

Supporting Information
for

**The Photophysical Behavior of Open-shell First-row
Transition Metal Octabutoxynaphthalocyanines: CoNc(Obu)₈
and CuNc(Obu)₈ as a Case Study**

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Table S1. Selected Geometrical Parameters (\AA , deg) Calculated for the Ground State (1^2B_2) and the 1^2A_2 and 1^2B_1 Excited States of CuNc(OMe)_8 .

Parameter	GS	$1^2A_2^a$	$1^2B_1^a$
Cu-N _p	1.964	2.011	2.005
C _{α} -N _p	1.374	1.365	1.363
C _{α} -C _{β}	1.458	1.466	1.468
C _{β} -C _{γ}	1.436	1.438	1.433
C _o -O	1.368	1.365	1.363
C _{α} -N _b	1.327	1.334	1.335
C _{α} -N _p -C _{α}	109.3	109.7	110.1
C _{α} -N _b -C _{α}	124.1	125.0	124.9
O \cdots O	3.911	3.973	4.010
C _{Me} -O-C _o -C _{β}	63.0	61.1	58.5
(C _{α} -N _p -N _p -C _{α}) _{ad} ^b	11.3	16.9	15.3

^ageometry optimizations of the excited states were performed under the D_{2d} symmetry constraint; ^bdihedral angle between adjacent pyrrole ring planes.

Table S2. Selected Geometrical Parameters (\AA , deg)
Calculated for the Ground State (1^2A_1) and the 1^2B_1
Excited State of CoNc(OMe)_8 .

Parameter	GS	$1^2B_1^a$
Co–N _p	1.920	1.911/1.912
C _{α} –N _p	1.381	1.385/1.382
C _{α} –C _{\textcircled{R}}	1.453	1.450/1.453
C _{\textcircled{R}} –C _{\textcircled{R}}	1.432	1.433/1.431
C _o –O	1.368	1.368/1.367
C _{α} –N _b	1.322	1.321/1.322
C _{α} –N _p –C _{α}	107.9	107.7/107.5
C _{α} –N _b –C _{α}	122.8	122.5
O \cdots O	3.880	3.877
C _{Me} –O–C _o –C _{β}	63.1	63.7/62.4
(C _{α} –N _p –N _p –C _{α}) _{ad} ^b	11.2	11.2

^aJahn–Teller distorted C_{2v} structure; ^bdihedral angle
between adjacent pyrrole ring planes.