# Binding of aromatic mono- and di-N-oxides in water by resorcinarene sulfonates 

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## I. NMR Spectroscopy



Figure S1: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra ( $\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of 1, equimolar mixtures of $\mathbf{2} @ 1$ and $\mathbf{2}$. The dash lines give an indication of the signal changes in ppm. Asterisks is the residual NMR solvent.


Figure S2: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra ( $\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of 1, equimolar mixtures of $\mathbf{3} @ 1$ and 3 . The dash lines give an indication of the signal changes in ppm. Asterisks is the residual NMR solvent.


Figure S3: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra ( $\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of 1, equimolar mixtures of $4 @ 1$ and 4 . The dash lines give an indication of the signal changes in ppm. Asterisks is the residual NMR solvent.


Figure S4: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra ( $\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of 1, equimolar mixtures of $\mathbf{5} @ 1$ and 5 . The dash lines give an indication of the signal changes in ppm. Asterisks is the residual NMR solvent.


Figure S5: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra ( $\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of 1, equimolar mixtures of $\mathbf{6} @ 1$ and $\mathbf{6}$. The dash lines give an indication of the signal changes in ppm. Asterisks is the residual NMR solvent.


Figure S6: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra ( $\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ) of 1, equimolar mixtures of $\mathbf{7} @ 1$ and 7 . The dash lines give an indication of the signal changes in ppm. Asterisks is the residual NMR solvent.

## II. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry

Table S1: Thermodynamic binding parameters of formed complexes between the receptors and the guests in $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ by ITC.

| Complexes | $K_{1}$ <br> $\left(\times 10^{4}\right) \mathbf{M}^{-1}$ | $\Delta H_{1}$ <br> $\mathbf{k c a l} / \mathbf{m o l}$ | $T \Delta S_{1}$ <br> $\mathbf{k c a l} / \mathbf{m o l}$ | $\Delta G_{1}$ <br> $\mathbf{k c a l} / \mathbf{m o l}$ | $K_{2}$ <br> $\left(\times \mathbf{1 0}^{3}\right) \mathbf{M}^{-1}$ | $\Delta H_{2}$ <br> $\mathbf{k c a l} / \mathbf{m o l}$ | $T \Delta S_{2}$ <br> $\mathbf{k c a l} / \mathbf{m o l}$ | $\Delta G_{2}$ <br> $\mathbf{k c a l} / \mathbf{m o l}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{2 @ 1}$ | - | - | - | - |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{3 @ 1}$ | $0.66 \pm 0.07$ | $-28.4 \pm 1.92$ | -23.15 | -5.25 |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{4 @ 1}$ | $0.19 \pm 0.05$ | $-0.57 \pm 0.07$ | 3.87 | -4.44 |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{5 @ 1}$ | $1.32 \pm 0.12$ | $-6.99 \pm 0.02$ | -1.29 | -5.70 | $3.36 \pm 0.84$ | $4.57 \pm 0.31$ | 8.75 | -4.18 |
| $\mathbf{6 @ 1}$ | $2.65 \pm 0.81$ | $-10.96 \pm 0.55$ | -4.59 | -6.37 | $2.64 \pm 0.17$ | $-16.87 \pm 0.84$ | -11.37 | -5.50 |
| $\mathbf{7 @ 1}$ | $3.15 \pm 0.36$ | $-3.94 \pm 0.05$ | 2.20 | -6.14 | $1.37 \pm 0.34$ | $-1.52 \pm 0.25$ | 2.75 | -4.27 |

Table S2: Complexation derived interaction parameter ( $\alpha$ ) that describes cooperativity in binding constants for thermodynamics in deionized $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$.

| Complex | $\alpha=\left(4 \mathrm{~K}_{2} / \mathrm{K}_{1}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{2 @ 1}$ | - |
| $\mathbf{3 @ 1}$ | - |
| $\mathbf{4 @ 1}$ | - |
| $\mathbf{5 @ 1}$ | 1.02 |
| $\mathbf{6 @ 1}$ | 0.40 |
| $\mathbf{7 @ 1}$ | 0.17 |



Figure S7: ITC traces of the titration of receptor 1 with n-oxides (2-7) in 10mM Tris buffer, pH 7.4 at $\mathbf{2 9 8}$ K. (a) 2@1, (b) 3@1, (c) $\mathbf{4} @ 1$ were fitted to a one set of site binding model. (d) $\mathbf{5 @ 1}$ (e) 6@1 (f) 7@1 were fitted to sequential two set of sites binding model.


Figure S8: ITC traces of the titration of receptor 1 with n-oxides (2-7) in water at 298 K . (a) 2@1, (b) 3@1, (c) 4@1 were fitted to a one set of site binding model. (d) 5@1 (e) 6@1 (f) 7@1 were fitted to sequential two set of sites binding model.

## III. Computation Calculations

Table S2. Equilibrium structures and properties of guest molecules from B3LYP-D3 calculation with $6-31 \mathrm{G}^{* *}$ basis set within the implicit PCM water solvent; the electrostatic potential scale shown is in $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mole}$.
Symmetry:
$\mathrm{C}_{2 \mathrm{~h}}$
$\mu=0.0 \mathrm{D}$
$\mathrm{N}--\mathrm{N}=8.43 \mathrm{~A}$

