Self-Assembly of a Bis-Porphyrinic Supramolecular Rectangle Using Two Orthogonal Binding Strategies

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Supporting Information

Synthesis of Cu(I) complexes.



Complex 3: To equimolar amounts of **1** and $[Cu(CH_3CN)_4]PF_6$ in dichloromethane was added one equivalent of anhydrous [1,10]-phenanthroline. The resulting solution showed an instantaneous change in color to deep red. The complex , obtained in quantitative yield, was isolated without any further purification and was found to be **3**.

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ= 8.95 (s, 1 H, 4-H), 8.72 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, 7-H), 8.72 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 2 H, pyrrol-H1), 8.68 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2 H, pyrrol-H3), 8.67 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2 H, pyrrol-H4), 8.66 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 2 H, pyrrol-H2), 8.52 (dd, ${}^{3}J = 4.6$ Hz, ${}^{4}J = 1.3$ Hz, 2 H, 2'-, 9' -H), 8.44 (dd, ${}^{3}J = 8.1$ Hz, ${}^{4}J = 1.5$ Hz, 2 H, 4'-, 7'-H), 8.27 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1 H, 5-H), 8.24 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1 H, 6-H), 8.08 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2 H, Ar-Ha, -Ha'), 7.92 (s, 2 H, 5'-, 6'-H), 7.91 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, 8-H), 8.27 (dd, ${}^{3}J = 8.0$ Hz, ${}^{3}J = 4.8$ Hz, 2 H, 3'-, 8'-H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2 H, Ar-Hb, -Hb'), 7.26 (s, 6 H, por-mes), 6.02 (s, 2 H, 3''-, 5'''-H), 2.59 (s, 12H, 7''-, 10''-, 7'''-, 9'''-H), 1.81 (s, 18 H, por-mes-Me), 1.78 (s, 9 H, por-mes-Me), 1.64 (s, 6 H, 8''-, 9''-H), 1.54 (s, 3 H, 8'''-H).

¹³C NMR (100MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 160.5, 159.0, 149.4, 149.2, 149.2, 148.9, 147.2, 144.4, 143.4, 142.4, 141.8, 139.0, 138.9, 138.5, 137.3, 136.9, 135.9, 134.2, 132.8, 131.8, 131.0, 130.4, 130.1, 129.1, 128.3, 127.8, 127.3, 127.1, 126.6, 126.4, 125.8, 124.2, 122.3, 120.0, 118.1, 117.9, 97.0, 85.3, 21.1, 20.7, 19.6, 19.5 (2), 19.4 (2), 17.7. ESI-MS *m/z* (%): 1579.6 (100) [M]⁺.

Elemental analysis calcd(%) for $C_{98}H_{81}BrCuF_6N_8PZn$: C 68.25, H 4.73, N 6.50; found: C

68.77, H 4.68, N 6.56.



Complex 5a/6a: To equimolar amounts of **1** and $[Cu(CH_3CN)_4]PF_6$ in dichloromethane was added one equivalent of **4**. The resulting solution showed an instantaneous change in color to deep red. The complex was isolated without any further purification and was found to be **5a**, obtained in quantitative yield

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ= 8.91 (s, 2 H, 4-H), 8.70 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2 H, 7-H), 8.68 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 4 H, pyrrol-H1), 8.65 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 4 H, pyrrol-H3), 8.62 (s, 8 H, pyrrol-H2, -H4), 8.49 (dd, ${}^{3}J = 4.5$ Hz, ${}^{4}J = 1.2$ Hz, 2 H, 9'-H),), 8.42 (dd, ${}^{3}J = 8.9$ Hz, ${}^{4}J = 1.2$ Hz, 2 H, 7'-H), 8.28 (br s, 4 H, 5'-, 6'-H), 8.23 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2 H, 5-H), 8.22 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2 H, 6-H), 8.09 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 4 H, Ar-Ha, -Ha'), 7.88 (dd, ${}^{3}J = 8.7$ Hz, ${}^{3}J = 4.1$ Hz, 2 H, 8'-H), 7.88 (d, ${}^{3}J = 4.5$ Hz, 2 H, 2'-H), 7.76 (d, ${}^{2}J = 8.9$ Hz, 2 H, 4'-H), 7.75 (dd, ${}^{3}J = 8.1$ Hz, ${}^{3}J = 4.8$ Hz, 2 H, 8'-H), 7.44 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 4 H, Ar-Hb, -Hb'), 7.26 (s, 12 H, por-mes), 7.07 (br s, 2 H, 3"-H), 6.12 (br s, 2 H, 5"-H), 6.02 (s, 2 H, 3"'-H), 5.87 (s, 2 H, 5"'-H), 2.59 (s, 18 H, por-mes-Me), 1.80 (s, 18 H, por-mes-Me), 1.79 (s, 18 H, por-mes-Me), 1.69 (s, 6 H, 7"-H), 1.68 (s, 6 H, 9"-H), 1.64 (s, 6 H, 7"'-H), 1.56 (s, 6 H, 8"-H), 1.55 (s, 6 H, 10"-H), 1.48 (s, 6 H, 8"'-H), 1.44 (s, 6 H, 9"'-H)

¹³C NMR (100MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ= 161.4, 159.9, 150.4, 150.2, 150.1, 149.8, 149.4, 148.6, 145.5, 144.3, 142.8, 142.7, 142.2, 140.0, 139.9, 139.8, 139.6, 139.5, 139.4, 139.1, 138.4, 138.1, 137.9, 137.8, 137.1, 135.2, 135.1, 134.0, 133.6, 132.9, 132.6, 131.9, 131.5, 131.3, 130.9, 130.0, 129.7, 129.2, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3 (2), 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 126.9, 126.8, 125.6, 125.2, 123.3, 120.9, 120.1, 119.0, 118.7, 98.1, 91.6, 89.7, 86.1, 22.1(2), 21.7, 20.6, 20.4, 20.3, 18.8, 18.6.

ESI-MS m/z (%): 1680 (100) [M]⁺,

Elemental analysis calcd(%) for $C_{105}H_{84}BrCuF_6N_9PZn*CH_3CN$: C 68.85, H 4.70, N 7.50; found C 68.54, H 4.64, N 7.61;



Complex 5b/6b: To equimolar amounts of **1** and $AgPF_6$ in dichloromethane-acetonitrile (10:1) was added one equivalent of **4**. The resulting solution showed an instantaneous darkening in color. The solvents were then removed and the solid was redissolved in dichloromethane. The complex was isolated without any further purification and was found to be **5b**, obtained in quantitative yield

¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ= 8.86 (s, 2 H, 4-H), 8.72-8.60 (m, 18 H, Pyrrol H, 7-H), 8.44 (br s, 4 H, 7', 4'-H),), 8.31 (s, 2 H, 2'-H), 8.25 (s, 2 H, 9'-H), 8.20 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2 H, 5-H), 8.18 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2 H, 6-H), 8.09 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 4 H, Ar-Ha, -Ha'), 7.90(br s, 4 H, 5'-, 6'-H), 7.79 (d, ³J = 4.5 Hz, 4 H, 8', 8-H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 4 H, Ar-Hb, -Hb'), 7.23 (s, 12 H, por-mes), 7.02 (br s, 4 H, 3"-H), 6.19 (s, 6 H, 3"'-H), 5.87 (s, 6 H, 5''', 5"-H), H), 2.53 (s, 18 H, por-mes-Me), 2.00 (s, 6 H, 7"-H), 1.92 (s, 6 H, 9"-H), 1.86 (s, 6 H, 7"'-H), 1.78 (s, 36 H, pormes-Me), 1.66 (s, 6 H, 8"-H), 1.56 (s, 6 H, 10"-H), 1.32 (s, 6 H, 8"'-H), 1.23 (s, 6 H, 9"'-H) ¹³C NMR (100MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ= 162.7, 161.6, 151.4, 150.9, 150.4, 150.3, 150.2, 149.9, 149.9, 147.0, 146.9, 146.8, 146.8, 145.9, 145.5, 142.9, 142.1, 141.5, 141.3, 140.8, 140.7, 140.4, 140.1, 139.9, 139.6, 139.0, 138.9, 138.7, 137.9, 135.6, 135.3, 131.9, 131.6, 131.5, 131.4, 131.0, 130.5, 130.2, 130.0, 129.6, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 127.0, 126.7, 125.2, 120.9, 119.0, 118.7, 117.3, 98.2, 98.1, 91.7, 90.0, 86.4, 22.1, 21.7, 20.8, 20.7, 20.6, 20.4, 19.1, 18.8.

ESI-MS *m/z* (%): 1724 (100) [M]⁺.

Elemental analysis calcd(%) for $C_{105}H_{84}AgBrF_6N_9PZn*CH_3CN*0.5CH_2Cl_2$: C 66.09, H 4.54, N 7.17, found : C 66.04, H, 4.51, N 7.36

3-Pyridin-4-ylethynyl-[1,10]phenanthroline



¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): 9.25 (s, 1 H, 2-H), 9.15 (s, 1 H, 9-H), 8.64 (dd, ${}^{3}J$ =4.5 Hz, ${}^{4}J$ = 1.5 Hz, 2 H, 2', 6'-H), 8.45 (s, 1 H, 4-H), 8.29 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1 H, 7-H), 7.88 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 1 H, 5-H), 7.82 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 1 H, 6-H), 7.67 (br. s, 1 H, 8-H), 7.48 (dd, ${}^{3}J$ =4.5 Hz, ${}^{4}J$ = 1.5 Hz, 2 H, 3', 5'-H).

¹³C NMR (100MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ=152.2, 150.9, 150.4, 146.3, 145.8, 139.1, 136.4, 130.9, 129.7, 128.1, 126.4, 125.9, 123.9, 118.7, 110.1, 91.0, 90.9. ESI-MS *m*/*z* (%): 282.7 (100) [M+H]⁺

ESI-MS



ESI-MS of 4.



ESI-MS of 3.



ESI-MS of 6a



ESI-MS of **6a** and **5a** in equilibrium.



ESI-MS of 6b



NMR of 4



Aromatic region of 6a



COSY of 6a

DOSY NMR

DOSY2D







DOSY plot of 6a



DOSY plot of **6b**