## **Supporting Information 1**

for

Association of aescin with  $\beta$ - and  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrins studied by DFT calculations and spectroscopic methods

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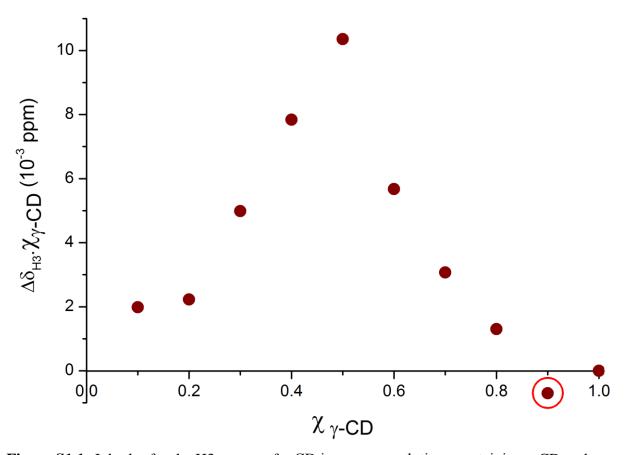
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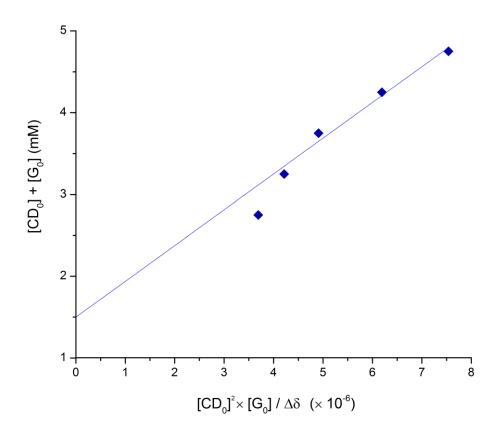
Supplement to <sup>1</sup>H NMR studies in solution

## a) Attemptive Job plot for the H3 proton of $\gamma CD$ in $\gamma CD \cdot aescin mixtures$

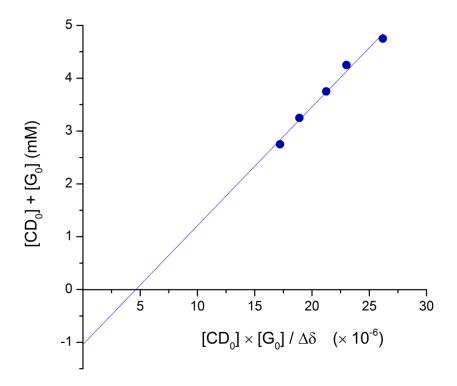


**Figure S1.1:** Job plot for the H3 proton of  $\gamma$ -CD in aqueous solutions containing  $\gamma$ -CD and aescin in a gradient of molar fraction. Note how the inconsistency in the proton shifts affords a negative value for the data point corresponding to the molar fraction of 0.9 (circled with red).

## b) Apparent Inclusion Constants for βCD·aescin and γCD·aescin



**Figure S1.2:** Graphical analysis of  $^{1}$ H NMR shifts of the H5 proton of β-CD of one assay comprising a series of aqueous solutions containing 0.25 mM of β-CD and 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 mM of aescin. Data is fitted to a line with  $r^{2}$  value of 0.972 and  $x_{0}$  (yy-intercept) of 0.00151, which allows estimating, for this data set,  $K_{app} = 1/x_{0} = 662$  M<sup>-1</sup> (the values presented in the manuscript are the average (± RSD) of different calculated  $K_{app}$  values). The first data point was not used in the data fitting.



**Figure S1.3:** Graphical analysis of <sup>1</sup>H NMR shifts of the H5 proton of  $\gamma$ -CD of one assay comprising a series of aqueous solutions containing 0.25 mM of  $\gamma$ -CD and 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 mM of aescin. Data is fitted to a line with  $r^2$  value of 0.9834 and  $x_0$  (yy-intercept) of -0.00102, which allows estimating  $K_{\rm app} = 1/x_0 = 980 \, {\rm M}^{-1}$ .