

## Supporting Information

# **Molecular Design of Naphthalene- and Carbazole-Based Monomers for Regiospecific Synthesis of Poly(arylenevinylene)s via Co-catalyzed Hydroarylation Polyaddition**

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## Experimental section

### Materials

All reagents from commercial sources were used without further purification, unless otherwise noted. Anhydrous solvents were purchased from Kanto Chemical. 4-Ethynyltoluene (**2a**), 1-phenylpyrazole (**1b**), 4,4'-diethynylbiphenyl (**7c**), and 2,2',2''-(1,3,5-benzenetriyl)tris(1-phenylbenzimidazole) (TPBi) were purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry. Neodecanoic acid (NDA) was purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Industries. 2-Phenylpyridine (**1a**) and 4-*tert*-butylphenylacetylene (**2b**) were purchased from Sigma Aldrich. Poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene)-poly(styrenesulfonate) (PEDOT:PSS, CLEVIOS P VP AI 4083) was purchased from Heraeus. The other reagents were also purchased from Kanto Chemical, Tokyo Chemical Industry, and Sigma Aldrich. TPBi was purified by thermal sublimation before use. 2,7-Bis(4-ethynylphenyl)-9,9-bis(2-octyldodecyl)fluorene (**7a**), 2,7-bis(4-ethynylphenyl)-9,9-di(*n*-octyl)fluorene (**7b**), and [Cp\*Co(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>](SbF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> were synthesized by the same methods as our previous reports.<sup>[1]</sup>

### General methods

NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE-400 and AVANCE-600 NMR spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra were measured with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (7.26 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H NMR), C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub> (6.00 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H NMR), and CDCl<sub>3</sub> (77.0 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C NMR) as an internal reference. DFT calculations were performed by Gaussian at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. Crystal Structure Determination Intensity data were collected on a Bruker SMART APEX II ULTRA with Mo K $\alpha$  radiation. GPC measurements were carried out on a SHIMADZU prominence GPC system equipped with polystyrene gel columns, using THF as an eluent after calibration with polystyrene standards. MALDI-TOF-MS spectra were recorded on an AB SCIEX MALDI TOF/TOF 5800 using *trans*-2-[3-(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)-2-methyl-2-propenylidene]malononitrile (DCTB) as matrix. Elemental analyses were carried out with Yanaco CHN coder MT-6 or MT-5. UV-vis absorption spectra in solution states were recorded on a Hitachi U-3900H or a JASCO V-630. PL spectra in solution states were recorded on a Hitachi F-2700 fluorescence spectrophotometers. UV-vis absorption spectra and PL spectra for the spin-coated films were recorded on a Hitachi U-3010 and JASCO FP-6500 spectrophotometer, respectively. PLQYs of the spin-coated films were measured using a JASCO FP-6500 spectrophotometer with an integrating sphere. The HOMO energy levels were estimated by PYS using an AC-3 spectrometer (Riken Keiki). The surface morphologies of the polymer films were observed using AFM (5100N and 5000II, Hitachi High-Tech Corporation). XRD measurements were performed using MiniFlex600 (Rigaku Corporation, Cu K $\alpha$  radiation). High-resolution mass spectroscopy (HRMS) was carried out with an APCI-Direct Probe of Bruker micrOTOF II. All of the manipulations for the reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere using Schlenk techniques.

### Small molecular model reaction of mono-substituted benzene (Figure 1)

To a stirred solution of a mono-substituted benzene (**1a-1e**, 0.10 mmol), 4-ethynyltoluene (**2a**, 26.6  $\mu$ L, 0.21 mmol), and 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (11.2 mg, 0.067 mmol) in anhydrous THF (1.0 mL) was added [Cp\*Co(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>](SbF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (3.94 mg, 0.0050 mmol) and NDA (11.4  $\mu$ L, 0.060 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at 30 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. A portion of the reaction mixture was sampled at 0 and 24 h. The NMR yield was calculated from the integral value of the signal for the product on the basis of the internal standard (1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene).

### Small molecular model reaction of naphthalene- and carbazole-based monomers

To a stirred solution of an aromatic monomer (0.10 mmol), 4-*tert*-butylphenylacetylene (**2b**, 37.4  $\mu$ L, 0.21 mmol), and 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (11.2 mg, 0.067 mmol) in anhydrous THF (2.0 mL) was added [Cp\*Co(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>](SbF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (3.94 mg, 0.0050 mmol) and NDA (18.9  $\mu$ L, 0.10 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at 30 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. A portion of the reaction mixture was sampled at 0 and 24 h. The NMR yield was calculated from the integral value of the signal for the product on the basis of the internal standard (1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene). Isolation of the product is described below.

#### Synthesis of **6ab** (Scheme 2a)

2,6-Di(1-pyrazolyl)naphthalene (**5a**, 52.0 mg, 0.20 mmol) was used as the aromatic monomer. The reaction mixture was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) and poured into NH<sub>3</sub> solution (28% in water, 50 mL). The organic layer was washed with NH<sub>3</sub> solution and distilled water (100 mL x 2). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and filtered through a Celite plug. The product was isolated by silica gel column chromatography using hexane : ethyl acetate (9:1  $\rightarrow$  4:1) as an eluent. **6ab** was obtained as a yellow solid in 82% yield (94.6 mg). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, r.t.):  $\delta$  8.16 (s, 2H), 7.98 (s, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 1.7, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 2.2, 2H), 7.38 (s, 8H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 16.1, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 16.2, 2H), 6.53 (t, *J* = 2.1, 2H), 1.33 (s, 18H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, r.t.):  $\delta$  151.43, 140.97, 138.11, 134.29, 132.90, 132.00, 131.88, 131.69, 126.62, 125.66, 124.58, 123.29, 106.86, 34.69, 31.27. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: C 83.30, H 6.99, N 9.71; found: C 83.12, H 6.76, N 9.69.

#### Synthesis of **6cb** (Scheme S2)

9-(2-Ethylhexyl)-3,6-di(1-pyrazolyl)carbazole (**5c**, 82.3 mg, 0.20 mmol) was used as the aromatic monomer. The reaction mixture was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) and poured into NH<sub>3</sub> solution (28% in water, 50 mL). The organic layer was washed with NH<sub>3</sub> solution and distilled water (100 mL x 2). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and filtered through a Celite plug. The product was isolated by silica gel column chromatography using hexane : ethyl acetate (1:0  $\rightarrow$  4:1) as an eluent. **6cb** was obtained as a yellow solid in 73% yield (106 mg). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, r.t.):  $\delta$  8.02 (s, 2H), 7.79 (s, 2H), 7.67 (s, 4H), 7.36 (s, 8H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 16.4, 2H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 16.4, 2H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 1.9, 2H), 4.22 - 4.40 (m, 2H), 2.05 - 2.27 (m, 1H), 1.39 - 1.50 (m, 8H), 1.32 (s, 18H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.2, 3H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.1, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, r.t.):  $\delta$  151.11, 141.86, 140.40, 134.44, 132.62, 132.14, 132.12, 130.45, 126.45, 125.60, 124.24, 121.97, 118.76, 106.24, 105.72, 47.51, 39.43, 34.64, 31.26, 31.00, 28.87, 24.55, 23.03, 14.13, 11.00. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>57</sub>N<sub>5</sub>: C 82.49, H 7.89, N 9.62; found: C 82.47, H 8.03, N 9.57.

#### Deuterium exchange experiment (Scheme 3)

To a stirred solution of a naphthalene derivative (0.10 mmol) and 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (11.2 mg, 0.067 mmol) in anhydrous THF (2.0 mL) was added [Cp\*Co(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>](SbF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (3.94 mg, 0.0050 mmol) and CD<sub>3</sub>COOD (11.4  $\mu$ L, 0.20 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at 30 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. A portion of the reaction mixture was sampled at 0 and 24 h. The deuterium ratio was calculated from the integral value of the signal for the product on the basis of the internal standard (1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene).

### Synthesis of Paa (Scheme 4a)

To a stirred solution of **5a** (26.0 mg, 0.10 mmol) and 2,7-bis(4-ethynylphenyl)-9,9-bis(2-octyldodecyl)fluorene (**7a**, 92.8 mg, 0.10 mmol) in anhydrous THF (5.0 mL) were added [Cp\*Co(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>](SbF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (3.94 mg, 0.0050 mmol) and NDA (18.9  $\mu$ L, 0.10 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at 30 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere in the dark. Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) and poured into NH<sub>3</sub> solution (28% in water, 50 mL). The organic layer was washed with NH<sub>3</sub> solution and distilled water (100 mL  $\times$  2). The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and filtered through a Celite plug. The solution of CHCl<sub>3</sub> was concentrated and reprecipitated into methanol. The precipitate was filtered and a polymeric product (**Paa**) was obtained as a yellow solid in 96% yield (114 mg,  $M_n = 4.1 \times 10^4$ , PDI = 3.9). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>, 373 K):  $\delta$  8.27 (s, 2H), 8.07 (s, 2H), 7.92 (s, 2H), 7.88 (s, 2H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 7.4$ , 2H), 7.48 - 7.77 (m, 12H), 7.20 (s, 4H), 6.62 (s, 2H), 2.16 (s, 2H), 0.71 - 1.40 (m, 80H). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>85</sub>H<sub>110</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: C 85.95, H 9.33, N 4.72; found: C 85.07, H 9.30, N 4.74.

### Synthesis of Pcb (Scheme 4b)

**Pcb** was obtained by the same procedure as **Paa**.

**5c** (41.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) and 2,7-bis(4-ethynylphenyl)-9,9-di(*n*-octyl)fluorene (**7b**, 59.1 mg, 0.10 mmol) were used as the monomers. The reaction was carried out at 30 °C for 24 h, giving **Pcb** as a yellow solid in 73% yield (73.4 mg,  $M_n = 1.1 \times 10^4$ , PDI = 2.8). The reaction was also carried out at 30 °C for 48 h, giving **Pcb** as a yellow solid in 71% yield (71.4 mg,  $M_n = 2.3 \times 10^4$ , PDI = 3.4). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, r.t.):  $\delta$  8.10 (s, 2H), 7.86 (s, 2H), 7.45 - 7.84 (m, 18H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 16.3$ , 2H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 16.0$ , 2H), 6.56 (s, 2H), 4.37 (m, 2H), 1.92 - 2.33 (m, 5H), 0.63 - 1.55 (m, 44H). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>71</sub>H<sub>79</sub>N<sub>5</sub>: C 85.07, H 7.94, N 6.99; found: C 85.28, H 7.67, N 6.71.

### Synthesis of Pcc (Scheme S3)

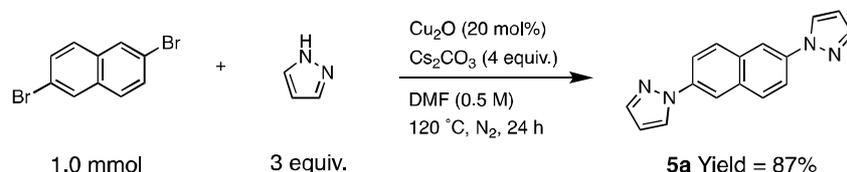
**5c** (41.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) and 4,4'-diethynylbiphenyl (**7c**, 20.2 mg, 0.10 mmol) were used as the monomers. The reaction was carried out at 30 °C for 24 h, and precipitates were corrected by filtration. The obtained solid was purified via Soxhlet extraction with methanol and tetrachloroethane. The solution of tetrachloroethane was concentrated and reprecipitated into *n*-hexane. The precipitate was filtered and a polymeric product (**Pcc**) was obtained as a red solid in 75% yield (45.7 mg). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>, r.t.):  $\delta$  8.08 (s, 2H), 7.84 (s, 2H), 7.77 (s, 4H), 7.39 - 7.70 (m, 8H), 7.15 (d,  $J = 15.7$ , 2H), 7.03 (d,  $J = 15.9$ , 2H), 6.56 (s, 2H), 4.34 (m, 2H), 2.06 - 2.30 (m, 1H), 1.24 - 1.55 (m, 8H), 0.79 - 1.11 (m, 6H).

### Fabrication and Characterization of OLED.

OLED was fabricated in the following configuration: ITO/PEDOT:PSS/light-emitting **Paa** layer/electron transporting (hole blocking) TPBi layer/LiF/Al. The patterned indium tin oxide (ITO) glass (conductivity: 10  $\Omega$ /square) was precleaned in an ultrasonic bath of acetone and ethanol and then treated in an ultraviolet-ozone chamber. A thin layer (40 nm) of PEDOT:PSS was spin-coated onto the ITO at 3000 rpm and air-dried at 110 °C for 10 min on a hot plate. The substrate was then transferred to a N<sub>2</sub>-filled glovebox where it was redried at 110 °C for 10 min on a hot plate. A chloroform solution of **Paa** (5 mg/1 mL) was subsequently spin-coated onto the PEDOT:PSS surface to form the light-emitting layer (47 nm). TPBi (40 nm), LiF (1 nm), and Al (100 nm) were then deposited onto the active layer with conventional thermal evaporation at a chamber pressure lower than  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  Pa, which provided the devices with an active area of  $2 \times 2 \text{ mm}^2$ . Current-voltage characteristics and

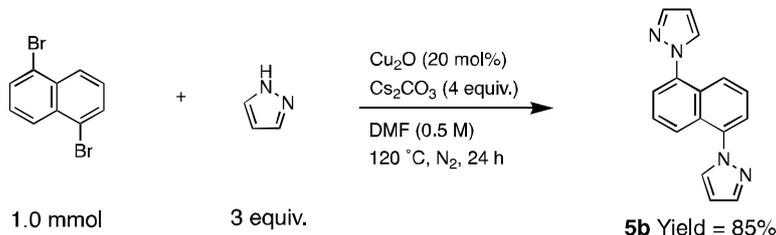
luminance of the OLED were simultaneously measured using an ADCMT 6245 DC voltage current source/monitor (ADC CORPORATION) and an LS-100 luminance meter (KONICA MINOLTA JAPAN, INC.), respectively. The EL spectra and the coordinates of the CIE chromaticity were measured using an array spectrometer (MCPD-9800-311C, Otsuka Electronics Co, Ltd.).

### Synthesis of 2,6-di(1-pyrazolyl)naphthalene (**5a**, Figure S23)<sup>[2]</sup>



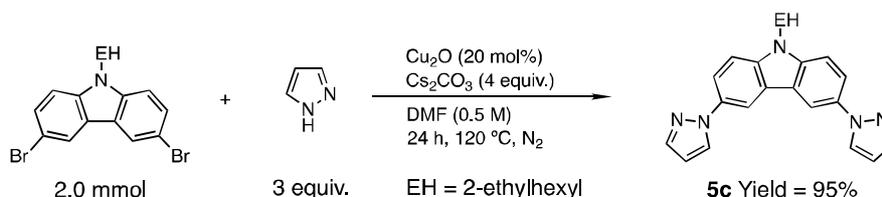
A solution of 2,6-dibromonaphthalene (286 mg, 1.0 mmol), pyrazole (204 mg, 3.0 mmol), Cu<sub>2</sub>O (28.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.30 g, 4.0 mmol) in DMF (2.0 mL) was stirred for 24 h at 120 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. The crude mixture was dried under vacuum and dissolved in dichloromethane. The solution filtered through a Celite plug, and rinsed with dichloromethane. The product was isolated by silica gel column chromatography using hexane : ethyl acetate (3:1 → 1:1) as an eluent. 2,6-di(1-pyrazolyl)naphthalene (**5a**) was obtained as a white solid in 87% yield (227 mg). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, r.t.): δ 8.15 (d, *J* = 1.9, 2H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 2.1, 2H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.8, 2H), 7.95 (dd, *J* = 1.9, 8.8, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 1.3, 2H), 6.54 (t, *J* = 2.0, 2H). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: C 73.83, H 4.65, N 21.52; found: C 73.59, H 4.43, N 21.67. **5b** and **5c** were obtained by the same procedure.

### Synthesis of 1,5-di(1-pyrazolyl)naphthalene (**5b**, Figure S24)



1,5-Dibromonaphthalene (286 mg, 1.0 mmol) was used instead of 2,6-dibromonaphthalene. The reaction was also carried out at 120 °C for 24 h, giving 1,5-di(1-pyrazolyl)naphthalene (**5b**) as a white solid in 85% yield (221 mg). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, r.t.): δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.4, 2H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 1.3, 2H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 2.2, 2H), 7.55 - 7.62 (m, 4H), 6.57 (t, *J* = 2.0, 2H). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: C 73.83, H 4.65, N 21.52; found: C 73.92, H 4.52, N 21.73.

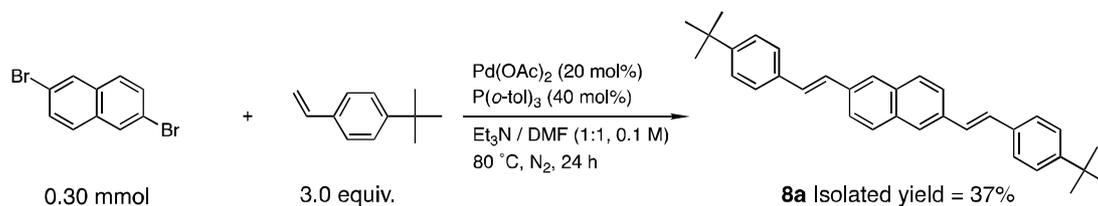
### Synthesis of 9-(2-ethylhexyl)-3,6-di(1-pyrazolyl)carbazole (**5c**, Figure S25)



9-(2-Ethylhexyl)-3,6-dibromocarbazole (437 mg, 1.0 mmol) was used instead of 2,6-dibromonaphthalene. The reaction was also carried out at 120 °C for 24 h, giving 9-(2-ethylhexyl)-3,6-di(1-pyrazolyl)carbazole (**5c**) as a colorless oil in 95% yield (391 mg). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, r.t.): δ 8.37 (d, *J* = 1.8, 2H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 2.5, 2H),

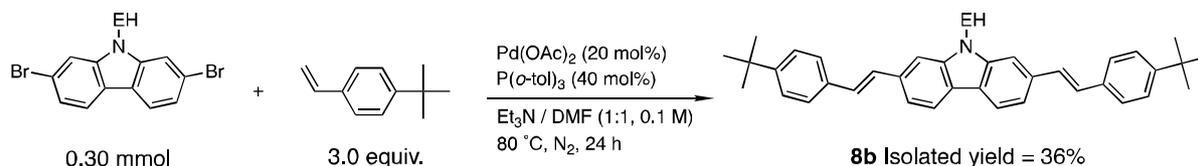
7.79 - 7.87 (m, 2H), 7.77 (s, 2H), 7.45 (d,  $J = 8.8$ , 2H), 6.45 - 6.56 (m, 2H), 4.13 - 4.28 (m, 2H), 2.01 - 2.15 (m, 1H), 1.17 - 1.48 (m, 8H), 0.93 (t,  $J = 7.4$ , 3H), 0.86 (t,  $J = 7.0$ , 3H). HRMS (APCI):  $m/z$  calculated for  $C_{26}H_{30}N_5^+$  [ $M+H^+$ ]: 412.2496, found: 412.2509.

### Synthesis of 2,6-bis((*E*)-4-*tert*-butylstyryl)naphthalene (**8a**, Figure S26)<sup>[3]</sup>



To a stirred solution of 2,6-dibromonaphthalene (85.8 mg, 0.30 mmol),  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (13.5 mg, 0.060 mmol), and tris(*o*-tolyl)phosphine (36.5 mg, 0.12 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (1.5 mL) was added 4-*tert*-butylstyrene (164  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.90 mmol) and triethylamine (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at 80 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. The crude mixture was filtered through a Celite plug, and rinsed with toluene. The toluene solution was poured into water, and washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, and filtered through a Celite plug. The product was isolated by silica gel column chromatography using hexane : chloroform (1:0  $\rightarrow$  1:1) as an eluent, followed by washing with methanol and recrystallization with chloroform and hexane. 2,6-bis((*E*)-4-*tert*-butylstyryl)naphthalene (**8a**) was obtained as a white solid in 37% yield (49.1 mg).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.):  $\delta$  7.82 (d,  $J = 1.4$ , 2H), 7.80 (d,  $J = 8.5$ , 2H), 7.73 (dd,  $J = 1.3, 8.6$ , 2H), 7.51 (d,  $J = 8.4$ , 4H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.5$ , 4H), 7.23 (s, 4H), 1.35 (s, 18H). Anal. calcd. for  $C_{34}H_{36}$ : C 91.84, H 8.16; found: C 91.68, H 8.26.

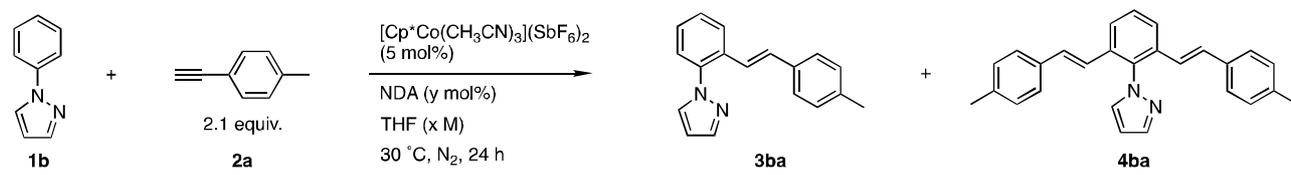
### Synthesis of 9-(2-ethylhexyl)-2,7-bis((*E*)-4-*tert*-butylstyryl)carbazole (**8b**, Figure S27)<sup>[3]</sup>



To a stirred solution of 9-(2-ethylhexyl)-2,7-dibromocarbazole (131 mg, 0.30 mmol),  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (13.5 mg, 0.060 mmol), and tris(*o*-tolyl)phosphine (36.5 mg, 0.12 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (1.5 mL) was added 4-*tert*-butylstyrene (164  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.90 mmol) and triethylamine (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at 80 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. The crude mixture was filtered through a Celite plug, and rinsed with toluene. The toluene solution was poured into water, and washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate, and filtered through a Celite plug. The product was isolated by silica gel column chromatography using hexane : ethyl acetate (1:0  $\rightarrow$  4:1) as an eluent, followed by high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) and recrystallization with chloroform and hexane. 9-(2-ethylhexyl)-2,7-bis((*E*)-4-*tert*-butylstyryl)carbazole (**8b**) was obtained as a white solid in 36% yield (63.1 mg).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.):  $\delta$  8.01 (d,  $J = 8.1$ , 2H), 7.52 (d,  $J = 8.3$ , 4H), 7.43 - 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.41 (d,  $J = 8.4$ , 4H), 7.26 (d,  $J = 16.9$ , 2H), 7.21 (d,  $J = 16.2$ , 2H), 4.09 - 4.33 (m, 2H), 2.09 - 2.17 (m, 1H), 1.29 - 1.50 (m, 8H), 1.35 (s, 18H), 0.96 (t,  $J = 7.4$ , 3H), 0.91 (t,  $J = 7.3$ , 3H). Anal. calcd. for  $C_{44}H_{53}N$ : C 88.68, H 8.97, N 2.35; found: C 88.65, H 9.01, N 2.22.

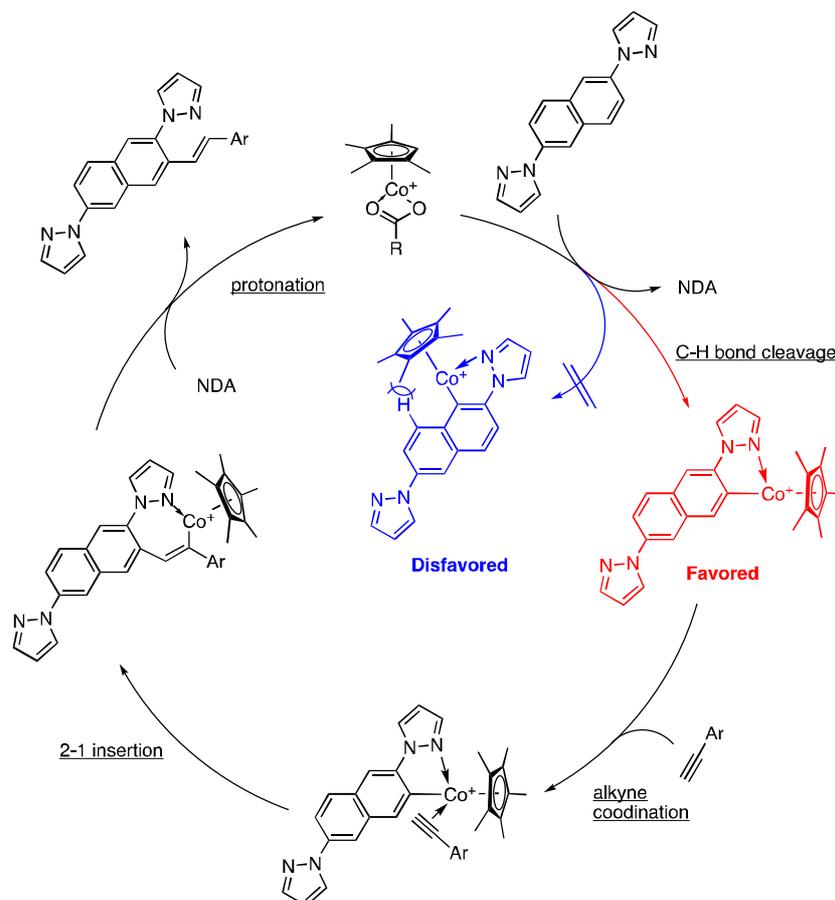
## Model reactions and hydroarylation polyaddition

**Table S1. Optimization of hydroarylation reaction of 1b with 2a** <sup>[a]</sup>

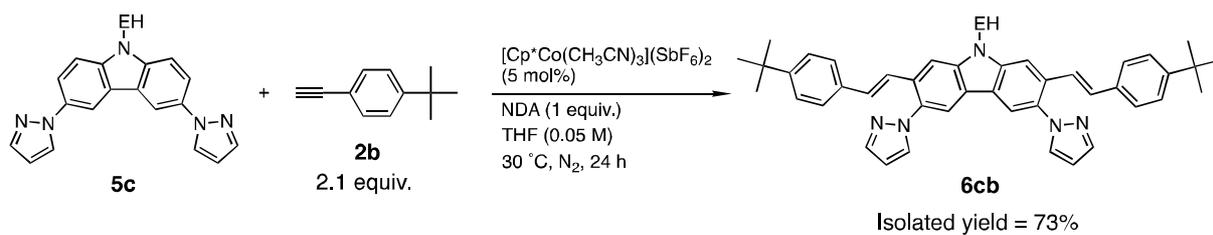


Entry	x [M]	y [mol%]	Conversion of <b>1b</b> [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	Yield of <b>3ba</b> [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	Yield of <b>4ba</b> [%] <sup>[b]</sup>
1	0.10	60	80 (49) <sup>[c]</sup>	62	18
2	0.05	60	97 (62) <sup>[c]</sup>	70	27
3	0.05	30	54 (32) <sup>[c]</sup>	45	9.1
4	0.05	100	96 (66) <sup>[c]</sup>	61	35

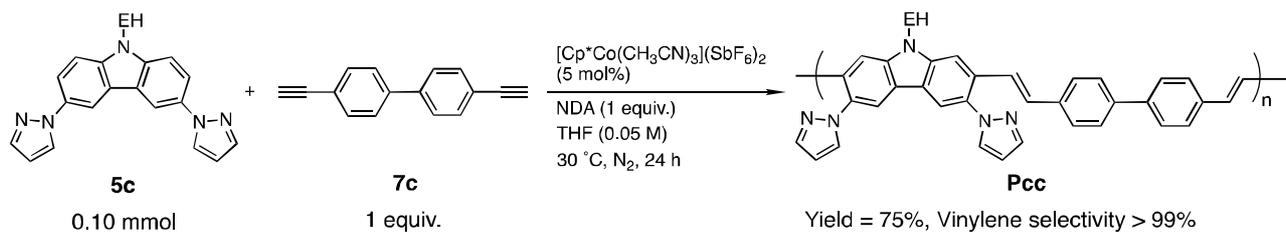
<sup>[a]</sup> Reaction conditions: **1b** (1.0 equiv., 0.10 mmol), **2a** (2.1 equiv., 0.21 mmol), [Cp\*Co(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)](SbF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), Neodecanoic acid (NDA, 30-100 mol%), and tetrahydrofuran (THF, 1.0 or 2.0 mL), 24 h under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at 30 °C. <sup>[b]</sup> Conversions and yields were calculated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analyses using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. <sup>[c]</sup> Consumption of C-H bonds adjacent to an 1-pyrazole group.



**Scheme S1. Proposed catalytic cycle of the hydroarylation reaction of 5a.**



**Scheme S2. Hydroarylation reaction of 5c with 2b**



**Scheme S3. Hydroarylation polyaddition of 5c with 7c**

## NMR and MS spectra

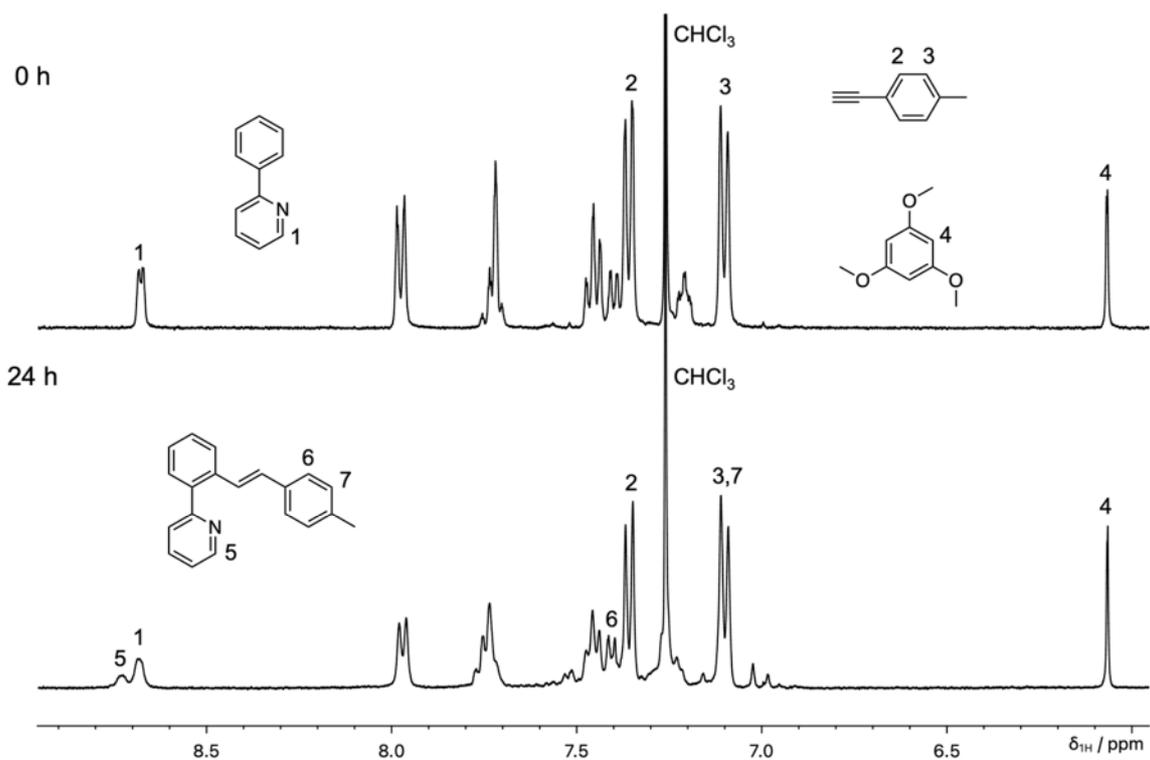


Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the model reaction of 1a with 2a (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, r.t.).

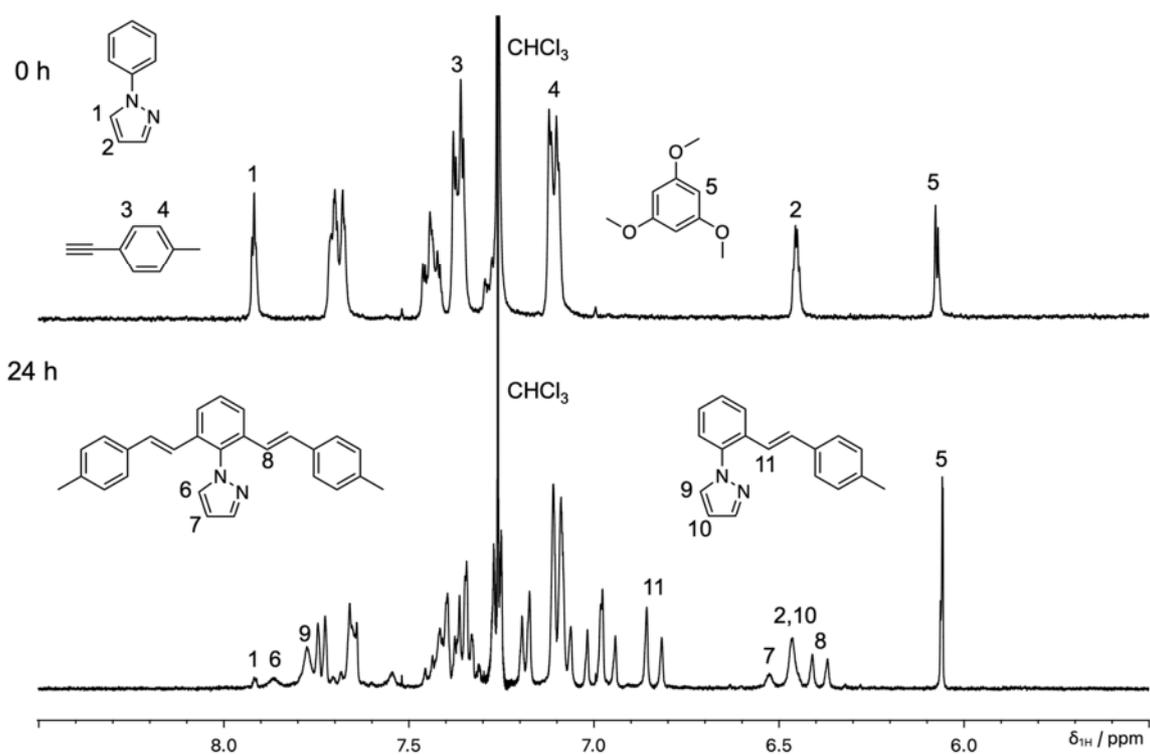


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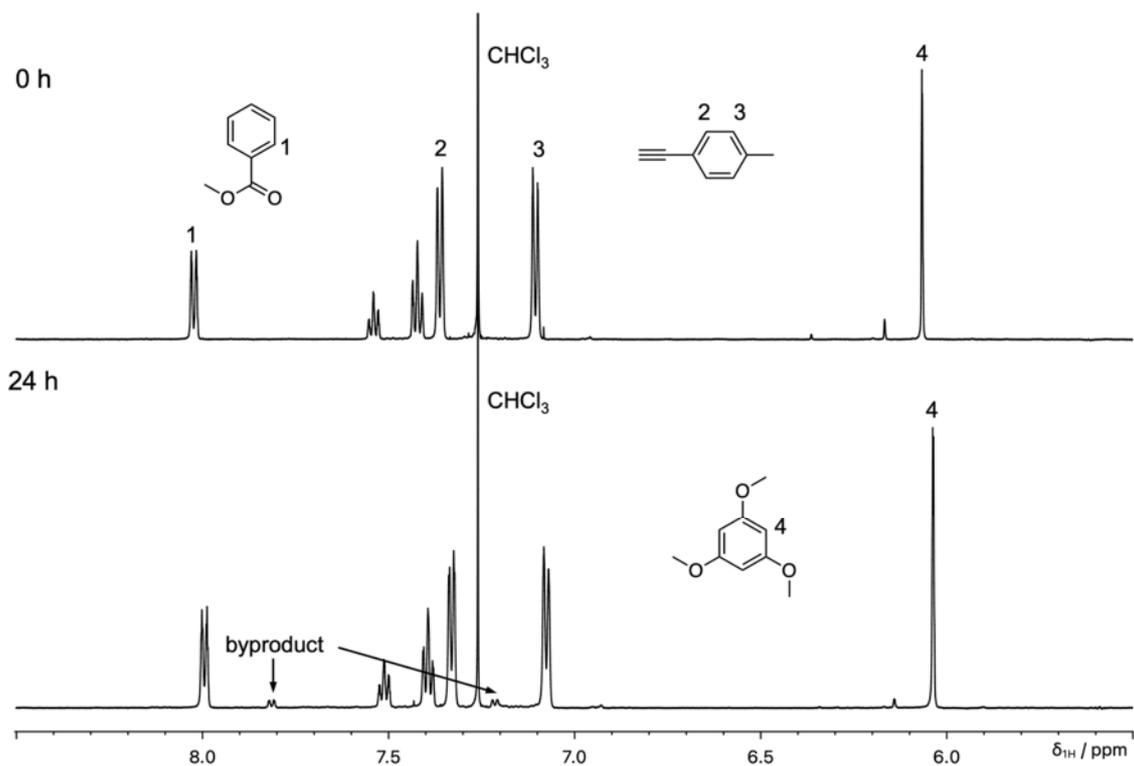


Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the model reaction of 1c with 2a (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, r.t.).

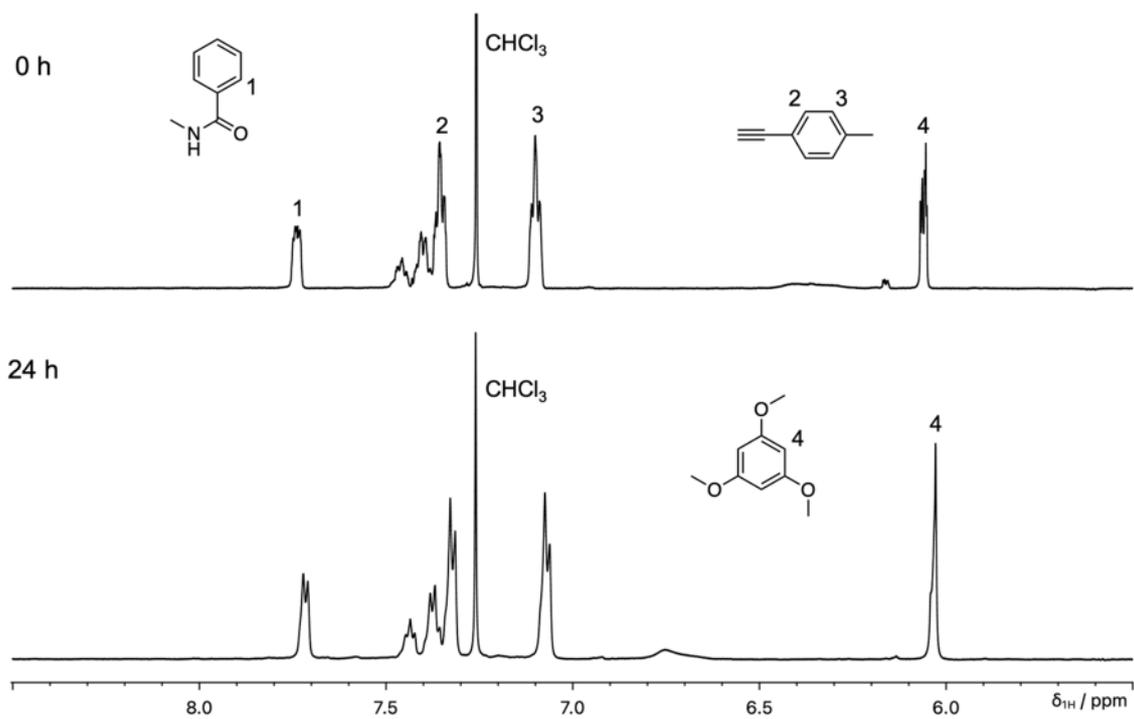


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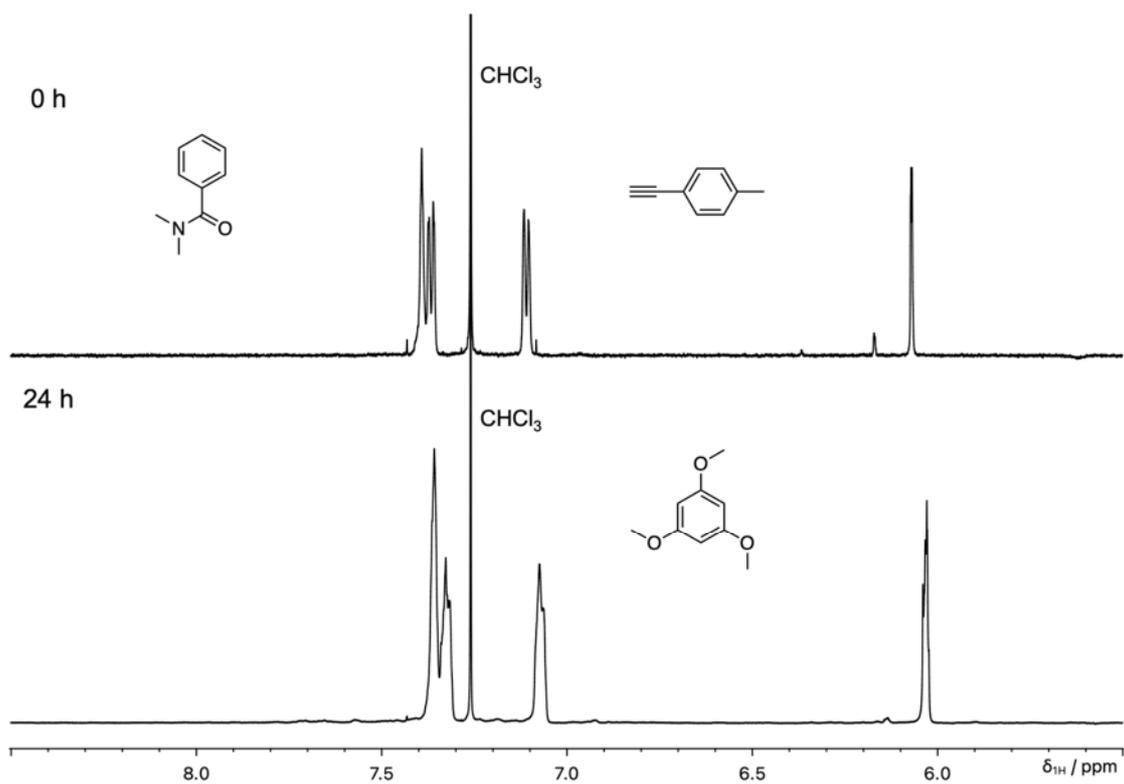


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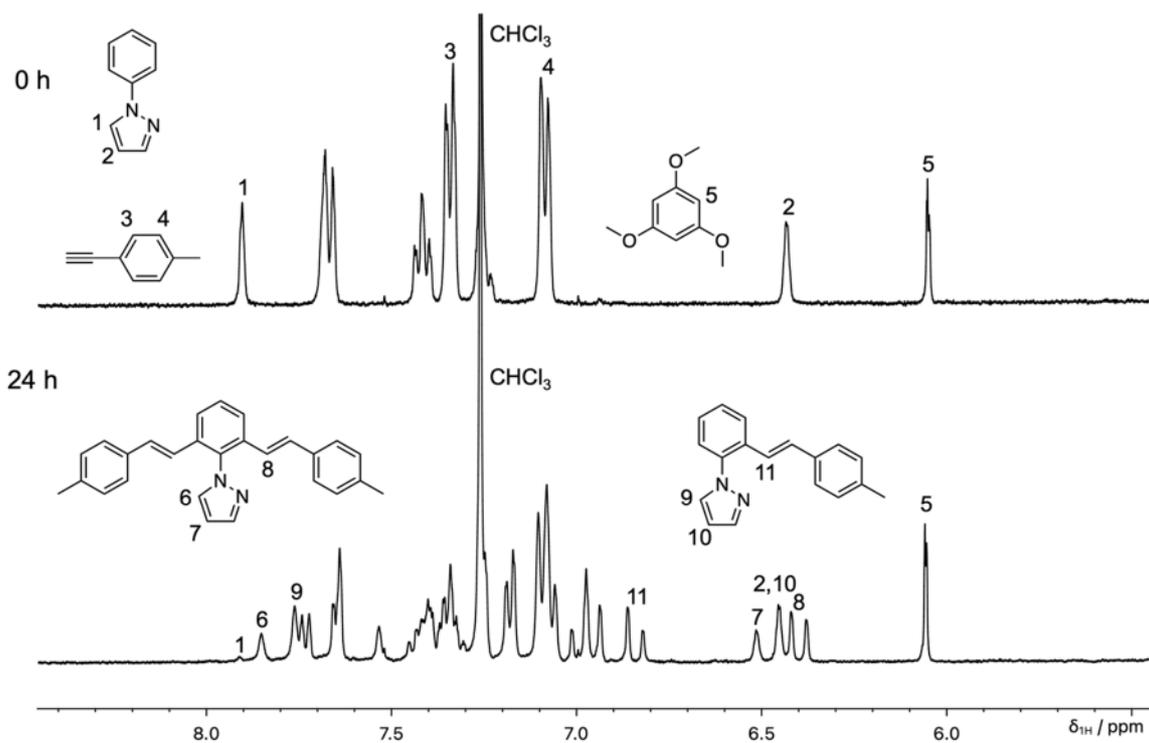


Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the model reaction of 1b with 2a under the optimized conditions (Table S1 Entry 4, 400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, r.t.).

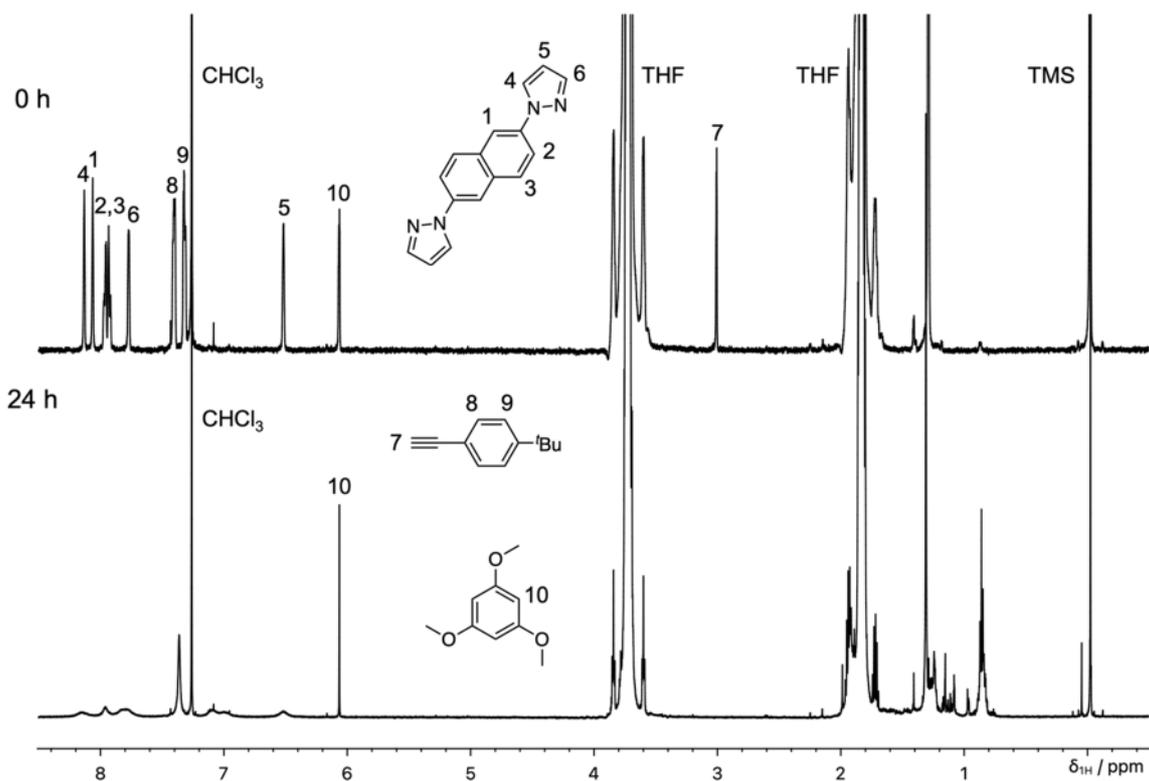


Figure S7.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the model reaction of 5a with 2b (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.).

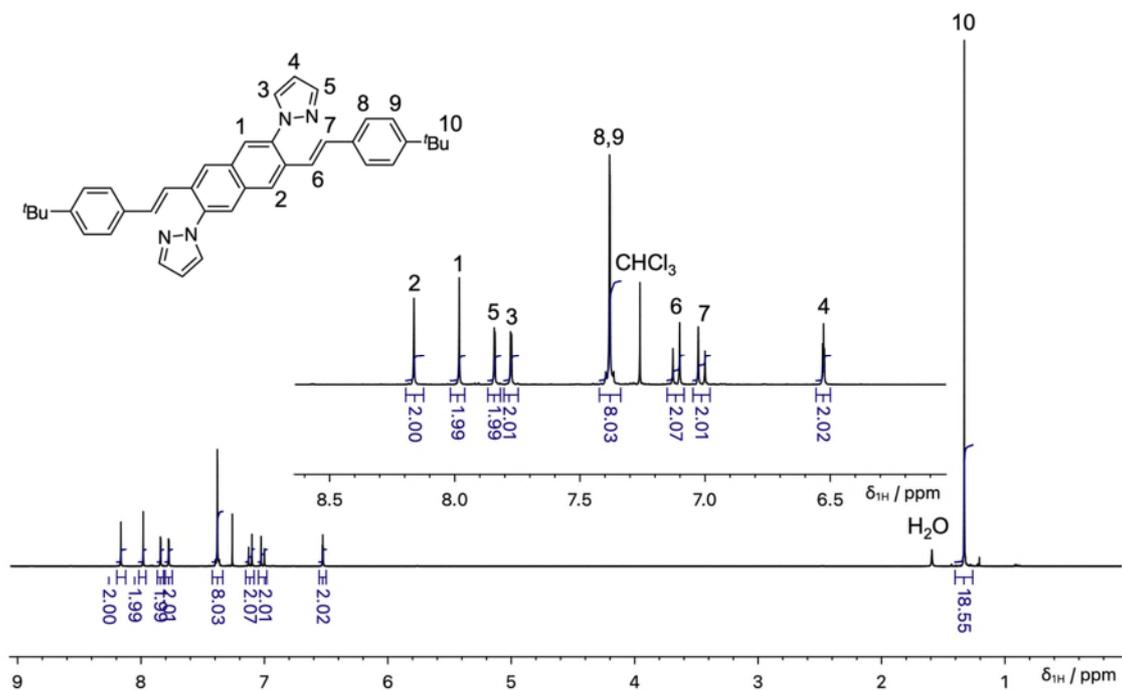


Figure S8.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 6ab (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.).

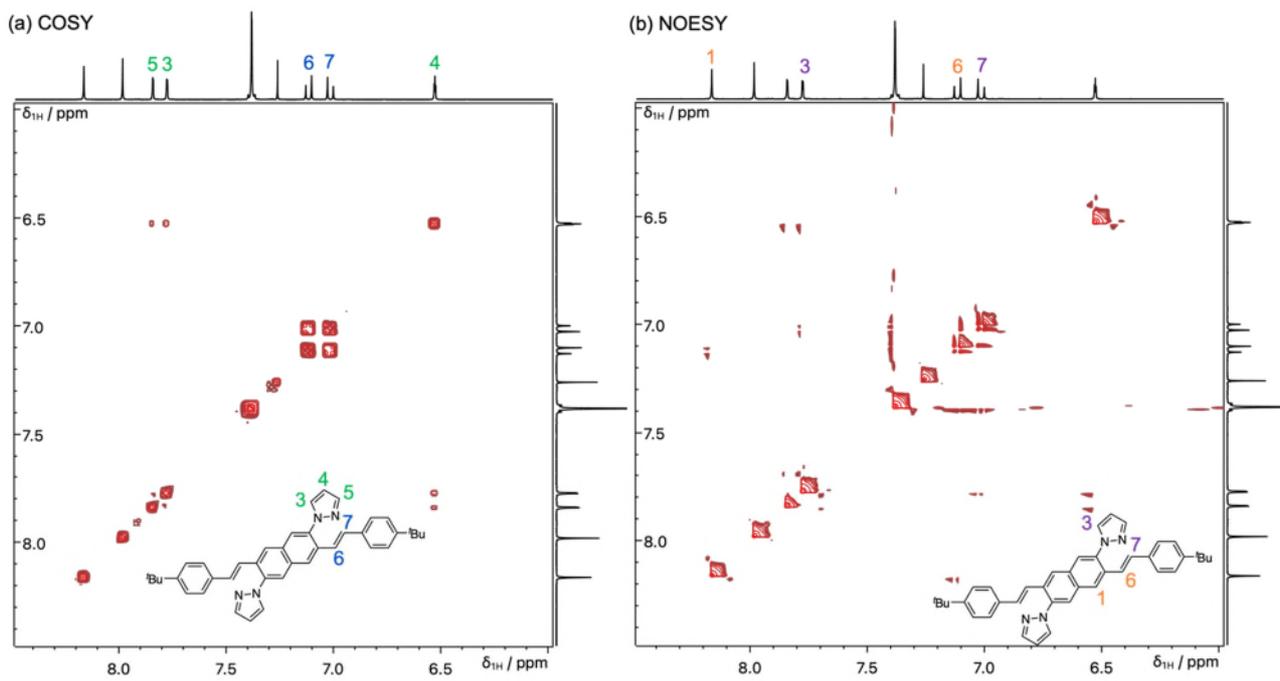


Figure S9. 2D  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of 6ab (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.). (a) COSY NMR. (b) NOESY NMR.

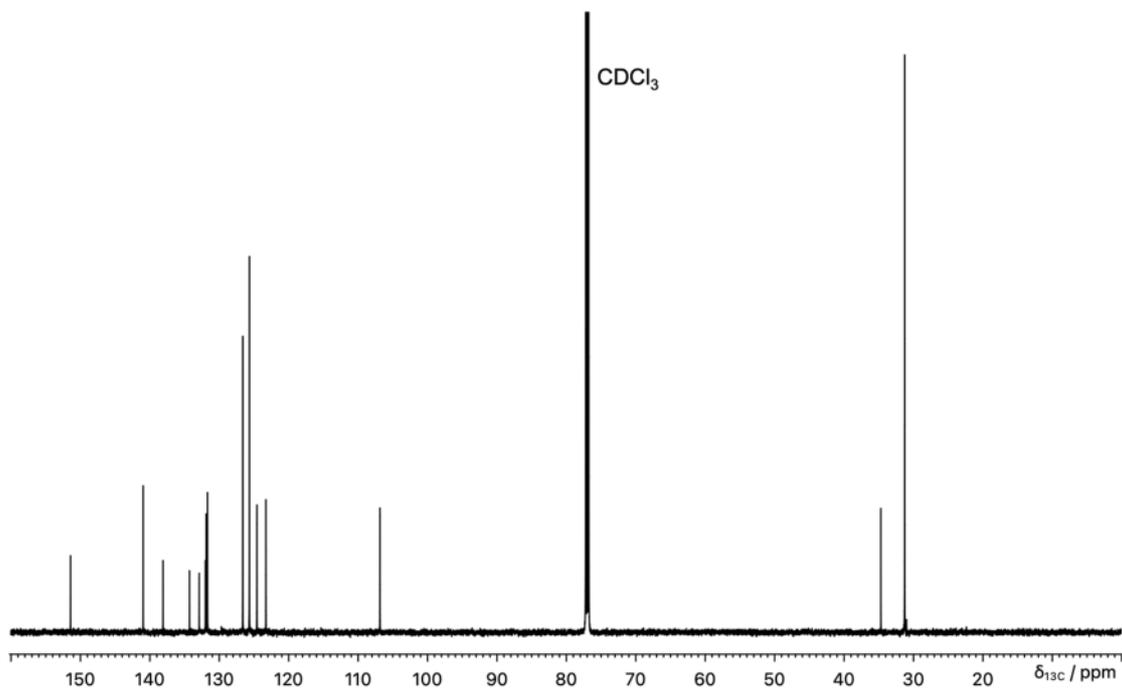


Figure S10.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of 6ab (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.).

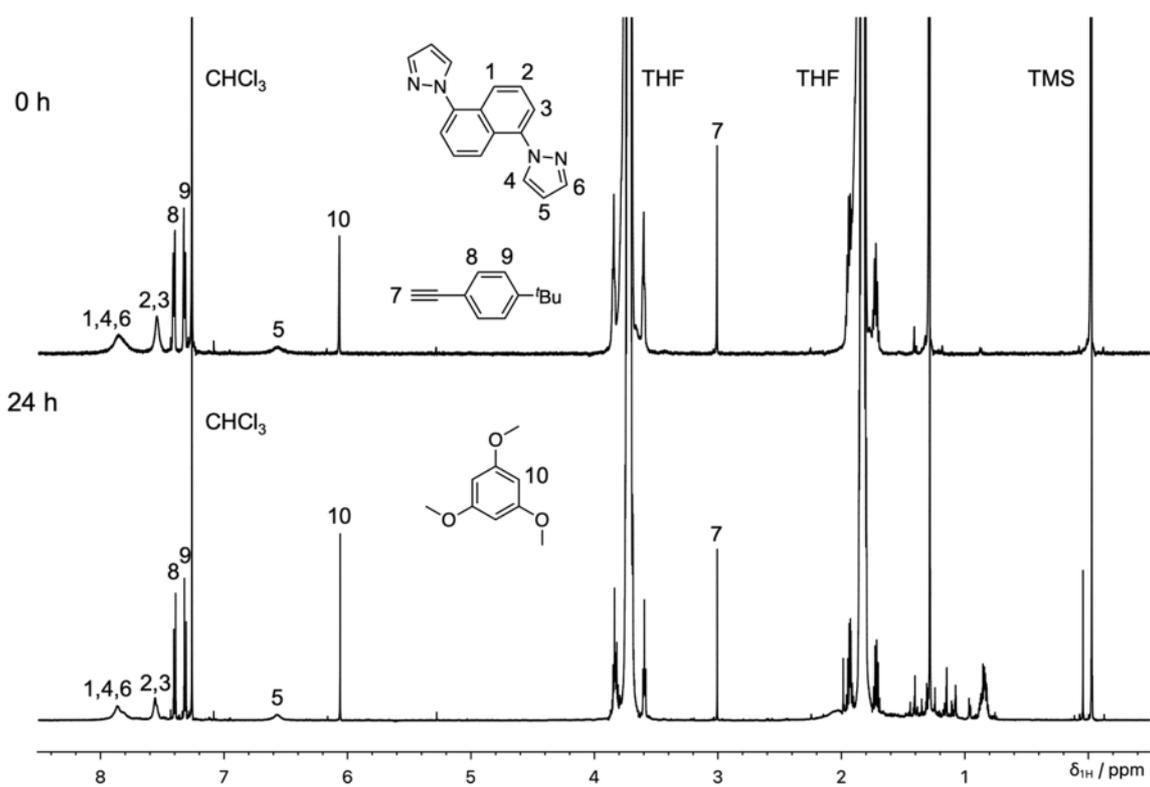


Figure S11.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the model reaction of 5b with 2b (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.).

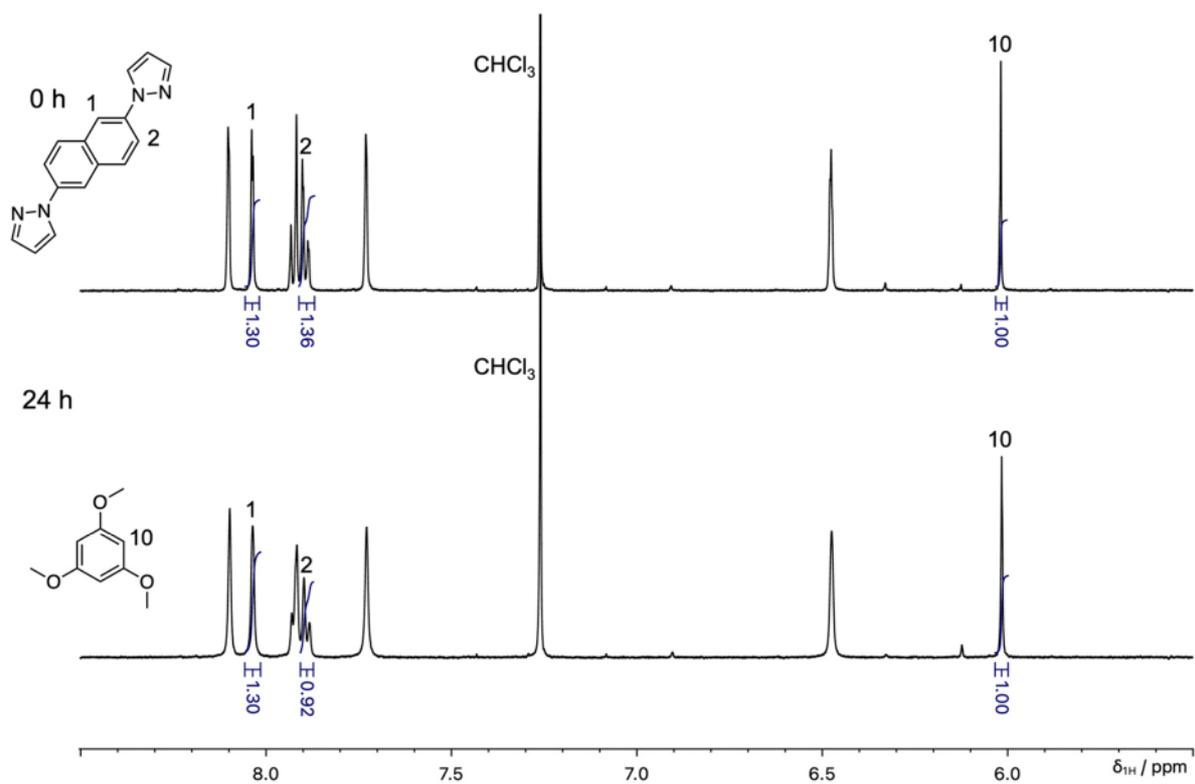


Figure S12.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the deuterium exchange experiment of 5a (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.).

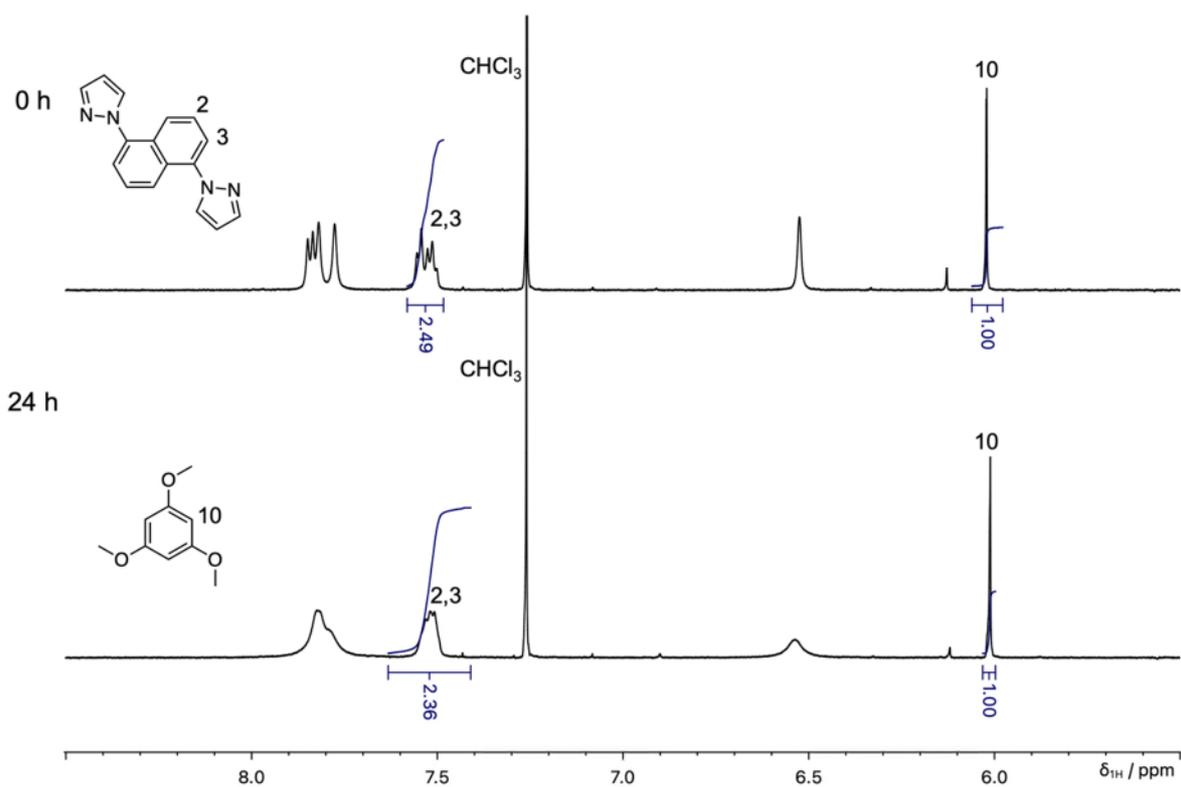


Figure S13.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the deuterium exchange experiment of **5b** (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.).

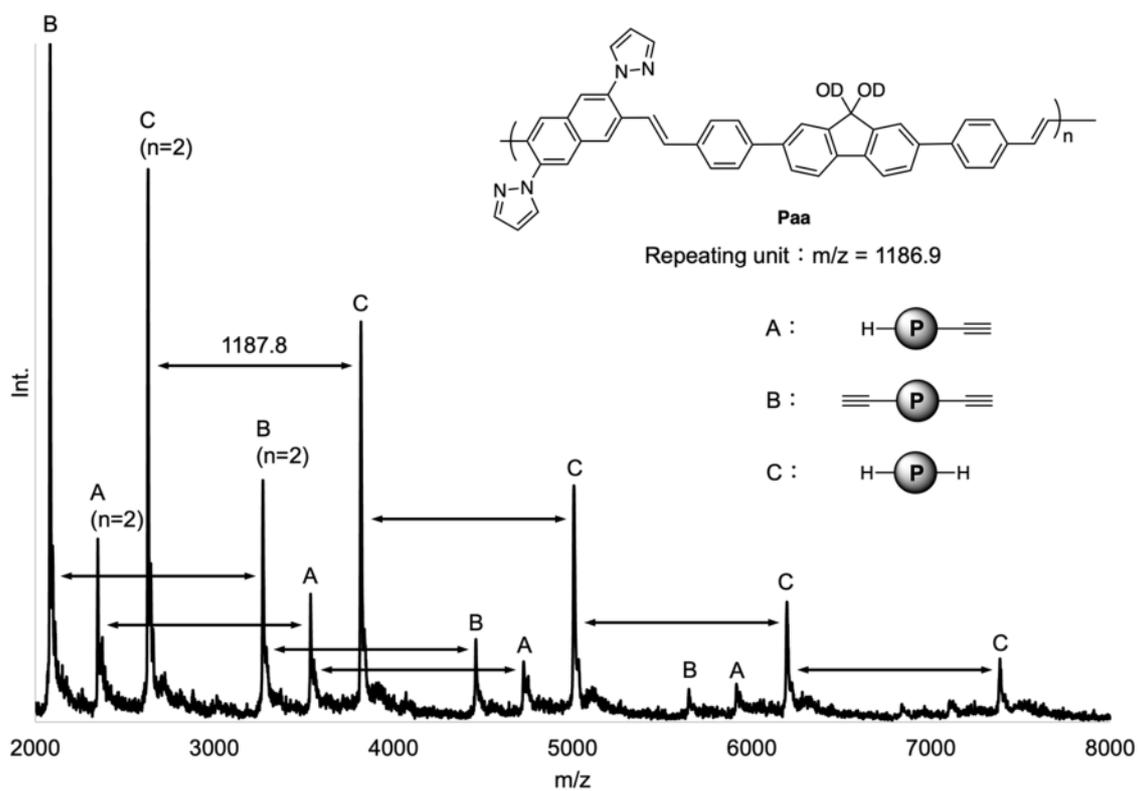


Figure S14. MALDI-TOF MS of **Paa**

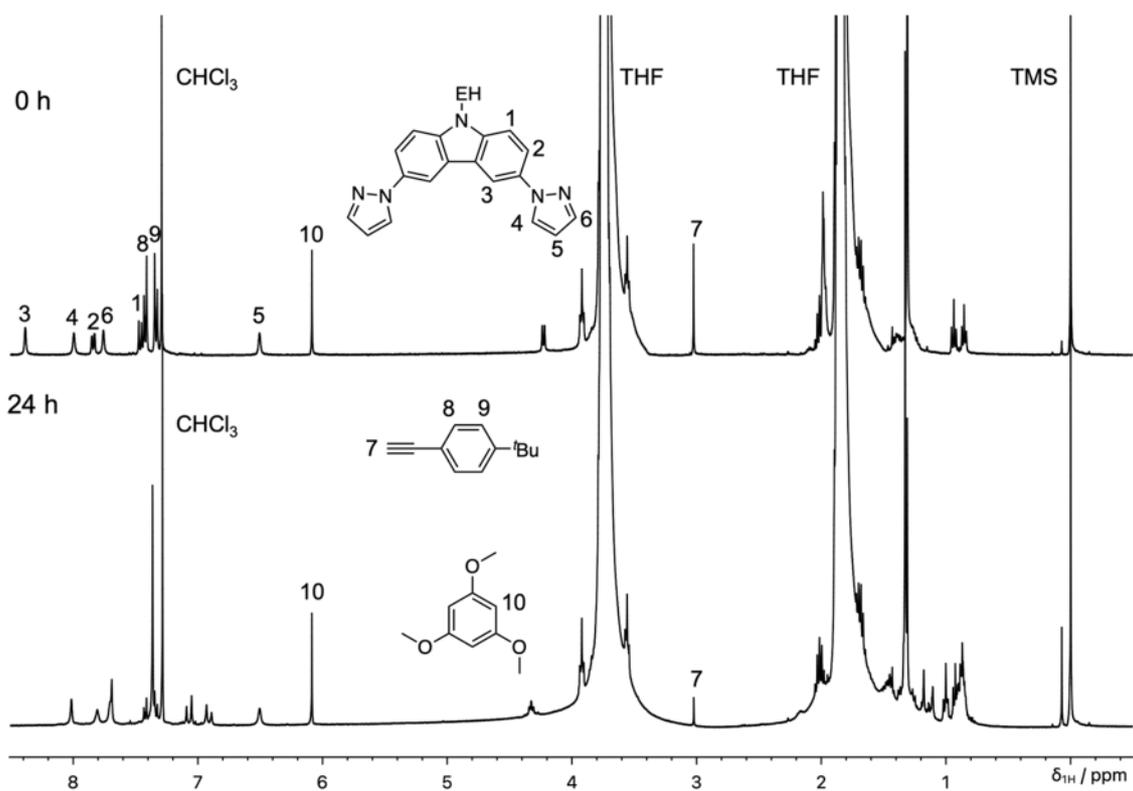


Figure S15.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the model reaction of 5c with 2b (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.).

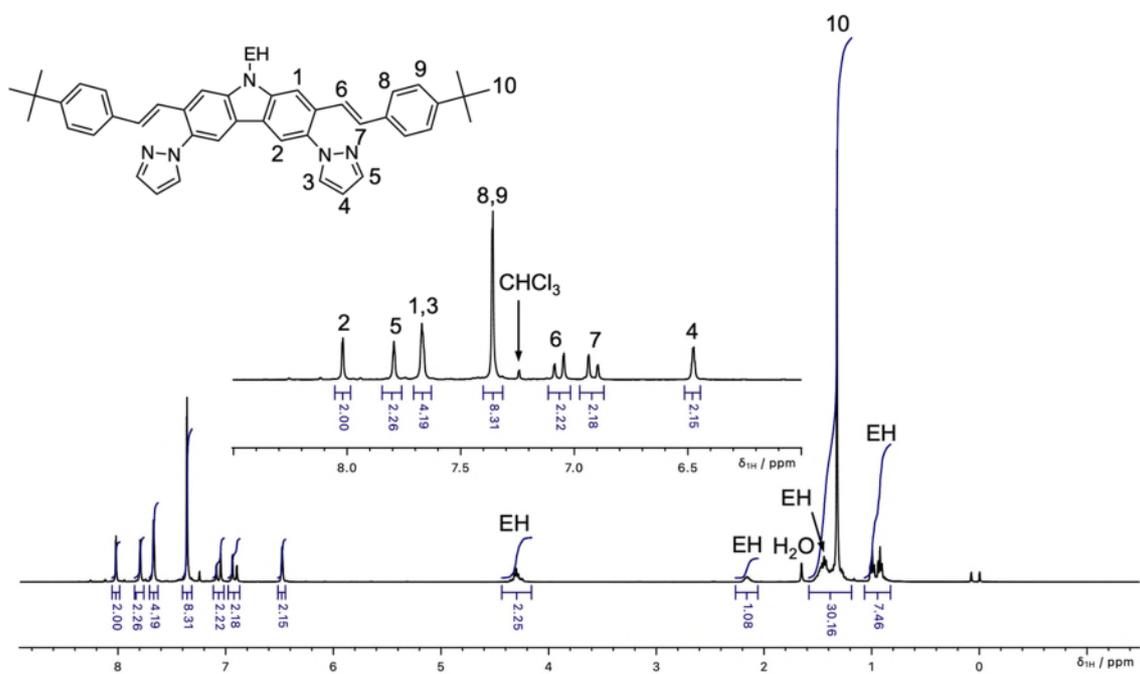


Figure S16.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 6cb (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.).

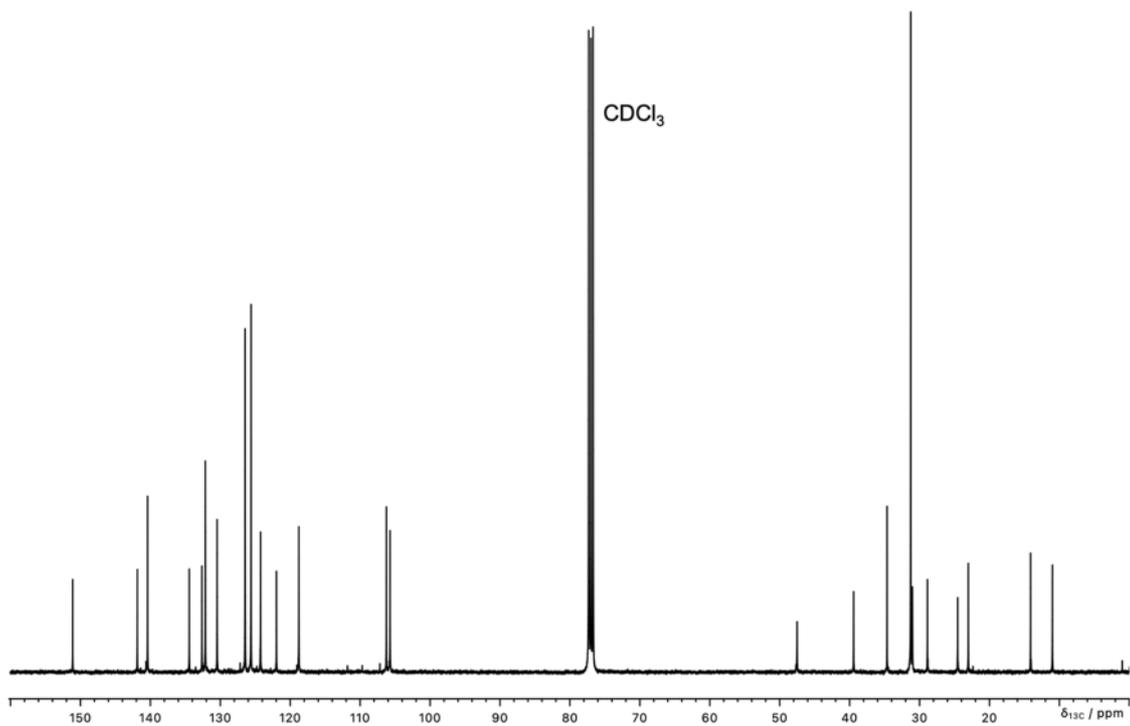


Figure S17.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of 6cb (150 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.).

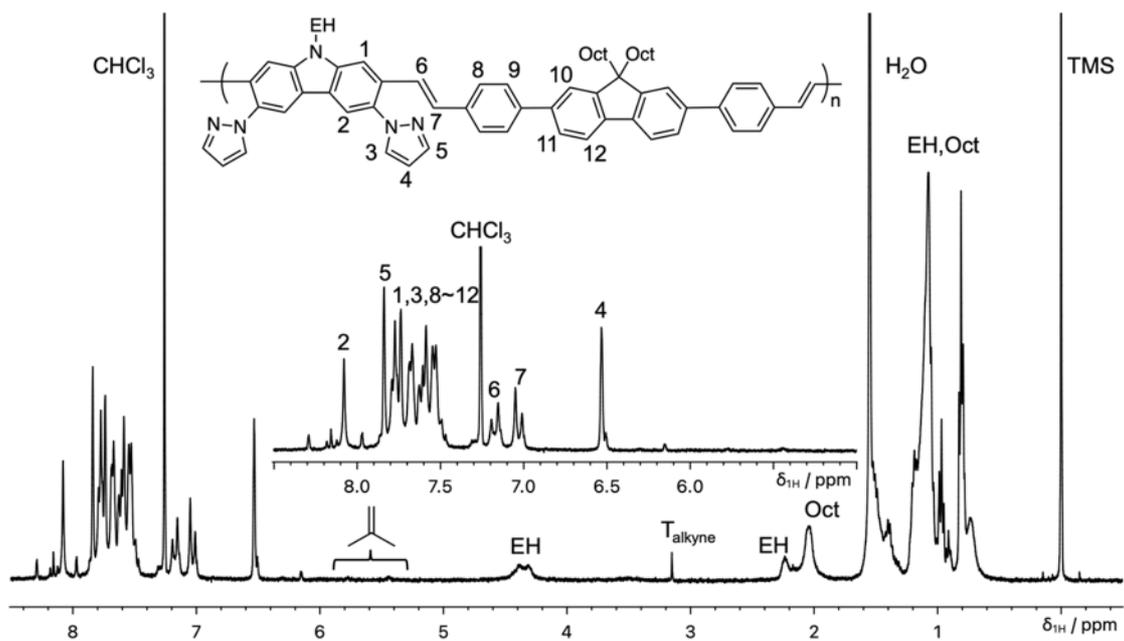


Figure S18.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of Pcb; reaction time of 24 h (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.).

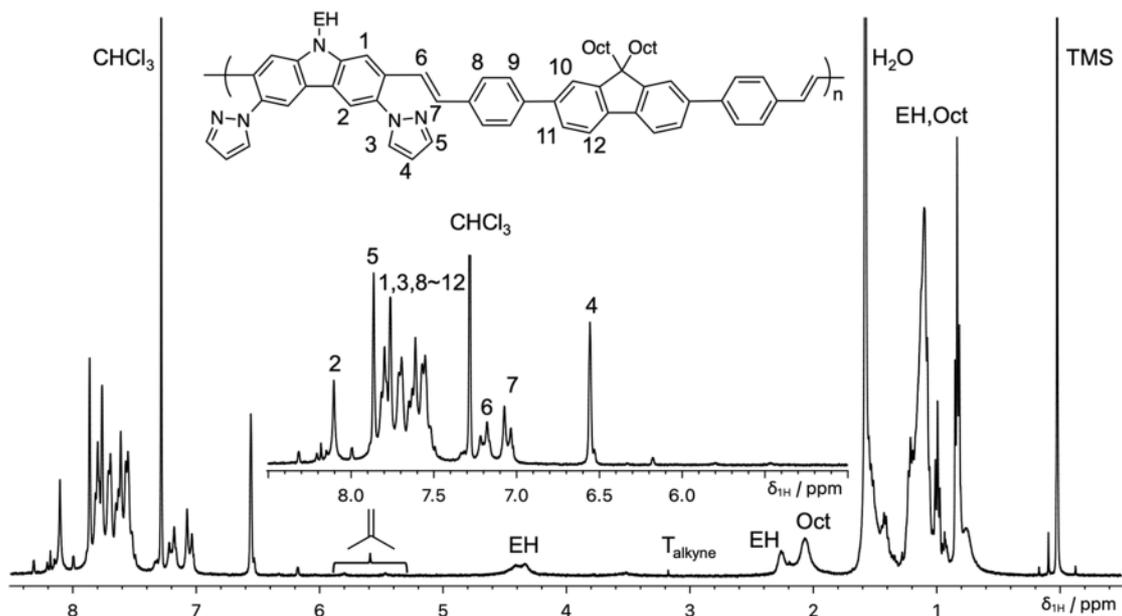


Figure S19.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of Pcb; reaction time of 48 h (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.).

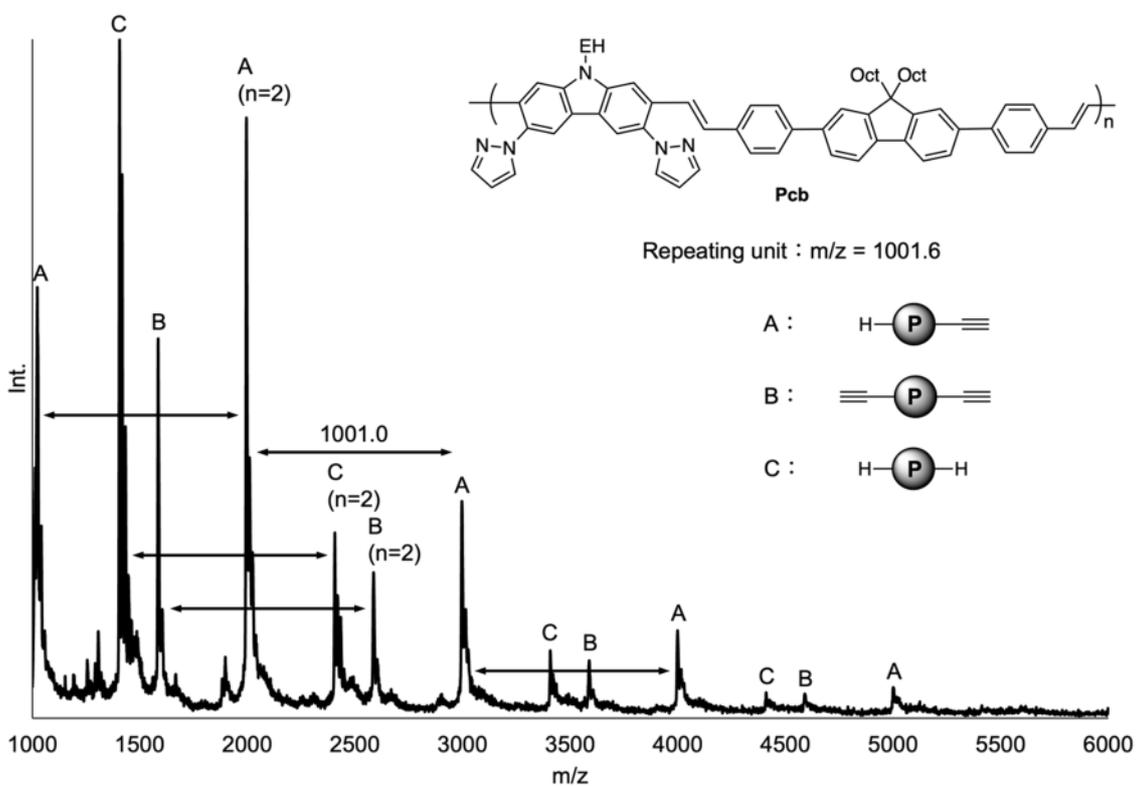


Figure S20. MALDI-TOF MS of Pcb

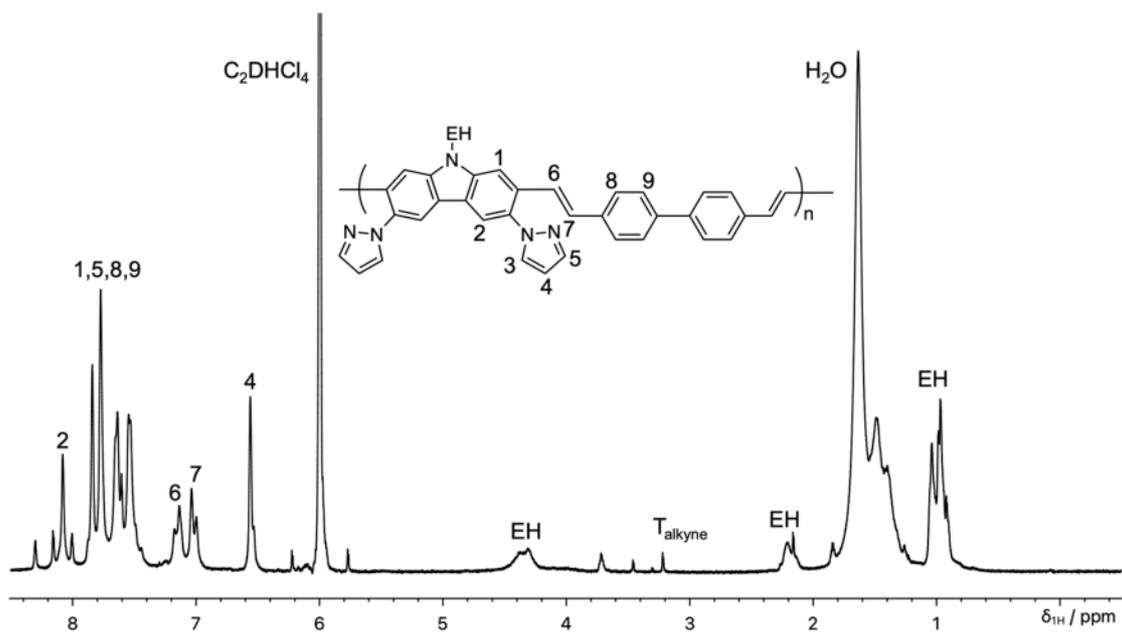


Figure S21.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of Pcc (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_2\text{D}_2\text{Cl}_4$ , r.t.).

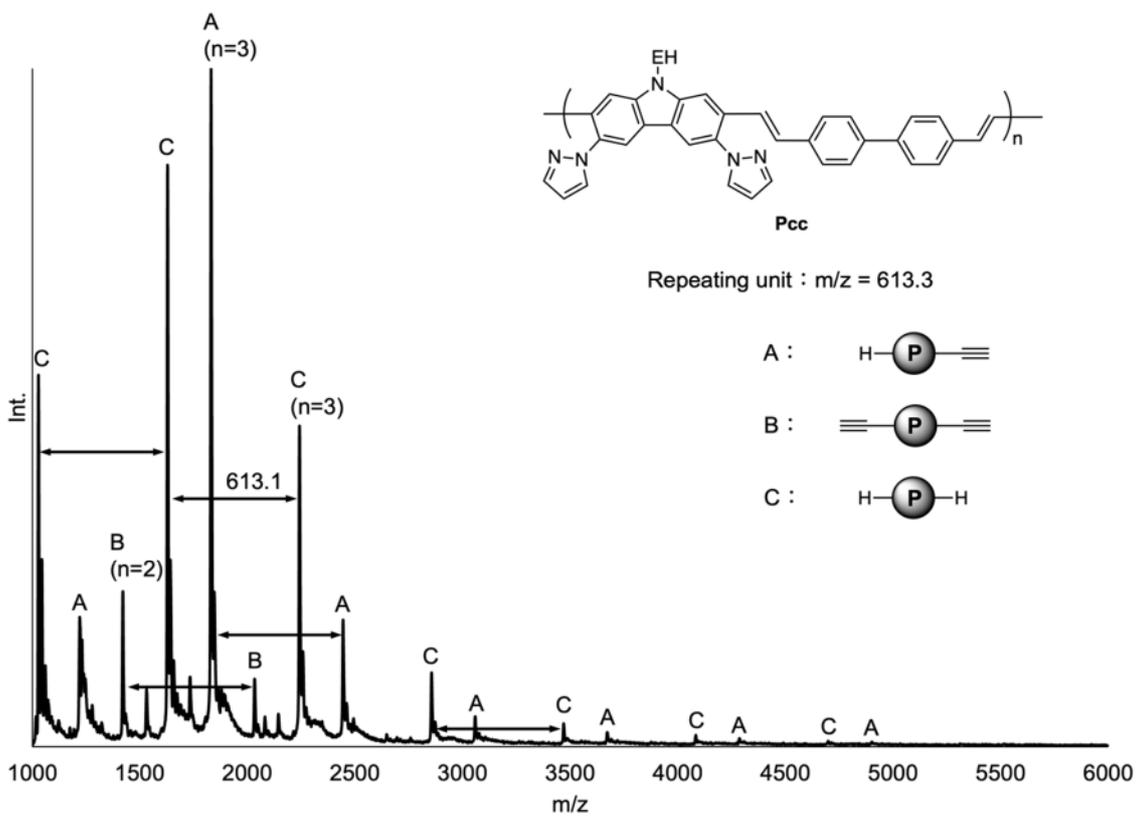


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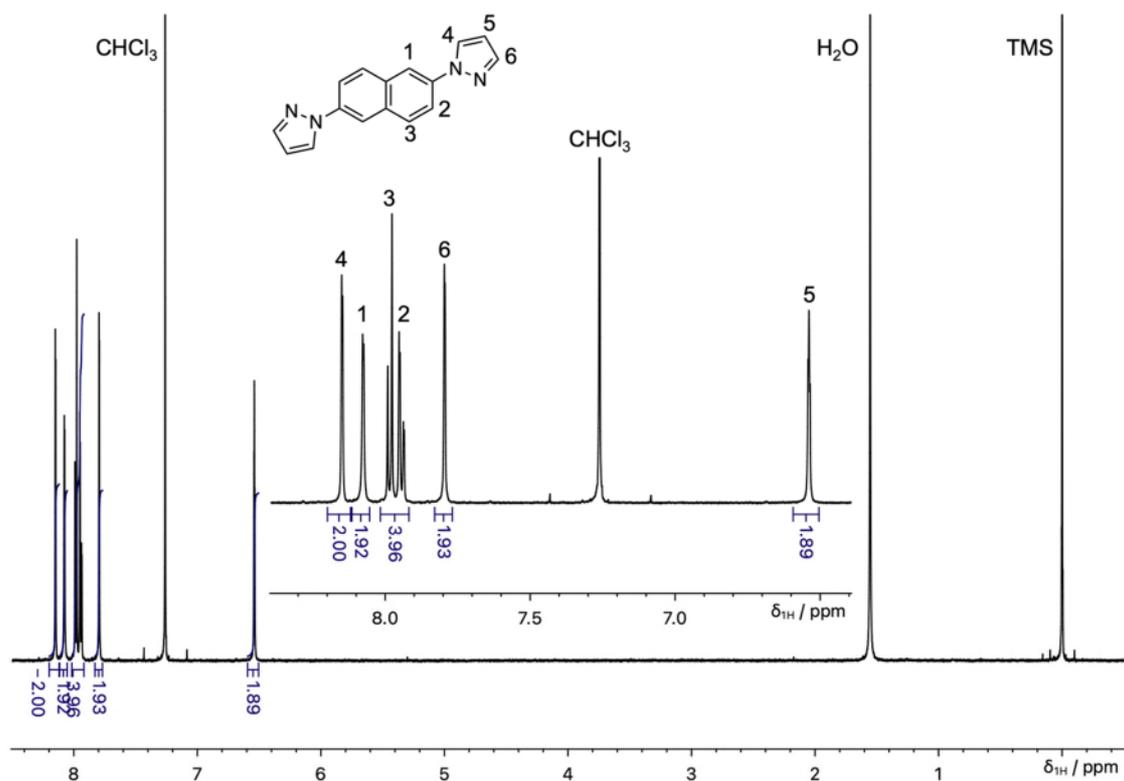


Figure S23.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 5a (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.).

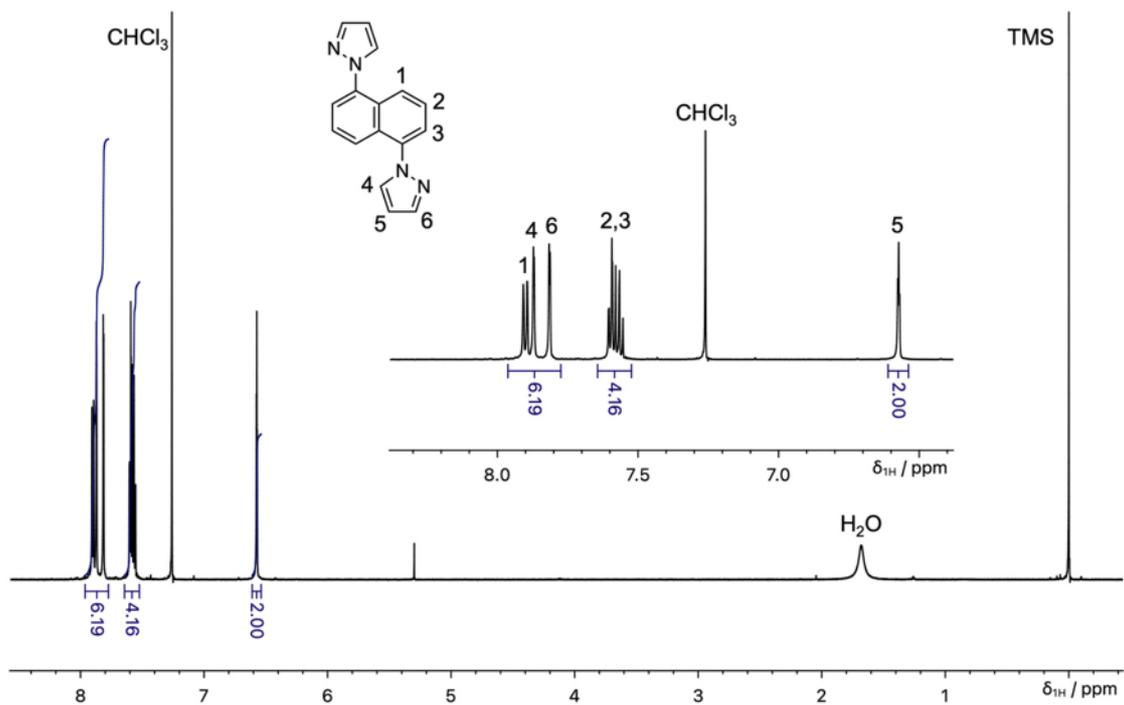


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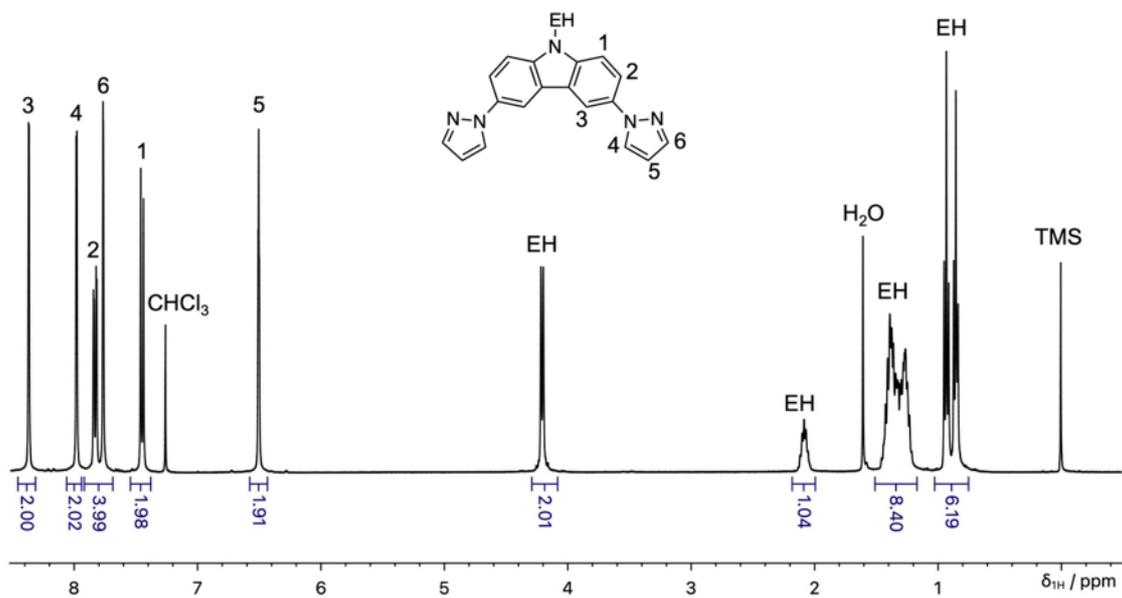


Figure S25.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 5c (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.).

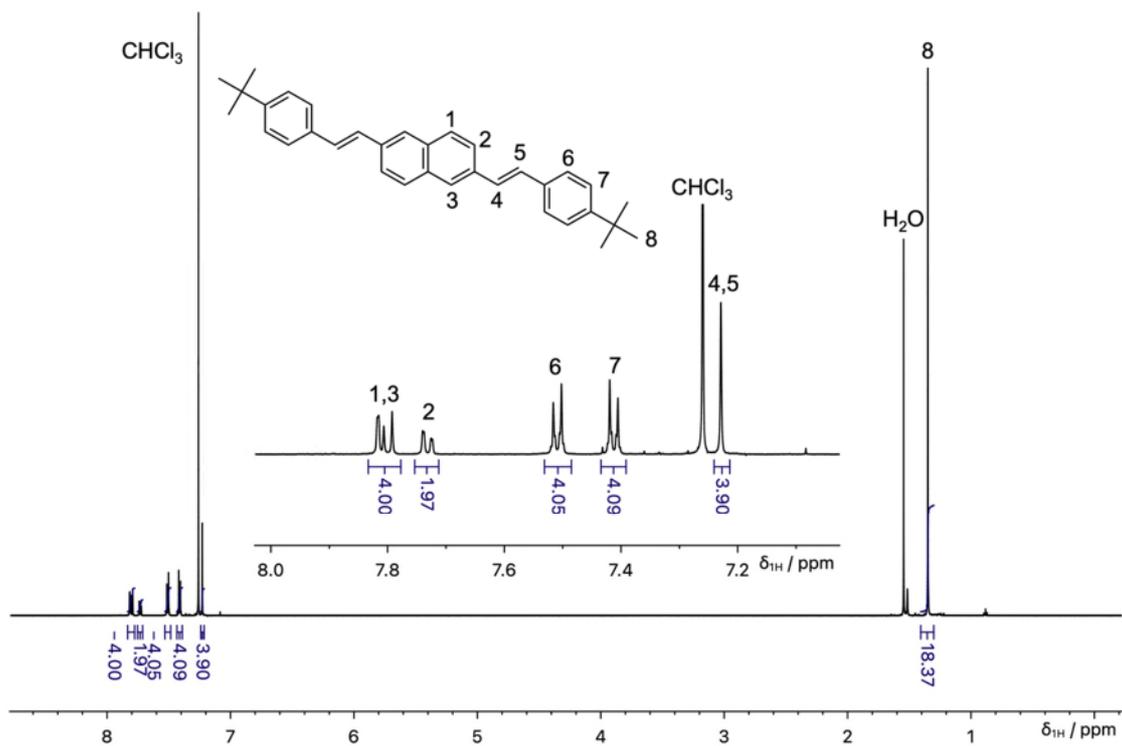


Figure S26.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 8a (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.).

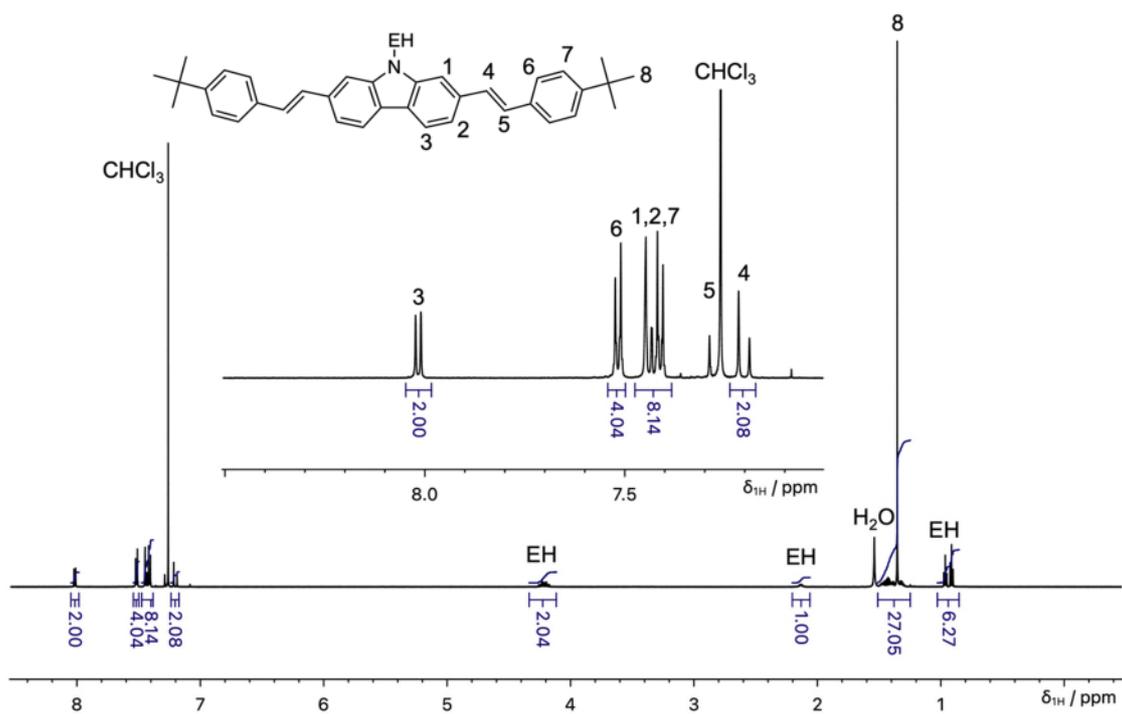


Figure S27.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of 8b (600 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , r.t.).

### GPC charts

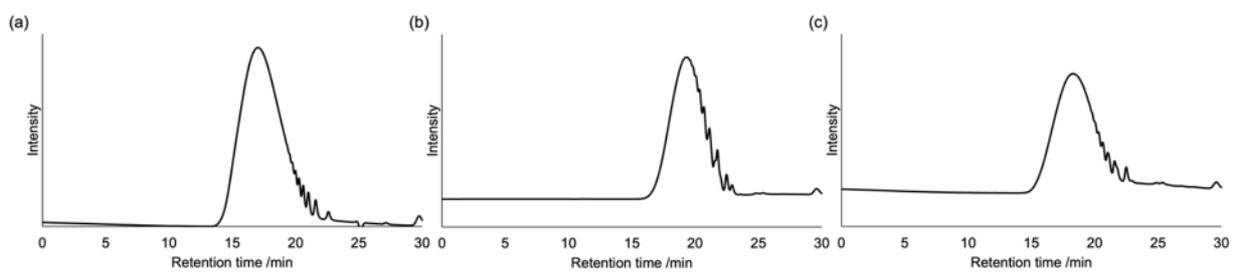


Figure S28. GPC charts of synthesized PAVs.

(a) Paa. (b) Pcb; Reaction time = 24 h. (c) Pcb; Reaction time = 48 h.

## DFT calculations and X-ray crystallographic data

### Crystal structure determination (Figure S30)

Intensity data were collected on a Bruker SMART APEX II ULTRA with Mo K $\alpha$  radiation. A full matrix least-squares refinement was used for non-hydrogen atoms with anisotropic thermal parameters using the SIR2002 or the SIR2014 program. CCDC 2334324-2334326 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif), or by emailing [data\\_request@ccdc.cam.ac.uk](mailto:data_request@ccdc.cam.ac.uk), or by contacting The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: +44 1223 336033.

**Table S2. Crystallographic data of 5a, 5b, and 5c**

	<b>5a</b>	<b>5b</b>	<b>5c</b>
Empirical Formula	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>5</sub>
Formula Weight	260.30	260.30	313.36
Crystal Color	colorless	colorless	colorless
Crystal Dimensions / mm	0.326 x 0.276 x 0.082	0.050 x 0.050 x 0.020	0.476 x 0.082 x 0.062
Crystal System	triclinic	monoclinic	orthorhombic
Lattice Parameters			
<i>a</i> / Å	3.8226	5.4302(8)	21.810(4)
<i>b</i> / Å	10.5361	18.624(3)	4.1280(7)
<i>c</i> / Å	15.1908	6.5107(10)	8.1510(13)
$\beta$ / deg.	93.0010	108.056(2)	90.0000
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	605.6804	626.03(17)	733.9(2)
Space Group	<i>P</i> -1 (#2)	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i> (#14)	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 (#18)
<i>Z</i>	2	2	2
<i>D</i> / gm <sup>-3</sup>	1.427	1.381	1.418
<i>F</i> 000	272.00	272.00	328.00
$\mu$ (MoK $\alpha$ ) / cm <sup>-1</sup>	0.891	0.862	0.888
Reflection/Parameter Ratio	11.52	15.27	14.64
<i>R</i> 1 ( <i>I</i> > 2.00 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0409	0.0423	0.0385
<i>R</i> (All reflections)	0.0451	0.0600	0.0398
<i>wR</i> 2 (All reflections)	0.1272	0.1025	0.1127
Goodness of Fit Indicator	1.098	1.057	1.139
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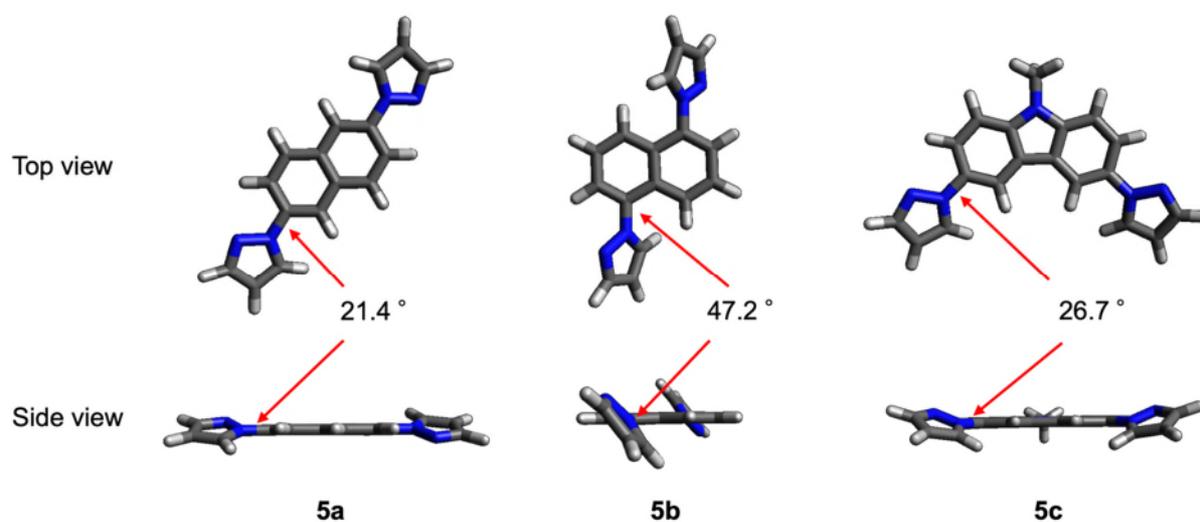


Figure S29. Molecular geometries of 5a, 5b, and 5c optimized by DFT calculations using Gaussian at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.

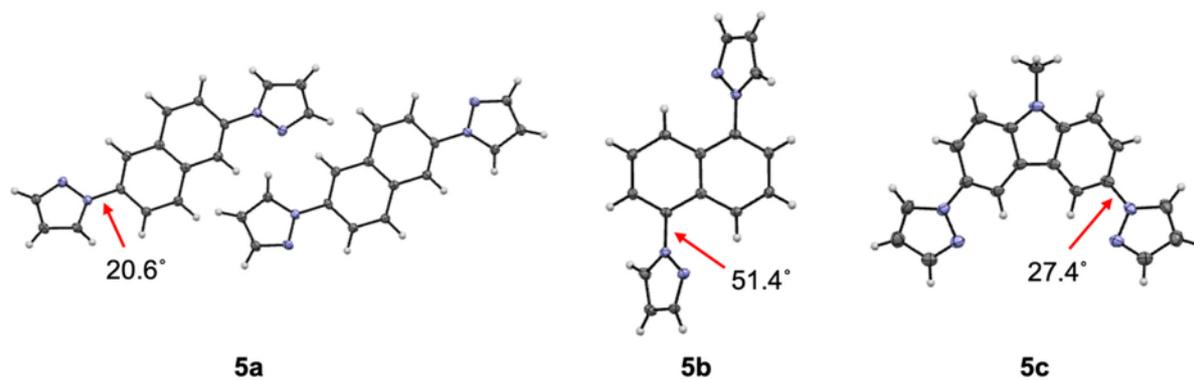


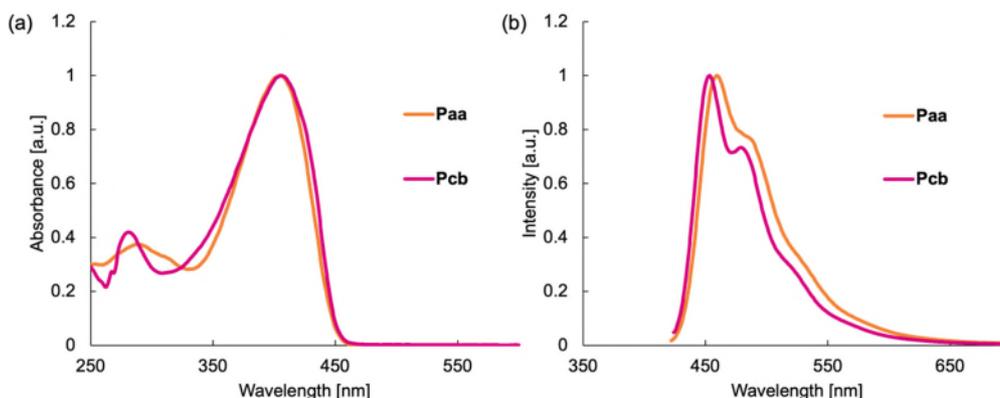
Figure S30. ORTEP drawing of 5a, 5b, and 5c by X-ray crystallographic analyses.

## Optical and electronic data

**Table S3. Optical properties of monomer, model compounds, and PAVs**

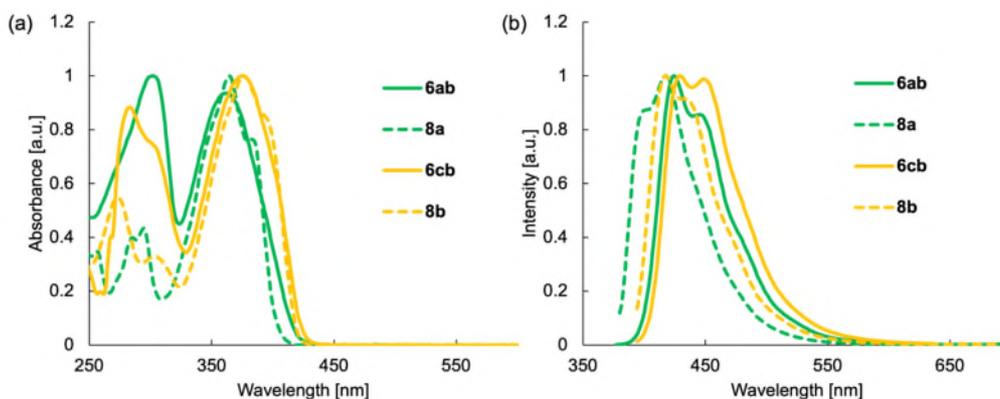
Compound	CHCl <sub>3</sub> solution <sup>[a]</sup>			Film state <sup>[b]</sup>		
	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)	PLQY <sup>[c]</sup> (%)	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)	PLQY <sup>[c]</sup> (%)
<b>5a</b>	267, 308	358	-	-	-	-
<b>6ab</b>	302, 361	425	84	298, 363	459	13
<b>8a</b>	365	418	87	- <sup>[d]</sup>	- <sup>[d]</sup>	- <sup>[d]</sup>
<b>Paa</b>	405	460	80	406	472	20
<b>6cb</b>	283, 375	449	71	282, 373	482	6.5
<b>8b</b>	377	419	79	377	447	5.9
<b>Pcb</b>	406	454	66	408	475	6.0

<sup>[a]</sup> Concentration of  $5.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M. <sup>[b]</sup> Spin-coated film. <sup>[c]</sup> Photoluminescence quantum yield. <sup>[d]</sup> Spin-coated film was not able to fabricate because the solubility of **8a** was quite low.



**Figure S31. Optical spectra of Paa and Pcb in CHCl<sub>3</sub> solutions ( $5.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M)**

(a) UV-vis absorption spectra. (b) PL spectra.



**Figure S32. Comparison of optical spectra of the naphthalene- and carbazole-based model compounds in CHCl<sub>3</sub> solutions ( $5.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M). (a) UV-vis absorption spectra. (b) PL spectra.**

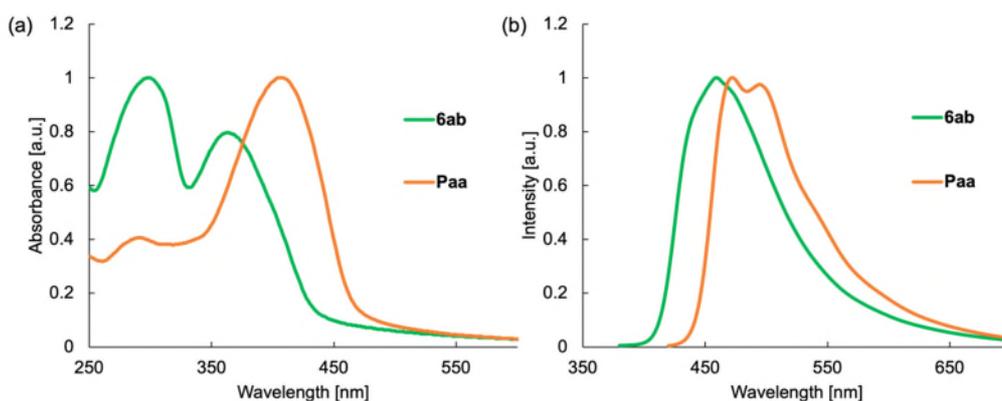


Figure S33. Optical spectra of naphthalene derivatives in the film states.

(a) UV-vis absorption spectra. (b) PL spectra.

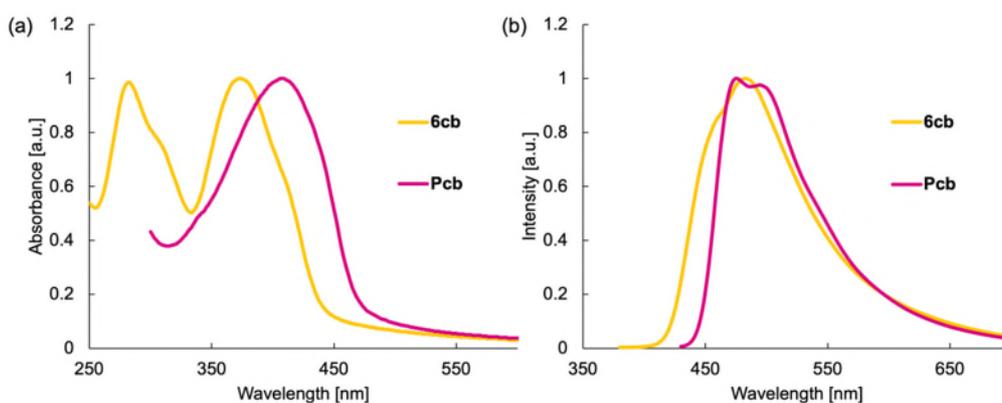


Figure S34. Optical spectra of carbazole derivatives in the film states.

(a) UV-vis absorption spectra. (b) PL spectra.

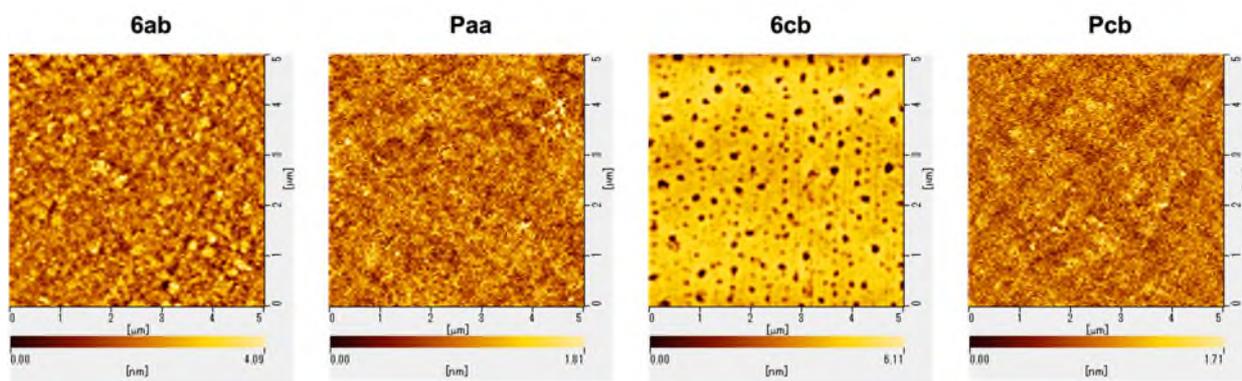


Figure S35. AFM images (5 x 5 μm) of spin-coated films

## OLED properties of Paa

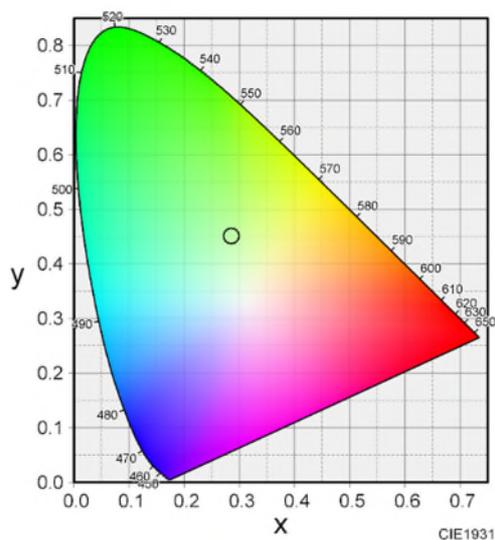


Figure S36. CIE chromaticity diagram from the EL spectrum of Paa.

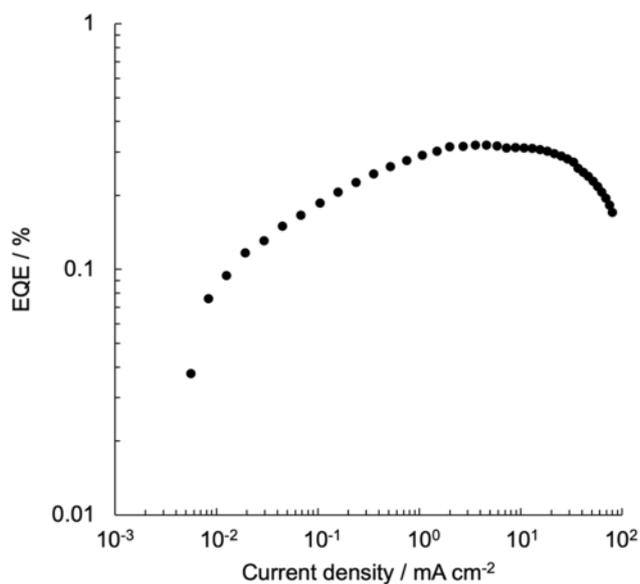


Figure S37. EQE vs current density plots for the fabricated OLED of Paa.

Configuration ITO/PEDOT:PSS (40 nm)/Paa (47 nm)/TPBi (40 nm)/LiF (1 nm)/Al (100 nm).

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