

## Supporting Information

# Benzothiophene Based Semi-Bis-Chalcone as Photo-Luminescent Chemo-Sensor with Real Time Hydrazine Sensing and DFT Studies

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### General Information and Material:

All the chemicals were obtained from Sigma–Aldrich and were used without further purification. Solvents were dried over molecular sieves if necessary. The <sup>1</sup>H, H-H Cosy and HERTCORE NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO-*d*6 at room temperature using a Bruker AVANCE III 500 MHz (AV 500) multi nuclei solution NMR Spectrometer, TMS was used as internal reference, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quin = quintet, m = multiplet, br = broad, app = apparent), coupling constants (J; Hz), and assignment. <sup>13</sup>C and DEPT-135 NMR spectra were measured on Bruker AVANCE III 125 MHz (AV 125) with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm from the residual solvent as an internal standard. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded neat by ATR on a Thermo Nicolet iS50 FT–IR spectrometer and are reported in cm<sup>-1</sup>. HR–MS data were obtained in methanol, with Thermo Scientific Orbitrap Elite Mass spectrometer. Melting point is measured by open capillary method using Sigma Melting Point Apparatus. Single crystal structural data were recorded on Bruker Kappa APEXII. High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on JASCO instruments at 210 nm using 4.6 mm x 25 cm Daicel CHIRALCEL OJ-H. Optical rotations were measured on a Rudolph Autopol IV digital polarimeter. For thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis throughout this work, Merck precoated TLC plates (silica gel 60 GF254, 0.25 mm) were used. The products were purified by recrystallization or column chromatography silica gel 60 (Merck, 230-400 mesh).

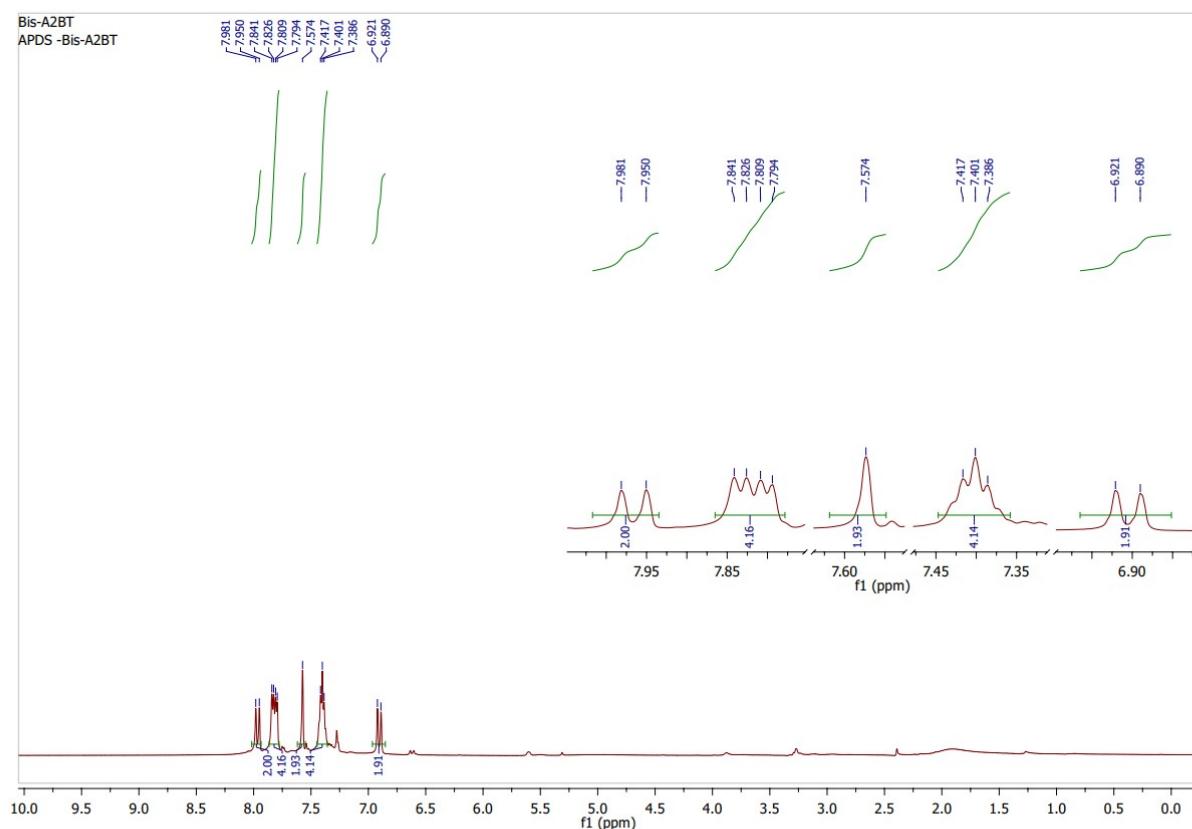
### Spectral data:

**(1*E*,4*E*)-1,5-bis(benzo[*b*]thiophen-2-yl)penta-1,4-dien-3-one (SBC 3a)**

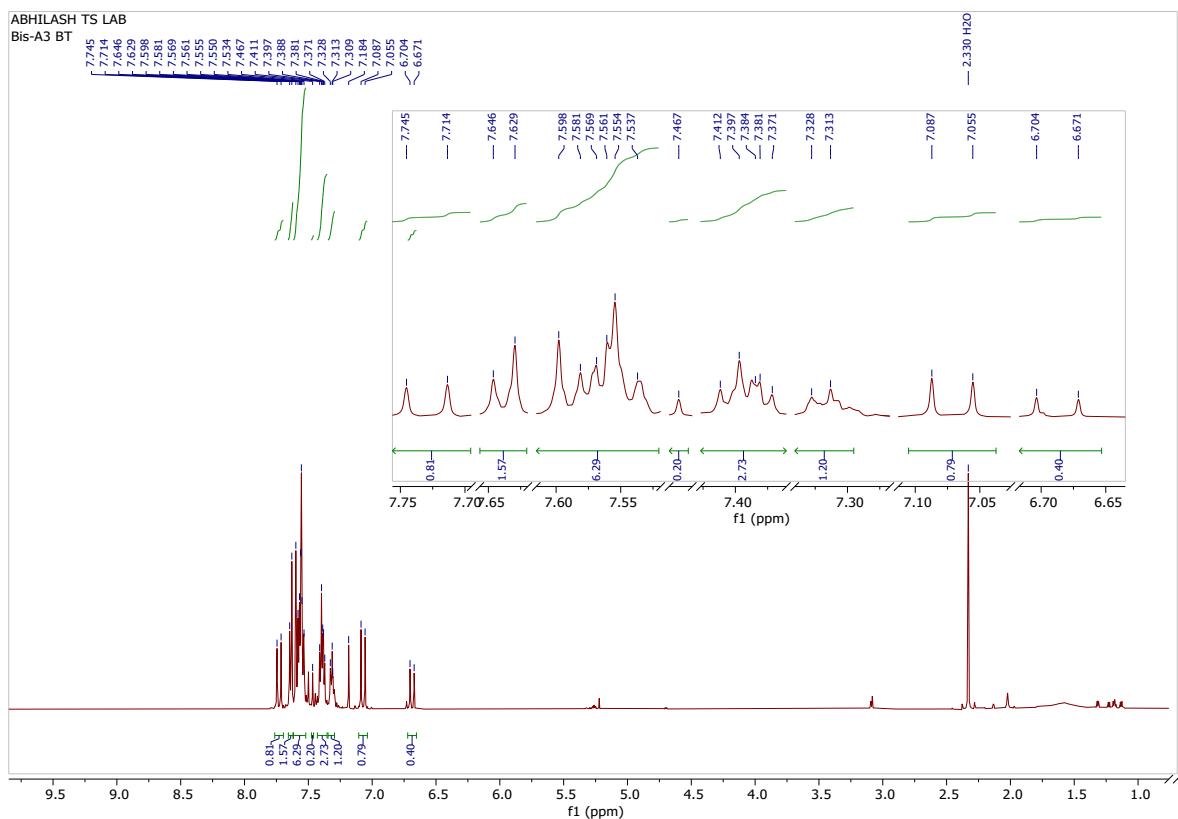
Yellow solid; Yield 80 %; M.P. 152-160 °C; IR ( $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>): 825 (C-S), 1100 (C-C), 1600 (C=C), 1789 (C=O), 3025 (C-H); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δppm: 7.965 (d,  $J$ =15.5 Hz, 2H), 7.817 (dd,  $J$ =16.0, 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.574 (s, 2H), 7.417-7.386 (m, 4H), 6.905 (d,  $J$ =15.5 Hz, 2H), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δppm: 187.46, 140.22, 139.75, 136.56, 130.00, 126.61, 125.02, 124.61, 122.58; HRMS (ESI; Ion Trap) m/z: [M+H] Calculated. (C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>OS<sub>2</sub>) 347.0712, Observed: 347.0716.

**(1*E*,4*E*)-1,5-bis(benzo[*b*]thiophen-3-yl)penta-1,4-dien-3-one (SBC 3b)**

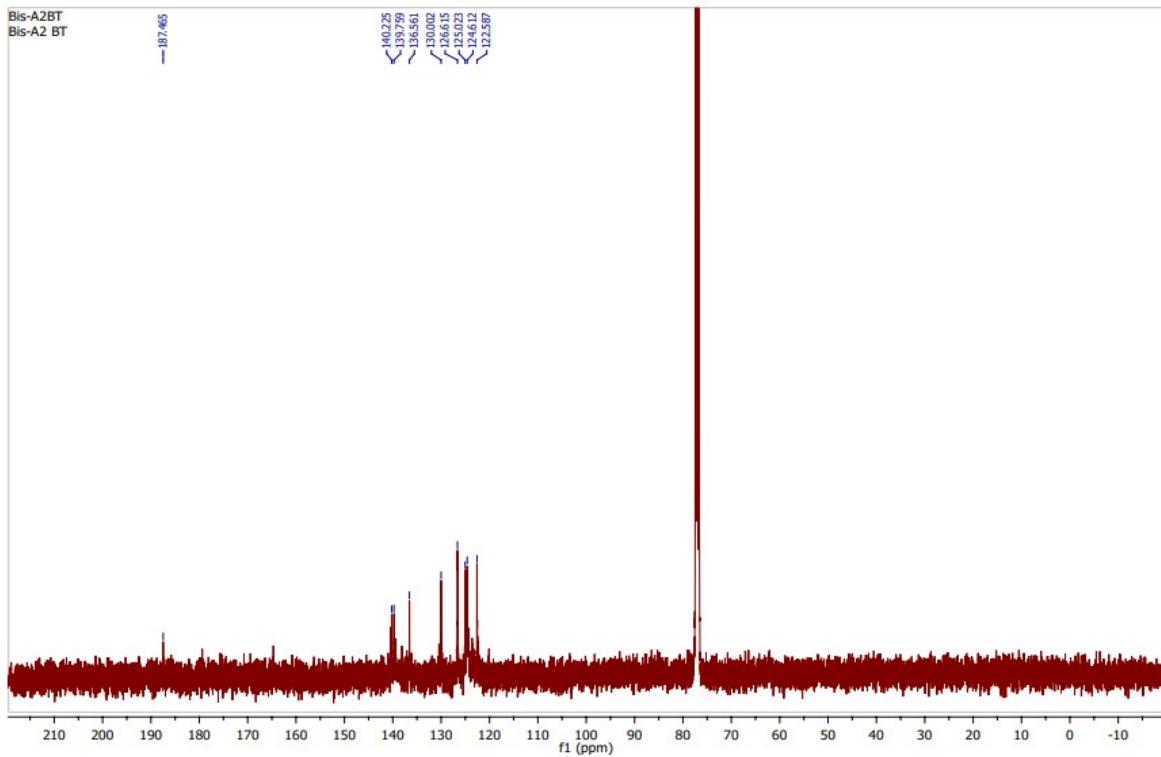
Yellow solid; Yield 85 %; M.P. 158-160 °C; IR ( $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>): 814 (C-S), 1100 (C-C), 1621 (C=C), 1762 (C=O), 2914 (C-H); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 7.729 (d,  $J$ =15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.637 (d,  $J$ =8.5, 2H), 7.598-7.534 (m, 3H), 7.467 (s, 1H), 7.411-7.371 (m, 2H), 7.318 (d,  $J$ =9.5, 1H), 7.071 (d,  $J$ =16, 2H), 6.687 (d,  $J$ =16, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm: 188.85, 143.33, 143.04, 142.92, 140.16, 133.82, 128.96, 128.81, 127.95, 127.65, 127.36, 127.09, 125.38; HRMS (ESI; Ion Trap) m/z: [M+H] Calculated (C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>OS<sub>2</sub>) 347.0730, Observed: 347.0736.



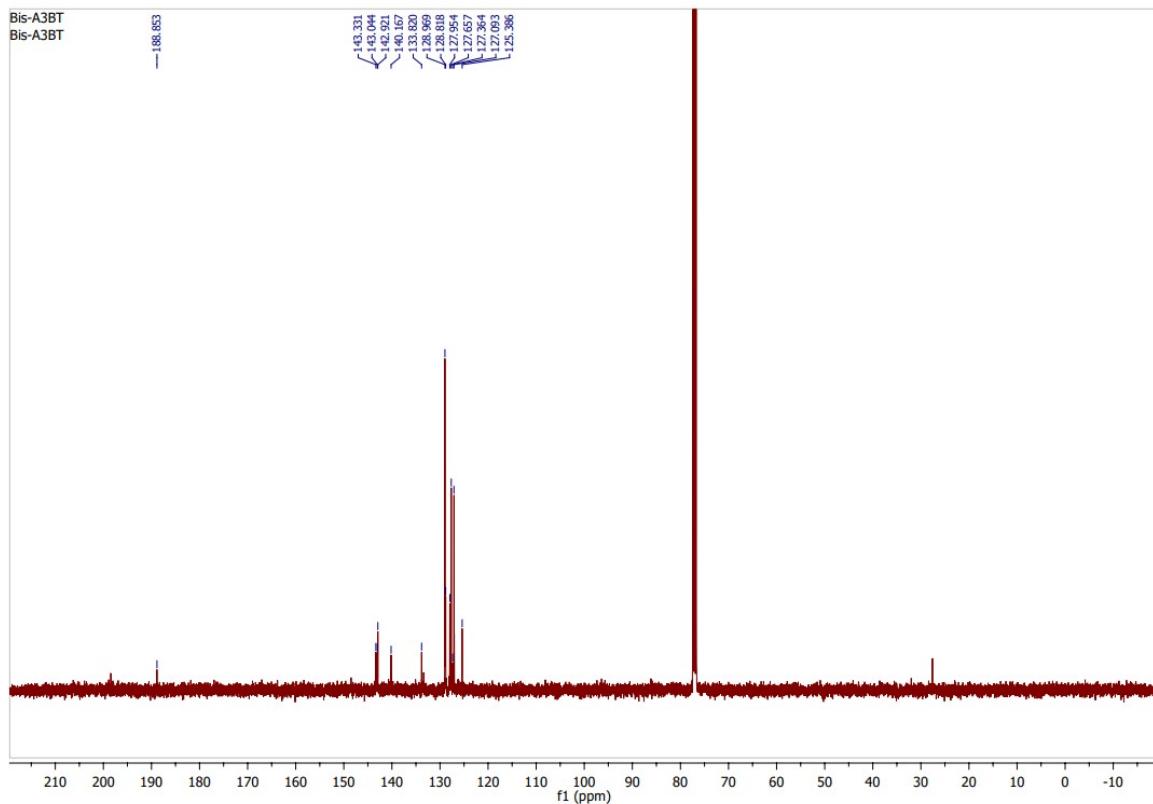
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra of SBC 3a



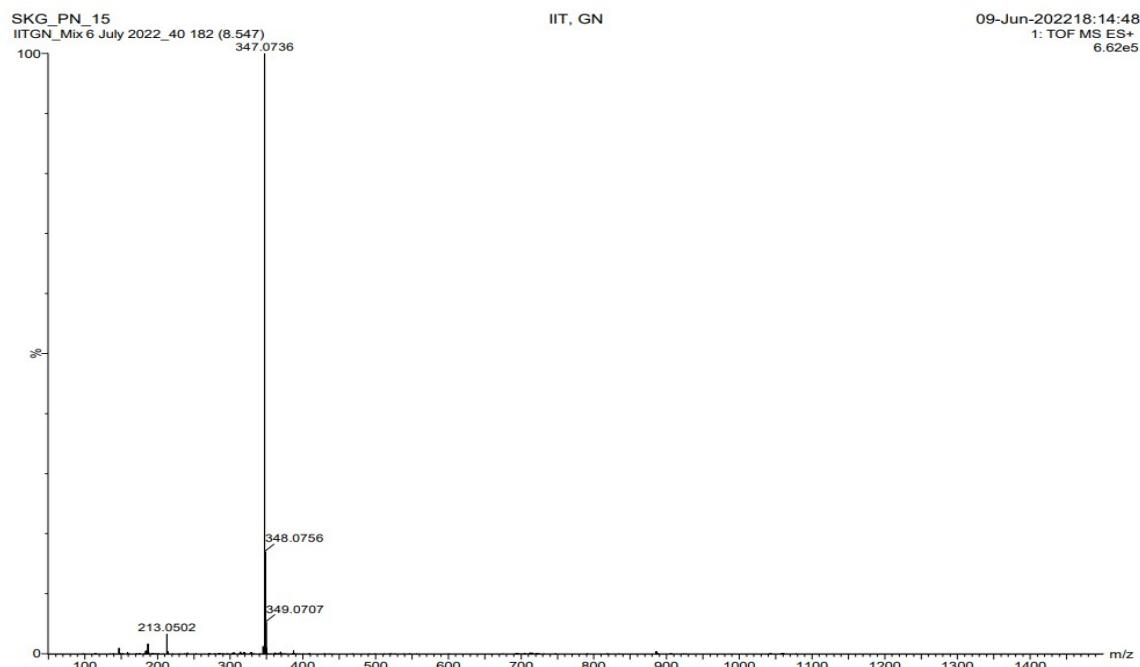
**Figure S2.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra of SBC 3b



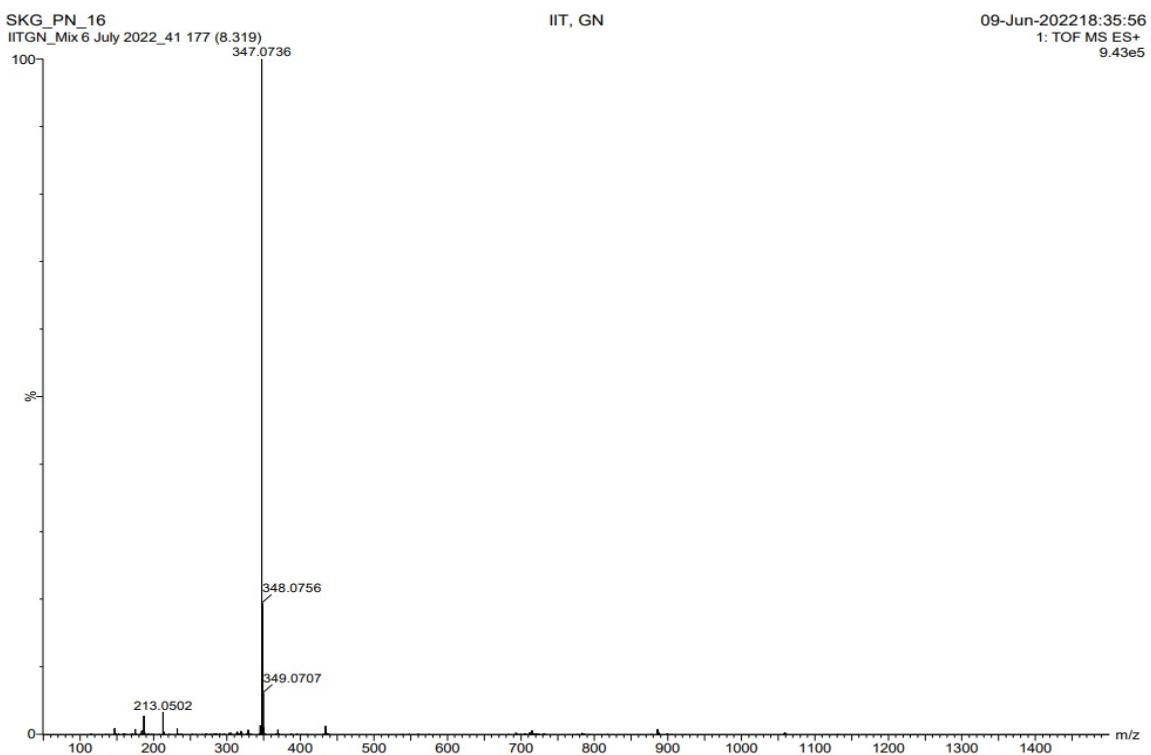
**Figure S3.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra of SBC 3a



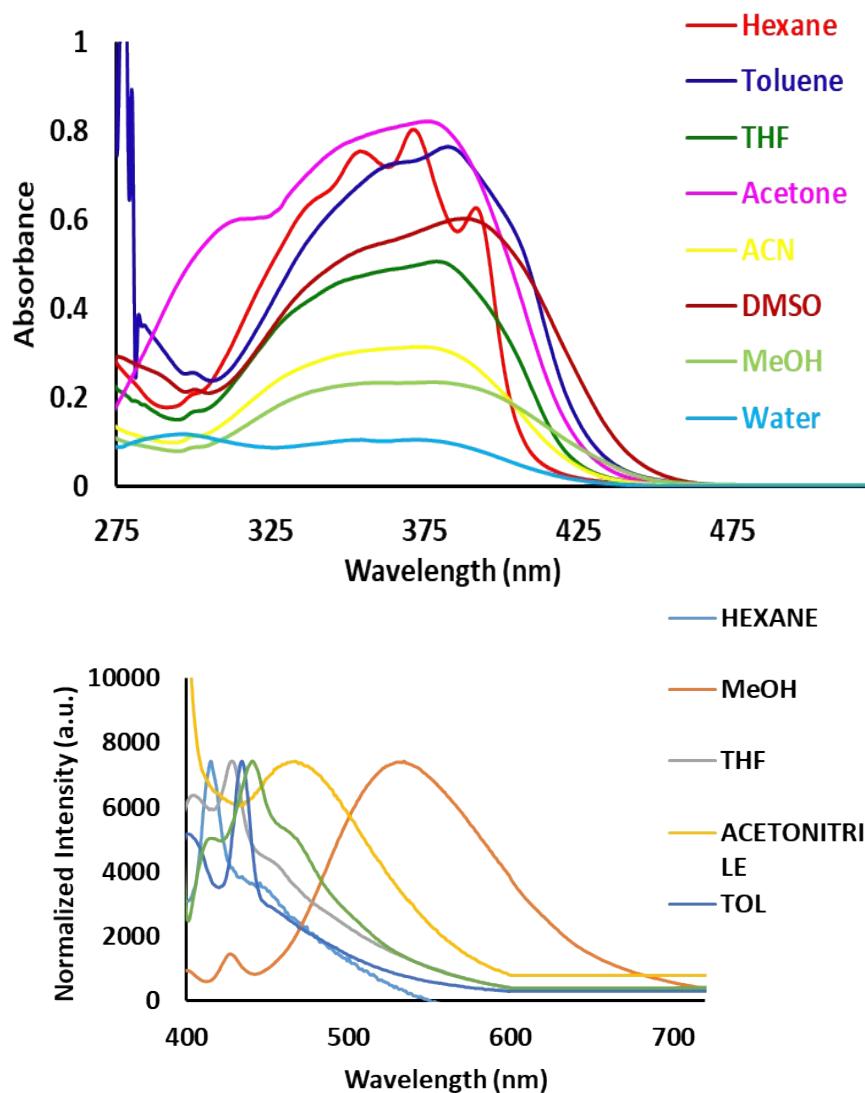
**Figure S4.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra of SBC 3b



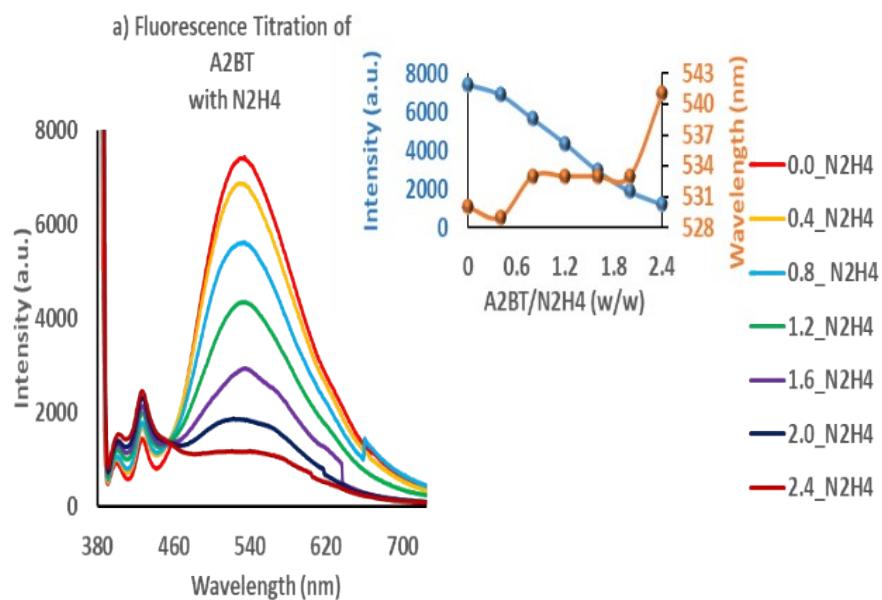
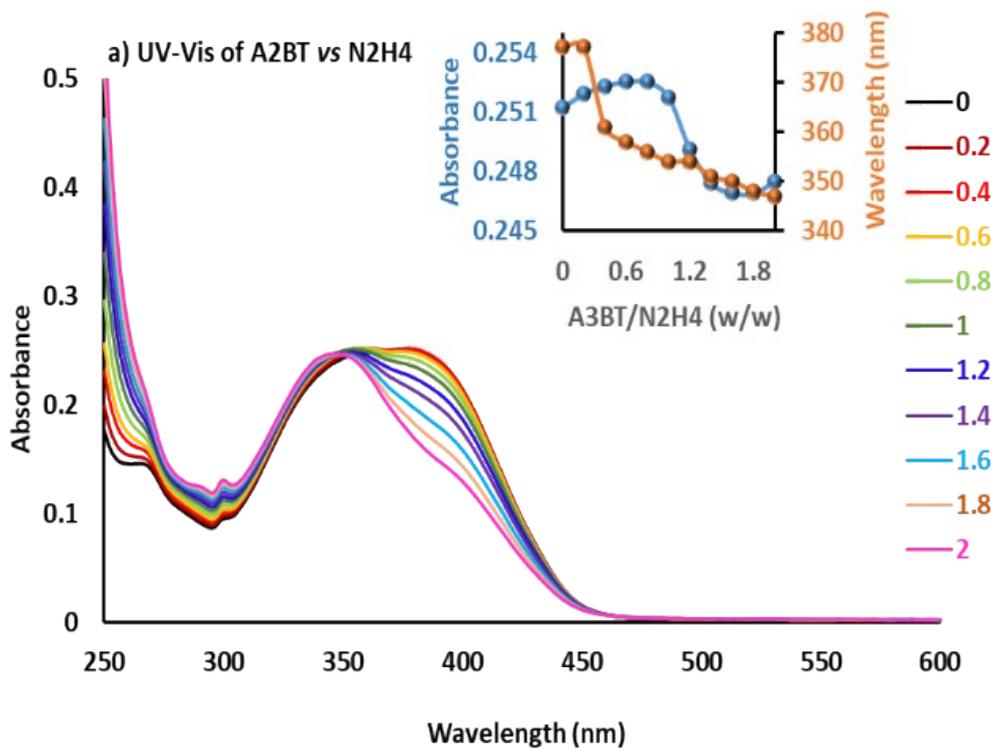
**Figure S5.** HRMS Spectra of SBC 3a



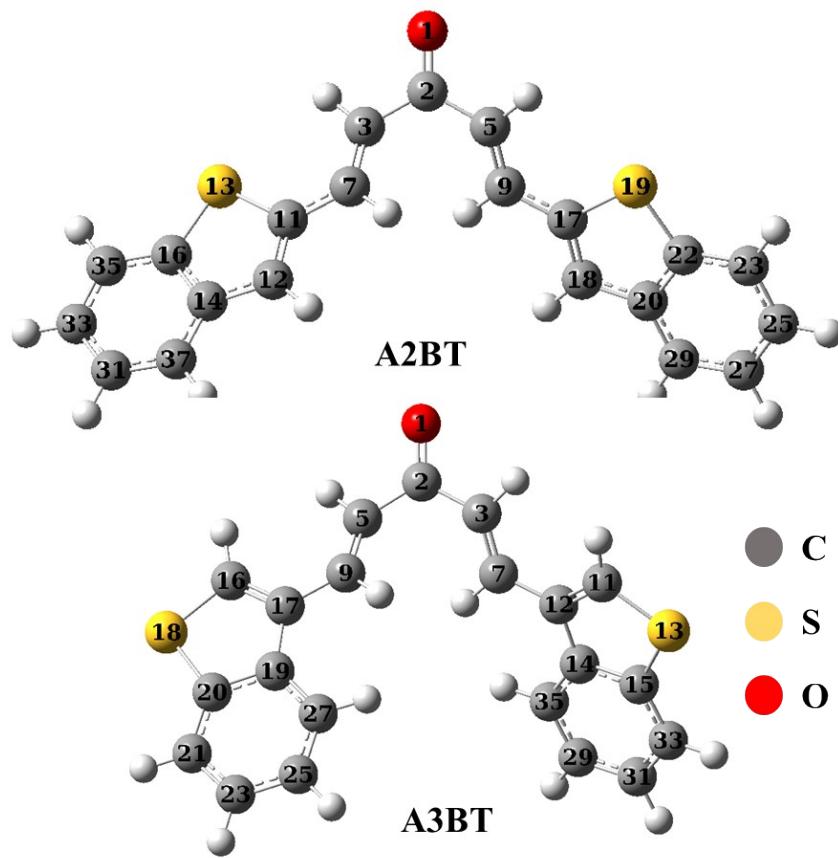
**Figure S6.** HRMS Spectra of SBC 3b



**Figure S7.** UV-Vis absorption and Fluorescence spectra of SBC **3a** in different solvents with  $5\mu\text{M}$  concentration

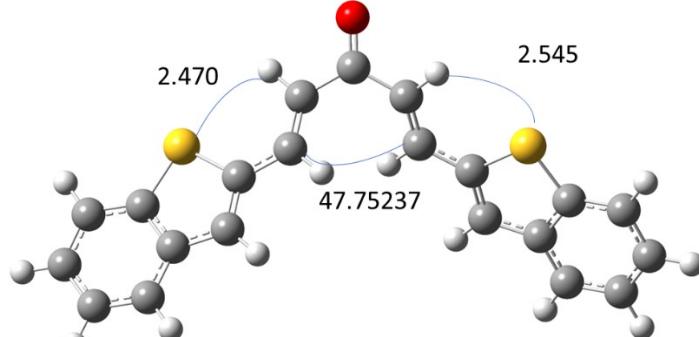
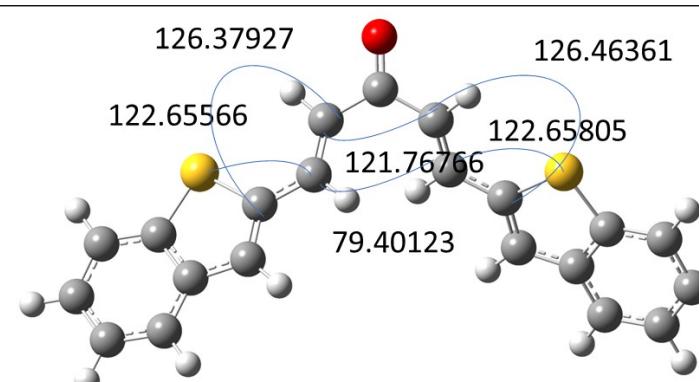
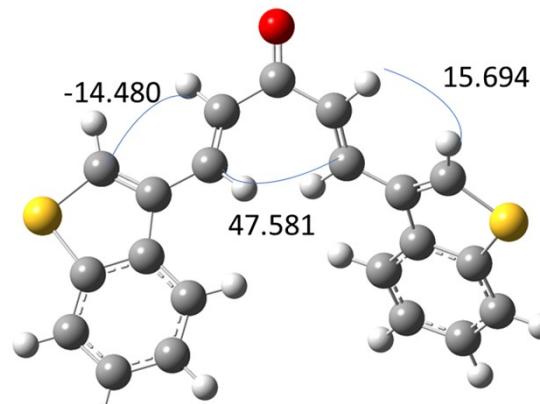
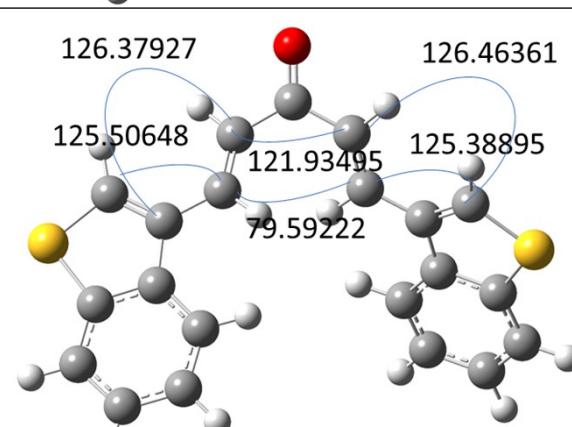


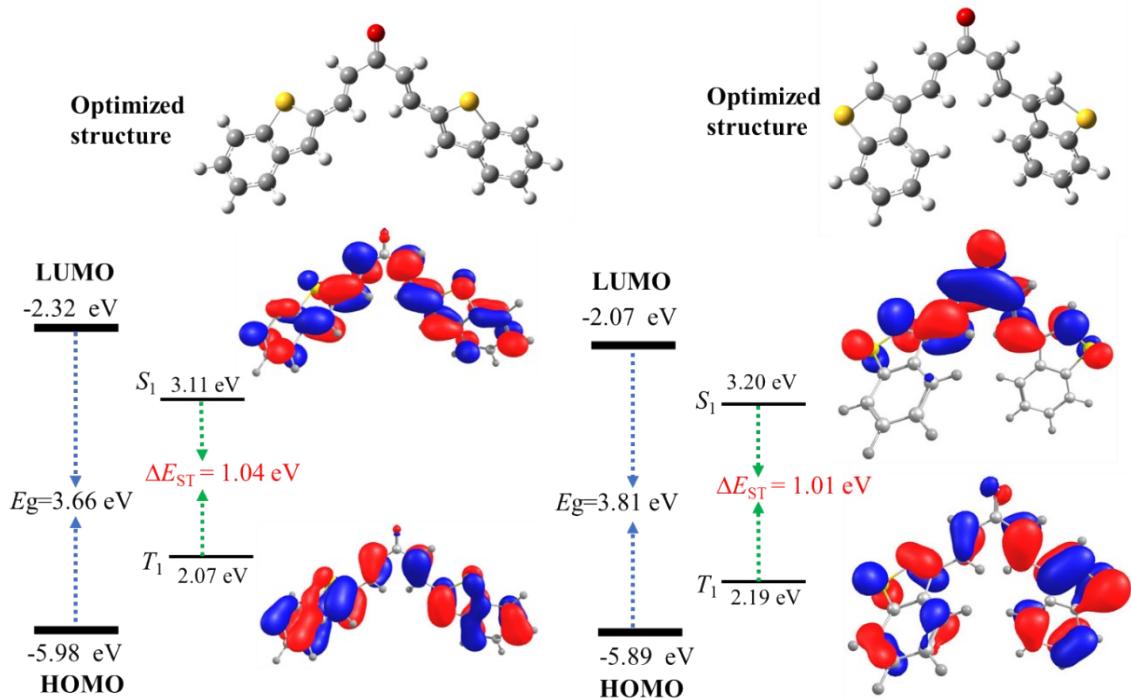
**Figure S8.** UV-Vis absorption and Fluorescence spectra of the 5  $\mu$ M SBC **3a** solution in MeOH after addition of hydrazine. In inset represented hydrazine molar ratio vs absorbance and emission



**Figure S9.** Optimized structures of **SBC 3a** and **3b** with respective atom labelling

**Table S1.** The calculated bond angles and their dihedral angles of SBC **3a** and **3b**.

SBC <b>3a</b>	
Dihedral angle	
Bond angle	
SBC <b>3b</b>	
Dihedral angle	
Bond angle	



**Figure S10.** Frontier molecular orbital of the SBC **3a** and **3b** with respective electronic distribution of HOMO-LUMO in gas phase.

**Table S2. SBC 3a** energy, wavelength and their oscillation with along major contribution in solvent and Gas phase.

Solvent				
State	Energy (cm-1)	Wavelength (nm)	Osc. Strength	Major contribs
Singlet				
$S_1$	25204.19344	396.759373547	0.6728	HOMO->LUMO (98%)
$S_2$	26372.09232	379.188722634	0.0621	H-4->LUMO (58%), H-1->LUMO (36%)
$S_3$	27240.75744	367.096987741	0.0785	H-4->LUMO (25%), H-3->LUMO (24%), H-1->LUMO (47%)
$S_4$	28188.46544	354.755033447	0.1293	H-2->LUMO (96%)
$S_5$	29003.8976	344.781247607	0.0292	H-4->LUMO (12%), H-3->LUMO (69%)
$S_6$	31963.9728	312.852224677	0.3747	H-1->L+1 (97%)
$S_7$	32945.55632	303.531071167	0.4682	HOMO->L+1 (81%)
$S_8$	34116.68144	293.111744106	0.0552	H-3->L+1 (92%)
$S_9$	34348.16416	291.136374958	0.0436	H-2->L+1 (89%)
$S_{10}$	36208.09152	276.181361132	0.0156	H-4->L+1 (95%)
Triplet	Energy (cm-1)	Wavelength (nm)	Osc. Strength	Major contribs
$T_1$	16971.63552	589.218404332	0.0	H-1->LUMO (64%), HOMO->L+1 (23%)
$T_2$	17563.65056	569.357717852	0.0	H-1->L+1 (23%), HOMO->LUMO (69%)
$T_3$	22840.97264	437.809727178	0.0	H-4->LUMO (73%), H-3->LUMO (11%)
$T_4$	24914.6384	401.370465003	0.0	H-4->LUMO (13%), H-3->LUMO (59%), H-2->L+1 (14%)
$T_5$	25016.26496	399.739929841	0.0	H-3->L+1 (15%), H-2->LUMO (76%)
$T_6$	27037.50432	369.856621441	0.0	H-1->LUMO (25%), HOMO->L+1 (52%)
$T_7$	28049.73712	356.509580008	0.0	H-1->L+1 (58%), HOMO->LUMO (26%)
$T_8$	30137.92096	331.807891237	0.0	H-6->L+1 (12%), H-5->LUMO (25%)
$T_9$	30392.79392	329.025361285	0.0	H-6->LUMO (18%), H-5->L+1 (13%), H-3->L+3 (10%)
$T_{10}$	32297.08208	309.625494193	0.0	H-2->L+1 (59%)
Gas				
Singlet	Energy (cm-1)	Wavelength (nm)	Osc. Strength	Major contribs
$S_1$	25104.98656	398.3272	0.0086	H-4->LUMO (77%), H-1->LUMO (12%)
$S_2$	26245.4624	381.0182	0.5067	HOMO->LUMO (97%)
$S_3$	27792.44448	359.81	0.0764	H-2->LUMO (23%), H-1->LUMO (65%)

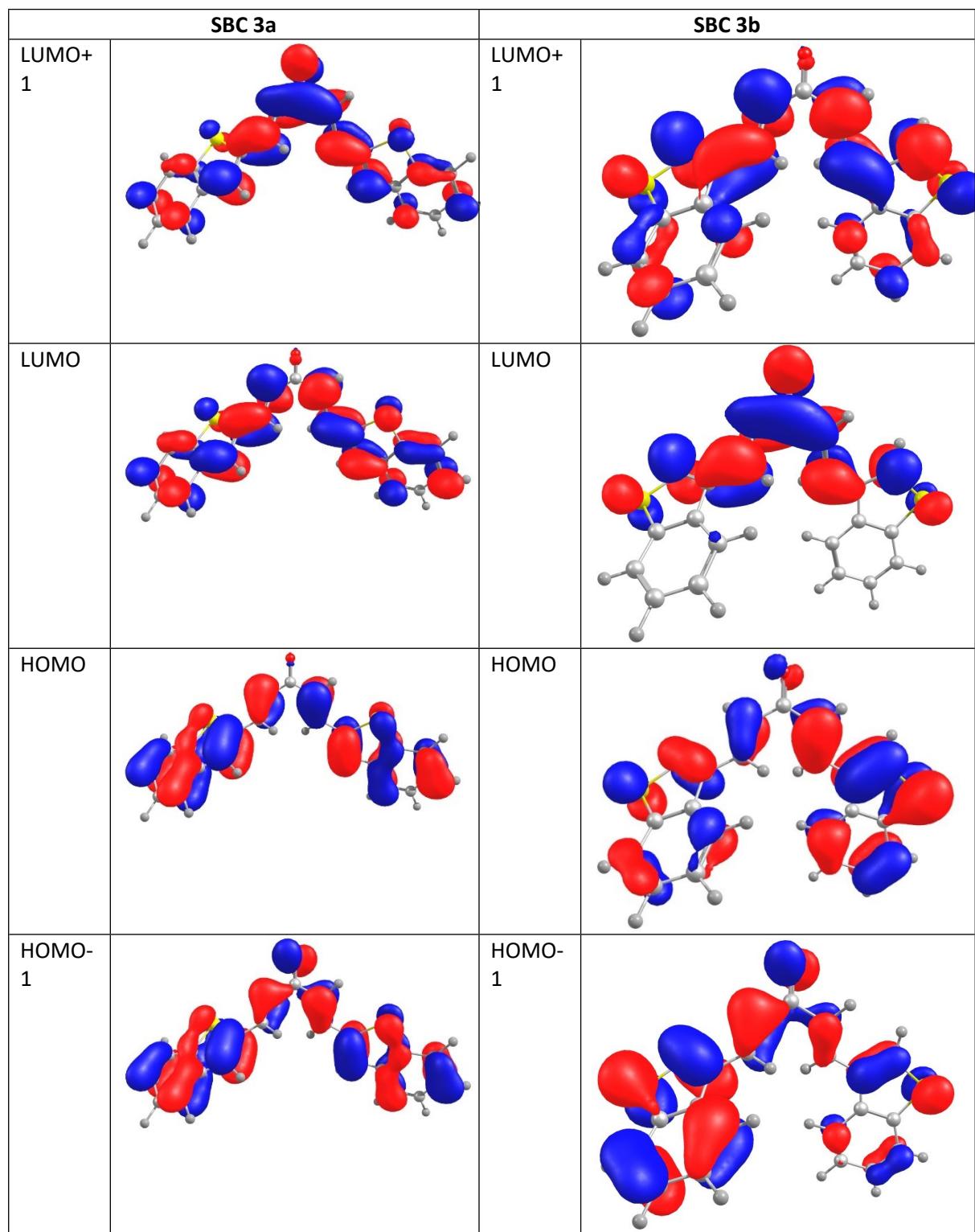
$S_4$	28835.32656	346.7968	0.1118	H-3->LUMO (96%)
$S_5$	29464.44336	339.3921	0.0111	H-4->LUMO (13%), H-2->LUMO (64%), HOMO->L+1 (13%)
$S_6$	31888.96272	313.5881	0.4131	H-1->L+1 (89%)
$S_7$	33697.27024	296.7599	0.263	H-3->L+1 (27%), HOMO->L+1 (55%)
$S_8$	33835.192	295.5503	0.0058	H-4->L+1 (20%), H-2->L+1 (70%)
$S_9$	34671.59472	288.4205	0.1447	H-3->L+1 (66%), HOMO->L+1 (22%)
$S_{10}$	34813.54928	287.2445	0.0782	H-4->L+1 (72%), H-2->L+1 (22%)
Triplet	Energy (cm-1)	Wavelength (nm)	Osc. Strength	Major contribs
$T_1$	16737.73312	597.452470314	0.0	H-1->LUMO (66%), HOMO->L+1 (22%)
$T_2$	17770.12992	562.742087144	0.0	H-1->L+1 (26%), HOMO->LUMO (66%)
$T_3$	21415.78112	466.945377522	0.0	H-4->LUMO (75%)
$T_4$	24996.10096	400.062394371	0.0	H-4->LUMO (11%), H-3->L+1 (13%), H-2->LUMO (57%)
$T_5$	25324.37088	394.876541944	0.0	H-3->LUMO (73%), H-2->L+1 (18%)
$T_6$	27178.65232	367.935830013	0.0	H-1->LUMO (23%), HOMO->L+1 (49%)
$T_7$	28187.65888	354.765184387	0.0	H-1->L+1 (59%), HOMO->LUMO (28%)
$T_8$	30222.60976	330.878110111	0.0	H-6->L+1 (12%), H-5->LUMO (22%), H-3->L+3 (10%)
$T_9$	30294.3936	330.09408051	0.0	H-6->LUMO (16%), H-5->L+1 (12%), H-2->L+3 (11%)
$T_{10}$	32330.9576	309.301076811	0.0	H-3->L+1 (50%)

**Table S3. SBC 3b** energy, wavelength and their oscillation with along major contribution in solvent and Gas phase.

Solvent				
State	Energy (cm-1)	Wavelength (nm)	Osc. Strength	Major contribs
<b>Singlet</b>				
$S_1$	25952.68	385.3166	0.397	HOMO->LUMO (94%)
$S_2$	27242.37	367.0753	0.0654	H-4->LUMO (56%), H-1->LUMO (32%)
$S_3$	28332.84	352.9473	0.0584	H-4->LUMO (33%), H-1->LUMO (63%)
$S_4$	32191.42	310.6418	0.026	H-3->LUMO (61%), H-2->LUMO (22%), HOMO->L+1 (13%)
$S_5$	32200.29	310.5562	0.0381	H-3->LUMO (22%), H-2->LUMO (59%), H-1->L+1 (14%)
$S_6$	33316.57	303.1509	0.1502	H-2->LUMO (11%), H-1->L+1 (77%)
$S_7$	33418.2	299.2381	0.0084	HOMO->L+1 (72%)
$S_8$	36996.1	270.2988	0.1797	H-6->LUMO (90%)
$S_9$	37348.57	267.7479	0.0048	H-5->LUMO (12%), H-4->L+1 (43%), H-2->L+1 (19%)
$S_{10}$	37510.69	266.5907	0.0101	H-4->L+1 (35%), H-2->L+1 (10%), HOMO->L+2 (35%)
<b>Triplet</b>	<b>Energy (cm-1)</b>	<b>Wavelength (nm)</b>	<b>Osc. Strength</b>	<b>Major contribs</b>
$T_1$	17970.96336	556.453196174	0.0	H-1->LUMO (62%), HOMO->L+1 (20%)
$T_2$	18636.37536	536.585028302	0.0	H-1->L+1 (20%), HOMO->LUMO (64%)
$T_3$	23586.23408	423.976119548	0.0	H-4->LUMO (79%)
$T_4$	26689.87696	374.673889092	0.0	H-5->LUMO (12%), H-1->LUMO (11%), H-1->L+2 (16%), HOMO->L+1 (26%)
$T_5$	27252.04928	366.944881732	0.0	H-1->L+1 (21%), HOMO->LUMO (12%), HOMO->L+2 (22%)
$T_6$	29295.87232	341.345015802	0.0	H-3->LUMO (18%), H-1->LUMO (18%), HOMO->L+3 (12%)
$T_7$	29519.28944	338.76154168	0.0	H-3->LUMO (38%), H-2->LUMO (11%)
$T_8$	29816.10352	335.389229961	0.0	H-2->LUMO (49%), H-2->L+1 (14%), HOMO->L+1 (15%)
$T_9$	30237.9344	330.710420484	0.0	H-1->L+1 (39%), HOMO->LUMO (15%)
$T_{10}$	31636.50944	316.090497245	0.0	H-5->LUMO (29%)
Gas				
<b>Singlet</b>	<b>Energy (cm-1)</b>	<b>Wavelength (nm)</b>	<b>Osc. Strength</b>	<b>Major contribs</b>
$S_1$	25872.83	386.5058	0.0285	H-2->LUMO (71%), HOMO->LUMO (16%)
$S_2$	27215.75	367.4342	0.3035	H-2->LUMO (10%), HOMO->LUMO (78%)
$S_3$	28980.51	345.0595	0.0576	H-2->LUMO (11%), H-1->LUMO

				(77%)
$S_4$	32703.59	305.7768	0.1297	H-4->LUMO (11%), H-3->LUMO (23%), H-1->L+1 (50%)
$S_5$	32989.92	303.1229	0.0244	H-4->LUMO (40%), H-3->LUMO (25%), HOMO->L+1 (22%)
$S_6$	33588.38	297.722	0.0539	H-4->LUMO (24%), H-3->LUMO (36%), H-1->L+1 (25%)
$S_7$	33972.31	294.3574	0.0049	H-4->LUMO (19%), H-3->LUMO (10%), H-1->L+1 (10%), HOMO->L+1 (48%)
$S_8$	35707.22	280.0554	0.0054	H-2->L+1 (90%)
$S_9$	37417.12	267.2573	0.017	H-3->L+1 (23%), HOMO->L+2 (41%)
$S_{10}$	37605.86	265.916	0.023	H-5->LUMO (12%), H-4->L+1 (16%), H-1->L+2 (37%), HOMO->L+2 (10%)
Triplet	Energy (cm-1)	Wavelength (nm)	Osc. Strength	Major contribs
$T_1$	17718.51008	564.381539692	0.0	H-1->LUMO (61%), HOMO->L+1 (18%)
$T_2$	18790.42832	532.185846416	0.0	H-1->L+1 (21%), HOMO->LUMO (59%)
$T_3$	22238.47232	449.671175974	0.0	H-2->LUMO (77%)
$T_4$	26524.53216	377.009477101	0.0	H-5->LUMO (13%), H-1->L+2 (17%), HOMO->L+1 (25%)
$T_5$	27346.4168	365.678621559	0.0	H-1->L+1 (16%), H-1->L+3 (10%), HOMO->LUMO (11%), HOMO->L+2 (20%)
$T_6$	29529.77472	338.64125598	0.0	H-1->LUMO (14%), HOMO->L+1 (19%), HOMO->L+3 (15%)
$T_7$	29861.27088	334.881929178	0.0	H-4->LUMO (36%), HOMO->LUMO (10%)
$T_8$	30250.83936	330.569339944	0.0	H-4->LUMO (14%), H-3->LUMO (39%), H-3->L+1 (13%), HOMO->L+1 (11%)
$T_9$	30354.8856	329.436260501	0.0	H-4->LUMO (15%), H-3->LUMO (19%), H-1->L+1 (33%)
$T_{10}$	31726.84416	315.190503965	0.0	H-5->LUMO (29%)

**Table S4.** Molecular orbital distribution with HOMO-LUMO energy levels



**Table S5.** Optimized coordinates of the SBC **3a** and **3b** molecules.

**SBC 3a**

8	-0.608092000	0.400520000	0.210319000
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16	-3.754777000	-3.833151000	1.000828000
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6	-5.163446000	-4.821179000	0.648954000
6	-4.451462000	3.257360000	0.480755000
6	-5.657747000	3.562413000	1.057279000
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### SBC 3b

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