

New Approach for the Recovery of Bisphenol A from Water Using Inclusion Complex with Quinoline Derivatives

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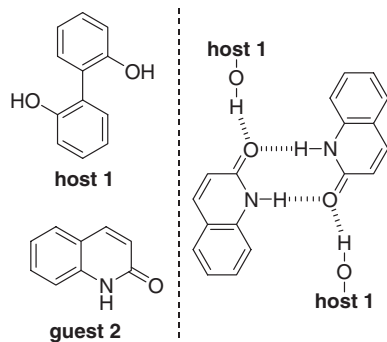
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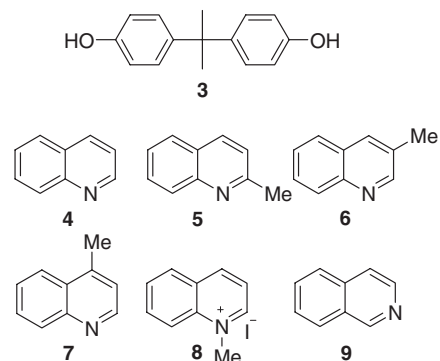
The simple inclusion complex of bisphenol A (**3**) with quinoline (**4**) was obtained from the several solutions, and this method was useful for the recovery of **3** from the water solution.

In recent years, the treatment of bisphenol derivatives has been studied because of its activity regarding environmental hormones. However, there are a few reports of the recovery of bisphenol derivatives as compared to those for the decomposition of them.^{1,2} The development of the simple recovery method is useful in the field of ecological chemistry as well as in environmental chemistry. In a previous report on host-guest inclusion compound, we revealed that the simple host compound 2,2'-dihydroxybiphenyl (**1**) efficiently included 2-quinolone (**2**), and **2** was arranged in the inclusion crystal of **1** in a different manner from the crystal of **2** itself.³



We found that the 1:1 complex of 4,4'-isopropylidenebisphenol (bisphenol A) (**3**) with quinoline (**4**) was readily obtained from the various solutions of toluene, tetrahydrofuran, or acetone. This complexation of **3** was also performed by quinoline derivatives (**6** and **7**) and isoquinoline (**9**), giving the corresponding complexes in good yields. Furthermore, we revealed that this application was useful for the recovery of **3** from the water

solution.



A typical procedure is as follows: **3** (2.0 mmol) and **4** (2.0 mmol) were dissolved in toluene (3 mL) and hexane (ca. 0.3 mL) at 50 °C. After storage at room temperature, the inclusion complex was collected by filtration. These results are summarized in Table 1.

When **3** and two molar amounts of **4** were dissolved in toluene and hexane, the 1:1 inclusion complex of **3** with **4** was readily obtained as colorless prisms in 84% yield (Entry 1). Furthermore, in both cases of mix ratio 1:1 and 2:1, the 1:1 inclusion complex of **3** was obtained in 68% and 59% yields, respectively (Entries 2 and 3). It is interesting to note that the complexation of **3** was independent of the solvent in preparation. The complexation of **3** with **4** can also be achieved in AcOEt, THF, and acetone; in EtOH the longer crystallization time led to the complex of **3** in 81% yield (Entries 4–7). Although it was reported that the hosts bearing the bisphenol functions generally included various solvents such as diethyl ether, acetone, DMF, and DMSO,⁴ the complex of **3** with the solvent was not observed at all. These facts indicate that the complexation of **3** with **4** is performed by the tight interaction between **3** and **4**.

The complexation of **3** can be applied to other quinoline derivatives (**6** and **7**) and isoquinoline (**9**) (Table 2). A similar treat-

Table 1. Inclusion complex of **3** with **4** in several solvents

Entry	Solvent	Mix Ratio (3:4)	Inclusion Ratio (3:4) ^a	Yield/%
1	toluene : hexane	1:2	1:1	84
2	toluene : hexane	1:1	1:1	68
3	toluene : hexane	2:1	1:1	59
4	AcOEt : hexane	1:1	1:1	87
5	THF : hexane	1:1	1:1	88
6	acetone : hexane	1:1	1:1	97
7	EtOH : hexane	1:1	1:1	81

^aThe inclusion ratios were determined by ¹H NMR.

Table 2. Inclusion complex of **3** with quinoline derivatives (**5–8**) and isoquinoline (**9**)^a

Entry	Guest	Inclusion Ratio (3:Guest) ^b	Yield/%
1	5	—	—
2	6	1:1	75
3	7	1:1	66
4	8	—	—
5	9	1:1	68

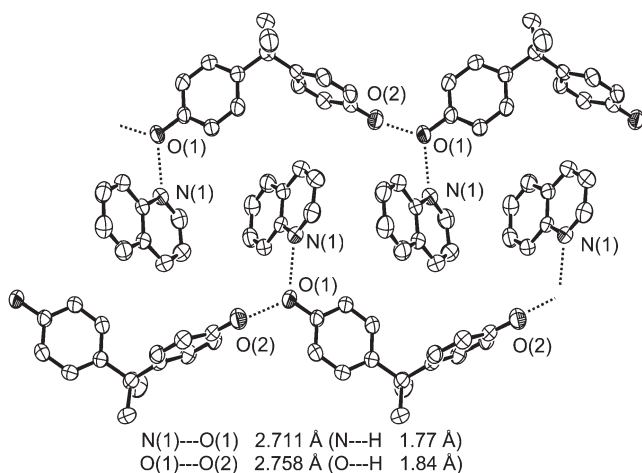
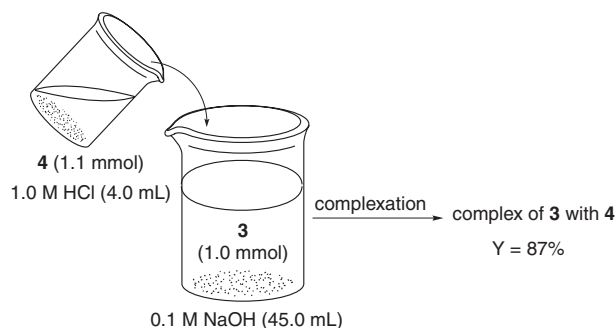
^aTypical conditions: **3** (1.0 mmol), **5–9** (2.0 mmol), toluene (3.0 mL) and hexane (0.5 mL). ^bThe inclusion ratios were determined by ¹HNMR.

ment of **3** with **6** and **7** led to the corresponding 1:1 inclusion complexes of **3** in good yields, though the complex of **3** with 2-methylquinoline (**5**) was not observed at all (Entries 1–3). In contrast, the substitution of an imino nitrogen significantly affects the formation of the complex: the 1-methylquinoline iodonium salt (**8**) did not induce the complex of **3** (Entry 4). These facts suggest that the imino group of the quinoline derivatives plays an important role in the formation of the complex. The complexation of **3** with **8** can also be carried out, thus providing the 1:1 inclusion complex in good yield (Entry 5).

The crystal structure of **3** with **4** was studied by X-ray analysis and the results are shown in Figures 1.⁵ It is noteworthy that the molecule **3** has two different hydrogen bonds: one hydrogen bond is formed between the imino nitrogen of **4** and the OH hydrogen of **3** [N(1)···O(1) = 2.711 Å], and the other hydrogen bond is formed between the OH groups of two molecules of **3** [O(1)···O(2) = 2.758 Å]. The molecule **4** is intercalated in the channels of **3** molecules as depicted in Figure 1. These facts suggest that the inclusion complex of **3** with **4** is stabilized through tightly enclosed hydrogen bonding network.

This formation of inclusion complex of **3** with **4** was effectively applied to the recovery of **3** from the water solution (Figure 2). When the aq HCl solution (1.0 M, 4.0 mL) of **4** (1.1 mmol) was added to the aq NaOH solution (0.1 M, 45.0 mL) of **3** (1.0 mmol), **3** was recovered in 87% yield as a 1:1 inclusion crystal with **4**.^{6,7} Finally, this method has some advantages of simplicity in procedures.

In conclusion, we found that 4,4'-alkylidenebisphenol

**Figure 1.** X-ray structure of inclusion crystal of **3** with **4**.**Figure 2.** Recovery of **3** from the water solution using the inclusion complex of **3** with **4**.

(bisphenol A) (**3**) readily forms an inclusion complex with quinoline derivatives (**4**, **6**, and **7**) or isoquinoline (**9**). The X-ray structural analysis revealed that the molecule **4** was intercalated in the channels of **3** molecules through hydrogen bonding network. Furthermore, this method was useful for the recovery of **3** from the water solution. Further detailed applications using the inclusion complex are now in progress.

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- Crystal Data of the inclusion crystal of **3** with **4**: C₂₄H₂₃NO₂ *M* = 357.45, monoclinic, space group P21/a (#14), *a* = 10.9526(8), *b* = 11.2656(4), *c* = 15.9731(12) Å, β = 91.142(4)°, *V* = 1970.5(2) Å³, *Z* = 4, *D*_{calcd} = 1.205 (gcm⁻³), No. of used refraction = 21292, *R* = 0.044, *R*_w = 0.0520, Temperature = 23 °C. CCDC deposition number: 211913.
- The typical conditions: The aq HCl solution (1.0 M, 4.0 mL) of **4** (1.1 mmol) was added to the aq NaOH solution (0.1 M, 40.0 mL) of **3** (1.0 mmol) at 95 °C, and the aq NaOH (0.1 M, ca. 5.0 mL) was added until the mixture became slightly clear. After storage for one day at room temperature, **3** was recovered in 87% yield as a 1:1 inclusion crystal with **4**.
- The solubility of the inclusion complex of **3** with **4** in water is less than 1 mM at 25 °C.