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## Torsional chirality generation based on cyclic oligomers constructed from an odd number of pyrenes

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#### 1. Instrumentation and Materials

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, 126 MHz, and 150 MHz) spectra were recorded with JEOL JNM-ECX400 spectrometer, JEOL JNM-ECX500 spectrometer, and JEOL JNM-ECX600 spectrometer at ambient temperature by using tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. The high-resolution MS were measured by a JEOL JMS-700 MStation (EI magnetic sector (70 eV)) and a BRUKER Autoflex II (MALDI-spiral TOF MS). X-ray crystallographic data were recorded at 90 K with a BRUKER-APEXII X-Ray diffractometer using Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation equipped with a large area CCD detector.

UV/Vis absorption spectra were measured with a JASCO UV/Vis/NIR spectrophotometer V-570, and fluorescence spectra were measured with a JASCO PL spectrofluorometer FP-6600. Fluorescence quantum yields were measured on a HAMAMATSU Absolute PL Quantum Yield Measurement System C9920-02G. Optical separations were performed through a SUMICHIRAL OA-3100 chiral column with a diode array detector SPD-M10A. CD spectra were recorded using a JASCO J-820 spectropolarimeter. CPL and PL spectra were collected using a JASCO CPL-200 spectrofluoropolarimeter.

TLC, PLC and gravity column chromatography were performed on Art. 5554 (Merck KGaA) plates, Art. 13792 (Merck KGaA) plates and silica gel 60N (Kanto Chemical), respectively. All solvents and chemicals were reagent-grade quality, obtained commercially, and used without further purification. For spectral measurements, spectral-grade CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was purchased from Nacalai Tesque.

#### 2. Experimental Section



**4,5-Dipropoxypyrene (P1)**<sup>[S1]</sup>: To a solution of pyrene-4,5-dione (1.16 g, 5.00 mmol) in THF (20 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) were added tetra-*n*-butylammonium bromide (TBAB) (484 mg, 1.50 mmol) and Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (2.61 g, 15.0 mmol). After 5 min, a solution of KOH (2.28 g, 40.0 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) was added to the reaction mixture followed by 1-bromopropane (2.27 mL, 25.0 mmol). The red colored reaction mixture was stirred at 100°C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was cooled and extracted with AcOEt. The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic extracts were washed with water followed by brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude products were subjected to silica gel column chromatography ( $R_f$  = 0.35 with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexanes = 1:5) to give 4,5-dipropoxypyrene (**P1**) (1.52 g, 94%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.50 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (s, 2H), 8.02 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 2.01 (m, 4H) and 1.18 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 6H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 144.03, 131.05, 128.89, 127.30, 125.93, 124.28, 122.83, 119.40, 75.29, 23.84 and 10.84 ppm; HR-MS (EI): *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 318.1620 [*M*]<sup>+</sup>; found: 318.1626; UV-vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\varepsilon$  [M<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup>]) = 281 (31214), 332 (20658) and 346 (25308) nm; Fl (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 346 nm):  $\lambda_{max}$  = 381 and 401 nm,  $\Phi_F$  = 0.08; Fl (solid,  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 346 nm):  $\lambda_{max}$  = 420 nm,  $\Phi_F$  = 0.12.



**1,8-Dibromo-4,5-dipropoxypyrene**<sup>[S1]</sup>: Bromine (0.34 mL, 6.60 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of 4,5-dipropoxypyrene (955 mg, 3.00 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mL) over 5 min at room temperature. After complete addition of bromine, stirring was continued at room temperature for 5 min. The reaction mixture was poured into sodium thiosulfate solution and the layers were separated. The organic phase was washed with water followed by brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude products were subjected to silica gel column chromatography ( $R_f = 0.20$  with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexanes = 1:10) to give 1,8-dibromo-4,5-dipropoxypyrene (1.37 g, 96%) as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 8.53$  (s, 2H), 8.38 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.28 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 1.98 (m, 4H) and 1.17 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 6H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 143.70$ , 130.71, 129.39, 128.65, 127.44, 123.44, 120.81, 119.91, 75.37, 23.76 and 10.80 ppm; HR-MS (EI): m/z: calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 473.9830 [M]<sup>+</sup>; found: 473.9820, 475.9807, 477.9792.



**1,8-Linked cyclic pyrene oligomers CPn**<sup>[S2]</sup>: A mixture of 2,2'-bipyridine (300 mg, 1.92 mmol), 1,5cyclooctadiene (0.24 mL, 1.92 mmol), Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (528 mg, 1.92 mmol) in toluene (1.76 mL) and DMF (1.76 mL) was heated at 80°C for 30 min under Ar. A solution of 1,8-dibromo-4,5-dipropoxypyrene (382 mg, 0.80 mmol) in toluene (7.0 mL) was added to the solution, and the whole was refluxed for 18 h under Ar. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was quenched with 10% HCl for 1 h. The solid was collected by filtration and rinsed with toluene. The filtrate was treated with water, and the organic materials were extracted with toluene. The combined organic solution was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and evaporated to give crude products. The crude products were separated by silica gel column chromatography and gel permeation chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub> eluent) to give CP3 (8.9 mg, 3.5%) as a red solid, CP4 (8.8 mg, 3.5%), CP5 (7.8 mg, 3.1%), CP6 (5.1 mg, 2.1%), CP7 (0.7 mg, 0.3%) and **CP8** (1.3 mg, 0.5%) as yellow solids. **CP3**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 6H), 8.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 6H), 6.99 (s, 6H), 4.39 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 12H), 2.06 (m, 12H) and 1.22 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 18H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 144.03, 134.75, 129.51, 128.33, 127.89, 125.52, 123.41, 118.94, 75.58, 23.88 and 10.88 ppm; HR-MS (Spiral MALDI): *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>66</sub>H<sub>60</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, 948.4384 [*M*]<sup>+</sup>; found: 948.4383; UV-vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\varepsilon$  [10<sup>3</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>]) = 298 (16.9), 395 (16.1) and 505 (4.34) nm; Fl  $(CH_2Cl_2, \lambda_{ex} = 395 \text{ nm})$ :  $\lambda_{max} = 599 \text{ nm}, \Phi_F = 0.34$ ; Fl (solid,  $\lambda_{ex} = 395 \text{ nm}$ ):  $\lambda_{max} = 635 \text{ nm}, \Phi_F = 0.04$ . **CP4**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.67 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 8H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 8H), 7.34 (s, 8H), 4.41 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 16H), 2.06 (m, 16H) and 1.22 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 24H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 144.00, 135.73, 129.64, 128.86, 126.10, 122.67, 119.52, 75.41, 23.88 and 10.87 ppm; HR-MS (Spiral MALDI): m/z: calcd for C<sub>88</sub>H<sub>80</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, 1264.5848 [M]<sup>+</sup>; found: 1264.5851; UV-vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\varepsilon$  [10<sup>3</sup> M<sup>-1</sup>  $cm^{-1}$ ] = 288 (46.7), and 363 (37.2) nm; Fl (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 363 nm):  $\lambda_{max}$  = 465 nm,  $\Phi_{F}$  = 60%; Fl (solid,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 363 \text{ nm}$ ):  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 498 \text{ nm}, \ \phi_{\text{F}} = 12\%. \text{ CP5: }^{1}\text{H NMR} (500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3): \ \delta = 8.66 \text{ (d}, J = 8.5 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}),$ 8.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.55 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.51 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.49 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.27 (s, 2H), 8.20 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H)2H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 5.72 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 4.37 (m, 20H), 2.03 (m, 20H), and 1.19 (m, 30H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 144.12, 143.95, 143.76, 143.57, 143.44, 136.98, 136.72, 135.98, 135.59, 135.25, 133.42,$ 133.33, 131.34, 130.36, 129.79, 128.81, 128.74, 128.57, 128.51, 128.47, 127.45, 126.22, 126.01, 125.67, 125.55, 125.43, 124.86, 122.97, 122.79, 122.63, 122.56, 122.46, 119.58, 119.51, 118.77, 118.57, 118.47, 75.38, 75.27, 75.23, 58.51, 23.87, 23.83, 18.45, 10.85 and 10.81 ppm; HR-MS (Spiral MALDI): m/z:

calcd for  $C_{110}H_{100}O_{10}$ , 1580.7311 [M]<sup>+</sup>; found: 1581.7313; UV-vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\varepsilon$  [10<sup>3</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>]) = 290 (96.6), and 367 (77.7) nm; Fl (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{ex} = 367$  nm):  $\lambda_{max} = 455$  nm,  $\Phi_F = 64\%$ ; Fl (solid,  $\lambda_{ex} = 367$ nm):  $\lambda_{max} = 483$  nm,  $\Phi_F = 14\%$ . CP6: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 8.57$  (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 12H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 12H), 7.36 (s, 12H), 4.37 (m, 24H), 2.03 (m, 24H) and 1.19 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 36H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 144.09, 135.50, 130.02, 129.21, 128.68, 125.54, 123.20, 118.66, 75.46, 23.87 and 10.84 ppm; HR-MS (Spiral MALDI): m/z: calcd for  $C_{132}H_{120}O_{12}$ , 1896.8774  $[M]^+$ ; found: 1897.8768; UV-vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\varepsilon$  [10<sup>4</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>]) = 293 (14.3), and 375 (11.8) nm; Fl (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 375 nm):  $\lambda_{max} = 456$  nm,  $\Phi_F = 68\%$ ; Fl (solid,  $\lambda_{ex} = 375$  nm):  $\lambda_{max} = 487$  nm,  $\Phi_F = 28\%$ . CP7: <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3): \delta = 8.63 \text{ (d}, J = 8.5 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 8.61-8.56 \text{ (m}, 8\text{H}), 8.53 \text{ (d}, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 8.51 \text{ (d}, J = 8.63 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H})$ 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.38 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 8.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.14 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 8.08 (s, 2H), 8.00-8.97 (m, 4H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.82 (d, J = 88.0 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 4H), 4.45-4.25 (m, 28H), 2.08-1.96 (m, 28H), and 1.24-1.14 (m, 42H) ppm; HR-MS (Spiral MALDI): *m/z*: calcd for C<sub>154</sub>H<sub>140</sub>O<sub>14</sub>, 2213.0238 [*M*]<sup>+</sup>; found: 2213.0238; UV-vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\varepsilon$  [10<sup>4</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>]) = 295 (18.2), and 388 (13.3) nm; Fl (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 388 nm):  $\lambda_{max} = 484$  nm,  $\Phi_F = 43\%$ ; Fl (solid,  $\lambda_{ex} = 388$  nm):  $\lambda_{max} = 506$  nm,  $\Phi_F = 2\%$ . CP8: <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3): \delta = 8.62 \text{ (d}, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 16\text{H}), 8.16 \text{ (d}, J = 9.0 \text{ Hz}, 16\text{H}), 7.94 \text{ (s}, 16\text{H}), 4.39-4.37 \text{ (m}, 3.16 \text{ H})$ 32H), 2.07-2.04 (m, 32H) and 1.21 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 48H) ppm; HR-MS (Spiral MALDI): m/z: calcd for  $C_{176}H_{160}O_{16}$ , 2529.1701 [*M*]<sup>+</sup>; found: 2529.1689; UV-vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\varepsilon$  [10<sup>4</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>]) = 295 (23.2), and 403 (18.3) nm; Fl (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{ex} = 403$  nm):  $\lambda_{max} = 466$  nm,  $\Phi_F = 55\%$ ; Fl (solid,  $\lambda_{ex} = 403$  nm):  $\lambda_{max} = 403$ 500 nm,  $\Phi_{\rm F} = 4\%$ .

Table SI. Photophysical Data of PI and CP4–CP
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compound	λ <sub>abs, solution</sub> [nm] (logε)	λ <sub>ex</sub> [nm]	$\lambda_{ems,  solution  /  solid}$ [nm]	${\it \Phi}_{f_{\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!}}$ solution/solid [%]
P1	281 (4.49) / 332 (4.32) / 346 (4.40)	346	381, 401 / 420	8 / 12
CP4	288 (4.67) / 363 (4.57)	363	465 / 498	60 / 12
CP5	290 (4.98) / 367 (4.89)	367	455 / 483	64 / 14
CP6	293 (5.15) / 375 (5.07)	375	456 / 487	68 / 28
CP7	295 (5.26) / 388 (5.12)	388	484 / 506	43 / 2
CP8	295 (5.37) / 403 (5.26)	403	466 / 500	55 / 4

## 3. NMR Spectra



Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4,5-dipropoxypyrene (P1) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4,5-dipropoxypyrene (P1) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1,8-dibromo-4,5-dipropoxypyrene in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S4. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1,8-dibromo-4,5-dipropoxypyrene in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of CP3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S6. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of CP3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of CP4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of CP4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of CP5 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S10. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of CP5 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of CP6 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S12. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of CP6 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of CP7 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S14. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of CP8 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S15. HR-EI mass spectrum of P1.



Figure S16. HR-EI mass spectrum of 1,8-dibromo-4,5-dipropoxypyrene.



Figure S17. HR-Spiral-MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of CP3.



Figure S18. HR-Spiral-MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of CP4.



Figure S19. HR-Spiral-MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of CP5.



Figure S20. HR-Spiral-MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of CP6.



Figure S21. HR-Spiral-MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of CP7.



Figure S22. HR-Spiral-MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of CP8.



**Figure S23.** HR-Spiral-MALDI-TOF mass spectra showing the enlarged details of each peak (matrix: TCNQ, ionization mode: linear positive). Simulated peaks at the bottom are calculated for cyclic oligomers.

### 5. UV-vis Absorption and Fluorescence Spectra



Figure S24. UV-visible absorption spectra of P1, CP4, CP5, CP6, CP7 and CP8 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S25. Fluorescence spectra of P1, CP4, CP5, CP6, CP7 and CP8 in  $CH_2Cl_2$ . Excitation wavelengths are the longest absorption maximum of each compound. Fluorescence intensity reflects the absolute fluorescence quantum yields.



Figure S26. Fluorescence spectra of P1, CP4, CP5, CP6, CP7 and CP8 in solid. Excitation wavelengths are the longest absorption maximum of each compound. Fluorescence intensity reflects the absolute fluorescence quantum yields.

## 6. VT-NMR Spectra of CP5



Figure S27. VT-NMR spectra of CP5 in tetrachloroethane- $d_2$ .

## 7. CD Spectral Change of CP5



**Figure S28.** (Top) CD spectral change of (*R*,*S*,*R*,*S*,*R*)-**CP5** in hexane at 20°C and (bottom) time profile at 409 nm.

#### 8. DFT Calculations

#### 8.1. Computational Details

We focused on the model structures in which all the propyl groups were replaced by methyl groups. All the local minima and transition states were optimized (without any restrictions) at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.<sup>[S3,S4]</sup> All the geometry optimization and TD-DFT calculations were carried out using the Gaussian09 program.

#### 8.2. Calculation results



Figure S29. The excitation energies and the oscillator strengths of CP5 calculated by the TD-DFT method (in blue) and the experimental UV-vis absorption spectrum (in red). One of the reasons of a slight mismatch between experimental and calculated spectra is probably because of the large molecular size of CP5 and relatively low calculation level (B3LYP/6-31G(d)). It is also known that the B3LYP overestimates the charge delocalization so that the intensified  $\pi$ -conjugation between pyrene units in calculation would be another reason.



Figure S30. The CD spectra of CP5 (left) in hexane and the calculated spectra by the by the TD-DFT method (right).



**Figure S31.** MO diagrams of **CP5** and linear pyrenylene 5-mer calculated at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. The propyl groups were replaced by methyl groups.

## 8.3. Calculation results for CP7



**Figure S32.** Optimized structure of **CP7** calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. The calculations were performed for methoxy substituted models

## 9. X-ray Crystal Structures

 Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for CP4.

Empirical formula	$C_{80}H_{80}O_8$ (dichloromethane) <sub>1.6</sub> (water) <sub>0.4</sub>		
Formula weight	1407.39		
Temperature	90(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	monoclinic		
Space group	$P2_{1}/c$		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 21.774(4) Å		
	$b = 45.367(8) \text{ Å}$ $\beta = 92.690(3)^{\circ}$		
	c = 36.900(6) Å		
Volume	36411(11) Å <sup>3</sup>		
Ζ	20		
Density (calculated)	1.284 g/cm <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	0.194 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
<i>F</i> (000)	14840		
Crystal size	0.20 x 0.15 x 0.10 mm <sup>3</sup>		
Theta range for data collection	1.193 to 21.00°		
Index ranges	$-21 \le h \le 16, -43 \le k \le 45, -37 \le l \le 37$		
Reflections collected	131659		
Independent reflections	38869 [R(int) = 0.2403]		
Completeness to theta = $21.0^{\circ}$	99.4%		
Max. and min. transmission	0.981 and 0.797		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$		
Data / restraints / parameters	38869 / 183 / 4560		
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.060		
Final <i>R</i> indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.1233$		
R indices (all data)	$wR_2 = 0.4012$		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0936 and -0.846 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>		



Figure S33. X-ray structure of CP4. (top) Monomeric view and (bottom) crystallographic asymmetric unit. The thermal ellipsoids are scaled to the 50% probability. The crystallographic asymmetric unit of CP4 contains five identical molecules of slightly different structures.

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for CP6.

Empirical formula	$C_{132}H_{120}O_{12}$ ·(dichloromethane) <sub>2</sub>		
Formula weight	2068.12		
Temperature	90(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	monoclinic		
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 18.716(4) Å		
	$b = 15.758(4)$ Å $\beta = 111.956(4)^{\circ}$		
	c = 18.963(5) Å		
Volume	5187(2) Å <sup>3</sup>		
Ζ	2		
Density (calculated)	1.324 g/cm <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	0.182 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
<i>F</i> (000)	2184		
Crystal size	0.15 x 0.15 x 0.03 mm <sup>3</sup>		
Theta range for data collection	1.735 to 25.799°		
Index ranges	$-22 \le h \le 16, -19 \le k \le 19, -23 \le l \le 22$		
Reflections collected	29527		
Independent reflections	9962 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.1190]		
Completeness to theta = $25.242^{\circ}$	100.0%		
Max. and min. transmission	0.995 and 0.839		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$		
Data / restraints / parameters	9962 / 15 / 738		
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.101		
Final <i>R</i> indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0793$		
R indices (all data)	$wR_2 = 0.2405$		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.820 and $-0.404 \text{ e.}\text{\AA}^{-3}$		



**Figure S34.** X-ray structure of **CP6**. The thermal ellipsoids are scaled to the 50% probability. Solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.

## 10. Cartesian Coordinates

The cartesian coordinates (in Å) optimized at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level are shown.

## CP5

1	С	-5.51478	0.3019	1.26341
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**Figure S35**. A hypothetical homodesmotic reaction for the calculation of strain energy of **CP5**. Propyl groups were replaced by Me groups.

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