

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### **A Record-High EQE of 7.65%@3300 cd m<sup>-2</sup> Achieved in Non-Doped Near-Ultraviolet OLEDs Based on Novel D'-D-A Type Bipolar Fluorophores upon Molecular Configuration Engineering**

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# 1. Experimental Methods

## 1.1. Experimental measurements

$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were performed by the Bruker AC400 spectrometer at 400 MHz and 100 MHz with  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the solvent and internal standard, respectively. Mass spectra of compound were measured by High Resolution Quadrupole Time of Flight Tandem Mass Spectrometer (TOF-MS). Ultraviolet-visible absorption and emission spectra were carried out by using Hitachi U-2910 absorption spectrometer and Hitachi F-4700 spectrophotometer, respectively. Photoluminescence quantum yields (PLQYs) of materials in solution and film were estimated by using the integration sphere setup (Hamamatsu C11347-11) equipped with a xenon high-pressure lamp and a multichannel analyzer from 200 to 950 nm. Fluorescence lifetimes were determined on a FLS1000 transient fluorescence spectrometer with an EPL-340 optical laser. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) curves of materials were performed using a Netzsch (209F1) thermogravimetric analyzer under a nitrogen atmosphere ( $50 \text{ mL min}^{-1}$ ) at a heating rate of  $10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$ . Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) curves of target compounds were recorded by a Netzsch DSC (204F1) instrument at a heating (or cooling) rate of  $10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$ . Cyclic voltammetry (CV) was measured on a CHI660E electrochemical workstation in a conventional three-electrode system including a glass carbon working electrode, a platinum wire auxiliary electrode, and an  $\text{Ag}/\text{Ag}^+$  standard reference electrode, where tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate ( $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$ , 0.1 M) in anhydrous dichloromethane acted as the supporting electrolyte and ferrocene served as the standard reference. The HOMO energy level ( $E_{\text{HOMO}}$ ) and the LUMO energy level ( $E_{\text{LUMO}}$ ) can be calculated by the following

**Equation 1 and 2:**

$$E_{\text{HOMO}} = -\frac{(E_{\text{OX}} - E_1^+ + 4.8)}{2} \quad (1)$$

$$E_{LUMO} = E_{HOMO} + E_g \quad (2)$$

Here,  $E_{ox}$  is the oxidation onset potential.  $\frac{E_1^+}{2}$  is the half wave potential of  $Fe^+/Fe$ .  $E_g$  was the optical bandgap evaluated from the onset of absorption spectrum.

## 1.2. Theoretical calculations

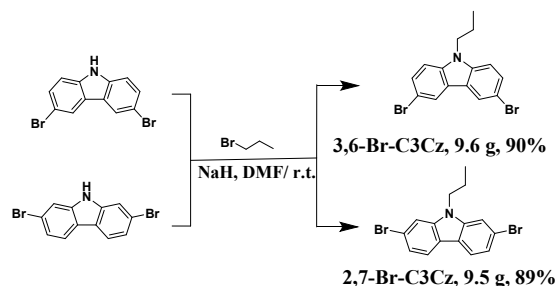
All the density functional theory (DFT) and time dependent DFT (TD-DFT) calculations were carried out using Gaussian 16 A.03 package. The optimized ground-state geometries, energy levels, and frontier molecular orbital (FMO) distributions were calculated on the basis of DFT by using B3LYP/6-31G(d, p) method. The geometry of the lowest singlet excited state ( $S_1$  state) was optimized by TD-DFT at the B3LYP/6-31G(d, p) level. Multiwfn 3.8 was utilized to analyze the natural transition orbitals (NTOs) of excited states.<sup>[24]</sup> Spin-orbit coupling (SOC) matrix elements were calculated by TD-DFT and the ORCA 4.1.1 package at B3LYP/6-31G(d, p).<sup>[25]</sup>

## 1.3. Device fabrication and measurement

Patterned indium-tin-oxide (ITO) glasses with a sheet resistance of 20  $\Omega$  per square were ultrasonically treated in detergents and deionized water, then dried for 30 mins at 120 °C. After treated by oxygen plasma for 7 mins, Clean ITO substrates were transferred into the vacuum deposition system. The target compounds used for device have been sublimated. When the pressure less than  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  Pa, the devices were fabricated. The evaporation rates of organic materials, lithium fluoride (LiF) and aluminum (Al) were 1-1.5, 0.2 and 5-10  $\text{\AA s}^{-1}$  via a shadow mask, which were detected by a frequency counter and calibrated by a Dektak 6 M profiler (Veeco). The emitting area ( $3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$ ) was determined by the overlap between ITO and Al electrodes. The current density–luminance–voltage characteristics were performed by the computer controlled Keithley 2450 Series Digital Source-meter and LS160 Luminancemeter (KONICAMINOLTA). EL spectra at different voltages were recorded by the optical analyzer

FLAME-S-VIS-NIR photometer. Supposing the light emitted by the devices accorded with the Lambertian distribution, the EQEs can be calculated from the EL spectra, luminance, and current density.

#### 1.4 Synthesis and characterization

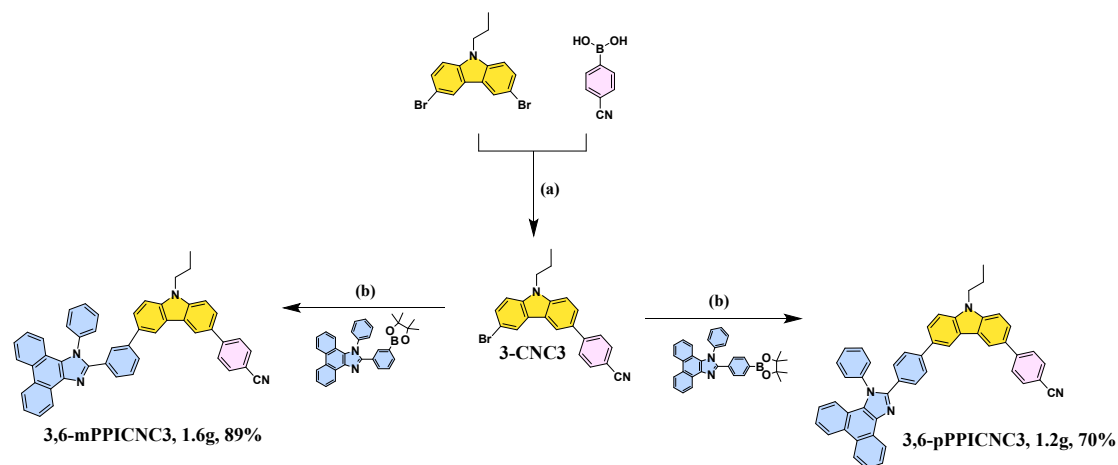


**Scheme S1.** Synthetic route of **3,6-Br-C3Cz** and **2,7-Br-C3Cz**.

**Synthesis of 3,6-dibromo-9-propyl-9H-carbazole (3,6-Br-C3Cz):** Under nitrogen atmosphere, 3,6-dibromo-9H-carbazole (9.5 g, 29.2 mmol), *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF, 80 mL) were added into a 250 mL two-neck round-bottom flask with the ice-water bath for 0.5 h. Sodium hydride (1.1 g, 43.8 mmol) divided into 4 times was added within 2 h. Then 1-bromopropane (2.9 mL, 32.1 mmol) was added. After reacted for 6 h at room temperature, the reaction mixture was extracted three times with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and water. The organic layer was dried with anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica-gel column chromatography using petroleum /  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (8/1, v/v) as the eluant. Finally, a white solid was obtained (9.6 g, 90%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.11 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.53 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 1.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 4.19 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.86 (q,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 0.92 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  139.40, 129.01, 123.44, 123.25, 111.95, 110.44, 77.36, 77.04, 76.72, 44.87, 22.23, 11.73.

**Synthesis of 2,7-dibromo-9-propyl-9H-carbazole (2,7-Br-C3Cz):** The synthetic procedure of **2,7-Br-C3Cz** is similar to that of **3,6-Br-C3Cz** with 2,7-dibromo-9H-carbazole

(9.5 g, 29.1 mmol) and 1-bromopropane (2.9 mL, 32.1 mmol) as raw materials. Finally, a white solid was obtained (9.5 g, 89%).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.76 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.23 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 1.6$  Hz, 2H), 4.04 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.78 (h,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  141.39, 122.52, 121.46, 121.25, 119.70, 112.02, 77.42, 77.11, 76.79, 44.83, 22.16, 11.73.



**Scheme 2.** Synthetic routes to **3,6-mPPICNC3** and **3,6-pPPICNC3**. (a)  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (2M), THF, 75 °C, 18 h. (b).  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (2M), THF, 80 °C, 24 h.

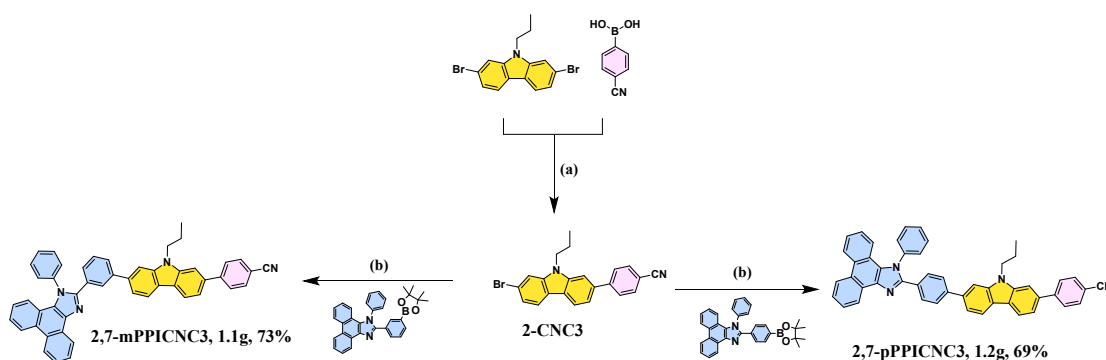
**Synthesis of 4-(6-bromo-9-propyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)benzonitrile (3-CNC3):** Under nitrogen atmosphere, **3,6-Br-C3Cz** (8.0 g, 22.0 mmol), (4-cyanophenyl)boronic acid (1.6 g, 11.0 mmol), and tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium ( $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ , 0.5 g, 0.4 mmol) were placed in a 250 mL two-neck round-bottom flask. Then tetrahydrofuran (THF, 60 mL), 2 M potassium carbonate (10 mL) were injected into the flask. The reaction mixture was stirred and refluxed at 75 °C for 18 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was extracted 3 times with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and water. The organic layer was dried with anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica-gel column chromatography using petroleum /  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (4/1, v/v) as the mixed eluant, giving a white solid (2.1 g, 49%).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.12 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.84 – 7.71 (m, 4H), 7.56 (dd,  $J = 8.5, 1.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.45 (dd,  $J = 8.2, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (dd,  $J$

= 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 1.94 (h,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 1.01 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  146.29, 140.93, 139.70, 132.64, 132.59, 130.45, 128.89, 127.61, 125.65, 124.47, 123.24, 122.51, 119.32, 119.22, 112.14, 110.57, 109.97, 109.62, 77.37, 77.05, 76.73, 44.94, 22.32, 11.78.

**Synthesis of 4-(6-(3-(1-phenyl-1*H*-phenanthro[9,10-*d*]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-9-propyl-9*H*-carbazol-3-yl)benzotrile (3,6-mPPICNC3):** Under nitrogen atmosphere, **3-CNC3** (1.1 g, 2.7 mmol), 1-phenyl-2-(3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)-1*H*-phenanthro[9,10-*d*]imidazole (1.4 g, 2.9 mmol) and  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (0.2 g, 0.2 mmol) were placed in a 250 mL two-neck round-bottom flask. Then, THF (60 mL), 2 M potassium carbonate (10.0 mL) were injected. The reaction mixture was stirred and refluxed at 80 °C for 24 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was extracted 3 times with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and water. The organic layer was dried with anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica-gel column chromatography using petroleum /  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (4/1, v/v) as the eluting agent. Finally further purified by a multi-temperature-zone sublimator, a white solid was obtained (1.6 g, 89%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.80 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.73 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.40 (d,  $J = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.19 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 7.88 – 7.81 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.67 (m, 8H), 7.65 – 7.39 (m, 8H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 4.34 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.98 (h,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.02 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  146.64, 141.15, 140.70, 132.69, 130.45, 130.20, 129.27, 128.90, 127.79, 127.60, 125.74, 125.17, 124.25, 123.72, 123.29, 123.15, 120.97, 119.34, 119.18, 109.85, 109.53, 109.36, 44.96, 22.42, 11.84. TOF-MS(ESI)  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{49}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_4$ : 678.2783;  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  found: 679.2866.

**Synthesis of 4-(6-(4-(1-phenyl-1*H*-phenanthro[9,10-*d*]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-9-propyl-9*H*-carbazol-3-yl)benzotrile (3,6-pPPICNC3):** The synthetic procedure of **3,6-pPPICNC3** is

similar to that of **3,6-mPPICNC3** with **3-CNC3** (1.0 g, 2.5 mmol), 1-phenyl-2-(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)-1*H*-phenanthro[9,10-*d*]imidazole (1.3 g, 2.6 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.2 g, 0.2 mmol) as starting materials, giving a white solid (1.2 g, 70%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.00 (s, 1H), 8.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.72 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.87 – 7.63 (m, 15H), 7.62 – 7.56 (m, 2H), 7.56 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.96 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.01 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.49, 141.16, 140.80, 132.63, 130.35, 130.24, 129.96, 129.18, 127.62, 126.91, 126.41, 125.58, 125.20, 124.18, 123.65, 123.33, 123.13, 120.91, 119.26, 118.93, 109.85, 109.55, 109.43, 44.96, 22.40, 11.83. TOF-MS(ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: 678.2783; [M+H]<sup>+</sup> found: 679.2866.



**Scheme 3.** Synthetic routes to **2,7-mPPICNC3** and **2,7-pPPICNC3**. (a) Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2M), THF, 75 °C, 18 h. (b) Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2M), THF, 80 °C, 24 h.

**Synthesis of 4-(7-bromo-9-propyl-9*H*-carbazol-2-yl)benzonitrile (2-CNC3):** The synthetic procedure of **2-CNC3** is similar to that of **3-NC3** with **2,7-Br-C3Cz** (13.2 g, 36.1 mmol), (4-cyanophenyl)boronic acid (2.5 g, 17.2 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.7 g, 0.6 mmol) as the starting materials, giving a white solid (3.2 g, 48%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.26 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 7.83 – 7.67 (m, 5H), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (h, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.52, 142.03, 141.10, 137.31, 132.63, 128.15, 122.68, 122.48,

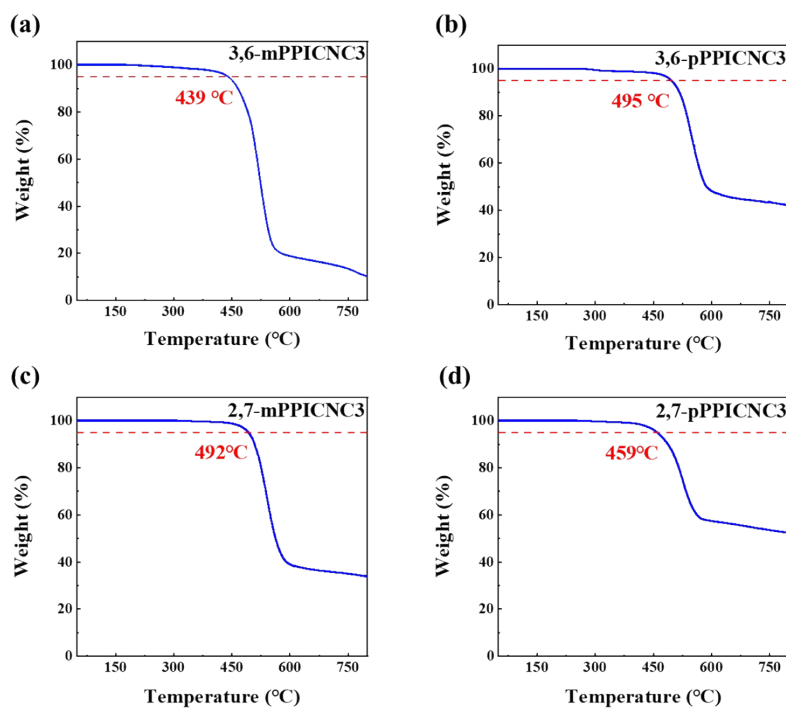
121.75, 121.29, 120.96, 119.96, 119.07, 118.92, 112.06, 110.71, 107.62, 77.38, 77.06, 76.74, 44.83, 22.29, 11.82.

**Synthesis of 4-(7-(3-(1-phenyl-1*H*-phenanthro[9,10-*d*]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-9-propyl-9*H*-carbazol-2-yl)benzotrile (2,7-**mPPICNC3**):** The synthetic procedure of **2,7-mPPICNC3** is similar to that of **3,6-mPPICNC3** with **2-CNC3** (1.0 g, 2.6 mmol), 1-phenyl-2-(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)-1*H*-phenanthro[9,10-*d*]imidazole (1.3 g, 2.6 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.2 g, 0.2 mmol) as the starting materials, giving a white solid powder (1.2 g, 69%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.93 (s, 1H), 8.79 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.73 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, J = 10.3, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.85 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.79 – 7.70 (m, 5H), 7.69 – 7.64 (m, 5H), 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 4H), 7.55 – 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.20 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.00 (p, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.04 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.17, 142.15, 141.67, 141.59, 140.98, 138.67, 138.26, 138.01, 130.31, 129.92, 129.44, 129.30, 128.80, 128.41, 128.28, 128.11, 127.47, 126.67, 126.39, 126.17, 126.05, 125.87, 125.67, 125.12, 124.20, 123.44, 123.18, 123.02, 122.92, 122.34, 121.94, 120.94, 120.85, 120.66, 120.41, 120.03, 118.91, 118.68, 109.94, 107.42, 107.37, 44.65, 22.44, 11.92. TOF-MS(ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: 678.2783; [M+H]<sup>+</sup> found: 679.2862.

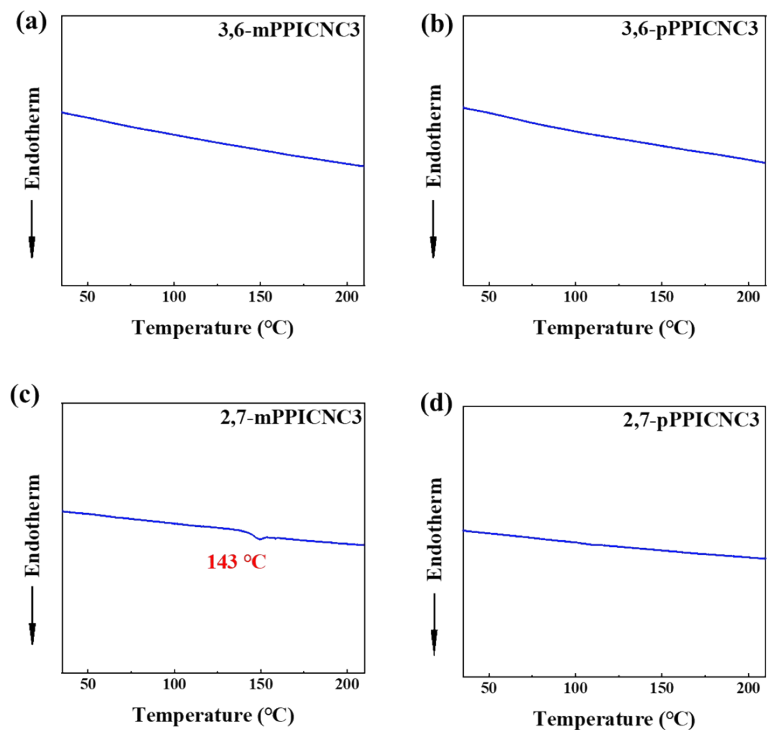
**Synthesis of 4-(7-(3-(1-phenyl-1*H*-phenanthro[9,10-*d*]imidazol-2-yl)phenyl)-9-propyl-9*H*-carbazol-2-yl)benzotrile (2,7-**pPPICNC3**):** The synthetic procedure of **2,7-pPPICNC3** is similar to that of **3,6-mPPICNC3** with **2-CNC3** (0.9 g, 2.6 mmol), 1-phenyl-2-(3-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)-1*H*-phenanthro[9,10-*d*]imidazole (1.2 g, 2.4 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.2 g, 0.2 mmol) as the starting materials, giving as a light yellow solid powder (1.1 g, 73%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.94 (s, 1H), 8.76 (ddd, J = 25.3, 8.4, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 8.14 (dd, J = 19.5, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.84 – 7.75 (m, 5H), 7.68 (dh, J = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 5H), 7.61 (dd, J = 2.4, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.35



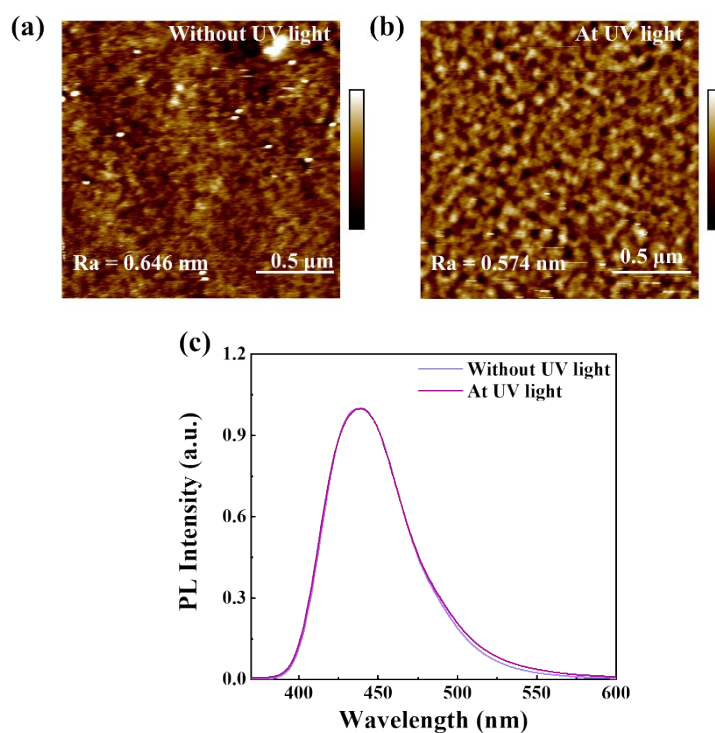
– 7.14 (m, 4H), 4.39 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.00 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.04 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*) δ 150.43, 146.14, 142.03, 141.81, 141.78, 139.02, 137.83, 137.31, 136.46, 132.92, 130.79, 130.55, 129.65, 129.52, 129.50, 129.11, 128.40, 128.27, 127.49, 127.32, 127.07, 126.67, 125.89, 125.33, 124.71, 123.82, 123.04, 122.73, 122.46, 121.88, 121.21, 120.65, 119.15, 118.41, 118.39, 110.18, 108.25, 107.74, 44.00, 22.37, 11.46. TOF-MS(ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: 678.2783; [M+H]<sup>+</sup> found: 679.2864.



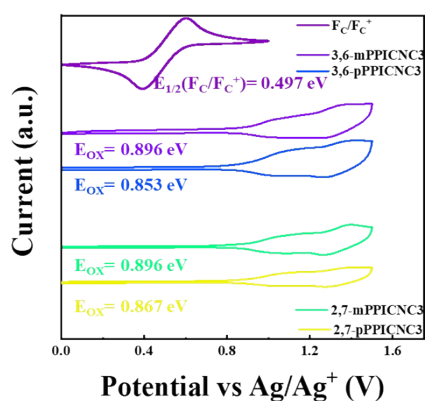
**Figure S1.** TGA thermograms of **3,6-mPPICNC3**, **3,6-pPPICNC3**, **2,7-mPPICNC3** and **2,7-pPPICNC3**.



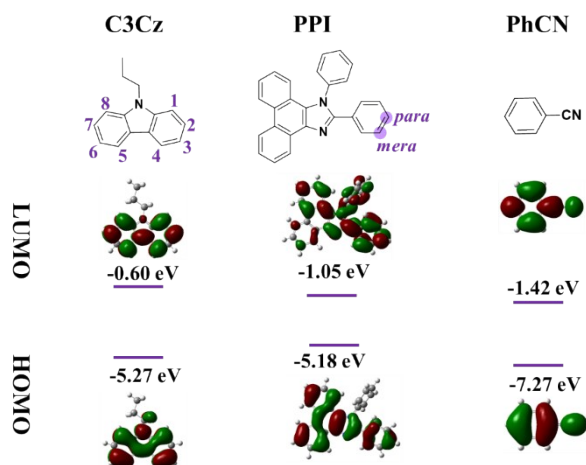
**Figure S2.** DSC curves of **3,6-mPPICNC3**, **3,6-pPPICNC3**, **2,7-mPPICNC3** and **2,7-pPPICNC3**.



**Figure S3.** (a) and (b) Atomic Force Microscope (AFM) height images of **3,6-pPPICNC3** films without/with exposure at ultraviolet lamp. (c) PL spectra of **3,6-pPPICNC3** films without/with exposure at ultraviolet lamp


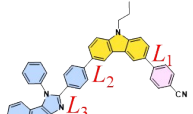
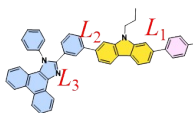
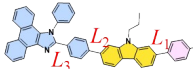


**Figure S4.** Cyclic voltammograms in dichloromethane solution of **3,6-mPPICNC3**, **3,6-pPPICNC3**, **2,7-mPPICNC3** and **2,7-pPPICNC3**.

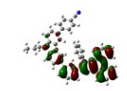
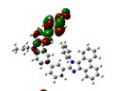
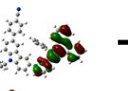
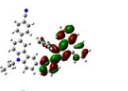
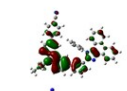
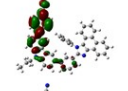
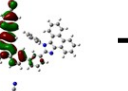
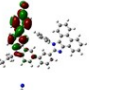
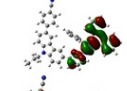
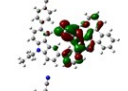
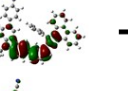
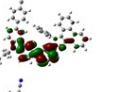
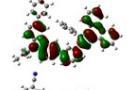
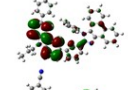
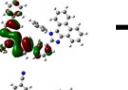
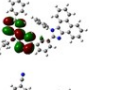
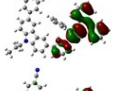
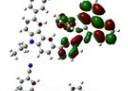
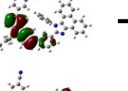
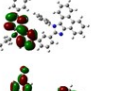
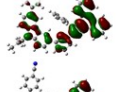
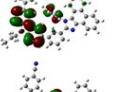
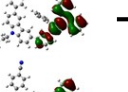
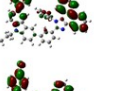
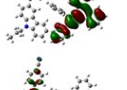
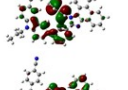
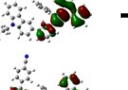
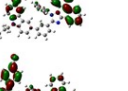
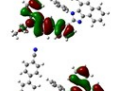
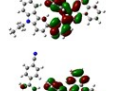
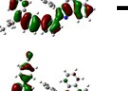
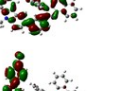
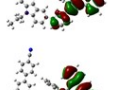
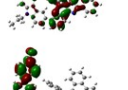
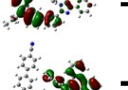
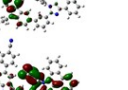
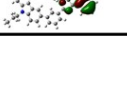
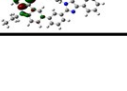
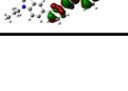



**Figure S5.** Frontier molecular orbitals (FMOs) and chemical structures of *N*-propyl-modified carbazole (C3Cz), benzonitrile (PhCN) and 1,2-diphenyl-1*H*-phenanthro[9,10-*d*]imidazole (PPI).

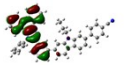
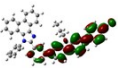

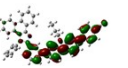
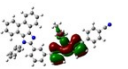
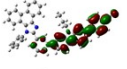
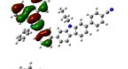
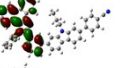
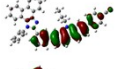
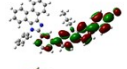
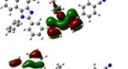
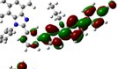
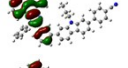
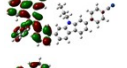

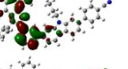
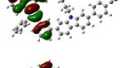
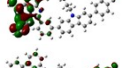
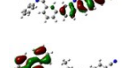
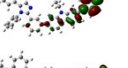
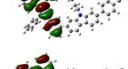
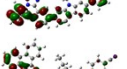
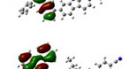
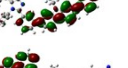
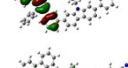
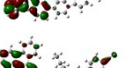
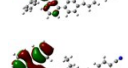
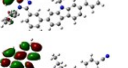
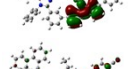
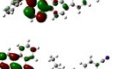
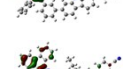
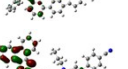
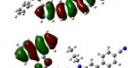
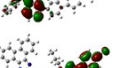
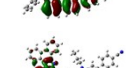
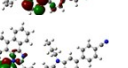
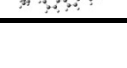


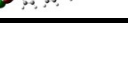
**Table S1.** Bond length in  $S_0$  and  $S_1$  of 3,6-*m*PPICNC3, 3,6-*p*PPICNC3, 2,7-*m*PPICNC3 and 2,7-*p*PPICNC3.

Compounds	Structure	$S_0$			$S_1$		
		$L_1$ [Å]	$L_2$ [Å]	$L_3$ [Å]	$L_1$ [Å]	$L_2$ [Å]	$L_3$ [Å]
3,6- <i>m</i> PPICNC3		1.477	1.481	1.467	1.455	1.476	1.450
3,6- <i>p</i> PPICNC3		1.478	1.479	1.467	1.455	1.452	1.439
2,7- <i>m</i> PPICNC3		1.479	1.481	1.470	1.448	1.470	1.451
2,7- <i>p</i> PPICNC3		1.479	1.479	1.467	1.456	1.450	1.437

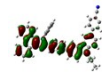
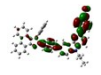
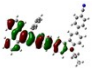
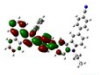
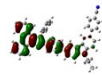
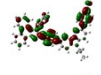
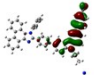
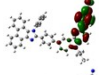
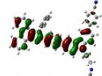
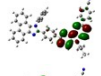
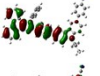
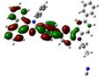

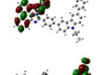
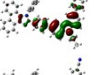
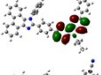
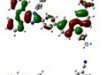
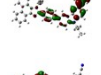
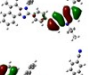
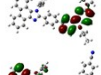
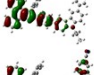
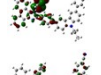
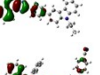
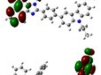
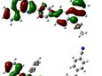
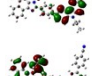
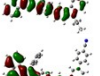
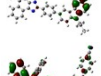
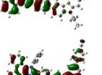
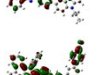
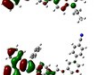
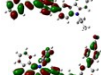
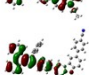
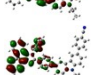
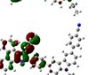
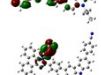




**Table S2.** NTOs analysis of singlet and triplet excited states for **3,6-mPPICNC3**.

<b>3,6-mPPICNC3</b>							
<b>Singlets</b>			<b>Triples</b>				
	Hole		Hole		Particle		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$		<b>99.80%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_1$		<b>75.16%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_2$		<b>93.43%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_2$		<b>77.16%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$		<b>93.43%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_3$		<b>63.75%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_4$		<b>85.41%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_4$		<b>74.70%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_5$		<b>74.99%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_5$		<b>56.59%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_6$		<b>82.61%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_6$		<b>91.82%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_7$		<b>84.48%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_7$		<b>87.71%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_8$		<b>78.96%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_8$		<b>68.69%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_9$		<b>63.52%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_9$		<b>54.35%</b>	
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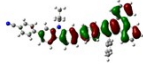
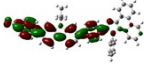
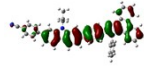
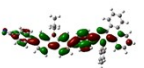
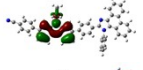
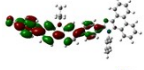
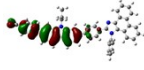
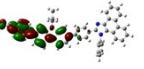
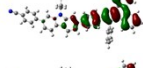
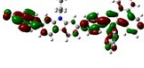

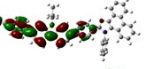
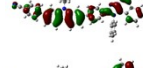
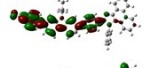
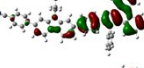
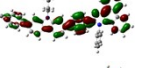
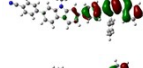
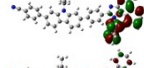
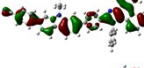
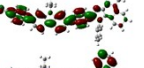
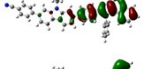
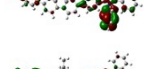

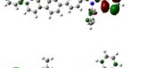
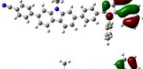
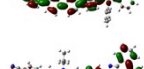
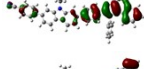
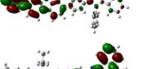
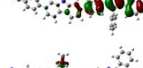
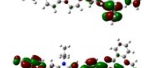
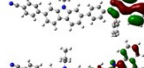
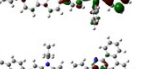
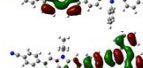
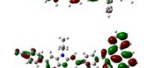
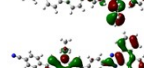
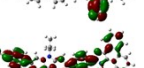




**Table S3.** NTOs analysis of singlet and triplet excited states for **2,7-mPPICNC3**.

<b>2,7-mPPICNC3</b>							
<b>Singlets</b>			<b>Triplets</b>				
	Hole		Particle		Hole		Particle
$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$		<b>99.25%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_1$		<b>60.27%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_2$		<b>96.90%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_2$		<b>51.98%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$		<b>80.59%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_3$		<b>96.17%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_4$		<b>77.44%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_4$		<b>67.62%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_5$		<b>92.38%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_5$		<b>67.15%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_6$		<b>75.18%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_6$		<b>96.19%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_7$		<b>88.17%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_7$		<b>90.40%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_8$		<b>92.38%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_8$		<b>77.67%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_9$		<b>73.56%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_9$		<b>68.46%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_{10}$		<b>94.03%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_{10}$		<b>62.35%</b>	

**Table S4.** NTOs analysis of singlet and triplet excited states for **3,6-pPPICNC3**.

<b>3,6-pPPICNC3</b>							
<b>Singlets</b>			<b>Triples</b>				
	Hole			Hole			
		Particle			Particle		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$		<b>98.95%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_1$		<b>82.36%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_2$		<b>97.32%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_2$		<b>71.97%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$		<b>84.58%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_3$		<b>61.72%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_4$		<b>90.01%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_4$		<b>85.48%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_5$		<b>87.03%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_5$		<b>57.95%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_6$		<b>93.35%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_6$		<b>91.23%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_7$		<b>67.90%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_7$		<b>89.65%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_8$		<b>77.59%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_8$		<b>64.00%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_9$		<b>79.23%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_9$		<b>69.31%</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_{10}$		<b>57.22%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_{10}$		<b>64.36%</b>	

**Table S5.** NTOs analysis of singlet and triplet excited states for **2,7-pPPICNC3**.

<b>2,7-pPPICNC3</b>						
<b>Singlets</b>			<b>Triples</b>			
	<b>Hole</b>		<b>Hole</b>		<b>Particle</b>	
$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$		<b>99.14%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_1$		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_2$		<b>96.22%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_2$		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$		<b>85.15%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_3$		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_4$		<b>80.01%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_4$		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_5$		<b>87.21%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_5$		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_6$		<b>84.08%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_6$		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_7$		<b>61.21%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_7$		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_8$		<b>76.08%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_8$		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_9$		<b>95.16%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_9$		
$S_0 \rightarrow S_{10}$		<b>70.72%</b>		$S_0 \rightarrow T_{10}$		

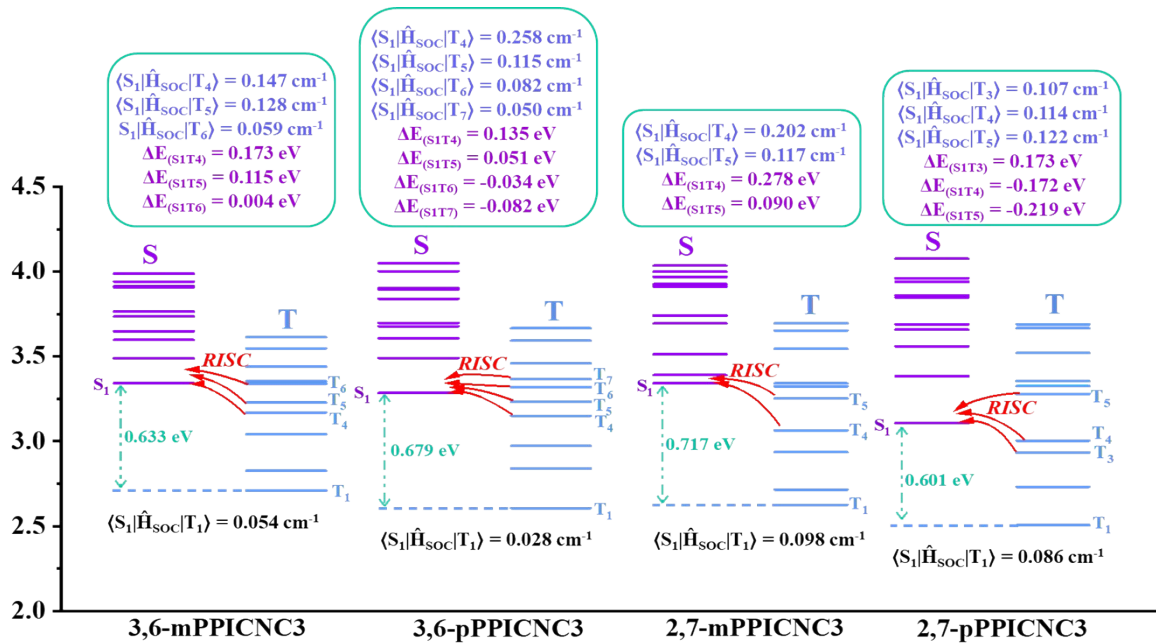


**Table S6.** Energy levels of singlet and triplet states, oscillator strengths of singlet states for **3,6-mPPICNC3** and **3,6-pPPICNC3**.

3,6-mPPICNC3					3,6-pPPICNC3				
S Excited States	[eV]	T Excited States	[eV]	S Oscillator Strength	S Excited States	[eV]	T Excited States	[eV]	S Oscillator Strength
S <sub>1</sub>	3.343	T <sub>1</sub>	2.710	0.0321	S <sub>1</sub>	3.285	T <sub>1</sub>	2.606	0.4862
S <sub>2</sub>	3.489	T <sub>2</sub>	2.826	0.1934	S <sub>2</sub>	3.491	T <sub>2</sub>	2.840	0.6983
S <sub>3</sub>	3.597	T <sub>3</sub>	3.042	0.0770	S <sub>3</sub>	3.608	T <sub>3</sub>	2.973	0.0482
S <sub>4</sub>	3.648	T <sub>4</sub>	3.170	0.6468	S <sub>4</sub>	3.677	T <sub>4</sub>	3.150	0.0151
S <sub>5</sub>	3.736	T <sub>5</sub>	3.228	0.0156	S <sub>5</sub>	3.698	T <sub>5</sub>	3.234	0.2772
S <sub>6</sub>	3.765	T <sub>6</sub>	3.339	0.3918	S <sub>6</sub>	3.840	T <sub>6</sub>	3.319	0.0888
S <sub>7</sub>	3.908	T <sub>7</sub>	3.354	0.0169	S <sub>7</sub>	3.896	T <sub>7</sub>	3.367	0.0424
S <sub>8</sub>	3.914	T <sub>8</sub>	3.440	0.0396	S <sub>8</sub>	3.904	T <sub>8</sub>	3.460	0.0447
S <sub>9</sub>	3.941	T <sub>9</sub>	3.548	0.0894	S <sub>9</sub>	4.003	T <sub>9</sub>	3.593	0.0117
S <sub>10</sub>	3.988	T <sub>10</sub>	3.614	0.0280	S <sub>10</sub>	4.050	T <sub>10</sub>	3.666	0.0122

**Table S7.** Energy levels of singlet and triplet states, oscillator strengths of singlet states for **2,7-mPPICNC3** and **2,7-pPPICNC3**.

2,7-mPPICNC3					2,7-pPPICNC3				
S Excited States	[eV]	T Excited States	[eV]	S Oscillator Strength	S Excited States	[eV]	T Excited States	[eV]	S Oscillator Strength
S <sub>1</sub>	3.343	T <sub>1</sub>	2.626	0.0284	S <sub>1</sub>	3.107	T <sub>1</sub>	2.506	1.0726
S <sub>2</sub>	3.390	T <sub>2</sub>	2.716	0.0196	S <sub>2</sub>	3.384	T <sub>2</sub>	2.732	0.0173
S <sub>3</sub>	3.513	T <sub>3</sub>	2.936	1.2908	S <sub>3</sub>	3.560	T <sub>3</sub>	2.934	0.7868
S <sub>4</sub>	3.695	T <sub>4</sub>	3.065	0.2582	S <sub>4</sub>	3.658	T <sub>4</sub>	3.279	0.2949
S <sub>5</sub>	3.741	T <sub>5</sub>	3.253	0.0148	S <sub>5</sub>	3.689	T <sub>5</sub>	3.326	0.0368
S <sub>6</sub>	3.912	T <sub>6</sub>	3.324	0.0005	S <sub>6</sub>	3.848	T <sub>6</sub>	3.333	0.0525
S <sub>7</sub>	3.926	T <sub>7</sub>	3.341	0.1000	S <sub>7</sub>	3.860	T <sub>7</sub>	3.518	0.0042
S <sub>8</sub>	3.969	T <sub>8</sub>	3.545	0.0347	S <sub>8</sub>	3.940	T <sub>8</sub>	3.767	0.0076
S <sub>9</sub>	4.000	T <sub>9</sub>	3.653	0.0053	S <sub>9</sub>	3.961	T <sub>9</sub>	3.804	0.0571
S <sub>10</sub>	4.035	T <sub>10</sub>	3.696	0.0008	S <sub>10</sub>	4.076	T <sub>10</sub>	3.845	0.0075



**Figure S6.** Singlet and triplet energy levels and SOC matrix elements of **3,6-mPPICNC3**, **3,6-pPPICNC3**, **2,7-mPPICNC3** and **2,7-pPPICNC3**, calculated by TD-DFT methods.

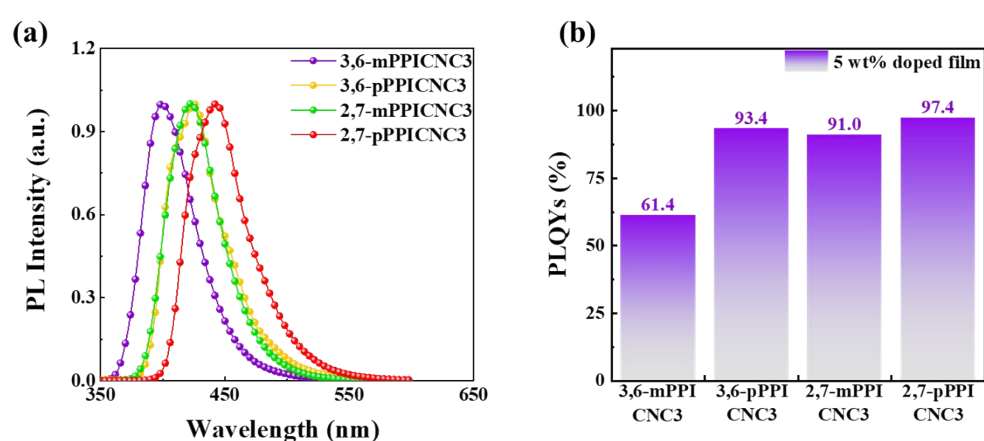
### Detailed Analysis of High-lying RISC Process

As for **3,6-pPPICNC3**, The  $S_1/T_1$  energy splitting ( $\Delta E_{S1T1}$ ) is as large as 0.633 eV with a small spin-orbit coupling (SOC) constant of 0.028 cm<sup>-1</sup>, which is hardly to facilitate the upconversion of the excitations on  $T_1$  to  $S_1$  through the RISC process. The  $S_1$  state of **3,6-pPPICNC3** shows a typical HLCT state characteristic, while the high-lying triplet states ( $T_4$ ,  $T_5$ ,  $T_6$  and  $T_7$ ) exhibit HLCT, LE, HLCT and CT- dominated HLCT states with small energy differences (0.135, 0.051, -0.034 and -0.082 eV) between  $S_1$  and them. As Fermi's golden rule remarks, the RISC rate ( $k_{RISC}$ ) has a close relationship with the SOC value and the energy gap between singlet and triplet states. The relationship can be expressed:

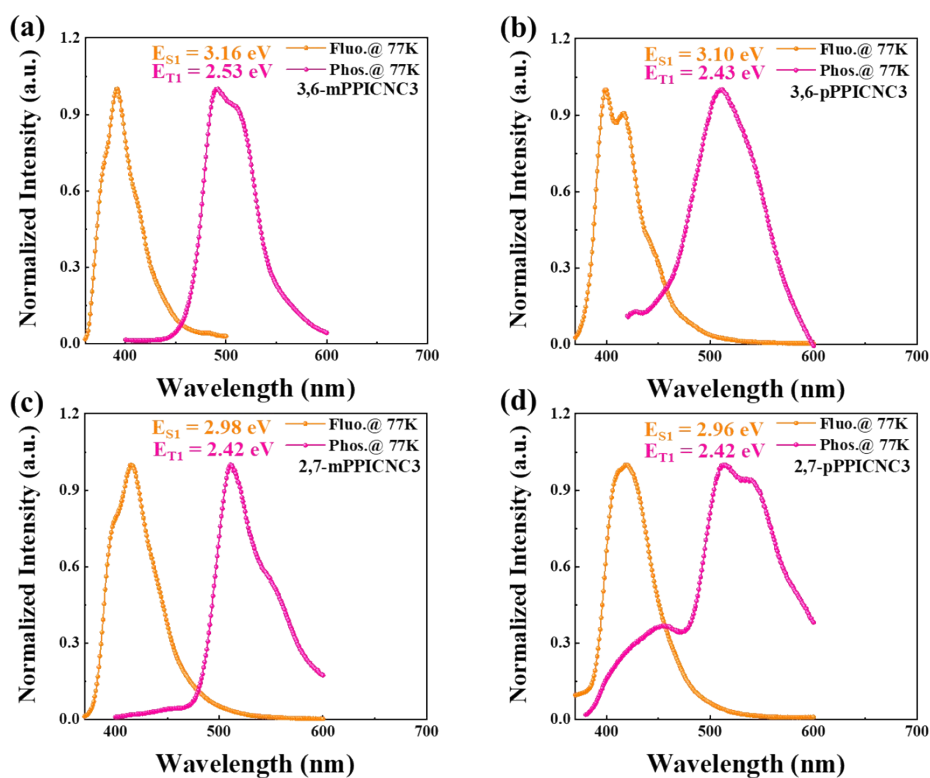
$$k_{RISC} \propto |\langle S | \hat{H}_{SOC} | T \rangle|^2 \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta E_{ST}}{k_B T_r}\right) \quad (1)$$

Here,  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant,  $\langle S|\hat{H}_{soc}|T\rangle$  is the SOC matrix element between singlet and triplet states, and  $T_r$  is temperature. The SOC values between  $S_1$  and  $T_4$ ,  $T_5$ ,  $T_6$  and  $T_7$  for **3,6-pPPICNC3** are as large as 0.258, 0.115, 0.082 and 0.050  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , which facilitate multichannel high-lying RISC processes from  $T_4$ ,  $T_5$ ,  $T_6$  and  $T_7$  to  $S_1$ .

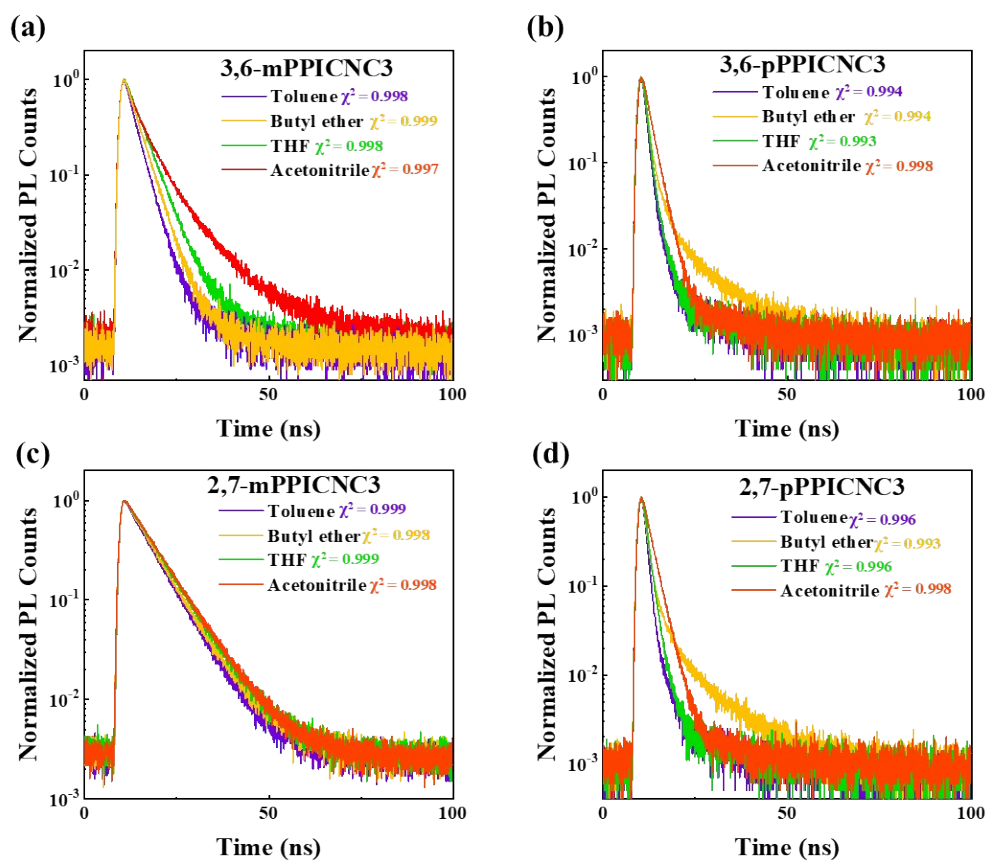
As for **2,7-mPPICNC3** and **2,7-pPPICNC3** with the CT- dominated HLCT and HLCT state features, the  $\Delta E_{S1T1}$  values are 0.717 and 0.601 eV with SOC constants of 0.098 and 0.086  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , which illustrates the thermally activated delayed fluorescence mechanism can be excluded. Both  $T_4$  and  $T_5$  states for **2,7-mPPICNC3** exhibit obvious LE states with small energy differences of 0.278 and 0.090 eV and large SOC values of 0.202 and 0.117  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  between  $S_1$  and them, while all the  $T_3$ ,  $T_4$  and  $T_5$  states for **2,7-pPPICNC3** show obvious HLCT states with small energy differences of 0.173, -0.172 and -0.219 eV and large SOC values of 0.107, 0.114 and 0.122  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  between  $S_1$  and them. This could facilitate the high-lying RISC processes from  $T_4$  and  $T_5$  to  $S_1$  for **2,7-mPPICNC3**, and from  $T_3$ ,  $T_4$  and  $T_5$  to  $S_1$  for **2,7-pPPICNC3**.



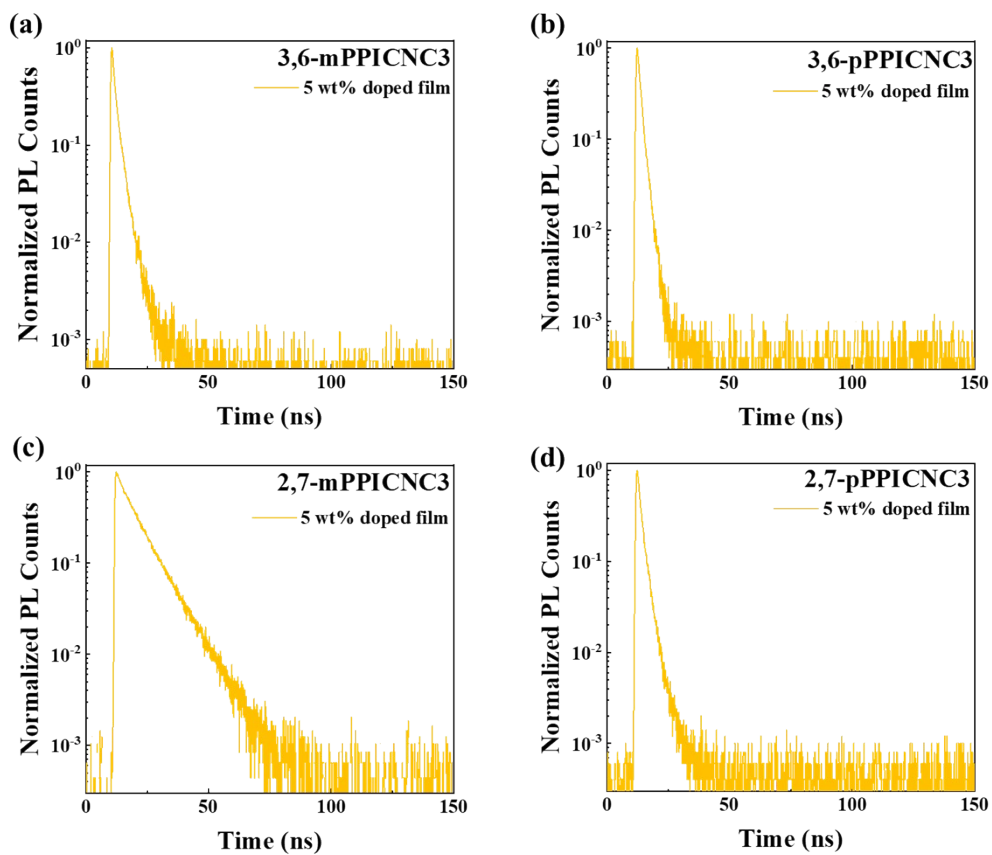
**Figure S7.** (a) Normalized PL spectra of 5 wt% doped in PMMA films and (b) PLQYs in 5 wt% doped in PMMA films of **3,6-mPPICNC3**, **3,6-pPPICNC3**, **2,7-mPPICNC3** and **2,7-pPPICNC3**.



**Figure S8.** Low-temperature fluorescence and phosphorescence spectra of **3,6-mPPIcNC3** (a), **3,6-pPPIcNC3** (b), **2,7-mPPIcNC3** (c), and **2,7-pPPIcNC3** (d) in toluene solution ( $10^{-5}$  M) at 77 K.



**Figure S9.** Transient PL decay spectra at toluene, butyl ether, THF, and acetonitrile solutions ( $10^{-5}$  M) of (a) **3,6-mPPI-CNC3**, (b) **3,6-pPPI-CNC3**, (c) **2,7-mPPI-CNC3** and (d) **2,7-pPPI-CNC3**. All the curves fitted by single-exponential decays with the  $\chi^2$  values exceeding 0.993.



**Figure S10.** Transient PL decay spectra at 5 wt% doped films of (a) **3,6-mPPI-CNC3**, (b) **3,6-pPPI-CNC3**, (c) **2,7-mPPI-CNC3** and (d) **2,7-pPPI-CNC3**.

**Table S8.** PLQYs ( $\Phi_{\text{PL}}$ s), fluorescence lifetime ( $\tau$ ), radiative transition rate ( $k_r$ ) and non-radiative transition rate ( $k_{\text{nr}}$ ) of **3,6-mPPICNC3**, **3,6-pPPICNC3**, **2,7-mPPICNC3** and **2,7-pPPICNC3**.

	$\Phi_{\text{PL}}$ [%]	$\tau$ [ns]	$k_r^a$ [ $\times 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ]	$k_{\text{nr}}^b$ [ $\times 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ]	$\Phi_{\text{PL}}$ [%]	$\tau$ [ns]	$k_r^a$ [ $\times 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ]	$k_{\text{nr}}^b$ [ $\times 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ]	
<b>3,6-mPPICNC3</b>					<b>3,6-pPPICNC3</b>				
Toluene	82.6	3.01	2.74	0.58	95.3	1.29	7.39	0.36	
Butyl ether	92.9	3.67	2.53	0.19	95.4	1.66	5.75	0.28	
Tetrahydrofuran	94.3	4.37	2.16	0.13	96.2	1.31	7.34	0.29	
Acetonitrile	97.8	4.96	1.97	0.04	96.8	2.20	4.40	0.15	
5 wt% doped into PMMA	61.4	2.58	2.38	1.49	93.4	1.32	7.08	0.50	
Neat film	59.1	1.55	3.81	2.64	63.0	1.33	4.74	2.77	
<b>2,7-mPPICNC3</b>					<b>2,7-pPPICNC3</b>				
Toluene	93.3	6.73	1.39	0.10	97.5	1.39	7.01	0.18	
Butyl ether	93.6	6.82	1.37	0.09	97.9	1.54	6.36	0.14	
Tetrahydrofuran	96.9	7.31	1.33	0.04	98.4	1.63	6.04	0.10	
Acetonitrile	83.8	7.60	1.10	0.21	98.5	2.54	3.88	0.06	
5 wt% doped into PMMA	91.0	7.88	1.15	0.11	97.4	1.63	5.98	0.16	
Neat film	61.9	3.19	1.94	1.19	63.3	1.01	6.27	3.63	

<sup>a</sup>  $k_r = \Phi_{\text{PL}} / \tau$ ; <sup>b</sup>  $k_{\text{nr}} = 1/\tau - k_r$

### Detailed Analysis of Lippert-Mataga model

The Stokes shift ( $\nu_a - \nu_f$ ) versus orientational polarizability ( $f(\epsilon, n)$ ) of solvents can be constructed by the Lippert-Mataga model with the Equation 1 as below.

$$hc(\nu_a - \nu_f) = hc(\nu_a^0 - \nu_f^0) + \frac{2(\mu_e - \mu_g)^2}{a_0^3} f(\epsilon, n) \quad (1)$$

Here,  $h$  is the Plank constant,  $c$  is the light speed in vacuum,  $\mu_g$  and  $\mu_e$  are the ground-state excited-state dipole moments,  $f(\epsilon, n)$  is the orientational polarizability of solvents,  $a_0$  is the Onsager cavity radius,  $\nu_a^0 - \nu_f^0$  is the Stokes shifts when  $f$  is zero, respectively.

Take differential on both sides of the Equation 1, the Equation 2 can be obtained:

$$\mu_e = \mu_g + \left\{ \frac{hca_0^3}{2} \times \left[ \frac{d(\nu_a - \nu_f)}{df(\epsilon, n)} \right] \right\}^{1/2} \quad (2)$$

$(\epsilon, n)$  and  $a_0$  can be obtained by the Equation 3 and 4:

$$f(\epsilon, n) = \frac{\epsilon - 1}{2\epsilon + 1} + \frac{n^2 - 1}{2n^2 + 1} \quad (3)$$

$$a_0 = \left( \frac{3M}{4\pi Nd} \right)^{1/3} \quad (4)$$

Where,  $\epsilon$  and  $n$  are dielectric constant and refractive index of solvent,  $N$  is Avogadro's number,  $M$  is molar mass, and  $d$  is density of the solvents, respectively. The values of  $f(\epsilon, n)$  and  $a_0$  can be estimated by the Equation 3 and 4. The  $\mu_{g^S}$  of **3,6-mPPICNC3**, **3,6-pPPICNC3**, **2,7-mPPICNC3**, **2,7-pPPICNC3** were estimated to be 7.73, 4.77, 9.75 and 6.73 Debye by the

Gaussian 09 package at the level of B3LYP/6-31G(d,p). The  $\frac{d(\nu_a - \nu_f)}{df(\epsilon, n)}$  can be estimated with the solvatochromic experiment data listed in Tables S8 and S9.

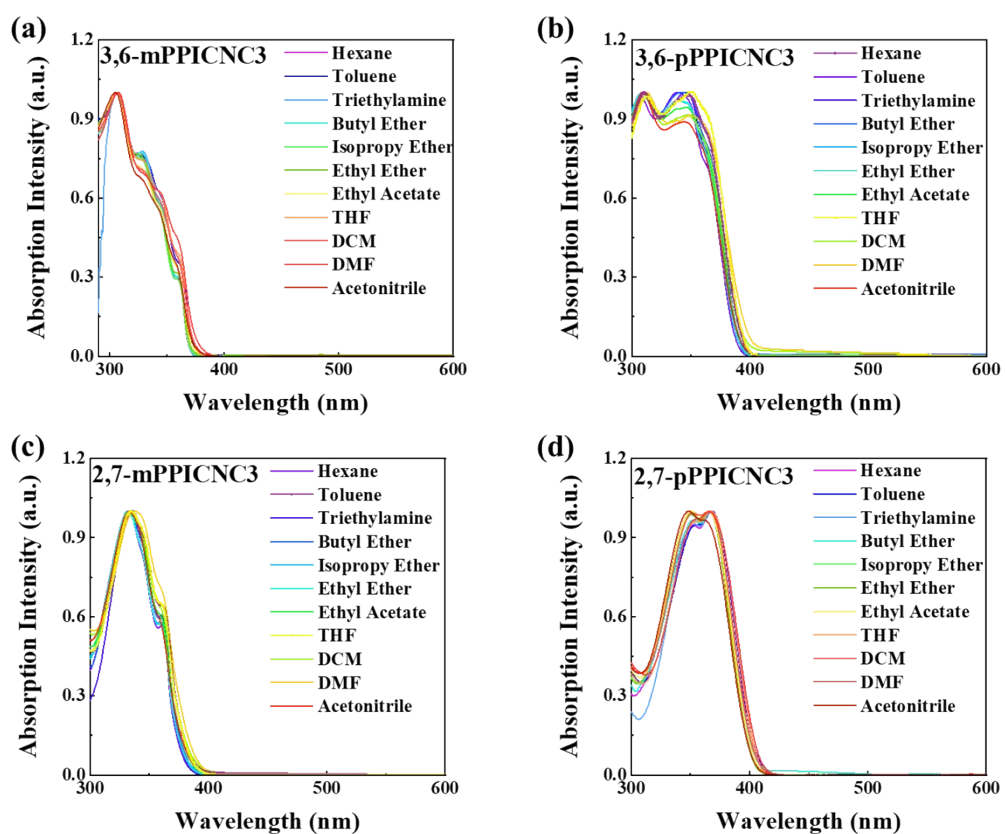


**Table S9.** The detailed absorption, emission peak and of **3,6-mPPICNC3** and **3,6-pPPICNC3** in different solvents.

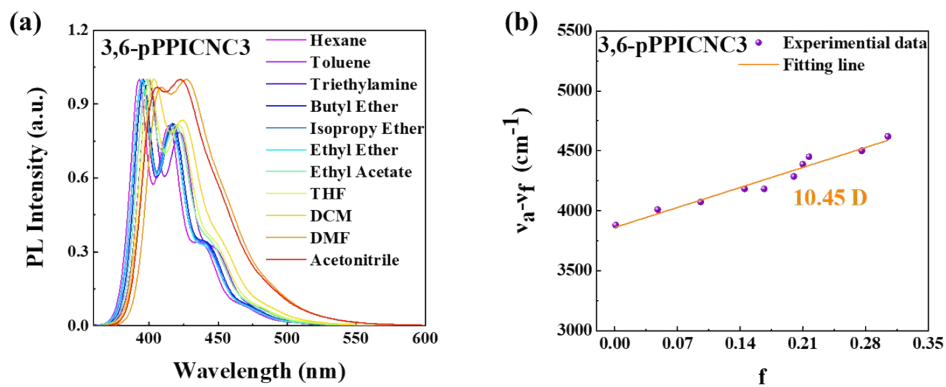
Solvents	$\epsilon$	n	$f(\epsilon, n)$	3,6-mPPICNC3			3,6-pPPICNC3		
				$\lambda_a$	$\lambda_r$	$\nu_a - \nu_r$	$\lambda_a$	$\lambda_r$	$\nu_a - \nu_r$
				[nm]	[nm]	[cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	[nm]	[nm]	[cm <sup>-1</sup> ]
Hexane	1.9	1.375	0.0012	326	367	3426.89	341	393	3880.22
Toluene	2.38	1.494	0.013	330	389	4596.09	343	400	4154.52
Triethylamine	2.42	1.401	0.048	328	387	4648.01	341	395	4009.06
Butyl ether	3.08	1.399	0.096	328	387	4648.01	341	396	4072.99
Isopropyl ether	3.88	1.368	0.145	327	387	4741.25	339	395	4182.07
Ethyl ether	4.34	1.352	0.167	326	387	4835.05	339	395	4182.07
Ethyl acetate	6.02	1.372	0.2	328	400	5487.80	340	398	4286.14
Tetrahydrofuran	7.58	1.407	0.21	330	403	5489.13	341	401	4387.86
Dichloromethane	8.93	1.424	0.217	330	414	6148.44	341	402	4449.89
Dimethylformamide	37	1.427	0.276	330	433	7208.34	344	407	4499.74
Acetone	20.7	1.359	0.284	330	422	6606.35	344	404	4317.29
Acetonitrile	37.5	1.344	0.305	330	432	7154.88	344	409	4619.89

**Table S10.** The detailed absorption and emission peaks of **2,7-mPPICNC3** and **2,7-pPPICNC3** in different solutions.

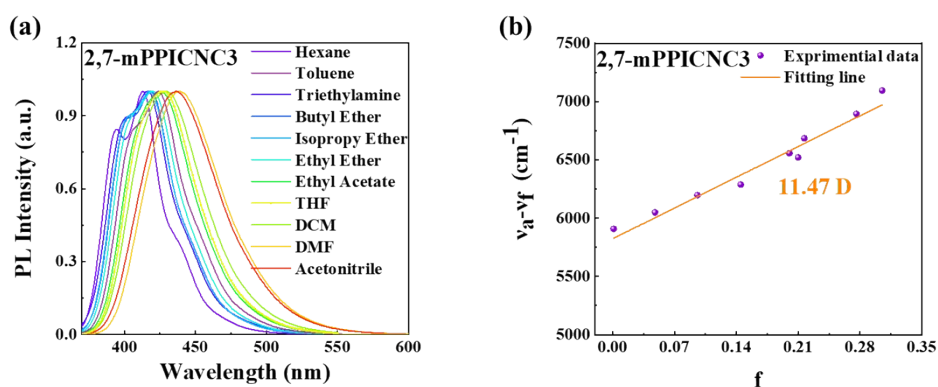
Solvents	$\epsilon$	n	$f(\epsilon, n)$	2,7-mPPICNC3			□	2,7-pPPICNC3		
				$\lambda_a$	$\lambda_r$	$\nu_a - \nu_r$		$\lambda_a$	$\lambda_r$	$\nu_a - \nu_r$
				[nm]	[nm]	[cm <sup>-1</sup> ]		[nm]	[nm]	[cm <sup>-1</sup> ]
Hexane	1.9	1.375	0.0012	332	413	5907.41	367	409	2798.08	
Toluene	2.38	1.494	0.013	335	424	6265.84	367	416	3209.49	
Triethylamine	2.42	1.401	0.048	333	417	6049.21	367	412	2976.11	
Butyl ether	3.08	1.399	0.096	332	418	6197.04	367	413	3034.88	
Isopropyl ether	3.88	1.368	0.145	331	418	6288.04	365	411	3066.36	
Ethyl ether	4.34	1.352	0.167	332	420	6310.96	364	411	3141.63	
Ethyl acetate	6.02	1.372	0.2	333	426	6555.85	364	414	3317.94	
Tetrahydrofuran	7.58	1.407	0.21	334	427	6520.92	364	417	3491.71	
Dichloromethane	8.93	1.424	0.217	334	430	6684.31	366	419	3456.06	
Dimethylformamide	37	1.427	0.276	337	439	6894.55	366	421	3569.44	
Acetone	20.7	1.359	0.284	333	433	6935.34	365	422	3700.58	
Acetonitrile	37.5	1.344	0.305	333	436	7094.25	363	423	3907.547	



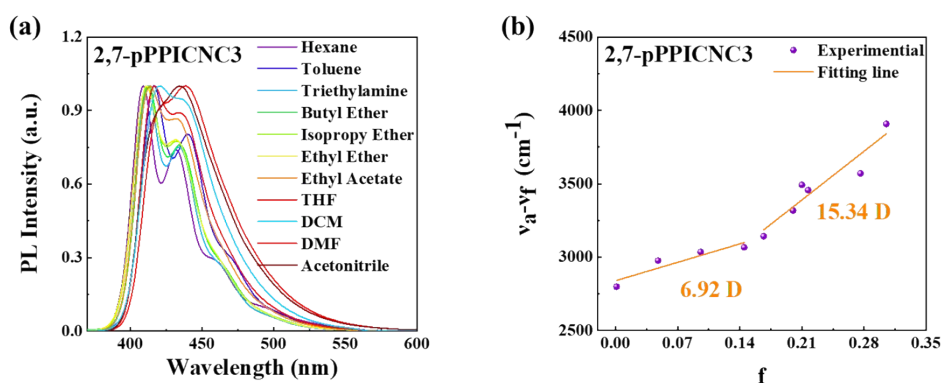
**Figure S11.** UV-vis absorption spectra of (a) 3,6-mPPICNC3, (b) 3,6-pPPICNC3, (c) 2,7-mPPICNC3 and (d) 2,7-pPPICNC3 in different solutions.



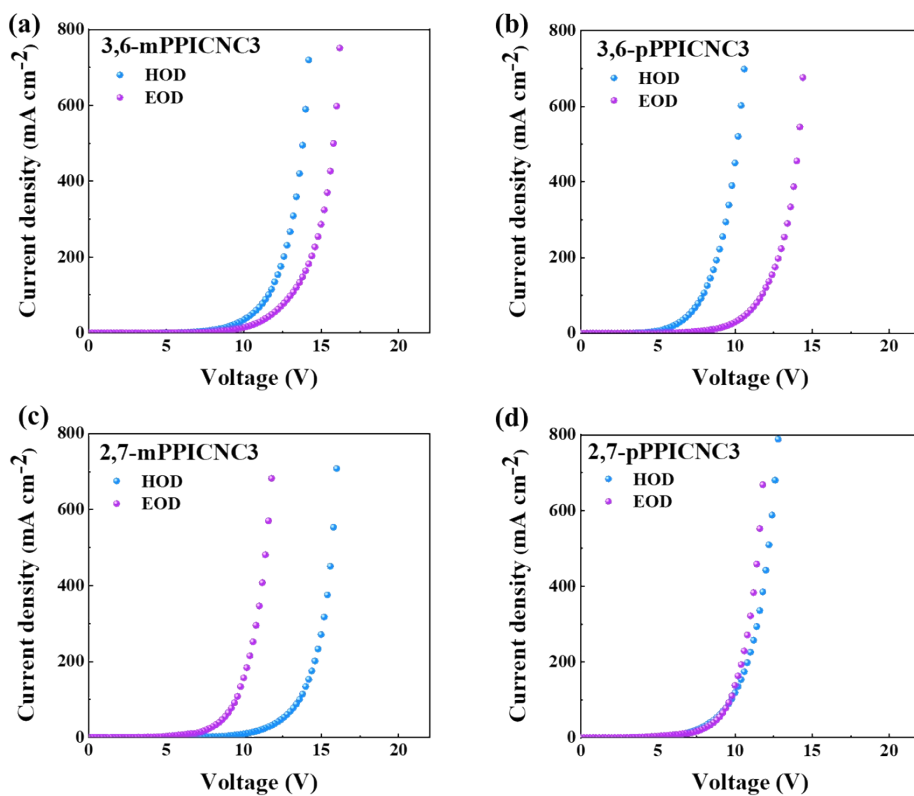
**Figure S12.** Solvation effects on PL spectra (a) and Lippert-Mataga plots (b) of 3,6-pPPICNC3.



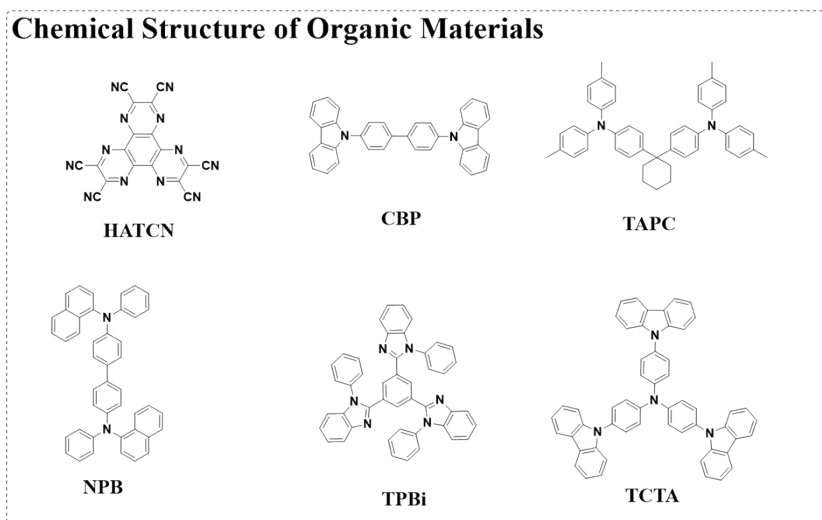
**Figure S13.** Solvation effects on PL spectra (a) and Lippert-Mataga plots (b) of 2,7-mPPICNC3.



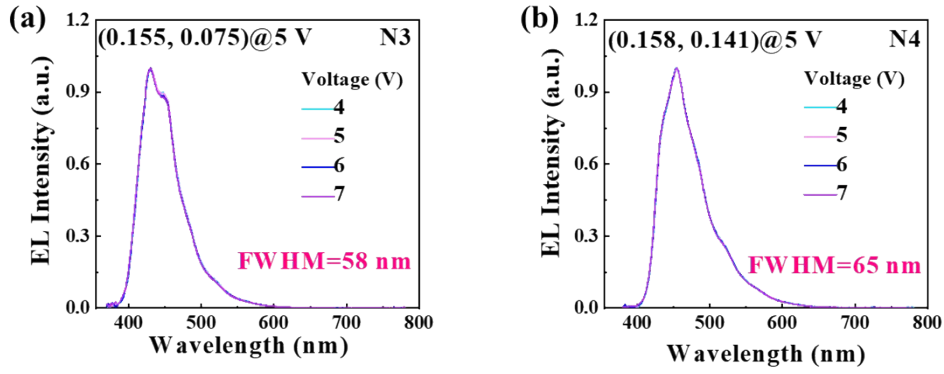
**Figure S14.** Solvation effects on PL spectra (a) and Lippert-Mataga plots (b) of 2,7-pPPICNC3.



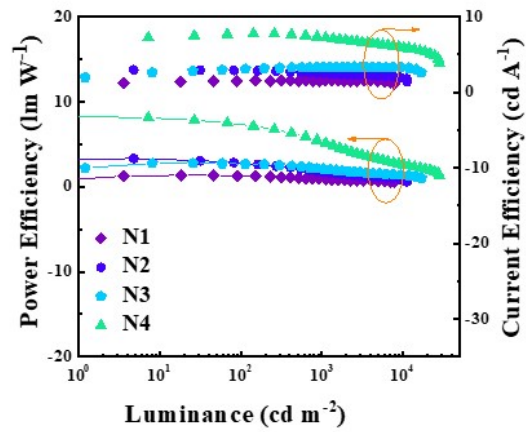
**Figure S15.** Current density versus voltage curves of the hole-only and electron-only devices of (a) 3,6-mPPICNC3, (b) 3,6-pPPICNC3, (c) 2,7-mPPICNC3 and (d) 2,7-pPPICNC3.



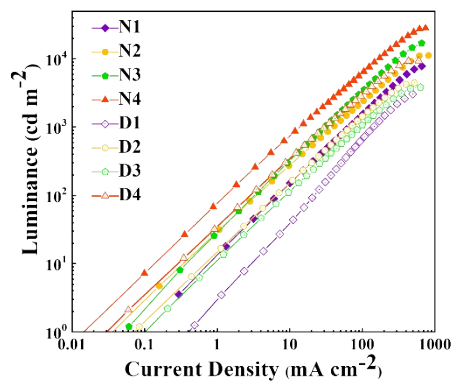
**Figure S16.** Chemical structure of organic materials used in this work.



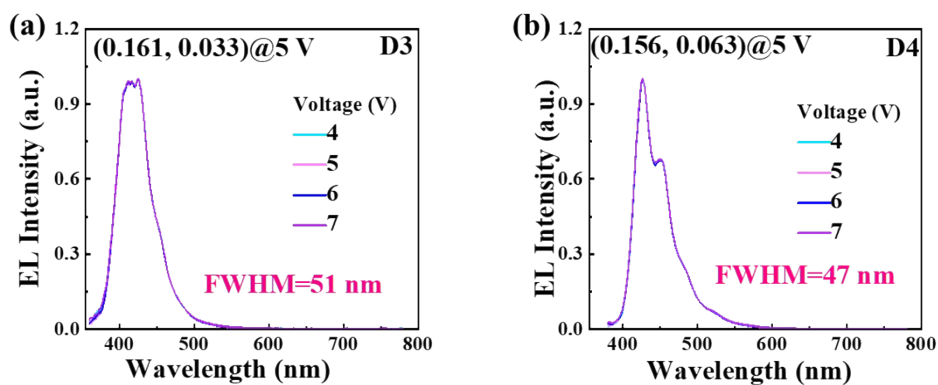
**Figure S17.** Normalized EL spectra at different applied voltages of the devices (a) N3, (b) N4.



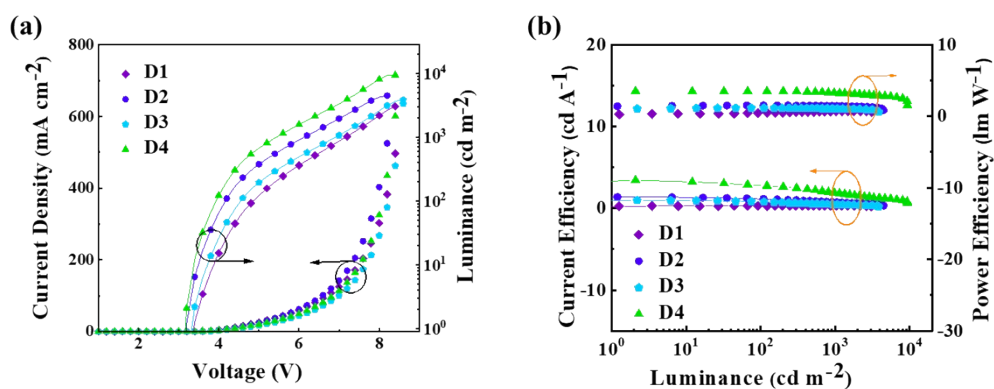
**Figure S18.** Power efficiency-luminance-current efficiency curves of the devices N1-4.



**Figure S19.** Current density-luminance curves of devices N1-4 and D1-4.



**Figure S20.** Normalized EL spectra at different applied voltages of the devices (a) **D3** and (b) **D4**.



**Figure S21.** (a) Current density–voltage–luminance characteristics of the devices **D1–4** based on the configurations of ITO/ 1,4,5,8,9,11- hexaazatriphenylenehexacarbonitrile (HATCN, 20 nm)/ 4,4'-(cyclohexane-1,1-diyl)bis(*N,N*-di-*p*-tolylaniline) (TAPC, 45 nm)/ tris(4-(9H-carbazol-9-yl)phenyl)amine (TCTA, 10 nm)/ 4,4'-bis(*N*-carbazolyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (CBP):Emitter (5 wt%, 20 nm)/ 1,3,5-tris(1-phenyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)benzene (TPBi, 10 nm)/ LiF (1 nm)/ Al (100 nm). (b) Power efficiency-luminance-current efficiency curves of the devices **D1–4**.

**Table S11.** Summary of highly efficient violet-blue non-doped and doped (D) fluorescent OLEDs with the CIEy small than 0.05 reported in recent years.

Compound	EQE <sub>max</sub> [%]	EQE <sub>1000</sub> [%]	FWHM [nm]	EL Peak [nm]	CIE(x,y)	Ref.
3,6-mPPICNC3	7.67	7.65 <sup>a</sup>	44	412	(0.160, 0.032)	This work
3,6-mPPICNC3 (D)	7.85	7.48	41	391	(0.161, 0.025)	This work
POPCN-CP	5.3	2.3	51	404	(0.160, 0.034)	1
POPCN-2CP	7.5	6.1	52	404	(0.159, 0.035)	1
POPCN-2CP (D)	8.2	5.7	50	404	(0.161, 0.034)	1
mTPA-PPI	3.33	-	-	404	(0.161, 0.049)	2
PITZF (D)	6.07	4.88	55	411	(0.159, 0.049)	3
PITZtCz (D)	7.21	6.15	61	413	(0.158, 0.050)	3
PI-TAZ-tbuCz (D)	6.01	5.10	52	407	(0.160, 0.043)	4
TPBCzC1	4.34	-	-	422	(0.160, 0.035)	5
DCZ2F	5.62	4.23	47	404	(0.163, 0.038)	6
CTPPI	8.10	4.2	-	403	(0.160, 0.040)	7
DSiTPI (D)	7.40	-	-	396	(0.160, 0.050)	8
CSiTPI (D)	5.20	-	-	388	(0.160, 0.050)	8
TBOSi (D)	9.15	-	-	414	(0.165, 0.034)	9
TBOSiCz (D)	8.91	-	-	414	(0.163, 0.031)	9
SBF-PI-SBF	6.19	5.75	64	436	(0.155, 0.049)	10
FIP-CZ (D)	10.4	7.3	49	427	(0.158, 0.039)	11
TPBCzC1	4.34	-	-	438	(0.159, 0.035)	12
Cz-2pbb (D)	2.90	-	-	410	(0.16, 0.05)	13
2MCz-CNMCz	7.76	5.61	-	404	(0.158, 0.039)	14
ICZ-TAZ (D)	4.02	-	46	406	(0.162, 0.037)	15
2BuCz-CNCz	5.24	-	-	408	(0.157, 0.050)	16
2BuCz-CNCz (D)	10.79	6.80	-	396	(0.161, 0.031)	17
CSP-Bu (D)	6.70	3.69	57	404	(0.158, 0.043)	17
CSP-OMe (D)	7.32	4.75	58	406	(0.158, 0.047)	17
VDMP-36PhCz	6.27	4.28	46	402	(0.161, 0.043)	18
VDMP-36PhCz (D)	7.55	5.37	50	404	(0.159, 0.039)	18
TTT-TPA-H (D)	10.54	-	-	426	(0.15, 0.05)	19
SPA-DBS (D)	1.02	-	55	428	(0.16, 0.04)	20
TFPy4 (D)	5.10	-	54	404	(0.16, 0.02)	21
2Na-CzCN (D)	6.15	5.73	36	392	(0.16, 0.04)	22
mP2MPC	6.09	5.56	51	395	(0.163, 0.028)	23

<sup>a</sup> Recorded at 3300 cd m<sup>-2</sup>.

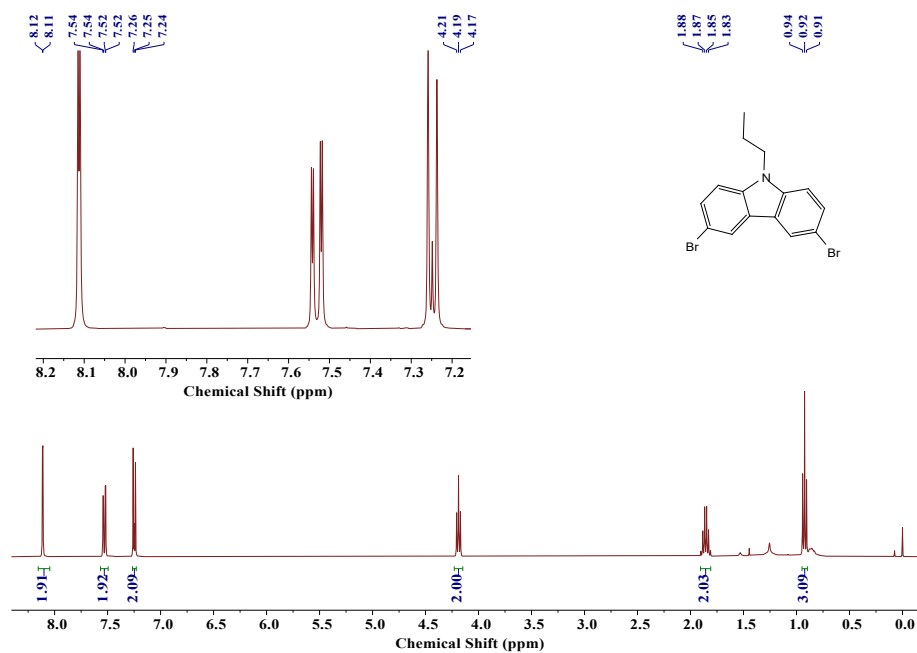


Figure S22.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 3,6-Br-C3Cz in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

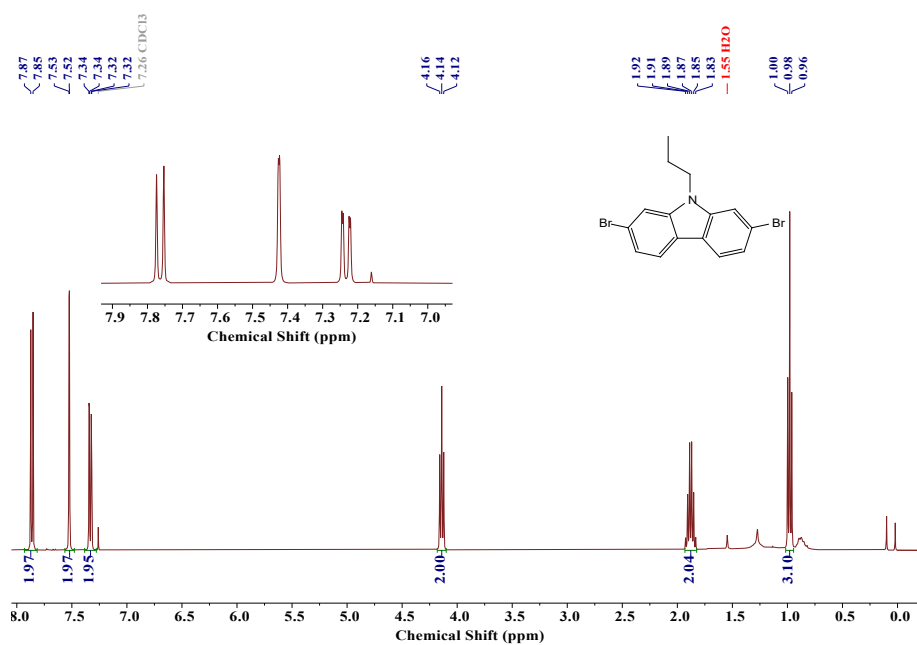


Figure S23.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 2,7-Br-C3Cz in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



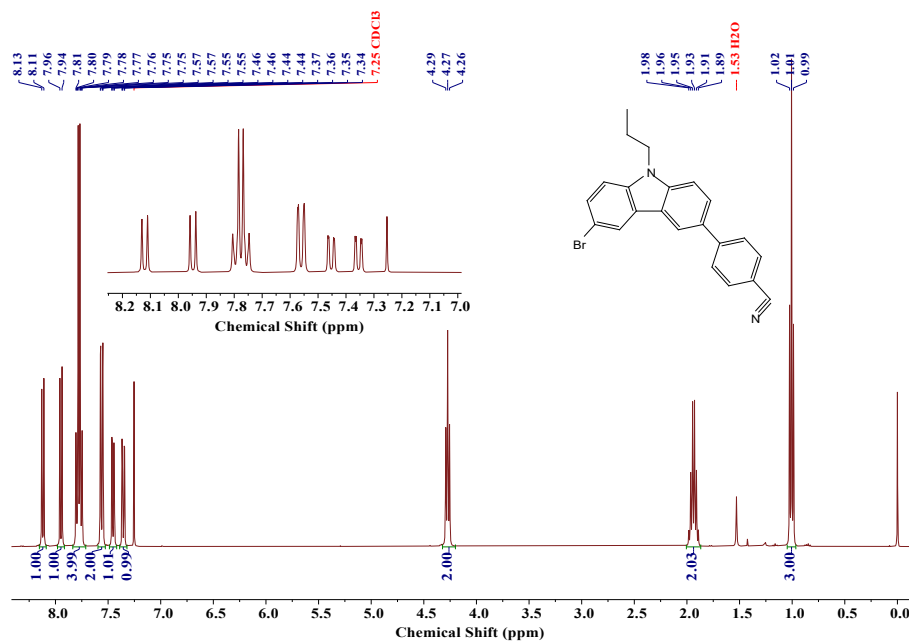


Figure S24. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3,6-CNC3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

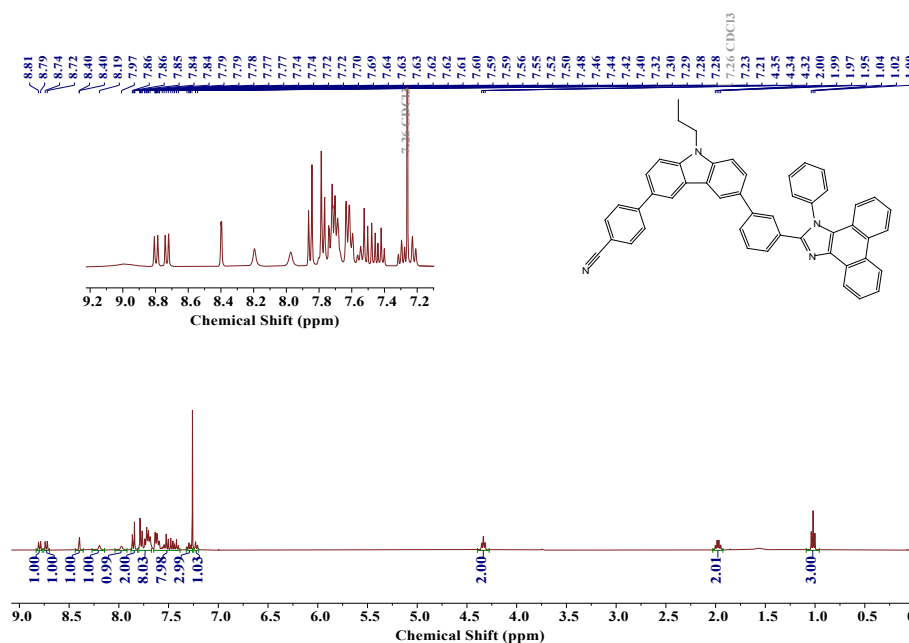


Figure S25. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3,6-mPPICNC3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

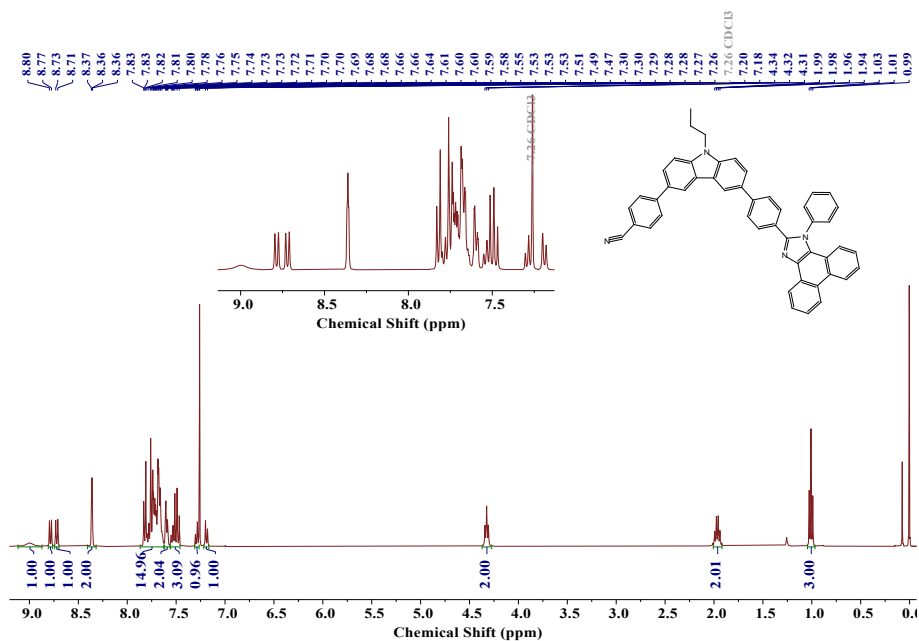


Figure S26. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3,6-pPPICNC3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

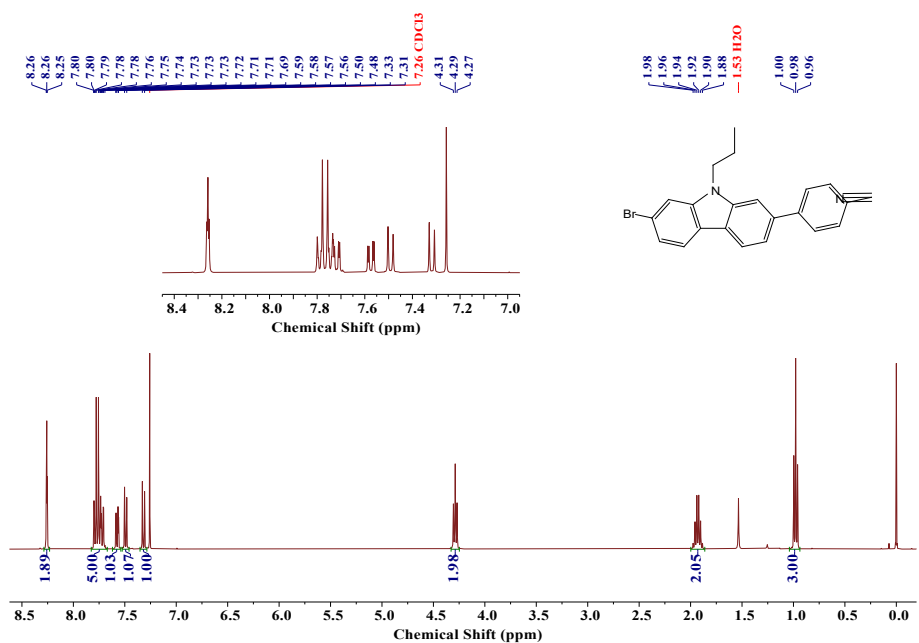


Figure S27. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2-CNC3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

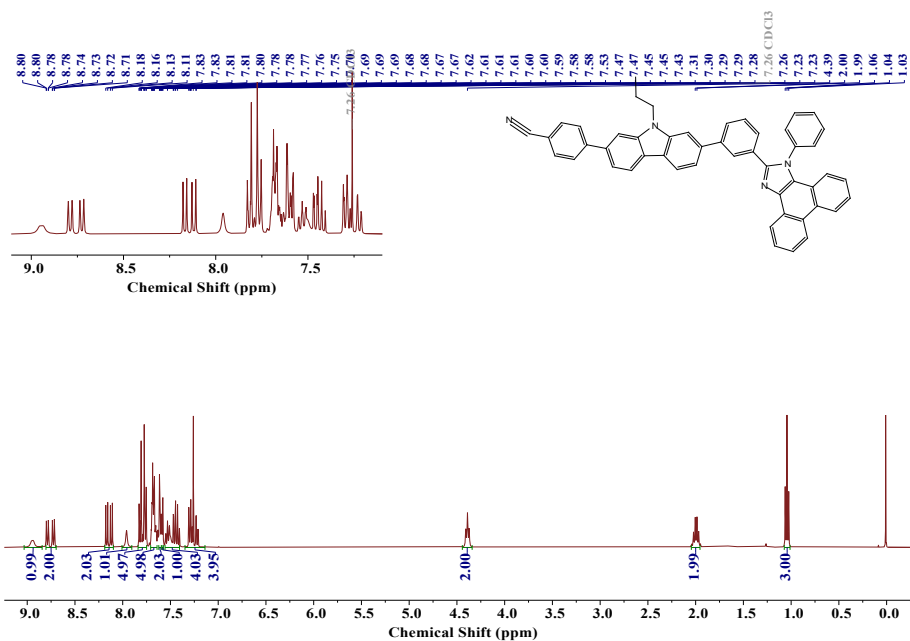


Figure S28.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 2,7-mPPICNC3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

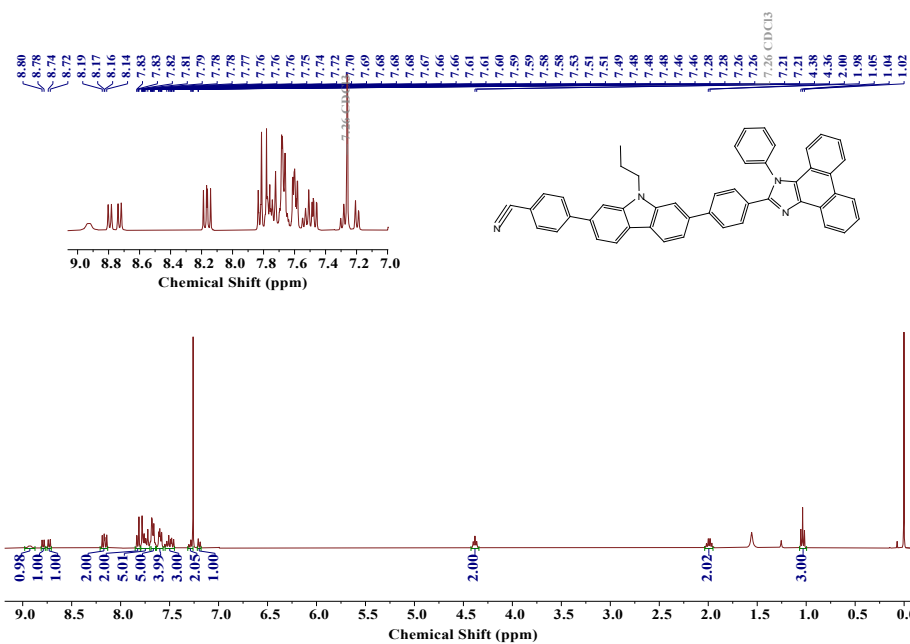


Figure S29.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 2,7-pPPICNC3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

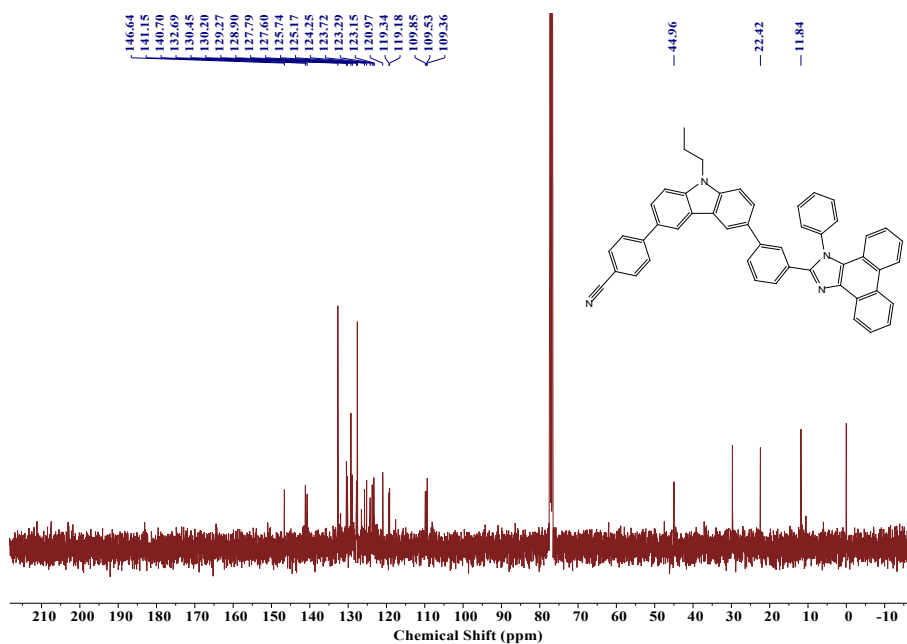


Figure S30.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **3,6-mPPICNC3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

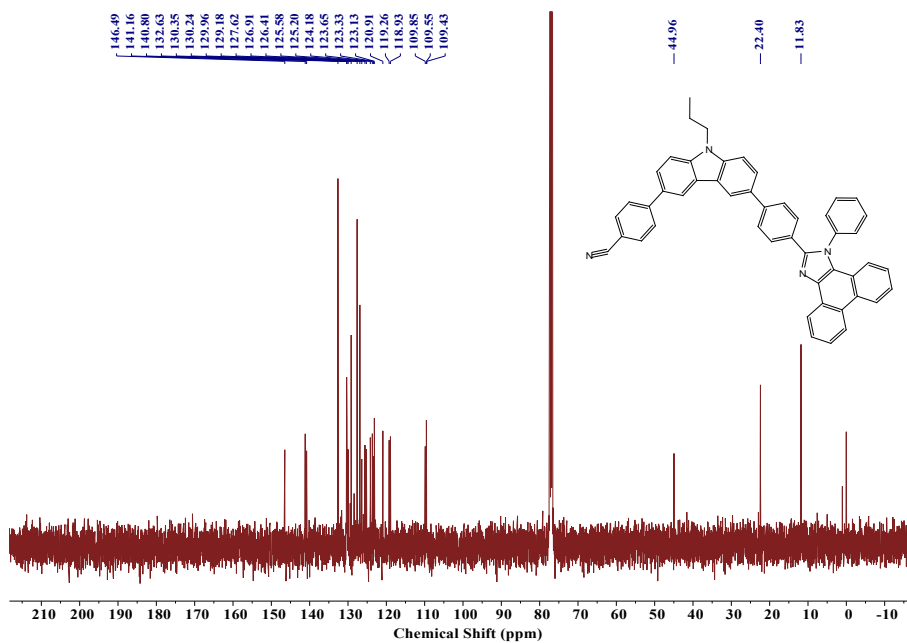


Figure S31.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of **3,6-pPPICNC3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

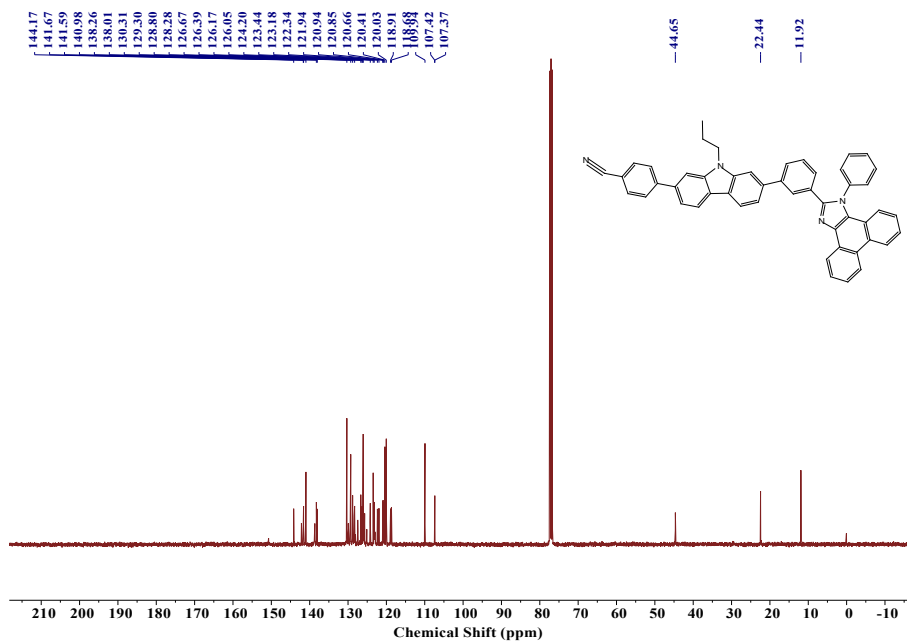


Figure S32.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of 2,7-mPPICNC3 in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

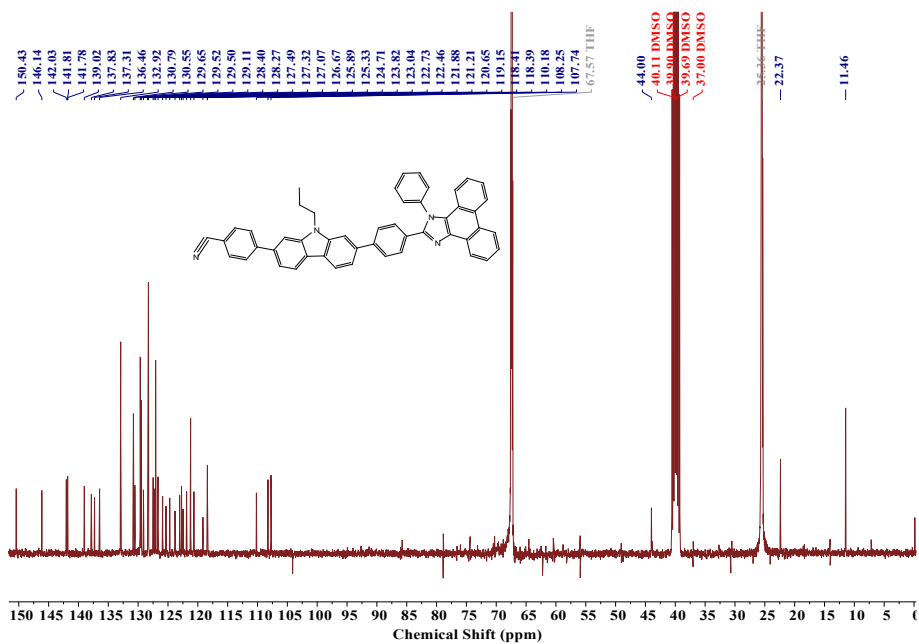
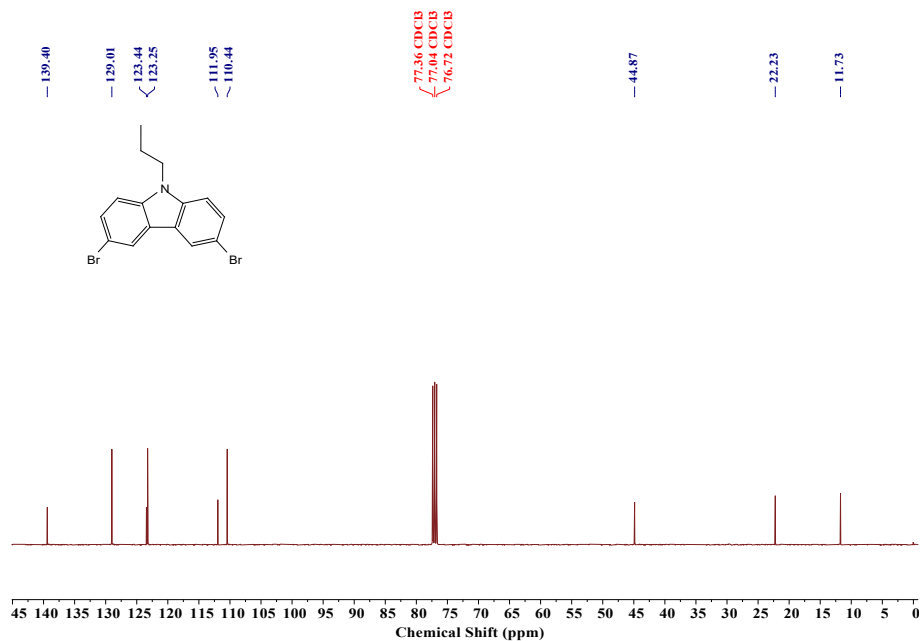
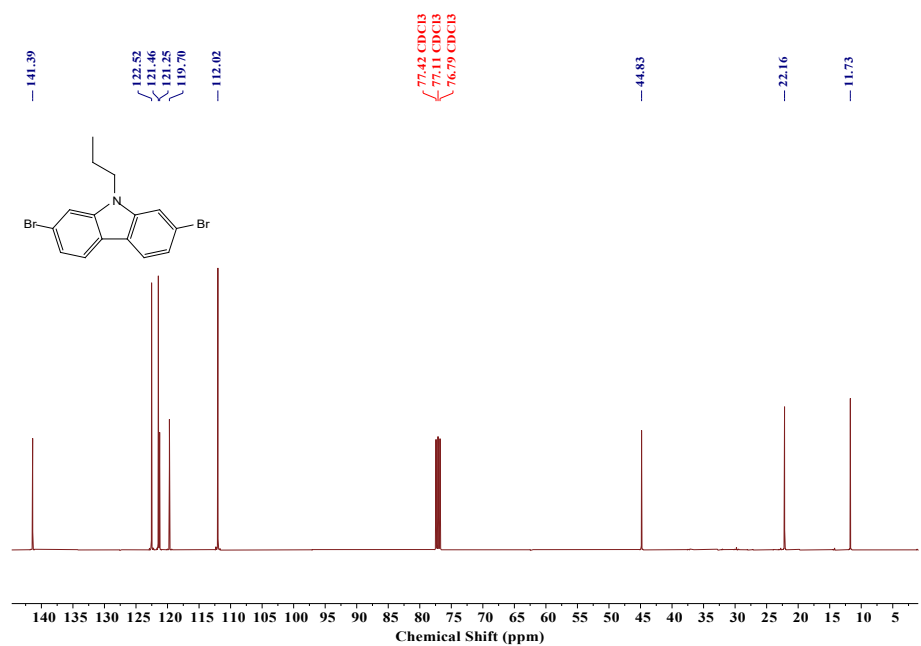


Figure S33.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of 2,7-pPPICNC3 in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .



**Figure S34.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **3,6-Br-C3Cz** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S35.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **2,7-Br-C3Cz** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

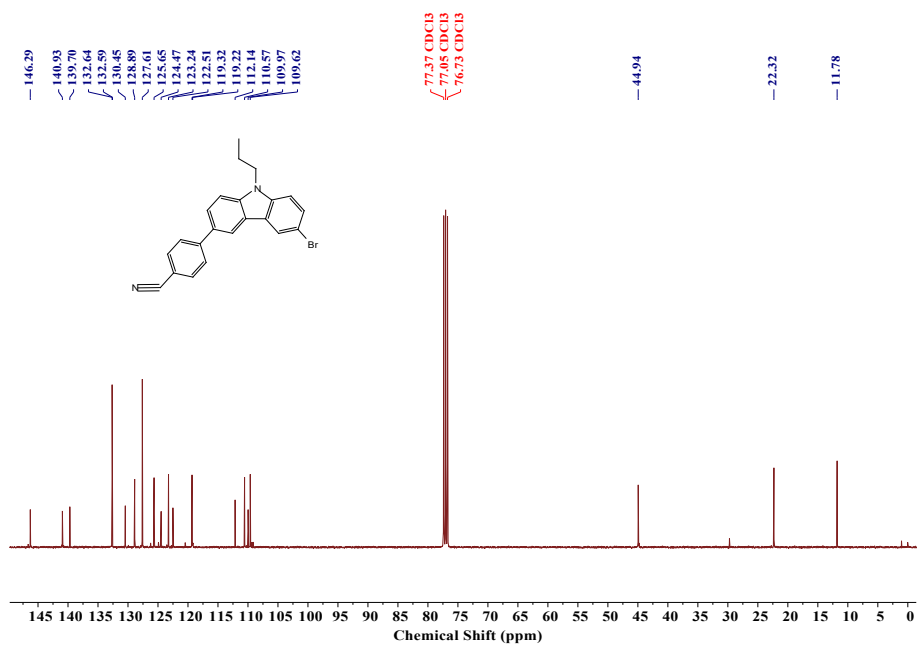


Figure S36. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 3,6-CNC3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

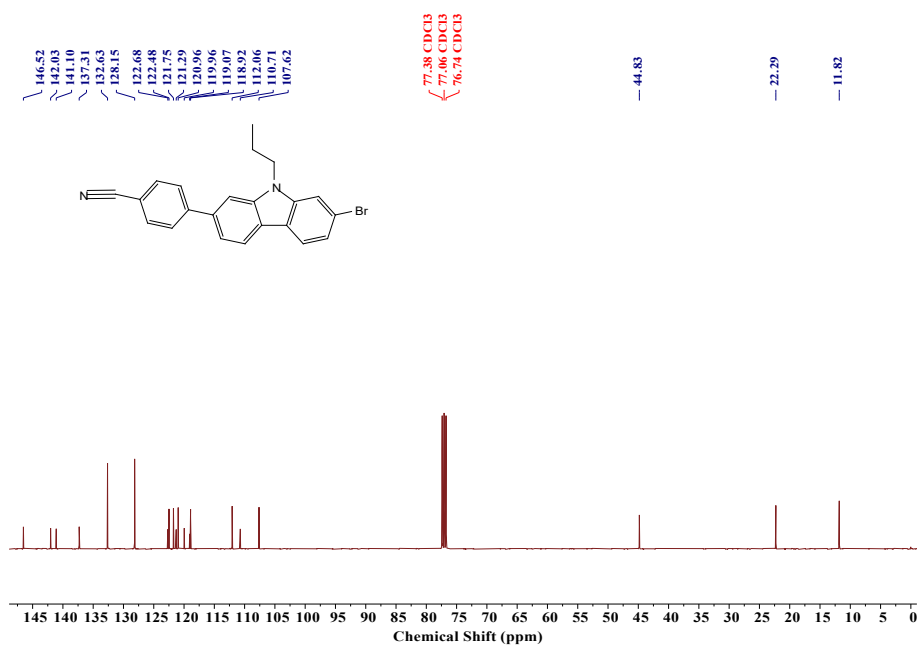


Figure S37. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 2-CNC3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

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