

Synthesis and excited state properties of a [60]fullerene derivative bearing a star-shaped multi-photon absorption chromophore

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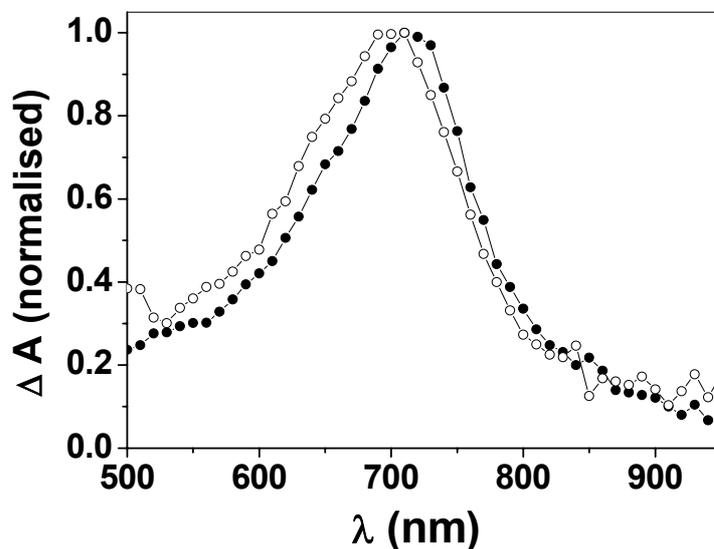


Figure S1. Transient absorption spectra recorded at 530 μ s following laser excitation at 355 nm in toluene of fullerene reference compound **4** (●) and dyad **1** (○).

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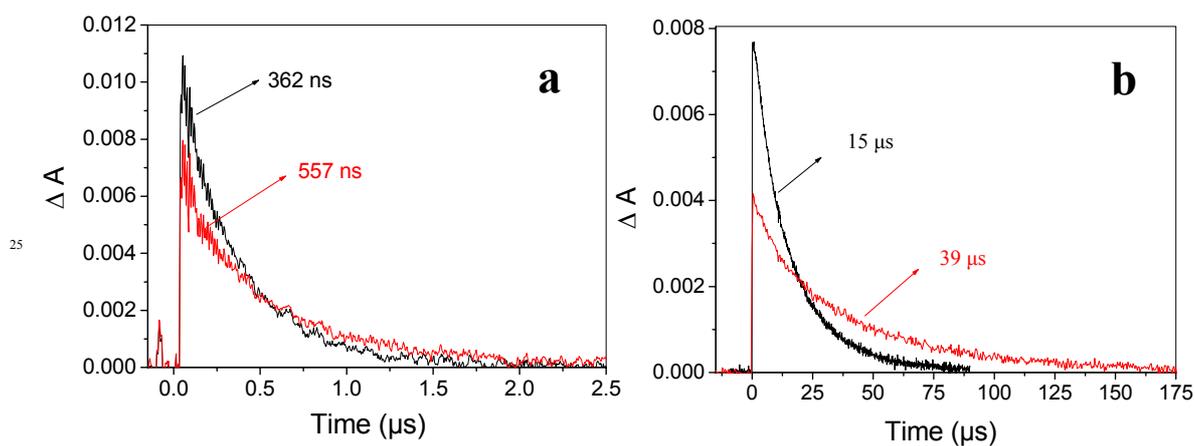


Figure S2. Transient absorption kinetics of fullerene reference compound **4** (black) and dyad **1** (red) recorded in aerated (a) and (b) deaerated toluene. $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 532 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 900 \text{ nm}$ (no ground state absorption).

Model parameters for the fitting of the optical limiting behavior of 2 in Figure 3.

Ground state absorption: $\sigma^{(1)} = 2.19 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ cm}^2$; excited state ES-TPA $\sigma^{(2)} = 1.58 \cdot 10^{-43} \text{ cm}^4 \text{ s ph}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$;
relaxation constant for the first excited state $k_1 = 7.9 \cdot 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$; relaxation constant for the second excited state $k_2 = 5.6 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

Table S1 Values of the parameters of the fitting of the non linear absorption of **4** and **1**.

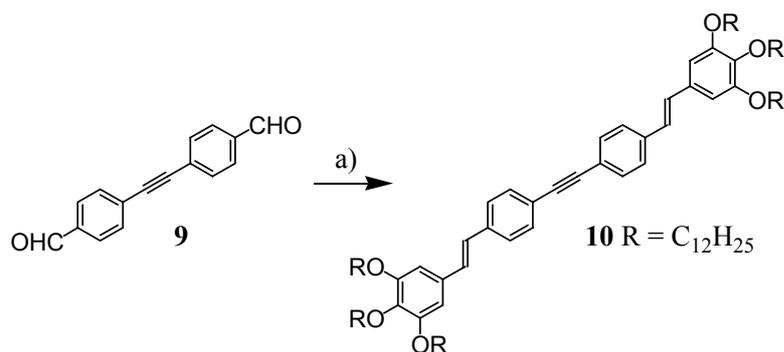
Compound	4	1
ground state absorption $\sigma_{GS}^{(1)}/ \text{cm}^2$	$7.0 \cdot 10^{-18}$	$8.9 \cdot 10^{-18}$
lowest triplet state absorption $\sigma_{T1}^{(1)}/ \text{cm}^2$	$1.58 \cdot 10^{-17}$	$1.80 \cdot 10^{-17}$
first triplet state absorption $\sigma_{T2}^{(1)}/ \text{cm}^2$	$1.58 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$2.0 \cdot 10^{-15}$
relaxation first singlet state k_{S1}/ s^{-1}	$1.58 \cdot 10^9$	$1.6 \cdot 10^9$
intersystem crossing k_{IC}/ s^{-1}	$9.0 \cdot 10^8$	$9.98 \cdot 10^8$
relaxation first triplet state k_{T1}/ s^{-1}	$3.16 \cdot 10^{11}$	$2.0 \cdot 10^{11}$
relaxation second triplet state k_{T2}/ s^{-1}	$1.0 \cdot 10^{13}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{13}$
relaxation lowest triplet state k_{T0}/ s^{-1}	$1.0 \cdot 10^5$	$1.0 \cdot 10^5$

65 yield **6** (3.62 g, 94%) as a colorless solid. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 0.88 (m, 9H), 1.2-1.8 (m, 60H), 3.95 (m, 6H), 4.59 (s, 2H), 6.56 (s, 2H). Anal. calc. for $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{80}\text{O}_4$: C 78.12, H 12.20; found: C 78.34, H 12.41.

Compound **7**. TMSBr (0.9 mL, 6.56 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of **6** (3.62 g, 5.46 mmol) in CHCl_3 (25 mL) at 0°C . The resulting solution was stirred for 1 h at 0°C , then 3 h at room temperature. The resulting mixture was evaporated to yield **7** (3.90 g, 5.39 mmol, 99%) as a colorless solid. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 0.88 (m, 9H), 1.2-1.8 (m, 60H), 3.95 (m, 6H), 4.43 (s, 2H), 6.57 (s, 2H). Anal. calc. for $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{79}\text{BrO}_3$: C 71.34, H 11.00; found: C 71.45, H 10.98.

75 Compound **8**. A mixture of $\text{P}(\text{OEt})_3$ (0.92 mL, 5.39 mmol) and **7** (3.90 g, 5.39 mmol) was heated at 150°C for 4 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was dried under high vacuum. Column chromatography (SiO_2 , $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ 99:1) yielded **8** (3.40 g, 81%). Pale yellow oil. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 0.88 (m, 9H), 1.2-1.8 (m, 60H), 3.04 (d, $^2J = 21$ Hz, 2H), 3.94 (m, 10H), 6.49 (d, $^4J = 3$ Hz, 2H). Anal. calc. for $\text{C}_{47}\text{H}_{89}\text{PO}_6$: C 72.26, H 11.48; found: C 72.36, H 11.59.

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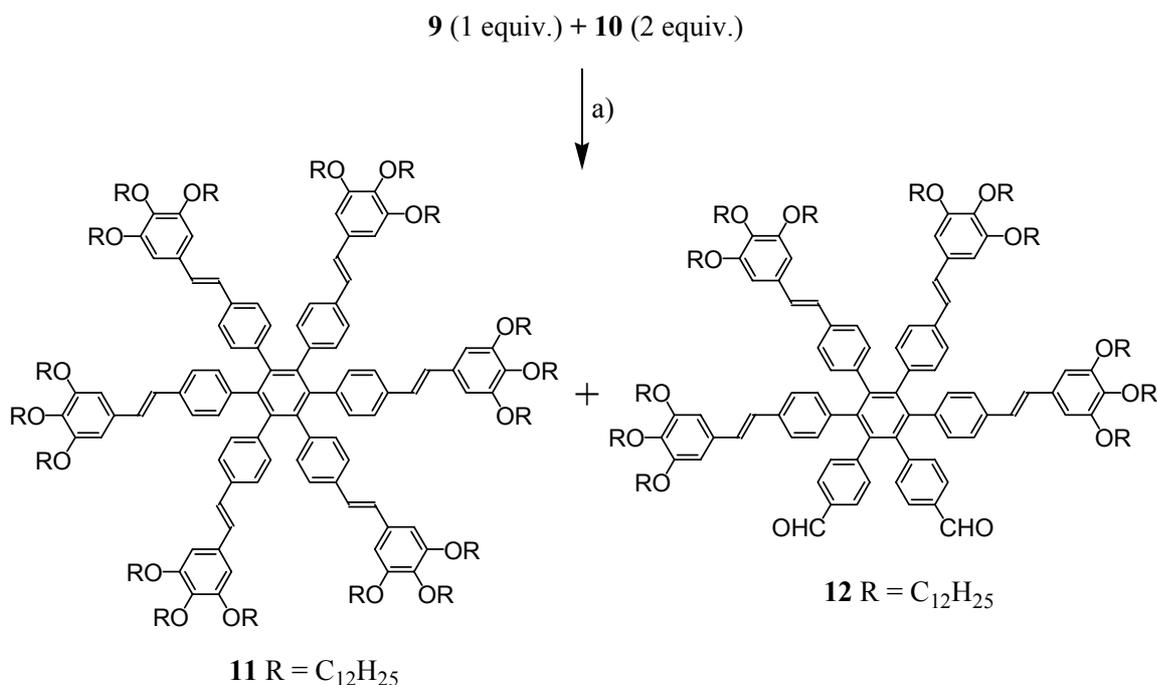


Scheme S2. Reagents and conditions: a) **8**, *t*-BuOK, THF, 4 h, 77%.

Compound **10**. A mixture of **9** (423 mg, 1.81 mmol), *t*-BuOK (447 mg, 3.98 mmol) and **8** (3.39 g, 4.34 mmol) in dry THF (30 mL) was stirred at 0°C for 4 h. A saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution was then added and the resulting mixture was concentrated. The aqueous layer was extracted twice with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layers were washed with water, dried (MgSO_4), filtered and evaporated to dryness. Column chromatography (SiO_2 , hexane/ CH_2Cl_2 1:1) gave **10** (2.08 g, 77%) as a pale yellow solid (mp. 85°C). UV/Vis (CH_2Cl_2): 229 (37600), 372 (92000). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 300

90 MHz): 0.86 (m, 18H), 1.2-1.6 (m, 108H), 1.80 (m, 12H), 4.00 (m, 12H), 6.72 (s, 4H), 7.00 (AB, $^3J = 17$ Hz, 4H), 7.47 (d, $^3J = 8$ Hz, 4H), 7.51 (d, $^3J = 8$ Hz, 4H). ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 50 MHz): 14.1, 22.7, 26.1, 29.4, 29.6, 29.7, 30.4, 31.9, 69.2, 73.6, 90.5, 105.3, 122.1, 126.3, 129.8, 131.9, 132.2, 137.4, 138.6, 153.3. Anal. calc. for $\text{C}_{102}\text{H}_{166}\text{O}_6$: C 82.31, H 11.24; found: C 82.32, H 11.32.

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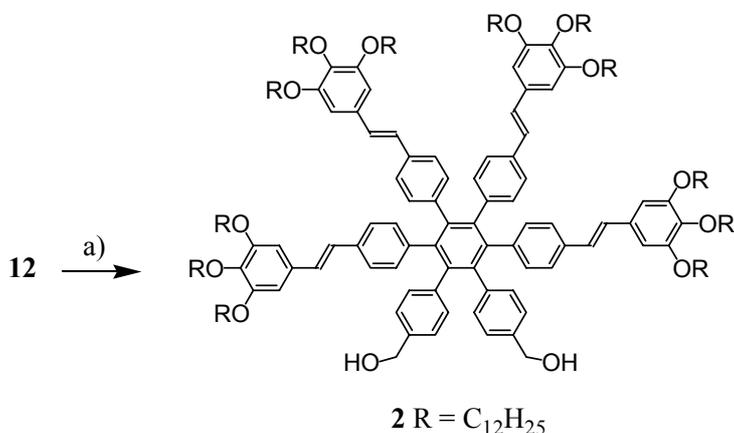
Scheme S3. Reagents and conditions: a) $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8$, dioxane, 20 h, **11**: 17%, **12**: 53%.

Compounds **11** and **12**. A mixture of $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8$ (21 mg, 0.061 mmol), **9** (111 mg, 0.47 mmol) and **10** (1.35 g, 0.91 mmol) in dry dioxane (25 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 17 h and evaporated. Two successive column chromatography (SiO_2) yielded **11** (CH_2Cl_2 /hexane 1:1; 343 mg, 17%) and **12** (CH_2Cl_2 /hexane 7:3; 770 mg, 53%).

11. Yellow solid (mp. 274°C). UV/Vis (CH_2Cl_2): 338 (172000). ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 0.88 (m, 54H), 1.1-1.6 (m, 324H), 3.94 (m, 36H), 6.59 (s, 12H), 6.79 (m, 24H), 7.00 (m, 12H). ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 50 MHz) : $\delta = 14.1, 22.7, 26.1, 29.3, 29.4, 29.7, 30.3, 31.9, 69.1, 73.4, 76.4, 105.0, 125.0, 127.7, 128.0, 131.7, 132.6, 134.1, 138.1, 139.8, 140.1, 153.2$. MALDI-TOF MS: 4463 (MH^+ , calc. for $\text{C}_{306}\text{H}_{499}\text{O}_{18}$: 4462.81). Anal. calc. for $\text{C}_{306}\text{H}_{498}\text{O}_{18}$: C 82.31, H 11.24; found: C 82.25, H 11.23.

12. Yellow glassy product. IR (neat): 1704 cm^{-1} (C=O). ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 0.88 (m, 36H), 1.1-1.5 (m, 216H), 1.75 (m, 24H), 3.94 (m, 24H), 6.60 (s, 8H), 6.72 (d, $^3J = 17$ Hz, 2H), 6.78 (AB, $^3J =$

110 17 Hz, 4H), 6.80 (m, 8H), 6.2 (d, $^3J = 17$ Hz, 2H), 7.05 (m, 12H), 7.41 (d, $^3J = 8$ Hz, 4H), 9.78 (s, 2H).
 ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 14.1, 22.7, 26.1, 29.3, 29.4, 29.6, 29.7, 30.3, 32.0, 69.1, 73.5, 105.1,
125.1, 127.3, 127.5, 128.3, 128.4, 128.6, 131.5, 131.9, 132.4, 132.5, 133.7, 134.5, 134.7, 138.3, 138.7,
139.0, 139.1, 140.1, 141.0, 147.0, 153.2, 191.9. MALDI-TOF MS: 3210 (MH^+ , calc. for $\text{C}_{220}\text{H}_{343}\text{O}_{14}$:
3209.61). Anal. calc. for $\text{C}_{220}\text{H}_{342}\text{O}_{14}$: C 82.29, H 10.74; found: C 82.45, H 11.01.

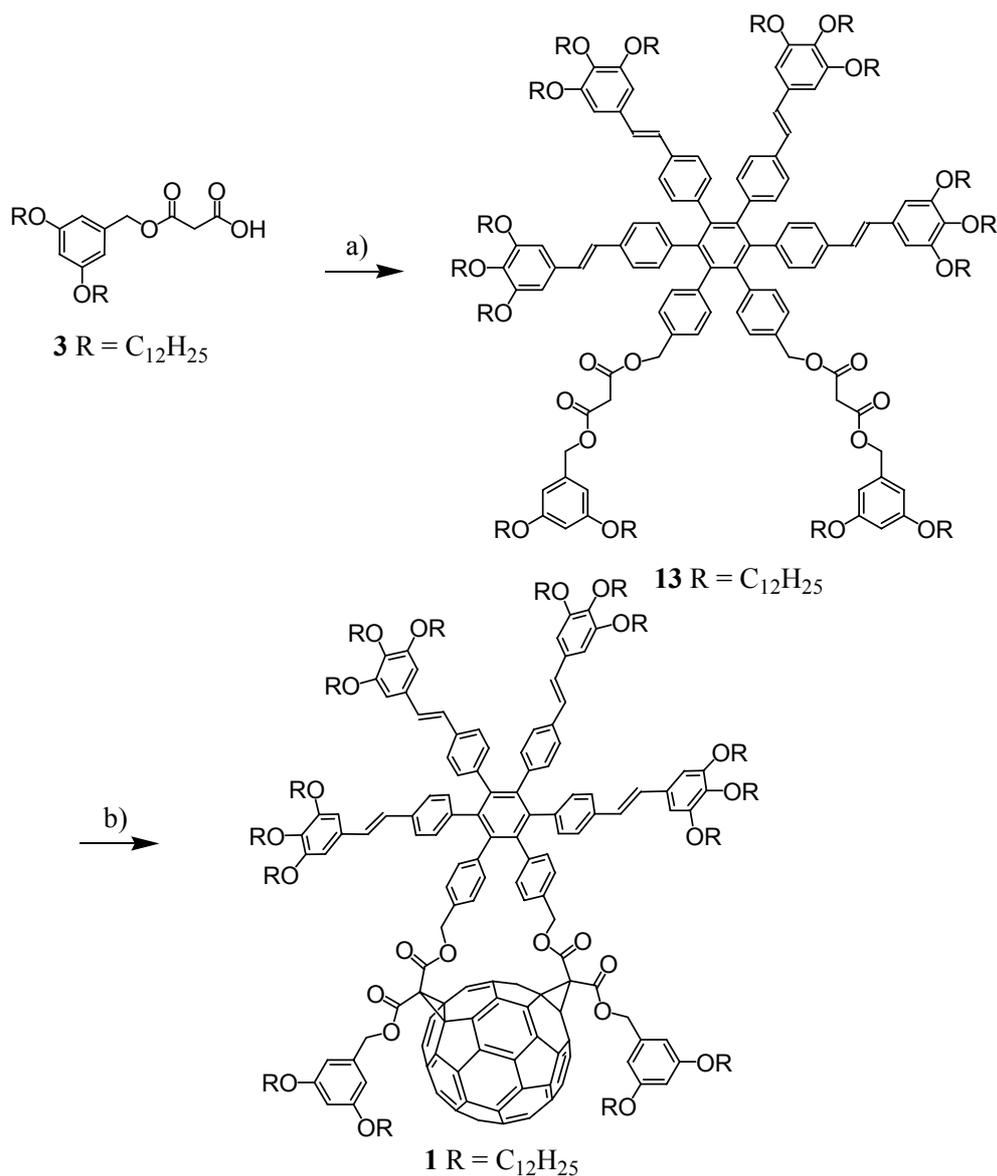


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Scheme S4. Reagents and conditions: a) LiAlH_4 , THF anhydre, 4 h, 76%.

Compound **2**. A 1 M LiAlH_4 solution in THF (0.6 mL, 0.6 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of **12**
(740 mg, 0.23 mmol) in dry THF (20 mL) at 0°C . The resulting mixture was stirred for 4 h at 0°C , then
120 MeOH was carefully added. The resulting mixture was filtered (Celite) and evaporated. Column
chromatography (SiO_2 , CH_2Cl_2) gave **2** (560 mg, 76%) as a yellow glassy product. UV/Vis (CH_2Cl_2):
233 (106800), 338 (150200). ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 0.85 (m, 36H), 1.1-1.5 (m, 216H), 1.75 (m,
24H), 3.94 (m, 24H), 4.46 (s, 4H), 6.59 (m, 4H), 6.60 (s, 4H), 6.72 (d, $^3J = 17$ Hz, 2H), 6.80 (m, 20H),
6.84 (d, $^3J = 17$ Hz, 2H), (m, 8H). ^{13}C -NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 14.1, 22.7, 26.1, 29.3, 29.4, 29.6,
125 29.7, 30.3, 31.9, 65.1, 69.1, 73.5, 105.0, 124.9, 125.4, 127.8, 128.0, 131.7, 132.6, 134.2, 138.2, 139.8,
140.2, 153.2. MALDI-TOF MS: 3214 (MH^+ , calc. for $\text{C}_{220}\text{H}_{347}\text{O}_{14}$: 3213.64. Anal. calc. for
 $\text{C}_{220}\text{H}_{346}\text{O}_{14}$: C 82.19, H 10.85; found: C 82.25, H 11.11.

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Scheme S5. Reagents and conditions: a) DCC, DMAP, CH_2Cl_2 , 30 h, 75%; b) C_{60} , I_2 , DBU, PhMe, 3 h, 32%.

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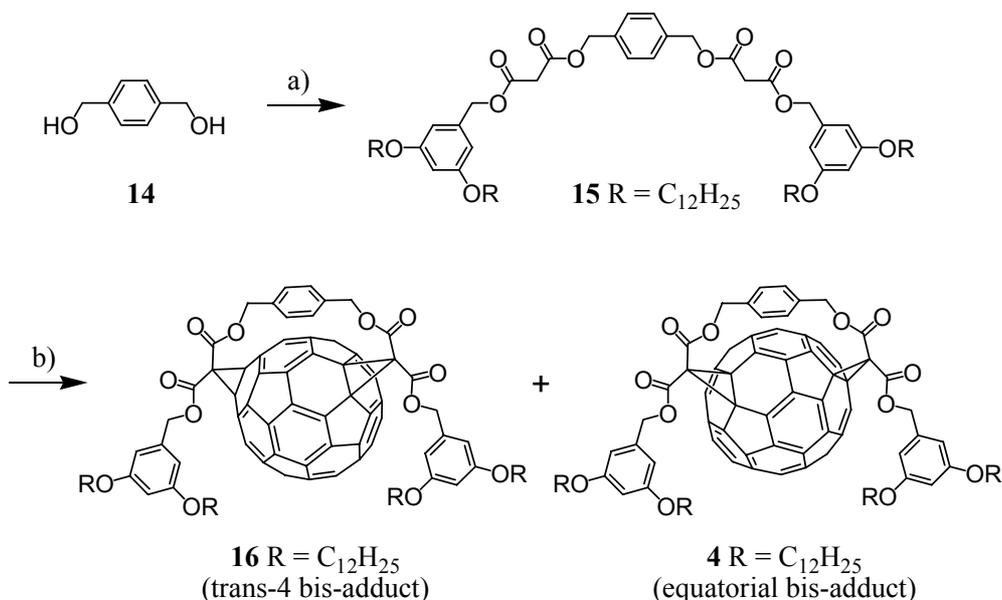
Compound **13**. DCC (72 mg, 0.35 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of **2** (470 mg, 0.15 mmol), **3** (271 mg, 0.48 mmol) and DMAP (7 mg, 0.06 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) at $0^\circ C$. After 1 h, the mixture was allowed to slowly warm to room temperature (within 1 h), then stirred for 28 h, filtered and evaporated. Column chromatography (SiO_2 , hexane/ CH_2Cl_2 1:1) yielded **13** (470 mg, 75%) as a yellow glassy product. 1H -NMR ($CDCl_3$, 300 MHz): 0.88 (m, 48H), 1.1-1.6 (m, 288H), 1.74 (m, 32H), 3.39

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(s, 4H), 3.92 (m, 32H), 4.96 (s, 4H), 5.00 (s, 4H), 6.38 (s, 2H), 6.42 (s, 4H), 6.59 (s, 8H), 6.78 (m, 24H), 7.00 (2d, $^3J = 8\text{Hz}$, 8H).

Compound **1**. DBU (0.08 mL, 0.55 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of C_{60} (79 mg, 0.109 mmol),
145 I_2 (61 mg, 0.24 mmol) and **13** (470 mg, 0.109 mmol) in toluene (200 mL) at room temperature. The
solution was stirred for 3 h, filtered through a short plug of SiO_2 (toluene then CH_2Cl_2) and
evaporated. Column chromatography (SiO_2 , hexane/ CH_2Cl_2 7:3) followed by gel permeation
chromatography (Biorad, Biobeads SX-1, CH_2Cl_2) yielded **1** (155 mg, 32%) as a dark brown glassy
product. IR (CH_2Cl_2): 1749 (C=O). UV/Vis (CH_2Cl_2): 228 (295900), 328 (196750). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 ,
150 300 MHz): 0.88 (m, 48H), 1.1-1.6 (m, 288H), 1.75 (m, 32H), 3.93 (m, 32H), 4.90 (d, $^2J = 12\text{ Hz}$, 1H),
5.10 (d, $^2J = 12\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 5.34 (d, $^2J = 12\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 5.50 (d, $^2J = 12\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 5.60 (d, $^2J =$
12 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, $^2J = 12\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 6.3-7.1 (m, 46H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): 14.08, 14.11,
22.68, 26.07, 26.14, 29.24, 29.28, 29.36, 29.41, 29.44, 29.46, 29.64, 29.69, 30.34, 31.92, 68.14, 69.16,
73.45, 101.68, 105.06, 105.11, 106.99, 124.91, 127.62, 128.03, 128.12, 131.03, 131.24, 131.45,
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139.48, 139.64, 140.21, 140.31, 140.68, 141.47, 141.69, 141.90, 142.17, 142.65, 142.68, 142.91,
142.95, 143.36, 143.45, 143.59, 143.61, 143.72, 143.79, 144.00, 144.06, 144.27, 144.41, 144.61,
144.71, 144.81, 144.94, 145.02, 145.18, 145.49, 145.66, 146.03, 146.14, 146.27, 146.37, 146.96,
147.20, 148.54, 153.22, 153.52, 160.47, 163.00, 163.14, 163.32, 163.38. MALDI-TOF MS: 5021 (M^+ ,
160 calc. for $\text{C}_{348}\text{H}_{454}\text{O}_{24}$: 5021.42). Anal. calc. for $\text{C}_{348}\text{H}_{454}\text{O}_{24}$: C 83.24, H 9.11; found: C 82.99, H 9.41.

Compound **15**. DCC (1.61 g, 7.78 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of **3** (4.27 g, 7.60 mmol), **14**
(500 mg, 3.62 mmol) and DMAP (120 mg, 1.09 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL) at 0°C . After 1 h, the
mixture was allowed to slowly warm to room temperature (within 1 h), then stirred for 24 h, filtered
165 and evaporated. Column chromatography (SiO_2 , hexane/ CH_2Cl_2 1:1) yielded **15** (2.14 mg, 48%) as a
colorless glassy product. IR (CH_2Cl_2): 1753 (C=O). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 0.89 (m, 12H), 1.27
(m, 72H), 1.76 (m, 8H), 3.48 (s, 4H), 3.92 (t, $^3J = 6.5\text{ Hz}$), 5.10 (s, 4H), 5.17 (s, 4H), 6.41 (t, $^4J = 2\text{ Hz}$,
2H), 6.47 (d, $^4J = 2\text{ Hz}$, 4H), 7.33 (s, 4H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): 14.09, 22.65, 26.02, 29.21,
29.32, 29.60, 31.87, 41.43, 66.76, 67.3, 68.03, 101.10, 106.40, 128.42, 135.44, 137.10, 160.43, 166.13.
170 Anal. calc. for $\text{C}_{76}\text{H}_{122}\text{O}_{12}$: C 74.35, H 10.02; found: C 74.30, H 10.11.



Scheme S6. Reagents and conditions: a) DCC, DMAP, CH_2Cl_2 , 26 h, 48%; b) C_{60} , I_2 , DBU, PhMe, 3 h, **16**: 43%, **4**: 16%.

Compounds **4** and **16**. DBU (0.2 mL, 1.39 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of C_{60} (200 mg, 0.28 mmol), I_2 (178 mg, 0.70 mmol) and **13** (375 mg, 0.31 mmol) in toluene (500 mL) at room temperature. The solution was stirred for 3 h, filtered through a short plug of SiO_2 (toluene then CH_2Cl_2) and evaporated. Column chromatography (SiO_2) yielded **4** (hexane/ CH_2Cl_2 1:1; 89 mg, 16%) and **16** (CH_2Cl_2 /hexane 1:1; 232 mg, 43%).

4. Dark red glassy product. IR (CH_2Cl_2): 1749 (C=O). UV/Vis (CH_2Cl_2): 252 (158900), 306 (72000), 357 (26800), 395 (8500), 408 (5700), 420 (4800), 474 (5600). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 0.88 (m, 12H), 1.1-1.6 (m, 72H), 1.79 (m, 8H), 3.92 (t, $^3J = 6.5$ Hz, 4H), 3.96 (t, $^3J = 6.5$ Hz, 4H), 4.89 (d, $^2J = 12$ Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, $^2J = 12$ Hz, 1H), 5.38 (AB, $^2J = 12$ Hz, 2H), 5.45 (AB, $^2J = 12$ Hz, 2H), 5.74 (d, $^2J = 12$ Hz, 1H), 5.86 (d, $^2J = 12$ Hz, 1H), 6.41 (t, $^4J = 2$ Hz, 1H), 6.46 (t, $^4J = 2$ Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, $^4J = 2$ Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, $^4J = 2$ Hz, 2H), 6.93 (dd, $^3J = 7$ Hz, $^4J = 2$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, $^3J = 7$ Hz, $^4J = 2$ Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, $^3J = 7$ Hz, $^4J = 2$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, $^3J = 7$ Hz, $^4J = 2$ Hz, 1H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): 14.12, 22.68, 26.09, 29.25, 29.35, 29.41, 29.61, 29.66, 31.90, 51.95, 52.68, 68.11, 68.63, 68.87, 70.39, 70.71, 70.91, 71.77, 101.38, 101.51, 106.53, 106.78, 128.53, 130.00, 130.19, 132.65, 135.28, 136.46, 136.72, 137.33, 138.09, 138.31, 139.11, 140.90, 140.96, 141.09, 141.34, 141.51, 141.60, 141.79, 142.02, 142.17, 142.24, 142.65, 142.82, 142.88, 142.94, 143.04, 143.20, 143.38, 143.45, 143.53, 143.61, 143.89, 144.03, 144.30, 144.41, 144.59, 144.70, 144.77, 145.37, 145.49, 145.72, 145.88, 145.97, 146.32, 146.39, 146.45, 146.64, 147.15, 160.48, 162.28, 162.79, 163.50. FAB MS:

1944 (MH^+ , calc. for $\text{C}_{136}\text{H}_{119}\text{O}_{12}$: 1943.87). Anal. calc. for $\text{C}_{136}\text{H}_{118}\text{O}_{12}$: C 84.01, H 6.12; found: C 83.99, H 6.39.

16. Dark brown glassy product. IR (CH_2Cl_2): 1749 (C=O). UV/Vis (CH_2Cl_2): 314 (61500), 416 (6650), 466 (4100), 631 (900), 696 (560). $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz): 0.89 (m, 12H), 1.1-1.6 (m, 72H), 1.79 (m, 8H), 3.97 (t, $^3J = 6.5$ Hz, 8H), 5.03 (d, $^2J = 12$ Hz, 2H), 5.46 (s, 4H), 6.02 (d, $^2J = 12$ Hz, 1H), 6.48 (t, $^4J = 2$ Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, $^4J = 2$ Hz, 4H), 7.19 (broad s, 2H), 7.37 (broad s, 2H). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): 14.12, 22.68, 26.11, 29.28, 29.35, 29.44, 29.63, 31.90, 48.91, 68.16, 68.28, 68.80, 70.39, 70.68, 101.67, 106.71, 130.53, 131.45, 131.81, 135.73, 136.49, 138.35, 140.87, 140.98, 141.06, 141.16, 141.35, 141.41, 141.92, 142.08, 142.21, 142.72, 142.92, 143.10, 144.09, 144.29, 144.70, 145.02, 142.11, 145.28, 145.72, 145.91, 146.34, 146.90, 148.15, 160.54, 163.69, 163.91. FAB MS: 1944 (MH^+ , calc. for $\text{C}_{136}\text{H}_{119}\text{O}_{12}$: 1943.87). Anal. calc. for $\text{C}_{136}\text{H}_{118}\text{O}_{12}$: C 84.01, H 6.12; found: C 84.15, H 6.11.