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**Effects of cucurbituril size on the binding of a lutidine guest**

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## Methods

NMR spectra were recorded using a Bruker Avance 300 spectrometer operating at frequencies of 300.13 MHz ( $^1\text{H}$ ) at 298 K. pD values were obtained using  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ -calibrated pH-meter after conversion.<sup>1</sup>

## NMR experiments

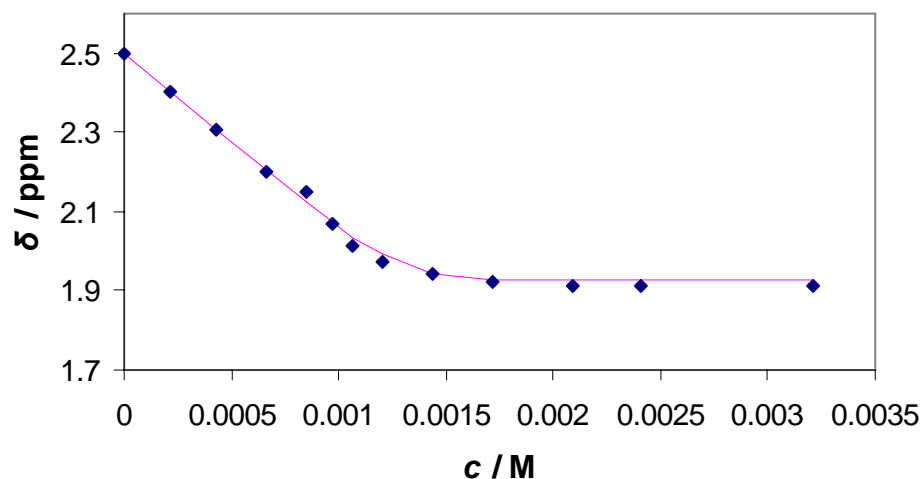


Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz) titration curve of  $1^+$  with **CB7** in 0.02 M NaCl- $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , pD 3. Line shows best fit of the experimental data to the 1:1 binding model.

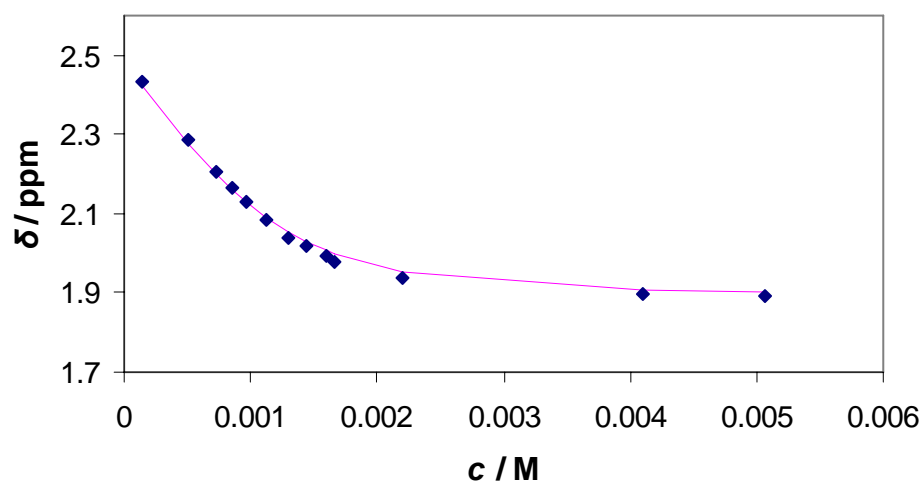


Figure S2.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz) titration curve of  $1^+$  with **CB7** in 0.02 M NaCl- $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , pD 9. Line shows best fit of the experimental data to the 1:1 binding model.

<sup>1</sup> A. Krezel, W. Bal, *J. Inorg. Biochem.*, 2004, **98**, 161.

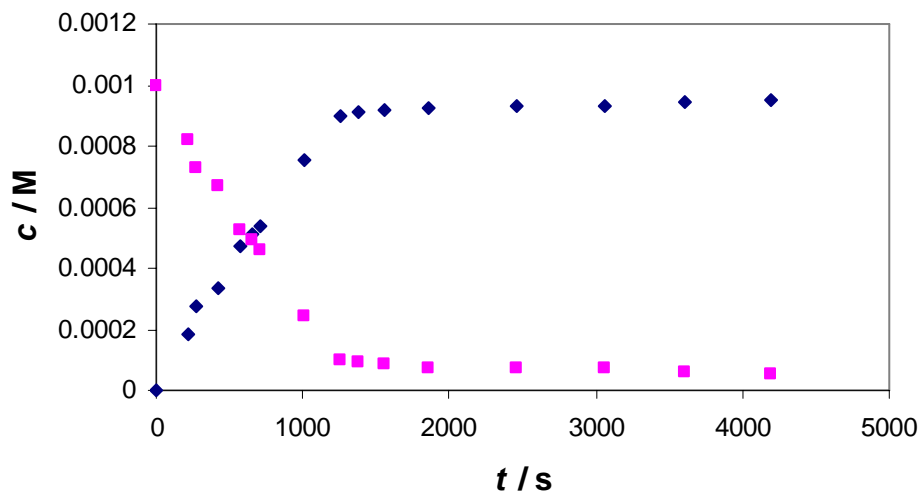


Figure S3. Kinetic traces, recorded at 293 K and pD 9, for the NMR signal intensity changes obtained upon addition of 1.1 equiv of **CB6** to the solution of 1 equiv of **1<sup>+</sup>** and 1.1 equiv of **CB6**.

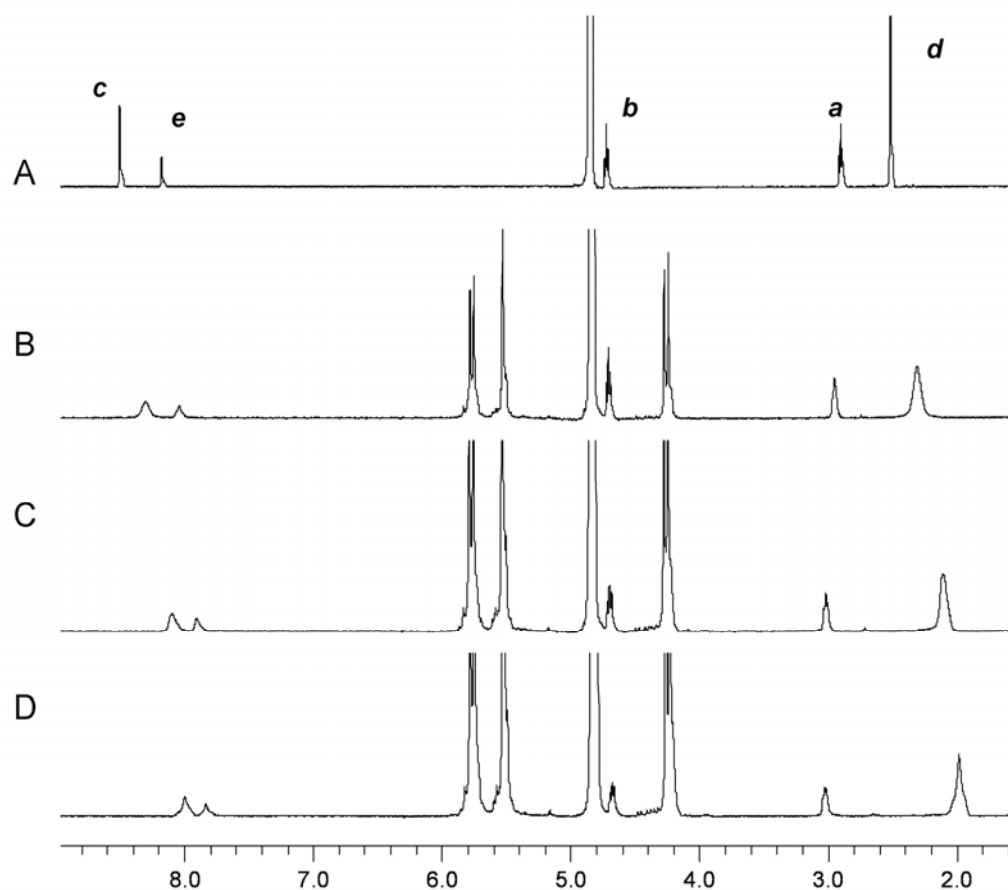


Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (300 MHz, 0.02 M NaCl – D<sub>2</sub>O, pD 11) of **1<sup>+</sup>** in the absence (A) and in the presence of 0.5 equiv (B), 1.2 equiv (C), and 1.9 equiv (D) of **CB7**.

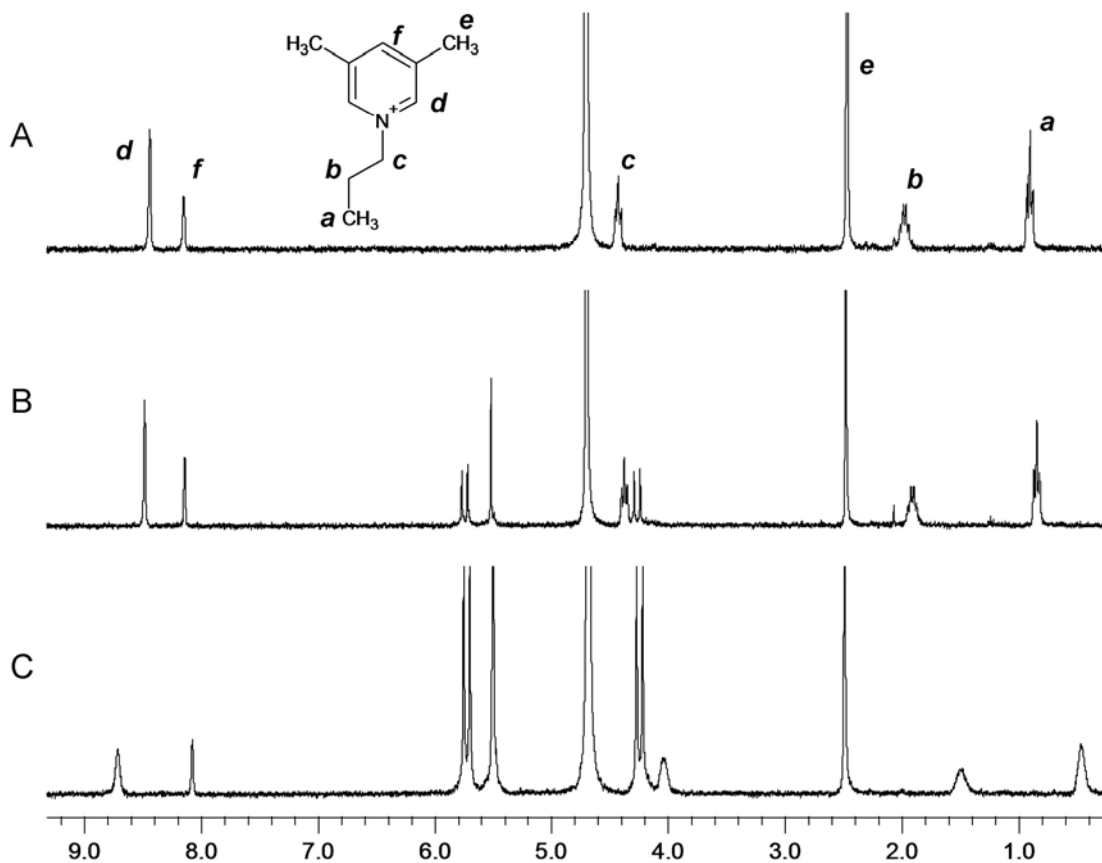


Figure S5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (300 MHz, 0.02 M NaCl –  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , pD 3) of comparative lutidine guest in the absence (A) and in the presence of 0.2 equiv (B) and 0.7 equiv (C) of **CB6**.