

# Binding of alkyl halides in water-soluble cavitands with urea rims

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**Instrumentation.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were obtained at 600 MHz on a Bruker DRX-600 spectrometer equipped with a 5 mm DCH cryoprobe. Spectra were recorded at 298 K unless otherwise stated. Chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million ( $\delta$  scale) with respect to tetramethylsilane and are referenced to the proton signal of residual, non-deuterated solvent [ $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ :  $\delta$  4.79 for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR; ] for  $^1\text{H}$  NMR.

**Materials.** All reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers.

**A general statement.** The orientations of the tumbling guests were calculated from the percent of the maximum  $\Delta\delta$  that the observed  $\text{CH}_3$  signals represent. For example, the  $\text{CH}_3$  of the 1-chlorohexane appears at  $\Delta\delta = -3.9$  ppm (binding with cavitand **2**) which represents 80 % of the maximum  $\Delta\delta$  of -4.8 ppm ( $\text{CH}_3$  is down and at the bottom of cavitand **2**) with 20% of  $\Delta\delta$  of -0.4 ppm ( $\text{CH}_3$  is up and near the rim).

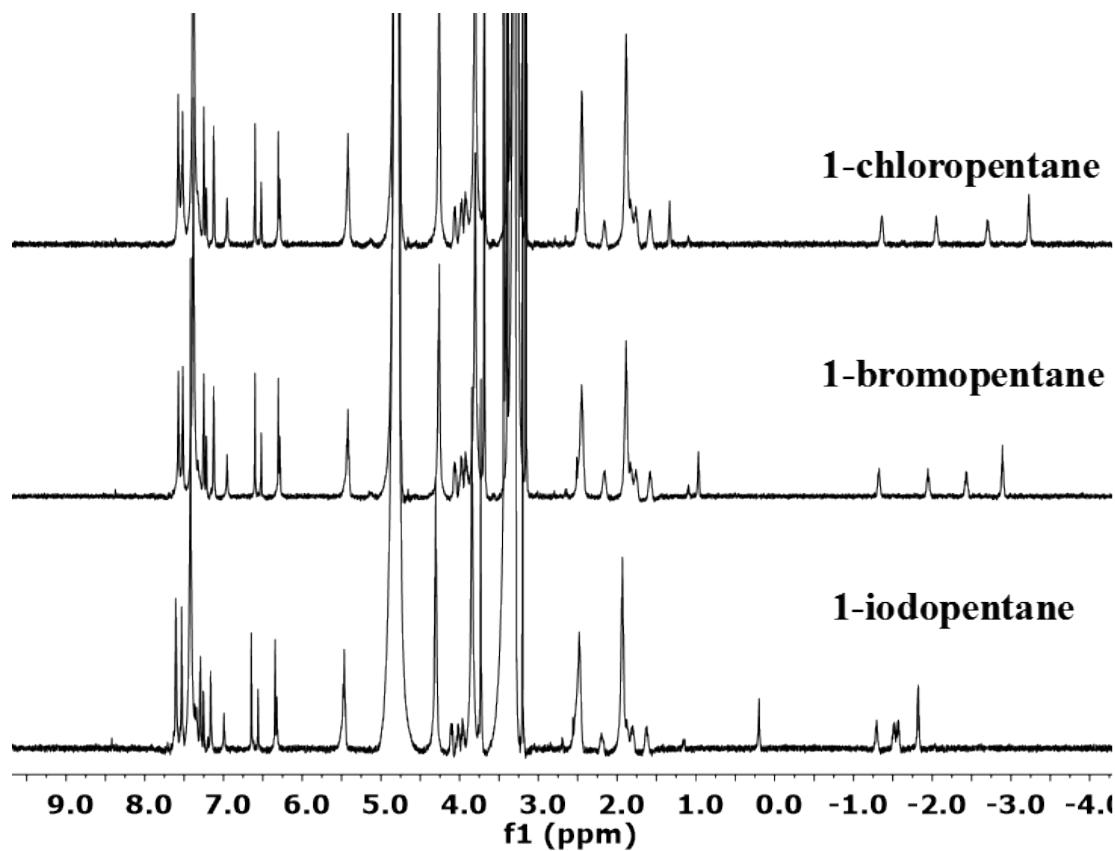


Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (600MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 298K) of cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-chloropentane (0.5 mM), cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-bromopentane (0.5 mM), cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-iodopentane (0.5 mM).

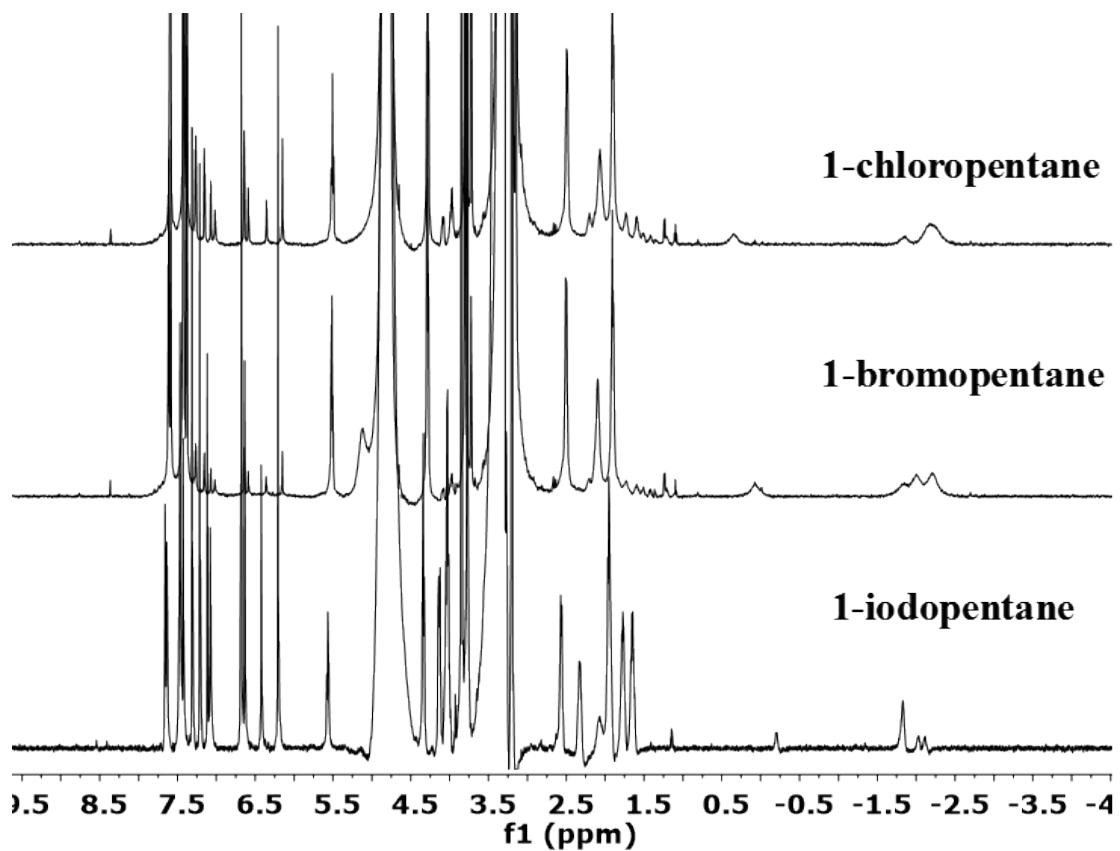


Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, 298K) of cavitand **3** (1.0 mM) + 1-chloropentane (0.5 mM), cavitand **3** (1.0 mM) + 1-bromopentane (0.5 mM), cavitand **3** (1.0 mM) + 1-iodopentane (0.5 mM).

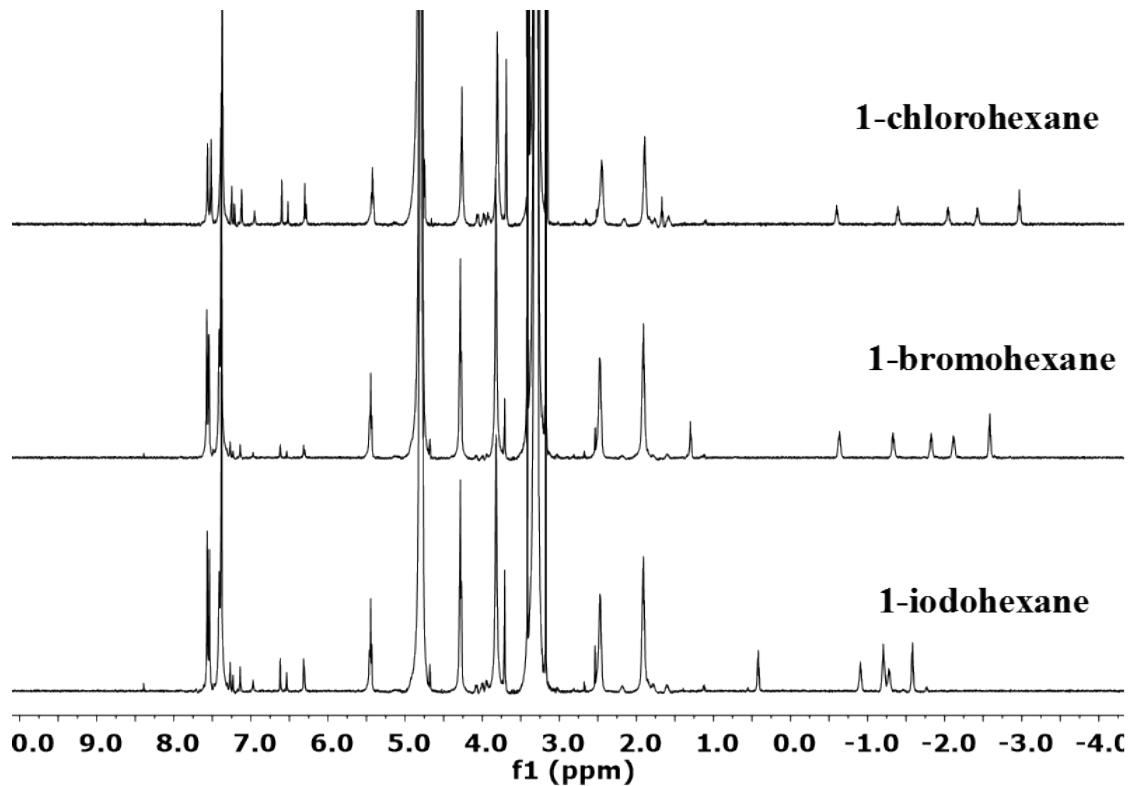


Figure S3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (600MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 298K) of cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-chlorohexane (0.5 mM), cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-bromohexane (0.5 mM), cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-iodohexane (0.5 mM).

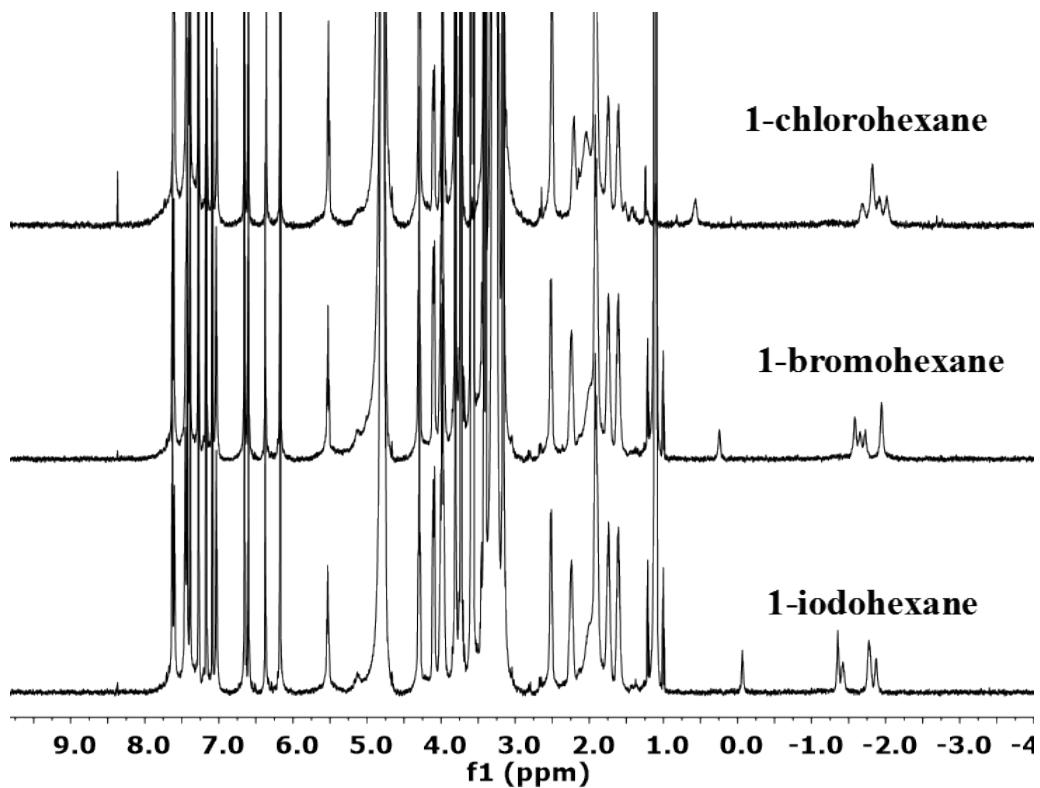


Figure S4.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (600MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 298K) of cavitand **3** (1.0 mM) + 1-chlorohexane (0.5 mM), cavitand **3** (1.0 mM) + 1-bromohexane (0.5 mM), cavitand **3** (1.0 mM) + 1-iodohexane (0.5 mM).

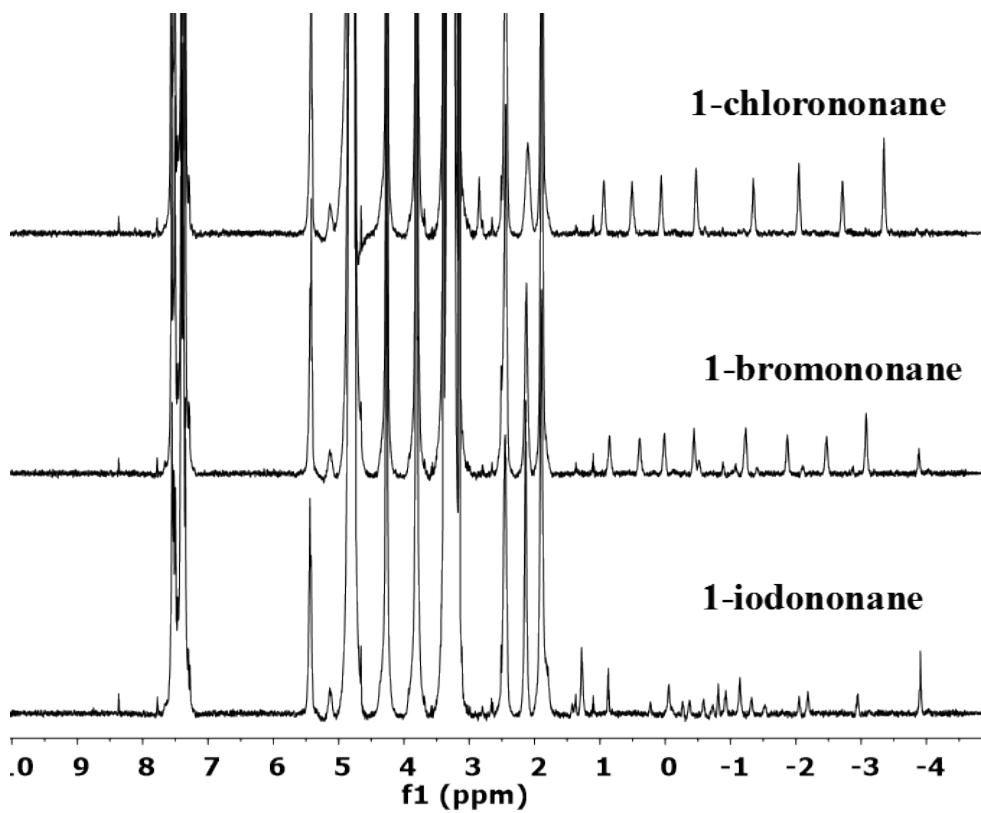


Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, 298K) of cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-chlorononane (0.5 mM) (2:1), cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-bromononane (0.5 mM) (2:1), cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-iodononane (0.5 mM) (2:1).

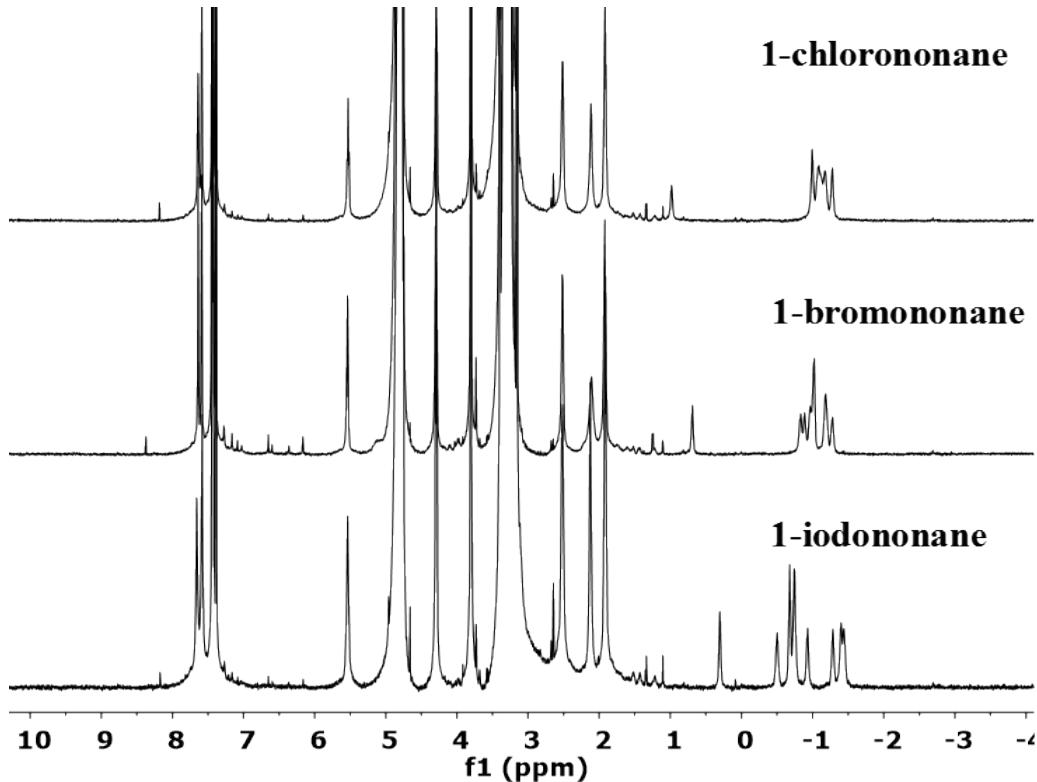


Figure S6.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (600MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 298K) of cavitand **3** (1.0 mM) + 1-chlorononane (0.5 mM), cavitand **3** (1.0 mM) + 1-bromononane (0.5 mM), cavitand **3** (1.0 mM) + 1-iodononane (0.5 mM).

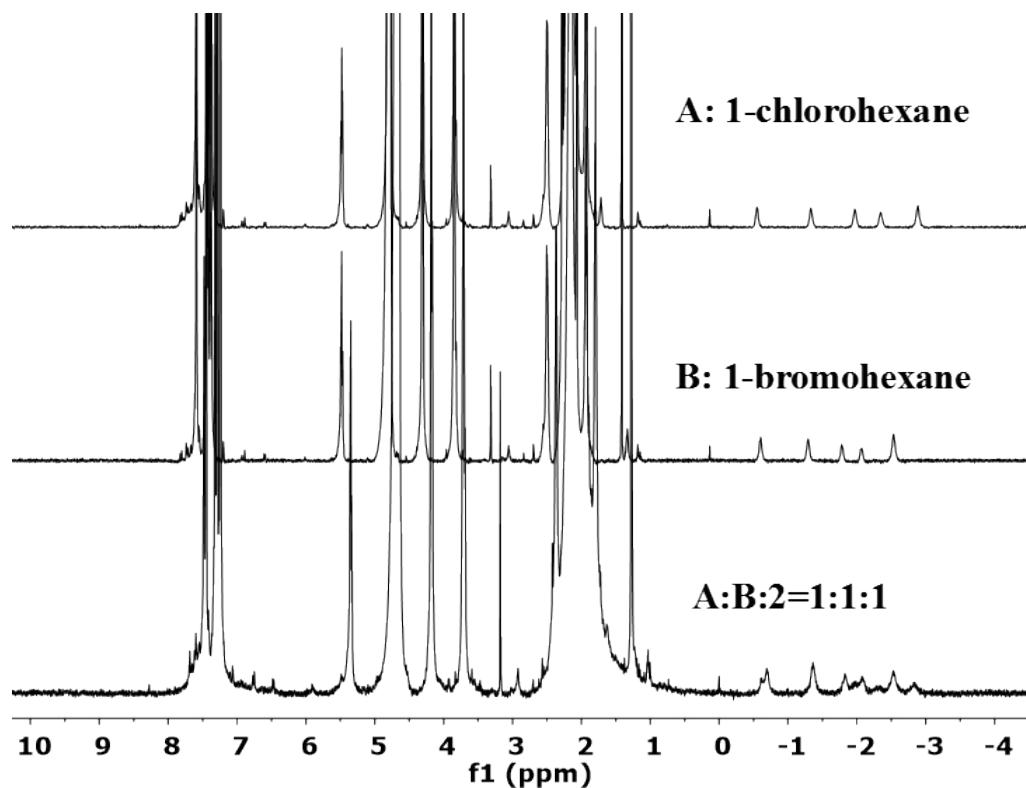


Figure S7.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (600MHz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 298K) of cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-chlorohexane (1.0 mM) (1:1), cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-bromohexane (1.0 mM) (1:1), cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-chlorohexane (1.0 mM) + 1-bromohexane (1.0 mM) (1:1:1).

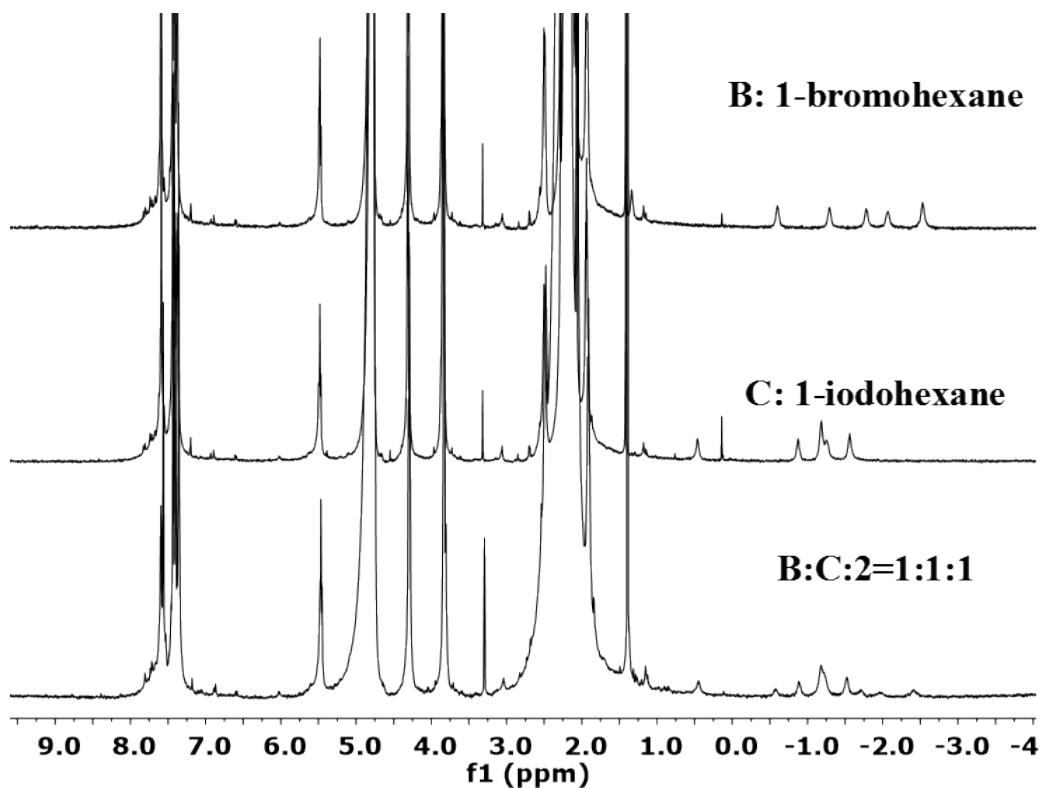


Figure S8. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, 298K) of cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-bromohexane (1.0 mM) (1:1), cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-iodohexane (1.0 mM) (1:1), cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-bromohexane (1.0 mM) + 1-iodohexane (1.0 mM) (1:1:1).

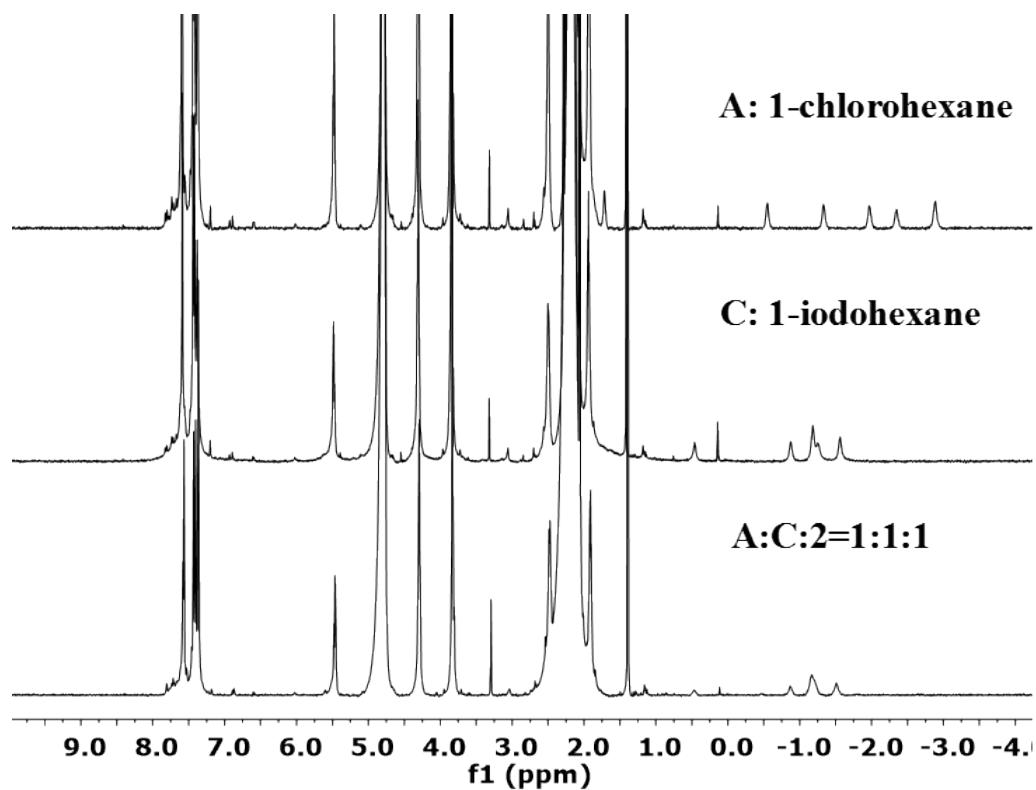


Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, 298K) of cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-chlorohexane (1.0 mM) (1:1), cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-iodohexane (1.0 mM) (1:1), cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-chlorohexane (1.0 mM) + 1-iodohexane (1.0 mM) (1:1:1).

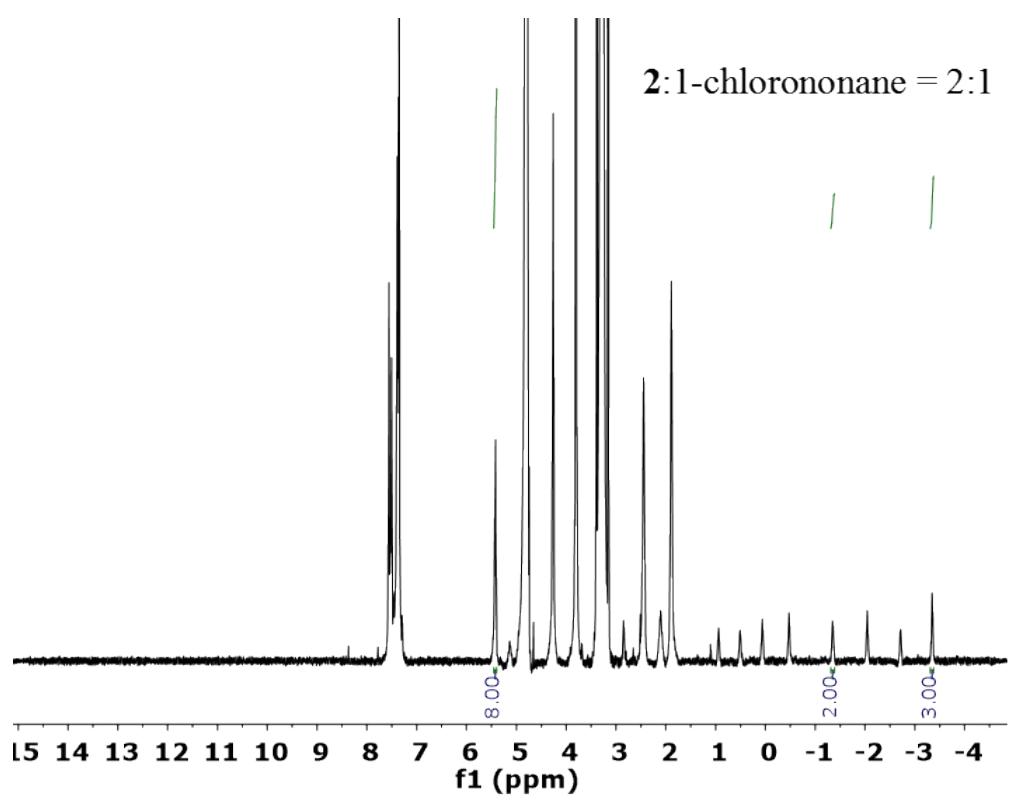


Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (600MHz, <sup>2</sup>D<sub>O</sub>, 298K) of cavitand **2** (1.0 mM) + 1-chlorononane (0.5 mM) (2:1).