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Polymer solar cells based on a furan-containing asymmetric nonfullerene acceptor

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1. Synthesis and NMR spectra

1.1 Materials

Piperidine, potassium phosphate tribasic (K₃PO₄), and tri-*tert*-butylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (P(*t*-Bu)₃·HBF₄) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (Gyonggi-do, Korea). Chloroform and tetrahydrofuran (THF) were purchased from Alfa Aesar (Seoul, Korea). 5-Bromo-2-furaldehyde and tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium(0) (Pd₂(dba)₃) were purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry (Tokyo, Japan). PTB7-Th was purchased from 1 Materials (Dorval, Canada). THF was distilled from sodium and benzophenone under an N₂ atmosphere before use.

1.2. Synthesis

The syntheses of octylrhodanine (ORH) and B-T-ORH were described in our previous literatures. S1,S2 Br-F-ORH and **TF-ORH** were synthesized *via* Knoevenagel condensation and Suzuki coupling reaction, respectively.

1.2.1. Synthesis of Br-F-ORH.

$$Br \stackrel{\circ}{\longleftrightarrow} 0 + \stackrel{\circ}{\longleftrightarrow} \stackrel{\circ}{\longleftrightarrow} 0 + \stackrel{\circ}{\longleftrightarrow} \stackrel{\circ}{\longleftrightarrow} 0 + \stackrel{\circ}{\longleftrightarrow} 0$$

5-Bromo-2-furaldehyde (0.84 g, 4.8 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous chloroform (30 mL), and a few drops of piperidine and ORH (2.94 g, 12.0 mmol) were added. After refluxed and stirred for 5 minute under an N_2 atmosphere, the reaction mixture was extracted with dichloromethane, washed with water, and dried over MgSO₄. After purification by column chromatography (dichloromethane:hexane = 1:1), the compound Br-F-ORH was obtained as a yellow solid (1.39 g, 72% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.35 (s, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 3.6, 1H), 4.09 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.27 (m, 10H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H).

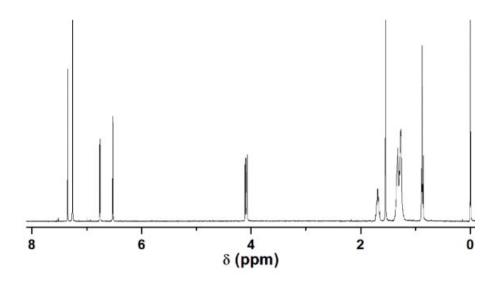


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of the Br-F-ORH.

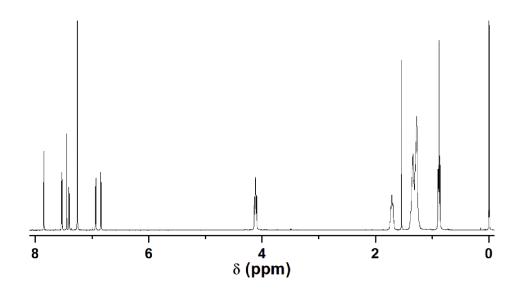
1.2.2. Synthesis of TF-ORH.

Degassed H₂O solution of K₃PO₄ (1 M, 7.2 mL) was added to 30 mL of THF solution of Br-F-ORH (0.95 g, 2.36 mmol), B-T-ORH (1.10 g, 2.36 mmol), P(t-Bu)₃·HBF₄ (0.041 g, 0.14 mmol), and Pd₂(dba)₃ (0.065 g, 0.07 mmol). After refluxed and stirred for 4 h under an N₂ atmosphere, the reaction mixture was extracted with dichloromethane, washed with water, and dried over MgSO₄. After recrystallized by methanol and purified by column chromatography (chloroform:hexane = 5:1), the final product of **TF-ORH** was obtained as a purple solid (0.25 g, 16% yield).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.85 (d, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 4.0, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H) 6.84 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (m, 4H), 1.71 (m, 4H), 1.27 (m, 20H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 193.99, 191.88, 167.64, 167.62, 152.39, 150.57, 138.88, 138.36, 134.94, 126.66, 124.38, 122.44, 122.11, 121.05, 116.85, 111.39, 45.18, 44.97, 31.99, 29.35, 27.24, 27.20, 27.00, 22.85, 14.31.

Anal. Calc. for C₃₂H₄₀N₂O₃S₅: C, 58.15; H, 6.10; N, 4.24; S, 24.26. Found: C, 55.96; H, 5.88; N, 4.30; S, 23.88.



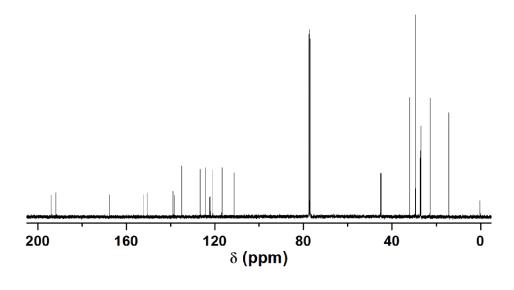


Figure S2. ¹H (top) and ¹³C (bottom) NMR spectra of the **TF-ORH**.

2. Physical Measurements

¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE III HD400 (Bruker, Germany). ¹³C NMR spectrum was analyzed on a Bruker AVANCE III 500 (Bruker, Germany) installed at the National Center for Inter-university Research Facilities (NCIRF) at Seoul National University.

Elemental analysis was performed on solid samples using a Vario-Micro Cube elemental analyzer at the Korean Basic Science Institute (KBSI) Pusan Center.

Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) and differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) were performed using a TGA/DSC 1 and a DSC 1 (Mettler-Toledo, Switzerland), respectively, under an N_2 atmosphere at a heating or cooling rate of 10 °C min⁻¹.

UV-vis spectra were obtained using a Lambda 20 (Perkin-Elmer, USA) diode array diode array spectrophotometer. The small molecule films used in the UV-vis measurements were prepared by spin coating from solution on a glass substrate.

The electrochemical properties of the small molecule were studied by cyclic voltammetry (CV) with a BAS 100B electrochemical analyzer (Bioanalytical Systems, USA). A three-electrode system was used and consisted of a non-aqueous reference electrode (0.1 M Ag/Ag⁺ acetonitrile solution), a Pt working electrode, and a Pt wire as the counter electrode. The redox potentials were measured in acetonitrile with 0.1 M (*n*-C₄H₉)₄N-PF₆ at a scan rate of 100 mV s⁻¹. The films were prepared by dip-coating the small molecule solution onto the Pt working electrode, and the measurements were calibrated using the ferrocenium (Fc⁺)/ferrocene (Fc) redox value

of -4.8 eV as an external reference. The highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) energy levels were estimated according to the empirical relationship HOMO = $-(E_{\text{onset,ox}} - E_{1/2,\text{Fc}} + 4.8)$ eV and LUMO = $-(E_{\text{onset,red}} - E_{1/2,\text{Fc}} + 4.8)$ eV, where $E_{\text{onset,ox}}$, $E_{\text{onset,red}}$, and $E_{1/2,\text{Fc}}$ are the onset potentials of oxidation and reduction, and half-wave potential of Fc/Fc⁺ couple, respectively, assuming that the energy level of Fc is 4.8 eV below the vacuum level. $^{\text{S3,S4}}$

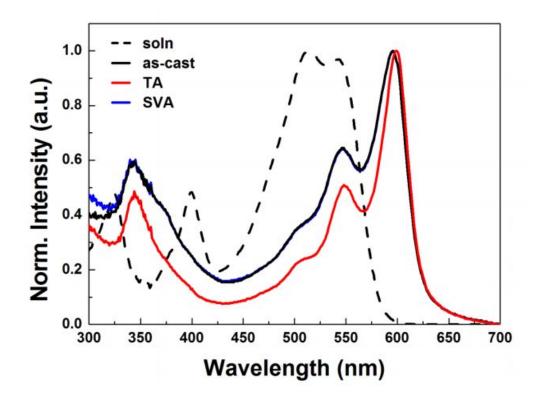


Figure S3. UV-vis absorption spectra of TF-ORH in solution and films.

3. Device fabrication and characterization

The device prepared in inverted structure were fabricated with the configuration ITO/ZnO NPs/PEIE/PTB7-Th:**TF-ORH**/MoO_x/Ag. The pre-patterned ITO-coated glass was cleaned by sequential ultrasonic treatment in detergent solution, deionized water, acetone, and isopropyl alcohol for 15 min each and subsequently dried in an oven for 5 h at 120 °C. The ITO-coated glass substrates were pre-treated in a UV-ozone oven for 15 min. A thin sol-gel ZnO layer was spin-coated onto an ITO surface and cured at 200°C for 60 min. The PEIE layer was deposited onto the ZnO films from the PEIE solution (in ethanol, 0.1 wt%) at 4000 rpm for 60 s. PTB7-Th and **TF-ORH** were dissolved in chloroform in a ratio of 1:2 at a total solids concentration of 15 mg mL⁻¹ with or without 1 vol.% diiodoctane. After filtering through a 0.45µm PTFE membrane syringe, the resulting solution was spin-coated at 4000 rpm onto the PEIE-coated substrate. The average thickness of the active layers (~100 nm) was measured with an Alpha-Step IQ surface profiler. MoO_x and Ag layers were subsequently deposited onto the active layer via thermal evaporation. The active area of the device was 3×3 mm². The current density-voltage (J-V) curves were obtained using a Keithley 236 source meter with the samples in air and under AM 1.5G illumination at 100 mW cm⁻². The external quantum efficiency (EQE) was measured using a reflective microscope objective to focus the light output from a 1000 W xenon lamp outfitted with an optical chopper and a monochromator.

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