

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Investigating possible changes in protein structure after dendrimer ligand binding.

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Cytochrome-c Results

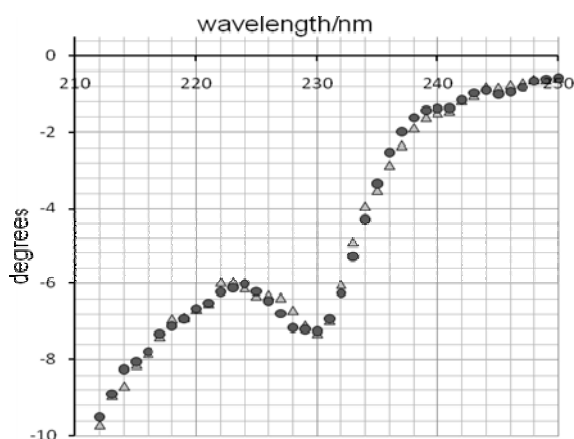


Figure 1: The CD spectra of *cytochrome-c* (dark circles) and the G2.5 dendrimer/*cytochrome-c* complex (light triangles). Measurements recorded at 1×10^{-6} M in protein and 1×10^{-4} M in G2.5 dendrimer.

Experimental

Materials - All chemicals, reagents and solvents were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company and used without further purification.

CD experiments - CD spectra were recorded on a Jasco spectropolarimeter model J-810, equipped with Peltier temperature-controller. A Quartz cell of 1cm pathlength was used. Spectra were measured at 50 nm/min, 0.5 nm of data pitch, 1s of response, and a band width of 1 nm. The CD spectrum was recorded in millidegrees of ellipticity as a function of wavelength. Spectral resolution between two consecutive ellipticity readings is 0.5 nm. Solutions were made up in phosphate buffer at pH7.5 (0.1M) and final concentrations of 1×10^{-6} M in protein and 1×10^{-4} M and 1×10^{-5} M in dendrimer. CD spectrum were obtained at 37°C. The effects of temperature on protein structure were determined by recording spectra at 1°C intervals from 37 to 75°C (spectra recorded at the proteins λ_{max}).