Supplementary Material

Development of highly sensitive and selective molecules for detection of spermidine

and spermine.

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X-Ray crystallographic analysis of [21·2MeOH].

The intensity data were collected on a Rigaku/MSC Mercury CCD diffractometer with graphite monochromated MoK α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71069$ Å). Single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow recrystallization from MeOH at room temperature. A colorless crystal ($0.10 \times 0.10 \times 0.02 \text{ mm}^3$) of [**21**·2MeOH] was mounted on a glass fiber. The structure was solved by a direct method (SIR-97^{S1}) and refined by full-matrix least-squares procedures on F^2 for all reflections (SHELXL-97^{S2}). Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) for the structure reported in this paper have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication no. CCDC 669857. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB21EZ, UK (fax: (+44)1223-336-033; E-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk.).

Crystal data for **21**·2MeOH: C49H65F3O16, M = 967.01, monoclinic, a = 16.2859(2), b = 18.5760(4), c = 17.0941(3) Å, b = 107.1049(8), V = 4942.68(15) Å³, space group P21/a (#14), Z = 4, D = 1.300 g/cm³, Mo-Ka ($\lambda = 0.71070$ Å, T = 93 K), measured reflections = 42593. Structure solution by SIR-97, refinement by full-matrix least-squares using all reflections (SHELXL-97), R = 0.0475 [|Fo | > 2r(Fo)], Rw = 0.119 (all reflections), GOF = 1.061.

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Figure S1. Structure of compound 21.2MeOH.



Displacement ellipsoids are scaled to the 50% probability level.



Figure S2. Job's plot between host 5 and spermidine (9) and spermine (10).

Figure S3. Detection sensitivities of hosts 2, 5, and 8.



Conditions: $[host 2] = 5.0 \times 10^{-4} M$, $[host 5] = 1.0 \times 10^{-3} M$, $[host 8] = 2.0 \times 10^{-4} M$, 25 °C, Methanol, light path length = 1 cm.

Figure S4. Fluorescence spectra of host 5 and spermidine (9).



Experimental Section

Generals:

All solvents and reagents were purchased commercially and used without further purification unless otherwise mentioned. Air and moisture sensitive reactions were conducted in heat gun-dried glassware sealed with rubber septa under a positive pressure of nitrogen or argon. Dry tetrahydrofuran (THF), *N*, *N*-dimethyformaminde (DMF) and acetic anhydride (Ac₂O) were freshly distilled just before use from sodium benzophenone ketyl (THF), P_2O_5 (DMF) or CaH₂ (Ac₂O). Molecular sieves were activated for 2 minutes (500 W) by kitchen microwave (Panasonic, NE-AT70) followed by cooling *in vacuo*, and these operation were repeated twice.

Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on 0.25 mm silica gel 60 F_{254} (0.25 mm, Merck) and were visualized by one or a combination of the following methods: (a) viewing under UV light, (b) exposure to iodine vapor, (c) exposure to 5% ethanolic phosphomolybdic acid solution, and (d) gentle heating on a hot plate. Preparative thin-layer chromatography (PTLC) separations were carried out on silica gel 60 F_{254} (0.5 mm, Merck). Wakogel C-200 (100-200 mesh, Wako Pure Chemical Industries Ltd.) or Silica Gel 60N (63-210 μ m, Kanto Chemical Co., Inc.) was used for column chromatography. Silica Gel 60 Spherical (150-230 mesh, Nacarai tesque) or UltraPure Silica Gel (230–400 mesh, SiliCycle) was used for flash column chromatography. Recyclable HPLC was performed on LC-908 (Japan Analytical Industry Co., Ltd.) equipped with a combination column of both JAIGEL-1H (20 x 600 mm) and JAIGEL-2H (20 x 600 mm): flow, 3.5 ml/min (CHCl₃); detection, UV (254 nm) and/or RI (Refractive Index).

Scheme S-1. Synthetic route to hosts 4 and 5.



Compounds 24 and 25: Compounds 24 and 25 have been synthesized similar to compounds 21 and
22. Compound 23 is known (Vazquez, M. E.; Rothaman, D. M.; Imperiali, B. *Org. Biomol. Chem.*2004, 2, 1965-1966.)

24: 58% yield, White solid; $R_f = 0.27$ (EtOAc-EtOH, 10:1); m.p. 79-80 °C (from MeOH); IR (KBr) 3502, 2872, 1749, 1604, 1523, 1477, 1352, 1295, 1252, 1110, 1025, 981, 945 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 12.4, 2.4 Hz, 4H), 6.79 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 657 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.25-6.12 (m, 2H), 5.50 (dd, J = 17.6, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 5.21 (dd, J = 10.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 4.98-4.91 (m, 4H), 4.49 (ABq, $\Delta v = 316$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 10.4$ Hz, 4H), 3.67-3.35 (m, 32H+6H), 3.07 (s, 6H), 2.03 (s, 2H, D₂O exchangable); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 159.0, 155.0, 154.5, 136.3, 135.8, 132.19, 132.16, 131.6, 131.0, 126.9, 115.2, 113.0, 112.0, 14.8, 90.0, 70.8, 70.3, 70.2, 70.10, 70.07, 69.2, 68.6, 68.4, 40.5; MS (FAB+, NBA) m/z (rel. intensity) = 916 [(M+K)⁺, 10], 900 [(M+Na)⁺, 100], 878 [(M+H)⁺, 15]; HRMS (FAB+, NBA) Calcd for C₄₈H₆₄O₁₄N (M+H)⁺ 878.4327, Found 878.4341; *Anal.* Calcd for C₄₈H₆₃O₁₄N·2.0 H₂O: C, 63.07; H, 7.39; N, 1.53. Found: C, 63.21; H, 7.17; N, 1.40.

25: 39% yield, White powder; $R_f = 0.35$ (EtOAc-EtOH, 10:1); m.p. 86-87 °C (from MeOH); IR (KBr) 3503, 2872, 1765, 1625, 1516, 1474, 1352, 1249, 1110, 1023, 947 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J = 11.2, 2.4 Hz, 4H), 7.12 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.25-6.12 (m, 2H), 5.50 (dd, J = 17.2, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 5.21 (dd, J = 10.4, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 4.91 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 4H), 4.50 (ABq, $\Delta v = 313$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 10.4$ Hz, 4H), 4.48 (ABq, $\Delta v = 311$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 10.4$ Hz, 4H), 3.66-3.35 (m, 32H), 3.04 (s, 6H), 2.20 (s, 2H, D₂O exchangable); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9, 158.8, 151.3, 139.8, 136.3, 136.0, 132.22, 132.17, 131.1, 130.9, 126.4, 124.4, 119.1, 115.1, 106.9, 90.9, 70.7, 70.3, 70.2, 70.1, 69.19, 69.17, 68.7, 68.6, 40.6; MS (FAB+, NBA) m/z (rel. intensity) = 916 [(M+K)⁺, 10], 900 [(M+Na)⁺, 30]; HRMS (FAB+, NBA) Calcd for C₄₈H₆₃O₁₄NNa (M+Na)⁺ 900.4146, Found 900.4128; *Anal.* Calcd for C₄₈H₆₃O₁₄NN2 (M+Na)⁺ 900.4146, Found 900.4128; *Anal.* Calcd for C₄₈H₆₃O₁₄N·2.0 H₂O: C, 63.07;

H, 7.39; N, 1.53. Found: C, 63.26; H, 7.21; N, 1.50.

Host 4: Host 4 has been synthesized similar to host 2.

Host 4: 90% yield, Pale yellow foam; $R_f = 0.32$ (CHCl₃-MeOH, 10:1); IR (neat) 3350, 2872, 1743, 1604, 1521, 1485, 1355, 1294, 1107 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (s, 2H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (s, 4H), 6.74 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.0 Hz, 4H), 6.47 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (AB, $\Delta v = 0$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 11.2$ Hz, 8H), 3.78-3.58 (m, 32H), 3.05 (s, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 156.0, 155.1, 154.3, 132.2, 128.8, 126.8, 124.3, 112.8, 112.2, 104.9, 90.6, 70.6, 70.5, 70.3, 70.0, 69.4, 40.5; MS (FAB+, Glycerol) *m*/*z* (rel. intensity) = 842 [(M+2Na-H)⁺, 10], 836 [(M+K)⁺, 15], 820 [(M+Na)⁺, 100], 798 [(M+H)⁺, 45]; HRMS (FAB+, NBA) Calcd for C₄₂H₅₆O₁₄N (M+H)⁺ 798.3701, Found 798.3707; *Anal.* Calcd for C₄₈H₆₃O₁₄N·1.0 H₂O: C, 61.83; H, 7.04; N, 1.72. Found: C, 61.85; H, 6.82; N, 1.79.

Host 5: Host 5 has been synthesized similar to host 2.

Host **5**: 90% yield, Pale yellow foam; $R_f = 0.33$ (CHCl₃-MeOH, 10:1); IR (neat) 3344, 2872, 1757, 1686, 1619, 1514, 1485, 1356, 1248, 1107, 943 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.25 (s, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 4H), 7.00 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (AB, $\Delta v = 0$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 11.2$ Hz, 8H), 3.76-3.58 (m, 32H), 3.02 (s, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.0, 156.0, 151.2, 140.1, 132.5, 128.7, 126.4, 124.6, 124.4, 118.8, 106.9, 91.4, 70.62, 70.55, 70.3, 70.0, 69.4, 40.6; MS (FAB+, Glycerol) *m*/*z* (rel. intensity) = 820 [(M+Na)⁺, 10], 798 [(M+H)⁺, 35], 737 (10), 645 (20), 553 (35), 369 (20); HRMS (FAB+, Glycerol) Calcd for C₄₂H₅₆O₁₄N (M+H)⁺ 798.3701, Found 798.3696; *Anal.* Calcd for C₄₈H₆₃O₁₄N·2.0 H₂O: C, 60.49; H, 7.13; N, 1.68. Found: C, 60.80; H, 6.88; N, 1.66.

Scheme S-2. Synthetic route to host 6.



Compound 27: Compound 27 has been synthesized similar to compounds 21 and 22.

27: 61% yield, White powder; $R_f = 0.30$ (AcOEt-MeOH, 10:1); m.p. 142-143 °C; IR (KBr) 2360, 1721, 1644, 1585, 1477, 1137, 1110 cm⁻¹; δ 8.42 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, J = 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (dd, J = 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, J = 36.2, 2.3 Hz, 4H), 6.24-6.11 (m, 2H), 5.49 (dd, J = 17.4, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 5.21 (dd, J = 10.5, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 4.94 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 4H), 4.43 (ABq, $\Delta v = 302$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 10.6$ Hz, 4H), 4.44 (ABq, $\Delta v = 329$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 10.6$ Hz, 4H), 3.63-3.30 (m, 32H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.2, 159.2, 138.3, 136.7, 134.4, 134.3, 132.7, 132.4, 132.4, 130.4, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 126.9, 126.7, 121.7, 115.4, 90.7, 71.2, 70.7, 70.6, 69.7, 69.1, 69.0; MS (FAB+, NBA) *m/z* (rel. intensity) = 907 [(M+Na)⁺, 100], 465 (30); HRMS (FAB+, NBA) Calcd for C₅₀H₆₀O₁₄Na (M+Na)⁺ 907.3881, Found 907.3870; *Anal.* Calcd for C₅₀H₆₀O₁₄: C, 67.86; H, 6.83. Found: C, 67.89; H, 6.91.

Host 6: Host 6 has been synthesized similar to host 2.

Host **6**: 44% yield, White powder; $R_f = 0.28$ (CHCl₃-MeOH, 10:1); m.p. 175-176 °C; IR (KBr) 3344, 2870, 1716, 1608, 1486, 1353, 1139, 1108 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.37 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (brs, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J = 8.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, J = 8.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 4H), 4.53 (AB, $\Delta v = 0$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 11.4$ Hz, 8H), 3.80-3.59 (m, 32H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.4, 156.4, 134.5, 134.2, 132.5, 129.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 126.6, 126.3, 124.2, 121.6, 90.8, 71.0, 70.9, 70.6, 70.1, 69.7; MS (FAB+, NBA) *m/z* (rel. intensity) = 827 [(M+Na)⁺, 40], 805 [(M+H)⁺, 10], 154 (100); HRMS (FAB+, NBA) Calcd for C₄₄H₅₃O₁₄ (M+H)⁺ 805.3436, Found 805.3444; *Anal.* Calcd for C₄₄H₅₂O₁₄·0.5 H₂O: C, 64.93; H, 6.56. Found: C, 65.10; H, 6.50.

Scheme S-3. Synthetic route to host 7.



Compound 29: Compound 29 has been synthesized similar to compounds 21 and 22.

29: 95% yield, White powder, $R_f = 0.41$ (EtOAc-acetone, 4:1); m.p. 77-78 °C; IR (KBr) 2871, 1766, 1636, 1479, 1351 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.67 (dd, J = 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, J = 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, J = 15.6, 2.8 Hz, 4H), 6.25-6.12 (m, 2H), 5.50 (dd, J = 17.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 5.21 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 2H), 4.94 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 4.87 (dd, J = 10.14, 1.8 Hz, 4H),), 4.10 (dd, J = 10.14, 2.8 Hz, 4H), 3.70-3.32 (m, 32H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.2, 159.6, 145.3, 136.8, 136.7, 136.1, 133.7, 133.0, 132.9, 131.6, 131.5, 130.3, 129.5, 129.3, 127.9, 127.7, 123.9, 115.5, 91.9, 71.2, 70.7, 70.6, 69.6, 69.2; MS (FAB+, NBA) m/z (rel. intensity) = 907 [(M+Na)⁺, 100], 885 [(M+H)⁺, 30], 499 (25); HRMS (FAB+) Calcd for C₅₀H₆₁O₁₄ (M+H)⁺ 885.4061, Found 885.4059; *Anal.* Calcd for C₅₀H₆₀O₁₄·H₂O: C, 66.50; H, 6.92. Found: C, 66.84; H, 6.89.

Host 7: Host 7 has been synthesized similar to host 2.

Host 7: 69% yield, White powder; $R_f = 0.33$ (CHCl₃-MeOH, 10:1); m.p. 199-201 °C; IR (KBr) 3339, 2870, 1762, 1609, 1486, 1355 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.4-8.1 (brs, 2H), 8.04 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.65 (dd, J = 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, J = 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 4H), 4.58 (AB, $\Delta v = 0$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 11.0$ Hz, 8H), 3.70-3.55 (m, 32H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3,156.7, 146.5, 136.6, 133.5, 132.5, 130.2, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 127.7, 127.5, 125.0, 124.1, 123.7, 92.4, 71.1, 71.0, 70.7, 70.4, 69.9; MS (FAB+, NBA) m/z (rel. intensity) = 827 [(M+Na)⁺, 100], 805 [(M+H)⁺, 15], 307 (60); HRMS (FAB+, Glycerol) Calcd for C₄₄H₅₃O₁₄ (M+H)⁺ 804.3435, Found 804.3424; *Anal*. Calcd for C₄₄H₅₂O₁₄: C, 65.66; H, 6.51. Found: C, 65.29; H, 6.67.

Scheme S-4. Synthetic route to host 8.



Compound 31: Compound 31 has been synthesized similar to compounds 21 and 22.

31: 93% yield, pale yellow powder, $R_f = 0.33$ (EtOAc-MeOH, 10:1); m.p. 90-91 °C; IR (KBr) 2871, 1764, 1638, 1213, 1112 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 (s, 1H), 8.71 (s, 1H), 8.58 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 8.09-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.51 (m, 2H), 7.33 (dd, J = 16.0, 2.3 Hz, 4H), 6.23-6.14 (m, 2H), 5.50 (dd, J = 17.4, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 5.21 (dd, J = 10.6, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 4.95 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 4H), 4.49 (ABq, $\Delta v = 305$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 10.1$ Hz, 4H), 4.49 (ABq, $\Delta v = 309$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 10.1$ Hz, 4H), 3.66-3.33 (m, 32H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 159.6, 144.1, 136.8, 136.3, 133.9, 133.5, 132.9, 132.6, 131.7, 131.5, 131.2, 130.0, 129.3, 128.9, 128.6, 127.9, 127.6, 126.8, 124.1, 123.8, 115.5, 91.9, 71.2, 70.7, 70.6, 70.5, 69.6, 69.2; MS (FAB+, NBA) *m/z* (rel. intensity) = 957 [(M+Na)⁺, 100], 935 [(M+H)⁺, 15], 307 (20); HRMS (FAB+) Calcd for C₅₄H₆₃O₁₄ (M+H)⁺ 935.4218, Found 935.4245; *Anal.* Calcd for C₅₄H₆₂O₁₄·0.5H₂O: C, 68.70; H, 6.73. Found: C, 68.92; H, 6.72.

Host 8: Host 8 has been synthesized similar to host 2.

Host **8**: 64% yield, White powder; $R_f = 0.30$ (CHCl₃-MeOH, 10:1); m.p. 191- °C (decomp.); IR (KBr) 3357, 2871, 1761, 1637, 1486, 1355 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.70 (s, 1H), 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.20 (s, 2H, O<u>H</u>), 8.1-8.0 (m, 2H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.6-7.5 (m, 2H), 7.15 (s, 4H), 4.58 (AB, $\Delta v = 16$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 5.5$ Hz, 8H), 3.75-3.6 (m, 32H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.1, 157.1, 156.6, 144.3, 133.8, 133.3, 132.7, 132.5, 131.0, 129.8, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 127.7, 127.5, 126.8, 125.5, 125.0, 123.9, 123.8, 92.4, 71.0, 71.0, 70.8, 70.7, 70.3, 69.9; MS (FAB+, NBA) m/z (rel. intensity) = 877 [(M+Na)⁺, 2], 460 (4) 154 (100); HRMS (FAB+, NBA) Calcd for C₄₈H₅₄O₁₄Na (M+Na)⁺ 877.3412, Found 877.3391; *Anal*. Calcd for C₄₈H₅₄O₁₄·0.15CHCl₃: C, 66.26; H, 6.25. Found: C, 66.29; H, 6.19.

















