Taco Complex-Templated Dynamic Clipping to Cryptand-Based [2]Rotaxane- and [2]Catenane-Type Mechanically Interlocked Structures

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1. Materials and methods

Diamine appended BMP32C10 derivative **4**^{S1}, paraquat **6**^{S2}, paraquat derivative **7**^{S3} and cyclophane **8**^{S4} were synthesized according to literature procedures. All reagents were commercially available and used as supplied without further purification. Solvents were either employed as purchased or dried according to procedures described in the literature. NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker Avance DMX 400 spectrophotometer or a Bruker Avance DMX 500 spectrophotometer with use of the deuterated solvent as the lock and the residual solvent or TMS as the internal reference. Low-resolution electrospray ionization (LRESI) mass spectra were obtained on a Bruker Esquire 3000 plus mass spectrometer (Bruker-Franzen Analytik GmbH Bremen, Germany) equipped with an ESI interface and an ion trap analyzer. The crystal data were collected on an Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur Atlas Gemini ultra. The crystal structures were solved by SHELXS-97^{S5} and refined by SHELXL-97.^{S6}









Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CD₃CN, 20 °C) of 8.

3. Synthesis of dynamic [2] pseudorotaxane 1



Equimolar (20.0 mM) diamine appended BMP32C10 derivative **4**, pyridine-2,6dicarbaldehyde **5**, and paraquat **6** were mixed together in CD₃CN at 25 °C to give the dynamic [2]pseudorotaxane **1** almost quantitative within several minutes. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN, room temperature) δ (ppm) for **1**: 8.63–8.65 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 8.49–8.50 (d, 4H, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 8.47 (s, 2H), 8.13–8.17 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.81–7.83 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 5.86–5.88 (t, 2H, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 5.71–5.72 (d, 4H, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 4.48 (s, 4H), 4.36 (s, 6H), 3.60–3.80 (m, 28H), 3.16–3.20 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, 22 °C) δ (ppm) for **1**: 159.8, 158.8, 153.3, 145.9, 145.6, 140.8, 138.4, 126.3, 125.5, 106.8, 99.3, 70.1, 70.0, 69.1, 68.9, 67.1, 64.0, 47.5. Low-resolution ESI-MS for **1**: *m/z* 1024.41 (25%) [M – PF₆]⁺.



Figure S6. ¹³C NMR spectrum (125 MHz, CD₃CN, 20 °C) of **1**.

4. Synthesis of dynamic [2] rotaxane 2



Equimolar (20.0 mM) diamine appended BMP32C10 derivative **4**, pyridine-2,6dicarbaldehyde **5**, and paraquat derivative **7** were mixed together in CD₃CN at 25 °C to give the dynamic [2]rotaxane **2** almost quantitative within several minutes. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃CN, room temperature) δ (ppm) for **2**: 8.89–8.91 (d, 2H, J = 10.0 Hz), 8.56–8.62 (m, 6H), 8.36–8.38 (m, 5H), 7.83–7.89 (m, 6H), 7.40–7.70 (m, 28H), 7.08–7.10 (m, 4H), 5.93–5.94 (t, 2H, J = 2.5 Hz), 5.76 (s, 6H), 5.20–5.21 (d, 2H, J = 5.0 Hz), 4.67–4.71 (m, 4H), 4.11 (s, 4H), 3.55–3.79 (m, 28H), 3.31–3.34 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃CN, 22 °C) δ (ppm) for **2**: 159.6, 158.9, 153.2, 145.5, 145.3, 144.5, 140.7, 138.6, 135.1, 133.8, 131.5, 129.8, 127.1, 126.5, 107.4, 97.9, 70.2, 69.8, 69.3, 67.2, 63.7, 62.9. Low-resolution ESI-MS for **2**: m/z 935.4 (100%) [M – 2PF₆]²⁺.





Figure S8. ¹³C NMR spectrum (125 MHz, CD₃CN, 20 °C) of **2**.

5. Synthesis of dynamic [2] catenane 3



Equimolar (20.0 mM) diamine appended BMP32C10 derivative **4**, pyridine-2,6dicarbaldehyde **5**, and cyclophane **8** were mixed together in CD₃CN at 25 °C to give the dynamic [2]catenane **3** almost quantitative within several minutes. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃CN, room temperature) δ (ppm) for **3**: 7.49–8.90 (br, 26H), 8.25–8.28 (t, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 7.91–7.93 (d, 2H, J = 10.0 Hz), 5.64–6.33 (br, 12H), 4.59–4.74 (br, 2H), 3.57–3.81 (m, 36H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃CN, 22 °C) δ (ppm) for **3**: 159.9, 158.8, 150.6, 144.5, 139.0, 135.9, 130.1, 127.0, 107.4, 106.4, 96.8, 70.1, 70.0, 69.5, 69.0, 66.8, 63.7. Low-resolution ESI-MS for **3**: m/z1502.2 (100%) [M – HPF₆ – PF₆]⁺, m/z 1648.2 (90%) [M – PF₆]⁺, m/z 1356.4 (20%) [M – 2HPF₆ – PF₆]⁺.



Figure S10. ¹³C NMR spectrum (125 MHz, CD₃CN, 20 °C) of **3**.

6. LRESIMS spectra of 1, 2 and 3

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Figure S11. Electrospray ionization mass spectrum of 1.



Figure S12. Electrospray ionization mass spectrum of 2.



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Figure S13. Electrospray ionization mass spectrum of 3.

7. Partial NOESY NMR spectra of 1, 2 and 3



Figure S14. Partial NOESY NMR spectrum of 1 (20.0 mM) in CD₃CN (500 MHz, 20 °C).



Figure S15. Partial NOESY NMR spectrum of 2 (20.0 mM) in CD₃CN (500 MHz, 20 °C).



Figure S16. Partial NOESY NMR spectrum of 3 (20.0 mM) in CD₃CN (500 MHz, 20 °C).

8. Partial COSY NMR spectra of 1, 2 and 3



Figure S17. Partial COSY spectrum (500 MHz, CD₃CN, 20 °C) of 1 (20.0 mM).



Figure S18. Partial COSY spectrum (500 MHz, CD₃CN, 20 °C) of 2 (20.0 mM).



Figure S19. Partial COSY spectrum (500 MHz, CD₃CN, 20 °C) of 3 (20.0 mM).

9. X-ray analysis data of [2] catenane 3

Crystal data of **3**: block, pale red, $0.48 \times 0.40 \times 0.32 \text{ mm}^3$, $C_{73}H_{79}F_{24}N_7O_{10}P_4$, *FW* 1793.30, triclinic, space group *P* 1, *a* = 13.9994(6), *b* = 14.0662(6), *c* = 15.3078(7) Å, $\alpha = 108.714(4)^\circ$, $\beta = 107.270(4)^\circ$, $\gamma = 96.152(3)^\circ$, *V* = 2657.17(19) Å³, *Z* = 1, *D*_c = 1.121 g cm⁻³, *T* = 140(2) K, $\mu = 1.433 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, 9013 measured reflections, 11854 independent reflections, 1063 parameters, 9 restraints, *F*(000) = 921, *R*₁ = 0.0783, *wR*₁ = 0.2111 (all data), *R*₂ = 0.0717, *wR*₂ = 0.1983 [*I* > 2 σ (*I*)], max. residual density 0.366 e•Å⁻³, and goodness-of-fit (*F*²) = 1.061. CCDC 936994.

10. Partial ¹H NMR of the mixture of compounds 4 and 5 without paraquat



Figure S20. Partial ¹H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, CD₃CN, 20 °C) of equimolar **4** and **5** (20.0 mM).

From Figure S20, we can confirm that in the absence of paraquat template, the mixture of **4** and **5** preferred to form dynamic polymer instead of discrete cryptand as indicated by lots of broad peaks.

11. UV-Vis spectrum of [2] rotaxane 2



Figure S21. UV-Vis absorption spectrum of dynamic cryptand-based [2]rotaxane 2 at 1.00 mM in CD₃CN.

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