

### **Supporting Information**

for

# Organic thermally activated delayed fluorescence material with strained benzoguanidine donor

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Varied temperature <sup>1</sup>H NMR (700 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) spectra of **4BGIPN** between 20 and 120 °C.



 $^{13}$ C NMR (DCM- $d_2$ ) spectrum of **4BGIPN** 



Full High-Resolution Mass Spectrometry (HRMS).



HRMS Thermo Executive Plus EMR Orbitrab HESI POS and NEG.



**Figure S1.** Thermogravimetric analysis (top) and differential scanning colourimetry (bottom, glass transition temperature is in the range 237–260 °C) for isomer mixture of compound **4BGIPN**.



**Figure S2.** An overlay of the X-ray crystal structure and optimised S<sub>0</sub> geometry of compound





 $f1 = 4,32 \cdot 10^{-9} \int \varepsilon(\bar{v}) d(\bar{v}) = 4,32 \cdot 10^{-9} \cdot 2.1 \cdot 10^7 (Peak8) = 0.091$  while f2 = 0.034 based on peak 9. The values are close similar with the theoretically calculated values f1 = 0.091 while f2 = 0.019.



**Figure S4.** Excitation and emission spectra for **4BGIPN** in frozen MCH glass at 77 K (top); Zeonex 0.1 wt % films at 295 K (middle) and 77 K (bottom) with emission and excitation wavelengths in legend.

#### Photophysical characterisation.

UV-visible absorption spectra were recorded using a Varian Cary 5000 UV-Vis-NIR spectrometer. Photoluminescence measurements were recorded on an Edinburgh Instruments FLS-1000 spectrometer with a solids mount attachment where appropriate. Absolute photoluminescence quantum yields were recorded using Hamamatsu Quantaurus-QY C11347-11. Quantum yields have been measured in air for solid samples and under nitrogen for solutions. Time resolved luminescence data were collected on a time-correlated single photon counting (TCSPC) Edinburgh Instruments FLS-1000 spectrometer using F-900 software. A xenon flash lamp and EPL pulsed diode lasers were used as excitation sources. The collected data were analysed using F-900 software.

#### Computational details.

	НОМО	LUMO
(crystal) Overlap integral: 0.27		
(opt) Overlap integral: 0.29		

Table S1. HOMO and LUMO molecular orbitals in crystal and optimized S<sub>0</sub> geometry.

	$S_0$	$S_1$
(crystal)		
(opt)		
	6.4D	7.2D

**Tables S2.** Dipole moments in  $S_0$  and  $S_1$  states in crystal and optimized  $S_0$  geometry.

**Table S3.** Vertical excitations  $S_0 \rightarrow S_n$  and  $S_0 \rightarrow T_n$ , character and oscillator strength coefficients for  $S_0 \rightarrow S_n$  in crystal and optimized  $S_0$  geometry.

	Excitation energy	Character	Oscillator strength
	$S_1: 3.11 eV = 399 nm$	HOMO – LUMO (92%)	0.0773
(crystal)	$S_2: 3.28 eV = 378 nm$	HOMO-1 – LUMO (83%)	0.0341
	$S_3: 3.42eV = 363nm$	HOMO-2 – LUMO (59%)	0.0131
	$T_1: 2.94 eV = 422 nm$	HOMO – LUMO (71%)	
	$T_2: 3.09 eV = 402 nm$	HOMO-2 – LUMO (19%)	
		HOMO-1 – LUMO (19%)	
	$T_3: 3.13 eV = 396 nm$	HOMO-2 – LUMO (47%)	
(opt)	$S_1: 3.19eV = 388nm$	HOMO – LUMO (78%)	0.0906
	$S_2: 3.28 eV = 378 nm$	HOMO-1 – LUMO (78%)	0.0190
	$S_3: 3.42eV = 363nm$	HOMO-2 – LUMO (81%)	0.0408
	$T_1: 2.99eV = 415nm$	HOMO – LUMO (46%)	
		HOMO-1 – LUMO (18%)	
	$T_2: 3.05 eV = 406 nm$	HOMO – LUMO (35%)	
		HOMO-3 – LUMO (19%)	
		HOMO – LUMO+1 (16%)	
	$T_3: 3.18 eV = 389 nm$	HOMO-1 – LUMO (50%)	
		HOMO – LUMO+1 (31%)	

**Table S4.** HONTO and LUNTO molecular orbitals of the excited states in crystal and optimized  $S_0$  geometry.

		HONTO	LUNTO
(crystal)	S <sub>1</sub>		
	<b>S</b> <sub>2</sub>		
	S <sub>3</sub>		
	T <sub>1</sub>		

	T <sub>2</sub>	
	T3	
(opt)	<b>S</b> 1	
	<b>S</b> <sub>2</sub>	
	<b>S</b> <sub>3</sub>	



Coordinates for compound 4BGIPN in the ground state  $S_0$  geometry (crystal geometry).

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10.55200000	13.38100000	7.44200000
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7.74300000	9.98600000	7.53600000
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13.24800000	13.72600000	8.36300000
8.97500000	14.65100000	8.38400000
11.54000000	14.19500000	10.08800000
15.93700000	10.16600000	5.55500000
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## Coordinates for compound 4BGIPN in the ground state $\mathbf{S}_0$ geometry (optimized geometry).

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