

## Electronic Supplementary Information

# High Affinity Host-Guest Complex of Cucurbit[7]uril with a Bis(thiazolium) Salt

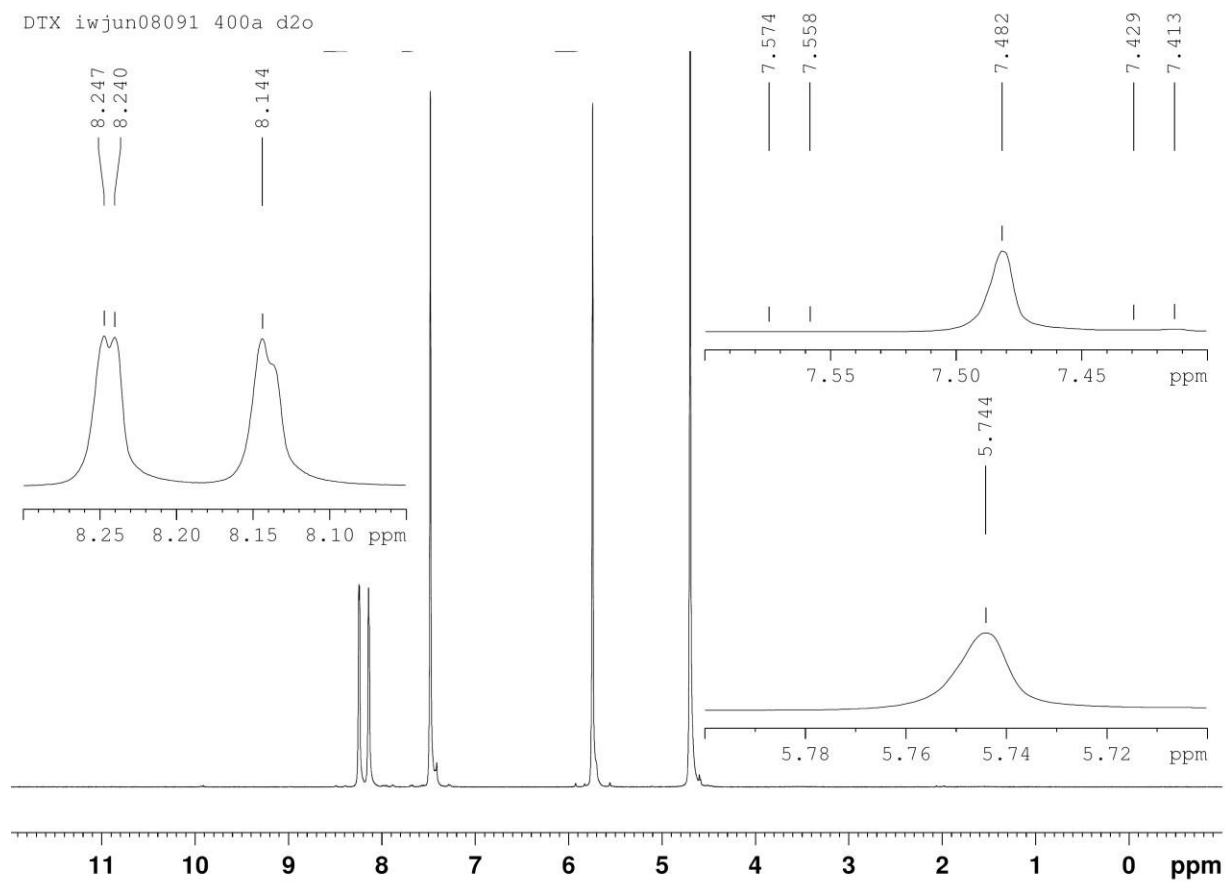
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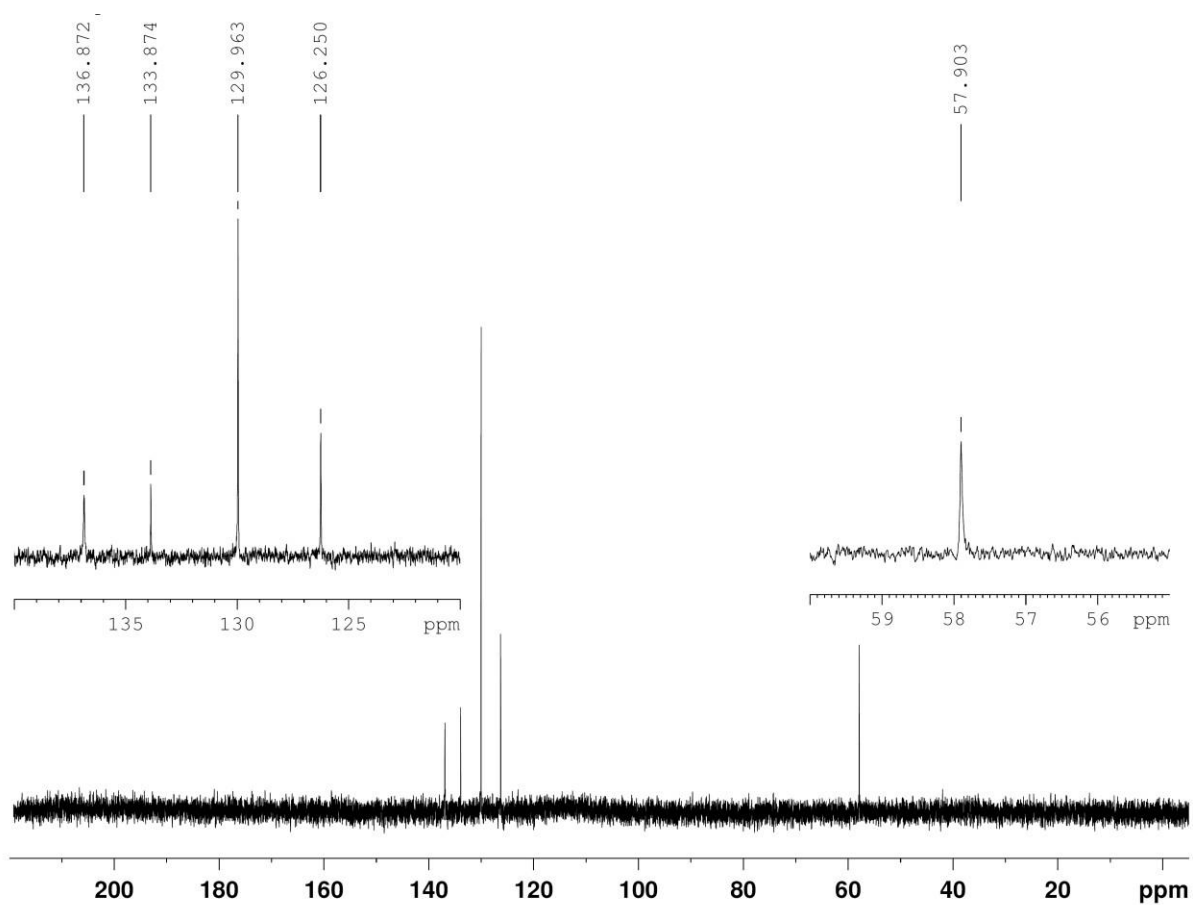
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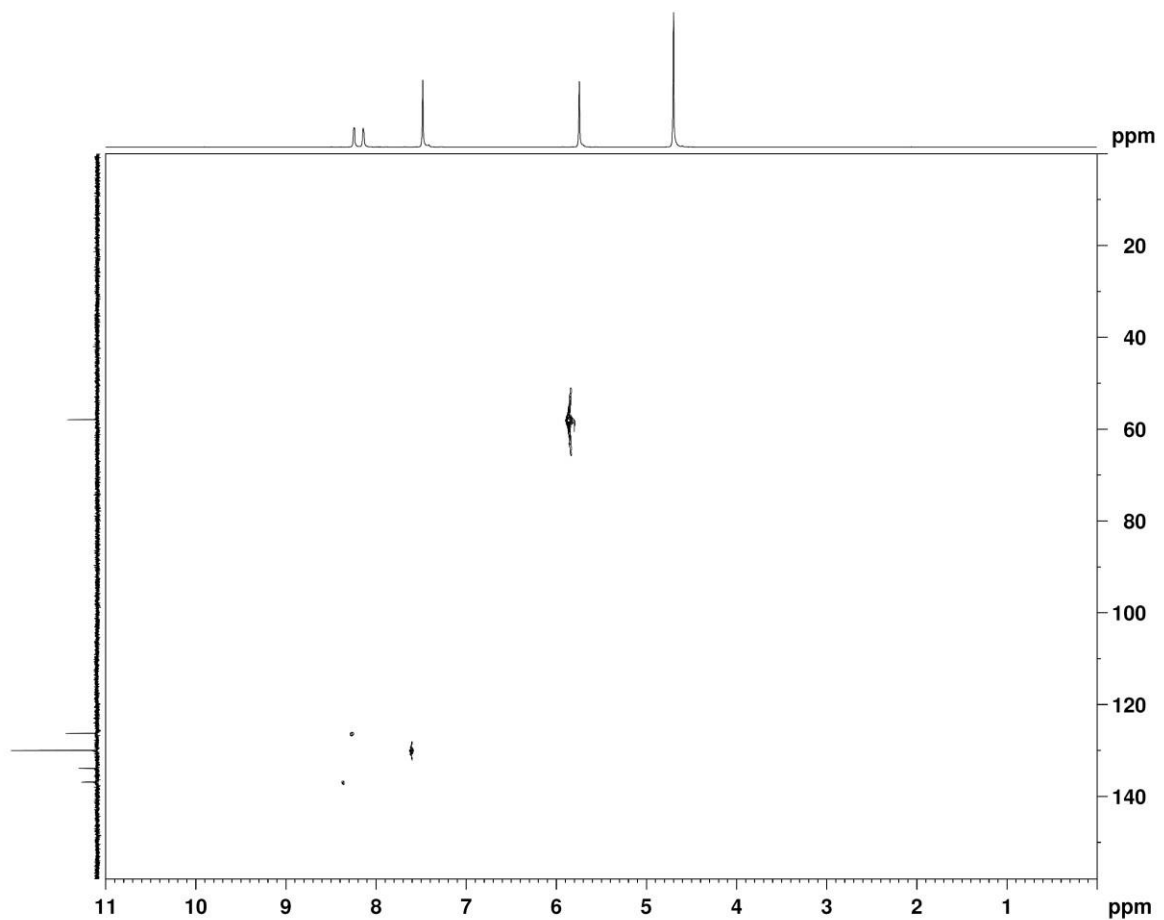
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**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{BTX}]\text{Br}_2$  in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (400 MHz). Note: the H2 proton (9.91 ppm) has exchanged with deuterium from  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ .



**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{BTX}]\text{Br}_2$  in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (100 MHz). Note: the C1 and C4 carbons on the *p*-xylyl ring are not observed.

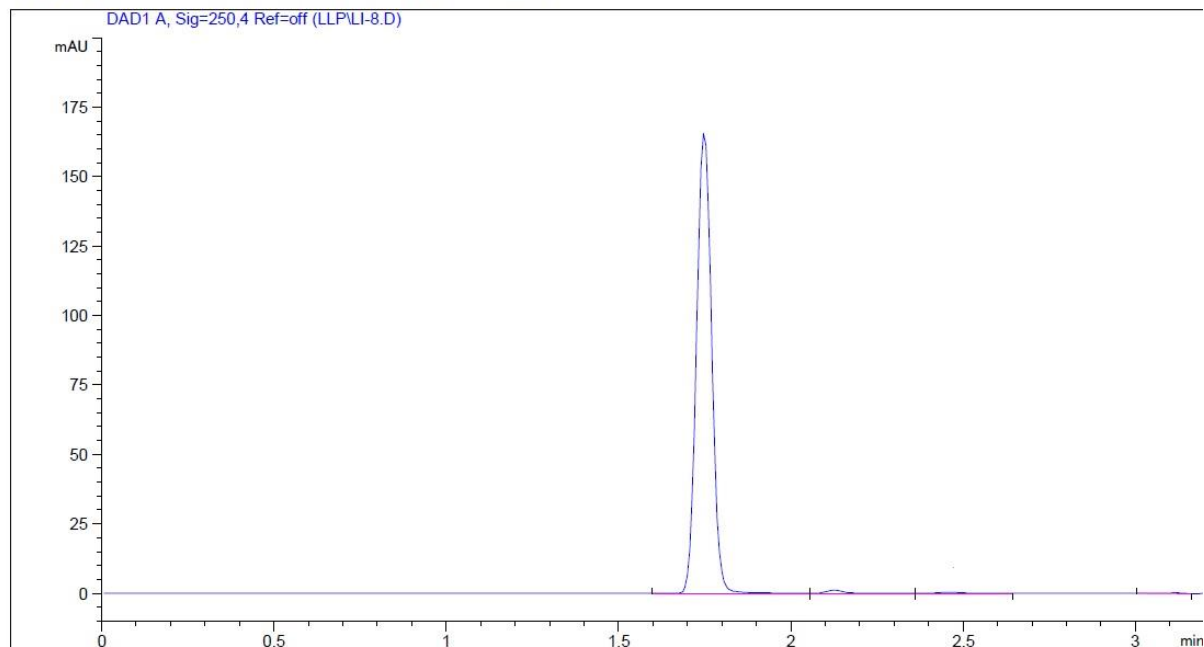


**Figure S3.** HSQC spectrum of [BTX]Br<sub>2</sub> in D<sub>2</sub>O. Note: there is no coupling between the C2 carbon and H2 proton resonances as the proton has been exchanged with deuterium from the D<sub>2</sub>O.

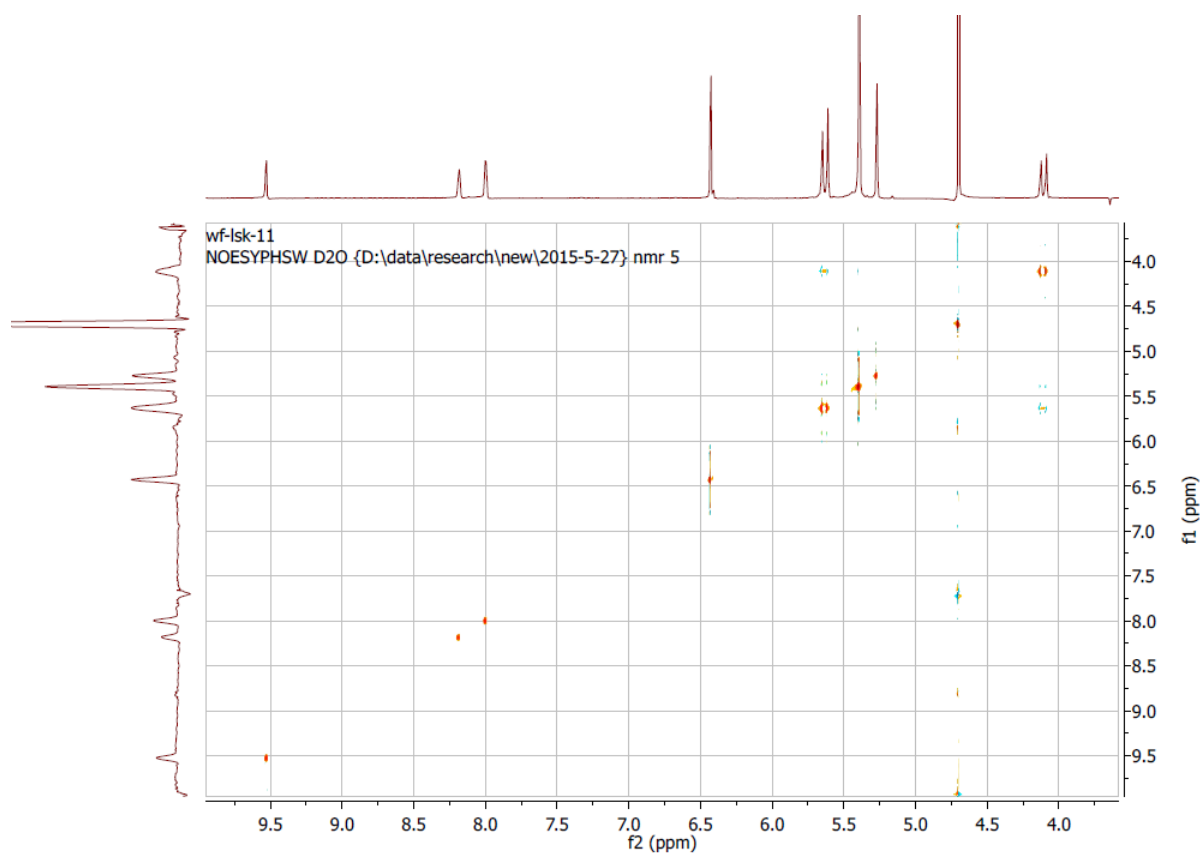
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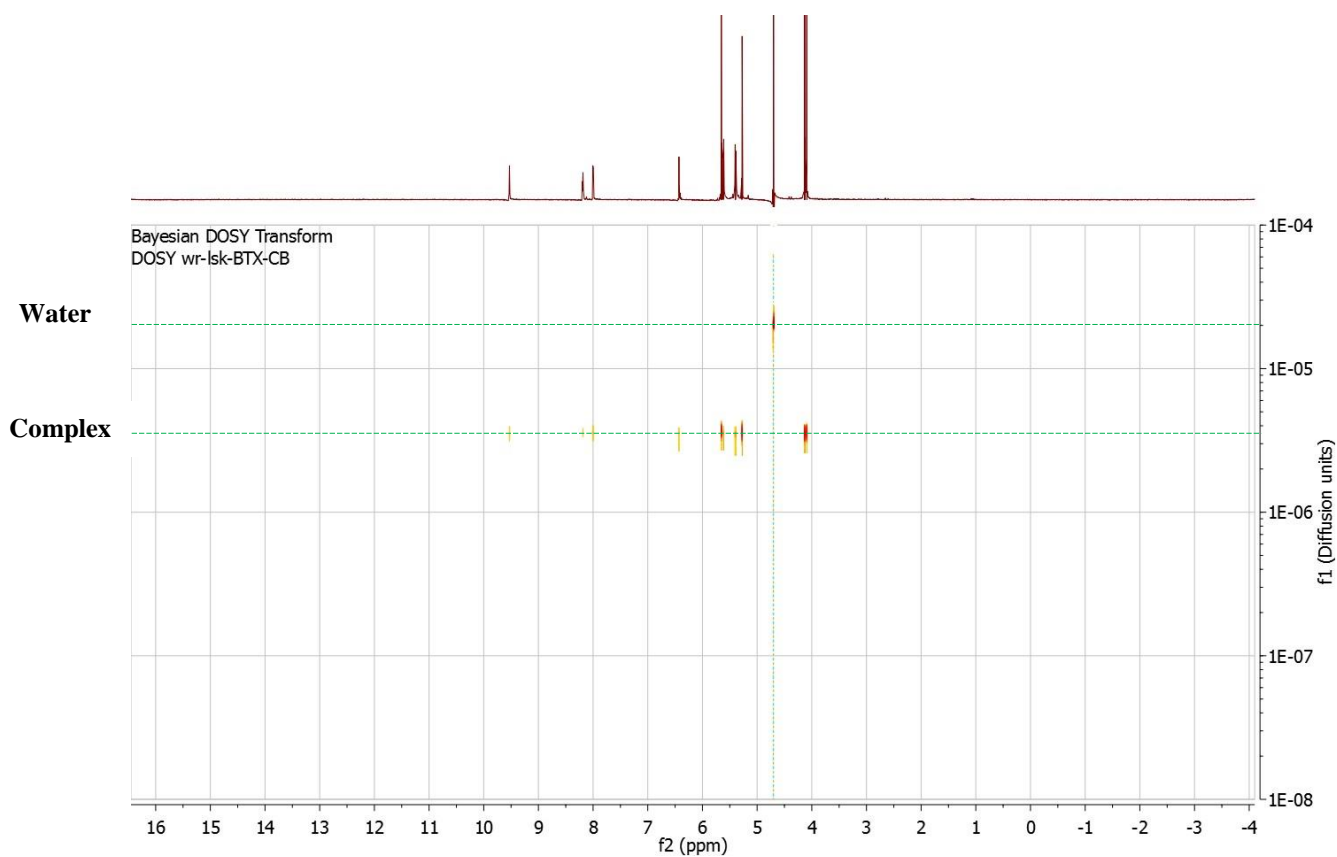
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**Figure S4.** HPLC chromatogram of [BTX]Br<sub>2</sub>. Stationary phase: C18; Mobile phase: MeOH:H<sub>2</sub>O = 10: 90 (1.0g TTAB (Tetradecyltrimethylammonium bromide) and 2 mL glacial acetic acid was added into 500ml H<sub>2</sub>O). Temperature: 35 °C; Flow rate: 1 mL/min; Detection wave length: 250 nm. The PDA integration shows of a purity higher than 98% (consistent with <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra).



**Figure S5.** NOESY spectrum of  $\text{BTX}^{2+}$ -CB[7] complex showing no correlation between the host and guest protons due to the protons of the host CB[7] pointing “externally”. This data supports the formation of inclusion complex (instead of “exclusion”).



**Figure S6.** DOSY spectrum of  $\text{BTX}^{2+}$ -CB[7] complex showing identical diffusion coefficients for both the host and the guest protons attests the strong supramolecular complexation.

**Calculation of Host-Guest Binding Constant by Competitive  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy**  
(see Figure S4 below)

$[\text{TMAF}]_{\text{total}} = 1.82 \text{ mM}$  (total integration of the free and bound trimethyl group protons is 9)

$$[\text{TMAF}]_{\text{bound}} = 1.82 \times 5.22/11 = 0.86 \text{ mM};$$

$$[\text{TMAF}]_{\text{free}} = 1.82 - 0.86 = 0.96 \text{ mM};$$

$[\text{BTX}^{2+}]_{\text{bound}} = 1.82 \times 3.70/4 = 1.68 \text{ mM}$  (Integration for bound-guest 4 aromatic proton is about 3.70);

$[\text{BTX}^{2+}]_{\text{free}} = 1.82 \times 81.93/4 = 37.28 \text{ mM}$  (Integration for free-guest 4 aromatic proton is 81.93);

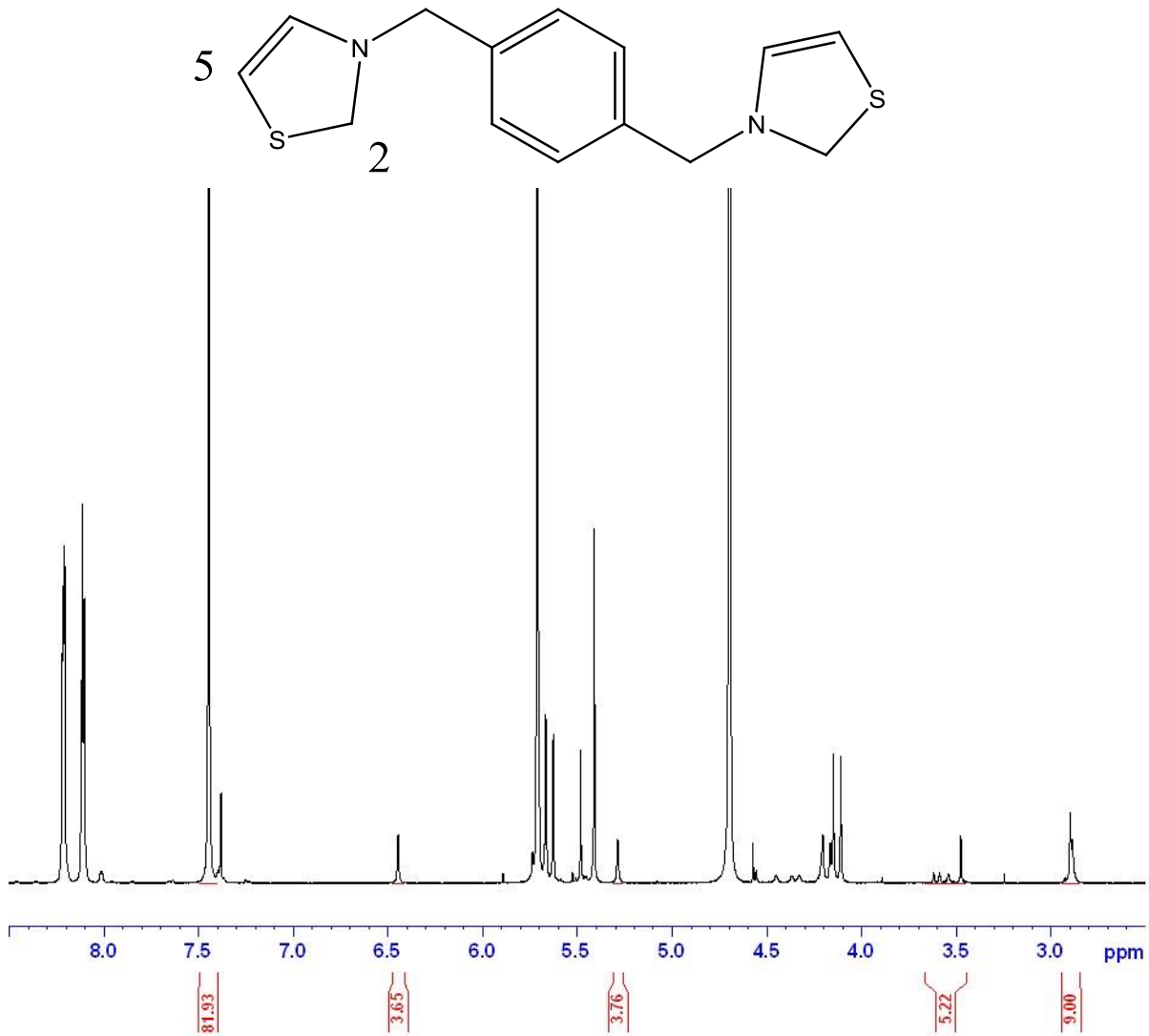
Therefore,  $[\text{CB}[7]\text{-BTX}^{2+}]_{\text{complex}} = [\text{BTX}^{2+}]_{\text{bound}} = 1.68 \text{ mM};$

$$[\text{CB}[7]\text{-TMAF}]_{\text{complex}} = [\text{TMAF}]_{\text{bound}} = 0.86 \text{ mM};$$

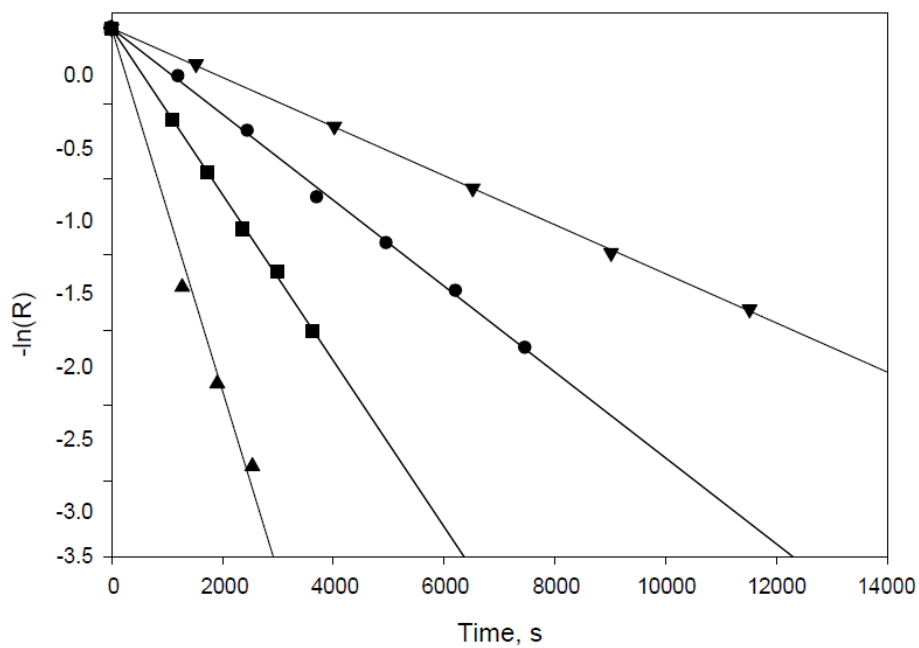
As  $K_{\text{CB}[7]\text{-BTX}}/K_{\text{CB}[7]\text{-TMAF}} = [\text{CB}[7]\text{-BTX}^{2+}]_{\text{complex}} \times [\text{TMAF}]_{\text{free}} / ([\text{CB}[7]\text{-TMAF}]_{\text{complex}} \times [\text{BTX}^{2+}]_{\text{free}}) = 1.68 \times 0.96 / (0.86 \times 37.28) = 0.05$  and  $K_{\text{CB}[7]\text{-TMAF}} = (3.31 \pm 0.62) \times 10^{11} \text{ M}^{-1};$

Therefore,  $K_{\text{CB}[7]\text{-BTX}} = (1.66 \pm 0.31) \times 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1}.$

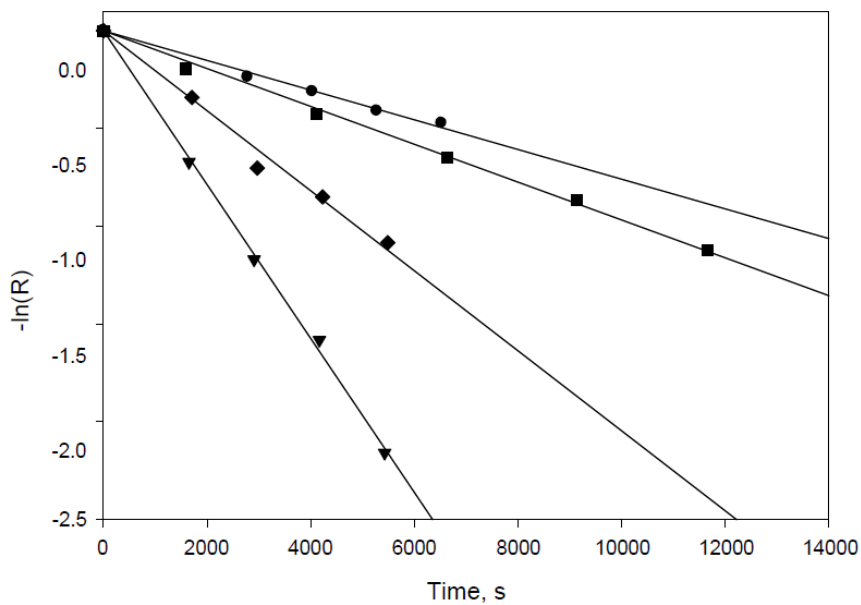




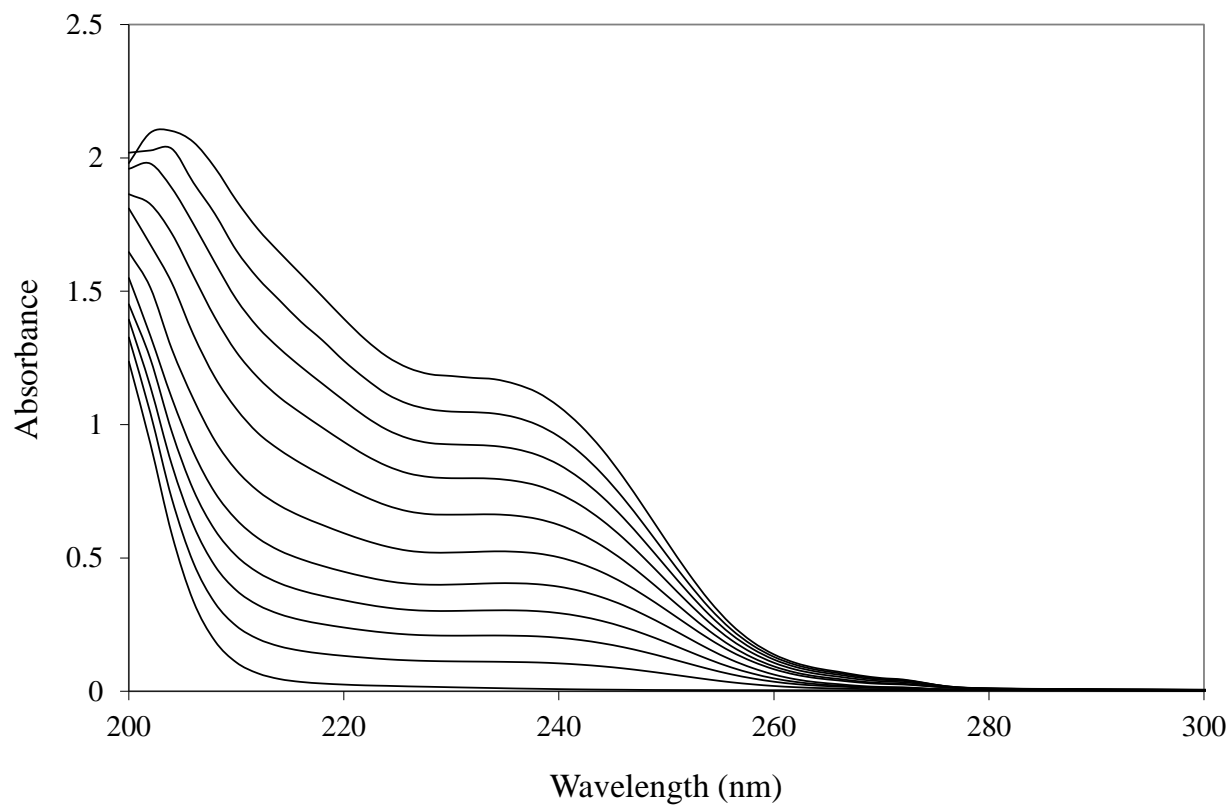
**Figure S7.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum for competitive NMR binding constant calculation.



**Figure S8.** Kinetic plot for the C(2)-H/D exchange reaction of  $\text{BTX}^{2+}$  as a function of pD at 298K: pD = 4.26 (●), 4.54 (■), 4.81 (▲), and 3.96 (▼).

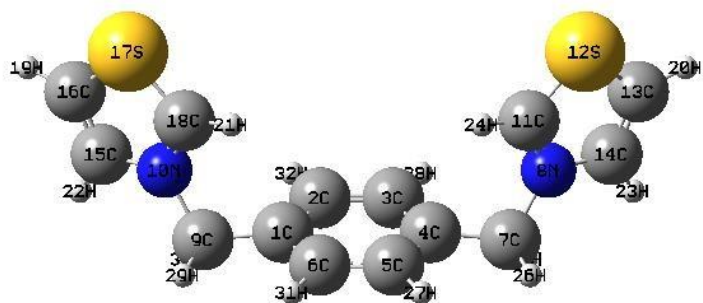


**Figure S9.** Kinetic plot for the C(2)-H/D exchange reaction of  $\{\text{BTX}\cdot\text{CB}[7]\}^{2+}$  as a function of pD at 298K: pD = 4.31 (●), 4.45 (■), 4.71 (▲), and 5.06 (▼).



**Figure S10.** UV-visible spectra of continuous titration of BTX<sup>2+</sup>-[CB[7]]<sup>+</sup> (with [CB[7]] + [BTX<sup>2+</sup>] fixed at a constant concentration of 0.10 mM, and the ratio of [CB[7]]/[CB[7]+BTX<sup>2+</sup>] varies from 0, 0.1, 0.2 ... 1.0 from top to the bottom)

Energy-minimization calculations



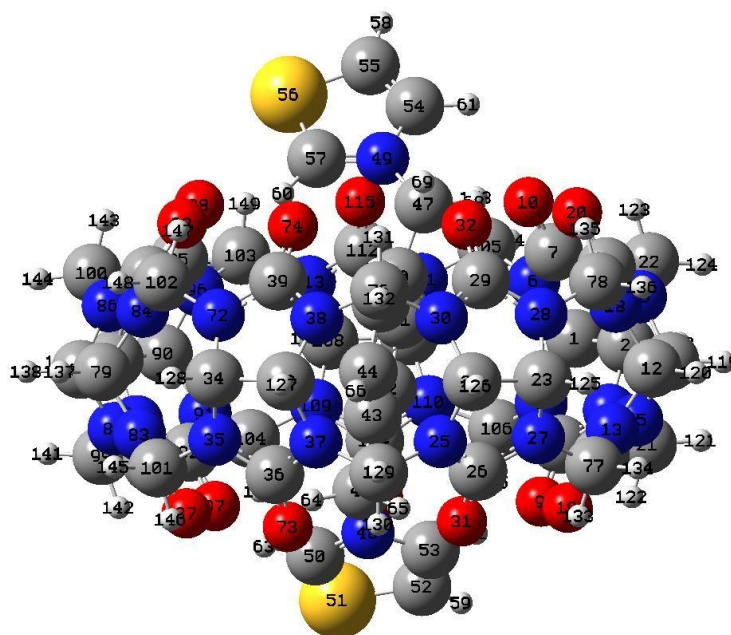
**Figure S11.** Energy-minimized structure of BTX<sup>2+</sup>

**Table S1.** Atomic coordinates for BTX<sup>2+</sup> (total energy = -5599.6459 au)

Standard orientation:

Center Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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1	C	-1.390724	-1.462665	0.076006
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32	H	-1.216441	-0.747780	-1.937141



**Figure S12.** Energy minimized structure for {BTX•CB[7]} with atom labeled with center numbers (see table below)

**Table S2.** Atomic coordinates for {BTX•CB[7]} from energy-minimization calculations (total energy = -5599.6459 au)

Standard orientation:

Center Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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