## **Supporting Information**

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# Chiral Self-assembly of Lactose Functionalized Perylene Bisimides as Multivalent Glycoclusters

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#### **Experiment Section**

**Analysis:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 600 or Bruker 400 spectrometer. Positive-ion matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization mass spectrometry was performed on an IonSpec QFT-MALDI MS. UV–Vis spectra were recorded in a quartz cell (light path 10 mm or 5 mm) on a Shimadzu UV-3600 spectrophotometer equipped with a S-1700 temperature controller. Turbidimetry assay<sup>1</sup> of the ligand-protein binding was mensurated on a Shimadzu UV-3600 spectrophotometer with quartz micro-cuvette (100  $\mu$ L volume, 1 cm path length). Scanning electron microscopic (SEM) image was recorded on JSM-7500F (JEOL). The sample was prepared by dissolution of **PBI-Lac** (4 × 10<sup>-5</sup> M) in pure water, and then the equivalent volume of MeOH was addition. The agglomerates can be obtained after filtration. The sample of the complexes of the self-assembly of **PBI-Lac** and PNA were prepared by adding 100  $\mu$ L of the solution of **PBI-Lac** (5 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M) into 1 mL of the solution of PNA (1 mg/mL) in the PBS buffer (pH = 7.4, 10 mM, 0.1 mM MnCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.1 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>). X-ray powder diffraction (XRD) pattern was performed on a D8 ADVANCE diffractometer (Bruker/Germang) with Cu K $\alpha$  radiation (40 kV, 100 mA). Circular dichroism spectra were performed on MOS-450 (BioLogic).

**Materials:** 3,4:9,10-perylenetetracarboxylic dianhydride was purchased from Alfa Aesar. Concanavalin A (Con A) lectin and Peanut agglutinin (PNA) lectin were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Bovine serum albumin (BSA) was purchased from Sangan Biotech (Shanghai). Unless otherwise indicated, all reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers, and were used without further purification. **Synthesis:** 

Scheme S1: Reagents and conditions: a) 3,4:9,10-perylenetetracarboxylic dianhydride, Zn(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, pyridine, 100 °C, 60%; b) MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O, NaOH, 95%.

Lac-2: 2'-aminoethyl hepta-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-lactoside (Lac-1) was synthesized

according to the literature procedures from D-Lactose.<sup>2</sup>

Synthesis of Lac-2: Lac-1 (1.70 g, 2.5 mmol), 3,4:9,10-perylenetetracarboxylic dianhydride (0.39 g, 1 mmol) and zinc acetate (0.22 g, 1 mmol) were mixed in pyridine (250 mL). The reaction mixtures were heated at 100 °C under N<sub>2</sub> for 72 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was removed at reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, washed with water, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and evaporated to dryness under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH ( $\nu/\nu = 15/1$ ) as the eluent to give the product as a red powder (1.03 g) at yield of 60%. m. p. 211.5-213.7 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 M Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): δ 1.90 (s, 6 H, -COCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.93 (s, 6 H, -COCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.99 (s, 6 H, -COCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.01(s, 6 H, -COCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.01 (s, 6 H, -COCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.07 (s, 6 H, -COCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.11 (s, 6 H, -COCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.62-3.64 (m, 2H), 3.78 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.83 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.88-3.91 (m, 2H), 4.01-4.10 (m, 6 H), 4.16-4.20 (m, 2H), 4.34-4.39 (m, 2H), 4.44-4.50 (m, 6H), 4.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.87-4.93 (m, 4H), 5.07 (dd, J =7.8 Hz, 10.2 Hz, 2 H), 5.17 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 2 H), 5.31 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 2 H), 8.21 (d, J =8.4 Hz, 4 H, Ph), 8.38 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 4 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 M Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm),  $\delta$ : 20.58, 20.68, 20.72, 20.86, 20.91, 39.60, 60.89, 62.16, 66.31, 66.75, 69.27, 70.78, 71.09, 71.65, 72.83, 72.94, 76.33, 100.59, 101.15, 122.91, 125.76, 128.93, 131.09, 134.00, 162.93, 169.13, 169.69, 169.76, 170.09, 170.18, 170.37, 170.43.

Synthesis of PBI-Lac: Compound Lac-2 (0.86 g, 0.5 mM) was dissolved in MeOH (20 mL), a solution of sodium hydroxide (2.0 mL, 8 mM in H<sub>2</sub>O, 16 equiv.) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature until disappearance of the starting material. The solid was filtered, washed with MeOH. PBI-Lac (0.53 g) was obtained with yield of 95%. m. p. 159.9-162.3 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 M Hz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, ppm):  $\delta$  3.10 (s, 2H), 3.16 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.48-3.76 (m, 18H), 3.98-4.34 (m, 12H), 4.50-4.78 (m, 12H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 7.80 (m, 8H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 M Hz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, ppm):  $\delta$  49.07, 60.88, 60.97, 68.62, 71.05, 73.68, 75.40, 75.99, 79.21, 79.43, 79.63, 81.13, 103.31, 104.35, 121.65, 123.68, 127.65, 130.30, 133.01, 162.59. MS (MALDI-TOF): 1149.289 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>.



**Fig. S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 M Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of **Lac-2**.



Fig. S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 M Hz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of Lac-2.



Fig. S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 M Hz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of compound PBI-Lac.



Fig. S4. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 M Hz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of compound PBI-Lac.



Fig. S5. MS spectrum of compound PBI-Lac.



Fig. S6. Concentration-dependent UV–Vis spectra of PBI-Lac in water at 25 °C, concentration range from  $6.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M to  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M.



**Fig. S7.** Concentration-dependent fluorescence spetra of **PBI-Lac** in water, concentration range from  $6.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M to  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M.



**Fig. S8.** Temperature-dependent UV-Vis spectra of **PBI-Lac**  $(1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  from 10 °C to 90 °C.



Fig. S9. Concentration-dependent CD spectra of PBI-Lac in water, concentration range from  $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M to  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M.



Fig. S10. Kinetic plot for the aggregation of PBI-Lac  $(2.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  in H<sub>2</sub>O/MeOH (50/50),  $\lambda = 494$  nm. The inset shows the photographs of PBI-Lac at the triggering state and the aggregation state.



Fig. S11. XRD data of PBI-Lac.



Fig. S12. CD spetra of PBI-Lac  $(1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$  upon addition of PNA (from  $3.3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$  to  $3.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$ ).

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