Complexes of amino acids with a crown-ether derivative of 4styrylpyridine. Monotopic or ditopic?

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Fig. S1. UV-Vis spectra of ligand *E*-1 alone and in the presence of protonated amino acid A2 in MeCN. $[E-1] = 5 \times 10^{-5}$ M to 4.73 x 10^{-5} M, [A2] = 0 to 4 x 10^{-4} M. The shoulder at 390 nm is due to protonation by < 0.5% excess HClO₄ in A2.



Fig. S2. UV-Vis spectra of ligand *E*-1 alone and in the presence of protonated amino acid **A5** in CH₃CN, 25 °C. $[E-1] = 4.0 \times 10^{-5} - 3.53 \times 10^{-5}$ M, $[A5] = 0 - 2.3 \times 10^{-3}$ M.

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Fig. S3. UV-Vis spectra of ligand *E*-1 alone and in the presence of protonated amino acid **A10** in CH₃CN, 25 °C. [*E*-1] = $6.1 \times 10^{-5} - 5.9 \times 10^{-5}$ M, [**A10**] = $0 - 5.9 \times 10^{-4}$ M.



Fig. S4. UV-Vis spectra of ligand *E*-**1** alone and in the presence of HClO₄ in CH₃CN, 25 °C. [*E*-**1**] = $4.9 \times 10^{-5} - 4.7 \times 10^{-5}$ M, [HClO₄] = $0 - 6.85 \times 10^{-5}$ M.

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Fig. S5. UV-Vis spectra of ligand *E*-1 alone and in the presence of NH₄ClO₄ in CH₃CN, 25 °C. [*E*-1] = $3.9 \times 10^{-5} - 3.8 \times 10^{-5}$ M, [NH₄ClO₄] = $0 - 6.1 \times 10^{-4}$ M.



Fig. S6. Comparison of the $E-1 \cdot H^+$ and $E-1 \cdot H^+ \cdot A2$ spectra in Figs. 1 and 3, respectively.

¹H NMR characterization:

E-4-[2-(6,7,9,10,12,13,15,16,18,19-Decahydro-5,8,11,14,17,20-hexaoxa-benzocyclo-octadecen-2-yl)vinyl]-pyridine (*E*-1): ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 3.53 (m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 3.56 (m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 3.62 (m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 3.76 and 3.78 (both m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 4.11 and 4.16 (both m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 6.96 (d, 1H, H-5', *J* = 8.2 Hz); 7.14 (d, 1H, H-b, *J* = 16.3 Hz); 7.15 (dd, 1H, H-6', *J* = 1.4, 8.2 Hz); 7.31 (d, 1H, H-2', *J* = 1.4 Hz); 7.46 (d, 1H, H-a, *J* = 16.3 Hz,); 7.51 (d, 2H, H-3, H-5, *J* = 5.9 Hz); 8.52 (d, 2H, H-2, H-6, *J* = 5.9 Hz).

E-1·HClO₄:¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 3.55 (m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 3.59 (m, 4 H, 2 OCH₂); 3.66 (m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 3.86 (m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 4.02 and 4.13 (both m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 6.86 (d, 1H, H-5', *J* = 8.5 Hz); 6.86 (d, 1H, H-b, *J* = 16.5 Hz); 6.99 (s, 1H, H-2'); 7.15 (d, 1H, H-6', *J* = 8.5 Hz); 7.37 (d, 1H, H-a, *J* = 16.5 Hz,); 7.56 (d, 2H, H-3, H-5, *J* = 5.5 Hz); 8.60 (m, 2H, H-2, H-6, splitting by adjacent H-3(H-5) and pyridinium protons).

E-1·NH₄ClO₄: ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD₃CN): $\delta = 3.60$ (m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 3.64 (m, 8H, 4 OCH₂); 3.83 (m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 4.20 (m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 6.96 (d, 1H, H-5', *J* = 8.5 Hz); 7.05 (d, 1H, H-b, *J* = 16.5 Hz); 7.15 (d, 1H, H-6', *J* = 8.6 Hz); 7.21 (s, 1H, H-2'); 7.40 (d, 1H, H-a, *J* = 16.5 Hz); 7.47 (d, 2H, H-3, H-5, *J* = 4.9 Hz); 8.53 (broad s, 2H, H-2, H-6, broadened by adjacent H-3(H-5) and proton).

E-1·A2: ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD₃CN): $\delta = 2.00 - 2.40$ (m, 4H, CH₂N, CH₂CO₂H); 3.71 (m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 3.73 (m, 4H, 4 OCH₂); 3.77 (m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 3.85 and 3.89 (both m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 4.04 and 4.17 (both m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 6.88 (m, 2H, H-5', H-b, J = 16.4 Hz); 7.02 (s, 1H, H-2'); 7.15 (d, 1H, H-6', J = 8.5 Hz); 7.37 (d, 1H, H-a, J = 16.4 Hz,); 7.52 (d, 2H, H-3, H-5, J = 6.7 Hz); 8.53 (d, 2H, H-2, H-6, J = 6.7 Hz).

E-1·H⁺·A2: ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD₃CN): $\delta = 2.00 - 2.40$ (m, 4H, CH₂N, CH₂CO₂H); 3.71 (m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 3.77 (m, 8H, 4 OCH₂); 3.85 and 3.88 (both m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 4.05 and 4.15 (both m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 6.89 (d, 1H, H-5', *J* = 8.5 Hz); 6.87 (d, 1H, H-b, *J* = 16.4 Hz); 7.11 (s, 1H, H-2'); 7.17 (d, 1H, H-6', *J* = 8.5 Hz); 7.44 (d, 1H, H-a, *J* = 16.4 Hz,); 7.52 (d, 2H, H-3, H-5, *J* = 6.7 Hz); 8.59 (d, 2H, H-2, H-6, *J* = 6.7 Hz).

E-1·A5: ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD₃CN): $\delta = 1.27$ (m, 2H, γ -CH₂ from A5); 1.48 (m, 4H, β - and δ -CH₂ from A5); 2.19 (t, 2H, CH₂COOH, J = 7.3 Hz); 2.83 (t, 2H, CH₂NH₃⁺, J = 7.3 Hz); 3.67 (m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 3.70 (m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 3.74 (m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 3.88 and 3.92 (both m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 4.26 and 4.32 (both m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 7.05 (d, 1H, H-5', J = 8.5 Hz); 7.15 (d, 1H, H-b, J = 16.5 Hz); 7.22 (dd, 1H, H-6', J = 1.8, 8.5 Hz); 7.31 (d, 1H, H-2', J = 1.8 Hz); 7.41 (d, 1H, H-a, J = 16.5Hz,); 7.46 (d, 2H, H-3, H-5, J = 5.5 Hz); 8.55 (d, 2H, H-2, H-6 J = 5.5 Hz.

E-1·A10: ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CD₃CN): $\delta = 1.12 - 1.32$ (m, 12H, (CH₂)₆); 1.45 (m, 2H, β -CH₂ from A10); 1.51 (m, 2H, ι -CH₂ from A10); 2.24 (t, 2H, CH₂COOH, J = 7.3 Hz); 2.83 (t, 2H, CH₂NH₃⁺, J = 7.3 Hz); 3.68 (m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 3.71 (m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 3.75 (m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 3.89 and 3.92 (both m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 4.26 and 4.31 (both m, 4H, 2 OCH₂); 7.05 (d, 1H, H-5', J = 8.6 Hz); 7.12 (d, 1H, H-b, J = 16.5 Hz); 7.23 (dd, 1H, H-6', J = 1.8, 8.5 Hz); 7.32 (d, 1H, H-2', J = 1.8 Hz); 7.41 (d, 1H, H-a, J = 16.5Hz,);

7.49 (broad s, 2H, H-3, H-5, broadening due to splitting by H-2(H-6)); 8.56 (very broad s, 2H, H-2, H-6, broadening due to splitting by H-3(H-5) and H bonding at N).

Z-4-[2-(2,3,5,6,8,9,11,12,14,15-Decahydro-1,4,7,10,13,16-benzohexaoxacyclooctadecin-18yl)vinyl]pyridine (Z-1): ¹H NMR (300.16 MHz, CD₃CN): δ = 3.56 (m, 4 H, 2 OCH₂); 3.58 (m, 6 H, 3 OCH₂); 3.61 and 3.75 (both m, 6 H, 3 OCH₂); 3.87 and 4.13 (both m, 4 H, 2 OCH₂); 6.51 (d, 1 H, H-b, *J* = 12.2 Hz); 6.75 (s, 1 H, H-2'); 6.77 (d, 1 H, H-a, *J* = 12.3 Hz,); 6.81 (d, 1 H, H-6 , *J* = 8.5 Hz); 6.84 (d, 1 H, H-5', *J* = 8.6 Hz); 7.20 (d, 2 H, H-3, H-5, *J* = 5.4 Hz); 8.45 (d, 2 H, H-2, H-6, *J* = 5.5 Hz).

(Z-1)·NH₄ClO₄: ¹H NMR (300.16 MHz, CD₃CN): $\delta = 3.56$ (m, 8 H, 4 OCH₂); 3.59 (m, 4 H, 2 OCH₂); 3.77 and 3.88 (2 m, 4 H, 2 OCH₂); 4.16 (m, 4 H, 2 ArO<u>CH₂</u>); 6.95 (d, 1 H, H-5', J = 8.5 Hz); 7.04 (d, 1 H, H-b, J = 16.5 Hz); 7.15 (d, 1 H, H-6', J = 8.6 Hz); 7.21 (s, 1 H, H-2'); 7.39 (d, 1 H, H-a, J = 16.5 Hz); 7.47 (d, 2 H, H-3, H-5, J = 4.9 Hz); 8.46 (broad s, 2 H, H-2, H-6).

(Z-1)·A5: ¹H NMR (300.16 MHz, CD₃CN): $\delta = 1.26$ (m, 2 H, CH₂ of A5); 1.46 (m, 4 H, 2CH₂ of A5); 2.19 (tr, 2 H, CH₂COOH of A5, J = 7.3 Hz); 2.80 (tr, 2 H, CH₂NH₃⁺ of A5, J = 6.7 Hz); 3.65 (m, 4 H, 2 OCH₂); 3.67 (m, 4 H, 2 OCH₂); 3.68 (m, 4 H, 2 OCH₂); 3.74 and 3.85 (2 m, 4 H, 2 OCH₂); 3.92 and 4.20 (both m, 4 H, 2 ArO<u>CH₂</u>); 6.57 (d, 1 H, H-b, J = 11.6 Hz); 6.79 (d, 1 H, H-a, J = 12.2 Hz,); 6.82 (s, 1 H, H-2'); 6.88 (d, 1 H, H-6', J = 8.5 Hz); 6.92 (d, 1 H, H-5', J = 8.5 Hz); 7.20 (d, 2 H, H-3, H-5, J = 4.9 Hz); 8.46 (broad s, 2 H, H-2, H-6).

(Z-1)·A10: ¹H NMR (300.16 MHz, CD₃CN): $\delta = 1.26$ (m, 8 H, 4CH₂ of A10); 1.42 (m, 4 H, 2CH₂ of A10); 1.55 (m, 4 H, 2CH₂ of A10); 2.23 (m, 2 H, <u>CH₂</u>COOH of A10); 2.80 (broad s, 2 H, CH₂NH₃⁺ from A10); 3.66 (m, 4 H, 2 OCH₂); 3.68 (m, 4 H, 2 OCH₂); 3.69 (m, 4 H, 2 OCH₂); 3.76 and 3.86 (both m, 4 H, 2 OCH₂); 3.93 and 4.20 (both m, 4 H, 2 ArO<u>CH₂</u>); 6.57 (d, 1 H, H-b, J = 12.2 Hz); 6.80 (d, 1 H, H-a, J = 12.2 Hz,); 6.84 (s, 1 H, H-2'); 6.89 (d, 1 H, H-6', J = 8.5 Hz); 6.93 (d, 1 H, H-5', J = 8.5 Hz); 7.22 (broad s, 2 H, H-3, H-5); 8.46 (broad s, 2H, H-2, H-6).



Fig. S7. ¹H NMR spectrum of E-1 in CD₃CN at 295 K.



Fig. S8. ¹H NMR spectrum of **A10** in CD₃CN at 295 K.



Fig. S9. ¹H NMR spectrum of complex E-**1**·A10 in CD₃CN at 295 K.



Fig. S10. ¹H NMR spectrum (1D-NOE) of complex *E*-1·A10 in CD₃CN at 295 K. Excitation of H-a gives enhanced absorption at H-2', H-6' and at the crown ether protons of *E*-1 and more pronounced enhanced absorption at the methylene protons of A10.



Fig. S11. ¹H NMR spectrum (1D-NOE) of complex *E*-1·A10 in CD₃CN at 295 K. Excitation of H-2' gives enhanced absorption for the H-a and H-b protons of *E*-1, and for the methylene protons of A10.



Fig. S12. ¹H NMR spectrum (1D-NOE) of complex E-1·A10 in CD₃CN at 295 K. Excitation of H-5' gives enhanced absorption at H-6' and the crown ether protons of E-1 and at the methylene protons of A10.



Fig. S13. ¹H NMR spectrum (1D-NOE) of complex *E*-1·A10 in CD₃CN at 295 K. Excitation of the H- α and H- α ' protons of *E*-1 gives enhanced absorption at the H-2', H-6', H- β and H- β ' protons of *E*-1 and little, if any, response at the methylene protons of A10 (derivative type signals in that region are due to a small shift between spectra with and without excitation at H- α and H- α ').



Fig. S14. ¹H NMR spectrum (1D-NOE) of complex *E*-1·A10 in CD₃CN at 295 K. Excitation at H-3,5, the meta pyridyl proton of *E*-1 gives no enhanced absorption in the region of A10 methylene proton signals.



Fig. S15. ¹H NMR spectrum of **A5** in CD₃CN at 295 K.



Fig. S16. ¹H NMR spectrum of complex E-**1**·A**5** in CD₃CN at 295 K.



Fig. S17. ¹H NMR spectrum (1D-NOE) of complex *E*-1·A5 in CD₃CN at 295 K. Excitation of H-2' gives enhanced absorption at H-a, H-b and tH- α protons of *E*-1.



Fig. S18. ¹H NMR spectrum (1D-NOE) of complex *E*-1·A5 in CD₃CN at 295 K. Excitation of the H- α and H- α ' protons of *E*-1 gives enhanced absorption for the H-2', H-6' and H- β protons of *E*-1 and a smaller response at the methylene protons of A5 (derivative type signals in that region are due to a small shift between spectra with and without excitation at H- α and H- α ').

The following figures concern the interaction of 4-methylpyridine (MePy) with acetic acid in CD_3CN at 295 K. Note the disappearance of the carboxylic proton at ~9 d in the ¹H NMR spectrum of the 1:1 mixture.



