Formation of Organic Gel/Liquid Two-Layer Systems Using Diffusion-Controlled Gelation by a Helicene Derivative

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General methods. All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel 60N (40–50 μ m). NMR spectra were measured on a Varian-MR spectrometer (¹H at 400 MHz and ¹³C at 100 MHz). ¹H NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. ¹H NMR taken in benzene-*d*₆ (δ 128.0) was referenced to the residual solvent. ¹³C NMR spectra taken in CDCl₃ (δ 77.0) were referenced to the residual solvent. Melting points were determined with a Yanagimoto micro melting point apparatus without correction. Elemental analyses were conducted with Yanaco CHN CORDER MT-6. Optical rotations were measured on a JASCO P-1010 digital polarimeter. IR spectra were measured on a JASCO FT/IR-400 spectrophotometer. Low- and high-resolution mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMS DX-303, or a JEOL JMS AX-700 spectrometer. FAB mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMS DX-303, or a JEOL JMS AX-700 spectrometer by using 3-nitrobenzyl alcohol (NBA) matrix. Ultrasound irradiation was performed on a SMT SC-208.



Scheme S-1. Preparation of (*M*)-1 and (*M*)-2



(*M*)-5,8-bis{3-(*t*-Butoxycarbonylamino)-5-(decyloxycarbonyl)anilinomethyl}-1,12-d imethylbenzo[*c*]phenanthrene, (*M*)-5.

To a solution of diadehyde (*M*)- 6^1 (462 mg, 1.48 mmol) and HOAc (102 µl, 1.78 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was added a solution of aniline derivative **7** (581 mg, 1.48 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). After stirring at rt for 11 h, the mixture was concentrated. The residue was dissolved in THF–MeOH (2:1, 45 mL), to which NaBH₄ (1.68 g, 44.4 mmol) was

slowly added at 0 °C. After stirring at the temperature for 1 h, the reaction was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution, and the organic materials were extracted with AcOEt. The extract was washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford (M)-1 (482 mg, 0.698 mmol, 47%) and (M)-5 (415 mg, 0.390 mmol, 26%). (M)-1: Mp 149-150 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{19}$ +12.5 (c 1.0, THF). MS (FAB, NBA) Calcd for C₄₄H₅₄N₂O₅(M⁺): 690.4033. Found: 690.4034. IR (KBr) 3396, 2954, 2925, 2854, 1708, 1691, 1232, 1163 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C44H54N2O5) Calcd for: C, 76.49; H, 7.88; N, 4.05%. Found: C, 76.39; H, 7.97; N, 4.06%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.19-1.44 (m, 14H), 1.50 (s, 9H), 1.71 (quint, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.85 (br s, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 4.27 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (br s, 1H), 4.87 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, J = 13 13.2 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.31 (br s, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.1, 22.6, 23.4, 23.5, 25.9, 28.3, 28.6, 29.23, 29.26, 29.48, 29.51, 31.8, 46.3, 63.5, 65.1, 80.6, 106.7, 108.2, 108.7, 120.7, 120.8, 124.3, 125.2, 125.4, 125.9, 126.0, 128.20, 128.21, 130.3, 130.6, 131.4, 131.6, 131.8, 131.9, 132.8, 135.4, 136.8, 136.9, 139.5, 148.9, 152.7, 166.8.

(*M*)-5: Mp 127-128 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ +36.5 (c 0.25, CHCl₃). MS (FAB, NBA) Calcd for C₆₆H₈₈N₄O₈ (M⁺): 1064.6602. Found: 1064.6614. IR (KBr) 3384, 2954, 2925, 2854, 1703, 1234, 1159 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₆₆H₈₈N₄O₈) Calcd for: C, 74.40; H, 8.33; N, 5.26%. Found: C, 74.34; H, 8.27; N, 5.37%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.19-1.44 (m, 28H), 1.49 (s, 18H), 1.71 (quint, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.97 (s, 6H), 4.25 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 4H), 4.27 (br s, 2H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 2H), 4.92 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (s, 2H), 7.10 (s, 2H), 7.16 (s, 2H), 7.29 (br s, 2H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (s, 2H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.1, 22.7, 23.5, 26.0, 28.3, 28.7, 29.26, 29.28, 29.51, 29.53, 31.9, 46.5, 65.1, 80.6, 106.7, 108.2, 108.8, 120.9, 125.4, 125.5, 126.1, 128.3, 130.6, 131.4, 131.8, 132.0, 133.0, 137.0, 139.5, 148.9, 152.6, 166.7.



(M)-8-methoxymethyl-1,12-dimethylbenzo[c]phenanthrene-5-methanol, (M)-9.

To a solution of (M)-2¹ (253 mg, 0.800 mmol) in DMF (12 mL) was added NaH (60%) dispersion in mineral oil, 35.0 mg, 0.875 mmol) at 0°C. After stirring at the temperature, methyl iodide (50.0 µL, 0.800 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at rt for 4 h, and the reaction was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl aqueous solution. The organic materials were extracted with AcOEt. The extract was washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt = 4:1) to afford (M)-9 (125 mg, 0.38) mmol, 47%): Mp 161-163 °C (CH₂Cl₂-hexane). $[\alpha]_D^{19}$ –1571 (c 0.50, CHCl₃). LRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z 330 (M⁺, 100%), 299 (M⁺–MeO, 37%). HRMS m/z Calcd for C₂₃H₂₂O₂ (M⁺): 330.1620. Found: 330.1613. IR (KBr) 3438, 2960, 2925, 2868, 1119, 1088 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.86 (br s, 1H), 1.94 (s, 6H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 5.00 (dd, J = 11.8, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (dd, J = 11.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 7.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, J = 8.2, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, J = 8.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 23.4 (2 peaks), 58.3, 63.6, 73.2, 120.7, 121.1, 124.3, 125.6, 125.7, 125.95, 125.98, 128.17, 128.20, 130.3, 130.8, 131.2, 131.6, 131.7, 132.7, 135.3, 136.7, 136.9.

(*M*)-8-methoxymethyl-1,12-dimethylbenzo[*c*]phenanthrene-5-carbaldehyde, (*M*)-10.

To a stirred solution of (*M*)-9 (105 mg, 0.318 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) at 0 °C was added Dess-Martin periodinane (148 mg, 0.350 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated Na₂S₂O₃ aqueous solution, and the orgnic materials were extracted with AcOEt. The combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt = 8:1) to afford (*M*)-10 (79.1 mg, 0.241 mmol, 76%): Mp 181-183 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +149 (c 0.25, CHCl₃). LRMS (EI, 70 eV) *m/z* 328 (M⁺, 100%), 297 (M⁺-MeO, 37%). HRMS *m/z* Calcd for C₂₃H₂₀O₂ (M⁺): 328.1463. Found: 328.1466. IR (KBr) 2966, 2924, 1678, 1122, 1088 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 10.47 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ23.3, 23.4, 58.6, 72.9, 121.2, 122.3, 125.1, 127.5, 127.8, 128.7, 128.8, 129.3, 130.19, 130.21, 130.7, 131.3, 131.6, 132.3, 133.8, 136.4, 137.6, 137.8, 193.0.



(*M*)-5-{3-(*t*-Butoxycarbonylamino)-5-(decyloxycarbonyl)anilinomethyl}-8-methoxy methyl-1,12-dimethylbenzo[*c*]phenanthrene, (*M*)-3.

Mp 68-69 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{19}$ +17.2 (c 0.20, CHCl₃). MS (FAB, NBA) Calcd for C₄₄H₅₆N₂O₅(M⁺): 704.4189. Found: 704.4200. IR (KBr) 3356, 2952, 2925, 2854, 1714, 1703, 1234, 1159 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₄₄H₅₆N₂O₅) Calcd for: C, 76.67; H, 8.01; N, 3.97%. Found: C, 76.40; H, 7.97; N, 3.98%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.19-1.43 (m, 14H), 1.50 (s, 9H), 1.71 (quint, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 4.25 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.30 (br s, 1H), 4.86 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (s, 1H), 7.29 (br s, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.1, 22.7, 23.48, 23.49, 26.0, 28.3, 28.7, 29.26, 29.28, 29.51, 29.53, 31.9, 46.5, 58.4, 65.1, 73.2, 80.6, 106.6, 108.2, 108.7, 120.7, 121.1, 125.4, 125.6, 125.7, 125.9, 126.1, 128.2, 128.3, 130.6, 130.8, 131.3, 131.6, 131.9, 132.0, 132.8 (2 peaks), 136.7, 137.0, 139.5, 148.9, 152.6, 166.7.



Decyl 3-nitrobenzoate, 12. A mixture of 3-nitrobenzoic acid **11** (5.01 g, 30 mmol) and thionyl chloride (60 mL) was heated at reflux for 3 h. Excess thionyl chloride was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was azeotropically dried twice by adding and evaporating with dichloromethane (15 mL). To the residue, dichloromethane (60 mL), triethylamine (7.0 mL), and 1-decanol (6.3 mL, 33 mmol) were added successively, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 11 h.^{1, 2} The reaction was quenched by adding 2 M hydrochloric acid, and the organic materials were extracted with CH₂Cl₂ twice. The combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, and dried over

MgSO₄. The solvents were evaporated, and the residue was purificated by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt = 8:1) to give **12** (8.48 g, 27.6 mmol, 92%): Mp 31-32 °C. LRMS (EI, 70 eV) *m/z* 308 (M⁺+H, 4%), 169 (M⁺–decyl+3H, 48%), 168 (M⁺–decyl+2H, 47%), 151 (M⁺–decyloxy+H, 60%), 150 (M⁺–decyloxy, 64%). HRMS *m/z* Calcd for C₁₇H₂₆NO₄(M⁺ + H): 308.1862. Found: 308.1872. IR (KBr) 2956, 2927, 2856, 1535, 1351, 1294, 1263 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₁₇H₂₅NO₄) Calcd for: C, 66.43; H, 8.20; N, 4.56%. Found: C, 66.51; H, 8.20; N, 4.55%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.20-1.50 (m, 14H), 1.80 (quint, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.38 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 2.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.86 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.1, 22.7, 26.0, 28.6, 29.2, 29.3, 29.49, 29.51, 31.9, 66.1, 124.5, 127.3, 129.6, 132.3, 135.2, 148.3, 164.5.

Decyl 3-aminobenzoate, 13.

To a suspention of 12 (5.21 g, 16.9 mmol) and iron powder (25.2 g, 451 mmol) in ethanol (70 mL) and THF (70 mL) was added concentrated hydrochloric acid (8.0 mL) dropwise at room temperature. The mixture was heated at 90 °C for 18 h.^{2, 3} After being cooled to room temperature, insoluble materials were filtered through Celite[®], and washed with AcOEt. Saturated NaHCO₃ aqueous solution was added to the filtrate, and the organic materials were extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was washed with water and brine, and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvents were evaporated, and the residue was purificated by silica gel chromatography (hexane: AcOEt = 4:1) to give 13 (3.50 g, 12.6 mmol, 75%): Mp 28-29 °C. LRMS (EI, 70 eV) m/z 277 (M⁺, 100%), 137 $(M^+-decyl+H, 85\%)$. HRMS m/z Calcd for $C_{17}H_{27}NO_2$ (M^+) : 277.2042. Found: 277.2041. IR (KBr) 3471, 3377, 2954, 2925, 2854, 1709, 1290, 1238 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₁₇H₂₇NO₂) Calcd for: C, 73.61; H, 9.81; N, 5.05%. Found: C, 73.60; H, 9.93; N, 5.05%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.22-1.47 (m, 14H), 1.75 (quint, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (br s, 2H), 4.28 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (dd, J = 7.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, benzene- d_6) δ 14.3, 23.1, 26.3, 29.1, 29.6, 29.7, 29.89, 29.92, 32.3, 65.0, 115.9, 119.0, 119.4, 129.3, 132.2, 147.3, 166.7.



(M)-8-{3-(decyloxycarbonyl)anilidomethyl}-1,12-dimethylbenzo[c]phenanthrene-5-methanol, (M)-4 and

(*M*)-5,8-bis{3-(decyloxycarbonyl)anilinomethyl}-1,12-dimethylbenzo[*c*]phenanthre ne, (*M*)-14.

(M)-4: Mp 55-56 °C. [a]_D²⁰ -21.1 (c 0.20, CHCl₃). MS (FAB, NBA) Calcd for C39H45NO3(M⁺): 575.3399. Found: 575.3405. IR (KBr) 3406, 2924, 2854, 1716, 1238 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₃₉H₄₅NO₃) Calcd for: C, 81.35; H, 7.88; N, 2.43%. Found: C, 81.26; H, 7.94; N, 2.41%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.19-1.46 (m, 14H), 1.73 (quint, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 4.28 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.86 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (ddd, J = 8.2, 2.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.1, 22.7, 23.49, 23.51, 26.0, 28.7, 29.27, 29.29, 29.52, 29.54, 31.9, 46.4, 63.6, 65.1, 113.5, 117.0, 118.7, 120.7, 120.8, 124.3, 125.2, 125.5, 126.06, 126.08, 128.3 (2 peaks), 129.3, 130.3, 130.6, 131.4, 131.5, 131.7, 131.8, 133.0, 135.5, 136.9, 137.0, 148.2, 167.1. (*M*)-14: Mp 111-113 °C. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +36.9 (c 0.25, CHCl₃). MS (FAB, NBA) Calcd for C₅₉H₇₀N₂O₄ (M⁺): 834.5336. Found: 834.5330. IR (KBr) 3384, 2952, 2924, 2854, 1705 cm⁻¹. Anal. (C₅₉H₇₀N₂O₄) Calcd for: C, 80.53; H, 8.45; N, 3.35%. Found: C, 80.24; H, 8.45; N, 3.35%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.86 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.19-1.46 (m, 28H), 1.73 (quint, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 1.98 (s, 6H), 4.26 (br s, 2H), 4.28 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 4H), 4.86 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 4.92 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.47 (m, 6H), 7.60 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (s, 2H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ14.1, 22.7, 23.5, 26.0, 28.7, 29.26, 29.28, 29.51, 29.52, 31.9, 46.5, 65.0, 113.5, 117.0, 118.7, 120.7, 125.2, 125.4, 126.1, 128.3, 129.3, 130.6, 131.45, 131.54, 131.8, 133.1, 137.0, 148.1, 167.0.



7-{3-(*t*-Butoxycarbonylamino)-5-(decyloxycarbonyl)anilinomethyl}naphthalene-2methanol, 6 and

2,7-bis{3-(*t*-Butoxycarbonylamino)-5-(decyloxycarbonyl)anilinomethyl}naphthalene, 16.

6: Mp 120-121 °C. MS (FAB, NBA) Calcd for $C_{34}H_{46}N_2O_5(M^+)$: 562.3407. Found: 562.3405. IR (KBr) 3379, 2925, 2854, 1707, 1687, 1243, 1174 cm⁻¹. Anal. ($C_{34}H_{46}N_2O_5$) Calcd for: C, 72.57; H, 8.24; N, 4.98%. Found: C, 72.50; H, 8.46; N, 5.13%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.21-1.42 (m, 14H), 1.50 (s, 9H), 1.70 (quint, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (br s, 1H), 4.22 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.31 (br s, 1H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 4.83 (s, 2H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 7.23 (br s, 1H), 7.44 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.1, 22.7, 26.0, 28.3, 28.7, 29.26, 29.29, 29.52, 29.54, 31.9, 48.2, 65.1, 65.4, 80.6, 106.9, 108.4, 108.7, 125.0, 125.3, 125.8, 126.1, 128.1, 128.2, 131.9, 132.2, 133.4, 136.7, 138.7, 139.4, 148.8, 152.6, 166.7.

16: Mp 157-158 °C. MS (FAB, NBA) Calcd for $C_{56}H_{80}N_4O_8(M^+)$: 936.5976. Found: 936.5958. IR (KBr) 3425, 3332, 2954, 2927, 2854, 1716, 1699, 1232, 1163 cm⁻¹. Anal. ($C_{56}H_{80}N_4O_8$) Calcd for: C, 71.76; H, 8.60; N, 5.98%. Found: C, 71.76; H, 8.60; N, 5.98%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.20-1.43 (m, 28H), 1.50 (s, 18H), 1.71 (quint, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 4.24 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 4H), 4.28 (br s, 2H), 4.51 (s, 4H), 6.44 (s, 2H), 7.03 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (s, 2H), 7.23 (br s, 2H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.77 (s, 2H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.1, 22.7, 26.0, 28.3, 28.7, 29.26, 29.28, 29.52, 29.54, 31.9, 48.3, 65.1, 80.6, 106.8, 108.4, 108.7, 125.7, 126.0, 128.2, 131.9, 132.1, 133.5, 136.7, 139.5, 148.8, 152.6, 166.7.

Synthesis of organogel/organic liquid two-layer systems (Figure S1)

Typical procedures: In a glass tube (5.5 mm in spout-diameter), hexane (0.45 mL) was slowly added on a THF (0.15 mL) solution of (M)-1 (4.1 mg), which formed two-layer of hexane (1.4 cm height) and THF (0.6 cm height). Then, the mixture was subjected to ultrasonication (28.0 kHz, 0.34 Wcm⁻²) for 5 min. The upper layer (1.0 cm height) gelated, and the lower layer (1.0 cm height) remained liquid. The liquid nature of the lower layer was determined by mobility of blue silica gel initially added in the THF phase. Gel formation in the upper layer was concluded by non-flow nature of the mixture by turning upside down.





Figure S1. Synthesis of two-layered gel/liquid systems. (a) THF-hexane (1:3, v/v, total 0.60 mL; (*M*)-1, 4.1 mg), (b) AcOEt-hexane (1:2, v/v, total 0.60 mL; (*M*)-1, 2.1 mg), (c) CHCl₃-hexane (1:2, v/v, total 0.60 mL; (*M*)-1, 4.1 mg), (d) THF-undecane (1:2, v/v, total 0.60 mL; (*M*)-1, 8.3 mg), and (e) THF-Bu₃SiH (1:3, v/v, total 0.60 mL; (*M*)-1, 8.3 mg).

Homogeneous Gelation Experiments (Table S1, Figure S2, Table S2 & Figure S3)

Typical procedures: A THF-hexane solution (1:3, v/v, total 0.60 mL) of (*M*)-1 (4.1 mg) was placed in a capped glass tube (5.5 mm in spout-diameter). The solution was ultrasonicated (28.0 kHz, 0.34 Wcm⁻²) for 5 min. A homogeneous substance, which exhibited no gravitational flow by upending the tube, was obtained.

When a homogeneous substance was obtained that exhibited no gravitational flow, it was concluded to be a stable gel (G). When clear solution retained, it was marked soluble (S). If precipitate was formed, it was marked precipitate (P). State of samples before and just after sonication (28.0 kHz, 0.34 Wcm⁻², 5 min) was marked as State 1 and State 2, respectively.

Solvents		Solvent ratio (v/v, total 0.60 mL)	(<i>M</i>) -1 (mg)	State 1	State 2
THF (0.30 mL)	hexane (0.30 mL)	1:1	4.1	S	S
THF (0.20 mL)	hexane (0.40 mL)	1:2	4.1	S	S
THF (0.15 mL)	hexane (0.45 mL)	1:3	4.1	S	G
THF (0.12 mL)	hexane (0.48 mL)	1:4	4.1	S	G
THF (0.15 mL)	hexane (0.45 mL)	1:3	2.1	S	S
THF (0.60 mL)	—	_	4.1	S	S
hexane (0.60 mL)	_	_	4.1	I	Ρ
CHCl ₃ (0.30 mL)	hexane (0.30 mL)	1:1	4.1	S	S
CHCI ₃ (0.20 mL)	hexane (0.40 mL)	1:2	4.1	S	G
THF (0.20 mL)	undecane (0.40 mL)	1:2	4.1	S	S
THF (0.15 mL)	undecane (0.45 mL)	1:3	4.1	S	G
CpOMe (0.30 mL)	undecane (0.30 mL)	1:1	2.1	S	G
CpOMe (0.20 mL)	undecane (0.40 mL)	1:2	2.1	S	G

Table S1. Homogeneous gelation with (M)-1

S: soluble. G: gel. I: insoluble. P: precipitate.









(c)



ultrasound, 5 min



(d)









Figure S2. Homogeneous gelation. (a) THF-hexane (1:3, v/v, total 0.60 mL; (*M*)-1, 4.1 mg), (b) CHCl₃-hexane (1:2, v/v, total 0.60 mL; (*M*)-1, 4.1 mg), (c) THF-undecane (1:3, v/v, total 0.60 mL; (*M*)-1, 4.1 mg), (d) cyclopentyl methyl ether-undecane (1:2, v/v, total 0.60 mL; (*M*)-1, 2.1 mg), and (e) a mixure of (*M*)-1 (4.1 mg) and $C_{20}H_{42}$ (200 mg, 0.71 mmol) in CHCl₃ (0.20 mL).

Solvents		(±) -1 (mg)	concentration (mM)	State 1	State 2
THF (0.15 mL)	hexane (0.45 mL)	4.1	10	S	S
THF (0.10 mL)	hexane (0.30 mL)	4.1	15	S	G
THF (0.075 mL)	hexane (0.225 mL)	4.1	20	S	G

Table S2. Homogeneous gelation with (±)-1

S: soluble. G: gel.

Gelation of (±)-1 (Figure S3)



Figure S3. Gelation of (\pm) -1 in THF-hexane. Homogeneous solution of THF-hexane (1:3, v/v, total 0.40 mL) containing (\pm) -1 (4.1 mg) gave turbid gel by ultrasonication (28.0 kHz, 0.34 Wcm⁻²) for 5 min. Gel exhibited no gravitational flow by upending the tube.

Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM) (Figure S4 and S5)

AFM images were recorded under ambient conditions using a Digital Instrument Multimode Nanoscope IIIa operating in the tapping mode regime. Micro-fabricated silicon cantilever tips (OMCL-AC160TS-C2) were used. (*M*)-**1** (4.1 mg) and (\pm)-**1** (4.1 mg) gel in THF-hexane (1:3, v/v, total 0.60 mL; 1:3, total 0.40 mL respectively) was prepared in a glass tube by ultrasonication (28.0 kHz, 0.34 Wcm⁻²) for 5 min, and placed on freshly cleaved mica followed by the removal of the solvent *in vacuo*.

AFM analysis of (*M*)-1 gel (Figure S4)



Figure S4. AFM image (height mode) of the dried homogeneous (*M*)-1 (4.1 mg) gel (xerogel) obtained in THF-hexane (1:3, v/v, total 0.60 mL) by ultrasonication (28.0 kHz,

0.34 Wcm⁻², 5 min): (a) height image and (b) cross-sectional analysis. The horizontal distance (diameter) and the vertical distance (height) of one particle were 1300 and 160 nm, respectively.

500 nm 0 3 µm (b) 40 nm 0 Horizontal distance 270 nm Vertical distance 15 nm -40 2 0 1 μm

AFM analysis of (±)-1 gel (Figure S5)

(a)



Figure S5. AFM images of the dried homogeneous (±)-1 (4.1 mg) gel (xerogel) obtained in THF-hexane (1:3, v/v, total 0.30 mL) by ultrasonication (28.0 kHz, 0.34 Wcm⁻², 5 min): (a) height image and (b) cross-sectional analysis. The horizontal distance (diameter) and the vertical distance (height) of one fiber were 270 and 15 nm, respectively.

Sol/gel switching (Figure S6)



Figure S6. Sol/gel switching of homogeneous gel formed from (*M*)-1 (2.1 mg) in cyclopentyl methyl ether/undecane (1:1, v/v, total 0.60 mL). Switching was conducted by sonication at room temperature for 5 min and heating at 100 °C for 5 min. This ultrasonic/thermo-reversible switching was repeated three times.



Formation of a metastable gel/liquid state (Figure S7)

Figure S7. Experiment on the stability of two-layered gel/sol system in THF-hexane (1:3, v/v, total 0.60 mL; (*M*)-1, 4.1 mg). (a) Two-layer gel/liquid was formed in THF-hexane (1:3, v/v, total 0.60 mL; (*M*)-1, 4.1 mg). (b) After 15 h, mobility of blue silica gel confirmed two-layer gel/liquid structure. (c) Upended. (d) Ultrasonication (28.0 kHz, 0.34 Wcm⁻²) for 5 min gelated the lower layer. (e) The gel nature of the lower layer was determined by immobility of blue silica gel initially added in the THF phase.



Gelation by short-time ultrasonication (Figure S8)

Figure S8. Short-time ultrasonication induced gelation in THF-hexane (1:3, v/v, total 0.60 mL; (*M*)-1, 4.1 mg). (a) Two-liquid layer of THF (0.15 mL) containing (*M*)-1 (4.1 mg) and hexane (0.45 mL). (b) Gelation by ultrasonication (28.0 kHz, 0.34 Wcm⁻²) for 30 sec. Gel was formed at the central part in a glass-tube. (c) Turning upside down. Liquid layer fell down.



Gelation using a large amount of hexane (Figure S9)

Figure S9. Gelation in THF-hexane (1:5, v/v, total 0.90 mL; (*M*)-1, 4.1 mg). Gel was formed at the central position in a glass-tube. (a) Two-liquid layer of THF (0.15 mL) containing (*M*)-1 (4.1 mg) and hexane (0.75 mL). (b) Gelation by ultrasonication (28.0 kHz, 0.34 Wcm⁻²) for 30 sec. (c) Turning upside down, and upper layer fell down.

Six-layer system of water/liquid/gel/water/liquid/gel (Figure S10)

In a glass tube (5.5 mm in spout-diameter), three-layer system was formed by a sequence of slow addition of AcOEt solution (0.30 mL; (*M*)-1, 3.1 mg) and hexane (0.60 mL) on Cu(OAc)₂ (5.0 mg) aqueous solution (0.15 mL). Then, the mixture was subjected to ultrasonication (28.0 kHz, 0.34 Wcm⁻²) for 5 min. The upper layer gelated, and the lower layer remained liquid. Gel formation in the upper layer was concluded by non-flow nature of the mixture by turning upside down. Then, Cu(OAc)₂ aqueous solution (0.15 mL) was added on the three-layer. Addition of AcOEt solution (0.30 mL; (*M*)-1, 3.1 mg) and hexane (0.60 mL) followed by ultrasonication (28.0 kHz, 0.34 Wcm⁻²) for 5 min provided six-layer system of water/liquid/gel/water/liquid/gel. The system was stable enough to allow turning upside down.



Figure S10. Construction of six-layer system of water/liquid/gel/water/liquid/gel. (a) $Cu(OAc)_2$ aqueous solution (0.15 mL). (b) Added AcOEt solution (0.30 mL, (*M*)-1, 3.1 mg). (c) Added hexane (0.60 mL). (d) Afer sonication (28.0 kHz, 0.34 Wcm⁻², 5 min), three-layer of water/liquid/gel was obtained. (e) Gel in the upper layer exhibited no gravitational flow by upending the tube. (f) Repeating this procedure afforded a

six-layer system of water/liquid/gel/water/liquid/gel. (g) This system was stable enough to allow turning upside down.

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