

Supporting Information

Tether-entangled conjugated helices

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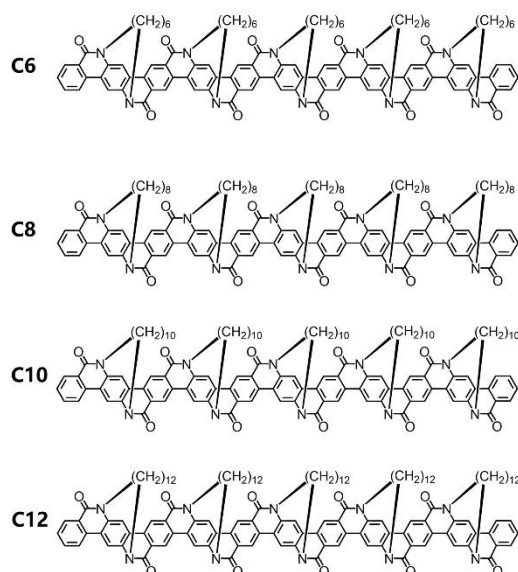
1. General characterization

¹H, ¹³C and 2D NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker Avance-400 spectrometer. Absorption spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu UV-1800 spectrophotometer. Cyclic voltammetry was done by using a Shanghai Chenhua CHI620D voltammetric analyzer under argon in an anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ solution of tetra-*n*-butylammonium hexafluorophosphate (0.1 M). Compounds were dissolved into the solution. A glassy-carbon electrode was used as the working electrode, a platinum-wire was used as the counter electrode, and a Ag/Ag⁺ electrode was used as the reference electrode. All potentials were corrected against Fc/Fc⁺. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected on a Bruker D8 VENTURE diffractometer. Circular dichroism (CD) spectra were recorded on a JASCO J-1500 spectrophotometer. Circularly polarized luminescence (CPL) spectra were measured by using a JASCO CPL-200 spectrophotometer. The absolute quantum yields and emission spectra were measured on a HORIBA FluoroMax Plus spectrophotometer. The fluorescence lifetimes were measured on a HORIBA Jobin Yvon NanoLog-TCSPC spectrofluorometer. The dynamic light scattering (DLS) spectra were measured on a Zetasizer Nano ZS spectrometer.

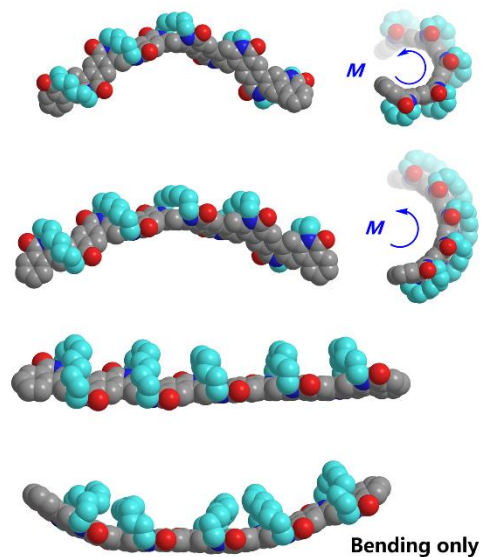
2. Computational details

Molecular geometries of the ground state were optimized by PM7 or density functional theory (DFT) by using Gaussian16 software at the M06-2X(D3)/6-31G(d,p) level in gas phase.¹ The excited-state properties were calculated by time-dependent DFT (TD-DFT) theory at the PBE0(D3)/6-31G(d,p) level. The geometries of the S₁ state were optimized by TD-DFT theory at the PBE0(D3)/6-31G(d,p) level. NMR chemical shifts and NICS values were calculated at revTPSS/def2TZVPP level, with chloroform as the solvent and TMS as the reference. For **(P)-T2 dimer** and **(P)-T3 dimer**, the structural optimization was done at the M06-2X(D3)/6-31G(d,p) level, and the interaction energies (ΔE_{int}) between two monomer fragments was calculated at the M06-2X(D3)/def2TZVP level with BSSE correction. For **(P)-T2** and **(P)-T3** monomers, the structural optimization was done at the M06-2X(D3)/6-31G(d,p) level, and the single point energies (SPE) were calculated at the M06-2X(D3)/def2TZVP level. For **(P)-T4 dimer** and **(P)-T5 dimer**, the structural optimization was done at the r²SCAN-3c level by using ORCA 5.0.4 software. ΔE_{int} between two monomer fragments was calculated at the ω B97M-V/def2-TZVP level with BSSE correction. Electronic CD spectra were fitted by Multiwfn software² and Visual Molecular Dynamics (VMD) software³ was used to provide the directions of transition electronic dipole moment and magnetic dipole moment, and the angel between them. IGMH and IRI isosurfaces were drawn with the aid of Multiwfn and VMD.

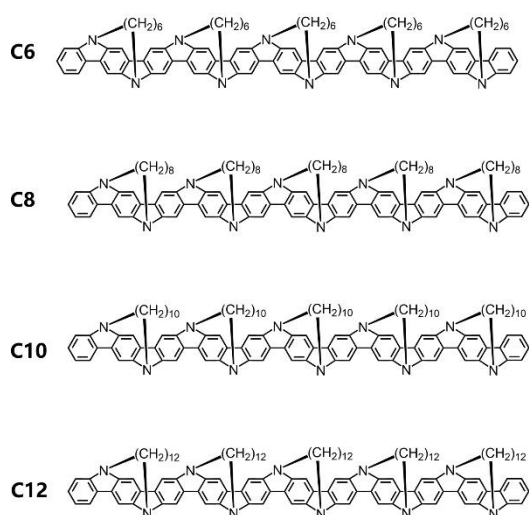
Ladder lactam TECHs with different tether lengths:



Geometries predicted by PM7:



Ladder oligo(p-aniline) TECHs with different tether lengths:



Geometries predicted by PM7:

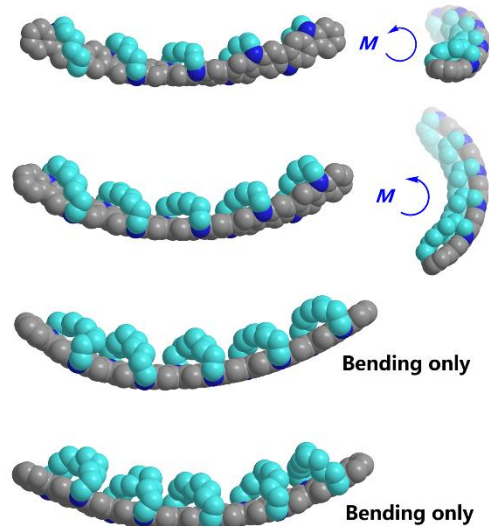


Fig. S1. The influence of tether length to the structures of TECHs. Note: the geometries were optimized at PM7 level; hydrogens are omitted for clarity; the tethers are highlighted in sky blue; for simplification, only the *M*-helices were presented.

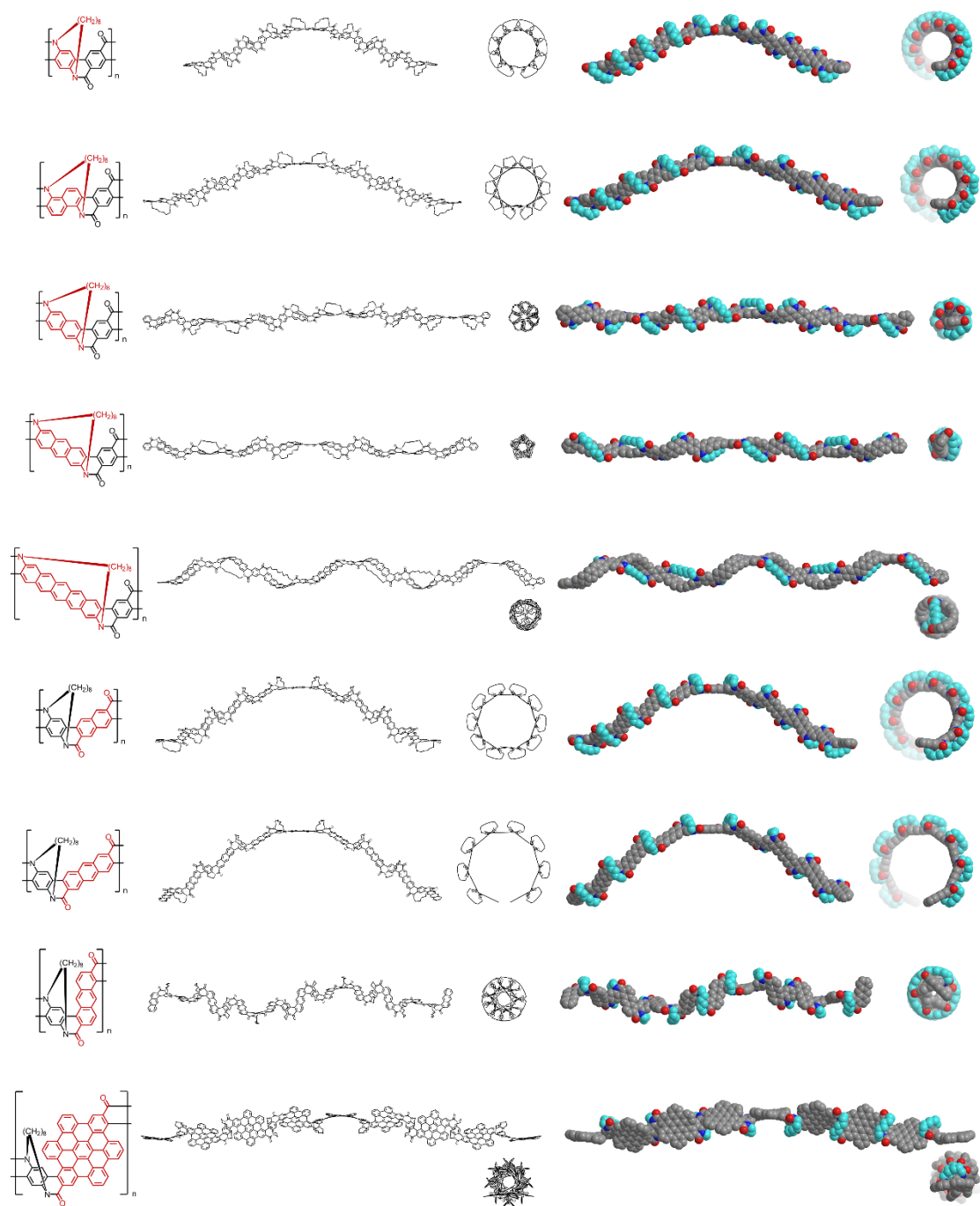
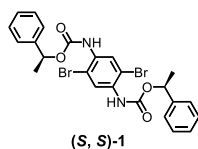


Fig. S2. Some designed TECHs with different chiral tethering units and docking units. Note: the tether length is fixed at C8; the geometries were optimized at PM7 level; hydrogens are omitted for clarity; tethers are highlighted in sky blue; for simplification, only the *M*-helices were presented.

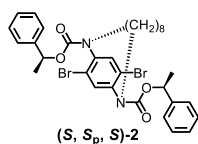
3. Synthesis

All reagents were purchased from J&K Co., Aladdin Co., Innochem Co., Derthon Co., SunaTech Co. and other commercial suppliers. All reactions dealing with air- or moisture-sensitive compounds were carried out by using standard Schlenk techniques.

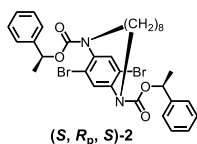


(*S, S*)-1

(*S, S*)-1. To a solution of 2,5-dibromoterephthalic acid (600 mg, 1.85 mmol) in toluene (12 mL) was added diphenylphosphoryl azide (1.20 mL, 5.57 mmol), triethylamine (0.77 mL, 5.54 mmol) and (*S*)-1-phenylethanol (1.12 mL, 9.26 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was heated to 80 °C and stirred for 30 min. The reaction solution was poured into methanol and sonicated. After filtration, (*S, S*)-1 was obtained as a white powdered solid (833 mg, 80%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 8.37 (s, 2H), 7.39-7.31 (m, 10H), 7.05 (q, 2H), 5.87 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 152.40, 141.27, 131.78, 128.62, 128.13, 126.05, 122.86, 111.70, 74.11, 22.24. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₂₄H₂₂Br₂N₂O₄Na [*M* + Na⁺] calc. 582.9844, found 582.9848.



(*S, S_p*)-2



(*S, R_p*)-2

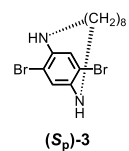
(*S, S_p*)-2 and (*S, R_p*)-2. To a solution of (*S, S*)-1 (100 mg, 0.18 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (232 mg, 0.71 mmol) and KI (118 mg, 0.71 mmol) in DMF (33 mL) was added 1,8-dibromooctane (97 μL, 0.53 mmol) under nitrogen. The

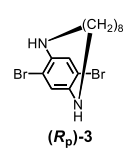
reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min and then stirred at 80 °C for 1 h. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using CH₂Cl₂:petroleum ether (1:3) as eluent to give (*S, S_p*)-2 as a white solid (31 mg, 26%) and (*S, R_p*)-2 as a white solid (16 mg, 13%). The *R_f* values for (*S, S_p*)-2 and (*S, R_p*)-2 on TLC are 0.19 and 0.16, respectively, with CH₂Cl₂ as the eluent.

(*S, S_p*)-2: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 7.51-7.19 (m, 12H), 5.88 (m, 2H), 3.88-3.61 (m, 4H), 1.66-1.26 (m, 10H), 0.94-0.70 (m, 8H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 154.53, 154.00, 153.88, 142.15, 142.07, 141.98, 139.64, 139.56, 135.89, 135.21, 128.44, 127.76, 127.64, 125.94, 125.85, 125.54, 123.56, 123.15, 74.31, 74.22, 74.10, 47.21, 26.67, 26.43, 26.28, 26.20, 25.80, 25.50, 23.14, 22.75, 22.65. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₃₂H₃₆Br₂N₂O₄Na [*M* + Na⁺] calc. 693.0940, found 693.0944. Single crystals of (*S, S_p*)-2 were obtained by diffusion of hexane into the (*S, S_p*)-2 solution in CH₂Cl₂. Formula: C₃₂H₃₆Br₂N₂O₄; formula weight: 672.45; crystal system: monoclinic; space group: P 2₁; color of crystal: colorless; unit cell parameters: *a* = 9.0653(2) Å, *b* = 8.3658(2) Å, *c* = 20.4585(5) Å, α = 90°, β = 94.228(2)°, γ = 90°, *V* = 1547.32(6) Å³; temperature for data collection: 293(2) K; *Z* = 2; final *R* indices [*I* > 2σ(*I*)]: *R*₁ = 0.0753, *wR*₂ = 0.2080; GOF on *F*²: 1.072; Flack parameter: -0.04(2). The crystallographic data have been deposited in Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (**CCDC-2354646**).

(*S, R_p*)-2: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 7.58-7.22 (m, 12H), 5.95-5.85 (m, 2H), 3.88-3.69 (m, 4H), 1.65-1.45 (m, 10H), 0.88-0.75 (m, 8H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 154.13, 154.06, 141.91, 141.83, 141.75, 139.75, 139.54, 135.81, 135.65, 135.43, 128.57, 128.23, 127.90, 127.51, 126.09, 126.04, 125.62, 123.40, 123.22, 74.37, 74.24, 74.10, 47.35, 46.96, 26.65, 26.37, 26.16, 25.77, 25.46, 23.07, 22.75, 22.62. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₃₂H₃₆Br₂N₂O₄Na [*M* + Na⁺] calc. 693.0940, found 693.0941. Single crystals of (*S, R_p*)-2 were obtained by diffusion of hexane into the (*S, R_p*)-2 solution in CH₂Cl₂. Formula: C₃₂H₃₆Br₂N₂O₄; formula weight: 672.45; crystal system: monoclinic; space group: P 2₁; color of crystal: colorless; unit cell parameters: *a* =

11.6760(5) Å, $b = 9.3251(4)$ Å, $c = 13.9069(5)$ Å, $\alpha = 90^\circ$, $\beta = 93.0360(10)^\circ$, $\gamma = 90^\circ$, $V = 1512.06(11)$ Å³; temperature for data collection: 100 K; $Z = 2$; final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]: $R_1 = 0.0279$, $wR_2 = 0.0687$; GOF on F^2 : 1.046; Flack parameter: 0.053(8). The crystallographic data have been deposited in Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (**CCDC-2354656**).

 **(*S_p*)-3.** To a solution of (*S*, *S_p*, *S*)-2 (200 mg, 0.30 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was added trifluoroacetic acid (1 mL, 13 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 d. The reaction mixture was neutralised with aqueous sodium bicarbonate and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using CH₂Cl₂ as eluent to give (*S_p*)-3 as a white solid (105 mg, 94%, 98.4% ee). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 7.10 (s, 2H), 3.46 (br, 2H), 3.24-3.21 (m, 4H), 1.69-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.17-1.15 (m, 2H), 1.03-0.94 (m, 4H), 0.73-0.64 (m, 2H), 0.58-0.55 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 141.17, 124.11, 115.48, 48.57, 28.25, 26.71, 23.90. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₁₄H₂₀Br₂N₂ [M^+] calc. 373.9993, found 373.9988.

 **(*R_p*)-3.** To a solution of (*S*, *R_p*, *S*)-2 (400 mg, 0.60 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL) was added trifluoroacetic acid (2 mL, 26 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 d. The reaction mixture was neutralised with aqueous sodium bicarbonate and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using CH₂Cl₂ as eluent to give (*R_p*)-3 as a white solid (213 mg, 95%, 99.7% ee). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 7.10 (s, 2H), 3.69 (br, 2H), 3.24-3.22 (m, 4H), 1.74-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.20-1.10 (m, 2H), 1.03-0.94 (m, 4H), 0.73-0.65 (m, 2H), 0.61-0.52 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 141.19, 124.11, 115.49, 48.58, 28.27, 26.72, 23.90. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₁₄H₂₀Br₂N₂ [M^+] calc. 373.9993, found 373.9994.

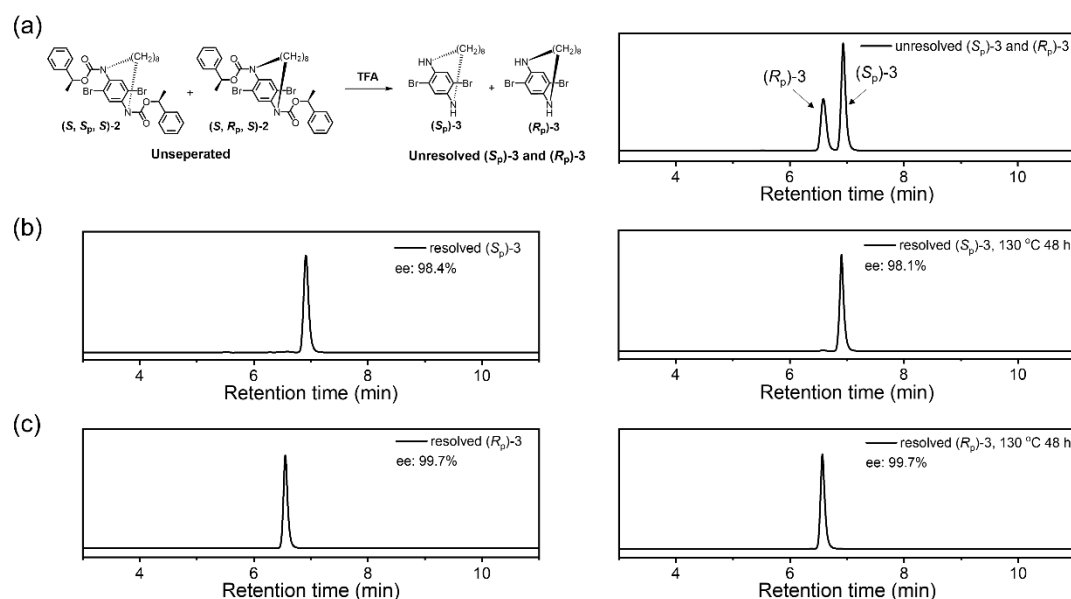
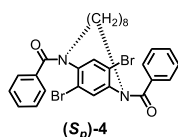
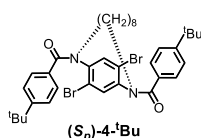


Fig. S3. (a) Preparation of the unresolved (*S_p*)-3 and (*R_p*)-3 sample and its chiral HPLC profile; (b) HPLC profiles of the resolved (*S_p*)-3 before and after the thermal treatment (130 °C, 48 h, in

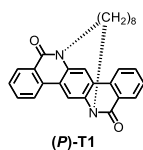
chlorobenzene); (c) HPLC profiles of the resolved (**R_p**)-**3** before and after the thermal treatment (130 °C, 48 h, in chlorobenzene). Chiral HPLC analysis conditions: column: CHIRALPAK IB N-3 (IBN3CE-VI007); column size: 0.46 cm × 25 cm; mobile phase: MeOH/DCM = 60/40 (V/V); flow rate: 0.6 mL/min; temperature: 25 °C.



(S_p)-4. To a solution of (*S_p*)-**3** (52 mg, 0.14 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added benzoyl chloride (39 μL, 0.34 mmol) and triethylamine (192 μL, 1.38 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 30 min. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate:CH₂Cl₂ (1:20) as eluent to give (**S_p**)-**4** as a white solid (79 mg, 98%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 7.32-7.18 (br, 12H), 4.15 (br, 2H), 3.78 (br, 2H), 1.58 (br, 2H), 1.40 (br, 2H), 0.87-0.80 (br, 8H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 169.92, 141.40, 136.84, 135.35, 133.26, 130.17, 130.02, 128.34, 128.21, 127.81, 122.76, 45.96, 26.12, 25.87. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₂₈H₂₉Br₂N₂O₂ [M + H⁺] calc. 583.0596, found 583.0595.

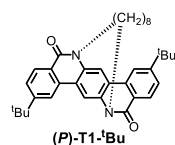


(S_p)-4-'Bu. To a solution of (*S_p*)-**3** (70 mg, 0.19 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added 4-tert-butylbenzoyl chloride (111 μL, 0.56 mmol) and triethylamine (268 μL, 1.93 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 5 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate:CH₂Cl₂ (1:20) as eluent to give (**S_p**)-**4-'Bu** as a white solid (126 mg, 97%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 7.38 (br, 10H), 4.20-3.72 (br, 4H), 1.59 (br, 2H), 1.45 (br, 2H), 1.30 (s, 18H), 0.86 (br, 8H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 170.39, 153.86, 141.91, 136.71, 132.32, 129.98, 128.41, 125.40, 125.02, 122.12, 34.83, 31.14, 26.01, 25.93. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₃₆H₄₅Br₂N₂O₂ [M + H⁺] calc. 695.1848, found 695.1849.

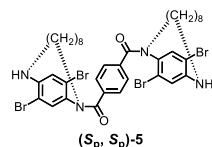


(P)-T1. To a solution of (*S_p*)-**4** (50 mg, 0.086 mmol) in DMA (1.5 mL) was added palladium diacetate (8 mg, 0.036 mmol), tricyclohexylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (19 mg, 0.052 mmol) and cesium carbonate (112 mg, 0.34 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 10 min. The color of the reaction mixture turned black. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with petroleum ether for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate:CH₂Cl₂ (1:8) as eluent to give (**P**)-**T1** as a yellow solid (34 mg, 94%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 8.55-8.52 (m, 2H), 8.18 (s, 2H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.17 (m, 2H), 4.19 (m, 2H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.22 (m, 2H), 0.84 (m, 4H), 0.57 (m, 2H), -(0.25-0.33) (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 161.78, 133.99, 132.71, 132.42, 129.23, 128.74, 126.50, 122.05, 121.93, 111.34, 44.97, 28.97, 27.02, 26.47. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₂₈H₂₆N₂O₂ [M⁺] calc. 422.1994, found 422.1993. Single crystals of (*P*)-**T1** were obtained by diffusion of methanol into the (*P*)-**T1** solution in CH₂Cl₂. Formula: C₂₈H₂₆N₂O₂; formula weight: 422.51; crystal system: monoclinic; space group: P 2₁; color of crystal: yellow; unit cell parameters: *a* = 8.6414(4) Å, *b* = 10.4890(5) Å,

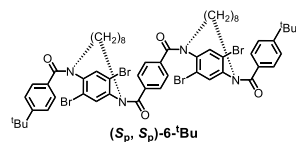
$c = 11.9877(6)$ Å, $\alpha = 90^\circ$, $\beta = 95.388(2)^\circ$, $\gamma = 90^\circ$, $V = 1081.76(9)$ Å³; temperature for data collection: 100.0 K; $Z = 2$; final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]: $R_1 = 0.0500$, $wR_2 = 0.1304$; GOF on F^2 : 1.051; Flack parameter: 0.06(18). The crystallographic data have been deposited in Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC-2354657).



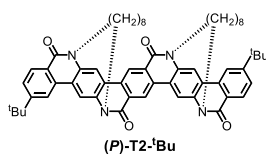
(P)-T1-Bu. To a solution of (S_p)-4-^tBu (100 mg, 0.14 mmol) in DMA (3 mL) was added palladium diacetate (13 mg, 0.058 mmol), tricyclohexylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (32 mg, 0.087 mmol) and cesium carbonate (187 mg, 0.57 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 10 min. The color of the reaction mixture turned black. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with petroleum ether for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate:CH₂Cl₂ (1:10) as eluent to give **(P)-T1-Bu** as a yellow solid (65 mg, 85%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 8.46 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.16 (s, 2H), 8.08 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.70 (dd, $J = 8.4, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.21-5.15 (m, 2H), 4.23-4.16 (m, 2H), 1.81-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.42 (m, 20H), 0.88-0.83 (m, 4H), 0.64-0.57 (m, 2H), -(0.15-0.24) (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 161.84, 156.32, 134.18, 132.26, 129.04, 126.71, 124.20, 122.35, 117.90, 111.10, 44.96, 35.51, 31.26, 29.05, 27.08, 26.47. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₃₆H₄₂N₂O₂ [M^+] calc. 534.3246, found 534.3240.



(S_p, S_p)-5. To a solution of (S_p)-3 (1.07 g, 2.85 mmol) and terephthaloyl chloride (288 mg, 1.42 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (110 mL) was added triethylamine (2.13 mL, 15.35 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate:CH₂Cl₂ (1:10) as eluent to give **(S_p, S_p)-5** as a white solid (1.20 g, 96%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 7.64-7.43 (br, 4H), 7.12-6.88 (m, 4H), 4.34 (br, 0.6H), 4.17-4.12 (m, 2H), 3.65-3.60 (m, 2H), 3.51-3.48 (m, 2H), 3.20-3.14 (m, 2H), 1.84-1.82 (br, 2H), 1.47 (br, 4H), 1.16-0.90 (m, 12H), 0.70 (br, 2H), 0.43 (br, 2H), 0.08 (br, 2H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 169.90, 146.65, 137.38, 135.06, 131.21, 127.84, 123.15, 121.43, 111.78, 47.57, 45.01, 27.56, 27.00, 26.52, 26.06, 25.15, 22.05. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₃₆H₄₃Br₄N₄O₂ [$M + H^+$] calc. 879.0120, found 879.0120.



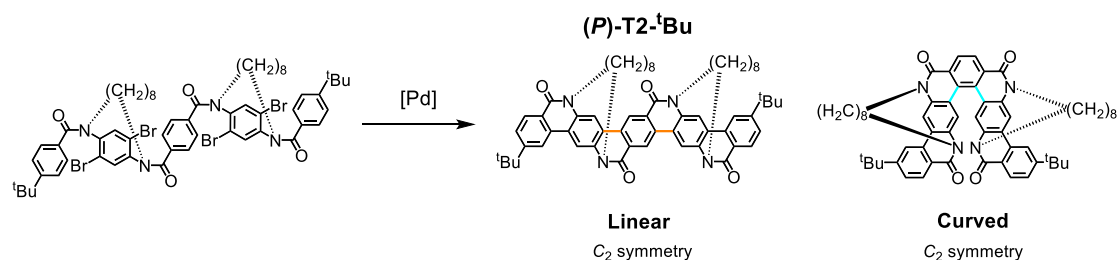
(S_p, S_p)-6-Bu. To a solution of (S_p, S_p)-5 (82 mg, 0.093 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added 4-tert-butylbenzoyl chloride (55 μ L, 0.28 mmol) and triethylamine (134 μ L, 0.97 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 5 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate:CH₂Cl₂ (1:10) as eluent to give **(S_p, S_p)-6-Bu** as a white solid (95 mg, 85%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 7.31 (br, 16H), 4.12-3.77 (br, 8H), 1.57-1.45 (br, 8H), 1.30 (s, 18H), 0.86 (br, 16H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 153.92, 140.99, 136.98, 136.77, 136.52, 136.14, 132.24, 128.40, 128.02, 124.94, 122.93, 46.84, 34.87, 31.21, 26.02, 25.92. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₅₈H₆₇Br₄N₄O₄ [$M + H^+$] calc. 1199.1896, found 1199.1897.



(P)-T2-4Bu. To a solution of (*S_p*, *S_p*)-6-^tBu (70 mg, 0.058 mmol) in DMA (2 mL) was added palladium diacetate (12 mg, 0.053 mmol), tricyclohexylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (29 mg, 0.079 mmol) and cesium carbonate (174 mg, 0.53 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 2 min. The color of the reaction mixture turned black. After cooling to room temperature, saturated NaCl aqueous solution was added into the reaction mixture. The mixture was filtered with the aid of silica gel and then washed with water for three times. After drying, the crude product absorbed in silica gel was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate:CH₂Cl₂ (1:6) as eluent to give **(P)-T2-4Bu** as a yellow solid (40 mg, 78%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 9.06 (s, 2H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.18 (s, 2H), 8.14 (s, 2H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 5.25-5.21 (m, 2H), 5.03-4.99 (m, 2H), 4.30-4.25 (m, 2H), 4.12-4.07 (m, 2H), 1.08 (br, 2H), 1.71-1.68 (br, 2H), 1.52 (s, 18H), 1.46-1.36 (br, 4H), 0.87-0.79 (br, 8H), 0.61-0.55 (br, 4H), -(0.24-0.25) (br, 4H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 161.40, 161.21, 156.41, 134.74, 133.58, 131.85, 131.74, 129.17, 128.89, 127.07, 124.30, 123.45, 123.12, 121.27, 117.84, 111.61, 111.38, 45.57, 44.45, 35.56, 31.31, 29.14, 29.04, 27.08, 26.92, 26.57, 26.33. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₅₈H₆₂N₄O₄ [*M*⁺] calc. 878.4771, found 878.4765. Single crystals of **(P)-T2-4Bu** were obtained by diffusion of methanol into the **(P)-T2-4Bu** solution in CH₂Cl₂. Formula: C₁₁₉H₁₄₀N₈O₁₃; formula weight: 1890.38 (two **(P)-T2-4Bu** and, three CH₃OH two H₂O were included in a cell); crystal system: monoclinic; space group: P 2₁; color of crystal: yellow; unit cell parameters: *a* = 13.8368(13) Å, *b* = 22.1444(19) Å, *c* = 17.5091(16) Å, α = 90°, β = 110.064(4)°, γ = 90°, *V* = 5039.3(8) Å³; temperature for data collection: 170 K; *Z* = 2; final *R* indices [*I* > 2σ(*I*)]: *R*₁ = 0.0676, *wR*₂ = 0.1690; GOF on *F*²: 1.090; Flack parameter: 0.11(12). The crystallographic data have been deposited in Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (**CCDC-2354658**).

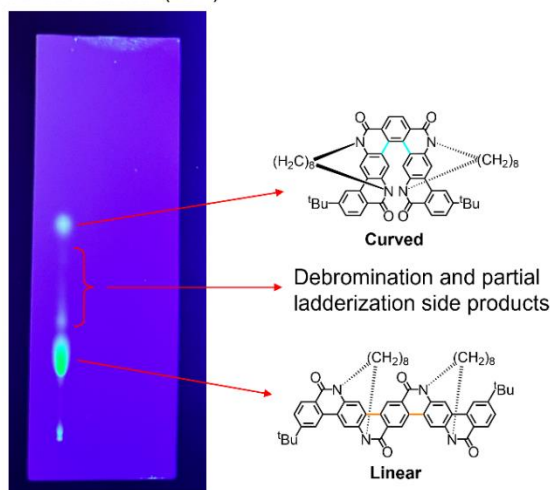
Isolation of the curved isomer from the side products of **(P)-T2-4Bu**.

The ring-closing reaction for **(P)-T2-4Bu** would generate two possible isomers (linear and curved). See below:



The curved isomer shows much lower polarity than the dominate linear isomer as indicated by the TLC plate of the ring-closing reaction below. The structure of the curved isomer was confirmed by comparison of its 2D NMR data with that of the linear isomer (see Fig. S149).

Eluent: DCM:THF (15:1)



TLC for the ladderization reaction toward **(P)-T2-tBu**

Two possible isomers for **(P)-T2-tBu**:

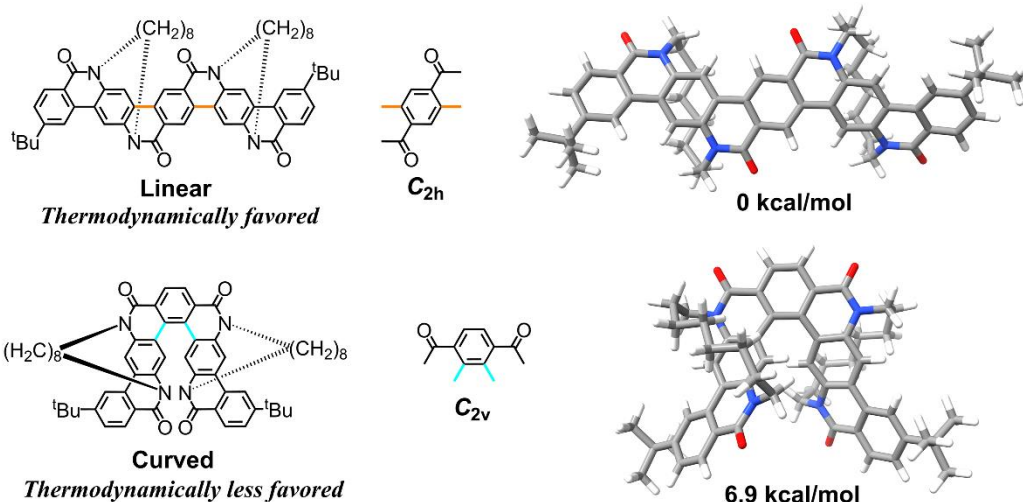
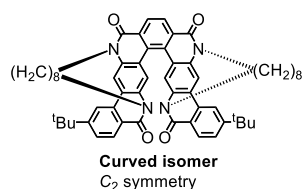


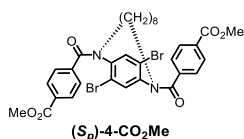
Fig. S4. Two isomers for **(P)-T2-tBu** and their optimized structures and relative Gibbs free energies (DFT, M06-2X(D3)/6-31G(d,p) level). Note: the bonds in orange denote the desired linear ladderization for TECHs, whereas the bonds in cyan denote the undesired curved ladderization.



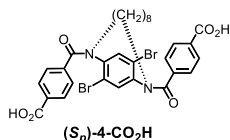
The curved isomer was isolated from the side products mixture via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate:CH₂Cl₂ (1:15) as eluent (3.6 mg, 7%). There are only 6 aromatic proton peaks and 17 sp²-carbon peaks found for the curved isomer in the ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectra, respectively, suggesting its C₂-symmetry.

Curved isomer of (P)-T2-tBu: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 8.76 (s, 2H), 8.38 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (s, 2H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (s, 2H), 5.20-5.15 (m, 2H), 4.71-4.66 (m, 2H), 4.38-4.33 (m, 2H), 3.31-3.26 (m, 2H), 1.81-1.68 (br, 4H), 1.52 (s, 18H), 1.45-1.36 (br, 2H), 1.14 (br, 2H), 0.88 (br, 4H), 0.69 (br, 2H), 0.51 (br, 6H), -0.36 (br, 2H), -0.65 (br, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 161.64, 161.03, 156.55, 134.61, 131.88, 131.79,

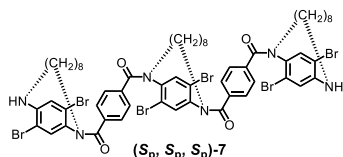
130.12, 130.10, 129.23, 128.39, 127.36, 124.47, 123.74, 118.51, 118.01, 116.56, 110.00, 44.71, 44.05, 35.56, 31.29, 29.69, 28.47, 28.39, 26.74, 26.06, 26.02, 25.93. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $C_{58}H_{62}N_4O_4$ [M^+] calc. 878.4771, found 878.4763.



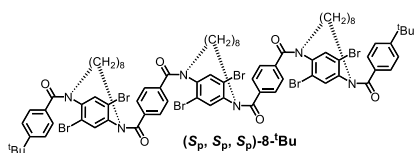
(*S_p*)-4-CO₂Me. To a solution of (*S_p*)-3 (450 mg, 1.20 mmol) in THF (7 mL) was added methyl 4-(chlorocarbonyl)benzoate (714 mg, 3.59 mmol) and triethylamine (1.70 mL, 12.25 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1.5 h. The reaction was washed with water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate: CH_2Cl_2 (1:10) as eluent to give (*S_p*)-4-CO₂Me as a white solid (738 mg, 88%). ¹H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 8.11-7.23 (br, 10H), 4.15-3.46 (br, 10H), 1.59 (br, 2H), 1.40 (br, 2H), 0.89-0.73 (br, 8H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. $CDCl_3$, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 168.85, 166.08, 141.24, 139.34, 136.85, 131.77, 129.00, 128.24, 122.93, 52.36, 46.07, 26.11, 25.90, 25.78. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $C_{32}H_{33}Br_2N_2O_6$ [$M + H^+$] calc. 699.0705, found 699.0704.



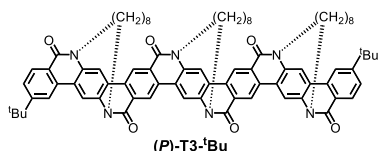
(*S_p*)-4-COOH. To a solution of (*S_p*)-4-CO₂Me (590 mg, 0.84 mmol) in THF (12 mL) was added KOH (142 mg, 2.54 mmol), ethanol (12 mL) and H_2O (3 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was neutralised with dilute hydrochloric acid. Then, THF in the mixture was removed under reduced pressure. After filtration, (*S_p*)-4-COOH was obtained as a white solid (550 mg, 97%). ¹H NMR ($DMSO-d_6$, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 13.19 (br, 1.5H), 8.23-7.41 (br, 10H), 3.93 (br, 2H), 3.56 (br, 2H), 1.48 (br, 4H), 0.91-0.82 (br, 8H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. $CDCl_3$, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 166.20, 156.59, 140.26, 140.06, 139.10, 136.15, 134.97, 133.60, 131.98, 129.30, 128.03, 127.89, 126.46, 123.02, 25.58, 25.35, 24.99. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $C_{30}H_{29}Br_2N_2O_6$ [$M + H^+$] calc. 671.0392, found 671.0393.



(*S_p*, *S_p*, *S_p*)-7. To a solution of (*S_p*)-4-COOH (100 mg, 0.15 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) was added oxalyl chloride (2 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 0.60 mL, 1.20 mmol) and 1 drop of DMF under nitrogen. After stirring at room temperature for 30 min, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To the resulting solid was sequentially added CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL), triethylamine (0.21 mL, 1.52 mmol) and (*S_p*)-3 (118 mg, 0.31 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate: CH_2Cl_2 (1:4) as eluent to give (*S_p*, *S_p*, *S_p*)-7 as a white solid (196 mg, 95%). ¹H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 7.44-6.90 (br, 14H), 4.28-3.11 (br, 14H), 1.82-1.81 (br, 2H), 1.50 (br, 8H), 1.23-0.74 (br, 22H), 0.42 (br, 2H), 0.13 (br, 2H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. $CDCl_3$, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 169.59, 169.01, 146.66, 141.26, 138.28, 136.33, 135.89, 135.44, 135.00, 131.13, 128.42, 127.70, 123.37, 123.13, 121.55, 121.25, 111.87, 47.45, 46.66, 45.00, 27.62, 27.06, 26.49, 26.07, 25.89, 25.49, 25.21, 22.08. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $C_{58}H_{65}Br_6N_6O_4$ [$M + H^+$] calc. 1383.0168, found 1383.0180.



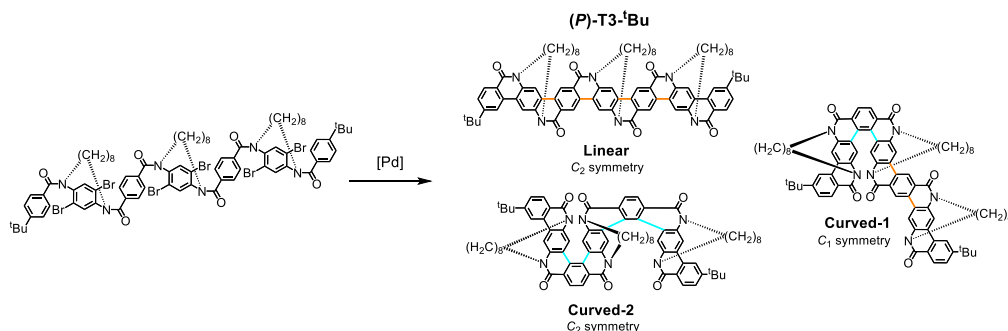
(*S_p, S_p, S_p*)-8-*t*Bu. To a solution of (*S_p, S_p, S_p*)-7 (150 mg, 0.11 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added 4-*tert*-butylbenzoyl chloride (64 μ L, 0.32 mmol) and triethylamine (156 μ L, 1.12 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 34 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate:CH₂Cl₂ (1:4) as eluent to give (*S_p, S_p, S_p*)-8-*t*Bu as a white solid (178 mg, 96%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 7.46-7.15 (br, 22H), 4.15-3.79 (br, 12H), 1.76-1.44 (br, 12H), 1.28 (s, 18H), 0.84 (br, 24H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 169.73, 168.99, 169.59, 153.81, 142.25, 141.29, 140.66, 137.18, 136.98, 136.75, 136.55, 136.35, 132.11, 128.35, 127.79, 125.23, 124.89, 123.30, 122.89, 46.39, 34.82, 31.17, 25.93, 25.49. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₈₀H₈₉Br₆N₆O₆ [*M* + *H*⁺] calc. 1703.1944, found 1703.1960.



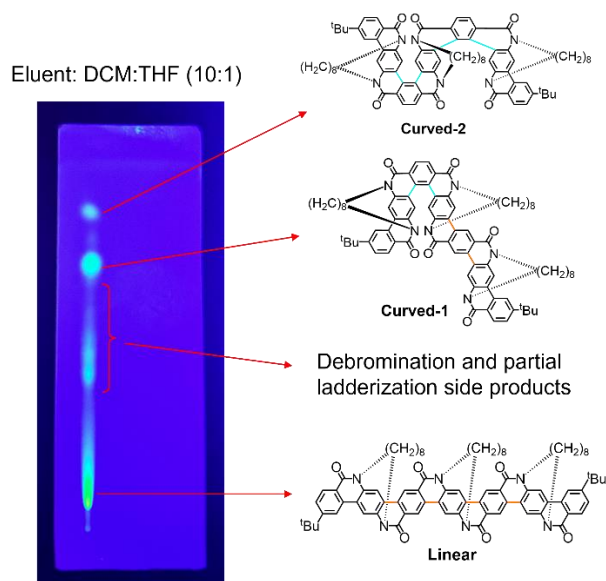
(*P*)-T3-*t*Bu. To a solution of (*S_p, S_p, S_p*)-8-*t*Bu (50 mg, 0.029 mmol) in DMA (2 mL) was added palladium diacetate (8 mg, 0.036 mmol), tricyclohexylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (19 mg, 0.052 mmol) and cesium carbonate (114 mg, 0.35 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 2 min. The color of the reaction mixture turned black. After cooling to room temperature, saturated NaCl aqueous solution was added into the reaction mixture. The mixture was filtered with the aid of silica gel and then washed with water for three times. After drying, the crude product absorbed in silica gel was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:6) as eluent to give (*P*)-T3-*t*Bu as a yellow solid (22 mg, 61%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 8.95 (s, 2H), 8.41 (s, 2H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.22 (s, 2H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (s, 2H), 7.69 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (s, 2H), 5.30-5.26 (m, 2H), 5.09-5.05 (m, 2H), 4.57-4.53 (m, 2H), 4.35-4.29 (m, 2H), 4.23-4.17 (m, 2H), 3.70-3.64 (m, 2H), 1.79 (br, 4H), 1.67 (br, 2H), 1.58 (s, 18H), 1.44-1.23 (br, 6H), 0.77-0.64 (br, 12H), 0.48 (br, 6H), -(0.38-0.45) (br, 4H), -(0.55-0.56) (br, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 161.00, 160.84, 160.38, 156.39, 134.46, 133.73, 133.58, 131.74, 131.72, 130.91, 129.26, 128.78, 128.03, 127.01, 124.21, 123.35, 123.29, 123.12, 121.76, 120.85, 117.86, 111.71, 111.59, 111.25, 45.67, 45.01, 43.72, 35.62, 31.37, 29.04, 28.90, 27.03, 26.77, 26.62, 26.54, 26.45, 26.28. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₈₀H₈₂N₆O₆ [*M*⁺] calc. 1222.6296, found 1222.6295.

Isolation of the curved-1 and curved-2 isomers from the side products of (*P*)-T3-*t*Bu.

The ring-closing reaction for (*P*)-T3-*t*Bu would generate three possible isomers (linear, curved-1 and curved-2). See below:



The curved-1 and curved-2 isomers shows much lower polarity than the dominate linear isomer as indicated by the TLC plate of the ring-closing reaction below:



TLC for the ladderization reaction toward (*P*)-T3-^tBu

Three possible isomers for (*P*)-T3-^tBu:

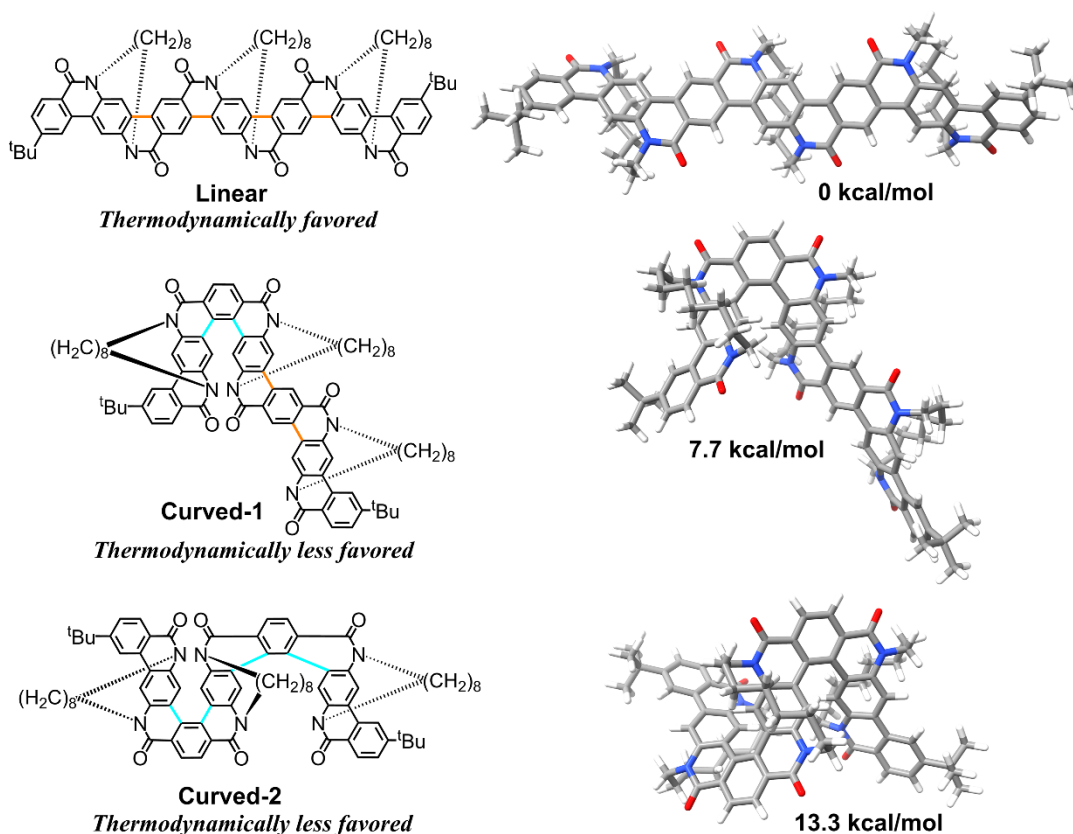
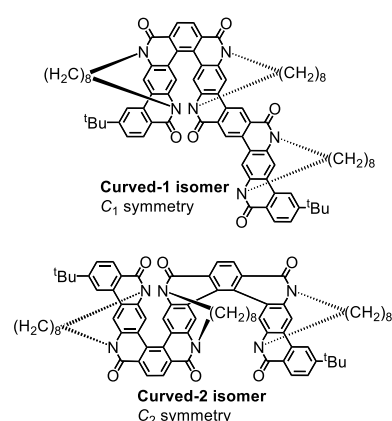
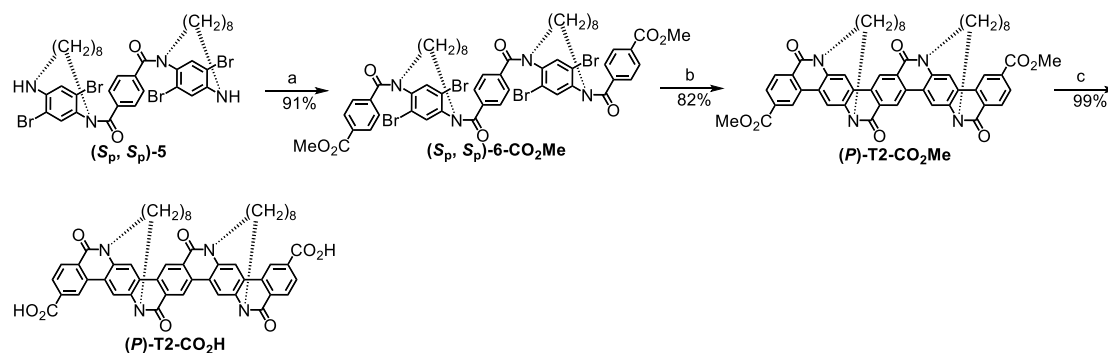


Fig. S5. Three isomers for (*P*)-T3-^tBu and their optimized structures and relative Gibbs free energies (DFT, M06-2X(D3)/6-31G(d,p) level). Note: the bonds in orange denote the desired linear ladderization for TECHs, whereas the bonds in cyan denote the undesired curved ladderization.

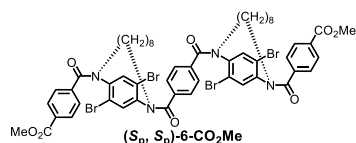


The curved-1 and curved-2 isomers were isolated from the side products mixture via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate:CH₂Cl₂ (1:10) as eluent (curved-1: 5.4 mg, 15%; curved-2: 2.5 mg, 7%). The NMR spectra indicate the C₁-symmetry and C₂-symmetry of curved-1 and curved-2 isomers, respectively (Fig.s S40-S43). For example, 15 aromatic proton peaks (two singlets overlapped) are observed for curved-1 isomer, but only 8 aromatic proton peaks are observed for curved-2 isomer. **Curved-1 isomer of (P)-T3-Bu**: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 9.39 (s, 1H), 9.25 (s, 1H), 8.79 (s, 2H), 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.48 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 5.30-5.16 (m, 4H), 4.78-4.74 (m, 1H), 4.67-4.62 (m, 1H), 4.48-4.42 (m, 1H), 4.38-4.24 (m, 3H), 3.40-3.35 (m, 1H), 3.28-3.23 (m, 1H). 1.85-1.65 (m, 8H), 1.51 (s, 9H), 1.50 (s, 9H), 1.24-1.11 (m, 2H), 0.93-0.49 (m, 20H), -(0.15-0.25) (m, 3H), -0.40 (m, 1H), -(0.59-0.65) (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 161.72, 161.57, 161.44, 161.25, 160.99, 160.93, 156.58, 156.43, 135.36, 134.91, 134.71, 133.71, 132.60, 131.99, 131.75, 131.52, 131.42, 130.42, 130.18, 130.13, 129.84, 129.60, 129.27, 129.17, 128.78, 128.47, 127.37, 127.12, 124.44, 124.38, 124.00, 123.73, 123.28, 122.83, 121.45, 119.27, 118.47, 118.04, 117.99, 116.87, 116.48, 111.91, 111.57, 110.72, 110.11, 45.63, 44.77, 44.71, 44.57, 44.10, 35.55, 31.27, 31.26, 29.20, 29.09, 28.67, 28.50, 28.45, 27.12, 27.01, 26.70, 26.57, 26.42, 26.17, 26.13, 26.01, 25.96. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₈₀H₈₂N₆O₆ [*M*⁺] calc. 1222.6296, found 1222.6279. **Curved-2 isomer of (P)-T3-Bu**: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 8.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.74 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.33 (s, 2H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (s, 2H), 7.86 (s, 2H), 7.78 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 5.22-5.19 (m, 2H), 4.90-4.86 (m, 2H), 4.71-4.67 (m, 2H), 4.40-4.34 (m, 2H), 3.56-3.51 (m, 2H), 3.30-3.25 (m, 2H). 1.84-1.71 (br, 6H), 1.55 (s, 18H), 1.39-1.29 (br, 8H), 0.93 (br, 6H), 0.61 (br, 6H), 0.46-0.36 (br, 4H), -0.29 (br, 2H), -0.48 (br, 2H), -0.78 (br, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 161.55, 161.02, 160.79, 156.81, 134.86, 132.48, 131.83, 131.70, 130.79, 130.53, 129.99, 129.53, 129.24, 129.09, 128.97, 127.58, 124.39, 123.61, 119.82, 118.43, 117.99, 116.23, 115.78, 110.32, 44.75, 44.36, 43.89, 35.63, 31.30, 29.69, 28.56, 27.86, 26.52, 26.46, 26.39, 26.13, 25.95, 25.09. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₈₀H₈₂N₆O₆ [*M*⁺] calc. 1222.6296, found 1222.6280.



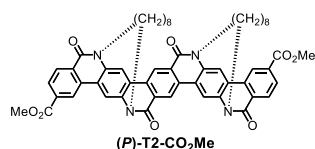
Scheme S1. Synthetic route for (P)-T2-CO₂H. Reaction conditions: a) Et₃N/ArCOCl, THF, 70 °C;

b) Pd(OAc)₂/PCy₃·HBF₄/Cs₂CO₃, DMA, 130 °C; c) KOH, THF/EtOH/water, 70 °C.



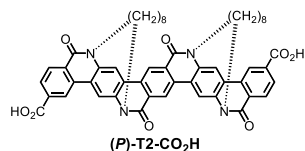
(*S_p*, *S_p*)-6-CO₂Me. To a solution of (*S_p*, *S_p*)-5 (1.10 g, 1.25 mmol) and methyl 4-(chlorocarbonyl)benzoate (0.74 g, 3.74 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added triethylamine (1.80 mL, 12.97 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C

for 1.5 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate:CH₂Cl₂ (1:10) as eluent to give (*S_p*, *S_p*)-6-CO₂Me as a white solid (1.36 g, 91%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 7.85-7.03 (br, 16H), 4.01 (br, 8H), 3.96 (s, 6H), 1.55-1.44 (br, 8H), 0.88-0.78 (16H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 168.78, 168.11, 166.19, 141.61, 140.92, 139.50, 136.77, 136.43, 131.45, 128.97, 128.40, 127.99, 123.74, 123.36, 52.43, 46.92, 46.33, 26.21, 25.87, 25.79. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₅₄H₅₅Br₄N₄O₈ [M + H⁺] calc. 1203.0753, found 1203.0753.



(*P*)-T2-CO₂Me. To a solution of (*S_p*, *S_p*)-6-CO₂Me (200 mg, 0.17 mmol) in DMA (10 mL) was added palladium diacetate (30 mg, 0.13 mmol), tricyclohexylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (73 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cesium carbonate (432 mg, 1.33 mmol) under nitrogen.

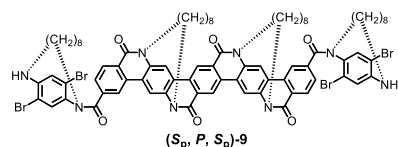
The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 2 min. The color of the reaction mixture turned black. After cooling to room temperature, saturated NaCl aqueous solution was added into the reaction mixture. The mixture was filtered with the aid of silica gel and then washed with water for three times. After drying, the crude product absorbed in silica gel was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:4) as eluent to give (*P*)-T2-CO₂Me as a yellow solid (120 mg, 82%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 8.83 (s, 2H), 8.82 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 2H), 8.48 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.24 (s, 2H), 8.24 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (s, 2H), 5.20-5.16 (m, 2H), 4.83-4.79 (m, 2H), 4.32-4.26 (m, 2H), 4.10 (s, 6H), 3.98-3.92 (br, 2H), 1.78 (br, 2H), 1.65-1.62 (br, 2H), 1.45-1.31 (br, 4H), 0.86-0.71 (br, 8H), 0.53-0.52 (br, 4H), -(0.39-0.44) (br, 4H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 166.20, 160.81, 160.46, 134.43, 133.83, 132.02, 131.49, 129.76, 129.34, 129.17, 128.76, 123.71, 123.41, 122.03, 121.70, 111.77, 111.64, 52.82, 45.41, 44.57, 29.13, 29.01, 26.99, 26.76, 26.52, 26.40. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₅₄H₅₀N₄O₈ [M⁺] calc. 882.3629, found 882.3630.



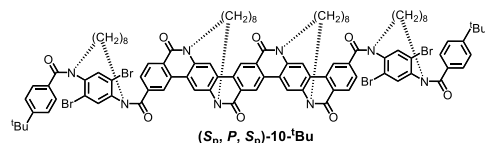
(*P*)-T2-CO₂H. To a solution of (*P*)-T2-CO₂Me (92 mg, 0.10 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added KOH (18 mg, 0.32 mmol), ethanol (3 mL) and H₂O (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was neutralised with dilute hydrochloric acid. Then,

THF in the mixture was removed under reduced pressure. After filtration, (*P*)-T2-CO₂H was obtained as a yellow solid (88 mg, 99%). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 9.08 (s, 2H), 8.73 (s, 2H), 8.67 (s, 2H), 8.15-8.14 (br, 6H), 4.84 (br, 2H), 4.61 (br, 2H), 4.44 (br, 2H), 4.25 (br, 2H), 1.64-1.48 (br, 4H), 1.17-1.06 (br, 4H), 0.71-0.58 (br, 8H), 0.30 (br, 4H), -(0.62-0.68) (br, 4H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 167.26, 159.74, 133.78, 133.60, 132.21, 131.15, 128.68, 128.59, 128.13, 124.62, 123.51,

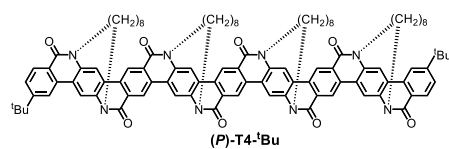
121.62, 121.15, 112.41, 111.98, 44.36, 43.76, 28.83, 26.77, 26.51, 26.19, 26.14. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₅₂H₄₆N₄O₈ [M⁺] calc. 854.3316, found 854.3318.



(S_p, P, S_p)-9. To a solution of (*P*)-T2-CO₂H (88 mg, 0.10 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was added oxalyl chloride (2 M in CH₂Cl₂, 412 μL, 0.82 mmol) and 1 drop DMF under nitrogen. After stirring at room temperature for 30 min, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To the resulting solid was sequentially added CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL), triethylamine (150 μL, 1.08 mmol) and (S_p)-3 (81 mg, 0.22 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:10) as eluent to give (S_p, P, S_p)-9 as a yellow solid (130 mg, 80%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 9.07 (s, 2H), 8.42 (d, 2H), 8.39 (s, 2H), 8.13 (s, 2H), 8.01 (s, 2H), 7.86 (d, 2H), 7.16 (s, 2H), 7.08 (s, 2H), 5.23-5.19 (m, 2H), 5.01-4.98 (m, 2H), 4.32 (br, 2H), 4.22-4.16 (m, 2H), 4.11-4.00 (m, 6H), 3.54-3.50 (m, 2H), 3.23-3.17 (m, 2H), 1.86-0.30 (br, 44H), -(0.44-0.57) (br, 4H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 169.07, 161.02, 160.95, 139.65, 135.66, 134.60, 133.65, 131.68, 129.27, 128.99, 128.60, 127.28, 123.54, 122.53, 122.42, 122.16, 121.63, 121.25, 111.98, 111.73, 47.40, 45.38, 45.05, 44.97, 29.12, 28.85, 27.66, 27.27, 26.68, 26.63, 26.56, 26.25, 26.11, 26.05, 22.64. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₈₀H₈₂Br₄N₈O₆ [M⁺] calc. 1566.3091, found 1566.3110.

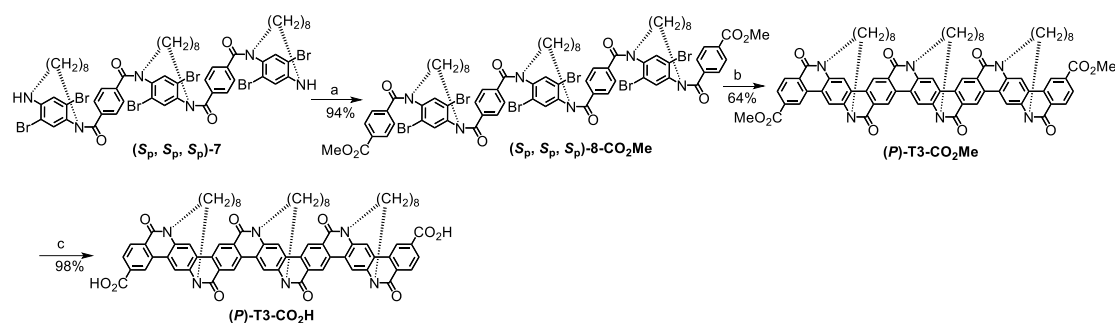


(S_p, P, S_p)-10-^tBu. To a solution of (S_p, P, S_p)-9 (130 mg, 0.083 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added 4-tert-butylbenzoyl chloride (49 μL, 0.25 mmol) and triethylamine (84 μL, 0.83 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 48 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:10) as eluent to give (S_p, P, S_p)-10-^tBu as a yellow solid (140 mg, 89%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 9.24-7.40 (br, 22H), 5.22-5.09 (br, 4H), 4.40-3.75 (br, 12H), 1.77-1.47 (br, 18H), 1.32 (s, 18), 0.86 (br, 24H), 0.60 (br, 4H), -0.29 (br, 4H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 161.13, 160.63, 142.44, 139.46, 136.90, 134.78, 133.88, 132.04, 128.13, 124.94, 123.70, 122.89, 121.98, 111.85, 45.41, 44.94, 34.86, 31.14, 29.12, 28.98, 26.98, 26.37, 26.16, 25.94. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₁₀₂H₁₀₆Br₄N₈O₈ [M⁺] calc. 1886.4867, found 1886.4872.

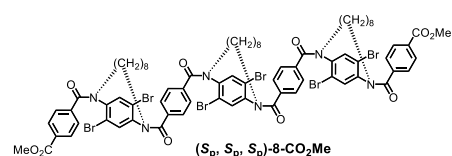


(P)-T4-^tBu. To a solution of (S_p, P, S_p)-10-^tBu (90 mg, 0.048 mmol) in DMA (2 mL) was added palladium diacetate (9 mg, 0.040 mmol), tricyclohexylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (21 mg, 0.057 mmol) and cesium carbonate (123 mg, 0.38 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 2 min. The color of the reaction mixture turned black. After cooling to room temperature, saturated NaCl aqueous solution was added into the reaction mixture. The mixture was filtered with the aid of silica gel and then washed with water for three times. After drying, the crude product absorbed in silica gel was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:4) as

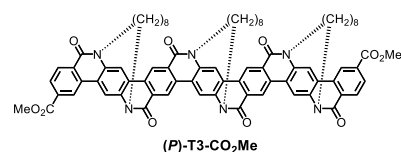
eluent to give **(P)-T4-^tBu** as a yellow solid (32 mg, 43%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 9.14 (s, 2H), 8.70 (s, 2H), 8.40 (s, 2H), 8.20 (s, 2H), 8.19 (s, 2H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (s, 2H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (s, 2H), 5.32-5.28 (m, 2H), 5.24-5.20 (m, 2H), 4.99-4.95 (m, 2H), 4.69-4.65 (m, 2H), 4.35-4.29 (m, 4H), 4.10-4.05 (m, 2H), 3.74-3.69 (m, 2H), 1.81-1.71 (br, 4H), 1.58 (s, 18H), 1.50-1.37 (br, 8H), 1.30-1.24 (br, 4H), 1.26 (br, 4H), 0.86-0.60 (br, 16H), 0.45 (br, 8H), -0.46 (br, 4H), -0.61 (br, 4H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 161.00, 160.95, 160.44, 160.27, 156.37, 134.33, 133.94, 133.67, 133.58, 131.81, 131.77, 131.23, 131.00, 129.08, 128.78, 128.27, 128.08, 126.92, 124.14, 123.58, 123.47, 123.40, 123.21, 121.90, 121.50, 120.84, 117.97, 111.96, 111.70, 111.62, 111.30, 45.62, 45.23, 44.84, 43.83, 35.59, 31.36, 28.97, 28.83, 27.01, 26.76, 26.56, 26.40, 26.24. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₁₀₂H₁₀₂N₈O₈ [*M*⁺] calc. 1566.7821, found 1566.7822.



Scheme S2. Synthetic route for **(P)-T3-CO₂H**. Reaction conditions: a) Et₃N/ArCOCl, THF, 70 °C; b) Pd(OAc)₂/PCy₃·HBF₄/Cs₂CO₃, DMA, 130 °C; c) KOH, THF/EtOH/water, 70 °C.

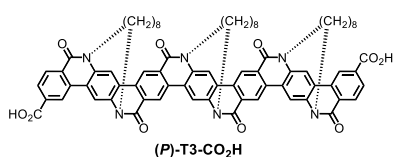


(*S_p, S_p, S_p*)-8-CO₂Me. To a solution of (*S_p, S_p, S_p*)-7 (500 mg, 0.36 mmol) and methyl 4-(chlorocarbonyl)benzoate (215 mg, 1.08 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added triethylamine (519 μL, 3.74 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1.5 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate:CH₂Cl₂ (1:4) as eluent to give (*S_p, S_p, S_p*)-8-CO₂Me as a white solid (581 mg, 94%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 7.83-7.04 (br, 22H), 4.04-3.95 (br, 18H), 1.52-1.44 (br, 12H), 0.86-0.76 (br, 24H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 168.71, 168.53, 166.29, 141.12, 139.22, 137.10, 137.02, 136.61, 136.53, 136.26, 131.48, 128.98, 128.53, 128.13, 127.65, 123.92, 123.30, 52.29, 46.70, 46.31, 26.28, 26.11, 25.82, 25.65. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₇₆H₇₇Br₆N₆O₁₀ [*M* + H⁺] calc. 1707.0801, found 1707.0817.

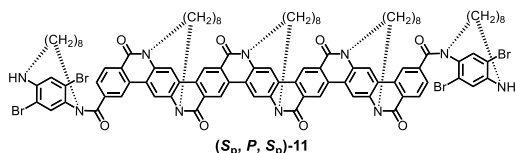


(P)-T3-CO₂Me. To a solution of (*S_p, S_p, S_p*)-8-CO₂Me (100 mg, 0.058 mmol) in DMA (3 mL) was added palladium diacetate (16 mg, 0.071 mmol), tricyclohexylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (39 mg, 0.11 mmol) and cesium carbonate (228 mg, 0.70 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 2 min. The color of the reaction mixture turned black. After cooling to room temperature, saturated NaCl

aqueous solution was added into the reaction mixture. The mixture was filtered with the aid of silica gel and then washed with water for three times. After drying, the crude product absorbed in silica gel was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:6) as eluent to give **(P)-T3-CO₂Me** as a yellow solid (46 mg, 64%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 8.99 (s, 2H), 8.91 (d, *J* = 0.6 Hz, 2H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.36 (s, 2H), 8.31 (s, 2H), 8.26 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (s, 2H), 7.63 (s, 2H), 5.30-5.26 (m, 2H), 5.07-5.03 (m, 2H), 4.55-4.52 (m, 2H), 4.38-4.33 (m, 2H), 4.22-4.17 (m, 2H), 4.12 (s, 6H), 3.67-3.61 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.78 (br, 2H), 1.66-1.65 (br, 2H), 1.53-1.42 (br, 4H), 1.33-1.20 (br, 4H), 0.84-0.45 (br, 18H), -(0.44-0.57) (br, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 166.24, 160.84, 160.28, 160.25, 134.28, 133.97, 133.84, 132.02, 131.38, 131.28, 129.37, 128.80, 128.15, 123.78, 123.56, 122.07, 121.68, 121.55, 112.03, 111.81, 111.43, 52.84, 45.54, 45.05, 44.16, 29.02, 28.90, 26.99, 26.74, 26.50, 26.42, 26.35. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₇₆H₇₀N₆O₁₀ [M⁺] calc. 1226.5153, found 1226.5157.

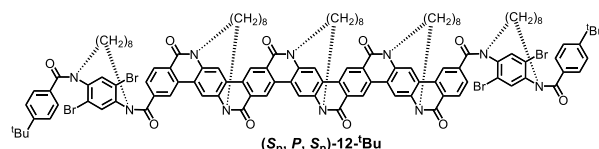


(P)-T3-CO₂H. To a solution of **(P)-T3-CO₂Me** (210 mg, 0.17 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was added KOH (29 mg, 0.52 mmol), ethanol (6 mL) and H₂O (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was neutralised with dilute hydrochloric acid. Then, THF in the mixture was removed under reduced pressure. After filtration, **(P)-T3-CO₂H** was obtained as a yellow solid (202 mg, 98%). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 8.88-7.61 (br, 16H), 4.83-3.84 (br, 12H), 1.57-(-1.40) (br, 36H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 166.54, 159.26, 158.96, 158.89, 158.72, 133.14, 132.96, 131.62, 130.39, 127.56, 127.08, 124.10, 122.71, 120.89, 120.45, 111.95, 43.96, 28.67, 28.11, 25.94, 25.53. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₇₄H₆₆N₆O₁₀ [M⁺] calc. 1198.4840, found 1198.4851.



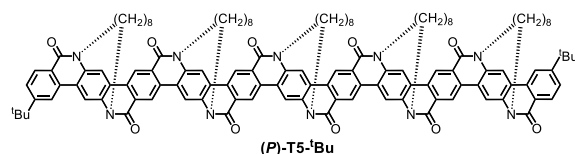
(S_p, P, S_p)-11. To a solution of **(P)-T3-CO₂H** (140 mg, 0.12 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was added oxalyl chloride (2 M in CH₂Cl₂, 412 μL, 0.82 mmol) and 1 drop DMF under nitrogen. After stirring at room temperature for 30 min, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To the resulting solid was sequentially added CH₂Cl₂ (14 mL), triethylamine (168 μL, 1.21 mmol) and **(S_p)-3** (92 mg, 0.24 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:6) as eluent to give **(S_p, P, S_p)-11** as a yellow solid (180 mg, 80%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 9.08 (s, 2H), 8.75 (s, 2H), 8.43 (s, 2H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.11 (s, 2H), 8.00 (s, 2H), 7.86 (s, 2H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (s, 2H), 7.09 (s, 2H), 5.27-5.23 (m, 2H), 5.11-5.07 (m, 2H), 4.85-4.81 (m, 2H), 4.25-4.16 (m, 4H), 4.08 (br, 4H), 3.92-3.87 (m, 2H), 3.56-3.54 (m, 2H), 3.23-3.18 (m, 2H), 1.81-0.29 (m, 54H), -(0.47-0.68) (br, 6H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 168.99, 160.88, 160.66, 147.23, 139.58, 135.63, 134.45, 133.94, 133.53, 131.70, 131.54, 131.44, 131.36, 129.17, 128.78, 128.57, 128.51, 127.19, 123.59, 122.57, 122.19, 121.78, 131.33, 121.22, 121.20, 112.05, 111.97, 111.63, 47.49, 45.34, 45.09, 44.76, 29.04, 28.79, 27.70, 27.25, 26.86, 26.59, 26.50, 26.41, 26.29, 26.13, 26.01, 22.56. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₁₀₂H₁₀₂Br₄N₁₀O₈ [M⁺] calc. 1910.4616,

found 1910.4646. Single crystals of (*S_p*, *P*, *S_p*)-11 were obtained by diffusion of acetonitrile into the (*S_p*, *P*, *S_p*)-11 solution in CH₂Cl₂. Formula: C₁₀₃H₁₀₄Br₄Cl₂N₁₀O₈ (one (*S_p*, *P*, *S_p*)-11 and one CH₂Cl₂ were included in a cell); formula weight: 2000.50; crystal system: monoclinic; space group: *C* 2; unit cell parameters: *a* = 40.326(2) Å, *b* = 20.5209(11) Å, *c* = 16.0320(9) Å, α = 90°, β = 110.733(2)°, γ = 90°, *V* = 12407.7(12) Å³; temperature for data collection: 170.0 K; *Z* = 4; final *R* indices [*I* > 2σ(*I*)]: *R*₁ = 0.0713, *wR*₂ = 0.1927; GOF on *F*²: 0.976; Flack parameter: 0.089(10). The crystallographic data have been deposited in Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC-2354659).



(*S_p*, *P*, *S_p*)-12-⁴Bu. To a solution of (*S_p*, *P*, *S_p*)-11 (100 mg, 0.052 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added 4-tert-butylbenzoyl chloride (31 μL, 0.16 mmol) and

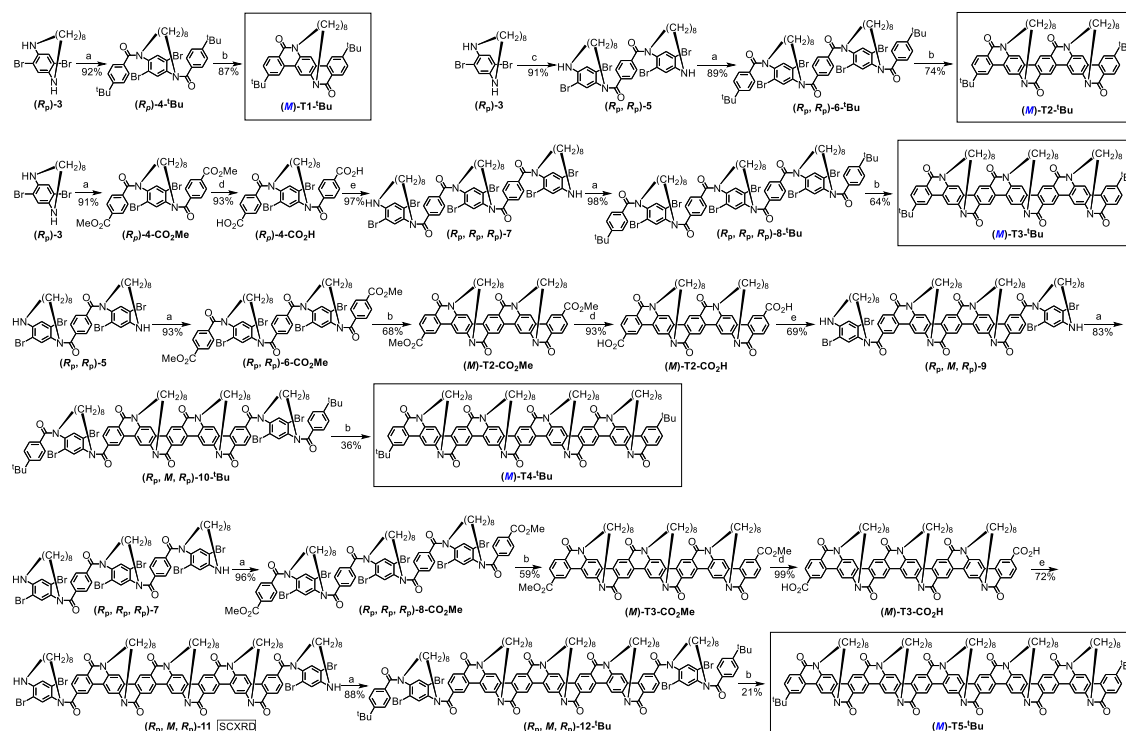
triethylamine (75 μL, 0.54 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 48 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:6) as eluent to give (*S_p*, *P*, *S_p*)-12-⁴Bu as a yellow solid (106 mg, 92%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 9.21-7.32 (br, 28H), 5.24-3.79 (br, 20H), 1.83-0.55 (br, 72H), -0.35 (br, 6H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 161.04, 160.44, 142.34, 139.54, 136.68, 134.10, 133.83, 132.51, 132.14, 131.80, 131.54, 128.95, 125.26, 123.72, 122.56, 121.78, 111.98, 45.48, 34.91, 31.18, 29.69, 29.08, 28.89, 27.00, 26.83, 26.41, 26.03, 25.95. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₁₂₄H₁₂₆Br₄N₁₀O₁₀ [*M*⁺] calc. 2230.6392, found 2230.6400.



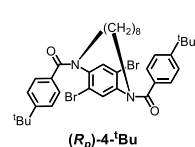
(*P*)-T5-⁴Bu. To a solution of (*S_p*, *P*, *S_p*)-12-⁴Bu (30 mg, 0.014 mmol) in DMA (1 mL) was added palladium diacetate (3 mg, 0.013 mmol),

tricyclohexylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (6 mg, 0.016 mmol) and cesium carbonate (36 mg, 0.11 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 2 min. The color of the reaction mixture turned black. After cooling to room temperature, saturated NaCl aqueous solution was added into the reaction mixture. The mixture was filtered with the aid of silica gel and then washed with water for three times. After drying, the crude product absorbed in silica gel was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:2) as eluent to give (*P*)-T5-⁴Bu as an orange solid (6 mg, 23%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 9.26 (s, 2H), 8.97 (s, 2H), 8.59 (s, 2H), 8.42 (s, 2H), 8.29 (s, 2H), 8.22 (s, 2H), 8.18 (s, 2H), 8.15 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (s, 2H), 7.72 (s, 2H), 7.62 (s, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.32-5.26 (m, 4H), 5.19-5.15 (m, 2H), 4.95-4.91 (m, 2H), 4.72-4.69 (m, 2H), 4.41-4.24 (m, 6H), 4.05-4.00 (m, 2H), 3.76-3.70 (m, 2H), 1.79 (br, 10H), 1.59 (s, 18H), 1.50 (br, 10H), 0.77-0.61 (br, 20H), 0.47 (br, 10H), -0.46 (br, 4H), -(0.60-0.63) (br, 6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 161.05, 161.03, 160.60, 160.34, 160.30, 156.38, 134.31, 134.08, 133.84, 133.66, 133.63, 131.88, 131.83, 131.30, 131.24, 131.17, 129.06, 128.83, 128.37, 128.19, 128.14, 126.91, 124.15, 123.71, 123.59, 123.45, 123.27, 122.03, 121.59, 121.51, 120.87, 118.04, 112.16, 112.00, 111.70, 111.68, 111.38, 45.64, 45.30, 45.17, 44.79, 43.87, 35.61, 31.38,

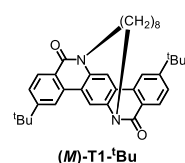
29.01, 28.94, 28.83, 27.05, 26.82, 26.68, 26.56, 26.43, 26.38, 26.24. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $C_{124}H_{122}N_{10}O_{10}$ [M^+] calc. 1910.9345, found 1910.9355.



Scheme S3. Synthesis of *M*-chirality concave-type TECHs starting from **(*R_p*)-3**. Reaction conditions: a) $Et_3N/ArCOCl$, THF, 70 °C; b) $Pd(OAc)_2/PCy_3 \cdot HBF_4/Cs_2CO_3$, DMA, 130 °C; c) Et_3N /terephthaloyl chloride, CH_2Cl_2 , r.t.; d) KOH, THF/EtOH/water, 70 °C; e) 1. oxalyl chloride, CH_2Cl_2 , r.t.; 2. $Et_3N/(R_p)\text{-}3$, CH_2Cl_2 , r.t.

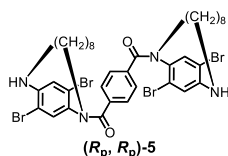


(*R_p*)-4-4-Bu. To a solution of (*R_p*)-3 (70 mg, 0.19 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added 4-tert-butylbenzoyl chloride (111 μ L, 0.56 mmol) and triethylamine (268 μ L, 1.93 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 5 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate: CH_2Cl_2 (1:20) as eluent to give **(*R_p*)-4-4-Bu** as a white solid (119 mg, 92%). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 7.40 (br, 10H), 4.22-3.74 (br, 4H), 1.61 (br, 2H), 1.48 (br, 2H), 1.32 (s, 18H), 0.89 (br, 8H). ^{13}C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. $CDCl_3$, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 170.04, 153.84, 141.88, 136.68, 132.33, 128.41, 125.02, 122.18, 46.29, 34.82, 31.13, 26.01, 25.92. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $C_{36}H_{45}Br_2N_2O_2$ [$M + H^+$] calc. 695.1848, found 695.1848.

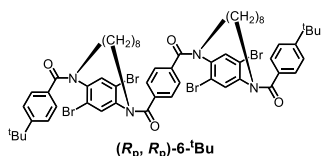


(*M*)-T1-4-Bu. To a solution of (*R_p*)-4-4-Bu (42 mg, 0.060 mmol) in DMA (2 mL) was added palladium diacetate (7 mg, 0.031 mmol), tricyclohexylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (17 mg, 0.046 mmol) and cesium carbonate (102 mg, 0.31 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 10 min. The color of the reaction mixture turned black. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with petroleum ether for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was

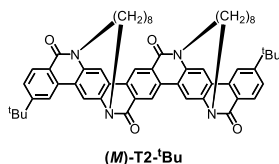
purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate:CH₂Cl₂ (1:10) as eluent to give **(M)-T1-^tBu** as a yellow solid (28 mg, 87%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 8.46 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.16 (s, 2H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 5.21-5.15 (m, 2H), 4.23-4.16 (m, 2H), 1.81-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.42 (m, 20H), 0.88-0.83 (m, 4H), 0.64-0.57 (m, 2H), -(0.15-0.21) (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 161.86, 156.34, 134.17, 132.26, 129.03, 126.73, 124.17, 122.34, 117.90, 111.10, 44.96, 35.51, 31.25, 29.04, 27.06, 26.46. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₃₆H₄₂N₂O₂ [M⁺] calc. 534.3246, found 534.3246.



(*R_p*, *R_p*)-5. To a solution of (*R_p*)-3 (800 mg, 2.13 mmol) and terephthaloyl chloride (216 mg, 1.06 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (80 mL) was added triethylamine (1.48 mL, 10.67 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate:CH₂Cl₂ (1:10) as eluent to give **(*R_p*, *R_p*)-5** as a white solid (856 mg, 91%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 7.64-7.43 (br, 4H), 7.12-6.88 (m, 4H), 4.33 (br, 1H), 4.17-4.12 (m, 2H), 3.65-3.60 (m, 2H), 3.52-3.48 (m, 2H), 3.20-3.15 (m, 2H), 1.82 (br, 2H), 1.47 (br, 4H), 1.12-0.90 (m, 12H), 0.69 (br, 2H), 0.44 (br, 2H), 0.08 (br, 2H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 169.89, 146.67, 137.39, 135.07, 131.24, 127.86, 123.18, 121.44, 111.79, 47.57, 45.02, 27.58, 27.00, 26.53, 26.07, 25.14, 22.05. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₃₆H₄₃Br₄N₄O₂ [M + H⁺] calc. 879.0120, found 879.0121.

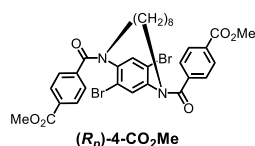


(*R_p*, *R_p*)-6-^tBu. To a solution of (*R_p*, *R_p*)-5 (100 mg, 0.11 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added 4-tert-butylbenzoyl chloride (67 μL, 0.34 mmol) and triethylamine (162 μL, 1.17 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 5 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate:CH₂Cl₂ (1:10) as eluent to give **(*R_p*, *R_p*)-6-^tBu** as a white solid (122 mg, 89%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 7.31 (br, 16H), 4.13-3.76 (br, 8H), 1.57-1.45 (br, 8H), 1.29 (s, 18H), 0.86 (br, 16H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 168.40, 153.93, 142.16, 141.01, 137.00, 136.16, 132.26, 128.41, 128.09, 124.97, 122.89, 46.87, 34.89, 31.23, 26.04, 25.95. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₅₈H₆₇Br₄N₄O₄ [M + H⁺] calc. 1199.1896, found 1199.1900.

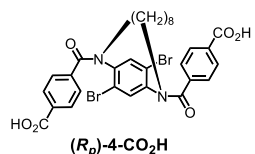


(*M*)-T2-^tBu. To a solution of (*R_p*, *R_p*)-6-^tBu (91 mg, 0.076 mmol) in DMA (2 mL) was added palladium diacetate (14 mg, 0.062 mmol), tricyclohexylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (33 mg, 0.090 mmol) and cesium carbonate (197 mg, 0.60 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 2 min. The color of the reaction mixture turned black. After cooling to room temperature, saturated NaCl aqueous solution was added into the reaction mixture. The mixture was filtered with the aid of silica gel and then washed with water for three times. After drying, the crude product absorbed in silica gel was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:6) as eluent to give **(*M*)-T2-^tBu** as a yellow solid (49 mg, 74%). ¹H NMR

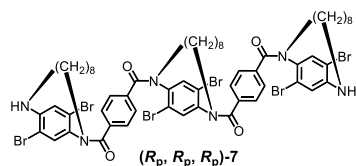
(CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 8.99 (s, 2H), 8.36 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.17 (s, 2H), 8.08 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 8.08 (s, 2H), 7.70 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 5.24-5.20 (m, 2H), 4.98-4.94 (m, 2H), 4.30-4.25 (m, 2H), 4.07-4.02 (m, 2H), 1.80 (br, 2H), (1.67 (br, 2H), 1.53 (s, 18H), 1.45-1.37 (br, 4H), 0.86-0.76 (br, 8H), 0.60-0.53 (br, 4H), -(0.24-0.28) (br, 4H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 161.36, 161.19, 156.42, 134.67, 133.52, 131.82, 131.68, 129.14, 128.79, 127.07, 124.25, 123.41, 123.09, 121.21, 117.83, 111.58, 111.36, 45.57, 44.39, 35.56, 31.30, 29.12, 29.02, 27.06, 26.89, 26.56, 26.30. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₅₈H₆₂N₄O₄ [M^+] calc. 878.4771, found 878.4773.



(*R_p*)-4-CO₂Me. To a solution of (*R_p*)-3 (700 mg, 1.86 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added 4-tert-butylbenzoyl chloride (1.11 g, 5.58 mmol) and triethylamine (2.69 mL, 19.39 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1.5 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate:CH₂Cl₂ (1:10) as eluent to give (*R_p*)-4-CO₂Me as a white solid (1.18 g, 91%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 8.11-7.23 (br, 10H), 4.16-3.46 (br, 10H), 1.59 (br, 2H), 1.40 (br, 2H), 0.89-0.73 (br, 8H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 166.08, 141.26, 139.33, 136.85, 131.77, 129.01, 128.24, 122.92, 52.37, 46.04, 26.12, 25.91, 25.79. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₃₂H₃₃Br₂N₂O₆ [$M + H^+$] calc. 699.0705, found 699.0707.

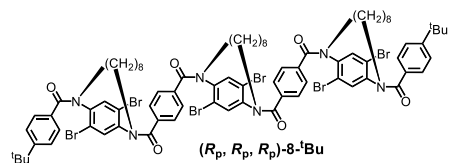


(*R_p*)-4-COOH. To a solution of (*R_p*)-4-CO₂Me (920 mg, 1.31 mmol) in THF (16 mL) was added KOH (221 mg, 3.95 mmol), ethanol (16 mL) and H₂O (4 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was neutralised with dilute hydrochloric acid. Then, THF in the mixture was removed under reduced pressure. After filtration, (*R_p*)-4-COOH was obtained as a white solid (823 mg, 93%). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 13.16 (br, 2H), 8.22-7.41 (br, 10H), 3.92 (br, 2H), 3.55 (br, 2H), 1.47 (br, 4H), 0.91-0.82 (br, 8H). ¹³C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 167.42, 166.18, 140.28, 140.00, 139.16, 136.16, 134.96, 131.84, 129.31, 128.52, 128.06, 127.89, 126.46, 123.03, 45.96, 25.57, 25.37, 25.00. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₃₀H₂₉Br₂N₂O₆ [$M + H^+$] calc. 671.0392, found 671.0393.

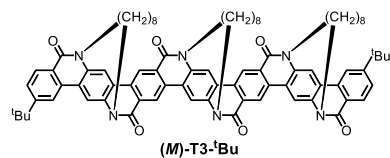


(*R_p*, *R_p*, *R_p*)-7. To a solution of (*R_p*)-4-COOH (100 mg, 0.15 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added oxalyl chloride (2 M in CH₂Cl₂, 0.60 mL, 1.20 mmol) and 1 drop DMF under nitrogen. After stirring at room temperature for 30 min, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To the resulting solid was sequentially added CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), triethylamine (0.21 mL, 1.52 mmol) and (*R_p*)-3 (118 mg, 0.31 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:4) as eluent to give (*R_p*, *R_p*, *R_p*)-7 as a white solid (201 mg, 97%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 7.54-6.97 (br, 14H), 4.16-3.16 (br, 14H), 1.85 (br, 2H), 1.54 (br, 8H), 1.19-0.79

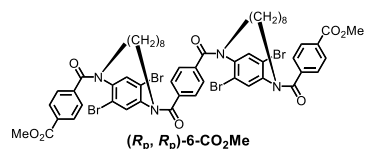
(br, 22H), 0.48 (br, 2H), 0.19 (br, 2H). MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $C_{58}H_{65}Br_6N_6O_4$ [$M + H^+$] calc. 1383.0168, found 1383.0172.



(R_p, R_p, R_p)-8-^tBu. To a solution of (R_p, R_p, R_p)-7 (80 mg, 0.058 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added 4-tert-butylbenzoyl chloride (34 μ L, 0.17 mmol) and triethylamine (83 μ L, 0.60 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 34 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate: CH_2Cl_2 (1:4) as eluent to give (R_p, R_p, R_p)-8-^tBu as a white solid (96 mg, 98%). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 7.49-7.15 (br, 22H), 4.16-3.79 (br, 12H), 1.68-1.45 (br, 12H), 1.29 (s, 18H), 0.85 (br, 24H). MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $C_{80}H_{89}Br_6N_6O_6$ [$M + H^+$] calc. 1703.1944, found 1703.1958.

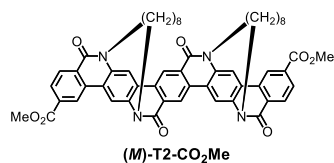


(M)-T3-^tBu. To a solution of (R_p, R_p, R_p)-8-^tBu (70 mg, 0.041 mmol) in DMA (3 mL) was added palladium diacetate (11 mg, 0.049 mmol), tricyclohexylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (27 mg, 0.073 mmol) and cesium carbonate (160 mg, 0.49 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 2 min. The color of the reaction mixture turned black. After cooling to room temperature, saturated NaCl aqueous solution was added into the reaction mixture. The mixture was filtered with the aid of silica gel and then washed with water for three times. After drying, the crude product absorbed in silica gel was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF: CH_2Cl_2 (1:6) as eluent to give (M)-T3-^tBu as a yellow solid (32 mg, 64%). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 9.00 (s, 2H), 8.53 (s, 2H), 8.30 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.23 (s, 2H), 8.14 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (s, 2H), 7.73 (s, 2H), 7.71 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 5.31-5.26 (m, 2H), 5.12-5.08 (m, 2H), 4.65-4.61 (m, 2H), 4.35-4.29 (m, 2H), 4.25-4.20 (m, 2H), 3.78-3.72 (m, 2H), 1.81 (br, 2H), 1.70 (br, 4H), 1.57 (s, 18H), 1.41-1.25 (br, 6H), 0.80-0.68 (br, 12H), 0.51 (br, 6H), -(0.34-0.38) (br, 4H), -0.49 (br, 2H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 161.12, 160.99, 160.53, 156.43, 134.50, 133.80, 133.56, 131.80, 131.77, 131.05, 129.22, 128.76, 128.15, 127.02, 124.20, 123.44, 123.42, 123.15, 121.80, 120.91, 117.92, 111.87, 111.61, 111.36, 45.69, 45.07, 43.86, 35.61, 31.36, 29.07, 28.93, 27.05, 26.81, 26.66, 26.55, 26.47, 26.30. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $C_{80}H_{82}N_6O_6$ [M^+] calc. 1222.6296, found 1222.6299.

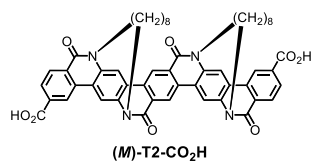


(R_p, R_p)-6- CO_2Me . To a solution of (R_p, R_p)-5 (812 mg, 0.92 mmol) and methyl 4-(chlorocarbonyl)benzoate (548 g, 2.77 mmol) in THF (12 mL) was added triethylamine (1.33 mL, 9.59 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1.5 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate: CH_2Cl_2 (1:10) as eluent to give (R_p, R_p)-6- CO_2Me as a white solid (1.03 g, 93%). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 7.86-7.04 (br, 16H), 4.02 (br, 8H), 3.97 (s, 6H), 1.57-1.45 (br, 8H), 0.90-0.79 (16H). ^{13}C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. $CDCl_3$, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 166.23, 141.66, 140.97,

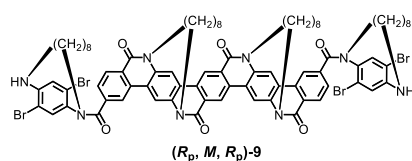
139.54, 136.77, 136.48, 131.49, 128.99, 128.43, 128.04, 123.37, 52.46, 46.94, 46.33, 26.25, 25.92. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $C_{54}H_{55}Br_4N_4O_8$ [$M + H^+$] calc. 1203.0753, found 1203.0752.



(M)-T2-CO₂Me. To a solution of (*R_p*, *R_p*)-6-CO₂Me (200 mg, 0.17 mmol) in DMA (10 mL) was added palladium diacetate (30 mg, 0.13 mmol), tricyclohexylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (73 mg, 0.20 mmol) and cesium carbonate (432 mg, 1.33 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 2 min. The color of the reaction mixture turned black. After cooling to room temperature, saturated NaCl aqueous solution was added into the reaction mixture. The mixture was filtered with the aid of silica gel and then washed with water for three times. After drying, the crude product absorbed in silica gel was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:4) as eluent to give **(M)-T2-CO₂Me** as a yellow solid (100 mg, 68%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 8.87 (s, 2H), 8.82 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 2H), 8.49 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 8.25 (s, 2H), 8.02 (s, 2H), 5.22-5.16 (m, 2H), 4.86-4.82 (m, 2H), 4.32-4.27 (m, 2H), 4.10 (s, 6H), 4.01-3.95 (br, 2H), 1.81-1.63 (br, 4H), 1.46-1.32 (br, 4H), 0.87-0.73 (br, 8H), 0.54-0.53 (br, 4H), -(0.34-0.43) (br, 4H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 166.20, 160.85, 160.51, 134.46, 133.86, 133.83, 132.04, 131.53, 129.77, 129.36, 129.18, 128.82, 123.72, 123.45, 122.05, 121.73, 111.79, 111.67, 52.82, 45.42, 44.62, 29.14, 29.02, 27.00, 26.78, 26.52, 26.42. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $C_{54}H_{50}N_4O_8$ [M^+] calc. 882.3629, found 882.3630.

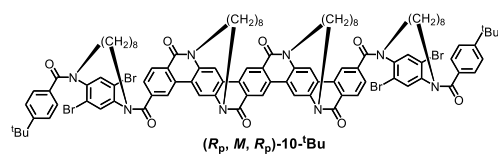


(M)-T2-CO₂H. To a solution of (*M*)-T2-CO₂Me (400 mg, 0.45 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added KOH (76 mg, 1.36 mmol), ethanol (3 mL) and H₂O (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was neutralised with dilute hydrochloric acid. Then, THF in the mixture was removed under reduced pressure. After filtration, **(M)-T2-CO₂H** was obtained as a yellow solid (377 mg, 97%). ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d*₆, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 13.51 (br, 1.7H), 9.04 (s, 2H), 8.64 (s, 2H), 8.63 (s, 2H), 8.09-8.06 (br, 6H), 4.84 (br, 2H), 4.64 (br, 2H), 4.36 (br, 2H), 4.18 (br, 2H), 1.63-1.40 (br, 4H), 1.20-1.00 (br, 4H), 0.70-0.54 (br, 8H), 0.25 (br, 4H), -(0.67-0.76) (br, 4H). MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $C_{52}H_{46}N_4O_8$ [M^+] calc. 854.3316, found 854.3316.



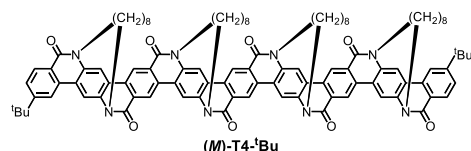
(*R_p*, *M*, *R_p*)-9. To a solution of (*M*)-T2-CO₂H (260 mg, 0.30 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added oxalyl chloride (2 M in CH₂Cl₂, 1.22 mL, 2.44 mmol) and 1 drop DMF under nitrogen. After stirring at room temperature for 30 min, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To the resulting solid was sequentially added CH₂Cl₂ (26 mL), triethylamine (442 μ L, 3.19 mmol) and (*R_p*)-3 (241 mg, 0.64 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:10) as eluent to give **(*R_p*, *M*, *R_p*)-9** as a yellow solid (332 mg, 69%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 9.13 (s, 2H), 8.39 (br, 4H), 8.21 (s, 2H), 8.02 (s, 2H), 7.86 (s, 2H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 7.10 (s, 2H), 5.24-5.20 (m, 2H), 5.06-5.03 (m, 2H), 4.36 (br, 2H), 4.22-4.05 (m, 8H), 3.54-3.50 (m, 2H), 3.23 (br, 2H), 1.84-0.32 (br, 44H), -(0.42-0.54) (br, 4H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 169.02, 161.00, 139.62, 135.69,

134.63, 133.71, 131.74, 131.52, 129.27, 129.06, 128.62, 127.29, 123.61, 122.53, 122.17, 121.67, 111.96, 111.84, 49.68, 47.41, 45.04, 29.12, 28.87, 27.27, 26.55, 26.29, 26.10, 22.68. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₈₀H₈₂Br₄N₈O₆ [M⁺] calc. 1566.3091, found 1566.3093.



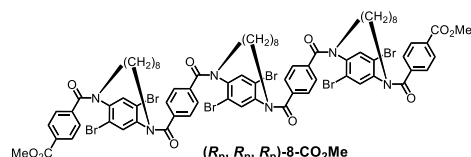
(*R_p*, *M*, *R_p*)-10-^tBu. To a solution of (*R_p*, *M*, *R_p*)-9 (60 mg, 0.038 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added 4-tert-butylbenzoyl chloride (23 μL, 0.12 mmol) and triethylamine (55 μL, 0.40 mmol) under nitrogen.

The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 48 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:10) as eluent to give (*R_p*, *M*, *R_p*)-10-^tBu as a yellow solid (60 mg, 83%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 9.30-7.35 (br, 22H), 5.25-5.13 (br, 4H), 4.40-3.75 (br, 12H), 1.82-1.47 (br, 18H), 1.32 (s, 18H), 0.88 (br, 24H), 0.64-0.62 (br, 4H), -(0.15-0.25) (br, 4H). MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₁₀₂H₁₀₆Br₄N₈O₈ [M⁺] calc. 1886.4867, found 1886.4858.



(*M*)-T4-^tBu. To a solution of (*R_p*, *M*, *R_p*)-10-^tBu (50 mg, 0.027 mmol) in DMA (2 mL) was added palladium diacetate (5 mg, 0.022 mmol), tricyclohexylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (12 mg,

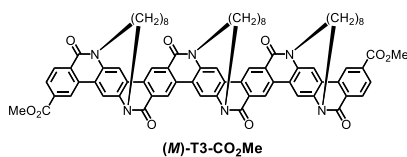
0.033 mmol) and cesium carbonate (69 mg, 0.21 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 2 min. The color of the reaction mixture turned black. After cooling to room temperature, saturated NaCl aqueous solution was added into the reaction mixture. The mixture was filtered with the aid of silica gel and then washed with water for three times. After drying, the crude product absorbed in silica gel was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:4) as eluent to give (*M*)-T4-^tBu as a yellow solid (15 mg, 36%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 9.15 (s, 2H), 8.73 (s, 2H), 8.46 (s, 2H), 8.22 (s, 4H), 8.20 (d, 2H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (s, 2H), 7.68 (s, 2H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 5.33-5.22 (m, 4H), 5.02-4.98 (m, 2H), 4.71-4.68 (m, 2H), 4.36-4.30 (m, 4H), 4.13-4.08 (m, 2H), 3.78-3.73 (m, 2H), 1.81 (br, 4H), 1.59 (s, 18H), 1.54-1.43 (br, 8H), 1.28 (br, 4H), 0.88-0.64 (br, 16H), 0.48 (br, 8H), -0.42 (br, 4H), -0.56 (br, 4H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 161.06, 161.02, 160.51, 160.34, 156.42, 134.39, 134.00, 133.74, 133.63, 131.87, 131.81, 131.29, 131.05, 129.12, 128.84, 128.35, 128.17, 126.99, 124.18, 123.63, 123.52, 123.46, 123.24, 121.95, 121.57, 120.91, 118.00, 112.00, 111.74, 111.65, 111.36, 45.66, 45.28, 44.90, 43.89, 35.62, 31.38, 29.02, 28.88, 27.03, 26.79, 26.61, 26.43, 26.28. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): C₁₀₂H₁₀₂N₈O₈ [M⁺] calc. 1566.7821, found 1566.7828.



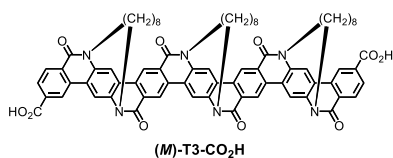
(*R_p*, *R_p*, *R_p*)-8-CO₂Me. To a solution of (*R_p*, *R_p*, *R_p*)-7 (1.00 g, 0.72 mmol) and methyl 4-(chlorocarbonyl)benzoate (430 mg, 2.16 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added triethylamine (1.03 mL, 7.42 mmol)

under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1.5 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate:CH₂Cl₂ (1:4) as eluent to give (*R_p*, *R_p*, *R_p*)-8-CO₂Me as a white solid (1.18

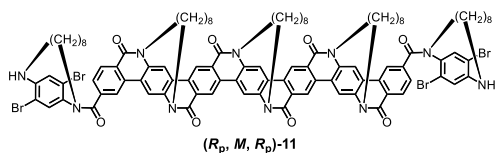
g, 96%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 7.84-7.05 (br, 22H), 4.05-3.95 (br, 18H), 1.85-1.44 (br, 12H), 0.86-0.77 (br, 24H). MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $\text{C}_{76}\text{H}_{77}\text{Br}_6\text{N}_6\text{O}_{10}$ [$\text{M} + \text{H}^+$] calc. 1707.0801, found 1707.0801.



(M)-T3-CO₂Me. To a solution of (*R_p*, *R_p*, *R_p*)-8-CO₂Me (100 mg, 0.058 mmol) in DMA (3 mL) was added palladium diacetate (16 mg, 0.071 mmol), tricyclohexylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (39 mg, 0.11 mmol) and cesium carbonate (228 mg, 0.70 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 2 min. The color of the reaction mixture turned black. After cooling to room temperature, saturated NaCl aqueous solution was added into the reaction mixture. The mixture was filtered with the aid of silica gel and then washed with water for three times. After drying, the crude product absorbed in silica gel was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:6) as eluent to give **(M)-T3-CO₂Me** as a yellow solid (42 mg, 59%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 9.00 (s, 2H), 8.91 (d, $J = 0.6$ Hz, 2H), 8.42 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.34 (s, 2H), 8.32 (s, 2H), 8.25 (dd, $J = 8.4$, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 8.06 (s, 2H), 7.63 (s, 2H), 5.29-5.26 (m, 2H), 5.06-5.02 (m, 2H), 4.54-4.50 (m, 2H), 4.38-4.33 (m, 2H), 4.22-4.17 (m, 2H), 4.12 (s, 6H), 3.65-3.60 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.78 (br, 2H), 1.66-1.65 (br, 2H), 1.48-1.43 (br, 4H), 1.42-1.21 (br, 4H), 0.84-0.44 (br, 18H), -(0.46-0.59) (br, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 166.25, 160.86, 160.27, 160.23, 134.25, 133.93, 133.83, 133.80, 132.02, 131.35, 131.28, 129.73, 129.34, 129.17, 128.75, 128.10, 123.80, 123.59, 123.31, 122.05, 121.64, 121.53, 112.04, 111.84, 111.41, 52.84, 45.54, 45.04, 44.14, 29.04, 29.01, 28.89, 26.98, 26.73, 26.49, 26.41, 26.34, 26.13, 25.93. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $\text{C}_{76}\text{H}_{70}\text{N}_6\text{O}_{10}$ [M^+] calc. 1226.5153, found 1226.5154.

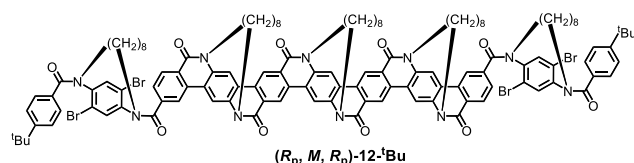


(M)-T3-CO₂H. To a solution of **(M)-T3-CO₂Me** (160 mg, 0.13 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was added KOH (21 mg, 0.38 mmol), ethanol (6 mL) and H₂O (1.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was neutralised with dilute hydrochloric acid. Then, THF in the mixture was removed under reduced pressure. After filtration, **(M)-T3-CO₂H** was obtained as a yellow solid (155 mg, 99%). ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 13.49 (br, 0.3H), 8.88-7.30 (br, 16H), 4.84-3.87 (br, 12H), 1.58-(-1.38) (br, 36H). MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $\text{C}_{74}\text{H}_{66}\text{N}_6\text{O}_{10}$ [M^+] calc. 1198.4840, found 1198.4838.

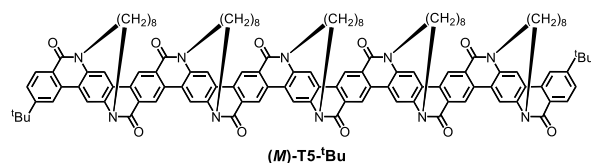


(*R_p*, *M*, *R_p*)-11. To a solution of **(M)-T3-CO₂H** (80 mg, 0.067 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added oxalyl chloride (2 M in CH₂Cl₂, 0.27 mL, 0.53 mmol) and 1 drop DMF under nitrogen. After stirring at room temperature for 30 min, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. To the resulting solid was sequentially added CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL), triethylamine (93 μL , 0.67 mmol) and (*R_p*)-3 (53 mg, 0.14 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:6) as eluent to give **(*R_p*, *M*, *R_p*)-11** as a yellow solid (92 mg, 72%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 9.08 (s, 2H), 8.74 (s, 2H), 8.44 (s, 2H), 8.27 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.10 (s, 2H),

8.00 (s, 2H), 7.85 (s, 2H), 7.78 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (s, 2H), 7.09 (s, 2H), 5.27-5.23 (m, 2H), 5.11-5.07 (m, 2H), 4.85-4.81 (m, 2H), 4.25-4.16 (m, 4H), 4.08 (br, 4H), 3.92-3.86 (m, 2H), 3.56-3.52 (m, 2H), 3.21 (br, 2H), 1.68-0.30 (br, 54H), -(0.48-0.68) (br, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 168.99, 160.88, 160.76, 160.66, 139.58, 135.63, 134.42, 133.92, 133.52, 131.68, 131.35, 129.42, 129.14, 128.76, 128.54, 127.17, 123.57, 122.59, 122.18, 121.77, 121.32, 112.06, 111.65, 47.49, 45.10, 44.72, 29.03, 28.79, 27.67, 27.24, 26.84, 26.58, 26.40, 26.29, 26.12, 26.00, 22.57. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $\text{C}_{102}\text{H}_{102}\text{Br}_4\text{N}_{10}\text{O}_8$ [M^+] calc. 1910.4616, found 1910.4605. Single crystals of (R_p , M , R_p)-11 were obtained by diffusion of methanol into the (R_p , M , R_p)-11 solution in CH_2Cl_2 . Formula: $\text{C}_{104}\text{H}_{110}\text{Br}_4\text{N}_{10}\text{O}_{10}$ (one (R_p , M , R_p)-11 and two CH_3OH were included in a cell); formula weight: 1979.65; crystal system: triclinic; space group: P 1; unit cell parameters: $a = 15.9913(15)$ Å, $b = 19.7892(19)$ Å, $c = 21.961(2)$ Å, $\alpha = 112.136(4)^\circ$, $\beta = 107.694(4)^\circ$, $\gamma = 95.621(4)^\circ$, $V = 5952.6(10)$ Å³; temperature for data collection: 170(2) K; $Z = 2$; final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]: $R_I = 0.0674$, $wR_2 = 0.1804$; GOF on F^2 : 0.947; Flack parameter: 0.093(5). The crystallographic data have been deposited in Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC-2354661).

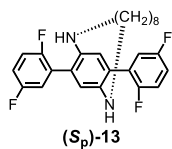


(R_p , M , R_p)-12- $t\text{Bu}$. To a solution of (R_p , M , R_p)-11 (60 mg, 0.031 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added 4-tert-butylbenzoyl chloride (19 μL , 0.096 mmol) and triethylamine (45 μL , 0.32 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 48 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF: CH_2Cl_2 (1:6) as eluent to give (R_p , M , R_p)-12- $t\text{Bu}$ as a yellow solid (60 mg, 88%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 9.18-7.34 (br, 28H), 5.25-3.71 (br, 20H), 1.81-0.54 (br, 72H), -0.39 (br, 6H). MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $\text{C}_{124}\text{H}_{126}\text{Br}_4\text{N}_{10}\text{O}_{10}$ [M^+] calc. 2230.6392, found 2230.6394.

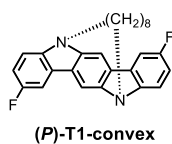


(M)-T5- $t\text{Bu}$. To a solution of (R_p , M , R_p)-12- $t\text{Bu}$ (50 mg, 0.023 mmol) in DMA (2 mL) was added palladium diacetate (4 mg, 0.018 mmol), tricyclohexylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate (10 mg, 0.027 mmol) and cesium carbonate (60 mg, 0.18 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 130 °C for 2 min. The color of the reaction mixture turned black. After cooling to room temperature, saturated NaCl aqueous solution was added into the reaction mixture. The mixture was filtered with the aid of silica gel and then washed with water for three times. After drying, the crude product absorbed in silica gel was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF: CH_2Cl_2 (1:2) as eluent to give (M)-T5- $t\text{Bu}$ as an orange solid (9 mg, 21%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 9.26 (s, 2H), 8.97 (s, 2H), 8.59 (s, 2H), 8.45 (s, 2H), 8.30 (s, 2H), 8.24 (s, 2H), 8.19 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 8.19 (s, 2H), 8.03 (s, 2H), 7.73 (s, 2H), 7.67 (s, 2H), 7.66 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 5.34-5.27 (m, 4H), 5.20-5.16 (m, 2H), 4.95-4.92 (m, 2H), 4.73-4.70 (m, 2H), 4.41-4.24 (m, 6H), 4.04-3.99 (m, 2H), 3.78-3.72 (m, 2H), 1.81 (br, 10H), 1.60 (s, 18H), 1.52 (br, 10H), 0.78-0.63 (br, 20H), 0.48 (br, 10H), -0.43 (br, 4H), -(0.57, 0.60) (br, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 161.14, 161.11, 160.73, 160.49, 160.44, 156.45, 134.31,

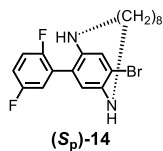
134.06, 133.83, 133.67, 133.61, 131.90, 131.87, 131.36, 134.34, 131.27, 129.06, 128.76, 128.35, 128.20, 128.13, 126.88, 124.12, 123.81, 123.71, 123.52, 123.30, 122.05, 121.61, 121.50, 120.88, 118.04, 112.32, 112.16, 111.83, 111.71, 111.46, 45.64, 45.30, 45.13, 44.84, 43.89, 35.63, 31.40, 29.04, 28.99, 28.85, 27.04, 26.87, 26.72, 26.59, 26.47, 26.41, 26.26. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $C_{124}H_{122}N_{10}O_{10}$ [M^+] calc. 1910.9345, found 1910.9370.



(*S_p*)-13. To a solution of 2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (57 mg, 0.24 mmol), (*S_p*)-3 (30 mg, 0.080 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (6 mg, 0.005 mmol), K_2CO_3 (110 mg, 0.80 mmol) and H_2O (0.5 mL) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate: CH_2Cl_2 (1:40) as eluent to give (*S_p*)-13 as a white solid (30 mg, 85%). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 7.20-7.11 (m, 4H), 7.09-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 2H), 3.34 (br, 2H), 3.26-3.20 (m, 2H), 3.01-2.95 (m, 2H), 1.77-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.10-1.09 (br, 4H), 0.95-0.90 (m, 2H), 0.67-0.65 (m, 2H), 0.55-0.52 (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 159.90, 159.88, 157.48, 157.46, 157.06, 157.04, 154.64, 154.62, 139.76, 127.38, 127.30, 127.20, 127.13, 122.78, 118.30, 118.27, 118.07, 118.03, 117.63, 117.54, 117.37, 117.28, 116.28, 116.19, 116.04, 115.95, 48.28, 28.13, 26.48, 23.78. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $C_{26}H_{26}F_4N_2$ [M^+] calc. 442.2032, found 442.2031.

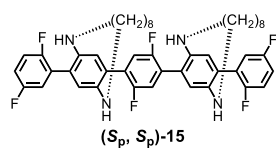


(*P*)-T1-convex. To a solution of (*S_p*)-13 (30 mg, 0.068 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) was added potassium tert-butoxide (0.45 M in DMF, 0.46 mL, 0.21 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 30 min. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with petroleum ether for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using petroleum ether: CH_2Cl_2 (2:1) as eluent to give (*P*)-T1-convex as a yellow solid (23 mg, 84%). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 8.08 (s, 2H), 7.79 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.19 (td, J = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 4.53-4.46 (m, 2H), 4.42-4.36 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.04-0.84 (m, 6H), 0.50-0.42 (m, 2H), 0.15-0.03 (m, 2H), -(1.84-1.94) (m, 2H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 158.79, 156.44, 141.58, 140.67, 127.34, 127.30, 126.63, 126.54, 113.82, 113.57, 112.11, 112.02, 106.57, 106.33, 104.37, 48.17, 28.93, 27.61, 27.26. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $C_{26}H_{24}F_2N_2$ [M^+] calc. 402.1908, found 402.1902.

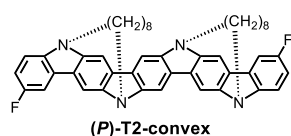


(*S_p*)-14. To a solution of 2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (179 mg, 0.75 mmol), (*S_p*)-3 (200 mg, 0.53 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was added $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (37 mg, 0.032 mmol), K_2CO_3 (732 mg, 5.32 mmol) and H_2O (2 mL) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate: petroleum ether (1:20) as eluent to give (*S_p*)-14 as a white solid (120 mg, 55%). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.35-2.93 (m, 6H), 1.84-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.25 (m, 1H), 1.20-1.16 (m, 1H), 1.10-0.97 (m, 4H), 0.89-0.57 (m, 4H), 0.42-0.38 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 159.91, 159.89, 157.49, 157.46, 156.96, 156.94, 154.54, 154.51, 141.04, 139.98, 127.01, 126.93, 126.83, 126.75,

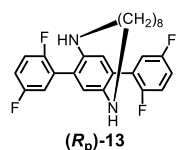
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(*S_p*, *S_p*)-15. To a solution of 2,5-difluorobenzene-1,4-diboronic acid bis(pinacol) ester (64 mg, 0.17 mmol), (*S_p*)-14 (106 mg, 0.26 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (12 mg, 0.010 mmol), K_2CO_3 (241 mg, 1.75 mmol) and H_2O (1 mL) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF: CH_2Cl_2 (1:5) as eluent to give (*S_p*, *S_p*)-**15** as a white solid (70 mg, 52%). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 7.29 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.13 (m, 4H), 7.11-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.02 (br, 2H), 6.99 (br, 2H), 3.43 (br, 4H), 3.29-3.01 (m, 8H), 1.75 (br, 4H), 1.13-0.93 (br, 12H), 0.73-0.57 (br, 8H). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 159.95, 159.93, 157.53, 157.51, 157.10, 157.08, 157.02, 154.65, 154.60, 139.96, 127.23, 126.83, 122.92, 122.72, 119.31, 119.03, 118.33, 118.30, 118.10, 118.06, 117.69, 117.60, 117.44, 117.35, 116.37, 116.29, 116.13, 116.05, 48.31, 30.29, 29.68, 28.21, 26.53, 23.90, 23.78. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $C_{46}H_{48}F_6N_4$ [M^+] calc. 770.3783, found 770.3783.

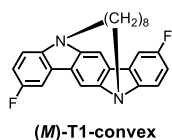


(*P*)-T2-convex. To a solution of (*S_p*, *S_p*)-15 (71 mg, 0.092 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) was added potassium tert-butoxide (0.45 M in DMF, 1 mL, 0.46 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 30 min. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with petroleum ether for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using petroleum ether: CH_2Cl_2 (1:1) as eluent to give (*P*)-**T2-convex** as a yellow solid (11 mg, 17%). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 400 MHz, δ /ppm): 8.12-7.19 (br, 12H), 4.44 (br, 4H), 1.57-0.57 (br, 18H), 0.15-0.05 (br, 4H), -(1.64-1.82) (br, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. $CDCl_3$, 100 MHz, δ /ppm): 113.09, 106.12, 47.81, 31.92, 29.70, 29.36, 28.97, 28.81, 27.73, 27.55, 22.69, 14.11. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $C_{46}H_{44}F_2N_4$ [M^+] calc. 690.3534, found 690.3527. Single crystals of (*P*)-T2-convex were obtained by diffusion of methanol into the (*P*)-T2-convex solution in CH_2Cl_2 . Formula: $C_{48}H_{48}Cl_{3.5}F_2N_4$ (one (*P*)-T2-convex and disordered solvent molecules were included in a cell); formula weight: 842.98; crystal system: tetragonal; space group: $P4_32_12$; color of crystal: yellow; unit cell parameters: $a = 15.9463(3)$ Å, $b = 15.9463(3)$ Å, $c = 35.1878(11)$ Å, $\alpha = 90^\circ$, $\beta = 90^\circ$, $\gamma = 90^\circ$, $V = 8947.7(4)$ Å³; temperature for data collection: 170(2) K; $Z = 8$; final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]: $R_1 = 0.0757$, $wR_2 = 0.2198$; GOF on F^2 : 1.072; Flack parameter: 0.034(16). The crystallographic data have been deposited in Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (**CCDC-2354660**).

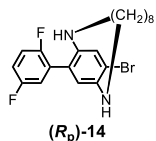


(*R_p*)-13. To a solution of 2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (57 mg, 0.24 mmol), (*R_p*)-3 (30 mg, 0.080 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (6 mg, 0.005 mmol), K_2CO_3 (110 mg, 0.80 mmol) and H_2O (0.5 mL) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl

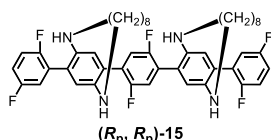
acetate:CH₂Cl₂ (1:40) as eluent to give (**R_p**)-**13** as a white solid (33 mg, 94%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 7.17-7.11 (m, 4H), 7.09-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (br, 2H), 3.27-3.21 (m, 2H), 3.02-2.95 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.10-1.09 (br, 4H), 0.94-0.91 (m, 2H), 0.70-0.64 (m, 2H), 0.56-0.53 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 159.92, 159.90, 157.50, 157.48, 157.09, 157.06, 154.66, 154.64, 139.87, 127.44, 127.37, 127.26, 127.15, 122.78, 118.33, 118.30, 118.10, 118.06, 117.64, 117.55, 117.39, 117.30, 116.28, 116.20, 116.04, 115.96, 48.32, 28.23, 26.52, 23.83. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₂₆H₂₆F₄N₂ [*M*⁺] calc. 442.2032, found 442.2030.



(**M**)-**T1-convex**. To a solution of (**R_p**)-**13** (30 mg, 0.068 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) was added potassium tert-butoxide (0.45 M in DMF, 0.46 mL, 0.21 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 30 min. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with petroleum ether for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using petroleum ether:CH₂Cl₂ (2:1) as eluent to give (**M**)-**T1-convex** as a white solid (25 mg, 92%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 8.08 (s, 2H), 7.79 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.19 (td, *J* = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 4.53-4.46 (m, 2H), 4.42-4.36 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.04-0.85 (m, 6H), 0.50-0.42 (m, 2H), 0.15-0.02 (m, 2H), -(1.85-1.95) (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 158.78, 156.44, 141.59, 140.67, 127.34, 127.30, 126.62, 126.53, 113.81, 113.56, 112.10, 112.01, 106.57, 106.33, 104.36, 48.17, 28.94, 27.62, 27.27. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₂₆H₂₄F₂N₂ [*M*⁺] calc. 402.1908, found 402.1906.

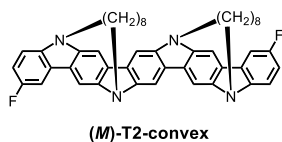


(**R_p**)-**14**. To a solution of 2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (179 mg, 0.75 mmol), (**R_p**)-**3** (200 mg, 0.53 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was added Pd(PPh₃)₄ (37 mg, 0.032 mmol), K₂CO₃ (732 mg, 5.32 mmol) and H₂O (2 mL) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using ethyl acetate: petroleum ether (1:20) as eluent to give (**R_p**)-**14** as a white solid (102 mg, 47%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.16-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (br, 2H), 3.32-2.93 (m, 4H), 1.85-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.63-1.56 (m, 1H), 1.22-1.14 (m, 1H), 1.11-0.97 (m, 4H), 0.89-0.56 (m, 4H), 0.44-0.37 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 159.89, 159.87, 157.47, 157.45, 156.94, 156.92, 154.52, 154.50, 141.01, 139.95, 126.99, 126.91, 126.81, 126.73, 126.54, 124.65, 122.38, 122.36, 118.17, 118.14, 117.94, 117.90, 117.68, 117.59, 117.43, 117.34, 116.45, 116.40, 116.32, 116.16, 116.08, 48.58, 48.28, 28.64, 27.78, 26.58, 23.92, 23.72. MALDI-TOF HRMS (*m/z*): C₂₀H₂₃BrF₂N₂ [*M*⁺] calc. 408.1013, found 408.1011.



(**R_p**, **R_p**)-**15**. To a solution of 2,5-difluorobenzene-1,4-diboronicacidbis(pinacol)ester (76 mg, 0.21 mmol), (**R_p**)-**14** (126 mg, 0.31 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added Pd(PPh₃)₄ (14 mg, 0.012 mmol), K₂CO₃ (286 mg, 2.07 mmol) and H₂O (1 mL) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using THF:CH₂Cl₂ (1:5) as eluent to give (**R_p**, **R_p**)-**15** as a white solid (72 mg, 45%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.14

(m, 4H), 7.12-7.06 (m, 2H), 7.02-6.98 (4H), 3.45 (br, 4H), 3.28-2.98 (m, 8H), 1.75 (br, 4H), 1.12-0.92 (br, 12H), 0.72-0.57 (br, 8H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 159.95, 159.93, 157.52, 157.50, 157.07, 154.65, 154.63, 139.99, 127.07, 122.98, 122.79, 119.38, 119.11, 118.30, 118.27, 118.06, 118.04, 117.74, 117.66, 117.49, 117.40, 116.47, 116.38, 116.23, 116.15, 48.27, 30.29, 29.67, 28.14, 27.86, 26.47, 23.83. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $\text{C}_{46}\text{H}_{48}\text{F}_6\text{N}_4$ [M^+] calc. 770.3783, found 770.3785.



(M)-T2-convex. To a solution of (R_p, R_p)-15 (62 mg, 0.080 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) was added potassium tert-butoxide (0.45 M in DMF, 1 mL, 0.46 mmol) under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 30 min. The reaction mixture was washed with water and extracted with petroleum ether for three times. After removal of the solvent, the crude product was purified via column chromatography (silica gel) by using petroleum ether: CH_2Cl_2 (1:1) as eluent to give **(M)-T2-convex** as a yellow solid (9 mg, 15%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 8.13-7.20 (br, 12H), 4.44 (br, 6H), 1.54-0.53 (br, 18H), 0.15-0.02 (br, 4H), -(1.59-1.74) (br, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (only partial peaks were recorded due to the significant broadening. CDCl_3 , 100 MHz, δ/ppm): 113.23, 111.95, 106.39, 104.14, 47.94, 29.70, 28.97, 28.81, 27.73, 27.53. MALDI-TOF HRMS (m/z): $\text{C}_{46}\text{H}_{44}\text{F}_2\text{N}_4$ [M^+] calc. 690.3534, found 690.3532.

4. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra

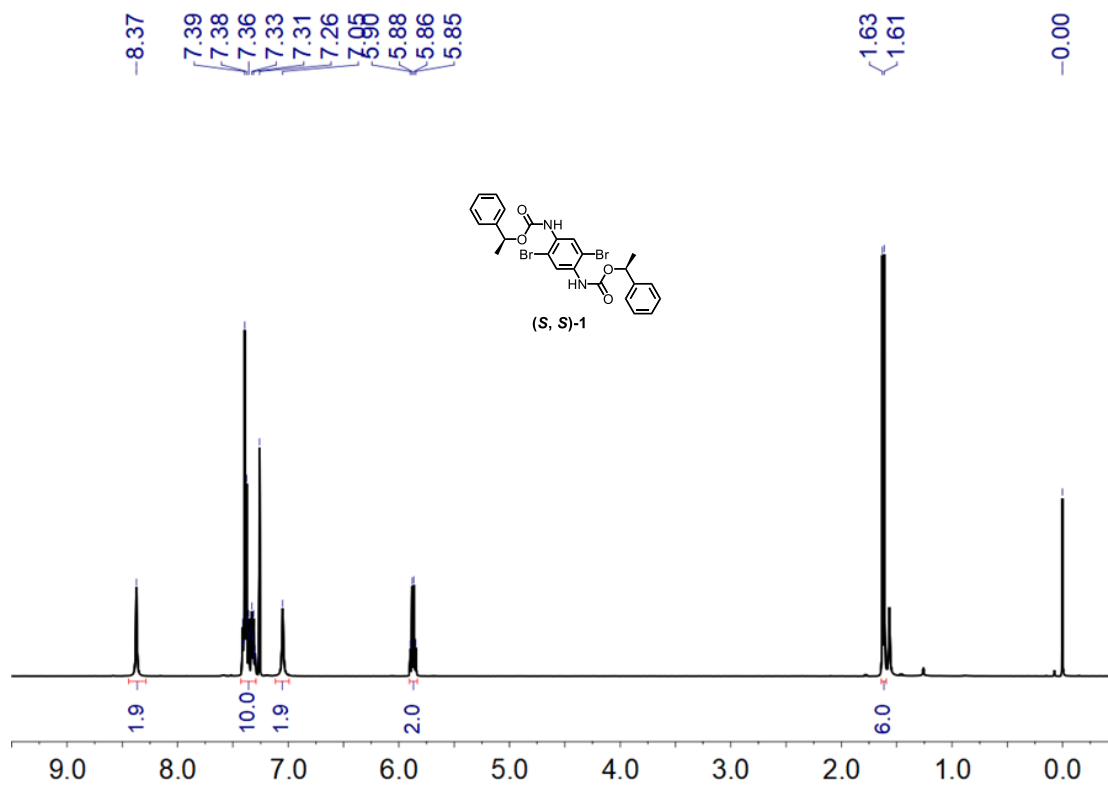


Fig. S6. ^1H NMR spectrum for (*S,S*)-1 (CDCl₃, 298 K)

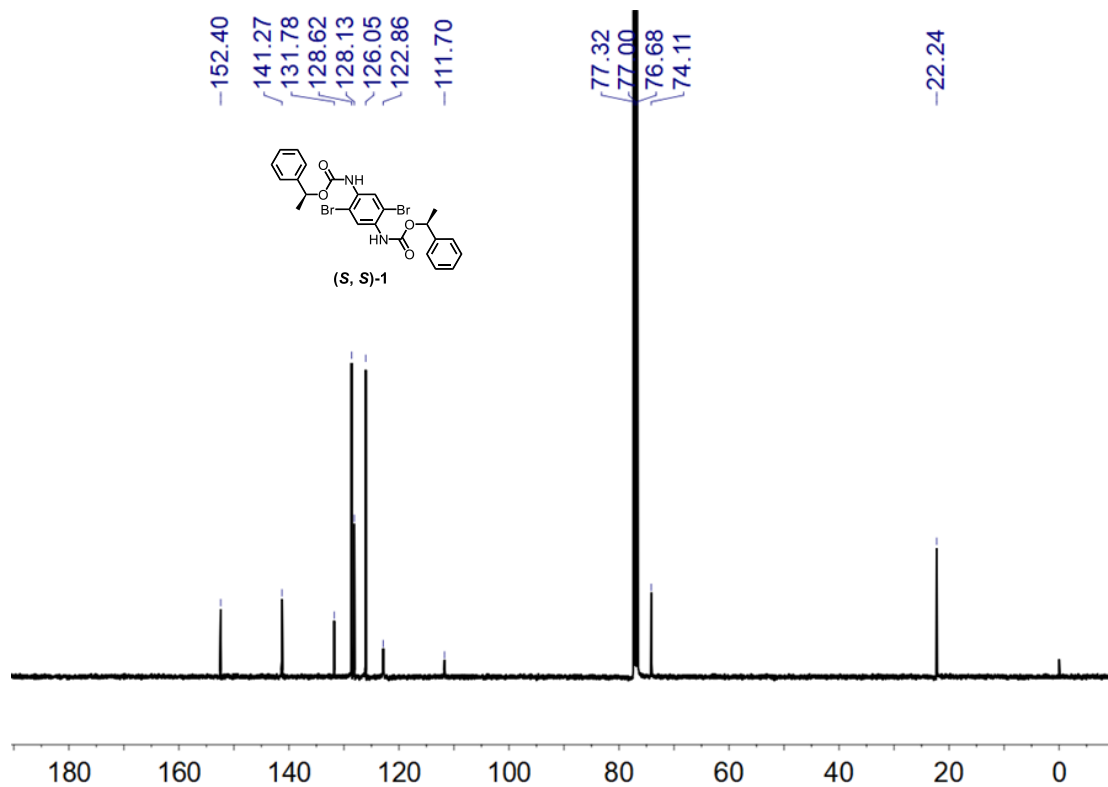


Fig. S7. ^{13}C NMR spectrum for (*S,S*)-1 (CDCl₃, 298 K)

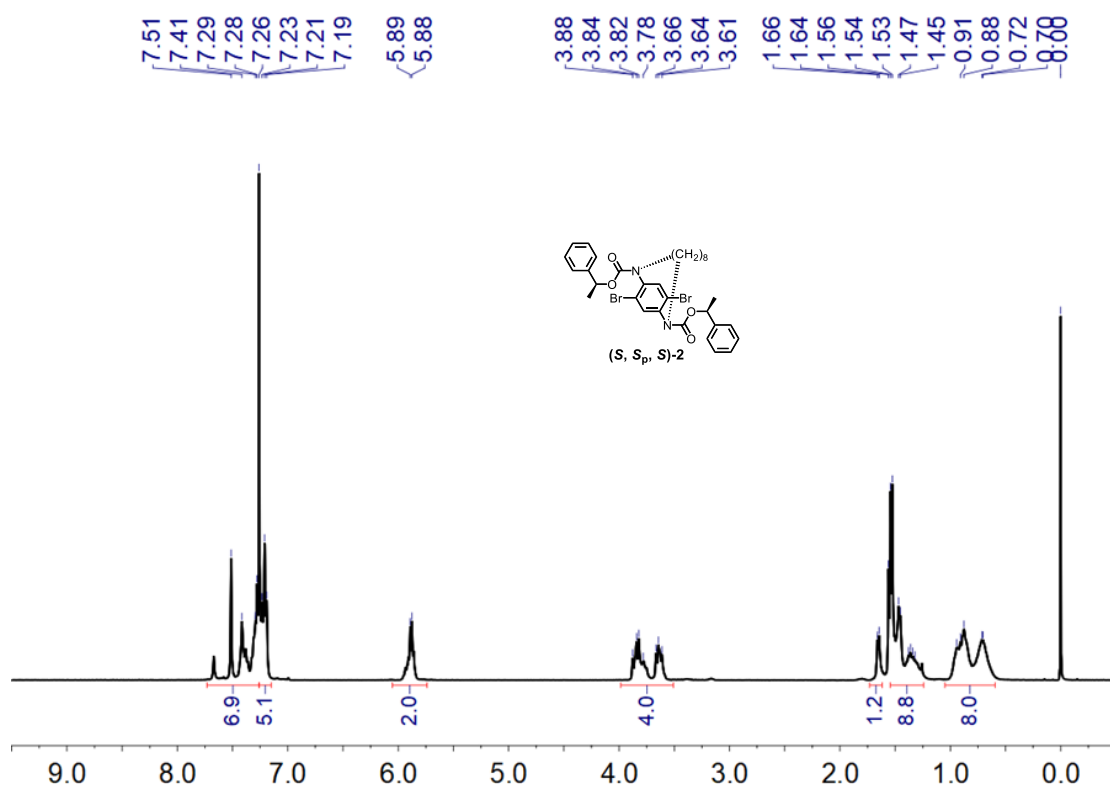


Fig. S8. ¹H NMR spectrum for **(S, S_p, S)-2** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

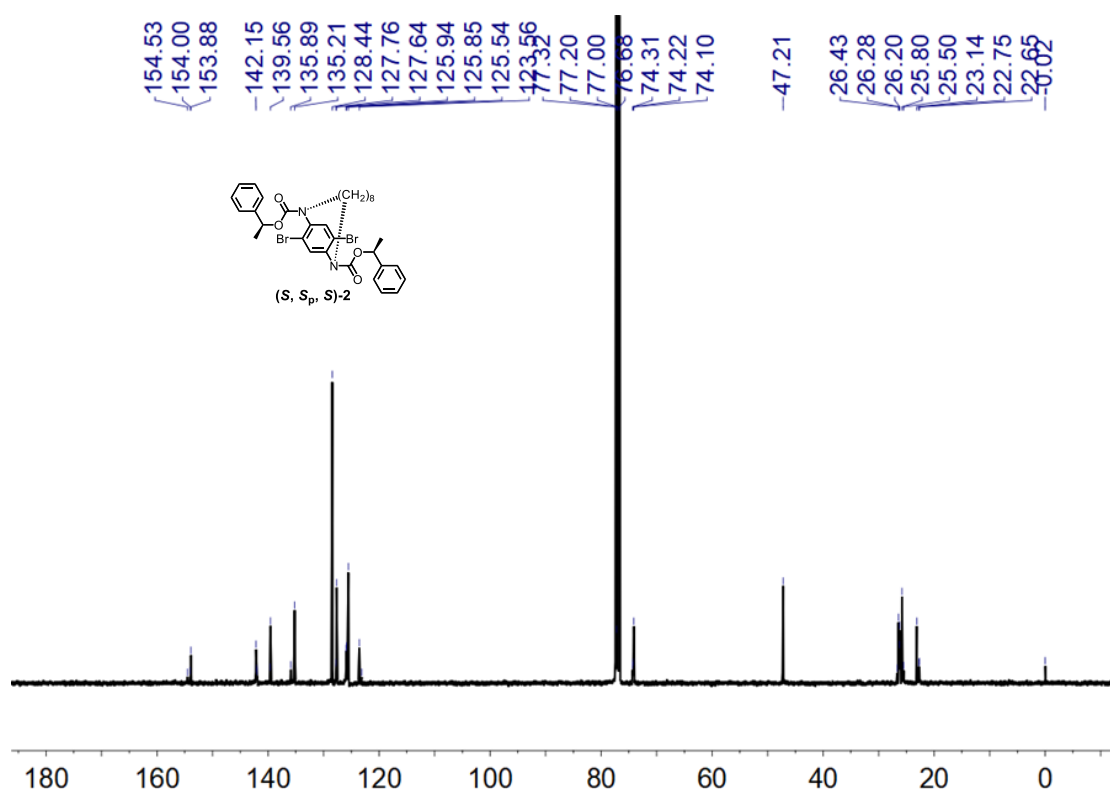


Fig. S9. ¹³C NMR spectrum for **(S, S_p, S)-2** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

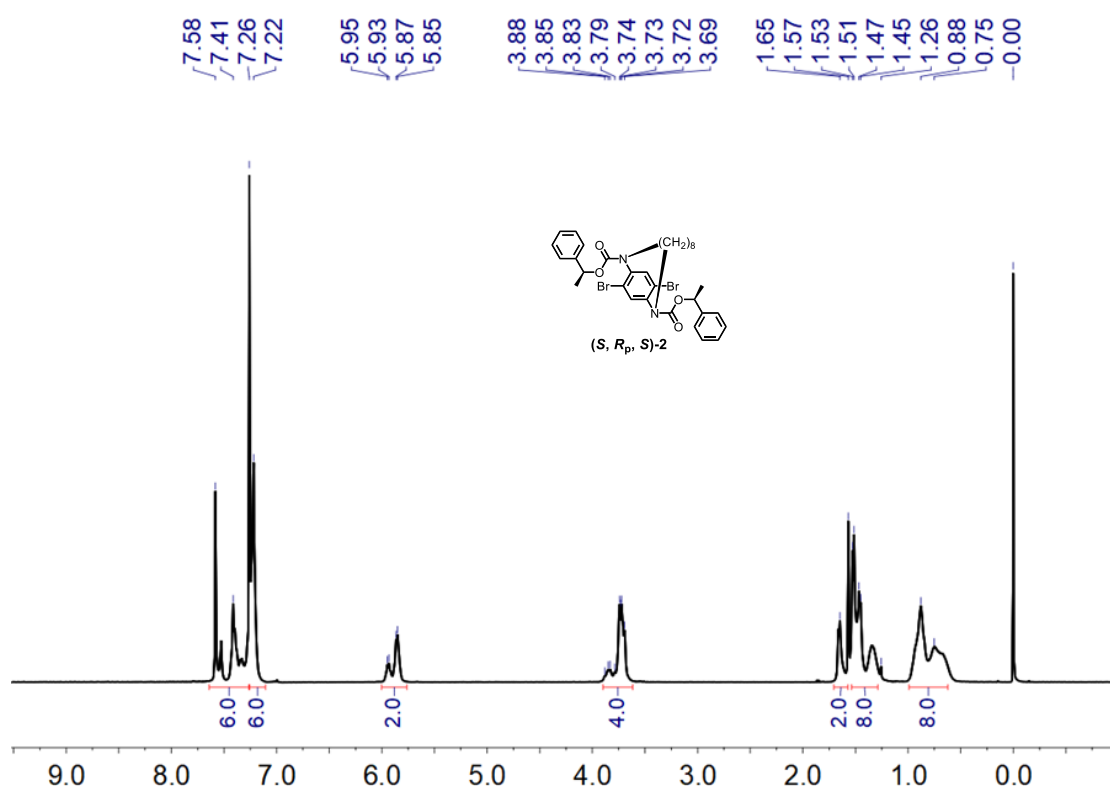


Fig. S10. ^1H NMR spectrum for (S, R_p, S) -2 (CDCl₃, 298 K)

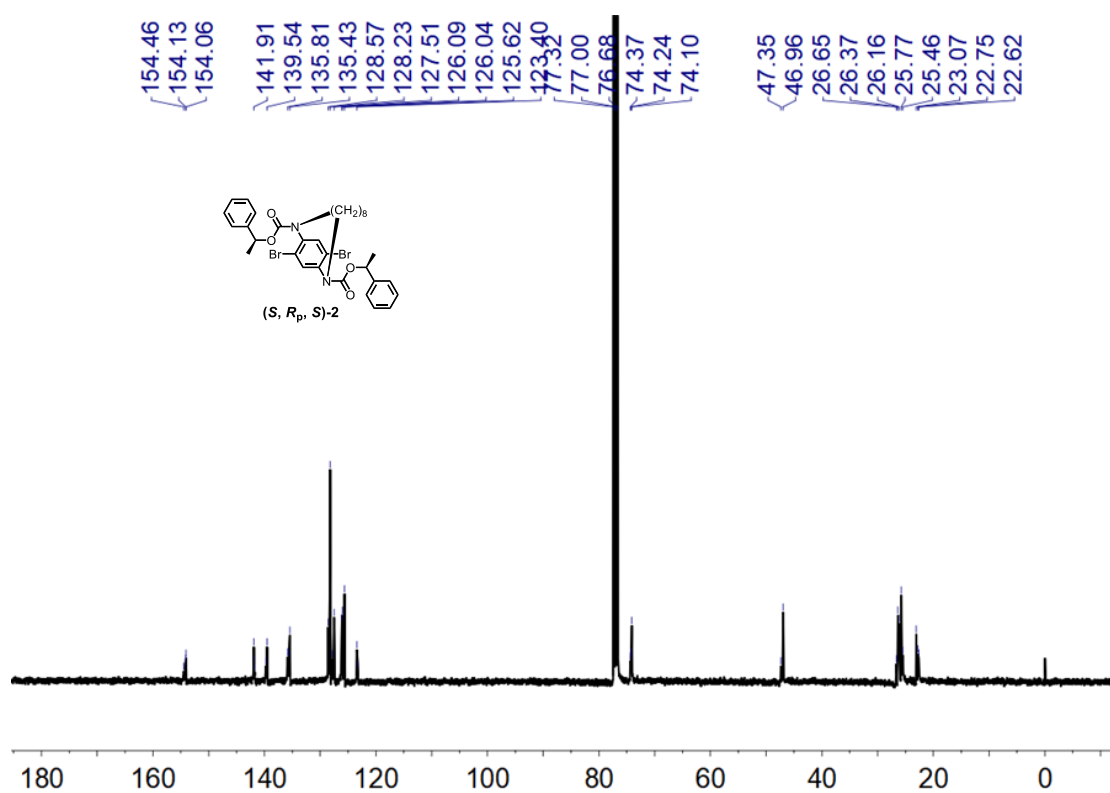


Fig. S11. ^{13}C NMR spectrum for (S, R_p, S) -2 (CDCl₃, 298 K)

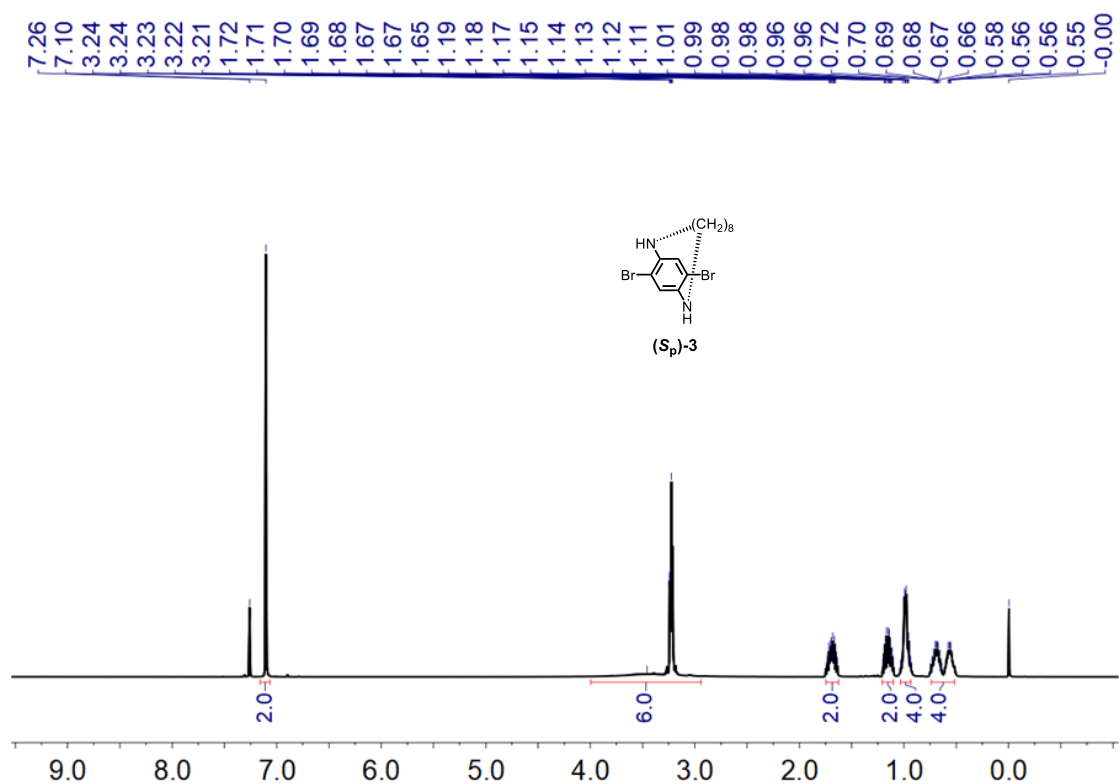


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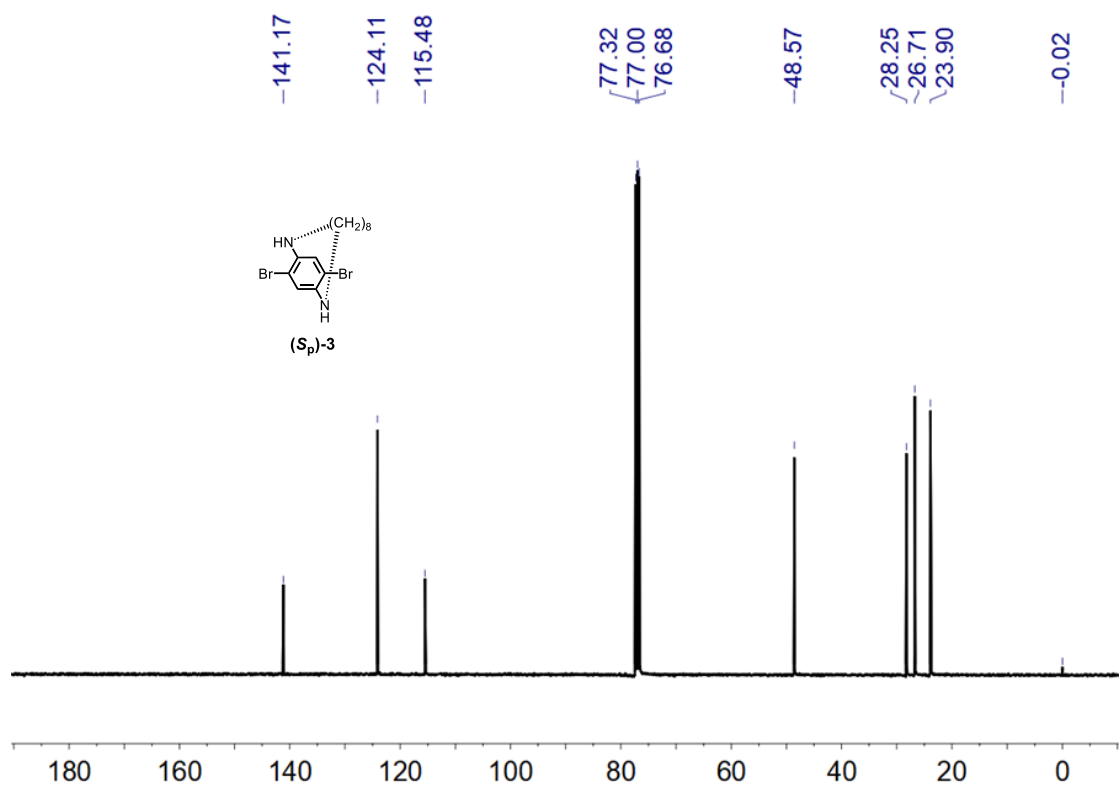


Fig. S13. ¹³C NMR spectrum for **(S_p)-3** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

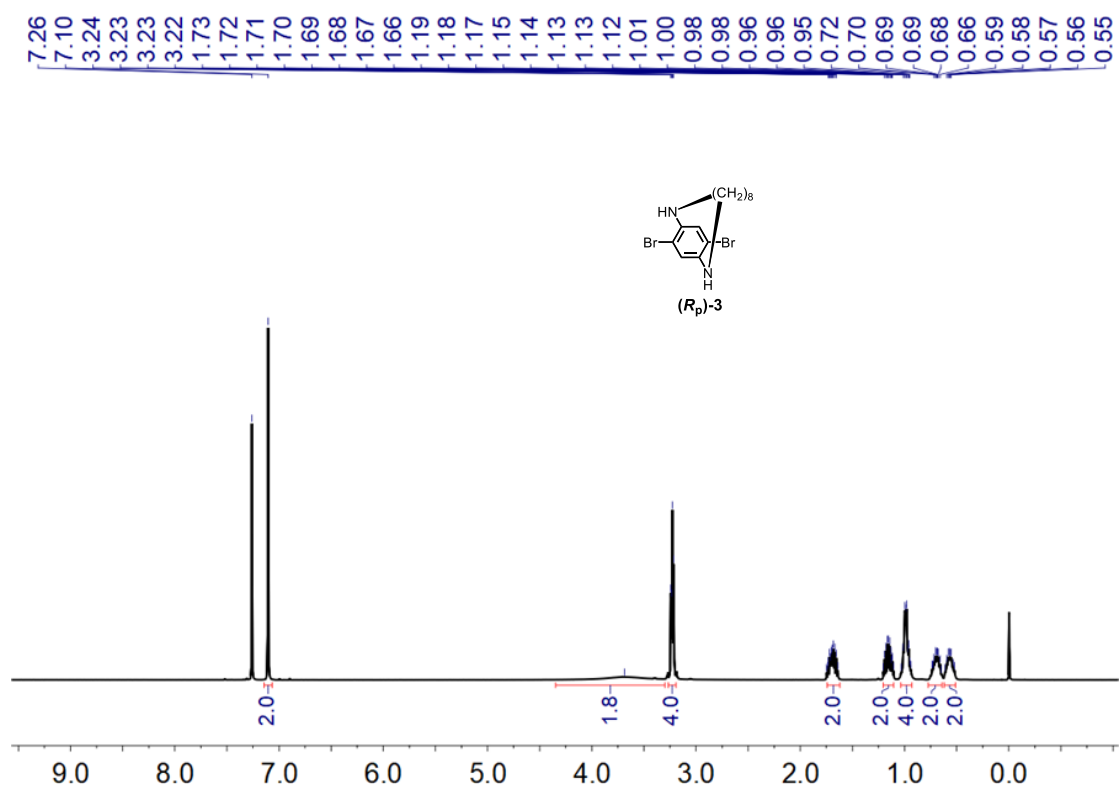


Fig. S14. ¹H NMR spectrum for (R_p)-3 (CDCl₃, 298 K)

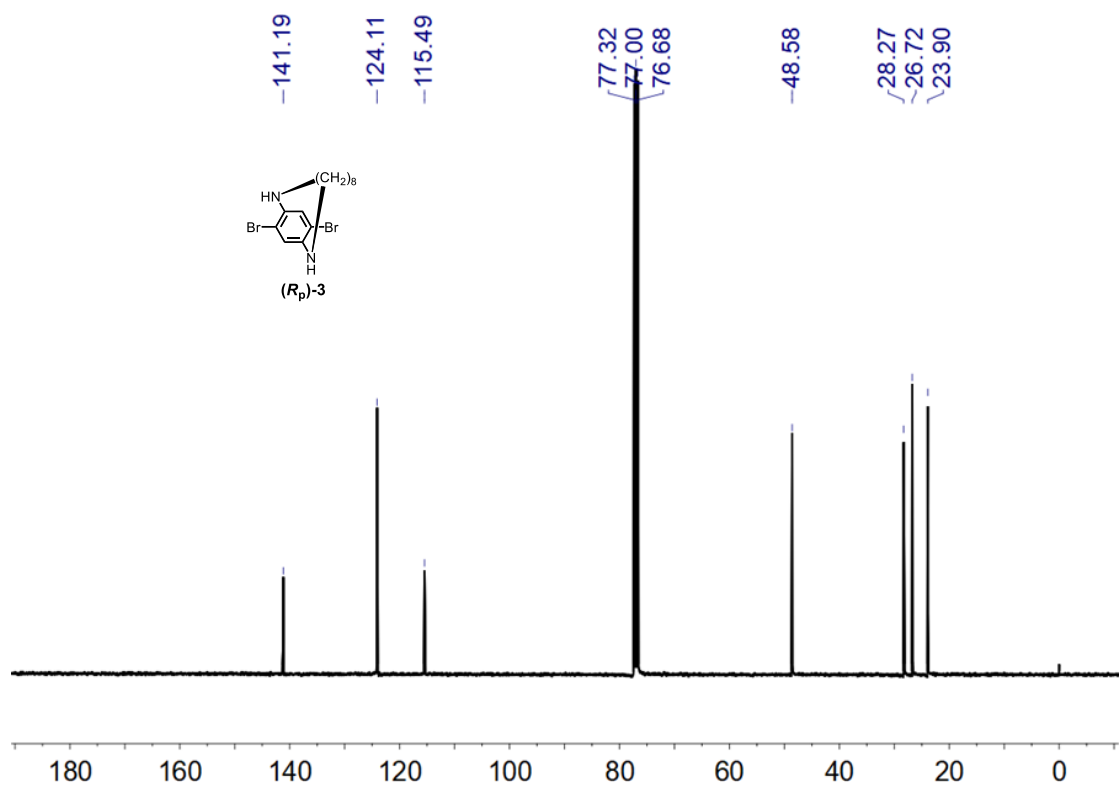


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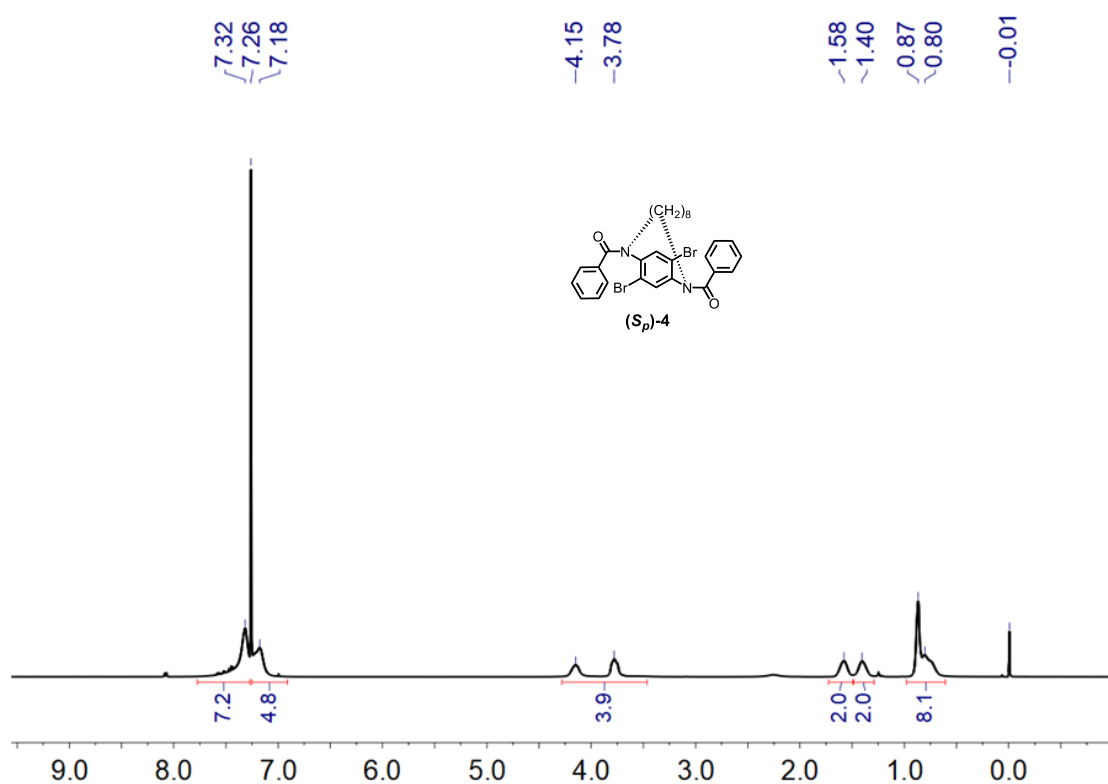


Fig. S16. ¹H NMR spectrum for (*S_p*)-4 (CDCl₃, 298 K)

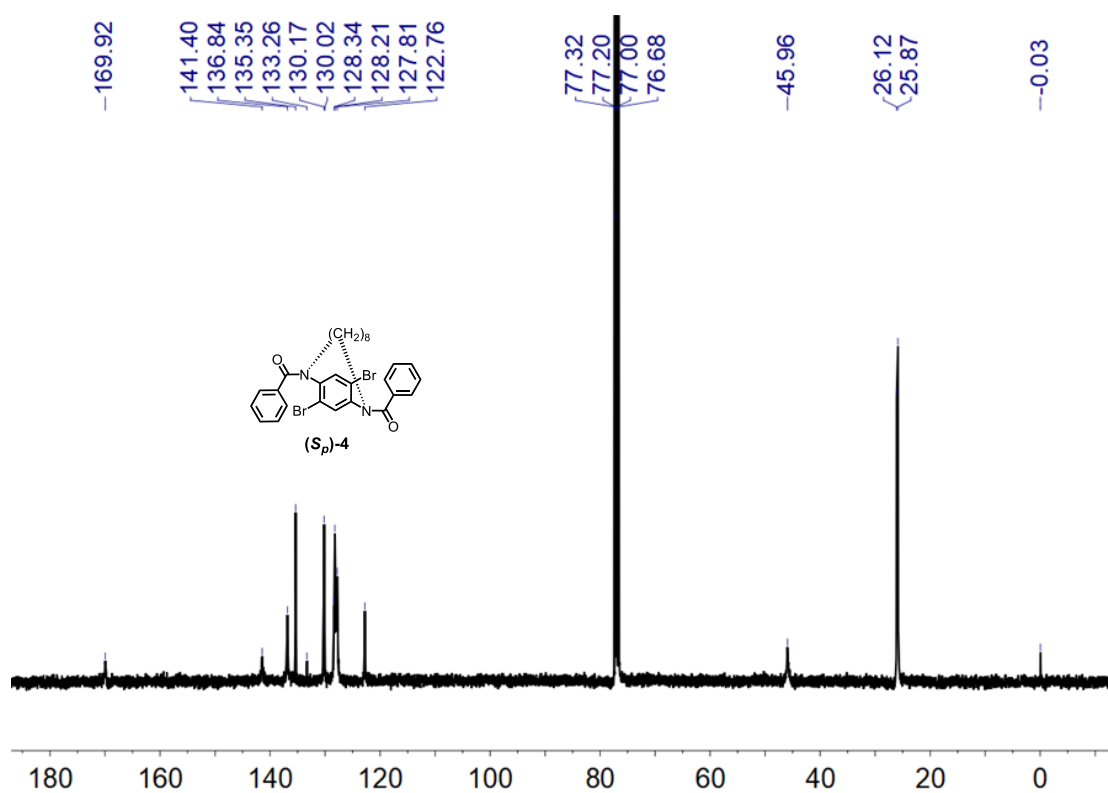


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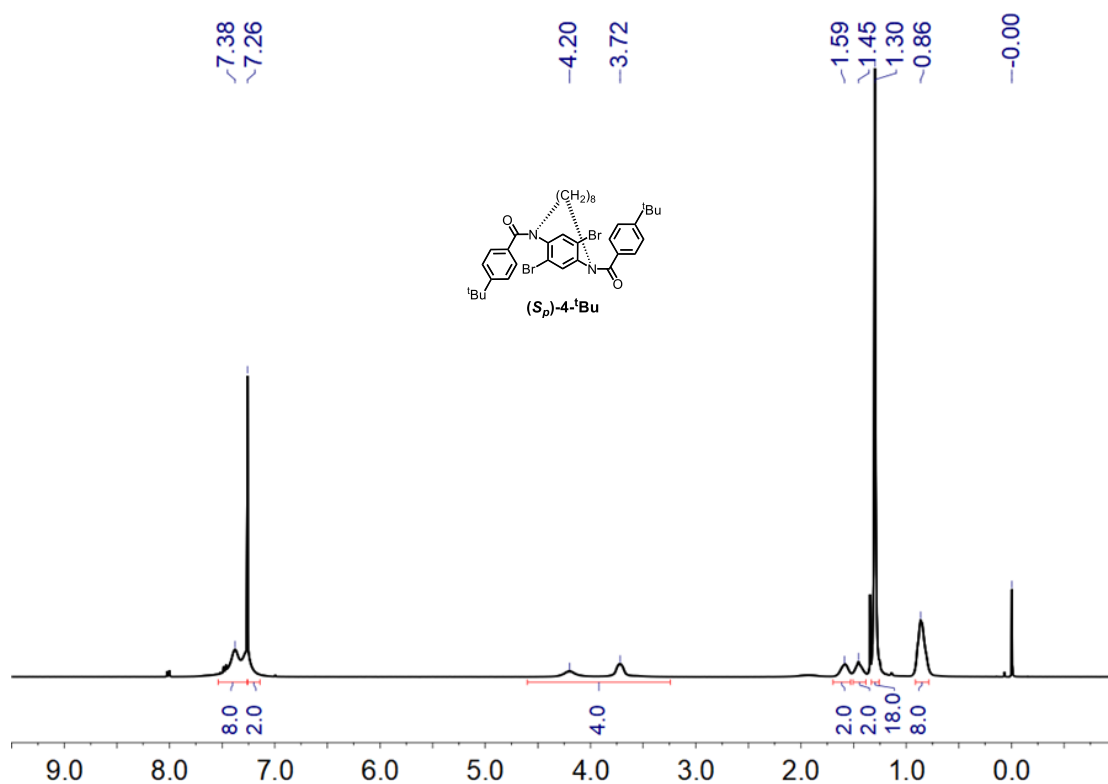


Fig. S18. 1H NMR spectrum for (S_p) -4-4Bu ($CDCl_3$, 298 K)

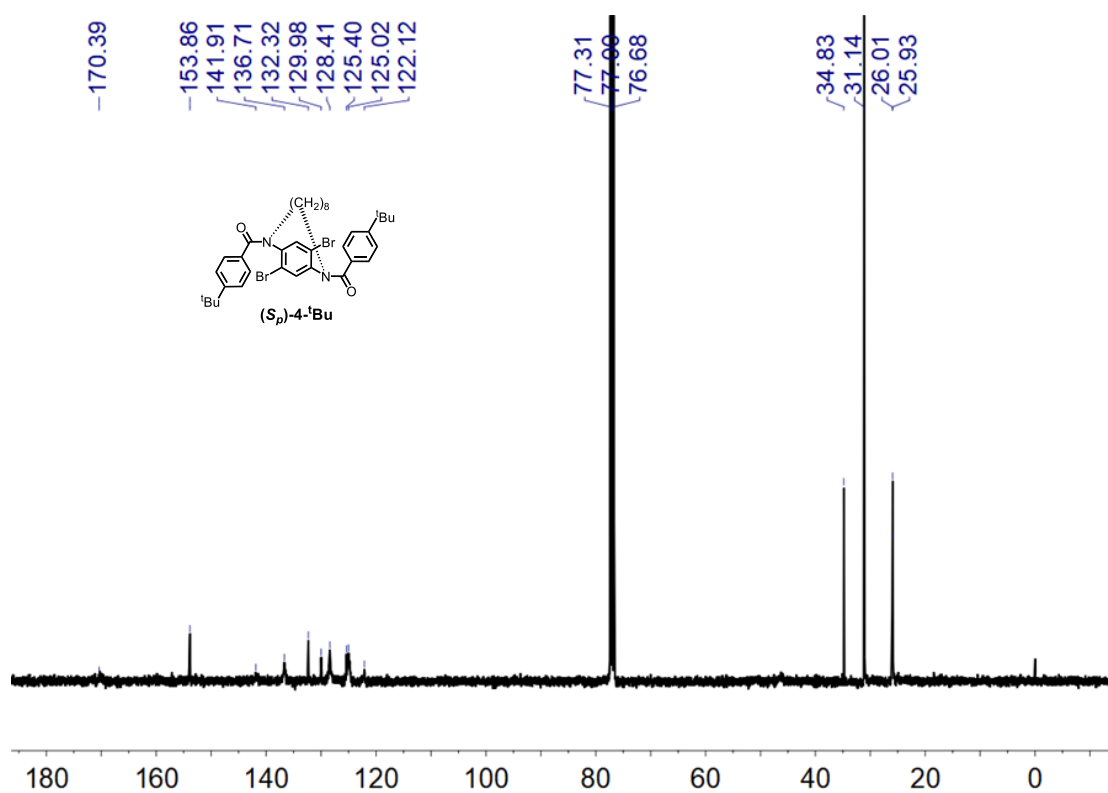


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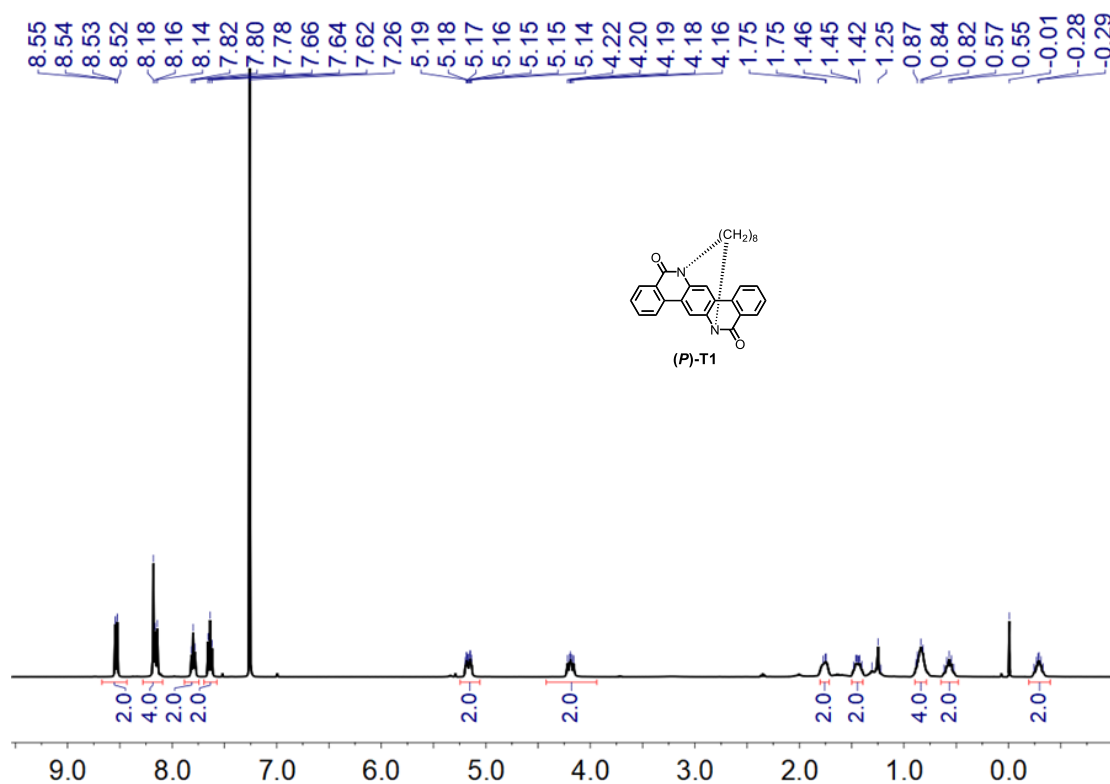


Fig. S20. ¹H NMR spectrum for (P)-T1 (CDCl₃, 298 K)

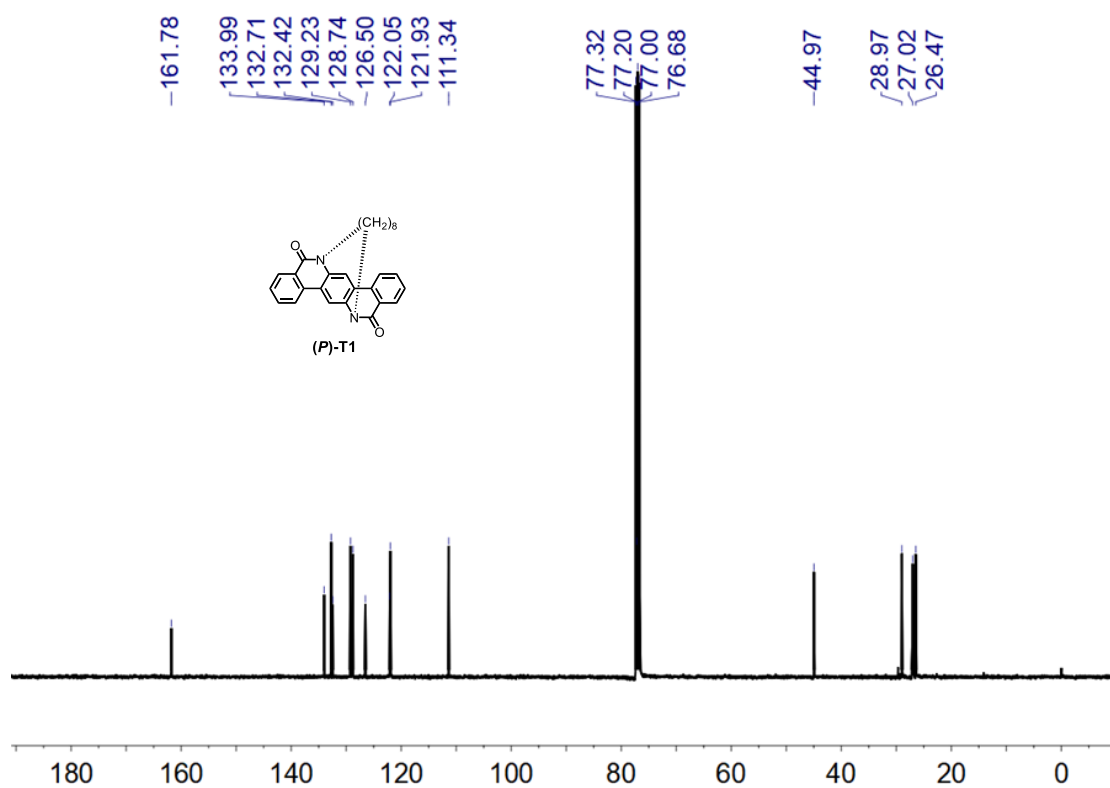


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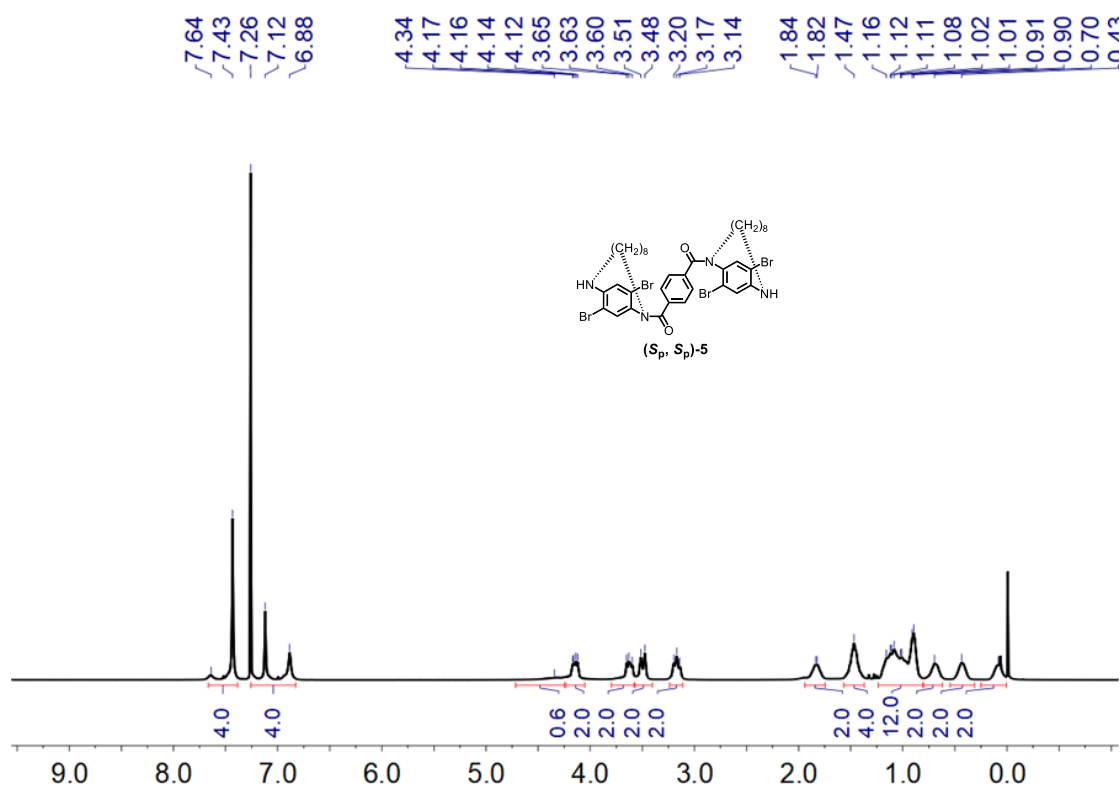


Fig. S24. ^1H NMR spectrum for (S_p, S_p) -5 (CDCl_3 , 298 K)

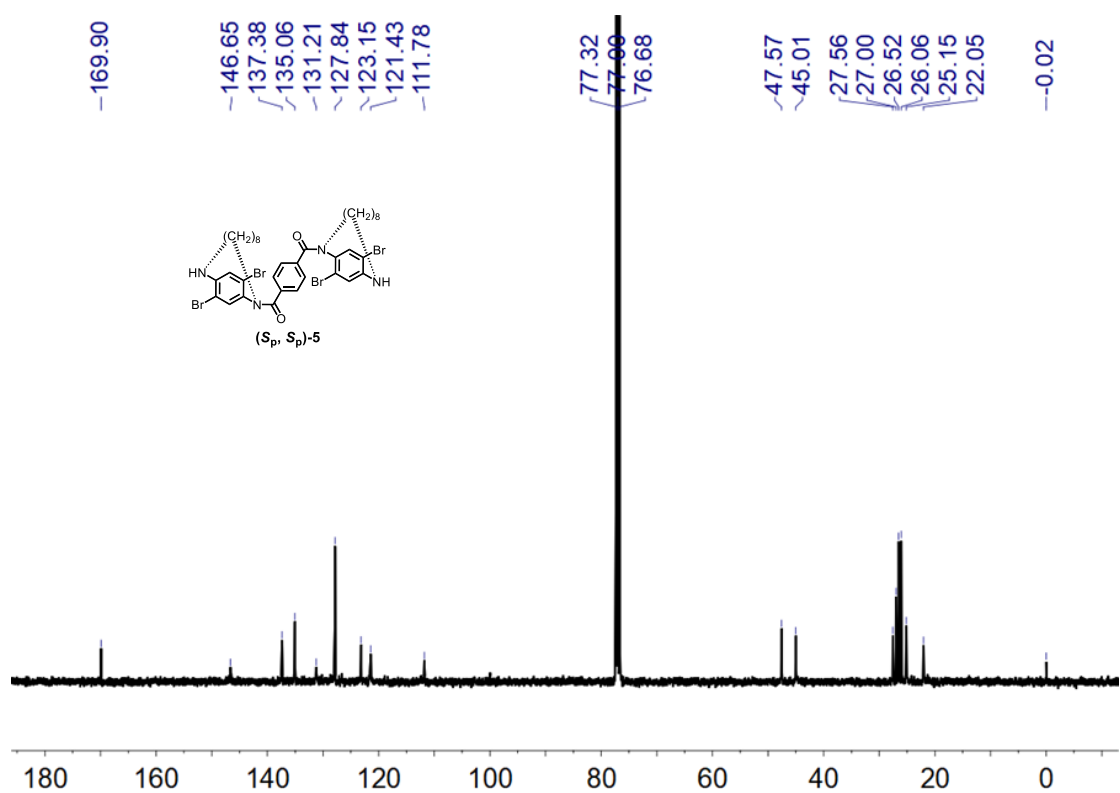


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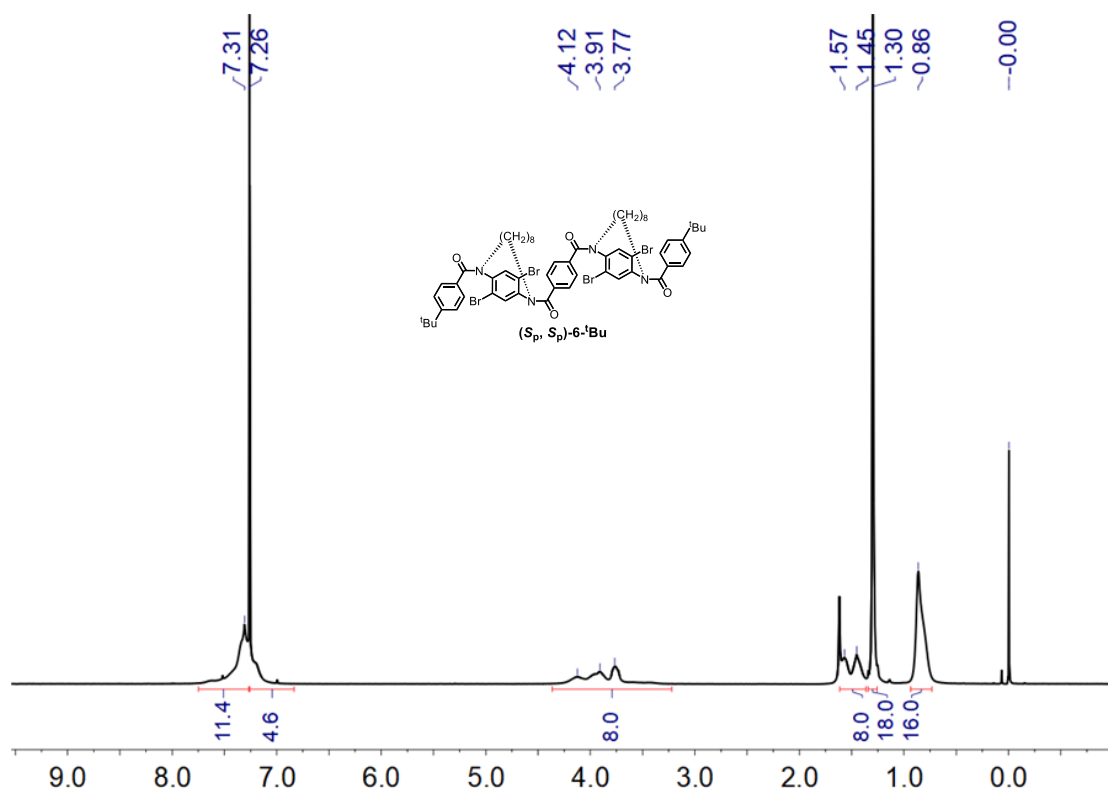


Fig. S26. ¹H NMR spectrum for (S_p, S_p) -6-^tBu (CDCl₃, 298 K)

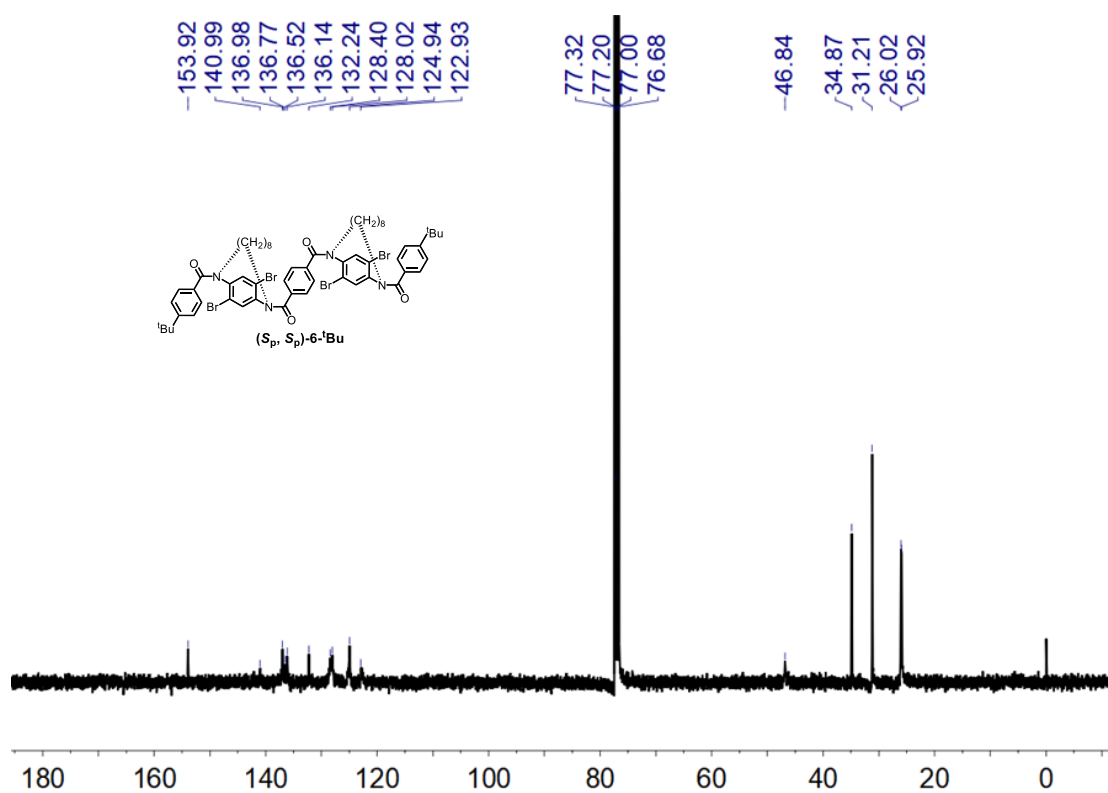
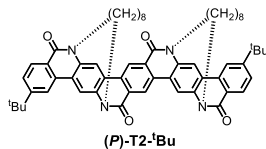
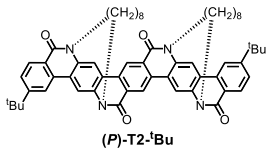
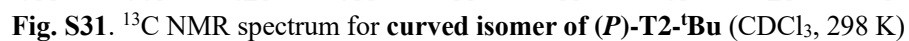


Fig. S27. ¹³C NMR spectrum for (S_p, S_p) -6-^tBu (CDCl₃, 298 K)





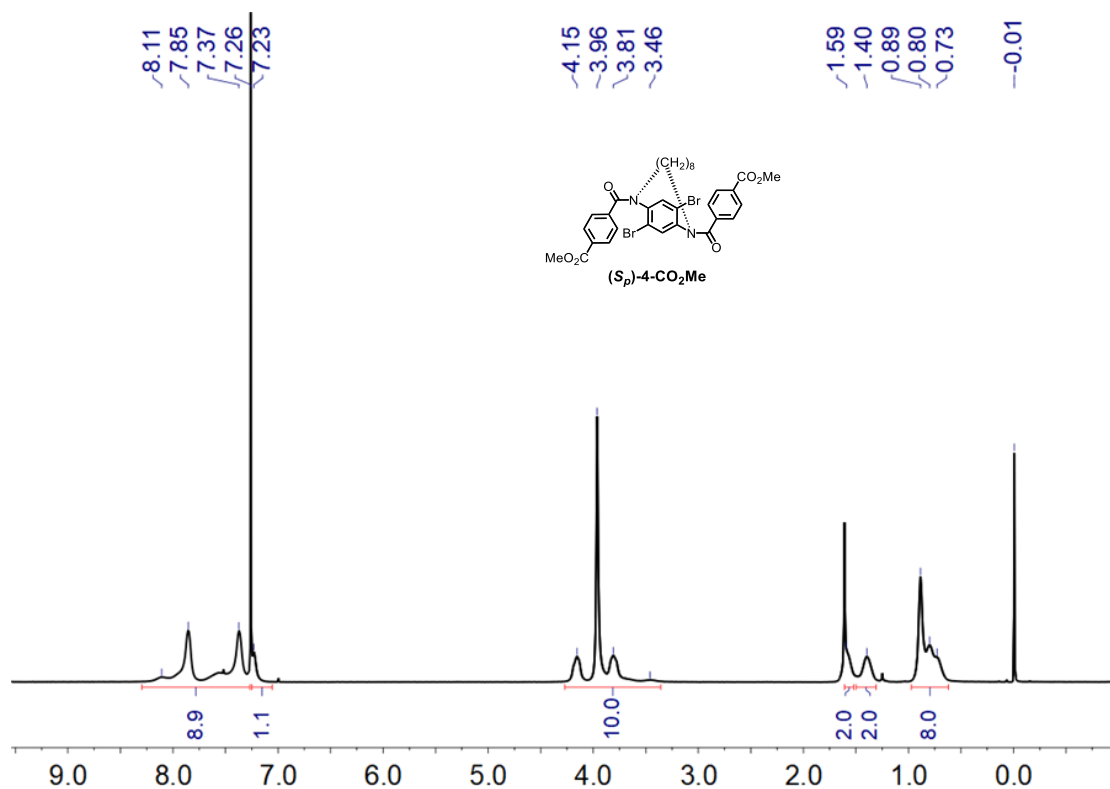


Fig. S32. ¹H NMR spectrum for (*S_p*)-4-CO₂Me (CDCl₃, 298 K)

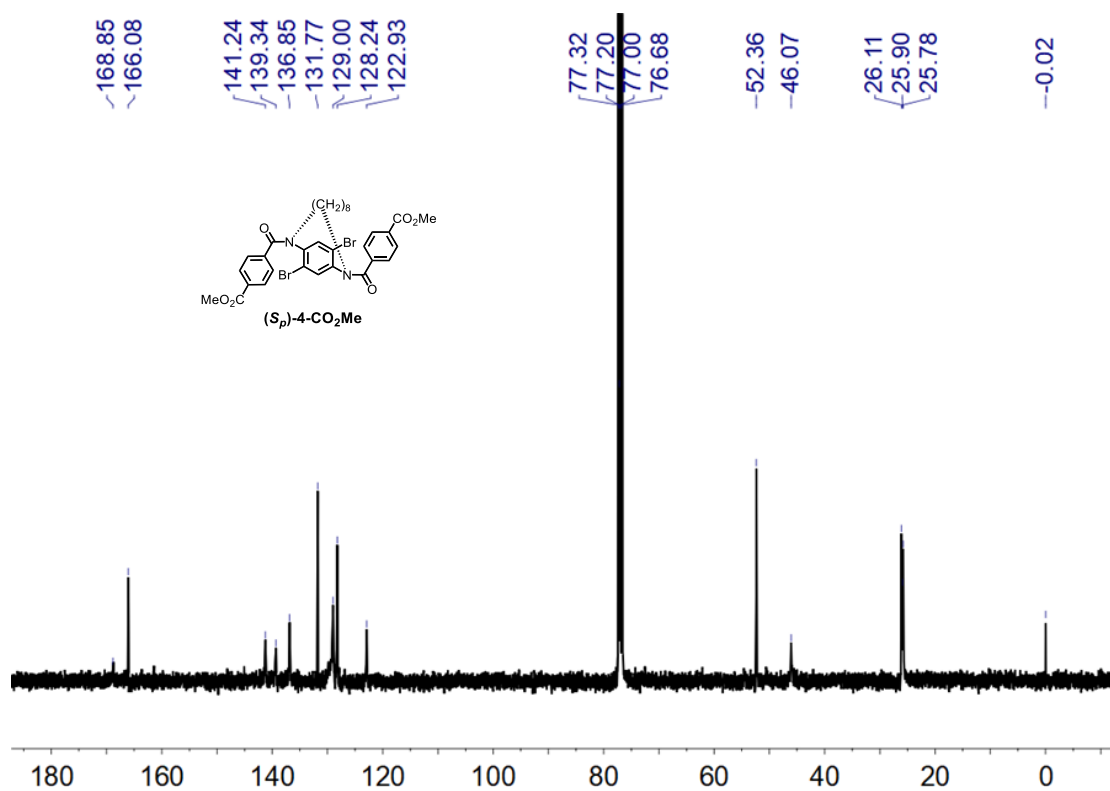


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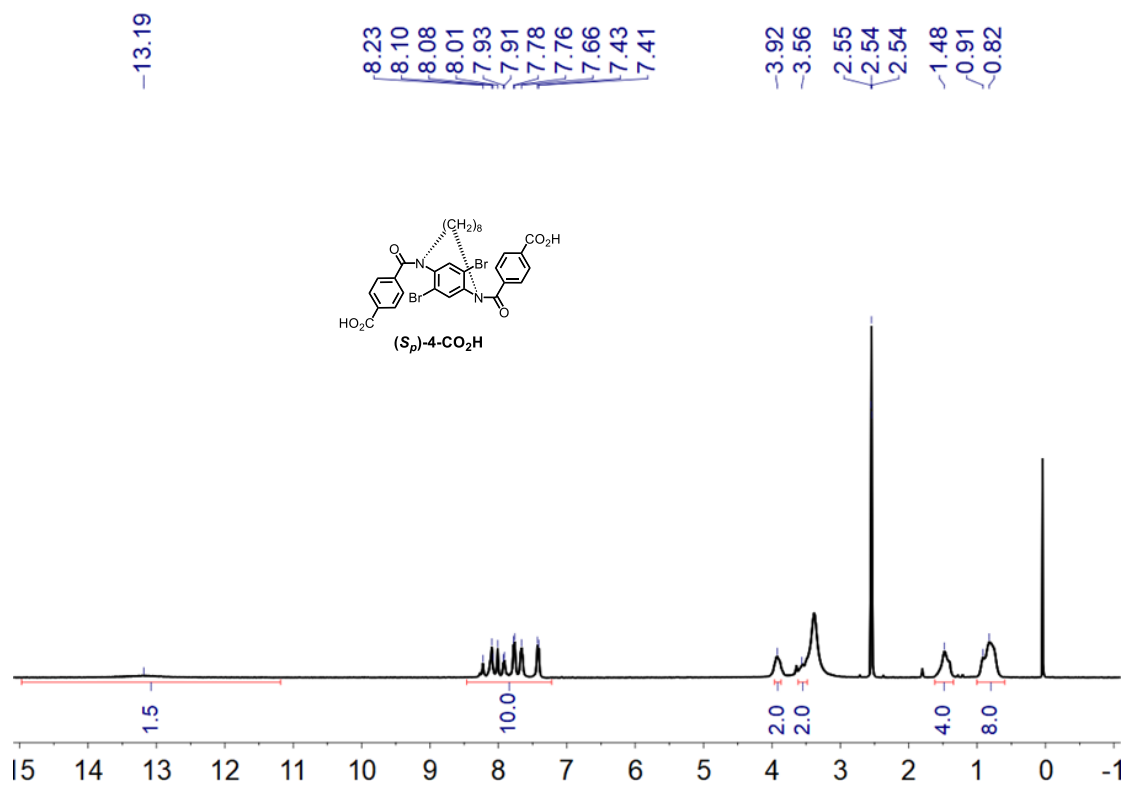


Fig. S34. ^1H NMR spectrum for (S_p) -4-COOH (CDCl_3 , 298 K)

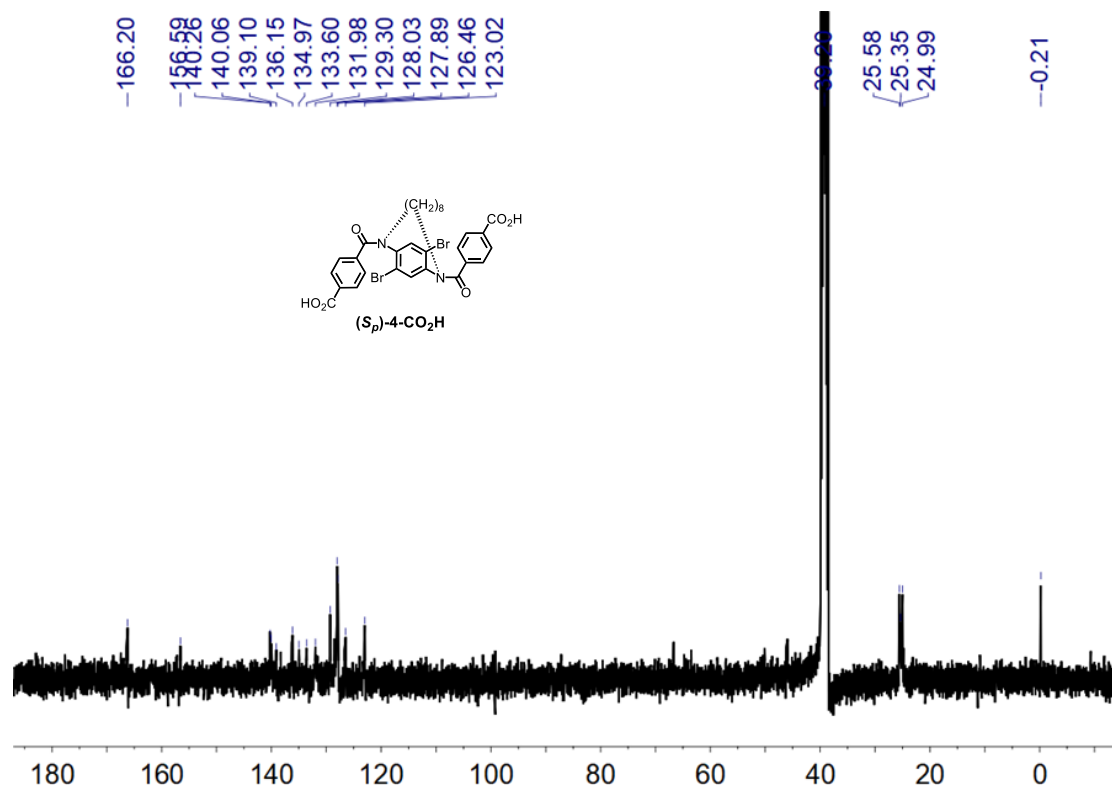


Fig. S35. ^{13}C NMR spectrum for (S_p) -4-COOH (CDCl_3 , 298 K)

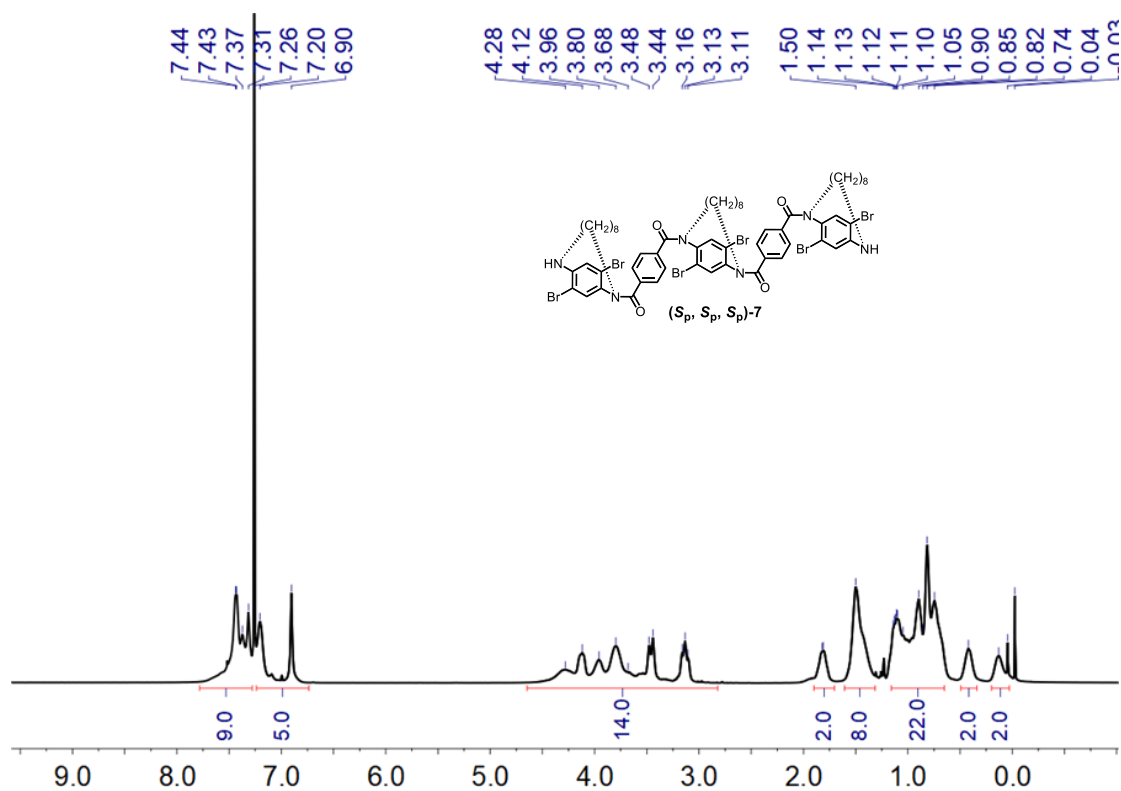


Fig. S36. 1H NMR spectrum for (S_p, S_p, S_p) -7 ($CDCl_3$, 298 K)

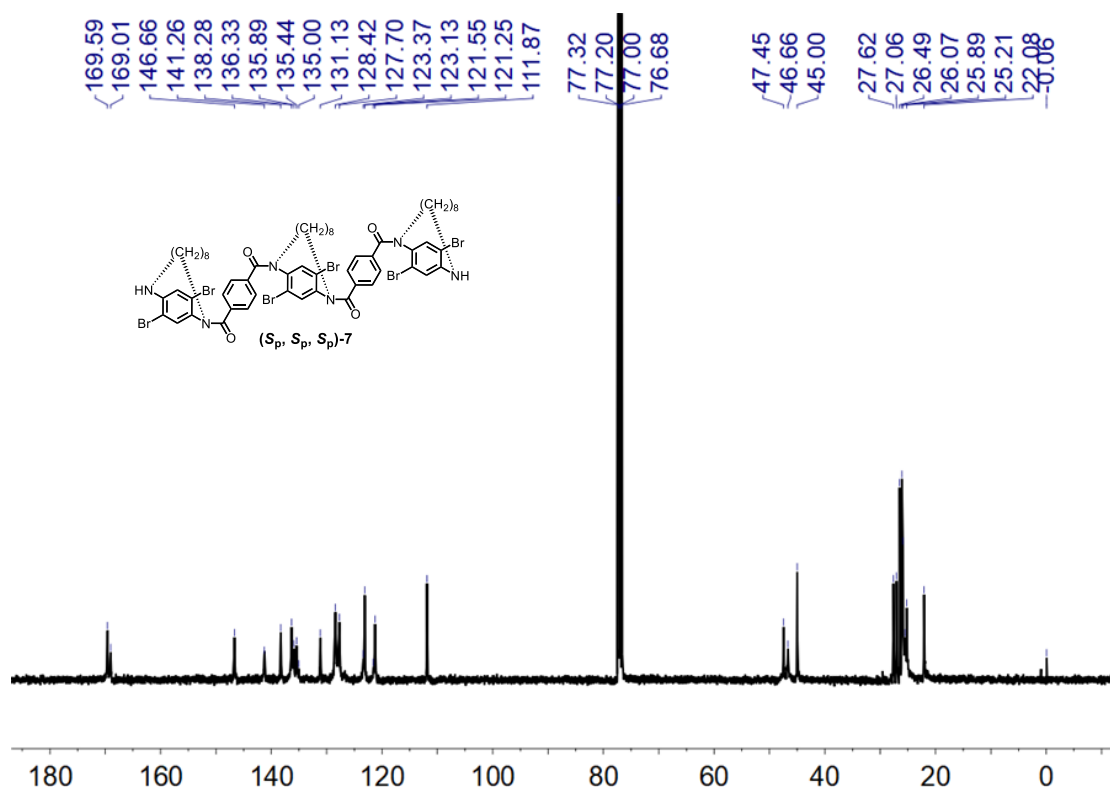


Fig. S37. ^{13}C NMR spectrum for (S_p, S_p, S_p) -7 ($CDCl_3$, 298 K)

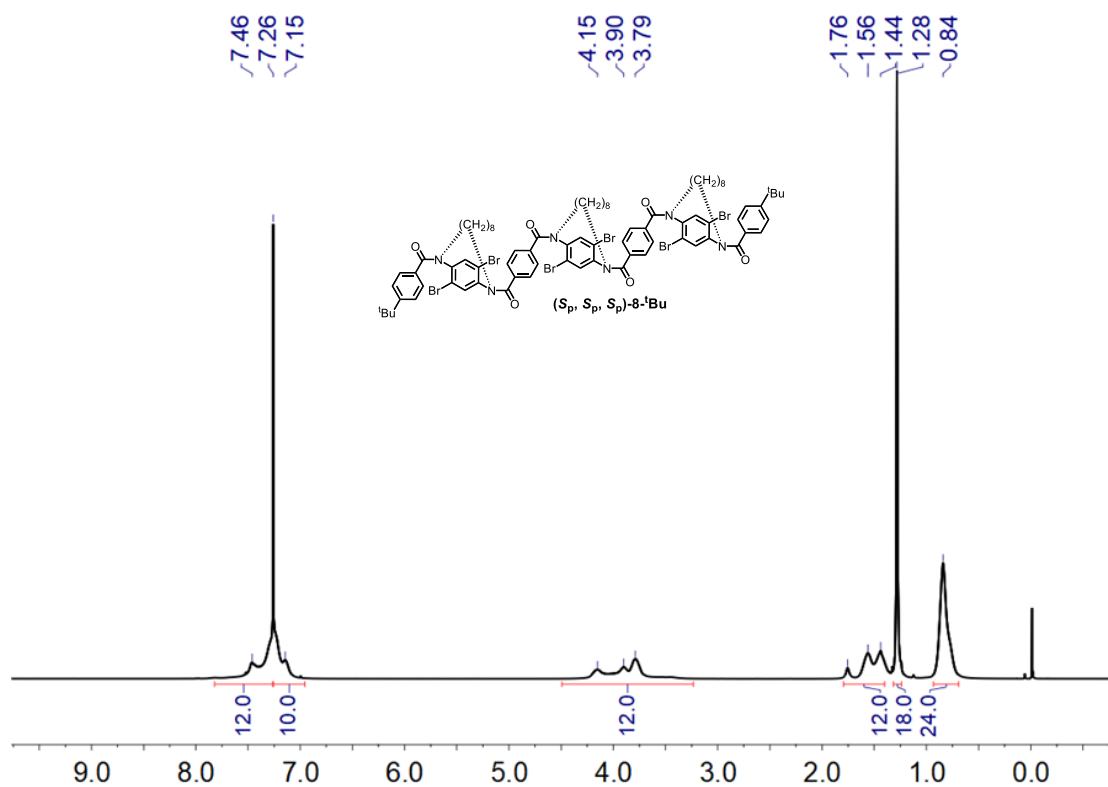


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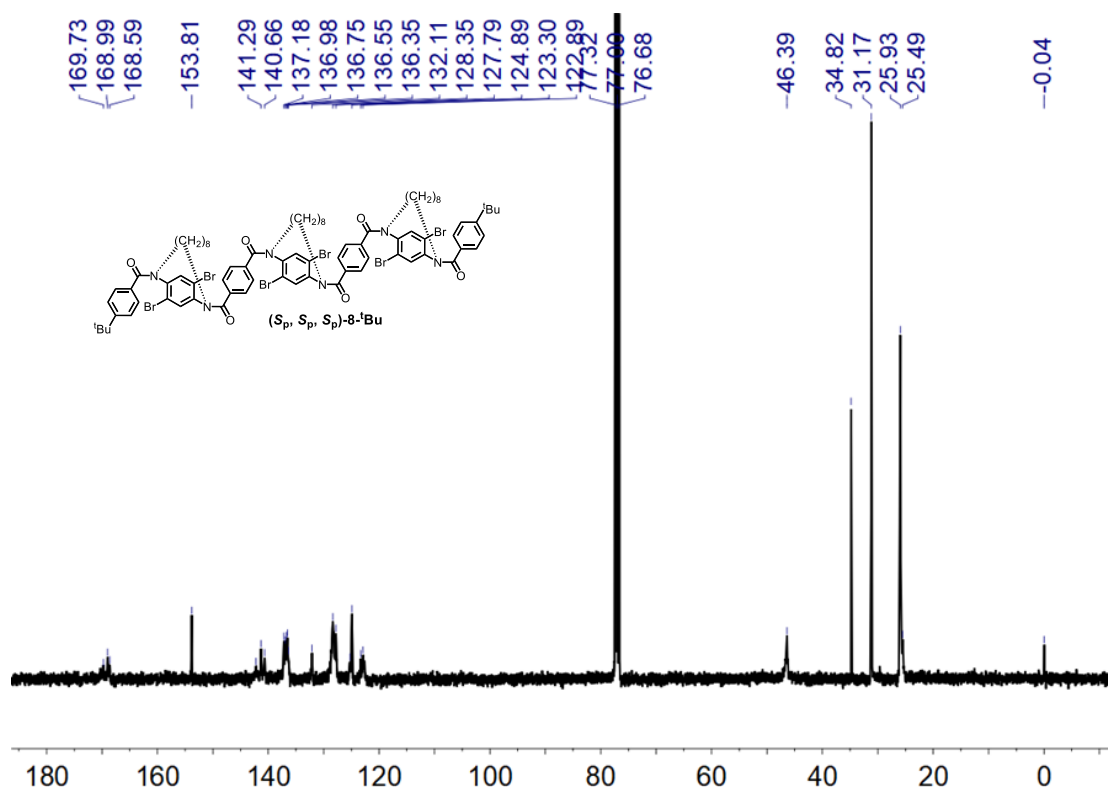
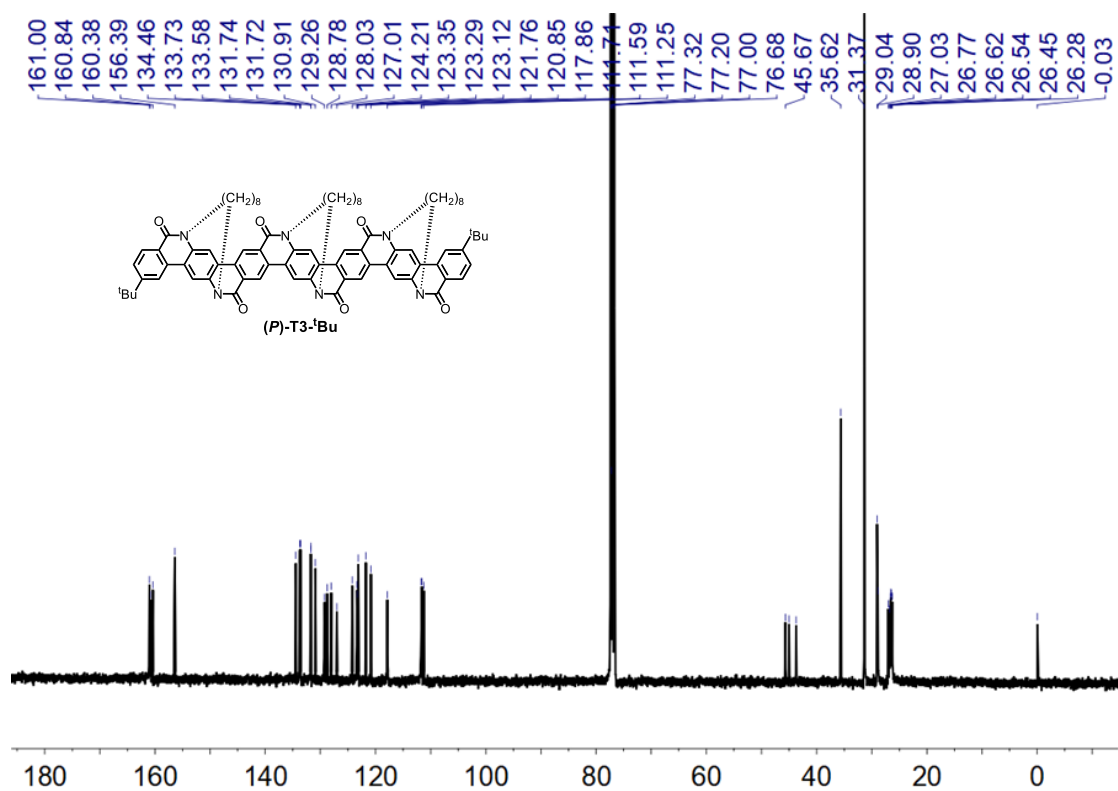
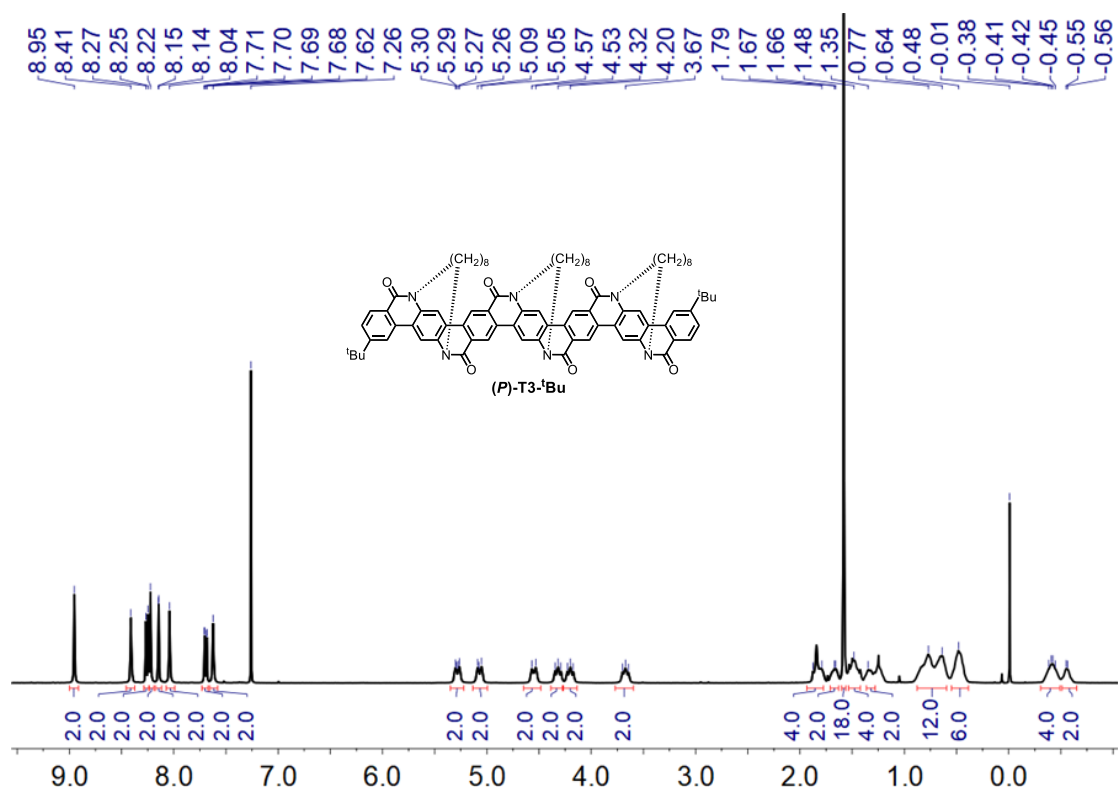
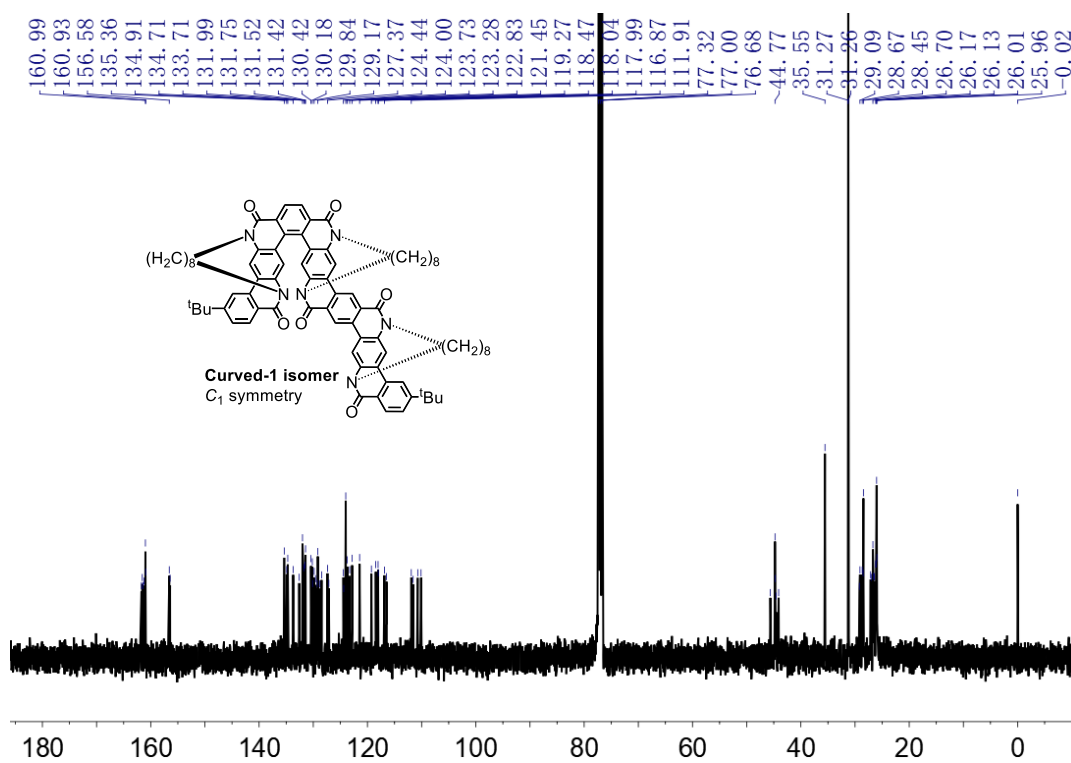
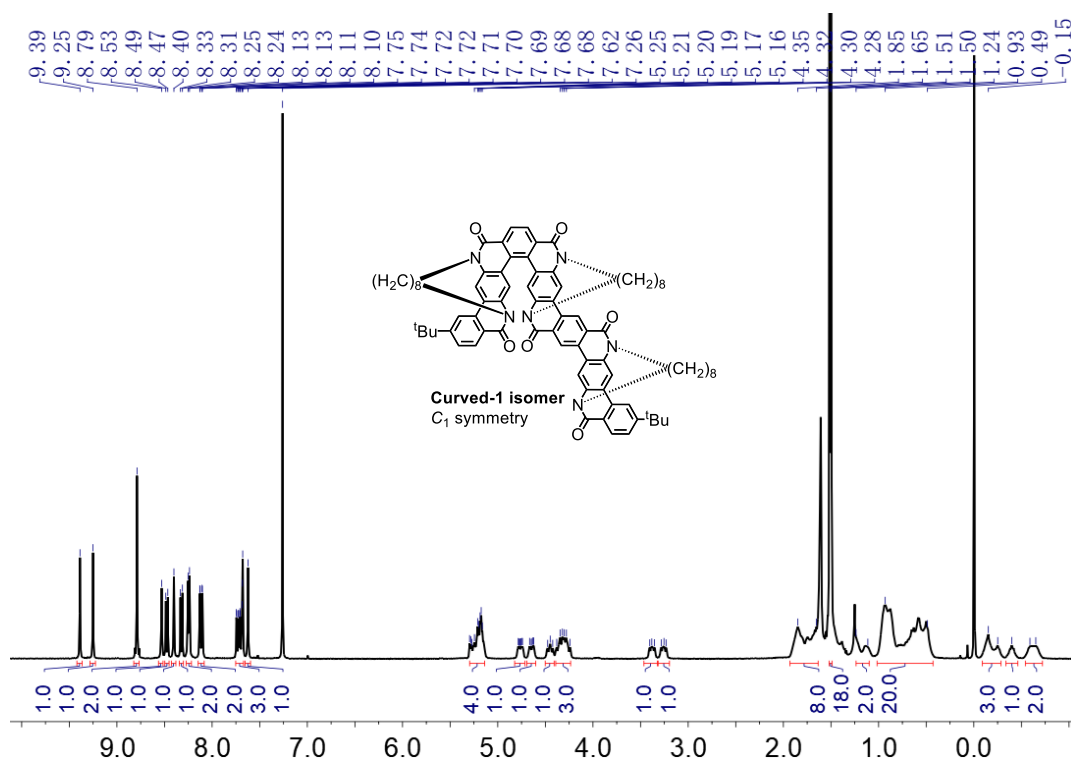


Fig. S39. ¹³C NMR spectrum for (S_p, S_p, S_p)-8-^tBu (CDCl₃, 298 K)





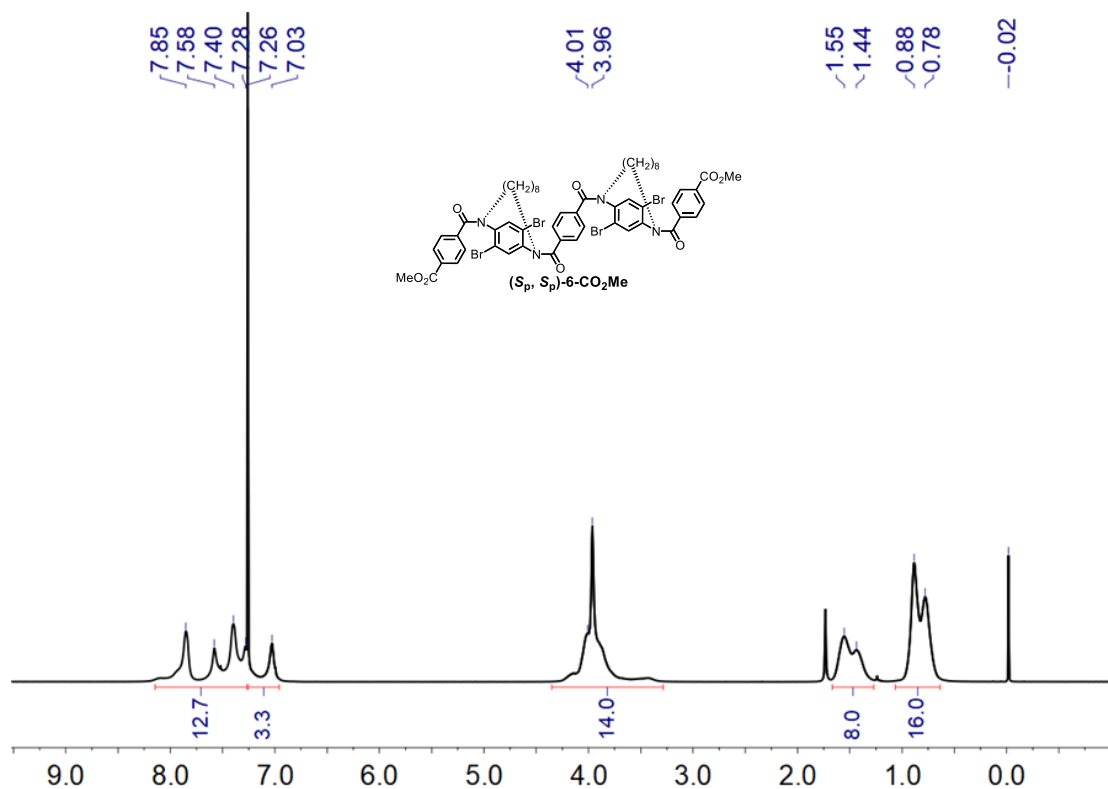


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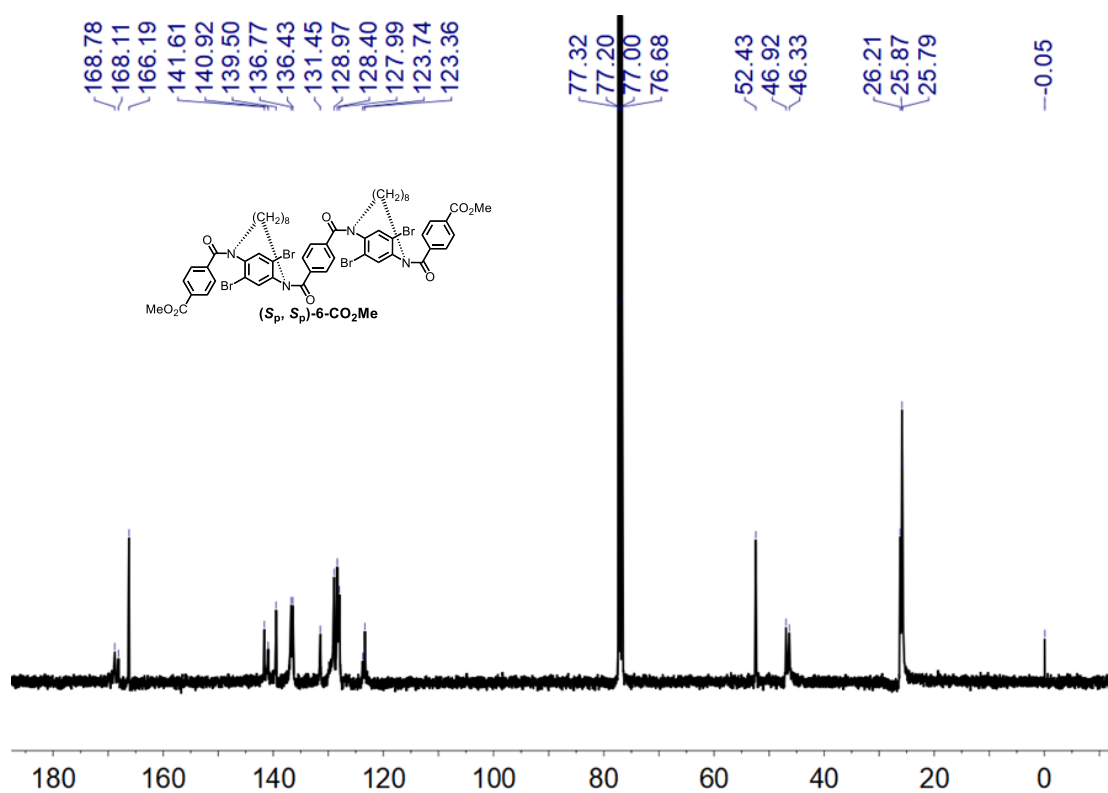
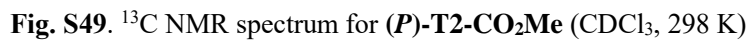
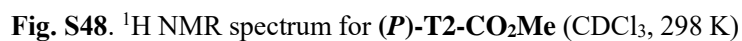


Fig. S47. ^{13}C NMR spectrum for (S_p, S_p) -6- CO_2Me (CDCl_3 , 298 K)



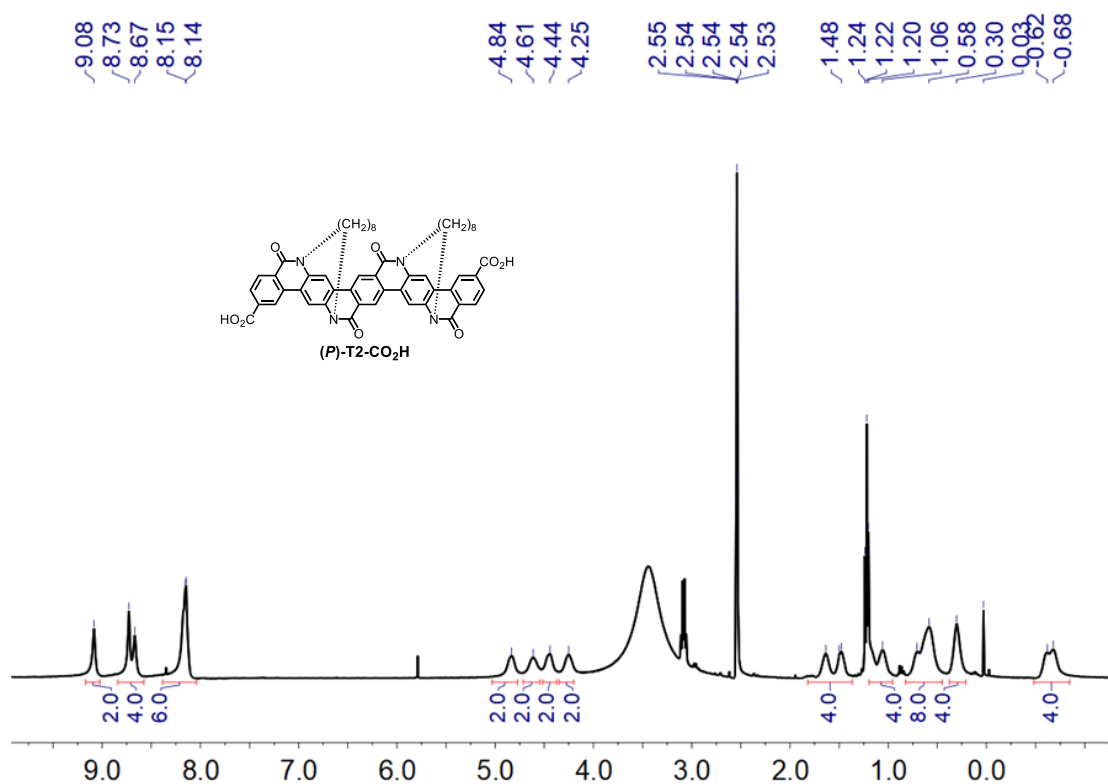


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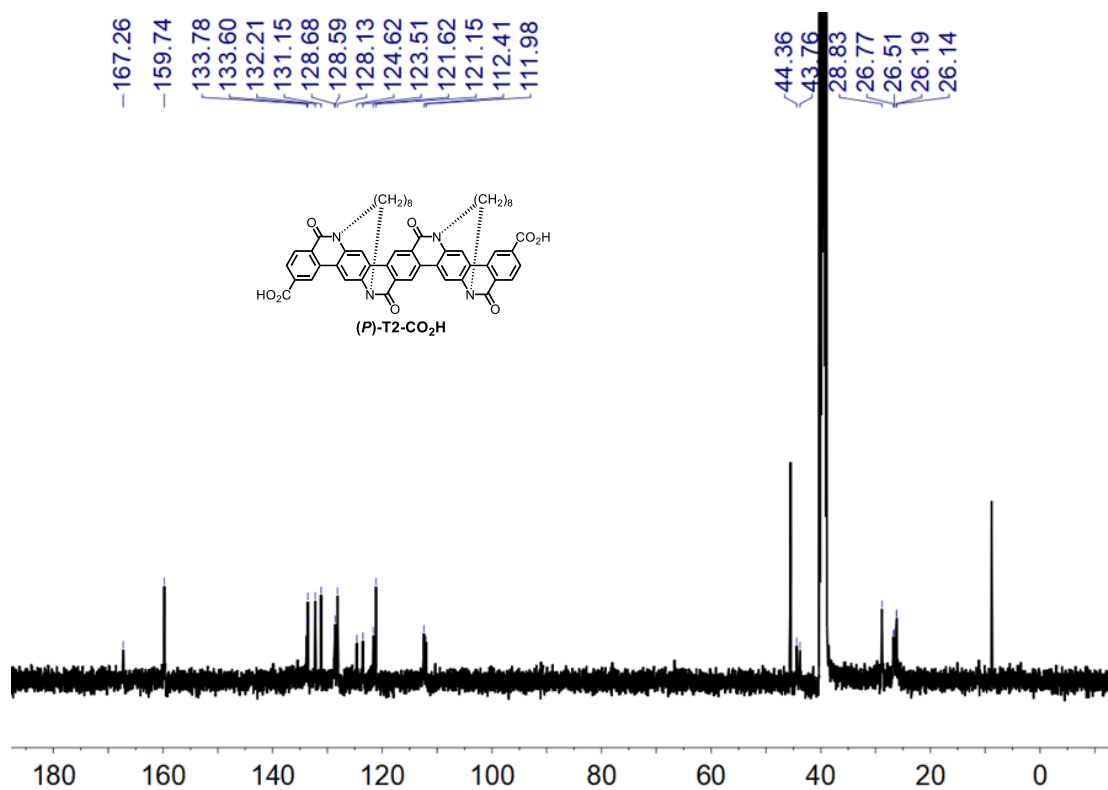


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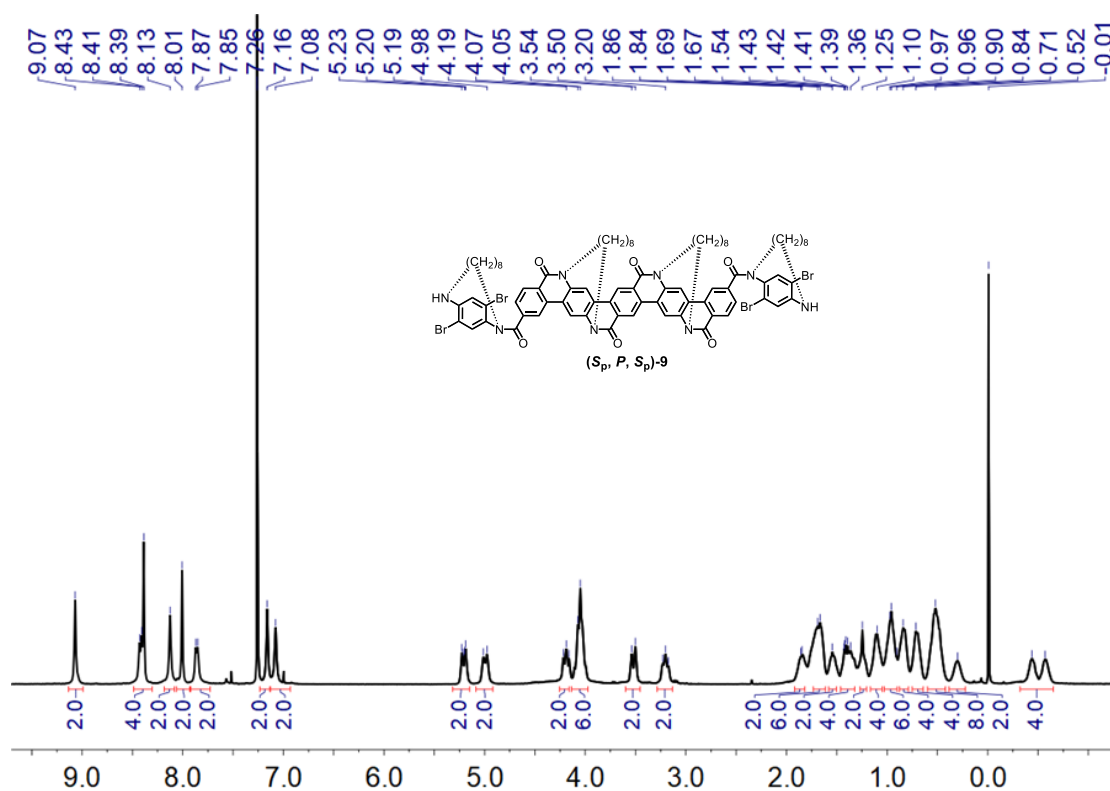


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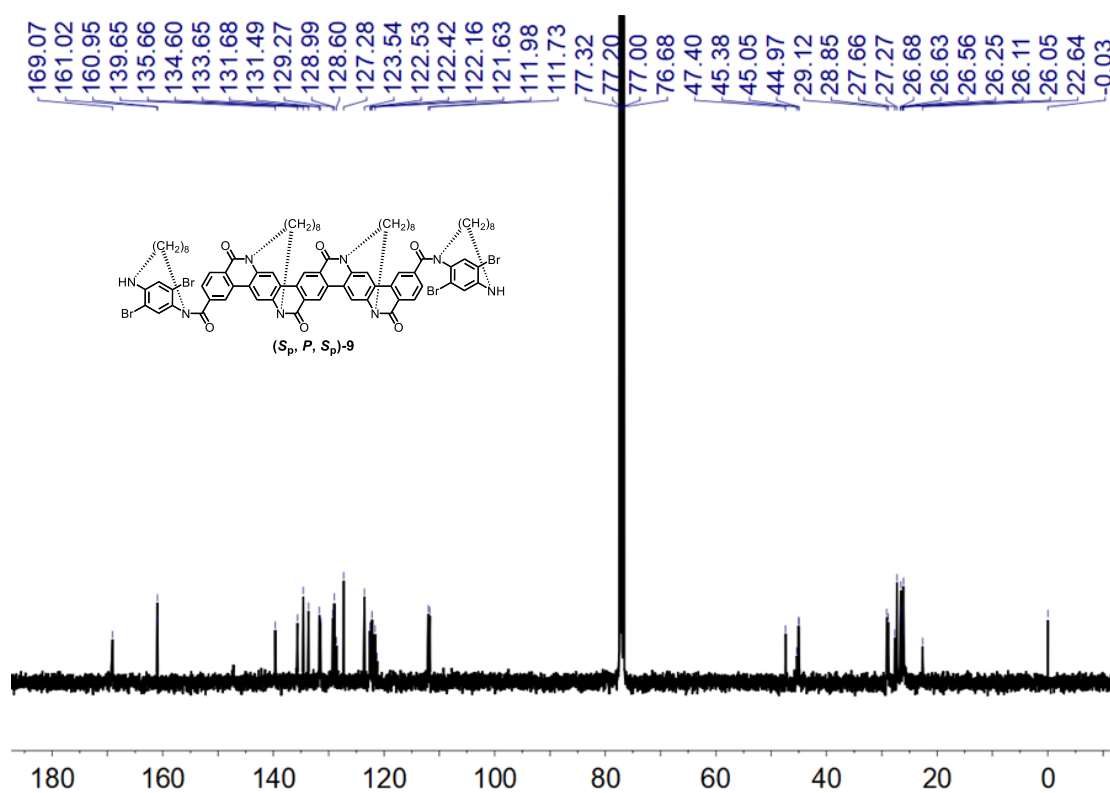


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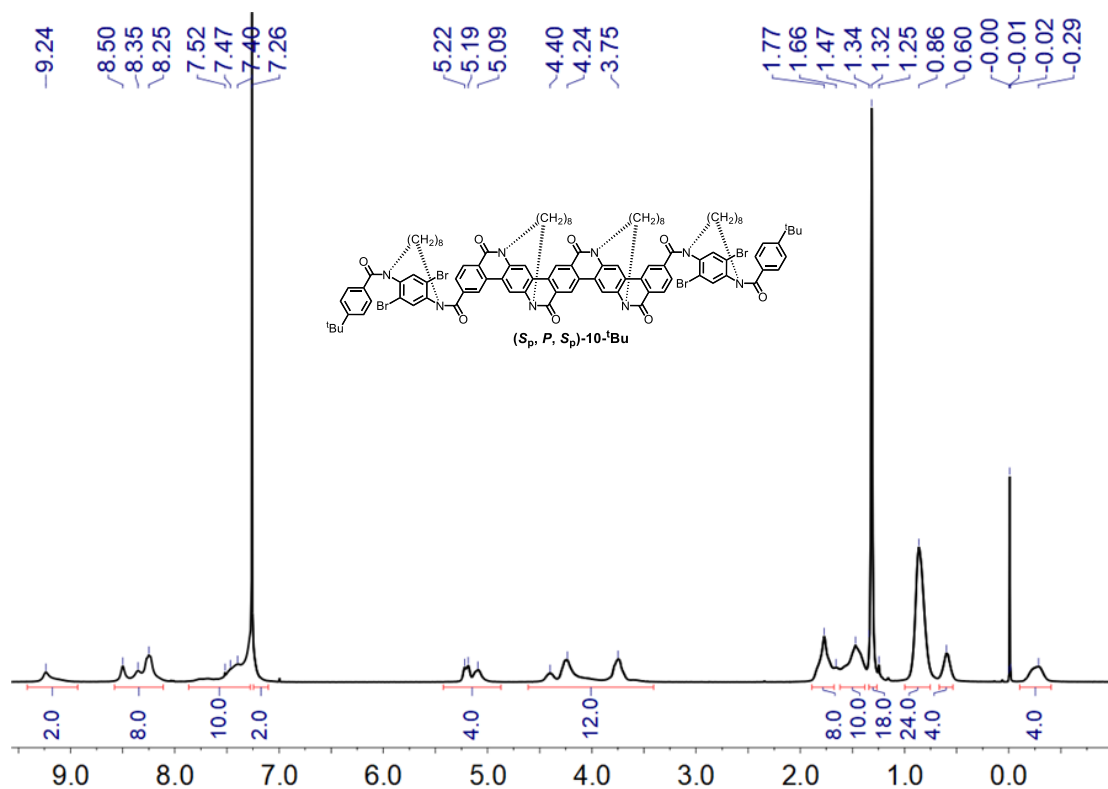


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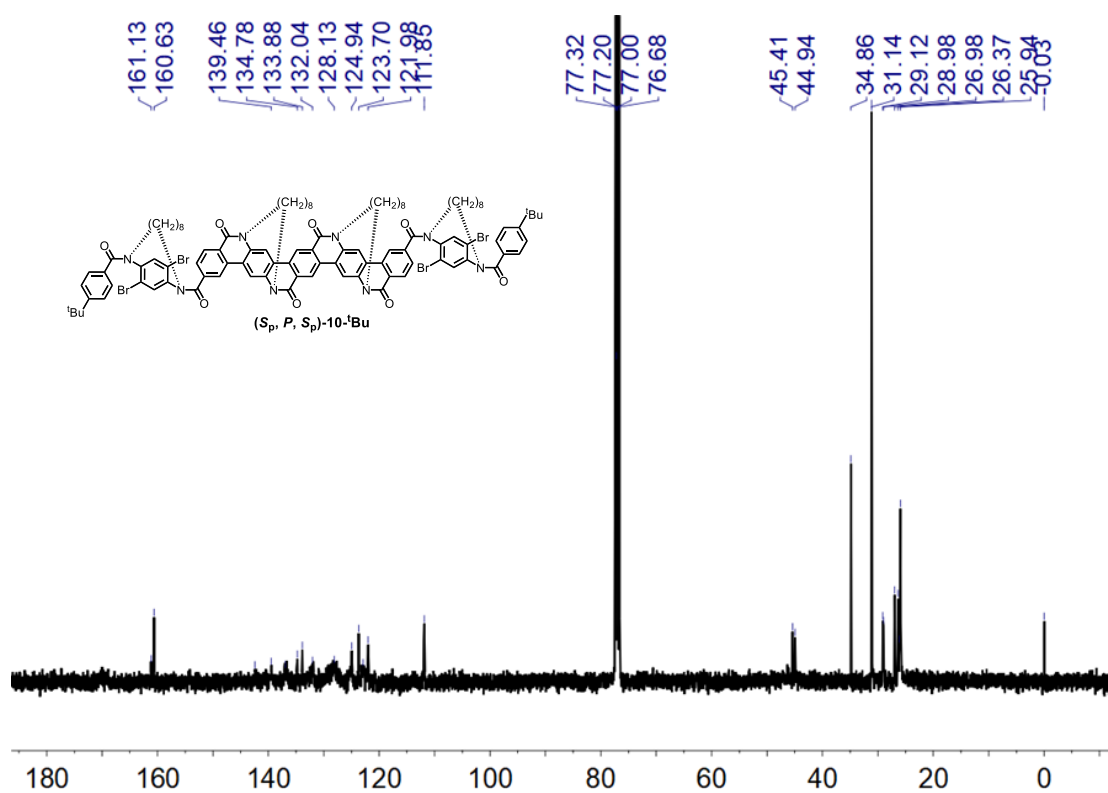


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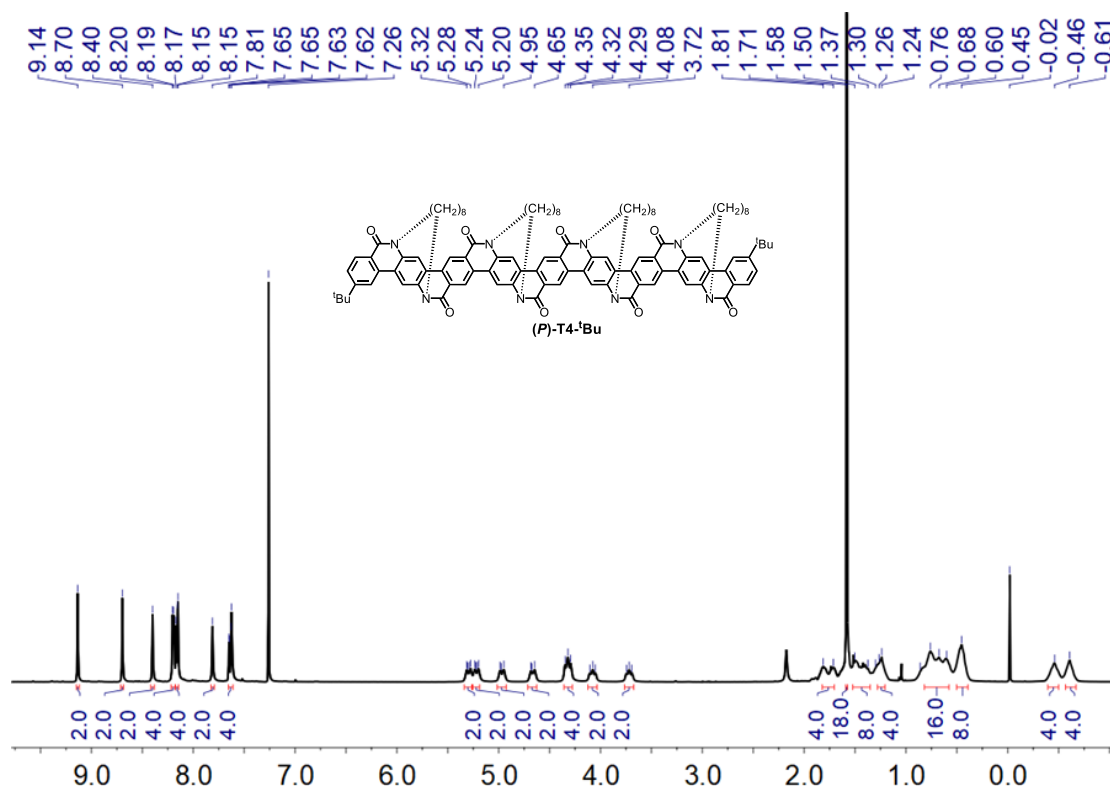


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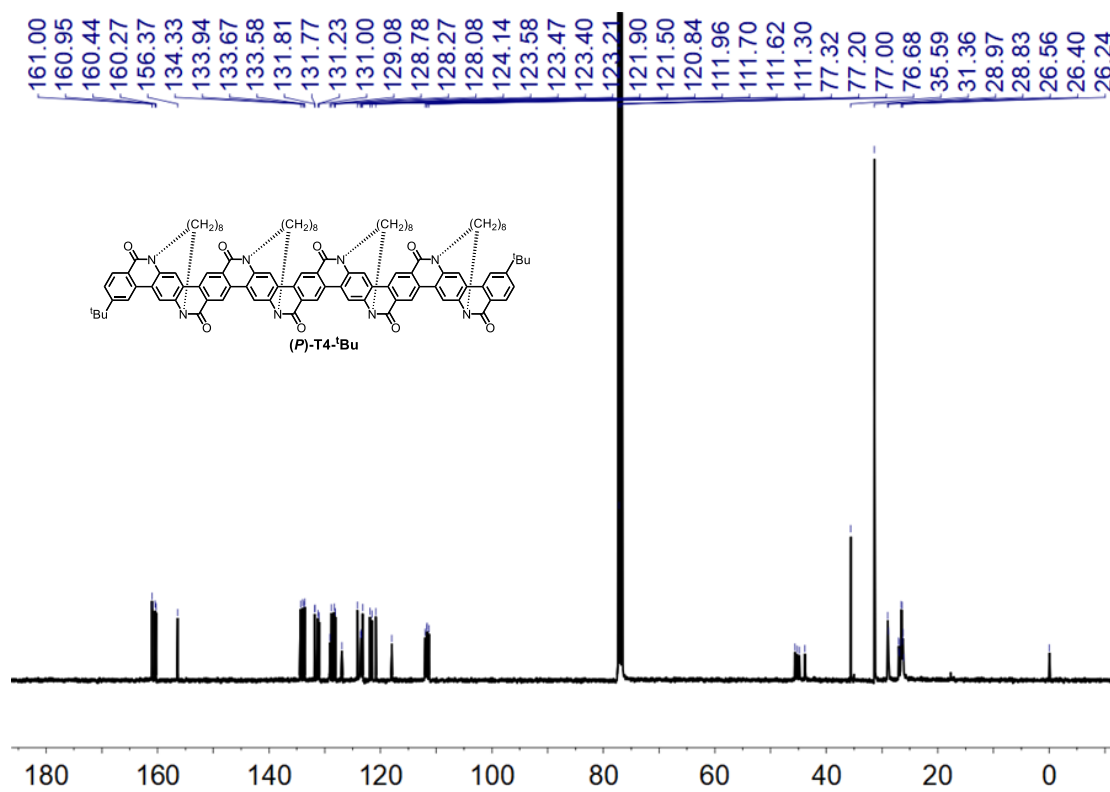


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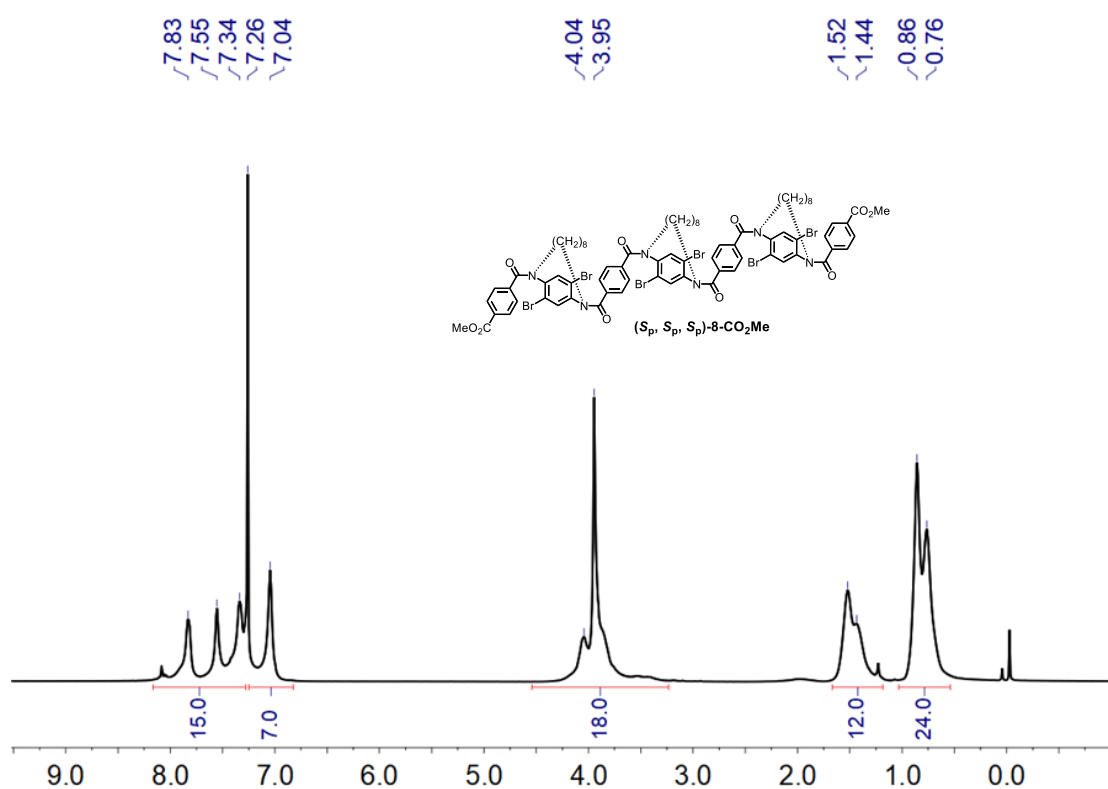


Fig. S58. ¹H NMR spectrum for (*S_p*, *S_p*, *S_p*)-8-CO₂Me (CDCl₃, 298 K)

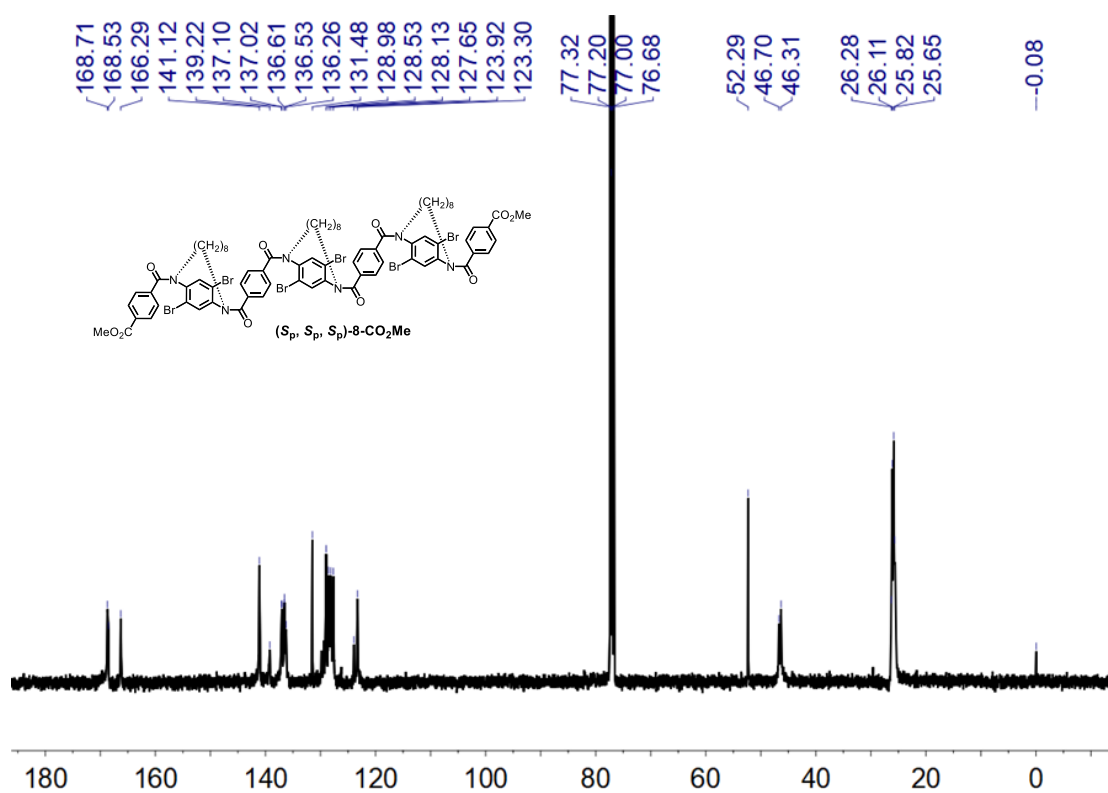


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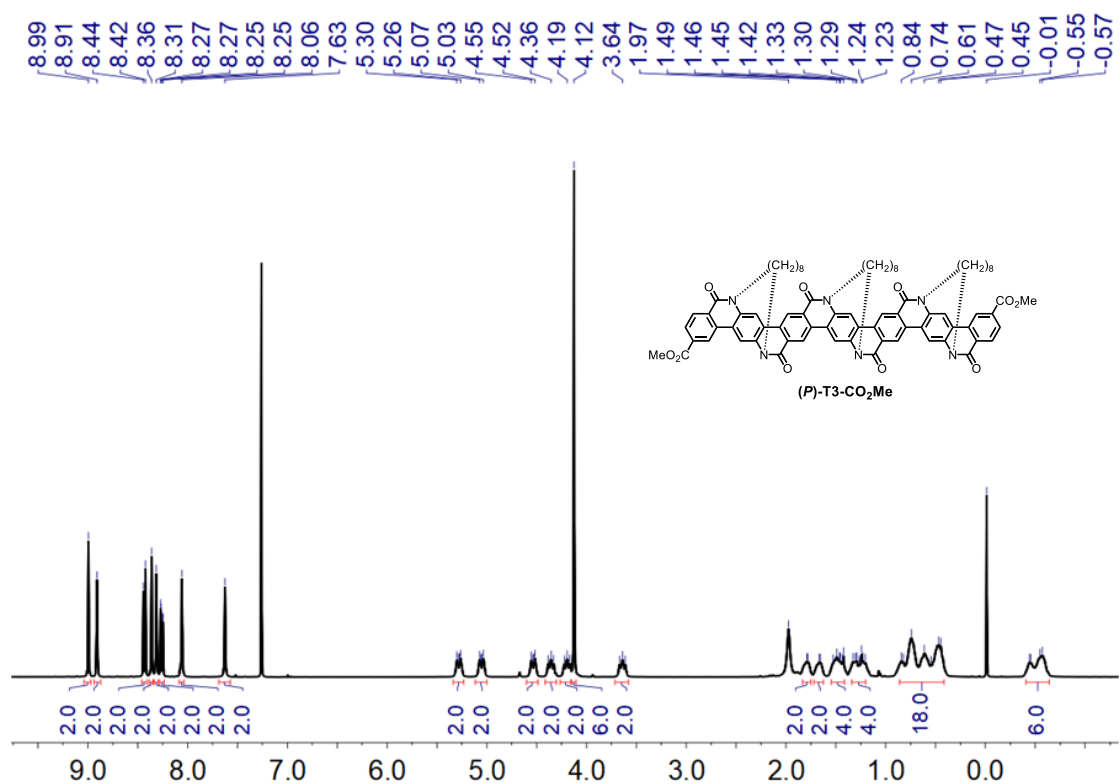


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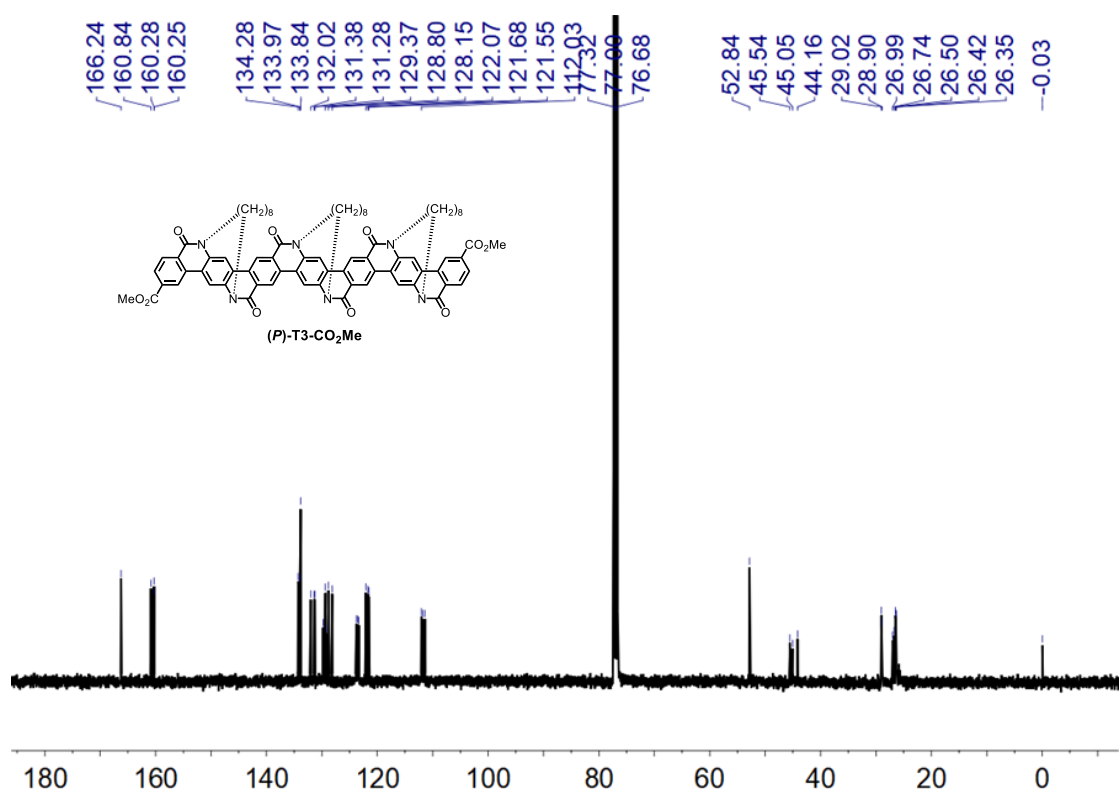


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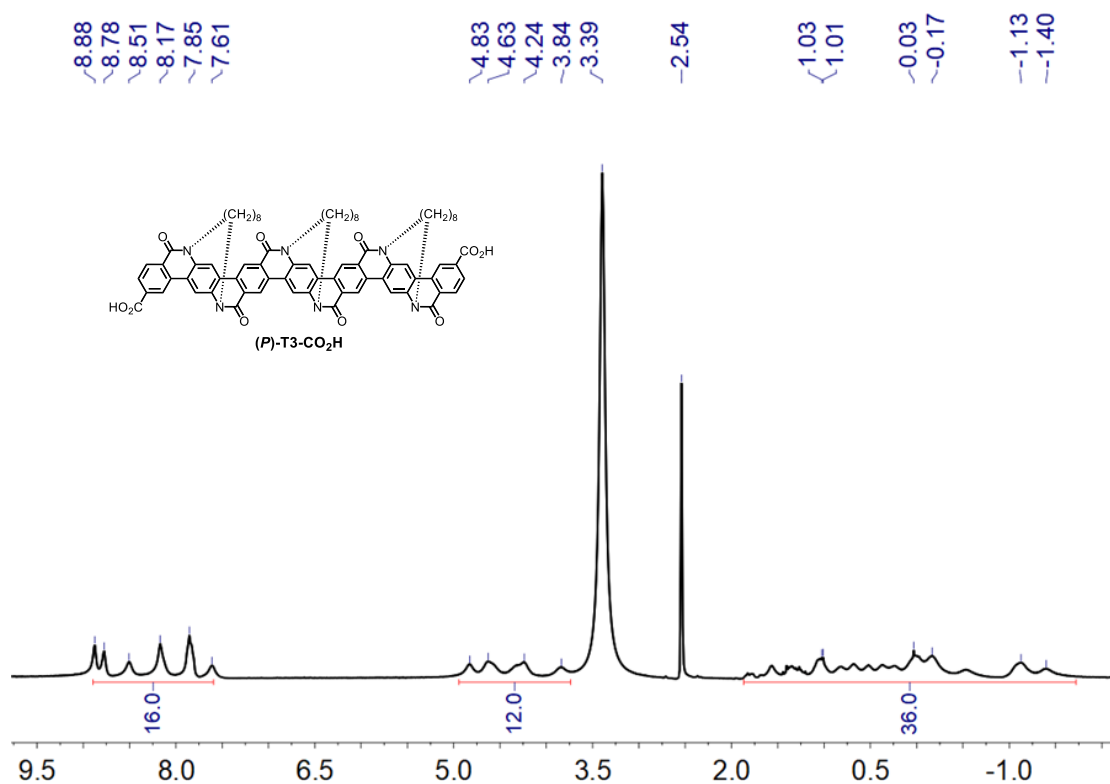


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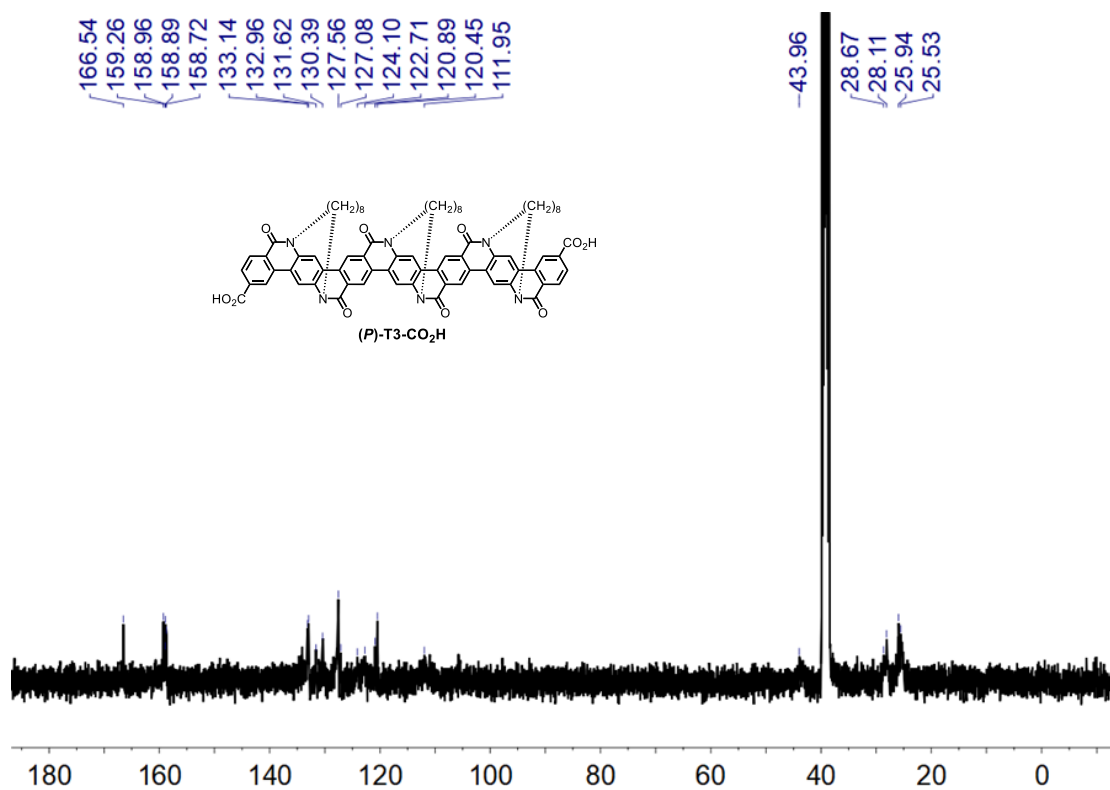


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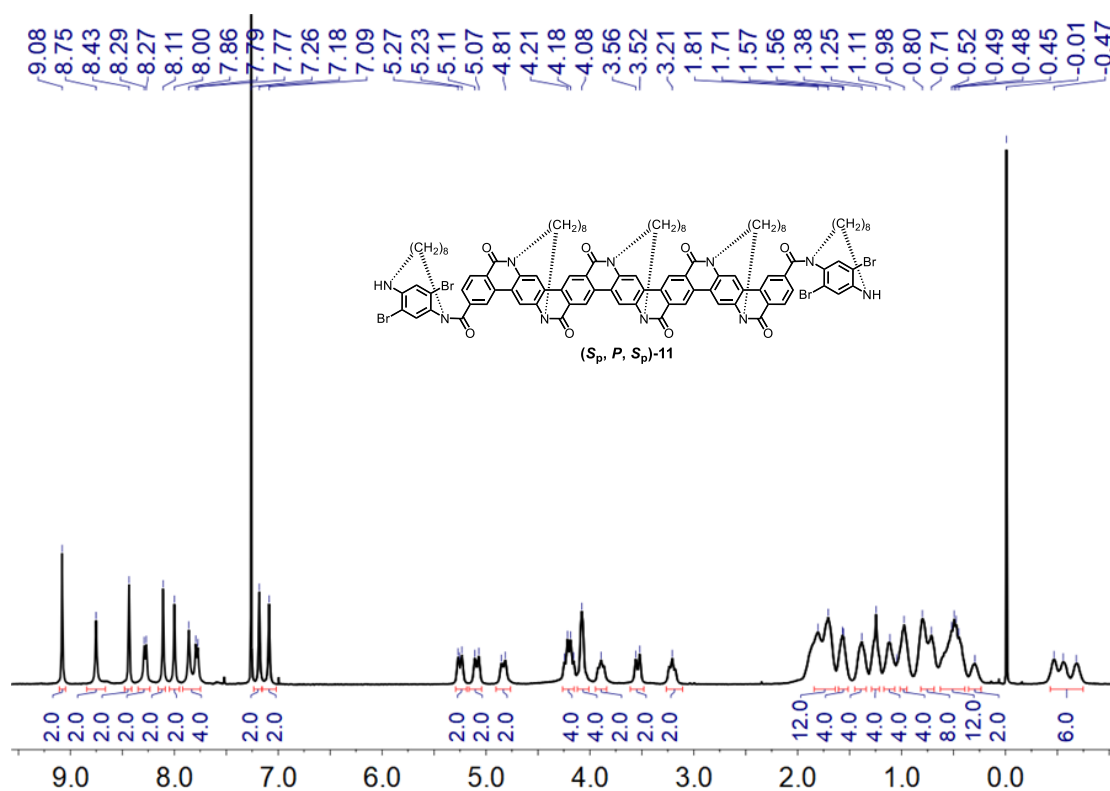


Fig. S64. ^1H NMR spectrum for (S_p, P, S_p) -11 (CDCl_3 , 298 K)

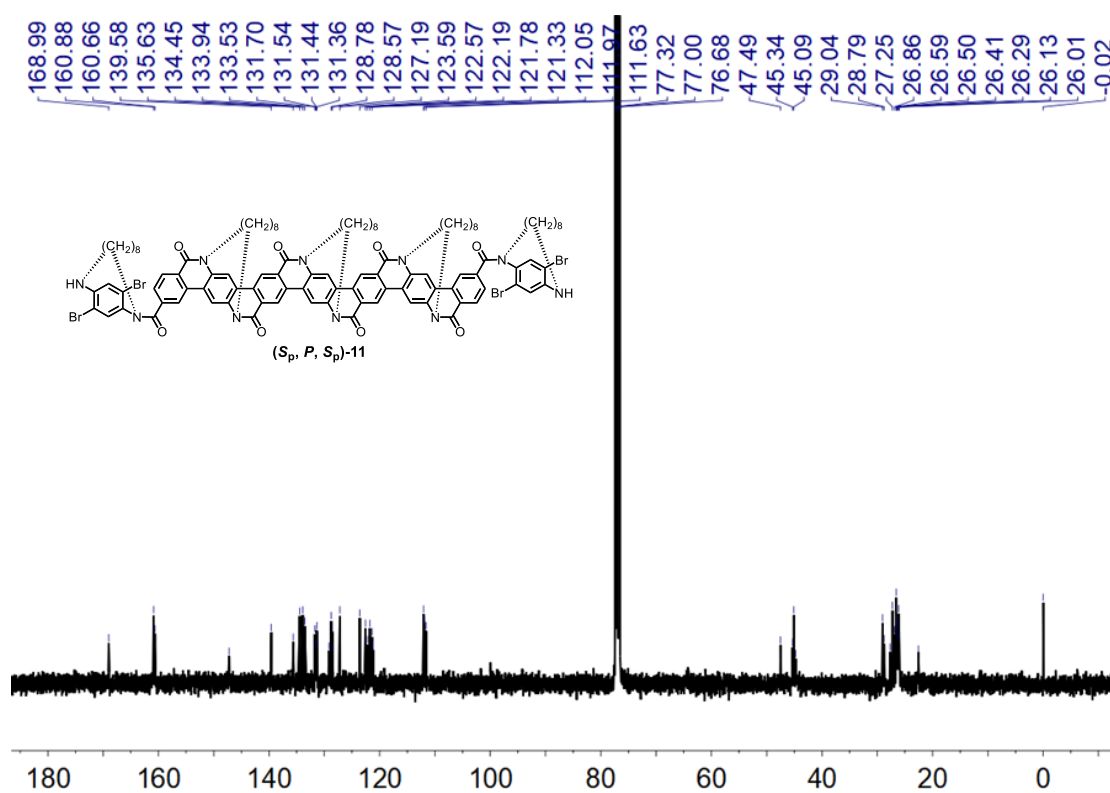


Fig. S65. ^{13}C NMR spectrum for (S_p, P, S_p) -11 (CDCl_3 , 298 K)

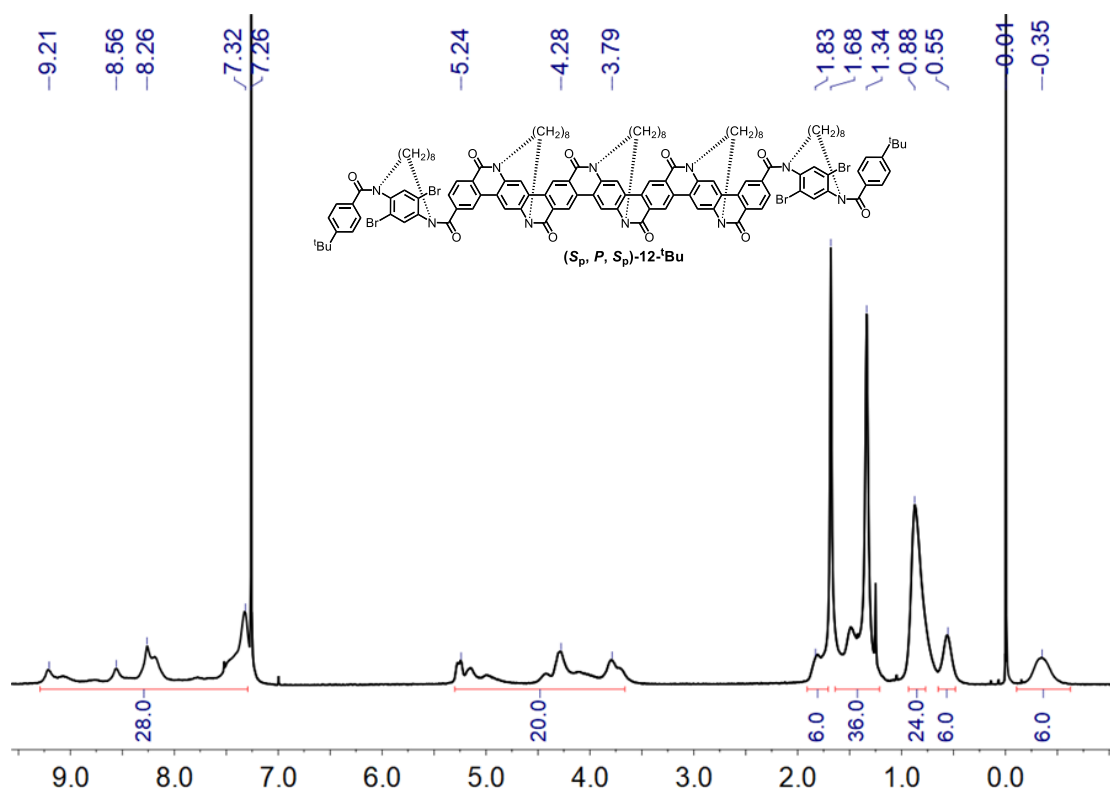


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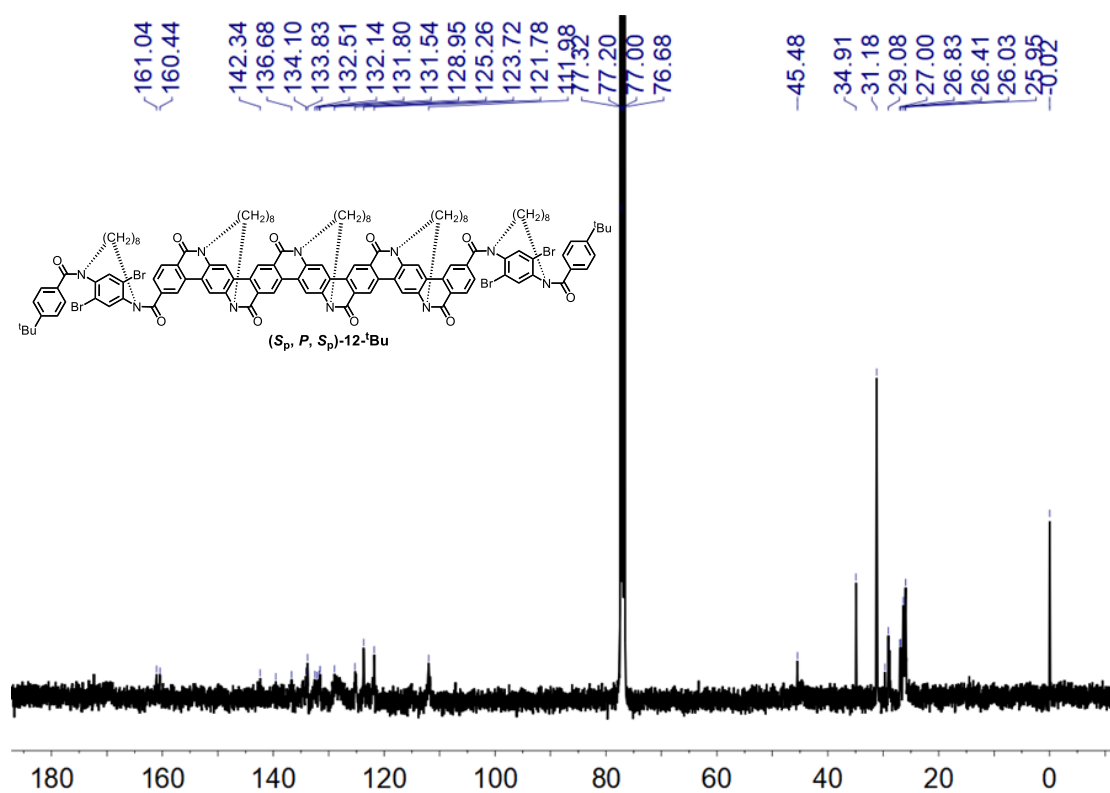


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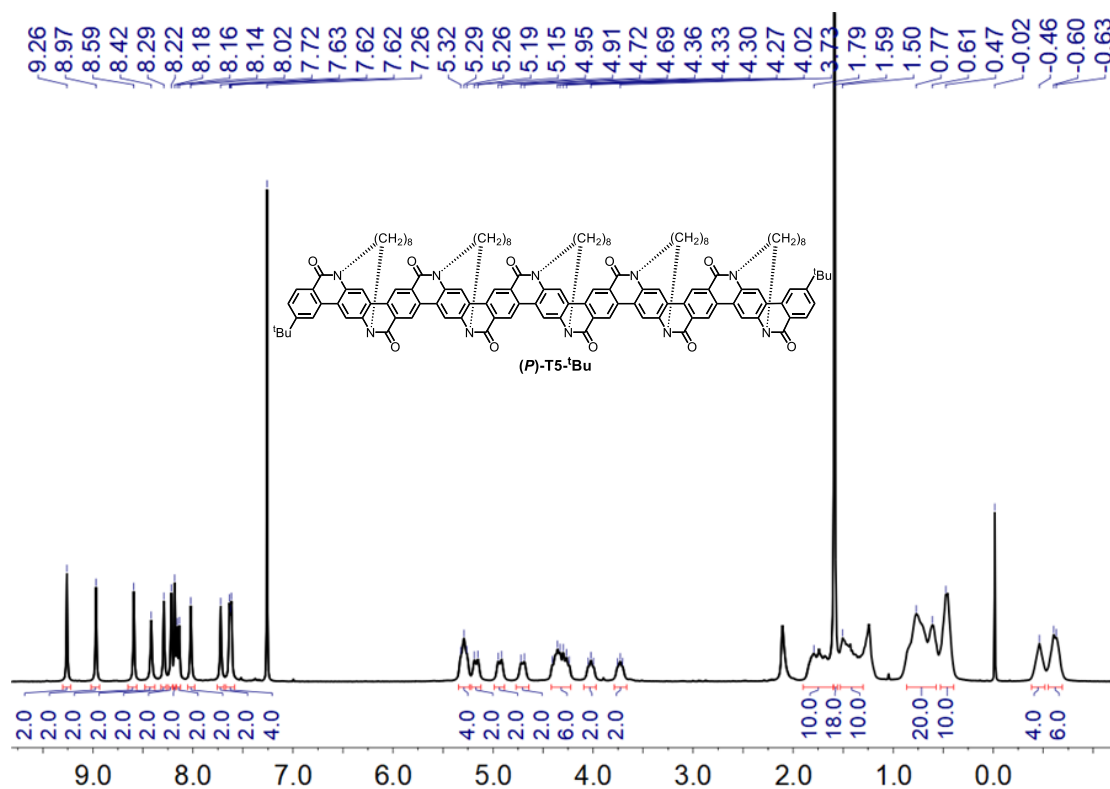


Fig. S68. ¹H NMR spectrum for (P)-T5-tBu (CDCl₃, 298 K)

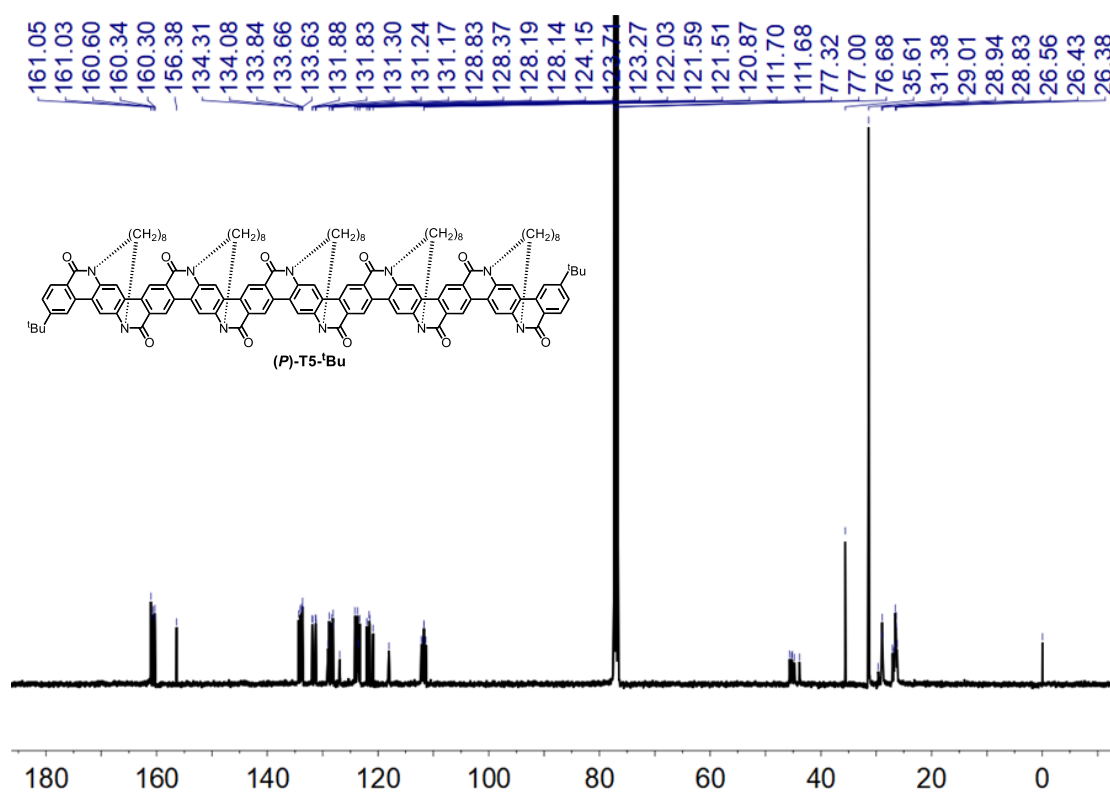
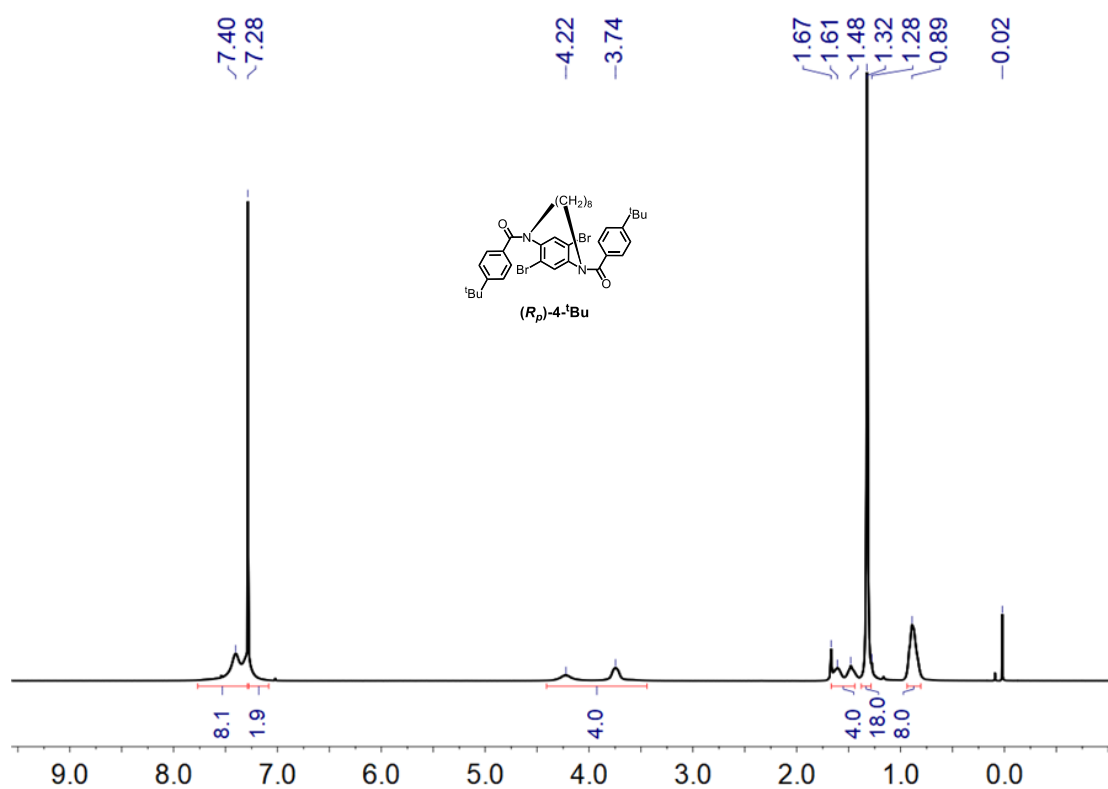
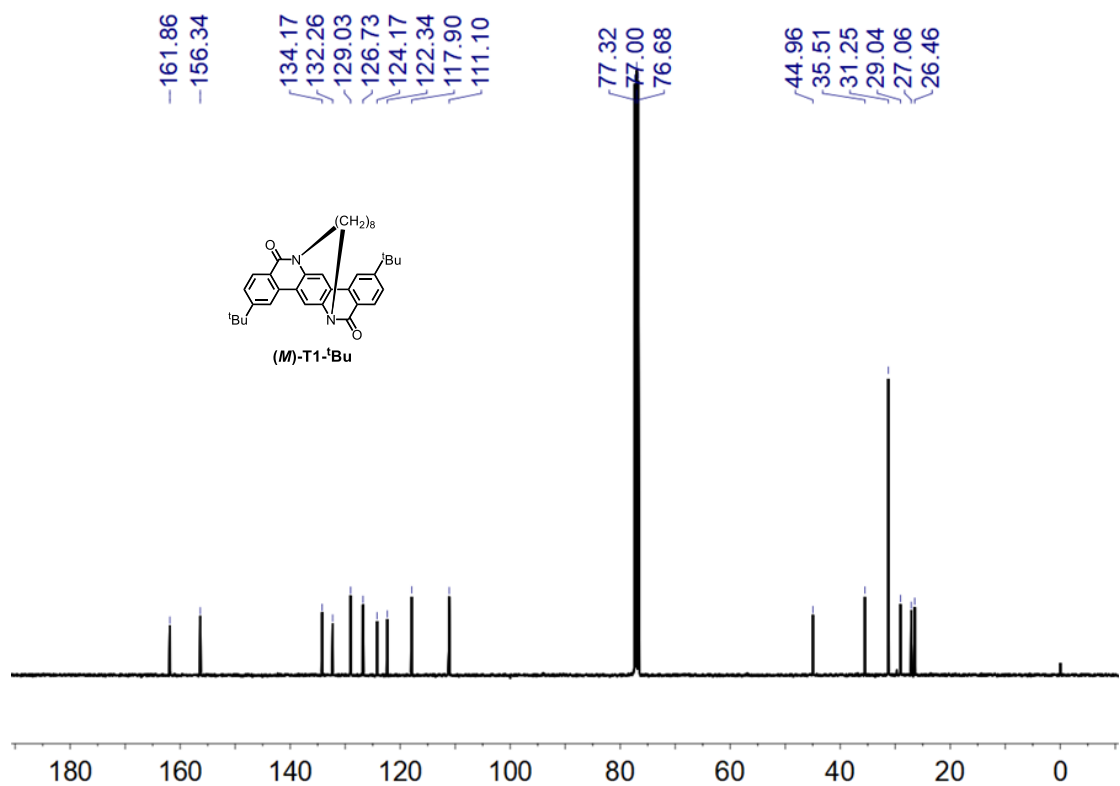
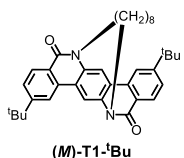


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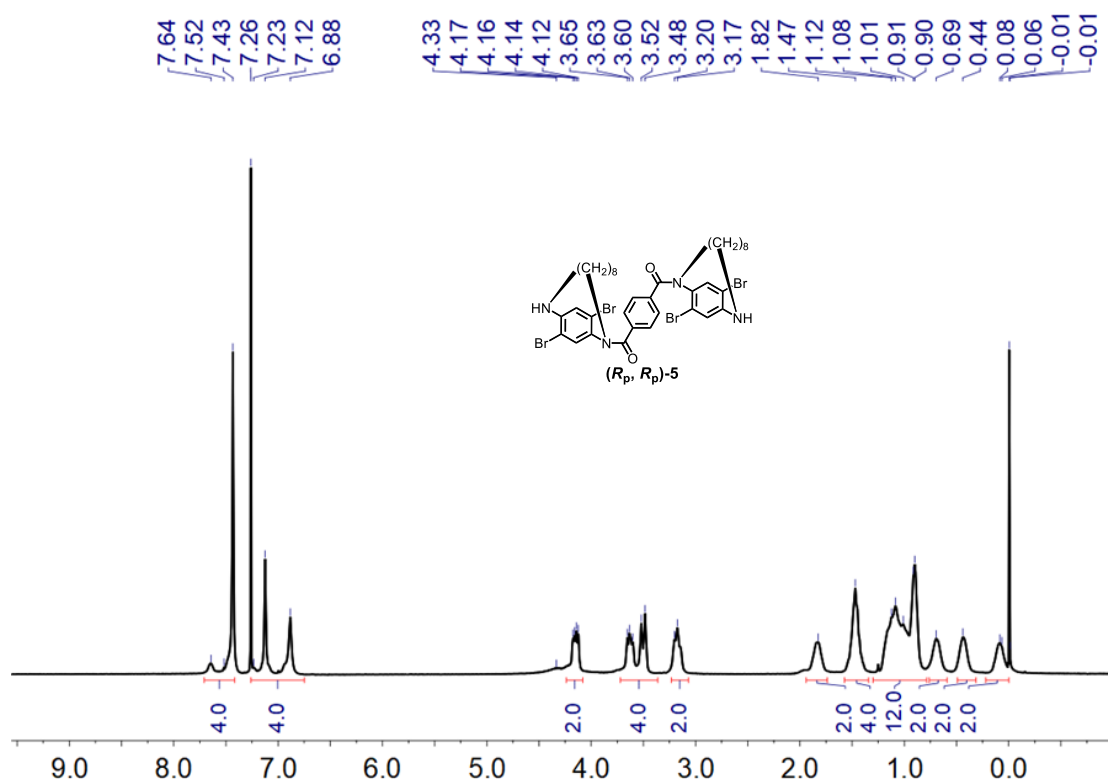


Fig. S74. ¹H NMR spectrum for (*R_p*, *R_p*)-5 (CDCl₃, 298 K)

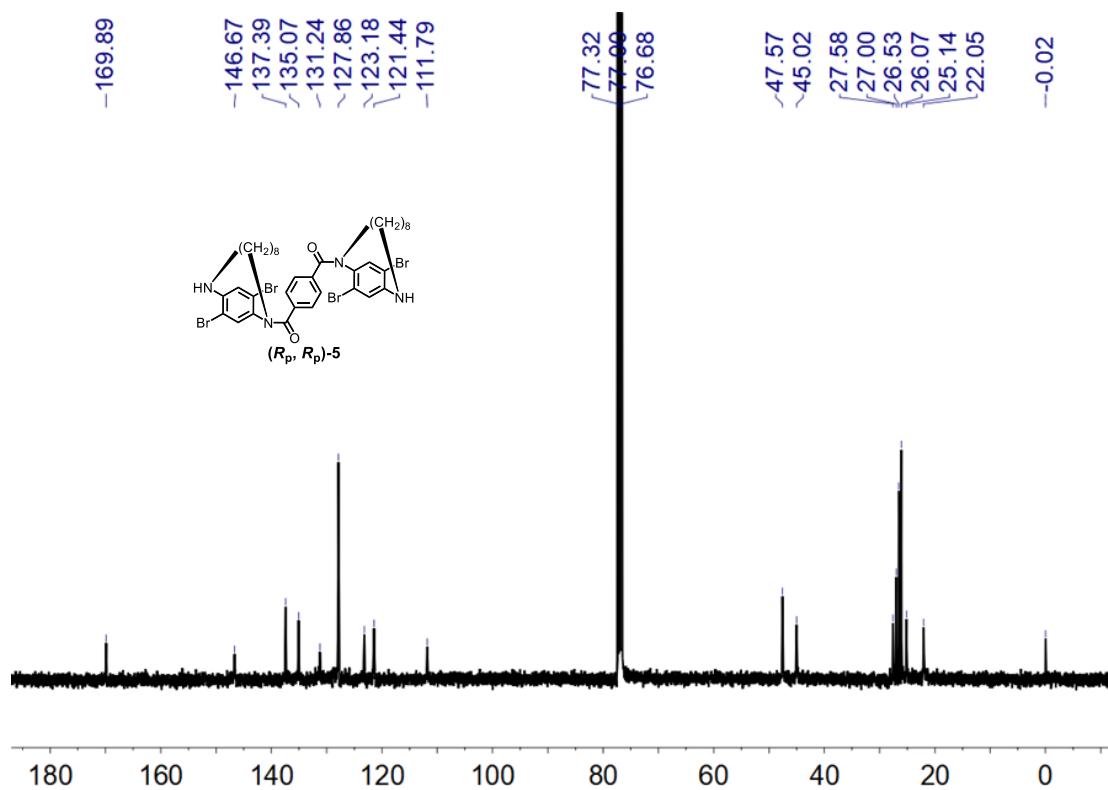


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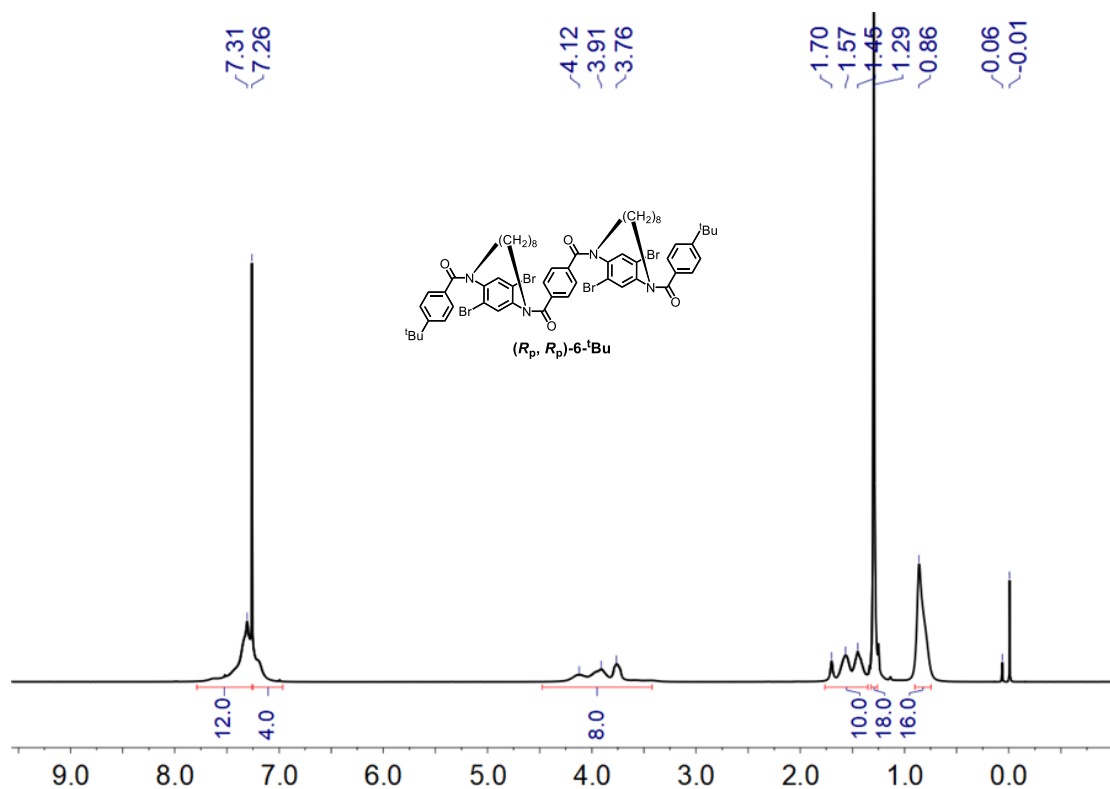


Fig. S76. ¹H NMR spectrum for (*R_p*, *R_p*)-6-^tBu (CDCl₃, 298 K)

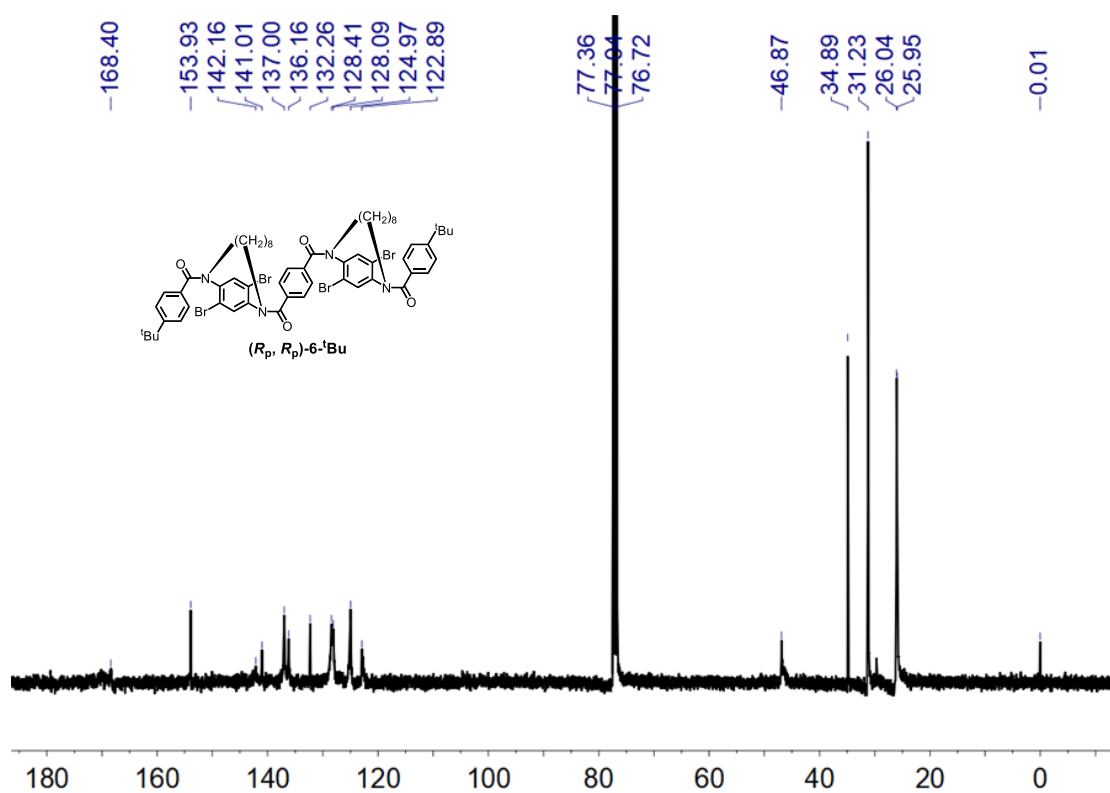


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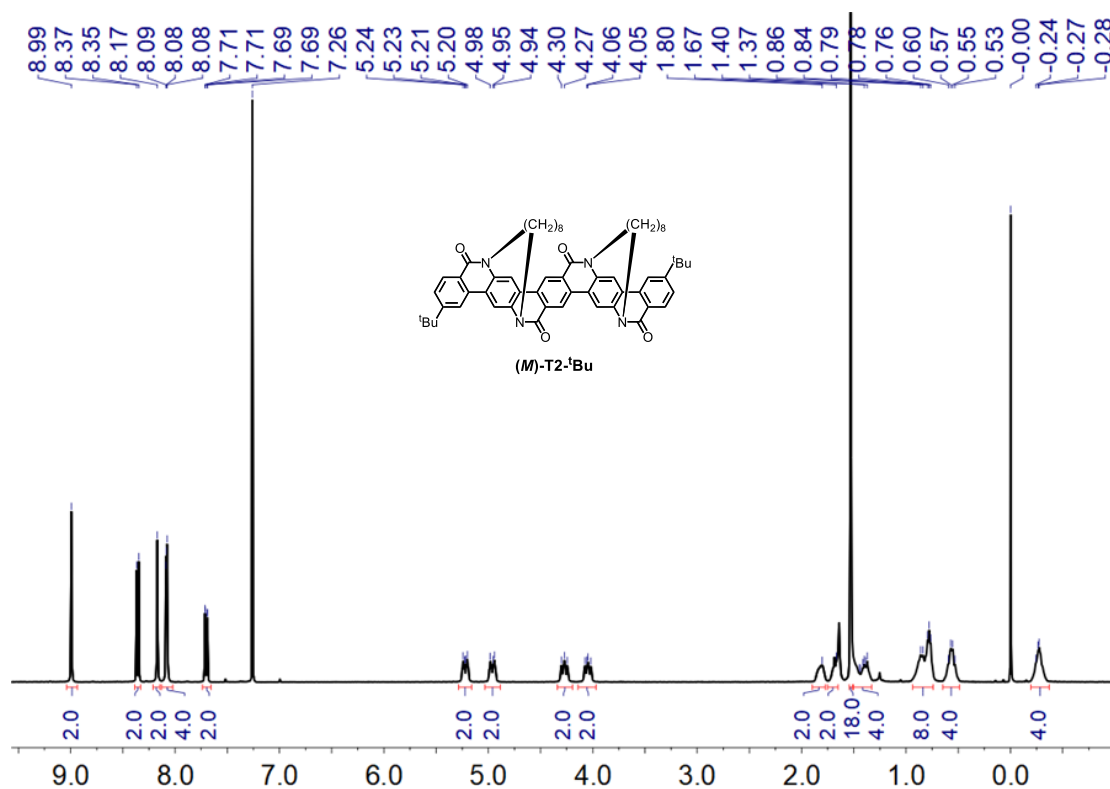


Fig. S78. ¹H NMR spectrum for **(M)-T2-⁴Bu** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

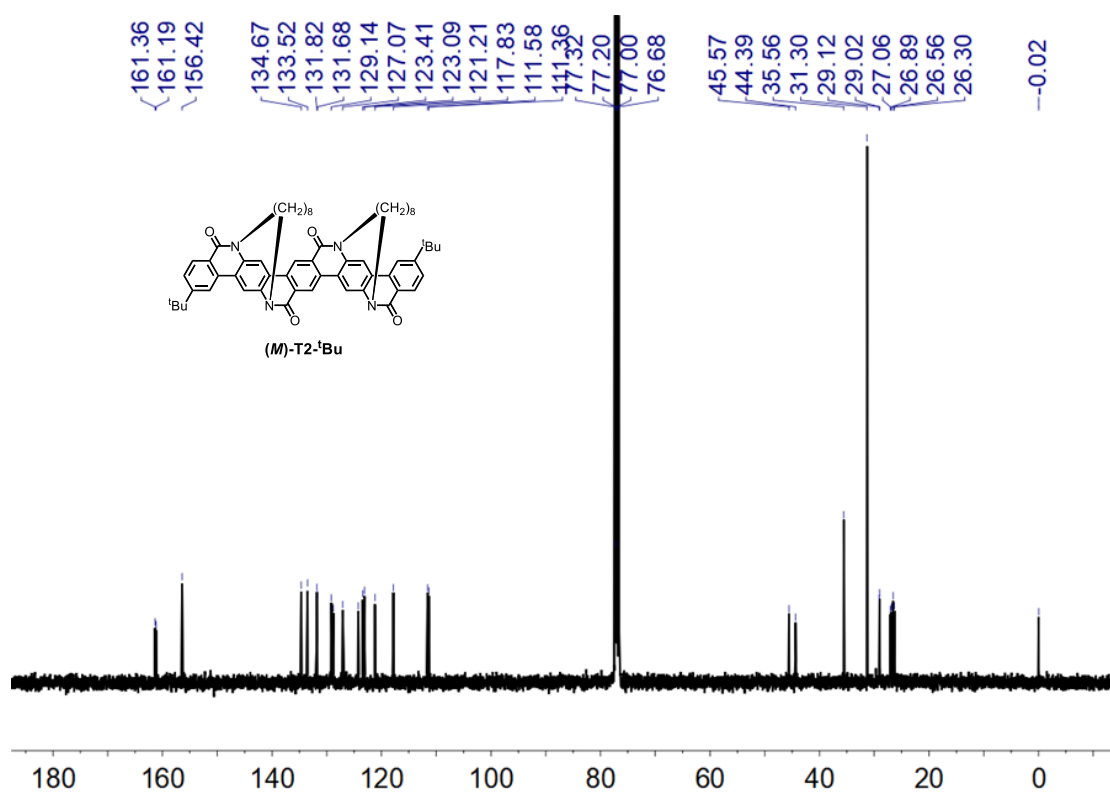


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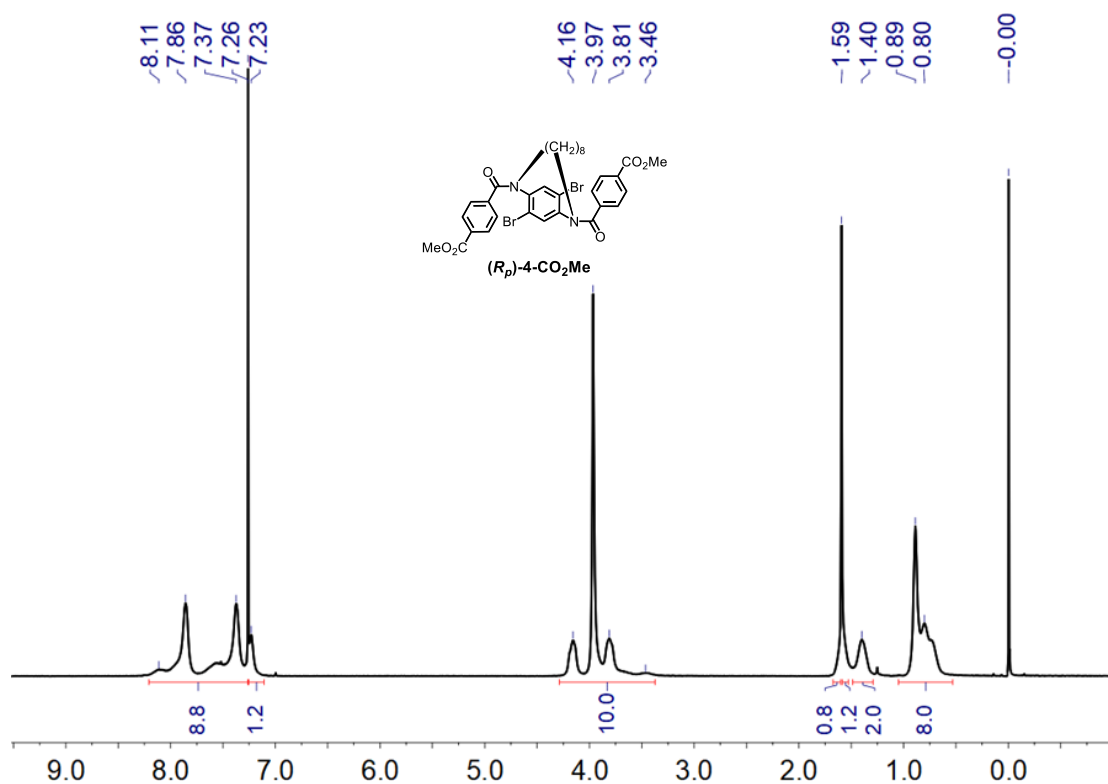


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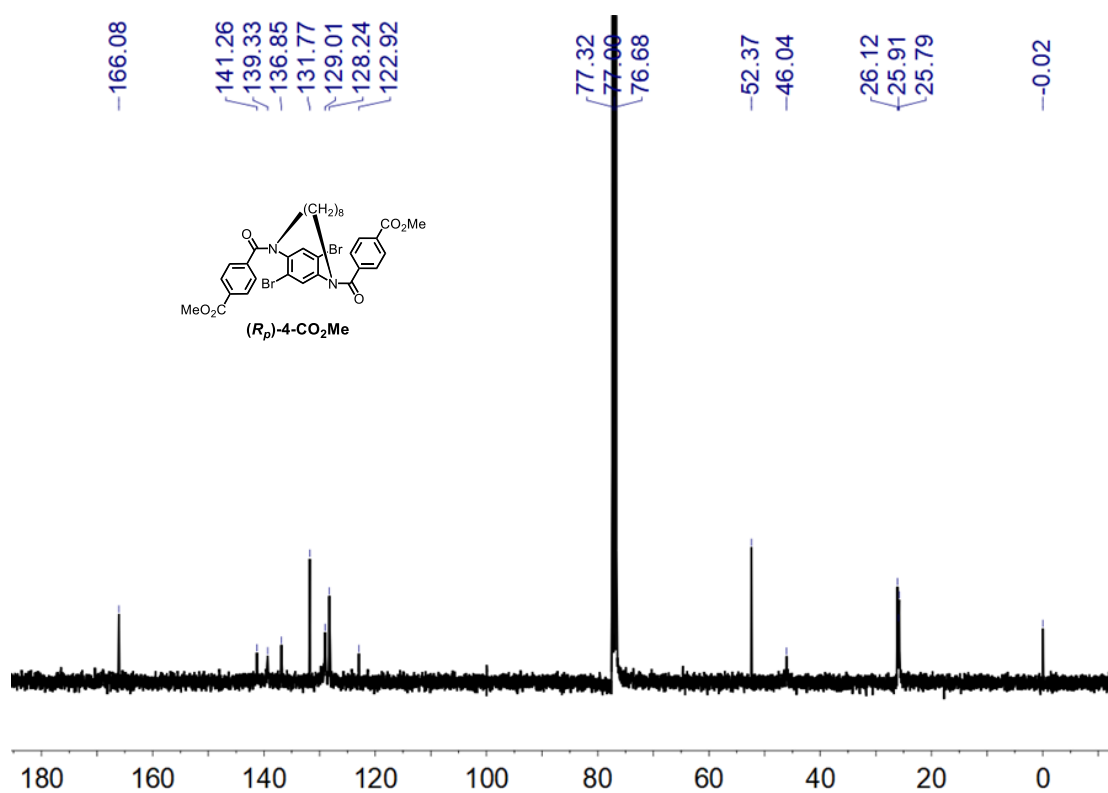


Fig. S81. ¹³C NMR spectrum for (*R_p*)-4-CO₂Me (CDCl₃, 298 K)

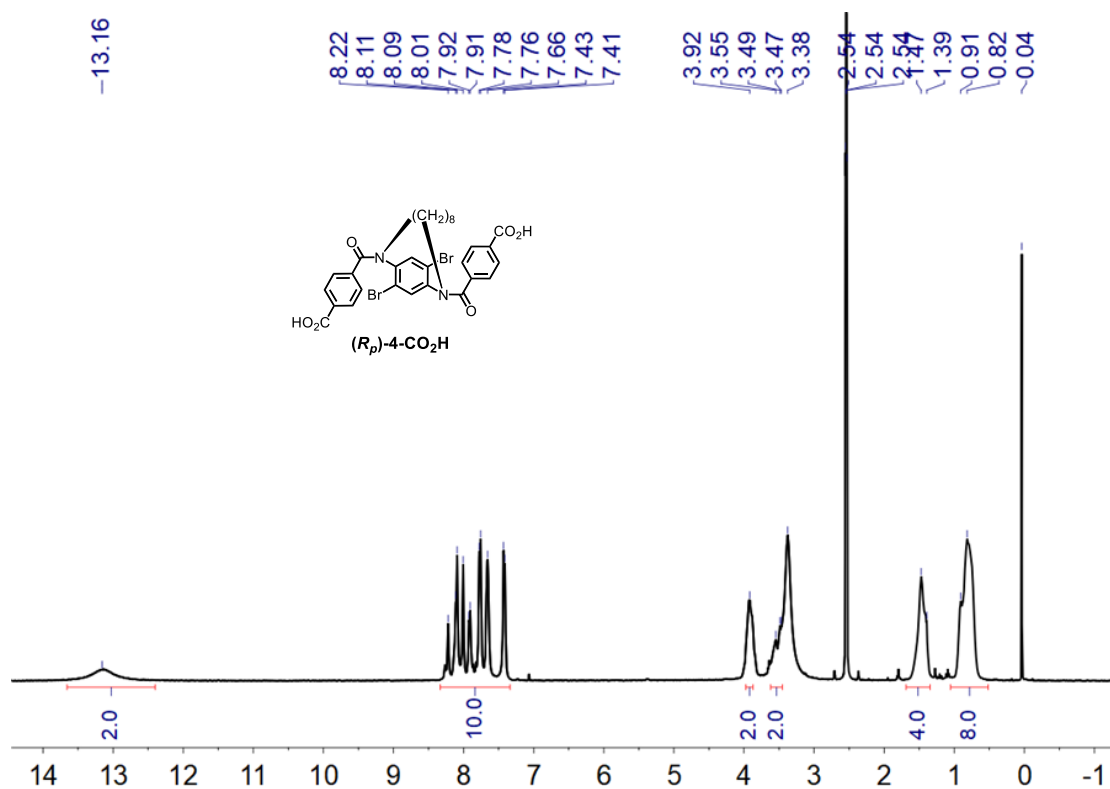


Fig. S82. ¹H NMR spectrum for (*R_p*)-4-COOH (CDCl₃, 298 K)

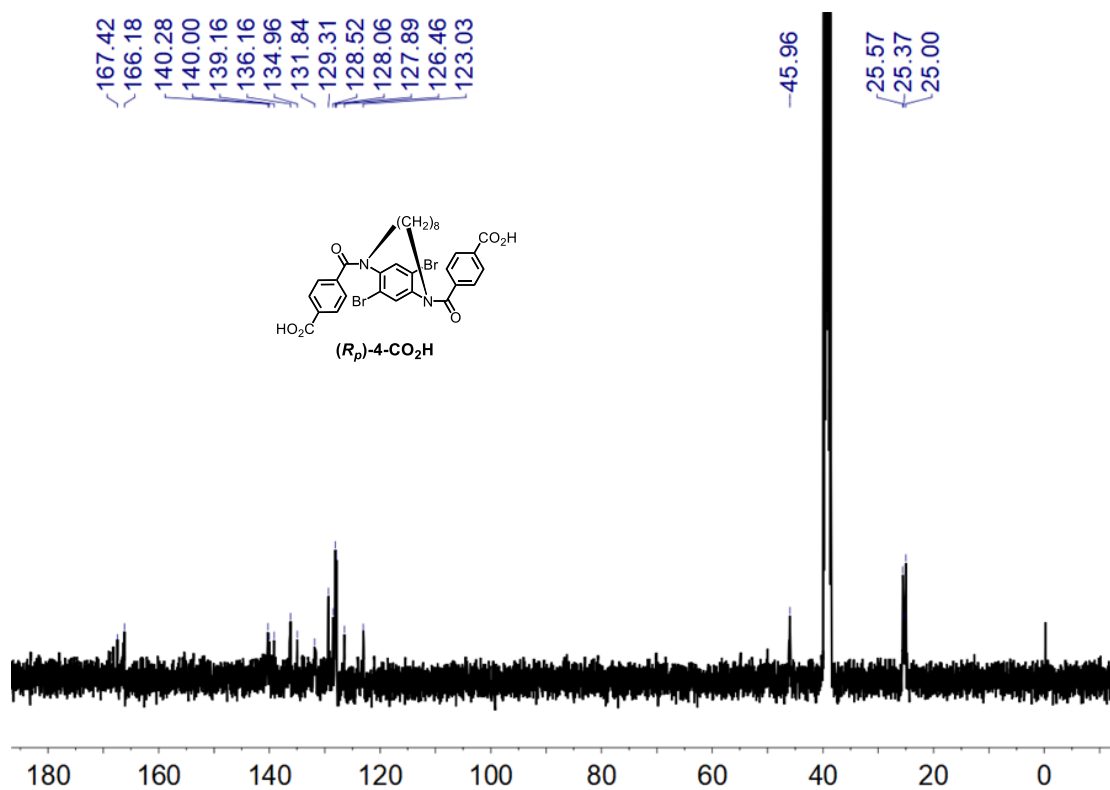


Fig. S83. ¹³C NMR spectrum for (*R_p*)-4-COOH (CDCl₃, 298 K)

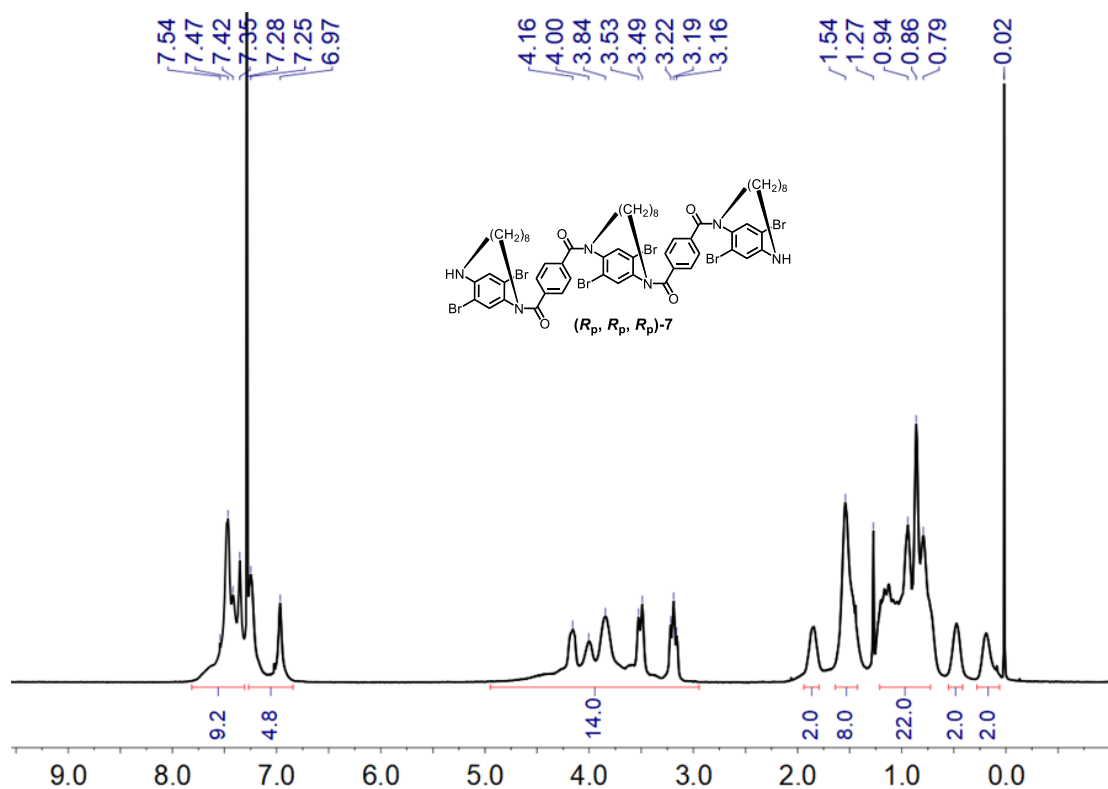


Fig. S84. ^1H NMR spectrum for (R_p, R_p, R_p) -7 (CDCl₃, 298 K)

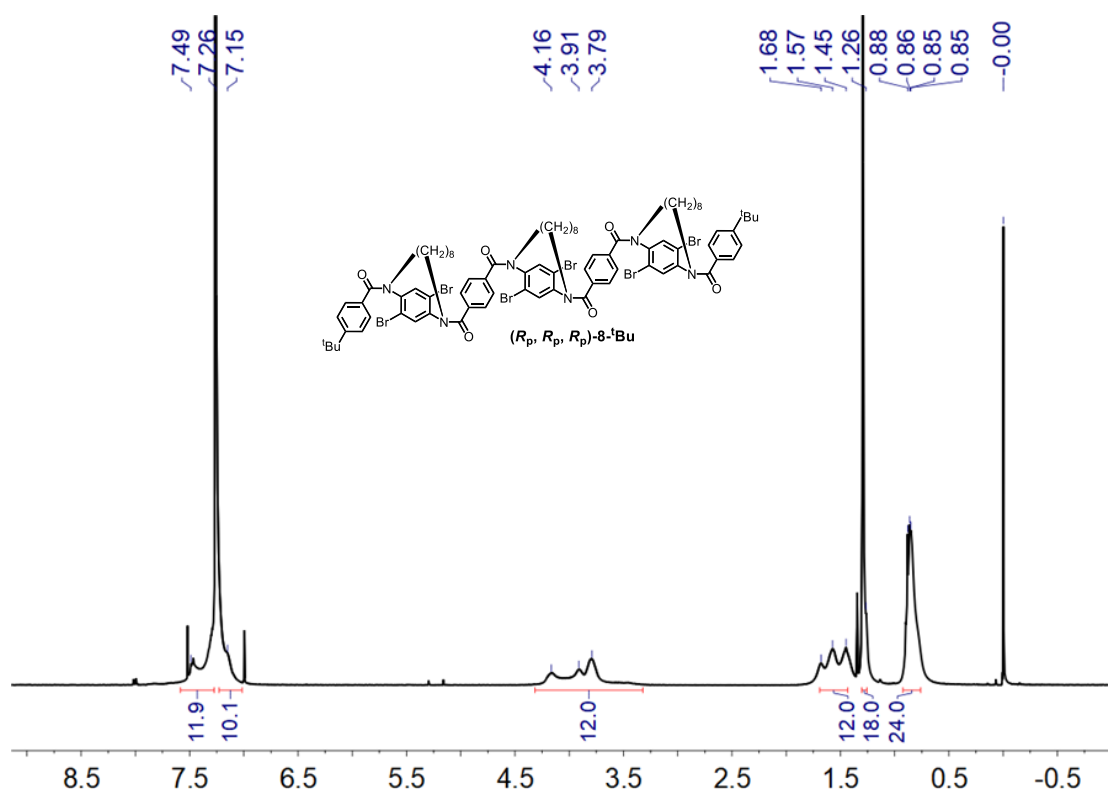


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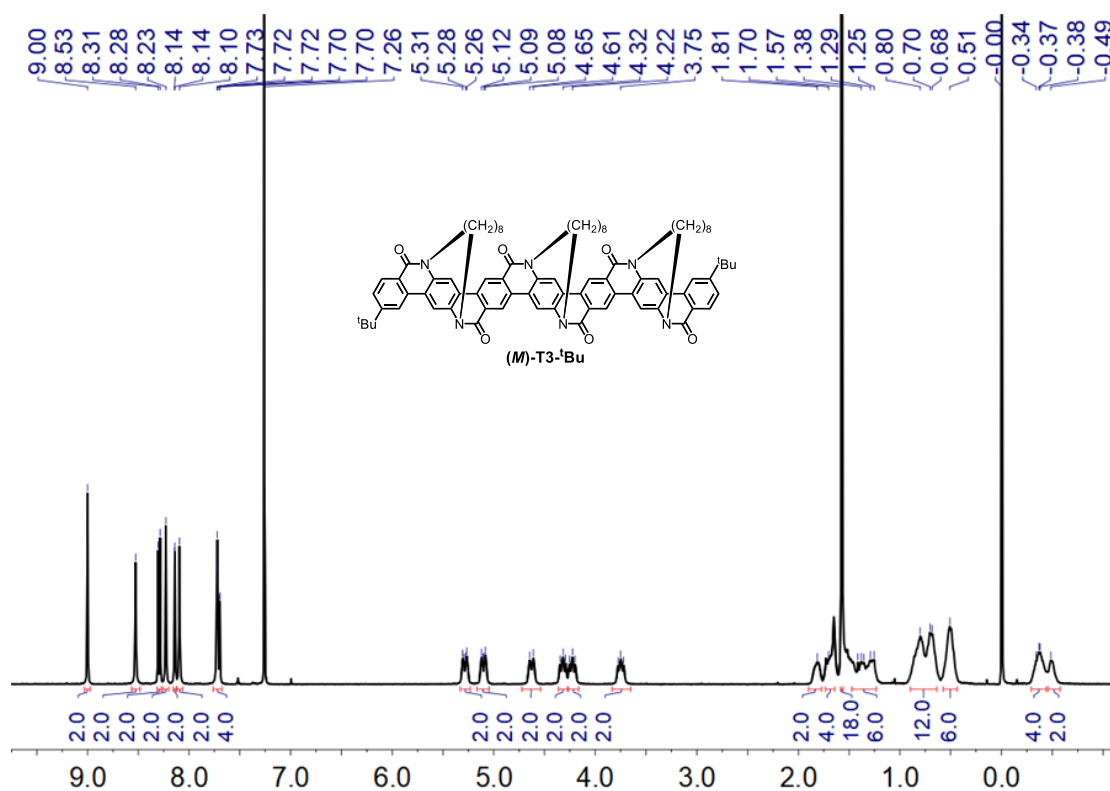


Fig. S86. ¹H NMR spectrum for (M)-T3-tBu (CDCl₃, 298 K)

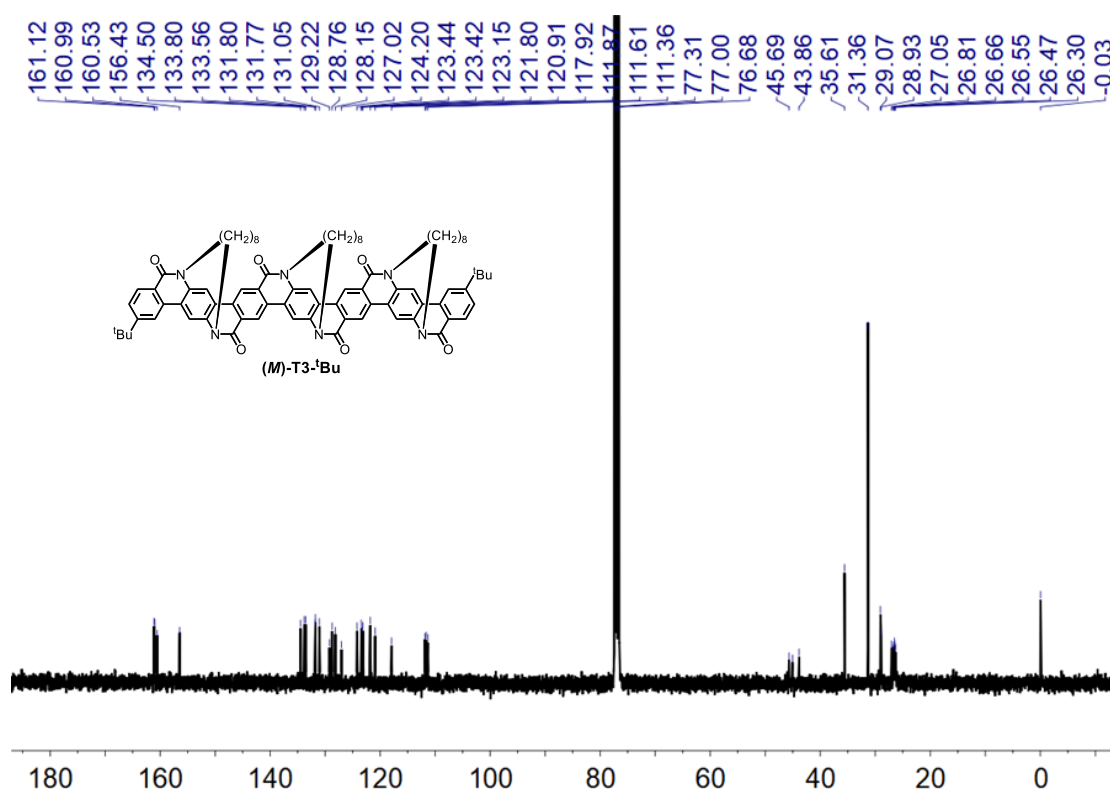


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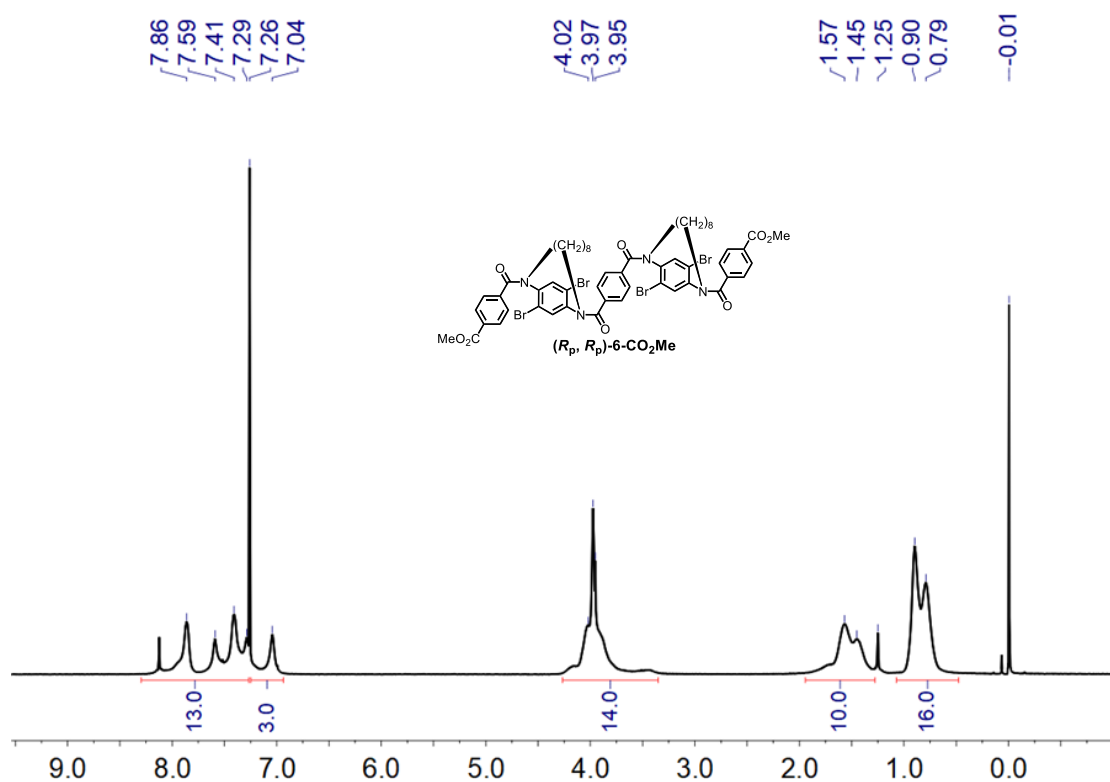


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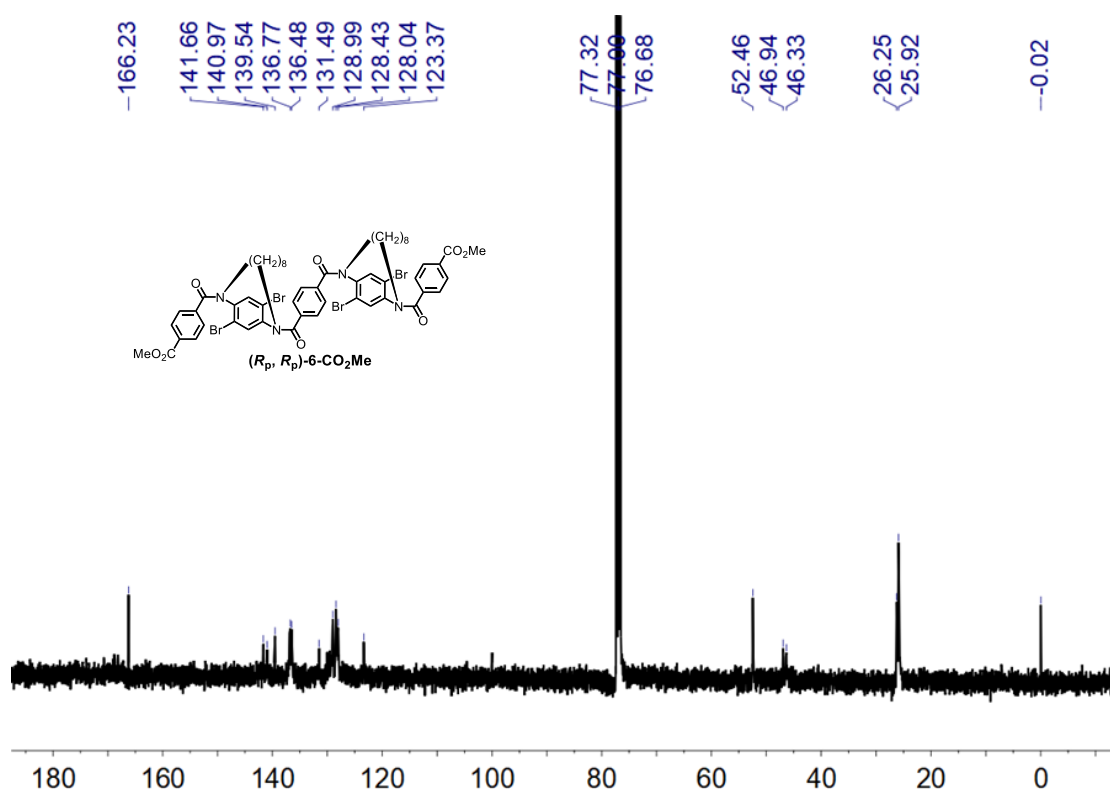


Fig. S89. ¹³C NMR spectrum for (*R_p*, *R_p*)-6-CO₂Me (CDCl₃, 298 K)

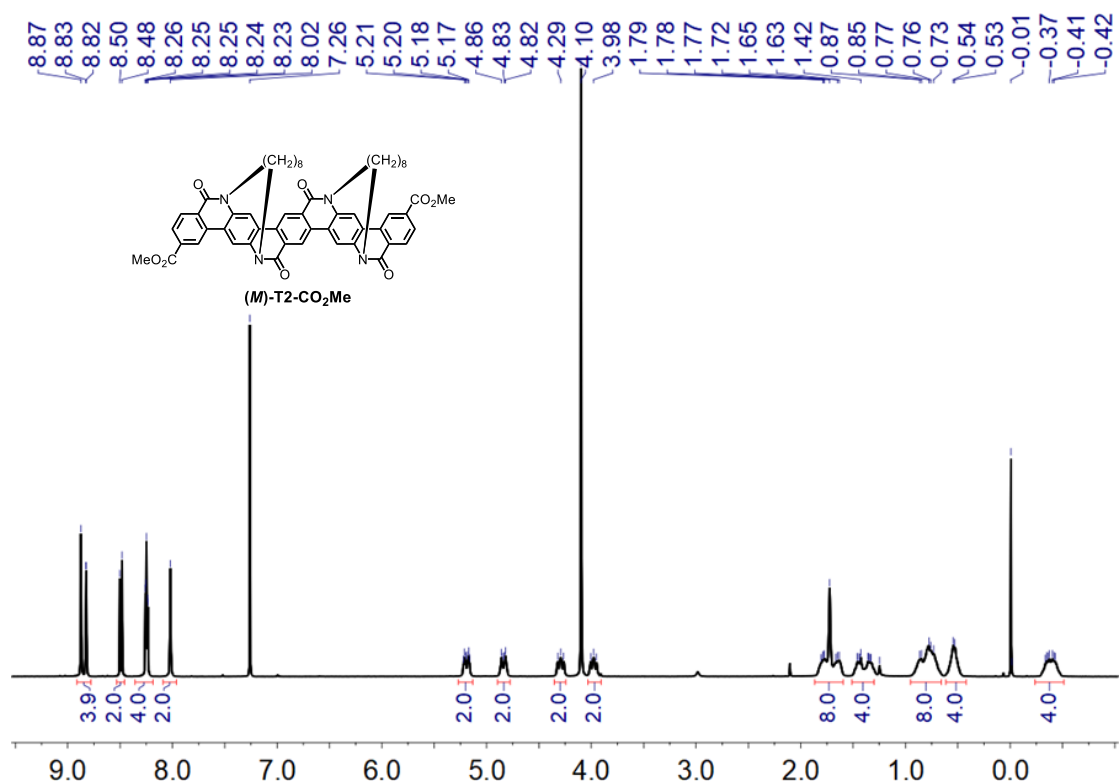


Fig. S90. ¹H NMR spectrum for *(M)*-T2-CO₂Me (CDCl₃, 298 K)

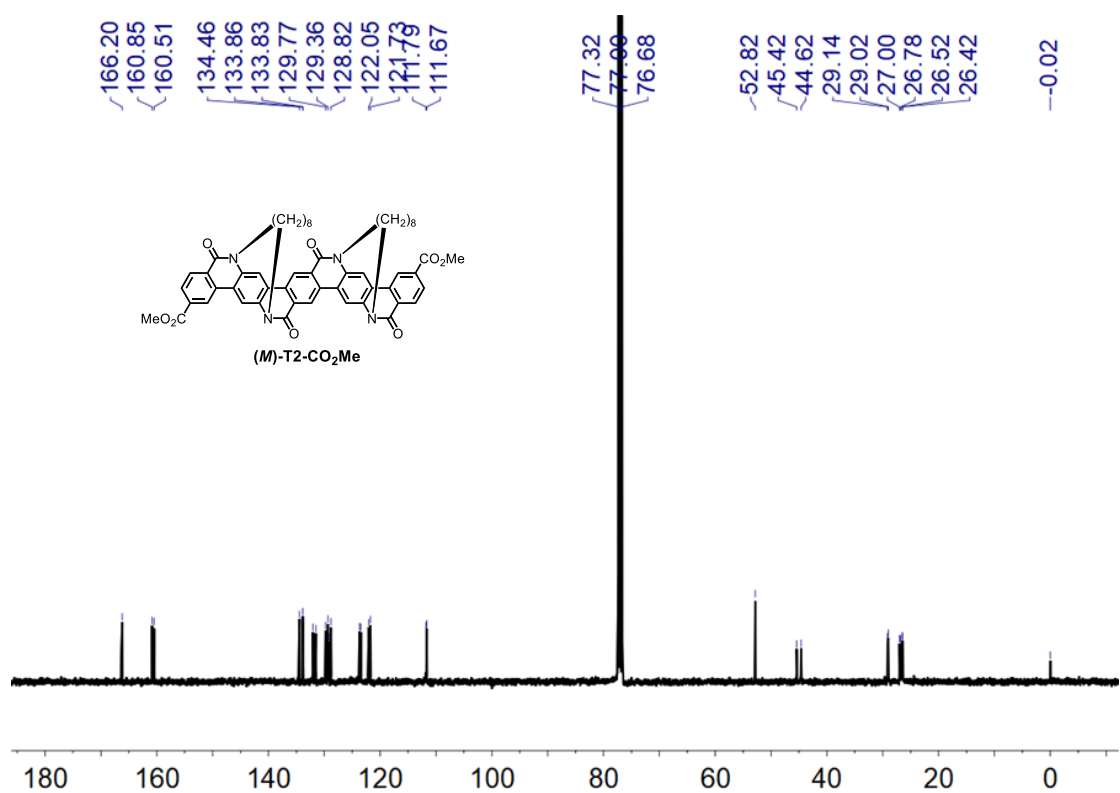


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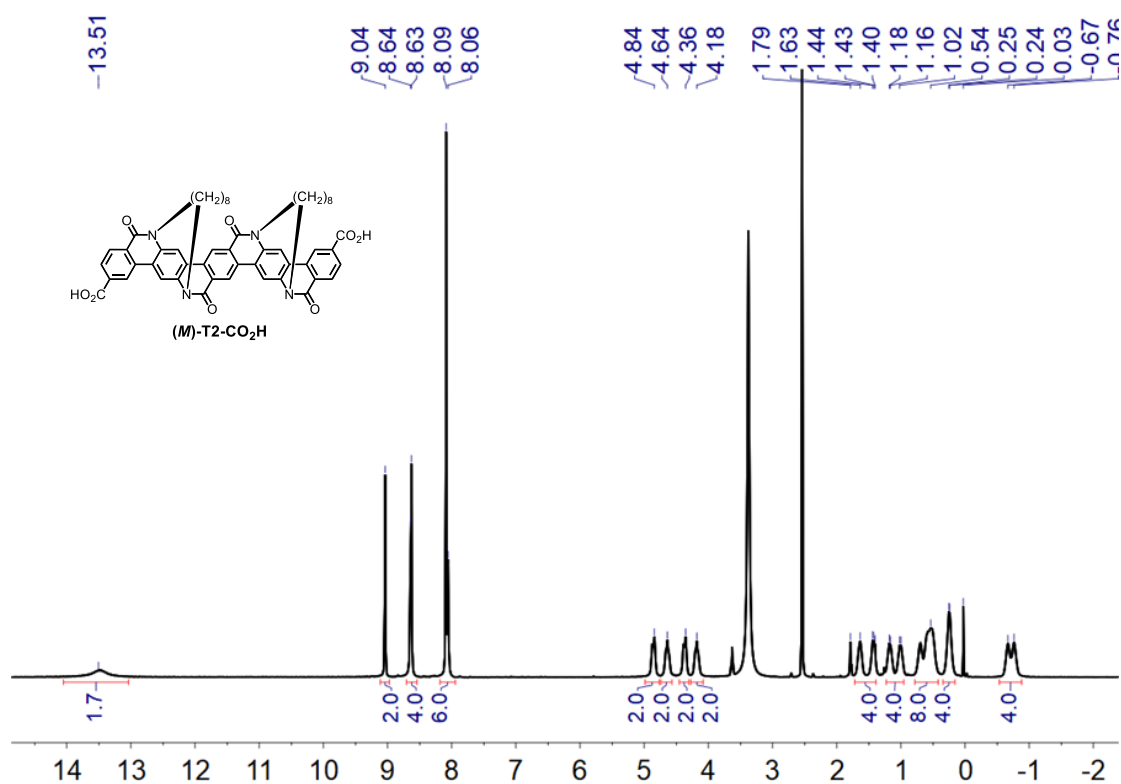


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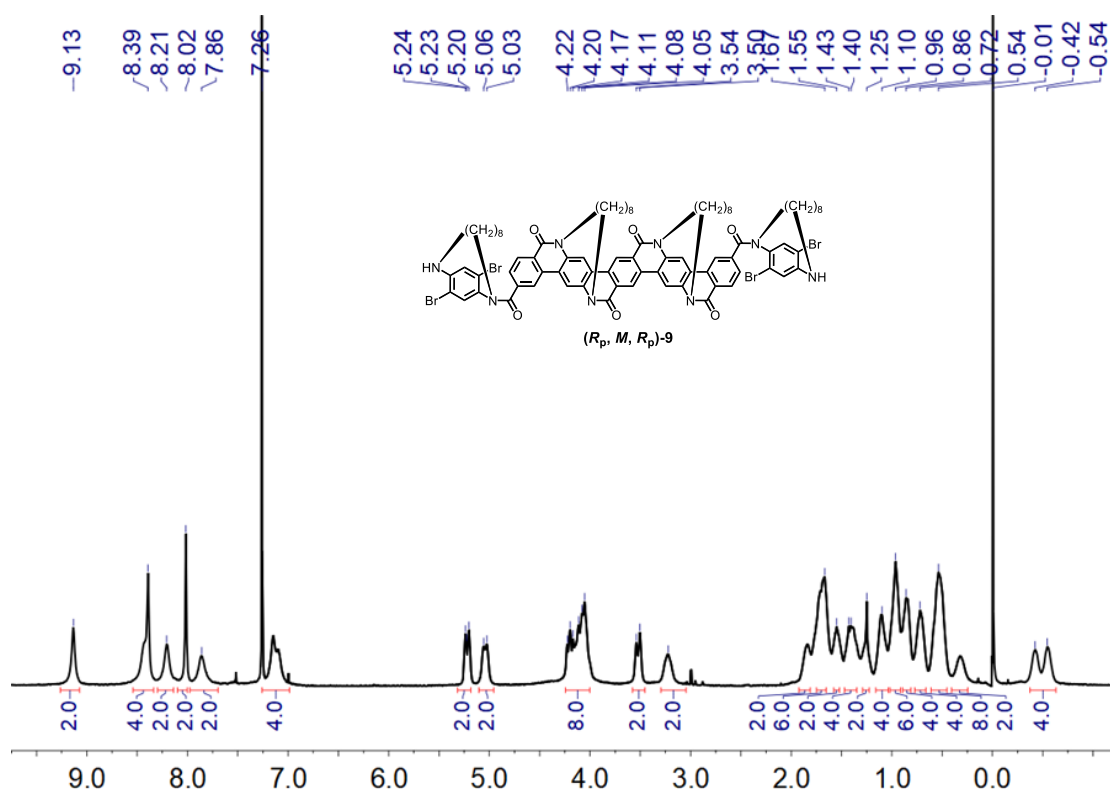


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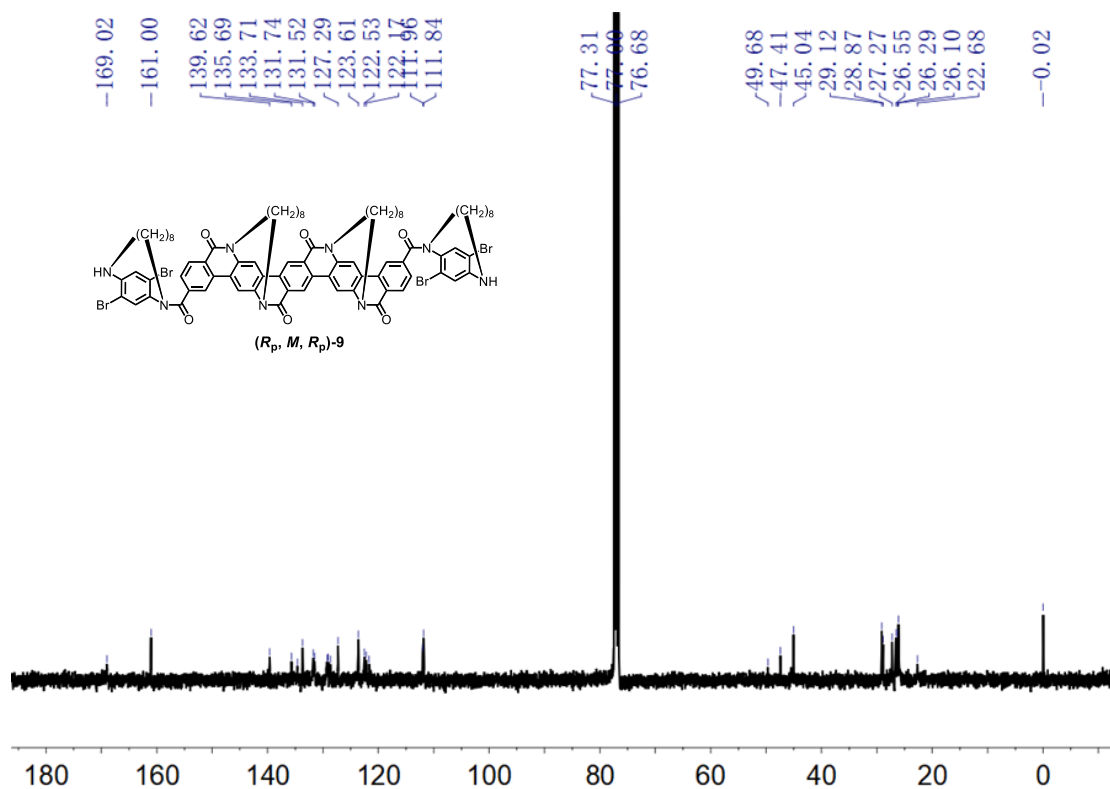


Fig. S94. ^{13}C NMR spectrum for (R_p, M, R_p) -9 (CDCl₃, 298 K)

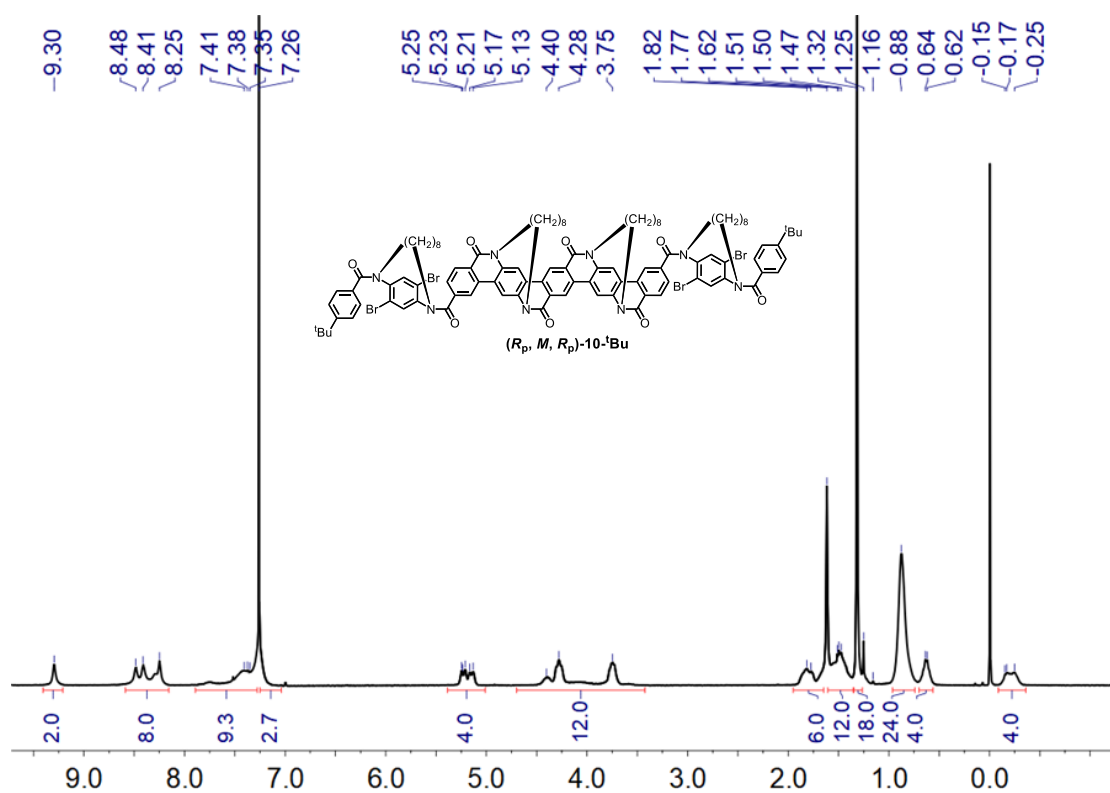


Fig. S95. 1H NMR spectrum for (R_p, M, R_p) -10-^tBu (CDCl₃, 298 K)

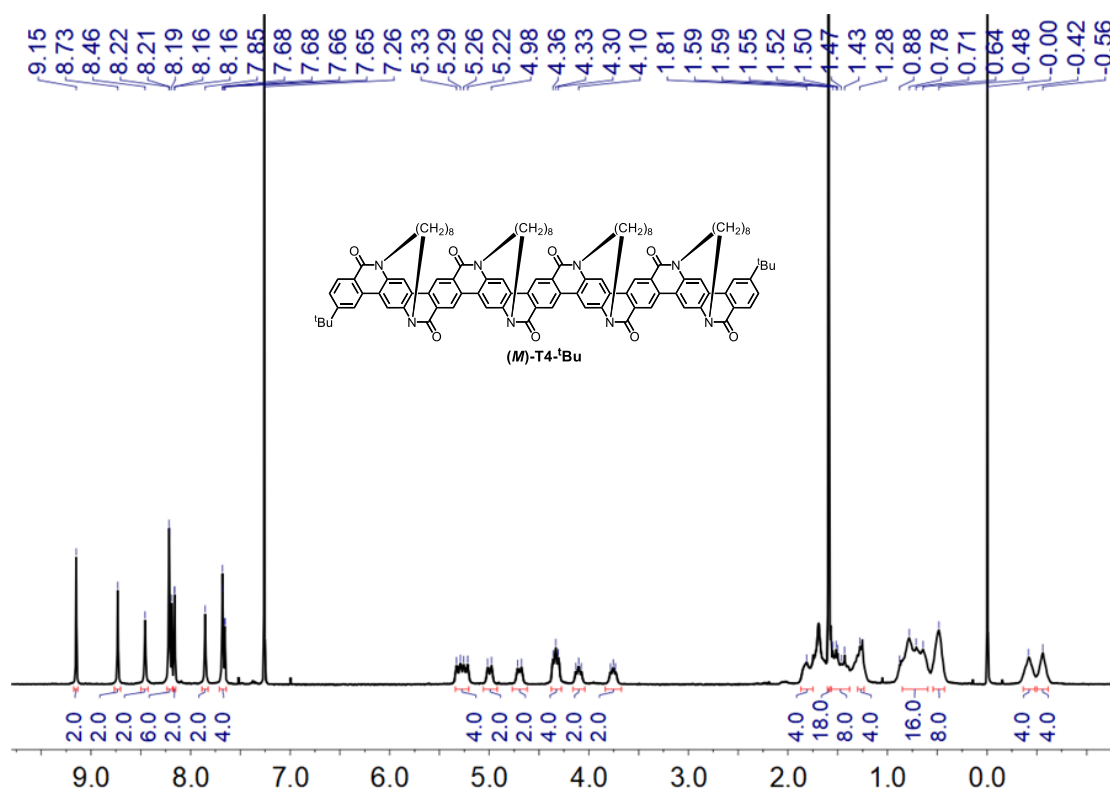


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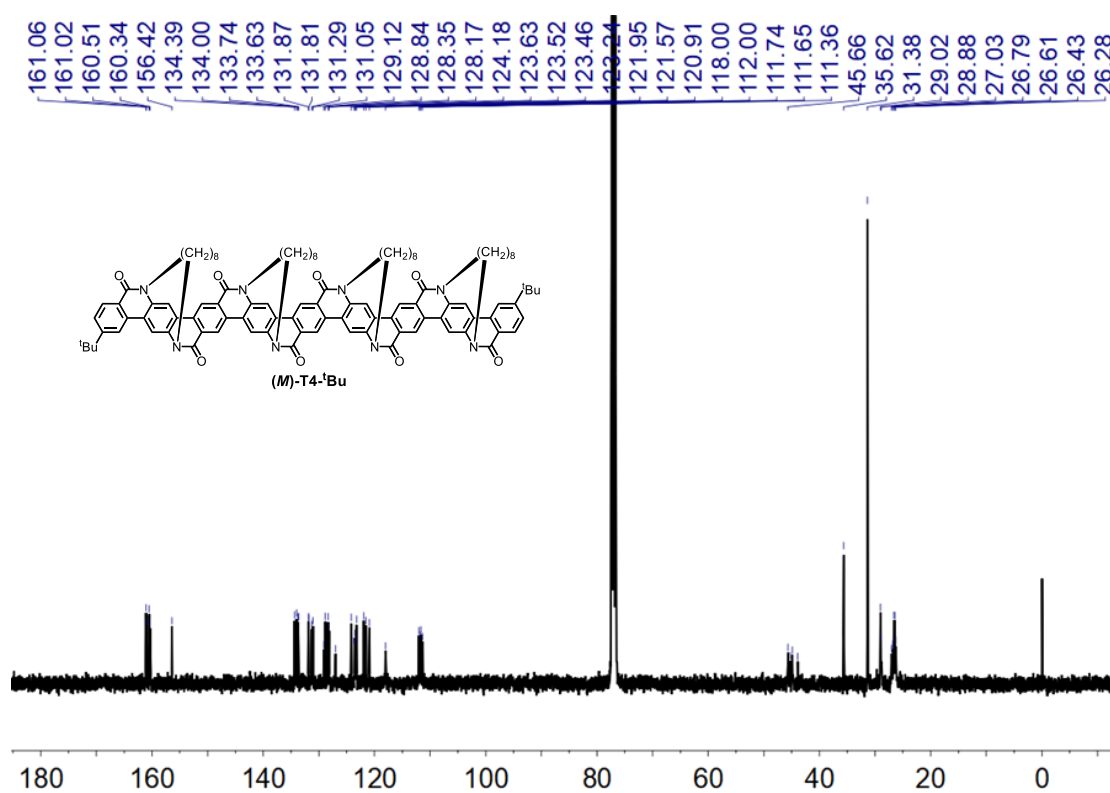
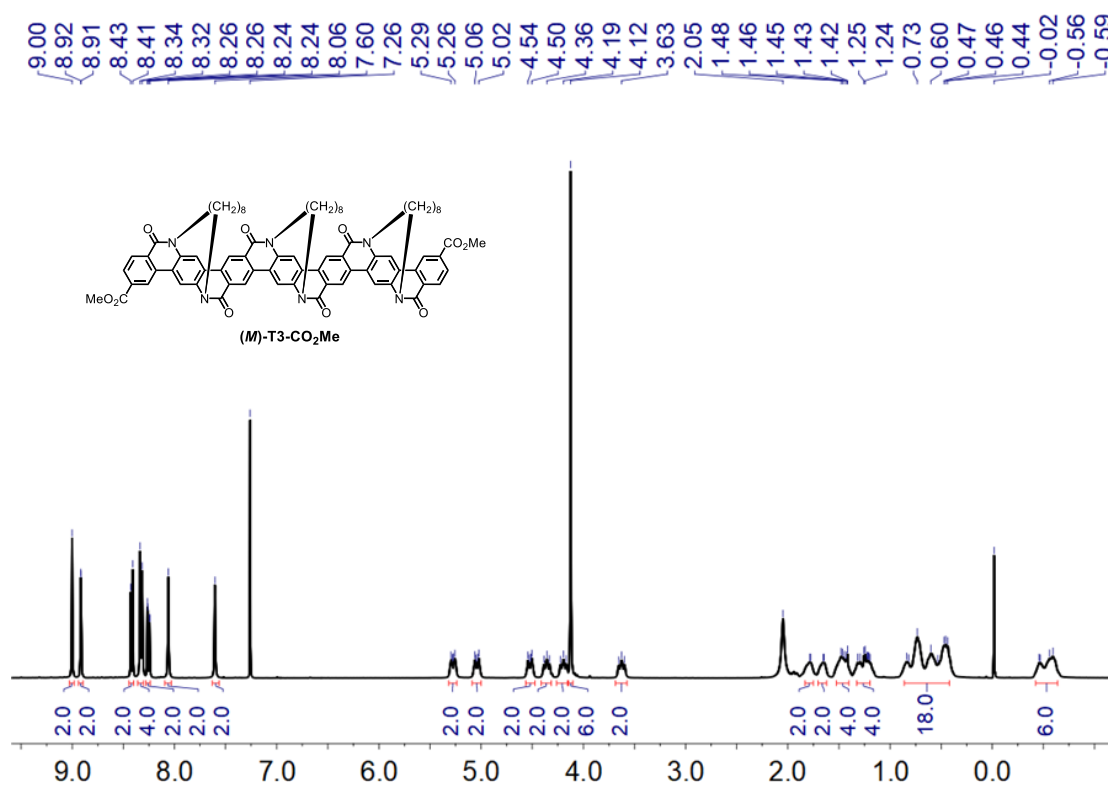
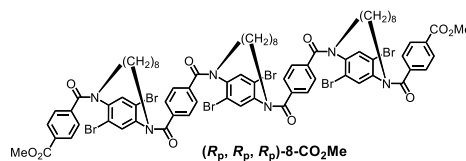


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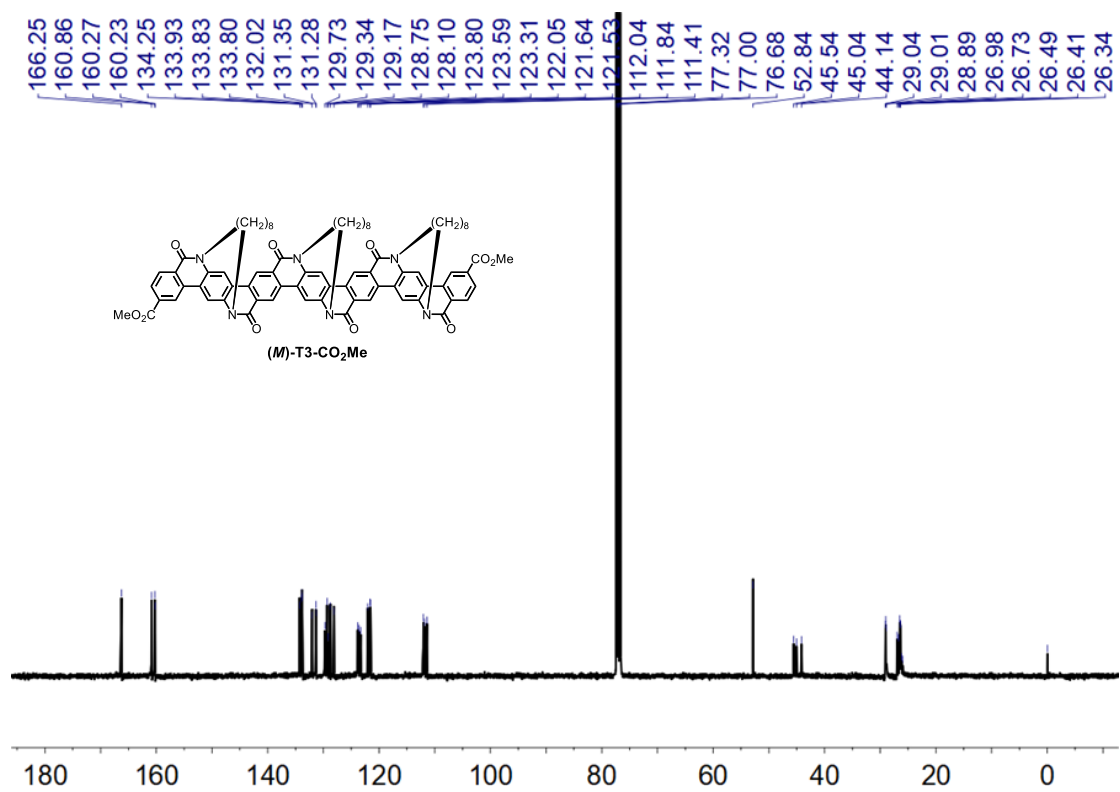


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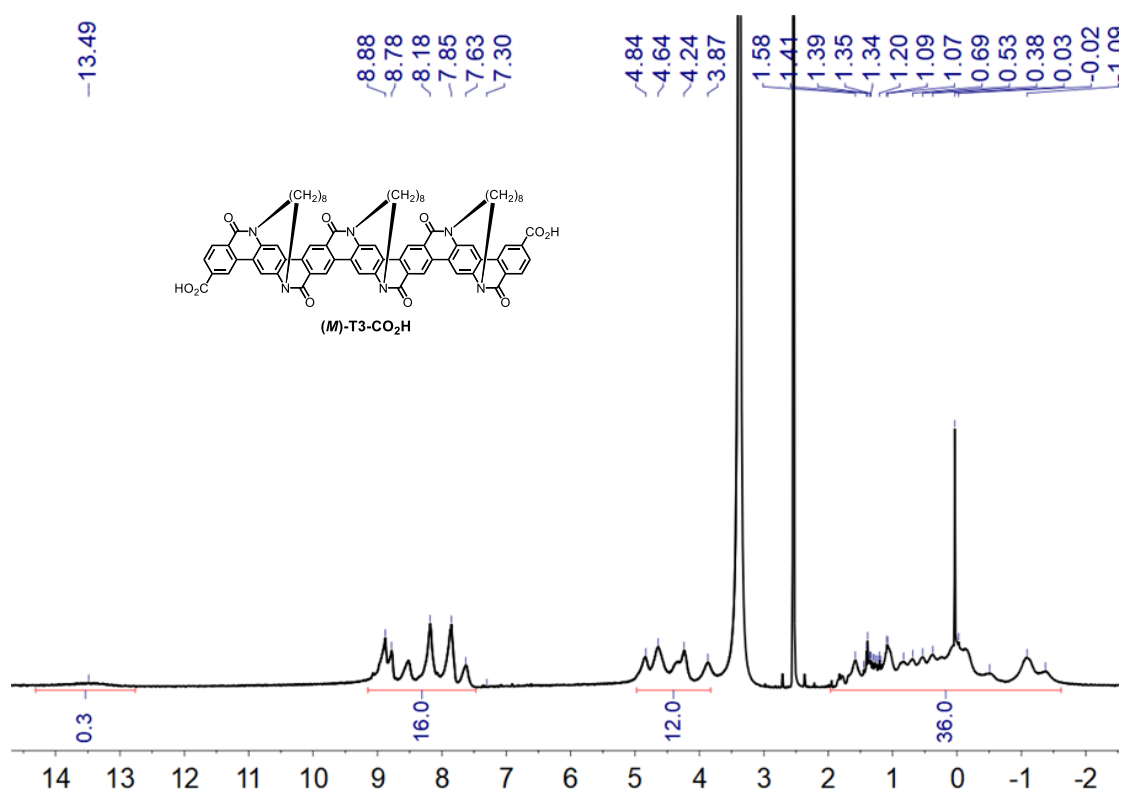


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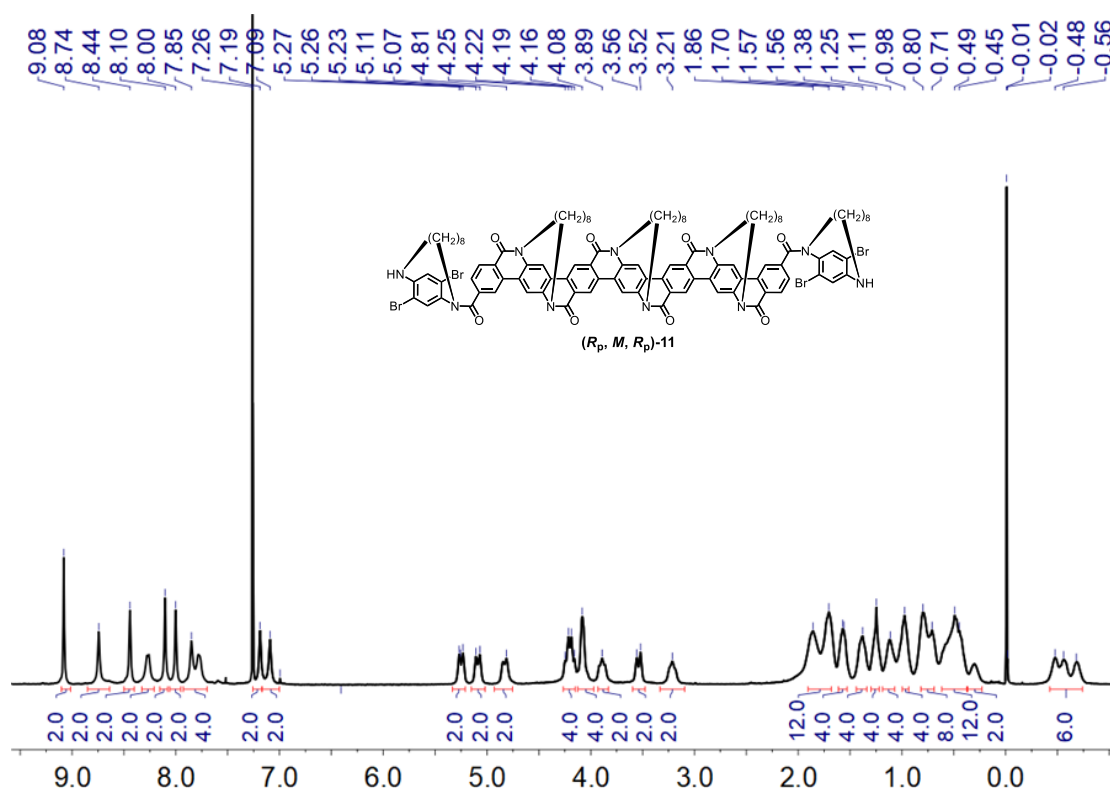


Fig. S102. ^1H NMR spectrum for (R_p, M, R_p) -11 (CDCl_3 , 298 K)

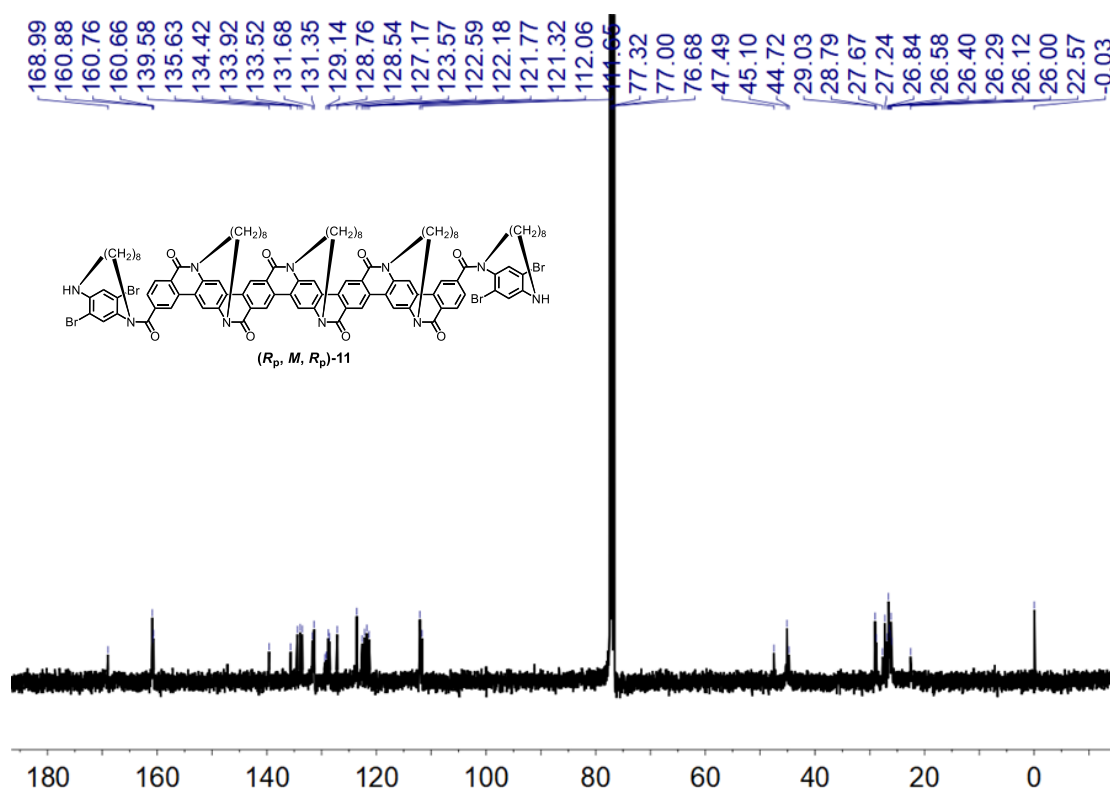
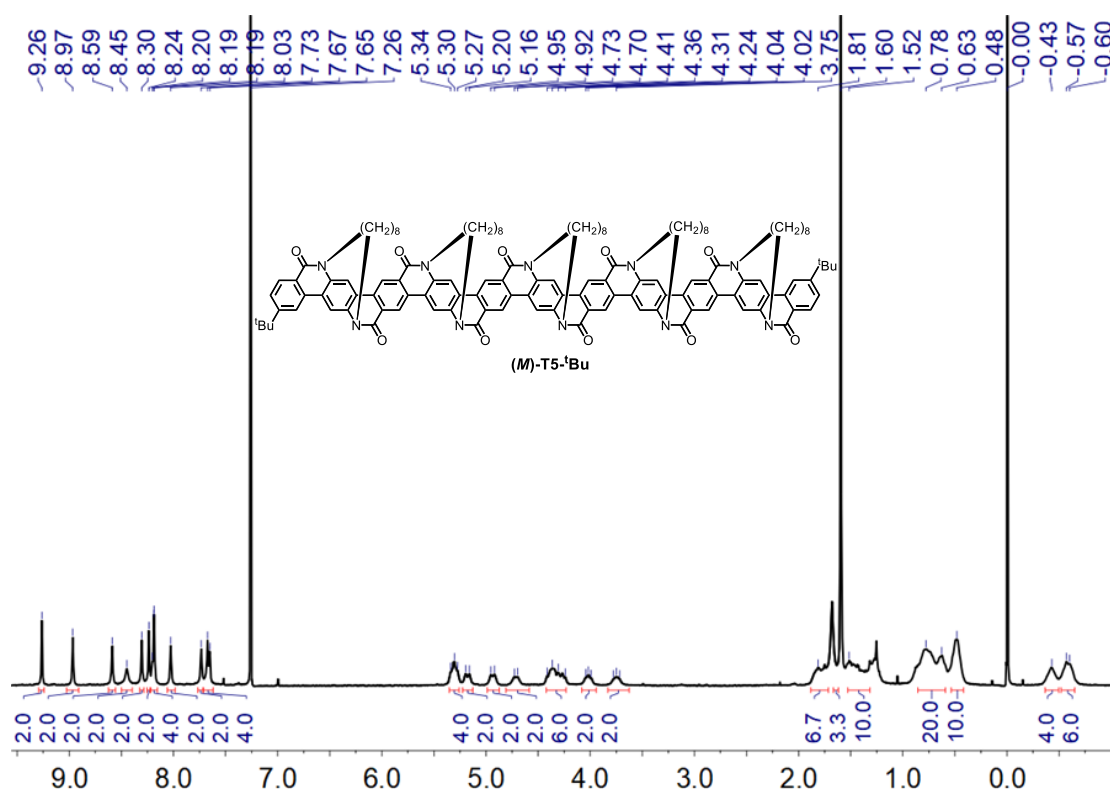
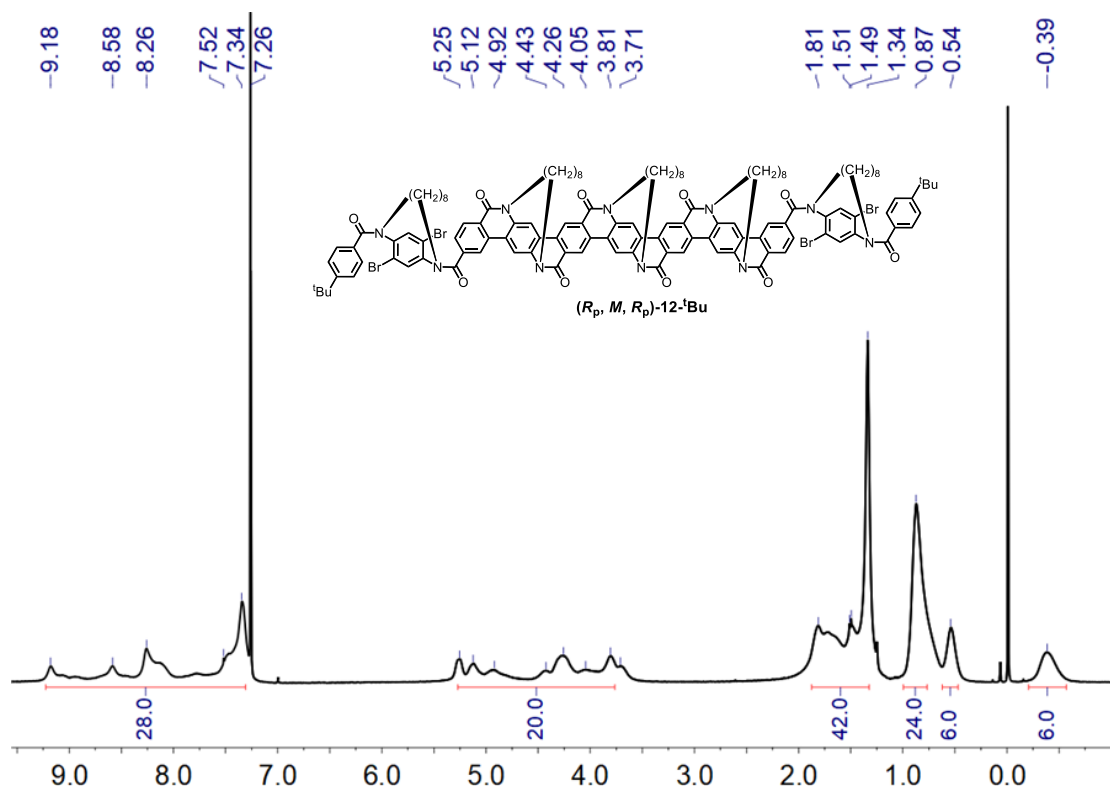


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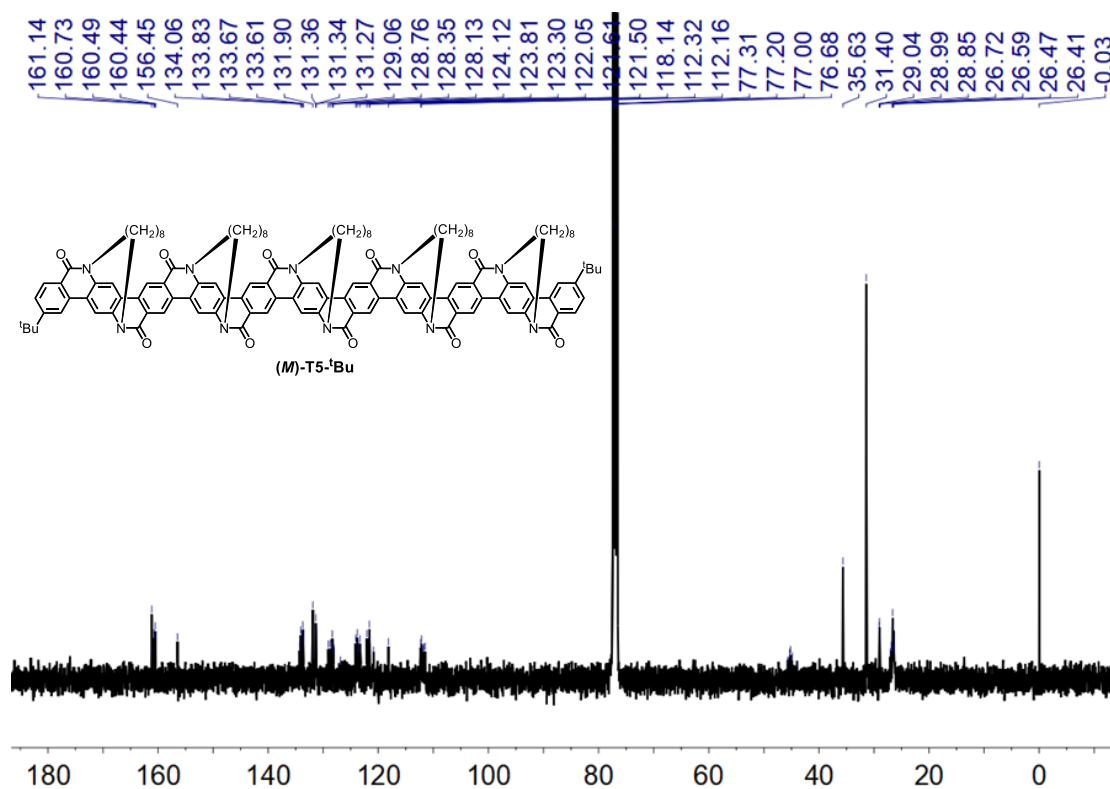


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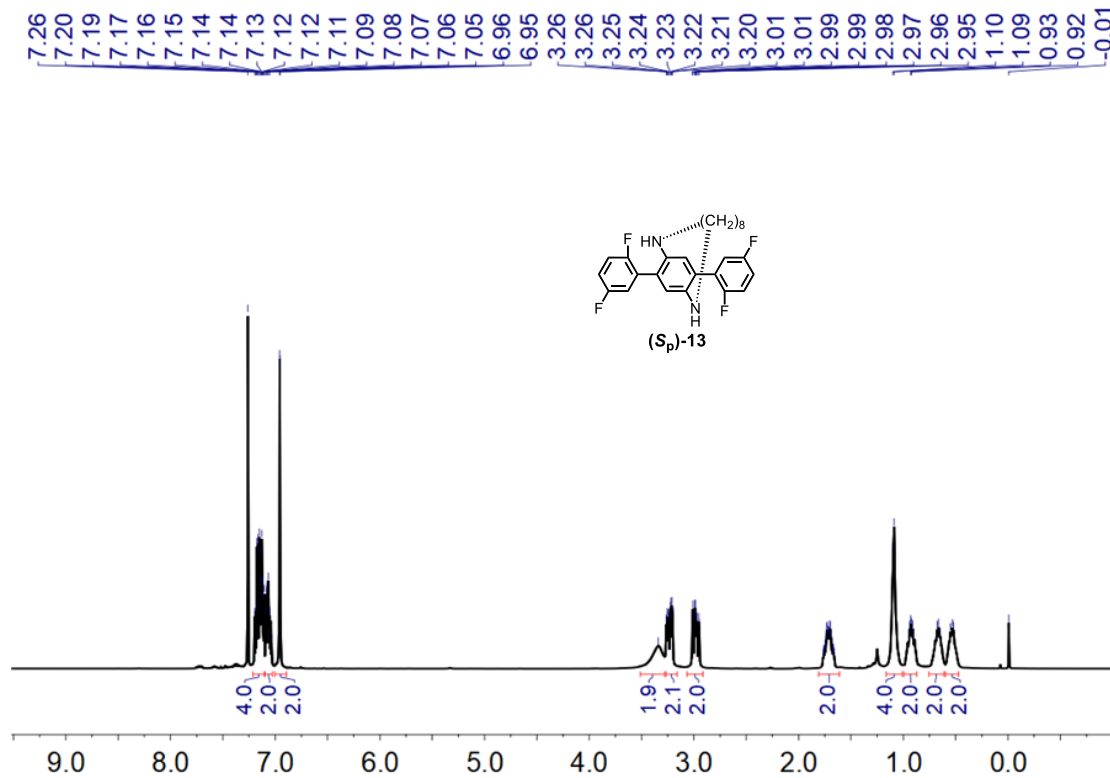


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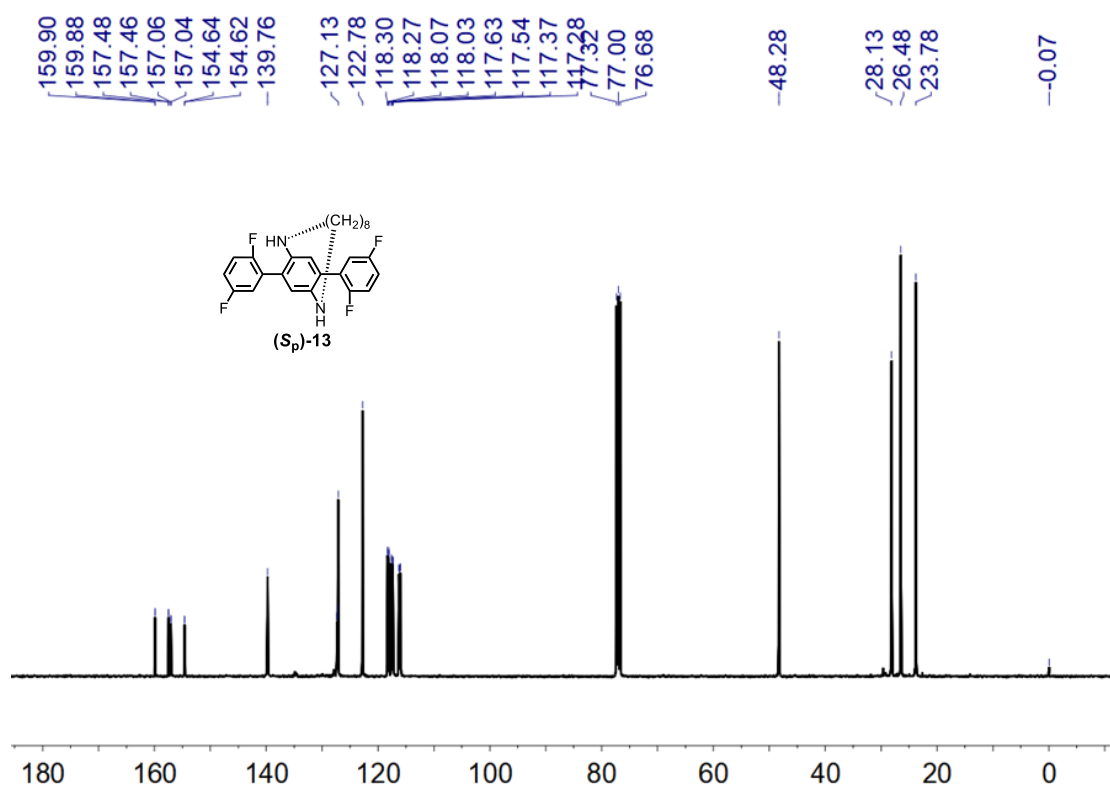


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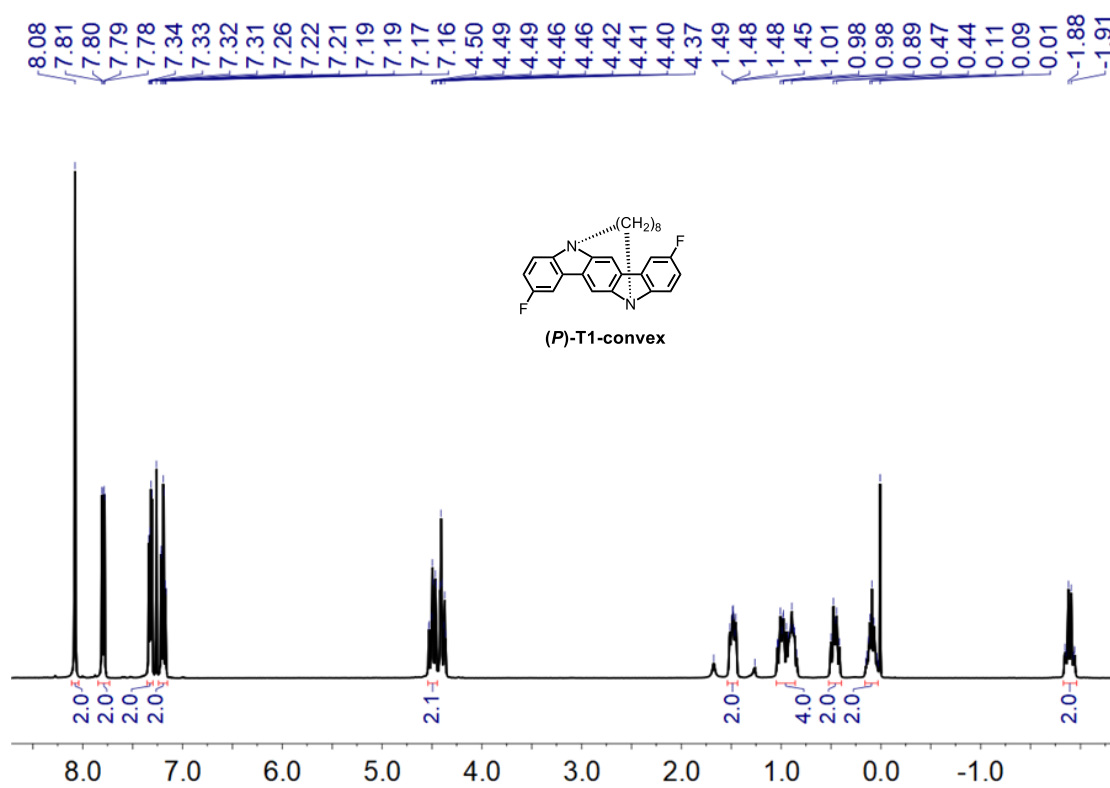


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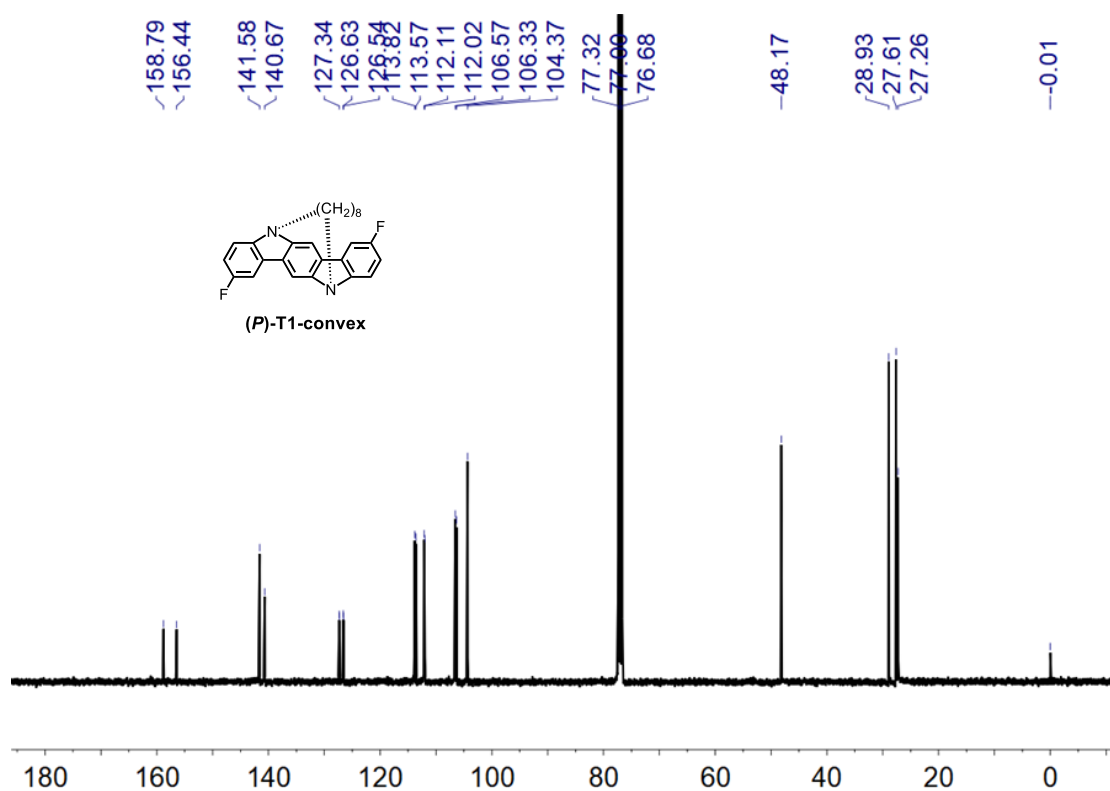


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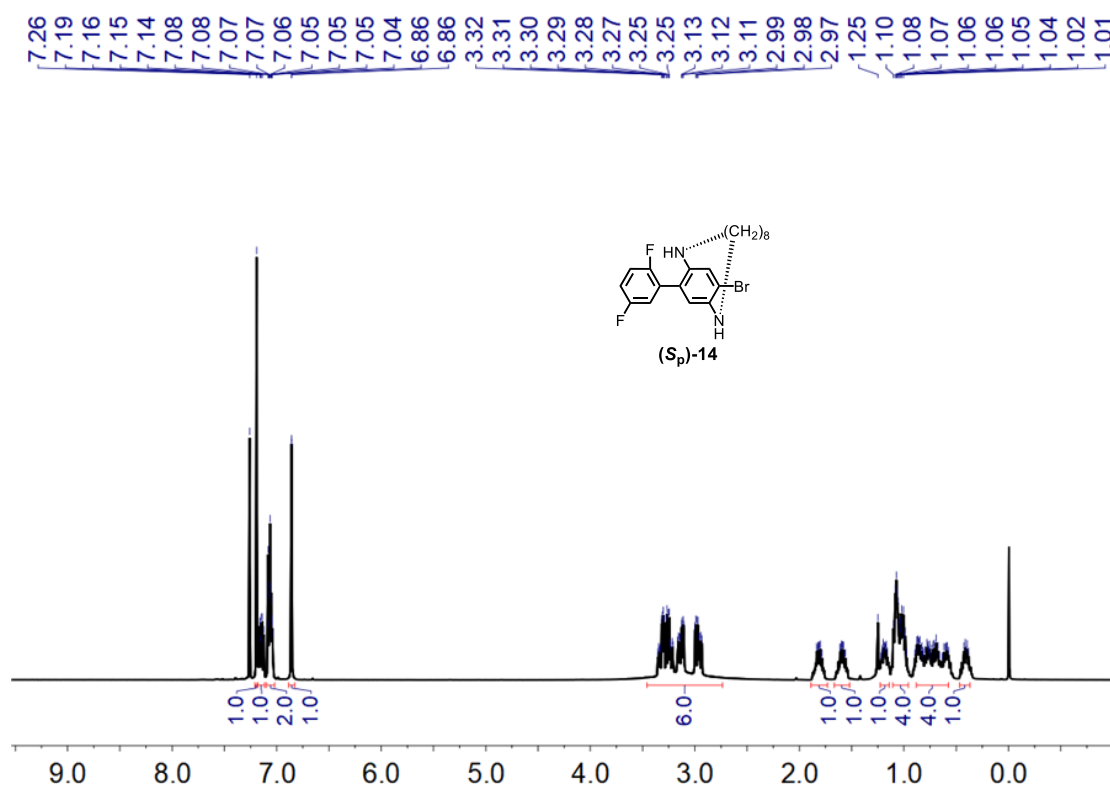


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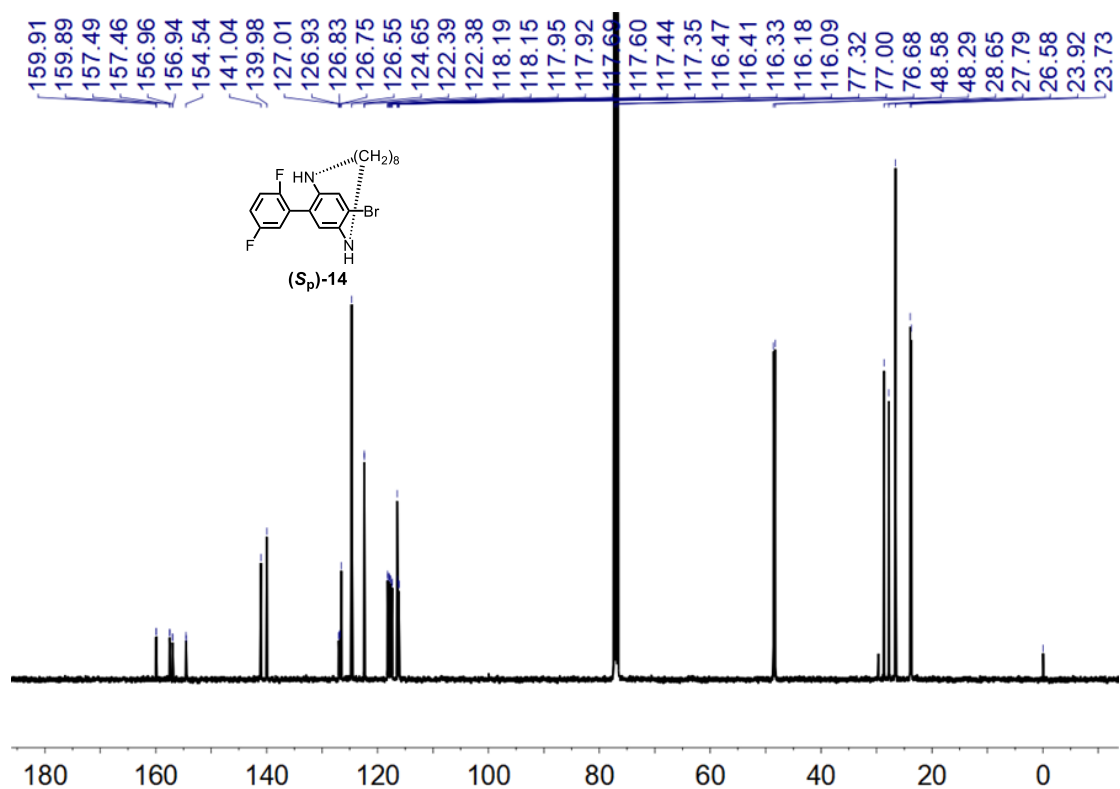


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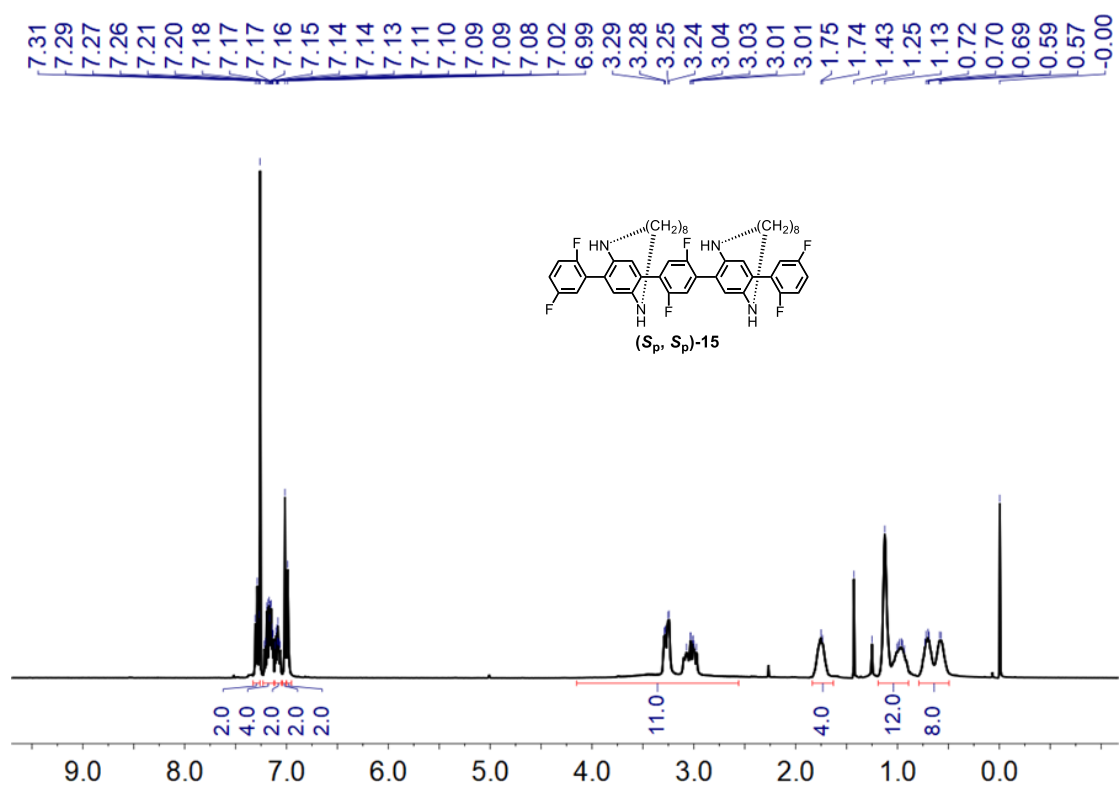


Fig. S113. ¹H NMR spectrum for (*S_p*, *S_p*)-**15** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

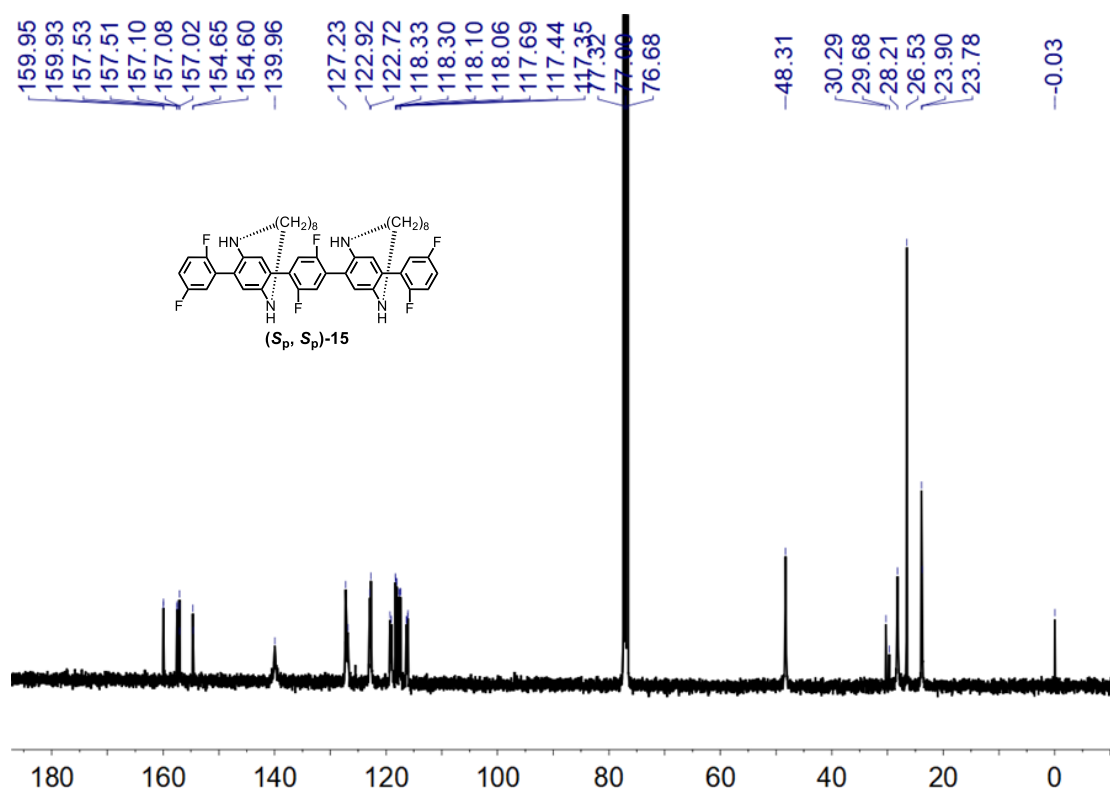


Fig. S114. ^{13}C NMR spectrum for (S_p, S_p) -15 (CDCl_3 , 298 K)

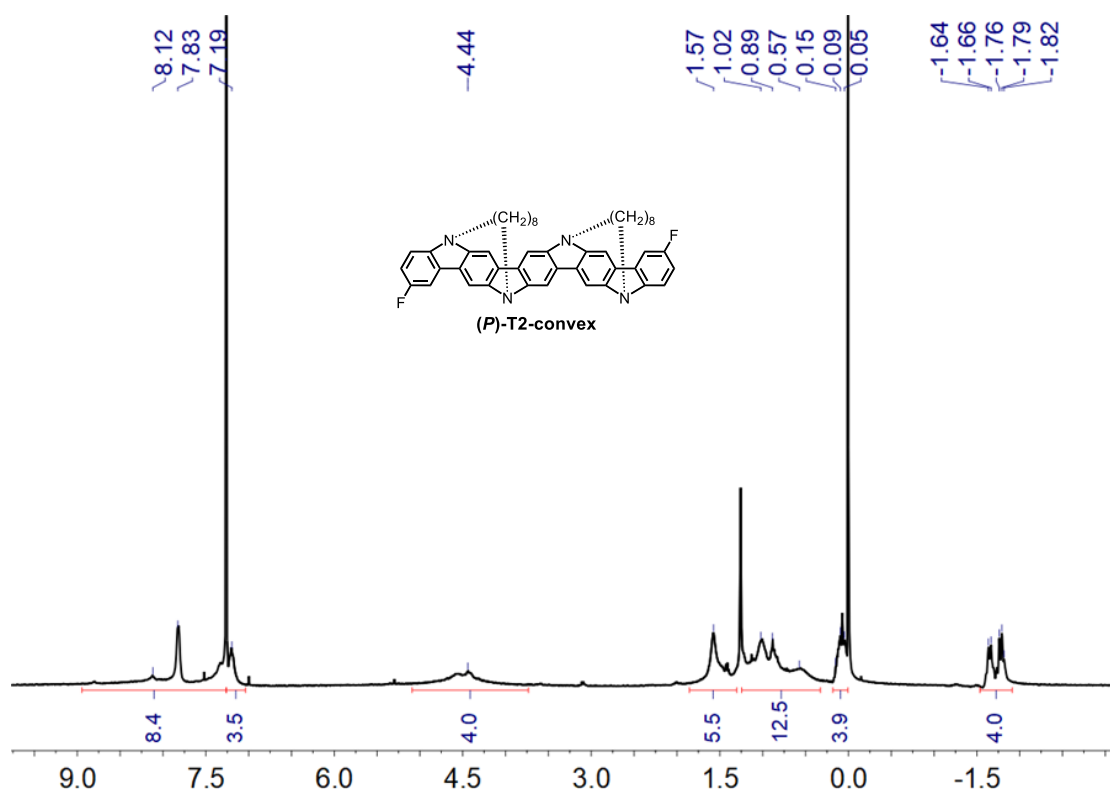


Fig. S115. ^1H NMR spectrum for (P) -T2-convex (CDCl_3 , 298 K)

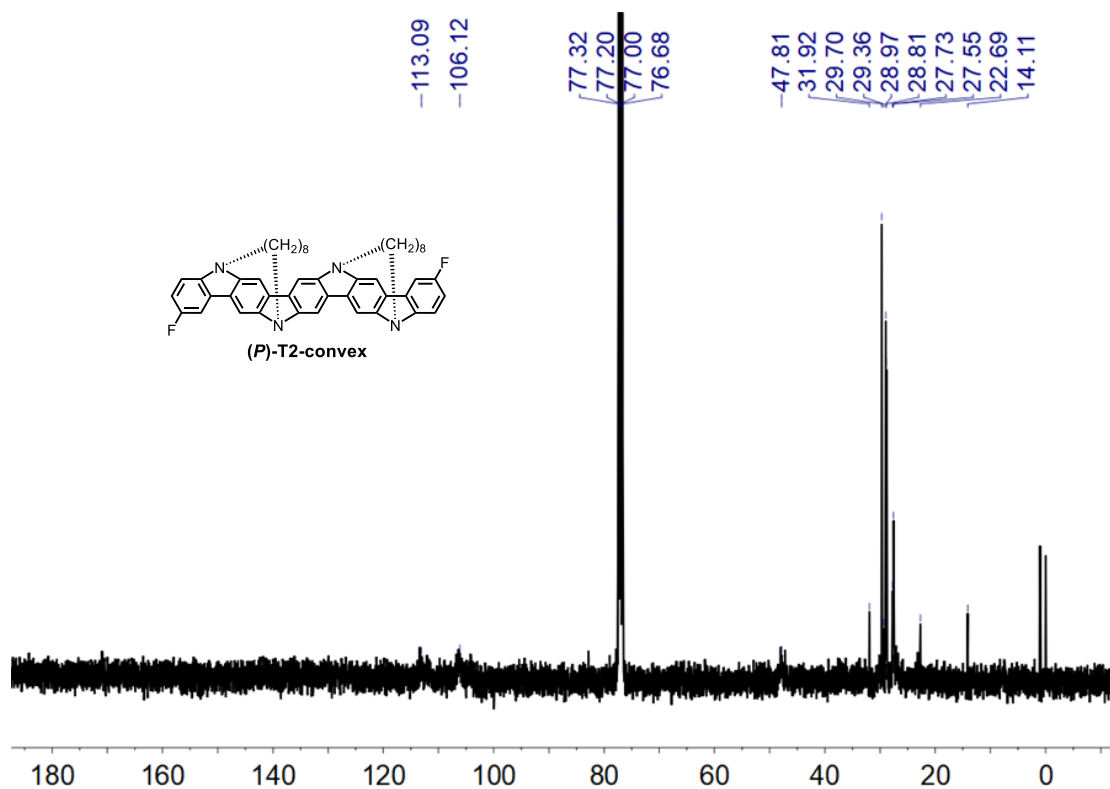


Fig. S116. ¹³C NMR spectrum for **(P)-T2-convex** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

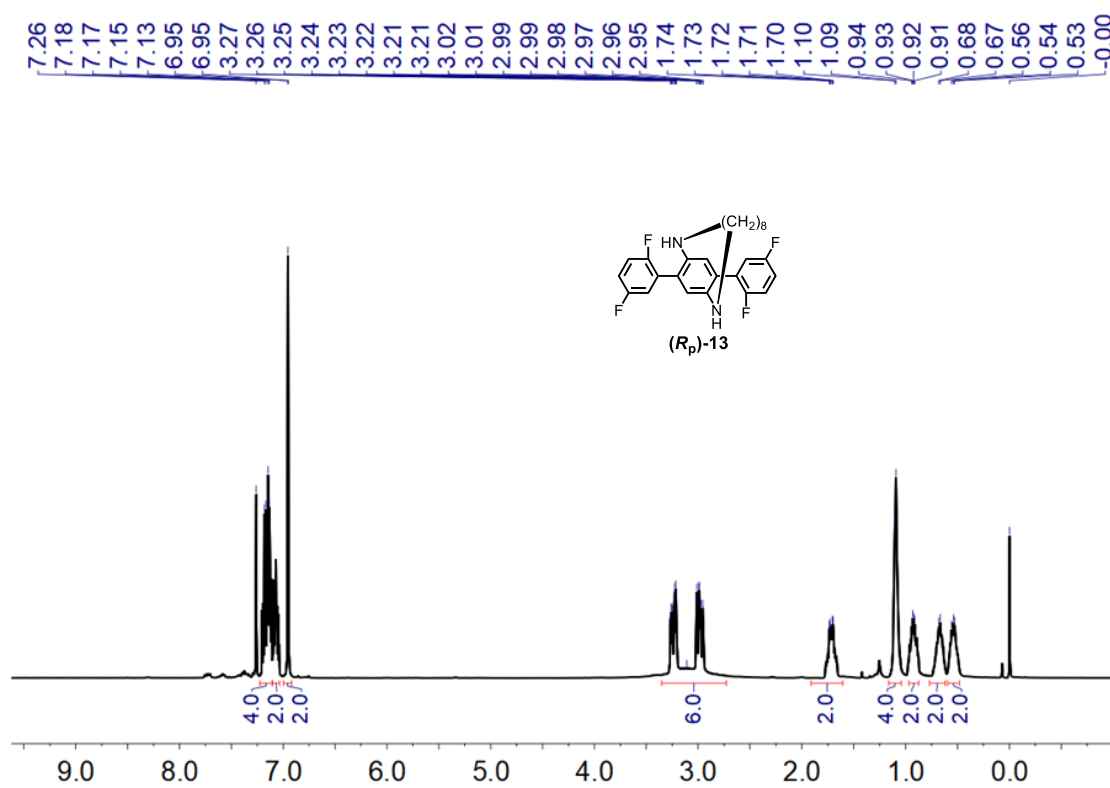


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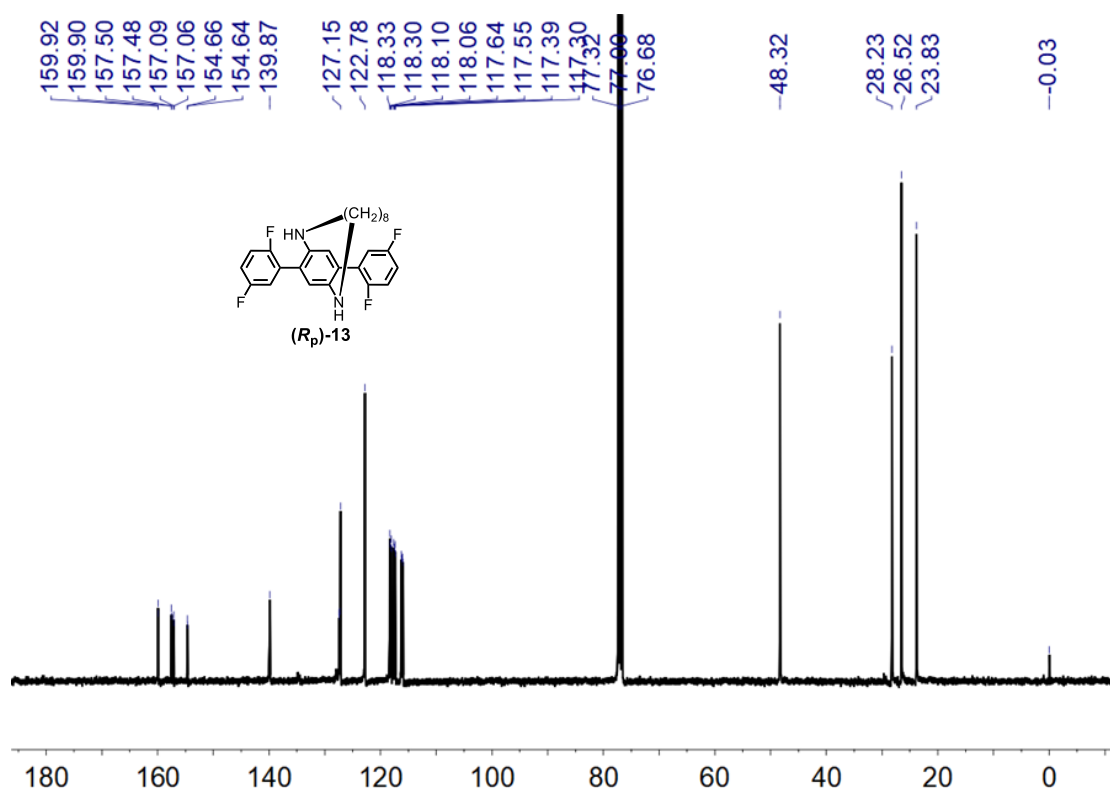


Fig. S118. ¹³C NMR spectrum for (*R_p*)-13 (CDCl₃, 298 K)

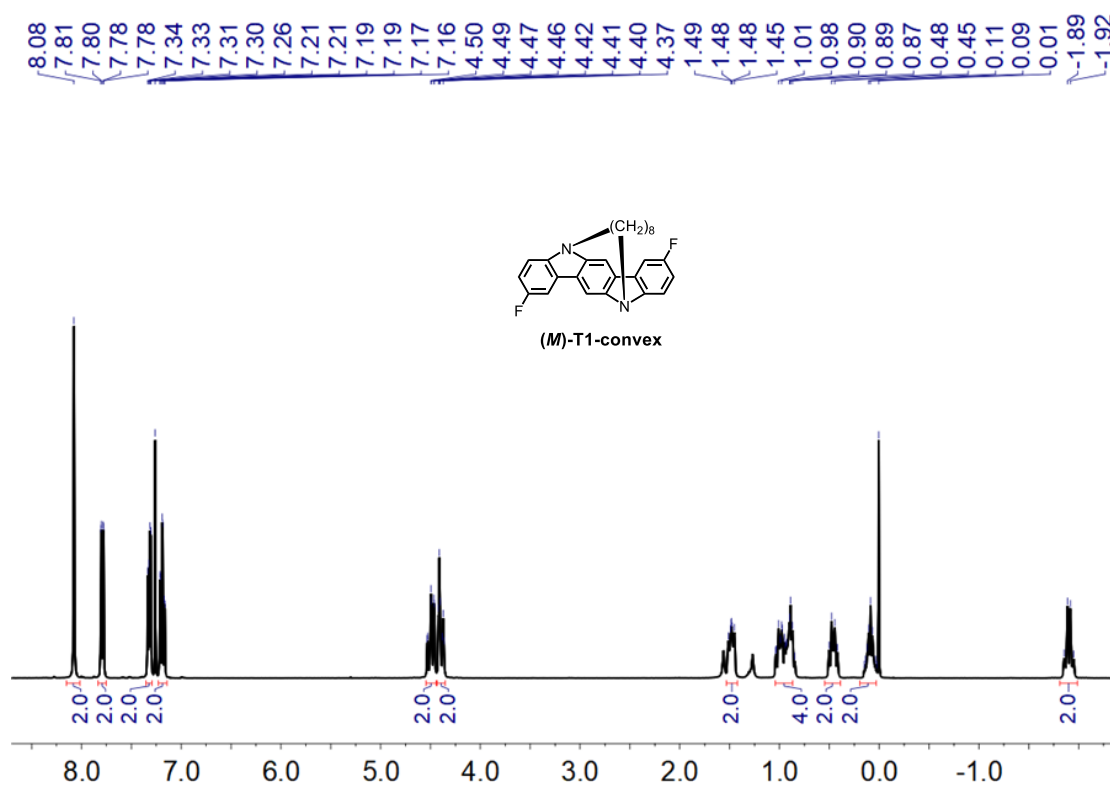


Fig. S119. ¹H NMR spectrum for (*M*)-T1-convex (CDCl₃, 298 K)

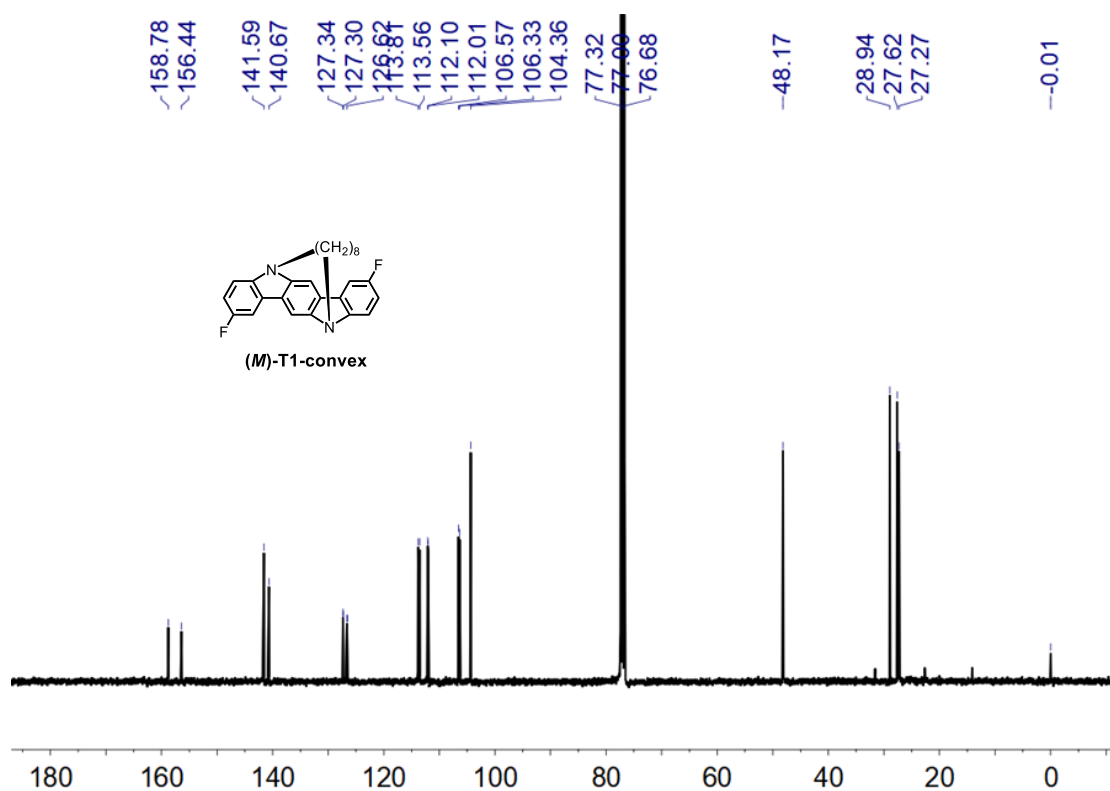


Fig. S120. ^{13}C NMR spectrum for **(M)-T1-convex** (CDCl_3 , 298 K)

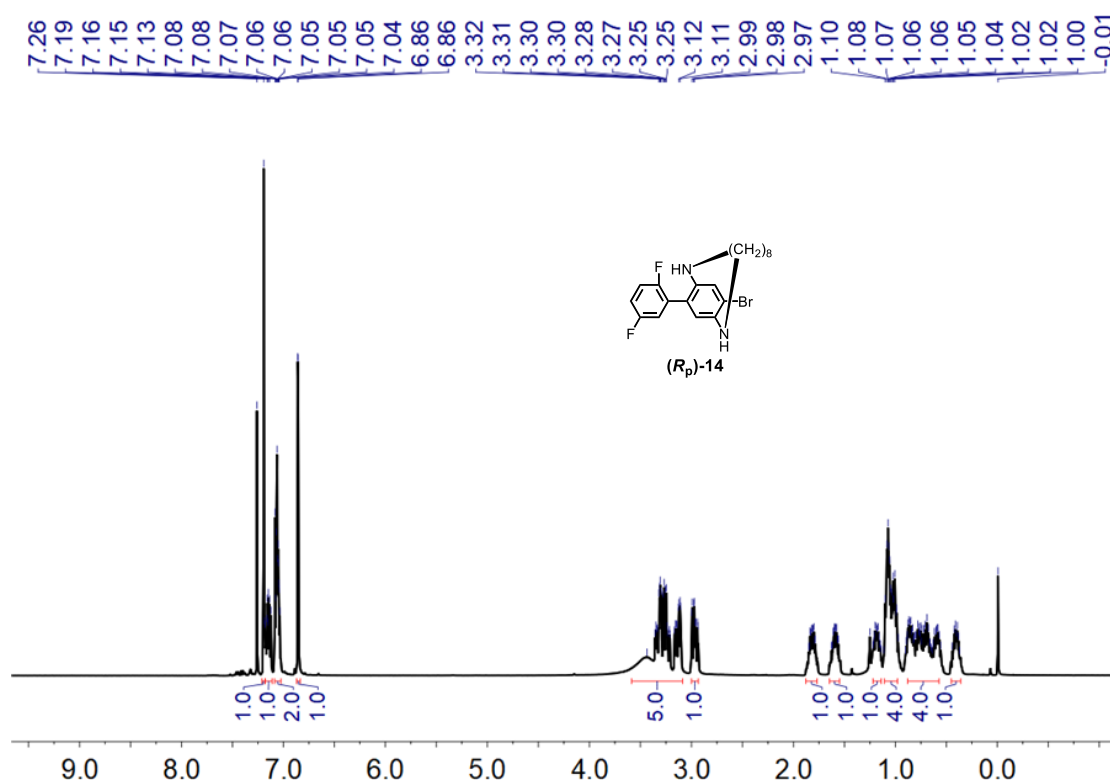


Fig. S121. ^1H NMR spectrum for **(R_p)-14** (CDCl_3 , 298 K)

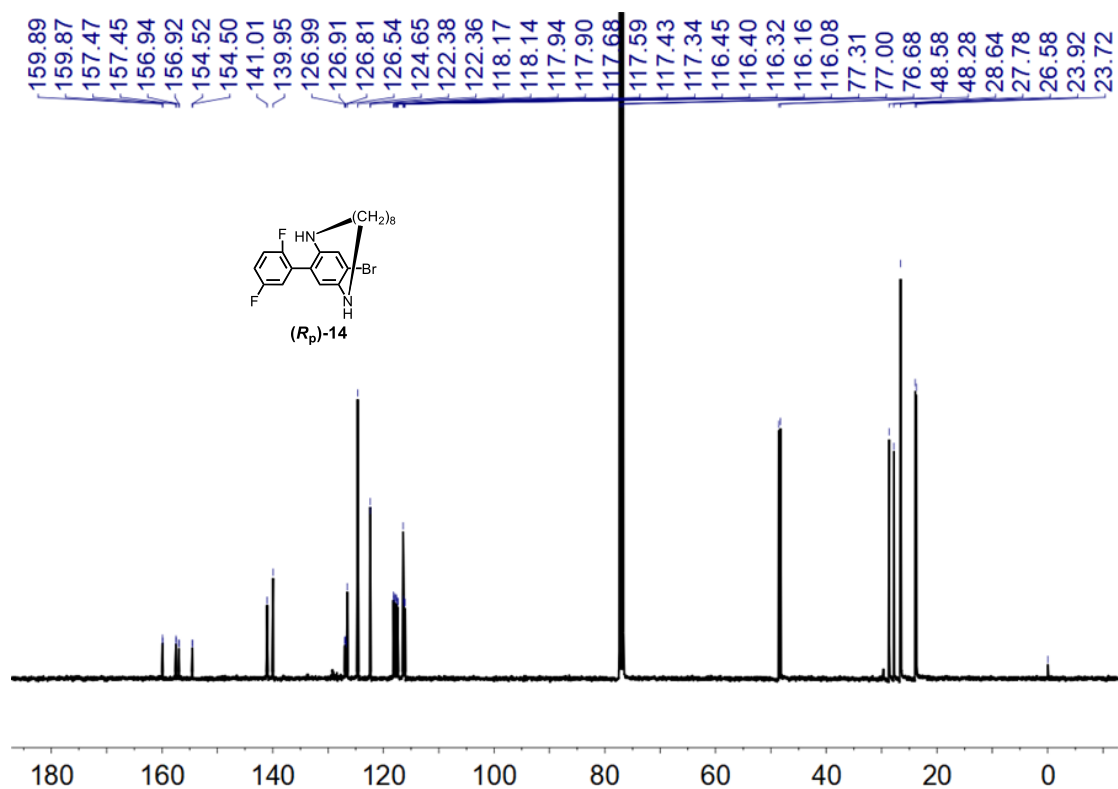


Fig. S122. ¹³C NMR spectrum for (*R_p*)-14 (CDCl₃, 298 K)

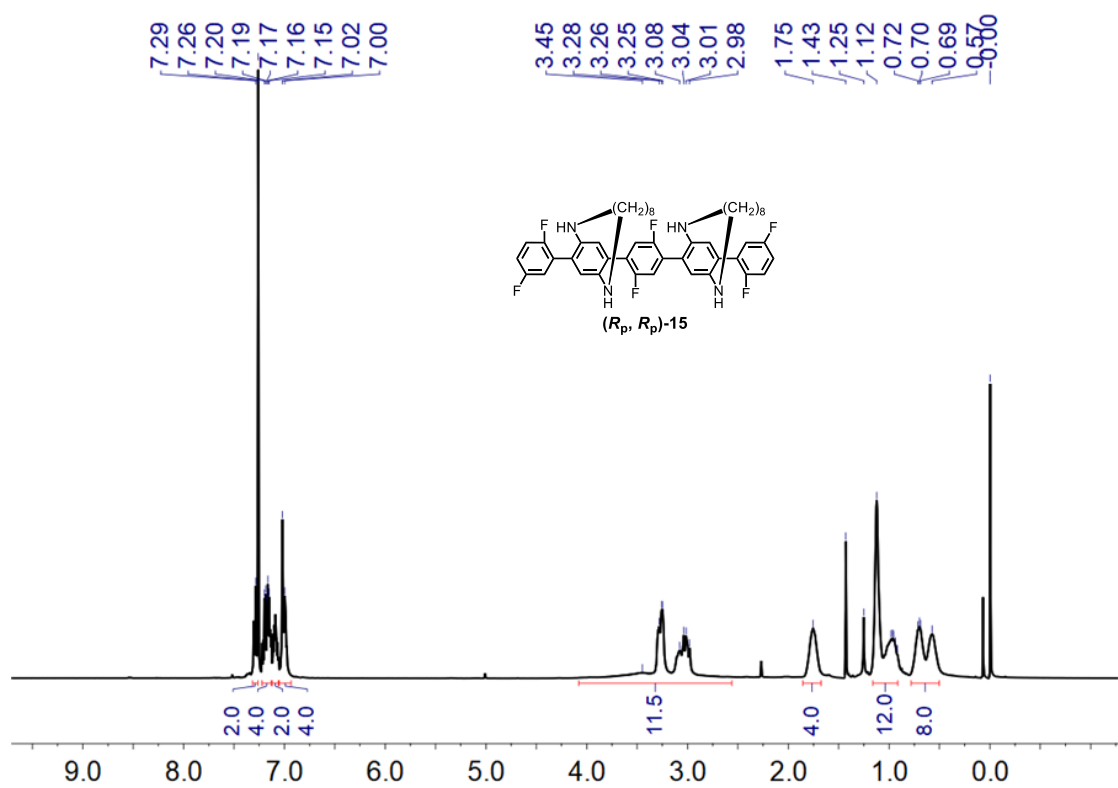


Fig. S123. ¹H NMR spectrum for (*R_p*, *R_p*)-15 (CDCl₃, 298 K)

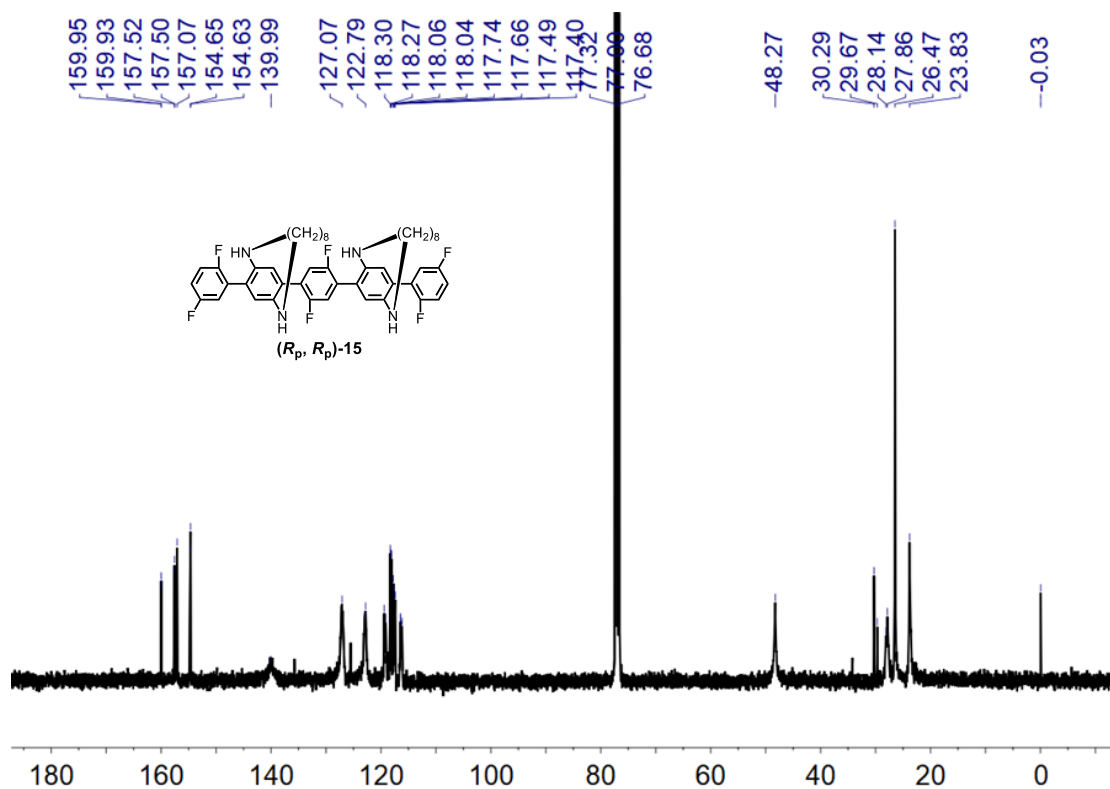


Fig. S124. ^{13}C NMR spectrum for (R_p, R_p) -15 (CDCl_3 , 298 K)

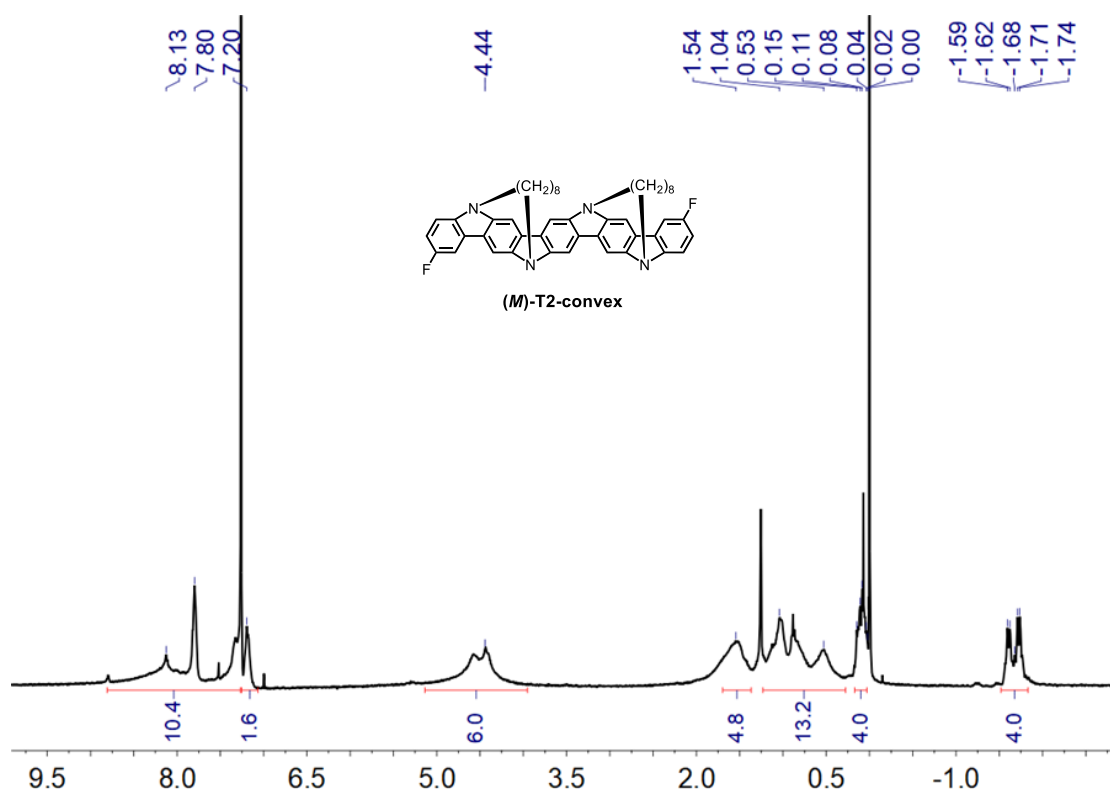


Fig. S125. ^1H NMR spectrum for (M) -T2-convex (CDCl_3 , 298 K)

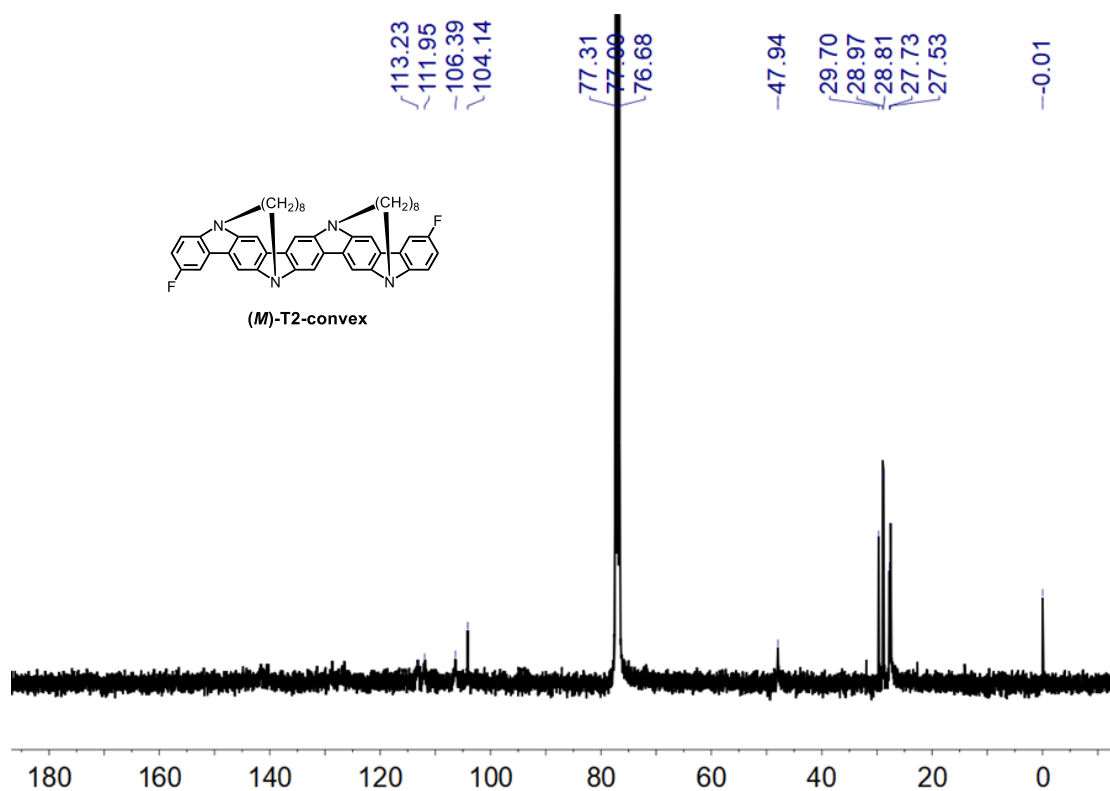


Fig. S126. ¹³C NMR spectrum for **(M)-T2-convex** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

5. 2D-NMR spectra for (*P*)-T1-^tBu, (*P*)-T2-^tBu, curved isomer of (*P*)-T2-^tBu, (*P*)-T3-^tBu, (*P*)-T4-^tBu, (*P*)-T5-^tBu and (*P*)-T1-convex

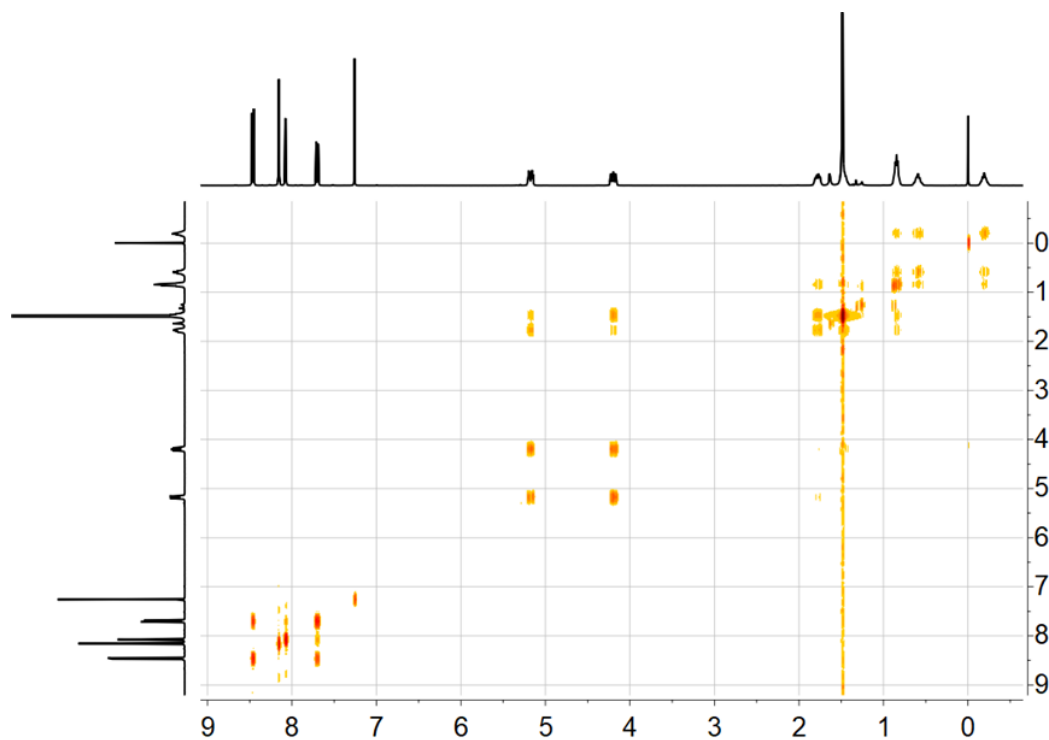


Fig. S127. COSY spectrum for (*P*)-T1-^tBu (CDCl₃, 298 K)

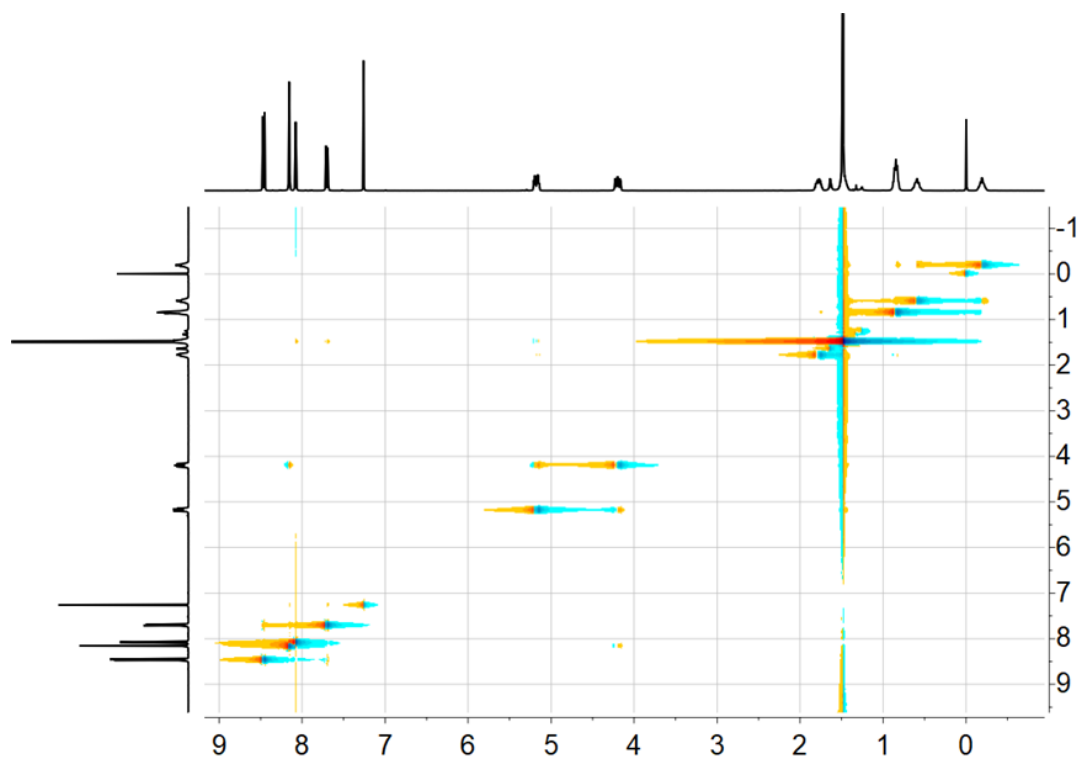
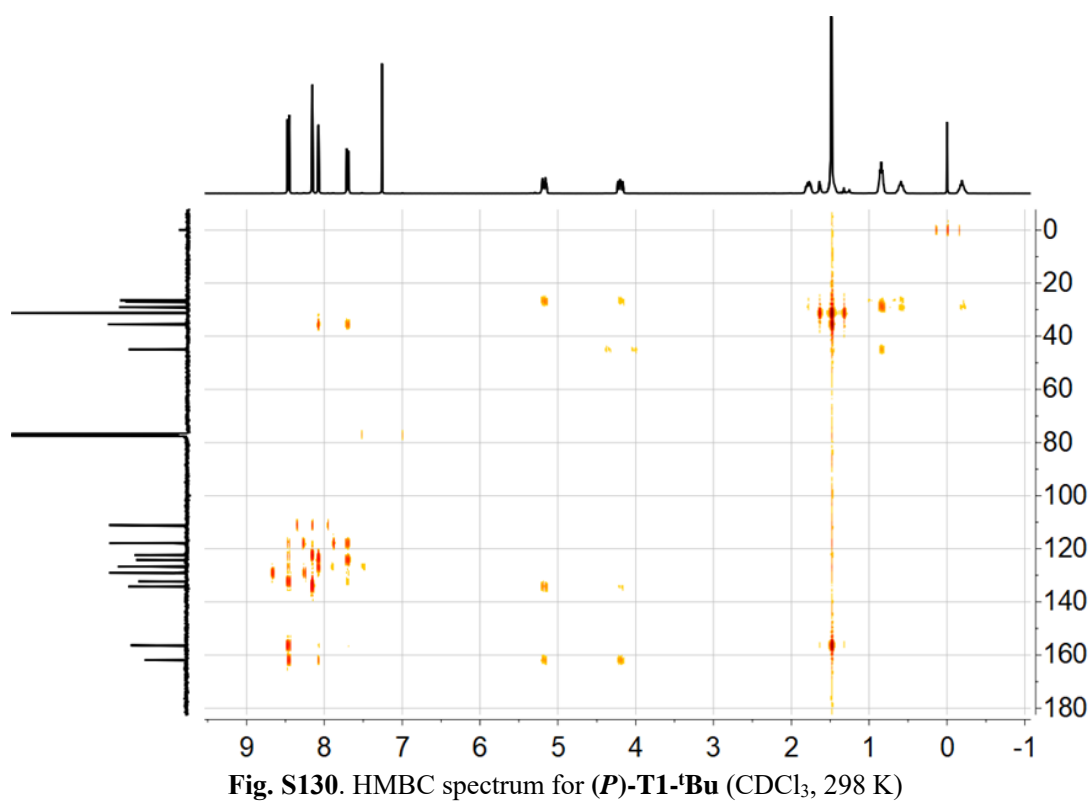
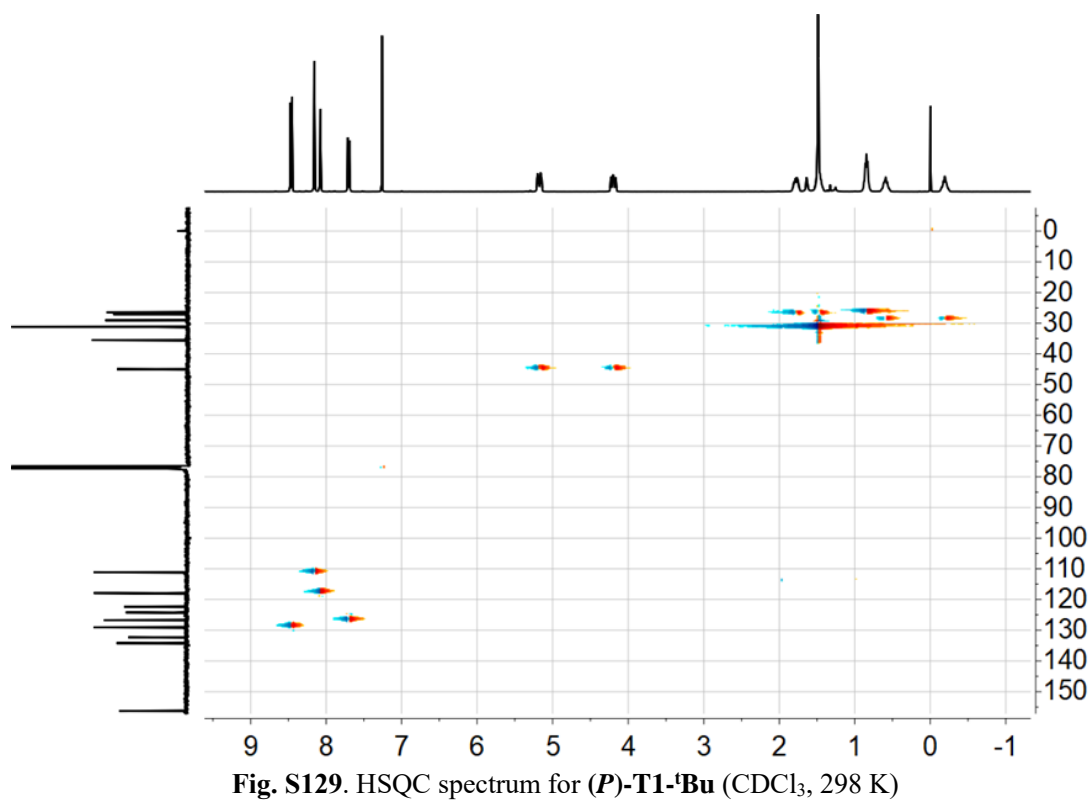


Fig. S128. NOESY spectrum for (*P*)-T1-^tBu (CDCl₃, 298 K)



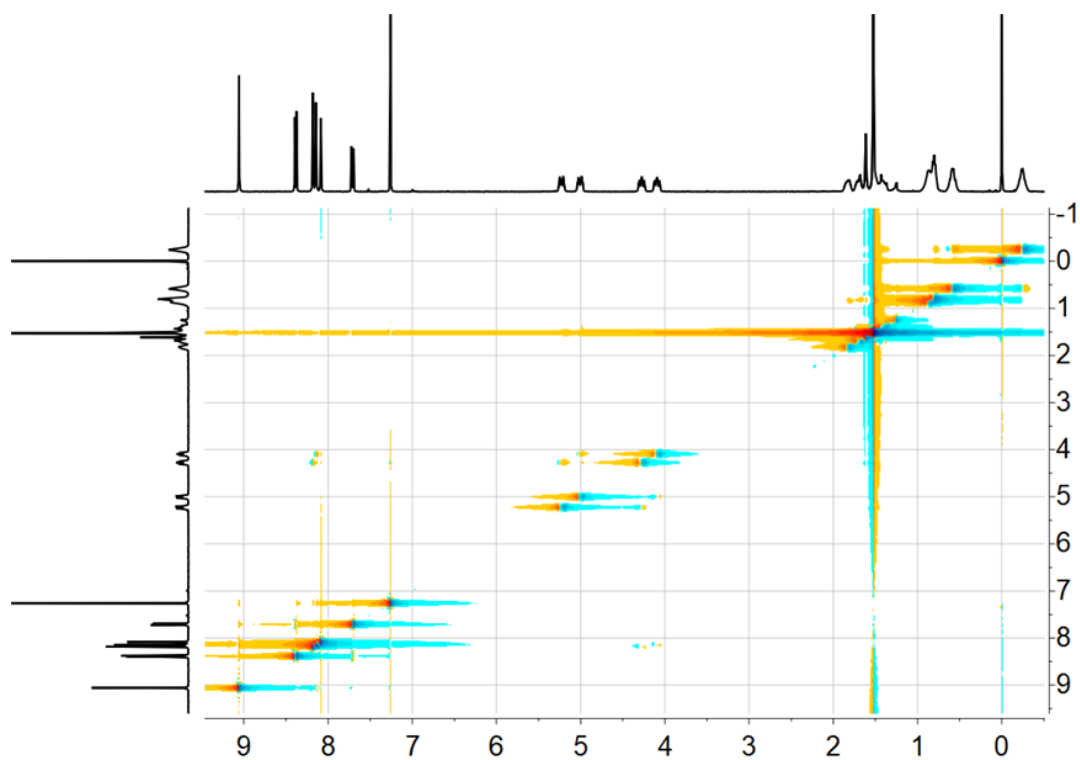


Fig. S131. NOESY spectrum for (*P*)-**T2-⁴Bu** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

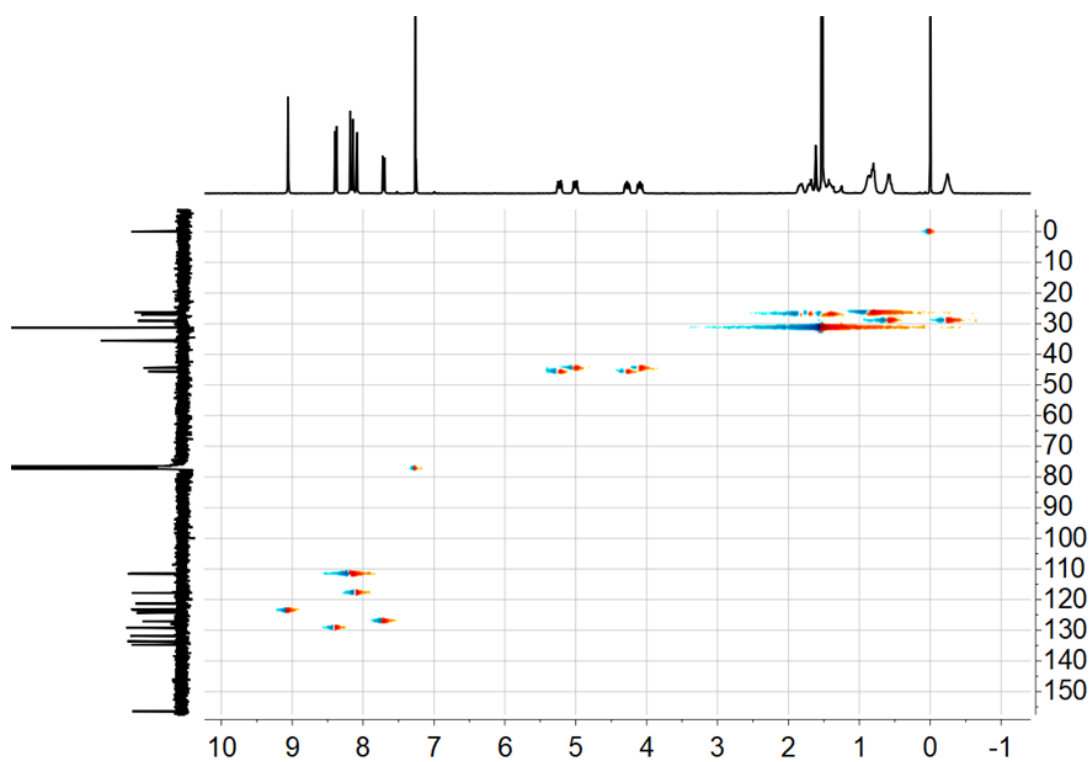


Fig. S132. HSQC spectrum for (*P*)-**T2-⁴Bu** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

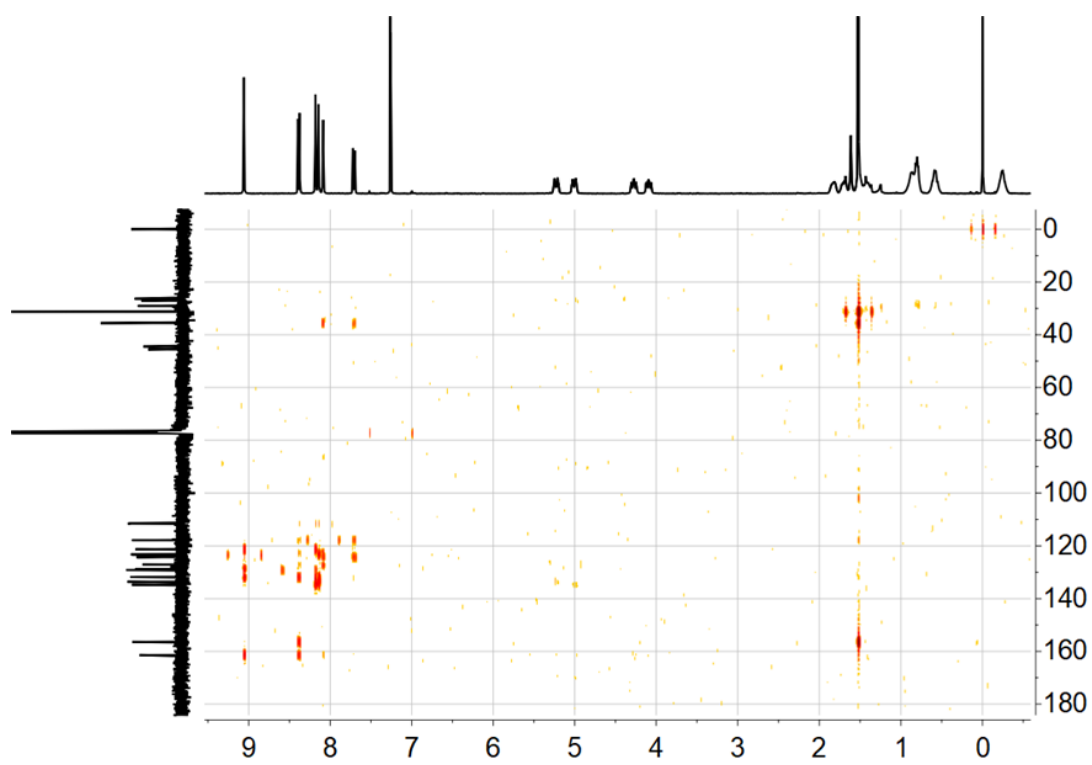


Fig. S133. HMBC spectrum for (*P*)-**T2-^tBu** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

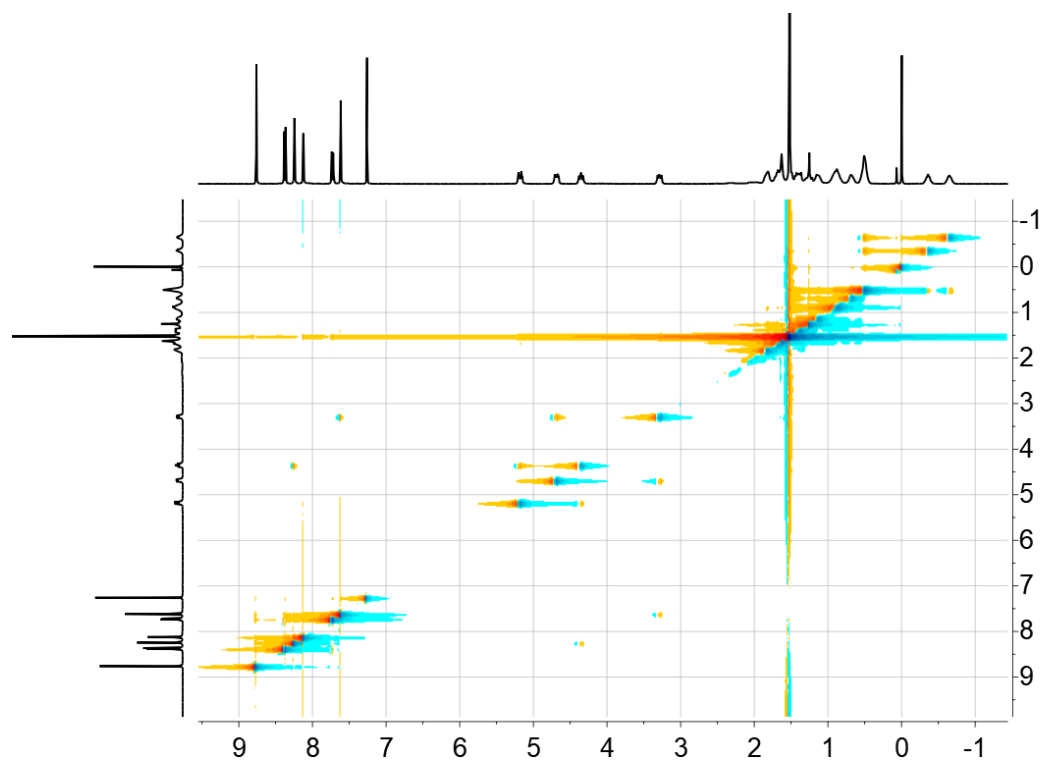


Fig. S134. NOESY spectrum for the **curved isomer** of (*P*)-**T2-^tBu** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

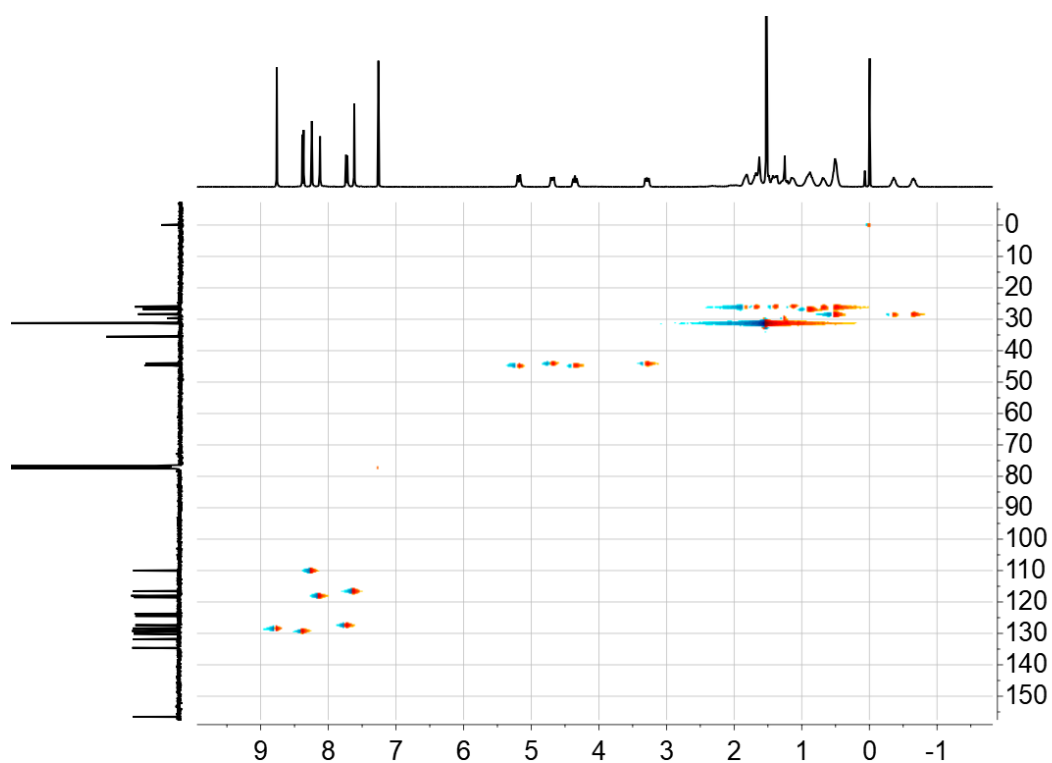


Fig. S135. HSQC spectrum for **curved isomer of (*P*)-T2-¹Bu** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

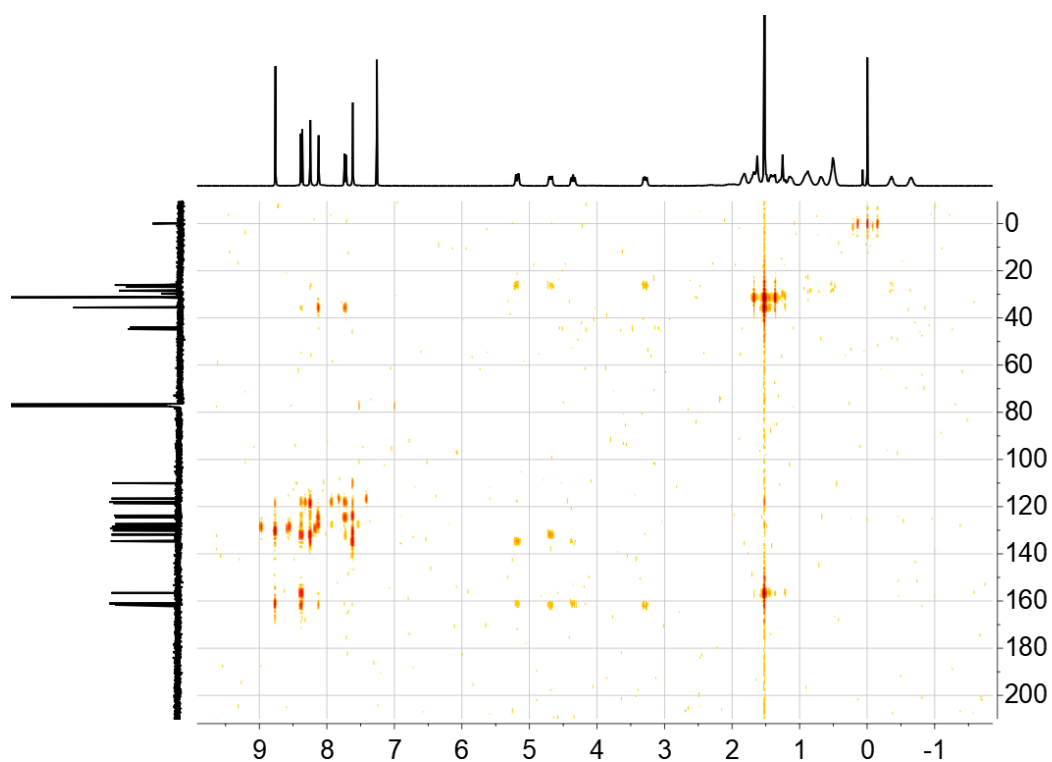


Fig. S136. HMBC spectrum for **curved isomer of (*P*)-T2-¹Bu** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

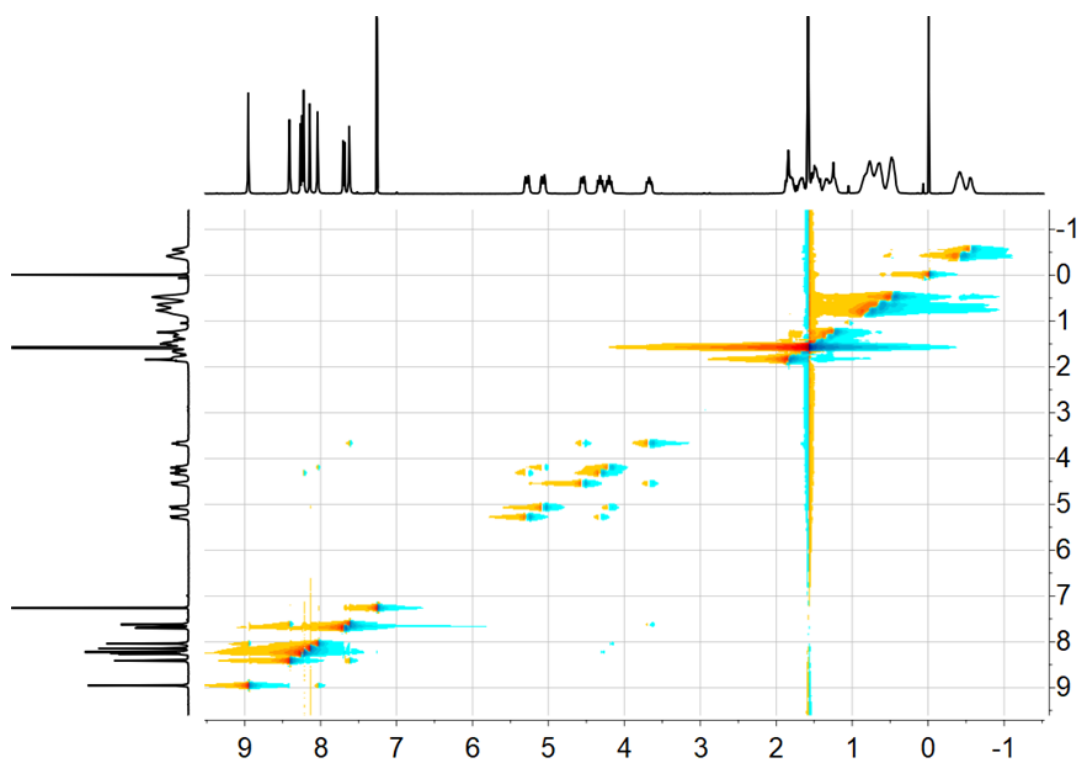


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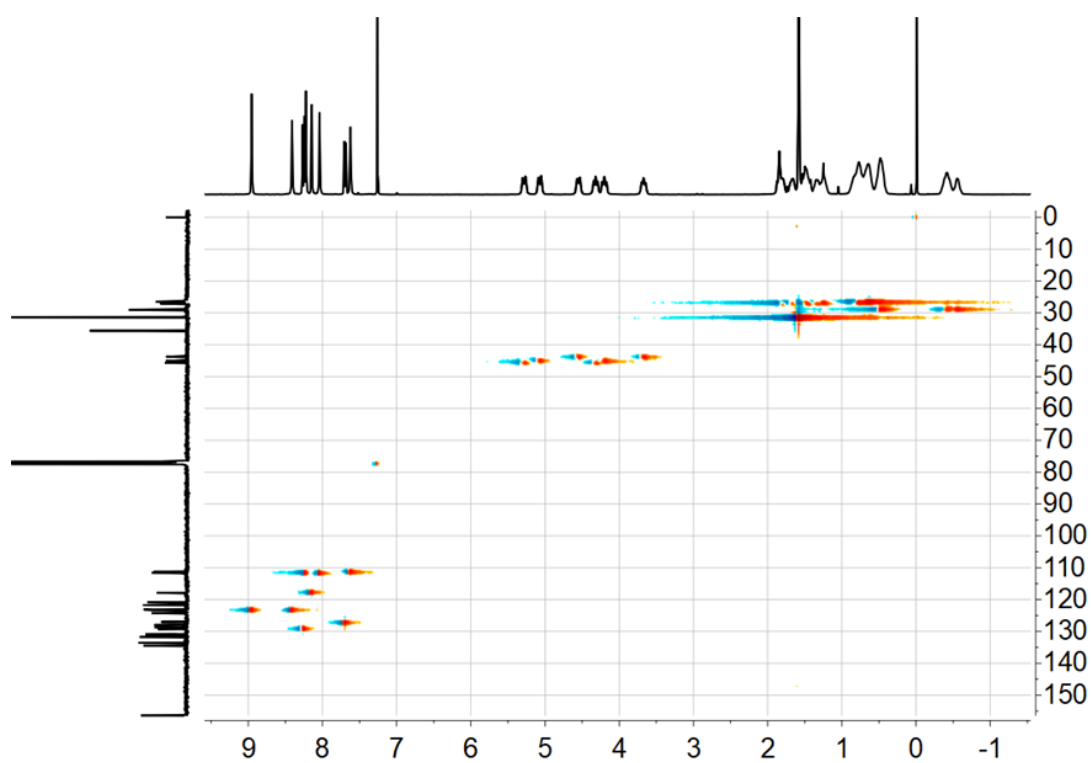


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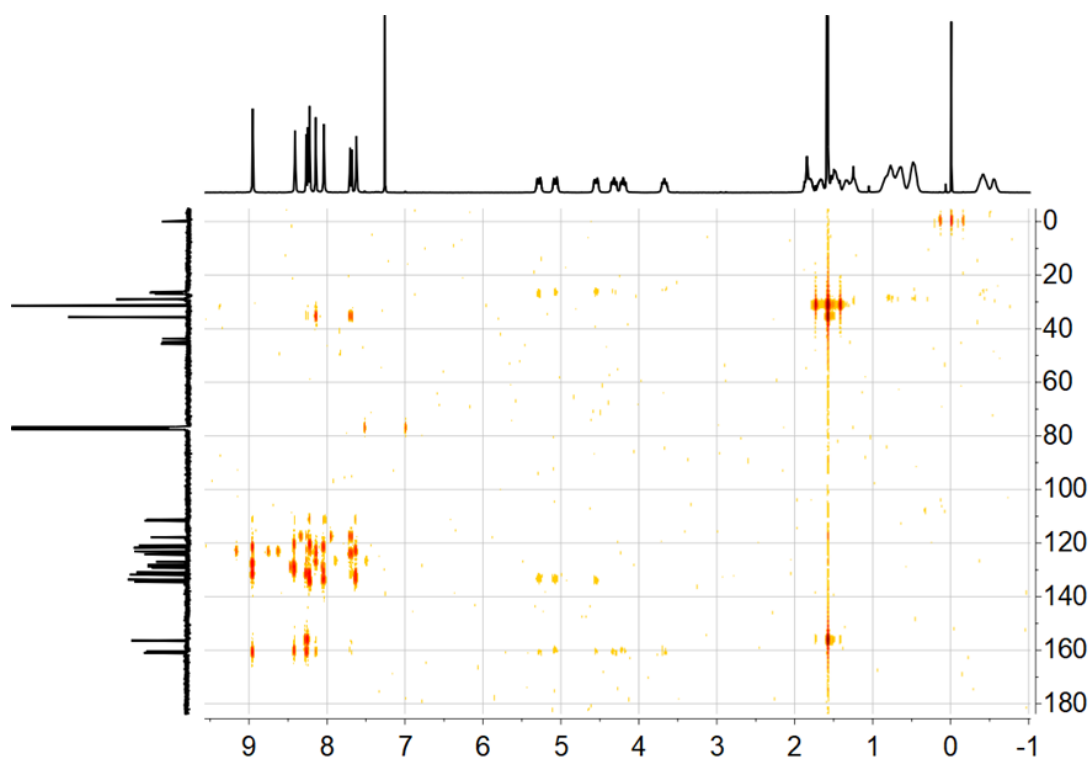


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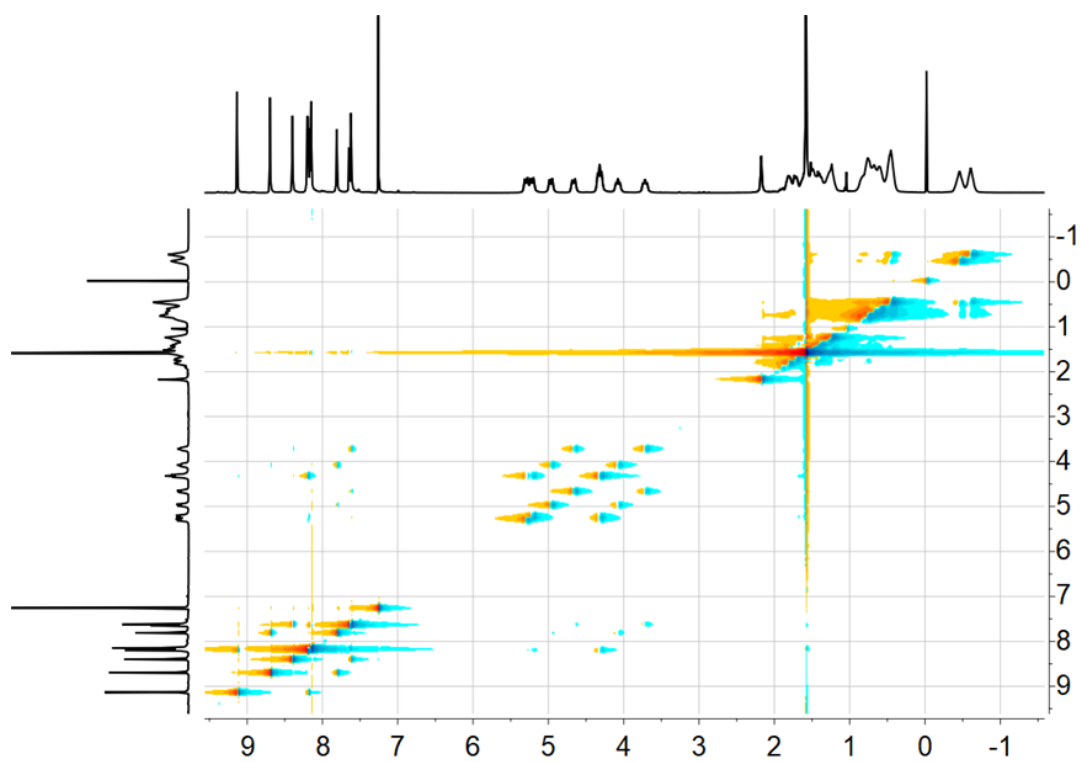


Fig. S140. NOESY spectrum for *(P)*-T4-⁴Bu (CDCl₃, 298 K)

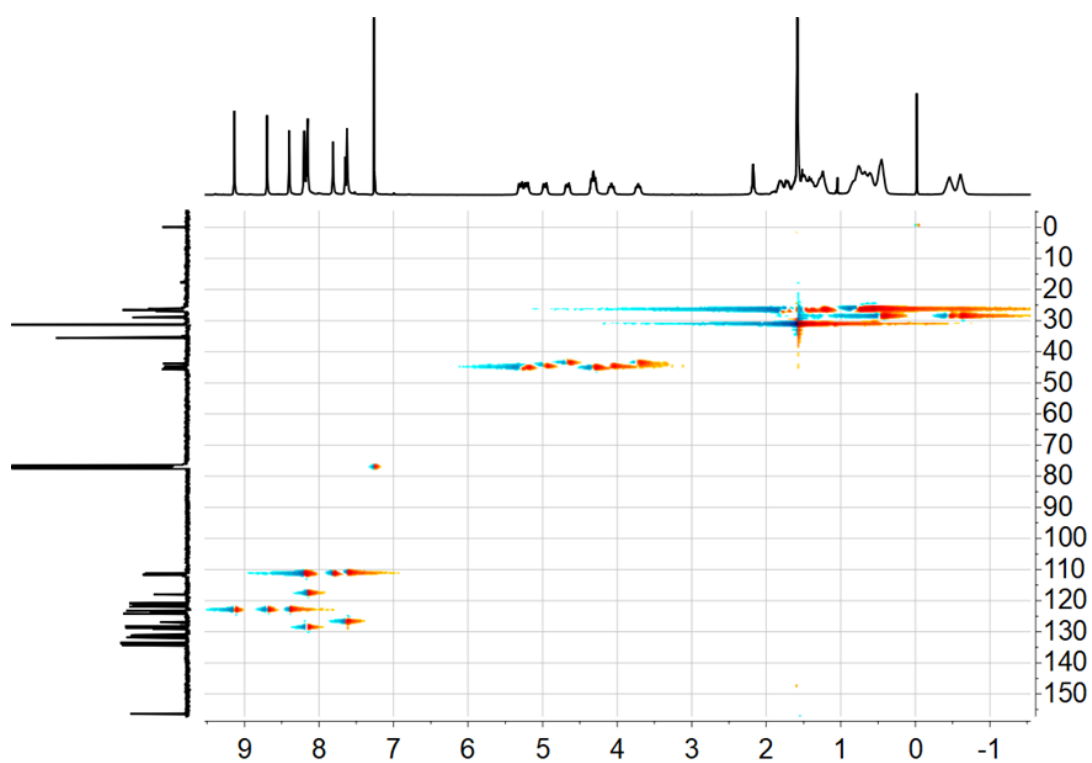


Fig. S141. HSQC spectrum for (*P*)-T4-'Bu (CDCl₃, 298 K)

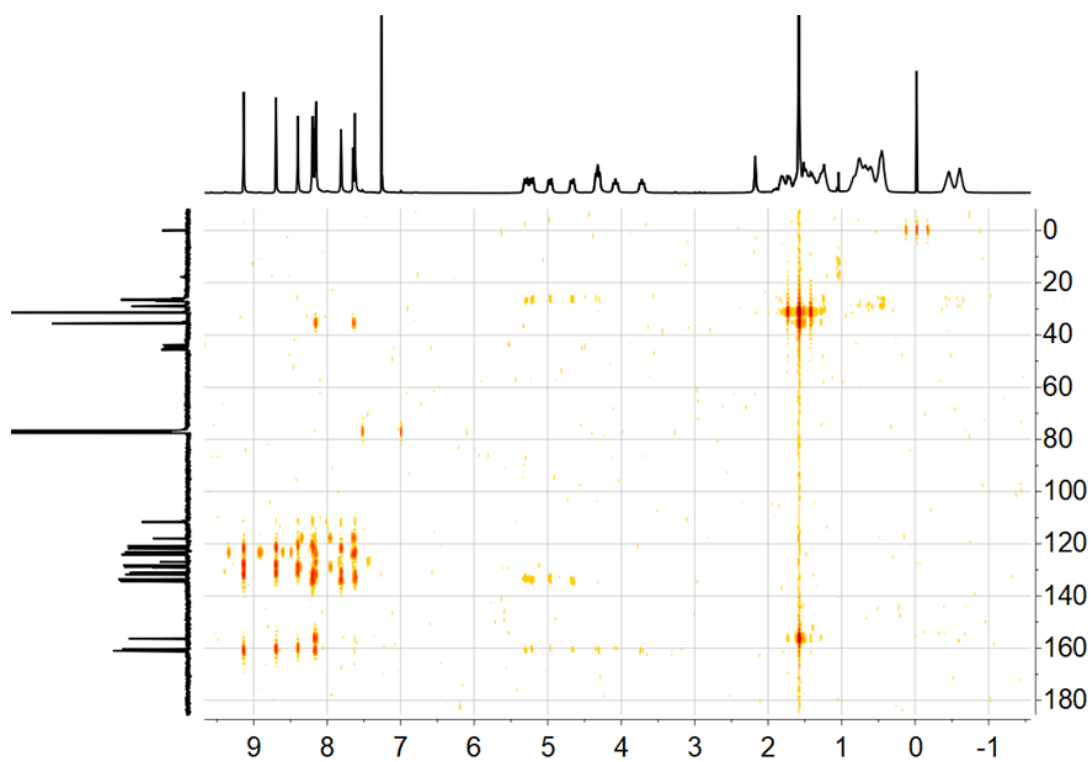


Fig. S142. HMBC spectrum for (*P*)-T4-'Bu (CDCl₃, 298 K)

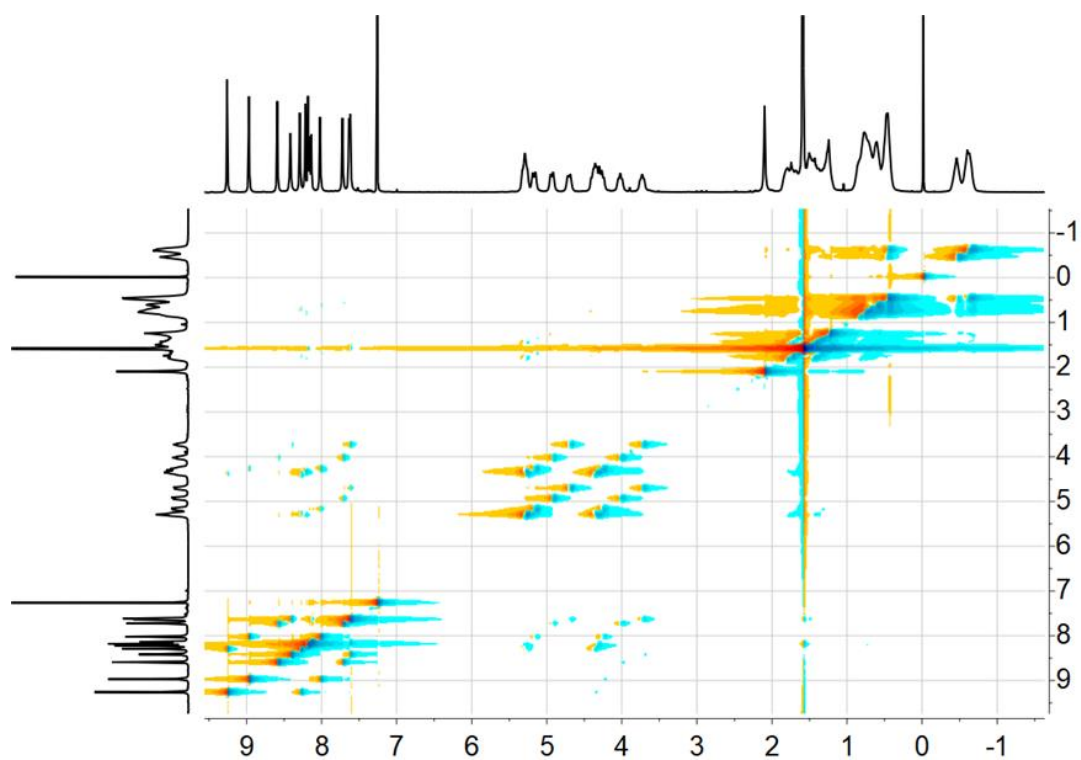


Fig. S143. NOESY spectrum for (*P*)-**T5-tBu** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

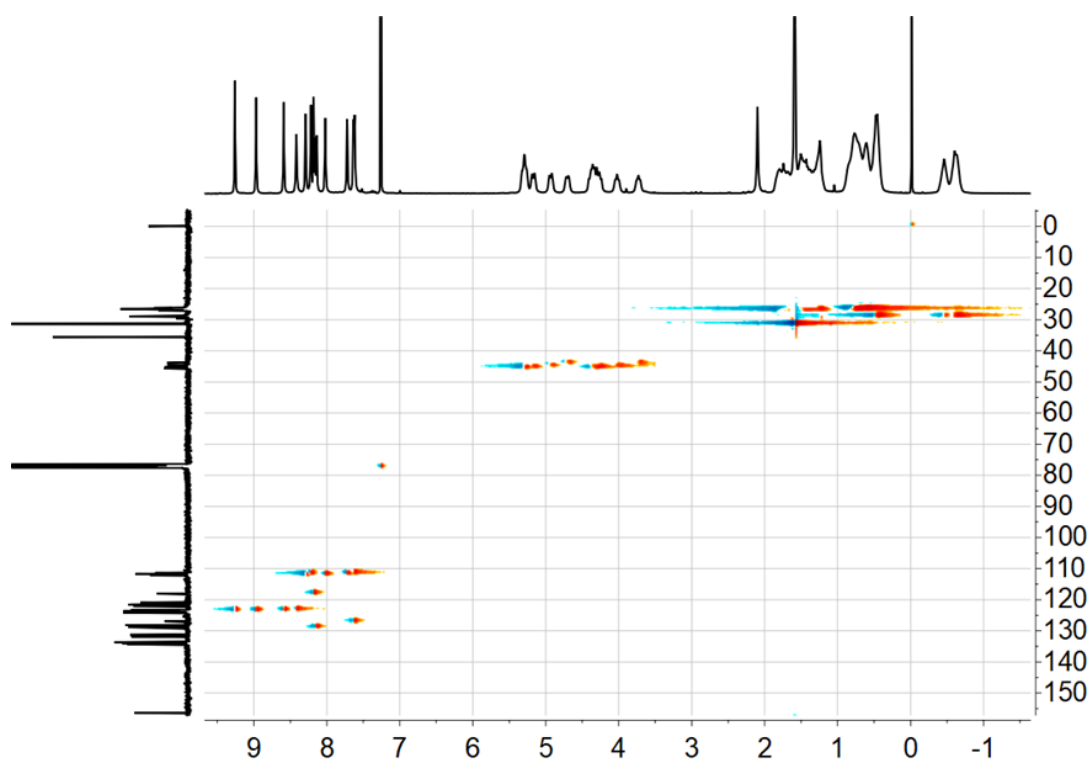


Fig. S144. HSQC spectrum for (*P*)-**T5-tBu** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

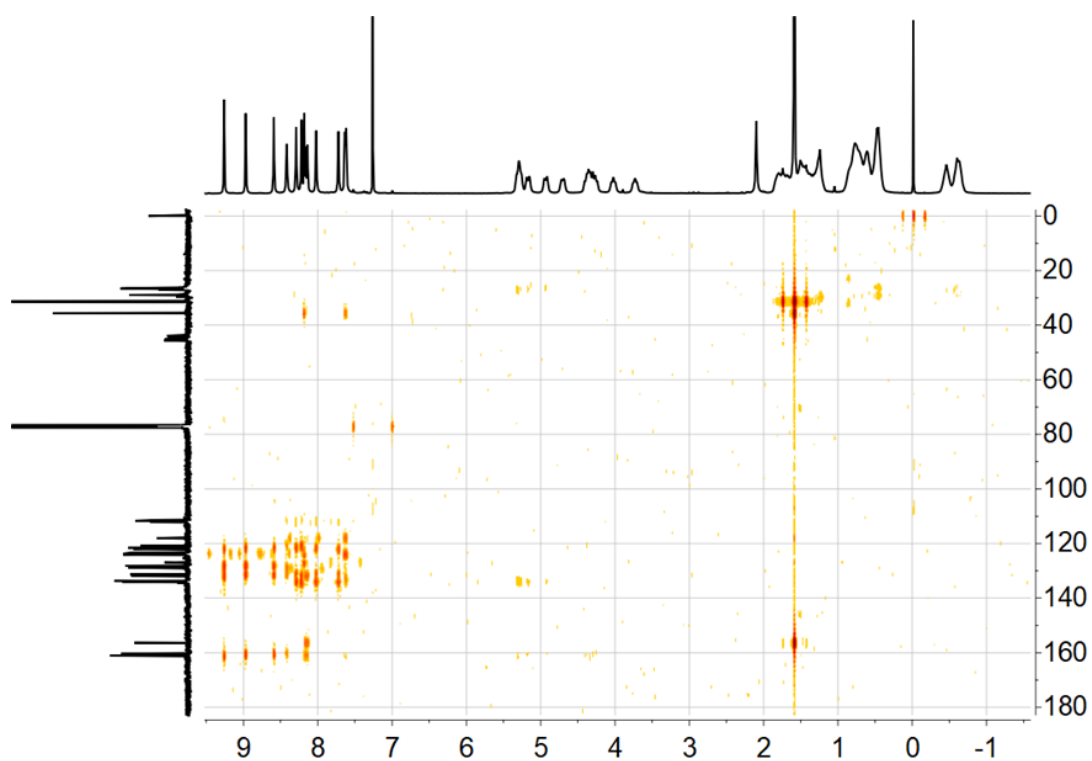


Fig. S145. HMBC spectrum for (*P*)-**T5-tBu** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

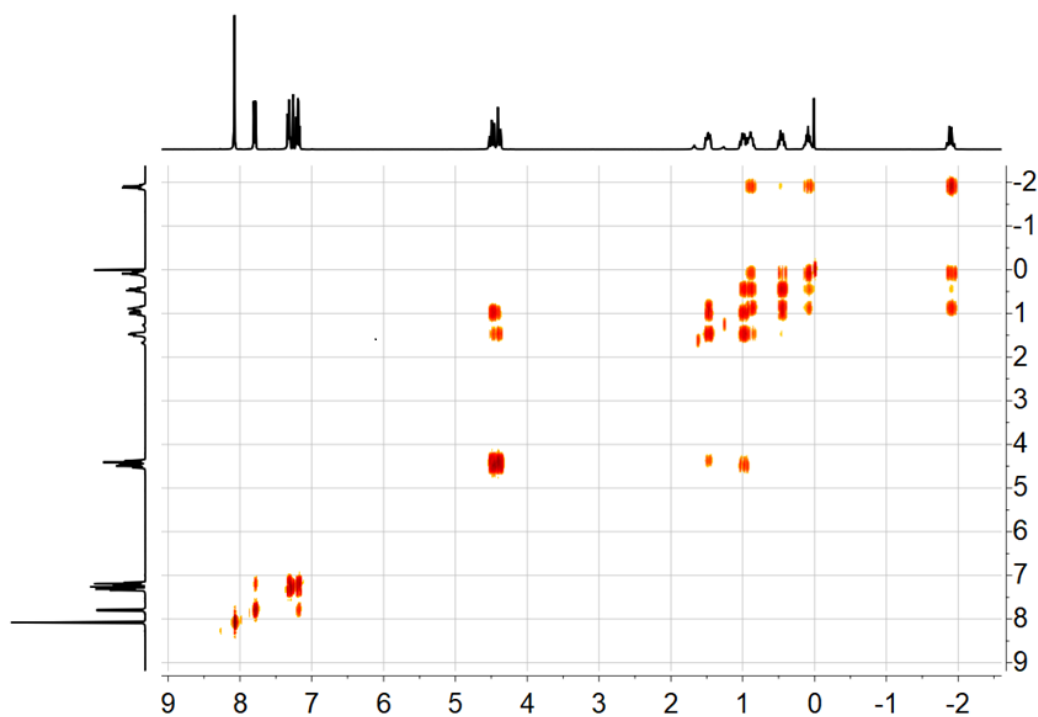


Fig. S146. COSY spectrum for (*P*)-**T1-convex** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

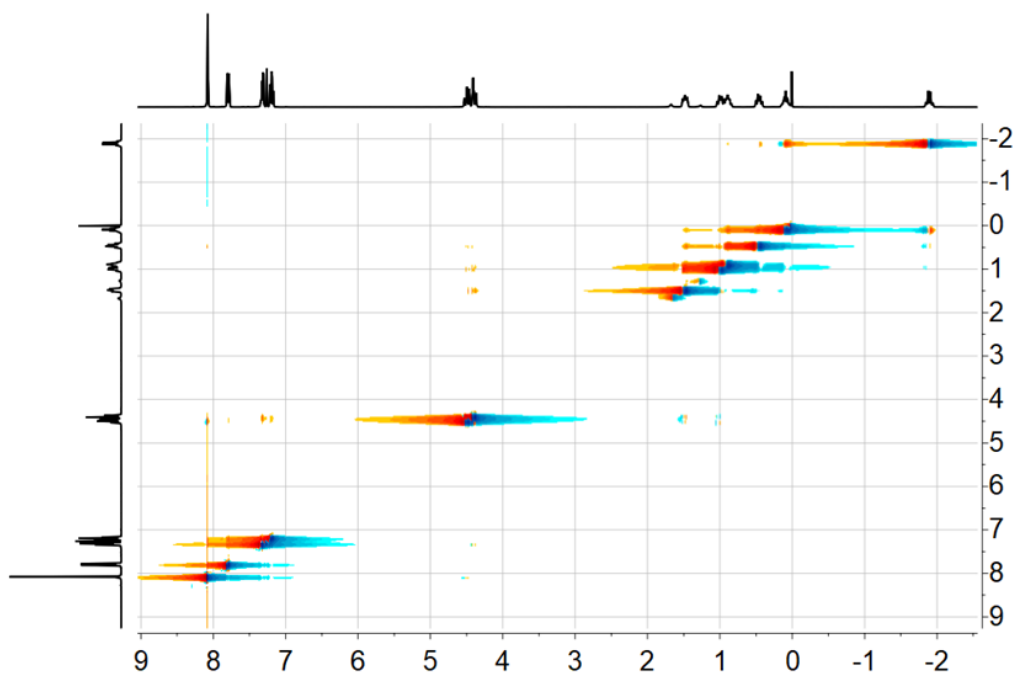


Fig. S147. NOESY spectrum for (*P*)-**T1-convex** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

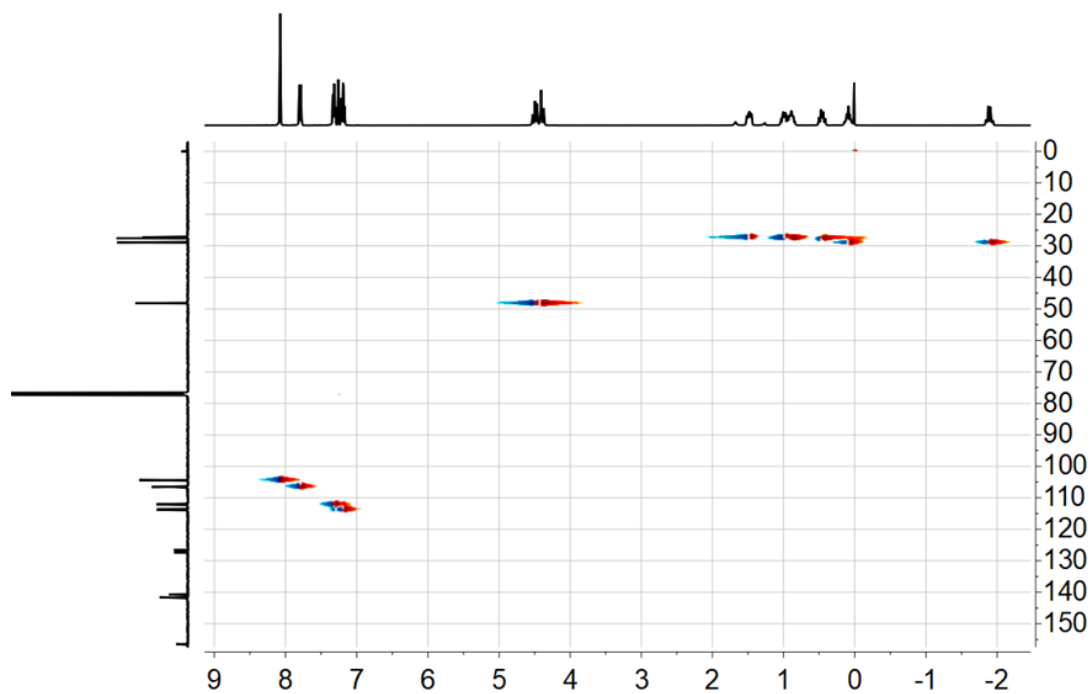


Fig. S148. HSQC spectrum for (*P*)-**T1-convex** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

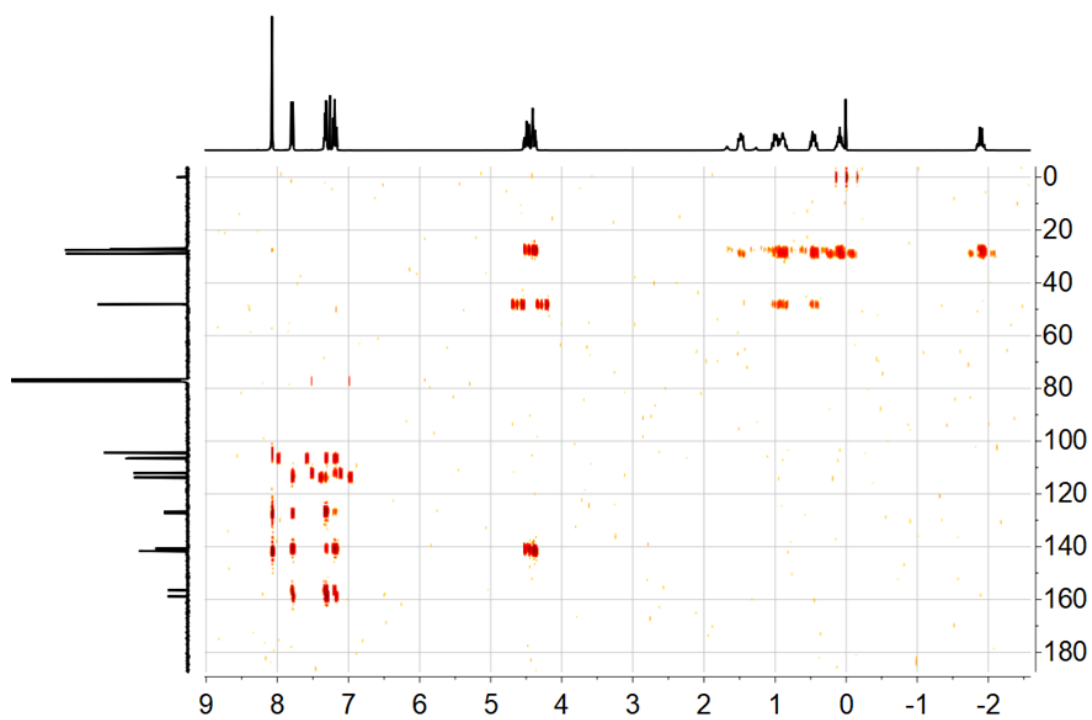


Fig. S149. HMBC spectrum for (*P*)-**T1-convex** (CDCl₃, 298 K)

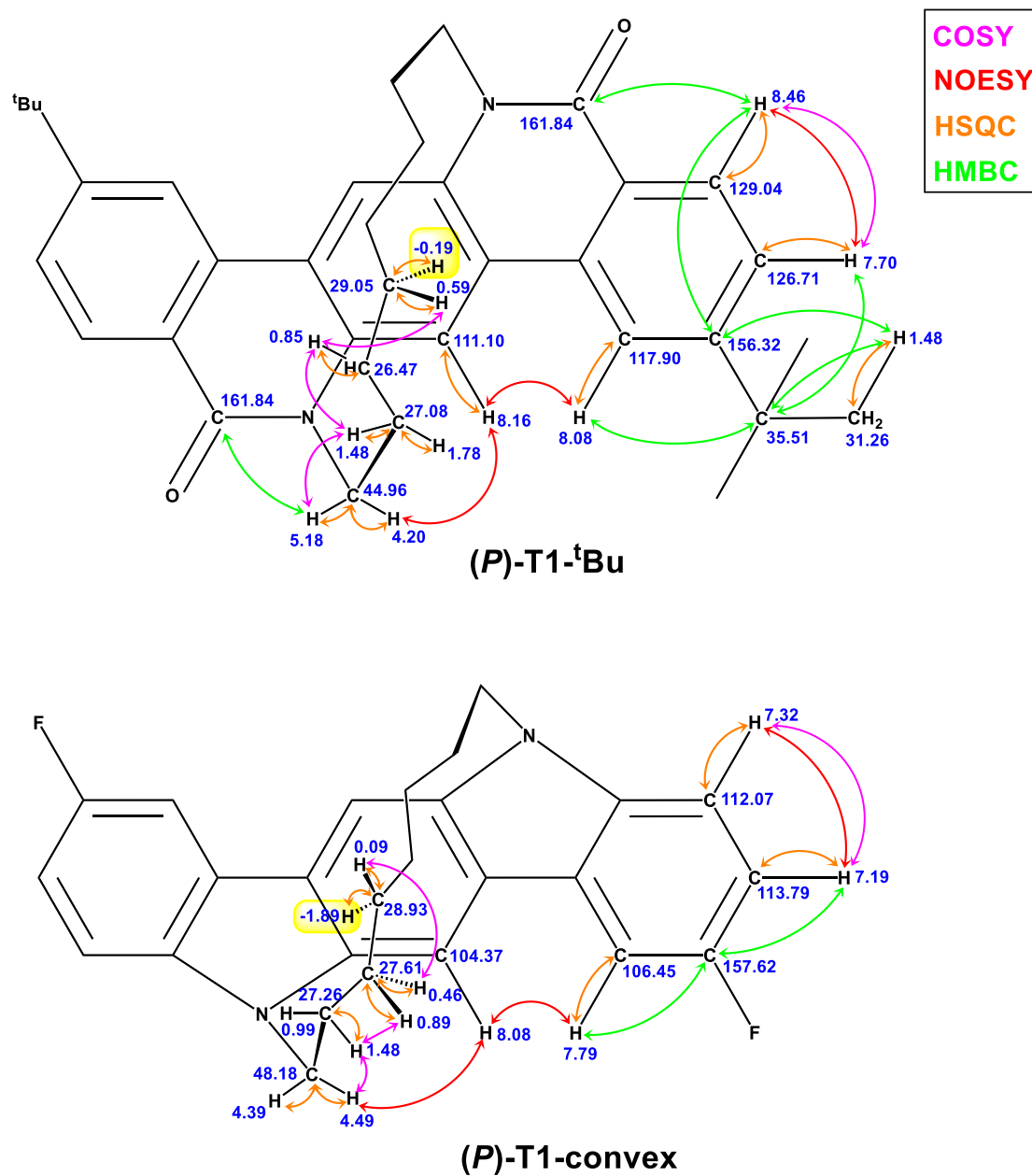


Fig. S150. A summary of the key correlations and assigned chemical shifts for (P)-T1-^tBu and (P)-T1-convex

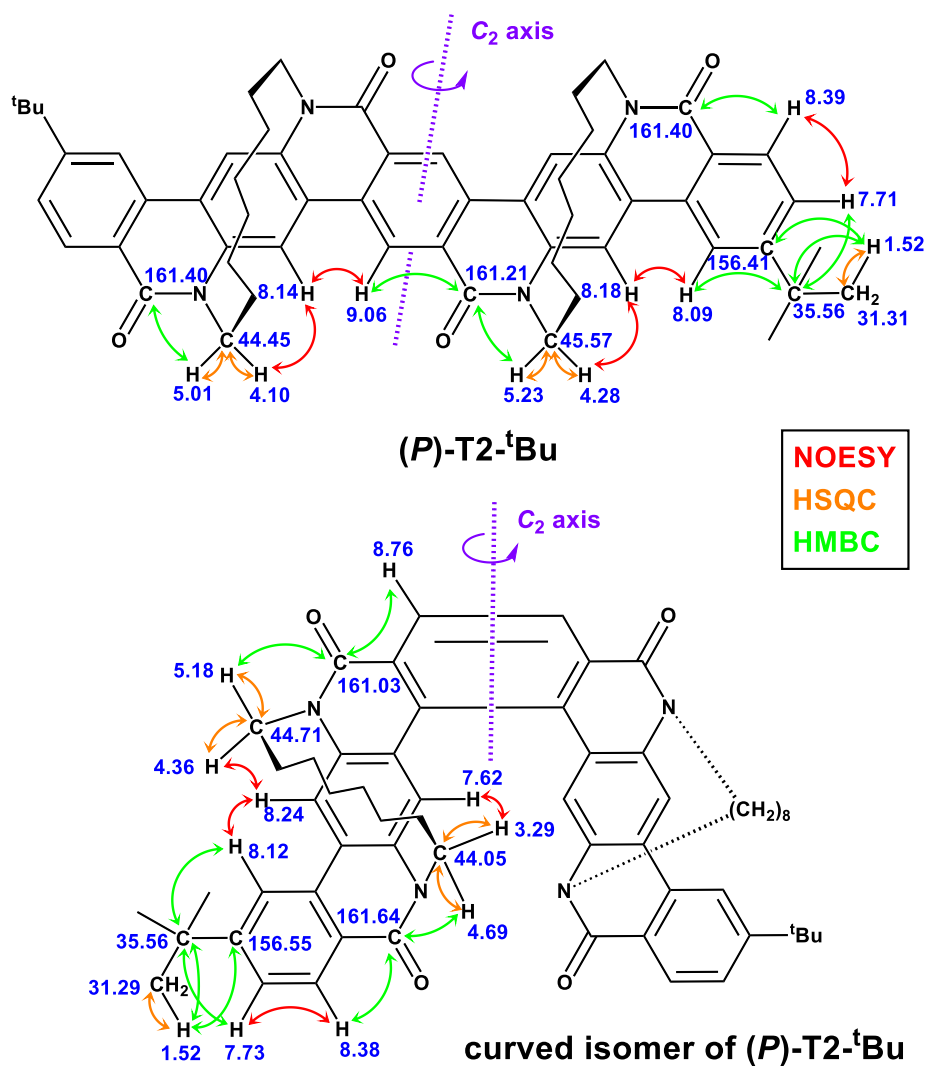
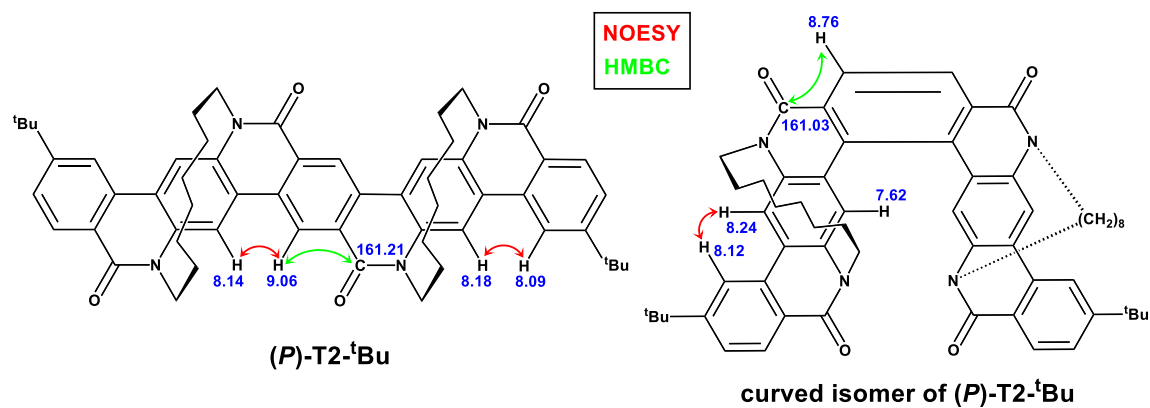


Fig. S151. A summary of the key correlations and assigned chemical shifts for **(P)-T2-^tBu** and the **curved isomer of (P)-T2-^tBu**

The major difference between **(P)-T2-^tBu** and the curved isomer is that there are two sets of NOESY correlation ($8.14 \leftrightarrow 9.06$, $8.18 \leftrightarrow 8.09$) found for the aromatic protons at the bay region of **(P)-T2-^tBu**, while there is only one set of NOESY correlation ($8.12 \leftrightarrow 8.24$) found for the curved isomer. There is no correlation between the aromatic protons at 8.76 ppm and 7.62 ppm for the curved isomer, because these protons are spatially far away from each other. See below:



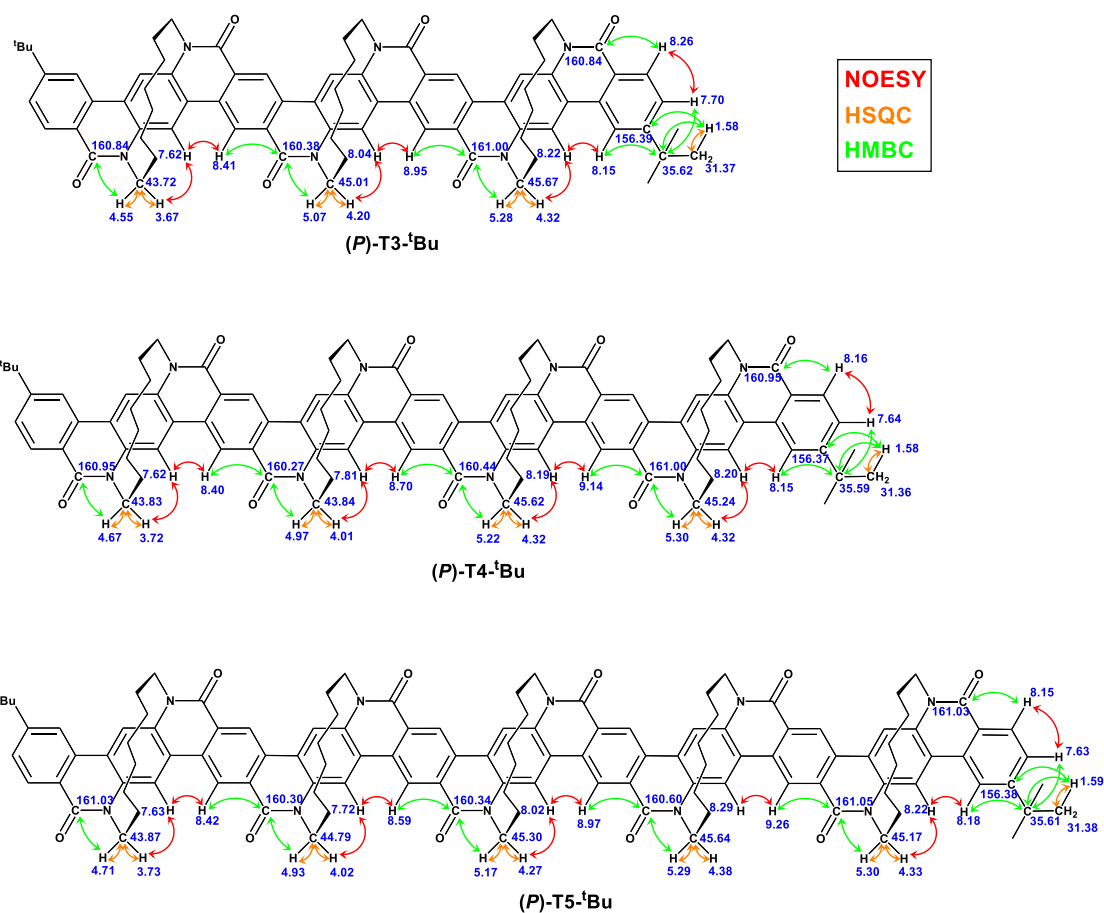


Fig. S152. A summary of the key correlations and assigned chemical shifts for (P)-T3-tBu, (P)-T4-tBu and (P)-T5-tBu

6. DFT-predicted chemical shifts and NICS values for (*P*)-T1-^tBu and (*P*)-T1-convex

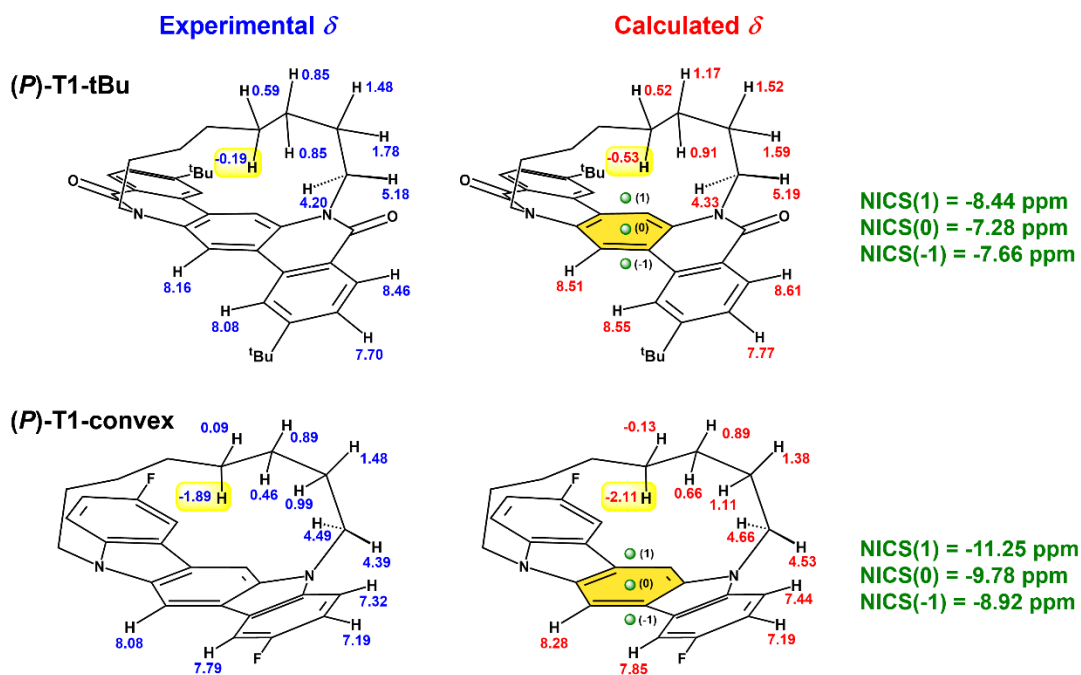


Fig. S153. DFT-predicted chemical shifts and NICS values for (*P*)-T1-^tBu and (*P*)-T1-convex. Note: the molecular structures of (*P*)-T1-^tBu and (*P*)-T1-convex were optimized at M06-2X(D3)/6-31G(d,p) level; NMR chemical shifts and NICS values were calculated at revTPSS/def2TZVPP level, with chloroform as the solvent and TMS as the reference.

7. HRMS spectra

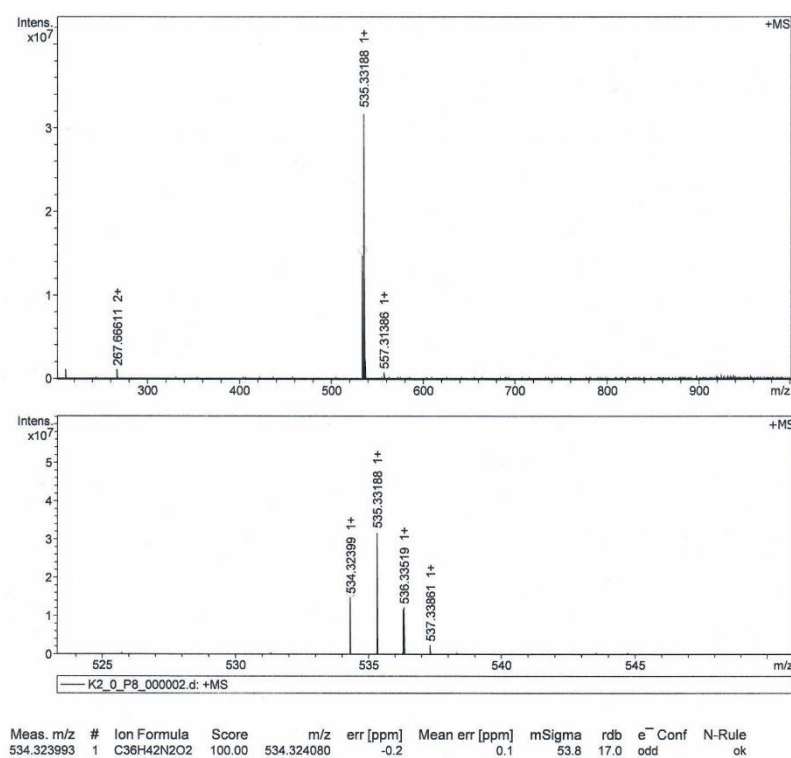


Fig. S154. MALDI-TOF HRMS spectrum for (*P*)-T1-'Bu

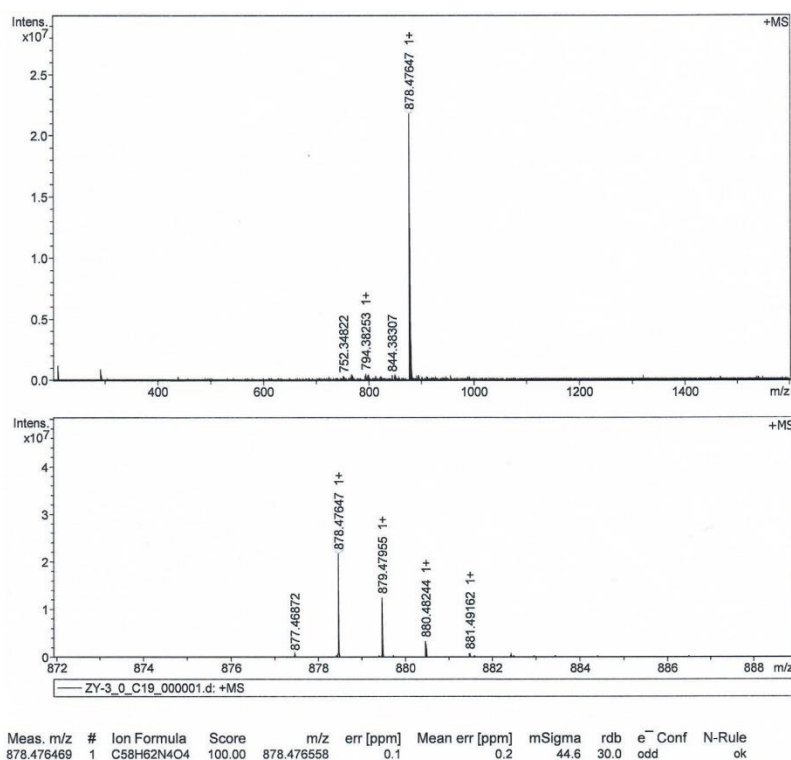


Fig. S155. MALDI-TOF HRMS spectrum for (*P*)-T2-'Bu

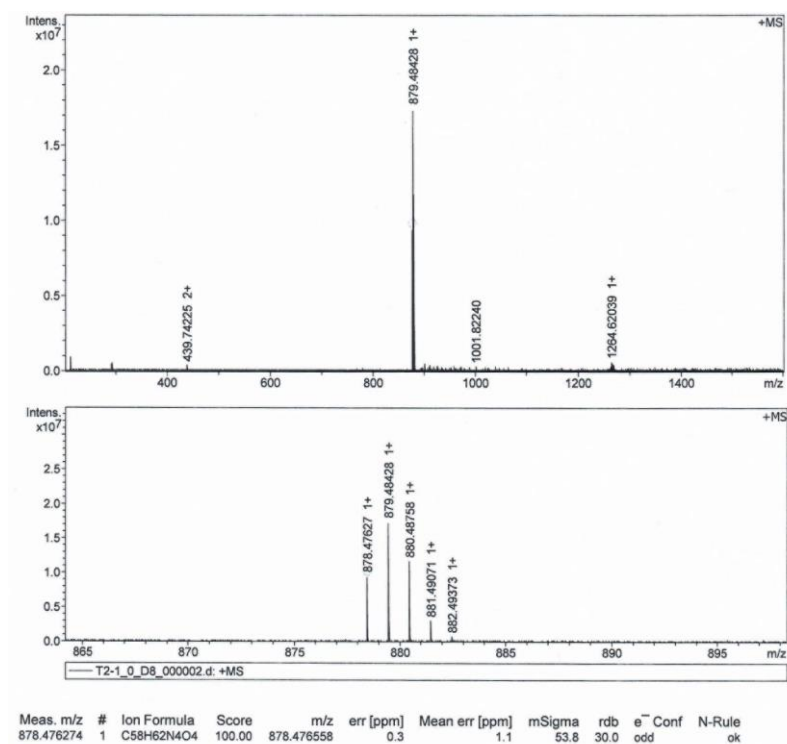


Fig. S156. MALDI-TOF HRMS spectrum for the **curved isomer of (P)-T2-⁴Bu**

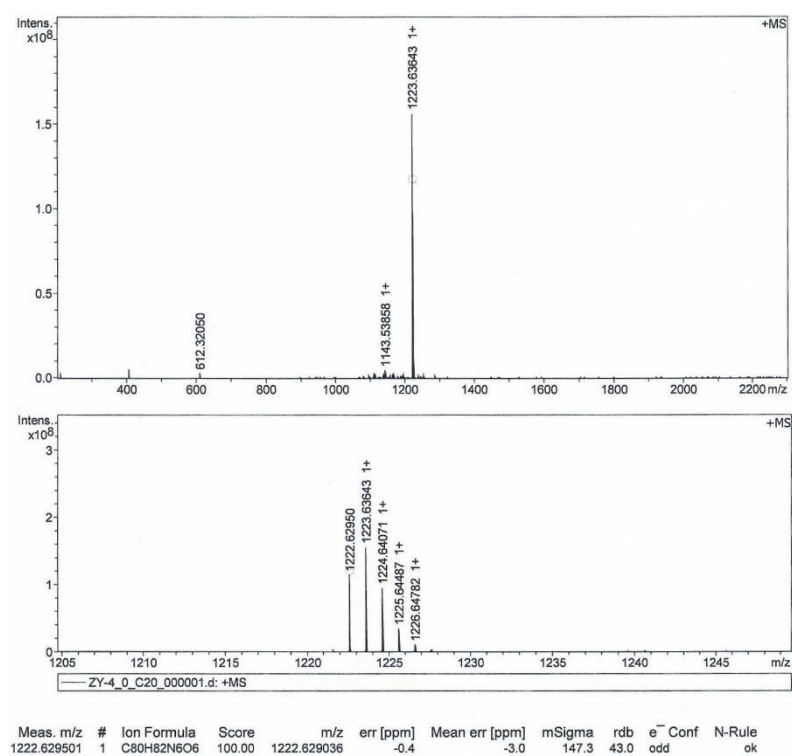


Fig. S157. MALDI-TOF HRMS spectrum for **(P)-T3-⁴Bu**

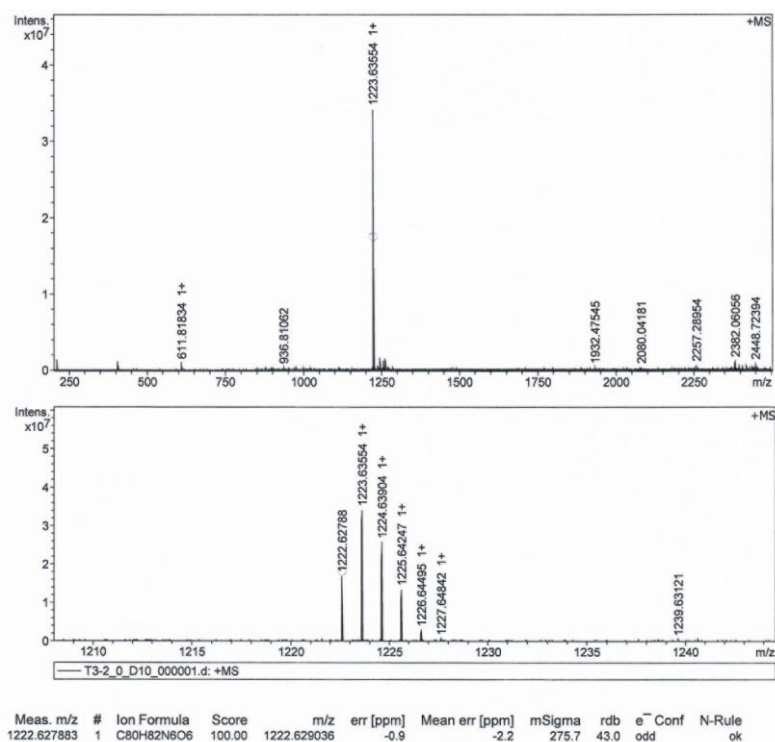


Fig. S158. MALDI-TOF HRMS spectrum for curved-1 isomer of (*P*)-T3-⁴Bu

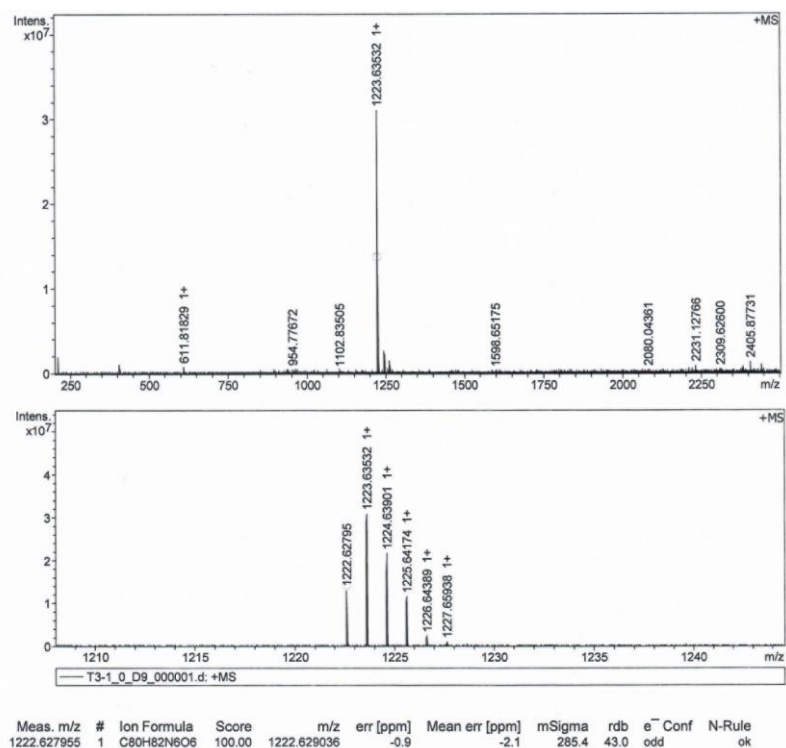


Fig. S159. MALDI-TOF HRMS spectrum for curved-2 isomer of (*P*)-T3-⁴Bu

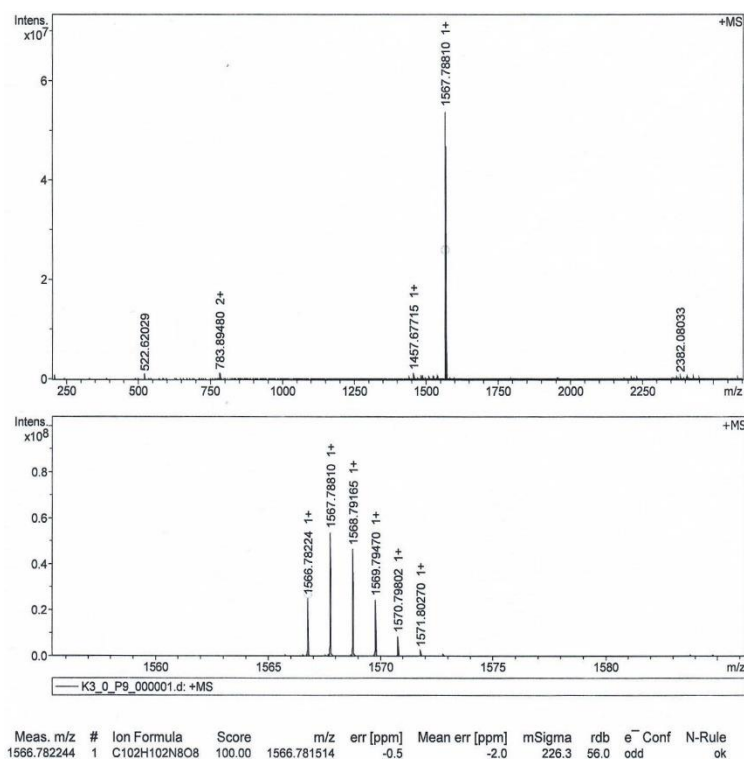


Fig. S160. MALDI-TOF HRMS spectrum for (*P*)-T4-Bu

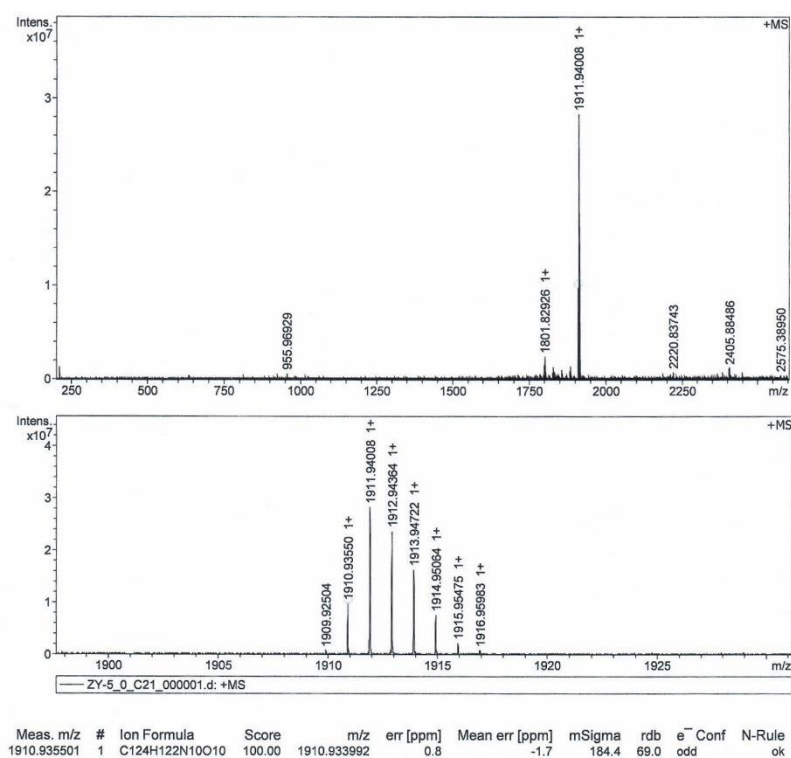


Fig. S161. MALDI-TOF HRMS spectrum for (*P*)-T5-Bu

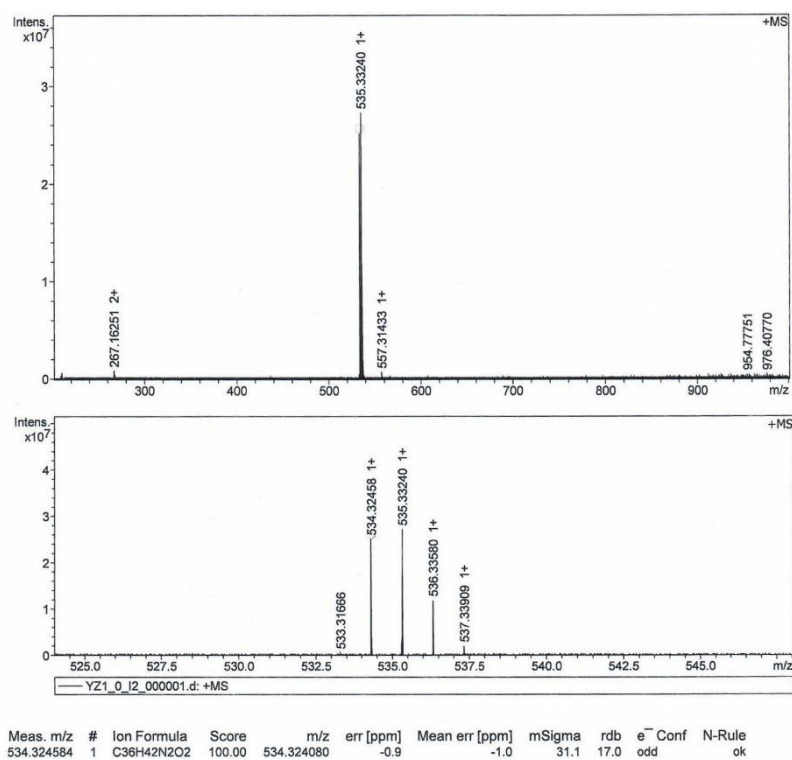


Fig. S162. MALDI-TOF HRMS spectrum for (*M*)-T1-^tBu

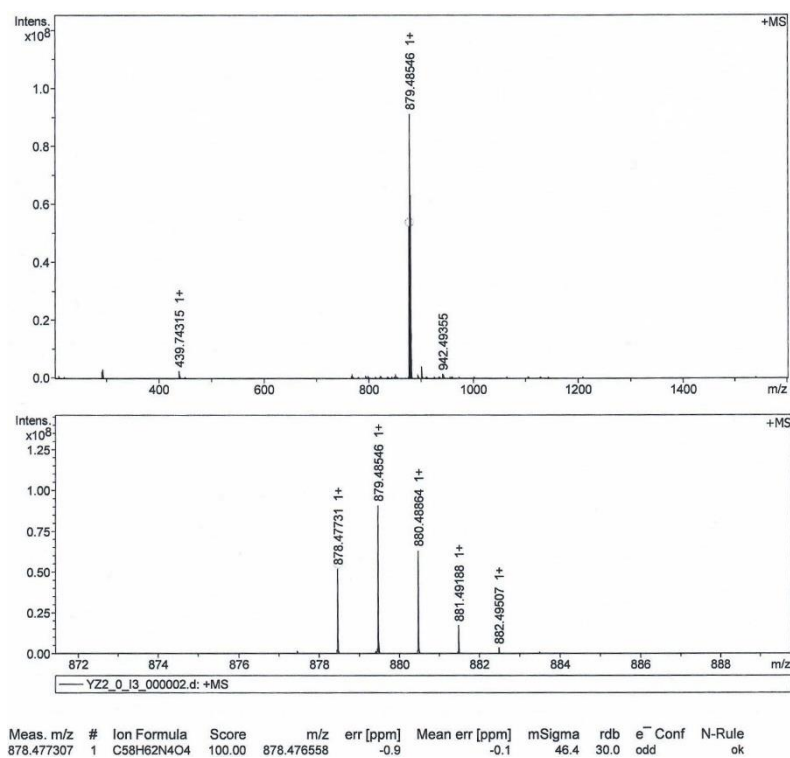


Fig. S163. MALDI-TOF HRMS spectrum for (*M*)-T2-^tBu

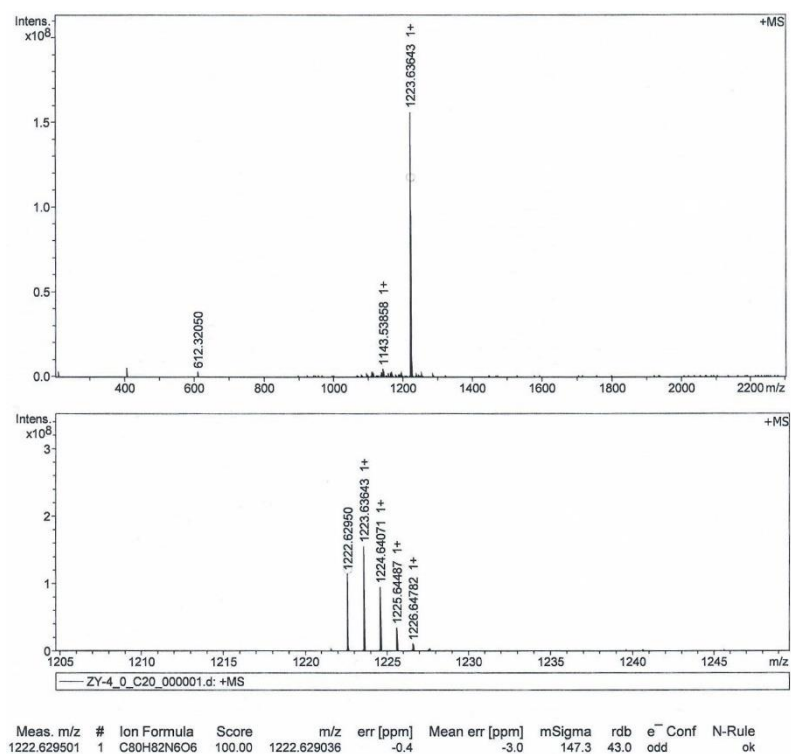


Fig. S164. MALDI-TOF HRMS spectrum for (*M*)-T3-^tBu

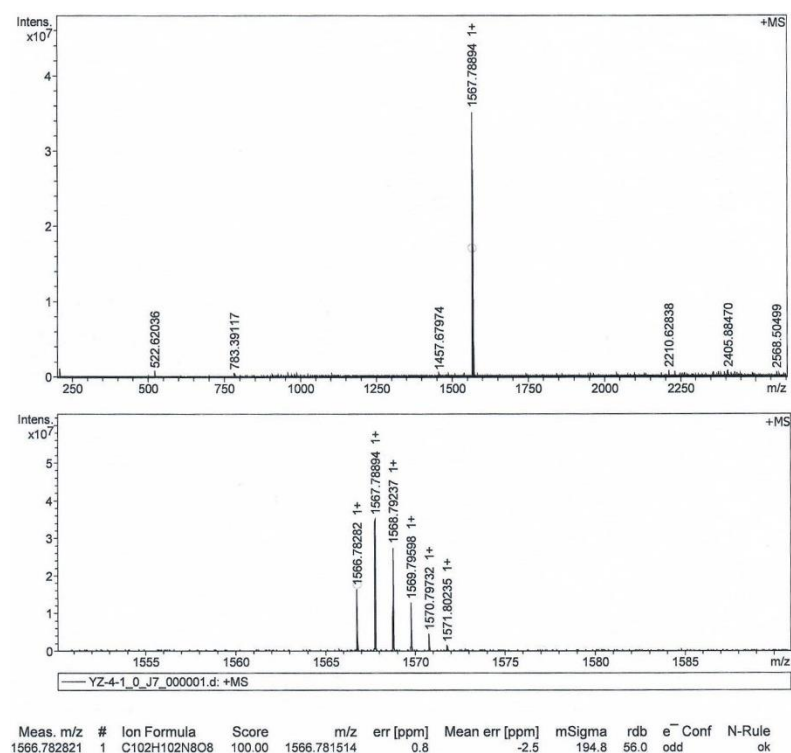


Fig. S165. MALDI-TOF HRMS spectrum for (*M*)-T4-^tBu

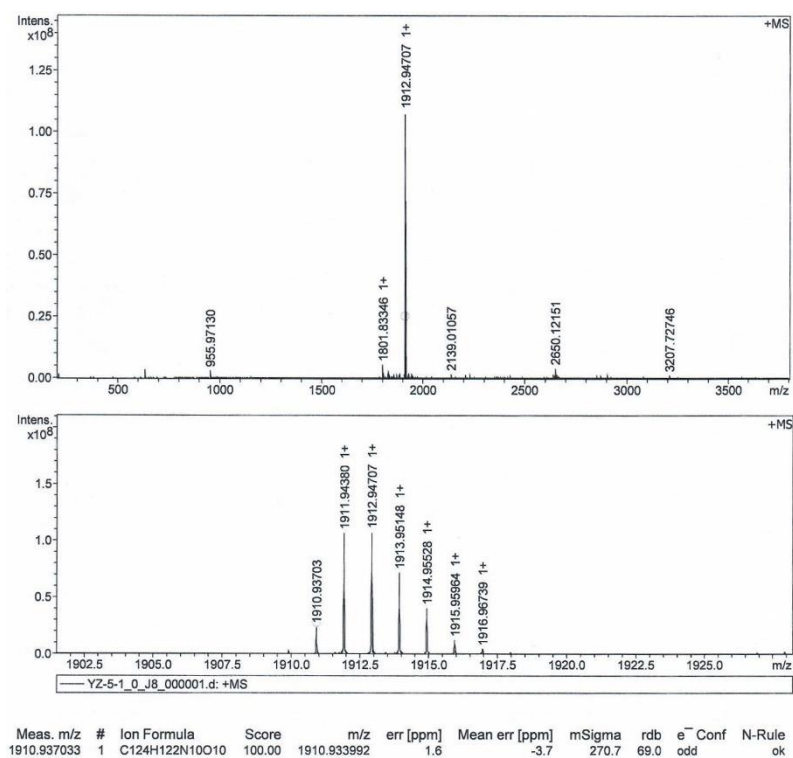


Fig. S166. MALDI-TOF HRMS spectrum for (*M*)-T5-⁴Bu

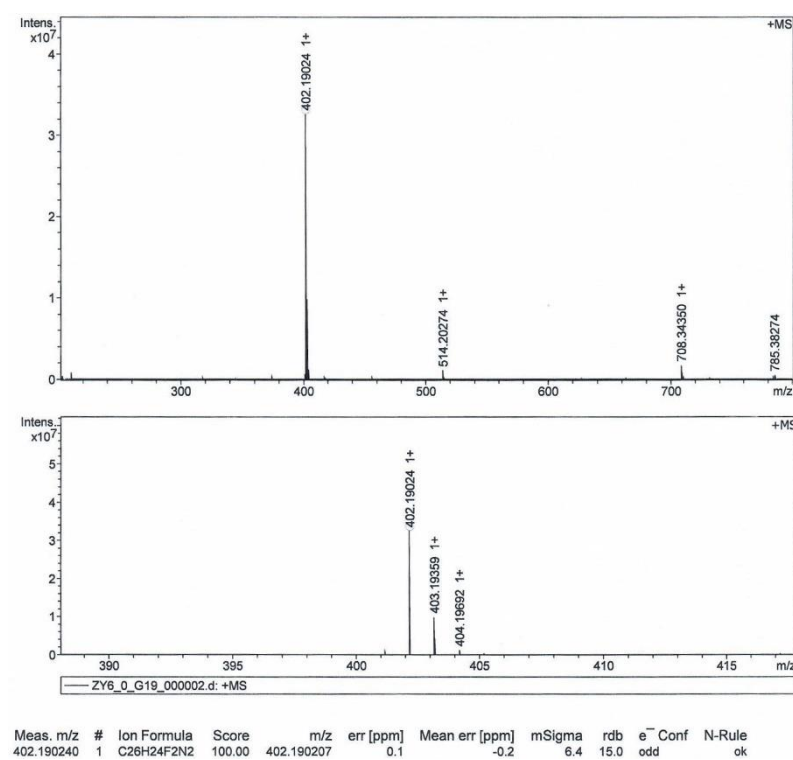


Fig. S167. MALDI-TOF HRMS spectrum for (*P*)-T1-convex

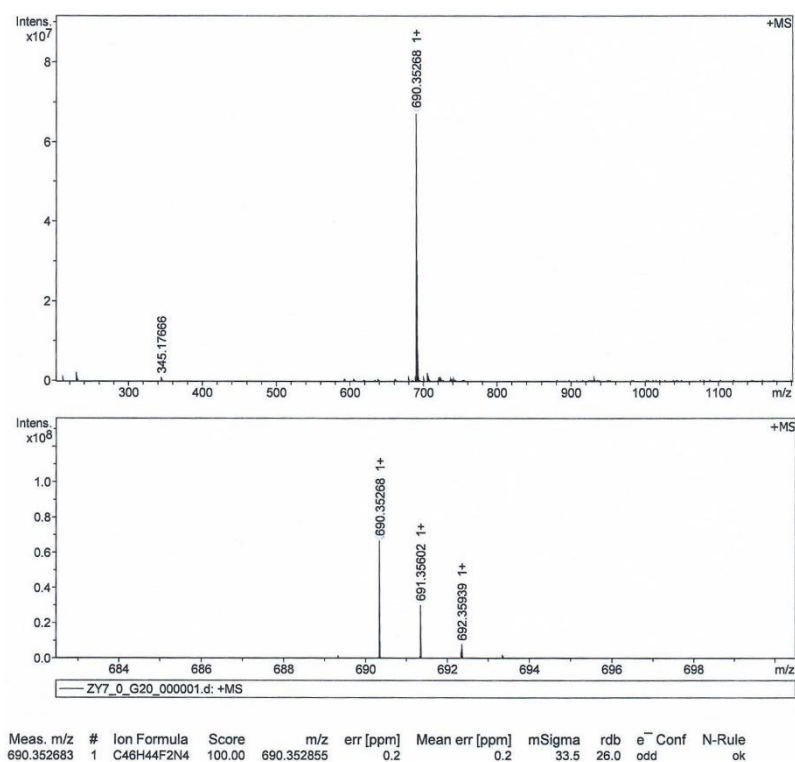


Fig. S168. MALDI-TOF HRMS spectrum for *(P)*-T2-convex

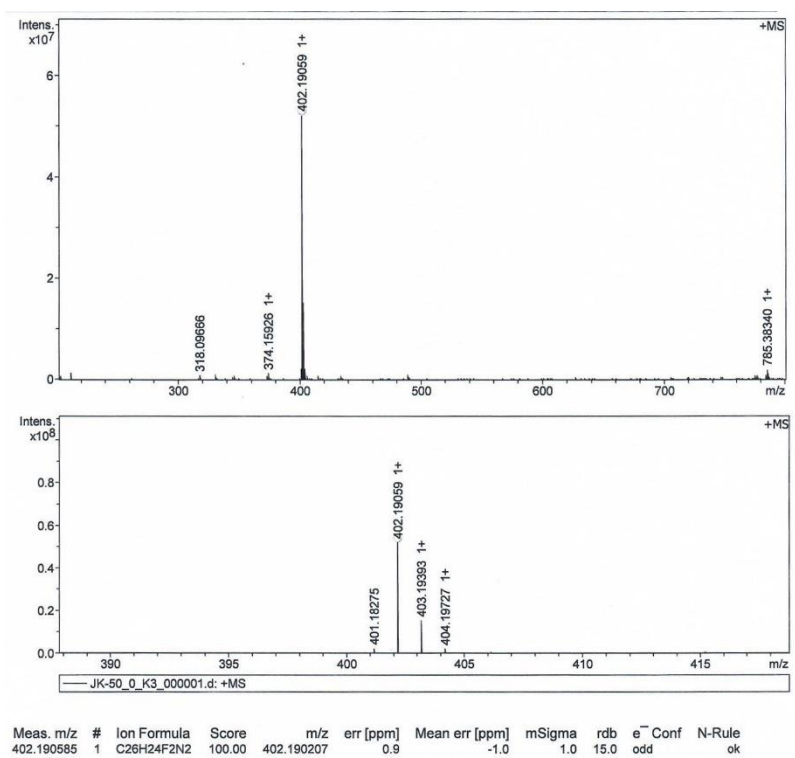


Fig. S169. MALDI-TOF HRMS spectrum for *(M)*-T1-convex

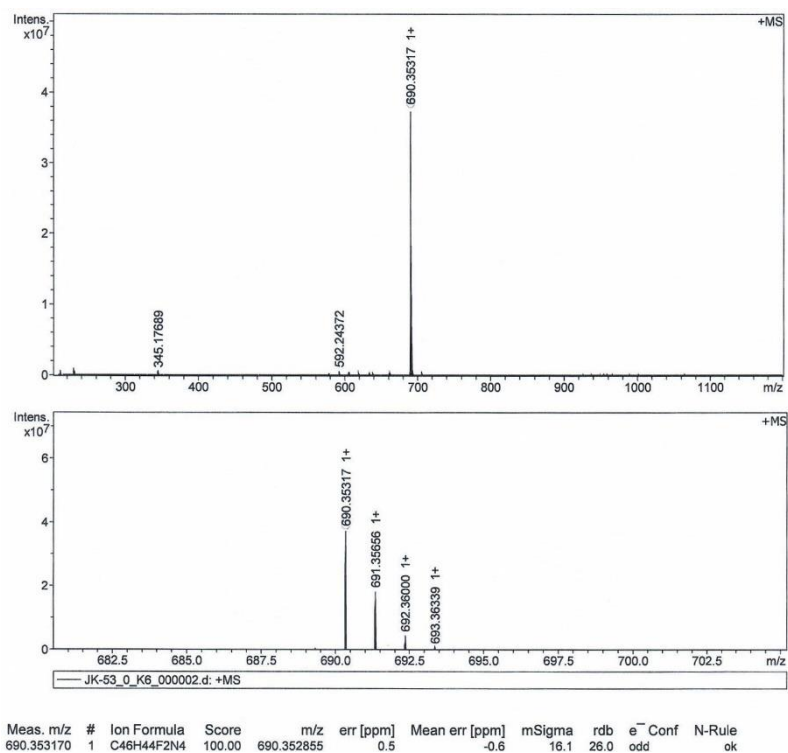
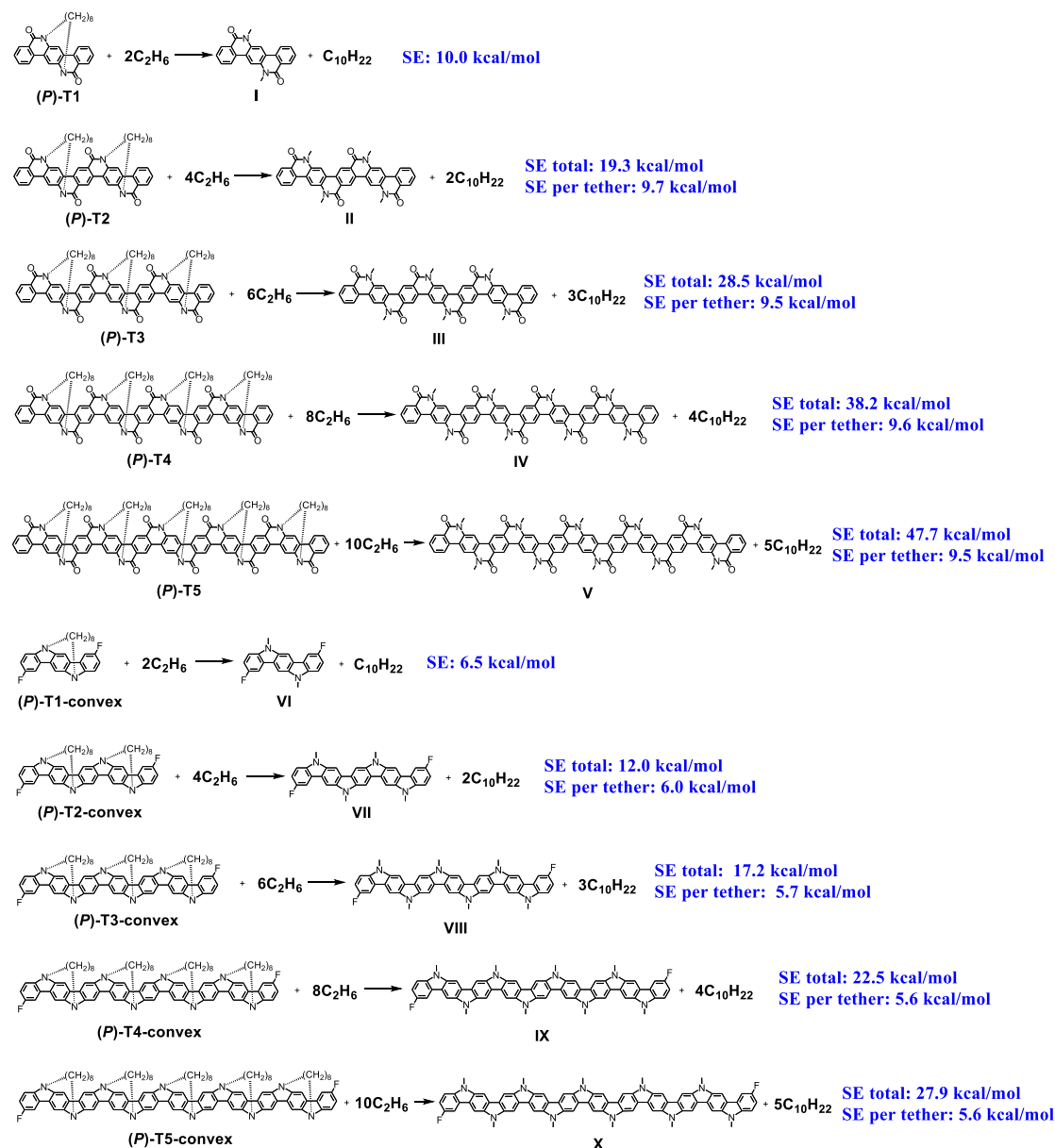


Fig. S170. MALDI-TOF HRMS spectrum for (*M*)-T2-convex

8. Quantification of the chiral strain caused by tethering by using the homodesmotic reaction method



Scheme S4. The homodesmotic reactions and calculated strain energies for **(P)-T1**, **(P)-T2**, **(P)-T3**, **(P)-T4**, **(P)-T5**, **(P)-T1-convex**, and **(P)-T2-convex**.

Table S1 Uncorrected and thermal-corrected (298 K) energies (Hartree)

| Compound | E | E+ZPE | H |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| (P)-T1 | -1342.159307 | -1341.670739 | -1341.645510 |
| (P)-T2 | -2452.176415 | -2451.300860 | -2451.255144 |
| (P)-T3 | -3562.193395 | -3560.931337 | -3560.864970 |

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| (P)-T4 | -4672.209764 | -4670.560803 | -4670.473925 |
| (P)-T5 | -5782.226206 | -5780.190856 | -5780.083384 |
| (P)-T1-convex | -1313.945823 | -1313.496139 | -1313.472212 |
| (P)-T2-convex | -2197.339490 | -2196.525607 | -2196.484332 |
| (P)-T3-convex | -3080.733162 | -3079.555304 | -3079.496598 |
| (P)-T4-convex | -3964.126767 | -3962.585133 | -3962.508932 |
| (P)-T5-convex | -4847.520356 | -4845.614330 | -4845.520839 |
| C ₂ H ₆ | -79.778395 | -79.702821 | -79.698404 |
| C ₁₀ H ₂₂ | -394.138742 | -393.833001 | -393.818283 |
| I | -1107.595494 | -1107.260518 | -1107.240049 |
| II | -1983.046960 | -1982.479036 | -1982.442905 |
| III | -2858.498604 | -2857.697667 | -2857.645892 |
| IV | -3733.950247 | -3732.916346 | -3732.848918 |
| V | -4609.401873 | -4608.135042 | -4608.051948 |
| VI | -1079.375902 | -1079.080923 | -1079.061117 |
| VII | -1728.197792 | -1727.693585 | -1727.660445 |
| VIII | -2377.019578 | -2376.306137 | -2376.259657 |
| IX | -3025.841331 | -3024.918653 | -3024.858832 |
| X | -3674.663073 | -3673.531169 | -3673.457999 |

E: electronic energy; ZPE: zero-point energy; H (E + ZPE + E_{vib} + E_{rot} + E_{trans} + RT): sum of electronic and thermal enthalpies. All calculations were done at the M06-2X(D3)/6-31G(d,p) level.

9. IRI analysis for (*P*)-T2 dimer and (*P*)-T3 dimer

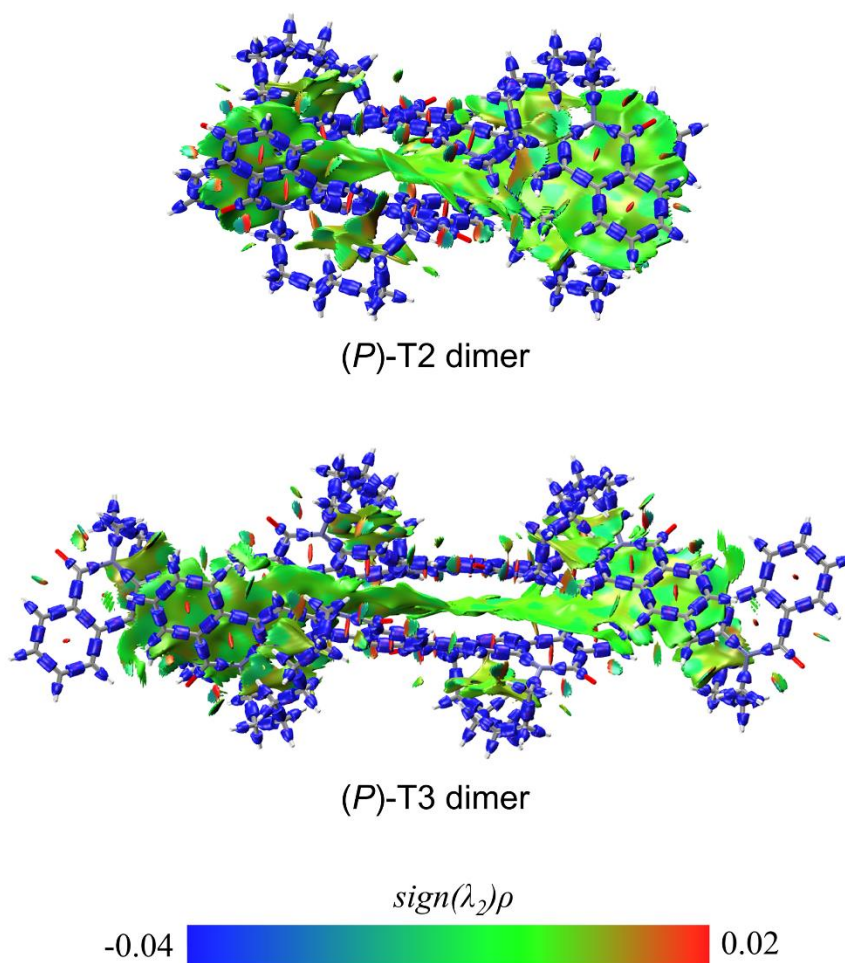


Fig. S171. The interaction region indicator (IRI) analysis for (*P*)-T2 dimer and (*P*)-T3 dimer. Note: the isosurfaces were drawn at a IRI value of 1.1; the IRI isosurfaces were colored by the $\text{sign}(\lambda_2)\rho$ index; the IRI isosurfaces in blue, green and red represent strong attraction (eg. chemical bond), van der Waals interaction (eg. π - π interaction) and strong repulsion (eg. steric repulsion) regions, respectively.

10. A comparison of interaction energies (ΔE_{int}), binding energies (ΔE_{b}) and deformation energies (ΔE_{d}) in the double-helix π -dimers ((*P*)-T2 dimer and (*P*)-T3 dimer) and conventional π -dimers (planar-T2 dimer and planar-T3 dimer)

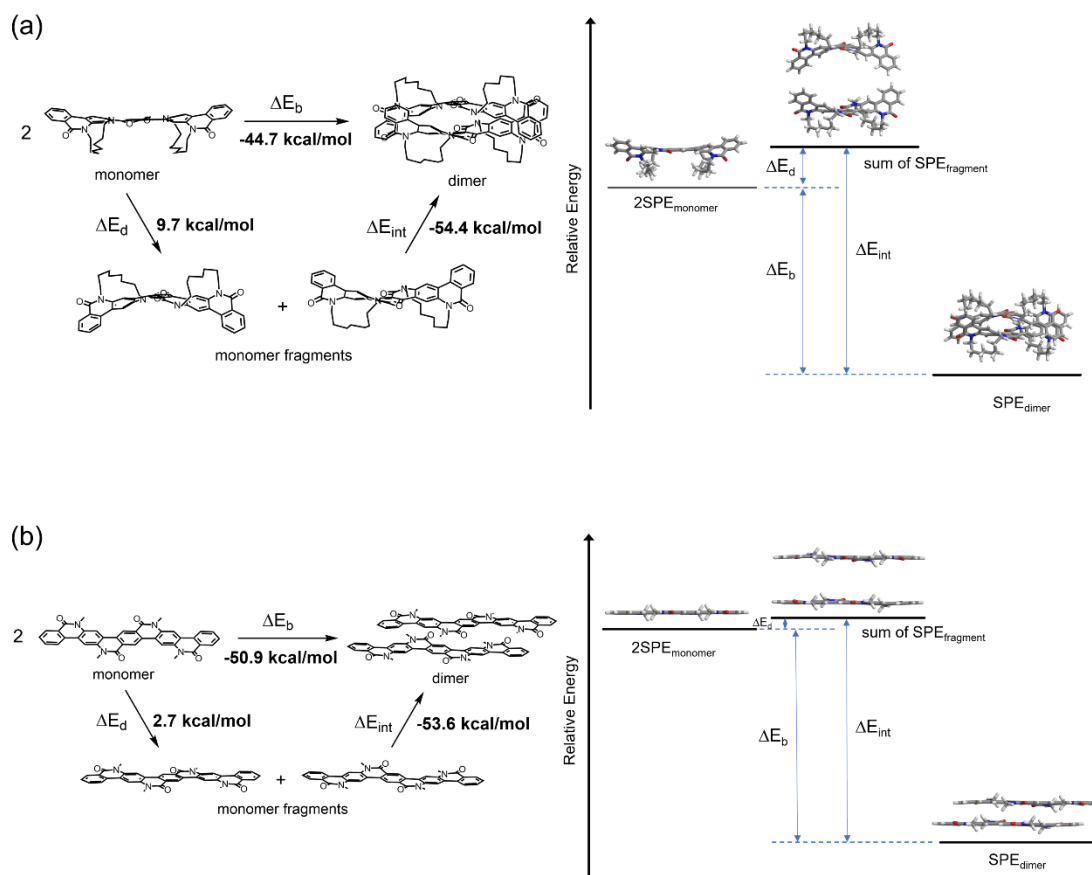


Fig. S172. A comparison of ΔE_{int} , ΔE_{b} and ΔE_{d} in (a) (*P*)-T2 dimer and (b) planar-T2 dimer. Note: the structural optimization for dimers and monomers was done at the M06-2X(D3)/6-31G(d,p) level, and the ΔE_{int} between two monomer fragments in dimer was calculated at the M06-2X(D3)/def2TZVP level with BSSE correction; single point energies (SPE) were calculated at the M06-2X(D3)/def2TZVP level; ΔE_{b} for dimers were calculated according to: $\Delta E_{\text{b}} = \text{SPE}_{\text{dimer}} - 2\text{SPE}_{\text{monomer}}$; ΔE_{d} were calculated according to: $\Delta E_{\text{d}} = \Delta E_{\text{b}} - \Delta E_{\text{int}}$.

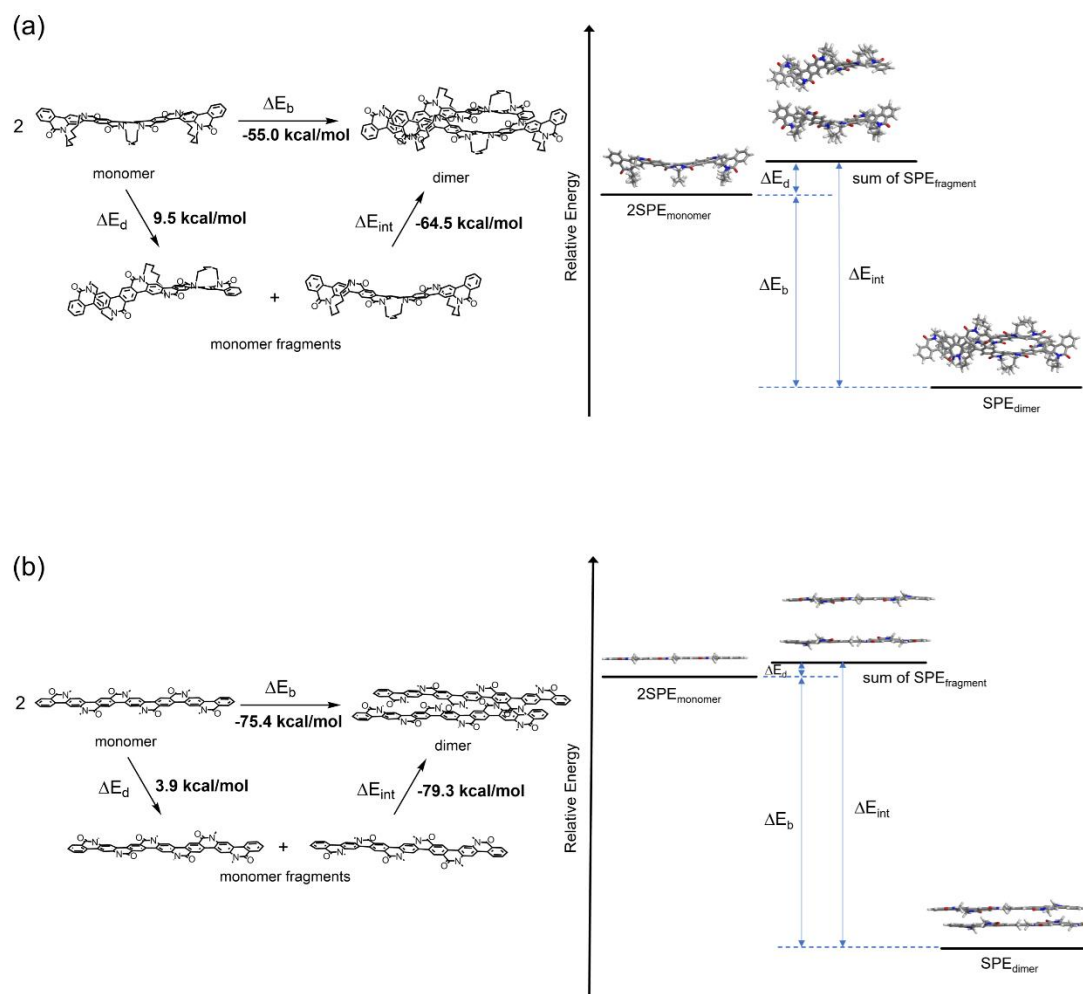


Fig. S173. A comparison of ΔE_{int} , ΔE_b and ΔE_d in (a) **(P)-T3 dimer** and (b) **planar-T3 dimer**. Note: the structural optimization for dimers and monomers was done at the M06-2X(D3)/6-31G(d,p) level, and the ΔE_{int} between two monomer fragments in dimer was calculated at the M06-2X(D3)/def2TZVP level with BSSE correction; single point energies (SPE) were calculated at the M06-2X(D3)/def2TZVP level; ΔE_b for dimers were calculated according to: $\Delta E_b = SPE_{dimer} - 2SPE_{monomer}$; ΔE_d were calculated according to: $\Delta E_d = \Delta E_b - \Delta E_{int}$.

11. The optimized structures and IGMH analysis for (*P*)-T4 dimer and (*P*)-T5 dimer

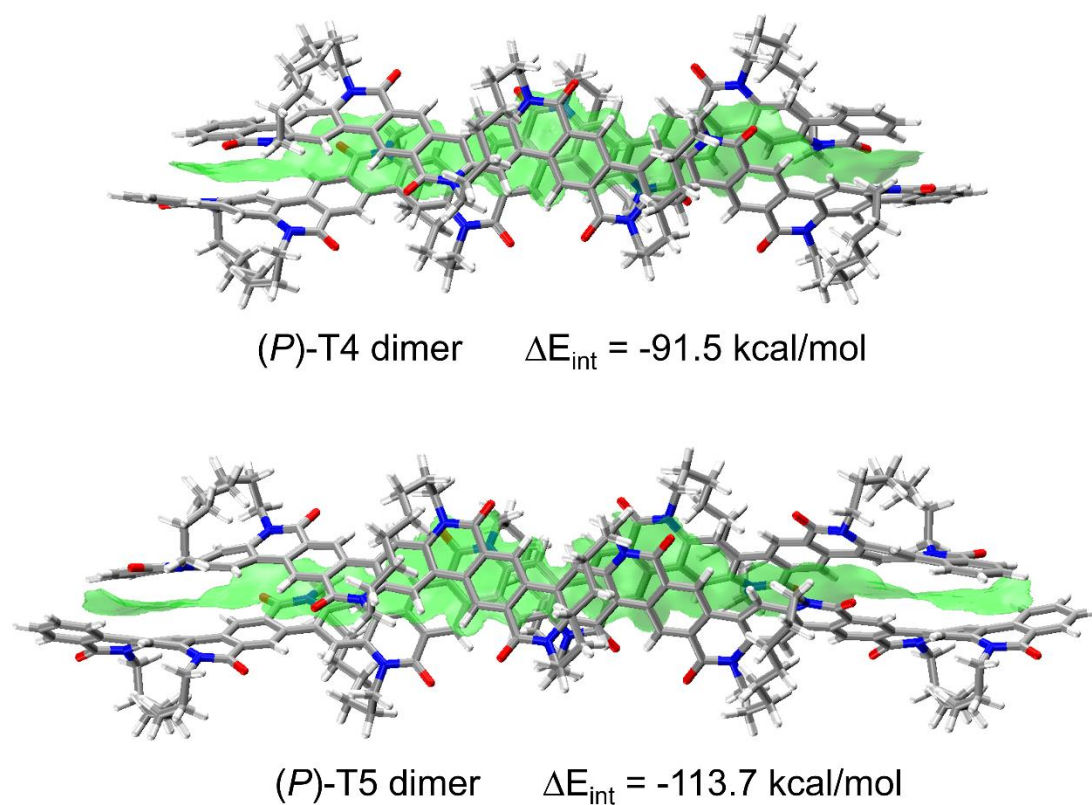


Fig. S174. The optimized structures and IGMH analysis for (*P*)-T4 dimer and (*P*)-T5 dimer. Note: the structural optimization was done at the r²SCAN-3c level by using ORCA 5.0.4 software; ΔE_{int} between two monomer fragments was calculated at the ω B97M-V/def2-TZVP level with BSSE correction; the green isosurfaces representing the interfragment interactions were drawn at a δg^{inter} value of 0.003.

12. Comparison of the experimental and theoretical absorption spectra for TECHs

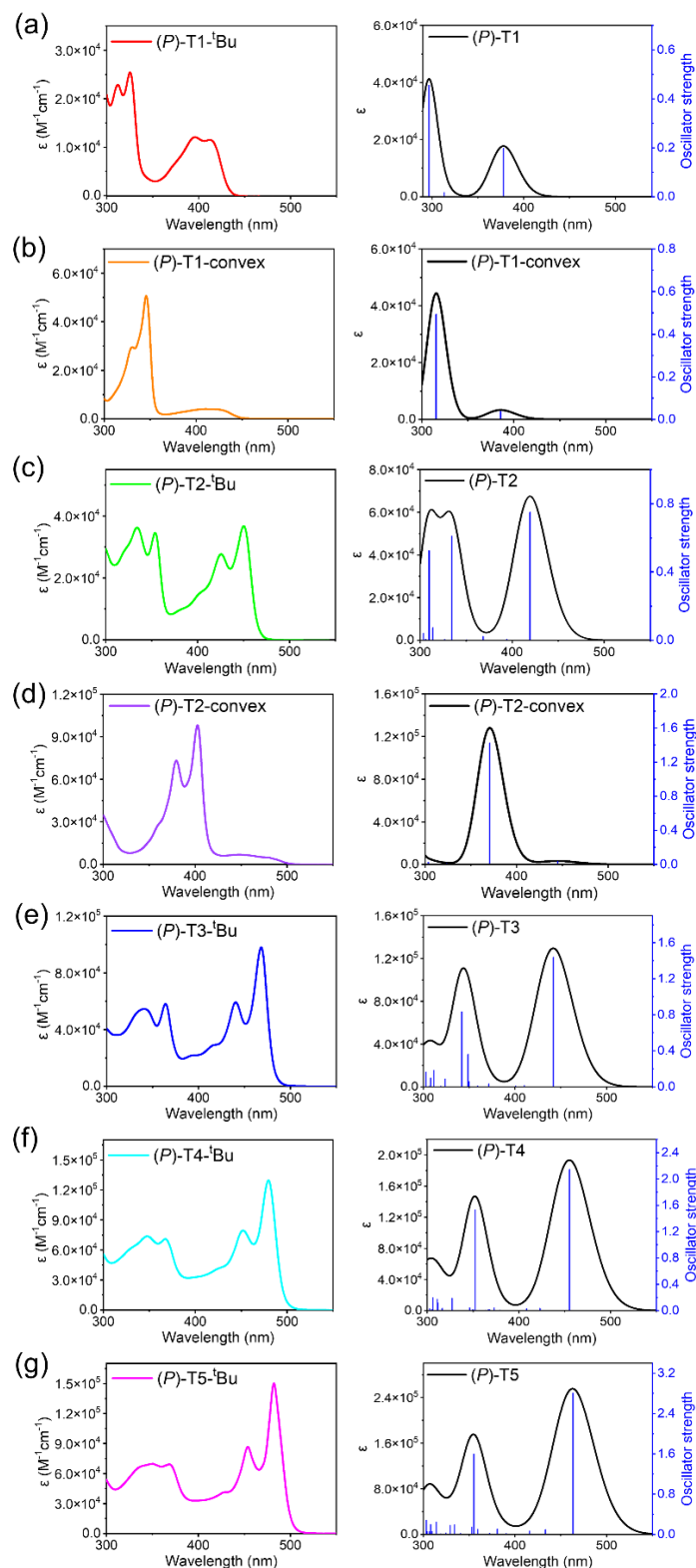


Fig. S175. The experimental (left) and theoretical (right) absorption spectra for TECHs: (a) (P)-T1-^tBu; (b) (P)-T1-convex; (c) (P)-T2-^tBu; (d) (P)-T2-convex; (e) (P)-T3-^tBu; (f) (P)-T4-^tBu; (g) (P)-T5-^tBu. Note: theoretical absorption spectra were calculated by TD-DFT theory at the PBE0(D3)/6-31G(d,p) level.

13. Calculated properties for the optimized S₁ state of TECHs

Table S2 Calculated properties for the optimized S₁ state of TECHs

| TECHs | E (Hartree) | E _{S₁→S₀} (eV) | λ _{S₁→S₀} (nm) | f _{S₁→S₀} |
|----------------------|-------------|---|---|--|
| (P)-T1 | -1341.2053 | 2.73 | 454 | 0.18 |
| (P)-T2 | -2450.4510 | 2.60 | 477 | 0.70 |
| (P)-T2 dimer | -4900.9837 | 2.29 | 542 | 0.04 |
| (P)-T3 | -3559.6935 | 2.49 | 498 | 1.57 |
| (P)-T3 dimer | -7119.4894 | 2.06 | 601 | 0.03 |
| (P)-T4 | -4668.9348 | 2.43 | 510 | 2.31 |
| (P)-T5 | -5778.1759 | 2.40 | 518 | 2.93 |
| (P)-T1-convex | -1313.0326 | 2.92 | 425 | 0.04 |
| (P)-T2-convex | -2195.8070 | 2.56 | 484 | 0.04 |

E: electronic energy of the S₁ state; E_{S₁→S₀}: emission energy of the S₁→S₀ transition; λ_{S₁→S₀}: emission wavelength of the S₁→S₀ transition; f_{S₁→S₀}: oscillator strength of the S₁→S₀ transition.
Note: the geometry of the S₁ state was optimized at the PBE0(D3)/6-31G(d,p) level.

14. Fluorescence decay measurements for TECHs

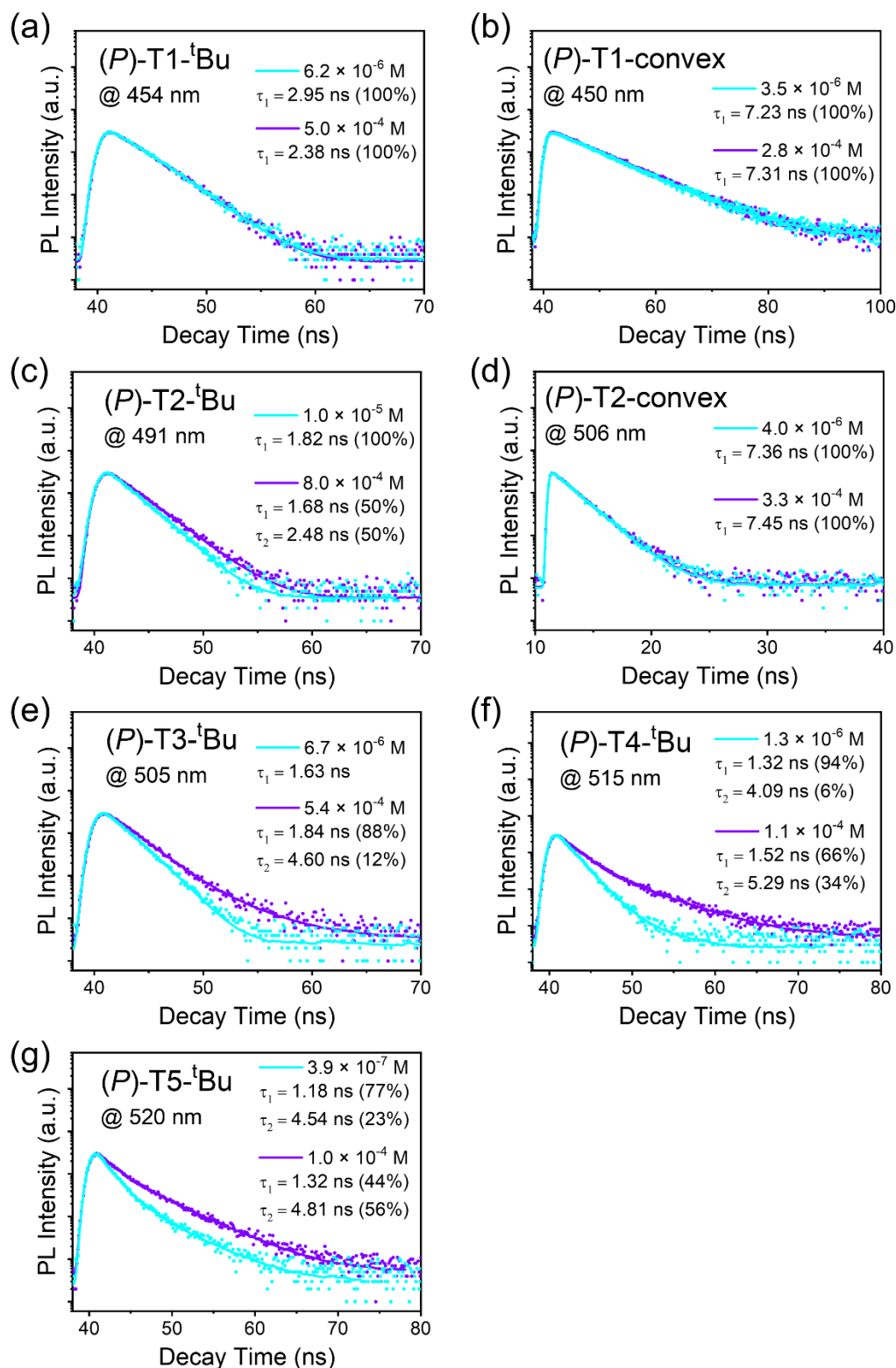
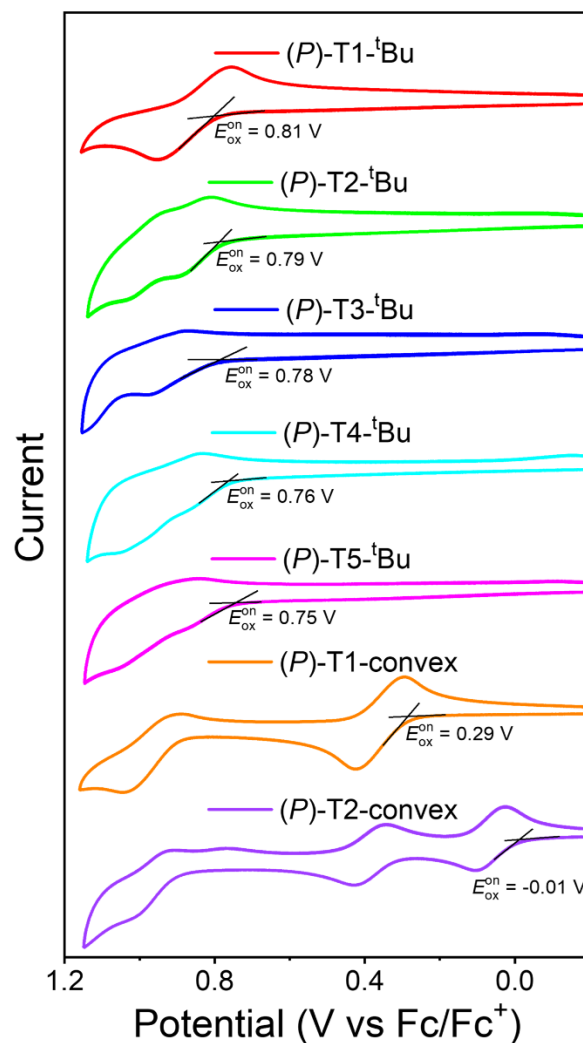


Fig. S176. Fluorescence decay plots for low-concentration (cyan) and high-concentration (violet) solutions of (a) **(P)-T1-^tBu**, (b) **(P)-T1-convex**, (c) **(P)-T2-^tBu**, (d) **(P)-T2-convex**, (e) **(P)-T3-^tBu**, (f) **(P)-T4-^tBu**, and (g) **(P)-T5-^tBu**.

15. CV measurements for TECHs

(a)



(b)

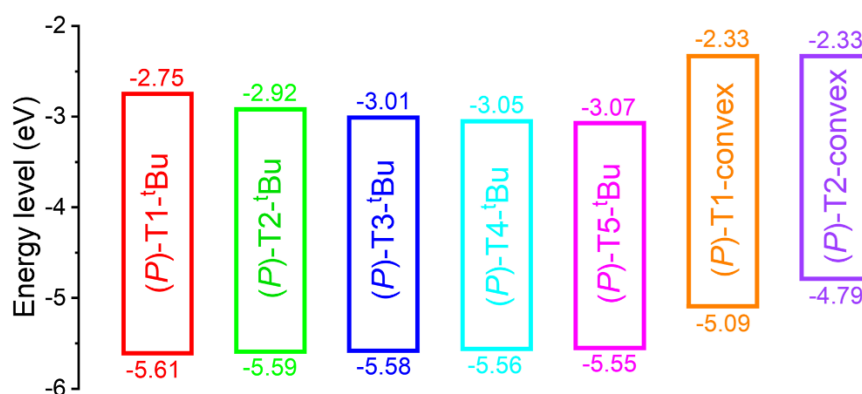


Fig. S177. (a) CV and (b) energy level diagram for TECHs. Note: HOMO levels were calculated from E_{ox}^{on} by using the empirical equation: $HOMO = -(E_{ox}^{on} + 4.8)$; LUMO levels were calculated by using the equation: $LUMO = HOMO + E_g^{opt}$.

16. DFT-calculated HOMO/LUMO levels for TECHs

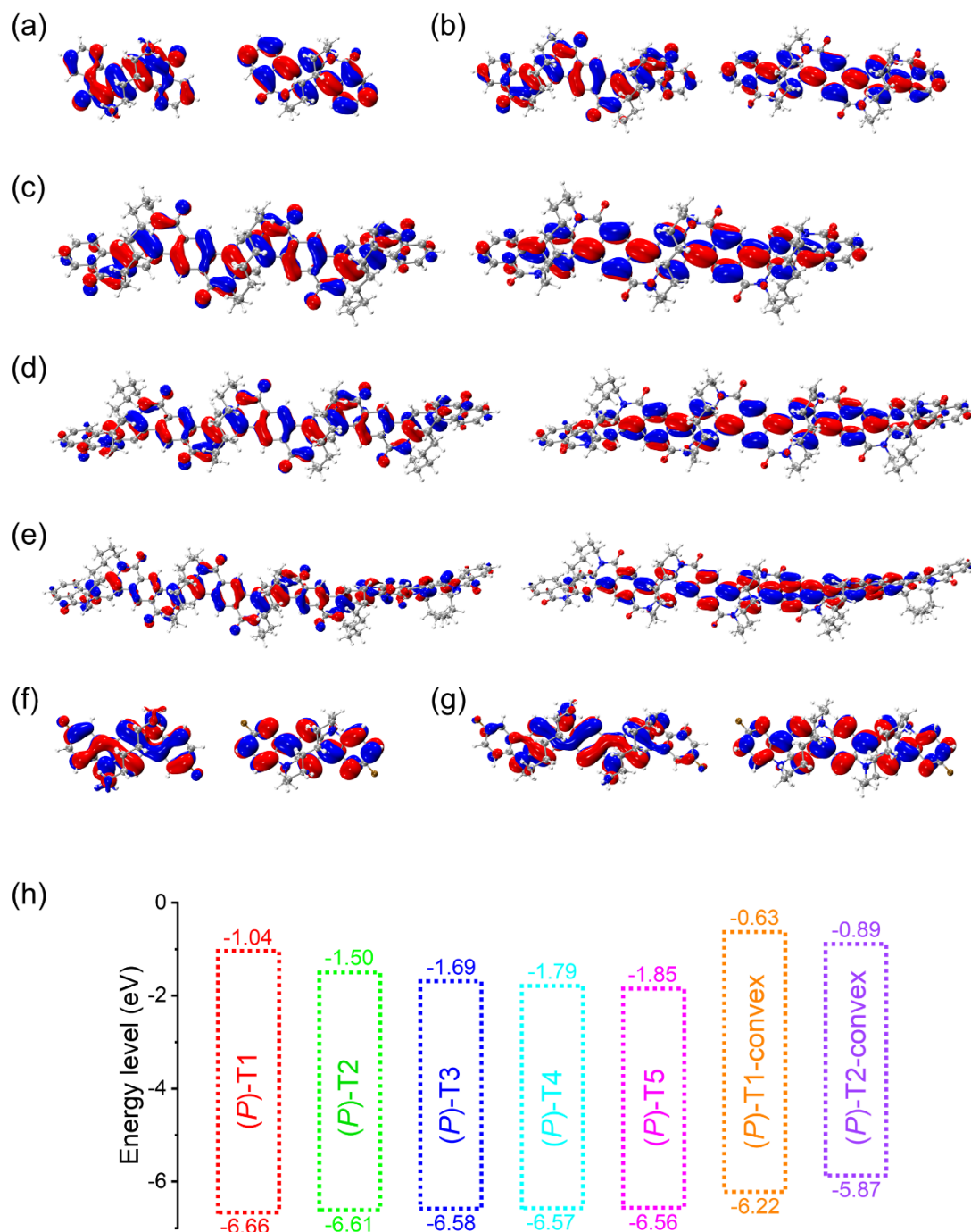


Fig. S178. DFT-calculated HOMO (left) and LUMO (right) orbitals for (a) **(P)-T1**, (b) **(P)-T2**, (c) **(P)-T3**, (d) **(P)-T4**, (e) **(P)-T5**, (f) **(P)-T1-convex** and (g) **(P)-T2-convex**. (h) A summary of the DFT-calculated HOMO/LUMO levels for TECHs.

17. Comparison of the optimized geometries of ground and excited states for TECHs

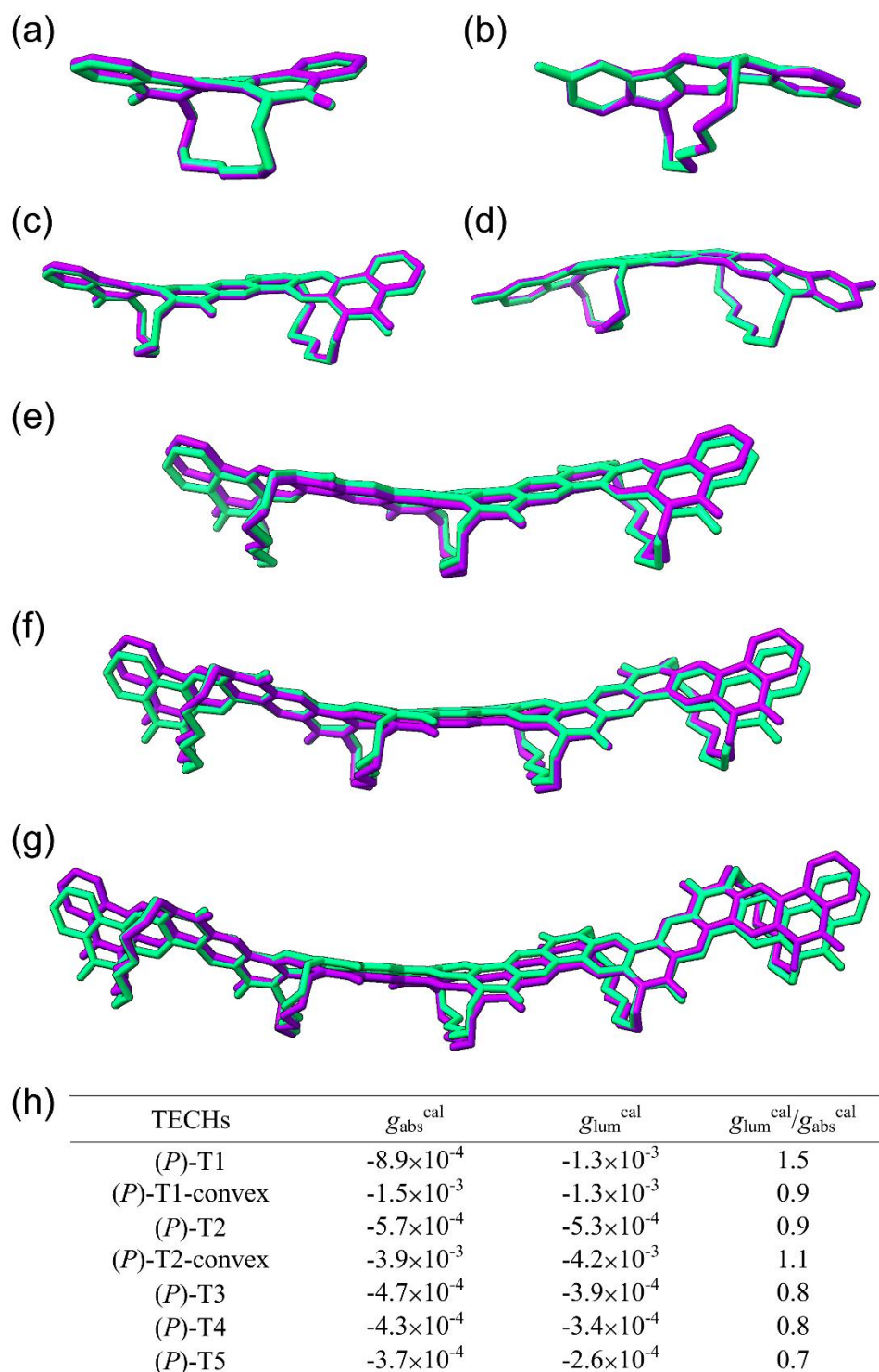


Fig. S179. Comparison of the optimized geometries of S_0 (green) and S_1 (violet) states for (a) (P)-T1, (b) (P)-T1-convex, (c) (P)-T2, (d) (P)-T2-convex, (e) (P)-T3, (f) (P)-T4 and (g) (P)-T5. (h) A summary of the calculated g_{abs} ($S_0 \rightarrow S_1$) and g_{lum} ($S_1 \rightarrow S_0$). Note: $g_{\text{abs}}^{\text{cal}}$ and $g_{\text{lum}}^{\text{cal}}$ were calculated according to the equation $g = 4\cos\theta|m|/|\mu|$, where μ is the electric transition dipole moment, m is the magnetic transition dipole moment, and θ is the angle between μ and m .

18. CPL and g_{lum} for P -TECHs at different concentrations

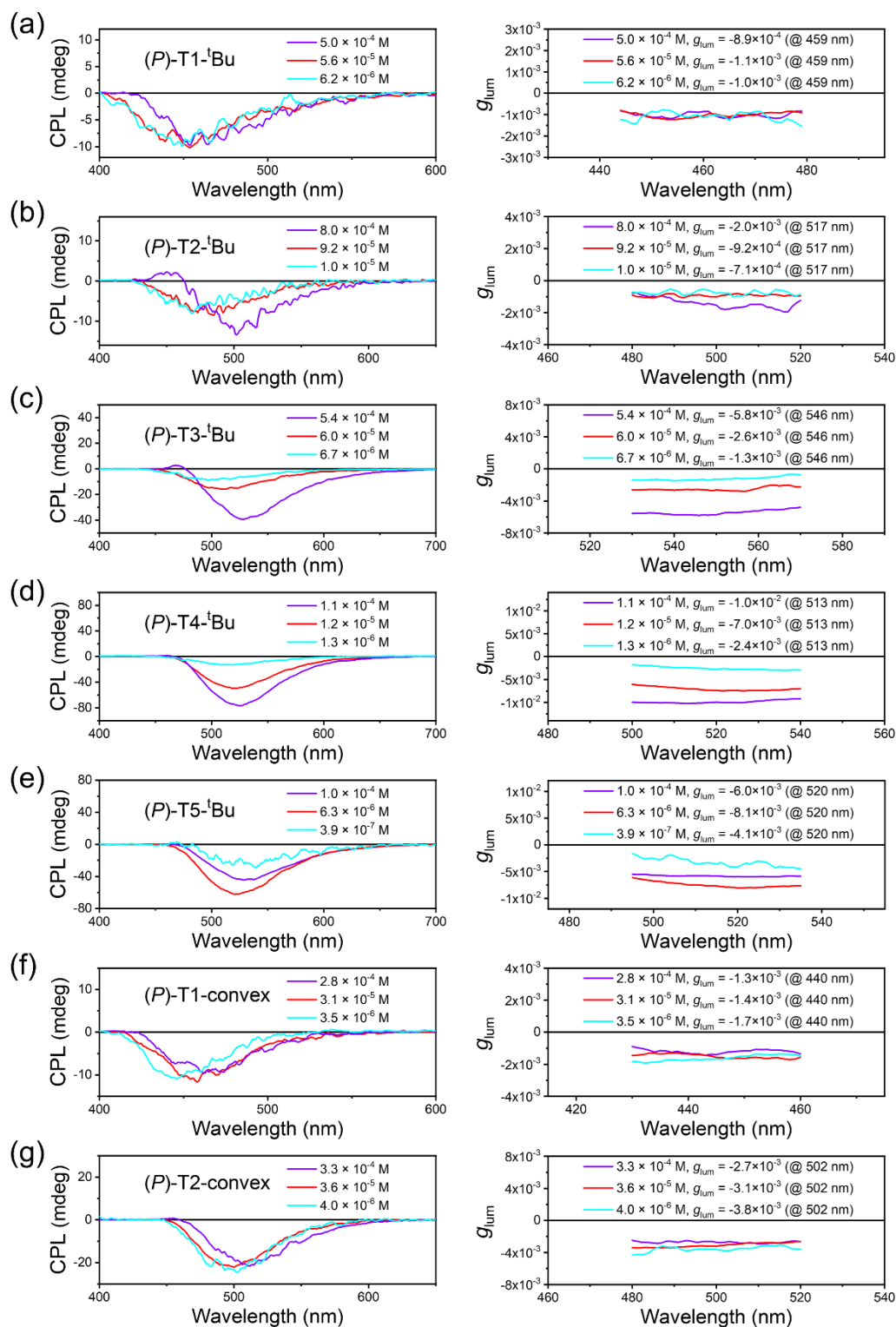


Fig. S180. CPL and g_{lum} for P -TECHs at low (cyan), medium (red), and high (violet) concentrations: (a) (P) -T1-tBu, (b) (P) -T2-tBu, (c) (P) -T3-tBu, (d) (P) -T4-tBu, (e) (P) -T5-tBu, (f) (P) -T1-convex, and (g) (P) -T2-convex.

19. CPL and g_{lum} for M -TECHs at different concentrations

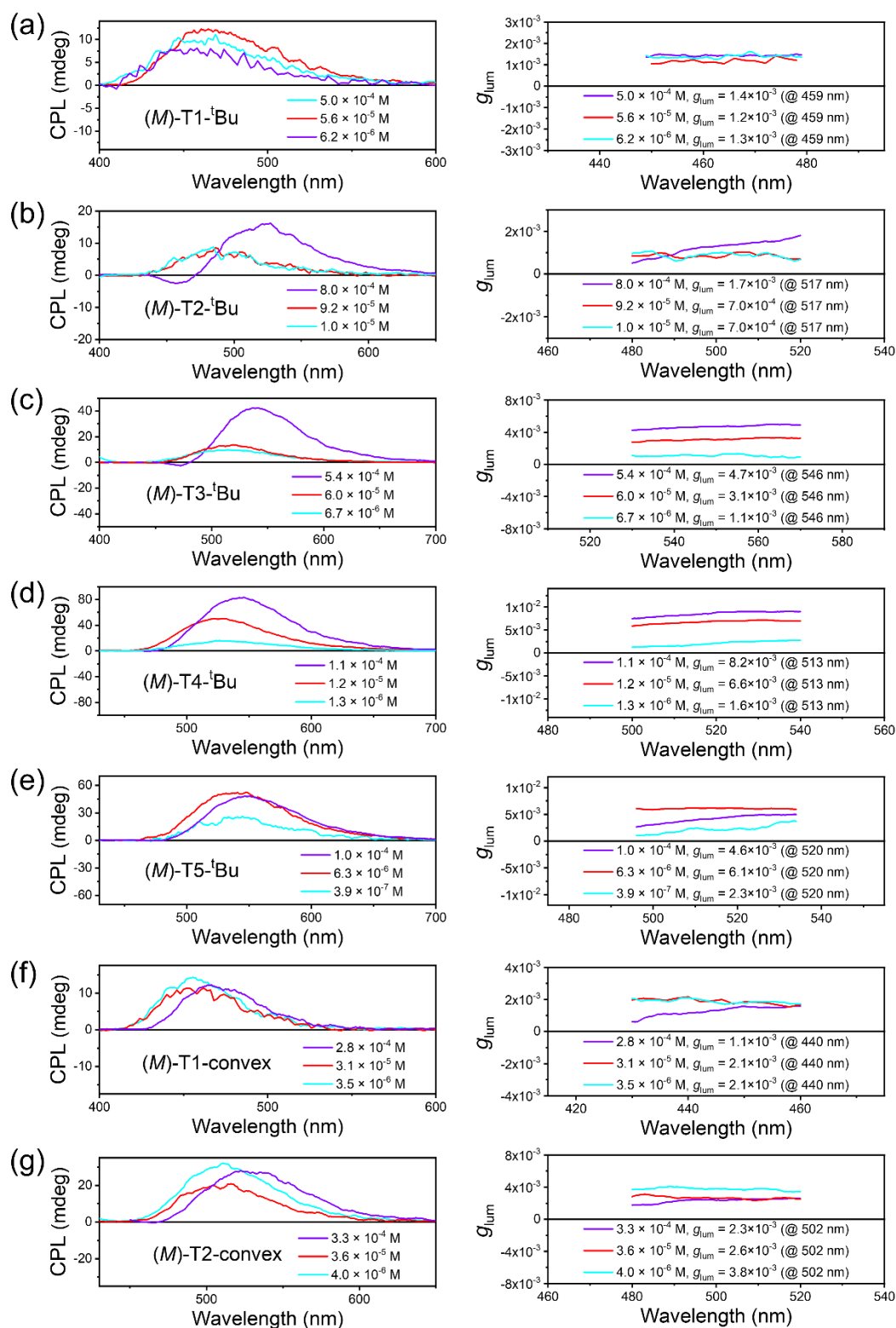


Fig. S181. CPL and g_{lum} for M -TECHs at low (cyan), medium (red), and high (violet) concentrations: (a) (M) -T1-tBu, (b) (M) -T2-tBu, (c) (M) -T3-tBu, (d) (M) -T4-tBu, (e) (M) -T5-tBu, (f) (M) -T1-convex, and (g) (M) -T2-convex.

20. DLS measurements for *P*-TECHs at high concentrations

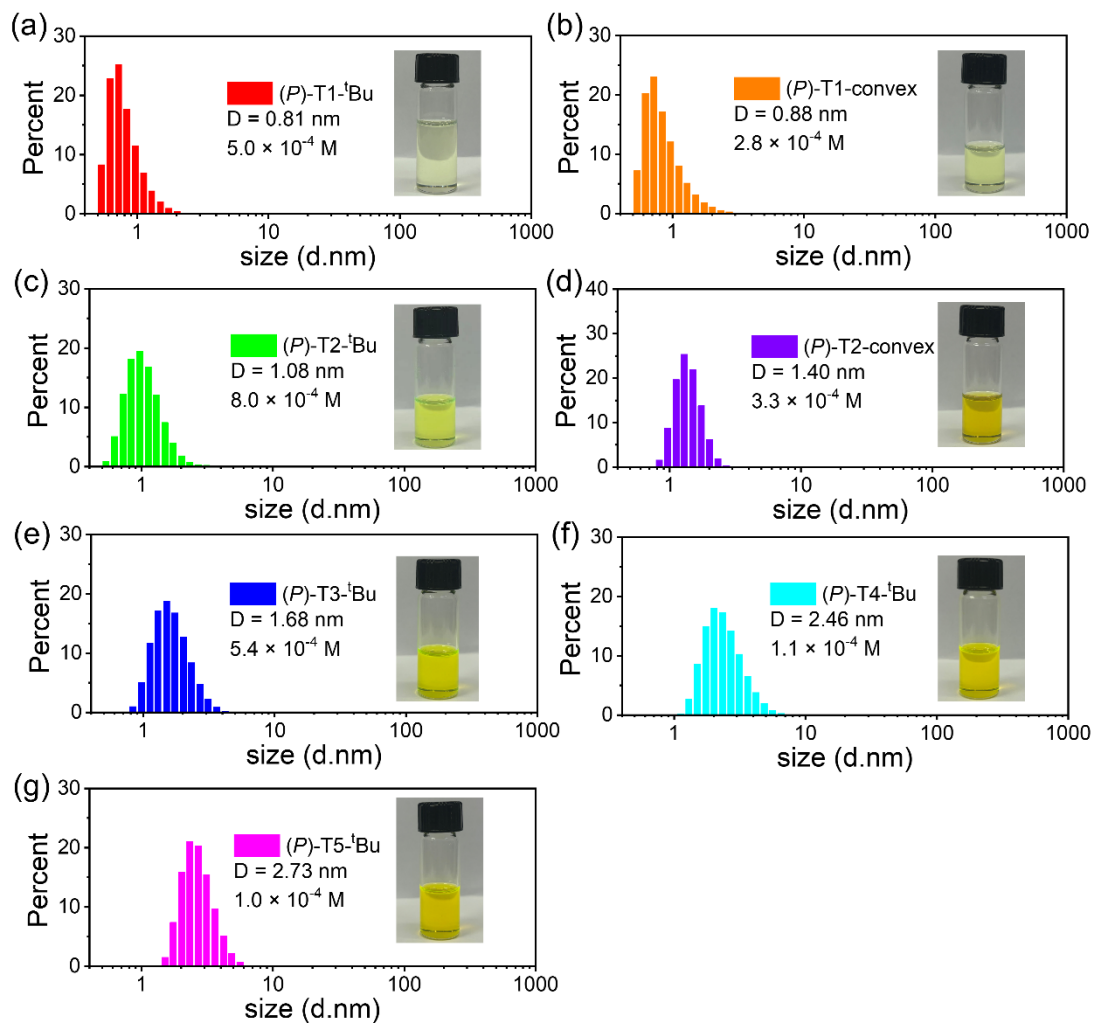


Fig. S182. Dynamic light scattering (DLS) measurements for high-concentration solutions of (a) *(P)*-T1-^tBu, (b) *(P)*-T1-convex, (c) *(P)*-T2-^tBu, (d) *(P)*-T2-convex, (e) *(P)*-T3-^tBu, (f) *(P)*-T4-^tBu, and (g) *(P)*-T5-^tBu.

21. Normalized absorptions spectra for *P*-TECHs with different concentrations

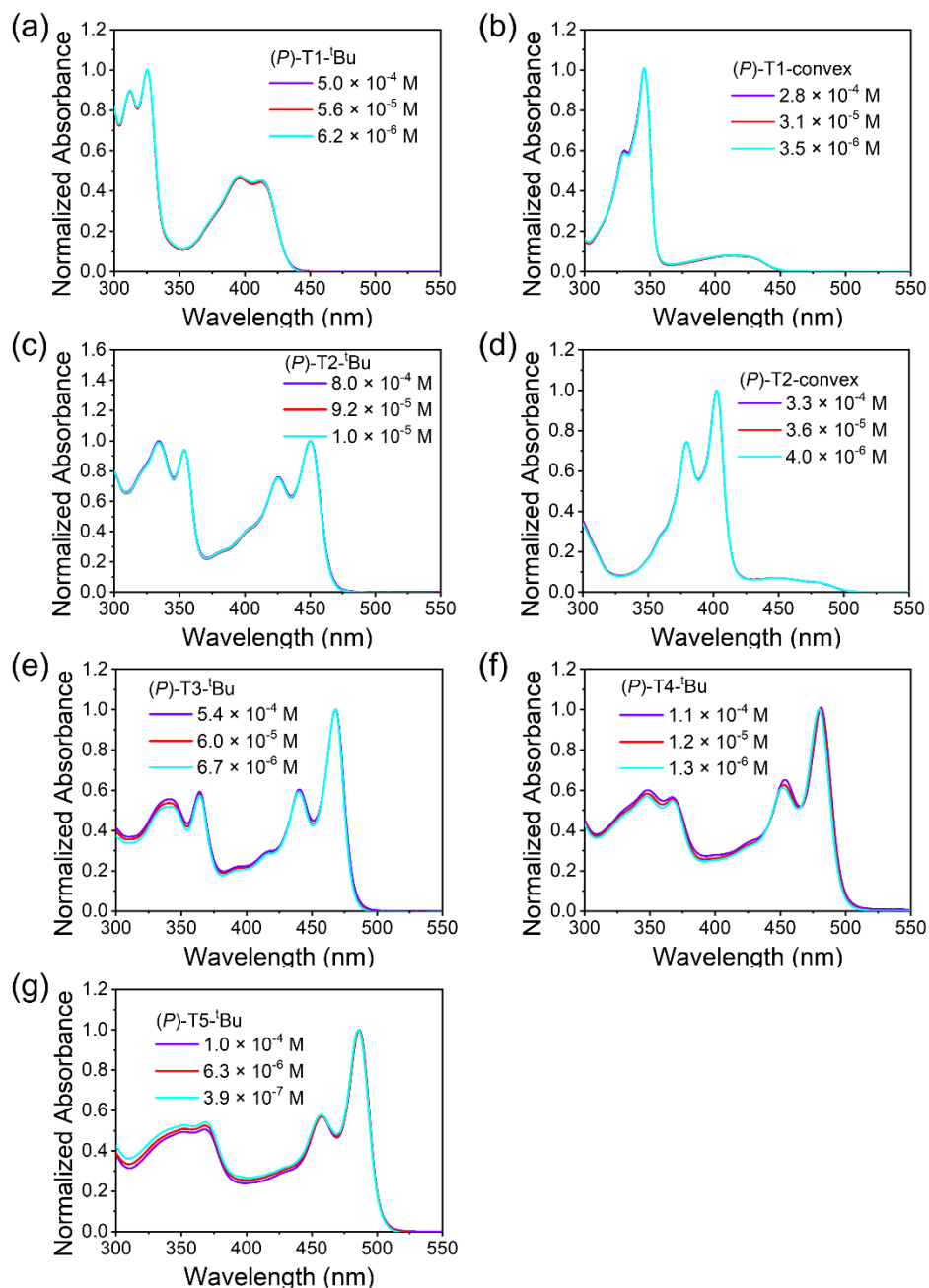


Fig. S183. Normalized absorptions spectra for (a) *(P)*-T1-^tBu, (b) *(P)*-T1-convex, (c) *(P)*-T2-^tBu, (d) *(P)*-T2-convex, (e) *(P)*-T3-^tBu, (f) *(P)*-T4-^tBu, and (g) *(P)*-T5-^tBu with different concentrations.

22. CPL brightnesses for *P*-TECHs

The CPL brightnesses (B_{CPL}) were calculated according to the definition⁴:

$$B_{\text{CPL}} = \varepsilon \times \phi \times |g_{\text{lum}}| / 2$$

where ε is the molar extinction coefficient measured at the excitation wavelength, ϕ is the emission quantum yield, and $|g_{\text{lum}}|$ is the luminescence dissymmetric factor.

Table S3 Calculated B_{CPL} for *P*-TECHs

| <i>P</i> -TECHs | ε ($\text{M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$) | ϕ | $ g_{\text{lum}} $ ($\times 10^{-3}$) | B_{CPL} ($\text{M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$) |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------|---|--|
| (<i>P</i>)-T1-^tBu | 1.21×10^4 | 0.22 (0.29) | 0.89 (1.0) | 1 (2) |
| (<i>P</i>)-T2-^tBu | 3.67×10^4 | 0.36 (0.43) | 2.0 (0.71) | 13 (6) |
| (<i>P</i>)-T3-^tBu | 9.80×10^4 | 0.41 (0.57) | 5.8 (1.3) | 117 (36) |
| (<i>P</i>)-T4-^tBu | 1.29×10^5 | 0.49 (0.71) | 10.0 (2.4) | 316 (110) |
| (<i>P</i>)-T5-^tBu | 1.50×10^5 | 0.50 (0.46) | 6.0 (4.1) | 225 (141) |
| (<i>P</i>)-T1-convex | 5.07×10^4 | 0.19 (0.27) | 1.3 (1.7) | 6 (12) |
| (<i>P</i>)-T2-convex | 9.80×10^4 | 0.12 (0.21) | 2.7 (3.8) | 16 (39) |

Note: the values in the parentheses are measured from dilute solutions.

23. Chiroptical stability tests for TECHs

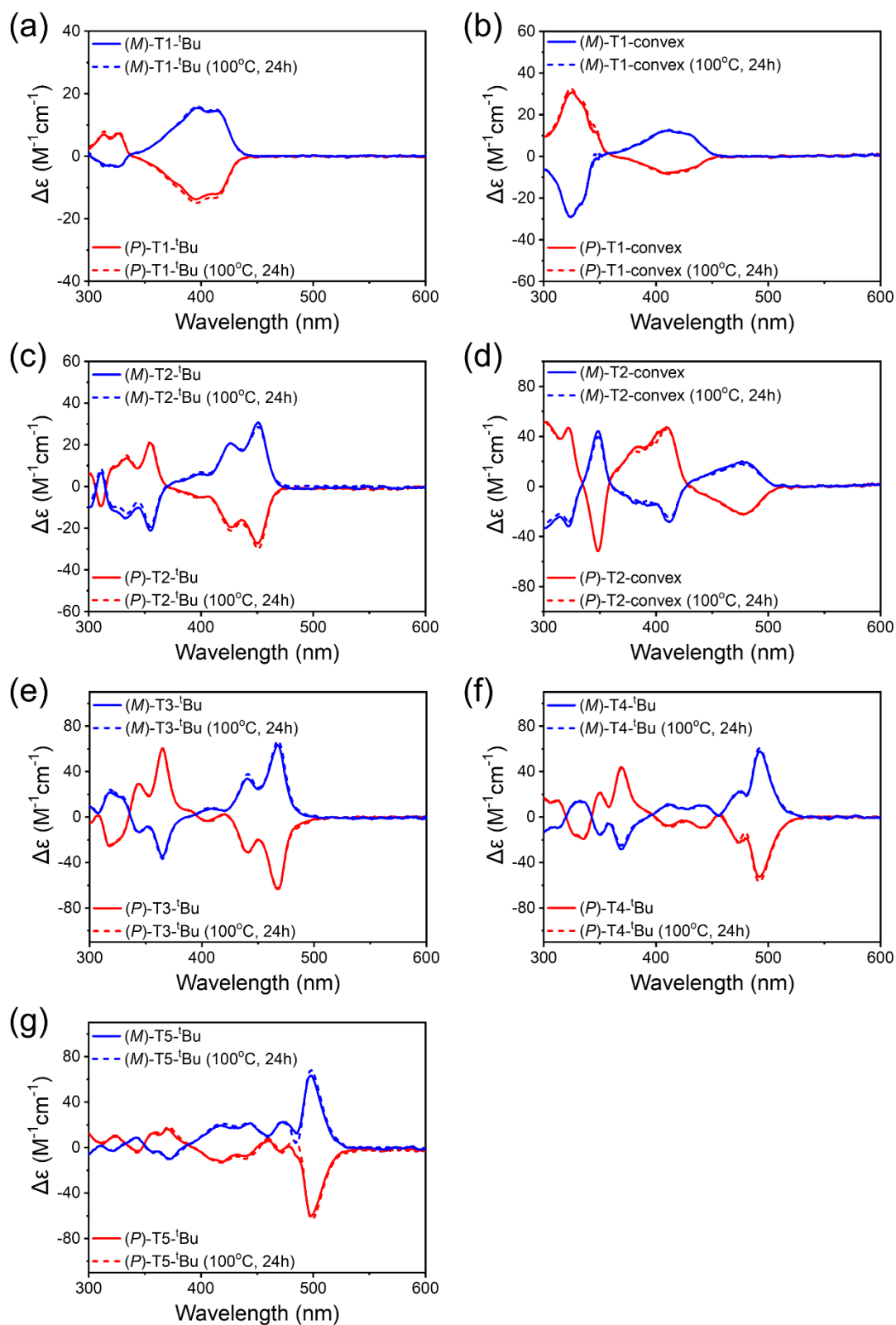


Fig. S184. CD spectra for the *P*-TECHs before and after being heated in toluene at 100 °C for 24 hours: (a) *(P)*-T1-^tBu, (b) *(P)*-T1-convex, (c) *(P)*-T2-^tBu, (d) *(P)*-T2-convex, (e) *(P)*-T3-^tBu, (f) *(P)*-T4-^tBu, and (g) *(P)*-T5-^tBu.

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