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Selective NIR Chromophores: Bis(pyrrolopyrrole) Cyanines

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Selective NIR-Absorbing Dyes

Significance: Near-infrared (NIR) dyes that do not absorb in the visible range have potential as heat-blocking window coatings, laser-protecting glasses or as antiforgery markers. The authors present the synthesis of a series of NIR-absorbing bis(pyrrolopyrrole) cyanine dyes (**4** and **5** as well as derivatives with different side and end groups) that meet these criteria.

Comment: Rigidifying the conjugated system of **4** by introduction of BPh₂ groups (leading to **5**) results in a red shift of the absorption maximum by 65 nm as well as in narrowing the absorption bands and in an increase of the extinction coefficient ($\epsilon = 277'000 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ for **4** to $\epsilon = 571'000 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ for **5**).

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