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New D–A–D luminophores of the 1,2,5-thiadiazolo[3,4-*d*]pyridazine series

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General information

Chemicals were used as purchased. 4,7-Dibromo[1,2,5]thiadiazolo[3,4-*d*]pyridazine **1**,^[S1] 1,2,3,3a,4,8b-hexahydrocyclopenta[*b*]indole **3a**,^[S2] 2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1*H*-carbazole **3b**,^[S3] 2,3,4,4a,9,9a-hexahydro-1*H*-1,4-methanocarbazole **3c**^[S4] were prepared as reported. All synthetic operations were performed under a dry argon atmosphere. Solvents were purified by distillation over the appropriate drying agents. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained with a Bruker AM-300 NMR spectrometer (at frequencies of 300.1 and 75.5 MHz, respectively) in CDCl₃ solutions, with TMS as the standard. *J* values are given in Hz. Multiplicities are assigned as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), m (multiplet). High resolution mass spectra were measured on a Bruker micrOTOF II instrument using electrospray ionization (ESI). IR spectra were measured with a Bruker ‘Alpha-T’ instrument in KBr pellets.

Optical absorption spectra were obtained at ambient temperature using a JASCO V-770 spectrophotometer in the range 180–2500 nm. The experiments were carried out for the compounds in the solutions poured into 1 cm pathlength quartz optical cells. The samples were dissolved in different solvents such as cyclohexane (C₆H₁₂), chloroform (CHCl₃), ethyl acetate (AcOEt), tetrahydrofuran (THF), dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), acetonitrile (MeCN), (HPLC-grade super gradient, Panreac, Spain) with concentrations of about 5 × 10⁻⁵ mol dm⁻³.

Photoluminescence excitation, emission spectra as well as luminescence decays were recorded at room temperature with a Horiba-Jobin-Yvon Fluorolog FL3-22 spectrofluorimeter equipped with a 450 W Xenon lamp and R-928 photomultiplier. This experimental setup is sensitive in the 300–850 emission range. The absolute luminescence quantum yield (Φ) measurements were carried out with a use of the same setup equipped with a G8 Spectralon[®]-covered sphere (GMP SA, Switzerland) and a Hamamatsu R928 photomultiplier. A diffusing screen was mounted inside the sphere to avoid direct irradiation of the detector. The measurements were carried out at ambient temperature.

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Photophysical properties

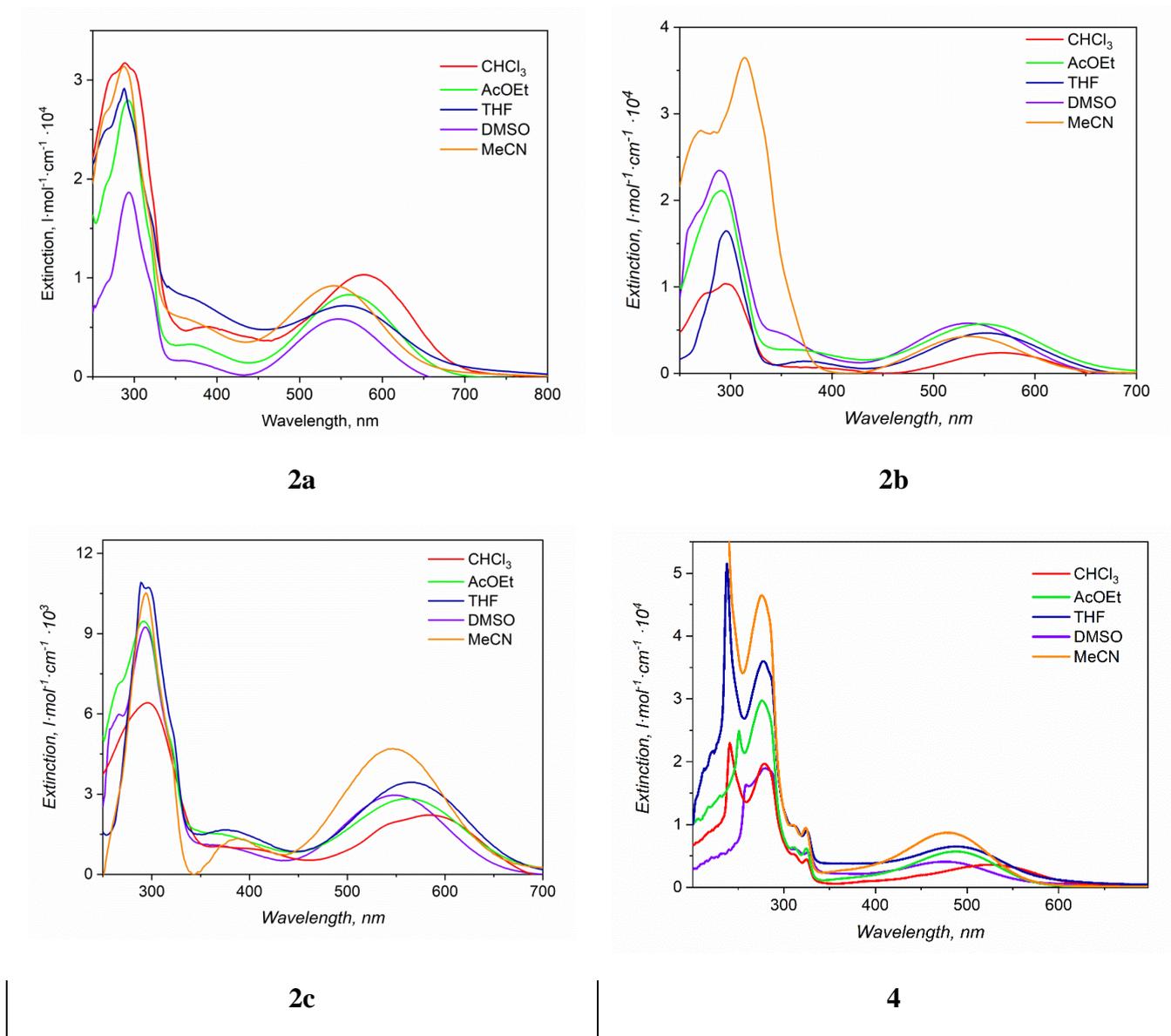


Figure S1: UV-Vis spectra recorded for dyes 2a, 2b, 2c and 4.

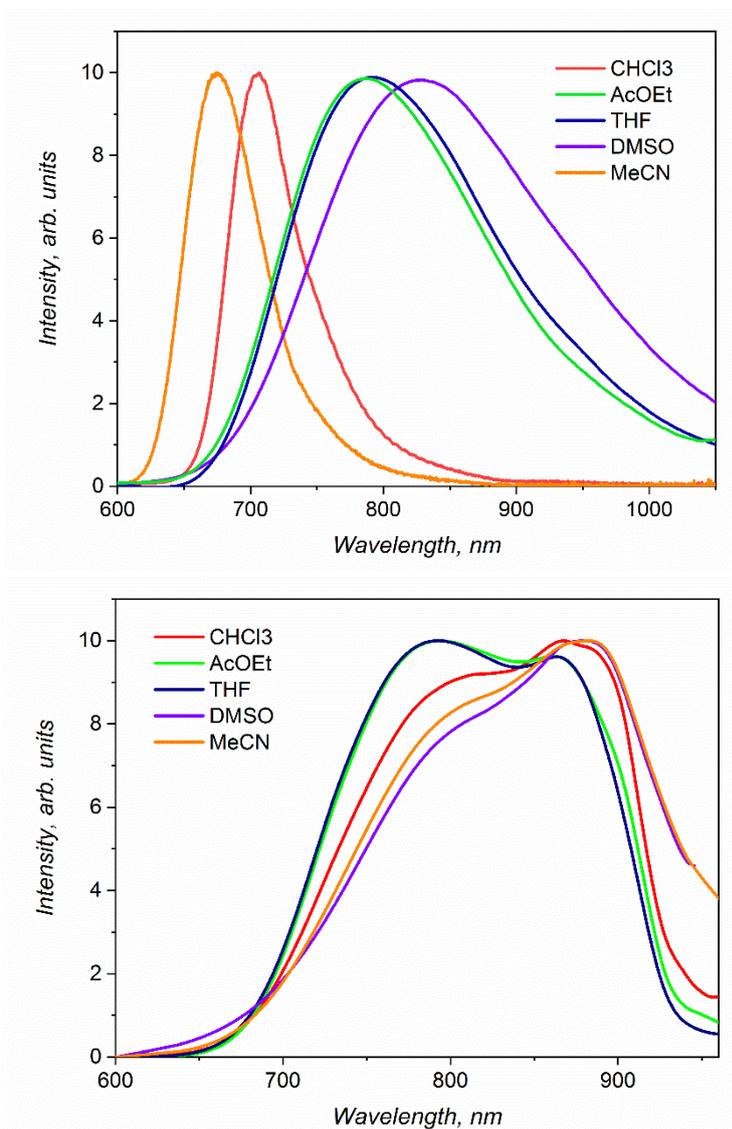


Figure S2: Luminescence spectra recorded for dyes **2a** and **2c**.

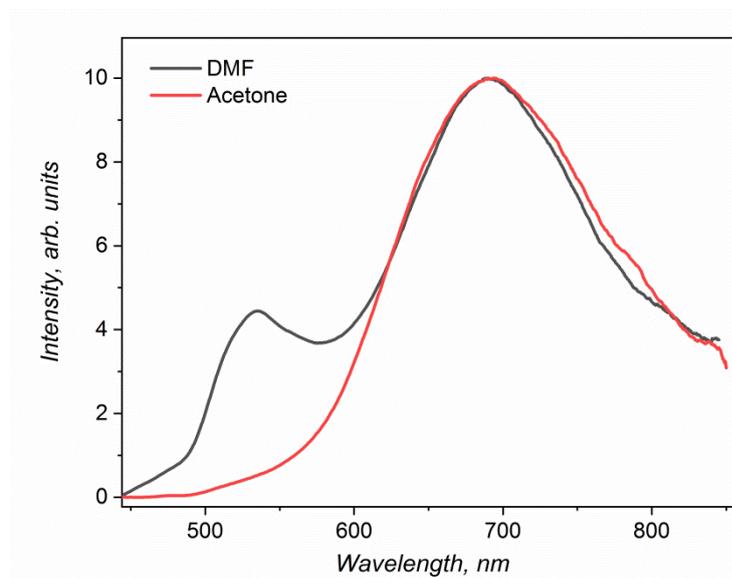


Figure S3: Luminescence spectra recorded for dye **4** dissolved in DMF and acetone.

Table S1 Photophysical parameters obtained for dyes **2** and **4**: absorption maximum wavelength λ_{abs} , maximum molar extinction coefficient ϵ , wavelength of emission maximum λ_{em} , full width half maximum FWHM for the emission spectrum, Stokes shift $\Delta\nu$, oscillator strength.

Solvent	$\lambda_{abs}(LE)$ nm	$\lambda_{abs}(ICT)$ nm	$\epsilon_{max} \times 10^3$ $\text{mol} \times \text{l}^{-1} \times \text{cm}^{-1}$	λ_{em} nm	FWHM nm	$\Delta\nu$ cm^{-1}	f
2a							
CHCl ₃	289	580.5	31.7	706	125	3062	0.21
AcOEt	292	563	28	787	141	5056	0.12
THF	290	555	29	792	127	5391	0.11
DMSO	293	550	18.7	828	145	6104	0.15
MeCN	290	542	31	675	90	3635	0.25
2b							
CHCl ₃	296	568	10.2	802	102	5137	0.11
AcOEt	292	550	21.5	794	105	5587	0.31
THF	297	554	23	794	95	5456	0.31
DMSO	293	535	24.4	815	142	6421	0.24
MeCN	314	535	37	820	85	6496	0.19
2c							
CHCl ₃	297	587	64.4	868	100	5515	0.44
AcOEt	295	564	94.3	792	98	5104	0.39
THF	294	567	109	790	106	4978	0.55
DMSO	295	550	92	880	125	6818	0.45
MeCN	295	547	105	884	87	6916	0.30
4							
CHCl ₃	277	526	19.6	695	110	4623	0.19
AcOEt	277	488	29.6	675	124	5676	0.22
THF	277	489	36.9	679	120	5722	0.30
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DFT calculation

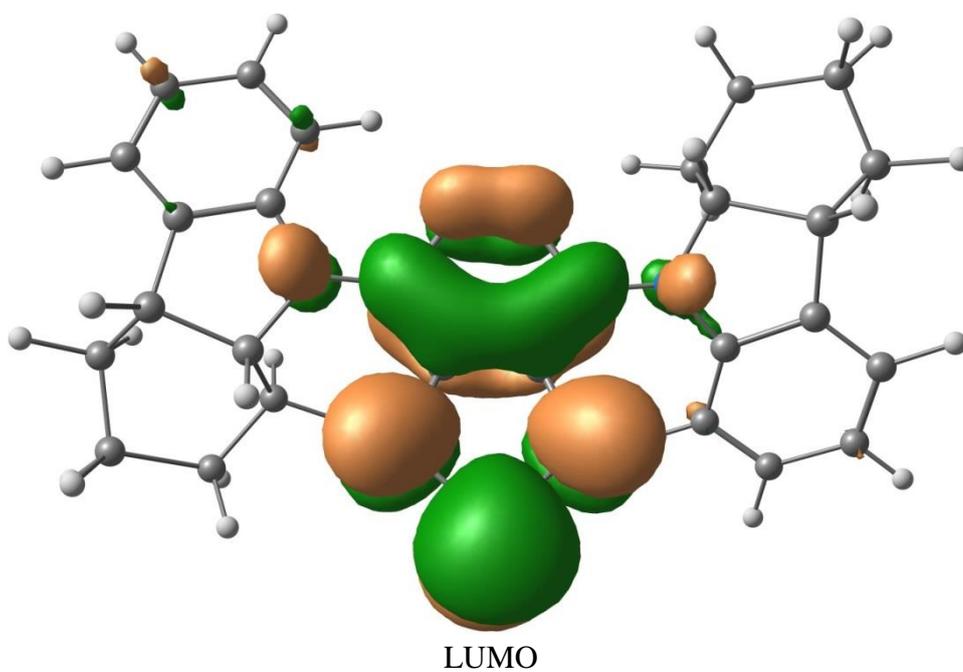
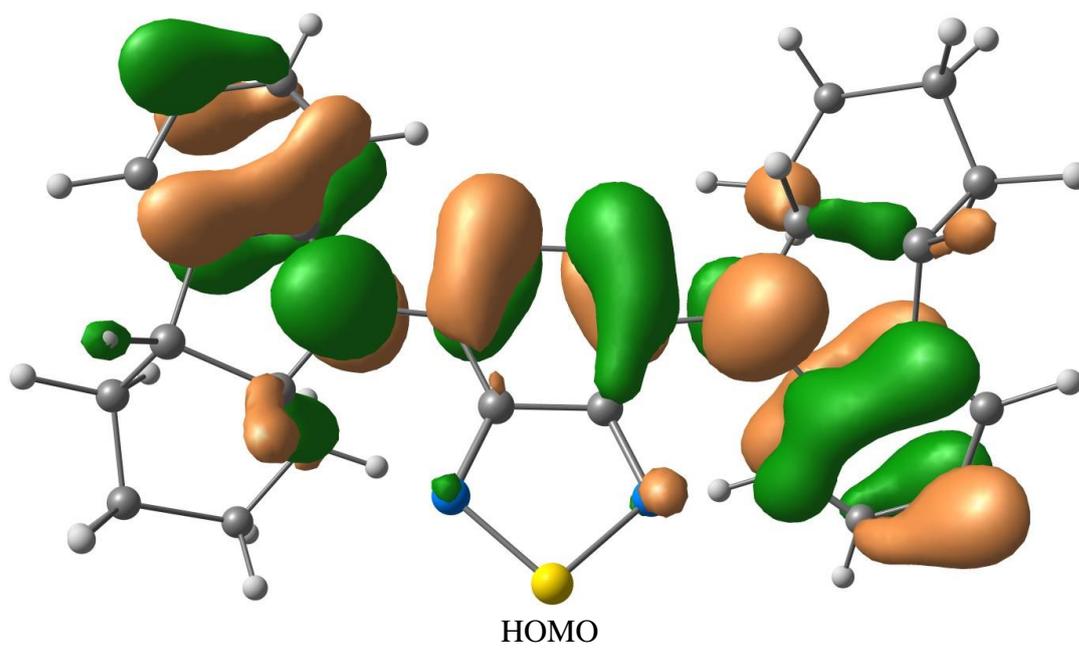


Figure S4 Frontier molecular orbitals for dye **2b**.

Optimized ground state geometries coordinates for the investigated dyes

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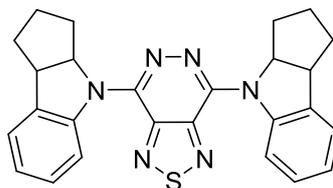
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General procedure for the preparation of compounds 2a-c and 4

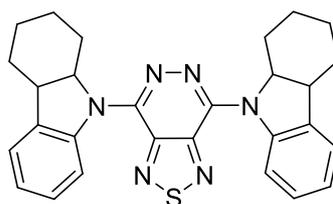
Amine **3a-c** (0.34 mmol) and Et₃N (34 mg, 0.34 mmol) were added with stirring to a solution of 4,7-dibromo[1,2,5]thiadiazolo[3,4-*d*]pyridazine **1** (50 mg, 0.17 mmol) in dry MeCN (15 ml). The mixture was stirred at reflux for 10–30 h. Then the mixture was poured into water (25 ml) and extracted with EtOAc (3×35 ml). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography.

4,7-Bis(2,3,3a,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[*b*]indol-4(1*H*)-yl)[1,2,5]thiadiazolo[3,4-*d*]pyridazine **2a**



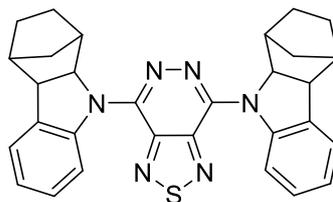
Violet solid, 67 mg (88%), $R_f = 0.58$ (CH₂Cl₂). Mp = 209–211 °C. Eluent was CH₂Cl₂/hexane, 1:1 (v/v). IR ν_{max} (KBr, cm⁻¹): 2951, 2934, 2861, 1477, 1433, 1344, 1263, 1227, 1176, 1142, 1025, 898, 845, 749, 669, 515. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.44 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 – 7.21 (m, 4H), 7.00 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 6.01 – 5.93 (m, 2H), 4.04 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.20 – 2.02 (m, 6H), 1.85 – 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.60–1.47 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): 147.4, 146.4, 145.0, 135.3, 127.4, 124.0, 122.1, 115.7, 67.5, 45.8, 36.4, 34.6, 24.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF), m/z : calcd for C₂₆H₂₅N₆S [M + H]⁺, 453.1856, found, 453.1863.

4,7-Bis(2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1*H*-carbazol-9(9a*H*)-yl)[1,2,5]thiadiazolo[3,4-*d*]pyridazine **2b**



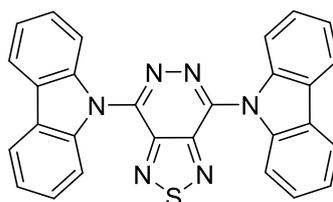
Violet solid, 73 mg (90%), $R_f = 0.6$ (CH₂Cl₂). Mp = 239–241 °C. Eluent was CH₂Cl₂/hexane, 1:1 (v/v). IR ν_{max} (KBr, cm⁻¹): 2927, 2853, 1526, 1475, 1435, 1270, 1164, 1132, 877, 752, 574. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): 8.27 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 7.05 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 5.50 – 5.59 (m, 2H), 3.63 – 3.67 (m, 2H), 2.37 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.08 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.61 – 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.36 – 1.54 (m, 6H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): 147.0, 146.1, 144.2, 134.3, 127.0, 122.3, 122.0, 117.2, 63.4, 40.3, 27.7, 24.9, 22.6, 21.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF), m/z : calcd for C₂₈H₂₉N₆S [M + H]⁺, 481.2169, found, 481.2150.

4,7-Bis(1,2,3,4,4a,9a-hexahydro-9H-1,4-methanocarbazol-9-yl)[1,2,5]thiadiazolo[3,4-d]pyridazine 2c

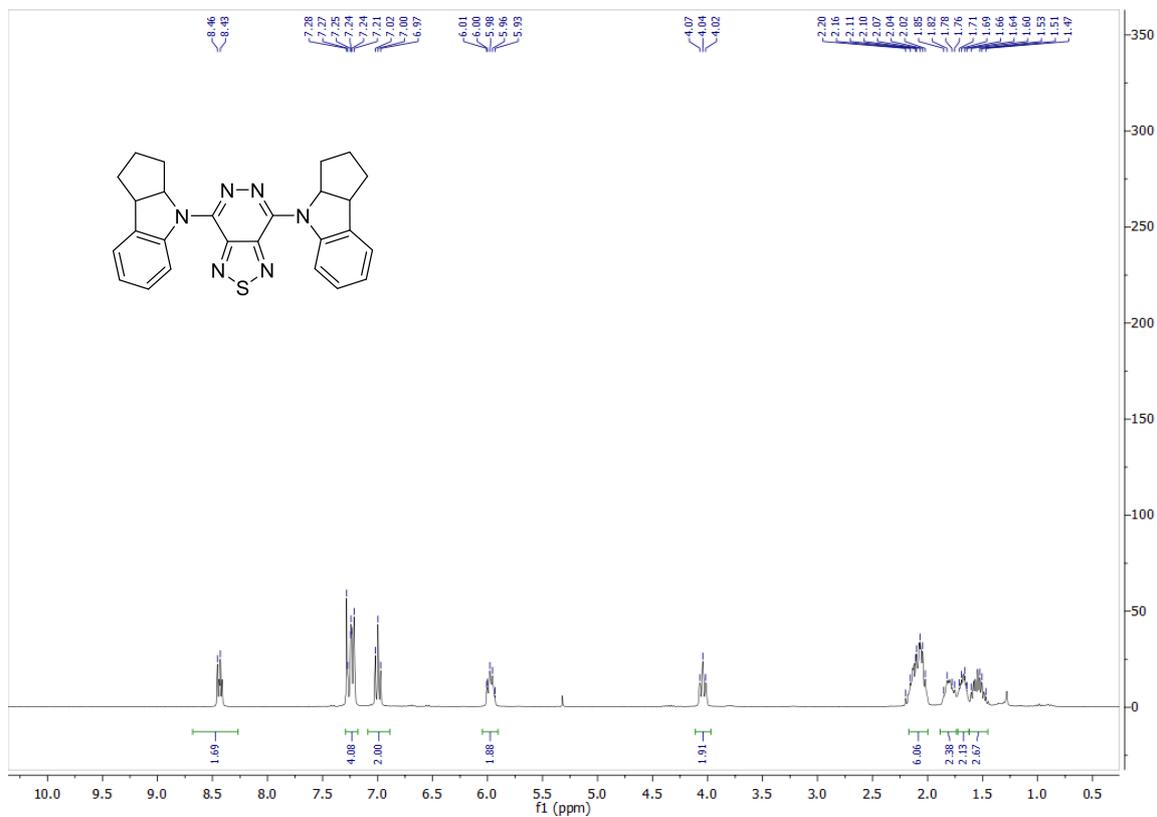
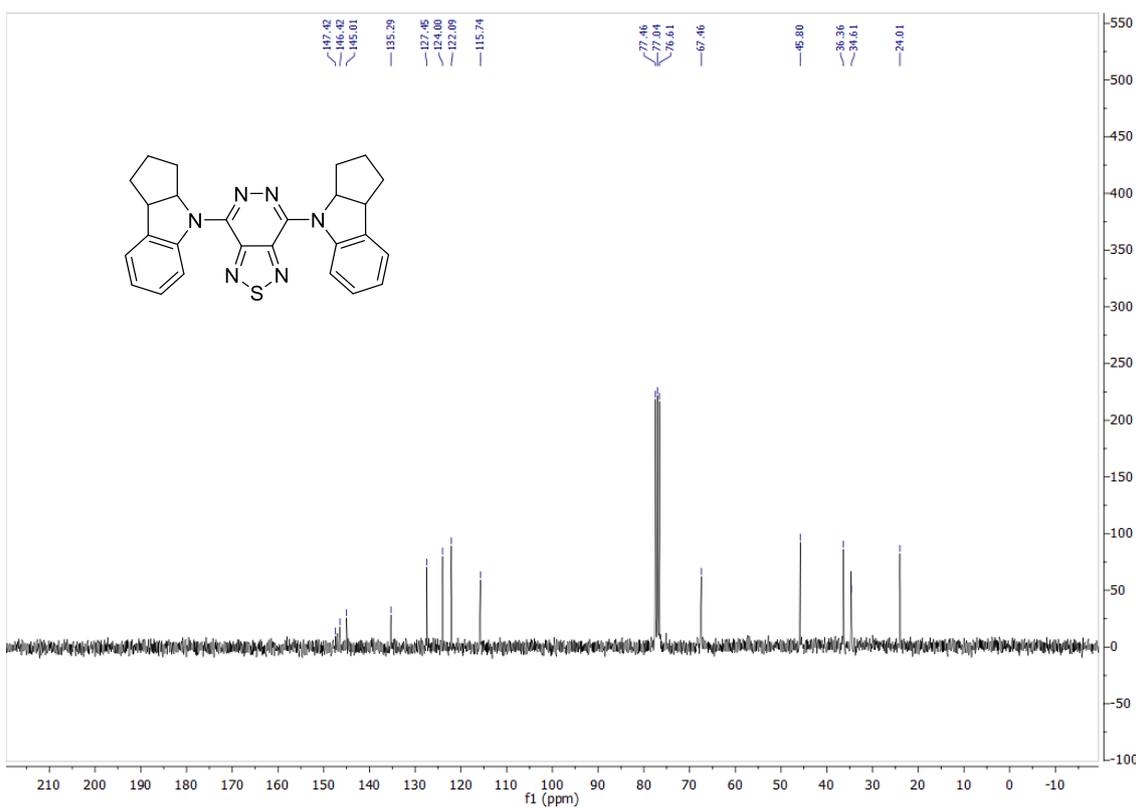


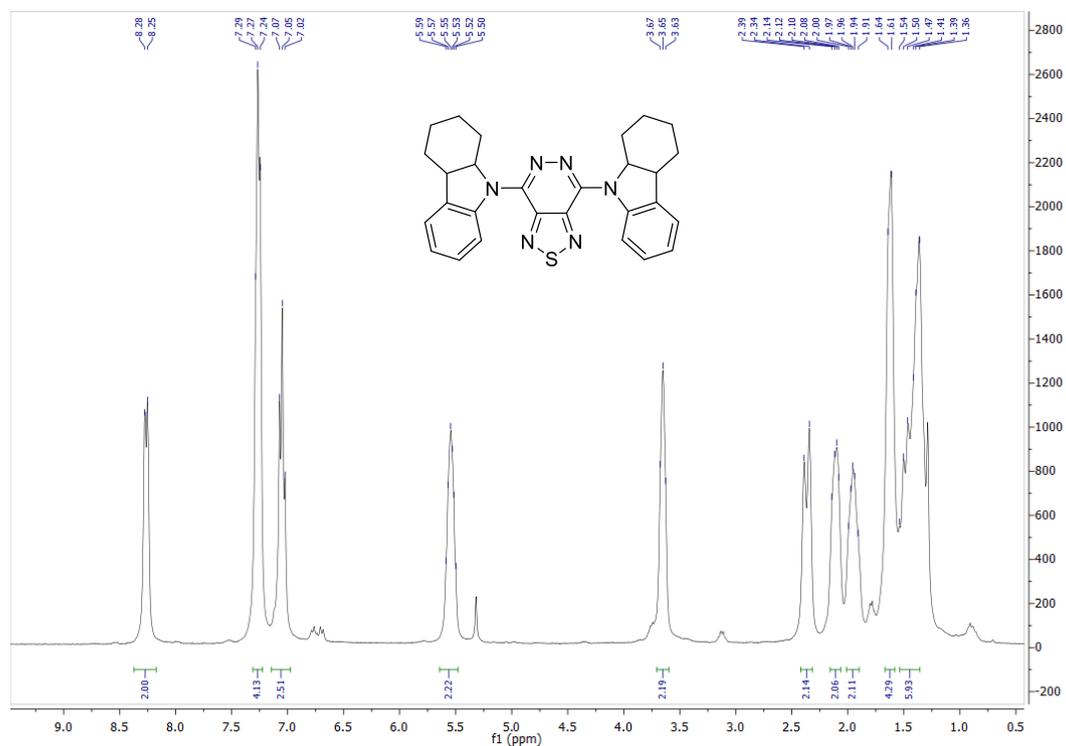
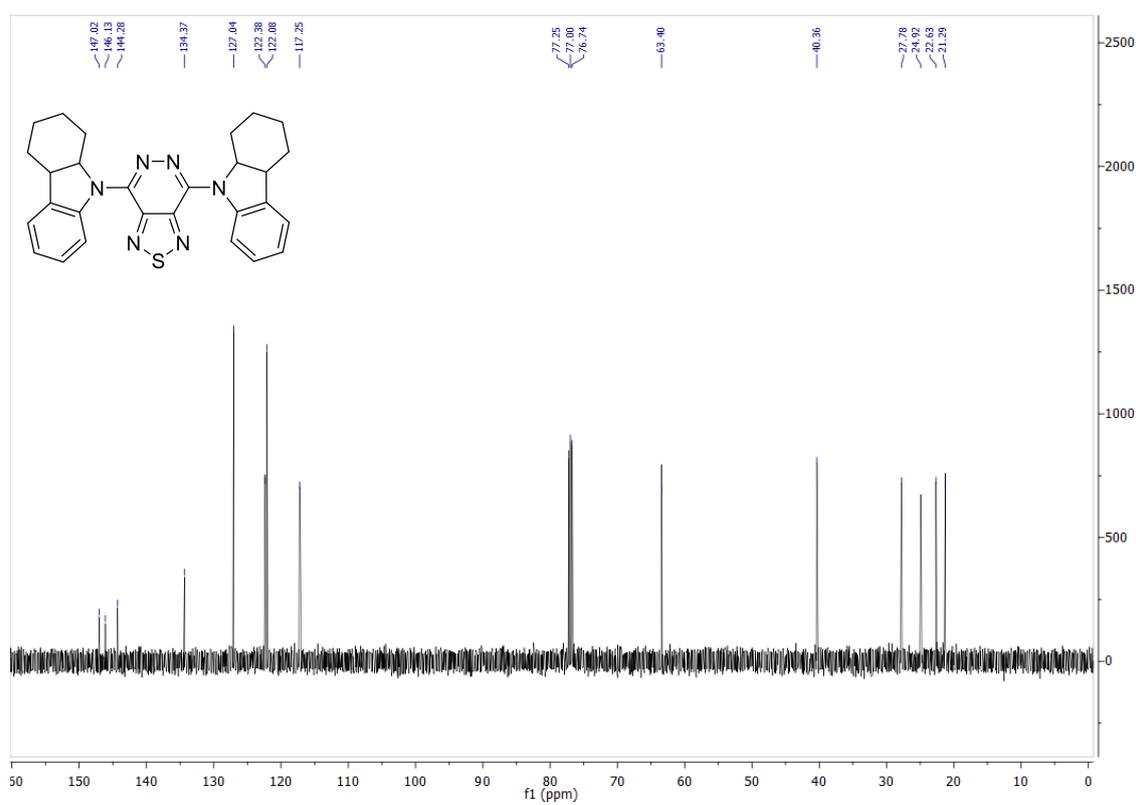
Violet solid, 78 mg (92%), $R_f = 0.62$ (CH_2Cl_2). Mp = 228-230 °C. Eluent is CH_2Cl_2 /hexane, 1:1 (v/v). IR_{max} (KBr, cm^{-1}): 2956, 2925, 2868, 1478, 1432, 1346, 1296, 1253, 1174, 1143, 1205, 896, 751, 566. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.47 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.28 – 7.19 (m, 4H), 6.96 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 5.48 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.50 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.29 – 2.46 (m, 4H), 1.72 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.51 (m, 8H), 1.11 (d, $J = 10.3$ Hz, 2H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): 147.0, 146.4, 146.3, 134.1, 127.6, 124.2, 121.9, 115.5, 69.2, 50.6, 43.6, 43.4, 32.0, 28.2, 25.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF), m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_6\text{S}$ $[\text{M}]^+$, 504.2091, found, 504.2086.

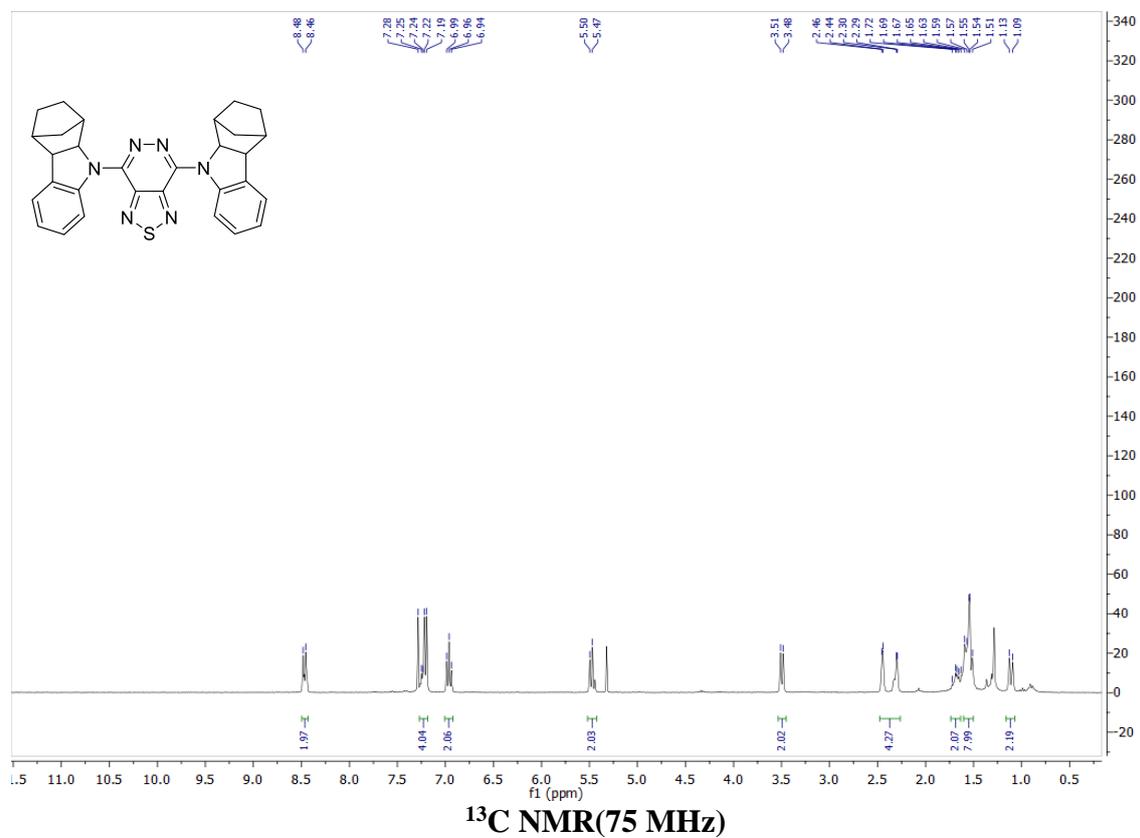
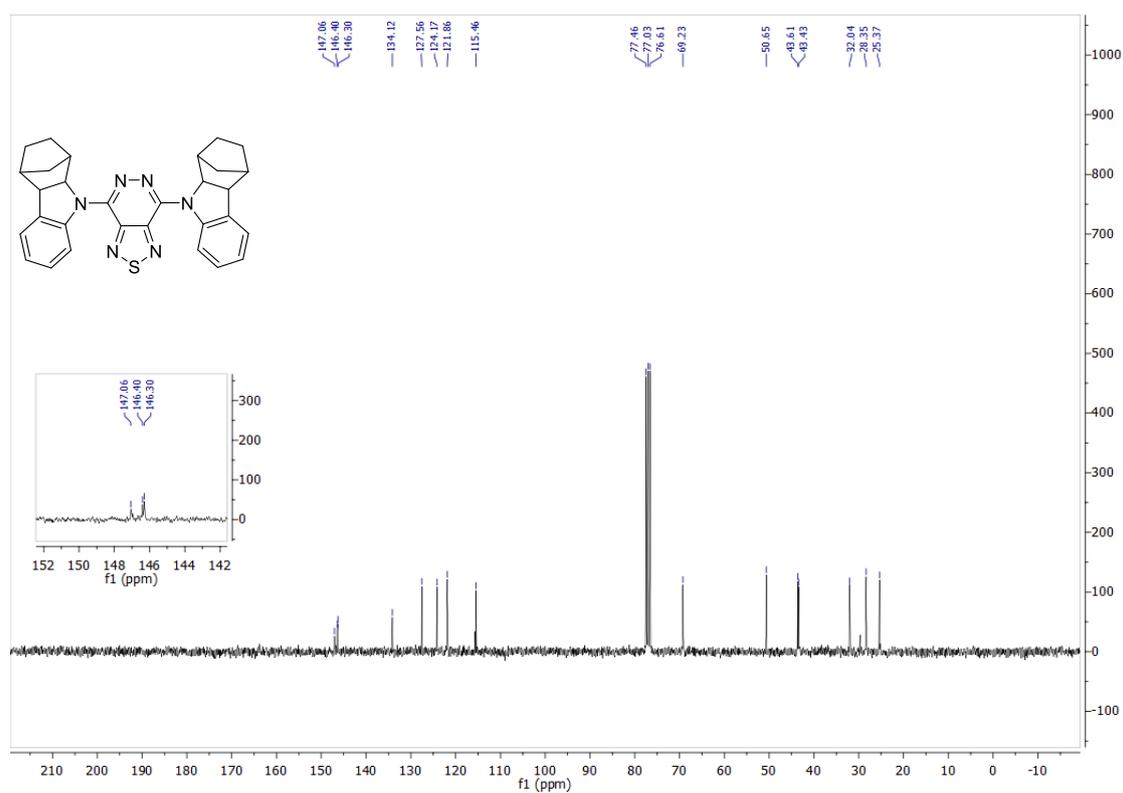
4,7-Di(9H-carbazol-9-yl)[1,2,5]thiadiazolo[3,4-d]pyridazine 4

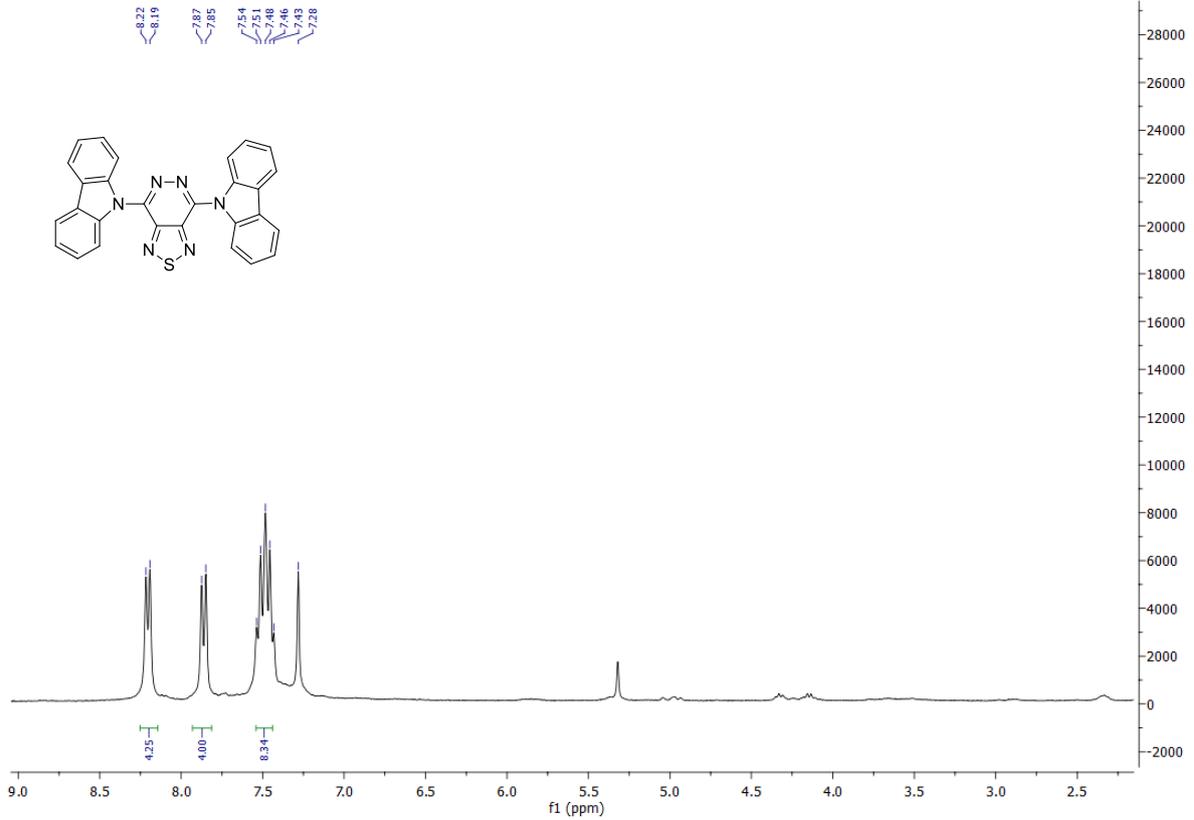


2,3-Dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (74 mg, 0.32 mmol) was added to a solution of amine **3b** (60 mg, 0.13 mmol) in toluene (12 ml). The mixture was refluxed for 7 h, diluted with EtOAc (30 ml), washed with aq. NaHSO_3 , Na_2CO_3 , water, and brine, dried over MgSO_4 , and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (CH_2Cl_2 /hexane, 2:1, v/v) to afford 46 mg (75%) of product **4** as a dark red solid, $R_f = 0.4$ (CH_2Cl_2). Mp > 260 °C. IR ν_{max} (KBr, cm^{-1}): 3044, 2921, 2851, 1599, 1490, 1479, 1446, 1332, 1264, 1223, 1151, 865, 739, 717, 511. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): 8.20 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 4H), 7.86 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 4H), 7.43 – 7.54 (m, 8H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): 148.5, 148.4, 140.0, 126.8, 125.8, 122.9, 120.7, 113.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF), m/z : calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_6\text{S}$ $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$, 469.1230, found, 469.1247.

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra**4,7-Bis(2,3,3a,8b-tetrahydrocyclopenta[*b*]indol-4(1*H*)-yl)[1,2,5]thiadiazolo[3,4-*d*]pyridazine 2a** **^1H NMR (300 MHz)** **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz)**

4,7-Bis(2,3,4,4a-tetrahydro-1H-carbazol-9(9aH)-yl)-[1,2,5]thiadiazolo[3,4-d]pyridazine 2b **^1H NMR (300 MHz)** **^{13}C NMR (75 MHz)**

4,7-Bis(1,2,3,4,4a,9a-hexahydro-9H-1,4-methanocarbazol-9-yl)[1,2,5]thiadiazolo-[3,4-d]pyridazine 2c**¹H NMR (300 MHz)****¹³C NMR (75 MHz)**

4,7-Di(9*H*-carbazol-9-yl)[1,2,5]thiadiazolo[3,4-*d*]pyridazine 4**¹H NMR (300 MHz)****¹³C NMR (75 MHz)**