

Electronic Supplementary Information

**Mesoporous self-assembled nanoparticles of
biotransesterified cyclodextrins and nonlamellar lipids as
carriers of water-insoluble substances**

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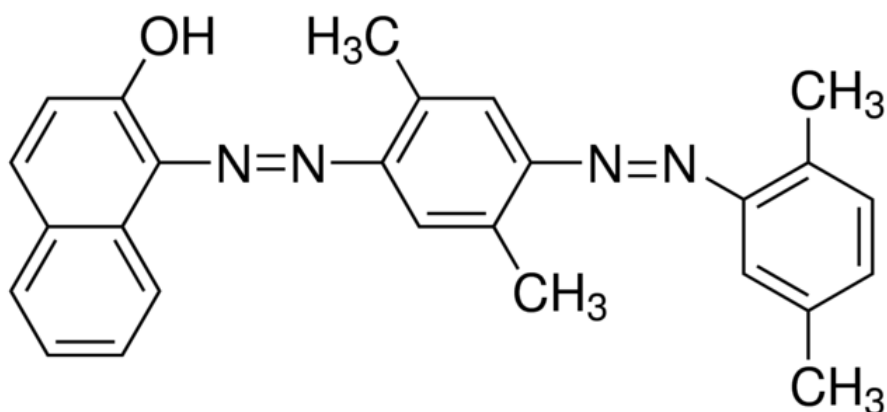
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I. Physico-chemical characteristics

Table S1. Physico-chemical properties of cyclodextrin nanocavities (from *Salústio et al.*, 2011).

	α -cyclodextrin	β -cyclodextrin	γ -cyclodextrin
Number of glucose units	6	7	8
Chemical formula	$C_{36}H_{60}O_{30}$	$C_{42}H_{70}O_{35}$	$C_{48}H_{80}O_{40}$
Molecular weight (g.mol ⁻¹)	972	1135	1297
Solubility in water (mol.L ⁻¹)	0.149	0.016	0.179
Ø nanocavity (Å)	5.7	7.8	9.5
Height of the macrocycle (Å)	7.9	7.9	7.9

Figure S1. Chemical structure of Oil red O (OR): 1-[2,5-Dimethyl-4-(2,5-dimethylphenylazo)phenylazo]-2-naphthol (MW 408.49).



II. Additional results from from cross-polarised optical microscopy

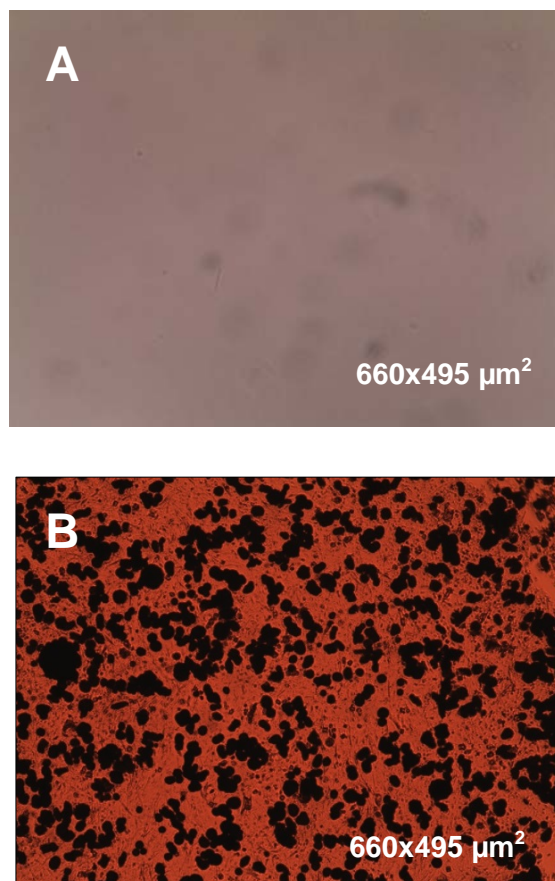


Figure S2. Cross-polarised optical microscopy (POM) images of liquid crystalline lipid membranes of monoolein (MO) containing 4 mol% β CD- n C₁₀ (A). The sample was hydrated at 25 °C in 50 wt% aqueous phase without dispersion. The isotropic texture is typical for a cubic lattice organization of a MO-based assembly. Under the microscope, the image is viewed entirely black. (B) Nondispersed MO/P80/ β CD- n C₁₀ membranes (4 mol% β CD- n C₁₀) with added 15 mol% guest hydrophobic substance Oil red (OR) with regard to the lipid constituent MO. The dye OR partitions between its solubilized state in the bicontinuous cubic membrane and in domains of phase separated OR clusters. Image sizes: 660×495 μ m². The magnification is ×10.

III. Additional results from quasi-elastic light scattering (QELS)

Figure S3. Nano-object hydrodynamic diameter measurements by quasi-elastic light scattering presented as intensity and volume distribution plots for self-assembled MO/P80 and MO/P80/ β -CD- n C₁₀ nanocarriers (4 mol% β CD- n C₁₀ deep cavitand content) produced through dispersion by 15 mol.% P80 surfactant additive with respect to the nonlamellar lipid MO: (Black plots) MO/15 mol% P80 assemblies; (Red plots) MO/15 mol% P80/4 mol% β CD- n C₁₀ assemblies. Aqueous phase: Milli Q water. Temperature is 25°C.

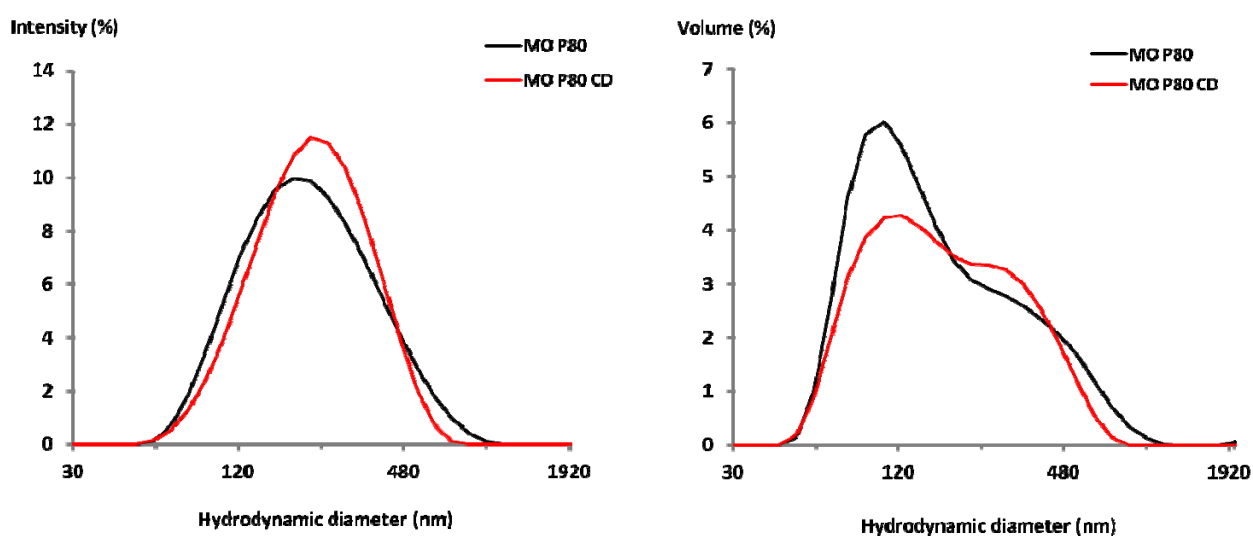


Figure S4. Determination of nano-object populations and hydrodynamic diameters [nm] through a multimodal model analysis of quasi-elastic light scattering data of self-assembled MO/P80 nanocarriers obtained upon lipid film dispersion in the presence of variable quantities of surfactant stabilizer with respect to the nonlamellar lipid MO: (a) 5 mol.% P80; (b) 10 mol.% P80; and (c) 15 mol.% P80. Aqueous phase: Milli Q water. Temperature is 25°C.

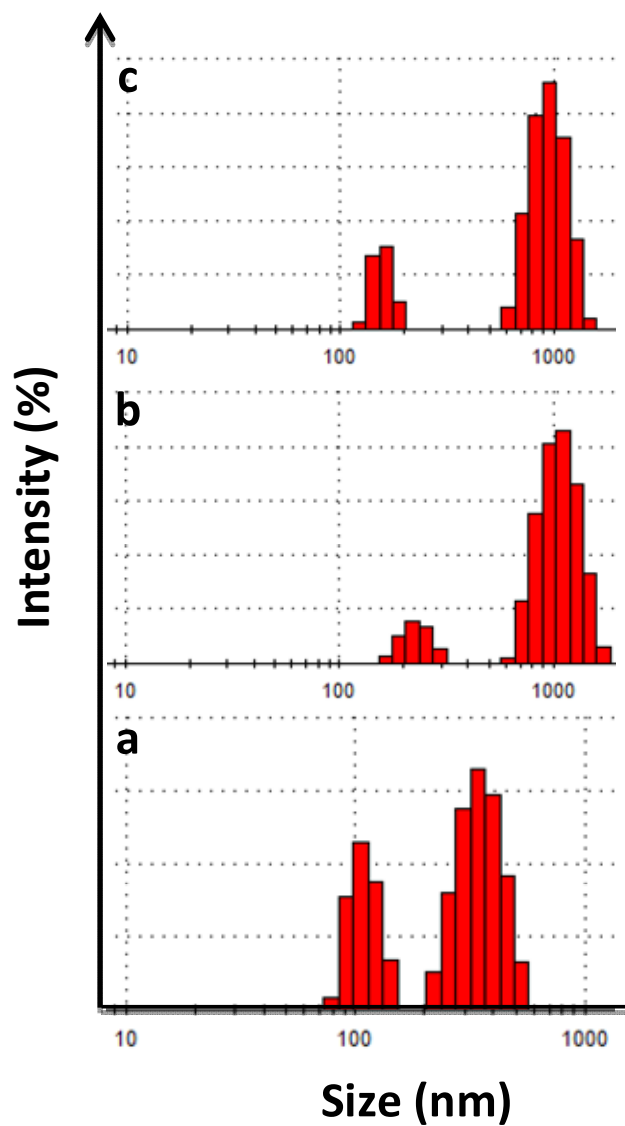


Figure S5. Determination of nano-object populations and hydrodynamic diameters [nm] through a multimodal model analysis of quasi-elastic light scattering data of self-assembled MO/P80/ β -CD-nC₁₀ nanocarriers (4 mol% β CD-nC₁₀ deep cavitand content) produced upon dispersion of a mixed amphiphilic film in the presence of variable quantities of surfactant stabilizer with respect to the nonlamellar lipid MO: (a') 5 mol.% P80; (b') 10 mol.% P80; and (c') 15 mol.% P80. Aqueous phase: Milli Q water. Temperature is 25°C.

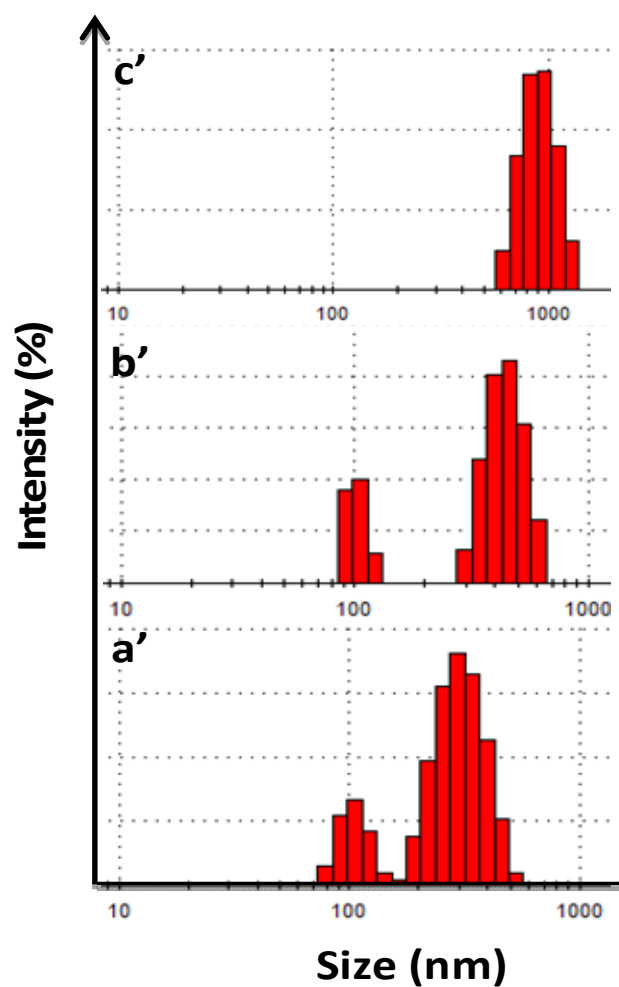


Figure S6. Nano-object hydrodynamic diameter measurements by quasi-elastic light scattering presented as intensity and volume distribution plots for self-assembled MO/5 mol% P80 and MO/5 mol% P80/ β -CD- n C₁₀ nanocarriers (4 mol% β CD- n C₁₀ deep cavitand content) encapsulating variable quantities of hydrophobic guest substance Oil red: 0 mol% (black plots), 0.5 mol% (red plots), 1 mol% (blue plots), 1.5 mol% (purple plots) and 2 mol% OR dye (green plots). Aqueous phase: Milli Q water. Temperature is 25°C.

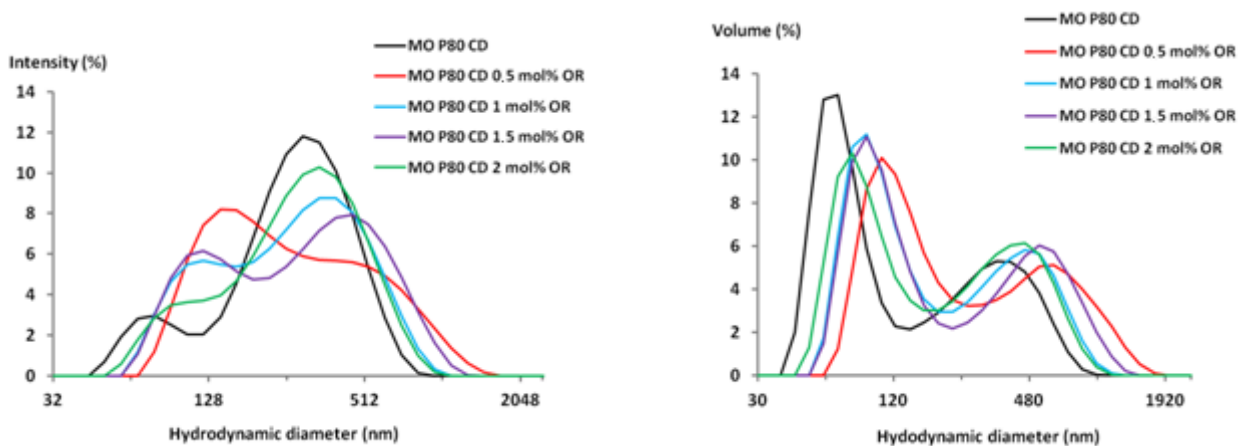


Figure S7. Determination of nano-object populations and hydrodynamic diameters [nm] through a multimodal model analysis of quasi-elastic light scattering data of self-assembled MO/5 mol% P80/OR nanocarriers produced upon dispersion of a mixed amphiphilic film encapsulating (a) 0 mol%; (b) 0.5 mol%; (c) 1 mol%; (d) 1.5 mol%, and (e) 2 mol% guest OR dye with respect to the lipid MO. Aqueous phase: Milli Q water. Temperature is 25°C.

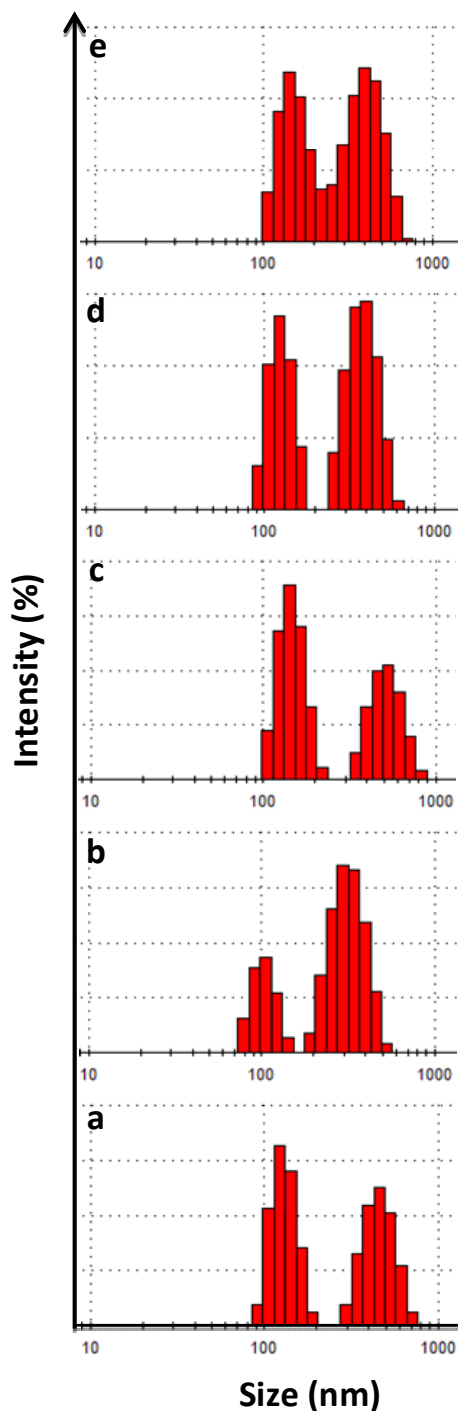
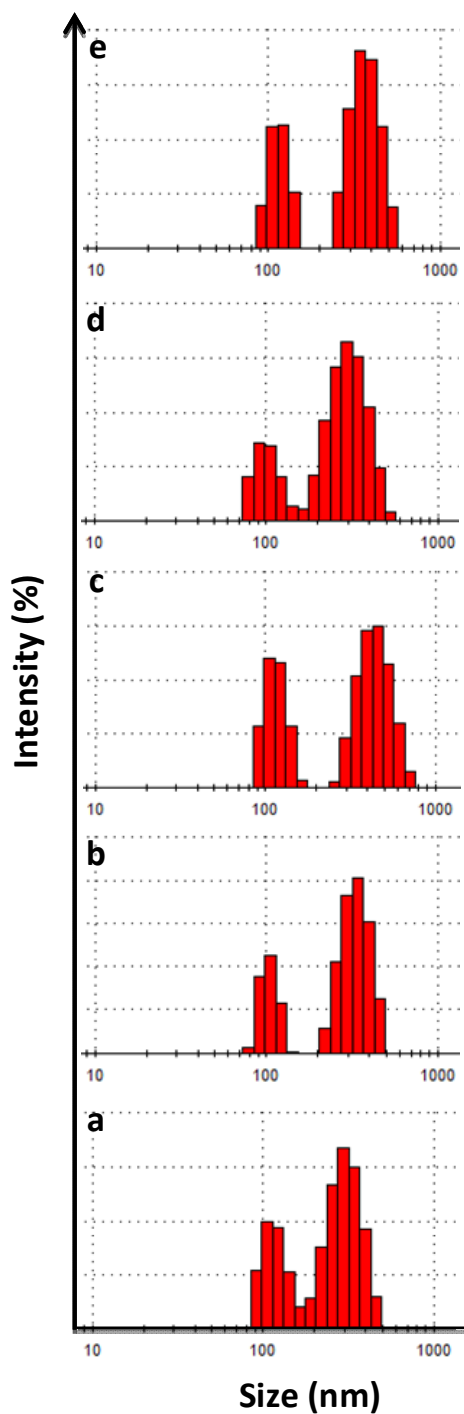


Figure S8. Determination of nano-object populations and hydrodynamic diameters [nm] through a multimodal model analysis of quasi-elastic light scattering data of self-assembled MO/5 mol% P80/ β -CD-nC₁₀/OR nanocarriers (4 mol% β CD-nC₁₀ deep cavitated content) produced upon dispersion of a mixed film encapsulating (a) 0 mol%; (b) 0.5 mol%; (c) 1 mol%; (d) 1.5 mol%, and (e) 2 mol% guest OR dye with respect to the lipid MO. Aqueous phase: Milli Q water. Temperature is 25°C.



IV. Additional results from UV-Visible spectroscopy and optical density measurements

Figure S9. (Top) Optical density *versus* concentration curves of oil red (OR) dissolved in ethanol solvent. (Bottom) Standard plot for determination of the molar extinction coefficient of OR ($\epsilon=26994 \text{ L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$) at $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 516 \text{ nm}$.

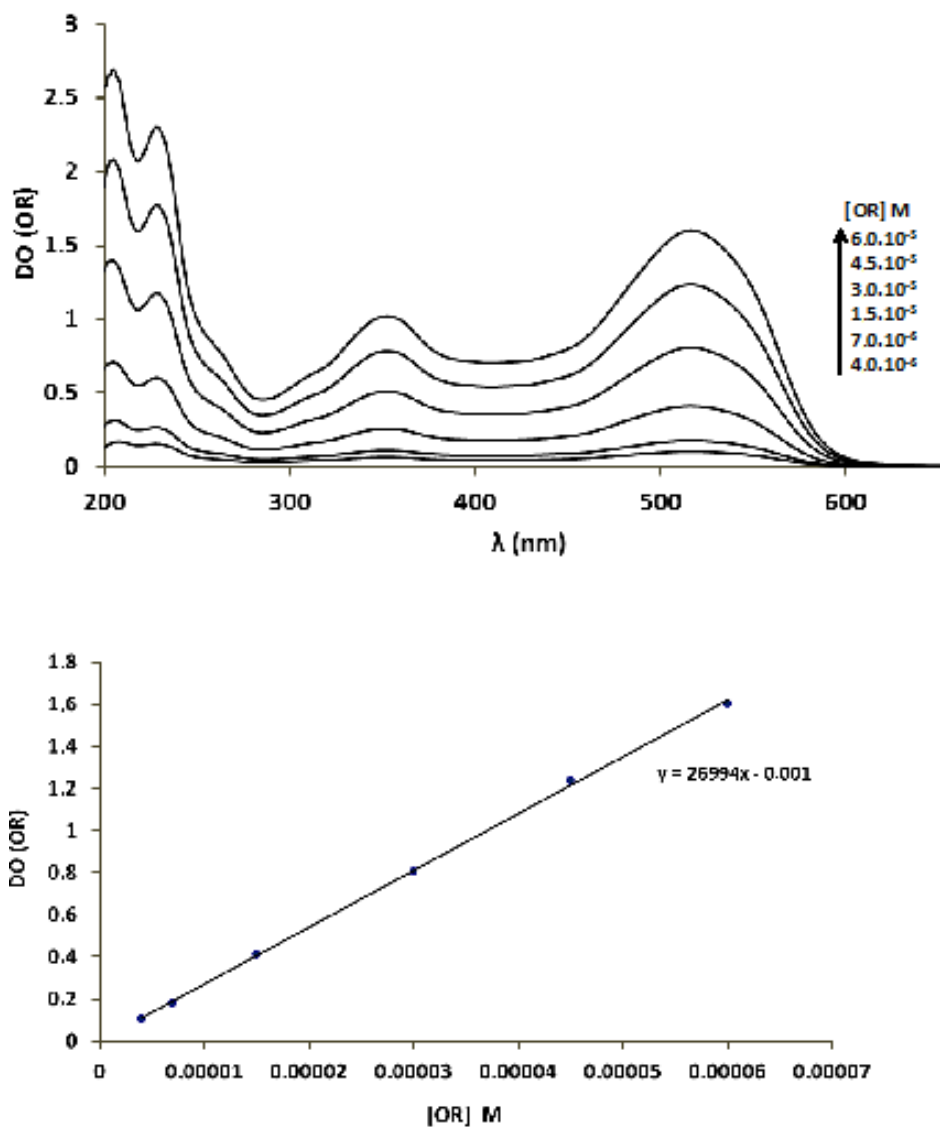


Figure S10. UV-Vis spectra of OR measured after dissolution of the nanocarrier formulations (100 μL) in ethanol solvent. The MO/P80 and MO/P80/ $\beta\text{CD-nC}_{10}$ carriers were studied at different OR loadings and $[\text{OR}]_{\text{nano}}$ was defined as the concentration of nanoencapsulated OR in the aqueous dispersions of nanocarriers. Standard calibration plot (absorbance *versus* OR concentration) was used for quantification of the nanoencapsulated OR in MO/P80 and MO/P80/ $\beta\text{CD-nC}_{10}$ prepared from mixed films containing 0.5, 1.0, 1.5 and 2 mol% OR with respect to the nonlamellar lipid MO. Temperature is 25 $^{\circ}\text{C}$.

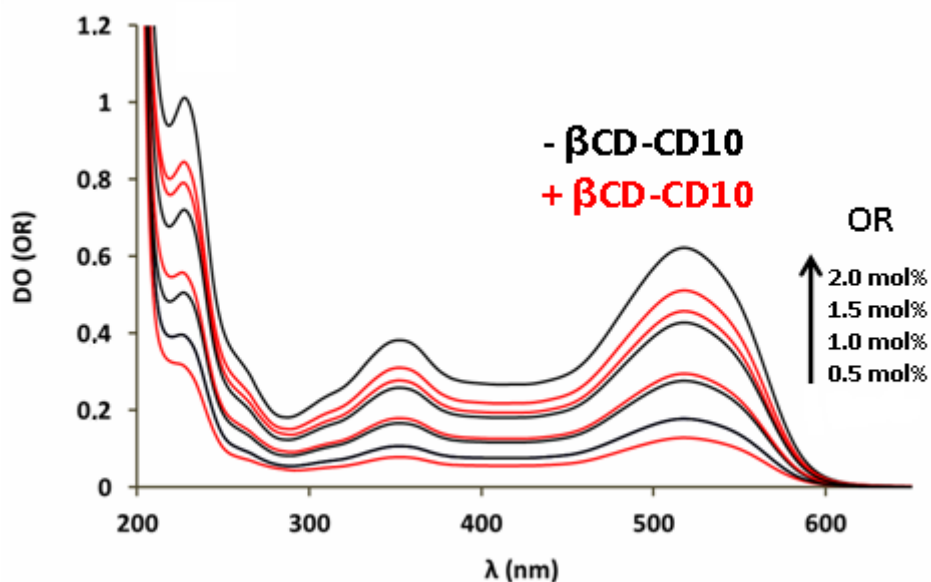
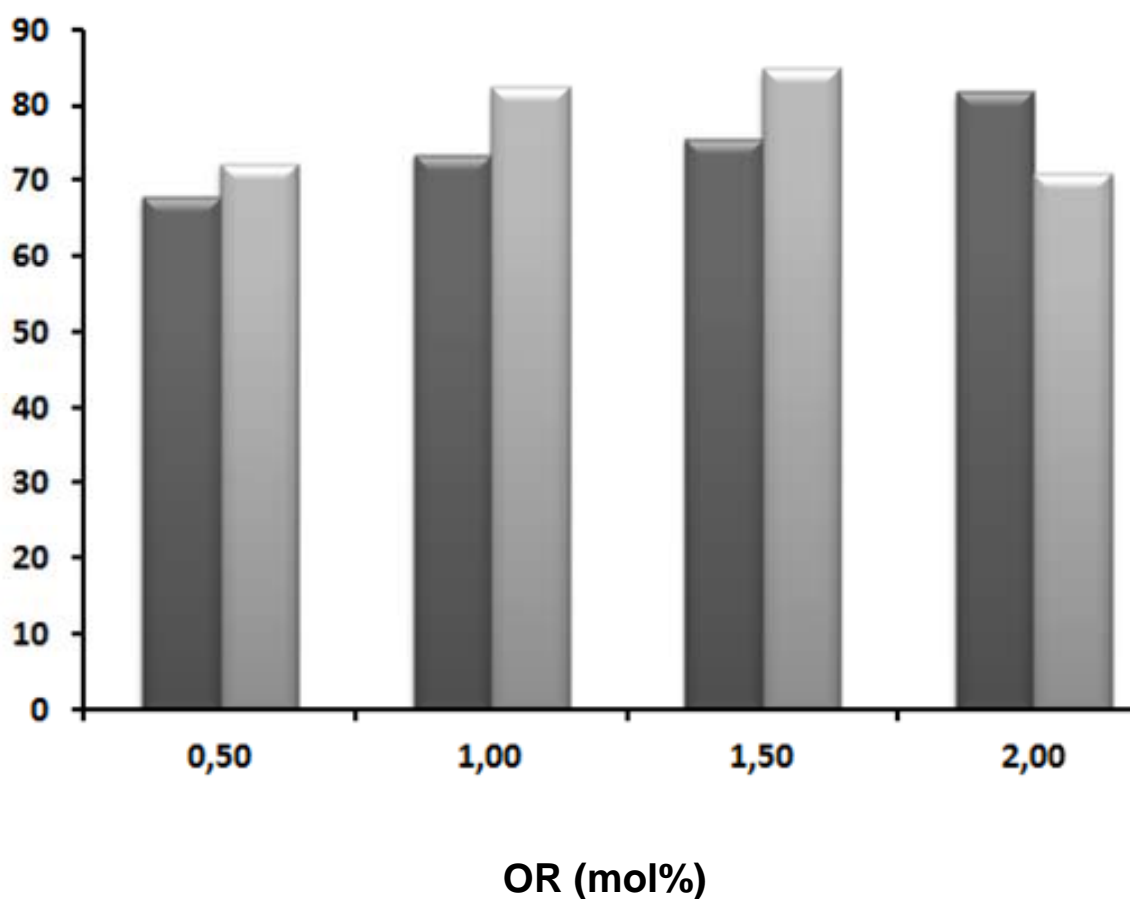


Figure S11. Encapsulation efficiency of Oil red (OR) in MO/5 mol% P80 assemblies (dark grey plots) and in MO/5 mol% P80/ β -CD-nC₁₀/OR nanocarriers (at 4 mol% β CD-nC₁₀ deep cavitand content) (light grey plots) *versus* the molar percentage of the model nanodrug OR. The corresponding analytical determinations of the optical densities were done at a wavelength $\lambda = 524$ nm using standard curves OD *versus* OR concentration. The molar percentages of OR were calculated as [number of moles of OR] \times 100 / [total number of moles of substances present in the amphiphilic system] (%).

Encapsulation efficiency (%)



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