| Data                               | 4a                                 | 4b   |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Empirical formula                  | $C_{48}H_{52.26}ClN_{32}O_{21.63}$ | $C_{98}H_{123}Br_{1.53}Cl_{2.47}N_{52}O_{43.38}$ |
| Formula weight                     | 1459.01                            | 2933.39  |
| Crystal size, mm                   | $0.26 \times 0.14 \times 0.14$     | $0.42 \times 0.18 \times 0.12$                   |
| Crystal system                     | Tetragonal                         | Monoclinic                                       |
| Space group                        | P4 <sub>2</sub> /ncm               | $P2_{1}/n$                                       |
| <i>a</i> , Å                       | 26.2548(8)                         | 15.5210(7)                                       |
| b, Å                               | 26.2548(8)                         | 25.5665(11)                                      |
| <i>c</i> , Å                       | 12.7555(5)                         | 32.4483(14)                                      |
| β, deg                             |                                    | 101.039(2)                                       |
| $V, \text{\AA}^3$                  | 8792.6(5)                          | 12637.8(10)                                      |
| Ζ                                  | 4                                  | 4  |
| Density (calc.), g/cm <sup>3</sup> | 1.102                              | 1.542  |
| $\mu(MoK_{\alpha}), mm^{-1}$       | 0.121                              | 0.658  |
| Temperature, K                     | 120.0(2)                           | 120.0(2)   |
| $\theta$ range, deg                | 1.10 to 27.00                      | 1.02 to 28.00                                    |
| Index ranges                       | $-33 \le h \le 30$                 | $-20 \le h \le 20$                               |
|                                    | $-33 \le k \le 30$                 | $-33 \le k \le 33$                               |
|                                    | $-16 \le l \le 16$                 | $-42 \le l \le 42$                               |
| Refl. collected                    | 60288                              | 150412   |
| Independent refl.                  | 4966 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0964]    | 30519 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.2618]                 |
| Data/parameters                    | 4966 / 266                         | 30519 / 1679                                     |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>  | 1.941                              | 0.921  |
| Final $Rs[I > 2\sigma(I)]$         | $R_1 = 0.1903,$                    | $R_1 = 0.1253,$                                  |
|                                    | $wR_2 = 0.4958$                    | $wR_2 = 0.3255$                                  |
| Rs (all data)                      | $R_1 = 0.2546,$                    | $R_1 = 0.3045,$                                  |
|                                    | $wR_2 = 0.5266$                    | $wR_2 = 0.3702$                                  |
| Largest diff. peak and             | 2.063 and -0.589                   | 1.773 and -1.773                                 |
| hole, $e \cdot A^{-3}$             |                                    |  |

Table 1S. Crystal data, data collection, structure solution and refinement parameters for 4a and 4b.

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Fig. 1S. Dependence of the CB[8] solubility on 1a,b concentration in  $D_2O/CD_3CN$  (10 : 1) at 30°C.



**Fig. 2S**. The HYPNMR plot of <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration in the CB[8]/(*E*)-**1b** system. Blue rhombs show the dependence of  $\delta_{\rm H}$  of the low-field CH<sub>2</sub> signals of CB[8] on amount of added **1b** and red crosses – the best fit to the system of three equilibria with stability constants  $\lg K_{1:1} = 4.6$ ,  $\lg K_{2:1} = 3.2$ , and  $\lg K_{1:2} = 3.0$ .

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Fig. 3S. Two different projections of crystal packing of 4a.