

Supporting Information

Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of New Bisphosphonate-Dextran Conjugates Targeting Breast Primary Tumor

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Determination of the degree of substitution (D.S.) in CarboxyMethyl (CM) groups of CMD 1

The CM content was determined on dried aliquots of dextran derivatives (25-45 mg) by acidimetric titration with NaOH solution in water/acetone mixture (1/1-v/v) acidified with 2N HNO₃. Two equivalence volumes were distinguished : the first one V_{eq1} corresponding to the equivalence of the excess of strong acid HNO₃; and the second one assigned to the equivalence of the weak carboxylic acid groups of CMD 1. Thus, the amount of CM functions per gram of polymer n_{CM} could be calculated by the relation (1) and was about 3.87±0.04 mmol.g⁻¹.

$$n_{CM} = (V_{eq2} - V_{eq1}) \times C_{NaOH} / m_{CMD} \quad (1)$$

The amount of remaining free hydroxyl groups n_{R-O-H} per gram of polymer must be determined by the equation (2).

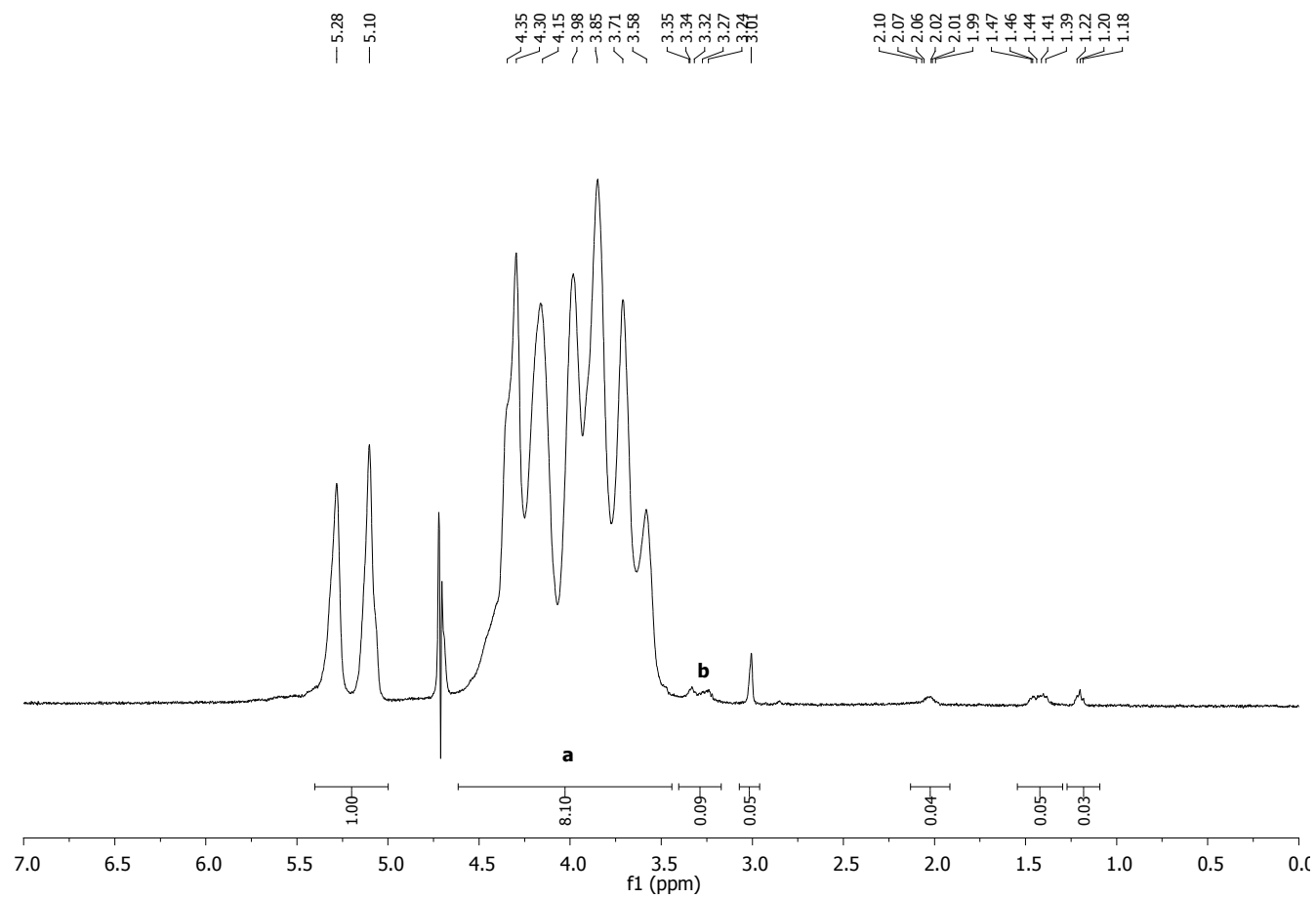
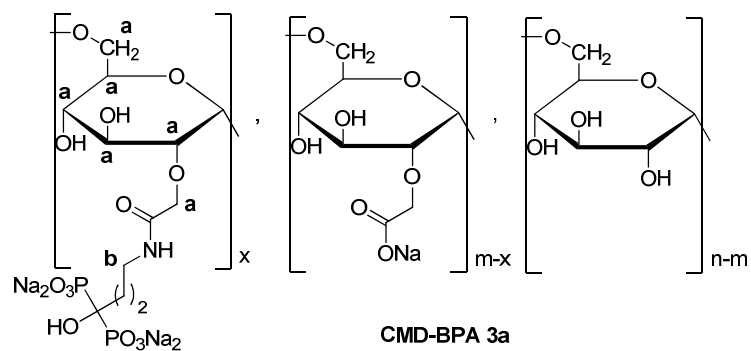
$$(n_{R-O-H} \times M_{R-O-H}) + (n_{CM} \times M_{R-O-CM}) = 1 \quad (2)$$

Besides, each glucosidic unit of the dextran macromolecule has a molecular weight of 162.16 Da. Each unit bears three hydroxyl groups on carbon atoms 2, 3 and 4 which could be replaced by a CM group. So, the average molecular weight of one glucosidic unit can be assimilated to three R-O-H subunits with M_{R-O-H} = 54.05 Da. When the hydrogen atom is replaced by a CM group, the molecular weight M_{R-O-CM} of the subunit is equal to 134.07 Da (CM = CH₂-COONa). Thus, equation (2) gave n_{R-O-H} = 8.90±0.09 mmol.g⁻¹. Finally, the D.S. of CMD 1 (0.91) could be determined by the equation (3).

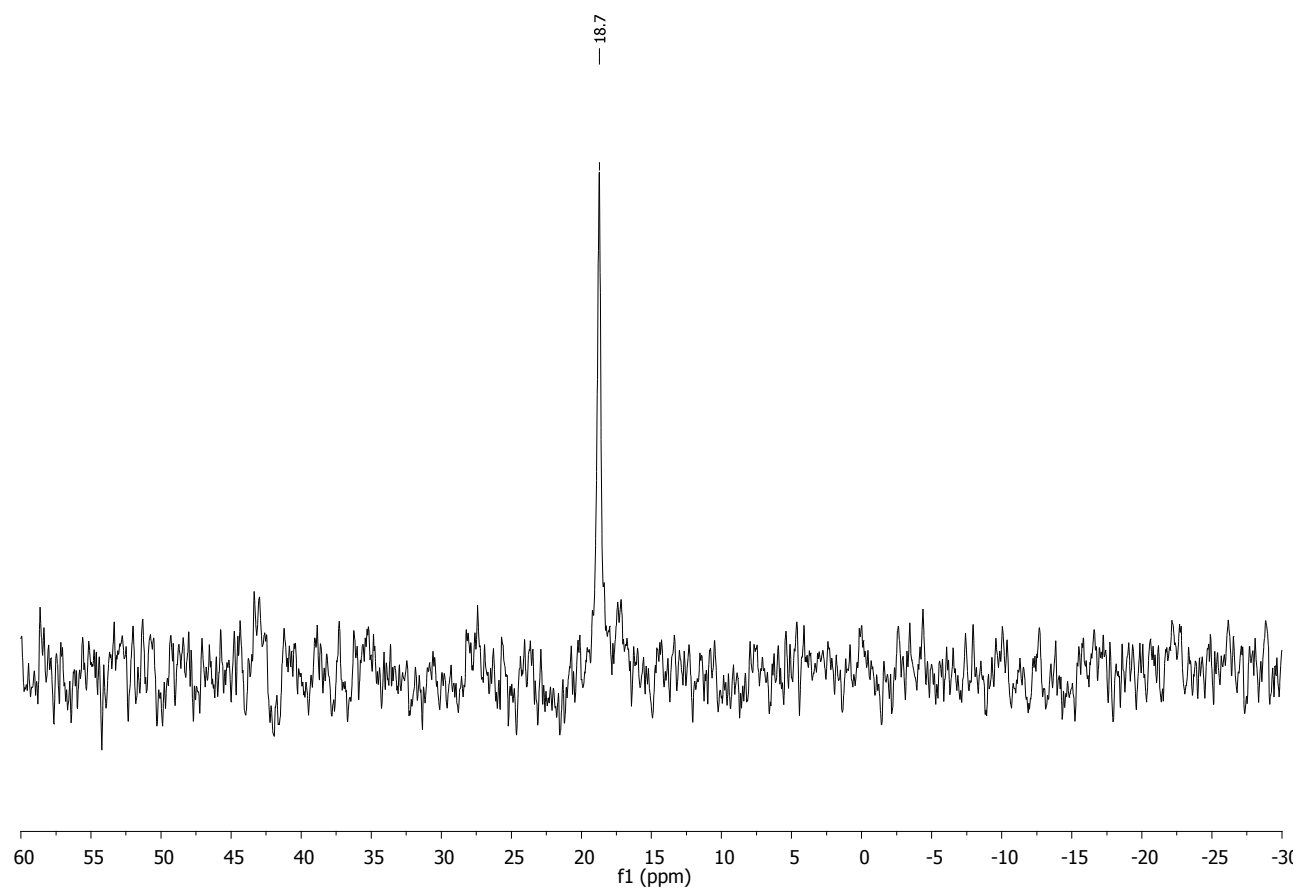
$$D.S. = (3 \times n_{CM}) / (n_{CM} + n_{R-O-H}) \quad (3)$$

NMR spectra :

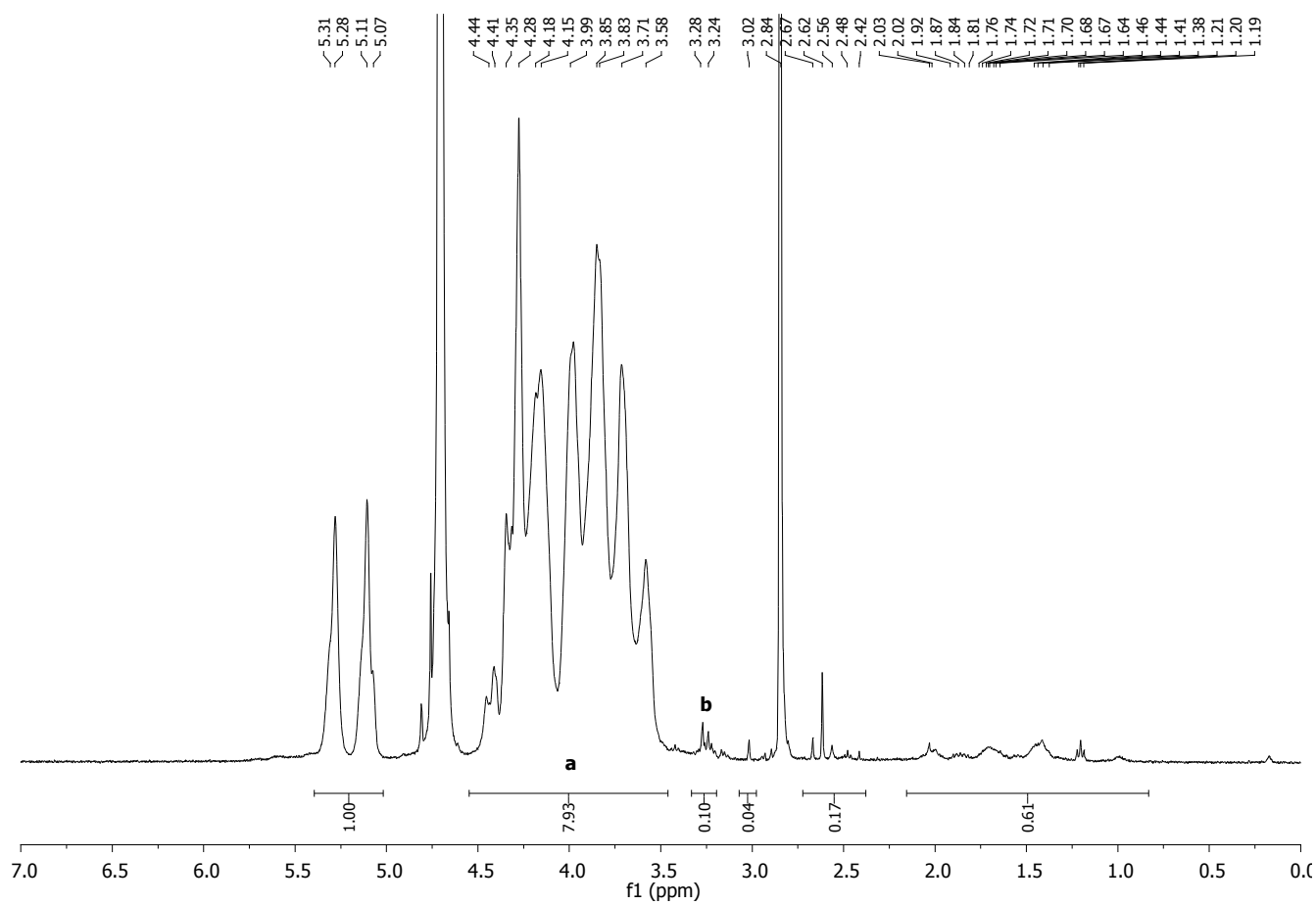
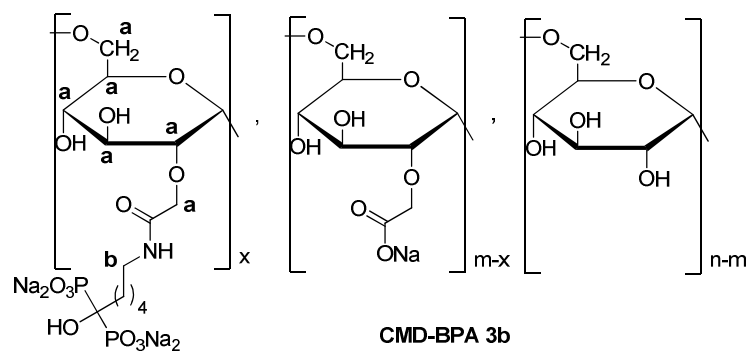
CMD-BPA2 3a – ¹H NMR



CMD-BPA2 3a – ^{31}P NMR



CMD-BPA3 3b – ^1H NMR



CMD-BPA3 3b – ^{31}P NMR

