

# **Supplementary Materials**

## **Distinctive Supramolecular Features of $\beta$ -Cyclodextrin Inclusion Complexes with Antidepressants Protriptyline and Maprotiline: A Comprehensive Structural Investigation**

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## 1. Literature survey

**Table S1.** Summary of the CD–3° amine TCA complexes characterized by various techniques.

| Host    | Guest | Ratio | Inclusion mode <sup>a</sup> |            | $K_a, M^{-1}$<br>(Tech.) <sup>b</sup>              | Ref. <sup>d</sup> |
|---------|-------|-------|-----------------------------|------------|--|-------------------|
|         |       |       | Aromatic                    | Side chain |  |                   |
| α-CD    | AMT   | 1:1   |                             | ✓          | 113 (FI)   | [1]               |
| α-CD    | AMT   | 1:1   |                             | ✓          | 0.06×10 <sup>3</sup> (I)                           | [2]               |
| β-CD    | AMT   | 1:1   |                             | ✓          | 23.90×10 <sup>3</sup> (I)                          | [2]               |
| β-CD    | AMT   | 1:1   |                             | ✓          | 3.19×10 <sup>3</sup> (C)                           | [3]               |
| HP-β-CD | AMT   | 1:1   | ND                          |            | 1.03×10 <sup>3</sup> (C)                           | [4]               |
| β-CD    | AMT   | 1:1   | ✓ A/B                       |            | 18.4×10 <sup>3</sup> (H)                           | [5]               |
| β-CD    | AMT   | 1:1   | ✓ A/B                       |            | 8.2×10 <sup>3</sup> (N)                            | [6]               |
| β-CD    | AMT   | 1:1   | ✓ A                         |            | ND (X)   | [7]               |
| β-CD    | AMT   | 1:1   | ✓ A                         |            | ND (X)   | [8]               |
| β-CD    | AMT   | 1:1   |                             | ✓          | ND (Tgl)   | [8]               |
| α-CD    | IPM   | 1:1   |                             | ✓          | 130 (FI)   | [1]               |
| α-CD    | IPM   | 1:1   |                             | ✓          | 0.08×10 <sup>3</sup> (I)                           | [2]               |
| β-CD    | IPM   | 1:1   |                             | ✓          | 8.70×10 <sup>3</sup> (I)                           | [2]               |
| β-CD    | IPM   | 1:1   |                             | ✓          | 1.50×10 <sup>3</sup> (C)                           | [3]               |
| β-CD    | IPM   | 1:1   |                             | ✓          | 16.7 (U), 808 (F)                                  | [9]               |
| HP-β-CD | IPM   | 1:1   | ND <sup>c</sup>             |            | 0.82×10 <sup>3</sup> (C)                           | [4]               |
| β-CD    | IPM   | 1:1   | ✓ A/B                       |            | 8.8×10 <sup>3</sup> (H)                            | [5]               |
| β-CD    | IPM   | 1:2   | ✓ A/B                       |            | ND (N, L)  | [10]              |
|         |       | 2:1   | ✓ A+B                       |            |  |                   |
| β-CD    | IPM   | 2:1   | ✓ A+B                       |            | ND (Tgl)   | [10]              |
| β-CD    | IPM   | 1:1   | ✓ A                         |            | ND (Tg)  | [11]              |
| β-CD    | IPM   | 1:1   | ✓ A                         |            | ND (X)   | [12]              |
| β-CD    | IPM   | 1:1   | ✓ A                         | ✓          | ND (Tg)  | [12]              |
| β-CD    | CPM   | 1:1   | ✓ A                         |            | 9.42×10 <sup>3</sup> (U)                           | [13]              |
| HP-β-CD | CPM   | 1:1   | ✓ A                         |            | 9.58×10 <sup>3</sup> (U)                           | [13]              |
| β-CD    | CPM   | 1:1   | ✓ B                         |            | ND (X)   | [14]              |
| β-CD    | CPM   | 1:1   | ✓ A+B                       |            | ND (Tg)  | [14]              |
| α-CD    | DXP   | 1:1   |                             | ✓          | 140 (FI)   | [1]               |
| α-CD    | DXP   | 1:1   |                             | ✓          | 0.05×10 <sup>3</sup> (I)                           | [2]               |
| α-CD    | DXP   | 1:1   |                             | ✓          | ND (Tg)  | [15]              |
| α-CD    | DXP   | 2:1   | ✓ A+B                       |            | 16.5×10 <sup>3</sup> (U), 19.6×10 <sup>3</sup> (F) | [15]              |
| β-CD    | DXP   | 1:1   |                             | ✓          | 13.21×10 <sup>3</sup> (I)                          | [2]               |
| β-CD    | E-DXP | 1:1   |                             | ✓          | 36.0×10 <sup>3</sup> (E)                           | [16]              |
| β-CD    | Z-DXP | 1:1   |                             | ✓          | 22.7×10 <sup>3</sup> (E)                           | [16]              |
| β-CD    | DXP   | 3:1   | ✓ A+B                       | ✓          | ND (U, F)  | [17]              |
| β-CD    | DXP   | 1:1   | ✓                           |            | 397 (U), 624 (F)                                   | [17]              |
| β-CD    | DXP   | 1:1   | ✓ A/B                       |            | 13.4×10 <sup>3</sup> (H)                           | [5]               |
| β-CD    | DXP   | 1:1   | ✓ A+B                       |            | ND (N)   | [18]              |
| β-CD    | DXP   | 1:1   | ✓ A                         |            | ND (Tg)  | [11]              |
| β-CD    | DXP   | 2:1   | ✓ A+B                       |            | 14.7×10 <sup>3</sup> (U), 16.2×10 <sup>3</sup> (F) | [15]              |
| β-CD    | DXP   | 1:1   | ✓ A+B                       |            | ND (X)   | [14]              |
| β-CD    | DXP   | 1:1   | ✓ A+B                       |            | ND (Tg)  | [14]              |

<sup>a</sup> TCA moiety included in CD cavity: aromatic rings A, B, or side chain.

<sup>b</sup> Binding constant ( $K_a$ ) at 298 K derived from different techniques, mostly in solution: flow injection (FI); fluorescence (F); UV-vis (U); ion-selective electrode (I); capillary electrophoresis (E); light scattering (L); nuclear magnetic resonance (N); theoretical calculation in gas phase or solution (Tgl); single-crystal X-ray analysis (X); conductivity (C); high-performance liquid chromatography (H).

<sup>c</sup> ND – not determined.

<sup>d</sup> Full reference list is given on pages 11–12.

## 2. Crystallographic data

**Table S2.** X-ray single crystal data collection and refinement statistics of **1** and **2**.

|   | <b>1</b><br>$\beta$ -CD–Protriptyline HCl  | <b>2</b><br>$\beta$ -CD–Maprotiline HCl  |
|---|--|--|
| Abbreviated formula   | $\beta$ -CD·PRT·HCl<br>·0.4EtOH·12.9H <sub>2</sub> O   | $\beta$ -CD·MPL·HCl<br>·0.7EtOH·10.4H <sub>2</sub> O   |
| Chemical formula  | (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> ·C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>21</sub> N·HCl<br>·0.4(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O)·12.9H <sub>2</sub> O | (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>7</sub> ·C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>23</sub> N·HCl<br>·0.7(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O)·10.4H <sub>2</sub> O |
| Formula weight  | 1670.92  | 1657.55  |
| Crystal habit, color  | Rod, colorless   | Rod, colorless   |
| Crystal size [mm]   | 0.42 × 0.40 × 0.38   | 0.46 × 0.42 × 0.30   |
| Crystal system, space gr.   | Monoclinic, P2 <sub>1</sub> (No. 4)  | Orthorhombic, P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> (No. 19)   |
| <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> [Å]  | 15.6016(4), 18.9261(6), 16.4508(5)   | 14.9858(5), 18.6252(5), 29.9133(8)   |
| $\alpha$ , $\beta$ , $\gamma$ [°]   | 90, 117.384(1), 90   | 90, 90, 90   |
| <i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]  | 4313.2(2)  | 8349.2(4)  |
| <i>Z</i>  | 2  | 4  |
| <i>D<sub>c</sub></i> [g cm <sup>-3</sup> ]  | 1.287  | 1.319  |
| $\mu$ [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]   | 0.141  | 0.143  |
| <i>F</i> (000)  | 1774   | 3526   |
| Diffractometer  | APEXII Kappa CCD (Bruker)  | APEXII Kappa CCD (Bruker)  |
| Wavelength [Å]  | MoK <sub>α</sub> , 0.71073   | MoK <sub>α</sub> , 0.71073   |
| T [K]   | 296(2)   | 296(2)   |
| Data collection   | $\omega$ – $\phi$ scan, 0.4° step, 8 s expose  | $\omega$ – $\phi$ scan, 0.5° step, 8 s expose  |
| Frames collected  | 910  | 966  |
| $\theta$ range [°]  | 1.82–25.38   | 1.87–25.35   |
| Resolution [Å]  | 0.83   | 0.83   |
| Completeness [%], <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>   | 99.9, 0.0354   | 99.8, 0.0284   |
| Reflns  | 42205 / 15779 / 10114  | 53243 / 15279 / 11996  |
| collected / unique / observed   |  |  |
| Data / restraints / parameters  | 15779, 5, 1007   | 15279, 29, 930   |
| <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )] <sup>b</sup> | 0.0781, 0.2074   | 0.0768, 0.2127   |
| <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> [all data], GoF  | 0.1181, 0.2443, 1.005  | 0.0948, 0.2329, 1.025  |
| Δρ <sub>min</sub> , Δρ <sub>max</sub> [e Å <sup>-3</sup> ]  | –0.42, 0.56  | –0.47, 0.69  |
| CCDC number   | 2093556  | 2093557  |

<sup>a,b</sup>  $R = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ ;  $wR = \sum \{w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2\}^{1/2}$ .

**Table S3.** Selected geometrical parameters of two  $\beta$ -CD macrocycles of **1** and **2**, in comparison with those of  $\beta$ -CD-( $-$ )-epicatechin and  $\beta$ -CD·12H<sub>2</sub>O.

| Residue<br><i>n</i> | Puckering <i>Q</i> [ $\text{\AA}$ ] <sup>a</sup> , $\theta$ [ $^\circ$ ] <sup>b</sup> |          |                             | Tilt angle [ $^\circ$ ] <sup>c</sup> |          |          | O4 deviation [ $\text{\AA}$ ] <sup>d</sup> |                 |           | O4( <i>n</i> )...O4( <i>n</i> – 1), O4( <i>n</i> )...centroid [ $\text{\AA}$ ] |                |                 |                    |          |                |                 |
|---------------------|---|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|--|-----------------|-----------|--|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|----------------|-----------------|
|                     | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b> | $\beta$ -CD-EC <sup>e</sup> | $\beta$ -CD·12W <sup>f</sup>         | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | $\beta$ -CD-EC                             | $\beta$ -CD·12W | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>   | $\beta$ -CD-EC | $\beta$ -CD·12W | <b>1</b>           | <b>2</b> | $\beta$ -CD-EC | $\beta$ -CD·12W |
| 1                   | 0.569(9)  | 0.569(6) | 0.561(2)                    | 0.570                                | 30.4(4)  | 13.6(2)  | 19.7(1)                                    | 15.0            | 0.128(4)  | –0.191(3)  | –0.180(1)      | 0.192           | 4.498(7)           | 4.504(5) | 4.403(2)       | 4.489           |
|                     | 4.7(9)  | 4.7(6)   | 6.7(2)                      | 7.6                                  |          |          |  |                 |           |  |                |                 | 4.678(4)           | 4.944(3) | 5.171          | 4.981           |
| 2                   | 0.571(10)   | 0.557(6) | 0.545(2)                    | 0.583                                | 12.1(5)  | 18.8(1)  | 4.6(1)                                     | 26.2            | –0.251(4) | –0.053(3)  | –0.084(1)      | 0.091           | 4.445(7)           | 4.315(5) | 4.263(2)       | 4.392           |
|                     | 1.5(10)   | 3.4(6)   | 5.6(2)                      | 3.0                                  |          |          |  |                 |           |  |                |                 | 5.119(4)           | 5.262(3) | 5.397          | 5.153           |
| 3                   | 0.557(9)  | 0.566(6) | 0.574(2)                    | 0.559                                | 5.6(3)   | 8.2(1)   | 6.9(1)                                     | 10.8            | –0.071(4) | 0.264(3)   | 0.325(1)       | –0.195          | 4.280(7)           | 4.303(5) | 4.278(2)       | 4.286           |
|                     | 3.9(9)  | 2.9(6)   | 3.7(2)                      | 3.9                                  |          |          |  |                 |           |  |                |                 | 5.282(4)           | 5.088(4) | 4.581          | 5.122           |
| 4                   | 0.562(11)   | 0.562(6) | 0.557(2)                    | 0.596                                | 12.3(5)  | 6.6(1)   | 33.7(1)                                    | 7.9             | 0.336(4)  | –0.133(4)  | –0.199(1)      | –0.053          | 4.350(6)           | 4.442(5) | 4.498(2)       | 4.443           |
|                     | 1.4(11)   | 4.0(6)   | 4.9(3)                      | 1.4                                  |          |          |  |                 |           |  |                |                 | 4.852(4)           | 4.735(4) | 4.827          | 4.856           |
| 5                   | 0.577(8)  | 0.558(8) | 0.578(2)                    | 0.579                                | 28.7(4)  | 25.5(3)  | 1.9(1)                                     | 10.7            | –0.117(4) | –0.136(4)  | –0.073(1)      | 0.276           | 4.419(6)           | 4.468(6) | 4.322(2)       | 4.452           |
|                     | 3.4(8)  | 2.3(8)   | 3.2(2)                      | 2.0                                  |          |          |  |                 |           |  |                |                 | 4.715(4)           | 5.130(3) | 5.435          | 5.054           |
| 6                   | 0.552(8)  | 0.537(6) | 0.565(2)                    | 0.571                                | 5.6(4)   | 11.2(2)  | 14.6(1)                                    | 20.3            | –0.279(4) | 0.128(3)   | 0.087(1)       | –0.115          | 4.359(6)           | 4.203(6) | 4.209(2)       | 4.247           |
|                     | 2.7(8)  | 7.9(6)   | 4.9(2)                      | 3.9                                  |          |          |  |                 |           |  |                |                 | 5.311(4)           | 5.286(4) | 5.075          | 5.184           |
| 7                   | 0.561(8)  | 0.557(6) | 0.582(2)                    | 0.567                                | 12.1(3)  | 0.4(1)   | 30.6(1)                                    | 6.4             | 0.253(4)  | 0.122(3)   | 0.124(1)       | –0.196          | 4.171(6)           | 4.405(5) | 4.626(2)       | 4.338           |
|                     | 6.9(9)  | 0.0(6)   | 8.8(2)                      | 3.7                                  |          |          |  |                 |           |  |                |                 | 5.091(4)           | 4.797(4) | 4.632          | 4.913           |
|                     |   |          |                             |                                      |          |          |  |                 |           |  |                |                 | 0.327 <sup>g</sup> | 0.301    | 0.417          | 0.242           |
|                     |   |          |                             |                                      |          |          |  |                 |           |  |                |                 | 0.633 <sup>g</sup> | 0.551    | 0.854          | 0.328           |
|                     |   |          |                             |                                      |          |          |  |                 |           |  |                |                 | 0.873 <sup>g</sup> | 0.871    | 0.876          | 0.870           |

<sup>a,b</sup> A perfect cyclohexane chair (for  $R(\text{C-C}) = 1.54 \text{ \AA}$ ) has puckering amplitude  $Q = 0.63 \text{ \AA}$  and angle describing the polar position  $\theta = 0^\circ$  [19].

<sup>c</sup> Interplanar angle of the plane through C1(*n*), C4(*n*), O4(*n*) and O4(*n* – 1) against the O4 plane.

<sup>d</sup> Deviation of glycosidic O4 atoms from the least-squares plane through the seven O4 atoms.

<sup>e</sup>  $\beta$ -CD-( $-$ )-epicatechin (EC) [20].

<sup>f</sup>  $\beta$ -CD·12H<sub>2</sub>O [21].

<sup>g</sup> Ranges of the O4(*n*)...O4(*n* – 1), O4(*n*)...centroid distances and the average of their ratios are in *italics*; for an ideal heptagon, the ratio is 0.868.

<sup>h</sup> Endocyclic torsion angles  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  at glycosidic O4, defined as O5(*n* + 1)–C1(*n* + 1)–O4(*n*)–C4(*n*) and C1(*n* + 1)–O4(*n*)–C4(*n*)–C5(*n*), respectively.

<sup>i</sup> Averages of  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are in *italics*; for the  $\beta$ -CD roundness, the sum of averages should be zero [22].

<sup>j</sup> Exocyclic torsion angles  $\chi$  and  $\omega$  are defined as C4–C5–C6–O6 and O5–C5–C6–O6, respectively.

<sup>k,m</sup> Doubly disordered O64–H group with occupancy factors 0.77 and 0.23 for respective sites A and B.

**Table S3.** Continued.

| Residue | O3( <i>n</i> )…O2( <i>n</i> + 1) distance [Å] |          |          |                                 | Torsion angles $\phi^h, \psi^h$ [°]  |  |  |  | Torsion angles $\chi^j, \omega^j$ [°]  |                       |                      |                                 |
|---------|---|----------|----------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
|         | <b><i>n</i></b>                               | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b><math>\beta</math>-CD-EC</b> | <b><math>\beta</math>-CD·12W</b>   | <b>1</b>                                     | <b>2</b>                                     | <b><math>\beta</math>-CD-EC</b>              | <b><math>\beta</math>-CD·12W</b>   | <b>1</b>              | <b>2</b>             | <b><math>\beta</math>-CD-EC</b> |
| 1       | 2.866(10)                                     | 2.811(7) | 2.924(2) | 2.957                           | 116.3(7)<br>−100.4(6)  | 114.1(5)<br>−105.3(5)                        | 100.7(2)<br>−121.5(2)                        | 119.3<br>−95.9                               | 59.5(11)<br>−60.8(10)  | 48.5(9)<br>−71.4(7)   | 53.5(2)<br>−66.8(2)  | −169.4<br>70.5                  |
| 2       | 2.918(9)                                      | 2.816(7) | 2.765(2) | 2.875                           | 103.1(7)<br>−123.3(7)  | 112.2(5)<br>−112.9(5)                        | 111.6(2)<br>−118.1(2)                        | 110.5<br>−106.6                              | 54.6(10)<br>−65.9(9)   | 179.8(6)<br>60.2(8)   | 58.7(3)<br>−62.7(2)  | −173.9<br>71.0                  |
| 3       | 2.890(10)                                     | 2.888(7) | 2.762(2) | 2.902                           | 104.3(7)<br>−114.4(6)  | 107.7(5)<br>−118.6(5)                        | 129.1(2)<br>−97.4(2)                         | 102.5<br>−121.1                              | 58.4(9)<br>−64.4(10)   | 56.2(7)<br>−65.4(7)   | 48.9(2)<br>−72.5(2)  | 58.7<br>−60.8                   |
| 4       | 2.853(7)                                      | 2.898(9) | 3.346(3) | 2.783                           | 109.7(8)<br>−110.3(8)  | 105.7(5)<br>−112.4(5)                        | 90.1(2)<br>−131.9(2)                         | 107.7<br>−109.4                              | 47.7(15) <sup>k</sup> 77.7(49) <sup>m</sup><br>−68.9(13) <sup>k</sup> −60.7(50) <sup>m</sup> | 55.2(7)<br>−64.6(7)   | 55.7(3)<br>−64.5(2)  | 57.0<br>−61.0                   |
| 5       | 2.851(8)                                      | 2.817(7) | 2.828(3) | 2.770                           | 119.4(6)<br>−101.7(7)  | 118.5(6)<br>−100.6(7)                        | 117.1(2)<br>−105.9(2)                        | 110.7<br>−114.1                              | 56.1(9)<br>−63.5(8)  | 65.0(9)<br>−56.6(8)   | 60.7(2)<br>−60.9(2)  | 50.7<br>−71.0                   |
| 6       | 2.926(9)                                      | 2.844(7) | 3.246(3) | 2.855                           | 99.1(6)<br>−134.9(5)   | 104.9(6)<br>−119.5(6)                        | 105.9(2)<br>−96.5(2)                         | 120.0<br>−109.8                              | 56.9(7)<br>−66.2(7)  | −175.8(7)<br>62.9(10) | −167.8(2)<br>69.8(2) | −175.4<br>64.7                  |
| 7       | 2.919(9)                                      | 2.829(7) | 2.833(3) | 2.862                           | 111.3(6)<br>−103.8(6)  | 108.3(6)<br>−118.5(6)                        | 102.7(2)<br>−118.4(2)                        | 103.0<br>−125.7                              | −169.2(6)<br>68.7(8)   | 56.2(7)<br>−65.1(6)   | 54.2(3)<br>−64.7(3)  | 52.1<br>−62.9                   |
|         |   |          |          |                                 | <i>109.0<sup>i</sup></i><br><i>−112.7<sup>i</sup></i><br><i>−3.7<sup>i</sup></i> | <i>110.2</i><br><i>−112.5</i><br><i>−2.3</i> | <i>108.2</i><br><i>−112.8</i><br><i>−4.6</i> | <i>110.5</i><br><i>−111.8</i><br><i>−1.3</i> |  |                       |                      |                                 |

<sup>a,b</sup> A perfect cyclohexane chair (for  $R(C-C) = 1.54$  Å) has puckering amplitude  $Q = 0.63$  Å and angle describing the polar position  $\theta = 0^\circ$  [19].

<sup>c</sup> Interplanar angle of the plane through C1(*n*), C4(*n*), O4(*n*) and O4(*n* − 1) against the O4 plane.

<sup>d</sup> Deviation of glycosidic O4 atoms from the least-squares plane through the seven O4 atoms.

<sup>e</sup>  $\beta$ -CD-(−)-epicatechin (EC) [20].

<sup>f</sup>  $\beta$ -CD·12H<sub>2</sub>O [21].

<sup>g</sup> Ranges of the O4(*n*)…O4(*n* − 1), O4(*n*)…centroid distances and the average of their ratios are in *italics*; for an ideal heptagon, the ratio is 0.868.

<sup>h</sup> Endocyclic torsion angles  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  at glycosidic O4, defined as O5(*n* + 1)–C1(*n* + 1)–O4(*n*)–C4(*n*) and C1(*n* + 1)–O4(*n*)–C4(*n*)–C5(*n*), respectively.

<sup>i</sup> Averages of  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are in *italics*; for the  $\beta$ -CD roundness, the sum of averages should be zero [22].

<sup>j</sup> Exocyclic torsion angles  $\chi$  and  $\omega$  are defined as C4–C5–C6–O6 and O5–C5–C6–O6, respectively.

<sup>k,m</sup> Doubly disordered O64–H group with occupancy factors 0.77 and 0.23 for respective sites A and B.

**Table S4.** (a) Hydrogen bond parameters in  $\beta$ -CD·PRT·HCl·0.4EtOH·12.9H<sub>2</sub>O (**1**) [Å, °].

| D–H···A   | D–H  | H···A | D···A     | $\angle$ (DHA) | D–H···A                           | D–H  | H···A | D···A     | $\angle$ (DHA) |
|---|------|-------|-----------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------|-------|-----------|----------------|
| $\beta$ -CD– $\beta$ -CD                          |      |       |           |                |                                   |      |       |           |                |
| O21–H···O37                                       | 0.82 | 2.13  | 2.919(9)  | 162.4          | O26–H···O3W                       | 0.82 | 2.42  | 3.064(14) | 135.8          |
| O31–H···O22                                       | 0.82 | 2.11  | 2.866(10) | 153.1          | O36–H···O11WA                     | 0.82 | 2.53  | 3.28(4)   | 151.6          |
| O32–H···O23                                       | 0.82 | 2.15  | 2.918(9)  | 156.5          | O36–H···O11WB                     | 0.82 | 1.94  | 2.71(4)   | 155.1          |
| O24–H···O33                                       | 0.82 | 2.18  | 2.890(10) | 145.0          | O37–H···O8W                       | 0.82 | 1.97  | 2.77(3)   | 166.1          |
| O34–H···O25                                       | 0.82 | 2.18  | 2.853(7)  | 139.6          | O1W–H2···O67 <sup>iii</sup>       | 0.96 | 2.01  | 2.664(14) | 123.1          |
| O64A–H···O61 <sup>iii b c</sup>                   | 0.82 | 2.04  | 2.747(19) | 144.7          | O3W–H1···O33 <sup>vi</sup>        | 0.97 | 2.55  | 3.091(14) | 115.6          |
| O25–H···O62 <sup>iii</sup>                        | 0.82 | 2.08  | 2.728(8)  | 135.9          | PRT– $\beta$ -CD/Cl               |      |       |           |                |
| O35–H···O26                                       | 0.82 | 2.04  | 2.851(8)  | 171.1          | N5'P–H1···O21 <sup>viii</sup>     | 0.89 | 2.41  | 3.087(10) | 133.1          |
| O66–H···O63 <sup>vi</sup>                         | 0.82 | 2.21  | 2.878(9)  | 138.9          | N5'P–H1···O31 <sup>viii</sup>     | 0.89 | 2.06  | 2.856(11) | 148.6          |
| O27–H···O36                                       | 0.82 | 2.35  | 2.926(8)  | 128.3          | N5'P–H2···Cl2                     | 0.89 | 2.07  | 2.934(15) | 162.3          |
| O67–H···O35 <sup>vii</sup>                        | 0.82 | 2.06  | 2.733(9)  | 138.9          | C51–H···Cg2 <sup>d</sup>          | 0.98 | 3.69  | 4.461     | 137.8          |
| $\beta$ -CD–H <sub>2</sub> O/EtOH/Cl <sup>a</sup> |      |       |           |                |                                   |      |       |           |                |
| O61–H···O12WB <sup>i</sup>                        | 0.82 | 1.69  | 2.48(4)   | 161.5          | C32–H···Cg1                       | 0.98 | 3.21  | 4.135     | 158.9          |
| O22–H···Cl1                                       | 0.82 | 2.41  | 3.097(11) | 142.0          | H <sub>2</sub> O–H <sub>2</sub> O |      |       |           |                |
| O62–H···O7W                                       | 0.82 | 1.90  | 2.67(2)   | 155.6          | O1E–H···O7W                       | 0.82 | 2.14  | 2.70(5)   | 125.1          |
| O23–H···O10WA                                     | 0.82 | 2.05  | 2.85(3)   | 163.5          | O1W–H1···O12WA                    | 0.96 | 1.98  | 2.93(3)   | 172.9          |
| O23–H···O10WB                                     | 0.82 | 2.25  | 2.82(4)   | 127.2          | O2W–H1···O6W <sup>vii</sup>       | 0.96 | 1.99  | 2.70(3)   | 129.1          |
| O33–H···O3W <sup>ii</sup>                         | 0.82 | 2.43  | 3.091(14) | 138.2          | O3W–H2···O1W <sup>vi</sup>        | 0.98 | 2.39  | 3.00(3)   | 120.3          |
| O63–H···O12WA                                     | 0.82 | 2.33  | 2.74(2)   | 112.4          | O4W–H1···O2W <sup>vii</sup>       | 0.96 | 2.35  | 2.83(3)   | 110.4          |
| O64B–H···O8W <sup>iv</sup>                        | 0.82 | 2.62  | 3.16(6)   | 124.7          | O4W–H2···O7W <sup>vi</sup>        | 0.96 | 1.62  | 2.53(4)   | 157.1          |
| O65–H···Cl1 <sup>v</sup>                          | 0.82 | 2.26  | 3.073(12) | 174.0          | O5W–H1···O1E <sup>ix</sup>        | 0.96 | 2.23  | 2.99(5)   | 135.5          |
| O26–H···Cl1 <sup>viii</sup>                       | 0.82 | 2.78  | 3.403(12) | 133.7          | O6W–H1···O12WA <sup>iii</sup>     | 0.96 | 1.84  | 2.72(2)   | 151.9          |

<sup>a</sup> Site occupancy factors (SOFs) are as follows:

12.9 water molecules are distributed over 20 sites: 1.0 (O1W, O3W, O5W, O6W); 0.8 (O2W, O4W);

0.7 (O7W, O8W, O10WA, O12WA); 0.6 (O9WA); 0.5 (O10WB, O11WA/B, O12WB/C);

0.4 (O9WB, O14W); 0.3 (O13W, O15W)

EtOH: 0.4 (O1E); one twofold disordered chloride: 0.5 (Cl1, Cl2)

<sup>b</sup> Equivalent positions: (i)  $-x, y + 0.5, -z + 1$ ; (ii)  $x - 1, y, z$ ; (iii)  $-x, y - 0.5, -z + 1$ ; (iv)  $x - 1, y, z - 1$ ;

(v)  $x, y, z - 1$ ; (vi)  $x + 1, y, z$ ; (vii)  $-x + 1, y + 0.5, -z + 1$ ; (viii)  $-x + 1, y - 0.5, -z + 2$ ; (ix)  $-x, y - 0.5, -z + 2$ .

<sup>c</sup> Twofold disordered O64–H group with occupancy factors 0.77 and 0.23 for respective sites A and B.

<sup>d</sup> Cg1 = A-ring (C1P–C2P–C3P–C4P–C13P–C12P), Cg2 = B-ring (C6P–C7P–C8P–C9P–C15P–C14P)

(b)  $\pi\cdots\pi$  interactions in  $\beta$ -CD·PRT·HCl·0.4EtOH·12.9H<sub>2</sub>O (**1**) [Å, °].

There is no  $\pi\cdots\pi$  interaction in **1**.

**Table S5.** (a) Hydrogen bond parameters in  $\beta$ -CD·MPL·HCl·0.7EtOH·10.4H<sub>2</sub>O (**2**) [ $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ].

| D-H···A   | D-H  | H···A | D···A     | $\angle$ (DHA) | D-H···A                                | D-H  | H···A | D···A     | $\angle$ (DHA) |
|---|------|-------|-----------|----------------|--|------|-------|-----------|----------------|
| $\beta$ -CD- $\beta$ -CD                          |      |       |           |                |  |      |       |           |                |
| O22-H···O31                                       | 0.82 | 2.11  | 2.811(7)  | 143.4          | O3W-H2···O66                           | 0.96 | 2.06  | 2.888(11) | 143.2          |
| O32-H···O23                                       | 0.82 | 2.00  | 2.816(7)  | 171.8          | O4W-H2···O37                           | 0.96 | 1.89  | 2.832(7)  | 166.8          |
| O24-H···O33                                       | 0.82 | 2.08  | 2.888(7)  | 166.2          | O67-H···Cl2                            | 0.82 | 2.04  | 2.833(9)  | 163.7          |
| O64-H···O67 <sup>i b c</sup>                      | 0.82 | 2.15  | 2.945(8)  | 164.8          | MPL- $\beta$ -CD/H <sub>2</sub> O      |      |       |           |                |
| O25-H···O34                                       | 0.82 | 2.10  | 2.898(9)  | 164.2          | O61-H···N5'M <sup>ii</sup>             | 0.82 | 2.44  | 3.159(12) | 146.4          |
| O66-H···O32 <sup>ii</sup>                         | 0.82 | 2.04  | 2.805(8)  | 154.2          | N5'M-H1···O52 <sup>iv</sup>            | 0.89 | 2.50  | 3.141(8)  | 129.2          |
| O26-H···O35                                       | 0.82 | 2.01  | 2.817(7)  | 167.7          | N5'M-H1···O62 <sup>iv</sup>            | 0.89 | 2.10  | 2.930(11) | 155.7          |
| O27-H···O36                                       | 0.82 | 2.23  | 2.844(7)  | 132.4          | N5'M-H2···O61 <sup>iv</sup>            | 0.89 | 2.60  | 3.159(12) | 121.7          |
| O37-H···O21                                       | 0.82 | 2.17  | 2.829(7)  | 137.6          | N5'M-H2···O13W                         | 0.89 | 2.33  | 3.09(6)   | 143.3          |
| $\beta$ -CD-H <sub>2</sub> O/EtOH/Cl <sup>a</sup> |      |       |           |                |  |      |       |           |                |
| O21-H···O6WA                                      | 0.82 | 2.12  | 2.825(11) | 144.6          | C55-H···Cg1                            | 0.98 | 3.843 | 4.782     | 161.4          |
| O21-H···O6WB                                      | 0.82 | 2.09  | 2.90(2)   | 170.5          | C31-H···Cg2                            | 0.98 | 3.018 | 3.903     | 150.9          |
| O31-H···O6WB                                      | 0.82 | 2.29  | 3.07(2)   | 159.5          | O21-H···Cg2                            | 0.82 | 4.394 | 4.499     | 92.1           |
| O1E-H···O22 <sup>ii</sup>                         | 0.82 | 2.07  | 2.81(2)   | 150.2          | O37-H···Cg2                            | 0.82 | 3.930 | 4.520     | 132.0          |
| O62-H···O4W <sup>ii</sup>                         | 0.82 | 1.92  | 2.743(9)  | 175.3          | H <sub>2</sub> O-H <sub>2</sub> O/EtOH | 0.96 | 1.88  | 2.81(2)   | 161.7          |
| O23-H···Cl1                                       | 0.82 | 1.96  | 2.768(7)  | 170.5          | O1W-H1···O11W <sup>ii</sup>            | 0.96 | 2.11  | 2.96(2)   | 146.3          |
| O33-H···O6WA <sup>i</sup>                         | 0.82 | 2.22  | 2.972(12) | 152.3          | O1W-H2···O12W                          | 0.96 | 2.36  | 3.32(4)   | 172.2          |
| O63-H···Cl2 <sup>i</sup>                          | 0.82 | 2.03  | 2.846(7)  | 170.5          | O2W-H1···O6WA <sup>ii</sup>            | 0.96 | 1.90  | 2.785(13) | 151.5          |
| O5W-H2···O24 <sup>iii</sup>                       | 0.96 | 2.20  | 2.872(11) | 126.2          | O2W-H1···O6WB <sup>ii</sup>            | 0.96 | 2.26  | 3.02(2)   | 136.2          |
| O34-H···O1W <sup>iv</sup>                         | 0.82 | 2.52  | 3.120(15) | 131.0          | O3W-H1···O1E                           | 0.96 | 1.88  | 2.75(2)   | 149.1          |
| O35-H···O11W                                      | 0.82 | 2.06  | 2.87(2)   | 175.6          | O4W-H1···O10W                          | 0.96 | 2.04  | 2.79(2)   | 134.2          |
| O65-H···O3W                                       | 0.82 | 2.23  | 2.824(12) | 129.8          | O5W-H1···O4W                           | 0.96 | 2.06  | 2.784(13) | 131.0          |
| O2W-H2···O65                                      | 0.96 | 2.19  | 2.859(11) | 125.5          |  |      |       |           |                |

<sup>a</sup> Site occupancy factors (SOFs) are as follows:

10.4 water molecules distributed over 16 sites: 1.0 (O1W-O5W); 0.8 (O7W); 0.7 (O6WA, O8WA);

0.6 (O10W, O11W); 0.4 (O9W, O12W), 0.3 (O6WB, O8WB, O13W, O14W);

EtOH: 0.7 (O1E); one twofold disordered chloride: 0.5 (Cl1, Cl2)

<sup>b</sup> Equivalent positions: (i)  $x + 1, y, z$ ; (ii)  $-x + 1, y - 0.5, -z + 1.5$ ; (iii)  $x - 1, y, z$ ; (iv)  $-x + 1, y + 0.5, -z + 1.5$ .

<sup>c</sup> Cg1 = A-ring (C1M-C2M-C3M-C4M-C13M-C12M), Cg2 = B-ring (C6M-C7M-C8M-C9M-C15M-C14M)

(b)  $\pi\cdots\pi$  interactions in  $\beta$ -CD·MPL·HCl·0.7EtOH·10.4H<sub>2</sub>O (**2**) [ $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ].

| <i>Cg(I)</i> | <i>Cg(J)</i>                          | <i>Cg-Cg</i> | Alpha   | <i>CgI_Perp</i> | <i>CgJ_Perp</i> | Type         |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <i>Cg2</i>   | <i>Cg1</i>                            | 4.482(3)     | 61.4(3) | 2.241(2)        | 2.331(2)        | Edge-to-face |
| <i>Cg2</i>   | <i>Cg1(-x + 1, y + 0.5, -z + 1.5)</i> | 5.587(3)     | 60.4(3) | 1.280(2)        | 4.076(2)        | Edge-to-face |

Note:

- *Cg(I)* = Plane number *I*

*Cg1* = A-ring (C1M-C2M-C3M-C4M-C13M-C12M), *Cg2* = B-ring (C6M-C7M-C8M-C9M-C15M-C14M)

- Alpha = Interplanar angle between planes *I* and *J* [°]

- *Cg-Cg* = Distance between ring centroids [ $\text{\AA}$ ]

- *CgI\_Perp* = Perpendicular distance of *Cg(I)* on ring *J* [ $\text{\AA}$ ]

- *CgJ\_Perp* = Perpendicular distance of *Cg(J)* on ring *I* [ $\text{\AA}$ ]

### 3. Computational data

**Table S6.** Hydrogen bond parameters in  $\beta$ -CD–PRT and  $\beta$ -CD–MPL inclusion complexes from DFT full-geometry optimization [ $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ].<sup>a</sup>

| D–H…A                        | D–H  | H…A  | D…A  | $\angle(\text{DHA})$ | D–H…A                  | D–H  | H…A  | D…A  | $\angle(\text{DHA})$ |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|----------------------|------------------------|------|------|------|----------------------|
| $\beta$ -CD–PRT <sup>b</sup> |      |      |      |                      |                        |      |      |      |                      |
| $\beta$ -CD– $\beta$ -CD     |      |      |      |                      |                        |      |      |      |                      |
| O21–H…O37                    | 0.98 | 2.09 | 3.00 | 155.8                | $\beta$ -CD–PRT        |      |      |      |                      |
| O31–H…O22                    | 0.98 | 1.96 | 2.91 | 163.5                | C52–H…Cg2 <sup>c</sup> | 1.10 | 3.75 | 4.80 | 162.2                |
| O32–H…O23                    | 0.98 | 1.90 | 2.86 | 165.8                | C55–H…Cg2              | 1.10 | 4.61 | 3.56 | 161.6                |
| O24–H…O33                    | 0.98 | 2.11 | 2.95 | 143.6                | C31–H…Cg1 <sup>c</sup> | 1.10 | 4.49 | 3.46 | 157.1                |
| O34–H…O25                    | 0.98 | 1.95 | 2.91 | 167.0                |                        |      |      |      |                      |
| O35–H…O26                    | 0.98 | 1.91 | 2.87 | 167.2                |                        |      |      |      |                      |
| O27–H…O36                    | 0.98 | 1.95 | 2.92 | 167.0                |                        |      |      |      |                      |
| $\beta$ -CD–MPL <sup>b</sup> |      |      |      |                      |                        |      |      |      |                      |
| $\beta$ -CD– $\beta$ -CD     |      |      |      |                      |                        |      |      |      |                      |
| O21–H…O37                    | 0.98 | 2.05 | 2.98 | 158.3                | $\beta$ -CD–MPL        |      |      |      |                      |
| O61–H…O52                    | 0.98 | 2.03 | 2.93 | 151.4                | C51–H…Cg1 <sup>c</sup> | 1.10 | 3.93 | 4.98 | 160.7                |
| O22–H…O31                    | 0.98 | 1.95 | 2.90 | 160.6                | C31–H…Cg2 <sup>c</sup> | 1.10 | 3.37 | 4.30 | 143.5                |
| O32–H…O23                    | 0.98 | 1.91 | 2.88 | 167.0                |                        |      |      |      |                      |
| O24–H…O33                    | 0.98 | 2.01 | 2.90 | 151.2                |                        |      |      |      |                      |
| O25–H…O34                    | 0.98 | 1.98 | 2.93 | 163.5                |                        |      |      |      |                      |
| O65–H…O56                    | 0.98 | 2.12 | 2.97 | 144.5                |                        |      |      |      |                      |
| O26–H…O35                    | 0.98 | 1.98 | 2.94 | 165.9                |                        |      |      |      |                      |
| O27–H…O36                    | 0.98 | 2.05 | 3.00 | 162.5                |                        |      |      |      |                      |
| O67–H…O51                    | 0.98 | 1.99 | 2.90 | 153.8                |                        |      |      |      |                      |

<sup>a</sup> DFT energy minimization in vacuum at the B3LYP/6–31+G(d)/4–31G level, see also Figure 8 and Table 3.

<sup>b</sup> X-ray-derived structures are used as starting models.

<sup>c</sup> C/O–H… $\pi$  interactions with Cg1 and Cg2 as the centroids of A-ring (C1–C2–C3–C4–C13–C12) and B-ring (C6–C7–C8–C9–C15–C14), respectively.

**Table S7.** Stabilization and interaction energies of  $\beta$ -CD–PRT and  $\beta$ -CD–MPL, in comparison to other  $\beta$ -CD–TCA inclusion complexes from DFT full-geometry optimization.<sup>a</sup>

|   | $\beta$ -CD–PRT | $\beta$ -CD–MPL | $\beta$ -CD–NRT <sup>f</sup> | $\beta$ -CD–DPM <sup>g</sup> | $\beta$ -CD–AMT <sup>f</sup> | $\beta$ -CD–IPM <sup>g</sup> | $\beta$ -CD–CPM <sup>h</sup> | $\beta$ -CD–E–DXP <sup>h</sup> | $\beta$ -CD–Z–DXP <sup>h</sup> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| $E_{\text{cpx}}^{\text{b}}$                       | −5063.43953     | −5102.71021     | −5063.43343                  | −5080.72090                  | −5102.68430                  | −5119.98451                  | −5579.58468                  | −5138.63232                    | −5138.63454                    |
| $E_{\beta\text{-CD\_opt}}^{\text{c}}$             | −4272.96510     | −4272.96490     | −4272.96876                  | −4272.96328                  | −4272.96532                  | −4272.96689                  | −4272.98021                  | −4272.96876                    | −4272.97420                    |
| $E_{\text{D\_opt}}$                               | −790.46387      | −829.73394      | −790.45569                   | −807.75084                   | −829.71091                   | −847.00646                   | −1306.59775                  | −865.65107                     | −865.64700                     |
| $E_{\beta\text{-CD\_sp}}$                         | −4272.96318     | −4272.96412     | −4272.96673                  | −4272.96081                  | −4272.96295                  | −4272.96524                  | −4272.97744                  | −4272.96787                    | −4272.97340                    |
| $E_{\text{D\_sp}}$                                | −790.46371      | −829.73380      | −790.45534                   | −807.74992                   | −829.71070                   | −847.00618                   | −1306.59752                  | −865.64185                     | −865.63828                     |
| $\Delta E_{\text{stb}}$ [Hartree] <sup>d</sup>    | −0.01055        | −0.01137        | −0.00898                     | −0.00678                     | −0.00807                     | −0.01115                     | −0.00673                     | −0.01249                       | −0.01334                       |
| $\Delta E_{\text{stb}}$ [kcal mol <sup>−1</sup> ] | −6.62           | −7.13           | −5.64                        | −4.25                        | −5.06                        | −7.00                        | −4.22                        | −7.84                          | −8.37                          |
| $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$ [Hartree] <sup>e</sup>    | −0.01264        | −0.01228        | −0.01136                     | −0.01017                     | −0.01065                     | −0.01309                     | −0.00972                     | −0.02261                       | −0.02287                       |
| $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$ [kcal mol <sup>−1</sup> ] | −7.93           | −7.71           | −7.13                        | −6.38                        | −6.68                        | −8.21                        | −6.10                        | −14.19                         | −14.35                         |
| Host-guest interactions                           | C–H…π           | C–H…π           | C–H…π                        | C–H…π                        | C–H…π                        | C–H…π                        | C–H…π                        | C–H…π                          | C–H…π                          |

<sup>a</sup> DFT/B3LYP calculations in the gas phase with mixed basis sets 4–31G for C atoms and 6–31+G\* for H, N, O, F, Cl atoms were carried out using program GAUSSIAN09 [23].

X-ray-derived structures were used as starting models, see also Figure 8 and Table S6.

<sup>b</sup> Original unit of  $E$  is Hartree [1 H = 627.5 kcal mol<sup>−1</sup>].

<sup>c</sup>  $E_{\beta\text{-CD\_opt}}$  in vacuum of the uncomplexed  $\beta$ -CD–12H<sub>2</sub>O [21] is −4272.96662 H.

<sup>d,e</sup> Stabilization energy,  $\Delta E_{\text{stb}} = E_{\text{cpx}} - (E_{\beta\text{-CD\_opt}} + E_{\text{D\_opt}})$

Interaction energy,  $\Delta E_{\text{int}} = E_{\text{cpx}} - (E_{\beta\text{-CD\_sp}} + E_{\text{D\_sp}})$ ,

where  $E_{\text{cpx}}$ ,  $E_{\beta\text{-CD\_opt}}$  and  $E_{\text{D\_opt}}$  are the molecular energies from full optimization of complex, host  $\beta$ -CD and drug TCA in freebase form, respectively;

$E_{\beta\text{-CD\_sp}}$  and  $E_{\text{D\_sp}}$  are the corresponding single-point energies in the complexed states.

<sup>f</sup>  $\beta$ -CD inclusion complexes with NRT and AMT [8].

<sup>g</sup>  $\beta$ -CD inclusion complexes with DPM and IPM [12].

<sup>h</sup>  $\beta$ -CD inclusion complexes with CPM and E/Z-DXP [14].

**Table S8.** Dispersion-corrected interaction energies of eight  $\beta$ -CD–TCA inclusion complexes from DFT/B97D calculations.<sup>a</sup>

|   | $\beta$ -CD–PRT | $\beta$ -CD–MPL | $\beta$ -CD–NRT | $\beta$ -CD–DPM | $\beta$ -CD–AMT | $\beta$ -CD–IPM | $\beta$ -CD–CPM | $\beta$ -CD–E–DXP | $\beta$ -CD–Z–DXP | $\beta$ -CD–E–DXP <sup>d</sup> | $\beta$ -CD–E–DXP <sup>e</sup> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| $E_{\text{cpx}}^{\text{b}}$                       | −5060.33917     | −5099.58250     | −5060.33092     | −5077.61098     | −5099.55712     | −5116.84912     | −5576.47218     | −5135.48644       | −5135.49822       | −5138.76012                    | −5140.29332                    |
| $E_{\beta\text{-CD\_sp}}$                         | −4270.36980     | −4270.37381     | −4270.37339     | −4270.36722     | −4270.36849     | −4270.37598     | −4270.38452     | −4270.37939       | −4270.38342       | −4272.69870                    | −4274.02846                    |
| $E_{\text{D\_sp}}$                                | −789.90609      | −829.15065      | −789.89585      | −807.18526      | −829.12724      | −846.41818      | −1306.02383     | −865.05040        | −865.04513        | −866.00522                     | −866.21921                     |
| $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$ [Hartree] <sup>c</sup>    | −0.06328        | −0.05804        | −0.06168        | −0.05850        | −0.06139        | −0.05495        | −0.06383        | −0.05665          | −0.06967          | −0.05620                       | −0.04565                       |
| $\Delta E_{\text{int}}$ [kcal mol <sup>−1</sup> ] | −39.71          | −36.42          | −38.71          | −36.71          | −38.52          | −34.48          | −40.05          | −35.55            | −43.72            | −35.26                         | −28.65                         |

<sup>a</sup> DFT/B97D calculations in the gas phase with mixed basis sets 4–31G for C atoms and 6–31+G\* for H, N, O, F, Cl atoms were carried out using program GAUSSIAN09 [23]. DFT/B3LYP-optimized structures were used for single-point energy calculations, see also Table S7.

<sup>b</sup> Original unit of  $E$  is Hartree [1 H = 627.5 kcal mol<sup>−1</sup>].

<sup>c</sup> Interaction energy,  $\Delta E_{\text{int}} = E_{\text{cpx}} - (E_{\beta\text{-CD\_sp}} + E_{\text{D\_sp}})$ , where  $E_{\text{cpx}}$ ,  $E_{\beta\text{-CD\_sp}}$  and  $E_{\text{D\_sp}}$  are the single-point energies of complex, host  $\beta$ -CD and drug TCA in freebase form, respectively.

<sup>d,e</sup> Different basis sets 6-31G(d,p) and 6-311++G(2d,p) were used for single-point energy calculations of the  $\beta$ -CD–E–DXP complex.

**Table S9.** BSSE- and dispersion-corrected interaction energies of eight  $\beta$ -CD–TCA inclusion complexes from DFT/B97D calculations.<sup>a</sup>

|   | $\beta$ -CD–PRT | $\beta$ -CD–MPL | $\beta$ -CD–NRT | $\beta$ -CD–DPM | $\beta$ -CD–AMT | $\beta$ -CD–IPM | $\beta$ -CD–CPM | $\beta$ -CD–E–DXP | $\beta$ -CD–Z–DXP |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| $E_{\text{cpx\_BSSE}}^{\text{b}}$                       | −5060.32159     | −5099.56676     | −5060.31412     | −5077.59455     | −5099.53961     | −5116.83408     | −5576.45497     | −5135.47075       | −5135.47897       |
| $E_{\beta\text{-CD(cpx)\_sp}}$                          | −4270.37323     | −4270.37701     | −4270.37705     | −4270.37091     | −4270.37180     | −4270.37919     | −4270.38848     | −4270.38283       | −4270.38765       |
| $E_{\text{D(cpx)\_sp}}$                                 | −789.92015      | −829.16331      | −789.90927      | −807.19824      | −829.14144      | −846.43028      | −1306.03692     | −865.06269        | −865.06016        |
| $\Delta E_{\text{BSSE}}$ [Hartree] <sup>c</sup>         | 0.01758         | 0.01574         | 0.01681         | 0.01643         | 0.01751         | 0.01504         | 0.01721         | 0.01569           | 0.01926           |
| $\Delta E_{\text{BSSE}}$ [kcal mol <sup>−1</sup> ]      | 11.03           | 9.88            | 10.55           | 10.31           | 10.99           | 9.44            | 10.80           | 9.85              | 12.08             |
| $\Delta E_{\text{int\_BSSE}}$ [Hartree] <sup>d</sup>    | −0.04579        | −0.04218        | −0.04460        | −0.04184        | −0.04388        | −0.03965        | −0.04678        | −0.04092          | −0.05041          |
| $\Delta E_{\text{int\_BSSE}}$ [kcal mol <sup>−1</sup> ] | −28.73          | −26.47          | −27.99          | −26.25          | −27.54          | −24.88          | −29.35          | −25.68            | −31.63            |

<sup>a</sup> DFT/B97D calculations in the gas phase with mixed basis sets 4–31G for C atoms and 6–31+G\* for H, N, O, F, Cl atoms were carried out using program GAUSSIAN09 [23].

DFT/B3LYP-optimized structures were used for single-point energy calculations, see also Tables S7 and S8.

<sup>b</sup> Original unit of  $E$  is Hartree [1 H = 627.5 kcal mol<sup>−1</sup>].

<sup>c</sup> The basis set superposition error (BSSE) energy by counterpoise correction [24],  $\Delta E_{\text{BSSE}} = E_{\text{cpx\_BSSE}} - E_{\text{cpx}} = [E_{\beta\text{-CD\_sp}} - E_{\beta\text{-CD(cpx)\_sp}}] + [E_{\text{D\_sp}} - E_{\text{D(cpx)\_sp}}]$  where  $E_{\text{cpx\_BSSE}}$  and  $E_{\text{cpx}}$  are corrected and uncorrected complex energies, respectively.

<sup>d</sup> BSSE-corrected interaction energy,  $\Delta E_{\text{int\_BSSE}} = E_{\text{cpx}} - (E_{\beta\text{-CD(cpx)\_sp}} + E_{\text{D(cpx)\_sp}}) = \Delta E_{\text{int}} + \Delta E_{\text{BSSE}}$  where  $E_{\beta\text{-CD(cpx)\_sp}}$  and  $E_{\text{D(cpx)\_sp}}$  are energies of two components in the complex.

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