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***Bis-* (1-(2-Aminoethyl)piperidino), (2-(2-aminoethyl)pyridino) and (1-(2-aminoethyl)pyrrolidino)-substituted dicyanoquinodimethanes: consequences of flexible ethylene spacers with heterocyclic moieties and amine functionalities**

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S1. Instrumentation Details

- (i) Absorption spectra were studied on data recorded on the Jasco V-650 make and Jasco-ISV-727 model. Fluorescence studies were performed on Horiba JobinYvon, Model FL3-22 Fluorolog spectrofluorimeter. Infrared (IR, 400 - 4000 cm^{-1}) spectra were carried out on JASCO-FTIR-4200 spectrophotometer with samples as KBr pellets.
- (ii) Agilent Xcalibur Gemini Diffractometer equipped with EOS CCD detector at 298 K, using graphite-monochromated Mo-K α radiation (0.7107 Å), was used for data collection. For data collection and data reduction CrysAlisPro, Agilent Technologies, Version 1.171.35.19 program was used. Using spherical harmonics empirical absorption correction was implemented in SCALE3 ABSPACK scaling algorithm. Using Olex 2³⁷, with direct methods using SHELXS-97³⁸ the crystal structure was solved and refinement was done against F2 using SHELXL-97³⁸ refinement package with least square minimization. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined using anisotropic displacement parameters.
- (iii) Powder X-ray diffraction data were recorded on SMART Bruker D8 Advance X-ray diffractometer using CuK α radiations with $\lambda = 1.5406 \text{ \AA}$ at 40 kV and 30 mA over the 2θ range 5-80° at the scan rate of 6°/min. Powder cell program was used to invigorate the diffraction pattern using single crystal structure details.
- (iv) Images were captured using inverted fluorescence microscope, DMi 8, Leica microsystems and CCD camera. All images were acquired with a 10X objective lens.

Table S1 Table 1. Crystallographic data for Compound AEPiDQ**Table 1Sa. Crystal data and structure refinement for AEPiDQ.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Identification code | AEPiDQ |
| Empirical formula | C ₂₄ H ₃₄ N ₆ |
| Formula weight | 406.57 |
| Temperature/K | 293(2) |
| Crystal system | triclinic |
| Space group | P-1 |
| a/Å | 8.7977(9) |
| b/Å | 10.3488(10) |
| c/Å | 13.4887(10) |
| α/° | 84.101(7) |
| β/° | 87.035(7) |
| γ/° | 73.903(9) |
| Volume/Å ³ | 1173.34(19) |
| Z | 2 |
| ρ _{calc} /mm ³ | 1.151 |
| m/mm ⁻¹ | 0.071 |
| F(000) | 440.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | 0.42 × 0.34 × 0.32 |
| Radiation | MoKα (λ = 0.71073) |
| 2θ range for data collection | 5.76 to 52.742° |
| Index ranges | -10 ≤ h ≤ 10, -12 ≤ k ≤ 11, -16 ≤ l ≤ 16 |
| Reflections collected | 8002 |
| Independent reflections | 4780 [R _{int} = 0.0251, R _{sigma} = 0.0543] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 4780/0/271 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.015 |
| Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)] | R ₁ = 0.0594, wR ₂ = 0.1274 |
| Final R indexes [all data] | R ₁ = 0.1078, wR ₂ = 0.1581 |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.25/-0.16 |

Table S1b. Fractional Atomic Coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for AEPiDQ. U_{eq} is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

| Atom | x | y | z | U_{eq} |
|------|----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| C1 | -374(2) | 10484(2) | 2226.5(13) | 42.9(5) |
| C2 | 572(2) | 10010(2) | 1398.1(14) | 45.4(5) |
| C3 | 1588(2) | 8745(2) | 1426.7(13) | 45.0(5) |
| C4 | 1751(2) | 7862(2) | 2296.5(13) | 44.9(5) |
| C5 | 834(3) | 8332(2) | 3127.6(14) | 52.0(6) |
| C6 | -187(3) | 9599(2) | 3095.6(14) | 51.1(5) |
| C7 | -1462(2) | 11801(2) | 2178.9(14) | 48.6(5) |
| C8 | -2319(3) | 12327(2) | 3027.9(17) | 58.2(6) |
| C9 | -1675(3) | 12633(2) | 1284.2(17) | 59.2(6) |
| C10 | 2735(2) | 6475(2) | 2315.5(14) | 46.5(5) |
| C11 | 4196(3) | 6444(2) | 3823.1(14) | 62.8(7) |
| C12 | 5904(3) | 6281(2) | 3537.1(16) | 68.3(7) |
| C13 | 5784(3) | 8314(3) | 2441.5(19) | 78.7(8) |
| C14 | 5851(4) | 8875(3) | 1377(2) | 94.8(9) |
| C15 | 7426(4) | 8250(4) | 881(2) | 97.9(10) |
| C16 | 7808(4) | 6736(4) | 1037(2) | 106.1(11) |
| C17 | 7683(3) | 6253(3) | 2125(2) | 86.7(9) |
| C18 | 3939(3) | 4551(2) | 1328.2(15) | 59.9(6) |
| C19 | 3369(3) | 3329(2) | 1640.3(15) | 67.6(7) |
| C20 | 1396(3) | 3632(2) | 2970.6(17) | 65.2(6) |
| C21 | 1108(3) | 3539(3) | 4086.8(18) | 79.8(8) |
| C22 | 1729(4) | 2115(3) | 4530.1(19) | 86.5(9) |
| C23 | 3432(4) | 1543(3) | 4215.2(17) | 81.8(8) |
| C24 | 3668(3) | 1724(2) | 3094.6(16) | 66.2(7) |
| N1 | -2989(3) | 12740(2) | 3730.0(17) | 89.7(8) |
| N2 | -1808(3) | 13275(2) | 532.3(15) | 89.5(8) |
| N3 | 3458(2) | 5821.1(17) | 3130.0(11) | 53.5(5) |
| N4 | 6107(2) | 6857.5(18) | 2527.0(13) | 56.5(5) |
| N5 | 2814(2) | 5833.7(17) | 1509.0(11) | 51.7(5) |

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| N6 | 3069(2) | 3141.5(16) | 2718.7(11) | 48.9(4) |
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Table S1c. Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for AEPiDQ. The Anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2[h^2a^*U_{11}+2hka^*b^*U_{12}+\dots]$.

| Atom | U11 | U22 | U33 | U23 | U13 | U12 |
|------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C1 | 45.3(13) | 42.3(12) | 45.0(11) | -5.6(9) | 2.0(9) | -18.4(10) |
| C2 | 53.9(13) | 42.7(12) | 40.1(10) | -0.6(9) | 1.2(9) | -15.9(10) |
| C3 | 50.6(13) | 44.3(12) | 40.1(10) | -4.3(9) | 6.2(9) | -14.3(10) |
| C4 | 50.4(13) | 41.5(12) | 41.6(11) | 0.2(9) | 3.7(9) | -13.1(10) |
| C5 | 60.7(15) | 48.0(13) | 44.1(11) | 3.7(10) | 9.9(10) | -14.3(12) |
| C6 | 55.3(14) | 50.2(13) | 47.4(12) | -5(1) | 12.4(10) | -15.9(11) |
| C7 | 50.5(14) | 44.9(12) | 49.2(12) | -8.6(10) | -0.5(10) | -9.8(11) |
| C8 | 58.3(15) | 48.6(14) | 65.5(14) | -8.9(12) | 4.5(12) | -11.0(12) |
| C9 | 69.4(16) | 45.7(14) | 54.9(14) | -16.1(11) | -10.0(11) | 2.4(12) |
| C10 | 56.3(14) | 41.8(12) | 40.6(11) | 2.9(9) | 5.6(9) | -15.5(11) |
| C11 | 89(2) | 55.0(14) | 37.8(11) | -2.2(10) | -8.9(11) | -8.1(13) |
| C12 | 81(2) | 55.4(15) | 61.2(14) | -8.2(11) | -27.6(13) | -1.3(13) |
| C13 | 77(2) | 58.0(17) | 94.7(19) | -11.6(14) | 12.6(15) | -9.3(14) |
| C14 | 90(2) | 85(2) | 109(2) | 14.2(17) | 10.6(18) | -34.2(19) |
| C15 | 93(2) | 130(3) | 94(2) | -21(2) | 18.0(17) | -69(2) |
| C16 | 95(3) | 126(3) | 109(3) | -48(2) | 35.4(19) | -42(2) |
| C17 | 66(2) | 77(2) | 114(2) | -36.5(17) | 2.1(16) | -6.3(15) |
| C18 | 76.3(17) | 50.6(14) | 44.8(12) | -4.9(10) | 10.6(11) | -6.2(12) |
| C19 | 103(2) | 47.4(14) | 50.0(13) | -7.7(11) | 0.6(12) | -15.7(14) |
| C20 | 60.0(17) | 60.4(15) | 74.9(16) | -2.3(12) | -12.0(12) | -15.5(13) |
| C21 | 62.9(18) | 96(2) | 85.0(18) | -13.6(16) | 18.4(14) | -31.0(17) |
| C22 | 100(2) | 102(2) | 68.8(16) | 4.3(16) | 6.3(15) | -53(2) |
| C23 | 112(3) | 64.1(17) | 66.1(16) | 15.7(13) | -22.0(15) | -23.6(17) |
| C24 | 84.7(19) | 42.8(13) | 65.6(14) | 0.5(11) | -12.8(13) | -8.2(13) |
| N1 | 97.0(19) | 83.0(17) | 84.8(15) | -28.5(13) | 29.6(14) | -15.7(14) |

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|----|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| N2 | 128(2) | 61.7(15) | 56.0(12) | -6.0(11) | -16.0(13) | 14.3(14) |
| N3 | 76.8(14) | 41.1(10) | 41.3(9) | 5.5(8) | -1.9(9) | -17.3(10) |
| N4 | 53.6(12) | 53.5(12) | 60.3(11) | -13.3(9) | -6.4(9) | -7.2(9) |
| N5 | 64.0(13) | 44.3(10) | 42.1(9) | -1.0(8) | -0.9(8) | -8.2(9) |
| N6 | 56.6(12) | 38.7(10) | 47.6(9) | -1.3(8) | -2.8(8) | -7.4(9) |

Table S1d. Bond Lengths for AEPiDQ.

| Atom | Atom | Length/Å | Atom | Atom | Length/Å |
|------|------|----------|------|------|----------|
| C1 | C2 | 1.405(3) | C12 | N4 | 1.453(3) |
| C1 | C6 | 1.399(3) | C13 | C14 | 1.497(3) |
| C1 | C7 | 1.429(3) | C13 | N4 | 1.447(3) |
| C2 | C3 | 1.363(3) | C14 | C15 | 1.510(4) |
| C3 | C4 | 1.399(3) | C15 | C16 | 1.504(4) |
| C4 | C5 | 1.394(3) | C16 | C17 | 1.509(4) |
| C4 | C10 | 1.455(3) | C17 | N4 | 1.456(3) |
| C5 | C6 | 1.366(3) | C18 | C19 | 1.500(3) |
| C7 | C8 | 1.409(3) | C18 | N5 | 1.454(3) |
| C7 | C9 | 1.397(3) | C19 | N6 | 1.468(2) |
| C8 | N1 | 1.146(3) | C20 | C21 | 1.511(3) |

Table S1e. Bond Angles for AEPiDQ.

| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/° | Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/° |
|------|------|------|------------|------|------|------|------------|
| C2 | C1 | C7 | 121.54(18) | N4 | C13 | C14 | 111.5(2) |
| C6 | C1 | C2 | 116.28(19) | C13 | C14 | C15 | 111.5(3) |
| C6 | C1 | C7 | 122.19(17) | C16 | C15 | C14 | 109.9(2) |
| C3 | C2 | C1 | 122.13(18) | C15 | C16 | C17 | 111.5(2) |
| C2 | C3 | C4 | 121.06(18) | N4 | C17 | C16 | 110.4(2) |
| C3 | C4 | C10 | 121.60(17) | N5 | C18 | C19 | 114.91(19) |
| C5 | C4 | C3 | 117.21(19) | N6 | C19 | C18 | 113.25(17) |
| C5 | C4 | C10 | 121.01(17) | N6 | C20 | C21 | 111.23(19) |

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|----|-----|-----|------------|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| C6 | C5 | C4 | 121.59(19) | C22 | C21 | C20 | 110.6(2) |
| C5 | C6 | C1 | 121.71(18) | C21 | C22 | C23 | 110.7(2) |
| C8 | C7 | C1 | 121.83(18) | C22 | C23 | C24 | 111.8(2) |
| C9 | C7 | C1 | 120.59(18) | N6 | C24 | C23 | 110.84(18) |
| C9 | C7 | C8 | 117.6(2) | C10 | N3 | C11 | 123.69(17) |
| N1 | C8 | C7 | 178.6(3) | C12 | N4 | C17 | 111.2(2) |
| N2 | C9 | C7 | 177.3(3) | C13 | N4 | C12 | 113.35(18) |
| N3 | C10 | C4 | 122.04(18) | C13 | N4 | C17 | 110.1(2) |
| N5 | C10 | C4 | 118.21(18) | C10 | N5 | C18 | 125.53(18) |
| N5 | C10 | N3 | 119.60(19) | C20 | N6 | C19 | 111.45(18) |
| N3 | C11 | C12 | 110.41(17) | C20 | N6 | C24 | 110.12(18) |
| N4 | C12 | C11 | 112.23(18) | C24 | N6 | C19 | 110.93(16) |

Table S1f. Hydrogen Atom Coordinates ($\text{\AA}\times 10^4$) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2\times 10^3$) for AEPiDQ

| Atom | x | y | z | U(eq) |
|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| H2 | 504 | 10577 | 811 | 54 |
| H3 | 2183 | 8465 | 859 | 54 |
| H5 | 921 | 7770 | 3718 | 62 |
| H6 | -774 | 9879 | 3666 | 61 |
| H11A | 4115 | 6025 | 4494 | 75 |
| H11B | 3646 | 7397 | 3817 | 75 |
| H12A | 6367 | 6717 | 3997 | 82 |
| H12B | 6464 | 5328 | 3594 | 82 |
| H13A | 6553 | 8563 | 2817 | 94 |
| H13B | 4742 | 8704 | 2727 | 94 |
| H14A | 5680 | 9845 | 1349 | 114 |
| H14B | 5012 | 8704 | 1016 | 114 |
| H15A | 7386 | 8537 | 173 | 117 |
| H15B | 8248 | 8551 | 1162 | 117 |
| H16A | 8873 | 6345 | 787 | 127 |
| H16B | 7083 | 6430 | 662 | 127 |
| H17A | 7899 | 5277 | 2199 | 104 |

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|------|------|------|------|-----|
| H17B | 8464 | 6495 | 2495 | 104 |
| H18A | 4900 | 4471 | 1681 | 72 |
| H18B | 4209 | 4560 | 622 | 72 |
| H19A | 2400 | 3410 | 1297 | 81 |
| H19B | 4154 | 2535 | 1436 | 81 |
| H20A | 818 | 3103 | 2673 | 78 |
| H20B | 1003 | 4565 | 2698 | 78 |
| H21A | 1629 | 4114 | 4382 | 96 |
| H21B | -18 | 3854 | 4234 | 96 |
| H22A | 1096 | 1567 | 4316 | 104 |
| H22B | 1645 | 2088 | 5251 | 104 |
| H23A | 3769 | 588 | 4440 | 98 |
| H23B | 4088 | 1989 | 4531 | 98 |
| H24A | 4786 | 1407 | 2924 | 79 |
| H24B | 3119 | 1187 | 2781 | 79 |
| H3A | 3495 | 4982 | 3258 | 64 |
| H5A | 2143 | 6206 | 1052 | 62 |

Table S2 Crystallographic data for Compound AEPyDQ**Table S2a. Crystal data and structure refinement for AEPyDQ.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Identification code | AEPyDQ |
| Empirical formula | C ₂₄ H ₂₂ N ₆ |
| Formula weight | 394.47 |
| Temperature/K | 293(2) |
| Crystal system | orthorhombic |
| Space group | P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁ |
| a/Å | 8.2134(11) |
| b/Å | 12.2105(11) |
| c/Å | 21.052(3) |
| α/° | 90 |
| β/° | 90 |
| γ/° | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 2111.3(4) |
| Z | 4 |
| ρ _{calc} /mg/mm ³ | 1.241 |
| m/mm ⁻¹ | 0.077 |
| F(000) | 832.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | 0.32 × 0.24 × 0.12 |
| Radiation | MoKα (λ = 0.71073) |
| 2θ range for data collection | 5.324 to 52.736° |
| Index ranges | -4 ≤ h ≤ 10, -9 ≤ k ≤ 15, -26 ≤ l ≤ 15 |
| Reflections collected | 5955 |
| Independent reflections | 4005 [R _{int} = 0.0466, R _{sigma} = 0.1354] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 4005/0/271 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 0.951 |
| Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)] | R ₁ = 0.0710, wR ₂ = 0.0907 |
| Final R indexes [all data] | R ₁ = 0.1534, wR ₂ = 0.1228 |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.17/-0.18 |
| Flack parameter | -2.7(10) |

Table S2b. Fractional Atomic Coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for AEPyDQ. U_{eq} is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

| Atom | x | y | z | U_{eq} |
|------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------------|
| C1 | 5301(7) | 4747(3) | 6105(2) | 33.6(12) |
| C2 | 4614(7) | 4895(4) | 5501(2) | 39.2(13) |
| C3 | 5552(7) | 5165(4) | 4981(2) | 39.7(14) |
| C4 | 7213(7) | 5313(4) | 5044(2) | 33.7(13) |
| C5 | 7932(7) | 5145(3) | 5636(2) | 37.6(13) |
| C6 | 6984(7) | 4861(4) | 6151(2) | 40.7(14) |
| C7 | 4280(7) | 4473(4) | 6641(3) | 39.3(14) |
| C8 | 4965(7) | 4215(4) | 7232(3) | 42.7(15) |
| C9 | 2613(9) | 4381(5) | 6582(3) | 50.9(17) |
| C10 | 8197(7) | 5706(4) | 4508(2) | 34.2(12) |
| C11 | 10455(7) | 6969(4) | 4195(2) | 41.0(14) |
| C12 | 11938(7) | 6258(4) | 4220(3) | 52.8(16) |
| C13 | 13351(7) | 6692(4) | 3842(3) | 41.1(13) |
| C14 | 13696(8) | 6335(5) | 3231(3) | 58.8(18) |
| C15 | 15030(10) | 6747(6) | 2923(3) | 73(2) |
| C16 | 16006(8) | 7483(5) | 3219(3) | 65.1(19) |
| C17 | 15592(8) | 7807(4) | 3820(3) | 53.5(16) |
| C18 | 7317(7) | 4234(4) | 3780(2) | 50.3(15) |
| C19 | 8465(8) | 3534(4) | 3386(3) | 56.1(18) |
| C20 | 10068(9) | 3340(4) | 3703(3) | 53.8(18) |
| C21 | 11451(11) | 3258(5) | 3349(4) | 87(3) |
| C22 | 12902(14) | 3038(8) | 3652(6) | 126(5) |
| C23 | 12936(15) | 2928(6) | 4289(6) | 119(4) |
| C24 | 11484(13) | 3046(6) | 4607(4) | 96(3) |
| N1 | 5540(7) | 3992(4) | 7715(2) | 62.1(15) |
| N2 | 1223(7) | 4308(5) | 6515(3) | 82.2(19) |
| N3 | 9188(5) | 6550(3) | 4619.6(18) | 38.1(11) |
| N4 | 14309(6) | 7425(3) | 4133(2) | 44.1(12) |

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|----|----------|---------|------------|----------|
| N5 | 8069(6) | 5288(3) | 3933.2(17) | 39.8(11) |
| N6 | 10051(8) | 3245(4) | 4330(3) | 75.7(18) |

Table S2c. Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for AEPyDQ. The Anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2[h^2a^{*2}U_{11}+2hka^*b^*U_{12}+\dots]$.

| Atom | U11 | U22 | U33 | U23 | U13 | U12 |
|------|-------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| C1 | 36(3) | 35(3) | 30(3) | 4(2) | 0(3) | 0(3) |
| C2 | 32(3) | 46(3) | 40(3) | 6(3) | -4(3) | -1(3) |
| C3 | 42(4) | 42(3) | 35(3) | 7(3) | -5(3) | 0(3) |
| C4 | 34(3) | 38(3) | 30(3) | -2(2) | 1(3) | 0(3) |
| C5 | 31(3) | 44(3) | 38(3) | 4(2) | -3(3) | -5(3) |
| C6 | 45(4) | 46(3) | 31(3) | 8(3) | -8(3) | 0(3) |
| C7 | 38(4) | 47(3) | 32(3) | 5(2) | 0(3) | 0(3) |
| C8 | 45(4) | 50(3) | 33(3) | -2(3) | 7(3) | -6(3) |
| C9 | 49(4) | 63(4) | 40(4) | 21(3) | 7(4) | 6(3) |
| C10 | 34(3) | 36(3) | 33(3) | -2(2) | 2(3) | 7(3) |
| C11 | 46(4) | 41(3) | 35(3) | -3(2) | 5(3) | -4(3) |
| C12 | 47(4) | 53(3) | 59(4) | 9(3) | 6(4) | 3(3) |
| C13 | 34(3) | 48(3) | 42(3) | 2(3) | 1(3) | 5(3) |
| C14 | 50(5) | 82(4) | 44(4) | -16(3) | -3(4) | -14(4) |
| C15 | 73(6) | 107(5) | 39(4) | -19(4) | 10(4) | -2(5) |
| C16 | 51(5) | 89(5) | 55(4) | 1(4) | 13(4) | -8(4) |
| C17 | 51(4) | 49(3) | 61(4) | -6(3) | -1(4) | -11(3) |
| C18 | 52(4) | 50(3) | 49(3) | -10(3) | 0(4) | -13(3) |
| C19 | 69(5) | 52(3) | 48(4) | -17(3) | 4(4) | -5(3) |
| C20 | 55(5) | 41(3) | 66(5) | -16(3) | 4(4) | -7(3) |
| C21 | 70(6) | 85(5) | 105(6) | -52(5) | 12(6) | -11(5) |
| C22 | 67(7) | 118(7) | 193(12) | -90(9) | 18(10) | -8(6) |
| C23 | 73(7) | 63(5) | 220(13) | -21(7) | -36(11) | 2(5) |
| C24 | 99(7) | 77(5) | 113(7) | 28(5) | -37(7) | -17(6) |
| N1 | 64(4) | 88(3) | 34(3) | 7(3) | -4(3) | -9(3) |
| N2 | 46(4) | 129(5) | 72(4) | 46(4) | -3(4) | 1(4) |

| | | | | | | |
|----|-------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-------|
| N3 | 43(3) | 43(2) | 29(2) | -6.2(19) | 5(2) | -6(2) |
| N4 | 46(3) | 46(2) | 41(3) | 0(2) | 7(3) | -3(3) |
| N5 | 52(3) | 37(2) | 30(2) | -5.6(19) | 2(3) | -7(2) |
| N6 | 79(5) | 75(4) | 72(4) | 16(3) | -11(4) | -9(4) |

Table S2d. Bond Lengths for AEPyDQ.

| Atom | Atom | Length/Å | Atom | Atom | Length/Å |
|------|------|----------|------|------|-----------|
| C1 | C2 | 1.403(6) | C12 | C13 | 1.502(7) |
| C1 | C6 | 1.393(7) | C13 | C14 | 1.389(7) |
| C1 | C7 | 1.445(7) | C13 | N4 | 1.339(6) |
| C2 | C3 | 1.378(6) | C14 | C15 | 1.369(8) |
| C3 | C4 | 1.383(7) | C15 | C16 | 1.356(8) |
| C4 | C5 | 1.395(6) | C16 | C17 | 1.367(7) |
| C4 | C10 | 1.468(6) | C17 | N4 | 1.328(7) |
| C5 | C6 | 1.379(6) | C18 | C19 | 1.519(7) |
| C7 | C8 | 1.401(7) | C18 | N5 | 1.463(5) |
| C7 | C9 | 1.379(9) | C19 | C20 | 1.495(8) |
| C8 | N1 | 1.154(6) | C20 | C21 | 1.362(9) |
| C9 | N2 | 1.154(8) | C20 | N6 | 1.324(8) |
| C10 | N3 | 1.334(6) | C21 | C22 | 1.378(12) |
| C10 | N5 | 1.317(5) | C22 | C23 | 1.349(12) |
| C11 | C12 | 1.497(7) | C23 | C24 | 1.374(12) |
| C11 | N3 | 1.464(6) | C24 | N6 | 1.336(10) |

Table S2e. Bond Angles for AEPyDQ

| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/° | Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/° |
|------|------|------|----------|------|------|------|----------|
| C2 | C1 | C7 | 120.3(5) | C14 | C13 | C12 | 122.5(5) |
| C6 | C1 | C2 | 116.7(5) | N4 | C13 | C12 | 116.6(5) |
| C6 | C1 | C7 | 123.0(5) | N4 | C13 | C14 | 120.9(5) |
| C3 | C2 | C1 | 121.7(5) | C15 | C14 | C13 | 119.2(6) |
| C2 | C3 | C4 | 120.5(5) | C16 | C15 | C14 | 119.9(6) |
| C3 | C4 | C5 | 118.9(5) | C15 | C16 | C17 | 118.0(6) |
| C3 | C4 | C10 | 120.8(5) | N4 | C17 | C16 | 123.7(6) |

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| C5 | C4 | C10 | 120.2(5) | N5 | C18 | C19 | 110.7(5) |
| C6 | C5 | C4 | 120.1(5) | C20 | C19 | C18 | 113.1(5) |
| C5 | C6 | C1 | 122.0(5) | C21 | C20 | C19 | 120.1(7) |
| C8 | C7 | C1 | 120.8(5) | N6 | C20 | C19 | 116.6(7) |
| C9 | C7 | C1 | 121.6(6) | N6 | C20 | C21 | 123.2(8) |
| C9 | C7 | C8 | 117.4(6) | C20 | C21 | C22 | 118.8(9) |
| N1 | C8 | C7 | 179.1(6) | C23 | C22 | C21 | 119.9(13) |
| N2 | C9 | C7 | 178.1(8) | C22 | C23 | C24 | 117.1(13) |
| N3 | C10 | C4 | 116.9(4) | N6 | C24 | C23 | 124.8(9) |
| N5 | C10 | C4 | 122.4(5) | C10 | N3 | C11 | 126.6(4) |
| N5 | C10 | N3 | 120.7(5) | C17 | N4 | C13 | 118.3(5) |
| N3 | C11 | C12 | 110.8(4) | C10 | N5 | C18 | 125.2(4) |
| C11 | C12 | C13 | 113.9(4) | C20 | N6 | C24 | 116.2(7) |

Table S2f. Hydrogen Atom Coordinates ($\text{\AA}\times 10^4$) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2\times 10^3$) for AEPyDQ

| Atom | x | y | z | U(eq) |
|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| H2 | 3496 | 4808 | 5450 | 47 |
| H3 | 5064 | 5248 | 4585 | 48 |
| H5 | 9051 | 5224 | 5684 | 45 |
| H6 | 7484 | 4743 | 6542 | 49 |
| H11A | 10741 | 7709 | 4320 | 49 |
| H11B | 10042 | 6993 | 3764 | 49 |
| H12A | 11658 | 5537 | 4061 | 63 |
| H12B | 12272 | 6178 | 4659 | 63 |
| H14 | 13029 | 5823 | 3033 | 71 |
| H15 | 15268 | 6521 | 2511 | 88 |
| H16 | 16928 | 7761 | 3019 | 78 |
| H17 | 16247 | 8323 | 4020 | 64 |
| H18A | 6318 | 4357 | 3545 | 60 |
| H18B | 7045 | 3852 | 4170 | 60 |

| | | | | |
|------|-------|------|------|-----|
| H19A | 7950 | 2833 | 3303 | 67 |
| H19B | 8650 | 3890 | 2981 | 67 |
| H21 | 11416 | 3349 | 2910 | 104 |
| H22 | 13855 | 2966 | 3417 | 151 |
| H23 | 13899 | 2779 | 4504 | 142 |
| H24 | 11501 | 2983 | 5047 | 116 |
| H3A | 9071 | 6881 | 4977 | 46 |
| H5A | 8458 | 5665 | 3623 | 48 |

Table S3 Crystallographic data for Compound AEPrDQ**Table S3a. Crystal data and structure refinement for AEPrDQ.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Identification code | AEPrDQ |
| Empirical formula | C ₂₂ H ₃₀ N ₆ |
| Formula weight | 378.52 |
| Temperature/K | 293.15 |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | P2 ₁ /c |
| a/Å | 13.1430(12) |
| b/Å | 10.3517(9) |
| c/Å | 16.1607(15) |
| α/° | 90 |
| β/° | 101.6510(10) |
| γ/° | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 2153.4(3) |
| Z | 4 |
| ρ _{calc} /mg/mm ³ | 1.168 |
| m/mm ⁻¹ | 0.072 |
| F(000) | 816.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | 0.32 × 0.18 × 0.12 |
| Radiation | MoKα (λ = 0.71073) |
| 2θ range for data collection | 3.164 to 51.892° |
| Index ranges | -16 ≤ h ≤ 16, -12 ≤ k ≤ 12, -19 ≤ l ≤ 19 |
| Reflections collected | 21689 |
| Independent reflections | 4206 [R _{int} = 0.0306, R _{sigma} = 0.0230] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 4206/1/253 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.031 |
| Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)] | R ₁ = 0.0511, wR ₂ = 0.1391 |
| Final R indexes [all data] | R ₁ = 0.0752, wR ₂ = 0.1573 |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³ | 0.16/-0.18 |

Table S3b. Fractional Atomic Coordinates (×10⁴) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters (Å²×10³) for AEPrDQ. U_{eq} is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

| Atom | x | y | z | U(eq) |
|------|-------------|------------|------------|---------|
| C1 | 10978.0(12) | 855.5(15) | 7429.9(10) | 51.7(4) |
| C2 | 10381.3(13) | 1987.4(15) | 7266.6(10) | 56.5(4) |
| C3 | 9611.4(13) | 2107.1(15) | 6565.8(10) | 57.3(4) |

| | | | | |
|-----|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| C4 | 9375.4(12) | 1108.5(15) | 5978.8(10) | 53.0(4) |
| C5 | 9964.1(13) | -19.4(15) | 6134.4(10) | 55.7(4) |
| C6 | 10741.9(13) | -139.2(15) | 6831.8(11) | 55.3(4) |
| C7 | 11778.2(13) | 727.8(15) | 8176.7(11) | 58.1(4) |
| C8 | 11938.6(15) | 1718.5(18) | 8777.7(12) | 69.2(5) |
| C9 | 12402.5(14) | -379.1(19) | 8327.2(12) | 67.1(5) |
| C10 | 8490.6(13) | 1205.7(16) | 5268.6(10) | 54.6(4) |
| C11 | 8948.3(15) | 3384.3(18) | 4834.6(11) | 67.8(5) |
| C12 | 8936.9(14) | 3843.7(17) | 3953.6(11) | 64.4(5) |
| C13 | 7794.6(19) | 5709(2) | 3866.7(14) | 87.0(6) |
| C14 | 7033(2) | 6350(2) | 3165.1(18) | 109.8(8) |
| C15 | 7014(2) | 5539(3) | 2392.4(16) | 109.8(8) |
| C16 | 7897.6(17) | 4620(2) | 2645.7(12) | 77.9(6) |
| C17 | 7098.2(16) | -19(2) | 4318.2(14) | 82.8(6) |
| C18 | 6078.9(16) | 581(3) | 4385.6(16) | 96.7(7) |
| C19 | 5722(2) | 2275(3) | 3323.4(17) | 109.7(9) |
| C20 | 5037(3) | 3432(4) | 3279(3) | 164.6(16) |
| C21 | 5123(3) | 3862(4) | 4145(4) | 191(2) |
| C22 | 5330(3) | 2659(4) | 4647(2) | 150.1(13) |
| N1 | 12029.9(18) | 2558.3(18) | 9248.4(12) | 101.5(7) |
| N2 | 12884.7(15) | -1310.3(19) | 8431.4(13) | 101.0(6) |
| N3 | 8253.3(11) | 2285.1(13) | 4839.8(9) | 59.1(4) |
| N4 | 7963.3(11) | 4427.9(13) | 3550.9(9) | 60.0(4) |
| N5 | 7911.5(11) | 165.9(14) | 5063.4(10) | 66.3(4) |
| N6 | 6048.4(12) | 1948.2(19) | 4214.7(11) | 83.6(5) |

Table S3c. Anisotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for AEPrDQ. The Anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2[h^2a^{*2}U_{11}+2hka^*b^*U_{12}+\dots]$.

| Atom | U11 | U22 | U33 | U23 | U13 | U12 |
|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| C1 | 54.9(9) | 48.7(9) | 52.5(9) | 2.8(7) | 13.4(7) | -4.0(7) |
| C2 | 69.6(10) | 48.1(9) | 51.7(9) | -2.4(7) | 11.9(8) | 2.3(8) |
| C3 | 65.9(10) | 50.2(9) | 56.1(10) | 3.7(7) | 13.2(8) | 8.1(8) |
| C4 | 57.9(9) | 52.6(9) | 48.9(9) | 3.5(7) | 11.7(7) | -0.3(7) |
| C5 | 63.4(10) | 50.8(9) | 53.2(9) | -4.0(7) | 12.7(8) | -1.2(7) |
| C6 | 58.7(10) | 46.8(9) | 59.6(10) | 0.1(7) | 10.3(8) | 4.1(7) |
| C7 | 62.9(10) | 49.0(9) | 59.3(10) | 1.2(7) | 5.1(8) | -1.7(8) |
| C8 | 84.8(13) | 57.1(11) | 58.3(11) | 6.3(9) | -3.1(9) | 1.1(9) |
| C9 | 62.4(11) | 60.3(11) | 71.8(12) | -0.4(9) | -2.7(9) | -5.3(9) |
| C10 | 55.8(9) | 54.3(10) | 54.5(9) | 2.5(7) | 13.3(7) | -0.6(7) |
| C11 | 68.9(11) | 61.4(11) | 67.4(11) | 9.0(9) | 0.3(9) | -9.4(9) |
| C12 | 66.4(11) | 56.4(10) | 70.6(11) | 5.5(8) | 14.7(9) | -4.1(8) |
| C13 | 100.6(16) | 69.3(13) | 89.9(15) | -9.8(11) | 16.2(12) | 9.4(11) |
| C14 | 115(2) | 84.4(16) | 129(2) | 22.8(15) | 19.9(16) | 31.8(14) |
| C15 | 114(2) | 128(2) | 85.6(17) | 36.4(16) | 15.4(14) | 24.7(17) |
| C16 | 93.0(14) | 79.4(13) | 61.4(11) | 8.4(10) | 16(1) | 2.1(11) |
| C17 | 79.5(14) | 67.6(12) | 90.4(15) | 1.3(10) | -8.5(11) | -17(1) |
| C18 | 65.3(13) | 110.4(19) | 108.3(18) | 26.6(14) | 3.1(12) | -21.3(12) |
| C19 | 94.9(17) | 116(2) | 102.8(19) | 18.5(15) | -17.2(14) | -19.2(15) |
| C20 | 138(3) | 115(3) | 209(4) | 42(3) | -40(3) | -2(2) |
| C21 | 110(3) | 143(3) | 288(6) | -57(4) | -35(3) | 33(2) |
| C22 | 93(2) | 201(4) | 151(3) | -43(3) | 11.9(19) | 23(2) |
| N1 | 146.9(18) | 70.8(11) | 71.3(11) | -11.7(9) | -14.8(11) | 13.0(11) |
| N2 | 87.5(13) | 76.0(12) | 123.5(16) | -5.0(11) | -16.4(11) | 18.4(10) |
| N3 | 54.5(8) | 57.4(8) | 61.2(8) | 8.8(6) | 1.5(6) | -4.4(6) |
| N4 | 69.1(9) | 52.3(8) | 57.3(8) | 2.6(6) | 9.7(7) | -0.4(7) |
| N5 | 68.2(9) | 57.7(9) | 67.9(9) | 7.1(7) | 1.9(7) | -8.4(7) |
| N6 | 59.7(10) | 95.5(13) | 90.2(12) | -0.4(10) | 2.1(9) | -1.2(9) |

Table S3d. Bond Lengths for AEPrDQ.

| Atom | Atom | Length/Å | Atom | Atom | Length/Å |
|------|------|----------|------|------|----------|
| C1 | C2 | 1.405(2) | C11 | N3 | 1.460(2) |
| C1 | C6 | 1.403(2) | C12 | N4 | 1.446(2) |
| C1 | C7 | 1.438(2) | C13 | C14 | 1.507(3) |
| C2 | C3 | 1.363(2) | C13 | N4 | 1.454(2) |
| C3 | C4 | 1.395(2) | C14 | C15 | 1.501(4) |
| C4 | C5 | 1.395(2) | C15 | C16 | 1.493(3) |
| C4 | C10 | 1.463(2) | C16 | N4 | 1.461(2) |
| C5 | C6 | 1.366(2) | C17 | C18 | 1.500(3) |
| C7 | C8 | 1.399(3) | C17 | N5 | 1.452(2) |
| C7 | C9 | 1.402(3) | C18 | N6 | 1.441(3) |
| C8 | N1 | 1.145(2) | C19 | C20 | 1.490(4) |
| C9 | N2 | 1.147(2) | C19 | N6 | 1.457(3) |
| C10 | N3 | 1.319(2) | C20 | C21 | 1.452(6) |
| C10 | N5 | 1.321(2) | C21 | C22 | 1.481(6) |
| C11 | C12 | 1.498(2) | C22 | N6 | 1.480(4) |

Table S3e. Bond Angles for AEPrDQ

| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/° | Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/° |
|------|------|------|------------|------|------|------|------------|
| C2 | C1 | C7 | 121.35(14) | N4 | C12 | C11 | 113.49(15) |
| C6 | C1 | C2 | 116.43(14) | N4 | C13 | C14 | 105.23(18) |
| C6 | C1 | C7 | 122.22(14) | C15 | C14 | C13 | 106.06(19) |
| C3 | C2 | C1 | 121.62(15) | C16 | C15 | C14 | 104.3(2) |
| C2 | C3 | C4 | 121.56(15) | N4 | C16 | C15 | 104.27(18) |
| C3 | C4 | C5 | 117.29(14) | N5 | C17 | C18 | 113.8(2) |
| C3 | C4 | C10 | 120.99(14) | N6 | C18 | C17 | 112.53(17) |
| C5 | C4 | C10 | 121.53(14) | N6 | C19 | C20 | 106.8(3) |
| C6 | C5 | C4 | 121.34(15) | C21 | C20 | C19 | 105.7(3) |
| C5 | C6 | C1 | 121.75(15) | C20 | C21 | C22 | 103.9(3) |
| C8 | C7 | C1 | 119.83(15) | N6 | C22 | C21 | 102.9(3) |
| C8 | C7 | C9 | 118.56(15) | C10 | N3 | C11 | 125.55(14) |

| | | | | | | | |
|----|-----|-----|------------|-----|----|-----|------------|
| C9 | C7 | C1 | 121.61(15) | C12 | N4 | C13 | 114.05(15) |
| N1 | C8 | C7 | 176.8(2) | C12 | N4 | C16 | 112.04(15) |
| N2 | C9 | C7 | 177.5(2) | C13 | N4 | C16 | 104.19(15) |
| N3 | C10 | C4 | 122.46(14) | C10 | N5 | C17 | 127.26(16) |
| N3 | C10 | N5 | 119.69(15) | C18 | N6 | C19 | 114.1(2) |
| N5 | C10 | C4 | 117.85(14) | C18 | N6 | C22 | 113.2(2) |
| N3 | C11 | C12 | 111.50(14) | C19 | N6 | C22 | 105.2(2) |

Table S3f. Hydrogen Atom Coordinates ($\text{\AA}\times 10^4$) and Isotropic Displacement Parameters ($\text{\AA}^2\times 10^3$) for AEPrDQ

| Atom | x | y | z | U(eq) |
|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| H2 | 10515 | 2672 | 7646 | 68 |
| H3 | 9235 | 2873 | 6477 | 69 |
| H5 | 9824 | -704 | 5756 | 67 |
| H6 | 11125 | -900 | 6913 | 66 |
| H11A | 9650 | 3136 | 5100 | 81 |
| H11B | 8737 | 4085 | 5161 | 81 |
| H12A | 9490 | 4469 | 3969 | 77 |
| H12B | 9078 | 3117 | 3615 | 77 |
| H13A | 8441 | 6190 | 3994 | 104 |
| H13B | 7511 | 5652 | 4375 | 104 |
| H14A | 6348 | 6384 | 3302 | 132 |
| H14B | 7254 | 7224 | 3074 | 132 |
| H15A | 6361 | 5079 | 2236 | 132 |
| H15B | 7112 | 6069 | 1920 | 132 |
| H16A | 7760 | 3810 | 2342 | 93 |
| H16B | 8538 | 4984 | 2537 | 93 |
| H17A | 6996 | -938 | 4217 | 99 |
| H17B | 7326 | 348 | 3834 | 99 |
| H18A | 5526 | 160 | 3989 | 116 |
| H18B | 5955 | 438 | 4950 | 116 |
| H19A | 5345 | 1560 | 3015 | 132 |
| H19B | 6321 | 2467 | 3079 | 132 |

| | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|-----|
| H20A | 5265 | 4105 | 2940 | 198 |
| H20B | 4324 | 3209 | 3031 | 198 |
| H21A | 4483 | 4265 | 4224 | 229 |
| H21B | 5689 | 4473 | 4302 | 229 |
| H22A | 5652 | 2844 | 5229 | 180 |
| H22B | 4695 | 2175 | 4634 | 180 |
| H3A | 7637 | 2347 | 4538 | 71 |
| H5A | 8029 | -473 | 5410 | 80 |

Figure S1 Fig. 1 Absorption and the emission spectra of (a) AEPiDQ (-----, magenta) (b) AEPyDQ (....., green) and (c) AEPrDQ (-.-.-, grey) respectively.

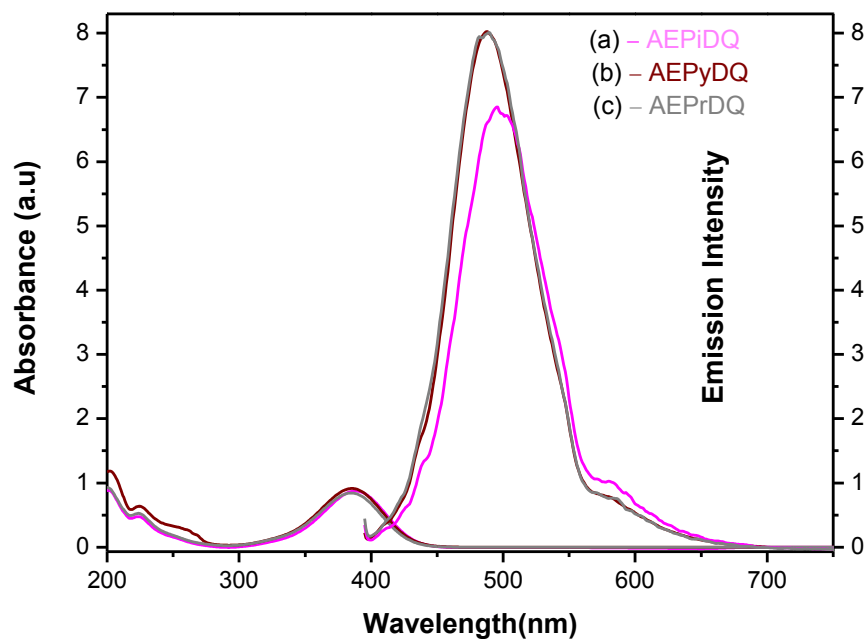


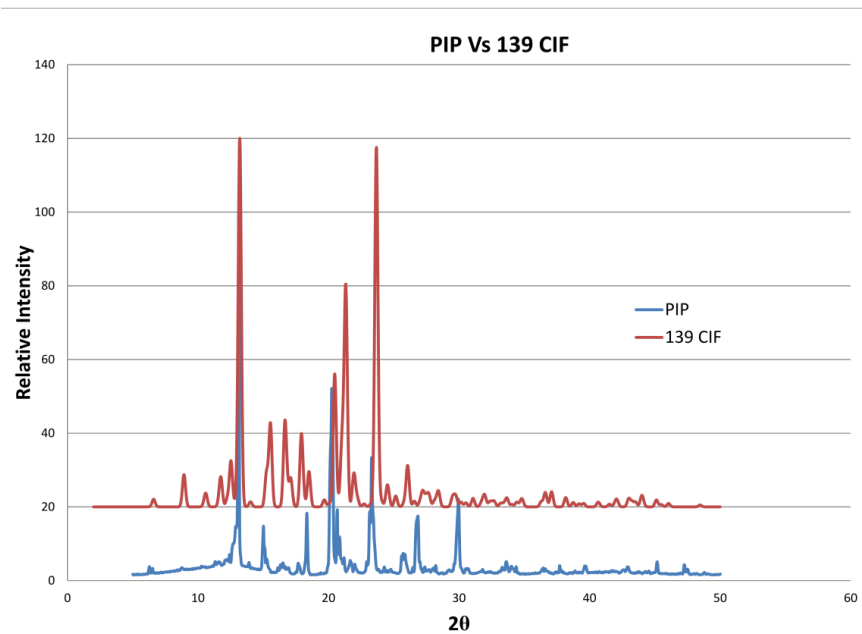
Table S4 Absorption and emission λ_{\max} for AEPiDQ, AEPyDQ and AEPrDQ in acetonitrile.

| S. No. | Solutions | Absorption λ_{\max} (nm) | | | Emission λ_{\max} (nm) | | |
|--------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|
| | | AEPiDQ | AEPyDQ | AEPrDQ | AEPiDQ | AEPyDQ | AEPrDQ |
| 1. | Acetonitrile | 385 | 385 | 385 | 488 | 495 | 489 |

Table S5 Powder SHG data showing phase-matchable behavior in *Bis*- (2-(2-Amino ethyl)pyridino) dicyanoquinodimethane (AEPyDQ)

| Size of the compound (μ) | NLO activity (Mv) |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 355 | 62 |
| 300 | 84 |
| 250 | 86 |
| 200 | 105 |
| 150 | 129 |
| 100 | 117 |
| 40 | 130 |

Figure S2 Comparison of powder X-ray data with the single X-ray crystal structure CIF files: PIP, PYP and PYR refers to AEPiDQ, AEPyDQ and AEPPrDQ.



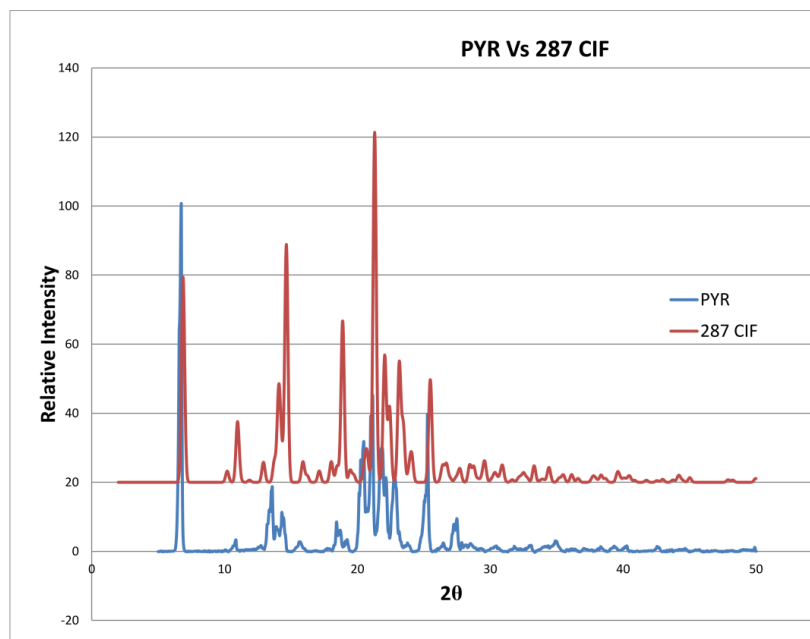
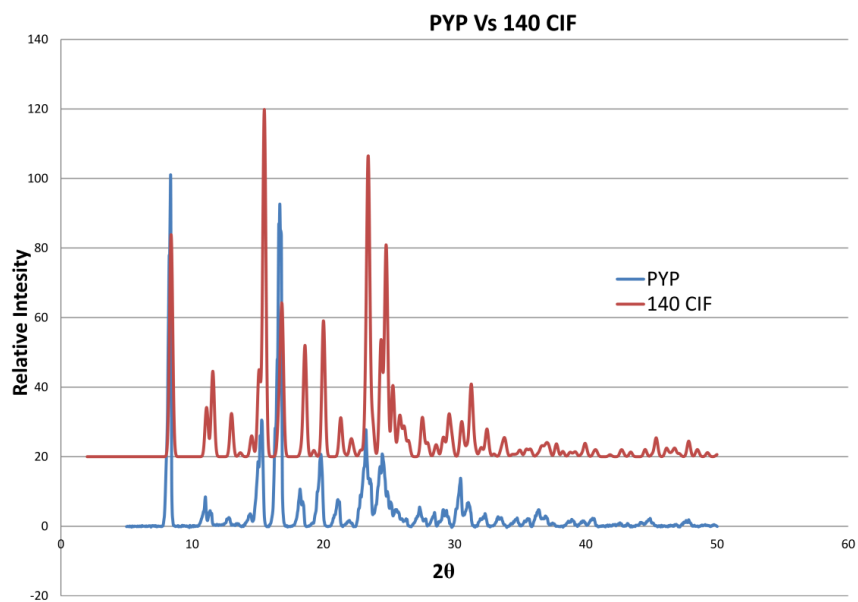
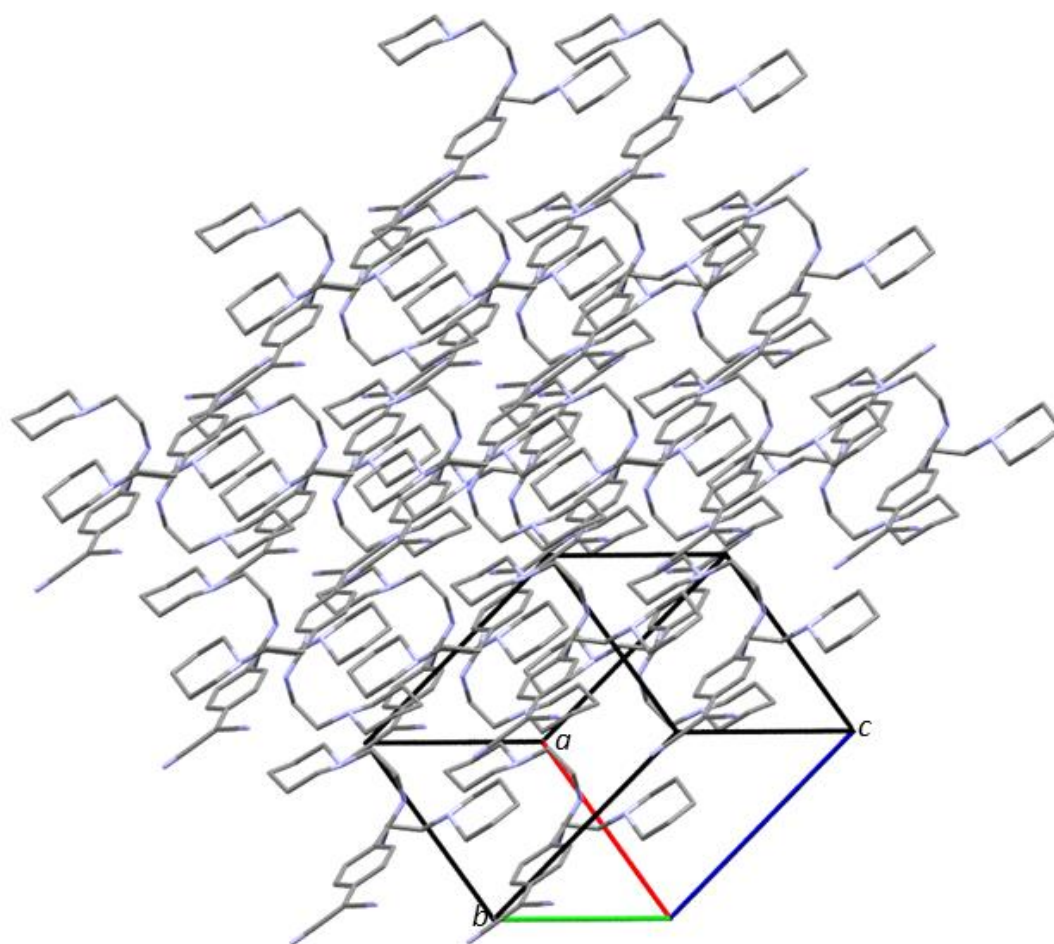
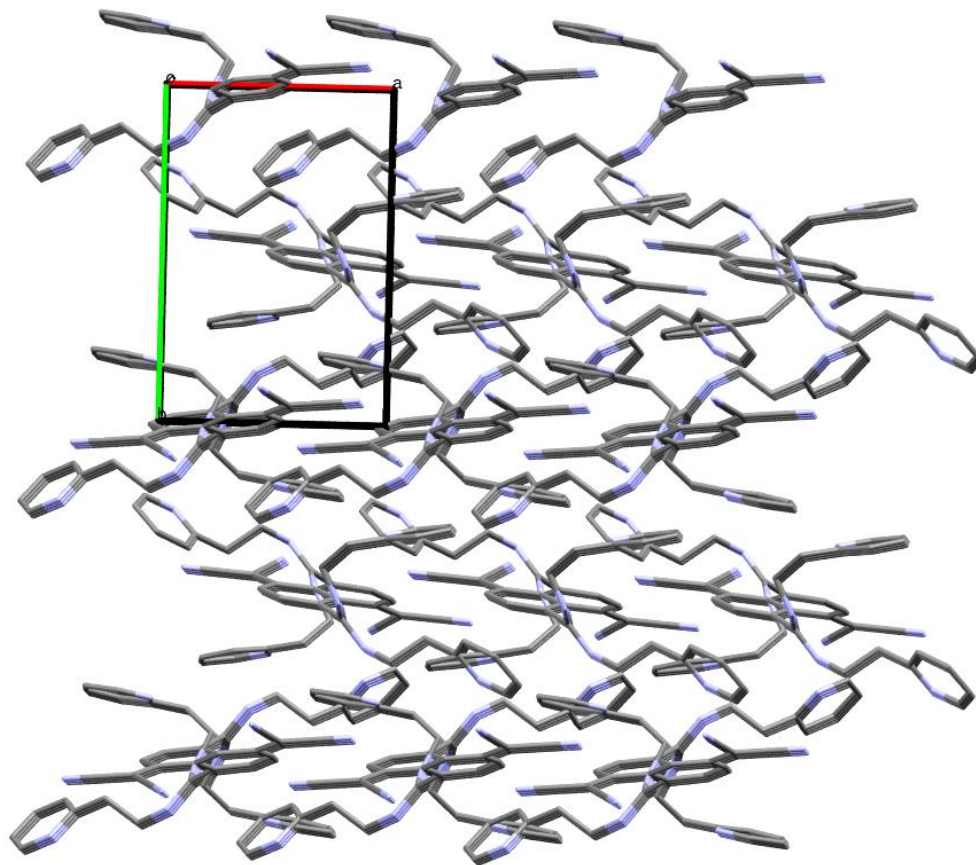


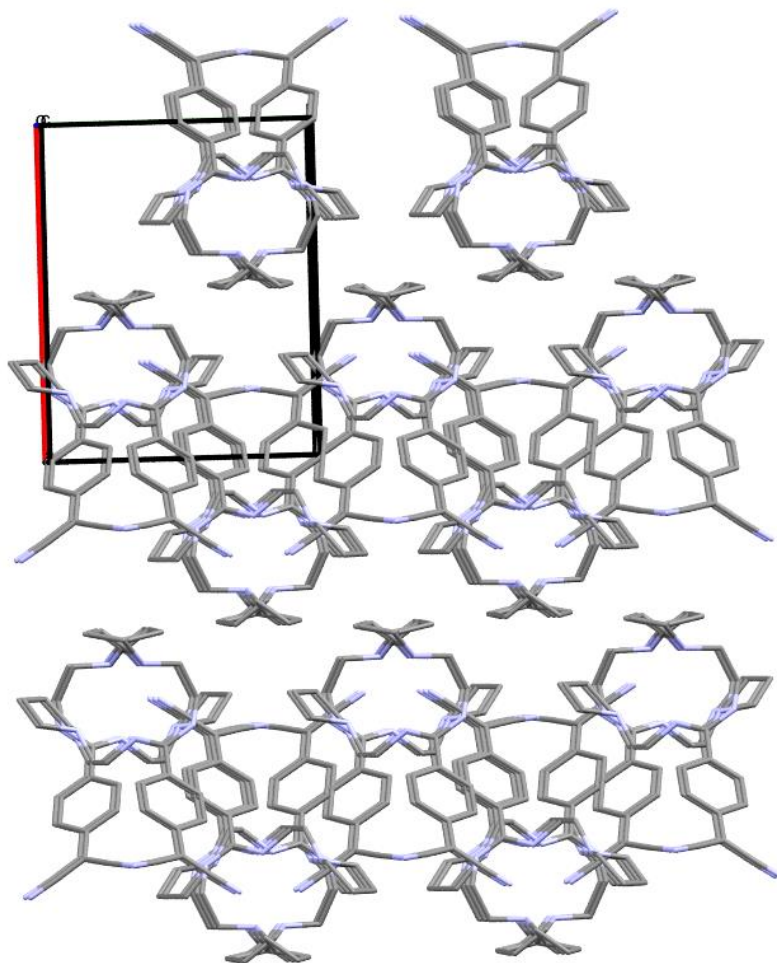
Figure S3 Supramolecular structures and molecular packing view, with arrangement of dipoles in a distinct fashion in (a) AEPiDQ (b) AEPyDQ and AEPPrDQ. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



(a)



(b)



(c)

Figure S4 Yellow to pale yellow color observed under ambient light (a), (b), (c) and bright green emission noted under fluorescence microscope images acquired with a 10X objective lens (d), (e) and (f) respectively for AEPiDQ, AEPyDQ and AEPrDQ.



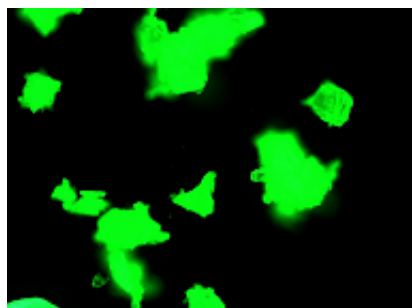
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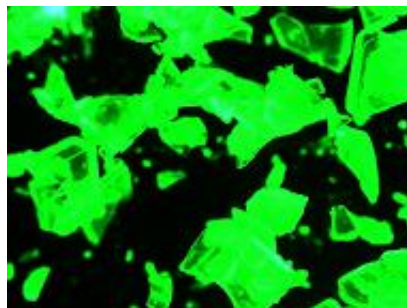
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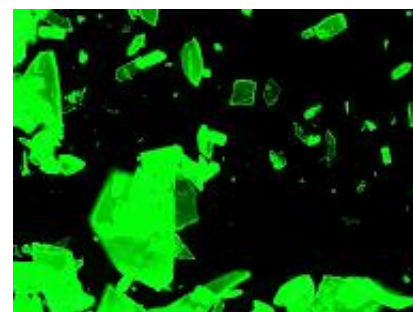
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(d)



(e)



(f)