

Formation of Metallo-6^A-((2-(bis(2-aminoethyl)amino)ethyl)amino)-6^A-deoxy- β -cyclodextrins and Their Complexation of Tryptophan in Aqueous Solution

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A pH titration study shows that 6^A-((2-(bis(2-aminoethyl)amino)ethyl)amino)-6^A-deoxy- β -cyclodextrin (β CDtren) forms binary metallocyclodextrins, $[M(\beta\text{CDtren})]^{2+}$, for which $\log(K/\text{dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}) = 11.65 \pm 0.06$, 17.29 ± 0.05 , and 12.25 ± 0.03 , respectively, when $M^{2+} = \text{Ni}^{2+}$, Cu^{2+} , and Zn^{2+} , where K is the stability constant in aqueous solution at 298.2 K and $I = 0.10 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ (NaClO_4). The ternary metallocyclodextrins $[M(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{Trp}]^+$, where Trp^- is the tryptophan anion, are characterized by $\log(K/\text{dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}) = 8.2 \pm 0.2$ and 8.1 ± 0.2 , 9.5 ± 0.3 and 9.4 ± 0.2 , and 8.1 ± 0.1 and 8.3 ± 0.1 , respectively, where the first and second values represent the stepwise stability constants for the complexation of (*R*)- and (*S*)- Trp^- , respectively, when $M^{2+} = \text{Ni}^{2+}$, Cu^{2+} , and Zn^{2+} . From comparisons of stabilities and UV–visible spectra, the binary and ternary metallocyclodextrins appear to be six-coordinate when $M^{2+} = \text{Ni}^{2+}$ and Zn^{2+} and five-coordinate when $M^{2+} = \text{Cu}^{2+}$. The factors affecting the stoichiometries and stabilities of the metallocyclodextrins, are discussed and comparisons are made with related systems.

Introduction

The formation of a binary metallocyclodextrin through the coordination of a metal ion by a functionalized cyclodextrin, and the formation of a ternary metallocyclodextrin through the binding of a substrate, offers an opportunity to study the effects of metal center and cyclodextrin interactions on metallocyclodextrin stability and substrate binding.^{2–17} The ternary metallocyclodextrin annulus can partly encapsulate a substrate which also interacts with the adjacent metal center, and in this respect it resembles the Michaelis complex of some metalloenzymes.^{18–21}

The catalytic activities of metalloenzymes are very metal center specific, and this may be partly due to the influence of the metal center on the thermodynamic stability of the metalloenzyme and its efficacy in binding substrates. The simpler and more readily manipulated metallocyclodextrins provide an opportunity to study the influence of the metal center on metallocyclodextrin formation and on substrate binding in some detail, and such studies may be relevant to the understanding of some aspects of metalloenzymes. Although a range of metallocyclodextrin studies have appeared,^{2–17} only two of these studies incorporate quantitative data on the effect of changing the metal center on binary and ternary metallocyclodextrin formation.^{16,17}

We now report a study of the binary metallo-6^A-((2-(bis(2-aminoethyl)amino)ethyl)amino)-6^A-deoxy- β -cyclodextrin, $[M(\beta\text{CDtren})]^{2+}$, where $M^{2+} = \text{Ni}^{2+}$, Cu^{2+} , and Zn^{2+} , and the ternary metallocyclodextrins $[M(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{Trp}]^+$, where Trp^- is the tryptophan anion. Their protonated analogues have also been studied. (Bound water molecules are generally not shown in the metallocyclodextrin formulas in the text, and tryptophan and its protonated form are indicated by TrpH and TrpH_2^+ , respectively.) The three M^{2+} were selected because Zn^{2+} frequently acts as a metal center in metalloenzymes,^{18–21} and while Ni^{2+} and Cu^{2+} fill this role less often, they are closely related in electronic structure and size to Zn^{2+} . The tetradentate 6^A-((2-(bis(2-aminoethyl)amino)ethyl)amino) substituent of β CDtren ensures the formation of stable $[M(\beta\text{CDtren})]^{2+}$. The substrates (*R*)- and (*S*)- Trp^- were chosen for study because their aromatic moieties are of appropriate size to fit into the $[M(\beta\text{CDtren})]^{2+}$ annulus, they bind to metal centers and provide a test for enantioselectivity in $[M(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{Trp}]^+$.¹⁶

It is found that the $M^{2+}/\beta\text{CDtren}/\text{Trp}^-$ systems exist as a series of labile equilibria, some of which are shown for the Ni^{2+} system in Figure 1. The truncated cone represents the cyclodextrin moiety where the wide end of the annulus is delineated by fourteen secondary hydroxy groups and the narrow end is delineated by six primary hydroxy groups and the secondary

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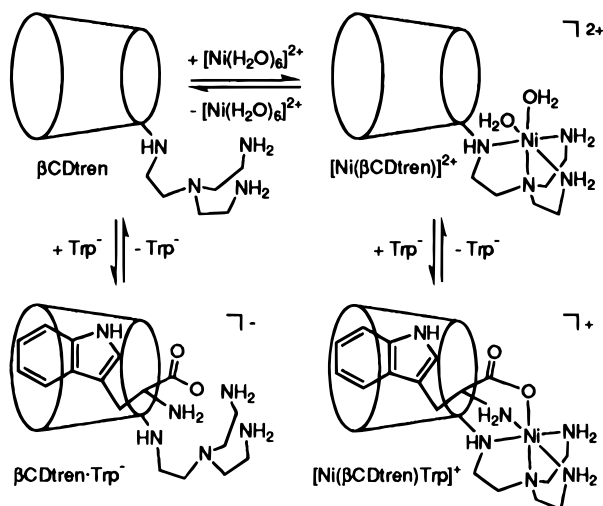


Figure 1. Both $[\text{Ni}(\beta\text{CDtren})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$ and $[\text{Ni}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{Trp}]^+$ are six-coordinate, as is probably the case for their Zn^{2+} analogues. It is possible that coordination of a cyclodextrin primary hydroxy group may replace one of the two coordinated water molecules in the Ni^{2+} and Zn^{2+} binary metalocyclodextrins. The Cu^{2+} metalocyclodextrins are probably five-coordinate as discussed in the text.

amine group of the 6^A-((2-(bis(2-aminoethyl)amino)ethyl)amino) substituent in place of the seventh primary hydroxy group of β -cyclodextrin, βCD . The structures shown for the complex $\beta\text{CDtren}\cdot\text{Trp}^-$ and the metalocyclodextrins $[\text{Ni}(\beta\text{CDtren})]^{2+}$ and $[\text{Ni}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{Trp}]^+$ are deduced from this study.

Experimental Section

Preparation of Materials. The tetrakis(hydrochloric acid) salt of 6^A-((2-(bis(2-aminoethyl)amino)ethyl)amino)-6^A-deoxy- β -cyclodextrin ($\beta\text{CDtren}(\text{HCl})_4$) was prepared by stirring 6^A-deoxy-6^A-O-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl)- β -cyclodextrin²² (8.0 g, 6.2 mmol) and (2-(bis(2-aminoethyl)amino)ethyl)amine (tren, 0.9 cm³, 6.02 mmol) in pyridine (60 cm³) at 333 K for 48 h. The solution was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure, and the residue was triturated with acetone (3 × 80 cm³) and dissolved in water (20 cm³). This solution was added dropwise with stirring to acetone (250 cm³), and the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with acetone and ether. The resultant off-white solid was dissolved in water (60 cm³), and the solution was heated and treated with charcoal (2 g). Filtration of the mixture and evaporation to dryness of the filtrate under reduced pressure gave a white solid that was dissolved in water (200 cm³) and stirred with Bio-Rex 70 ion-exchange resin in the acid form (50 g) for 16 h at room temperature. The resin was isolated by filtration and was washed with water (1 dm³) and then aqueous ammonia (10%, v/v, 1 dm³). The ammonia washings were evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure, the residue was dissolved in water (20 cm³), and dilute hydrochloric acid (1 cm³) was added dropwise with stirring. The solution was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure, and the βCDtren residue was dried to constant weight over P_2O_5 to give $\beta\text{CDtren}(\text{HCl})_4$ as a colorless solid (2.6 g, 31%). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{90}\text{Cl}_4\text{N}_4\text{O}_{34}$: C, 40.91; H, 6.43; N, 3.97. Found: C, 40.84; H, 6.52; N, 4.06. The tris(methanesulfonic acid) salt of 6^A-((2-(bis(2-aminoethyl)amino)ethyl)amino)-6^A-deoxy- β -cyclodextrin, $\beta\text{CDtren}(\text{MeSO}_3\text{H})_3$, was prepared by dissolving $\beta\text{CDtren}(\text{HCl})_4$ (2.6 g, 0.15 mmol) in water (15 cm³), adding methanesulfonic acid (1 cm³), and adding the mixture to acetone (250 cm³) with stirring. The resulting off-white precipitate was filtered off, washed with acetone and ether, and dissolved in water (30 cm³), and the resultant solution was heated with charcoal (1 g). Filtration of the mixture and evaporation to dryness gave $\beta\text{CDtrenH}_3(\text{MeSO}_3)_3(\text{Me}_2\text{CO})_5(\text{H}_2\text{O})_8$ as a white solid (2.1 g), which was dried to constant weight and stored over P_2O_5 under vacuum

in darkness. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{66}\text{H}_{144}\text{N}_4\text{O}_{56}\text{S}_3$: C, 39.91; H, 7.26; N, 2.82; S, 4.84. Found: C, 39.85; H, 7.26; N, 2.92; S, 4.99. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, D_2O): δ 2.75 (s, 9H), 2.84 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 4H), 2.92 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 2H), 3.10 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 4H), 3.20 (t, $J = 6$ Hz, 2H), 3.4–4.0 (m, 42H), 5.03 (m, 7H). ¹³C NMR (75.8 MHz, D_2O): δ 37.8, 39.8, 46.2, 49.5, 50.0, 51.2, 61.6, 62.1, 68.9, 73.1, 73.2, 73.3, 73.6, 74.1, 74.4, 81.7, 82.4, 82.8, 84.4, 102.4, 103.1.

(*R*)- and (*S*)-tryptophan (Sigma) were dried to constant weight and stored in the dark over P_2O_5 in a vacuum desiccator before use. Their enantiomeric purities were determined to be $\geq 99\%$ after HPLC analysis (Pirkle covalent (*S*)-phenylglycine column) of the esters formed with thionyl chloride pretreated methanol. Metal perchlorates (Fluka) were twice recrystallized from water and were dried and stored over P_2O_5 under vacuum. (**Caution!** Anhydrous perchlorate salts are potentially powerful oxidants and should be handled with care.) Stock 0.100 mol dm⁻³ $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$, $\text{Cu}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$, and $\text{Zn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ solutions were standardized by edta titration in the presence of Murexide indicator in the first two cases and Eriochrome Black T in the last case.²³ Deionized water, purified with a MilliQ reagent system to produce water with a specific resistance of > 15 M Ω cm, was boiled to remove CO_2 and used in the preparation of all solutions.

Equilibrium Studies. Potentiometric titrations were carried out using a Metrohm Dosimat E665 titrator, an Orion SA 720 potentiometer, and an Orion 8172 Ross Sureflow combination pH electrode that was filled with 0.10 mol dm⁻³ NaClO_4 . All titration solutions were saturated with nitrogen by passing a fine stream of nitrogen bubbles (previously passed through aqueous 0.10 mol dm⁻³ NaClO_4) through them for at least 15 min before commencement of the titration. During the titrations, a similar stream of nitrogen bubbles was passed through the titration solution that was magnetically stirred and thermostated at 298.2 ± 0.1 K in a water-jacketed 20 cm³ titration vessel closed to the atmosphere except for a small exit for nitrogen.

In all titrations, standardized 0.100 mol dm⁻³ NaOH was titrated against the species of interest in solutions 0.007 mol dm⁻³ in HClO_4 and 0.090 mol dm⁻³ in NaClO_4 . Thus, the protonation constants for βCDtren were determined from titrations of 10.00 cm³ aliquots of 0.002 mol dm⁻³ $\beta\text{CDtrenH}_3(\text{MeSO}_3)_3$ solutions. The stability constants for the formation of $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})]^{2+}$ and related complexes were determined by titration of 10.00 cm³ aliquots of 0.001 mol dm⁻³ $\beta\text{CDtrenH}_4^{4+}$ to which 0.075 cm³ of $\text{M}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ solution had been added. The stability constants for the formation of $\beta\text{CDtren}\cdot(\text{R})\text{-Trp}^-$, $\beta\text{CDtren}\cdot(\text{S})\text{-Trp}^-$, and related complexes were determined by titration of 5.00 cm³ each of 0.002 mol dm⁻³ solutions of either (*R*)- TrpH_2^+ or (*S*)- TrpH_2^+ and $\beta\text{CDtrenH}_4^{4+}$. The stability constants for the formation of $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-}(\text{R})\text{-Trp}]^+$, $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-}(\text{S})\text{-Trp}]^+$, and related complexes were determined by titration of 5.00 cm³ each of 0.002 mol dm⁻³ solutions of either (*R*)- TrpH_2^+ or (*S*)- TrpH_2^+ and $\beta\text{CDtrenH}_4^{4+}$ with 0.075 cm³ of $\text{M}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ solution added. E_0 and pK_w values were determined by titration of 0.010 mol dm⁻³ HClO_4 (0.090 mol dm⁻³ in NaClO_4) against 0.100 mol dm⁻³ NaOH . Derivations of the stability constants were carried out using the program SUPERQUAD.²⁴ At least three runs were performed for each system, and at least two of these runs were averaged; the criterion for selection for this averaging being that χ^2 for each run was < 12.6 at the 95% confidence level.²⁴

Spectrophotometric Studies. All spectra were run in duplicate on a Cary 2200 spectrophotometer in 0.025 mol dm⁻³ NaPIPES buffer at pH 7.00 and $I = 0.10$ mol dm⁻³ (NaClO_4) in quartz cells thermostated at 298.2 K against reference solutions containing all components of the solution of interest except the metal salt. The spectra of the Co^{2+} systems were run under nitrogen on solutions prepared under nitrogen in a glovebox.

Results

Several complexes exist in aqueous solutions of βCDtren , M^{2+} , and tryptophan in the pH range 2.0–11.5 (Figure 1 and Tables 1 and 2). Their stabilities were calculated from the differences between the pH profiles arising from titration of

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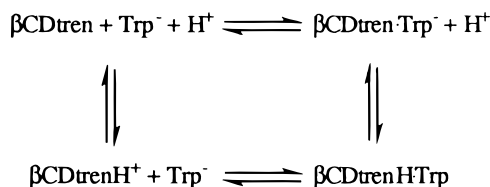
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Table 1. Protonation and Stability Constants for 6^A-((2-(Bis(2-aminoethyl)amino)ethyl)amino)-6^A-deoxy-β-cyclodextrin (βCDtren) and Its Complexes and Related Species^a in Aqueous Solution at 298.2 K and *I* = 0.10 mol dm⁻³ (NaClO₄)

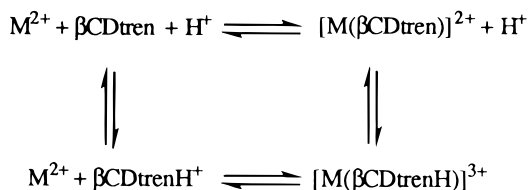
| equilibrium | log(<i>K</i> /dm ³ mol ⁻¹) ^b |
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| βCDtren + H ⁺ ⇌ βCDtrenH ⁺ | 9.85 ± 0.02 (10.14) ^c |
| βCDtrenH ⁺ + H ⁺ ⇌ βCDtrenH ₂ ²⁺ | 8.99 ± 0.09 (9.43) ^c |
| βCDtrenH ₂ ²⁺ + H ⁺ ⇌ βCDtrenH ₃ ³⁺ | 6.89 ± 0.05 (8.41) ^c |
| βCDtrenH ₃ ³⁺ + H ⁺ ⇌ βCDtrenH ₄ ⁴⁺ | 2.6 ± 0.3 |
| βCDtren + (<i>R</i>)-Trp ⁻ ⇌ βCDtren·(<i>R</i>)-Trp ⁻ | 6.36 ± 0.01 |
| βCDpn + (<i>R</i>)-Trp ⁻ ⇌ βCDpn·(<i>R</i>)-Trp ^{-d} | 3.41 |
| βCD + (<i>R</i>)-Trp ⁻ ⇌ βCD·(<i>R</i>)-Trp ^{-d} | 2.33 |
| βCDtren + (<i>S</i>)-Trp ⁻ ⇌ βCDtren·(<i>S</i>)-Trp ⁻ | 6.5 ± 0.1 |
| βCDpn + (<i>S</i>)-Trp ⁻ ⇌ βCDpn·(<i>S</i>)-Trp ^{-d} | 3.40 |
| βCD + (<i>S</i>)-Trp ⁻ ⇌ βCD·(<i>S</i>)-Trp ^{-d} | 2.33 |
| βCDtrenH ⁺ + (<i>R</i>)-Trp ⁻ ⇌ βCDtrenH·(<i>R</i>)-Trp | 5.85 ± 0.03 |
| βCDtrenH ⁺ + (<i>S</i>)-Trp ⁻ ⇌ βCDtrenH·(<i>S</i>)-Trp | 5.9 ± 0.1 |
| βCDtren·(<i>R</i>)-Trp ⁻ + H ⁺ ⇌ βCDtrenH·(<i>R</i>)-Trp | 9.34 ± 0.04 |
| βCDtren·(<i>S</i>)-Trp ⁻ + H ⁺ ⇌ βCDtrenH·(<i>S</i>)-Trp | 9.3 ± 0.2 |
| βCDtrenH ⁺ + (<i>R</i>)-TrpH ⇌ βCDtrenH·(<i>R</i>)-TrpH ⁺ | 5.59 ± 0.05 |
| βCDtrenH ⁺ + (<i>S</i>)-TrpH ⇌ βCDtrenH·(<i>S</i>)-TrpH ⁺ | 5.61 ± 0.08 |
| βCDtrenH·(<i>R</i>)-Trp + H ⁺ ⇌ βCDtrenH·(<i>R</i>)-TrpH ⁺ | 8.99 ± 0.07 |
| βCDtrenH·(<i>S</i>)-Trp + H ⁺ ⇌ βCDtrenH·(<i>S</i>)-TrpH ⁺ | 8.9 ± 0.2 |
| Trp ⁻ + H ⁺ ⇌ TrpH ^d | 9.28 |
| TrpH + H ⁺ ⇌ TrpH ₂ ⁺ | 2.40 |

^a β-Cyclodextrin and 6^A-((3-aminopropyl)amino)-6^A-deoxy-β-cyclodextrin are represented by βCD and βCDpn, respectively. βCDtrenH_{*n*}^{*n*+} indicates the degree of protonation of the title cyclodextrin, and βCDpnH_{*n*}^{*n*+} has an analogous meaning. Trp⁻, TrpH, and TrpH₂⁺ represent the anionic, neutral, and protonated forms of tryptophan. The complex formed between βCDtren and (*R*)-Trp⁻ is represented by βCDtren·(*R*)-Trp⁻, and other complexes are represented in a similar manner. ^b This work unless otherwise indicated. Errors quoted for *K* (the mean of *N* runs) represent the standard deviation, $\sigma = \sqrt{(\sum(K_i - K)^2)/(N - 1)}$, where *K_i* is a value from a single run for the best fit of the variation of pH with added volume of NaOH titrant obtained through SUPERQUAD and *i* = 1, 2, ..., *N*. ^c Data for the analogous equilibria tren(H)_{*n*}^{*n*+} + H⁺ ⇌ tren(H)_{*n*+1}^{*n*+1} where *n* = 0, 1, and 2, respectively, from ref 31. ^d References 15 and 16.

Scheme 1



Scheme 2



acidified solutions, containing different combinations of the complexing species, against NaOH using the program SUPERQUAD.²⁴ The titrimetric technique depends either on the protonation constant of an equilibrium constituent changing on complexation or on the complexation constants for the constituent and its protonated form differing, or both, to produce a pH change. This is exemplified by the βCDtren/Trp⁻/H⁺ system (Scheme 1) where the protonation constants of βCDtren and its complex βCDtren·Trp⁻ differ as do the stability constants of βCDtren·Trp⁻ and βCDtrenH·Trp (Table 1). Similarly, for the M²⁺/βCDtren/H⁺ system (Scheme 2) both the protonation constants of βCDtren and [M(βCDtren)]²⁺ and the stability constants of [M(βCDtren)]²⁺ and [M(βCDtrenH)]³⁺ differ (Tables 1 and 2).

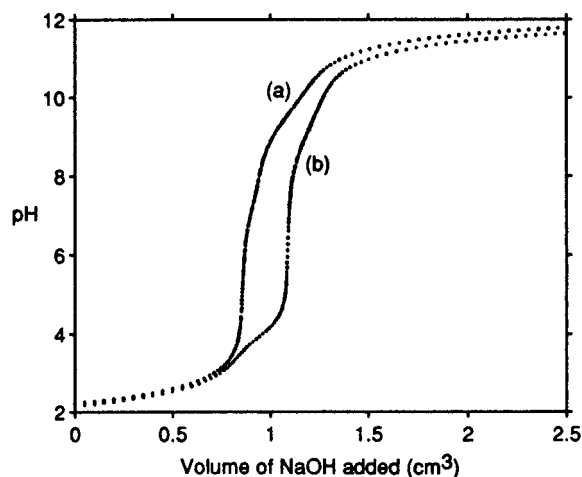


Figure 2. Titration profiles for (a) βCDtrenH₄⁴⁺ (8.25 × 10⁻⁴ mol dm⁻³) and (*R*)-TrpH₂⁺ (1.03 × 10⁻³ mol dm⁻³) and (b) βCDtrenH₄⁴⁺ (8.25 × 10⁻⁴ mol dm⁻³), (*R*)-TrpH₂⁺ (1.03 × 10⁻³ mol dm⁻³), and Cu(ClO₄)₂ (7.64 × 10⁻⁴ mol dm⁻³), each in aqueous 0.007 mol dm⁻³ HClO₄ and 0.090 mol dm⁻³ NaClO₄ against 0.101 mol dm⁻³ NaOH at 298.2 K.

The sequence of titrations was (i) protonation constant determinations for βCDtren, followed by determination of the stability constants of the complexes formed from (ii) βCDtren and either (*R*)-Trp⁻ or (*S*)-Trp⁻ and their protonated analogues, (iii) M²⁺ and either βCDtren or βCDtrenH⁺, and (iv) M²⁺ and either βCDtren or βCDtrenH⁺ and either (*R*)-Trp⁻ or (*S*)-Trp⁻ and their protonated analogues. The protonation constants determined in (i), and those previously determined¹⁶ under the same conditions for Trp⁻, together with the stability constants determined in (ii) and (iii) and those for the complexation of tryptophan by M²⁺ previously determined under the same conditions,¹⁶ were used where appropriate in the determination of stability constants from (ii)–(iv). The pH titration data were fitted to equilibria containing the minimum number of species required for a good fit, and any newly determined species found to be <5% of the total cyclodextrin or amino acid concentrations were considered to be insignificant. Two such pH titration profiles are shown in Figure 2. The protonation and stability constants derived in this study appear in Tables 1 and 2, and the speciation plots of the major species present in the Cu²⁺ system (Figures 3 and 4) exemplify those generated from these data.

Discussion

Formation of 6^A-((2-(Bis(2-aminoethyl)amino)ethyl)amino)-6^A-deoxy-β-cyclodextrin tryptophan complexes. The stability constants (Table 1) for βCDtren·(*R*)-Trp⁻ and βCDtren·(*S*)-Trp⁻ are ~10³ times greater than those for βCDpn·(*R*)-Trp⁻ and βCDpn·(*S*)-Trp⁻¹⁶ (where βCDpn is 6^A-((3-aminopropyl)amino)-6^A-deoxy-β-cyclodextrin), which are ~10 times greater than those for βCD·(*R*)-Trp⁻ and βCD·(*S*)-Trp⁻.¹⁵ The phenyl moiety of Trp⁻ probably resides largely within the hydrophobic region of the cyclodextrin annuli of these complexes (Scheme 1), as has been shown to be the case for a range of cyclodextrin complexes formed with other aromatic guests.^{25–28} Polar guests tend to align their dipole moments antiparallel to that of the

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Table 2. Protonation and Stability Constants for Metallocyclodextrins of 6^A-((2-(Bis(2-aminoethyl)amino)ethyl)amino)-6^A-deoxy- β -cyclodextrin (β CDtren) and Related Species^a in Aqueous Solution at 298.2 K and $I = 0.10 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ (NaClO₄)

| equilibrium | $\log(K/\text{dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1})^b$ | | |
|--|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | $\text{M}^{2+} = \text{Ni}^{2+}$ | $\text{M}^{2+} = \text{Cu}^{2+}$ | $\text{M}^{2+} = \text{Zn}^{2+}$ |
| $\text{M}^{2+} + \text{tren} \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\text{tren})]^{2+ c}$ | 14.6 | 18.5 | 14.5 |
| $\text{M}^{2+} + \text{pn} \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\text{pn})]^{2+ c}$ | 6.31 | 9.75 | |
| $\text{M}^{2+} + \beta\text{CDtren} \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})]^{2+}$ | 11.65 ± 0.06 | 17.29 ± 0.05 | 12.25 ± 0.03 |
| $\text{M}^{2+} + \beta\text{CDpn} \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDpn})]^{2+ d}$ | 5.2 | 7.35 | 4.96 |
| $\text{M}^{2+} + \beta\text{CDtrenH}^+ \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtrenH})]^{3+}$ | 8.46 ± 0.06 | 11.56 ± 0.02 | 7.92 ± 0.02 |
| $\text{M}^{2+} + \beta\text{CDpnH}^+ \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDpnH})]^{3+ d}$ | 3.1 | 3.09 | 3.0 |
| $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})]^{2+} + \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtrenH})]^{3+}$ | 6.65 ± 0.09 | 4.11 ± 0.05 | 5.51 ± 0.04 |
| $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{OH}]^+ + \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})]^{2+}$ | 9.68 ± 0.09 | 8.48 ± 0.04 | 8.9 ± 0.6 |
| $\text{M}^{2+} + \text{Trp}^- \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\text{Trp})]^{+ d}$ | 5.42 | 8.11 | 4.90 |
| $[\text{M}(\text{Trp})]^+ + \text{Trp}^- \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\text{Trp})_2]^d$ | 4.67 | 7.20 | |
| $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})]^{2+} + (\text{R})\text{-Trp}^- \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-Trp}]^+$ | 8.2 ± 0.2 | 9.5 ± 0.3 | 8.1 ± 0.1 |
| $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDpn})]^{2+} + (\text{R})\text{-Trp}^- \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDpn})\text{-(R)-Trp}]^{+ d}$ | 4.1 | 7.85 | 5.3 |
| $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})]^{2+} + (\text{S})\text{-Trp}^- \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(S)-Trp}]^+$ | 8.1 ± 0.2 | 9.4 ± 0.2 | 8.3 ± 0.1 |
| $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDpn})]^{2+} + (\text{S})\text{-Trp}^- \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDpn})\text{-(S)-Trp}]^{+ d}$ | 5.1 | 8.09 | 5.3 |
| $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})]^{2+} + (\text{R})\text{-TrpH} \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-TrpH}]^{2+}$ | 4.6 ± 0.2 | 4.3 ± 0.3 | |
| $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-Trp}]^+ + \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-TrpH}]^{2+}$ | 5.6 ± 0.3 | 4.0 ± 0.5 | |
| $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})]^{2+} + (\text{S})\text{-TrpH} \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(S)-TrpH}]^{2+}$ | 4.3 ± 0.2 | 4.2 ± 0.2 | |
| $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(S)-Trp}]^+ + \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(S)-TrpH}]^{2+}$ | 5.4 ± 0.3 | 4.0 ± 0.3 | |
| $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtrenH})]^{3+} + (\text{R})\text{-TrpH} \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtrenH})\text{-(R)-TrpH}]^{3+}$ | 3.56 ± 0.07 | 4.4 ± 0.2 | 4.82 ± 0.06 |
| $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-TrpH}]^{2+} + \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtrenH})\text{-(R)-TrpH}]^{3+}$ | 5.6 ± 0.3 | 4.3 ± 0.4 | |
| $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtrenH})]^{3+} + (\text{S})\text{-TrpH} \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtrenH})\text{-(S)-TrpH}]^{3+}$ | 3.6 ± 0.3 | 4.4 ± 0.2 | 4.96 ± 0.05 |
| $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(S)-TrpH}]^{2+} + \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtrenH})\text{-(S)-TrpH}]^{3+}$ | 6.0 ± 0.4 | 4.3 ± 0.3 | |
| $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-Trp}]^+ + \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-TrpH}]^{2+}$ | 7.86 ± 0.02 | 8.58 ± 0.02 | 8.7 ± 0.3 |
| $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(S)-TrpOH}] + \text{H}^+ \rightleftharpoons [\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(S)-Trp}]^+$ | 7.77 ± 0.03 | 8.53 ± 0.08 | 8.76 ± 0.08 |

^a In addition to the abbreviations given in the footnote to Table 1, the following abbreviations apply: tren = (2-bis(2-aminoethyl)amino)ethylamine, pn = 1,3-diaminopropane, and their complexes are represented by $[\text{M}(\text{tren})]^{2+}$ and $[\text{M}(\text{pn})]^{2+}$, respectively. The binary metallocyclodextrin formed by the title cyclodextrin is represented by $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})]^{2+}$, and $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-Trp}]^+$ is the ternary cyclodextrin formed with (R)-Trp⁻. Analogous representations refer to the metallocyclodextrins of 6^A-((3-aminopropyl)amino)-6^A-deoxy- β -cyclodextrin (βCDpn). Metallocyclodextrin protonation is indicated by the addition of protons to the abbreviations and appropriate changes of charge. ^b This work unless otherwise indicated. Errors quoted for K (the mean of N runs) represent the standard deviation, $\sigma = \sqrt{(\sum(K_i - K)^2)/(N - 1)}$, where K_i is a value from a single run for the best fit of the variation of pH with added volume of NaOH titrant obtained through SUPERQUAD and $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$. ^c Reference 31. ^d Reference 16.

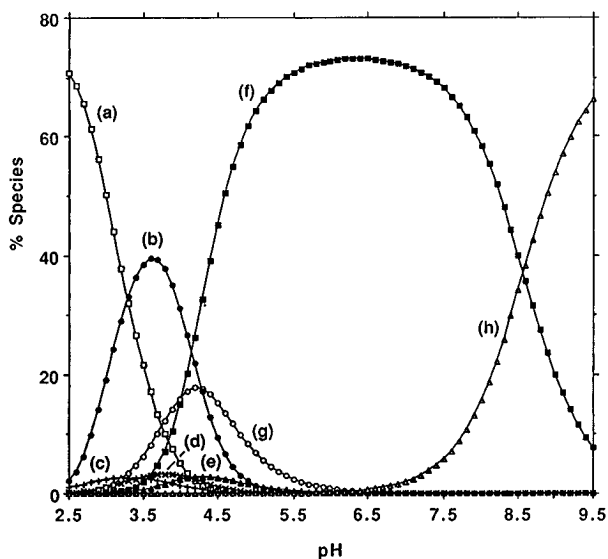


Figure 3. Plot of percentage of Cu^{2+} species in a solution 7.64×10^{-4} , 8.25×10^{-4} , and $1.03 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ in total Cu^{2+} , βCDtren , and (R)-TrpH, respectively, calculated from the data in Tables 1 and 2 and plotted relative to total $[(\text{R})\text{-TrpH}] = 100\%$: (a) Cu^{2+} ; (b) $[\text{Cu}(\beta\text{CDtrenH})\text{-(R)-TrpH}]^{3+}$; (c) $[\text{Cu}(\beta\text{CDtrenH})]^{3+}$; (d) $[\text{Cu}(\beta\text{CDtrenH})]^{3+}$; (e) $[\text{Cu}(\beta\text{CDtren})]^{2+}$; (f) $[\text{Cu}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-Trp}]^+$; (g) $[\text{Cu}(\beta\text{CDtrenH})\text{-(R)-Trp}]^{2+}$; (h) $[\text{Cu}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-TrpOH}]$. No other Cu^{2+} species are present at $>5\%$.

cyclodextrin, which for α -cyclodextrin has a magnitude of 10–20 D with the positive and negative poles near the centers of the narrow and wide ends of the annulus, respectively.^{29,30}

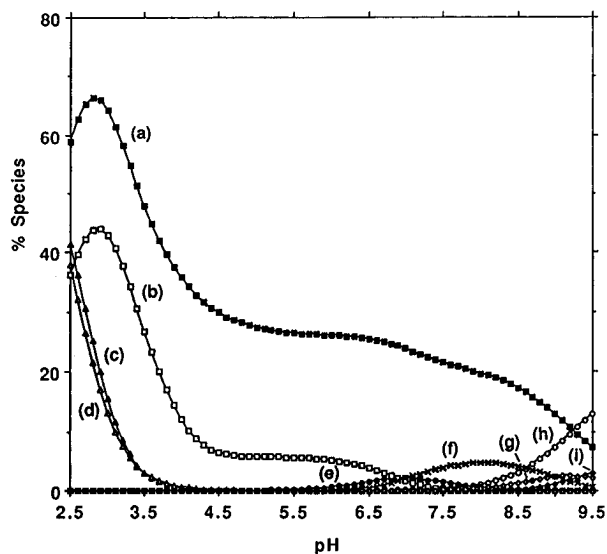


Figure 4. Plot of percentage of non- Cu^{2+} species in a solution 7.64×10^{-4} , 8.25×10^{-4} , and $1.03 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ in total Cu^{2+} , βCDtren , and (R)-TrpH, respectively, calculated from the data in Tables 1 and 2 and plotted relative to total $[(\text{R})\text{-TrpH}] = 100\%$: (a) (R)-TrpH; (b) $\beta\text{CDtrenH}_3^{3+}$; (c) $\beta\text{CDtrenH}_4^{4+}$; (d) (R)-TrpH₂⁺; (e) $\beta\text{CDtrenH}_2^{2+}$; (f) $\beta\text{CDtrenH}\text{-(R)-TrpH}^+$; (g) $\beta\text{CDtrenH}\text{-(R)-Trp}$; (h) (R)-Trp⁻; (i) $\beta\text{CDtren}\text{-(R)-Trp}^-$. No other non- Cu^{2+} species are present at $>5\%$.

Similar dipole orientations are assumed for the cyclodextrins considered here. Thus, the increase in stability of the complexes with change in nature of the cyclodextrin in the sequence $\beta\text{CD} < \beta\text{CDpn} < \beta\text{CDtren}$ is attributable to the interaction of the

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Trp⁻ amino carboxylate group with the narrow end of the cyclodextrin annulus.

The higher stability of the β CDtren complexes may arise because either (i) β CDtren has a greater dipole and a consequently stronger interaction with Trp⁻, (ii) the greater bulk of the 6^A-((2-(bis(2-aminoethyl)amino)ethyl)amino) substituent hinders egress more than ingress of Trp⁻, or (iii) it hydrogen bonds more strongly to Trp⁻, or a combination of these factors. As no complexation of Trp⁻ by (2-(bis(2-aminoethyl)amino)ethyl)amine (tren) was detected by the pH titrimetric method employed in this study, it appears that the interaction of the phenyl moiety of Trp⁻ with the interior of the cyclodextrin annulus is the essential contribution to complex stability on which the stabilizing effect of the 6^A-((2-(bis(2-aminoethyl)amino)ethyl)amino) substituent is superimposed. The similarity of the β CDtren \cdot (*R*)-Trp⁻ and β CDtren \cdot (*S*)-Trp⁻ stabilities is also consistent with this interaction dominating the complexation free energy and any free energy differences arising from matching of the opposite chiralities of (*R*)-Trp⁻ and (*S*)-Trp⁻ with the homochirality of β CDtren being small by comparison. A similar dominance applies for the analogous β CD and β CDpn complexes.

Protonation decreases the stabilities of β CDtrenH \cdot (*R*)-Trp, β CDtrenH \cdot (*S*)-Trp, β CDtrenH \cdot (*R*)-TrpH⁺, and β CDtrenH \cdot (*S*)-TrpH⁺ (Table 1) despite an anticipated increase in the dipolar character of β CDtrenH⁺. This may reflect either a decreased ability of β CDtrenH⁺ to hydrogen bond with Trp⁻ and TrpH or an increased hydration of β CDtrenH⁺, by comparison with that of β CDtren, diminishing the hydrophobic interaction with the tryptophan phenyl moiety.

Formation of Binary Metallocyclodextrins. The stabilities of the binary metallocyclodextrins, $[M(\beta$ CDtren)]²⁺, are lower than those of the analogous $[M(\text{tren})]$ ²⁺ complexes when M²⁺ = Ni²⁺, Cu²⁺, and Zn²⁺ (Table 2). This probably reflects a difference in the electron-donating powers of the secondary amine group in β CDtren and a primary amine group in tren and the greater steric hindrance to metal binding caused by β CDtren. However, the stabilities of $[M(\beta$ CDtren)]²⁺ are substantially greater than those of $[M(\beta$ CDpn)]²⁺ because of the tetradentate nature of β CDtren. The stability variations for both binary metallocyclodextrins with the nature of M²⁺ are as anticipated from the Irving–Williams sequence³² (Ni²⁺ < Cu²⁺ > Zn²⁺) which arises through a combination of the variation of M²⁺ size and ligand field effects. The stabilities of $[M(\beta$ CDtrenH)]³⁺ are decreased by comparison with those of $[M(\beta$ CDtren)]²⁺ because the protonation of an amino group decreases the denticity of β CDtrenH⁺ to 3 and causes charge repulsion of M²⁺. The acidity of $[M(\beta$ CDtrenH)]³⁺ (Table 2) is greatly increased by comparison with that of β CDtrenH⁺ (Table 1) because of the coordination of M²⁺. The most acidic is $[Cu(\beta$ CDtrenH)]³⁺, coincident with its being the most stable of the protonated binary cyclodextrins formed in the equilibria between M²⁺ and β CDtrenH⁺ (Table 2). The formation of $[M(\beta$ CDtren)OH]⁺ arises from the protolysis of a coordinated water molecule that has a pK_a of 9.68, 8.48, and 8.9 when M²⁺ = Ni²⁺, Cu²⁺, and Zn²⁺, respectively.

In aqueous solution, $[Ni(\text{tren})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{2+}$ is six-coordinate, but the five-coordinate stoichiometry, $[M(\text{tren})\text{H}_2\text{O}]^{2+}$, is observed when M²⁺ = Cu²⁺ and Zn²⁺.^{33–35} Over the wavelength range

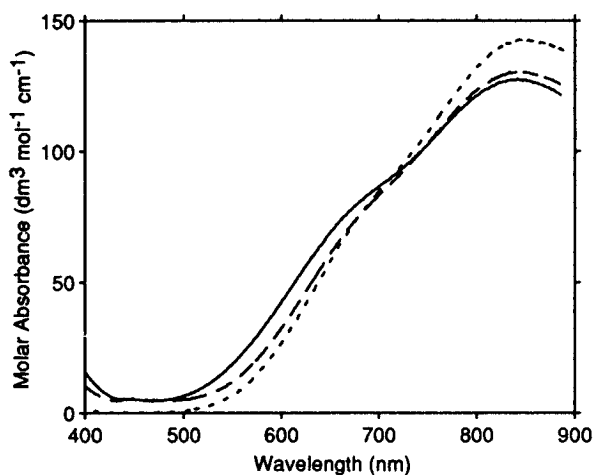


Figure 5. Absorbance spectra for $[Cu(\text{tren})\text{H}_2\text{O}]^{2+}$ (dotted curve), $[Cu(\beta$ CDtren) $\text{H}_2\text{O}]^{2+}$ (dashed curve), and $[Cu(\beta$ CDtren)Trp]⁺ (solid curve) in aqueous 0.025 mol dm⁻³ NaPIPES buffer at pH 7.00 and $I = 0.10$ mol dm⁻³ (NaClO₄) at 298.2 K.

400–900 nm, $[Ni(\text{tren})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{2+}$ exhibited a major absorbance maximum at 560 nm with a molar absorbance of 10 dm³ mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹ assigned to the ³A_{2g} → ³T_{1g}(F) transition in reasonable agreement with the literature.³⁶ The spectra of $[Ni(\beta$ CDtren)(H₂O)₂]²⁺ and $[Ni(\beta$ CDtren)Trp]⁺ differ only slightly in molar absorbance in the range 400–900 nm, and both show maxima at 567 nm with molar absorbances of 6 dm³ mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹, consistent with six-coordination. (It appears that a metal center bound to a polyamine substituent at the 6^A site of a modified cyclodextrin may simultaneously coordinate a cyclodextrin primary hydroxy group, but it was not possible to distinguish between such coordination and that of a water molecule from our data.⁷)

The spectrum of $[Cu(\text{tren})\text{H}_2\text{O}]^{2+}$ (Figure 5) shows a shoulder at ~720 nm and a maximum at 847 nm (molar absorbance = 143 dm³ mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹) assigned to the ²A₁' → ²E'' and ²A₁' → ²E' transitions, respectively, in reasonable agreement with literature data.³⁶ The spectra of $[Cu(\beta$ CDtren) $\text{H}_2\text{O}]^{2+}$ and $[Cu(\beta$ CDtren)Trp]⁺ exhibit shoulders at ~698 and ~690 nm, respectively, and maxima at 841 nm, with molar absorbances of 131 and 128 dm³ mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹, consistent with Cu²⁺ being five-coordinate in these metallocyclodextrins. UV–visible spectroscopy provides little information about the environment of Zn²⁺ because of its d¹⁰ electronic configuration. While the formation of five-coordinate $[Zn(\text{tren})\text{H}_2\text{O}]^{2+}$ in solution³⁷ indicates the possibility of five-coordinate $[Zn(\beta$ CDtren) $\text{H}_2\text{O}]^{2+}$ and $[Zn(\beta$ CDtren)Trp]⁺ forming, an analysis of stability data indicates that six-coordination is more probable. Thus, the differences between the log(*K*/dm³ mol⁻¹) values for $[M(\beta$ CDtren)]²⁺ and $[M(\text{tren})]$ ²⁺ are 2.95, 1.21, and 2.25 when M²⁺ = Ni²⁺, Cu²⁺, and Zn²⁺, respectively (Table 2). The first difference corresponds to the effect of the β CD substituent on a six-coordinate metal center, whereas the second corresponds to its effect on a five-coordinate metal center. The difference when M²⁺ = Zn²⁺ is intermediate between the other two values, which may result from the β CD substituent causing a change from five- to six-coordination, consistent either with Zn²⁺ in $[Zn(\beta$ CDtren) $\text{H}_2\text{O}]^{2+}$ being six-coordinate through the coordination of a cyclodextrin primary hydroxy group as discussed above or with the stoichiometry being $[Zn(\beta$ CDtren)(H₂O)₂]²⁺.

The spectra of solutions of $[Co(\text{tren})\text{H}_2\text{O}]^{2+}$, Co²⁺/ β CDtren, and Co²⁺/ β CDtren/Trp⁻ and their protonated analogues ob-

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served under the same saturating nitrogen conditions as those applying in the titrations exhibited significant charge transfer bands extending from 400 to 500 nm, which are absent from the spectra of completely oxygen free solutions of $[\text{Co}(\text{tren})\text{H}_2\text{O}]^{2+}$.³⁷ These bands probably arise from the formation of μ -peroxo complexes that are well established for tetra- and pentaamminecobalt(II) complexes.³⁸ While the proportion of the complex existing as the μ -peroxo form is probably small, the effect of this on the measured stability constants is uncertain, and accordingly the Co^{2+} system is not further discussed.

Formation of Ternary Metallocyclodextrins. The stepwise stability constants for the formation of the ternary metallocyclodextrins $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-Trp}]^+$ and $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(S)-Trp}]^+$ from $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})]^{2+}$ and (R)- and (S)-Trp⁻ are substantially greater than the analogous stability constants for $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDpn})\text{-(R)-Trp}]^+$ and $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDpn})\text{-(S)-Trp}]^+$. This reflects the differing interactions of Trp⁻ with the βCDpn and βCDtren that produced the $\sim 10^3$ -fold greater stability of $\beta\text{CDtren}\cdot\text{(R)-Trp}^-$ and $\beta\text{CDtren}\cdot\text{(S)-Trp}^-$ by comparison with that of $\beta\text{CDpn}\cdot\text{(R)-Trp}^-$ and $\beta\text{CDpn}\cdot\text{(S)-Trp}^-$, as discussed above. The probability of substitution of Trp⁻ on $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDpn})]^+$ where four water molecules are available for substitution compared to the one or two available in $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})]^{2+}$, depending on the identity of M^{2+} , should be higher for the former species on a statistical basis. However, this is insufficient to offset the differences in the contributions to ternary metallocyclodextrin stability arising from the interaction of Trp⁻ with βCDpn and βCDtren .

The stabilities of $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-Trp}]^+$ and $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(S)-Trp}]^+$ are greater than those of the analogous $[\text{M}(\text{Trp})]^+$ and $\beta\text{CDtren}\cdot\text{Trp}^-$ complexes (Tables 1 and 2). This is consistent with the binding of the Trp⁻ amino acid moiety by M^{2+} and the hydrophobic interaction between the Trp⁻ aromatic moiety and the hydrophobic interior of the cyclodextrin annulus (Figure 1) reinforcing each other to stabilize $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-Trp}]^+$ and $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(S)-Trp}]^+$. The variation of the stepwise stability constants for the binding of Trp⁻ in the ternary metallocyclodextrins with the nature of M^{2+} in the sequence $\text{Ni}^{2+} < \text{Cu}^{2+} > \text{Zn}^{2+}$ is similar to that for the formation of $[\text{M}(\text{Trp})]^+$,³¹ consistent with the size³⁹ and electronic configuration⁴⁰ of M^{2+} exerting a major influence in this complexation step. The visible spectral data for $[\text{Ni}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{Trp}]^+$ and $[\text{Cu}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{Trp}]^+$ show that the metal centers are six- and five-coordinate, respectively. In the first case the structure is probably six-coordinated as indicated in Figure 1, but for $[\text{Cu}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{Trp}]^+$ the possibility arises that either the amine or the carboxylate group of Trp⁻ may be bound, or both may be bound and one of the amine groups of the 6^A-((2-bis(2-aminoethyl)amino)ethyl)amino substituent may not be bound.

The differences between the $\log(K/\text{dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1})$ values for $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-Trp}]^+$ and $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})]^+$ are 3.45, 7.79, and 4.15, and the analogous data for the (S)-Trp⁻ analogue are 3.55, 7.89, and 3.95 when $\text{M}^{2+} = \text{Ni}^{2+}$, Cu^{2+} , and Zn^{2+} , respectively (Table 2). In both cases, the first and third values are quite similar, whereas there is about twice the difference in the case of Cu^{2+} . This is consistent with similar coordination changes occurring for $[\text{Ni}(\beta\text{CDtren})]^+$ and $[\text{Zn}(\beta\text{CDtren})]^+$ on complexation of Trp⁻, and with both metal centers being six-coordinate.

No enantioselectivity was found in the formation of $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-Trp}]^+$ and $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(S)-Trp}]^+$. This con-

trasts with the formation of $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDpn})\text{-(R)-Trp}]^+$ and $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDpn})\text{-(S)-Trp}]^+$, where a 10-fold enantioselectivity for (S)-Trp⁻ was found when $\text{M}^{2+} = \text{Ni}^{2+}$ and a lesser enantioselectivity arose when $\text{M}^{2+} = \text{Cu}^{2+}$ (Table 2).^{15,16} (A similar variation was found in the enantioselective complexation of (R)- and (S)-phenylalanine anions by $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDpn})]^{2+}$.¹⁷) Despite the high stabilities of $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-Trp}]^+$ and $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(S)-Trp}]^+$ by comparison with those of $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDpn})\text{-(R)-Trp}]^+$ and $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDpn})\text{-(S)-Trp}]^+$, the opposed chiralities of (R)- and (S)-Trp⁻ generate too small a free energy difference through interaction with the homochiral annulus of the metallocyclodextrin for thermodynamic enantioselectivity to be observed. (Thermodynamic enantioselectivity may reverse with change in the metal binding group as is shown by (6^A-histamino-6^A-deoxy- β -cyclodextrin)copper(II), which forms ternary complexes with (R)-Trp⁻ and the (R)-phenylalanine anion that are 2.2 and 1.5 times more stable than those formed with the corresponding (S)-enantiomers,^{11,14} or it may disappear for the same chiral substrates as is found for (6^A-((2-aminoethyl)amino)-6^A-deoxy- β -cyclodextrin)copper(II).¹³)

The pair of protonated species $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-TrpH}]^{2+}$ and $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(S)-TrpH}]^{2+}$ are more stable than or similarly stable to the $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtrenH})\text{-(R)-TrpH}]^{3+}$ and $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtrenH})\text{-(S)-TrpH}]^{3+}$ pair when $\text{M}^{2+} = \text{Ni}^{2+}$ and Cu^{2+} , respectively, or have decreased stabilities by comparison with those of $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-Trp}]^+$ and $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(S)-Trp}]^+$. Only $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtrenH})\text{-(R)-TrpH}]^{3+}$ and $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{-(R)-Trp}]^+$ and their (S) analogues were detected for Zn^{2+} , and the latter metallocyclodextrin is much more stable. These stability variations probably arise because TrpH acts as a monodentate ligand and the major contribution to stability arises from the interaction of the substrate aromatic moiety with the hydrophobic interior of the cyclodextrin annulus.

Conclusions

While the relative stabilities of $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})]^{2+}$ vary with M^{2+} in the sequence $\text{Ni}^{2+} < \text{Cu}^{2+} > \text{Zn}^{2+}$ and are dominated by the nature of M^{2+} , the subsequent binding of Trp⁻ is greatly influenced by its interaction with the cyclodextrin annulus. Thus, the combined effects of βCDtren and M^{2+} produce a greater binding of Trp⁻ in $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDtren})\text{Trp}]^+$ (which also varies with M^{2+} in the sequence $\text{Ni}^{2+} < \text{Cu}^{2+} > \text{Zn}^{2+}$) than that in either $[\text{M}(\text{Trp})]^+$ or $\beta\text{CDtren}\cdot\text{Trp}^-$, but no enantioselectivity between (R)- and (S)-Trp⁻ is observed. The closely related $[\text{M}(\beta\text{CDpn})]^{2+}$ bind (S)-Trp⁻ enantioselectively over (R)-Trp⁻ when $\text{M}^{2+} = \text{Ni}^{2+}$ and Cu^{2+} but with lower stabilities that also vary with M^{2+} in the sequence $\text{Ni}^{2+} < \text{Cu}^{2+} > \text{Zn}^{2+}$.¹⁶ This enantioselectivity is coincident with the weaker interaction of βCDpn with Trp⁻ (by comparison with βCDtren) allowing M^{2+} to exert more influence on the binding of Trp⁻. These observations indicate the subtle relationship between the nature of the cyclodextrin and M^{2+} in substrate binding in ternary metallocyclodextrins. Similarly subtle relationships are probably partly responsible for the high degree of metal ion specificity observed for metalloenzyme activity.

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