

# Carborane-Based BODIPY Dyes: Synthesis, Structural Analysis, Photophysics and Applications

## Supporting Information

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**Table S1.** Photophysical properties of Ziessel's D-A dyads. (Ziessel et al., 2010),(Hablott et al., 2012), (Harriman et al., 2013), (Hablott et al., 2013)

<b>Compound</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Acceptor</b>	<b>Linker</b>	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}$ <b>(nm)</b>	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ <b>(nm)</b>	<b>QY</b>	$k_{\text{ET}}(\text{s}^{-1})$
<b>BDP-<i>p</i>CB-1<sup>a</sup></b>	BDP-1	BDP-2	<i>p</i> CB	694	728	0.30	6.2x10 <sup>8</sup>
<b>BDP-<i>p</i>-CB-1+H<sup>+a</sup></b>	BDP-1	BDP-2	<i>p</i> CB	628	638	0.42	1.7x10 <sup>9</sup>
<b>BDP-<i>P</i>CB-2<sup>b</sup></b>	DPP	SubPc	<i>p</i> CB	645	659	0.47	1.7x10 <sup>9</sup>
<b>BDP-<i>p</i>CB-3<sup>b</sup></b>	DPP	BDP	<i>p</i> CB	645	659	0.47	1.2x10 <sup>10</sup>
<b>BDP-<i>P</i>CB-4<sup>b</sup></b>	DPP	SubPc	( <i>p</i> CB) <sub>2</sub>	645	659	0.36	3.2x10 <sup>8</sup>
<b>BDP-<i>p</i>CB-5<sup>c</sup></b>	DPP	BDP	<i>p</i> CB	672	687	N/R	3.1x10 <sup>9</sup>
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-6<sup>c</sup></b>	DPP	BDP	<i>o</i> CB	672	687	N/R	1.9x10 <sup>10</sup>
<b>BDP-<i>p</i>CB-2<sup>c</sup></b>	DPP	BDP	<i>p</i> CB	645	662	0.10	2.1x10 <sup>9</sup>
<b>BDP-<i>p</i>CB-7<sup>c</sup></b>	DPP	BDP	( <i>p</i> CB) <sub>2</sub>	645	662	0.44	1.9x10 <sup>8</sup>
<b>BDP-<i>p</i>CB-8<sup>c</sup></b>	DPP	BDP	( <i>p</i> CB) <sub>3</sub>	645	662	0.73	4.1x10 <sup>7</sup>
<b>BDP-<i>p</i>CB-9<sup>c</sup></b>	DPP	BDP	( <i>p</i> CB) <sub>4</sub>	645	662	0.81	1.4x10 <sup>7</sup>
<b>BDP-<i>p</i>CB-10<sup>c</sup></b>	DPP	BDP	( <i>p</i> CB) <sub>5</sub>	645	662	0.84	4.2x10 <sup>6</sup>

<sup>a</sup>1,4-dioxane; <sup>b</sup>THF; <sup>c</sup>2-MTHF

**Table S2.** Photophysical properties and **BDP-18**, **BDP-19** and **BDP-*o*CB-12** and **BDP-*o*CB-13**.(Jin et al., 2015)

Compounds	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}$ (nm)	$\epsilon_{\text{max}}$ ( $\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm) <sup>a</sup>	$\tau_{\text{f}}$ (nm) <sup>b</sup>	QY <sup>c</sup>
<b>BDP-18</b>	526	158489	543	4.0	0.41
<b>BDP-19</b>	526	125893	543	3.8	0.45
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-12</b>	531	100000	544	1.8	0.31
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-13</b>	530	158489	544	1.4	0.23

<sup>a</sup> $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500$  nm, <sup>b</sup> $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 408$  nm, <sup>c</sup>Reference: rhodamine B (QY= 0.49, 500 nm),  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 500$  nm

**Table S3.** Optical properties of axle **BDP-23** and nanocars.(Godoy et al., 2010)

Compound	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}$ (nm)	$\epsilon_{\text{max}}$ ( $\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)	QY <sup>a</sup>
<b>BDP-23</b>	552	116000	567	0.85
<b>BDP-<i>p</i>CB-14</b>	554	123000	571	0.69
<b>BDP-<i>p</i>CB-15</b>	552	181000	569	0.70
<b>BDP-<i>p</i>CB-16</b>	552	191000	567	0.79

<sup>a</sup>Determined in chloroform solution, ca  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  M. Using rhodamine 6G as reference,  $\phi_{\text{F}} = 0.95$  in EtOH,  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 488$  nm.

**Table S4.** Photoluminescence (PL) behaviors of **BDP-*o*CB-17** and **BDP-*o*CB-18**.(Tominaga et al., 2014)

Compound	In THF <sup>a</sup>		Aggregate <sup>b</sup>		Solid	
	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)	QY <sup>c</sup>	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)	QY <sup>c</sup>	$\lambda_{\text{PL}}$ (nm)	QY <sup>c</sup>
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-17</b>	512	0.33	533	0.02	563	<0.01
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-18</b>	513	0.40	529	0.02	544	<0.01

<sup>a</sup> $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M. <sup>b</sup>In THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v=1:99),  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M. <sup>c</sup>Absolute PL quantum efficiency.

**Table S5.** Absorption and emission properties of carborane-BODIPY and aza-BODIPY dyes in THF at r.t.(Gibbs et al., 2015),(Xuan et al., 2016), (Bellomo et al., 2018), (Labra-Vázquez et al., 2020), (Bellomo et al., 2021).

Compound		$\lambda_{\text{abs}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)	Log $\epsilon$ ( $\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	QY	Stokes shifts (nm)
#	CB Isomer					
<b>BDP-Me-<i>o</i>CB-20<sup>a</sup></b>	<i>o</i> CB	534	561	4.38	0.99	27
<b>BDP-Me-<i>o</i>CB-21<sup>a</sup></b>	<i>o</i> CB	501	508	4.81	0.99	7
<b>BDP-Me-<i>o</i>CB-22<sup>a</sup></b>	<i>o</i> CB	502	517	4.50	0.034	15
<b>BDP-Me-<i>o</i>CB-23<sup>b</sup></b>	<i>o</i> CB	501	512	4.89	0.404	11
<b>BDP-Me-<i>m</i>CB-24<sup>b</sup></b>	<i>m</i> CB	501	511	4.91	0.403	10
<b>BDP-Ph-<i>m</i>CB-25<sup>b</sup></b>	<i>m</i> CB	501	511	4.92	0.435	10
<b>BDP-Me-<i>m</i>CB-26<sup>b</sup></b>	<i>m</i> CB	618	641	4.82	0.49	23
<b>BDP-Me-<i>m</i>CB-27<sup>c</sup></b>	<i>m</i> CB	584	640	4.75	0.14	56
<b>BDP-Ph-<i>m</i>CB-28<sup>c</sup></b>	<i>m</i> CB	578	643	4.54	0.11	65
<b>BDP-Ph-<i>m</i>CB-29<sup>c</sup></b>	<i>m</i> CB	580	640	4.46	0.14	60
<b>BDP-Me-<i>m</i>CB-Ph-<i>o</i>CB-32<sup>c</sup></b>	<i>m</i> CB, <i>o</i> CB	578	643	4.69	0.12	65
<b>BDP-Me-<i>m</i>CB-Ph-<i>m</i>CB-33<sup>c</sup></b>	<i>m</i> CB, <i>m</i> CB-	582	641	4.76	0.12	59
<b>BDP-Ph-<i>m</i>CB-34<sup>c</sup></b>	<i>m</i> CB	641	651	4.95	0.36	10
<b>BDP-Me-<i>o</i>CB-35<sup>d</sup></b>	<i>o</i> CB	501	520	5.25	0.011	19
<b>BDP-Ph-<i>o</i>CB-36<sup>d</sup></b>	<i>o</i> CB	501	520	4.84	0.012	19
<b>BDP-Ph-<i>m</i>CB-37<sup>d</sup></b>	<i>m</i> CB	501	521	5.21	0.006	20
<b>aza-BDP-Me-<i>o</i>CB-38<sup>b</sup></b>	<i>o</i> CB	665	705	4.86	0.015	40
<b>aza-BDP-Me-<i>m</i>CB-39<sup>b</sup></b>	<i>m</i> CB	665	706	4.91	0.014	41
<b>aza-BDP-Ph-<i>o</i>CB-40<sup>b</sup></b>	<i>o</i> CB	665	707	4.91	0.014	42

<sup>a</sup>Measured in DMSO; <sup>b</sup>Rhodamine 6G in ethanol (QY = 0.95) (Fischer and Georges, 1996) was used as standard; <sup>c</sup>Rhodamine 101 in methanol (QY = 1) as standard (Brouwer, 2011); <sup>d</sup>Rhodamine B as standard in ethanol (QY = 0.5). (Nostrand et al., 1980)

**Table S6.** Absorption and emission properties of BODIPYs at room temperature. (Wang et al., 2014),(Gibbs et al., 2015), (Zhao et al., 2015), (Xuan et al., 2016)

<b>Compound</b>						
#	<b>CB Isomer</b>	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)	<b>QY<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Log <math>\epsilon</math> (M<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>Stokes Shifts (nm<sup>-1</sup>)</b>
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-41<sup>b</sup></b>	<i>oCB</i>	538	n/a	0.01	4.37	
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-42</b>	<i>oCB</i>	544	556	0.52	4.42	12
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-43</b>	<i>oCB</i>	537	553	0.29	4.54	16
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-44</b>	<i>oCB</i>	554	576	0.065	4.45	22
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-45</b>	<i>oCB</i>	577	608	0.060	4.29	31
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-46</b>	<i>oCB</i>	582	609	0.090	4.16	27
<b>BDP-<i>p</i>CB-47<sup>b</sup></b>	<i>pCB</i>	531	545	0.03	4.68	14
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-48</b>	<i>oCB</i>	521	540	0.58	4.18	19

<sup>a</sup>Rhodamine 6G in ethanol (0.95) was used as standard for all compounds except for **BDP-*o*CB-42** and **BDP-*o*CB-43**, for which violet perchlorate in methanol (0.54) as the standard was used.

<sup>b</sup>Measured in DMSO

**Table S7.** Photophysical properties of BODIPYs decorates with mercaptocarboranes in EtOH. (Zaitsev et al., 2022a), (Zaitsev et al., 2022b), (Zaitsev et al., 2023).

<b>Compound</b>						
#	<b>CB Isomer</b>	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)	<b>QY</b>	<b><math>\epsilon</math> (M<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>Stokes Shifts (nm)</b>
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-53</b>	<i>oCB</i>	515	538	0.63	34500	23
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-54</b>	<i>oCB</i>	514	530	1	44380	16
<b>BDP-<i>m</i>CB-55</b>	<i>mCB</i>	513	538	0.62	41060	25
<b>BDP-<i>m</i>CB-56</b>	<i>mCB</i>	513	528	0.97	68310	15
<b>BDP-<i>mono</i>CB-57</b>	<i>monoCB</i>	514	538	0.66	26850	24
<b>BDP-<i>mono</i>CB-58</b>	<i>monoCB</i>	513	538	1	44410	25
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-59</b>	<i>oCB</i>	593	612	1	75500	19
<b>BDP-<i>m</i>CB-60</b>	<i>mCB</i>	596	615	1	77300	19
<b>BDP-<i>mono</i>CB-61</b>	<i>monoCB</i>	607	625	0.89	82000	18
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-62</b>	<i>oCB</i>	593	615	1	80700	22
<b>BDP-<i>m</i>CB-63</b>	<i>mCB</i>	595	618	0.97	85600	23
<b>BDP-<i>mono</i>CB-64</b>	<i>monoCB</i>	607	632	0.91	83900	25

**Table S8.** Crystallographic parameters measured for *meso*-substituted carboranylthio BODIPY structures. See Figure 1a for the molecular structures and Chart 1 for nomenclature.

<b>BODIPY</b>	<b>Torsion Angle (°) C=C–S–Cc</b>	<b>QY (solvent)</b>
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-41</b>	88.7	0.065 (DMSO)
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-43</b>	93.9	0.29 (CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> )
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-45</b>	86.2	0.060 (CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> )
<b>BDP-<i>p</i>CB-47</b>	99.6	0.03 (DMSO)

**Table S9.** Crystallography parameters measured for 3/5-substituted carboranylthio BODIPY structures. See Figure 1b for the molecular structures and Chart 1 for nomenclature.

<b>BODIPY</b>	<b>Pyrrole to CB Torsion Angles (°)</b>	<b>QY (solvent)</b>
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-48</b>	C(6)–C(5)–S–Cc: -86.4	0.58 (CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> )
<b>BDP-<i>m</i>CB-60</b>	C(2)–C(3)–S–B: 10.0 C(6)–C(5)–S–B: -9.0	1.0 (acetone)
<b>BDP-<i>m</i>CB-63</b>	C(2)–C(3)–S–B: 15.96 C(6)–C(5)–S–B: -9.0	1.0 (acetone)
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-NUXKID*</b>	C(2)–C(3)–C–S: 84.7 C(6)–C(5)–S–Cc: -90.3	-

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**Table S10.** Crystallography parameters measured for carboranyl-aryl BODIPY structures. See Figure 2 for the molecular structures and Chart 1 for nomenclature.

<b>BODIPY</b>	<b>Meso-aryl group to BODIPY plane Angles (°)</b>	<b>QY (solvent)</b>
<b>BDP-ref</b>	56.06	0.007 (EtOH)
<b>BDP-Me-<i>o</i>CB-35</b>	52.64	0.011 (EtOH)
<b>BDP-Ph-<i>o</i>CB-36</b>	50.26	0.012 (EtOH)
<b>BDP-Ph-<i>m</i>CB-37</b>	58.07	0.006 (EtOH)
<b>BDP-15</b>	59.13-60.7	-
<b>BDP-<i>m</i>CB-60</b>	63.51-66.37	1.0 (acetone)
<b>BDP-<i>m</i>CB-63</b>	65.39	1.0 (acetone)

**Table S11.** Photophysical data for anionic boron clusters-BODIPY conjugates.(Chaari et al., 2018)

<b>Compound</b>	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}$ (nm)	$\epsilon/10^5$ ( $\text{M}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)	<b>QY<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Stokes shift (nm)</b>
<b>BDP-DCB-1</b>	496	0.536	517	0.06	21
<b>BDP-DCB-2</b>	497	0.495	516	0.06	19
<b>BDP-DCB-2<sup>b</sup></b>	494	0.350	513	0.03	19
<b>BDP-CoMCB-1</b>	497	0.582	520	0.04	23
<b>BDP-CoMCB-2</b>	497	0.433	519	0.04	22
<b>BDP-FeMCB-1</b>	497	0.560	504	0.03	7

<sup>a</sup>Reference compound Rhodamine 6G (EtOH, QY = 0.94); <sup>b</sup>in water

**Table S12.** Permeability and Partition coefficient (Log P) of some compounds.(Wang et al., 2014), (Gibbs et al., 2015), (Zhao et al., 2015), (Xuan et al., 2016)

Compound	Pe 10 <sup>-6</sup> (cm/s)	Log P
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-41</b>	38.75	0.85
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-42</b>	164	1.50
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-43</b>	60	1.69
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-44</b>	44	1.63
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-45</b>	26	1.95
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-46</b>	54	1.93
<b>BDP-<i>p</i>CB-47</b>	0.38	0.89
<b>BDP-<i>o</i>CB-48</b>	-	2.70

**Table 13.** Spectroscopic data of **BDP-*nido*CB-1** and **BDP-*nido*CB 2**

Compound	Solvent	Max $\lambda_{\text{abs}}$ [nm]	Max $\lambda_{\text{em}}$ [nm]	Stokes shift [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\epsilon_{\text{max}}$ [M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> ]
<b>BDP-<i>nido</i>CB-1</b>	DCM	512	569	1956	68812
	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	513	567	1856	69790
	Acetone	507	559	1834	73746
	DMF	509	561	1821	69557
	THF	509	562	1852	72549
<b>BDP-<i>nido</i>CB-2</b>	DCM	577	634	1558	63459
	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	582	640	1557	60882
	Acetone	570	623	1492	65681
	DMF	574	602	810	58557
	THF	575	630	1518	67718

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