

**A Host-Induced Intramolecular Charge-Transfer Complex and Light-Driven
Radical Cation Formation of A Molecular Triad with Cucurbit[8]uril**

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- I. ^1H NMR and COSY of triad 1 with different equiv CB[8].**
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- III. The electrochemical behavior of triad 1 and ligand 2 with CB[8]**
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I. ^1H NMR of triad **1** with different equiv CB[8]

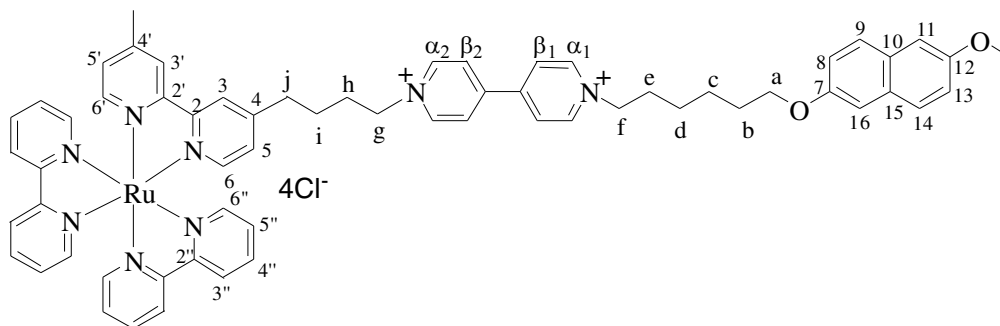


Chart S1. The structure of triad **1** and the labeling scheme for the ^1H NMR resonances

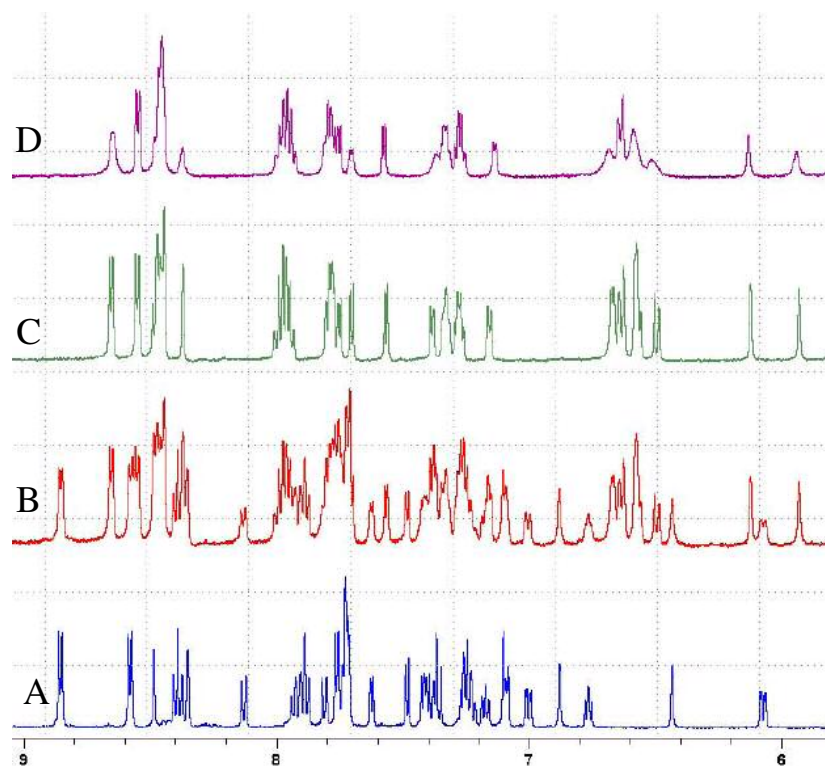


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectra (500 MHz, D_2O) of triad **1** in the absence (A), in the presence of 0.5 equiv.(B), 1 equiv. (C), 2 equiv. of CB[8](D).

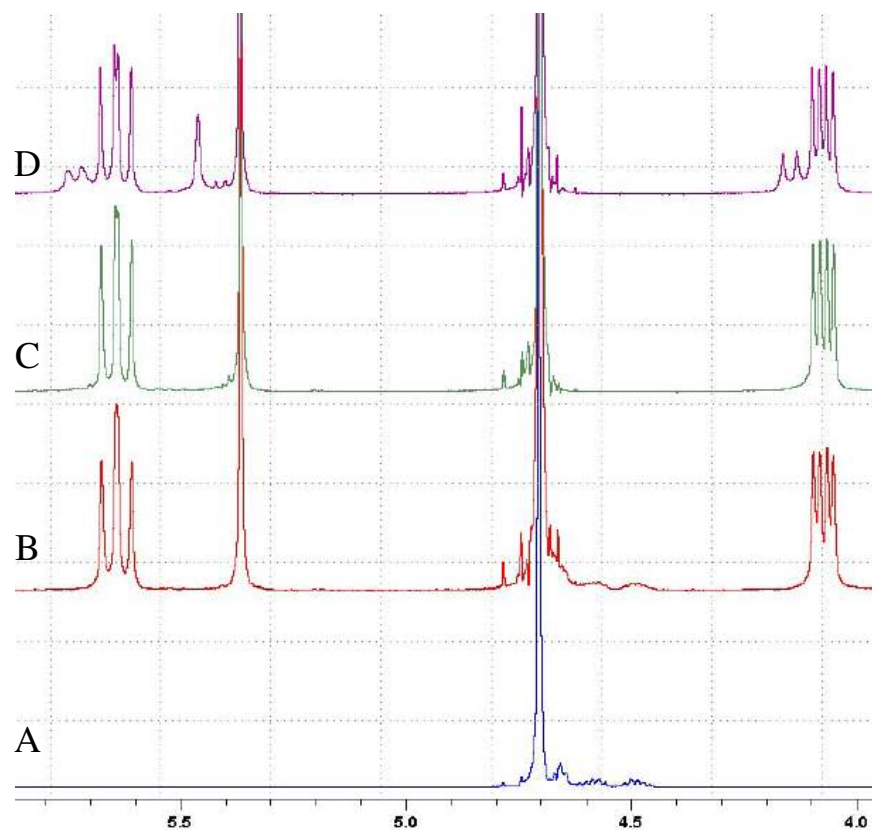


Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectra (500 MHz, D₂O) of triad **1** in the absence (A), in the presence of 0.5 equiv.(B), 1 equiv. (C), 2 equiv. of CB[8](D).

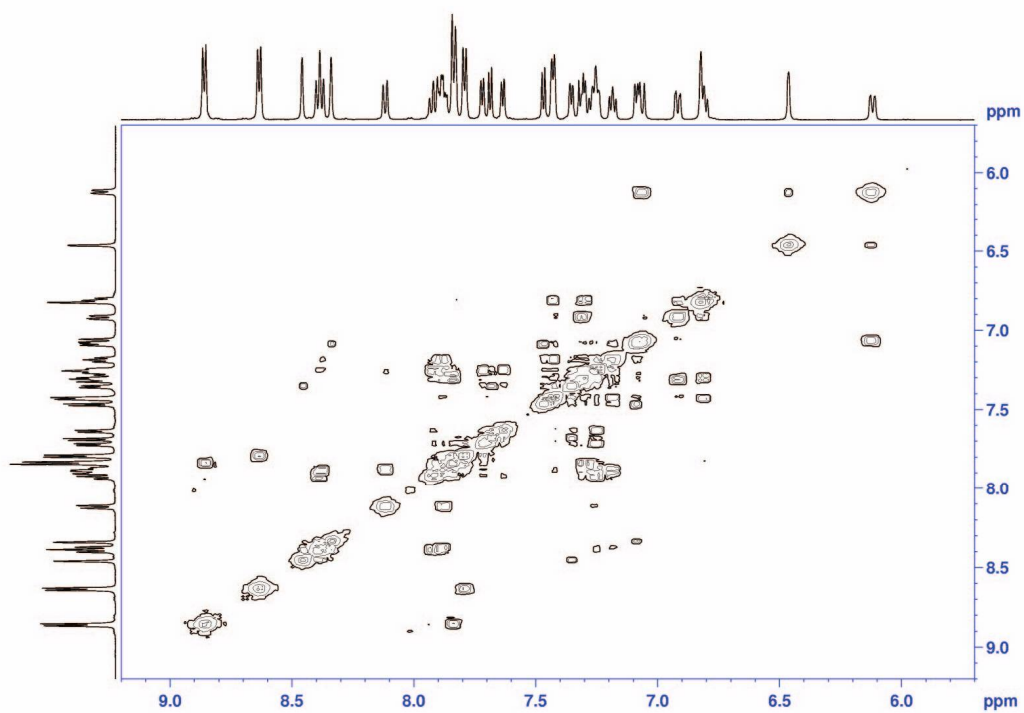


Figure S3. COSYGPSW spectra (500 MHz, D₂O) of triad **1** in the absence of CB[8], aromatic top region. See figure 2 for peak assignment.

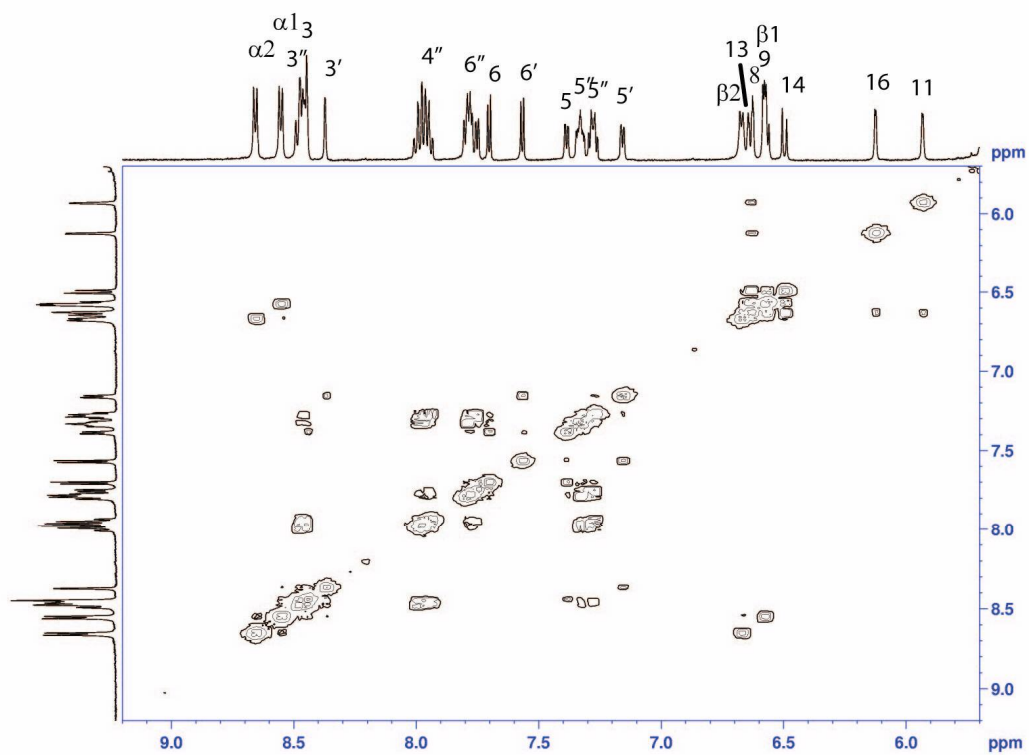


Figure S4. COSYGPSW spectra (500 MHz, D₂O) of triad **1** in the presence of 1 equivalent CB[8], aromatic top region.

II. ^1H NMR of ligand **2** with equivalent of CB[8]

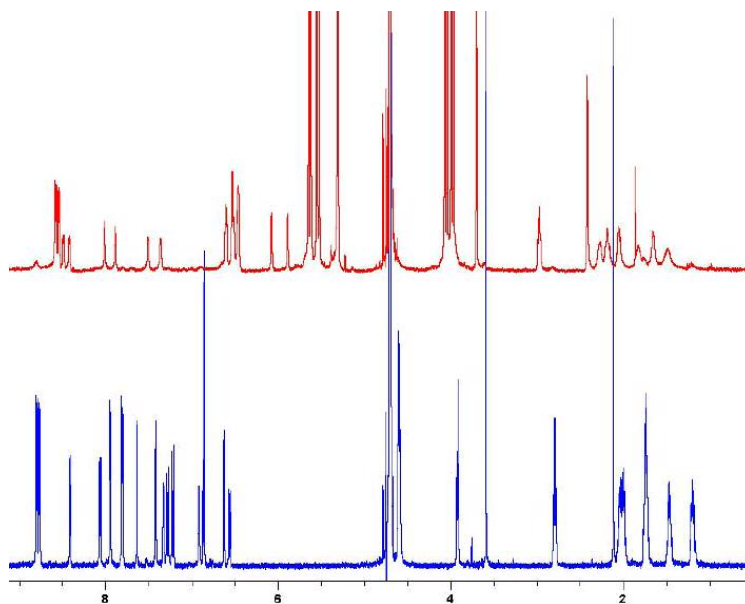
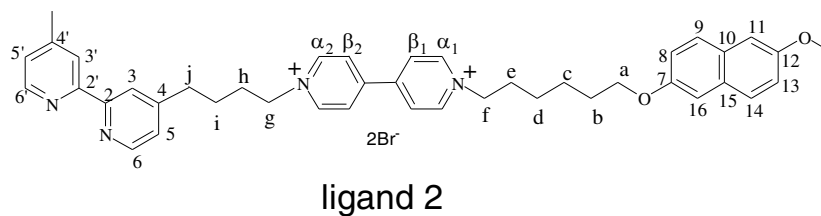


Figure S5. ^1H NMR spectra (500 MHz, D_2O) of ligand **2** in the absence (bottom), in the presence of 1 equiv (above) CB[8].

III. The electrochemical behavior of triad **1** with CB[8]

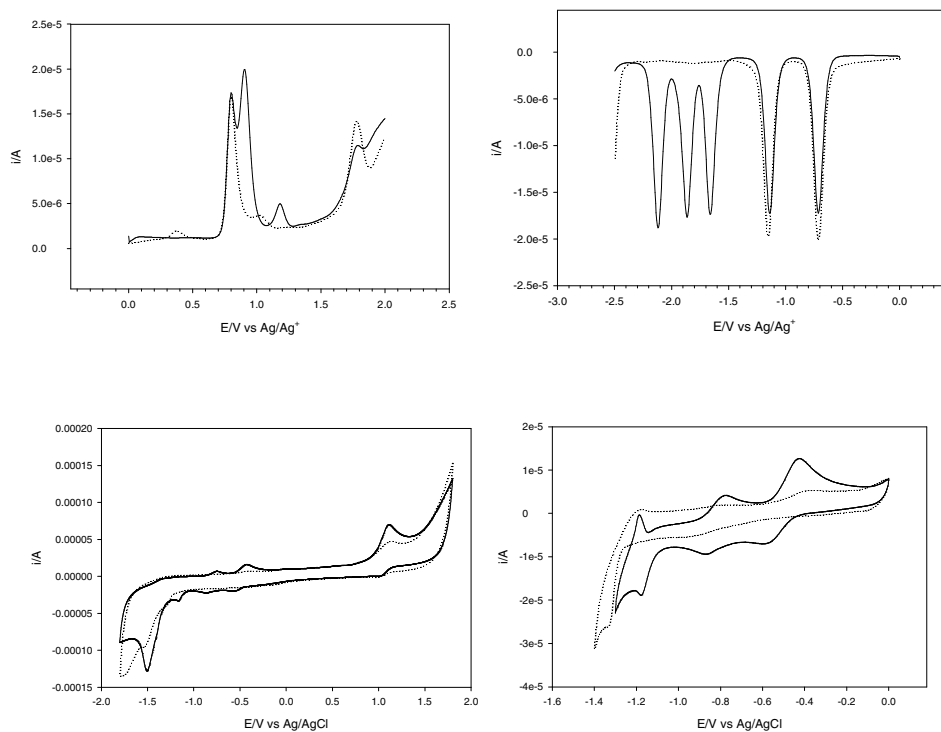


Figure S6. DPV curves (above, left: oxidation), DPV curves (above, right: reduction) of triad **1** (1×10^{-3} M) (solid line) and ligand **2** (1×10^{-3} M) (dashed line) in acetonitril, with Bu₄NPF₆ (0.1 M) as supporting electrolyte, glassy carbon disk as working electrode and Ag/AgCl as reference electrode. Cyclic voltammograms ($v=0.1$ V s⁻¹) of triad **1** (1×10^{-3} M) (bottom) in the absence (solid line) and in the presence (dashed line) of 1 equiv CB[8] in 0.1 M phosphate

buffered (PH 7.0) solution at room temperature, glassy carbon disk as working electrode, Ag/AgNO₃ as reference electrode, scan rate: $v=0.1 \text{ V s}^{-1}$.

IV. UV-Vis of triad 1 with CB[8]

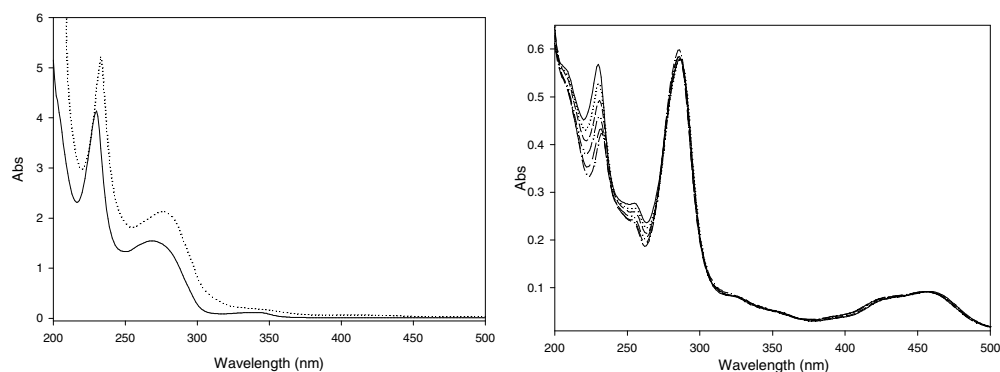


Figure S7. Absorption spectra of ligand **2** in the absence (left, solid line) and in the presence of 1.0 equiv (left, dashed line) of CB[8]. Absorption spectra of triad **1** in the absence (right, solid line) and in the presence of 0.2 equiv, 0.4 equiv, 0.6 equiv, 0.8 equiv, 1.0 equiv of CB[8] (right, dashed line) of CB[8].

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