

Supplementary Materials Synthesis, Structure, and Photochemistry of Dibenzylidenecyclobutanones

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Molecular formula	C ₂₀ H ₁₈ O ₃ ,	C ₂₂ H ₂₂ O ₅ ,	C ₂₀ H ₁₈ OS ₂ ,
Molecular weight, g·mol ⁻¹	306.34	366.40	338.46
Temperature, K	296	296	296
Crystal system	Monocl.	Monocl.	Monocl.
Space group	C2/c	C2/c	C2/c
a (Å)	11.9333(5)	17.5713(12)	11.4919(4)
b (Å)	12.6418(5)	13.7149(11)	13.3354(5)
c (Å)	11.0532(5)	8.1128(6)	11.8054(6)
α (°)	90	90	90
β (°)	108.198(2)	103.522(3)	110.904(2)
γ (°)	90	90	90
V (Å ³)	1584.07(12)	1900.9(2)	1690.09(12)
Z	4	4	4
ρ _{calc} , g·sm ⁻³	1.285	1.273	1.330
μ(MoK _α), mm ⁻¹	0.086	0.090	
Crystal size	0.54 × 0.46 × 0.42	0.54 × 0.42 × 0.38	0.46 × 0.14 × 0.014
Scan range on 2θ, deg.	4.82 – 52.74	3.8 – 54.62	4.88–53.38
Index range	-14 ≤ h ≤ 14, -15 ≤ k ≤ 15, -13 ≤ l ≤ 13	-22 ≤ h ≤ 22, -17 ≤ k ≤ 17, -10 ≤ l ≤ 10	-13 ≤ h ≤ 14, -16 ≤ k ≤ 14, -14 ≤ l ≤ 14
Number of measured refl.	7871	9410	8466
Number of independent refl.	1617 [Rint = 0.0406, Rsigma = 0.0298]	2110 [Rint = 0.0610, Rsigma = 0.0467]	1747 [Rint = 0.0452, Rsigma = 0.0369]
[R(int)]			
Number of refl with I > 2σ(I)	1323	1577	1377
Number of variables	107	126	107
GOOF	1.052	1.029	1.038
R indices for I > 2σ(I)	R ₁ = 0.0423, wR ₂ = 0.1023	R ₁ = 0.0520, wR ₂ = 0.1302	R ₁ = 0.0469, wR ₂ = 0.1086
R indices for all refl.	R ₁ = 0.0522, wR ₂ = 0.1086	R ₁ = 0.0710, wR ₂ = 0.1427	R ₁ = 0.0633, wR ₂ = 0.1175
Δρ max/min, eÅ ⁻³	0.12/-0.12	0.17/-0.23	0.21/-0.25

Table S4. Crystallographic parameters and X-ray experiment details for **1e** and **1f**.

Dienone	1e	1f
Molecular formula	C ₂₂ H ₂₄ N ₂ O,	2(C ₂₆ H ₃₂ N ₂ O),
Molecular weight, g·mol ⁻¹	332.43	388.53
Temperature, K	150	150
Crystal system	Monocl.	Monocl.
Space group	P2 ₁ /c	P2 ₁ /c
a (Å)	7.3571(10)	17.5050(8)
b (Å)	19.831(3)	16.6754(9)
c (Å)	12.3034(17)	15.1879(7)
α (°)	90	90
β (°)	96.130(2)	101.390(2)
γ (°)	90	90
V (Å ³)	1784.8(4)	4346.1(4)
Z	4	8
ρ _{calc} , g·sm ⁻³	1.237	1.188
μ(MoK _α), mm ⁻¹	0.076	0.072
Crystal size	0.36 × 0.28 × 0.18	0.42 × 0.26 × 0.14
Scan range on 2θ, deg.	5.29–56	3.69–56.0
Index range	9 ≤ h ≤ 9, -26 ≤ k ≤ 26, -	-22 ≤ h ≤ 23, -22 ≤ k ≤ 22, -

	16 ≤ l ≤ 16	17 ≤ l ≤ 20
Number of measured refl.	17935	51909
Number of independent refl. [R(int)]	4225 [Rint = 0.0410, Rsigma = 0.0375]	10460 [Rint = 0.0465, Rsigma = 0.0412]
Number of refl with I > 2σ(I)	3321	7598
Number of variables	230	571
R indices for I > 2σ(I)	R ₁ = 0.0996, wR ₂ = 0.3008	R ₁ = 0.0572, wR ₂ = 0.1306
R indices for all refl.	R ₁ = 0.1164, wR ₂ = 0.3067	R ₁ = 0.0882, wR ₂ = 0.1413
GOOF	1.133	1.047
Δρ max/min, eÅ ⁻³	0.61/-0.346	0.47/-0.40

Table S5. Crystallographic parameters and X-ray experiment details for **2**.

Dienone	<i>syn,syn-2</i>	<i>anti,anti-2</i>
Molecular formula	C ₂₃ H ₂₄ O ₅	C ₂₃ H ₂₄ O ₅
Molecular weight, g·mol ⁻¹	380.42	380.42
Temperature, K	150	150
Crystal system	Monocl.	Monocl.
Space group	P2 ₁ /c	P2 ₁ /c
a (Å)	7.9435(2)	8.7902(4)
b (Å)	7.9435(2)	14.5194(8)
c (Å)	27.5693(6)	15.0411(8)
α (°)	90	90
β (°)	92.4020(10)	95.027(2)
γ (°)	90	90
V, Å ³	1929.22(8)	1912.29(17)
Z	4	4
ρ _{calc} , g·cm ⁻³	1.310	1.321
μ(MoKα), mm ⁻¹	0.092	0.092
Crystal size, mm	0.44 × 0.18 × 0.05	0.46 × 0.02 × 0.01
Scan range on 2θ, deg.	4.85 to 52.718	4.652 to 52.788
Index range	-9 ≤ h ≤ 9, -10 ≤ k ≤ 10, -34 ≤ l ≤ 34	-10 ≤ h ≤ 10, -18 ≤ k ≤ 18, -18 ≤ l ≤ 18
Number of measured refl.	18751	17719
Number of independent refl. [R(int)]	3909 [Rint = 0.0361, Rsigma = 0.0298]	3899 [Rint = 0.0544, Rsigma = 0.0437]
Number of refl with I > 2σ(I)	3017	2960
Number of variables	338	273
R indices for I > 2σ(I)	R ₁ = 0.0382, wR ₂ = 0.0884	R ₁ = 0.0496, wR ₂ = 0.1013
R indices for all refl.	R ₁ = 0.0546, wR ₂ = 0.0963	R ₁ = 0.0703, wR ₂ = 0.1094
GOOF	1.022	1.043
Residuals, min/max, e/Å ³	0.18/-0.17	0.18/-0.25

II The ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, NOESY NMR and HRMS spectra of compounds 1a-f
(Figures S1-S19)

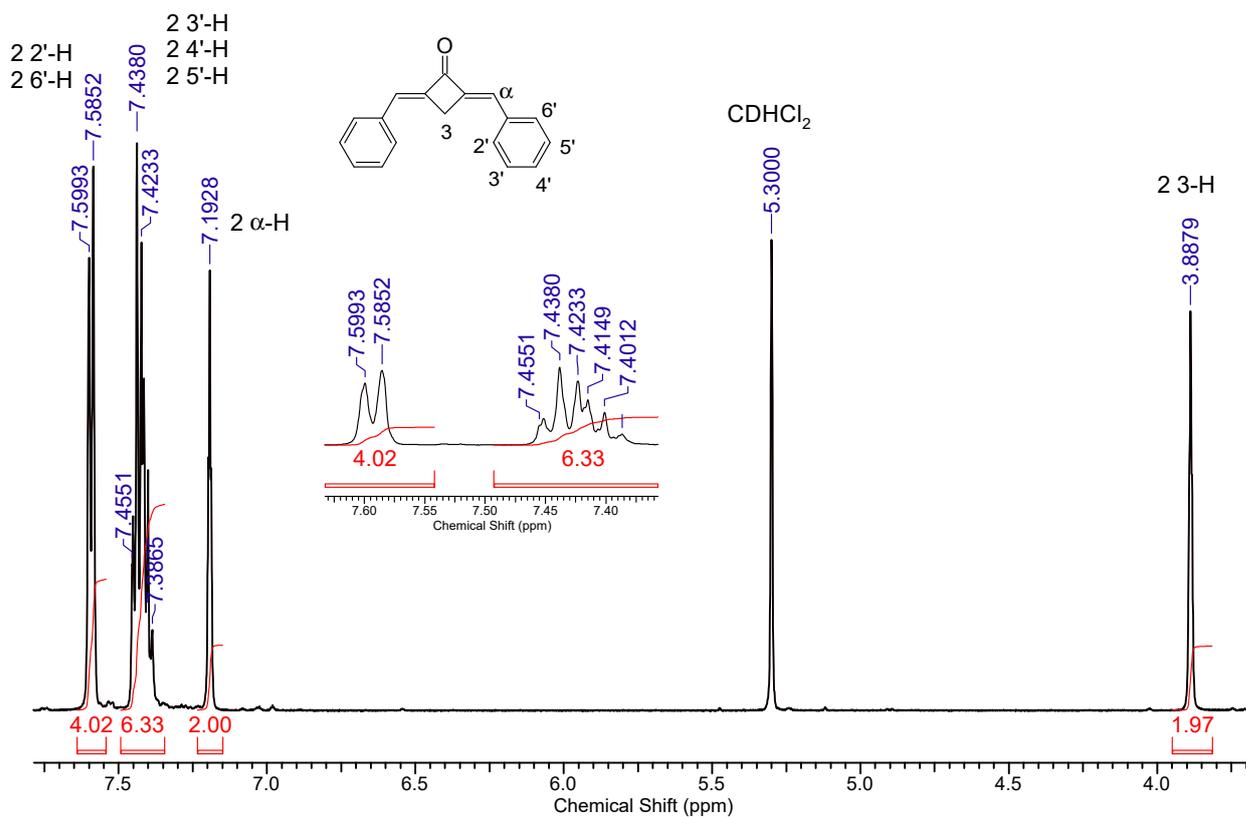


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound 1a in CD_2Cl_2 .

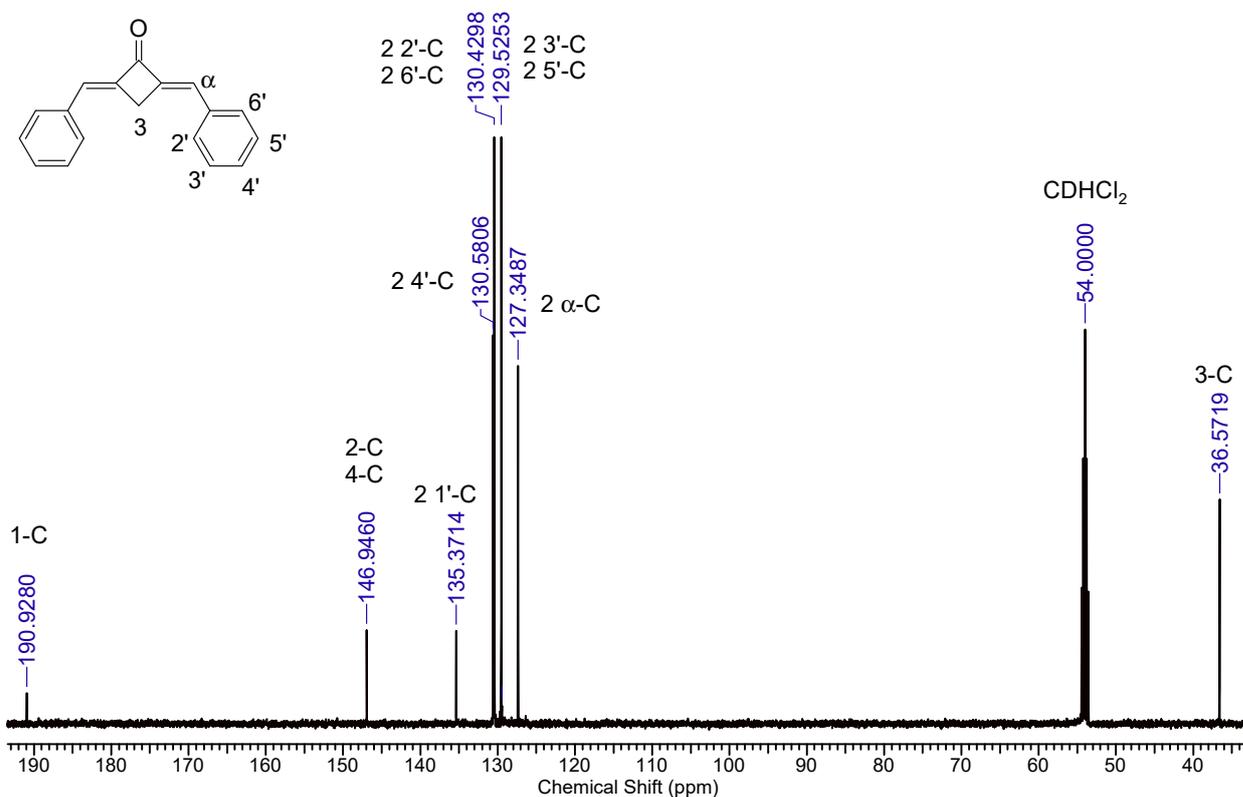


Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **1a** in CD_2Cl_2 .

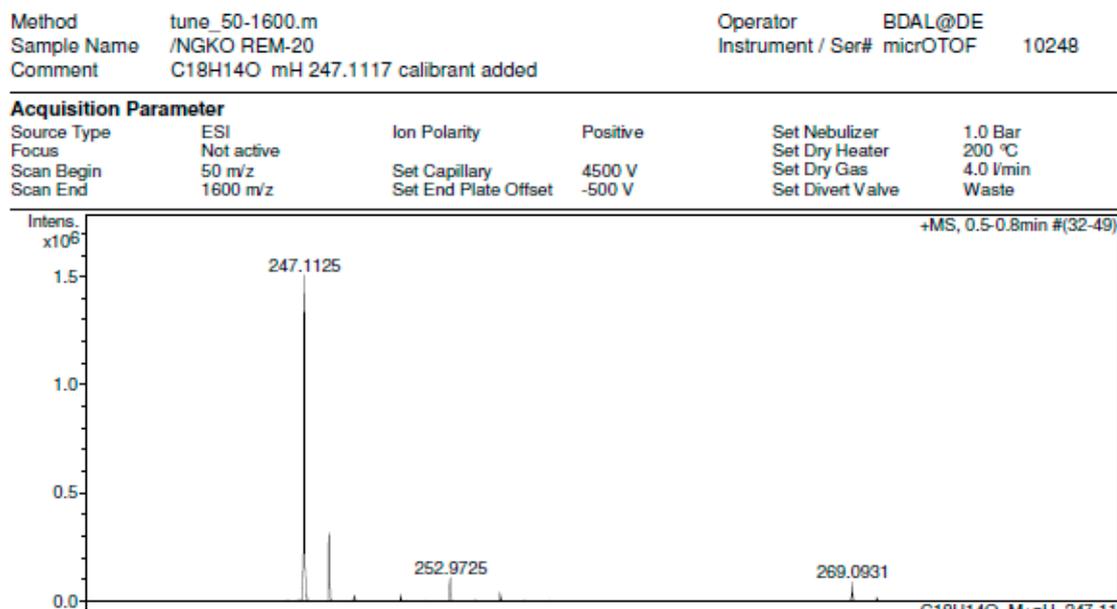


Figure S3. HRMS spectrum of compound **1a**.

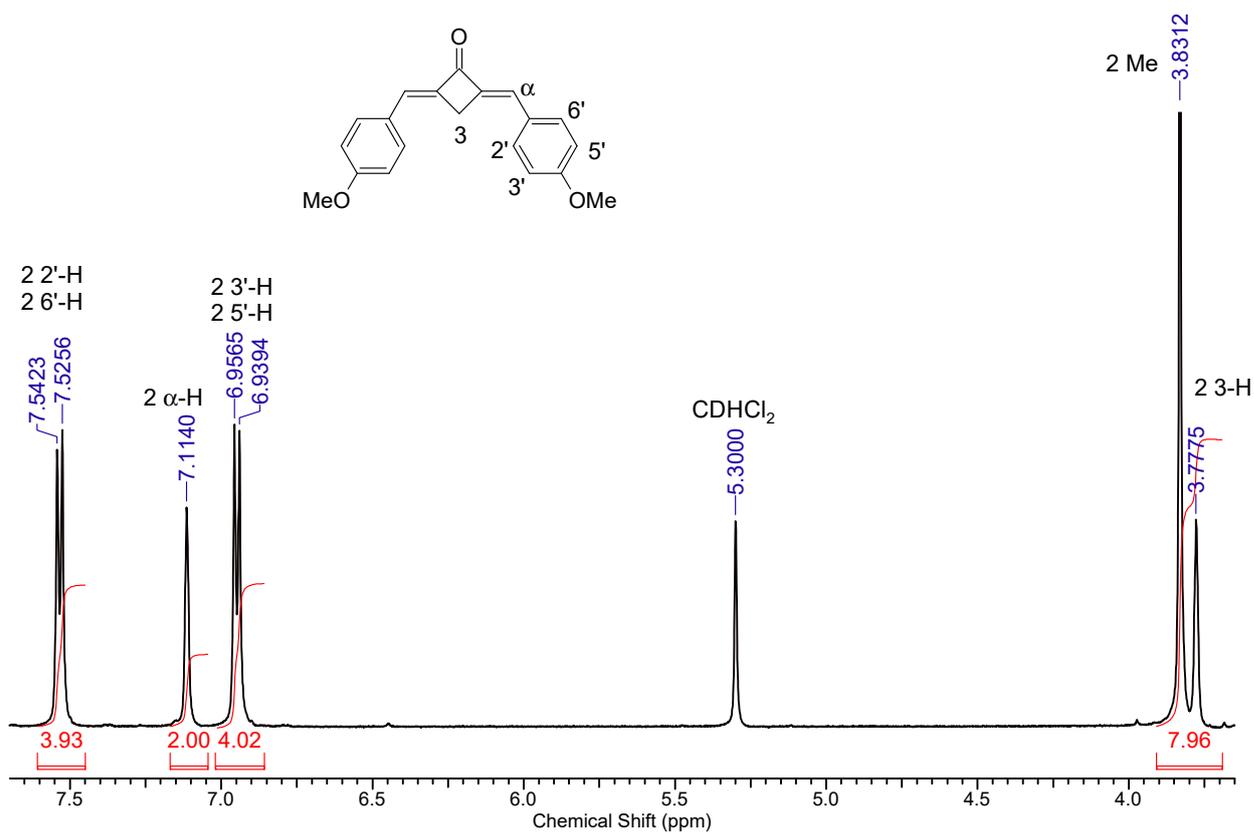


Figure S4. $^1\text{H NMR}$ spectrum of compound **1b** in CD_2Cl_2 .

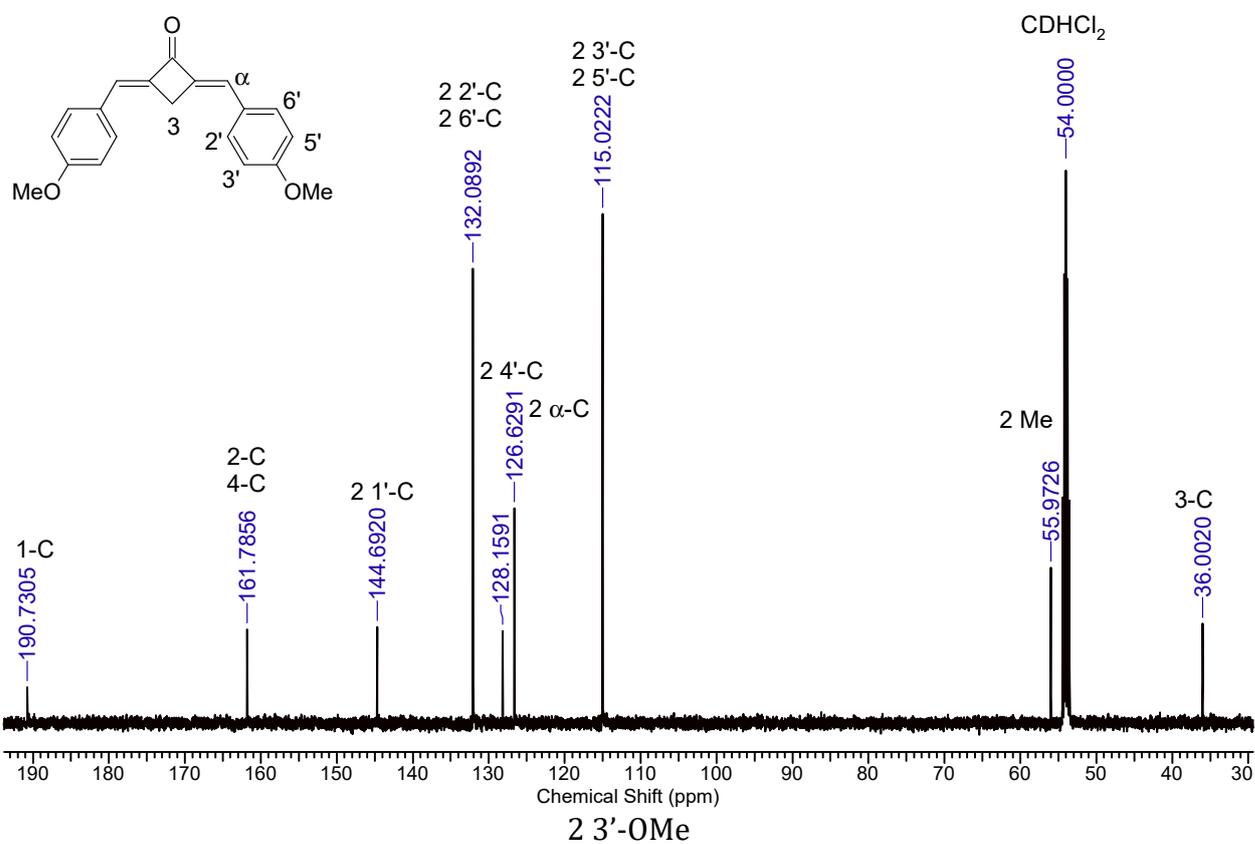


Figure S5. $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ spectrum of compound **1b** in CD_2Cl_2 .

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Sample Name	/NGKO REM-19	Instrument / Ser#	micrOTOF 10248
Comment	C20H18O3 mH 307.1328 calibrant added		

Acquisition Parameter

Source Type	ESI	Ion Polarity	Positive	Set Nebulizer	1.0 Bar
Focus	Not active			Set Dry Heater	200 °C
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Scan End	1600 m/z	Set End Plate Offset	-500 V	Set Divert Valve	Waste

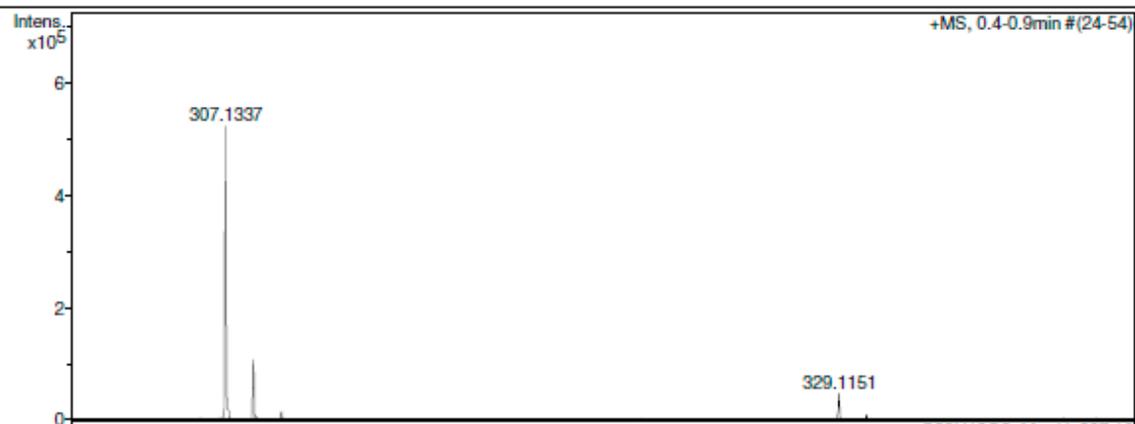


Figure S6. HRMS spectrum of compound **1b**.

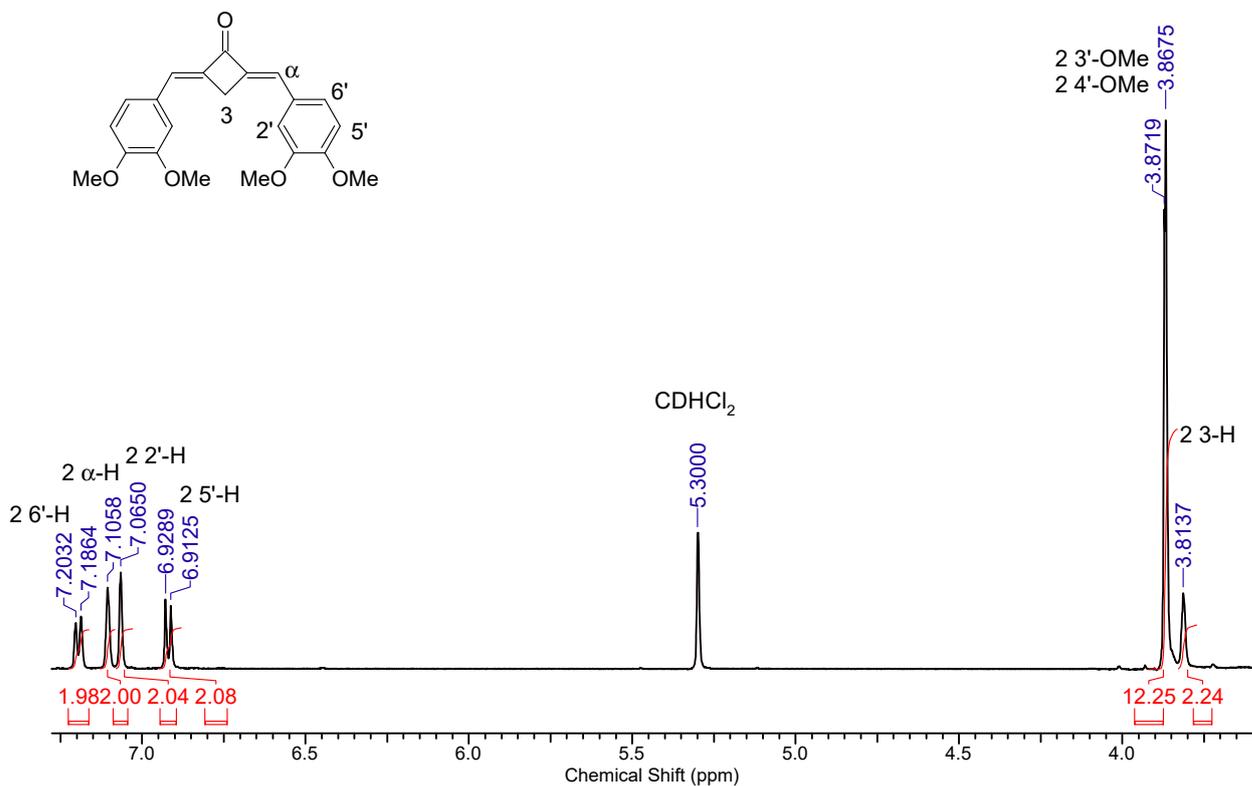


Figure S7. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **1c** in CD_2Cl_2 .

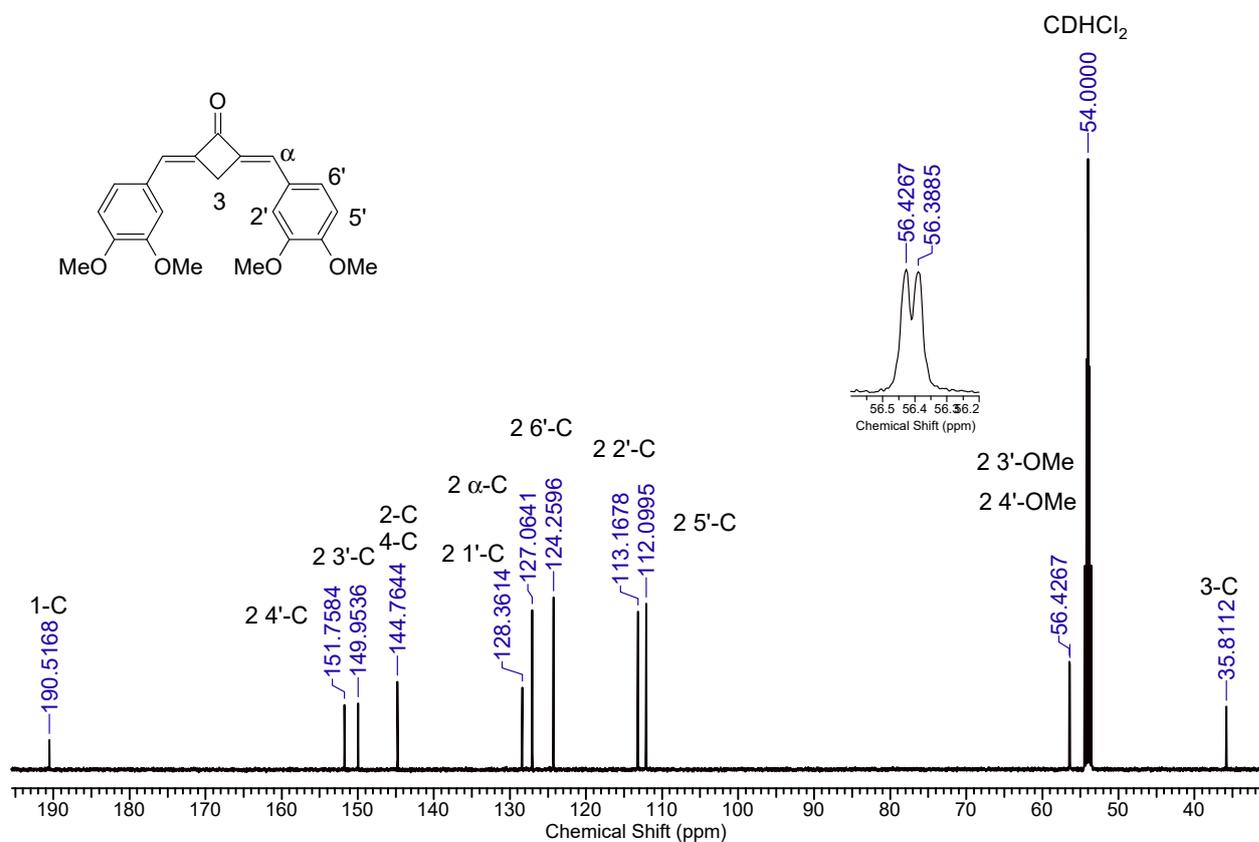
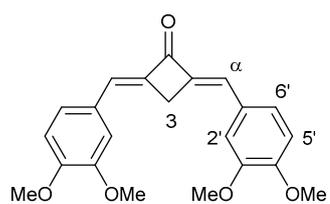


Figure S8. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **1c** in CD_2Cl_2 .

NOESY Spectrum



1c

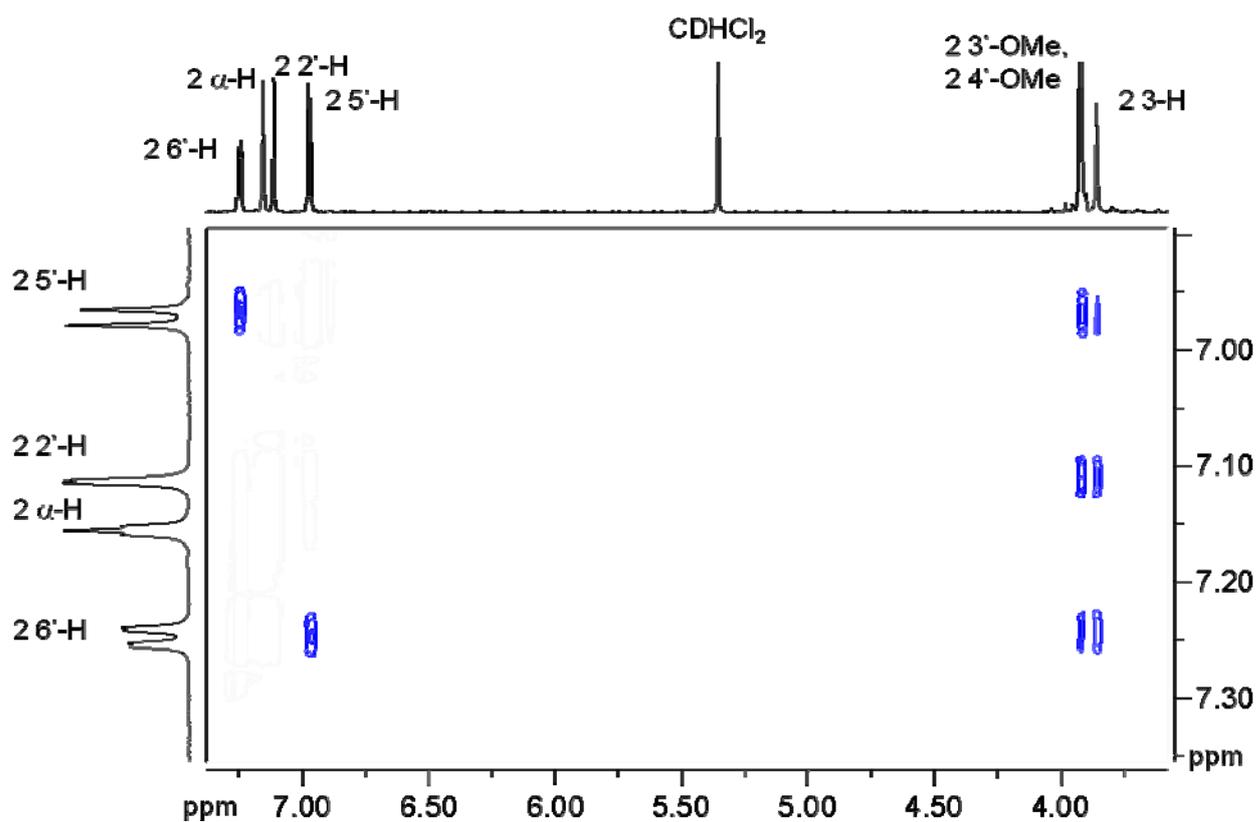


Figure S9. Fragment of the aromatic region of the NOESY (296 K, 600 MHz) spectrum of compound 1c in CD₂Cl₂.

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Comment	C22H22O5 mH 367.1540 calibrant added		

Acquisition Parameter

Source Type	ESI	Ion Polarity	Positive	Set Nebulizer	1.0 Bar
Focus	Not active			Set Dry Heater	200 °C
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Scan End	1600 m/z	Set End Plate Offset	-500 V	Set Divert Valve	Waste

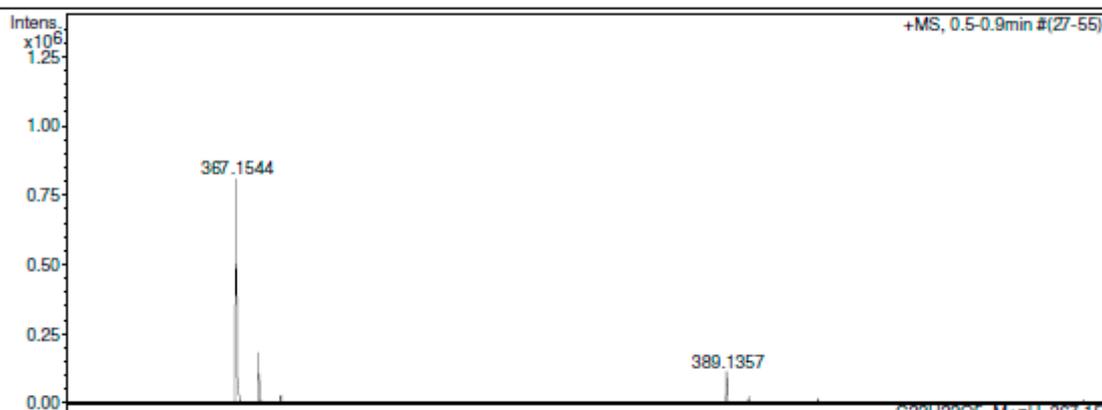


Figure S10. HRMS spectrum of compound 1c.

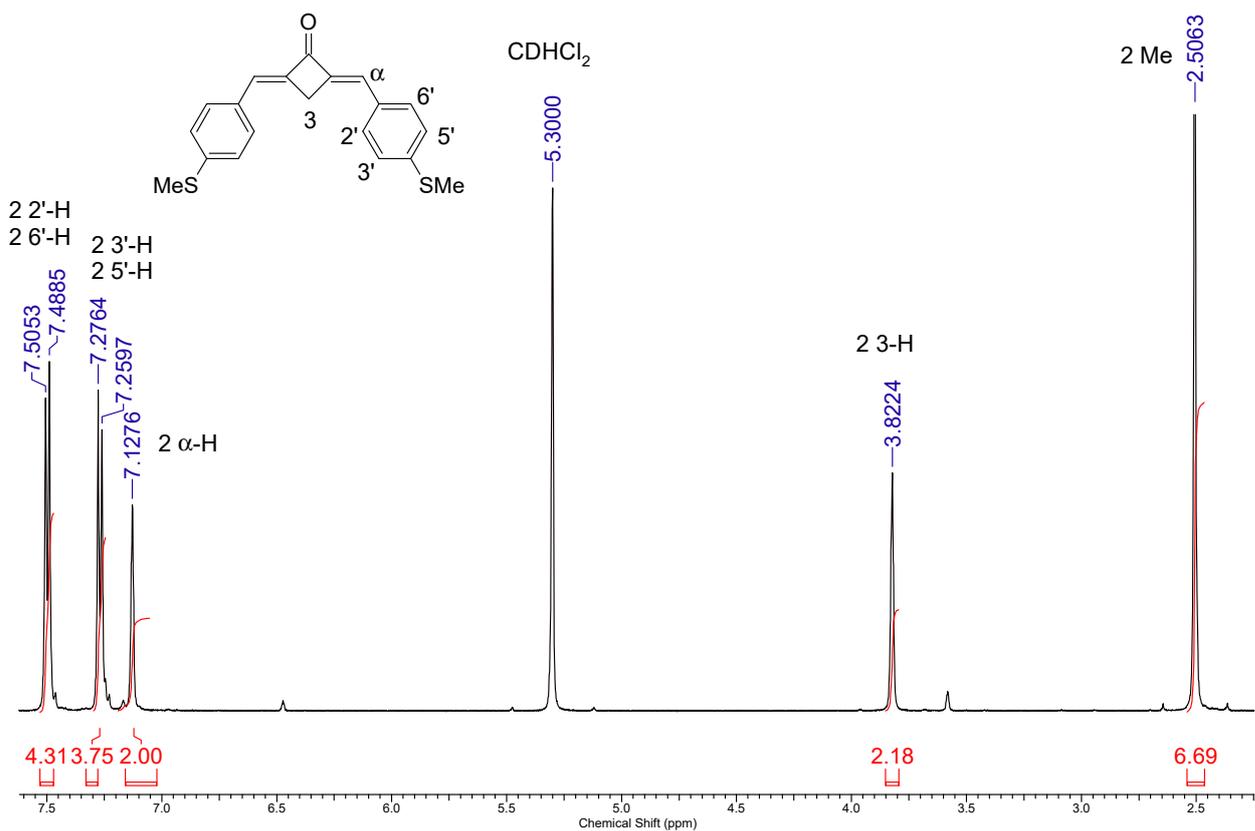


Figure S11. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **1d** in CD_2Cl_2 .

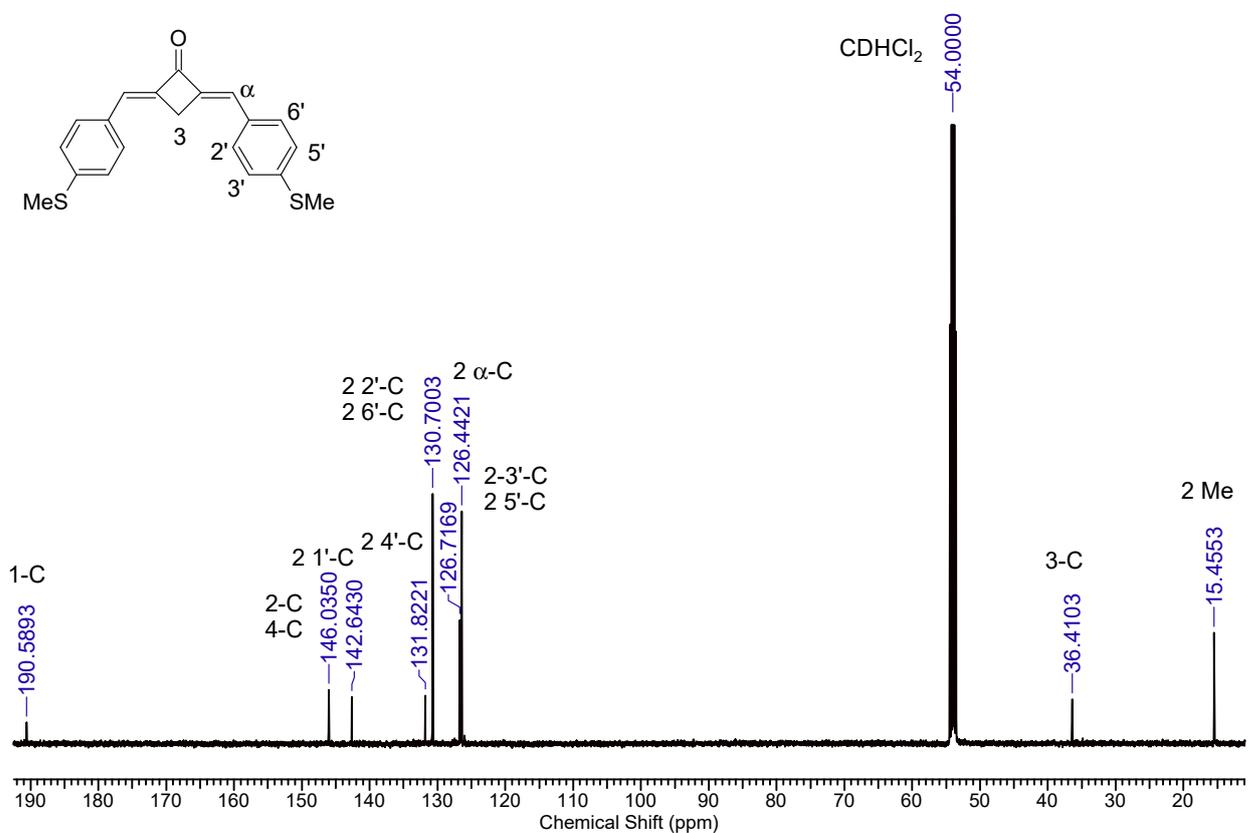


Figure S12. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **1d** in CD_2Cl_2 .

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Sample Name /NGKO REM-21
Comment C20H18OS2 mH 339.0871 calibrant added

Operator BDAL@DE
Instrument / Ser# microTOF 10248

Acquisition Parameter

Source Type	ESI	Ion Polarity	Positive	Set Nebulizer	1.0 Bar
Focus	Not active			Set Dry Heater	200 °C
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Scan End	1600 m/z	Set End Plate Offset	-500 V	Set Divert Valve	Waste

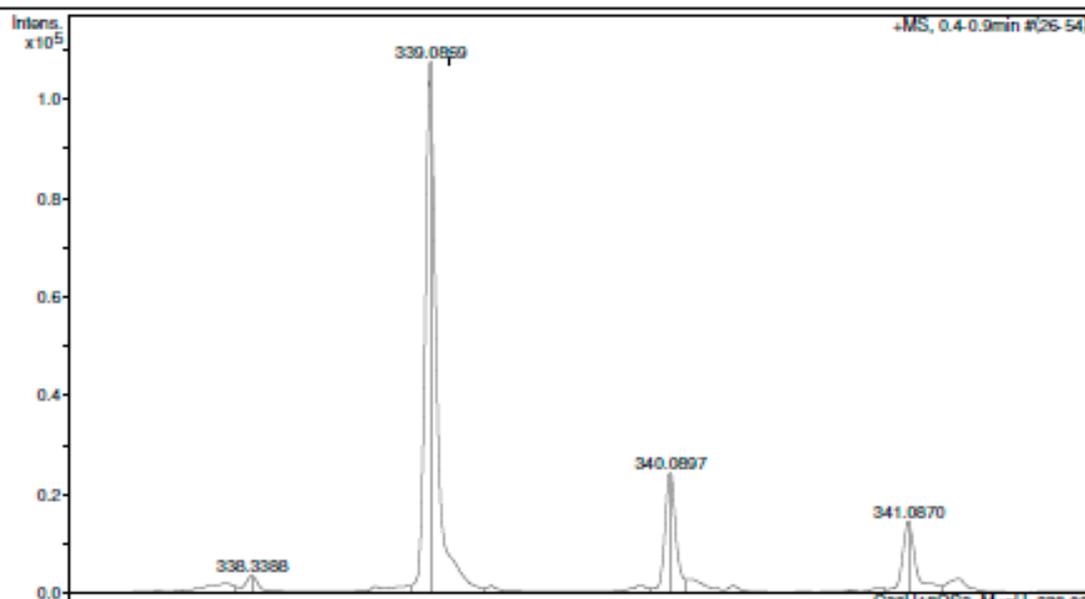


Figure S13. HRMS spectrum of compound 1d.

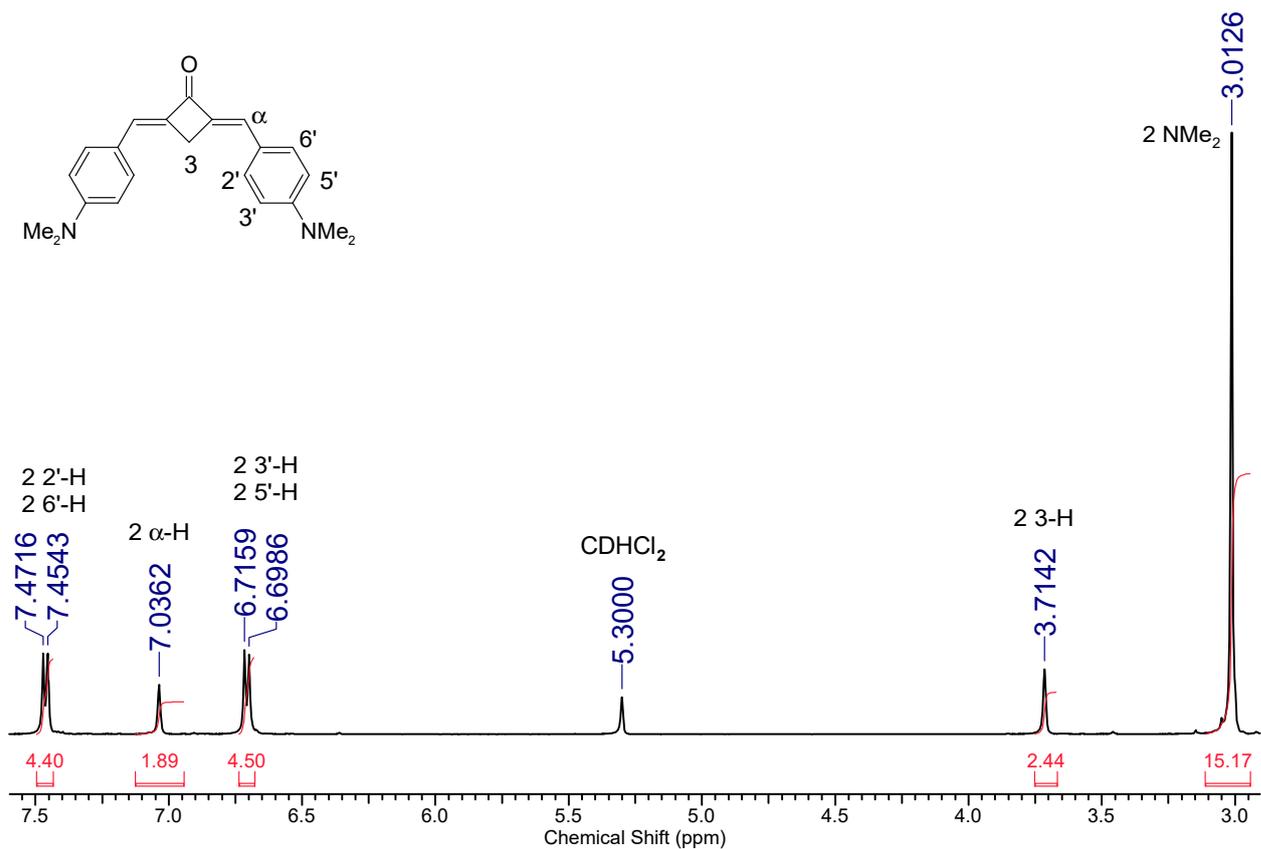


Figure S14. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **1e** in CD_2Cl_2 .

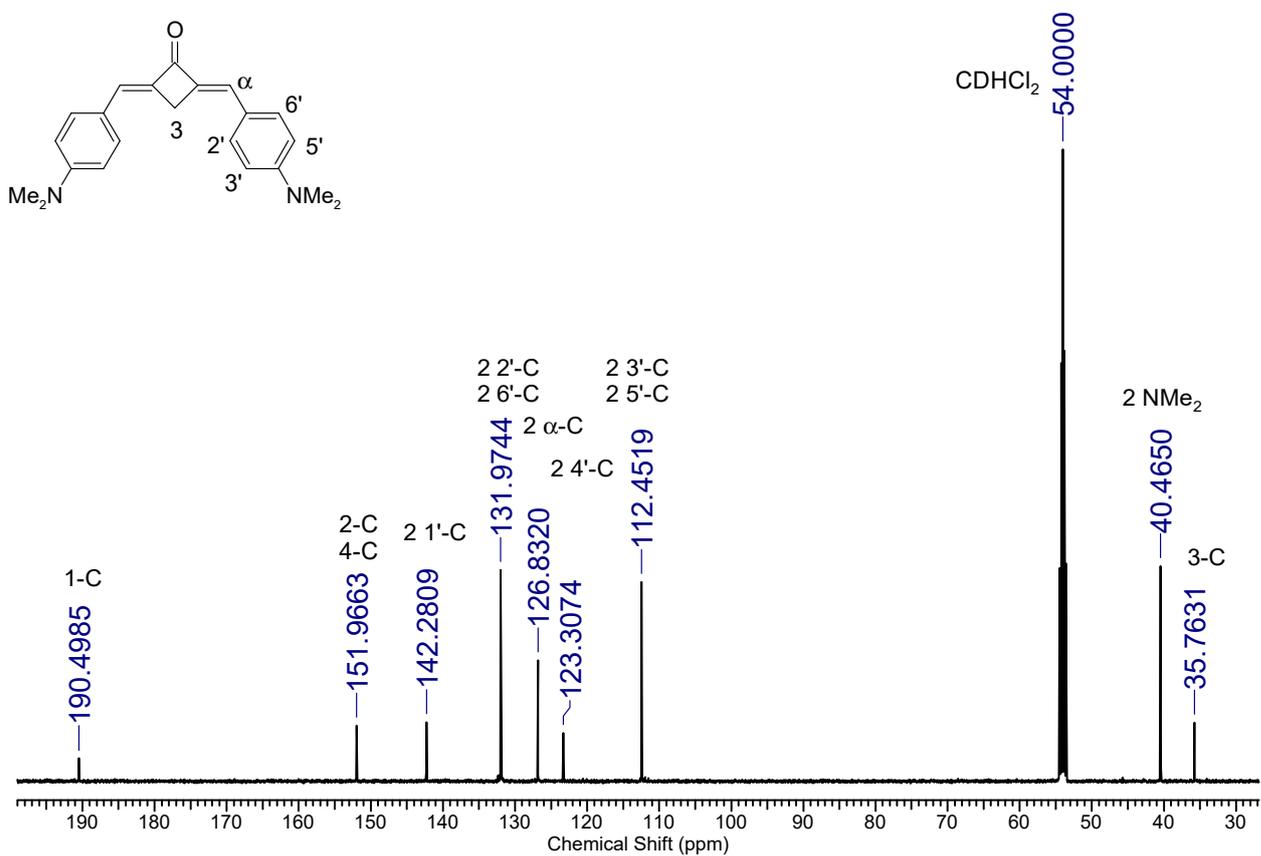


Figure S15. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **1e** in CD_2Cl_2 .

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Sample Name	/MVDK MF-490	Instrument / Ser#	micrOTOF 10248		
Comment	C22H24N2O mH 333.1961 calibrant added CH3CN				
Acquisition Parameter					
Source Type	ESI	Ion Polarity	Positive	Set Nebulizer	0.4 Bar
Focus	Not active			Set Dry Heater	180 °C
Scan Begin	50 m/z	Set Capillary	4500 V	Set Dry Gas	4.0 l/min
Scan End	1600 m/z	Set End Plate Offset	-500 V	Set Divert Valve	Waste

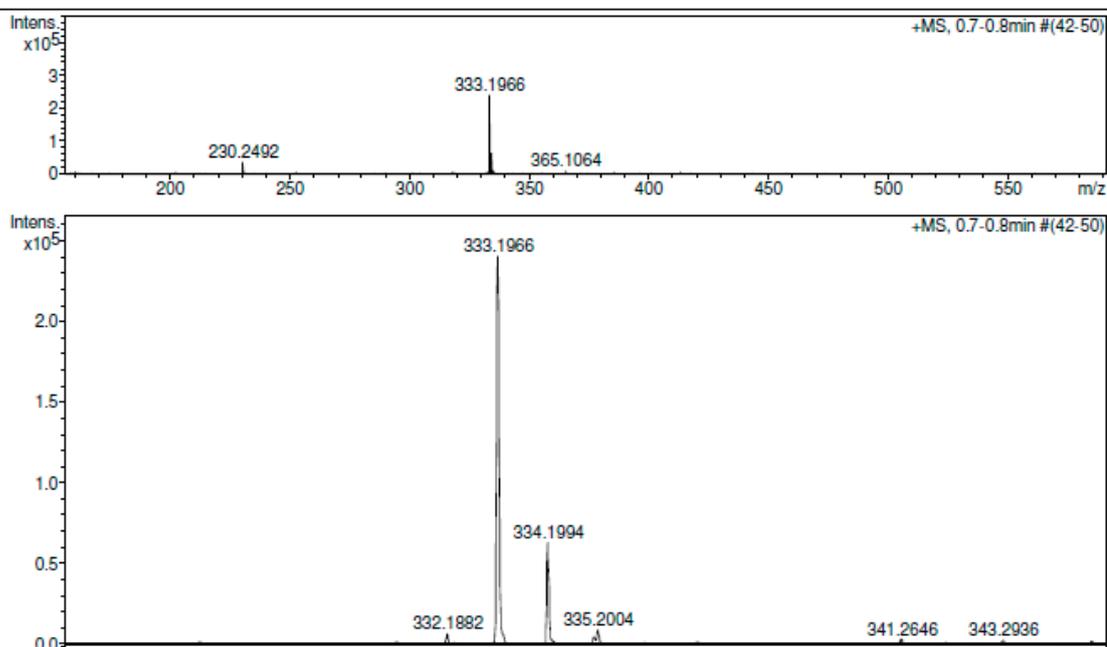


Figure S16. HRMS spectrum of compound **1e**.

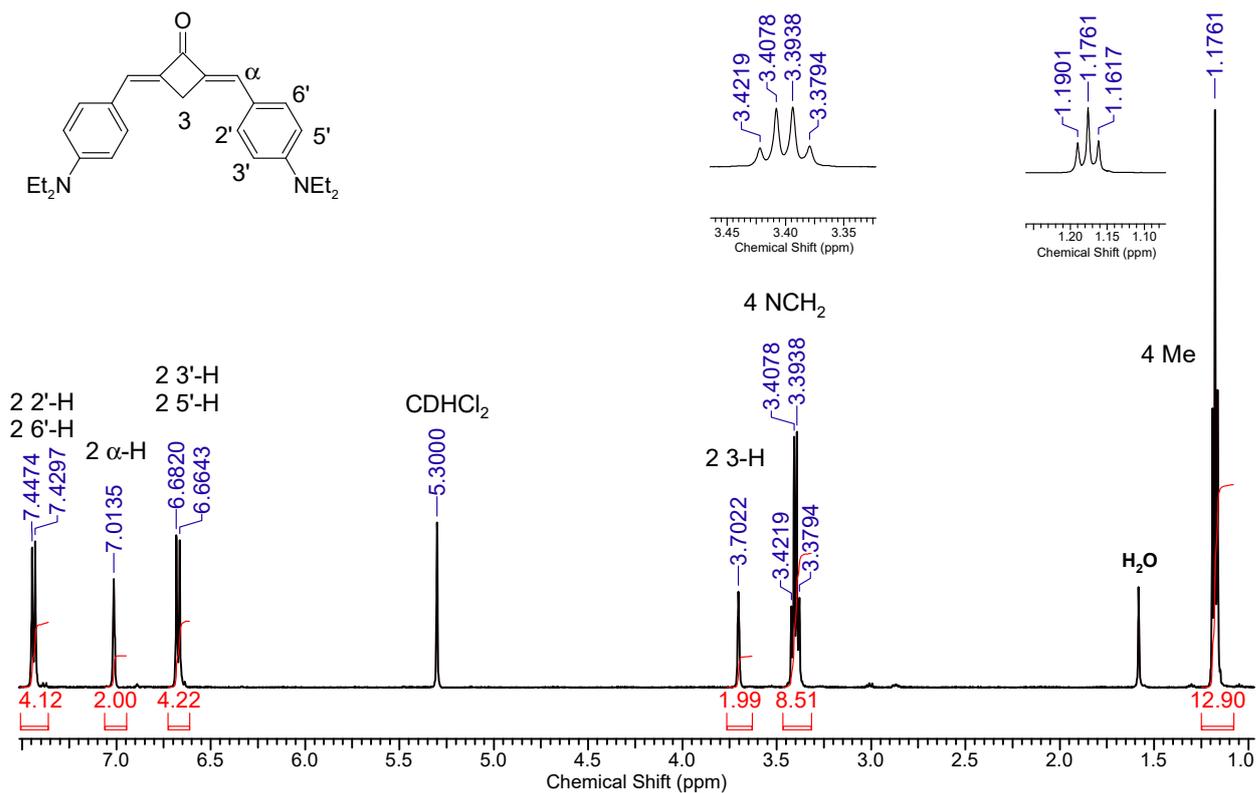


Figure S17. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **1f** in CD_2Cl_2 .

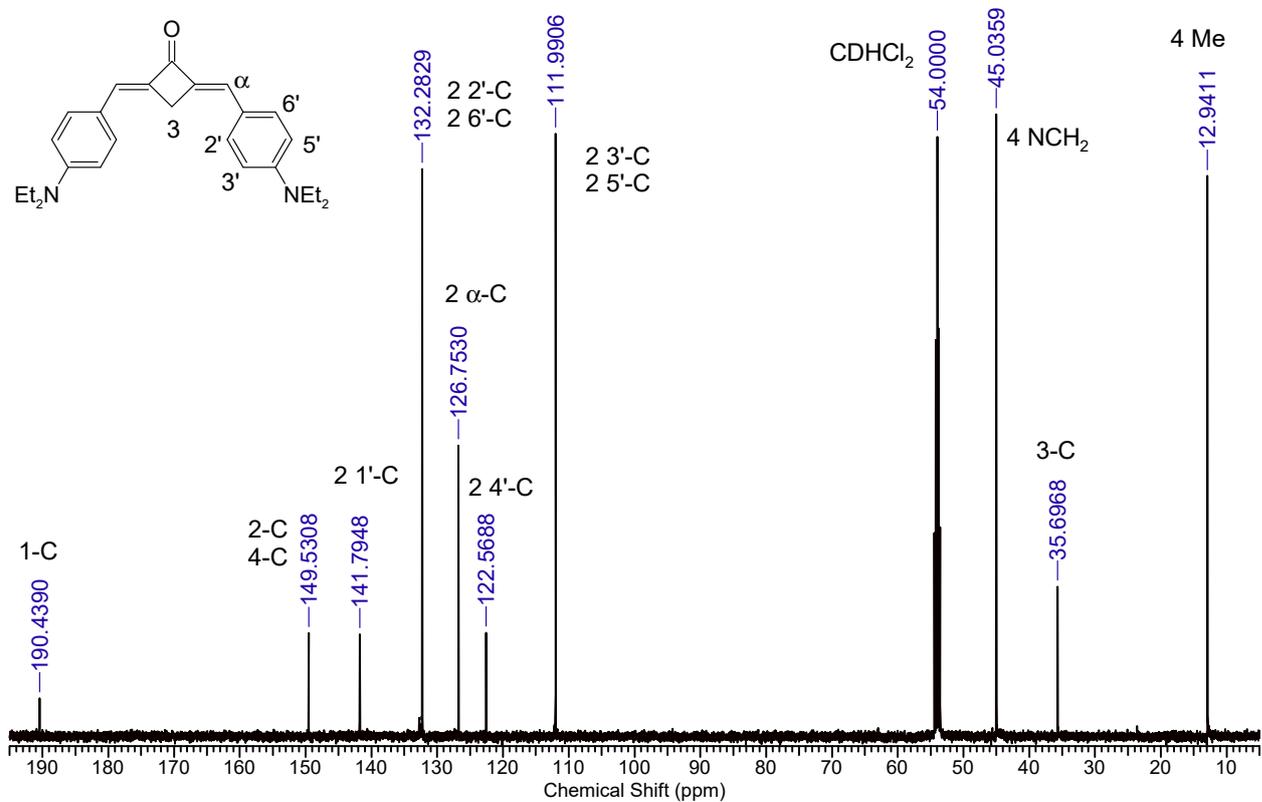


Figure S18. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **1f** in CD_2Cl_2 .

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Sample Name	/NGKO REM-13	Instrument / Ser#	microTOF 10248
Comment	C26H32N2O mH 389.2587 callbrant added		

Acquisition Parameter					
Source Type	ESI	Ion Polarity	Positive	Set Nebulizer	1.0 Bar
Focus	Not active			Set Dry Heater	200 °C
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Scan End	1600 m/z	Set End Plate Offset	-500 V	Set Divert Valve	Waste

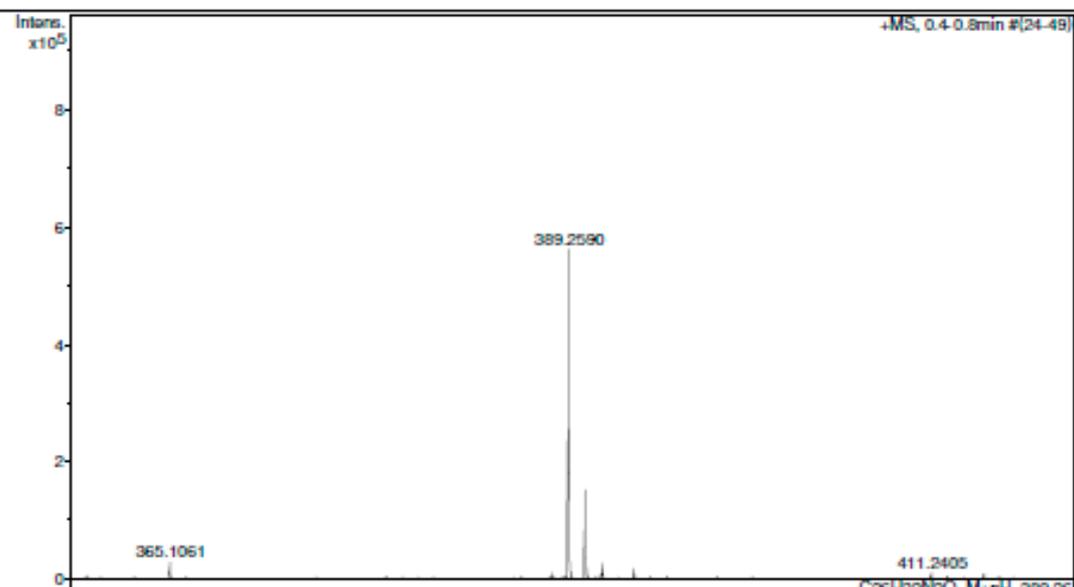


Figure S19. HRMS spectrum of compound 1f.

III Fluorescence spectra of compounds 1c-f (Figure S20)

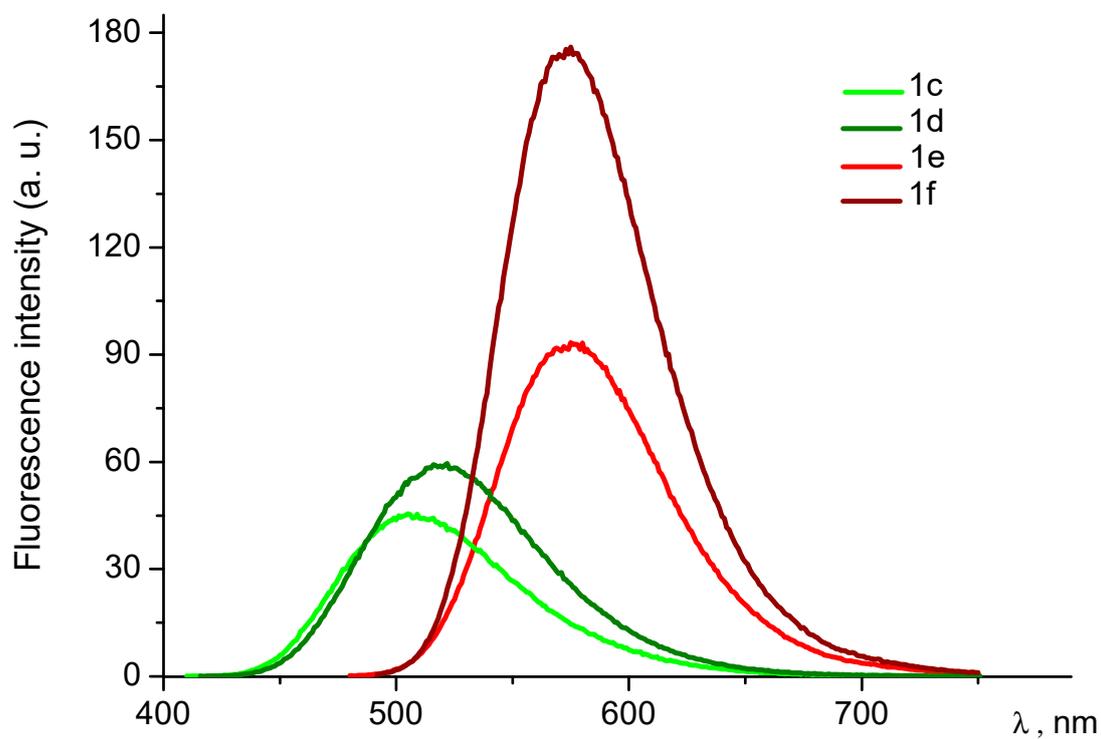
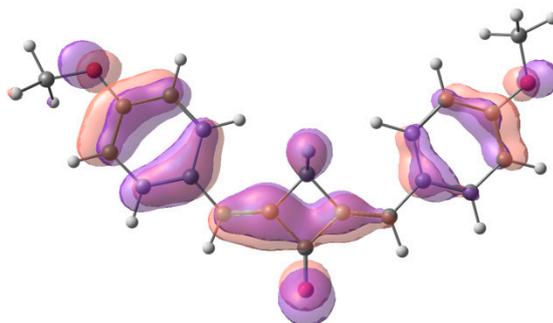
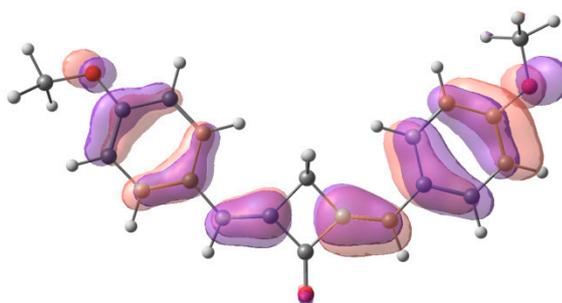


Figure S20. Fluorescence spectra of dienones **1c-f** ($C = 0.5 \times 10^{-6}$ M) in MeCN.

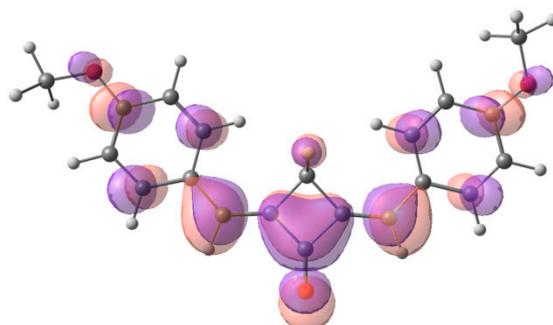
IV Quantum chemical calculations, orbitals involved in the first electron transition of compounds 1b-f (Figures S21-S25)



π orbital (HOMO-1) of compound **1b**

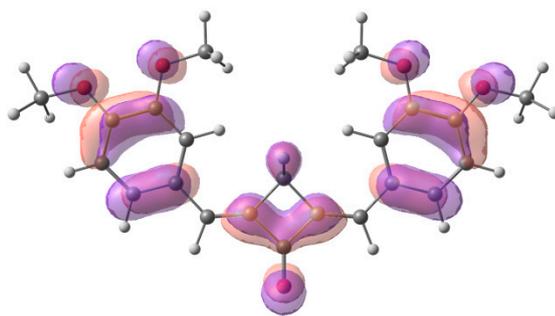


π orbital (HOMO) of compound **1b**

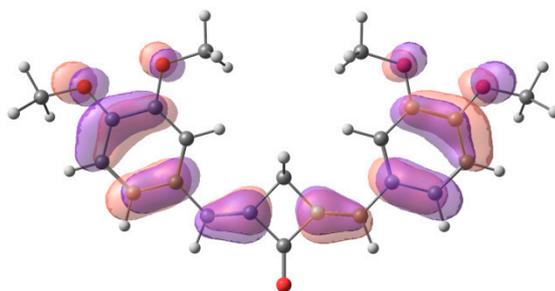


π^* orbital (LUMO) of compound **1b**

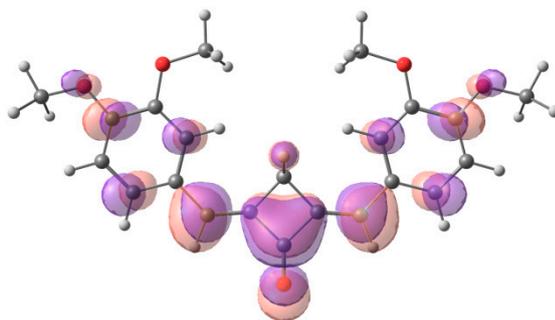
Figure S21. Orbitals involved in the first electron transition of compound **1b**.



π orbital (HOMO-1) of compound **1c**

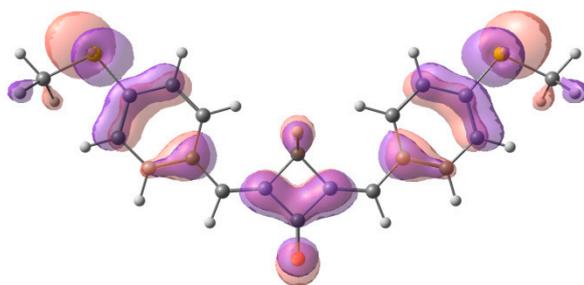


π orbital (HOMO) of compound **1c**

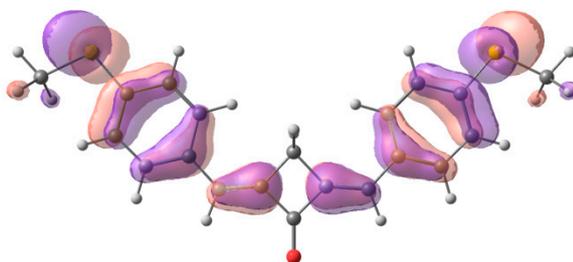


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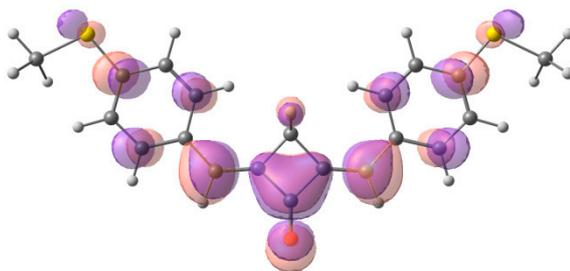
Figure S22. Orbitals involved in the first electron transition of compound **1c**.



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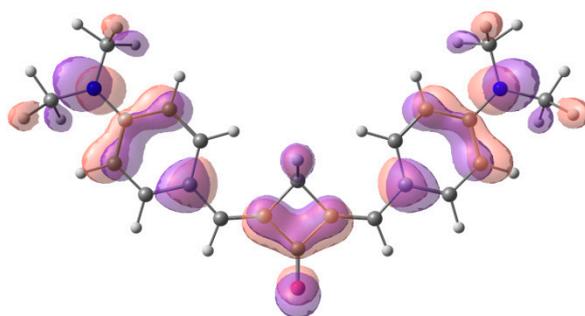


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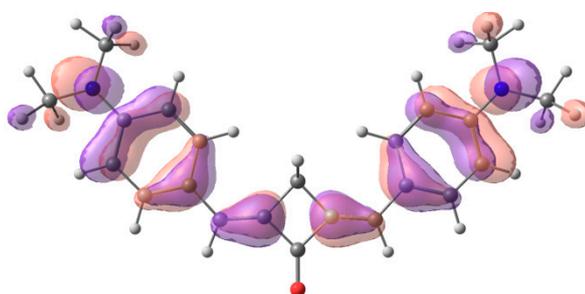


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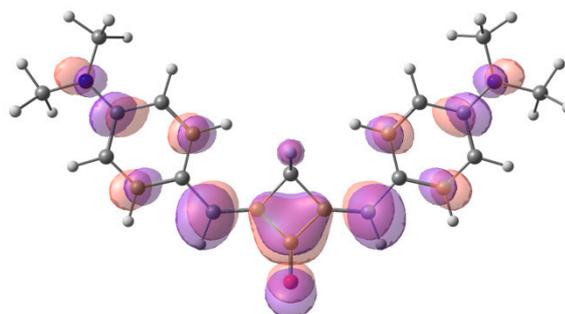
Figure S23. Orbitals involved in the first electron transition of compound **1d**.



π orbital (HOMO-1) of compound **1e**

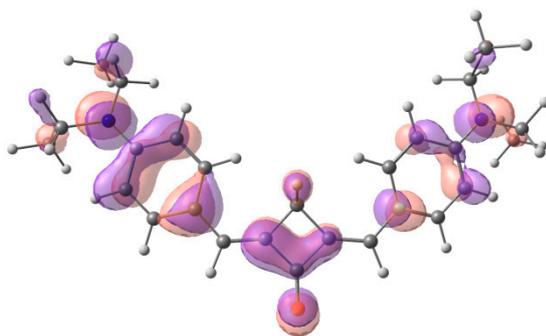


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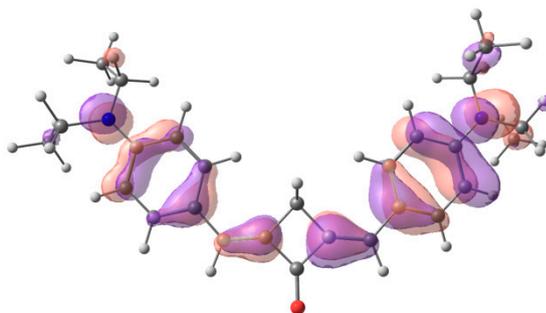


π^* orbital (LUMO) of compound **1e**

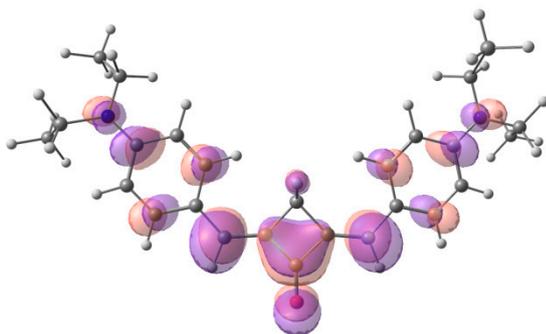
Figure S24. Orbitals involved in the first electron transition of compound **1e**.



π orbital (HOMO-1) of compound **1f**



π orbital (HOMO) of compound **1f**



π^* orbital (LUMO) of compound **1f**

Figure S25. Orbitals involved in the first electron transition of compound **1f**.

V Quantum chemical calculations, potential energy profiles of the ground S0 and lowest excited states of compounds 1a-f (Figures S26-S32)

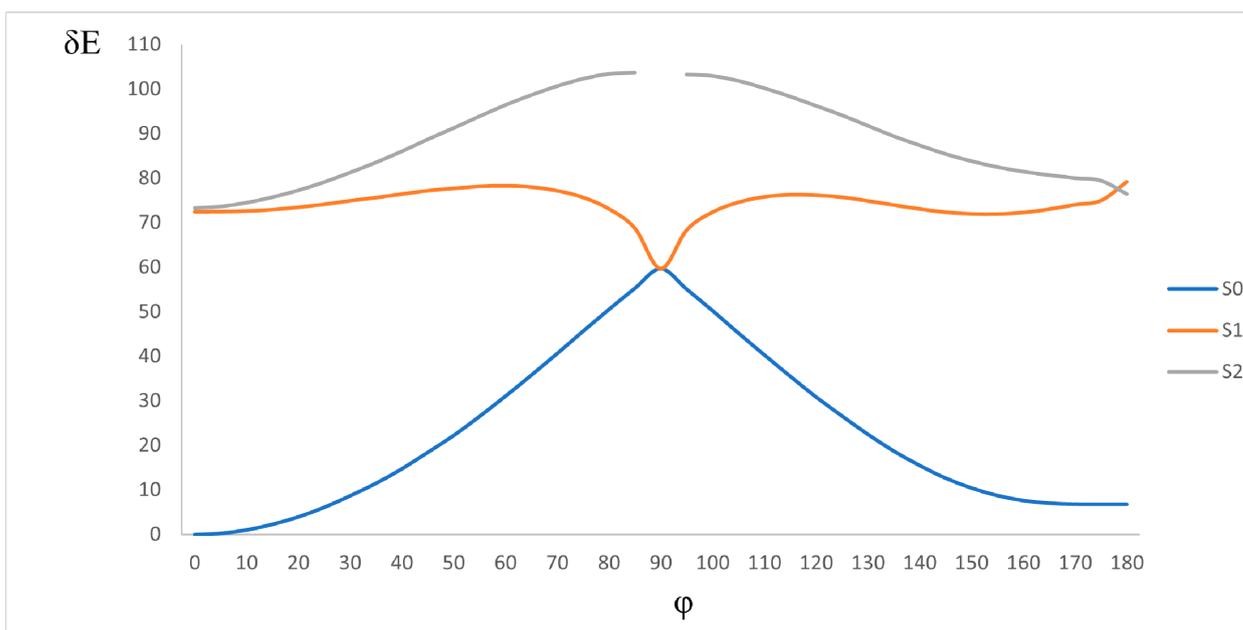


Figure S26. Potential energy profiles of compound 1a.

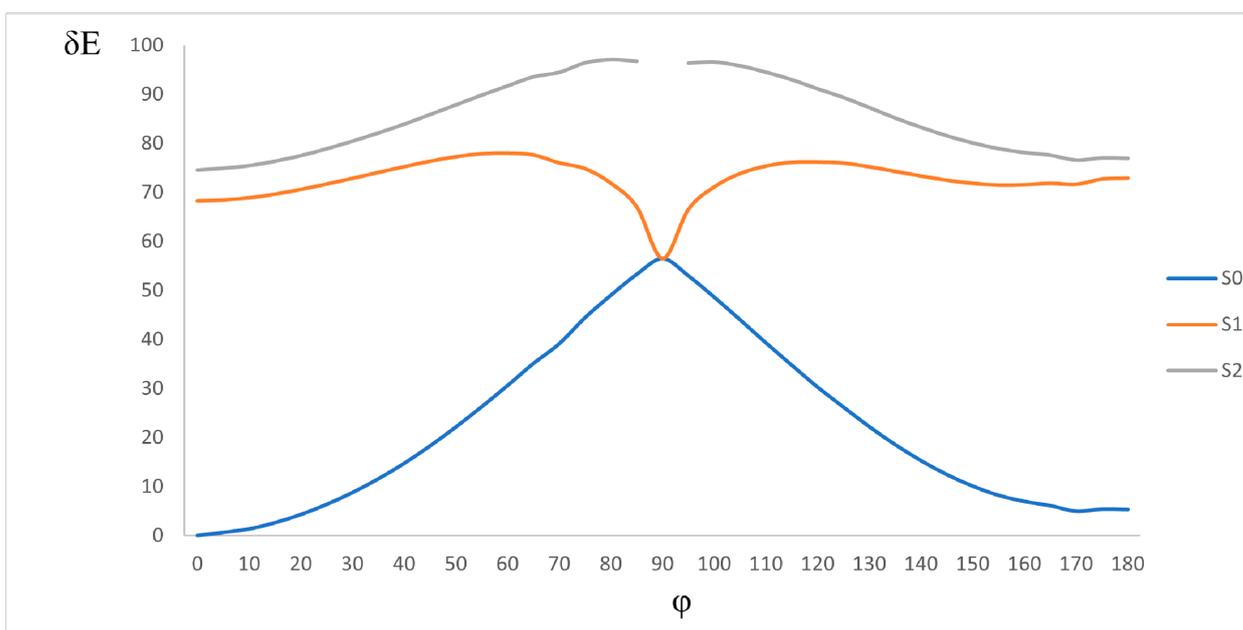


Figure S27. Potential energy profiles of compound 1b.

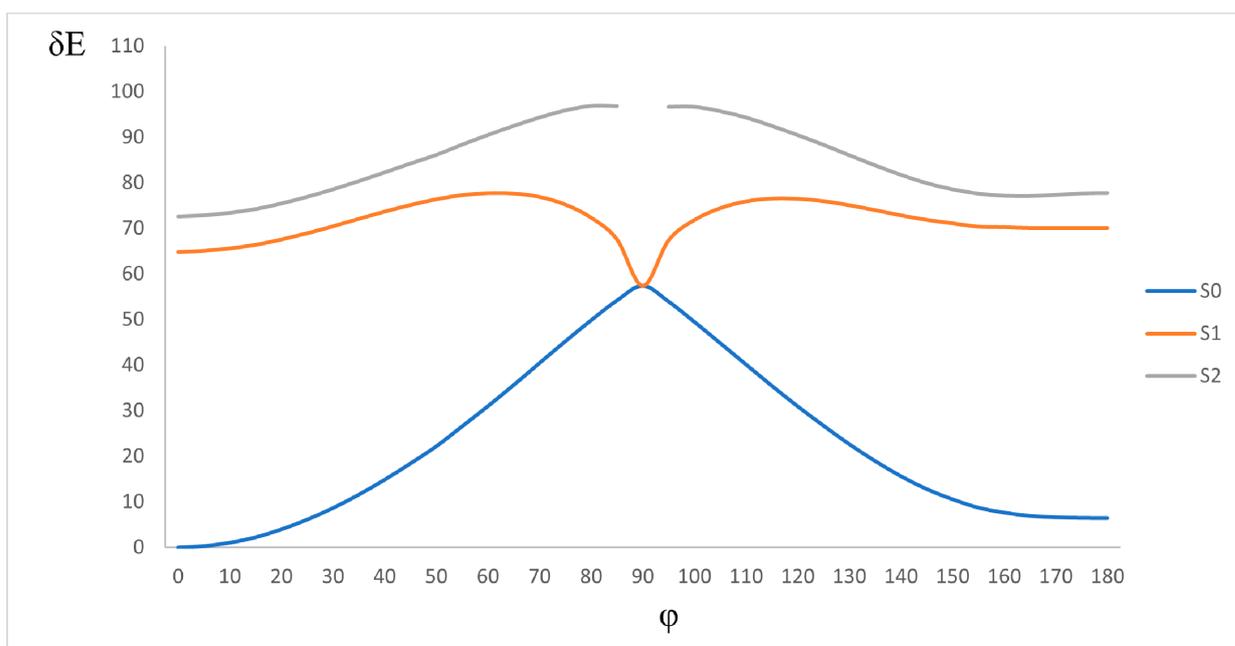


Figure S28. Potential energy profiles of compound **1c**.

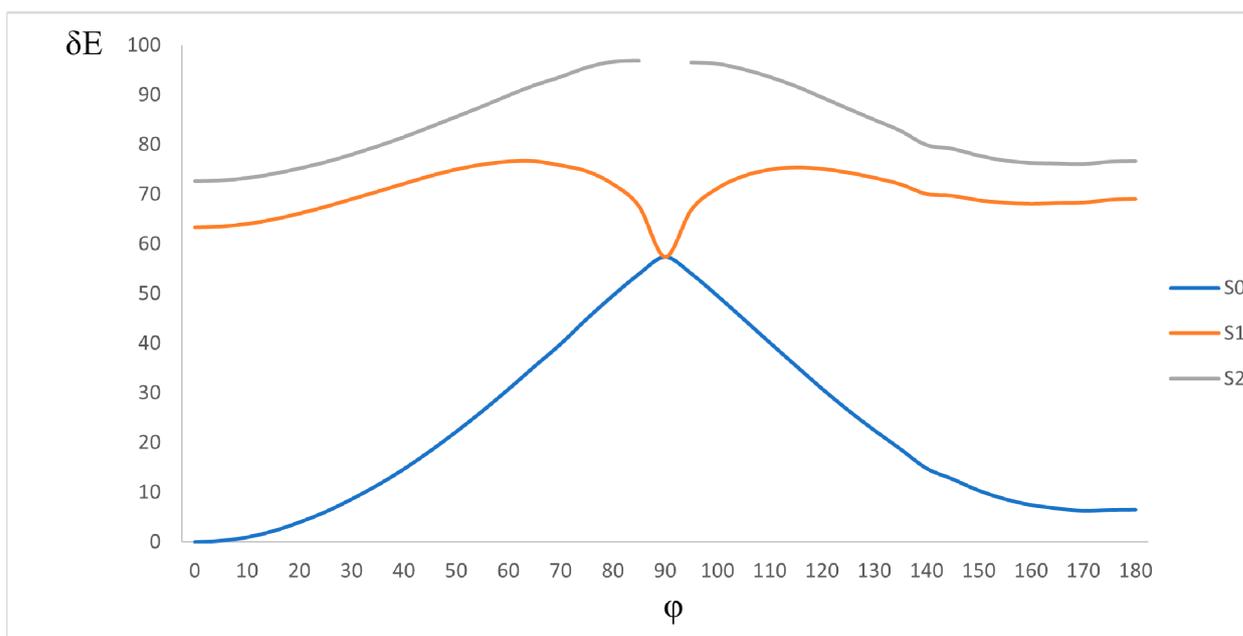


Figure S29. Potential energy profiles of compound **1d**.

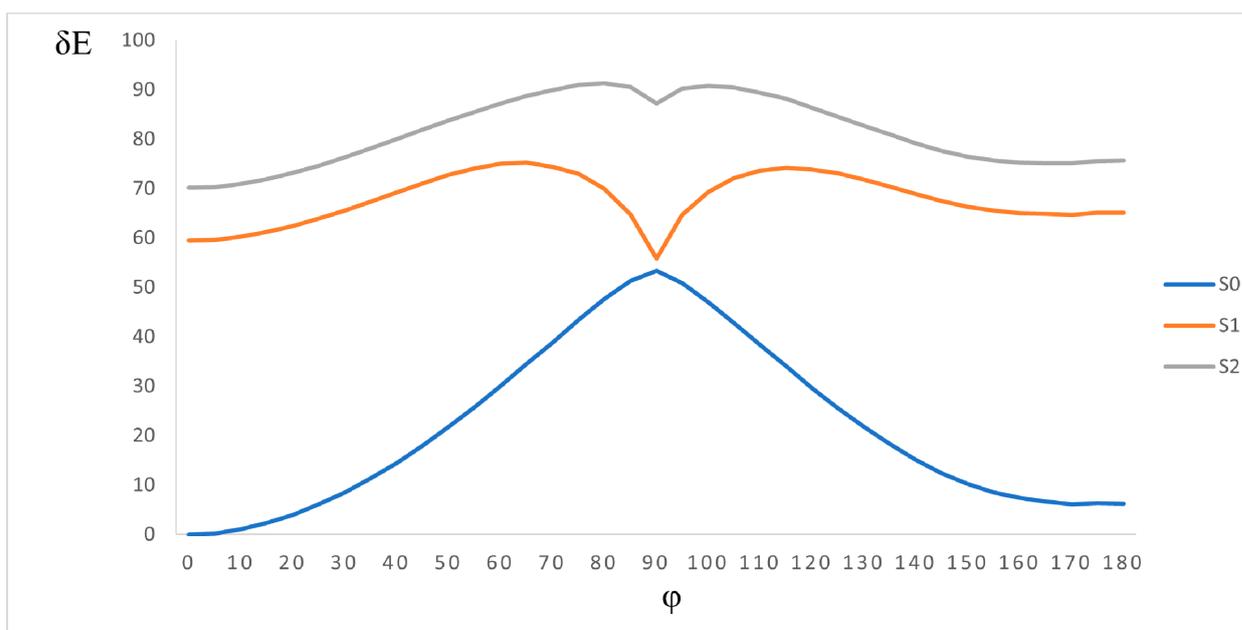


Figure S30. Potential energy profiles of compound 1e.

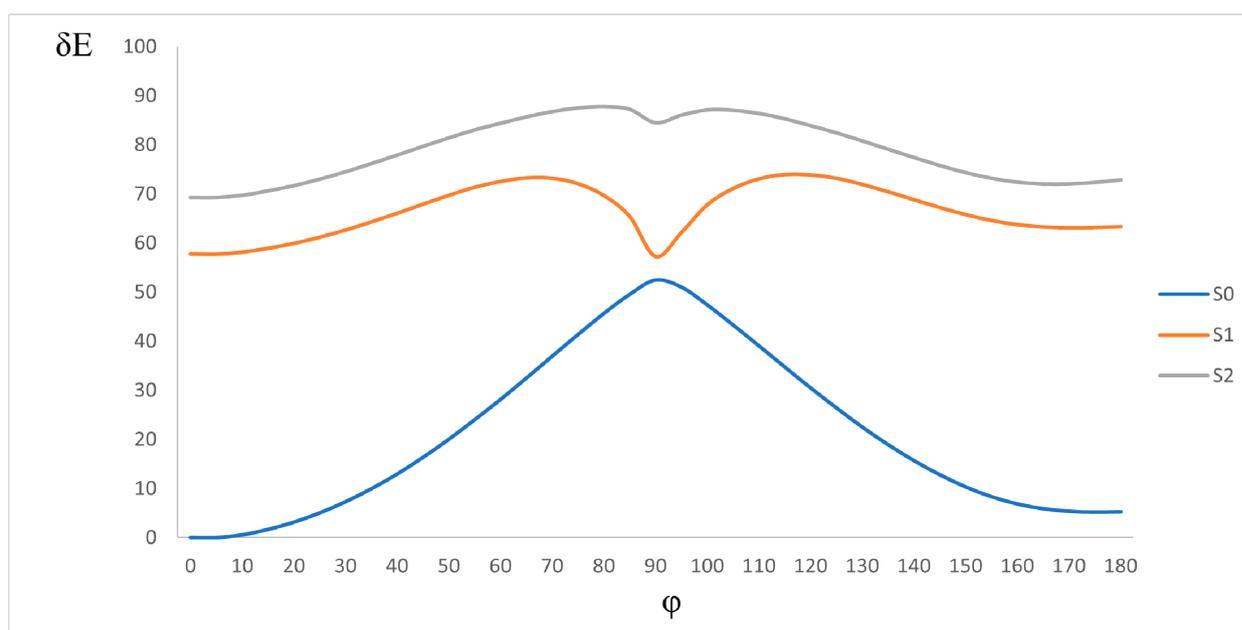


Figure S31. Potential energy profiles of compound 1f.

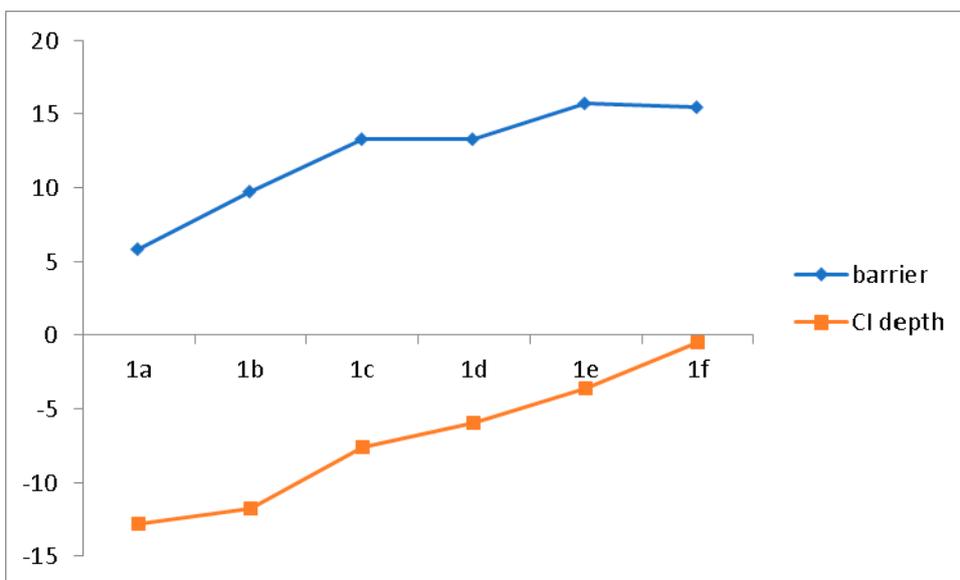


Figure S32. *E-Z* isomerization barrier height and CI depth in the series.

VI Correlations between the calculated frontier orbital energies, ionization potential and electron affinities, and experimental oxidation and reduction potentials (Figures S33-S35)

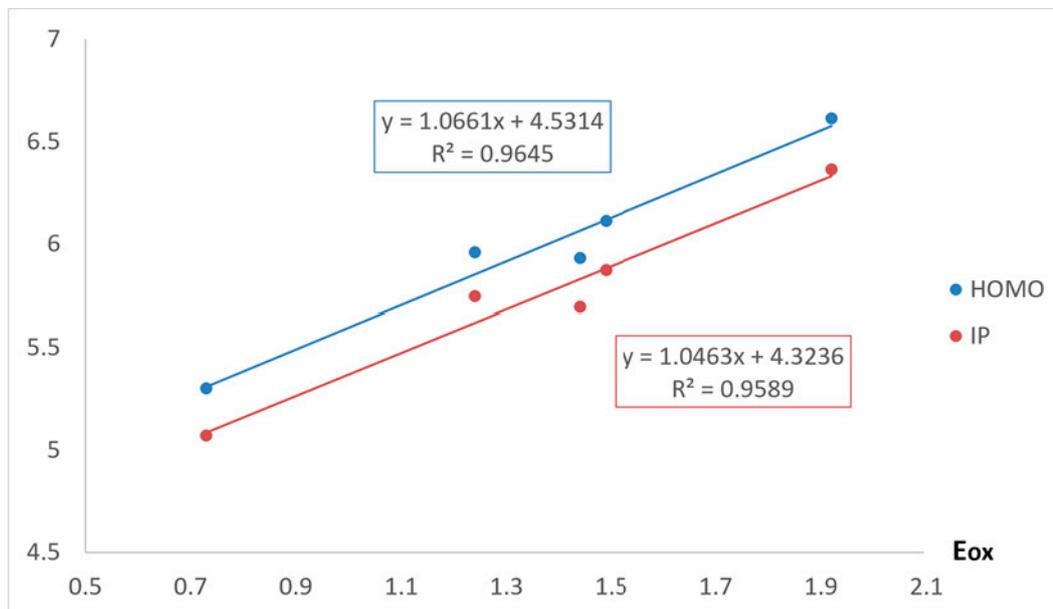


Figure S33. Correlations of HOMO, HOMO-1 energy, and calculated ionization potential with E_{ox} . Color of the frame with regression equation and correlation coefficient corresponds to the color of the trend line.

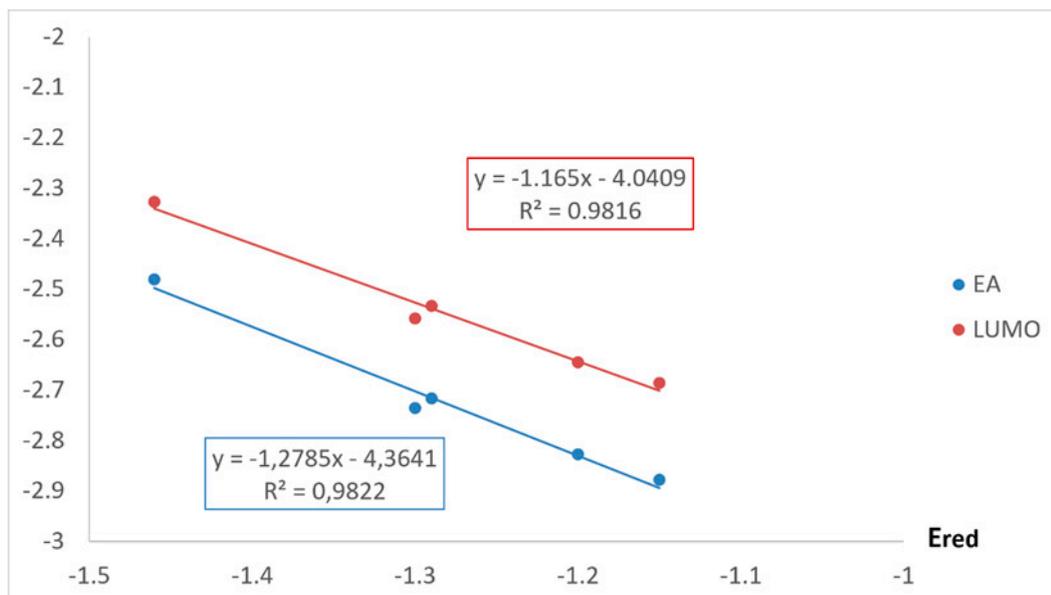


Figure S34. Correlations of LUMO energy and calculated electron affinity with E_{red} . Color of the frame with regression equation and correlation coefficient corresponds to the color of the trend line.

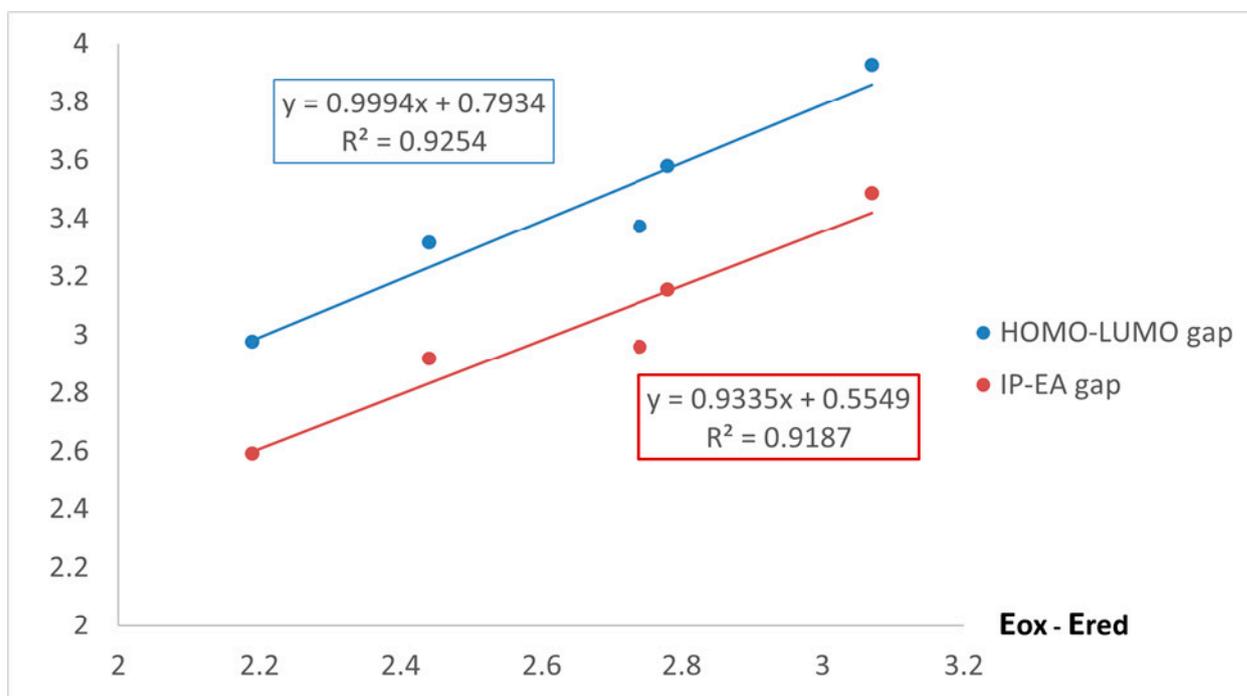


Figure S35. Correlations of the HOMO-LUMO gap and IP-EA difference with $E_{ox} - E_{red}$. Color of the frame with regression equation and correlation coefficient corresponds to the color of the trend line.