

## Supplementary information

### Self-assembly of Ag(I) helicates with new enantiopure 5,6-Chiragen type ligands

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**Table S1** Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details of **[Ag(L1)]**

|  | <b>[Ag(L1)]</b>   |
|--|---|
| Crystal data   |   |
| Chemical formula   | 5(C <sub>46</sub> H <sub>44</sub> N <sub>4</sub> )·5Ag·5(BF <sub>4</sub> )·1.5(CH <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> ) n[solvent] |
| <i>M</i> <sub>r</sub>  | 4329.21   |
| Crystal system, space group  | Monoclinic, <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>   |
| Temperature (K)  | 153   |
| <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)   | 17.2792 (10), 32.478 (3), 22.9158 (15)  |
| β (°)  | 91.748 (8)  |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )   | 12854.2 (16)  |
| <i>Z</i>   | 2   |
| Radiation type   | Mo Kα   |
| μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )  | 0.45  |
| Crystal size (mm)  | 0.45 × 0.30 × 0.25  |
| Data collection  |   |
| Diffractometer   | STOE <i>IPDS</i>  |
| Absorption correction  | —   |
| No. of measured, independent and observed [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )] reflections | 98336, 49056, 7570  |
| <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>  | 0.169   |
| (sin θ/λ) <sub>max</sub> (Å <sup>-1</sup> )  | 0.619   |

| Refinement  |  |
|---|--|
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$                         | 0.092, 0.258, 0.63   |
| No. of reflections  | 49056  |
| No. of parameters   | 1046   |
| No. of restraints   | 4  |
| H-atom treatment  | H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement |
| $\Delta\rho_{\max}, \Delta\rho_{\min}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> ) | 0.56, -0.56  |
| Absolute structure  | Flack, H. D. (1983). Acta Cryst. A39, 876-881                          |
| Absolute structure parameter                                | 0.13 (4)   |

**Table S2.** Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details for ligand **L2**

|                              | <b>L2</b>                                      |
|------------------------------|--|
| Crystal data                 |  |
| CCDC 1559363                 |  |
| Chemical formula             | C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>46</sub> N <sub>4</sub> |
| $M_r$                        | 678.89   |
| Crystal system, space group  | Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$                     |
| Temperature (K)              | 223  |
| $a, b, c$ (Å)                | 10.6918 (6), 12.5012 (7), 29.144 (2)           |
| $V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )        | 3895.3 (4)                                     |
| $Z$                          | 4  |
| Radiation type               | Mo $K\alpha$                                   |
| $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )    | 0.07   |
| Crystal size (mm)            | 0.60 × 0.20 × 0.10                             |
| Data collection              |  |
| Diffractometer               | STOE Image Plate Diffraction System            |
| Absorption correction        | —  |
| No. of measured, independent | 23287, 7516, 3536                              |

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|---|---|
| and<br>observed [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ] reflections                              |   |
| $R_{\text{int}}$  | 0.063   |
| $(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\text{max}}$ ( $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ )                    | 0.616   |
| Refinement  |   |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$ , $wR(F^2)$ , $S$                                     | 0.037, 0.080, 0.72  |
| No. of reflections  | 7516  |
| No. of parameters   | 474   |
| H-atom treatment  | H-atom parameters constrained   |
| $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$ , $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ ( $\text{e \AA}^{-3}$ ) | 0.12, -0.13   |
| Absolute structure  | The absolute structure of <b>L2</b> could not be determined by resonant scattering. |

Computer programs: *EXPOSE* (Stoe IPDS Software, 2000), *CELL* (Stoe IPDS Software, 2000), *INTEGRATE* (Stoe IPDS Software, 2000), *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008), *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2008), *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2009).

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**Figure S1.** Perspective view parallel to the C5 helical axis of the *P* polymeric mono-stranded helicate  $[\text{Ag}(\text{L1})]_{\infty}^{+}$ .

