Supporting Information for

Push-Pull Tetraene Chromphores Derived From Dialkylamino-phenyl, Tetrahydroquinolinyl and Julolidinyl Moieties: Optimization of Second-Order Optical Nonlinearity by Fine-Tuning the Strength of Electron Donating Groups

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1. Quantum mechanical calculations.

DFT^{1,2} calculations were performed using Gaussian 09(A.02)³ employing the hybrid B3LYP^{4,5} exchange-correlation functional with a split valence $6-31G^{*6}$ basis set. All calculations converged to a RMS error in the density matrix of $< 10^{-11}$ au. Zero-frequency (static) hyperpolarizabilities [$\beta(0)$] were obtained using analytical derivatives.⁷ Chromophores were rotated into frame such that the *z* axis was aligned with the dipole axis and $\beta_{zzz} = \beta_{\mu}$. Solvent-dependant data was acquired using the default PCM method included in the Gaussian09 program suite. Only a single conformer (all-*E*) was used for each hyperpolarizability calculation.



Fig. S1 Numbering of the carbon atoms in the conjugated bridge for chromophores 1–3.

Compd.	Solvent	$C_1 - C_2$	C ₂ -C ₃	C ₃ -C ₄	C ₄ -C ₅	C ₅ -C ₆	C ₆ -C ₇	C ₇ –C ₈	C ₈ -C ₉	C ₉ - C ₁₀	C ₁₀ - C ₁₁
1	Vacuum	1.4467	1.3642	1.4368	1.3773	1.4261	1.3849	1.4126	1.3803	1.4114	1.3909
	Dioxane	1.4421	1.3680	1.4321	1.3825	1.4199	1.3918	1.4052	1.3875	1.4032	1.3985
	CHCl ₃	1.4380	1.3714	1.4277	1.3873	1.4143	1.3979	1.3991	1.3938	1.3965	1.4055
	CH_2Cl_2	1.4354	1.374	1.4249	1.3905	1.4108	1.4019	1.3954	1.3979	1.3925	1.4101
	CH ₃ CN	1.4323	1.3763	1.4216	1.3941	1.4068	1.4063	1.3914	1.4024	1.3881	1.4152
2	Vacuum	1.4468	1.3664	1.4356	1.3785	1.4249	1.3858	1.4118	1.3811	1.4106	1.3915
	Dioxane	1.4413	1.3709	1.4301	1.3843	1.4180	1.3932	1.4039	1.3888	1.4019	1.3997
	CHCl ₃	1.4364	1.3749	1.4251	1.3896	1.4119	1.3998	1.3974	1.3957	1.3948	1.4072
	CH_2Cl_2	1.4332	1.3775	1.4219	1.3932	1.4080	1.4041	1.3934	1.4001	1.3905	1.4121
	CH ₃ CN	1.4296	1.3806	1.4181	1.3973	1.4038	1.4090	1.3891	1.4050	1.3860	1.4176
3	Vacuum	1.4504	1.3666	1.4360	1.3785	1.4249	1.3859	1.4117	1.3810	1.4106	1.3917
	Dioxane	1.4425	1.3728	1.4286	1.3857	1.4165	1.3944	1.4027	1.3900	1.4008	1.4007
	CHCl ₃	1.4365	1.3776	1.4229	1.3919	1.4097	1.4018	1.3956	1.3975	1.3932	1.4089
	CH_2Cl_2	1.4327	1.3808	1.4190	1.3960	1.4054	1.4066	1.3913	1.4024	1.3885	1.4144
	CH ₃ CN	1.4283	1.3845	1.4147	1.4008	1.4006	1.4120	1.3866	1.4078	1.3837	1.4205

Table S1. Bond Lengths of the conjugated chain of Chromophores 1-3 Obtained by Full Geometry Optimizations using $6-31G^*$ Basis set as a Function of Solvent (Atom numbering in Fig. S1).

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