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1. Classification Method

- Classified 499 patents published in August 2020 (application, under examination, registration).
- The classification method is as follows.
 - Applicants country

- Classified into Korea, China, Japan, the United States, Europe, and others. If there are two or more applicants in a patent, the total number of applicant countries may exceed the number of published patents because the number of applicants is included in each country.

Major Companies

– There are 15 companies, and the companies are as follows. Doosan Solus, Dow chem, Duksan Neolux, Idemitsu Kosan, LG Chem, Merck, Novaled, Samsung SDI, SFC, UDC, JNC, Hodogaya, Sumitomo, Kyulux, Cynora

- Classification by materials(purpose)
 - Classified into EML, ETL, HTL, CPL, EML+HTL, EML+ETL, HTL+ETL, EML+HTL+ETL, and Others.
 - HTL included HIL, HTL, EBL, R', G', B'.
 - ETL included EIL, ETL, and HBL(aETL).
 - Others included QD, Near IR, CGL and so on.

2. Patent Analysis

- By Applicants Country
 - There were 499 patents published in August 2020, and if the patents that included more than two countries were classified, the total number of patents became 506.
 - Out of the total number of 506 patents, Korea recorded the highest number of patents with 252.
 - China ranked second with 95, followed by Japan with 62, Europe with 58 and the United States with 38.
 - Among the total patents, the proportion of Korean applicants was 50%, 19% in China and 12% in Japan.



2. Patent Analysis

By Major Companies of Emitting Materials

- By major company, LG Chem recorded the highest number of patents with 96.
- LG Chem is supplying ETL to Samsung Display's OLED for mobile devices, and supplying a number of common layers and emitting layer materials for LG Display's mobile and TV.
- The second place was UDC with 32 patents, and the third place was Merck, who recorded 27.
- Cynora and Kyulux, which are developing TADF and hyper fluorescent, which are mentioned as next-generation emitting materials, recorded 12 and 3 patents, respectively.



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2. Patent Analysis

- By Purpose
 - Patents by purpose are classified into layers such as HTL, EML, and ETL, and other patents.
 - Among the total patents, the number of EML patents accounted for the largest share of 59% with 296, 99 for HTL, and 46 for ETL, accounting for 9%.
 - Of the 12 other patents, the number of patents for CGL was the highest with 7.



2. Patent Analysis

- By Emitting Layer
 - Among the patents related to the emitting layer, host-related patents recorded the highest number with 155, followed by dopant-related patents with 133.
 - There were 20 patents related to host+host, and one related to dopant+dopant.
 - In terms of color, blue-related patents recorded the largest number with 115, green with 86 and red with 81.
 - There were 5 light green patents used for large area OLED.



2. Patent Analysis

- By Common Layer
 - Among the HTL-related patents, HTL patents recorded the largest number with 70, followed by B' with 25 and EBL with 16.
 - Companies that mainly mass-produce HTL are Idemitsu Kosan, Doosan Solus, and Duksan Neolux, while companies that mainly produce B' are Idemitsu Kosan and SFC.
 - Among ETL-related patents, ETL recorded the highest number with 65, and HBL recorded 12.



Companies that mainly mass-produce ETL include LG Chemical and LT Materials.

3. Patents Review

Blue Dopant Patents in Aug. 2020

- Blue dopant patents of 90 cases have been published or registered in Aug. 2020.
- Main assignees are Samsung display(12 cases), LG chem(11 cases) and Cynora(11 cases).
- Phenyl core TADF dopants substituted with various EDG and EWG ligands are the most. Cynora is pending these patents. Several companies, including JNC, have applied for patents on TADF materials containing boron. SFC registered the patent of DABNA fused dibenzofuran combined with anthracene host with deuterium.
- 17 blue phosphorescent dopant patents have been applied. Ir or Pt metal compounds with pyrazole or imidazole derivatives seem to emit blue.
- LG chem. and Merk applied for patents on florescent dopants such as amine substituted with benzofluorene or benzofuran derivatives.

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