Anion Recognition of 2,3-Disubstituted Cyclodextrin Derivatives in a Mixed Solvent of Acetnitrile and Water

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In this study, we investigated the use of cyclodextrins (CDs) as scaffolds for constructing anion receptors. We synthesized modified α - and β -CDs (1-3), in which the hydroxyls on C-2 and C-3 are protected by benzyl, acetyl, or propionyl groups; moreover, we investigated their anion binding properties in CD₃CN or CD₃CN/D₂O (99/1, v/v) using 1 H-NMR titration experiments. The results demonstrate that CD-based receptors (1-3) effectively bind with AcO $^-$ and H₂PO $_4^-$ by cooperative intermolecular hydrogen bondings with alcoholic hydroxyl groups on C-6. The selectivity trends thought to be a function of the basicity of the anions and the size of the binding pocket in the receptors.

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