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P-tert-Butyl thiacalix[4]arenes functionalized at the lower rim by amide, hydroxyl and ester groups as anion receptors

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Abstract

New p-tert-butyl thiacalix[4]arenes differently substituted at the lower rim with amide, hydroxyl and ester groups were synthesized. Binding properties of the compounds toward some tetrabutylammonium salts n-Bu₄NX (X = F⁻, Cl⁻, Br⁻, I⁻, CH₃CO₂⁻, H₂PO₄⁻, NO₃⁻) were studied by UV spectroscopy. It was found that the stoichiometry of the complexes, generally, is 1:1, and the association constants are in the range of 10³-10⁵ M⁻¹. The p-tert-butyl thiacalix[4]arenes containing secondary amide groups trisubstituted at the lower rim bind the studied anions most effectively. Selective receptors for fluoride and dihydrogen phosphate salts of tetrabutylammonium were found. © 2011 The Royal Society of Chemistry.

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