## Supporting Information 1

## for

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

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## Supplement to ${ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR studies in solution

## a) Attemptive Job plot for the H 3 proton of $\gamma \mathrm{CD}$ in $\gamma \mathrm{CD} \cdot$ 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 $\beta \mathrm{CD} \cdot$ aescin and $\gamma \mathrm{CD} \cdot$ aescin



Figure S1.2: Graphical analysis of ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR shifts of the H 5 proton of $\beta$-CD of one assay comprising a series of aqueous solutions containing 0.25 mM of $\beta-\mathrm{CD}$ 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 $\mathrm{x}_{0}$ (yy-intercept) of 0.00151 , which allows estimating, for this data set, $K_{\text {app }}=1 / \mathrm{x}_{0}=662 \mathrm{M}^{-1}$ (the values presented in the manuscript are the average ( $\pm$ RSD) of different calculated $K_{\text {app }}$ values). The first data point was not used in the data fitting.


Figure S1.3: Graphical analysis of ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR shifts of the H 5 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 $\mathrm{x}_{0}$ (yy-intercept) of 0.00102 , which allows estimating $K_{\text {app }}=1 / \mathrm{x}_{0}=980 \mathrm{M}^{-1}$.

