Supporting Information



Figure S1 Calculated rotational barrier for the bridging ligand of **2** for the neutral (empty circles) and anionic (full squares) bidppz ligand. Stars correspond to a full geometry optimization starting at the geometry of ω =40° and 140°, respectively. ω is the dihedral angle between the two dppz units of the bridging ligand.



Figure S2 CD spectra of the $\Delta\Delta$ - (top) and $\Lambda\Lambda$ -enantiomers of 2 (left) and 3 (right) in water (thick line) and after incubation with poly(dAdT)₂ at 50°C over night (thin line). Measurements performed at room temperature.



Figure S3 Temperature dependence for the emission quantum yield of 1 (half filled triangles),
2 (full squares) and 3 (open circles) studied in glycerol (A.), ethylene glycol (B.), 1,3-propanediol (C.) and 1,2-propanediol (D.). Measurements performed between 10 and 50°C.



Figure S4 Emission spectra of 1 (A), 2 (B) and 3 (C) at 230 K, 210K, 190K, 170 K and 150

K. The temperature decreases in the direction of the arrows.



Figure S5 Relative concentration of specie B (full squares) and C (empty squares) of **2** in 1,2-propanediol.



Figure S6 Normalised emission spectra of specie B (thin line) and C (thick line) of **2** in 1,2propanediol and ethylene glycol.