Supporting Information

# Recognition of atomic-level difference in porphyrin dyads for selfsorted supramolecular polymer growth

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### **Materials and Methods**

All commercially available reagents were of reagent grade and used without further purification. Dichloromethane (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), *n*-hexane, acetonitrile, tetrahydrofuran (THF), and toluene were freshly distilled before each use. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded at 25 °C using a Bruker Advance DPX 250 or DPX 400 spectrometer. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 25 °C using a Bruker DPX 400 spectrometer. Matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization time-offlight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF-MS) was performed using a Bruker Daltonics LRF20 with dithranol (1,8,9-trihydroxyanthracene) as the matrix. Recycling size exclusion chromatography (SEC) was performed using a JAI model LC9201 equipped with JAIGEL-1H, JAIGEL-2H, and JAIGEL-3H columns using THF (DUKSAN Pure Chemicals) as the eluent. UV-is absorption spectra were measured using a JASCO V-660 spectrometer with a thermostatic cell holder coupled with a controller (ETCS-761, JASCO), and fluorescence spectra were recorded using a JASCO FP-6300 spectrofluorimeter with a temperature controller (ETC-273T, JASCO). All spectral measurements were performed using a quartz cuvette with a path length of 1 cm. Infrared absorption spectra were recorded using a Fouriertransform infrared (FT-IR) (JASCO FT/IR-4700) spectrometer. A transmission electron microscope (TEM) was operated at 120 kV (TEM, JEM-1400, JEOL, Tokyo, Japan) to capture images. For TEM measurements, a drop of each sample in methylcyclohexane was placed on a carbon-coated copper grid and allowed to evaporate under ambient conditions. The sample was stained by placing a drop of uranyl acetate solution (2 wt%) onto the surface of the sampleloaded grid. The deposited sample was allowed to rest for 1 min at minimum, after which the excess solution was wicked off using filter paper.

The images were acquired with Veleta and Tengra CCD cameras (EMSIS, Germany) with 1 and 5.3 MP resolutions, respectively. A scanning electron microscope (SEM, 7610F-Plus, JEOL Ltd.) was used at room temperature, and the samples were prepared by coating on the silicon wafer. Atomic force microscopy (AFM, NX10, Park Systems) images were obtained. Each sample used for AFM measurements was dropped and spin-coated onto a freshly cleaved mica surface.

## Non-linear regression for estimating the thermodynamic parameters

The degree of aggregation  $({}^{\alpha}{}_{agg})$  for  $\mathbf{PD}_{\mathbf{Zn}}$  and  $\mathbf{PD}_{\mathbf{Cu}}$  obtained from apparent absorbance changes at the absorption maxima was plotted as a function of absolute temperature (*T*). The elongation enthalpy  $(\Delta H_e)$  and equilibrium constant of the nucleation step ( $K_a$ ) for  $\mathbf{PD}_{\mathbf{Zn}}$  were estimated by the nonlinear least-squares fitting method using eqs (S1) and (S2) from elongation and nucleation regimes, respectively, where  $T_e$  is the critical elongation temperature at a given concentration, R is the ideal gas constant, and  $\alpha_{SAT}$  is introduced as a parameter to ensure that  $\frac{\alpha_{agg}}{\alpha_{agg}}$ 

 $\alpha_{SAT}$  does not exceed unity.

$$\alpha_{agg} = \alpha_{SAT} \left[ 1 - \exp\left[\frac{-\Delta H_e}{RT_e^2}(T - T_e)\right] \right]$$

$$\alpha_{agg} = \alpha_{SAT} \left[ K_a^{\frac{1}{3}} \exp\left[\left(\frac{2}{\frac{1}{3K_a^{\frac{1}{3}}}} - 1\right)\frac{\Delta H_e}{RT_e^2}(T - T_e)\right] \right]$$
(S1)
(S2)

## Estimation of twist angles between adjacent porphyrin units

The transition dipole moment  $\mu$  was estimated from Soret absorption bands of  $PD_{Zn}$  in MCH at 373 K using eq. S3, where f is oscillator strength,  $\frac{\Delta v_1}{2}$  is full width at half-maximum of the Soret band,  $\varepsilon_{maxe}$  extinction coefficient at absorption maximum, e is the charge of an electron,  $\bar{v}$  is the mean absorption frequency of the Soret band in wavenumber,  $m_e$  is the mass of an electron, and h is Plank's constant.

$$f = 4.32 \times 10^9 \varepsilon_{\max \Delta v_{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{(8\pi^2 m_e \bar{v})}{(3he^2)} |\mu|^2$$
(S3)

The twist angle between adjacent porphyrin units ( $\theta$ ) was estimated using eq. S4, where  $\Delta E$  is the apparent splitting energy observed from absorption spectra of **PD**<sub>Zn</sub> in MCH at 293 K,  $\vec{\mu}_1$ and  $\vec{\mu}_2$  are vectors of transition dipole moments, *r* is the center-to-center distance of porphyrin units,  $\vec{r}_{12}$  is the corresponding unit vector,  $\phi$  is the rotation angle of monomer units in helical turns, and  $\epsilon_0$  is vacuum permittivity.

$$\Delta E = \frac{\left[\vec{\mu}_1 \cdot \vec{\mu}_2 - 3(\vec{\mu}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_{12})(\vec{\mu}_2 \cdot \vec{r}_{12})\right]}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} = \frac{\mu^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^3} [\cos\phi - 3\cos\theta\cos(\theta - \phi)]$$
(S4)

#### Synthesis

The syntheses of **PD**<sub>M</sub>s proceeded as illustrated in Scheme S1.



Scheme S1. Synthesis of PD<sub>M</sub>s

1: Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA; 0.5 mL) was added to a mixture solution of dipyrrolemethane (2.00 g, 13.68 mmol), methyl 4-formylbenzoate (1.12 g, 6.84 mmol), and 3,5-di(decyloxy)benzaldehyde (2.86 g, 6.84 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 L), and the solution was stirred for 20 min at 25 °C. Then, *p*-chloranil (2.52 g, 10.3 mmol) was added, followed by further stirring for 2 h. To the reaction mixture, Zn(OAc)<sub>2</sub>•H<sub>2</sub>O (3.00 g, 13.7 mmol) in MeOH (100 mL) was added, and the solution was stirred for another 3 h. The reaction mixture was roughly passed through a silica chromatography column using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as an eluent. Further purification was performed through silica column chromatography using *n*-hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3:2, v/v) as the eluent. The second fraction was collected and evaporated to dryness to obtain 1 (1.48g, 1.77 mmol, 26%) as a purple powder. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 10.32$  (s, 2 H, *meso*-H), 9.45–9.06 (m, 8 H,  $\beta$ -pyrrole), 8.48–8.46 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2 H, *o*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 6.93-6.92 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1 H, *p*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 1.43–7.42 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 2 H, *o*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 1.93–1.84 (q, 4

H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.44–1.25 (m, 28 H, -(*CH*<sub>2</sub>)<sub>7</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.87–0.83 (m, 6 H, -(*C*H<sub>2</sub>)<sub>7</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). MALDI-TOF-MS calcd. for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>62</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Zn [M]<sup>+</sup>: m/z = 894.41; found: 894.05.

**2**: *N*-bromosuccinimide (264 mg, 1.48 mmol) was added to a solution of **1** (664 mg, 0.74 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (70 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was quenched with acetone and evaporated to dryness. The crude was chromatographed on silica gel using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as an eluent to obtain **2** (427 mg, 0.41 mmol, 55%) as a purple solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 9.72–8.84 (m, 8 H,  $\beta$ -pyrrole), 8.42–8.39 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2 H, *o*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 8.24–8.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2 H, *m*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.32–7.31 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2 H, *o*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 6.89-6.88 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1 H, *p*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 4.14–4.09 (m, 7 H, overlapped -OCH<sub>2</sub>- and -CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.91–1.82 (qui, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.25 (m, 28 H, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>7</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.87–0.81 (m, 6 H, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>7</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). MALDI-TOF-MS calcd. for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>60</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Zn [M]<sup>+</sup>: *m*/*z* = 1054.22; found: 1054.73

**3**: Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (46.8 mg, 0.041 mmol) was added to the mixture solution of **2** (427 mg, 0.41 mmol), phenylboronic acid (198 mg, 1.62 mmol), and K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (4.48 g, 3.24 mmol) in dried THF (30 mL). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 20 h under N<sub>2</sub> and subsequently evaporated to dryness. The crude fraction was extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and distilled water. The combined organic layer was concentrated and then purified by silica column chromatography using 5% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane as an eluent. Further purification was performed using recycling SEC, and the first fraction was collected and evaporated to obtain **3** (405 mg, 0.39 mmol, 95%) as a purple solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 9.08-8.87$  (m, 8 H,  $\beta$ -pyrrole), 8.44–8.41 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2 H, *o*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 8.32–8.29 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2 H, *m*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 8.23–8.20 (m, 4 H, *o*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.81–7.71 (m, 6 H, overlapped *m*- and *p*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.38 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 2 H, *o*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 6.89–6.87 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1 H, *p*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 4.13–4.08 (m, 7 H, overlapped - OCH<sub>2</sub>- and -CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). MALDI-TOF-MS calcd. for C<sub>66</sub>H<sub>70</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Zn [M]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* = 1046.47; found: 1046.16.

4: A 10 M NaOH aqueous solution was added to a solution of **1** (1.17 g, 1.31 mmol) in THF (50 mL), and the solution was vigorously stirred for 2 d at 50 °C. The basic solution was neutralized using HCl and extracted with ethyl acetate and distilled water. The combined organic layer was evaporated to dryness and redissolved in 10% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL) with

excess amounts of Zn(OAc)<sub>2</sub>•2H<sub>2</sub>O (3.00 g, 13.68 mmol). Then, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate and distilled water. The combined organic layer was purified through column chromatography using 2% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as an eluent. The first fraction was collected and freeze-dried from benzene to obtain 4 (908 mg, 1.03 mmol, 79%) as a reddish powder. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 10.34$  (s, 2 H, *meso*-H), 9.48–9.10 (m, 8 H,  $\beta$ -pyrrole), 8.58–8.55 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H, o-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 8.42–8.40 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H, *m*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.44–7.43 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 2 H, o-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 6.94–6.92 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1 H, p-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 4.18–4.14 (t, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>-), 1.94–1.84 (qui, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.25 (m, 28 H, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>7</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.87-0.83 (m, 6 H, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>7</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). MALDI-TOF-MS calcd. for C<sub>53</sub>H<sub>60</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Zn [M]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* = 880.39; found: 880.74.

**PPD**<sub>*Zn*</sub>: To a mixture solution of **4** (405 mg, 0.46 mmol), hexa-2,4-diyne-1,6-diamine (39.5 mg, 0.22 mmol), EDC•HCl (167 mg, 0.87 mmol), and HOBt (118 mg, 0.87 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (80 mL), TEA (1.0 mL, 7.18 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at 25 °C and subsequently extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The combined organic layer was collected and evaporated to dryness. The crude product was purified through column chromatography using 2% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as an eluent. Further purification was performed through using recycling SEC, and the first fraction was collected and recrystallized from THF and MeOH to obtain **PPD**<sub>*Zn*</sub> (66 mg, 0.036 mmol, 16%) as a reddish powder. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.25 (s, 4 H, *meso*-H), 9.41–9.02 (m, 16 H, β-pyrrole), 8.51 (m, 2 H, CON*H*), 8.34 (m, 8 H, overlapped *o*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> and *m*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.40–7.39 (m, 4 H, *o*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 6.94–6.93 (m, 2 H, *p*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 4.54–4.52 (d, 4 H, CONH-*CH*<sub>2</sub>-), 4.19–4.15 (t, 8 H, -*OCH*<sub>2</sub>-), 1.92–1.82 (qui, 8 H, *-OCH*<sub>2</sub>*CH*<sub>2</sub>), 1.55–1.29 (m, 56 H, -(*CH*<sub>2</sub>)<sub>7</sub>*C*H<sub>3</sub>), 0.88–0.84 (m, 12 H, -(*C*H<sub>2</sub>)<sub>7</sub>*CH*<sub>3</sub>). MALDI-TOF-MS calcd. for C<sub>112</sub>H<sub>124</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Zn<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: *m*/*z* = 1835.83; found: 1837.12.

5: To a solution of <sup>D</sup>PD<sub>Zn</sub> (54 mg, 0.029 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL), TFA (1 mL) was added, and the solution was stirred for 2 h at 25 °C. Then, the reaction mixture was poured into distilled water and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layer was collected and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and purified via silica column chromatography using 2% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as an eluent to obtain **5** (45 mg, 0.026 mmol, 89%) as a reddish power. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>):  $\delta$  = 10.35 (s, 4 H, *meso*-H), 9.44–9.03 (m, 16 H,  $\beta$ -pyrrole), 8.53 (t, 2 H, CON*H*), 8.38 (m, 8 H, overlapped *o*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> and *m*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.43–7.42 (d, 4 H, *o*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 6.95 (t, 2 H, *p*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 4.54–4.52 (d, 4 H, CONH-*CH*<sub>2</sub>-), 4.18–4.14 (t, 8 H, -O*CH*<sub>2</sub>-), 1.91–1.82 (qui, 8 H, - OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.59–1.29 (m, 56 H,  $-(CH_2)_7CH_3$ ), 0.89–0.83 (m, 12 H,  $-(CH_2)_7CH_3$ ), -0.34 (s, 4 H, inner H). MALDI-TOF-MS calcd. for  $C_{112}H_{128}N_{10}O_6$  [M]<sup>+</sup>: m/z = 1710.01; found: 1710.31.

<sup>**D**</sup>**PD**<sub>Cu</sub>: To the solution of **5** in 10% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL), Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>•H<sub>2</sub>O was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at 25 °C and subsequently extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and distilled water. The combined organic layer was collected, evaporated to dryness, and further purified via silica column chromatography using 2% MeOH/ CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as eluent. <sup>**D**</sup>**PD**<sub>Cu</sub> was obtained as reddish power in 97% yield. MALDI-TOF-MS calcd. for C<sub>112</sub>H<sub>124</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Cu<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: m/z = 1831.83; found: 1832.75.

**6**: To the solution of **3** (275 mg, 0.262 mmol) in THF (20 mL), aqueous 5 M NaOH (20 mL) was added, and the solution was vigorously stirred for 4 d at 50 °C. The basic solution was neutralized using HCl and extracted using ethyl acetate and distilled water. The combined organic layer was evaporated to dryness over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The residue was purified via silica column chromatography using 2% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as an eluent to obtain a quantitative yield of **6** (275 mg, 0.266 mmol)¥. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 9.09-8.89$  (m, 8 H,  $\beta$ -pyrrole), 8.52–8.49 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2 H, o-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 8.37–8.34 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2 H, m-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 8.24–8.21 (m, 4 H, o-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.82–7.72 (m, 6 H, overlapped *m*- and *p*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.39–7.38 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 2 H, o-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 6.89–6.88 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1 H, p-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 4.13–4.07 (m, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>-), 1.90–1.81 (q, 4 H, -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.25 (m, 28 H, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>7</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.84 (m, 6 H, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>7</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). MALDI-TOF-MS calcd. for C<sub>65</sub>H<sub>68</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Zn [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z = 1033.46; found: 1034.61.

<sup>T</sup>**PD**<sub>*Z*n</sub>: To a mixture solution of **6** (398 mg, 0.398 mmol), HOBt (99 mg, 0.73 mmol), EDC•HCl (140 mg, 0.73), and hexa-2,4-diyne-1,6-diamine (33 mg, 0.183 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL), TEA (1 mL, 7.18 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 d at 25 °C and subsequently extracted using ethyl acetate and aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and the crude product was purified via silica column chromatography using 2% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as an eluent. Further purification was performed through recyclable SEC using THF as eluent, and the first fraction was collected. After recrystallization using THF/*n*-hexane, <sup>T</sup>**PD**<sub>*Z*n</sub> (72 mg, 0.034 mmol, 18%) was obtained as a purple powder. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.96–8.79 (m, 16 H,  $\beta$ -pyrrole), 8.44–8.41 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2 H, CON*H*),

8.27 (m, 8 H, overlapped *o*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> and *m*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 8.18–8.15 (m, 8 H, *o*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.72–7.67 (m, 12 H, overlapped *m*- and *p*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.35–7.34 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 4 H, *o*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 6.89–6.88 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 2 H, *p*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 4.48–4.46 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 4 H, CONH-*CH*<sub>2</sub>-), 4.15–4.11 (t, 8 H, –O*CH*<sub>2</sub>-), 1.88–1.79 (qui, 8 H, -O*C*H<sub>2</sub>*CH*<sub>2</sub>), 1.57–1.25 (m, 56 H, – (*CH*<sub>2</sub>)<sub>7</sub>*C*H<sub>3</sub>), 0.87–0.82 (m, 12 H, -(*C*H<sub>2</sub>)<sub>7</sub>*CH*<sub>3</sub>). MALDI-TOF-MS calcd. for C<sub>136</sub>H<sub>140</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Zn<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* = 2140.96; found: 2141.24.

7: To a solution of <sup>T</sup>**PD**<sub>*Zn*</sub> (72 mg, 0.148 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL), TFA (1.0 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at 25 °C, poured into distilled water, and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layer was collected and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The resulting solution was evaporated and purified via silica column chromatography using 2% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as an eluent to obtain 7 (45 mg, 0.139 mmol, 94%) as a reddish power. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 8.96–8.78 (m, 16 H,  $\beta$ -pyrrole), 8.49–8.45 (t, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2 H, CON*H*), 8.30 (m, 8 H, overlapped *o*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> and *m*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 8.20–8.17 (m, 8 H, *o*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.75–7.73 (m, 12 H, overlapped *m*- and *p*-H in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 4.49–4.47 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 4 H, cONH-*CH*<sub>2</sub>-), 4.15 –4.11 (t, 8 H, –O*CH*<sub>2</sub>-), 1.89–1.80 (qui, 8 H, -O*C*H<sub>2</sub>C*H*<sub>2</sub>), 1.57–1.25 (m, 56 H, -(*CH*<sub>2</sub>)<sub>7</sub>*C*H<sub>3</sub>), 0.86–0.82 (m, 12 H, -(*C*H<sub>2</sub>)<sub>7</sub>*CH*<sub>3</sub>) –2.72 (s, 4 H, inner H). MALDI-TOF-MS calcd. for C<sub>136</sub>H<sub>144</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: *m/z* = 2015.14; found: 2017.66.

<sup>T</sup>PD<sub>Cu</sub>: Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub>•H<sub>2</sub>O was added to a solution of 7 in 10% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL). After being stirred for 12 h at 25 °C, the reaction mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and distilled water. The combined organic layer was collected and evaporated to dryness, and the residue was purified via silica column chromatography using 2% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as an eluent. <sup>T</sup>PD<sub>Cu</sub> was obtained as a reddish power in 94% yield. NMR is not available due to paramagnetism. MALDI-TOF-MS calcd. for C<sub>136</sub>H<sub>140</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Cu<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: m/z = 2137.97; found: 2139.98.



**Figure S1**. FT-IR spectra of **PD**<sub>M</sub>s in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (Black line), MCH (Red line), and solid film (Blue line of a) <sup>T</sup>**PD**<sub>Zn</sub>, b) <sup>T</sup>**PD**<sub>Cu</sub>, c) <sup>D</sup>**PD**<sub>Zn</sub>, and d) <sup>D</sup>**PD**<sub>Cu</sub>.



Figure S2. Absorption spectral changes of a)  ${}^{T}PD_{Zn}$ , b)  ${}^{T}PD_{Cu}$ , c)  ${}^{D}PD_{Zn}$ , and d)  ${}^{D}PD_{Cu}$  on cooling from 373 to 293 K at rate of 1.0 K min-1.



Figure S3. a) AFM and b) SEM images of  $PD_M$ s. SEM specimens were prepared from 2.0  $\mu$ M  $PD_M$ s solutions.



Figure S4. a) TEM and b) AFM images of fibrous helical assemblies formed by  $^{T}PD_{Zn}$ .



Figure S5. AFM image of  ${}^{D}PD_{Cu}$  with height profiles.



**Figure S6.** Concentration-dependent degree of aggregation upon heating at a rate of 1.0 K min<sup>-1</sup> of <sup>T</sup>PD<sub>Zn</sub>.



**Figure S7.** Temperature-dependent absorption change at 406.0 nm for  $^{T}PD_{Zn}$  (2.0  $\mu$ M) in MCH (black line) and 10% toluene included MCH (red line).



Figure S8. a) GIWAXS scattering of a)  ${}^{D}PD_{Zn}$  and b)  ${}^{T}PD_{Cu}$ .



**Figure S9.** Absorption spectral changes of a)  ${}^{T}PD_{M}$  mixtures and b)  ${}^{D}PD_{M}$ s with various mixing ratios and combined individual absorptions for  ${}^{T}PD_{M}$ s and  ${}^{D}PD_{M}$ s, respectively, upon cooling from 373 to 293 K at rate of 1.0 K min<sup>-1</sup>.



Figure S10. GIWAXS scattering of 1:1 mixture of  ${}^{D}PD_{Zn}$  and  ${}^{D}PD_{Cu}$ .



Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of  $^{D}PD_{Zn}$  in THF-d8 at 298 K.



**Figure S12**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **5** in THF- $d_8$  at 298 K.



Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of <sup>T</sup>PD<sub>zn</sub> in THF- $d_8$  at 298 K.



Figure S14. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 7 in THF- $d_8$  at 298 K.

**Table S1.** Thermodynamic parameters  $\alpha_{SAT}$ ,  $T_e$ ,  $\Delta H_e$ , and  $K_a$ , as obtained by fitting curves using equations S1 and S2 from the temperature-dependent degree of aggregation of <sup>T</sup>PD<sub>Zn</sub> and <sup>D</sup>PD<sub>Cu</sub> in MCH following a cooperative model.

	Total conc. (M)	$\alpha_{SAT}$	$T_{\rm e}$ (K)	$\Delta H_{\rm e} ({\rm kJ}~{\rm mol}^{-1})$	Ka
<sup>T</sup> PD <sub>Zn</sub>	$1.0 \times 10^{-6}$	1.020	$349.1\pm0.1$	$-89.3 \pm 1.7$	$1.00\pm0.16$
	$1.5 \times 10^{-6}$	1.005	$354.1\pm0.1$	$\textbf{-88.8} \pm 1.8$	$0.55\pm0.10$
	$2.0 \times 10^{-6}$	1.018	$357.8\pm0.2$	$\textbf{-89.4}\pm2.0$	$0.29\pm0.15$
	$2.5 \times 10^{-6}$	1.004	$359.9\pm0.1$	$-91.4 \pm 1.8$	$0.41\pm0.05$
<sup>D</sup> PD <sub>Cu</sub>	$1.0 \times 10^{-6}$	1.008	$348.8\pm0.1$	$-82.2 \pm 1.3$	$1.71\pm0.44$
	$1.5 \times 10^{-6}$	1.011	$353.5\pm0.2$	$-75.2 \pm 1.3$	$2.43\pm0.60$
	$2.0 \times 10^{-6}$	1.012	$357.4\pm0.1$	$\textbf{-70.9} \pm 1.0$	$1.56\pm0.44$
	$2.5 \times 10^{-6}$	1.015	$361.2\pm0.2$	$-70.4 \pm 1.3$	$3.03\pm0.57$