Supporting Information Cage Effect on Conformational Preference and Photophysics of Benzenediols in the Host-Guest Complex with 18-Crown-6

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Figure S1

Calculated IR spectra of 18C6•*cis*-HQ-I and 18C6•*trans*-HQ. The scaling factor of 0.9.346 is employed to reproduce the free OH stretching vibrational frequency of hydroquinone monomers.



Figure S2 (a) The structure of 18C6-RE(I) complex. A dashed line represents the hydrogen bond.



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(b) The structure of unassigned 18C6-CA complex. The number listed in kJ/mol unit are the relative energy of the each isomer compare to the most stable A1 isomer (Figure 6). Dashed lines represent the hydrogen bond.



Figure S3

(a) The orbitals and transitions mainly involved in the S_1 - S_0 and S_2 - S_0 transitions with their coefficients for the *cis*-HQ monomer.



S_1 - S_0 transition		S_2 - S_0 transition		
Orb -> Orb*	Coefficient	 Orb -> Orb*	Coefficient	
HOMO-1 -> LUMO+6	0.20555	 HOMO -> LUMO	0.66439	
HOMO -> LUMO+2	0.67226			

(b) The orbitals and transitions mainly involved in the S_1 - S_0 and S_2 - S_0 transitions with their coefficients for the H₂O•*cis*-HQ 1:1 complex.



S_1 - S_0 transition		S_2 - S_0 transition	
Orb -> Orb*	Coefficient	Orb -> Orb*	Coefficient
HOMO -> LUMO+2	0.59820	HOMO -> LUMO	0.52745
HOMO -> LUMO+4	-0.31221	HOMO -> LUMO+1	0.40043

(c) The orbitals and transitions mainly involved in the S_1 - S_0 and S_2 - S_0 transitions with their coefficients for the RE (III) monomer.



(d) The orbitals and transitions mainly involved in the S_1 - S_0 and S_2 - S_0 transitions with their coefficients for the CA monomer.





(e) The orbitals and transitions mainly involved in the S_1 - S_0 and S_2 - S_0 transitions with their coefficients for 18C6•HQ-I. The arrows indicate the σ^* orbitals of free OH group.

S_1 - S_0 transition		
Orb -> Orb*	Coefficient	
HOMO -> LUMO+8	-0.21792	
HOMO -> LUMO+9	0.59533	

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Orb -> Orb*	Coefficient	
HOMO -> LUMO	0.21089	
HOMO -> LUMO+1	0.35140	
HOMO -> LUMO+3	0.27927	
HOMO -> LUMO+4	-0.13035	
HOMO -> LUMO+10	0.12207	



(f) The orbitals and transitions mainly involved in the S_1 - S_0 and S_2 - S_0 transitions with their coefficients for 18C6•RE(III)-I.

S_1 - S_0 transition		S_2 - S_0 transition	
Orb -> Orb*	Coefficient	Orb -> Orb*	Coefficient
HOMO -> LUMO+9	0.30874	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+3	0.49718
HOMO -> LUMO+10	-0.50620	HOMO -> LUMO+4	-0.27960
		HOMO -> LUMO+5	-0.18789

(g) The orbitals and transitions mainly involved in the $S_1\mathchar`-S_0$ and $S_2\mathchar`-S_0$ transitions with their coefficients for 18C6•CA-E1



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Orb -> Orb*	Coefficient	Orb -> Orb*	Coefficient
HOMO -> LUMO+7	0.50043	HOMO-1 -> LUMO+7	-0.29162
HOMO -> LUMO+9	0.26284	HOMO -> LUMO+11	-0.36542
		HOMO -> $LUMO+12$	-0.25861
		HOMO -> LUMO+13	-0.21039
		HOMO -> LUMO+14	-0.22607