Modes of Binding Interaction Between Viologen Guests and the Cucurbit[7]uril Host

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Supporting information

Diffusion coefficient of guest molecule Guest : Ethylviologen Host: CB7 Solvent: 0.2 M NaCl in D₂O Instrument: 500MHz NMR



NMR titration of propylviologen with CB7



NMR titration of butyl viologen with CB6



- D : addition of CB6 (1.5eq)
- Asteric is a solvent (acetone)

NMR titration of heptylviologen with CB7



Solvent : DMSO-d₆, 500MHz A: heptyl viologen B: addition of CB7 (0.4eq) C: addition of CB7 (1.05eq) D: addition of CB7 (1.4eq)

NMR titration of amino-dinitrophenyl-propyl viologen with CB7



Solvent : D₂O, 500MHz A: amino-dinitrophenyl-propyl viologen B: addition of CB7 (0.66eq) C: addition of CB7 (1.09eq)

General procedure for the synthesis of bis(alkyl)viologens

A mixture of 4,4'-dipyridyl (1.0 equiv) and the corresponding alkyl bromide (8 equiv) in CH₃CN was refluxed for 3days. The resulting precipitate was filtered, washed with hot chloroform to remove monoalkylated product and dried under vacuum.

¹H NMR of **EV**²⁺(500MHz, 0.2M NaCl-D₂O) δ (ppm) 8.99 (d, J=5Hz, 4H, α of viologen), 8.40 (d, J=5Hz, 4H, β of viologen), 4.61 (q, 4H, CH₂), 1.55(t, 6H, CH₃), MASS (FAB): 214 (M^{+.})

¹H NMR of $PV^{2+}(500MHz, 0.2M \text{ NaCl-D}_2\text{O})$ § (ppm) 8.98 (d, J=6Hz, 4H, α of viologen), 8.41 (d, J=6Hz, 4H, β of viologen), 4.56 (t, 4H, CH₂), 1.96 (m, 4H, CH₂), 0.85(t, 6H, CH₃), MS (FAB): 242 (M⁺⁻)

¹H NMR of **BV**²⁺(300MHz, 0.2M NaCl-D₂O) δ (ppm) 9.01 (d, J=6.3Hz, 4H, α of viologen), 8.44 (d, J=6.3Hz, 4H, β of viologen), 4.60 (t, 4H, CH₂), 1.95 (m, 4H, CH₂), 1.30 (m, 4H, CH₂), 0.85(t, 6H, CH₃), MS (FAB): 270 (M⁺.)

Synthesis of NHV•(PF₆)₂

A mixture of 4,4'-dipyridyl (2g, 12.8mmol) and 3-bromopropylamine hydrobromide (7g, 52mmol) in CH₃CN was refluxed for 3days. . The resulting precipitate was filtered and dissolved in water. The solution was treated with NaOH solution until the blue color characteristic of reduced viologen appeared. NH_4PF_6 was added to the solution to exchange the counter anions. The resulting solid was filtered, washed with water, THF and dried under vacuum. Yield : 59 %, (4.25g, 7.56mmol).

¹H NMR of **NHV**²⁺(300MHz, 0.2M NaCl-D₂O) δ (ppm) 9.05 (d, J=6.6Hz, 4H, α of viologen), 8.47 (d, J=6.6Hz, 4H, β of viologen), 4.71 (t, 4H, CH₂), 2.88 (t, 4H, CH₂), 2.29(m, 6H, CH₃), MS (FAB): 272 (M⁺⁻)

Synthesis of NHDBV•(PF₆)₂

A mixture of aminopropyl-viologen hydrochloride (185mmg, 0.444mmol) and 2,4,6-collidine (0.74mL) in water (2mL) was stirred at room temperature. A solution of 2,4-dinitro fluorobenzene in CH₃CN (2mL) was added to the first solution. The reaction was stirred for 20 h at room temperature. The resulting solid was filtered, washed with water, THF, ether and dried under vacuum. Yield : 81 %, (243mg, 0.36mmol). Counter ion exchange of the product was accomplished by treatment with excess NH_4PF_6 .

¹H NMR of **NHDBV**²⁺ (DMSO-d₆, 500MHz) δ (ppm) 9.37 (d, J=6.5Hz, 4H, α of viologen), 8.85 (t, 2H, Ar), 8.84 (s, 2H, NH), 8.73 (d, J=6.5Hz, 4H, β of viologen), 8.28 (dd, 2H, Ar), 7.27 (d, J=10, 2H, Ar), 4.76 (t, 4H, CH₂), 3.67(m, 4H, CH₂), 2.36(m, 4H, CH₂) ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d₆, 500MHz) δ (ppm) 148.47, 147.86, 147.73, 145.99, 134.98, 130.14, 129.87, 126.30, 123.49, 115.22, 58.972, 29.36. MS (FAB): 605 (M+H-2PF₆)⁺, 750 (M-PF₆)⁺