# Selective N-Protection of a Tetraamino Calix[4]arene Tetraether 

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## Introduction

Calixarenes are $\left[1_{n}\right]$ metacyclophanes consisting of phenolic units. ${ }^{1}$ E specially calix[4]arenes have been successfully used as building blocks for the construction of highly sophisticated molecules in fields such as molecular recognition, ${ }^{2}$ self-assembly, ${ }^{3}$ or crystal engineering. ${ }^{4}$ Various methods have been developed for the complete and partial substitution of calix[4]arenes both at the wide ${ }^{5}$ (upper) and at the narrow (lower) rim ${ }^{6}$ in order to introduce the desired functional groups in appropriate arrangements.

Tetraamino calix[4]arenes such as 1 are easily synthesized by ipso-nitration of tert-butyl calix[4]arene tetraethers ${ }^{7}$ and subsequent reduction of the resulting tetranitro compounds. ${ }^{8}$ Their completeN-acylation led to various derivatives forming for instance self-assembling molecular capsules ${ }^{9}$ or stable complexes with cations ${ }^{10}$ or anions. ${ }^{11}$ It is evident that a partial acylation or protection of the amino groups and consequently the possibility of introducing different acyl groups would enormously increase the synthetic potential of compounds such as 1.

[^0]We have found now conditions to acylate one, two adjacent, or three amino groups of $\mathbf{1}$ by BOC-anhydride. ${ }^{12}$ The partially protected compounds $\mathbf{2 , 5}$, and 9 provide an easy access to various mono-, 1,2-di- and tri-Nacylated calix[4]arenes and to the corresponding "mixed" tetra-N-acyl derivatives containing two different N -acyl residues.

## Results and Discussion

Tetraamine 1 was reacted with various amounts of BOC-anhydride in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ at room temperature. With 3 equiv of BOC-anhydride, a mixture of acylated products was obtained from which the tri-BOC-monoamine $\mathbf{2}$ and the tetra-BOC derivative 3c were isolated by column chromatography in 54 and 20\% yields, respectively (Scheme 1). Trace amounts of the 1,2-di-BOC-derivative 5 were also found under these conditions. When the acylation of 1 was carried out with 2 equiv of BOCanhydride, 5 was formed in $48 \%$ isolated yield. ${ }^{13}$ In this case traces of compound $\mathbf{2}$ could be chromatographically detected. With 1 equiv of BOC-anhydride, triamine 9 was formed in $36 \%$ yield along with a very small amount of diamine 5. It is important to note that under all these conditions the 1,3-di-BOC-protected derivative could not be detected. Thus, the partially protected calixarenes $\mathbf{2}$, 5, and 9 can be easily obtained in gram quantities, although their simpliest purification is achieved by column chromatography.
The statistical amounts of mono-, di-, and triacylated compound expected under the respective stoichiometric conditions would be 42.2\%, 37.5\% (1,2- plus 1,3-isomer), and $42.2 \%$, respectively. ${ }^{14}$ The pronounced preference of 1,2- over 1,3-diacylation cannot be explained by statistical reasons which require a 2:1 ratio of the 1,2- and 1,3isomers. Hydrogen bonding, steric, and conformational factors may be assumed to explain this surprising selectivity.

The structures of monoamine 2, diamine 5, and triamine 9 were unambiguously proved by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and mass spectrometry while the frequently overlapping ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were less useful. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound 2 contains two si inglets and two meta-coupled doublets ${ }^{15}$ for the aromatic protons, two pairs of doublets for the methylene protons of the bridges (Figure 1), and two singlets (2:1 ratio) for the protons of the tert-butyl groups in accordance with the expected pattern for a

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## Scheme 1


trisubstituted calix[4]arene. A principally analogous spectrum for a compound with $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}$ symmetry was also observed for the triamine 9.

In contrast, the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 5 exhibits thre pairs of doublets (ratio 1:2:1) for the methylene protons of the bridges (Figure 1) and four broad singlets (or in the case of 6b four meta-coupled doublets) for the aromatic protons as expected for calix[4]arenes with different p-substituents in the 1,2- and 3,4-position. The corresponding 1,3-disubstituted derivative would show two singlets for the aromatic protons and one pair of doublets for the methylene protons of the bridges.

Reaction of the remaining amino group in 2 with $\mathrm{AcOAc}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}, \mathrm{rt}\right)$ or phenyl isothiocyanate (THF , rt) led to the acetamide 3a and the phenylthiourea 3b. The selective cleavage of the BOC groups (TFA, $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, rt) in 3a gave quantitatively the monosubstituted calix[4]arenetriamine 4 (isolated in form of its trifluoroacetate) which upon further acylation by p-tolyl isocyanate (THF, $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}, \mathrm{rt}$ ) was transformed into the triureacalix[4]arene 12a ( $70 \%$ yield). Alternatively the $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}$ calixarene derivatives 10, 11, and 12b could be prepared starting from monoprotected compound 9.

Similar reaction sequences performed with diamine 5 resulted in a series of 1,2-disubstituted calix[4]arene derivatives. Namely, the reaction of 5 with $\mathrm{AcOAc}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}\right.$, rt ) or the Schotten-Baumann acylation with p-methyl-
benzoyl chloride and benzyl chloroformate ( $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ ) gavetetraamides $\mathbf{6 a}-\mathbf{c}$. Subsequent deprotection with TFA resulted in diamines $\mathbf{7 a}, \mathbf{b}$. The following acylation of $\mathbf{7 b}\left(A c O A c, \mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}, \mathrm{rt}\right)$ afforded the "mixed" tetraamide 8 that is also available by acylation of $\mathbf{7 a}$.

These examples demonstrate that the partially BOCprotected aminocalix[4]arenes can be used for the rational synthesis of various derivatives mono-, 1,2-di-, and trisubstituted by amino or N -acyl groups at the wide rim of the macrocycle. It is important to mention that attempts of the direct partial acylations of tetraamine 1 with AcOAc, 4-methylbenzoyl chloride, and 4-methyl phenyl isocyanate led to mixtures difficult to separate. Partially protected compounds analogous to 2, 5, and 9 should be available in a similar way from tetraamino calix[4]arenes fixed in the cone conformation by ether residues different to pentyl. They are apparently promising starting materials for the synthesis of various functional molecules including larger self-assembling structures.

## Experimental Section

Tri-BOC-calix[4]arene 2. To a vigorously stirred solution of the tetraaminocalixarene $\mathbf{1}^{8}(1.0 \mathrm{~g}, 1.30 \mathrm{mmol})$ in dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ $(100 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added a solution of BOC-anhydride ( $0.856 \mathrm{~g}, 3.92$ mmol ) in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ dropwise. After 24 h of stirring at room temperature, the reaction mixture was evaporated in vacuo. The


Figure 1. Section of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra $\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$, rt ) of monoamine $\mathbf{2}$ and diamine 5.
pure product was isolated by flash column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane 6/4) where it was eluted after a small fraction of tetra-BOC-calix[4]arene 3c. 2: yield 0.75 g ( $54 \%$ ); yellowish powder: mp 130-131 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 7.38(\mathrm{~s}$, 1H), 7.08, 6.83, 6.34, 6.10, 5.71 (five s, each 2H), 4.37, 4.33 (two d, J $=13.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, each 2 H ), 3.95-3.86 (m, 4H), 3.69, 3.65 (two t, $\mathrm{J}=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, each 2 H ), 3.08, 3.01 (two d, J $=13.7 \mathrm{~Hz}$, each 2 H ), 1.91-1.76 (m, 8 H ), 1,54 (s, 18 H ), 1.51-1.45 (m, 4H), 1,43 (s, $9 \mathrm{H}), 1.41-1.31(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 1.28-1.18(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 0.96-089(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H})$; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 100 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta$ 153.64, 153.50, 153.08, 136.80, 134.28, 134.15, 131.81, 124.01, 119.38, 119.36, 115.23, 80.01, $79.10,75.06,74.83,71.06,70.73,29.94,29.89,29.58,29.47,28.54$, 28.49, 28.36, 28.04, 22.71, 22.58, 14.06, 13.93; FD-MS, m/z 1065.4 (20, M), 965.0 (100, M-BOC). Anal. Cal cd for $\mathrm{C}_{63} \mathrm{H}_{92} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{10} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ : C, 69.84; H, 8.74; N, 5.17. Found: C, 69.93, H, 8.57, N, 5.04.

Tetra-BOC-calix[4]arene 3c: yield $20 \%$; white solid: mp $199-200^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 200 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 6.59(\mathrm{~s}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 6.15(\mathrm{~s}$, $4 \mathrm{H}), 4.34(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=13.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.68(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 3.06(\mathrm{~d}$, $\mathrm{J}=13.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.91-1.72(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 1,48(\mathrm{~s}, 36 \mathrm{H}), 1.38-1.25$ ( $\mathrm{m}, 16 \mathrm{H}$ ), 0.96-0.83 (m, 12H); FD-MS, m/z 1165.4 (100, M). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{68} \mathrm{H}_{100} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{12}$ : C, 70.06, H, 8.65, $\mathrm{N}, 4.81$; Found: C, 70.03; H, 8.60; N, 4.83.

1,2-Di-BOC-calix[4]arene 5. Compound $\mathbf{5}$ was prepared in the same way as $\mathbf{2}$ from the tetraamino calixarene $\mathbf{1}(2.0 \mathrm{~g}, 2.60$ mmol ) and BOC-anhydride ( $1.13 \mathrm{~g}, 5.20 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). Isolation and purification by flash column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane $1 / 1$ ): yield $1.2 \mathrm{~g}(48 \%)$; yellowish powder; mp $133-134^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 7.01,6.62,6.42$ (three s, each 2 H ), 6.04 (d, J $=3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}$ ), 4.36 (d, J $=13.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 4.33 (d, J $=$ $13.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.30(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=13.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.81-3.61(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H})$, 3.08 (d, J $=13.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.01 (d, J $=13.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.91 (d, J $=13.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.89-1.69(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 1,48(\mathrm{~s}, 18 \mathrm{H}), 1.42-1.30$ $(\mathrm{m}, 16 \mathrm{H}), 0.95-0.83(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (CDCl $\left.3,100 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta$ 154.03, 153.72, 150.15, 139.69, 135.69, 135.63, 135.50, 131.68, 122.09, 115.59, 115.50, 79.42, 74.93, 74.75, 31.08, 29.71, 28.38, 28.32, 28.29, 22.26, 14.02; MALDI-TOF-MS, m/z 965.0 (100, M). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{58} \mathrm{H}_{84} \mathrm{O}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ : C, $70.84 ; \mathrm{H}, 8.82$; $\mathrm{N}, 5.70$. Found: C, 70.77; H, 8.77; N, 5.70.

Mono-BOC-calix[4]arene 9. Compound 9 was prepared in the same way as $\mathbf{2}$ from the tetraamino calixarene $\mathbf{1}(1.0 \mathrm{~g}, 1.30$ mmol ) and BOC-anhydride ( $0.282 \mathrm{~g}, 1.30 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). Isolation and purification by flash column chromatography (EtOAc/hexane 1/1, followed by EtOAc): yield $0.4 \mathrm{~g}(36 \%)$; yellowish powder; mp
$135-136{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 7.47(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.28(\mathrm{~s}$, 4 H ), 6.18, 5.77 (two s, each 2 H ), 4.30 (d, J $=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 4.26 $(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}=12.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.86-3.75(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.68-3.60(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$, 3.21 (br s, 6H), $2.98(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=13.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.87(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=13.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 1.85-1.74(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 1.42(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 1.41-1.17$ (m 16 H$), 0.92-$ 0.87 (m, 12 H ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 100 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 153.66,150.61$, 149.70, 136.66, 136.51, 134.83, 134.71, 131.53, 123.60, 79.06, 74.97, 74.84, 74.73, 31.08, 29.85, 29.56, 28.45, 28.39, 28.19, 22.74, 22.63, 14.08, 13.96; FD-MS, m/z 864.6 (100, M). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{53} \mathrm{H}_{76} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{6}: \mathrm{C}, 73.58 ; \mathrm{H}, 8.85 ; \mathrm{N}, 6.48$. Found: C, 73.37; H, 8.76; N, 6.31.

Tetraamidocalix[4]arene 3a. To a solution of the monoamine $2(0.3 \mathrm{~g}, 0.28 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ ( 0.5 mL ) in one portion, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The solvent was removed in vacuo, and the residue was dissolved in $\mathrm{EtOH}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ and reprecipitated with water. The precipitate was filtered off and dried in vacuo. 3a: yield 0.23 g ( $74 \%$ ); white solid; $\mathrm{mp} 144-145{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.06$ (s, 1H) $6.95,6.91,6.36,6.33$, 6.16 (five s, each 2 H ), $6.10(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.34(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=13.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}$ ), $3.95-3.85(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.70-3.59(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.05(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=13.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4$ H), $2.00(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.82-1.77(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 1.50(\mathrm{~s}, 18 \mathrm{H}), 1.47-1.42(\mathrm{~m}$, 4H), 1.40 ( $\mathrm{s}, 9 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.37-1.29 (m, 8H), 1.25-1.14 (m, 4H), 0.950.84 (m, 12H); FD-MS, m/z 1106.9 (100, M). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{65} \mathrm{H}_{94} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{11} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}: \mathrm{C}, 69.35 ; \mathrm{H}, 8.60 ; \mathrm{N}, 4.98$. Found: C, 69.19; H, 8.48; N, 4.76.

Tetraamidocalix[4]arene 3b. To a stirred solution of the amine $2(0.2 \mathrm{~g}, 0.18 \mathrm{mmol})$ in dry THF ( 10 mL ) was added phenyl isothiocyanate ( $0.03 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.37 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) under nitrogen in one portion, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The solvent was removed in vacuo, and hexane was added. The precipitate was filtered off and dried in vacuo. 3b: yield $0.2 \mathrm{~g}(92 \%)$; white solid; $\mathrm{mp} 135-136{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $200 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.36-7.18$ (m, 8H ), 7.09 ( $\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 6.95, 6.37, 6.28, 6.22 (four s, each 2 H ), $5.75(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.39(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=13.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 4.32(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.96-3.91(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.74-3.67$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.63-3.57(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.11-3.03(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.87-1.76(\mathrm{~m}$, $8 \mathrm{H}), 1.60-1.23(\mathrm{~m}, 43 \mathrm{H}), 0.90(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 12 \mathrm{H})$; FD-MS, $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 1107.4$ (9, M - $\mathrm{OC}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{9}$ ), 1065.3 (100, M - $\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NS}$ ). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{70} \mathrm{H}_{97} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{10} \mathrm{~S} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}: \mathrm{C}, 68.99 ; \mathrm{H}, 8.19 ; \mathrm{N}, 5.74$. Found: C, 68.98; H, 8.09; N, 5.60 .

Triaminocalix[4]arene 4. To a stirred solution of 3 a ( 0.2 g , $0.18 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added TFA ( 20 mL ) in one portion. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and then diluted with toluene ( 50 mL ). The solvent was evaporated in vacuo to dryness, and the powder obtained was dried in vacuo at $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 3 h .4 : yield $0.2 \mathrm{~g}(97 \%)$; yellow solid; mp 251-252 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , DMSO-d 6 ) $\delta 9.71$ (s, 1 H), 7.19, 6.86, 6.20, 6.16 (four s, each 2H), 4.29 (d, J $=13.0$ Hz, 4H), 3.95-3.80 (m, 4H), 3.77-3.65 (br m, 4H), $3.22(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=$ $13.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.12(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=13.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.98(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.90-1.74$ (m, 8H), 1.50-1.19 (m, 16H), 0.95-085 (m, 12H); FD-MS, m/z 806.9 (100, M). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{56} \mathrm{H}_{73} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{11} \mathrm{~F} 9$ : C, 58.51; H, 6.41 ; N, 4.88. Found: C, 58.47; H, 6.21; N, 4.78.

Tetraamidocalix[4]arene 6a. Compound 6a was prepared in the same way as 3 a from diamine $5(0.3 \mathrm{~g}, 0.31 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ $(20 \mathrm{~mL})$, and $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}(0.5 \mathrm{~mL})$. 6a: yield $0.3 \mathrm{~g}(94 \%)$; white solid; $\mathrm{mp} 165-166{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 200 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 7.36$ (br s, 2 H ), $6.70-6.69(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.54(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.30(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.35(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=$ $13.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.82-3.72(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 3.05(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=13.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 2.05$ $(\mathrm{s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.92-1.70(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 1.45(\mathrm{~s}, 18 \mathrm{H}), 1.35-1.32(\mathrm{~m}, 16 \mathrm{H})$, 0.90 (t, J $=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 12 \mathrm{H}$ ); FD-MS, m/z 974.8 ( $36, \mathrm{M}-\mathrm{Ac}$ ), 874.6 (100, M - Ac - BOC) 1048.9 (24, M). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{62} \mathrm{H}_{88} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{10}$ : C, 70.96; H, 8.45; N, 5.34. Found: C, 70.70; H, 8.14; N, 5.23.

Tetraamidocalix[4]arene 6b. To a vigorously stirred suspension of diamine $5(0.3 \mathrm{~g}, 0.31 \mathrm{mmol})$ in EtOAc $(30 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(1 \mathrm{~N}, 50 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added p-methyl benzoyl chloride (3-5 mL ) in two portions. The mixture was intensively stirred at room temperature for $20-30 \mathrm{~min}$. The organic layer was separated washed with $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(1 \mathrm{~N}, 50 \mathrm{~mL})$ and water ( $2 \times 50 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). Solvent was removed in vacuo, and the residue was dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ and reprecipitated with hexane. The white precipitate was filtered off, washed with hexane, and dried in vacuo. 6b: yield $0.28 \mathrm{~g}(83 \%)$; white solid; $\mathrm{mp} 161-162^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (CDCl 3 , 200 MHz ) $\delta 7.73(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.19(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 6.95,6.87$, $6.62,6.57$ (four d, J = 2.5 Hz , each 2 H ), 6.30 (br s, 2H), 4.41 (d,
$\mathrm{J}=12.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.39(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.36(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.87-3.77(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 3.14(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.11(\mathrm{~d}$, $\mathrm{J}=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.07(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.37(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.87$ $(\mathrm{m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 1.35(\mathrm{~s}, 34 \mathrm{H}), 0.91(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=6.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 12 \mathrm{H}) ;$ FD-MS, m/z 1201.4 (100, M ). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{74} \mathrm{H}_{96} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{10} \cdot 0.5 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}: \mathrm{C}, 73.42$; H, 8.08; N, 4.63. Found: C, 73.11; H, 8.10; N, 4.99.

Tetraamidocalix[4]arene 6c. Compound 6c was prepared in the same way as $\mathbf{6 b}$ from diamine 5 ( $0.3 \mathrm{~g}, 0.31 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), benzyl chloroformate ( $5-7 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), EtOAc ( 30 mL ), and $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(1 \mathrm{~N}, 50$ mL). 6c: yield 87\%; white solid; mp 106-107 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, $200 \mathrm{MHz}) \delta 7.38-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}), 6.59(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.55(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.38$, 6.17 (two s, each 2 H ), 4.34 (d, J $=13.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.80-3.74 (m, $8 \mathrm{H}), 3.05(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=13.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.82(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 1.63(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.41$ ( $\mathrm{s}, 18 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.38-1.32 (m, 16H), $0.90(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=6.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 12 \mathrm{H})$; FDMS, m/z 1233.2 (100, M ). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{74} \mathrm{H}_{96} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{12}: \mathrm{C}, 72.05$; H, 7.84; N, 4.54. F ound: C, 71.96; H, 7.83; N, 4.42.

Diaminocalix[4]arene 7a. Compound 7a was prepared in the same way as 4 from $\mathbf{6 a}(0.2 \mathrm{~g}, 0.19 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$, and TFA ( 20 mL ). 7a: yield 0.2 g (98\%); yellow solid; mp 215$216{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (DMSO-d, $\left.200 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 9.45(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.93,6.79$ (two d, J $=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$, each 2 H ), $6.63(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 4.31(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.7 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $4 \mathrm{H}), 3.83-3.78(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 3.27(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=13.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.17(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=$ $13.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.06 (d, J $=13.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $1.91(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.84$ (br m, 8H ), 1.34 (br m, 16H ), 0.89 (br m, 12H); FD-MS, m/z 848.8 (100, M). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{56} \mathrm{H}_{74} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{10} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}: \mathrm{C}, 61.41 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.99 ; \mathrm{N}$, 5.12; Found: C, 61.50; H, 6.65; N, 5.12.

Diaminocalix[4]arene 7b. Compound 7b was prepared in the same way as 4 from $\mathbf{6 b}(0.2 \mathrm{~g}, 0.18 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$, and TFA ( 20 mL ). 7b: yield 0.2 g (90\%); yellow solid; mp 230$231{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (DMSO-d $\left.{ }_{6}, 200 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 9.82(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 9.50(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}$, $6 \mathrm{H}), 7.77(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.25(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.23$, 7.09, 6.72, 6.69 (four $s$, each 2 H ), $4.36(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.84$3.85(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 3.36-3.11(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 2.33(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.88(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{m}, 8 \mathrm{H})$, 1.36 (br m, 16 H), 0.90 (br m, 12H); FD-MS, m/z 1000.7 (100, M).

Tetraamidocalix[4]arene 8. Compound 8 was prepared in the same way as $\mathbf{3 a}$ from 7b ( $0.2 \mathrm{~g}, 0.16 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $\mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$, and $E t_{3} \mathrm{~N}(0.5 \mathrm{~mL}) .8$ : yield $72 \%$; white powder; mp 187-188 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 200 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 8.04(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.76-7.69(\mathrm{~m}$, 6 H ), 7.22-7.17 (m, 4H), 6.96-6.94 (m, 4H), 6.74, 6.70 (two s, each 2 H$), 4.41-4.35(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.82-3.80(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 3.10-3.04(\mathrm{~m}$, $4 \mathrm{H}), 2.35(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 2.04(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.85(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 1.34(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{m}, 16 \mathrm{H})$, 0.91 (br m, 12H); FD-MS, m/z 1084.6 (100, M).

Tetraamidocalix[4]arene 10. Compound $\mathbf{1 0}$ was prepared in the same way as 3 a from $9(0.2 \mathrm{~g}, 0.23 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$, and $E t_{3} \mathrm{~N}(0.5 \mathrm{~mL}) .10$ : yield 0.2 g (88\%), white solid; mp 175$176{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 200 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 7.79(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.63(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 6.78-6.47(\mathrm{~m}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 4.33(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=13.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.81-3.73$ (m, 8H), 3.03 (d, J $=13.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.11-1.61 (m, 17H), 1.45 (s, 9H ), 1.33 (br m, 16H), 0.89 (br m, 12H ). FD-MS, m/z 916.7 (100, $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{OC}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{9}$ ), 991.0 (90, M). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{59} \mathrm{H}_{82} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{9}{ }^{-}$ $0.5 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}: \mathrm{C}, 70.83 ; \mathrm{H}, 8.37 ; \mathrm{N}, 5.60$. Found: C, $70.84 ; \mathrm{H}, 8.18 ; \mathrm{N}$, 5.23.

Aminocalix[4]arene 11. Compound 11 was prepared in the same way as 4 from $10(0.2 \mathrm{~g}, 0.20 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$, and TFA ( 20 mL ). 11: yield 0.2 g (99\%); white solid; mp 210-212 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (DMSO-d, $\left.400 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 9.69$ (s, 2H), 9.39 (br s, 3H), $9.14(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.30,7.07,6.51,6.37$ (four s, each 2H), 4.30 (br m, 4H ), 3.88 (br m, 4H ), 3.72-3.67 (m, 4H ), 3.17-3.04 (m, 4H ), 1.98 $(\mathrm{s}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 1.84(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 1.44-1.27(\mathrm{~m}, 16 \mathrm{H}), 0.90-0.89(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H})$; FD-MS, m/z 890.5 (100, M).

Tetraamidocalix[4]arene 12a. Compound 12a was prepared in the same way as 3b from 4 ( $0.2 \mathrm{~g}, 0.24 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), p-tolyl isocyanate ( $0.1 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.96 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), THF ( 5 mL ), and $E t_{3} \mathrm{~N}(1 \mathrm{~mL})$. 12a: yield 70\%; white solid; mp $220-221^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 200 MHz , DMSO- $d_{6}$ ) $\delta 9.47(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.27-8.01(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 7.40-6.65(\mathrm{~m}, 20 \mathrm{H})$, 4.30 (br d, 4H), 3.82-3.73 (br m, 8H), 3.09-3.04 (m, 4H), 2.19 (s, 9H), 1.98-1.76 (br m, 11H ), 1.48-1.25 (br m, 16H), 0.91 (br m, 12H); FD-MS, m/z 1205.8 (100, M).

Tetraamidocalix[4]arene 12b. Compound $\mathbf{1 2 b}$ was prepared in the same way as 6b from 11 ( $0.1 \mathrm{~g}, 0.09 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), E tOAc ( 10 mL ), $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(1 \mathrm{~N}, 50 \mathrm{~mL})$, and bromoacetyl chloride ( 1 mL ). 12b: yield 0.06 g (66\%); white solid; mp $280-281{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (DMSO-d $\left.{ }_{6}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 9.22(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.65(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.59,6.60,6.56$, 6.44, 6.39 (five s, each 2H), 4.10 (d, J $=12.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 4.09 (d, J $=13.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.58(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.56-3.49(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 2.80(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=$ $13.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.72(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.69(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.59-1.55(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 1.10-$ $1.06(\mathrm{~m}, 16 \mathrm{H}), 0.64(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=6.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 12 \mathrm{H}) ;$ FD-MS, m/z 1011.9 (100, M).

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