

## Electronic Supplementary Information for

### Anion-Driven Mesogenicity: A Comparative Study of Ionic Liquid Crystals Based on the [*clos*o-1-CB<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>]<sup>-</sup> and [*clos*o-1-CB<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>]<sup>-</sup> Clusters.

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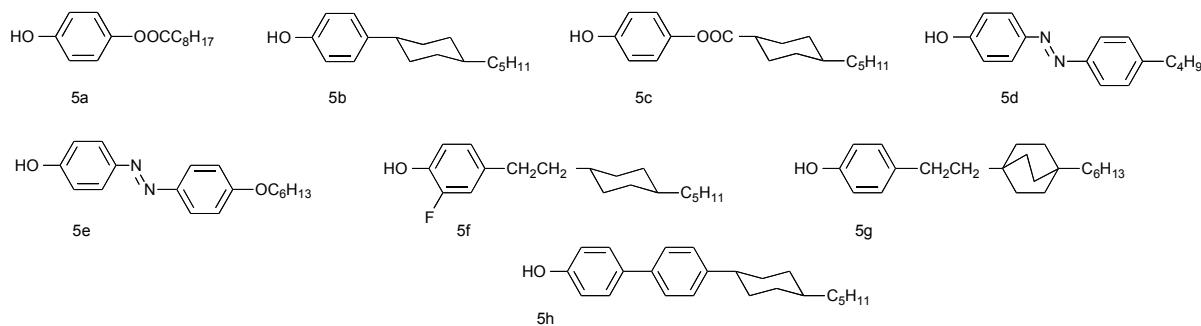
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## 1. Synthetic and analytical details

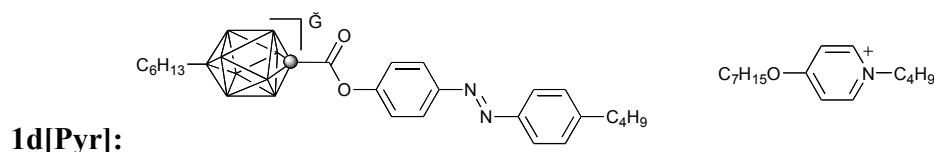
<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were obtained at 400 MHz for all compounds in acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub> ( $\delta$  2.04 ppm) or CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  7.26 ppm). <sup>11</sup>B NMR spectra were recorded at 128 MHz. Chemical shifts were referenced to the solvent (<sup>1</sup>H) or to an external sample of B(OH)<sub>3</sub> in MeOH (<sup>11</sup>B,  $\delta$  = 18.1 ppm). The preparation and characterization details of *N*-butyl-4-heptyloxyypyridinium bromide ([Pyr]Br),<sup>1</sup> phenols **5a**,<sup>2</sup> **5b**,<sup>3</sup> **5c**,<sup>4</sup> **5d**,<sup>5</sup> **5e**,<sup>6</sup> and **5h**,<sup>7</sup> and also ion pairs **1a[Pyr]**–**1c[Pyr]**<sup>1</sup> were reported previously.



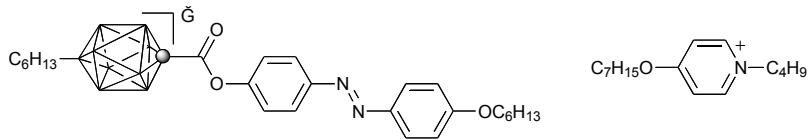
## General Procedure for Preparation of Esters **1** and **2**

Phenol **5** (1.5 equivalents) was added to a colorless solution of acid [*clos*o-1-CB<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>-1-COOH-10-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>]<sup>-</sup> [NMe<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (**3[NMe<sub>4</sub>]I**) or [*clos*o-1-CB<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>-1-COOH-12-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>]<sup>-</sup> [NEt<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (**4[NEt<sub>4</sub>]I**]), DCC (1.0 equivalent), and DMAP (0.1 equivalents) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at rt, and the reaction progress was monitored by TLC ( $R_f$  = 0.5, CH<sub>3</sub>CN/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 1:9). The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the crude product was isolated by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CN/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 1:9). The resulting ester was washed with hot hexane and used in the subsequent step for cation exchange without further purification. Typical yields for this procedure are above 80 %.

*N*-Butyl-4-heptyloxypyridinium bromide ([Pyr]Br, 1.0 equivalent) or cetyltrimethylammonium bromide ([Cetyl]Br, 1.0 equivalent) were added to a solution of ester **1[NMe<sub>4</sub>]** or **2[NEt<sub>4</sub>]** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Water was added, and the biphasic system was stirred vigorously until all the precipitate had dissolved. The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with additional CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> layers were combined, washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and evaporated giving **1[Pyr]**, **2[Pyr]** or **1[Cetyl]**, **2[Cetyl]** as crystalline solids, which were further purified by recrystallization from aqueous alcohol. Some pyridinium salts were purified further by column chromatography (CH<sub>3</sub>CN/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 1:9) and then by repeated recrystallization from aqueous alcohol. The resulting crystals were dried in vacuum at ambient temperature, and typical yields range from 20%-40% based on the starting hexyl acid **3[NMe<sub>4</sub>]** or **4[NEt<sub>4</sub>]**.



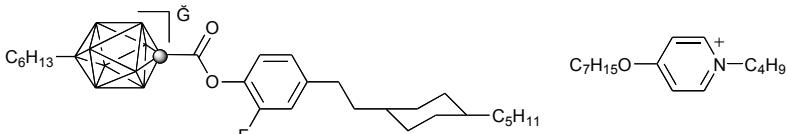
Recrystallized from EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O mixtures (1x) and MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O mixtures (7x) providing the pure salt as orange microcrystals: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 0.40-2.50 (m, 8H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.23-1.44 (m, 16H), 1.45-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.53-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.66 (quint, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.85-1.92 (m, 4H), 1.95-2.04 (m, 2H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.92 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>11</sup>B {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (128 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -23.8 (4B), -15.8 (4B), 49.4 (1B). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>66</sub>B<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 65.43; H, 9.06; N, 5.72. Found: C, 65.96; H, 9.02; N, 6.00.



**1e[Pyr]:**

Recrystallized from EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O mixtures (4x) providing the pure salt as orange microcrystals:

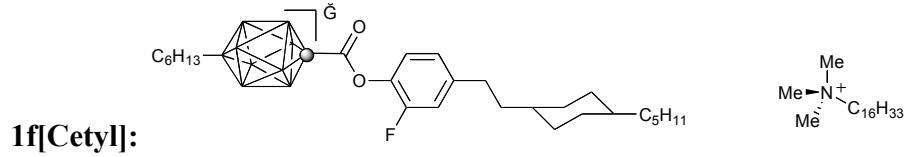
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  0.40-2.50 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.27-1.32 (m, 4H), 1.33-1.45 (m, 12H), 1.46-1.62 (m, 6H), 1.80-2.09 (m, 10H), 4.14 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.92 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H); <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  -23.9 (d, *J* = 143 Hz, 4B), -15.9 (d, *J* = 139 Hz, 4B), 49.0 (1B). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>70</sub>B<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 64.81; H, 9.07; N, 5.40. Found: C, 64.70; H, 9.11; N, 5.35.



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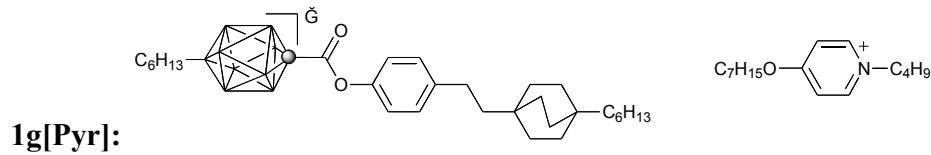
Recrystallized from MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O mixtures (4x) providing the pure salt as white crystals: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  0.40-2.50 (m, 8H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.96-1.03 (m, 2H), 1.15-1.20 (m, 2H), 1.21-1.33 (m, 12H), 1.34-1.44 (m, 8H), 1.45-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.59 (m, 4H), 1.77 (br d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 2H), 1.82-1.98 (m, 8H), 1.99-2.04 (m, 4H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 11.5 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 8.92 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  -23.9 (d, *J*

= 140 Hz, 4B), -15.9 (d,  $J$  = 150 Hz, 4B), 49.0 (s, 1B). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>77</sub>B<sub>9</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub>: C, 66.87; H, 10.05; N, 1.81. Found: C, 67.06; H, 10.07; N, 1.89.



**1f[Cetyl]:**

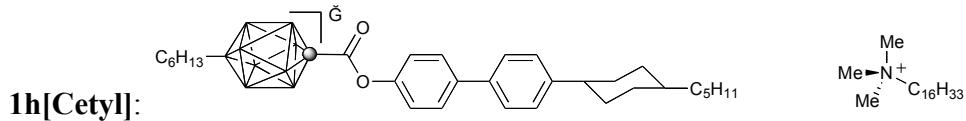
Recrystallized from MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O mixtures (4x) providing the pure salt as white crystals: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 0.40-2.50 (m, 8H), 0.87 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.96-1.03 (m, 2H), 1.15-1.43 (m, 42H), 1.52-1.61 (m, 4H), 1.78 (br d,  $J$  = 12.6 Hz, 2H), 1.83-2.00 (m, 8H), 2.69 (t,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.37 (s, 9H), 3.54-3.60 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd,  $J$ <sub>1</sub> = 11.5 Hz,  $J$ <sub>2</sub> = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H); <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, acetone-d<sub>6</sub>) δ -23.9 (d,  $J$  = 135 Hz, 4B), -15.9 (d,  $J$  = 150 Hz, 4B), 49.3 (s, 1B). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>91</sub>B<sub>9</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub>: C, 68.50; H, 11.37; N, 1.74. Found: C, 68.92; H, 11.24; N, 1.86.



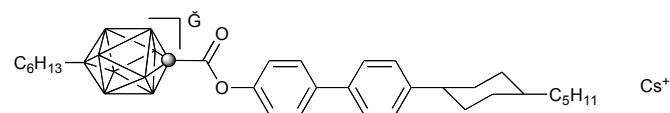
**1g[Pyr]:**

Recrystallized from MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O mixtures (4x) providing the pure salt as white crystals: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, acetone-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 0.40-2.50 (m, 8H), 0.87 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 0.91 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.06-1.10 (m, 2H), 1.18-1.51 (m, 36H), 1.56 (quint,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.84-1.96 (m, 6H), 1.98-2.04 (m, 2H), 2.52-2.57 (m, 2H), 4.46 (t,  $J$  = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.63 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 8.91 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, acetone-d<sub>6</sub>) δ -23.9 (d,  $J$  = 139 Hz, 4B), -16.0 (d,

*J* = 152 Hz, 4B), 49.0 (s, 1B). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>82</sub>B<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 69.54; H, 10.40; N, 1.76. Found: C, 69.68; H, 10.21; N, 1.87.

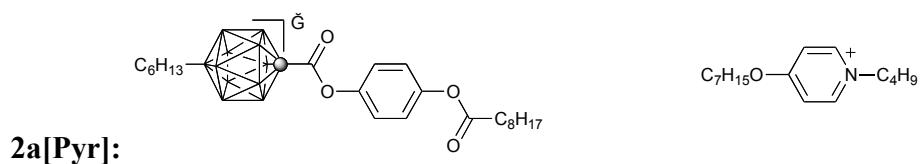


Due to low solubility of **1h[NMe<sub>4</sub>]** salt it was converted directly to **1h[Cetyl]** and purified chromatographically. Product was recrystallized from EtOH (3x) providing the pure salt **1h[Cetyl]** as a white wax: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 0.40-2.50 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.00-1.17 (m, 3H), 1.22-1.45 (m, 46H), 1.50-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.87-2.00 (m, 4H), 2.52 (tt, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 12.2 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 9H), 3.53-3.60 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -23.9 (d, *J* = 137 Hz, 4B), -16.0 (d, *J* = 151 Hz, 5B), 49.0 (s, 1B). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>92</sub>B<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C, 71.79; H, 11.08; N, 1.67. Found: C, 72.00; H, 11.15; N, 1.92.

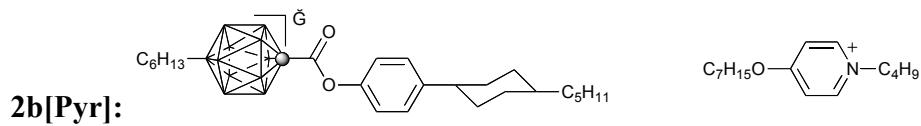


**Preparation of 1h[Cs].** Purified salt **1h[NMe<sub>4</sub>]** (75 mg, 0.12 mmol) was suspended in 10% HCl (20 mL), Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred until precipitation had dissolved (0.5 h). The Et<sub>2</sub>O layer was separated, washed with water and a solution of CsCl (2 mL, ~5.7 M) was added followed by H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL). The mixture was stirred for 15 min, Et<sub>2</sub>O was evaporated, and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> added. After short stirring, the organic layer was separated the aqueous layer extracted (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), extracts dried (NaSO<sub>4</sub>), and the solvent

evaporated leaving 70 mg (86% yield) of cesium salt **1h[Cs]** as a white solid. Analytically pure sample was obtained by recrystallization from toluene containing small amounts of MeCN: mp >290 °C dec; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 0.40-2.50 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.00-1.14 (m, 3H), 1.20-1.43 (m, 12H), 1.44-1.58 (m, 4H), 1.82-1.97 (m, 8H), 2.09 (s, 3H, MeCN), 2.53 (tt, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 12.2 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H); <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -23.7 (d, *J* = 135 Hz, 4B), -16.1 (d, *J* = 143 Hz, 4B), 49.0 (s, 1B). Anal. Calcd. For C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>50</sub>B<sub>9</sub>CsO<sub>2</sub>: C, 54.36; H, 7.36; calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>50</sub>B<sub>9</sub>CsO<sub>2</sub>•MeCN: C, 54.60; H, 7.36; N, 1.93. Found: C, 54.81; H, 7.26; N, 1.83.



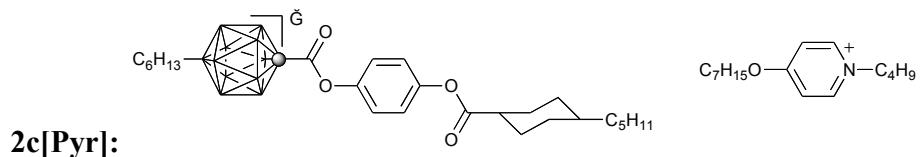
Recrystallized from MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O mixtures (3x) providing the pure salt as white flakes: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 0.50-2.50 (m, 10H), 0.53-0.59 (m, 2H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.26-1.44 (m, 26H), 1.45-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.70 (quint, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (quint, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.98-2.06 (m, 2H), 2.55 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 8.92 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H); <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -14.1 (d, *J* = 157 Hz, 5B), -12.0 (d, *J* = 137 Hz, 5B), 5.1 (s, 1B). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>72</sub>B<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: C, 62.13; H, 9.63; N, 1.86. Found: C, 62.40; H, 9.63; N, 1.81.



Recrystallized from EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O mixtures (3x) providing the pure salt as white crystals: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 0.40-2.50 (m, 10H), 0.53-0.59 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.96-1.06 (m, 3H), 1.20-1.54 (m, 28H), 1.80-1.94 (m, 8H), 2.40 (tt, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 12.3 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.65 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 8.93 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H); <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -14.0 (d, *J* = 157 Hz, 5B), -12.0 (d, *J* = 137 Hz, 5B), 5.0 (s, 1B).

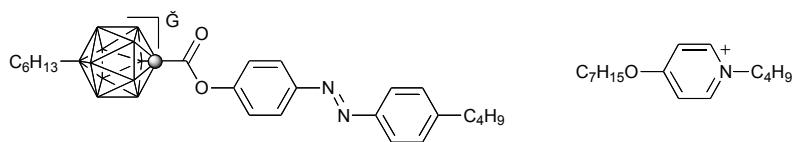
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.40-2.50 (m, 10H), 0.53-0.61 (m, 2H), 0.82 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.96-1.06 (m, 3H), 1.16-1.46 (m, 28H), 1.78-1.92 (m, 8H), 2.40 (br t, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>76</sub>B<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 65.66; H, 10.21; N, 1.87.

Found: C, 65.46; H, 10.40; N, 1.81.



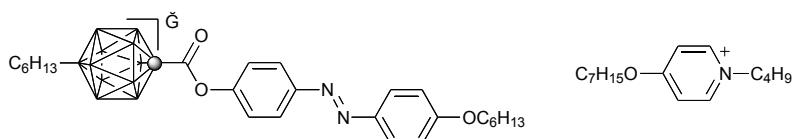
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4.47 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.64 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 8.92 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H);  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (128 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -14.1 (d,  $J = 152$  Hz, 5B), -12.0 (d,  $J = 140$  Hz, 5B), 5.9 (s, 1B). Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{76}\text{B}_{11}\text{NO}_5$ : C, 63.53; H, 9.65; N, 1.76. Found: C, 63.79; H, 9.69; N, 1.70.



**2d[Pyr]:**

Recrystallized from an EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O mixture (1x) and MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O mixtures (3x) providing the pure salt as orange crystals:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  0.40-2.50 (m, 10H), 0.53-0.60 (m, 2H), 0.85 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H), 1.18-1.52 (m, 18H), 1.59-1.68 (m, 4H), 1.89 (quint,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 1.97-2.07 (m, 2H), 2.71 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 4.46 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.64 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 2H), 8.92 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H);  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (128 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -14.0 (d,  $J = 158$  Hz, 5B), -11.9 (d,  $J = 139$  Hz, 5B), 5.7 (s, 1B). Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{68}\text{B}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$ : C, 63.39; H, 9.04; N, 5.54. Found: C, 63.73; H, 9.14; N, 5.87.

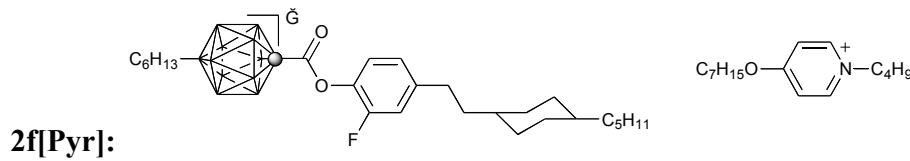


**2e[Pyr]:**

Recrystallized from an EtOH providing the pure salt as orange crystals:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  0.40-2.50 (m, 10H), 0.52-0.61 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 0.91 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H), 1.19-1.27 (m, 6H), 1.28-1.34 (m,

4H), 1.35-1.45 (m, 6H), 1.46-1.55 (m, 4H), 1.82 (quint,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 4H), 1.90 (quint,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 4H), 1.99-2.09 (m, 2H), 4.12 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.47 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.65 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.69 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.90 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 2H), 8.93 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H);  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (128 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -14.0 (d,  $J = 154$  Hz, 5B), -11.9 (d,  $J = 138$  Hz, 5B), 5.0 (s, 1B). Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{72}\text{B}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ : C, 62.90; H, 9.05; N, 5.24. Found: C, 63.13; H, 9.03; N, 5.18.

After a solution of **2e[Pyr]** in acetone- $d_6$  was exposed to intense fluorescent tube light for 1 hr,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum showed new distinct signals ascribed to the *cis* isomer: 6.96 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.84-6.88 (m, 6H), 3.96 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.73 (quint,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 4H).

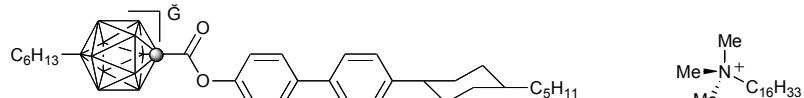


Recrystallized from MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O mixtures (4x) providing the pure salt as white crystals:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  0.40-2.50 (m, 10H), 0.52-0.58 (m, 2H), 0.85 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 0.86 (t,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H), 0.98-0.99 (m, 4H), 0.95 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 3H), 1.12-1.52 (m, 30H), 1.74 (br d,  $J = 11.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.80 (br d,  $J = 11.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.89 (quint,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 1.98-2.08 (m, 2H), 2.61 (t,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.47 (t,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.65 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.94 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd,  $J_1 = 10.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 (dd,  $J_1 = 11.4$  Hz,  $J_2 = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 8.93 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H);  $^{11}\text{B}$  NMR (128 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  -14.0 (d,  $J = 157$  Hz, 5B), -11.9 (d,  $J = 141$  Hz, 5B), 5.4 (s, 1B). Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{79}\text{B}_{11}\text{FNO}_3$ : C, 64.88; H, 10.00; N, 1.76. Found: C, 65.06; H, 10.05; N, 1.82.



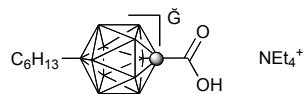
**2g[Pyr]:**

Recrystallized from EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O mixtures (2x) and MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O mixtures (2x) providing the pure salt as white flakes: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 0.40-2.50 (m, 10H), 0.52-0.58 (m, 2H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.04-1.08 (m, 2H), 1.16-1.46 (m, 38H), 1.49 (quint, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (quint, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.99-2.06 (m, 2H), 2.45-2.50 (m, 2H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 8.92 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H); <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -14.1 (d, *J* = 154 Hz, 5B), -12.0 (d, *J* = 137 Hz, 5B), 5.1 (s, 1B). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>84</sub>B<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 67.53; H, 10.35; N, 1.71. Found: C, 67.76; H, 10.44; N, 1.88.



**2h[Cetyl]:**

Recrystallized from MeOH (1x) and EtOH (2x) providing the pure salt as a white powder: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 0.40-2.50 (m, 10H), 0.50-0.60 (m, 2H), 0.83-0.91 (m, 9H), 1.03-1.14 (m, 3H), 1.15-1.45 (m, 44H), 1.46-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.85-2.01 (m, 4H), 2.52 (br t, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.34-3.37 (m, 9H), 3.53-3.60 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -14.0 (d, *J* = 158 Hz, 5B), -11.9 (d, *J* = 138 Hz, 5B), 5.0 (s, 1B). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>94</sub>B<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C, 69.81; H, 11.01; N, 1.63. Found: C, 70.00; H, 10.82; N, 1.73.

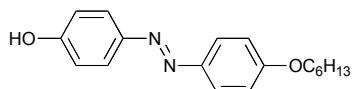


**Preparation of [closo-1-CB<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>-1-COOH-12-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>]<sup>-</sup> [NEt<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (4[NEt<sub>4</sub>]).**

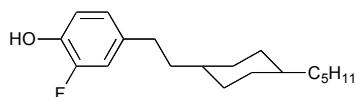
A solution of anhydrous ZnCl<sub>2</sub> (5.84 g, 42.8 mmol) in anhydrous THF (30 mL) under Ar was treated with C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>MgBr (21.5 mL, 40.8 mmol, 1.9 M in Et<sub>2</sub>O) at 0 °C forming a white, thick slurry which was stirred for 15 min. Anhydrous NMP (15 mL), Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> (0.062 g, 2 mol %), and [HPCy<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> [BF<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup> (0.100 g, 8 mol %) were added and the reaction mixture turned dark green but slowly faded to red/orange. After 5 mins, [closo-1-CB<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>-1-COOH-12-I]<sup>-</sup> [NEt<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (**6**[NEt<sub>4</sub>], 1.50 g, 3.40 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was refluxed at 90 °C for 24 hr. <sup>11</sup>B NMR of a small aliquot (quenched in sat. [NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>Cl<sup>-</sup> and extracted into ether) showed complete conversion to product. Sat. [NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Cl<sup>-</sup> (50 mL) was added, excess THF was removed, and the remaining aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and removed giving a black sludge. Excess NMP and 1-hexanol were removed under vacuum (60 °C, 0.5 mm Hg) and the residue was separated by column chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CN/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 1:9).

The crude acid extract was re-dissolved in 10 % HCl (50 mL) and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 20 mL). The organic layers were combined, and water (10 mL) was added. The Et<sub>2</sub>O was removed *in vacuo*, and the aqueous layer was filtered. [NEt<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Br<sup>-</sup> (0.790 g, 3.73 mmol) was added to the filtrate, and the resulting precipitate formed was filtered, washed (H<sub>2</sub>O), and dried *in vacuo* giving 0.830 g (61% yield) of **4**[NEt<sub>4</sub>] as a light yellow crystalline solid. Further purification was achieved by recrystallization from aqueous CH<sub>3</sub>OH: mp 122-124 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ 0.40-2.50 (m, 10H), 0.46 (br t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (tt, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.3 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.9 Hz, 12H), 1.07-1.29 (m, 8H), 3.15 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 8H), 8.81 (br s, 1H); <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) δ -14.3 (d, *J* = 155 Hz, 5H), -12.2 (d, *J* = 137 Hz, 5B), 4.6

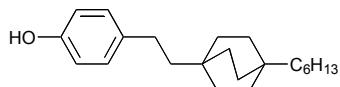
(s, 1H). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>44</sub>B<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C, 47.87; H, 11.05; N, 3.49. Found: C, 48.38; H, 11.25; N, 3.55.



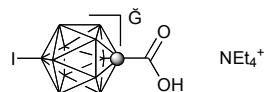
**4-(4-Hexyloxyphenylazo)phenol (5e).**<sup>6</sup> Mp 105-106 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.92 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.32-1.39 (m, 4H), 1.45-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.82 (quint, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 5.1 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H).



**2-Fluoro-4-(2-(4-pentylcyclohexyl)ethyl)phenol (5f).** Mp 72-73 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.82-0.99 (m, 4H), 1.12-1.35 (m, 10H), 1.42-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.75 (br t, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 4H), 2.54 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 8.3 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 11.9 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.9 Hz, 1H). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>29</sub>FO: C, 78.04; H, 10.00. Found: C, 78.33; H, 9.89.



**4-(2-(4-Hexylbicyclo[2.2.2]-1-octyl)ethyl)phenol (5g).** Mp 103-104 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.04-1.08 (m, 2H), 1.15-1.45 (m, 22H), 2.40-2.46 (m, 2H), 4.49 (s, 1H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O: C, 84.02; H, 10.90. Found: C, 83.48; H, 9.96.



**Preparation of [closo-1-CB<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>-1-COOH-12-I]<sup>-</sup> [NEt<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (6[NEt<sub>4</sub>]).**

A solution of dried [closo-1-CB<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>-12-I]<sup>-</sup> Cs<sup>+</sup> (**7[Cs]**, 1.67 g, 4.15 mmol) in anhydrous THF (20 mL) in a three-necked flask at -78 °C under Ar was treated with freshly distilled TMEDA (0.80 mL, 5.90 mmol) followed by dropwise addition of *n*-BuLi (2.90 mL, 5.80 mmol) over 30 min. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to 0 °C (addition of THF may be necessary) and stirred for 1.5 hr. Dry CO<sub>2</sub> gas was bubbled through the solution for 40 mins, and the mixture became significantly more homogeneous. Water (30 mL) was added, and the volatiles evaporated. Insoluble material was removed by filtration, the filtrate washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 20 mL); the Et<sub>2</sub>O layers were evaporated leaving a yellowish oil. The aqueous layer was acidified with 10 % HCl, extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 20 mL), and the organics layers combined. Water (25 mL) was added, and the Et<sub>2</sub>O removed. The aqueous layer was filtered, and [NEt<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> Br<sup>-</sup> (1.10 g, 5.23 mmol) was added producing a white precipitate. The solid was collected by filtration, washed with water, and dried giving typically 1.20–138 g (65–75% yield) of **6[NEt<sub>4</sub>]** as a white crystalline solid. An analytical sample of **6[NEt<sub>4</sub>]** was prepared by recrystallization from water containing with a few drops of EtOH: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 0.50–2.50 (m, 10H), 1.40 (tt, *J*<sub>1</sub> = 7.3 Hz, *J*<sub>2</sub> = 1.9 Hz, 12H), 3.50 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 8H), COOH was not observed; <sup>11</sup>B NMR (128 MHz, acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ -16.2 (s, 1B), -13.5 (d, *J* = 155 Hz, 5B), -11.3 (d, *J* = 146 Hz, 5B). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>31</sub>B<sub>11</sub>INO<sub>2</sub>: C, 27.10; H, 7.05; N, 3.16. Found: C, 27.02; H, 7.18; N, 3.18.

A similar result was obtained using [closo-1-CB<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>-12-I]<sup>-</sup> [NHMe<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (**7[NHMe<sub>3</sub>]**) and doubled amounts of BuLi. Thus, *n*-BuLi (3.35 mL, 7.50 mmol) was added slowly to a stirred

solution of [*closo*-1-CB<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>-12-I]<sup>-</sup>[NHMe<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (0.824 g, 2.51 mmol, dried over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) in THF (5 mL) and TMEDA (0.57 mL) at -78 °C under N<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred for 40 min, the temperature was slowly raised to 0 °C, and CO<sub>2</sub> (g) was bubbled through for 30 min before quenching the reaction with methanol (10 mL). Volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting yellowish oil was dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O (25 mL), and the solution was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 15 mL). The aqueous was checked to ensure basicity, then half the required [NEt<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>Br<sup>-</sup> (0.29 g, 1.38 mmol) was added and the solution filtered. The other half of [NEt<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>Br<sup>-</sup> (0.29 g, 1.38 mmol) was added and the solution was acidified with 20% HCl (10 mL). The precipitate was filtered to provide a white crystalline solid, 0.746 g (90 %), which was recrystallized from hot H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) with a few drops of EtOH, to yield 0.623 g (75%) of carboxylic acid **6[NEt<sub>4</sub>]**.

### Preparation of [*closo*-1-CB<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>-12-I]<sup>-</sup>[NHMe<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (**7[NHMe<sub>3</sub>]**)

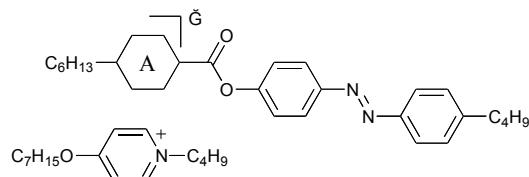
Following the literature procedure,<sup>8</sup> [*closo*-1-CB<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>]<sup>+</sup>Cs<sup>+</sup> (2.85, 10.3 mmol), prepared from [*closo*-1-CB<sub>11</sub>H<sub>11</sub>-1-NMe<sub>3</sub>],<sup>9</sup> was extracted to Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 20 mL) from 10 % HCl (100 mL). The ether was evaporated, and the free acid residue was dissolved in glacial acetic acid (35 mL) and treated with molecular I<sub>2</sub> (5.1 g, 20 mmol). The reaction was stirred at rt 45-50 °C for 3-4 days, and the reaction progress was monitored by <sup>11</sup>B NMR. Most of the acetic acid was removed *in vacuo*, solid Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (1.0 g, 7.9 mmol) was added, followed by 10 % HCl (50 mL). The product was extracted to Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 20 mL), organic layers were combined, and solvent evaporated in the presence of H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL). The aqueous layer was filtered, and the filtrate treated with [NHMe<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>Cl<sup>-</sup> (2.5 g, 11.9 mmol) to precipitate a white solid that was filtered and dried. Recrystallization from hot aqueous EtOH gave 3.10 g (75% yield) of pure **7[NHMe<sub>3</sub>]**.

<sup>11</sup>B NMR data was consistent with the literature.<sup>8</sup>

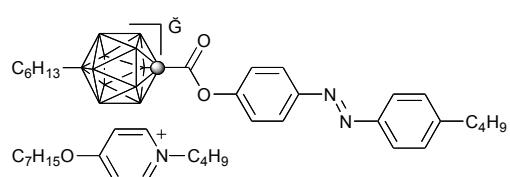
## 2. Transition temperatures for binary mixtures

**Table S1.** Transition temperatures for binary mixtures of **d[Pyr]** in **2e[Pyr]**.

additive: **d[Pyr]**

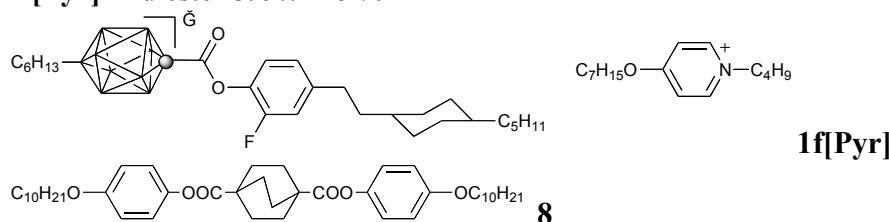


host: **2e[Pyr]**



| A              | Mol fraction $x$ in <b>2e[Pyr]</b> | $T_{NI}$ peak /°C | $T_{SN}$ peak /°C | Extrapolation to pure<br>$y = a + x \cdot T_{NI}$ |
|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| <b>1d[Pyr]</b> | 0.000                              | 144.3             | 132.9             | $y = 144.5 - 33.8 \cdot T_{NI}$<br>$R^2 = 0.997$  |
|                | 0.0927                             | 141.4             | 129.7             |   |
|                | 0.1998                             | 138.1             | 126.2             |   |
|                | 0.2980                             | 134.1             | 122.2             | $y = 133.0 - 35.5 \cdot T_{SN}$<br>$R^2 = 0.997$  |
| <b>2d[Pyr]</b> | 0.0000                             | 144.3             | 132.85            | $y = 144.5 - 22.2 \cdot T_{NI}$<br>$R^2 = 0.992$  |
|                | 0.0994                             | 142.6             | 129.7             |   |
|                | 0.2000                             | 139.8             | 125.0             |   |
|                | 0.2972                             | 137.9             | 122.30            | $y = 132.9 - 36.6 \cdot T_{SN}$<br>$R^2 = 0.992$  |

**1f[Pyr]** in diester **8**: 9.7 mol%



Pure components: SmA-I (peak):

Host (**8**): 175.3 °C

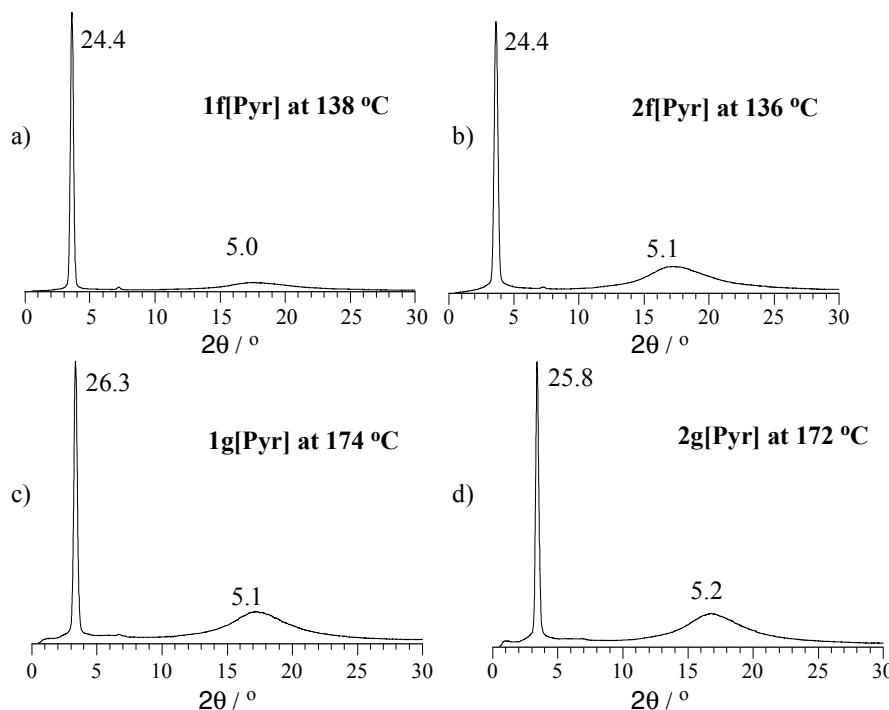
Additive (**1f[Pyr]**): 150.4 °C

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### 3. Powder XRD raw data

**Table S2.** X-ray Diffraction Data.

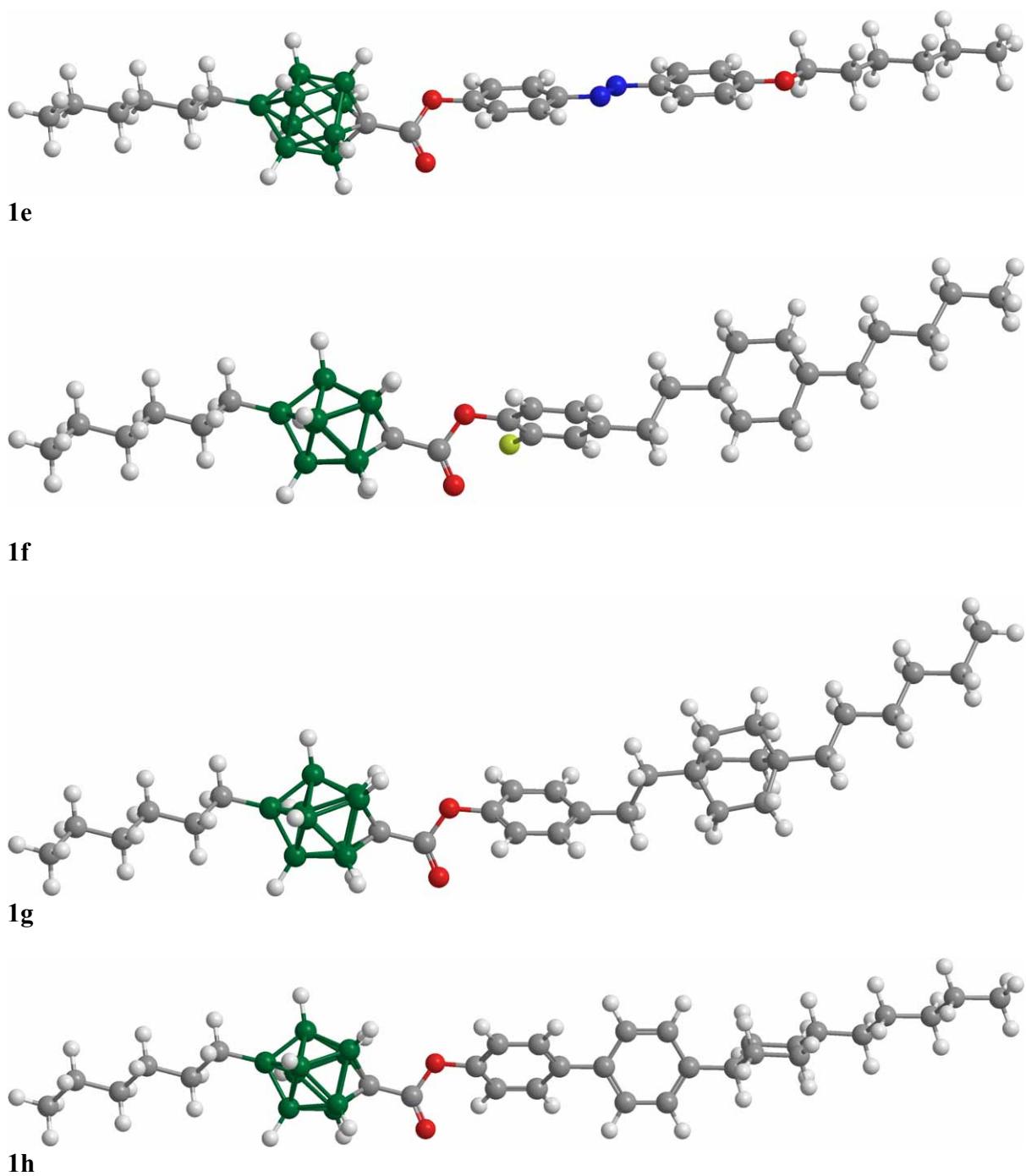
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|---|---------------------|--|---------------------|--|---------------------|--|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| T /°C   | d <sub>001</sub> /Å | T /°C  | d <sub>001</sub> /Å | T /°C  | d <sub>001</sub> /Å | T /°C  | d <sub>001</sub> /Å | T /°C   | d <sub>001</sub> /Å |
| 129.0   | 27.659              | 141.0  | 24.457              | 140.0  | 24.340              | 162.0  | 26.337              | 177.0   | 26.412              |
| 128.0   | 27.692              | 140.0  | 24.459              | 139.0  | 24.343              | 160.0  | 26.335              | 176.0   | 26.420              |
| 127.0   | 27.728              | 139.0  | 24.461              | 138.0  | 24.345              | 158.0  | 26.332              | 175.0   | 26.433              |
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| $\kappa = -3.38 \pm 0.02$<br>pm K <sup>-1</sup> |                     | $\kappa = -0.25 \pm 0.004$<br>pm K <sup>-1</sup> |                     | $\kappa = -0.17 \pm 0.005$<br>pm K <sup>-1</sup> |                     | $\kappa = +0.16 \pm 0.005$<br>pm K <sup>-1</sup> |                     | $\kappa = -1.02 \pm 0.04$<br>pm K <sup>-1</sup> |                     |

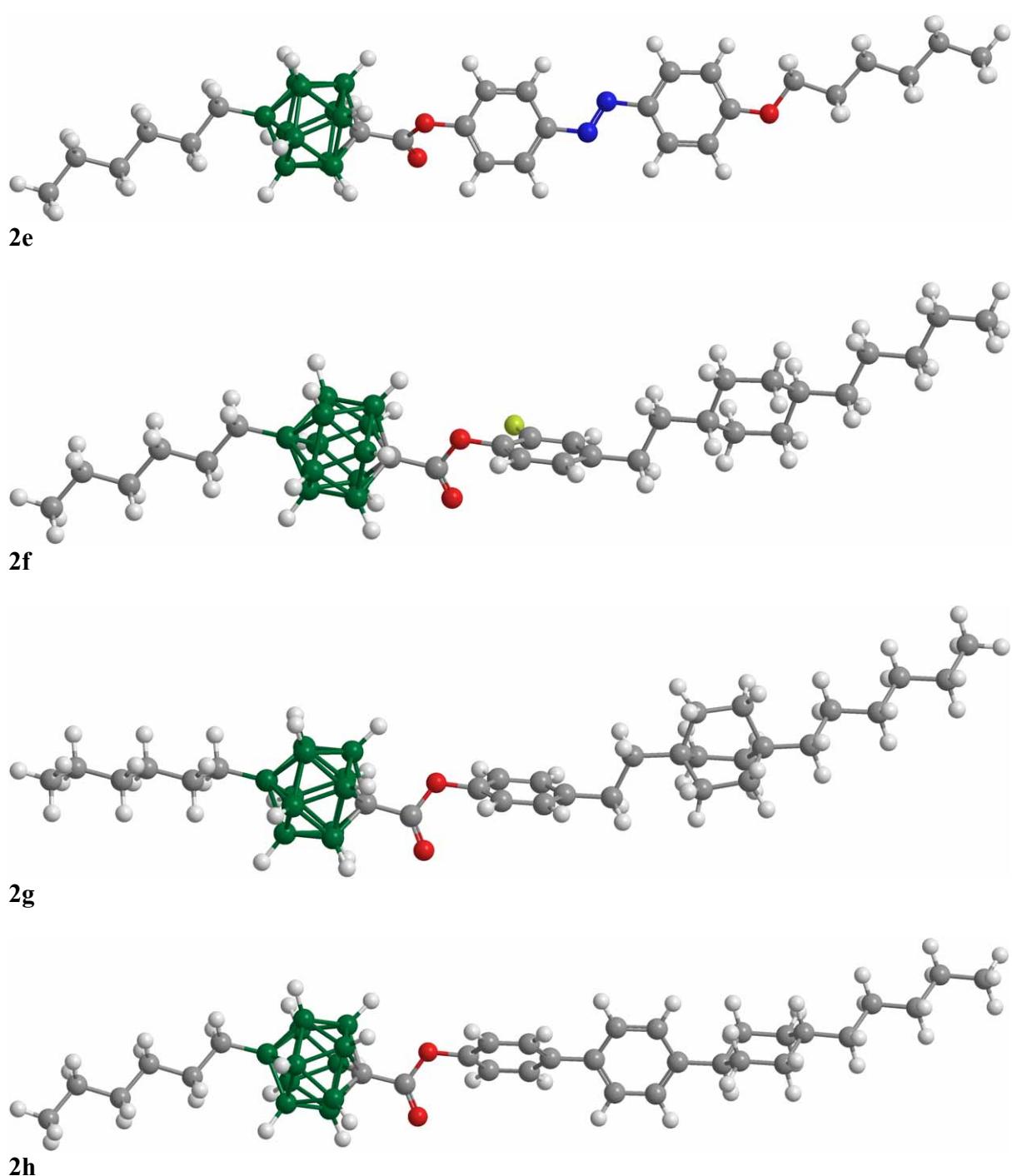


**Figure S1.** X-ray diffraction patterns for a) **1f[Pyr]** (138 °C, SmA,  $c = 24.4 \text{ \AA}$ ); b) **2f[Pyr]** (136 °C, SmA,  $c = 24.4 \text{ \AA}$ ); c) **1g[Pyr]** (174 °C, SmA,  $c = 26.3 \text{ \AA}$ ); and d) **2g[Pyr]** (172 °C, SmA,  $c = 25.8 \text{ \AA}$ ).

#### 4. Computational details and molecular modeling

Geometry optimization for **1e–1h**, and **2e–2h** was undertaken without symmetry constraints and default convergence limits with the HF/6-31G(d) method using the Gaussian 09 computational package.<sup>10</sup> The optimized geometries of the models were perturbed several times to assure conformational minimum and the fully optimized structures are shown in Figure S2.





**Figure S2.** Molecular structures of selected anions obtained by full geometry optimization at the HF/6-31G(d) level of theory.

**Table S3.** Molecular dimensions for selected anions.

| anion        | length $L^a$<br>/Å | Interchain<br>angle $b$<br>/° |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>1e</b>    | 34.0               | 11                            |
| <b>1f</b>    | 31.8               | 28                            |
| <b>1g</b>    | 32.7               | 26                            |
| <b>1h</b>    | 33.8               | 25                            |
| <b>2e</b>    | 33.8               | 9                             |
| <b>2f</b>    | 31.8               | 4                             |
| <b>2g</b>    | 32.4               | 31                            |
| <b>2h</b>    | 33.8               | 24                            |
| <b>Pyr</b>   | 18.9               | 88                            |
| <b>Cetyl</b> | 23.4               | —                             |

<sup>a</sup> H··H distance measured for most extended molecular conformation optimized at the HF/6-31G(d) level of theory. <sup>b</sup> Angle between planes of terminal alkyl chains in all-trans conformation. First three carbon atoms from the core of each chain were used for the measurement.

## 5. Archive for HF/6-31G(d) computational results

### **1e**

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