# **Electronic Supplementary Materials**

## Chirality Expression from Hierarchical Foldamer-Mesoscopic Helical Silica Frameworks

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### Calculation

#### 1. Dissymmetric factor (gabs and glum)

The dissymmetric factor (g<sub>abs</sub>) was calculated by the equation:.

 $g_{abs} = \Delta \epsilon / \epsilon = \theta (mdeg) / (32980 \times A)$ where  $\theta$  is the ellipticity, A is the absorbance,  $\epsilon$  is the molar extinction coefficient and  $\Delta \epsilon$  is the molar circular dichroism.

The dissymmetric factor (g<sub>lum</sub>) was calculated by the equation:.

 $g_{lum} = CPL(mdeg).Ln(10)/(32980.F).$ 

where F is the fluorescence at 505 nm.

#### 2. Estimation of Q<sub>4</sub> volume.

| Diameter | $\simeq$ 20.31 $	imes$ 10 <sup>-8</sup> cm                |
|----------|---|
| Height   | $\simeq$ 9.14 $	imes$ 10 <sup>-8</sup> cm                 |
| Volume   | 2.96 x 10 <sup>-21</sup> cm <sup>3</sup> / $Q_4$ molecule |

Therefore, Q<sub>4</sub> 7.50 x 10<sup>-8</sup> mole will contain volume as

= (7.50 × 10<sup>-8</sup>) × 6.023 x 10<sup>23</sup> × 2.96 x 10<sup>-21</sup> = 1.34 × 10<sup>-4</sup> cm<sup>3</sup>

The equivalent quantity of  $Q_4$  was calculated to be  $7.5 \times 10^{-8}$  mole which corresponds to  $1.34 \times 10^{-4}$  cm<sup>3</sup> when dried.

#### 3. Calculation of the enantiomeric excess (ee%).

 $Fol_{p} \rightarrow Fol_{M}$   $Fol_{p} \leftarrow Fol_{M}$   $Fol_{p} \leftarrow Fol_{M}$   $Fol_{p} = P - foldamers, Fol_{M} = M - foldamers,$ 

 $\binom{1}{(1)} - \frac{d[C_P]}{dt} = k_1[C_P] - k_2[C_M]$   $[C_P] = concentration of P - foldamers, [C_M] = concentration of M - foldamers$ 

 $IF\left[C_{Fol}\right] = \left[C_{P}\right] + \left[C_{M}\right]$ 

$$(2) [C_M] = [C_{Fol}] - [C_P]$$
$$[C_{Fol}] = Total \ concentration \ of \ foldamers$$

$$-\frac{d[C_P]}{dt} = k_1[C_P] - k_2([C_{Fol}] - [C_P])$$
$$-\frac{d[C_P]}{dt} = (k_1 + k_2)[C_P] - k_2[C_{Fol}]$$
$$(3) \ \frac{d[C_P]}{dt} + (k_1 + k_2)[C_P] = k_2[C_{Fol}]$$

IF equilibrium can reach racemic mixture :  $k_2 = k_1 = k$ 

So (3) becomes: 
$$\frac{d[C_P]}{dt} + 2k[C_P] = k[C_{Fol}]$$
  
Solutions are: 
$$[C_P](t) = \alpha \cdot e^{-2kt} + \frac{[C_{Fol}]}{2}$$

(4) 
$$\Delta A_{vis} = \Delta A_{PFol} + \Delta A_{MFol}$$
$$\Delta A_{vis} = \Delta \varepsilon_{PFol} l[C_P](t) + \Delta \varepsilon_{MFol} l[C_M](t)$$

PFol and MFol being enantiomers :(5)  $\Delta \varepsilon_{PFol} = -\Delta \varepsilon_{MFol}$ 

So (4) becomes using (5):
$$\Delta A_{vis} = \Delta \varepsilon_{PFol} l([C_P](t) - [C_M](t))$$
  
 $Using (2): \Delta A_{vis} = \Delta \varepsilon_{RFol} l([C_P](t) - ([C_{Fol}] - [C_P](t)))$   
 $\Delta A_{vis} = \Delta \varepsilon_{RFol} l(2[C_P](t) - [C_{Fol}])$   
 $\Delta A_{vis} = \Delta \varepsilon_{PFol} l(2(\alpha \cdot e^{-2kt} + \frac{[C_{Fol}]}{2}) - [C_{Fol}])$   
 $\Delta A_{vis} = \Delta \varepsilon_{PFol} l(2\alpha \cdot e^{-2kt})$ 

thus 
$$g_{abs}(t) = \frac{2\Delta\varepsilon_{PFol}l\alpha}{A_{tot}} \cdot e^{-2kt}$$

$$g_{abs}(t) = \Gamma \cdot e^{-2kt}$$
  
with  $\Gamma = \frac{2\Delta\varepsilon_{PFol}l\alpha}{A_{tot}}$  (this is a constant)

Here we can see that  $g_{abs}(t=0) = \Gamma$ by continuity of the system  $g_{abs}(t=0) \approx \lim_{\delta t \to 0} g_{abs}(t=-\delta t)$ 

which is the  $g_{\it abs}$  of the foldamers at the equilibrium inside the helice

| <u>LH-INHs</u>  | <u>RH-INHs</u>  |  |
|---|---|--|
| At 180 sec, 385 nm  | At 180 sec, 385 nm  |  |
| $g_{abs}(t) = \Gamma \cdot e^{-2(k)(t)}$  | $g_{abs}(t) = \Gamma \cdot e^{-2(k)(t)}$                                |  |
| $g_{abs}(t) = \Gamma \cdot e^{-2(k)(180)}$                                      | $g_{abs}(t)=\Gamma\cdot e^{-2(k)(180)}$                                 |  |
| $-1.88 \times 10^{-4} = \Gamma \cdot e^{-360k} \qquad \dots \dots (1)$          | $0.854 \times 10^{-4} = \Gamma \cdot e^{-360k} \qquad \dots \dots (1)$  |  |
| At 300 sec, 385 nm $g_{abs}(t) = \Gamma \cdot e^{-2(k)(t)} \label{eq:gaussian}$ | At 300 sec, 385 nm $g_{abs}(t) = \Gamma \cdot e^{-2(k)(t)}$             |  |
| $g_{abs}(t)=\Gamma\cdot e^{-2(k)(300)}$   | $g_{abs}(t)=\Gamma\cdot e^{-2(k)(300)}$                                 |  |
| $-1.11 x 10^{-4} = \Gamma \cdot e^{-600k} \qquad \dots \dots (2)$               | $0.31 x 10^{-4} = \Gamma \cdot e^{-600k} \qquad \dots \dots (2)$        |  |
| $(1)/(2) 		 1.69 = e^{240k}$  | (1)/(2) $2.75 = e^{240k}$   |  |
| $k = 2.19 \times 10^{-3}$   | $k = 4.22 \times 10^{-3}$   |  |
| (1) $-1.88 \times 10^{-4} = \Gamma \cdot e^{-360k}$                             | (1) $0.854 \ge 10 - 4 = \Gamma \cdot e^{-360k}$                         |  |
| If $k = 2.19 \times 10^{-3}$  | If $k = 4.22 \times 10^{-3}$  |  |
| $\Gamma = -4.13 \times 10^{-4}$   | $\Gamma = 3.90 \times 10^{-4}$  |  |
| At 0 sec, 385 nm  | At 0 sec, 385 nm  |  |
| $g_{abs}(t) = \Gamma \cdot e^{-2(k)(0)}$  | $g_{abs}(t) = \Gamma \cdot e^{-2(k)(0)}$                                |  |
| $g_{abs}(t)=\Gamma$   | $g_{abs}(t) = \Gamma$   |  |
| $g_{abs}(t) = -4.13 \times 10^{-4}$   | $g_{abs}(t) = 3.90 \times 10^{-4}$                                      |  |
| $g_{abs}$ of Chiral Q <sub>8</sub> (LH) = -1.0x10 <sup>-2</sup> (385 nm)        | $g_{abs}$ of Chiral Q <sub>8</sub> (RH) = 1.0x10 <sup>-2</sup> (385 nm) |  |
| Therefore, ee% from (LH-INHs) ~4.1%   | Therefore, ee% from (RH-INHs) ~3.9%                                     |  |



### **Supplementary Information**

Figure S1. Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) spectra of rac-Q<sub>4</sub>, rac-Q<sub>4</sub>/*M*-INHs, and rac-Q<sub>4</sub>/*P*-INHs.



Figure S2. (a) LD<sub>abs</sub> and (b) LD<sub>CPL</sub> of *rac*-Q<sub>4</sub>/*M*-INHs, *rac*-Q<sub>4</sub>/*P*-INHs and *rac*-Q<sub>4</sub>.



**Figure S3.** Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) spectra of *rac*-Q<sub>4</sub>/INHs after drop casting at 4 °C, 20 °C and 60 °C, (Q<sub>4</sub>: 1 mM, 100 μL, INHs: 200 μg/2×2 cm<sup>2</sup>).



**Figure S4.** (a) ECD-absorption and CPL-fluorescence spectra of *rac*-Q<sub>4</sub>/INHs and *rac*-Q<sub>4</sub> after drop-casting in different solvents, (*rac*-Q<sub>4</sub>: 1 mM, 100 μL, INHs: 200 μg/2×2 cm<sup>2</sup>).



**Figure S5.** Plots between (a)  $g_{abs}$  and (b)  $g_{lum}$  versus vapor pressure (log<sub>10</sub>Pa), (*rac*-Q<sub>4</sub>: 1 mM, 100 µL, INHs: 200  $\mu$ g/2×2 cm<sup>2</sup>).



**Figure S6.**  $g_{abs}$  (at 324 nm) of *rac*-Q<sub>4</sub>/INHs after drop-casting Q<sub>4</sub> in different solvents (toluene, chlorobenzene, aniline) during time (The CD response was detected from Transmission Circular Dichroism or TCD).



**Figure S7.** (a) ECD-absorption spectra, (b)  $g_{abs}$  and (c) absorbance at 324 nm of *rac*-Q<sub>4</sub>/INHs by varying the concentration of *rac*-Q<sub>4</sub> (0.25-1.0 mM, 100  $\mu$ L) on INHs (200  $\mu$ g).



**Figure S8.** (a) CPL-fluorescence spectra and (b)  $g_{lum}$  of *rac*-Q<sub>4</sub>/INHs by varying the concentration of Q<sub>4</sub> (0.25-1.0 mM, 100  $\mu$ L) on INHs (200  $\mu$ g), ( $\lambda_{ex}$  320 nm).



Figure S9. IR spectra of INHs, INHs-calcinated and INHs-NH<sub>2</sub>



**Figure S10.** Absorption (a) and fluorescence (b) spectra of *rac*-Q<sub>4</sub>/INHs, *rac*-Q<sub>4</sub>/INHs-NH<sub>2</sub>, *rac*-Q<sub>4</sub>/calcinated-INHs, ( $\lambda_{ex}$  320 nm).



**Figure S11.** (a) ECD-absorption and (b) CPL-fluorescence spectra of *rac*-Q<sub>6</sub>/INHs, *rac*-Q<sub>6</sub>/INHs-NH<sub>2</sub> and *rac*-Q<sub>6</sub>/calcinated-INHs, ( $\lambda_{ex}$  320 nm). (c) ECD-absorption and (d) CPL-fluorescence spectra of *rac*-Q<sub>8</sub>/INHs, *rac*-Q<sub>8</sub>/INHs-NH<sub>2</sub> and *rac*-Q<sub>8</sub>/INHs-NH<sub>3</sub> ( $\lambda_{ex}$  320 nm).



Figure S12. Absorption spectra of rac-Q<sub>4</sub>/INHs, rac-Q<sub>6</sub>/INHs, rac-Q<sub>8</sub>/INHs and rac-Q<sub>16</sub>/INHs.



**Figure S13.** CPL-fluorescent spectra (a) and g<sub>lum</sub> at 505 nm of *rac*-Q<sub>4</sub>/INHs, *rac*-Q<sub>6</sub>/INHs, *rac*-Q<sub>8</sub>/INHs and *rac*-Q<sub>16</sub>/INHs.



**Figure S14.** ECD spectra of P-Q<sub>4</sub> (yellow), P-Q<sub>6</sub> (blue), P-Q<sub>8</sub> (brown), P-Q<sub>16</sub> (green) and their enantiomers M-Q<sub>4</sub> (blue), M-Q<sub>6</sub> (light brown), M-Q<sub>8</sub> (grey), M-Q<sub>16</sub> (light blue).



**Figure S15.** ECD-Absorption spectra of  $Q_8$  at 3 and 5 min after washing out from *M*-/*P*-INHs (from 20-time experiment).



**Figure S16.** ECD-absorption and CPL-fluorescence spectra ( $\lambda_{ex}$  320 nm) of *M*-Q<sub>4</sub> and *P*-Q<sub>4</sub> in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (a,b) and deposited onto a substrate (c, d).



Figure S17. VCD spectra of *rac*-Q<sub>4</sub>/*P*-INHs and *rac*-Q<sub>4</sub>/*M*-INHs.



**Figure S18.** Differential ( $Q_n/P(M)$ -INHs - P(M)-INHs) VCD spectra of  $Q_4$ /INHs and  $Q_8$ /INHs normalized to the absorbance intensity of the 1540 cm<sup>-1</sup> band, the most intense band of the foldamers.



**Figure S19.** (top) IR spectra of *M*-INHs (black) and *P*- $Q_4/M$ -INHs (red), (bottom) Raw VCD spectrum of *P*- $Q_4/M$ -INHs (blue).



**Figure S20.** Normalized differential (P(M)-Q<sub>4</sub>/P-INHs - P-INHs) VCD spectra of Q<sub>4</sub>/P-INHs, M-Q<sub>4</sub>/P-INHs, P-Q<sub>4</sub>/P-INHs.



Figure S21 TEM images of drop cast INHs (top) and rac-Q<sub>4</sub>/INHs.

| Solvent       | Boiling point | Vapor pressure at 20 |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
|               | (°C)          | °C (Pa)              |
| Benzene       | 80.3          | 10130                |
| Toluene       | 110.8         | 2932                 |
| Chlorobenzene | 132           | 1200                 |
| Chlorotoluene | 157           | 359                  |
| Aniline       | 184.4         | 40                   |
| Nitrobenzene  | 211.1         | 27                   |

Table S1. Solvents for drop-casting of rac-Q<sub>4</sub> foldamers

**Reference:** MIDSIS-TROCS 4.0, Maritime Integrated Decision Support Information System on transport of Chemical Substance. (http://midsis.rempec.org)

Table S2. Infrared analysis: wavenumbers, assignment and origin of the major bands of P-Q4

| Wavenumber, cm <sup>-1</sup> | Assignment | Origin             |
|------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| 1802                         | vC=O       | Ketone, camphanyl  |
| 1747                         | vc=o       | COOMe              |
| 1720                         | vc=0       | Amide 1, camphanyl |
| 1686                         | vc=o       | Amide 1, quinoline |
| 1591, 1570                   | vC=C       | quinoline          |

| 1540             | δNH                                | Amide 2, quinoline |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1511, 1469       | vc=c                               | quinoline          |
| 1420             | $\delta CH_3$                      | OiBu               |
| 1383, 1360, 1332 | <sup>ν</sup> C-C + <sup>δ</sup> CH | quinoline          |
| 1265             | υ <sub>a</sub> C-O- φ              | OiBu               |
| 1213             | υ <sub>a</sub> C-O- φ              | OiBu               |
| 1160             | $v_{\sf ip}{\sf CH}$               | quinoline          |
| 1116             | $v$ C-C + $\delta$ C-C             | quinoline          |
| 1055             | ν <sub>s</sub> C-O-φ               | OiBu               |