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# *Supporting Information*

## **Synthesis, Structures, and Chiroptical Properties of NBN-doped Helicenes with Boron Atoms in the Inner Rims**

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## 1. Materials and measurements

All chemicals were purchased from Dieckmann (Hong Kong) or Energy-Chemical (China). Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>, tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium(0); dppf, 1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene; *t*-BuONa, sodium *tert*-butoxide; *n*-BuLi, *n*-butyllithium; EtOAc, ethyl acetate; DMSO, dimethyl sulfoxide.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 or 600 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 or 151 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker the Avance DRX Bruker 400 or 600 MHz FTNMR Spectrometer using DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, CDCl<sub>3</sub> or CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as deuterated solvents. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm. High resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Bruker Q-ToF Maxis II mass spectrometer, a DFS high resolution magnetic sector mass spectrometer or a Bruker Autoflex Speed MALDI TOF MS.

The borylative reaction mixture of compound **8** or **9b** was quenched by cold water and passed through a pad of celite, then concentrated under vacuo. The residue was purified by LaboACE LC-5060 (JAL, Japan) recycling preparative gel permeation chromatography (GPC) assembled with JAIGEL-2.5HR column.

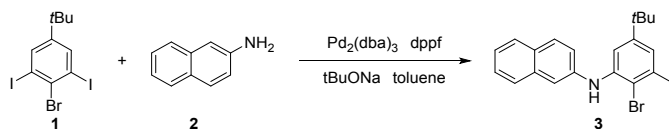
Absorption spectra were measured with Agilent Technologies Cary 60 UV-Vis spectrophotometer in a 1-cm quartz cell. Fluorescence measurements were measured with Agilent Technologies Cary Eclipse fluorescence spectrophotometer at room temperature. Photoluminescence quantum yields ( $\Phi_{\text{PL}}$ ) were determined by HAMAMATSU Quantaurus-QY instrument at room temperature. Time-resolved photoluminescence decays were measured with PicoHarp 300 in a 1-mm quartz cuvette. Femtosecond transient absorption spectra were measured with a femtosecond Ti/Sapphire regenerative amplifier laser system (Spitfire-Pro, Spectra-Physics Company), and an automated data acquisition transient absorption spectrometer (Ultrafast, Helios) was used to record the transient absorption spectra in a 1-mm quartz cuvette.

Cyclic Voltammetry (CV) measurements were carried out on a CHI660E potentiostat (CH Instruments, USA) in a three-electrode cell in an anhydrous dichloromethane solution of Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub> (0.1 M) with a scan rate of 100 mV/s at room temperature. All potentials were further calibrated against ferrocene/ferrocenium (Fc/Fc<sup>+</sup>) by selecting decamethylferrocene (DMFc) as a reference.

Circular dichroism (CD) spectra were collected on JASCO J-1700 circular dichroism spectrometer in toluene. Circularly polarized luminescence (CPL) spectra were collected on JASCO CPL-300 circularly polarized luminescence spectrometer in toluene.

## 2. Experimental procedures

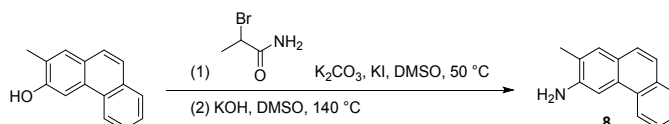
Synthesis of *N*-(2-bromo-5-(*tert*-butyl)-3-iodophenyl)naphthalen-2-amine (**3**):



A mixture of **1**<sup>[S1]</sup> (2.44 g, 5.20 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), naphthalen-2-amine **2** (500 mg, 3.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv.),  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (140 mg, 0.16 mmol), dppf (170 mg, 0.32 mmol) and *t*BuONa (500 mg, 5.20 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) were dissolved in toluene (70 mL). The mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 16 h under nitrogen atmosphere. After cooling to room temperature, water was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous solution was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was subjected to column chromatography with hexane/dichloromethane (*V/V* = 5:1) as the eluent to afford **3** (970 mg, 2.03 mmol, 58% yield) as a white solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.82 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.31 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (br, 1H), 1.25 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.95, 141.96, 139.50, 134.58, 130.18, 129.53, 129.31, 127.88, 126.97, 126.81, 124.58, 121.32, 116.59, 115.41, 113.56, 102.44, 34.88, 31.18. HRMS (ESI) *m/z* [*M*+*H*]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrIN}^+$  479.9818; Found 479.9817.

Synthesis of 2-methylphenanthren-3-amine (**8**):



Compound **8** was prepared by the reported Smiles rearrangement reaction<sup>[S2]</sup> with modifications: a 100 mL Schlenk flask was charged with 2-methylphenanthren-3-ol<sup>[S3]</sup> (750 mg, 3.60 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), 2-bromopropanamide (820 mg, 5.40 mmol, 1.5 equiv.),  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (750 mg, 5.40 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and KI (60 mg, 0.36 mmol, 10 mol%). DMSO (18 mL) was then added. The resultant suspension was stirred at 50 °C for 24 hours. The mixture was allowed to cool down to room temperature, KOH (1.21 g, 21.61 mmol, 6.0 equiv.) was finally added, and stirring was continued at 140 °C for 8 hours. The mixture was then cooled to room temperature and saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution (50 mL) was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous solution was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was subjected

to column chromatography with hexane/EtOAc ( $V/V = 10:1$ ) as the eluent to afford **8** (590 mg, 2.85 mmol, 79% yield) as a brown solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  8.45 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.84-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.42 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.33 (br, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )  $\delta$  146.64, 131.75, 129.73, 129.24, 128.80, 128.22, 126.60, 125.86, 125.68, 124.17, 123.62, 122.25, 121.43, 104.06, 17.68. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}^+$  208.1121; Found 208.1119.

General procedure for the Buchwald-Hartwig amination and methylation sequence (**GPA**):

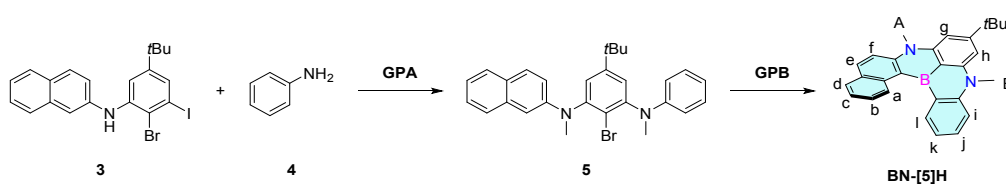
A mixture of aryl iodine, aniline derivatives (1.05 equiv. for one iodine atom),  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (10 mol%), dppf (20 mol%) and  $t\text{BuONa}$  (1.05 equiv. for one iodine atom) were dissolved in toluene. The mixture was stirred at 100 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. After completion, the mixture was cooled to room temperature, passed through a pad of celite and rinsed with EtOAc. The obtained organic phase was concentrated in vacuo.

The residue was dissolved in THF.  $\text{NaH}$  (2.0 equiv. for each -NH) was added under nitrogen flow and stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature.  $\text{MeI}$  (2.0 equiv. for each -NH) was finally injected via syringe and the mixture was heated to 65 °C. After completion, water was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous solution was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was subjected to column chromatography with hexane/dichloromethane ( $V/V =$  from 10:1 to 5:1) as the eluent to afford the linear precursors (Compounds **5**, **6**, **9a**, **9b**, and **10**).

General procedure for the fold-in borylation (**GPB**):

A solution of  $n$ -butyllithium in pentane (1.6 M, 2.0 equiv.) was added slowly to a solution of **5**, **6**, **9a**, **9b**, or **10** (1.0 equiv.) in  $o$ -xylene (0.1 M) at room temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring at 50 °C for 30 minutes, the mixture was cooled with ice/water bath (0 °C) and boron tribromide (3.0 equiv.) was slowly injected via a micro syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h.  $N,N$ -Diisopropylethylamine (Hunig's base, 6.0 equiv.) was added at 0 °C and then the reaction mixture was moved to a 130 °C oil bath and stirred for 12 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous solution was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was subjected to column chromatography with hexane/dichloromethane ( $V/V =$  from 80:1 to 9:1) as the eluent to afford **BN-[5]H**, **BN-[6]H**, **BN-[7]H**, **E[6]H**, and **E[4]H**, respectively, in racemic forms.

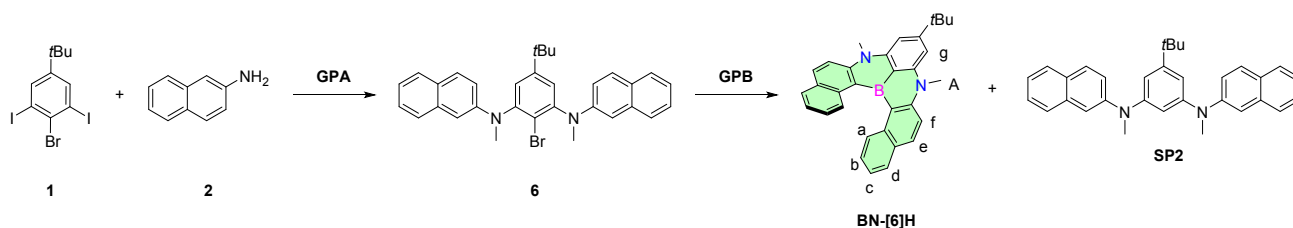
Synthesis of 5-(*tert*-butyl)-3,7-dimethyl-3,7-dihydro-3,7-diaza-11b-boranaphtho[3,2,1-*no*]tetraphene (**BN-[5]H**):



Compound **5** (565 mg, 1.20 mmol, 82% yield, white solid) was prepared by **GPA** using compound **3** (700 mg, 1.46 mmol).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.68 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 5H), 6.99 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.80-6.74 (m, 2H), 6.61 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.74, 148.60, 148.48, 148.34, 146.54, 135.09, 129.19, 128.67, 127.70, 127.57, 126.48, 125.92, 125.69, 123.05, 122.56, 117.58, 117.43, 113.07, 106.64, 39.69, 39.35, 35.07, 31.34. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{30}\text{BrN}_2^+$  473.1592; Found 473.1580.

**BN-[5]H** (40.3 mg, 0.10 mmol, 19% yield, light yellow solid) was prepared by **GPB** using compound **5** (250 mg, 0.53 mmol).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\delta$  8.87 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H, *l*), 8.31 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.7$  Hz, 1H, *a*), 8.08 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H, *e*), 7.88-7.83 (m, 2H, *f, j*), 7.58-7.61 (m, 1H, *c*), 7.55 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H, *d*), 7.42-7.38 (m, 1H, *i*), 7.38-7.34 (m, 1H, *k*), 7.13 (s, 1H, *g*), 7.09 (s, 1H, *h*), 7.05 (m, 1H, *b*), 4.05 (s, 3H, *A*), 3.95 (s, 3H, *B*), 1.52 (s, 9H, *t*Bu).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\delta$  156.52, 147.81, 146.39, 145.75, 137.33, 135.83, 132.90, 131.50, 129.72, 128.96, 128.18, 126.02, 124.39, 119.19, 116.91, 115.63, 101.82, 101.34, 37.85, 36.87, 36.50, 32.00. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{27}\text{BN}_2^+$  402.2262; Found 402.2269.

Synthesis of 9-(*tert*-butyl)-7,11-dimethyl-7,11-dihydro-7,11-diaza-17c-boraphenanthro[2,3,4-*no*]tetraphene (**BN-[6]H**):



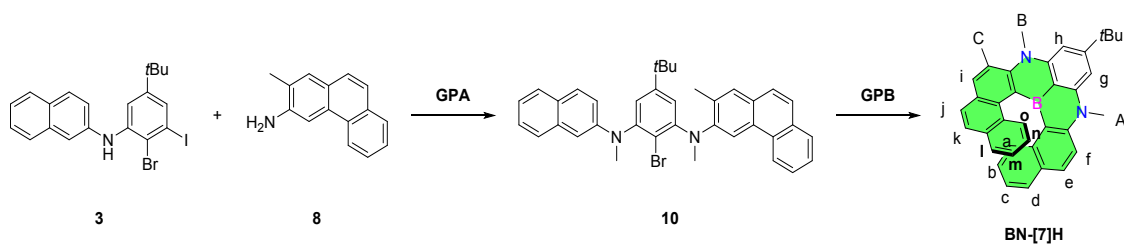
Compound **6** (2.20 g, 4.20 mmol, 84% yield, white solid) was prepared by **GPA** using compound **1** (2.32 g, 5.00 mmol).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.68 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 4H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.01 (s, 2H), 6.80 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 2.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.39 (s, 6H), 1.26 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  153.74, 148.54, 146.53, 135.10, 128.69, 127.72, 127.61, 126.50, 125.70,

122.87, 122.59, 117.44, 106.72, 39.72, 35.07, 31.32. HRMS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  Calcd for  $C_{32}H_{31}BrN_2$  522.1665; Found 522.1670.

**BN-[6]H.** (119.4 mg, 0.26 mmol, 22% yield, light yellow solid) was prepared by **GPB** using compound **6** (630 mg, 1.20 mmol).  $^1H$  NMR (600 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  8.11 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 2H, *e*), 7.91 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 2H, *f*), 7.89 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H, *a*), 7.83 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H, *d*), 7.27-7.24 (m, 2H, *c*), 7.21 (s, 2H, *g*), 6.91-6.87 (m, 2H, *b*), 4.11 (s, 6H, *A*), 1.54 (s, 9H, *t*Bu).  $^{13}C$  NMR (151 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  155.59, 145.86, 144.61, 136.21, 132.78, 129.89, 128.70, 127.92, 126.14, 123.94, 117.06, 101.86, 37.86, 36.48, 32.08. HRMS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  Calcd for  $C_{32}H_{29}BN_2$  452.2418; Found 452.2439.

**SP2.**  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  7.72-7.64 (m, 6H), 7.42-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 6H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.72 (t,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.41 (s, 6H), 1.26 (s, 9H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  153.48, 149.66, 146.73, 134.87, 128.91, 128.47, 127.64, 126.76, 126.34, 123.55, 121.47, 113.91, 113.41, 113.16, 40.85, 35.12, 31.43. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{32}H_{33}N_2^+$  445.2638; Found 445.2650.

Synthesis of 9-(*tert*-butyl)-7,11,12-trimethyl-7,11-dihydro-7,11-diaza-19d-borabenzo[*a*]phenanthro[2,3,4-*no*]tetraphene (**BN-[7]H**):

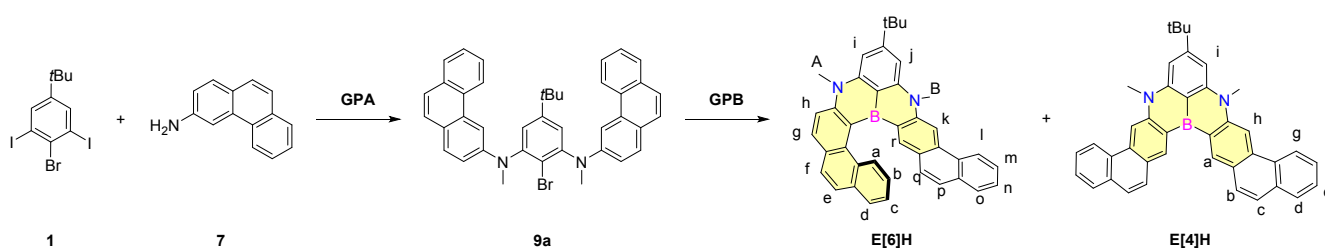


Compound **10** (670 mg, 1.14 mmol, 76% yield, light brown solid) was prepared by **GPA** using compound **3** (720 mg, 1.50 mmol).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.65 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 8.33 (s, 1H), 7.90 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.52 (m, 8H), 7.42-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.21 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d,  $J = 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.76 (dd,  $J = 9.0, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 9H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (101 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  153.13, 151.44, 148.54, 148.21, 146.63, 135.11, 132.31, 132.23, 131.21, 130.10, 129.53, 128.85, 128.66, 128.34, 127.69, 127.43, 126.47, 126.42, 126.34, 126.31, 125.29, 123.08, 122.57, 122.41, 121.52, 120.23, 117.17, 112.25, 106.34, 41.86, 39.59, 34.98, 31.25, 19.40. HRMS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  Calcd for  $C_{37}H_{35}BrN_2$  586.1978; Found 586.2008.

**BN-[7]H** (124.4 mg, 0.24 mmol, 24% yield, light yellow solid) was prepared by **GPB** using compound **10** (590 mg, 1.00 mmol).  $^1H$  NMR (600 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  7.97 (s, 1H, *i*), 7.84-7.79 (m, 2H, *e*, *f*), 7.75 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H, *j*), 7.73 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H, *o*), 7.59 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H, *k*), 7.44 (dd,  $J = 8.0,$

1.3 Hz, 1H, *l*), 7.40 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 1.3$  Hz, 1H, *d*), 7.28 (s, 1H, *h*), 7.27 (s, 1H, *g*), 7.12 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H, *a*), 6.95-6.89 (m, 1H, *m*), 6.89-6.82 (m, 1H, *c*), 6.39 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 6.8, 1.4$  Hz, 1H, *n*), 6.33 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 6.7, 1.4$  Hz, 1H, *b*), 4.18 (s, 3H, *B*), 4.00 (s, 3H, *A*), 2.91 (s, 3H, *C*), 1.57 (s, 9H, *tBu*).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\delta$  155.98, 150.89, 148.83, 145.28, 144.86, 135.83, 135.12, 135.08, 132.99, 132.21, 131.47, 129.30, 128.05, 127.60, 127.25, 127.17, 127.01, 126.93, 125.99, 125.76, 125.34, 124.93, 123.33, 123.07, 116.59, 104.09, 102.45, 46.04, 37.66, 36.44, 32.07, 23.92. HRMS (EI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}]^+$  Calcd for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{33}\text{BN}_2^+$  516.2731; Found 516.2734.

Synthesis of 5-(*tert*-butyl)-3,7-dimethyl-3,7-dihydro-3,7-diaza-15b-borabenz[*a*]benzo[5,6]phenanthro[4,3,2-*hi*]tetracene (**E[6]H**) and 8-(*tert*-butyl)-6,10-dimethyl-6,10-dihydro-6,10-diaza-18b-borabenz[*a*]tetrapheno[8,9,10-*hi*]tetracene (**E[4]H**):



Compound **9a** (770 mg, 1.23 mmol, 72% yield, white solid) was prepared by **GPA** using compound **1** (800 mg, 1.72 mmol).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.56-8.54 (m, 2H), 7.87-7.84 (m, 4H), 7.71 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.64-7.51 (m, 8H), 7.40 (s, 2H), 6.92 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 4.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.54 (s, 6H), 1.32 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  154.13, 148.56, 147.41, 132.91, 131.74, 129.88, 129.51, 128.73, 126.89, 126.50, 126.08, 125.93, 124.93, 123.39, 123.11, 122.71, 115.79, 103.72, 39.76, 35.20, 31.38. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$   $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{36}\text{BrN}_2^+$  623.2056; Found 623.2041.

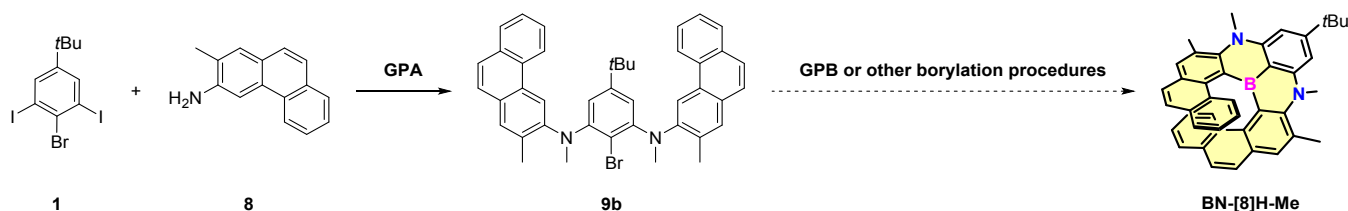
**E[6]H** (156.2 mg, 0.28 mmol, 22% yield) and **E[4]H** (15.1 mg, 0.02 mmol, 2% yield) were prepared by **GPB** using compound **9a** (800 mg, 1.28 mmol). No **BN-[8]H** was observed in this reaction. The reaction mixture was first purified by column chromatography with hexane/dichloromethane ( $V/V =$  from 100:1 to 15:1), then further purified by GPC.

**E[6]H**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\delta$  8.78 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H, *l*), 8.56 (s, 1H, *k*), 8.20 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 4.2$  Hz, 2H, *g, a*), 7.98 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H, *h*), 7.92 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H, *f*), 7.89-7.84 (m, 2H, *d, e*), 7.76 (dd,  $J = 7.7, 1.4$  Hz, 1H, *o*), 7.64 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 6.9, 1.4$  Hz, 1H, *n*), 7.56 (td,  $J = 7.4, 1.2$  Hz, 1H, *m*), 7.49 (s, 1H, *r*), 7.33-7.23 (m, 3H, *i, p, j*), 7.20 (ddd,  $J = 8.0, 6.8, 1.2$  Hz, 1H, *c*), 6.86 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H, *q*), 6.72 (ddd,  $J = 8.3, 6.8, 1.4$  Hz, 1H, *b*), 4.22 (s, 3H, *B*), 4.17 (s, 3H, *A*), 1.60 (s, 9H, *tBu*).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (151 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\delta$  157.25, 147.44, 146.71, 146.24, 145.97, 136.52, 136.37, 133.62, 133.44, 133.27, 132.89, 132.14, 131.14, 130.33, 128.97, 127.66, 127.63, 127.33, 126.86, 126.58, 126.50, 126.49, 125.68, 125.47,

124.19, 123.94, 123.27, 116.40, 106.71, 102.44, 101.96, 37.63, 37.30, 36.66, 32.05. HRMS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  Calcd for  $C_{40}H_{33}BN_2$  552.2731; Found 552.2740.

**E[4]H**  $^1H$  NMR (600 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  9.40 (s, 2H, *a*), 8.91 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H, *g*), 8.79 (s, 2H, *h*), 8.04 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H, *b*), 7.96 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.4$  Hz, 2H, *d*), 7.77-7.67 (m, 6H, *f, e, c*), 7.21 (s, 2H, *i*), 4.20 (s, 6H, *Me*), 1.58 (s, 9H, *tBu*).  $^{13}C$  NMR (151 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  158.27, 147.45, 146.75, 136.85, 133.66, 133.32, 130.55, 129.25, 128.16, 127.83, 126.78, 126.43, 124.89, 123.58, 107.35, 102.02, 37.62, 36.76, 31.99. HRMS (MALDI-TOF)  $m/z$  Calcd for  $C_{40}H_{33}BN_2$  552.2731; Found 552.2751.

Synthesis of 2-bromo-5-(*tert*-butyl)- $N^1,N^3$ -dimethyl- $N^1,N^3$ -bis(2-methylphenanthren-3-yl)benzene-1,3-diamine (**9b**) and attempts towards 11-(*tert*-butyl)-8,9,13,14-tetramethyl-9,13-dihydro-9,13-diaza-21d-borabenz[*a*]benzo[5,6]phenanthro[2,3,4-*no*]tetraphene (**BN-[8]H-Me**):



Compound **9b** (440 mg, 0.68 mmol, 63% yield, white solid) was prepared by **GPA** using compound **1** (500 mg, 1.08 mmol).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.64 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 8.33 (s, 2H), 7.89 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 1.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.69-7.56 (m, 8H), 6.68 (s, 2H), 3.46 (s, 6H), 2.07 (s, 6H), 0.97 (s, 9H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (151 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  152.39, 151.28, 148.54, 132.26, 132.23, 131.12, 130.11, 129.52, 128.83, 128.16, 126.47, 126.28, 125.14, 122.60, 119.23, 117.42, 111.87, 41.96, 34.85, 31.13, 19.51. HRMS (ESI)  $m/z$   $[M+H]^+$   $C_{42}H_{40}BrN_2^+$  651.2369; Found 651.2345.

Although we tried to modified **GPB** (adjusted the amount of different reagents, reaction temperature, or time) and applied several other borylation conditions to synthesize **BN-[8]H-Me**, no desired product was obtained.

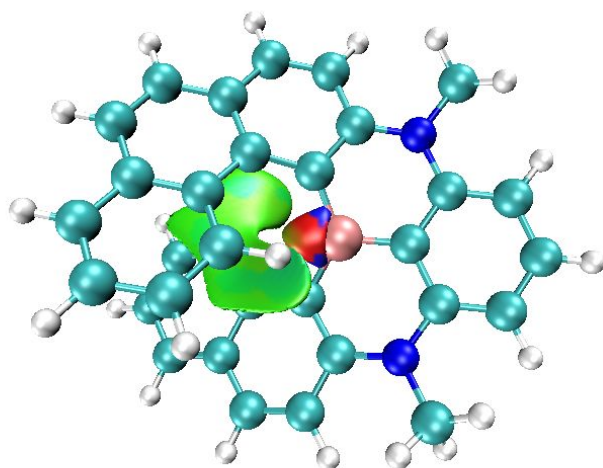
Other borylation procedures:

(a). A solution of *n*-butyllithium in pentane (1.6 M, 2.0 equiv.) was added slowly to a solution of **9b** (1.0 equiv.) in *o*-xylene or *tert*-butylbenzene (0.1 M) at room temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring at 50 °C for 30 minutes, the mixture was cooled with ice/water bath (0 °C) and boron tribromide (3.0 equiv.) was slowly injected via a micro syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. Pempidine (6.0 equiv.) was added at 0 °C and then the reaction mixture was moved to a 130 °C oil bath and stirred for 12 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and saturated  $NH_4Cl$  solution was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous solution was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous  $Na_2SO_4$ , filtered, and

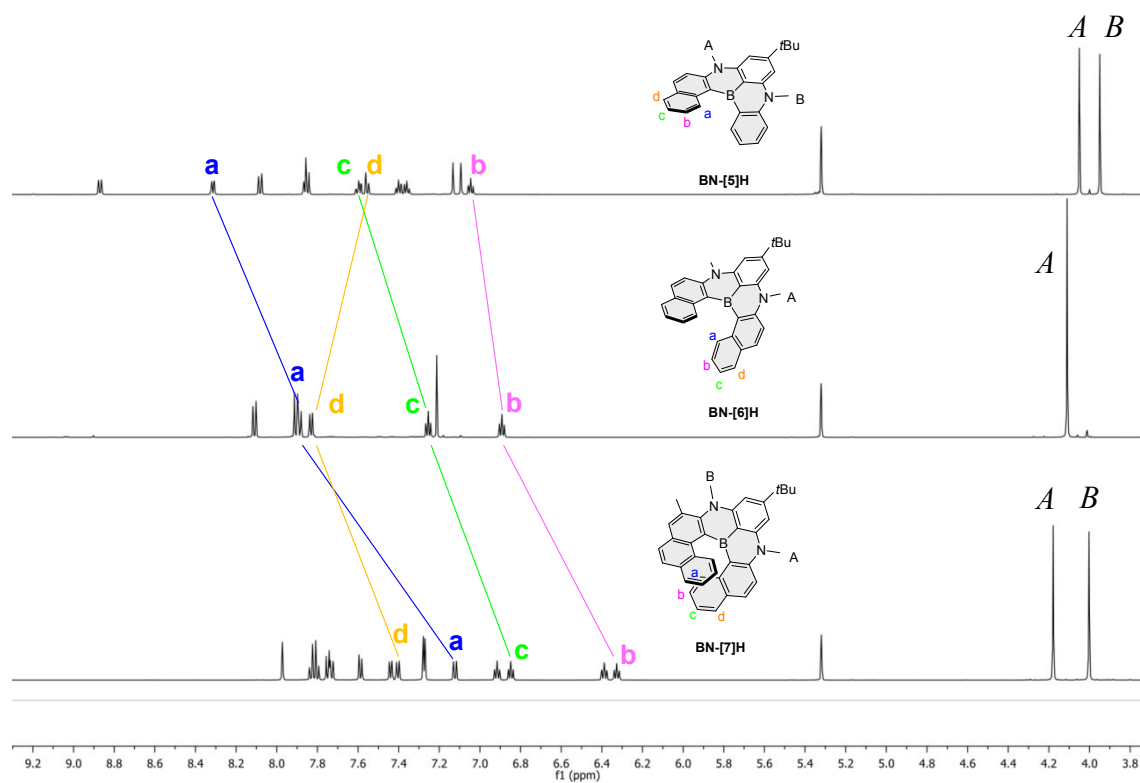


concentrated in vacuo. Passed through a pad of celite. The residue was analyzed by GPC and MS (MALDI-TOF).

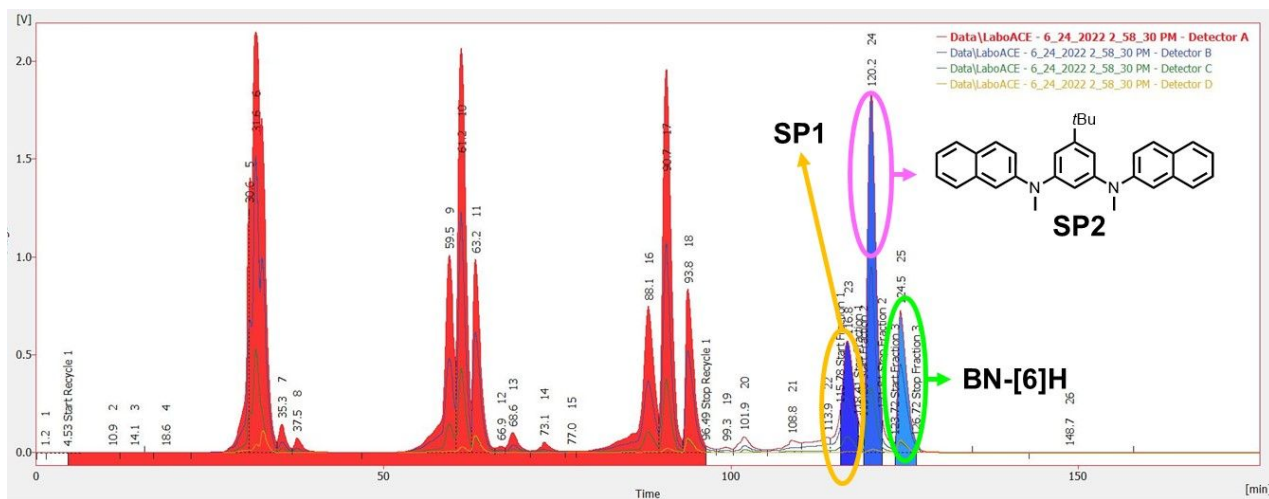
(b). A solution of *n*-butyllithium in pentane (1.6 M, 2.0 equiv.) was added slowly to a solution of **9b** (1.0 equiv.) in 1,2-dichlorobenzene (0.1 M) at room temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere. After stirring at rt for 12 hours, the mixture was cooled with ice/water bath (0 °C) and boron tribromide (3.0 equiv.) was slowly injected via a micro syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. Pempidine or Hunig's base (6.0 equiv.) was added at 0 °C and then the reaction mixture was moved to a 180 °C oil bath and stirred for 12 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution was added to quench the reaction. The aqueous solution was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Passed through a pad of celite. The residue was analyzed by GPC and MS (MALDI-TOF).



**Figure S1** The independent gradient model analysis based on Hirshfeld partition (IGMH) isosurface (green color) of  $\delta g^{\text{inter}}$  (isovalue=0.005) for **BN-[7]H**. Isosurface color code: red—repulsions, green—van der Waals interactions, blue—strong attraction.



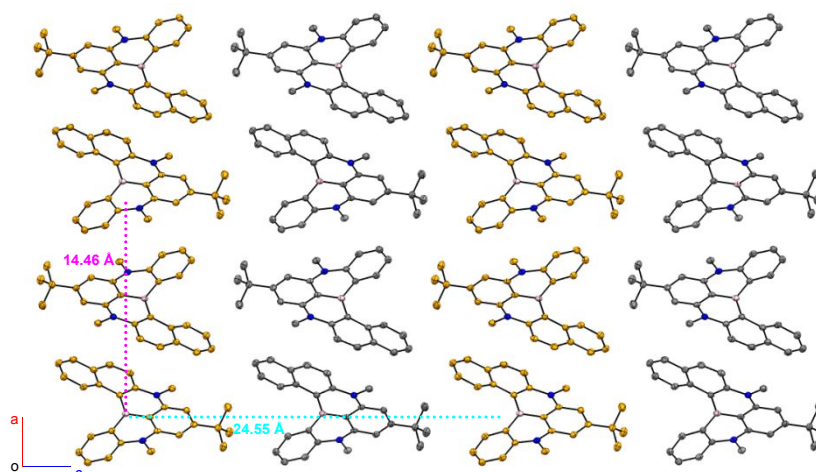
**Figure S2**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **BN-[n]H** (top:  $n=5$ ; middle:  $n=6$ ; bottom:  $n=7$ ) in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 298 K (600 MHz).



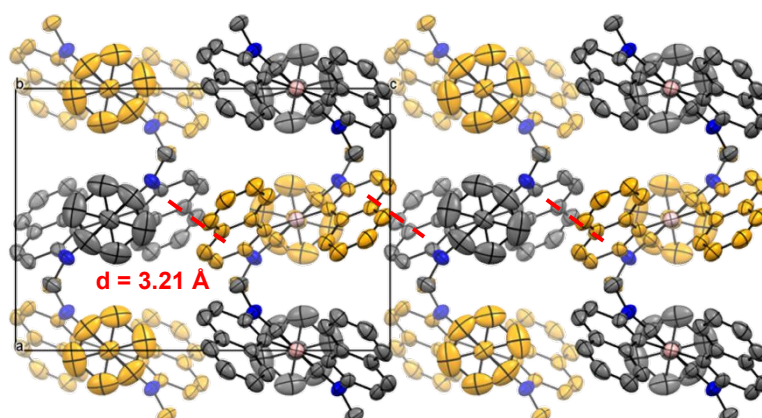
**Figure S3** Recycling-GPC trace of the borylative reaction affording **BN-[6]H**.

### 3. X-ray crystallography

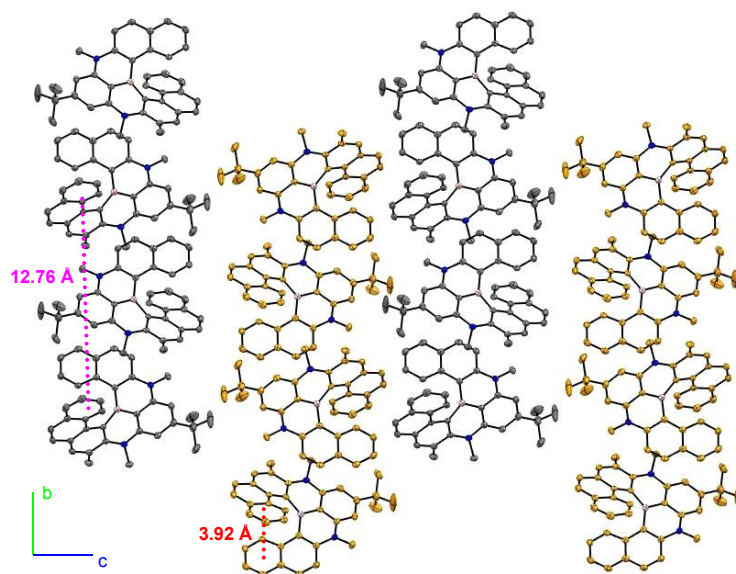
Single crystals of **BN-[5]H**, **BN-[6]H**, **BN-[7]H**, **E[6]H**, and **E[4]H** were obtained by slow diffusion of methanol into toluene solutions. XtaLAB Synergy, Dualflex, HyPix diffractometer; Bruker APEX-II CCD diffractometer; and XtaLAB AFC12 (RINC): Kappa single diffractometer were used for crystal screening, unit cell determination, and data collection for the X-ray crystal structure of **BN-[5]H**; **BN-[6]H**; **BN-[7]H**, **E[6]H**, and **E[4]H**, respectively. The X-ray crystallographic coordinates for structures reported in this article have been deposited at Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC), under deposition number, CCDC 2235573 for **BN-[5]H**, CCDC 2235575 for **BN-[6]H**, CCDC 2235579 for **BN-[7]H**, CCDC 2239651 for **E[6]H**, CCDC 2239653 for **E[4]H**. These data can be obtained free of charge from CCDC via <https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures/>.



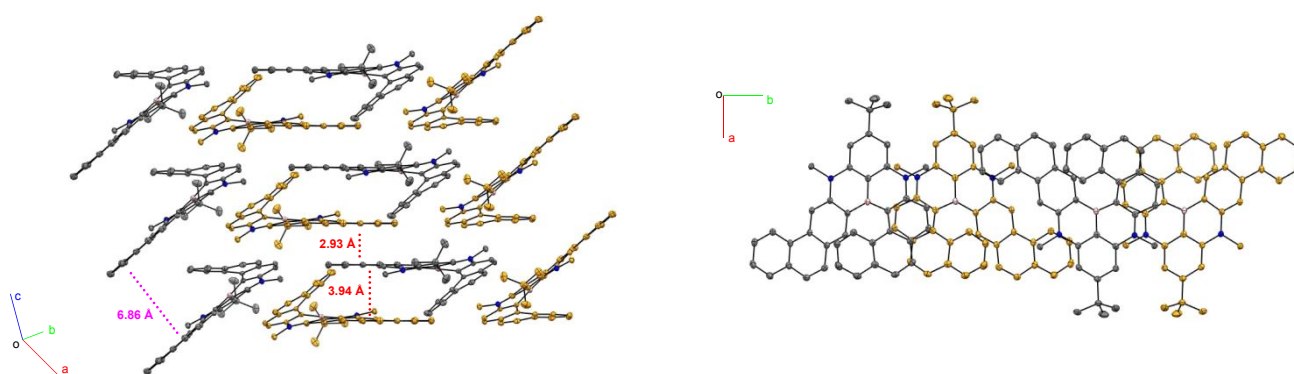
**Figure S4** Molecular packing of **BN-[5]H**. All the hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



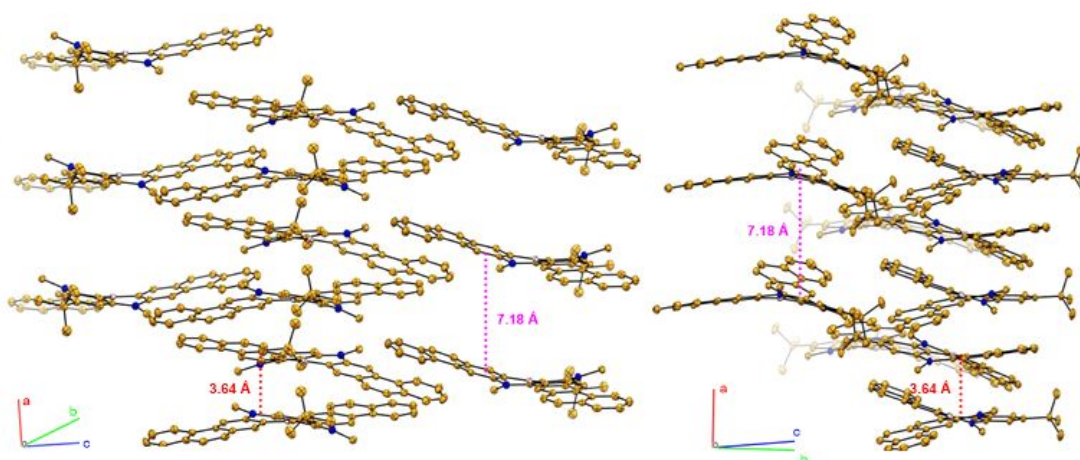
**Figure S5** Molecular packing of **BN-[6]H**. All the hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Disorder of *tert*-butyl groups was observed.



**Figure S6** Molecular packing of **BN-[7]H**. All the hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S7** Molecular packing of **E[6]H**. All the hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S8** Molecular packing of **E[4]H**. All the hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

**Table S1.** Crystallographic data and details of the structural refinements of **BN-[5]H**.

Compound name	<b>BN-[5]H</b>
CCDC number	2235573
Empirical formula	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>27</sub> BN <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	406.23
Temperature/K	100.00(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	14.4557(3)
<i>b</i> /Å	6.00320(10)
<i>c</i> /Å	24.5572(5)
$\alpha$ /°	90
$\beta$ /°	90.757(2)
$\gamma$ /°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	2130.90(7)
<i>Z</i>	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$ /g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.266
$\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.560
F(000)	865.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.1 × 0.04 × 0.04
Radiation	CuK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 1.54184)
2 $\Theta$ range for data collection/°	6.114 to 143.358
Index ranges	-17 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 17, -2 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 7, -30 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 29
Reflections collected	12832
Independent reflections	3950 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0383, <i>R</i> <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0409]
Data/restraints/parameters	3950/0/285
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.053
Final <i>R</i> indexes [ <i>I</i> ≥ 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0428, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1105
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0510, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1167
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.36/-0.22

**Table S2.** Crystallographic data and details of the structural refinements of **BN-[6]H**.

Compound name	<b>BN-[6]H</b>
CCDC number	2235575
Empirical formula	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>29</sub> BN <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	452.38
Temperature/K	301.00
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	<i>Pbcn</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	10.9917(4)
<i>b</i> /Å	14.1697(5)
<i>c</i> /Å	15.7360(6)
$\alpha$ /°	90
$\beta$ /°	90
$\gamma$ /°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	2450.87(16)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$ /g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.226
$\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.070
F(000)	960.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.4 × 0.1 × 0.1
Radiation	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)
2 $\Theta$ range for data collection/°	4.69 to 56.576
Index ranges	-14 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 14, -18 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 18, -20 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 20
Reflections collected	22940
Independent reflections	3048 [ $R_{\text{int}}$ = 0.0531, $R_{\text{sigma}}$ = 0.0282]
Data/restraints/parameters	3048/10/178
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.055
Final R indexes [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R_1$ = 0.0463, $wR_2$ = 0.1201
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1$ = 0.0730, $wR_2$ = 0.1444
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.15/-0.18

**Table S3.** Crystallographic data and details of the structural refinements of **BN-[7]H**.

Compound name	<b>BN-[7]H</b>
CCDC number	2235579
Empirical formula	$C_{37}H_{33}BN_2$
Formula weight	516.46
Temperature/K	99.98(11)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/n$
$a/\text{\AA}$	7.97733(6)
$b/\text{\AA}$	14.84806(11)
$c/\text{\AA}$	23.76860(16)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90
$\beta/^\circ$	92.2615(7)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90
Volume/ $\text{\AA}^3$	2813.15(3)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g/cm}^3$	1.219
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	0.531
F(000)	1096.0
Crystal size/ $\text{mm}^3$	$0.02 \times 0.014 \times 0.01$
Radiation	Cu $K\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	9.536 to 155.338
Index ranges	$-10 \leq h \leq 7, -16 \leq k \leq 18, -30 \leq l \leq 27$
Reflections collected	14611
Independent reflections	5722 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0167, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0179$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	5722/1032/367
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.037
Final R indexes [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R_1 = 0.0428, wR_2 = 0.1080$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0448, wR_2 = 0.1093$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{\AA}^{-3}$	0.27/-0.32

**Table S4.** Crystallographic data and details of the structural refinements of **E[6]H**.

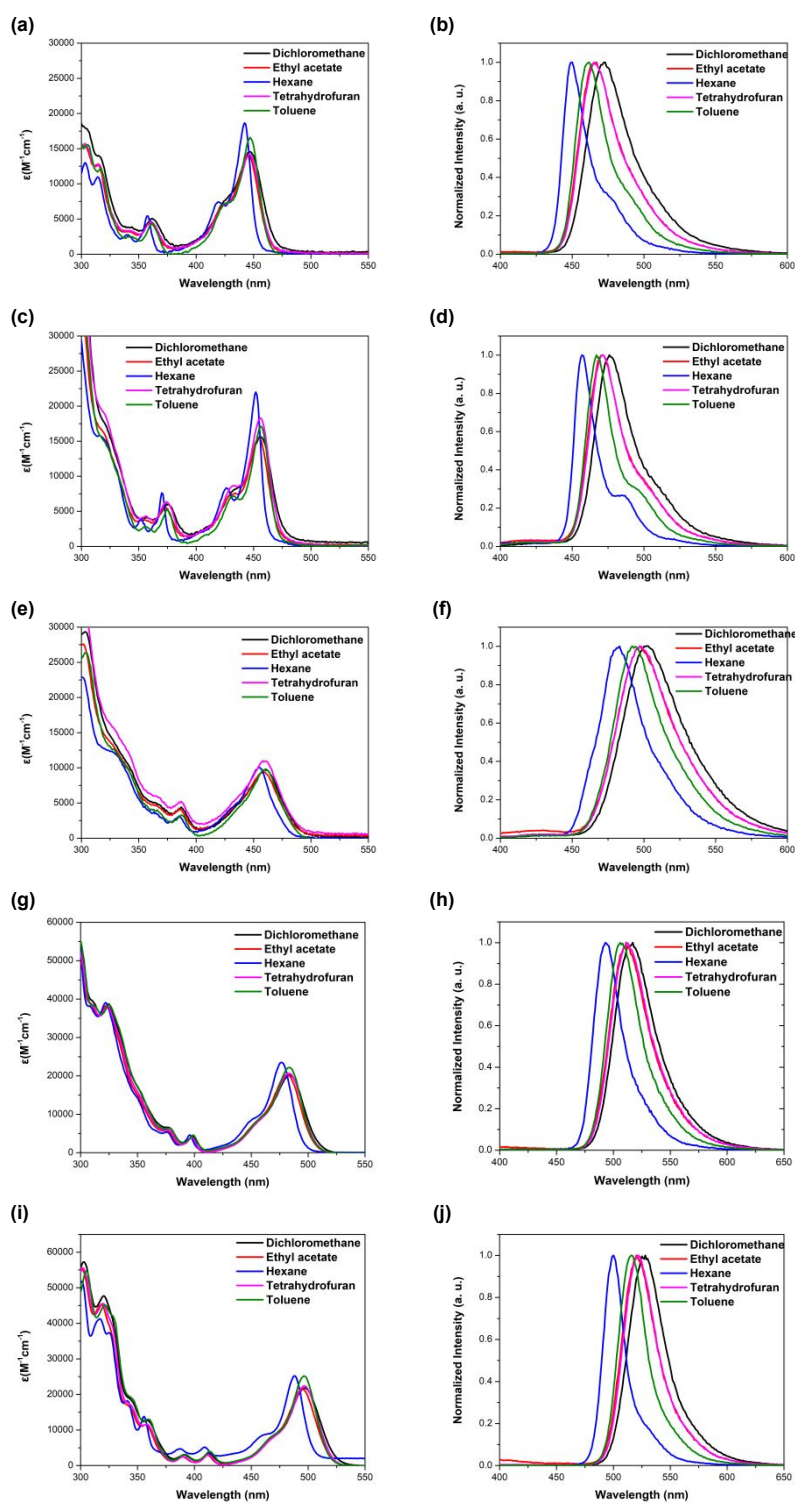
Compound name	<b>E[6]H</b>
CCDC number	2239651
Empirical formula	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>33</sub> BN <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	552.49
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	13.6942(2)
<i>b</i> /Å	28.8541(4)
<i>c</i> /Å	7.36970(10)
$\alpha$ /°	90
$\beta$ /°	91.5540(10)
$\gamma$ /°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	2910.95(7)
<i>Z</i>	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$ /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.261
$\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.550
F(000)	1168.0
Radiation	Cu K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 1.54178)
2 $\Theta$ range for data collection/°	6.126 to 155.298
Index ranges	-17 $\leq$ <i>h</i> $\leq$ 16, -36 $\leq$ <i>k</i> $\leq$ 36, -8 $\leq$ <i>l</i> $\leq$ 9
Reflections collected	17874
Independent reflections	5947 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0360, <i>R</i> <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0463]
Data/restraints/parameters	5947/0/393
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.652
Final <i>R</i> indexes [ <i>I</i> $\geq$ 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0561, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1800
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0723, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1924
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.31/-0.21



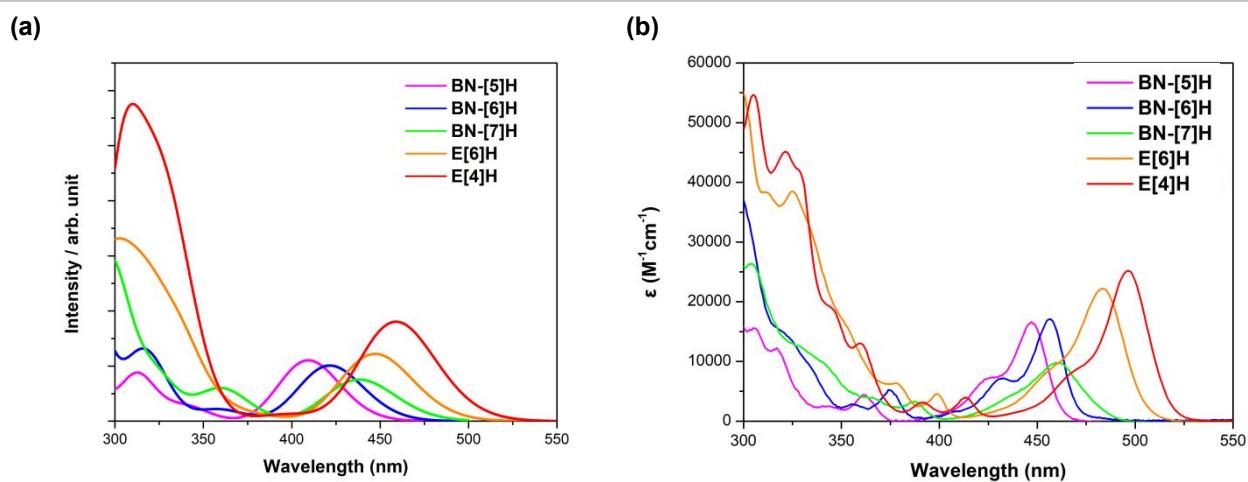
**Table S5.** Crystallographic data and details of the structural refinements of **E[4]H**.

Compound name	<b>E[4]H</b>
CCDC number	2239653
Empirical formula	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>33</sub> BN <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	552.49
Temperature/K	293(2)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
<i>a</i> /Å	7.18200(10)
<i>b</i> /Å	15.6780(2)
<i>c</i> /Å	25.7919(3)
$\alpha$ /°	90
$\beta$ /°	90
$\gamma$ /°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	2904.15(6)
<i>Z</i>	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$ /g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.264
$\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.552
F(000)	1168.0
Radiation	Cu K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 1.54178)
2 $\Theta$ range for data collection/°	6.598 to 155.356
Index ranges	-9 $\leq$ <i>h</i> $\leq$ 8, -17 $\leq$ <i>k</i> $\leq$ 19, -32 $\leq$ <i>l</i> $\leq$ 31
Reflections collected	14229
Independent reflections	5507 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0680, <i>R</i> <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0858]
Data/restraints/parameters	5507/0/393
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.796
Final <i>R</i> indexes [ <i>I</i> $\geq$ 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0504, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1378
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0757, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1426
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.24/-0.29
Flack parameter	0.9(4)

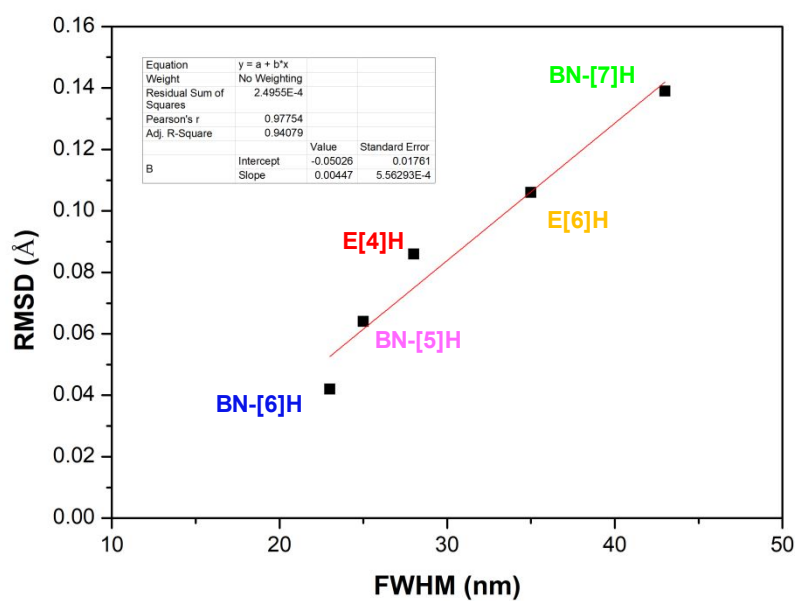
## 4. Optical and electrochemical properties



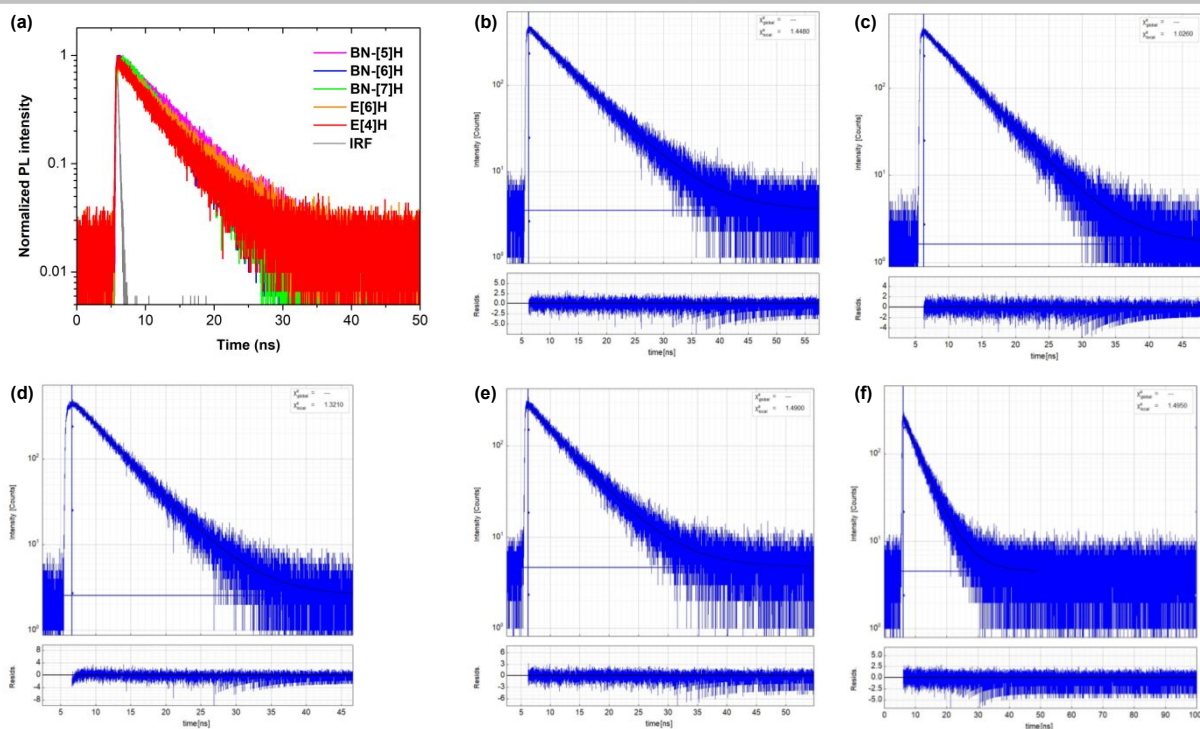
**Figure S9** UV-Vis absorption (left) and normalized fluorescence emission (right) spectra of **BN-[5]H** (a and b), **BN-[6]H** (c and d), **BN-[7]H** (e and f), **E[6]H** (g and h), and **E[4]H** (i and j) in different solutions ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M).



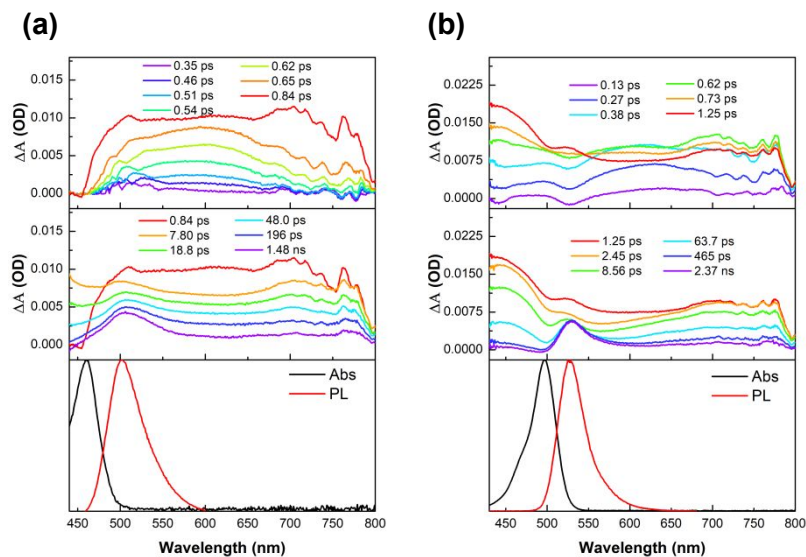
**Figure S10** (a) Calculated UV-Vis spectra of NBN-doped helicenes at the PBE0/6-311G(d) level. (b) Measured UV-Vis spectra of NBN-doped helicenes in toluene.



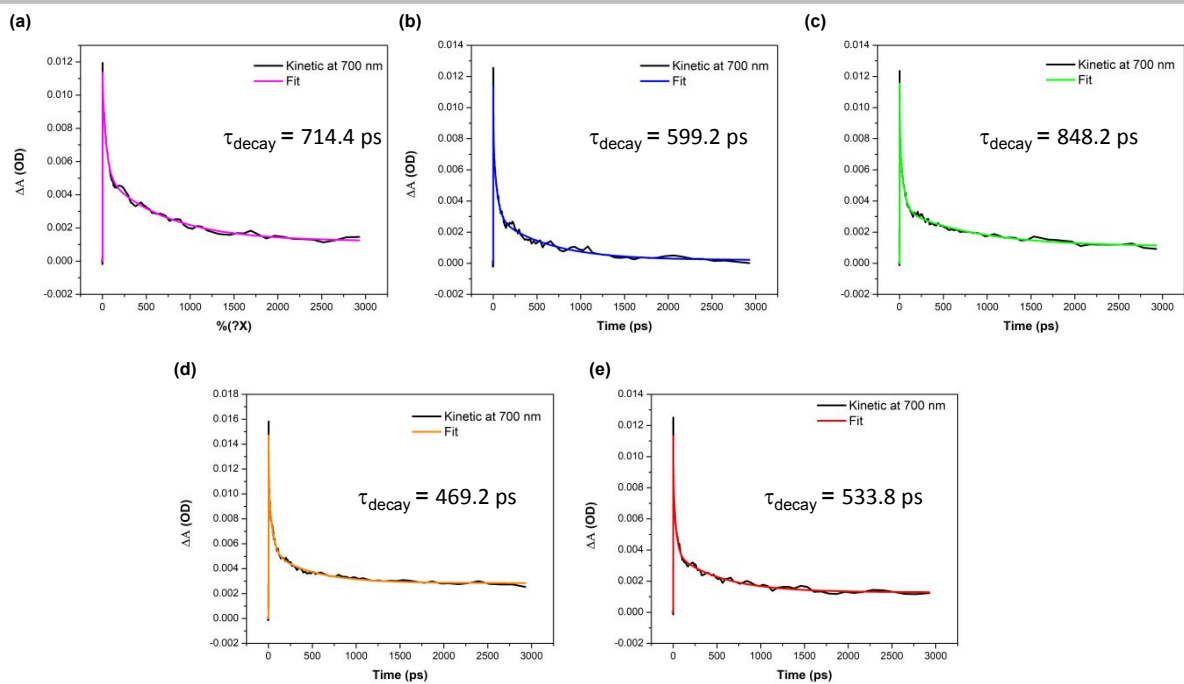
**Figure S11** The correlation between full-width at half-maximum (FWHM) and root-mean-square deviation of atomic positions (RMSD) between the ground states ( $S_0$ ) and the lowest singlet states ( $S_1$ ) calculated at the (TD)B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.



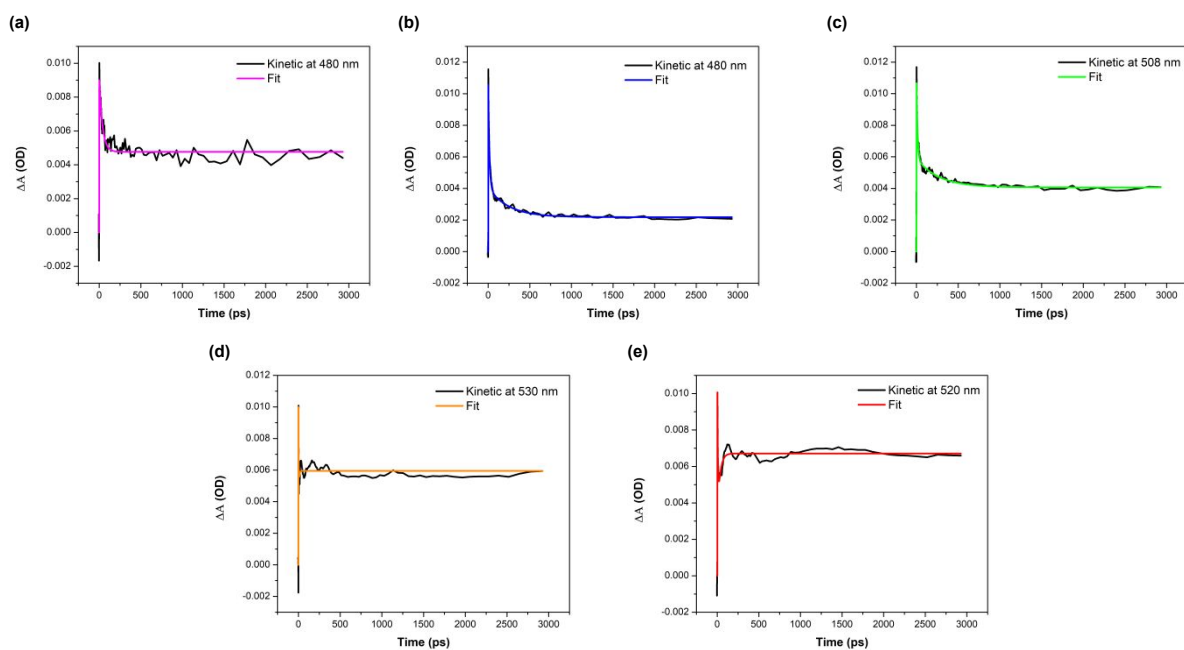
**Figure S12** Time-resolved photoluminescence (TRPL) decays of (a) NBN-doped helicenes and IRF, (b) BN-[5]H, (c) BN-[6]H, (d) BN-[7]H, (e) E[6]H, and (f) E[4]H.



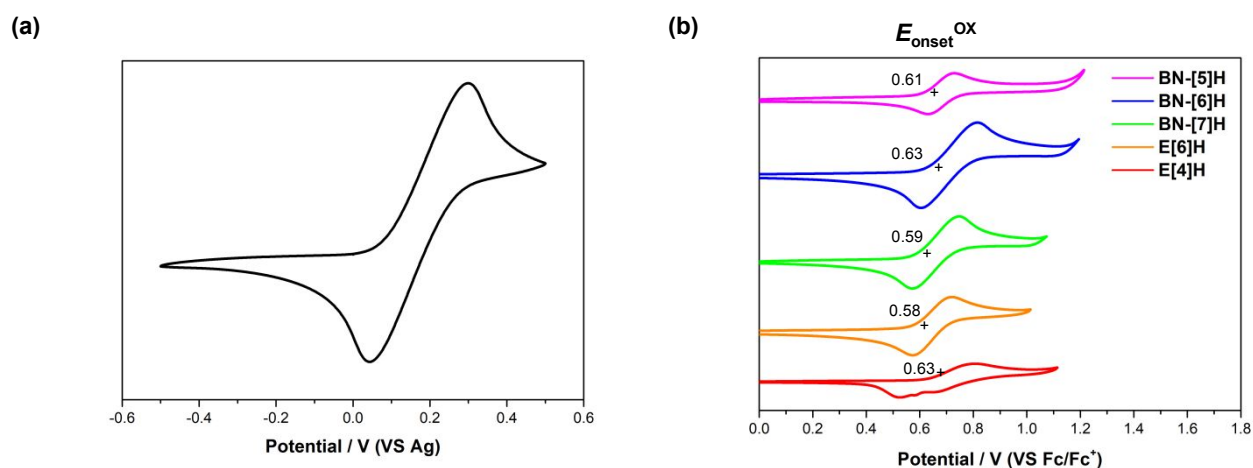
**Figure S13** Femtosecond transient absorption spectra (top for early spectral conversion and middle for the late-time process) and steady-state absorption/emission spectra (bottom) in dichloromethane of (a) BN-[7]H and (b) E[4]H.



**Figure S14** Kinetic profiles at 700 nm of fs-TA spectra of (a) **BN-[5]H**, (b) **BN-[6]H**, (c) **BN-[7]H**, (d) **E[6]H**, and (e) **E[4]H**.

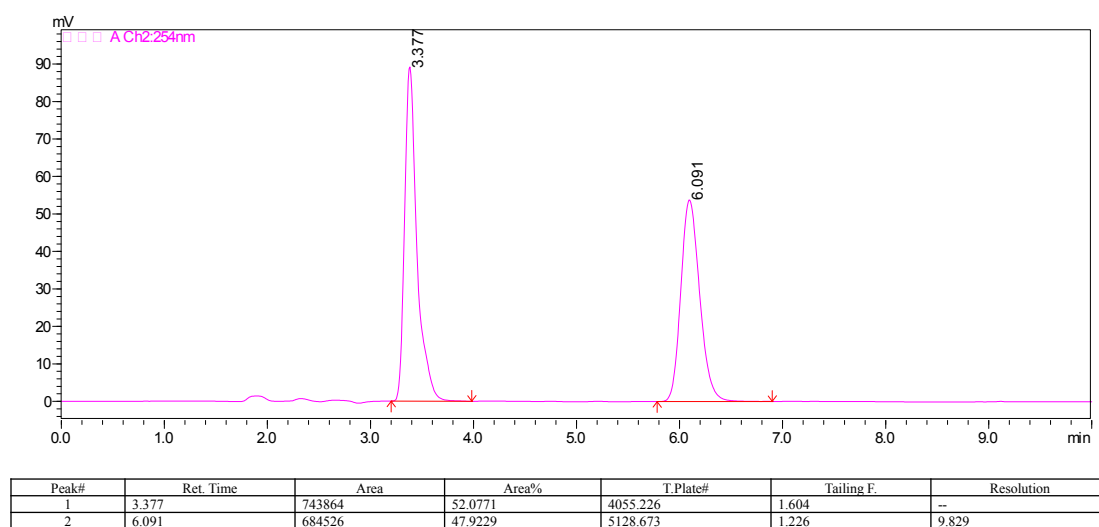


**Figure S15** Kinetic profiles at selected wavelengths of fs-TA spectra of (a) **BN-[5]H**, (b) **BN-[6]H**, (c) **BN-[7]H**, and (d) **E[6]H**. Although the decay times were not obtained by multiexponential decay fitting, owing to the time limit of up to 3 ns, the decay times are longer than their corresponding decay times at 700 nm.

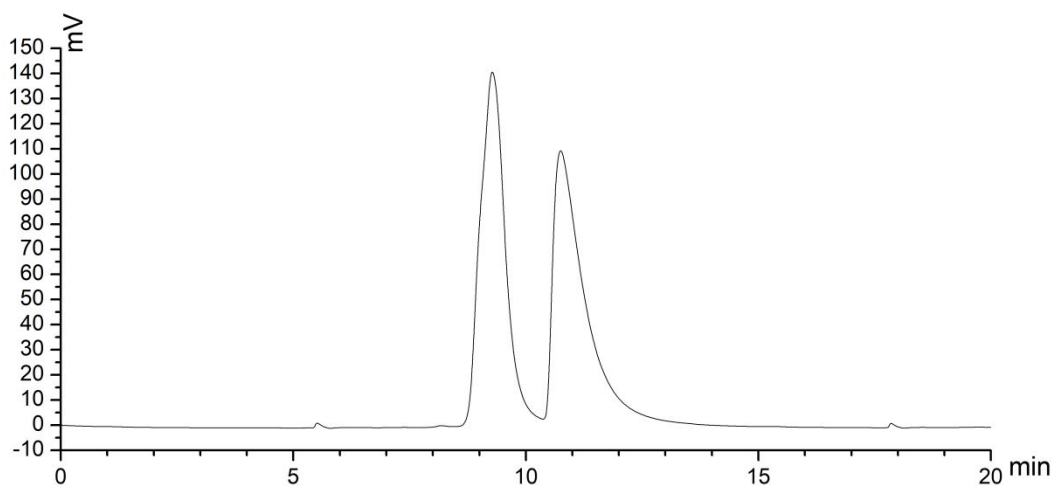


**Figure S16** Cyclic voltammetry curves of decamethylferrocene (a) and NBN-doped helicenes in degassed dichloromethane solution containing  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$  (0.1 M) in a three-electrode cell with a scan rate of 100 mV/s at room temperature.

## 5. Chiral resolution and chiroptical properties

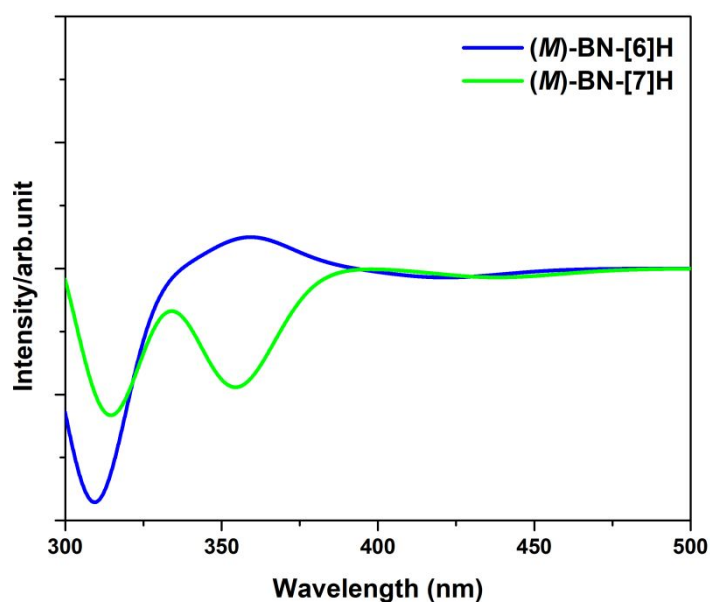


**Figure S17** Resolution of **BN-[6]H** by chiral HPLC monitored at 254 nm was performed with a CHIRALPAK IBN column (0.10 cm I.D.×25 cm L). Injection volume was 1  $\mu\text{L}$ , and a mixture of *n*-hexane/EtOH = 80/20 (V/V) was used as the eluent with a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min at 25 °C. Comparing the experimental and simulated ECD spectra, the first peak with retention time of 3.377 min is (*M*)-**BN-[6]H**, and the second peak with retention time of 6.091 min is (*P*)-**BN-[6]H**.



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Area%	Height	T.Plate#	Tailing
1	9.278	5370076	50.5980	141445	1487	1.272
2	10.748	5500077	49.4020	110104	1372	3.220

**Figure S18** Resolution of **BN-[7]H** by chiral HPLC monitored at 254 nm was performed with a CHIRALPAK IC column (1.0 cm I.D.×15 cm L). Injection volume was 40  $\mu$ L, and a mixture of *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 75/25 (V/V) was used as the eluent with a flow rate of 3.0 mL/min at 25 °C. Comparing the experimental and simulated ECD spectra, the first peak with retention time of 9.278 min is (*P*)-**BN-[7]H**, and the second peak with retention time of 10.748 min is (*M*)-**BN-[7]H**.



**Figure S19** Calculated ECD spectra for model (*M*)-**BN-[6]H** and (*M*)-**BN-[7]H** at the PBE0/6-311G(d) level.



## CPL spectra

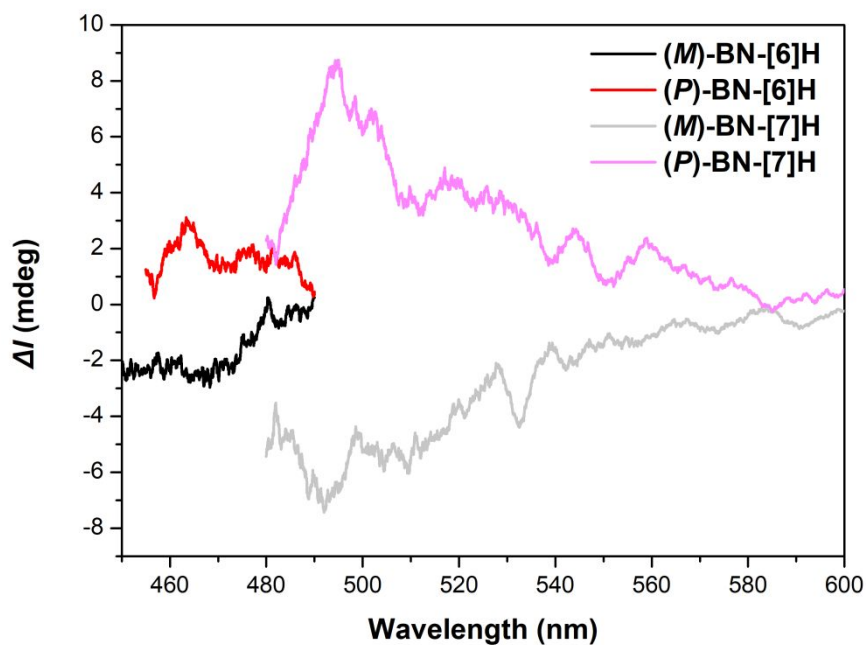


Figure S20 CPL spectra of BN-[6]H and BN-[7]H in toluene ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M).

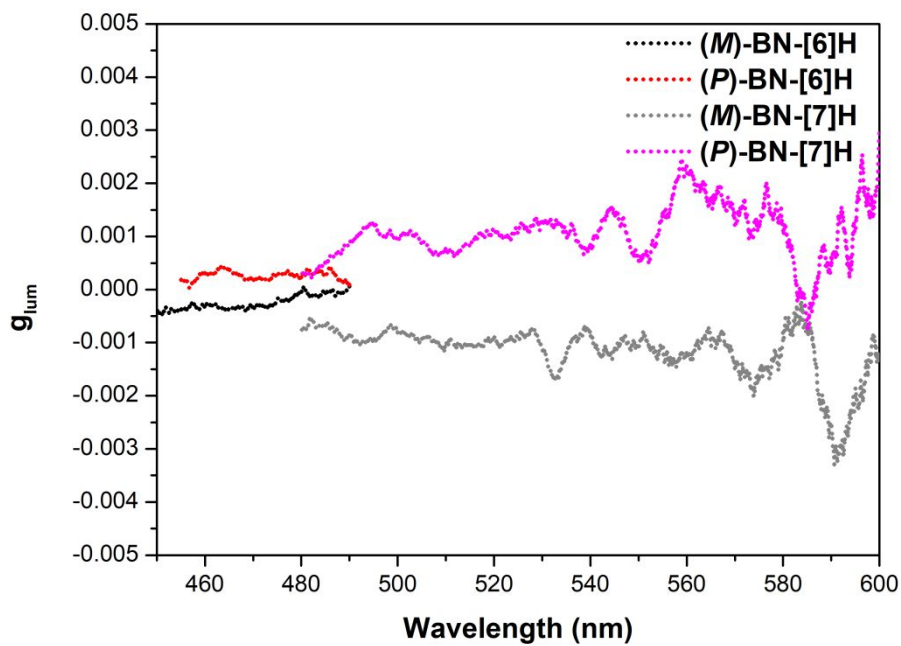
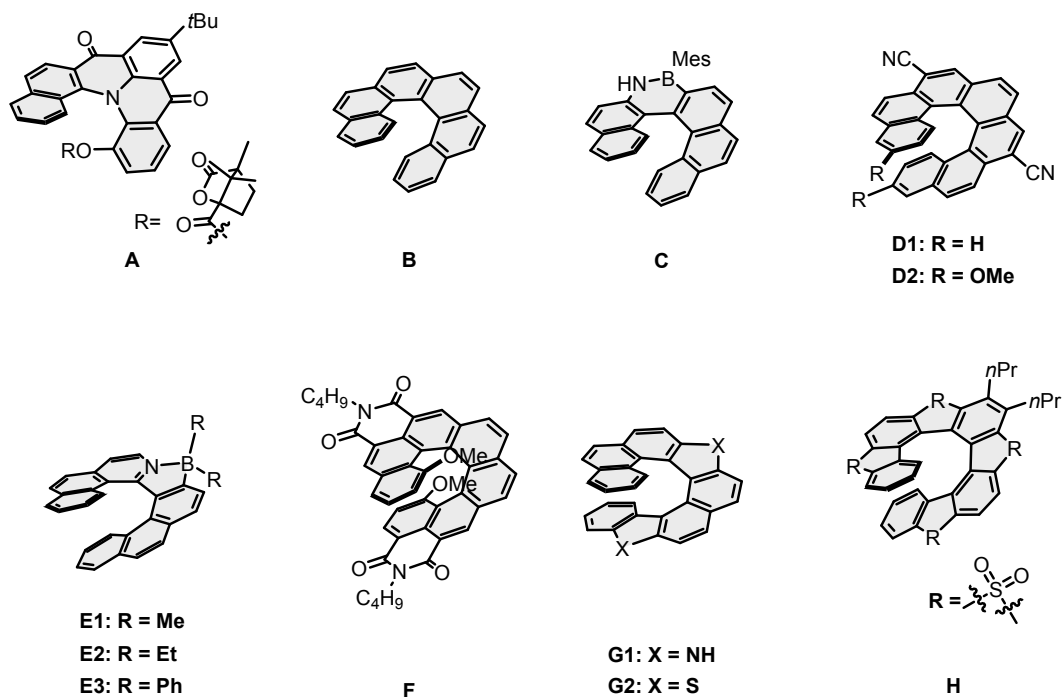


Figure S21 Luminescence dissymmetry factors of BN-[6]H and BN-[7]H in toluene ( $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M),  $g_{lum(\text{BN-[6]H})} = 0.4 \times 10^{-3}$  and  $g_{lum(\text{BN-[7]H})} = 1.0 \times 10^{-3}$ .



**Table S6.** The  $|g_{\text{abs}}|_{\text{max}}$  values of single-stranded helical molecules.



Compound	$ g_{\text{abs}} _{\text{max}}$	$\lambda/\text{nm}$	Solvent	Reference	Year
<b>A</b>	0.001	442	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	S4	2003
<b>B</b>	0.009	324	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	S5	2018
<b>C</b>	0.005	308	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	S6	2022
<b>D1</b>	0.016	421	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	S7	2021
<b>D2</b>	0.016	418	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	S7	2021
<b>E1</b>	0.0112	323	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	S8	2021
<b>E2</b>	0.0091	324	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	S8	2021
<b>E3</b>	0.0076	325	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	S8	2021
<b>F</b>	0.011	410	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	S9	2020
<b>G1</b>	0.019	403	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	S10	2021
<b>G2</b>	0.017	404	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	S10	2021
<b>H</b>	0.005	300	THF	S11	2016
<b>BN-[6]H</b>	<b>0.021</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>Toluene</b>	<b>This work</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>BN-[7]H</b>	<b>0.018</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>Toluene</b>	<b>This work</b>	<b>2023</b>

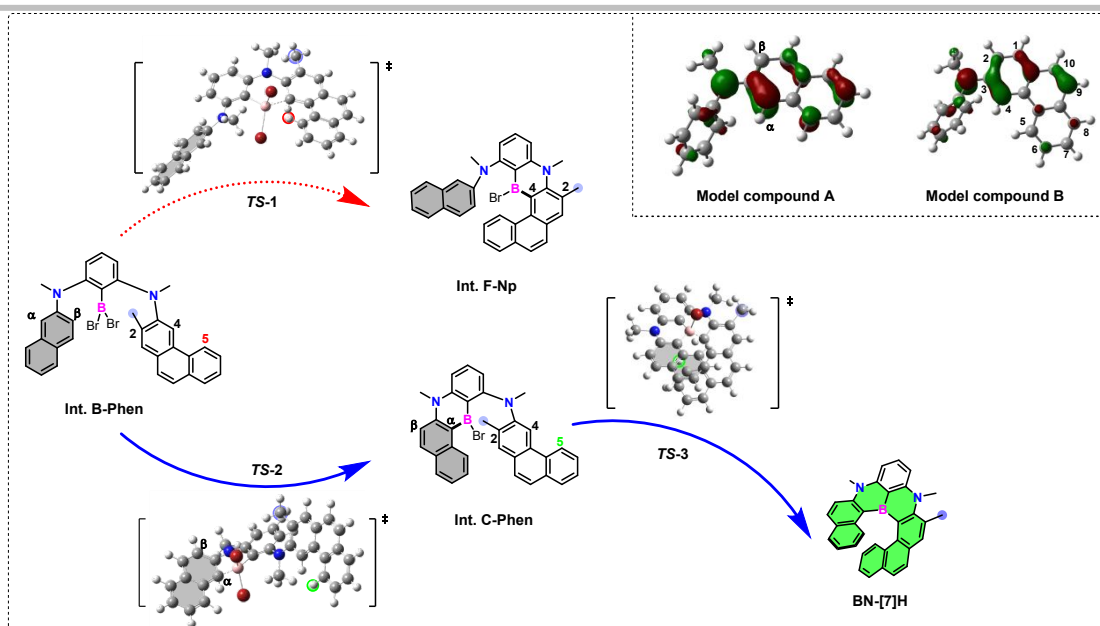


Figure S22 Simplified transition states (TS) analysis of C-H borylation steps in the case of BN-[7]H.

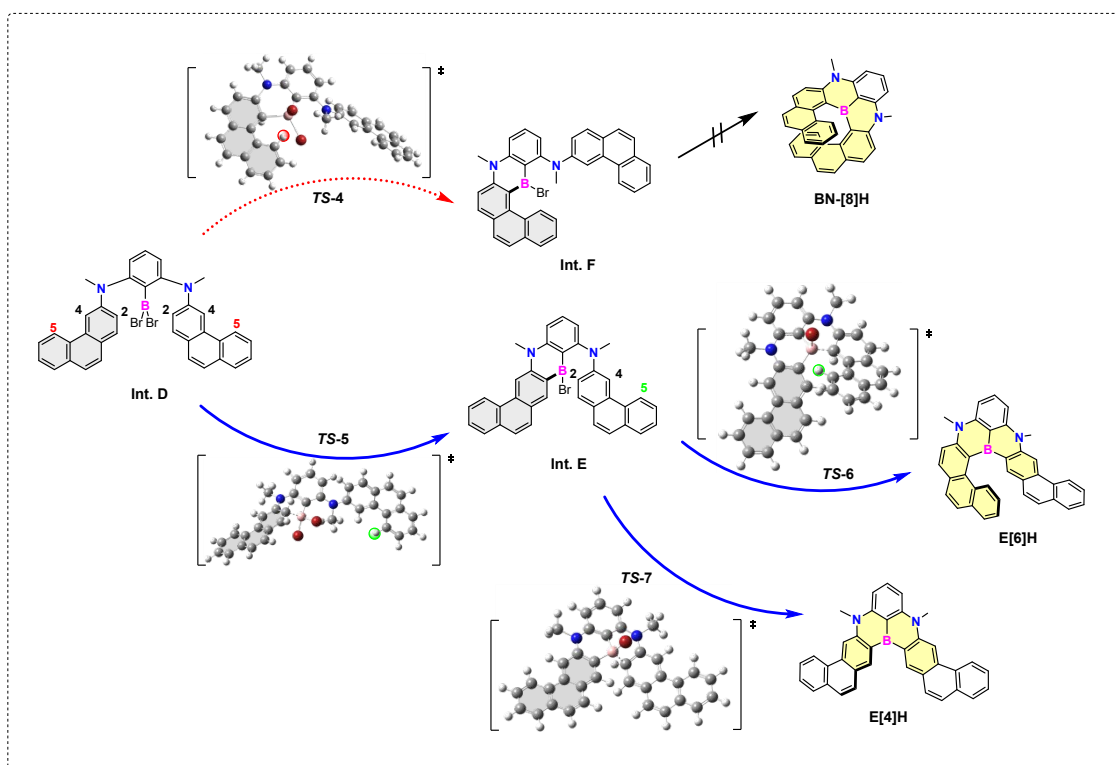


Figure S23 Simplified transition states (TS) analysis of C-H borylation steps in the case of BN-[8]H.

## 6. Theoretical calculations

The density functional theory (DFT) calculations were performed with the Gaussian 16 quantum chemistry package<sup>[S12]</sup> employing the PBE0<sup>[S13]</sup> or B3LYP<sup>[S14]</sup> hybrid functional. The *tert*-butyl groups and the additional methyl group of C ring in **BN-[7]H** were reduced to hydrogen atoms for simplicity. Structures were optimized with the 6-311G(d)<sup>[S15]</sup> or Def2-TZVP<sup>[S16]</sup> basic set. The time-dependent density functional theory (TD-DFT) calculation<sup>[S17]</sup> was conducted after the geometry optimization and considered the solvent used during experiments (toluene) through the self-consistent reaction field (SCRf) method using the polarizable continuum model (PCM)<sup>[S18]</sup> with Grimme's D3BJ dispersion correction<sup>[S19]</sup>. The optimized structures and transition states (TS) were confirmed by harmonic frequency calculations. Nucleus independent chemical shifts (NICS) values were calculated using the standard gauge invariant atomic orbital (GIAO)<sup>[S20]</sup> method using B3LYP functional with the 6-311+G(d,p) basic set. The independent gradient model analysis based on Hirshfeld partition (IGMH) isosurfaces and calculated UV-Vis, ECD spectra were generated using Multiwfn software.<sup>[S21]</sup>

**Table S7.** Calculated photophysical properties data of **BN-[5]H**, **BN-[6]H**, **BN-[7]H**, **E[6]H**, and **E[4]H** at the PBE0/6-311G(d) level.

compd	Excited States	Wavelength [nm]	Oscillator Strength	Transitions
<b>BN-[5]H</b>	S <sub>1</sub>	409	0.246	H -> L 97.2%
	S <sub>2</sub>	341	0.057	H -> L+1 93.3%
	S <sub>3</sub>	323	0.012	H-1 -> L 91.4%
	S <sub>4</sub>	312	0.186	H-2 -> L 85.6%
				H -> L+2 6.3%
	S <sub>5</sub>	293	0.010	H -> L+3 77.4% H-3 -> L 8.7%
	S <sub>6</sub>	284	0.061	H-1 -> L+1 58.6%, H -> L+2 18.6%, H -> L+3 6.6%, H-2 -> L+1 5.4%
	S <sub>7</sub>	280	0.440	H -> L+2 56.7%, H-1 -> L+1 23.7%, H-2 -> L 6.9%
	S <sub>8</sub>	273	0.090	H-3 -> L 37.4%, H-2 -> L+1 28.6%, H -> L+3 7.8%, H-1 -> L+1 7.3%, H -> L+4 6.8%
S <sub>9</sub>	265	0.288	H-3 -> L 37.3%, H-2 -> L+1 31.2%, H-1 -> L+3 7.8%, H -> L+2 7.3%, H-4 -> L 7.0%	
<b>BN-[6]H</b>	S <sub>1</sub>	422	0.225	H -> L 97.7%

	S <sub>2</sub>	359	0.047	H -> L+1 96.3%
	S <sub>3</sub>	330	0.012	H-1 -> L 92.0%
	S <sub>4</sub>	323	0.008	H -> L+2 76.5% H-3 -> L 19.2%
	S <sub>5</sub>	321	0.154	H-2 -> L 81.2% H -> L+3 10.3%
	S <sub>6</sub>	311	0.154	H-3 -> L 77.3% H -> L+2 20.1%
	S <sub>7</sub>	302	0.011	H-1 -> L+1 70.0% H-2 -> L+1 21.1%
	S <sub>8</sub>	287	0.373	H -> L+3 72.1%, H-2 -> L 11.0%, H-3 -> L+1 10.2%
	S <sub>9</sub>	287	0.129	H-2 -> L+1 62.9% H-1 -> L+1 25.4%
<b>BN-[7]H</b>	S <sub>1</sub>	438	0.168	H -> L 97.1%
	S <sub>2</sub>	366	0.067	H -> L+1 90.1%
	S <sub>3</sub>	362	0.006	H-1 -> L 73.8% H -> L+2 14.8%
	S <sub>4</sub>	355	0.071	H -> L+2 79.3% H-1 -> L 15.0%
	S <sub>5</sub>	326	0.098	H-2 -> L 83.9% H -> L+3 8.1%
	S <sub>6</sub>	325	0.022	H-3 -> L 42.6% H-1 -> L+1 42.5%
	S <sub>7</sub>	317	0.085	H-1 -> L+1 45.7% H-3 -> L 39.9%
	S <sub>8</sub>	305	0.078	H -> L+3 55.8%, H-1 -> L+2 29.1%, H-3 -> L 7.0%
	S <sub>9</sub>	299	0.424	H-1 -> L+2 48.2%, H -> L+3 19.7%, H-2 -> L 8.5%, H-2 -> L+1 7.2%, H-3 -> L+1 6.0%
<b>E[6]H</b>	S <sub>1</sub>	447	0.272	H -> L 97.1%
	S <sub>2</sub>	379	0.020	H-1 -> L 93.2%
	S <sub>3</sub>	358	0.043	H -> L+1 87.3%
	S <sub>4</sub>	348	0.007	H -> L+2 71.5%, H-2 -> L 19.7%
	S <sub>5</sub>	340	0.113	H-2 -> L 73.7%, H -> L+2 16.4%
	S <sub>6</sub>	336	0.150	H -> L+3 71.5%, H-3 -> L 20.0%

<b>E[4]H</b>	S <sub>7</sub>	326	0.107	H-1 -> L+1 32.4%, H-3 -> L 26.2%, H-4 -> L 10.1%, H -> L+3 7.7%, H -> L+1 5.7%, H-2 -> L+1 5.5%
	S <sub>8</sub>	318	0.286	H-3 -> L 27.8%, H-1 -> L+2 22.8%, H-4 -> L 16.2%, H -> L+3 11.7%
	S <sub>9</sub>	313	0.114	H-4 -> L 42.4%, H-1 -> L+1 41.1%, H-3 -> L 9.7%
	S <sub>1</sub>	459	0.402	H -> L 97.9%
	S <sub>2</sub>	397	0.028	H-1 -> L 95.2%
	S <sub>3</sub>	345	0.116	H -> L+1 73.9%, H-2 -> L 10.0%, H-1 -> L+2 8.9%
	S <sub>4</sub>	344	0.042	H -> L+3 36.1%, H -> L+2 32.8%, H-3 -> L 15.0%, H-1 -> L+1 10.7%
	S <sub>5</sub>	335	0.121	H -> L+3 53.1%, H -> L+2 36.1%, H-3 -> L 5.5%
	S <sub>6</sub>	331	0.420	H-2 -> L 81.0%
	S <sub>7</sub>	321	0.261	H-4 -> L 53.7%, H -> L+1 13.3%, H-1 -> L+3 12.5%, H-1 -> L+2 6.1%, H-2 -> L 5.7%
	S <sub>8</sub>	317	0.325	H-3 -> L 58.3%, H -> L+2 26.8%, H-1 -> L+1 5.3%
	S <sub>9</sub>	307	0.274	H-1 -> L+3 61.5%, H-4 -> L 27.3%

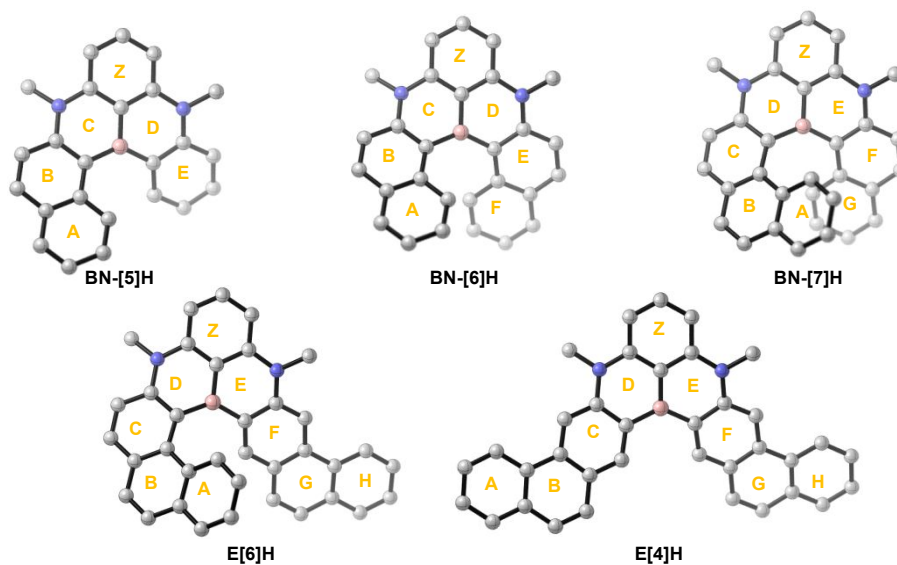
**Table S8.** Coordinates of electric transition dipole moments ( $\mu$ ) and magnetic transition dipole moments ( $m$ ) of model (M)-BN-[6]H and (M)-BN-[7]H at the PBE0/6-311G(d) level.

compd	Excited States	$\mu$ [a.u.]			$m$ [a.u.]		
		x	y	z	x	y	z
(M)-BN-[6]H	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>1</sub>	0	-1.760	-0.136	0	-0.078	0.325
	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>2</sub>	-0.746	0	0	0.476	0	0
	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>3</sub>	0.369	0	0	0.072	0	0
	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>4</sub>	-0.001	-0.269	0.127	0	-0.602	1.864
	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>5</sub>	1.275	-0.001	0	-0.548	0	0.001
	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>6</sub>	0.001	1.014	-0.744	0	0.439	-2.652
(M)-BN-[7]H	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>1</sub>	-0.095	-1.551	-0.101	0.028	-0.010	-0.882
	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>2</sub>	0.822	0.352	0.043	-0.383	0.232	0.528
	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>3</sub>	0.095	0.065	0.252	-0.299	0.206	0.290
	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>4</sub>	0.667	-0.193	0.585	-0.039	0.596	2.548

**Table S9.** Calculated transition dipole moments ( $\mu$ ,  $m$ , and  $\theta$ ) and  $g_{\text{abs}}$  values of model (M)-BN-[6]H and (M)-BN-[7]H.

compd	Excited States	$ \mu $ [10 <sup>-20</sup> esu cm]	$ m $ [10 <sup>-20</sup> erg G <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\theta$ [°]	$\cos\theta$	$g_{\text{abs}}^{\text{cal}}$
(M)-BN-[6]H	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>1</sub>	448.8	0.310	81	0.156	0.0004
	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>2</sub>	189.6	0.441	180	-1.000	-0.009
	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>3</sub>	93.7	0.067	0	1.000	0.003
	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>4</sub>	75.5	1.816	47	0.682	0.066
	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>5</sub>	324.1	0.509	180	-1.000	-0.006
	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>6</sub>	319.6	2.493	44	0.719	0.022
(M)-BN-[7]H	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>1</sub>	395.8	0.818	86	0.069	0.0006
	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>2</sub>	227.5	0.642	110	-0.342	-0.004
	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>3</sub>	70.4	0.431	63	0.454	0.011
	S <sub>0</sub> →S <sub>4</sub>	230.7	2.427	55	0.574	0.024

**Table S10.** The nonplanarity values (NP) and NICS(1)<sub>zz</sub> values.



Rings	BN-[5]H		BN-[6]H		BN-[7]H		E[6]H		E[4]H	
	NP <sup>[a]</sup>	NICS(1) <sub>zz</sub> <sup>[b]</sup>	NP <sup>[a]</sup>	NICS(1) <sub>zz</sub> <sup>[b]</sup>	NP <sup>[a]</sup>	NICS(1) <sub>zz</sub> <sup>[b]</sup>	NP <sup>[a]</sup>	NICS(1) <sub>zz</sub> <sup>[b]</sup>	NP <sup>[a]</sup>	NICS(1) <sub>zz</sub> <sup>[b]</sup>
Z	0.015	-23.7	0.015	-24.2	0.012	-23.1	0.019	-22.6	0.012	-22.7
A	0.014	-28.2	0.011	-28.8	0.028	-31.8	0.028	-31.5	0.004	-27.4
B	0.031	-23.3	0.020	-23.0	0.037	-22.5	0.028	-21.6	0.006	-17.2
C	<b>0.075</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>0.118</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	0.062	-20.4	0.044	-22.8	0.005	-26.9
D	<b>0.094</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>0.118</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>0.080</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>0.084</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>0.082</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
E	0.024	-23.7	0.020	-23.0	<b>0.107</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>0.072</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.082</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
F	-	-	0.011	-28.8	0.025	-23.0	0.018	-25.6	0.005	-26.9
G	-	-	-	-	0.022	-28.9	0.010	-17.7	0.006	-17.2
H	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.006	-27.5	0.004	-27.4

<sup>[a]</sup> Based on X-ray single crystal structures. The average distance of the carbon atoms in a ring from a generated best-fit plane was used to evaluate the nonplanarity of a ring. <sup>[b]</sup> Calculated at the GIAO-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level.

**Table S11.** The cartesian coordinates (Å) of some optimized structures are listed as follows:Ground state of model (*P*)-BN-[5]H

N	2.99192700	-0.71196700	-0.53395200	C	3.60042300	1.65051700	-0.65160700
N	-0.32894500	2.67158100	0.49078100	H	4.63307700	1.42035200	-0.88343800
C	-2.36896800	-0.38697400	-0.26946400	C	-4.68559200	-1.92789000	-0.90933900
C	0.18033000	-2.51698600	1.10418900	H	-5.56045600	-2.52741900	-1.14726700
C	-1.20274100	0.40939000	0.05733800	C	3.21749000	2.98561700	-0.52567400
C	-1.40221400	1.78270700	0.33639500	C	-2.72901600	2.30949800	0.45613600
C	1.31190600	0.98621800	-0.07930400	H	-2.88963400	3.35875000	0.66937000
C	0.85969600	-1.49120100	0.41031300	C	1.92512900	3.35864400	-0.16289500
C	2.64793100	0.63902500	-0.42510100	H	1.67453100	4.41125200	-0.10759600
C	2.22643600	-1.72057400	0.07481100	C	-0.56378400	3.99667200	1.06425100
C	0.77590600	-3.73126400	1.42167300	H	0.35825500	4.35291100	1.52455600
C	-3.38769300	-2.45087900	-1.11140400	H	-1.31603300	3.93082300	1.85222000
H	-3.26723000	-3.44983800	-1.52385500	H	-0.89320300	4.73127700	0.31631000
C	-3.68831900	0.15234000	-0.13195900	B	0.26088100	-0.09202200	0.11446200
C	0.96850600	2.35337000	0.07592500	H	3.95616900	3.76234800	-0.70949500
C	4.25381000	-1.06472100	-1.17672300	H	-0.84882600	-2.34103800	1.40357200
H	4.45221900	-0.36348200	-1.98948900	H	0.22152600	-4.49502300	1.96056100
H	4.17253600	-2.06104000	-1.61436300				
H	5.10546000	-1.05006100	-0.48111100				
				Ground state of model ( <i>P</i> )-BN-[6]H			
C	2.10511200	-3.95345400	1.03857400	N	2.03742100	2.25969300	0.85955400
H	2.59469400	-4.89443400	1.27858400	N	2.03983200	-2.25768700	-0.85960600
C	-3.82370100	1.51120500	0.26020100	C	-1.36513900	-1.78206000	0.63273400
H	-4.82156500	1.93459100	0.35566900	C	-1.36704400	1.78067800	-0.63284600
C	-4.82596500	-0.64062000	-0.43562300	C	-0.08725700	-1.42556200	0.05366600
H	-5.81449500	-0.20403400	-0.30614400	C	0.71541100	-2.47368400	-0.45303000
C	-2.26771000	-1.70287300	-0.80340300	C	2.04629600	0.00102600	-0.00007900
H	-1.28668800	-2.12013900	-0.99394500	C	-0.08876100	1.42542000	-0.05388300
C	2.82561300	-2.96494100	0.37861300	C	-2.15840100	0.84352200	-1.35172100
H	3.86887600	-3.14994700	0.15020300	H	-1.78780000	-0.16588400	-1.47986900



C	2.76338300	1.14541700	0.42937000	H	4.74080200	-2.01725100	-0.70696400
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C	-1.86750600	3.11869800	-0.54486900	H	-4.83350200	2.77258300	-2.21042700
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C	-1.86421400	-3.12060700	0.54499700	C	2.72471800	-3.25891700	-1.67251600
C	2.76459500	-1.14264500	-0.42940400	H	3.49877400	-2.76585500	-2.26221700
C	2.72109200	3.26165600	1.67258300	H	2.01856100	-3.71298900	-2.36959000
H	3.49541600	2.76941700	2.26261600	H	3.19152600	-4.05287800	-1.07304300
H	2.01424000	3.71513400	2.36934700	B	0.52600800	0.00024400	-0.00020500
H	3.18732900	4.05600200	1.07317700	H	5.92986000	0.00300400	0.00008700
C	-1.05784200	4.10226900	0.08170500				
H	-1.42890400	5.12256500	0.15026800	Ground state of model ( <i>P</i> )-BN-[7]H			
C	-1.05354200	-4.10343200	-0.08144200	N	-0.18752646	2.02388502	-0.03141374
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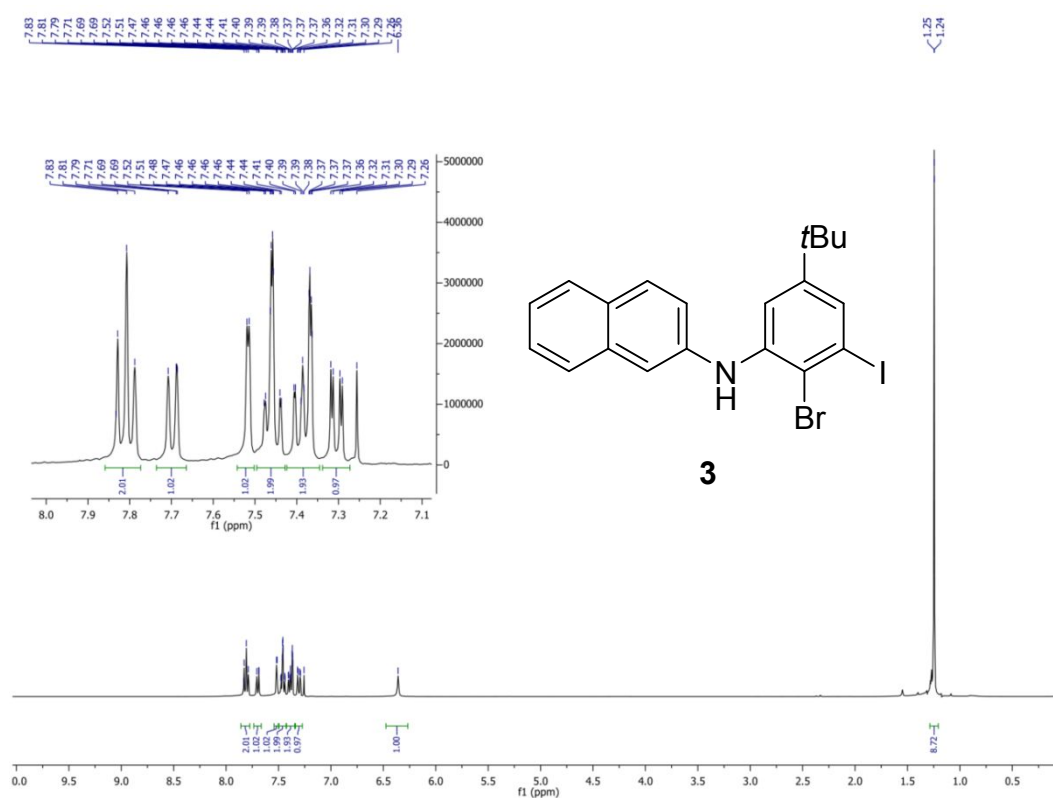
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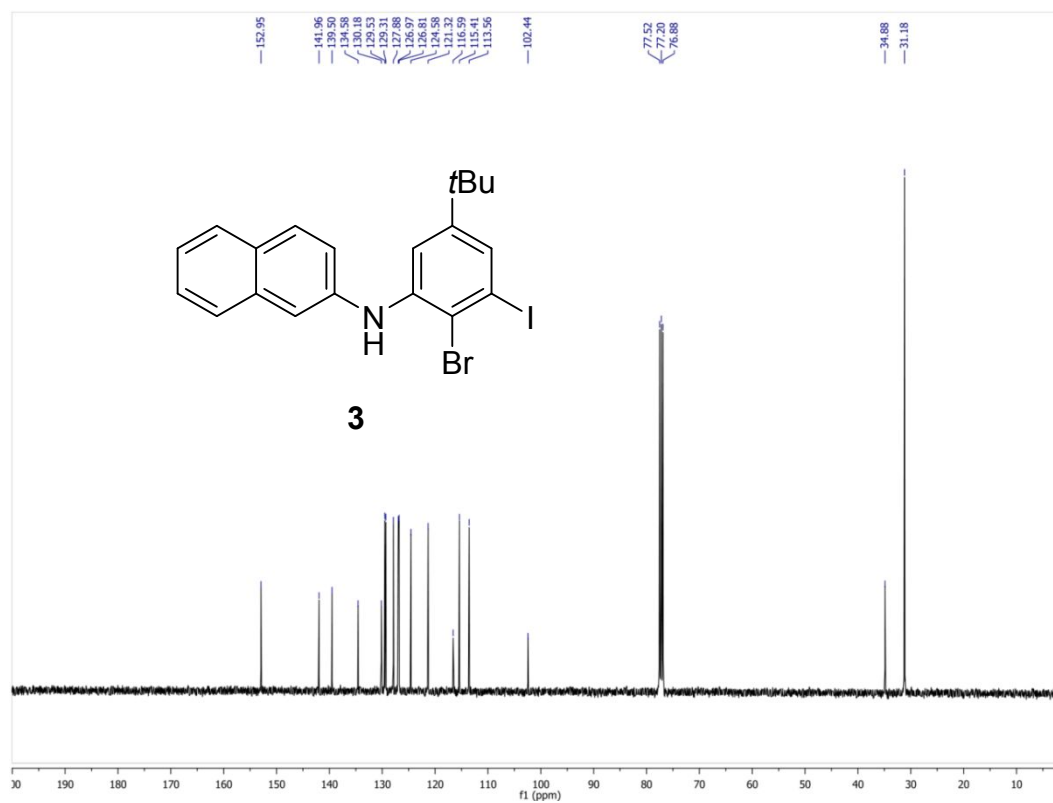
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**Figure S24**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (400 MHz, 298 K).



**Figure S25**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **3** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (101 MHz, 298 K).



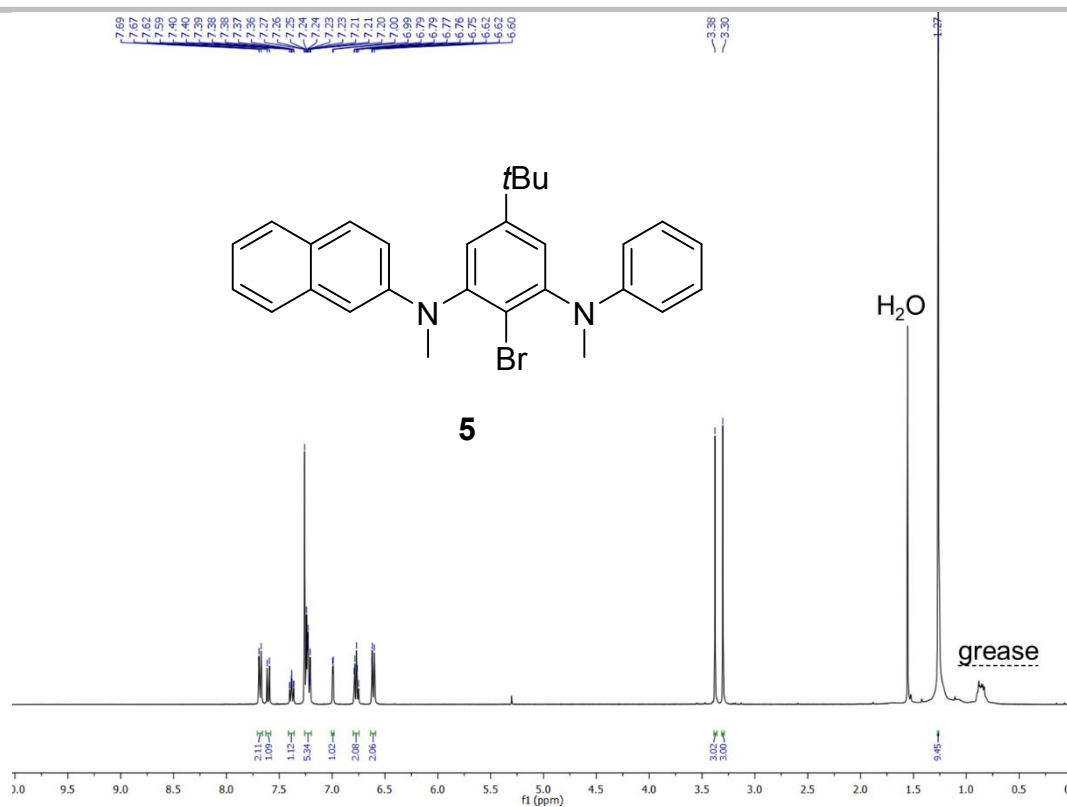


Figure S26 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **5** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (400 MHz, 298 K).

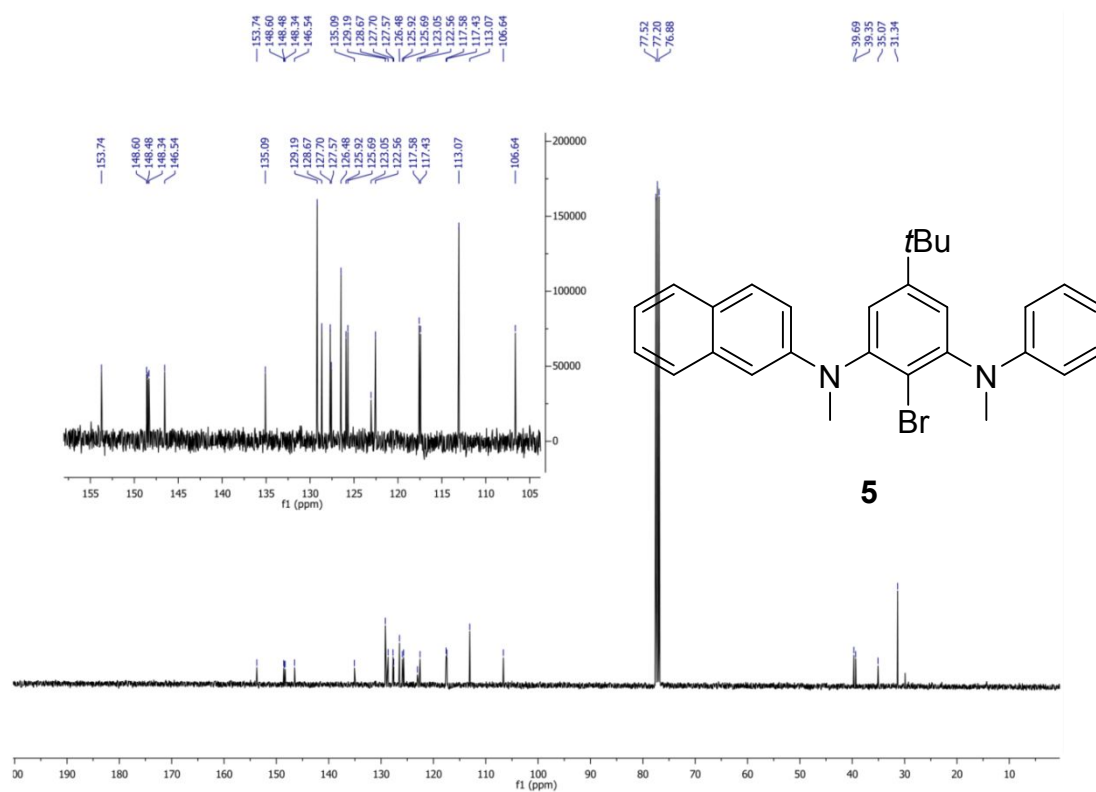
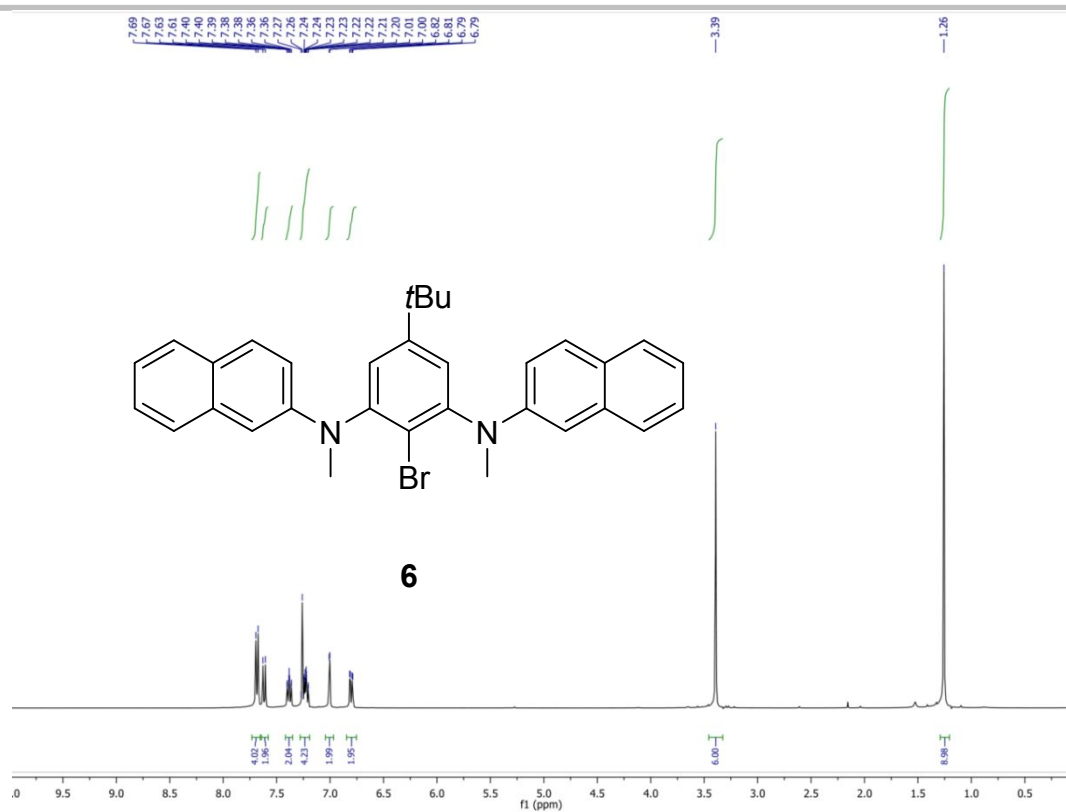
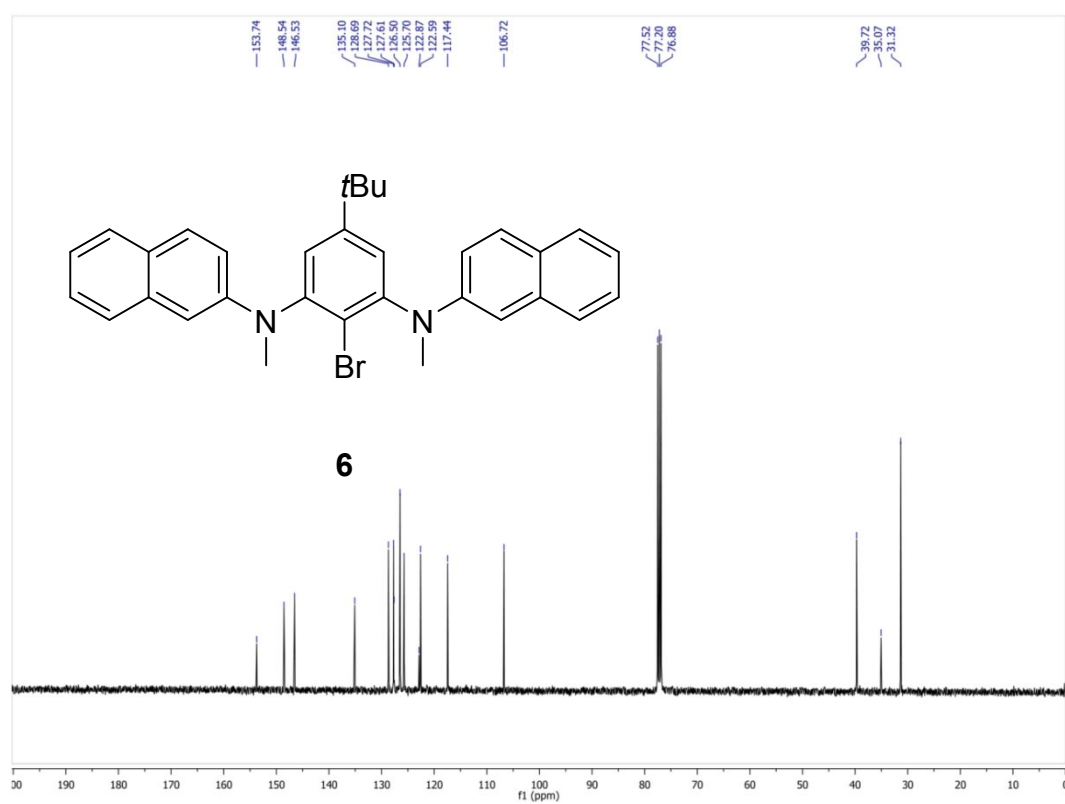


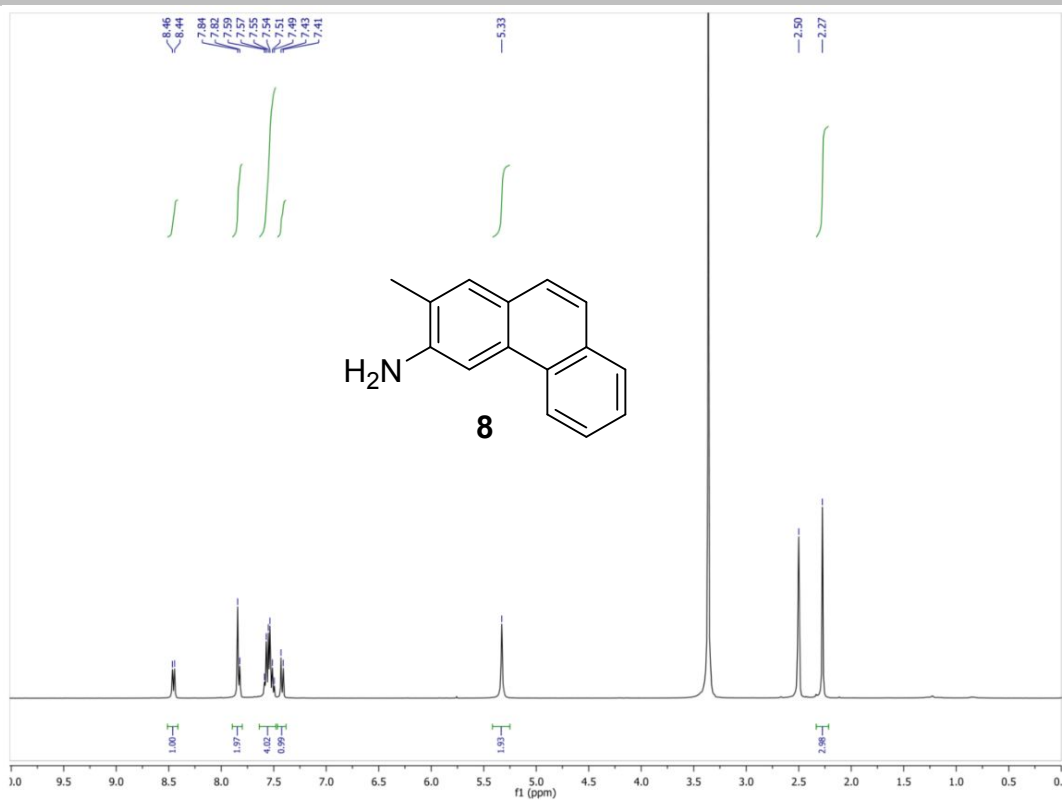
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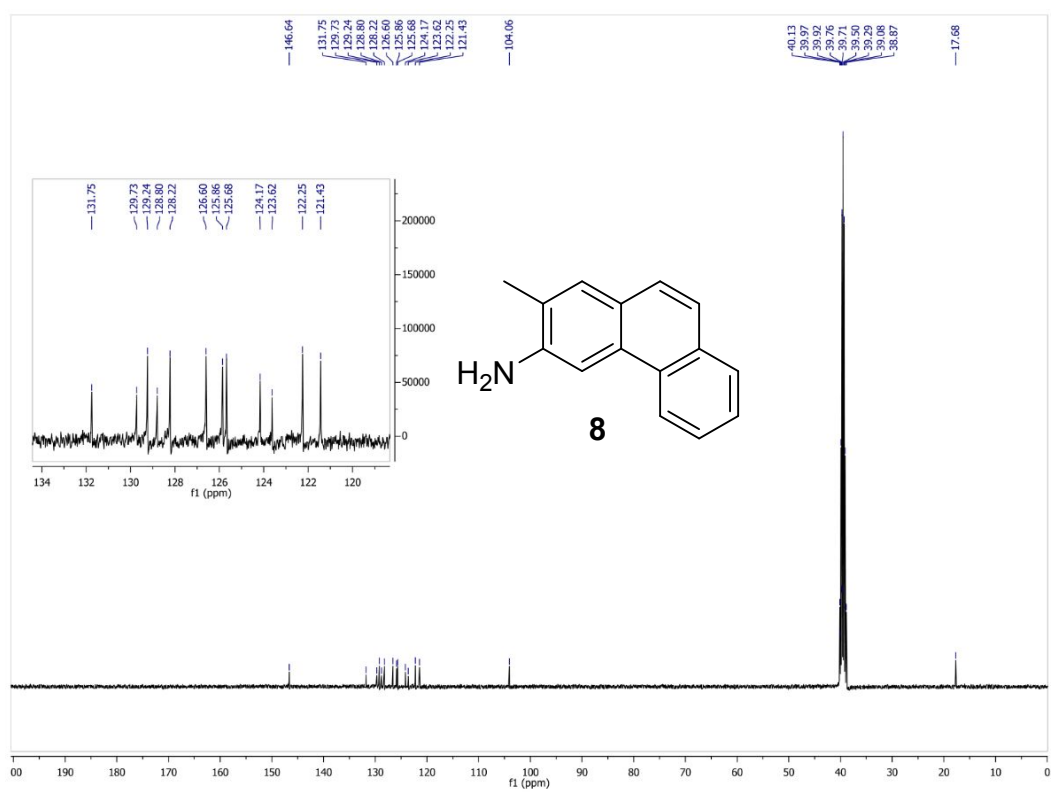
**Figure S28** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **6** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (400 MHz, 298 K).



**Figure S29** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **6** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (101 MHz, 298 K).

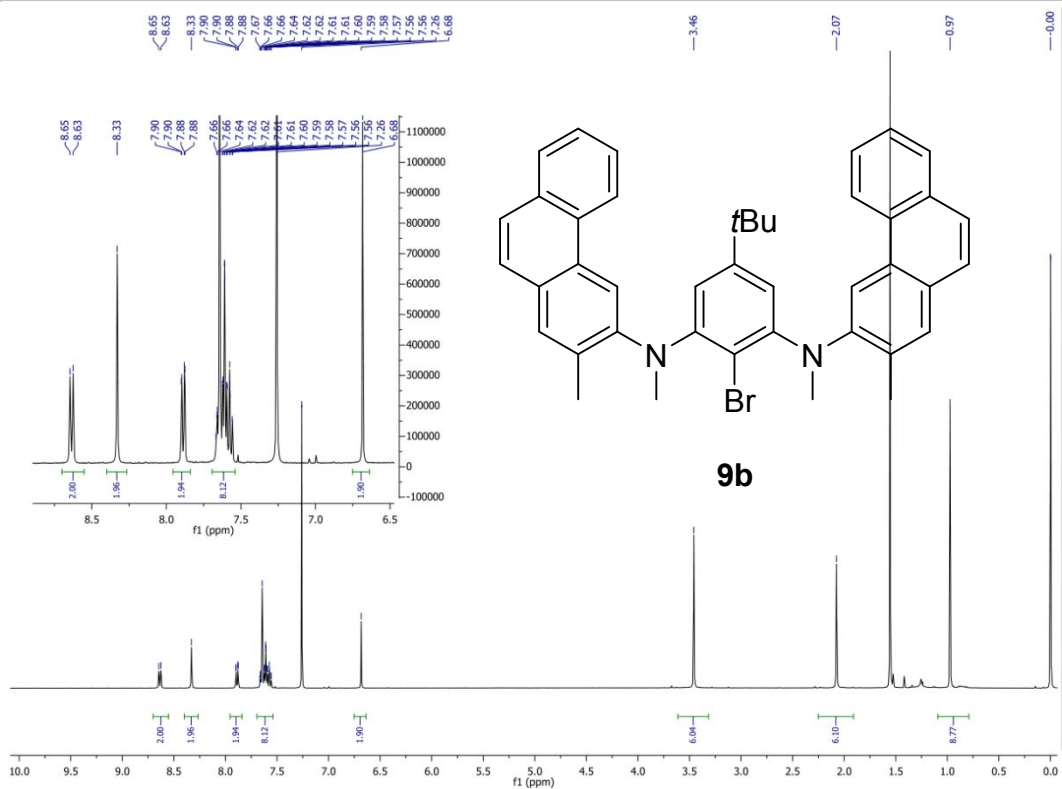


**Figure S30** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **8** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> (400 MHz, 298 K).

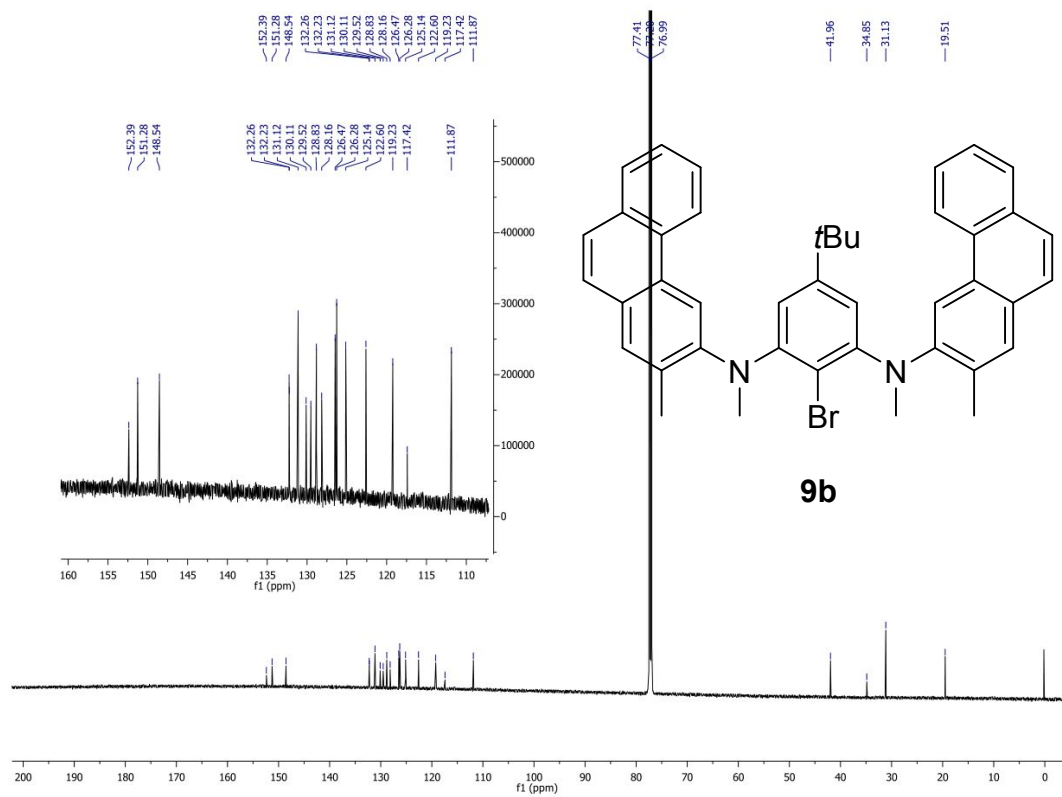


**Figure S31** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **8** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> (101 MHz, 298 K).

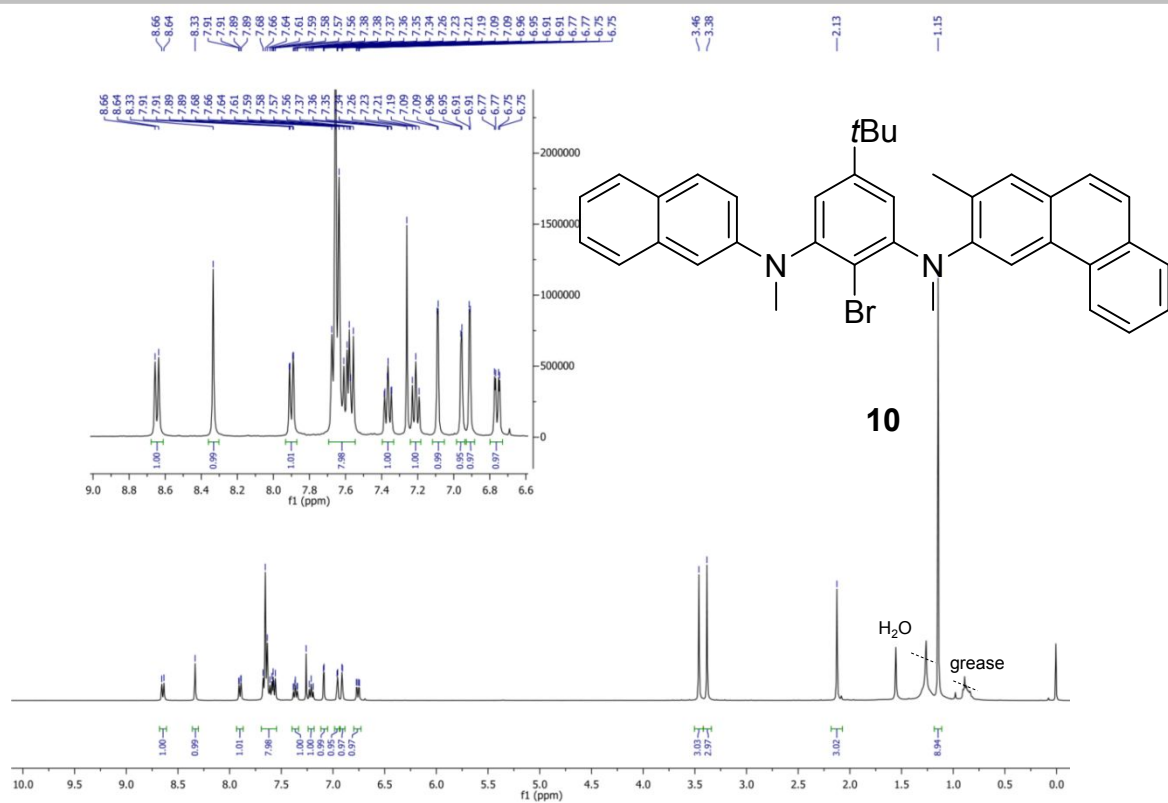




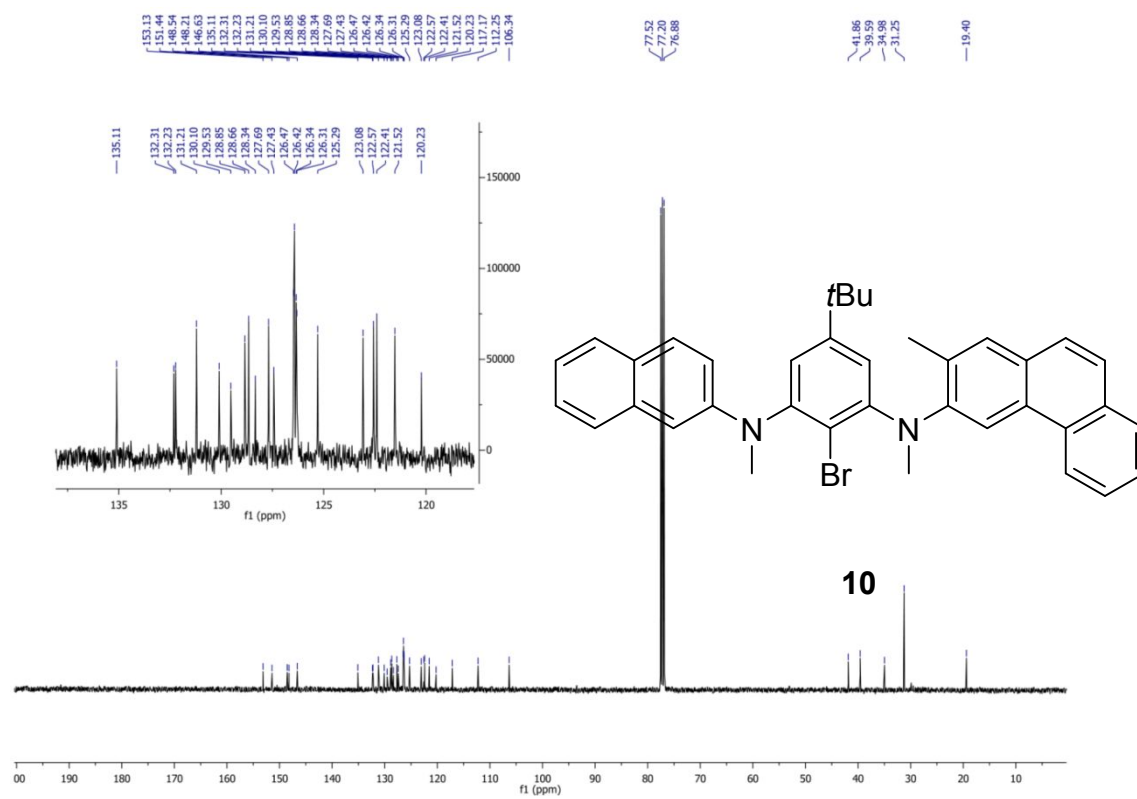
**Figure S34**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **9b** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (400 MHz, 298 K).



**Figure S35**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **9b** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (151 MHz, 298 K).



**Figure S36**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **10** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (400 MHz, 298 K).



**Figure S37**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **10** in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (101 MHz, 298 K).

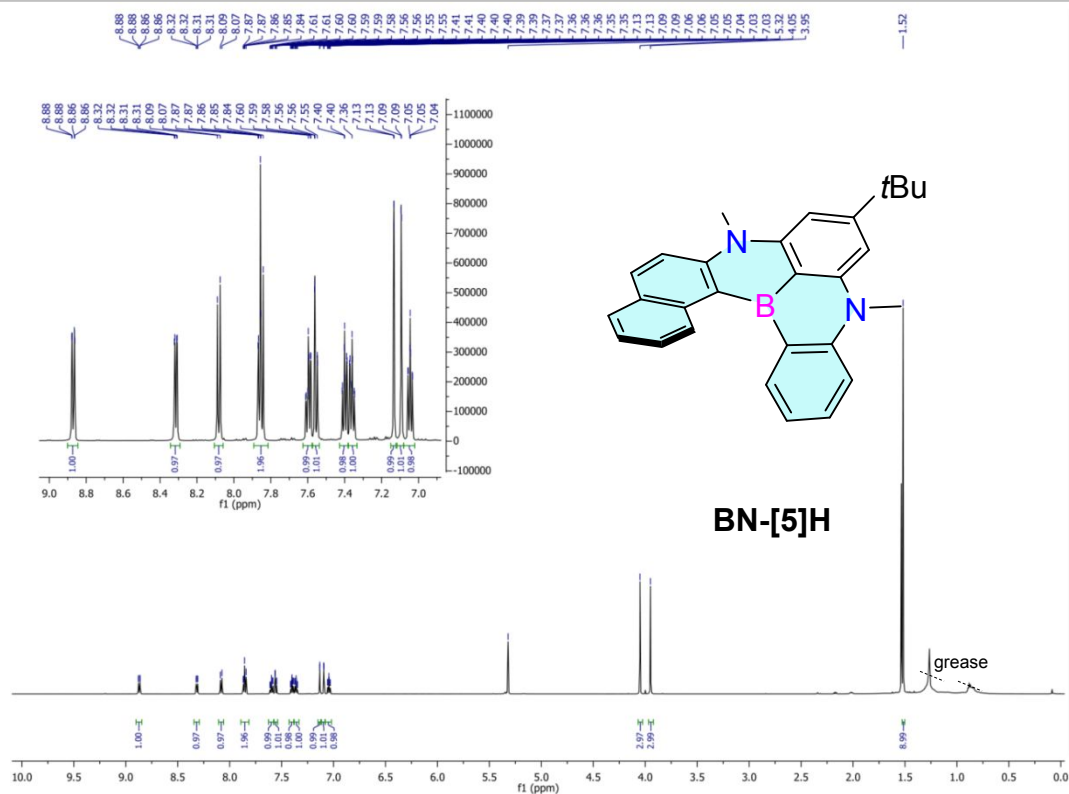


Figure S38  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of BN-[5]H in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (600 MHz, 298 K).

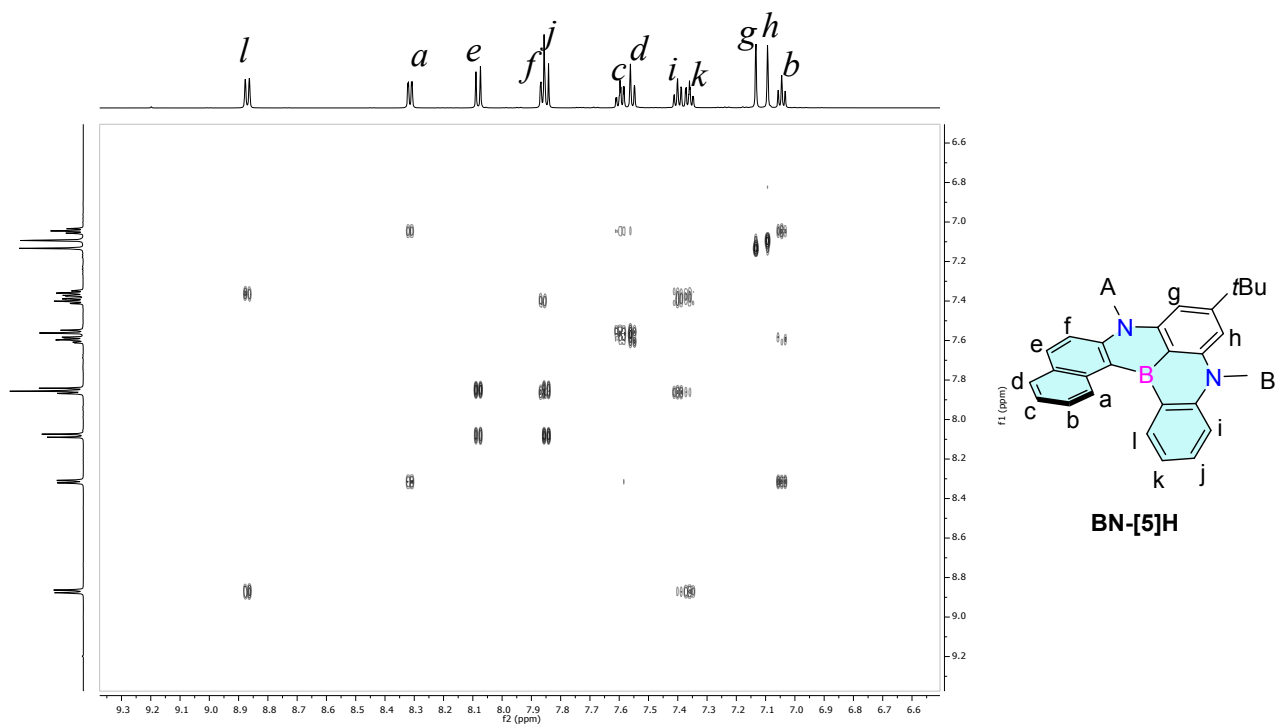


Figure S39  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum of BN-[5]H in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (298 K).

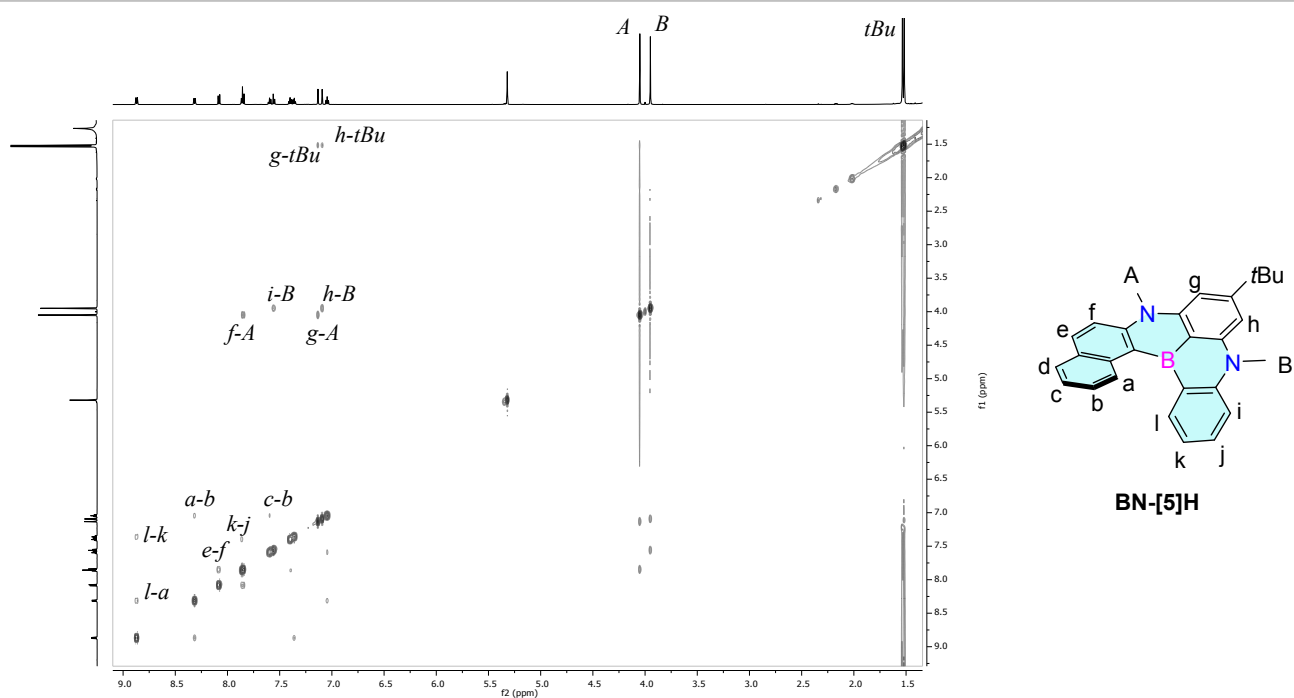


Figure S40 2D-NOesy spectrum of BN-[5]H in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (298 K).

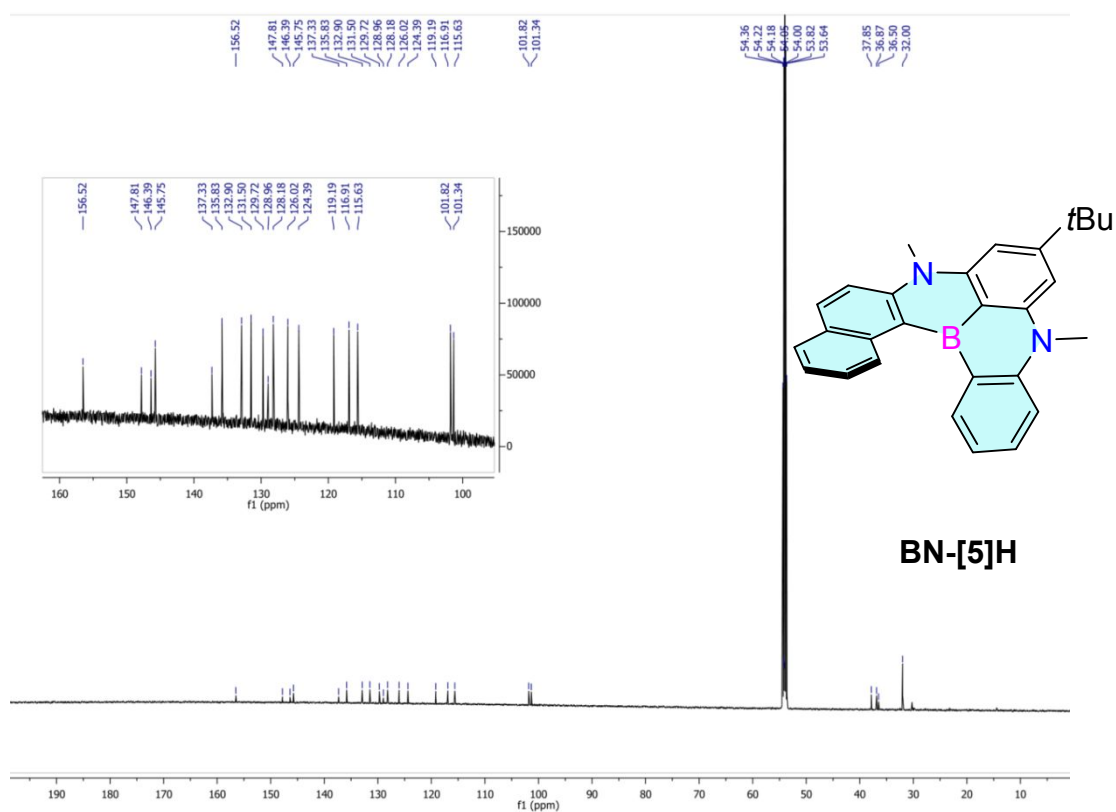


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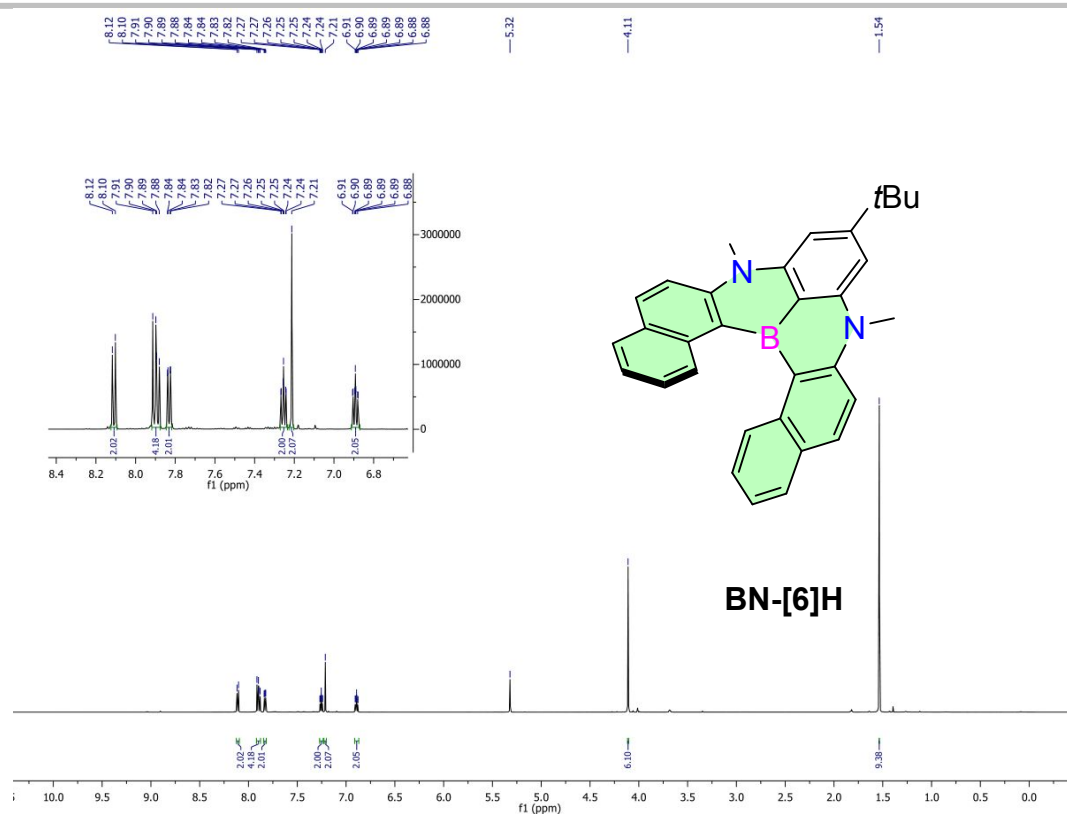


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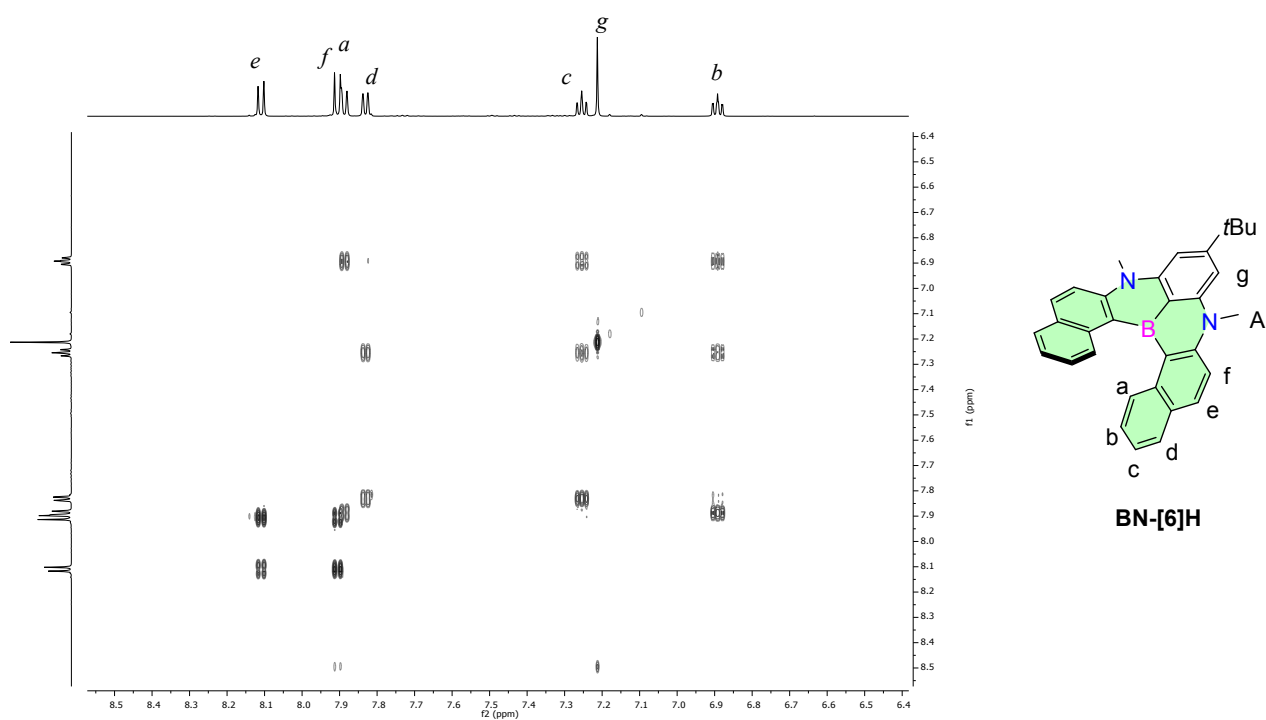


Figure S43  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum of **BN-[6]H** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (298 K).

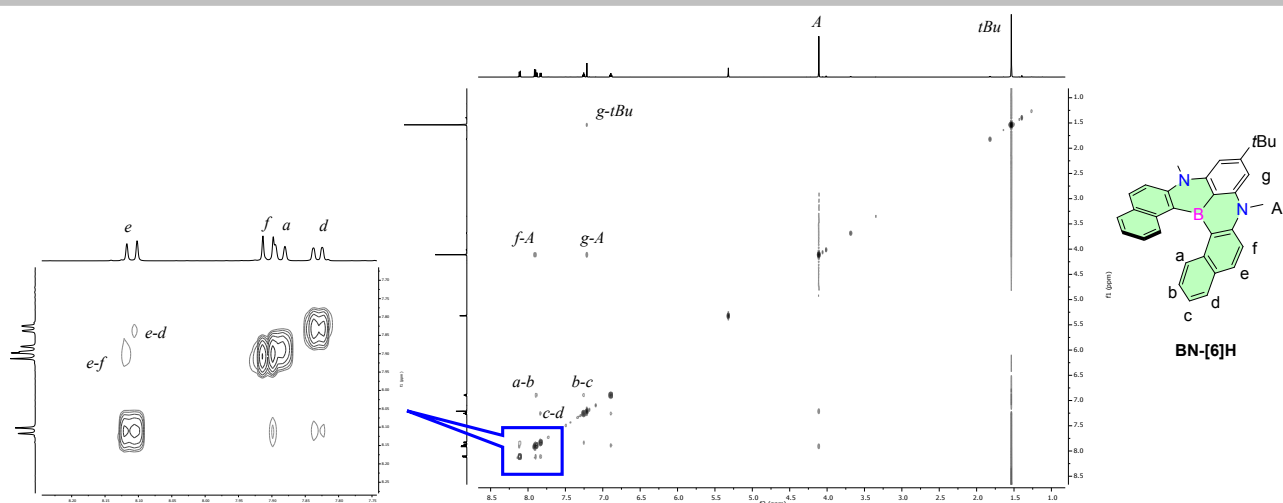


Figure S44 2D-NOESY spectrum of BN-[6]H in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (298 K).

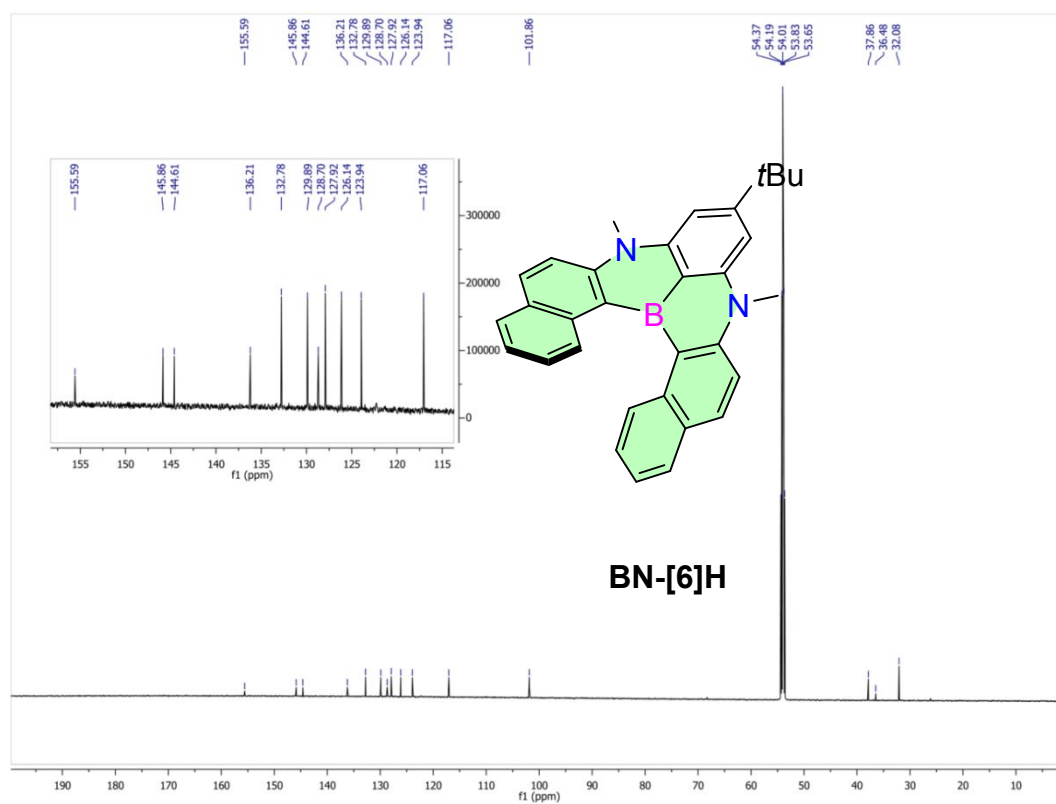


Figure S45 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of BN-[6]H in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (151 MHz, 298 K).

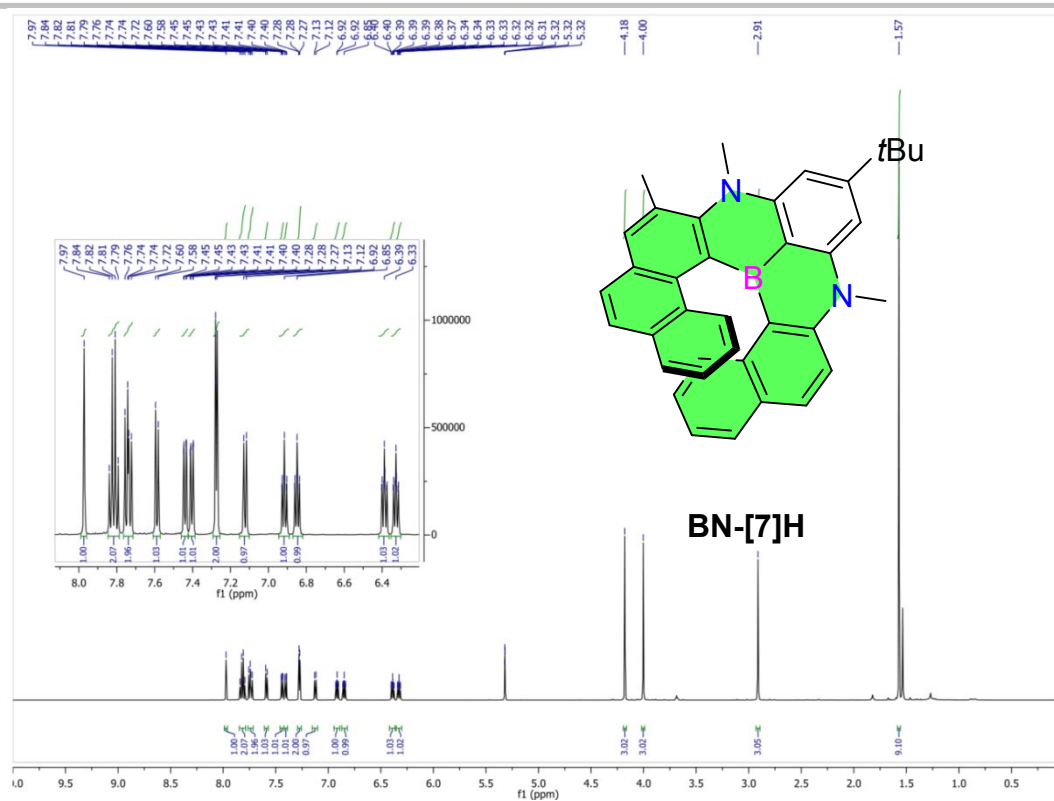


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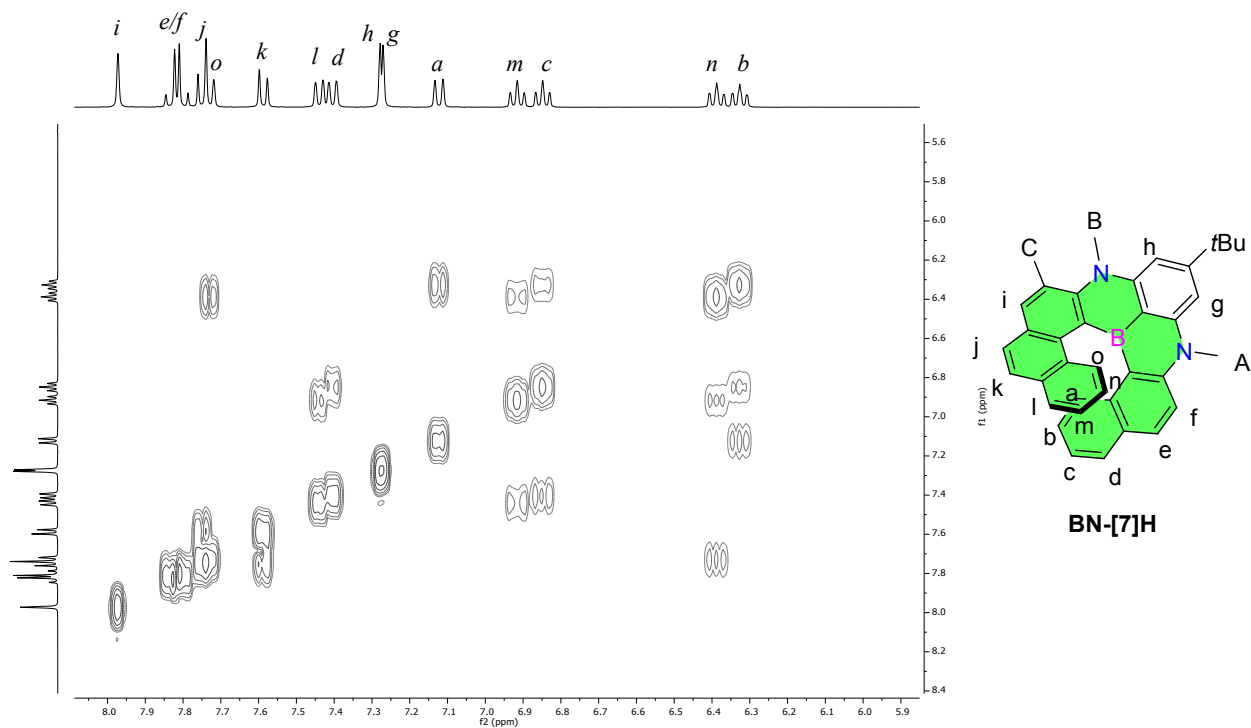


Figure S47  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum of BN-[7]H in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (298 K).

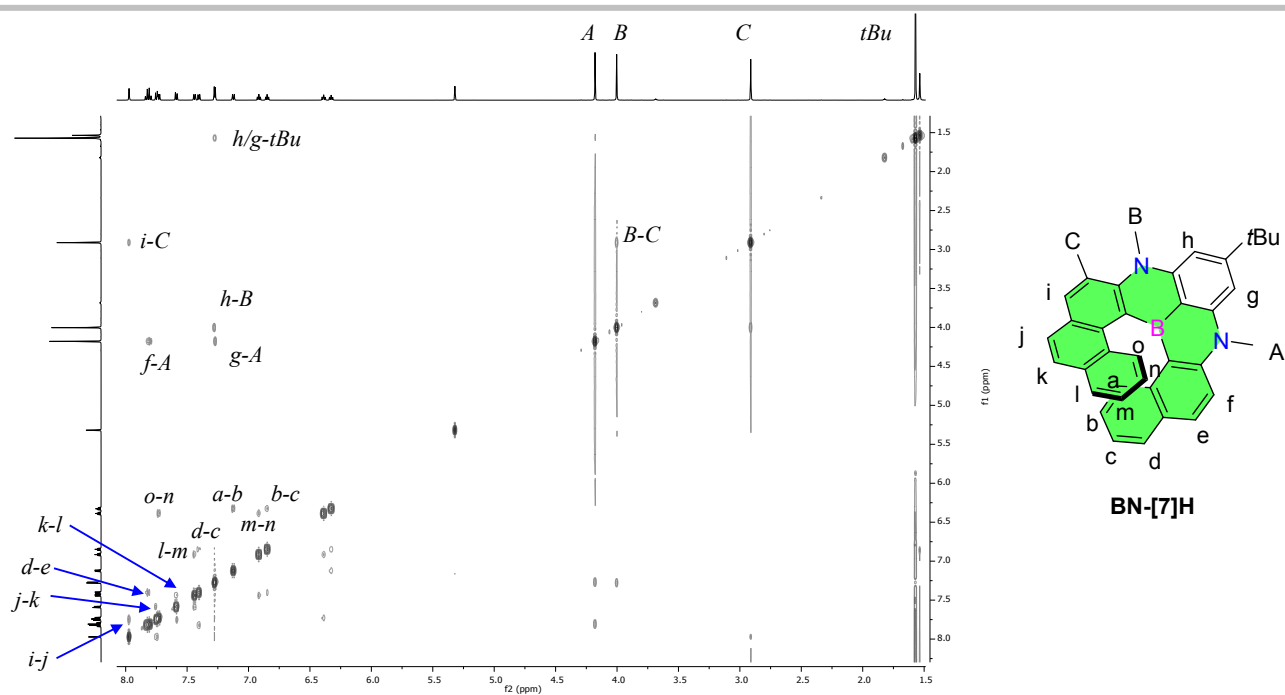


Figure S48 2D-NOesy spectrum of BN-[7]H in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (298 K).

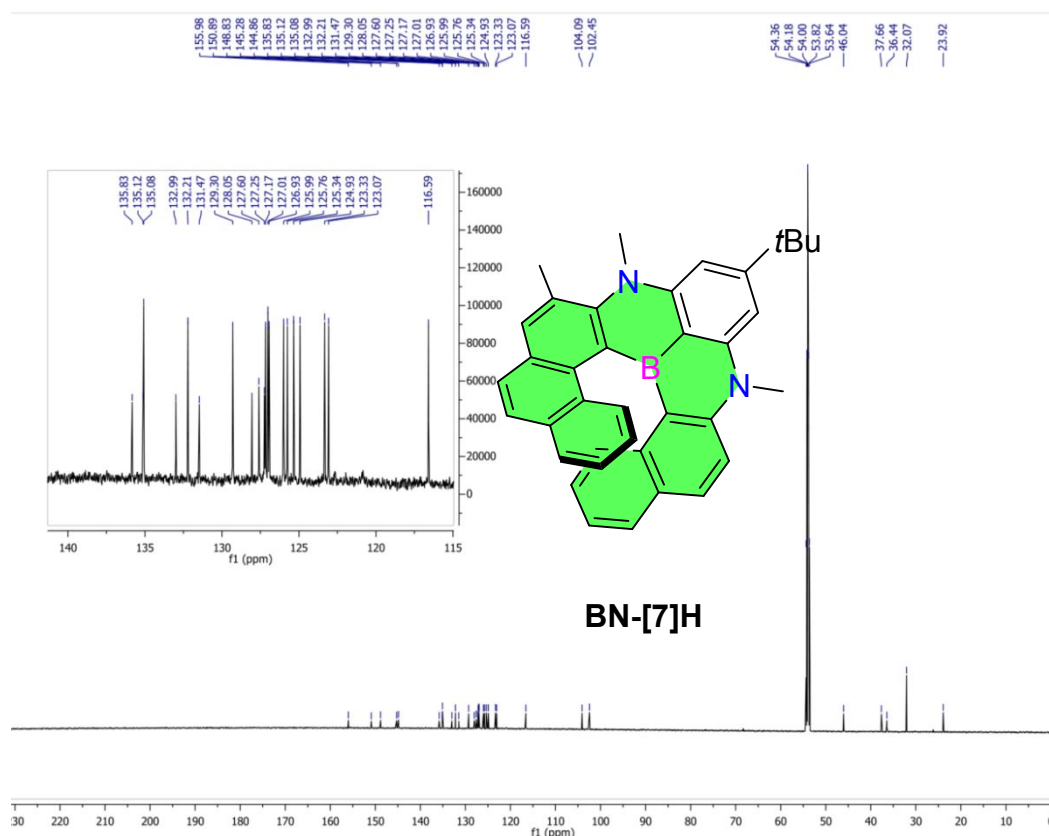


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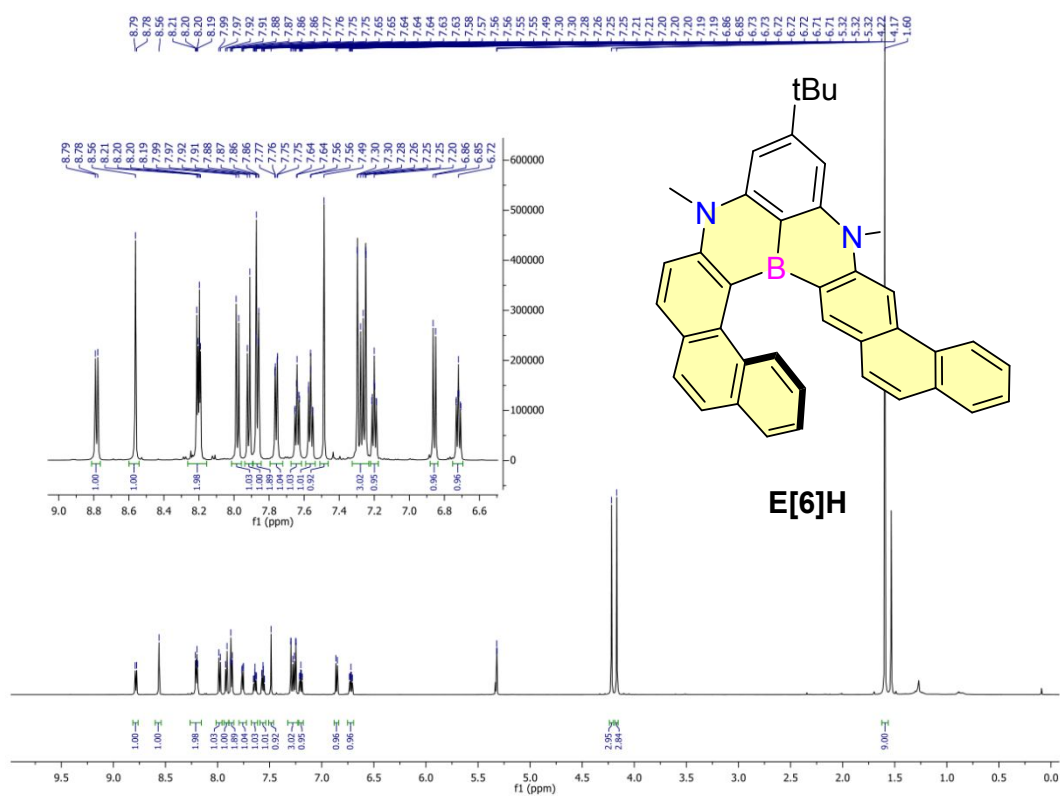


Figure S50  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **E[6]H** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (600 MHz, 298 K).

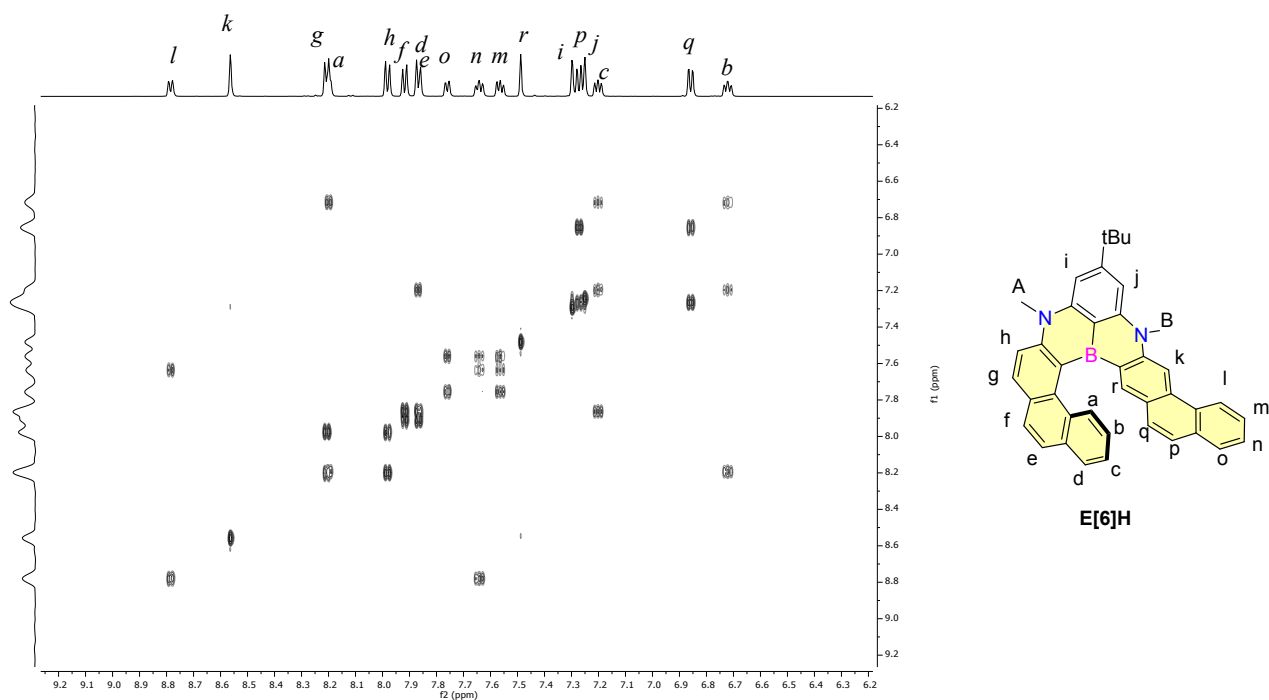


Figure S51  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum of **E[6]H** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (298 K).

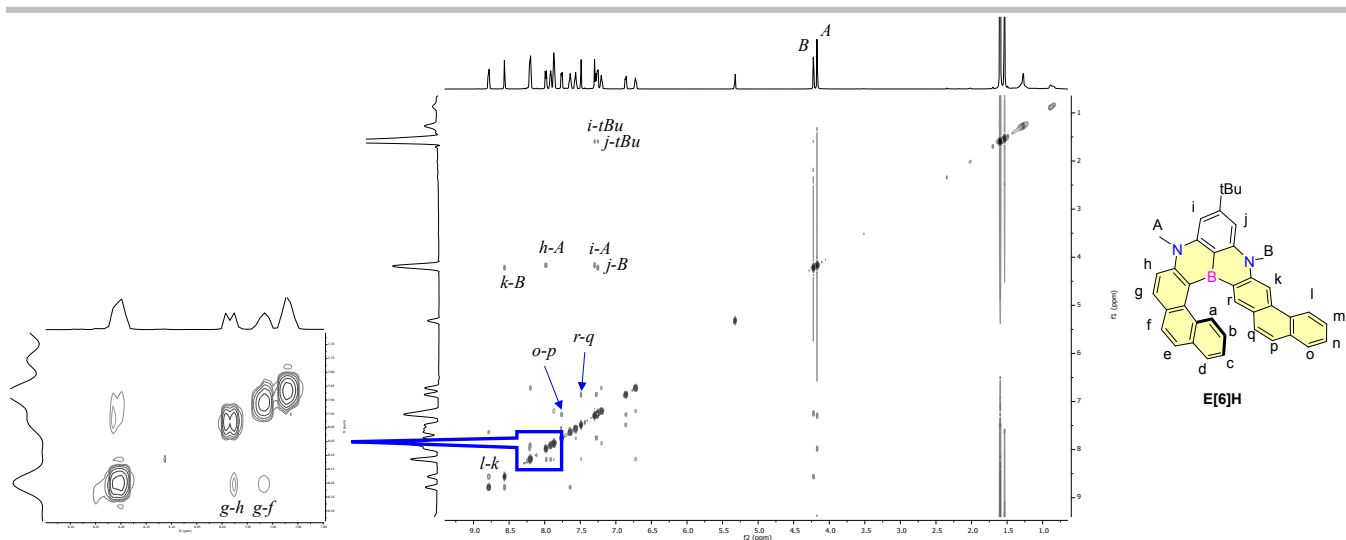


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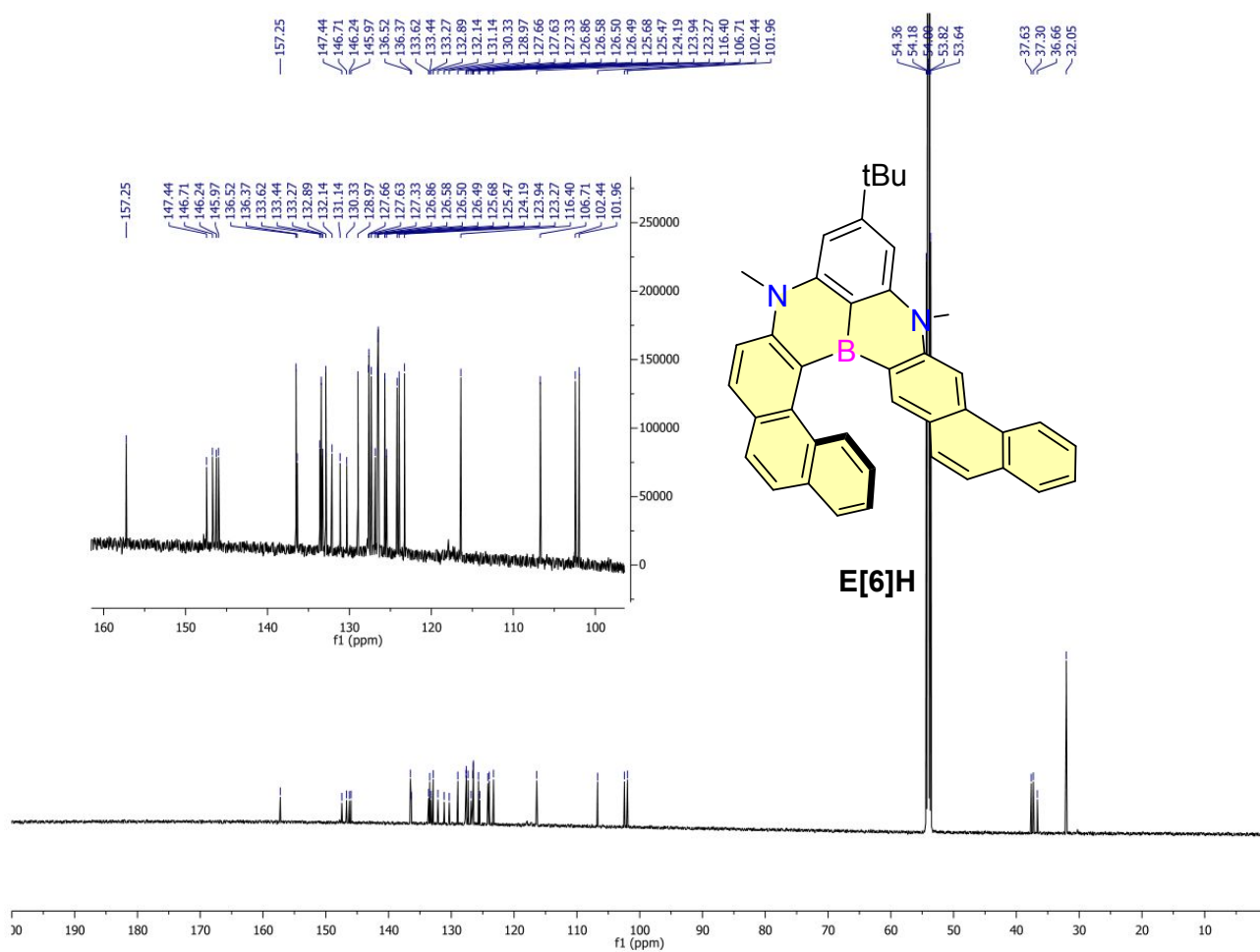
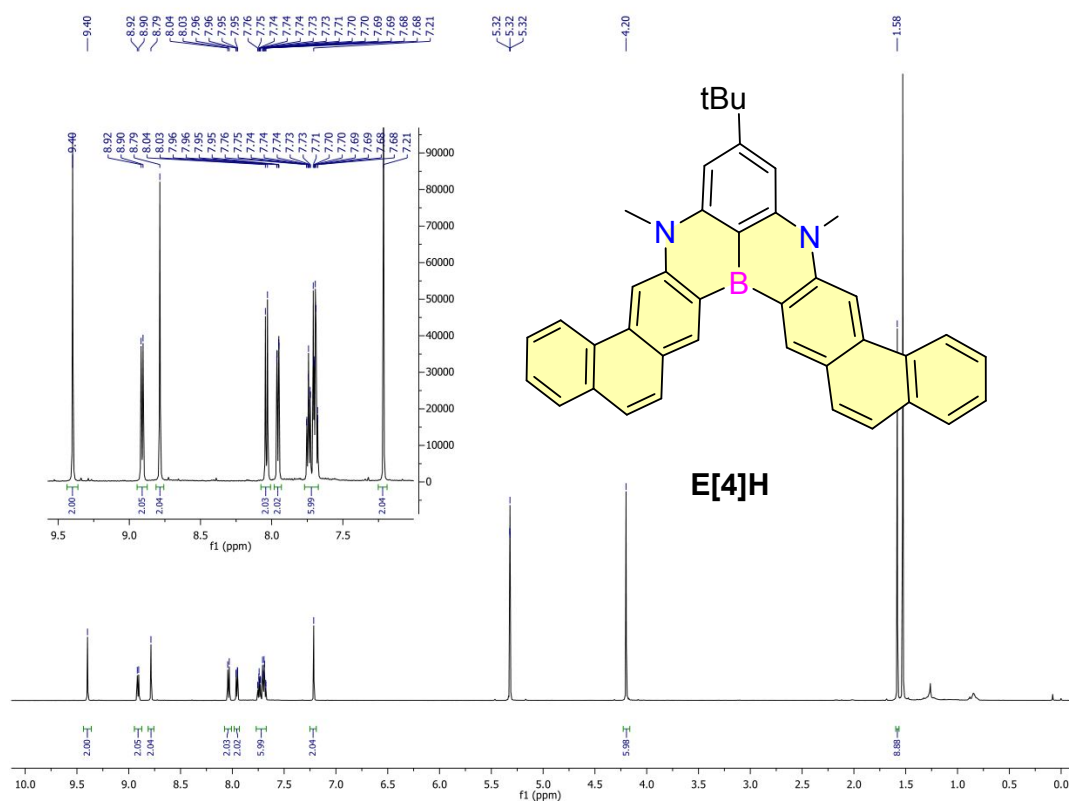
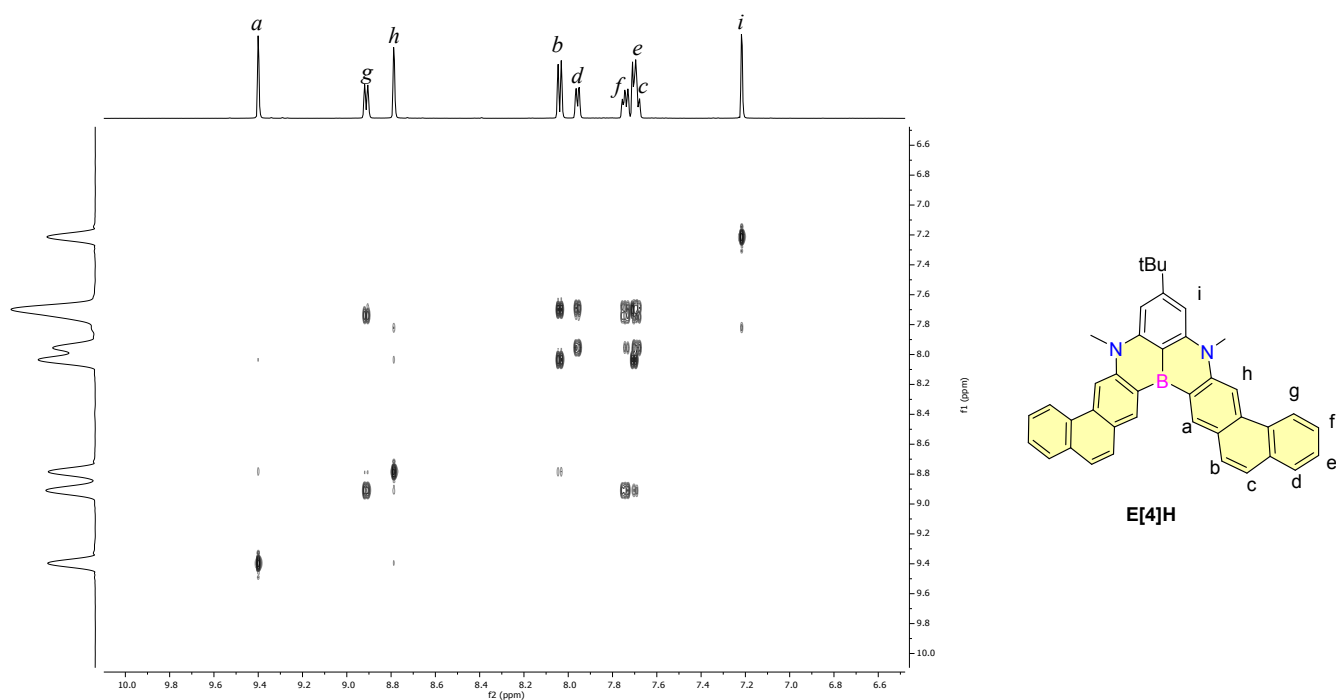


Figure S53 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of E[6]H in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (151 MHz, 298 K).



**Figure S54**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **E[4]H** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (600 MHz, 298 K).



**Figure S55**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum of **E[4]H** in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (298 K).

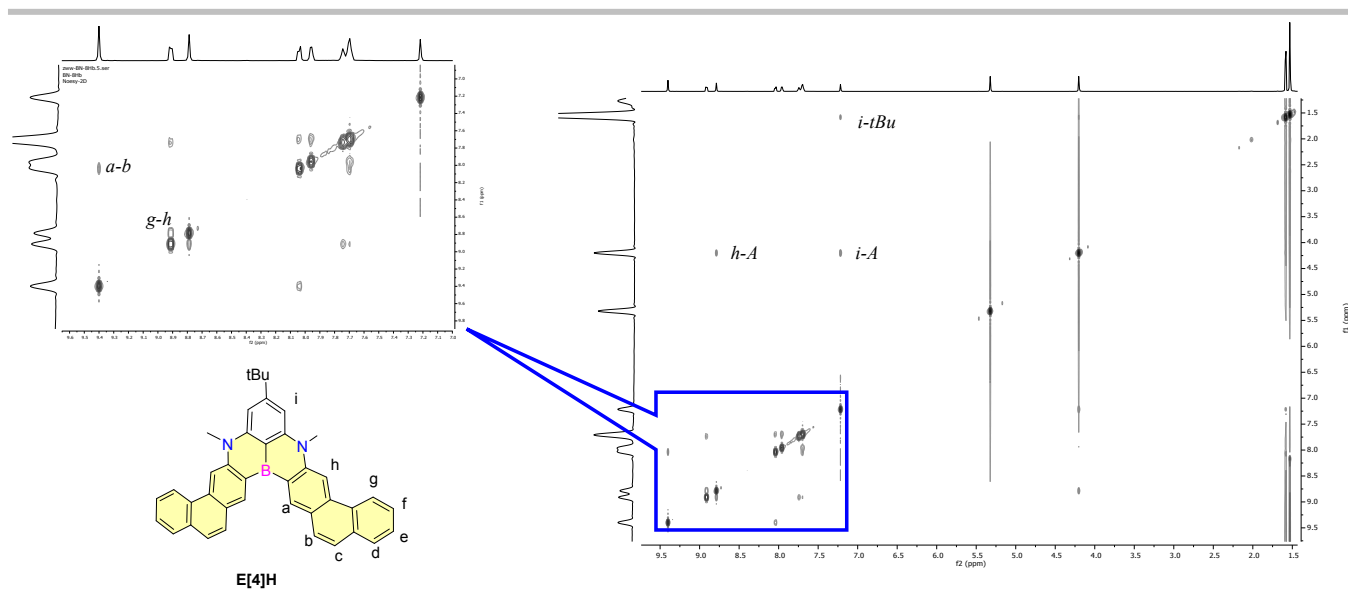


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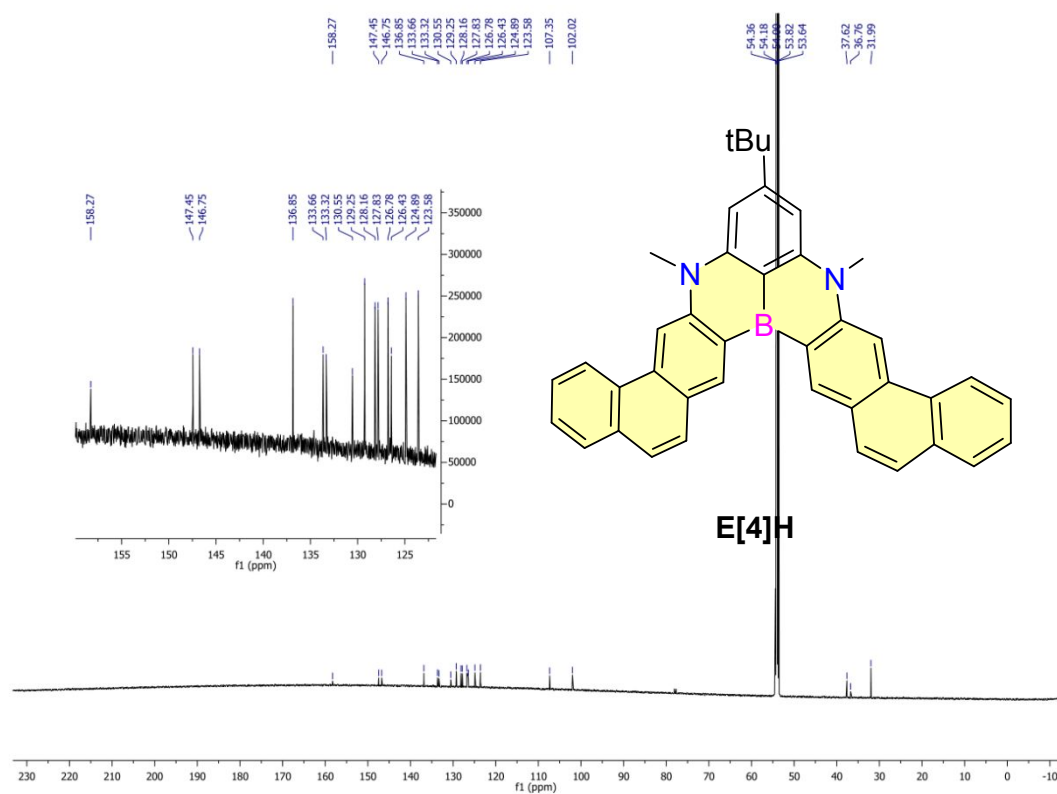


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## High-resolution mass spectra

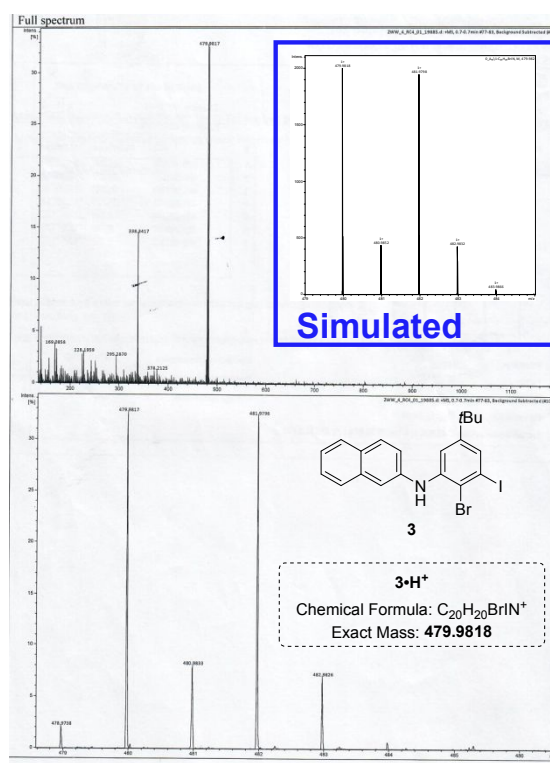


Figure S60 HR-ESI mass spectrum of compound 3.

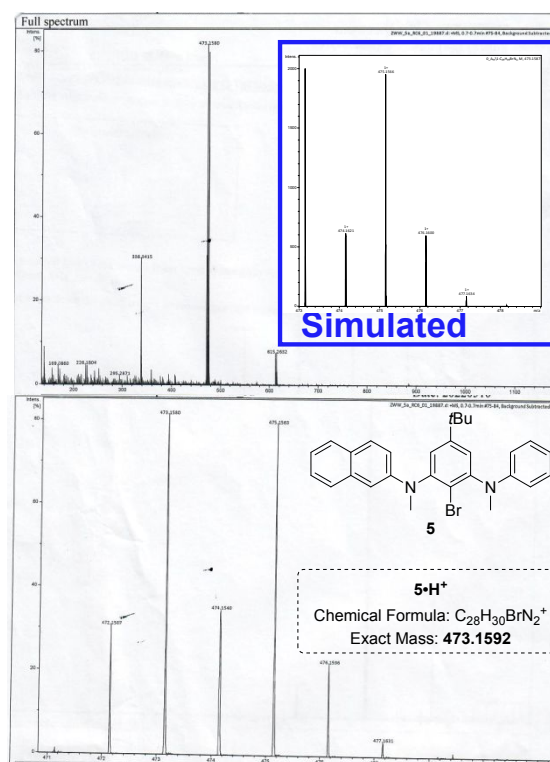


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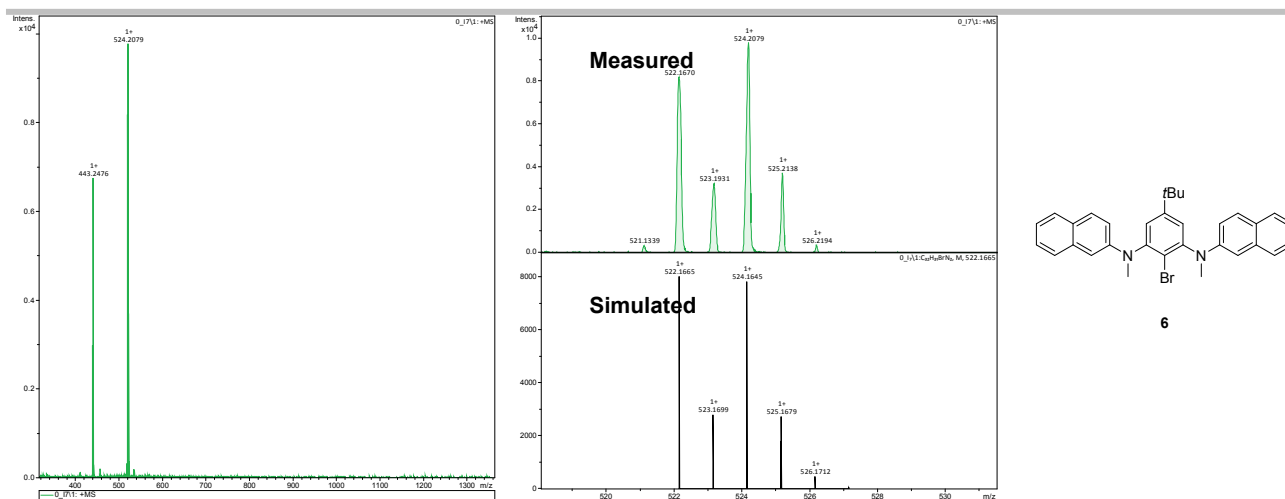


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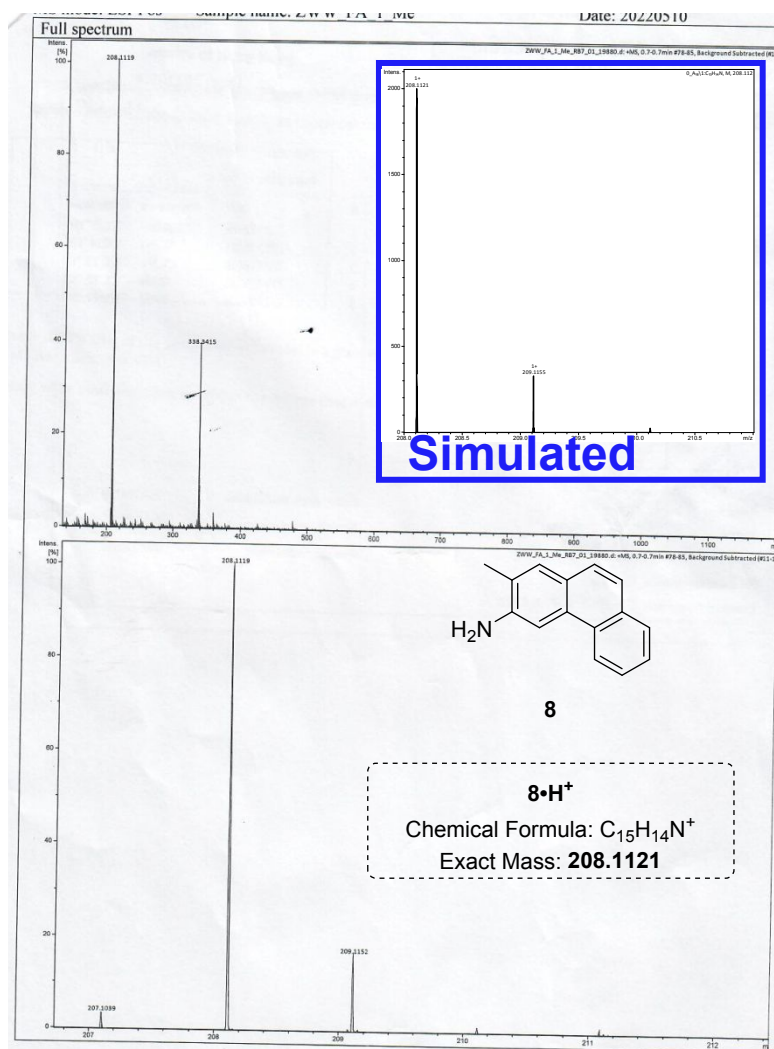


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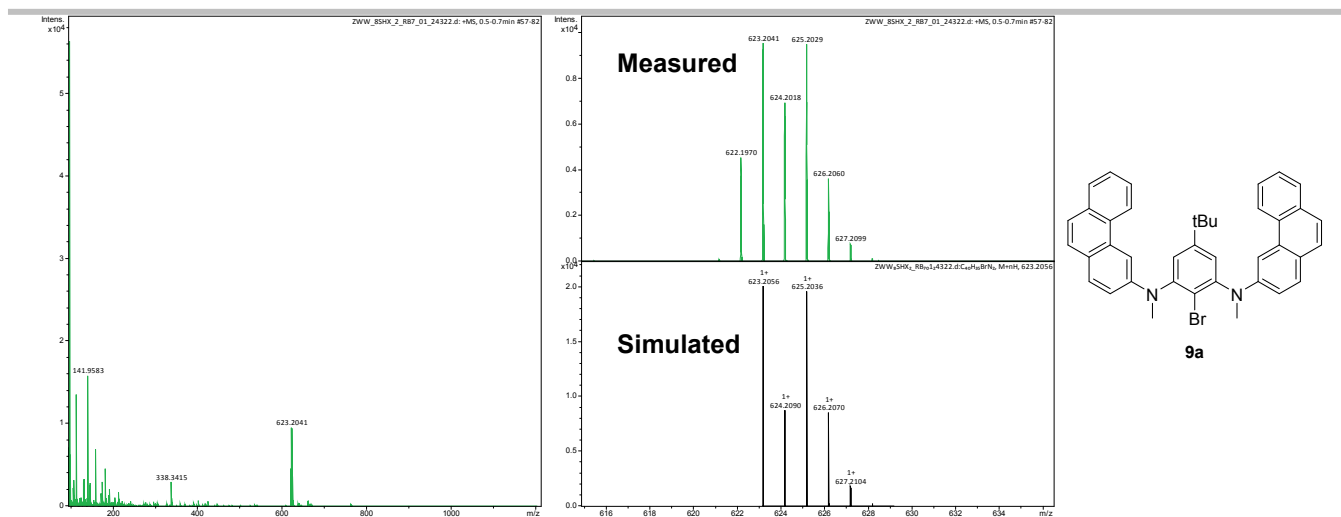


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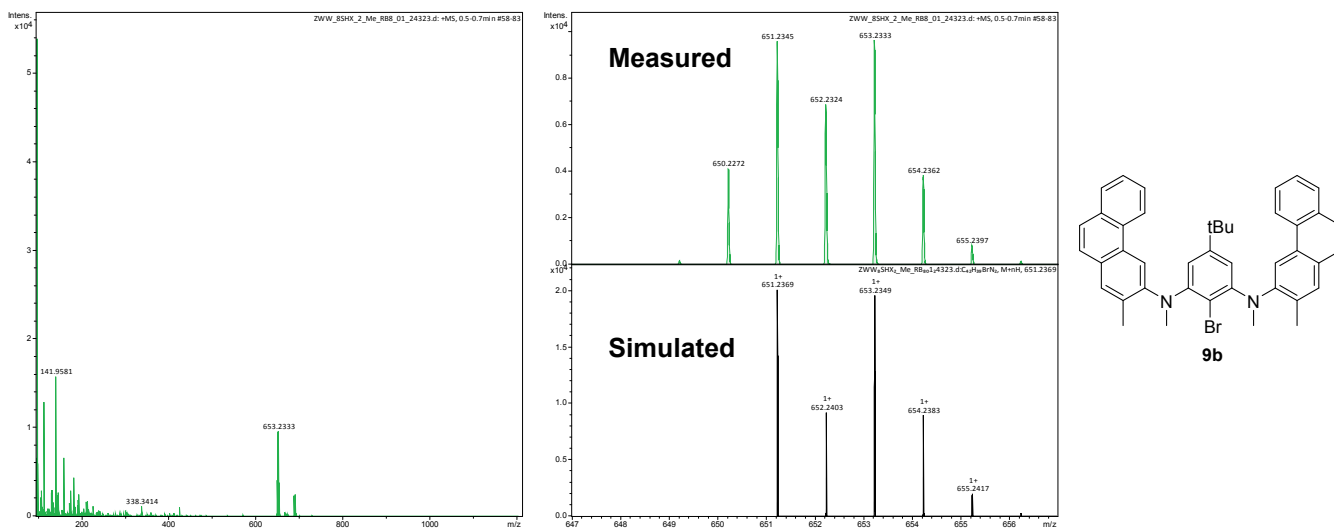


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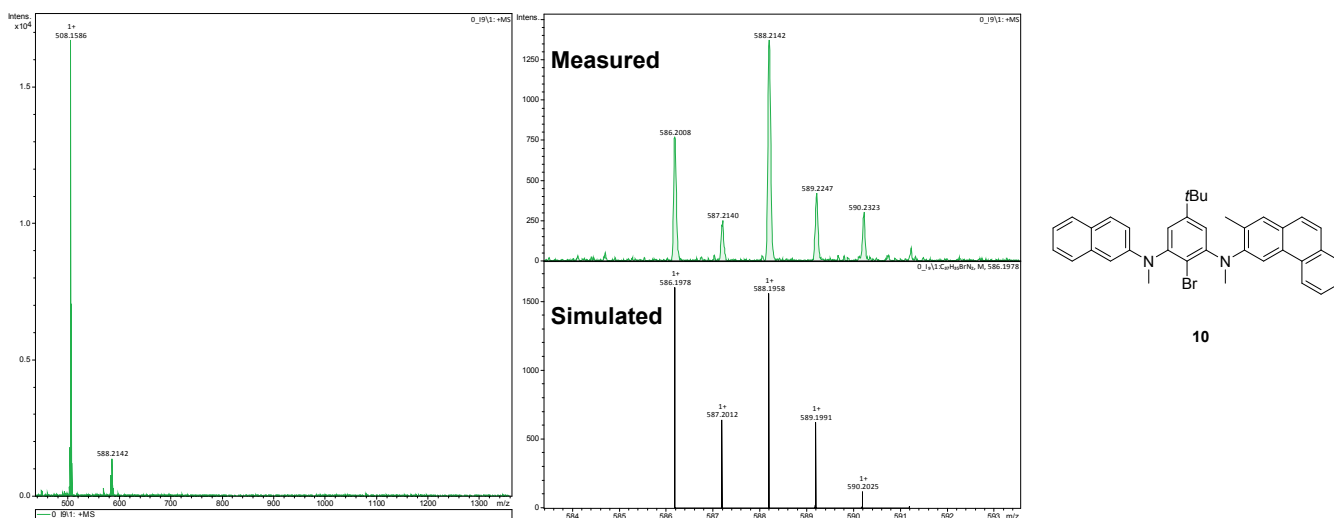


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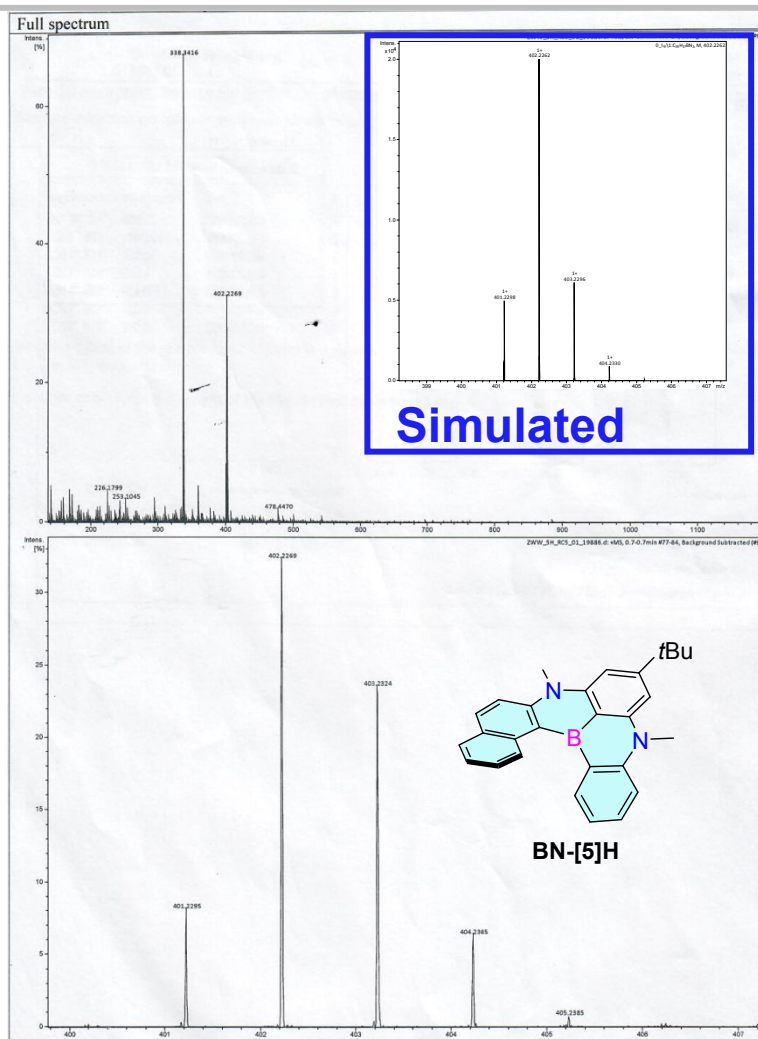


Figure S67 HR-ESI mass spectrum of BN-[5]H.

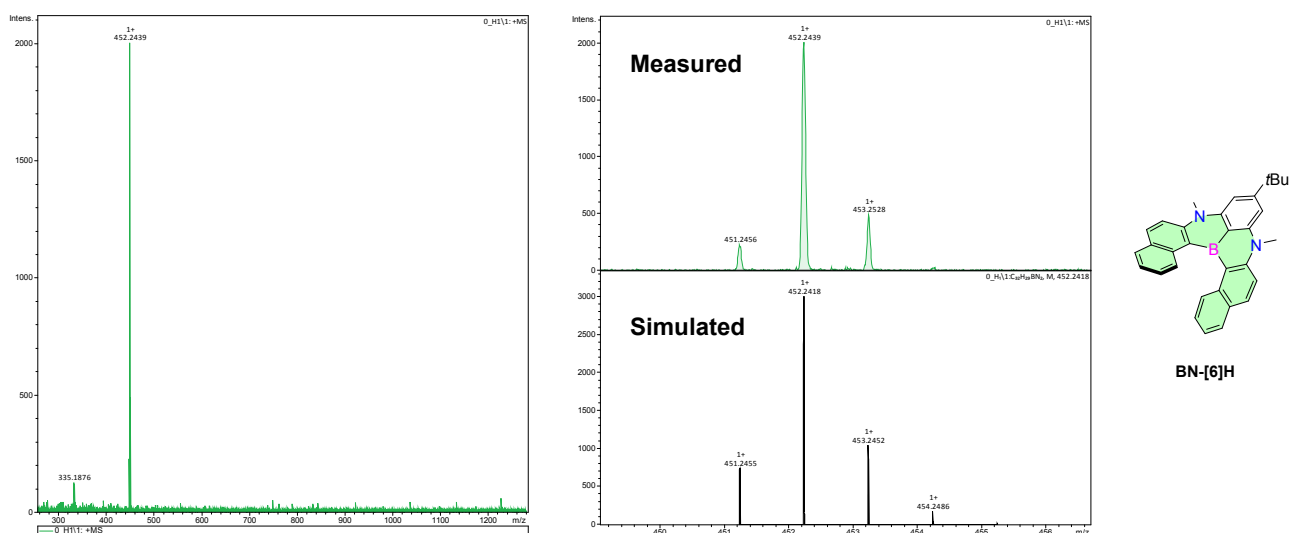


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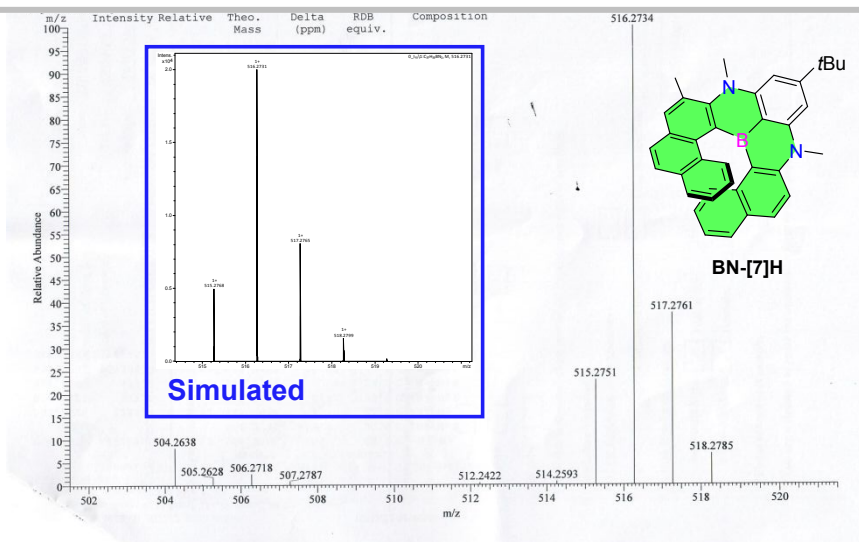


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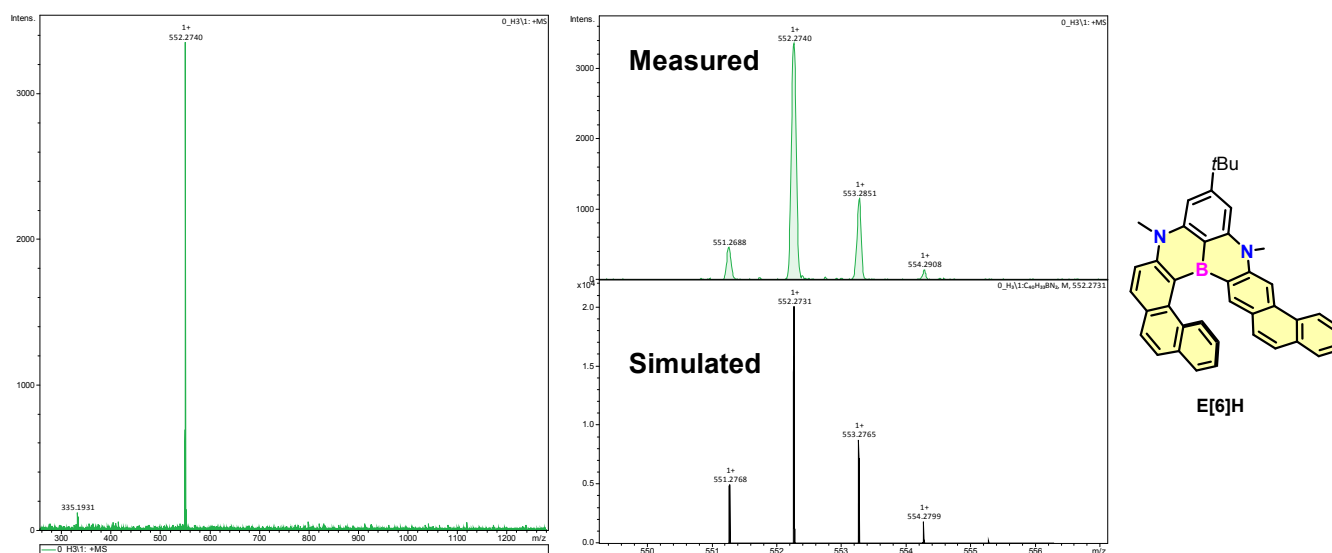


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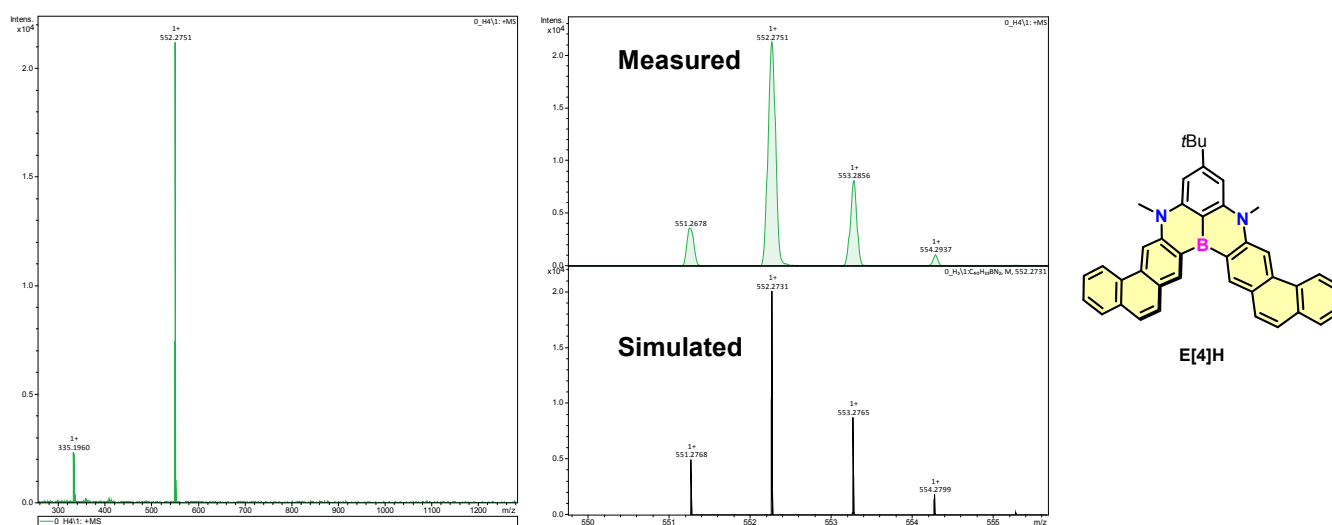
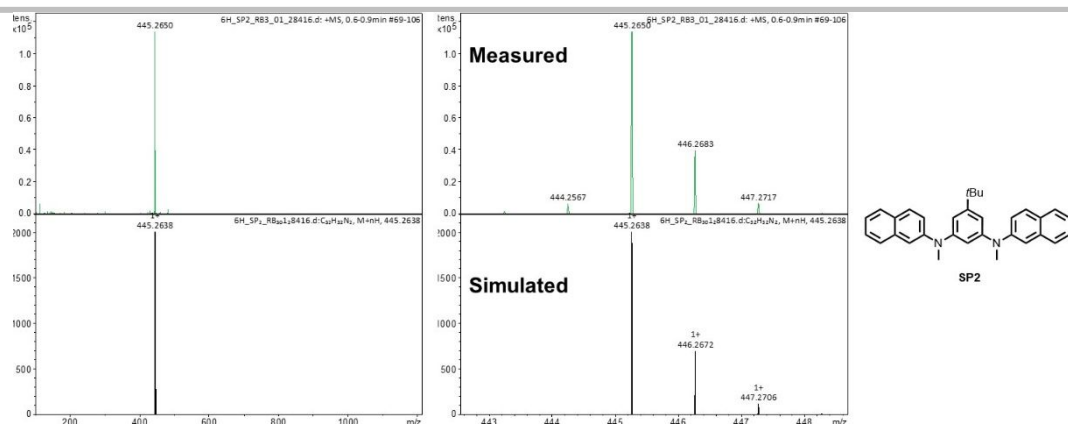


Figure S71 HR-MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of compound E[4]H.



**Figure S72** HR-ESI mass spectrum of compound **SP2**.

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