

Supporting Information

Single-Component Four-Leaf Clover Compounds with Wide-Range Color-Tunable Ultralong Organic Phosphorescence

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Experimental Procedures

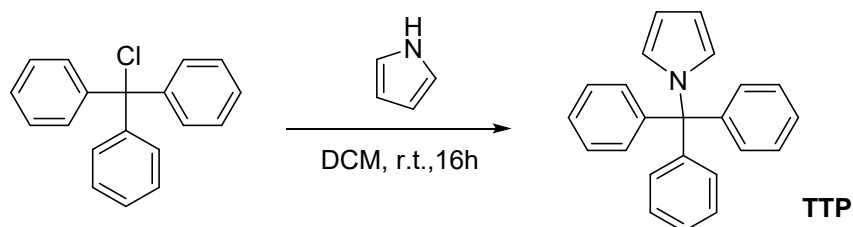
General

All reagents and materials were purchased from Aladdin and Energy Chemical Co. and used without further purification. ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance II 400 spectrometer. HRMS spectra were measured on an Agilent 6546 LC/Q-TOF or SCIEX TripleTOF 5600 QTRAP mass instrument and the electrospray ionization (ESI) method was used. Absorption spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu U-3900 UV-vis spectrophotometer, while the fluorescent emission, lifetimes and absolute fluorescence quantum yields were taken with an Edinburgh FS5 spectrofluorometer. HPLC were performed on Agilent 1260 Infinity Quaternary. X-ray crystallography was accomplished using a Bruker Smart-Apex-II CCD diffractometer.

Theoretical Calculation

From the data of TTTA's single crystal, the monomer, dimer, trimer, and tetramer of TTTA were obtained. Time dependent density functional theory (TD-DFT) of B3LYP/6-31 G (d,p) level was used to calculate the HOMO orbits, LUMO orbits and excitation energy in Gaussian 16 (version A.03)^[1] software. VMD^[2] and Multiwfn 3.8^[3,4] software were used to visualize HOMO and LUMO orbits. The spin-orbit coupling (SOC) values were evaluated through ORCA package (version 5.0.3)^[5].

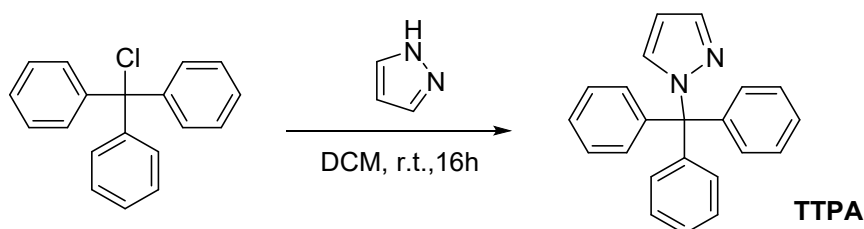
Synthesis of compound *TTP*



Triethylamine was slowly added to a stirred solution of 1H-pyrrole (2.00 g, 29.85 mmol) in 50 mL dichloromethane at 0 °C. (Chloromethanetriyl)tribenzene (9.19 g, 33.06 mmol) was dissolved in 50 mL dichloromethane and slowly added to the reaction mixture. The reaction was allowed to stir for 15 minutes at 0 °C and 16 hours at room

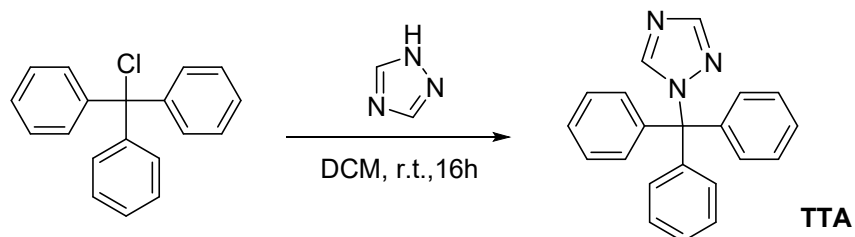
temperature. The solution was washed with water and dried by anhydrous sodium sulfate. The solvent was removed by rotary evaporation and the crude product was collected. The crude product was recrystallized by methanol to achieve the purified product. Yield: 7.60 g (grayish powder, 82%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.20 – 7.29 (m, 9H), 7.12 – 7.14 (m, 6H), 6.72 (dd, $J = 2.8, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.15 (q, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.02 (td, $J = 2.8, 1.6$ Hz, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 146.2, 136.7, 130.4, 127.7, 126.5, 117.3, 110.3, 107.7, 60.4; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}$, 310.1596 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 310.1597.

Synthesis of compound **TPA**



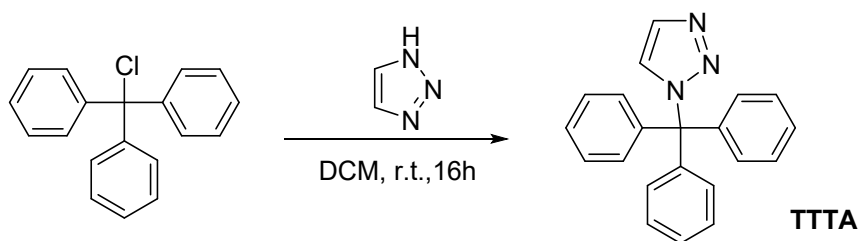
TPA was synthesized according to the synthetic method of **TTP**. Yield: 7.22 g (white powder, 79%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.21 (m, 16H), 6.21 (s, 1H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 143.5, 139.8, 132.4, 130.3, 127.8, 127.8, 104.4, 78.6; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2$, 333.1368 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; found: 333.1371.

Synthesis of compound **TTA**



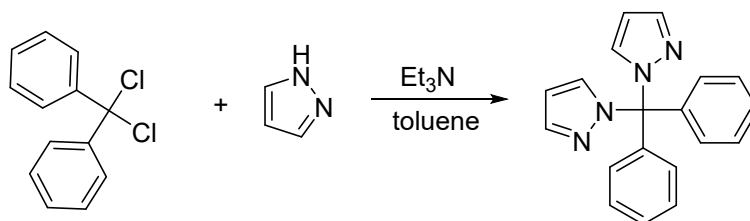
TTA was synthesized according to the synthetic method of **TTP**. Yield: 7.63 g (white powder, 84.6%). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 8.07 (s, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.29-7.34 (m, 9H), 7.12-7.36 (m, 6H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 151.9, 145.8, 142.0, 130.0, 128.3, 128.1, 78.1; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3$, 312.1501 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; found: 312.1494.

Synthesis of compound **TTTA**



TTTA was synthesized according to the synthetic method of **TTP**. Yield: 7.55 g (grayish powder, 84%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.69 (d, $J = 1.16$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 1.24$ Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.46 (m, 9H), 7.11-7.14 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 142.2, 132.0, 130.1, 128.3, 128.0, 126.6, 79.0; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3$, 334.1320 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; found: 334.1320.

Synthesis of compound **DPP**



The reflux reaction mixture was heated for 3 days in a dry flask filled with argon using 1.00 g (21.0 mmol) Ph_2CCl_2 , 1.32 g (19 mmol) pyrazole, 5 ml NEt_3 , and 10 ml toluene. Vacuum distillation was used to remove the solvent, and the light yellow solid that resulted was refined with 3 parts of 5 methanol and column chromatography (ethyl petroleum ether acetate 40:1) to produce 0.93 g (or 87% yield) of colorless solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.69-7.68 (dd, $J = 0.72, 1.72$ Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.54 (dd, $J = 0.72, 2.48$ Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.32 (m, 6H), 7.09-7.06 (m, 4H), 6.30 (dd, $J = 1.76, 2.60$ Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 140.39, 140.36, 132.7, 129.19, 129.17, 128.04, 105.44, 87.69.

Photometrics of triphenylmethanes

Table S1. Photometrics of Triphenylmethanes in Air in the Solid State at 298 K

λ_{PL} (nm)	λ_{ex} (nm)	λ_{Phos}	τ (ms)	ϕ
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		(nm)				
TTP	345	290	570	$\tau_1 = 198.4$ (28.36%)		
				$\tau_2 = 817.9$ (71.64%)	1.55%	
				$\tau = 642.3$		
	360	620	310	585	$\tau_1 = 26.75$ (2.29%)	
					$\tau_2 = 239.25$ (46.37%)	1.08% (320 nm)
					$\tau_3 = 819.7$ (51.34%)	$\tau = 532.4$
280	490	360	620	$\tau_1 = 96.2$ (29.59%)		
				$\tau_2 = 369.8$ (70.41%)	0.89% (350 nm)	
				$\tau = 288.8$		
TPA	432	310	545	$\tau_1 = 286.7$ (6.61%)		
				$\tau_2 = 1235.1$ (93.39%)	2.19%	
				$\tau = 1172.3$		
	360	590	310	545	$\tau_1 = 289.5$ (17.41%)	
					$\tau_2 = 1146.1$ (82.59%)	1.12% (320 nm)
					$\tau = 996.9$	
270	465	360	590	$\tau_1 = 229.8$ (23.75%)		
				$\tau_2 = 760.1$ (76.25%)	0.77% (350 nm)	
				$\tau = 634.2$		
TTA	422	290	530	$\tau_1 = 177.4$ (10.62%)		
				$\tau_2 = 814.3$ (89.38%)	4.11%	
				$\tau = 746.7$		
	360	610	290	530	$\tau_1 = 39.2$ (1.05%)	
					$\tau_2 = 165.0$ (17.52%)	2.82% (320 nm)
					$\tau_3 = 743.3$ (81.43%)	$\tau = 634.7$
360	610	360	610	$\tau_1 = 65.33$ (8.22%)		
				$\tau_2 = 245.4$ (50.23%)	2.16% (350 nm)	

			$\tau_3 = 551.5$ (41.55%)	
			$\tau = 357.8$	
			$\tau_1 = 50.66$ (1.35%)	
	280	490	$\tau_2 = 402.5$ (44.40%)	6.29%
			$\tau_3 = 1046.4$ (54.25%)	
			$\tau = 746.8$	
TTTA	375	310	$\tau_1 = 25.93$ (1.04%)	
		550	$\tau_2 = 209.4$ (17.97%)	4.96% (320 nm)
			$\tau_3 = 818.8$ (80.99%)	
			$\tau = 701.0$	
			$\tau_1 = 10.86$ (1.11%)	
	370	610	$\tau_2 = 191.3$ (37.88%)	3.83% (350 nm)
			$\tau_3 = 608.4$ (61.01%)	
			$\tau = 443.7$	

Note: $\tau = \tau_1 \times Rel_1\% + \tau_2 \times Rel_2\%$ or $\tau = \tau_1 \times Rel_1\% + \tau_2 \times Rel_2\% + \tau_3 \times Rel_3\%$.

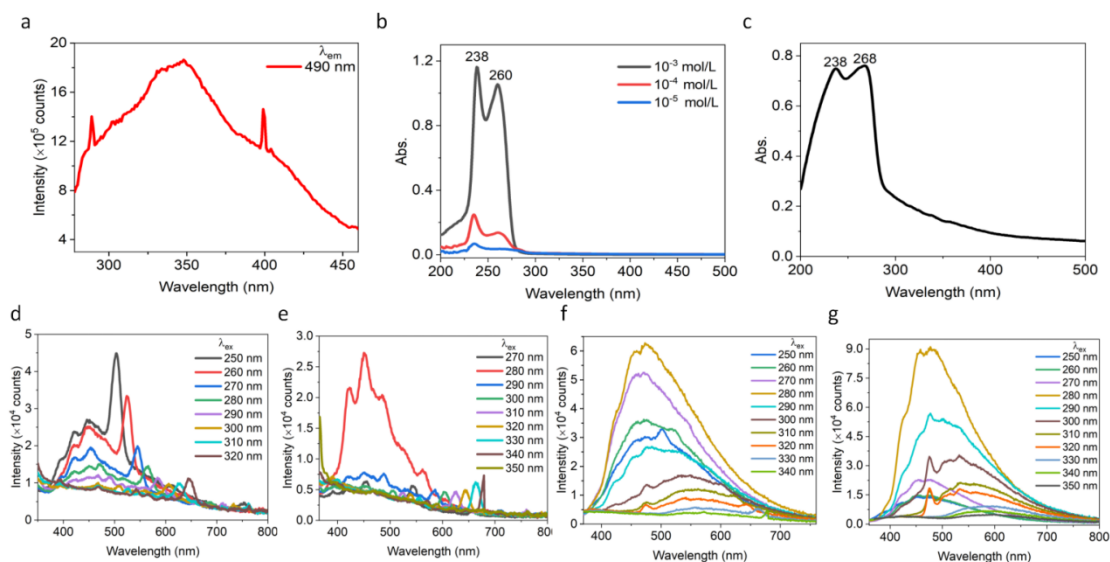


Figure S1. (a) Excitation spectra of **TTTA** with emission wavelength of 490 nm (slit = 0.8, 0.8). (b) UV absorption spectra of THF solutions with different concentrations of **TTTA**. (c) UV absorption spectra of **TTTA** solids. (d) Phosphorescent spectra of PMMA films containing 1% **TTTA** (delay time: 0.1 ms, slit = 1.2, 1.2). (e) Phosphorescent spectra of PMMA films containing 10% **TTTA** (delay time: 0.1 ms, slit = 1.2, 1.2). (f) Phosphorescent spectra of PMMA films containing 30% **TTTA**

(delay time: 0.1 ms, slit = 1.2, 1.2). (g) Phosphorescent spectra of PMMA films containing 50% TTTA (delay time: 0.1 ms, slit = 1.2, 1.2).

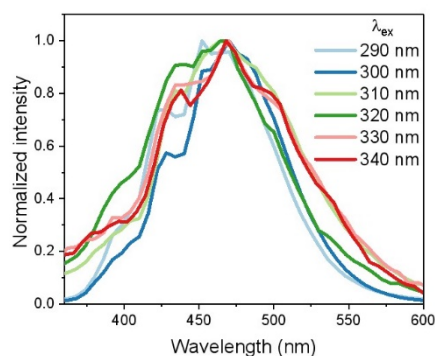


Figure S2. Phosphorescent spectra of TTTA (10^{-5} M) in dilute dichloromethane solution (delay time: 0.1 ms) at 77 K under various excitations.

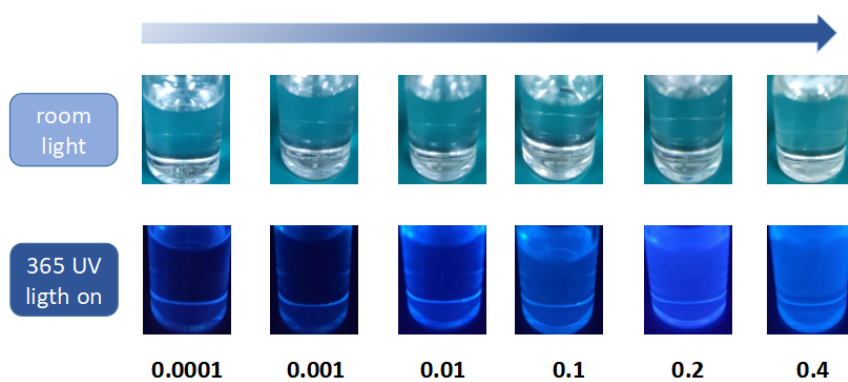


Figure S3. Different concentrations of TTTA dichloromethane solutions from 0.0001 M to 0.4 M under room light and a 365 nm UV lamp.

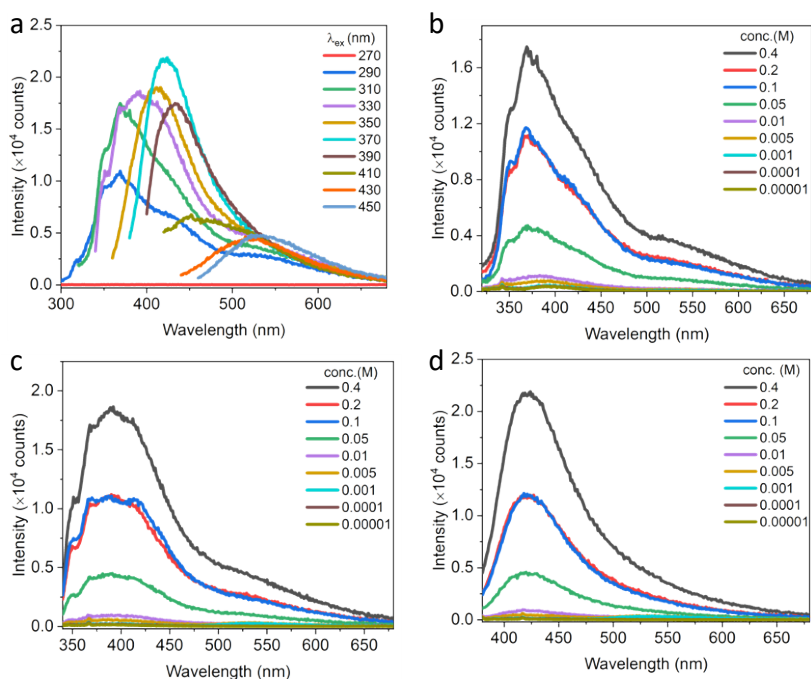


Figure S4. (a) Different excitation wavelengths of the 0.4 M dichloromethane TTTA solution's PL spectrum (slit = 1.2, 1.2). PL spectra of different dichloromethane solutions of TTTA with λ_{ex} of (b) 310 nm (slit = 1.2, 1.2), (c) 330 nm (slit = 1.2, 1.2). (d) 370 nm (slit = 1.2, 1.2).

Table S2. Emission peak wavelength of 0.4M TTTA solution of dichloromethane with different excitation wavelength.

λ_{ex} (nm)	λ_{em} (nm)
290	369
310	369
330	391
350	413
370	421
390	434
410	456
430	521
450	531

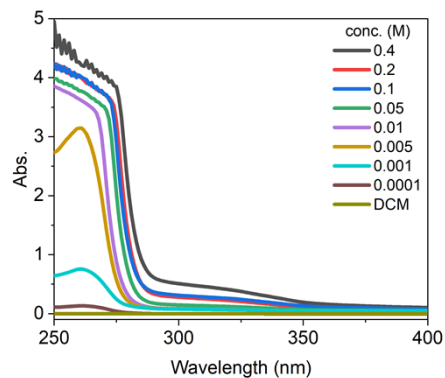


Figure S5. Absorption of varied concentrations of TTTA in dichloromethane solution.

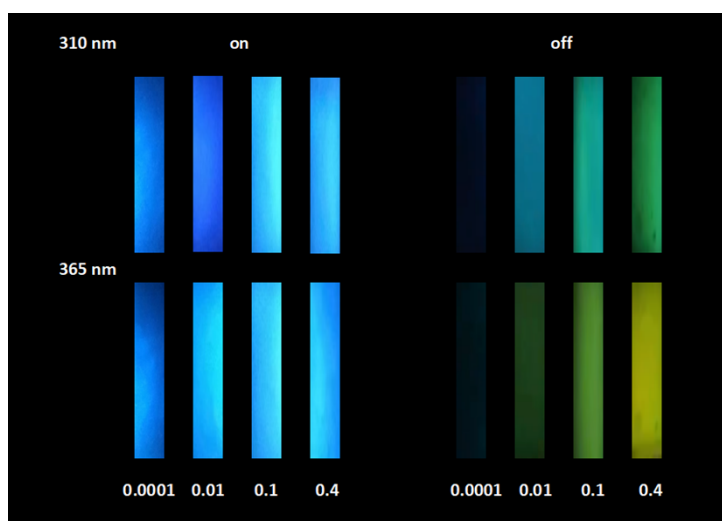


Figure S6. Photos of different concentrations of TTTA dichloromethane solution taken at 77 K under UV excitation or removing the UV excitation source.

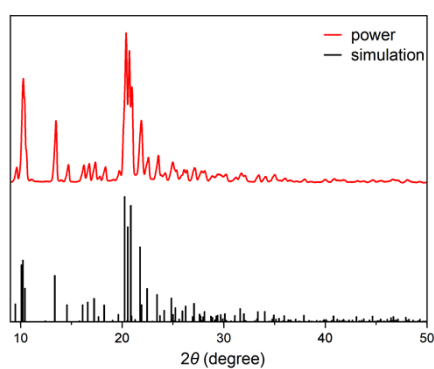


Figure S7. Powder XRD and simulated XRD of TTTA.

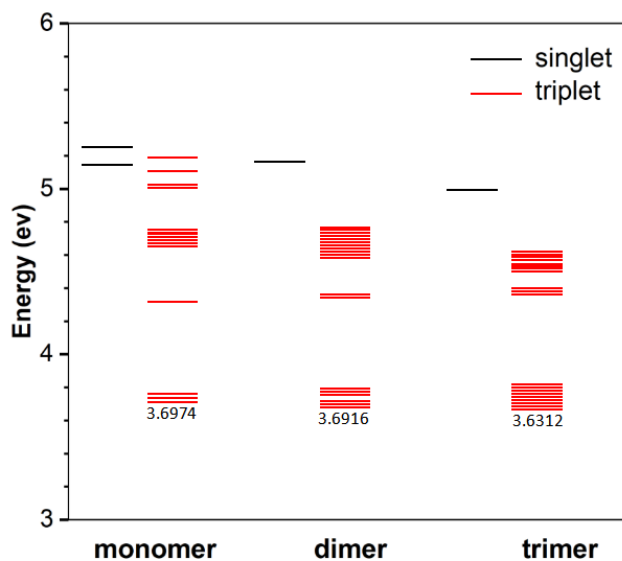


Figure S8. The excitation energy diagram of monomer, dimer and trimer of TTTA.

Table S3. The different excited energy of TTTA.

Aggregaton state	Excited state	Excited energy (ev)
monomer	S1	5.1451
	T1	3.6974
	T2	3.7038
	T3	3.7377
dimer	S1	5.1731
	T1	3.6916
	T2	3.6985
trimer	S1	4.9791
	T1	3.6312
	T2	3.6852
	T3	3.6931

Table S4. The spin-orbit coupling (SOC) values for S_1 - T_1 of TTTA's monomer, dimer, trimer and tetramer.

Monomer	Dimer	Trimer	tetramer
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$$\xi (S_1, T_1) \quad 0.5847 \text{ cm}^{-1} \quad 0.3457 \text{ cm}^{-1} \quad 0.1841 \text{ cm}^{-1} \quad 0.0436 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

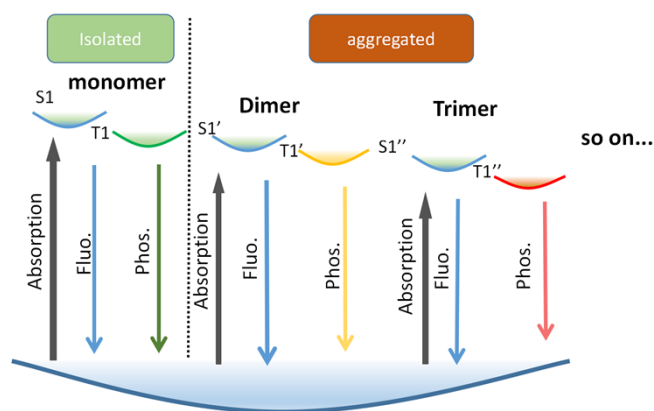


Figure S9. The corresponding simplified Jablonski diagrams for the generation of color-tunable emission.

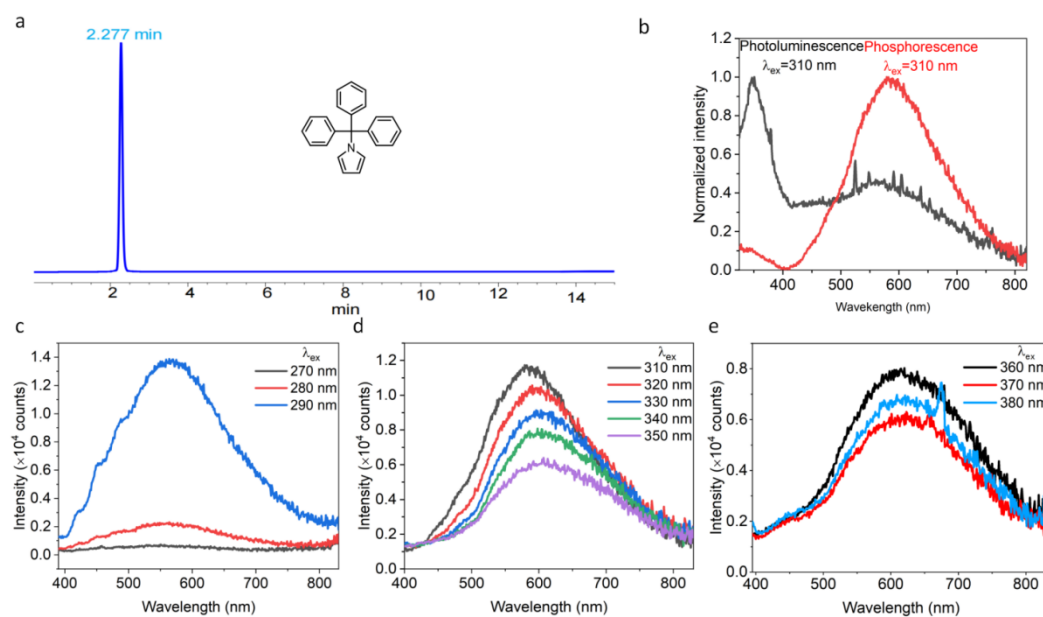


Figure S10. (a) HPLC spectra of **TTP** in methanol, flow rate 1.0 mL / min. (b) Normalized photoluminescence and phosphorescence spectra of **TTP** at 298 K. (c)(d)(e) Phosphorescence spectra of **TTP** with different excitation wavelengths (delay time: 0.1 ms, slit = 1.2, 1.2).

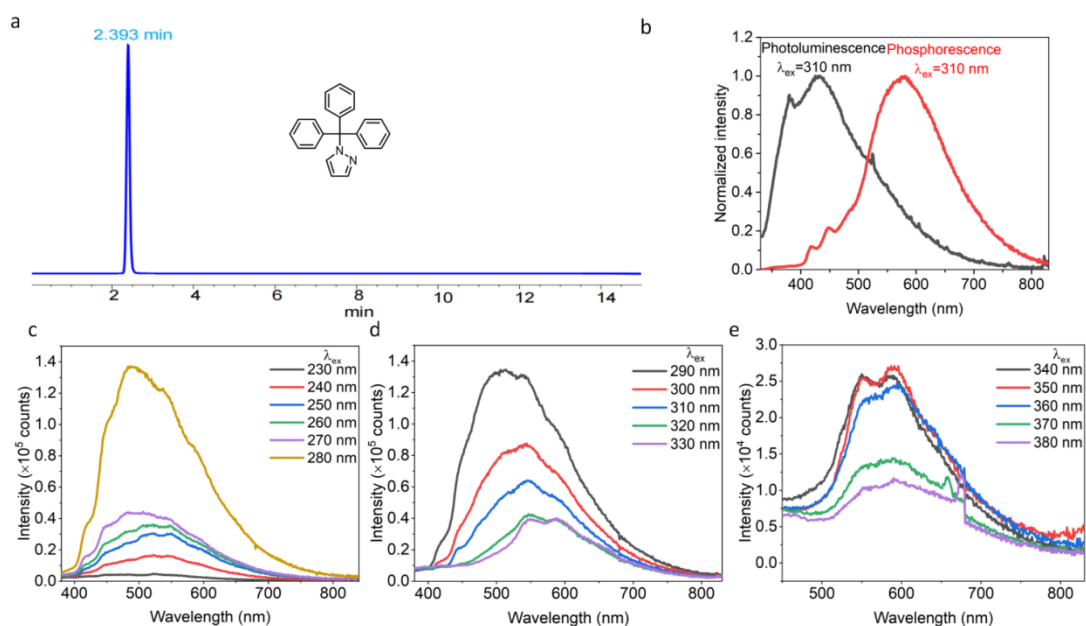


Figure S11. (a) HPLC spectra of **TPA** in methanol, flow rate 1.0 mL / min. (b) Normalized photoluminescence and phosphorescence spectra of **TPA** at 298 K. (c)(d)(e) Phosphorescence spectra of **TPA** with different excitation wavelengths (delay time: 0.1 ms, slit = 1.2, 1.2).

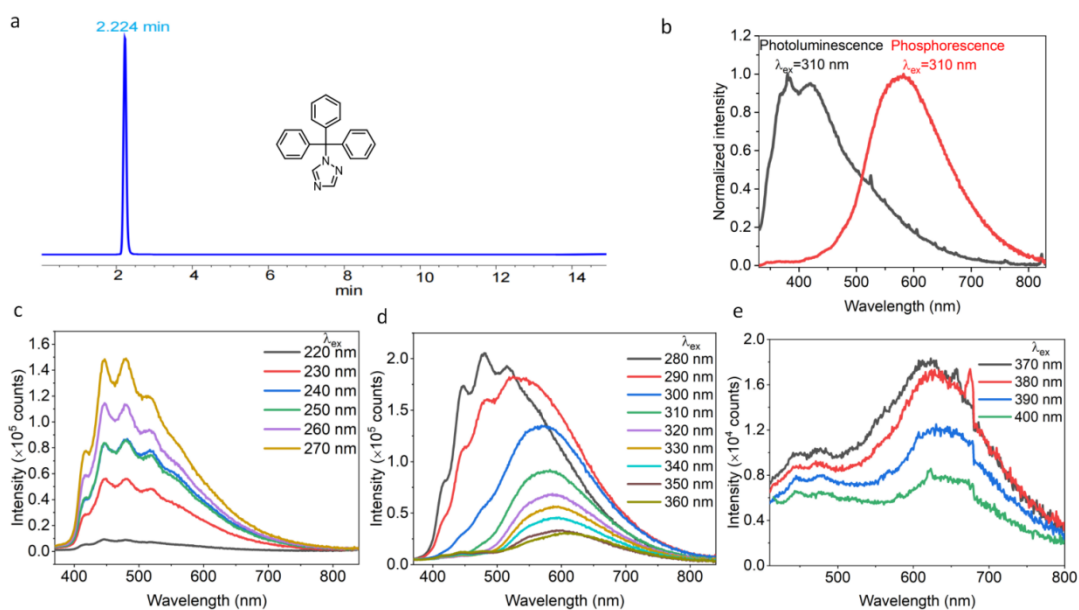


Figure S12. (a) HPLC spectra of **TTA** in methanol, flow rate 1.0 mL / min. (b) Normalized photoluminescence and phosphorescence spectra of **TTA** at 298 K. (c)(d)(e) Phosphorescence spectra of **TTA** with different excitation wavelengths (delay time: 0.1 ms, slit = 1.2, 1.2).

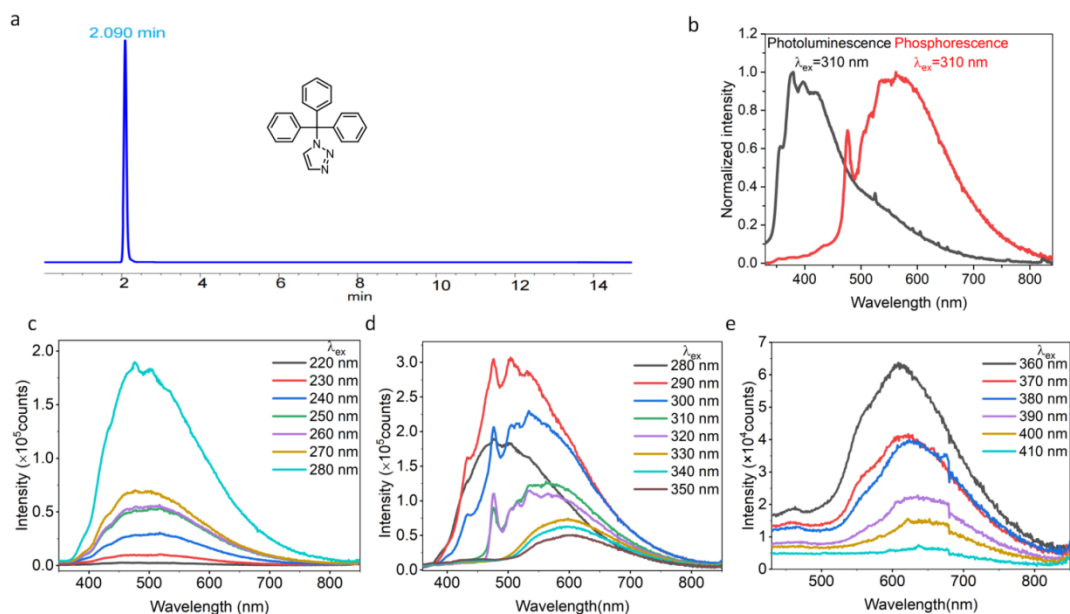


Figure S13. (a) HPLC spectra of **TTTA** in methanol, flow rate 1.0 mL / min. (b) Normalized photoluminescence and phosphorescence spectra of **TTTA** at 298 K. (c)(d)(e) Phosphorescence spectra of **TTTA** with different excitation wavelengths (delay time: 0.1 ms, slit = 1.2, 1.2).

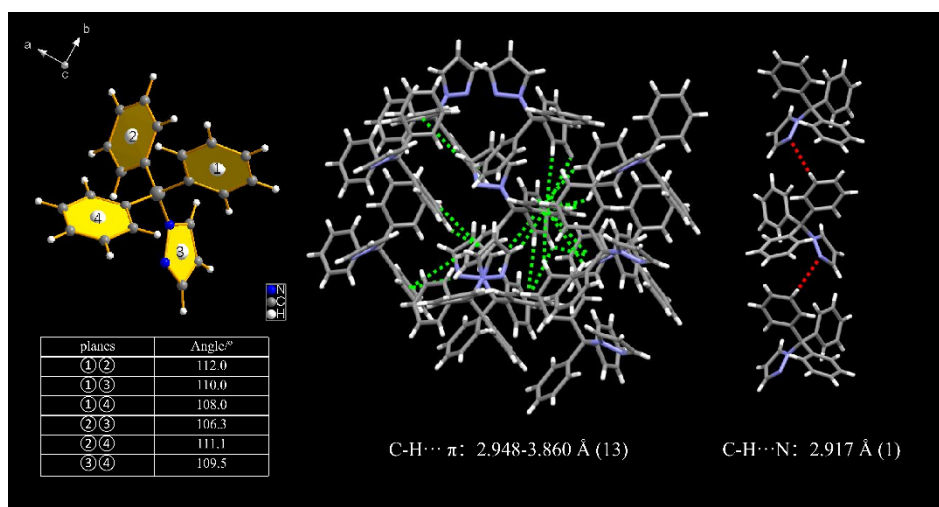


Figure S14. The crystal structure and intermolecular interactions of **TPA**.

Table S5. Comparison of molecular interactions between **TPA** and **TTTA**.

	TPA (Å)	TTTA (Å)
	3.068(2)	2.948
	3.283	2.986(2)
	3.368(2)	3.001(2)
	3.399	3.312(2)
	3.410(2)	3.413(2)
	3.433	3.549(2)
C-H...π	3.492(2)	3.602(2)

	3.506(2)	3.632
	3.518(2)	3.680(2)
	3.534(2)	3.674(2)
	3.637	3.705(2)
	3.837(2)	3.715(2)
	3.867	3.774(2)
		3.860(2)
		2.757
C-H...N	2.917(2)	2.811(2)
		2.821

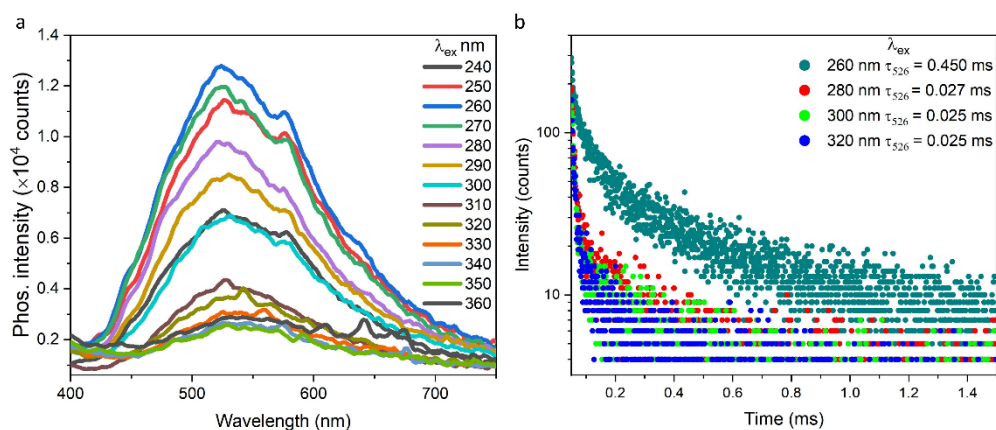


Figure S15. (a) Phosphorescence spectra of tetraphenylmethane (delay time: 0.1 ms, slit = 5, 5). (b) Phosphorescence lifetime diagram of tetraphenylmethane.

Table S6. Phosphorescence lifetime of tetraphenylmethane at different excitation wavelengths.

λ_{ex} (nm)	240	260	280	300	320	340	360
λ_{Phos} (nm)	526	526	526	526	526	526	526
τ (ms)	0.031	0.450	0.027	0.025	0.025	0.023	0.022

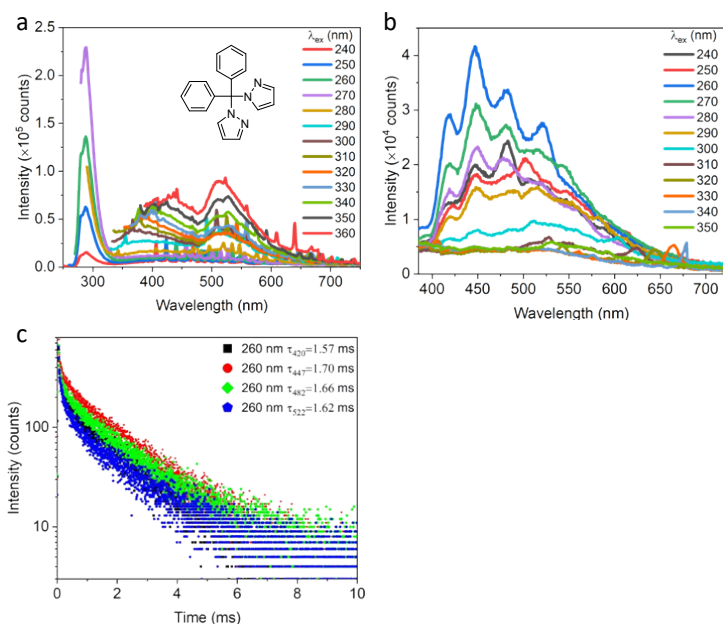


Figure S16. (a) PL spectra of the **DPP** under different excitation wavelengths (slit = 1.5, 1.5). (b) Phosphorescence spectra of the **DPP** under different excitation wavelengths (delay time: 0.1 ms, slit = 4, 4). (c) Phosphorescence lifetime diagram of **DPP** at 260 nm excitation under ambient conditions

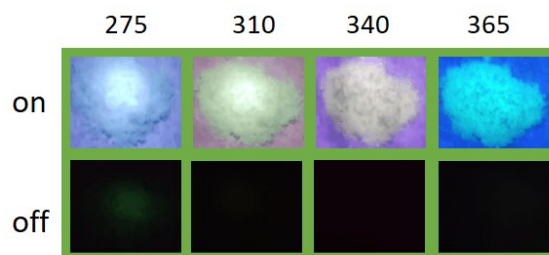


Figure S17. Photos of **DPP** taken at room temperature under different UV excitation or removing the UV excitation source.

Light stability of TTTA.

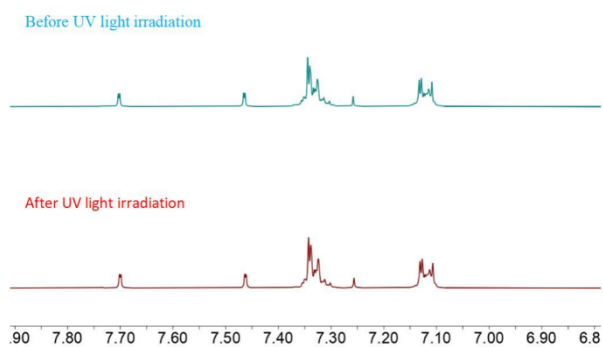
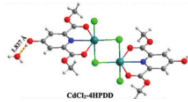
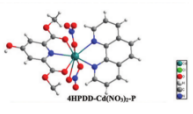
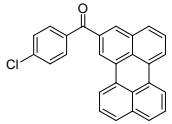
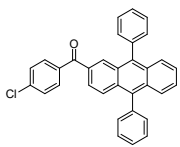
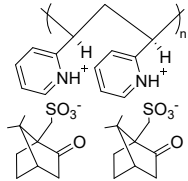
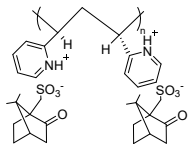
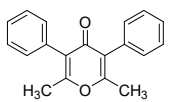
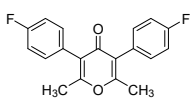
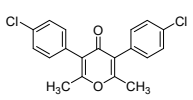
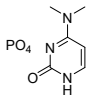
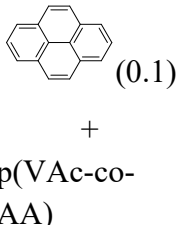
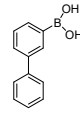
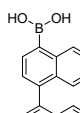
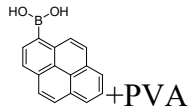
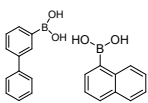
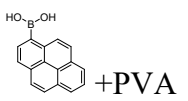
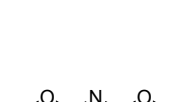
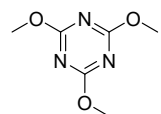
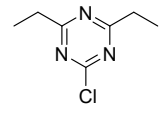
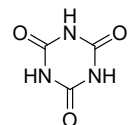
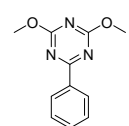
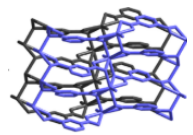
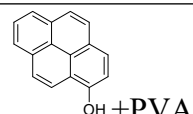
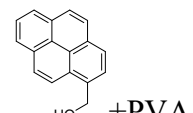
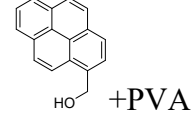



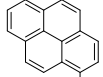
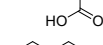
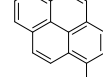
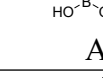
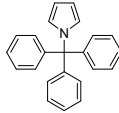
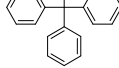
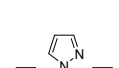
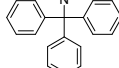
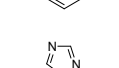
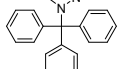
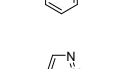
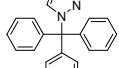
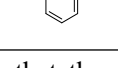
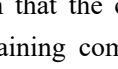
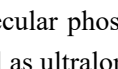
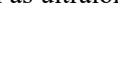
Figure S18. Comparison of the ¹H NMR of compound **TTTA** before and after ultraviolet irradiation at 275 nm.

Table S7. Excitation dependent comparison of phosphorescence data for different compounds.

Structure	λ_{ex} (nm)	λ_{em} (nm)	τ (ms)	Stokes shift (nm)	Ref	
cadmium(II) based complexes		320	474	75.31	154	[6]
		380	536	49.57	156	
		380	588	52.59	208	
		380	648	49.92	268	
Acenes with benzophenone derivatives		26	523	0.035±0.002 (68%)	263	[7]
		0	263	0.24±0.002 (27%)		
			1.35 ± 0.17 (5%)			
			0.48 ± 0.05 (58%)	436		
		696	3.52 ± 0.02 (42%)			
		26	535	0.037 ± 0.002 (68%)	275	
		0	275	0.23 ± 0.003 (25%)		
				3.0 ± 0.4 (7%)		
			710	0.676 ± 0.008 (53%)	450	
			3.804 ± 0.02 (47%)			
poly(2- vinylpyridine)		360	568	364.74	208	[8]
		380	533	354.05	153	
		400	529	265.89	129	
		420	536	182.59	116	
	440	545	131.87	105		
		360	571	149.60	211	
		380	537	131.27	157	
		400	529	139.25	129	
	254	487/5	373	233/26		
		15		1		
	360	487/5	107	125/15		

Pyranone-based compounds		254	15	490/5	442	5	[9]	
				18				236/26
		360		490/5	134	4		130/15
				18				8
		254		489/5	170	3		235/26
				17				3
		254		489/5	67	5	[9]	
				17				129/15
		360		489/5	38	0		232/26
				14				5
		254		486/5	11	4		126/15
				14				4
Two-Component Ionic Crystals		360-	430	126.1	70-20	[10]		
		410	495	430.5(257K)	135-85			
		355-	478	133	123-78			
	400	512	104.8	157-112				
		546	no data	191-146				
Based on Pyrene-Doped Amorphous Polymers			470	1866	216	[11]		
			512	852	258			
		254	554	614	300			
			590	459	336			
			652	418	398			
	710	411	456					
Polymer films based on arylboronic		254	470	2430	216	[12]		
		254	485	2340	226			
		312	525	1480	213			
		312	535	1330	223			

alcohol (PVA)		365	610	340	245	
		254	468	2410	214	
		312	528	1380	216	
		365	615	370	250	
single- component molecular crystal				59.88(89.30%)		
		320	465	239.89(2.39%)	145	
				582.44(8.31%)		
				54.43(7.13%)		
		365	505	334.37(57.25%)	140	
				745.39(41.63%)		
				19.38(9.48%)		
		290	430	202.28(17.16%)	140	
				2451.99(73.36)		
				19.60(12.35%)		
Lanthanide cations doped coordination polymers		340	470	190.98(48.25%)	130	
				1638.82(39.40 %)		[13]
				16.48(26.66%)		
		270	380	86.98(26.52%)	110	
				452.83(46.83%)		
				6.23(17.66%)		
Lanthanide cations doped coordination polymers		330	450	86.43(33.69%)	120	
				551.53(48.64%)		
				46.43(41.37%)		
		330	370	136.79(58.63%)	40	
			123.15(42.73%)			
		521	543.84(52.27%)	191		
Lanthanide cations doped coordination polymers		250- 340	510	454	260- 170	[14]
			615	10.54	365- 275	
Lanthanide cations doped coordination polymers		320	460	630	140	
		340	607	210	267	[15]
		320	460	460	140	
		340	607	100	267	

pyrene derivatives		320	460	290	140	
doped polymer films	 + PVA	340	607	130	267	
	 + PV	320	460	670	140	
	 + PV	340	607	320	267	
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triphenylmethane derivatives		290	570	642	280	
		310	580	532	270	
		360	620	288	260	
		280	490	1172	210	
		310	545	996	235	
		360	590	634	230	This work
		270	455	746	185	
		290	530	637	240	
		360	610	357	250	
		280	470	747	190	
		310	550	701	240	
		370	610	444	240	

Note: It could be seen that the current excitation-dependent phosphorescence emission mainly focused on metal-containing complex or multi-component doped polymer films, however, the single-component molecular phosphorescence featuring wide-range color-tunable RTP emissions from blue to red as well as ultralong lifetimes is still rare.

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Appendix (¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and HRMS of the compounds)

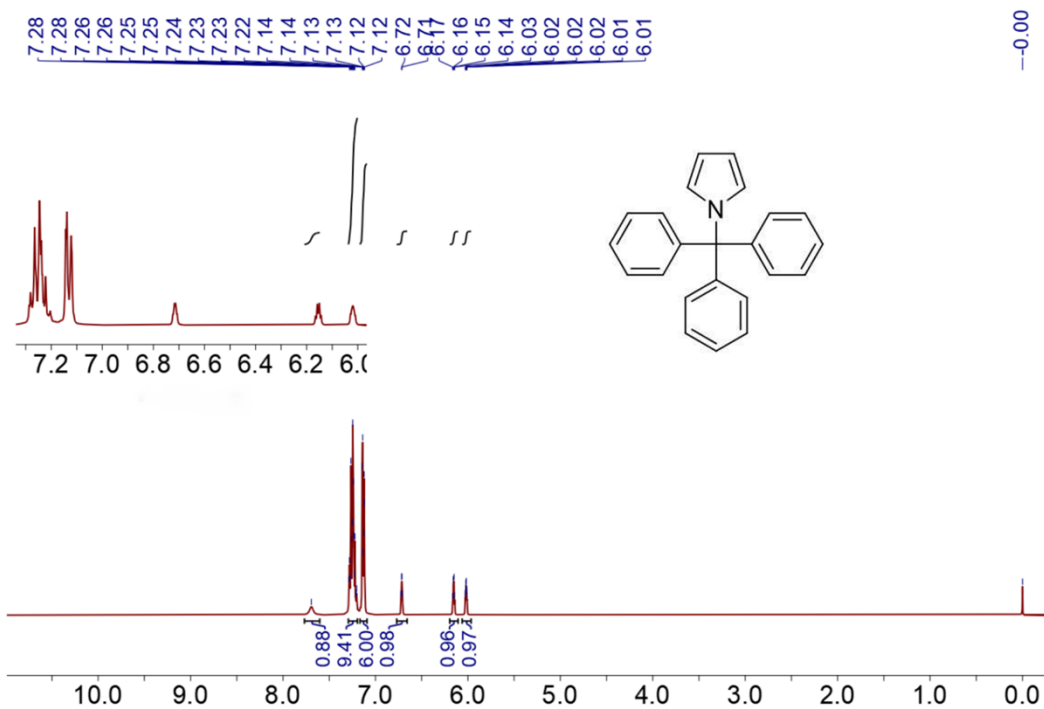


Figure S19. The ¹H NMR spectrum of TTP molecule in CDCl₃.

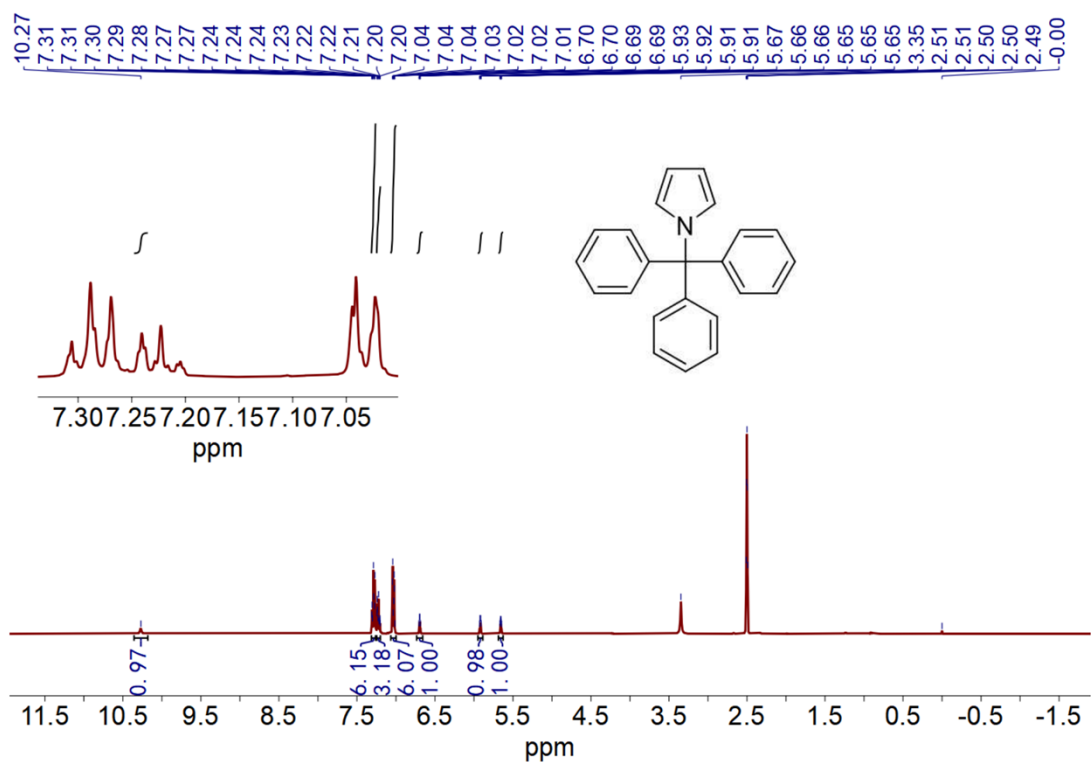


Figure S20. The ¹H NMR spectrum of TTP molecule in CD₃SOCD₃.

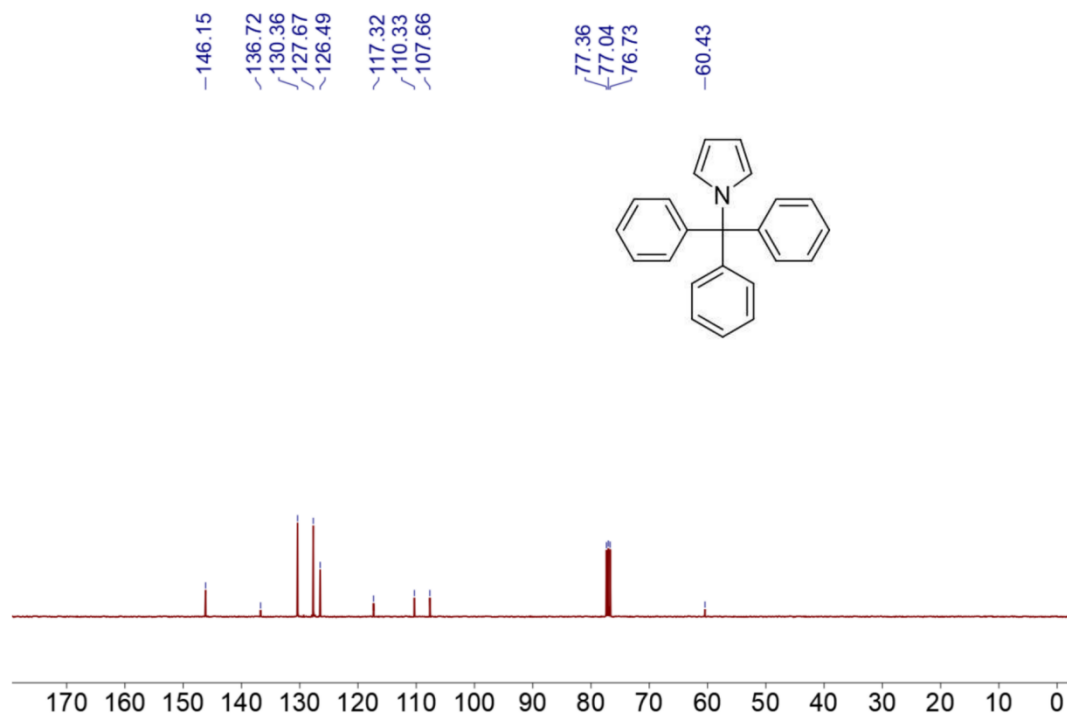


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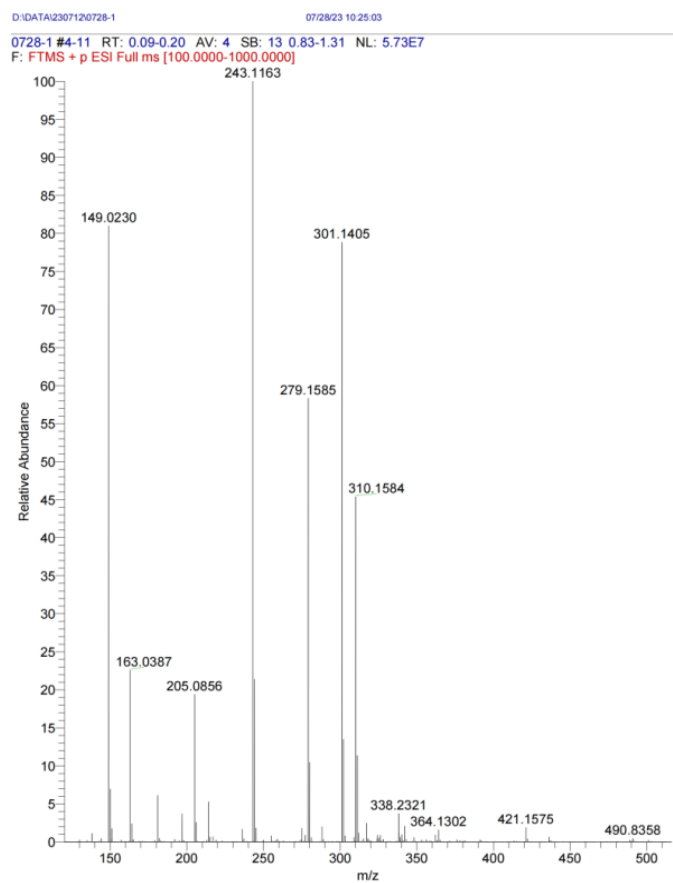


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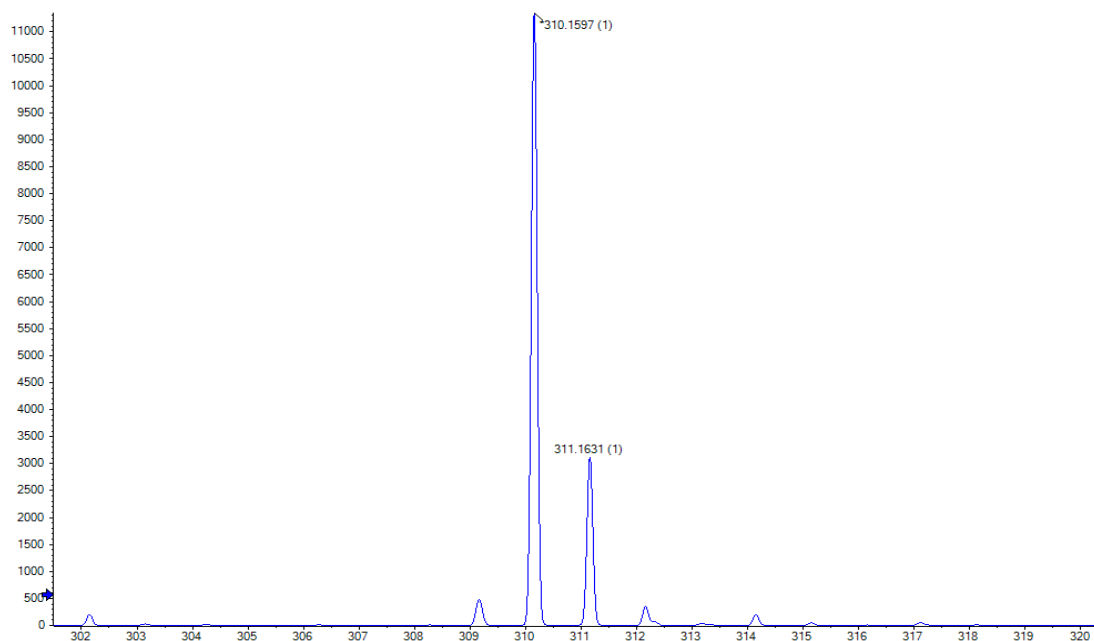


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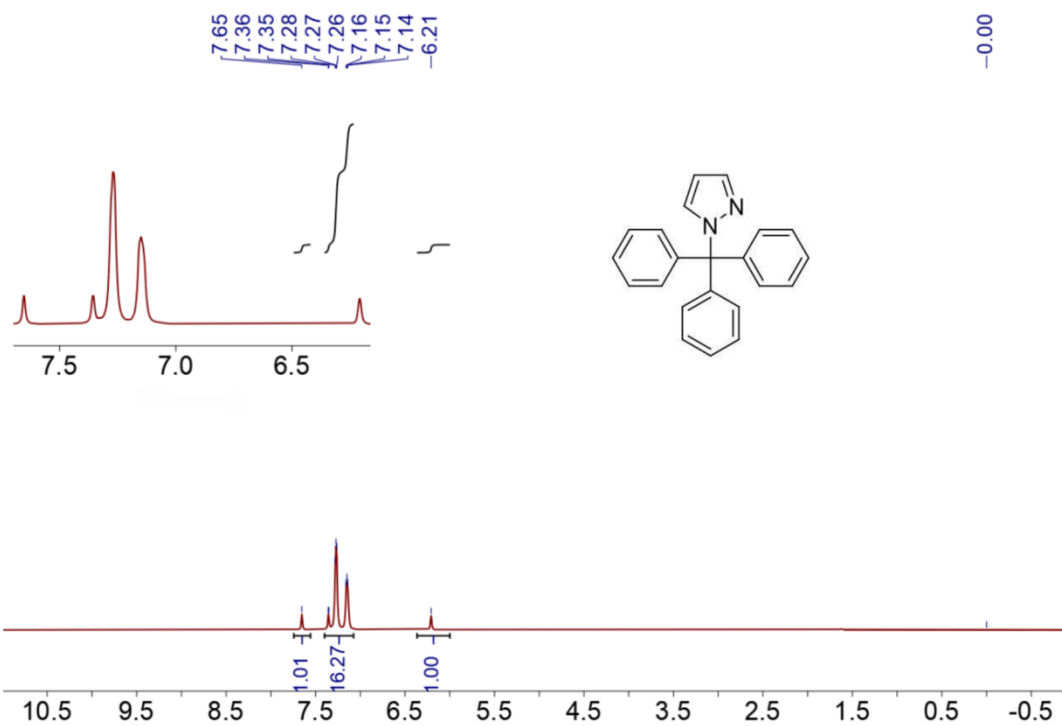


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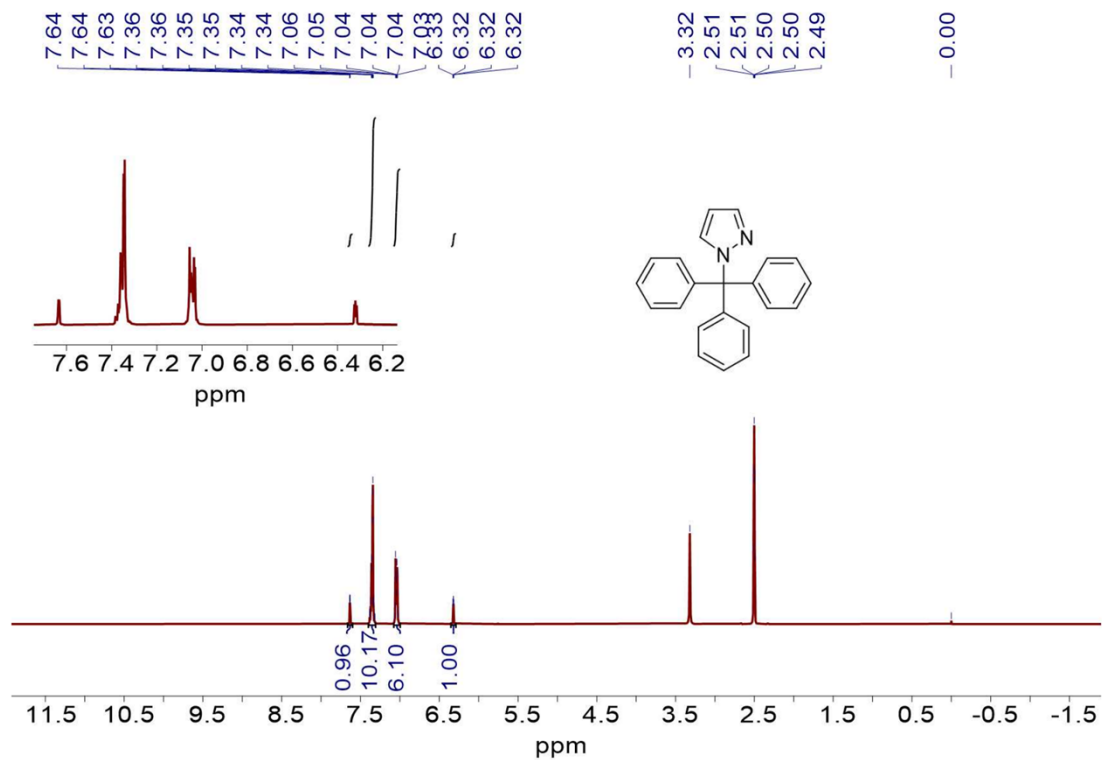


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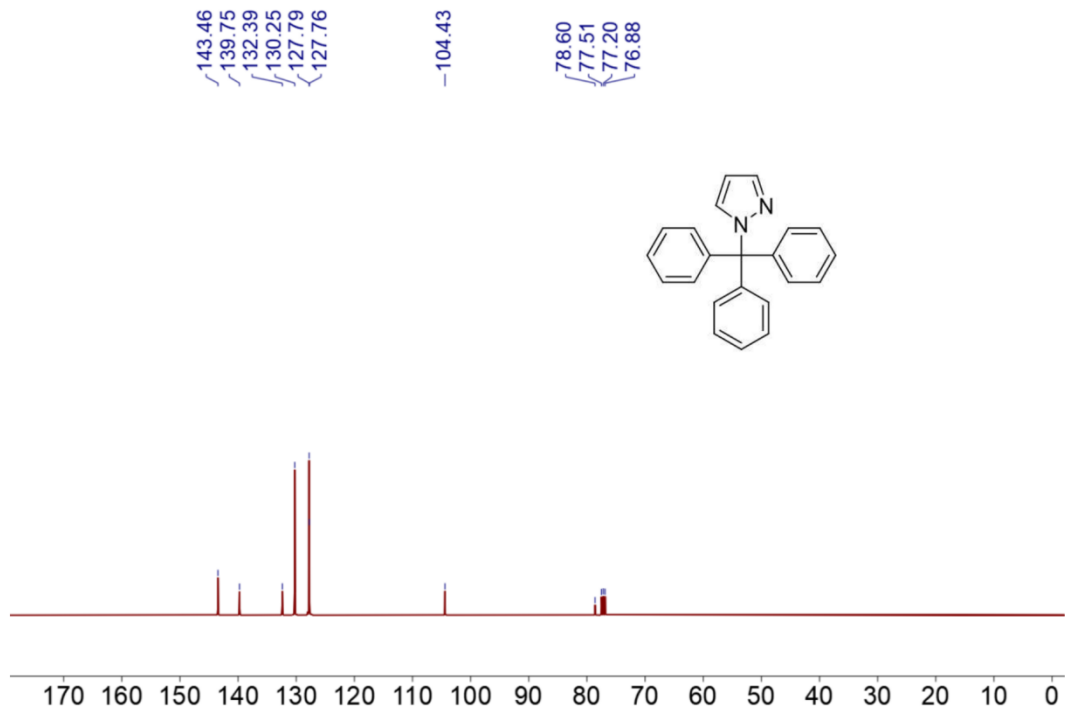


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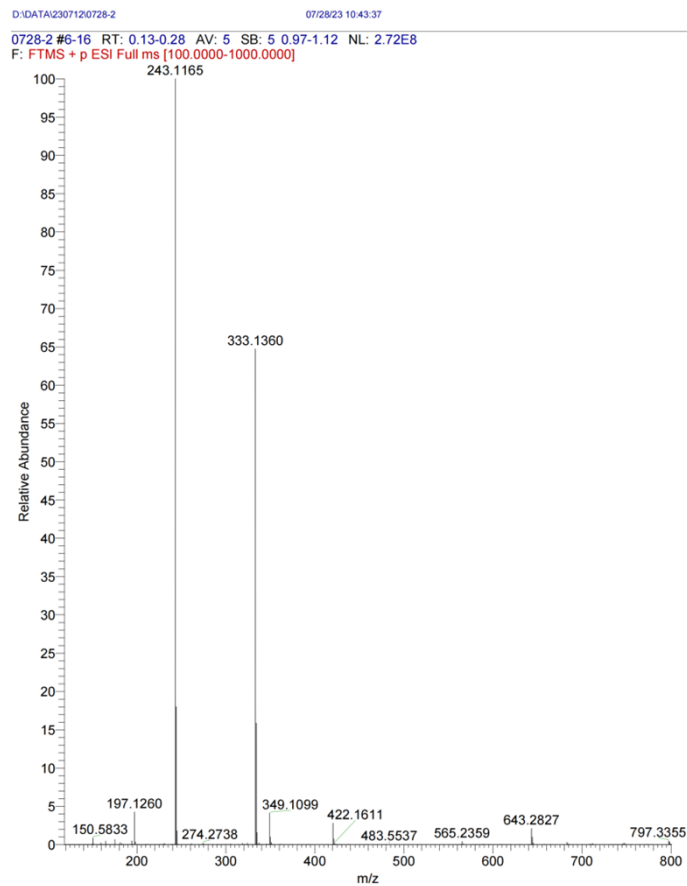


Figure S27. The mass spectrum of TPA molecule.



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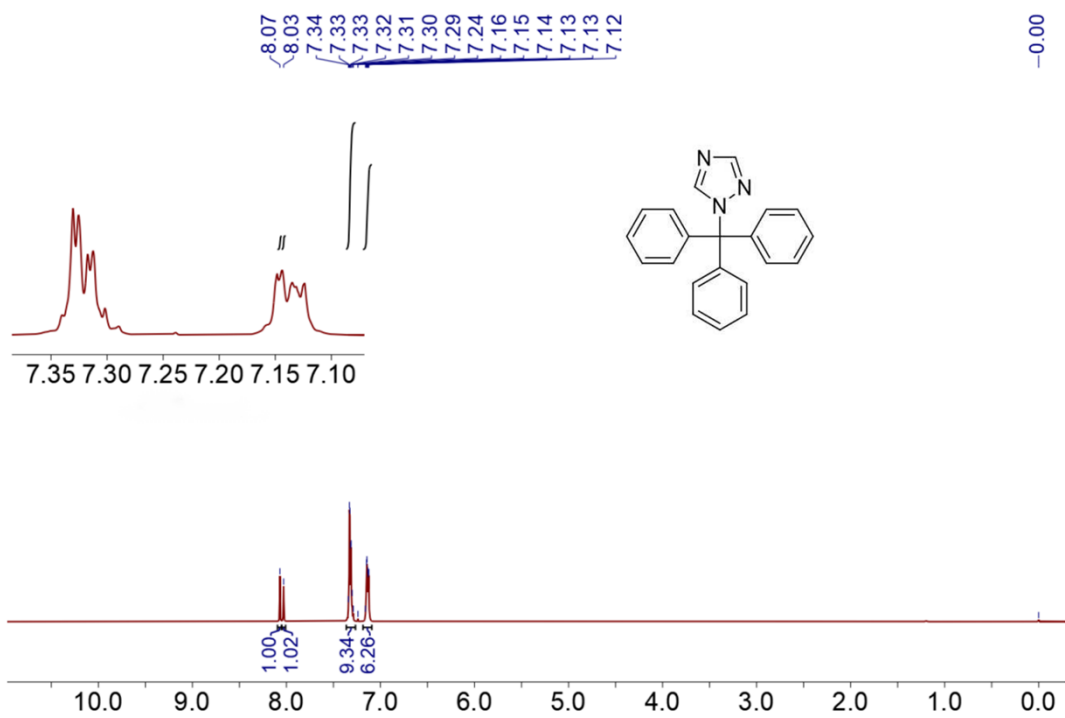


Figure S29. The ^1H NMR spectrum of TTA molecule in CDCl_3 .

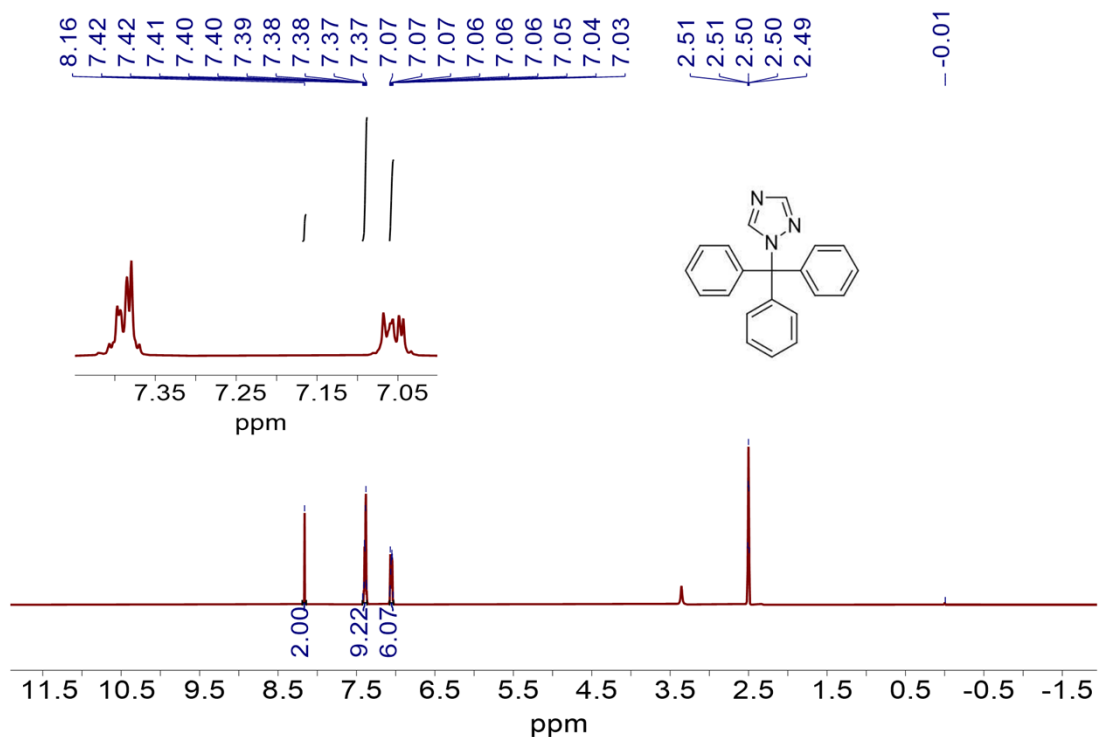


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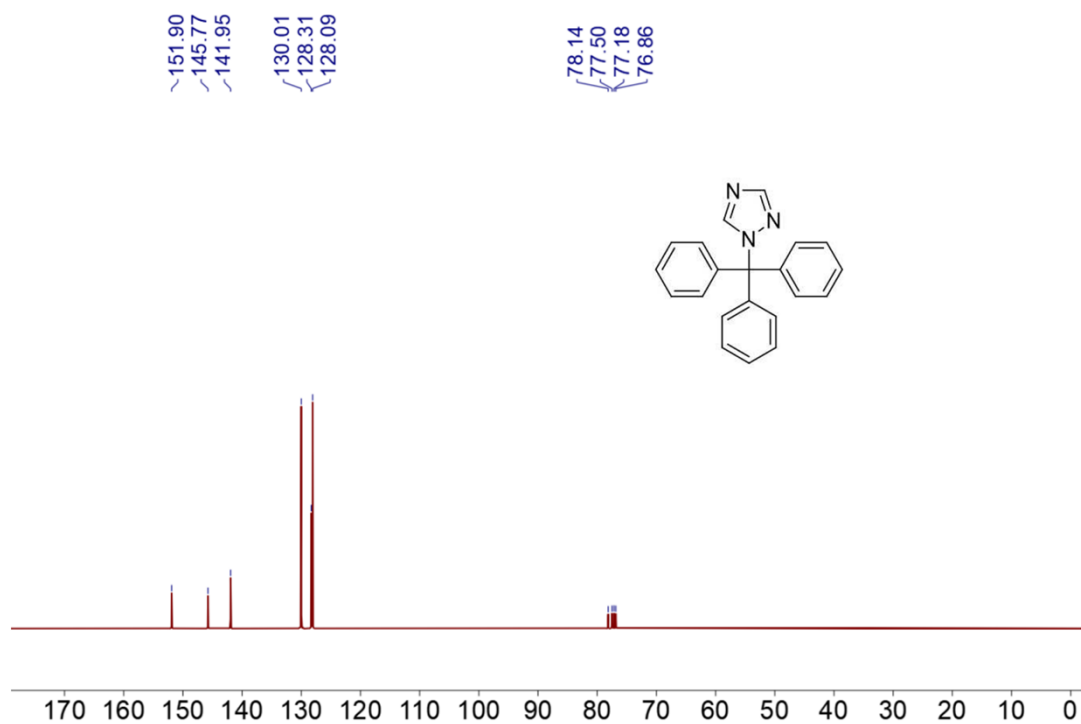


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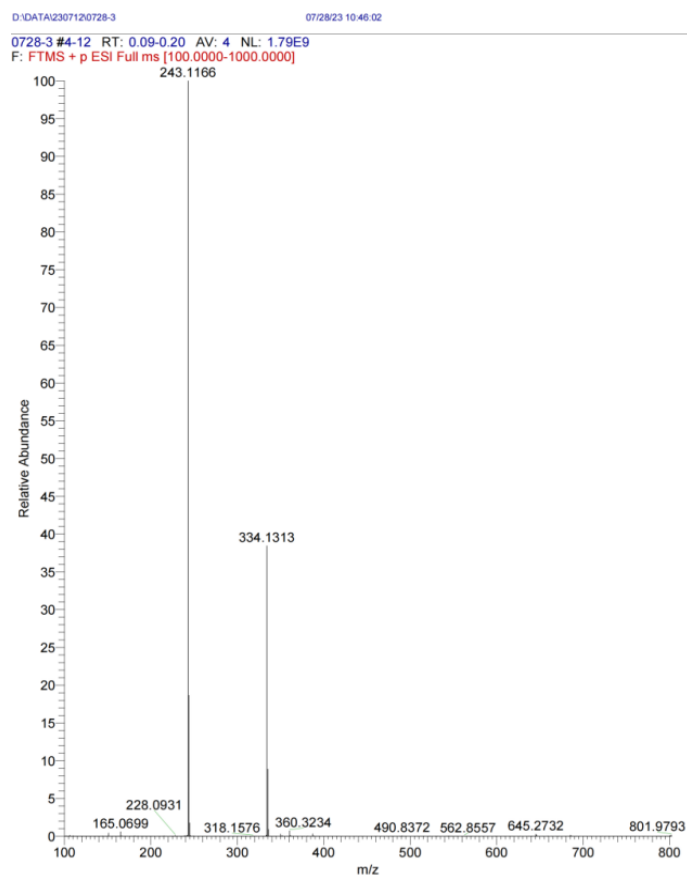


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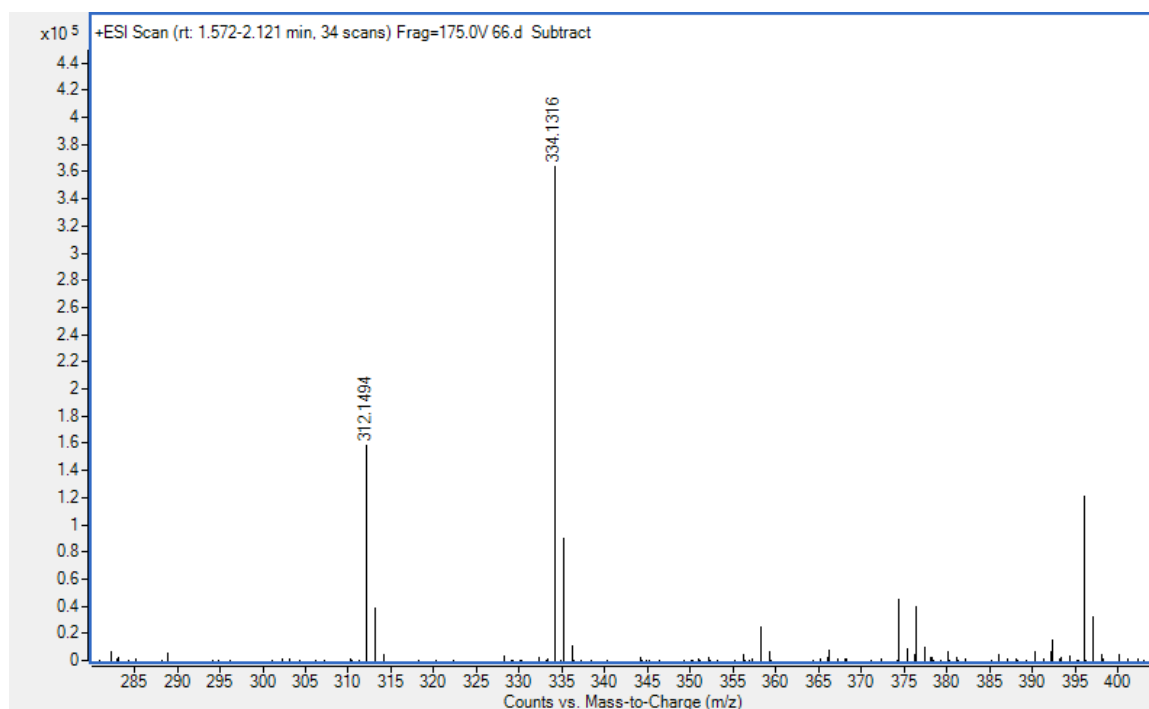


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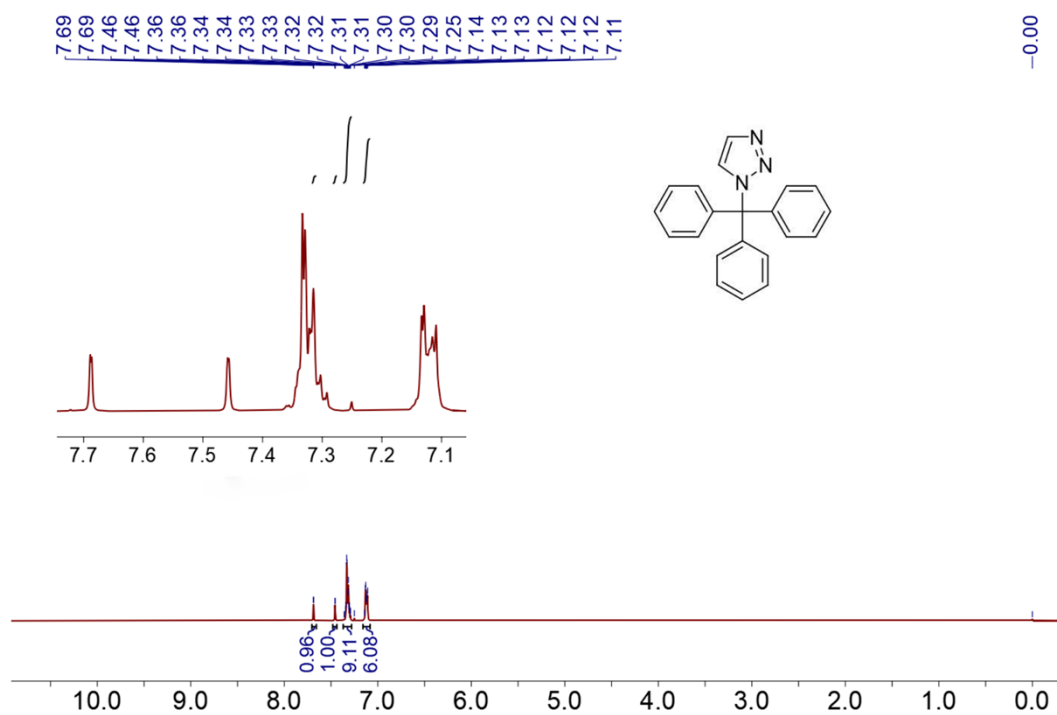


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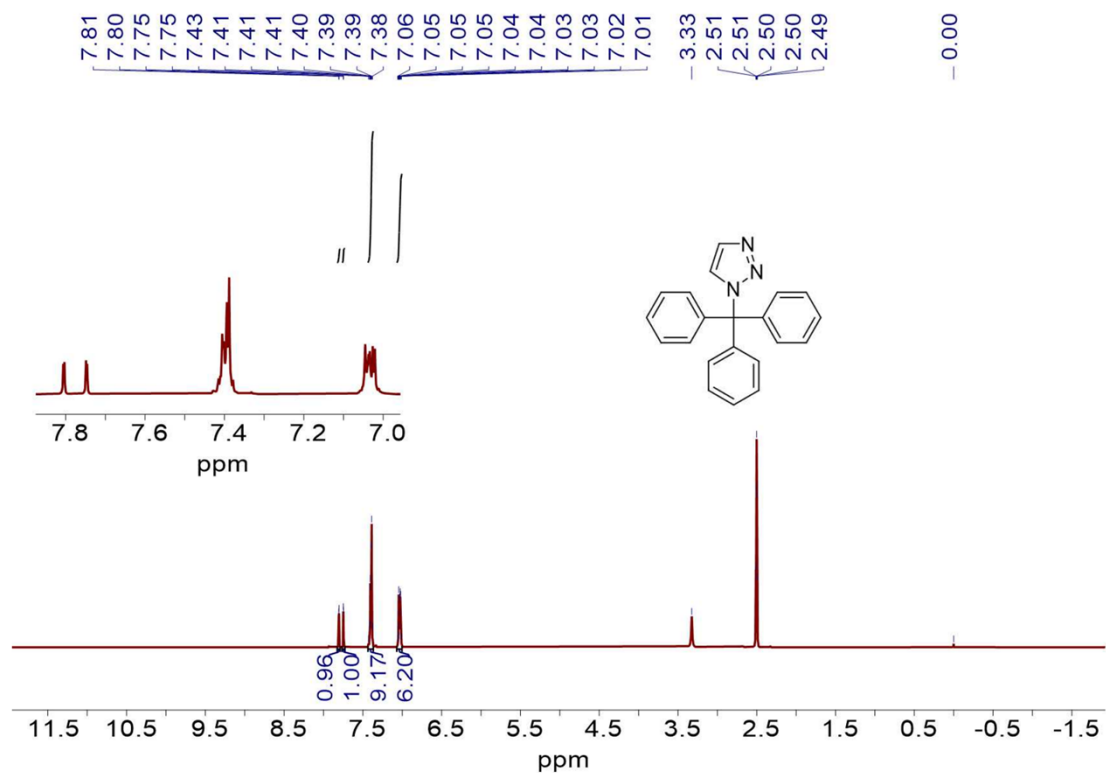


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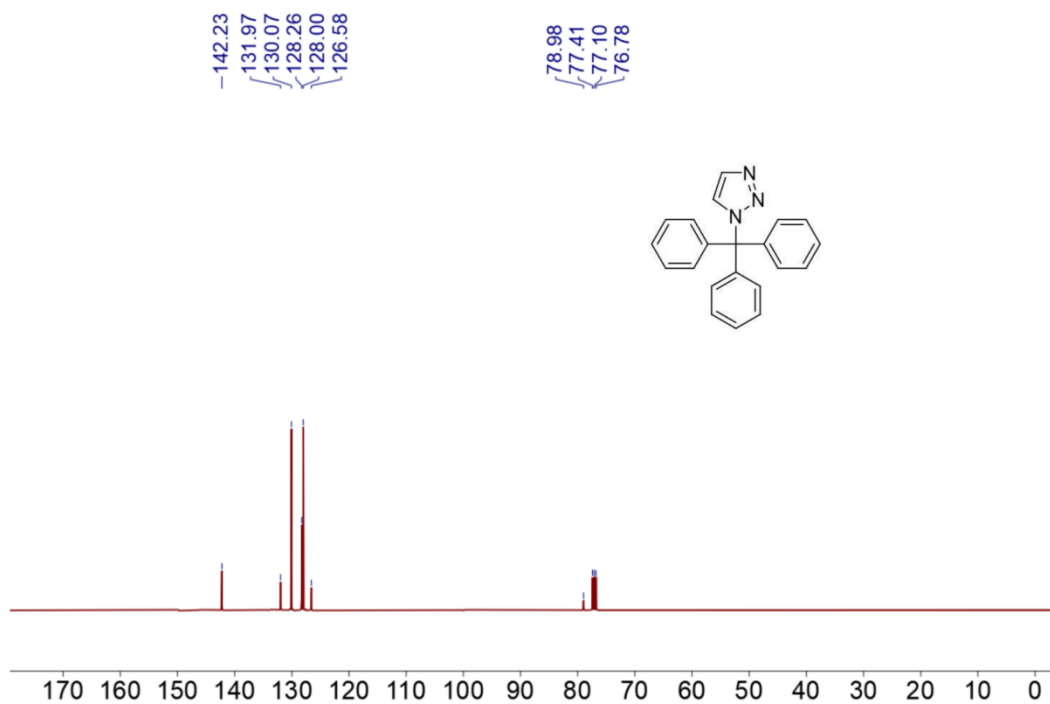


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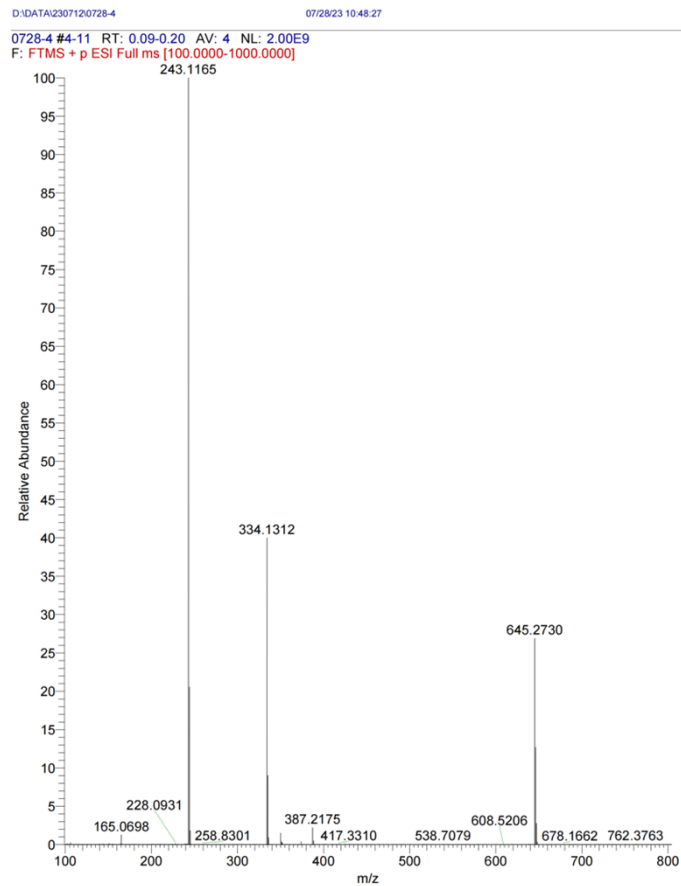


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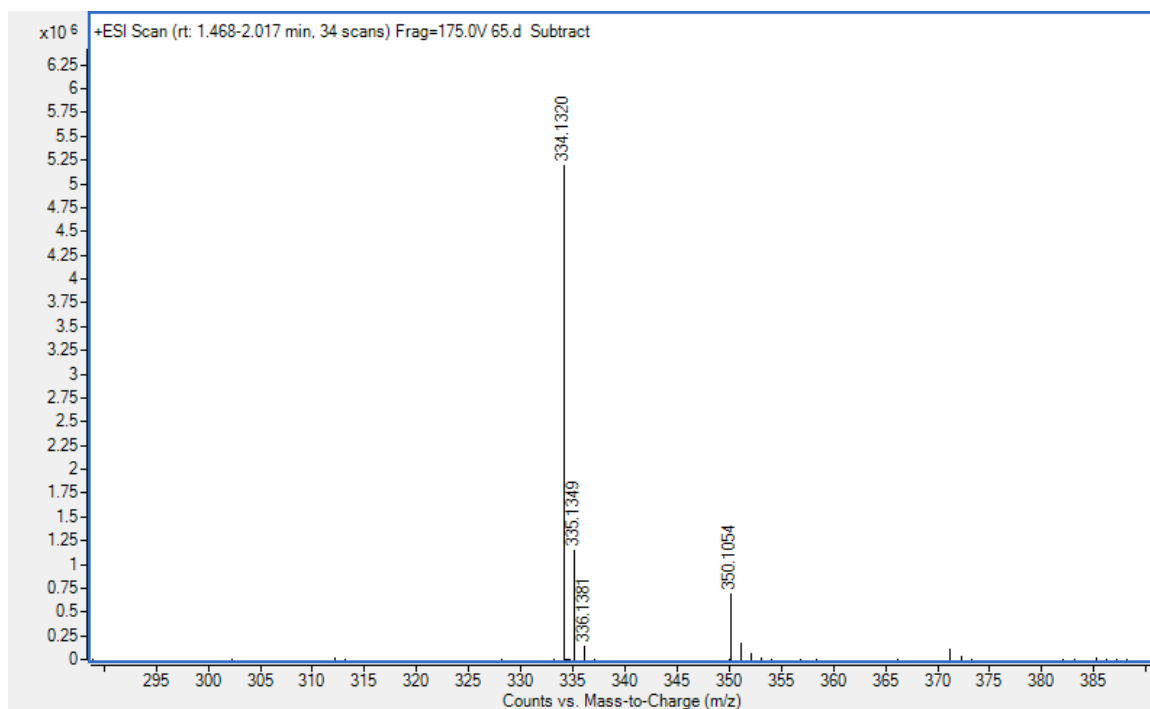


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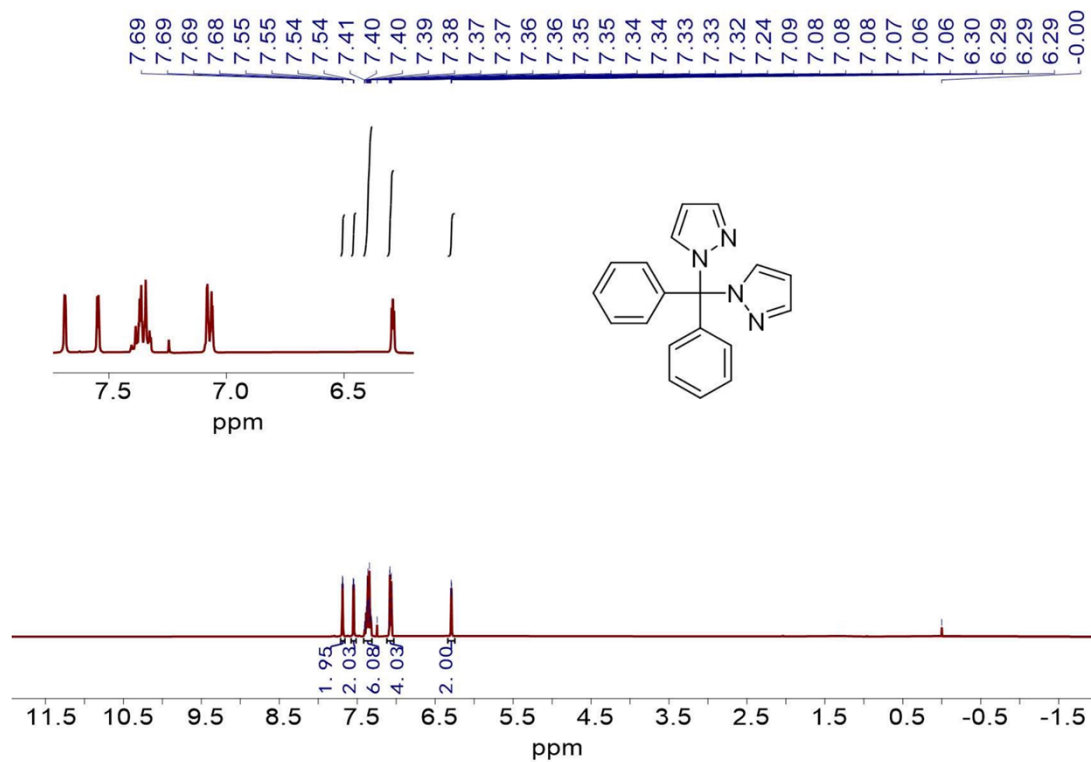


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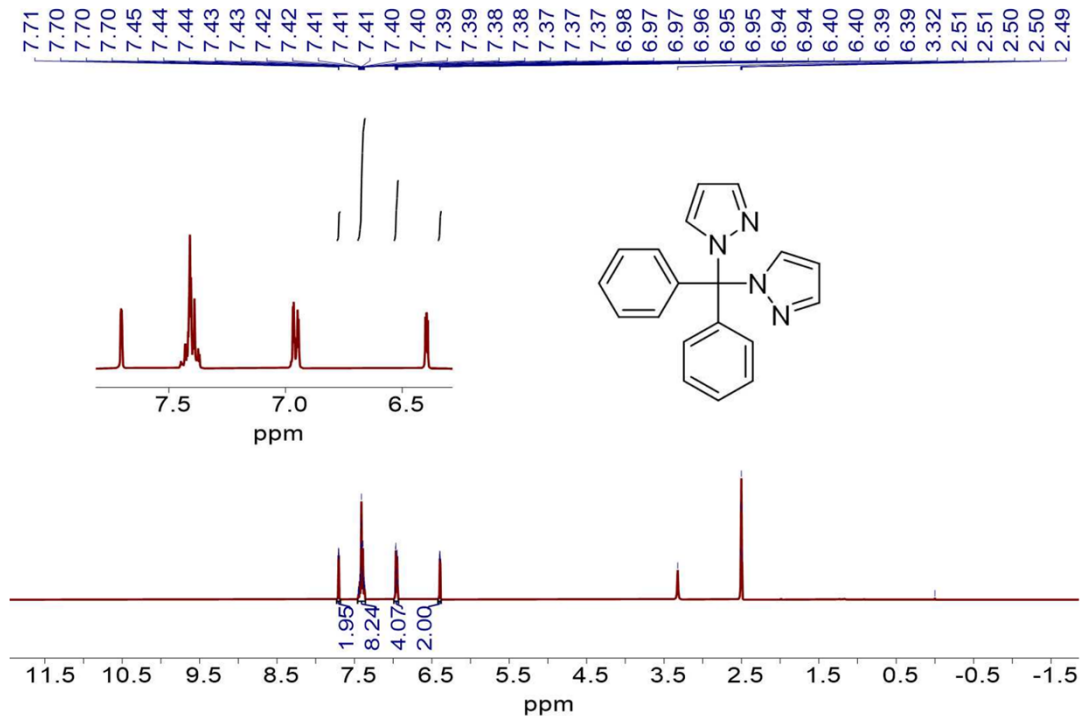


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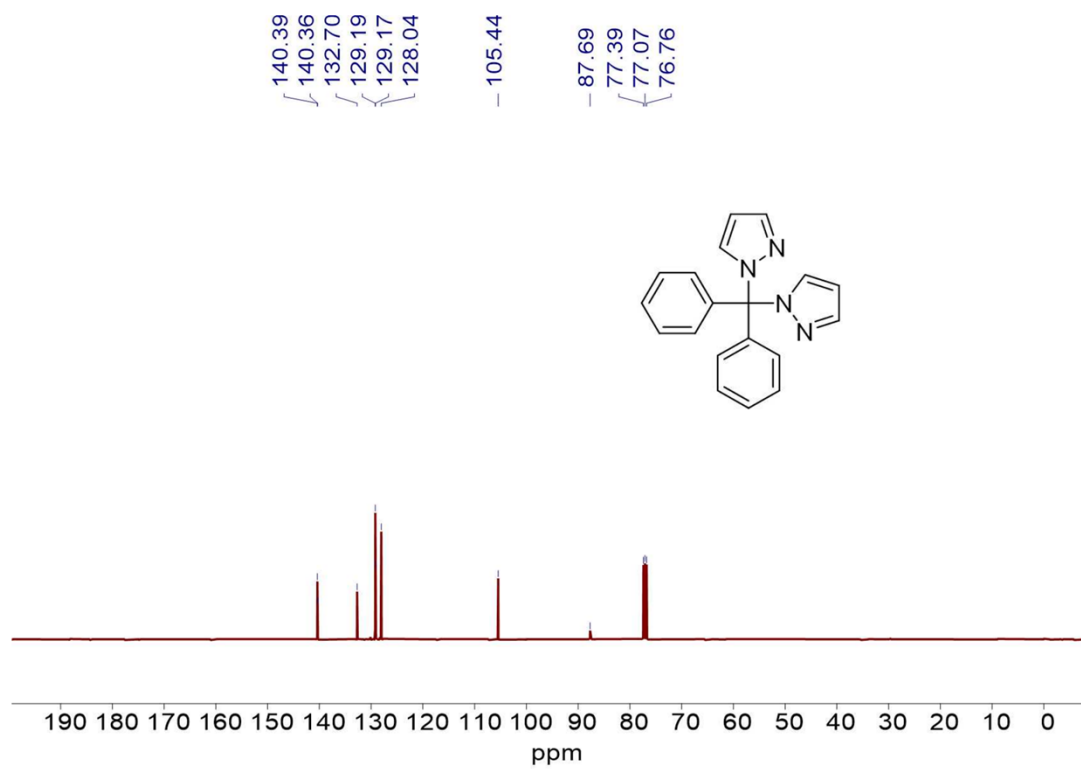


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