1.363(3) | C29 | C30 | 1.520(4) |
| N6 | C60 | 1.146(3) | C30 | C31 | 1.553(4) |
| C1 | C2 | 1.547(4) | C30 | C32 | 1.515(4) |
| C2 | C3 | 1.525(3) | C30 | C38 | 1.533(3) |
| C2 | C49 | 1.541(3) | C32 | C33 | 1.404(3) |
| C2 | C50 | 1.527(3) | C32 | C37 | 1.389(4) |
| C3 | C4 | 1.396(3) | C33 | C34 | 1.395(4) |
| C3 | C45 | 1.390(3) | C34 | C35 | 1.385(4) |
| C4 | C48 | 1.397(3) | C35 | C36 | 1.385(4) |
| C5 | C6 | 1.387(3) | C36 | C37 | 1.380(4) |
| C5 | C43 | 1.377(3) | C39 | C40 | 1.385(3) |
| C6 | C7 | 1.381(3) | C41 | C42 | 1.409(3) |

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|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|----------|
| C7 | C8 | 1.399(3) | C43 | C44 | 1.386(3) |
| C8 | C9 | 1.490(3) | C45 | C46 | 1.381(4) |
| C8 | C44 | 1.398(3) | C46 | C47 | 1.375(4) |
| C9 | C10 | 1.438(3) | C47 | C48 | 1.381(3) |
| C10 | C11 | 1.491(3) | C50 | C51 | 1.401(3) |
| C11 | C12 | 1.390(3) | C50 | C55 | 1.393(3) |
| C11 | C40 | 1.390(3) | C51 | C52 | 1.387(3) |
| C12 | C13 | 1.385(3) | C52 | C53 | 1.376(3) |
| C13 | C14 | 1.388(3) | C53 | C54 | 1.375(4) |
| C14 | C39 | 1.384(3) | C54 | C55 | 1.380(4) |
| C15 | C16 | 1.392(3) | C56 | C57 | 1.389(3) |
| C15 | C29 | 1.397(3) | C56 | C62 | 1.392(3) |
| C16 | C17 | 1.383(3) | C57 | C58 | 1.383(3) |
| C17 | C18 | 1.378(4) | C58 | C59 | 1.385(4) |
| C18 | C28 | 1.377(4) | C59 | C60 | 1.442(4) |
| C19 | C20 | 1.442(4) | C59 | C61 | 1.381(4) |
| C20 | C21 | 1.384(4) | C61 | C62 | 1.383(3) |
| C20 | C64 | 1.379(4) | C63 | C64 | 1.380(3) |
| C21 | C22 | 1.389(4) | | | |

Table S3. Bond Angles for DMAC-QCN.

| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/° | Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/° |
|------|------|------|------------|------|------|------|------------|
| C4 | N1 | C5 | 117.60(17) | C26 | C25 | C24 | 119.6(2) |
| C51 | N1 | C4 | 120.33(18) | C26 | C25 | C56 | 120.3(2) |
| C51 | N1 | C5 | 120.89(18) | C25 | C26 | C27 | 121.1(2) |
| C15 | N2 | C14 | 119.25(19) | N4 | C27 | C26 | 119.4(2) |
| C33 | N2 | C14 | 117.29(19) | N4 | C27 | C41 | 121.04(19) |
| C33 | N2 | C15 | 118.60(19) | C41 | C27 | C26 | 119.50(19) |
| C10 | N4 | C27 | 117.23(18) | C18 | C28 | C29 | 122.4(3) |
| C9 | N5 | C41 | 117.69(18) | C15 | C29 | C28 | 117.7(3) |

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|-----|-----|-----|------------|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| C3 | C2 | C1 | 107.7(2) | C15 | C29 | C30 | 118.3(2) |
| C3 | C2 | C49 | 110.9(2) | C28 | C29 | C30 | 123.8(2) |
| C3 | C2 | C50 | 109.65(19) | C29 | C30 | C31 | 107.7(2) |
| C49 | C2 | C1 | 108.7(2) | C29 | C30 | C38 | 112.3(2) |
| C50 | C2 | C1 | 108.5(2) | C32 | C30 | C29 | 107.5(2) |
| C50 | C2 | C49 | 111.3(2) | C32 | C30 | C31 | 108.6(2) |
| C4 | C3 | C2 | 120.9(2) | C32 | C30 | C38 | 112.8(3) |
| C45 | C3 | C2 | 121.1(2) | C38 | C30 | C31 | 107.8(2) |
| C45 | C3 | C4 | 117.6(2) | C33 | C32 | C30 | 118.6(2) |
| C3 | C4 | N1 | 119.53(19) | C37 | C32 | C30 | 123.7(3) |
| C3 | C4 | C48 | 120.3(2) | C37 | C32 | C33 | 117.5(3) |
| C48 | C4 | N1 | 120.1(2) | C32 | C33 | N2 | 118.5(2) |
| C6 | C5 | N1 | 118.6(2) | C34 | C33 | N2 | 121.1(2) |
| C43 | C5 | N1 | 121.3(2) | C34 | C33 | C32 | 120.4(2) |
| C43 | C5 | C6 | 119.8(2) | C35 | C34 | C33 | 120.6(3) |
| C7 | C6 | C5 | 119.9(2) | C34 | C35 | C36 | 119.2(3) |
| C6 | C7 | C8 | 121.0(2) | C37 | C36 | C35 | 120.0(3) |
| C7 | C8 | C9 | 118.11(19) | C36 | C37 | C32 | 122.1(3) |
| C44 | C8 | C7 | 118.2(2) | C14 | C39 | C40 | 120.2(2) |
| C44 | C8 | C9 | 123.4(2) | C39 | C40 | C11 | 120.5(2) |
| N5 | C9 | C8 | 113.93(19) | N5 | C41 | C27 | 121.20(19) |
| N5 | C9 | C10 | 121.07(19) | N5 | C41 | C42 | 119.6(2) |
| C10 | C9 | C8 | 124.98(18) | C27 | C41 | C42 | 119.1(2) |
| N4 | C10 | C9 | 121.77(19) | C24 | C42 | C41 | 121.4(2) |
| N4 | C10 | C11 | 115.23(19) | C5 | C43 | C44 | 120.7(2) |
| C9 | C10 | C11 | 122.99(18) | C43 | C44 | C8 | 120.3(2) |
| C12 | C11 | C10 | 120.26(19) | C46 | C45 | C3 | 122.2(2) |
| C40 | C11 | C10 | 120.8(2) | C47 | C46 | C45 | 119.6(2) |
| C40 | C11 | C12 | 119.0(2) | C46 | C47 | C48 | 119.9(2) |

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|-----|-----|-----|------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| C13 | C12 | C11 | 120.7(2) | C47 | C48 | C4 | 120.3(2) |
| C12 | C13 | C14 | 119.8(2) | C51 | C50 | C2 | 120.9(2) |
| C13 | C14 | N2 | 118.8(2) | C55 | C50 | C2 | 121.7(2) |
| C39 | C14 | N2 | 121.31(19) | C55 | C50 | C51 | 117.2(2) |
| C39 | C14 | C13 | 119.9(2) | C50 | C51 | N1 | 119.2(2) |
| C16 | C15 | N2 | 121.8(2) | C52 | C51 | N1 | 120.2(2) |
| C16 | C15 | C29 | 119.7(2) | C52 | C51 | C50 | 120.6(2) |
| C29 | C15 | N2 | 118.5(2) | C53 | C52 | C51 | 120.7(2) |
| C17 | C16 | C15 | 120.8(2) | C54 | C53 | C52 | 119.5(2) |
| C18 | C17 | C16 | 120.0(3) | C53 | C54 | C55 | 120.1(2) |
| C28 | C18 | C17 | 119.0(3) | C54 | C55 | C50 | 121.9(2) |
| N3 | C19 | C20 | 176.2(3) | C57 | C56 | C25 | 118.9(2) |
| C21 | C20 | C19 | 120.5(3) | C57 | C56 | C62 | 118.7(2) |
| C64 | C20 | C19 | 118.6(3) | C62 | C56 | C25 | 122.3(2) |
| C64 | C20 | C21 | 120.8(2) | C58 | C57 | C56 | 120.9(2) |
| C20 | C21 | C22 | 119.2(3) | C57 | C58 | C59 | 119.5(3) |
| C23 | C22 | C21 | 120.6(3) | C58 | C59 | C60 | 118.5(3) |
| C22 | C23 | C24 | 120.6(2) | C61 | C59 | C58 | 120.4(2) |
| C22 | C23 | C63 | 119.1(2) | C61 | C59 | C60 | 121.1(3) |
| C63 | C23 | C24 | 120.3(2) | N6 | C60 | C59 | 178.2(4) |
| C25 | C24 | C23 | 120.4(2) | C59 | C61 | C62 | 119.7(2) |
| C42 | C24 | C23 | 120.2(2) | C61 | C62 | C56 | 120.7(2) |
| C42 | C24 | C25 | 119.3(2) | C64 | C63 | C23 | 120.9(3) |
| C24 | C25 | C56 | 119.96(19) | C20 | C64 | C63 | 119.3(3) |

Table S4. Bond Lengths for PXZ-QCN.

| Atom | Atom | Length/Å | Atom | Atom | Length/Å |
|------|------|----------|------|------|----------|
| O1 | C18 | 1.390(3) | C19 | C57 | 1.364(4) |
| O1 | C19 | 1.387(3) | C20 | C54 | 1.378(4) |
| O2 | C31 | 1.392(4) | C21 | C22 | 1.393(4) |

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|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|----------|
| O2 | C32 | 1.379(3) | C21 | C39 | 1.388(4) |
| N1 | C1 | 1.148(4) | C22 | C23 | 1.384(4) |
| C2 | C4 | 1.330(4) | C23 | C24 | 1.382(4) |
| C2 | C5 | 1.560(4) | C24 | N25 | 1.440(3) |
| C2 | C44 | 1.368(4) | C24 | C38 | 1.379(4) |
| N3 | C7 | 1.377(3) | N25 | C26 | 1.404(4) |
| N3 | C8 | 1.315(3) | N25 | C37 | 1.401(3) |
| N4 | C13 | 1.434(3) | C26 | C27 | 1.388(4) |
| N4 | C14 | 1.405(3) | C26 | C31 | 1.401(4) |
| N4 | C20 | 1.391(3) | C27 | C28 | 1.391(4) |
| N5 | C49 | 1.147(3) | C28 | C29 | 1.390(5) |
| N6 | C9 | 1.324(3) | C29 | C30 | 1.380(5) |
| N6 | C40 | 1.362(3) | C30 | C31 | 1.366(4) |
| C1 | C25 | 1.437(4) | C32 | C33 | 1.372(4) |
| C25 | C3 | 1.399(4) | C32 | C37 | 1.392(4) |
| C25 | C43 | 1.380(4) | C33 | C34 | 1.381(4) |
| C3 | C4 | 1.386(4) | C34 | C35 | 1.372(4) |
| C5 | C6 | 1.371(3) | C35 | C36 | 1.388(4) |
| C5 | C42 | 1.444(3) | C36 | C37 | 1.390(4) |
| C6 | C7 | 1.408(4) | C38 | C39 | 1.377(4) |
| C7 | C40 | 1.399(3) | C40 | C41 | 1.410(3) |
| C8 | C9 | 1.438(3) | C41 | C42 | 1.373(4) |
| C8 | C21 | 1.484(3) | C42 | C45 | 1.513(3) |
| C9 | C10 | 1.490(4) | C43 | C44 | 1.379(4) |
| C10 | C11 | 1.399(4) | C45 | C46 | 1.383(4) |
| C10 | C52 | 1.399(3) | C45 | C51 | 1.373(4) |
| C11 | C12 | 1.381(4) | C46 | C47 | 1.383(4) |
| C12 | C13 | 1.377(4) | C47 | C48 | 1.385(4) |
| C13 | C53 | 1.384(4) | C48 | C49 | 1.450(4) |

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|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|----------|
| C14 | C15 | 1.377(4) | C48 | C50 | 1.386(4) |
| C14 | C18 | 1.386(4) | C50 | C51 | 1.379(4) |
| C15 | C16 | 1.384(4) | C52 | C53 | 1.381(4) |
| C16 | C17 | 1.387(5) | C54 | C55 | 1.376(5) |
| C17 | C58 | 1.376(5) | C55 | C56 | 1.377(5) |
| C18 | C58 | 1.366(4) | C56 | C57 | 1.378(5) |
| C19 | C20 | 1.392(4) | | | |

Table S5. Bond Angles for PXZ-QCN.

| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/° | Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/° |
|------|------|------|----------|------|------|------|----------|
| C19 | O1 | C18 | 117.8(2) | C24 | C23 | C22 | 120.1(3) |
| C32 | O2 | C31 | 117.6(2) | C23 | C24 | N25 | 119.0(3) |
| C4 | C2 | C5 | 118.5(2) | C38 | C24 | C23 | 119.8(3) |
| C4 | C2 | C44 | 123.2(3) | C38 | C24 | N25 | 121.1(3) |
| C44 | C2 | C5 | 118.1(3) | C26 | N25 | C24 | 121.3(2) |
| C8 | N3 | C7 | 117.2(2) | C37 | N25 | C24 | 119.3(2) |
| C14 | N4 | C13 | 119.8(2) | C37 | N25 | C26 | 119.0(2) |
| C20 | N4 | C13 | 120.3(2) | C27 | C26 | N25 | 124.1(3) |
| C20 | N4 | C14 | 118.8(2) | C27 | C26 | C31 | 117.4(3) |
| C9 | N6 | C40 | 117.1(2) | C31 | C26 | N25 | 118.5(3) |
| N1 | C1 | C25 | 178.6(4) | C26 | C27 | C28 | 121.4(3) |
| C3 | C25 | C1 | 120.6(3) | C27 | C28 | C29 | 119.4(3) |
| C43 | C25 | C1 | 119.9(3) | C30 | C29 | C28 | 120.0(3) |
| C43 | C25 | C3 | 119.5(3) | C31 | C30 | C29 | 120.0(3) |
| C4 | C3 | C25 | 118.9(3) | O2 | C31 | C26 | 121.6(3) |
| C2 | C4 | C3 | 119.8(3) | C30 | C31 | O2 | 116.5(3) |
| C6 | C5 | C2 | 119.3(2) | C30 | C31 | C26 | 121.9(3) |
| C6 | C5 | C42 | 118.6(2) | O2 | C32 | C37 | 121.5(3) |
| C42 | C5 | C2 | 122.1(2) | C33 | C32 | O2 | 117.9(3) |
| C5 | C6 | C7 | 122.1(2) | C33 | C32 | C37 | 120.6(3) |

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|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| N3 | C7 | C6 | 120.0(2) | C32 | C33 | C34 | 120.9(3) |
| N3 | C7 | C40 | 120.7(2) | C35 | C34 | C33 | 119.2(3) |
| C40 | C7 | C6 | 119.2(2) | C34 | C35 | C36 | 120.3(3) |
| N3 | C8 | C9 | 121.8(2) | C37 | C36 | C35 | 120.7(3) |
| N3 | C8 | C21 | 116.2(2) | C32 | C37 | N25 | 119.4(3) |
| C9 | C8 | C21 | 121.9(2) | C36 | C37 | N25 | 122.3(2) |
| N6 | C9 | C8 | 121.3(2) | C36 | C37 | C32 | 118.2(3) |
| N6 | C9 | C10 | 115.9(2) | C39 | C38 | C24 | 120.0(3) |
| C8 | C9 | C10 | 122.6(2) | C38 | C39 | C21 | 121.0(3) |
| C11 | C10 | C9 | 118.3(2) | N6 | C40 | C7 | 121.7(2) |
| C52 | C10 | C9 | 123.8(2) | N6 | C40 | C41 | 119.0(2) |
| C52 | C10 | C11 | 117.9(3) | C7 | C40 | C41 | 119.2(2) |
| C12 | C11 | C10 | 121.1(3) | C42 | C41 | C40 | 121.4(2) |
| C13 | C12 | C11 | 120.0(3) | C5 | C42 | C45 | 122.2(2) |
| C12 | C13 | N4 | 120.1(3) | C41 | C42 | C5 | 119.4(2) |
| C12 | C13 | C53 | 120.0(3) | C41 | C42 | C45 | 118.3(2) |
| C53 | C13 | N4 | 119.9(2) | C44 | C43 | C25 | 120.5(3) |
| C15 | C14 | N4 | 123.0(3) | C2 | C44 | C43 | 118.1(3) |
| C15 | C14 | C18 | 117.5(3) | C46 | C45 | C42 | 119.5(2) |
| C18 | C14 | N4 | 119.6(3) | C51 | C45 | C42 | 120.9(2) |
| C14 | C15 | C16 | 120.8(3) | C51 | C45 | C46 | 119.7(2) |
| C15 | C16 | C17 | 120.2(3) | C47 | C46 | C45 | 120.2(3) |
| C58 | C17 | C16 | 119.6(3) | C46 | C47 | C48 | 119.5(3) |
| C14 | C18 | O1 | 121.4(2) | C47 | C48 | C49 | 120.0(3) |
| C58 | C18 | O1 | 115.9(3) | C47 | C48 | C50 | 120.5(3) |
| C58 | C18 | C14 | 122.7(3) | C50 | C48 | C49 | 119.4(3) |
| O1 | C19 | C20 | 121.1(3) | N5 | C49 | C48 | 179.6(4) |
| C57 | C19 | O1 | 116.5(3) | C51 | C50 | C48 | 119.0(3) |
| C57 | C19 | C20 | 122.3(3) | C45 | C51 | C50 | 121.1(3) |

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|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| N4 | C20 | C19 | 120.0(2) | C53 | C52 | C10 | 120.7(3) |
| C54 | C20 | N4 | 122.6(3) | C52 | C53 | C13 | 120.2(3) |
| C54 | C20 | C19 | 117.4(3) | C55 | C54 | C20 | 120.9(3) |
| C22 | C21 | C8 | 120.4(2) | C54 | C55 | C56 | 120.5(3) |
| C39 | C21 | C8 | 121.2(2) | C55 | C56 | C57 | 119.6(4) |
| C39 | C21 | C22 | 118.5(2) | C19 | C57 | C56 | 119.3(3) |
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4. Thermal and Electrochemical Properties

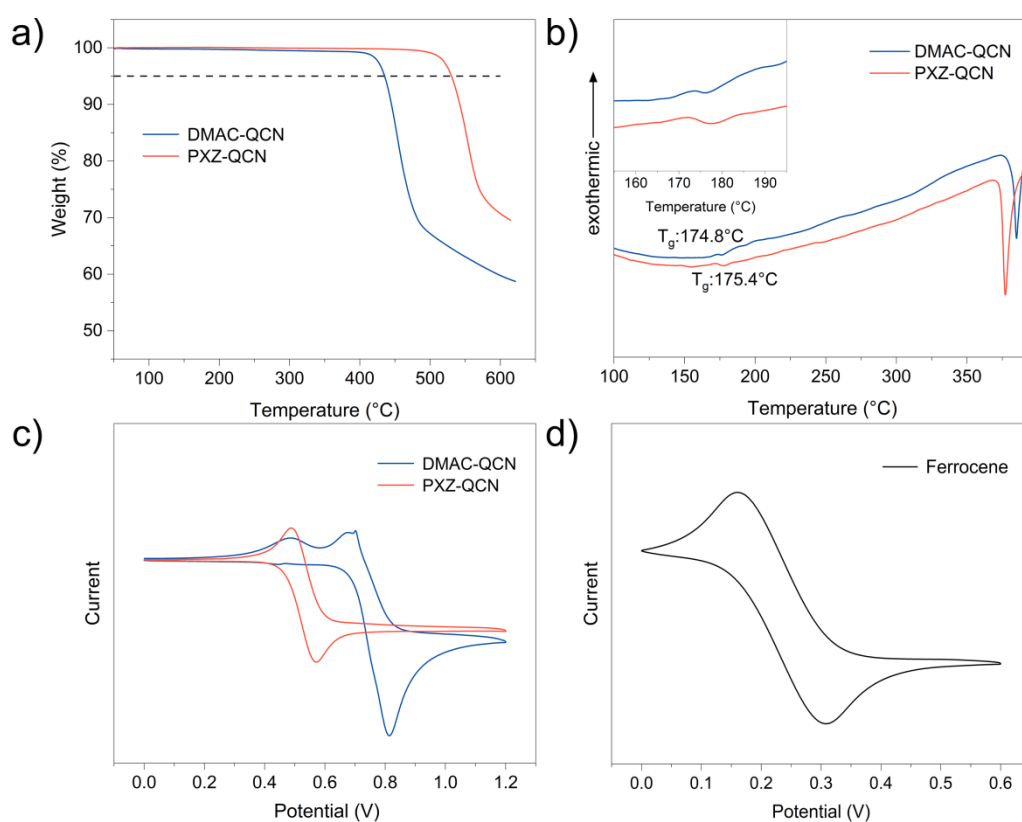


Figure S8. a) Thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) traces of DMAC-QCN and PXZ-QCN. b) Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) curves of DMAC-QCN and PXZ-QCN. Inset: magnified image of the selected region. c) Cyclic Voltammograms for the oxidation of DMAC-QCN and PXZ-QCN. d) Oxidation behaviours of Ferrocene

The CV measurements were carried out in anhydrous and nitrogen-saturated dichloromethane (DCM) solutions with 0.1 M $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ and 1.0 mM investigated compounds. Using glassy carbon electrode as working electrode, platinum wire as auxiliary electrode, porous glass wick Ag/AgNO_3 as reference electrode and

ferrocene/ferrocenium as the internal standard. The HOMO energy level was calculated from the onset potential of oxidation by cyclic voltammetry.

$$[\text{HOMO} = - (4.8 - E_{1/2(\text{Fc}/\text{Fc}^+)} + E_{\text{onset}})]$$

The LUMO energy level was determined from the difference between the HOMO levels and optical band gap (E_g) estimated from the onset of the UV-Vis absorption band.

$$E_g = 1241 / \lambda_{\text{onset}} \quad [\text{LUMO} = \text{HOMO} + E_g]$$

Table S6. Summary of thermal and electrochemical properties of DMAC-QCN and PXZ-QCN.

| Compound | T_d^{a} (°C) | T_g^{b} (°C) | HOMO ^{c)} (eV) | LUMO ^{d)} (eV) | $E_g^{\text{e)}$ (eV) |
|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| DMAC-QCN | 435.0 | 174.8 | -5.24 | -2.62 | 2.62 |
| PXZ-QCN | 530.0 | 175.4 | -5.02 | -2.58 | 2.44 |

^{a)} Decomposition temperature corresponding to 5% weight loss. ^{b)} Glass transition temperature. ^{c)} Obtained from the CV curves. ^{d)} Calculated from the E_g and HOMO levels. ^{e)} Optical energy gaps (E_g) were determined from the UV-Vis absorption spectra.

5. Photophysical Properties

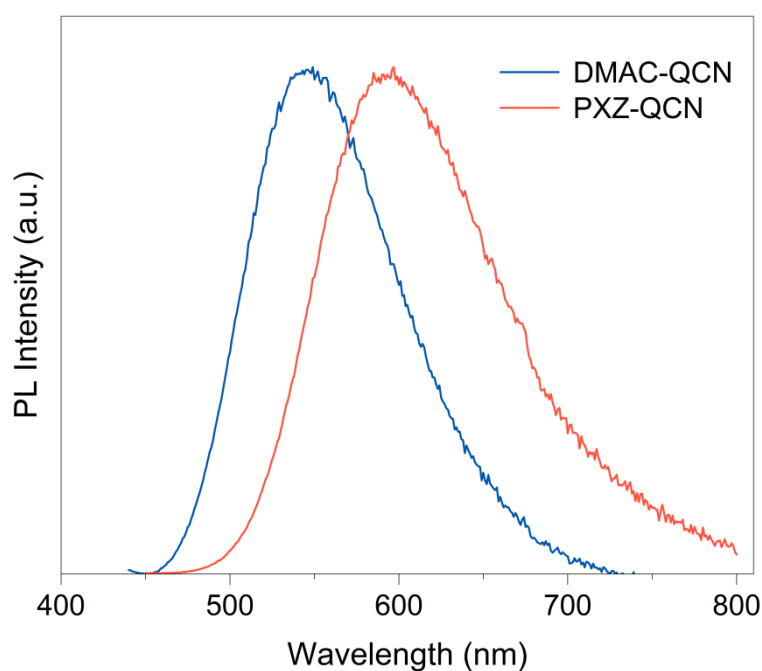


Figure S9. Normalized PL spectra of DMAC-QCN and PXZ-QCN in 20 wt% doped CBP film at 298K.

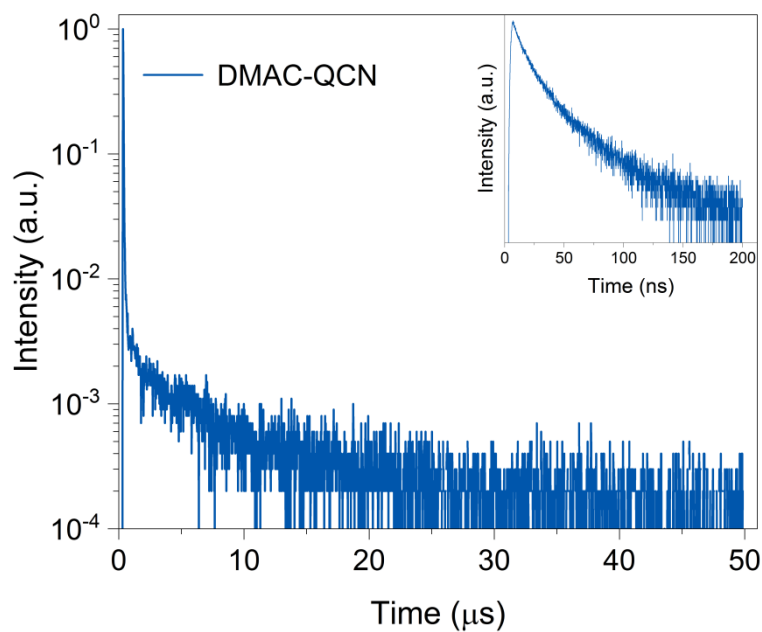


Figure S10. Transient PL decay curve of DMAC-QCN in 20 wt% doped CBP film at 298K.

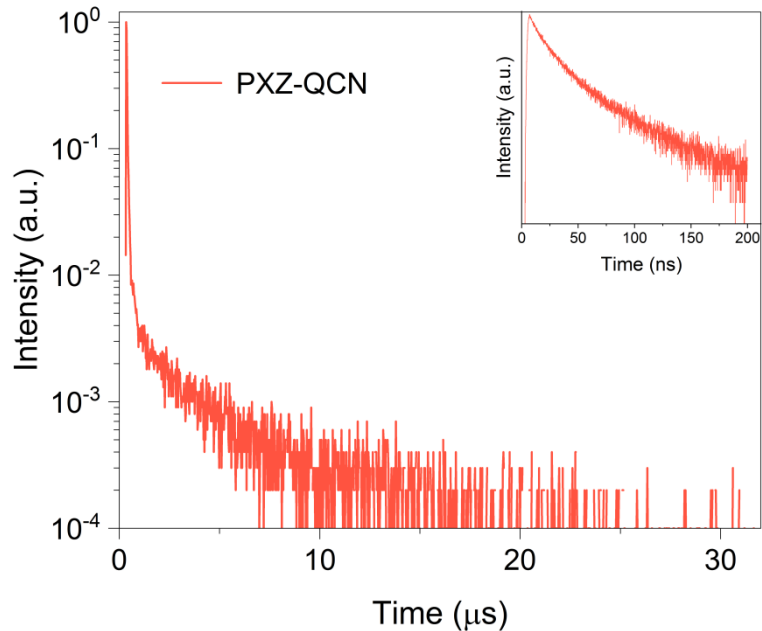


Figure S11. Transient PL decay curve of PXZ-QCN in 20 wt% doped CBP film at 298K.

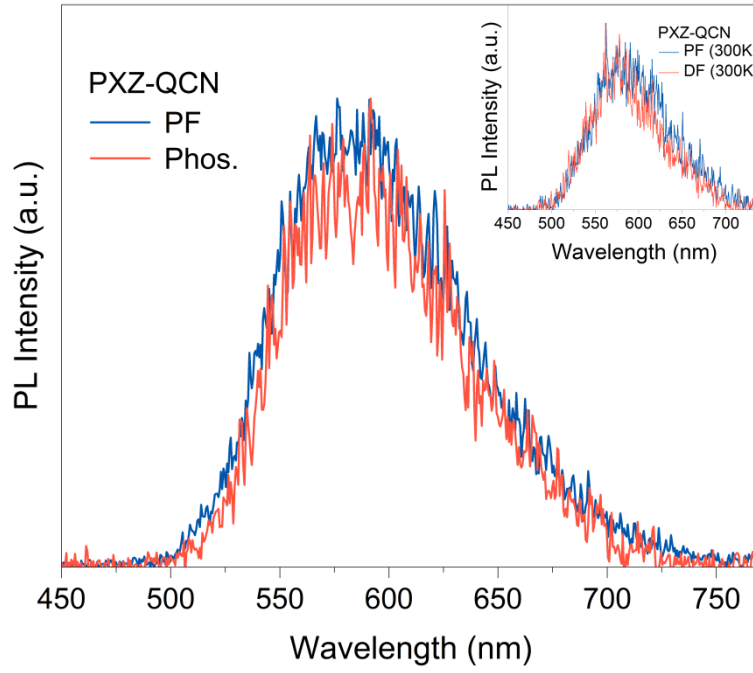


Figure S12. Time-resolved transient PL spectra of PXZ-QCN in 20 wt% doped CBP film at 77 K and 300 K (the inset).

Estimation for the Photophysical parameters

The quantum efficiencies and rate constants of the investigated compounds in 20 wt% CBP films are determined using the following equations S1-S6².

$$K_{PF} = \frac{1}{\tau_{PF}} \quad \text{S1}$$

$$K_{DF} = \frac{1}{\tau_{DF}} \quad \text{S2}$$

$$K_{\tau}^s \approx \frac{K_{PF}K_{DF}}{K_{RISC} \Phi_{PL}} \quad \text{S3}$$

$$K_{nr}^s \approx \frac{K_{PF}K_{DF}}{K_{RISC} (1-\Phi_{PL})} \quad \text{S4}$$

$$K_{ISC} = \frac{K_{PF}K_{DF}\Phi_{DF}}{K_{RISC}\Phi_{PF}} \quad \text{S5}$$

S5

$$K_{RISC} = \frac{K_{PF} + K_{DF}}{2} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{K_{PF} + K_{DF}}{2}\right)^2 - K_{PF}K_{DF}\left(1 + \frac{\Phi_{DF}}{\Phi_{PF}}\right)} \quad \text{S6}$$

S6

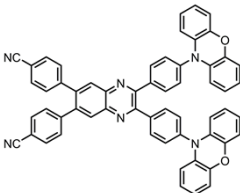
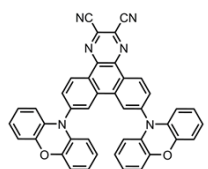
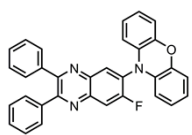
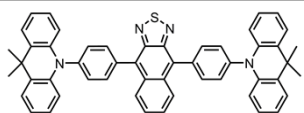
6. Theoretical Calculations

Table S7. Calculated spin-orbit coupling (SOC) constants of DMAC-QCN and PXZ-QCN.

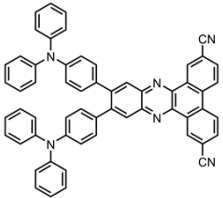
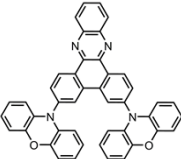
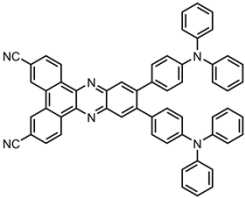
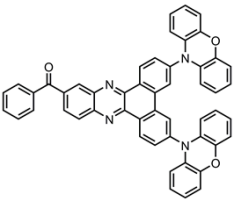
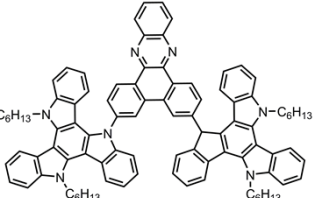
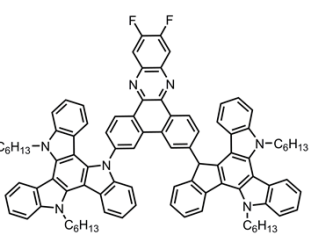
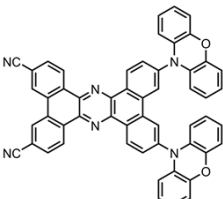
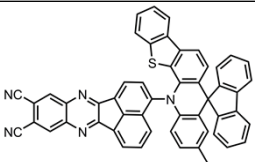
| Energy Level | | $\langle S_n \hat{H}_{\text{SOC}} T_n \rangle$ (cm ⁻¹) | |
|----------------|----------------|--|---------|
| S _n | T _n | DMAC-QCN | PXZ-QCN |
| 0 | 1 | 2.4607 | 1.6667 |
| 1 | 1 | 0.0849 | 0.0894 |
| 1 | 2 | 0.0574 | 0.1179 |
| 1 | 3 | 0.2689 | 0.7116 |
| 1 | 4 | 0.6930 | 0.5751 |
| 1 | 5 | 0.8793 | 0.0300 |

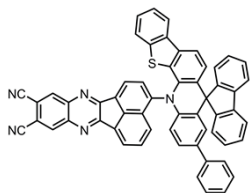
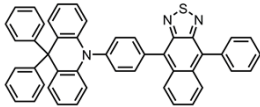
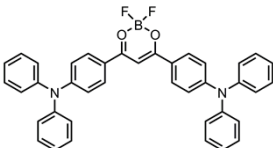
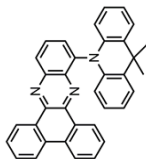
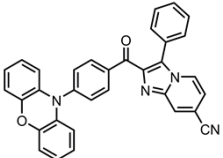
7. Electroluminescent properties

Table S8. Efficiency roll-off of the representative red TADF-based OLEDs with emission peak from 600 to 630 nm at a luminance of 1000 cd/m².

| Emitter | Molecular structure | λ_{EL} | EQE _{max} | Roll-Off | Ref. |
|----------|---|-----------------------|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| PXZ-QCN |  | 604 | 15.6 | 14.1 | This work |
| PXZ-DCPP |  | 608 | 17.4 | 25.8 | 3 |
| FDQPXZ |  | 600 | 9.0 | 6.1 | 4 |
| NZ2AC |  | 612 | 6.2 | 35.4 | 5 |

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|-------------|--|-----|------|------|----|
| 6AcBIQ | | 600 | 9.5 | 64.2 | 6 |
| DPXZ-BPPZ | | 612 | 20.1 | 16.9 | 7 |
| HAP-3TPA | | 610 | 17.5 | 68.5 | 8 |
| AQ-TPA | | 624 | 12.5 | 81.6 | 9 |
| DPA-DCPP | | 616 | 10.4 | 92.3 | 10 |
| Bis-PXZ-PCN | | 600 | 9.8 | 15.3 | 11 |
| Tri-PXZ-PCN | | 608 | 9.7 | 17.5 | 11 |
| MeODP-DBPHZ | | 600 | 10.3 | 38.8 | 12 |

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|------------|---|-----|-------|------|----|
| W1 |  | 608 | 24.97 | 84.4 | 13 |
| 2PXZ-BP |  | 606 | 19.2 | 52.6 | 14 |
| TPA-PZCN |  | 628 | 27.4 | 83.2 | 15 |
| DPXZ-DPPM |  | 630 | 11.5 | 40.8 | 16 |
| TAT-DBPZ |  | 604 | 15.4 | 46.7 | 17 |
| TAT-FDBPZ |  | 611 | 9.2 | 19.5 | 17 |
| PQ2 |  | 602 | 17.3 | 15.0 | 18 |
| ANQDC-MSTA |  | 622 | 21.8 | 43.1 | 19 |

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|--------------------|--|-----|------|------|----|
| ANQDC-PSTA |  | 622 | 24.7 | 41.7 | 19 |
| DPACNZP |  | 624 | 4.6 | 23.9 | 20 |
| DTPAB |  | 605 | 8.2 | 9.0 | 21 |
| α -DMAC-DBP |  | 612 | 8.5 | 61.1 | 22 |
| BDCN-PXZ |  | 606 | 3.71 | 5.6 | 23 |

a) Estimated from the graphs in the references.

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