

## **Supplementary Information**

# **A planar cyclopentadithiophene-benzothiadiazole based copolymer with $sp^2$ hybridized bis(alkylsulfanyl)methylene substituents for organic thermoelectric devices**

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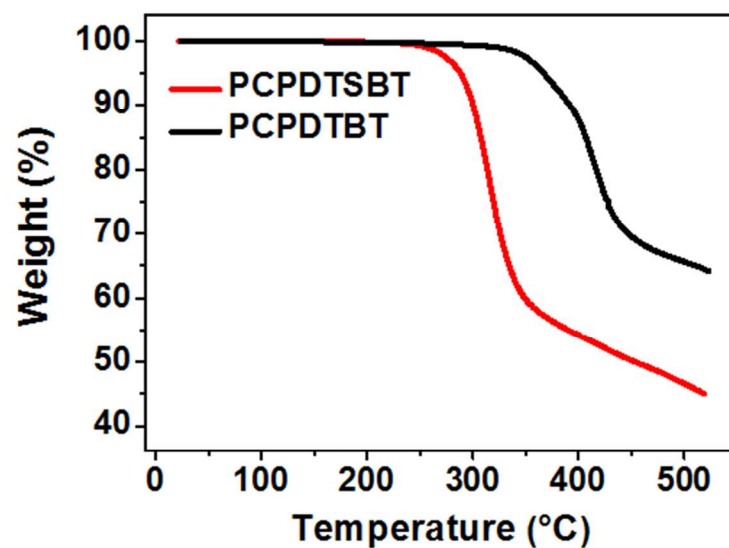
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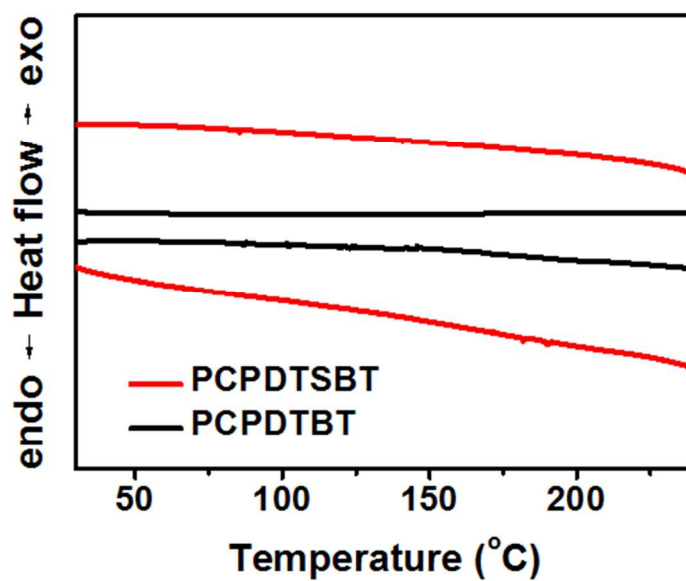
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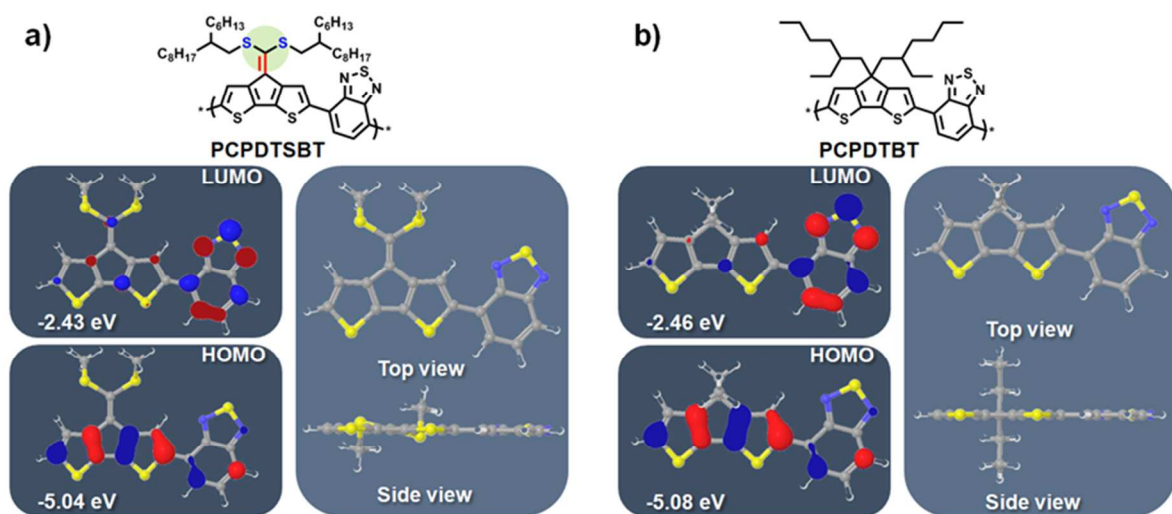
## 1. Supporting Figures



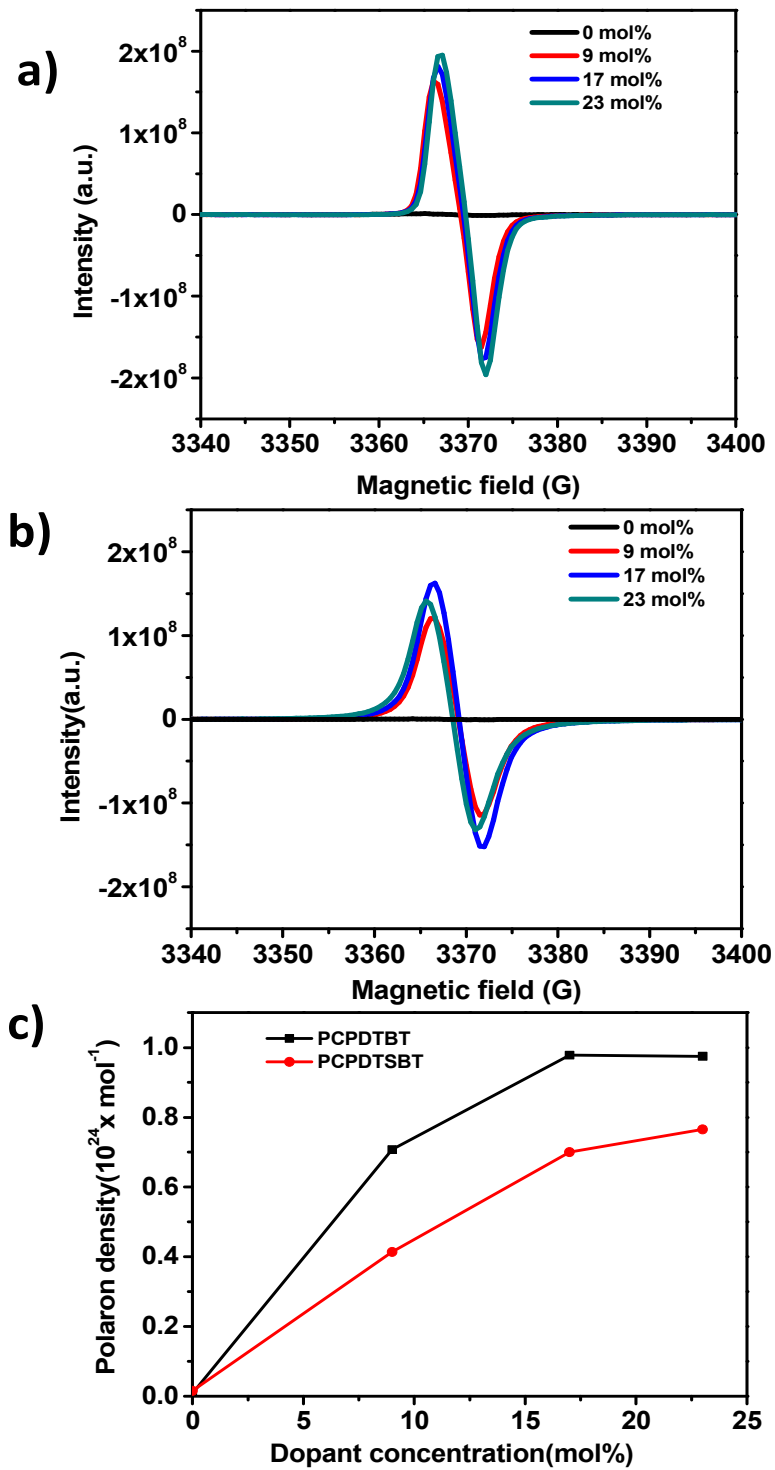
**Figure S1.** TGA data for PCPDTSBT and PCPDTBT.



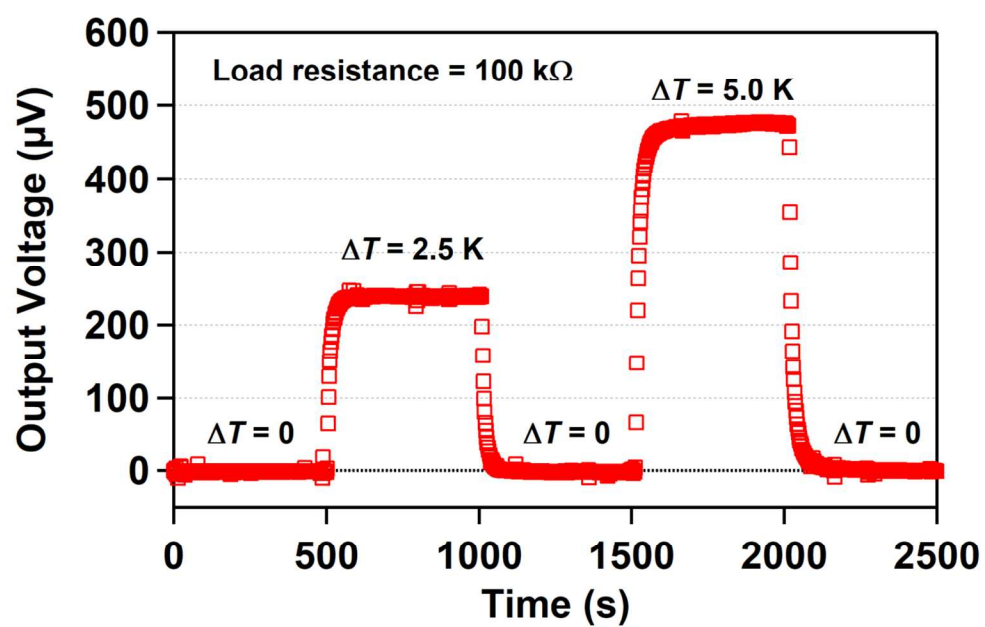
**Figure S2.** DSC thermograms of PCPDTSBT and PCPDTBT.



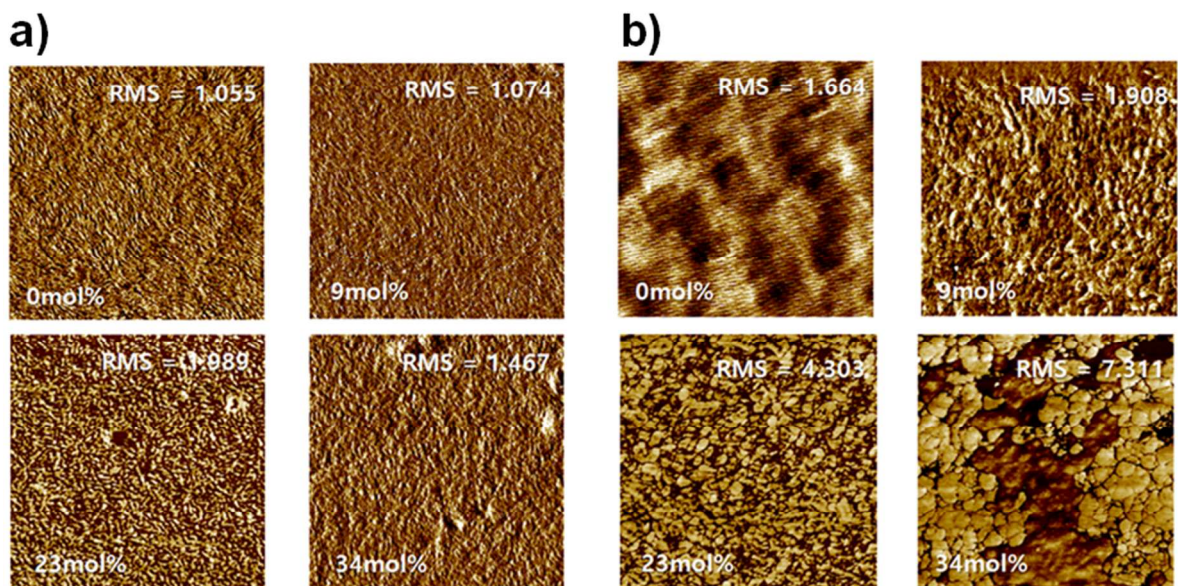
**Figure S3.** Optimized geometries by DFT calculation and charge density isosurfaces for frontier molecular orbitals of (a) PCPDTSBT and (b) PCPDTBT.



**Figure S4.** EPR spectra with changing  $[B(C_6F_5)_3]$ : a) PCPDTSBT, b) PCPDTBT and c) polaron density with different dopant concentration.



**Figure S5.** Output voltage measured at a load resistor (100 k $\Omega$ ) with changing the temperature difference with time.



**Figure S6.** AFM images of (a) PCPDTSBT and (b) PCPDTBT films with changing  $B(C_6F_5)_3$  mol%. Scan size :  $2 \times 2 \mu m^2$ .

## 2. Supporting Tables

**Table S1.** Polaron density of PCPDTSBT and PCPDTBT with changing  $[B(C_6F_5)_3]$ .

| $(C_6F_5)_3$<br>(mol% ) | PCPDTSBT                                    |                     | PCPDTBT                                     |                    |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                         | Polaron density<br>( $\times 10^{24}$ /mol) | Polaron density/RU* | Polaron density<br>( $\times 10^{24}$ /mol) | Polaron density/RU |
| 0                       | 0.16                                        | 0.03                | 0.08                                        | 0.013              |
| 9                       | 4.14                                        | 0.69                | 7.08                                        | 1.17               |
| 17                      | 7.00                                        | 1.16                | 9.78                                        | 1.62               |
| 23                      | 7.65                                        | 1.27                | 9.75                                        | 1.62               |

\*RU: repeating unit

**Table S2.** Summary of thermoelectric properties of PCPDTSBT and PCPDTBT films doped with B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>. The data show average values of 10 separate measurements.

| <b>Polymer</b><br><b>/ mol% of (C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub></b> | <b>Seebeck coefficient</b><br><b>(<math>\mu\text{V K}^{-1}</math>)</b> | <b>Electrical conductivity</b><br><b>(<math>\text{S cm}^{-1}</math>)</b> | <b>Power factor</b><br><b>(<math>\mu\text{W m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-2}</math>)</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PCPDTSBT                                                                    | -                                                                      | $4.97 \times 10^{-5} \pm 8.50 \times 10^{-7}$                            | -                                                                             |
| 3 mol%                                                                      | $426.75 \pm 7.99$                                                      | $3.53 \times 10^{-3} \pm 1.17 \times 10^{-4}$                            | 0.06                                                                          |
| 9 mol%                                                                      | $190.53 \pm 2.42$                                                      | $2.13 \pm 0.01$                                                          | 7.73                                                                          |
| 17 mol%                                                                     | $108.86 \pm 1.67$                                                      | $3.20 \pm 0.04$                                                          | 3.79                                                                          |
| 23 mol%                                                                     | $64.02 \pm 0.92$                                                       | $6.98 \pm 0.06$                                                          | 2.86                                                                          |
| 29 mol%                                                                     | $58.31 \pm 0.40$                                                       | $7.47 \pm 0.09$                                                          | 2.54                                                                          |
| 34 mol%                                                                     | $60.19 \pm 0.42$                                                       | $6.19 \pm 0.08$                                                          | 2.24                                                                          |
| PCPDTBT                                                                     | -                                                                      | $1.30 \times 10^{-5} \pm 2.16 \times 10^{-6}$                            | -                                                                             |
| 3 mol%                                                                      | $522.31 \pm 11.42$                                                     | $0.023 \pm 0.001$                                                        | 0.63                                                                          |
| 9 mol%                                                                      | $460.93 \pm 5.72$                                                      | $0.10 \pm 0.01$                                                          | 2.28                                                                          |
| 17 mol%                                                                     | $427.03 \pm 13.22$                                                     | $0.24 \pm 0.01$                                                          | 4.41                                                                          |
| 23 mol%                                                                     | $219.48 \pm 4.38$                                                      | $0.65 \pm 0.01$                                                          | 3.12                                                                          |
| 29 mol%                                                                     | $169.47 \pm 5.08$                                                      | $0.57 \pm 0.01$                                                          | 1.64                                                                          |
| 34 mol%                                                                     | $134.14 \pm 6.50$                                                      | $0.28 \pm 0.04$                                                          | 0.50                                                                          |

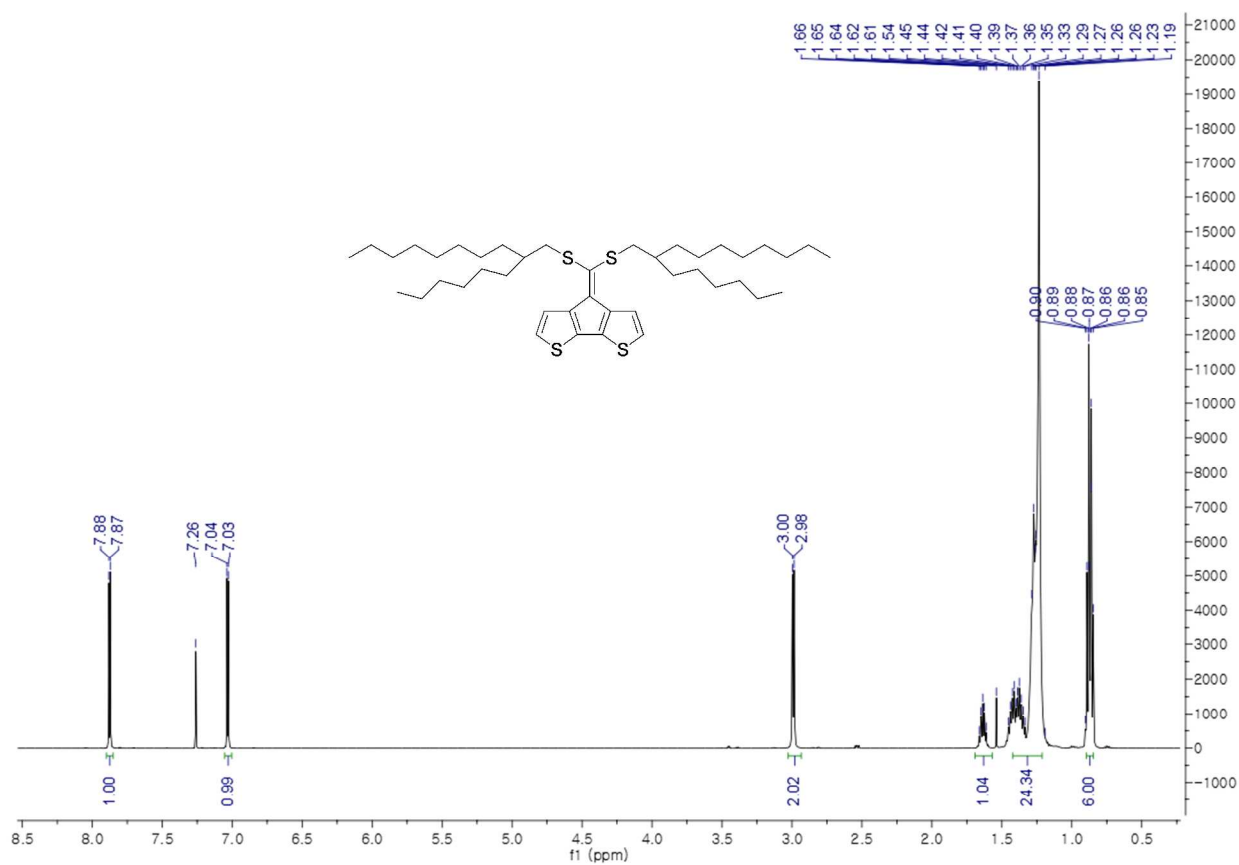


**Table S3.** GIWAXS packing parameters of PCPDTSBT and PCPDTBT thin films with changing dopant concentration (0–34 mol%).

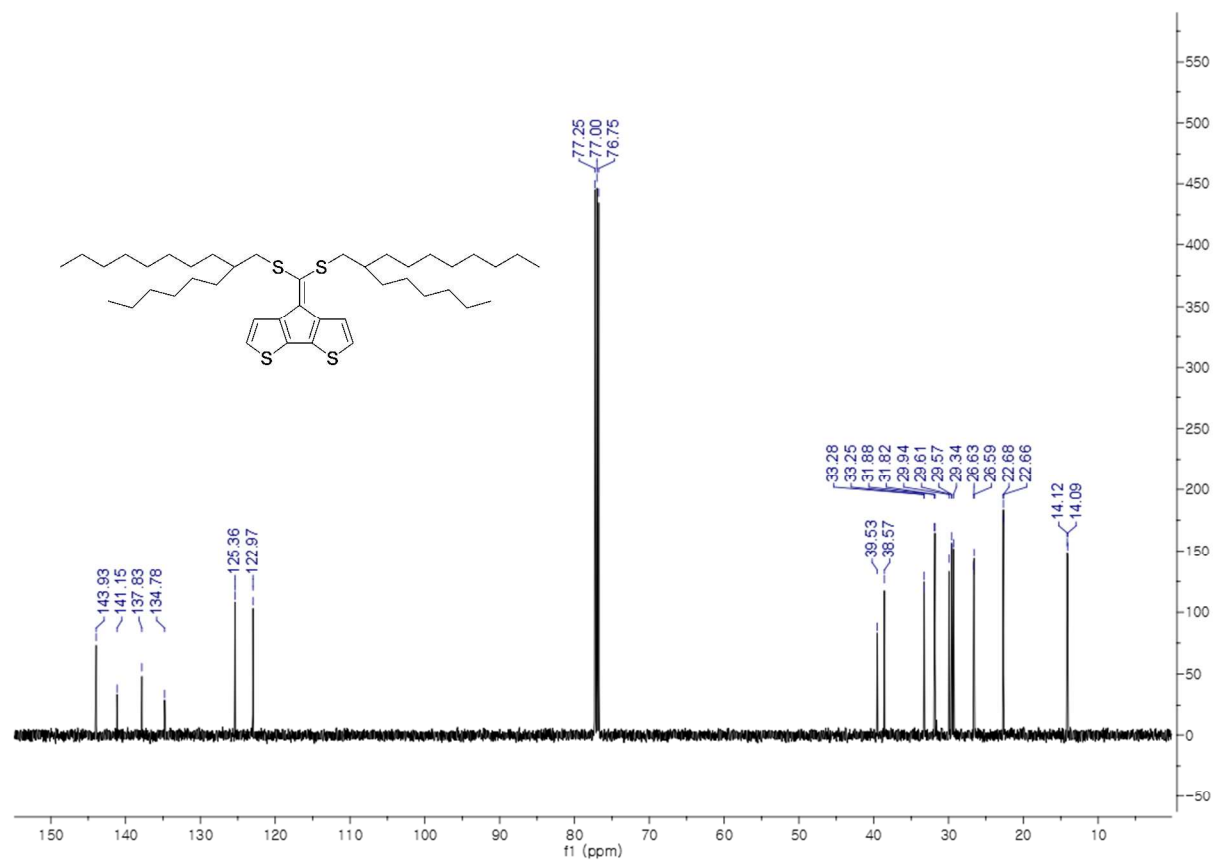
| Polymer                                                 | Lamellar spacing               |               |                             | $\pi$ - $\pi$ stack |                                         |                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| / mol% of (C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> | $q_{xy}$<br>(Å <sup>-1</sup> ) | d-spacing (Å) | $q_z$<br>(Å <sup>-1</sup> ) | d-spacing<br>(Å)    | FWHM<br>(Å <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>a</sup> | CCL<br>(Å) <sup>b</sup> |
| PCPDTSBT                                                | 0.25                           | 25.1          | 1.66                        | 3.78                | 0.22                                    | 26.0                    |
| 9 mol%                                                  | 0.23                           | 27.3          | 1.70                        | 3.69                | 0.21                                    | 27.2                    |
| 23 mol%                                                 | 0.23                           | 27.3          | 1.71                        | 3.67                | 0.19                                    | 30.1                    |
| 34 mol%                                                 | 0.23                           | 27.3          | 1.71                        | 3.67                | 0.20                                    | 28.6                    |
| PCPDTBT                                                 | -                              | -             | 1.58                        | 3.97                | 0.33                                    | 17.3                    |
| 9 mol%                                                  | 0.55                           | 22.8          | 1.58                        | 3.97                | 0.39                                    | 14.6                    |
| 23 mol%                                                 | -                              | -             | 1.58                        | 3.97                | 0.34                                    | 16.8                    |
| 34 mol%                                                 | 0.55                           | 22.8          | 1.58                        | 3.97                | 0.42                                    | 13.6                    |

<sup>a</sup>Full width at half maximum. <sup>b</sup>Crystal coherence length.

### 3. NMR Spectra

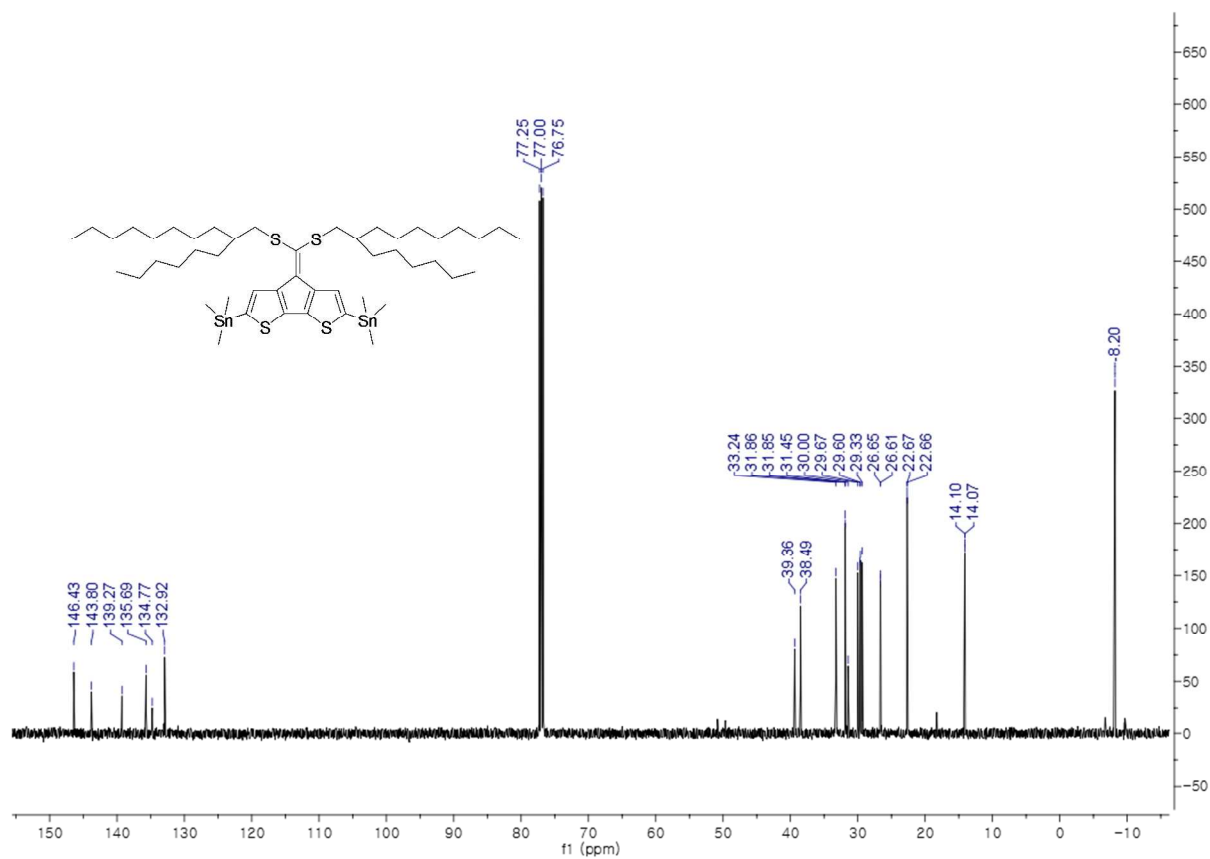


**Figure S7.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound 1.

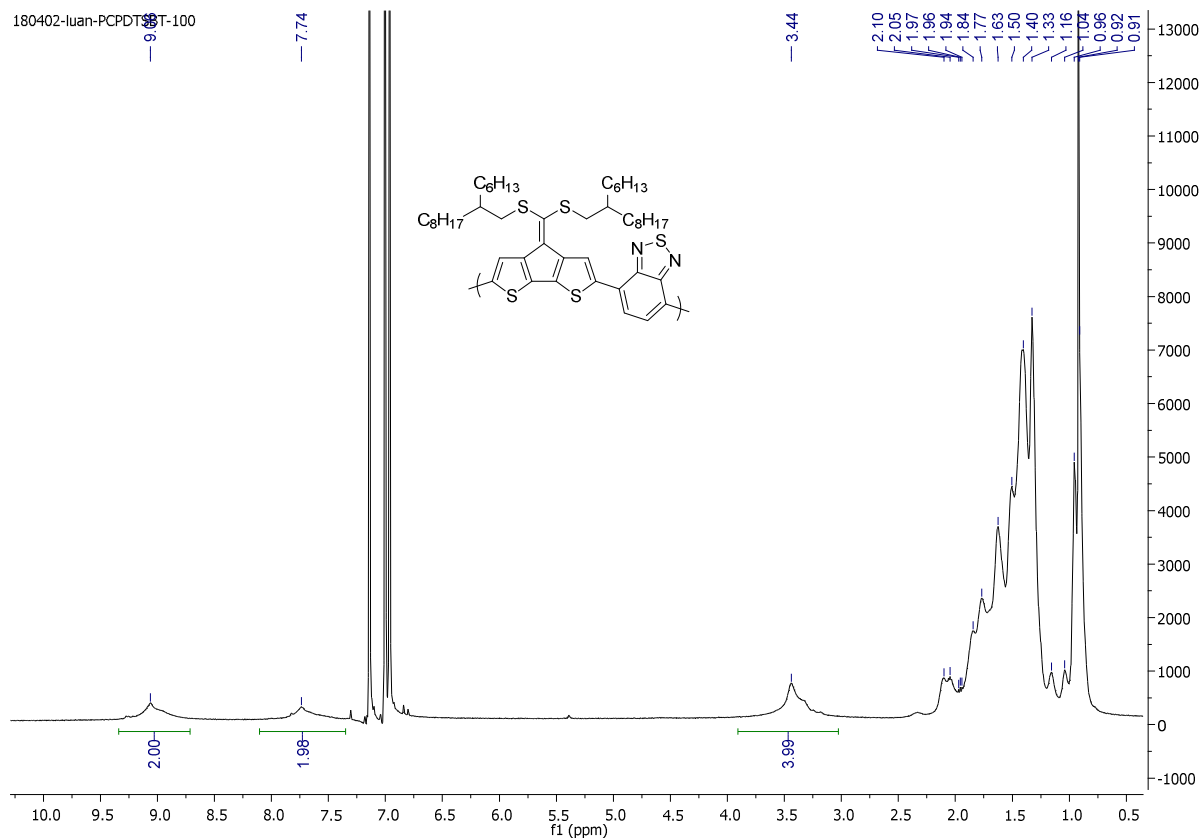


**Figure S8.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound 1.

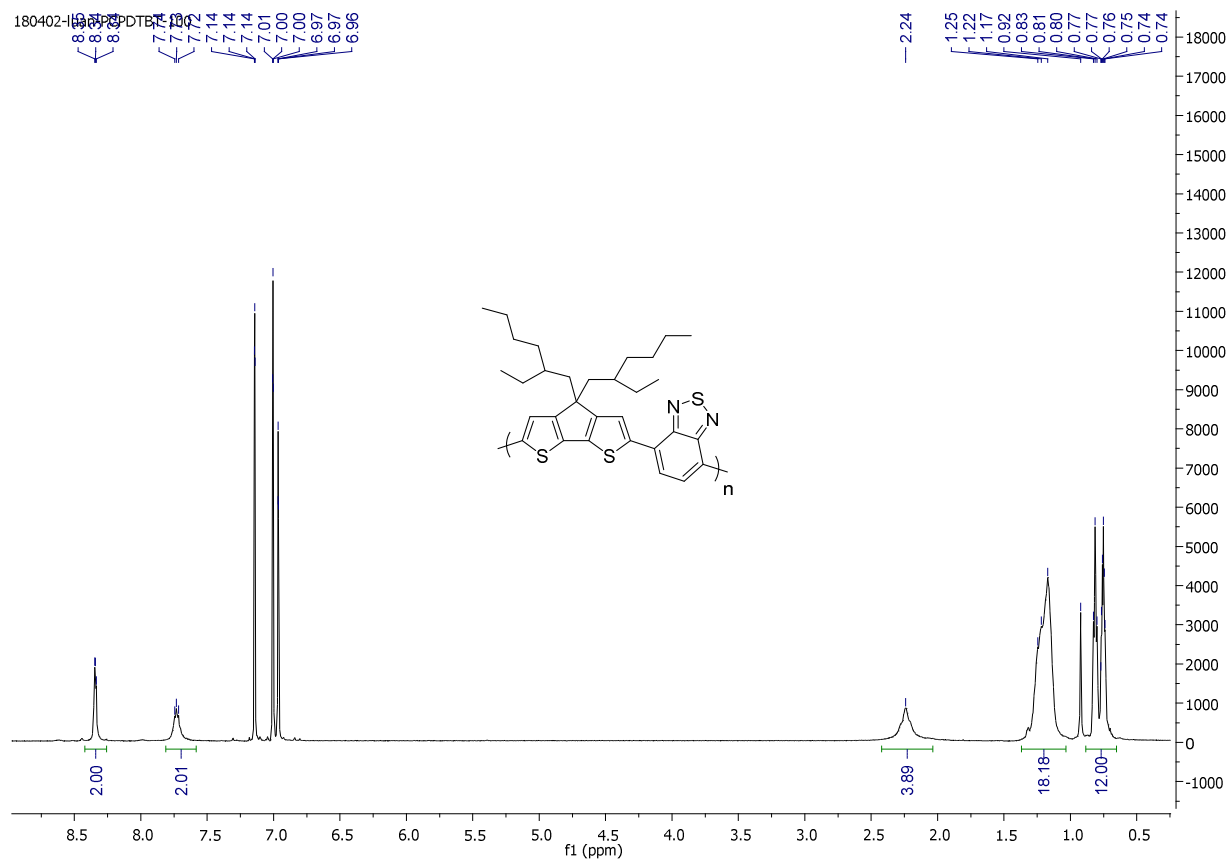




**Figure S10.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 2.



**Figure S11.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of PCPDTSBT.



**Figure S12.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of PCPDTBT.