# **Supporting Information**

for

# Co-solvation effect on the binding mode of the $\alpha$ -mangostin/ $\beta$ -cyclodextrin inclusion complex

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## Additional data

## 1. Parameters of $\alpha$ -mangostin

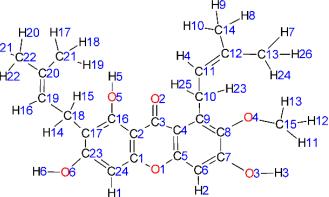


Table S1: Atom types and partial charges of  $\alpha$ -mangostin (C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>6</sub>)

Name	Туре	q	Name	Туре	q	Name	Туре	q
C13	СТ	-0.2454	O5	OH	-0.5789	H5	CA	-0.7066
H24	HC	0.0774	H5	HO	0.4428	H1	HA	0.2645
H26	HC	0.0774	C17	CA	-0.3465	O6	OH	-0.6283
H7	HC	0.0774	C18	СТ	0.1081	H6	НО	0.4754

Name	Туре	q	Name	Туре	q	Name	Туре	q
C12	СМ	0.1632	C19	СМ	-0.429	C1	CA	0.5328
C14	СТ	-0.2454	C20	СМ	0.1938	01	OS	-0.3212
H8	HC	0.0774	C21	СТ	-0.3281	C5	CA	0.4579
H9	HC	0.0774	H17	HC	0.0989	C6	CA	-0.612
H10	HC	0.0774	H18	HC	0.0989	H2	HA	0.2511
C11	СМ	-0.4282	H19	HC	0.0989	C7	CA	0.4545
H4	HA	0.1947	C22	СТ	-0.3281	O3	OH	-0.6202
C10	СТ	0.0641	H20	HC	0.0989	H3	НО	0.4765
H23	HC	0.0763	H21	HC	0.0989	C8	CA	0.0344
H25	HC	0.0763	H22	HC	0.0989	O4	OS	-0.3791
C9	CA	0.0394	H16	HA	0.2054	C15	СТ	0.2301
C4	CA	-0.4221	H14	HC	0.068	H11	HC	0.0188
C3	С	0.7764	H15	HC	0.068	H12	HC	0.0188
02	0	-0.5921	C23	CA	0.548	H13	HC	0.0188
C2	CA	-0.5643	C16	CA	0.4603			

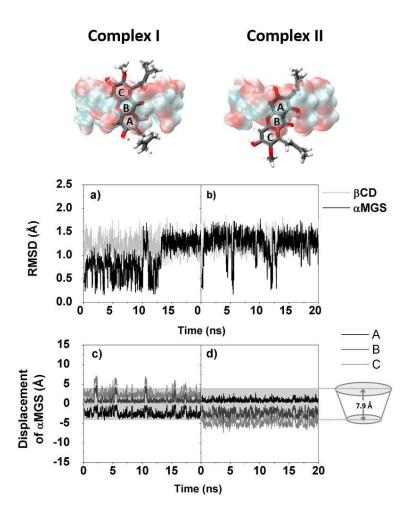
#### **2.** Inclusion complex of α-MGS/β-CD in a water solvation system

To explore the preferential orientation of  $\alpha$ -MGS inside the  $\beta$ -CD cavity, two conformations of inclusion complexes in water (complexes I and II in **Figure S1**) were generated and subjected to MD simulation for 20 ns. For inclusion complex I, the A ring of  $\alpha$ -MGS was placed close to the narrow rim of  $\beta$ -CD (O<sup>6</sup> region). On the other hand, the  $\alpha$ -MGS in complex II was oriented in the opposite direction.

#### 2.1 System stability

The RMSDs of the  $\alpha$ -MGS and  $\beta$ -CD, relative to their initial coordinates, were monitored along the 20 ns of MD simulation and are shown in **Figure S1 (a,b)**. During the first

15 ns, the  $\alpha$ -MGS in complex I was positioned closer to the starting structure (0.79 ± 0.31 Å) than that of complex II (1.2 3± 0.28 Å). Meanwhile, the RMSD of  $\beta$ -CD in both complexes was steady at  $\approx$ 1.3 Å. Since two systems apparently reached their equilibration states after 15 ns, the trajectories from the last 5 ns were extracted for structural and binding energy analysis.



**Figure S1:** (a,b) RMSD plots of  $\alpha$ -MGS and  $\beta$ -CD with respect to their initial structures, and (c,d) displacement plots of the  $\alpha$ -MGS rings A–C versus simulation time for the inclusion complexes I and II. The last snapshot structures are depicted above the graphs, where the light blue shade represents the  $\beta$ -CD cavity.

#### **2.2 Displacement of α-mangostin**

From the displacement analysis in **Figure S1** (c-d), the  $\alpha$ -MGS in complex I fluctuated inside the  $\beta$ -CD cavity while its inclusion in complex II is more stable with only slight oscillation. The  $\alpha$ -MGS in complex II is also located deeper in the cavity and more towards the narrow rim of  $\beta$ -CD, as seen by the displacements of the A- and C-rings (approximately at 0.9 and -4.7 Å, respectively).

#### 2.3 Binding energy analysis

MM-PBSA binding free energies of the  $\alpha$ -MGS/ $\beta$ -CD complexes I and II are presented in **Table S1**. It can be seen that the binding affinities of the two forms are likely comparable ( $\Delta G_{\text{bind}}$  of  $\approx 9$  kcal/mol).

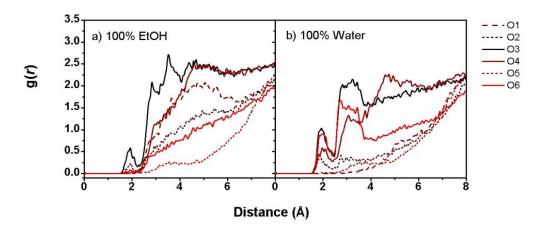
Table S2: MM-PBSA binding free energy and the energy components (kcal/mol) for the  $\alpha$ -MGS/ $\beta$ -CD complexes I and II

		Complex I	Complex II
$\Delta E_{ m ele}$		$-5.33 \pm 3.34$	$-4.61 \pm 2.67$
$\Delta E_{ m vdW}$		$-38.96 \pm 2.86$	$-37.04 \pm 1.93$
$\Delta E_{ m MM}$	(1)	-44.29 ±4.16	$-41.65 \pm 3.22$
$\Delta G_{ m nsolv}$		$-4.68 \pm 0.19$	$-4.53 \pm 0.17$
$\Delta G_{ m psolv}$		$27.55 \pm 4.26$	$23.83 \hspace{0.1in} \pm 3.80 \hspace{0.1in}$
$\Delta G_{ m solv}$	(2)	22.87 ±4.22	$19.30 \pm 3.72$
$\Delta G_{\rm psolv} + E_{\rm ele}$		$18.94 \pm 2.14$	$19.22 \hspace{0.2cm} \pm 3.00$
$\Delta G_{\rm nsolv} + E_{\rm vdv}$	V	$-43.64 \pm 1.53$	$-41.57 \pm 2.10$
$-T\Delta S$	(3)	$12.56 \pm 2.72$	$13.29 \pm 2.72$
$\Delta G_{\text{bind}}$ (1) + (2)	+ (3)	$-8.86 \pm 3.25$	$-9.06 \pm 2.87$

#### **3.** Solvation accessibility

#### 3.1 Solvation accessibility in pure water or ethanol

The RDF plots of the oxygen atoms of  $\alpha$ -MGS complexed with  $\beta$ -CD in pure water, and ethanol, are presented in **Figure S2**. The first solvation shell in water solvation system appears around 2 Å from oxygen atoms (O<sup>2</sup>, O<sup>3</sup>, O<sup>4</sup> and O<sup>6</sup>) of the encapsulated  $\alpha$ -MGS. Differentially, a much lower accessibility of ethanol is observed in the same solvation shell around the O<sup>3</sup> and O<sup>2</sup> atoms.



**Figure S2:** Radial distribution function (RDF, g(r)) of (a) ethanol, and (b) water oxygens towards the ligand oxygens (O<sup>1</sup>–O<sup>6</sup>) of  $\alpha$ -MGS/ $\beta$ -CD complex.

### 3.2 Solvation accessibility in co-solvent

**Table S3:** Integration number, n(r), of the first (2.2 Å) and second solvation shells (3.1 Å)

around the heteroatoms of  $\alpha$ -MGS in each system

	n(r) of wate	er molecules	<i>n</i> ( <i>r</i> ) of ethan	anol molecules		
System	1 <sup>st</sup> solvation shell	2 <sup>nd</sup> solvation shell	1 <sup>st</sup> solvation shell	2 <sup>nd</sup> solvation shell		
Water						
$O^1$	0.0	0.0	-	-		
$O^2$	0.2	0.9	-	-		
$O^3$	0.7	4.9	-	-		
$\mathrm{O}^4$	0.4	2.6	-	-		
$O^5$	0.0	0.2	-	-		
$O^6$	0.7	4.1	-	-		
5 %v/v Ethanol						
$\mathbf{O}^1$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
$O^2$	0.2	1.0	0.0	0.0		
$O^3$	0.7	4.6	0.0	0.2		
$O^4$	0.4	2.4	0.0	0.2		
$O^5$	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0		
$O^6$	0.6	3.5	0.0	0.4		
15 %v/v Ethanol						
$O^1$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1		
$O^2$	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.2		
$O^3$	0.6	3.7	0.0	1.0		
$O^4$	0.2	1.7	0.0	0.6		
$O^5$	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1		
$O^6$	0.4	2.7	0.0	0.7		
30 %v/v Ethanol						

	n(r) of wate	er molecules	<i>n(r)</i> of ethan	ol molecules
System	1 <sup>st</sup> solvation shell	2 <sup>nd</sup> solvation shell	1 <sup>st</sup> solvation shell	2 <sup>nd</sup> solvation shell
$O^1$	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.5
$O^2$	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2
$O^3$	0.6	3.2	0.1	1.8
$O^4$	0.2	1.4	0.0	1.0
$O^5$	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
$O^6$	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.6
60 %v/v Ethanol				
$O^1$	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.5
$O^2$	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3
$O^3$	0.4	2.5	0.2	2.2
$\mathrm{O}^4$	0.1	0.8	0.0	1.0
$O^5$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
$O^6$	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.3
Ethanol				
$O^1$	-	-	0.0	1.7
$O^2$	-	-	0.1	1.2
$O^3$	-	-	0.3	4.1
$\mathrm{O}^4$	-	-	0.0	2.0
$O^5$	-	-	0.0	0.7
$O^6$	-	-	0.0	0.9