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Analytical separation for compound **1**



Figure S1: Chromatograms (Chiralpak IC, 250 x 4.6 mm, heptane/ethanol/CH₂Cl₂: 50/10/40, 1 mL/min at 25 °C) of the (rac)-1 before preparative separation on Chiralpak IC (250 x 10 mm, heptane/ethanol/CH₂Cl₂: 50/10/40, 5 mL/min).

Semi-preparative separation for compound 1

Sample preparation: About 460 mg of compound (rac)-1 are dissolved in 18 mL of dichloromethane. Chromatographic conditions: Chiralpak IC (250 x 10 mm), hexane/ethanol/dichloromethane (5/1/4) as mobile phase, flow-rate = 5 ml/min, UV detection at 230 nm. Injections (stacked): 180 times 100 μ L, every 5 minutes.

The first eluted enantiomer is collected between 4.2 and 5.2 minutes and the second one between 6 and 7.5 minutes.

First fraction: 180 mg of the first eluted $[CD(-)_{254}]$ -1 with ee > 99.5 % on Jasco CD-1595 circular dichroism detector at 254 nm.

Second fraction: 200 mg of the second eluted $[CD(+)_{254}]$ -1 with ee > 99 % on Jasco CD-1595 circular dichroism detector at 254 nm.



Figure S2: Chromatograms (Chiralpak IC, 250 x 4.6 mm, heptane/ethanol/CH₂Cl₂: 50/10/40, 1 mL/min at 25 °C) of the collected $[CD(-)_{254}]$ -1 and $[CD(+)_{254}]$ -1 after preparative separation on Chiralpak IC (250 x 10 mm, heptane/ethanol/CH₂Cl₂: 50/10/40, 5 mL/min). Detection performed by UV-Vis spectroscopy at 230 nm (black chromatograms) and CD spectroscopy at 254 nm (red chromatograms).



Synthesis of cryptophane 2: Acetic anhydride (0.7 mL, 7.4 mmol, 10 equiv.) was added dropwise at 0 °C to a solution of cryptophane-223(OMe)₆OH (0.7 g, 0.75 mmol) in freshly distilled CH₂Cl₂ (23 mL) and pyridine (3.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 48 hours at room temperature. The solution was then quenched at 0 °C with concentrated NaHCO₃ (10 ml) for 10 minutes and then poured in 20 mL of H₂O. The aqueous layer was extracted 5 times with CH₂Cl₂ and then dried over Na₂SO₄. After filtration the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (CH₂Cl₂/acetone: 85/15) to give rise to compound **2** as a white product (0.52 g, 71%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ ppm: 6.63-6.79 (12 s, 12 H), 4.58-4.62 (m, 6H), 4.02-4.2 (m, 11H), 3.93 (m, 1 H), 3.73- 3.8 (6s, 18 H), 3.47 (m, 1H), 3.36-3.41 (m, 6 H), 2.17 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR: (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ ppm: 170.6, 149.6 (2C), 149.55, 149.4, 148.8, 148.1, 146.8, 146.7 (2 C), 146.6, 146.5 (2 C), 134.1, 134.1, 133.8, 133.8, 133.3, 132.8, 132.1, 131.9, 131.5, 131.4, 131.35, 131.3, 120.3, 120.2 (3 C), 117.2, 115.1, 114.2 (2 C), 113.9, 113.7, 113.35, 113.2, 70.8, 69.6, 69.5, 69.1, 68.9 (2 C), 66.6, 56.3, 56.3, 55.7, 55.65(2 C), 55.6, 36.5, 36.4; 36.2 (4 C), 21.2. HRMS(ESI-TOF) m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₅₇H₅₈O₁₄Na 989.3724, found 989.3719.

Figure S3: Experimental procedure for the synthesis of cryptophane 2.



Synthesis of cryptophane 3: Acetic anhydride (2.2 mL, 41 mmol) was added dropwise at 0 °C to a solution of cryptophane223(OH)₆ (0.35g, 0.42 mmol) in Pyridine (5 mL). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 16 hours under an argon atmosphere. Then, the reaction was quenched with a solution of sodium bicarbonate at 0 °C. The solution was then extracted 5 times with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate. A filtration, followed by evaporation of the solvents under reduced pressure, gives rise to compound **3** as a white product. The solid was then washed on a frit with an Et₂O/CH₂Cl₂: 75/25 mixture to give compound **3** as a clean white solid (0.31g, 71 %). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ ppm: 6.94 (s, 2 H), 6.91(2 H), 6.89 (2 H), 6.87 (2 H), 6.86(2 H), 6.62 (2 H), 4.65-4.58 (m, 6 H), 4.28-4.286 (2 H, m), 4.16-4.15 (m, 2 H), 4.04 - 3.8 (m, 8 H), 3.5-3.4 (m, 6H), 2.31 (s, 6 H), 2.29 (s, 6 H), 2.25 (s, 6 H), 2.09 (m, 2 H). ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C) δ ppm: 168.5 (4 C), 168.3 (2 C), 149.3 (2 C), 149.25 (2 C), 149.0 (2 C), 140.5 (2 C), 140.3 (2 C), 138.7 (2 C), 138.6 (2 C), 137.8 (2 C), 136.7 (2 C), 133.6 (2 C), 133.4 (2 C), 131.2 (2 C), 124.4 (2 C), 124.0 (2 C), 123.3 (2 C), 120.9 (2 C), 120.7 (2 C), 113.6 (2 C), 69.8 (2 C), 69.1 (2 C), 63.7 (2 C), 36.4 (2 C), 36.1 (4 C), 20.7 (4 C), 20.6 (2 C). HRMS(ESI-TOF) m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₆₁H₅₆O₁₈Na 1099.3364, found 1099.3359.

Figure S4: Experimental procedure for the synthesis of cryptophane 3.

Analytical separation for compound 2



Figure S5: Chromatograms ((*S*,*S*)-Whelk-O₁, 250 x 4.6 mm, heptane/ethanol/CH₂Cl₂: 20/40/40, 1 mL/min at 25 °C) of the (rac)-**2** before preparative separation on (*S*,*S*)-Whelk-O₁ (250 x 10 mm, heptane/ethanol/CH₂Cl₂: 20/40/40, 5 mL/min).

Semi-preparative separation for compound 2

Sample preparation: About 580 mg of (rac)-2 are dissolved in 6 mL of dichloromethane. Chromatographic conditions: (*S*,*S*)-Whelk-O1 (250 x 10 mm), heptane/ethanol/ dichloromethane (20/40/40) as mobile phase, flow-rate = 5 mL/min, UV detection at 230 nm. Injections (stacked): 20 times 300 μ L, every 13.8 minutes.

First fraction: 255 mg of the first eluted $[CD(-)_{254}]$ -2 with ee > 99.5% on Jasco CD-1595 circular dichroism detector at 254 nm.

Second fraction: 240 mg of the second eluted $[CD(+)_{254}]$ -2 with ee > 99.5% on Jasco CD-1595 circular dichroism detector at 254 nm.



Figure S6: Chromatograms ((*S*,*S*)-Whelk-O₁, 250 x 4.6 mm, heptane/ethanol/CH₂Cl₂: 20/40/40, 1 mL/min at 25 °C) of the collected $[CD(-)_{254}]$ -2 and $[CD(+)_{254}]$ -2 after preparative separation on (*S*,*S*)-Whelk-O₁ (250 x 10 mm, heptane/ethanol/CH₂Cl₂: 20/40/40, 5 mL/min). Detection performed by UV-Vis spectroscopy at 230 nm (black chromatograms) and CD spectroscopy at 254 nm (red chromatograms).

Analytical separation for compound 3



Figure S7: Chromatograms ((*S*,*S*)-Whelk-O₁, 250 x 4.6 mm, ethanol/CH₂Cl₂: 50/50, 1 mL/min at 25 °C) of the (rac)-**3** before preparative separation on (*S*,*S*)-Whelk-O₁ (250 x 10 mm, heptane/ethanol/CH₂Cl₂: 35/65, 5 mL/min).

Sample preparation: About 575 mg of compound (rac)-**3** are dissolved in 170 mL of a mixture of ethanol/dichloromethane (30/70). Chromatographic conditions: (*S*,*S*)-Whelk-O₁ (250 x 10 mm), ethanol/dichloromethane (35/65) as mobile phase, flow-rate = 5 ml/min, UV detection at 230 nm. Injections (stacked): 340 times 500 μ L, every 4.4 minutes.

First fraction: 235 mg of the first eluted $[CD(-)_{254}]$ -3 with ee > 99% on Jasco CD-1595 circular dichroism detector at 254 nm.

Second fraction: 200 mg of the second eluted $[CD(+)_{254}]$ -3 with ee > 99.5% on Jasco CD-1595 circular dichroism detector at 254 nm.



Figure S8: Chromatograms ((*S*,*S*)-Whelk-O₁, 250 x 4.6 mm, ethanol/CH₂Cl₂: 50/50, 1 mL/min at 25 °C) of the collected $[CD(-)_{254}]$ -**3** and $[CD(+)_{254}]$ -**3** after preparative separation on (*S*,*S*)-Whelk-O₁ (250 x 10 mm, ethanol/CH₂Cl₂: 50/50, 5 mL/min). Detection performed by UV-Vis spectroscopy at 230 nm (black chromatograms) and CD spectroscopy at 254 nm (red chromatograms).



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Figure S12: ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz) of (rac)-1 recorded in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane- d_2 at 25 °C.



Figure S13: ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz) of (rac)-2 recorded in CD₂Cl₂ at 25 °C.



Figure S14: ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz) of (rac)-2 recorded in CDCl₃ at 25 °C.



Figure S15: ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz) of (rac)-2 recorded in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane- d_2 at 25 °C.



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Figure S19: Specific Optical Rotation (SOR) values measured for $[CD(+)_{254}]$ -3 and $[CD(-)_{254}]$ -3 in CH₂Cl₂ (black), CHCl₃ (orange), DMSO (blue) and C₂H₂Cl₄ (red) at 25 °C. Plot of the SOR (10⁻¹ deg cm² g⁻¹) values versus λ (nm) for the $[CD(+)_{254}]$ -3 enantiomer.



Figure S20: ECD spectra of $[CD(+)_{254}]$ -1 (black spectra) and $[CD(-)_{254}]$ -1 (red spectra) recorded in CH₂Cl₂, CHCl₃, THF, CH₃CN, DMSO and C₂H₂Cl₄ at 20 °C. (c = $10^{-4} - 10^{-5}$ M). UV-visible spectrum of 1 recorded in THF at 25 °C (c = $1.12 \ 10^{-5}$ M).



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Figure S22: ECD spectra of $[CD(+)_{254}]$ -**3** (black spectra) and $[CD(-)_{254}]$ -**3** (red spectra) recorded in CH₂Cl₂, CHCl₃, THF, CH₃CN, DMSO and C₂H₂Cl₄ at 20 °C. (c = $10^{-4} - 10^{-5}$ M). UV-visible spectrum of **3** recorded in THF at 25 °C (c = $0.99 \ 10^{-5}$ M).



Figure S23: IR spectra of a) $[CD(+)_{254}]$ -1, b) $[CD(+)_{254}]$ -2 and $[CD(+)_{254}]$ -3 c) in CDCl₃ (black spectra), CD_2Cl_2 (red spectra) and $C_2D_2Cl_4$ (blue spectra) solvents (0.015 mM, 250 μ m path length).



Figure S24: VCD spectra of $[CD(+)_{254}]$ -1 (black spectra) and $[CD(-)_{254}]$ -1 (red spectra) in a) CDCl₃, b) CD₂Cl₂, and c) C₂D₂Cl₄ solvents (0.015 mM, 250 µm path length).



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a) Optimized structure of *PP*-1: (IEFPCM = CH_2Cl_2)



b) Optimized structure of *PP*-1: (IEFPCM = $C_2H_2Cl_4$)



Figure S27: Optimized geometry of *PP*-**1** enantiomer calculated at the density functional theory (DFT) level using B3LYP functional and 6-31G** basis set with the use of IEFPCM model of solvent (IEFPCM = CH_2Cl_2 and $C_2H_2Cl_4$).

a) Optimized structure of *MM*-2: (IEFPCM = CH₂Cl₂)



b) Optimized structure of *MM*-2: (IEFPCM = $C_2H_2Cl_4$)



Figure S28: Optimized geometry of *MM*-2 enantiomer calculated at the density functional theory (DFT) level using B3LYP functional and 6-31G** basis set with the use of IEFPCM model of solvent (IEFPCM = CH_2Cl_2 and $C_2H_2Cl_4$).



Figure S29: Comparison of experimental VCD spectrum of $[CD(-)_{254}]$ -2 in C₂D₂Cl₄ solution (15 mM, 250 µm path length) and VCD spectra of *MM*-2 calculated at the B3LYP/6-31G** level (IEFPCM = C₂H₂Cl₄) for the *trans* and *gauche-gauche* conformations of the ethylenedioxy and propylenedioxy linkers, respectively, and for the acetate group grafted on the propylenedioxy linker pointing inside (blue spectrum) or outside (red spectrum) the cavity.

 Solvent	Conc.	[α] ₅₈₉	[α] ₅₇₇	[α] ₅₄₆	[α] ₄₃₅	[α] ₃₆₅
CH_2Cl_2	0.21	-60.1	-62.3	-70.3	-123.4	-190.9
CHCl ₃	0.23	-25.4	-28.3	-32.1	-48.5	-59.8
DMSO	0.26	+7.2	+7.0	+8.0	+19.9	+61.4
$C_2H_2Cl_4$	0.26	+8.1	+9.1	+12.0	+23.4	+66.3

Table S1: Specific optical rotation values measured for $[CD(+)_{254}]$ -1 in different solvents at 25 °C.

Table S2: Specific optical rotation values measured for $[CD(-)_{254}]$ -1 in different solvents at 25 °C.

Solvent	Conc.	[α] ₅₈₉	[α] ₅₇₇	[α] ₅₄₆	[α] ₄₃₅	$[\alpha]_{365}$
CH_2Cl_2	0.21	+58.4	+62.0	+70.3	+121.2	+188.2
CHCl ₃	0.25	+23.9	+24.9	+28.4	+46.9	+57.3
DMSO	0.26	-7.6	-8.9	-9.7	-23.4	-66.1
$C_2H_2Cl_4$	0.29	-10.4	-9.8	-13.6	-26.2	-64.4

Table S3: Specific optical rotation values measured for $[CD(+)_{254}]$ -2 in different solvents at 25 °C.

Solvent	Conc.	[α] ₅₈₉	[α] ₅₇₇	[α] ₅₄₆	$[\alpha]_{435}$	[α] ₃₆₅
CH_2Cl_2	0.19	+159.0	+168.0	+194.5	+359.0	+664.5
CHCl ₃	0.26	+201.0	+214.1	+246.5	+453.5	+845.1
DMSO	0.31	+228.3	+241.1	+278.8	+510.4	+943.5
$C_2H_2Cl_4$	0.21	+199.0	+213.0	+244.5	+448.0	+835.5

Table S4: Specific optical rotation values measured for $[CD(-)_{254}]$ -2 in different solvents at 25 °C.

Solvent	Conc.	[α] ₅₈₉	[α] ₅₇₇	$[\alpha]_{546}$	$[\alpha]_{435}$	[α] ₃₆₅
CH_2Cl_2	0.24	-155.0	-163.0	-189.0	-347.0	-652.0
CHCl ₃	0.27	-200.2	-211.0	-245.0	-446.4	-823.4
DMSO	0.30	-227.8	-239.0	-276.4	-505.0	-936.0
$C_2H_2Cl_4$	0.20	-192.5	-206.0	-236.5	-440.5	-820.0

Solvent	Conc.	[α] ₅₈₉	[α] ₅₇₇	[α] ₅₄₆	[α] ₄₃₅	$[\alpha]_{365}$
CH_2Cl_2	0.26	-66.0	-70.1	-78.7	-131.6	-191.3
CHCl ₃	0.24	-38.6	-40.9	-47.3	-74.5	-90.4
DMSO	0.25	-50.0	-52.9	-60.5	-101.5	-145.0
DMF	0.27	-53.9	-54.8	-61.8	-102.6	-142.3
$C_2H_2Cl_4$	0.30	-38.9	-38.3	-45.7	-75.6	-112.7

Table S5: Specific optical rotation values measured for $[CD(+)_{254}]$ -3 in different solvents at 25 °C.

Table S6: Specific optical rotation values measured for $[CD(-)_{254}]$ -3 in different solvents at 25 °C.

Solvent	Conc.	[α] ₅₈₉	[α] ₅₇₇	[α] ₅₄₆	[α] ₄₃₅	[α] ₃₆₅
CH_2Cl_2	0.25	+62.8	+64.5	+72.9	+122.0	+176.8
CHCl ₃	0.29	+35.2	+38.0	+42.3	+68.0	+82.5
DMSO	0.26	+47.0	+49.0	+54.8	+92.2	+127.5
DMF	0.26	+45.3	+49.4	+55.0	+88.1	+118.5
$C_2H_2Cl_4$	0.31	+34.0	+35.1	+43.9	+68.2	+102.0

Table S7: B3LYP/6-31G^{**} frequencies (scaled by 0.968) of the ester vC=O stretching vibration of *MM*-2 (IEFPCM = CH₂Cl₂ and C₂D₂Cl₄) for the acetate group pointing inward or outward the cavity.

	$IEFPCM = CH_2Cl_2$	$IEFPCM = C_2D_2Cl_4$
Acetate pointing inward the cavity	1753.58	1755.17
Acetate pointing outward the cavity	1741.42	1742.52

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