## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

# Pillar[5]arenes with an introverted amino group: a hydrogen bonding tuning effect

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#### 1. General:

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz with a Mercury plus 400 spectrometer at 298 K. Chemical shifts were referenced to CHCl<sub>3</sub> residue (7.26 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H NMR, 77.0 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C NMR). Mass spectra were recorded with Bruker MicroTOF II spectrometer. For single crystal growing, **IP**-DA-3 (3 mg) was dissolved in chloroform (0.3 ml). The single crystals were obtained by slow evaporation the solutions under 25 °C for 2 weeks. The data set was treated with the SQUEEZE program to remove highly disordered solvent molecules. The crystallographic formulae include the number of solvent molecules suggested by the SQUEEZE program.

#### 2. Synthetic procedure and characterization data for 1 and 2:

Compound **2** was synthesized according to our earlier work.<sup>[1]</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.03-6.99 (m, 8 H), 6.92 (s, 1 H), 6.84 (s, 1 H), 4.55-4.90 (m, 20 H), 4.09-3.84 (m, 28 H), 1.06-0.80 (m, 27 H). HR-MS (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>73</sub>H<sub>86</sub>O<sub>30</sub>Na: 1465.5102. Found: 1465.4522.



Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S2. HR ESI-MS of 2.

To the solution of **2** (200 mg, 0.14 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (8 mL) was added oxalyl chloride (96  $\mu$ L, 1.12 mmol) and DMF (2  $\mu$ L). The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 3 h and then subject to distill under reduced pressure. The residue was redissolved in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL), and then phenol (40 mg, 0.42 mmol) and anhydrous pyridine (67  $\mu$ L, 0.84 mmol) was added to such a solution. After stirred at 25 °C for 12 h, the mixture was washed with saturated Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and aqueous HCl (5%). The crude product was purified by column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc = 40/1) to give **1** as white solid (88 mg, 42%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.17-7.04 (m, 14 H), 4.82 (q, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.53 (m, 19 H), 4.07 (m, 18 H), 3.87 (m, 10 H), 0.97-0.91 (m, 24), 0.69 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3 H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  169.4, 168.1, 150.4, 149.3, 149.1, 149.0, 148.9, 148.7, 129.5, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 126.1, 121.5, 114.8, 114.7, 114.6, 114.5, 114.4, 114.2, 66.0, 65.9, 65.7, 61.0, 60.8, 29.6, 29.4, 29.1, 29.0, 13.9, 13.8, 13.6. MS (ESI): *m*/*z* 1541 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, HR-MS (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>79</sub>H<sub>90</sub>O<sub>30</sub>Na: 1541.5415. Found: 1541.5425.



Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S4. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S5. HR ESI-MS of 1.

# 3. Synthetic procedure and characterization data for authentic sample of IP-DA-3 and IP-MA-3:

General procedure for the synthesis of **IP**-DA-3 and **IP**-MA-3: To the solution of **2** (100 mg, 0.07 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added oxalyl chloride (48  $\mu$ L, 0.56) and DMF (2  $\mu$ L). The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 3 h and then subject to distill under reduced pressure. The residue was redissolved in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL), and then **DA**-3 or **MA**-3 (0.70 mmol) and anhydrous pyridine (67  $\mu$ L, 0.84 mmol) was added to such a solution. After stirred at 25 °C for 5 h, the mixture was washed with aqueous HCl (5%). The crude product was purified by column chromatography to give **IP**-DA-3 or **IP**-MA-3 as white solid.

**IP**-DA-3 (35%) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 7.19-6.74 (m, 10 H), 5.92 (br, 1 H), 4.51-3.64 (m, 49 H), 2.45 (br, 1 H), 1.12-1.08 (m, 27 H), -0.42 (br, 2 H), -0.69 (br, 1 H), -0.83 (br, 1 H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz): δ 169.6-168.0 (m), 149.2-148.3 (m),

129.9-127.1 (m), 115.4-113.6 (m), 66.2-65.4 (m), 61.4-61.0 (m), 30.2-28.5 (m), 14.2. MS (ESI): *m*/*z* 1499 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, HR-MS (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>76</sub>H<sub>95</sub>O<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: 1499.6021. Found: 1499.6000.



Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **IP**-DA-3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S7. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of IP-DA-3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S8. HR ESI-MS of IP-DA-3.

**IP**-MA-3 (48%) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz):  $\delta$  7.14-6.71 (m, 10 H), 5.70 (br, 1 H), 4.54-3.87 (m, 48 H), 2.67 (br, 1 H), 2.09 (br, 1 H), 1.14-1.10 (m, 27 H), -0.02 (br, 2 H), -0.74 (br, 3 H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz):  $\delta$  169.6-168.4 (m), 149.6-148.5 (m), 129.9-127.6 (m), 115.4-113.5 (m), 66.1-65.6 (m), 61.3-61.0 (m), 39.8, 30.0-28.8 (m), 21.1, 14.1, 9.4. MS (ESI): *m*/*z* 1484 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, HR-MS (ESI-TOF): Calcd. for C<sub>76</sub>H<sub>94</sub>O<sub>29</sub>N: 1484.5912. Found: 1484.5916.



Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of IP-MA-3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S10. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of IP-MA-3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S11. HR ESI-MS of IP-MA-3.



Figure S12. 2D COSY <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of IP-MA-3 (10 mM) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S13**. 2D NOESY <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (mixing time = 0.6 s) of **IP**-MA-3 (10 mM) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

#### 4. Kinetic experiments for measurement the reaction rate constants:

For the kinetic experiments,  $\mathbf{1}$  ([ $\mathbf{1}_0$ ] = 4.0 mM) and **DA**-n (80 mM) or **MA**-n (160 mM) was dissolved in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. The reactions were then monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. The ratio of  $\mathbf{1}$  and introverted pillar[5]arene or phenol in the reaction mixture was determined by their integration and thus the concentration of  $\mathbf{1}$  ([ $\mathbf{1}$ ]) could be calculated. By fitting the values of  $\ln([\mathbf{1}_0]/[\mathbf{1}])$  or  $\ln([\mathbf{3}_0]/[\mathbf{3}])$  versus time plots with a linear model, the reaction rate constants (*ks*) were obtained, which equal to the slop of the line.



**Figure S14**. (a) Changes in [1] and (b)  $\ln([1_0]/[1])$  of the reaction mixture with time (*t*) after mixing of 1 and **DA**-2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. The solid line represents the linear simulation of measured data points.



**Figure S15**. (a) Changes in [1] and (b)  $\ln([1_0]/[1])$  of the reaction mixture with time (*t*) after mixing of 1 and **DA**-3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. The solid line represents the linear simulation of measured data points.



**Figure S16**. (a) Changes in [1] and (b)  $\ln([1_0]/[1])$  of the reaction mixture with time (*t*) after mixing of 1 and **DA**-4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. The solid line represents the linear simulation of measured data points.



**Figure S17**. (a) Changes in [1] and (b)  $\ln([1_0]/[1])$  of the reaction mixture with time (*t*) after mixing of 1 and **DA**-5 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. The solid line represents the linear simulation of measured data points.



**Figure S18**. (a) Changes in [1] and (b)  $\ln([1_0]/[1])$  of the reaction mixture with time (*t*) after mixing of 1 and **DA**-6 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. The solid line represents the linear simulation of measured data points.



**Figure S19**. (a) Changes in [1] and (b)  $\ln([1_0]/[1])$  of the reaction mixture with time (*t*) after mixing of 1 and **DA**-7 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. The solid line represents the linear simulation of measured data points.



**Figure S20**. (a) Changes in [1] and (b)  $\ln([1_0]/[1])$  of the reaction mixture with time (*t*) after mixing of 1 and MA-3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. The solid line represents the linear simulation of measured data points.



**Figure S21**. (a) Changes in [1] and (b)  $\ln([1_0]/[1])$  of the reaction mixture with time (*t*) after mixing of 1 and MA-4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. The solid line represents the linear simulation of measured data points.



**Figure S22**. (a) Changes in [1] and (b)  $\ln([1_0]/[1])$  of the reaction mixture with time (*t*) after mixing of 1 and MA-6 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. The solid line represents the linear simulation of measured data points.



**Figure S23**. (a) Changes in [3] and (b)  $\ln([3_0]/[3])$  of the reaction mixture with time (*t*) after mixing of 3 and MA-3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. The solid line represents the linear simulation of measured data points.



### 5. Full <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of IP-DA-n and IP-MA-n:

**Figure S24**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **IP**-DA-n (n = 2-7) and **IP**-MA-n (n = 3, 4, 6) produced in situ by the reaction of **1** with **DA**-n and **MA**-n. • indicates the signals from the excess **DA**-n or **MA**-n. The assignment of the proton signals of  $CH_2NH_2$  and  $CH_3$  based on their integration and non-anisotropic properties.

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