

# **Exploring new structures for the development of CPL-dyes based on flexible bis(BODIPY)s**

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## Introduction and background



**Circularly Polarized Luminiscence:**  
Differential emission of left and right-hand polarized light

### Importance

High resolution provided by the circular polarization of the light



Development of smarter materials for useful technologies:



3D display



Information storage  
and processing  
Spintronics-based  
devices



Imaging  
(ellipsometry-based  
tomography)

Specific interaction with chiral mater →

control of the morphology in nanomaterials  
detection of chiral environments (chiral sensing)

Asymmetric photochemistry

## Introduction and background



$$g_{lum} = \frac{\Delta I}{\frac{1}{2}I} = \frac{I_L - I_R}{\frac{1}{2}(I_L + I_R)}$$

$$-2 < g_{lum} < +2$$

Highest values of  $g_{lum}$ : lanthanide complexes (low fluorescence quantum yield)

### Simple organic molecules (CPL-SOMs):

- Small size → physiological CPL applications
- Excellent solvent solubility → CPL-active dye-doped inclusion materials

### CPL-SOMs are rare

- Low  $g_{lum}$  values:  $10^{-5} - 10^{-3}$
- Small number of chiral designs (highly inefficient synthesis)



New structural designs are necessary, with:

- High CPL activity
- High emission efficiency
- Synthetic accessibility

Low-cost effective materials

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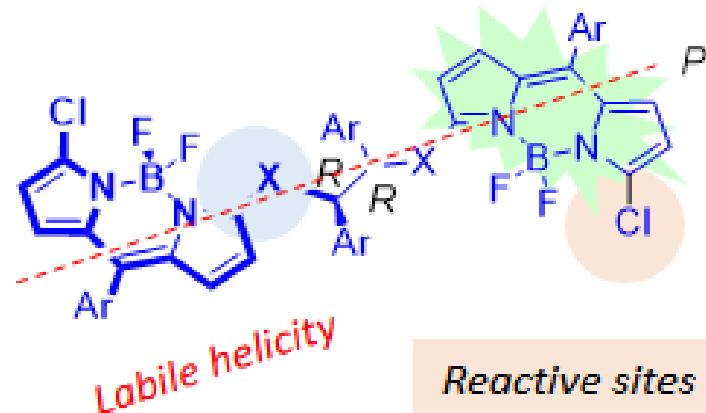
***Helically labile bis(haloBODIPYs):  
an advantageous platform for the  
development of CPL-SOMs***

A new structural design for CPL-SOMs.

All-in-one:

- synthetic accessibility
- capacity for reversing the polarization handedness
- helical lability
- reactive functional groups making possible photophysics modulation

*Bright BODIPY chromophores*



*CPL-reversal controlling sites*

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## Objectives

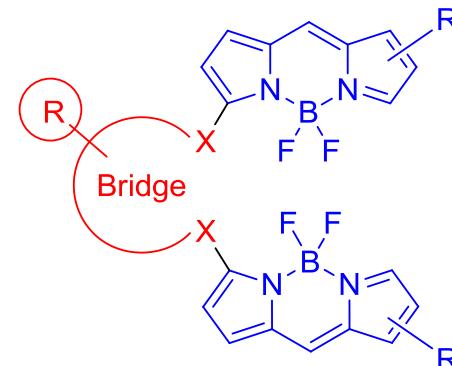
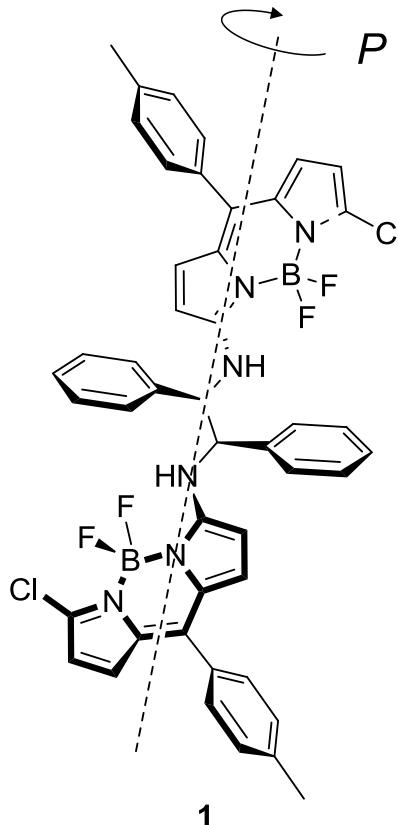
Synthetic strategies for the modification of the parent structure



Structure-activity relationships studies

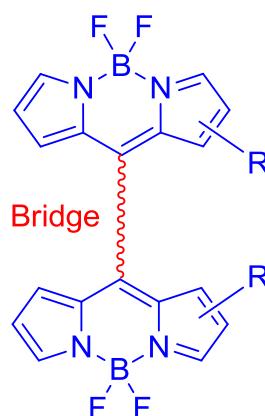


Towards the optimization of the CPL properties



### Strategy 1

Modify the **dihedral angle**  
(Sterical hindrance and rigidity  
in the flexible bridge)



### Strategy 2

Explore **new positions** for the  
connection of the chromophores

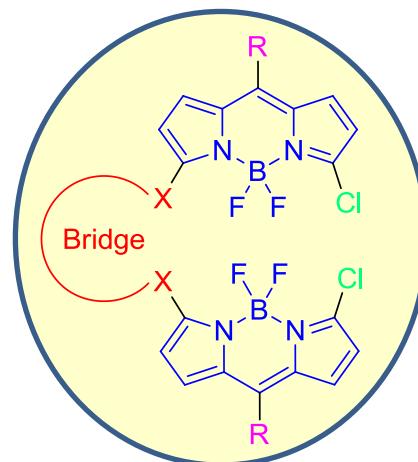
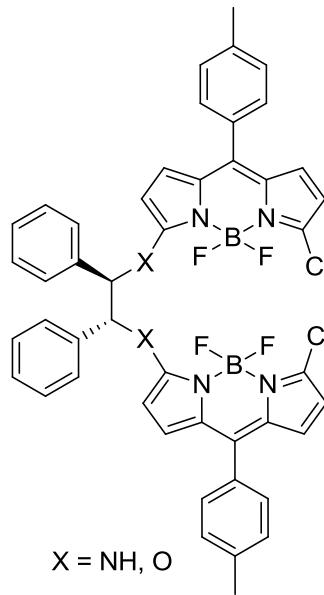
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## Results

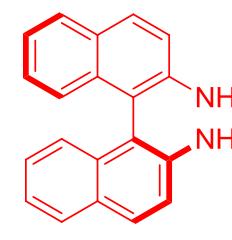
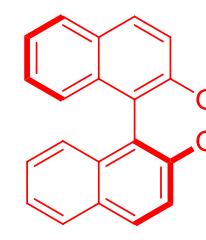
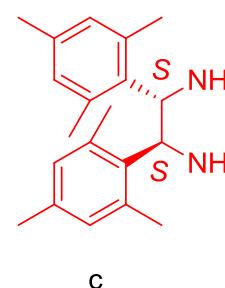
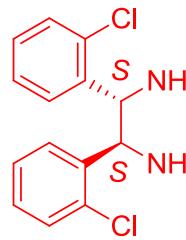
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#### Modify the diedral angle

Based on:



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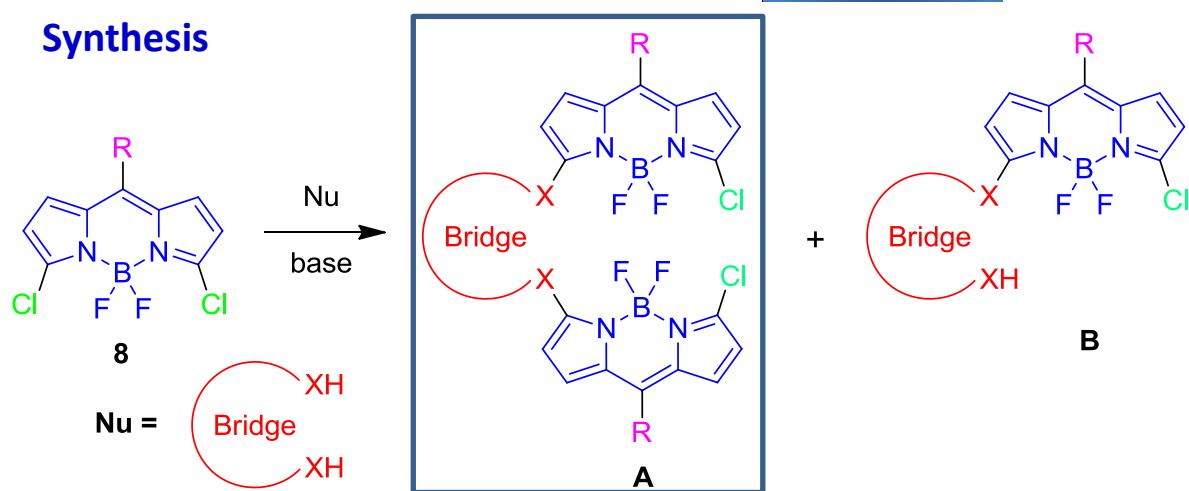
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Rigidity

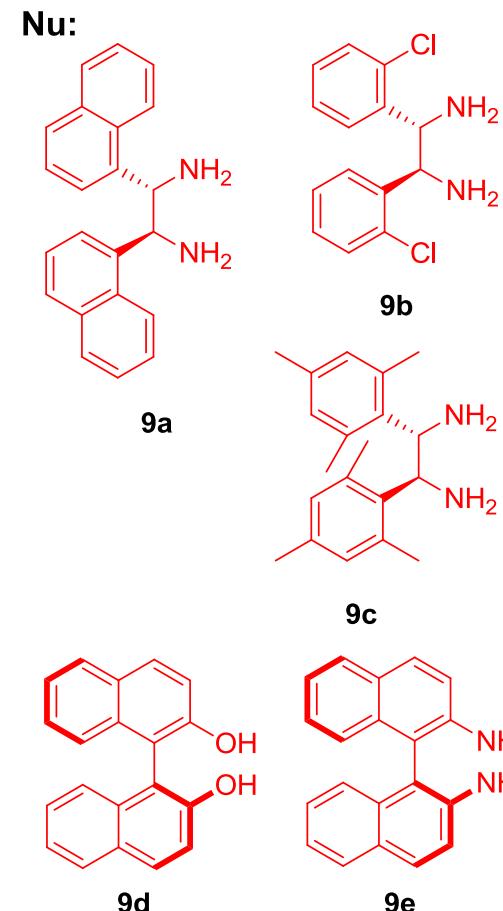
- 1: R = *p*-tolyl; Bridge = a
- 2: R = *p*-tolyl; Bridge = b
- 3: R = *p*-tolyl; Bridge = c
- 4: R = *p*-tolyl; Bridge = d
- 5: R = mesityl; Bridge = d
- 6: R = CF<sub>3</sub>; Bridge = d
- 7: R = *p*-tolyl; Bridge = e

## Results

## Synthesis



## Strategy 1



R	Nu	base	solvent	temperature	Bis(BODIPY) (% yield)	BODIPY (% yield)
<i>p</i> -tolyl	<b>9a</b>	Et <sub>2</sub> PrN	dioxane	reflux	<b>1A</b> (traces)*	<b>1B</b> (71)
<i>p</i> -tolyl	<b>9b</b>	Et <sub>2</sub> PrN	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	reflux	<b>2A</b> (38)	<b>2B</b> (32)
<i>p</i> -tolyl	<b>9c</b>	Et <sub>2</sub> PrN	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	reflux	<b>3A</b> (54)	<b>3B</b> (36)
<i>p</i> -tolyl	<b>9d</b>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	reflux	<b>4A</b> <sup>§</sup> (52)	<b>4B</b> <sup>§</sup> (-)
mesityl	<b>9d</b>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	reflux	<b>5A</b> <sup>§</sup> (87)	<b>5B</b> <sup>§</sup> (-)
CF <sub>3</sub>	<b>9d</b>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	reflux	<b>6A</b> <sup>§</sup> (82)	<b>6B</b> <sup>§</sup> (-)
<i>p</i> -tolyl	<b>9e</b>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	reflux	<b>7A</b> <sup>§</sup> (82)	<b>7B</b> <sup>§</sup> (-)

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\* **1A** was obtained from **1B** with excess of 3,5-dichloroBODIPY under the same conditions (65% yield)

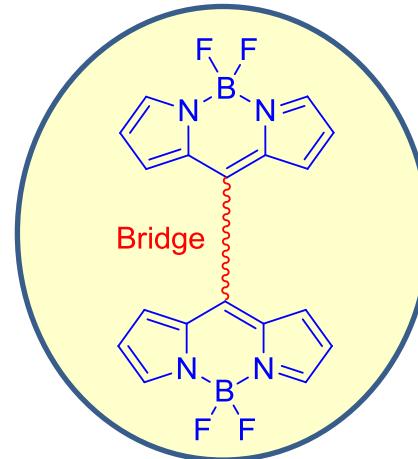
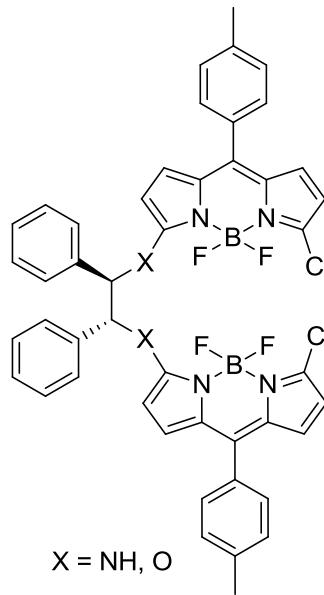
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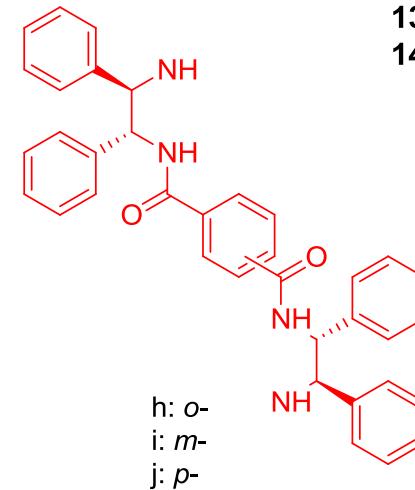
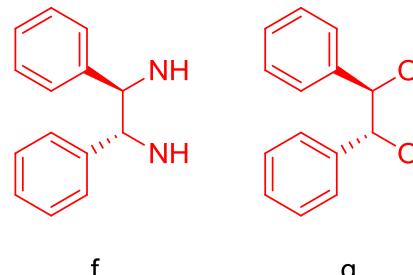
### Strategy 2

Explore new positions for the connection of the chromophores

Based on:



- 10: Bridge = f
- 11: Bridge = g
- 12: Bridge = h
- 13: Bridge = i
- 14: Bridge = j



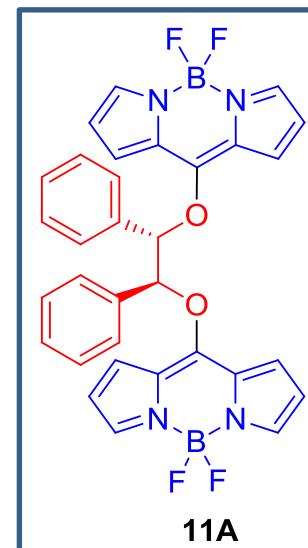
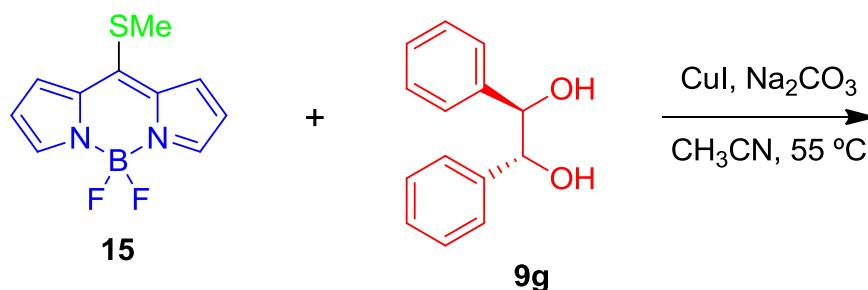
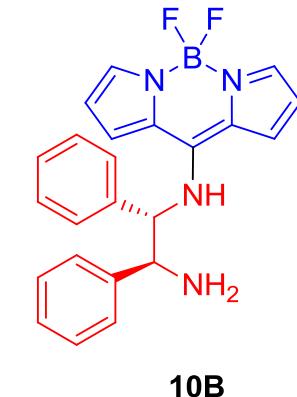
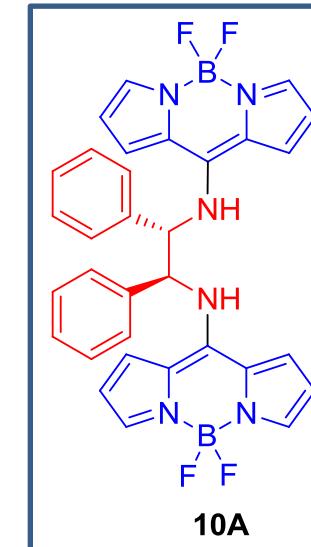
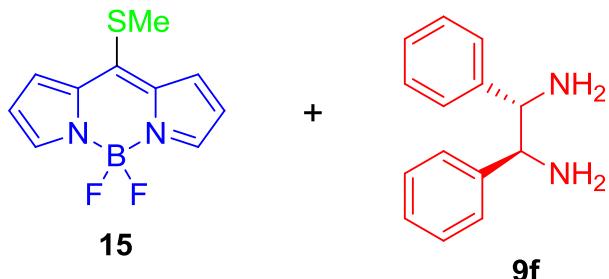
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### Synthesis

#### Strategy 2

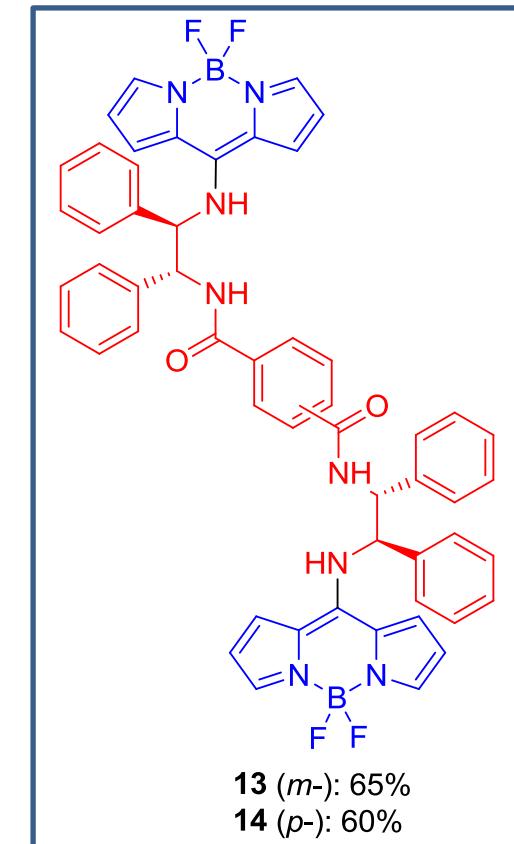
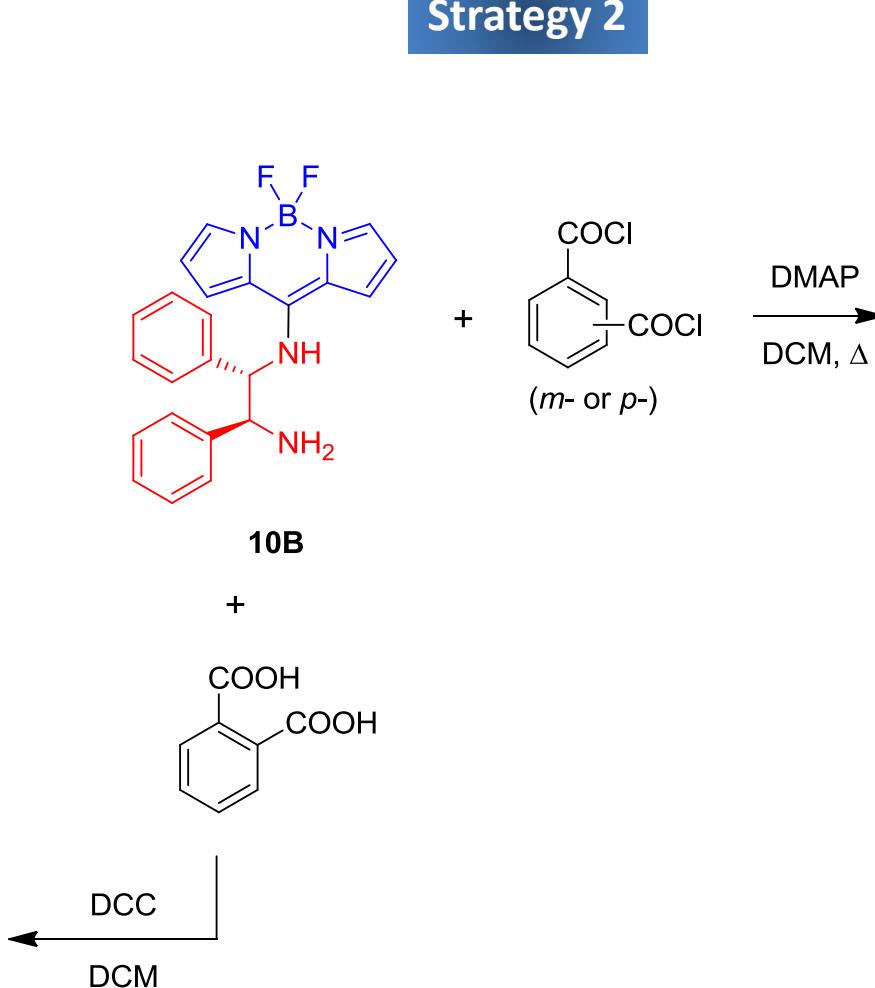
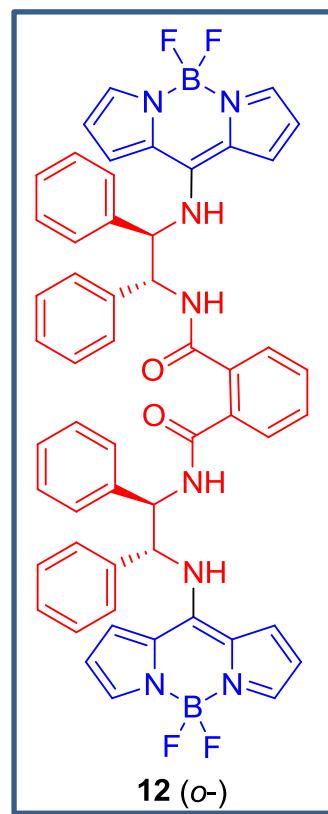


<b>15 / 9f ratio</b>	<b>Yield of 10A (%)</b>	<b>Yield of 10B (%)</b>
2:1	17 borism: 26	46 borism: 72
1:1	-	98

Results

## Synthesis

## Strategy 2



13 (*m*): 65%  
14 (*p*): 60%

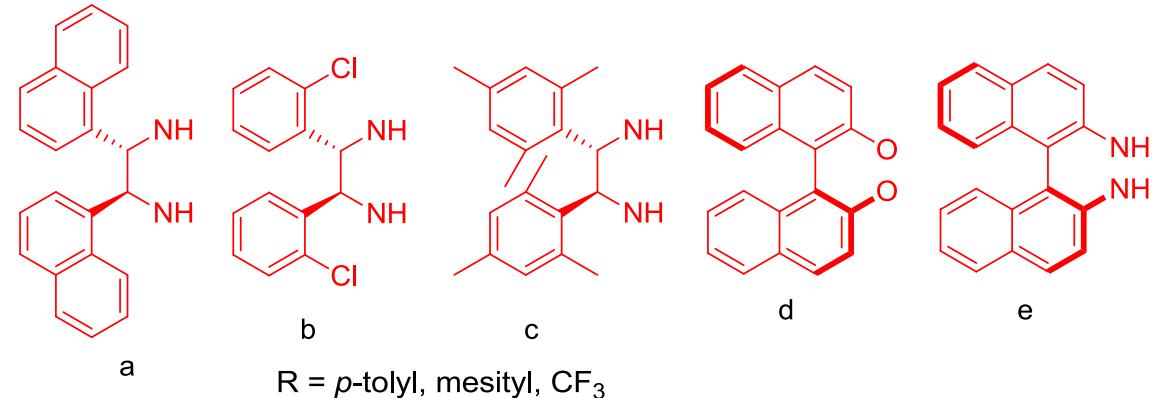
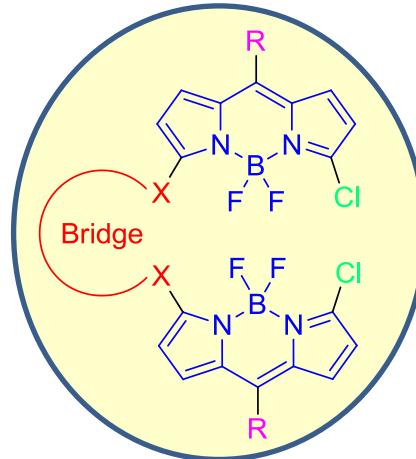
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## Conclusions

New series of chiral conformationally labile helical bis(BODIPY)s for studying structure - CPL activity relationships

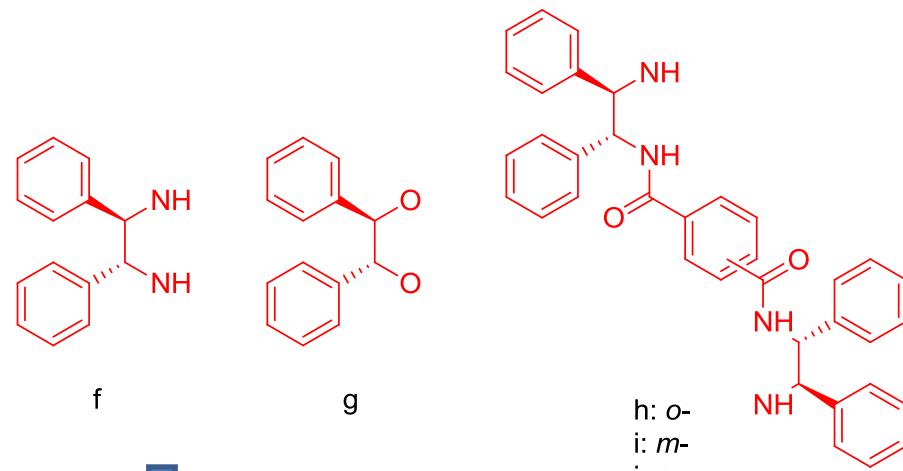
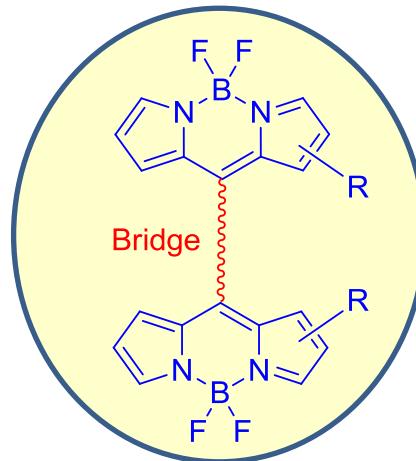
### Strategy 1

Dihedral angle



### Strategy 2

New positions



Optimized CPL properties??