## **Supporting Information**

for

# New ultra-high affinity host-guest complexes of cucurbit[7]uril with bicyclo[2.2.2]octane and adamantane guests: Thermodynamic analysis and evaluation of M2 affinity calculations

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## **Experimental section**

Bicyclo[2.2.2]octane derivatives were synthesized as illustrated in Scheme S1, according to the procedures reported in the references S1-S3.



Scheme S1. Synthetic route for bicyclo[2.2.2]octane derivatives.

guest <sup>charge</sup>	$K/M^{-1}$	$\Delta G^{\circ}$	$\Delta H^{\circ}$	$T\Delta S^{\circ}$
		/kcal mol <sup>-1</sup>	/kcal mol <sup>-1</sup>	/kcal mol <sup>-1</sup>
ferrocenylCH <sub>2</sub> OH ( <b>F1</b> )	$(3.3 \pm 0.5) \times 10^9$	$\textbf{-13.0}\pm0.1$	$-21.5\pm0.5$	$-8.6\pm0.5$
ferroceneCH <sub>2</sub> N <sup>+</sup> HMe <sub>2</sub> ( <b>F2</b> )	$(2.4 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{12}$	$-16.9\pm0.2$	$-21.0\pm0.5$	$-4.1\pm0.5$
$ferroceneCH_2N^+Me_3$ ( <b>F3</b> )	$(4.1 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{12}$	$-17.2\pm0.2$	$-21.5\pm0.2$	$-4.3\pm0.5$
1,1'-bis(CH <sub>2</sub> NMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ferrocene <sup>2+</sup> ( <b>F6</b> )	$(3.2 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{15}$	$-21.1\pm0.2$	$-21.5\pm0.2$	$\textbf{-0.5}\pm0.5$
1,4-bis(hydroxylmethyl)bicyclo[2.2.2]octane <sup>0</sup> ( <b>B2</b> )	$(6.1 \pm 0.5) \times 10^9$	$-13.4\pm0.1$	$-15.8\pm0.2$	$-2.4 \pm 0.2$
1,4-bis(aminomethyl)bicyclo[2.2.2]octane <sup>2+</sup> ( <b>B5</b> )	$(2.0 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{14}$	$\textbf{-19.5}\pm0.2$	$\textbf{-15.6} \pm 0.4$	$3.9\pm0.5$
1,4-bis(Me <sub>2</sub> NCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> NCH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> bicyclo[2.2.2]octane <sup>4+</sup> ( <b>B11</b> )	$(1.2 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{15}$	$-20.6\pm0.4$	$\textbf{-16.3}\pm0.4$	$4.3\pm0.5$
1-adamantanol <sup>0</sup> (A1)	$(2.3 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{10}$	$-14.1 \pm 0.2$	$-19.0 \pm 0.4$	$-4.9\pm0.4$
1-adamantylamine <sup>1+</sup> (A2)	$(1.7\pm0.8) imes10^{14}$	$\textbf{-19.4} \pm 0.1$	$\textbf{-19.3}\pm0.4$	$0.1\pm0.5$
1-aminomethyladamantane <sup>1+</sup> (A3)	$9 \times 10^{14  b}$	-20.3 <sup>b</sup>	$\textbf{-21.9} \pm 0.4$	-1.7
1-(2-aminoethylamino)adamantane <sup>2+</sup> (A4)	$5 \times 10^{15 b}$	-21.5 <sup>b</sup>	$-20.1\pm0.4$	1.4
2-adamantylamine <sup><math>1+</math></sup> (A5)	$(1.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{14}$	$-19.1\pm0.2$	$-19.5\pm0.4$	$-0.4 \pm 0.5$

**Table S1.** Experimental Complex Stability Constant (*K*), Standard Free Energy ( $\Delta G^{\circ}$ ), Enthalpy ( $\Delta H^{\circ}$ ), and Entropy Changes ( $T\Delta S^{\circ}$ ) for Complexation of Various Ferrocene, Bicyclo[2.2.2]octane, and Adamantane Guests with Cucurbit[7]uril in H<sub>2</sub>O at *T* = 298.15 K<sup>*a*</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup> Determined in pure water at 298.15 K by isothermal titration calorimetry (ITC-VT, Microcal), unless stated otherwise. <sup>*b*</sup> Binding constant was determined by NMR in the presence of competitor, while the enthalpic change was determined by microcalorimetry.



**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of BCO-1 in DMSO- $d_6$  measured at 20 °C.



**Figure S2.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of BCO-1 in DMSO- $d_6$  measured at 20 °C.



**Figure S3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of BCO-2 measured in DMSO- $d_6$  at 20 °C.



**Figure S4.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of BCO-2 measured in DMSO- $d_6$  at 20 °C.



**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum of BCO-2 measured in DMSO- $d_6$  at 20 °C.



**Figure S6.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of BCO-3 measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 20 °C.



**Figure S7.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **B2** measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 20 °C.



**Figure S8.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **B2** measured in DMSO- $d_6$  at 20 °C.



**Figure S9.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of BCO-4 measured in  $D_2O$  at 20 °C.



**Figure S10.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of BCO-4 measured in  $D_2O$  at 20 °C.







Figure S12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of B11 measured in D<sub>2</sub>O at 20 °C with MeOH added as an internal standard.



Figure S13. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of B11 measured in  $D_2O$  at 20 °C with MeOH as an internal standard.



Figure S14. High-Resolution Mass Spectrum of B5.



Figure S15. High-Resolution Mass Spectrum of B11.



**Figure 16**. Competition ITC experiment on complexation of **A2** with CB[7] in water at 298.15 K in the presence of 1,6-hexanediamine (48.8 mM) as competitor.



**Figure 17**. Competition ITC experiment on complexation of **B2** with CB[7] in water at 298.15 K in the presence of L-phenylalanine as competitor.



**Figure 18**. Competition ITC experiment on complexation of **B11** with CB[7] in water at 298.15 K in the presence of triethylenetetramine as competitor

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