# On the supramolecular polymerization of [5]helicenes. Consequences of self-assembly on configurational stability 

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## 1. Supplementary Figures



Figure S1. Concentration-dependent ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of 1 in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(300 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K})$ showing the aromatic, the amide and the methylene linked to the nitrogen atom and to the aromatic backbone protons.


Figure S2. UV-Vis spectra of 1 in MCH at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (black line) and $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (red line) at a concentration of $100 \mu \mathrm{M}$.



Figure S3. Concentration-dependent ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of 2 in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(300 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K})$ showing the aromatic, the amide and the methylene linked to the nitrogen atom and to the aromatic backbone protons.


Figure S4. Partial ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ DOSY NMR ( $\Delta=160 \mathrm{~ms}, \mathrm{t}=3 \mathrm{~ms}$ ) spectra of 2 at different concentrations $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 298 \mathrm{~K}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$.


Figure S5. (a) Chemical structure of [5]helicene 2 depicting with curved arrows of different colors the intramolecular through-space coupling signals. (b) ROESY NMR spectra (CDCI3, $300 \mathrm{MHz}, 20 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{M}, 293 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of 2. The dotted coloured lines highlight the intramolecular through-space coupling signals.


Figure S6. (a) VT-UV-Vis spectra of 2 in $\mathrm{MCH}\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{T}}=10 \mu \mathrm{M}\right.$; cooling rate $=1 \mathrm{Kmin}^{-1}$ ). (b) Plots of the variation of the absorbance at $\lambda=$ 339 nm against temperature at different concentrations. The red curves represent the fit to the EQ model.


Figure S7. (a) UV-Vis spectra of $\mathbf{2}$ in $\mathrm{MCH} / \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ mixtures ( $c_{T}=10 \mu \mathrm{M}, 208 \mathrm{~K}$ ). The black and red lines depict the UV-Vis spectra of 1b in MCH and $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$, respectively. (b) Plot of the degree of aggregation ( $\alpha$ ) versus the molar fraction of the good solvent $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$. The red line shows the fitting to the SD model.


Figure S8. HPLC traces of helicenes 1 (a-c) and 2 (d-f) in their racemic (a, d) and enantiomerically enriched forms (b, c, e, f) on a $(R, R)-W h e l k ~ 01$ chiral column (experimental conditions for 1: eluents: toluene/2-propanol mixture ( $97 / 3$ ) as eluent, flow rate: 5 $\mathrm{mL} / \mathrm{min}$; for 2: hexane/2-propanol (80/20) as eluent; flow rate $2,5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$ ).


Figure S9. CD spectra of the two $M$ and $P$ enantiomers of 2 in a molecularly dissolved state $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}, 298 \mathrm{~K}, \sim 1 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{M}\right)(\mathrm{a})$ and in the aggregated state (MCH, $298 \mathrm{~K}, \sim 1 \times 10-5 \mathrm{M}$ ) (b).


Figure S10. AFM images of the racemic mixture (a) and the $M$ enantiomer (b) of $2(10 \mu \mathrm{M}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$, mica as surface, $\mathbf{z}$ scale $=10 \mathrm{~nm})$. (c) Height profile (green line in panel (b)) of the rod-like structures formed from the self-assembly of M-2.


Figure S11. CD spectra of $\mathrm{M}-2$ in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(\mathrm{a})$ and $\mathrm{MCH}(\mathrm{b})\left(c_{T}=10 \mathrm{mM} ; \mathrm{T}=283 \mathrm{~K}\right)$ measured at different times upon preparation.


Figure S12. CD spectra of $M-2$ in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(\mathrm{a})$ and $\mathrm{MCH}(\mathrm{b})\left(c_{T}=10 \mathrm{mM} ; \mathrm{T}=328 \mathrm{~K}\right)$. (c) Natural logarithmic plot of the variation of enantiomeric excess of $\mathrm{M}-2$ in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ versus time to derive the racemization constant Krac. $^{\text {. }}$


Figure S13. CD spectra of $P-1$ in $\mathrm{MCH}(\mathrm{a})\left(c_{T}=10 \mathrm{mM}\right.$; $\left.T=328 \mathrm{~K}\right)$. (b) Natural logarithmic plot of the variation of the variation of enantiomeric excess versus time to derive the racemization constant $k_{r a c}$.

## 3. Experimental section

General. All solvents were dried according to standard procedures. Reagents were used as purchased. All air-sensitive reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance $300\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}: 300 \mathrm{MHz} ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 75 \mathrm{MHz}\right.$ ), spectrometer at 298 K using partially deuterated solvents as internal standards. Coupling constants (J) are denoted in Hz and chemical shifts $(\delta)$ in ppm. Multiplicities are denoted as follows: $s=$ singlet, $d=$ doublet, $t=$ triplet, $m=$ multiplet, br $=$ broad. FT-IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Tensor 27 (ATR device) spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a FTMS Bruker APEX Q IV spectrometer. UV-Vis spectra were registered on a Jasco-V630 spectrophotometer equipped with a Peltier thermoelectric temperature controller. The spectra were recorded in the continuous mode between 220 and 450 nm , with a wavelength increment of 1 nm , a response time of 4 s , and a bandwidth of 1 nm . A 1 cm path length quartz cuvette (Hellma) was used. Thermal experiments were performed at constant heating rates of $1 \mathrm{~K} \mathrm{~min}^{-1}$ in methylcyclohexane. Circular dichroism (CD) measurements were performed on a Jasco-1500 dichrograph equipped with a Peltier thermoelectric temperature controller. The spectra were recorded in the continuous mode between 220 and 450 nm , with a wavelength increment of 1 nm , a response time of 4 s , and a bandwidth of 1 nm . A 1 cm path length quartz cuvette (Hellma) was used. The spectra were recorded in the continuous mode between 350 and 600 nm , with a wavelength increment of 1 nm , a response time of 4 s , and a bandwidth of 1 nm . A 1 cm path length quartz cuvette (Hellma) was used. A 1 cm path length quartz cuvette (Hellma) was used. HPLC experiments were conducted using a (R,R)-Whelk $01(5 / 100)$ chiral column ( $25 \mathrm{~cm} \times 10 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) with toluene/2-propanol mixture ( $97 / 3$ ) for compound 1 and hexane/2propanol (80/20) for compound 2 as eluents. Atomic Force Microscopy was performed on a SPM Nanoscope Illa multimode microscope working on tapping mode with a RTESPA tip (Veeco) at a working frequency of $\sim 235 \mathrm{kHz}$.

## Racemization Experiments in solution

The value of the Gibbs activation energy of enantiomerization $\Delta G^{\ddagger}(T)$ for compounds $P-1$ and $M-2$ were obtained by resolution of the corresponding enantiomers in HPLC and by following the decay of the enantioenriched sample dissolved in MCH , for $P-1$, and $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ for $M-2$ at a determined temperature $(328 \mathrm{~K})$ over time ( t ) by monitoring the change in the maximum ( 332 , for , for $P-1$, and 349 nm for $M-2$ ) of the circular dichroism spectrum. The value ee corresponds to the maximum at 349 nm at 293 K , and it relates to the enantiopure sample as shown by HPLC. Considering that the racemization process follows a first-order kinetics, the representation of In ( $e e_{t} / e e_{0}$ ) versus $t$ (where $e e_{t}$ corresponds to the CD signal at the maximum at different times) allows to obtain the $k_{r a c}$ as these parameters are related through the equation $\ln \left(e e_{t} / e e_{0}\right)=-k_{\text {ract }}$. The constant $k_{\text {rac }}$ is also used to calculate the half-time of the process according to $t_{1 / 2}=\ln 2 / k_{\text {rac }}$.
The free activation energy $\Delta G^{\ddagger}(328 \mathrm{~K})$ for the racemization is calculated by using the Eyring equation $\Delta G^{\ddagger}(T)=-R T \ln \left(k_{e} h / \kappa k_{B} T\right)$ where $k_{e}$ is the constant of enantiomerization $\left(k_{e}=k_{r a c} / 2\right), R$ is the gas constant $\left(R=8.31441 \mathrm{~J} \mathrm{~K}^{-1}\right)$, $h$ is the Planck constant $(h=$ $6.626176 .10^{-34} \mathrm{Js}$ ), $k_{B}$ is the Boltzmann constant ( $k_{B}=1.380662 .10^{-23} \mathrm{JK}^{-1}$ ), and $\kappa$ is the transmission coefficient ( $\kappa=0.5$ ). The transmission coefficient $\kappa=0.5$ in the Eyring equation was used because the enantiomerization process is defined as a reversible first order reaction. ${ }^{1}$

The data derived for $P-1$ are:
$k_{r a c}=(4.3 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-2} \mathrm{~min}^{-1}$
$t_{1 / 2}=16.0 \pm 0.4 \mathrm{~min}$
$k_{e}=(2.2 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-2} \mathrm{~min}^{-1}$
$\Delta G^{\ddagger}(328 K)=100 \pm 3 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}=\mathbf{2 4 . 0} \pm \mathbf{0 . 6} \mathbf{~ k c a l ~ m o l}^{-1}$
The data derived for $M-2$ are:
$k_{r a c}=(9.2 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-2} \mathrm{~min}^{-1}$
$t_{1 / 2}=7.5 \pm 0.6 \mathrm{~min}$
$k_{e}=(4.6 \pm 0.4) \times x 10^{-2} \mathrm{~min}^{-1}$
$\Delta G^{\ddagger}(328 K)=98 \pm 8 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}=\mathbf{2 3} \mathbf{2} \mathbf{2} \mathbf{~ k c a l ~ m o l}^{-1}$
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## 4. Synthetic details and characterization



Scheme S1. Synthesis of the 5,7,8,10-tetrasubstituted [5]helicenes 1 and 2.

Compounds $4,{ }^{2} \mathbf{8 a}{ }^{3}$ and $\mathbf{8 b}{ }^{4}$ were prepared according to previously reported synthetic procedures and showed identical spectroscopic properties than those reported therein.
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## Synthesis of ( $\pm$ )-7,8-di(1-decynyl)[5]helicene.



Compound $4(290 \mathrm{mg}, 0.67 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{PdCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\left(70 \mathrm{mg}, 9.6 \times 10^{-2} \mathrm{mmol}\right)$ and $\mathrm{Cul}\left(10 \mathrm{mg}, 4.8 \times 10^{-2} \mathrm{mmol}\right)$ are dissolved in anhydrous THF ( 18 mL ) under argon atmosphere and subjected to vacuum/argon cycles. Subsequently, 2 mL of a 1 M solution of tetrabutylammonium fluoride in THF ( 2 mmol ) are added and the resulting mixture is subjected to vacuum/argon cycles. After that, 1decyne ( $0.29 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.6 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) is charged and the solution is stirred under reflux overnight. After 24 hours, a new amount of $\mathrm{PdCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}(70 \mathrm{mg}), \mathrm{Cul}(10 \mathrm{mg})$ and 1 -decyne $(0.15 \mathrm{~mL})$ is added and the mixture is stirred and refluxed overnight. The solvent is evaporated and the residue is redissolved in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ and washed with 1 M aqueous HCl , sat. $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$ and brine. The organic layer is dried with $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, and further filtration and removal of the solvent affords a residue which is subjected to a silica gel chromatography column (hexane as eluent) obtaining 5 as a pale yellow solid in a $62 \%$ yield ( $230 \mathrm{mg}, 0.42 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}^{\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right) ~ \delta ~}$ (ppm): 8.49 (d, ${ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}}$ ), 8.33 ( $\mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {e orf }}$ ), 7.97 ( $\mathrm{d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {fore e }}$ ), $7,94\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{d}}\right) 7.51$ (ddd, ${ }^{3} J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{4} \mathrm{~J}=1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}$ or c $), 7.25$ (ddd, ${ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{4} \mathrm{~J}=1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{c}}$ or b), $2.71\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, $\left.4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{g}}\right), 1.86-1.75\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{h}}\right), 1.65-1.56\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{i}}\right), 1.41-1.33\left(\mathrm{~m}, 16 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{j}-\mathrm{m}}\right), 0.91\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{n}}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}(\mathrm{CDCl}, 75$ $\mathrm{MHz}) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 132.7,131.8,130.7,129.5,128.0,127.8,126.6,126.5,124.6,124.6,124.1,100.4,78.7,32.1,29.5,29.5,29.3,29.2$, 22.9, 20.3, 14.3. FTIR $v\left(\mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right): 2926,2856,2222,1514,1461,1431,1384,1343,1262,817,751,664$. HRMS m/z: $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{46}[\mathrm{M}]^{+}$ calculated 550.3600 ; found 550.3616 .

## Synthesis of compound ( $\pm$ )-7,8-didecyl[5]helicene.



A solution of $5(240 \mathrm{mg}, 0.44 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(100 \mathrm{~mL})$ is bubbled with argon for 10 minutes in absence of light. After that, $10 \% \mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{C}(14 \mathrm{mg}, 0.13 \mathrm{mmol})$ is added, and hydrogen is passed through the solution during 4 hours. After the removal of the catalyst with celite and subsequent elimination of the solvent, the residue is purified with a silica gel column chromatography (hexane as eluent), affording 6 as a light yellow solid in a $60 \%$ yield ( $140 \mathrm{mg}, 0.25 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}^{\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 8.28\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.4,2\right)}$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}}$ ), $8.14\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {e orf }}\right.$ ), $7.96\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\text {for e }}\right), 7.93\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{d}}\right), 7.47\left(\mathrm{ddd},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=\right.$ $7.4 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{4} \mathrm{~J}=1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{c}}$ ), 7.21 ( ddd, $\left.{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{4} \mathrm{~J}=1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}\right), 3.22\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{g}}\right), 1.77\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{n}}\right)$, $1.62\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{i}}\right), 1.51-1.25\left(\mathrm{~m}, 24 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{j}-\mathrm{o}}\right), 0.93\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{p}}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{RMN}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 135.1,131.6,131.3$, $130.9,129.9,127.4,127.1,126.2,125.9,124.4,122.4,32.1,31.5,30.6,29.9,29.8,29.7,29.6,29.5,22.9,14.3$. FTIR v $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right): 2923$, 2853, 1513, 1461, 1376, 1249, 1124, 808, 750. HRMS m/z: $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{54}[\mathrm{M}]^{+}$calculated 558.4226; found 558.4240.

## Synthesis of compound ( $\pm$ )-5,10-dibromo-7,8-didecyl[5]helicene.



A solution of $6(0.13 \mathrm{~g}, 0.31 \mathrm{mmol})$ in anhydrous $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ is cooled down to $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and a solution of bromine ( $36 \mu \mathrm{~L}$, $0.69 \mathrm{mmol})$ in anhydrous $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(8 \mathrm{~mL})$ is added dropwise. After 10 minutes, the mixture is allowed to reach room temperature and is stirred overnight. The resulting organic phase is washed with sat. $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ and dried with $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. Further filtration and removal of the solvent affords a residue that is purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane as eluent) giving 7 as a waxy pale yellow solid in a $77 \%$ yield ( $171 \mathrm{mg}, 0.24 \mathrm{mmol}) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 8.34\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{e}}\right), 8.29\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{4} \mathrm{~J}=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}}\right)$, $8.09\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{d}}\right), 7.49$ (ddd, ${ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{4} \mathrm{~J}=1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{c}}$ ), $7.15\left(\mathrm{ddd},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{4} \mathrm{~J}=1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, $\left.2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}\right), 3.07\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}\right), 1.65\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{g}}\right), 1.53\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{h}}\right), 1.50-1.24\left(\mathrm{~m}, 24 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{i}-\mathrm{n}}\right), 0.90\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{o}}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-$ RMN ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}$ ) $\delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 135.2,132.2,131.5,130.0,129.9,127.2,126.9,126.3,125.8,125.5,122.3,32.1,31.4,30.4,29.9$, 29.8, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 22.9, 14.3. FTIR v ( $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2924, 2853, 1592, 1462, 1329, 1210, 865, 759. HRMS m/z: $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{52} \mathrm{Br}_{2}[\mathrm{M}]^{+}$calculated 716.2436; found 716.2466.

## Synthesis of $( \pm)-4,4^{\prime}$-(7,8-didecyl[5]helicene-5,10-diyl)bis( $N$-decylbenzamide).



To a deoxygenated solution of $\mathbf{7}(80 \mathrm{mg}, 0.11 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathbf{8 a}(86 \mathrm{mg}, 0.28 \mathrm{mmol})$ in tetrahydrofuran $(24 \mathrm{~mL}), \mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}(13$ $\mathrm{mg}, 1.12 \times 10^{-2} \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and an aqueous solution of $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(230 \mathrm{mg}, 1.68 \mathrm{mmol}$ in 4 mL of water) are added and the resulting mixture is deoxygenated again. The reaction is refluxed for 4 hours, and the crude is extracted with chloroform. The organic layer is washed with 1 M aqueous $\mathrm{HCl}, \mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$ and brine. After drying and removal of the solvent, the crude is purified by silica gel column chromatography (gradient from chloroform to chloroform/methanol 10:0.1). The product obtained is further purified by precipitation in methanol, affording 1 as a yellow solid in a $34 \%$ yield ( $40 \mathrm{mg}, 0.03 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 8.42\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}}$ ), $8.07\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{e}}\right), 8.01\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{q}}\right), 7.89\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{d}}\right), 7.80\left(\mathrm{~d}, 4 \mathrm{H},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{p}}\right), 7.40\left(\mathrm{ddd},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.3\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{Hz},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{4} \mathrm{~J}=1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{c}}\right), 7.24\left(\mathrm{ddd},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{4} \mathrm{~J}=1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}\right), 6.30\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{r}}\right), 3.55(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}$,
 135.6, 134.0, 131.9, 130.5, 130.3, 130.0, 127.2, 126.2, 125.8, 125.7, 124.7, 123.2, 40.4, 32.0, 31.5, 30.4, 29.9, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.4, 27.2, 22.8, 14.3. FTIR v ( $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3322, 2956, 2923, 2853, 1635, 1546, 1503, 1461, 1309, 1262, 1095, 1020, 856, 801, 765. HRMS m/z: $\mathrm{C}_{76} \mathrm{H}_{104} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}[\mathrm{M}]^{+}$calculated 1076.8098; found 1076.8046.

Synthesis of $\quad \pm$ )-N, $N^{-}-((((4,4 '-(7,8$-didecyl[5]helicene-5,10-diyl)bis(benzoyl))bis-(azanediyl))bis(ethane-2,1-diyl))bis(3,4,5tris(dodecyloxy)benzamide


To a deoxygenated solution of $7(50 \mathrm{mg}, 0.07 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathbf{8 b}(150 \mathrm{mg}, 0.17 \mathrm{mmol})$ in tetrahydrofuran $(15 \mathrm{~mL}), \mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}(8$ $\left.\mathrm{mg}, 7.00 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{mmol}\right)$, and an aqueous solution of $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(140 \mathrm{mg}, 1.05 \mathrm{mmol}$ in 3 mL of water $)$ are added and the resulting mixture is deoxygenated again. The reaction is refluxed for 4 hours, and the crude is extracted with chloroform. The organic layer is washed with 1 M aqueous $\mathrm{HCl}, \mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$ and brine. After drying and removal of the solvent, the crude is purified by silica gel column chromatography (gradient from chloroform to chloroform/methanol 10:0.1) and the product obtained is precipitated in methanol, affording 2 as a dark yellow solid in a $44 \%$ yield ( $70 \mathrm{mg}, 0.03 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 8.39\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}\right.$, $\left.\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}}\right), 8.09\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{q}}\right), 7.95\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{e}}\right), 7.86\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{d}}\right), 7.76\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{p}}\right), 7.81-7.70\left(\mathrm{br}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{r}}\right.$ oru) ), 7.61-7.69 (br, 2H, Hu or r), 7.36 (dd, ${ }^{3} J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{c}}$ ), $7.20\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}\right), 7.14\left(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{v}}\right), 4.3$
 $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta(\mathrm{ppm}): 168.9,168.8,153.2,144.9,141.2,137.7,135.5,132.9,131.9,130.5,130.4,130.4,129.9,128.8,127.6$, $126.2,126.2,125.8,125.5,124.7,123.2,105.7,73.6,69.3,43.6,41.4,41.1,32.1,32.0,31.3,30.5,30.4,29.9,29.9,29.8,29.8,29.7$, $29.6,29.5,29.5,26.3,26.2,22.8,22.8,14.3,14.2$. FTIR v ( $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right): 3307,3020,2923,2853,1631,1581,1544,1498,1467,1344,1304$, $1265,1215,1115,858,752,668 . \operatorname{HRMS} \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}: \mathrm{C}_{146} \mathrm{H}_{226} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{10}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$calculated 2218.7197; found 2218.7236.

## Collection of NMR spectra


${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound $( \pm)-5\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HMQC spectrum of compound $( \pm)-5\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound $( \pm) \mathbf{- 6}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound $( \pm) \mathbf{- 6}\left(75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound $( \pm)-7\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.



${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound $( \pm) \mathbf{- 1}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.





${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HMQC spectrum of compound ( $\mathbf{\pm}$ )-2 $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.

