#### **Reassembly Self-Sorting Triggered by Heterodimerization**

Supplementary Information

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#### Synthesis of molecular clips 1–15.

General Experimental Details. Starting materials were purchased from commercial suppliers and were used without further purification. Compounds  $1, 4, 7, 2, 10, 3, 16, 4, 5, (\pm)-17, 4, 5, 18, 5$  and  $(\pm)-19^6$ were synthesized according literatures. THF was distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl, and dichloromethane and DMSO was distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub> immediately before use. NEt<sub>3</sub> was distilled from KOH immediately before use. TLC analysis was performed using precoated plates. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (200-300 mesh) using eluents in the indicated v:v ratio. Melting points were determined using an XT-4 apparatus and not corrected. IR spectra were recorded on a PE-983 spectrophotometer as KBr pellets and were reported in cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR spectra were measured on Varian Mercury 400 and 600, and Bruker AVANCE-600, AM-400, DRX-400 instruments, operating at 400 or 600 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 100 or 150 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C. Electron impact (EI) mass spectra were acquired using a Finnegan Trace MS spectrometer and some mass spectrometry was performed using a VG 7070E magnetic sector instrument by electron impact (EI) or by fast atom bombardment (FAB) using the indicated matrix. The matrix "magic bullet" is a 5:1 (w:w) mixture of dithiothreitol:dithioerythritol. Electrospray mass spectra (ESI-MS) were performed using a Waters Q-TOF II mass spectrometer.



Compound 2. A mixture of 16 (190 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (70 mg) in anhydrous DMF (10 mL) was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> (15-20 psi) at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction mixture was filtered under Ar and concentrated under high vacuum at room temperature. The residue was dissolved in a mixture of anhydrous degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL, 4 mmol). This solution was added to a solution of propionyl chloride (52 µL, 0.60 mmol) in anhydrous degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) at -78 °C. After 15 min, the cooling bath was removed, and stirring was continued at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (100 mL), washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH, 50:1) gave slightly impure 2 (162 mg, 0.162 mmol, 81%). To get highest purity material, the solid was washed with EtOAc (2 mL), centrifuged, and the supernatant decanted vielding 2 as a white solid (152 mg, 0.152 mmol, 76%). Mp > 300 °C (dec.). TLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 20:1)  $R_f$  0.25. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3448m, 2982w, 1745s, 1669w, 1602w, 1559w, 1521w, 1457m, 1369w, 1258m, 1177w, 1130w, 1258m, 1018m, 954w. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ): 9.27 (s, 2H), 6.75-6.70 (m, 4H), 5.80 (d, J = 16.0, 2H), 5.22 (d, J = 16.0, 2H), 4.68 (d, J = 16.0, 2H, 4.52 (d, J = 16.0, 1H), 4.46 (d, J = 16.0, 1H), 4.25-4.05 (m, 12H), 3.72 (s, 6H), 2.40-2.30 (m, 4H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.0, 6H), 1.17 (t, J = 7.1, 6H), 1.12 (t, J = 7.5, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 172.8, 165.1, 164.1, 154.4, 154.1, 154.0, 133.2, 128.1, 126.6, 124.1, 111.2, 79.7,

79.1, 78.5, 64.3, 63.7, 55.9, 47.2, 36.1, 28.7, 13.6, 13.5, 9.9 ppm (only 23 of the 24 expected resonances were observed). MS (FAB, magic bullet):  $m/z \ 1003.2 \ ([M+1]^+, 100), \ 1002.2 \ (M^+, 60)$ . HRMS (ESI):  $m/z \ [M + Na]^+$  calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>54</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>16</sub>Na: 1025.3617; found: 1025.3601.

Compound 3. A mixture of 16 (190 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (70 mg) in anhydrous DMF (10 mL) was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> (15-20 psi) at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction mixture was filtered under Ar and concentrated under high vacuum at room temperature. The residue was dissolved in a mixture of anhydrous degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL, 4 mmol). This solution was added to a solution of trifluoroacetic anhydride (126 mg, 0.60 mmol) in anhydrous degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) at -78 °C. After 1 h, the cooling bath was removed, and stirring was continued at 0 °C for 10 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (100 mL), washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH, 50:1) gave slightly impure **3** (171 mg, 0.158 mmol, 79%). To get highest purity material, the solid was washed with EtOAc (2 mL), centrifuged, and the supernatant decanted yielding **3** as a white solid (132 mg, 0.122 mmol, 61%). Mp > 300 °C (dec.). TLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 20:1) Rf 0.28. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3854w, 3408m, 2984w, 1747s, 1601w, 1540m, 1457s, 1384m, 1371m, 1262s, 1160s, 1160s, 1084m, 1020m, 955w. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 11.17 (s, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.8, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.8, 2H), 5.76 (d, J = 16.0, 2H), 5.74 (d, J = 16.0, 2H), 5.29 (d, J = 16.0, 2H), 4.64 (d, J = 16.0, 2H), 4.57 (d, J = 16.0, 1H), 4.41 (d, J = 16.0, 1H), 4.28-4.16(m, 12H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 1.24-1.16 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ): 164.8, 163.8, 155.8, 155.6, 154.3, 153.8, 134.0, 127.7, 125.3, 125.1, 116.1, 111.9, 79.9, 78.5, 64.5, 63.9, 56.2, 47.1, 47.1, 36.0, 13.6, 13.5 ppm (only 22 of the 23 expected resonances were observed). MS (FAB, magic bullet): m/z 1083.4 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 100), 1082.4 (M<sup>+</sup>, 20). HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>44</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>16</sub>Na: 1105.2739; found: 1105.2719.

Compound 5. A mixture of 16 (190 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (70 mg) in anhydrous DMF (10 mL) was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> (15-20 psi) at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction mixture was filtered under Ar and concentrated under high vacuum at room temperature. The residue was dissolved in a mixture of anhydrous degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL, 4 mmol). This solution was added to a solution of 3,5-dinitrobenzoyl chloride (140 mg, 0.60 mmol) in anhydrous degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) at -78 °C. After 15 min, the cooling bath was removed, and stirring was continued at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (100 mL), washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH, 50:1) gave slightly impure 5 (181 mg, 0.142 mmol, 71%). To get highest purity material, the solid was washed with EtOAc (2 mL), centrifuged, and the supernatant decanted yielding 5 as a yellow solid (169 mg, 0.132 mmol, 66%). Mp 262-263 °C. TLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 20:1)  $R_f$  0.27. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3383m, 2975m, 1761s, 1740s, 1665m, 1630w, 1600w, 1546m, 1458m, 1371m, 1346m, 1279s, 1179w, 1086s, 1050s, 1020m, 956w. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 10.82 (br. s, 2H), 9.15 (s, 4H), 9.02 (s, 2H), 7.19 (br. s, 2H), 7.01 (br. s, 2H), 5.81 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (d, J = 16.0 16.0 Hz, 2H), 4.58 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 4.28

(d, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 4.25-4.15 (m, 8H), 3.83 (s, 6H), 1.21 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 1.19 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 164.9$ , 163.9, 162.3, 155.0, 154.5, 153.9, 148.2, 136.6, 134.2, 129.5, 127.9, 127.8, 127.4, 124.6, 121.2, 79.9, 78.6, 64.4, 63.9, 56.1, 47.1, 36.0, 13.6, 13.5 ppm (only 24 of the 26 expected resonances were observed). HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>51</sub>N<sub>14</sub>O<sub>24</sub>: 1279.3195; found: 1279.3270.

Compound 6. A mixture of 16 (190 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (70 mg) in anhydrous DMF (10 mL) was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> (15-20 psi) at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction mixture was filtered under Ar and concentrated under high vacuum at room temperature. The residue was dissolved in a mixture of anhydrous degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL, 4 mmol). This solution was added to a solution of 4-nitrobenzoyl chloride (112 mg, 0.60 mmol) in anhydrous degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) at -78 °C. After 15 min, the cooling bath was removed, and stirring was continued at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (100 mL), washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH, 50:1) gave slightly impure 6 (211 mg, 0.178 mmol, 89%). To get highest purity material, the solid was washed with EtOAc (2 mL), centrifuged, and the supernatant decanted vielding 6 as a vellow solid (190 mg, 0.160 mmol, 80%). Mp 295-296 °C. TLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 20:1)  $R_f$  0.31. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3447m, 2983w, 1757s, 1669m, 1602m, 1527s, 1484m, 1456m, 1348m, 1264s, 1175w, 1082m, 1018m, 953w, 908m. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 10.16 (br. s, 2H), 8.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 6.90 (br. m, 2H), 6.75 (br. m, 2H), 5.85 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 4.75 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 4.61 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 4.30-4.20 (m, 12H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 1.25-1.15 (m, 12H), 1.25-1.1512H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 164.9$ , 164.8, 163.9, 154.7, 153.9, 149.2, 139.9, 133.8, 129.1, 127.3, 126.9, 124.5, 123.6, 111.2, 79.8, 79.5, 64.5, 63.9, 55.9, 47.6, 47.3, 36.0, 13.6, 13.5 ppm (only 24 of the 26 expected resonances were observed). HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>53</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>20</sub>: 1189.3494; found: 1189.3499.



Compound (±)-8. A mixture of (±)-17 (190 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (70 mg) in anh. DMF (20 mL) was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> (15-20 psi) at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction mixture was filtered under Ar and concentrated under high vacuum at room temperature. The residue was dissolved in a mixture of anh. degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/THF (3:1, v/v, 20 mL) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (5 mL). To this solution was added ethyl isocyanate (78  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol) and stirring was continued at room temperature for 3 days. The reaction mixture was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (200 mL), washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over anh. MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>,

CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH, 50:1) gave slightly impure (±)-**8** (189 mg, 0.184 mmol, 92%). To get highest purity material, the solid was washed with EtOAc (2 mL), centrifuged, and the supernatant decanted yielding (±)-**8** as a white solid (166 mg, 0.162 mmol, 81%). Mp > 300 °C (dec.). TLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 20:1)  $R_f$  0.41. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3394m, 2977m, 2913m, 1747s, 1665s, 1599w, 1545m, 1457m, 1369w, 1260s, 1176w, 1084m, 1017m, 955w, 907m. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ): 7.67 (s, 2H), 7.07 (s, 2H), 6.76 (br. m, 2H), 6.38 (br. m, 2H), 5.79 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 5.12 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (m, 4H), 4.21 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 4.09 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 3.64 (br. s, 6H), 3.07 (m, 4H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ): 165.2, 164.1, 156.4, 154.1, 153.4, 132.4, 129.9, 126.9, 123.9, 111.5, 78.6, 78.6, 64.4, 63.6, 55.9, 47.2, 40.0, 36.2, 34.2, 15.5, 15.4, 13.5 (only 22 of the 23 expected resonances were observed). HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>56</sub>H<sub>56</sub>N<sub>13</sub>O<sub>18</sub>: 1033.4015; found: 1033.4025; [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>56</sub>H<sub>56</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>18</sub>Na: 1055.3783.

Compound (±)-9. A mixture of (±)-17 (190 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (70 mg) in anh. DMF (20 mL) was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> (15-20 psi) at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction mixture was filtered under Ar and concentrated under high vacuum at room temperature. The residue was dissolved in a mixture of anh. degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (5 mL). To this solution was added pentafluorophenyl isocyanate (130 µL, 1.0 mmol) and stirring was continued at room temperature for 1 day. The reaction mixture was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (200 mL), washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over anh. MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH, 50:1) gave slightly impure  $(\pm)$ -9 (218 mg, 0.164 mmol, 82%). To get highest purity material, the solid was washed with EtOAc (2 mL), centrifuged, and the supernatant decanted yielding  $(\pm)$ -9 as a white solid (197 mg, 0.148 mmol, 74%). Mp > 300 °C (dec.). TLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 20:1)  $R_f$  0.52. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3332m, 2986w, 1755s, 1688m, 1653w, 1601w, 1525s, 1458s, 1368m, 1262s, 1177w, 1132w, 1084m, 1018m, 954w, 908m. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 8.86 (br. s, 2H), 8.35 (br. s, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (br. m, 2H), 5.82 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 5.20 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 4.85 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 4.51 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 4.30-4.20 (m, 6H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 3.68 (br. s, 6H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.20 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 165.1, 164.0, 154.7, 154.1, 153.9, 153.5, 142.7, 138.2, 137.1, 154.1, 155.9, 155.5, 145.7, 154.1, 155.9, 155.5, 145.7, 156.1, 157.$ 133.2, 128.4, 127.5, 124.4, 114.2, 111.6, 79.7, 78.6, 64.7, 63.7, 55.9, 47.4, 47.3, 36.1, 13.6, 13.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>46</sub>F<sub>10</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>16</sub>Na: 1331.2887; found: 1331.2892.

Compound (±)-11. A mixture of (±)-17 (190 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (70 mg) in anh. DMF (20 mL) was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> (15-20 psi) at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction mixture was filtered under Ar and concentrated under high vacuum at room temperature. The residue was dissolved in a mixture of anh. degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (5 mL). To this solution was added 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl isocyanate (172  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol) and stirring was continued at room temperature for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (200 mL), washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over anh. MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH, 50:1) gave slightly impure (±)-11 (187 mg, 0.134 mmol, 67%). To get highest

purity material, the solid was washed with EtOAc (2 mL), centrifuged, and the supernatant decanted yielding (±)-**11** as a white solid (168 mg, 0.120 mmol, 60%). Mp > 300 °C (dec.). TLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 20:1)  $R_f$  0.33. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3353m, 3120w, 2990w, 1757s, 1683m, 1624w, 1575m, 1518m, 1473s, 1389s, 1280s, 1180s, 1130s, 1086m, 959w, 945w, 908m. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ): 9.81 (s, 2H), 8.09 (s, 4H), 8.09 (br. s, 2H), 7.54 (s, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.82 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 5.25 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 4.53 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 4.35 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 4.30-4.15 (m, 10H), 3.54 (s, 6H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 165.1$ , 164.0, 154.9, 154.0, 153.8, 142.1, 133.0, 132.9, 130.6 (q,  $J_{CF} = 30$  Hz), 128.2, 127.6, 124.4, 123.3 (q,  $J_{CF} = 271$  Hz), 117.6, 113.9, 111.6, 79.9, 78.7, 64.5, 63.8, 55.8, 47.4, 40.0, 36.1, 13.6, 13.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>58</sub>H<sub>53</sub>F<sub>12</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>16</sub>: 1401.3505; found: 1401.3551.

Compound ( $\pm$ )-12. A mixture of ( $\pm$ )-17 (190 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (70 mg) in anh. DMF (20 mL) was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> (15-20 psi) at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction mixture was filtered under Ar and concentrated under high vacuum at room temperature. The residue was dissolved in a mixture of anh. degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (5 mL). To this solution was added 4-nitrophenyl isocyanate (164 mg, 1.0 mmol) and stirring was continued at room temperature for 6 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (200 mL), washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over anh. MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH, 50:1) gave slightly impure  $(\pm)$ -12 (197 mg, 0.162 mmol, 81%). To get highest purity material, the solid was washed with EtOAc (2 mL), centrifuged, and the supernatant decanted yielding ( $\pm$ )-12 as a yellow solid (183 mg, 0.150 mmol, 75 %). Mp > 300 °C (dec.). TLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 20:1) R<sub>f</sub> 0.24. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3355m, 2981w, 1756s, 1598m, 1557m, 1508s, 1460m, 1368w, 1330s, 1301m, 1256s, 1177m, 1112m, 1083m, 1017m, 956w, 908m. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ): 9.82 (s, 2H), 8.16 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 4H), 8.16 (br. s, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 4H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.82 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 5.22 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 4.84 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 4.52 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 4.22 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 4.14 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 3.39 (s, 6H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.17 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ): 165.1, 164.0, 154.9, 154.2, 154.0, 153.3, 146.6, 140.9, 132.9, 128.4, 127.7, 125.1, 124.4, 117.3, 111.8, 79.8, 78.7, 64.5, 63.9, 56.0, 47.4, 36.2, 13.7, 13.6 ppm (only 24 of the 25 expected resonances were observed). HRMS (ESI):  $m/z [M + H]^+$  calcd for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>55</sub>N<sub>14</sub>O<sub>20</sub>: 1219.3712; found: 1219.3730.

Compound ( $\pm$ )-13. A mixture of ( $\pm$ )-17 (190 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (70 mg) in anh. DMF (20 mL) was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> (15-20 psi) at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction mixture was filtered under Ar and concentrated under high vacuum at room temperature. The residue was dissolved in a mixture of anh. degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (5 mL). To this solution was added 4-chlorophenyl isocyanate (128  $\mu$ L, 1.0 mmol) and stirring was continued at room temperature for 1 day. The reaction mixture was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (200 mL), washed with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over anh. MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH, 50:1) gave slightly impure ( $\pm$ )-13 (224 mg, 0.184 mmol, 92%). To get highest purity material, the

solid was washed with EtOAc (2 mL), centrifuged, and the supernatant decanted yielding (±)-**13** as a white solid (199 mg, 0.164 mmol, 82%). Mp > 300 °C (dec.). TLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 20:1)  $R_f$  0.40. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3352m, 2983w, 1750s, 1676m, 1597m, 1539m, 1490m, 1457m, 1433m, 1397w, 1366w, 1247s, 1715w, 1086m, 1017m, 909m. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ): 9.18 (s, 2H), 7.96 (s, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.81 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 5.19 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 4.83 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 4.50 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 3.71 (s, 6H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.15 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ): 165.5, 164.4, 155.4, 154.3, 154.2, 139.4, 133.1, 129.3, 128.9, 127.9, 125.5, 124.6, 119.9, 112.1, 80.0, 79.1, 64.8, 64.1, 56.5, 56.4, 47.6, 36.5, 13.9 ppm (only 24 of the 25 expected resonances were observed). HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>54</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>16</sub>Na: 1219.3050; found: 1219.2983.



Compound 14. A mixture of 18 (178 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (70 mg) in anhydrous DMF (10 mL) was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> (15-20 psi) at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction mixture was filtered under Ar and concentrated under high vacuum at room temperature. The residue was dissolved in a mixture of anhydrous degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL, 4 mmol). This solution was added to a solution of pentafluorobenzoyl chloride (86 µL, 0.60 mmol) in anhydrous degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) at -78 °C. After 15 min, the cooling bath was removed, and stirring was continued at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (100 mL), washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH, 50:1) gave 14 (197 mg, 0.172 mmol, 81%). To get highest purity material, the solid was washed with EtOAc (2 mL), centrifuged, and the supernatant decanted yielding 14 as a white solid (177 mg, 0.146 mmol, 73%). Mp > 300 °C (dec.). TLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 20:1) R<sub>f</sub> 0.29. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3443w, 2986w, 1752s, 1686m, 1655w, 1602w, 1552m, 1520s, 1501s, 1455s, 1426s, 1367w, 1331m, 1387m, 1252s, 1171w, 1098w, 1018m, 993m, 910m. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ): 11.01 (s, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (dd, J = 8.2and 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.82 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 2H), 4.70-4.45 (m, 10H), 4.30-4.15 (m, 8H), 1.25 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ): 165.0, 164.1, 154.8, 154.2, 154.0, 143.2 ( $J_{CF} = 247 \text{ Hz}$ ), 141.5 ( $J_{CF} = 263 \text{ Hz}$ ), 137.1 (J = 267 Hz), 137.6, 137.1, 132.5, 130.3, 120.5, 118.8, 112.3 ( $J_{CF} = 21$  Hz), 79.9, 78.5, 64.4, 63.9, 47.4, 47.3, 44.9, 44.2, 13.6, 13.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI): m/z [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>52</sub>H<sub>40</sub>F<sub>10</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>14</sub>Na: 1241.2458; found: 1241.2403.



Compound (±)-15. A mixture of 19 (128 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (50 mg) in anhydrous DMF (10 mL) was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> (15-20 psi) at room temperature for 6 h. The reaction mixture was filtered under Ar and concentrated under high vacuum at room temperature. The residue was dissolved in a mixture of anhydrous degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL, 4 mmol). This solution was added to a solution of pentafluorobenzovl chloride (13 uL, 0.09 mmol) in anhydrous degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) at -78 °C. After 15 min, the cooling bath was removed, and stirring was continued at room temperature for 1 h. Then, the mixture was cooled to -78 °C and added to a solution of acetyl chloride (11 µL, 0.15 mmol) in anhydrous degassed CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) at -78 °C. After 15 min, the cooling bath was removed, and stirring was continued at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (100 mL), washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH, 50:1) gave 15 (93 mg, 0.114 mmol, 57%). To get highest purity material, the solid was washed with EtOAc (2 mL), centrifuged, and the supernatant decanted yielding (±)-15 as a white solid 80 mg, 0.098 mmol, 49 %). Mp 267-268 °C. TLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH 20:1) Rf 0.35. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3311m, 2984w, 1759m, 1744m, 1705s, 1680s, 1652w, 1599w, 1502s, 1469m, 1446m, 1429m, 1367w, 1327m, 1267s, 1138w, 1105w, 1073m, 1041w, 1023w, 994m, 960w, 918w. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ): 10.58 (s, 1H), 9.40 (s, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.8Hz, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.30-4.10 (m, 8H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 6H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta = 168.8$ , 165.2, 156.4, 155.5, 155.3, 155.1, 154.1, 143.3 (d,  $J_{CF} = 241$  Hz), 141.3 (d,  $J_{CF} = 240$  Hz), 136.9 (d,  $J_{CF} = 240$  Hz) 250 Hz), 134.6, 133.8, 128.9, 126.9, 126.6, 125.8, 125.3, 112.3, 111.7, 111.3, 79.9, 63.4, 56.2, 56.1, 35.9, 22.9, 13.7 ppm (only 27 of the 35 expected resonances were observed). HRMS (ESI): m/z [M  $+ \text{Na}^{+}$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{33}\text{F}_5\text{N}_6\text{O}_{10}\text{Na}$ : 839.2071; found: 839.2068. X-ray crystal structure.

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Characterization of Homodimers by <sup>1</sup>H NMR



**Figure S1.** Portion of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, room temperature) spectrum recorded for (A) dimer **2-2** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (20 mM), and (B) monomer **2** in DMSO- $d_6$ .



**Figure S2.** Portion of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, room temperature) spectrum recorded for (A) dimer **3-3** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (20 mM), and (B) monomer **3** in DMSO- $d_6$ .



**Figure S3.** Portion of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, room temperature) spectrum recorded for A) dimer **5**•5 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (20 mM), and B) monomer **5** in DMSO- $d_6$ .



**Figure S4.** Portion of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, room temperature) spectrum recorded for (A) dimer **6**•6 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (20 mM), and (B) monomer **6** in DMSO- $d_6$ .



**Figure S5.** Portion of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, room temperature) spectrum recorded for (A) dimer (+)-8•(-)-8 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (20 mM), and (B) monomer (±)-8 in DMSO- $d_6$ .



**Figure S6.** Portion of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, room temperature) spectrum recorded for (A) dimer (+)-9•(-)-9 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (5 mM), and (B) monomer (±)-9 in DMSO- $d_6$ . x = <sup>13</sup>CHCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S7.** Portion of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, room temperature) spectrum recorded for A) dimer (+)-11•(-)-11 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (20 mM), and B) monomer ( $\pm$ )-11 in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.



**Figure S8.** Portion of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, room temperature) spectrum recorded for (A) dimer (+)-12•(-)-12 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (20 mM), and (B) monomer (±)-12 in DMSO- $d_6$ .



**Figure S9.** Portion of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, room temperature) spectrum recorded for (A) dimer (+)-13 (-)-13 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (20 mM), and (B) monomer (±)-13 in DMSO- $d_6$ .



**Figure S10.** Portion of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, room temperature) recorded for (A) dimer **14**•14 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (5 mM), and (B) monomer **14** in DMSO- $d_6$ . x = <sup>13</sup>CHCl<sub>3</sub>.

#### Characterization of homodimers by x-ray crystallography

X-ray Crystallographic Data for 3 and (±)-13. Crystal data for **3**·(ClCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Cl): C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>48</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>16</sub>,  $M_r$  = 1181.84, Monoclinic, space group *C2/c*, *a* = 31.260(11), *b* = 13.333(5), *c* = 27.209(10) Å, *Z* = 8, *V* = 10504(6) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $D_c$  = 1.495 g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu$  = 0.224 mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\theta_{max}$  = 25.00°, *F*(000) = 4880, reflections collected/unique, 36605/9236 ( $R_{int}$  = 0.0878), final *R* indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]  $R_1$  = 0.0705,  $wR_2$  = 0.1929, *R* indices (all data)  $R_1$  = 0.1271,  $wR_2$  = 0.2233, GOF = 0.998 for all data. Crystal data for (±)-**13**·(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·(CH<sub>3</sub>OH): C<sub>57</sub>H<sub>62</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>17</sub>,  $M_r$  = 1399.89, Triclinic, space group *P*-*I*, *a* = 14.4991(10), *b* = 15.5113(11), *c* = 116.0201(11) Å, *Z* = 2, *V* = 3161.4(4) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $D_c$  = 1.471 g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu$  = 0.351 mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\theta_{max}$  = 25.50°, *F*(000) = 1452, reflections collected/unique, 20709/11641 ( $R_{int}$  = 0.1005), final *R* indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]  $R_1$  = 0.0746,  $wR_2$  = 0.2021, *R* indices (all data)  $R_1$  = 0.0843,  $wR_2$  =0.2108, GOF = 1.078 for all data. CCDC-782748 (**3**) and CCDC-782746 ((±)-**13**) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html (or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12, Union Road, Cambridge CB21EZ, UK; fax: (t44) 1223-336-033; or deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).



**Figure S11.** The crystal structure of **3**. Solvating ClCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Cl has been removed for clarity. Some of the CO<sub>2</sub>Et groups adopt two orientations in the crystal; here, the major orientation component is depicted. C, gray; H, white; N, blue; O, red; Cl, green.



**Figure S12.** The crystal structure of  $(\pm)$ -13. Solvating CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>OH have been removed for clarity. Some of the CO<sub>2</sub>Et groups adopt two orientations in the crystal; here, the major orientation component is depicted. C, gray; H, white; N, blue; O, red; Cl, green.



**Figure S13.** Stereoviews of the molecular structures of (A) **3**•**3**, and (B) (+)-**13**•(-)-**13** in the crystal. Solvating  $ClCH_2CH_2Cl$ ,  $CH_2Cl_2$  and  $CH_3OH$  have been removed for clarity. Some of the  $CO_2Et$  groups adopt two orientations in the crystal; here, the major orientation component is depicted. C, gray; H, white; N, blue; O, red; Cl, green; F, light-blue; and H-bonds, yellow dot-line.

### Tabulation of heterodimerization equilibrium constants and related <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra.

Entry Number	Clip A	Clip B	K <sub>eq</sub>	$\chi_{ m AB}$ / %
1	1	2	4.7	52.0
2 <sup>b)</sup>	1	4	562.9/576.6 <sup>c)</sup>	92.2/92.3 <sup>c)</sup>
3	1	5	26.9	72.2
4	1	6	38.9	75.7
5	2	4	139.7	85.5
6	3	7	9.6	60.8
7	(±)- <b>8</b>	(±)-9	19.27	68.7
8	(±)- <b>8</b>	(±)-10	7.8	58.3
9	(±)- <b>8</b>	(±)-11	534.4/539.8 <sup>c)</sup>	92.0/92.1 <sup>c)</sup>
10	(±)- <b>8</b>	(±)-12	126.6	84.9
11	(±)- <b>8</b>	(±)-13	6.1	55.2
12	(±)-10	(±)-13	5.0	52.7
13	(±)-11	(±)-12	16.2	66.8

Table S1. Heterodimer Equilibrium Constants,  $K_{eq}$ , and Heterodimer Mole Fractions ( $\chi_{AB}$ ) for Binary Mixtures of 1–13.<sup>a)</sup>

a) 20 mM, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz, room temperature. b) Reported in reference 3d. c) 5 mM, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>5</sub>CD<sub>3</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub> (5:1, v:v), 600 MHz, room temperature.

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**Figure S14.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600 MHz, 2 mM, RT, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) recorded for the heterodimerization of **1** and **2**: (A) full spectrum, and (B) expanded region of spectrum. (Table 1, entry 1)

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**Figure S15.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600 MHz, 5 mM, RT, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) recorded for the heterodimerization of **1** and **4**: (A) full spectrum, and (B) expanded region of spectrum. (Table 1, entry 2)

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**Figure S16.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600 MHz, 5 mM, RT,  $C_6D_5CD_3/CDCl_3 = 5:1$  (v:v)) recorded for the heterodimerization of **1** and **4**: (A) full spectrum, and (B) expanded region of spectrum. (Table 1, entry 2)

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**Figure S17.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600 MHz, 20 mM, RT, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) recorded for the heterodimerization of **1** and **5**: (A) full spectrum, and (B) expanded region of spectrum. (Table 1, entry 3)

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**Figure S18.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600 MHz, 20 mM, RT, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) recorded for the heterodimerization of **1** and **6**: (A) full spectrum, and (B) expanded region of spectrum. (Table 1, entry 4)



**Figure S19.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (400 MHz, 20 mM, RT,  $CDCl_3$ ) recorded for the heterodimerization of **2** and **4**. (Table 1, entry 5)



**Figure S20.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (400 MHz, 20 mM, RT, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) recorded for the heterodimerization of **3** and **7**. In this spectrum, the two NH singlets of **3**•**3** were overlapped (Table 1, entry 6)

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**Figure S21.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600 MHz, 5 mM, RT, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) recorded for the heterodimerization of **8** and **9**: (A) full spectrum, and (B) expanded region of spectrum. (Table 1, entry 7)



**Figure S22.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600 MHz, 5 mM, RT, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) recorded for the heterodimerization of **8** and **10**: (A) full spectrum, and (B) expanded region of spectrum. (Table 1, entry 8)

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**Figure S23.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600 MHz, 20 mM, RT, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) recorded for the heterodimerization of **8** and **11**: (A) full spectrum, and (B) expanded region of spectrum. (Table 1, entry 9)



**Figure S24.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600 MHz, 5 mM, RT,  $C_6D_5CD_3/CDCl_3 = 5:1$  (v:v)) recorded for the heterodimerization of **8** and **11**: (A) full spectrum, and (B) expanded region of spectrum. (Table 1, entry 9)

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**Figure S25.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600 MHz, 20 mM, RT, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) recorded for the heterodimerization of **8** and **12**: (A) full spectrum, and (B) expanded region of spectrum. (Table 1, entry 10)



**Figure S26.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600 MHz, 20 mM, RT, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) recorded for the heterodimerization of **8** and **13**: (A) full spectrum, and (B) expanded region of spectrum. (Table 1, entry 11)

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**Figure S27.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600 MHz, 20 mM, RT, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) recorded for the heterodimerization of **10** and **13**: (A) full spectrum, and (B) expanded region of spectrum. (Table 1, entry 12)



**Figure S28.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600 MHz, 20 mM, RT, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) recorded for the heterodimerization of **11** and **12**: (A) full spectrum, and (B) expanded region of spectrum. (Table 1, entry 13)



 $(K_{eq} = 50.2, \chi_{1\cdot5} = 0.779)$ , B) C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (193.4, 0.874), C) CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (ill-defined aggregates), D) C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>5</sub>CD<sub>3</sub> (407.2, 0.901).

#### Characterization of heterodimers by ESI-MS.



**Figure S30.** ESI-MS spectra of (A) **1** (20  $\mu$ M), (B) **4** (20  $\mu$ M), and (C) 1:1 mixture of **1** and **4** (20  $\mu$ M in each component) in methanol.



**Figure S31.** ESI-MS spectra of (A) ( $\pm$ )-8 (20  $\mu$ M), (B) ( $\pm$ )-11 (20  $\mu$ M), and (C) 1:1 mixture of ( $\pm$ )-8 and ( $\pm$ )-11 (20  $\mu$ M, respectively) in methanol. The peak at *m*/*z* 2121.5 corresponds to a doubly charged trimer ([11<sub>3</sub>+K+H]<sup>2+</sup>).

#### Details of the X-ray structure of (±)-15

Crystal data for (±)-**15**·(CHCl<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>: C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>36</sub>Cl<sub>9</sub>F<sub>5</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>10</sub>,  $M_r = 1174.80$ , Triclinic, space group *P*-1, a = 10.5648(10), b = 15.5841(14), c = 16.8119(15) Å, Z = 2, V = 2444.4(4) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $D_c = 1.596$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.596$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\theta_{max} = 27.50^{\circ}$ , F(000) = 1192, reflections collected/unique, 28452/10910 ( $R_{int} = 0.0845$ ), final *R* indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]  $R_1 = 0.0567$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.1414$ , *R* indices (all data)  $R_1 = 0.0834$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.1534$ , GOF = 0.955 for all data. CCDC-782747 ((±)-**15**) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. This data can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html (or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12, Union Road, Cambridge CB21EZ, UK; fax: (t44) 1223-336-033; or deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk/.



**Figure S32.** Strereoview of the molecular structure of (+)-15•(-)-15 in the crystal. C, gray; H, white; N, blue; O, red; F, light-blue; and hetero H-bonds, yellow dot-line. To highlight the hetero H-bond, the pentafluorophenyl amide and the methyl amide groups are labelled **A** and **B**, respectively.

Variable Temperature and dilution experiments for the four component self sorting system comprising 1-4 and 8-11 monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR



**Figure S33.** Portion of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum recorded for the self-sorted mixture of **1**•4 and **8**•11 ( $C_6D_5CD_3/CDCl_3 = 5:1$ , v/v, 600 MHz, 5 mM) at: A) 218 K, B) 228 K, C) 238 K, D) 248 K, E) 258 K, F) 268 K, G) 278 K, H) 288 K, I) 298 K, J) 308 K, K) 318 K, L) 323 K. The resonances at 10.1, 9.5, 9.2, 9.1, 8.4, and 7.9 ppm which shift upfield at higher temperatures correspond to the H-bonding N-H groups. The peaks corresponding to homodimers appear to get smaller at lower temperature which would suggest the heterodimerization is enthalpically driven. We did not quantify the mole fraction as a function of temperature because of the peak broadening and the limited dynamic range of the NMR which makes quantification of such small peaks challenging.



**Figure S34.** Portion of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum recorded for the self-sorted mixture comprising **1-4** and **8-11** ( $C_6D_5CD_3/CDCl_3 = 5:1$ , v/v, 600 MHz, room temperature) upon dilution: (A) 5 mM, (B) 1 mM, (C) 50  $\mu$ M, and (D) 25  $\mu$ M.

ppm









### <sup>13</sup>C NMR of Compound 3





















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