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## Insights into H-aggregates and CH•••O hydrogen bonds mediated self-assembly of pyromellitic bisimide

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**Fig. S1.** NMR titration of bisimide receptor **1** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 14.80mM (500 MHz, 25  $^{\circ}$ C) with (a) 0.000, (b) 3.7, (c) 6.12, (d) 10.30, (e) 12.65 (f) 17.03 and(g) 44.32 mM of tryptophan methyl ester. The black circle indicate pyromelitic ring protons, and \* indicates Trp ring NH proton.



**Fig. S2.** NMR titration of bisimide receptor **2** in CDCl3 at 16.93 mM (500 MHz, 25 °C) with (a) 0.000, (b) 8.06, (c) 13.43, (d) 18.45, (e) 21.03 (f) 28.59 and(g) 31.24 mM of tryptophan methyl ester. The black circle indicate pyromellitic ring protons, and \* indicates Trp ring NH proton.







Fig. S4. B-H plot of bisimide 2-tryptophan complex.

**Table S1**: Binding constants of bisimides and tryptophan complexes.

Complex	K <sub>binding constant</sub> (M <sup>-1</sup> )	stoichiometric ratio
Bisimide 1-tryptophan	$2.94 \text{ X} 10^2$	1:1
Bisimide 2-tryptophan	9.06X 10	1:1



Fig. S5. Schematic presentation of synthesis of bisimides 1 and 2.



Fig. S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of bisimide 1.



Fig. S7. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of bisimide 1.



Fig. S8. Mass spectra of bisimide 1.



Fig. S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of bisimide 2 in CDCl<sub>3.</sub>





Fig. S11. Mass spectra of bisimide 2.



Fig. S12: absorption of Tryptophan methyl ester in chloroform, [0.00759mM].



**Fig. S13**: Emission spectra of Tryptophan methyl ester in chloroform, [0.00759mM]. Optical rotation of bisimide **1** [ $\alpha$ ] = -0.765, bisimide **2** [ $\alpha$ ] = -1.952.







Fig. S15: Concentration dependent UV/vis spectra of bisimide 2 in full range.