

## Electronic Supporting Information (ESI) for

### Stereo-Chemical Analysis of Racemization of a Chiral Bipyridine

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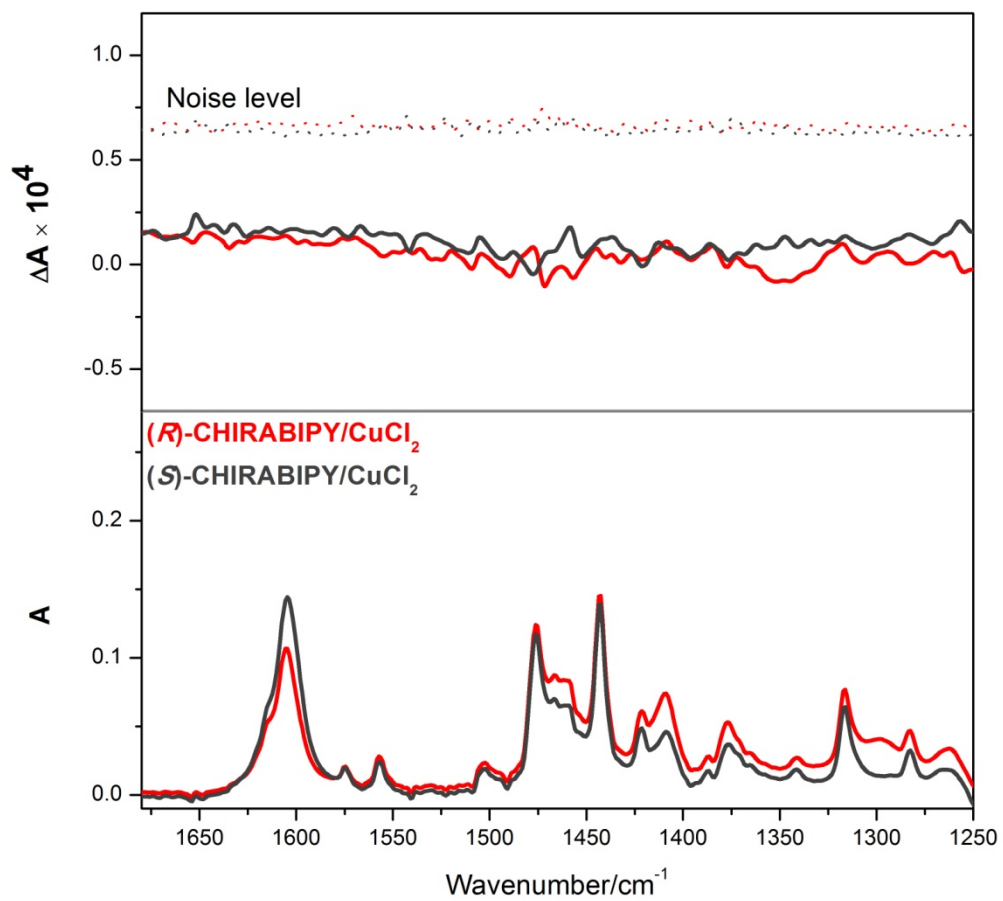
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**Figure S1. VCD (upper) and IR (lower) spectra of CHIRABIPY/CuCl<sub>2</sub> (Precipitates) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution.**



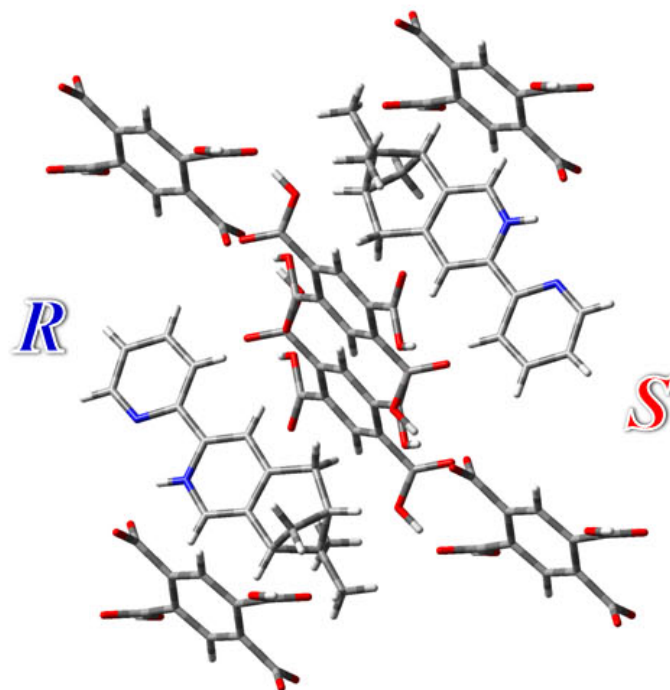
**Table S1. B3LYP/6-311++G\*\* Optimized Structure (Atom Coordinates) of (*R*)-CHIRABIPY**

C	5.58165000	0.37859400	0.20927200
C	4.64165800	1.40505300	0.14964200
N	3.32585100	1.19757300	0.04839800
C	2.87821700	-0.06986600	0.00106000
C	3.75235200	-1.16471000	0.05522000
C	5.11870400	-0.93447200	0.16050700
C	1.40334700	-0.26874100	-0.11390200
N	0.95914900	-1.53503300	-0.16585000
C	-0.35793500	-1.74012400	-0.27442500
C	-1.30094100	-0.71751500	-0.33767500
C	-0.83725200	0.60854400	-0.27550900
C	0.52998700	0.82685100	-0.16524500
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C	-3.28511000	1.14998100	-0.48646000
C	-1.86723000	1.72403800	-0.31794500
C	-3.25799400	0.06966300	-1.60422500
C	-3.56389800	-0.01154800	0.53865500
C	-5.05395300	-0.37564100	0.60586800
C	-3.03379700	0.11198500	1.96759900
H	6.63742700	0.60583700	0.29081100
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H	-1.79423200	2.32547900	0.59494900
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H	-5.51715400	-0.48370100	-0.37595400
H	-1.97242900	0.35604700	2.01885500
H	-3.58230600	0.89206400	2.50603900
H	-3.18342200	-0.82817800	2.50885300

**Table S2. B3LYP/6-311++G\*\* Calculated Absolute Energy of (*R*)-CHIRABIPY**

	Gibbs free energy(hartree)
( <i>R</i> )- CHIRABIPY	-768.069283

**Figure S2. Packing Diagram of the Structure of (*R/S*)-CHIRABIPY/Pyromellitic Acid Co-Crystal**



**Table S3. Crystal Data of (R/S)-CHIRABIPY/Pyromellitic Acid Co-Crystal:**

*Crystal data*

$C_{27}H_{24}N_2O_8$	$\gamma = 82.960 (4)^\circ$
$M_r = 504.48$	$V = 1173.7 (4) \text{ \AA}^3$
Triclinic, <i>P1</i>	$Z = 2$
$a = 7.2917 (15) \text{ \AA}$	Mo <i>K</i> $\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$
$b = 10.673 (2) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.11 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 15.371 (3) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 291 \text{ K}$
$\alpha = 81.460 (4)^\circ$	$0.12 \times 0.11 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$
$\beta = 87.501 (4)^\circ$	

*Data collection*

Bruker Smart Aepex CCD diffractometer	4041 independent reflections
Absorption correction: Multi-scan <i>SADABS</i> , Bruker, 2000	3395 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$T_{\min} = 0.987$ , $T_{\max} = 0.989$	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.041$
5825 measured reflections	

*Refinement*

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.077$	0 restraints
$wR(F^2) = 0.180$	H-atom parameters constrained
$S = 1.22$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.46 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
4041 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.30 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
336 parameters	