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The aim of this thesis is to develop the red light emitting materials for optoelectronic applications which have attracted a lot of interest both in industries and academics. The work focused on the designs and syntheses of the red light emitting materials for organic light emitting diodes (OLEDs). One of the main technological attractions of organic electronics is that the active layers can be deposited at low temperatures by liquid phase techniques. This makes organic semiconductors ideal candidates for lowcost, large-area electronic applications on flexible substrates. The design of novel photo and electro-active organic materials and their structures, reactions, properties, functions and applications for electronic and optoelectronic devices has widely been investigated. Therefore, this thesis reports the development of the synthesis and characterization of novel organic materials for application in organic light emitting diodes (OLEDs)

The aims of this work are: (1) To synthesize a novel donor- $\pi$ -acceptor- $\pi$ -donor (D- $\pi$ -A- $\pi$ -D) materials based on benzothiadiazole (BT), difluoro-benzothidiazole (BT-2F), dithiophenebenzo-thidiazole (BT1T4), napthobenzothidiazole (NapBT), antracenedione (Ant), diTPA-antracenedione (Ant-2TPA), thioxanthenonedioxide (TOX), thioxanthenonedioxide -TPA (TOX-TPA) and *p*-triazene as core materials oligothiophene

4 or dicarbazole as the linker and triphenylamine as the donor group for using as holetransporting layer in Alq3-based organic light-emitting diode (OLED). The oligothiophene showed good high thermal stability and it has planar structure. The triphenylamine group showed good donor group and it has planar structure. The alkyl group is introduced on oligothiophene to increase the solubility. (2) To characterize and study the electronic, photophysical, electrochemical and thermal properties of the target molecules. (3) To investigate their potential applications as emitters for OLED devices.



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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AFM	=	Atomic Force Microscope
DSC	=	Differential Scanning Calorimetry
TGA	=	Thermogravimetric Analysis
FT-IR	=	Fourier Transforms Infrared
<sup>1</sup> H NMR	=	Proton Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
<sup>13</sup> C NMR	=	Carbon Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
MALDI-TOF	= _	Matrix Assisted Laser Desorption/Ionisation
		Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometry
UV-Vis		Ultraviolet–Visible spectrophotometry
PL	<b>9</b>	Photoluminescence spectroscopy
IUPAC	=	International Union of Pure and Applied
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### **CHAPTER I**

#### INTRODUCTION

Optoelectronics is the study and application of electronic devices that deals with converting electrical energy to light and converting light to electrical energy by way of materials called semiconductors. Consequently, these materials were used as nonconductors in the electronic industry. Since 1977, Heeger, MacDiarmid and Shirakawa have found that the conductivity of poly(acetylene) can be increased by eleven orders of magnitude when it is doped with halogens (Baude et al., 2003; Sunder et al., 2004). After that, in 2000 received The Nobel Prize in chemistry for the discovery and development of conductive polymers. Therefore, the possibility of using organic semiconducting materials for applications in optoelectronics and the semiconductor has been of great scientific and technological interest (Li et al., 2005; Wu et al., 2005; Adam et al., 1994). An important advantage of organic semiconducting materials is ease of processing, i.e. from solution with large area coverage. The possibility to use flexible substrates makes organic semiconductors ideal candidates for low cost electronic applications. During the last 15 years, rapid progress took place in the field of material developments, device, design, deposition processes and molecular modeling (Craats et al., 1999). The researcher's attention to modify and search for organic light emitting diodes (OLEDs) (Fechtenkotter et al., 1999), organic field-effect transistors (OFETs) (Funahashi and Hanna, 2000), sensors (Sirringhaus et al., 2000), organic photovoltaics (McCulloch et al., 2006), dye solar cells (DSCs) etc. Organic Solid-State Lighting

(OSSL) is an attractive technology for solid state lighting applications. Organic lightemitting devices (OLEDs) offer a number of advantages-lighter weight, performing at lower power, greater brightness, fast response time, high luminance, wide viewing angle, low operating voltage, and emission colors across the entire visible spectrum. In 2004, Bardsley et al. proposed that the desired properties for OLEDs should have a luminous efficiency of 20 lm/W for commercial applications, luminance more than 20,000 cd/m<sup>2</sup>, quantum efficiency more than 4%, turn-on voltage lower than 6 V and lifetime more than 10,000 h (Bardsley et al., 2004). This work focused on the synthesis of red light emitting materials for organic light emitting diodes.

### **1.1 Organic Light Emitting Diodes**

Solid state lighting is the alternative lighting achieved by an eco-friendly, energy efficient, and new light source technology, where illumination is obtained through semiconductor devices such as light-emitting diodes (LEDs), organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs) and light emitting polymers (LEPs). OLEDs are cheaper to manufacture and more efficient than tungsten light and neon light. Therefore, organic light emitting diode is important technology for next generation full color flat panel displays and light source. It is a general light-emitting diode with an organic film as an emitting layer. Because the luminescence nature of an organic light emitting diode is from the organic luminescent materials, organic light emitting diode is a direct light source without a backlight and can display deep black level colors compared to liquid crystal display (LCD). More interestingly, it can be fabricated on a flexible substrate which can be processed with roll-to-roll techniques. Moreover, the organic light

emitting diode has wider viewing angles, higher power efficiency and faster response time than LCD, making it a promising display.

In 1960, Pope et al. at New York University developed ohmic, dark injecting electrode contacting to organic crystals. Pope's group first observed electroluminescence under vacuum on a pure single crystal of anthracene. However, this did not attract the researchers due to its ultra-high voltage and poor device performance (Burroughes et al., 1990). Also in 1965, Helfrich and Schneider of the National Research Council in Canada produced double injection recombination electroluminescence for the first time in an anthracene single crystal using hole and electron injecting electrodes (Lee et al., 2007). In 1987, the first diode device was reported at Eastman Kodak by Ching After that, Tang and Steven Van Slyke (Jin et al., 2009) improved the device performance by inserting hole transport layer (HTL), electron transport layer (ETL) and hole blocking layer (HBL) showing high efficiency. This resulted in a reduction of operating voltage and improvement in efficiency that led to the current era of OLED research and device production. In 1990, Burroughes et al. (Duan et al., 2007) proposed the concept of p-type doped hole transport layer (HTL) and n-type doped electron transport layer (ETL). These p-type semiconductor and n-type semiconductor diode (PIN diode) structure devices showed high luminance and efficiency at extremely low operating voltage. In this work, we were interested in organic light emitting devices because of their application in flat panel displays (Sano et al., 1965) and general lighting (Helfrich, W. and Schneider, 1965; Tang et al., 1987) by focusing on the synthesis of the novel organic materials can that used to be in OLEDs the study of their thermal, optical and electrochemical properties and the fabrication of the devices to study their efficiency.

#### 1.2 Advantages and disadvantages of OLEDs

As emitting materials, polymeric/organic structures possess many advantages over inorganic ones, such as good film-forming properties, susceptibility to structure modification and so on (Tsuchiya et al., 2010; Lovinger and Rothberg, 1996; Sheats et al., 1996; Bradley, 1992). Examples are as follows:

**Flexibility** - An OLED can be fabricated on flexible plastic substrates important to the possible fabrication of flexible organic light-emitting diodes for other new applications.

**Self-luminescence** - The efficiency of OLEDs is more than that of other display technologies without the use of backlight.

**Color selectivity** - There are abundant organic materials which produce blue to red light.

Lightweight, compact and thin devices - OLEDs are commonly as thin, as about 100 nm.

Low cost and ease of fabrication - Roll to roll manufacturing processes such as inkjet printing and screen printing, are possible for polymer OLEDs.

**High brightness and high resolution** - OLEDs are very bright at low operating voltage (white OLEDs can be as bright as  $150,000 \text{ cd/m}^2$ ).

**Wide viewing angle** - OLEDs emit lambertian reflection with viewing angle as high as 160 degrees.

**Fast response** - OLEDs electroluminescence decay time is lower than 1µs However, the OLEDs also have disadvantages such as:

- While red and green OLED films have longer lifetimes (46,000 to 230,000

h), blue ones have much shorter lifetimes (14,000 h).

- Low mobility due to amorphous nature of the organic molecules. Therefore, the operating temperature cannot exceed the glass transition temperature.

- Low glass transition temperature (Tg) for small molecular devices.

- Water can easily damage OLEDs.

#### **1.3** Structure of organic light emitting diode

A simplified OLED structure (as shown in Figure 1.1) consists of a stack of thin organic layers sandwiched between a transparent anode and a metallic cathode. The organic layers comprise a hole-injection layer (HIL), a hole-transport layer (HTL), an emissive layer (EML) and an electron-transport layer (ETL). In the structure of OLEDs, the organic layers between anode and cathode are designed to maximize the recombination process in the emissive layer, thus maximizing the light output from the OLED device. Both the electroluminescent efficiency and control of color output can be significantly enhanced by "doping" the emissive layer with a small amount of highly fluorescent molecules (Ito et al., 2006; Kim et al., 2007).

An OLED consists of the following parts:

- Substrate (clear plastic, glass, foil) - The substrate supports the OLED.

- Anode (transparent) - The anode removes electrons (generating "holes") when

a current flow through the device. Indium tin oxide is commonly used as the anode material.

- **Hole transport layer** - It transports the positively charged particles, named holes, from the anode in direction to the emissive organic layers that produce light.

Typical polymers used in PLED displays include derivatives of poly (*p*-phenylene vinylene) and polyfluorene.

- **Emissive layer** - This layer is made of organic molecules that transport electrons from the cathode; this is where light is made.

- **Electron transport layer** - This layer produces an improved charge carrier injection and the development of internal energy barriers between the organic layers.

- **Cathode** (may or may not be transparent depending on the type of OLED)-The cathode injects electrons when a current flow through the device. Metals such as aluminum and calcium are often used as the cathode.



Figure 1.1 Organic light emitting diode (OLED) Structure.

#### **1.4 Working Principle**

When a voltage is applied to the electrodes, the charges start moving in the device under the influence of the electric field. Electrons leave the cathode and holes move from the anode in opposite direction. The recombination of these charges creates a photon with a frequency given by the energy gap (E = hv) between the LUMO and HOMO levels of the emitting molecules (see Figure 2.2). Therefore, the electrical power applied to the electrodes is transformed into light. Different materials and dopants can be used to generate different colors and the combination of them allows building up a white light source (Lovinger and Rothberg, 1996).



Figure 1.2 Organic light emitting diode (OLED) working principle.

#### 1.5 Materials for the emissive layer of OLEDs

The development of new materials, particularly for achieving emission in the blue, green and red region of the spectrum for organic light-emitting devices, has been intensively investigated throughout the world. Scientists have developed a new class of materials that demonstrate exceptional promise for use as electron transport materials within an OLED device. The successful development of practical blue OLED devices would significantly impact advancement of OLED technology in both display devices and energy-efficient solid-state lighting. These materials address the critical issue of achieving high quantum efficiency (photons generated per electron injected into an OLED device) at low voltages. Devices built at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) using the new materials have produced external quantum efficiencies at brightness of 800 cd/m<sup>2</sup> as high as 11% at only 6.3 V without using conductivity doping. One class of new OLED materials developed at PNNL is based on organic phosphine oxide compounds while another is based on organic phosphine sulfides.

In the following passage some basics on materials used in OLEDs are given (Wang et al., 2008; Kim et al., 2010; Chen et al., 2012). The colors of the emitted light can be tuned by the molecular structure of the organic emissive material (see Figure 1.3). Typical emitters for different colors can either be well-defined low molecular compounds such as DPVBI (4,40-bis(2,2-diphenylethen-1-yl)diphenyl) for blue emission, Alq<sub>3</sub> (tris(8-oxychinolinato)aluminum) for green emission (Lai et al., 2013), and DCM (4-(dicyanomethylene)-2-methyl-6-(*p*-dimethyl-aminostyryl)-4*H*-pyrene) for red emission, or polymers (see Figure 1.4) such as polyfluorenes (blue) (Tang and Vanslyke, 1987), PPV (poly(p-phenylenvinylene)) (green) (Tang et al., (1989), and MEH-PPV (poly[(2-(2-ethylhexyloxy)-5-methoxy-p-phenylen)vinylene]) (orange) (Chen, 2004).



**Figure 1.3** Chemical structures of various emitting materials small molecules used in OLEDs.



Figure 1.4 Chemical structures of various emitting materials polymers used in OLEDs.



Figure 1.5 Various hole transport and electron transport materials used in OLEDs.

Typical hole transporters are materials based on the triarylamine motive like TPD (*N*,*N*-bis(3-methylphenyl)-*N*,*N*-diphenylbenzidine) or MTDATA (m-methyltris (diphenylamine)triphenylamin), while compounds like Alq<sub>3</sub> and PBD (2-(4-biphenyl)-5-(4-*tert*-butylphenyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole) (Webster et al., 1974). are able to transport electrons especially well (Figure 1.5).

#### **1.6** Literature review

The organic light emitting diode (OLED) is a solid-state light emitting device based on organic materials. Currently, the efficiency of OLEDs is comparable to that of inorganic LEDs. Additionally, OLEDs are considered to be an alternative solid-state lighting source. Small molecule of OLEDs displays has been already commercialised in mobile phones, portable music players etc. Thus, many researchers observed and development new organic material for using larger scale OLED applications.

#### 1.6.1 Red light emitting materials

In 2002, Ma et al. (Chen et al., 1999). synthesized a novel red luminescent material *N*,*N*-bis{4-[2-(4-dicyanomethylene-6-methyl-4*H*-pyran-2-yl)ethylene]phenyl} aniline (**BDCM**) with two (4-dicyanomethylene)-4*H*-pyranelectron-acceptor moieties and a triphenylamine electron-donor moiety for application in OLEDs. The three-layered electroluminescence device with the structure ITO/CuPc/DPPhP/BDCM/Mg: Ag has a turn-on voltage of less than 4V, which suggests that BDCM has an excellent electron injection property and show a brightness of (**BDCM**) 582 cd/m<sup>2</sup> at 19V.



In 2013, Promarak et al. (Chen et al., 1999) synthesized a novel Bis[5-(fluoren-2-yl)thiophen-2-yl]benzo-thiadiazole end-capped with carbazole dendrons as highly efficient solution-processed non doped red emitters for organic light emitting diodes. These dendrimers show a bright-red fluorescence and can form morphologically stable amorphous thin films with shown high glass-transition temperatures at 283 °C. Simple structured solution-processed OLEDs using these materials as hole-transporting nondoped emitters and BCP as the holeblocking layer emit a stable red color around 622 - 645 nm, with high luminance efficiencies (up to 4.80 cd A<sup>-1</sup> at 1.2 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>) and show pure red color.



Tavgeniene et al. (Tavgeniene et al., 2017) synthesized three newly developed bipolar phenanthro[9,10-d]imidazole based derivatives are highly thermally stable materials. The derivatives were used as hosts in red phosphorescent organic lightemitting diodes. The 2-[4-(N,Ndiphenylamino)phenyl]-1-phenylphenan thro[9,10d]imidazole (**H3**) exhibited superior performance with peak efficiency of 15.9% (21.5 cd/A and 29.9 l m/W) and very low turn on voltage of 2.8 V. Efficiency of the device is about 35e67% higher than those of devices containing commercial host materials.



Bi et al. (Bi et al., 2015) reported Organic light-emitting molecular glasses (OEMGs). They are synthesized of nonplanar donor and branched aliphatic chain into electroluminescent emitters. The OEMGs are showed good electron-donating group. This non-doped red OLED device including the maximum electroluminescent wavelength of 640 nm, the stable luminous efficiency of 2.4 cd/A and the stable CIE 1931 coordinate of (x, y) = (0.64, 0.35) of red light in PAL



In 2011, Qing et al. (Qing et al., 2011) synthesized Two novel red-emitting thieno-[3,4-b]-pyrazine-cored molecules with phenyls (TP) or polyphenyls (Müllen type dendron, DTP) as peripheral groups. They have large stokes shifts over 100 nm and more thermally stable temperature up to 458°C and high glass transition temperature of 262°C. The evaporated device exhibited a maximum brightness of 1753 cd m<sup>-2</sup> and a luminous efficiency of 0.74 cd A<sup>-</sup>. In contrary, TP failed to produce satisfied red emission in OLEDs device.



In 2017, Wang and et al. (Wang et al., 2017) synthesized bipolar compound consist of carbazole as electron donor and 4,5-diphenylimidazole as electron acceptor as good performance in applied as emitting layer for both non-doped and doped single layer OLEDs fabricated by solution processing. The single layer doped OLEDs with the bipolar compound as host achieved blue, green and red phosphorescence OLEDs with current efficiency of 0.083, 13.42, 2.58 cd A<sup>-1</sup> and luminance up to 108, 17103, 1347 cd m<sup>-2</sup>, respectively.



**Cz-BP-DPI** 

#### **1.6.2** Green light emitting marterials

Ku et al. (Chen et al., 2000) reported highly efficient non-doped green OLEDS by incorporating a novel 9,9-diarylfluorene-terminated 2,1,3-benzothiadiazole
(**DFBTA**), which exhibits an excellent solid-state photoluminescence quantum yield about 81%. The optimal device: ITO/DPAInT<sub>2</sub> /DPAInF/TCTA/DFBTA/Alq3/LiF/Al displaye **DFBTA** impressive device haracteristics, with maximum external quantum efficiency of 12.9 cd/A.



High efficiency green OLEDs were fabricated from solution processed ambipolar blends of electron and hole transport polymer hosts doped with green light emitting iridium complex sandwiched between HTL and ETL. In this research, they are used poly(norbornene) electron transport materials and poly(N-vinylcarbozole) for electron and hole transport layer. An external quantum efficiency of 13.6% and a maximum luminous efficiency of 44.6 cd/A at 1000cd/m<sup>2</sup> with turn on voltage of 5.9V were obtained (Chang et al., 2003).



**Oxadiazole polymer (OP1)** 

#### 1.6.3 Blue light emitting materials

In 2019, Islam et al. (Islam et al., 2019) synthesized deep blue electroluminescent materials for organic light emitting devices (OLEDs). This a novel ambipolar metasubstituted emitter (TPA-BIPI) consist of phenanthroimidazole, benzimidazole and triphenyl-amine units for OLED devices. The TPA-BIPI as emitter gave deep-blue emission at 442 nm with CIE of (0.149, 0.105) and showed high EQE as 4.53%, with the current efficiency (CE) of 4.3 cd/A and a power efficiency (PE) of 3.7 lm/W. The TPA-BIPI showed high electroluminescence of 12,491 cd/m<sup>-2</sup>



Chen et al. (Ma et al., 2003) synthesized three anthracene derivatives featuring carbazole moieties as side groups-tert-butyl-9, 10-bis[4-(9-carbazolyl)phenyl] anthracene (Cz<sup>9</sup>PhAnt), 2-tert-butyl-9,10-bis{4-[3,6-di-tert-butyl-(9-carbazolyl)]phenyl} anthracene (tCz<sup>9</sup>PhAnt), and 2-tert-butyl-9,10-bis{4-[3,6-di-tert-butyl-(9-carbazolyl)] biphenyl-4-yl}anthracene (tCz<sup>9</sup>Ph2Ant) for use in blue OLEDs with high glass-transition temperature of 220 °C. They exhibited strong blue emissions in solution, with high quantum efficiency of 91%.



In 2013, Lai et al. (Zhang et al., 2000) are synthesized bis(4,6-difluoro-phenylpyridinato-N,  $C_2^{1}$ )(picolinate)irridium (III) (Firpic) for use in blue OLEDs. They exhibited blue emission.

In 2018, Zassowski et al. (Zassowski et al., 2018) synthesized series of compounds consisting of carbazole arm and 1,3,5-triazine core linked by amino group. The exciplex-forming properties of the compound as donor, and acceptors 4,7-diphenyl-1,10-phenanthroline (Bphen) and 2,2',2"-(1,3,5-benzenetriyl)-tris(1-phenyl-1-H-benzimidazole) (TPBi). The 3CzNC compound provides the high performance with EQE up to 6.84%



 $1CZNC: R_1 = CH_3 R_2 = C_2H_5 \quad 2CZNC: R_1 = CH_3 R_2 = C_2H_5 \quad 3CZNC: R_1 = CH_3 R_2 = C_2H_5$ 

In 2018, Liua and et al. (Liua et al., 2018) synthesized three dimesity boranecontaining fluorophores with various  $\pi$ -conjugated systems attached at the 9<sup>th</sup> position of carbazole, namely, 9-(4'-bromobiphenyl-4-yl)-9H-carbazole (Cz9Ph2B), 9-(4-(5-(dimesitylboryl) thiophen-2-yl)phenyl)-9H-carbazole (Cz9ThPhB), and 9-(4-(4-(dimesitylboryl)styryl)phenyl) -9H-carbazole (Cz9SB).

# **CHAPTER II**

## **EXPERIMENTAL**

#### **2.1 Materials and Methods**

Measurements <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III HD 600 MHz spectrometer using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent in all cases. UV-Vis spectra were recorded as a dilute solution in a spectroscopic grade dichloromethane on a Perkin-Elmer Lambda 1050 spectrometer. CV measurements were carried out under inert argon atmosphere with an Autolab potentiostat PGSTAT 101 using platinum counter electrode, glassy carbon working electrode, and Ag/AgCl reference electrode in distilled dichloromethane with tetra-n-butylammonium hexafluorophosphate (n- $Bu_4NPF_6$ ) as a supporting electrode at a scan rate of 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. High resolution MALDI-TOF mass spectra were recorded with a Bruker Autoflex speed mass spectrometer. X-ray diffraction (XRD) of organic semiconductor powder were measured on a Bruker New D8 Advance diffractometer. The detector was moved by  $2\theta$ steps of 0.02°. Morphologies of PDI-T and PDI-DT films were investigated using Park Systems NX-10 atomic force microscope (AFM) using true non-contact mode and NCHR cantilever. Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) measurements were carried under nitrogen atmosphere using Perkin Elmer DSC-8500 thermal analyzer at a heating rate of 10 °C/min.

### **2.2** Device fabrication and measurements

OLED devices using BTZ4 as EL with configuration ITO/PEDOT: PSS (40 nm)/ BTZ6 (60 nm)/ETL/LiF (0.5 nm): Al (150 nm) and BTZ1-4 as EL with configuration of ITO/PEDOT: PSS (40 nm)/EL (50 nm)/2,2',2"-(1,3,5-benzinetriyl)- tris(1-phenyl-1-Hbenzimidazole) (TPBi) (50 nm)/LiF (0.5 nm): Al (150 nm) were fabricated and characterized as followed. The patterned indium tin oxide (ITO) glass substrate with a sheet resistance 12  $\Omega$ /sq. was thoroughly cleaned by successive ultrasonic treatment in Liquinox detergent, deionized water, acetone, and isopropanol and brew with nitrogen for drying. The cleaned ITO was then treated by UV ozone for 30 min before deposited the hole injection layer (HTL) layer. A 40 nm thick poly (3,4-ethylene dioxy thiophene: poly(4-styrene sulfonate) (PEDOT: PSS, CLEVIOSTM P VP Al 4083) hole injection layer was spin-coated on top of UV ozone treated ITO from a 1.2 wt% aqueous dispersion at a spin speed of 5000 rpm for 30 s and dried at 120 °C for 15 min. Thin films of BTZ1-4 EL were deposited on top of PEDOT: PSS layer by spin-coating toluene solution of **BTZ1-4** (2% w/v) at a spin speed of 2000 rpm for 30 second to get a 50 - 60 nm thick. The 2,9-dimethyl-4,7-diphenyl-1,10-phenanthroline (BCP), tris(8-hydroxy-quinoline)aluminum (Alq3), 2,2',2"-(1,3,5-benzinetriyl)-tris(1-phenyl-1-H-benzimidazole) (TPBi), 3-(biphenyl-4-yl)-5-(4-tert-butylphenyl)-4-phenyl-4H-1,2,4-triazole (TAZ) or 1,3,5-tri (m-pyridin-3-ylphenyl)benzene (TmPyPB) electron transport layers (ETL) were deposited at the evaporation rate of 1 Å/s from low temperature evaporator sources in Kurt J. Lasker mini SPECTROS 100 thin film deposition system under a base pressure of  $5 \times 10^{-7}$  mbar. The film thickness was monitored by quartz oscillator thickness sensor. A 0.5 nm thick LiF and a 150 nm thick aluminium layers were the subsequently deposited through a shadow mask on the top

of ETL film without braking vacuum to form an active diode area of 4 mm<sup>2</sup>. Current density-voltage-luminescence (*J-V-L*) characteristics were measured simultaneous using a Keithley 2400 source meter and a Hamamatsu Photonics PMA-12 multi-channel analyser. The absolute external quantum efficiency (EQE) of OLED devices was obtained by Hamamatsu Photonics C9920-12 External Quantum Efficiency Measurement System utilizing an integrating sphere. All the measurements were performed under ambient atmosphere at room temperature.

### 2.3 Synthesis

#### 2.3.1 General method for Suzuki cross coupling reaction

A mixture of aryl bromide (1. 71 mmol), aryl borolane/ aryl boronic acid,  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  (0.05 mmol) and 2 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (15 ml) in THF (30 ml) was degassed with N<sub>2</sub> for 10 min. The mixture was stirred at reflux under N<sub>2</sub> for 24 h. After cooling, water (50 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane.

#### **2.3.2** General method for bromination reaction

To a solution of the bis(hexylthiophenyl)-benzothiadiazoles (0.39 mmol) in THF (20 ml) was added with NBS in small portions. After completion, water was added and the mixture was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried over anhydrous  $Na_2SO_4$  and

filtered. The solvent was removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane.

#### **2.4 Product compounds and Intermediates**

#### 2.4.1 4,7-dibromobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (BT-2Br)



A dry 250 ml round-bottomed flask with a magnetic stirring bar. In the flask was placed benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (4.26 g, 31.29 mmol) and HBr (50 ml). Then Br<sub>2</sub> (mixture between bromine in HBr) was added dropwise at reflux for 2 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and separated. The aqueous solution was extracted thrice with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml) and the combined organic layers with aqueous soluin thiosulfate solution until red color of bromine disappeared. After that were added NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution to be neutral and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>, filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The finally was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave **BT-2Br** (8.36 g, 91 %) as white solid; m.p. 169 - 170 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.73 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 132.37, 113.92; (APCI): clacd. for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S 293.8285; found: 294.8294 (M<sup>+1</sup>).

#### 2.4.2 4,7-Bis(3-hexylthiophen-2-yl)-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole (2)



Compound **2** was prepared from Suzuki coupling reaction of **1** (0.50 g, 1.71 mmol) and 3-hexylthiophene-2-yl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (1.06 g, 3.61 mmol) and obtained as orange solids (0.78 g, 97%); m.p. 87 - 88 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.65 (s, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.65 - 1.60 (m, 4H), 1.26 - 1.18 (m, 12H), 0.81(t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 153.28, 140.68, 131.18, 128.88, 128.20, 126.48, 124.82, 30. 53, 29. 64, 28. 33, 28. 07, 21. 49, 12. 99; MALDI-TOF clacd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: 468.1728, found: 468.1335.

#### 2.4.3 4,7-Bis(5-bromo-3-hexylthiophen-2-yl)-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole (3)



Compound **3** was prepared from bromination of **2** (0.18 g, 0.39 mmol) with NBS (0.15 g, 0.81 mmol) and obtained as orange solids (0.23 g, 95%); m.p. 90 - 91 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.06 (s, 2H), 7.05 (s, 2H), 2.60 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.60 - 1.58 (m, 4H), 1.25 - 1.24 (m, 12H), 0.89 - 0.80 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 153.95, 142.46, 133.57, 132.01, 129.71, 126.66, 113.20, 31.94, 31.52, 30.50, 29.72, 29.42, 29.38, 29.03, 22.71, 22.51, 14.12, 14.01; MALDI- TOF clacd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>30</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: 625.9917, found: 626.1159.



Compound 4 was prepared from bromination of 3 (0.23 g, 0.38 mmol) with NBS (0.26 g, 1.47 mmol) and obtained as orange solids (0.21 g, 73%); m.p. 97 -98 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.64 (s, 2H), 2.69 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.53 - 1.26 (m, 16H), 0.88 - 0.77 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDC<sub>13</sub>)  $\delta$  = 153.93, 153.80, 153.75, 142.62, 142.45, 140.90, 138.72, 133.55, 133.20, 132.05, 132.00, 130.03, 129.86, 129.55, 127.03, 126.64, 117.66, 113.19, 112.51, 31.50, 31.24, 30.48, 29.70, 29.40, 29.34, 29.01, 28.95, 22.49, 22.45, 14.00, 13.96; APCI clacd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>Br<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: 783.8107, found: 784.8135 (M<sup>+1</sup>).

#### 2.4.5 4,7-Bis(4-hexylthiophen-2-yl)-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole (5)



Compound 5 was prepared from Suzuki coupling reaction of 1 (0.70 g, 2.38 mmol) and 4-hexylthiophen-2-yl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (1.47g, 5.00 mmol) and obtained as orange solids (1.04 g, 93%); m.p. 93 - 94 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\boldsymbol{\delta} = 7.97$  (s, 2H), 7.82 (s, 2H), 7.038 (s, 2H), 2.69 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 1.73 - 1.67 (m, 4H), 1.40 - 1.32 (m, 12H), 0.90 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\boldsymbol{\delta} = 152.65$ , 144.37, 139.01, 132.26, 129.62, 129.00, 126.03, 125.59, 125.54, 122.07, 121.53, 31.71, 30.67, 30.61, 30.49, 29.06, 22.64, 14.12; MALDI-TOF clacd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: 468.1728, found: 468.1920.

#### 2.4.6 4,7-Bis(4-hexyl-5-bromothiophen-2-yl)-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole (6)



Compound **6** was prepared from bromination of **5** (1.00 g, 1.39 mmol) with NBS (0.65 g, 2.91 mmol) and obtained as orange-red solids (1.51g, 98%); m.p. 98 - 99 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.75 (s, 2H), 7.70 (s, 2H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 4H), 1.67 - 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.55 (s, 6H), 1.42 - 1.33 (m, 14H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 152.25, 148.27, 143.61, 127.75, 125.44, 125.04, 32.25, 31.67, 30.06, 29.71, 28.96, 22.63, 14.12; MALDI-TOF clacd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>30</sub>I<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: 719.9660, found: 719.9730.

2.4.7 4,7-Bis(3,5-dibromo-4-hexylthiophen-2-yl)-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole (7)

Compound **7** was prepared from bromination of **6** (0.29 g, 0.59 mmol) with NBS (0.42 g, 2.39 mmol) and obtained as orange solids (0.22 g, 78%); m.p. 97 -98 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\boldsymbol{\delta}$  = 8.06 (s, 2H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 4H), 1.63 - 1.58 (m, 4H), 1.45 - 1.44 (m, 4H), 1.42 (s, 8H), 1.37 - 1.34 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\boldsymbol{\delta}$  = 153.24, 150.06, 141.75, 132.84, 129.87, 125.97, 112.20, 111.53, 31.95, 31.59, 30.40, 29.68, 29.38, 28.67, 22.71, 22.65, 14.12; MALDI-TOF clacd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>Br<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: 783.8107, found: 783.8642.

2.4.8 4, 7-bis(3,4'-dihexyl-[2,2'-bithiophen]-5-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5] thiadiazole

(BT2T4)



To mixture of 4,7-bis(4-hexyl-5-iodothiophen-2-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (0.33 g, 0.45 mmol), 4-hexylthiophen-2-yl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (0.28 g, 0.95 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.02 g, 0.02 mmol) and 2 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (15 ml) in THF (30 ml) was degassed with N<sub>2</sub> for 10 min. The mixture was stirred at reflux under N<sub>2</sub> for 24 h. After cooling, water (50 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with

dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave red solid (**BT2T4**) (0.30g, 83%); m. p. 94 - 95 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.95 (s, 2H), 7.78 (s, 2H), 7.07 (s, 2H), 6.93 (s, 2H), 2.83 (t = 7.8 Hz, 4H) 2.63 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.76-1.71 (m, 4H), 1.69-1.64 (m, 4H), 1.44-1.41 (m, 4H), 1.39-1.33 (m, 20H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 152.57, 144.38, 143.75, 140.23, 136.61, 135.70, 132.89, 130.59, 129.01, 127.39, 125.50, 125.44, 125.14, 121.56, 120.27, 31.71, 30.61, 30.53, 30.43, 29.53, 29.33, 29.04, 28.06, 22.67, 22.64, 14.11 ppm. (MALDI-TOF): clacd. for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>60</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>5</sub>: 800.3360 found: 800.3821.

2.4.9 4,7 - bis (3,4'-dihexyl-5'- iodo -[2,2'-bithiophen] -5 -yl) benzo [c][1,2,5] thiadiazole (BT2T4-2I)



To dissolve of 4,7-bis(3,4'-dihexyl-[2,2'-bithiophen]-5-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (0.23 g, 0.28 mmol) with mixture solvent between CH<sub>3</sub>COOH/ CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1:1). After that NIS (0.13 g, 0.59 mmol) was slowly added. When reaction completed, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, filtered and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave red solid (**BT2T4-2I**) (0.25 g, 84%); m.p. 89 - 90 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.94 (s, 2H), 7.81 (s, 2H), 6.88 (s, 2H), 2.79 (t = 7.5 Hz, 4H) 2.56 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 1.73-1.70 (m, 4H), 1.63-1.60 (m, 12H), 1.44-1.32 (m, 26H), 0.92 - 89 (m, 14H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 152.54, 147.74, 140.78, 140.60, 137.04, 132.08, 130.51, 126.60, 125.45, 125.27, 32.38, 31.69, 31.67, 30.61, 29.99, 29.72, 29.53, 29.28, 28.95, 22.66, 22.63, 14.13 ppm (MALDI-TOF): clacd. for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>58</sub>I<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>5</sub>: 1052.1293.

2.4.10 4,7-bis(3,4',4''-trihexyl-[2,2':5',2''-terthiophen]-5-yl) benzo[c][1,2,5] thiadiazole (BT3T4)



To mixture of 4,7-bis(3,4'-dihexyl-5'-iodo-[2,2'-bithiophen]-5-yl)benzo[c] [1,2,5] thiadiazole (0.18 g, 0.17 mmol), 4-hexylthiophen-2-yl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2dioxaborolane (0.11 g, 0.36 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.01 g, 0.01 mmol), and 2 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (15 ml) in THF (30 ml) was degassed with N<sub>2</sub> for 10 min. The mixture was stirred at reflux under N<sub>2</sub> for 24 h. After cooling, water (50 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave as redpurple solid (**BT3T4**) (0.14 g, 73%); m.p. 97 - 98 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.98 (s, 2H), 7.83 (s, 2H), 7.07 (s, 2H), 6.99 (s, 2H), 6.91 (s, 2H), 2.87 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 2.77 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 2.62 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.77 - 1.73 (m, 4H), 1.70 - 1.62 (m, 8H), 1.47 - 1.32 (m, 38H), 0.90 (s, 18H);  $^{13}$ C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 152.61, 143.71, 140.42, 139.72, 136.67, 135.50, 133.64, 132.57, 131.34, 130.75, 128.77, 127.24, 125.46, 125.20, 120.10, 31.69, 31.62, 30.58, 30.56, 30.41, 29.65, 29.31, 29.26, 29.01, 22.65, 22.63, 22.62, 14.11, 14.08 ppm. (MALDI-TOF): clacd. for C<sub>66</sub>H<sub>88</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>7</sub>: 1132.4992 found: 1132.5853. aunalulaias

2.4.11 4,7-bis(3,4',4''-trihexyl-5''-iodo- [2,2':5',2''-terthiophen]-5-yl)benzo [c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (BT3T4-2I)



To dissolve of 4,7-bis(3,4',4"-trihexyl-[2,2':5',2"-terthiophen]-5-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5] thiadiazole (0.14 g, 1.26 mmol) with mixture solvent between CH<sub>3</sub>COOH/CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1:1). After that NIS (0.06 g, 0.26 mmol) was slowly added. When reaction completed, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 mL), brine solution (50 ml), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, filtered and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave purple solid (**BT3T4-2I**) (0.12 g, 71%); m.p. 88 - 89 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.97 (s, 2H), 7.82 (s, 2H), 7.06 (s, 2H), 6.80 (s, 2H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 2.55 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.75-1.74 (m, 4H), 1.67 - 1.66 (m, 4H), 1.62 - 1.60 (m, 4H), 1.53 (s, 8H), 1.47 - 1.33 (m, 48H), 0.91 (m, 18H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 152.59, 143.70, 140.40, 139.70, 136.67, 135.51, 133.65, 132.56, 131.33, 130.74, 128.74, 127.23, 125.43, 125.17, 120.08, 31.69,

30.58, 30.55, 30.51, 30.40, 29.66, 29.31, 29.26, 29.02, 22.66, 22.63, 22.62, 14.11, 14.08 ppm. (MALDI-TOF): clacd. for C<sub>66</sub>H<sub>86</sub>I<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>7</sub>: 1384.2925 found: 1384.4622.

2.4.12 4,7-bis(5'-bromo-3,4'-dihexyl-[2,2'-bithiophen]-5-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5] thiadiazole (BT2T4-2Br)



To dissolve of 4,7-bis(3,4'-dihexyl-[2,2'-bithiophen]-5-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (0.15 g, 0.19 mmol) in THF (20 ml). After that NBS (0.07 g, 0.39 mmol) was slowly added. When reaction completed, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, filtered and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave orange solid (**BT2T4-2Br**) (0.17 g, 96%); m. p. 136 - 137 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.94 (s, 2H), 7.80 (s, 8H), 6.92 (, 2H), 2.79 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H),

1.72 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.63 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.43-1.25 (m, 28H), 0.91 (s, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = 152.55$ , 142.59, 140.74, 137.05, 135.51, 131.97, 130.53, 126.89, 125.48, 125.26, 109.01, 31.68, 31.65, 30.62, 29.68, 29.59, 29.50, 29.28, 28.94, 22.65, 22.62, 14.10 ppm. (MALDI-TOF): clacd. for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>58</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>5</sub>: 958.1550 found: 958.2459.

2.2.13 4,7-bis(3',4,5'-tribromo-3,4'-dihexyl-[2,2'-bithiophen]-5-yl)benzo[c] [1,2,5]thiadiazole (BT2T4-6Br)



To dissolve of 4,7-bis(5'-bromo-3,4'-dihexyl-[2,2'-bithiophen]-5-yl)benzo[c] [1,2,5]thiadiazole (0.11 g, 0.12 mmol) with mixture between CH<sub>3</sub>COOH/CHCl<sub>3</sub> ((1:1) 30 ml). After that NBS (0.16 g, 0.92 mmol) was slowly added. When reaction completed, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, filtered and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The crude product was purified by column chromatography

on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave orange solid (**BT2T4-6Br**) (0.09 g, 65%); m. p. 138 - 139 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) **δ** = 8.13 (s, 2H), 2.70 (s, 8H), 1.54-1.26 (m, 20H), 0.88 (q, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 24H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) **δ** = 152.55, 142.59, 140.74, 137.05, 135.51, 131.97, 130.53, 126.89, 125.48, 125.26, 109.01, 31.68, 31.65, 30.62, 29.68, 29.59, 29.50, 29.28, 28.94, 22.65, 22.62, 14.10 ppm. (MALDI-TOF): clacd. for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>54</sub>Br<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>5</sub>: 1273.7929 found: 1273.6308.

2.4.14 4,7-Bis(5-(9-phenyl-9H-carbazole-3-yl)-3-hexylthiophene-2-yl)-2,1, 3benzothiadiazole (BTZ1)



**BTZ1** was prepared from Suzuki coupling reaction of **3** (0.14 g, 0.19 mmol) and (4-(diphenylamino)phenyl)boronic acid (0.12 g, 0.39 mmol), and obtained after recrystallisation from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH as dark red solids (0.13 g, 73%); m.p. 177 - 178 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\boldsymbol{\delta}$  = 8.44 (s, 2H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 4H), 7.64-7.59 (m, 8H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 6H), 7.39 (s, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.75 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.29-1.26 (m, 10H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\boldsymbol{\delta}$  = 154.31, 142.88, 141.44, 140.58, 137.56, 129.95, 129.66, 127.61, 127.30, 127.10,

126.69, 126.30, 124.72, 124.43, 123.88, 123.36, 120.51, 120.22, 117.68, 110.11, 110.00, 31.63, 30.76, 29.82, 29.25, 22.58, 14.06; MALDI-TOF clacd. for C<sub>62</sub>H<sub>54</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: 950.3511, found: 950.3056.

2.4.15 4,7-Bis(4,5-bis(4-(diphenylamino(phenyl)-3-hexylthiophen-2-yl)-2,1,3-benzothiadiazole (BTZ2)



**BTZ2** was prepared from Suzuki coupling reaction of 4 (0.12 g, 0.15 mmol), (4-(diphenylamino)phenyl)boronic acid (0.22 g, 0.76 mmol), and obtained after recrystallisation from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH as dark red solids (0.14g, 64%); m.p. 145 - 146 °C C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.75 (s, 2H), 7.24 (q, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 16H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 20H), 7.02 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 8H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 2.62 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.25-1.23 (m, 6H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.02-0.96 (m, 8H), 0.74 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 147.69, 146.73, 143.20, 129.22, 124.31, 123.83, 122.82, 31.59, 31.11, 29.78, 29.70, 28.99, 28.39, 22.65, 22.35, 14.11, 13.99; MALDI-TOF clacd. for C<sub>98</sub>H<sub>84</sub>N<sub>6</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: 1441.5953, found: 1441.4032.

2.4.16 4,7-Bis(5-(4-(diphenylamino)phenyl)-3-hexylthiophene-2-yl)-2,1,3benzothiadiazole (BTZ3)



**BTZ3** was prepared from Suzuki coupling reaction of **3** (0.10 g, 0.14 mmol) and (4-(diphenylamino)phenyl)boronic acid (0.08 g, 0.29 mmol), and obtained after recrystallisation from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH as dark red solids (0.11 g, 90%); m.p. 110 - 111 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.70 (s, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 10H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 8H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.72 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.70 (qq, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.34-1.23 (m, 12H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 30H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 154.19, 147.51, 147.39, 144.45, 142.79, 129.63, 129.38, 129.32, 128.42, 127.22, 126.59, 124.98, 124.70, 124.57, 123.63, 123.13, 31.60, 30.67, 29.72, 29.16, 22.55, 14.05; MALDI-TOF clacd. for C<sub>62</sub>H<sub>58</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: 954.3824, found: 954.2314.

2.4.17 4,7-Bis(5-(4-(diphenylamino)phenyl)-4-hexylthiophene-2-yl)-2,1,3benzothiadiazole (BTZ4)



**BTZ4** was prepared from Suzuki coupling reaction of **6** (0.10 g, 0.14 mmol), (4-(diphenylamino)phenyl)boronic acid (0.084 g, 0.29 mmol), and obtained after recrystallisation from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH as red solids (0.12g, 53%); m.p. 189 - 190 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.02 (s, 2H), 7.83 (s, 4H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 8.4, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 18H), 7.26 (s, 4H), 7.16 - 7.15 (m, 8H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.05 (t = 7.2 Hz, 4H) 2.75 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.73 - 1.70 (m, 4H), 1.53 (s, 8H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7,2 Hz, 4H), 1.31 - 1.29 (m, 8H), (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 152.68, 147.54, 147.27, 139.51, 139.39, 136.70, 130.31, 129.87, 129.34, 128.22, 125.63, 125.14, 124.71, 123.19, 123.06, 31.68, 31.01, 29.25, 29.02, 22.63, 14.11; MALDI-TOF clacd. for C<sub>62</sub>H<sub>58</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: 954.3824, found: 954.3505.

2.4.18 4,7-Bis(5-(9-phenyl-9H-carbazole-3-yl-4-hexylthiophen-2-yl)-2,1,3benzothiadiazole (TBtz1)



**TBtz1** was prepared from Suzuki coupling reaction of **6** (0.25 g, 0.35 mmol), (4-(diphenylamino)phenyl)boronic acid (0. 21 g, 0. 73 mmol), and obtained after recrystallisation from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH as dark red solids (0.20 g, 61%); m.p. 172 - 173 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) **δ** = 8.29 (s, 2H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 8.08 (s, 2H), 7.90 (s, 2H), 7.65 - 7.57 (m, 10H), 7.50 - 7.43 (m, 8H), 7.32 (q, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 8H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) **δ** = 152.79, 141.39, 140.64, 140.39, 139.45, 137.59, 136.88, 130.18, 129.95, 127.63, 127.52, 127.12, 126.28, 125.77, 125.21, 123.61, 123.30, 121.15, 120.46, 120.22, 109.98, 109.78, 31.70, 31.12, 29.29, 29.01, 22.64, 14.07; MALDI-TOF clacd. for C<sub>62</sub>H<sub>54</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: 950.3511, found: 950.2472.

2.4.19 4,7-Bis(3,5-bis(4-(diphenylamino)phenyl)-5-hexylthiophen-2-yl- 2,1,3benzothiadiazole (TBtz2)



**TBtz2** was prepared from Suzuki coupling reaction of **6** (0.23 g, 0.29 mmol), (4-(diphenylamino)phenyl)boronic acid (0.35 g, 1.21 mmol), and obtained after recrystallisation from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH as dark red solids (0.18 g, 43%); m.p. 139 - 140 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.42 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 4H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 8H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 8H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 4H), 7.15 (s, 6H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 4H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 10H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 8H), 6.97 (s, 2H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 8H) 2.66 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.28-1.25 (m, 4H), 1.19-1.14 (m, 4H), 1.13-1.07 (m, 8H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 153.85, 147.65, 147.60, 147.34, 146.69, 142.41, 139.98, 138.49, 132.48, 131.78, 130.87, 130.21, 129.52, 129.35, 129.24, 128.57, 126.44, 124.73, 124.21, 123.62, 123.18, 123.04, 122.81, 31.22, 30.03, 29.10, 27.55, 22.45, 14.08; MALDI-TOF clacd. for C<sub>98</sub>H<sub>84</sub>N<sub>6</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: 1441.5953, found: 1441.6424.



A mixture of 4,7-bis(3',4,5'-tribromo-3,4'-dihexyl-[2,2'-bithiophen]-5-yl)benzo[c] [1,2,5]thiadiazole (0.09 g, 0.08 mmol), (4-(diphenylamino)phenyl)boronic acid (0.17 g, 0.58 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.01 g, 0.01 mmol) and 2 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (15 ml) in THF (30 ml) was degassed with N<sub>2</sub> for 10 min. The mixture was stirred at reflux under N<sub>2</sub> for 96 h. After cooling, water (50 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave purple solid (0.09 g, 56%); m. p. 205 - 206 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 7.39 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 4H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 8H), 7.21 - 7.10 (m, 34H), 7.07 - 7.03 (m, 16H), 6.97 - 6.90 (m, 24H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.43 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.30 - 1.25 (m, 6H), 1.19 - 1.06 (m, 30H), 0.84 -0.78 (m, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 146.77, 146.59, 146.21, 145.62, 130.07, 129.63, 129.13, 128.83, 128.32, 128.14, 128.12, 123.69, 123.32,123.19, 123.13, 123.01, 122.61, 122.13, 122.07, 122.03, 121.87, 121.78, 121.71, 121.60, 30.67, 30.57, 30.22, 30.20, 28.92, 28.69, 28.35, 28.21, 28.17, 28.05, 28.03, 21.67, 21.64, 21.60, 21.48, 21.43, 13.12, 13.09, 13.05 ppm. (MALDI-TOF): clacd. for C<sub>154</sub>H<sub>138</sub>N<sub>8</sub>S<sub>5</sub>: 2259.9682 found: 2260.0358.

2.4.21 4,7-bis(3-hexyl-5-(9-phenyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)thiophen-2-yl)benzo[c] [1,2,5] thiadiazole (CTBtz1)



with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave purple solid (**CTBtz1**) (0.13 g, 73%); m. p. 177 - 178 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.44 (s, 2H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 4H), 7.64-7.59 (m, 8H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 6H), 7.39 (s, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.75 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.29-1.26 (m, 10H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 154.31, 142.88, 141.44, 140.58, 137.56, 129.95, 129.66, 127.61, 127.30, 127.10, 126.69, 126.30, 124.72, 124.43, 123.88, 123.36, 120.51, 120.22, 117.68, 110.11, 110.00, 31.63, 30.76, 29.82, 29.25, 22.58, 14.06 ppm. (MALDI-TOF): clacd. for C<sub>62</sub>H<sub>54</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: 950.3511 found: 950.3056.

2.4.22 4,7-bis(4-hexyl-5-(9-phenyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)thiophen-2yl)benzo[c] [1,2,5] thiadiazole (CTBtz2)



A mixture of 4,7-bis(5-bromo-4-hexylthiophen-2-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (0.25 g, 0.35 mmol), (9-phenyl-9H-carbazol-3-yl)boronic acid (0.21 g, 0.73 mmol),  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ , (0.02 g, 0.02 mmol) and 2 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (15 ml) in THF (30 ml) was degassed with N<sub>2</sub> for 10 min. The mixture was stirred at reflux under N<sub>2</sub> for 24 h. After cooling,

water (50 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave purple solid (**CTBtz2**) (0.20 g, 61%); m. p. 172 - 173 °C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 8.29 (s, 2H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 8.08 (s, 2H), 7.90 (s, 2H), 7.65-7.57 (m, 10H), 7.50-7.43 (m, 8H), 7.32 (q, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.76 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 8H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 152.79, 141.39, 140.64, 140.39, 139.45, 137.59, 136.88, 130.18, 129.95, 127.63, 127.52, 127.12, 126.28, 125.77, 125.21, 123.61, 123.30, 121.15, 120.46, 120.22, 109.98, 109.78, 31.70, 31.12, 29.29, 29.01, 22.64, 14.07 ppm. (MALDI-TOF): clacd. for C<sub>62</sub>H<sub>54</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: 950.3511 found: 950.2472.

2.4.23 6-bromo-3'',6''-di-tert-butyl-9,9'-didodecyl-9H,9'H-3,3':6',9''-tercar bazole (G1diC12-Br)



A stirred mixture of 6,6'-dibromo-9,9'-didodecyl-9H,9'H-3,3'-bicarbazole (9.08 g, 10.98 mmol), 3,6-di-*tert*-butyl-9H-carbazole (0.88 g, 3.14 mmol), copper iodide

(0.30 g, 1.57 mmol), potassium phosphate (1.66 g, 7.84 mmol) and *trans*-diaminocyclohexane (0.18 g, 1.57 mmol) in toluene (100 ml) was refluxed for 24 h under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After cooling, the reaction mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (100 x 3 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 x 3 ml), brine solution (50 x 3 ml), dried over sodium sulfate anhydrous, filtered and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The product was purified by silica gel chromatography to give (**G1diC12-Br**) as yellow viscous (1.44 g, 45%).

2.4.24 3'',6''-di-tert-butyl-9,9'-didodecyl-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2- dioxa borolan-2-yl)- 9*H*,9'*H*-3,3':6',9''-tercarbazole (G1diC12-Boran)



A mixture of 6-bromo-3",6"-di-tert-butyl-9,9'-didodecyl-9*H*,9'*H*-3,3':6',9"-tercarbazole (1.44 g, 1.41 mmol), 4,4,4',4',5,5,5',5'-octamethyl-2,2'-bi(1,3,2-dioxaborolane) (0.71 g, 0.32 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.08 g, 0.11 mmol) and KOAc (0.55g, 5.63 mmol) in toluene (50 ml) was degassed with N<sub>2</sub> for 5 min. The mixture was stirred at reflux under N<sub>2</sub> for 24 h. After cooling, water (50 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was

removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave white solid (**G1diC12-Boran**) (1.44g, 93%).

2.4.25 4,7-bis(3'',6''-di-tert-butyl-9,9'-didodecyl-9*H*,9'*H*-[3,3':6',9''-tercar bazol]-6-yl) benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (di[diC12-G1]BT)



To mixture of 4,7-dibromobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (0.06 g, 0.02 mmol), 3",6"di-tert-butyl-9,9'-didodecyl-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-H,9'H,3':6',9" -tercarbazole (0.05 g, 0.05 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.01 g, 0.01 mmol) and 2 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (15 ml) in THF (15 ml) was degassed with N<sub>2</sub> for 10 min. The mixture was stirred at reflux under N<sub>2</sub> for 24 h. After cooling, water (50 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave violet solid (**di**[**di**C12-G1]BT) (0.23g, 54%). 2.4.26 4, 7-bis (5- (3'', 6''-di-tert-butyl- 9,9'-didodecyl-9*H*,9'*H*-[3,3': 6',9''tercarbazol]- 6- yl)- 4- hexylthiophen- 2-yl) benzo [c][1, 2, 5] thiadiazole (di[diC12-G1]BT1T4)



A mixture of 4,7-bis(3-hexyl-5-iodothiophen-2-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (0.11 g, 0.15 mmol), 3",6"-di-tert-butyl-9,9'-didodecyl-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-9H,9'H-3,3':6',9"-tercarbazole (0.34 g, 0.32 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.01 g, 0.01 mmol) and 2 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (10 ml) in THF (20 ml) was degassed with N<sub>2</sub> for 10 min. The mixture was stirred at reflux under N<sub>2</sub> for 24 h. After cooling, water (50 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave red solid (**di[diC12-G1]BT1T4**) (0.23g, 64%).

# 2.4.27 4,7-bis(3'',6''-di-tert-butyl-9,9'-didodecyl-9*H*,9'*H*-[3,3':6',9''-tercar bazol]-6-yl)- 5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (di[diC12-G1]BT-2F)



To mixture of 4,7-dibromo-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (0.10 g, 0.30 mmol), 3",6"-di-tert-butyl-9,9'-didodecyl-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-9H,9'H-3,3':6',9"-tercarbazole (0.68 g, 0.64 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.01 g, 0.01 mmol) and 2 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (25 ml) in THF (25 ml) was degassed with N<sub>2</sub> for 10 min. The mixture was stirred at reflux under N<sub>2</sub> for 24 h. After cooling, water (50 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave red solid (di[diC12-G1]BT-2F) (0.19g, 30%).

# 2.4.28 4,9-bis(3'',6''-di-tert-butyl-9,9'-didodecyl-9*H*,9'*H*-[3,3':6',9''-tercar

bazol]-6-yl) naphtho[2,3-c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (di[diC12-G1]NapBT)



To mixture of 4,9-dibromonaphtho [2,3-c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (0.07 g, 0.20 mmol), 3",6"- di- tert- butyl- 9,9'- didodecyl- 6- (4,4,5,5- tetramethyl- 1,3,2- dioxaborolan- 2- yl)-9H,9'H-3,3': 6',9"-tercarbazole (0.45 g, 0.42 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.01 g, 0.01 mmol) and 2 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (25 ml) in THF (25 ml) was degassed with N<sub>2</sub> for 10 min. The mixture was stirred at reflux under N<sub>2</sub> for 24 h. After cooling, water (50 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave red solid (**di[diC12-G1]NapBT**) (0.21g, 54%).

# 2.4.29 2,6-bis(3'',6''-di-tert-butyl-9,9'-didodecyl-9*H*,9'*H*-[3,3':6',9''-tercar bazol]- 6-yl) anthracene-9,10-dione. (di[diC12-G1]Ant)



To dissolve of 2,6-dibromoanthracene-9,10-dione (0.03 g, 0.09 mmol) 3",6"-ditert-butyl-9,9'-didodecyl-6- (4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-9*H*,9'*H*-, 3':6',9"-tercarbazole (0.20 g, 0.19 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.01 g, 0.01 mmol) and 2 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (15 ml) in THF (20 ml) was degassed with N<sub>2</sub> for 10 min. The mixture was stirred at reflux under N<sub>2</sub> for 24 h. After cooling, water (50 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave orange solid (**di[diC12-G1]Ant**) (0.16g, 84%).


To mixture of 2,6-bis(4-(bis(4-bromophenyl)amino)phenyl)anthracene-9,10-dione (0.13 g, 0.13 mmol), 3",6"-di-tert-butyl-9,9'-didodecyl-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-9H,9'H-3,3':6',9"-tercarbazole (0.64 g, 0.59 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.01 g, 0.01 mmol) and 2 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (25 ml) in THF (25 ml) was degassed with N<sub>2</sub> for 10 min. The mixture was stirred at reflux under N<sub>2</sub> for 24 h. After cooling, water (50 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried

with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave orange solid (**tetra[diC12-G1]Ant-2TPA**) (0.24g, 41%).

# 2.4.31 2-(3'',6''-di-tert-butyl-9,9'-didodecyl-9*H*,9'*H*-[3,3':6',9''tercarbazol]-6-yl)-9*H*-thioxanthen-9-one 10,10-dioxide [diC12-G1]TOX



To mixture of 2-bromo-9*H*-thioxanthen-9-one 10,10-dioxide (0.12 g, 0.37 mmol), 3",6"-di-tert-butyl-9,9'-didodecyl-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-*H*,9' *H*-3,3':6',9"-tercarbazole (0.44 g, 0.41 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.02 g, 0.02 mmol) and 2 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (25 ml) in THF (25 ml) was degassed with N<sub>2</sub> for 10 min. The mixture was stirred at reflux under N<sub>2</sub> for 24 h. After cooling, water (50 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave orange solid (**diC12-G1]TOX**) (0.21g, 48%). 2.4.32 2-(4-(bis(4-(3'',6''-di-tert-butyl-9,9'-didodecyl-9*H*,9'*H*-[3,3':6',9''tercarbazol]- 6- yl) phenyl) amino) phenyl)- 9*H*- thioxanthen- 9- one 10, 10- dioxide [diC12-G1]TOX-TPA



To mixture of 2-(4-(bis(4-bromophenyl)amino)phenyl)-9*H*-thioxanthen-9-one 10, 10-dioxide (0.15 g, 0.23 mmol), 3", 6"-di-tert-butyl-9, 9'-didodecyl-6-(4, 4, 5, 5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-9*H*,9'*H*-3,3':6',9"-tercarbazole (0.53 g, 0.49 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.01 g, 0.01 mmol) and 2 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (25 ml) in THF (25 ml) was degassed with N<sub>2</sub> for 10 min. The mixture was stirred at reflux under N<sub>2</sub> for 24 h. After cooling, water (50 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave green solid (**[diC12-G1]TOX-TPA**) (0.29g, 53%).

## 2.4.33 2,4,6-tris(4-(3'',6''-di-tert-butyl-9,9'-didodecyl-9H,9'H-[3,3':6',9''-

tercarbazol]- 6-yl)phenyl)-1,3,5-triazine [tri[diC12-G1]p-triazene]



To mixture of 2,4,6-tris(4-bromophenyl)-1,3,5-triazine (0.10g, 0.18mmol), 3",6"di-tert-butyl-9,9'-didodecyl-6-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane-2-yl)-9H,9'H-3,3':6',9"-tercarbazole (0.69 g, 0.49 mmol), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (0.01 g, 0.01 mmol) and 2 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (25 ml) in THF (25 ml) was degassed with N<sub>2</sub> for 10 min. The mixture was stirred at reflux under N<sub>2</sub> for 24 h. After cooling, water (50 ml) was added, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 ml). The combined organic phase was washed with water (50 ml), brine solution (50 ml), dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed to dryness and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluting with a mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane gave orange solid (**[diC12-G1]TOX-TPA**) (0.29g, 53%).

# **CHAPTER III**

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

### 3.1 Introduction

The general structure of OLEDs consists of a light emissive layer sandwiched in between two metal electrodes, one of which is transparent conducting electrode. Additional layers between the cathode and the emissive layer (electrontransport layer, ETL) or between the anode and the emissive layer (hole transport layer, HTL) is used for high efficiency OLED devices. So, the pioneering works on the first organic lightemitting diodes (OLEDs) by Tang in 1987 (VanSlyke et al., 1987), OLEDs have attracted massive attentions in the scientific community due to their potential for future flat-panel displays and lighting applications (Wu et al., 2005). The past decade has seen great progress in both device fabrication techniques and materials development (Thangtong et al., 2011; Kelley et al., 2004). One of the key developments is the use of hole-transporting layers (HTL) for hole injection from the anode into the light-emitting layer providing significant improvement in the performance of the device (Tang, 1987). As a result, many new hole-transporting materials (HTM) have been developed. In particular, low-molecular weight amorphous materials have received interest as candidates for HTM due to their easy purification by vapor deposition or column chromatographic techniques, and uniformly thin films can be processed simply by coating techniques. The most commonly used amorphous hole-transporting materials

(AHTM) are triarylamine derivatives such as N,N'-diphenyl-N,N'-bis(1-naphthyl)-(1,1'-biphenyl)-4,4'-diamine (NPB) and N,N'-bis(3-methylphenyl)-N,N'-bis(phenyl) benzidine (TPD) which have excellent hole-transporting properties. However, their low thermal and morphological stability usually lead to their degradation. In order to achieve highly efficient and long lifetime devices, an AHTM with high mobility, a high glass transition temperature  $(T_g)$ , a stable amorphous state and good thin film formation is desirable. To optimize all these requirements, many efforts have been devoted to the synthesis of new AHTM. Carbazole derivatives containing peripheral diarylamine, additional carbazole, bis(4-tert-butylphenyl)carbazole units and dipyrenyl units were also reported to exhibit good thermal and morphological stability. Recently, we synthesized a series of aromatic compounds with peripheral triphenylamine-carbazole possessing high Tg (121 - 185 °C) values and found the OLED devices based on the resulting carbazole compounds to be promising in terms of device performance and stability. Undoubtedly, it is very attractive to explore and develop new carbazole derivatives that meet the requirements as AHTM for OLEDs and which can be synthesized using simple and low-cost methods. Our design involved multiple substitution of the carbazole ring with triphenylamine moieties. With this molecular architecture, amorphous hole-transporting materials would be achieved (Kochapradist et al., 2012).

In 2011, Deng et al. (Deng et al., 2011) investigated that the TPA-containing linear D-A-D molecules with benzothiadiazole (**BT**) as acceptor unit and TPA-(4-hexyl) thiophene (**TPA-HT**) and TPA-(4-hexyl)thieno[3,2-b]thiophene (**TPA-HTT**) as donor units, **TPA-HT-BT** and **TPA-HTT-BT**, gave an overall conversion efficiency

 $(\eta)$  of 1.44%. The design of the molecular structure was from the following consideranions:

(1) the D-A-D structure of the molecules is to reduce the band gap of the materials for improving the absorption;

(2) (4-hexyl)thieno[3,2-b]thiophene is introduced in **TPA-HTT-BT** for enhancing the hole mobility and improving absorption of the compounds, because fused thiophenes usually show larger pconjugation and higher hole mobility.

**TPA-HT-BT** and **TPA-HTT-BT** films show broad absorption band in the range of 350–700 nm, lower band gap and good thermal stability. The solution processed bulk-heterojunction OSC devices based on the blend of **TPA-HT-BT** or **TPA-HTT-BT** as donor and PC70BM as acceptor (the weight ratio of donor/acceptor is 1:3), reached 1.44% under the illumination of AM1.5 G, 100 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>, which indicates that **TPA-HT-BT** and **TPAHTT-BT** are promising organic donor photovoltaic materials.



Recent studies revealed that organic multilayer structures typically enhance the performance of the devices by lowering the barrier for hole injection from the anode and by enabling control over the electron-hole recombination region, moving it from the organic/cathode interface, where the defect density is high, into the bulk. Hence, the layer deposited on the anode would generally be a good hole transport material (HTM),

providing HTL. Similarly, the organic layer in contact with the cathode would be the optimized ETL (Adachi et al., 1988; Deshpande et al., 1999; Zhang et al., 2009).

3.2 Synthesis and characterization trialyamines substituted bis (hexyl-thiophene-2-yl)-benzothiadiazoles as solution-processable holetransporting red emitters for efficient non-doped electroluminescent device

## 3.2.1 Aim of the study

We accomplished the synthesis of red light emitting materials based on benzothiadiazole bearing hexylthiophene and triphenylamine end-capped for using as emitters in optoelectronic devices. Luminescence materials consist of triphenylamine moiety as the electron donor group. Here, hexylthiophene was incorporated for extened  $\pi$ -conjugation and good electron delocalize trough planar structure and to have better solubility for easier device fabrication. Besides of this, two hexyl groups could inevitably decrease the intermolecular interaction and approach higher emission efficiency in solid states. Therefore, the objectives of this chapter are following:

1. To designs and synthesize red-light emitting molecules (**BTZ1-4** molecules shown Figure 3.1) by a combination of Bromination, Iodination, and Suzuki cross coupling reactions.

2. To characterize the synthesized red-light emitting materials by NMR and MALDI-TOF techniques.

3. To study the photophysical, electrochemical and thermal property of the synthesized target compound by UV-Vis, fluorescent, cyclic voltammetry and thermal gravimetric analysis technique, respectively.



Figure 3.1 Show structure of target red-light emitting molecules (BTZ1-4).

#### 3.2.2 Results and Discussion

### 3.2.2.1 Synthesis

The synthesis of all trialylamines substituted 4,7 bis(hexylthiophene-2yl)-benzothidiazoles **BTZ1-4**. Firstly, the Suzuki coupling of dibromobenzothidiazoles with 3-hexylthiophene borolanes in the presence of Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> as catalyst and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> as a base in THF as a solvent reflux for 24 h to give (3-hexylthiophen-2-yl)benzothiazole core **2** as orange solids in 97% yield as outlined in Figure 3.2.



Figure 3.2 Synthesis of (3-hexylthiophen-2-yl)-benzothiazole core 2.

The chemical structure of (3-hexylthiophen-2-yl)-benzothiazole core **2** was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (shown in Figure 3.3) of shows high field shifted at aromatic region of the compound **2** shows a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.65 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of benzothiadiazole and a doublet signal at chemical shift 7.44 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of thiophene and low field shifted at alkyl region of the alkyl group as a triplet signal at chemical shift 2.67 ppm (4H) assigning of 4-H proton.



Figure 3.3 The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of (3-hexylthiophen-2-yl)benzothiazole

core 2.



Figure 3.4 Synthesis of (4-hexylthiophen-2-yl)-benzothiazole core 5.

The intermediate (4-hexylthiophen-2-yl)benzothiazole core **5** was accomplished by Suzuki coupling of dibromobenzothidiazoles with 4-hexylthiophene borolanes in the presence of Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> as catalyst and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> as a base in THF as a solvent reflux for 24 h to give (4-hexylthiophen-2-yl)-benzothiazole core **5** as orange solids in 93% yield as shown in Figure 3.4.



**Figure 3.5** The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of (3-hexylthiophen-2-yl)benzothiazole core **5**.

The chemical structure of (4-hexylthiophen-2-yl)-benzothiazole core **5** was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (shown in Figure 3.5) of shows high field shifted at aromatic region of the compound 5 shows a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.97 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of benzothiadiazole and a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.82 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of thiophene and a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.03 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of thiophene and low field shifted at alkyl region of the alkyl group as a triplet signal at chemical shift 2.69 ppm (4H) assigning of 4-H proton.

Subsequently, the intermediate compound **3** was prepared form bromination of (3-hexylthiophen-2-yl)benzothiazole core 2 with NBS in THF and obtained as orange solids 95% yield as shown in Figure 3.6.



Figure 3.6 Synthesis of compound 3.

The chemical structure of compound **3** was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of shows high field shifted at aromatic region of the compound **3** (shown in Figure 3.7) as a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.60 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of benzothiadiazole and a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.05 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of thiophene and missing 2H-proton one peak of thiophene and low field shifted at alkyl region of the alkyl group as a triplet signal at chemical shift 2.67 ppm (4H) assigning of 4-H proton.

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**Figure 3.7** The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra in  $CDCl_3$  of compound 3.

The Suzuki coupling between compound 3 with (4-(diphenylamino)phenyl) boronic acid in the presence of Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> as catalyst and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> as a base in THF as a solvent reflux for 24 h to give **BTZ1** in 73% yield as shown in Figure 3.8.



Figure 3.8 Synthesis of final product BTZ1.

The chemical structure of final product **BTZ1**. was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of shows high field shifted at aromatic region of the final product **BTZ1**. (shown in Figure 3.9) as a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.60 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of benzothiadiazole and a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.05 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of thiophene and missing 2H-proton one peak of thiophene and low field shifted at alkyl region of the alkyl group as a triplet signal at chemical shift 2.67 ppm (4H) assigning of 4-H proton.



Figure 3.9 The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of BTZ1.

Subsequently, the intermediate compound **4** was prepared form bromination of compound 3 with NBS in THF and obtained as orange solids 73% yield as shown in Figure 3.10.



Figure 3.10 Synthesis of compound 4.

The chemical structure of compound **4** was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of shows one peak as high field shifted at aromatic region of the compound 4 (shown in Figure 3.11) as a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.64 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of benzothiadiazole and missing 2H-proton one peak of thiophene compare with <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound **3** and low field shifted at alkyl region of the alkyl group as a triplet signal at chemical shift 2.69 ppm (4H) assigning of 4-H proton.

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Figure 3.11 The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of compound 4.

The synthesis of the final product **BTZ2** was started with compound **4** react with (4-(diphenylamino) phenyl) boronic acid in the presence of  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  as catalyst and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> as a base in THF as a solvent reflux for 24 h to give dark red solids **BTZ2** in 64% yield as shown in Figure 3.12.



Figure 3.12 Synthesis of final product BTZ2.

The chemical structure of final product **BTZ2** was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of shows high field shifted at aromatic region of the final product **BTZ2** (shown in Figure 3.13) as a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.75 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of benzothiadiazole and a quartet, doublet, singlet signal at chemical shift between 7.24 - 6.92 ppm (56H) assigning of 2-H proton of - (diphenylamino)phenyl group and low field shifted at alkyl region of the alkyl group as a triplet signal at chemical shift 2.62 ppm (4H) assigning of 4-H proton.



Figure 3.13 The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of final product BTZ2.

The introduction of compound **6** moiety was proceeded under bromination reaction between compound **5** and NBS in THF at room temperature to give compound **6** as orange-red solids compound **6** in 98% yield shown in Figure 3.14.





The chemical structure of compound **6** was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of shows high field shifted at aromatic region of the compound **6** (shown in Figure 3.15) as a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.75 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of benzothiadiazole and a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.70 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of thiophene and low field shifted at alkyl region of the alkyl group as a triplet signal at chemical shift 2.61 ppm (4H) assigning of 4-H proton.



Figure 3.15 The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of compound 6.

Compound 7 was prepared from bromination of compound 6 with NBS in THF at room temperature to give orange-red solids compound 7 in 78% yield shown in Figure 3.16.



Figure 3.16 Synthesis of compound 7.

The chemical structure of compound **7** was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of shows one peak as high field shifted at aromatic region of the compound **7** (as shown in Figure 3.17) as a singlet signal at chemical shift 8.06 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of benzothiadiazole and missing 2H-proton one peak of thiophene compare with <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound **6** and low field shifted at alkyl region of the alkyl group as a triplet signal at chemical shift 2.75 ppm (4H) assigning of 4-H proton.



Figure 3.17 The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of compound 7.

The Suzuki cross coupling between compound **6** react with (4-(diphenylamino) phenyl) boronic acid n the presence of Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> as catalyst and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> as a base in THF as a solvent reflux for 24 h to give dark red solids **BTZ3** in 90% yield as shown in Figure 3.18.



Figure 3.18 Synthesis of final product BTZ3.

The chemical structure of final product **BTZ3** was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of shows high field shifted at aromatic region of the final product **BTZ3** (as shown in Figure 3.19) as a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.70 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of benzothiadiazole and a doublet signal at chemical shift 7.56 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of thiophene and multiplet signal between 7.32 - 7.07 ppm (26H) as sinning of 26-H proton of (diphenylamino)phenyl group and low field shifted at alkyl region of the alkyl group as a triplet signal at chemical shift 2.72 ppm (4H) assigning of 4-H proton.



Figure 3.19 The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of final product BTZ3.

The synthesis of the final product **BTZ4** was started with compound **7** react with (4-(diphenylamino)phenyl)boronic acid in the presence of  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  as catalyst and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> as a base in THF as a solvent reflux for 24 h to give red solids **BTZ4** in 53% yield as shown in Figure 3.20.



Figure 3.20 Synthesis of final product BTZ4.

The chemical structure of final product **BTZ4**. was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of shows high field shifted at aromatic region of the final product **BTZ4**. (as shown in Figure 3.21) as a singlet signal at chemical shift 8.02 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of benzothiadiazole and aromatic region of (diphenylamino)phenyl group as shown single, doublet, doublet of doublet, singlet, and multiplet signal at chemical shift between 7.83 - 7.05 ppm (56H) assigning of 2-H proton of (diphenylamino)phenyl group and low field shifted at alkyl region of the alkyl group as a triplet signal at chemical shift 2.75 ppm (4H) assigning of 4-H proton.



Figure 3.21 The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of final product BTZ4.

#### **3.2.2.2 Theoretical Calculation**

To gain insight into the structure-property relationships of the new compounds **BTZ1-6**, density functional theory (DFT) calculation were conducted at the TD-DFT B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. In the optimized structures of these compounds (Figure 3.22), It was clearly observed that introduction of hexly or/and triarylamine groups on 3- and 4- position of thiophene unit could enhance the distortion degree in the bis(thiophene-2-yl)-benzothiadiazole core and bulkiness of molecule. These could help suppress the formation of aggregation or  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking and maintain high quantum yield in the solid state. The large dihedral angles in the range of  $53 - 59^{\circ}$ were found between thiophene and benzole thiadiazole core when the thiophene ring were substituted on 3- position (BTZ1-2) and disubstituted on both 3- and 4- position (BTZ3 and BTZ4) such large twist angles can interrupt intramolecular extending of  $\pi$ electron in the molecule, which whould result in a blue-shift in absorption and emission spectra. However, single hexyl substitution on 4-position of thiophene ring (BTZ4 and BTZ5) caused much less twist of the bis(hexylthiophene-2-yl)-benzothiadiazole plane with dihedral angles in the scope of  $7^{\circ}$  -  $8^{\circ}$ . ้<sup>วักยา</sup>ลัยเทคโนโลยีสุร<sup>ู</sup>่ง



**Figure 3.22** The optimized structures with dihedral angle, HOMOs and LUMOs of **BTZ1-4** calculated by TD-DFT B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

In addition, all molecules showed the moderate to large dihedral angles between the thiophene and end-capped traiarylamine planes, however this would not make much diffidence on their properties. Figure 3.22b shows the spatial distributions of HOME and LUMO for **BTZ1-4**. The LUMOs of all compound mostly locate on electron deficient benzothiadiazole unit. The HOMEs of **BTZ1-3** delocalize on the triarylamine donor and the adjacent thiophene ring with little residual on the benzothiadiazole. Besides, the HOMOs of **BTZ4** can spread over the entire  $\pi$ - conjugation backbone due to much smaller twist angle between the thiophene unit and benzothiadiazole plane. The HOMO and LUMO of all compounds are well separated which could contribute to ICT process.

#### **3.2.2.3 Photophysical Properties**

The UV-Vis absorption and PL spectra of BTZ1-4 were analyzed in solution and thin film spin coated on fused silica substrates. The results are plotted in Figure 3.23a-c and the key parameters. The results are listed in Table 3.1. As shown in Figure 3.23(1a), solution UV-Vis absorption spectra exhibited two main absorption band ( $\lambda_{abs}$ ): absorption bands at the scope of 300 - 354 nm derive from the  $\pi$ - $\pi$ transition of the triarylamine-thiophene conjugations and the longer wavelength absorption bands at around 463 - 511 nm could be recognized as intramolecular charge transfer (ICT) transition from the triarylamine donor to benzothiadiazole core acceptor. The ICTs of **BTZ4** is more intense and red-shifted compared to those of the remaining compounds, indicating donor-acceptor interactions in these molecules are stronger than others due to more planar alignment of the bis(thiophen-2-yl)-benzothiadiazole backbone. The intensity of the ICTs can be ordered as follows: **BTZ4** > **BTZ1**  $\approx$  **BTZ2** > **BTZ3**, which harmonizes well with the dihedral angles between benzothiadiazole core and the adjacent thiophene rings observed in the theoretical calculation. The solution PL spectra of all compounds showed featureless emission bands in red region with the maximum emission wavelengths ( $\lambda pl$ ) in the range of 641 - 672 nm. The shift in these emissions coincides well with that of the ICT absorption peaks, suggesting donor-acceptor or ICT characteristic emissions. The ICT was further confirmed by solvatochromism behaviors with the solvent polarity increased under photoexcitation. As illustrated in Figure 1b, the emission peak position (BTZ4) was strongly dependence on solvent polarity. The emission band

bathochromically shifted as the solvent polarity was increased from hexane to EtOH. Figure 3.23c shows the UV-Vis absorption and PL spectra of **BTZ1-4** in thin film, which have similar feature to the spectra in solution. It is notable that the emission peaks of **BTZ1-2** and **BTZ4** in the thin film compared to solution show larger red shifts (11-21 nm) than those of **BTZ3** (2 nm), suggesting stronger intermolecular interactions in the film state. The relatively slight red shift from the solution to the solid state of **BTZ3** and **BTZ4** undoubtedly results from their more steric molecular structure due to the substitutions on both 3- and 4- positions of the thiophene rings.



**Figure 3.23** UV-vis absorption and PL spectra of **BTZ1-4** in a) CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution and c) as thin films coated on fused silica substrates. b) PL spectra of **BTZ4** in different solvents. d) **BTZ1-4** thin films coated on fused-silica substrates exposure under UV lamp light.

The absolute PL quantum yields (PLQY) of all new compounds in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and solid film were determined by using an integrating sphere and the results are listed in Table 3.1. **BTZ4** and **BTZ2** exhibited solution PLQYs as high as 62 and 52%, respectively, while **BTZ1**, and **BTZ3** showed moderate PLQYs of 32, and 28%, respectively. In solid film, **BTZ2** and **BTZ4** still exhibited high PLQYs in the scope of 51 - 58%, whereas those of the remaining dropped significantly to 5 - 6%. Figure 1d depicts spin-coated thin films of all compounds under UV light illumination showing visually perceivable bright red emission. High PLQYs observed in the thin films of **BTZ2** and **BTZ4** hint that they are promising candidates for red OLED emitters. Additionally, optical band-gap (Eg) of **BTZ1-4** calculated from the onset wavelengths of the thin film absorption bands were 2.21, 2.29, 1.95, and 2.21 eV, respectively (Table 3.1).

### **3.2.2.4 Thermal properties and morphology**

Thermal properties of benzothiadiazole derivatives **BTZ1-4** were examined with TGA and DSC under N<sub>2</sub> flow, as shown in Figure 3.24 and summarized in Table 3.1. In the TGA measurements, all of them show high 5% weight-loss temperatures (T5d) of over 44 °C, indicating high thermal stability materials. The results by DSC (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> scan) reveal that **BTZ1**, **BTZ3** and **BTZ4** have amorphous property with only endothermic base line shift corresponding to glass transition temperature (Tg) at 65 °C, 105 °C and 90 °C being detected, respectively, while **BTZ3** is crystalline with only a sharp endothermic peak assigning to melting temperature (Tm) at 198 °C being observed. The DSC traces (1<sup>st</sup> heating scan) of BTZ2 display glass transition and melting peak, however the subsequent 2<sup>nd</sup> heating scans exhibit only glass transition at Tg of 81 °C and 73 °C, respectively, indicating that as prepared samples of **BTZ2** are semi crystalline and then become amorphous after annealing. It was found that the benzothiadiazole derivatives (**BTZ1-3**) hexyl substitution on 4-position of thiophene ring exhibit a higher Tg than that of their corresponding 3-hexylthiophene derivatives (**BTZ4**), and **BTZ3** and **BTZ4** are two high Tg materials in this series. These could come from the more steric structures.



C I	$\lambda_{abs}(\log \epsilon)^a(nm)/$	$\lambda_{abs}$	$\lambda_{pl}$	$\lambda_{pl}$	$T_g/T_m/T_{5d}$	$\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{g}}$	HOMO/LUMO	PLQY	PLQY
Compound	<b>M</b> <sup>-1</sup> <b>cm</b> <sup>-1</sup>	(nm) <sup>b</sup>	( <b>nm</b> ) <sup><i>a</i></sup>	(nm) <sup>b</sup>	(°C) <sup>c</sup>	$(\mathbf{eV})^d$	(eV) <sup><i>e</i></sup>	(%) <sup>a</sup>	(%) <sup>b</sup>
BTZ1	354(6.77), 466(6.27)	362, 489	644	665	65/ - /440	2.21	-5.40/-3.29	32	5
BTZ2	307(7.04), 460(6.23)	312, 483	641	643	105/ - /455	2.29	-5.48/-3.19	57	51
BTZ3	348(6.98), 511(6.75)	353, 532	670	681	- /198/462	1.95	-5.32/-3.37	28	6
BTZ4	312(7.06), 481(6.19)	319, 494	648	650	90/ - /470	2.21	-5.45/-3.24	62	58

**Table 3.1** Key physical data of the new compounds.

<sup>a</sup> Measured in solution of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. <sup>b</sup> Measured in thin film coated on fused silica substrates.

 $^{\rm c}$  Measured by DSC (2nd scan) and TGA under  $N_2$  flow.

<sup>d</sup> Estimated from absorption onset in thin film:  $E_g = \lambda onset/1240$ .

<sup>e</sup> Measured by Riken AC2 and LUMO = HOMO + Eg.

The solid films of **BTZ1-4** could be prepared by solution-spin coating process. The morphology of the thin films was examined by AFM as shown in Figure 3.24. All thin films casting from toluene solution have a smooth and pinhole-free surface, suggesting good film forming ability. In case of **BTZ4**, few small spots were observed that could be due to partial crystallization of the compound in the film.



**Figure 3.24** a) CV plots measured by and b) DSC (1<sup>st</sup> heating scan (thick line) and 2<sup>nd</sup> heating scan (thin line)) and TGA traces of **BTZ1-4**.

#### **3.2.2.5 Electrochemical Properties**

To explore the electrochemical properties of **BTZ1-4**, cyclic voltammetry studies were performed. As shown in Figure 3.24, CV traces of all compounds displayed well-defined multiple oxidation processes. The first oxidation wave could be assigned to the oxidation of the electron donating triarylamine moiety. CV curves of **BTZ1-2** and **BTZ3-4** showed single quasi-reversible reduction wave, which corresponds the formation of the anion radical

of the electron-poor benzothiadiazole unit. However, under this measurement conditions, on reduction wave was observed for **BTZ3** and **BTZ4**. Moreover, repeated CV scans of all compounds prove that they are electrochemically stable molecules as identical CV curves being recorded.

The HOMO energy levels of **BTZ1-4** were determined by photoelectron yield spectroscopy (Riken AC-2). The LUMO energy levels were estimated from the HOMO values and the optical band gaps (Eg) by using the equation LUMO = HOMO + Eg. The corresponding HOMO/LUMO energy levels for **BTZ1-4** were then calculated to be -5.40/-3.29 eV, -5.48/-3.19 eV, -5.32/-3.37 eV, and -5.45/-3.24 eV, respectively (Table 1). The HOMO energy levels (-5.32 - 5.48 eV) of these new compounds match well with the work function of commonly used PEDOT; PSS coated ITO anode (-5.20 eV), suggesting that they could be used as hole-transporting layer-free red emitters in OLEDs. Their LUMO energy levels (-3.19 - 3.37 eV) are close to the work function of the LiF: Al cathode (-3.10 eV), ensuring efficient electron injection from the cathode.

# **3.2.2.6 Electroluminescent performances**

Based on the mentioned properties, **BTZ4** showing the highest solid PLQY was first preferred to study and optimize EL performances and the solution processed non-doped single layer OLED was fabricated with a configuration of ITO/PEDOT: PSS (40nm)/BTZ4 (60nm)/LiF (0.5nm)/AL (150 nm) (Figure 3.25). In this device, PEDOT: PSS was used as the hole injection layer (HIL) and LiF As interlayer for enhancing the electron injection.



**Figure 3.25** The optimize EL performances and the solution processed nondoped single layer OLED was fabricated with a configuration of ITO/PEDOT: PSS (40nm)/BTZ4 (60nm)/LiF (0.5nm)/AL (150nm).



Figure 3.26 Device structures and energy levels (relative to the vacuum energy level)



**Figure 3.27** a) current density-voltage-luminance (*J-V-L*) plots, b) luminance-current density-voltage (J-V) curves the fabricated OLEDs, c) current density-external quantum efficiency (EQE) plots of the fabricated OLEDs, and d) normalized EL spectra under different applied voltages.

<b>Device</b> <sup><i>a</i></sup>	ETL	Von (V)	Lmax/Jmax	λEL	EQEmax	СЕ	
			(cd/m²)/(mA/cm²)	(nm)	(%) at V	$(cd/A)^b$	CIE (X,Y)
Ι	-	3.4	287/	652	0.07/5.2	0.03	(0.66, 0.34)
II	BCP(40 nm)	4.9	1518/	643	0.94/7.2	0.66	(0.65, 0.35)
III	BCP(10nm)/Alq3(40 nm)	3.5	2247/	643	0.94/3.4	0.48	(0.54, 0.42)
IV	BCP(20nm)/Alq3(30 nm)	5.1	1934/	644	0.57/7.0	0.34	(0.65, 0.34)
V	TAZ(40nm)	3.8	1040/	644	0.61/8.0	0.32	(0.66, 0.34)
VI	TAZ(30nm)/TPBi(10 nm)	3.8	2073/	644	0.95/6.6	0.61	(0.66, 0.34)
VII	TPBi(10 nm)/TAZ(30nm)	3.5	1449/	645	1.22/4.0	0.73	(0.66, 0.34)
VIII	TPBi(40nm)/TAZ(10nm)	3.6	1007/	649	1.49/4.2	0.75	(0.66, 0.33)
IX	TPBi(50nm)	3.3	2334/636	650	2.66/3.5	0.71	(0.65, 0.34)
Х	TmPyPB(60nm)	3.1		657	1.46/6.0	0.72	(0.67, 0.33)

Table 3.2 Performance of devices fabricated with BTZ4 as EL.

<sup>a</sup> ITO/PEDOT: PSS(40 nm)/BTZ6(60 nm)/ETL/LiF(0.5 nm):Al(150 nm).

<sup>*b*</sup> Luminous efficiency at 100 cd/m<sup>2</sup>
EL	Von (V)	Lmax/Jmax		EQEmax (%)		
		(cd/m <sup>2</sup> )/(mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	$\lambda_{\mathrm{EL}}(\mathbf{nm})$	at V	CE (cd/A) <sup>c</sup>	CIE (x,y)
BTZ1 <sup>a</sup>	3.4	5148/1086	663	1.73/4.0	0.91	(0.66, 0.33)
$BTZ2^{a}$	3.7	6842/899	648	3.62/4.0	1.73	(0.63, 0.36)
BTZ $3^a$	4.1	500/688	686	0.41/7.6	0.08	(0.68, 0.32)
BTZ4 $^{a}$	3.3	2334/636	650	2.66/3.5	0.71	(0.65, 0.34)
$BTZ2^{b}$	3.1	2955/415	646	2.78/3.3	1.59	(0.66, 0.33)

Table 3.3 Performance of devices fabricated with BTZ1-4 as EL.

<sup>a</sup> ITO/PEDOT: PSS (40 nm)/BTZ1-6(60 nm)/TPBi(50 nm)/ LiF(0.5 nm):Al(150 nm).

<sup>b</sup> ITO/PEDOT: PSS (40 nm)/BTZ3(60 nm)/TmPyPB(50 nm)/LiF(0.5 nm):Al(150 nm).

<sup>*c*</sup> Luminous efficiency at 100 cd/m<sup>2</sup>.

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**Figure 3.28** a) Device structures and energy levels (relative to the vacuum energy level) of the materials used, b) current density-voltage-luminance (*J-V-L*) plots, c) luminance efficiency-current density-external quantum efficiency (LE-J-EQE) plots of the fabricated OLEDs), and d) normalized EL spectra (Insert: photographs of the OLED devices).



Figure 3.29 AFM images of the thin film of BTZ1, BTZ2, BTZ3 and BTZ4 20wt% doped in the CBP host.

# 3.3 High efficiency solution-processed NIR OLEDs based on sample oligosthiophene benzothiadiazoles

# 3.3.1 Aim of the study

In this part, we report the synthesis NIR OLEDs based on sample molecules oligosthiophene and benzothiadiazoles. Both 4,7-positions of benzothiadiazole were occupied with hexylthiophene and (diphenylamino)phenyl group. Here, thiophene was incorporated for extended  $\pi$ -conjugation by adding more unit and good electron delocalize trough planar structure, while (diphenylamino)phenyl has the common hole transporting property. Two hexyl groups in **TBtz1-2** compounds were introduced at 4-position of thiophene in order to have better solubility for easier device fabrication.

Besides of this, introducing two hexyl groups could inevitably decrease the intermolecular interaction and approach higher emission efficiency in solid states. The target molecules **TBtz1** and **TBtz2** shown in Figure 3.30.



Figure 3.30 Molecular structures of oligothiophene-benzothiadiazoles TBtz1-2.

## 3.3.2 Results and discussion

#### 3.3.2.1 Synthesis

**TBtz1-2** were synthesized using a combination of Suzuki-Miyaura crosscoupling and NIS treated iodination of benzothiadiazole core follow by final coupling of the iodo intermediates with 4-(diphenylamino)phenyl)boronic acid. Their structures were confirmed by standard methods.

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The intermediate **BT2T4** was prepared form Suzuki coupling between compound 6 and 4-hexylthiophene borolanes in the presence of  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  as catalyst and  $Na_2CO_3$  as a base in THF as a solvent reflux for 24 h to give as red solids **BT2T4** in 83% yield as outlined in Figure 3.31.



Figure 3.31 Synthesis of compound BT2T4.

The chemical structure of compound **BT2T4** was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of shows high field shifted at aromatic region of the compound **BT2T4** (shown in Figure 3.32) as a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.95 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of benzothiadiazole and tri-singlet signal at chemical shift 7.78, 7.07 and 6.93 ppm (6H) assigning of 6-H proton of thiophene and two peak of low field shifted of the alkyl group as a triplet signal at chemical shift 2.83 and 2.63 ppm (8H) assigning of 4-H proton.



Figure 3.32 The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of compound BT2T4.

Subsequently, the intermediate compound **BT2T4-2I** was prepared form iodination of compound **BT2T4** with NIS in mixture solvent (THF: acetic acid) and obtained as red solids 84% yield as shown in Figure 3.33.



Figure 3.33 Synthesis of compound BT2T4-2I.

The chemical structure of compound **BT2T4-2I** was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of shows high field shifted at aromatic region of the compound **BT2T4** (shown in Figure 3.33) as a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.94 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of benzothiadiazole and a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.81 and 6.88 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of thiophene and disappear of peak **c** position of thiophen and two peak of low field shifted of the alkyl group as a triplet signal at chemical shift 2.79 and 2.56 ppm (8H) assigning of 4-H proton.



Figure 3.34 The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of compound BT2T4-2I.



Figure 3.35 Synthesis of final product TBtz1.

The Suzuki cross coupling between **BT2T4-2I** and (4-(diphenylamino)phenyl) boronic acid in the presence of  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  as catalyst and  $Na_2CO_3$  as a base in THF as a solvent reflux for 24 h to give dark red solids **TBtz1** in 61% yield as outlined in Figure 3.35.

The chemical structure of final product **TBtz1** was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of shows high field shifted at aromatic region of the final product **TBtz1** (shown in Figure 3.35) as a singlet signal at chemical shift 8.29 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of benzothiadiazole and a single signal at chemical shift 8.18, 8.08, and 7.90 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of thiophene and a multiplet signal at chemical shift between 7.65 - 7.57 ppm assigning of 2-H proton of aromatic region of thiophene group and as shown multiplet signal at chemical shift between 7.50 - 7.43 ppm (20H) assigning of 2-H proton of (diphenylamino)phenyl group and low field shifted at alkyl region of the alkyl group as a triplet signal at chemical shift 2.82 and 2.76 ppm (8H) assigning of 4-H proton.



Figure 3.36 The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of final product TBtz1.

The intermediate compound **BT3T4** was accomplished by Suzuki coupling of **BT2T4-2I** with 4-hexylthiophene borolanes in the presence of  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  as catalyst and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> as a base in THF as a solvent reflux for 24 h to give compound **BT3T4** as red-purple solids in 73% yield as shown in Figure 3.37.



Figure 3.37 Synthesis of compound BT3T4.

The chemical structure of compound **BT3T4** was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of shows high field shifted at aromatic region of the compound **BT3T4** (shown in Figure 3.38) as a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.98 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of benzothiadiazole and a single signal at chemical shift 7.83, 7.07, 6.99 and 6.91 ppm (8H) assigning of 8-H proton of thiophene and low field shifted at alkyl region of the alkyl group as a triplet signal at chemical shift 2.87, 2.77 and 2.62 ppm (6H) assigning of 6-H proton.



Figure 3.38 The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of compound BT3T4.

Subsequently, the intermediate compound **BT3T4-2I** was prepared form iodination of compound **BT3T4** with NIS in mixture solvent (THF: acetic acid) and obtained as purple solids (**BT3T4-2I**) 71% yield as shown in Figure 3.39.

Figure 3.39 Synthesis of compound BT3T4-2I.

The chemical structure of compound **BT3T4-2I** was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of shows high field shifted at aromatic region of the compound **BT3T4-2I** (shown in Figure 3.40) as a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.97, ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of benzothiadiazole and a singlet signal at chemical shift 7.82, 7.06 and 6.80 ppm (6H) assigning of 6-H proton of thiophene and disappear of peak e position of thiophen and three peak of low field shifted of the alkyl group as a triplet signal at chemical shift 2.86, 2.73 and 2.55 ppm (6H) assigning of 6-H proton.



Figure 3.40 Synthesis of compound BT3T4-2I.

The Suzuki cross coupling between **BT3T4-2I** and (4-(diphenylamino)phenyl) boronic acid in the presence of Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> as catalyst and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> as a base in THF as a solvent reflux for 24 h to give dark red solids (**TBtz2**) in 43% yield as outlined in Figure 3.43.



Figure 3.41 Synthesis of final product TBtz2.

The chemical structure of final product **TBtz2** was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of shows high field shifted at aromatic region of the final product **TBtz2** (shown in Figure 3.41) as a double signal at chemical shift 7.42 ppm (4H) assigning of 4-H proton of benzothiadiazole and one thiophene and a triplet signal at chemical shift 7.28, and 7.20 ppm (4H) assigning of 4-H proton of thiophene and a chemical shift between 7.17 - 6.95 ppm (42H) assigning of 42-H proton of aromatic region of (diphenylamino) phenyl group and low field shifted at alkyl region of the alkyl group as a triplet signal at chemical shift 2.66 ppm (4H) and multiplet signal at chemical shift between 1.28 - 1.18 assigning of 8-H proton.

#### **3.3.2.2** Photophysical Properties

These compounds exhibit excellent solubility in most organic solvents allowing their thin films to be fabricated by simple, cheap solution process. To fully investigate the electronical properties of **TBtz1-2**, DFT calculations of were performed at a B3LYP/6-31G(d) level in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. As depicted in Figure 3.42, the HOMOs both materials are mainly distributed over the entire  $\pi$ - conjugated backbone of the oligothiophene and benzothiadiazole moieties, whereas their LUMOs are exclusively localized on the central electron deficient benzothiadiazole unit and adjacent thiophene rings. This offers clear separation of the HOMO and LUMO indicating that the HOMO-to-LUMO transition has a strong ICT character. The photophysical properties of **TBtz1-2** were analyzed in both solution and thin film spin-coated on fused silica substrates, and the results are summarized in Tables 3.4 and 3.3.



**Figure 3.42** a) UV-vis absorption and PL spectra of **TBtz1-2** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution. b) PL spectra and c) Transient PL spectra of thin films of neat **TBtz1-2** and 30wt% doped in CBP coated on fused silica substrates. d) AFM images of neat **TBtz1-2** and 30wt% doped in CBP spin-coated on ITO glass.

Compound	$\lambda_{abs} (\mathbf{nm})^a$	$\lambda_{PL}$ (nm)sol <sup>a</sup> /film <sup>b</sup>	Φp <mark>l (%)<sup>c</sup></mark>	$T_g/T_{5d} (^{o}C)^d$	E <sub>g</sub> (eV) <sup>e</sup>	HOMO/LUMO (eV) <sup>f</sup>	
TBtz1	530	661/720	10 114/448		1.96	5.20/3.24	
TBtz2	538	686/758	5	134/463	1.93	5.05/3.12	
<sup>a</sup> Measured in so	lution of CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	· ·					
<sup>b</sup> Measured in th	nin film coated of	n fused silica substrates.					
<sup>c</sup> Absolute PLQY	evaluated using	an integrating sphere.					
<sup>d</sup> Measured by DS	SC and TGA unc	ler N <sub>2</sub> flow.					
<sup>e</sup> Estimated from	absorption onset	of thin film: $E_g = 1240/\lambda$	-onset-				
<sup>f</sup> HOMO measur	ed by AC2 of ne	at film and LUMO = HO	MO + Eg.	ลยีสุรมาร			

**Table 3.4** Key physical data of the synthesized compounds.

EL	$\Phi_{ ext{PL}}$ (%)	τ (ns)	$\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{on}}(\mathrm{V})^d$	R <sub>max</sub> (mW/sr m <sup>2</sup> )	$\mathbf{J}_{\max}$	$\lambda_{\rm EL}(nm)$	%EQE @ 100	%EQE <sub>max</sub>
	film <sup>b</sup>	film <sup>c</sup>		at V	(mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )		mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	at V
TBtz1	0.8	1.08	5.6	2676/14.0	393	730	0.21	0.48/6.2
TBtz2	0.6	0.58	5.8	2590/14.0	462	770	0.31	0.26/6.2
TBtz1	31	3.72	5.6	183 <mark>0/2</mark> 0.0	182	693	0.97	1 40/6 8
30wt%: CBP							0.77	1.10/0.0
TBtz2	19	2 24	5.1	4463/16.6	407	719	0.86	1 12/7 2
30wt%: CBP		2.27					0.00	1.12/1.2
	EL TBtz1 TBtz2 TBtz1 30wt%: CBP TBtz2 30wt%: CBP	EL         ΦPL (%)           film <sup>b</sup> film <sup>b</sup> TBtz1         0.8           TBtz2         0.6           TBtz1         31           30wt%: CBP         19           30wt%: CBP         19	EL $\Phi_{PL}$ (%) $\tau$ (ns)         film <sup>b</sup> film <sup>c</sup> TBtz1       0.8       1.08         TBtz2       0.6       0.58         TBtz1       31       3.72         30wt%: CBP       19       2.24	EL $\Phi_{PL}$ (%) $\tau$ (ns) $V_{on}(V)^d$ film <sup>b</sup> film <sup>c</sup> $V_{on}(V)^d$ TBtz1         0.8         1.08         5.6           TBtz2         0.6         0.58         5.8           TBtz1         31         3.72         5.6           30wt%: CBP         19         2.24         5.1	EL $\Phi_{PL}$ (%) $\tau$ (ns) $R_{max}$ (mW/sr m <sup>2</sup> )           film <sup>b</sup> film <sup>c</sup> $V_{on}(V)^d$ at V           TBtz1         0.8         1.08         5.6         2676/14.0           TBtz2         0.6         0.58         5.8         2590/14.0           TBtz1         31         3.72         5.6         1830/20.0           30wt%: CBP         19         2.24         5.1         4463/16.6	EL $\Phi_{PL}$ (%) $\tau$ (ns) $R_{max}$ (mW/sr m²) $J_{max}$ film <sup>b</sup> filmc $V_{on}(V)^d$ at V(mA/cm²)TBtz10.81.085.62676/14.0393TBtz20.60.585.82590/14.0462TBtz1313.725.61830/20.018230wt%: CBP192.245.14463/16.6407	EL $\Phi_{PL}$ (%) $\tau$ (ns) $R_{max}$ (mW/sr m <sup>2</sup> ) $J_{max}$ $\lambda_{EL}$ (nm)           film <sup>b</sup> film <sup>c</sup> $V_{on}$ (V) <sup>d</sup> at V         (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> ) $\lambda_{EL}$ (nm)           TBtz1         0.8         1.08         5.6         2676/14.0         393         730           TBtz2         0.6         0.58         5.8         2590/14.0         462         770           TBtz1         31         3.72         5.6         1830/20.0         182         693           30wt%: CBP         19         2.24         5.1         4463/16.6         407         719	EL $\Phi_{PL}$ (%) $\tau$ (ns) $M_{on}(V)^d$ $M_{max}$ (mW/sr m <sup>2</sup> ) $J_{max}$ $M_{EL}$ (m)

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Table 3.5 Electroluminescent data of solution-processed devices fabricated with TBtz1-2 as EL.

<sup>a</sup> ITO/PEDOT: PSS(40 nm)/EL(60 nm)/TPBi(50 nm)/LiF(0.5 nm): Al(150 nm).

<sup>b</sup> Absolute PLQY evaluated using an integrating sphere.

<sup>c</sup> Transient PL decay of thin films.

<sup>*d*</sup> Turn on voltage at 10 mW/sr m<sup>2</sup>.

## 3.3.2.3 Electroluminescent performances



**Fig. 3.43** a) Schematic energy diagram (relative to the vacuum energy level) and molecular structures of organic materials used in this study, b) Compared electroluminescence spectra, c) Current density- voltage- radiance (*J-V-R*) characteristics, and d) EQE- J characteristics of solution- processed devices I- IV fabricated with neat **TBtz1-2** and 30wt% doped in CBP as EL.

**3.4** Highly fluorescent solid-state thiophene-benzothiadiazole derivatives as hole-transporting red emitters for solution processed OLEDs

### 3.4.1 Aim of the study

From this part, e designs new non-doped red-light emitting materials for solution processed OLEDs. Their consist of carbazole moiety was used as electron donor due to its electron donating ability and thermal properties as end-capped, Here, hexylthiophene was incorporated for extend  $\pi$ -conjugation and good electron delocalize trough planar structure and to have better solubility for easier device fabrication. Besides of this, two hexyl groups could inevitably decrease the intermolecular interaction and approach higher emission efficiency in solid states. Therefore, the aims of the study are following:

 To designs and synthesize hole-transporting red emitters molecules (CTBtz1-2 molecules shown Figure 2.46) by a combination of Bromination and Suzuki cross coupling reactions.

2. To characterize the synthesized red-light emitting materials by NMR and MALDI-TOF techniques.

3. To study the photophysical, electrochemical and thermal property of the synthesized target compound by UV-Vis, fluorescent, cyclic voltammetry and thermal gravimetric analysis technique, respectively.



Figure 3.44 Molecular structures of oligothiophene-benzothiadiazoles CTBtz1-2.

## 3.4.2 Result and discussion

#### 3.4.2.1 Synthesis

The synthesized strategy of hole-transporting red emitters molecules (**CTBtz1-2**) are the same as **TBtz1** and **TBtz2** which are constructing the red emitter from acceptor, followed by introducing the  $\pi$ -conjugation and then attached the end-capped with carbazole in the last step.

In this part, started form Suzuki cross coupling between compound **3** and (phenyl-carbazol)boronic acid, Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, as catalyst and 2M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> as base in THF solvent gave purple solid (**CTBtz1**) in 73% yield. Shown in Figure 3.45.



Figure 3.45 Synthesis of final product CTBtz1.

The chemical structure of final product **CTBtz1** was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of shows high field shifted at aromatic region of the final product **CTBtz1** (shown in Figure 3.46) as a singlet signal at chemical shift 8.44 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of benzothiadiazole and a doublet signal at chemical shift 8.21 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of thiophene and a peak signal at chemical shift between 7.75 - 7.32 ppm (24H) assigning of 24H-proton of carbazole end-capped and low field shifted at alkyl region of the alkyl group as a triplet signal at chemical shift 2.76 ppm (4H) assigning of 4-H proton.



Figure 3.46 The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of final product CTBtz1.

Following, the Suzuki cross coupling between compound **6** and (phenyl-carbazol)boronic acid, Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, as catalyst and 2M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> as base in THF solvent gave purple solid (**CTBtz2**) in 61% yield. Shown in Figure 3.47.



Figure 3.47 Synthesis of final product CTBtz2.

The chemical structure of final product **CTBtz2** was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of shows high field shifted at aromatic region of the final product **CTBtz2** (shown in Figure 3.48) as a singlet signal at chemical shift 8.29 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of benzothiadiazole and a doublet signal at chemical shift 8.18 ppm (2H) assigning of 2-H proton of thiophene and a peak signal at chemical shift between 7.65 - 7.32 ppm (24H) assigning of 24H-proton of carbazole end-capped and low field shifted at alkyl region of the alkyl group as a triplet signal at chemical shift 2.82 ppm (4H) assigning of 4-H proton.



Figure 3.48 The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of final product CTBtz2.

#### **3.4.2.2 Theoretical Calculation**

To gain insight into the structure-property relationships of the new compounds **CTBtz1-2**, density functional theory (DFT) calculation were conducted at the TD-DFT B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. In the optimized structures of these compounds (Figure 3.49), It was clearly observed that introduction of hexly or/and triarylamine groups on 3- and 4- position of thiophene unit could enhance the distortion degree in the bis(thiophene-2-yl)-benzothiadiazole core and bulkiness of molecule. These could help suppress the formation of aggregation or  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking and maintain high quantum yield in the solid state. The large dihedral angles in the range of 49 - 54° were found between thiophene and benzolethiadiazole core when the thiophene ring were substituted on 3- position (**CTBtz1-2**) and disubstituted on both

3- and 4- position (**CTBtz1** and **CTBtz2**) such large twist angles can interrupt intramolecular extending of  $\pi$ -electron in the molecule, which would result in a blue-shift in absorption and emission spectra. However, single hexyl substitution on 3-position and 4-position of thiophene ring **CTBtz1** and **CTBtz2**) caused much less twist of the bis(hexylthiophene-2-yl)-benzothiadiazole plane with dihedral angles in the scope of 7°.



**Figure 3.49** The optimized structures with dihedral angle, HOMOs and LUMOs of **CTBtz1-2** calculated by TD-DFT B3LYP/6-31G (d,p) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

## **3.4.2.3 Photophysical Properties**



**Figure 3.50** UV-vis absorption and PL spectra of **CTBtz1-2** in a) CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution, b) as thin films coated on fused silica substrates, c) DSC (1<sup>st</sup> heating scan (thick line) and 2<sup>nd</sup> heating scan (thin line)) and TGA traces of **CTBtz1-2**, and d) CV plots measured of **CTBtz1-2**.



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## APPENDIX

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