## **Supporting Information**

## A Twist in the Non-Slanted H-mers to Control π-Conjugation in 2-Dimensions and Optical Properties

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#### **General Information**

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed in oven-dried glassware fitted with rubber septa under nitrogen atmosphere and were stirred with Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bars. Reagents used for the synthesis were purchased from Fisher, Acros, Alfa Aesar and Sigma Aldrich. All air or moisture-sensitive reactions were performed under nitrogen atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques. Thin layer chromatography was performed using Silica gel 60 F-254 precoated plates (0.25 mm) and visualized by UV irradiation, KMnO4 stain and yellow dip stain. Silica gel of particle size 230-400 mesh was used for flash chromatography. Unless otherwise stated, all starting materials and reagents were used without further purification. Centrifuge was conducted using Eppendorf 5415r Centrifuge.

<sup>1</sup>H spectra were recorded on Varian 400-MR NMR. Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  (ppm) relative to the residual solvent peak CDCl<sub>3</sub>: 7.26, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO: 2.50, (7.96, 2.94, 2.78 DMF in (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO), 8.02 (CHCl<sub>3</sub> in (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO) and MeOH-D4: 3.31, 2.03 (acetonitrile in MeOH-D4) for <sup>1</sup>H. Coupling constants (*J*) are expressed in Hertz (Hz). Splitting patterns are designated as s(singlet), br(broad signal), d(doublet), t(triplet), dd(doublet of doublets), dt(doublet of triplets), ddd(doublet of doublets of doublets), dq(doublet of quartets), m(multiplet), and q(quartet). High resolution TOF-EI+ and High resolution MALDI mass spectra were recorded in the Mass Spectrometry laboratory, School of Chemical Sciences at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. UV-vis absorption spectra were recorded on Agilent Technologies Cary Series 5000 UV-vis-NIR Spectrophotometer. Fluorescence absorption spectra were recorded on Horiba Scientific Fluoromax-4 Spectrophotometer. The column chromatography of UV active compounds was performed on Biotage Isolera one 3.0.

The fluorescence quenching studies of H-mer 3 were performed in the solution state by adding different concentrations of quencher (TCNE) in v/v to the 40  $\mu$ M solution of H-mer solution in chlorobenzene and emission spectra were recorded. PXRD data was collected on a

Rigaku R-Axis Rapid-S diffractometer equipped with a curved image plate detector and a three-circle goniometer. Data was collected using a Cu k-alpha ( $\lambda = 1.5418$  Å) fine-focus sealed tube source with a graphite monochromator. S2 Samples were packed into a 0.3mm kapton film capillary which was mounted onto the goniometer head.

Fluorescence lifetime decay measurements were conducted following the reported protocols.<sup>1</sup> The fluorescence lifetime decay measurements were performed using a Q-25 Lifetime add-on to the PTi Photon Technology International Fluorometer QuantaMaster 40. The samples were excited with a PTi-L375 Class 1 LED source (375 nm) and observed at their respective emission maxima. The instrument response function (IRF) was recorded with respect to a dilute LUDOX (Sigma-Aldrich) AS-40 colloidal silica suspension in water. Fluorescence lifetime exponential fits were all executed using Felix32 version 4.9 software.

Quantum yields were determined by making four solutions of each H-mer in chloroform such that their maximum absorbance was below 0.1. The emission spectra of these solutions were recorded by irradiating them at their corresponding  $\lambda_{max}^{abs}$ . The resulting emission spectra were then integrated. The integration value of each solution was then plotted against the respective absorption.

Four solutions of 9,10-diphenylanthracene were made in ethanol such that the maximum absorbance at the  $\lambda_{max}^{abs}$  of the corresponding H-mer was below 0.1. The emission spectra of these solutions were then recorded (using the same experimental parameters as the corresponding H-mer) by exciting at the  $\lambda_{max}^{abs}$  of the corresponding H-mer. The resulting spectra were integrated. The integration value of each solution was then plotted against the respective absorption.

To obtain the quantum yield, the following equation was used:

$$Q_s = Q_r \left(\frac{m_s}{m_r}\right) \left(\frac{n_s}{n_r}\right)^2$$

Where

Q = quantum yield

m = slope of generated plots

n = refractive index of the solvent

"s" and "r" refer to the sample and reference, respectively

**NMR experiments:** Due to the planar chirality both pR and pS cyclophanes are formed during the synthesis hence the all the monosubstituted cyclophane compounds are racemic in nature. The racemic cyclophane is used to make H-mers. Since each H-mer contains four cyclophanes there is a possibility of formation of 16 stereoisomers for each H-mer. Some of them will be meso compounds, hence each H-mer is a mixture of at



H-mer containing 4 cyclophanes. Each cyclophane could be either pR or pS chirality

least 10 diastereomers. Approximately close chemical shifts of the protons of various diastereomers result in broad peaks for each proton. The combination of all the diastereomer peaks together result in broad peaks for each proton.

Due to lower solubility limit of H-mers and presence of at least 10 diastereomers there are fewer carbon peaks in H-mers. Also, due to lower solubility, the tetrafluoro intermediates (9b and 10b) showed very few or no peaks in the carbon NMR. Saturated solutions of H-mers are prepared for NMR studies. The solubility of H-mers in DMSO increased with increase in temperature.

### **Procedures for the synthesis of H-mers:**

Synthesis of compounds 2-5 were reported by us previously.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Procedure for the Synthesis of 2-bromo-1,4-bis(bromomethyl)benzene**<sup>3</sup>:

The synthesis of (2-bromo-1,4-bis(bromomethyl)benzene) was performed using a modified procedure from literature. Benzene was used as the solvent. (30% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 4.41 (s, 2H).

## Procedure for the Synthesis of $(\pm)-5^2$ -bromo-3,7-dithia-1(5,7)-adamantana-5(1,4)benzenacyclooctaphane (6):

A benzene solution of 2-bromo-1,4-bis(bromomethyl)benzene (3.75 g, 10.95 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and adamantane-1,3-diyl)dimethanethiol (5) (2.5 g, 10.95 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added dropwise over period of 48 h into a solution of KOH (1.35 g, 24.09 mmol, 2.2 equiv.) in absolute ethanol (1 L) using dilution. The solution was refluxed for another 24 h and the whole reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was separated

chromatographically on silica gel with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/*n*-hexanes gradient (0 to 20% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) as the eluent to yield **6** as a white crystalline solid (1.57 gm, 35% yield).  $R_f = 0.50$  (10% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 44.2 Hz, 1H), 3.95 – 3.59 (m, 2H), 3.54 – 3.32 (m, 2H), 2.64 (s, 2H), 1.98 – 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.57 – 1.31 (m, 5H), 1.24 – 0.87 (m, 6H), -0.23 (d, J = 66.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  142.62, 138.84, 134.30, 132.38, 129.61, 124.64, 44.51, 42.86, 38.78, 37.97, 36.60, 36.53, 33.89, 33.83, 29.07, 29.01. HRMS (TOF MS-EI+) m/z 408.0572 [M]<sup>+</sup>; calculated for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BrS<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 408.0581.

# Procedure for the Synthesis of $(((\pm)-3,7-dithia-1(5,7)-adamantana-5(1,4)-benzenacyclooctaphane-5<sup>2</sup>-yl)ethynyl)trimethylsilane (7):$

In an oven dried Schlenk flask, compound **6** (530 mg, 1.294 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was taken and brought into the glovebox. Bis(tri-*tert*-butylphosphine)palladium(0) (33 mg, 0.064 mmol, 5 mol %) and copper (I) iodide (25 mg, 0.129 mmol, 10 mol %) were added along with degassed piperidine (4 mL). TMS-acetylene (272  $\mu$ L, 1.941 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added subsequently and the reaction mixture was stirred at 50°C for 1h. The crude mixture was evaporated and the residue was separated chromatographically on silica gel with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/*n*-hexanes gradient (0 to 15% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) as the eluent to yield 7 as a white solid (485 mg, 88% yield). R<sub>f</sub> = 0.51 (10% EtOAc in hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.09 (s, 0H), 7.43 (d, J = 75.3 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 4.29 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 1H), 3.46 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 2H), 2.73 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.24 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (d, J = 44.5 Hz, 3H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 4H), 0.98 – 0.84 (m, 2H), 0.26 (s, 9H), -0.18 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.24, 140.61, 134.45, 133.88, 133.69, 132.23, 132.13, 130.81, 130.59, 128.64, 128.52, 124.29, 123.04, 104.05, 98.99, 44.83, 44.46, 42.83, 38.84, 38.27, 36.61, 35.17, 33.90, 29.10, 29.05, 0.35, 0.12, 0.07, -0.21.; HRMS (TOF MS-EI+) m/z 426.1859 [M]<sup>+</sup>; calculated for [C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>32</sub>S<sub>2</sub>S<sub>1</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 426.1871.

## Procedure for the Synthesis of $(\pm)-5^2$ -ethynyl-3,7-dithia-1(5,7)-adamantana-5(1,4)benzenacyclooctaphane (8):

Compound 7 (480mg, 1.125 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was taken in THF and cooled to 0 °C. Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1.23 mL, 1.237 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with  $CH_2Cl_2/n$ -hexane gradient (0 to 15%  $CH_2Cl_2$ ) as the eluent to **8** as a white solid (386 mg, 97% yield).  $R_f = 0.48$ 

(10% EtOAc in hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 6.96 (m, 1H), 4.36 – 4.00 (m, 1H), 3.71 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.57 – 3.15 (m, 3H), 2.80 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 2.15 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (d, J = 43.6 Hz, 3H), 1.57 – 1.31 (m, 4H), 1.12 (s, 4H), 0.92 (s, 2H), 0.00 – (-0.42) (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  143.32, 140.78, 134.76, 134.31, 130.93, 123.11, 121.95, 83.03, 81.49, 44.83, 44.56, 42.81, 38.77, 38.20, 36.54, 35.13, 33.84, 33.77, 29.02.; HRMS (TOF MS-EI+) m/z 354.1470 [M]<sup>+</sup>; calculated for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>26</sub>S<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 354.1476.

# Procedure for the Synthesis of 1,4-bis(4,7-dibromo-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)benzene (9a):

In an oven dried round-bottom flask 3,6-dibromo-1,2-benzenediamine (250 mg, 0.94 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and terepthaldehyde (63 mg, 0.47 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) were taken in chloroform (60 mL). Zirconium (IV) chloride (88 mg, 0.376 mmol, 0.4 equiv.) was added and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The solvent was evaporated and the crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH gradient (5 to 16% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) as the eluent. The product was recrystallized from acetonitrile and Et<sub>2</sub>O (1:1) to synthesize **9a** as a yellow solid (220 mg, 32% yield).  $R_f = 0.1$  (10% CH<sub>3</sub>OH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.51 (s, 4H), 7.40 (s, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  152.28, 138.95, 130.71, 127.88, 126.45, 112.72, 107.06, 102.51.; HRMS (TOF MS-EI+) m/z 621.7642 [M]<sup>+</sup>; calculated for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Br<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 621.7639.

#### Procedure for the Synthesis of H-mer 1:

In an oven dried Schlenk flask, **9a** (30 mg, 0.048 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and **8** (118 mg, 0.33 mmol, 7.0 equiv.) were taken and brought into the glovebox. Bis(tri-*tert*-butylphosphine)palladium(0) (6 mg, 0.009 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) and copper (I) iodide (3 mg, 0.019 mmol, 0.4 equiv.) were added along with degassed DMF and piperidine. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100°C for 14h. The crude mixture was evaporated and washed with approximately 5 ml of water and centrifuged. The process was repeated again and after removal of water, the mixture was dissolved in ethyl acetate. The residue was separated chromatographically on silica gel with EtOH/n-hexanes gradient (0 to 40% EtOH), followed by MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 to 10% MeOH) as the eluent to obtain **H-mer 1** as a yellow solid (20 mg, 25% yield).  $R_f = 0.15$  (40% EtOAc in hexane). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-D6)  $\delta$  8.65 (s, 4H), 7.48 (s, 17H), 3.76 (s, 7H), 3.60 (s, 7H), 3.09 (s, 4H), 1.34 (ddd, J = 196.8, 151.9, 44.5 Hz, 55H), -0.13 (s, 8H). <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  133.84, 123.35, 109.79, 42.88,

40.00, 37.24, 33.94, 32.07, 29.84, 29.80, 29.50, 22.83, 14.26.; HRMS (MALDI-DCTB matrix) m/z 1719.6636  $[M+H]^+$ ; calculated for  $[C_{108}H_{110}N_4S_8]^+$ : 1718.6496.

# Procedure for the Synthesis of 1,4-bis(4,7-dibromo-1-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazol-2-yl)benzene (10a):

In an oven dried round bottom flask, **9a** (100 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was taken. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (154 mg, 1.12 mmol, 7.0 equiv.) and MeI (114 mg, 0.80 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) were added along with DMF (3 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 25°C for 24h. The crude mixture was evaporated and the residue was separated chromatographically on silica gel with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/*n*-hexanes gradient (10 to 45% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) as the eluent to yield **10a** as a white compound (54 mg mg, 52% yield).  $R_f = 0.12$  (75% EtOAc in hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 8.03 (s, 4H), 7.44 (s, 4H),4.13 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  155.14, 142.69, 133.62, 130.74, 130.16, 128.31, 126.22, 112.29, 102.60, 34.87.; HRMS (TOF MS-EI+): m/z 649.7925 [M]<sup>+</sup>; calculated for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Br<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 649.7952.

#### **Procedure for the Synthesis of H-mer 2:**

H-mer 2 was synthesized from compound 10a using the same procedure used for H-mer 1. The residue was separated chromatographically on silica gel with EtOH/n-hexanes gradient (0 to 40% EtOH), followed by MeOH/ CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 to 10% MeOH) as the eluent to obtain H-mer 2 as a yellow solid (28 mg, 37% yield).  $R_f$  = 0.25 (10% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.07 (s, 3H), 7.77 – 7.30 (m, 19H), 4.39 (s, 6H), 4.16 – 4.07 (m, 2H), 3.84 – 3.35 (m, 13H), 2.67 (s, 6H), 1.90 (s, 6H), 1.58 (s, 7H), 1.41 (s, 19H), 1.11 (d, J = 20.2 Hz, 18H), 0.91 – 0.83 (m, 24H), -0.13 (d, J = 54.3 Hz, 8H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 32.07, 29.85, 29.51, 22.84, 14.27.; HRMS (MALDI-DCTB matrix) m/z 1747.6710 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>; calculated for [C<sub>110</sub>H<sub>114</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>8</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 1746.6809.

## Procedure for the Synthesis of 2,2'-(perfluoro-1,4-phenylene)bis(4,7-dibromo-1Hbenzo[d]imidazole) (9b):

Compound **9b** was synthesized from 3,6-dibromo-1,2-benzenediamine and tetrafluoroterepthaldehyde using the same procedure used for compound **9a**. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH gradient (5 to 16% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) as the eluent. The product was recrystallized from acetonitrile and Et<sub>2</sub>O (1:1) to obtain **9b** as a white solid (117 mg, 45% yield).  $R_f = 0.15$  (75% EtOAc in hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOH-D<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.54 (s, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  140.43.; HRMS (TOF MS-EI+): m/z 693.7288 [M]<sup>+</sup>; calculated for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>6</sub>Br<sub>4</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 693.7262.

# Procedure for the Synthesis of 2,2'-(perfluoro-1,4-phenylene)bis(4,7-dibromo-1-methyl-1H-benzo[d]imidazole) (10b):

Compound **10b** was synthesized from compound **9b** using the same procedure used for compound **10a**. The crude mixture was evaporated and the residue was separated chromatographically on silica gel with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/*n*-hexanes gradient (10 to 45% CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) as the eluent to yield **10b** as a yellow solid (54 mg, 52% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.54 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 4H), 4.17 – 3.98 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR could not be taken because of limited solubility. HRMS (TOF MS-EI+): m/z 721.7562 [M]<sup>+</sup>; calculated for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Br<sub>4</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 721.7575.

#### **Procedure for the Synthesis of H-mer 3:**

**H-mer 3** was synthesized from compound **10b** using the same procedure used for **H-mer 1**. The residue was separated chromatographically on silica gel with EtOH/n-hexanes gradient (0 to 40% EtOH), followed by MeOH/ CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 to 10% MeOH) as the eluent to obtain **H-mer 3** as a yellow solid (30 mg, 40% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72 – 7.29 (m, 13H), 7.13 (d, J = 52.1 Hz, 4H), 4.15 (s, 6H), 3.83 – 3.39 (m, 11H), 3.15 (d, J = 45.9 Hz, 5H), 2.88 (s, 3H), 2.67 (s, 5H), 2.33 (d, J = 44.1 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (s, 10H), 1.44 – 1.04 (m, 37H), 0.98 – 0.85 (m, 10H), -0.13 (d, J = 53.6 Hz, 8H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  142.79, 141.23, 140.65, 135.33, 133.98, 132.28, 132.18, 132.07, 132.04, 128.69, 128.57, 125.16, 44.85, 42.94, 39.20, 38.90, 38.36, 37.23, 36.78, 36.70, 36.54, 34.01, 33.97, 32.89, 32.34, 32.06, 30.17, 29.87, 29.83, 29.79, 29.49, 29.15, 29.06, 27.22, 26.87, 26.53, 24.05, 23.56, 22.83, 19.87, 19.37, 14.26.; HRMS (MALDI-DCTB matrix) m/z 1947.8053 [M+8O+H]<sup>+</sup>; calculated for [C<sub>110</sub>H<sub>110</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S<sub>8</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 1818.6432.

#### Figure S1: High temp and room temp NMR of H-mer 1 (DMSO-D6)





# Figure S2: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) of H-mer 1 at 80°C

5.71ppm corresponds to  $CD_2Cl_2$  peaks in  $(CD_3)_2SO$ 





Figure S3: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) of H-mer 2 at 25°C and 80°C

Figure S4: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) of H-mer 3 at 25°C and 80°C







Figure S6: High temperature absorption spectra of H-mer 2







Figure S8: Quantum yields of H-mers relative to 9,10-diphenylanthracene





Figure S9: UV/Vis absorption in the presence of TFA



Figure S10: UV/Vis absorption in the presence of TBAOH



#### Lifetimes of H-mer 1 – 3

Figure S11: PL lifetime measurements for H-mers.



Sample preparation for lifetime studies:

 $20 \ \mu$ M samples of each H-mer were prepared (H-mer-1 and H-mer-2 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>, H-mer-3 in Hexanes). The samples were diluted to obtain an intensity value between 5 and 8. H-mer 3 did not emit as strongly, so we used the maximum intensity we could get without sacrificing resolution. The intensity of the IRF was made to match the intensity of the H-mer in question.

Table S1: HOMO/LUMO values from DFT Studies:

	H-mer 1	H-mer 2	H-mer 3
LUMO (eV)	-2.143	-1.974	-2.054
HOMO (eV)	-5.166	-5.096	-5.167
Electronic energy (Hartree)	-2533.02	-2611.62	-3008.53

Calculations performed using methyl substituent instead of adamantane cycloalkyl group.

Calculations performed at the DFT B3LYP/6-31G\* level of theory.

All three H-mers had zero imaginary frequencies.

Table S2: Atomic coordinates of H-mers 1-3

H-mer 1				
Tag	Symbol	Х	Y	Z
1	С	3.811685	5.957128	4.920554
2	С	4.082348	4.867342	4.094163
3	С	4.89937	6.6342	5.489786
4	С	5.402268	4.450103	3.827602
5	С	6.209278	6.231099	5.233688
6	С	6.494144	5.142358	4.406073
7	С	5.616006	3.32989	2.976196

8	С	5.77195	2.369344	2.244492
9	С	5.948681	1.251728	1.393281
10	С	4.844425	0.571845	0.822123
11	С	7.223493	0.756057	1.069195
12	С	5.032998	-0.54335	-0.02758
13	С	7.397223	-0.34349	0.226928
14	Н	8.095751	1.248616	1.486311
15	С	6.317888	-1.03647	-0.35771
16	Н	8.401846	-0.68564	0.000141
17	С	6.560926	-2.13733	-1.22185
18	С	6.828042	-3.06922	-1.96052
19	С	7.134348	-4.15908	-2.82518
20	С	8.463785	-4.63528	-2.93771
21	С	6.106017	-4.76637	-3.57426
22	С	8.700472	-5.70712	-3.80215
23	С	6.355337	-5.8354	-4.43357
24	Н	5.094554	-4.38113	-3.47563
25	С	7.674284	-6.29911	-4.53645
26	Н	9.714774	-6.08662	-3.90178
27	N	3.756519	-0.94692	-0.38211
28	N	3.504737	0.841865	0.97474
29	С	2.891448	-0.06483	0.246922
30	С	1.424615	-0.13012	0.114654
31	С	0.783805	-0.11815	-1.12948
32	С	0.601874	-0.12857	1.248425
33	С	-0.60187	-0.12855	-1.24842
34	С	-0.7838	-0.11816	1.129489
35	С	-1.42461	-0.13012	-0.11465
36	С	-2.89145	-0.06482	-0.24692
37	N	-3.75652	-0.94692	0.382099
38	N	-3.50473	0.841888	-0.97472
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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 2-bromo-1,4-bis(bromomethyl)benzene

## <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 6



# <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 6



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 7



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# <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 8



# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) of 9a



## <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) of 9a



#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) of H-mer 1

7.95, 2.94, 2.78ppm peaks correspond to DMF; 8.30ppm peak corresponds to CHCl<sub>3</sub>; 5.75ppm peak corresponds to CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO



# <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of H-mer 1



1.16ppm peak corresponds to silicone grease

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) of 10a



## <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) of 10a



79.15ppm peak corresponds to CHCl<sub>3</sub> in (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of H-mer 2

5.3ppm peak corresponds to CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in CDCl<sub>3</sub>







# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOH-D1) of 9b



# <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) of 9b



1.18, 118.10 ppm peaks corresponds to MeCN in DMSO

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) of 10b









# <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of H-mer 3





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