

Supporting Information

Table S1. Polychlorinated dibenzofurans with identity number (ID) representing the substitution pattern.

ID	X ₁	X ₂	X ₃	X ₄	X ₆	X ₇	X ₈	X ₉
1	H	Cl	H	H	H	H	H	H
2	H	H	H	Cl	H	H	H	H
3	H	Cl	H	H	Cl	H	H	H
4	H	Cl	H	H	H	H	Cl	H
5	Cl	H	Cl	H	Cl	H	H	H
6	Cl	H	Cl	H	H	H	Cl	H
7	H	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	H	H	H
8	H	Cl	Cl	H	H	H	Cl	H
9	H	Cl	H	H	Cl	Cl	H	H
10	H	Cl	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	H	H
11	H	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	H	Cl	H
12	H	Cl	Cl	H	H	Cl	Cl	H
13	Cl	Cl	H	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	H
14	Cl	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	H	Cl	H
15	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	H	Cl	Cl	H
16	H	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	Cl	Cl	H
17	Cl	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	Cl	Cl	H
18	H	Cl	Cl	Cl	Cl	Cl	Cl	H
19	H	Cl	Cl	H	Cl	H	Cl	H
20	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	Cl	H	H	H
21	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	H	Cl	H	H
22	Cl	H	Cl	Cl	H	Cl	Cl	H
23	H	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	Cl	H	Cl
24	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	H	Cl	H	Cl
25	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	H	Cl	H	H
26	Cl	H	Cl	Cl	H	Cl	Cl	H
27	H	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	Cl	H	Cl

Table S2. Polyhalogenated dibenzo-*p*-dioxins with identity number (ID) representing the substitution pattern

ID	X ₁	X ₂	X ₃	X ₄	X ₆	X ₇	X ₈	X ₉
28	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	H	Cl	Cl	H
29	H	Cl	Cl	H	Cl	Cl	H	H
30	H	Cl	Cl	H	Cl	H	H	H
31	Cl	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	Cl	Cl	H
32	Cl	H	Cl	H	H	Cl	Cl	H
33	Cl	Cl	H	Cl	H	Cl	Cl	H
34	Cl	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	H	H	H
35	H	Cl	Cl	H	H	Cl	H	H
36	H	Cl	H	H	H	H	Cl	H
37	Cl	Cl	Cl	Cl	Cl	Cl	Cl	Cl
38	Cl	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
39	H	Br	Br	H	H	Br	Br	H
40	H	Br	Br	H	H	Cl	Cl	H
41	H	Br	Cl	H	H	Cl	Br	H
42	H	Br	Cl	H	H	Cl	Cl	H
43	Br	H	Br	H	H	Br	Br	H
44	Br	Br	H	Br	H	Br	Br	H
45	H	Br	Br	H	H	Br	H	H
46	H	Br	H	H	H	Br	H	H

Table S3. Polychlorinated biphenyls with identity number (ID) representing the substitution pattern

ID	X ₂	X ₃	X ₄	X ₅	X ₆	X _{2'}	X _{3'}	X _{4'}	X _{5'}	X _{6'}
47	H	Cl	Cl	H	H	H	Cl	Cl	H	H
48	H	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	H	Cl	Cl	H	H
49	Cl	H	H	H	H	H	Cl	Cl	Cl	H
50	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	H	H	Cl	Cl	H	H
51	Cl	H	Cl	Cl	H	H	Cl	Cl	H	H
52	Cl	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	H	Cl	Cl	H	H
53	Cl	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	H	Cl	Cl	Cl	H
54	Cl	H	Cl	H	H	Cl	H	Cl	H	H
55	Cl	H	Cl	Cl	H	Cl	H	Cl	Cl	H
56	Cl	Cl	Cl	Cl	H	H	H	H	H	H
57	Cl	H	Cl	H	Cl	H	Cl	Cl	Cl	H

Table S4. Energy, hardness, chemical potential, electrophilicity and local electrophilicity (MPA and HPA) for different polychlorinated dibenzofurans (solvent phase)

Molecule	Energy (a.u.)	<i>h</i> (eV)	<i>m</i> (eV)	<i>w</i> (eV)	<i>w</i> _{max} ⁺ (eV) MPA	Observed <i>pIC</i> ₅₀ ^a	Calculated <i>pIC</i> ₅₀
1	-996.9274	2.507	-3.743	2.794	0.434	4.061	3.729
2	-996.9253	2.537	-3.742	2.760	0.439	3.429	3.670
3	-1456.5199	2.474	-3.902	3.077	0.461	4.125	4.763
4	-1456.5221	2.475	-3.930	3.121	0.457	4.103	4.860
5	-1916.1125	2.456	-4.048	3.336	0.508	6.123	5.947
6	-1916.1148	2.410	-4.029	3.367	0.503	4.653	6.002
7	-1916.1040	2.443	-4.025	3.315	0.524	5.396	6.082
8	-1916.1114	2.430	-4.053	3.380	0.524	6.858	6.309
9	-2375.6956	2.423	-4.170	3.587	0.553	7.255	7.086
10	-2375.6978	2.404	-4.176	3.626	0.549	7.379	7.176
11	-2375.7050	2.409	-4.200	3.661	0.553	7.657	7.358
12	-2375.7004	2.369	-4.142	3.620	0.525	8.444	6.862
13	-2375.7011	2.415	-4.310	3.846	0.596	5.715	8.239
14	-2835.2884	2.350	-4.260	3.860	0.598	8.194	8.314
15	-2835.2848	2.345	-4.251	3.854	0.558	7.911	7.779
16	-2835.2882	2.361	-4.270	3.860	0.558	8.147	7.810
17	-2835.2866	2.322	-4.360	4.094	0.610	8.943	8.975
18	-3294.8734	2.361	-4.399	4.097	0.574	7.587	8.530
19	-3294.8723	2.422	-4.213	3.665	0.542	8.376	7.231
20	-2375.7017	2.425	-4.168	3.583	0.561	7.610	7.181
21	-2375.6970	2.367	-4.109	3.567	0.545	7.379	6.920
22	-2375.6995	2.339	-4.245	3.853	0.565	7.954	7.870
23	-2835.2904	2.358	-4.266	3.86	0.571	7.657	7.964
24	-2835.2899	2.339	-4.272	3.900	0.562	7.657	8.001
25	-2835.2805	2.367	-4.109	3.567	0.545	7.313	6.920
26	-2375.6980	2.339	-4.245	3.853	0.565	8.689	7.870
27	-2375.6995	2.358	-4.266	3.860	0.571	7.954	7.963

^aExperimental data as given in ref. [31]

Table S5. Energy, hardness, chemical potential, electrophilicity and local electrophilicity (MPA and HPA) for different polychlorinated biphenyls (solvent phase).

Molecule	Energy (Hartree)	h (eV)	m (eV)	w (eV)	w_{\max}^+ (eV) HPA	Observed pIC_{50}^a	Calculated pIC_{50}
1	-2301.6832	2.508	-4.033	3.242	0.188	7.028	6.949
3	-2761.2718	2.494	-4.181	3.504	0.255	7.871	7.165
4	-2301.6767	2.674	-4.062	3.085	0.241	5.584	5.685
5	-2761.2667	2.641	-4.107	3.194	0.240	6.134	5.602
6	-2761.2711	2.610	-4.131	3.269	0.202	5.762	6.305
8	-3220.8544	2.618	-4.229	3.415	0.293	6.057	5.704
10	-3680.4426	2.619	-4.364	3.635	0.280	5.885	6.315
11	-2301.6823	2.886	-3.972	2.733	0.163	4.442	4.381
12	-3220.8605	2.765	-4.206	3.198	0.187	4.689	5.351
13	-2301.6686	2.657	-4.033	3.060	0.312	4.405	5.003
14	-3220.8591	2.991	-4.223	2.981	0.213	4.577	3.966

^aExperimental data as given in ref. [31]

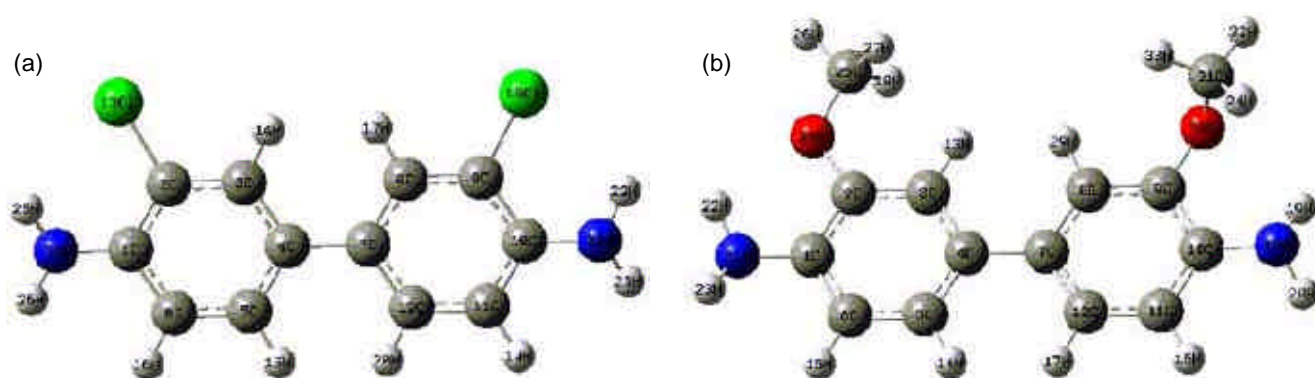


Figure S1. The geometries of (a) 3,3'-dichlorobenzidine (b) 3,3'-dimethoxybenzidine with the atom numbering.

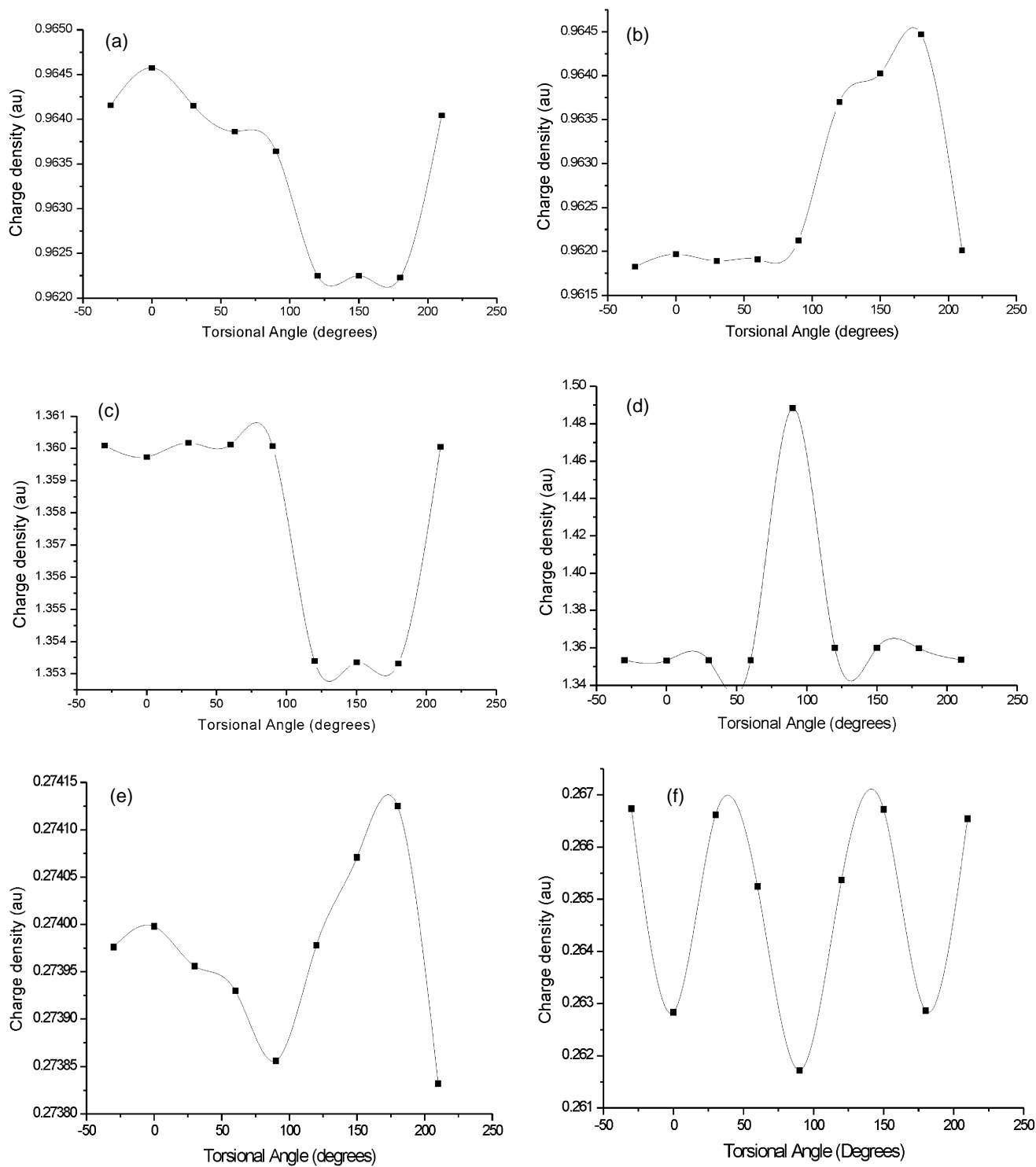


Figure S2. The charge density (r) distribution at the bond critical point of the selected group for 3,3'-dimethoxybenzidine. (a) $C_1N_{21}H_{22}H_{23}$, (b) $C_{10}N_{18}H_{19}H_{20}$, (c) $C_2O_{24}C_{25}H_{26}H_{27}H_{28}$, (d) $C_9O_{30}C_{31}H_{32}H_{33}H_{24}$, (e) $C_{11}H_{16}$ and (f) C_3C_7 .

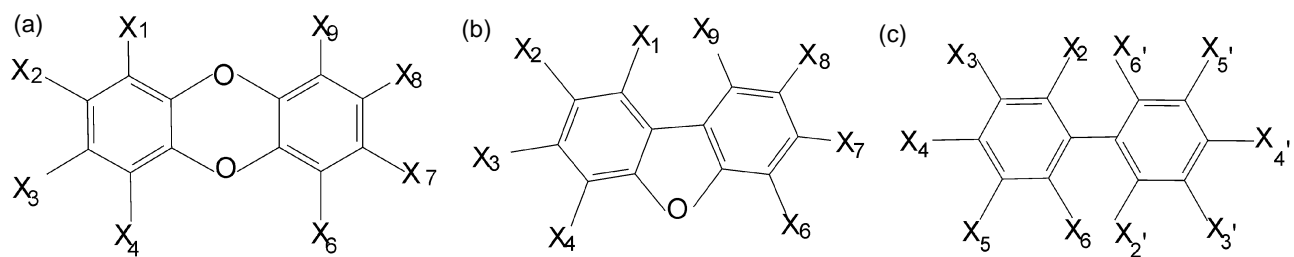


Figure S3. The structural template of (a) polychlorinated dibenzofurans, (b) polyhalogenated dibenzo-*p*-dioxins and (c) polychlorinated biphenyls with required atom numbering.