## **Supporting Information**

## Real-time determination of chloride anion concentration in aqueous-DMSO using a pyrrole-strapped calix[4]pyrrole anion receptor

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## **General Experimental Procedures**

Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were obtained on a Varian Mercury 400 MHz NMR

spectrometers using the residual peaks of deuterated solvents as internal standards.



Strap Pyrrolic N-H = 11.58 ppm

Calix[4]pyrrole Pyrrolic N-H = 9.43 ppm Calix[4]pyrrole Pyrrolic  $\beta$ -H = 5.76-5.74 ppm



Strap Pyrrolic N-H = 15.20 ppm (d, J = 50 Hz)

Calix[4]pyrrole Pyrrolic N-H = 12.20 ppm (d, J = 33 Hz) Calix[4]pyrrole Pyrrolic  $\beta$ -H = 5.51-5.49 ppm

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Strap Pyrrolic N-H = 12.87 ppm





Calix[4]pyrrole Pyrrolic N-H = 10.92 ppm Calix[4]pyrrole Pyrrolic  $\beta$ -H = 5.48-5.45 ppm



g) 0.90 equiv. of aq. NaF (0.090 mL, 10%), e) 1.10 equiv. of aq. NaF (1.10 mL, 12.1%)



Figure 2. Water dependent proton NMR spectral titration of the pyrrole-strapped calix[4]pyrrole (1) fluoride complex. In this study, compound 1 was dissolved in 1.00 mL of DMSO- $d_6$  (19.50 mM) containing 80 uL of aq. NaF solution (0.68 equiv.). The percent water in each of the spectra was as follows: a) 7%, b) 11%, c) 14%, d) 17%, e) 19%, f) 22%, and g) 24%. The numbers on the spectra are the integrated ratios for the sets of peaks in question. Note that precipitation occurs under the conditions of spectrum g).



**Figure 3.** Proton NMR spectrum of pyrrole-strapped calix[4]pyrrole (1) dissolved in 1.0 mL of DMSO- $d_6$  after adding 100 uL of a high-ion sports drink (Pocari Sweat<sup>TM</sup>).

(Pyrrole-strapped calix[4]pyrrole 1) = 635.7950 g/mol (5.2 mg of 1) =  $8.2 \times 10^{-6}$  mole The integrated proton NMR ratio =>  $[1 \cdot Cl^{-}] / [1] = 1.00 / 3.61$ (The sum of  $1 \cdot Cl^{-}$  and 1) =  $8.2 \times 10^{-6}$  mole  $\therefore 1 \cdot Cl^{-} = 8.2 \times 10^{-6}$  mole  $\times (1.00/(1.00+3.61)) = 1.77 \times 10^{-6}$  mol Thus, 0.100 mL of sports drink contained  $1.77 \times 10^{-6}$  mol of chloride anions [Cl<sup>-</sup>] =  $1.77 \times 10^{-6}$  mole / 0.100 mL = 17.7 mmol/L

## ITC Titrations with salts in DMSO/H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1 v/v)



B. TBACl



C. TBAH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>

D. TBAOBz





Table S1. Titration data for the interaction of strapped calix[4]pyrrole 1 with chloride salts in DMSO/H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1 v/v) at 298 K.

Titration	salt	[salt]	[CP]	$T\Delta S$	$\Delta H$	$\Delta G$	Ka
		mМ	mМ	kcal/mol	kcal/mol	kcal/mol	$M^{-1}$
А	NaCl	15.0	0.72	1.42	-4.56	-5.97	24 000
В	TBACl	10.0	0.72	1.68	-4.35	-6.03	26 000
С	TBAH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	10.2	0.72	Affinity is too low to allow for $K_a$ determination at this concentration			
D	TBAOBz	11.1	0.72	No binding detected			