## **Electronic Supporting Information (ESI)**

## A chromatography-free total synthesis of a πconjugated ferrocene-containing dendrimer exhibiting the property to recognize 9,10diphenylantracene

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Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of 1.



Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCI<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) spectrum of 1.



Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of 2.



Figure S4. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) spectrum of 2.



Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCI<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of Fc-den.



*Figure S6.* <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of **Fc-den**.



*Figure S7.* <sup>1</sup>H DOSY NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 0.7 mM) spectrum of **Fc-den**. 5.20-4.00 ppm inset of the spectrum is also presented.



*Figure S8.* <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) spectrum of **Fc-den**.



Figure S9. FT-IR (ATR) spectrum of 1.



Figure S10. FT-IR (ATR) spectrum of 2.



Figure S11. FT-IR (ATR) spectrum of Fc-den.



*Figure S12.* HRMS (TOF) spectrum of **1** (top: measured, bottom: calculated).



Figure S13. HRMS (TOF) spectrum of 2 (top: measured, bottom: calculated).



Figure S14. HRMS (TOF) spectrum of Fc-den (top: measured, bottom: calculated).



Figure S15. UV-Vis spectra (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) of 1, 2 and Fc-den.



*Figure. S16.* <sup>1</sup>H DOSY NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 10.0 mM) spectrum of native 9,10-diphenylantracene.



*Figure. S17.* <sup>1</sup>H DOSY NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 10.0 mM) spectrum of 9,10diphenylantracene in the presence of compound **1** (10.0 mM).

**Table S1**. Calculation of  $K_{app}$  for the 9,10-diphenylantracene:**1** non-covalent system. For the details of this methodology, see: A. Kasprzak, M. Koszytkowska-Stawińska, A. M. Nowicka, W. Buchowicz, M. Poplawska. *J. Org. Chem.*, **2019**, *84*, 15900–15914. Diffusion coefficient values are given in 10<sup>-10</sup> m<sup>2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>. Molar fraction of the bound 9,10diphenylanthracene ( $x_b$ ) was calculated as follows:  $x_b = (D_{free} - D_{obs}) \cdot [(D_{free} - D_{bound})^{-1}]$ , where  $x_b$  is a molar fraction value of the bound 9,10-diphenylanthracene,  $D_{rree}$  is a diffusion coefficient value for the native 9,10-diphenylanthracene,  $D_{obs}$  stands for a diffusion coefficient value for the 9,10-diphenylanthracene in the non-covalent system,  $D_{bound}$  is a diffusion coefficient value for compound **1** in the non-covalent system.  $K_{app}$ value was calculated as follows:  $K_{app} = x_b \cdot [(1 - x_b) \cdot (0.01 \text{ M} - x_b \cdot 0.01 \text{ M})]^{-1}$ , where  $K_{app}$  [M<sup>-1</sup>] is an apparent binding constant,  $x_b$  is a molar fraction of the 9,10diphenylanthracene in the non-covalent system, 0.01 M is a concentration of 9,10diphenylanthracene and compound **1** in the sample.

D <sub>free</sub>	Dobs	Dound	Xb	<i>К</i> арр [М <sup>-1</sup> ]
9.621	7.112	3.763	0.428	131.045



*Figure. S18.* Cold-spray ESI-MS spectrum of the 9,10-diphenylantracene in the presence of 1 equiv of 1 (top: measured, bottom: calculated). The peak originating from the presence of 1:1 non-covalent system is marked with blue arrow.



*Figure S19.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of **Fc-den** after keeping the sample on air for 3 months.



*Figure S20.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) spectrum of **Fc-den** after the treatment with water (solid **Fc-den** was shaken in distilled water for 6 hours, filtered, washed with methanol, dried under high vacuum and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum was acquired).