Supplementary Material for:

Patterned Recognitions of Amines and Ammonium Ions by a Pyridine-Based Helical Oligoamide Host

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1. General Remarks

All the reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used as received unless otherwise stated. Aqueous solutions were prepared from distilled water. The organic solutions from all liquid extractions were dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate for a minimum of 15 minutes before filtration. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on silica gel pre-coated glass plates (0.25 mm thickness, 60F-254, E., Merck). Chemical yields refer to pure isolated substances. Melting point (mp) of the compounds was measured using Büchi Melting point B540. Mass spectra were obtained using instrumentation which includes Finnigan MAT95XL-T and Micromass VG7035. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AMX500 (500 MHz) spectrometer. In addition, key compounds were characterized by 2D NOESY and X-Ray Diffraction. The solvent signal of $CDCl_3$ and $DMSO-d_6$ in ¹H NMR were referenced at $\delta = 7.26$ ppm and $\delta = 2.50$ ppm respectively. Coupling constants (J values) are reported in Hertz (Hz). ¹H NMR data are recorded in the order: chemical shift value, multiplicity (s: singlet; d: doublet; t: triplet; q: quartet; m: multiplet; br: broad), coupling constant and number of protons that gave rise to the signal, where applicable. ¹³C NMR spectra are protondecoupled and the solvent peaks of CDCl₃ and DMSO-d₆ were referenced at $\delta = 77.0$ ppm and 39.5 ppm respectively. 2D NMR experiments were recorded on a Bruker DRX500 (500 MHz) spectrometer, unless otherwise stated. CDCl₃ and DMSO-d₆ were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Inc. and used without further purification unless otherwise stated. 'Neutralized' CDCl₃ refer to CDCl₃ that was passed through a column of basic alumina to remove the DCl in the solvent.





3. Synthetic Procedures & Characterization

The synthesis of the **amine 1a** had been reported in the following journal article:

(1) Ong, W. Q.; Zhao, H.; Du, Z.; Yeh, J. Z. Y.; Ren, C.; Tan, L. Z. W.; Zhang, K.; Zeng, H. *Chem. Commun.* **2011**, *47*, 6416.

General procedure for coupling using oxalyl chloride:

The acid (1.0 mmol) was dissolved in dry dichloromethane (10ml) in a round bottom flask. DMF (0.1 ml) was added, followed by the dropwise addition of oxalyl chloride (2.0 mmol) into the round bottom flask. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hrs and the solvent and excess oxalyl chloride were removed *in vacuo* and dry dichloromethane (10 ml) was added to the acid chloride in nitrogen atmosphere. Minimal amount of dry dichloromethane was added to a mixture containing the amine (1.5 mmol) and triethylamine (2.0 mmol) and the mixture was injected into the acid chloride. The mixture was allowed to stir for 1 hr at room temperature and after the reaction, the product was washed with water (2 x 10ml), 1M HCl (2 x 10ml) and 1M NaOH (2 x 10ml). The solvent was removed *in vacuo* to give the crude product and subjected to either recrystallization or flash column chromatography to afford the pure product.

General procedure for hydrolysis using sodium hydroxide:

Solid NaOH (3.0 mmol) was dissolved in minimal amount of deionized water and was then added into the round bottom flask containing the ester (1.0 mmol) in dioxane (10 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight and the solvent was then removed *in vacuo*.

Water (20 ml), MeOH (20 ml) and solid KHSO₄ (0.54 g, 4.0 mmol) was then added. The suspension was then filtered, washed and the residue obtained was dried to give the acid.

Compound 1b:

Melting Point: 218.5–219.0 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.90 (s, 1H), 8.74 (dd, 1H, J_d = 6.9 Hz, J_d = 2.7 Hz), 8.37 (s, 2H), 8.27 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.90–7.95 (m, 3H), 7.82 (t, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.66 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 4.04 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.40, 163.27, 151.46, 148.69, 146.48, 146.38, 139.30, 137.81, 130.48, 129.97, 129.57, 128.48, 127.69, 121.28, 118.63, 117.87, 52.99. HRMS-EI: calculated for [M]⁺ (C₁₇H₁₃N₃O₃): m/z 307.0957, found: m/z 307.0958.



Compound 1c:

¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 13.33 (s, 1H), 10.68 (s, 1H), 8.66 (d, 1H, J = 8.9 Hz), 8.51 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 8.29 (d, 2H, J = 8.9 Hz), 8.08–8.13 (m, 2H), 7.91 (t, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz), 7.86 (d,

1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.77 (t, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 165.55, 162.33, 150.34, 148.40, 147.05, 145.75, 140.03, 138.67, 130.94, 129.28, 129.26, 128.72, 128.11, 120.86, 118.35, 116.57. HRMS-ESI: calculated for [M+Na]⁺ (C₁₆H₁₁N₃O₃²³Na): m/z 316.0693, found: m/z 316.0696.



Compound 1d:

Melting Point: 244.5–245.0 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.80 (s, 1H), 10.46 (s, 1H), 8.71–8.76 (m, 2H), 8.49 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz), 8.39 (s, 2H), 8.09 (d, 1H, J = 6.2 Hz), 8.00 (t, 1H, J= 7.9 Hz), 7.91–7.94 (m, 3H), 7.82–7.85 (m, 1H), 7.66–7.70 (m, 1H), 4.07 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.39, 163.26, 162.76, 151.48, 150.23, 148.65, 147.47, 146.58, 146.23, 140.00, 139.43, 137.97, 130.40, 130.33, 129.67, 128.58, 127.70, 121.48, 118.88, 118.70, 118.22, 117.63, 53.13. HRMS-EI: calculated for [M]⁺ (C₂₃H₁₇N₅O₄): m/z 427.1281, found: m/z 427.1295.



Compound 1e:

¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 13.37 (br, 1H), 11.21 (s, 1H), 10.72 (s, 1H), 8.67 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 8.58 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 8.49 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 8.29–8.34 (m, 2H), 8.19 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 8.14 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 8.09 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.99 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 7.95 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.87 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 7.78 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 165.67, 163.24, 162.34, 150.64, 149.98, 149.01, 147.40, 147.23, 145.88, 140.56, 139.79, 138.46, 130.86, 129.37, 129.18, 128.65, 128.16, 120.90, 118.73, 118.35, 117.40, 117.12. HRMS-EI: calculated for [M]⁺ (C₂₂H₁₅N₅O₄): *m/z* 413.1124, found: *m/z* 413.1133.



Compound 1:

Melting Point: 266.4–267.0 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 10.92 (s, 1H), 10.48 (s, 1H), 10.42 (s, 1H), 8.78 (d, 1H, J = 8.6 Hz), 8.73 (dd, 1H, $J_d = 6.8$ Hz, $J_d = 2.8$ Hz), 8.69 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 8.39 (s, 2H), 8.36 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.90–8.13 (m, 7H), 7.63–7.72 (m, 2H), 3.63 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.22, 163.20, 162.72, 151.44, 150.27, 150.10, 148.68, 147.56, 147.45, 146.47, 146.30, 140.06, 140.00, 139.37, 137.91, 130.31, 129.61, 128.48, 127.64, 121.43, 118.93, 118.87, 118.71, 118.15, 117.86, 117.73, 52.76. HRMS-EI: calculated for [M]⁺ (C₂₉H₂₁N₇O₅): m/z 547.1604, found: m/z 547.1611.

4. (a) 2D NOESY Spectra of Tetramer 1



Figure S1. 2D NOESY spectrum containing NOE contacts seen in **1** as revealed by 2D NOESY study (5 mM, 300 K, $CDCl_3$, AMX 500 MHz, mixing time = 500 ms).



(b) 2D NOESY Spectra of Tetramer 1 + Octylamine

Figure S2. 2D NOESY spectrum containing NOE contacts seen in host **1** even in the presence of octylamine guest as revealed by 2D NOESY study (5 mM, 300 K, CDCl₃, AMX 500 MHz, mixing time = 500 ms). The large cross peaks observed between amine's NH₂ protons and amide protons highly likely should arise from the chemical exchange. The persistence of the folded structure by **1** can be seen from the NOEs among the amide protons and their large chemical shift values.



(c) 2D NOESY Spectra of Tetramer 1 + Piperidine

Figure S3. 2D NOESY spectrum containing NOE contacts seen in host **1** even in the presence of piperidine guest as revealed by 2D NOESY study (5 mM, 300 K, CDCl₃, AMX 500 MHz, mixing time = 500 ms). The large cross peaks observed between amine's NH₂ protons and amide protons highly likely should arise from the chemical exchange. The persistence of the folded structure by **1** can be seen from the NOEs among the amide protons and their large chemical shift values.

5. Titration ¹H NMR Spectra of Oligoamide 1 with Various Guests

		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	0 equiv.	He He Ha			_l_l_
	1 equiv.		l		ll
Primary	2 equiv.	ll	l_	l_	_i_l_
Amine	3 equiv.	l	l_	N	
	4 equiv.	_l_l_	U	l	l_
		11.0 10.5	11.0 10.5	11.0 10.5	11.0 10.5
		(o)	(f)	(g)	
	0 equiv.		M	/\/\	
Acyclic	1 equiv.	M		M	
Secondary	2 equiv.	M	M	M	
Amine	3 equiv.	<u>A</u> M	M	M	
	4 equiv.				
		11.0 10.5 (h)	11.0 10.5 (i)	11.0 10.5 (i)	
	0 oquiv				
Cyclic	1 equiv	4 11			
Secondary					
		6 6 7			
Amine	∠equiv. 3 equiv				
Amine	3 equiv.				Aromatic
Amine	2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv.				Aromatic Amine
Amine	3 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv.		 11.0 10.5 (I)		Aromatic Amine (n)
Amine	2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv. 0 equiv.	 (k) 		11.0 10.5 (m)	Aromatic Amine (n)
Amine	2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv. 0 equiv. 1 equiv.			 (m) 	Aromatic Amine (n)
Tertlary Amine	2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv. 0 equiv. 1 equiv. 2 equiv.	11.0 10.5 (k)			Aromatic Amine (n)
Amine Tertlary Amine	2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv. 0 equiv. 1 equiv. 2 equiv. 3 equiv.				Aromatic Amine (n)
Amine Tertlary Amine	2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv. 0 equiv. 1 equiv. 2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv.				Aromatic Amine (n)
Amine Tertlary Amine	2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv. 1 equiv. 2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv.			11.0 10.5 (m)	Aromatic Amine (n)
Amine Tertlary Amine	2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv. 1 equiv. 2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv.	(c)		(m) 11.0 10.5 (m) 11.0 10.5 (p) (p)	Aromatic Amine (n)
Amine Tertlary Amine	2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv. 1 equiv. 2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv. 0 equiv.	11.0 10.5 (k) (k) (k) (k) (c) (c)	$(1) \\ (1) $	(m) 11.0 10.5 (m) 11.0 10.5 (p) (p)	Aromatic Amine (n)
Amine	2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv. 1 equiv. 2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv. 0 equiv. 1 equiv.	$\begin{array}{c} & & & \\ & & & \\ \hline 11.0 & 10.5 \\ \hline (k) \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\$	$(1) \\ (1) $	11.0 10.5 (m)	Aromatic Amine (n)
Amine Tertlary Amine Ammonium Ion	2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv. 1 equiv. 2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv. 0 equiv. 1 equiv. 2 equiv.	$\begin{array}{c} & & & \\ & & & \\ \hline 11.0 & 10.5 \\ \hline (k) \\ \hline \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ $	11.0 10.5 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)		Aromatic Amine (n)
Amine Tertlary Amine Ammonium Ion	2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv. 1 equiv. 2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv. 0 equiv. 1 equiv. 2 equiv. 3 equiv.	$\begin{array}{c} - & - & - & - \\ \hline 11.0 & 10.5 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline 11.0 & 10.5 \\ \hline 0 \\ \hline 1 \hline$	$\begin{array}{c} & & & \\ & & & \\ \hline 11.0 & 10.5 \\ \hline 11.0 & 10.5 \\ \hline \\ & & \\ \hline \\ 11.0 & 10.5 \\ \hline \\ & & \\ \hline \\ & & \\ \hline \\ & & \\ \hline \end{array}$		Aromatic Amine (n)
Amine Tertlary Amine Ammonium Ion	 2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv. 4 equiv. 1 equiv. 2 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv. 0 equiv. 1 equiv. 2 equiv. 3 equiv. 3 equiv. 4 equiv. 	$\begin{array}{c} - & - & - \\ \hline 11.0 & 10.5 \\ \hline (k) \\ - & - \\ - & - \\ \hline (k) \\ - & - \\ - &$	H_{Θ}	11.0 10.5 (m)	Aromatic Amine (n)

Figure S4. Overview of the expanded ¹H NMR (2 mM, "normal" CDCl₃) fingerprint regions for amide protons *b*-*d* and ester methyl protons *e* of **1** in the presence of up to four equivalents of (a) isopropylamine, (b) 1-aminooctane, (c) 1,8-diaminooctane, (d) 2,2'-(ethylenedioxy)-bis(ethylamine), (e) di-*n*-propylamine, (f) di-*n*-hexylamine, (g) di-*n*-octylamine, (h) azetidine, (i) pyrrolidine, (j) piperidine, (k) triethylamine, (l) diisopropylethylamine, (m) 1-methylpiperidine, (n) aniline, (o) 1-octylammonium perchlorate and (p) di-*n*-octylammonium perchlorate.



Figure S5. Representative ¹H NMR (2 mM, 'neutralized' $CDCl_3$ treated with basic alumina) fingerprint regions for amide protons *b*-*d* and ester methyl protons *e* of **1** in the presence of up to four equivalents of a) 1-octylamine, b) di-*n*-octylamine, c) piperidine, d) triethylamine, e) aniline or up to ten and twelve equivalents of f) 1-octylammonium perchlorate and g) di-*n*-octylammonium perchlorate respectively.





Figure S6. Expanded ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (i) from 11.4 ppm to 7 ppm and (ii) 4 ppm to 0 ppm of **1** (2 mM in "normal" CDCl₃) with (a) 0.0 equiv., (b) 0.2 equiv., (c) 0.4 equiv., (d) 0.6 equiv., (e) 0.8 equiv., (f) 1.0 equiv., (g) 1.5 equiv., (h) 2.0 equiv., (i) 3.0 equiv., (j) 4.0 equiv. of 1-octylamine.





Figure S7. Expanded ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (i) from 11.4 ppm to 7 ppm and (ii) 4 ppm to 0 ppm of **1** (2 mM in "normal" CDCl₃) with (a) 0.0 equiv., (b) 0.2 equiv., (c) 0.4 equiv., (d) 0.6 equiv., (e) 0.8 equiv., (f) 1.0 equiv., (g) 1.5 equiv., (h) 2.0 equiv., (i) 3.0 equiv., (j) 4.0 equiv. of isopropylamine.





Figure S8. Expanded ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (i) from 11.4 ppm to 7 ppm and (ii) 4 ppm to 0 ppm of **1** (2 mM in "normal" CDCl₃) with (a) 0.0 equiv., (b) 0.2 equiv., (c) 0.4 equiv., (d) 0.6 equiv., (e) 0.8 equiv., (f) 1.0 equiv., (g) 1.5 equiv., (h) 2.0 equiv., (i) 3.0 equiv., (j) 4.0 equiv. of 1,8-diaminooctane.





Figure S9. Expanded ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (i) from 11.4 ppm to 7 ppm and (ii) 4 ppm to 0 ppm of **1** (2 mM in "normal" CDCl₃) with (a) 0.0 equiv., (b) 0.2 equiv., (c) 0.4 equiv., (d) 0.6 equiv., (e) 0.8 equiv., (f) 1.0 equiv., (g) 1.5 equiv., (h) 2.0 equiv., (i) 3.0 equiv., (j) 4.0 equiv. of 2,2'-(ethylenedioxy)bis(ethylamine).

$$1 + C_3H_7 N_7C_3H_7$$



Figure S10. Expanded ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (i) from 11.4 ppm to 7 ppm and (ii) 4 ppm to 0 ppm of **1** (2 mM in "normal" CDCl₃) with (a) 0.0 equiv., (b) 0.2 equiv., (c) 0.4 equiv., (d) 0.6 equiv., (e) 0.8 equiv., (f) 1.0 equiv., (g) 1.5 equiv., (h) 2.0 equiv., (i) 3.0 equiv., (j) 4.0 equiv. of di-n-propylamine.

1 +
$$\begin{array}{c} C_{6}H_{13} \\ H \\ H \end{array}$$



Figure S11. Expanded ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (i) from 11.4 ppm to 7 ppm and (ii) 4 ppm to 0 ppm of **1** (2 mM in "normal" CDCl₃) with (a) 0.0 equiv., (b) 0.2 equiv., (c) 0.4 equiv., (d) 0.6 equiv., (e) 0.8 equiv., (f) 1.0 equiv., (g) 1.5 equiv., (h) 2.0 equiv., (i) 3.0 equiv., (j) 4.0 equiv. of di-n-hexylamine.

1 +
$$\begin{array}{c} C_8 H_{17} \\ N \\ H \end{array}$$



Figure S12. Expanded ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (i) from 11.4 ppm to 7 ppm and (ii) 4 ppm to 0 ppm of **1** (2 mM in "normal" CDCl₃) with (a) 0.0 equiv., (b) 0.2 equiv., (c) 0.4 equiv., (d) 0.6 equiv., (e) 0.8 equiv., (f) 1.0 equiv., (g) 1.5 equiv., (h) 2.0 equiv., (i) 3.0 equiv., (j) 4.0 equiv. of di-n-octylamine.



Figure S13. Expanded ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (i) from 11.4 ppm to 7 ppm and (ii) 4 ppm to 0 ppm of **1** (2 mM in "normal" CDCl₃) with (a) 0.0 equiv., (b) 0.2 equiv., (c) 0.4 equiv., (d) 0.6 equiv., (e) 0.8 equiv., (f) 1.0 equiv., (g) 1.5 equiv., (h) 2.0 equiv., (i) 3.0 equiv., (j) 4.0 equiv. of azetidine.





Figure S14. Expanded ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (i) from 11.4 ppm to 7 ppm and (ii) 4 ppm to 0 ppm of **1** (2 mM in "normal" CDCl₃) with (a) 0.0 equiv., (b) 0.2 equiv., (c) 0.4 equiv., (d) 0.6 equiv., (e) 0.8 equiv., (f) 1.0 equiv., (g) 1.5 equiv., (h) 2.0 equiv., (i) 3.0 equiv., (j) 4.0 equiv. of pyrrolidine.





Figure S15. Expanded ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (i) from 11.4 ppm to 7 ppm and (ii) 4 ppm to 0 ppm of **1** (2 mM in "normal" CDCl₃) with (a) 0.0 equiv., (b) 0.2 equiv., (c) 0.4 equiv., (d) 0.6 equiv., (e) 0.8 equiv., (f) 1.0 equiv., (g) 1.5 equiv., (h) 2.0 equiv., (i) 3.0 equiv., (j) 4.0 equiv. of piperidine.





Figure S16. Expanded ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (i) from 11.4 ppm to 7 ppm and (ii) 4 ppm to 0 ppm of **1** (2 mM in "normal" CDCl₃) with (a) 0.0 equiv., (b) 0.2 equiv., (c) 0.4 equiv., (d) 0.6 equiv., (e) 0.8 equiv., (f) 1.0 equiv., (g) 1.5 equiv., (h) 2.0 equiv., (i) 3.0 equiv., (j) 4.0 equiv. of triethylamine.





Figure S17. Expanded ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (i) from 11.4 ppm to 7 ppm and (ii) 4 ppm to 0 ppm of **1** (2 mM in "normal" CDCl₃) with (a) 0.0 equiv., (b) 0.2 equiv., (c) 0.4 equiv., (d) 0.6 equiv., (e) 0.8 equiv., (f) 1.0 equiv., (g) 1.5 equiv., (h) 2.0 equiv., (i) 3.0 equiv., (j) 4.0 equiv. of disopropylethylamine.





Figure S18. Expanded ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (i) from 11.4 ppm to 7 ppm and (ii) 4 ppm to 0 ppm of **1** (2 mM in "normal" CDCl₃) with (a) 0.0 equiv., (b) 0.2 equiv., (c) 0.4 equiv., (d) 0.6 equiv., (e) 0.8 equiv., (f) 1.0 equiv., (g) 1.5 equiv., (h) 2.0 equiv., (i) 3.0 equiv., (j) 4.0 equiv. of 1-methylpiperidine.



Figure S19. Expanded ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (i) from 11.4 ppm to 7 ppm and (ii) 4 ppm to 0 ppm of **1** (2 mM in "normal" CDCl₃) with (a) 0.0 equiv., (b) 0.2 equiv., (c) 0.4 equiv., (d) 0.6 equiv., (e) 0.8 equiv., (f) 1.0 equiv., (g) 1.5 equiv., (h) 2.0 equiv., (i) 3.0 equiv., (j) 4.0 equiv. of aniline.



Figure S20. Expanded ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (i) from 11.4 ppm to 7 ppm and (ii) 4 ppm to 0 ppm of **1** (2 mM in "normal" CDCl₃) with (a) 0.0 equiv., (b) 0.2 equiv., (c) 0.4 equiv., (d) 0.6 equiv., (e) 0.8 equiv., (f) 1.0 equiv., (g) 1.5 equiv., (h) 2.0 equiv., (i) 3.0 equiv., (j) 4.0 equiv. of 1-octylammonium perchlorate.

1 +
$$\begin{array}{c} C_8 H_{17} \\ N_{2^+} \\ H_2^+ \end{array}$$



Figure S21. Expanded ¹H NMR (500 MHz) (i) from 11.4 ppm to 7 ppm and (ii) 4 ppm to 0 ppm of **1** (2 mM in "normal" CDCl₃) with (a) 0.0 equiv., (b) 0.2 equiv., (c) 0.4 equiv., (d) 0.6 equiv., (e) 0.8 equiv., (f) 1.0 equiv., (g) 1.5 equiv., (h) 2.0 equiv., (i) 3.0 equiv., (j) 4.0 equiv. of di-n-octylammonium perchlorate.



Figure S22. Representative ¹H NMR (2 mM) fingerprint regions for amide protons *b* and ester methyl protons *e* of dimer **1b** in the presence of up to four equivalents of a) 1-octylamine, b) di*n*-octylamine, c) piperidine, d) triethylamine, e) aniline, f) 1-octylammonium perchlorate and g) di-*n*-octylammonium perchlorate in "normal" CDCl₃ and h) 1-octylammonium perchlorate and i) di-*n*-octylammonium perchlorate in 'neutralized' CDCl₃.



Figure S23. Representative ¹H NMR (2 mM) fingerprint regions for amide protons b-c and ester methyl protons e of trimer **1d** in the presence of up to four equivalents of a) 1-octylamine, b) di*n*-octylamine, c) piperidine, d) triethylamine, e) aniline, f) 1-octylammonium perchlorate and g) di-*n*-octylammonium perchlorate in "normal" CDCl₃ and h) 1-octylammonium perchlorate and i) di-*n*-octylammonium perchlorate in 'neutralized' CDCl₃.

6. Ab Initio Molecular Modeling

All the calculations were carried out by utilizing the Gaussian 09^1 program package. The geometry optimizations were performed at the density functional theory (DFT) level, and the Becke's three parameter hybrid functional with the Lee-Yang-Parr correlation functional $(B3LYP)^2$ method was employed to do the calculations. The 6-31G*³ basic from the Gaussian basis set library has been used in all the calculations. The harmonic vibrational frequencies and zero-point energy corrections were calculated at the same level of theory. Single point energy were obtained at the B3LYP level in conjuction with the 6-311+G (2d, p)/B3LYP/6-31G.

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7. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra















8. HRMS Spectra of [1•Guest] Complexes







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9. LRMS Spectra of [1•Guest] Complexes





1• 1,8-Diaminooctane (*m/z* =692.3311)





1• 2,2'-(ethylenedioxyl)bis(ethylamine) (m/z =696.2878)

1• Di-*n*-propylamine (*m*/*z* =649.2891)



1• Di-*n*-hexylamine (*m*/*z* =733.3848)



1• Di-*n*-octylamine (*m*/*z* =789.4458)



1• Azetidine (*m/z* =605.2265)



1• Pyrrolidine (*m*/*z* =619.2413)



1• Piperidine (*m*/*z* =633.2578)



1• Triethylamine (*m*/*z* =649.2885)



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1• 1-Octylammonium ion (*m*/*z* =677.3212)



1• Di-n-octylammonium ion (m/z =789.4469)

