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#### Abstract

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Dear Editor,

We would like to submit a manuscript entitled "Pyrene/coumarine-subphthalocyanine conjugates as light harvesting systems with intramolecular energy transfer" for publication in Dyes and Pigments.

This study reports the syntheses of several dyads of fluorophores and subsequent studies of intramolecular energy transfers. In such dyads the acceptor is a subphthalocyanine, the donor is either a coumarin or a pyrene, and the nature of the linker between both has been varied.
Next, upon careful purification and characterization of the conjugates including X-ray diffraction studies for two candidates, subsequent photophysical studies have been engaged. Upon fluorescence spectroscopy, fluorescence quantum yields have been measured and subsequent energy transfer between both moieties within each dyad has been also measured. Up to five different organic solvents have been examined to carry out such studies. One out of three dyads underwent almost quantitative energy transfer efficiency (E.T.E.).

Overall this study is a blend of organic synthesis of new subphthalocyanine-based fluorophore dyads, and photophysical studies addressing the energy transfer between two fluorophores.

We hope this study will be of interest for readers of Dyes and Pigments.

Sincerely,

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# Pyrene/coumarine-subphthalocyanine conjugates as light harvesting systems with intramolecular energy transfer 

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#### Abstract

A series of subphthalocyanine-antenna dyads have been successfully designed, synthetized and characterized by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$, high-resolution mass spectroscopy and X-ray diffraction for some of them. Pyrene and coumarine have been appended at the axial position of the subphthalocyanine scaffold using different types of linkers. Photophysical properties of the new compounds have been measured in toluene, tetrahydrofuran, chloroform, dimethyl sulfoxide and methanol. Energy transfer efficiencies between antenna and the subphthalocyanine platform have been investigated and almost quantitative energy transfer occurs in the antennaplatform 5.


Keywords: Subphtalocyanine, Pyrene, Coumarine, Dyad, Fluorescence, Intramolecular Energy Transfer

## 1. Introduction

Energy transfer is a crucial process in nature, but also in more artificial applications, such as the conversion of solar energy into electricity, in optoelectronic devices[1] or in the detection of analytes[2,3]. Over the past decades, this area of research has become a fertile field for the association of two or more chromophores together. The interaction of different partners and the exchange of energy between them has become an attractive investigation domain. Numerous conjugated polyazamacrocycles, such as porphyrins[4, 5], phthalocyanines[6] or naphthalocyanines[4] have been employed as partners for photophysical or electronic studies. Among them, subphthalocyanines, which are lower homologues of phthalocyanines having a central Boron (III) atom, are another important class of chromophores. They are conic-shaped macrocycles, with a $14-\pi$ electron aromatic core. This scaffold is used in many fields, such as organic material[7], photodynamic therapy[8] or optoelectronic[9, 10]. Most functionalizations of the SubPc moieties are done by substitution of the axial halogen.
In order to study energy transfers with subphthalocyanines, pyrene and coumarine have been chosen to absorb light in the UV-blue region of the visible spectrum. Although a few pyreneSubPc dyads have already been described in the literature[11], we specifically investigated the efficiency of the energy transfer between these two units as a function of the nature of the linker. For this purpose, the SubPc platform has been functionalized at the axial position [12, 13] (and not at the iso-indolic position, which may otherwise affect the electronic properties of the
platform) by the pyrene, choosing chemical modifications, such as a triple bond, a B-O-R or a $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{R}$ as a linker. Coumarine was also linked to the SubPc platform by a B-O-R link. The photophysical behavior of these antenna-SubPc dyads were explored using fluorescence spectroscopy. SubPc are also known to be good singlet oxygen generator under light exposure[14], yet, we did not measured their ability to perform such generation.

## 2. Experimental

### 2.1. Materials and equipments

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III 500 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million ( ppm ) from the residual non-deuterated solvent signal. J values are expressed in Hz. HPLC-MS analyses were performed on a ThermoDionex Ultimate 3000 instrument equipped with a diode array detector (Thermo-Dionex, FLD 3400-RS). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a LTQ Orbitrap XL (THERMO) equipped with an electrospray (ESI) source. For single crystal X-ray diffraction analyzes, all experimental data procedure and refinement are detailed in Supplementary Information. Data CCDC- 2005981 and 2005982 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper for compound $\mathbf{4}$ and $\mathbf{6}$ respectively. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif

### 2.2. Fluorescence quantum yield

UV-Visible measurements were performed on an Agilent Cary 60 using a glass cuvette (1x1x3 cm ). Fluorescence spectroscopic studies (emission/excitation spectra) were performed on a HORIBA Jobin Yvon Fluorolog spectrophotometer (software FLuorEssence) at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (using a temperature control system combined with water circulation), with standard fluorometer cells (Labbox, LB Q, light path: 10 mm , width: 10 mm , chamber volume: 3.5 mL ). Fluorescence quantum yields were calculated by relative method using rhodamine 6 G in ethanol ( $\Phi_{\mathrm{F}}=0.96$, 488 nm ). Emission Spectra were recorded for an absorbance at excitation wavelength comprised between 0.02 and 0.09 . Fluorescence quantum yield $\left(\Phi_{F}\right)$ were determined using the following equation:

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\Phi_{F}=\Phi_{F}(S t d) \times\left(\frac{\eta}{\eta(S t d)}\right)^{2} \times\left(\frac{1-10^{-A b s}}{1-10^{-A b s(S t d)}}\right) \times\left(\frac{A(S t d)}{A}\right)
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With:
Std corresponds to standard
$\Phi_{\mathrm{F}}$ and $\Phi_{\mathrm{F}}(\mathrm{Std})$ : fluorescence quantum yields
$\eta$ and $\eta$ (Std): refractive index of solvent

Abs and Abs (Std): absorbance at excitation wavelength (488 nm)
A and A (Std): areas under the fluorescence curves
2.3. Synthesis

### 2.3.1. Synthesis of compound $\mathbf{1}$

To a solution of phthalonitrile ( $1.06 \mathrm{~g}, 8.27 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in dry dichlorobenzene (DCB, 45 mL ), under nitrogen atmosphere, was slowly added $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}(20 \mathrm{~mL}, 1 \mathrm{M}$ in hexane, 20 mmol ) and the reaction was heated at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to remove hexane. After 30 min at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, a condenser was added and the reaction mixture was heated at $180^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1.5 hours. The color went from light milky yellow to dark purple. Then the reaction mixture was cooled down and a precipitate was formed. The solid was filtrated, washed with methanol and pentane and dried under vacuum to afford compound 1 ( $700 \mathrm{mg}, 58 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}$ ): $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 7.95(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 8.90$ (m, 6H). HR-MS ESI: m/z $431.0966[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$(calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{BClN}_{6}{ }^{+}: 431.0978$ ). HP-LC analysis: retention time 5.83.

### 2.3.2. Synthesis of compound 2

1-pyrenecarboxaldehyde ( $1 \mathrm{~g}, 4.3 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and dry THF ( 20 mL ) were mixed together. Sodium borohydride ( $165 \mathrm{mg}, 4.3 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added in small portions, together with small portions of methanol to help the solubilization (total volume of added methanol 10 mL ). An orange solution was obtained. The reaction was then quenched with a $2 \%$ concentrated hydrochloric acid solution. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The white powder obtained was dissolved in dichloromethane, washed with water and the organic phase was dried with magnesium sulfate. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting solid was subjected to silica gel column chromatography (eluent: DCM ) to afford compound $2(0.88 \mathrm{~g}, 88 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}$ ): $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 1.90(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.40(\mathrm{~s}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.98-8.10(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 8.15(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.20(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.37(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 125 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 64.04,123.16,124.88,124.92,125.13,125.43,125.46,126.16$, 126.20, 127.55, 127.64, 128.08 , 128.97, 130.94, 131.41, 131.44, 133.92. HR-MS ESI: m/z $247.0762[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}]^{-}\left(\right.$calcd for $\left.\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{O}_{2}^{-}: 247.0765\right)$. HP-LC analysis: retention time 4.78.

### 2.3.3. Synthesis of compounds $\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{4}$ and $\mathbf{6}$

General procedure. The synthetic method reported here to append aryloxy/alkoxy structures at the axial position of the SubPc platform was reminiscent of that we reported for phenoxy moities.[15] To a solution of compound $1(50 \mathrm{mg}, 0,116 \mathrm{mmol})$ in toluene ( 5 mL ) was added the corresponding antenna $(0,58 \mathrm{mmol})$. The reaction mixture was heated under refluxing conditions during 2-5 days and monitored by LCMS. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was subjected to silica gel column chromatography.

## Compound 3

Compound 3 was synthesized following the general procedure, where the chosen antenna was compound $2(134 \mathrm{mg})$. The reaction mixture was heated under refluxing conditions for 5 days. Target compound $\mathbf{3}$ was obtained after purification of the crude product by silica gel column chromatography using the $\mathrm{DCM} / \mathrm{MeOH}$ mixture $(95 / 5 \mathrm{vol}$.) as an eluent to afford the desired product $3(52 \mathrm{mg}, 74 \%)$. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 3,40(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.29(\mathrm{~s}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.08(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.28(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.75-7.88(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}), 7.99(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.76(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 60.55,122.09,122.78$, $124.28,124.48,124.86,124.93,125.24,125.64,126.89,127.22,127.35,127.87,129.69$, $130.56,130.64,131.01,131.15,132.35,151.43$. HR-MS ESI: m/z $627.2069[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$(calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{41} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{BN}_{6} \mathrm{O}^{+}: 627.2099$ ). HP-LC analysis: retention time 6.68 min .

## Compound 4

Compound 4 was synthesized following the general procedure where the chosen antenna was 1 -hydroxypyrene ( 127 mg ). The reaction mixture was heated under refluxing conditions for 2 days. The final product was obtained after purification of the crude mixture by silica gel column chromatography using DCM as an eluent to afford the desired product 4 ( $32 \mathrm{mg}, 45 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (500 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 5.88(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.88(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.60(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.7,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.74(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.79(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.86-7.91(\mathrm{~m}$, $7 \mathrm{H}), 7.93(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.5,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.81-8.86(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right):$ $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 116.13,120.67,122.41,124.08,124.20,124.67,125.21,125.23,125.44,125.82$, $126.11,126.21,127.19,130.02,131.13,131.15,131.36,131.38,147.10,151.57$. HR-MS ESI: $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 613.1908[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\left(\right.$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{40} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{BN}_{6} \mathrm{O}^{+}: 613.1943$ ). HP-LC analysis: retention time 7.36 min.

## Compound 6

Compound 6 was synthesized following the general procedure, where the chosen antenna was 7-hydroxycoumarine ( 94 mg ). The reaction mixture was heated under refluxing conditions for 2 days. Target compound $\mathbf{6}$ was obtained after subjecting the crude mixture to silica gel column chromatography using DCM as an eluent to afford the desired product $6(41 \mathrm{mg}, 64 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (500 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 5.27(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.33(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=8.5,2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 6.08(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=9.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.83(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.36(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=9.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.93(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H})$, $8.87(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 161.25,156.62,155.03,151.61$, $143.30,131.07,130.22,128.29,122.48,116.31,113.35,113.11,106.41,77.41,77.16,76.91$.

HR-MS ESI: m/z $557.1527[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$(calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{33} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{BN}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{3}{ }^{+}$: 557.1528 ). HP-LC analysis: retention time 5.68 min .

### 2.3.4. Synthesis of compound $\mathbf{5}$

To a solution of ethynylpyrene ( $100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.44 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in THF ( 4 mL ) was added phenylmagnesium bromide $(0.33 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.0 \mathrm{M})$, then the solution was stirred for 1 hour at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Then, a solution of compound $\mathbf{1}(95 \mathrm{mg}, 0.22 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF ( 4 mL ) was added to the reaction mixture. After heating at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 16 h , the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: DCM) to afford compound 5 ( $60 \mathrm{mg}, 44 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}$ ): $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 7.41(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.60(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.73(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.81(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.85-7.90$ $(\mathrm{m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.93(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 8.04(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.3,5.2,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.92(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 125 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta(\mathrm{ppm}) 117.13,122.32,124.08,124.14,125.35,125.36,125.51,126.09$, 127.16, 127.97, 128.05, 129.61, 129.86, 130.93, 130.99, 131.12, 131.15, 131.67, 150.70. HRMS ESI: m/z $621.1980[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$(calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{BN}_{6}{ }^{+}$: 621.1994). HP-LC analysis: retention time 7.84 min .

## 3. Results and discussion

The synthetic pathway to get new SubPc species $\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{4}, \mathbf{5}$ and $\mathbf{6}$ is described in Figure 1. The first step was the synthesis of compound $\mathbf{1}$ following a standard cyclotrimerization reaction of phthalonitrile around a Boron atom[16]. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of this compound shows two signals, as the form of multiplets lying at 7.95 ppm and 8.90 ppm , that correspond to SubPc$\mathrm{H} \beta$ and SubPc-H $\alpha$ protons, respectively (Fig. S1-1). The low solubility of compound $\mathbf{1}$ in common organic solvents did not allow us to get a ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum. Compound 2 was obtained upon reduction of 1-pyrenecarboxaldehyde with $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$. The formation of the desired product was confirmed by the emergence of a signal at 5.40 ppm in the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum, which corresponds to $-\mathrm{OCH}_{2}-$ protons (Fig. S1-2).
SubPc Species $\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{4}$ and $\mathbf{6}$ were successfully synthesized by reacting the antenna with SubPc $\mathbf{1}$ without addition of a base. Target compounds $\mathbf{3}, 4$ and $\mathbf{6}$ were identified by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR and by HRMS spectrometry. X-Rays diffraction of SubPc $\mathbf{4}$ and $\mathbf{6}$ were also performed, as shown in Figure 2. Judging from these structures, the conic shape of SubPc unit appears to be easily noticeable. The bonds angle between boron, oxygen and carbon atoms slightly changes from $117^{\circ}$ in SubPc 4 to $126^{\circ}$ in SubPc 6. It appears that, in the same conditions of temperature and concentration, the antenna $\mathbf{2}$ took five days to achieve quantitative substitution of the axial chorine atom in $\mathbf{1}$, while the reaction was completed in two days for the others antenna. The lowest reactivity of aliphatic alcohols, compared to phenolic substrates, might be the reason for such a difference in reaction time.

The synthesis of SubPc 5 was achieved using phenylmagnesium bromide as a base[17] on acidic 1-ethynylpyrene to afford the corresponding ylide that was subsequently reacted with SubPc 1.
As an example, the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{6}$ is depicted in Figure 3. As mentioned before, signals showing up at 7.92 ppm and at 8.87 ppm correspond to the protons of the SubPc unit. The two doublets with a 9.4 Hz coupling constant, lying at 7.36 ppm and at 6.08 ppm , correspond to the $-\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{CH}$ - protons sitting next to the lactone function of the coumarine. The three remaining signals, lying at $5.27 \mathrm{ppm}, 5.33 \mathrm{ppm}$ and 6.83 ppm correspond to the benzylic protons of the coumarine unit. The 2.2 Hz coupling constant is associated with the protons from either side of the ether function.
Signal assignment in the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of compounds $\mathbf{3}, 4$ and $\mathbf{5}$ were more complicated to achieve, due to the presence of multiple overlayed aromatic signals (Fig. S1-4, 6, 8).

## 4. Photophysical properties

### 4.1. Photophysical properties


#### Abstract

Absorption and fluorescence properties of subphthalocyanines 1, 3-6 were studied by UVVisible spectroscopy and are gathered in Table 1. The absorption and emission spectra of compound 1, 3-6 were recorded in toluene, tetrahydrofuran, chloroform, dimethyl sulfoxide and methanol, from an aprotic apolar to a protic polar solvent. Although highest values of absorption/emission maxima were obtained when the compounds were in solution in DMSO, no solvatochromism was noticeable. Also, no aggregation was observed on spectra, due to the three-dimensional design of molecules. All compounds possess maximum absorption wavelengths between 560 and 572 nm (subphthalocyanine partner) and UV-blue absorption bands between 250 and 370 nm (pyrene or coumarine partners) (Figure 4). Associated maximum emission wavelengths were measured with a Stokes shift around 10 nm . Introduction of the pyrenyl antenna linked to a triple bond in subphthalocyanine $\mathbf{5}$ seams to red-shift both absorption and emission maxima by ca. 5 nm . The observation of distinct absorbance peaks with no (or small) shifts in the absorption values indicate that chromophores do not interact between each other. Functionalization of the boron atom with aryloxy/alkoxy moieties upon substitution of the chlorine atom lowers the fluorescence quantum yield of the molecule by a factor 2 , resulting in compounds with fluorescence quantum yields ranging from 0.11 to 0.25 , depending on the solvent (highest values are obtained for aprotic apolar solvents), except for subphthalocyanine 4, which did not appear to fluoresce.


### 4.2. Energy transfer studies

Energy transfer properties of antenna-subphthalocyanine conjugates were investigated by fluorescence spectroscopy and are gathered in Table 1. The fluorescence emission spectra of compounds 3-6 were investigated using an excitation wavelength of 345 nm for compounds $\mathbf{3}$ and $\mathbf{4}, 360 \mathrm{~nm}$ for compound 5 and 305 nm for compound $\mathbf{6}$, at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in various solvents (Fig. S5-1, 2). Unfortunately, no energy transfer between the pyrenyl unit and the subphthalocyanine platform seems to occur in compound 4. Also, even if any residual fluorescence of the coumarine unit could not be observed upon excitation at the antenna and subsequent energy transfer in compound 6 (corresponding to an efficient energy transfer), it was not possible to determine the energy transfer efficiency (E.T.E.) due to the absorption wavelength of the antenna, located right in the absorption of the subphthalocyanine. On the other hand, compounds $\mathbf{3}$ and $\mathbf{5}$ did show efficient energy transfer processes, ranging from $36 \%$ to $84 \%$ in 3 and from $84 \%$ to $96 \%$ in $\mathbf{5}$. In both cases, a strong emission peak around 575 nm was observed upon excitation in the UV-blue region of the spectrum, with residual fluorescence of the pyrenyl antenna for compound 3. The high E.T.E. values obtained with compound $\mathbf{5}$ does indicate a really good energy transfer process between the pyrenyl unit linked to the subphthalocyanine platform through a triple bond. At this stage $t$ whether the energy transfer takes place through the triple bond or through space is a question left opened.

## 5. Conclusion

This work showed that the introduction of antenna at the axial position of subphthalocyanine $\mathbf{1}$ was successfully performed whatever the nature of the linker. These new conjugates were fully characterized by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$-NMR, mass spectrometry, UV-Vis, fluorescence and X-ray diffraction for compounds 4 and $\mathbf{6}$. Absorption and emission measurements showed that an efficient energy transfer occurred in compounds $\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{5}$ and $\mathbf{6}$, with E.T.E. values reaching $95 \%$ for compound 5. These new dyads appeared as promising molecular constructs used for applications requiring such energy transfers, such as photovoltaics, molecular probes.

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Figure 2: ORTEP view of compounds 4 (left) and $\mathbf{6}$ (right). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at $50 \%$ probability plot.


Figure 3: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{6}$ measured in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(500 \mathrm{MHz})$

| Cpd | Solvent | $\lambda_{\text {AbsEm }}(\mathrm{nm})$ | $\begin{gathered} \varepsilon \\ \left(\mathrm{L} \cdot \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \cdot \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) \end{gathered}$ | Q. Y. | E. T. E. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Toluene | 565/572 | 63000 | 0.48 | 1 |
|  | THF | 562/572 | n. d. | 0.32 |  |
|  | $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ | 565/571 | 67500 | 0.32 |  |
|  | DMSO | 569/578 | n. d. | 0.37 |  |
|  | MeOH | 562/572 | n. d. | 0.27 |  |
| 3 | Toluene | 563/574 | 50900 | 0.23 | n. d. |
|  | THF | 560/572 | 44000 | 0.18 | 36\% |
|  | $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ | 563/576 | 46000 | 0.17 | 78\% |
|  | DMSO | 567/578 | 45000 | 0.21 | 84\% |
|  | MeOH | 562/576 | 39100 | 0.13 | 43\% |
| 4 | Toluene | 563/572 | 76600 | 0.01 | / |
|  | THF | 562/574 | 58600 | $<0.01$ |  |
|  | $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ | 564/574 | 78200 | $<0.01$ |  |
|  | DMSO | 566/576 | 77700 | <0.01 |  |
|  | MeOH | 560/570 | 66700 | <0.01 |  |

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## Datablock: compound_4

| Bond | $C-C=0.0091$ | Wavel | $h=1.54178$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cell: | $\mathrm{a}=9.9592$ (4) | $\mathrm{b}=12.1772$ (5) | $\mathrm{C}=13.5700$ (6) |
|  | alpha=113.192(2) | beta=96.701(3) | gamma=103.825 (2) |
| Tempe | 100 K |  |  |


|  | Calculated | Reported |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Volume | 1427.34(11) | 1427.34(11) |
| Space group | P -1 | P -1 |
| Hall group | -P 1 | -P 1 |
| Moiety formula | C40 H21 B N6 O | C40 H21 B N6 O |
| Sum formula | C40 H21 B N6 O | C40 H21 B N6 O |
| Mr | 612.44 | 612.44 |
| Dx,g cm-3 | 1.425 | 1.425 |
| Z | 2 | 2 |
| $\mathrm{Mu}(\mathrm{mm}-1)$ | 0.700 | 0.700 |
| F000 | 632.0 | 632.0 |
| F000' | 633.80 |  |
| h, k, lmax | 11,14,16 | 11,14,16 |
| Nref | 5090 | 5023 |
| Tmin, Tmax | 0.922,0.957 | $0.733,0.915$ |
| Tmin' | 0.783 |  |

Correction method= \# Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.733 Tmax=0.915
AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN

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Data completeness= 0.987 Theta(max)=66.941
R(reflections)=0.1041( 3266) wR2(reflections)=0.2813( 5023)
S = 1.048 Npar= 433
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| PLAT234_ALERT_4_C | Large Hirshfeld Difference C16 | --C17 | 0.18 | Ang. |
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3.19 Ang.
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## Datablock: compound_6



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Data completeness=0.998 Theta(max)=66.797
R(reflections)= 0.0354(4461) wR2(reflections)= 0.0895( 5018)
S = 1.069 Npar= 415
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## SUPPORTING INFORMATIONS

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## I. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra

Figure S1-1: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound 01 recorded in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 500 MHz and 300 K


Figure S1-2: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{0 2}$ recorded in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 500 MHz and 300 K


Figure S1-3: ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound 02 recorded in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 125 MHz and 300 K


Figure S1-4: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound 03 recorded in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 500 MHz and 300 K
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Figure S1-5: ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound 03 recorded in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 125 MHz and 300 K



Figure S1-6: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound 04 recorded in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 500 MHz and 300 K


Figure S1-7: ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound 04 recorded in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 125 MHz and 300 K


Figure S1-8: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound 05 recorded in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 500 MHz and 300 K



Figure S1-9: ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound 05 recorded in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 125 MHz and 300 K


[^1]Figure S1-10: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound 06 recorded in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 500 MHz and 300 K




Figure S1-11: ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound 06 recorded in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 125 MHz and 300 K




## II. RP-HPLC elution profiles of compounds 01, 03, 04, 05 and 06

HPLC-MS analyses were performed on a Thermo-Dionex Ultimate 3000 instrument equipped with a diode array detector (Thermo-Dionex, FLD 3400-RS).
HPLC system used: RP-HPLC-MS (Phenomenex Kinetex $\mathrm{C}_{18}$ column, $2.6 \mu \mathrm{~m}, 2.1 \times 50 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) with $\mathrm{MeCN}(+0.1 \% \mathrm{FA})$ and $0.1 \%$ aq. formic acid (aq. FA, pH 2.7) as eluents [ $5 \% \mathrm{MeCN}$ ( 0.1 min ) followed by linear gradient from $5 \%$ to $100 \%$ ( 5 min ) of MeCN and maintained at $100 \%$ during 3 min ] at a flow rate of $0.5 \mathrm{~mL} \mathrm{~min}^{-1}$. UV-visible detection was achieved at 220,260 and 560 nm (+ DAD in the range 220-700 nm). Low resolution ESI-MS detection in the positive/negative mode (full scan, 100-1000 a.m.u., data type: centroid, needle voltage: 3.0 kV , probe temperature: 350 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, cone voltage: 75 V and scan time: 1 s ).

Figure S2-1: RP-HPLC elution profile of compound 01 at 560 nm


Figure S2-2: RP-HPLC elution profile of compound 03 at 560 nm


Figure S2-3: RP-HPLC elution profile of compound 04 at 560 nm


Figure S2-4: RP-HPLC elution profile of compound 05 at 560 nm


Figure S2-5: RP-HPLC elution profile of compound 06 at 560 nm


## III. HRMS analysis

Figure S3-1: HRMS spectrum of compound 01


Figure S3-2: HRMS spectrum of compound 02


Figure S3-3: HRMS spectrum of compound 03


Figure S3-4: HRMS spectrum of compound 04


Figure S3-5: HRMS spectrum of compound 05


Figure S3-6: HRMS spectrum of compound 06


## IV. Absorbance, excitation and emission spectra of compounds 01, 03, 04, 05 and 06 in different

 solventsFigure S4-1: Absorbance, excitation ( $\lambda_{\mathrm{em}}=630 \mathrm{~nm}$ ) and emission ( $\lambda_{\mathrm{ex}}=488 \mathrm{~nm}$ ) spectra of compound $\mathbf{0 1}$ in different solvents


Figure S4-2: Absorbance, excitation ( $\lambda_{e m}=630 \mathrm{~nm}$ ) and emission ( $\lambda_{e x}=488 \mathrm{~nm}$ ) spectra of compound 03 in different solvents






Figure S4-3: Absorbance, excitation ( $\lambda_{e m}=630 \mathrm{~nm}$ ) and emission ( $\lambda_{e x}=488 \mathrm{~nm}$ ) spectra of compound $\mathbf{0 4}$ in different solvents


Figure S4-4: Absorbance, excitation ( $\lambda_{e m}=630 \mathrm{~nm}$ ) and emission ( $\lambda_{e x}=488 \mathrm{~nm}$ ) spectra of compound 05 in different solvents


Figure S4-5: Absorbance, excitation ( $\lambda_{e m}=630 \mathrm{~nm}$ ) and emission ( $\lambda_{e x}=488 \mathrm{~nm}$ ) spectra of compound $\mathbf{0 6}$ in different solvents





## V. Energy Transfer Efficiency studies of compounds 03 and 05 in different solvents

Figure S5-1: Energy transfer efficiency of compound $\mathbf{0 3}$ in different solvents





Figure S5-2: Energy transfer efficiency of compound $\mathbf{0 5}$ in different solvents


## VI. X-Ray diffraction informations of compounds 4 and 6

## Figure S6-1: X-Ray diffraction informations of compound 4

## Crystal Data and Experimental



Experimental. Single clear light red plate-shaped crystals of compound 4 were recrystallized from a mixture of DCM and cyclohexane by slow evaporation. A suitable crystal $0.35 \times 0.10 \times 0.06 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$ was selected and mounted on a MITIGEN holder oil on a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer. The crystal was kept at a steady $T=$ 100.0 (1) K during data collection. The structure was solved with the ShelXT (Sheldrick, 2015) structure solution program using the Intrinsic Phasing solution method and by using Olex2 (Dolomanov et al., 2009) as the graphical interface. The model was refined with version 2018/3 of ShelXL (Sheldrick, 2015) using Least Squares minimization.

Crystal Data. $\mathrm{C}_{40} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{BN}_{6} \mathrm{O}, M_{r}=612.44$, triclinic, $P-1$ (No. 2), $\mathrm{a}=9.9592(4) \AA, \mathrm{b}=12.1772(5) \AA, \mathrm{c}=13.5700(6) \AA, \alpha=$ $113.192(2)^{\circ}, \quad \beta=96.701(3)^{\circ}, \quad \gamma=103.825(2)^{\circ}, \quad V=$ $1427.34(11) \AA^{3}, T=100.0(1) \mathrm{K}, Z=2, Z^{\prime}=1, \mu\left(\mathrm{CuK}_{\alpha}\right)=$ $0.700,18696$ reflections measured, 5023 unique $\left(R_{\text {int }}=\right.$ 0.1053 ) which were used in all calculations. The final $w R_{2}$ was 0.2813 (all data) and $R_{1}$ was 0.1041 (I > 2(I)).

| Compound | 4 |
| :---: | :---: |
| CCDC | 2005981 |
| Internal Reference | 20191125VLS4bOP |
|  | y |
| Formula | $\mathrm{C}_{40} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{BN}_{6} \mathrm{O}$ |
| $D_{\text {calc. }} / \mathrm{g} \mathrm{cm}^{-3}$ | 1.425 |
| $\mu / \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 0.700 |
| Formula Weight | 612.44 |
| Color | clear light red |
| Shape | plate |
| Size/mm ${ }^{3}$ | 0.35x0.10x0.06 |
| T/K | 100.0(1) |
| Crystal System | triclinic |
| Space Group | $P-1$ |
| $a / \AA{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 9.9592(4) |
| b/Å | 12.1772(5) |
| $c / \AA$ | 13.5700(6) |
| $\alpha /{ }^{\circ}$ | 113.192(2) |
| $\beta /{ }^{\circ}$ | 96.701(3) |
| $\gamma /{ }^{\circ}$ | 103.825(2) |
| V/A ${ }^{3}$ | 1427.34(11) |
| Z | 2 |
| Z' | 1 |
| Wavelength/Å | 1.541840 |
| Radiation type | $\mathrm{CuK}_{\alpha}$ |
| $\Theta_{\text {min }} /{ }^{\circ}$ | 3.647 |
| $\Theta_{\max } /{ }^{\circ}$ | 66.941 |
| Measured Refl. | 18696 |
| Independent Refl. | 5023 |
| Reflections with I > | 3266 |
| 2(I) |  |
| $R_{\text {int }}$ | 0.1053 |
| Parameters | 433 |
| Restraints | 0 |
| Largest Peak | 0.468 |
| Deepest Hole | -0.359 |
| GooF | 1.048 |
| $w R_{2}$ (all data) | 0.2813 |
| $w R_{2}$ | 0.2523 |
| $R_{1}$ (all data) | 0.1462 |
| $R_{1}$ | 0.1041 |

## Structure Quality Indicators

| Reflections: | d min (Cu) 0.84 | I/ | 11.4 | Rint | 10.53\% | complete | 99\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Refinement: | Shift 0.000 | Max Peak | 0.5 | Min Peak | -0.4 | GooF | 1.048 |

A clear light red plate-shaped crystal with dimensions $0.35 \times 0.10 \times 0.06 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$ was mounted on a MITIGEN holder oil. Data were collected using a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer equipped with an Oxford Cryosystems low-temperature device operating at $T=100.0(1) \mathrm{K}$. Data were measured using $\phi$ and $\omega$ scans' using $\mathrm{CuK}_{\alpha}$ radiation. The total number of runs and images was based on the strategy calculation from the program APEX3 (Bruker, 2015) The maximum resolution that was achieved was $\Theta=66.941^{\circ}$ ( $0.84 \AA$ ). The diffraction pattern was indexed. The total number of runs and images was based on the strategy calculation from the program APEX3 (Bruker, 2015) and the unit cell was refined using SAINT (Bruker, V8.40A, after 2013) on 4970 reflections, $27 \%$ of the observed reflections. Data reduction, scaling and absorption corrections were performed using SAINT (Bruker, V8.40A, after 2013). The final completeness is $98.70 \%$ out to $66.941^{\circ}$ in $\Theta$. A multi-scan absorption correction was performed using SADABS-2016/2 (Bruker,2016) was used for absorption correction. $w R_{2}(\mathrm{int})$ was 0.1218 before and 0.0935 after correction. The Ratio of minimum to maximum transmission is 0.8010 . The absorption coefficient $\mu$ of this material is $0.700 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ at this wavelength ( $\lambda=1.542 \AA$ ) and the minimum and maximum transmissions are 0.733 and 0.915 . The structure was solved and the space group $P-1$ (\# 2) determined by the ShelXT (Sheldrick, 2015) structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined by Least Squares using version 2018/3 of ShelXL (Sheldrick, 2015). All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atom positions were calculated geometrically and refined using the riding model. Hydrogen atom positions were calculated geometrically and refined using the riding model. There is a single molecule in the asymmetric unit, which is represented by the reported sum formula. In other words: Z is 2 and Z ' is 1 .


Figure 1: View of selected sample.

Table 1: Bond Lengths in Å for compound 4.

| Atom | Atom | Length/Å |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| O1 | C9 | $1.374(7)$ |
| O1 | B1 | $1.430(7)$ |
| N1 | C1 | $1.355(6)$ |
| N1 | C8B | $1.342(7)$ |
| N2 | C1B | $1.358(7)$ |
| N2 | C8B | $1.372(7)$ |
| N2 | B1 | $1.496(7)$ |
| N3 | C1B | $1.353(7)$ |
| N3 | C8A | $1.346(6)$ |
| N4 | C1A | $1.357(6)$ |
| N4 | C8A | $1.365(6)$ |
| N4 | B1 | $1.499(7)$ |
| N5 | C1A | $1.339(7)$ |
| N5 | C8 | $1.351(7)$ |
| N6 | C1 | $1.372(6)$ |
| N6 | C8 | $1.368(6)$ |
| N6 | B1 | $1.499(7)$ |
| C1 | C2 | $1.456(7)$ |
| C1A | C2A | $1.459(7)$ |
| C1B | C2B | $1.443(7)$ |
| C2 | C3 | $1.395(7)$ |
| C2 | C7 | $1.433(7)$ |
| C2A | C3A | $1.386(7)$ |
| C2A | C7A | $1.426(7)$ |
| C2B | C3B | $1.398(7)$ |
| C2B | C7B | $1.426(7)$ |
| C3 | C4 | $1.381(8)$ |
| C3A | C4A | $1.388(7)$ |
| C3B | C4B | $1.385(8)$ |
| C4 | C5 | $1.396(8)$ |
|  |  |  |


| Atom | Atom | Length/Å |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C4A | C5A | $1.404(7)$ |
| C4B | C5B | $1.386(8)$ |
| C5 | C6 | $1.392(7)$ |
| C5A | C6A | $1.389(7)$ |
| C5B | C6B | $1.380(8)$ |
| C6 | C7 | $1.386(7)$ |
| C6A | C7A | $1.405(7)$ |
| C6B | C7B | $1.387(7)$ |
| C7 | C8 | $1.458(7)$ |
| C7A | C8A | $1.452(7)$ |
| C7B | C8B | $1.472(7)$ |
| C9 | C10 | $1.379(8)$ |
| C9 | C14 | $1.397(8)$ |
| C10 | C11 | $1.392(9)$ |
| C11 | C12 | $1.349(9)$ |
| C12 | C13 | $1.470(9)$ |
| C12 | C15 | $1.422(9)$ |
| C13 | C14 | $1.402(8)$ |
| C13 | C24 | $1.392(8)$ |
| C14 | C23 | $1.474(8)$ |
| C15 | C16 | $1.312(9)$ |
| C16 | C17 | $1.483(10)$ |
| C17 | C18 | $1.354(9)$ |
| C17 | C24 | $1.434(8)$ |
| C18 | C19 | $1.373(11)$ |
| C19 | C20 | $1.385(10)$ |
| C20 | C21 | $1.401(9)$ |
| C21 | C22 | $1.442(9)$ |
| C21 | C24 | $1.446(9)$ |
| C22 | C23 | $1.347(8)$ |
|  |  |  |

Table 2: Bond Angles in ${ }^{\circ}$ for compound 04.

| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/ ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C9 | O1 | B1 | $117.0(4)$ |
| C8B | N1 | C1 | $117.0(4)$ |
| C1B | N2 | C8B | $112.6(4)$ |
| C1B | N2 | B1 | $122.6(4)$ |
| C8B | N2 | B1 | $123.3(4)$ |
| C8A | N3 | C1B | $115.9(4)$ |
| C1A | N4 | C8A | $113.4(4)$ |
| C1A | N4 | B1 | $123.7(4)$ |
| C8A | N4 | B1 | $122.2(4)$ |
| C1A | N5 | C8 | $115.9(4)$ |
| C1 | N6 | B1 | $123.3(4)$ |
| C8 | N6 | C1 | $112.3(4)$ |
| C8 | N6 | B1 | $123.0(4)$ |
| N1 | C1 | N6 | $122.1(5)$ |
| N1 | C1 | C2 | $129.3(5)$ |
| N6 | C1 | C2 | $106.5(4)$ |
| N4 | C1A | C2A | $105.8(4)$ |
| N5 | C1A | N4 | $122.9(5)$ |
| N5 | C1A | C2A | $129.8(5)$ |
| N2 | C1B | C2B | $107.0(4)$ |
| N3 | C1B | N2 | $123.4(5)$ |
| N3 | C1B | C2B | $128.0(5)$ |
| C3 | C2 | C1 | $132.4(5)$ |
| C3 | C2 | C7 | $120.2(5)$ |


| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle $/^{\circ}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| C7 | C2 | C1 | $106.7(5)$ |
| C3A | C2A | C1A | $132.5(5)$ |
| C3A | C2A | C7A | $121.0(5)$ |
| C7A | C2A | C1A | $106.4(4)$ |
| C3B | C2B | C1B | $132.6(5)$ |
| C3B | C2B | C7B | $119.9(5)$ |
| C7B | C2B | C1B | $107.3(5)$ |
| C4 | C3 | C2 | $117.6(5)$ |
| C2A | C3A | C4A | $118.0(5)$ |
| C4B | C3B | C2B | $117.9(5)$ |
| C3 | C4 | C5 | $122.5(5)$ |
| C3A | C4A | C5A | $121.6(5)$ |
| C3B | C4B | C5B | $121.5(5)$ |
| C6 | C5 | C4 | $120.6(5)$ |
| C6A | C5A | C4A | $121.1(5)$ |
| C6B | C5B | C4B | $122.0(5)$ |
| C7 | C6 | C5 | $118.2(5)$ |
| C5A | C6A | C7A | $117.9(5)$ |
| C5B | C6B | C7B | $117.6(5)$ |
| C2 | C7 | C8 | $106.9(4)$ |
| C6 | C7 | C2 | $120.8(5)$ |
| C6 | C7 | C8 | $132.0(5)$ |
| C2A | C7A | C8A | $107.5(5)$ |
| C6A | C7A | C2A | $120.3(5)$ |


| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/ ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C6A | C7A | C8A | $131.9(5)$ |
| C2B | C7B | C8B | $106.4(5)$ |
| C6B | C7B | C2B | $121.1(5)$ |
| C6B | C7B | C8B | $132.0(5)$ |
| N5 | C8 | N6 | $123.3(5)$ |
| N5 | C8 | C7 | $128.2(5)$ |
| N6 | C8 | C7 | $106.5(4)$ |
| N3 | C8A | N4 | $123.1(5)$ |
| N3 | C8A | C7A | $130.7(5)$ |
| N4 | C8A | C7A | $105.2(4)$ |
| N1 | C8B | N2 | $122.6(5)$ |
| N1 | C8B | C7B | $129.7(5)$ |
| N2 | C8B | C7B | $105.5(4)$ |
| 01 | C9 | C10 | $119.7(6)$ |
| 01 | C9 | C14 | $120.1(5)$ |
| C10 | C9 | C14 | $120.2(6)$ |
| C9 | C10 | C11 | $120.5(6)$ |
| C12 | C11 | C10 | $121.7(6)$ |
| C11 | C12 | C13 | $119.0(6)$ |
| C11 | C12 | C15 | $125.1(7)$ |
| C15 | C12 | C13 | $115.8(6)$ |
| C14 | C13 | C12 | $118.2(5)$ |
| C24 | C13 | C12 | $119.5(6)$ |
| C24 | C13 | C14 | $122.3(6)$ |
| C9 | C14 | C13 | $120.2(5)$ |


| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle $/{ }^{\circ}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| C9 | C14 | C23 | $120.9(5)$ |
| C13 | C14 | C23 | $118.8(5)$ |
| C16 | C15 | C12 | $125.0(7)$ |
| C15 | C16 | C17 | $121.6(6)$ |
| C18 | C17 | C16 | $123.4(7)$ |
| C18 | C17 | C24 | $121.8(7)$ |
| C24 | C17 | C16 | $114.7(6)$ |
| C17 | C18 | C19 | $119.3(8)$ |
| C18 | C19 | C20 | $121.8(7)$ |
| C19 | C20 | C21 | $121.6(8)$ |
| C20 | C21 | C22 | $123.0(6)$ |
| C20 | C21 | C24 | $116.8(7)$ |
| C22 | C21 | C24 | $120.1(6)$ |
| C23 | C22 | C21 | $120.8(6)$ |
| C22 | C23 | C14 | $119.9(6)$ |
| C13 | C24 | C17 | $123.4(7)$ |
| C13 | C24 | C21 | $118.0(6)$ |
| C17 | C24 | C21 | $118.6(6)$ |
| 01 | B1 | N2 | $110.9(4)$ |
| O1 | B1 | N4 | $116.1(5)$ |
| 01 | B1 | N6 | $117.6(5)$ |
| N2 | B1 | N4 | $104.2(4)$ |
| N2 | B1 | N6 | $103.7(4)$ |
| N4 | B1 | N6 | $102.8(4)$ |

## Crystal Data and Experimental



Experimental. Single clear light red prism-shaped crystals of compound 6 were recrystallized from DCM by slow evaporation. A suitable crystal $0.50 \times 0.24 \times 0.10 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$ was selected and mounted on a MITIGEN holder oil on a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer. The crystal was kept at a steady $T=100.0(1) \mathrm{K}$ during data collection. The structure was solved with the ShelXT (Sheldrick, 2015) structure solution program using the Intrinsic Phasing solution method and by using Olex2 (Dolomanov et al., 2009) as the graphical interface. The model was refined with version 2018/3 of ShelXL (Sheldrick, 2015) using Least Squares minimization.

Crystal Data. $\mathrm{C}_{34} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{BCl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{3}, M_{r}=641.26$, monoclinic, $P 2_{1} / c$ (No. 14), $a=11.2700$ (6) $\AA, b=16.3338$ (9) $\AA \AA, c=$ 15.6723(6) $\AA, \quad \beta=101.100(3)^{\circ}, \quad \alpha=\quad \gamma=90^{\circ}, \quad V=$ 2831.0(2) $\AA^{3}, T=100.0(1) \mathrm{K}, Z=4, Z^{\prime}=1, \mu\left(\mathrm{CuK}_{\alpha}\right)=2.478$, 69277 reflections measured, 5018 unique ( $R_{\text {int }}=0.0599$ ) which were used in all calculations. The final $w R_{2}$ was 0.0895 (all data) and $R_{1}$ was 0.0354 ( $\mathrm{I}>2 \mathrm{~s}(\mathrm{I})$ ).

| Compound | 6 |
| :---: | :---: |
| CCDC | 2005982 |
| Internal Reference | $20190502 \mathrm{VL297}$ |
| Formula | $\mathrm{C}_{34} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{BCl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ |
| $D_{\text {calc. }} / \mathrm{g} \mathrm{cm}^{-3}$ | 1.505 |
| $\mu / \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 2.478 |
| Formula Weight | 641.26 |
| Colour | clear light red |
| Shape | prism |
| Size/mm ${ }^{3}$ | 0.50x0.24x0.10 |
| T/K | 100.0(1) |
| Crystal System | monoclinic |
| Space Group | $P 21 / c$ |
| $a / \AA$ | 11.2700(6) |
| b/A | 16.3338(9) |
| $c / \AA$ | 15.6723(6) |
| $\alpha /{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| $\beta /{ }^{\circ}$ | 101.100(3) |
| $\gamma /{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| $\mathrm{V} / \AA^{3}$ | 2831.0(2) |
| Z | 4 |
| Z' | 1 |
| Wavelength/Å | 1.541840 |
| Radiation type | $\mathrm{CuK}_{\alpha}$ |
| $\Theta_{\text {min }} /{ }^{\circ}$ | 3.948 |
| $\Theta_{\max } /{ }^{\circ}$ | 66.797 |
| Measured Refl. | 69277 |
| Independent Refl. | 5018 |
| Reflections with $\mathrm{I}>$ $2(I)$ | 4461 |
| $R_{\text {int }}$ | 0.0599 |
| Parameters | 415 |
| Restraints | 0 |
| Largest Peak | 0.241 |
| Deepest Hole | -0.391 |
| GooF | 1.069 |
| $w R_{2}$ (all data) | 0.0895 |
| $w^{2} 2$ | 0.0861 |
| $R_{1}$ (all data) | 0.0409 |
| $R_{1}$ | 0.0354 |

## Structure Quality Indicators

| Reflections: | d min (Cu) 0.84 | [/\% | 43.5 | Rint | 5.99\% | complete | 100\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Refinement: | Shift 0.001 | Max Peak | 0.2 | Min Peak | -0.4 | Goof | 1.069 |

A clear light red prism-shaped crystal with dimensions $0.50 \times 0.24 \times 0.10 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$ was mounted on a MITIGEN holder oil. Data were collected using a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer equipped with an Oxford Cryosystems low-temperature device operating at $T=100.0(1)$ K. Data were measured using $\phi$ and $\omega$ scans using $\mathrm{CuK}_{\alpha}$ radiation. The total number of runs and images was based on the strategy calculation from the program APEX3 (Bruker, 2015) The maximum resolution that was achieved was $\Theta=66.797^{\circ}$ ( $0.84 \AA$ ). The diffraction pattern was indexed. The total number of runs and images was based on the strategy calculation from the program APEX3 (Bruker, 2015) and the unit cell was refined using SAINT (Bruker, V8.38A, after 2013) on 2267 reflections, $3 \%$ of the observed reflections. Data reduction, scaling and absorption corrections were performed using SAINT (Bruker, V8.38A, after 2013). The final completeness is $99.80 \%$ out to $66.797^{\circ}$ in $\Theta$. A multi-scan absorption correction was performed using SADABS-2016/2 (Bruker, 2016) was used for absorption correction. w $R_{2}$ (int) was 0.1162 before and 0.0766 after correction. The Ratio of minimum to maximum transmission is 0.7194 . The absorption coefficient $\mu$ of this material is $2.478 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ at this wavelength ( $\lambda=1.542 \AA$ ) and the minimum and maximum transmissions are 0.447 and 0.621 . The structure was solved and the space group $P 2_{1} / c$ (\# 14) determined by the ShelXT (Sheldrick, 2015) structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined by Least Squares using version 2018/3 of ShelXL (Sheldrick, 2015). All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atom positions were calculated geometrically and refined using the riding model. Hydrogen atom positions were calculated geometrically and refined using the riding model. There is a single molecule in the asymmetric unit, which is represented by the reported sum formula. In other words: Z is 4 and Z ' is 1 .


Figure 2: View of sample batch (left) and selected crystal (right).

Table 3: Bond Lengths in $\AA$ Å for compound 6.

| Atom | Atom | Length/Å |  |  | Atom | Atom |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | C11 | C34 | $1.775(2)$ |  |  | N1 |
| C12 | C34 | C10 |  | $1.350(2)$ |  |  |
| O1 | C1 | $1.767(2)$ |  |  | N1 | C33 |
| 01 | B1 | $1.355(2)$ |  |  | N2 | C10 |


| Atom | Atom | Length/\&̊ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N4 | C18 | $1.362(2)$ |
| N4 | C25 | $1.364(2)$ |
| N4 | B1 | $1.489(2)$ |
| N5 | C25 | $1.348(2)$ |
| N5 | C26 | $1.342(2)$ |
| N6 | C26 | $1.369(2)$ |
| N6 | C33 | $1.369(2)$ |
| N6 | B1 | $1.495(2)$ |
| C1 | C2 | $1.401(2)$ |
| C1 | C9 | $1.391(2)$ |
| C2 | C3 | $1.380(2)$ |
| C3 | C4 | $1.402(3)$ |
| C4 | C5 | $1.432(2)$ |
| C4 | C8 | $1.396(2)$ |
| C5 | C6 | $1.344(3)$ |
| C6 | C7 | $1.451(3)$ |
| C8 | C9 | $1.380(2)$ |
| C10 | C11 | $1.453(2)$ |
| C11 | C12 | $1.397(2)$ |
| C11 | C16 | $1.425(2)$ |
| C12 | C13 | $1.387(3)$ |


| Atom | Atom | Length/̊ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C13 | C14 | $1.403(3)$ |
| C14 | C15 | $1.383(3)$ |
| C15 | C16 | $1.394(3)$ |
| C16 | C17 | $1.455(2)$ |
| C18 | C19 | $1.460(2)$ |
| C19 | C20 | $1.390(2)$ |
| C19 | C24 | $1.426(2)$ |
| C20 | C21 | $1.384(3)$ |
| C21 | C22 | $1.400(3)$ |
| C22 | C23 | $1.386(3)$ |
| C23 | C24 | $1.391(2)$ |
| C24 | C25 | $1.459(2)$ |
| C26 | C27 | $1.458(2)$ |
| C27 | C28 | $1.393(3)$ |
| C27 | C32 | $1.419(2)$ |
| C28 | C29 | $1.389(3)$ |
| C29 | C30 | $1.395(3)$ |
| C30 | C31 | $1.390(3)$ |
| C31 | C32 | $1.392(2)$ |
| C32 | C33 | $1.457(2)$ |
|  |  |  |

Table 4: Bond Angles in ${ }^{\circ}$ for compound 6.

| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/ ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cl2 | C34 | Cl1 | 110.90(11) |
| C1 | 01 | B1 | 126.22(13) |
| C8 | 02 | C7 | 122.09(14) |
| C33 | N1 | C10 | 117.38(14) |
| C10 | N2 | B1 | 123.29(14) |
| C17 | N2 | C10 | 112.74(14) |
| C17 | N2 | B1 | 122.08(14) |
| C18 | N3 | C17 | 117.10(15) |
| C18 | N4 | C25 | 113.89(14) |
| C18 | N4 | B1 | 122.44(14) |
| C25 | N4 | B1 | 123.35(15) |
| C26 | N5 | C25 | 116.68(14) |
| C26 | N6 | C33 | 112.83(14) |
| C26 | N6 | B1 | 122.44(14) |
| C33 | N6 | B1 | 123.30(14) |
| 01 | C1 | C2 | 123.66(16) |
| 01 | C1 | C9 | 116.14(15) |
| C9 | C1 | C2 | 120.18(16) |
| C3 | C2 | C1 | 119.82(16) |
| C2 | C3 | C4 | 121.10(16) |
| C3 | C4 | C5 | 124.39(16) |
| C8 | C4 | C3 | 117.57(16) |
| C8 | C4 | C5 | 118.04(16) |
| C6 | C5 | C4 | 120.82(17) |
| C5 | C6 | C7 | 121.29(16) |
| 02 | C7 | C6 | 116.83(15) |
| 03 | C7 | 02 | 116.21(16) |
| 03 | C7 | C6 | 126.96(17) |
| 02 | C8 | C4 | 120.74(15) |
| C9 | C8 | 02 | 116.80(15) |
| C9 | C8 | C4 | 122.46(16) |
| C8 | C9 | C1 | 118.84(15) |
| N1 | C10 | N2 | 122.36(15) |
| N1 | C10 | C11 | 129.76(15) |
| N2 | C10 | C11 | 105.91(14) |
| C12 | C11 | C10 | 132.11(16) |
| C12 | C11 | C16 | 120.65(16) |


| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/ ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| C16 | C11 | C10 | $107.07(15)$ |
| C13 | C12 | C11 | $117.92(16)$ |
| C12 | C13 | C14 | $121.41(16)$ |
| C15 | C14 | C13 | $121.21(17)$ |
| C14 | C15 | C16 | $118.39(17)$ |
| C11 | C16 | C17 | $107.09(15)$ |
| C15 | C16 | C11 | $120.38(16)$ |
| C15 | C16 | C17 | $132.29(16)$ |
| N2 | C17 | C16 | $105.91(14)$ |
| N3 | C17 | N2 | $122.77(15)$ |
| N3 | C17 | C16 | $129.53(16)$ |
| N3 | C18 | N4 | $122.23(15)$ |
| N3 | C18 | C19 | $130.74(16)$ |
| N4 | C18 | C19 | $105.52(14)$ |
| C20 | C19 | C18 | $132.51(16)$ |
| C20 | C19 | C24 | $120.66(16)$ |
| C24 | C19 | C18 | $106.79(15)$ |
| C21 | C20 | C19 | $117.91(17)$ |
| C20 | C21 | C22 | $121.56(17)$ |
| C23 | C22 | C21 | $121.21(17)$ |
| C22 | C23 | C24 | $117.99(17)$ |
| C19 | C24 | C25 | $107.45(15)$ |
| C23 | C24 | C19 | $120.61(16)$ |
| C23 | C24 | C25 | $131.89(16)$ |
| N4 | C25 | C24 | $105.21(14)$ |
| N5 | C25 | N4 | $122.00(15)$ |
| N5 | C25 | C24 | $131.43(16)$ |
| N5 | C26 | N6 | $123.12(16)$ |
| C28 | C26 | C28 | C26 |


| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/ ${ }^{\circ}$ |  |  | Atom | Atom | Atom |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C27 | C32 | C33 | $107.01(15)$ |  | Angle/ ${ }^{\circ}$ |  |  |  |
| C31 | C32 | C27 | $120.96(16)$ |  | O1 | B1 | N2 | $116.52(15)$ |
| C31 | C32 | C33 | $131.95(16)$ |  | O1 | B1 | N4 | $107.80(14)$ |
| N1 | C33 | N6 | $122.45(16)$ |  | N4 | B1 | N2 | $118.25(15)$ |
| N1 | C33 | C32 | $130.20(16)$ |  | N4 | B1 | N6 | $104.57(14)$ |
| N6 | C33 | C32 | $105.74(14)$ |  | N6 | B1 | N2 | $104.66(14)$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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