

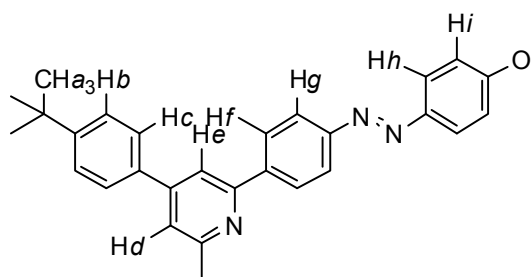
Supporting Information

Switching of Molecular Insertion in a Cyclic Molecule via Photo- and Thermal Isomerization

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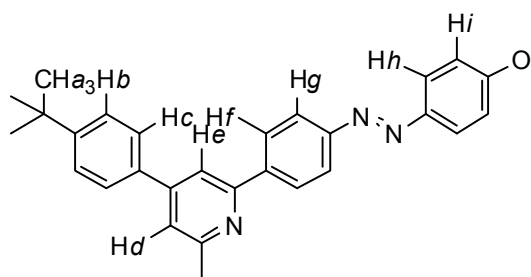
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Table S1. ^1H NMR Data for *o*AB-2OH and *o*AB-O13 in CDCl_3



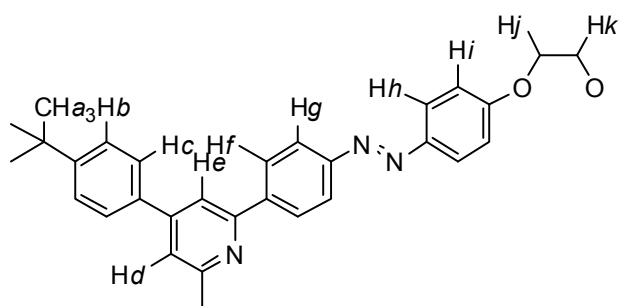
	$\delta(o\text{AB-2OH}) / \text{ppm}$	$\delta(o\text{AB-O13}) / \text{ppm}$	$\Delta\delta / \text{ppm}$
Ha	1.42	1.42	0.00
Hb	7.60	7.60	0.00
Hc	7.82	7.78	0.04
Hd	8.90	8.21	0.69
He	8.06	8.12	-0.06
Hf	8.37	8.47	-0.10
Hg	8.04	8.07	-0.03
Hh	7.92	7.96	-0.04
Hi	6.97	7.09	-0.12

Table S2. ^1H NMR Data for *o*AB-2OH and *o*AB-bpy in CD_2Cl_2



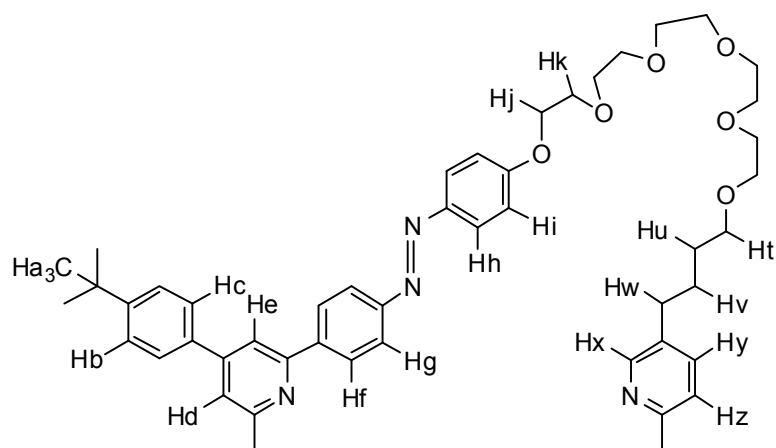
	$\delta(o\text{AB-2OH}) / \text{ppm}$	$\delta(o\text{AB-bpy}) / \text{ppm}$	$\Delta\delta / \text{ppm}$
Ha	1.42	1.42	0.00
Hb	7.63	7.61	0.02
Hc	7.88	7.82	0.06
Hd	8.95	8.76	0.19
He	8.16	8.10	0.06
Hf	8.45	8.41	0.04
Hg	8.06	8.04	0.02
Hh	7.94	7.99	-0.05
Hi	7.00	7.13	-0.13

Table S3. ^1H NMR Data for *o*AB-O13 in CD_2Cl_2



	$\delta(\text{trans}_2\text{-}o\text{AB-O13}) / \text{ppm}$	$\delta(\text{cis}_2\text{-}o\text{AB-O13}) / \text{ppm}$	$\Delta\delta / \text{ppm}$
Ha	1.41	1.40	0.01
Hb	7.65	7.60	0.05
Hc	7.95	7.84	0.11
Hd	8.54	8.87	-0.33
He	8.25	8.06	0.19
Hf	8.42	8.23	0.19
Hg	8.11	7.04	1.07
Hh	7.99	6.99	1.00
Hi	7.10	6.82	0.28
Hj	4.29	4.07	0.22
Hk	3.90	3.77	0.13

Table S4. ^1H NMR Data for *o*AB-bpy in CD_2Cl_2



	$\delta(\text{trans}_2\text{-}o\text{AB-bpy}) / \text{ppm}$	$\delta(\text{cis}_2\text{-}o\text{AB-bpy}) / \text{ppm}$	$\Delta\delta / \text{ppm}$
Ha	1.42	1.39	0.03
Hb	7.61	7.57	0.04
Hc	7.82	7.79	0.03
Hd	8.76	8.82	-0.06
He	8.10	8.01	0.09
Hf	8.41	8.22	0.19
Hg	8.04	7.01	1.03
Hh	7.99	6.97	1.02
Hi	7.13	6.80	0.33
Hj	4.30	4.04	0.26
Hk	3.97	3.74	0.23
Hl	3.26	3.39	-0.13
Hm	2.39	2.60	-0.21
Hn	1.46	1.65	-0.19
Ho	1.46	1.65	-0.19
Hx	8.15	8.41	-0.26
Hy	7.26	7.53	-0.27
Hz	7.94	8.25	-0.31

Kinetic analysis of the two-step thermal isomerization behavior of *cis*₂-oAB-O13



The ratio of each isomer is defined as follows;

$$\begin{cases} [A] = [cis_2\text{-oAB-O13}] \\ [B] = [cis\text{-trans-oAB-O13}] \\ [C] = [trans_2\text{-oAB-O13}] \end{cases}$$

$$t = 0; [A] = [A]_0, [B] = [B]_0, [C] = [C]_0$$

The changes of the ratio are described as follows;

$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -k_1[A], \frac{d[B]}{dt} = k_1[A] - k_2[B], \frac{d[C]}{dt} = k_2[B]$$

The ratio of each isomer is determined as follows;

$$\begin{cases} [A] = e^{-k_1 t} \\ [B] = k_1[A]_0(e^{-k_1 t} - e^{-k_2 t}) / (k_2 - k_1) + [B]_0 e^{-k_2 t} \\ [C] = [A]_0 + [B]_0 + [C]_0 - [A] - [B] \end{cases}$$

k_1 and k_2 were calculated by the method of least squares (see Figure S1). The result is as follows;

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= 8.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1} \\ k_2 &= 1.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

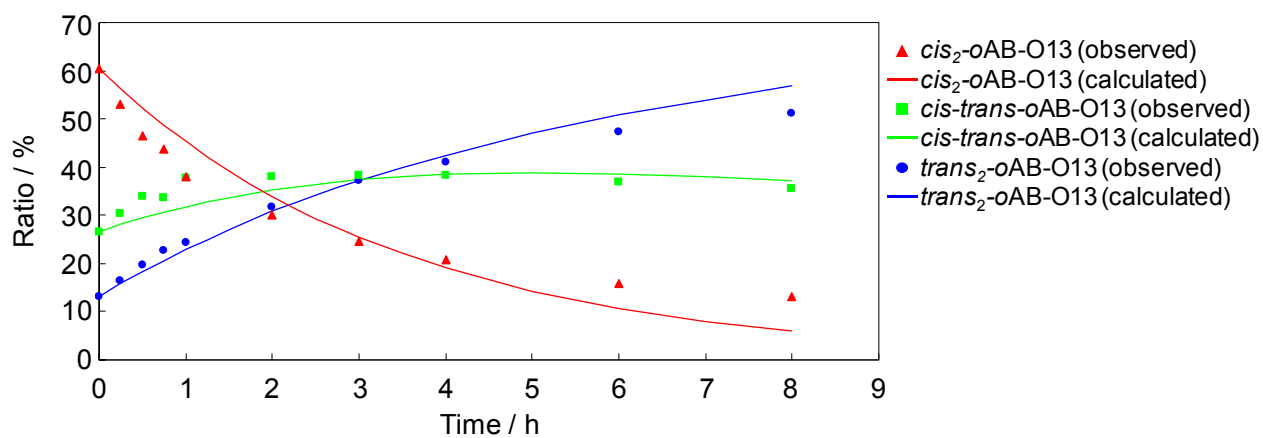


Figure S1. Ratios of *o*AB-O13 isomers obtained by the ¹H NMR spectral analysis (CD₂Cl₂, 1.5 × 10⁻³ M, 298 K in the dark).

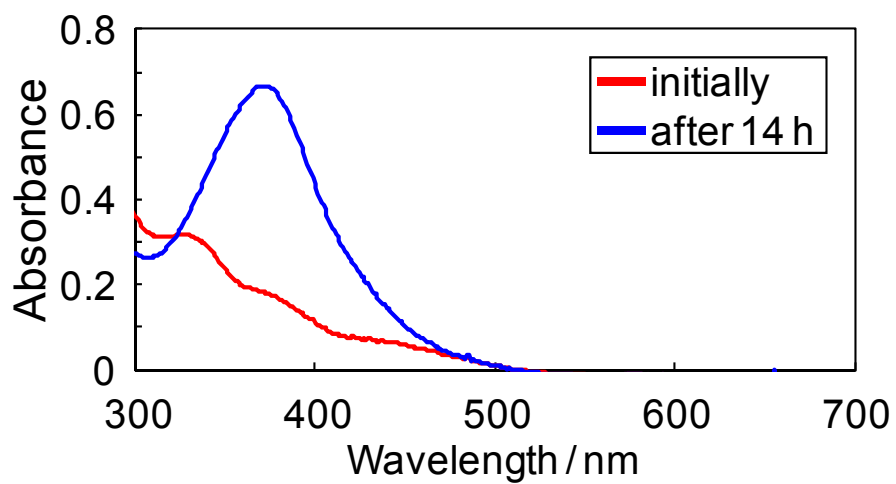


Figure S2. Absorption spectral changes of *o*AB-O13 (1.0×10^{-5} M) in CH_2Cl_2 upon the thermal *cis*-to-*trans* isomerization (298 K in the dark).

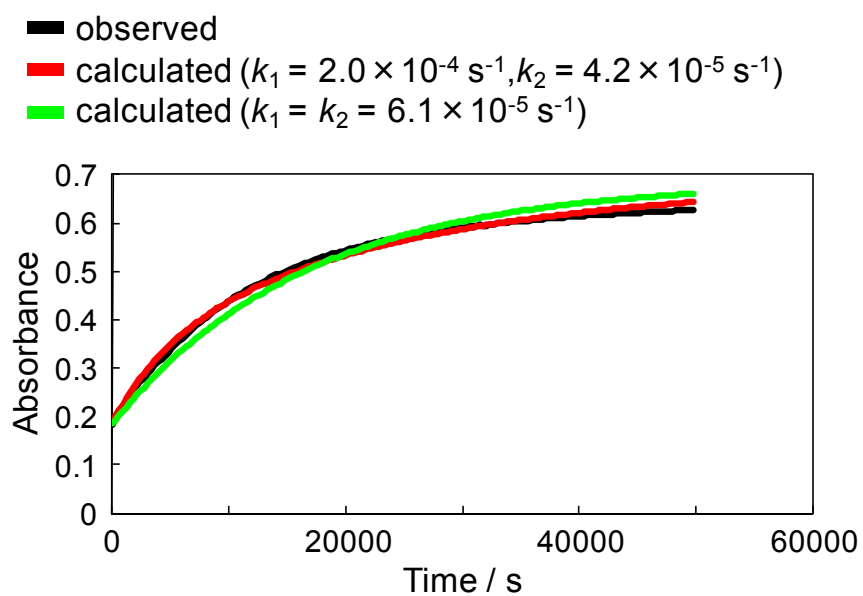


Figure S3. Plots of the absorbance at 370 nm against the time passage for *o*AB-O13 ($1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$) in CH_2Cl_2 upon the thermal *cis*-to-*trans* isomerization (298 K in the dark).

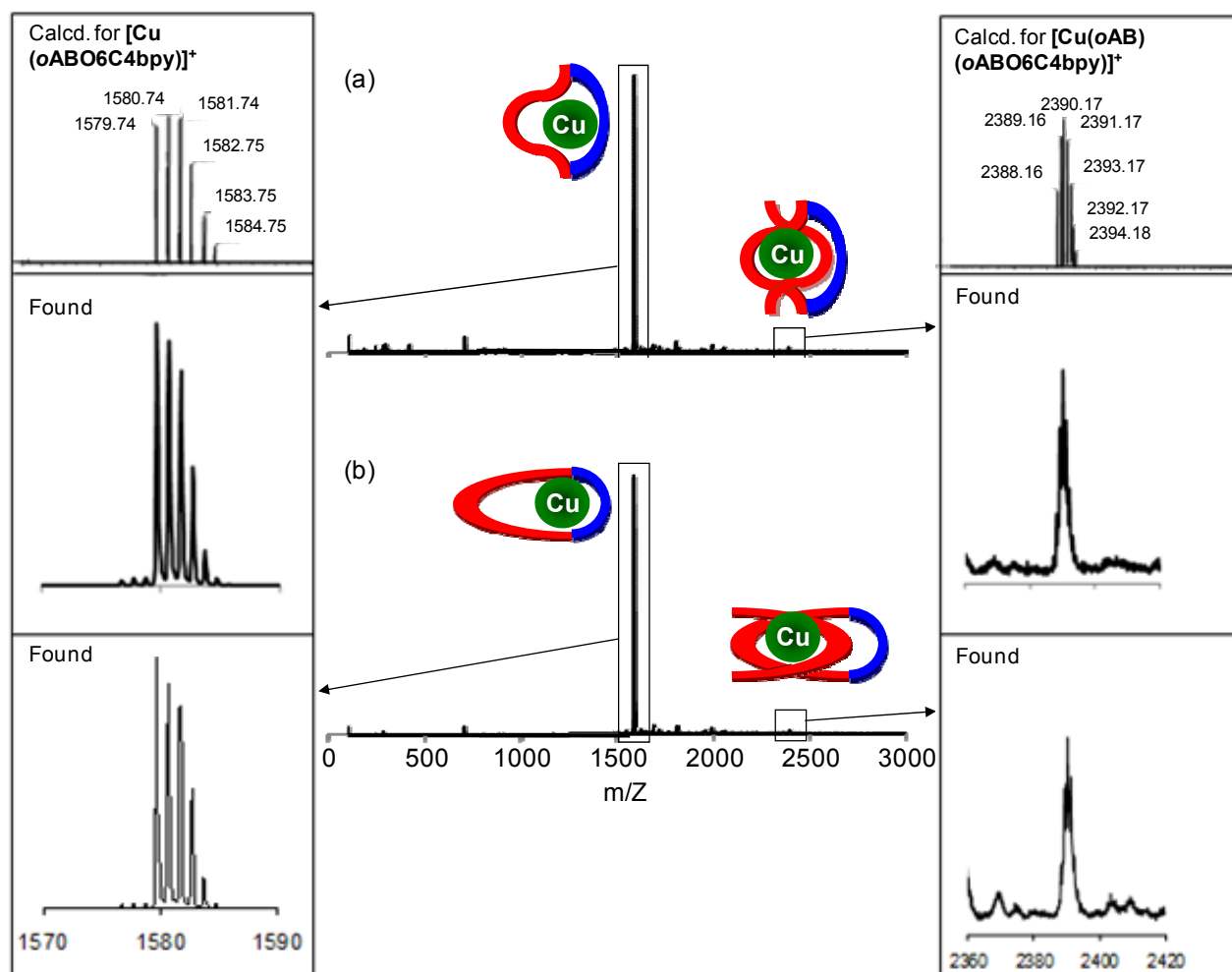


Figure S4. ESI-MS spectrum of a solution containing *o*AB-bpy, *o*AB, and $[\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_4]\text{BF}_4$ (a) in the *cis* form and (b) in the *trans* form.