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(54) **Light emitting element and azole compound**

(57) The present invention relates to a light emitting element comprising at least a light emitting layer containing a light emitting material and a host material and having a light emission maximum wavelength of 500 nm or less wherein the minimum excitation triplet energy level of the host material is higher than the minimum excitation triplet energy level of the light emitting material. Preferably, a light emitting element in which the mini-

mum excitation triplet energy level of the host material is from 1.05 times to 1.38 times the minimum excitation triplet energy level of the light emitting material, and a light emitting element in which the minimum excitation triplet energy level of the host material is from 68 kcal/mol to 90 kcal/mol are provided.



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1. Claims: 1-8,11-14

A light emitting element as defined in claim 1

2. Claims: 9, 10

An azole compound as defined in formula (A) of claim 9 and a light emitting element comprising this azole compound

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## 摘要(译)

发光元件技术领域本发明涉及一种发光元件，其至少包括含有发光材料和主体材料并且发光最大波长为500nm或更小的发光层，其中主体材料的最小激发三重态能级更高。比发光材料的最小激发三重态能级。优选地，其中主体材料的最小激发三重态能级是发光材料的最小激发三重态能级的1.05倍至1.38倍的发光元件，以及其中最小激发三重态能级的发光元件。提供的主体材料为68kcal / mol至90kcal / mol。

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