

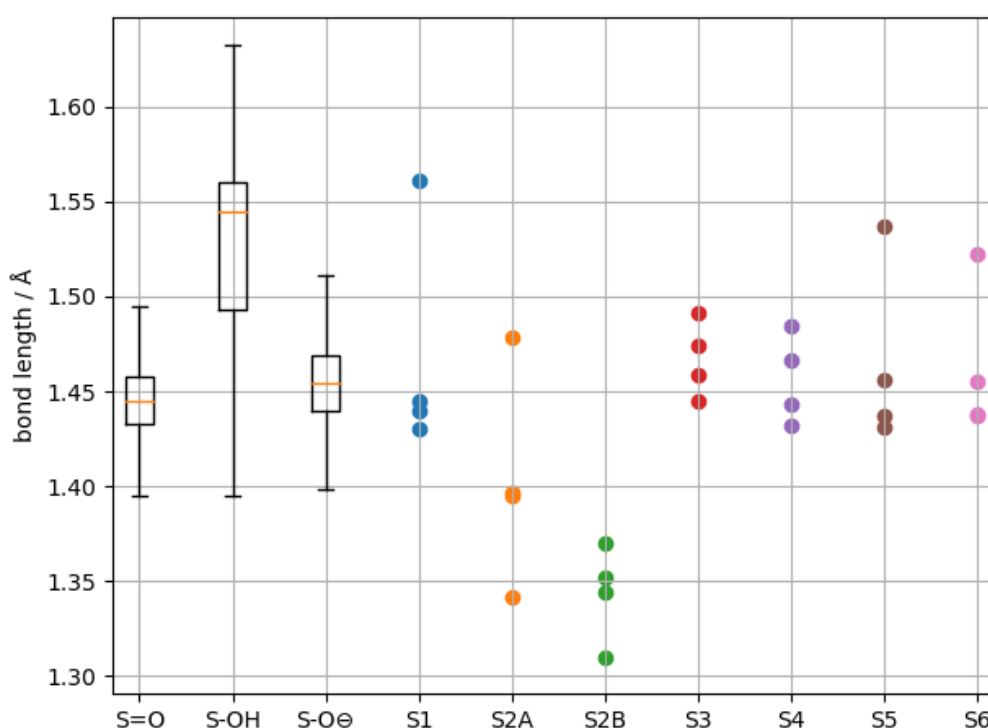
# Water and Oxoanion Encapsulation Chemistry in a <sup>1</sup>H-Pirazole azacryptand

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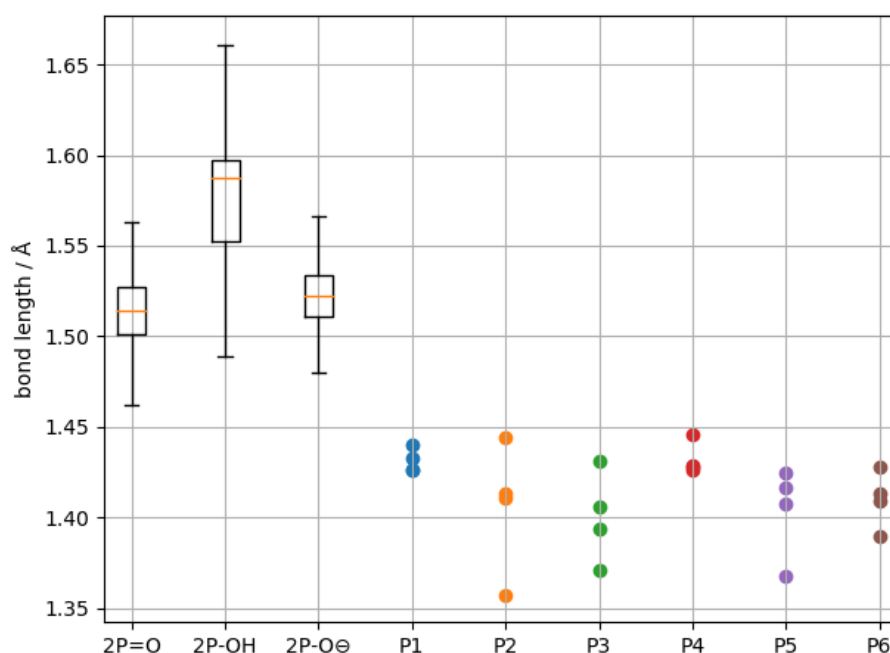
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**Figure S1:** Sulfur-Oxygen bonding distances in structure **4** (dots). compared with analog bonds found in the Cambridge Structural Database (boxes plot)



**Figure S2:** Phosphorous-Oxygen bonding distances in structure **5** (dots). compared with analog bonds found in the Cambridge Structural Database (boxes plot)

**Table S1:** Crystallographic data

| structure                               | 1                                                                                                     | 2                                                                                         | 3                                                                                                             | 4                                                                                                            |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| empirical formula                       | C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>50</sub> N <sub>14</sub> ,<br>2.65(H <sub>2</sub> O), 2(Cl<br>O <sub>4</sub> ) | C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>56</sub> N <sub>14</sub> , 6NO <sub>3</sub> ,<br>5H <sub>2</sub> O | C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>58</sub> N <sub>14</sub> , 11(H <sub>2</sub><br>PO <sub>4</sub> ), 4(H <sub>2</sub> O) | C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>54</sub> N <sub>14</sub> , 6(H <sub>2</sub><br>PO <sub>4</sub> ), 8(H <sub>2</sub> O) |
| formula weight / g<br>mol <sup>-1</sup> | 817.17                                                                                                | 1036.98                                                                                   | 1717.78                                                                                                       | 1300.88                                                                                                      |
| temperature / K                         | 293(2)                                                                                                | 293(2)                                                                                    | 288(2)                                                                                                        | 120(1)                                                                                                       |
| crystal system                          | triclinic                                                                                             | monoclinic                                                                                | monoclinic                                                                                                    | orthorhombic                                                                                                 |
| space group                             | P 1                                                                                                   | P2 <sub>1</sub> /c                                                                        | P2 <sub>1</sub> /c                                                                                            | Pbca                                                                                                         |
| <i>a</i> / Å                            | 10.5140(3)                                                                                            | 19.1317(8)                                                                                | 14.8632(2)                                                                                                    | 50.9218(10)                                                                                                  |
| <i>b</i> / Å                            | 13.1320(5)                                                                                            | 13.6910(6)                                                                                | 20.1186(2)                                                                                                    | 11.2705(4)                                                                                                   |
| <i>c</i> / Å                            | 15.7580(96)                                                                                           | 19.6870(8)                                                                                | 24.7970(4)                                                                                                    | 18.5910(5)                                                                                                   |
| $\alpha$ / °                            | 94.242(2)                                                                                             | 90                                                                                        | 90                                                                                                            | 90.0                                                                                                         |
| $\beta$ / °                             | 13.1320(2)                                                                                            | 114.465(2)                                                                                | 112.3250(10)                                                                                                  | 90.0                                                                                                         |
| $\gamma$ / °                            | 111.844(2)                                                                                            | 90                                                                                        | 90                                                                                                            | 90.0                                                                                                         |
| <i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>               | 1928.43(12)                                                                                           | 4693.7(3)                                                                                 | 6859.17(17)                                                                                                   | 10669.6(5)                                                                                                   |
| <i>Z</i>                                | 2                                                                                                     | 4                                                                                         | 4                                                                                                             | 8                                                                                                            |
| $\rho_{\text{calc}}$ g/cm <sup>-3</sup> | 1.406                                                                                                 | 1.467                                                                                     | 1.663                                                                                                         | 1.620                                                                                                        |
| $\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>                 | 0.241                                                                                                 | 0.127                                                                                     | 3.626                                                                                                         | 0.310                                                                                                        |
| F(000)                                  | 867                                                                                                   | 2200                                                                                      | 3588                                                                                                          | 5504                                                                                                         |
| radiation                               | MoK $\alpha$                                                                                          | MoK $\alpha$                                                                              | CuK $\alpha$                                                                                                  | MoK $\alpha$                                                                                                 |

| structure                              | 1                                                                    | 2                                                                    | 3                                                                    | 4                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 $\Theta$ range / °                   | 1.996–52.746                                                         | 1.996–50.056                                                         | 5.984–150.966                                                        | 5.82–58.224                                                          |
| index ranges                           | $-12 \leq h \leq 12$<br>$-15 \leq k \leq 15$<br>$-18 \leq l \leq 18$ | $-22 \leq h \leq 22$<br>$-16 \leq k \leq 16$<br>$-23 \leq l \leq 23$ | $-18 \leq h \leq 18$<br>$-25 \leq k \leq 24$<br>$-30 \leq l \leq 31$ | $-69 \leq h \leq 39$<br>$-15 \leq k \leq 13$<br>$-25 \leq l \leq 24$ |
| reflections collected                  | 6772                                                                 | 28873                                                                | 61232                                                                | 40015                                                                |
| unique reflections                     | 6772                                                                 | 8257                                                                 | 14093                                                                | 12642                                                                |
| data                                   | 6772                                                                 | 8257                                                                 | 14093                                                                | 12642                                                                |
| restraints                             | 68                                                                   | 26                                                                   | 105                                                                  | 1                                                                    |
| parameters                             | 626                                                                  | 690                                                                  | 1076                                                                 | 748                                                                  |
| goodness-of-fit on $F^2$               | 1.043                                                                | 1.019                                                                | 1.066                                                                | 1.197                                                                |
| final $R$ indices<br>[ $>2\sigma(I)$ ] | $R1=0.0560$<br>$wR2=0.1257$                                          | $R1=0.0594$<br>$wR2=0.1472$                                          | $R1=0.0741$<br>$wR2=0.2239$                                          | $R1=0.1396$<br>$wR2=0.2466$                                          |
| final $R$ indices [all data]           | $R1=0.0891$<br>$wR2=0.1416$                                          | $R1=0.1368$<br>$wR2=0.1939$                                          | $R1=0.0884$<br>$wR2=0.2432$                                          | $R1=0.1644$<br>$wR2=0.2588$                                          |
| CCDC no.                               | 1912378                                                              | 1912379                                                              | 1912380                                                              | 1912381                                                              |

**Table S1 (continued):** Crystallographic data

| compound                                | 5                                                                                                             | 6                                                                                          | 7                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| empirical formula                       | C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>57</sub> N <sub>14</sub> , 3SO <sub>4</sub> ,<br>3HSO <sub>4</sub> , 6H <sub>2</sub> O | C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>55</sub> N <sub>14</sub> , 7ClO <sub>4</sub> ,<br>4H <sub>2</sub> O | C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>55</sub> N <sub>14</sub> , 2H <sub>2</sub> AsO <sub>4</sub> ,<br>H <sub>3</sub> AsO <sub>4</sub> , 4CF <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S,<br>3H <sub>2</sub> O |
| formula weight / g mol <sup>-1</sup>    | 1265.34                                                                                                       | 1344.06                                                                                    | 1649.99                                                                                                                                                                           |
| temperature / K                         | 293(2)                                                                                                        | 293(2)                                                                                     | 120.0(1)                                                                                                                                                                          |
| crystal system                          | monoclinic                                                                                                    | orthorhombic                                                                               | triclinic                                                                                                                                                                         |
| space group                             | P 2 <sub>1</sub> /c                                                                                           | P 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>                                             | P 1                                                                                                                                                                               |
| $a$ / Å                                 | 11.4324(2)                                                                                                    | 13.816(1)                                                                                  | 12.6927(4)                                                                                                                                                                        |
| $b$ / Å                                 | 17.2812(3)                                                                                                    | 13.970(1)                                                                                  | 15.1722(5)                                                                                                                                                                        |
| $c$ / Å                                 | 26.4489(4)                                                                                                    | 28.683(1)                                                                                  | 17.0426(5)                                                                                                                                                                        |
| $\alpha$ / °                            | 90                                                                                                            | 90                                                                                         | 96.081(3)                                                                                                                                                                         |
| $\beta$ / °                             | 96.7130(10)                                                                                                   | 90                                                                                         | 90.171(3)                                                                                                                                                                         |
| $\gamma$ / °                            | 90                                                                                                            | 90                                                                                         | 109.012(3)                                                                                                                                                                        |
| $V$ / Å <sup>3</sup>                    | 5189.57(15)                                                                                                   | 5536.1(6)                                                                                  | 3083.06(18)                                                                                                                                                                       |
| $Z$                                     | 4                                                                                                             | 4                                                                                          | 2                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| $\rho_{\text{calc}}$ g/cm <sup>-3</sup> | 1.620                                                                                                         | 1.413                                                                                      | 1.777                                                                                                                                                                             |
| $\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>                 | 0.370                                                                                                         | 0.463                                                                                      | 1.878                                                                                                                                                                             |
| F(000)                                  | 2672                                                                                                          | 2792                                                                                       | 1678                                                                                                                                                                              |
| radiation                               | MoK $\alpha$                                                                                                  | MoK $\alpha$                                                                               | MoK $\alpha$                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2 $\Theta$ range / °                    | 3.896–54.906                                                                                                  | 2.840–54.906                                                                               | 6.696–55.870                                                                                                                                                                      |

| compound                                  | 5                                                                    | 6                                                                    | 7                                                                    |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| index ranges                              | $-14 \leq h \leq 14$<br>$-22 \leq k \leq 22$<br>$-34 \leq l \leq 34$ | $-17 \leq h \leq 17$<br>$-18 \leq k \leq 18$<br>$-37 \leq l \leq 36$ | $-15 \leq h \leq 16$<br>$-18 \leq k \leq 19$<br>$-21 \leq l \leq 20$ |
| reflections collected                     | 20583                                                                | 43512                                                                | 22380                                                                |
| unique reflections                        | 11838                                                                | 12640                                                                | 15491                                                                |
| data                                      | 11838                                                                | 12640                                                                | 15491                                                                |
| restraints                                | 53                                                                   | 6                                                                    | 104                                                                  |
| parameters                                | 756                                                                  | 738                                                                  | 1735                                                                 |
| goodness-of-fit on $F^2$                  | 1.026                                                                | 1.041                                                                | 1.024                                                                |
| final $R$ indices<br>[ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ] | $R1=0.0553$<br>$wR2=0.1309$                                          | $R1=0.0923$<br>$wR2=0.2567$                                          | $R1=0.0553$<br>$wR2=0.1351$                                          |
| final $R$ indices [all<br>data]           | $R1=0.1236$<br>$wR2=0.1604$                                          | $R1=0.1542$<br>$wR2=0.2928$                                          | $R1=0.0628$<br>$wR2=0.1420$                                          |
| CCDC no.                                  | 1912382                                                              | 1912383                                                              | 1912384                                                              |

**Table S2:** Hydrogen bonds for structure **1**. Symmetry operations: (i) intramolecular bonds; (ii)  $1+x, y, z$ ; (iii)  $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ; (iv)  $1-x, 1-y, -z$ ; (v)  $x, -1+y, z$ .

| donor | hydrogen | acceptor          | distance<br>A...H | distance<br>D-H | distance<br>D-A | angle<br>D-H...A |
|-------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| O1    | H1C      | N14               | 0.85              | 1.99            | 2.836(3)        | 173              |
| O1    | H1D      | N7                | 0.85              | 2.02            | 2.866(4)        | 178              |
| N2    | H2       | O24 <sup>ii</sup> | 0.86(3)           | 2.47(4)         | 3.205(14)       | 145(3)           |
| N2    | H2       | O4                | 0.86(3)           | 2.33(4)         | 3.109(12)       | 151(3)           |
| O2    | H2C      | O1                | 0.85              | 2.06            | 2.867(3)        | 159              |
| O2    | H2D      | N2                | 0.85              | 1.99            | 2.825(4)        | 167              |
| N3    | H3       | O22 <sup>ii</sup> | 0.86              | 1.99            | 2.842(8)        | 174              |
| N3    | H3       | O26 <sup>ii</sup> | 0.86              | 2.35            | 3.158(15)       | 157              |
| N5    | H5A      | N5 <sup>iii</sup> | 0.96(7)           | 1.81(7)         | 2.777(4)        | 176(12)          |
| N5    | H5B      | O1                | 0.83(5)           | 2.39(4)         | 3.201(4)        | 168(3)           |
| N5    | H5B      | N6 <sup>i</sup>   | 0.83(5)           | 2.57(4)         | 2.963(4)        | 110(3)           |
| N7    | H7       | N4 <sup>iii</sup> | 0.78(4)           | 2.52(3)         | 3.294(4)        | 168(4)           |
| N9    | H9       | O17               | 0.93(5)           | 2.09(5)         | 2.903(10)       | 145(4)           |
| N9    | H9       | O11               | 0.93(5)           | 1.93(5)         | 2.84(2)         | 163(4)           |
| N10   | H10A     | N12 <sup>iv</sup> | 0.85(3)           | 2.05(3)         | 2.895(4)        | 174(3)           |
| N10   | H10B     | O2                | 0.94(4)           | 1.85(4)         | 2.791(4)        | 177(3)           |
| N11   | H11      | N11 <sup>iv</sup> | 0.98(8)           | 1.78(9)         | 2.752(3)        | 176(12)          |
| N11   | H11A     | O2                | 0.89(3)           | 2.26(3)         | 3.119(3)        | 162(3)           |
| N11   | H11A     | N1 <sup>i</sup>   | 0.89(3)           | 2.62(3)         | 2.991(3)        | 106.4(19)        |
| N13   | H13      | O15 <sup>v</sup>  | 0.86              | 2.26            | 3.051(11)       | 152              |
| N13   | H13      | O12 <sup>v</sup>  | 0.86              | 2.51            | 3.276(19)       | 148              |
| N13   | H13      | O15 <sup>iv</sup> | 0.86              | 2.41            | 3.025(13)       | 129              |
| N13   | H13      | O12 <sup>iv</sup> | 0.86              | 2.50            | 3.062(18)       | 124              |
| N14   | H14      | O18 <sup>v</sup>  | 0.80(3)           | 2.46(4)         | 3.239(13)       | 162(3)           |
| N14   | H14      | O14 <sup>v</sup>  | 0.80(3)           | 2.35(4)         | 3.131(14)       | 164(3)           |

**Table S3:** Relevant hydrogen bonds for structure **2** which are involved in embedding or groove binding to **L**. Distances in Å, angles in degrees. Symmetry operations: (i)  $x, \frac{3}{2}-y, -\frac{1}{2}+z$ ; (ii)  $-x, -\frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z$ ; (iii)  $-x, 1-y, -z$ ; (iv)  $x, -1+y, z$ ; (v)  $1-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z$ ; (vi)  $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ; (vii)  $x, \frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$ ; (viii)  $1-x, -1/2+y, 1/2-z$ .

|                          | donor | hydrogen | acceptor            | distance<br>A...H | distance<br>D-H | distance<br>D-A | angle<br>D-H..A |
|--------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| disordered<br>fragment A | N7    | H7D      | O12A                | 2.41              | 0.89            | 2.9691(1)       | 121             |
|                          | O3    | H3C      | O12A                | 2.13              | 0.84            | 2.9425(1)       | 163             |
|                          | N2    | H2D      | O13A                | 2.08              | 0.89            | 2.9613(1)       | 171             |
|                          | N10   | H10D     | O13A                | 2.31              | 0.89            | 3.0067(1)       | 135             |
|                          | C5    | H5       | O12A                | 2.438             | 0.93            | 3.2147(1)       | 142             |
| disordered<br>fragment B | C23   | H23      | O11B                | 2.51              | 0.93            | 3.2729(1)       | 140             |
|                          | N11   | H11A     | O11B                | 2.48              | 0.89            | 3.0010(1)       | 118             |
|                          | N7    | H7D      | O12B                | 2.07              | 0.89            | 2.8938(1)       | 153             |
|                          | O3    | H3C      | O13B                | 2.08              | 0.84            | 2.6384(1)       | 124             |
| groove I<br>binders      | N9    | H9       | O32 <sup>i</sup>    | 2.43              | 0.86            | 3.0540(1)       | 130             |
|                          | N9    | H9       | O33 <sup>i</sup>    | 2.05              | 0.86            | 2.8870(1)       | 134             |
|                          | N7    | H7C      | O33 <sup>ii</sup>   | 1.99              | 0.89            | 2.8482(1)       | 161             |
|                          | N5    | H5C      | O31                 | 1.93              | 0.84            | 2.7580(1)       | 173             |
|                          | O3    | H3D      | N8 <sup>iii</sup>   | 2.10              | 0.84            | 2.8932(1)       | 157             |
|                          | O4    | H4B      | O3                  | 1.97              | 0.86            | 2.7200(1)       | 145             |
|                          | O4    | H4A      | O33 <sup>i</sup>    | 2.34              | 0.85            | 3.0304(1)       | 145             |
|                          | N10   | N10C     | O4                  | 1.79              | 0.89            | 2.6663(1)       | 168             |
| groove II<br>binders     | O1    | H1C      | O43 <sup>iv</sup>   | 2.06              | 0.85            | 2.9027(1)       | 169             |
|                          | O1    | H1D      | O22                 | 2.36              | 0.85            | 3.1167(1)       | 149             |
|                          | N10   | H10D     | O53                 | 2.51              | 0.89            | 3.0830(1)       | 123             |
|                          | N11   | H11D     | O51                 | 2.35              | 0.89            | 2.9708(1)       | 127             |
|                          | N11   | H11D     | O53                 | 2.06              | 0.89            | 2.9472(1)       | 175             |
| groove III<br>binders    | N2    | H2C      | O63 <sup>v</sup>    | 2.10              | 0.89            | 2.9725(1)       | 165             |
|                          | O2    | H2E      | N12 <sup>vi</sup>   | 2.24              | 0.83            | 3.0247(1)       | 158             |
|                          | N5    | H5A      | O23 <sup>vii</sup>  | 2.08              | 0.89            | 2.8494(1)       | 145             |
|                          | N11   | H11C     | O2                  | 2.01              | 0.89            | 2.8155(1)       | 150             |
|                          | N13   | H13      | O62 <sup>vii</sup>  | 2.51              | 0.86            | 3.3015(1)       | 153             |
|                          | N13   | H13      | O63 <sup>vii</sup>  | 2.12              | 0.86            | 2.8370(1)       | 140             |
|                          | N14   | H14A     | O61 <sup>viii</sup> | 1.93              | 0.89            | 2.8193(1)       | 175             |

**Table S4:** Relevant hydrogen bonds for structure **3** which are involved in embedding or groove binding to **L**. Distances in Å, angles in degrees. Symmetry operations: (i)  $x, \frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$ ; (ii)  $1-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z$ ; (iii)  $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ; (iv)  $1-x, -\frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z$ ; (v)  $1-x, -y, 1-z$ ; (vi)  $-1+x, y, z$ ; (vii)  $1+x, y, z$ .

|                                                         | donor | hydrogen | acceptor | distance<br>A...H | distance<br>D-H | distance<br>D-A | angle<br>D-H..A |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| embedded<br>H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> | N1    | H1       | O14      | 1.63              | 0.98            | 2.589(4)        | 166             |
|                                                         | N5    | H5B      | O13      | 1.91              | 0.89            | 2.796(4)        | 174             |
|                                                         | N6    | H6       | O13      | 2.58              | 0.98            | 3.338(5)        | 135             |
|                                                         | N10   | H10A     | O14      | 1.82              | 0.89            | 2.685(4)        | 163             |
|                                                         | O12   | H12C     | O54      | 1.93              | 0.82            | 2.696(5)        | 155             |

|                       |      |      |                    |         |         |           |        |
|-----------------------|------|------|--------------------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|
|                       | O12  | H12C | O56                | 1.71    | 0.82    | 2.412(14) | 143    |
|                       | N14  | H14A | O12                | 2.42    | 0.89    | 3.007(5)  | 124    |
|                       | O11  | H11  | O33                | 1.71    | 0.82    | 2.526(4)  | 172    |
|                       | O42  | H42  | O13                | 1.69(6) | 0.83(5) | 2.519(4)  | 176(4) |
| groove I<br>binders   | N2   | H2A  | O3                 | 1.8&    | 0.89    | 2.749(7)  | 169    |
|                       | O3   | H3C  | O31                | 2.25    | 0.85    | 2.992(8)  | 146    |
|                       | O3   | H3D  | O94                | 2.21    | 0.85    | 2.761(7)  | 122    |
|                       | N5   | H5A  | O34                | 1.93    | 0.89    | 2.798(5)  | 164    |
|                       | N14  | H14A | O33                | 2.14    | 0.89    | 2.911(5)  | 144    |
|                       | O11  | H11  | O33                | 1.71    | 0.82    | 2.526(4)  | 172    |
|                       | O32  | H32  | O22                | 2.17    | 0.82    | 2.5250(1) | 107    |
|                       | O34  | H34  | O61                | 2.09    | 0.82    | 2.5733(1) | 118    |
| groove II<br>binders  | N3   | H3   | O21 <sup>ii</sup>  | 1.97    | 0.86    | 2.7356(1) | 147    |
|                       | N4   | H4   | O44                | 2.01    | 0.86    | 2.8647(1) | 171    |
|                       | N7   | H7B  | O41                | 1.91    | 0.89    | 2.7981(1) | 180    |
|                       | N8   | H8   | O41 <sup>iii</sup> | 1.78    | 0.86    | 2.6289(1) | 171    |
|                       | N10  | H10B | O24 <sup>ii</sup>  | 1.85    | 0.89    | 2.7120(1) | 164    |
|                       | O22  | H22  | O43 <sup>iv</sup>  | 1.84    | 0.82    | 2.6267(1) | 161    |
|                       | O23  | H23A | O4                 | 2.52    | 0.82    | 3.0197(1) | 121    |
|                       | O23  | H23A | O113               | 2.02    | 0.82    | 2.8363(1) | 171    |
|                       | O32  | H32  | O22                | 2.17    | 0.82    | 2.5250(1) | 107    |
|                       | O42  | H42  | O13                | 1.75    | 0.80    | 2.5238(1) | 162    |
|                       | O44  | H44  | O92                | 2.03    | 0.82    | 2.6076(1) | 127    |
|                       | O52  | H52  | O24 <sup>i</sup>   | 1.80    | 0.84    | 2.5837(1) | 154    |
| groove III<br>binders | O5   | H5C  | O64 <sup>i</sup>   | 2.24    | 0.85    | 2.9462(1) | 140    |
|                       | O5   | H5D  | O102 <sup>i</sup>  | 1.95    | 0.85    | 2.5783(1) | 130    |
|                       | O5   | H5D  | O105 <sup>i</sup>  | 2.45    | 0.85    | 2.9175(1) | 116    |
|                       | N11  | H11A | O104 <sup>i</sup>  | 2.38    | 0.89    | 3.1122(1) | 140    |
|                       | N11  | H11A | O106 <sup>i</sup>  | 1.68    | 0.89    | 2.5261(1) | 157    |
|                       | O12  | H12C | O104 <sup>i</sup>  | 1.92    | 0.82    | 2.6919(1) | 157    |
|                       | O12  | H12C | O105 <sup>i</sup>  | 1.64    | 0.82    | 2.4094(1) | 155    |
|                       | N13  | H13  | O5 <sup>v</sup>    | 2.17    | 0.86    | 2.8411(1) | 134    |
|                       | N14  | H14  | O5                 | 2.10    | 0.89    | 2.9614(1) | 163    |
|                       | O84  | H84  | O106 <sup>vi</sup> | 2.03    | 0.82    | 2.8334(1) | 167    |
|                       | O101 | H101 | O82 <sup>vii</sup> | 1.74    | 0.82    | 2.4174(1) | 138    |
|                       | O103 | H103 | O73 <sup>ii</sup>  | 1.79    | 0.82    | 2.5967(1) | 166    |
|                       | O103 | H103 | O75 <sup>ii</sup>  | 1.85    | 0.82    | 2.3595(1) | 119    |
|                       | C14  | H14  | O102 <sup>i</sup>  | 2.51    | 0.93    | 3.3696(1) | 153    |

**Table S5:** Relevant hydrogen bonds for structure **4** which are involved in embedding or groove binding to **L**. Distances in Å, angles in degrees. Symmetry operations: (i)  $x, 1+y, z$ ; (ii)  $x, \frac{3}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$ ; (iii)  $\frac{1}{2}-x, 1-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$ ; (iv)  $x, -1+y, z$ .

|                                                         | donor | hydrogen | acceptor        | distance<br>A...H | distance<br>D-H | distance<br>D-A | angle<br>D-H..A |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| embedded<br>H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> | O12   | H1C      | O4 <sup>i</sup> | 2.34              | 0.84            | 3.1120(1)       | 154             |
|                                                         | O1    | H1F      | O13             | 2.25              | 0.85            | 3.0562(1)       | 158             |
|                                                         | N2    | H2A      | O11             | 2.59              | 0.91            | 3.0634(1)       | 113             |

|                       |     |      |                   |      |      |           |     |
|-----------------------|-----|------|-------------------|------|------|-----------|-----|
|                       | N2  | H2A  | O14               | 2.27 | 0.91 | 3.1104(1) | 154 |
|                       | O3  | H3F  | O14               | 2.58 | 0.85 | 2.8764(1) | 102 |
|                       | N5  | H5A  | O12               | 2.56 | 0.91 | 3.1253(1) | 121 |
|                       | N10 | H10B | O11               | 2.11 | 0.91 | 3.0052(1) | 167 |
|                       | N10 | H10B | O13               | 2.57 | 0.91 | 3.1055(1) | 118 |
|                       | N11 | H11B | O13               | 2.37 | 0.91 | 3.2558(1) | 164 |
| groove I<br>binders   | O1  | H1E  | O6                | 2.20 | 0.85 | 2.9063(1) | 140 |
|                       | O1  | H1F  | O13               | 2.25 | 0.85 | 3.0562(1) | 158 |
|                       | O1  | H1F  | O23               | 2.59 | 0.85 | 3.1292(1) | 122 |
|                       | O2  | H2G  | O22 <sup>ii</sup> | 2.10 | 0.85 | 2.9100(1) | 158 |
|                       | O2  | H2G  | O23 <sup>ii</sup> | 2.59 | 0.85 | 3.0289(1) | 113 |
|                       | O2  | H2H  | O23 <sup>ii</sup> | 2.50 | 0.88 | 3.0289(1) | 119 |
|                       | O3  | H3F  | O22 <sup>ii</sup> | 2.09 | 0.85 | 2.9097(1) | 161 |
|                       | O44 | H4B  | O1                | 2.56 | 0.84 | 3.0947(1) | 123 |
|                       | N7  | H7B  | O1                | 2.01 | 0.91 | 2.9170(1) | 172 |
|                       | N10 | H10A | O24               | 1.88 | 0.91 | 2.7657(1) | 163 |
|                       | N14 | H14B | O1                | 2.06 | 0.91 | 2.9337(1) | 160 |
| groove II<br>binders  | O2  | H2G  | O22 <sup>ii</sup> | 2.10 | 0.85 | 2.9100(1) | 158 |
|                       | O2  | H2G  | O23 <sup>ii</sup> | 2.59 | 0.85 | 3.0289(1) | 113 |
|                       | O2  | H2H  | O6 <sup>ii</sup>  | 2.01 | 0.88 | 2.8093(1) | 150 |
|                       | O2  | H2H  | O23 <sup>ii</sup> | 2.50 | 0.88 | 3.0289(1) | 119 |
|                       | O3  | H3E  | O8 <sup>iii</sup> | 1.91 | 0.85 | 2.7292(1) | 162 |
|                       | O3  | H3F  | O14               | 2.58 | 0.85 | 2.8764(1) | 102 |
|                       | O3  | H3F  | O22 <sup>ii</sup> | 2.09 | 0.85 | 2.9097(1) | 161 |
|                       | N5  | H5B  | O2                | 1.87 | 0.91 | 2.7585(1) | 166 |
|                       | N11 | H11A | O3                | 1.88 | 0.91 | 2.7916(1) | 177 |
|                       | N14 | H14A | O2                | 2.04 | 0.91 | 2.8740(1) | 153 |
| groove III<br>binders | O12 | H1C  | O4 <sup>i</sup>   | 2.34 | 0.84 | 3.1120(1) | 154 |
|                       | N2  | H2B  | O2 <sup>i</sup>   | 1.98 | 0.91 | 2.8857(1) | 173 |
|                       | N3  | H3   | O5 <sup>i</sup>   | 2.18 | 0.88 | 2.9073(1) | 140 |
|                       | O4  | H4C  | O42               | 2.37 | 0.85 | 2.9893(1) | 130 |
|                       | O4  | H4C  | O62               | 2.45 | 0.85 | 3.0411(1) | 127 |
|                       | O4  | H4D  | N4 <sup>iv</sup>  | 2.28 | 0.85 | 3.0421(1) | 149 |
|                       | N5  | H5A  | O4 <sup>i</sup>   | 2.06 | 0.91 | 2.8772(1) | 149 |
|                       | O5  | H5E  | O7                | 2.03 | 0.85 | 2.8053(1) | 151 |
|                       | O5  | H5F  | O33               | 2.02 | 0.85 | 2.8456(1) | 165 |
|                       | N7  | H7A  | O4 <sup>i</sup>   | 1.93 | 0.91 | 2.8210(1) | 164 |

**Table S6:** Relevant hydrogen bonds for structure **5** which are involved in embedding or groove binding to **L**. Distances in Å, angles in degrees. Symmetry operations: (i)  $x, \frac{1}{2} - y, -\frac{1}{2} + z$ ; (ii)  $1 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ; (iii)  $-x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ .

|                                           | donor | hydrogen | acceptor | distance<br>A...H | distance<br>D-H | distance<br>D-A | angle<br>D-H...A |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| embedded<br>HSO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> | O1    | H1D      | O14      | 2.07              | 0.84            | 2.795(4)        | 144              |
|                                           | N2    | H2B      | O11      | 2.13              | 0.89            | 2.779(4)        | 129              |
|                                           | N5    | H5A      | O12      | 2.43              | 0.89            | 3.067(3)        | 129              |
|                                           | N7    | H7A      | O12      | 2.32              | 0.89            | 2.963(3)        | 129              |
|                                           | N10   | H10B     | O11      | 2.11              | 0.89            | 2.934(3)        | 153              |
|                                           | N11   | H11B     | O13      | 2.50              | 0.89            | 3.020(4)        | 118              |
|                                           | O13   | H13A     | O53      | 1.81              | 0.82            | 2.621(4)        | 169              |

|                       |     |      |                    |      |      |          |     |
|-----------------------|-----|------|--------------------|------|------|----------|-----|
| groove I<br>binders   | O1  | H1C  | O41                | 2.57 | 0.84 | 3.172(4) | 130 |
|                       | O1  | H1C  | O44                | 2.15 | 0.84 | 2.965(4) | 163 |
|                       | O1  | H1D  | O14                | 2.07 | 0.84 | 2.795(4) | 144 |
|                       | O2  | H2E  | O43                | 2.06 | 0.84 | 2.855(5) | 157 |
|                       | O4  | H4B  | O31                | 2.21 | 0.84 | 2.975(7) | 153 |
|                       | O4  | H4B  | O32                | 2.42 | 0.84 | 3.135(6) | 144 |
|                       | O5  | H5C  | O44 <sup>i</sup>   | 1.96 | 0.85 | 2.798(5) | 165 |
|                       | N7  | H7B  | O1                 | 1.80 | 0.89 | 2.691(4) | 174 |
|                       | N10 | H10A | O34                | 1.97 | 0.89 | 2.779(4) | 151 |
|                       | N11 | H11A | O31                | 2.25 | 0.89 | 2.924(3) | 122 |
|                       | N12 | H12  | O33                | 1.81 | 0.86 | 2.629(3) | 158 |
|                       | N13 | H13  | O41                | 1.88 | 0.86 | 2.704(3) | 161 |
|                       | O63 | H63  | O43                | 1.71 | 0.82 | 2.508(4) | 165 |
| groove II<br>binders  | N2  | H2A  | O42 <sup>ii</sup>  | 2.03 | 0.89 | 2.893(4) | 162 |
|                       | N3  | H3   | O1 <sup>ii</sup>   | 2.42 | 0.86 | 3.064(5) | 132 |
|                       | N4  | H4   | O33 <sup>ii</sup>  | 2.44 | 0.86 | 3.130(4) | 137 |
|                       | N4  | H4   | O34 <sup>ii</sup>  | 2.09 | 0.86 | 2.852(4) | 148 |
|                       | N5  | H5B  | O32 <sup>ii</sup>  | 2.02 | 0.89 | 2.882(3) | 162 |
|                       | N5  | H5B  | O34 <sup>ii</sup>  | 2.51 | 0.89 | 3.114(3) | 126 |
|                       | N7  | H7A  | O32 <sup>ii</sup>  | 2.35 | 0.89 | 2.953(4) | 125 |
|                       | N8  | H8   | O32 <sup>ii</sup>  | 2.54 | 0.86 | 3.195(3) | 134 |
|                       | N8  | H8   | O33 <sup>ii</sup>  | 1.87 | 0.86 | 2.687(4) | 158 |
|                       | N9  | H9   | O41 <sup>ii</sup>  | 1.89 | 0.86 | 2.696(4) | 155 |
| groove III<br>binders | N9  | H9   | O42 <sup>ii</sup>  | 2.50 | 0.86 | 3.201(4) | 140 |
|                       | N2  | H2B  | O62 <sup>iii</sup> | 2.42 | 0.89 | 3.043(3) | 127 |
|                       | O3  | H3D  | O51                | 2.30 | 0.86 | 3.067(9) | 149 |
|                       | N5  | H5A  | O53 <sup>iii</sup> | 2.24 | 0.89 | 2.926(3) | 134 |
|                       | O6  | H6A  | O64 <sup>ii</sup>  | 1.95 | 0.89 | 2.834(4) | 176 |
|                       | N11 | H11B | O62 <sup>iii</sup> | 2.01 | 0.89 | 2.858(4) | 159 |
|                       | O13 | H13A | O53 <sup>iii</sup> | 1.81 | 0.82 | 2.621(4) | 169 |
|                       | N14 | H14B | O52 <sup>iii</sup> | 1.89 | 0.89 | 2.775(4) | 174 |
|                       | O54 | H54  | O61                | 1.78 | 0.82 | 2.583(4) | 164 |
|                       | O63 | H63  | O43                | 1.71 | 0.82 | 2.508(4) | 165 |

**Table S7:** Relevant hydrogen bonds for structure **6** which are involved in embedding or groove binding to **L**. Distances in Å, angles in degrees. Symmetry operations: (i)  $\frac{1}{2}+x, \frac{1}{2}-y, 1-z$ ; (ii)  $\frac{1}{2}+x, \frac{3}{2}-y, 1-z$ ; (iii)  $\frac{3}{2}-x, 1-y, -\frac{1}{2}+z$ ; (iv)  $\frac{1}{2}-x, 1-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$ ; (v)  $1+x, y, z$ .

|                                           | donor | hydrogen | acceptor | distance<br>A...H | distance<br>D-H | distance<br>D-A | angle<br>D-H...A |
|-------------------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| embedded<br>ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> | O2    | H2E      | O14      | 2.27              | 0.85            | 2.901(12)       | 131              |
|                                           | N5    | H5A      | O14      | 2.57              | 0.89            | 3.049(11)       | 115              |
|                                           | N5    | H5B      | O12      | 2.16              | 0.89            | 2.997(11)       | 157              |
|                                           | N11   | H11B     | O13      | 2.35              | 0.89            | 3.053(11)       | 136              |
|                                           | N14   | H14A     | O12      | 2.47              | 0.89            | 3.055(11)       | 124              |
|                                           | N14   | H14B     | O11      | 2.32              | 0.89            | 3.117(12)       | 149              |
| groove I<br>binders                       | N10   | H10B     | O1       | 2.13              | 0.89            | 3.000(14)       | 167              |
|                                           | N11   | H11A     | O1       | 2.04              | 0.89            | 2.889(12)       | 160              |

|                       |     |      |                   |          |          |           |         |
|-----------------------|-----|------|-------------------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|
|                       | O1  | H1C  | O24 <sup>i</sup>  | 2.49     | 0.85     | 3.023(14) | 122     |
|                       | O1  | H1D  | O71               | 2.31     | 0.85     | 3.011(18) | 140     |
|                       | N7  | O23  | O23 <sup>i</sup>  | 2.06     | 0.89     | 2.903(13) | 158     |
|                       | N9  | H9   | O21               | 2.48     | 0.86     | 3.142(15) | 134     |
|                       | N9  | H9   | O22               | 2.51     | 0.86     | 3.210(14) | 139     |
|                       | N14 | H14B | O22               | 2.33     | 0.89     | 2.898(12) | 122     |
| groove II<br>binders  | N2  | H2A  | O2                | 2.08     | 0.89     | 2.957(12) | 169     |
|                       | O2  | H2E  | O14               | 2.27     | 0.85     | 2.901(12) | 131     |
|                       | O2  | H2E  | O32 <sup>ii</sup> | 2.36     | 0.85     | 2.99(2)   | 131     |
|                       | O2  | H2F  | O62               | 2.06     | 0.85     | 2.87(2)   | 159     |
|                       | N5  | H5A  | O33 <sup>ii</sup> | 2.05     | 0.89     | 2.806(15) | 141     |
|                       | N10 | H10A | O2                | 2.02     | 0.89     | 2.898(13) | 167     |
| groove III<br>binders | N2  | H2A  | O52iii            | 2.06     | 0.89     | 2.941(12) | 168     |
|                       | O3  | H3D  | O43iv             | 2.34(11) | 0.87(10) | 3.09(3)   | 144(16) |
|                       | N11 | H11B | O52iii            | 2.18     | 0.89     | 2.950(12) | 145     |
|                       | N14 | H14A | O41v              | 2.34     | 0.89     | 3.06(2)   | 137     |
|                       | C23 | H23  | O41v              | 2.57     | 0.93     | 3.219(17) | 127     |

**Table S8:** Relevant hydrogen bonds for structure **7** which are involved in embedding or groove binding to **L**. Distances in Å, angles in degrees. Symmetry operations: (i)  $x, y, 1+z$ ; (ii)  $x, y, -1+z$ ; (iii)  $1+x, y, z$ .

|                                                              | donor | hydrogen | acceptor          | distance<br>A...H | distance<br>D-H | distance<br>D-A | angle<br>D-H...A |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| embedded<br>H <sub>2</sub> AsO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> (A) | N1    | H1       | O13               | 2.45              | 0.98            | 3.393(11)       | 162              |
|                                                              | N2    | H2B      | O13               | 1.91              | 0.89            | 2.752(12)       | 158              |
|                                                              | N5    | H5A      | O14               | 1.92              | 0.89            | 2.794(12)       | 167              |
|                                                              | N7    | H7A      | O14               | 1.97              | 0.89            | 2.831(12)       | 162              |
|                                                              | N10   | H10A     | O13               | 2.43              | 0.89            | 2.783(12)       | 104              |
|                                                              | N10   | H10B     | O13               | 2.32              | 0.89            | 2.783(12)       | 112              |
| groove IA<br>binders                                         | N9    | H9       | O53 <sup>i</sup>  | 1.86              | 0.86            | 2.703(12)       | 166              |
|                                                              | N10   | H10A     | O54 <sup>i</sup>  | 2.21              | 0.89            | 3.055(13)       | 160              |
|                                                              | N11   | H11A     | O54 <sup>i</sup>  | 1.86              | 0.89            | 2.742(12)       | 169              |
|                                                              | N14   | H14B     | O43 <sup>i</sup>  | 1.86              | 0.89            | 2.738(12)       | 170              |
|                                                              | O41   | H41A     | N14 <sup>ii</sup> | 2.57              | 0.82            | 3.243(12)       | 141              |
|                                                              | C23   | H23      | O51 <sup>i</sup>  | 2.37              | 0.93            | 3.234(14)       | 154              |
| groove IIA<br>binders                                        | N10   | H10B     | O65A              | 2.11              | 0.89            | 2.851(17)       | 140              |
|                                                              | N10   | H10B     | O67B              | 1.99              | 0.89            | 2.86(3)         | 165              |
| groove IIIA<br>binders                                       | N2    | H2A      | O64               | 1.94              | 0.89            | 2.776(12)       | 157              |
|                                                              | N4    | H4       | O27               | 1.94              | 0.86            | 2.793(14)       | 174              |
|                                                              | N5    | H5B      | O26               | 2.08              | 0.89            | 2.869(13)       | 147              |
|                                                              | N11   | H11B     | O64               | 1.99              | 0.89            | 2.790(11)       | 148              |
|                                                              | N13   | H13      | O1 <sup>i</sup>   | 1.95              | 0.86            | 2.785(15)       | 162              |
|                                                              | O61   | H61      | N3                | 1.89              | 0.82            | 2.652(13)       | 154              |
|                                                              | O63   | H63      | N12               | 1.89              | 0.82            | 2.689(14)       | 164              |
| embedded<br>H <sub>2</sub> AsO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> (B) | N16   | H16C     | O23               | 1.94              | 0.89            | 2.740(13)       | 149              |
|                                                              | N19   | H19D     | O24               | 1.99              | 0.89            | 2.716(12)       | 138              |

|                        |     |      |                     |      |      |           |     |
|------------------------|-----|------|---------------------|------|------|-----------|-----|
|                        | N20 | H20  | O24                 | 2.44 | 0.98 | 3.397(11) | 166 |
|                        | N21 | H21C | O24                 | 1.96 | 0.89 | 2.803(12) | 157 |
|                        | N24 | H24A | O23                 | 1.86 | 0.89 | 2.729(12) | 166 |
| groove IB<br>binders   | N16 | H16D | O66A <sup>iii</sup> | 2.03 | 0.89 | 2.90(2)   | 165 |
|                        | N16 | H16D | O66B <sup>iii</sup> | 2.07 | 0.89 | 2.80(3)   | 139 |
|                        | N18 | H18  | O35 <sup>iii</sup>  | 2.11 | 0.86 | 2.928(13) | 158 |
|                        | N19 | H19C | O37 <sup>iii</sup>  | 1.92 | 0.89 | 2.798(12) | 167 |
| groove IIB<br>binders  | N19 | H19D | O44 <sup>iii</sup>  | 2.54 | 0.89 | 3.164(11) | 128 |
|                        | N25 | H25D | O53 <sup>iii</sup>  | 1.79 | 0.89 | 2.648(11) | 161 |
|                        | N28 | H28B | O44 <sup>iii</sup>  | 1.81 | 0.89 | 2.697(12) | 175 |
|                        | O41 | H41A | N14 <sup>ii</sup>   | 2.57 | 0.82 | 3.243(12) | 141 |
|                        | O51 | H51  | O43                 | 1.76 | 0.82 | 2.579(10) | 173 |
|                        | C32 | H32  | O51 <sup>iii</sup>  | 2.57 | 0.93 | 3.493(15) | 175 |
| groove IIIB<br>binders | N21 | H21D | O34                 | 2.06 | 0.89 | 2.887(11) | 153 |
|                        | N23 | H23A | O17                 | 1.97 | 0.86 | 2.822(13) | 172 |
|                        | N24 | H24B | O16                 | 2.16 | 0.89 | 2.938(12) | 146 |
|                        | N27 | H27  | O33                 | 1.75 | 0.86 | 2.595(12) | 166 |
|                        | N28 | H28A | O34                 | 1.97 | 0.89 | 2.791(11) | 152 |

**Table S9:** Protonation constants of arsenate determined by potentiometric titration. Conditions: 298K, NaClO<sub>4</sub> 0.15M. Numbers in parenthesis represent standard deviation in the last significant figure.

| Equilibria                                                                                      | log <sub>10</sub> K |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| AsO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> + H <sup>+</sup> ⇌ HAsO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>               | 11.19(1)            |
| HAsO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> + H <sup>+</sup> ⇌ H <sub>2</sub> AsO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> | 6.62(1)             |
| H <sub>2</sub> AsO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> + H <sup>+</sup> ⇌ H <sub>3</sub> AsO <sub>4</sub> | 2.16(2)             |