

## Supporting Information

### **Predicting self-assembly and structure in diluted aqueous solutions of modified *mono-* and *bis*- $\beta$ -cyclodextrins that contain naphthoxy chromophore groups**

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## General Synthesis Protocols

Reactions were monitored by TLC on Merck 60 F254 (0.25 mm) plates, which were visualized by UV inspection and/or by heating after being sprayed with phosphomolybdic acid.

Reactions under combined MW/US irradiation were performed in a professional multimode oven, (Microsynth, Milestone), operating at 2.45 GHz, equipped with a high-power pyrex<sup>®</sup> US probe (20.5 kHz working frequency) and the temperature was strictly monitored by a fiber optic thermometer inside the reaction vessel.

Flash-chromatography purifications were performed on CombiFlash *Rf* (Teledyne ISCO), an automatic device with auto injection, fractions collector and UV detector.

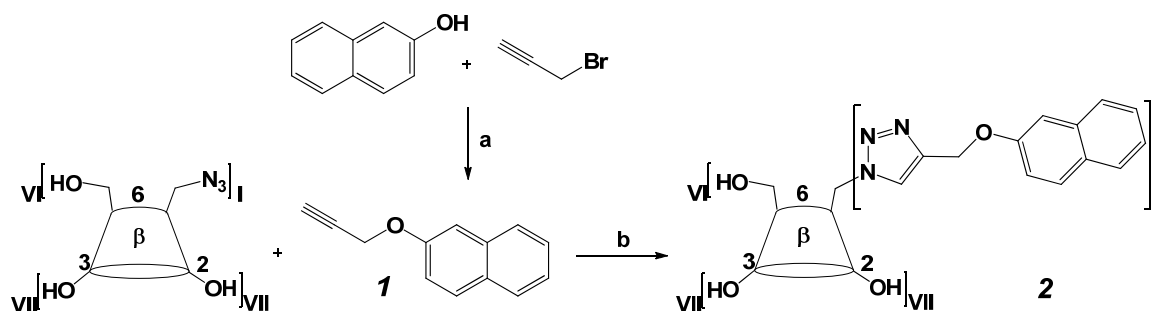
IR spectra were recorded with a Shimadzu FT-IR 8001 spectrophotometer.

NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 300 Avance (300 MHz and 75 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C, respectively) at 25°C; chemical shifts were calibrated to residual proton and carbon resonances of the solvents, viz. CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta_{\text{H}} = 7.27$ ,  $\delta_{\text{C}} = 77.16$ ) and DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> ( $\delta_{\text{H}} = 2.50$ ,  $\delta_{\text{C}} = 39.52$ ). Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are given in ppm and coupling constants (*J*) in Hz.

Low-resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Finnigan-MAT TSQ70 in electron impact (EI) and chemical ionization (CI) with isobutane as reactant gas; ESI-mass spectra were recorded on a Waters Micromass ZQ equipped with ESI source.

**Scheme 1.** Synthesis of  $\beta$ -CD (naphthyloxy)methyl triazolyl asymmetric derivative (**2**, *mono-N $\beta$ CD*).

*Reagents and conditions:* a)  $K_2CO_3$ , acetone, 70°C (rfx); b) Cu powder, MW/US, 100°C, 1.5 h, DMF.



**Synthesis of  $\beta$ -propargyloxynaphthalene (**1**)**

In a two-necked round-bottomed flask (50 ml), 400 mg of  $\beta$ -naphthol (2.78 mmol, 1 eq) was dissolved in 10 ml of acetone and 1.53 g of  $K_2CO_3$  (11.12 mmol, 4 eq) was added to the solution. The mixture was kept at 70°C for 30 min under magnetical stirring. Subsequently 360  $\mu$ l of propargyl bromide (3.34 mmol, 1.2 eq) was added and the reaction was left at 70°C for 4 h.

Acetone was removed under vacuum. The crude product was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$ , dried under vacuum and purified on silica gel (flash chromatography) using a PE/EtOAc gradient. 325.1 mg of pure  $\beta$ -propargyloxynaphthalene was obtained (1.785 mmol, 64%).

Yellow powder.  $R_f$  = 0.63 (PE/EtOAc 8:2).

IR (KBr,  $cm^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3283, 3050, 2120 (alkyne), 1632, 1599, 1472, 1354, 1252, 1174, 1013, 837, 749, 687, 664, 478.

$^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.81-7.76 (overlapped signals, 3H, H-1,5,8), 7.47 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H, H-6), 7.37 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H, H-7), 7.22 (d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz, 1H, H-3), 7.19 (d,  $J$  = 2.7 Hz, 1H, H-4), 4.83 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 2H, O- $CH_2C\equiv CH$ ), 2.50 (t,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H, O- $CH_2C\equiv CH$ ).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  155.5 (C-2), 134.4 (C-8'), 129.7 (C-5), 129.4 (C-4'), 127.8 (C-1), 127.1 (C-8), 126.6 (C-6), 124.2 (C-7), 118.8 (C-4), 107.6 (C-3), 78.6 (O- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ ), 75.8 (O- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ ), 55.9 (O- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ ).

CI-MS ( $m/z$ , %) = 183 (100%)  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ .

**Synthesis of 6<sup>1</sup>-deoxy-6<sup>1</sup>-(4-((2-naphthyloxy)methyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)- $\beta$ -CD (2, *mono-N* $\beta$ CD).**

In a three-necked pear-shaped reaction vessel (100 ml), 200 mg of 6<sup>1</sup>-azido-6<sup>1</sup>-deoxy- $\beta$ -CD (0.172 mmol, 1 eq) and 126 mg of  $\beta$ -propargyloxynaphthalene (0.690 mmol, 4 eq) were dissolved in 10 ml of DMF and 100 mg of Cu powder was added to the solution. The reaction was carried out under combined MW/US irradiation at 100°C for 1.5 h (power of 100 W for MW, 35 W for US). The reaction outcome was monitored by TLC (*i*PrOH/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ /EtOAc/ $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  = 5:3:1:1).

The copper was filtered off on filter paper. After evaporation of DMF under vacuum, the crude product was crystallized in a water/acetone mixture and then purified on RP18 (flash-chromatography) using a  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ /MeOH gradient. 173 mg of pure product was obtained (0.129 mmol, 75%).

White powder.  $R_f$  = 0.77 (*i*PrOH/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ /EtOAc/ $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  = 5:3:1:1).

IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3400, 3283, 2926, 1632, 1510, 1213, 1155, 1078, 1028, 837, 478.

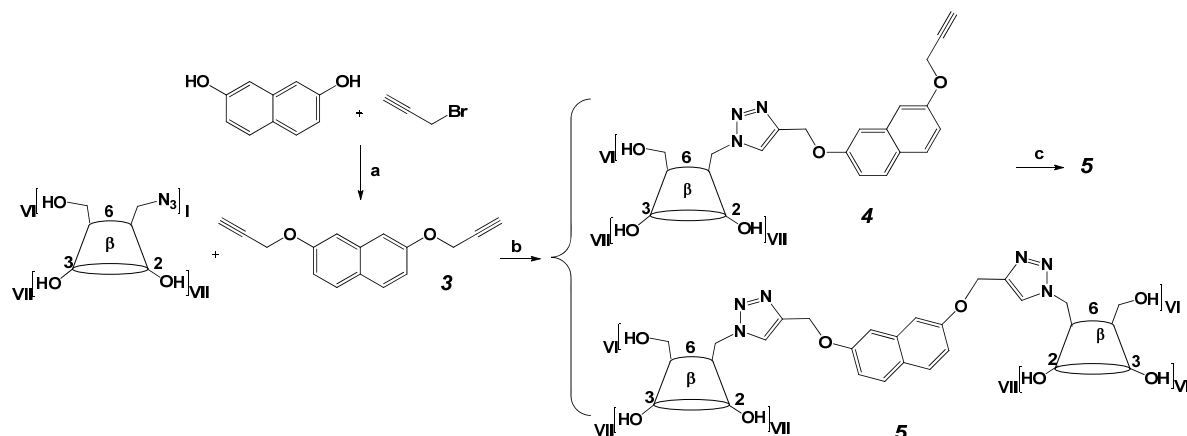
$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  8.23 (s, 1H, H-5 Tz), 7.85-7.79 (overlapped signals, 3H, H-1,5,8 Npth), 7.50-7.17 (overlapped signals, 4H, H-7,6,4,3 Npth), 5.92-5.68 (overlapped signals, 14H, 2,3-OH), 5.22 (s, 4H, Tz- $\text{CH}_2$ -O-Npth), 5.05 (s, 1H, H-1'), 4.96 (m, 1H, H-6'ab), 4.90-4.72 (m, 6H, H-1), 4.61 (m, 1H, H-6'ab), 4.59-4.31 (overlapped signals, 6H, 6-OH), 4.01 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.82-3.49 (overlapped signals, 23H, H-3,5,6), 3.45-3.24 (overlapped signals, 14H, H-2,4), 3.14 (brm, 1H, H-6"ab), 2.88 (brm, 1H, H-6"ab).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  156.1 (C-2 Npth), 142.4 (C-4 Tz), 134.2 (C-8' Npth), 129.4 (C-5 Npth), 129.3 (C-4' Npth), 128.6 (C-1 Npth), 127.5, 126.8 (C-8,6 Npth), 126.4 (C-7 Npth), 125.6 (C-5 Tz), 118.7 (C-4 Npth), 107.1 (C-3 Npth), 102.3, 102.0, 101.9 (C-1), 83.5, 82.1, 81.6, 81.5, 81.4, 81.0 (C-4), 73.2, 72.4, 72.3, 72.1, 71.8, 70.0 (C-2,3,5), 70.9 (C-5'), 61.0 (Tz-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-Naf), 60.2, 60.0, 59.9 (C-6), 55.5 (C-6').

ESI-MS ( $m/z$ , %) calc. for C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>80</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>35</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 1343.21, found 1342.87 (25%); for C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>79</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>35</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 1364.44, found 1364.81 (100%); for C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>79</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>35</sub>K [M + K]<sup>+</sup> 1380.55, found 1380.78 (35%).

**Scheme 2.** Synthesis of 2,7-bis-((1-(6<sup>L</sup>-deoxy-β-CD-6<sup>L</sup>-yl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methoxy)naphthalene (**5**, *bis*-NβCD).

*Reagents and conditions:* a) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, acetone, 70°C (rfx); b) Cu powder, MW/US, 100°C, 1.5 h, DMF; c) 6<sup>L</sup>-azido-6<sup>L</sup>-deoxy-β-CD, Cu powder, MW/US, 100°C, 1.5 h, DMF.



### Synthesis of 2,7-dipropargyloxynaphthalene (**3**)

In a two-necked round-bottomed flask (50 ml), 1 g of 2,7-dihydroxynaphthalene (6.24 mmol, 1 eq) was dissolved in 15 ml of acetone and 6.89 g of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (49.9 mmol, 8 eq) was added to the solution. The mixture was kept at 70°C for 30 min under magnetical stirring. Subsequently 1.62 ml of propargyl bromide (14.98 mmol, 2.4 eq) was added and the reaction was left at 70°C for 20 h.

The acetone was removed under vacuum. The crude product was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, dried under vacuum and purified on silica gel (flash chromatography) using a PE/EtOAc gradient. 865 mg of pure 2,7-dipropargyloxynaphthalene was obtained (3.66 mmol, 59%).

Yellow powder. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.59 (PE/EtOAc 8:2).

IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): ν 3293, 2132 (alkyne), 1626, 1514, 1384, 1208, 1019, 839, 820, 685, 655, 628, 477.



$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  7.67 (d,  $J$  = 9 Hz, 2H, H-4,5), 7.18 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 2H, H-1,8), 7.08 (dd,  $J$  = 9, 2.7 Hz, 2H, H-3,6), 4.81 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 4H, O- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ ), 2.58 (t,  $J$  = 1.2 Hz, 2H, O- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ ).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 75 MHz):  $\delta$  156.3 (C-2,7), 135.5 (C-8'), 129.5 (C-4,5), 125.2 (C-4'), 116.7 (C-3,6), 107.1 (C-1,8), 78.6 (O- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ ), 75.8 (O- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ ), 55.9 (O- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ ).

CI-MS ( $m/z$ , %) = 237 (100%)  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ .

#### **Synthesis of 6<sup>I</sup>-deoxy-6<sup>I</sup>-(4-((7-propargyloxynaphthalen-2-yloxy)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)- $\beta$ -CD (4)**

In a three-necked pear-shaped reaction vessel (100 ml), 400 mg of 6<sup>I</sup>-azido-6<sup>I</sup>-deoxy- $\beta$ -CD (0.345 mmol, 1 eq) and 244 mg of 2,7-dipropargyloxynaphthalene (1.033 mmol, 3 eq) were dissolved in 10 ml of DMF and afterwards 200 mg of Cu powder were added to the solution.

The reaction was carried out under combined MW/US irradiation at 100°C for 1.5 h (power of 100 W for MW, 35 W for US). The reaction outcome was monitored by TLC (*i*PrOH/H<sub>2</sub>O/EtOAc/NH<sub>4</sub>OH = 5:3:1:1).

The copper was filtered off on filter paper. After the evaporation of DMF under vacuum, the crude product was crystallized in water/acetone and then purified on RP18 (flash-chromatography) using a H<sub>2</sub>O/MeOH gradient. 458.4 mg of pure monomeric product (**4**, 0.328 mmol, 76%) and 70 mg of pure dimeric product (**5**, 0.0274 mmol, 13%) were obtained.

6<sup>I</sup>-deoxy-6<sup>I</sup>-(4-((7-propargyloxynaphthalen-2-yloxy)methyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)- $\beta$ -CD (**4**) White powder.  $R_f$  = 0.43 (*i*PrOH/H<sub>2</sub>O/EtOAc/NH<sub>4</sub>OH = 5:3:1:1).

IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3375, 2926, 1633, 1516, 1157, 1080, 1028, 754, 704, 581.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ , 300 MHz):  $\delta$  8.21 (s, 1H, H-5 Tz), 7.76 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H, H-4,5 Npth overlapped), 7.40 (s, 1H, H-8 Npth), 7.30 (s, 1H, H-1 Npth), 7.02 (d,  $J$  = 9 Hz, 2H,

H-3,6 Npth overlapped), 5.90-5.70 (overlapped signals, 14H, 2,3-OH), 5.20 (s, 2H, H-1, Tz-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-Npth), 5.05 (s, 1H, H-1), 4.96 (m, 1H, H-6'ab), 4.95 (s, 2H, H-1, CHC-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-Npth), 4.90-4.79 (m, 6H, H-1), 4.64 (m, 1H, H-6'ab), 4.59-4.34 (overlapped signals, 6H, 6-OH), 4.01 (m, 1H, H-5'), 3.64-3.50 (overlapped signals, 23H, H-3,5,6), 3.48-3.25 (overlapped signals, 14H, H-2,4), 3.15 (brm, 1H, H-6''ab), 2.91 (brm, 1H, H-6''ab).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 156.8, 155.7 (C-2,7 Npth), 142.4 (C-4 Tz), 135.5 (C-8' Npth), 129.2, 129.19 (C-4,5 Npth), 125.7 (C-5 Tz), 124.2 (C-4' Npth), 116.5, 115.9 (C-3,6 Npth), 107.0 (C-8 Npth), 106.6 (C-1 Npth), 102.2, 102.0, 101.9, 101.3 (C-1), 83.5, 82.2, 81.5, 81.4, 81.1 (C-4), 79.3 (C-2 propargyl), 78.4 (C-3 propargyl), 73.2, 73.1, 73.0, 72.9, 72.7, 72.5, 72.4, 72.1, 71.8 (C-2,3,5), 70.0 (C-5'), 61.1 (Tz-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-Npth), 60.2, 60.0, 59.9 (C-6), 55.5 (C-1 propargyl), 50.5 (C-6'<sup>ab</sup>).

ESI-MS (*m/z*, %) calc. for C<sub>58</sub>H<sub>82</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>36</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 1397.27, found 1396.88 (40%); for C<sub>58</sub>H<sub>81</sub>NaN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>36</sub> [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 1418.45, found 1418.83 (100%); for C<sub>58</sub>H<sub>81</sub>KN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>36</sub> [M + K]<sup>+</sup> 1434.56, found 1435.84 (50%).

### **Synthesis of 2,7-bis-((1-(6<sup>1</sup>-deoxy-β-cyclodextrin-6<sup>1</sup>-yl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methoxy)naphthalene (**5**, *bis*-NβCD)**

In order to increase the dimer yield, the same synthetic procedure described above was repeated on 0.150 mg of 6<sup>1</sup>-azido-6<sup>1</sup>-deoxy-β-CD (0.129 mmol, 1 eq) and 180 mg of 6<sup>1</sup>-deoxy-6<sup>1</sup>-(4-((7-propargyloxynaphthalen-2-yloxy)methyl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-β-CD (**4**, 0.129 mmol, 1 eq). It yielded 92 mg of 2,7-bis-((1-(6<sup>1</sup>-deoxy-β-cyclodextrin-6<sup>1</sup>-yl)-1*H*-1,2,3-triazol-4-yl)methoxy)naphthalene (**5**, 0.036 mmol, 28%) after purification.

Yellow liquid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.14 (*i*PrOH/H<sub>2</sub>O/EtOAc/NH<sub>4</sub>OH = 5:3:1:1).

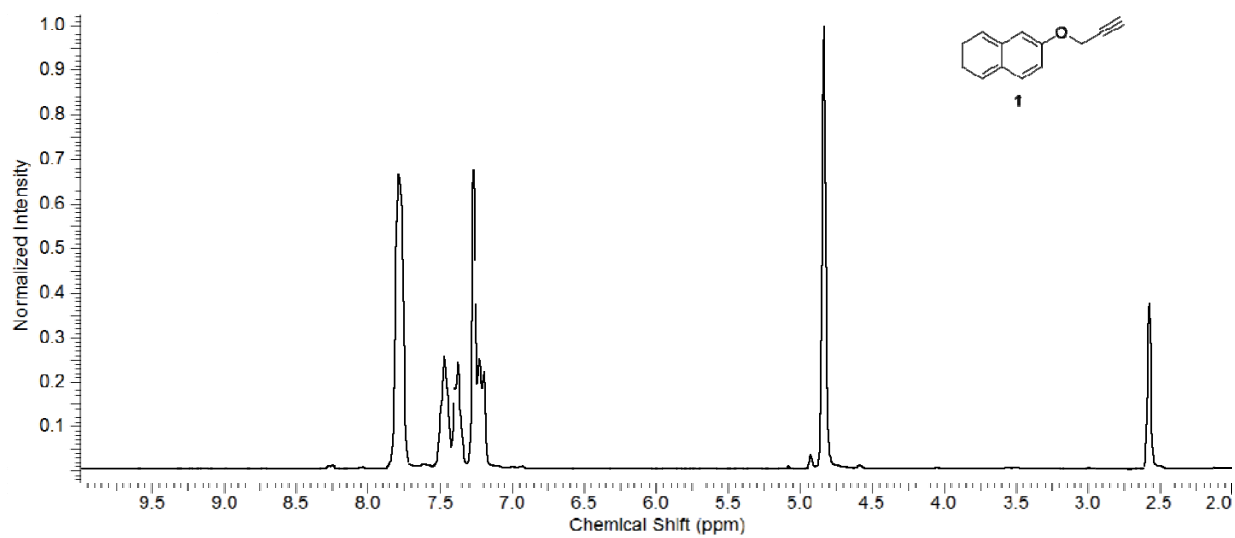
IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): ν 3380, 2924, 1640, 1516, 1159, 1080, 1026, 754, 841, 560.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 8.22 (s, 2H, H-5 Tz), 7.75 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 2H, H-4,5 Npth), 7.44 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 2H, H-1,8 Npth), 7.04 (d, *J* = 9 Hz, 2H, H-3,6 Npth), 5.90-

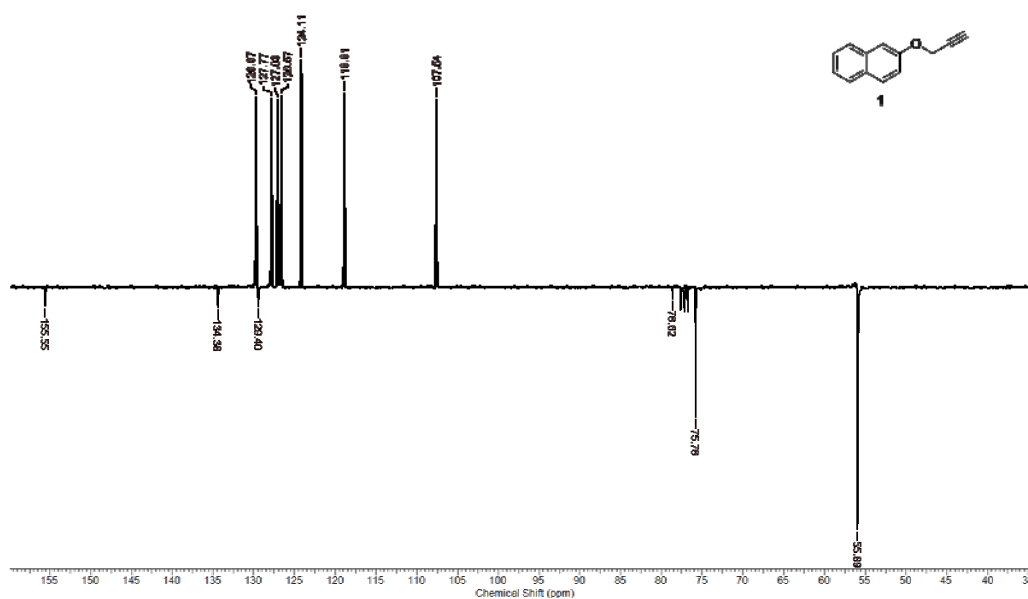
5.60 (overlapped signals, 28H, 2,3-OH), 5.20 (s, 4H, Tz-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-Npth), 5.06 (s, 2H, H-1), 4.95 (m, 2H, H-6'ab), 4.90-4.72 (m, 12H, H-1), 4.62 (m, 2H, H-6'ab), 4.56-4.41 (overlapped signals, 12H, 6-OH), 4.01 (m, 2H, H-5'), 3.88-3.56 (overlapped signals, 46H, H-3,5,6), 3.47-3.22 (overlapped signals, 28H, H-2,4), 3.18 (brm, 2H, H-6"ab), 2.92 (brm, 2H, H-6"ab).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 156.7 (C-2,7 Npth), 142.4 (C-4 Tz), 129.6 (C-4,5 Npth), 124.1 (C-4',8'Npth), 126.1 (C-5 Tz), 116.2 (C-3,6 Npth), 106.6 (C-1,8 Npth), 102.2, 102.0, 101.3 (C-1), 83.5, 82.0, 81.5, 81.4, 81.1 (C-4), 73.2, 73.1, 73.0, 72.9, 72.7, 72.4, 72.1, 71.8 (C-2,3,5), 70.0 (C-5'), 61.0 (Tz-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-Npth), 60.0, 59.9, 59.1 (C-6), 50.4 (C-6').

ESI-MS (*m/z*, %) calc. for C<sub>100</sub>H<sub>151</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>70</sub>Na [M + H + Na]<sup>2+</sup> 1290.12, found 1290.23 (70%); for C<sub>100</sub>H<sub>151</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>70</sub>K [M + H + K]<sup>2+</sup> 1298.18, found 1298.26 (100%).

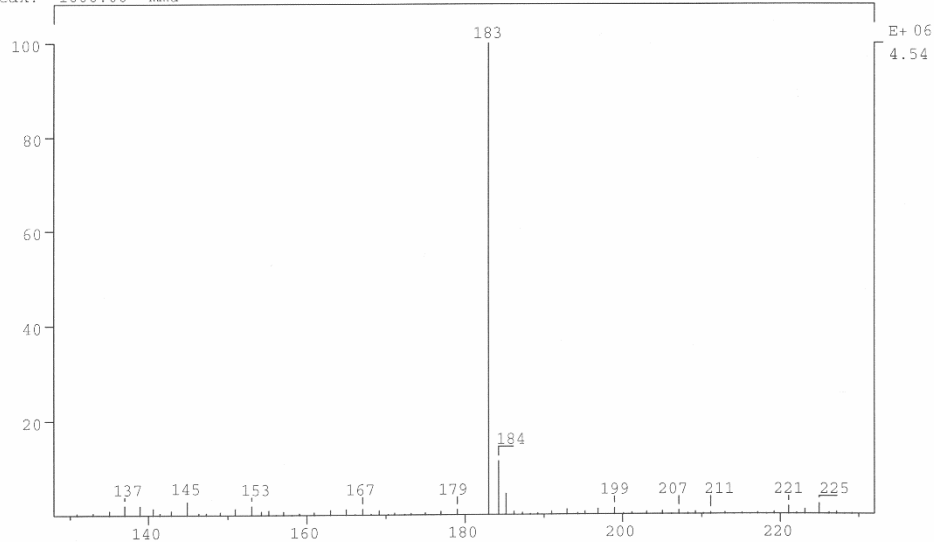


$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (300 MHz in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of compound 1

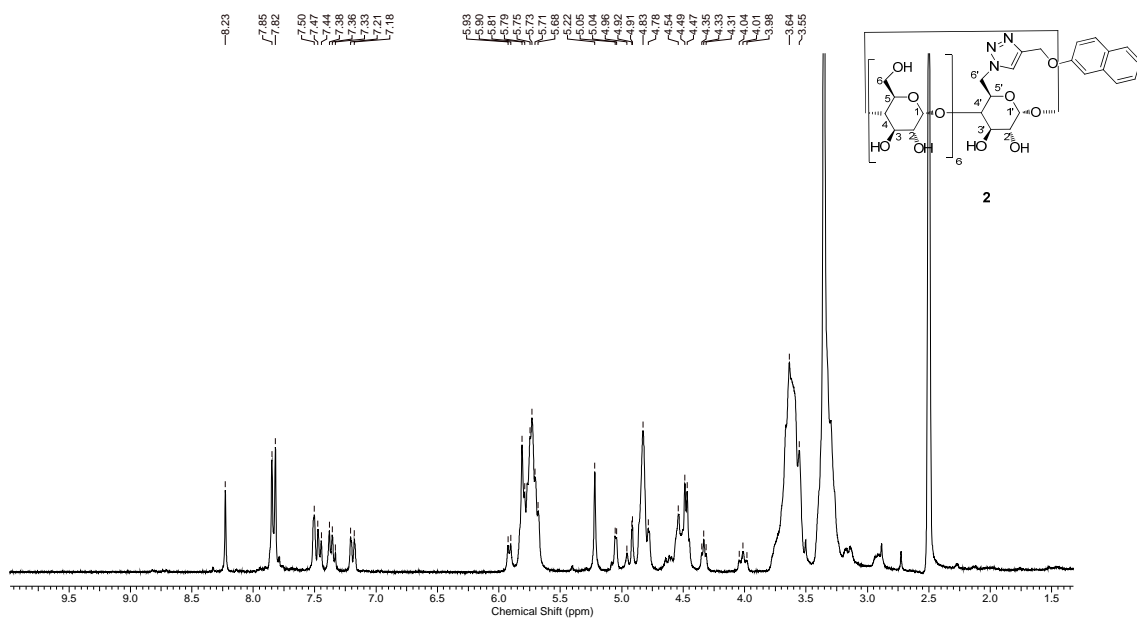


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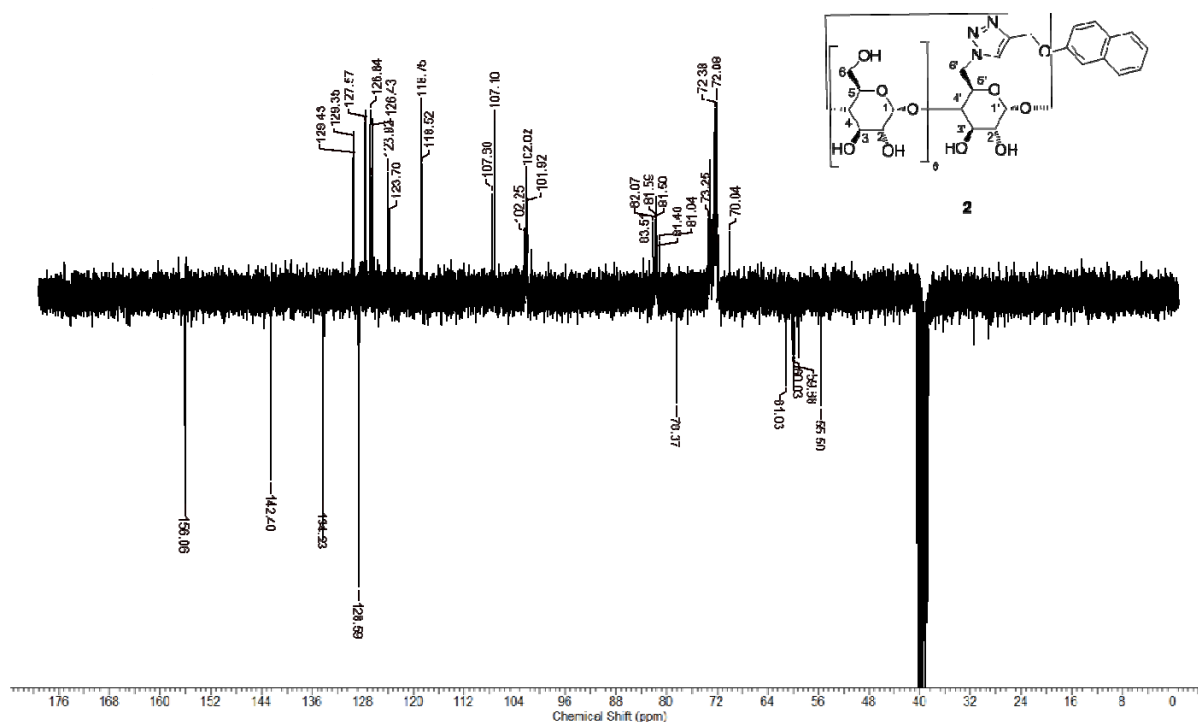
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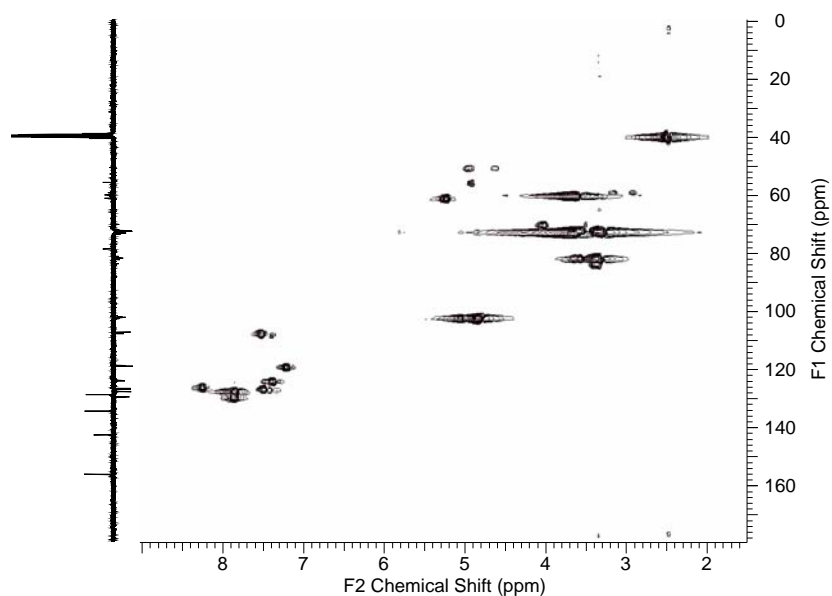
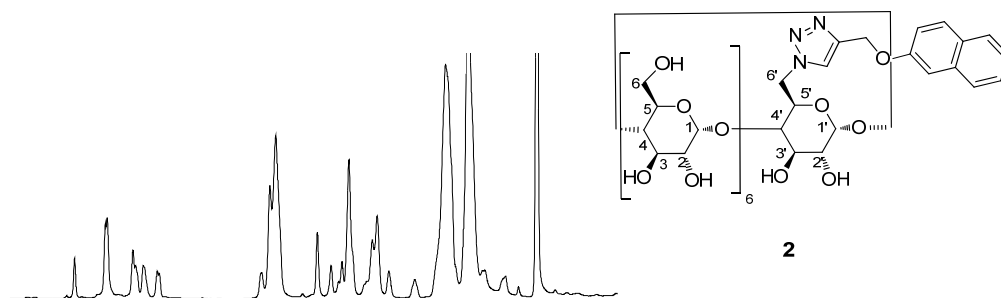
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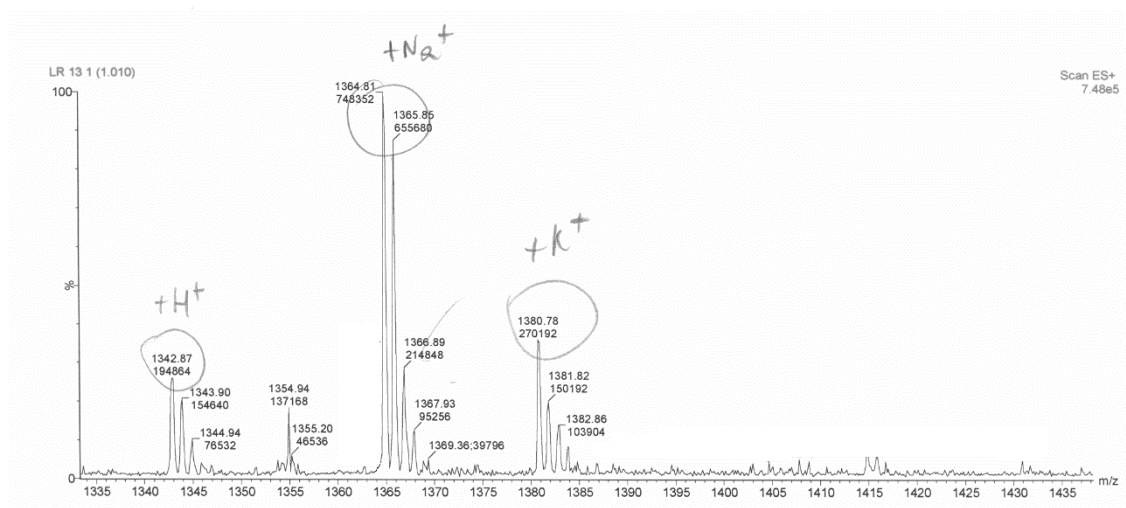
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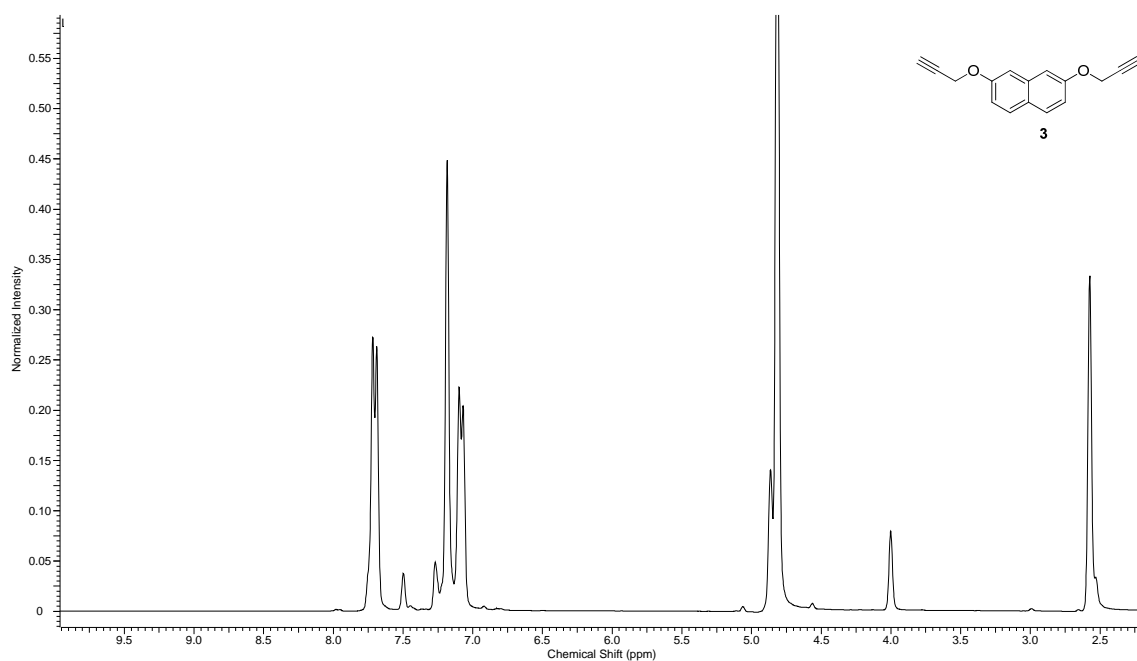
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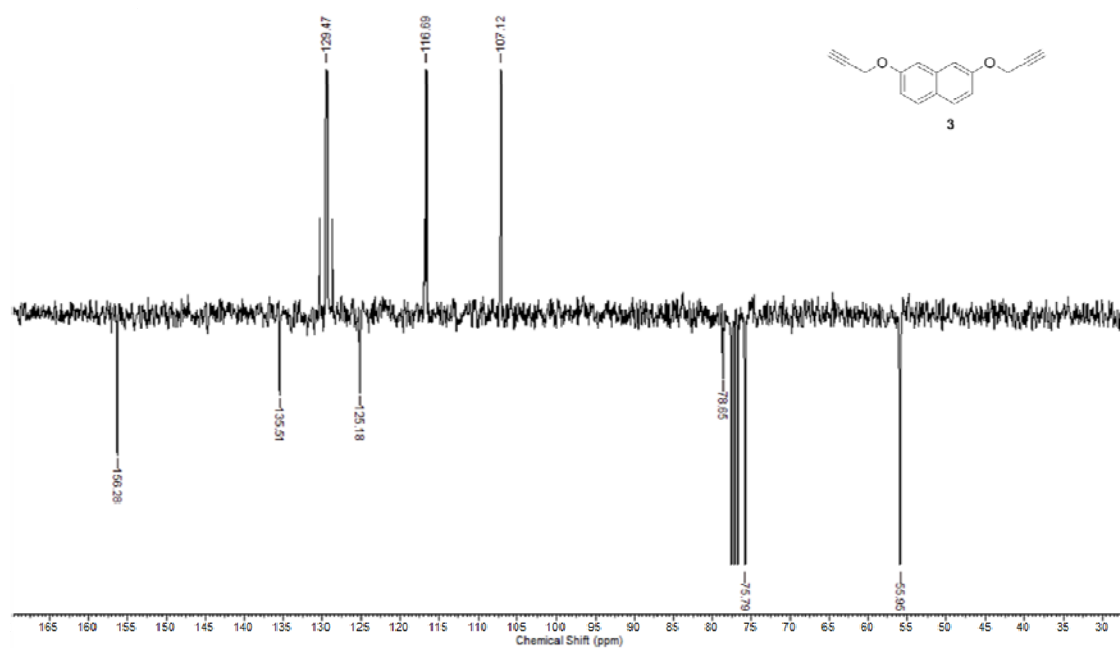
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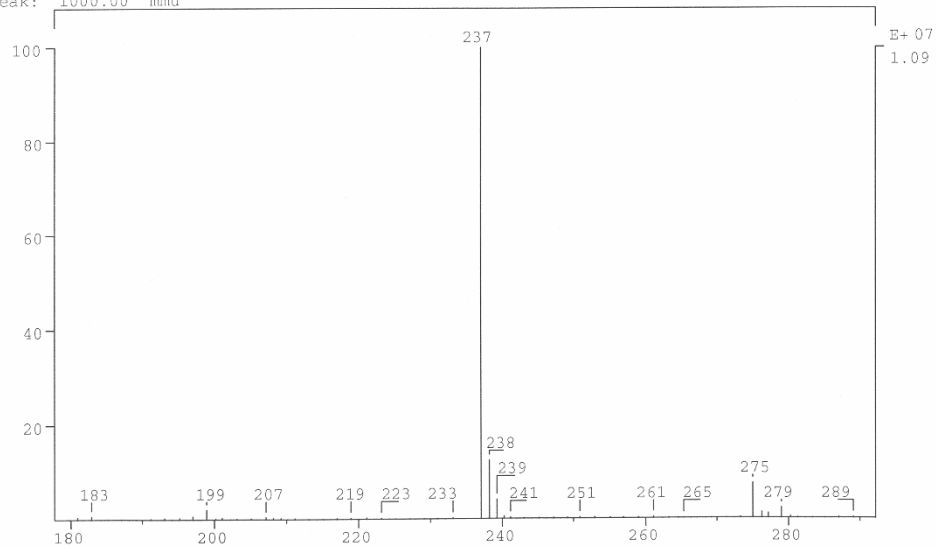
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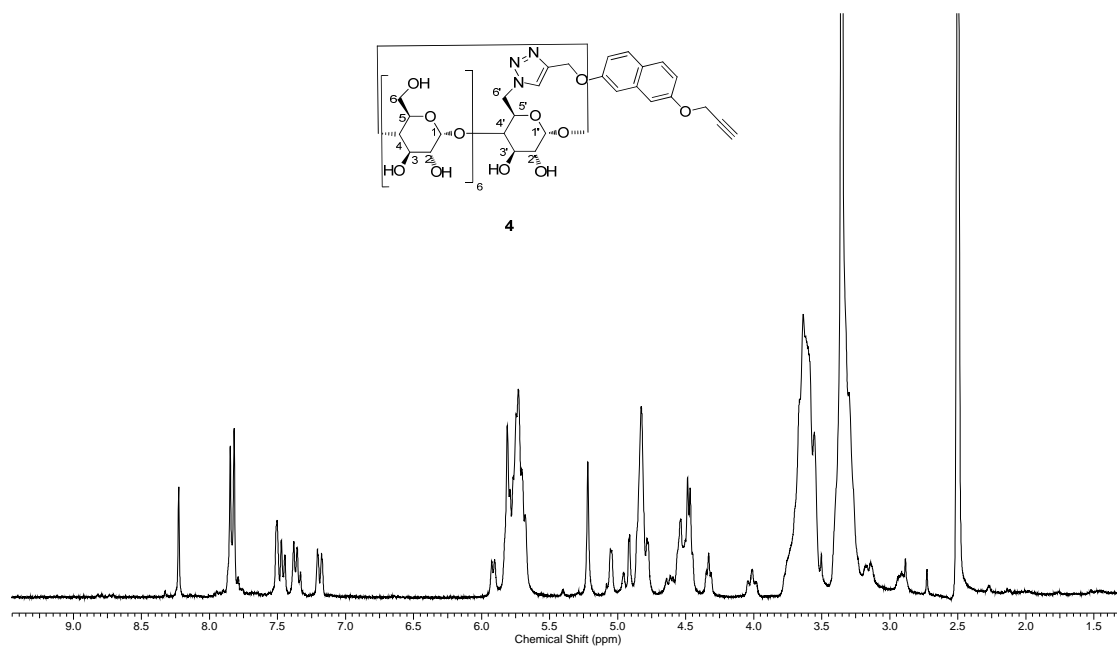
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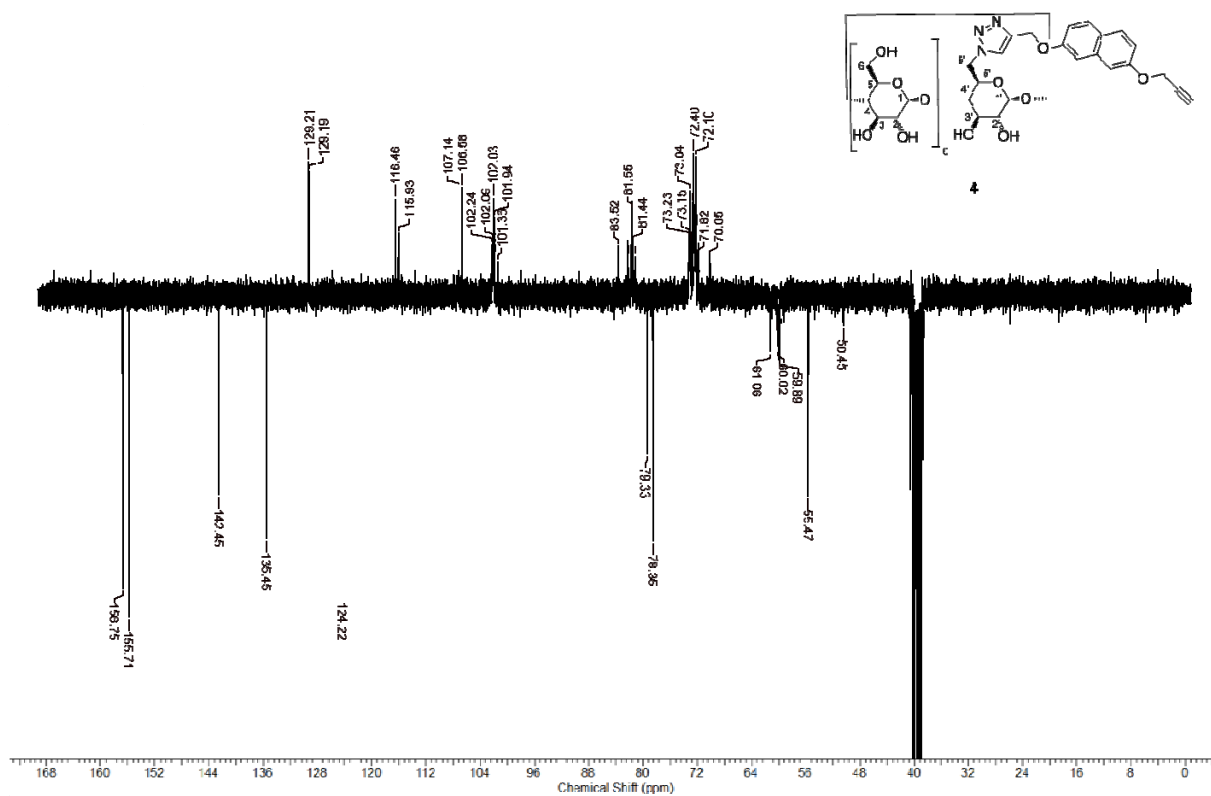
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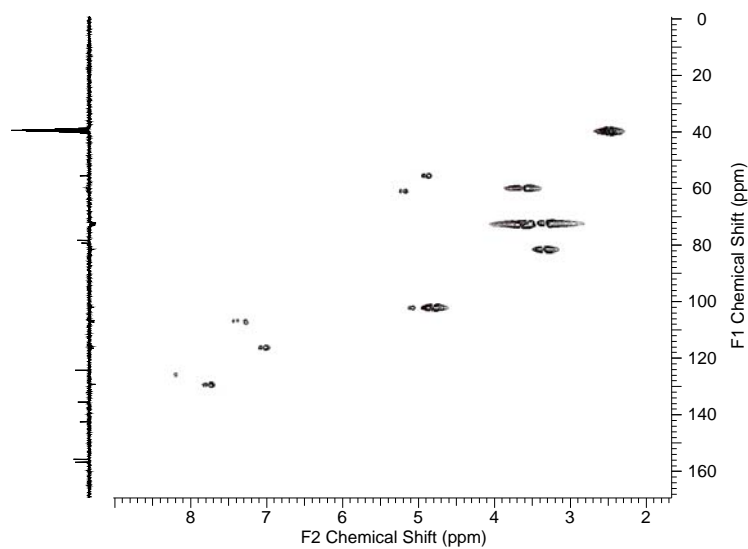
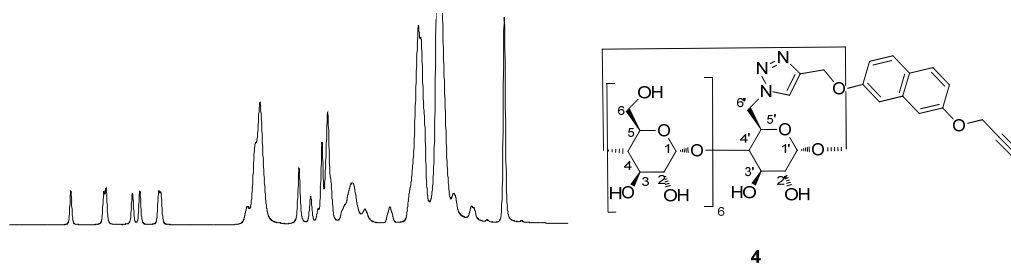
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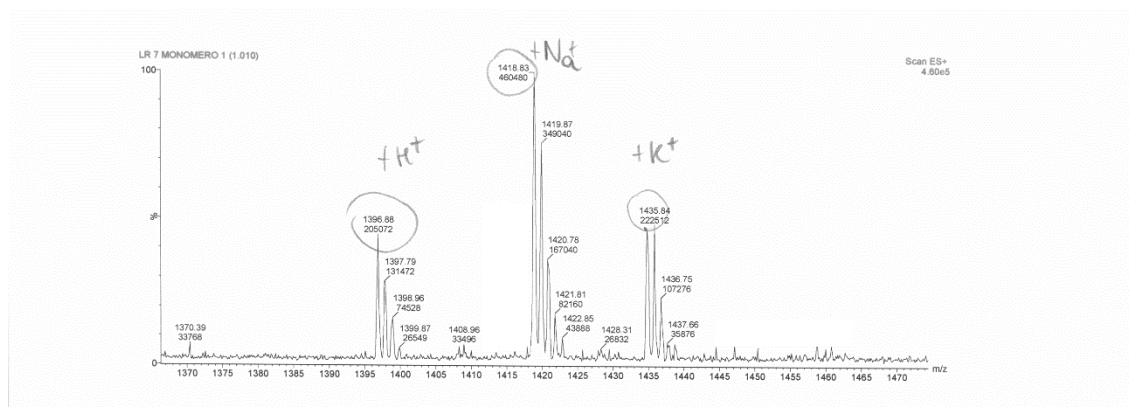
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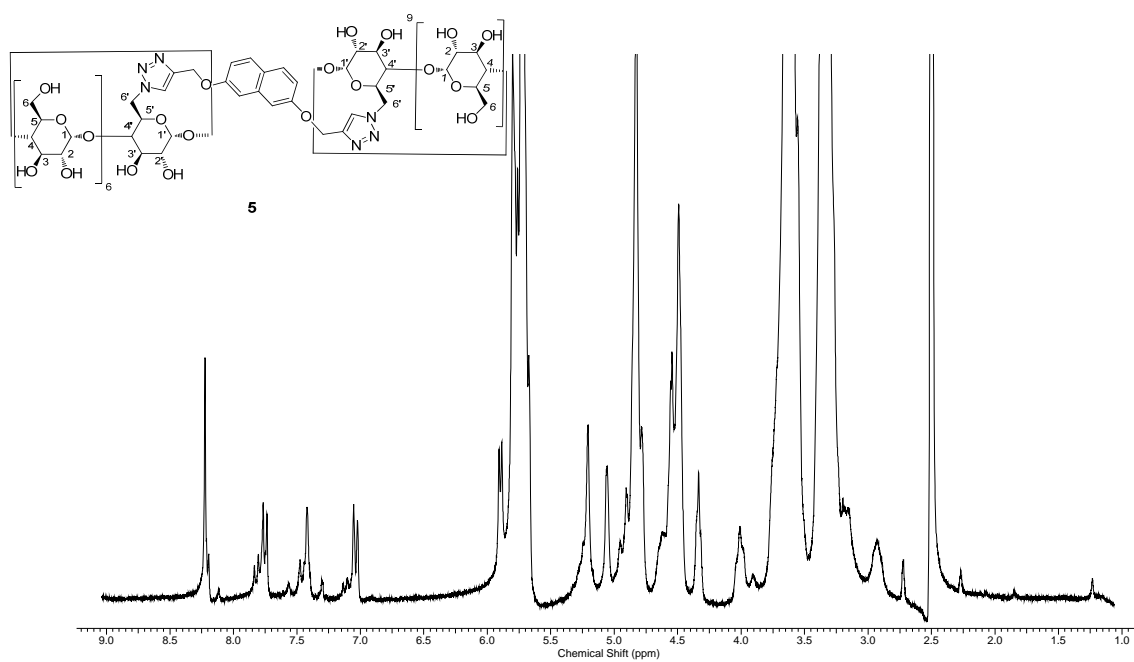
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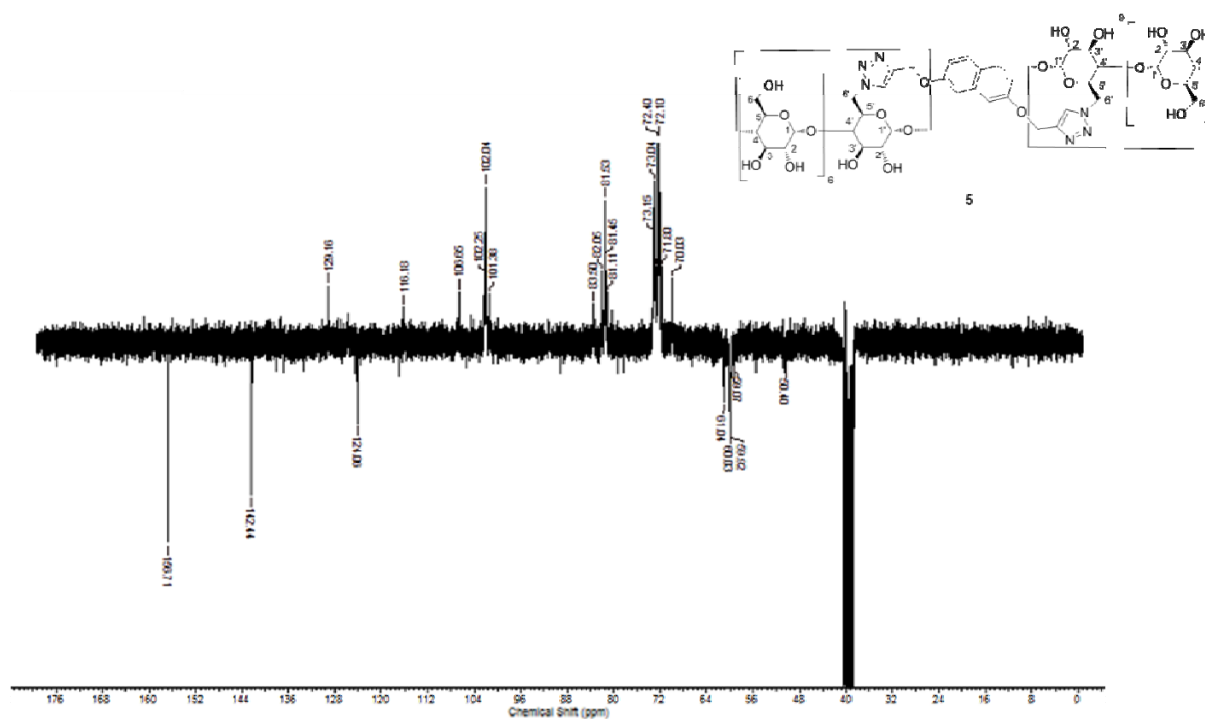
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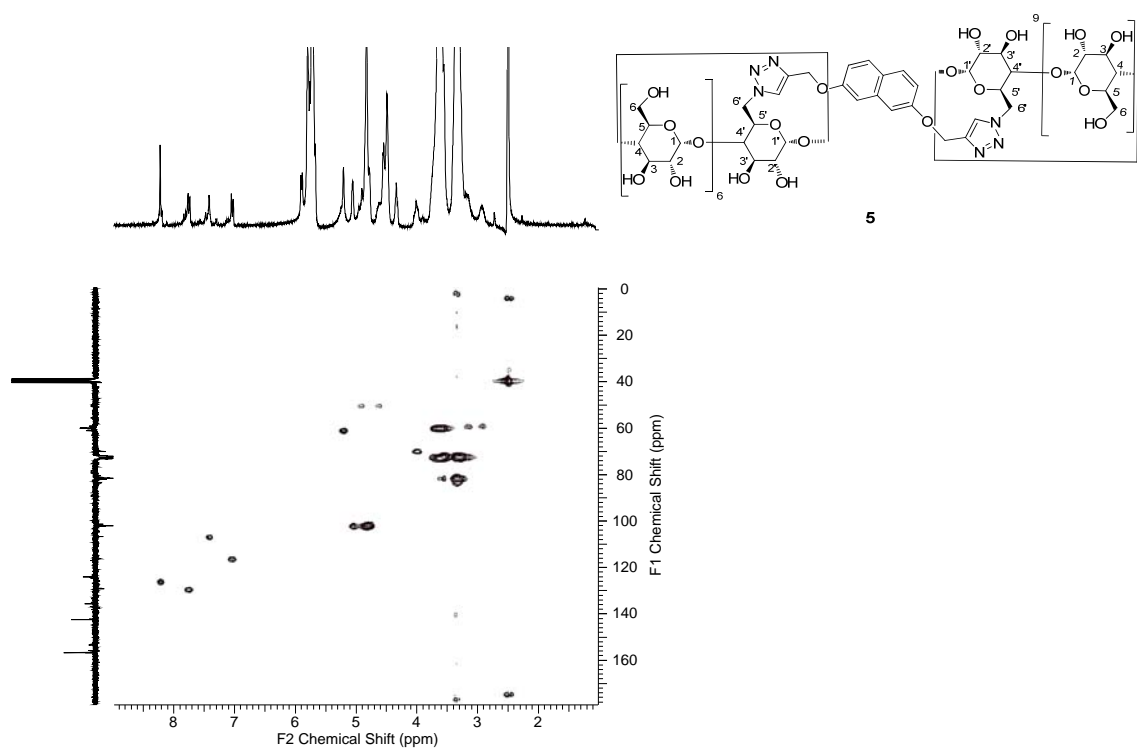
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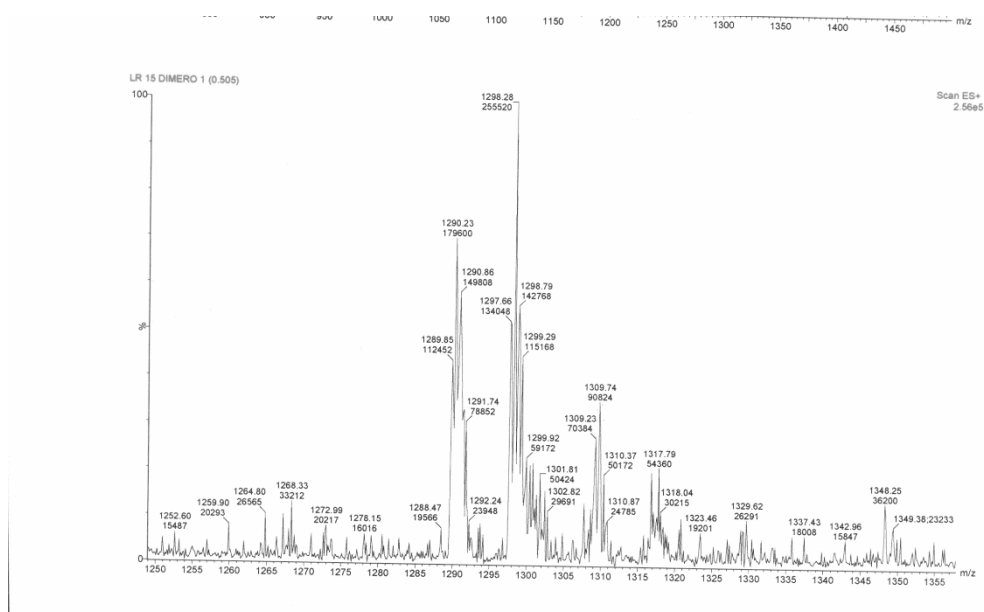
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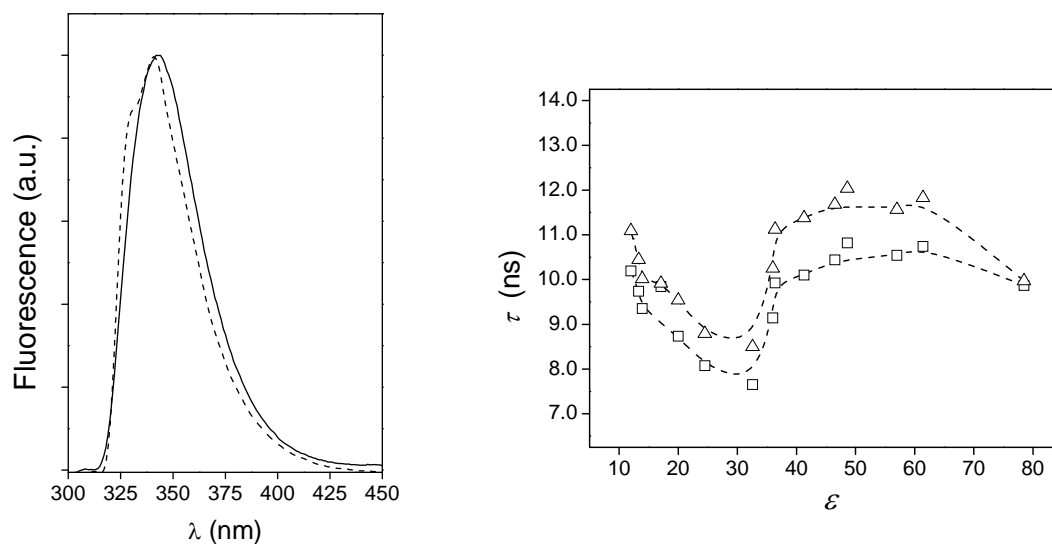
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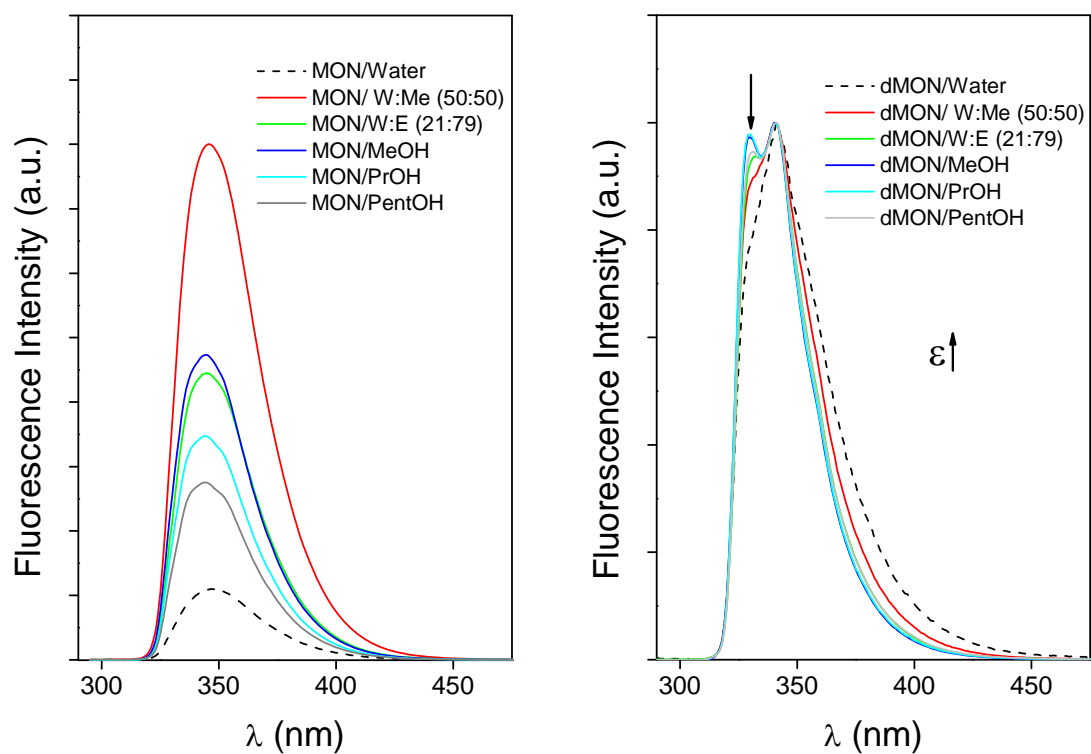
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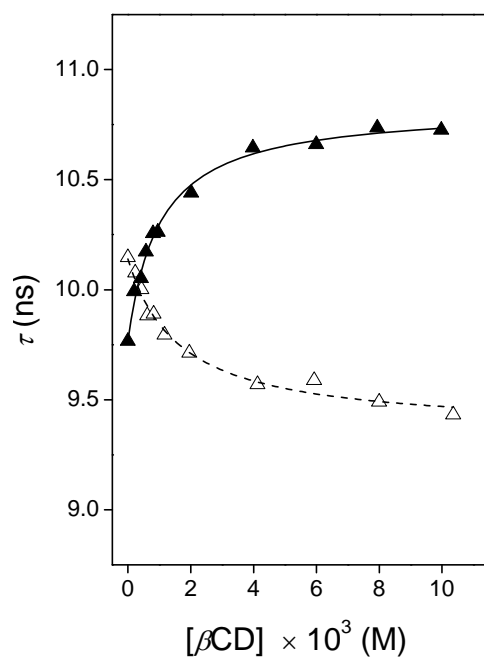
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**Figure 1S.** (left) Emission spectra for MON and dMON (dashed) in water at 25°C, (right) Lifetime as a function of solvent polarity,  $\epsilon$ , for model compounds MON ( $\square$ ) and dMON ( $\triangle$ ) at 25°C in linear water *n*-alcohols from methanol to *n*-heptanol and some methanol and ethanol:water mixtures.

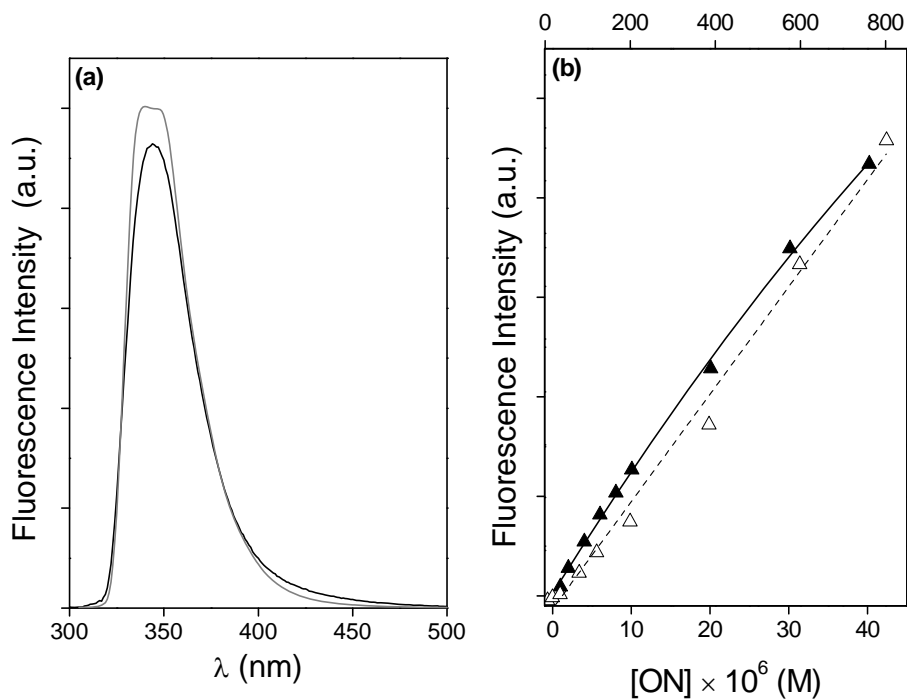


**Figure 2S.** Emission spectra for MON (left) and dMON (right) in some solvents of different polarities at 25°C. Spectra for dMON were normalized at the maximum of the low energy emission band. Intensity of the high energy band significantly decreases with the polarity of the solvent.

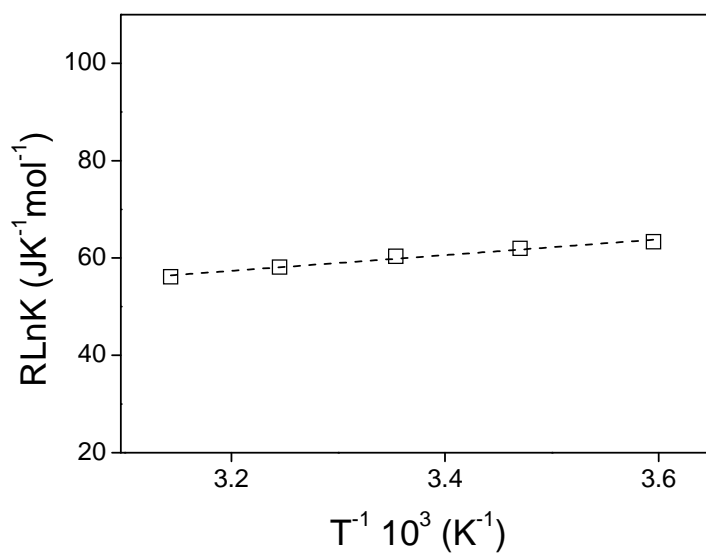


**Figure 3S.** Lifetime variation with [βCD] at 25 °C for MON (▲) and dMON (△). [βCD] were 0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 2.0, 4.0, 6.0, 8.0 y  $10 \times 10^{-3}$  M and 0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 2.0, 4.1, 5.9, 8.0 y  $10 \times 10^{-3}$  M respectively. Chromophore concentrations were fixed at  $10^{-5}$  M.





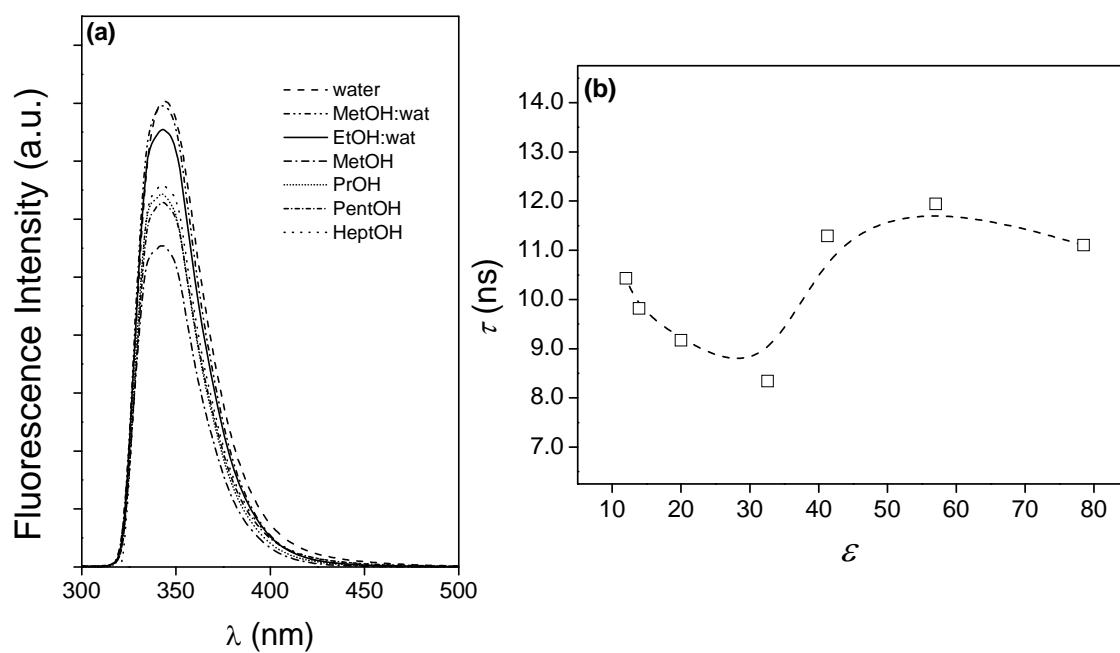
**Figure 4S.** (a) Emission spectra for *mono*-N $\beta$ CD (—) and *bis*-N $\beta$ CD (---) aqueous solutions of concentrations  $1.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M and  $0.6 \times 10^{-6}$  M respectively upon excitation of 285 nm at 25°C; (b) Corrected fluorescence intensity using equation 2 as a function of the concentration of naphthoxy or binaphthoxy groups. Concentrations were 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 20, 30 y  $40 \times 10^{-6}$  M for *mono*-N $\beta$ CD ( $\blacktriangle$ ) and 6, 17, 35, 80, 121, 200, 385, 599 y  $802 \times 10^{-6}$  M for *bis*-N $\beta$ CD ( $\Delta$ ).



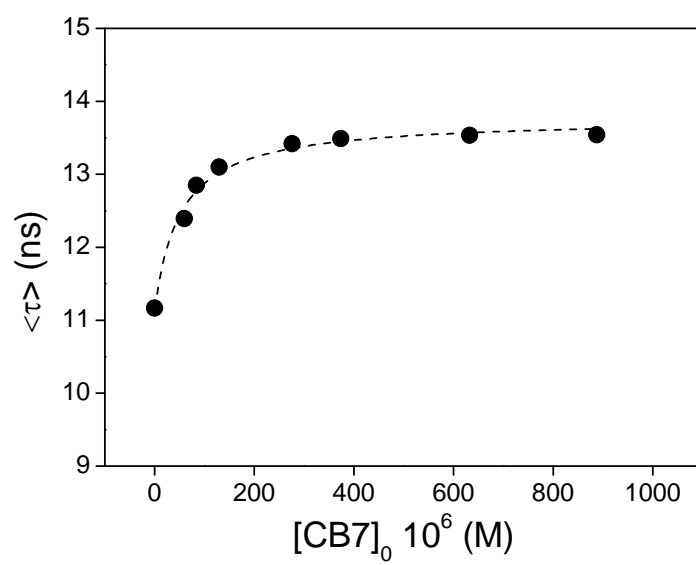
**Figure 5S.** van't Hoff plot for the *mono*-NβCD heteroassociation with βCD.

**Table 1S.** Binding constants for the *mono*-NβCD heteroassociation with βCD at different temperatures

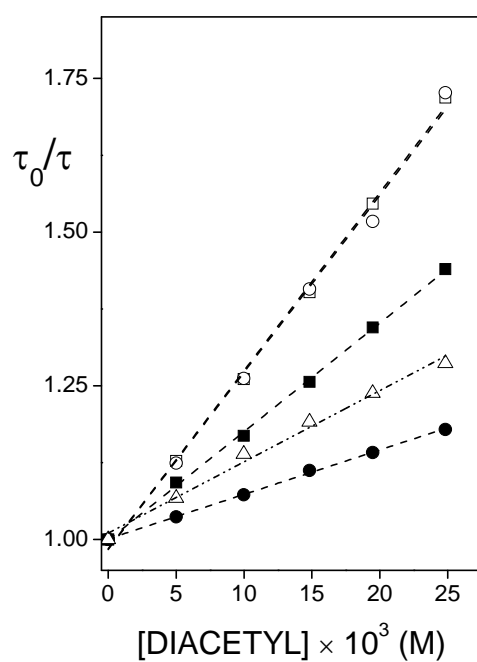
T (°C)	K (M <sup>-1</sup> )
5	2020 ± 350
15	1730 ± 300
25	1410 ± 100
35	1080 ± 110
45	850 ± 45



**Figure 6S. (a)** Emission spectra and **(b)** lifetimes,  $\tau$ , for dilute solutions of *mono*-N $\beta$ CD in different *n*-alcohols (methanol, *n*-propanol, *n*-pentanol y *n*-heptanol) and methanol:water (50%) and ethanol:water (79 %) (v/v) mixtures as a function of the medium dielectric permittivity,  $\epsilon$  at 25 °C.



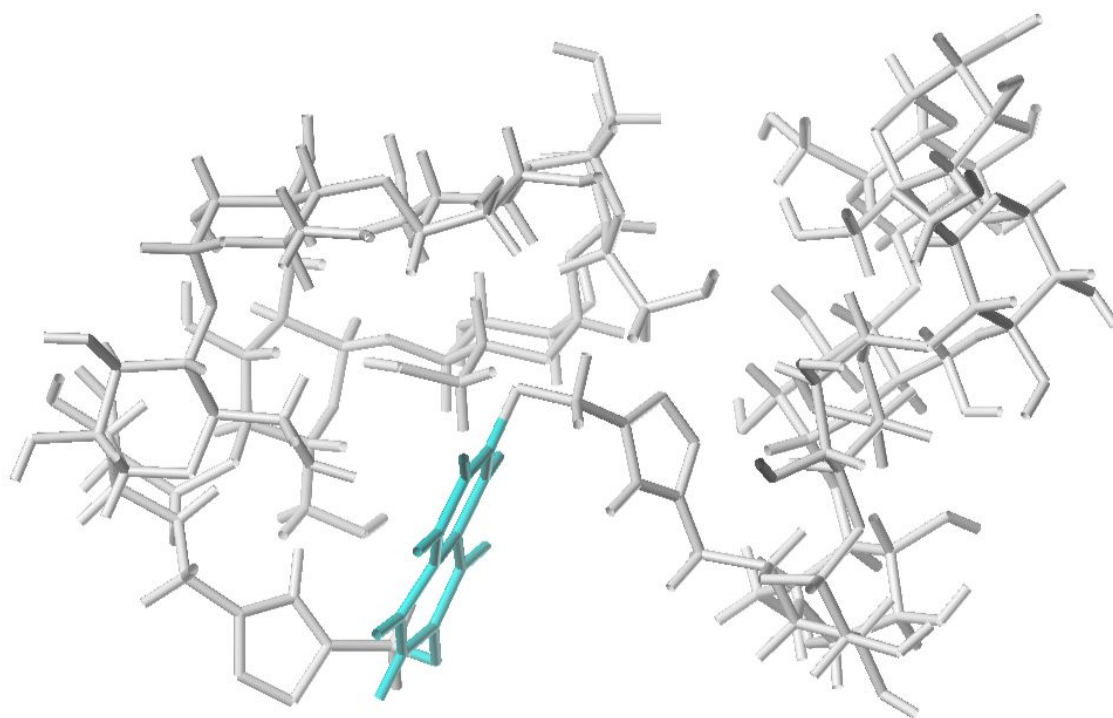
**Figure 7S.** Weighted average fluorescence lifetime,  $\langle \tau \rangle$  variation with CB7 concentration at 25 °C. [*mono*-N $\beta$ CD] was  $1.4 \times 10^{-5}$  M.



**Figura 8S.** Stern-Volmer plots obtained from fluorescence lifetime measurements on aqueous MON (□), dMON (○), *mono*-NβCD (■) and *bis*-NβCD (●) solutions at 10<sup>-5</sup> M concentration and *mono*-NβCD (△) at 8×10<sup>-5</sup> M concentration.

**Table 2S.** Geometrical parameters, the averages of some distances and angles between transition moments and the CD main axis, from the analysis of the MD trajectories on *mono*- and *bis*-N $\beta$ CDs. The probabilities of finding angles smaller than 54.7° for different transitions appear in bold and in parentheses. The values for energy conformation minima appear simply between parentheses.

Parameter	<i>mono</i> -N $\beta$ CD	<i>bis</i> -N $\beta$ CD
Distance (Å)		
CD1–CD2	---	13.2 $\pm$ 2.6 (12.2)
CD1–dON	9.6 $\pm$ 2.2 (6.7)	9.2 $\pm$ 2.2 (10.9)
CD2–dON	---	9.4 $\pm$ 1.8 (6.5)
Tri1–dON	6.0 $\pm$ 0.9 (5.6)	5.8 $\pm$ 0.9 (5.3)
Tri2–dON	---	6.1 $\pm$ 1.0 (5.2)
CD <sub>main axis</sub> – Transition (°)		
CD1–dON ( <sup>1</sup> L <sub>a</sub> )	84 $\pm$ 31 (119) ( <b>0.01</b> )	89 $\pm$ 33 (77) ( <b>0.21</b> )
CD1–dON ( <sup>1</sup> B <sub>b</sub> )	92 $\pm$ 22 (67) ( <b>0.01</b> )	92 $\pm$ 20 (104) ( <b>0.04</b> )
CD2–dON ( <sup>1</sup> L <sub>a</sub> )	---	87 $\pm$ 28 (54) ( <b>0.15</b> )
CD2–dON ( <sup>1</sup> B <sub>b</sub> )	---	94 $\pm$ 23 (111) ( <b>0.06</b> )



**Figure 9S.** Minimum binding energy structure for *bis*N $\beta$ CD obtained from the analysis of the MD trajectory.

**Table 3S.** Averages for several distances, angles between naphthoate ON group transition moments and the main  $\beta$ CD axis for each CD, as well as binding energies and contributions obtained from the analysis of the 2ns MD trajectories in TH and TT arrangements of the non-covalent (*mono-N* $\beta$ CD)<sub>2</sub> dimers. Values for the minima binding energy structures are found in parentheses.

Parameter	TH ( <i>axial</i> )	TT ( <i>axial</i> )
<b>Distance (Å)</b>		
CD <sub>1</sub> –CD <sub>2</sub>	13.0 ± 2.8	10.9 ± 0.3 (9.9)
CD <sub>1</sub> –ON <sub>2</sub>	7.9 ± 3.0	1.0 ± 0.3 (1.2)
CD <sub>2</sub> –ON <sub>1</sub>	18.3 ± 1.9	2.6 ± 0.3 (1.6)
TR <sub>1</sub> –ON <sub>1</sub>	15.5 ± 2.1	4.5 ± 0.4 (3.7)
TR <sub>1</sub> –ON <sub>2</sub>	9.2 ± 0.6	6.1 ± 0.3 (6.1)
ON <sub>2</sub> –ON <sub>1</sub>	13.1 ± 1.4	9.4 ± 0.4 (9.6)
<b>CD<sub>axis</sub>–transition angle (°)</b>		
CD <sub>1</sub> –ON <sub>2</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> B <sub>b</sub> )	---	10 ± 6 (14)
CD <sub>1</sub> –ON <sub>2</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> L <sub>a</sub> )	---	97 ± 7 (96)
CD <sub>2</sub> –ON <sub>1</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> B <sub>b</sub> )	---	31 ± 8 (13)
CD <sub>2</sub> –ON <sub>1</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> L <sub>a</sub> )	---	72 ± 8 (81)
<b>Binding Energy (kJmol<sup>-1</sup>)</b>		
<b>Total</b>	–37.7 ± 24.0	–175.39 ± 13.6
	(–104.9)	(–225.9)
<b>Electrostatic</b>	–1.6 ± 1.7	–7.1 ± 1.8
	(–6.5)	(–5.8)
<b>van der Waals</b>	–36.2 ± 22.7	–168.2 ± 13.7
	(–98.3)	(–219.1)