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Red-shifted optical absorption induced by donor-acceptor-donor π -extended dibenzalacetone derivatives

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Table S1 Preparation of solutions containing dibenzalacetone derivatives (DBAd) in solvents employed.

DBAd	Stock Solution mol · L ⁻¹	Concentration × 10 ⁻⁵ mol · L ⁻¹				
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
DBA	1.7 × 10 ⁻³	0.55 (3)	1.11 (5)	1.67 (6)	2.25 (5)	2.83 (5)
DBC	2.1 × 10 ⁻³	0.66 (9)	1.34 (9)	2.03 (9)	2.72 (9)	3.42 (5)
DEP	1.6 × 10 ⁻³	0.53 (4)	1.07 (6)	1.62 (9)	2.17 (9)	2.72 (9)
DMA	1.9 × 10 ⁻³	0.63 (5)	1.27 (9)	1.91 (9)	2.57 (9)	3.22 (9)

^aToluene ($\kappa = 2.37$); ^bDichloromethane ($\kappa = 8.93$); ^cAcetonitrile ($\kappa = 35.67$);

Table S2 Molar absorption coefficients of the dibenzalacetone derivatives (DBAd) in solvents employed, determined by linear regression.

Solvent	Molar absorption coefficients × 10 ⁴ L · mol ⁻¹ · cm ⁻¹			
	DBA	DBC	DEP	DMA
Dichloromethane	6.59 (1)	3.27 (5)	4.83 (7)	4.63 (8)
Toluene	4.71 (3)	3.24 (3)	4.05 (4)	4.09 (2)
Acetonitrile	7.44 (8)	4.44 (3)	5.96 (5)	6.75 (4)

^aToluene ($\kappa = 2.37$); ^bDichloromethane ($\kappa = 8.93$); ^cAcetonitrile ($\kappa = 35.67$);

Table S3 Optimized geometric parameters (bond length) for the two chalcone compounds: DBA (C₁₇H₁₄O), and DBC (C₁₇H₁₂Cl₂O). The atom labels are presented in Fig.3

DBA				DBC			
Lig.	Å	Lig.	°	Lig.	Å	Lig.	°
C1-C2	1.399	C2-C1-C3	118.7	C1-C2	1.399	C2-C1-C3	118.5
C1-C3	1.402	C2-C1-C7	118.4	C1-C3	1.401	C2-C1-C7	118.5
C1-C7	1.469	C1-C2-C4	120.9	C1-C7	1.469	C1-C2-C4	121.3
C2-C4	1.391	C1-C2-H	119.2	C2-C4	1.389	C1-C2-H	119.5
C2-H	1.085	C3-C1-C7	122.9	C2-H	1.084	C3-C1-C7	123.0
C3-C5	1.387	C1-C3-C5	120.4	C3-C5	1.386	C1-C3-C5	120.9
C3-H	1.084	C1-C3-H	120.3	C3-H	1.083	C1-C3-H	120.6
C4-C6	1.391	C1-C7-C8	126.4	C4-C6	1.387	C1-C7-C8	126.4
C4-H	1.083	C1-C7-H	114.9	C4-H	1.082	C1-C7-H	114.9
C5-C6	1.395	C4-C2-H	119.9	C5-C6	1.391	C4-C2-H	119.2
C5-H	1.084	C2-C4-C6	119.9	C5-H	1.082	C2-C4-C6	118.7
C6-H	1.084	C2-C4-H	119.9	C6-C11	1.745	C2-C4-H	120.9
C7-C8	1.340	C5-C3-H	119.3	C7-C8	1.339	C5-C3-H	118.6
C7-H	1.087	C3-C5-C6	120.3	C7-H	1.087	C3-C5-C6	119.1
C8-C9	1.482	C3-C5-H	119.7	C8-C9	1.482	C3-C5-H	120.7
C8-H	1.085	C6-C4-H	120.2	C8-H	1.085	C6-C4-H	120.4
C9-C10	1.482	C4-C6-C5	119.8	C9-C10	1.483	C4-C6-C5	121.5
C9-O1	1.222	C4-C6-H	120.2	C9-O1	1.222	C4-C6-C11	119.4
C10-C11	1.340	C6-C5-H	120.0	C10-C11	1.340	C6-C5-H	120.1
C10-H	1.085	C5-C6-H	120.1	C10-H	1.085	C5-C6-C11	119.1
C11-C12	1.469	C8-C7-H	118.6	C11-C12	1.469	C8-C7-H	118.7
C11-H	1.087	C7-C8-C9	124.0	C11-H	1.087	C7-C8-C9	123.9
C12-C15	1.402	C7-C8-H	121.7	C12-C15	1.401	C7-C8-H	121.8
C12-C17	1.399	C9-C8-H	113.9	C12-C17	1.399	C9-C8-H	113.9
C13-C14	1.395	C8-C9-C10	121.4	C13-C14	1.392	C8-C9-C10	121.4
C13-C15	1.387	C8-C9-O1	119.3	C13-C15	1.386	C8-C9-O1	119.3
C13-H	1.084	C10-C9-O1	119.2	C13-H	1.082	C10-C9-O1	119.3
C14-C16	1.391	C9-C10-C11	124.1	C14-C16	1.387	C9-C10-C11	124.0
C14-H	1.084	C9-C10-H	113.8	C14-C12	1.746	C9-C10-H	113.8
C15-H	1.084	C11-C10-H	121.6	C15-H	1.083	C11-C10-H	121.8
C16-C17	1.391	C10-C11-C12	126.2	C16-C17	1.389	C10-C11-C12	126.3
C16-H	1.083	C10-C11-H	118.7	C16-H	1.082	C10-C11-H	118.8
C17-H	1.085	C12-C11-H	115.1	C17-H	1.084	C12-C11-H	114.9
		C11-C12-C15	122.7			C11-C12-C15	123.0
		C11-C12-C17	118.6			C11-C12-C17	118.5
		C15-C12-C17	118.7			C15-C12-C17	118.5
		C12-C15-C13	120.5			C12-C15-C13	120.9
		C12-C15-H	120.2			C12-C15-H	120.5
		C12-C17-C16	120.8			C12-C17-C16	121.3
		C12-C17-H	119.3			C12-C17-H	119.5
		C14-C13-C15	120.3			C14-C13-C15	119.1
		C14-C13-H	120.0			C14-C13-H	120.1
		C13-C14-C16	119.8			C13-C14-C16	121.5
		C13-C14-H	120.1			C13-C14-C12	119.2
		C15-C13-H	119.7			C15-C13-H	120.8
		C13-C15-H	119.3			C13-C15-H	118.6
		C16-C14-H	120.2			C16-C14-C12	119.4
		C14-C16-C17	119.9			C14-C16-C17	118.7
		C14-C16-H	120.2			C14-C16-H	120.4
		C17-C16-H	119.9			C17-C16-H	120.9
		C16-C17-H	119.9			C16-C17-H	119.3

^aToluene ($\kappa = 2.37$); ^bDichloromethane ($\kappa = 8.93$); ^cAcetonitrile ($\kappa = 35.67$);

Table S4 Optimized geometric parameters (bond length) for the two chalcone compounds: DEP ($C_{21}H_{22}O_3$), and DMA ($C_{21}H_{18}O$). The atom labels are presented in Fig. 3

DEP				DMA			
Lig.	Å	Lig.	°	Lig.	Å	Lig.	°
C1-C2	1.403	C2-C1-C3	117.9	C1-C2	1.402	C2-C1-C3	118.5
C1-C3	1.398	C2-C1-C7	119.1	C1-C3	1.400	C2-C1-C19	122.8
C1-C7	1.465	C1-C2-C4	121.3	C1-C19	1.468	C1-C2-C4	120.6
C2-C4	1.382	C1-C2-H	119.3	C2-C4	1.388	C1-C2-H	120.2
C2-H	1.085	C3-C1-C7	122.9	C2-H	1.084	C3-C1-C19	118.8
C3-C5	1.389	C1-C3-C5	121.5	C3-C5	1.391	C1-C3-C5	120.9
C3-H	1.084	C1-C3-H	120.1	C3-H	1.085	C1-C3-H	119.2
C4-C6	1.399	C1-C7-C8	126.2	C4-C6	1.395	C1-C19-C18	126.2
C4-H	1.083	C1-C7-H	115.2	C4-H	1.084	C1-C19-H	115.2
C5-C6	1.399	C4-C2-H	119.4	C5-C6	1.391	C4-C2-H	119.2
C5-H	1.081	C2-C4-C6	120.0	C5-H	1.084	C2-C4-C6	120.3
C6-O2	1.352	C2-C4-H	121.2	C6-H	1.084	C2-C4-H	119.7
C7-C8	1.342	C5-C3-H	118.4	C7-C8	1.343	C5-C3-H	119.8
C7-H	1.087	C3-C5-C6	119.6	C7-H	1.086	C3-C5-C6	120.0
C8-C9	1.480	C3-C5-H	119.2	C8-C9	1.481	C3-C5-H	119.8
C8-H	1.085	C6-C4-H	118.8	C8-H	1.086	C6-C4-H	120.0
C9-C10	1.480	C4-C6-C5	119.6	C9-C10	1.481	C4-C6-C5	119.6
C9-O1	1.225	C4-C6-O2	116.1	C9-O1	1.224	C4-C6-H	120.1
C10-C11	1.342	C6-C5-H	121.2	C10-C11	1.343	C6-C5-H	120.2
C10-H	1.086	C5-C6-O2	124.3	C10-H	1.086	C5-C6-H	120.2
C11-C12	1.465	C6-O2-C18	118.4	C21-C12	1.469	C18-C19-H	118.6
C11-H	1.087	O2-C18-C19	107.4	C11-H	1.086	C19-C18-C7	124.0
C12-C15	1.398	O2-C18-H	109.3	C12-C15	1.400	C19-C18-H	120.1
C12-C17	1.404	O2-C18-H	109.3	C12-C17	1.402	C7-C18-H	115.8
C13-C14	1.399	C19-C18-H	111.1	C13-C14	1.391	C18-C7-C8	125.3
C13-C15	1.389	C19-C18-H	111.1	C13-C15	1.391	C18-C7-H	115.8
C13-H	1.081	C18-C19-H	110.5	C13-H	1.084	C8-C7-H	118.8
C14-C16	1.399	C18-C19-H	110.5	C14-C16	1.394	C7-C8-C9	124.4
C14-O3	1.352	C18-C19-H	110.5	C14-H	1.083	C7-C8-H	120.9
C15-H	1.084	H-C18-H	108.6	C15-H	1.085	C9-C8-H	114.3
C16-C17	1.382	H-C19-H	108.9	C16-C17	1.388	C8-C9-C10	121.3
C16-H	1.083	H-C19-H	108.9	C16-H	1.084	C8-C9-O1	119.4
C17-H	1.085	H-C19-H	108.9	C17-H	1.084	C10-C9-O1	119.3
O2-C18	1.428	C8-C7-H	118.6	C21-C12	1.469	C9-C10-C11	124.4
C18-C19	1.512	C7-C8-C9	124.1	C19-C18	1.342	C9-C10-H	114.2
C20-C21	1.512	C7-C8-H	121.3	C20-C21	1.342	C11-C10-H	120.9
C18-H	1.095	C9-C8-H	114.1	C18-H	1.086	C10-C11-C20	125.5
C18-H	1.095	C8-C9-C10	121.4			C10-C11-H	118.8
C19-H	1.091	C8-C9-O1	119.3	C19-H	1.088	C20-C11-H	115.7
C19-H	1.091	C10-C9-O1	119.3			C11-C20-C21	124.2
C19-H	1.091	C9-C10-C11	124.2			C11-C20-H	115.6
O3-C20	1.428	C9-C10-H	113.9	C18-C7	1.461	C21-C20-H	120.1
C20-C21	1.512	C11-C10-H	121.4	C11-C20	1.461	C20-C21-C12	126.4
C20-H	1.095	C10-C11-C12	126.5	C20-H	1.085	C20-C21-H	118.6
C20-H	1.095	C10-C11-H	118.5			C12-C21-H	115.0
C21-H	1.091	C12-C11-H	114.9			C21-C12-C15	118.6
C21-H	1.091	C11-C12-C15	123.3	C21-H	1.088	C21-C12-C17	122.9
C21-H	1.091	C11-C12-C17	118.8			C15-C12-C17	118.4
		C15-C12-C17	117.9			C12-C15-C13	121.0
		C12-C15-C13	121.5			C12-C15-H	119.2
		C12-C15-H	120.2			C12-C17-C16	120.6
		C12-C17-C16	121.4			C12-C17-H	120.2
		C12-C17-H	119.2			C14-C13-C15	120.0
		C14-C13-C15	119.6			C14-C13-H	120.1
		C14-C13-H	121.1			C13-C14-C16	119.7
		C13-C14-C16	119.6			C13-C14-H	120.2
		C13-C14-O3	124.3			C15-C13-H	119.9
		C15-C13-H	119.2			C13-C15-H	119.8
		C13-C15-H	118.3			C16-C14-H	120.1
		C16-C14-O3	116.1			C14-C16-C17	120.4
		C14-C16-C17	120			C14-C16-H	120.0
		C14-C16-H	118.8			C17-C16-H	119.7
		C14-O3-C20	118.5			C16-C17-H	119.2
		C17-C16-H	121.3				
		C16-C17-H	119.4				
		O3-C20-C21	107.5				
		O3-C20-H	109.2				
		O3-C20-H	109.2				
		C21-C20-H	111.0				
		C21-C20-H	111.0				
		C20-C21-H	110.8				
		C20-C21-H	110.8				
		H-C20-H	108.5				
		H-C21-H	108.8				
		H-C21-H	108.8				
		H-C21-H	108.8				

^aToluene ($\kappa = 2.37$); ^bDichloromethane ($\kappa = 8.93$); ^cAcetonitrile ($\kappa = 35.67$);

Table S5 Calculated global reactivity descriptors for the dibenzalacetone derivatives (DBAd): DBA (C₁₇H₁₄O), DBC (C₁₇H₁₂Cl₂O), DEP (C₂₁H₂₂O₃), and DMA (C₂₁H₁₈O) in toluene ($\kappa_{\text{TOL}} = 2.37$), dichloromethane ($\kappa_{\text{DCM}} = 8.93$) and acetonitrile ($\kappa_{\text{ACN}} = 35.67$).

Descriptor	DBA			DBC		
	TOL	DCM	ACN	TOL	DCM	ACN
E_{HOMO}	-7.999	-8.011	-8.017	-8.020	-7.989	-7.981
E_{LUMO}	-1.522	-1.595	-1.622	-1.710	-1.718	-1.724
^a IP	7.999	8.011	8.017	8.020	7.989	7.981
^b EA	1.522	1.595	1.622	1.710	1.718	1.724
^c E_F	6.477	6.416	6.395	6.310	6.271	6.257
^d E_B	2.865	2.734	2.687	2.708	2.601	2.563
^e χ	4.761	4.803	4.819	4.865	4.854	4.852
^f η	3.238	3.208	3.198	3.155	3.135	3.129
^g S	0.309	0.312	0.313	0.317	0.319	0.320
^h μ	-4.761	-4.803	-4.819	-4.865	-4.854	-4.852
ⁱ ω	36.702	37.000	37.136	37.330	36.936	36.831

Descriptor	DEP			DMA		
	TOL	DCM	ACN	TOL	DCM	ACN
E_{HOMO}	-7.367	-7.396	-7.434	-7.544	-7.553	-7.541
E_{LUMO}	-1.292	-1.415	-1.458	-1.728	-1.795	-1.834
^a IP	7.367	7.396	7.434	7.544	7.553	7.541
^b EA	1.292	1.415	1.458	1.728	1.795	1.834
^c E_F	6.075	5.981	5.976	5.817	5.758	5.707
^d E_B	2.407	2.243	2.214	2.287	2.149	2.072
^e χ	4.329	4.406	4.446	4.636	4.674	4.687
^f η	3.037	2.991	2.988	2.908	2.879	2.854
^g S	0.329	0.334	0.335	0.344	0.347	0.350
^h μ	-4.329	-4.406	-4.446	-4.636	-4.674	-4.687
ⁱ ω	28.465	29.022	29.532	31.251	31.453	31.344

^aIonization Potential (**IP**); ^bElectron Affinity (**EA**); ^cFundamental Gap Energy (**E_F**); ^dBinding Energy of the Electron-Hole Pair (**E_B**); ^eElectronegativity (χ); ^fChemical Hardness (η); ^gChemical Softness (**S**); ^hElectronic Chemical Potential (μ); ⁱElectrophilicity Index (ω);

Table S6 Excited states, energies (E in eV), oscillator strengths (O Str), vertical transition and propability (%) of DBA chalcone TD-DFT calculated at M06-2X/6-311G(d,p) level in toluene ($\kappa_{\text{TOL}} = 2.37$), dichloromethane ($\kappa_{\text{DCM}} = 8.93$) and acetonitrile ($\kappa_{\text{ACN}} = 35.67$).

Excited State	Toluene ($\kappa_{\text{TOL}} = 2.37$)				dichloromethane ($\kappa_{\text{DCM}} = 8.93$)				Acetonitrile ($\kappa_{\text{ACN}} = 35.67$)			
	E eV	^c O Str	Electronic Transition	^d (%)	E eV	^c O Str	Electronic Transition	^d (%)	E eV	^c O Str	Electronic Transition	^d (%)
1	3.61	0.006	H-4 \rightarrow L	76.3	3.68	0.007	H-4 \rightarrow L	77.1	3.71	0.007	H-4 \rightarrow L	77.3
			H-4 \rightarrow L+9	5.6			H-4 \rightarrow L+9	5.8			H-4 \rightarrow L+9	5.5
			H-1 \rightarrow L	3.9			H-1 \rightarrow L	4.0			H-1 \rightarrow L	3.9
			H-4 \rightarrow L+12	3.7			H-4 \rightarrow L+12	2.4			H-4 \rightarrow L+7	2.3
										H-4 \rightarrow L+12	2.2	
2	4.27	0.839	H \rightarrow L	87.5	4.22	0.824	H \rightarrow L	88.8	4.21	0.810	H \rightarrow L	89.3
			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	9.3			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	8.0			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	7.4
3	4.60	0.490	H-1 \rightarrow L	87.2	4.57	0.474	H-1 \rightarrow L	88.1	4.58	0.454	H-1 \rightarrow L	88.6
			H \rightarrow L+1	5.9			H \rightarrow L+1	4.9			H \rightarrow L+1	4.3
			H-4 \rightarrow L	3.6			H-4 \rightarrow L	3.5			H-4 \rightarrow L	3.4
4	4.98	0.014	H-3 \rightarrow L	27.5	4.96	0.019	H-2 \rightarrow L	32.9	4.95	0.019	H-3 \rightarrow L	26.8
			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	20.9			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	19.7			H-2 \rightarrow L	23.4
			H-2 \rightarrow L	18.0			H-3 \rightarrow L	16.1			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	20.4
			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	9.4			H \rightarrow L+2	10.1			H \rightarrow L+2	9.1
			H \rightarrow L+2	6.0			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	5.2			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	8.6
			H \rightarrow L+2	4.0			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	4.9				
			H \rightarrow L+4	2.5			H \rightarrow L+1	2.2				
			H \rightarrow L+1	2.2								
5	4.98	0.011	H-2 \rightarrow L	27.4	4.96	0.012	H-3 \rightarrow L	33.1	4.95	0.013	H-2 \rightarrow L	26.6
			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	21.1			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	20.0			H-3 \rightarrow L	23.6
			H-3 \rightarrow L	18.0			H-2 \rightarrow L	16.0			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	20.7
			H \rightarrow L+4	10.6			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	8.6			H \rightarrow L+3	10.1
			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	5.4			H \rightarrow L+3	7.1			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	7.6
			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	3.3			H \rightarrow L+4	4.5				
			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	2.3								
			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	2.2								
6	5.29	0.077	H-1 \rightarrow L+1	79.3	5.30	0.084	H-1 \rightarrow L+1	81.5	5.31	0.086	H-1 \rightarrow L+1	81.5
			H \rightarrow L	6.8			H \rightarrow L	5.8			H \rightarrow L	5.4
			H-3 \rightarrow L	3.1			H-3 \rightarrow L	2.7			H-3 \rightarrow L	2.4
7	5.33	0.019	H \rightarrow L+1	81.6	5.31	0.024	H \rightarrow L+1	82.9	5.31	0.027	H \rightarrow L+1	82.9
			H-1 \rightarrow L	4.4			H-1 \rightarrow L	3.6			H-1 \rightarrow L	3.1
			H-2 \rightarrow L	3.4			H-2 \rightarrow L	3.2			H-2 \rightarrow L	2.9
8	5.77	0.004	H-4 \rightarrow L+1	86.3	5.86	0.006	H-4 \rightarrow L+1	85.1	5.90	0.009	H-4 \rightarrow L+1	82.8
							H-4 \rightarrow L+13	3.1			H-4 \rightarrow L+13	3.1
										H \rightarrow L+3	2.2	
9	5.96	0.145	H \rightarrow L+4	29.8	5.95	0.115	H-1 \rightarrow L+2	25.6	5.96	0.099	H \rightarrow L+3	27.7
			H-3 \rightarrow L	24.6			H-3 \rightarrow L	25.1			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	21.1
			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	17.9			H \rightarrow L+3	17.4			H-3 \rightarrow L	23.9
			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	11.7			H \rightarrow L+4	11.9			H-2 \rightarrow L	9.1
			H-2 \rightarrow L	8.9			H-2 \rightarrow L	8.2			H-4 \rightarrow L+1	3.9
10	5.98	0.319	H-2 \rightarrow L	25.3	5.97	0.267	H \rightarrow L+2	30.5	5.97	0.236	H \rightarrow L+2	30.9
			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	25.0			H-2 \rightarrow L	26.3			H-2 \rightarrow L	25.9
			H \rightarrow L+3	19.2			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	12.7			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	22.7
			H \rightarrow L+2	13.9			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	11.1			H-3 \rightarrow L	9.2
			H-3 \rightarrow L	8.9			H-3 \rightarrow L	8.3			H \rightarrow L+1	2.3
			H \rightarrow L+1	2.4			H \rightarrow L+1	2.3				

^a κ , is the dielectric constant for the solvent; ^bH=HOMO, L=LUMO. ^cO Str, oscillator strength; ^dProbability;

Table S7 Excited states, energies (E in eV), oscillator strengths (O Str), vertical transition and propability (%) of DBC chalcone TD-DFT calculated at M06-2X/6-311G(d,p) level in toluene ($\kappa_{\text{TOL}} = 2.37$), dichloromethane ($\kappa_{\text{DCM}} = 8.93$) and acetonitrile ($\kappa_{\text{ACN}} = 35.67$).

Excited State	Toluene ($\kappa_{\text{TOL}} = 2.37$)				dichloromethane ($\kappa_{\text{DCM}} = 8.93$)				Acetonitrile ($\kappa_{\text{ACN}} = 35.67$)			
	E eV	^c O Str	Electronic Transition	^d (%)	E eV	^c O Str	Electronic Transition	^d (%)	E eV	^c O Str	Electronic Transition	^d (%)
1	3.60	0.007	H-4 \rightarrow L	74.0	3.67	0.008	H-4 \rightarrow L	74.7	3.69	0.008	H-4 \rightarrow L	74.8
			H-4 \rightarrow L+10	5.0			H-4 \rightarrow L+6	5.8			H-4 \rightarrow L+6	6.2
			H-4 \rightarrow L+6	4.3			H-1 \rightarrow L	3.9			H-1 \rightarrow L	3.9
			H-1 \rightarrow L	3.8			H-4 \rightarrow L+10	3.4			H-4 \rightarrow L+10	2.9
										H-5 \rightarrow L	2.1	
2	4.18	1.014	H \rightarrow L	85.0	4.14	0.992	H \rightarrow L	86.4	4.14	0.975	H \rightarrow L	87.0
			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	10.9			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	9.4			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	8.8
			H-6 \rightarrow L	2.5			H-6 \rightarrow L	2.6			H-6 \rightarrow L	2.7
3	4.51	0.549	H-1 \rightarrow L	83.8	4.50	0.535	H-1 \rightarrow L	85.1	4.51	0.544	H-1 \rightarrow L	85.8
			H \rightarrow L+1	8.8			H \rightarrow L+1	7.4			H \rightarrow L+1	6.6
			H-4 \rightarrow L	3.0			H-4 \rightarrow L	3.0			H-4 \rightarrow L	2.9
						H-5 \rightarrow L	2.0			H-5 \rightarrow L	2.1	
4	4.96	0.000	H-2 \rightarrow L	19.4	4.95	0.002	H-2 \rightarrow L	26.3	4.95	0.003	H-2 \rightarrow L	27.5
			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	18.4			H \rightarrow L+2	18.7			H \rightarrow L+2	18.2
			H \rightarrow L+2	18.2			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	18.3			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	17.8
			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	14.9			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	15.5			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	15.7
			H \rightarrow L+1	8.6			H \rightarrow L+1	8.9			H \rightarrow L+1	8.6
			H-3 \rightarrow L	7.4			H-3 \rightarrow L	3.4			H-3 \rightarrow L	3.5
5	4.96	0.001	H \rightarrow L+3	21.1	4.96	0.002	H-3 \rightarrow L	26.8	4.96	0.002	H-3 \rightarrow L	28.1
			H-3 \rightarrow L	19.3			H \rightarrow L+3	21.3			H \rightarrow L+3	20.7
			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	16.1			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	16.5			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	16.2
			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	15.1			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	15.9			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	16.1
			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	8.7			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	7.8			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	7.2
			H-2 \rightarrow L	7.3			H-2 \rightarrow L	3.5			H-2 \rightarrow L	3.4
6	5.21	0.100	H-1 \rightarrow L+1	70.4	5.23	0.110	H-1 \rightarrow L+1	72.5	5.23	0.035	H \rightarrow L+1	71.1
			H \rightarrow L	7.0			H \rightarrow L	6.1			H-2 \rightarrow L	7.6
			H-3 \rightarrow L	6.1			H-3 \rightarrow L	5.7			H-1 \rightarrow L1	3.6
			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	2.8			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	2.7			H-1 \rightarrow L	3.6
										H-3 \rightarrow L+1	3.0	
										H-5 \rightarrow L	2.2	
7	5.24	0.026	H \rightarrow L+1	72.1	5.23	0.030	H \rightarrow L+1	72.7	5.85	0.039	H-1 \rightarrow L+1	71.1
			H-2 \rightarrow L	6.8			H-2 \rightarrow L	6.9			H-3 \rightarrow L	6.3
			H-1 \rightarrow L	5.1			H-1 \rightarrow L	4.2			H \rightarrow L	5.4
			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	3.6			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	3.5			H \rightarrow L+1	3.6
			H-5 \rightarrow L	2.4			H-5 \rightarrow L	2.3			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	2.1
8	5.72	0.005	H-4 \rightarrow L+1	84.2	5.82	0.015	H-4 \rightarrow L+1	79.1	5.85	0.039	H-4 \rightarrow L+1	63.5
							H-3 \rightarrow L	3.3			H-3 \rightarrow L	10.8
							H-4 \rightarrow L+12	2.9			H \rightarrow L+3	7.8
							H \rightarrow L+3	2.4			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	5.9
										H-4 \rightarrow L+2	2.7	
9	5.86	0.146	H-3 \rightarrow L	38.2	5.87	0.121	H-3 \rightarrow L	35.7	5.88	0.088	H-3 \rightarrow L	28.8
			H \rightarrow L+3	24.8			H \rightarrow L+3	24.7			H-4 \rightarrow L+1	22.0
			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	24.6			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	23.5			H \rightarrow L+3	19.8
			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	4.9			H-4 \rightarrow L+1	6.6			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	19.1
			H-2 \rightarrow L	3.0			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	2.6				
						H-2 \rightarrow L	2.1					
10	5.88	0.390	H-2 \rightarrow L	38.0	5.88	0.359	H-2 \rightarrow L	38.6	5.90	0.333	H-2 \rightarrow L	39.3
			H \rightarrow L+2	28.6			H \rightarrow L+2	30.1			H \rightarrow L+2	30.3
			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	21.1			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	21.7			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	21.4
			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	4.5			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	2.7				
			H-3 \rightarrow L	2.9			H-3 \rightarrow L	2.2				

^a κ , is the dielectric constant for the solvent; ^bH=HOMO, L=LUMO. ^cO Str, oscillator strength; ^dProbability;

Table S8 Excited states, energies (E in eV), oscillator strengths (O Str), vertical transition and propability (%) of DEP chalcone TD-DFT calculated at M06-2X/6-311G(d,p) level in toluene ($\kappa_{\text{TOL}} = 2.37$), dichloromethane ($\kappa_{\text{DCM}} = 8.93$) and acetonitrile ($\kappa_{\text{ACN}} = 35.67$).

Excited State	Toluene ($\kappa_{\text{TOL}} = 2.37$)				dichloromethane ($\kappa_{\text{DCM}} = 8.93$)				Acetonitrile ($\kappa_{\text{ACN}} = 35.67$)				
	E eV	$^{\circ}\text{O Str}$	Electronic Transition	$d(\%)$	E eV	$^{\circ}\text{O Str}$	Electronic Transition	$d(\%)$	E eV	$^{\circ}\text{O Str}$	Electronic Transition	$d(\%)$	
1	3.67	0.011	H-4 \rightarrow L	72.7	3.74	0.016	H-4 \rightarrow L	73.5	3.76	0.011	H-4 \rightarrow L	74.0	
			H-1 \rightarrow L	3.6			H-1 \rightarrow L	5.3			H-5 \rightarrow L	5.1	
			H-4 \rightarrow L+16	3.52			H-5 \rightarrow L	3.7			H-1 \rightarrow L	3.5	
			H-5 \rightarrow L	2.7			H-4 \rightarrow L+19	3.3			H-4 \rightarrow L+19	2.4	
			H-2 \rightarrow L	2.6									
H-4 \rightarrow L+19	2.3												
2	3.97	1.065	H \rightarrow L	85.5	3.90	1.053	H \rightarrow L	87.2	3.91	1.048	H \rightarrow L	87.2	
			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	10.5			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	8.9			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	8.6	
			H-6 \rightarrow L	2.3			H-6 \rightarrow L	2.4			H-6 \rightarrow L	2.5	
3	4.32	0.451	H-1 \rightarrow L	82.7	4.30	0.449	H-1 \rightarrow L	82.0	4.28	0.424	H-1 \rightarrow L	85.5	
			H \rightarrow L+1	10.4			H \rightarrow L+1	9.5			H \rightarrow L+1	7.5	
			H-4 \rightarrow L	2.6			H-4 \rightarrow L	3.6			H-5 \rightarrow L	2.3	
						H-5 \rightarrow L	2.2			H-4 \rightarrow L	2.2		
4	4.85	0.013	H \rightarrow L+1	23.7	4.83	0.005	H \rightarrow L+1	35.5	4.85	0.002	H \rightarrow L+1	30.7	
			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	14.4			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	20.6			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	22.1	
			H \rightarrow L+4	13.7			H-2 \rightarrow L	9.0			H \rightarrow L+3	14.7	
			H-3 \rightarrow L	8.8			H \rightarrow L+3	8.2			H-2 \rightarrow L	6.9	
			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	6.3			H \rightarrow L+4	7.6			H-3 \rightarrow L	5.7	
			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	5.5			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	5.6			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	5.1	
			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	4.6			H-1 \rightarrow L	5.4			H-1 \rightarrow L	3.8	
			H \rightarrow L+2	4.2							H \rightarrow L+4	2.6	
			H-1 \rightarrow L	4.2									
			H \rightarrow L+3	3.4									
5	4.86	0.015	H \rightarrow L+3	24.6	4.85	0.018	H \rightarrow L+2	27.7	4.86	0.017	H \rightarrow L+2	27.2	
			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	20.6			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	27.3			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	24.2	
			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	9.4			H-3 \rightarrow L	11.1			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	14.9	
			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	9.3			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	8.6			H-3 \rightarrow L	9.1	
			H-2 \rightarrow L	7.7			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	7.5			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	5.9	
			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	6.9			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	6.7			H-2 \rightarrow L	5.0	
			H \rightarrow L+1	5.6			H \rightarrow L	2.7			H \rightarrow L	2.4	
			H-3 \rightarrow L	2.6							H-1 \rightarrow L+4	2.3	
			H \rightarrow L	2.5									
6	5.12	0.073	H-1 \rightarrow L+1	30.1	5.09	0.038	H \rightarrow L+1	46.3	5.11	0.055	H \rightarrow L+1	41.2	
			H \rightarrow L+1	23.5			H-2 \rightarrow L	14.6			H-2 \rightarrow L	13.3	
			H-2 \rightarrow L	9.7			H \rightarrow L+3	7.4			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	11.4	
			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	4.0			H \rightarrow L+4	6.3			H \rightarrow L+3	8.5	
			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	3.9			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	6.0			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	4.2	
			H \rightarrow L+3	3.9			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	5.3			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	2.9	
			H \rightarrow L+4	3.8			H-1 \rightarrow L	2.8			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	2.2	
			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	3.8							H-1 \rightarrow L	2.0	
			H \rightarrow L	2.9									
			H-1 \rightarrow L	2.0									
7	5.13	0.056	H \rightarrow L+1	28.2	5.12	0.096	H-1 \rightarrow L+1	55.2	5.13	0.075	H-1 \rightarrow L+1	47.1	
			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	25.1			H-3 \rightarrow L	11.4			H-3 \rightarrow L	12.9	
			H-3 \rightarrow L	11.3			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	4.8			H \rightarrow L+1	11.2	
			H \rightarrow L+4	6.4			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	4.6			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	5.0	
			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	4.6			H \rightarrow L+2	4.5			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	3.4	
			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	4.5			H \rightarrow L	4.3			H \rightarrow L	3.3	
			H \rightarrow L	2.3			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	4.0			H \rightarrow L+2	2.7	
8	5.75	0.006	H \rightarrow L+2	54.7	5.74	0.136	H-3 \rightarrow L	47.2	5.74	0.180	H-3 \rightarrow L	37.1	
			H-1 \rightarrow L+5	15.5			H \rightarrow L+2	20.7			H \rightarrow L+2	20.8	
			H \rightarrow L+4	7.0			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	8.3			H-2 \rightarrow L	15.2	
			H-3 \rightarrow L	2.8			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	6.9			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	11.9	
			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	2.8			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	6.7			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	5.3	
			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	2.4			H-2 \rightarrow L	4.4			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	3.2	
			H-1 \rightarrow L+9	2.2							H-3 \rightarrow L+1	2.3	
9	5.77	0.147	H-3 \rightarrow L	28.0	5.78	0.269	H \rightarrow L+3	38.6	5.77	0.380	H-2 \rightarrow L	38.1	
			H \rightarrow L+3	15.3			H-2 \rightarrow L	31.8			H \rightarrow L+3	19.0	
			H-2 \rightarrow L	13.5			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	8.0			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	16.1	
			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	10.6			H-1 \rightarrow L+5	6.9			H-3 \rightarrow L	14.8	
			H-4 \rightarrow L+1	9.8			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	3.9			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	3.4	
			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	7.9			H-3 \rightarrow L	2.3			H \rightarrow L+4	2.3	
			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	3.2							H-2 \rightarrow L+1	2.3	
10	5.78	0.032	H-1 \rightarrow L+2	47.7	5.79	0.218	H \rightarrow L+4	43.2	5.81	0.007	H \rightarrow L+4	55.5	
			H \rightarrow L+5	24.2			H-2 \rightarrow L	16.7			H-1 \rightarrow L+5	18.2	
			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	5.9			H-1 \rightarrow L+5	10.5			H \rightarrow L+3	10.2	
			H \rightarrow L+2	3.1			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	8.0					
			H \rightarrow L+9	2.7			H \rightarrow L+3	7.1					
			H-3 \rightarrow L	2.1			H-3 \rightarrow L	2.4					
											H-3 \rightarrow L+1	2.3	

^a κ , is the dielectric constant for the solvent; ^bH=HOMO, L=LUMO. ^cO Str, oscillator strength; ^dProbability;

Table S9 Excited states, energies (E in eV), oscillator strengths (O Str), vertical transition and propability (%) of DMA chalcone TD-DFT calculated at M06-2X/6-311G(d,p) level in toluene ($\kappa_{\text{TOL}} = 2.37$), dichloromethane ($\kappa_{\text{DCM}} = 8.93$) and acetonitrile ($\kappa_{\text{ACN}} = 35.67$).

Excited State	Toluene ($\kappa_{\text{TOL}} = 2.37$)				dichloromethane ($\kappa_{\text{DCM}} = 8.93$)				Acetonitrile ($\kappa_{\text{ACN}} = 35.67$)								
	E eV	$^{\circ}\text{O Str}$	Electronic Transition	$d(\%)$	E eV	$^{\circ}\text{O Str}$	Electronic Transition	$d(\%)$	E eV	$^{\circ}\text{O Str}$	Electronic Transition	$d(\%)$					
1	3.53	0.002	H-4 \rightarrow L	63.5	3.61	0.003	H-4 \rightarrow L	57.4	3.64	0.034	H-4 \rightarrow L	54.0					
			H-5 \rightarrow L	11.4			H-6 \rightarrow L	18.0			H-6 \rightarrow L	19.6					
			H-4 \rightarrow L+2	7.6			H-4 \rightarrow L+2	7.1			H-4 \rightarrow L+2	6.8					
			H-4 \rightarrow L+5	2.2			H-6 \rightarrow L+2	2.5			H-6 \rightarrow L+2	2.7					
						H-4 \rightarrow L+5	2.5			H-4 \rightarrow L+5	2.4						
						H-4 \rightarrow L+5	2.5			H \rightarrow L	2.3						
2	3.72	1.397	H-1 \rightarrow L	77.6	3.68	1.376	H \rightarrow L	79.6	3.65	1.336	H \rightarrow L	75.7					
			H \rightarrow L+1	18.7			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	16.6			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	14.2					
			H-6 \rightarrow L	2.2			H-5 \rightarrow L	2.1			H-1 \rightarrow L	3.3					
3	3.98	0.418	H \rightarrow L	81.1	3.96	0.413	H-1 \rightarrow L	82.4	3.95	0.402	H-1 \rightarrow L	79.4					
			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	16.2			H \rightarrow L+1	14.5			H \rightarrow L+1	12.3					
										H \rightarrow L	3.5						
4	4.76	0.078	H \rightarrow L+1	70.7	4.74	0.049	H \rightarrow L+1	48.1	4.71	0.032	H \rightarrow L+1	54.4					
			H-1 \rightarrow L	15.0			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	26.4			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	21.3					
			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	4.8			H-1 \rightarrow L	6.6			H-1 \rightarrow L	11.8					
			H-6 \rightarrow L	2.8			H \rightarrow L	5.7			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	5.2					
											H-1 \rightarrow L+2	3.2					
						H \rightarrow L+2	2.2										
5	4.77	0.014	H-1 \rightarrow L+1	71.7	4.75	0.063	H-1 \rightarrow L+1	47.5	4.72	0.088	H-1 \rightarrow L+1	53.4					
			H \rightarrow L	13.2			H \rightarrow L+1	26.9			H \rightarrow L+1	22.2					
			H \rightarrow L+2	5.6			H \rightarrow L	7.4			H \rightarrow L	11.7					
			H-5 \rightarrow L	2.6			H-1 \rightarrow L	5.1			H \rightarrow L+2	5.1					
											H \rightarrow L+2	2.8	H-5 \rightarrow L	2.1			
						H-1 \rightarrow L+2	2.4										
						H-5 \rightarrow L	2.1										
6	4.93	0.011	H-3 \rightarrow L	13.6	4.92	0.011	H-3 \rightarrow L	24.5	4.90	0.010	H-3 \rightarrow L	40.1					
			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	12.7			H-2 \rightarrow L	12.6			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	22.1					
			H-2 \rightarrow L	11.3			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	12.3			H \rightarrow L+3	6.7					
			H \rightarrow L+4	11.1			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	11.4			H \rightarrow L+5	6.1					
			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	10.9			H \rightarrow L+5	7.8			H \rightarrow L+2	3.5					
			H-1 \rightarrow L+5	6.8			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	6.9			H-3 \rightarrow L+2	3.2					
			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	5.5			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	4.9			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	2.6					
							H \rightarrow L+2	4.6									
											H-3 \rightarrow L+2	2.2					
7	4.93	0.005	H-2 \rightarrow L	23.8	4.92	0.005	H-2 \rightarrow L	24.8	4.91	0.008	H-2 \rightarrow L	36.2					
			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	12.7			H-3 \rightarrow L	12.4			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	25.0					
			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	11.5			H-2 \rightarrow L+1	12.2			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	7.5					
			H-3 \rightarrow L	11.2			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	11.5			H-1 \rightarrow L+5	5.3					
			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	11.0			H-1 \rightarrow L+5	7.4			H-2 \rightarrow L+2	3.3					
			H \rightarrow L+5	6.6			H \rightarrow L+3	7.2			H \rightarrow L+3	3.2					
			H \rightarrow L+2	4.5			H \rightarrow L+4	5.1			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	3.0					
			H-1 \rightarrow L+1	2.0			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	3.8			H-2 \rightarrow L+5	2.0					
							H-2 \rightarrow L+2	2.2									
8	5.50	0.002	H-4 \rightarrow L+1	67.1	5.54	0.014	H-4 \rightarrow L+1	36.6	5.55	0.020	H-5 \rightarrow L	29.7					
			H-6 \rightarrow L	11.9			H-5 \rightarrow L	26.8			H-4 \rightarrow L+1	28.4					
			H-4 \rightarrow L+10	3.0			H \rightarrow L+2	9.9			H \rightarrow L+2	12.3					
			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	2.8			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	3.4			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	5.4					
							H-3 \rightarrow L	3.2			H-3 \rightarrow L	4.0					
		H-2 \rightarrow L	2.3	H-2 \rightarrow L	3.0												
9	5.63	0.080	H-1 \rightarrow L+2	21.6	5.66	0.014	H-1 \rightarrow L+2	20.4	5.65	0.015	H \rightarrow L+3	18.4					
			H-5 \rightarrow L+1	12.0			H \rightarrow L+3	13.5			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	16.4					
			H-6 \rightarrow L	11.2			H-2 \rightarrow L	12.6			H-3 \rightarrow L	14.7					
			H-4 \rightarrow L+1	10.6			H-6 \rightarrow L	10.4			H-6 \rightarrow L	8.1					
			H \rightarrow L+4	9.8			H-3 \rightarrow L	9.5			H-2 \rightarrow L	7.2					
			H-3 \rightarrow L	7.9			H \rightarrow L+4	7.7			H \rightarrow L+2	5.1					
			H-2 \rightarrow L	5.9			H-1 \rightarrow L+5	4.7			H-1 \rightarrow L+5	3.6					
			H \rightarrow L+10	2.5			H-5 \rightarrow L+1	4.5			H-5 \rightarrow L+1	3.2					
			H \rightarrow L+3	2.5			H-4 \rightarrow L	3.6			H-4 \rightarrow L	3.1					
											H-4 \rightarrow L+1	3.0					
10	5.66	0.014	H \rightarrow L+2	21.4	5.66	0.083	H-4 \rightarrow L+1	31.9	5.67	0.079	H-4 \rightarrow L+1	31.6					
			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	17.9			H \rightarrow L+2	16.9			H \rightarrow L+2	12.2					
			H-2 \rightarrow L	12.7			H-6 \rightarrow L+1	10.9			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	10.7					
			H-5 \rightarrow L	10.8			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	7.8			H-2 \rightarrow L	10.6					
			H-3 \rightarrow L	9.7			H-3 \rightarrow L	6.9			H-6 \rightarrow L+1	8.1					
			H-6 \rightarrow L+1	4.5			H-2 \rightarrow L	5.0			H-1 \rightarrow L+2	4.5					
			H \rightarrow L+5	3.7			H-1 \rightarrow L+4	3.1			H-3 \rightarrow L	2.2					
			H-1 \rightarrow L+3	3.2													
			H-3 \rightarrow L+1	2.6													

^a κ , is the dielectric constant for the solvent; ^b H=HOMO, L=LUMO. ^c O Str, oscillator strength; ^d Probability;