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## **Methoxy-substituted centrohexaindanes through the fenestrane route**

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**Supplementary information**

## Physical and spectroscopic data of compounds 3!9

**8b-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-20,21-dimethyl-8bH,16bH-4b,12b[1',2']benzenodibenzo[a,f]dibenzo[2,3:4,5]pentaleno[1,6-cd]pentalene (3):** R<sub>f</sub>(silica gel, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>/CHCl<sub>3</sub> 2:1) 0.51; colorless amorphous solid by chromatography (silica gel, CHCl<sub>3</sub>/n-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub> 1:2), mp > 360 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): \* = 7.94 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.91 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.86 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.30 (m, 12 H), 7.14 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.13 (t, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.86 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.52 (d, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.39 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 1.7 Hz, 1 H). 4.11 (s, 1 H), 2.18 (s, 3 H), 2.16 (s, 6 H), 2.01 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): \* = 149.2 (C), 148.5 (C), 147.9 (C), 147.8 (C), 146.1 (C), 145.1 (C), 144.9 (C), 144.8 (C), 136.6 (C), 136.0 (C), 134.6 (C), 129.9 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 128.0 (>1 CH), 127.7 (>1 CH), 127.6 (C), 126.8 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 124.2 (CH), 123.9 (CH), 123.4 (CH), 123.1 (CH), 123.0 (2 CH), 89.7 (*centro*-C), 76.0 (C), 75.9 (C), 71.4 (C), 57.6 (CH), 20.0 (2 CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>); MS (EI, 70 eV): *m/z*: 574 (39, M<sup>+</sup>), 575 (18, <sup>13</sup>C<sub>1</sub>-M<sup>+</sup>), 559 (2), 468 (100, [M ! C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>]<sup>+</sup>), 234 (39, [M ! C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>]<sup>2+</sup>); accurate mass (EI-MS): C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>34</sub> calcd 574.2661, found 574.2652.

**4: 2,10-Dimethoxy-3,11-dimethyl-4b,12b[1',2']:8b,16b[1'',2'']-dibenzenodibenzo[a,f]dibenzo[2,3:4,5]pentaleno[1,6-cd]pentalene (4):** R<sub>f</sub>(silica gel, n-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>12</sub>/EtOAc 5:1) 0.25; colorless amorphous solid from EtOH, mp > 360 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): \* = 7.74 (m<sub>c</sub>, 8 H), 7.48 (s, 2 H), 7.24 (m<sub>c</sub>, 8 H), 7.17 (s, 2 H), 3.86 (s, 6 H), 2.17 (s, 6 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): \* = 158.5 (C), 148.6 (C), 148.3 (2 C), 148.1 (C), 146.5 (C), 139.8 (C), 128.4 (2 CH), 128.2 (2 CH), 127.6 (C), 125.4 (CH), 124.0 (CH), 123.9 (CH), 123.7 (CH), 105.2 (CH), 96.4 (*centro*-C), 72.8 (C), 72.3 (C), 55.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); MS (EI, 70 eV): *m/z*: 604 (100, M<sup>+</sup>), 605 (48, <sup>13</sup>C<sub>1</sub>-M<sup>+</sup>), 589 (8, [M ! CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>), 302 (39, M<sup>2+</sup>); C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (604.76) calcd C 89.38, H 5.33; found C 89.22, H 5.21.

**5: 8b-(4-methoxy-3-methylphenyl)-20-methoxy-21-methyl-8b*H*,16b*H*-4b,12b[1',2']benzenodibenzo[a,f]dibenzo[2,3:4,5]pentaleno[1,6-cd]pentalene (5):** R<sub>f</sub>(silica gel, n-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>12</sub>/EtOAc 5:1) 0.38; colorless amorphous solid from EtOH/MeOH, mp > 360 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): \* = 7.89 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.83 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.86 (2 dd, <sup>3</sup>J . 7.3 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J . 2.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.29!7.39 (m, 5 H), 7.20!7.28 (m, 6 H), 7.11!7.18 (m, 2 H), 7.040 and 7.052 (resonance split into two s, 0.5 H each, 19-H), 6.554 and 6.558 (resonance split into two d, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.6 and 8.5 Hz, resp., 0.5 H each, 5'-H), 6.486 and 6.501 (resonance split into two d, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.4 and 2.5 Hz, resp., 1 H, 2'-H), 6.443 and 6.458 (resonance split into two dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.8!8.2 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.4!2.6 Hz, 1 H, 6'-H), 4.11 (s, 1 H), 3.816 and 3.812 (resonance split into two s, 1.5 H each), 3.74 (s, 3 H), 2.10 (s, 3 H), 1.97 (s, 3 H); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>2</sub>/CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 °C): \* = 7.84 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.78 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.27!7.36 (m, 5 H), 7.19!7.26 (m, 6 H), 7.125 (m<sub>c</sub>, 2 H), 7.04 (s, 1 H), 6.55 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.43 (br s, 2 H), 4.11 (s, 1 H), 3.81 (s, 3 H), 3.73 (s, 3 H), 2.12 (s, 3 H), 1.95 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): \* = 158.1 (C), 156.1 (C), 149.1 (C), 148.8 (C), 148.7 (C), 148.4 (C), 147.87 (C), 147.83 (C), 147.54 (C), 146.6 (C), 139.1 (C), 131.0 (CH), 128.16 (CH), 128.09 (CH), 128.05 (C), 127.96 (CH), 127.71 (CH), 127.67 (CH), 127.0 (C), 126.20 (CH), 126.08 (CH), 126.0 (C), 124.87 (CH), 124.65 (CH), 124.56 (CH), 124.53 (CH), 122.96 (CH), 122.91 (CH), 122.83 (CH), 122.77 (CH), 109.3 (CH), 104.5 (CH), 90.1 (C), 76.09 (C), 75.98 (C), 75.59 (C), 75.48 (C), 71.1 (C), 57.5 (CH), 55.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>); MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z: 606 (33, M<sup>+</sup>), 607 (16, <sup>13</sup>C<sub>1</sub>-M<sup>+</sup>), 484 (100, [M ! C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O]<sup>+</sup>), 469 (6), 242 (32, [M ! C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>10</sub>]<sup>2+</sup>), 212 (8), 91 (6); accurate mass (EI-MS): C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>2</sub> calcd 606.2559, found 606.2534. C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (606.77) calcd C 89.08, H 5.65; found C 88.51, H 5.63.

**2,10-Dimethoxy-4b,12b[1',2']:8b,16b[1'',2'']-dibenzenodibenzo[a,f]dibenzo[2,3:4,5]pentaleno[1,6-cd]pentalene (6):** R<sub>f</sub>(silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc 3:1) 0.63; almost colorless, amorphous solid from CHCl<sub>3</sub>/EtOH (1:1), mp > 360 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): \* = 7.72!7.76 (m, 8 H), 7.65 (d, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.28 (d, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.23!7.27 (m, 8 H), 6.795 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J = 8.4 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J = 2.3 Hz, 2 H); 3.77 (s, 6 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): \* = 160.3

(C), 149.6 (C), 148.5 (C), 148.3 (C), 148.1 (C), 147.8 (C), 140.7 (C), 128.5 (2 CH), 128.4 (2 CH), 124.4 (CH), 123.94 (CH), 123.91 (CH), 123.88 (CH), 123.85 (CH), 113.7 (CH), 109.9 (CH), 96.4 (C, *centro*-C), 72.7 (C), 72.1 (C), 55.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); MS (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* 576 (100, M<sup>+</sup>), 577 (47, <sup>13</sup>C<sub>1</sub>-M<sup>+</sup>), 561 (3, [M ! CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>), 288 (26, M<sup>2+</sup>); accurate mass (EI-MS): C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>2</sub> calcd 576.2089, found 576.2078.

**2,3,10,11-Tetramethoxy-4b,12b[1',2']:8b,16b[1'',2'']-**  
**dibenzenodibenz[a,f]dibenzo[2,3:4,5]pentaleno[1,6-cd]pentalene (7):** R<sub>f</sub>(silica gel, petroleum ether/EtOAc 3:1) 0.23; colorless, amorphous solid from EtOH, mp > 360 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): [AA'BB'] spin system (\*<sub>A</sub> = 7.74 (8 H), \*<sub>B</sub> = 7.26 (8 H), 7.21 (s, 4 H), 3.90 (s, 12 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): \* = 150.1 (C), 148.2 (C), 139.9 (C), 128.4 (CH), 123.9 (CH), 106.7 (CH), 96.6 (*centro*-C), 72.6 (C), 56.3 (C); MS (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* 636 (100, M<sup>+</sup>), 637 (49, <sup>13</sup>C<sub>1</sub>-M<sup>+</sup>), 500 (13), 318 (6, M<sup>2+</sup>); accurate mass (EI-MS): C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>4</sub> calcd 636.2301, found 636.2306.

**1,3,9,11-Tetramethoxy-4b,12b[1',2']:8b,16b[1'',2'']-**  
**dibenzenodibenz[a,f]dibenzo[2,3:4,5]pentaleno[1,6-cd]pentalene (8):** R<sub>f</sub>(petroleum ether/EtOAc 3:1) 0.52, slightly yellowish, amorphous solid from EtOH, mp > 360 °C with decomposition > 280 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): \* = 8.13 (m, 4 H), 7.74 (m, 4 H), 7.19!7.25 (m, 8 H), 6.91 (s, 2 H), 6.30 (s, 2 H), 3.94 (s, 6 H), 3.79 (s, 6 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): \* = 161.6 (C), 156.8 (C), 151.0 (C), 148.4 (C), 148.2 (C), 147.9 (C), 147.5 (C), 128.3 (CH), 128.1 (2 CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.3 (C), 126.5 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 123.8 (CH), 123.5 (CH), 100.7 (CH), 97.9 (CH), 96.3 (*centro*-C), 73.7 (C), 72.8 (C), 55.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>); MS (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* 636 (100, M<sup>+</sup>), 637 (48, <sup>13</sup>C<sub>1</sub>-M<sup>+</sup>), 318 (20, M<sup>2+</sup>); accurate mass (EI-MS): C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>4</sub> calcd 636.2301, found 636.2290.

**1,4,9,12-Tetramethoxy-4b,12b[1',2']:8b,16b[1'',2'']-**  
**dibenzenodibenz[a,f]dibenzo[2,3:4,5]pentaleno[1,6-cd]pentalene (9):** R<sub>f</sub>(petroleum ether/EtOAc 3:1) 0.67, slightly brownish, amorphous solid from EtOH, mp > 360 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): [AA'BB'] spin system (\*<sub>A</sub> = 8.22 (8 H), \*<sub>B</sub> =

7.20 (8 H), 6.66 (s, 4 H), 3.91 (s, 12 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.8 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): \* = 150.5 (C), 147.8 (C), 136.9 (C), 127.9 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 111.3 (CH), 96.2 (*centro*-C), 74.5 (C), 55.5 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ); MS (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* 636 (100,  $\text{M}^{*+}$ ), 637 (49,  $^{13}\text{C}_1\text{-M}^{*+}$ ), 621 (17), 606 (4), 591 (7), 318 (15,  $\text{M}^{2+}$ ), 310.6 (5,  $[\text{M} ! \text{CH}_3]^{2+}$ ), 303.1 (5,  $[\text{M} ! \text{CH}_2\text{O}]^{2+}$ ); accurate mass (EI-MS):  $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_4$  calcd 636.2301, found 636.2292.

**Table 1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for compound 7.

Measurement device	Siemens P2(1) diffractometer	
Empirical formula	$C_{45}H_{32}O_4 \equiv H_2O \equiv CH_3OH$	
Formula weight	686.76	
Temperature	173(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	
Space group	Pnma	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 17.357(8)$ Å	$\forall = 90^\circ$
	$b = 13.487(5)$ Å	$\exists = 90^\circ$
	$c = 14.830(6)$ Å	( $= 90^\circ$ )
Volume	3472(2) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Calculated density	1.314 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.086 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	1448	
Crystal size, colour and habit	0.5 H 0.3 H 0.3 mm <sup>13</sup> , colourless, octahedral	
2 range for data collection	2.04!25.00 °	
Index ranges	0 # h # 20, 0 # k # 16, 0 # l # 17	
Reflections collected / unique	3185 / 3185 [R(int) = 0.0000]	
Absorption correction	None	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	3185 / 0 / 251	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.018	
Final R indices [I > 2 Φ(I)]	R1 = 0.0753, wR2 = 0.1787 [1971]	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1294, wR2 = 0.2126	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.207 and ! 0.576 e $\equiv$ Å <sup>13</sup>	

## remarks

Hydrogens of solvent were not included. Solvent atoms were refined isotropically. Max. residual electron density 1.35 Å from O(5).