# Electronic Supplementary Information

## Luminescent chiral triangular prisms capable of forming double

## helices for detecting traces of acids and anion recognition

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### **Experimental Procedures**

#### **Section A. General Information**

All commercially available reagents were used without further purification. Anhydrous THF was prepared on a solvent drying system. All CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and CHCl<sub>3</sub>, unless otherwise stated, were deacidified with potassium carbonate (K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>) for 24 h, and the remaining K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> was removed by filtration. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel HSGF254 (Huang Hai, China). Column chromatography was carried out using 300–400 mesh silica gel (Huang Hai, China).

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (NMR): Solution NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVANCE NEO 500 MHz (equipped with Bruker 5 mm direct broadband BBFO RT Probe and BBO CryoProbe) with working frequencies of 500 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H, as well as 126 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C nuclei. CDCl<sub>3</sub> was used as the deuterated solvent. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to the resonances corresponding to the residual non-deuterated solvents (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta_{\rm H} = 7.26$  ppm for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and  $\delta_{\rm C} =$ 77.16 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C NMR). The resonances have been designated as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), m (multiplet), spin coupling constant *J* (Hz). All spectra were processed with Bruker TopSpin 4.0.7 software.

**High-Resolution Mass Spectrometry (HRMS):** HRMS spectra were measured on a Waters Synapt-G2-Si Electrospray Ionization Time-of-Flight (ESI-TOF) mass spectrometer.

**Infrared Spectroscopy (IR):** IR-Spectra were recorded on a Nicolet iS50 FTIR micro spectrometer.

Melting points (Mp.): The non-corrected melting points were determined with a SGW X-4A micromelting point meter.

Single-Crystal X-Ray Crystallography: Single-crystal X-ray diffraction (SCXRD) data were collected on a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer with PHOTON III detector in shutterless mode with an incoatec microfocus source (Mo-Diamond  $K_{\alpha}$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) equipped with an Oxford 800 Plus liquid nitrogen vapor cooling device. Fluorescence Spectroscopy: Fluorescence spectra were recorded on an FS5 Fluorescence Spectrometer (Edinburgh Instruments Ltd., Livingston) using a 1-cm quartz cell in the wavelength range of 200–900 nm. Unless otherwise stated, all experiments were carried out at room temperature. All PL spectra were collected at excitation wavelength of 380 nm. The dwelling time for each curve is 0.2 s, while the

measuring time is 81 s.

**Photoluminescence Lifetime and Quantum Efficiency:** The lifetime and photoluminescence quantum efficiency were obtained on an Edinburgh steady state and time-resolved Photoluminescence Spectrometer (FLS1000+FS5) at room temperature. The concentrations of (*R*)- and (*S*)- $\Delta$  in CHCl<sub>3</sub> are 1×10<sup>-5</sup> M and 1×10<sup>-6</sup> M, respectively. **UV-Vis Spectroscopy:** UV-vis absorption measurements were performed on a SHIMADZU UV-2700 spectrometer making use of conventional quartz cells with 1 cm pathlength. The slit width was set to be 2 nm. All absorbance spectra were recorded at room temperature.

Circular Dichroism Spectroscopy (CD): CD spectra were collected on a Chirascan V100 spectrometer at room temperature. The concentrations of (R)- and (S)- $\Delta$  in CHCl<sub>3</sub>

are  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  M.

Circularly Polarized Luminescence Spectroscopy (CPL): CPL spectra were measured on a JASCO CPL-300 at room temperature. The concentration of (*R*)- and (*S*)- $\Delta$  in CHCl<sub>3</sub> is 2×10<sup>-4</sup> M.

**Crystal Photography:** The crystal photos were taken by a BKL-AL20 Honor V10 phone and microscope under ambient conditions.

### Section B. Syntheses of (*R*)- and (*S*)- $\Delta$

#### **1. Synthetic Details**

Scheme S1 Synthesis of Compound 1.



Tetrakis(4-bromophenyl)ethylene (4) and tetrakis(4-benzaldehyde)ethylene (1) were synthesized according to a reported procedure [1].

Scheme S2 Synthesis of (R)- $\Delta$ .



(*R*)- $\Lambda$ . A solution of (1*R*,2*R*)-diaminocyclohexane ((*RR*)-2, 45.6 mg, 0.4 mmol) in a mixed anhydrous solvent of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH (1:1, 6 mL) was added to a solution of **1** (88 mg, 0.2 mmol) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH (1:1, 28 mL) under an N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Catalytic amounts of trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) were added to the mixture and left to stand at room temperature. After 12 days, small yellow crystals appeared. The resulting yellow crystals were collected by filtration, and then dried. The remaining solid was recrystallized from CHCl<sub>3</sub> and MeOH to afford (*R*)- $\Lambda$  as yellow crystals (118 mg) in 88% yield. Mp. > 280 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K)  $\delta_H$  = 7.82 (s, 2H, H7), 7.76 (s, 2H, H7), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H, H8), 7.03 – 6.95 (m, 8H, H9 and H11), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H, H10), 3.34 – 3.08 (m, 4H, H1 and H6), 2.20 – 1.39 (m, 16H, H2,

H3, H4, and H5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K)  $\delta_C$  = 164.2, 161.7, 144.6, 144.3, 140.1, 135.4, 134.7, 131.5, 131.4, 127.3, 126.8, 73.2, 71.9, 32.5, 32.4, 24.5, 24.3; ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>126</sub>H<sub>120</sub>N<sub>12</sub>: m/z = 901.4957 [M + 2H]<sup>2+</sup>; found: 901.4970.

Scheme S3 Synthesis of (S)- $\Delta$ .



(*S*)-**A**. The enantiomer (*S*)-**A** (120 mg) was obtained in 90% yield from (1*S*,2*S*)diaminocyclohexane ((*SS*)-**2**, 45.6 mg, 0.4 mmol) and **1** (88 mg, 0.2 mmol) following the same procedure as that described above for (*R*)-**A**. Mp. > 280 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K)  $\delta_H$  = 7.82 (s, 2H, H7), 7.76 (s, 2H, H7), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H, H8), 7.04 – 6.95 (m, 8H, H9 and H11), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H, H10), 3.33 – 3.08 (m, 4H, H1 and H6), 2.20 – 1.39 (m, 16H, H2, H3, H4 and H5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K)  $\delta_C$  = 164.2, 161.7, 144.6, 144.3, 140.1, 135.4, 134.7, 131.5, 131.4, 127.3, 126.8, 73.2, 71.9, 32.5, 32.4, 24.5, 24.3; ESI-HRMS Calcd for C<sub>126</sub>H<sub>120</sub>N<sub>12</sub>: *m/z* = 901.4957 [*M* + 2H]<sup>2+</sup>; found: 901.4926.

### 2. NMR Spectroscopy



**Figure S1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K) of (*R*)-Δ.



Figure S2 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K) of (*R*)-Δ.



**Figure S3** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K) of **(S)-**Δ.



Figure S4  $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298K) of (S)- $\Delta$ .

### 3. High-Resolution Mass Spectrometry



Figure S5 HRMS spectra of (a) (*R*)- $\Delta$  and (b) (*S*)- $\Delta$ . The experimentally obtained isotopic distribution patterns (red) for (*R*)- $\Delta$  ([*M* + 2H]<sup>2+</sup>) and (*S*)- $\Delta$  ([*M* + 2H]<sup>2+</sup>) correlate well with the calculated patterns (black), respectively.

### 4. Infrared Spectroscopy



Figure S6 IR spectra of (a) (*R*)- $\Delta$  and (b) (*S*)- $\Delta$  in solid states.

### Section C. Single-Crystal X-ray Crystallography of (R)- and (S)- $\Delta$

### Single crystals of (*R*)- and (*S*)- $\Delta$

Single crystals of (*R*)- and (*S*)- $\Delta$  were obtained as regular yellow blocks by slow liquid-liquid diffusion of MeOH into a CHCl<sub>3</sub> solution at room temperature for two days.

### Single-crystal-to-single-crystal transformation of (R)- $\Delta$ to $[I_3 \subset (R)$ - $\Delta]$

A saturated solution of tetrabutylammonium triiodide (TBAI<sub>3</sub>) in MeOH was added to crystals of (**R**)- $\Delta$  within mother liquor, and allowed to diffuse for one day to afford the inclusion complex [I<sub>3</sub>- $\subset$ (**R**)- $\Delta$ ] as regular purplish black block crystals.

X-Ray diffraction (XRD) measurements were performed on a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer with PHOTON III detector in shutterless mode with an incoatec microfocus source (Mo-Diamond  $K_a$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) equipped with an Oxford 800 Plus liquid nitrogen vapor cooling device. All data were collected at 100 K. The computing indexing, cell refinement and data reduction were processed using APEX3 software. Frame integration, including Lorentz-polarization corrections, and final cellparameter calculations were processed with SAINT software. The data were corrected for absorption with SADABS program. Structures were solved using direct methods with SHELXT,<sup>2</sup> subsequent difference Fourier calculations and full-matrix leastsquares refinement against  $F^2$  were performed with SHELXL [2]. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. Hydrogen atoms were inserted in calculated positions and refined with a riding model.

Refinement Details. Refinement of  $F^2$  against all reflections. The weighted *R*-factor

*wR* and goodness of fit *S* are based on  $F^2$ , conventional *R*-factors *R* are based on *F*, with *F* set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating *R*-factors(gt) etc., and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. *R*-factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on *F*, and *R*-factors based on all data will be even larger.

For the single-crystal X-ray structure of the inclusion complex  $[I_3^- \subset (R) - \Delta]$ , the squeeze procedure in PLATON was used to remove electronic contributions from disordered solvent molecules and the  $[Bu_4N]^+$  cations. Total solvent accessible volume  $/ \text{ cell} = 6413 \text{ Å}^3$ , Total electron count / cell = 1213.

All crystallographic data for the structures reported here have been deposited on to the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC) and can be downloaded free of charge from <u>www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\_request/cif</u>. Crystallographic information and structural parameter details are summarized in **Table S1**.



**Figure S7** Non-covalent bonding interactions between two adjacent (*R*)- $\Delta$  in its singlecrystal X-ray superstructure. Orange and green dashed lines indicate [C–H… $\pi$ ] and [C–H… H–C] interactions, respectively.

Parameter	( <i>R</i> )-Δ	(S)-Δ	[I₃ <sup>−</sup> ⊂( <i>R</i> )-Δ]
Empirical formula	$C_{126}H_{120}N_{12}$	$C_{126}H_{120}N_{12}$	$C_{126}H_{120.12}I_{0.37}N_{12}$
Molecular weight	1802.33	1802.33	1849.96
Т/К	100(2)	100.15	100(2)
Crystal system	cubic	cubic	cubic
Space group	P23	P23	P23
$a = b = c / \text{\AA}$	25.0321(16)	25.0680(9)	25.0940(2)
$V/Å^3$	15685(3)	15753(2)	15802(4)
Ζ	4	4	4
$ ho_{ m calc}$ / mg mm $^{-3}$	0.763	0.760	0.778
$\mu / \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$	0.045	0.045	0.118
<i>F</i> (000)	3840	3840	3920
Crystal size / mm <sup>3</sup>	0.3  imes 0.2  imes 0.1	0.3  imes 0.2  imes 0.1	0.2  imes 0.2  imes 0.1
$2\theta$ range for data collection / °	3.638 to 50.684	3.632 to 48.794	1.988 to 27.735
Index ranges	$-30 \le h \le 29$ $-29 \le k \le 29$ $-29 \le l \le 29$	$-29 \le h \le 29$ $-29 \le k \le 29$ $-29 \le l \le 29$	$-32 \le h \le 32$ $-32 \le k \le 27$ $-32 \le l \le 26$
Reflections collected	612717	433046	59252
Independent reflections	9486 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.1726]	8656 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0695]	12252 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0609]
Data / restraints / parameters	9486 / 5 / 368	8656 / 1 / 416	12252 / 92 / 438
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.040	1.078	0.998
Final <i>R</i> indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0951$ $wR_2 = 0.2797$	$R_1 = 0.0492$ $wR_2 = 0.1489$	$R_1 = 0.0740$ $wR_2 = 0.2134$
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.1397$ $wR_2 = 0.3322$	$R_1 = 0.0543$ $wR_2 = 0.1542$	$R_1 = 0.0966$ $wR_2 = 0.2323$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å $^{-3}$	0.28 / -0.26	0.19 / -0.17	0.56 / -0.27
CCDC No	2114993	2114994	2114992

**Table S1** Crystal data and structure refinement for (*R*)- $\Delta$ , (*S*)- $\Delta$ , and [I<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>⊂(*R*)- $\Delta$ ].

### Section D. Photophysical Properties of (R)- and (S)- $\Delta$

### 1. UV-Vis Absorption and Steady-State Photoluminescence (PL) Spectra of (R)-



**Figure S8** Colors of crystalline powders of (a) (*R*)- $\Delta$  and (b) (*S*)- $\Delta$  under daylight (left) and 365 nm UV lamp (right).



Figure S9 Steady-state PL spectra of crystals of (a) (*R*)- $\Delta$  and (b) (*S*)- $\Delta$  upon excitation

at 380 nm.

and (S)- $\Delta$ 



**Figure S10** (a) and (b) Luminescence photographs of solutions of (*R*)- $\Lambda$  in commercial grade (a) CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and (b) CHCl<sub>3</sub> at different concentrations upon 365 nm UV light irradiation. (c) PL colors in the CIE coordinate diagram of solutions of (*R*)- $\Lambda$  in commercial grade CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1×10<sup>-5</sup> M). (d)–(g) Steady-state PL spectra of solutions of (*R*)- $\Lambda$  in commercial grade (d) CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and (e) CHCl<sub>3</sub> as well as in deacidified (f) CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and (g) CHCl<sub>3</sub> at different concentrations upon excitation at 380 nm. Commercial grade CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and CHCl<sub>3</sub> were deacidified with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> for 24 h, and the remaining K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> was removed by filtration.



**Figure S11** UV-Vis absorption spectra of solutions of (a) (*R*)- and (c) (*S*)- $\Delta$  in deacidified CHCl<sub>3</sub> upon adding different amounts of TFA ranging from 0 to 2.88 equiv relative to (*R*)- and (*S*)- $\Delta$ , respectively. Steady-state PL spectra of (b) (*R*)- $\Delta$  and (d) (*S*)- $\Delta$  in the same solutions upon excitation at 380 nm. Concentrations of (*R*)- and (*S*)- $\Delta$  are  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M.





Figure S12 Lifetime decay profiles of the fluorescence emission bands of (a) (*R*)- $\Delta$ , and (b) (*S*)- $\Delta$  at 530 nm.

the average τ.									
Compound	Wavelength / nm	$\tau_1$ / ns	$A_1 / \%$	$\tau_2$ / ns	$A_2 / \%$	$<\tau>/ns$			
( <b>R</b> )-Δ	530	3.10	51.44	6.16	48.56	4.59			
(S)-Δ	530	2.79	44.89	5.89	55.11	4.49			

**Table S2** Photoluminescence lifetime ( $\tau$ ) of crystals of (*R*)- and (*S*)- $\Delta$ .  $<\tau>$  represents

**Table S3** Photoluminescence quantum efficiency ( $\Phi$ ) of crystals of (*R*)- and (*S*)- $\Delta$ .

Compound	$\Phi$ / %
( <i>R</i> )-Δ	27.66
(S)-Δ	26.21



**Figure S13** Lifetime decay profiles of the fluorescence emission bands of (a) (*R*)- $\Lambda$  in deacidified CHCl<sub>3</sub> (blue curve) at 477 nm and in deacidified CHCl<sub>3</sub> containing TFA (2.88 equiv relative to (*R*)- $\Lambda$ , orange curve) at 561 nm, and (b) (*S*)- $\Lambda$  in deacidified CHCl<sub>3</sub> (blue curve) at 478 nm and in deacidified CHCl<sub>3</sub> containing TFA (2.88 equiv relative to (*S*)- $\Lambda$ , orange curve) at 552 nm all at the same concentration of 1×10<sup>-5</sup> M.

$\Delta t$ represents the average t.									
Compound	Salvant	Wavelength	$ au_1$	$A_1$	$ au_2$	$A_2$	<7>		
	Solvent	nm	ns	%	ns	%	ns		
	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	477	2.30	97.30	1.81	2.70	2.29		
( <i>K</i> )-Δ	CHCl <sub>3</sub> + TFA	561	3.56	56.51	6.57	43.49	4.87		
	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	478	2.30	96.95	9.61	3.05	2.52		
(δ)-Δ	CHCl <sub>3</sub> + TFA	552	3.13	47.56	6.20	52.44	4.83		

**Table S4** Photoluminescence lifetime ( $\tau$ ) of (*R*)- and (*S*)- $\Delta$  in deacidified CHCl<sub>3</sub> and CHCl<sub>3</sub> containing TFA (2.88 equiv relative to  $\Delta$ ).  $\langle \tau \rangle$  represents the average  $\tau$ .

Compound	Solvent	$\Phi$ / %
	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	25.51
( <i>K</i> )-Δ	CHCl <sub>3</sub> +TFA	27.84
	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	23.44
<b>(</b> Σ <b>)</b> -Δ	CHCl <sub>3</sub> +TFA	25.05

**Table S5** Photoluminescence quantum efficiency ( $\Phi$ ) of (*R*)- and (*S*)- $\Delta$  in deacidified CHCl<sub>3</sub> and in CHCl<sub>3</sub> containing TFA (2.88 equiv relative to  $\Delta$ ).

### 3. Time-Dependent DFT (TD-DFT) Calculation of (R)- $\Delta$ and the Protonated (R)- $\Delta$

All density-functional theory (DFT) calculations were performed with the Gaussian 16 Rev. A.03 quantum chemistry package. Geometry optimizations and frontier molecular orbitals calculations of all compounds employed the B3LYP levels of theory under vacuum condition 6-31G(d) basis sets.



Figure S14 Structural formulas and frontier molecular orbitals (including HOMO and LUMO energy levels) of (*R*)- $\Delta$  and the protonated (*R*)- $\Delta$ .

No	atom	v	V	7	No	atom	x	V	7
1	N	7 011213	_2 52//00	4 131816	130	ц	-6 578802	y _2 316715	3 6/6888
1 2	N	7 228520	0 30787	4 475856	130	r C	-5 71/855	-0.887/107	2 27921
2 3	IN N	-3 61060	6 518687	-4 131038	137	с н	-6 337215	-0.007497	2.21724
1	N	-0.760761	7 200095	-4.131030	132	п С	-5 172338	-0.007243	2.020004
- -	C	-0.700701	6 765353	2 990962	134	ч	-4.751314	-5 37/389	2.550502
5	н	-2 278701	6 801953	2.556729	134	п С	-4 708948	4 08/365	-2.500+27
7	C II	-0.255626	5 99087	2.300427	136	н	-5 324837	4 503088	-3 647431
8	C	1.069977	6 1/2173	2.421137	130	C II	-5.025467	2 859807	-2 280109
9	н	1.007777	6 855767	3 646888	138	н	-5 898676	2.037007	-2 627179
10	C II	1.205007	1 169989	1 2/6132	130	C II	-3 100779	3 022945	-0.837621
11	C C	7 826284	-0 555725	5 39/308	140	н Ч	-2.460814	2 609045	-0.057021
12	н	7.020204	-0.859769	6 185991	141	N	-3 840003	-6 386292	-4 131038
12	C II	8 2148	-1 84075	4 596283	142	C	-3 687943	-5 834626	-2 99064
14	н	8 833663	-1 502309	3 7/781/	1/13	н Ч	-3.007743	-5.546539	-2.55004
15	C II	0.493474	4 303494	0.837155	144	C II	-7 367854	-5.540555	-2.300073
16	н	0.458747	3 578294	0.064252	145	C	-5 205028	-6 617103	-4 595026
17	C II	2 320383	4 197918	-1 705114	146	н	-5 898384	-6 744823	-3 746313
18	C C	-0 52549	5 059552	1.705114	147	C	-7 085314	-5 669941	-6 036824
19	н	-1 553546	4 912471	1.400700	148	н	-7 823796	-5 775422	-5 230726
20	C	2.073945	5 584652	-1 670615	149	Н	-7 390573	-4 796566	-6 626355
20	н	2 518196	6 183859	-0.882041	150	C	-4 146858	8 993135	6 905248
22	C	4 120066	2 516457	-1 246904	151	н	-3 575382	8 616133	7 766035
23	C	2.088833	5.392958	2.27924	152	Н	-5.020368	9.515293	7.315373
-e 24	н	3.110373	5.52181	2.626084	153	C	-3.269699	9.959245	6.098365
25	C	9.861713	-0.905283	6.905248	154	H	-2.909075	10.775839	6.736232
26	Н	9.249481	-1.211695	7.766035	155	Н	-3.875491	10.425067	5.307202
27	Н	10.750669	-0.409881	7.315373	156	N	-1.319326	7.334138	4.131816
28	С	2.939755	3.65037	0.672145	157	С	-2.513263	8.0346	4.596283
29	С	9.072884	0.082648	6.036989	158	Н	-3.115716	8.401376	3.747814
30	Н	9.712519	0.466676	5.230971	159	С	-2.788484	4.252864	-1.408972
31	Н	8.7573	0.953057	6.625473	160	Н	-1.898769	4.788365	-1.089627
32	С	4.168337	1.173881	-0.837621	161	С	-5.222443	-7.882187	-5.468979
33	Н	3.489906	0.826605	-0.064617	162	Н	-4.898659	-8.734298	-4.858791
34	С	3.773507	2.961282	1.704195	163	Н	-4.467617	-7.761955	-6.257851
35	С	3.133632	3.484856	-0.672996	164	С	-7.07259	-6.935129	-6.903591
36	С	5.257944	1.515626	3.636095	165	Н	-8.074615	-7.113133	-7.313625
37	С	5.077331	0.288466	-1.408972	166	Н	-6.404326	-6.786928	-7.764478
38	Н	5.096231	-0.7498	-1.089627	167	С	-6.596263	-8.148999	-6.095224
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40	Н	9.314604	-3.67527	4.862606	169	Н	-7.328103	-8.368004	-5.303797
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### 4. Determination of Trace Acid in CDCl<sub>3</sub> Using (R)- $\Delta$



**Figure S15 a** Steady-state photoluminescence spectra of (*R*)- $\Delta$  in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (C) and CDCl<sub>3</sub> without silver foil stabilizer diluted 100 times with deacidified CHCl<sub>3</sub> (D) at the same concentration of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M upon excitation at 380 nm. Insets are photographs of commercial grade CDCl<sub>3</sub> (C) with and (E) without silver foil stabilizer. **b** CIE coordinate diagram of (*R*)- $\Delta$  in C and D.



**Figure S16** The fitting function based on the PL emission of (*R*)- $\Delta$  upon changing the amount of TFA from 0.00 to 2.88 equiv. Highlighted dots A–D represent commercial grade CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (A), CHCl<sub>3</sub> (B), CDCl<sub>3</sub> with silver foil stabilizer (C), and CDCl<sub>3</sub> without silver foil stabilizer diluted 100 times with deacidified CHCl<sub>3</sub> (D) in the fitting function, respectively.

#### 5. Measurement of Limit of Detection of (R)- $\Delta$ for Trace Acid

TFA (0.3 µL) was added to the deacidified CHCl<sub>3</sub> (500 mL) and mixed completely to make a quantitatively acidified solvent. (*R*)- $\Delta$  (0.72 mg, 3.99×10<sup>-7</sup> mol) was dissolved in 4 mL of this quantitatively acidified CHCl<sub>3</sub> to prepare a solution at concentration of 1×10<sup>-4</sup> M. A solution of concentration 1×10<sup>-5</sup> M was prepared by diluting it 10 times with acidified CHCl<sub>3</sub>. Then 1.5 mL, 300 µL, 150 µL, and 30 µL of this (*R*)- $\Delta$  solution were taken and diluted to 3 mL with the deacidified CHCl<sub>3</sub> to provide four solution samples of (*R*)- $\Delta$  at concentrations of 5×10<sup>-6</sup> M, 1×10<sup>-6</sup> M, 5×10 <sup>-7</sup> M, and 1×10<sup>-7</sup> M and with the same *n*<sub>TFA</sub>:*n*(*R*)- $\Delta$  ratio of 0.72. Their UV-Vis spectra were recorded as follows.



**Figure S17** UV-Vis absorption (dash lines) and steady-state PL (solid lines) spectra of solutions of (*R*)- $\Delta$  in deacidified CHCl<sub>3</sub> (blue lines) and CHCl<sub>3</sub> acidified with TFA (0.81 equiv relative to (*R*)- $\Delta$ , orange lines) at concentrations of (a) 5×10<sup>-6</sup> M, (b) 1×10<sup>-6</sup> M, (c) 5×10<sup>-7</sup> M, and (d) 1×10<sup>-7</sup> M.

Section E. X-Ray Crystallography of Adduct  $[I_3 \subset (R) - \Delta]$ 



**Figure S18** Superstructure of adduct  $[I_3 \neg \sub(R) - \Delta]$  demonstrating the encapsulation of the linear  $I_3^\neg$  anion (ball-stick model) in the cavity of  $(R)-\Delta$  (stick model) by up to 18 [C-H…I] hydrogen bonding interactions. On account of the three-fold symmetry of this adduct, only the non-repeated 6 of 18 [C-H…I] interactions have been exhibited. All hydrogen atoms except those engaged in [C-H…I] interactions are omitted for clarity. C, tan; N, blue; H, white; I, purple.

No	[C–H····I]	$d_{\mathrm{[C-H]}}$ / Å	$d_{[\mathrm{H}\cdots\mathrm{I}]}$ / Å	$d_{[\mathrm{C}\cdots\mathrm{I}]}$ / Å	∠C–H…I / °
1	[C27–H27…I3]	0.950	3.6179	4.2228	123.99
2	[C26–H26…I3]	0.950	3.4323	4.1367	132.78
3	[C26–H26…I2]	0.950	3.2665	3.9077	126.56
4	[C10–H10…I2]	0.950	3.5776	4.1283	119.47
5	[C2–H2…I1]	0.950	3.418	4.0068	122.29
6	[C21–H21…I1]	0.950	3.2181	3.8794	128.29

**Table S8** Hydrogen-bonding geometries in the adduct  $[I_3 \subset (R) - \Delta]$ .

Black bold numbers and magenta dashed lines indicate [C-H…I] hydrogen bonding interactions. Except for *meso*-H, all hydrogen atoms are omitted for the sake of clarity. C, light brown; H, white; N, blue; I, purple.

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