## Supplementary Information

$\pi$-Extended $C_{2}$-Symmetric Double NBN-Heterohelicenes with
Exceptional Luminescent Properties
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## 1. Materials and Methods.

All the reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and Admas-beta, unless otherwise stated, the commercially available reagents and dry solvents were used without further purification. The reactions were performed using standard vacuum-line and Schlenk techniques, work-up and purification of all compounds were performed under air with reagent-grade solvents. Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (200-300 mesh). Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on 0.2 mm silica gel coated glass sheets with F254 indicator. All yields given referred to isolated yields.

Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were measured on Mercury plus 400 or Bruker AVANCE III HD 500 spectrometers. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR chemical shifts were referenced to tetramethylsilane ( 0 ppm ), ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts were referenced to $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(77.0 \mathrm{ppm})$. High-resolution electrospray ionization mass spectrometry was performed on a Ultra High Performance Liquid/Supercritical Fluid Chromatography - Quadrupole Time of Flight Mass Spectrometer (Waters: AcquityUPLC/UPC2/Xevo G2-XS QTOFMS) and MALDI-MS was performed on Fourier Transform Ion Cyclotron Resonance Mass Spectrometer (Bruker Daltonics: SolariX 7.0T FT ICR MS, Agilent 1260 HPLC). Ultraviolet-visible (UV-Vis) spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Lambda 35 Spectrophotometer. The fluorescence spectroscopy (PL) emission spectra were obtained with a Perkin Elmer LS 55 spectrophotometer. The transient fluorescence decay characteristics and fluorescence quantum yields were measured using an Edinburgh Instrument FLS 100 spectrometer. CD and CPL spectra were measured on Jasco J-810 spectropolarimeter and Jasco CPL 200, respectively. CV was performed in anhydrous DCM containing recrystallized tetra-n-butyl- ammoniumhexafluorophosphate ( TBAPF $_{6}, 0.1 \mathrm{M}$ ) as supporting electrolyte at 298 K . A conventional three electrode cell was used with a platinum working electrode (surface area of $0.3 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ ) and a platinum wire as the counter electrode. The Pt working electrode was routinely polished with a polishing alumina suspension and rinsed with acetone before use. The measured potentials were recorded with respect to the $\mathrm{Ag} / \mathrm{AgCl}$ reference electrode. All electrochemical measurements were carried out under an atmospheric pressure of nitrogen.

## Synthetic Procedures

General Procedures: For reactions that require heating, the heat source is oil bath.
Scheme S1 Synthesis of Br-NBN


5'-bromo-[1,1':3',1'-terphenyl]-2,2'-diamine (1). In a 500 mL Schlenk flask, 1,3,5-tribromobenzene $\quad(5 \quad \mathrm{~g}, \quad 15.98 \quad \mathrm{mmol})$, 2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)aniline( $6.7 \mathrm{~g}, 31.8 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(13.2 \mathrm{~g}, 31.8$ mmol ) were charged under the protection of nitrogen. After adding 100 mL toluene, ethanol ( 28 $\mathrm{mL})$ and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(28 \mathrm{~mL})$, the mixture was degassed for 30 min . $\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}(923 \mathrm{mg}, 0.8 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added, then the mixture was heated to $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred for 5 h . The resulting mixture was poured into brine and extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}=2: 1$ ) to give product as white powder ( $3.03 \mathrm{~g}, 56 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.61(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.52(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.19-$ $7.12(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.84-6.76(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.79(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 143.4,142.0$, 130.6, 130.4, 129.1, 128.5, 125.8, 123.2, 118.8, 115.8. HRMS $m / z[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{BrN}_{2}{ }^{+} 341.0471$ found 341.0482 .

5'-bromo-N2,N2,N2',N2'-tetramethyl-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-2,2'-diamine (2). To a mixture of $5^{\prime}$-bromo-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-2,2"-diamine ( $4.1 \mathrm{~g}, 12.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(13.5 \mathrm{~g}, 97.4 \mathrm{mmol})$ and DMF ( 250 mL ) was added MeI ( $17.3 \mathrm{~g}, 121.7 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The mixture was heated to $80{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred overnight. The resulting mixture was poured into brine and extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}=4: 1$ ) to give product as white powder $(4.73 \mathrm{~g}, 98 \%)$. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.75(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.65(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.30-7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.23$ (dd, $J=7.5,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.05(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 2.59(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 151.2,143.9$, 132.7, 131.5, 129.5, 128.5, 127.8, 122.1, 121.5, 117.7, 43.4. HRMS $m / z[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{BrN}_{2}{ }^{+}$395.1117,397.1097; flound 395.1114, 397.1099.

2-bromo-8,9-dimethyl-8H,9H-8,9-diaza-8a-borabenzo[fg]tetracene (Br-NBN). In a 250 mL Schlenk tube, 5'-bromo-N2,N2,N2",N2"-tetramethyl-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-2,2"-diamine (4.6 g, $11.6 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{NaBPh}_{4}(4.6 \mathrm{~g}, 17.3 \mathrm{mmol})$ were charged under the protection of nitrogen. After adding $o$-dichlorobenzene ( 55 mL ) and $\mathrm{BBr}_{3}\left(13.9 \mathrm{mmol}, 13.9 \mathrm{~mL}, 1 \mathrm{M}\right.$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ), the mixture was heated to $120^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred for 18 h . The resulting mixture was filtered, poured into brine and extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}=8: 1$ ) to give product as white powder ( $2.6 \mathrm{~g}, 60 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 8.28(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.22(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 7.51-7.47 (m, 2H), $7.40(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.19-7.16(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.61(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 101 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 144.9,139.8,129.1,125.9,124.3,122.6,122.0,120.1,115.6,37.5 .^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR $(128 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ 29.7. HRMS $m / z[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{BrN}_{2}$ is 375.0663 , 377.0642; found 375.0672, 377.0653.

Scheme S2 Synthesis of the boronic acid ${ }^{\text {S1 }}$



5'-(tert-butyl)-[1,1':3',1'-terphenyl]-2'-amine (3). In a 500 mL Schlenk flask, 2,6-dibromo-4-(tert-butyl)aniline ( $5.0 \mathrm{~g}, 16.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), phenylboronic acid ( $5.9 \mathrm{~g}, 48.8 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(22.5 \mathrm{~g}, 162.7 \mathrm{mmol})$ were charged under the protection of nitrogen. After adding toluene $(150 \mathrm{~mL})$, ethanol ( 35 mL ) and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(35 \mathrm{~mL})$, the mixture was degassed for $30 \mathrm{~min} . \mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}$ $(0.95 \mathrm{~g}, 0.8 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added, then the mixture was heated to $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred overnight. The resulting mixture was poured into brine and extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}=4: 1\right)$ to give product as white powder ( $4.5 \mathrm{~g}, 91 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 7.55$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.48(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.37(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.16(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.74(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $1.35(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm} ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 125 \mathrm{MHz}\right) 140.9,140.2,138.2,129.4,128.8,127.6,127.1$, 126.8, 34.0, 31.6 ppm; HRMS (MALDI-FTICR): Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{~N} 301.1830$ found 301.1829

5'-(tert-butyl)-2'-iodo-1,1':3',1'-terphenyl (5). To a suspension of solid $\mathrm{NaNO}_{2}(1.0 \mathrm{~g}, 13.9$ mmol) conc. sulfuric acid (15 mL) was added a solution of 5'-(tert-butyl)-[1,1':3',1"-terphenyl]-2'-amine ( $4.0 \mathrm{~g}, 13.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in acetic acid ( 20 mL ) at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ dropwise. After stirring for 1 h at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, the resulting mixture was added to a solution of $\mathrm{KI}(2.3 \mathrm{~g}$, $13.9 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(35 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred at $70{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 h . The reaction mixture were quenched with water and extracted with with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ for three times. The organic layer was washed with saturated hypo and dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}=10: 1$ ) to give product as white powder ( $3.8 \mathrm{~g}, 70 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$, $500 \mathrm{MHz}): \delta 7.42-7.40(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}), 7.28(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.36(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm} ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 125 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$ 150.7, 147.5, 145.9, 129.5, 127.8, 127.4, 126.1, 99.8, 34.6, 31.2 ppm; HRMS(MALDI-FTICR): Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{I} 412.0688$ found 412.0710
(5'-(tert-butyl)-[1, 1':3', $\mathbf{1}^{\prime \prime}$-terphenyl]-2'-yl)boronic acid (7). To a solution of 5'-(tert-butyl)-2'-iodo-1, $1^{\prime}: 3^{\prime}, 1^{\prime \prime}$-terphenyl ( $3.7 \mathrm{~g}, 8.9 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in anhydrous diethyl ether ( 35 mL ) was added $n-\mathrm{BuLi}(8.4 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.6 \mathrm{M}, 13.4 \mathrm{mmol})$ dropwise via a syringe at room temperature under the protection of nitrogen. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h . After cooled to $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OMe})_{3}(2.0 \mathrm{~mL}, 17.9 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at RT overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched with $\mathrm{HCl}(1 \mathrm{M})$, stirred for another 30 min and then extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}=1: 2$ ) to give product as white powder ( $1.8 \mathrm{~g}, 62 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 7.49-7.48(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.45-7.36(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 4.09(\mathrm{~s}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 1.38(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm} ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 125 \mathrm{MHz}\right) 152.2,145.8,143.6,128.6,128.5,127.4$, 125.3, 34.9, 31.3 ppm ; HRMS (ESI-MS) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$: Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{BNaO}_{2}{ }^{+} 353.1683$ found 353.1683

4-(tert-butyl)-2,6-di(naphthalen-2-yl)aniline (4). In a 500 mL Schlenk flask, 2,6-dibromo-4-(tert-butyl)aniline ( $7.1 \mathrm{~g}, 23.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), naphthalen-2-ylboronic acid ( $9.9 \mathrm{~g}, 57.5$ mmol) and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(32.0 \mathrm{~g}, 232.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ were charged under the protection of nitrogen. After adding toluene $(170 \mathrm{~mL})$, ethanol $(40 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(40 \mathrm{~mL})$, the mixture was degassed for 30 min . $\operatorname{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}(1.3 \mathrm{~g}, 1.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added, then the mixture was heated to $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred overnight. The resulting mixture was poured into brine and extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}=4: 1$ ) to give product as white powder $(8.1 \mathrm{~g}, 87 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$, $400 \mathrm{MHz}): \delta 8.02(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.95(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.89-7.88(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.71(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 7.52-7.50 (m, 4H), $7.30(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.83(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.37(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm} ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 125 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$ $141.2,138.6,137.7,133.6,132.5,128.4,128.1,128.0,127.7,127.7,127.6,127.1,126.3,126.0$, 34.1, 31.6 ppm ; HRMS(MALDI-FTICR): Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{~N} \quad 401.2143$ found 401.2139

2,2'-(5-(tert-butyl)-2-iodo-1,3-phenylene)dinaphthalene (6). To a suspension of solid $\mathrm{NaNO}_{2}$ $(1.2 \mathrm{~g}, \quad 18.2 \mathrm{mmol})$ conc. sulfuric acid $(25 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added a solution of 4-(tert-butyl)-2,6-di(naphthalen-2-yl)aniline ( $7.0 \mathrm{~g}, 17.4 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in acetic acid ( 35 mL ) at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ dropwise. After stirring for 1 h at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, the resulting mixture was added to a solution of $\mathrm{KI}(3.0 \mathrm{~g}$, $18.2 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(65 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 h . The reaction mixture were quenched with water and extracted with with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ for three times. The organic layer was washed with saturated hypo and dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}=10: 1$ ) to give product as white powder $(4.0 \mathrm{~g}, 45 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$, $500 \mathrm{MHz}): \delta 7.91-7.88(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 7.85(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.58(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.5,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.53-7.48(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$, $7.40(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.37(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm} ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 125 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 151.0,147.5,143.4,133.0,132.6$, $128.1,128.1,128.0,127.8,127.2,126.5,126.2,126.1,99.8,34.7,31.3 \mathrm{ppm}$; HRMS(MALDI-FTICR): Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{I} 512.1001$ found 512.1033
(4-(tert-butyl)-2,6-di(naphthalen-2-yl)phenyl)boronic acid (8). To a solution of 2,2'-(5-(tert-butyl)-2-iodo-1,3-phenylene)dinaphthalene ( $3.0 \mathrm{~g}, 5.9 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in anhydrous diethyl
ether ( 45 mL ) was added $n-\operatorname{BuLi}(5.4 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.6 \mathrm{M}, 8.74 \mathrm{mmol})$ dropwise via a syringe at room temperature under the protection of nitrogen. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h . After cooled to $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OMe})_{3}(1.3 \mathrm{~mL}, 11.8 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at RT overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched with $\mathrm{HCl}(1 \mathrm{M})$, stirred for another 30 min and then extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}=1: 2$ ) to give product as white powder ( $1.0 \mathrm{~g}, 40 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 7.96(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.92-7.88(\mathrm{~m}$, $6 \mathrm{H}), 7.66(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.0,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.54(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.52-7.48(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 4.12(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.43(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H})$ $\mathrm{ppm} ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 125 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 152.3,145.9,141.1,133.4,132.6,128.2,128.2,127.8$, $127.3,127.1,126.4,126.1,125.6,35.0,31.4 \mathrm{ppm}$; HRMS (ESI-MS) [M+Na] ${ }^{+}$: Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{BNaO}_{2} 453.1996$ found 453.1997

Scheme S3 Synthesis of Ph-NBNDH and Naph-NBNDH


2-(5'-(tert-butyl)-[1,1':3',1''-terphenyl]-2'-yl)-8,9-dimethyl-8H,9H-8,9-diaza-8a-borabenzo[fg ]tetracene (Ph-NBN). In a $100 \quad \mathrm{~mL} \quad$ Schlenk flask, 2-bromo-8,9-dimethyl-8H,9H-8,9-diaza-8a-borabenzo[fg]tetracene (375.0 mg, 1.0 mmol ), (5'-(tert-butyl)-[1, $1^{\prime}: 3 ', 1$ '-terphenyl]-2'-yl)boronic acid ( $396.0 \mathrm{mg}, 1.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(1.38 \mathrm{~g}$, $10 \mathrm{mmol})$ were charged under the protection of nitrogen. After adding toluene ( 25 mL ), ethanol ( 7 $\mathrm{mL})$ and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(7 \mathrm{~mL})$, the mixture was degassed for $30 \mathrm{~min} . \mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}(115.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added, then the mixture was heated to $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred for 3 h . The resulting mixture was poured into brine and extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}=4: 1$ ) to give product as white powder ( $464.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.8 \mathrm{mmol}, \quad 80 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 7.69(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.68(\mathrm{dd}$, $J=8.0,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.55(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.38-7.35(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.31(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.0,0.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.20-7.18(\mathrm{~m}$, 4H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 4H), 7.03-6.98 (m, 4H), $3.54(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.47(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 125 MHz , $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$,): $\delta 150.3,144.6,142.5,141.8,141.1,137.0,136.5,130.0,128.0,127.6,126.9,126.3$,

## 2-(4-(tert-butyl)-2,6-di(naphthalen-2-yl)phenyl)-8,9-dimethyl-8H,9H-8,9-diaza-8a-borabenzo

 [fg]tetracene (Naph-NBN). In a $100 \quad \mathrm{~mL}$ Schlenk flask, 2-bromo-8,9-dimethyl-8H,9H-8,9-diaza-8a-borabenzo[fg]tetracene (375.0 mg, 1.0 mmol ), (4-(tert-butyl)-2,6-di(naphthalen-2-yl)phenyl)boronic acid ( $516.0 \mathrm{mg}, 1.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(1.4 \mathrm{~g}$, 10.0 mmol ) were charged under the protection of nitrogen. After adding toluene ( 25 mL ), ethanol $(7 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(7 \mathrm{~mL})$, the mixture was degassed for 30 min . $\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}(115.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added, then the mixture was heated to $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred for 3 h . The resulting mixture was poured into brine and extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}=2: 1$ ) to give product as white powder ( $476.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.7 \mathrm{mmol}, 70 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.89$ (s, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.82(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.76(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.66(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.60(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.54(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.44$ (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.16 (m, 2H), $6.83(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.48(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.51(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 125 MHz , $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, ): $\delta 150.4,144.5,141.8,141.0,140.3,136.6,133.2,131.9,128.4,128.4,127.9,127.8$, $127.5,127.4,126.9,125.7,125.5,124.0,123.9,123.9,123.4,119.6,115.1,37.3,34.9,31.5 ;{ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR ( $225 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 29.1$; HRMS (MALDI-FTICR): Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{50} \mathrm{H}_{41} \mathrm{BN}_{2} 680.3363$, found 680.3354| 20-(tert-butyl)-9, 10-dimethyl-9H,10H-9,10-diaza-9a-borapentabenzo[a,cd,f,j,o] | perylene |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (Ph-NBNDH). | In | a | overdried | 100 | mL | Schlenk | flask, | 2-(5'-(tert-butyl)-[1, 1':3', 1'-terphenyl]-2'-yl)-8,9-dimethyl-8H,9H-8,9-diaza-8a-borabenzo[fg] tetracene $(\mathbf{P h}-\mathbf{N B N})(0.070 \mathrm{~g}, 0.12 \mathrm{mmol})$ was charged under the protection of nitrogen. After adding anhydrous $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(150 \mathrm{~mL})$, the mixture was degassed for 30 min . Then the reactants were cold to $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and $\mathrm{FeCl}_{3}(0.48 \mathrm{mg}, 3.00 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 3 mL nitromethane was added dropwise. After stirring at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for another 0.5 h , the resulting mixture was quenched with methanol and ice and extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate $=40: 1$ ) to give product as green powder $(0.058 \mathrm{~g}, 83 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 9.01(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.76(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 8.53(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.03(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.0,1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.57-7.53(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.41-7.37(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$, 7.24-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.87-6.84 (m, 2H), $3.89(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.72(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$,): $\delta$ $149.1,144.2,132.0,131.8,130.8,130.3,130.0,129.8,128.0,127.7,126.7,125.6,125.5,123.4$, $122.8,121.2,119.4,118.6,115.8,37.8,35.6,31.9 ;{ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR ( $225 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 27.9$; HRMS (MALDI-FTICR): Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{33} \mathrm{BN}_{2} 576.2737$, found 576.2742

## 24-(tert-butyl)-11,12-dimethyl-11H,12H-11,12-diaza-11a-boratribenzo[cd,j,o]

dinaphtho[1,2-a:2', $\mathbf{1}^{\prime}$-ffperylene (Naph-NBNDH). In a overdried 100 mL Schlenk flask, 2-(4-(tert-butyl)-2,6-di(naphthalen-2-yl)phenyl)-8,9-dimethyl-8H,9H-8,9-diaza-8a-borabenzo[fg]t etracene (Naph-NBN) ( $0.10 \mathrm{~g}, 0.15 \mathrm{mmol})$ was charged under the protection of nitrogen. After adding anhydrous $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(150 \mathrm{~mL})$, the mixture was degassed for 30 min . Then the reactants
were cold to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and $\mathrm{FeCl}_{3}(0.71 \mathrm{~g}, 4.40 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 3 mL nitromethane was added dropwise. After stirring at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for another 0.5 h , the resulting mixture was quenched with methanol and ice and extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ for three times. The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether : ethyl acetate $=40: 1$ ) to give product as orange powder ( $0.049 \mathrm{~g}, 49 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 9.12(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.96(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 8.08(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.00(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.84(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.51(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.24-7.22(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.14-7.07(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.86(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.33(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.01(\mathrm{~s}$, $6 \mathrm{H}), 1.76$ ( $\mathrm{s}, 9 \mathrm{H}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) : $\delta 149.1,143.7,143.6,134.1,132.5,130.4,129.8$, 129.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.7, 127.4, 127.2, 127.0, 125.8, 125.3, 124.6, 121.3, 120.9, 119.1, 118.7, 115.2, 38.1, 35.8, 32.0; ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR ( $225 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 28.3$; HRMS (MALDI-FTICR): Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{50} \mathrm{H}_{37} \mathrm{BN}_{2} 676.3050$, found 676.3074

## 2. Single-Crystal X-Ray Analysis ${ }^{\text {S2 }}$

Ph-NBNDH: The single crystal was obtained by diffusing methanol vapor into its toluene solutions. Intensity data were collected at 173 K on a Bruker SMART CCD X-ray Diffractometer (APEX II) with $\mathrm{Cu} \mathrm{K} \alpha$ radiation $(\lambda=1.54178 \AA$ ) and graphite monochrometer.
(a)


Top View
(b)


Side View

| Selected bond length: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B-N1 | 1.437(2) $\AA$ |  |
| B-N2 | 1.431(2) $\AA$ | Selected torsion angles: |
| B-C1 | 1.537(2) $\AA$ | C8-C2-C5-C9 34.8 ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| C1-C2 | 1.404(2) $\AA$ | C10-C3-C4-C11 34.4 ${ }^{\text {}}$ |
| C1-C3 | 1.408(2) $\AA$ | C1-C2-C5-C6 27.0 ${ }^{\text {² }}$ |
| C2-C5 | 1.421(2) $\AA$ | C1-C3-C4-C6 $26.8{ }^{\text { }}$ |
| C3-C4 | 1.420(2) $\AA$ |  |
| C2-C8 | 1.471(2) A |  |
| C3-C10 | 1.472(2) $\AA$ | Selected dihedral angles: |
| C5-C9 | 1.468(2) ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | a-a' $55.1{ }^{\circ}$ |
| C4-C11 | 1.466(2) $\AA$ | b-b' $57.7^{\circ}$ |
| C6-C7 | 1.451(2) ${ }_{\text {A }}$ |  |



Figure S1 (a,b) X-ray crystal structures of Ph-NBNDH and selected crystal data. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at $50 \%$ probability. (c) Packing of one pair of enantiomers in one unit cell.

Table S1 Crystal data of Ph-NBNDH ( CCDC: 1949280 ) :

| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{33} \mathrm{~B} \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Formula weight | 576.51 |
| Temperature/K | 173(2) |
| Crystal system | triclinic |
| Space group | P-1 |
| a/Å | 7.22270(10) |
| b/Å | 13.2949(2) |
| c/Å | 15.8359(2) |
| $\alpha /{ }^{\circ}$ | 100.1010(10) |
| $\beta /{ }^{\circ}$ | 99.8290(10) |
| $\gamma /{ }^{\circ}$ | 101.2940(10) |
| Volume/ $\AA^{3}$ | 1434.59(4) |
| Z | 2 |
| $\rho_{\text {calcg }} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$ | 1.335 |
| $\mu / \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 0.583 |
| $\mathrm{F}(000)$ | 608 |
| Crystal size/mm ${ }^{3}$ | $0.220 \times 0.180 \times 0.150$ |
| Radiation | $\mathrm{CuK} \alpha(\lambda=1.54178)$ |
| $2 \Theta$ range for data collection ${ }^{\circ} 3.472$ to 68.229 |  |
| Index ranges | $-8 \leq \mathrm{h} \leq 8,-15 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq 16,-19 \leq 1 \leq 19$ |
| Reflections collected | 22409 |
| Independent reflections | $5240[\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{int})=0.0311]$ |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 5240 / 0 / 411 |
| Goodness-of-fit on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ | 1.022 |
| Final R indexes [ $\mathrm{I}>=2 \sigma$ (I)] | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0437, w R 2=0.1198$ |
| R indices (all data) | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0512, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.1272$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e $\AA^{-3} 0.241$ and -0.182 |  |

Naph-NBNDH: The single crystal was obtained by diffusing methanol vapor into its toluene solutions. Intensity data were collected at 293 K on a Bruker SMART CCD X-ray Diffractometer (APEX II) with $\mathrm{Cu} \mathrm{K} \alpha$ radiation $(\lambda=1.54178 \AA$ ) and graphite monochrometer.
(a)


Top View
(b)


Side View


Figure S2 (a,b) X-ray crystal structures of Naph-NBNDH and selected crystal data. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at $30 \%$ probability. (c) Packing of two pairs of enantiomers in one unit cell.


Figure S3 Intermolecular $\pi-\pi$ interactions of Naph-NBNDH.


Figure S4 Intramolecular $\pi-\pi$ interactions of Naph-NBNDH

Table S2 Crystal Data of Naph-NBNDH ( CCDC: 1949281 )

| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{107} \mathrm{H}_{82} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Formula weight | 1445.38 |
| Temperature/K | $293(2)$ |
| Crystal system | triclinic |
| Space group | $\mathrm{P}-1$ |
| $\mathrm{a} / \AA$ | $13.1533(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{b} / \AA$ | $16.6236(10)$ |
| c/A | $17.7637(10)$ |
| $\alpha /{ }^{\circ}$ | $87.371(5)$ |


| $\beta /{ }^{\circ}$ | $84.199(5)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\gamma /{ }^{\circ}$ | $75.854(5)$ |
| Volume $/ \AA^{3}$ | $3746.2(4)$ |
| Z | 2 |
| $\rho_{\text {calc }} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$ | 1.281 |
| $\mu / \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 0.558 |
| $\mathrm{~F}(000)$ | 1524.0 |
| Crystal size $/ \mathrm{mm}^{3}$ | $0.32 \times 0.16 \times 0.12$ |
| Radiation | $\mathrm{CuK} \alpha(\lambda=1.54184)$ |
| 2 $\Theta$ range for data collection $/{ }^{\circ} 7.342$ to 150.626 |  |
| Index ranges | $-16 \leq \mathrm{h} \leq 16,-20 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq 20,-16 \leq 1 \leq 22$ |
| Reflections collected | 47690 |
| Independent reflections | $14800\left[\mathrm{R}_{\text {int }}=0.2035, \mathrm{R}_{\text {sigma }}=0.2276\right]$ |
| Data/restraints/parameters | $14800 / 0 / 1029$ |
| Goodness-of-fit on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ | 0.941 |
| Final R indexes [I>=2 $\sigma(\mathrm{I})]$ | $\mathrm{R}_{1}=0.0890, \mathrm{wR}_{2}=0.2118$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $\mathrm{R}_{1}=0.1898, \mathrm{wR}_{2}=0.2704$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole $/ \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3} 0.38 /-0.43$ |  |

## 3. Photophysical Properties



Figure S5 UV-vis Absorption and Fluorescence spectra of (a) $\mathbf{P h}-\mathbf{N B N}$, (b) $\mathbf{P h}-\mathbf{N B N D H}$, (c) Naph-NBN, (d) Naph-NBNDH; c $=2 * 10^{-5} \mathrm{M}$.


Figure S6 UV-vis Absorption (dotted line) and Fluorescence spectra (solid line) of film state. The absorption maxima: $\lambda_{\mathrm{ab}}=481 \mathrm{~nm}$ for $\mathbf{P h}-\mathbf{N B N D H}, \lambda_{\mathrm{ab}}=496 \mathrm{~nm}$ for Naph-NBNDH; The emission maxima: $\lambda_{\mathrm{em}}=543 \mathrm{~nm}$ for $\mathbf{P h}-\mathbf{N B N D H}, \lambda_{\mathrm{em}}=579 \mathrm{~nm}$ for Naph-NBNDH.
Table S3. Photophysical property data of Ph-NBN, Ph-NBNDH, Naph-NBN and Naph-NBNDH in DCM

| Compound | absorption |  | fluorescence |  |  | Excited-state Dynamics |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\lambda_{\mathrm{ab}}(\mathrm{nm})$ | $\log \varepsilon$ | $\lambda_{\mathrm{em}}$ <br> $(\mathrm{nm})$ | $\Phi_{\mathrm{F}}$ in <br> solutions | $\Phi_{\mathrm{F}}$ in <br> film | $\tau(\mathrm{ns})$ | $k_{\mathrm{r}}\left(\mathrm{s}^{-1}\right)$ | $k_{\mathrm{nr}}\left(\mathrm{s}^{-1}\right)$ |
| Ph-NBN | 367 | 4.25 | 381 | $39 \%$ | $/$ | 3.6 | $1.1^{*} 10^{8}$ | $1.7 * 10^{8}$ |
| Ph-NBNDH | 473 | 4.41 | 505 | $83 \%$ | $2.78 \%$ | 6.4 | $1.3^{*} 10^{8}$ | $2.7 * 10^{7}$ |
| Naph-NBN | 369 | 4.26 | 384 | $7.4 \%$ | $/$ | $\tau_{l}=1.473 .86 \%$ <br> $\tau_{2}=2.626 .14 \%$ | $4.4^{*} 10^{7}$ | $5.4 * 10^{8}$ |
| Naph-NBNDH | 489 | 4.29 | 528 | $80 \%$ | $2.48 \%$ | 7.1 | $1.1^{*} * 10^{8}$ | $2.8 * 10^{7}$ |

Table S4. Performance comparison of our NBN-embedded double helicenes with the reported representative multiple helicenes. ( $\lambda_{\mathrm{em}}$ : emission maxima; $\Phi_{\mathrm{F}}$ : fluorescence quantum yields)

| Compound | Isomers | $\lambda_{\mathrm{em}} / \mathrm{nm}$ | $\Phi_{\mathrm{F}}$ | Reference |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ph-NBNDH | $(P, P)$ or $(M, M)$ | 505 | 0.83 | Present |
| Naph-NBNDH | $(P, P)$ or $(M, M)$ | 528 | 0.80 | work |


| Double [6]carbohelicene 1 | $(P, P)$ or $(M, M)$ | 525 | 0.052 | Ref S4(a) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $(P, M)$ | 496 | 0.42 |  |
| Hexapole [5]carboheicene | $(P, M, P, P, M, P)$ | 517 | 0.041 | Ref S4(b) |
|  | $(P, M, P, M, P, M)$ | 513 | 0.039 |  |
| Double [7]carbohelicene 1 | $(P, P)$ or $(M, M)$ | 565 | 0.34 | Ref S4(c) |
|  | $(P, M)$ | 538 | 0.11 |  |
| Double [7]carbohelicene 2 | $(P, P)$ or $(M, M)$ | 697 | 0.035 | Ref S4(d) |
| Quintuple [6]carboelicene | $\begin{aligned} & (P, P, P, P, P) \text { or } \\ & (M, M, M, M, M) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 527, \\ 553 \end{gathered}$ | 0.03 | Ref S4(e) |
| Double [6]carbohelicene 2 | $(P, P)$ | 494 | 0.018 | Ref S4(f) |
| Double [6]carbohelicene 3 | $(P, P)$ | 434 | 0.041 |  |
| Hexapole [9]carboheicene | $(P, P, P, P, P, P)$ or <br> ( $M, M, M, M, M$ ) | 870 | 0.046 | Ref S4(g) |
| Double [6]carbohelicene 4 | $(P, P)$ or $(M, M)$ | 529 | 0.75 | Ref S4(h) |
| Hexapole [7]carboheicene | $(P, P, P, P, P, P)$ or ( $M, M, M, M, M)$ | $\begin{aligned} & 836, \\ & 934 \end{aligned}$ | 0.016 | Ref S4(i) |
| S-embedded double [6]helicene | $(P, P)$ or $(M, M)$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 524, \\ 558 \end{gathered}$ | 0.20 | Ref S5(a) |
| S-embedded quadruple helicene | $(P, P)-(P, P)$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 536, \\ 570 \end{gathered}$ | 0.017 | Ref S5(b) |
|  | $(P, P)-(M, M)$ | 514 | 0.11 |  |
| S-embedded quintuple [6]helicene | ( $P, P, M, P, M)$ | $\begin{gathered} 502, \\ 534 \end{gathered}$ | 0.02 | Ref S5(g) |
| OBO-embedded double [5]helicene 1 | $(P, P)$ or (M,M) | 430 | 0.68 | Ref S5(c) <br> Ref S5(d) |
| OBO-embedded double [5]helicene 2 | $(P, P)$ or $(M, M)$ | 436 | 0.65 |  |
| OBO-embedded double [5]helicene 3 | $(P, P)$ or (M,M) | 490 | 0.03 | Ref S5(e) |
| OBO-embedded double [7]helicene | $(P, P)$ or (M,M) | 487 | 0.036 | Ref S5(f) |
| Imide-fused sixfold [5]helicene | $(P, P, P, P, P, P)$ or <br> ( $M, M, M, M, M)$ | 617 | 0.24 | Ref S5(h) |
| Imide-fused Se-embedded sixfold [5]helicene | ( $P, P, P, P, P, P$ ) or <br> ( $M, M, M, M, M$ ) | 617 | 0.06 |  |
| Imide-fused quintuple [6]elicene 1 | $\begin{aligned} & (P, P, P, P, P) \text { or } \\ & (M, M, M, M, M) \end{aligned}$ | / | 0.0736 | Ref S5(i) |
| Imide-fused quintuple [6]helicene $2$ | ( $P, P, P, P, M)$ or ( $M, M, M, M, P$ ) | / | 0.1185 |  |
| N-embedded double [6]helicene | $(P, P)$ or (M,M) | $\begin{aligned} & 454, \\ & 480 \end{aligned}$ | 0.094 | Ref S5(j) |
| N - embedded double [5]helicene | $(P, P)$ or $(M, M)$ | 568 | 0.048 | Ref S5(k) |
| Imide-fused double [6]helicene | $(P, P)$ or $(M, M)$ | 549 | 0.44 | Ref S5(l) |


| Imide-fused S-embedded double <br> [6]helicene 1 | $(P, P)$ or $(M, M)$ | 726 | 0.025 | $\operatorname{Ref} \operatorname{S5}(\mathrm{~m})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Imide-fused S-embedded double <br> [6]helicene 2 | $(P, P)$ or $(M, M)$ | 726 | 0.031 |  |

## 4. Electrochemical Properties



Figure S7 20-cycle cyclic voltammograms scans of (a) Ph-NBNDH and (b) Naph-NBNDH in dichloromethane containing 100 mM of $\mathrm{TBAPF}_{6}$ at scan rate of $0.1 \mathrm{~V} \mathrm{~s}{ }^{-1} . \mathrm{Fc}=$ ferrocene.

Table S5. Electrochemical data: redox peak vs ferrocene. The potentials evaluated by onset or $\left(E_{\text {ox }}+E_{\text {red }}\right) / 2$

| Compumd | $\boldsymbol{E}^{\mathbf{1} / \mathbf{V}}$ | $E^{2 / / V}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ph-NBN | 0.60 | $\backslash$ |
| Ph-NBNDH | 0.33 | 0.78 |
| Naph-NBN | 0.52 | 1 |
| Naph-NBNDH | 0.29 | 0.69 |

## 5. Electroluminescent device

## Device fabrication and measurement of electroluminescence characteristics:

The OLED device was fabricated in the structure of ITO/ $\mathrm{MoO}_{3}(5 \mathrm{~nm}) / \mathrm{Ph}-\mathrm{NBNDH}(65$ $\mathrm{nm}) /$ Bphen $(35 \mathrm{~nm}) / \operatorname{Liq}(1 \mathrm{~nm}) / \mathrm{Al}(100 \mathrm{~nm})$ employing ITO as the anode; $\mathrm{MoO}_{3}$ as the hole injection layer; Ph-NBNDH as the emitting layer and hole transporting layer; 4,7-diphenyl-1,10-phenanthroline (Bphen) as the electron transporting layer; 8-hydroxy-quinolinato lithium (Liq) as the electron injection layer and Al as the cathode, respectively. The prepared ITO coated glass substrates were cleaned using detergent, de-ionized water, acetone, and isopropanol. After treated with a UV-ozone environment for 15 min , the substrate was immediately loaded into a custom-made high vacuum thermal evaporation chamber. The $\mathrm{MoO}_{3}$ layer, the entire organic layers, and the Al cathode were successfully evaporated and deposited using shadow masks under a base pressure lower than $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ mbar. The deposition rates for $\mathrm{MoO}_{3}$, organic materials, and Al were typically $0.3,1.0$ and $5.0 \AA \cdot s^{-1}$, respectively. By this way, an OLEDs device with an active areas of $5 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ was obtained. The electroluminescence characteristics were measured using a Keithley 2400 source meter and a PR650 Spectra Colorimeter under ambient condition at room temperature. The luminance and spectra were measured in the direction perpendicular to the substrate.


Figure S8 Electroluminescent (EL) device properties: the structure, luminescent spectra and CIE coordinate (inset). Bphen: 4,7-Diphenyl-1,10-phenanthroline.


Figure S9 Electroluminescent (EL) device properties:(a) Current density-Current efficiency plots; (b) Current density-Power efficiency plots; (c) Current density-External quantum efficiency(EQE) plots; (d)voltage-current density(black line)/brightness plots (blue line)

Table S6 The performances of the Electroluminescent device with Ph-NBNDH as the host material

| voltage $(\mathbf{V})$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{L}^{a} \\ & \left(\mathbf{c d} / \mathbf{m}^{2}\right) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \boldsymbol{\eta}_{\mathbf{c}}{ }^{b} \\ & (\mathbf{c d} / \mathbf{A}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \boldsymbol{\eta}_{\mathbf{p}}{ }^{\text {an}} \\ & (\operatorname{lm} / \mathbf{W}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{EQE}^{d} \\ & (\%) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { CIE } & \\ \mathbf{x} & \mathbf{y} \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2.8 | 0.95 | 2.80 | 3.14 | 0.93 | 0.36 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 0.59 |
| 4.0 | 55.98 | 3.65 | 2.86 | 1.06 | 0.36 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 0.60 |
| 9.5 | 4692 | 1.42 | 0.47 | 0.41 | 0.35 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 0.61 |

${ }^{a}$ luminance; ${ }^{b}$ current efficiency; ${ }^{c}$ power efficiency; ${ }^{d}$ external quantum efficiency.

## 6. Computational Studies

All density functional theory (DFT) calculation was performed using the Gaussian 09 program ${ }^{\text {S3 }}$. The B3LYP functional with $6-31 G(d)$ basis set were used for geometry optimization in the ground state. All geometry optimization was done in the gas phase and based on the single crystal structure. In order to simulate the UV-Vis spectra of the molecules TD-DFT calculations
using B3LYP functional and $6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ basis set. For better comparison to the experimental absorption spectra the polarity of the solvent dichloromethane was added. The isomerization processes were calculated by nudged elastic band (NEB) method using Vienna ab initio Simulation Package (VASP).


Figure S10 Calculated molecular orbitals of Ph-NBNDH and Naph-NBNDH


Figure S11 Simulated absorption spectra of (a) Ph-NBNDH and (b) Naph-NBNDH


Figure S12 Calculated isomerization processes and relative internal energy of $\mathbf{P h}-\mathbf{N B N D H}$


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( $P, M$ )-Naph-NBNDH

Figure S13 Calculated isomerization processes and relative internal energy of Naph-NBNDH

Table S7 Selected calculated wavelength, oscillator strength and compositions of major transitions of Ph-NBNDH.

| Wavelength (nm) | Osc. Strength(f) | Major contribution |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 474.9 | 0.4295 | HOMO->LUMO (99\%) |


| 350.7 | 0.4795 | HOMO-2->LUMO (18\%) <br> HOMO-1->LUMO (36\%) <br> HOMO->LUMO+1 (33\%) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

Table S8 Selected calculated wavelength, oscillator strength and compositions of major transitions of Naph-NBNDH.

| Wavelength (nm) | Osc. Strength(f) | Major contribution |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 504.4 | 0.3441 | HOMO->LUMO (98\%) |
| 380.2 | 0.4426 | HOMO-3->LUMO (20\%) <br> HOMO-2->LUMO (56\%) <br> HOMO->LUMO+1 (13\%) |

Appendix: Cartesian coordinatesfor DFTcalculations
( $M, M$ )-Ph-NBNDH:

| Tag | Symbol | X | Y | Z |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | N | -4.44018 | 1.24075 | 0.13716 |
| 2 | C | -3.74632 | 2.33584 | 0.68013 |
| 3 | B | -3.75921 | -0.0211 | -0.00289 |
| 4 | C | -3.79037 | 4.48638 | 1.82905 |
| 5 | H | -4.36529 | 5.31325 | 2.2376 |
| 6 | N | -4.41999 | -1.29346 | -0.14425 |
| 7 | C | -4.45199 | 3.4378 | 1.20313 |
| 8 | H | -5.53463 | 3.45472 | 1.1569 |
| 9 | C | -2.39962 | 4.45462 | 1.96362 |
| 10 | H | -1.87541 | 5.24808 | 2.48819 |
| 11 | C | -1.69087 | 3.39091 | 1.42594 |
| 12 | H | -0.61298 | 3.36186 | 1.53572 |
| 13 | C | -2.32162 | 2.33646 | 0.73423 |
| 14 | C | -1.54655 | 1.21441 | 0.18512 |
| 15 | C | -2.22484 | -0.00893 | -0.00153 |
| 16 | C | -1.5267 | -1.22215 | -0.18589 |
| 17 | C | -2.28319 | -2.35675 | -0.73545 |
| 18 | C | -2.32546 | -4.47728 | -1.96252 |
| 19 | H | -1.78772 | -5.26324 | -2.48468 |
| 20 | C | -1.63455 | -3.40219 | -1.42418 |
| 21 | H | -0.55694 | -3.35676 | -1.53117 |
| 22 | C | -3.71592 | -4.53 | -1.83196 |
| 23 | H | -4.27707 | -5.36589 | -2.24131 |


| 24 | C | -4.39517 | -3.49094 | -1.20904 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 25 | H | -5.47756 | -3.52428 | -1.16586 |
| 26 | C | -3.70783 | -2.37796 | -0.68497 |
| 27 | C | -5.79043 | -1.54674 | 0.29928 |
| 28 | H | -5.83254 | -2.49665 | 0.84308 |
| 29 | H | -6.51376 | -1.59727 | -0.52606 |
| 30 | H | -6.10073 | -0.75655 | 0.98285 |
| 31 | C | -5.8133 | 1.47279 | -0.30964 |
| 32 | H | -6.53916 | 1.51311 | 0.51404 |
| 33 | H | -6.11002 | 0.67728 | -0.99307 |
| 34 | H | -5.86866 | 2.42143 | -0.85449 |
| 35 | C | 1.97475 | 2.4046 | -0.72835 |
| 36 | C | 2.62682 | 3.52955 | -1.28285 |
| 37 | H | 3.70734 | 3.53979 | -1.36613 |
| 38 | C | 1.92177 | 4.61491 | -1.77062 |
| 39 | H | 2.45428 | 5.46084 | -2.19686 |
| 40 | C | 0.5198 | 4.59454 | -1.74898 |
| 41 | H | -0.04906 | 5.41737 | -2.17344 |
| 42 | C | -0.1418 | 3.50967 | -1.20503 |
| 43 | H | -1.22378 | 3.49108 | -1.22271 |
| 44 | C | 0.55658 | 2.41236 | -0.64584 |
| 45 | C | -0.155 | 1.24322 | -0.12551 |
| 46 | C | 0.55464 | 0.01242 | 0.00258 |
| 47 | C | 2.00341 | 0.02322 | 0.00171 |
| 48 | C | 2.71687 | 1.21279 | -0.31103 |
| 49 | C | 4.12093 | 1.19725 | -0.28217 |
| 50 | H | 4.65364 | 2.11467 | -0.48725 |
| 51 | C | 4.85261 | 0.04304 | -0.00799 |
| 52 | C | 4.13363 | -1.12323 | 0.27242 |
| 53 | H | 4.68663 | -2.03223 | 0.47412 |
| 54 | C | 2.73511 | -1.1597 | 0.31167 |
| 55 | C | 2.00895 | -2.3606 | 0.73428 |
| 56 | C | 0.59158 | -2.38794 | 0.65174 |
| 57 | C | -0.13661 | -1.22932 | 0.12872 |
| 58 | C | 2.67673 | -3.47305 | 1.29377 |
| 59 | H | 3.75724 | -3.46614 | 1.37874 |
| 60 | C | 1.98696 | -4.56707 | 1.78489 |
| 61 | H | 2.53115 | -5.40351 | 2.21505 |
| 62 | C | 0.58511 | -4.56692 | 1.76151 |
| 63 | H | 0.0276 | -5.39648 | 2.18792 |
| 64 | C | -0.09159 | -3.493 | 1.21371 |
| 65 | H | -1.17378 | -3.48966 | 1.23034 |
| 66 | C | 6.39271 | 0.01162 | -0.00539 |
| 67 | C | 7.01047 | 1.38494 | -0.33142 |


| 68 | H | 8.10368 | 1.3098 | -0.3169 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 69 | H | 6.7234 | 2.14694 | 0.40218 |
| 70 | H | 6.71809 | 1.73909 | -1.3266 |
| 71 | C | 6.88812 | -1.00046 | -1.06588 |
| 72 | H | 7.98449 | -1.03755 | -1.07393 |
| 73 | H | 6.54965 | -0.71477 | -2.06832 |
| 74 | H | 6.52291 | -2.01344 | -0.86693 |
| 75 | C | 6.89879 | -0.42139 | 1.39129 |
| 76 | H | 7.99508 | -0.45653 | 1.40529 |
| 77 | H | 6.5303 | -1.41436 | 1.6693 |
| 78 | H | 6.57094 | 0.28424 | 2.16308 |

## ( $M, M$ )-Naph-NBNDH:

| Tag | Symbol | X | Y | Z |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | N | 4.2267 | 1.33601 | -0.37268 |
| 2 | N | 4.2964 | -1.09882 | 0.39741 |
| 3 | C | -2.83462 | -1.31904 | 0.04571 |
| 4 | C | 0.00271 | -3.68904 | -0.74383 |
| 5 | C | 1.33971 | 1.20332 | -0.37573 |
| 6 | C | -0.71426 | -0.02839 | -0.00155 |
| 7 | C | -0.81707 | 2.45292 | 0.21082 |
| 8 | C | -2.90711 | 1.13753 | -0.0538 |
| 9 | C | -0.67091 | -2.50893 | -0.22126 |
| 10 | C | -4.99578 | -0.15536 | 0.00588 |
| 11 | C | -2.15261 | -0.07102 | -0.00344 |
| 12 | C | 2.06198 | 0.05272 | 0.00468 |
| 13 | C | -2.72005 | -3.83344 | -0.05455 |
| 14 | H | -3.77352 | -3.89656 | 0.18987 |
| 15 | C | -2.0692 | -2.56008 | -0.05314 |
| 16 | C | -0.21641 | 3.6739 | 0.72804 |
| 17 | C | -0.68542 | -4.94237 | -0.75223 |
| 18 | C | 1.40712 | -1.13797 | 0.3808 |
| 19 | C | -2.21437 | 2.42236 | 0.0356 |
| 20 | C | 0.02354 | -1.25335 | 0.04637 |
| 21 | C | -4.24033 | -1.32545 | 0.06009 |
| 22 | H | -4.75835 | -2.2728 | 0.08109 |
| 23 | C | -2.044 | -4.98638 | -0.32996 |
| 24 | H | -2.55435 | -5.94587 | -0.29538 |
| 25 | C | 2.06403 | 2.23664 | -1.12613 |
| 26 | C | 3.48837 | 2.28614 | -1.10359 |
| 27 | C | -4.30584 | 1.05947 | -0.05726 |
| 28 | H | -4.88362 | 1.97446 | -0.07217 |
| 29 | C | -0.04896 | 1.23789 | -0.0479 |
| 30 | C | 2.18613 | -2.12795 | 1.13449 |


| 31 | C | -0.03532 | -6.10636 | -1.23258 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 32 | H | -0.5754 | -7.05004 | -1.20389 |
| 33 | C | 1.28912 | -3.65382 | -1.34344 |
| 34 | H | 1.80101 | -2.70557 | -1.44431 |
| 35 | C | -2.93781 | 3.65523 | 0.02022 |
| 36 | H | -3.99088 | 3.65438 | -0.23422 |
| 37 | C | 1.55681 | -3.07899 | 1.96106 |
| 38 | H | 0.47461 | -3.07325 | 2.02278 |
| 39 | C | -2.3313 | 4.84802 | 0.28841 |
| 40 | H | -2.89519 | 5.77642 | 0.23999 |
| 41 | C | 3.61103 | -2.09234 | 1.12197 |
| 42 | C | 1.59267 | 4.89522 | 1.82836 |
| 43 | H | 2.5705 | 4.88648 | 2.30247 |
| 44 | C | -0.97581 | 4.88568 | 0.72044 |
| 45 | C | 1.06553 | 3.71837 | 1.33647 |
| 46 | H | 1.63103 | 2.8024 | 1.44949 |
| 47 | C | -6.53679 | -0.1573 | 0.01653 |
| 48 | C | 1.38497 | 3.14574 | -1.96036 |
| 49 | H | 0.30558 | 3.07454 | -2.03002 |
| 50 | C | 1.23542 | -6.04184 | -1.76045 |
| 51 | H | 1.72082 | -6.93745 | -2.13883 |
| 52 | C | 1.88659 | -4.79369 | -1.84209 |
| 53 | H | 2.86531 | -4.72426 | -2.3093 |
| 54 | C | 2.27382 | -4.00963 | 2.6983 |
| 55 | H | 1.75153 | -4.7265 | 3.32501 |
| 56 | C | -0.3971 | 6.08952 | 1.19399 |
| 57 | H | -0.99044 | 7.00016 | 1.15308 |
| 58 | C | 0.8713 | 6.10309 | 1.73087 |
| 59 | H | 1.30167 | 7.02847 | 2.10414 |
| 60 | C | -7.06313 | 0.52108 | -1.27066 |
| 61 | H | -6.7193 | 1.55697 | -1.35757 |
| 62 | H | -8.16002 | 0.53319 | -1.27411 |
| 63 | H | -6.72621 | -0.01798 | -2.1634 |
| 64 | C | 4.14931 | 3.29182 | -1.83445 |
| 65 | H | 5.23189 | 3.34267 | -1.82381 |
| 66 | C | 4.32586 | -3.05829 | 1.85573 |
| 67 | H | 5.4096 | -3.04403 | 1.85296 |
| 68 | C | 2.05025 | 4.11602 | -2.69504 |
| 69 | H | 1.49056 | 4.79855 | -3.32777 |
| 70 | C | 3.6689 | -4.00775 | 2.6287 |
| 71 | H | 4.25026 | -4.7299 | 3.19591 |
| 72 | C | -7.1251 | -1.57993 | 0.07896 |
| 73 | H | -6.83157 | -2.18268 | -0.78808 |
| 74 | H | -8.21943 | -1.52428 | 0.08595 |


| 75 | H | -6.8165 | -2.11036 | 0.98705 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 76 | C | 3.44229 | 4.19836 | -2.6148 |
| 77 | H | 3.98345 | 4.95289 | -3.17961 |
| 78 | C | 5.68251 | -1.3822 | 0.02591 |
| 79 | H | 6.39309 | -1.24318 | 0.85212 |
| 80 | H | 5.97722 | -0.73014 | -0.79633 |
| 81 | H | 5.7668 | -2.41786 | -0.32049 |
| 82 | C | -7.04353 | 0.62413 | 1.25244 |
| 83 | H | -6.69187 | 0.15986 | 2.18079 |
| 84 | H | -8.14026 | 0.63684 | 1.27229 |
| 85 | H | -6.69934 | 1.66363 | 1.24903 |
| 86 | B | 3.59573 | 0.09881 | 0.01008 |
| 87 | C | 5.5918 | 1.70032 | 0.00545 |
| 88 | H | 6.31297 | 1.60514 | -0.81787 |
| 89 | H | 5.92116 | 1.06522 | 0.82781 |
| 90 | H | 5.61339 | 2.73864 | 0.35364 |

## 7. Optical Resolution of Naph-NBNDH

## Preparative Seperation Method

Instrument: MG II preparative SFC (SFC-11)
Column: ChiralPak AD, $250 \times 30 \mathrm{~mm}$ I.D., $5 \mu \mathrm{~m}$
Mobile phase: A for $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ and B for $\operatorname{Ethanol}(0.1 \% \mathrm{NH} 3 \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{O})$
Gradient: B 40\%
Flow rate: $70 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$
Back pressure: 100 bar
Column temperature: $38^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Wavelength: 220nm
Cycle time: $\sim 10 \mathrm{~min}$

## Analytical separation method:

Instrument: Waters UPC2 analytical SFC (SFC-H)
Column: ChiralPak AD, $150 \times 4.6 \mathrm{~mm}$ I.D., $3 \mu \mathrm{~m}$
Mobile phase: A for $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ and B for Ethanol $(0.05 \% \mathrm{DEA})$
Gradient: B 40\%
Flow rate: $2.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$
Back pressure: 100 bar
Column temperature: $35^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Wavelength: 220 nm
(a)

(b)

(c)


Figure S14 Chiral SCF profiles of (a) rac-Naph-NBNDH, (b) Peak1-Naph-NBNDH, and (c) Peak2-Naph-NBNDH.

Table S9 The SCF profiles of Naph-NBNDH

|  | Fraction | Retention <br> Time $/ \mathrm{min}$ | Area | Area\% | ee |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| rac Form | Peak 1 | 8.252 | 743073 | 50.18 |  |
|  | Peak 2 | 10.227 | 737734 | 49.82 |  |
| Peak 1 | Peak 1 | 8.125 | 160691 | 99.19 | 98.38 |
|  | Peak 2 | 10.192 | 1307 | 0.81 |  |
| Peak 2 | Peak 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $100 \%$ |
|  | Peak 2 | 10.229 | 1320204 | 100.00 |  |

## 8. NMR Spectra and HRMS Spectra

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}\left(400 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}\left(125 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$


HRMS (ESI-MS) spectra of 1

WDQ_201900313_HRMS_1 16 (0.566) Cm (16:18)

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $2\left(500 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $2\left(125 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$


HRMS (ESI-MS) spectra of 2

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{B r}-\mathbf{N B N D H}\left(500 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{B r}-\mathbf{N B N}\left(100 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{B r}-\mathbf{N B N}\left(128 \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$


HRMS (ESI-MS) spectra of $\mathbf{B r}-\mathbf{N B N}$

WDQ_201900313_HRMS_3 (0.042) Is (0.03,1.00) C20H16BBrN2
1: TOF MS ES+
 WDQ_201900313_HRMS_3 (0.532) Is (0.03,1.00) C20H16BBrN2H 1: TOF MS ES+
3.42 e 12

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3}\left(400 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3}\left(125 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$


## MALDI-FTICR spectra of $\mathbf{3}$


${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{5}\left(500 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $5\left(125 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$


MALDI-FTICR spectra of 5

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $7\left(500 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $7\left(125 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$
(10)

HRMS (ESI-MS) spectra of 7

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $4\left(400 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{4}\left(125 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$


MALDI-FTICR spectra of 4

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{6}\left(500 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{6}\left(125 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$
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## MALDI-FTICR spectra of $\mathbf{6}$


${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{8}\left(500 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{8}\left(125 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$


HRMS (ESI-MS) spectra of $\mathbf{8}$

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{P h}-\mathbf{N B N}\left(500 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{P h}-\mathrm{NBN}\left(125 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{11}$ B NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{P h}-\mathbf{N B N}\left(225 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$ )


## MALDI-FTICR spectra of $\mathbf{P h}-\mathbf{N B N}$


${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{P h}-\mathbf{N B N D H}\left(500 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$ )

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{P h}-\mathbf{N B N D H}\left(125 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$
cos
${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{P h}-\mathbf{N B N D H}\left(225 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$


## MALDI-FTICR spectra of $\mathbf{P h}-\mathbf{N B N D H}$


${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of Naph-NBN $\left(400 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of Naph-NBN( $125 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR spectrum of Naph-NBN $\left(225 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$


## MALDI-FTICR spectra of Naph-NBN


${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of Naph-NBNDH ( $400 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of Naph-NBNDH( $125 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ )
(
${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR spectrum of Naph-NBNDH $\left(225 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$


## MALDI-FTICR spectra of Naph-NBNDH



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