

Supplementary Information

Ion-pair recognition of amidinium salts by partially hydrogen-bonded heteroditopic cyclo[6]aramide

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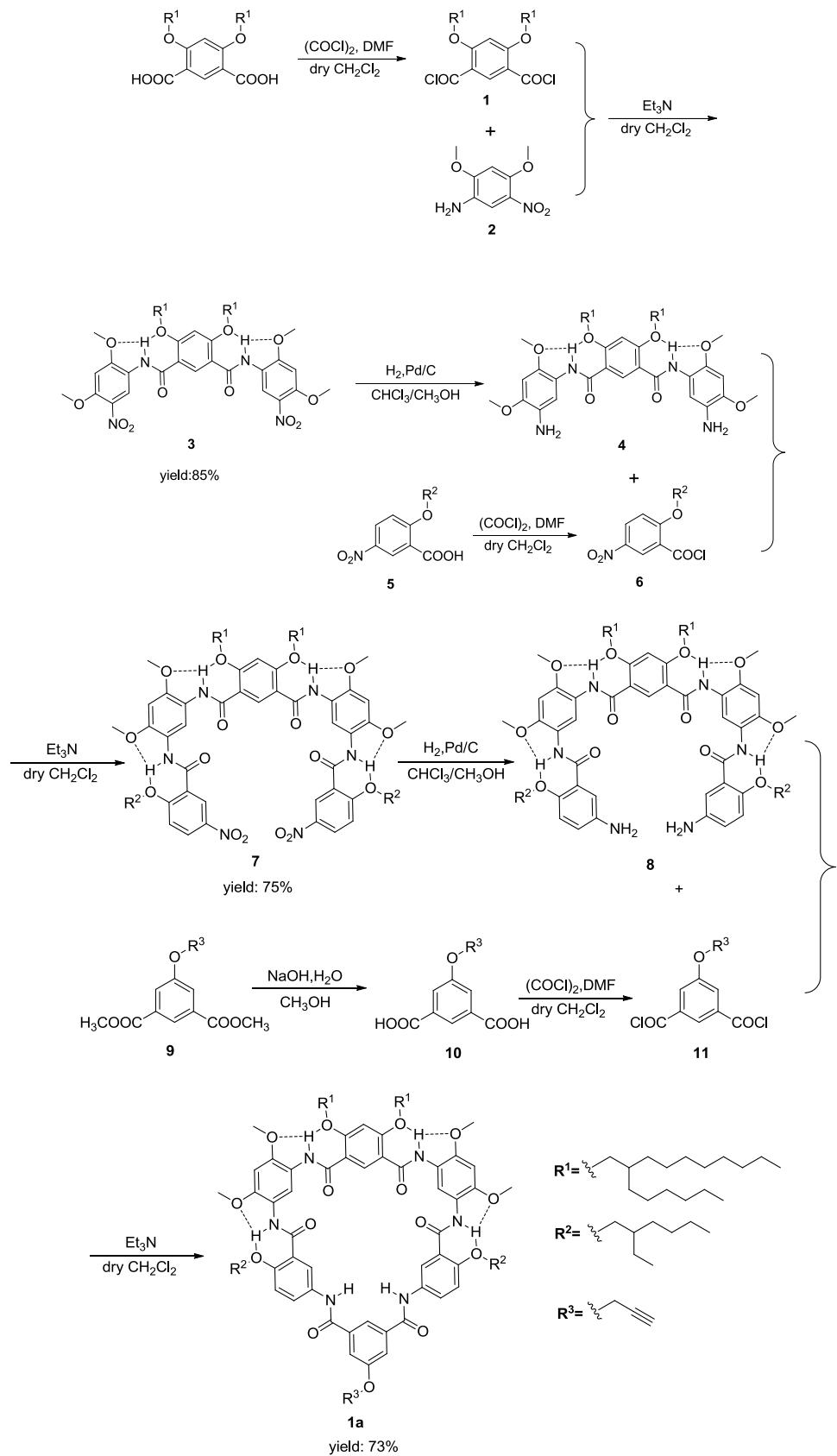
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1. Synthesis of heteroditopic cyclo[6]aramides **1a**



Scheme S1. Synthetic routes for heteroditopic cyclo[6]aramides **1a**.

Cyclo[6]aramide **1a** was synthesized following a literature procedure.⁸¹

Compounds **3** and **7** were converted into **4** and **8**, respectively by catalytic hydrogenation. Compounds **4** and **8** were used directly in the subsequent reaction without further purification.

Compounds **3**^{S2}, **5**^{S3} and **10**^{S4} were synthesized according to an analogous literature procedure.

2. ^1H NMR spectra of new compounds

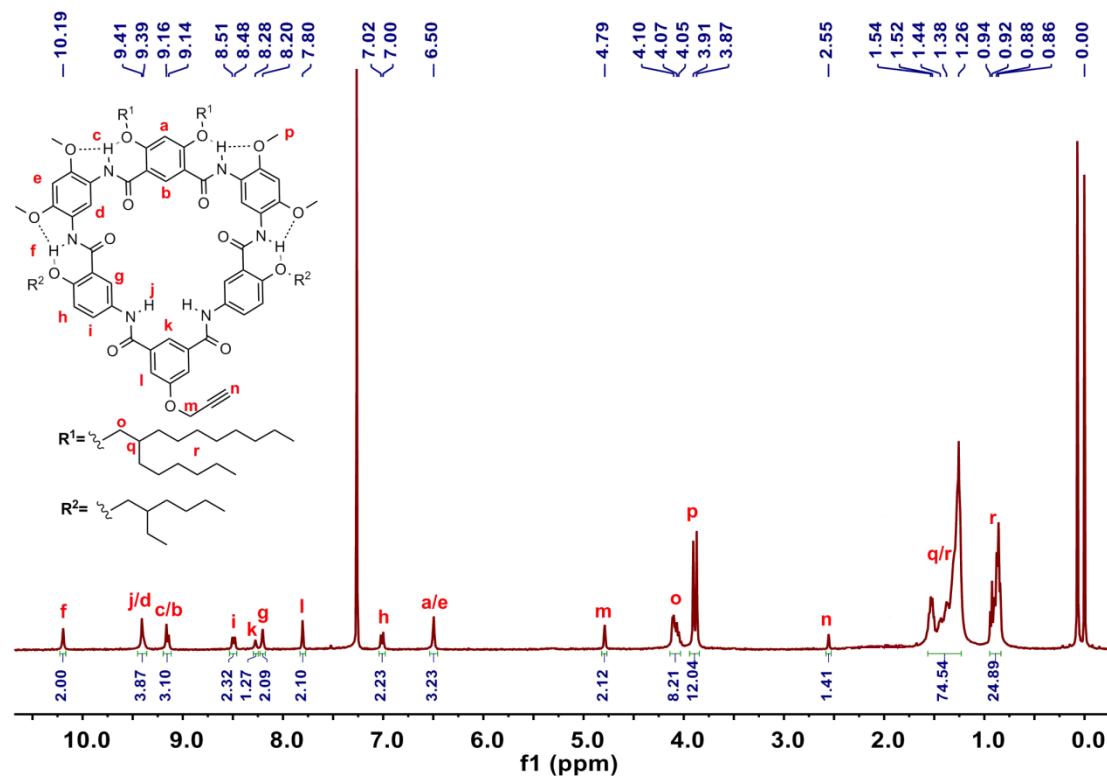


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of cyclo[6]aramide **1a** (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , 298 K).

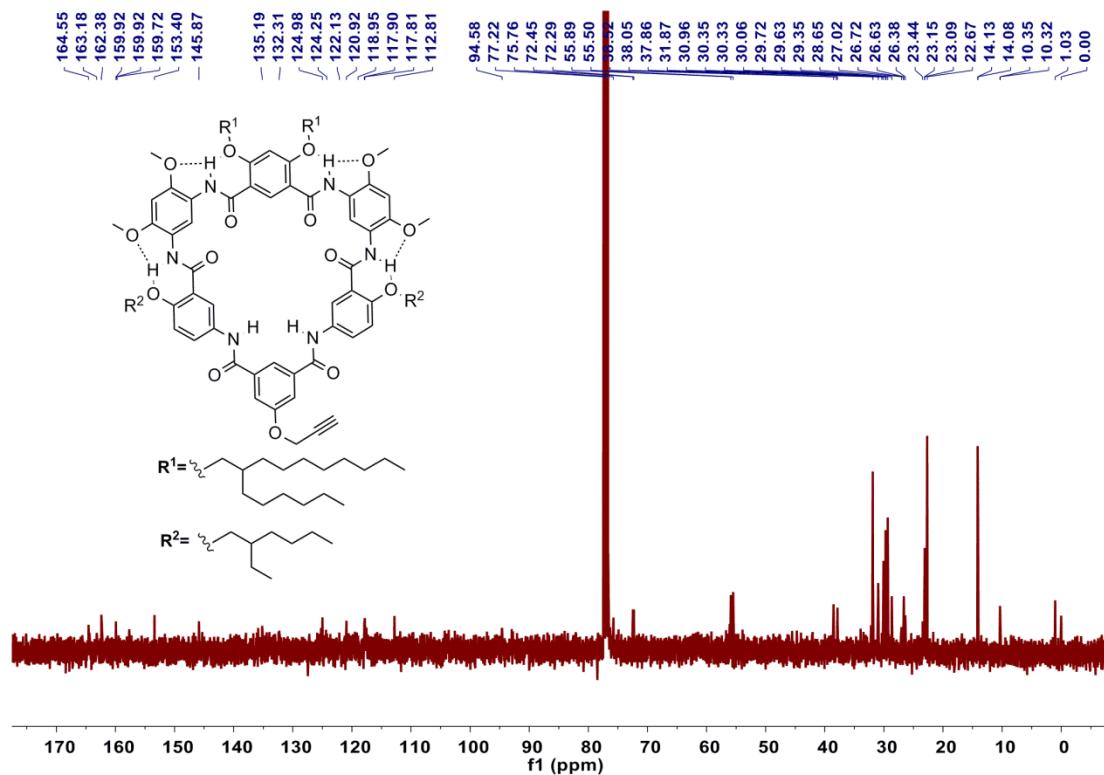
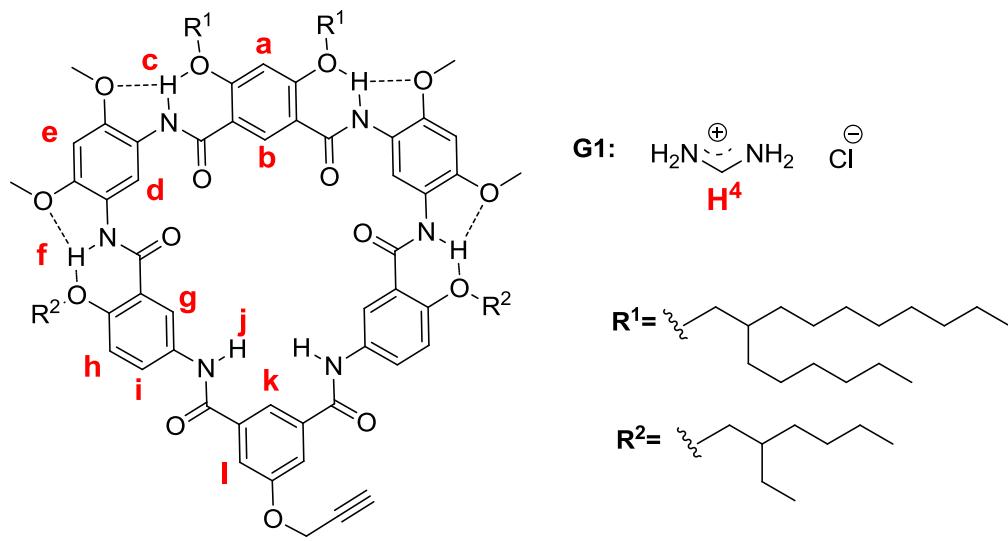


Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl_3) of cyclo[6]aramide **1a** at 298 K.

3. Host-guest complexation of 1a and G1, G6 and G7



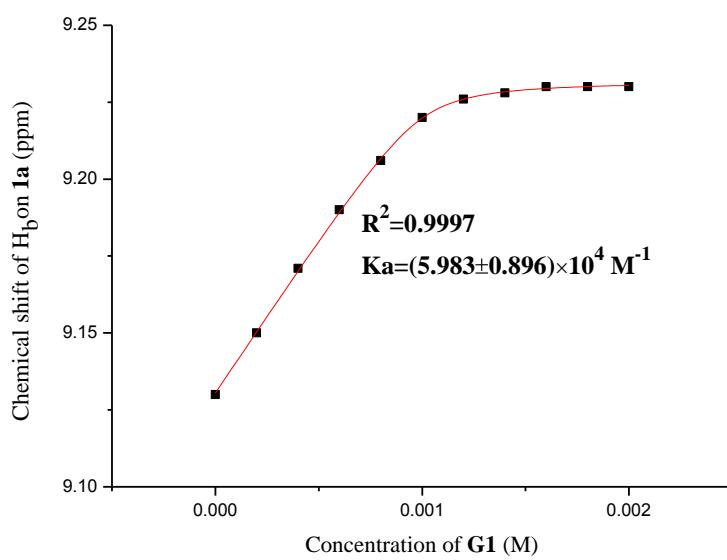


Figure S3. Determination of the binding constant of **1a•G1** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1) at 298 K. Fitting result based on H_b of **1a**.

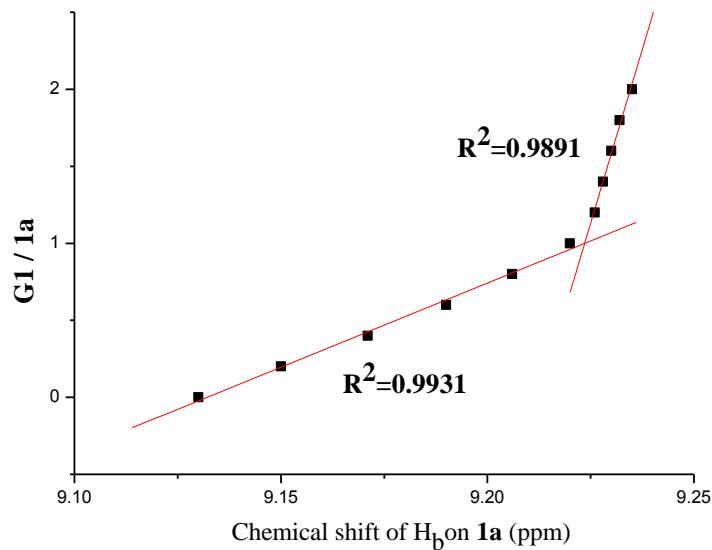


Figure S4. Mole ratio plot for the complexation between **1a** and **G1**, indicating a 1:1 stoichiometry.

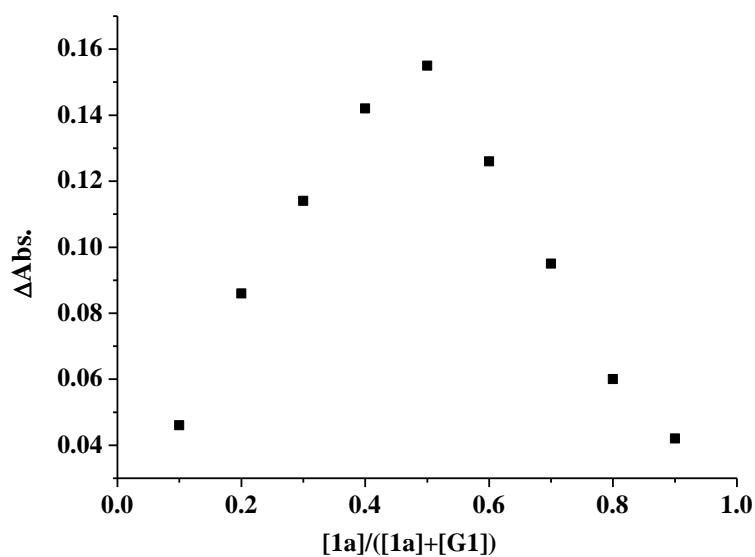


Figure S5. Job's plot for the complexation of **1a** and **G1** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1) based on the absorbance at 365 nm, indicating a 1:1 stoichiometry. The total concentration is 3×10^{-4} M.

Table S1. The chemical shifts δ (ppm) for the 1:1 solution of **1a** and **G1** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1).

Protons	1a	1a+G1	$\Delta\delta = \delta_b - \delta_f$ (ppm)
	δ_f (ppm)	δ_b (ppm)	
H _c	9.26	9.49	0.23
H _b	9.12	9.23	0.11
H _d	9.42	9.39	-0.03
H _f	10.32	10.45	0.13
H _g	8.02	8.48	0.46
H _k	8.23	8.89	0.66

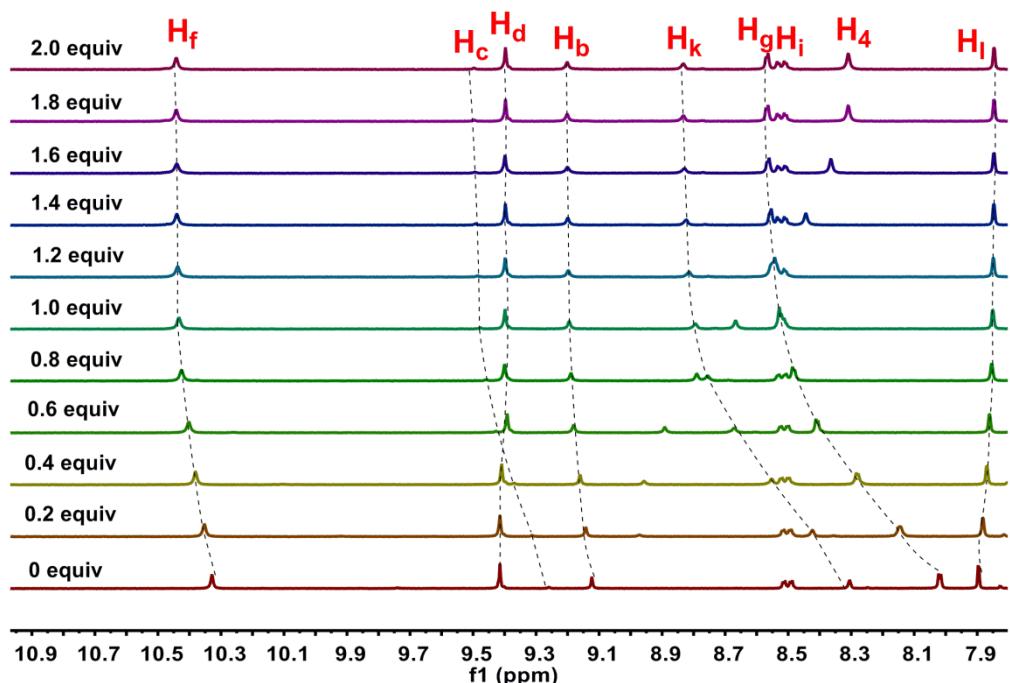
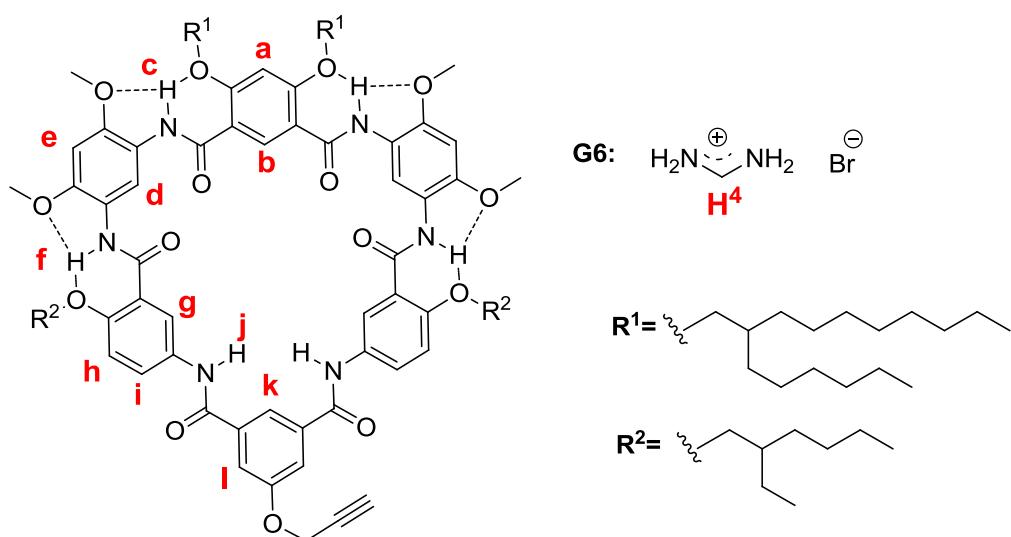


Figure S6. Partial stacked ¹H NMR spectra (400 MHz, 298 K) of cyclo[6]aramide **1a** (1.0 mM) titrated by **G6** (0-2.0 equiv) in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1).

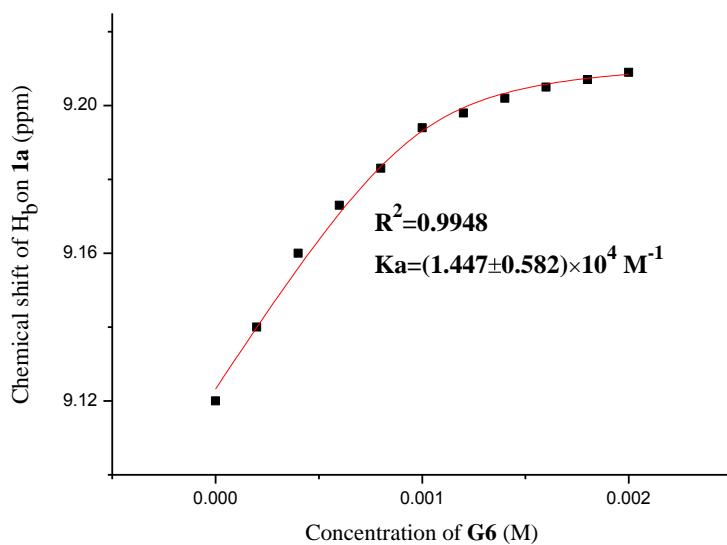


Figure S7. Determination of the binding constant of **1a•G6** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1) at 298 K. Fitting result based on H_b of **1a**.

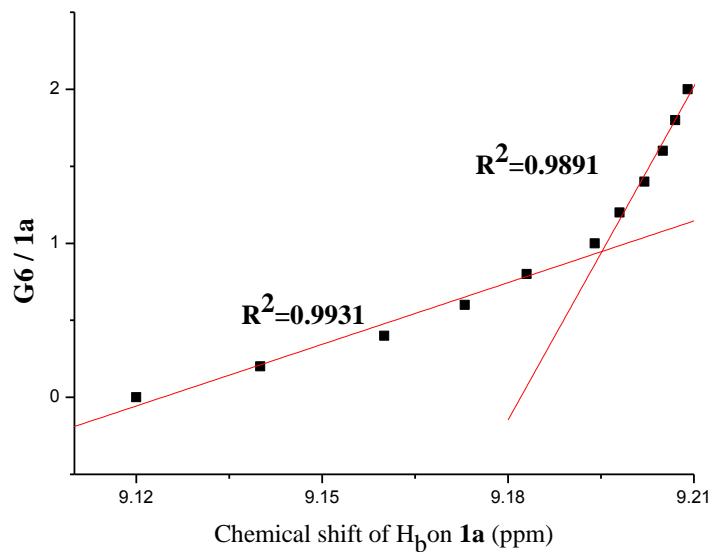


Figure S8. Mole ratio plot for the complexation between **1a** and **G6**, indicating a 1:1 stoichiometry.

Table S2. The chemical shifts δ (ppm) for the 1:1 solution of **1a** and **G6** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1).

Protons	1a	1a+G6	$\Delta\delta = \delta_b - \delta_f$ (ppm)
	δ_f (ppm)	δ_b (ppm)	
H_c	9.26	9.48	0.22

H_b	9.12	9.20	0.08
H_d	9.42	9.40	-0.02
H_f	10.32	10.44	0.12
H_g	8.02	8.50	0.48
H_k	8.23	8.83	0.60

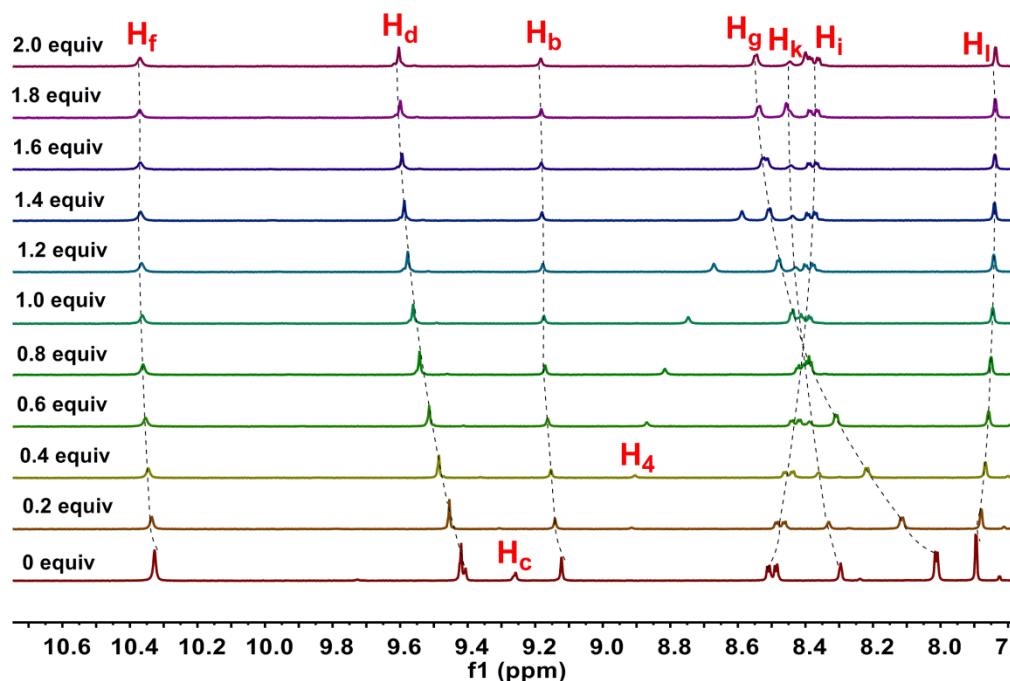
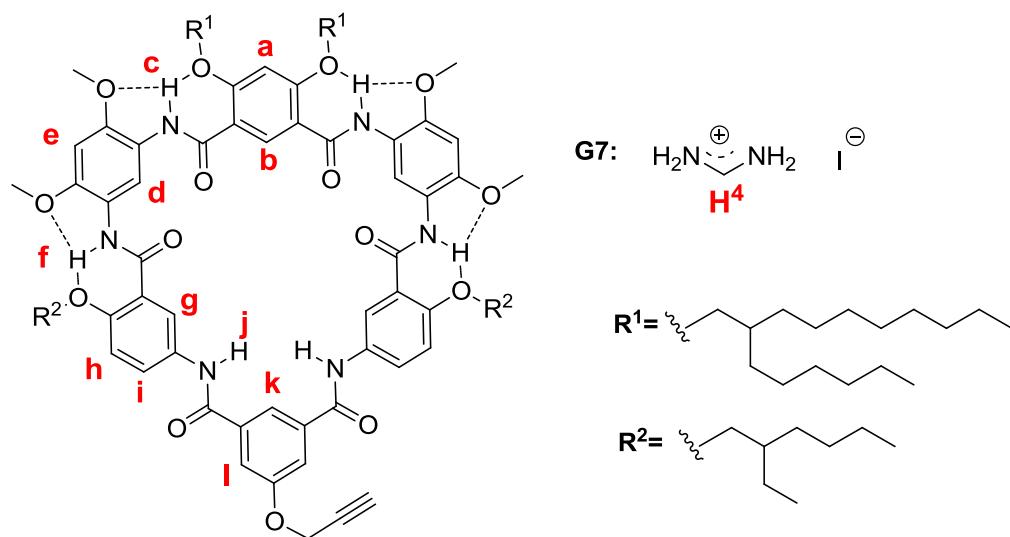


Figure S9. Partial stacked ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, 298 K) of cyclo[6]aramide **1a** (1.0 mM) titrated by **G7** (0-2.0 equiv) in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1).

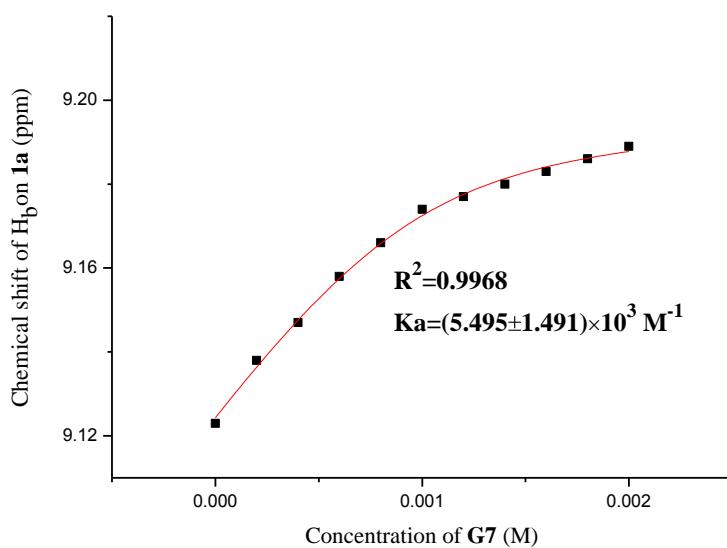


Figure S10. Determination of the binding constant of **1a**•**G7** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1) at 298 K. Fitting result based on H_b of **1a**.

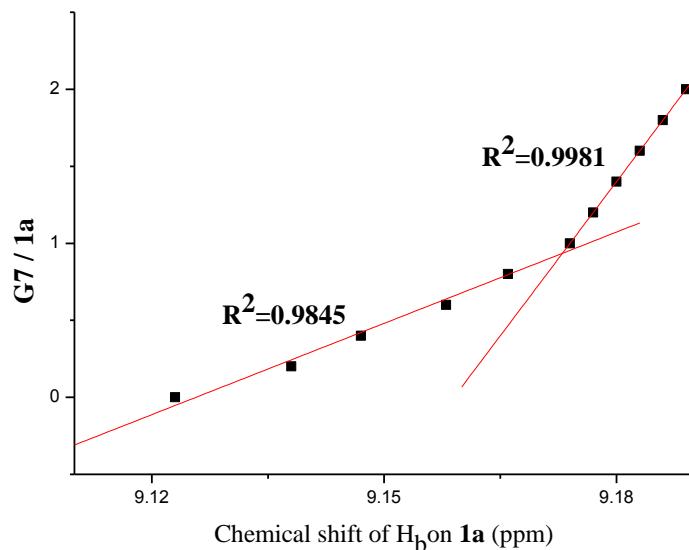


Figure S11. Mole ratio plot for the complexation between **1a** and **G7**, indicating a 1:1 stoichiometry.

Table S3. The chemical shifts δ (ppm) for the 1:1 solution of **1a** and **G7** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1).

Protons	1a	1a+G7	$\Delta\delta = \delta_b - \delta_f$ (ppm)
	δ_f (ppm)	δ_b (ppm)	
H_b	9.12	9.19	0.07

H_d	9.42	9.60	0.18
H_f	10.32	10.37	0.05
H_g	8.02	8.52	0.50
H_k	8.23	8.45	0.22

4. Host-guest complexation of 1a and G2

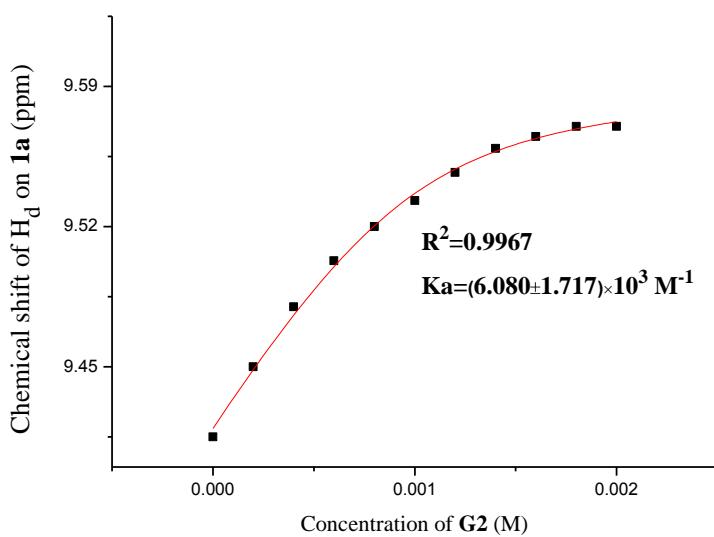
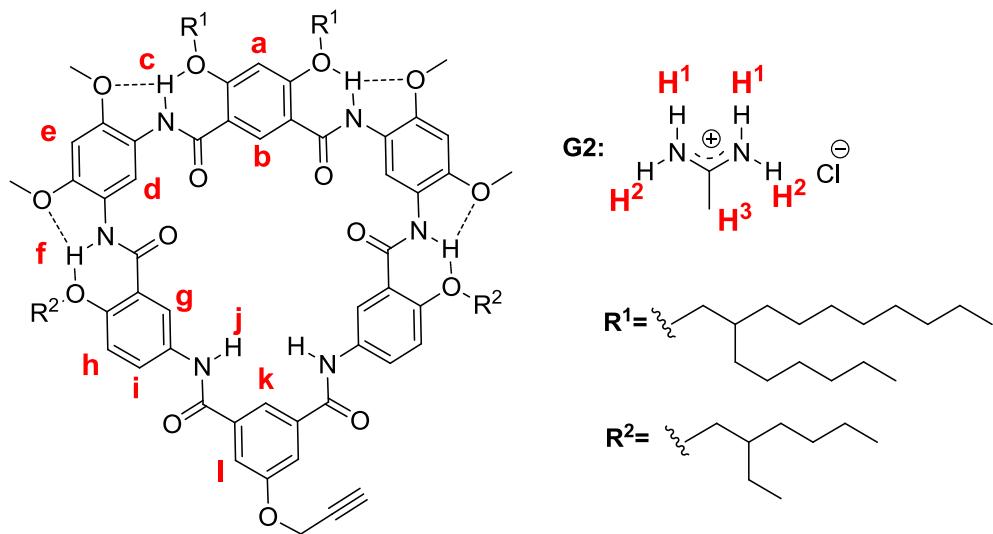


Figure S12. Determination of the binding constant of **1a**•**G2** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1) at 298 K. Fitting result based on H_d of **1a**.

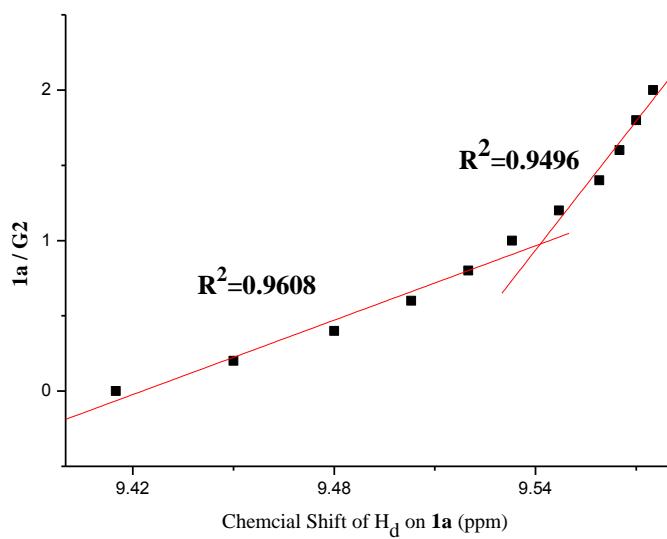


Figure S13. Mole ratio plot for the complexation between **1a** and **G2**, indicating a 1:1 stoichiometry.

Table S4. The chemical shifts δ (ppm) for the 1:1 solution of **1a** and **G2** in $CDCl_3\text{-}CD_3OD$ (v/v, 9:1).

Protons	1a		1a+G2	$\Delta\delta=\delta_b-\delta_f$ (ppm)
	δ_f (ppm)	δ_b (ppm)		
H_b	9.12	9.07		-0.05
H_d	9.42	9.57		0.15
H_g	8.02	8.36		0.34
H_i	8.51	8.33		-0.18
H_k	8.23	8.31		0.08

5. Host-guest complexation of **1a** and **G3**

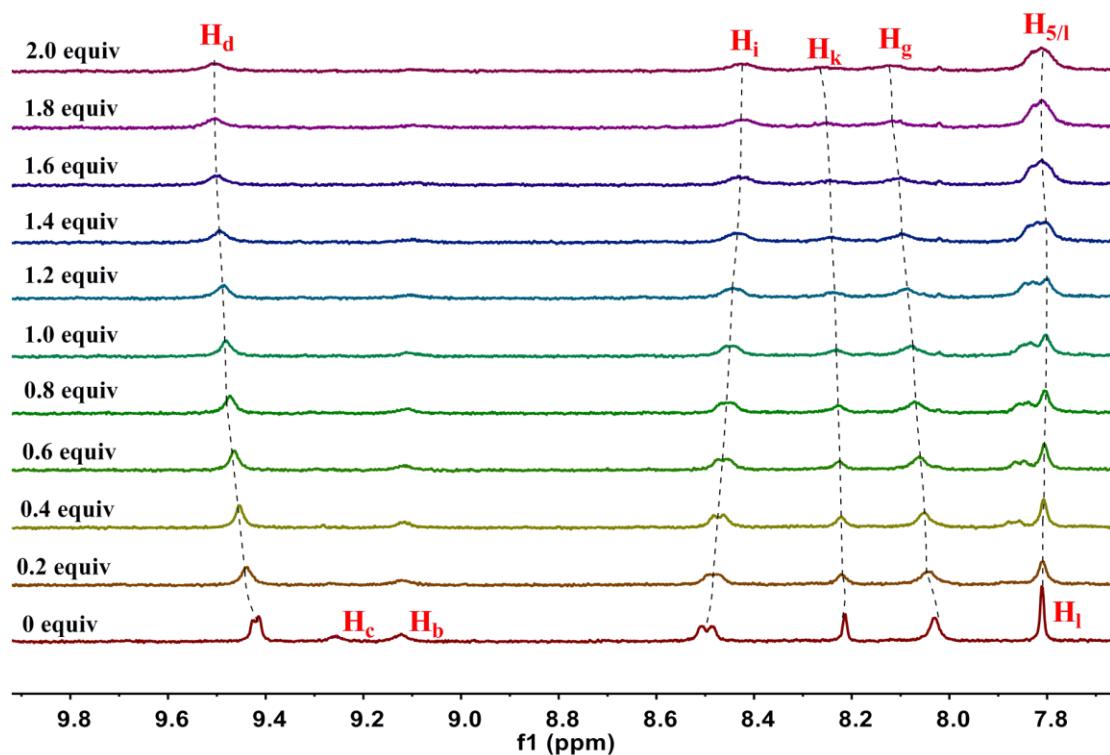
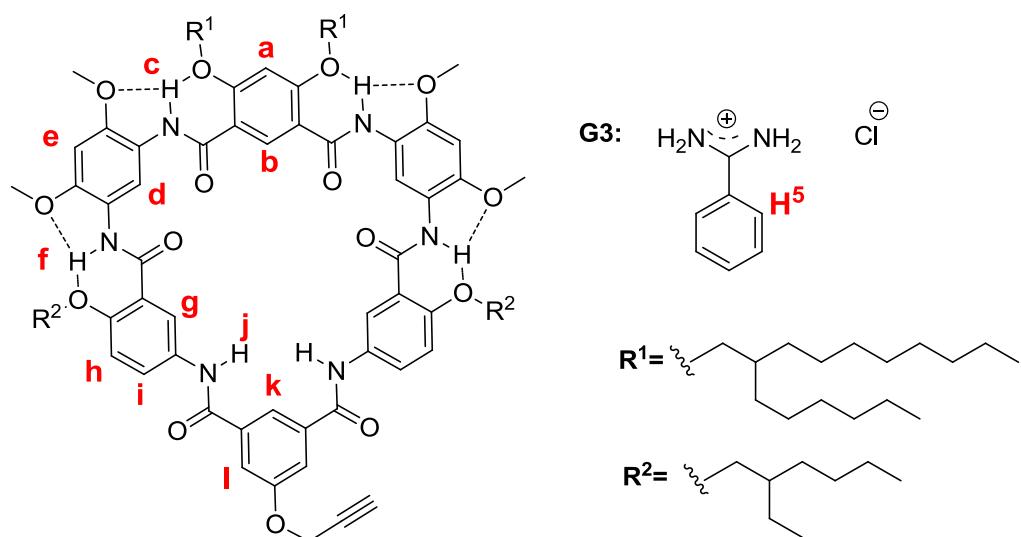


Figure S14. Partial stacked ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, 298 K) of cyclo[6]aramide **1a** (1.0 mM) titrated by **G3** (0-2.0 equiv) in $\text{CDCl}_3-\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1).

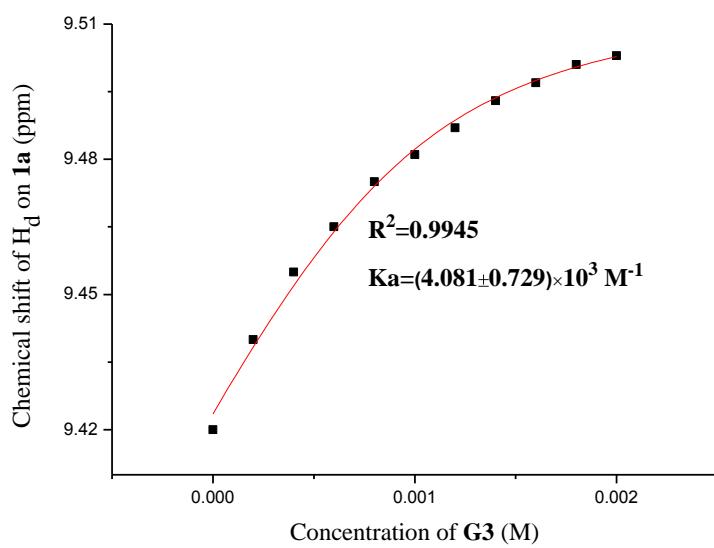


Figure S15. Determination of the binding constant of **1a•G3** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1) at 298 K. Fitting result based on H_d of **1a**.

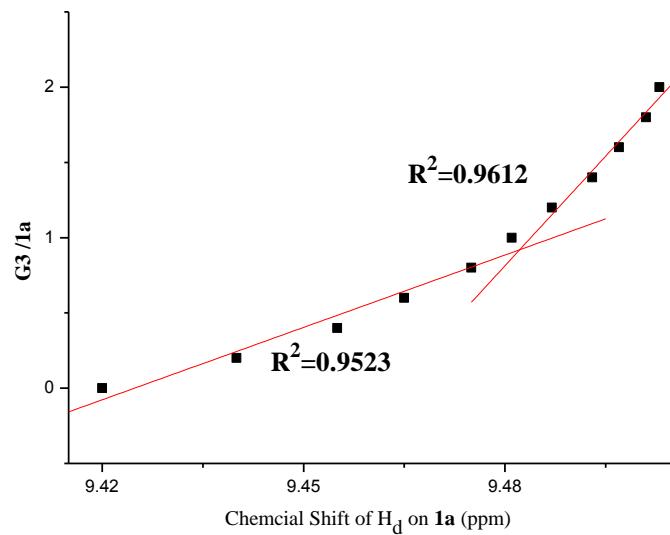


Figure S16. Mole ratio plot for the complexation between **1a** and **G3**, indicating a 1:1 stoichiometry.

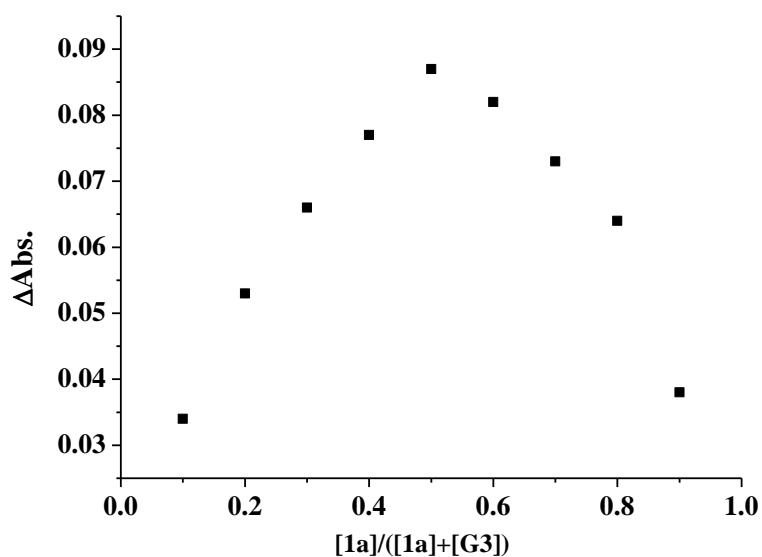


Figure S17. Job's plot for the complexation of **1a** and **G3** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1) based on the absorbance at 365 nm, indicating a 1:1 stoichiometry. The total concentration is 3×10^{-4} M.

Table S5. The chemical shifts δ (ppm) for the 1:1 solution of **1a** and **G3** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1).

Protons	1a	1a+G3	$\Delta\delta = \delta_b - \delta_f$ (ppm)
	δ_f (ppm)	δ_b (ppm)	
H _b	9.12	9.10	-0.02
H _d	9.42	9.50	0.08
H _g	8.02	8.12	0.10
H _i	8.51	8.42	-0.11
H _k	8.23	8.31	0.08

6. Host-guest complexation of **1a** and **G4**

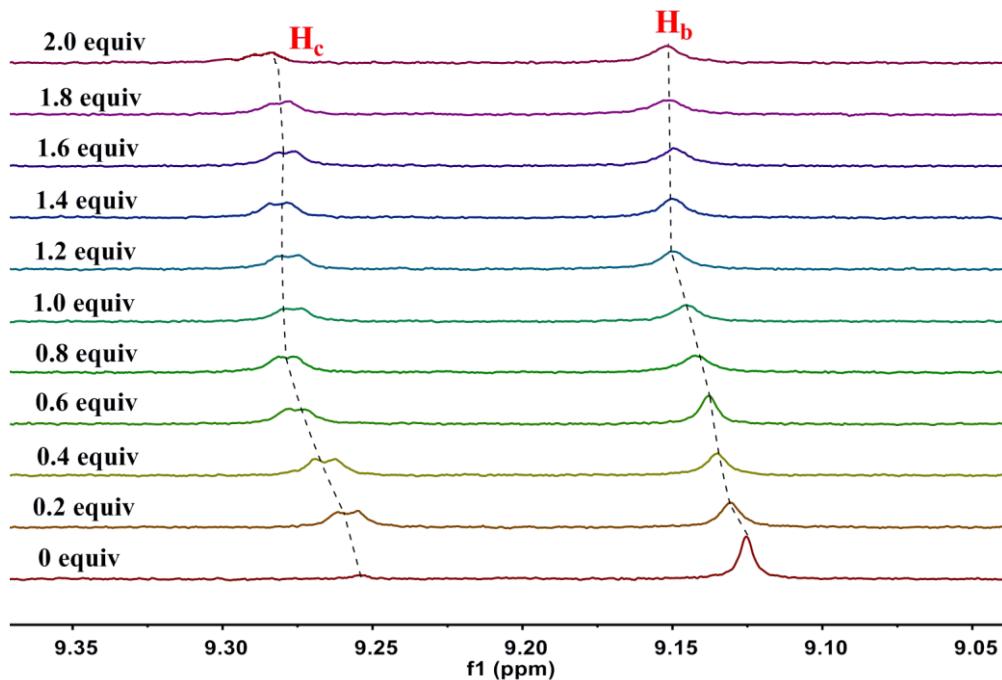
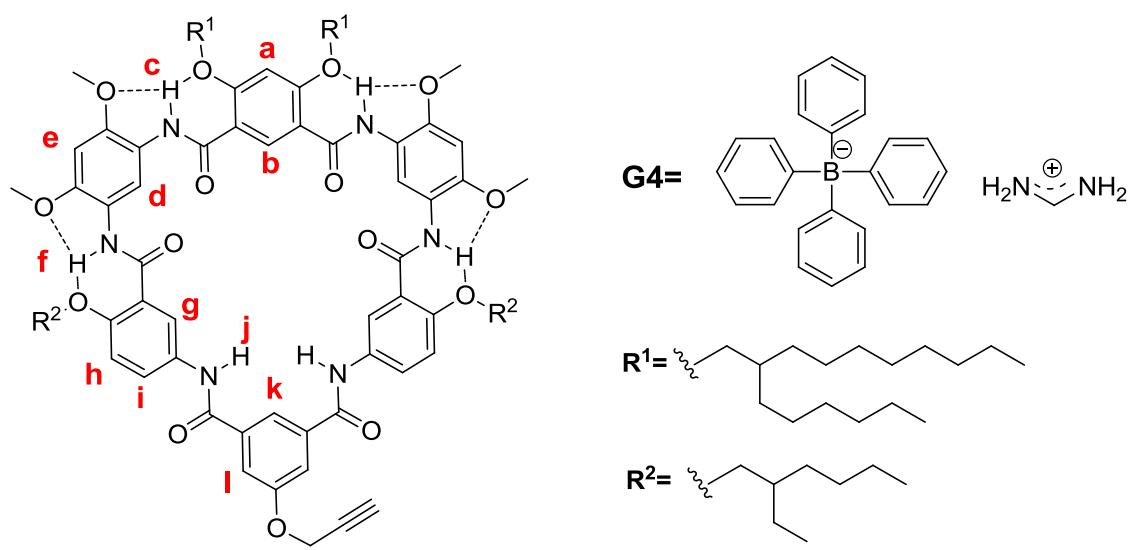


Figure S18. Partial stacked ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, 298 K) of cyclo[6]aramide **1a** (1.0 mM) titrated by **G4** (0–2.0 equiv) in $\text{CDCl}_3-\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1).

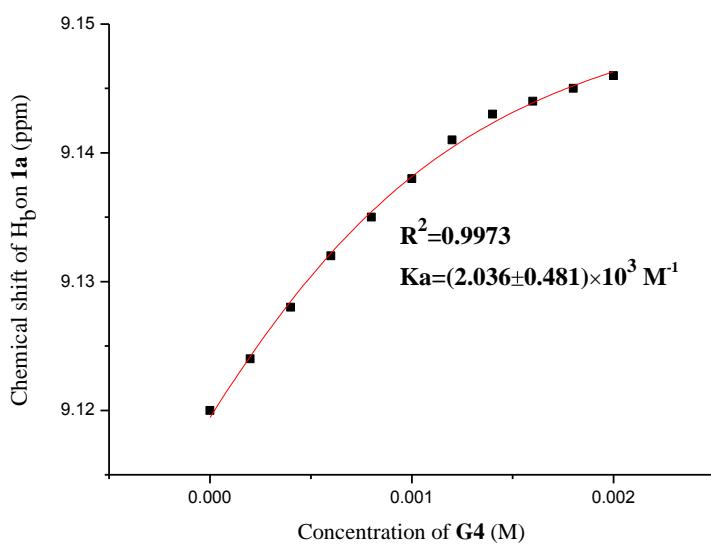


Figure S19. Determination of the binding constant of **1a•G4** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1) at 298 K. Fitting result based on H_b of **1a**.

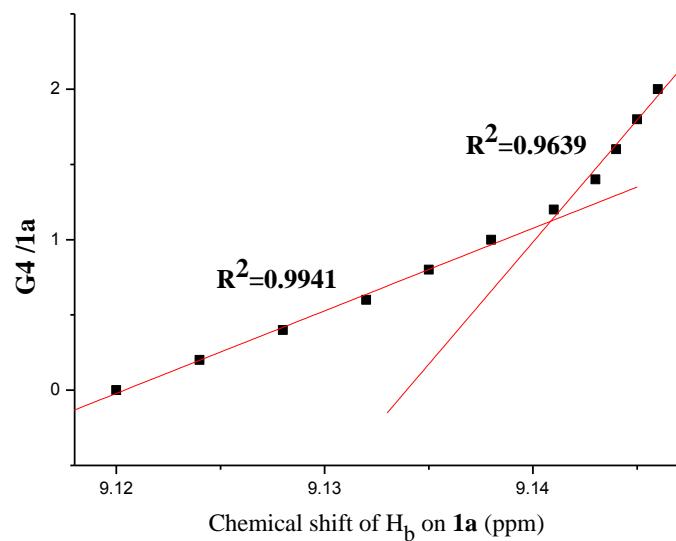


Figure S20. Mole ratio plot for the complexation between **1a** and **G4**, indicating a 1:1 stoichiometry.

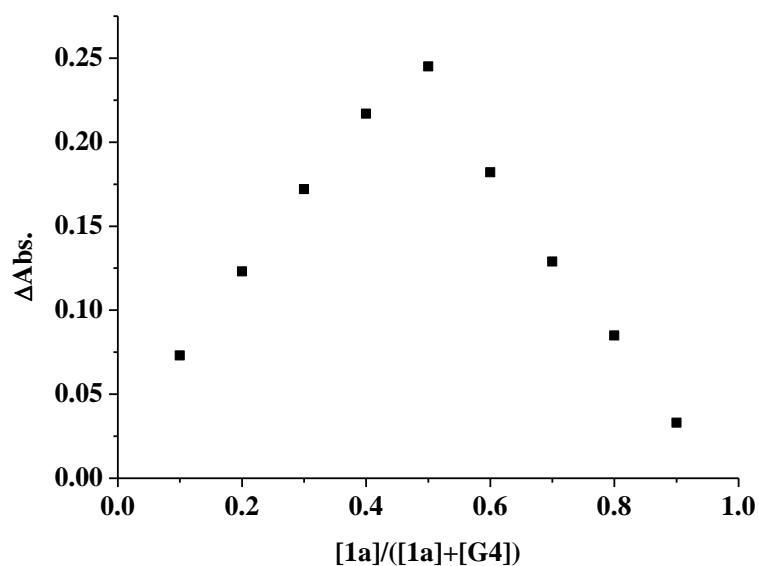


Figure S21. Job's plot for the complexation of **1a** and **G4** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1) based on the absorbance at 365 nm, indicating a 1:1 stoichiometry. The total concentration is 3×10^{-4} M.

Table S6. The chemical shifts δ (ppm) for the 1:1 solution of **1a** and **G4** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1).

Protons	1a	1a+G4	$\Delta\delta = \delta_b - \delta_f$ (ppm)
	δ_f (ppm)	δ_b (ppm)	
H _b	9.12	9.15	0.03
H _c	9.26	9.29	0.03

7. Host-guest complexation of **1a** and TBACl

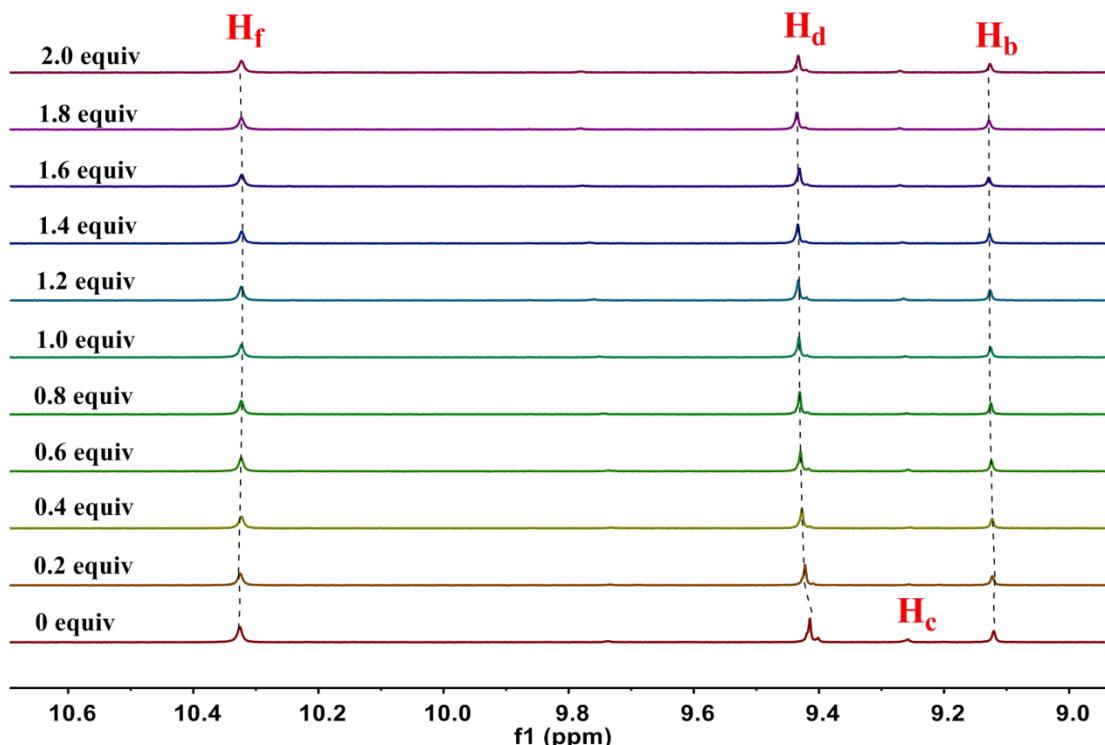
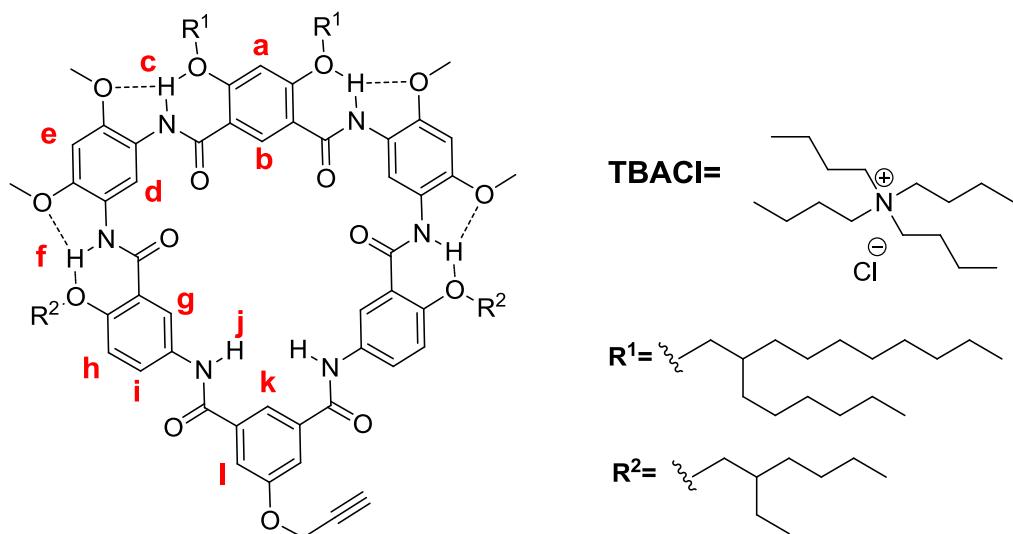


Figure S22. Partial stacked ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, 298 K) of cyclo[6]aramide **1a** (1.0 mM) titrated by TBACl (0-2.0 equiv) in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1).

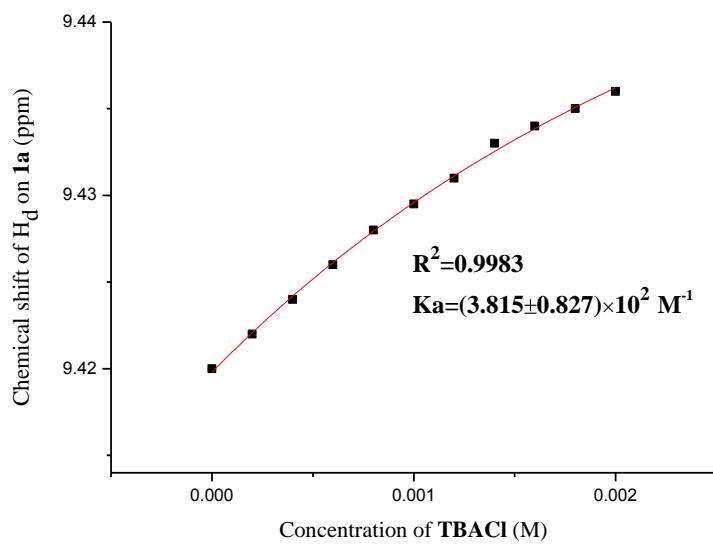


Figure S23. Determination of the binding constant of **1a•TBACl** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1) at 298 K. Fitting result based on H_d of **1a**.

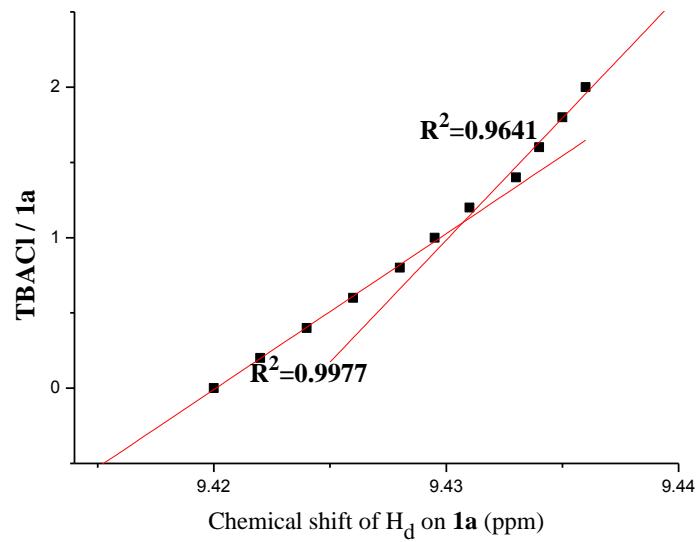


Figure S24. Mole ratio plot for the complexation between **1a** and **TBACl**, indicating a 1:1 stoichiometry.

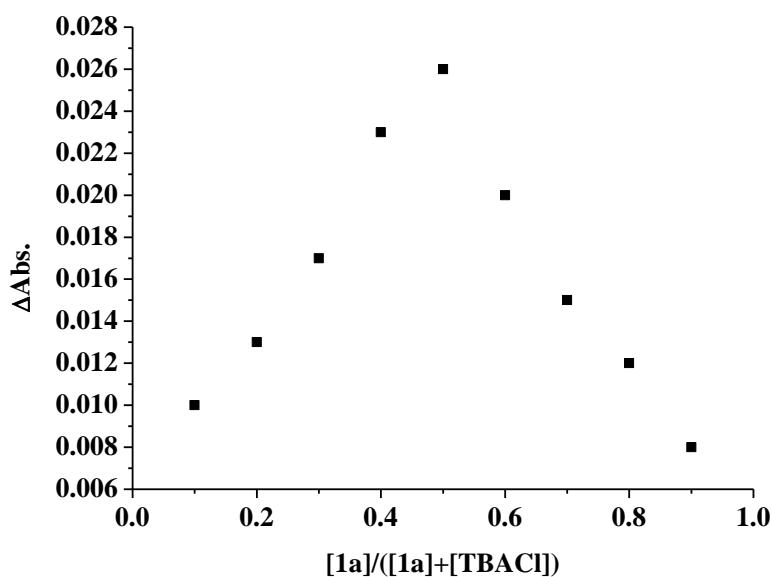


Figure S25. Job's plot for the complexation of **1a** and **TBACl** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1) based on the absorbance at 365 nm, indicating a 1:1 stoichiometry. The total concentration is 3×10^{-4} M.

Table S7. The chemical shifts δ (ppm) for the 1:1 solution of **1a** and **TBACl** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1).

Protons	1a	1a+TBACl	$\Delta\delta = \delta_b - \delta_f$ (ppm)
	δ_f (ppm)	δ_b (ppm)	
H_b	9.12	9.13	0.01
H_d	9.42	9.44	0.02

8. Host-guest complexation of **1a** and **G5**

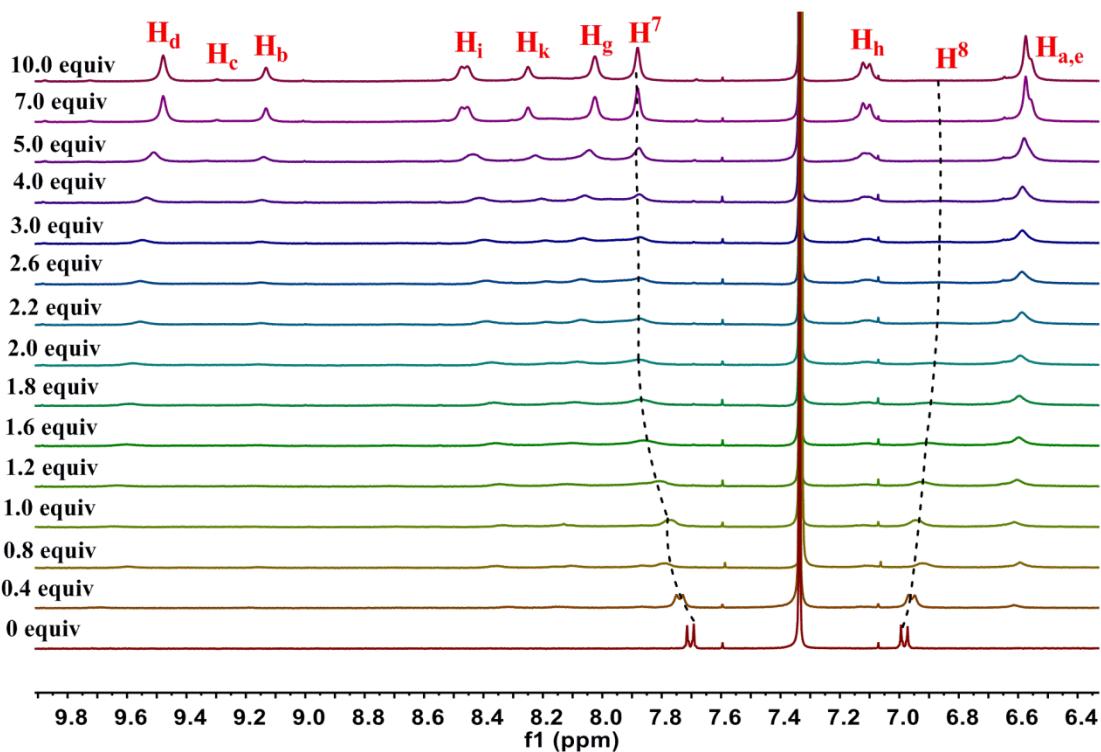
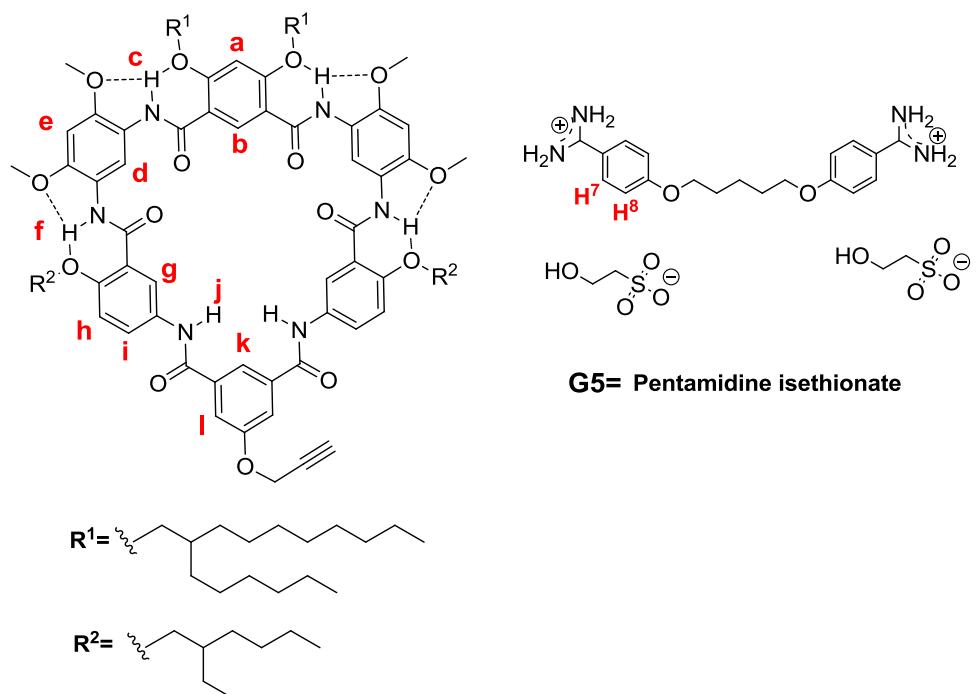


Figure S26. Partial stacked ^1H NMR spectra (400 MHz, 298 K) of **G5** (1.0 mM) titrated by cyclo[6]aramide **1a** (0-2.0 equiv) in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1).

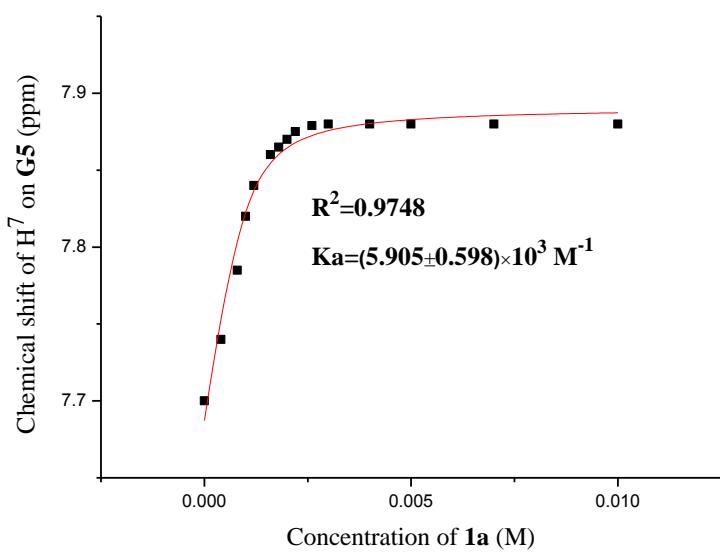


Figure S27. Determination of the binding constant of **1a•G5** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1) at 298 K. Fitting result based on H^7 of **G5**.

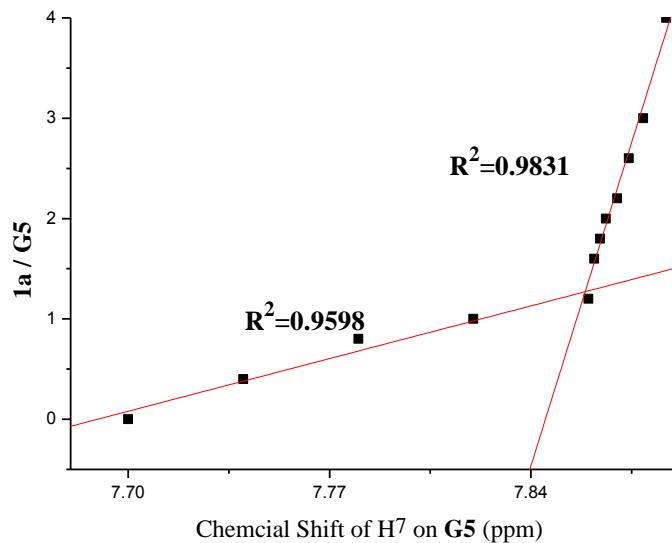


Figure S28. Mole ratio plot for the complexation between **1a** and **G5**, indicating a 1:1 stoichiometry.

Table S8. The chemical shifts δ (ppm) for the 1:1 solution of **1a** and **G5** in $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$ (v/v, 9:1).

Protons	G5	1a + G5	$\Delta\delta = \delta_b - \delta_f$ (ppm)
	δ_f (ppm)	δ_b (ppm)	
H ₇	7.69	7.88	0.18
H ₈	6.99	6.85	-0.14

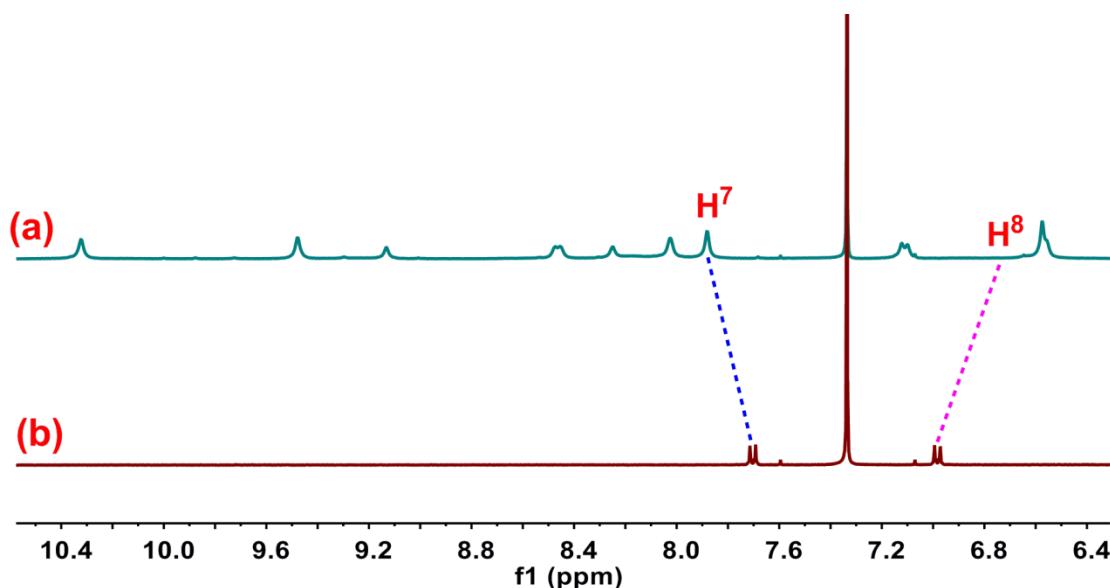


Figure S29. Partial ^1H NMR spectra (9:1, $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{OD}$, 298 K, 400 MHz) of (a) 5.0 mM cyclo[6]aramide **1a•G5**, (b) 1.0 mM **G5**.

9. HRESI-MS for complex

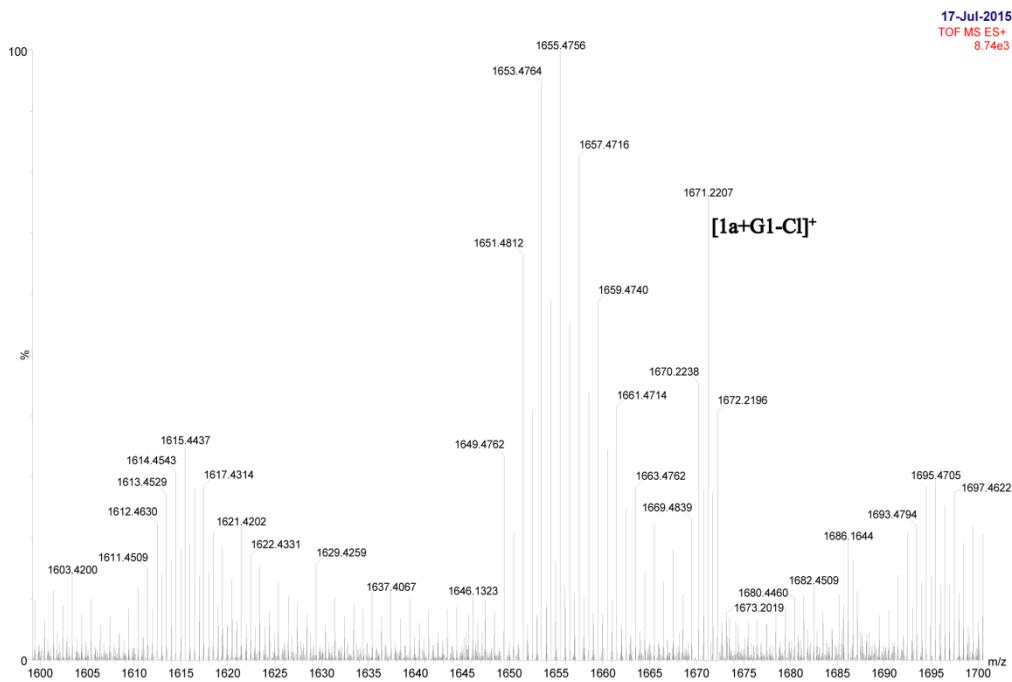


Figure S30. The HRESI-MS spectrum of an equimolar solution of **1a** and **G1** in methanol in the positive ion mode.

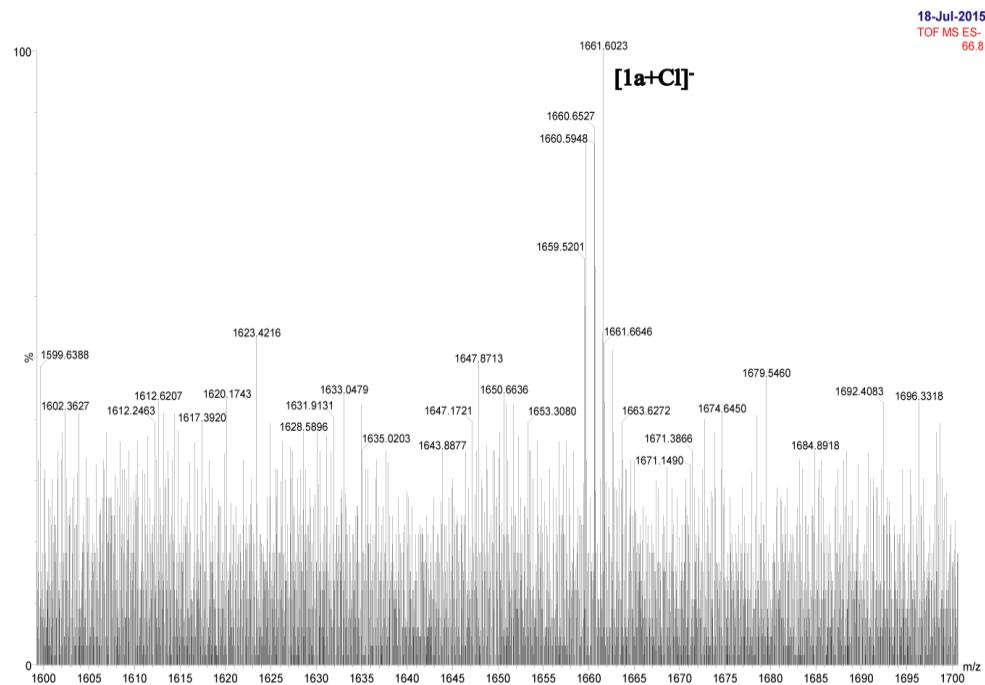


Figure S31. The HRESI-MS spectrum of an equimolar solution of **1a** and **G1** in methanol in the negative ion mode.

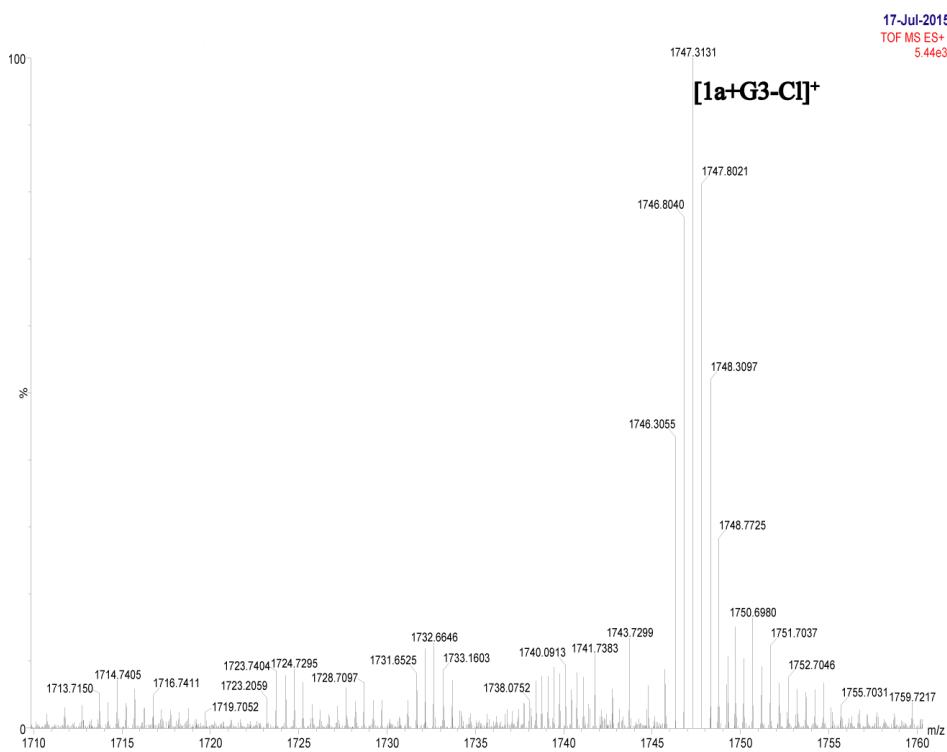


Figure S32. The HRESI-MS spectrum of an equimolar solution of **1a** and **G3** in methanol in the positive ion mode.

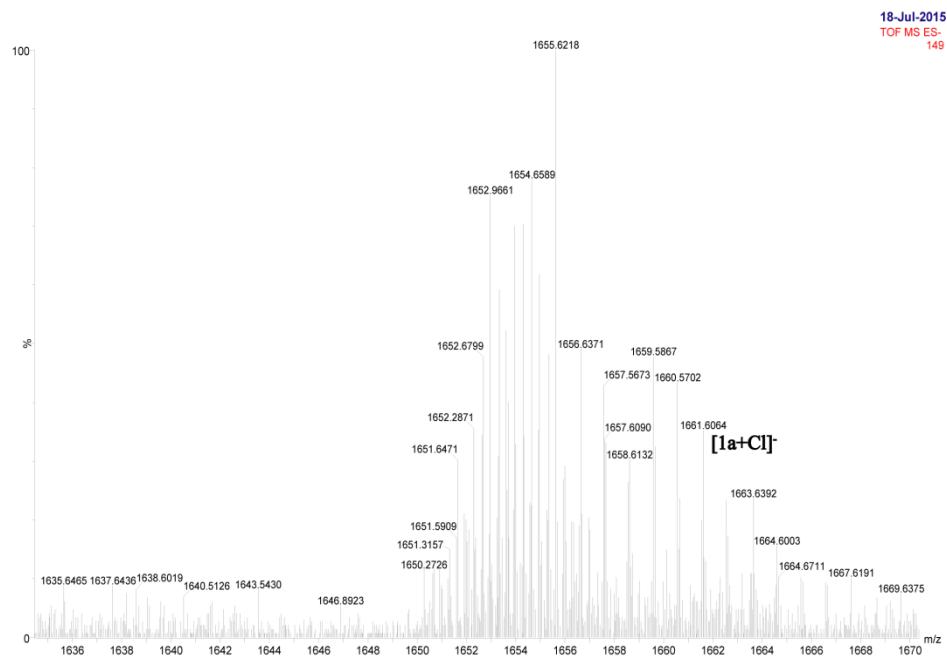


Figure S33. The HRESI-MS spectrum of an equimolar solution of **1a** and **G3** in methanol in the negative ion mode.

10. FT-IR transform infrared spectra of **1a** and **G1**, **G3**

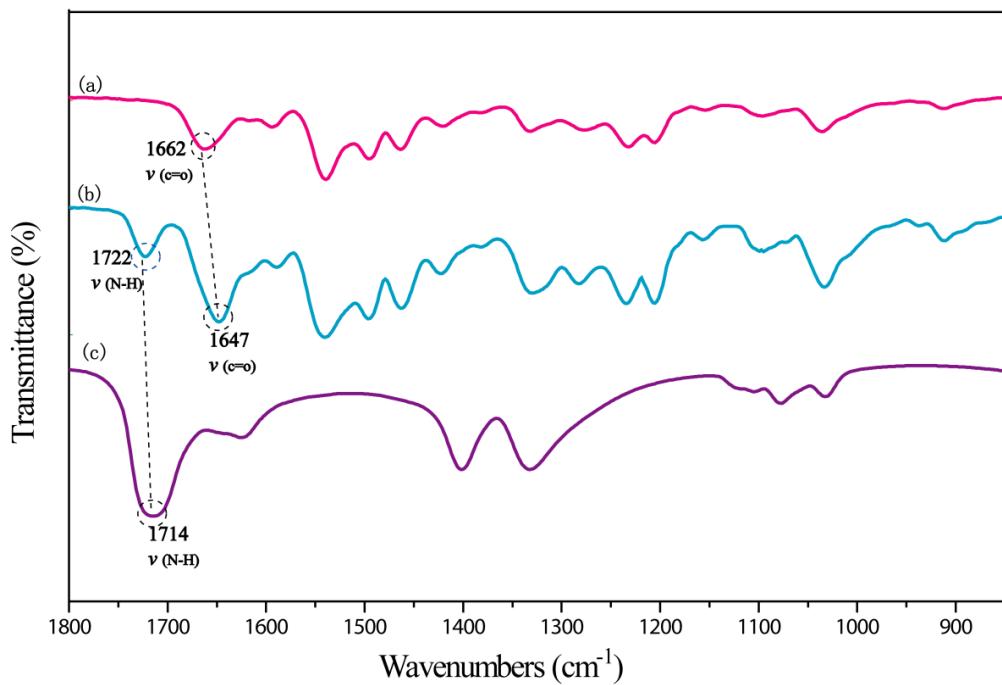


Figure S34. FT-IR transform infrared spectra of **1a** (a), complex **1a•G1** (b) and amidinium halide **G1** (c).

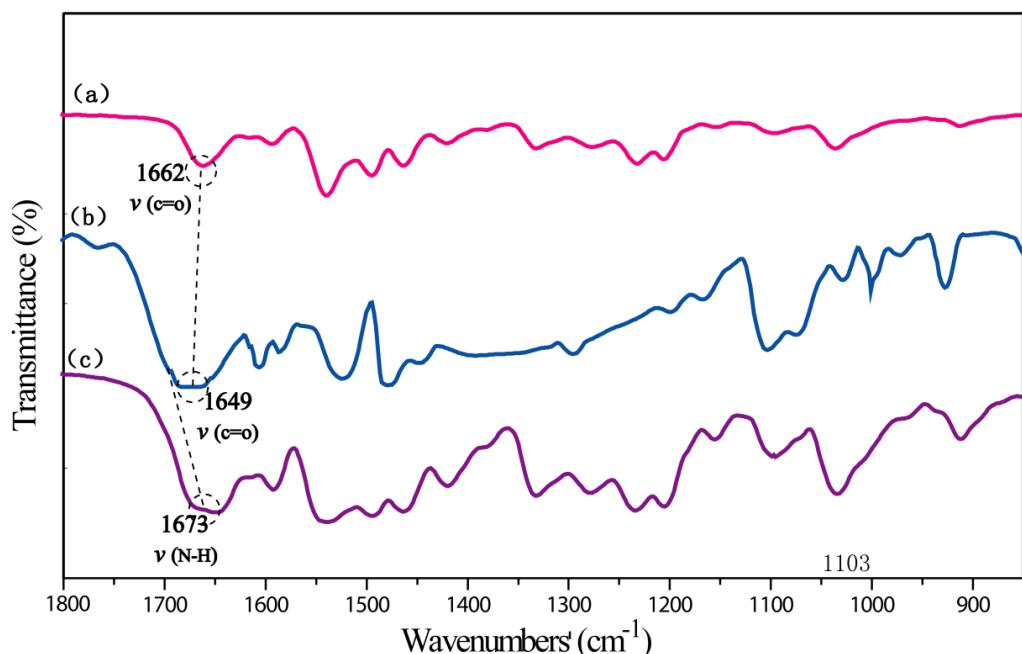


Figure S35. FT-IR transform infrared spectra of **1a** (a), complex **1a•G3** (b) and amidinium halide **G3** (c).

Table S9. The infrared wave numbers of (C=O) shifts $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ for the 1:1 solution of **1a** and **Guest** in solid.

Guest	1a	1a+Guest	
	$\nu_f(\text{cm}^{-1})$	$\nu_b(\text{cm}^{-1})$	$\Delta\nu = \nu_b - \nu_f$

	(cm ⁻¹)		
G1	1662	1647	15
G2	1662	1648	14
G3	1662	1649	13

11. 2D NOESY spectrum of **1a**•**G2**

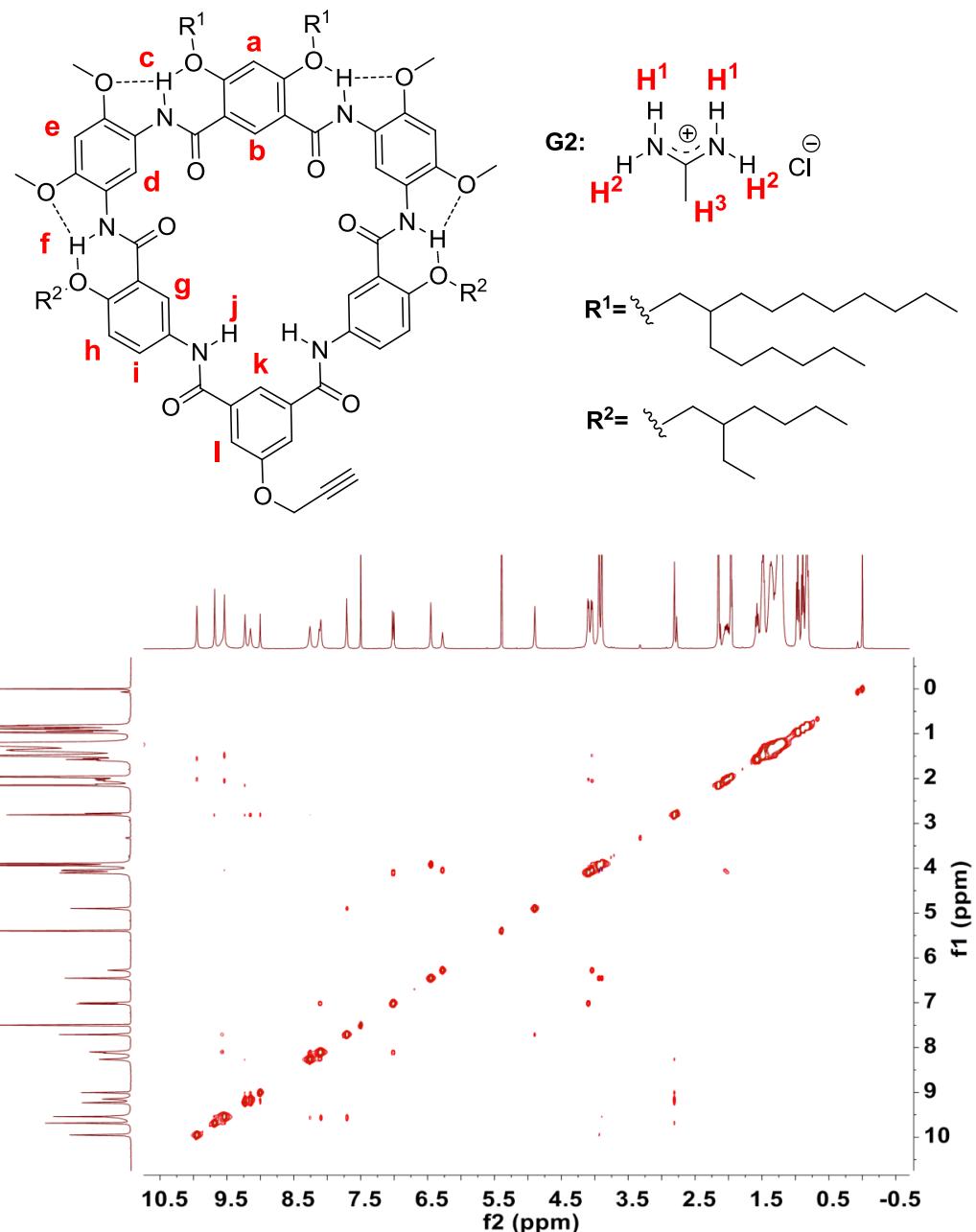


Figure S36. 2D NOESY spectrum (1:1, $\text{CDCl}_3\text{-CD}_3\text{CN}$, 400 MHz) between **1a** and **G2** (10 mM for each) at 298 K.

12. Electrical conductivity of guests and complex

The conductivity measurements were performed with a conductometer (DDSJ-308A, cell constant=1.0 cm⁻¹) with an uncertainty of 0.1%, and a dipping-type conductivity cell with platinised electrodes (DJS-1C) and under nitrogen atmosphere and at a fixed frequency of 1 MHz.^{S5} The cell constant was obtained with aqueous KCl solution (10 mM). 5 mL of solution with mixed organic solvent (1:1, CHCl₃-CH₃CN, HPLC) containing different guests or complex (5 mM) was placed in the conductivity cell and the cell was closed. The temperature of the sample was maintained at 298.15±0.03 K with circulating water from a thermostatically regulated bath (Julabo, ED) around the sample holder with double wall. The specific conductance for mixed solvent is 0.9 μS cm⁻¹.

The electrical conductivities (σ) of the guest and complex at different concentrations are given in Table S8.

Table S10. The electrical conductivity σ values were obtained in CDCl₃-CD₃CN (v/v, 1:1) at 298 K.

	Guest	1a+Guest
	$\sigma/\mu\text{S cm}^{-1}$	$\sigma/\mu\text{S cm}^{-1}$
DBACl	63.4	52.3
DBAH	594.5	568.2

13. Molecular modelling of **1b** with **G1** and **G2**

The CT complex structure **1b•G1** was optimized by the density functional theory (DFT) method at the RB3PW91/6-31G (d, p) level by employing the Gaussian09 program.^{S6}

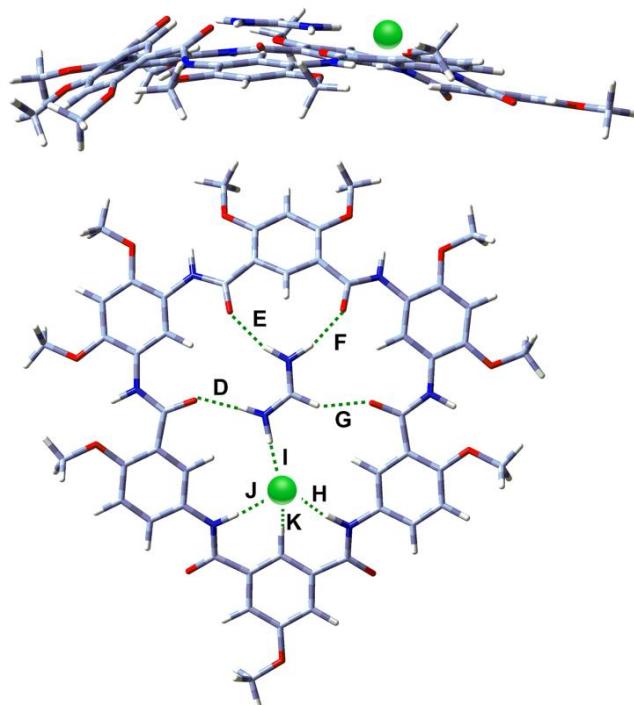


Figure S37. Side view a) and top view b) of optimized geometry of **1b•G1** at the RB3PW91/6-31G (d, p) level. The plane of **G1** is vertical to cyclo[6]aramide (gray = C, white = H, red = O and blue = N). All side chains are replaced by methyl groups for simplicity. The dashed green lines indicate intermolecular H-bonds **D-K** and with **D**= 1.888 Å, **E** = 1.965 Å, **F** = 1.889 Å, **G**= 2.311 Å, **H**= 2.283 Å, **I**= 1.982 Å, **J**= 2.308 Å and **K**= 2.464 Å.

Table S11. Atomic coordinates for the optimized structure of the complex **1b •G1**. The plane of **G1** is vertical to **1b**.

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
			X	Y	Z
1	6	0	5.049631	2.705688	-0.08548
2	6	0	3.278207	-4.69379	-0.08228
3	6	0	5.918264	3.801073	-0.17373
4	6	0	5.415647	5.080108	-0.3801
5	6	0	4.047387	5.309669	-0.49843
6	6	0	3.146827	4.224002	-0.40742
7	6	0	3.676309	2.942861	-0.2085
8	6	0	1.947588	-4.28466	-0.22712
9	6	0	0.899571	-5.1923	-0.42249
10	6	0	1.216404	-6.56782	-0.50149
11	6	0	2.539604	-6.97957	-0.36819
12	6	0	3.561887	-6.06301	-0.15587
13	6	0	1.647791	4.315255	-0.46017
14	8	0	0.954241	3.299811	-0.58081
15	7	0	1.101979	5.557154	-0.3099
16	6	0	-0.24931	5.90667	-0.19336
17	6	0	-0.48219	-4.59513	-0.47853
18	7	0	-1.52316	-5.47217	-0.32197
19	8	0	-0.64362	-3.37984	-0.60271
20	6	0	-2.88796	-5.19801	-0.1909
21	6	0	-0.53677	7.263608	0.062644
22	6	0	-1.8532	7.687647	0.236395
23	6	0	-2.90079	6.769355	0.15124
24	6	0	-2.62984	5.420123	-0.12112
25	6	0	-1.30739	5.004639	-0.28797
26	6	0	-3.45269	-3.92747	-0.2821
27	6	0	-4.82427	-3.73108	-0.1031
28	6	0	-5.65027	-4.82622	0.184095
29	6	0	-5.10234	-6.10725	0.26956
30	6	0	-3.73484	-6.29485	0.079858
31	7	0	-3.72088	4.530609	-0.12944
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33	6	0	-4.87989	2.375995	-0.29317

34	7	0	-5.41909	-2.45387	-0.10594
35	6	0	-4.91696	-1.34832	-0.70906
36	6	0	-5.49156	-0.01466	-0.32126
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38	6	0	-6.83968	1.588775	0.920196
39	6	0	-6.58428	0.271285	0.521753
40	6	0	-4.72223	1.066608	-0.72786
41	8	0	-2.79504	2.830739	-1.32208
42	8	0	-3.95464	-1.39622	-1.48208
43	8	0	-7.3608	-0.77112	0.911996
44	8	0	-6.17963	3.91264	0.949753
45	6	0	-7.24422	4.213968	1.83651
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59	7	0	5.497595	1.386575	0.103674
60	7	0	4.274356	-3.71966	0.111966
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62	8	0	5.881833	-5.06612	1.031563
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82	1	0	-5.73846	-6.95493	0.485305
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84	1	0	-6.29063	-2.35863	0.399835
85	1	0	-7.69243	1.79943	1.550405
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88	1	0	-7.14842	3.659329	2.776975
89	1	0	-8.21628	4.000558	1.377116
90	1	0	-9.19835	0.11229	1.335768
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Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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127	1	0	1.712231	0.090688	-1.36037
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129	1	0	-0.09996	-1.31575	-1.48665

The CT complex structure **1b•G2** was optimized by the density functional theory (DFT) method at the RB3PW91/6-31G (d, p) level by employing the Gaussian09 program.

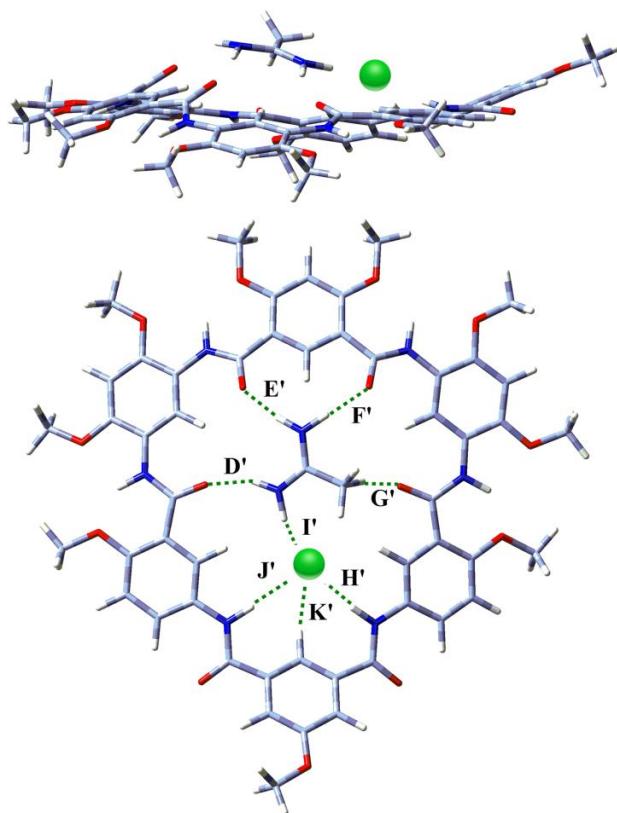


Figure S38. Side view a) and top view b) of optimized geometry of **1b•G2** at the RB3PW91/6-31G (d, p) level. The plane of **G2** is vertical to cyclo[6]aramide (gray = C, white = H, red = O and blue = N). All side chains are replaced by methyl groups for simplicity. The dashed green lines indicate intermolecular H-bonds **D'-K'** and with **D'** = 1.888 Å, **E'** = 1.965 Å, **F'** = 1.889 Å, **G'** = 2.311 Å, **H'** = 2.283 Å, **I'** = 1.982 Å, **J'** = 2.308 Å and **K'** = 2.464 Å.

Table S12. Atomic coordinates for the optimized structure of the complex **1b•G2**. The plane of **G2** is vertical to **1b**.

Center Number	Atomic Number	Atomic type	Coordinates (Angstroms)
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			X	Y	Z
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2	6	0	-3.1733	-4.67536	-0.76561
3	6	0	-6.08018	3.725325	-0.15665
4	6	0	-5.58496	5.023302	-0.1995
5	6	0	-4.21976	5.28278	-0.12764
6	6	0	-3.31208	4.205489	-0.00821
7	6	0	-3.82956	2.906012	0.037558
8	6	0	-1.85435	-4.27703	-0.51164
9	6	0	-0.76054	-5.12638	-0.71913
10	6	0	-1.00646	-6.42423	-1.2218
11	6	0	-2.3129	-6.81652	-1.497
12	6	0	-3.38753	-5.96427	-1.27385
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14	8	0	-1.12612	3.348617	0.402171
15	7	0	-1.27154	5.520262	-0.28681
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18	7	0	1.648309	-5.40717	-0.3654
19	8	0	0.704949	-3.33813	-0.15471
20	6	0	2.998537	-5.11277	-0.14908
21	6	0	0.375155	7.180058	-0.81817
22	6	0	1.698483	7.594143	-0.96546
23	6	0	2.743809	6.717056	-0.67282
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30	6	0	3.905039	-6.19394	-0.20904
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32	6	0	3.515132	3.36209	0.635787
33	6	0	4.711909	2.465265	0.529517
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35	6	0	4.776165	-1.26421	0.96657
36	6	0	5.363083	0.095699	0.711229
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43	8	0	7.584825	-0.56336	0.275912

44	8	0	6.307191	4.093483	-0.07762
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64	6	0	-6.92752	0.865756	-0.04187
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69	6	0	-8.39949	-1.01753	0.505017
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78	1	0	1.447336	-6.37127	-0.60865
79	1	0	1.914086	8.597407	-1.30694
80	1	0	0.908893	4.014635	0.249447
81	1	0	2.811365	-3.01013	0.146338
82	1	0	5.957048	-6.82161	-0.11606
83	1	0	4.448892	4.866118	-0.36646
84	1	0	6.363112	-2.1886	0.092309
85	1	0	8.026334	2.042354	-0.15372
86	1	0	3.419706	0.85876	1.007487
87	1	0	7.593976	5.555121	-0.57375

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94	1	0	7.872808	-6.19	1.000524
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100	1	0	4.003582	8.474485	-2.30395
101	1	0	4.053697	9.100523	-0.62841
102	1	0	-1.46153	9.715913	-1.73793
103	1	0	0.073193	9.890774	-0.84903
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109	1	0	-5.19068	7.619643	-1.17327
110	1	0	-5.28936	7.671107	0.61212
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124	1	0	2.220999	-0.17436	2.465473
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127	1	0	-1.08124	-1.62076	2.537491
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130	7	0	-0.74391	0.763072	1.729927
131	1	0	-0.6292	1.724567	1.414581

132	1	0	-1.64637	0.30118	1.505566
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