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Enantioselective recognition of inherently chiral calix[4]arene crown-6 carboxylic acid cone conformer towards chiral aminoalcohols

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Part A. Synthesis

A-1. Synthesis of (±)-12

Compound (±)-12 was synthesized according to the two-step procedure for the synthesis of its debutyled analogues¹, starting from 15^2 (Scheme S-1).



Scheme S-1 Synthesis of (\pm) -12 starting from 15.

Synthesis of (\pm) -16: To a stirred mixture of 15 (4.69 g, 6.15 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (2.00 g, 6.15 mmol) in dry DMF (400 mL) was added BrCH₂CO₂C₂H₅ (816 µL, 7.38 mmol) and the reaction mixture was heated at 60 °C overnight. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was partitioned between CH₂Cl₂ and H₂O. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1 v/v) gave (\pm)-16 as a white solid in 73% yield (3.88 g). Mp 231-233 °C (CH₂Cl₂/CH₃OH). Anal. Calcd for C₅₄H₇₂O₈·0.1CH₂Cl₂: C, 75.76; H, 8.49. Found C, 75.69; H, 8.53. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.16 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz, ArH), 7.13 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz, ArH), 7.08 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz, ArH), 7.02 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz, ArH), 6.70 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz, ArH), 6.63 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz, ArH), 6.41 (s, 2H, ArH), 5.96 (s, 1H, OH), 4.57 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H, ArOCH₂CO₂), 4.53 (d, 1H, J = 12.4 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 4.50 (d, 1H, J = 12.8 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 4.43 (d, 1H, J = 12.8 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 4.42 (d, 1H, J = 15.6Hz, 1H, ArOCH₂CO₂), 4.43–3.72 (m, 12H, OCH₂CH₂O), 4.27 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, $CO_2CH_2CH_3$), 4.20 (d, 1H, J = 13.2 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 3.30 (d, 1H, J = 13.4 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 3.23 (d, 1H, J = 13.2 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 3.19 (d, 2H, J = 11.4 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 1.32 (t, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz, $CO_2CH_2CH_3$), 1.33 (s, 9H, $C(CH_3)_3$), 1.32 (s, 9H, $C(CH_3)_3$), 0.91 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.74 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.6,

153.6, 152.4, 150.7, 150.1, 146.2, 145.8, 145.2, 141.3, 136.1, 135.6, 133.0, 131.8, 131.7, 131.6, 129.6, 127.8, 125.8, 125.7, 125.5, 125.3, 125.2, 124.7, 124.6, 75.3, 72.31, 72.27, 71.8, 69.9, 69.5, 69.0, 61.0, 34.1, 33.8, 33.6, 31.8, 31.7, 31.4, 31.1, 31.0, 30.2, 14.3. MS (ESI): *m/z* 871.9 (M + Na⁺, 100%).

Synthesis of (\pm) -12: To a solution of NaOH (108 mg, 2.7 mmol) in THF/H₂O (10 mL/10 mL) was added (±)-16 (234 mg, 0.27 mmol) and the reaction mixture was heated to 60 °C for 5h. After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was partitioned between 10% HCl and CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = from 3:1 to 1:1 v/v) gave (\pm) -12 as a white solid in 93% yield (210 mg). Mp 148–150 °C (CH₂Cl₂/CH₃OH). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.73 (s, 1H, OH), 7.06 (d, 1H, J = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 7.02 (d, 1H, J = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 6.96 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz, ArH), 6.95 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz, ArH), 6.93 (d, 1H, J = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 6.90 (d, 2H, J = 1.6 Hz, ArH), 6.87 (d, 1H, J = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 4.87 (d, 1H, J = 16.4 Hz, ArOCH₂CO₂), 4.83 (d, 1H, J = 13.2 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 4.39 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz, $ArOCH_2CO_2$), 4.27 (d, 1H, J = 12.8 Hz, $ArCH_2Ar$), 4.19 (d, 1H, J = 13.2 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 4.08 (d, 1H, J = 13.6 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 4.24–3.79 (m, 12H, OCH₂CH₂O), 3.41 (d, 1H, J = 13.6 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 3.31 (d, 1H, J = 13.2 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 3.28 (d, 1H, J = 13.6 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 3.27 (d, 1H, J = 12.4 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 1.21 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.12 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.09 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.08 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.9, 152.3, 151.2, 150.3, 149.1, 147.3, 146.9, 146.0, 142.8, 135.0, 134.1, 134.0, 133.7, 132.4, 132.24, 132.22, 129.2, 128.3, 126.4, 126.0, 125.70, 125.67, 125.5, 125.1, 75.3, 74.4, 71.7, 70.45, 70.36, 70.2, 69.2, 34.1, 34.0, 33.9, 32.8, 32.4, 31.6, 31.5, 31.30, 31.27, 31.2, 29.8. MS (ESI): *m/z* 843.8 (M + Na⁺, 100%). Anal. Calcd for C₅₂H₆₈O₈: C, 76.06; H, 8.35. Found C, 76.04; H, 8.39.

A-2. Synthesis of (±)-13

Compound (\pm)-13 was synthesized according to the two-step procedure for the synthesis of its crown-5 analogues³, starting from 17⁴ (Scheme S-2).



Scheme S-2 Synthesis of (\pm) -13 starting from 17.

Synthesis of (±)-18: A mixture of 17 (476 mg, 0.47 mmol), CsF (143 mg, 0.94 mmol) and BrCH₂CO₂C₂H₅ (62 µL, 0.56 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was refluxed for 2d. After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was partitioned between CH₂Cl₂ and 3.6% HCl. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, petroleum ether/acetone = 6:1 v/v) gave (\pm)-18 as a white solid in 83% yield (429 mg). Mp 96–98 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.23 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz, ArH), 7.14 (s, 2H, ArH), 7.13 (s, 1H, OH), 7.11 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz, ArH), 7.10 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz, ArH), 7.04 (d, 1H, J = 2.4 Hz, ArH), 6.97 (d, 1H, J = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 6.90 (d, 1H, J = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 6.58 (s, 1H, OH), 6.47 (d, 1H, J = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 6.42 (d, 1H, J = 1.6 Hz, ArH), 4.59 (d, 1H, J = 15.6Hz, ArOCH₂CO₂), 4.56–4.47 (m, 3H, ArCH₂Ar, ArOCH₂CO₂), 4.44 (d, 1H, J = 14.0 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 4.42 (d, 2H, J = 14.0 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 4.31 (q, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz, $CO_2CH_2CH_3$), 4.17–3.67 (m, 20H, OCH₂CH₂O), 3.40 (d, 2H, J = 16.4 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 3.36 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.2 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 3.34 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.6 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 3.30 (d, 1H, J = 14.8 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 1.35 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz, CO₂CH₂CH₃), 1.33 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.25 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.16 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.98 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.56 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100MHz): δ 169.7, 151.7, 151.6, 150.4, 150.2, 149.5, 146.5, 146.40, 146.36, 142.0, 141.5, 134.4, 133.5, 133.0, 132.7, 132.6, 132.5, 128.0, 127.4, 127.1, 126.9, 126.34, 126.32, 126.13, 126.06, 125.6, 125.2, 125.02, 124.96, 124.8, 124.3, 74.4, 73.2, 71.3, 71.1, 71.0, 70.9, 70.8, 70.7, 70.5, 70.1, 61.1, 34.1, 34.0, 33.9, 33.8, 33.7, 31.7, 31.6, 31.4, 31.2, 31.1, 30.8, 30.5, 30.1, 30.01, 29.98, 14.3. MS (ESI) m/z: 1138.7 (M + K⁺, 100%). Anal. Calcd for C₆₉H₉₄O₁₁: C,

75.38; H, 8.62. Found C, 75.31; H, 8.72.

Synthesis of (\pm) -13: To a solution of NaOH (313 mg, 7.8 mmol) in THF/H₂O (25 mL/25 mL) was added (±)-18 (430 mg, 0.39 mmol) and the reaction mixture was heated to 60 °C overnight. After evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was partitioned between 10% HCl and CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, petroleum ether/acetone = 2:1 v/v) gave (\pm)-13 as a white solid in 90% yield (377 mg). Mp 123–125 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.29 (d, 1H, J = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 7.23 (d, 1H, J = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 7.20–7.19 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.15–7.14 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.04 (d, 1H, J = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 6.89 (s, 1H, OH), 6.83 (d, 1H, J = 1.6 Hz, ArH), 6.82 (d, 1H, J = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 6.68 (d, 1H, J = 1.6 Hz, ArH), 6.50 (s, 1H, OH), 4.53 (d, 1H, J = 15.2 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 4.49 (d, 1H, J = 15.2 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 4.45 (d, 1H, J =14.0 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 4.42 (d, 1H, J = 13.6 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 4.26–3.64 (m, 22H, ArOCH₂CO₂, OCH₂CH₂O), 4.08 (d, 1H, J = 13.2 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 3.50 (d, 1H, J = 13.6 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 3.41 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 3.38 (d, 1H, J = 14.0 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 3.37 (d, 1H, *J* = 14.4 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 3.36 (d, 1H, *J* = 14.8 Hz, ArCH₂Ar), 1.34 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.27 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 1.26 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.95 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.78 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100MHz): δ 170.7, 151.4, 150.6, 150.1, 150.0, 149.2, 146.82, 146.79, 146.5, 142.3, 141.6, 133.9, 133.7, 132.9, 132.7, 132.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.7, 126.5, 126.4, 126.2, 125.9, 125.6, 125.5, 125.3, 125.2, 124.5, 74.24, 74.19, 71.1, 71.0, 70.7, 70.61, 70.57, 70.3, 70.2, 34.2, 34.0, 33.9, 31.9, 31.7, 31.6, 31.5, 31.1, 31.0, 30.3, 29.44, 29.38, 29.3. MS (ESI) *m/z*: 1094.3 (M + Na⁺, 100%). Anal. Calcd for C₆₇H₉₀O₁₁·0.5H₂O: C, 74.48; H, 8.49. Found C, 74.52; H, 8.53.

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Part B. NMR spectra of new compounds









Fig. S-3 ¹H NMR spectrum of (\pm) -**12** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C).





Fig. S-5 ¹H NMR spectrum of (\pm)-**18** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C).



Fig. S-6 1 H 1 H COSY spectrum of (±)-18 (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C)







Fig. S-8 ¹H NMR spectrum of (±)**-13** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C).



Fig. S-9 1 H 1 H COSY spectrum of (±)-**13** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C).







Fig. S-12 1 H 1 H COSY spectrum of **14a** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C).





Fig. S-14 ¹H NMR spectrum of **14b** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C).



Fig. S-15 ¹H¹H COSY spectrum of **14b** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C).





Fig. S-17 A comparison of the ¹H NMR spectrum of racemic and enantiopure 10 (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C): (a) racemic; (b) (–)-10; (c) (+)-10.

Part C. Preliminary sift of the host

C-1. ¹H NMR titration of (\pm) -8 with G1–G7:



Fig. S-18 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-8 (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*R*)-G1 (guest): (a) (*R*)-G1; (b) (\pm)-8; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-19 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-8 (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-G2 (guest): (a) (*S*)-G2; (b) (\pm)-8; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-20 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-8 (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-G3 (guest): (a) (*S*)-G3; (b) (\pm)-8; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-21 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-8 (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-G4 (guest): (a) (*S*)-G4; (b) (\pm)-8; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-22 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-8 (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-G5 (guest): (a) (*S*)-G5; (b) (\pm)-8; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-23 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-8 (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-G6 (guest): (a) (*S*)-G6; (b) (\pm)-8; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-24 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-8 (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*R*)-G7 (guest): (a) (*R*)-G7; (b) (\pm)-8; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.

C-2. ¹H NMR titration of (±)-9 with G1–G7:



Fig. S-25 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-9 (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*R*)-G1 (guest): (a) (*R*)-G1; (b) (\pm)-9; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-26 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-9 (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-G2 (guest): (a) (*S*)-G2; (b) (\pm)-9; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-27 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**9** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-**G3** (guest): (a) (*S*)-**G3**; (b) (\pm)-**9**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-28 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-9 (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-G4 (guest): (a) (*S*)-G4; (b) (\pm)-9; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-29 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**9** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-**G5** (guest): (a) (*S*)-**G5**; (b) (\pm)-**9**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-30 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**9** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-**G6** (guest): (a) (*S*)-**G6**; (b) (\pm)-**9**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.


Fig. S-31 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-9 (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*R*)-G7 (guest): (a) (*R*)-G7; (b) (\pm)-9; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.

C-3. ¹H NMR titration of (\pm) -10 with G1–G7:



Fig. S-32 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**10** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*R*)-**G1** (guest): (a) (*R*)-**G1**; (b) (\pm)-**10**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-33 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**10** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-**G2** (guest): (a) (*S*)-**G2**; (b) (\pm)-**10**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-34 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-10 (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-G3 (guest): (a) (*S*)-G3; (b) (\pm)-10; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-35 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-10 (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-G4 (guest): (a) (*S*)-G4; (b) (\pm)-10; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-36 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-10 (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-G5 (guest): (a) (*S*)-G5; (b) (\pm)-10; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-37 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**10** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-**G6** (guest): (a) (*S*)-**G6**; (b) (\pm)-**10**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-38 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**10** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*R*)-**G7** (guest): (a) (*R*)-**G7**; (b) (\pm)-**10**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.

C-4. ¹H NMR titration of (\pm) -11 with G1–G7:



Fig. S-39 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**11** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*R*)-**G1** (guest): (a) (*R*)-**G1**; (b) (\pm)-**11**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-40 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**11** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-**G2** (guest): (a) (*S*)-**G2**; (b) (\pm)-**11**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-41 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**11** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-**G3** (guest): (a) (*S*)-**G3**; (b) (\pm)-**11**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-42 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**11** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-**G4** (guest): (a) (*S*)-**G4**; (b) (\pm)-**11**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-43 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-11 (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-G5 (guest): (a) (*S*)-G5; (b) (\pm)-11; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-44 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**11** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-**G6** (guest): (a) (*S*)-**G6**; (b) (\pm)-**11**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-45 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-11 (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*R*)-G7 (guest): (a) (*R*)-G7; (b) (\pm)-11; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.

C-5. ¹H NMR titration of (±)-12 with G1–G7:



Fig. S-46 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**12** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*R*)-**G1** (guest): (a) (*R*)-**G1**; (b) (\pm)-**12**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-47 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**12** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-**G2** (guest): (a) (*S*)-**G2**; (b) (\pm)-**12**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-48 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**12** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-**G3** (guest): (a) (*S*)-**G3**; (b) (\pm)-**12**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-49 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**12** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-**G4** (guest): (a) (*S*)-**G4**; (b) (\pm)-**12**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-50 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**12** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-**G5** (guest): (a) (*S*)-**G5**; (b) (\pm)-**12**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-51 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**12** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-**G6** (guest): (a) (*S*)-**G6**; (b) (\pm)-**12**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-52 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**12** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*R*)-**G7** (guest): (a) (*R*)-**G7**; (b) (\pm)-**12**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.

C-6. ¹H NMR titration of (\pm) -13 with G1–G7:



Fig. S-53 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-13 (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*R*)-G1 (guest): (a) (*R*)-G1; (b) (\pm)-13; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-54 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**13** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-**G2** (guest): (a) (*S*)-**G2**; (b) (\pm)-**13**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-55 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**13** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-**G3** (guest): (a) (*S*)-**G3**; (b) (\pm)-**13**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-56 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-13 (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-G4 (guest): (a) (*S*)-G4; (b) (\pm)-13; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-57 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**13** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-**G5** (guest): (a) (*S*)-**G5**; (b) (\pm)-**13**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-58 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**13** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*S*)-**G6** (guest): (a) (*S*)-**G6**; (b) (\pm)-**13**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.



Fig. S-59 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of (\pm)-**13** (host, 10 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of (*R*)-**G7** (guest): (a) (*R*)-**G7**; (b) (\pm)-**13**; (c) host/guest = 1:0.5; (d) host/guest = 1:1; (e) host/guest = 1:2; (f) host/guest = 1:3; (g) host/guest = 1:5.

Part D. Chiral recognition of enantiopure 10

D-1. Job plot: (+)-(*cS*)-10 complexed with (*S*)- or (*R*)-G3:



Fig. S-60 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) recorded for Job plot for determination of the stoichiometric ratio of (+)-(*cS*)-**10** complexed with (*S*)-**G3**. The total concentration of (+)-(*cS*)-**10** and (*S*)-**G3** was kept constant (10 mM, in CDCl₃), while the molar fraction of the host (X) was continuously varied. X = (a) 20%; (b) 30%; (c) 40%; (d) 50%; (e) 60%; (f) 70%; (g) 80%.



Fig. S-61 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) recorded for Job plot for determination of the stoichiometric ratio of (+)-(*cS*)-**10** complexed with (*R*)-**G3**. The total concentration of (+)-(*cS*)-**10** and (*R*)-**G3** was kept constant (10 mM, in CDCl₃), while the molar fraction of the host (X) was continuously varied. X = (a) 20%; (b) 30%; (c) 40%; (d) 50%; (e) 60%; (f) 70%; (g) 80%.

D-2. Job plot: (-)-(*cR*)-10 complexed with (*S*)- or (*R*)-G6:



Fig. S-62 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) recorded for Job plot for determination of the stoichiometric ratio of (–)-(*cR*)-**10** complexed with (*S*)-**G6**. The total concentration of (–)-(*cR*)-**10** and (*S*)-**G6** was kept constant (10 mM, in CDCl₃), while the molar fraction of the host (X) was continuously varied. X = (a) 20%; (b) 30%; (c) 40%; (d) 50%; (e) 60%; (f) 70%; (g) 80%.



Fig. S-63 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) recorded for Job plot for determination of the stoichiometric ratio of (–)-(*cR*)-**10** complexed with (*R*)-**G6**. The total concentration of (–)-(*cR*)-**10** and (*R*)-**G6** was kept constant (10 mM, in CDCl₃), while the molar fraction of the host (X) was continuously varied. X = (a) 20%; (b) 30%; (c) 40%; (d) 50%; (e) 60%; (f) 70%; (g) 80%.



D-3. ¹H NMR titration and calculation of the association constants by nonlinear curve fitting method:

Fig. S-64 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of a constant concentration of (+)-(cS)-10 (5 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of specific guest: (a) (R)-G1; (b) (+)-(cS)-10; (c) upon addition of 0.2 equiv of (R)-G1; (d) upon addition of 0.4 equiv of (R)-G1; (e) upon addition of 0.6 equiv of (R)-G1; (f) upon addition of 0.8 equiv of (R)-G1; (g) upon addition of 1.0 equiv of (R)-G1; (h) upon addition of 1.2 equiv of (R)-G1; (i) upon addition of 1.4 equiv of (R)-G1; (j) upon addition of 1.6 equiv of (R)-G1; (k) upon addition of 1.8 equiv of (R)-G1; (l) upon addition of 2.0 equiv of (R)-G1.



Fig. S-65 The observed chemical shift changes of (+)-(cS)-10 (5.0 mM) upon addition of (R)-G1 (0–10.0 mM). The red solid line was obtained from nonlinear curve-fitting.



Fig. S-66 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of a constant concentration of (-)-(*cR*)-**10** (5 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of specific guest: (a) (*R*)-**G1**; (b) (-)-(*cR*)-**10**; (c) upon addition of 0.2 equiv of (*R*)-**G1**; (d) upon addition of 0.4 equiv of (*R*)-**G1**; (e) upon addition of 0.6 equiv of (*R*)-**G1**; (f) upon addition of 0.8 equiv of (*R*)-**G1**; (g) upon addition of 1.0 equiv of (*R*)-**G1**; (h) upon addition of 1.2 equiv of (*R*)-**G1**; (i) upon addition of 1.4 equiv of (*R*)-**G1**; (j) upon addition of 1.6 equiv of (*R*)-**G1**; (k) upon addition of 1.8 equiv of (*R*)-**G1**; (l) upon addition of 2.0 equiv of (*R*)-**G1**.


Fig. S-67 The observed chemical shift changes of (-)-(cR)-**10** (5.0 mM) upon addition of (R)-**G1** (0–10.0 mM). The red solid line was obtained from nonlinear curve-fitting.



Fig. S-68 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of a constant concentration of (+)-(cS)-10 (5 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of specific guest: (a) (*S*)-G3; (b) (+)-(cS)-10; (c) upon addition of 0.2 equiv of (*S*)-G3; (d) upon addition of 0.4 equiv of (*S*)-G3; (e) upon addition of 0.6 equiv of (*S*)-G3; (f) upon addition of 0.8 equiv of (*S*)-G3; (g) upon addition of 1.0 equiv of (*S*)-G3; (h) upon addition of 1.2 equiv of (*S*)-G3; (i) upon addition of 1.4 equiv of (*S*)-G3; (j) upon addition of 1.6 equiv of (*S*)-G3; (k) upon addition of 1.8 equiv of (*S*)-G3; (l) upon addition of 2.0 equiv of (*S*)-G3.



Fig. S-69 The observed chemical shift changes of (+)-(cS)-10 (5.0 mM) upon addition of (S)-G3 (0–10.0 mM). The red solid line was obtained from nonlinear curve-fitting.



Fig. S-70 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of a constant concentration of (+)-(cS)-10 (5 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of specific guest: (a) (R)-G3; (b) (+)-(cS)-10; (c) upon addition of 0.2 equiv of (R)-G3; (d) upon addition of 0.4 equiv of (R)-G3; (e) upon addition of 0.6 equiv of (R)-G3; (f) upon addition of 0.8 equiv of (R)-G3; (g) upon addition of 1.0 equiv of (R)-G3; (h) upon addition of 1.2 equiv of (R)-G3; (i) upon addition of 1.4 equiv of (R)-G3; (j) upon addition of 1.6 equiv of (R)-G3; (k) upon addition of 1.8 equiv of (R)-G3; (l) upon addition of 2.0 equiv of (R)-G3.



Fig. S-71 The observed chemical shift changes of (+)-(cS)-**10** (5.0 mM) upon addition of (*R*)-**G3** (0–10.0 mM). The red solid line was obtained from nonlinear curve-fitting.



Fig. S-72 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of a constant concentration of (–)-(cR)-10 (5 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of specific guest: (a) (R)-G6; (b) (–)-(cR)-10; (c) upon addition of 0.2 equiv of (R)-G6; (d) upon addition of 0.4 equiv of (R)-G6; (e) upon addition of 0.6 equiv of (R)-G6; (f) upon addition of 0.8 equiv of (R)-G6; (g) upon addition of 1.0 equiv of (R)-G6; (h) upon addition of 1.2 equiv of (R)-G6; (i) upon addition of 1.4 equiv of (R)-G6; (j) upon addition of 1.6 equiv of (R)-G6; (k) upon addition of 1.8 equiv of (R)-G6; (l) upon addition of 2.0 equiv of (R)-G6.



Fig. S-73 The observed chemical shift changes of (-)-(cR)-**10** (5.0 mM) upon addition of (R)-**G6** (0–10.0 mM). The red solid line was obtained from nonlinear curve-fitting.



Fig. S-74 ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 25 °C) of a constant concentration of (-)-(*cR*)-**10** (5 mM) in the presence of increasing equivalents of specific guest: (a) (*S*)-**G6**; (b) (-)-(*cR*)-**10**; (c) upon addition of 0.2 equiv of (*S*)-**G6**; (d) upon addition of 0.4 equiv of (*S*)-**G6**; (e) upon addition of 0.6 equiv of (*S*)-**G6**; (f) upon addition of 0.8 equiv of (*S*)-**G6**; (g) upon addition of 1.0 equiv of (*S*)-**G6**; (h) upon addition of 1.2 equiv of (*S*)-**G6**; (i) upon addition of 1.4 equiv of (*S*)-**G6**; (j) upon addition of 1.6 equiv of (*S*)-**G6**; (k) upon addition of 1.8 equiv of (*S*)-**G6**; (l) upon addition of 2.0 equiv of (*S*)-**G6**.



Fig. S-75 The observed chemical shift changes of (-)-(cR)-10 (5.0 mM) upon addition of (S)-G6 (0–10.0 mM). The red solid line was obtained from nonlinear curve-fitting.

D-4. ¹H NMR spectra of (+)-(*cS*)-10 (5 mM) and (-)-(*cR*)-10 (5 mM) with varying enantiomeric composition of G3 for the drawing of the standard curves:



Fig. S-76 ¹H NMR spectra of (+)-(*cS*)-**10** (5 mM) with varying enantiomeric composition ([*R*]/[*R*] + [*S*]) of **G3** (5 mM): (a) 0; (b) 10%; (c) 20%; (d) 30%; (e) 40%; (f) 50%; (g) 60%; (h) 70%; (i) 80%; (j) 90%; (k) 100%.



Fig. S-77 ¹H NMR spectra of (-)-(*cR*)-**10** (5 mM) with varying enantiomeric composition ([*S*]/[*R*] + [*S*]) of **G3** (5 mM): (a) 0; (b) 10%; (c) 20%; (d) 30%; (e) 40%; (f) 50%; (g) 60%; (h) 70%; (i) 80%; (j) 90%; (k) 100%.

Part E. Nomenclature of the configuration of inherently chiral calix[4]crown-6 carboxylic acid 10.

Herein we adopt the (cR)/(cS) nomenclature as was suggested by Mandolini, Schiaffino et al to describe the configuration of inherently chiral calix[4]arene 10.¹ As is shown in Fig. S-78, the four methylene bridging carbons of 10 are labeled as a, b, c, and d in decreasing order of priority. An imaginary observer stand close to carbon d (the lowest priority) on the concave side of the calix[4]arene and see carbons a, b, and c in a counterclockwise sequence, so its configuration is designated as cS (here the prefix *c* stands for curvature). If a clockwise sequence is observed for a, b, and c, then the configuration is designated as cR.



Fig. S-78 A diagram for the (cR)/(cS) nomenclature of the configuration of the inherently chiral calix[4]crown-6 **10**.

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Part F. DFT theoretical calculation details.

All calculations were performed by the Materials Studio software¹ and the Gaussian 09 program packages². MD simulations based on the COMPASS force field at 300 K were employed to search the possible conformations of **10**. First 100 conformations with low energies were kept. Twelve conformations with lower energy were selected and their geometries were adjusted manually and optimized with the AM1 semi-empirical method. The geometries of the conformations with relative energy less than 6.0 kcal mol⁻¹ were optimized at DFT/B3LYP/6-31G(d) level, and frequency calculations were carried out to confirm these minima at the same level and to compute vibrational contributions to free energies at 298 K. The lower-energy conformers (i.e., with free energies less than 12 kJ mol⁻¹ from the minimum) were selected to predict ECD spectra. The population of different conformers follows a Boltzmann distribution. Electronic excitation energies and rotational strengths in CHCl₃ were calculated at TDDFT/B3LYP/6-31+G(d) level in velocity formalism for the first 60 states. The UV and CD curves were simulated by using the Gaussian function: ³

$$\Delta\varepsilon(E) = \frac{1}{2.296 \times 10^{-39}} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{\pi}} \times \sum_{i} \Delta E_i R_i e^{-[(E - \Delta E_i)/\sigma]^2}$$

where σ is half the band width at 1/e height and ΔE_i and R_i are the excitation energies and rotatory strengths for transition *i*, respectively. Here a value of $\sigma = 0.4$ eV. Because of the systematic errors of the theoretical transition energies as compared to the experimental ones, the spectra were red-shifted by 18nm.

In addition, host-guest interaction was modeled by DFT calculations. The full geometry optimization of the host, guests and complexes was performed at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. Since dispersion interactions were expected to be essential in the stereochemical control in some reactions, Grimme's DFT-D3(BJ) dispersion corrections were calculated using the DFTD3 program,⁴ and D3 corrections were included for the discussion of enantioselectivity.



(cS)-10-I



(cS)-10-II

(cS)-10-III

Fig. S-79 The geometries of the most stable conformers of (cS)-10 at TDDFT/B3LYP/6-31+G(d) level.

Table S-1 Relative free energies and Boltzmann populations of the most stable conformers of(cS)-10.

conformers	Free energy	Free energy	Boltzmann population
	(a.u.)	different (kcal/mol)	(%)
(cS)-10-I	-2930.813446	0	91
(cS)-10-II	-2930.811202	1.41	8
(cS)-10-III	-2930.809516	2.47	1



Fig. S-80 A comparison of the measured and simulated ECD spectra of (*cS*)-10 calculated at the TD-B3LYP/6-31+G(d)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory



Fig. S-81 A comparison of the measured and simulated UV spectra (right) of (*cS*)-10 calculated at the TD-B3LYP/6-31+G(d)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

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