Self-assembly of functionalized lipophilic guanosines into cation-free stacked G-quartets

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Scheme S1. Synthesis of guanosines 1-3 from commercial guanosine.



Scheme S2. Synthesis of guanosine 4 (8Ph5C10).



Scheme S3. Synthesis of guanosine 5 (8Fc5C10).



Scheme S4. Synthesis of guanosines 6-8



CD spectra recorded on 10 mM CH_2Cl_2 solutions of **8Ph5Fc** before (black trace) and after addition of [2.2.2] cryptand (red dotted trace) or excess of KI (red continuous trace). Path length 0.01 cm.



CD spectra recorded on 10 mM CH₂Cl₂ solutions of **8Ph5Si** before (blue trace) and after addition of KI (pink trace). Path length 0.01 cm.

Figure S1._Selected CD spectra showing the behaviour of guanosines 1 and 3 upon addition of [2.2.2] cryptand or excess KI.



Figure S2._Downfield portion of the 600 MHz ¹H-NMR spectrum of **8Ph5Fc** (4.3 mM) at different temperatures in CD₂Cl₂. Amino protons are marked with asterisks.



Figure S3. Downfield portion of the 600 MHz ¹H-NMR spectrum of **8Ph5OH** (5 mM) at different temperatures in CD₂Cl₂.



Figure S4. Downfield portion of the 600 MHz ¹H-NMR spectrum of **8Ph5Si** (6 mM) at different temperatures in CD₂Cl₂.



Figure S5. Downfield portion of the 600 MHz ¹H-NMR spectrum of **8Ph5C10** (7 mM) at different temperatures in CD₂Cl₂.



Figure S6. Downfield portion of the 600 MHz ¹H-NMR spectrum of 8Fc5C10 (4.5 mM) at different temperatures in CD_2Cl_2 .



Figure S7. Downfield portion of the 600 MHz ¹H-NMR spectrum of 8Fc5Si (6 mM) at different temperatures in CD₂Cl₂.



Figure S8. Downfield portion of the 600 MHz ¹H-NMR spectrum of **8Fc5OH** (7 mM) at different temperatures in CD₂Cl₂.



Figure S9. Downfield portion of the 600 MHz ¹H-NMR spectrum of **8Fc5Ph** (4 mM) at different temperatures in CD₂Cl₂.

	Compound	solvent	δ(1')	δ(2')	δ(3')	δ sequence
a	8Ph5Fc	dmso	5.808	6.31	5.83	2'>3'>1'
		dcm	5.86	6.43	6.48	3'>2'>1'
b	8Ph5OH	dmso	5.78	5.496	5.186	1'>2'>3'
		dcm	6.2	6.04	5.588	1'>2'>3'
c	8Ph5Si	dmso	5.75	6.36	6.17	2'>3'>1'
		dcm	5.75	6.26	5.63	2'>1'>3'
d	8Ph5C10	dmso	-	-	-	-
		dcm	5.86	6.29	6.16	2'>3'>1'
i	8Fc5C10	dmso	6.75	6.58	5.74	1'>2'>3'
		dcm	6.95	6.59	6.12	1'>2'>3'
e	8Fc5Si	dmso	6.747	6.69	5.71	1'>2'>3'
		dcm	6.82	6.74	6.18	1'>2'>3'
f	8Fc5OH	dmso	6.86	5.61	5.3	1'>2'>3'
		dcm	7.22	6.12	5.71	1'>2'>3'
g	8Fc5Ph	dmso	6.77	6.63	5.99	1'>2'>3'
		dcm	6.9	6.63	6.51	1'>2'>3'
h	8-Bromo-2,3,5-tri-O-decanoylguanosine	dmso	5.84	6.02	5.68	2'>1'>3'
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i	2,3,5-tri-O-decanoylguanosine ²	dmso	5.96	5.81	5.52	1'>2'>3'
1	2,3,5-tri-O-acetylguanosine	dmso ³	6.007	5.809	5.515	1'>2'>3'
m	8-Bromoguanosine 9	dmso ⁴		4.89		
		dmso	5.68	5.01	4.14	1'>2'>3'
n	Guanosine	dmso ⁴		4.36		
		dmso ³	5.723	4.429	4.113	1'>2'>3'

Table S1. Room temp. chemical shifts* for sugar protons.

* signals are referenced to residual solvent peak.

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Figure S10. a) Downfield portion of the 600 MHz ¹H-NMR spectrum of **8Ph5OH** in CD₂Cl₂ (5 mM) and signals assignment (diastereotopic protons were not assigned); b), c), d): selected NOESY-1D spectra of the same sample. Irradiated signals are indicated by an arrow. In each NOE spectrum were used at least 1024 coadded transients, a recycle delay of 1 sec, a mixing time of 0.25 sec and a 20-50Hz shaped pulse. All spectra were recorded at -40°C.



Figure S11. a) Downfield portion of the 600 MHz ¹H-NMR spectrum of **8Ph5Si** in CD₂Cl₂ (6 mM) and signals assignment (diastereotopic protons were not assigned); b), c): selected NOESY-1D spectra of the same sample. Irradiated frequencies are indicated by an arrow. In each NOE spectrum were used at least 512 coadded transients, a recycle delay of 1 sec, a mixing time of 0.2 sec and a 20-50Hz shaped pulse. All spectra were recorded at -40°C.







Figure S13. a) Downfield portion of the 600 MHz ¹H-NMR spectrum of 8Fc5C10 in CD₂Cl₂ (4.5mM) and signals assignment (diastereotopic protons were not assigned); b), c): selected NOESY-1D spectra of the same sample. Irradiated frequencies are indicated by an arrow. In each NOE spectrum were used 512 coadded transients, a recycle delay of 0.6 sec, a mixing time of 0.6 sec and a 50Hz shaped pulse. All spectra were recorded at -40°C.



Figure S14. a) 600 MHz ¹H-NMR spectrum of **8Fc5Si** in CD_2Cl_2 (6 mM) and signals assignment (sugar diastereotopic protons were not assigned); b), c), d): selected NOESY-1D spectra of the same sample. Irradiated signals are indicated by an arrow. See inset for proton labeling. In each NOE spectrum were used at least 256 coadded transients, a recycle delay of 1 sec, a mixing time of 0.35 sec and a 20-80Hz shaped pulse. All spectra were recorded at -50°C.



Figure S15. a) Downfield portion of the 600 MHz ¹H-NMR spectrum of **8Fc5OH** in CD_2Cl_2 (7 mM) and signals assignment (ribose diastereotopic protons were not assigned); b), c), d): selected NOESY-1D spectra of the same sample. Irradiated frequencies are indicated by an arrow. See inset for proton labeling. In each NOE spectrum were used at least 128 coadded transients, a recycle delay of 1 sec, a mixing time of 0.4 sec and a 20-50Hz shaped pulse. All spectra were recorded at -50°C.



Figure S16. a) Downfield portion of the 600 MHz ¹H-NMR spectrum of **8Fc5Ph** in CD₂Cl₂ (4 mM) and signals assignment (diastereotopic protons were not assigned); b), c), d): selected NOESY-1D spectra of the same sample. Irradiated protons are indicated by an arrow. In each NOE spectrum were used at least 256 coadded transients, a recycle delay of 1 sec, a mixing time of 0.4 sec and a 20-50Hz shaped pulse. All spectra were recorded at -50°C.





Figure S17. Sketches of ribbon-like structures A and B hypothetically formed by 8-substituted guanosine in syn conformation. Sterically overcrowded areas are circled. Furthermore, both structures are incompatible with observed NOEs.



Figure S18. AFM image of the amorphous film obtained from **8Ph5C10** by drop-casting from CH₂Cl₂.



¹H-NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Ph5Fc

¹³C{1H}NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 600 <u>MHz</u>) of **8Ph5Fc**

gCOSY spectrum (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Ph5Fc

gHSQC spectrum (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Ph5Fc

gHMBC spectrum (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Ph5Fc

¹H-NMR (dmso-d₆, 600 MHz) of **8Ph5OH**

 $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{1\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ (dmso-d6, 600 MHz) of $\mathbf{8Ph5OH}$

gCOSY spectrum (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Ph5OH

gHSQC spectrum (dmso-d₆, 600 MHz) of 8Ph5OH

gHMBC spectrum (dmso-d₆, 600 MHz) of 8Ph5OH

¹H-NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Ph5Si

 $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{1\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of $\mathbf{8Ph5Si}$

gCOSY spectrum (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Ph5Si

gHSQC spectrum (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Ph5Si


gHMBC spectrum (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Ph5Si



¹H-NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Ph5C10



 $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{1\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of $\mathbf{8Ph5C10}$



gCOSY spectrum (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Ph5C10



gHSQC spectrum (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Ph5C10



gHMBC spectrum (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Ph5C10



¹H-NMR (dmso-d₆, 600 MHz) of 8Fc5C10



 $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{1\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ (dmso-d_6, 600 MHz) of 8Fc5C10



gCOSY spectrum (dmso-d₆, 600 MHz) of 8Fc5C10



gHSQC spectrum (dmso-d₆, 600 MHz) of 8Fc5C10



gHMBC spectrum (dmso-d₆, 600 MHz) of 8Fc5C10



¹H-NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Fc5Si



 $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{1\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of $\mathbf{8Fc5Si}$



gCOSY spectrum (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Fc5Si



gHSQC spectrum (CD2Cl2, 600 MHz) of 8Fc5Si



gHMBC spectrum (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Fc5Si



¹H-NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Fc5OH



 $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{1\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of $\mathbf{8Fc5OH}.$



gCOSY spectrum (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Fc5OH



gHSQC spectrum (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Fc5OH



gHMBC spectrum (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Fc5OH



¹H-NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Fc5Ph



 $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{1\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Fc5Ph.



gCOSY spectrum (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Fc5Ph



gHSQC spectrum (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Fc5Ph



gHMBC spectrum (CD₂Cl₂, 600 MHz) of 8Fc5P



¹H-NMR (dmso-d₆, 600 MHz) of **9**



 $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{1\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ (dmso-d₆, 75 MHz) of $\mathbf{9}$



¹H-NMR (CD₃OD, 600 MHz) of **10**



 $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{1\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ (CD₃OD, 151 MHz) of 10



¹H-NMR (dmso-d₆, 600 MHz) of **11**



 $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{1\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ (dmso-d6, 75 MHz) of 11



¹H-NMR (dmso-d₆, 400 MHz) of **12**



 $^{13}C\{1H\}NMR$ (dmso-d₆, 101 MHz) of 12



¹H-NMR (dmso-d₆, 600 MHz) of **13**



 $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{1\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ (dmso-d₆, 151 MHz) of 13




 $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{1\mathrm{H}\}\mathrm{NMR}$ (dmso-d6, 101 MHz) of 14