

Supporting Information

Trimethylsilyl Group-Assisted Stimuli-Response: Self-Assembly of 1,3,6,8-Tetra(trimethylsilylethynyl)pyrene

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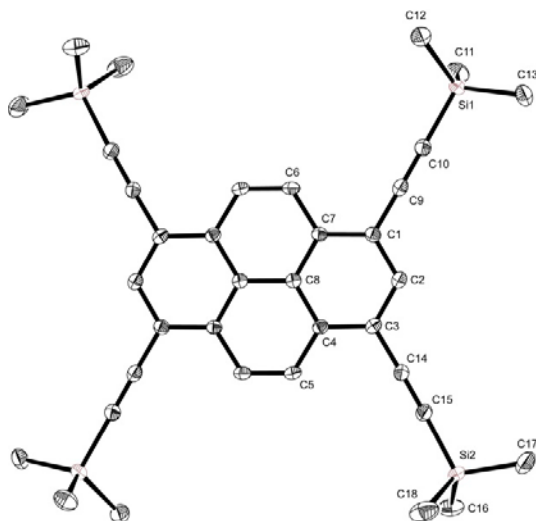
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1. General Considerations: Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere. Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (THF) was purchased and used without further purification. Toluene and *i*-Pr₂NH were distilled from CaH₂ prior to use. All NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature (ca. 20 °C) on JEOL LAMBDA 300 and LAMBDA 500 and ECS-400 NMR spectrometers, and referenced to an internal standard tetramethylsilane. MALDI-TOF MS was recorded on BRUKER autoflex speed. UV-vis absorption and emission spectra were measured in degassed solvents at 25 °C. Absolute photoluminescence quantum yield was measured by integrated sphere system. The phase transition sequences for **1** were revealed by using a polarizing optical microscope (Nikon ECLIPSE E600 POL) equipped with a heating plate (Mettler FP82HT hot stage, Mettler FP-90 Central Processor) and a differential scanning calorimeter (Shimadzu DSC-50). The decomposition temperatures were measured by a Rigaku Thermo plus TG 820 thermogravimetry analyser. The identification of the mesophases was performed by using a small angle X-ray diffractometer (Bruker Mac SAXS System: Cu-K α radiation) equipped with a heating plate (Mettler FP82HT hot stage, Mettler FP-90 Central Processor).

Compound **1** was prepared according to the reported procedure.^{S1} **Y**- and **O_C**-forms were obtained by recrystallization from acetone and reprecipitation from hexane, respectively. **O_A**-form was obtained by grinding **Y**- or **O_C**-form by mortar and pestle. **O_K**-form was obtained by heating **O_A**-form at 150 °C for 2 h.

2. Structure of Y-form

Figure S1. ORTEP diagram of **Y**-form



The crystallographically independent atoms are labeled.

Formula: C₃₆ H₄₂ Si₄

Unit Cell Parameters: a 6.3160(18) b 10.023(3) c 15.378(5) P-1

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Figure S2. Packing structures of **Y-form**

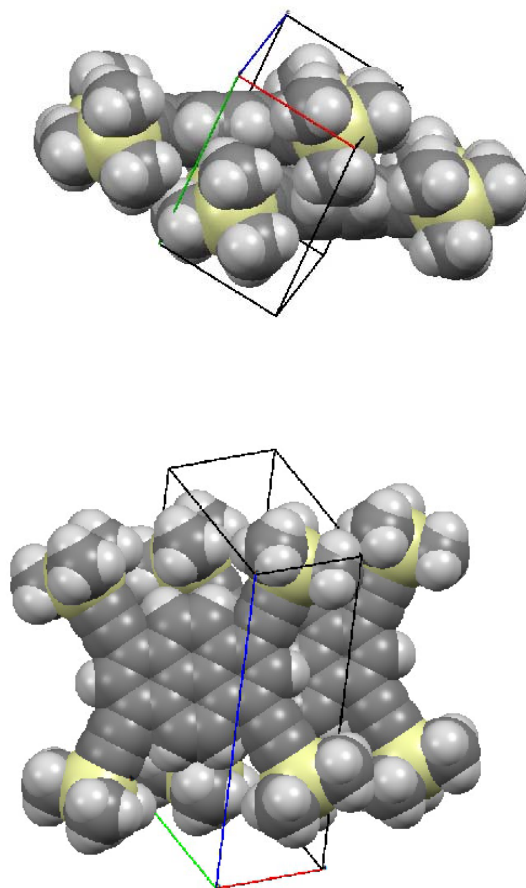


Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinements for **Y-form**

A. Crystal Data

Empirical Formula	C ₃₆ H ₄₂ Si ₄
Formula Weight	587.07
Crystal Color, Habit	yellow, platelet
Crystal Dimensions	0.450 X 0.060 X 0.010 mm
Crystal System	triclinic
Lattice Type	Primitive
Lattice Parameters	a = 6.316(2) Å b = 10.023(3) Å c = 15.378(5) Å α = 70.431(9) ° β = 81.290(12) ° γ = 80.513(13) ° V = 899.9(5) Å ³
Space Group	P-1 (#2)
Z value	1
D _{calc}	1.083 g/cm ³
F ₀₀₀	314.00
μ (MoK α)	1.865 cm ⁻¹

B. Intensity Measurements

Diffractometer	Saturn724
Radiation	MoK α ($\lambda = 0.71075 \text{ \AA}$) multi-layer mirror monochromated
Voltage, Current	50kV, 24mA
Temperature	-179.8°C
Detector Aperture	70 x 70 mm
Data Images	2520 exposures
ω oscillation Range	-110.0 - 70.0°
Exposure Rate	8.0 sec./°
Detector Swing Angle	-19.51°
ω oscillation Range	-110.0 - 70.0°
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Exposure Rate	8.0 sec./ $^{\circ}$
Detector Swing Angle	-19.51 $^{\circ}$
ω oscillation Range	-110.0 - 55.0 $^{\circ}$
Exposure Rate	8.0 sec./ $^{\circ}$
Detector Swing Angle	-19.51 $^{\circ}$
ω oscillation Range	-76.0 - 59.0 $^{\circ}$
Exposure Rate	8.0 sec./ $^{\circ}$
Detector Swing Angle	-19.51 $^{\circ}$
ω oscillation Range	-110.0 - -50.0 $^{\circ}$
Exposure Rate	8.0 sec./ $^{\circ}$
Detector Swing Angle	-19.51 $^{\circ}$
Detector Position	45.04 mm
Pixel Size	0.141 mm
$2\theta_{\max}$	60.1 $^{\circ}$
No. of Reflections Measured	Total: 24975 Unique: 4111 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0476$)
Corrections	Lorentz-polarization Absorption (trans. factors: 0.887 - 0.998)

C. Structure Solution and Refinement

Structure Solution	Direct Methods
Refinement	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2
Function Minimized	$\Sigma w (F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$
Least Squares Weights	$w = 1 / [\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0394 \cdot P)^2 + 0.9802 \cdot P]$ where $P = (\text{Max}(F_o^2, 0) + 2F_c^2)/3$
$2\theta_{\text{max}}$ cutoff	55.0°
Anomalous Dispersion	All non-hydrogen atoms
No. Observations (All reflections)	4111
No. Variables	181
Reflection/Parameter Ratio	22.71
Residuals: R1 ($I > 2.00\sigma(I)$)	0.0545
Residuals: R (All reflections)	0.0621
Residuals: wR2 (All reflections)	0.1218
Goodness of Fit Indicator	1.098
Max Shift/Error in Final Cycle	0.001
Maximum peak in Final Diff. Map	0.45 e ⁻ /Å ³
Minimum peak in Final Diff. Map	-0.25 e ⁻ /Å ³

3. XRD profiles of O_C-, O_A- and O_K-forms

Figure S3. XRD profile of O_C-form

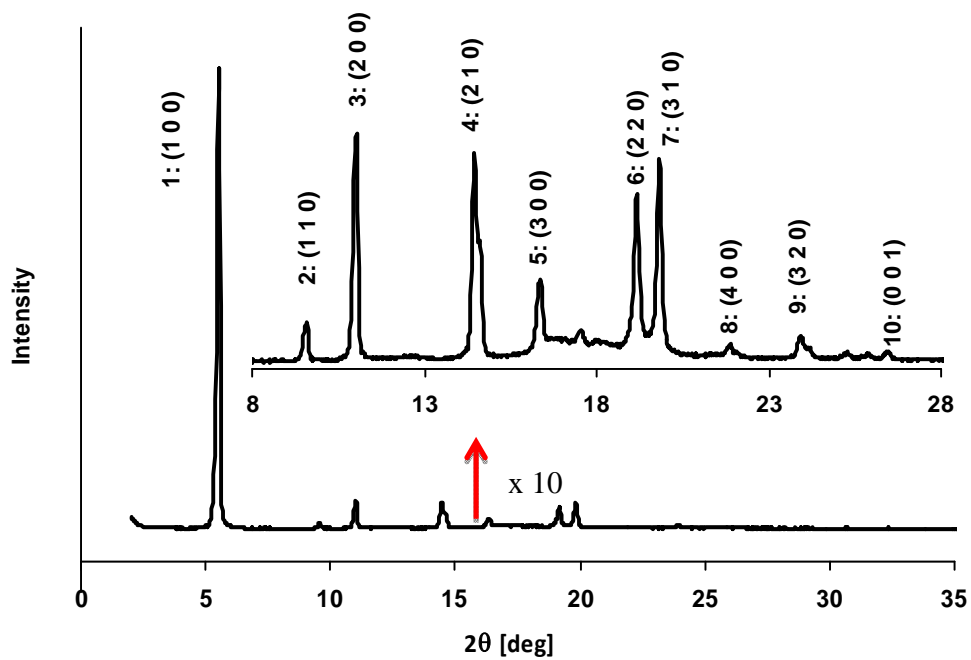


Table S2. X-ray diffraction data of O_C-form

Peak no.	Spacing			Miller indices (<i>h k l</i>)
	2θ [deg]	Obsd [Å]	calcd [Å]	
1	5.52	16.0	16.0	(1 0 0)
2	9.59	9.21	9.26	(1 1 0)
3	11.02	8.20	8.02	(2 0 0)
4	14.46	6.12	6.06	(2 1 0)
5	16.37	5.41	5.35	(3 0 0)
6	19.17	4.63	4.63	(2 2 0)
7	19.82	4.47	4.45	(3 1 0)
8	21.88	4.08	4.01	(4 0 0)
9	23.92	3.72	3.68	(3 2 0)
10	26.45	3.37	--	(0 0 1)

Figure S4. Lattice constants [\AA] of **O_C-form**

a	h	Z
18.5	3.37	1.0 for ($\rho = 1.0$)

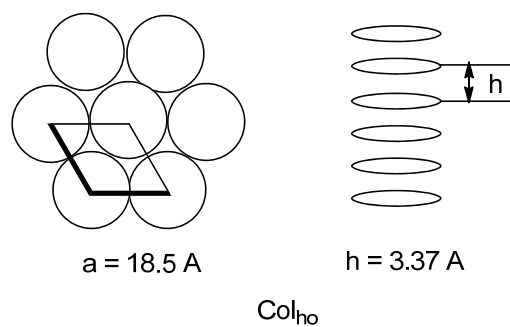


Figure S5. XRD profile of **O_A-form**

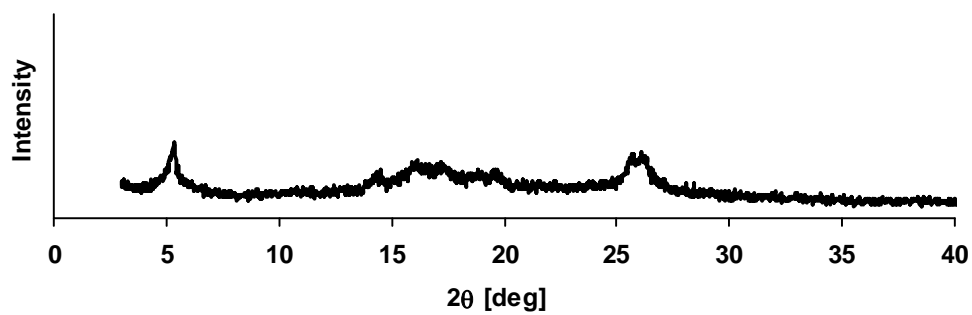


Figure S6. XRD profile of **O_K-form**

O_K-form was prepared by heating **O_A-form** at 265 °C and subjected to XRD analysis.

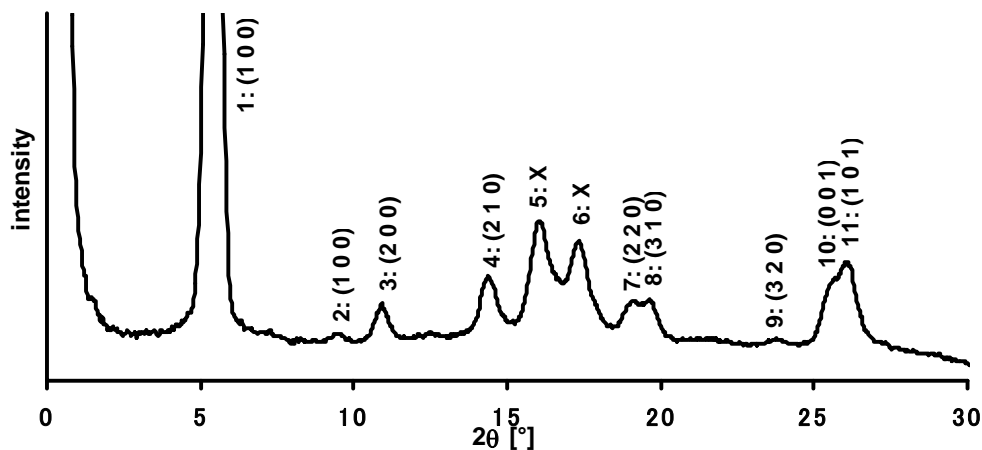


Table S3. X-ray diffraction data of **O_K-form**

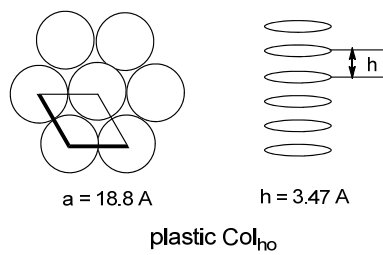
Peak no.	Spacing			Miller indices (<i>h k l</i>)
	2θ [deg]	Obsd [Å]	calcd [Å]	
1	5.42	16.34	16.31	(1 0 0)
2	9.50	9.35	9.42	(1 1 0)
3	10.92	8.11	8.16	(2 0 0)
4	14.36	6.16	6.16	(2 1 0)
5	16.06	5.51	---	X
6	17.34	5.11	---	X
7	19.14	4.65	4.71	(2 2 0)
8	19.64	4.52	4.52	(3 1 0)
9	23.74	3.74	3.74	(3 2 0)
10	25.70	3.47	---	(0 0 1)
11	26.06	3.42	---	(1 0 1)

$$\frac{1}{d_{101}^2} = \frac{1^2}{a^2} + \frac{1^2}{c^2}, \quad (a = 18.8 \text{ Å}, c = 3.47 \text{ Å})$$

$$d_{101} = 3.39 \text{ Å (calcd)}, 3.42 \text{ Å (observed)}$$

Figure S7. Lattice constants [\AA] of **O_K-form**

a	h	Z
18.8	3.47	1.1 for ($\rho = 1.0$)

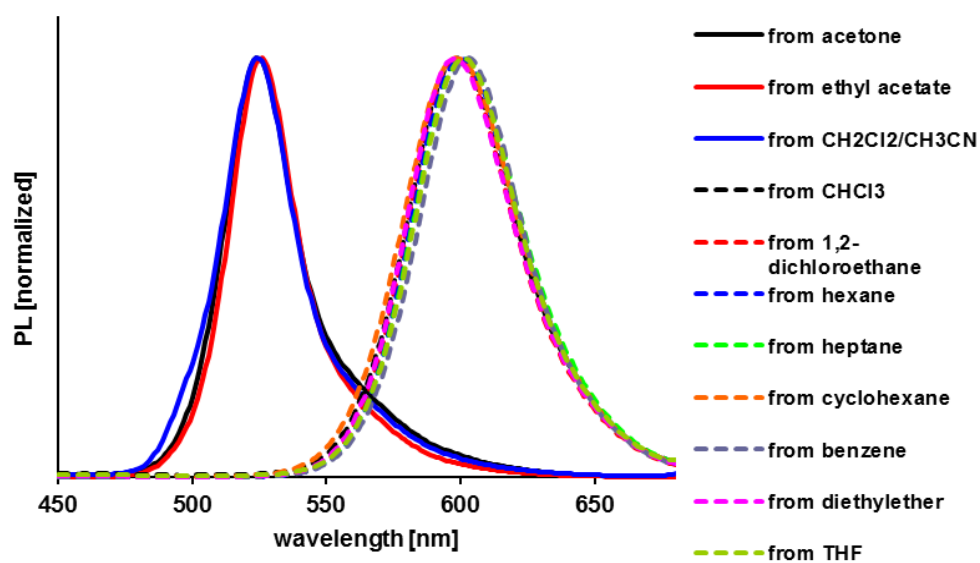


4. Recrystallization/reprecipitation of **1**

Table S4. Conditions and results in recrystallization/reprecipitation of **1**

Solvent used for recrystallization/reprecipitation	Form
Acetone ^a	Y-form
ethyl acetate ^a	Y-form
CH ₂ Cl ₂ /CH ₃ CN ^c	Y-form
CHCl ₃ ^b	O_C-form
1,2-dichloroethane ^b	O_C-form
Hexane ^a	O_C-form
Heptane ^a	O_C-form
c-hexane ^a	O_C-form
Benzene ^b	O_C-form
Et ₂ O ^b	O_C-form
THF ^b	O_C-form
^a Saturated solution was kept in a sealed flask at room temperature. ^b Saturated solution was kept at room temperature, and the solvent was gradually evaporated. ^c A small amount of CH ₃ CN was added to a saturated CH ₂ Cl ₂ solution.	

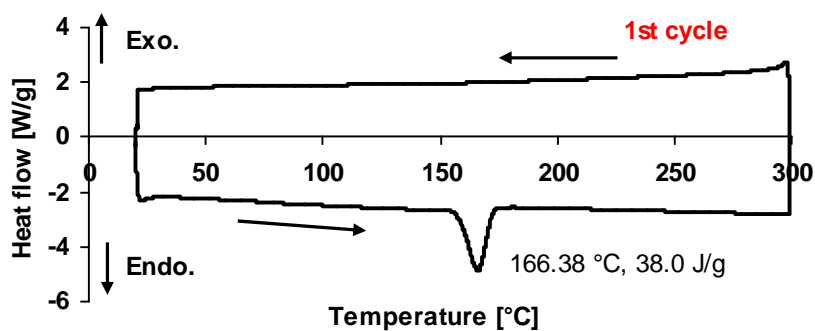
Figure S8. PL spectra of **Y-forms** and **O_C-forms** obtained from recrystallization/reprecipitation



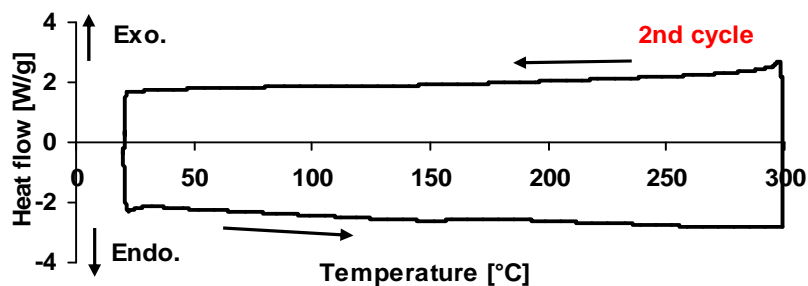
5. DSC measurements of **1**

DSC thermograms were recorded using the virgin samples of **1** at 10 °C/min on heating and -10 °C/min on cooling rates.

Figure S9. DSC profiles of **Y-form**

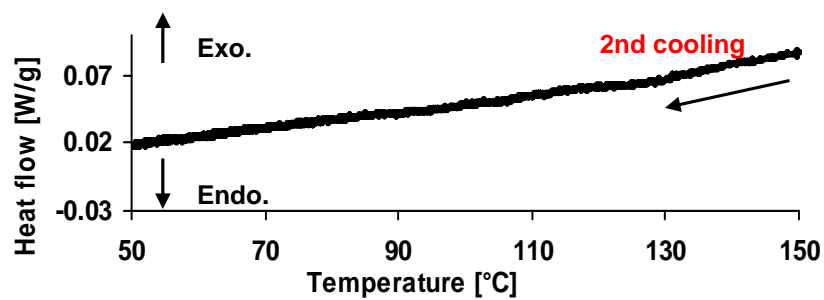
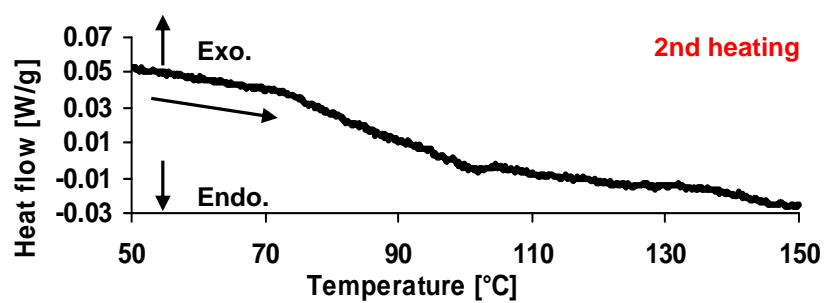
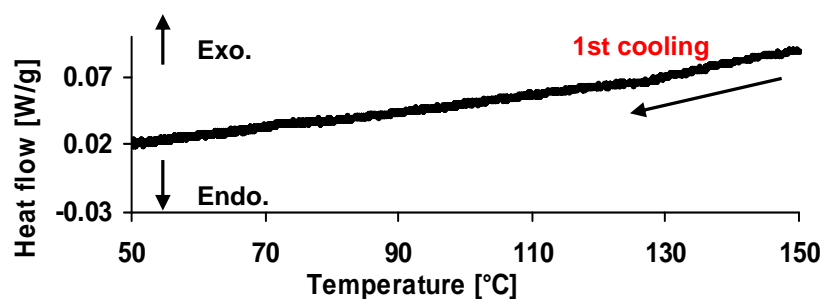
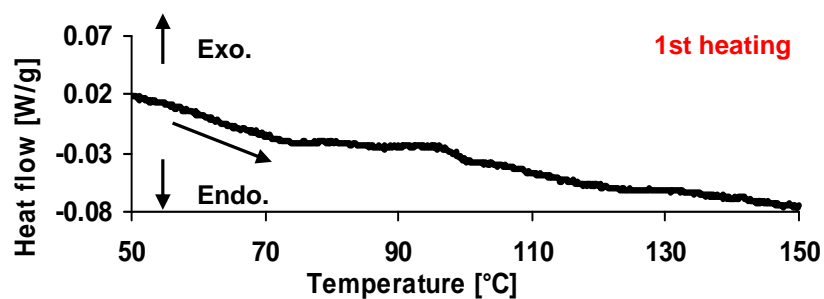


At 166 °C in the first cycle, **Y-form** underwent the phase transition to **O_C-form**.



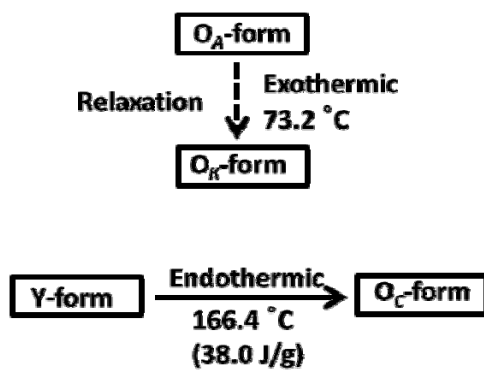
In the second cycle, neither exothermic nor endothermic profile was recorded diagnostic of no phase transition of **O_C-form**.

Figure S10. DSC profiles of O_A-form



6. Thermochromism of 1

Scheme S1. Summary of thermochromism of 1



6.1 Thermal phase transition of Y-form to O_C-form

Y-form 1 was placed on a thin glass plate and heated by a hot plate until the color changed to orange (~250 °C). Phase transitions were confirmed by color and PL profile.

Figure S11. Pictures of Y- and O_C-forms in thermochromic phase transition

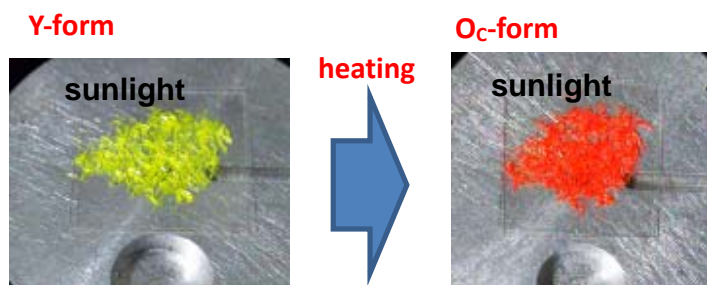
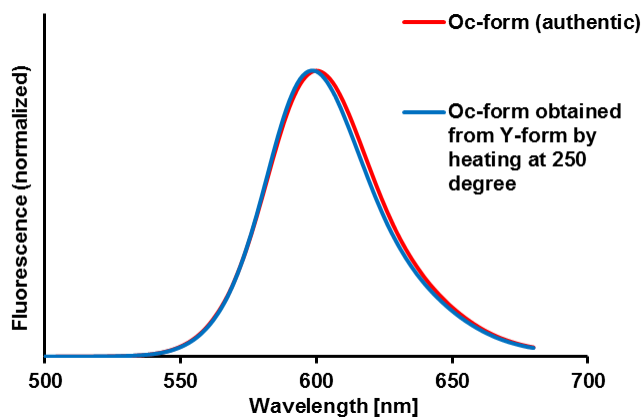


Figure S12. PL spectrum of O_C-form which was obtained by heating Y-form



6.2 Thermal phase transition of O_A-form to O_K-form

O_A-form was placed on a thin glass plate and heated by a hot plate at 270 °C for 12 h. Phase transition was confirmed by comparison of PL profiles because O-forms showed similar orange colors.

Figure S13. Pictures of O_C-, O_K- and O_A-forms under sunlight and UV-light

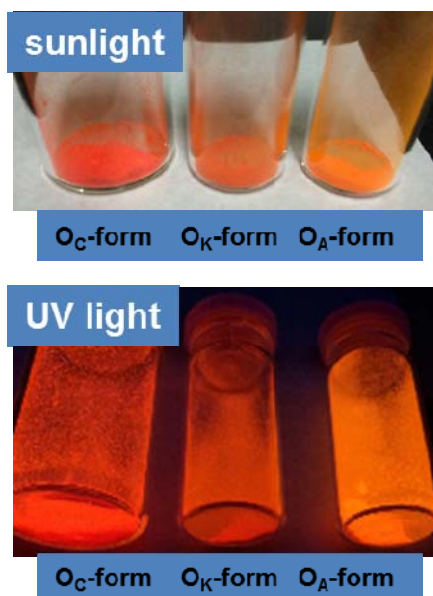
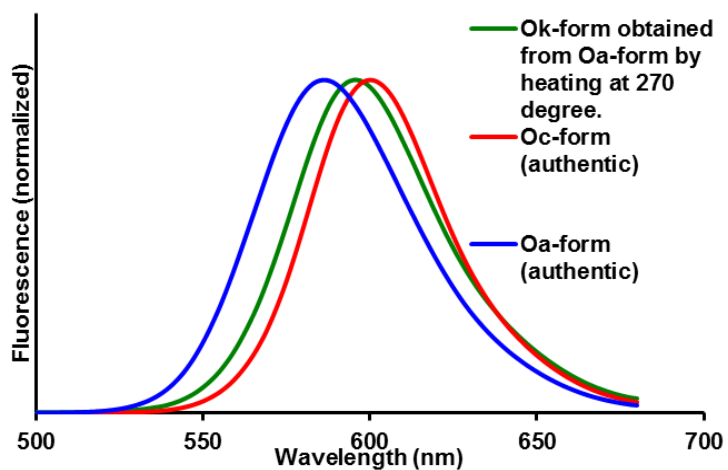
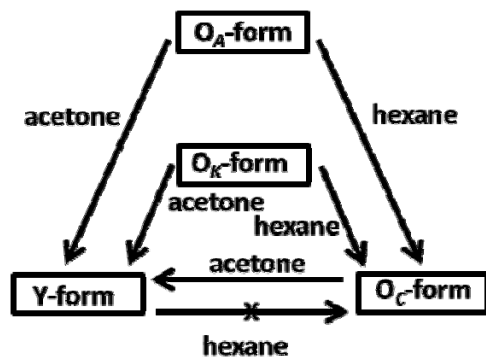


Figure S14. PL profiles of O_C-, O_K- and O_A-forms



7. Vapochromism of 1

Scheme S2. Summary of vapochromism of 1



7.1 Acetone-promoted phase transition of O_C-, O_A- and O_K-forms to Y-form

In a glass beaker was placed **O_C-**, **O_A-** or **O_K-form**, and a small amount of acetone was added. The beaker was put a lid on by aluminum foil, and kept at rt overnight. Phase transitions were confirmed by color, PL profiles and DSC.

Figure S15. Apparatus for vapochromic phase transition

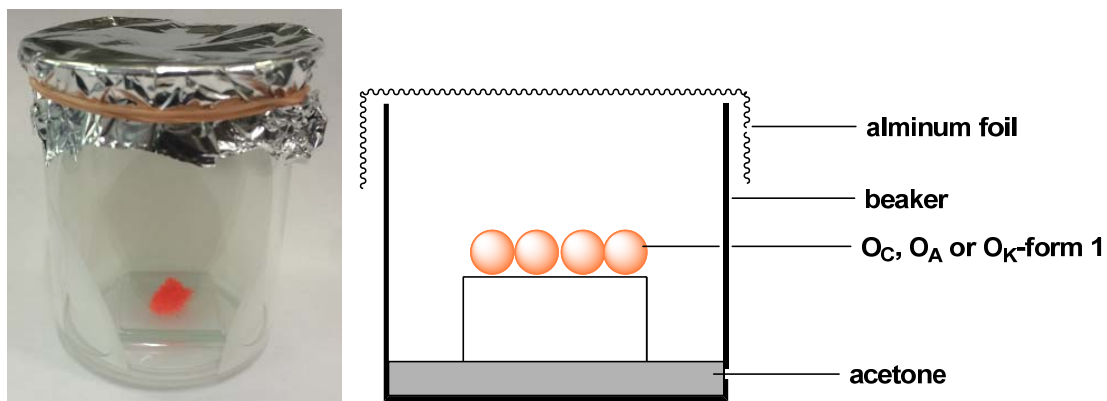
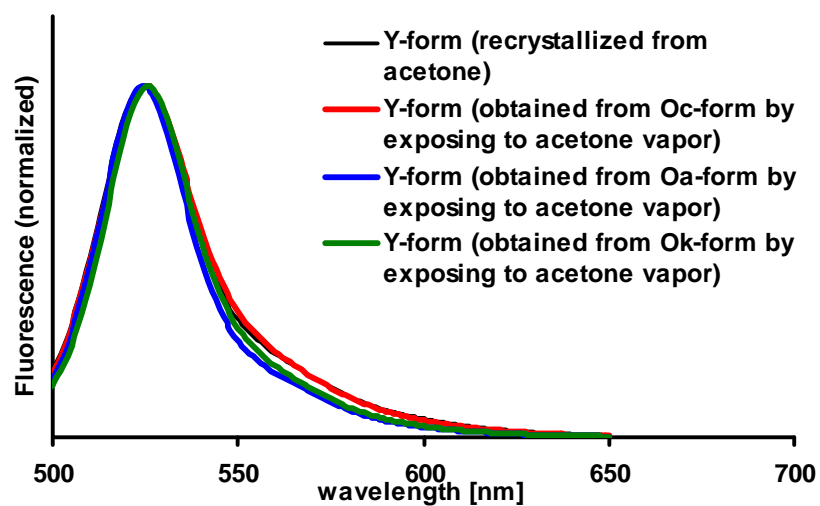


Figure S16. PL profiles of **Y-forms** which were obtained by vapochromic phase transition from **O_C-**, **O_A-** and **O_K-forms**.



7. 1.1 Vapochromic phase transition from **O_C-form** to **Y-form**

Figure S17. Pictures of **O_C-** and **Y-forms** in acetone-promoted vapochromism

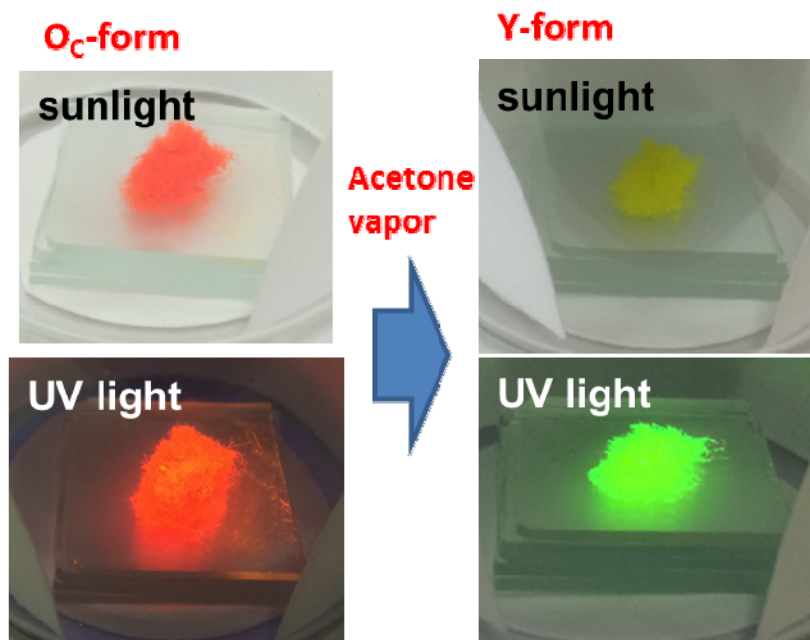
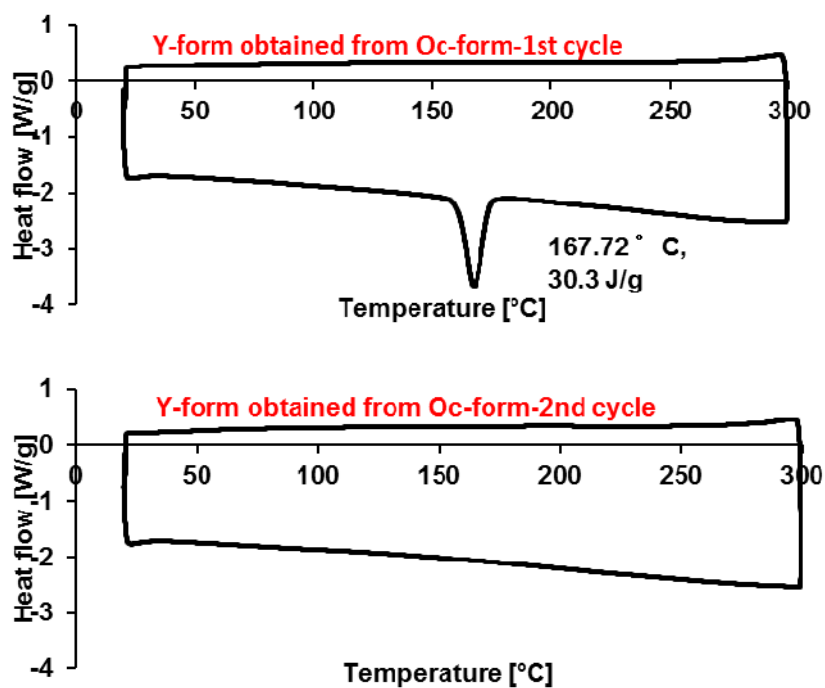


Figure S18. DSC profiles of **Y-form** obtained from **O_C-form** by acetone-promoted phase transition



7. 1.2 Vapochromic phase transition from **O_A-form** to **Y-form**

Figure S19. Pictures of **O_A-** and **Y-forms** in acetone-promoted vapochromism

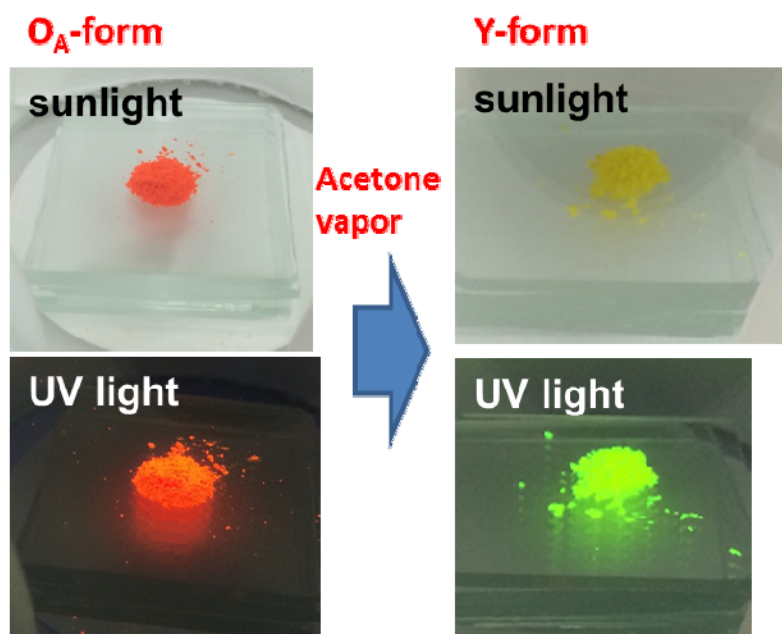
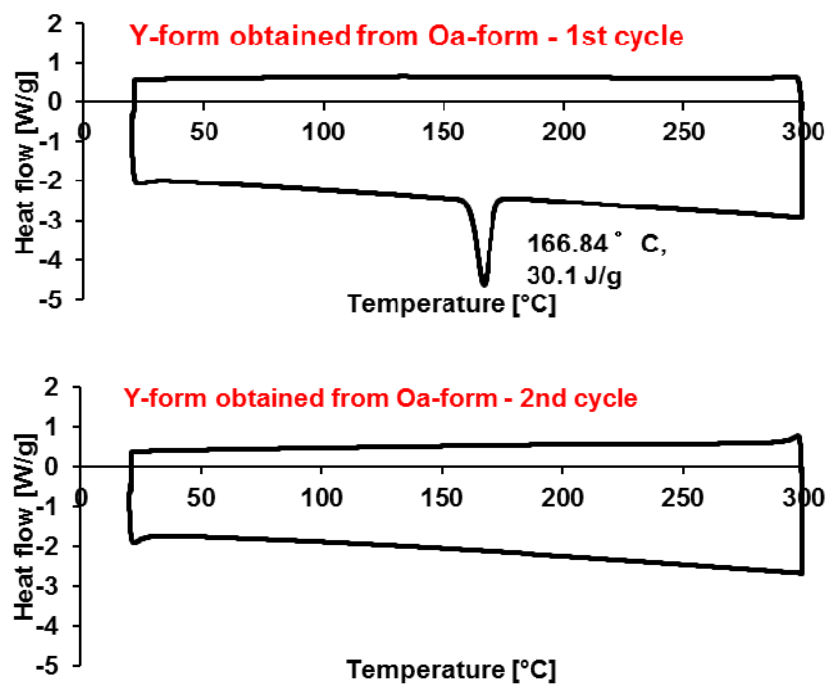


Figure S20. DSC profiles of **Y-form** obtained from **O_A-form** by acetone-promoted phase transition



7. 1.3 Vapochromic phase transition from O_K -form to Y-form

Figure S21. Pictures of O_K - and Y-forms in acetone-promoted vapochromism

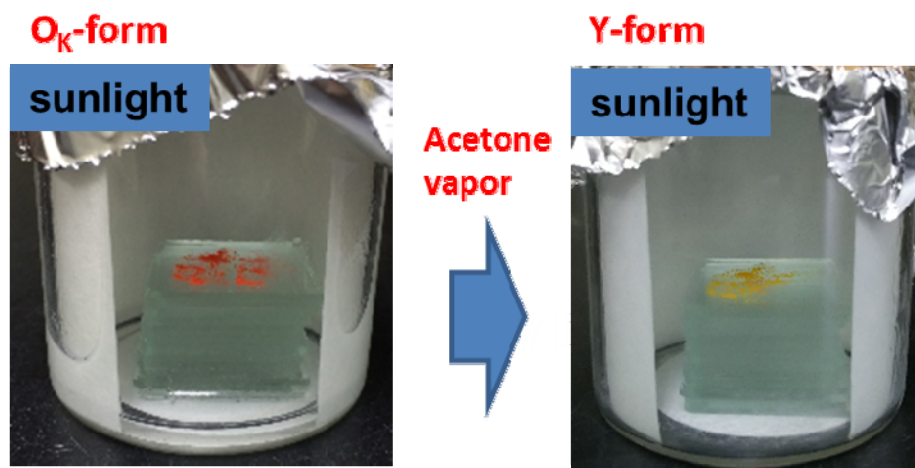
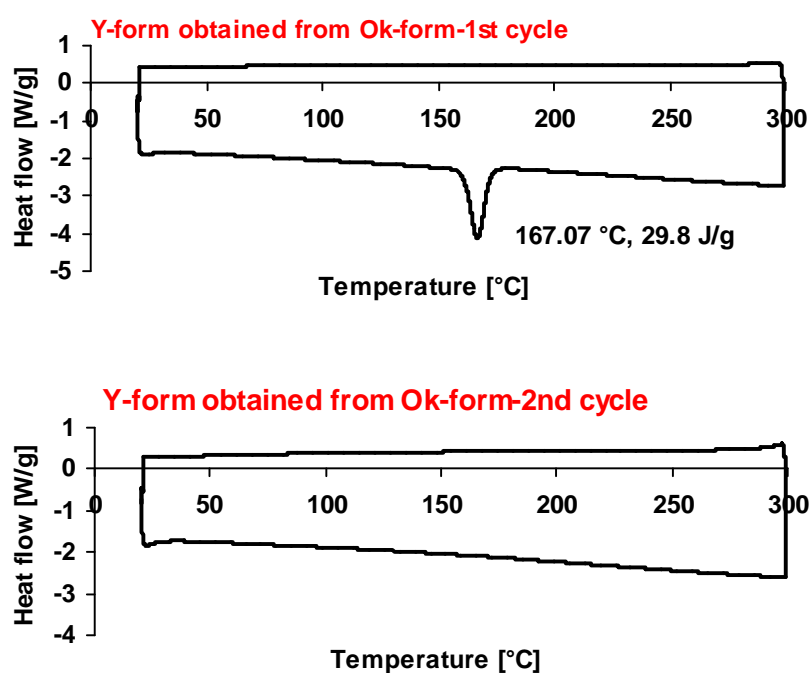


Figure S22. DSC profiles of Y-form obtained from O_K -form by acetone-promoted phase transition



7.2 Hexane-promoted phase transition of O_A - and O_K -forms to O_C -form

In a glass beaker was placed O_A - or O_K -form, and a small amount of hexane was added. The beaker was put a lid on by aluminum foil, and kept at rt overnight. Phase conversions were confirmed by comparison of PL profiles.

Figure S23. PL spectra of authentic O_C -form and O_C -form obtained from O_A -form

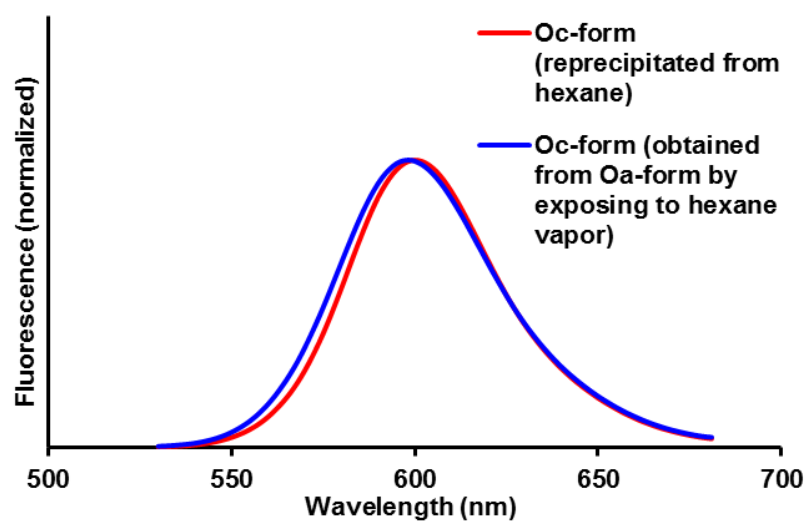


Figure S24. PL spectra of authentic **O_C-form** and **O_C-form** obtained from **O_K-form**

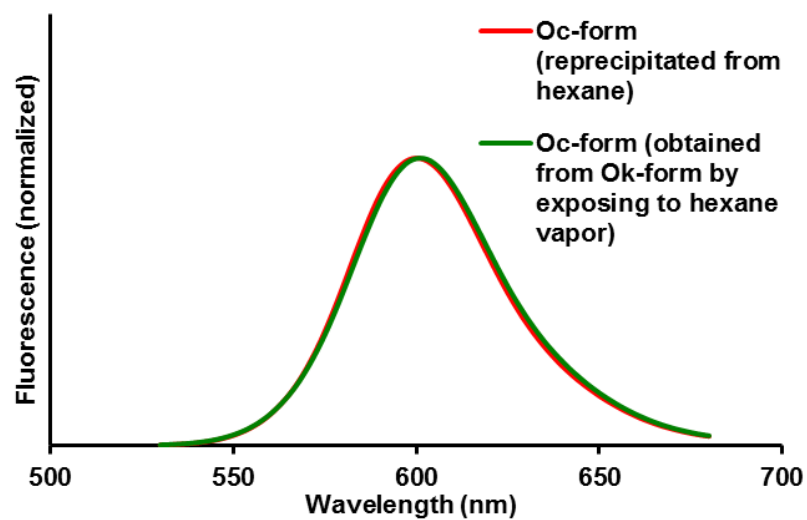
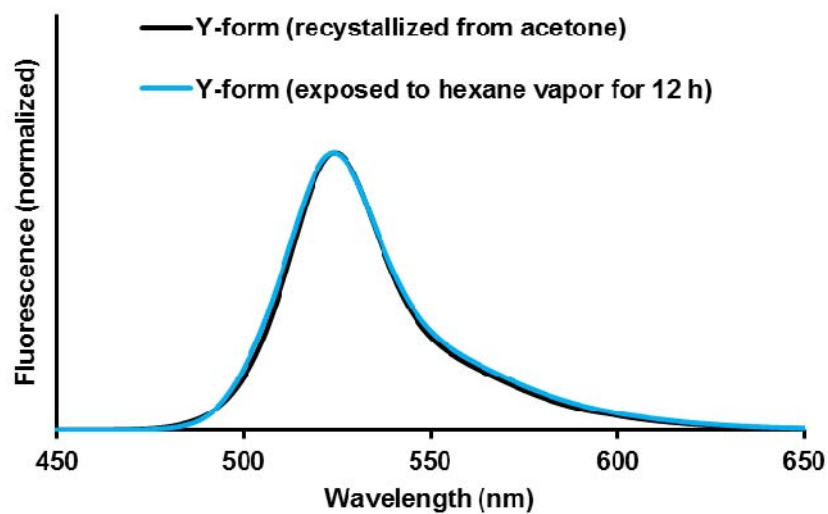


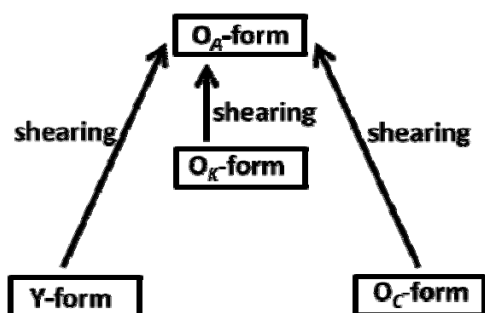
Figure S25. PL spectra of authentic **Y-form** and **Y-form** exposed to hexane vapor



When **Y-form** was exposed to hexane vapor, no color change was observed.

8. Mechanochromism of **1**

Scheme S3. Summary of mechanochromism of **1**



On a mortar was placed **Y**-, **O_C**- or **O_K**-form **1**, and **1** was ground by a pestle. Phase transitions were confirmed by color change and comparison of PL profiles.

Figure S26. Pictures of **Y**- and **O_A**-forms in grinding-promoted mechanochromism

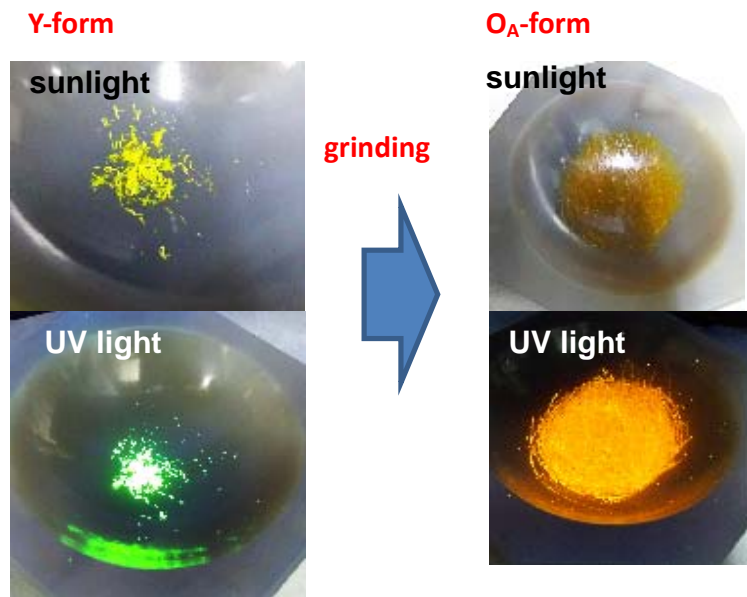
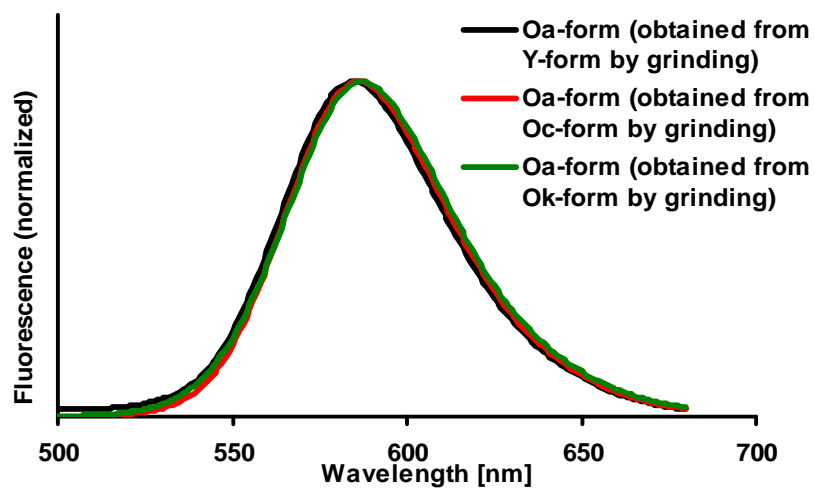


Figure S27. PL spectra of **O_A-forms** which were obtained by mechanochromic phase transition from **Y-**, **O_C-** and **O_K-forms**



9. Fluorescence life time

Fluorescence decays were measured using an apparatus including a femtosecond laser system and a streak camera.^{S2} The tetra(trimethylsilylethynyl)pyrene (**1**) was excited using by the SHG light of a femtosecond Ti:Sapphire laser (Spectra-Physics, Tsunami 3960, the wavelength of pulse ~ 800 nm, the full width at half maximum of the pulse ~ 80 fs) pumped by the SHG output of a Nd:YVO₄ laser (Spectra-Physics, Millennia-V). The detected fluorescence was dispersed by a monochromator and measured using a streak scope (Hamamatsu, C4334). The fluorescence signals were averaged using a PC. Fluorescence decay measurements were performed at 22 °C for **1**. The fluorescence decay curve for each form of **1** can be represented by a single exponential decay function, $I(t) = I_0 \exp(-t/\tau)$ where τ is the fluorescence lifetime.

Figure S28. Fluorescence decay profiles of **1**

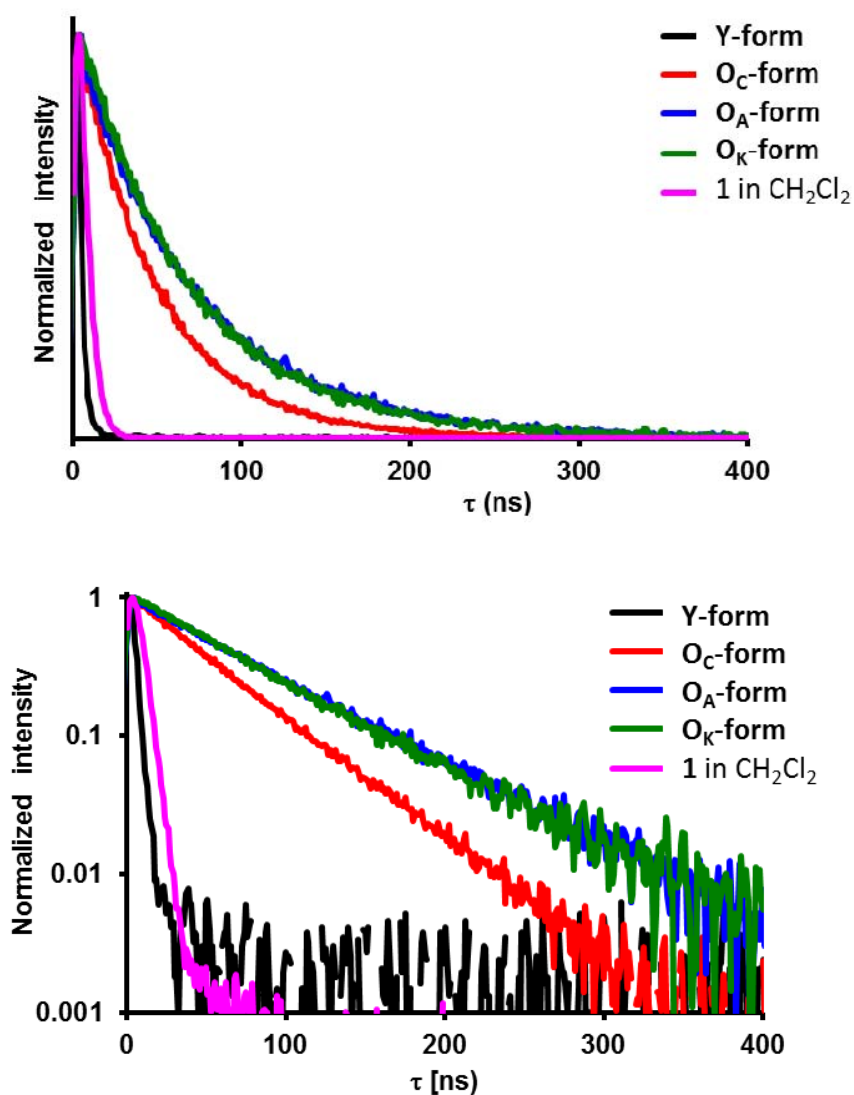


Table S5. Summary of emission lifetime, PL quantum yield and rate constants

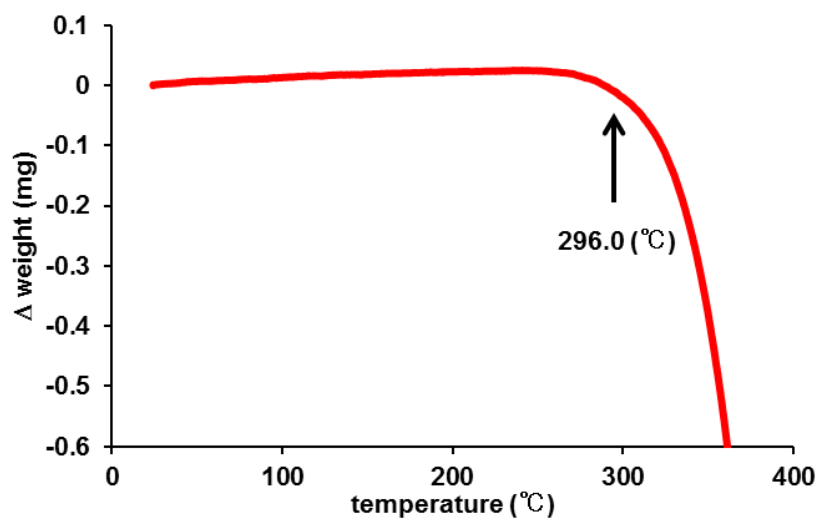
	Y-form	O_A-form	O_C-form	O_K-form	In CH ₂ Cl ₂
τ (ns)	2.24	70.8	48.6	66.8	3.56
Φ_F	0.66	0.57	0.49	0.17	---
k_r/k_{nr} ($\times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$)	300/155	8.1/6.1	10.1/10.5	2.6/12.4	---

The rate constants k_r and k_{nr} were calculated by using the following equations.

$$k_r = \Phi_F/\tau, \quad k_{nr} = (1-\Phi_F)/\tau$$

10. Thermogravimetry analysis (TGA)

Figure S29. TGA thermogram of O_C-form



11. UV—Vis and PL spectra of **1** in CH_2Cl_2

Figure S30. UV—Vis absorption spectra of **1** in CH_2Cl_2 (10^{-4} to 10^{-5} mol/L)

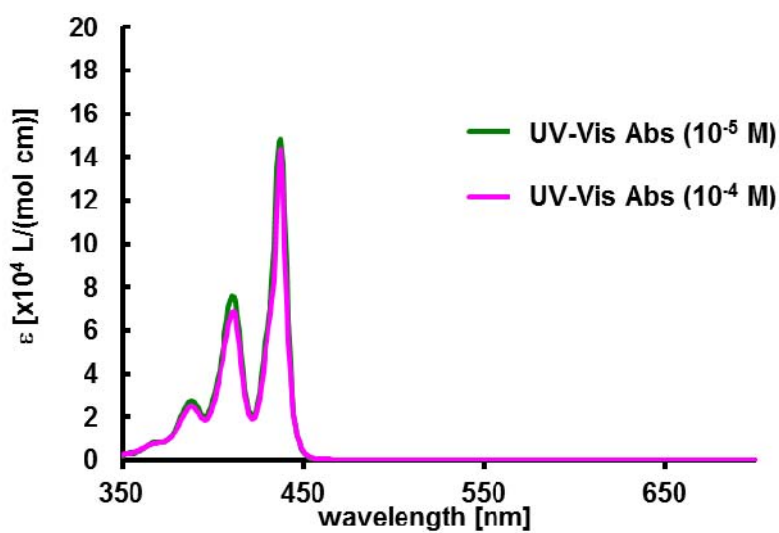
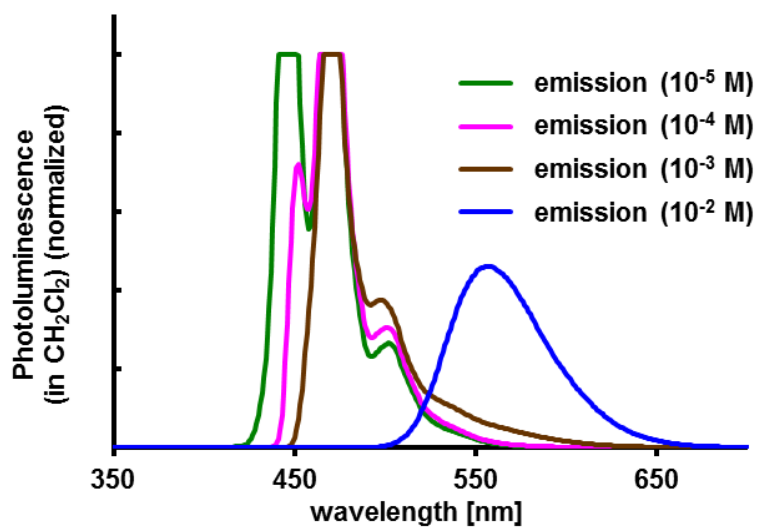
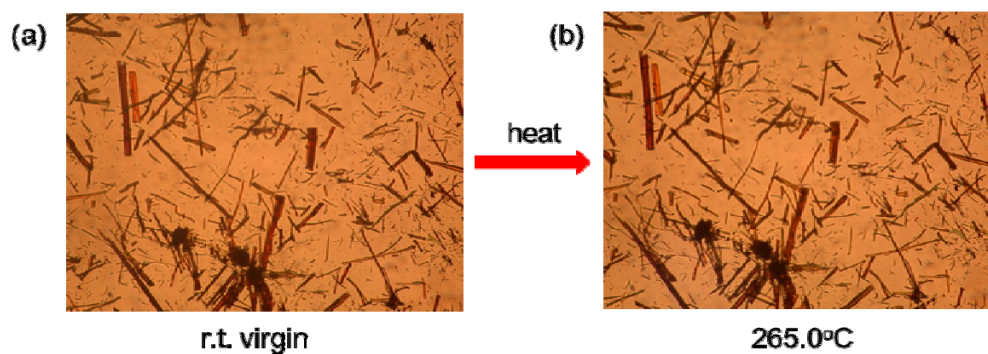


Figure S31. PL spectra of **1** in CH₂Cl₂ (10⁻² to 10⁻⁵ mol/L)



12. Microscopic observations of O_C-form on heating

Figure S32. Microscopic observations of **O_C-form** on heating



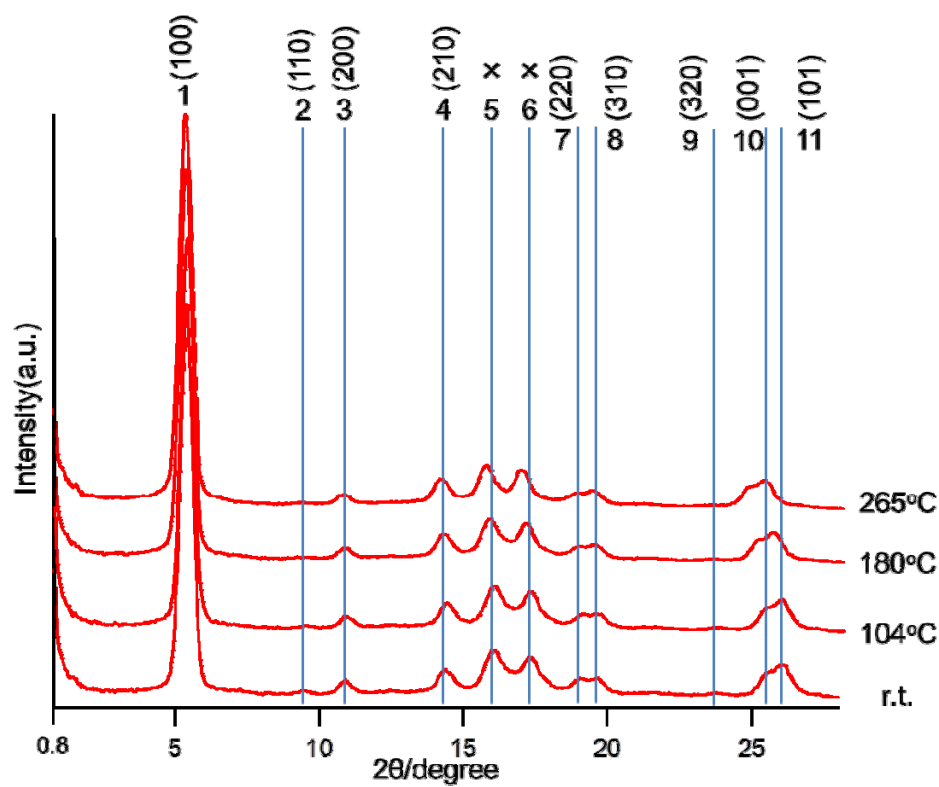
(a) orange needles of **O_C-form** which were obtained by reprecipitation from hexane

(b) orange needles of **O_C-form** which were heated at 265 °C

The microscopic observations showed no change of orange needles of the **O_C-form** on heating up to 265 °C.

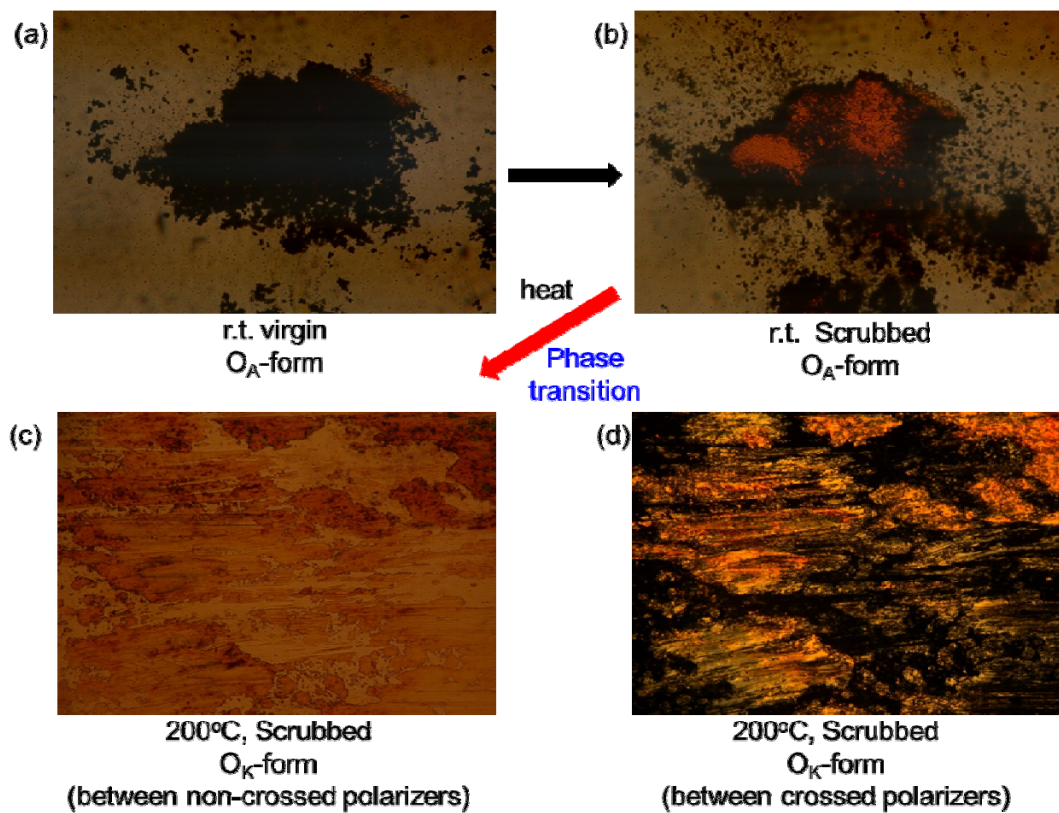
13. XRD analyses and microscopic observations of O_K-form on heating

Figure S33. XRD profiles of O_K-form on heating



When the **OK-form** was heated, XRD analyses demonstrated that the peaks no. 5,6,10 and 11 were shifted to the lower angle region.

Figure S34. Microscopic observations of **O_K-form** on heating



(a) **O_A-form** at rt

(b) **O_A-form** scrubbed between the cover glasses at rt

On heating, the **O_A-form** underwent a phase transition to **O_K-form**.

(c) **O_K-form** scrubbed between the cover glasses at 200 °C (between non-crossed polarizers)

(d) **O_K-form** scrubbed between the cover glasses at 200 °C (between crossed polarizers)

O_K-form was softer than **O_A-form**, and **O_K-form** was expanded between the glasses by scrubbing.

14. References of Supporting Information and NMR charts of 1

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Figure S35. NMR charts of 1 (CDCl₃)

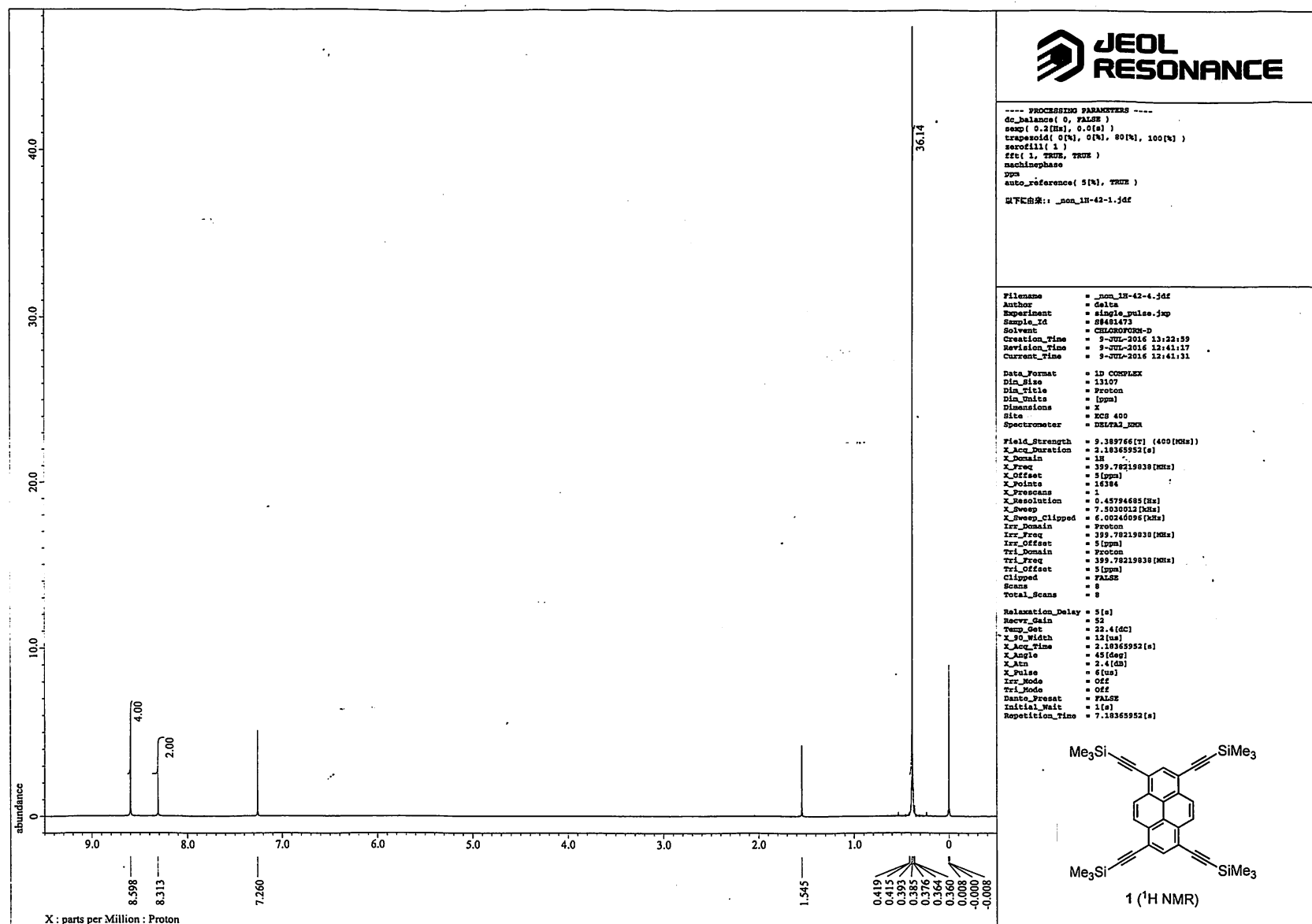


Figure S35. NMR charts of 1 (CDCl₃)

