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Supporting Information

Extreme enhancement of secondary chirality through coordination-driven steric changes of terpyridyl ligand in glutamide-based molecular gels

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Figure S1 Photographic images of a 9:1 cyclohexane-methanol solution of **G-tpy** (5 mM) at 10 $^{\circ}$ C (gel phase) and 70 $^{\circ}$ C (sol phase).

Table S1

Solvent	G-tpy	
	70 °C	10 °C
Methanol	S	Ι
Ethanol	S	Ι
Ethyl acetate	Ι	Ι
Chloroform	S	S
Benzene	Ι	Ι
Cyclohexane	Ι	Ι
Chloroform-Cyclohexane (9:1)	S	Ι
Chloroform-Cyclohexane (5:5)	S	G
Chloroform-Cyclohexane (1:9)	Ι	Ι
Ethanol-Cyclohexane (9:1)	S	Ι
Ethanol-Cyclohexane (5:5)	S	Ι
Ethanol-Cyclohexane (1:9)	S	G

Table S1 Gelation property of **G-tpy** in various organic solvent

[**G-tpy**] = 5 mM S: Soluble, I: Insoluble, G: Gelation



Figure S2. (a–c) UV-vis spectra of **G-tpy** without and with metal ions (a: Cu^{2+} , b: Zn^{2+} , c: Ru^{3+}), and (d)relationships between absorbance at 320 nm and metal-ion concentration (circle: Cu^{2+} , triangle: Zn^{2+} , square: Ru^{3+}).



Figure S3 CD spectra of **G-tpy** without and with metal ions. [G-tpy] = 0.5 mM.



Figure S4 Chemical structures of **G-iq**, **G-por** and **G-pyr**.







Figure S6 DSC thermograms of **G-tpy** without and with Cu^{2+} and Zn^{2+} . [**G-tpy**] = 10 mM, [metal ion] = 5 mM. Heating rate = 2 °C/min



Figure S7 Fluorescence spectra of **G-tpy** without and with various metal ions. [G-tpy] = 0.5 mM, [metal ion] = 0.25 mM and 0.5 mM. Excitation wavelength: 320 nm.



Figure S8 CPL spectra of **G-tpy** without and with Cu^{2+} and Zn^{2+} . [**G-tpy**] = 0.5 mM, [metal ion] = 0.5 mM. Excitation wavelength: 260 nm.



Figure S9 Synthetic procedure of **G-tpy**.

1. Synthesis of G-Z [1]

N',N"-Didodecyl-*N*-benzyloxycarbonylglutamide (**G** -**Z**). *N*-Benzyloxycarbonylglutamic acid (7.0 g, 25 mmol), *n*-dodecylamine (12 mL, 53 mmol), and triethylamine (8.9 g, 63 mmol) were dissolved in THF (400 mL) (23). The solution was cooled to 0 °C, and diethylphosphorocyanidate (DEPC) (10 mL, 64 mmol) was added to the solution and stirred for 1 h at this temperature. After stirring for 1 day at room temperature, the solution was concentrated in vacuo, and the residue was dissolved in 350 mL of chloroform. The solution was washed with 50 mL of 10% NaHCO₃ (3 times), 50 mL of 0.3 N HCl (3 times) and with water until the pH becomes neutral. The solution was dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated, and finally recrystallized from ethanol, which gave a white solid powder: yield 10.7 g (68%, 17 mmol); mp 141–143 °C; FT-IR (KBr)/ 3287, 2917, 2850, 1686, 1637, and 1539 cm⁻¹; 1H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.862-0.896 (t, 6H, CH₃), 1.257 (m, 36H, CH₃- (CH₂)₉), 1.486 (m, 4H, CH₂CH₂NHC(=O)), 1.980 (m, 1H, C*HCH₂), 2.091 (m, 1H, C*HCH₂), 2.297 (m, 2H, C*HCH₂– CH₂C(=O)), 3.221 (m, 4H, CH₂NHC(=O)), 4.144 (m, 1H, C*H), 5.098 (s, 2H, CH₂Ph), 7.328 (s, 5H, Ph). Anal. Calcd. for C₃₇H₆₅N₃O₄: H, 10.9; C, 72.1; N, 6.82. Found: H, 10.9; C, 71.8; N, 6.75;

2. Synthesis of G [1]

 N_{I}, N_{2} -didodecyl-L-glutamide (**G**) was synthesized according to our previous report.^[1] mp 117.5–119.5 °C. IR spectrum (KBr): 3326, 2920, 2850, 1634, 1533 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): δ 0.86–0.90 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 6H, –CH₃), 1.26 (m, 36H, –(CH₂)₉–), 1.49 (m, 4H, –NHCH₂CH₂–), 1.91–1.96 (q, 2H, –C*HCH₂–), 2.30–2.34 (m, 2H, –C*HCH2CH₂–), 3.20–3.26 (m, 4H, –NHCH₂–), 3.40–3.43 (t, 1H, C*H), 6.08–6.15 (bs, 1H, –NH–), 7.29–7.35 (bs, 1H,–NH–). Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₅₉N₃O₂: C, 72.3; H, 12.3; N, 8.7. Found: C, 72.1; H, 13.3; N, 8.9.

3. Synthesis of G-COOH [2]

 N^{1} -4-carboxybutanoyl- N^{2} , N^{3} -didodecyl-L-glutamide (**G**-COOH): **G**-COOH were synthesized according to our previous report. mp 153.0–155.0 °C. IR spectrum (KBr): 3292, 2920, 2850, 1703, 1637, 1556 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): δ 0.86–0.90 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 6H, –CH₃), 1.25–1.30 (m, 36H, –(CH₂)₉–), 1.45–1.52 (m, 4H, –NHCH₂CH₂–), 1.90–2.15 (m, 4H, –C*H CH₂CH₂–), 2.30–2.39 (m, 6H, HO(C=O)CH₂CH₂CH₂–) 3.15–3.25 (m, 4H, –NHCH₂–), 4.40–4.50 (m, 1H, C*H), 6.20–6.25 (t, 1H, –NH–), 7.05–7.10 (t, 1H, –NH–), 8.55–8.60 (d, 1H, –NH–). Anal. Calcd for C₃₄H₆₅N₃O₅: C, 68.5; H, 11.0; N, 7.1. Found: C, 67.9; H, 11.7; N, 7.1.

4. Synthesis of tpy-NH₂ [3]

4'-Chloro-2,2':6',2"-terpyridine (546 mg, 2 mmol) and ethanolamine (360 µl, 3 mmol) were added to a stirred suspension of powdered KOH (560 mg, 10 mmol) in DMSO (10 ml) and stirred at 40 °C for 1 day. The reaction mixture was then added to 80 mL of methylene chloride and wash with 50 mL of water (3 times). The methylene chloride solution was dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed. After it was recrystallized by toluene and hexane mixture to give a light yellow powder: yield 345 mg (59%). mp 130.0–132.0 °C. IR spectrum (KBr): 3362, 2920, 2850, 1559, 1412, 1204 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): δ 3.15–3.17 (t, 2H, H_{α}), 4.25–4.28 (t, 2H, H_{β}), 7.32– 7.35 (t, 2H, $H_{5;5^{\circ}}$), 7.83–7.88 (t, 2H, $H_{4;4^{\circ}}$), 8.03–8.05 (s, 2H, $H_{3^{\circ};5^{\circ}}$), 8.61–8.63 (d, 2H, $H_{3;3^{\circ}}$), 8.68– 8.70 (d, 2H, $H_{6;6^{\circ}}$).

5. Synthesis of G-tpy

G-COOH (0.40 g, 0.67 mmol), tpy-NH₂ (0.23 g 0.79 mmol), triethylamine (TEA, 2.53 g 3.48 mmol) and diethyl cyanophosphonate (DEPC, 0.45 ml 2.88 mmol) were dissolved in chloroform (200 mL) and the mixture was stirred for 1 hour in the ice water. Then the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 day in the room temperature. The reaction mixture was washed with 50 mL of 0.3 N HCl (3 times), 50 mL of 1 N NaOH (3 times) with water until the pH becomes neutral. The chloroform solution was

dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed. After it was recrystallized by methanol to give a white powder: yield 464 mg (80%). mp 192.0–196.0 °C. IR spectrum (KBr): 3292, 2920, 2850, 1637, 1556, 1204 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS, 25 °C): δ 0.86–0.90 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 6H, –CH₃), 1.25–1.30 (m, 36H, –(CH₂)₉–), 1.45–1.52 (m, 4H, –NHCH₂CH₂–), 1.90–2.01 (m, 2H, –C*HCH₂–) 1.97–2.01 (t, 2H, –C*HNHC(=O)CH₂CH₂–), 2.30–2.39 (m, 6H, –CH₂CH₂CH₂C(=O)–) 3.15–3.25 (dt, 4H, –CH₂–) 3.66–3.86 (m, 2H, –C*H NHC(=O)CH₂CH₂CH₂CC(=O)NHCH₂–) 4.32–4.50 (m, 3H, –C*HNHC(=O)CH₂CH₂CH₂C(=O)NHCH₂–) 6.10–6.15 (t, 1H, –NH–) 6.63–6.72 (t, 1H, –NH–) 6.89–6.97 (d, 2H, –NH–) 7.32–7.35 (t, 2H, H₅, 5°) 7.83–7.88 (t, 2H, H₄, 4°) 8.03–8.05 (s, 2H, H_{3°}, 5′) 8.61–8.63 (d, 2H, H₃, 3″) 8.68–8.70 (d, 2H, H₆, 6″). Anal. Calcd for C₃₄H₆₅N₃O₅: C, 70.4; H, 9.2; N, 11.3. Found: C, 70.0; H, 9.7; N, 11.3.

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