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#### **Supporting Information**

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# 6-Aryl- and 6,7-diaryl-1,3-dimethyl-1*H*-perimidin-2(3*H*)-ones: synthesis, conformational stability, crystal structure and optical properties

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#### **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

**General Information:** <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on 250 and 600 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to Me<sub>4</sub>Si. The electronic absorption spectra of the studied compounds have been recorded on an Agilent 8453 spectrophotometer equipped with a temperature-controlled cell holder at 293 K. Fluorescence emission spectra have been collected using an Eclipse Varian spectrofluorimeter. Mass spectra were performed in electrospray ionization (ESI) modes (HR-ESI MS). Melting points were determined in glass capillaries and are uncorrected. Flash column chromatography was performed on Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and SiO<sub>2</sub>. Starting 1,3-Dimethyl-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one,<sup>[1]</sup> and 6-bromo-1,3-dimethyl-1*H*-perimidin-2(3*H*)-one **5**<sup>[2]</sup> were synthesized as it was described earlier.

**Crystal Structure Determination:** X-ray measurements were conducted with diffractometer SyperNova, Dual, Cu at home/near, AtlasS2'. Atomic coordinates, bond lengths, bond angles and thermal parameters have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC): CCDC 2391756 (3a), CCDC 2391755 (3c), CCDC 2391757 (3g), CCDC 2391758 (3h). These data can be obtained free of charge from Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.

Synthesis of 6,7-dibromo-1,3-dimethyl-1*H*-perimidin-2(3*H*)-one (7). To a solution of 1,3-dimethyl-1*H*-perimidin-2(3H)-one (1.27 g, 6 mmol) in DMF (15 mL) a solution of NBS (2.14 g, 12 mmol) in DMF (12 ml) was added over 2.5 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h. The resulting light-yellow precipitate was filtered off, washed with water and dried in air. Recrystallization from acetonitrile gave compound **3** (1.96 g, 88%) as a colorless solid with mp 195-196 °C (lit. 202-203 °C [2]).

#### Synthesis of 6-aryl-1,3-dimethyl-1*H*-perimidin-2(3*H*)-ones 6 (Table 1).

*Method A*. A mixture of 6-bromo-1,3-dimethyl-1*H*-perimidin-2(3*H*)-one **5** (175 mg, 0.6 mmol), 5% Pd/C (64 mg, 0.03 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (31 mg, 0.12 mmol), phenylboronic acid (80 mg, 0.66 mmol) and 2M K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3 mL) in toluene (4 mL) was stirred at 95 °C for 24 h under argon. The reaction mixture was then diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 10 mL). The extract was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (2×20 cm), using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as an eluent. The fraction with  $R_f$  0.8 gave compound **6a** (130 mg, 75%).

Compounds **6a-e** were synthesized similarly using the corresponding arylboronic acid.

*Method B* (general procedure). A mixture of 6-bromo-1,3-dimethyl-1*H*-perimidin-2(3*H*)-one **5** (175 mg, 0.6 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (35 mg, 0.03 mmol), arylboronic acid (0.66 mmol), 2M K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3 mL) in toluene (4 mL) was refluxed for 24-48 h under argon. The reaction mixture was then diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 10 mL). The extract was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to dryness. In cases of compounds **6b-e**, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (2×20 cm), using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as an eluent. The fraction with  $R_f$  0.8 gave compound **6**. In cases of compounds **6f,i,j**, the chromatography was carried out on silica (2×20 cm), using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as an eluent allowed to separate starting compound **5** ( $R_f$  0.4). Elution was then continued using a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-EtOAc (10:1, v:v) as the eluent. The fraction with  $R_f$  0.1 (silica, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave product **6**. Compounds **6d-j** were further purified by boiling in ethanol to remove soluble impurities.

*1,3-Dimethyl-6-phenyl-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one* (**6a**), colorless solid with mp 200–202 °C (EtOH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.45 (s, 3 H), 3.47 (s, 3 H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.30-7.33 (m, 2 H), 7.35-7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.42-7.48 (m, 4 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 30.7, 30.8, 103.8, 104.3, 114.9, 117.6, 127.1, 127.8, 128.4, 128.7, 129.8, 131.8, 132.4, 137.2, 138.0, 140.5, 150.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M]: 288.1257, found 289.1260; [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 289.1335, found 289.1320; [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 311.1155, found 311.1155.

*1,3-Dimethyl-6-(p-tolyl)-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one* (**6b**), colorless solid with mp 212–214 °C (EtOH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 2.45 (s, 3 H), 3.48 (s, 3 H), 3.49 (s, 3 H), 6.57–6.70 (m, 2 H), 7.25–7.43 (m, 7 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 21.3, 30.8, 30.9, 103.9, 104.3, 115.0, 117.7, 127.8, 128.6, 129.2, 129.7, 131.8, 132.5, 136.8, 137.1, 137.6, 137.9, 150.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 325.1311, found 325.1302.

*1,3-Dimethyl-6-(m-tolyl)-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one* (6c), colorless solid with mp 194–195 °C (EtOH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 2.41 (s, 3 H), 3.45 (s, 3 H), 3.46 (s, 3 H), 6.55–6.68 (m, 2 H), 7.15–7.40 (m, 7 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 21.6, 30.8, 30.9, 103.9, 104.3, 115.0, 117.7, 126.9, 127.8, 127.9, 128.3, 128.6, 130.5, 132.0, 132.4, 137.1, 137.9, 138.1, 140.5, 150.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 325.1311, found 325.1307.

6-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dimethyl-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one (6d), colorless solid with mp 211–213 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.45 (s, 3 H), 3.46 (s, 3 H), 3.86 (s, 3 H), 6.57–6.65 (m, 2 H), 6.99 (dm, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.27–7.40 (m, 5 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 30.7, 30.8, 55.4, 103.9, 104.3, 113.9, 115.0, 117.7, 127.7, 128.6, 130.9, 131.5, 132.6, 132.9, 137.0, 138.0, 150.9, 158.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 341.1260, found 341.1252.

*1,3-Dimethyl-6-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one* (**6e**), colorless solid with mp 239–240 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.51 (s, 3 H), 3.54 (s, 3 H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.31 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.37–7.53 (m, 4 H), 7.58 (m, 1 H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 30.8, 30.9, 103.8, 104.3, 114.7, 118.3, 125.6, 125.9, 126.0, 126.4, 127.8, 127.9(2C), 128.3, 129.6, 129.9, 132.8, 133.6, 133.7, 137.5, 137.9, 138.2, 151.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 339.1492, found 339.1494.

*1,3-Dimethyl-6-(naphthalen-2-yl)-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one* (**6f**), colorless solid with mp 273-274 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.48 (s, 3 H), 3.50 (s, 3 H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.32 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.48–7.52 (m, 2 H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.83-7.92 (m, 4 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 30.7, 30.8, 103.9, 104.3, 115.1, 117.7, 125.9, 126.2, 127.7, 127.8, 127.9, 128.0, 128.3, 128.4, 129.0, 131.8, 132.6, 132.7, 133.7, 137.5, 138.1, 138.2, 150.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 339.1492, found 339.1494.

*1,3-Dimethyl-6-(pyridin-3-yl)-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one* (**6g**), beige solid with mp 233–234 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.46 (s, 3 H), 3.47 (s, 3 H), 6.61–6.68 (m, 2 H), 7.26–7.47 (m, 4 H), 7.78 (br d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 8.40–9.00 (m, 2 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 30.8, 30.9, 103.9, 104.7, 115.0, 116.8, 127.7, 128.4, 129.3, 132.3, 137.2, 138.0, 138.1, 148.2, 150.4, 150.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 290.1288, found 290.1283.

*1,3-Dimethyl-6-(quinolin-3-yl)-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one* (**6h**), pale yellow solid with mp 323-325 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.49 (s, 3 H), 3.51 (s, 3 H), 6.67 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Γц, 1 H), 7.30-7.38 (m, 2 H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.75 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 9.01 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 30.8, 30.9, 104.0, 104.7, 115.0, 116.9, 126.9, 127.8, 128.0, 128.4, 129.3, 129.4, 129.7, 132.6, 133.5, 135.8, 138.1, 138.2, 147.3, 150.8, 152.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 340.1444, found 340.1449.

6-(*Anthracen-9-yl*)-1,3-dimethyl-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one (**6i**), pale yellow solid with mp 332-334 °C (decomp.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.53 (s, 3 H), 3.60 (s, 3 H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.61 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.21-7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.40-7.53 (m, 5 H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 8.57 (s, 1 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 30.9 (2C), 104.0, 104.4, 114.9, 118.3, 125.2, 125.6, 126.7, 126.9, 127.6, 128.1, 128.5, 130.9, 131.0, 131.6, 134.2, 134.7, 137.8, 138.0, 151.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 389.1648, found 389.1649.

*1,3-Dimethyl-6-(pyren-1-yl)-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one* (**6j**), beige solid with mp 331-332 °C (decomp.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.51 (s, 3 H), 3.57 (s, 3 H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.77-6.84 (m, 2 H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.93-8.05 (m, 2 H), 8.08-8.15 (m, 3 H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 30.9 (2C), 103.9, 104.4, 118.4, 124.78, 124.86, 124.91, 125.0, 125.2, 125.6, 126.1, 127.4, 127.5, 128.0, 128.5, 129.8, 129.9, 130.1, 130.2, 130.9, 131.0, 131.4, 133.7, 135.6, 137.6, 138.0, 165.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 413.1648, found 413.1650.

Synthesis of 7-aryl-6-brom-1,3-dimethyl-1*H*-perimidin-2(3*H*)-ones 8 (general procedure, Table 2). A mixture of 6,7-dibromo-1,3-dimethyl-1*H*-perimidin-2(3*H*)-one 7 (185 mg, 0.5 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (29 mg, 0.025 mmol), arylboronic acid (0.75–1.00 mmol), 2M K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3 mL) in toluene (5 mL) was refluxed for 24-48 h under argon. The reaction mixture was then diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 10 mL). The extract was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to dryness.

In cases of compounds **8a,d** syntheses, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (2×20 cm), using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–hexane (1:1, v/v) as an eluent. The fraction with  $R_f$  0.6-0.7 gave compound **8** with a small admixture of compounds **7** and **3**. Purification of compounds **8b,c,e** was carried out by column chromatography on silica (2×20 cm), using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as an eluent. The fraction with  $R_f$  0.2-0.4 (for **8b,c**) or 0.1 (**8e**) gave the corresponding compound **5** with a small admixture of compounds **7** and **3**. Compounds **8** were more soluble in most organic solvents. The crude product **8** was heated with 2 mL of acetonitrile (heptane or EtOH) and insoluble impurities **7** and **3** were filtered off.

From subsequent fractions with a lower  $R_f$ , the starting dibromide 7 and then the corresponding diaryl derivative **3** were isolated.

*6-Bromo-1,3-dimethyl-7-phenyl-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one* (**8a**), colorless solid with mp 153-155 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.44 (s, 3 H), 3.47 (s, 3 H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.20–7.45 (m, 6 H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 31.17, 31.20, 104.7, 105.5, 110.3, 116.7, 126.8, 127.4, 129.8, 130.3, 132.1, 132.9, 135.1, 137.5, 137.9, 142.5, 150.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O [M]: 366.0362 (<sup>79</sup>Br), 368.0344 (<sup>81</sup>Br), found 366.0369 (<sup>79</sup>Br), 368.0358 (<sup>81</sup>Br). 6-Bromo-1,3-dimethyl-7-(m-tolyl)-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one (**8b**), colorless solid with mp 157-159 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 2.39 (s, 3 H), 3.48 (s, 3 H), 3.50 (s, 3 H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.65–6.80 (m, 2 H), 7.05–7.45 (m, 5 H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 21.4, 31.1, 104.6, 105.3, 110.4, 116.7, 127.2, 127.37, 127.41, 129.8, 131.1, 132.2, 132.8, 135.0, 136.8, 137.4, 137.9, 142.3, 150.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>NaO [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 403.0416 (<sup>79</sup>Br), 405.0401 (<sup>81</sup>Br), found 403.0404 (<sup>79</sup>Br), 405.0385 (<sup>81</sup>Br).

6-Bromo-7-(4-metoxyphenyl)-1,3-dimethyl-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one (**8c**), colorless solid with mp 188-190 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.47 (s, 3 H), 3.50 (s, 3 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 6.92 (dm, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.19 (dm, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 31.1, 55.3, 104.6, 105.3, 110.3, 112.8, 116.7, 130.0, 131.2, 131.7, 132.9, 134.8, 135.0, 137.3, 137.9, 150.2, 158.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 419.0366 (<sup>79</sup>Br), 421.0351 (<sup>81</sup>Br), found 419.0359 (<sup>79</sup>Br), 421.0339 (<sup>81</sup>Br).

6-Bromo-1,3-dimethyl-7-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one (**8d**), beige solid with mp 214-216 °C (decomp.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.48 (s, 3 H), 3.52 (s, 3 H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.27–7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.43–7.53 (m, 3 H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.85–7.92 (m, 2 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 31.2 (2C), 104.9, 105.6, 110.2, 116.6, 125.1, 125.5, 125.8, 126.4, 127.6, 128.1 (2C), 129.6, 130.8, 133.1, 133.4, 134.6, 135.1, 137.9, 138.0, 140.2, 150.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>NaO [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 439.0417 (<sup>79</sup>Br), 441.0399 (<sup>81</sup>Br), found 439.0418 (<sup>79</sup>Br), 441.0411 (<sup>81</sup>Br).

6-Bromo-1,3-dimethyl-7-(quinolin-3-yl)-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one (**8e**), yellow-orange solid with mp 255-256 °C (decomp.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.50 (s, 3 H), 3.53 (s, 3 H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.62 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.68–7.80 (m, 2 H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 8.09 d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 8.88 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 31.26, 31.30, 104.8, 106.0, 109.9, 116.8, 127.1, 127.68, 127.75, 128.0, 128.9, 129.5, 130.0, 134.1, 135.3, 135.5, 136.0, 138.1, 138.5, 146.3, 150.2, 151.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN<sub>3</sub>O [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 418.0550 (<sup>79</sup>Br), 420.0535 (<sup>81</sup>Br), found 418.0556 (<sup>79</sup>Br), 420.0538 (<sup>81</sup>Br).

Synthesis of 6,7-diaryl-1,3-dimethyl-1*H*-perimidin-2(3*H*)-ones 3a-d,f (general procedure, Table 2). A mixture of 6,7-dibromo-1,3-dimethyl-1*H*-perimidin-2(3*H*)-one 7 (185 mg, 0.5 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (29 mg, 0.025 mmol), arylboronic acid (1.5 mmol), 2M K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3 mL) in toluene (5 mL) was refluxed for 48 h under argon. The reaction mixture was then diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 10 mL). The extract was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to dryness.

In the case of compound **3a** synthesis, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (2×20 cm), using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-hexane (1:1, v/v) as an eluent. The fraction with  $R_f$  0.8 gave a mixture of compounds **8a** and **3a**. Purification of compounds **3b-d,f** was carried out by column chromatography on silica (2×20 cm), using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as an eluent. The fraction with  $R_f$  0.2-0.4 (for **3b,d,f**) or 0.1 (for **3c**) gave the corresponding compound **3** together with compound **8**. Compounds **8** were more soluble in most organic solvents. The crude product was heated with 2-4 mL of acetonitrile (or EtOH) and insoluble compound **3** was filtered off. The corresponding compound **8** was isolated from the filtrate.

*1,3-Dimethyl-6,7-diphenyl-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one* (**3a**), colorless solid with mp 237–239 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.52 (s, 6 H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.85-6.95 (m, 10 H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 31.0, 104.5, 116.3, 125.5, 127.2, 127.4, 129.5, 129.8, 130.3, 132.2, 132.7, 137.5, 142.6, 150.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 387.1468, found 387.1470.

*1,3-Dimethyl-6,7-di(m-tolyl)-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one* (**3b**), colorless solid with mp 275-277 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, +55 °C):  $\delta$  = 2.06 (s, 6 H), 3.52 (s, 6 H), 6.40–7.05 (m, 10 H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H) ppm. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, -50 °C):  $\delta$  = 1.94 (s, 3.3 H), 2.14 (s, 3 H), 3.52 (s, 6.3 H), 6.36 (s, 1 H), 6.65–6.79 (m, 6.5 H), 6.82 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1.1 H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 2.2 H), 7.37–7.41 (m, 2.1 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 21.0, 31.0, 104.4, 116.3, 125.8, 126.2, 126.9, 127.2, 129.9, 130.4, 132.3, 132.4, 136.2, 137.4, 142.5, 150.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO [M+Na]: 415.1781, found 415.1776.

6,7-Di(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dimethyl-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one (**3c**), colorless needles with mp 276-278 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.53 (s, 6 H), 3.71 (s, 6 H), 6.47 (dm, J = 8.7 Hz, 4 H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 6.79 (dm, J = 8.7 Hz, 4 H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 31.1, 55.3, 104.5, 112.8 (2C), 116.3, 130.2, 130.6 (2C), 131.8, 132.3, 135.3, 137.3, 150.7, 157.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 447.1679, found 447.1672.

*1,3-Dimethyl-6-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one* (**3d**), colorless solid with mp 244-246 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.58 (s, 6 H), 6.30 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 6.40 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 0.9 Hz, 2 H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.20–7.27 (m, 4 H), 7.31 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.5, 1.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 31.1, 104.4, 115.7, 123.4, 124.9, 125.2, 126.2, 126.4, 127.0, 127.8, 130.3, 132.4, 132.59, 132.65, 132.7, 137.8, 138.9, 150.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>33H25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 465.1961, found 465.1964.

*1,3-Dimethyl-6,7-di(naphthalen-2-yl)-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one* (**3f**), colorless solid with mp 234-236 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, +30 °C):  $\delta$  = 3.56 (s, 6 H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.90–7.22 (m, 8 H), 7.27–7.38 (m, 4 H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.49–7.59 (m, 2 H) ppm. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, -45 °C):  $\delta$  = 3.56 and 3.57 (two s, 6 H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.80–6.87 (m, 3 H), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 6.97–7.02 (m, 1 H), 7.05 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.8, 1.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.15–7.22 (m, 3 H), 7.25–7.36 (m, 4 H), 7.45–7.55 (m, 3 H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 31.1, 104.5, 116.3, 124.9, 125.2, 125.9, 126.3, 126.9, 127.2, 127.5, 128.0, 131.2, 132.2, 132.5, 133.7, 150.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 487.1781, found 487.1776.

Synthesis of 6,7-diaryl-1,3-dimethyl-1*H*-perimidin-2(3*H*)-ones 3g,h (general procedure). A mixture of 6-bromo-1,3-dimethyl-7-(naphthalen-1-yl)-1*H*-perimidin-2(3*H*)-one 8d (210 mg, 0.5 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (29 mg, 0.025 mmol), arylboronic acid (0.85 mmol), 2M K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3 mL) in toluene (5 mL) was refluxed for 24 h under argon. The reaction mixture was then diluted with water (10 mL) and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 10 mL). The extract was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica (2×20 cm), using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as an eluent. The fraction with *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.2-0.3 gave the corresponding compound 3 with a small admixture of 8d. The crude product was heated with 2 mL EtOH and less soluble compound 6 was filtered off.

*1,3-Dimethyl-6-(naphthalen-1-yl)-7-phenyl-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one* (**3g**), colorless solid with mp 227-229 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.60 (s, 3 H), 3.61 (s, 3 H), 6.27 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 6.57–6.67 (m, 1 H), 6.70–6.82 (m, 3 H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.13–7.50 (m, 8 H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 31.1 (2C), 104.4, 104.5, 115.9, 124.9, 125.1, 125.2, 125.4, 126.0, 126.3, 126.9, 127.9, 127.9, 128.0, 129.5, 127.9, 131.3, 132.3, 132.4, 132.8, 133.0, 133.1, 137.5, 137.9, 140.7, 141.6, 150.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 437.1624, found 437.1624.

*1,3-Dimethyl-6-(naphthalen-1-yl)-7-(m-tolyl)-1H-perimidin-2(3H)-one* (**3h**), colorless solid with mp 250–252 °C (MeCN). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, -50 °C):  $\delta$  = 1.35 (s, 4.3 H), 1.99 (s, 3 H), 3.560, 3.561, 3.57 and 3.58 (four s, 14.2 H), 6.18–6.20 (m, 2.3 H), 6.25 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 6.38–6.42 (m, 1.9 H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1.5 H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1.4 H), 6.73 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2.4 H), 6.76–6.78 (m, 2.4 H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1.4 H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 1.2 Hz, 1.4 H), 7.07–7.11 (m, 2.6 H), 7.14 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1.7 H), 7.29–7.47 (m, 11 H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.62–7.64 (m, 1.4 H), 7.70–7.72 (m, 1.4 H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 20.3, 21.1, 31.1, 104.26, 104.31, 104.5, 115.8, 116.0, 123.4, 124.4, 125.0, 125.1, 125.2, 125.25, 125.3, 125.4, 126.15, 126.25, 126.3, 126.35, 126.7, 126.9, 127.65, 127.7, 128.0, 128.2, 129.6, 129.8, 130.1, 130.8, 131.3, 131.4, 132.1, 132.4, 132.4, 132.8, 133.0, 133.1, 133.2, 133.3, 134.8, 135.8, 137.4, 137.5, 137.8, 137.9, 140.3, 141.0, 144.9, 150.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaO [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 451.1781, found 451.1783.



Fig. S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 6a (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S2.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of compound 6a (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 6b (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S4.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  APT-NMR spectrum of 6b (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 6c (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S6.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  APT-NMR spectrum of compound 6c (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 6d (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S8.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  APT-NMR spectrum of compound 6d (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 6e (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S10.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  APT-NMR spectrum of compound 6e (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 6f (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S12.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  APT-NMR spectrum of compound 6f (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 6g (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S14. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} APT-NMR spectrum of compound 6g (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S15. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 6h (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S16.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  APT-NMR spectrum of compound 6h (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S18.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  APT-NMR spectrum of compound 6i (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S19. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 6j (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S20.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  APT-NMR spectrum of compound 6j (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).







Fig. S22.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  APT-NMR spectrum of compound 8a (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S24.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of compound 8b (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S26. <sup>13</sup>C $\{^{1}H\}$  NMR spectrum of compound 8c (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S28. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} APT-NMR spectrum of compound 8d (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).











Fig. S32.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of compound 3a (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).







Fig. S36.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  APT-NMR spectrum of compound 3b (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, +30 °C).



Fig. S38. 2D NOESY spectrum of compound 3b (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, +30 °C).



Fig. S40.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  APT-NMR spectrum of compound 3c (62.9 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S42.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  APT-NMR spectrum of compound 3d (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



Fig. S43. Variable-temperature <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 3d (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600MHz).



Fig. S44. <sup>1</sup>H-1H COSY spectra of 3d (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600MHz).



Fig. S46. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 3f (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, -45 °C).



Fig. S47.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  APT-NMR spectrum of compound 3f (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, +30 °C).











Fig. S50. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **3h** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, +30 °C).







Fig. S53. <sup>13</sup>C APT-NMR spectrum of compound **3h** (150 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>).

#### UV-vis, excitation and emission spectra



Fig. S54. Absorption, excitation and emission spectra of 1,3-dimethyl-1*H*-perimidin-2(3*H*)-one in DMSO, T = 293 K.



Fig. S55. Absorption, excitation and emission spectra of 6a in DMSO, T = 293 K.



Fig. S56. Absorption, excitation and emission spectra of 6d in DMSO, T = 293 K.



Fig. S57. Absorption, excitation and emission spectra of 6e in DMSO, T = 293K.



Fig. S58. Absorption, excitation and emission spectra of 6f in DMSO, T = 293K.



Fig. S59. Absorption, excitation and emission spectra of 6h in DMSO, T = 293K.



Fig. S60. Absorption, excitation and emission spectra of 6i in DMSO, T = 293K.



Fig. S61. Absorption, excitation and emission spectra of 6j in DMSO, T = 293K.



Fig. S62. Absorption, excitation and emission spectra of 3a in DMSO, T = 293K.



Fig. S63. Absorption, excitation and emission spectra of 3c in DMSO, T = 293K.

#### Calculations of the experimental syn/anti-isomerization barrier of compounds 3b and 3f

The *syn/anti*-isomerization barriers of compounds **3** were determined by the dynamic NMR, coalescence method (H. Günther, *NMR Spectroscopy: An Introduction*, John Wiley and Sons, Chichester – New York – Brisbane – Toronto, 1980, 436 p.).



For compound **3b**, signals of the C-methyl groups were used for calculations,  $\Delta v_{AB}$  - difference in chemical shifts of signals of C-Me groups of rotamers under conditions of rapid exchange,  $\Delta v_{AB}^*$  - difference in chemical shifts of signals of C-Me groups of rotamers under conditions of slow exchange (-50 °C).

Calculation of the *syn/anti*-isomerization barrier using the Eyring equation,  $T_{coal} = 328K$  (see Fig.5 in the main text and Table S1):

$$\Delta G^{\neq} = 19.14T[10.32 - \log (k/T)],$$

the rate constant at the coalescence point can be estimated using the formula:  $k = \pi \Delta v_{AB}^* / \sqrt{2}$ 

$$\Delta G^{\neq} = 19.14 \times 328(10.32 - (-0.075)) = 65\ 259\ \text{J mol}^{-1} = 15.59\ \text{kcal mol}^{-1}$$

Table S1. Calculation of the activation parameters of *syn/anti*-isomerization of compound 3b using the Eyring plot

Т, ℃	Т, К	1/T	$\Delta$ ν <sub>AB</sub> , Hz	$\Delta v_{AB}{}^2$	$\sqrt{(\Delta v_{AB}^{*2} - \Delta v_{AB}^{2})}$	$k = \pi \sqrt{(\Delta v_{AB}^{*2} - \Delta v_{AB}^{2})} / \sqrt{2}$	k/T	log k/T
-50	223.15	0,00448	124.4	15475				
-45	228.15	0,00438	122.5	15006	21.656	48.108	0.2109	-0,676
-40	233.15	0,00429	120.8	14593	29.698	65.972	0.2830	-0,548
-35	238.15	0,00420	118.9	14137	36.579	81.258	0.3412	-0,467
-30	243.15	0,00411	117.0	13689	42.261	93.880	0.3861	-0,413
-25	248.15	0,00403	115.2	13271	46.947	104.290	0.4203	-0,376
-20	253.15	0,00395	113.5	12882	50.922	113.120	0.4468	-0,350
-15	258.15	0,00387	111.7	12477	54.754	121.633	0.4712	-0,327
-10	263.15	0,00380	109.9	12078	58.284	129.474	0.4920	-0,308
-5	268.15	0,00373	108.2	11707	61.384	136.361	0.5085	-0,294
0	273.15	0,00366	106.5	11342	64.288	142.812	0.5228	-0,282
+5	278.15	0,00360	105.0	11025	66.708	148.188	0.5328	-0,273

+10	283.15	0,00353	103.2	10650	69.462	154.306	0.5450	-0,264
+15	288.15	0,00347	101.5	10302	71.923	159.773	0.5545	-0,256
+20	293.15	0,00341	99.8	9960	74.263	164.971	0.5628	-0,250
+25	298.15	0,00335	98.0	9604	76.622	170.211	0.5709	-0,243
+30	303.15	0,00330	95.9	9197	79.233	176.011	0.5806	-0,236
+35	308.15	0,00325	92.8	8612	82.843	184.031	0.5972	-0,224
+40	313.15	0,00319	86.6	7500	89.303	198.381	0.6335	-0,198
+45	318.15	0,00314	75.3	5670	99.020	219.967	0.6914	-0,160
+50	323.15	0,00309	56.7	3215	110.725	245.969	0.7612	-0,119
+55 Coalescence	328.15	0,00305	83			276.347	0.8421	-0,075

 $-317.99 = -\Delta H^{\neq} / 19.14$   $\Delta H^{\neq} = 6086.32 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$ 

 $0.855 = 10.32 + \Delta S^{\neq}/19.14$   $\Delta S^{\neq} = -181.16 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ 

 $\Delta G^{\neq} = \Delta H^{\neq} - T\Delta S^{\neq}$  for 328 K

$$\Delta G^{\neq} = 65506 \text{ J mol}^{-1} = 15.66 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$$





Calculation of the *syn/anti*-isomerization barrier of compound **3f** using the Eyring equation,

$$T_{coal} = 298K$$
 (see Fig.7, main text, Table S2):

 $\Delta G^{\neq} = 19.14T[10.32 - \log (k/T)] = 19.14 \times 298(10.32 - (-0.891)) = 63944 \text{ J mol}^{-1} = 15.28 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ 

Table S2. Calculation of the syn/anti-isomerization barrier of compound 3f using the Eyring plot

(signals of the H(5), H(8) protons at -10....+30 °C were used for calculations,  $\Delta v_{AB}$  - difference in chemical shifts of signals of the H(5), H(8) protons of rotamers under conditions of rapid exchange,  $\Delta v_{AB}^*$  - difference in chemical shifts of signals of the H(5), H(8) protons of rotamers under conditions of slow exchange (-10 °C))

T, °C	Т, К	1/T	$\Delta v_{AB}$ , Hz	$\Delta {v_{AB}}^2$	√(Δν <sub>ab</sub> *2 - Δν <sub>ab</sub> ²)	$k = \pi \sqrt{(\Delta v_{AB}^{*2} - \Delta v_{AB}^{2})} / \sqrt{2}$	k/T	log k/T
-45	228,15	0,00438	17,0	289				
-40	233,15	0,00429	17,1	292,41				
-35	238,15	0,00420	17,1	292,41				
-30	243,15	0,00411	17,2	295,84				
-25	248,15	0,00403	17,2	295,84				
-20	253,15	0,00395	17,2	295,84				
-15	258,15	0,00387	17,2	295,84				
-10	263,15	0,00380	17,2	295,84				
-5	268,15	0,00373	17,1	292,41	1,85	4,12	0,0154	-1,8124
0	273,15	0,00366	16,9	285,61	3,20	7,13	0,0261	-1,5833
+5	278,15	0,00360	16,4	268,96	5,18	11,53	0,0414	-1,3830
+10	283,15	0,00353	15,6	243,36	7,24	16,12	0,0569	-1,2448
+15	288,15	0,00347	13,2	174,24	11,02	24,54	0,0852	-1,0695
+20	293,15	0,00341	9,6	92,16	14,27	31,77	0,1084	-0,9650

+25 Coalescence	298,15	0,00335	8.5	72,25	14.95	33,29	0,1117	-0,9519
+30	303,15	0,00330	7.5	56,25	15,48	34,47	0,1137	-0,9442
+35	308,15	0,00324	7.7	59,29	15,38	34,25	0,1111	-0,9543
+40	313,15	0,00319	7.8	60 <i>,</i> 84	15,33	34.14	0,1090	-0,9625
+45	318,15	0,00314	7.8	60,84	15,33	34.14	0,1073	-0,9694
+50	323,15	0,00309	7.8	60,84	15,33	34.14	0,1056	-0,9763



 $-2074 = -\Delta H^{\neq} / 19.14$   $\Delta H^{\neq} = 39\ 696,36\ J\ mol^{-1}$ 

 $6.0275 = 10.32 + \Delta S^{\neq}/19.14$   $\Delta S^{\neq} = -82.158 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ 

 $\Delta G^{\neq} = \Delta H^{\neq}$  - T $\Delta S^{\neq}$  for 298 K  $\Delta G^{\neq} = 64 \ 179 \ J \ mol^{-1} = 15.34 \ kcal \ mol^{-1}$ 

#### Dynamic NMR simulation for compounds 3b and 3f

Spectral parameters were determined by iterative full line shape analysis using the gNMR simulation program: P. H. M. Budzelaar, gNMR, Version 5.0.6.0, 2006



Figure S64. Experimental and calculated NMR of the methyl resonances for compound 3b

 $\Delta G^{\#}_{sim}$ , k, s⁻¹ Т, К 15,70 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> 223,15 0,01 15,20 y = 0,0044x + 14,219 15,65  $R^2 = 0,9998$ 0,90 15,38 263,15 15,60 268,15 15,40 1,52 ∆G, kcal/mol 273,15 2,53 15,42 15,55 278,15 4,12 15,44 283,15 6,61 15,46 15,50 288,15 10,44 15,49 293,15 16,24 15,51 15,45 298,15 24,88 15,53 15,40 303,15 15,55 37,60 308,15 56,09 15,57 15,35 313,15 82,62 15,60 260 270 280 290 300 310 320 330 318,15 120,27 15,62 Т, К 323,15 173,09 15,64 328,15 246,42 15,66

**Table S3.** The data on dynamic NMR simulation for compound **3b** using the Eyring equation(signals of the C-methyl groups were used for calculations)

**Table S4.** The data on dynamic NMR simulation for compound **3f** using the Eyring equation(signals of the H(5), H(8) protons at 0....+50 °C were used for calculations)



#### Quantum-chemical calculations of the syn/anti isomerization barriers of compounds 3

**Theoretical Calculations.** All calculations were performed using the PBE0 exchange-correlation functional<sup>3</sup> with the def2-SVP basis set<sup>4</sup> and D3(BJ) dispersion correction<sup>5</sup>. Relaxed surface scans were conducted using the ORCA 5.04 software<sup>6</sup>, with solvent effects (chloroform) considered through the CPCM model.<sup>7</sup> The naphthyl-aryl torsion was changed in four-degree increments (from 300 to -60 degree). The corresponding dihedral angle was fixed and the rest of the molecule fully relaxed. These calculations were carried out for 91 points and resulted in smooth and continuous energy profiles. The structures corresponding to the maxima and minima on the energy profile are given in Tables S5–S8. The atom coordinates of the optimized structures of *syn-* and *anti*-isomers and their energies are given in Table S9.





			540
132	0,57068365662	-48	0.03478110646
128	0,61649318798	-52	0.0000000000
124	0,78072197921	-56	0.06531492626
		-60	0.22127187216



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	Dihedral	Energy	Dihedral	Energy
	(9,8,7,6)		(9,8,7,6)	
	300	0.28703355991	116	1.09756000769
	296	0.49766046949	112	1.37192767440
C	292	0.74498332393	108	1.68622671172
•	288	1.01686844949	104	2.02255057136
т II	284	1.29454984511	100	2.35689172926
Me Me Me	280	1.57040375664	96	2.66330840647
	276	1.83905665861	92	2.92212206039
	272	2.08531329208	88	2.04554230354
	268	2.28717379732	84	1.83663678926
	264	2.40725717596	80	1.59856360127
	260	2.42724405261	76	1.34310318924
	256	2.37338770774	72	1.07442971893
	252	2.23666908108	68	0.80590182572
	248	1.98375775262	64	0.57097316301
	244	0.62273385206	60	0.40012209464
	240	0.36270662172	56	0.31176313773
	236	0.17170488918	52	0.31288116948
	232	0.06447794644	48	0.40833545166
	228	0.06012707729	44	0.60693842702
	224	0.18254689536	40	0.92101843844
	220	0.44932034364	36	1.35851913043
	216	0.87248183043	32	1.92264035739
	212	1.45803540215	28	2.64247911779
	208	2.21100875186	24	3.39687600354
	204	3.07483943201	20	4.26641893087
	200	3.94709316472	16	5.25467625602
	196	4.91645022945	12	6.35848428375
4	192	5.97711761393	8	7.55837541630
	188	7.13189263276	4	8.81120008342
	184	8.36498464920	0	10.10422494861
	180	9.65005894525	-4	11.42669384732
$\langle 3 \rangle \langle 5 \rangle \langle 1 $	176	10.96589311322	-8	12.73918414256
	172	12.27392422115	-12	13.93769606962
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	168	13.53257710048	-16	14.94173855119
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Dinearai(4,o,r,o)	156	16.64824833731	-28	16.61449315109
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	148	17.87517673270	-36	16,73832815676
	144	18.15945456913	-40	0.46360662458
	140	18.23091365672	-44	0.19314661524
	136	0 89353897784	-48	0.04106898250
	100	0.0000001104	-70	0.04100030200

Table S6. Dependence of the rotamer energy on dihedral angle C(9)-C(8)-C(7)-C(6) for compound 3f

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-70 -60 -50 -40 -30 -20 -10 0

0.5 -0 --0.5-

			S50
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		128 0.687	<b>85141582</b> -56 0.05640049730
		124 0.739	00479610 -00 0.19345788747
1 Minimum <i>syn-</i> conformer	2	3 Minimum <i>anti-</i> conformer	4



Table S7. Dependence of the rotamer energy on dihedral angle C(28)-C(27)-C(24)-C(5) for compound 3h

					S52
		132	1.80701490035	-52	0.44544835277
		128	1.74422247268	-56	0.43982809968
		124	1.76125839112	-60	0.53795333909
		120	1.84170675801		
1	2	Minimum	3 n <i>anti-</i> conformer		4
5	6	Minimum	7 n <i>syn</i> -conformer		8



Table S8. Dependence of the rotamer energy on dihedral angle C(28)-C(27)-C(24)-C(5) for compound 3d

					S54
		132	2.21502840765	-52	2.43447490551
		128	1.85091174319	-56	2.09162728839
		124	1.56819704865	-60	1.87032140396
		120	1.36014328947		
1	2 Minimum <i>anti-</i> conformer	3		2	•
5	6 Minimum <i>syn</i> -conformer	7			

Structure of compound	Absolute energy (a.u.) a	and atom coordinates	Structure of compound	npound Absolute energy (a.u.) and atom coordinates			
Syn- <b>3b</b>			Anti- <b>3b</b>				
//	FINAL SINGLE POINT ENE	RGY -		FINAL SI	NGLE POIN	T ENERGY -	
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	C 3.001815000 -1.16	64566000 -		C 2.9	84057000	-0.866105000	-2.931318000
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	N 3.098975000 0.27	4192000 -		C 1.9	05752000	1.145343000	-2.048972000
ΤΥΥ	1.535502000		$\gamma \gamma \gamma$	C 1.9	91587000	2.468365000	-1.531636000
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$\sim$	1.364041000		$\sim$	C 0.9	68927000	4.574866000	-0.778231000
	C 2.047095000 2.45	9996000 -	T V	C -0.1	46730000	5.539795000	-0.616565000
	1.492971000			C -1.0	90025000	5.722301000	-1.633994000
$T Y \setminus Y$	C 0.892290000 3.29	6878000 -	$\sqrt{Y}$ $\sqrt{Y}$	C -2.1	27820000	6.652114000	-1.518506000
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N N	C 1.092567000 4.72	20969000 -		C -2.1	95923000	7.434819000	-0.358937000
	1.321560000			C -1.2	48275000	7.286343000	0.652792000
с <sub>0</sub>	C 0.086324000 5.70	8291000 -		C -0.2	230428000	6.344437000	0.528493000
	0.861345000			C 2.2	50657000	5.080133000	-0.633405000
	C -0.572739000 5.53	37933000		C 3.4	06479000	4.338736000	-0.906764000
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### Table S9 Optimized structures and their energies

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Syn- <b>3f</b>			Anti- <b>3f</b>	



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