Electronic Supplementary Information

## A [3]Rotaxane Composed of a Zinc Porphyrin Tetra-substituted with Coordinating Macrocycles and of Two Short Rigid Axles

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