## Supporting information

## Polymorphic transformation towards formation of nanotubes by self-

## assembly of an achiral molecule

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Fig. S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of ABA11 (a) before and (b) after 5 min of UV irradiation (365 nm, 100 mW cm<sup>-2</sup>) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Fig. S2** Plot of the turbidity at 600 nm versus the concentration of the ABA11 in DMSO. The DMSO solutions were kept at 80  $^{\circ}$ C for 0.5 h, and then cooled to room temperature with speed of 0.2  $^{\circ}$ C min<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S3** TEM images of the assemblies formed by ABA11 in DMSO with different concentrations: (a)  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>, (b)  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>.