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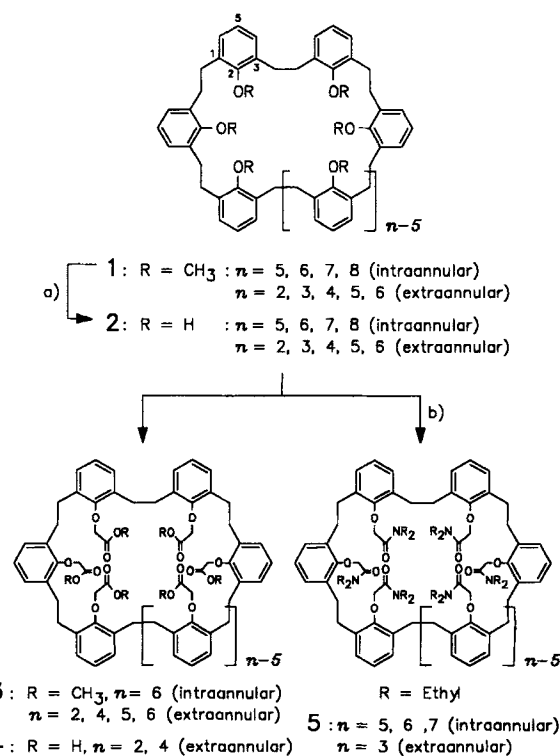
A new type of carbomacrocyclic ligand and host compounds is described allowing conversion of functional groups to ligand-arms with many coordination sites. As an example, the hexameric amido-substituted *all*-homocalixarene **5** ($n = 6$) is described: synthesis, X-ray-structural analysis and ligand qualities in liquid-liquid extraction studies combined with determination of Log K-values are explained. Peak-selectivity with regard to Ba^{2+} and formation of 1:1-complexes in extraction experiments are proven, the influence of solvents is discussed.

INTRODUCTION

Recently we reported on the first preparation of methoxy-substituted, many-membered hydrocarbon rings (cf. **1**)^[1]. This type of host compound now turned out to allow not only modification of ring size (10 to 80 ring members) and also the number of methoxy groups but almost any variation of functional groups to yield ligand-arms with many coordination sites (cf. **3**, **4**). This renders access to a new independent family of ligand and host compounds with some specific advantages.^[2]

NEW HOMOCALIXARENES AND THEIR PROPERTIES

Cleavage of the methoxy protection-groups in **1** led to a series of oligophenols **2** [dimer ($n = 2$) to hexamer^[3] ($n = 6$, extraannularly substituted) and pentamer to octamer



Scheme 1 Isolated *all*-homocalixarenes. Intraannular: OR-substituents in 2-position (as shown); extraannular: OR-substituents (not shown) in 5-position. a) BBr_3 in CH_2Cl_2 ; 93% yield ($n = 6$, intraannular), b) $BrCH_2C(O)NR_2/K_2CO_3/KI$ in acetone; 80% yield ($n = 6$, intraannular).

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(intraannularly substituted)] in very good yields (scheme 1). The polyphenols **2** exhibit strongly differing solubilities, e. g. pentamer and octamer^[4] with intraannular hydroxy groups show good solubility in tri- or dichloromethane^[5] in contrast to the hexameric polyphenol being soluble only in DMSO and the heptameric one requiring acetone as solvent.

Some selected oligophenols **2** were functionalized to homocalixarenes **3** with $\text{OCH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OCH}_3$ -groups in very good yields (dimer, tetramer, pentamer and hexamer with extraannular $\text{OCH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OCH}_3$ -functions and hexamer with intraannular ones^[6]) (scheme 1)^[7]. Two oligoesters were converted to the homocalixarenes **4** with free oxacetic acid substituents.

We report here in particular on the structure and on the cation selectivities obtained by liquid-liquid extraction experiments of the hexamer **5** ($n = 6$) with intraannular $\text{OCH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2$ -groups as an example for the interesting properties of properly substituted *all*-homocalixarenes **5**. This host compound was obtained from the hexaphenol **2** ($n = 6$) in crystalline form (yield 80%; mp. 146 – 149°C).

Figure 1 shows the results of the x-ray-structural analysis of the hexamide **5**. The molecule has a centre of inversion within the macroring (crystallographic C_i -symmetry). Two benzene rings (C3-C4-C5-C6-C7-C8 and C3b-C4b-C5b-C6b-C7b-C8b) are *syn*-oriented with regard to one of the neighbouring benzene rings, so that a three-dimensional cavity is formed. The amido-substituents do not project into the cavity presumably because of steric hindrance but are bent out of the macrocycle due to conformational flexibility of the cyclophane. All C=O-groups of the amido-functions project into the same direction, clockwise in figure 1. Two amido-groups (at O1 and O1b) are oriented above and two (opposite) below the centre of the macroring-plane. The two remaining substituents connected to benzene rings (C3a-C4a-C5a-C6a-C7a-C8a and the opposite thereof) without *syn*-type conformation to neighbouring benzene rings are found within the cyclophane ring-plane. As a consequence the following orientation of the amido-groups is present: above, below, within, below, above and within the middle ring-plane. The homocalixarene molecules are connected with embedded water-molecules by hydrogen bridges within the crystal to form long cords.

Due to introduction of amido groups into the molecule the selectivity shall adjust favourably for alkaline earth metal ions. To examine the host properties of the hexamide **5** ($n = 6$) liquid-liquid extraction studies were performed to investigate the phase transfer of various metal ions from aqueous to different lipophilic phases (figure 2)^[8]:

Ba^{2+} ions are extracted with a pronounced peak selectivity in contrast to other bivalent cations (smaller alka-

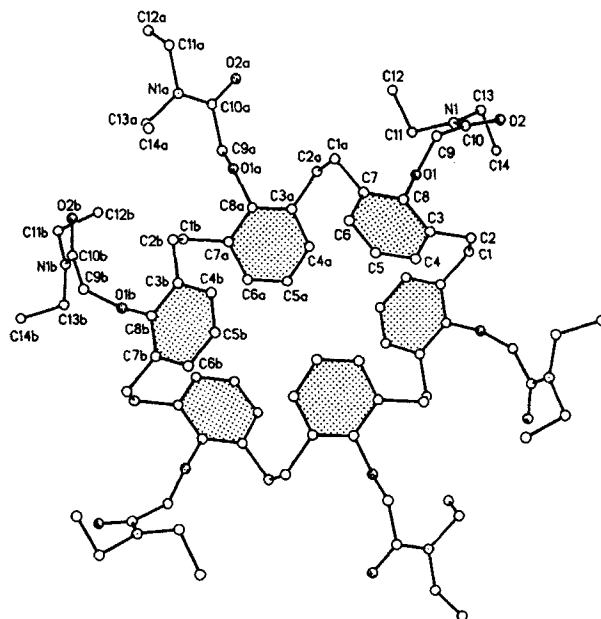


Figure 1 Structure of hexamide **5** ($n = 6$) in the crystal.

line earth metal ions such as Sr^{2+} and Ca^{2+} ; Co^{2+} , Zn^{2+} and Hg^{2+}) and monovalent cations (alkali ions such as Na^+ and Cs^+ ; Tl^+ and Ag^+ , not represented in figure 2). High extractabilities are obtained in case of toluene as solvent. Changing to trichloromethane the extraction efficiency decreases drastically probably due to blocking of amido-oxygen atoms by hydrogen bonding to solvent molecules^[9]. A strong interaction between amido groups and trichloromethane has been proven using infrared

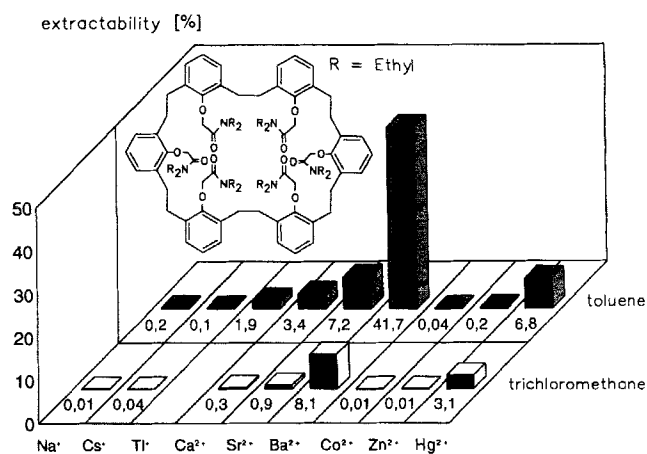


Figure 2 Extractability of metal ions with the hexameric amido-substituted homocalixarene **5** ($n = 6$) $\{[\text{M}(\text{NO}_3)_n] = 1.10^{-4} \text{ M}$; [picric acid] = 5.10^{-3} M ; pH = 5.2 (NaOAc/HCl-buffer); [ligand] = 1.10^{-3} M in trichloromethane or toluene}.

spectroscopy.^[10] Because of the distinct lipophilicity caused by the large carbocyclic cyclophane ring hexamide **5** ($n = 6$) is well soluble in unpolar solvents like toluene, so that an increase in extraction efficiency is achieved without loss of peak selectivity for Ba^{2+} .^[11]

The composition of host-guest complexes is important, especially in regard of a high separation efficiency. A single, well-defined complex stoichiometry seems to be favourable^[13]. Slope analyses of the straight lines shown in the $\text{Log } D_M - \text{Log } c_L$ diagram in figure 3 indicate the exceptional formation of 1:1-complexes for all cations with the amido-substituted homocalixarene **5** ($n = 6$)^[14] ($D_M =$ quotient of concentrations of the cation M in organic and aqueous phase, resp.; $c_L =$ concentration of ligand **5** in the organic solvent).^[20]

Determination of complex formation constants of the homocalixarene **5** ($n = 6$) with different cations in aqueous solution was performed as described in literature.^[21] The increase of solubility of ligand **5** in water at 25° C was measured using UV spectroscopy as function of rising salt concentrations (chlorides of metal ions are employed). As the measurements were carried out at differing salt concentrations, the influence of ionic strength was corrected by using the extended Debye-Hückel equation. The results of liquid-liquid extraction investigations are confirmed qualitatively (table 1). Hexamide **5** ($n = 6$) gives the highest $\text{Log } K$ -values for Ba^{2+} in contrast to Na^+ , K^+ and Ca^{2+} (Sr^{2+} : complex formation not detectable).

CONCLUSION

The number of homocalixarene ring members (corresponding to size of cavity) and functional groups are variable in a wide range. Intra- and extraannular substituents can be introduced without any danger of cleavage of the carbocyclic macroring^[22] in case of eventual drastic reaction conditions. Endo-receptor-abilities and complexation selectivities can be tailored for certain guests. Selectivity for Ba^{2+} -ions are exemplified for the case of oligoamides. *all*-Homocalixarenes are expected to induce an interesting competing development in comparison to the calixarenes. These two ligand and anchor group classes are expected to complement each other in future because of differing solubilities, conformational flexibilities, accessible ring-sizes and numbers of donor centres. In the future learning processes can be transferred from one host system to the other.^[23]

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

^1H - und ^{13}C -NMR: WM-250 (250 bzw 62.90 MHz), Bruker Physik AG. FAB-MS: Concept 1 H, Kratos. IR:

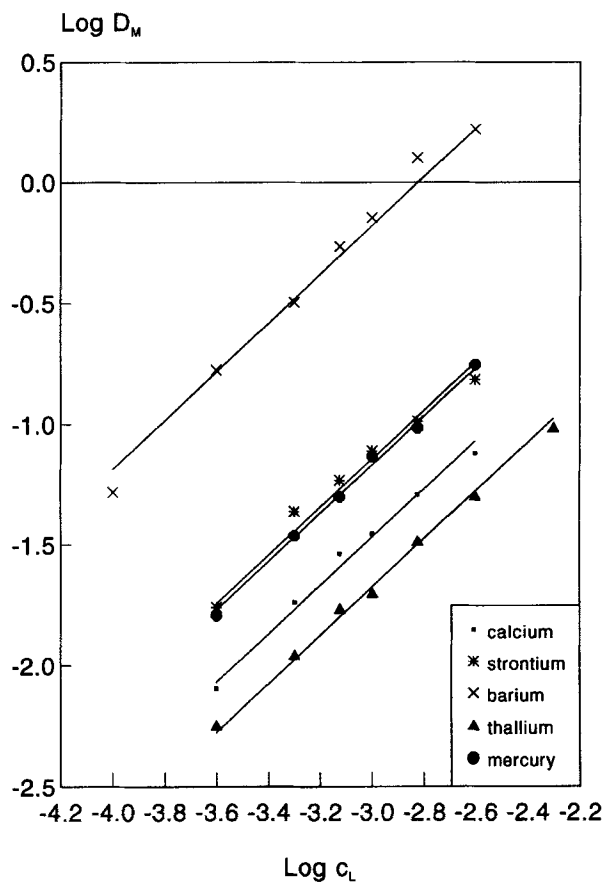


Figure 3 Extraction of Ca^{2+} , Sr^{2+} , Ba^{2+} , Hg^{2+} and Tl^+ with the hexamide **5** ($n = 6$) ($[\text{M}(\text{NO}_3)_n] = 1.10^{-4} \text{ M}$; $[\text{picric acid}] = 5.10^{-3} \text{ M}$; $\text{pH} = 5.2$ (NaOAc/HCl -buffer); $[\text{ligand}] = 1.10^{-4} - 5.10^{-3} \text{ M}$ in toluene).

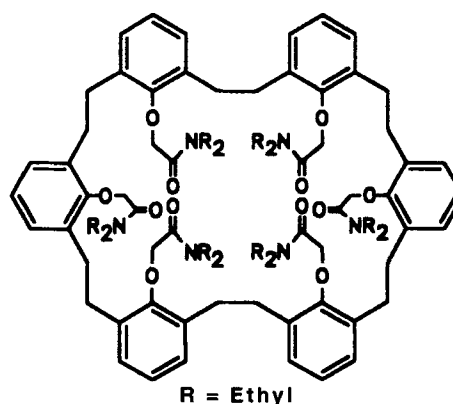


Table 1

cation	Na^+	K^+	Ca^{2+}	Sr^{2+}	Ba^{2+}
$\text{Log } K$	1.96	1.38	1.07	n.d.	2.47

Table 1 Complex formation constants of hexamide **5** ($n = 6$) with Na^+ , K^+ , Ca^{2+} and Ba^{2+} (Sr^{2+} not detectable) in water determined UV-spectroscopically as increase of solubility of **5** in water as function of rising $\text{M}^{n+}\text{Cl}^{-n}$ -concentrations ($\Delta = \pm 0.08$)

Table 2

Atom	x	y	z	U(eq)
C(1)	3742(7)	2320(2)	5717(2)	57(2)
C(2)	5426(7)	2224(2)	5372(2)	61(2)
C(3)	5722(6)	2694(2)	4934(2)	52(2)
C(4)	7083(7)	3111(3)	4976(2)	69(2)
C(5)	7359(8)	3539(3)	4574(3)	77(2)
C(6)	6206(8)	3568(2)	4121(2)	67(2)
C(7)	4789(7)	3168(2)	4062(2)	51(2)
C(8)	4579(6)	2726(2)	4475(2)	45(1)
O(1)	3150(4)	2329(1)	4438(1)	49(1)
C(9)	3474(8)	1776(2)	4142(2)	60(2)
C(10)	2369(10)	1259(2)	4363(2)	67(2)
O(2)	3189(8)	796(2)	4505(2)	120(2)
N(1)	575(9)	1323(2)	4397(2)	86(2)
C(11)	-503(9)	1874(3)	4231(3)	90(3)
C(12)	-1319(12)	1807(5)	3709(4)	172(6)
C(13)	-448(15)	821(3)	4621(4)	159(5)
C(14)	-794(16)	881(4)	5213(4)	184(6)
C(1A)	3469(7)	3220(2)	3586(2)	55(2)
C(2A)	1708(7)	3520(2)	3734(2)	50(2)
C(3A)	1958(6)	4167(2)	3929(2)	41(1)
C(4A)	2322(7)	4282(2)	4480(2)	49(2)
C(5A)	2692(7)	4865(2)	4665(2)	52(2)
C(6A)	2693(6)	5338(2)	4303(2)	48(1)
C(7A)	2332(6)	5251(2)	3746(2)	42(1)
C(8A)	1987(6)	4661(2)	3572(2)	38(1)
O(1A)	1723(4)	4559(1)	3010(1)	46(1)
C(9A)	-129(7)	4546(2)	2837(2)	56(2)
C(10A)	-242(8)	4277(2)	2269(2)	61(2)
O(2A)	-832(5)	3755(2)	2209(1)	72(1)
N(1A)	355(8)	4602(2)	1842(2)	83(2)
C(11A)	321(10)	4323(3)	1276(2)	87(3)
C(12A)	-1416(14)	4468(4)	1006(4)	149(5)
C(13A)	1089(14)	5226(3)	1874(2)	106(4)
C(14A)	3158(15)	5233(4)	1819(3)	139(5)
C(1B)	2395(7)	5773(2)	3353(2)	54(2)
C(2B)	4264(7)	5887(2)	3134(2)	55(2)
C(3B)	5551(6)	6164(2)	3541(2)	48(1)
C(4B)	6999(8)	5839(2)	3770(2)	61(2)
C(5B)	8176(7)	6103(3)	4138(2)	63(2)
C(6B)	7932(7)	6694(2)	4297(2)	58(2)
C(7B)	6524(6)	7043(2)	4096(2)	48(2)
C(8B)	5364(6)	6763(2)	3710(2)	44(1)
O(1B)	3890(4)	7099(1)	3514(1)	43(1)
C(9B)	4119(6)	7381(2)	2986(2)	51(2)
C(10B)	2455(7)	7269(2)	2642(2)	49(2)
O(2B)	2574(5)	6947(2)	2224(1)	67(1)
N(1B)	898(5)	7512(2)	2796(2)	54(1)
C(11B)	-721(8)	7342(2)	2483(2)	69(2)
C(12B)	-1279(8)	6715(3)	2613(2)	76(2)
C(13B)	720(8)	7929(2)	3265(2)	66(2)
C(14B)	539(9)	8575(3)	3086(3)	89(3)
O(1W)	6079(30)	353(8)	4887(8)	435(10)

Table 2 Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement coefficients ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) of **5** ($n = 6$): equivalent isotropic U defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor

SP 1100 infrared spectrometer, Pye Unicam Ltd. FT-IR: spectrometer modell 1600, Perkin-Elmer. - Melting points: Kofler-Mikroskop-Heiztisch, Reichert. - DC: SiO₂ 60F₂₅₄, Merck. - Measurement of γ -radiation: scintillation counter Cobra II, Canberra-Packard; β -radiation:

liquid scintillation counter Tricarb 2500, Canberra-Packard. - Temperature dependence of extraction: shaking water bath SWB 20, Haake. - Na-22, Cs-137, Tl-204, Ca-45, Sr-85, Ba-133, Ag-110, Co-60, Zn-65 and Hg-203: Isocommerz.

Synthesis of 8,16,24,32,40,48-Hexahydroxy-[2₆]metacyclophane (**2**):

In an argon-atmosphere 20 ml of a solution of 370 mg (0.46 mmol) 8,16,24,32,40,48-hexamethoxy[2₆]metacyclophane (**1**, $n = 6$)^[11] in dried dichloromethane are added dropwise to 11.0 ml (11.0 mmol) 1.0 M-solution of borontribromide in dichloromethane within 6 h at room temperature. After stirring over night the solution is cooled in an ice-bath and an excess of water is added dropwise. The colorless solid is filtered, washed with water and dried in vacuo to yield 309 mg (93%) pure hexaphenol **2** ($n = 6$).

$R_f = 0.28$ (CH₂Cl₂); mp.: 250–253°C; ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, DMSO-d₆/TMS_{int.}): $\delta = 2.82$ (s, 24H; CH₂), 6.80 (t, ³J(H,H) = 7.5 Hz, 6H; aromat. 5-H), 7.11 (d, ³J(H,H) = 7.5 Hz, 12H; aromat. 4-H), 8.35 (s, br, 6H; OH); ¹³C-NMR [62.90 MHz, DMSO-d₆/TMS_{int.}; DEPT (spinecho)]: $\delta = 30.95$ (CH₂), 119.90 (aromat. C-5), 127.56 (aromat. C-4), 128.95 (aromat. C-3), 152.30 (aromat. C-8); IR (KBr) $\tilde{\nu} = 670$ cm⁻¹ (w), 755 (s), 800 (w), 1090 (m), 1205 (s), 1230 (s), 1475 (s), 2910 (w), 2990 (w), 3490 (s, br); FABMS: m/z (%) = 720 (100) [M⁺], 721 (99) [M⁺+H].

Synthesis of 8,16,24,32,40,48-Hexakis[(N,N-diethylcarbamoyl)methoxy][2₆]metacyclophane (**5**):

In an argon-atmosphere 340 mg (1.75 mmol) 2-bromo-N,N-diethylacetamide are added to a mixture of 50 mg (0.069 mmol) hexaphenol **2** ($n = 6$), 68 mg (0.50 mmol) powdered K₂CO₃ and 83 mg (0.50 mmol) KI in 50 ml dried acetone. The mixture is heated at reflux for 71 h. The solvent and excess alkylation reagent are removed in vacuo. The residue is dissolved in 100 ml trichloromethane and washed with saturated NaHCO₃-solution (three times) and with water. After drying with MgSO₄ the trichloromethane is evaporated. The remaining yellow oil is recrystallized from a dichloromethane/petroleum ether(40/60)-mixture to yield 78 mg (80%) crystalline compound **5** ($n = 6$).

$R_f = 0.65$ (CH₂Cl₂:ethanol = 10:1); mp.: 146–149°C; ¹H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃/TMS_{int.}): $\delta = 1.22$ (m, 36H; CH₃), 3.04 (s, 24H; CH₂), 3.31–3.51 (m, 24H; NCH₂), 4.52 (s, 12H; OCH₂), 6.33 ("s", 18 H; arene-H); ¹³C-NMR [62.90 MHz, CDCl₃/TMS_{int.}; DEPT (spinecho)]: $\delta = 13.03$ (CH₃), 14.59 (CH₃), 31.05 (CH₂), 40.26 (NCH₂), 41.41 (NCH₂), 72.21 (OCH₂), 123.50 (aromat. C-5), 130.07 (aromat. C-4), 133.68 (aromat. C-3), 156.06 (aromat. C-8), 167.31 (C=O); FT-IR (KBr) $\tilde{\nu}$

= 774 cm⁻¹ (w), 1020 (w), 1085 (w), 1189 (m), 1461 (s), 1640 (s), 2931 (w); FABMS: *m/z* (%) = 1398 (22) [M⁺], 1399 (100) [M⁺+H], 1298 (13) [M⁺-C₅H₁₀NO], 1284 (23) [M⁺-C₆H₁₂NO], 1171 (7) [M⁺-2 × C₆H₁₂NO+H].

The extraction studies were carried out in buffer solutions to avoid superimposition caused by protonation-equilibrium [Na⁺, Tl⁺, Ca²⁺, Sr²⁺, Ba²⁺, Co²⁺, Zn²⁺ and Hg²⁺: metal nitrate/picric acid-buffer (NaOAc/HCl; pH = 5.2) in water/ligand in toluene (trichloromethane); Tl⁺ and Ag⁺: 4-morpholinoethanesulfonic acid/NaOH-buffer (pH = 5.5)]. Micro-reaction vials (volume 2 cm³) were used at a temperature of 25 ± 1 °C. The phase ratio V_(org):V_(aq) was 1:1 (0.5 cm³ for each). The shaking time was 30 min. All samples were centrifuged after extraction. The determination of concentrations was carried out radiometrically in both phases.

Data Collection:

C₈₄H₁₁₄N₆O₁₂ - 2 H₂O, M_r = 1435.8; colorless plates obtained by diffusion of petroleum ether (40/60) into a solution of hexaamide **5** in trichloromethane; crystal dimensions: 0.20 × 0.25 × 0.35 mm. Intensity data were collected on Enraf Nonius CAD4 diffractometer with Cu K_α (λ = 1.54178 Å) radiation, using the 2θ/ω scan technique in the 2θ-range 5° - 149°. 8193 unique reflections were measured [4209 with |I| > 3σ(F)]. The correction for extinction and absorption^[24] were applied. SHELXTL-Plus^[25] was used for solution refinement (table 2)

Crystal data:

monoclinic, P2₁/n, *a* = 7.475(2) Å, *b* = 21.967(3) Å, *c* = 24.472(4) Å, β = 91.25(2)°; *V* = 4017(1) Å³; *Z* = 2; ρ_{calc} = 1.19 g cm⁻³; μ (Cu K_α) = 0.64 mm⁻¹; *F*(000) = 1552; *T* = 193 K; *R* = 0.079 [*R*_w = 0.086, w⁻¹ = σ²(*F*) + 0.0015*F*²].

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- Hexamer means the molecule is containing six benzene rings (*n* = 6).
- An X-ray-structural analysis was performed of the octameric hydroxy-compound **2** (*n* = 8).
- Phenols derived from calixarenes generally exhibit low solubility in spite of their *tert*-butyl groups.
- These compounds had already been examined with regard to their host-properties, details will be communicated later.
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