## **Supporting Information**

for

# Binding of group 15 and group 16 oxides by a concave host containing an isophthalamide unit

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## Product analyses and experimental data

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25<sup>5</sup>-tert-Butyl-2,11,13,22-tetraoxa-23,27-diaza-1,12(1,3,2)-25(1,3)tribenzenabicyclo[10.10.5]heptacosaphan-24,26-dione (1) <sup>1</sup>H NMR S2 <sup>13</sup>C NMR S3 5-*tert*-Butyl-*N*,*N'*-bis(2,6-dimethoxyphenyl)-isophthalamide (**2**) <sup>1</sup>H NMR S4 <sup>13</sup>C NMR S5 <sup>1</sup>H NMR experiments with different guests S6 Normalized CIS of 1 S9 Normalized CIS of 2 S10 Evaluation of the Normalized CIS Method S11 <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration of **1** and pyridine-*N*-oxide S17 <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>1</sup>H NOESY experiments S18 Transport experiments S20 References S23

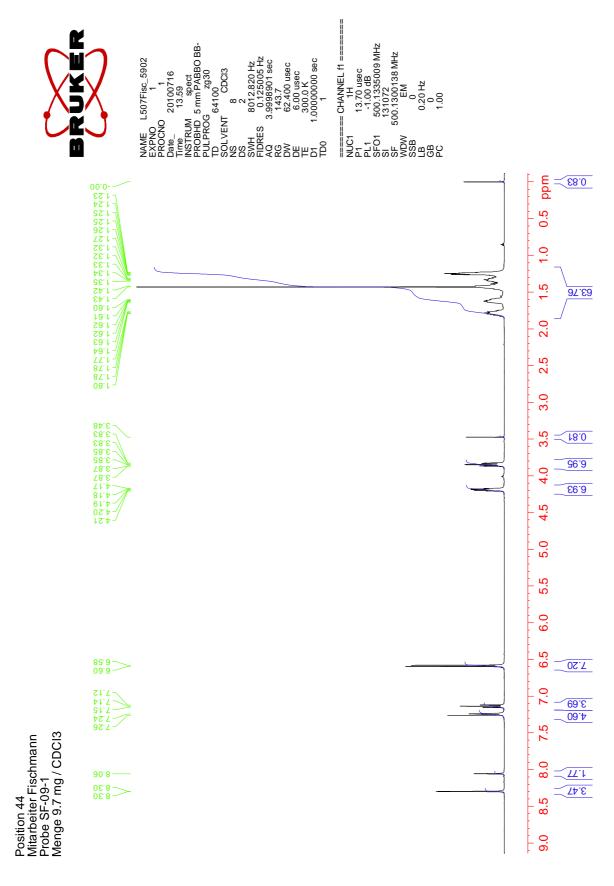


Figure S1: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, 300 K, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 1.

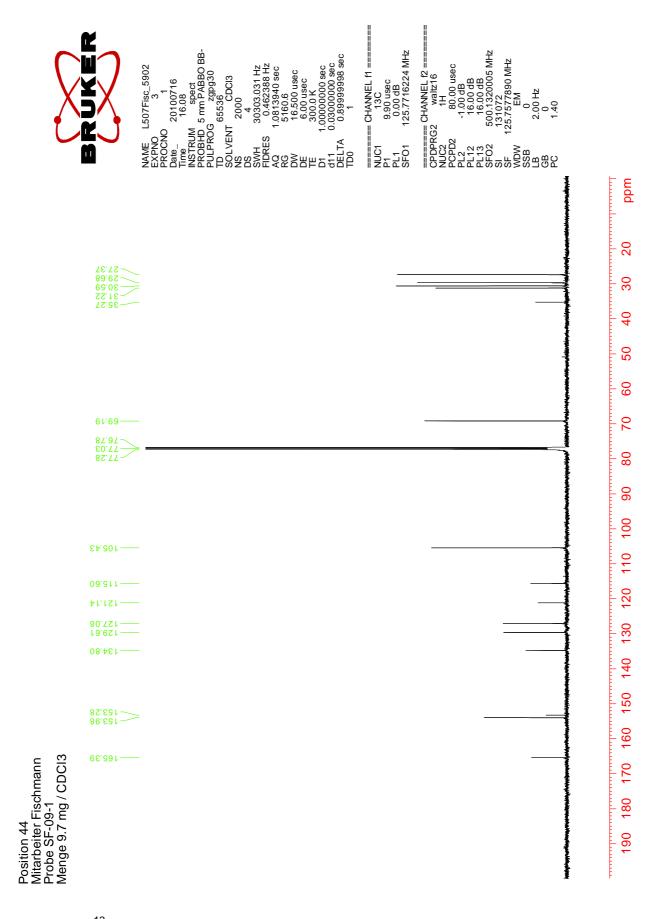


Figure S2:  $^{13}$ C NMR (125 MHz, 300 K, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 1.

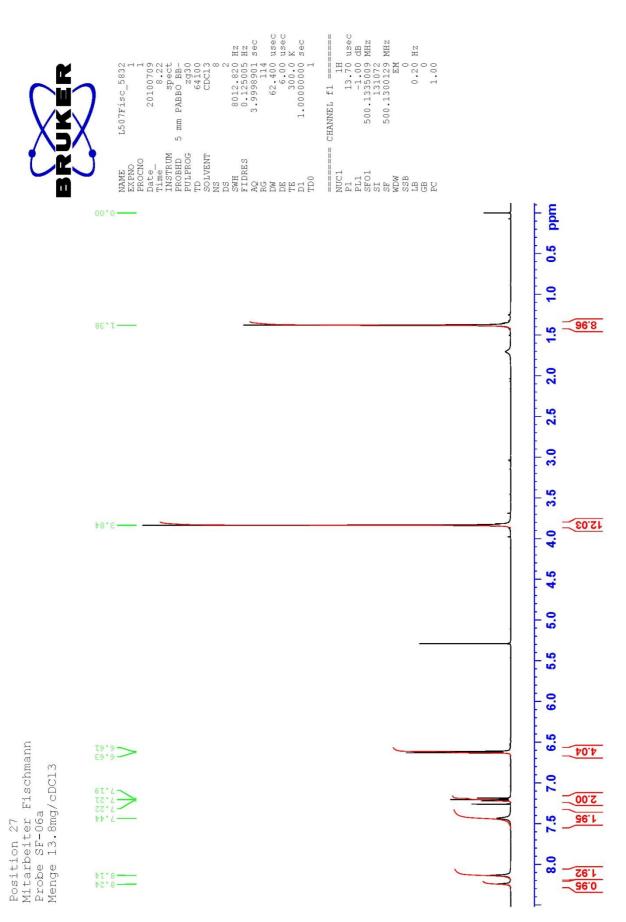


Figure S3: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, 300 K, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 2.

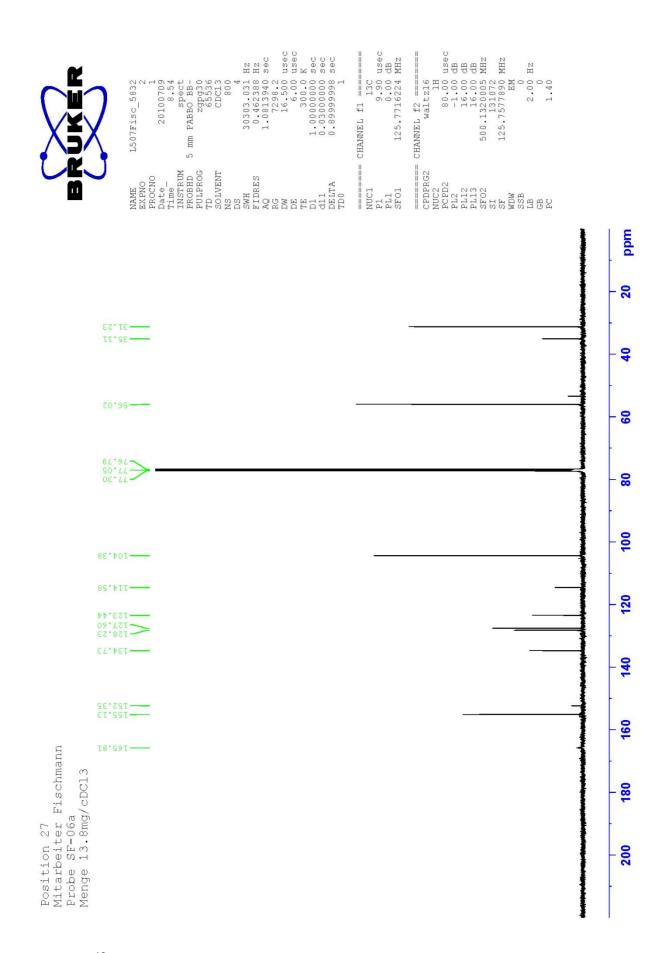
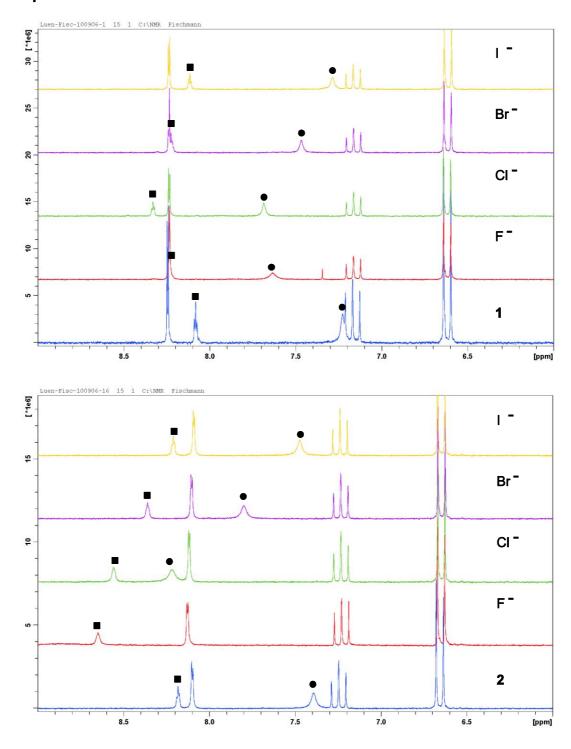
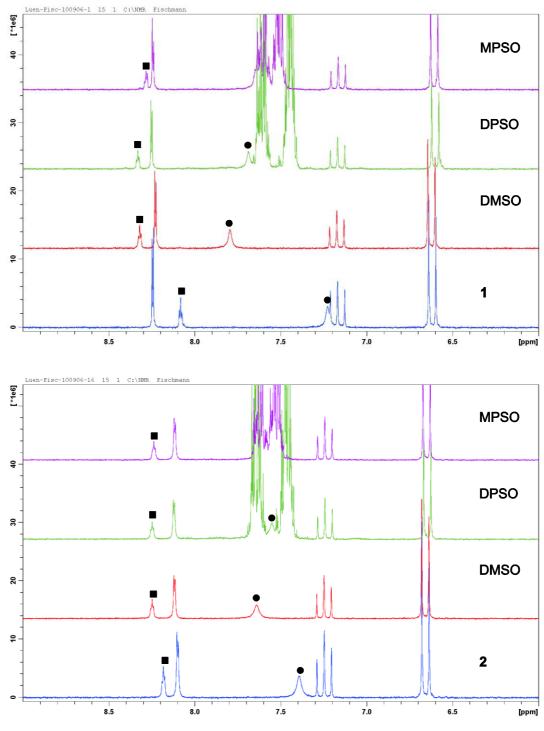


Figure S4:  $^{13}$ C NMR (125 MHz, 300 K, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **2**.

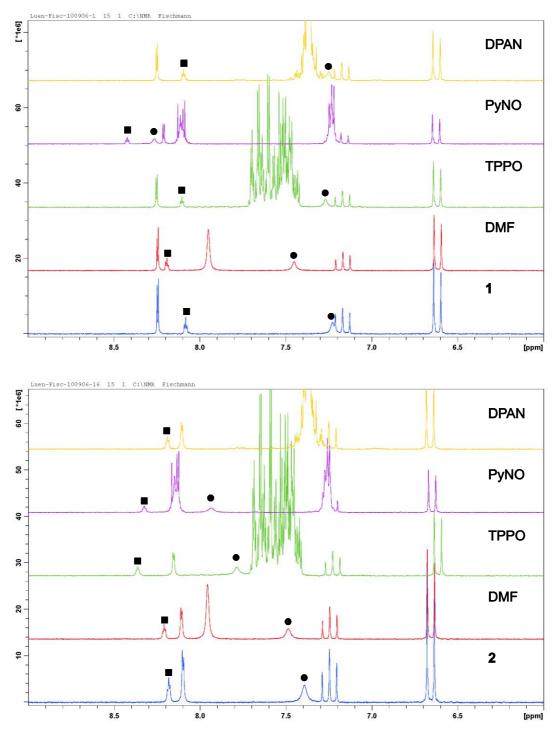
# **NMR-Experiments**



**Figure S5:** Binding studies with different tetrabutylammonium halides (5 equivalents; top: bi-macrocycle **1**, bottom: isophthalamide **2**). The guests were added in solid form and the exact amount was calculated from the <sup>1</sup>H NMR integration.



**Figure S6:** Binding studies with different sulfoxides (5 equivalents; top: bi-macrocycle **1**, bottom: isophthalamide **2**, MPSO = methylphenyl sulfoxide, DPSO = diphenyl sulfoxide, DMSO = dimethyl sulfoxide). The guests were added undiluted and the exact amount was calculated from the <sup>1</sup>H NMR integration.



**Figure S7:** Binding studies with different guests (5 equivalents; top: bi-macrocycle **1**, bottom: isophthalamide **2**, DPAN = diphenylacetonitrile, PyNO = pyridine-N-oxide, TPPO = triphenylphosphine oxide, DMF = N,N-dimethylformamide). The guests were added undiluted and the exact amount was calculated from the  $^{1}$ H NMR integration.

# Normalized CIS of 1

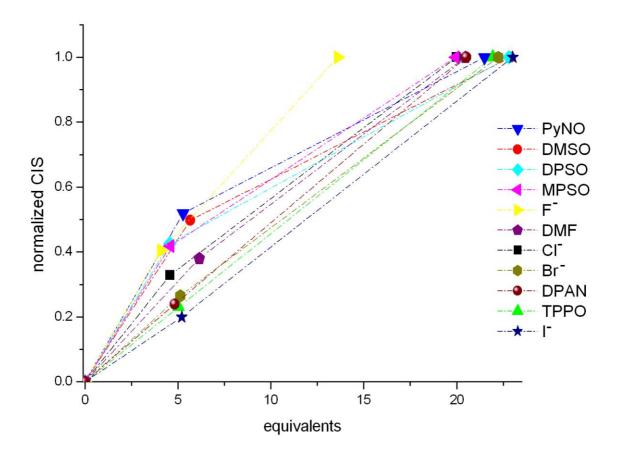


Figure S8: Normalized CIS of 1 (isophthalamide endo-CH proton).

# Normalized CIS of 2

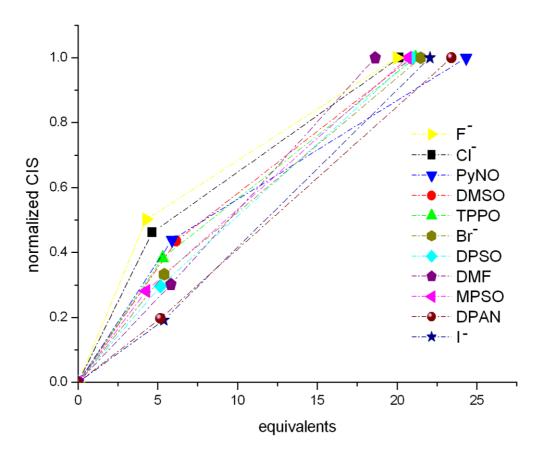


Figure S9: Normalized CIS of 2 (isophthalamide endo CH proton).

#### **Evaluation of the Normalized CIS Method**

To prove that normalized CIS is a valid method to estimate the binding strength, six different titration curves were simulated. Association constants between  $K_{ass} = 2$  and  $K_{ass} = 100$  were chosen. Host concentration was fixed at 0.003 mol L<sup>-1</sup>.

## Equations used:

$$\begin{split} \text{H} := 0.003 & \text{K} = \text{association constant } (M^{\text{-}1}) \\ \text{G} := 0\,, 0.0001\,..\,0.06 & \text{G} = \text{concentration guest } (M) \\ \text{H} = \text{concentration host } (M) \\ \Delta \delta_{\text{max}} := 1 & \Delta \delta_{\text{max}} = \text{shift} (G_{\text{sat}}) - \text{shift } (G_0) \text{ (ppm)} \end{split}$$

- max

K := 2

$$K_{2}(G) := \left[\left[\frac{\Delta \delta_{\text{max}}}{(2 \cdot H)}\right] \cdot \left[\left[G + H + \left(\frac{1}{K}\right)\right] - \left[\left[\left(G - H\right)^{2}\right] + \left(2 \cdot \frac{G}{K}\right) + \left(2 \cdot \frac{H}{K}\right) + \left[\frac{1}{\left(K\right)^{2}}\right]^{0.5}\right]\right]$$

K := 5

$$K_{5}(\mathrm{G}) := \left[ \left[ \frac{\Delta \delta_{max}}{(2 \cdot \mathrm{H})} \right] \cdot \left[ \left[ \mathrm{G} + \mathrm{H} + \left( \frac{1}{\mathrm{K}} \right) \right] - \left[ \left[ \left( \mathrm{G} - \mathrm{H} \right)^{2} \right] + \left( 2 \cdot \frac{\mathrm{G}}{\mathrm{K}} \right) + \left( 2 \cdot \frac{\mathrm{H}}{\mathrm{K}} \right) + \left[ \frac{1}{\left( \mathrm{K} \right)^{2}} \right] \right]^{0.5} \right]$$

K := 10

$$K_{10}(G) := \left[ \left[ \frac{\Delta \delta_{max}}{(2 \cdot H)} \right] \cdot \left[ \left[ G + H + \left( \frac{1}{K} \right) \right] - \left[ \left[ \left( G - H \right)^2 \right] + \left( 2 \cdot \frac{G}{K} \right) + \left( 2 \cdot \frac{H}{K} \right) + \left[ \frac{1}{\left( K \right)^2} \right] \right]^{0.5} \right] \right]$$

K := 20

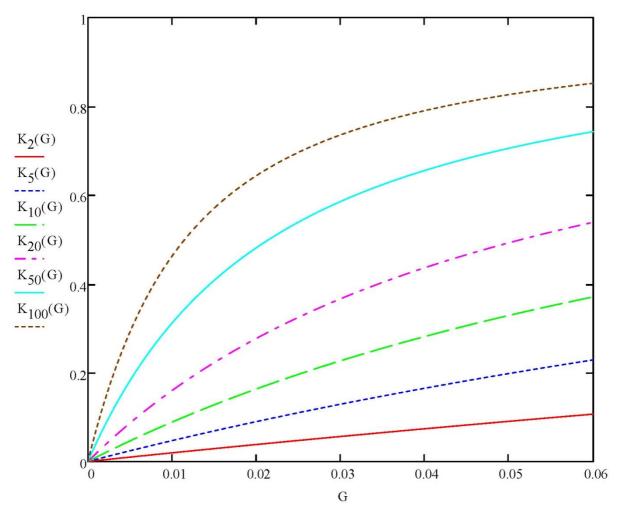
$$K_{20}(G) := \left[ \left[ \frac{\Delta \delta_{max}}{(2 \cdot H)} \right] \cdot \left[ \left[ G + H + \left( \frac{1}{K} \right) \right] - \left[ \left[ \left( G - H \right)^2 \right] + \left( 2 \cdot \frac{G}{K} \right) + \left( 2 \cdot \frac{H}{K} \right) + \left[ \frac{1}{\left( K \right)^2} \right] \right]^{0.5} \right]$$

K := 50

$$K_{50}(G) := \left[ \left[ \frac{\Delta \delta_{max}}{(2 \cdot H)} \right] \cdot \left[ \left[ G + H + \left( \frac{1}{K} \right) \right] - \left[ \left[ \left( G - H \right)^2 \right] + \left( 2 \cdot \frac{G}{K} \right) + \left( 2 \cdot \frac{H}{K} \right) + \left[ \frac{1}{\left( K \right)^2} \right] \right]^{0.5} \right] \right]$$

K := 100

$$K_{100}(G) := \left[ \left[ \frac{\Delta \delta_{max}}{(2 \cdot H)} \right] \cdot \left[ \left[ G + H + \left( \frac{1}{K} \right) \right] - \left[ \left[ \left( G - H \right)^2 \right] + \left( 2 \cdot \frac{G}{K} \right) + \left( 2 \cdot \frac{H}{K} \right) + \left[ \frac{1}{\left( K \right)^2} \right] \right]^{0.5} \right]$$



**Figure S10:** Calculated titration curves for  $K_{ass} = 2$  up to  $K_{ass} = 100$ . The change in CIS ( $\Delta \delta$ , in ppm) is plotted against the concentration of the guest (G, in M<sup>-1</sup>).

In the normalizing procedure, the CIS at 5 eq. was divided by the CIS at 20 eq. and the CIS at 20 eq. was divided by itself.

$$\kappa_{2n} := \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{K_2(5 \cdot H)}{K_2(20 \cdot H)} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \kappa_{5n} := \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{K_5(5 \cdot H)}{K_5(20 \cdot H)} \\ \end{bmatrix} \qquad \kappa_{10n} := \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{K_{10}(5 \cdot H)}{K_{10}(20 \cdot H)} \\ \end{bmatrix}$$
 
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**Figure S11:** The resulting graph shows the simple correlation between the association constant and the deviation from the diagonal  $(0,0 \rightarrow 20,1)$ . The normalized change in CIS  $(\Delta \delta_n$ , in ppm) is plotted against the number of equivalents of the guest.

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In a second test, different titration curves with different  $\Delta \delta_{\text{max}}$  (0.3, 1, 3 ppm) were simulated at a constant  $K_{\text{ass}} = 20$ .

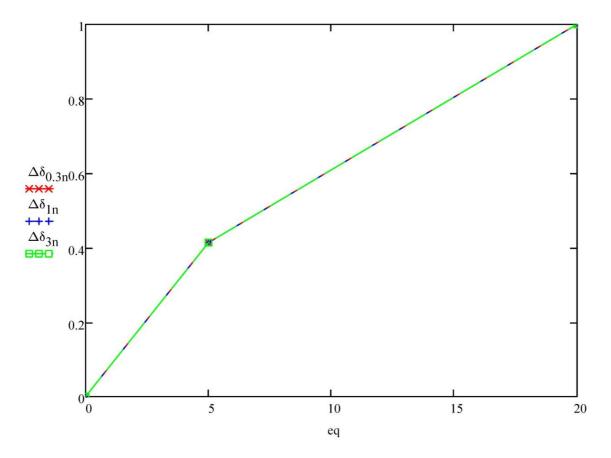
$$\begin{split} & \text{K} := 20 \\ & \text{H} := 0.003 \quad \text{G} := 0,0.0001...0.06 } \\ & \text{H} := 0.003 \quad \text{G} := 0,0.0001...0.06 } \\ & \text{H} := 0.003 \quad \text{G} := 0,0.0001...0.06 } \\ & \text{H} := 0.003 \quad \text{G} := 0,0.0001...0.06 } \\ & \text{A} = \text{concentration guest (M-1)} \\ & \text{A} \delta_{\text{max}} := 0.3 \\ & \Delta \delta_{0.3}(\text{G}) := \left[ \left[ \frac{\Delta \delta_{\text{max}}}{(2 \cdot \text{H})} \right] \cdot \left[ \left[ \text{G} + \text{H} + \left( \frac{1}{\text{K}} \right) \right] - \left[ \left[ (\text{G} - \text{H})^2 \right] + \left( 2 \cdot \frac{\text{G}}{\text{K}} \right) + \left( 2 \cdot \frac{\text{H}}{\text{K}} \right) + \left[ \frac{1}{(\text{K})^2} \right]^{0.5} \right] \right] \\ & \Delta \delta_{\text{max}} := 1 \\ & \Delta \delta_{1}(\text{G}) := \left[ \left[ \frac{\Delta \delta_{\text{max}}}{(2 \cdot \text{H})} \right] \cdot \left[ \left[ \text{G} + \text{H} + \left( \frac{1}{\text{K}} \right) \right] - \left[ \left[ (\text{G} - \text{H})^2 \right] + \left( 2 \cdot \frac{\text{G}}{\text{K}} \right) + \left( 2 \cdot \frac{\text{H}}{\text{K}} \right) + \left[ \frac{1}{(\text{K})^2} \right]^{0.5} \right] \right] \\ & \Delta \delta_{\text{max}} := 3 \\ & \Delta \delta_{3}(\text{G}) := \left[ \left[ \frac{\Delta \delta_{\text{max}}}{(2 \cdot \text{H})} \right] \cdot \left[ \left[ \text{G} + \text{H} + \left( \frac{1}{\text{K}} \right) \right] - \left[ \left[ (\text{G} - \text{H})^2 \right] + \left( 2 \cdot \frac{\text{G}}{\text{K}} \right) + \left( 2 \cdot \frac{\text{H}}{\text{K}} \right) + \left[ \frac{1}{(\text{K})^2} \right]^{0.5} \right] \right] \\ & \Delta \delta_{0.3}(\text{G}) \\ & \Delta \delta_{1}(\text{G}) \\ & \Delta \delta_{3}(\text{G}) \\ & 0.5 \\ & 0.01 \quad 0.02 \quad 0.03 \quad 0.04 \quad 0.05 \quad 0.06 \\ \end{pmatrix}$$

**Figure S12:** Calculated titration curves for different  $\Delta \delta_{\text{max}}$  (0.3, 1, 3 ppm) at a constant association constant of 20 M<sup>-1</sup>. The change in CIS ( $\Delta \delta$ , in ppm) is plotted against the concentration of the guest (G, in mol L<sup>-1</sup>).

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In the normalized procedure, the CIS at 5 eq. was divided by the CIS at 20 eq. and the CIS at 20 eq. was divided by itself.

$$\mathbf{q} \coloneqq \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{5} \\ 2\mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \Delta \delta_{0.3n} \coloneqq \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \frac{\Delta \delta_{0.3}(\mathbf{5} \cdot \mathbf{H})}{\Delta \delta_{0.3}(2\mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{H})} \end{bmatrix} \Delta \delta_{1n} \coloneqq \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \frac{\Delta \delta_{1}(\mathbf{5} \cdot \mathbf{H})}{\Delta \delta_{1}(2\mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{H})} \end{bmatrix} \Delta \delta_{3n} \coloneqq \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \frac{\Delta \delta_{3}(\mathbf{5} \cdot \mathbf{H})}{\Delta \delta_{3}(2\mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{H})} \end{bmatrix}$$



**Figure S13:** The resulting graph shows that the normalizing CIS method is not influenced by the maximum CIS of a titration experiment ( $\Delta \delta_{max}$ ).

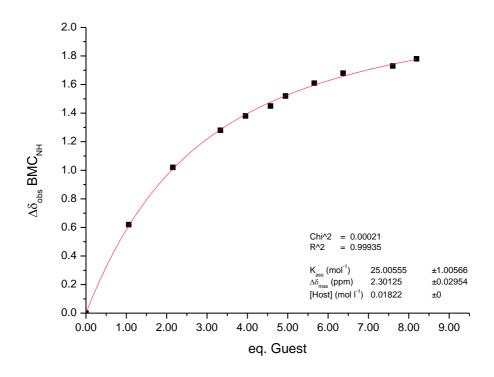
In an additional test, all six different association constants were permuted with these three different  $\Delta\delta_{\text{max}}$  with results analogous to those already presented.

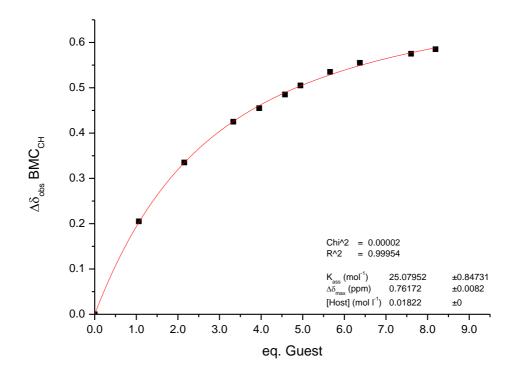
A cross-check of the normalized CIS method was carried out for a  $^{1}H$  NMR titration with a small binding constant of  $K_{ass}=37 \text{ M}^{-1}$ , published in the literature [1,2].

By the normalizing CIS method employing only two points, an approximate association constant of  $K_{ass} = ca. 40 \text{ M}^{-1}$  was determined.

All calculations were carried out by using Mathcad<sup>®</sup> 15.0 (Parametric Technology Corporation).

## <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration of 1 with pyridine-*N*-oxide





**Figure S14:** NMR titration of **1** and pyridine-*N*-oxide (500 MHz, 298 K,  $CD_2CI_2$ ). To a solution of **1** (7.72 mg in 600  $\mu$ L  $CD_2CI_2$ ) was added pyridine-*N*-oxide (in  $CD_2CI_2$ ) in ten steps. Two signals were observed: amide NH (top) and the *endo*-CH (bottom), both resulting in  $K_{ass} = 25 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ L}$ .

# <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>1</sup>H NOESY experiments

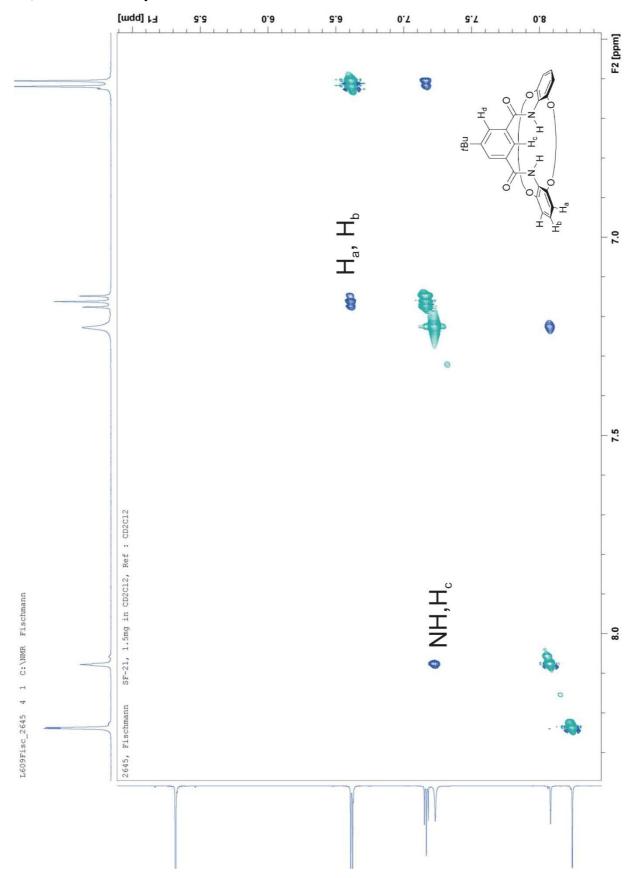


Figure S15: Bi-macrocycle 1. NOESY experiment, selected signals (600 MHz, 298 K,  $CD_2Cl_2$ ).

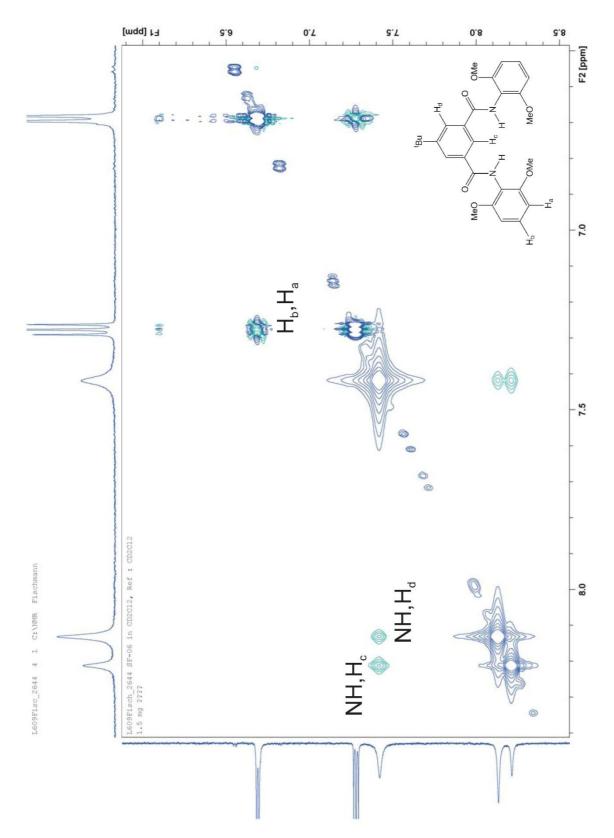
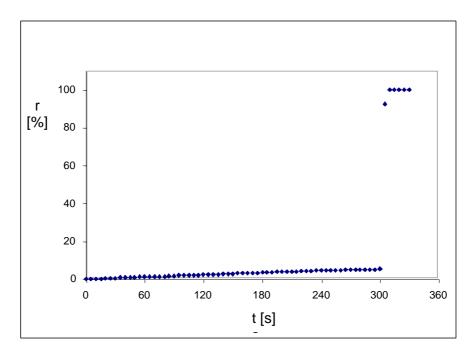


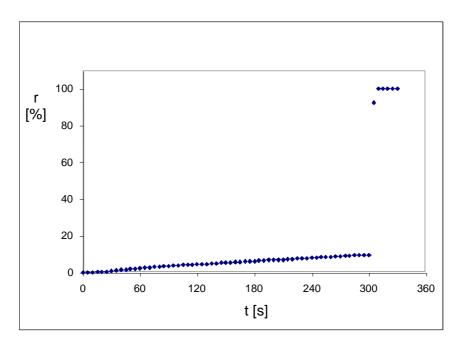
Figure S16: Isophthalamide 2. NOESY experiment, selected signals (600 MHz, 298 K,  $CD_2Cl_2$ ).

## **Transport experiments**

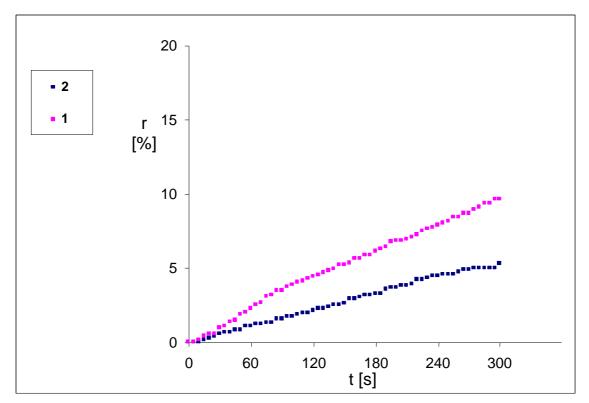
Preparation of phospholipid vesicles: The solvent of a solution of 1-palmitoyl-2-oleoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphocholine (POPC, Genzyme) in chloroform (20 mg/mL) was evaporated to leave a lipid film. This was then dried under vacuum for 12 h. The lipid film was rehydrated with a solution of sodium chloride (476 mM of NaCl, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, pH = 7.2) and shaken by vortex. The suspension was then subjected to nine freeze—thaw cycles and 29 extrusions through a 200 nm polycarbonate Nucleopore membrane by using a LiposoFast Basic extruder (Avestin) to obtain unilamellar vesicles with a mean diameter of 200 nm. Finally, the suspension was dialysed against a NaNO<sub>3</sub> solution (476 mM NaNO<sub>3</sub> and 10 mM phosphate buffer, pH = 7.2) to remove unencapsulated NaCl.



**Figure S17:** Chloride efflux upon addition of **2** (50  $\mu$ M, 10 mol % carrier to lipid) to vesicles composed of 1-palmitoyl-2-oleoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphocholine (POPC). The vesicles contained NaCl (476 mM NaCl and 10 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7.2) and were immersed in NaNO<sub>3</sub> (476 mM NaNO<sub>3</sub> and 10 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7.2). Once the electrode reading was stable the carrier was added and the chloride efflux was monitored for 5 min. At the end of the experiment, the vesicles were lysed with detergent to release all chloride ions and the resulting value was considered to represent a 100% release and used as such.



**Figure S18:** Chloride efflux upon addition of **1** (50  $\mu$ M, 10 mol-% carrier to lipid) to vesicles composed of 1-palmitoyl-2-oleoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphocholine (POPC). The vesicles contained NaCl (476 mM NaCl and 10 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7.2) and were immersed in NaNO<sub>3</sub> (476 mM NaNO<sub>3</sub> and 10 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7.2). Once the electrode reading was stable the carrier was added and the chloride efflux was monitored for 5 min. At the end of the experiment, the vesicles were lysed with detergent to release all chloride ions and the resulting value was considered to represent a 100% release and used as such.



**Figure S19:** Comparison between chloride effluxes from chloride loaded liposomes promoted by the isophthalamides **1** and **2**.

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