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We present the first helicene carbon nanohoop that integrates a [6]helicene into [7]cycloparaphenylenes. The [6]helicene endows the helicene carbon nanohoop with chiroptical properties and configurational stability typical for higher helicenes, while the radially conjugated seven para-phenylenes largely determine the optoelectronic properties. The structure of the helicene carbon nanohoop was unambiguously characterized by NMR, MS and X-ray analysis that revealed that it possesses a topology of a Möbius strip in the solid state and in solution. The chirality transfers from the [6]helicene to the para-phenylenes and leads to a pronounced circular dichroism and bright circularly polarized luminescence, which is affected by the structural topology of the nanohoop.

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