

CYCLODEXTRINS: MOLECULAR WHEELS FOR SUPRAMOLECULAR CHEMISTRY

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Abstract

This work describes the construction and characterisation of a variety of supramolecular architectures based on cyclodextrins.

The trinorbornylmethyl-, cubyl-, dimethylcubyl- and adamantyl-substituted cyclodextrins 35, 36, 37 and 38 were prepared by the acylation of 6^A-(6-aminohexyl)amino-6^A-deoxy-α-cyclodextrin 34 by the 4-nitrophenyl esters 25, 26, 27 and 28, respectively. 2D ¹H ROESY NMR spectra are consistent with the trinorbornylmethyl, cubyl and dimethylcubyl substituents of the cyclodextrins 35-37 being self-included in D₂O to give 35'-37', but with the adamantyl substituent of 38 being too large to be self-included. The mechanism for the acylations involves reaction of the 4-nitrophenyl esters with the aminohexylamine substituent of 34 outside of the cyclodextrin; subsequent inclusion of the substituents of 35-37 in aqueous solution produces 35'-37'.

The azacoronand-substituted cyclodextrins 43-46 were prepared by the acylation of 6^{A} -(6-aminohexyl)amino- 6^{A} -deoxy- α -cyclodextrin 34 or 6^{A} -(6-aminohexyl)amino- 6^{A} -deoxy- β -cyclodextrin 24 by either of the 4-nitrophenyl esters 41 or 42. 2D 1 H ROESY NMR spectra are consistent with the substituents of the modified β -cyclodextrins 45 and 46 being self-included to give 45' and 46' in $D_{2}O$ at pD 9, but with the substituents of the modified α -cyclodextrins 43 and 44 not being self-included in aqueous solution. In $D_{2}O$ at pD 9, the substituents of 43 and 44 include in the annulus of β -cyclodextrin to form the [2]-pseudorotaxanes β CD.43 and β CD.44. β -Cyclodextrin includes the central section of the hexyl chain of 43 or 44. Metal-locking of the azacoronand moiety of 45/45' was investigated, and pK_{a} values of 5.84 and 8.49 and metal complex stability constants (log(K) values) of <2 ([45/45'.Ca]²⁺), 6.34 ([45/45'.Zn]²⁺) and 5.38 ([45/45'.La]³⁺) were determined for this system.

The water-soluble axles **50** and **51** were prepared and shown by 2D 1 H ROESY NMR experiments to form the [2]-pseudorotaxanes β CD.**50**, α CD.**51** and β CD.**51** in aqueous solution. The cobalt(III)-blocked α -cyclodextrin and β -cyclodextrin [2]-rotaxanes **57**, **58** and **59** were prepared in good yields, by the reaction of the terminal tetramine groups of the axle in each of the corresponding [2]-pseudorotaxanes with sodium triscarbonatocobalt(III). 2D 1 H ROESY NMR experiments provided evidence for the structures of the [2]-rotaxanes. The

β-cyclodextrin [2]-rotaxanes 57 and 59 were obtained as almost pure products directly from the reaction mixtures. Each of the [2]-rotaxanes was further purified as the chloro complex analogue. The [2]-rotaxane 57 can also be formed by a slippage mechanism, while the [2]-rotaxane 59 forms very slowly by slippage and the α-cyclodextrin [2]-rotaxane 58 does not form by such a mechanism. Work towards the synthesis of a [2]-rotaxane containing the urea-linked β-cyclodextrin dimer N,N'-bis(6^A -deoxy- 6^A - β -cyclodextrin- 6^A -yl)urea 73 was carried out, but was hindered by the low water-solubility of the corresponding [2]-pseudorotaxane.

Photo-controlled molecular devices were constructed utilising the urea-linked cyclodextrin dimers N.N'-bis(6^A-deoxy-6^A-B-cyclodextrin-6^A-vI)urea 73 and N-(6^A-deoxy-\alphacyclodextrin-6^A-vl)-N'-(6^A-deoxy-B-cyclodextrin-6^A-vl)urea 77 and the stilbenes trans/cis-4t-butyl-4'-oxystilbene 78'/80 and trans/cis-4-t-butyl-4'-carboxystilbene 79'/81. In these molecular devices, one annulus of the cyclodextrin dimer is occupied by the t-butylphenyl end of the stilbene, while the other annulus is alternately occupied and vacated by the phenoxy or benzenecarboxy end of the stilbene, as the stilbene is isomerised between the trans and cis configurations. 4-Methylbenzoate 94, 4-methylphenolate 95 and 4-methylbenzenesulfonate 96 were utilised as second guests which are alternately included and excluded from one annulus of the cyclodextrin dimer during the stilbene isomerisation reactions to give rise to three-component molecular devices. The switching of the devices was followed by 2D ¹H ROESY NMR and UV/Vis experiments. Examination of the inclusion of the trans stilbenes 78 and 80 inside native α -cyclodextrin and β -cyclodextrin revealed a significant influence of the annulus size on the nature of the inclusion complex. Each β-cyclodextrin.stilbene complex exists either with β-cyclodextrin in a single orientation, or as two inclusion isomers in fast equilibrium, while each a-cyclodextrin.stilbene complex exists as two inclusion isomers in slow equilibrium at room temperature. Rate constants and activation parameters for exchange between the two isomeric $\alpha CD.78^{-}$ inclusion complexes are $k_1(298 \text{ K}) = 12.3 \pm 12.3$ 0.6 s^{-1} , $k_2(298 \text{ K}) = 10.7 \pm 0.5 \text{ s}^{-1}$, $\Delta \text{H}^{\ddagger}_1 = 94.3 \pm 4.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $\Delta \text{H}^{\ddagger}_2 = 93.1 \pm 4.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $\Delta \text{S}^{\ddagger}_1$ = 92.0 \pm 5.0 J/mol⁻¹ and $\Delta S^{\ddagger}_2 = 87.3 \pm 5.0$ J/mol⁻¹ (where the subscripts 1 and 2 refer to the less and more populated states, respectively). The ground state parameters for exchange between the two isomeric $\alpha CD.79^{-}$ inclusion complexes are $\Delta G^{0} = -910 \pm 160 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$, $\Delta H^0 = 12.6 \pm 1.5 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ and $\Delta S^0 = 46 \pm 3 \text{ J/mol}^{-1}$ (in the direction from the less populated to more populated state).