



Supplementary Materials: Investigation of Cytotoxicity and Cell Uptake of Cationic Beta-Cyclodextrins as Valid Tools in Nasal Delivery

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Table S1. Description of beta-cyclodextrin monomers and polymers studied in this work.

| Not Fluorescent | | | | | | Analogue fluorescent cyclodextrin | | | | | | |
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| Cyclodextrin | Code | DS ¹ | MW ² | CLR ₃ | CD ⁴ | Description | Cyclodextrin | Code | DS ¹ | MW ² | CLR ₃ | CD ⁴ |
| (2-Hydroxy-3-N,N,N-trimethylamino) propyl-beta- cyclodextrin chloride | QA | 3 | 1589.8 | - | 3 | cationic monomer; purity > 99% | Quaternary ammonium-6-deoxy- 6-[(5/6)-rhodaminyl thioureido]-(2-Hydroxy-3-N,N,N-trimethylamino)-beta-cyclodextrin | RBIT C-Q A | 4.5 (QA) 1 (RBIT C) | 1939. 86 | - | 3.5 |
| Quaternary-ammonium-beta- cyclodextrin soluble polymer crosslinked with epichlorohydrin | QAP S | 2.2 | 40,000 | ~11 | 2.2 | cationic polymer; CD content: 50-70% | Quaternary-ammonium-rhodamine labeled beta-cyclodextrin soluble polymer crosslinked with epichlorohydrin | RBIT C-Q APS | 2.2 (QA) 0.05 (RBIT C) | 40,000 0 | ~11 | 2.2 |
| Heptakis (6-deoxy-6-amino)-beta-cyclodextrin heptahydrochloride | HA | - | 1383.3 | - | 7 | cationic monomer; purity > 98% | | | | | | |
| Soluble amino-beta-cyclodextrin polymer crosslinked with epichlorohydrin | HAP S | 1 | 25,000 | ~10 | 1 | cationic polymer; CD content: 70% | | | | | | |
| (2-Hydroxypropyl)- beta-cyclodextrin | HP | 4.5 | 1400 | - | - | control monomer | 6-deoxy-6-[(5/6)-rhodaminy lthioureido]-hydroxypropyl-beta-cyclodextrin | RBIT C-H P | 4.7 (HP) 0.5 (RBIT C) | 1675. 07 | | 1* |
| Soluble β-cyclodextrin polymer crosslinked with epichlorohydrin | PS | - | 92,000 | ~11 | - | control polymer; CD content: 70% | Rhodamine labeled BCD soluble polymer crosslinked with epichlorohydrin | RBIT C-PS | 0.05 (RBIT C) | 100,000 | ~11 | - |

¹DS: Average Degree of Substitution; ²MW: Average Molecular Weight (g/mol); ³CLR: Cross-Linking Ratio (mol epichlorohydrin/mol CD); ⁴CD: Cationic Density (cationic groups per cyclodextrin unit). * anionic group per cyclodextrin unit

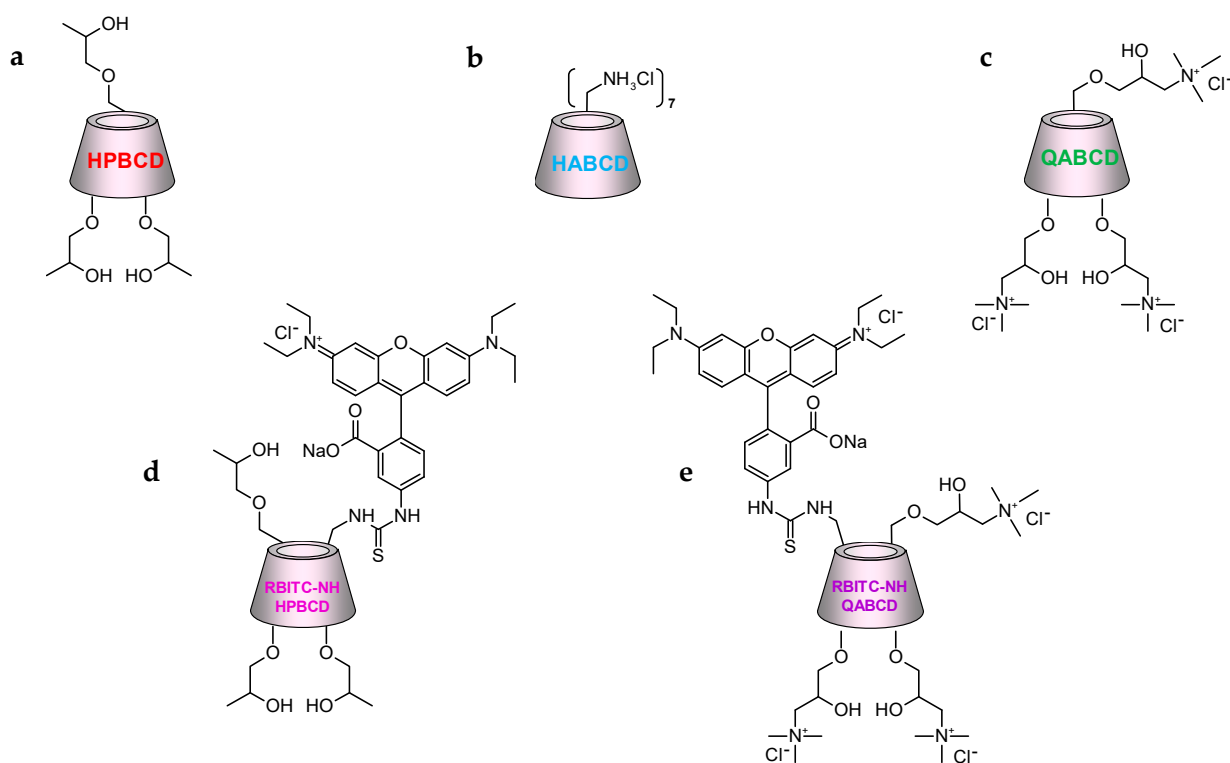


Figure S1. Cartoon representations for beta-cyclodextrin monomers: (a) HP; (b) HA; (c) QA; (d) RBITC-HP; (e) RBITC-QA.

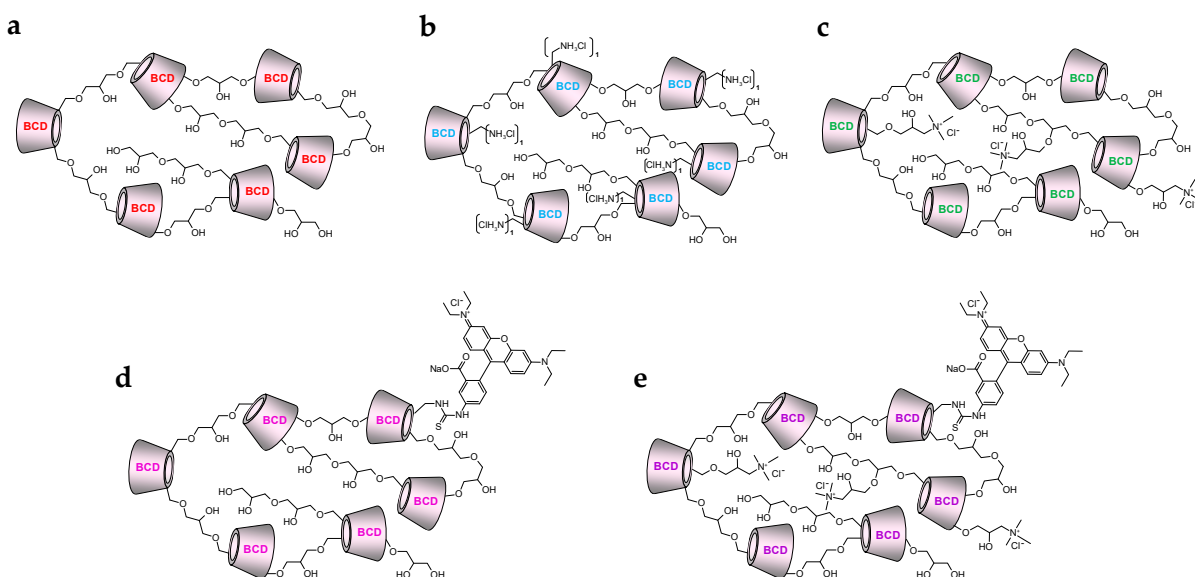


Figure S2. Cartoon representations for beta-cyclodextrin polymers: (a) PS; (b) HAPS; (c) QAPS; (d) RBITC-PS; (e) RBITC-QAPS.

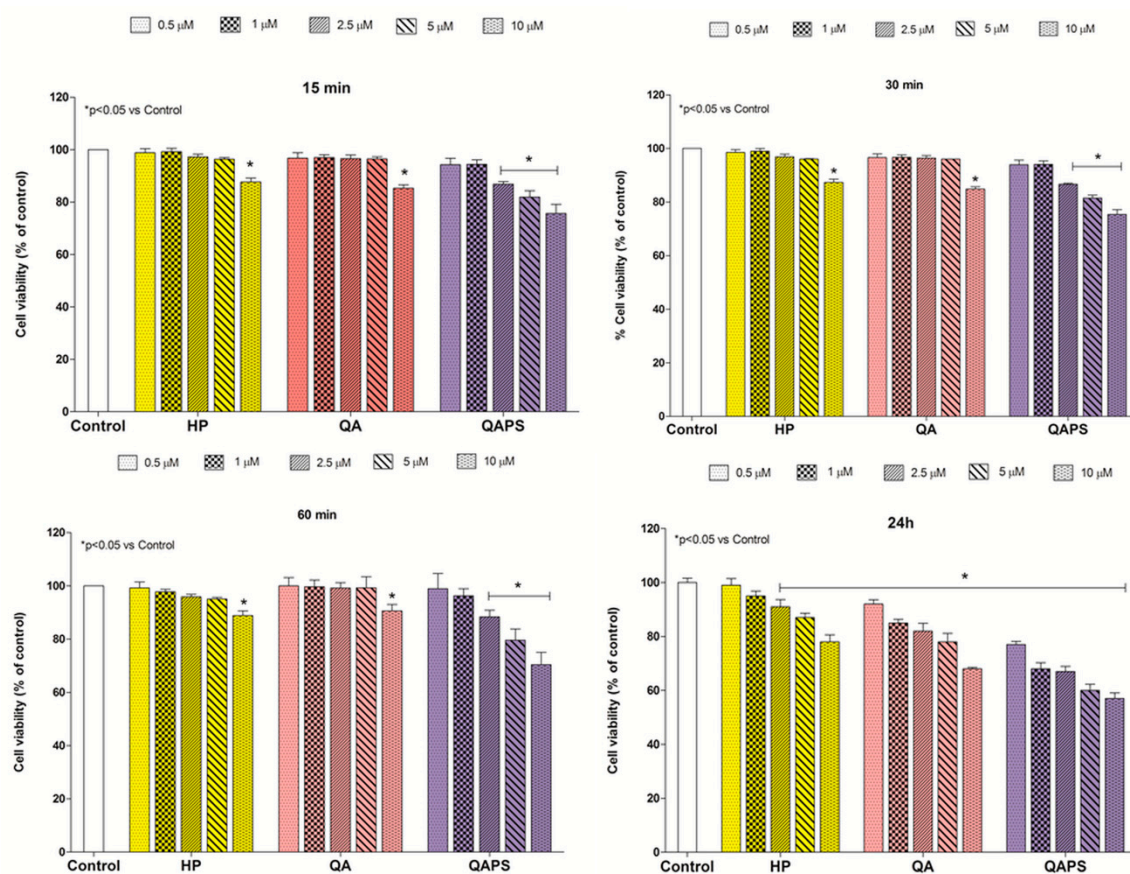


Figure S3. Effect of different concentrations (0.5 - 1 - 2.5 - 5 - 10 μM) of HP, QA and QAPS on PC12 cell viability at increasing times of exposure (15, 30, 60 min and 24h). * $p < 0.05$ vs Control.

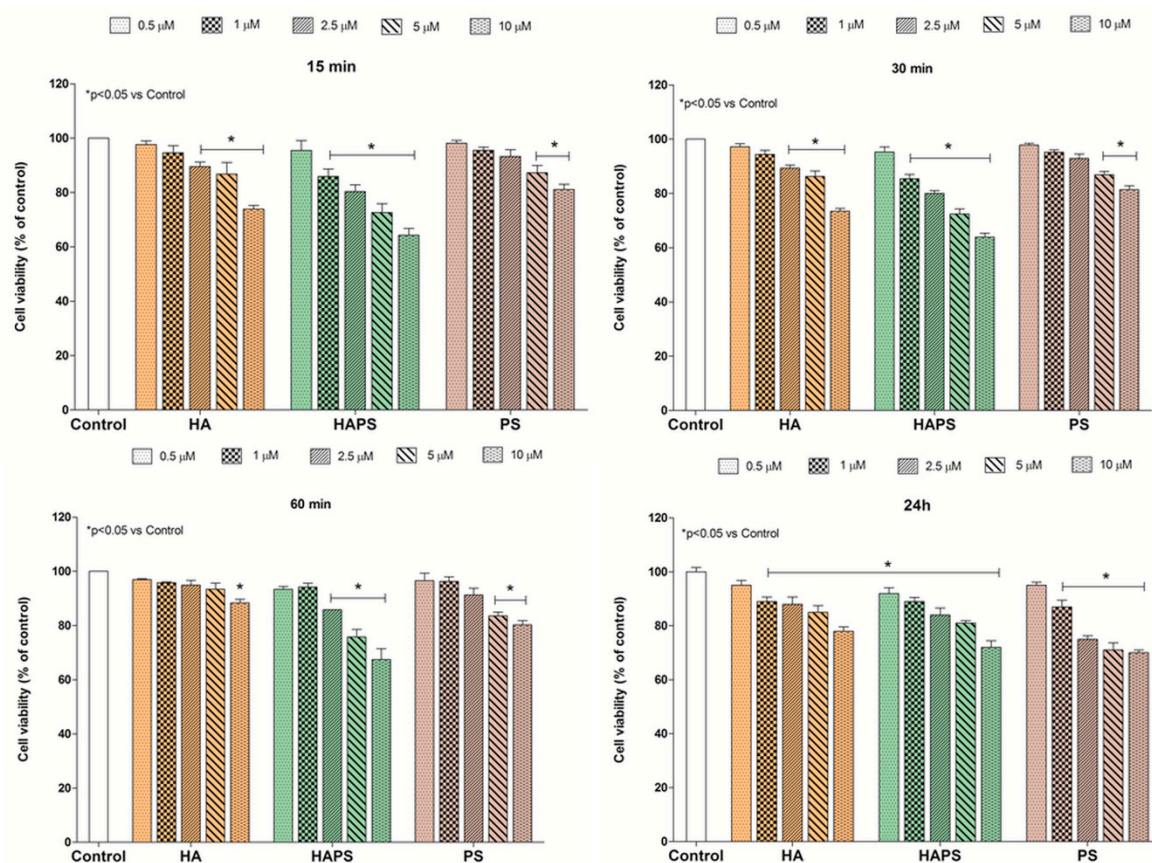


Figure S4. Effect of different concentrations (0.5 - 1 - 2.5 - 5 - 10 μM) of HA, HAPS and PS on PC12 cell viability at increasing times of exposure (15, 30, 60 min and 24h). $*p < 0.05$ vs Control.

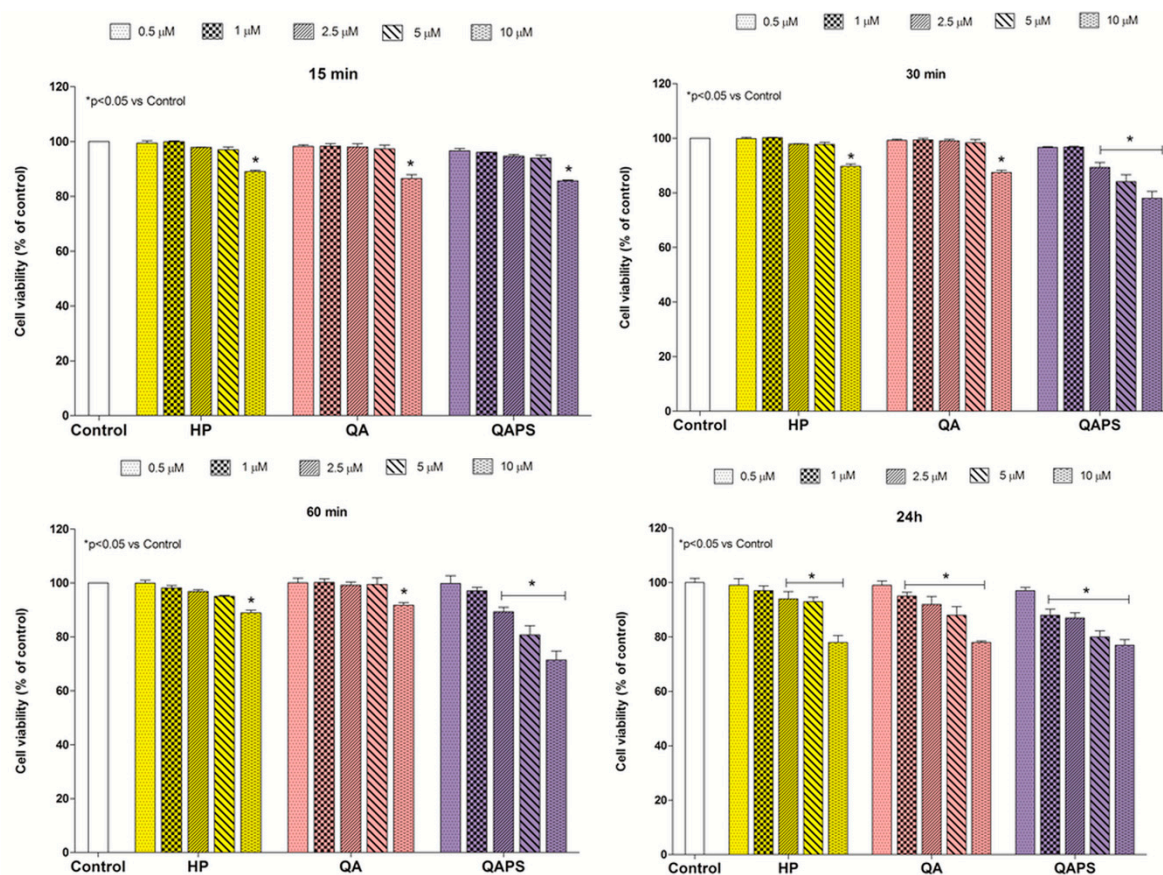


Figure S5. Effect of different concentrations (0.5 - 1 - 2.5 - 5 - 10 μM) of HP, QA and QAPS on CACO-2 cell viability at increasing times of exposure (15, 30, 60 min and 24h). * $p < 0.05$ vs Control.

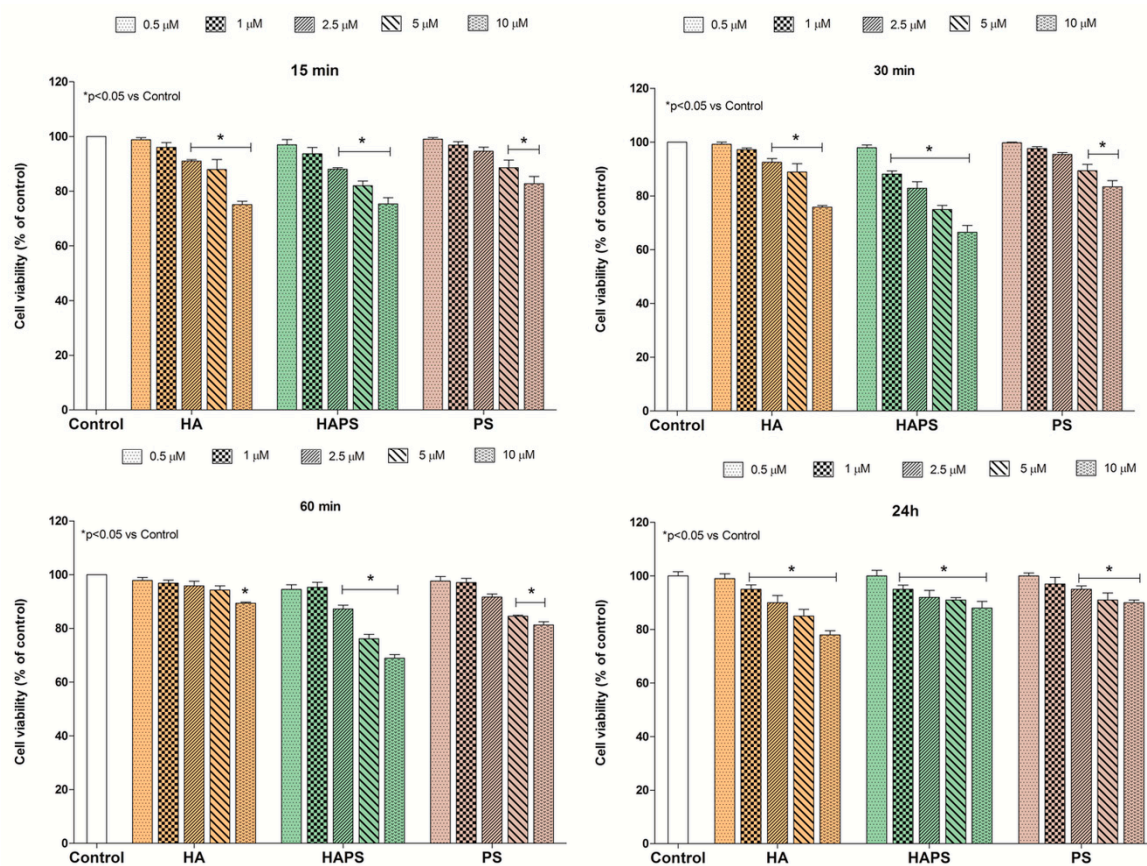


Figure S6. Effect of different concentrations (0.5 - 1 - 2.5 - 5 - 10 μM) of HA, HAPS and PS on CACO-2 cell viability at increasing times of exposure (15, 30, 60 min and 24h). * $p < 0.05$ vs Control.