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Giant *meso-meso* Linked Porphyrin Arrays of Micrometer Molecular Length and Their Fabrications

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Experimental Procedures

Methyl 3,5-dihydroxybenzoate (2). 3,5-Dihydroxybenzoic acid (**1**) (25.00 g, 162 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (500 mL). Conc. sulfuric acid (7 mL) was added to this mixture, and the solution was refluxed overnight, and then methanol was evaporated. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and washed with water. The organic layer was separated and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. The methyl ester **2** that was precipitated during evaporation was collected by filtration, and washed with hexane to give white crystals of **2**. Yield 26.02 g (155 mmol, 95%); mp 163.5-164.0°C; ¹H-NMR (DMSO) δ 9.61 (s, 2H, OH), 6.80 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 2H, Ar-2,6-H), 6.43 (t, $J = 2$ Hz, 1H, Ar-4-H), 3.78 (s, 3H, Me); IR (KBr) 3383 + 3319 (br, m, OH), 1695 (s, C=O), 1169 (m, C-O) cm⁻¹.

Methyl 3,5-dioctyloxybenzoate (3). The methyl ester **2** (11.87 g, 70.7 mmol) was dissolved in acetone (300 mL). To this solution was added potassium carbonate (24.4 g, 177 mmol) and octylbromide (25.6 mL, 148 mmol). The mixture was heated under reflux for 2 days. The precipitates in formal were filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated by a rotary evaporator. To the resultant residue was added CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL), and water (300 mL) was finally poured into this reaction mixture. The organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was further extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. Unreacted octylbromide was distilled off under reduced pressure. The product was separated by silica gel chromatography (CH₂Cl₂). Yield 22.87 g (58 mmol, 83%); ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.16 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 2H, Ar-2,6-H), 6.64 (t, $J = 2$ Hz, 1H, Ar-4-H), 3.97 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 4H, octyloxy), 3.89 (s, 3H, Me), 1.77 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 4H, octyloxy), 1.43 (m, 4H, octyloxy), 1.29 (m, 16H, octyloxy), and 0.88 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 6H, octyloxy). Anal. Calcd. for C₂₄H₄₀O₄: C, 73.43; H, 10.27. Found: C, 73.29; H, 10.57.

3,5-Dioctyloxybenzyl alcohol (4). Lithium aluminum hydride (2.73 g, 72 mmol) was suspended in dry THF (100 mL) and then cooled to 0°C under nitrogen. The methyl ester **3** (40 g, 100 mmol) was dissolved in dry THF (200 mL), and this was added dropwise

to above mentioned $\text{LiAlH}_4/\text{THF}$ suspension at 0°C under nitrogen. After the mixture was stirred for 1 h, water was carefully added dropwise. The solid was deposited during addition of water and removed by filtration under reduced pressure. The filtrate was extracted with diethyl ether, and the organic layer was separated, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, and evaporated. Colorless crystal. Yield 34.17 g (94 mmol, 92%); $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 6.50 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 2H, Ar-2,6-H), 6.38 (t, $J = 2$ Hz, 1H, Ar-4-H), 4.61 (d, $J = 6$ Hz, 2H, benzyl), 3.97 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 4H, octyloxy), 1.78 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 4H, octyloxy), 1.61 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 1H, OH), 1.43 (m, 4H, octyloxy), 1.29 (m, 16H, octyloxy), and 0.89 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 6H, octyloxy); FAB MS m/z 364.5, calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_3$ m/z 364.3. Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_3$: C, 75.77; H, 11.06. Found: C, 75.49; H, 10.83.

3,5-Dioctyloxybenzaldehyde (5). Alcohol **4** (33 g, 90 mmol) was dissolved in dry CH_2Cl_2 (200 mL). Sodium acetate (14.7 g, 180 mmol) was suspended in this solution, and the resultant suspension was cooled to 0°C . Pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC) (29 g, 200 mmol) was carefully added to the suspension at 0°C . After stirring for 2 h diethyl ether was added to the reaction mixture, and the liquid phase was separated by decantation. The residual gummy solid was washed with diethyl ether several times. The combined liquid phase was passed through a florisil short column. Diethyl ether was evaporated. The product was crystallized during evaporation. Colorless oil. Yield 30 g (81 mmol, 91%); $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 9.90 (s, 1H, CHO), 6.98 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 2H, Ar-2,6-H), 6.70 (t, $J = 4$ Hz, 1H, Ar-4-H), 3.99 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 4H, octyloxy), 1.80 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 4H, octyloxy), 1.43 (m, 4H, octyloxy), 1.29 (m, 16H, octyloxy), and 0.89 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 6H, octyloxy); FAB MS m/z 362.4, calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_3$ m/z 362.3. Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_3$: C, 76.20; H, 10.56. Found: C, 76.02; H, 10.76.

Bis(2-pyrrolyl)methane (**6**) was prepared by the method reported by Lee *et al.*^{25e} A solution of formalin (12 mL, 0.14 mol) and pyrrole (50 mL, 0.72 mol) was stirred for 15 min at 50°C then carefully added TFA (1.1 mL, 0.014 mol). After the work-up, **6** (5.23 g, 26%) was obtained.

5,15-Bis(3,5-dioctyloxyphenyl)porphyrin H1. A solution of **6** (1.00 g, 6.85 mmol) and 3,5-dioctyloxybenzaldehyde (2.48 g, 6.85 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (1.3 L) was stirred under Ar, the flask was shielded from light. Trifluoroacetic acid (0.328 mL, 4.26 mmol) was added via syringe, and the solution was stirred for 2-3 h at room temperature. DDQ (2.32 g, 10.3 mmol) was added to the solution, and the resulting solution was stirred for an additional 2-3 h. After the reaction mixture was neutralized by triethylamine and passed over Alumina column to remove polymeric materials, the solvent was removed by a rotary evaporator and the residue was purified by a silica gel flash column chromatography with CH₂Cl₂/hexane. The product was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂-EtOH. Yield; 1.47 g, 44%. This reaction scheme was repeated for 10 times, resulting in the making of 15 g porphyrin. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 10.30 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.38 (d, *J* = 5 Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.19 (d, *J* = 5 Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.43 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, 4H, Ar), 6.92 (t, *J* = 3 Hz, 2H, Ar), 4.12 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 8H, octyloxy), 1.89 (t-t, *J* = 7 Hz, 8H, octyloxy), 1.51 (t-t, *J* = 7 Hz, 8H, octyloxy), 1.38-1.27 (m, 32H, octyloxy), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 12H, octyloxy), and -3.15 (s, 2H, N-H); FAB MS *m/z* 974.6, calcd for C₆₄H₈₆N₄O₄ *m/z* 974.7; Anal. Calcd. for C₆₄H₈₆N₄O₄: C, 78.81; H, 8.89; N, 5.74. Found: C, 78.62; H, 8.89; N, 5.73; UV-vis (THF) *I*_{max} 407, 501, 537, 574, and 630 nm; Fluorescence (THF, *I*_{ex} = 413 nm) *I*_{em} 631 and 696 nm.

Z1. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 10.31 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.43 (d, *J* = 5 Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.26 (d, *J* = 5 Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.43 (d, *J* = 3 Hz, 4H, Ar), 6.92 (t, *J* = 3 Hz, 2H, Ar), 4.15 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 8H, octyloxy), 1.89 (t-t, *J* = 7 Hz, 8H, octyloxy), 1.51 (t-t, *J* = 7 Hz, 8H, octyloxy), 1.39-1.27 (m, 32H, octyloxy), and 0.87 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 12H, octyloxy); FAB MS *m/z* 1036.4, calcd for C₆₄H₈₄N₄O₄Zn *m/z* 1036.6; Anal. Calcd. for C₆₄H₈₄N₄O₄Zn: C, 74.00; H, 8.15; N, 5.39. Found: C, 73.75; H, 8.21; N, 5.16; UV-vis (THF) *I*_{max} (**e**) [nm (cm⁻¹M⁻¹)] 413 (645000) and 543 (22000); Fluorescence (THF, *I*_{ex} = 413 nm) *I*_{em} 584 and 634 nm.

General Procedure for Meso-meso Coupling Reaction of Zn^{II} 5,15-bis(3,5-dioctyloxyphenyl)porphyrin arrays Zn. The reaction vessel containing a

solution of Zn(II) 5,15-bis(3,5-dioctyloxyphenyl)porphyrin array in dry CHCl_3 was covered with foil. A stock solution of AgPF_6 in dry CH_3CN (0.127 M) was added to that solution, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 30°C or room temperature, while the progress of the reaction was monitored by the analytical GPC-HPLC. The reaction was stopped by adding water and the reaction mixture was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . A solution of $\text{Zn}(\text{OAc})_2$ in methanol was added, and the solution was stirred at refluxed temperature for 1-2 h. Then it was washed successively with water, and saturated NaHCO_3 solution, and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed by a rotary evaporator. The product separation was performed on a preparative size exclusion column (a medium-pressure size-exclusion column (SEC) chromatography for **Z2**, **Z3**, and **Z4**, and recycling preparative GPC-HPLC for larger arrays).

Z2. A round-bottomed flask was charged with **Z1** (570 mg, 0.55 mmol) and dry CHCl_3 (160 mL). A stock solution of AgPF_6 (4.78 mL, 0.66 mmol) in acetonitrile was added at once. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 h at 30°C . After the usual work-up, the oligomers were separated by a preparative size exclusion column (SEC). Fractions of 2-mer and 3-mer were separated, and the solvent was removed by a rotary evaporator. Recrystallization from $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{EtOH}$ gave red-blown solids of **Z2** (138 mg, 24%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 10.38 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.49 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.28 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.82 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.10 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.42 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 6.92 (t, $J = 3$ Hz, 4H, Ar), 4.06 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.80 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.44 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.32-1.21 (m, 64H, octyloxy), and 0.81 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 24H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 2076, calcd for $\text{C}_{128}\text{H}_{166}\text{N}_8\text{O}_8\text{Zn}_2$ m/z 2075.1; Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{128}\text{H}_{166}\text{N}_8\text{O}_8\text{Zn}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})$: C, 73.43; H, 8.09; N, 5.35; Found: C, 73.23; H, 8.13; N, 5.34; UV-vis (THF) I_{max} (ϵ) [$\text{nm} (\text{cm}^{-1}\text{M}^{-1})$] 418 (270000), 452 (250000), and 560 (60000); Fluorescence (THF, $I_{\text{ex}} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 657 nm.

Z3. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 10.40 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.50 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.29 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.89 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.80 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.24 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.12 (d,

$J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.45 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 7.38 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 4H, Ar), 6.84 (t, $J = 3$ Hz, 4H, Ar), 6.67 (t, $J = 3$ Hz, 2H, Ar), 4.09 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 3.95 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 8H, octyloxy), 1.82 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.69 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 8H, octyloxy), 1.46 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.33-1.13 (m, 104H, octyloxy), 0.81 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 24H, octyloxy) and 0.72 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 12H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 3114, calcd for $C_{192}H_{248}N_{12}O_{12}Zn_3$ m/z 3112; UV-vis (THF) I_{max} (nm) 414, 476, and 571; Fluorescence (THF, $I_{ex} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 632 and 669 nm.

Z4. A round-bottomed flask was charged with **Z2** (90 mg, 0.043 mmol) and dry $CHCl_3$ (60 mL). A stock solution of $AgPF_6$ (0.26 mL, 0.033 mmol) was added at once. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h at room temperature. After the usual work up, the separation over SEC and recrystallization from $CHCl_3/MeOH$ gave a pure **Z4** (24 mg, 27%). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 10.40 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.51 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.30 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.90 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.88 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.82 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.28 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.25 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.14 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.46 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 7.43 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 6.85 (br, 4H, Ar), 6.71 (br, 4H, Ar), 4.10 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 4.00 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.83 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.73 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.47 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.38-1.16 (m, 144H, octyloxy), 0.82 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 24H, octyloxy), and 0.75 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 24H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 4146, calcd for $C_{256}H_{330}N_{16}O_{16}Zn_4$ m/z 4148; UV-vis (THF) I_{max} (ϵ) [nm ($cm^{-1}M^{-1}$)] 414 (440000), 488 (410000) and 576 (140000); Fluorescence (THF, $I_{ex} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 639 and 666 nm.

Z5. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 10.41 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.52 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.31 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.95-8.91 (m, 12H, **b**), 8.85 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.35-8.32 (m, 8H, **b**), 8.28 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.17 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.48 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 12H, Ar), 7.45 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 6.85 (br, 4H, Ar), 6.76 (br, 2H, Ar) 6.72 (br, 4H, Ar), 4.11-4.01 (m, 40H, octyloxy), 1.85-1.72 (m, 40H, octyloxy), 1.49-1.17 (m, 200H, octyloxy), 0.83 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 20H, octyloxy), and 0.78-0.74 (m, 40H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 5183, calcd for $C_{320}H_{412}N_{20}O_{20}Zn_5$ m/z 6221; UV-vis (THF) I_{max} (nm) 414, 494 and 580; Fluorescence (THF, $I_{ex} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 640

nm.

Z6. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 10.42 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.52 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.31 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.95-8.91 (m, 16H, **b**), 8.85 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.35-8.32 (m, 12H, **b**), 8.28 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.17 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.48 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 7.47 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 7.45 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 6.85 (br, 4H, Ar), 6.76 (br, 4H, Ar), 6.72 (br, 4H, Ar), 4.11-4.01 (m, 48H, octyloxy), 1.85-1.72 (m, 48H, octyloxy), 1.49-1.17 (m, 240H, octyloxy), 0.83 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 24H, octyloxy), and 0.78-0.74 (m, 48H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 6214, calcd for $\text{C}_{384}\text{H}_{494}\text{N}_{24}\text{O}_{24}\text{Zn}_6$ m/z 6221; UV-vis (THF) I_{max} (nm) 414, 498 and 582; Fluorescence (THF, $I_{\text{ex}} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 640 nm.

Z7. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 10.41 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.53 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.31 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.95-8.91 (m, 20H, **b**), 8.85 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.35-8.32 (m, 16H, **b**), 8.28 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.17 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.51-7.46 (m, 28H, Ar), 6.86 (br, 4H, Ar), 6.77 (br, 6H, Ar), 6.73 (br, 4H, Ar), 4.11-4.02 (m, 56H, octyloxy), 1.83-1.73 (m, 56H, octyloxy), 1.48-1.20 (m, 280H, octyloxy), 0.83 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 21H, octyloxy), and 0.80-0.74 (m, 63H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 7253, calcd for $\text{C}_{448}\text{H}_{576}\text{N}_{28}\text{O}_{28}\text{Zn}_7$ m/z 7259; UV-vis (THF) I_{max} (nm) 414, 500 and 583; Fluorescence (THF, $I_{\text{ex}} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 642 nm.

Z8. A stock solution of AgPF_6 in CH_3CN (0.047 mL, 0.006 mmol) was added to a solution of **Z4** (31 mg, 0.0075 mmol) in CHCl_3 (40 mL), and stirred for 3 h at room temperature. After the usual work-up, the separation over a recycling preparative GPC-HPLC and recrystallization from $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$ gave a pure **Z8** (7 mg, 22%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 10.42 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.53 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.31 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.95-8.91 (m, 24H, **b**), 8.85 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.35-8.32 (m, 20H, **b**), 8.28 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.17 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.51-7.46 (m, 32H, Ar), 6.86 (br, 4H, Ar), 6.77 (br, 8H, Ar), 6.73 (br, 4H, Ar), 4.11-4.02 (m, 64H, octyloxy), 1.83-1.73 (m, 64H, octyloxy), 1.48-1.20 (m, 320H, octyloxy), 0.83 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 24H, octyloxy), and 0.80-0.74 (m, 72H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 8303, calcd for $\text{C}_{512}\text{H}_{658}\text{N}_{32}\text{O}_{32}\text{Zn}_8$ m/z 8296; UV-vis (THF) I_{max} (e) [nm ($\text{cm}^{-1}\text{M}^{-1}$)] 414 (745000), 502 (735000) and 585 (430000); Fluorescence (THF, $I_{\text{ex}} = 413$ nm)

I_{em} 640 nm.

Z10. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 10.41 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.53 (br, 4H, **b**), 9.31 (br, 4H, **b**), 8.96-8.92 (m, 32H, **b**), 8.85 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.36-8.33 (m, 28H, **b**), 8.29 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.17 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.52-7.46 (m, 40H, Ar), 6.87 (br, 4H, Ar), 6.78 (br, 12H, Ar), 6.74 (br, 4H, Ar), 4.12-4.07 (m, 80H, octyloxy), 1.86-1.74 (m, 80H, octyloxy), 1.50-1.19 (m, 400H, octyloxy), and 0.85-0.75 (m, 120H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 10351, calcd for $\text{C}_{640}\text{H}_{822}\text{N}_{40}\text{O}_{40}\text{Zn}_{10}$ m/z 10369; UV (THF) I_{max} (nm) 414, 505 and 586; Fluorescence (THF, $I_{ex} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 642 nm.

Z12. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 10.41 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.52 (br, 4H, **b**), 9.31 (br, 4H, **b**), 8.96-8.92 (m, 40H, **b**), 8.85 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.36-8.33 (m, 36H, **b**), 8.28 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.17 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.52-7.46 (m, 48H, Ar), 6.86 (br, 4H, Ar), 6.79 (br, 16H, Ar), 6.73 (br, 4H, Ar), 4.07 (m, 96H, octyloxy), 1.86-1.76 (m, 96H, octyloxy), 1.50-1.19 (m, 480H, octyloxy), and 0.85-0.75 (m, 144H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 12416, calcd for $\text{C}_{768}\text{H}_{986}\text{N}_{48}\text{O}_{48}\text{Zn}_{12}$ m/z 12443; UV (CHCl_3) I_{max} (nm) 414, 507 and 587; Fluorescence (CHCl_3 , $I_{ex} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 642 nm.

Z16. A stock solution of AgPF_6 in CH_3CN (0.012 mL, 0.0015 mmol) was added to a solution of **Z8** (18 mg, 2.2 mmol) in CHCl_3 (20 mL), and stirred for 12 h at room temperature. After the usual work-up, the separation over a recycling preparative GPC-HPLC and recrystallization from $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$ gave a pure **Z16** (5 mg, 27%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 10.42 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.53 (br, 4H, **b**), 9.31 (br, 4H, **b**), 8.97-8.85 (m, 60H, **b**), 8.37-8.17 (m, 60H, **b**), 7.52-7.46 (m, 64H, Ar), 6.86-6.73 (br, 32H, Ar), 4.07 (m, 128H, octyloxy), 1.84-1.78 (m, 128H, octyloxy), 1.44-1.20 (m, 640H, octyloxy), and 0.85-0.75 (m, 192H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 16620, calcd for $\text{C}_{1024}\text{H}_{1314}\text{N}_{64}\text{O}_{64}\text{Zn}_{16}$ m/z 16590; UV-vis (THF) I_{max} (ϵ) [nm ($\text{cm}^{-1}\text{M}^{-1}$)] I_{max} 414 (1 300 000), 508 (1 380 000) and 587 (950 000); Fluorescence (THF, $I_{ex} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 642 nm.

Z20. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 10.41 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.52 (br, 4H, **b**), 9.31 (br, 4H, **b**), 8.96-8.84 (m, 76H, **b**), 8.36-8.16 (m, 76H, **b**), 7.52-7.45 (m, 80H, Ar), 6.86-6.73 (m, 40H, Ar),

4.07 (m, 160H, octyloxy), 1.79 (m, 160H, octyloxy), 1.44-1.21 (m, 800H, octyloxy), and 0.84-0.75 (m, 240H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 20769, calcd for $C_{1280}H_{1642}N_{80}O_{80}Zn_{20}$ m/z 20736; UV-vis ($CHCl_3$) I_{max} (nm) 414, 506 and 585; Fluorescence ($CHCl_3$, $I_{ex} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 641 nm.

Z24. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 10.41 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.52 (br, 4H, **b**), 9.30 (br, 4H, **b**), 8.97-8.84 (m, 92H, **b**), 8.37-8.16 (m, 92H, **b**), 7.52-7.45 (m, 96H, Ar), 6.86-6.73 (m, 48H, Ar), 4.07 (m, 192H, octyloxy), 1.79 (m, 192H, octyloxy), 1.44-1.21 (m, 960H, octyloxy), and 0.84-0.74 (m, 288H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 24465, calcd for $C_{1536}H_{1970}N_{96}O_{96}Zn_{24}$ m/z 24884; UV-vis ($CHCl_3$) I_{max} (nm) 414, 506 and 585; Fluorescence ($CHCl_3$, $I_{ex} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 641 nm.

Z32. $AgPF_6$ (0.014 mL of 0.138 M stock solution in dry CH_3CN , 0.0019 mmol) was added to a solution of **Z16** (40 mg, 0.0024 mmol) in $CHCl_3$ (20 mL), and stirred for 4 h at room temperature. Again $AgPF_6$ solution (0.014 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for more 5 h. After the usual work-up, the separation over a recycling preparative GPC-HPLC and recrystallization from $CHCl_3/MeOH$ gave a pure **Z32** (10 mg, 25%). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 10.42 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.52 (br, 4H, **b**), 9.31 (br, 4H, **b**), 8.97-8.85 (m, 124H, **b**), 8.38-8.17 (m, 124H, **b**), 7.53-7.46 (m, 128H, Ar), 6.86-6.73 (br, 64H, Ar), 4.08 (m, 256H, octyloxy), 1.80 (m, 256H, octyloxy), 1.46-1.21 (m, 1280H, octyloxy), and 0.85-0.75 (m, 384H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 33790, calcd for $C_{2048}H_{2626}N_{128}O_{128}Zn_{32}$ m/z 33178; UV-vis (THF) I_{max} (ϵ) [nm ($cm^{-1}M^{-1}$)] 414 (2690000), 509 (3070000) and 588 (220000); Fluorescence (THF, $I_{ex} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 642 nm.

Z40. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 10.42 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.52 (br, 4H, **b**), 9.31 (br, 4H, **b**), 8.97-8.85 (m, 156H, **b**), 8.37-8.16 (m, 156H, **b**), 7.52-7.46 (m, 160H, Ar), 6.86-6.73 (m, 80H, Ar), 4.07 (m, 320H, octyloxy), 1.80 (m, 320H, octyloxy), 1.44-1.22 (m, 1600H, octyloxy), and 0.88-0.75 (m, 480H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 41177, calcd for $C_{2560}H_{3282}N_{160}O_{160}Zn_{40}$ m/z 41470; UV-vis ($CHCl_3$) I_{max} (nm) 414, 507 and 586; Fluorescence ($CHCl_3$, $I_{ex} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 641 nm.

Z48. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 10.42 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.52 (br, 4H, **b**), 9.31 (br, 4H, **b**), 8.97 (m,

188H, **b**), 8.37-8.16 (m, 188H, **b**), 7.52-7.46 (m, 192H, Ar), 6.86-6.73 (m, 96H, Ar), 4.07 (m, 384H, octyloxy), 1.80 (m, 384H, octyloxy), 1.45-1.22 (m, 1920H, octyloxy), and 0.87-0.75 (m, 576H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 49447, calcd for $C_{3072}H_{3938}N_{192}O_{192}Zn_{48}$ m/z 49764; UV-vis ($CHCl_3$) I_{max} (nm) 413, 508 and 586; Fluorescence ($CHCl_3$, $I_{ex} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 640 nm.

Z64. $AgPF_6$ (0.004 mL of 0.138 M stock solution in dry CH_3CN , 0.0005 mmol) was added to a solution of **Z32** (18 mg, 0.0005 mmol) in $CHCl_3$ (3 mL), and stirred for 7 h at room temperature. After the usual work-up, the separation over a recycling preparative GPC-HPLC and recrystallization from $CHCl_3/MeOH$ gave a pure **Z64** (3.7 mg, 22%). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 10.42 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.52 (br, 4H, **b**), 9.31 (br, 4H, **b**), 8.97 (m, 252H, **b**), 8.38-8.17 (m, 252H, **b**), 7.53 (m, 256H, Ar), 6.86-6.74 (br, 128H, Ar), 4.07 (m, 512H, octyloxy), 1.80 (m, 512H, octyloxy), 1.45-1.22 (m, 2560H, octyloxy), and 0.85-0.75 (m, 768H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 66258, calcd for $C_{4096}H_{5250}N_{256}O_{256}Zn_{64}$ m/z 66350; UV-vis (THF) I_{max} (nm) 414, 510 and 589; Fluorescence (THF, $I_{ex} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 642 nm.

Z96. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 10.42 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.52 (br, 4H, **b**), 9.31 (br, 4H, **b**), 8.97 (m, 380H, **b**), 8.37-8.16 (m, 380H, **b**), 7.52 (m, 384H, Ar), 6.79 (br, 192H, Ar), 4.07 (m, 768H, octyloxy), 1.80 (m, 768H, octyloxy), 1.45-1.22 (m, 3840H, octyloxy), and 0.88-0.76 (m, 1152H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 99050, calcd for $C_{6144}H_{7874}N_{384}O_{384}Zn_{96}$ m/z 99503; UV-vis ($CHCl_3$) I_{max} (nm) 413, 508 and 586; Fluorescence ($CHCl_3$, $I_{ex} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 641 nm.

Z128. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 10.40 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.52 (br, 4H, **b**), 9.30 (br, 4H, **b**), 8.96 (m, 508H, **b**), 8.36 (m, 508H, **b**), 7.52 (m, 512H, Ar), 6.79 (br, 256H, Ar), 4.06 (m, 1024H, octyloxy), 1.79 (m, 1024H, octyloxy), 1.44-1.22 (m, 5120H, octyloxy), and 0.81-0.78 (m, 1536H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 130295, calcd for $C_{8192}H_{10498}N_{512}O_{512}Zn_{128}$ m/z 132702; UV-vis (THF) I_{max} (nm) 414, 511 and 589; Fluorescence (THF, $I_{ex} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 642 nm.

Z256. 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 10.42 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.53 (br, 4H, **b**), 9.31 (br, 4H, **b**), 8.97 (m, 1020H, **b**), 8.37 (m, 1020H, **b**), 7.52 (m, 1024H, Ar), 6.79 (br, 512H, Ar), 4.06 (m, 2048H, octyloxy), 1.79 (m, 2048H, octyloxy), 1.44-1.22 (m, 10240H, octyloxy), and 0.81-0.78 (m,

3072H, octyloxy); UV-vis (THF) I_{\max} (nm) 414, 511 and 589; Fluorescence (THF, $I_{\text{ex}} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 642 nm.

Z384. UV-vis (THF) I_{\max} (nm) 414, 511 and 589; Fluorescence (THF, $I_{\text{ex}} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 642 nm.

Z512. UV-vis (THF) I_{\max} (nm) 414, 511 and 589; Fluorescence (THF, $I_{\text{ex}} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 642 nm.

H2. **Z2** was dissolved in a mixture of CH_2Cl_2 and 3 N HCl. The resulting solution was stirred for 1 h at room temperature, poured into water, and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic layer was separated off, and the combined extracts were washed with water, saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 , water, and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was evaporated and the product was recrystallized from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ to give **H2**. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 10.34 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.42 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.18 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.72 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.03 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.39 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 6.80 (t, $J = 3$ Hz, 4H, Ar), 4.06 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.79 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.44 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.32-1.21 (m, 64H, octyloxy), 0.80 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 24H, octyloxy), and -2.44 (s, 4H, inner-NH); FAB-MS m/z 1947.2, calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{170}\text{N}_8\text{O}_8$ m/z 1947.3; UV-vis (CHCl_3) I_{\max} (nm) 413, 445, 519, 588, and 644; Fluorescence (CHCl_3 , $I_{\text{ex}} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 650 and 711 nm.

H3. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 10.36 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.44 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.21 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.81 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.72 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.20 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.09 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.43 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 7.35 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 4H, Ar), 6.84 (t, $J = 2$ Hz, 4H, Ar), 6.67 (br, 2H, Ar), 4.10 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 3.96 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 8H, octyloxy), 1.84 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.70 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 8H, octyloxy), 1.46-1.13 (m, 120H, octyloxy), 0.82 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 24H, octyloxy), 0.73 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 12H, octyloxy), -1.65 (s, 2H, inner-NH), -2.40 (s, 4H, inner-NH); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 2917, calcd for $\text{C}_{192}\text{H}_{254}\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_{12}$ m/z 2922; UV-vis (CHCl_3) I_{\max} (nm) 410, 469, 528, and 596; Fluorescence (CHCl_3 , $I_{\text{ex}} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 661 and 724 nm.

H4. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 10.37 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.44 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.21 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.82-8.81 (m, 8H, **b**), 8.75 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.26 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.22 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.11 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.44 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 7.40 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 6.84 (br, 4H, Ar), 6.71 (br, 4H, Ar), 4.10 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 4.00 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.83 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.73 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.47 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.38-1.16 (m, 144H, octyloxy), 0.82 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 24H, octyloxy), 0.75 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 24H, octyloxy), -1.62 (s, 4H, inner-NH), and -2.39 (s, 4H, inner-NH); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 3894, calcd for $\text{C}_{256}\text{H}_{338}\text{N}_{16}\text{O}_{16}$ m/z 3894; UV-vis (CHCl_3) I_{max} (nm) 411, 480, 535, and 596; Fluorescence (CHCl_3 , $I_{\text{ex}} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 665 and 726 nm.

H6. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 10.37 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.45 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.22 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.85-8.83 (m, 16H, **b**), 8.76 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.29-8.28 (m, 12H, **b**), 8.23 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.12 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.45 (m, 16H, Ar), 7.41 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 6.85 (t, $J = 2$ Hz, 4H, Ar), 6.76 (t, $J = 2$ Hz, 4H, Ar) 6.72 (t, $J = 2$ Hz, 4H, Ar), 4.12-4.01 (m, 48H, octyloxy), 1.85-1.72 (m, 48H, octyloxy), 1.49-1.17 (m, 240H, octyloxy), 0.83 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 24H, octyloxy), 0.78-0.74 (m, 48H, octyloxy), -1.57 (s, 4H, inner-NH), -1.60 (s, 4H, inner-NH), and -2.38 (s, 4H, inner-NH); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 5839, calcd for $\text{C}_{384}\text{H}_{506}\text{N}_{24}\text{O}_{24}$ m/z 5841; UV-vis (CHCl_3) I_{max} (nm) 412, 489, 541, 599, and 656; Fluorescence (CHCl_3 , $I_{\text{ex}} = 413$ nm) I_{em} 667 and 727 nm.

5,15-Diphenylporphyrin. A solution of 2,2'-dipyrrylmethane (1.15 g, 7.84 mmol) and benzaldehyde (0.796 mL, 7.84 mmol) in freshly distilled CH_2Cl_2 (1.5 L) was stirred under N_2 , and the flask was shielded from light. Trifluoroacetic acid (0.376 mL, 4.88 mmol) was added via syringe, and the solution was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. DDQ (2.67 g, 11.75 mmol) was added to the solution, and the resulting solution was stirred for an additional 2 h. After the reaction mixture was neutralized by triethylamine and passed over Alumina column to remove polymeric materials, the solvent was removed by a rotary evaporator and the residue was purified by a silica gel column chromatography with CH_2Cl_2 . The product was recrystallized from CH_2Cl_2 -*n*-hexane. Yield; 705 mg,

39%. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 10.32 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.40 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.09 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.28 (m, 4H, Ar), 7.82 (m, 6H, Ar), and -3.10 (s, 2H, N-H); FAB MS m/z 462.2, calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4$ m/z 462.2.

Zp3. A round-bottomed flask was charged with **Zp1** (100 mg, 0.19 mmol) and dry CHCl_3 (100 mL). A stock solution of AgPF_6 (1.80 mL, 0.23 mmol) in acetonitrile was added at once. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 h at 30°C . After the usual work-up, the oligomers were separated by a preparative size exclusion column. Fractions of 2-mer and 3-mer were separated, and the solvent was removed by a rotary evaporator. Recrystallization from $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$ gave red-blown solids. **Zp2:** ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 10.35 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.47 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.12 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.64 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.23 (m, 8H, Ar), 8.02 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.67 (m, 12H, Ar). **Zp3:** ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 10.37 (s, 2H, *meso*), 9.49 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.15 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.72 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.63 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.28 (m, 8H, Ar), 8.18 (m, 8H, Ar + **b**), 8.07 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.71 (m, 12H, Ar), 7.55 (m, 6H, Ar).

ZnBr₂. *Meso-meso* linked porphyrin arrays was dissolved in a mixture of CHCl_3 and pyridine (0.5%). NBS (2.2 equiv.) was added to this solution and the resulting solution was stirred for 2 h. The mixture was poured into water and extracted with CHCl_3 . After the combined organic extract was dried over Na_2SO_4 and passed through a short silica gel column, the solvent was removed by a rotary evaporator. The product was recrystallized from $\text{CHCl}_3\text{-MeOH}$.

Z2Br₂. (quant). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 9.81 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.13 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.71 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.01 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.34 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 6.77 (t, $J = 3$ Hz, 4H, Ar), 4.02 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.78 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.43 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.32-1.10 (m, 64H, octyloxy), and 0.80 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 24H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 2232.4, calcd for $\text{C}_{128}\text{H}_{164}\text{N}_8\text{O}_8\text{Zn}_2\text{Br}_2$ m/z 2233.0.

Z3Br₂. (95%). ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 9.87 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.19 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.81 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.79 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**) 8.16 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**) 8.14 (d, $J = 5$ Hz,

4H, **b**), 7.39 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 7.37 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 4H, Ar), 6.82 (t, $J = 3$ Hz, 4H, Ar), 6.68 (t, $J = 3$ Hz, 2H, Ar), 4.08 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 3.95 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 8H, octyloxy), 1.81 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.69 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 8H, octyloxy), 1.45 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.33-1.13 (m, 104H, octyloxy), 0.81 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 24H, octyloxy) and 0.72 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 12H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 3267, calcd for $C_{192}H_{246}N_{12}O_{12}Zn_3Br_2$ m/z 3270.

Z4Br₂. (87%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) **d** 9.88 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.20 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.88 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.84 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.81 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.27 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.19 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.16 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.41 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 7.40 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 6.83 (br, 4H, Ar), 6.71 (br, 4H, Ar), 4.09 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 3.99 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.82 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.72 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.47 (t-t, $J = 7$ Hz, 16H, octyloxy), 1.38-1.15 (m, 144H, octyloxy), 0.82 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 24H, octyloxy), and 0.74 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 24H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 4310, calcd for $C_{256}H_{328}N_{16}O_{16}Zn_4Br_2$ m/z 4307.

Z6Br₂. (78%) ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) **d** 9.88 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.20 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.94-8.91 (m, 12H, **b**), 8.86 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.82 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.34-8.31 (m, 12H, **b**), 8.21 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.18 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.48 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 7.44 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 7.42 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 6.83 (br, 4H, Ar), 6.76 (br, 4H, Ar) 6.73 (br, 4H, Ar), 4.11-4.00 (m, 48H, octyloxy), 1.85-1.72 (m, 48H, octyloxy), 1.49-1.17 (m, 240H, octyloxy), 0.83 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 24H, octyloxy), and 0.78-0.72 (m, 48H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 6381, calcd for $C_{384}H_{492}N_{24}O_{24}Zn_6Br_2$ m/z 6380.

Z8Br₂. (83%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) **d** 9.89 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.21 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.95-8.91 (m, 20H, **b**), 8.86 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.82 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.35-8.31 (m, 20H, **b**), 8.21 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.18 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.50-7.49 (m, 16H, Ar), 7.44 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 7.42 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 6.84 (br, 4H, Ar), 6.77 (br, 8H, Ar), 6.73 (br, 4H, Ar), 4.10-4.02 (m, 64H, octyloxy), 1.85-1.73 (m, 64H, octyloxy), 1.48-1.20 (m, 320H, octyloxy), 0.83 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 24H, octyloxy), and 0.80-0.71 (m, 72H, octyloxy).

Z12Br₂. (92%) ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) **d** 9.86 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.18 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**),

8.90-8.86 (m, 36H, **b**), 8.80 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.77 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.29-8.24 (m, 36H, **b**), 8.13 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.07 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.50-7.48 (m, 32H, Ar), 7.43 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 7.41 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 6.84 (br, 4H, Ar), 6.77 (br, 16H, Ar), 6.73 (br, 4H, Ar), 4.06 (m, 96H, octyloxy), 1.84-1.76 (m, 96H, octyloxy), 1.50-1.19 (m, 480H, octyloxy), and 0.85-0.75 (m, 144H, octyloxy).

Z16Br₂. (84%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) **d** 9.88 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.02 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.96 (m, 52H, **b**), 8.86 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.82 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.36 (m, 52H, **b**), 8.21 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.17 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 7.52-7.42 (m, 64H, Ar), 6.85 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 4H, Ar), 6.78 (br, 24H, Ar), 6.73 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 4H, Ar), 4.06 (m, 128H, octyloxy), 1.84-1.78 (m, 128H, octyloxy), 1.44-1.20 (m, 640H, octyloxy), and 0.85-0.75 (m, 192H, octyloxy).

Z24Br₂. (89%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) **d** 9.87 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.19 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.95-8.80 (m, 92H, **b**), 8.35-8.15 (m, 92H, **b**), 7.50-7.41 (m, 96H, Ar), 6.83-6.72 (m, 48H, Ar), 4.06 (m, 192H, octyloxy), 1.77 (m, 192H, octyloxy), 1.42-1.23 (m, 960H, octyloxy), and 0.84-0.72 (m, 288H, octyloxy).

Z48Br₂. (91%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) **d** 9.88 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 9.20 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.95-8.80 (m, 188H, **b**), 8.35-8.15 (m, 188H, **b**), 7.50-7.41 (m, 192H, Ar), 6.83-6.72 (m, 96H, Ar), 4.06 (m, 384H, octyloxy), 1.77 (m, 384H, octyloxy), 1.42-1.24 (m, 1920H, octyloxy), and 0.84-0.71 (m, 576H, octyloxy).

Z64Br₂. (87%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) **d** 9.87 (br, 4H, **b**), 9.19 (br, 4H, **b**), 8.93-8.80 (m, 252H, **b**), 8.32-8.11 (m, 252H, **b**), 7.50 (m, 256H, Ar), 6.77 (br, 128H, Ar), 4.08 (m, 512H, octyloxy), 1.80 (m, 512H, octyloxy), 1.45-1.22 (m, 2560H, octyloxy), and 0.85-0.77 (m, 768H, octyloxy).

9. 4-Bromobenzenethiol (**8**) (920 mg, 5.0 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of TFA (9 ml) and CH₂Cl₂ (2 ml) and stirred for 15 min under Ar at room temperature. To the solution was added benzhydrol (**7**) (945 mg, 5.0 mmol). After 5 min, the precipitate was collected and purified over a silica gel column (CH₂Cl₂/hexane = 1/4). The product was given as white crystal (1.48 g, 83%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) **d** 7.37 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 4H, Ar),

7.30-7.19 (m, 8H, Ar), 7.06 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H, Ar), and 5.48 (s, 1H, benzyl). FAB MS m/z 402.3, calcd for $C_{32}H_{22}N_4$ m/z 402.2.

10. 9 (178 mg, 0.5 mmol) was mixed with bispinacolate diboron (125 mg, 0.5 mmol), KOAc (125 mg), and $PdCl_2(dppf)$ (12 mg) in DMF (2 ml) and toluene (2 ml). The mixture was degassed 3 times by freeze-pump thaw cycles and stirred at $80^\circ C$ for 6 h. Then the mixture was washed with water, and organic layer was extracted with ether, dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. The residue was separated by a silica gel column (benzene). The boronate was obtained as a white solid (96 mg, 48%). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 7.59 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.42 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 4H, Ar), 7.29 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 4H, Ar), 7.21 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H, Ar), 7.19 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H, Ar), 5.64 (s, 1H, benzyl), and 1.30 (s, 12H, Me). FAB MS m/z 402.3, calcd for $C_{32}H_{22}N_4$ m/z 402.2.

ZnS₂. Bromo porphyrin **ZnBr₂** was mixed with boronate **10** (10 equiv), Cs_2CO_3 (15 equiv), and $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (10 mol%) in a mixed solvent of toluene (1 ml) and DMF (1 ml). The mixture was degassed 3 times by freeze-pump thaw cycles and stirred at $80^\circ C$ for 5 h. Then the mixture was washed with water, extracted with $CHCl_3$, dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. After passed through a short silica gel column, the residue was loaded in GPC (THF) to remove unreacted **10**. The porphyrin fraction was collected and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was recrystallized with $CHCl_3$ /Methanol.

Z6S₂. (90%). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 9.14 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.93-8.91 (m, 16H, **b**), 8.86-8.85 (m, 4H, **b**), 8.34-8.31 (m, 12H, **b**), 8.24 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.18 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.12 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 4H, Ph), 7.68-7.67 (m, 12H, Ph + Ar), 7.48 (m, 16H, Ph + Ar), 7.44 (d, $J = 3$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 7.42 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 8H, Ar), 7.38 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 4H, Ph), 6.83 (br, 4H, Ar), 6.75 (br, 4H, Ar) 6.72 (br, 4H, Ar), 4.10-4.01 (m, 48H, octyloxy), 1.82-1.72 (m, 48H, octyloxy), 1.48-1.17 (m, 240H, octyloxy), 0.82 (t, $J = 7$ Hz, 24H, octyloxy), and 0.78-0.74 (m, 48H, octyloxy); MALDI-TOF-MS m/z 6381, calcd for $C_{384}H_{492}N_{24}O_{24}Zn_6Br_2$ m/z 6380.

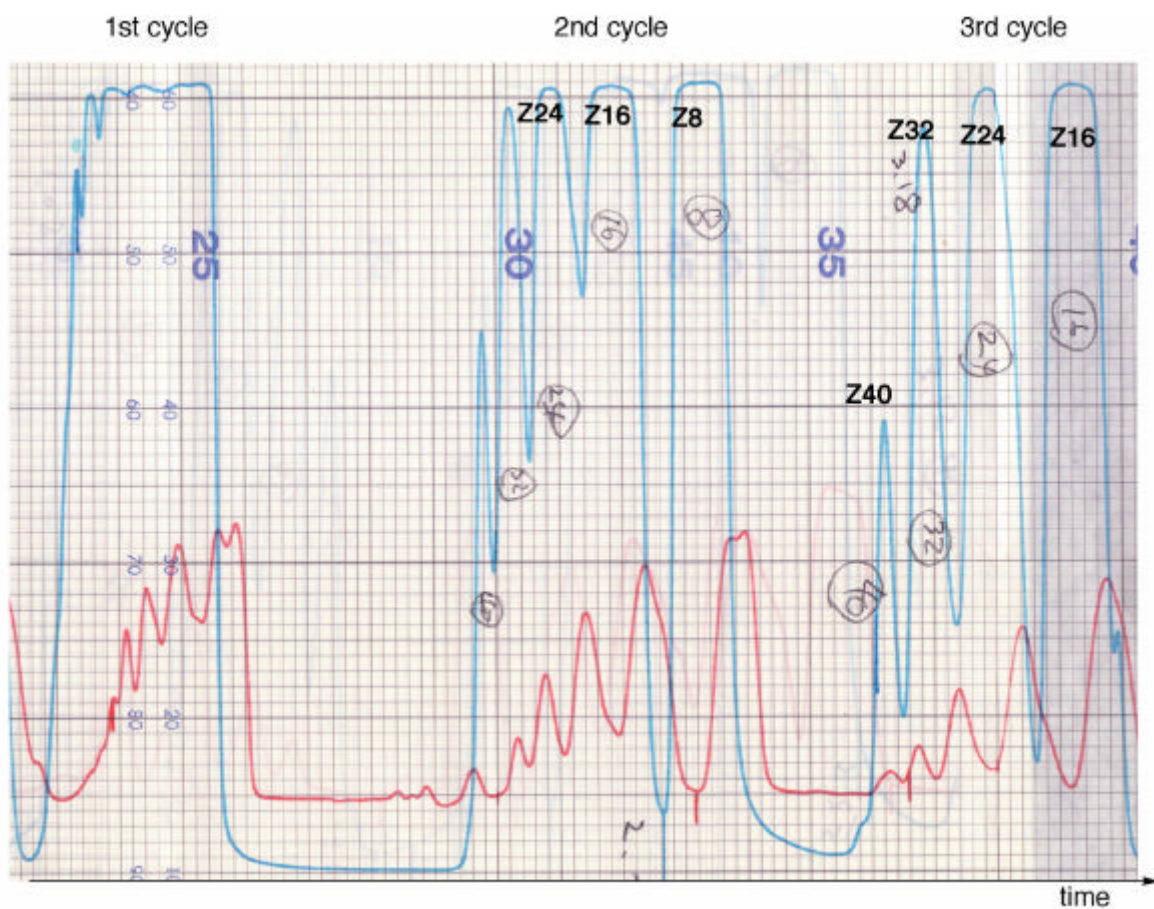
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(d, $J = 8$ Hz, 4H, Ph), 7.61-7.59 (m, 12H, Ph + Ar), 7.45-7.28 (m, 60H, Ph + Ar), 6.77 (br, 4H, Ar), 6.71 (br, 16H, Ar), 6.66 (br, 4H, Ar), 5.84 (s, 2H, benzyl), 4.07 (m, 96H, octyloxy), 1.86-1.76 (m, 96H, octyloxy), 1.50-1.19 (m, 480H, octyloxy), and 0.85-0.75 (m, 144H, octyloxy).

Z24S₂. (79%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) **d** 9.11 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.95-8.84 (m, 96H, **b**), 8.35 (m, 88H, **b**), 8.22 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.17 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.12 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 4H, Ph), 7.65 (m, 12H, Ph + Ar), 7.45-7.41 (m, 108H, Ph + Ar), 6.83-6.72 (m, 48H, Ar), 5.89 (s, 2H, benzyl), 4.06 (m, 192H, octyloxy), 1.77 (m, 192H, octyloxy), 1.42-1.23 (m, 960H, octyloxy), and 0.84-0.72 (m, 288H, octyloxy).

Z48S₂. (79%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) **d** 9.11 (br, 4H, **b**), 8.95-8.84 (m, 192H, **b**), 8.35 (m, 184H, **b**), 8.24 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.19 (d, $J = 5$ Hz, 4H, **b**), 8.15 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 4H, Ph), 7.65 (m, 12H, Ph + Ar), 7.45-7.41 (m, 204H, Ph + Ar), 6.83-6.72 (m, 96H, Ar), 5.89 (s, 2H, benzyl), 4.06 (m, 384H, octyloxy), 1.77 (m, 384H, octyloxy), 1.42-1.23 (m, 1920H, octyloxy), and 0.84-0.72 (m, 576H, octyloxy).

Z64S₂. (91%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) **d** 9.15 (br, 4H, **b**), 8.97-8.87 (m, 256H, **b**), 8.37-8.20 (m, 252H, **b**), 8.13 (br, 4H, Ph), 7.67 (d, $J = 7$ Hz, 12H, Ph + Ar), 7.52 (m, 268H, Ar), 6.79 (br, 128H, Ar), 5.92 (s, 2H, benzyl), 4.08 (m, 512H, octyloxy), 1.80 (m, 512H, octyloxy), 1.45-1.22 (m, 2560H, octyloxy), and 0.85-0.77 (m, 768H, octyloxy).



SI 1 GPC chromatogram of the reaction of **Z8**. Brue line shows the UV absorbance detected at 413 nm.

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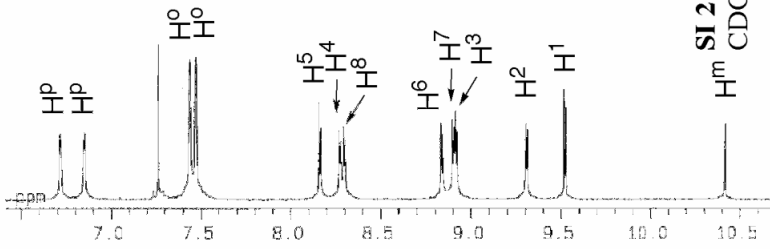
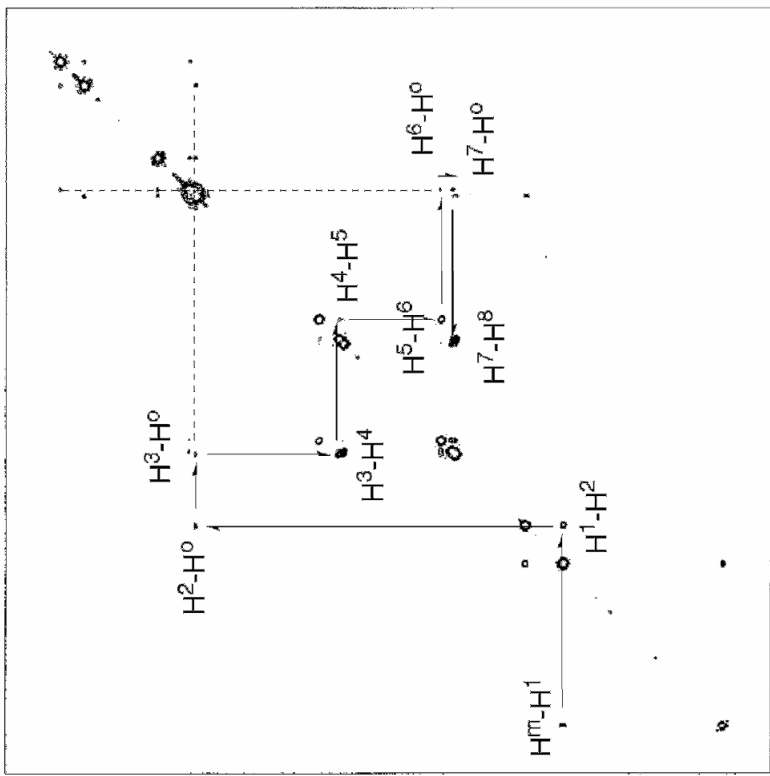
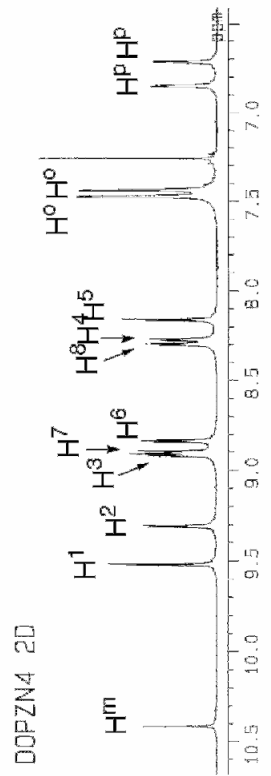
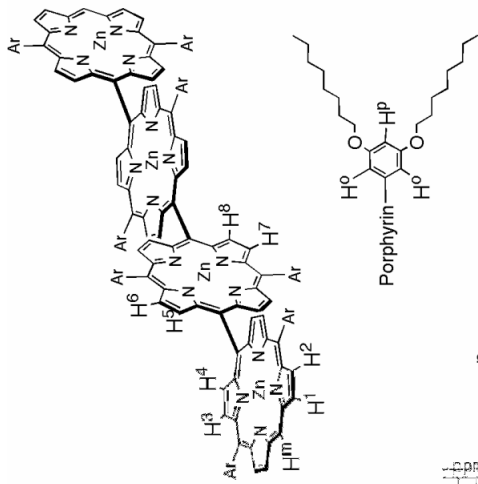
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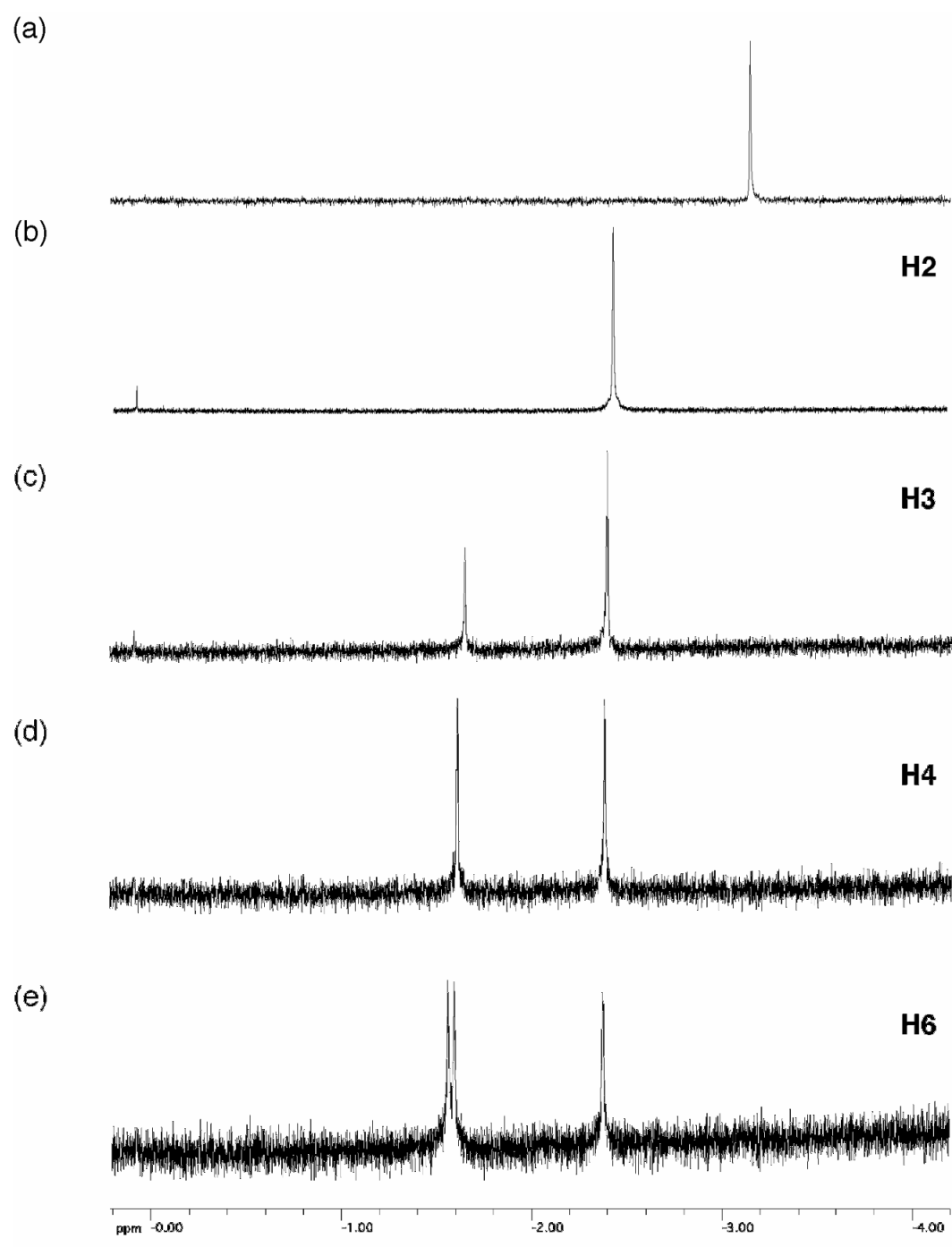
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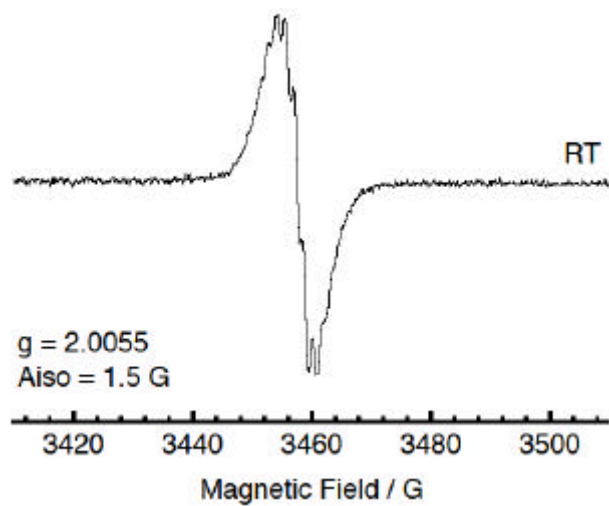
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SI 2; ROESY spectrum of **Z4** in CDCl_3 at rt.



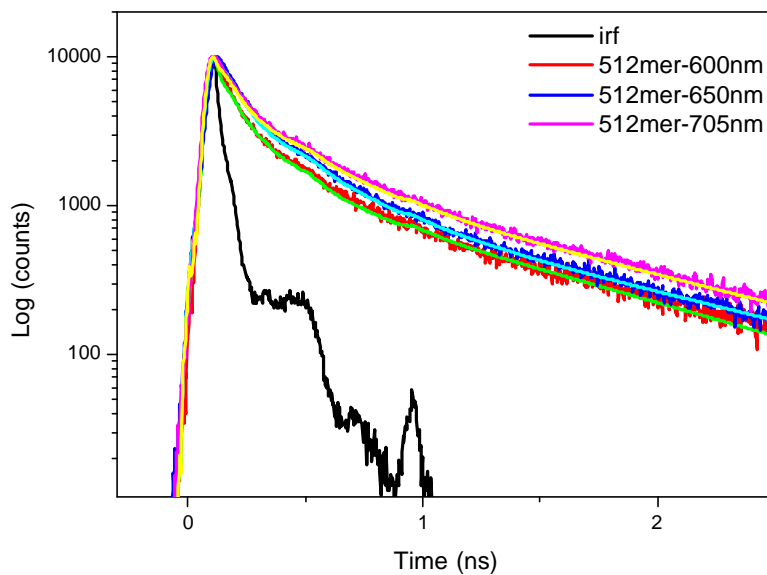
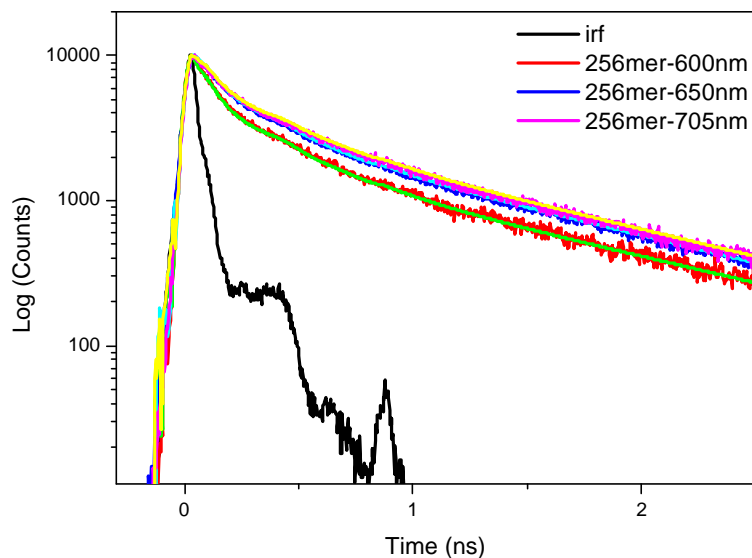
SI 3; ¹H-NMR spectra from -4.00 to 0.00 ppm, (a) **H1**, (b) **H2**, (c) **H3**, (d) **H4**, and (e) **H6**.



SI4. ESR spectra of 5,15-bis(3,5-di-*t*-butylphenyl)porphyrin zinc complex cation radical formed by electrochemical oxidation.

SI 5. Table ; Absorption spectral data of *meso-meso* linked porphyrin arrays in THF

compound	absorption peaks (log ϵ) ^(a) / nm (M ⁻¹ cm ⁻¹)
Z1	413.0 (5.81), 543.0 (4.34)
Z2	418 (5.43), 452 (5.40), 560 (4.78)
Z3	414 (5.57), 476 (5.51), 571 (4.95)
Z4	414 (5.64), 488 (5.61), 576 (5.15)
Z5	415 (5.71), 494 (5.69), 580 (5.31)
Z6	414 (5.77), 498 (5.77), 582 (5.45)
Z7	414(5.83), 500 (5.82), 583 (5.54)
Z8	414 (5.87), 502 (5.87), 585 (5.63)
Z10	414 (5.95), 505 (5.97), 586 (5.75)
Z12	414 (6.02), 507 (6.05), 587 (5.86)
Z16	414 (6.11), 508 (6.14), 587 (5.98)
Z32	414 (6.41), 509 (6.49), 588 (6.34)
Z64	414 (6.70), 510 (6.80), 589 (6.66)
Z128	414 (7.00), 511 (7.10), 589 (6.96)
Z256	414 (7.30), 511 (7.40), 589 (7.26)
Z384	414 (7.48), 511 (7.58), 589 (7.44)
Z512	414 (7.60), 511 (7.70), 589 (7.56)



Model l (nm)	256mer (ns, %)	512mer (ns, %)
	600	1.04(25%) + 0.138(75%)
650	1.06(27%) + 0.144(73%)	0.902(14%) + 0.114(86%)
705	1.07(31%) + 0.148(69%)	0.940(20%) + 0.114(80%)
t_{ave}	0.40	0.26

SI6. Fluorescence decay profiles for **Z256** and **Z512**.

model	$D_{E(cm^{-1})}$ a	F_F^b	$t_{avg(ns)}^c$	$t_1(ns, \%)^d$	$t_2(ns, \%)^e$	r^f
Z1	-	0.022	2.64			0.008
Z2	2060	0.034	1.83			0.03
Z3	3176	0.044	1.72			0.05
Z4	3692	0.055	1.65			0.16
Z6	4104	0.066	1.59			0.21
Z8	4283	0.074	1.55			0.29
Z12	4434	0.080	1.52			0.31
Z16	4499	0.088	1.50			0.31
Z24	4557	0.083	1.43	1.49(95.4)	0.14(4.6)	0.27
Z32	4569	0.062	1.40	1.48(92.8)	0.33(7.2)	0.24
Z48	4595	0.058	0.93	1.47(61.1)	0.08(38.9)	0.20
Z64	4595	0.033	0.51	1.47(31.2)	0.08(68.8)	0.17
Z96	4615	0.031	0.50	1.45(27.7)	0.14(72.3)	0.13
Z128	4615	0.012	0.49	1.42(21.8)	0.22(78.2)	0.12
Z256	4615	0.012	0.40	1.05(28.8)	0.14(71.2)	0.12
Z512	4615	0.006	0.26	0.92(17.7)	0.12(82.3)	0.12

SI7. Summary of fluorescence data.