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Sequence Specific Self-Sorting of the Binding Sites of a Ditopic Guest by Cucurbituril Homologues and Subsequent Formation of a *Hetero*[4]pseudorotaxane

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Experimental Section

CB6, CB7, CB8, *N*,*N*'-Bis-(2-azido-ethyl)-dodecane-1,12-diamine.2HCl, were prepared according to literature. ^[5b, 6d, 7] All other reagents and solvents were of the commercial reagent grade and used without further purification except where noted. Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance DPX-400 MHz spectrometer. In all cases, samples were dissolved in D₂O with DSS (3-(trimethylsilyl)-1-propanesulfonic acid sodium salt) as an external standard. Mass spectra were taken on Applied Biosystems MALDI-TOF MS mass spectrometer equipped with a YAG-Laser (? =335 nm) at 10⁻⁷ Torr and delayed extraction mode (delay 300 ns) by changing the laser intensity, if necessary. All spectra were acquired in reflector mode using 20 kV acceleration potential and they were the average of 60 laser shots. Then, data were transferred to a personal computer for further processing. 2,4,6- Trihydroxyacetophenone (THAP) was chosen as the MALDI matrix.

Synthesis of N,N'-Bis-[1-(2-amino-ethyl)-1H-[1,2,3]triazol-4-ylmethyl]-dodecane-1,12-diamine: N,N'-Bis-(2-azido-ethyl)-dodecane-1,12-diamine.2HCl (150 mg, 0.36 mmol), propargylamine.HCl (83 mg, 0.91 mmol) were dissolved in an ethanol-water mixture (5 ml, 2:3, v/v). Subsequently CuSO₄.5H₂0 (4.5 mg, 0.015 mmol) and sodium ascorbate (7.5 mg, 0.036 mmol) were added. After stirring at rt overnight, the mixture was poured into water (5 ml) and 1M NaOH solution (2 ml) was added. It was stirred for 30 min and extracted with chloroform. Organic phase was collected and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The remaining solid residue was suspended in water and stirred further 30 min. White precipitates were collected by filtration and dried under high vacuum 3h. (170 mg, 92%). M.p. 122-123 °C; Elemental Analysis calcd (%) for C₂₂H₄₄N₁₀ C, 58,90; H, 9,89; N, 31,22; found: C, 58,63; H, 10.01; N, 31.07

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): d 1.18 (m, 8H, **F,G,H**), 1.38 (m, 2H, **E**), 1.51 (m, 6H, -N**H**), 2.54 (t, 2H, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.2$ Hz, **D**), 3.03 (t, 2H, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 5.9$ Hz, **A**), 3.92 (s, 2H, **C**), 4.37 (t, 2H, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 5.9$ Hz, **B**), 7.47 (s, 1H, **T**); ${}^{13}C$ NMR (100 MHz, D₂O, 25 °C): d27.4, 29.6, 29.7, 30.2, 37.7, 49.6, 49.7, 50.4, 122.8 (triazole, = CH), 148.8 (triazole, = CR).

Hydrochloride salt of the ditriazole **Axle A** compound was prepared by dissolving it in diluted HCl solution. After stirring overnight at rt, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the solid residue was washed with THF. It was dried under high vacuum 5h. (180 mg, 95%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 25 °C): d 1.30 (m, 8H, **F,G,H**), 1.65 (m, 2H, **E**), 3.05 (t, 2H, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.2$ Hz, **D**), 3.56 (t, 2H, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 5.9$ Hz, **A**), 4.35 (s, 2H, **C**), 4.85 (t, 2H, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 5.9$ Hz, **B**), 8.12 (s, 1H, **T**);

NMR and MALDI-MS Spectra



Figure S1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, D₂O, 25 °C) spectra of **Axle A**; the addition of (a) 0 equiv of CB6 (b) 0.5 equiv of CB6, (c) 1 equiv of CB6, (d) 2.2 equiv of CB6 (* denotes impurities).



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