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Molecular Recognition and Spectral Tuning of Organic Dyes in Water by Amide Naphthotubes

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1. General Methods

Experimental Method. All the reagents and guest molecules involved in this research were commercially available and used without further purification unless otherwise noted. Solvents were either employed as purchased or dried prior to use by standard laboratory procedures. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance-400 or 500 NMR spectrometer. All chemical shifts are reported in ppm with residual solvents as the internal standards. Fluorescence spectra were obtained on a Shimadzu RF-5301pc spectrometer. UV–vis absorption spectra were obtained on a Hitachi U-2600 UV–vis spectrophotometer. Emission lifetime measurements were performed with Hamamatsu compact fluorescence lifetime spectrometer C11367. Absolute luminescent quantum yields were recorded with Hamamatsu absolute PL quantum yield spectrometer C11347. Circular dichroism (CD) spectra were recorded on an Applied PhotoPhysics Chirascan CD spectropolarimeter, using a 1 cm quartz cuvette. The synthetic procedure of **1a** and **1b** has been reported in our previous work.^[1,2]

ITC Titrations. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) experiments were carried out in deionized water at 25 °C on a VP-ITC instrument (Malvern MicroCal VP-ITC) and a Malvern MicroCal PEAQ-ITC Automated instrument for three times. The \pm values in the ITC means the standard errors of the mean in three times titration. Errors are smaller than $\pm 10\%$.

UV-vis titrations. For UV-vis titrations, a solution of the corresponding dye (the concentration is 2.5×10^{-5} M unless otherwise noted) prepared in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4). This solution was placed in a cuvette (2.0 mL) at 25 °C. The sample was then titrated with a solution of a host. Nonlinear curve-fitting method was then used to obtain the association constants through the following equation:

Int= I_0 +(((Igh-I_0)/2)/H_0)*(H_0+G_0+1/K_a-sqrt((H_0+G_0+1/K_a)^2-4*H_0*G_0))

Fluorescence titrations. For fluorescence titrations, a 1.0×10^{-5} M solution of the corresponding dye prepared in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4). This solution was placed in a cuvette (2.0 mL) at 25 °C. The sample was then titrated with a solution of a host.

2. ¹H NMR Spectra of Host-Guest Complexes



Fig. S1. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1, 298$ K) of (a) **2**, (c) **1a**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (50 mM). In the 1:1 mixture, the aromatic protons of the host shift upfield or downfield, and NH proton shift upfield, supporting the binding between **1a** and **2**. The guest exchange is fast at the NMR time scale and some NMR signals of the guest became broadened or disappeared into the baseline.



Fig. S2. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1, 298$ K) of (a) **2**, (c) **1b**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the protons

of the host shift obviously, supporting the binding between **1b** and **2**. The splitting of the protons of the host indicates the binding is slow exchange at the NMR time scale and the host become de-symmetrised after binding the guest **2**.



Fig. S3. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1, 298$ K) of (a) **3**, (c) **1a**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the aromatic protons of the host and guest underwent obvious shift, supporting the binding between **1a** and **3**.



Fig. S4. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1, 298$ K) of (a) **3**, (c) **1b**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the peaks are broadened and underwent obvious shift, supporting the binding between **1b** and **3**.



Fig. S5. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1, 298$ K) of (a) 4, (c) 1a, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1mixture, the aromatic protons of the host went obvious shift, while the aromatic protons of the guest became broadened and disappeared into baseline, supporting the binding between 1a and 4.



Fig. S6. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1$, 298 K) of (a) 4, (c) 1b, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the peaks of the host underwent obvious shift, while the peaks of the guest became broad and disappeared into the baseline, supporting the binding between 1b and 4.



Fig. S7. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1, 298$ K) of (a) **5**, (c) **1a**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the aromatic protons of the host and NH proton underwent obvious shift, and the peaks of the guest became broad and disappeared into baseline, supporting a binding event occurs.



Fig. S8. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1, 298$ K) of (a) **5**, (c) **1b**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the aromatic protons of the host and NH proton experiences obvious shift, while the aromatic protons of the guest became broad and disappeared into the baseline, supporting the binding between **1b** and **5**.



Fig. S9. ¹H NMR spectra (400 MHz, 2.0 mM, D_2O) of 1:1 mixture of **5** with **1b** at different temperature. The signals of the complex shift upfield as the temperature drops. However, at the three temperatures, the guest signals are all disappeared into baseline and cann't be observed.



Fig. S10. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1$, 298 K) of (a) **6**, (c) **1a**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the peaks of the host are broadened and underwent obvious shift, while the aromatic protons of the guest became broad and disappeared into the baseline, supporting the binding between **1a** and **6**.



Fig. S11. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1$, 298 K) of (a) **6**, (c) **1b**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the peaks of the host became broadened and underwent obvious shift, while the aromatic protons of the guest became broad and disappeared into the baseline, supporting the binding between **1b** and **6**.



Fig. S12. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1, 298$ K) of (a) 7, (c) **1a**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the aromatic protons of the host underwent obvious shift, while the aromatic protons of the guest became broad and disappeared into the baseline, supporting the binding between **1a** and **7**.



Fig. S13. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1$, 298 K) of (a) 7, (c) **1b**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the spectrum of their mixture, the peaks of the host under obvious shift, while the aromatic protons of the guest became broad and disappeared into the baseline, supporting the binding between **1b** and **7**.



Fig. S14. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1$, 298 K) of (a) **8**, (c) **1a**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the aromatic protons of the host underwent obvious shift, while the aromatic protons of the guest became broad and disappeared into the baseline, supporting the binding between **1a** and **8**.



Fig. S15. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1$, 298 K) of (a) **8**, (c) **1b**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the aromatic protons of the host experiences obvious shift, while the aromatic protons of the guest became broadened and disappeared into the baseline, supporting the binding between **1b** and **8**.



Fig. S16. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1$, 298 K) of (a) 9, (c) **1a**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the peaks of the hos shift obviously, while the aromatic protons of the guest became broad and disappeared into the baseline, supporting the binding between **1a** and **9**.



Fig. S17. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1$, 298 K) of (a) 9, (c) **1b**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the peaks of the host shifted obviously, while the aromatic protons of the guest became broad and disappeared into the baseline, supporting the binding between **1b** and **9**.



Fig. S18. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.2 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1, 298$ K) of (a) **10**, (c) **1a**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the peaks of the host went shifted obviously, while the aromatic protons of the guest became broad and disappeared into baseline, supporting a binding event occurs.



Fig. S19. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.2 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1, 298$ K) of (a) **10**, (c) **1b**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the peaks of the host and guest shifted obviously, supporting the binding between **1b** and **10**.



Fig. S20. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.2 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1, 298$ K) of (a) **11**, (c) **1a**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the peaks of the host shifted obviously, while the aromatic protons of the guest became broadened and disappeared into the baseline, supporting the binding between **1a** and **11**.



Fig. S21. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.2 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1, 298$ K) of (a) **11**, (c) **1b**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the peaks of the host shifted obviously, while the aromatic protons of the guest disappeared into the baseline, supporting the binding between **1b** and **11**.



Fig. S22. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1, 298$ K) of (a) **12**, (c) **1a**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the aromatic protons of the host and NH proton shifted obviously, while the aromatic protons of the guest became broadened or disappeared into the baseline, supporting the binding between **1a** and **12**.



Fig. S23. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1, 298$ K) of (a) **12**, (c) **1b**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the obvious changes of peaks pattern and chemical shifts supporting the binding between **1b** and **12**.



Fig. S24. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1$, 298 K) of (a) **13**, (c) **1a**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the obvious changes of peaks pattern and chemical shifts supporting the binding between **1a** and **13**.



Fig. S25. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1, 298$ K) of (a) **13**, (c) **1b**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the obvious changes of peaks pattern and chemical shifts supporting the binding between **1b** and **13**.



Fig. S26. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1$, 298 K) of (a) 14, (c) 1a, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the obvious changes of peaks pattern and chemical shifts supporting the binding between 1a and 14.



Fig. S27. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, 0.5 mM, $H_2O/D_2O = 9:1$, 298 K) of (a) **14**, (c) **1b**, and (b) their equimolar mixture in PB buffer (pH 7.4). In the 1:1 mixture, the obvious changes of peaks pattern and chemical shifts supporting the binding between **1b** and **14**. The NH proton became broad or disappeared.



3. Binding Constants of 1a and 1b by ITC titration

Fig. S28. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **2** to **1a** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 0.5 mM.



Fig. S29. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **2** to **1b** in phosphate buffer (pH = 7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 0.7 mM.



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_		<i>K</i> _a (M⁻¹)	ΔG° (kJ/mol)
	1st	2.67×10^{5}	-31.0
	2nd	2.75×10^5	-31.1
	3rd	2.90×10^5	-31.2
	average	$(2.77 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{5}$	-31.1 ± 0.1
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_		ΔH° (kJ/mol)	<i>-T∆S</i> ° (kJ/mol)
	1st	-30.0	-1.0
	2nd	-29.6	-1.5
	3rd	-28.5	-2.7
	average	-29.4 ± 0.6	-1.7 ± 0.7

Fig. S30. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **3** to **1a** in phosphate buffer (pH = 7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 0.9 mM.



Fig. S31. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **3** to **1b** in phosphate buffer (pH = 7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 0.7 mM.



	<i>К</i> _а (М ⁻¹)	ΔG° (kJ/mol)
1st	1.98×10^{4}	-24.4
2nd	1.90×10^{4}	-24.4
3rd	1.75×10^{4}	-24.3
average	$(1.88 \pm 0.10) \times 10^4$	-24.4 ± 0.1
	<i>∆H</i> ° (kJ/mol)	<i>-T∆S</i> ° (kJ/mol)
1st	-10.6	-13.8
2nd	-9.1	-15.3
3rd	-9.1	-15.2
average	-9.6 ± 0.7	-14.8 ± 0.7

Fig. S32. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **4** to **1a** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 2.0 mM.



Fig. S33. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **4** to **1b** in phosphate buffer (pH = 7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 1.0 mM.



	<i>K</i> _a (M ⁻¹)	ΔG° (kJ/mol)
1st	4.99×10^{4}	-26.9
2nd	5.04×10^{4}	-26.9
3rd	5.27×10^{4}	-26.9
average	$(5.10 \pm 0.12) \times 10^4$	-26.9 ± 0.1
	<i>∆H</i> ° (kJ/mol)	<i>-T∆S</i> ° (kJ/mol)
1st	-21.4	-5.4
2nd	-21.3	-5.5
3rd	-19.3	-7.7
average	-20.6 ± 1.0	-6.2 ± 1.1

Fig. S34. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **5** to **1a** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 2.0 mM



Fig. S35. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **5** to **1b** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 2.0 mM.



	<i>K</i> _a (M ⁻¹)	ΔG° (kJ/mol)
1st	9.19×10^{4}	-28.2
2nd	9.60×10^{4}	-28.5
3rd	9.40×10^{4}	-28.4
average	$(9.40 \pm 0.17) \times 10^4$	-28.4 ± 0.1
	<i>∆H</i> ° (kJ/mol)	<i>-T∆S</i> ° (kJ/mol)
1st	-10.9	-17.3
2nd	-11.0	-17.5
3rd	-11.1	-17.3
average	-11.0 ± 0.1	-17.4 ± 0.1

Fig. S36. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **6** to **1a** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 2.0 mM.



Fig. S37. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **6** to **1b** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 1.5 mM.



	<i>K</i> _a (M ⁻¹)	ΔG° (kJ/mol)
1st	5.46×10^{4}	-27.0
2nd	5.57×10^{4}	-27.1
3rd	5.52×10^{4}	-27.1
average	$(5.52 \pm 0.04) \times 10^4$	-27.1 ± 0.1
	ΔH° (kJ/mol)	<i>-T∆S</i> ° (kJ/mol)
1st	-20.6	-6.4
2nd	-20.4	-6.7
3rd	-20.6	-6.5
average	-20.5 ± 0.1	-6.5 ± 0.1

Fig. S38. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of 7 to 1a in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 2.0 mM, the concentration of guest is 0.1 mM.



Fig. S39. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of 7 to **1b** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 2.0 mM, the concentration of guest is 0.1 mM.



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		<i>K</i> _a (M ⁻¹)	ΔG° (kJ/mol)
	1st	3.27×10^{4}	-25.8
	2nd	3.08×10^{4}	-25.7
	3rd	3.13×10^{4}	-25.6
	average	$(3.16 \pm 0.08) \times 10^4$	-25.7 ± 0.1
		<i>∆H</i> ° (kJ/mol)	<i>-T∆S</i> ° (kJ/mol)
	1st	-36.2	10.4
	2nd	-38.0	12.3
	3rd	-39.2	13.6
	average	-37.8 ± 1.2	12.1 ± 1.3

Fig. S40. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **8** to **1a** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 1.5 mM.



Fig. S41. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **8** to **1b** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 1.0 mM.



	<i>K</i> _a (M ⁻¹)	ΔG° (kJ/mol)
1st	4.07×10^{4}	-26.3
2nd	3.61×10^{4}	-26.0
3rd	4.00×10^{4}	-26.3
average	$(3.89 \pm 0.20) \times 10^4$	-26.2 ± 0.1
	ΔH° (kJ/mol)	<i>-T∆S</i> ° (kJ/mol)
1st	-37.4	11.0
2nd	-36.5	10.4
3rd	-34.8	8.5
average	-36.2 ± 1.0	10.0 ± 1.1

Fig. S42. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **9** to **1a** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 1.0 mM.



Fig. S43. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **9** to **1b** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 1.0 mM.



	<i>K</i> _a (M ⁻¹)	ΔG° (kJ/mol)
1st	5.20×10^{3}	-21.2
2nd	5.04×10^{3}	-21.2
3rd	5.09×10^{3}	-21.2
average	$(5.11 \pm 0.07) \times 10^3$	-21.2 ± 0.0
	ΔH° (kJ/mol)	<i>-T∆S</i> ° (kJ/mol)
1st	<i>ΔH</i> ° (kJ/mol) -24.4	<i>-T∆S</i> ° (kJ/mol) 3.2
1st 2nd	ΔH° (kJ/mol) -24.4 -27.2	<i>-TΔS</i> ° (kJ/mol) 3.2 6.0
1st 2nd 3rd	ΔH° (kJ/mol) -24.4 -27.2 -24.9	- <i>T</i> ΔS° (kJ/mol) 3.2 6.0 3.7
1st 2nd 3rd average	ΔH° (kJ/mol) -24.4 -27.2 -24.9 -25.5 ± 1.2	- <i>T</i> ∆S° (kJ/mol) 3.2 6.0 3.7 4.3 ± 1.2

Fig. S44. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **10** to **1a** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 2.0 mM.



Fig. S45. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **10** to **1b** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 2.0 mM.



	<i>К_а</i> (М ⁻¹)	ΔG° (kJ/mol)
1st	5.55×10^{3}	-21.5
2nd	5.33×10^{3}	-21.3
3rd	4.92×10^{3}	-21.1
average	$(5.27 \pm 0.23) \times 10^3$	-21.3 ± 0.1
	ΔH° (kJ/mol)	<i>-T∆S</i> ° (kJ/mol)
1st	-34.2	12.7
2nd	-41.8	20.6
3rd	-43.2	22.1
average	-39.7 ± 4.0	18.5 ± 4.1

Fig. S46. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **11** to **1a** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 2.0 mM, the concentration of guest is 0.1 mM.



Fig. S47. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **11** to **1b** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 2.0 mM, the concentration of guest is 0.1 mM.



	<i>K</i> _a (M ⁻¹)	ΔG° (kJ/mol)
1st	6.00×10^{4}	-27.3
2nd	6.24×10^{4}	-27.4
3rd	5.60×10^{4}	-27.1
average	$(5.95 \pm 0.26) \times 10^4$	-27.3 ± 0.1
	ΔH (kJ/mol)	<i>-T∆S</i> (kJ/mol)
1st	-32.8	5.5
2nd	-28.9	1.6
3rd	-28.7	1.6
average	-30.1 ± 1.9	2.9 ± 1.9

Fig. S48. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **12** to **1a** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 2.0 mM.



Fig. S49. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **12** to **1b** in phosphate buffer (pH = 7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 1.5 mM.



	<i>К_а</i> (М ⁻¹)	ΔG° (kJ/mol)
1st	5.71×10^{4}	-27.2
2nd	6.45×10^{4}	-27.5
3rd	6.38×10^{4}	-27.4
average	$(6.18 \pm 0.33) \times 10^4$	-27.3 ± 0.1
	ΔH° (kJ/mol)	<i>-T∆S</i> ° (kJ/mol)
1st	-28.4	1.3
2nd	-28.2	0.8
3rd	-28.9	1.4
average	-28.5 ± 0.3	1.2 ± 0.3

Fig. S50. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of 13 to 1a in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 2.0 mM, the concentration of guest is 0.1 mM.



Fig. S51. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of **13** to **1b** in phosphate buffer (pH = 7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 1.0 mM, the concentration of guest is 0.1 mM.



	<i>K</i> _a (M ⁻¹)	ΔG° (kJ/mol)
1st	6.63×10^{4}	-27.6
2nd	8.85×10^{4}	-28.3
3rd	7.15×10^{4}	-27.7
average	$(7.54 \pm 0.95) \times 10^4$	-27.9 ± 0.3
	ΔH° (kJ/mol)	<i>-T∆S</i> ° (kJ/mol)
1st	-41.2	13.6
2nd	-44.7	16.5
3rd	-39.9	12.2
average	-41.9 ± 2.0	14.1 ± 1.8

Fig. S52. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of 14 to 1a in phosphate buffer (pH = 7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 1.0 mM.



	<i>K</i> _a (M ⁻¹)	ΔG° (kJ/mol)
1st	7.76×10^4	-27.9
2nd	9.28×10^{4}	-28.4
3rd	8.93×10^{4}	-28.3
average	$(8.66 \pm 0.65) \times 10^4$	-28.2 ± 0.2
	ΔH° (kJ/mol)	-TAS° (kJ/mol)
	(
1st	-35.6	7.7
1st 2nd	-35.6 -36.1	7.7 7.7 7.7
1st 2nd 3rd	-35.6 -36.1 -36.5	7.7 7.7 8.3
1st 2nd 3rd average	-35.6 -36.1 -36.5 -36.1 ± 0.4	7.7 7.7 8.3 7.9 ± 0.3

Fig. S53. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of 14 to 1b in phosphate buffer (pH = 7.4) at 298 K. In this titration, the concentration of host is 0.1 mM, the concentration of guest is 1.0 mM.

4. Job plots



Fig. S54. Job plot of **1a** and **14** constructed from the UV-vis absorption change ($\lambda = 403 \text{ nm}$) of **1a** by varying the ratio of **1a** and **14** with a fixed total concentration ([**1a**] + [**14**] = 10 μ M). This experiment supports the 1:1 binding stoichiometry between **1a** and **14** in phosphate buffer (10 mM, pH = 7.4).



Fig. S55. Job plot of **1b** and **14** constructed from the UV-vis absorption change ($\lambda = 403 \text{ nm}$) of **1b** by varying the ratio of **1b** and **14** with a fixed total concentration ([**1b**] + [**14**] = 10 μ M). This experiment supports the 1:1 binding stoichiometry between **1b** and **14** in phosphate buffer (10 mM, pH = 7.4).

5. Binding Constants of CB7 by ITC titration



Fig. S56. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of 4 (1.0 mM) to **CB7** (0.1 mM) in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K.



Fig. S57. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of 7 (1.3 mM) to **CB7** (0.1 mM) in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K.



Fig. S58. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of 10 (3.0 mM) to CB7 (0.1 mM) in phosphate buffer (pH = 7.4) at 298 K.



Fig. S59. ITC titration plots (heat rate versus time and heat versus guest/host ratio) of 12(2.0 mM) to CB7 (0.1 mM) in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K.

0.7 0.610 0.605 0.6 0.600 0.5 Absorption 0.595 tion Host: β-CD Absorpti 0.580 0.585 $K_a = 3.8 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$ $R^2 = 0.9974$ 0.2 0.580 0.1 0.575 0.0 0.570 200 300 400 500 600 0.0000 0.0001 0.0002 0.0003 0.0004 0.0005 0.0006 Wavelength(nm) [Host] (M)

6. Binding Constants of β-CD by UV-vis titration

Fig. S60. UV-vis titration of β -CD with 12 in pure water at 298 K. The concentration of guest is 25 μ M.



Fig. S61. UV-vis titration of β -CD with 13 in pure water at 298 K. The concentration of guest is 11.45 μ M.



Fig. S62. UV-vis titration of β -CD with 14 in pure water at 298 K. The concentration of guest is 20 μ M.

7. Fluorescence Quantum Yield and Lifetime



Fig. S63. a) Curve fit (red line) of the fluorescence lifetime of **2** (1.0×10^{-5} M), 1:3 mixture of **2** and **1a** (1.0×10^{-5} M : 3×10^{-5} M), 1:2 mixture of **2** and **1b** (1.0×10^{-5} M : 2×10^{-5} M), excitation wavelength= 475 nm, emission wavelength= 600 nm. b) Fluorescence quantum yield of **2** (1.0×10^{-5} M), 1:3 mixture of **2** and **1a** (1.0×10^{-5} M), 1:3 mixture of **2** and **1a** (1.0×10^{-5} M), 1:3 mixture of **2** and **1a** (1.0×10^{-5} M), 1:3 mixture of **2** and **1a** (1.0×10^{-5} M), 1:3 mixture of **2** and **1a** (1.0×10^{-5} M), 1:4 mixture of **2** and **1a** (1.0×10^{-5} M), 1:5 mixture of **2** and **1a** (1.0×10^{-5} M), 1:6 mixture of **2** and **1a** (1.0×10^{-5} M), 1:7 mixture of **2** and **1a** (1.0×10^{-5} M), 1:8 mixture of **2** and **1a** (1.0×10^{-5} M), 1:9 mixture of **2** and **1a** (1.0×10^{-5} M), 1:9 mixture of **2** and **1a** (1.0×10^{-5} M), 1:9 mixture of **2** and **1a** (1.0×10^{-5} M), 1:9 mixture of **2** and **1a** (1.0×10^{-5} M), 1:9 mixture of **2** and **1b** (1.0×10^{-5} M) = 2 \times 10^{-5} M), 1:9 mixture of **2** and **1b** (1.0×10^{-5} M) = 2 \times 10^{-5} M).

8. UV-vis titration data for 1a and 1b



Fig. S64. UV–vis titrations of **3** with **1a** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. Inset: curve fit of the titration data at $\lambda = 437$ nm according to a 1:1 binding stoichiometry.



Fig. S65. UV–vis titrations of **3** with **1b** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. The titration data can't be fitted according to a 1:1 binding stoichiometry, probably because the binding constant is too high to be determined by this method ($K_a = 6.3 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1}$ from ITC titration).



Fig. S66. UV–vis titrations of **4** with **1a** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. Inset: curve fit of the titration data at $\lambda = 514$ nm according to a 1:1 binding stoichiometry.



Fig. S67. UV–vis titrations of **4** with **1b** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. Inset: curve fit of the titration data at $\lambda = 514$ nm according to a 1:1 binding stoichiometry.



Fig. S68. UV–vis titrations of **5** with **1a** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. Inset: curve fit of the titration data at $\lambda = 433$ nm according to a 1:1 binding stoichiometry.



Fig. S69. UV–vis titrations of **5** with **1b** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. Inset: curve fit of the titration data at $\lambda = 432$ nm according to a 1:1 binding stoichiometry.



Fig. S70. UV–vis titrations of **6** with **1a** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. Inset: curve fit of the titration data at λ = 434 nm according to a 1:1 binding stoichiometry. Note: this UV-Vis fitting is not so good and the obtained constant is one order of magnitude higher than that from ITC titration (*Fig. S36*, 9.4 × 10⁴ M⁻¹), and the ITC experiments are meant to be trusted as they are well-fitted and repeated three times.



Fig. S71. UV–vis titrations of **6** with **1b** in phosphate buffer (pH =7.4) at 298 K. Inset: curve fit of the titration data at $\lambda = 412$ nm according to a 1:1 binding stoichiometry.

9 Fluorescence titration data for 1a and 1b



Fig. S72. Fluorescence titration of 3 with 1a. The addition of 1a enhanced the fluorescence intensity of 3 for 8 times.



Fig. S73. Fluorescence titration of 4 with 1a. The addition of 1a quenched the fluorescence intensity of 4.



Fig. S74. Fluorescence titration of 4 with 1b. The addition of 1b quenched the fluorescence intensity of 4.



Fig. S75. Fluorescence titration of 5 with 1a. The addition of 1a enhanced the fluorescence intensity of 5 for 3 times.



Fig. S76. Fluorescence titration of 5 with 1b. The addition of 1b enhanced the fluorescence intensity of 5 for about 3 times.



Fig. S77. Fluorescence titration of 6 with 1a. The addition of 1a enhanced the fluorescence intensity of 6 for less than 2 times.



Fig. S78. Fluorescence titration of 6 with 1b. The addition of 1b enhanced the fluorescence intensity of 6 for about 3 times.

10. Computational data

Computational Methods. Quantum chemistry calculations were performed by using Gaussian 09 package.³ The two representative conformation of complexes **2@1a** and **2@1b** have been optimized employing density functional theory (DFT) with dispersion corrected method (B3LYP-D3(BJ))⁴ in combination with 6-31G* basis set (the Polarizable Continuum Model (PCM) water model was used).⁵ Minima were identified by the absence of imaginary frequencies. Single point energy in vacuum were calculated using B3LYP-D3(BJ) method with ma-def2-TZVP basis set with the same water model.⁶ The total Gibbs free energy of the complex in water is the addition of single point energy and the thermal correction to Gibbs free energy (ZPE+ Δ G0 \rightarrow T). Independent gradient model based on Hirshfeld partition (IGMH) analysis⁷ for the more energetically stable conformer were carried out with Multiwfn 3.8 (dev) program.⁸ Molecular plots were visualized by the VMD 1.9.3 program.⁹



Fig. S79. Energy-minimized structures of two representative conformers of 2@1a. The results show that 2@1a-conformer 2 is more energetically stable than 2@1a-conformer 1.

Cartesian coordinates of **2@1a**-conformer 2:

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Fig. S80. Energy-minimized structures of two representative conformers of 2@1b. The results show that 2@1b-conformer 2 is more energetically stable than 2@1b-conformer 1.

Cartesian coordinates of 2@1b-conformer 2

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11. CD Spectral of 15 and 3@15



Fig. S81. CD spectra of chiral naphthotubes **15** and 1:1 mixture of **15** and **3** (50 μ M) in 10 mM phosphate buffer (pH 7.4) at 25 °C.

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