

**Drastic Change in Racemization Barrier upon Redox Reactions:  
Novel Chiral-memory Units Based on Dynamic Redox Systems**

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<<< Spectral Data of New compounds >>>

**10,10,11,11-Tetrakis(4-methoxyphenyl)-4,5,10,11-tetrahydrophenanthr[4,5-cde]oxepin 1a**

m.p. 243-244 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ , 10 °C)  $\delta$  3.09 (6H, s), 3.28 (6H, s), 4.21 (2H, d,  $J=8.9$  Hz), 4.54 (2H, d,  $J=8.9$  Hz), 6.37 (2H, br-s), 6.72 (2H, br-s), 6.98 (4H, d,  $J=8.9$  Hz) 7.01 (2H, dd,  $J=7.3$  Hz, 7.3 Hz), 7.08 (2H, d,  $J=7.3$  Hz), 7.33 (2H, br-s), 7.48 (2H, d,  $J=7.3$  Hz), 7.60 (2H, br-s); IR (KBr)  $\nu$  2999, 2950, 2833, 1606, 1579, 1509, 1460, 1437, 1372, 1291, 1254, 1184, 1146, 1120, 1083, 1037, 919, 895, 854, 826, 810, 771, 741, 688, 598, 569  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; LR-MS (FD)  $m/z$  = 648 (14), 647 (49), 646 ( $\text{M}^+$ , bp), 324 (15), 323 ( $\text{M}^{2+}$ , 34).

**5,7-Dihydrodibenz[c,e]oxepin-1,11-diylbis[bis(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl]  $2\mathbf{a}^{2+}$  ( $\text{BF}_4^-$ )<sub>2</sub>**

m.p. 230-232 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )  $\delta$  3.97 (6H, s), 4.13 (6H, s), 4.30 (2H, d,  $J=12.5$  Hz), 4.56 (2H, d,  $J=12.5$  Hz), 6.99 (4H, d,  $J=9.2$  Hz), 7.04 (2H, dd,  $J=2.7$  Hz, 9.1 Hz), 7.16 (4H, br-d,  $J=9.2$  Hz) 7.29 (4H, br-d,  $J=7.0$  Hz), 7.47 (2H, dd,  $J=2.7$  Hz, 9.1 Hz), 7.53 (4H, d,  $J=7.0$  Hz), 7.69 (2H, dd,  $J=2.7$  Hz, 9.2 Hz); IR (KBr)  $\nu$  1761, 1609, 1577, 1507, 1461, 1373, 1276, 1159, 1083, 1056, 999, 914, 855, 762, 541  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; LR-MS (FAB)  $m/z$  = 555 ([ $\text{M}-2\text{BF}_4$ -anisole] $^+$ , 8); UV-Vis ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  / nm ( $\varepsilon / \text{M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) 525 (50864), 449 (24042), 405 (24611), 272 (19262); CD spectrum of optically pure (*M*)- $2\mathbf{a}^{2+}$ ( $\text{BF}_4^-$ )<sub>2</sub> derived from diol (-)-**6**:  $\lambda_{\text{ext}}$  / nm ( $\Delta\varepsilon / \text{M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) 559 (+182), 518 (-133), 476 (-13.0), 452 (-16.7), 404 (+37.9), 264 (+34.9)

**1,11-Bis[bis(4-methoxyphenyl)hydroxymethyl]-5,7-dihydrodibenz[c,e]oxepin *rac*-4**

m.p. 300-303 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.89 (2H, d,  $J=11.4$  Hz), 3.72 (2H, d,  $J=11.4$  Hz), 3.73 (6H, s), 3.81 (6H, s), 5.17 (2H, s), 6.60 (4H, d,  $J=8.9$  Hz), 6.69 (4H, d,  $J=8.9$  Hz), 6.86 (4H, d,  $J=8.9$  Hz), 6.89 (2H, dd,  $J=1.1$  Hz, 7.4 Hz), 7.00 (2H, dd,  $J=1.1$  Hz, 7.4 Hz), 7.17 (2H, dd,  $J=7.4$  Hz, 7.4 Hz), 7.28 (4H, d,  $J=8.9$  Hz); IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3329, 3306, 3007, 2933, 2835, 1606, 1580, 1508, 1466, 1442, 1421, 1296, 1246, 1113, 1033, 1001, 958, 922, 902, 863, 836, 820, 807, 799, 775, 750, 725, 670, 620, 608, 585, 558  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; LR-MS (FD)  $m/z$  = 682 (18), 681 (55), 680 ( $\text{M}^+$ , bp), 663 (24), 662 (39).

**Dispiro[(10-methylacridan)-9,10'-(4'H,5'H,10'H,11'H)-phenanthr[4',5'-cde]oxepin-11',9''-(10''-methyl-acridan)] 1b**

m.p. 292-296 °C (decomp.);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  2.73 (6H, s), 4.64 (4H, s), 6.13-6.39 (4H, br), 6.33 (4H, dd,  $J=7.0$  Hz, 7.0 Hz), 6.51 (4H, d,  $J=8.2$  Hz), 6.98 (4H, ddd,  $J=1.5$  Hz, 7.0 Hz, 8.2 Hz), 7.11 (2H, dd,  $J=1.3$  Hz, 7.3 Hz), 7.22 (2H, dd,  $J=7.3$  Hz, 7.3 Hz), 7.45 (2H, dd,  $J=1.3$  Hz, 7.3 Hz); IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3059, 2956, 2871, 2848, 1591, 1476, 1362, 1323, 1292, 1272, 1167, 1135, 1084, 1070, 1058, 901, 868, 791, 755, 737, 697  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; LR-MS (FD)  $m/z$  = 582 (13), 581 (49), 580 ( $\text{M}^+$ , bp), 291 (6.9), 290 ( $\text{M}^{2+}$ , 15).

### 5,7-Dihydrodibenz[*c,e*]oxepin-1,11-diylbis(10-methyl-9-acridinium) $2\mathbf{b}^{2+}$ ( $\text{OTf}$ )<sub>2</sub>

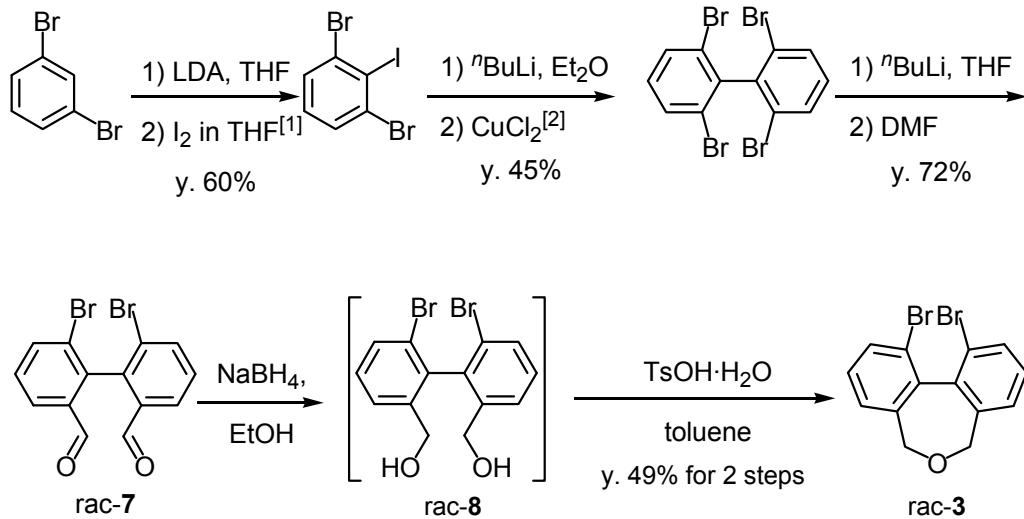
m.p. 270-279 °C (decomp.);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )  $\delta$  4.39 (6H, s), 4.61 (2H, d,  $J=11.8$  Hz), 5.01 (2H, d,  $J=11.8$  Hz), 6.25 (2H, dd,  $J=1.4$  Hz,  $J=8.9$  Hz), 6.95 (2H, dd,  $J=1.3$  Hz, 7.6 Hz), 7.24 (2H, ddd,  $J=0.9$  Hz, 6.7 Hz, 8.9 Hz), 7.59 (2H, dd,  $J=7.6$  Hz, 7.6 Hz), 7.54-7.67 (4H, m), 7.89 (2H, dd,  $J=1.3$  Hz, 7.6 Hz), 7.97 (2H, d,  $J=9.0$  Hz), 8.12 (2H, ddd,  $J=1.3$  Hz, 6.4 Hz, 9.0 Hz), 8.23 (2.0 Hz, 6.4 Hz, 9.4 Hz), 8.40 (2H, d,  $J=9.4$  Hz); IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3110, 2926, 2868, 1609, 1579, 1549, 1460, 1374, 1275, 1224, 1159, 1030, 862, 766, 745, 709, 637, 571, 518  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; LR-MS (FAB)  $m/z = 580$  ( $\text{M}^+$ , 7.3), 565 ( $[\text{M}-\text{CH}_3]^+$ , 4.9), 391 (11), 281 (12), 220 (15), 207 (17), 149 (96), 74 (bp); HR-MS (FAB) Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_2\text{O}$  : 580.2517, Found : 580.2526; CD spectrum of optically pure (*M*)- $2\mathbf{b}^{2+}$ ( $\text{OTf}$ )<sub>2</sub> derived from diacridine (*M*)-**5**:  $\lambda_{\text{ext}}$  / nm ( $\Delta\varepsilon / \text{M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) 422 (+3.73), 390 (+0.818), 270 (-36.4), 258 (+33.0), 210 (-30.0).

### 5,7-Dihydrodibenz[*c,e*]oxepin-1,11-diylbis(10-methyl-9-acridinium) $2\mathbf{b}^{2+}$ ( $\text{SbCl}_6$ )<sub>2</sub>

m.p. 239-244 °C (decomp.);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  was identical to that of  $2\mathbf{b}^{2+}$ ( $\text{OTf}$ )<sub>2</sub>; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3104, 2969, 2926, 2864, 1608, 1577, 1545, 1457, 1372, 1276, 1123, 1061, 1038, 765, 743, 709, 604  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , LR-MS (FAB)  $m/z = 580$  ( $\text{M}^+$ , 14), 329 (5.0), 290 ( $\text{M}^{2+}$ , 1.4).

<<< Another route to dibromide **3** >>>

Scheme S1



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### 2,6-Dibromo-2',6'-diformylbiphenyl **7**

m.p. 128-130 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  9.61 (2H, s), 8.03 (2H, dd,  $J=8.1$ , 1.2 Hz), 7.98 (2H, dd,  $J=8.1$ , 1.2 Hz), 7.55 (2H, dd,  $J=8.1$ , 8.1 Hz); IR (KBr)  $\nu$  2844, 2739, 1698, 1585, 1556, 1432, 1389, 1237, 1212, 1178, 1131, 1119, 1093, 886, 851, 785, 730, 701, 677, 665  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; FD-MS  $m/z$  368 ( $\text{M}^+$ , bp).

### 2,6-Dibromo-2',6'-bis(hydroxymethyl)biphenyl **8**

m.p. 115-117 °C;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.82 (2H, dd,  $J=7.8$ , 1.2 Hz), 7.66 (2H, dd,  $J=7.8$ , 1.2 Hz), 7.33 (2H, dd,  $J=7.8$ , 7.8 Hz), 4.31 (4H, dd,  $J=16.5$ , 12.0 Hz); IR (KBr)  $\nu$  3264, 2949, 2894, 1557, 1477, 1425, 1321, 1216, 1173, 1129, 1015, 996, 863, 788, 749, 672  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; FD-MS  $m/z$  373 ( $\text{M}+1^+$ , bp).

<<< Racemization barrier for **1a** >>>

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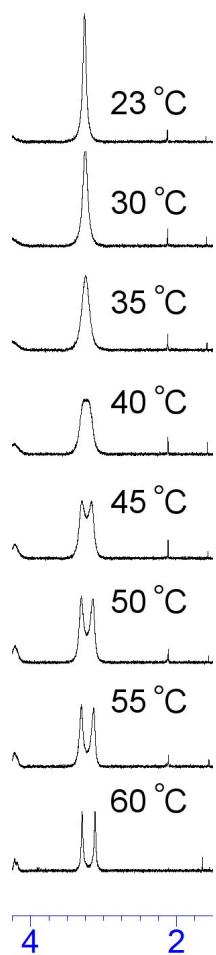


Fig. S1 VT-NMR analysis on **1a** in  $C_6D_6$ .

<<X-ray structure of dispiro donor>>

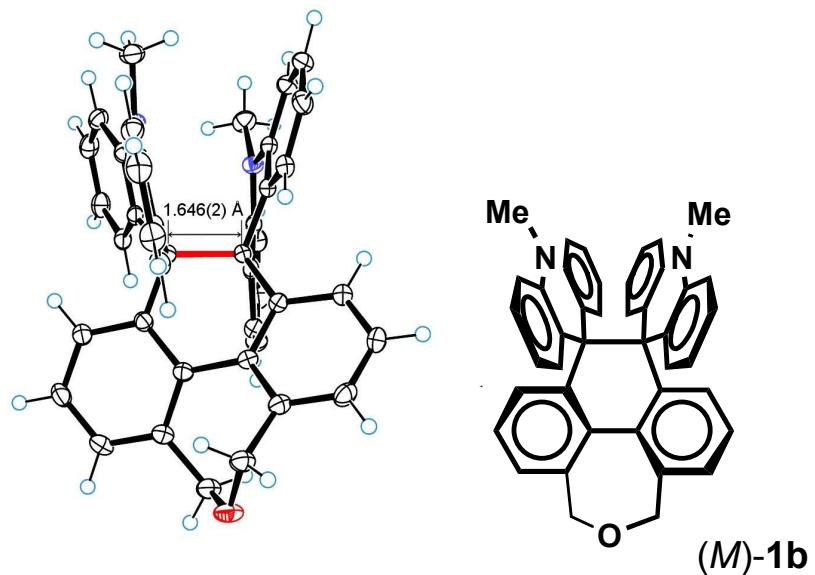
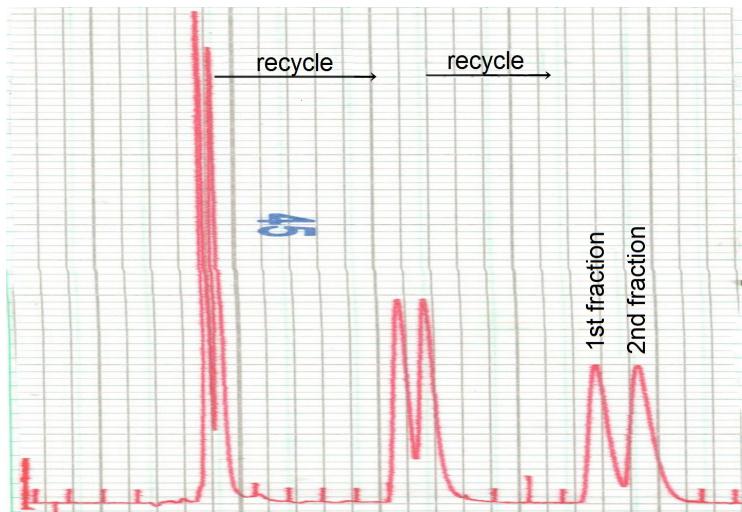
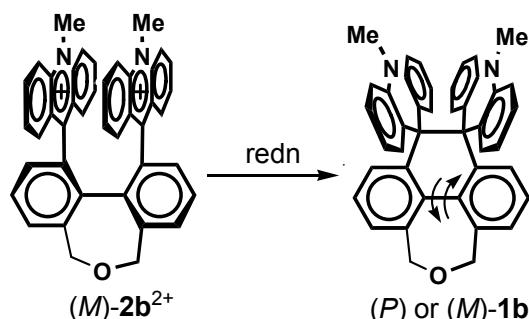
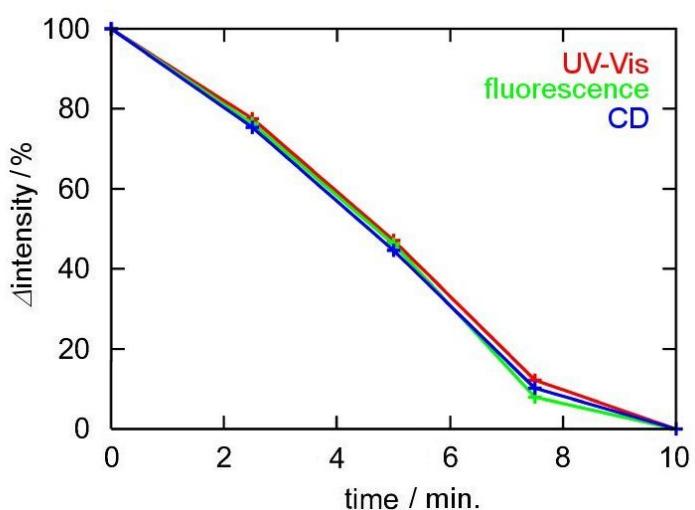


Fig. S2 ORTEP drawing of (*M*)-**1b** in *rac*-**1b** crystal determined by X-ray

&lt;&lt;&lt; Optical resolution of diol 4 &gt;&gt;&gt;

Fig. S3 Chromatogram of *rac*-4 on Sumichiral OA-2000.(AcOEt : CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> : hexane = 1 : 2 : 4 with 0.5 % Et<sub>3</sub>N)Fig. S4 Time-courses of UV-Vis (changes of  $\epsilon$  at 264.5 nm), fluorescence (changes of intensity at 524 nm), and CD (changes of  $\Delta\epsilon$  at 259 nm) spectra upon electrochemical reduction of  $(M)\text{-}2\mathbf{b}^{2+}$  salt (for conditions, see the legend of Figure 3).