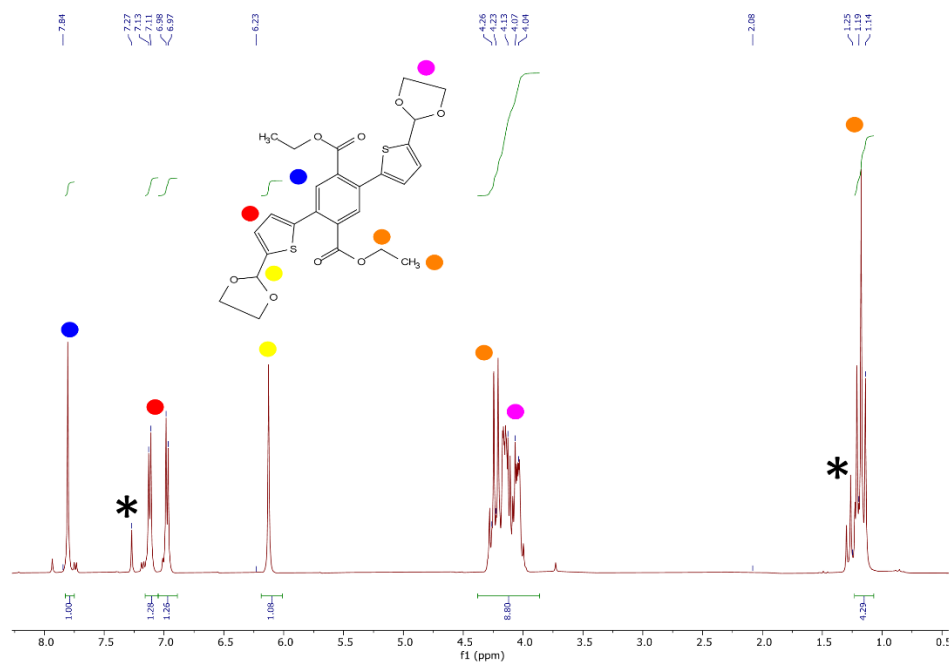


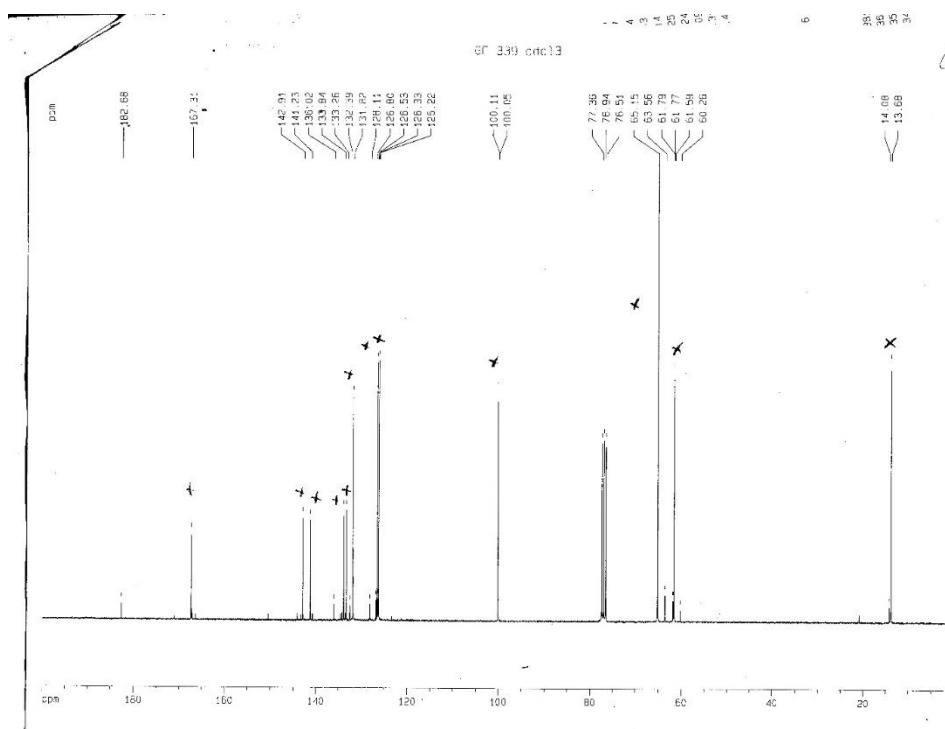
Supporting information for:

**A Sustainable Synthetic Approach to the Indaceno[1,2-b:5,6-b']dithiophene (IDT) Core through Cascade Cyclization–Deprotection Reactions**

**Giacomo Forti, Andrea Nitti, Gabriele Bianchi, Riccardo Po, and Dario Pasini\***

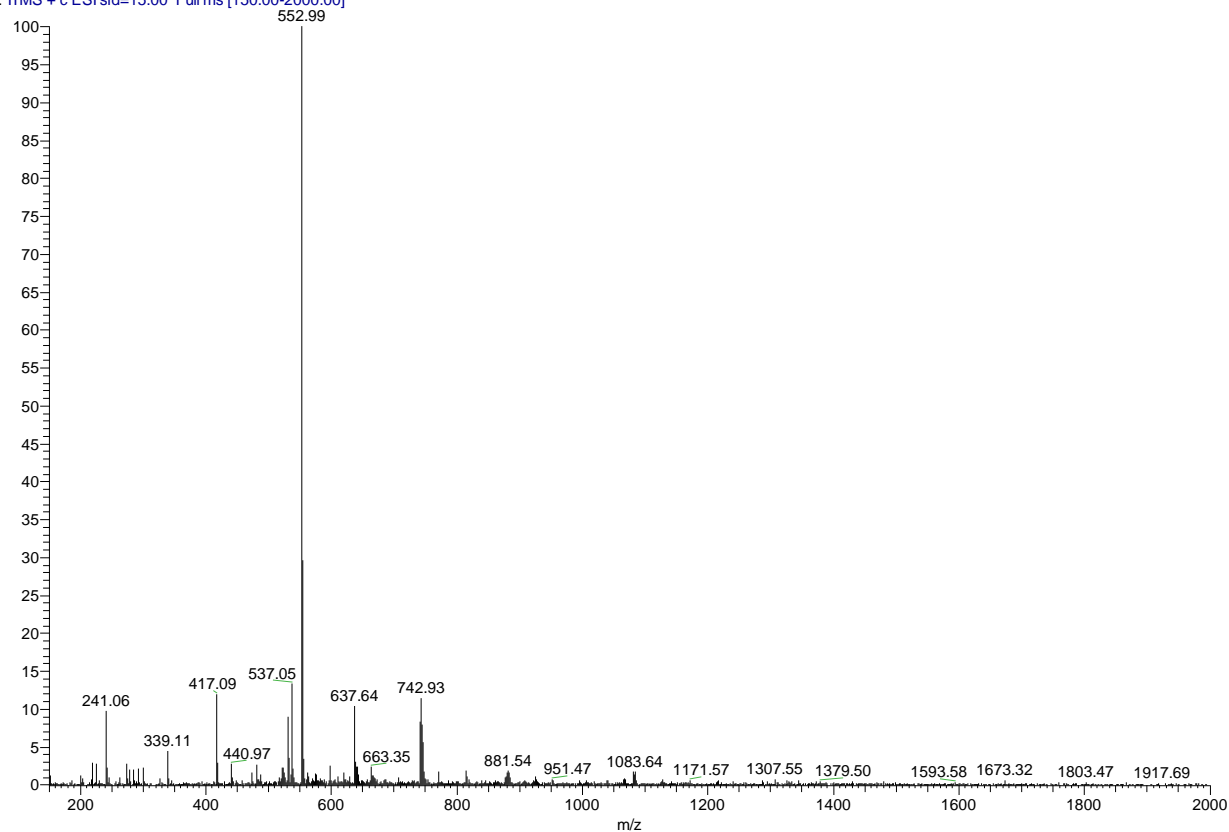


**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **1a**. The asterisks denote residual NMR or other solvent impurities.

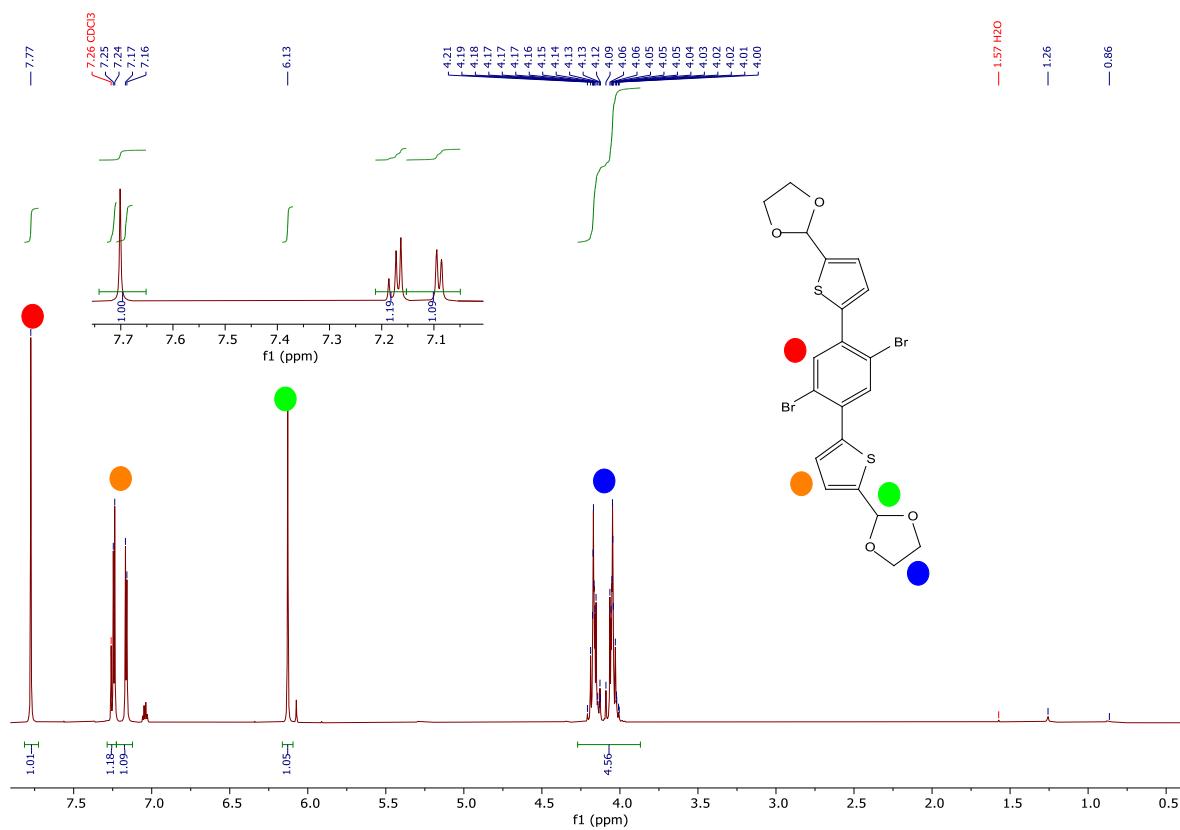


**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound **1a**.

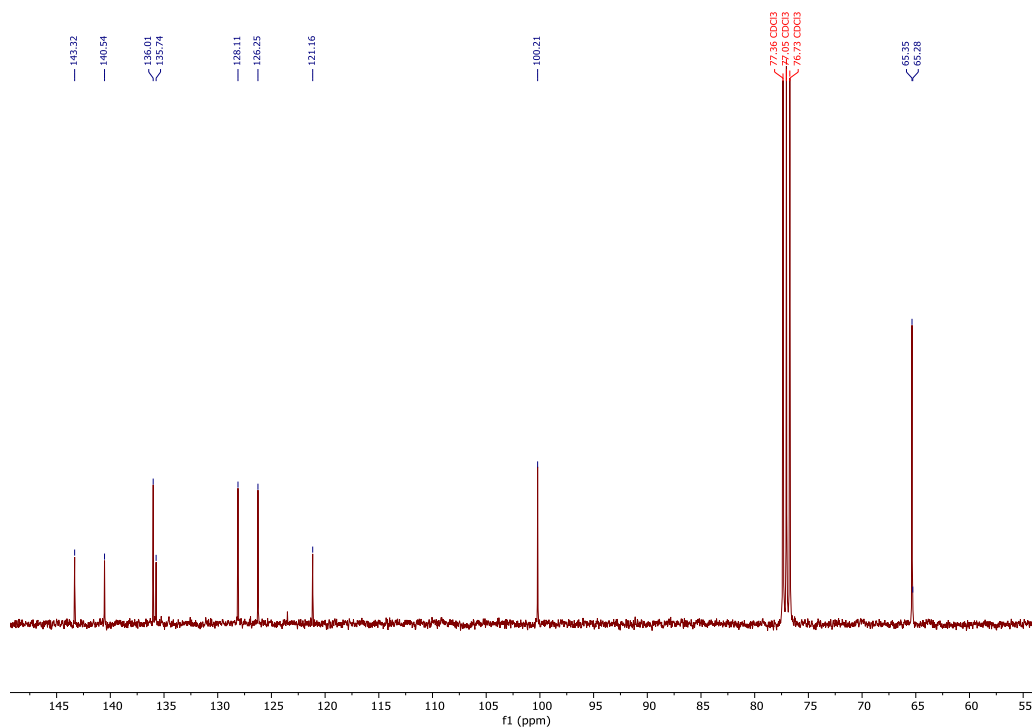
pasini07\_4 #1 RT: 0.00 AV: 1 NL: 2.68E4  
T: ITMS + c ESI sid=15.00 Full ms [150.00-2000.00]



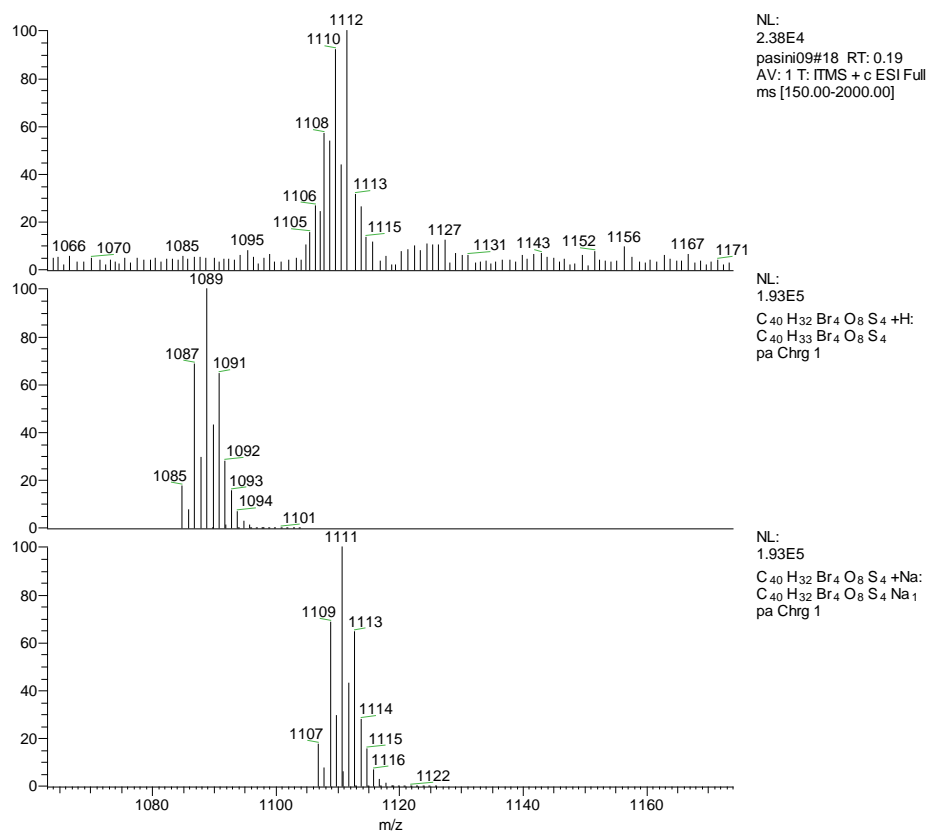
**Figure S3.** ESI-MS of compound **1a**.



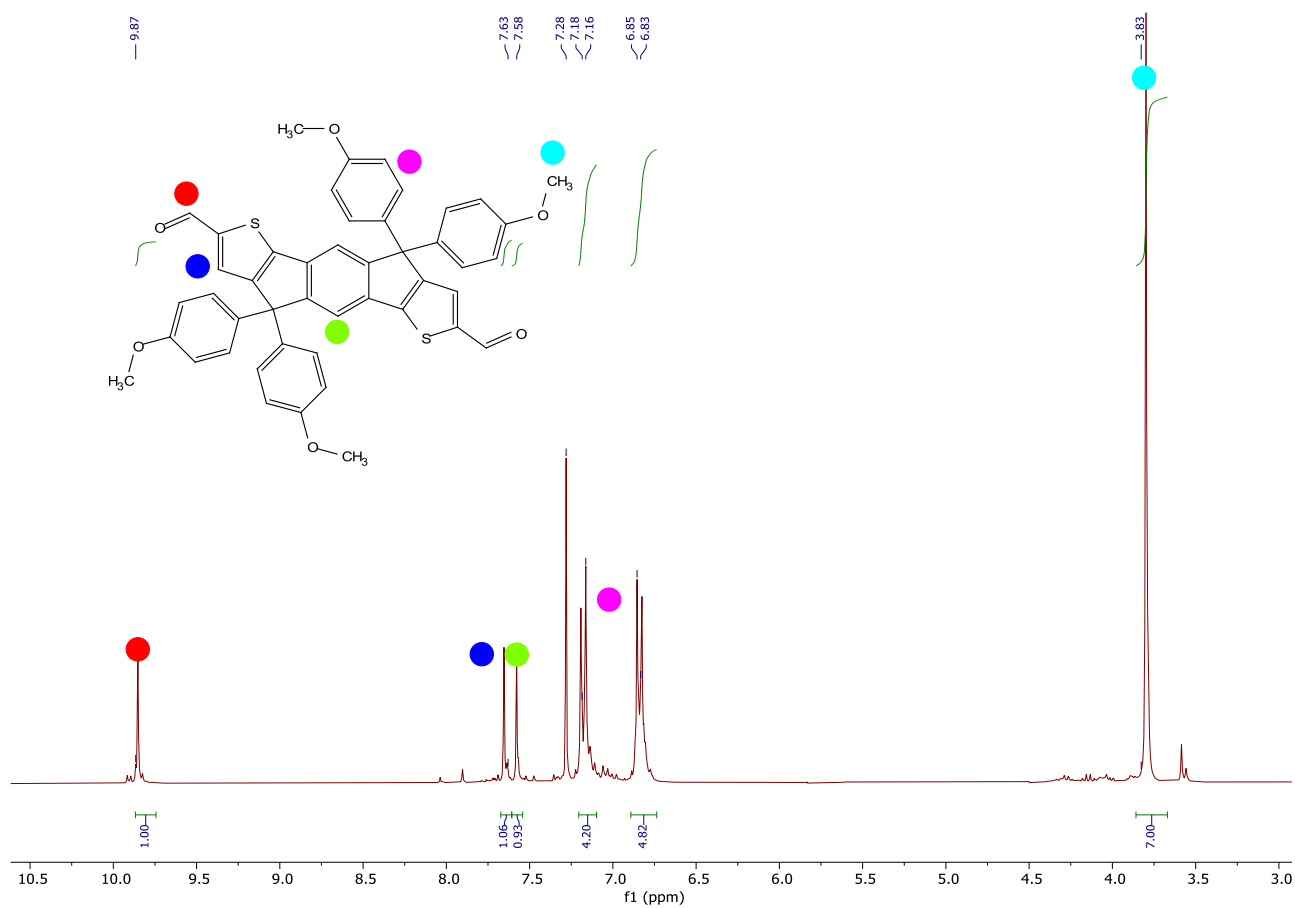
**Figure S4.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **1b**.



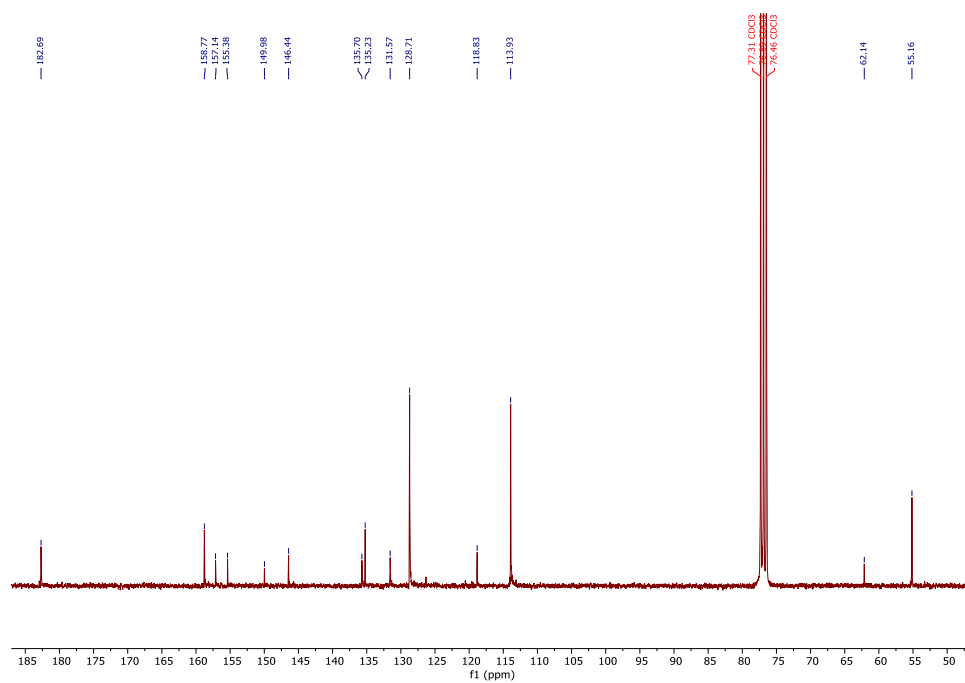
**Figure S5.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **1b**.



**Figure S6.** ESI-MS of compound **1b**.

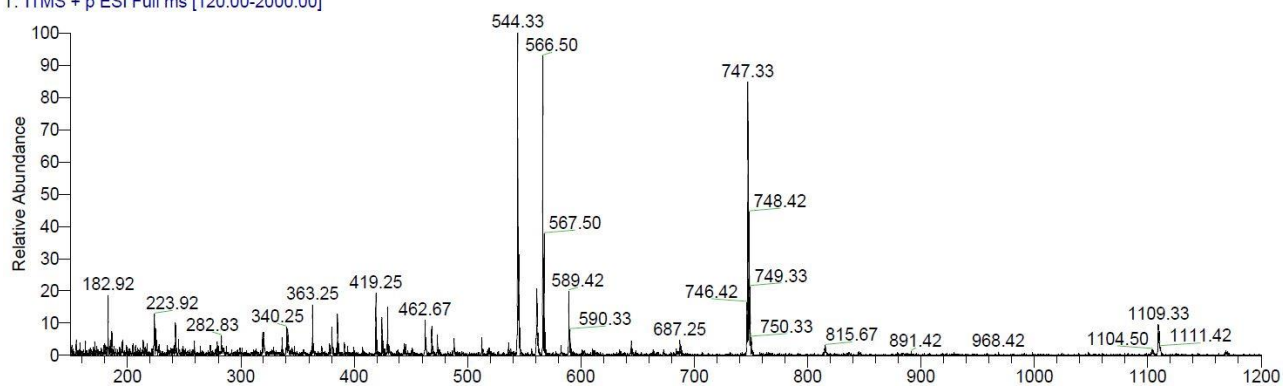


**Figure S7.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **2a**.

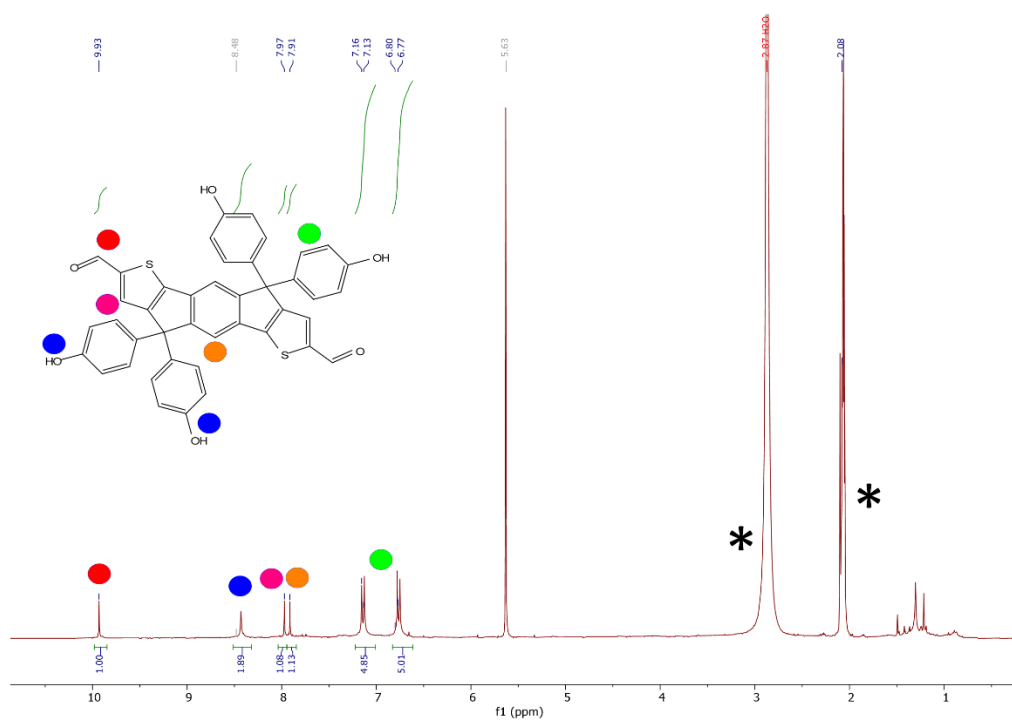


**Figure S8.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **2a**.

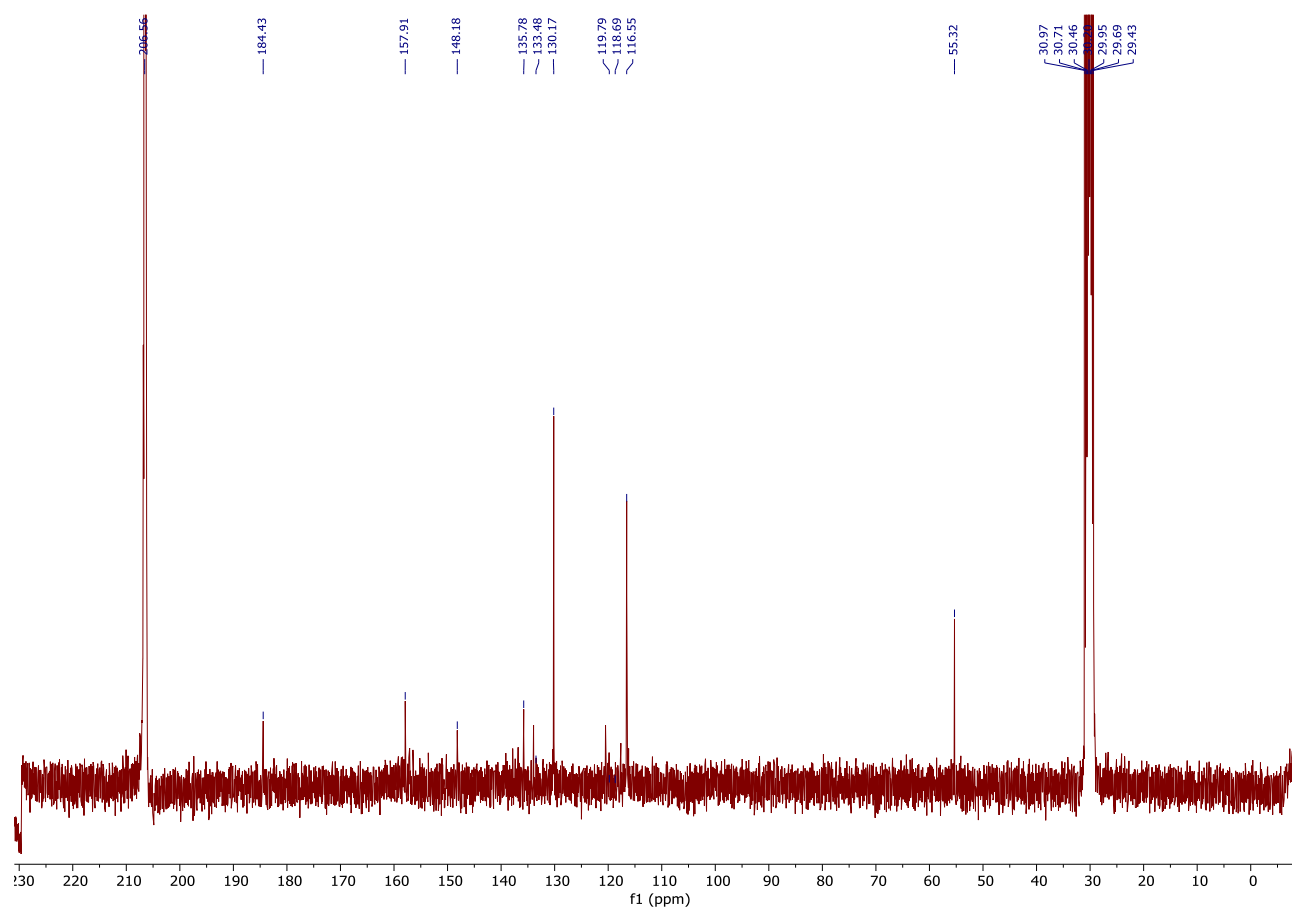
PAS\_747 #1095 RT: 10.60 AV: 1 NL: 1.29E4  
T: ITMS + p ESI Full ms [120.00-2000.00]



**Figure S9.** ESI-MS of compound **2a**.



**Figure S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz, acetone- $\text{d}_6$ ) of compound **3a**. The asterisks denote residual NMR or other solvent impurities.



**Figure S11.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, acetone-d<sub>6</sub>) of compound **3a**.

**Table S1.** Calculation of E factor for molecule **1a**.

	Amount (g)	Waste (g)
<i>diethyl 2,5-dibromoterephthalate</i>	1	-
<i>(5-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)thiophen-2-yl)zinc(II) chloride</i>	1.5	-
<i>Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub></i>	0.122	0.122
<i>NaHCO<sub>3</sub></i>	20	20
<i>Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub></i>	5	5
<i>Silica gel</i>	20	20
<i>Total</i>	47.66	45.122

Total waste = 45.122 g; Compound obtained = 1.46 g

**E factor = 30.90**

**Table S2.** Calculation of E factor for molecule **2a**.

	Amount (g)	Waste (g)
<b>1a</b>	0.246	0.178
<i>(4-methoxyphenyl) magnesium bromide</i>	0.432	0.311
<i>NaHCO<sub>3</sub></i>	2.5	2.5
<i>Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub></i>	2	2
<i>AcOH</i>	5.25	5.25
<i>H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub></i>	1	1
<i>Silica gel</i>	5	5
<i>Total</i>	16.36	16.239

Total waste = 16.239 g; Compound obtained = 0.095 g

**E factor = 170.93**



**Table S3.** Calculation of E factor for reported **IDT** precursor.

	Amount (g)	Waste (g)
<i>diethyl 2,5-dibromoterephthalate</i>	4.48	1.21
<i>2-Bromothiophene</i>	1.66	0.44
<i>Mg °</i>	0.702	0.702
<i>Zinc chloride</i>	3.91	3.91
<i>Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub></i>	0.266	0.266
<i>Celite</i>	20	20
<i>Mg<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub></i>	10	10
<i>Silica gel</i>	80	80
<i>Total</i>	121.02	116.53

Total waste = 116.53 g; Compound obtained = 3.3 g

**E factor = 35.31**

**Table S4.** Calculation of E factor for reported **IDT** core (4-hexylaryl substituents).

	Amount (g)	Waste (g)
<i>diethyl 2,5-di(thiophen-2-yl)terephthalate</i>	1	0.350
<i>4-bromotoluene</i>	2.64	0.92
<i>Mg °</i>	0.378	0.378
<i>Mg<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub></i>	5	5
<i>AcOH</i>	100	100
<i>H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub></i>	2	2
<i>Silica</i>	40	40
<i>Total</i>	151.02	148.65

Total waste = 148.65 g; Compound obtained = 1.05 g

**E factor = 141.57**

**Table S5.** Calculation of E factor for the IDT dialdehyde core (hexyl substituents).

	<i>Amount (g)</i>	<i>Waste (g)</i>
<b><i>IDT</i></b>	0.768	0.261
<b><i>n-BuLi</i></b>	0.646	0.646
<b><i>THF</i></b>	163	163
<b><i>DMF</i></b>	0.257	0.090
<b><i>Brine</i></b>	20	20
<b><i>Silica gel</i></b>	20	20
<b><i>Total</i></b>	204.4	204

Total waste = 204.4 g; Compound obtained = 0.530 g

$$\text{E factor} = 385.66$$

**Table S6.** E-factor comparison.

<i>Molecule</i>	<i>E-Factor tot</i>
<b>2a</b>	201.83
IDT core dialdehyde	562.54