Helically chiral multiresonant thermally activated delayed fluorescent emitters and their use in hyperfluorescent organic light-emitting diodes

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General information:

General synthetic information.

All reagents and solvents for the synthesis and characterization were obtained from commercial sources. Anhydrous THF and toluene were obtained from an MBraun SPS5 solvent purification system. Other chemicals were used directly without additional purification. Air-sensitive reactions were conducted under a nitrogen atmosphere using Schlenk techniques. Flash column chromatography was carried out using silica gel (Silia-P from Silicycle, 60 Å, 40-63 µm). Analytical thin-layer-chromatography (TLC) was performed with silica plates with plastic backings (250 µm with F-254 indicator). TLC visualization was accomplished by 365 nm UV lamp. Melting points were measured using open-ended capillaries on an Electrothermal 1101D Mel-Temp apparatus and are uncorrected. HPLC analysis was conducted on a Shimadzu LC-40 HPLC system. HPLC traces were performed using a Shim-pack GIST 3um C18 reverse phase analytical column. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were measured using Bruker AVII 400 or Bruker AVIII-HD 500 NMR spectrometers. The following abbreviations have been used for multiplicity assignments: "s" for singlet, "d" for doublet, "t" for triplet, "dd" for doublet of doublets and "m" for multiplet. Deuterated chloroform (CDCl₃), dichloromethane (CD_2Cl_2) or DMSO (DMSO- d_6) was used as the solvent of record. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were referenced to the solvent peak. Electrospray ionization (ESI) and Matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization (MALDI) high-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) spectra were obtained at the University of Edinburgh Mass Spectrometry Facility. Elemental analyses were performed at London Metropolitan University. TGA/DSC analyses were performed on a Netzsch STA449C instrument under nitrogen gas at a 10 K/min heating rate.

Theoretical Calculations.

All ground-state optimizations were carried out using Density Functional Theory (DFT) level with Gaussian 09^1 using the PBE 0^2 functional and the 6-31G(d,p) basis set.³ The simulated CD spectra, optimized geometry in S₁ states, electric and magnetic transition dipole moments were calculated using Time-Dependent DFT (TD-DFT) within the Tamm-Dancoff approximation

 $(TDA)^{4, 5}$ at the M062X/6-31G(d,p) level of theory in THF. The transition state geometry was calculated at the M062X/6-31G(d,p) level. Frequency calculations identified this structure as a transition state as having only one imaginary frequency. Dissymmetry factor (g) for emission was calculated using equation (1):

$$g = \frac{4|\boldsymbol{\mu}||\boldsymbol{m}|}{|\boldsymbol{\mu}|^2 + |\boldsymbol{m}|^2} \cos\theta \tag{1}$$

Where μ and m refer to the electric transition dipole moment and magnetic transition dipole moment vectors, respectively. θ is the angle between μ and m.⁶ Molecular orbitals were visualized using GaussView 6.0 software.⁷ Vertical excited states were also calculated using Spin-Component Scaling second-order algebraic diagrammatic construction (SCS-ADC2)/ccpVDZ calculations based on the ground-state optimized structure using DFT method.^{8, 9} Difference density plots were used to visualize change in electronic density between the ground and excited state and were visualized using the VESTA package.¹⁰ Calculations were submitted and processed using Silico V3,¹¹ which incorporates a number of publicly available software libraries, including: cclib¹² for parsing of result files, VMD¹³/Tachyon¹⁴ for 3D rendering, Matplotlib¹⁵ for drawing of graphs, Open Babel¹⁶/Pybel¹⁷ for file interconversion and PySOC¹⁸ for the calculation of spin-orbit coupling.

Electrochemical measurements.

Cyclic Voltammetry (CV) analysis was performed on an Electrochemical Analyzer potentiostat model 620E from CH Instruments at a sweep rate of 100 mV/s. Differential pulse voltammetry (DPV) was conducted with an increment potential of 0.01 V and a pulse amplitude, width, and period of 50 mV, 0.06, and 0.5 s, respectively. All measurements were performed in degassed DCM with 0.1 M tetra-n-butylammonium hexafluorophosphate (["Bu₄N]PF₆) as the supporting electrolyte and ferrocene/ferrocenium (Fc/Fc⁺) as the internal reference (0.46 V vs SCE).¹⁹ An Ag/Ag⁺ electrode, a glassy carbon electrode and a platinum electrode were used as the reference electrode, working electrode and counter electrode, respectively. The HOMO and LUMO energies were determined using the relation the relation HOMO/LUMO = $-(E_{ox}/E_{red} vs Fc/Fc^+)$ +4.8),^{20, 21} where E_{ox} and E_{red} are the oxidation and reduction peak potentials versus Fc/Fc⁺, respectively, calculated from the DPV.

Photophysical measurements:

Optically dilute solutions of concentrations on the order of 10⁻⁵ M were prepared in HPLC grade solvent for absorption and emission analysis. Absorption spectra were recorded at room temperature on a Shimadzu UV-2600 double beam spectrophotometer. Molar absorptivity determination was verified by linear regression analysis of values obtained from four independent solutions at varying concentrations from 3×10^{-6} to 2×10^{-5} M. For emission studies, steady-state photoluminescence (PL) spectra and time-resolved PL decays in solution were recorded at 298 K using Edinburgh Instruments FS5 fluorophotometer. Degassed solutions were prepared via three freeze-pump-thaw cycles and spectra/decays were measured using a home-made Schlenk quartz cuvette. Samples were excited at 340 nm for steady-state measurements. Time-resolved PL measurements of solutions were carried out using the timecorrelated single-photon counting (TCSPC) technique. The samples were excited at 375 nm with a pulsed laser diode. Photoluminescence quantum yields for solutions were determined using the optically dilute method,²² in which four sample solutions with absorbances between 0.2 to 0.02 at 350 nm were used. The Beer-Lambert law was found to remain linear at the concentrations of the solutions. For each sample, linearity between absorption and emission intensity was verified through linear regression analysis with the Pearson regression factor (R^2) for the linear fit of the data set surpassing 0.9. Individual relative quantum yield values were calculated for each solution and the values reported represent the slope obtained from the linear fit of these results. The quantum yield of the sample, Φ_{PL} , can be determined by the equation $\Phi_{PL} = \left(\Phi_r * \frac{A_r}{A_s} * \frac{I_s}{I_r} * \frac{n_s^2}{n_r^2} \right)$, where A stands for the absorbance at the excitation wavelength (λ_{exc} : 350 nm), I is the integrated area under the corrected emission curve and n is the refractive index of the solvent with the subscripts "s" and "r" representing sample and reference respectively.²³ Φ_r is the absolute quantum yield of the external reference quinine sulfate (Φ_r = 54.6% in 0.5 M H₂SO₄).²⁴ The experimental uncertainty in the PL quantum yields is conservatively estimated to be 10%, though we have found that statistically we can reproduce

 Φ_{PL} values to 3% relative error. The ΔE_{ST} of solution samples were estimated from the different in energy of the onsets of the SS PL and phosphorescence spectra at 77 K. Samples were excited by a xenon flashlamp emitting at 340 nm (EI FS5, SC-70). Phosphorescence spectra were measured with a time-gated window of 1-10 ms.

Thin doped films of emitters in a host matrix were spin-coated on a quartz substrate (for quantum yield measurements) or a sapphire substrate (for time-resolved PL measurements) using a spin speed of 1500 rpm for 60 s to give a thickness of ~80 nm. An integrating sphere (Edinburgh Instruments FS5, SC30 module) was employed for quantum yield measurements for thin film samples. The Φ_{PL} of the films were measured in air and then in N₂, by purging the integrating sphere with N₂ gas flow for 2 min. The photophysical properties of the film samples were measured using an Edinburgh Instruments FS5 fluorimeter. Time-resolved PL measurements of the thin films were carried out using the multi-channel scaling (MCS) and TCSPC technique. The samples were excited at 375 nm by a pulsed laser diode or a xenon flashlamp and were kept in a vacuum of $< 8 \times 10^{-4}$ mbar.

Enantiomers were isolated using a Chiralpak IE column (10 mm I.D. x 250 mm) with hexane:THF 95:5 as the mobile phase, a 5 ml min⁻¹ flowrate and UV monitoring at 360 nm. Two successive injections were carried out to ensure the maximal purity in the sample. Subsequent analytical cHPLC revealed high enantiopurity (*ee.* 99% for (*P*)-tBuPh-BN, 97% for (*M*)-tBuPh-BN, 99% for (*P*)-DPA-tBuPh-BN and 99% for (*M*)-DPA-tBuPh-BN) (Figures S24 and S25). Circular dichroism (CD) measurements were conducted using an Applied Photophysics Chirascan spectrophotometer in 4.7×10^{-6} M toluene solutions at a measuring rate of 1 s per point. The dissymmetry factor (*g_{abs}*) was calculated using the equation *g_{abs}* = $\Delta A/A$, where $A = 0.5 \times (A_L + A_R)$ and represents the UV-Vis absorption of the sample. A_L and A_R represent the absorption of left- and right-handed light, respectively. ΔA is calculated through the following equation $\Delta A = CD$ (mdeg) / 32980, where CD (mdeg) represents the CD signal in mdeg units. Circularly polarized luminescence (CPL) measurements were performed using a homemade spectrofluoropolarimeter.²⁵ The spectra were run in 1×10^{-5} M solutions in THF. The samples were excited by 365 nm radiation (LED source) with a 90° geometry between excitation and detection. The exciting beam was linearly polarized parallel to the direction of detection. The spectra were baseline-corrected by subtraction of the spectrum of the racemic compound. Parameters used: bandwidth 6 nm, scan speed 1 nm/sec, integration time 2 sec, PMT voltage 500 V, accumulations 6.

Fitting of the time-resolved PL decays:

Time-resolved PL measurements were fitted to a sum of exponentials decay model, with chisquared (χ^2) values between 1 and 2, using the EI FS5 software. Each component of the decay is assigned a weight, (w_i), which is the contribution of the emission from each component to the total emission.

The average lifetime was then calculated using the following:

• Two exponential decay model:

$$\tau_{AVG} = \tau_1 w_1 + \tau_2 w_2$$

with weights defined as $w_1 = \frac{A1\tau_1}{A1\tau_1 + A2\tau_2}$ and $w_2 = \frac{A2\tau_2}{A1\tau_1 + A2\tau_2}$ where A1 and A2 are the preexponential-factors of each component.

• Three exponential decay model:

$$\tau_{AVG} = \tau_1 w_1 + \tau_2 w_2 + \tau_3 w_3$$

with weights defined as $w_1 = \frac{A1\tau_1}{A1\tau_1 + A2\tau_2 + A3\tau_3}$, $w_2 = \frac{A2\tau_2}{A1\tau_1 + A2\tau_2 + A3\tau_3}$ and $w_3 = \frac{A3\tau_3}{A1\tau_1 + A2\tau_2 + A3\tau_3}$ where A1, A2 and A3 are the preexponential-factors of each component.

OLED Fabrication and Characterization:

OLEDs were fabricated on the indium-tin oxide (ITO) coated transparent glass substrates with multiple layers. The ITO glass substrates have a thickness of ca. 100 nm and a sheet resistance of ca. 30 Ω per square and were cleaned with optical detergent, deionized water, acetone, and isopropanol successively and then dried in an oven. For vacuum-evaporated OLEDs, the ITO

substrates were exposed to UV ozone for 15 minutes initially. All the organic materials were thermally evaporated at a rate of 1 Å s⁻¹ under a vacuum of ca. 10^{-5} Torr. Finally, LiF and Al were successively deposited at a rate of 0.1 Å s⁻¹ and 5 Å s⁻¹, respectively. Four identical OLED devices were formed on each of the substrates and the emission area of 0.09 cm² for each device. The EL performances of the devices were measured with a PHOTO RESEARCH Spectra Scan PR 655 PHOTOMETER and a KEITHLEY 2400 Source Meter constant current source at room temperature.

Synthesis:



Figure S1. Synthesis scheme of tBuPh-BN and DPA-tBuPh-BN.

2,7-bis(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-9*H*-carbazole (1)



2,7-dibromo-9*H*-carbazole (2.00 g, 6.15 mmol, 1 equiv.), (4-*tert*-butyl)phenyl) boronic acid (2.41 g, 13.5 mmol, 2.2 equiv.) and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (356 mg, 308 µmol, 0.05 equiv.) were added to a mixture of THF (36 mL) and 5 mol L⁻¹ potassium carbonate aqueous solution (4 mL). The reaction was stirred at 76 °C under nitrogen for 48 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was quenched by adding water and extracted with 3×50 mL dichloromethane. The combined organic phase was then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was washed with hexane and methanol to obtain compound **1** as a beige powder. **Yield** 64%, 1.70 g. **Mp**: 324-325 °C. **R**_{*f*}: 0.1 (dichloromethane: hexane = 1:4). ¹**H NMR** (**400 MHz**, **DMSO**-*d*⁶) δ 11.37 (s, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.73 – 7.65 (m, 6H), 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 4H), 7.46 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 1.34 (s, 18H). ¹³**C NMR** (**126 MHz**, **DMSO**-*d*⁶) δ 149.97, 141.40, 138.79, 138.25, 127.12, 126.19, 121.93, 121.08, 118.37, 109.11, 34.72, 31.64. **HRMS** (**ESI-MS**): [C₃₂H₃₃N +H]⁺ **Calculated**: 432.2686; **Found**: 432.2684.



Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum of 1 in DMSO- d^6 .



Figure S3. 13 C NMR spectrum of 1 in DMSO- d^6 .



Figure S4. HRMS spectrum of 1.





Compound **1** (492 mg, 1.14 mmol, 2.2 equiv.), 2-bromo-1,3-difluorobenzene (100 mg, 0.518 mmol, 1 equiv.), cesium carbonate (844 mg, 2.59 µmol, 5 equiv.) and DMF (8 mL) were added to a 2-neck Schlenk tube. The mixture was stirred at 155 °C under nitrogen for 48 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture reaction was quenched by adding water and extracted with 3×50 mL dichloromethane. The combined organic phase was then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was washed with methanol and hexane to obtain compound **2** as a white solid. **Yield** 74%, 389 mg. **Mp**: > 395 °C. **R**_f: 0.4 (dichloromethane: hexane= 1: 4). ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.24 – 8.19 (m, 4H), 7.74 (s, 3H), 7.59 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.7 Hz, 12H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 8H), 7.38 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 4H), 1.33 (s, 36H). ¹³**C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 150.16, 141.78, 139.57, 139.30, 138.91, 131.35, 129.62, 127.17, 125.75, 125.61, 122.40, 120.66, 120.12, 108.48, 34.53, 31.40. **HRMS (ESI-MS)**: [C₇₀H₆₇BrN₂ +NH₄]⁺ **Calculated**: 1032.4826; **Found:** 1032.4782.







Figure S6. DEPTQ 13 C NMR spectrum of 2 in CDCl₃.



Figure S7. HRMS spectrum of 2.





A solution of *t*-butyllithium in pentane (0.868 mL, 1.7 M, 1.48 mmol, 3 equiv.) was added slowly to a solution of **2** (0.500 g, 0.492 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in *tert*-butylbenzene (11 mL) at -

78 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere. Then the reaction was stirred at 60 °C for 6 h. After that, boron tribromide (0.698 mL, 7.38 mmol, 15 equiv.) was added slowly at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was then allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 24 h. N,Ndiisopropylethylamine (0.514 mL, 2.95 mmol, 6 equiv.) was then added at 0 °C. After stirring under reflux for 5 days, the reaction mixture was quenched by adding 50 mL water and extracted with 3× 50 mL dichloromethane. The organic phase was then separated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (dichloromethane: hexane = 1:8) to afford tBuPh-BN as a yellow powder. Yield 17%, 79 mg. Mp: 340-342 °C. \mathbf{R}_{f} : 0.3 (dichloromethane: hexane = 1: 5). ¹H **NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.68 (s, 2H), 8.38 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.28 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.15 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.71 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.32 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 1.44 (s, 18H), 1.29 (s, 18H).¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.51, 149.90, 146.95, 143.01, 141.26, 140.40, 139.95, 139.19, 137.34, 132.46, 131.39, 127.41, 126.04, 125.95, 123.98, 123.16, 122.38, 121.71, 121.54, 121.06, 120.12, 113.13, 108.19, 34.66, 34.35, 31.46, 31.32. **HRMS (ESI-MS)**: $[C_{70}H_{65}BN_2 +H]^+$ Calculated: 945.5314; Found: 945.5313. Anal. Calcd. For C₇₀H₆₅BN₂: C 88.96%, H 6.93%, N 2.96% Found: C 89.12%, H 6.24%, N 2.43%. HPLC (80% Tetrahydrofuran and 20% Water): 99.29% pure, retention time 10.391 min.



Figure S8. ¹H NMR spectrum of tBuPh-BN in CDCl₃.



Figure **S9**. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **tBuPh-BN** in CDCl₃.



Figure S10. HRMS spectrum of tBuPh-BN.



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Standard – Acetanilide					
Element	Expected %	Found			
Carbon	71.10 (+/- 0.23)	71.02			
Hydrogen	6.71 (+/- 0.07)	6.64			
Nitrogen	10.34 (+/- 0.09)	10.29			

Analysis – tBuPh-BN							
Element Expected % Found (1) Found (2)							
Carbon	88.96	89.08	89.17				
Hydrogen	6.93	6.39	6.09				
Nitrogen	2.96	2.48	2.37				

Date completed	16.04.2024
Signature	O. McCullough
Comments	

Figure S11. Elemental analysis data of tBuPh-BN.

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Injection Volume	: 5 uL		
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Date Processed	: 02/08/2023 13:55:39	Processed by	: System Administrator

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2	8.046	8751	355	0.284	24.669	0.683
3	10.391	3061798	75061	99.286	40.791	1.330
Tota	I	3083802	76031	100.000		

Figure S12. HPLC spectrum of tBuPh-BN.

9,9'-(5-bromo-2-chloro-1,3-phenylene)bis(2,7-bis(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-9*H*-carbazole) (3)



Compound **1** (1.59 g, 3.69 mmol, 2.1 equiv.), 5-bromo-2-chloro-1,3-difluorobenzene (400 mg, 1.76 mmol, 1 equiv.), cesium carbonate (2.87g, 8.79 mmol, 5 equiv.) and DMF (15 mL) were added to a 2-neck Schlenk tube. The mixture was stirred at 155 °C under nitrogen for 72 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture reaction was quenched by adding water and extracted with 3×50 mL dichloromethane. The organic phase was then separated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was washed with methanol and hexane to obtain compound **3** as a pale yellow solid. **Yield** 97%, 1.80 g. **Mp**: 382-384 °C. **R***f*: 0.5 (dichloromethane: hexane= 1: 3.5). ¹**H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 8.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.93 (s, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 12H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 8H), 7.40 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 1.34 (s, 36H). ¹³**C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ 150.29, 141.61, 139.81, 138.75, 138.46, 134.05, 133.00, 127.18, 125.80, 122.60, 120.75, 120.49, 108.27, 34.55, 31.40. **HRMS (ESI-MS)**: [C₇₀H₆₆BrClN₂ +H]⁺ **Calculated**: 1049.4171; **Found**: 1049.4154. [C₇₀H₆₆⁸¹BrClN₂ +NH₄]⁺ **Calculated**: 1068.4416; **Found**: 1068.4431.



Figure **S13**. ¹H NMR spectrum of **3** in CDCl₃.



Figure **S14**. DEPTQ ¹³C NMR spectrum of **3** in CDCl₃.



Figure S15. HRMS spectrum of 3.

3,5-bis(2,7-bis(4-(*tert*-butyl)phenyl)-9*H*-carbazol-9-yl)-4-chloro-*N*,*N*-di-*p*-tolylaniline (4)



Compound **3** (700 mg, 0.666 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), di-*p*-tolylamine (145 mg, 0.733 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (18.3 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.03 equiv.), tri-*tert*-butylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (9.83 mg, 0.0533 mmol, 0.08 equiv.), NaO'Bu (192 mg, 2.00 mmol, 3 equiv.) and toluene (20 mL) were added to a 2-neck Schlenk tube. The mixture was stirred at 105 °C for 48 h under a nitrogen atmosphere. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture reaction was quenched by adding water and extracted with 3× 50 mL dichloromethane. The organic phase was then separated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (dichloromethane: hexane= 1: 5) to afford compound **4** as a white solid. **Yield** 60%, 470 mg. **Mp**: decomposes at 364 °C. **R***f*: 0.4 (dichloromethane: hexane= 1: 2). ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 8H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 4H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 12H), 7.29 (s, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 2.13 (s, 6H), 1.36 (s, 36H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 150.32, 148.88, 143.61, 141.68, 139.40, 138.84, 137.12, 134.71, 130.33, 127.06, 125.78, 125.57, 122.23, 121.54, 121.33, 120.51, 119.84, 108.76, 34.44, 31.15, 20.52. HRMS (ESI-MS): [C₈₄H₈₀ClN₃ +H]⁺ Calculated: 1166.6114; Found: 1166.6080.



Figure **S16**. ¹H NMR spectrum of **4** in CD₂Cl₂.



Figure S17. DEPTQ 13 C NMR spectrum of 4 in CD₂Cl₂.



Figure S18. HRMS spectrum of 4.

DPA-tBu-PhBN



A solution of t-butyllithium in pentane (0.756 mL, 1.7 M, 1.29 mmol, 3 equiv.) was added slowly to a solution of 4 (0.500 g, 0.428 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in tert-butylbenzene (12 mL) at -78 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere. Then the reaction was stirred at 60 °C for 6 h. After that, boron tribromide (0.527 mL, 5.57 mmol, 13 equiv.) was added slowly at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was then allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 24 h. N,Ndiisopropylethylamine (0.448 mL, 2.57 mmol, 6 equiv.) was then added at 0 °C. After stirring under reflux for 5 days, the reaction mixture was quenched by adding water and extracted with 3×50 mL dichloromethane. The organic phase was then separated and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (chloroform: hexane = 1: 6) and washed with DCM to afford **DPA-tBuPh-BN** as a yellow powder. Yield 11%, 52 mg. Mp: 343-344 °C. R_{f} : 0.4 (chloroform: hexane = 1: 2). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ 8.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.17 – 8.08 (m, 4H), 7.99 (s, 2H), 7.62 (d, J =7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 6.86 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 4H), 6.69 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H),2.25 (s, 6H), 1.44 (s, 18H), 1.28 (s, 18H). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ 152.70, 150.29, 149.86, 146.69, 144.36, 143.47, 142.27, 140.22, 139.44, 138.49, 137.49, 134.75, 131.21, 130.42, 127.01, 126.57, 125.99, 125.86, 123.94, 123.05, 121.84, 121.48, 121.25, 120.86, 120.64, 112.25, 99.73, 34.50, 34.18, 31.20, 31.03, 21.04. **HRMS (MALDI-MS)**: $[C_{84}H_{78}BN_3]^+$ Calculated: 1139.6283; Found: 1139.6252. Anal. Calcd. For C₈₄H₇₈BN₃: C 88.47%, H 6.89%, N 3.68% Found: C 88.36%, H 6.87%, N 3.43%. HPLC (80% Tetrahydrofuran and 20% Water): 97.98% pure, retention time 11.039 min.



Figure **S19**. ¹H NMR spectrum of **DPA-tBuPh-BN** in CD₂Cl₂.



Figure S20. DEPTQ ¹³C NMR spectrum of DPA-tBuPh-BN in CD₂Cl₂.



Figure S21. HRMS spectrum of DPA-tBuPh-BN.



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Standard – Acetanilide					
Element	Expected %	Found			
Carbon	71.10 (+/- 0.23)	71.02			
Hydrogen	6.71 (+/- 0.07)	6.64			
Nitrogen	10.34 (+/- 0.09)	10.29			

Analysis – DPA-tBuPh-BN							
Element Expected % Found (1) Found (2)							
Carbon	88.47	88.47	88.25				
Hydrogen	6.89	6.78	6.96				
Nitrogen	3.68	3.47	3.39				

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Figure S22. Elemental analysis data of DPA-tBuPh-BN.

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3	8.318	16841	546	0.608	30.819	0.915
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Figure S23. HPLC spectrum of DPA-tBuPh-BN.



Figure S24. Chiral HPLC spectra of (*P*)-tBuPh-BN and (*M*)-tBuPh-BN (Column: CHIRALPAK IE; Solvent system: Hexane:THF 95:5; Detector: 254 nm).



Figure **S25**. Chiral HPLC spectra of (*P*)-**DPA-tBuPh-BN** and (*M*)-**DPA-tBuPh-BN** (Column: CHIRALPAK IE; Solvent system: Hexane:THF 95:5; Detector: 254 nm).



Figure S26. Theoretically simulated CD spectra of (*M*)-tBuPh-BN and (*M*)-DPA-tBuPh-BN calculated at the TDA-DFT/M062X/6-31G(d,p) in toluene.



Figure S27. (a) TGA and (b) DSC analyses of **tBuPh-BN** and (c) TGA and (d) DSC analyses of **DPA-tBuPh-BN**.

X-ray Crystallography

X-ray diffraction data for compound tBuPh-BN were collected using a Rigaku FR-X Ultrahigh Brilliance Microfocus RA generator/confocal optics with XtaLAB P200 diffractometer [Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å)]. Diffraction data for compound **DPA-tBuPh-BN** were collected using a Rigaku MM-007HF High Brilliance RA generator/confocal optics [Cu K α radiation (λ = 1.54187 Å)] with XtaLAB P200 diffractometer. Data for both compounds were collected at 173 K using either CrystalClear²⁶ (using ω steps and accumulating area detector images spanning at least a hemisphere of reciprocal space) or CrysAlisPro²⁷ (using a calculated strategy), and processed (including correction for Lorentz, polarization and absorption) using CrysAlisPro. Structures were solved by dual-space methods (SHELXT²⁸) and refined by fullmatrix least-squares against F² (SHELXL-2019/3²⁹). Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically (except as specified below), and hydrogen atoms were refined using a riding model except for the solvent OH hydrogens in DPA-tBuPh-BN which were located from the difference Fourier map and refined isotropically with a distance restraint, and with thermal motion riding on that of the parent atom. The structure of tBuPh-BN showed high proportions of void space (771 Å³) and the SQUEEZE³⁰ routine implemented in PLATON³¹ was used to remove the contribution to the diffraction pattern of the unordered electron density in the void spaces. The structure of DPA-tBuPh-BN showed rotational disorder in the orientation of one tBu group which was modelled over two sites with restraints to bond distances and thermal motion. Atoms in the minor component of the disorder were refined isotropically. The structure also showed disorder in the orientation of the MeOH solvent molecule, which was also modelled over two sites with restraints to bond distances. The structure model of this compound showed it in the non-centrosymmetric space group $P2_12_12_1$, with a refined Flack parameter of 0.04(5), indicative of a majority of a single enantiomer, in this case the *M*-enantiomer. All calculations except SQUEEZE were performed using the $Olex2^{32}$ interface.

Selected crystallographic data are presented in Table **S1**. CCDC 2356677 and 2356678 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via <u>www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures</u>.

Table S1.	Selected	crystall	ographic	data.

	tBuPh-BN	DPA-tBuPh-BN
formula	C ₇₀ H ₆₅ BN ₂	C ₈₉ H ₉₀ BN ₃ O ₂
fw	945.05	1244.44
crystal description	yellow prism	yellow prism
crystal size [mm ³]	0.20×0.10×0.07	0.25×0.12×0.03
space group	$P\overline{1}$	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$
Flack parameter	-	0.04(5)
<i>a</i> [Å]	13.4271(5)	10.53694(4)
<i>b</i> [Å]	13.9487(4)	20.05694(9)
<i>c</i> [Å]	19.3551(8)	33.47918(14)
α [°]	102.551(3)	
β [°]	105.385(4)	
γ [°]	106.129(3)	
vol [Å] ³	3187.5(2)	7075.45(5)
Ζ	2	4
ρ (calc) [g/cm ³]	0.985	1.168
$\mu [\mathrm{mm}^{-1}]$	0.056	0.522
F(000)	1008.0	2664
reflections collected	61542	85843
independent reflections (R_{int})	15033 (0.0498)	14502 (0.0206)
parameters, restraints	670, 0	913, 87
GooF on F^2	1.027	1.043
$R_{I} [I > 2\sigma(I)]$ s	0.0983	0.0371
wR_2 (all data)	0.3208	0.1038
largest diff. peak/hole [e/Å ³]	0.49/-0.24	0.284, -0.233



Figure **S28**. Calculated electron density distribution (isovalue: 0.02) of the HOMO, LUMO and energy levels in the gas phase based on optimized ground-state geometries and SOCME based on optimized T₁ geometries at the PBE0/6-31G(d,p) level.



Figure **S29**. CV and DPV of **tBuPh-BN** and **DPA-tBuPh-BN** in degassed DCM with 0.1 M $["Bu_4N]PF_6$ as the supporting electrolyte and Fc/Fc⁺ as the internal reference versus SCE (0.46 V vs. SCE)¹⁹. CV was performed at a sweep rate of 100 mV/s. DPV was conducted with an increment potential of 0.01 V and a pulse amplitude, width, and period of 50 mV, 0.06, and 0.5 s, respectively.

	$E_{\rm ox}$ / V	$E_{\rm red}$ / V	HOMO/ eV	LUMO/ eV	$\Delta E / eV$
tBuPh-BN	0.73	-2.23	-5.53	-2.57	2.96
DPA-tBuPh-BN	0.51	-2.31	-5.31	-2.49	2.82

Table S2. Electrochemical data of tBuPh-BN and DPA-tBuPh-BN.^a

^{*a*} In degassed DCM with 0.1 M [^{*n*}Bu₄N]PF₆ as the supporting electrolyte and Fc/Fc⁺ as the internal reference (0.46 V vs. SCE)¹⁹. The HOMO and LUMO energies were determined using the relation HOMO/LUMO = $-(E_{ox} / E_{red} + 4.8) \text{ eV}$,²¹ where E_{ox} and E_{red} are the peak of anodic and cathodic potentials from DPV relative to Fc/Fc⁺. ΔE is the energy gap between HOMO and LUMO.



Figure S30. PL spectra of **DPA-tBuPh-BN** in acetone at different concentrations at 300 K. (λ_{exc} = 340 nm).



Figure S31. Steady-state PL and phosphorescence spectra of (a) **tBuPh-BN** and (b) **DPA-tBuPh-BN** in 2-MeTHF at 77 K ($\lambda_{exc} = 340$ nm). (c) Time-resolved PL decay of the prompt emission in degassed toluene ($\lambda_{exc} = 375$ nm).



Figure **S32**. Density plot of the natural transition orbitals (NTOs) (hole (blue) & electron (red)) of the S₁ and T₁ states for **2,7-PhCz** and **3,6-PhCz**, plotted with isovalue: 0.02.

Table S3. Φ_{PL} values of tBuPh-BN and DPA-tBuPh-BN in SF3-TRZ films ($\lambda_{exc} = 420$ nm).

$\Phi_{ ext{PL}}(\lambda_{ ext{PL}})$ / % (nm) SF3-TRZ	1 wt% in	2 wt% in	4 wt% in	10 wt% in
	SF3-TRZ	SF3-TRZ	SF3-TRZ	SF3-TRZ
tBuPh-BN	67 (490)	63 (496)	55 (495)	42 (496)
DPA-tBuPh-BN	47 (484)	46 (487)	36 (487)	30 (491)



Figure S33. Steady-state PL spectra of (a) **tBuPh-BN** and (b) **DPA-tBuPh-BN** at 300 K in toluene and different doping concentration films in SF3-TRZ ($\lambda_{exc} = 340$ nm).



Figure S34. (a) Steady-state PL spectra and (b) time-resolved PL decay of the 0.5, 2 wt% doped films in SF3-TRZ and neat film of tBuPh-BN ($\lambda_{exc} = 340$ nm).



Figure S35. Density plot of the NTO hole (blue) & electron (red) of the S₁ states for tBuPh-BN calculated at (a) PBE0, (b) M062X and DPA-tBuPh-BN calculated at (c) PBE0, (d) M062X, plotted with isovalue: 0.02.

Table S4. Summary of the calculated chiroptical properties of tBuPh-BN and DPA-tBuPh-BN at the optimized S_1 geometry.

S ₁ - S ₀	µ / 10 ⁻²⁰ esu·cm	m / 10 ⁻²⁰ erg/Gauss	$ heta/\circ$	$\cos heta$	$g_{ m cal}$
(M)-tBuPh-BN	539	1.22	100	-0.18	-1.6×10 ⁻³
(M)-DPA-tBuPh-BN	551	0.726	97	-0.13	-0.67×10 ⁻³



Figure **S36**. Calculated racemization energy barrier of the helicene moiety at the M062X/6-31G(d,p) level.



Figure S37. CD signal time evolution of (*P*)-tBuPh-BN and (*P*)-DPA-tBuPh-BN in toluene solutions measured at 330 nm and 90 °C for 20000 s.



Figure **S38**. (a) EL spectra; (b) *JVL* characteristics; (c) EQE vs luminescence for the OLED with 2 wt% emitter doped in SF3-TRZ host in the EML; (d) A comparison of the PL spectra of SF3-TRZ in neat film and the 2 wt% emitter doped film in SF3-TRZ.

	V _{on} / V	$\lambda_{\rm EL}$ (FWHM) / nm	$L_{\rm max}$ / cd m ⁻²	EQE _{max/100/1000}	CIE (x, y)
tBuPh-BN	3.4	492 (33)	2217	4.6/3.6/2.3	0.10, 0.45
DPA-tBuPh-BN	3.6	480 (35)	990	4.6/2.9/-	0.12, 0.22

Table **S5**. Device data with an EML consisting of 2 wt% **tBuPh-BN** and **DPA-tBuPh-BN** in SF3-TRZ.



Figure S39. (a) UV/vis absorption spectra of tBuPh-BN and DPA-tBuPh-BN and PL spectrum of 5CzBN in toluene ($\lambda_{exc} = 340$ nm). PL spectra of different doping concentration films of (b) tBuPh-BN and (c) DPA-tBuPh-BN with 5CzBN in SF3-TRZ host.



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Figure S40. The structures of chiral MR-TADF emitters.

Emitters	λ _{PL} (FWHM) / nm	Ф _{РL} / %	g _{PL}	λ _{EL} (FWHM) / nm	EQE _{max} / %	EQE100 / %	Ref.
OBN-2CN-BN*	498 (32) ^{<i>a</i>}	95 ^a	9.1 × 10 ⁻⁴ <i>a</i>	496 (33)	29.8	27.2	33
OBN-4CN-BN*	510 (35) ^{<i>a</i>}	90 ^a	$1.04 \times 10^{-3 a}$	508 (34)	24.7	23.5	
R-BN	660 (38) ^b	100 ^b	2 × 10 ^{-3 c}	664 (48)	28.1	-	34, 35
R-TBN	692 (38) ^b	100 ^b	2 × 10 ^{-3 c}	686 (49)	27.6	-	
QAO-PhCz	461 (29) ^{<i>b</i>}	47 ^g	1.1 × 10 ^{-3 b}	467 (36)	14	-	36
QPO-PhCz	446 (58) ^b	51 ^{<i>h</i>}	1.6 × 10 ⁻³ c	488 (-)	10.6	-	37
Hel-DiDiKTa	478 (52) ^{<i>i</i>}	4.1 ^{<i>i</i>}	$4 \times 10^{-4 b}$	-	-	-	38
Helicene-BN	525 (48) ^d	98 ^d	2.1 × 10 ^{-3 b}	523 (49)	31.5	29.6	39
R-DOBN	453 (21) ^b	91 ^e	$1 \times 10^{-3} e$	459 (38)	23.9	12.5	40

R-DOBNT	459 (21) ^b	96 ^e	$0.9 \times 10^{-3} e$	464 (35)	25.6	13.9	
BN-MeIAc	497 (30) ^{<i>b</i>}	96 ^d	3.2 × 10 ⁻⁴ ^d	504 (33)	37.2	36.1	41
BN4	500 (43) ^b	88 ^b	$(1-2) \times 10^{-3 b}$	510 (49)	20.6	20.5	42
BN5	497 (43) ^b	87 ^b	$(1-2) \times 10^{-3 b}$	506 (48)	26.5	17.6	12
Spiro-BNCz	528 (42) ^b	92 ^e	1.3 × 10 ⁻³ e	533 (48)	34.2	22.5	43
Czp-tBuCzB	478 (23) ^b	98 ^e	$1.6 \times 10^{-3} e$	479 (24)	32.1	29.2	44
Czp-POAB	497 (36) ^b	96 ^e	1.4 × 10 ⁻³ e	513 (48)	28.7	28.1	
BN-Py*	527 (35) ^b	90 ^b	3.67 × 10 ^{-4 a.}	532 (38)	31.0	30.8	45
3-C ₂	543 (23) ^{<i>b</i>}	72 ^b	1.5 × 10 ^{-3 b}	-	-	-	46
4-C ₁	520 (28) ^b	85 ^b	1.1 × 10 ^{-3 b}	-	-	-	10
RBNN	617 (38) ^b	96 ^b	1.41 × 10 ^{-3 b}	617 (48)	36.6	26.7	47
DB-O	443 (24) ^b	9 1 ^{<i>f</i>}	1.4 × 10 ^{-3 b}	445 (24)	27.5	21.3	48
DB-S	444 (23) ^{<i>b</i>}	95 ^{<i>f</i>}	1.5 × 10 ^{-3 b}	447 (24)	29.3	23.6	10
B2NG	588 ^b	50 ^b	2.5 × 10 ^{-3 b}	-	-	-	49
BN[9]H	578 (47) ^{<i>b</i>}	98 ^b	5.8 × 10 ^{-3 b}	580 (48)	36.7	33.4	50
PCP-DiKTa	469 (37) ^b	9 3 ^j	-	489 (53)	25.7	19.1	51
Czp-DiKTa	505 (66) ^{<i>b</i>}	99 ^j	$4 \times 10^{-4 b}$	518 (69)	29.2	25.9	51
BDBF-BNO	460 (27) ^b	93 ^k	1.7 × 10 ^{-3 b}	473 (38)	32.1	20.8	52
BDBT-BNO	460 (27) ^b	96 ^k	1.8 × 10 ^{-3 b}	470 (34)	35.7	26.8	52
BDBF-BOH	458 (27) ^b	90 ^k	6.8 × 10 ^{-4 b}	467 (30)	29.5	15.8	53
BDBT-BOH	459 (27) ^{<i>b</i>}	91 ^k	8.5 × 10 ^{-4 b}	467 (30)	30.1	19.7	
DtCzB-OBN	491 (22) ^{<i>b</i>}	97 ^e	6.5 × 10 ⁻⁴ e	493 (22)	30.0	-	54
DtCzB-BN	494 (22) ^{<i>b</i>}	98 ^e	1.8 × 10 ⁻³ e	494 (22)	33.9	-	57
<i>p</i> -Spiro-DtBuCzB	491 (25) ^{<i>b</i>}	95 ^e	3.3 × 10 ^{-4 b}	498	29.6	-	55
<i>m</i> -Spiro-DtBuCzB	502 (33) ^b	96.7 ^e	6.6 × 10 ^{-4 b}	508	33.8	-	
NBOPO	462 (25) ^b	87 ^e	$1.2 \times 10^{-3} e$	468 (31)	16.4	2.51	56
NBNPO	498 (24) ^b	93 ^e	$4.3 \times 10^{-3} e$	502 (29)	28.3	14.1	
tBuPh-BN*	490 (25) ^{<i>b</i>}	85 ^b	1.5 × 10 ^{-3 b}	492 (34)	20.9	9.8	

DPA-tBuPh-BN*	477 (28) ^b	54 ^b	$0.9 \times 10^{-3 b}$	480 (38)	15.9	10.1	This work
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^{*a*} 3 wt% doped films in PhCzBCz; ^{*b*} In toluene; ^{*c*} In DCM; ^{*d*} 1 wt% doped films in DMIC-TRZ; ^{*e*} 5 wt% doped films in 2,6-DCzPPy; ^{*f*} 2 wt% doped films in DOBNA-OAr; ^{*g*} 5 wt% doped films in mCBP; ^{*h*} 18 wt% doped films in DPEPO; ^{*i*} 1 wt% doped films in mCP; ^{*j*} 2 wt% doped films in 2,6-DCzPPy; ^{*k*} 10 wt% doped films in 2,6-DCzPPy; * HF devices.

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