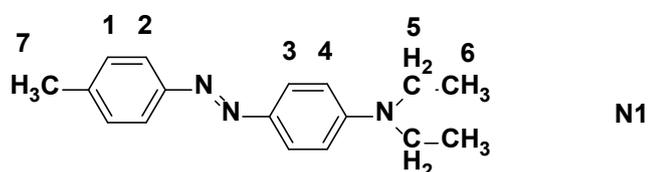


Supporting information for

## The investigation of hydrogen bond saturation effect during the dipole induced azobenzene supramolecular self-assembly

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N1: IR (KBr),  $\nu$  / $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 2970 (-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2890 (-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1596, 1512 (Ar), 1450

(-N=N-).  $\delta_{\text{H}}$ (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 1.251 - 1.215 (2H, t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 6-H), 2.410

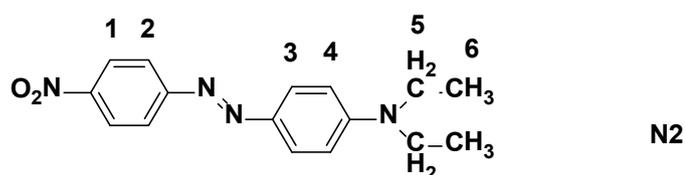
(3H, s, 7-H), 3.480 - 3.428 (4H, q, 5-H), 6.735 - 6.715 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 4-H),

7.277 - 7.257 (4H, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1-H), 7.754 - 7.734 (4H, d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 3-H), 7.857

- 8.836 (4H, d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2-H).  $\delta_{\text{C}}$ (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 12.6, 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>),

44.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 110.9, 122.0, 125.1, 129.5, 139.4.2, 143.0.4, 149.8, 151.3 (Ph). Found:

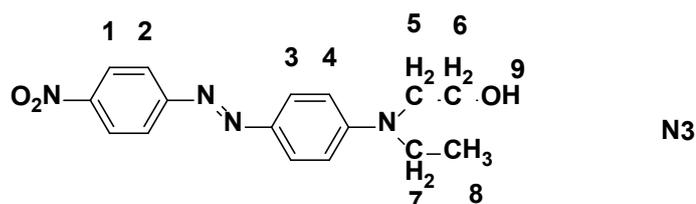
C, 76.26; H, 6.31; N, 19.76. Calc. for C<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>H<sub>21</sub>: C, 76.37; H, 6.20; N, 19.89%.



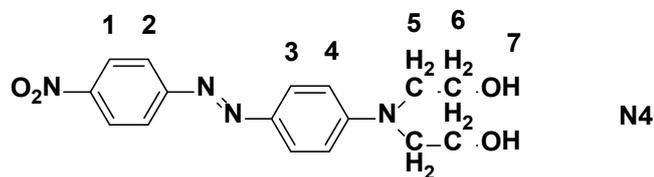
N2: IR (KBr),  $\nu$  / $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 2970 (-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2925 (-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1601, 1520 (Ar), 1450

(-N=N-), 1506, 1343(-NO<sub>2</sub>).  $\delta_{\text{H}}$ (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 1.286 - 1.250 (6H, t,  $J$ =7.4

Hz, 6-H), 3.528 - 3.474 (4H, q, 5-H), 6.790 (2H, d, 4-H), 7.948 - 7.926 (4H, d, J=8.8 Hz, 1, 2-H), 8.337 - 8.314 (2H, d, J=9.2 Hz, 3-H).  $\delta_C$ (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 12.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 44.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 110.7, 122.5, 124.7, 126.5, 143.2, 147.1, 151.3, 156.9 (Ph). Found: C, 64.20; H, 6.13; N, 18.90. Calc. for C<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 64.41; H, 6.08; N, 18.78%.

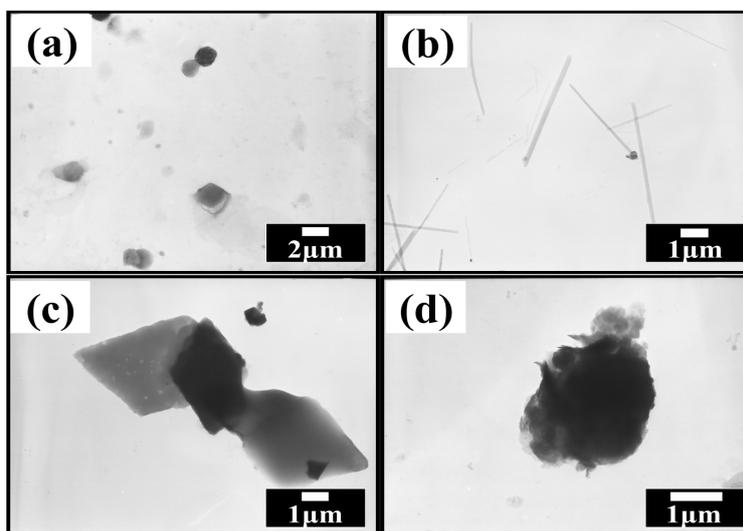


**N3:** IR (KBr),  $\nu$  /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3496 (OH), 2948 (-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2915 (-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1601, 1513 (Ar), 1421 (-N=N-), 1513, 1331 (-NO<sub>2</sub>).  $\delta_H$ (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 1.287 - 1.252 (3H, t, J=6.9 Hz, 8-H), 1.750 (2H, s, 9-H), 3.613 - 3.559 (2H, q, 7-H), 3.652 - 3.623 (2H, d, J = 6.0 Hz, 6-H), 3.922 - 3.893 (2H, d, J = 6.0 Hz, 5-H), 6.864 - 6.843 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4-H), 7.950 - 7.932 (2H, d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2-H), 7.928 - 7.910 (2H, d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1-H), 8.339 - 8.316 (2H, d, J = 9.2 Hz, 3-H).  $\delta_C$ (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 12.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 45.9, 52.3, 60.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 111.5, 122.6, 124.7, 126.2, 143.7, 147.3, 151.6, 156.7 (Ph). Found: C, 61.23; H, 5.89; N, 17.69. Calc. for C<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 61.13; H, 5.77; N, 17.82%.

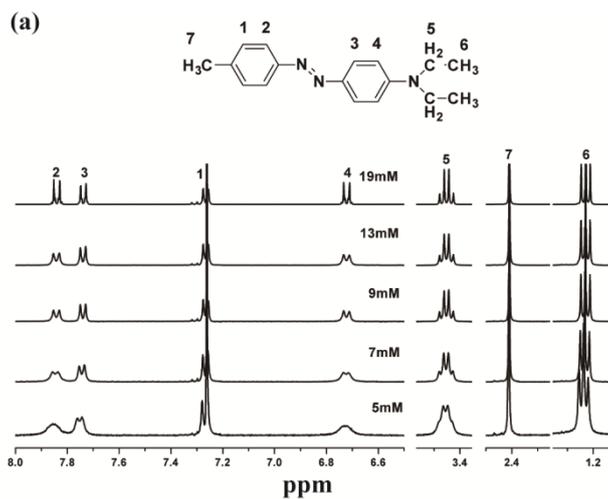


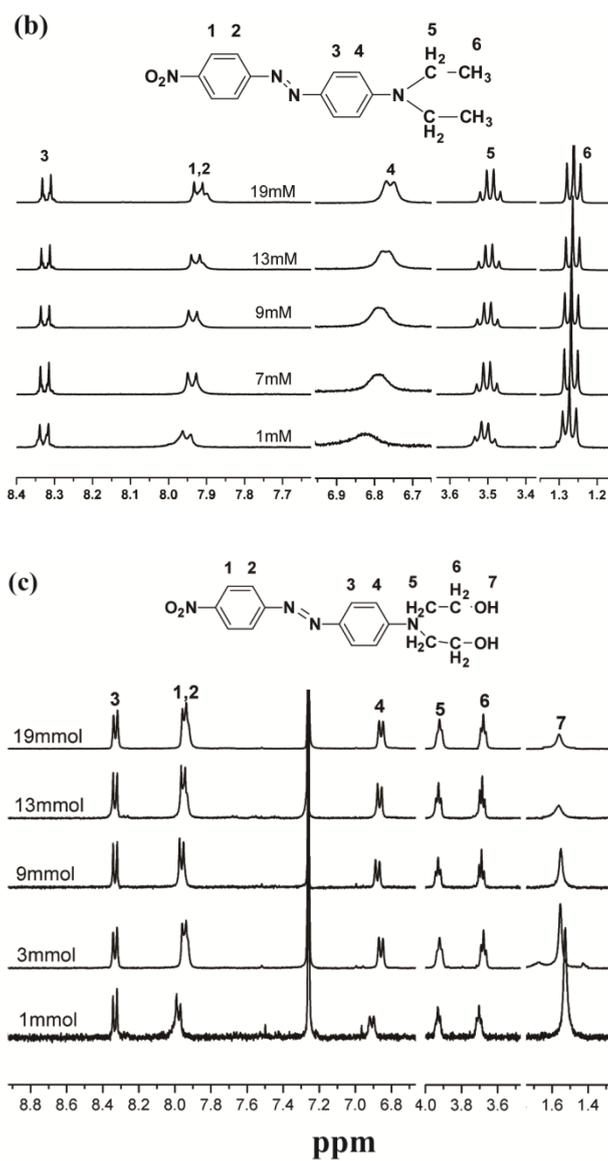
**N4:** IR (KBr),  $\nu$  /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3277 (OH), 2961 (-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2925 (-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1598, 1513 (Ar), 1424 (-N=N-), 1513, 1334 (-NO<sub>2</sub>).  $\delta_H$ (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 1.555 (2H, s, 7-H), 3.692 - 3.665 (4H, s, J=5.6, 6-H), 3.925 - 3.898 (4H, s, J=5.6, 5-H), 6.869 - 6.848 (2H, d, J = 8.8 Hz, 4-H), 7.960 - 7.938 (4H, d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1, 2-H), 8.343 - 8.321 (2H, d, J =

8.8 Hz, 3-H).  $\delta_C$  (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ;  $Me_4Si$ ) 60.3, 54.6 ( $CH_2$ ), 111.8, 122.6, 124.7, 126.2, 143.9, 147.4, 152.8, 156.6 (Ph). Found: C, 58.30; H, 5.31. Calc. for  $C_{16}N_4H_{18}O_4$ : C, 58.17; H, 5.49; N, 16.96; N 17.13%.

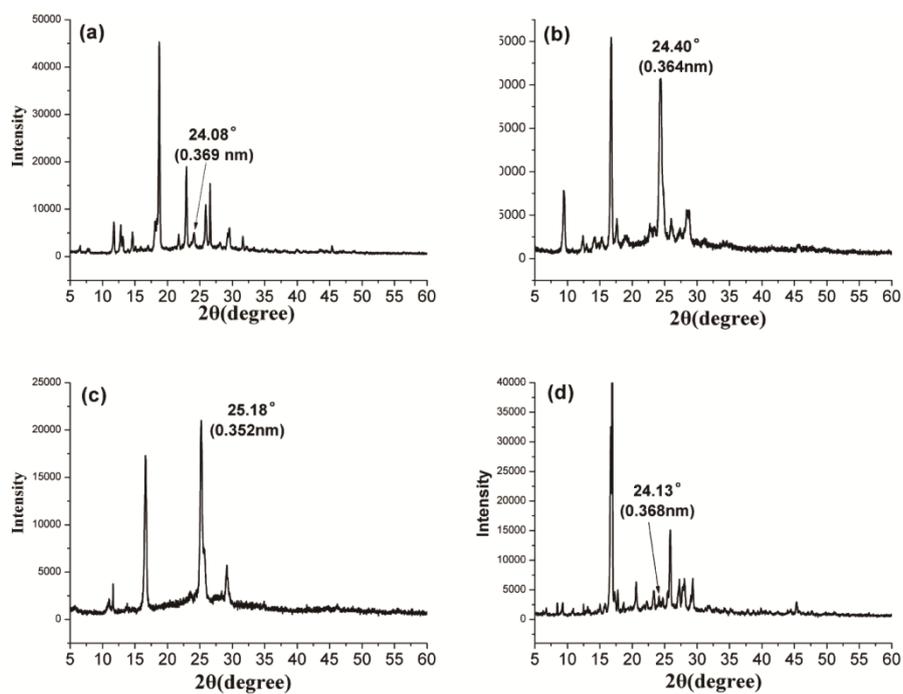


**Fig S1.** TEM image of the self-assembly nanostructure at RT and pH 7, (a) N1, (b) N2, (c) N3 and (d) N4.

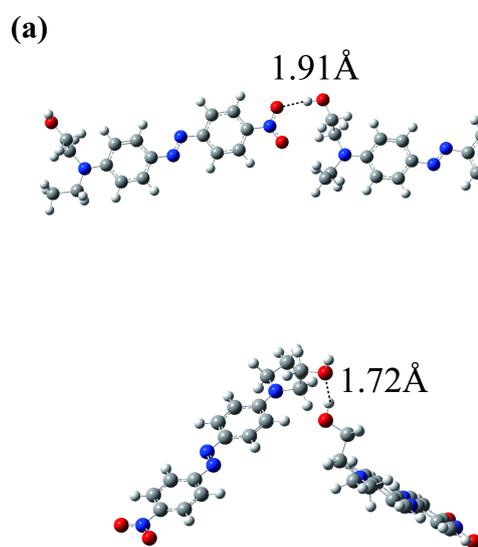




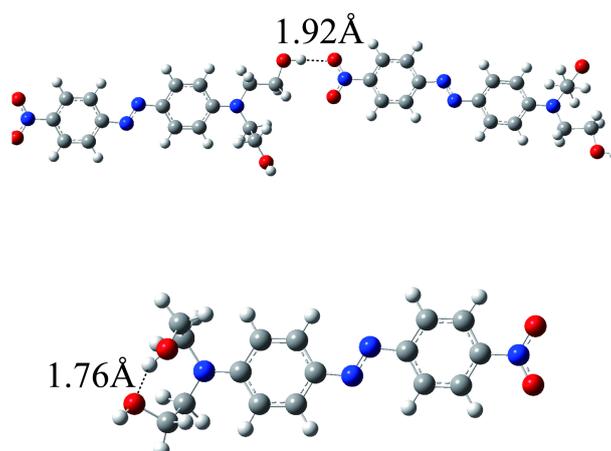
**Fig S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of (a) N1, (b) N2, (c) N4 at different concentrations in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



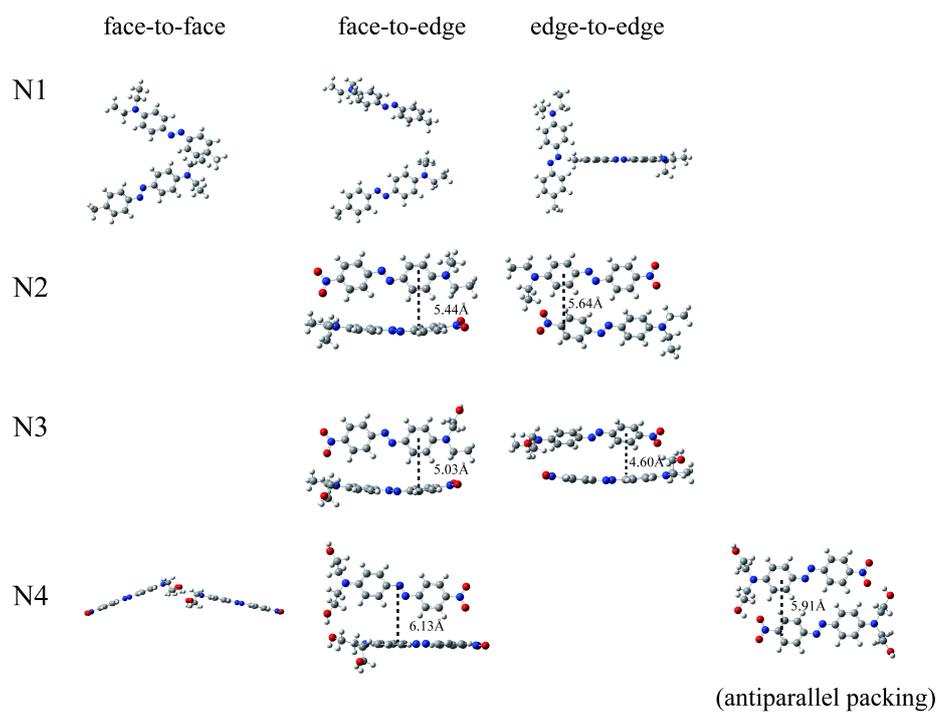
**Fig S3.** XRD spectra of (a) N1, (b) N2, (c) N3, (d) N4.



(b)



**Fig S4.** The hydrogen bonding distributions of (a) N3 and (b) N4 implemented on the Gaussian program.



**Fig S5.** calculated molecular packing structures of azobenzene molecules.