# Molecular Fibers and Wires in Solid-State and Solution SelfAssemblies of Cyclodextrin [2]-Rotaxanes 

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## Synthesis

6: A mixture of $\alpha$-cyclodextrin $3(3.0 \mathrm{~g}, 3.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ and 4,4'-dicarboxyazobenzene $2(100 \mathrm{mg}$, $0.37 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $0.2 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ carbonate buffer ( $\mathrm{pH} \mathrm{10} ,25 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) was stirred at room temperature for two hours. 3,5-Dimethylaniline 5 ( $180 \mathrm{mg}, 1.48 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and DMT-MM ( $370 \mathrm{mg}, 1.55 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) were then added, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for an additional ten hours. The resulting solution was washed with ethyl acetate ( $5 \times 25 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ), and then it was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in water ( $40 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) and the solution was applied to a Diaion HP-20 column ( $310 \times 25 \mathrm{~mm}$ ). The column was eluted with water ( $c a .3 .0 \mathrm{dm}^{3}$ ) until no more unreacted $\alpha$-cyclodextrin 3 was detected by TLC. The column was then eluted with a water-methanol solvent gradient. The desired product was obtained when the column was eluted with $50 \%$ aqueous methanol. That fraction was concentrated under reduced pressure to give an orange powder ( $147 \mathrm{mg}, 27 \%$ ); TLC (5:4:3:2 v/v/v/v $i$-propanol-ethanol-water-acetic acid) $R_{\mathrm{f}} 0.8$ (relative to solvent front), 1.5 (relative to $\alpha$-cyclodextrin 3); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 500 MHz , Methanol- $d_{4}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{H}} 8.64$ ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.5$ ), 8.24 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.5$ ), 8.20 $(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.5), 8.03(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.5), 7.47(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 7.39(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 6.87(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 6.86(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 4.86(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J$ 4.0), 3.84-3.80 (6H, m), 3.77-3.74 (6H, m), 3.74-3.72 (6H, m), 3.50-3.57 (6H, m), 3.53-3.50 (6H, m), 3.43-3.42 (6H, m), $2.35(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 2.34(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}-d_{6}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{C}}$ 166.3, 164.0, 153.1, $153.0,138.7,137.6,136.8,128.7,127.6,125.6,124.5,122.2,118.7,118.5,102.0,81.4,73.1,72.1$, 71.6, 59.4, 21.2; ESI-MS (positive) $m / z 1472\left(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}^{+}\right)$; Elemental analysis: Found C, 50.19; H, 6.12; $\mathrm{N}, 3.80 . \mathrm{C}_{66} \mathrm{H}_{88} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{32} .7 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ requires C, 50.31 ; $\mathrm{H}, 6.53$; N, $3.56 \%$.

7: (132 mg, 25\%); TLC (5:4:3 v/v/v $n$-butanol-ethanol-water) $R_{\mathrm{f}} 0.8$ (relative to solvent front), 2.9 (relative to $\alpha$-cyclodextrin 3); HPLC: $t_{\mathrm{R}} 3.7 \mathrm{~min}$ (column: YMC ODS-AQ, $250 \times 10 \mathrm{~mm} ; 45 \% \mathrm{aq}$. $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$; flow rate: $3.0 \mathrm{~cm}^{3} \mathrm{~min}^{-1}$ ); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{MeOH}-d_{4}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{H}} 8.14(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 8.10(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.0)$, 7.72 (2H, d, J 8.0), 7.51 (1H, d, J 16.5), 7.33 (1H, d, J 16.5), 7.16 ( $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$ ), 4.94 ( $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 3.5$ ), 3.91$3.87(12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 3.74(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 3.5$ and 12.3), $3.61(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 1.5$ and 12.0), $3.57(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 9.0), 3.48$ $\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 3.5\right.$ and 9.5), $2.35(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 2.30(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{MeOH}-d_{4}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{C}} 169.5,168.3$, $141.0,140.5,137.6,137.4,136.0,135.9,135.3,131.9,130.6,129.7,129.4(1), 129.3(6), 129.3(3)$, 129.2(7), 128.7, 128.2, 104.2, 83.6, 75.3, 74.0, 73.9, 61.7, 18.9, 18.6; ESI-MS (negative) $m / z 1445$ (M$\mathrm{H}^{+}$); Elemental analysis: Found C, 50.04; H, 6.55; N, 1.91. $\mathrm{C}_{68} \mathrm{H}_{90} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{32} .10 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ requires C, $50.18 ; \mathrm{H}$, 6.81; N, 1.72\%.

8: ( 30 mg , yield 5\%); TLC (5:4:3 v/v/v $n$-butanol-ethanol-water) $R_{\mathrm{f}} 0.65$ (relative to solvent front), 1.7 (relative to $\alpha$-cyclodextrin 3); HPLC: $t_{\mathrm{R}} 22.7 \mathrm{~min}$ (column: SymmetryPrep C18, $300 \times 20$ mm ; gradient aq. MeCN; flow rate: $10 \mathrm{~cm}^{3} \mathrm{~min}^{-1}$ ); ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 500 MHz , Methanol- $d_{4}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{H}} 7.22(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s})$, $7.20(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 6.87(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 6.83(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 4.98(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 2.5), 4.02-3.99(12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 3.93-3.90(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m})$, $3.57-3.54(6 H, m), 3.52-3.51(6 H, m), 3.51-3.50(6 H, m), 2.48-2.32(4 H, m), 2.28(6 H, s), 2.26(6 H$, s), $1.81-1.66(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}), 1.56-1.40(12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 75.5 MHz , Methanol $-d_{4}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 175.3,174.1,139.7$, $139.6,139.4,126.7,119.2,118.9,104.1,83.6,75.3,74.0,73.8,61.8,38.4,35.2,32.7,32.5,32.1,31.8$, 30.9, 30.4, 28.7, 27.2, 21.5(3), 21.4(8); ESI-MS (positive) m/z $1409\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}\right)$; Elemental analysis: Found $\mathrm{C}, 49.07 ; \mathrm{H}, 7.24 ; \mathrm{N}, 1.80 . \mathrm{C}_{64} \mathrm{H}_{100} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{32} .8 .5 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ requires $\mathrm{C}, 49.19 ; \mathrm{H}, 7.55 ; \mathrm{N}, 1.79 \%$.

9: 4, 4'-Dicarboxyazobenzene $2(50 \mathrm{mg}, 0.19 \mathrm{mmol})$ was dissolved in THF $\left(15 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ and water ( $5 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ). 3,5-Dimethylaniline ( $90 \mathrm{mg}, 0.74 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and DMT-MM ( $200 \mathrm{mg}, 0.82 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) were added and the mixture was stirred for 24 h at room temperature. The resultant precipitate was collected by filtration and dried under vacuum to give the diamide 9 as an orange powder ( $45 \mathrm{mg}, 50 \%$ ). M.p. $>250{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 300 MHz , DMSO- $d_{6}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{H}} 10.30(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 8.17(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.1), 8.06(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.1), 7.43$ $(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 6.77(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 2.27(12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75.5 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}-d_{6}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 165.2,153.4,139.5,138.3$, 132.3, 129.8, 126.2, 123.4, 118.9, 21.84; ESI-MS (positive) m/z (\%): 477 (100) [M+H $\left.{ }^{+}\right], 499$ (45) $\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}^{+}\right]$; Elemental analysis: Found C, $75.00 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.88$; N, 12.01. $\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ requires: C, 75.61 ; H, 5.92; N, 11.76\%.

10: 2,6-Dimethylaniline ( $30 \mathrm{mg}, 0.25 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}(0.12 \mathrm{ml})$ were added to a solution of 4,4'-dicarboxystilbene ${ }^{1}(14 \mathrm{mg}, 0.06 \mathrm{mmol})$ and BOP ( $50 \mathrm{mg}, 0.12 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in anhydrous DMF ( $2 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) and the mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature, before it was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was partitioned between brine and EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with aqueous citric acid, aqueous sodium bicarbonate and brine, then it was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue recrystallized from EtOH to give the diamide $\mathbf{1 0}$ as a colorless powder ( $14 \mathrm{mg}, 57 \%$ ). M.p. $>250{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 300 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{H}} 9.80(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}), 8.03$ (4H, d, J 8.7), $7.80(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.7), 7.52(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 16.0), 7.40(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 16.0),(4 \mathrm{H}$, apparent s), $7.13(6 \mathrm{H}$, apparent s), $2.18(12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75.5 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}-d_{6}$ ) $\delta_{\mathrm{C}} 165.2,140.5,136.4,136.0,134.1,130.1$, 128.8, 128.4, 127.4, 18.8; ESI-MS (positive) $m / z(\%): 475(95)\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}^{+}\right], 497(100)\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}^{+}\right]$.

## X-Ray Crystallography

The crystal data, data collection and refinement parameters are listed below. Measurements were made with a Nonius KappaCCD area detector using Mo K $\alpha(\lambda=0.71073 \AA$ ) radiation. The intensities were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects and absorption.

Structures 6 and 7 were solved by direct methods using SHELXD ${ }^{2}$ and refined on $F^{2}$ using all data by full-matrix least-squares procedures using SHELXL97. ${ }^{2}$ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. In the structure of $\mathbf{6}$ two of the hydroxymethyl groups were disordered over two positions. Hydrogen atoms were included in calculated positions except that water molecules were included only as oxygen atoms.

Structure 9 was solved using $\operatorname{SIR}^{2} 2^{3}$ and refined on $F$ with data where $I>2 \sigma(I)$ using CRYSTALS. ${ }^{4}$ Disorder was observed in the central section of the molecule and this has been incorporated into the model. Hydrogen atoms of the methyl groups and of the amine were refined positionally, while the remaining hydrogen atoms ride on the atoms to which they are bonded.

Crystallographic data, as CIF files, have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre. Free copies can be obtained from: The Director, CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK (email: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

Table 1. Principal crystallographic data for the rotaxanes 6 and 7 and the diamide 9.

|  | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{9}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CCDC number | 675081 | 675082 | 675083 |
| formula | $\mathrm{C}_{66} \mathrm{H}_{88} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{39.5}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{68} \mathrm{H}_{90} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{39}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ |
| $M_{r}$ | 1569.40 | 1559.42 | 476.58 |
| crystal system | orthorhombic | orthorhombic | monoclinic |
| space group | $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$ | $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$ | $P 2_{1} / c$ |
| $a[\AA]$ | $13.629(5)$ | $13.8320(3)$ | $5.0641(1)$ |
| $b[\AA]$ | $16.304(5)$ | $22.7978(5)$ | $10.9910(3)$ |
| $c[\AA]$ | $34.170(11)$ | $24.1251(5)$ | $22.2770(5)$ |
| $\beta\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]$ | 90.00 | 90.00 | $90.9020(14)$ |
| $V\left[\AA^{3}\right]$ | $7592.6(4)$ | $7607.6(3)$ | $1239.77(5)$ |
| $Z$ | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| $T[\mathrm{~K}]$ | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| morphology | orange needle | colorless block | orange needle |
| $D_{x}\left(\mathrm{Mgm}^{-3}\right)$ | 1.373 | 1.362 | 1.277 |
| $\mu\left(\mathrm{~mm}^{-1}\right)$ | 0.115 | 0.113 | 0.082 |
| $F(000)$ | 3312 | 3296 | 504 |
| Crystal size $(\mathrm{mm})$ | $0.57 \times 0.19 \times 0.17$ | $0.53 \times 0.51 \times 0.45$ | $0.40 \times 0.10 \times 0.04$ |
| $\theta$-range $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | $2.6-25.2$ | $2.7-27.5$ | $2.6-27.5$ |
| Data collected | 49838 | 68680 | 22556 |
| Independent data $\left[R_{\text {(int })}\right]$ | $12851[0.122]$ | $17084[0.038]$ | $2848[0.049]$ |
| Observed data $[I>2 \sigma(I)]$ | 11460 | 15786 | 1743 |
| Parameters | 1032 | 1004 | 213 |
| $R_{I}[I>2 \sigma(I)]$ | 0.064 | 0.055 | 0.043 |
| $w R_{2}$ | $0.169^{a}$ | $0.166^{a}$ | $0.078^{b}$ |
| $\left.A^{\circ}\right]$ |  |  |  |

${ }^{a}$ All data. ${ }^{b} I>2 \sigma(I)$.

## Ultraviolet-Visible Spectra



Figure S1. Absorption spectra of the rotaxane 7 in a) water and b) methanol at concentrations ranging from $2.5-100 \mu \mathrm{M}$, recorded at room temperature.


Figure S2. Absorption spectra of the diamide 9 in DMSO at concentrations ranging from 2.5-100 $\mu \mathrm{M}$, recorded at room temperature.

Graphs of Ultraviolet-Visible Absorbance and Fluorescence Emission Intensity vs Concentration for Aqueous Solutions of the Rotaxane 6


Figure S3. Absorbance at 350 nm of solutions of the rotaxane $\mathbf{6}$ as a function of concentration, recorded at room temperature in the solvents indicated.


Figure S4. Fluorescence emission intensity at 520 nm of aqueous solutions of the rotaxane $\mathbf{6}$ as a function of concentration, recorded at room temperature ( $\lambda_{\mathrm{ex}}=480 \mathrm{~nm}$ ).

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