

# Supporting Information

## Synthesis of Functional *meso*-Aryl Porphomono- and Porphodimethenes: Application to the Preparation of a Chiral Calix[4]phyrin Dimer.

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## 2°) Electrode preparation

PVC-membrane electrodes were prepared according to a procedure described in the literature.<sup>1</sup> In the present study, 0.7 mL THF was used to dissolve about 100 mg of a mixture containing 3 wt% of the ionophore considered in the study, 50 mol% (relative to the ionophore) of an anionic lipophilic additive (TDDMACl), of PVC and plasticizer (o-NPOE) in a 1: 2 (w/w) ratio. The resulting membranes obtained after evaporation of the solvent were mounted in the flow-through cell.

## 3°) Potentiometric measurements

The working solutions were prepared by diluting freshly prepared stock solutions ( $10^{-1}$  mol.L<sup>-1</sup>) of the anionic species with water. Linear concentration working range was measured in accord with the IUPAC recommendation.<sup>2</sup> The potentiometric selectivity coefficients were determined using the fixed interference method<sup>3</sup> where the concentrations of primary and interfering anions were  $10^{-2}$  M.

**Table S1.** Potentiometric properties of PVC-membranes based on selected calixphyrins<sup>a</sup>

Entry			bpFPC <b>4</b>	mpFPC <b>5</b>	mmNPC <b>7</b>
<b>1</b>	Nitrite	Working range, M	$10^{-5} - 10^{-1}$	$10^{-3} - 10^{-1}$	$10^{-2} - 10^{-1}$
		Sensitivity mV/dec	-40.5	-29	-40
<b>2</b>	Nitrate	Working range, M	$10^{-5} - 10^{-1}$	$10^{-4} - 10^{-1}$	$10^{-5} - 10^{-1}$
		Sensitivity mV/dec	-51.0	-41.5	-45.9
<b>3</b>	Acetate	Working range, M	$10^{-2} - 10^{-1}$	$10^{-3} - 10^{-1}$	$10^{-2} - 10^{-1}$
		Sensitivity mV/dec	-66.7	-34.3	-48.0
<b>4</b>	Lactate	Working range, M	$10^{-3} - 10^{-1}$	$10^{-3} - 10^{-1}$	$10^{-3} - 10^{-1}$

		Sensitivity mV/dec	-53.0	-30.8	-47.5
<b>5</b>	Benzoate	Working range, M	$10^{-5} - 10^{-1}$	$10^{-4} - 10^{-1}$	$10^{-5} - 10^{-1}$
		Sensitivity mV/dec	-54.7	-50.2	-61.3
<b>6</b>	Salicylate	Working range, M	$10^{-5} - 10^{-1}$	$10^{-4} - 10^{-1}$	$10^{-5} - 10^{-1}$
		Sensitivity mV/dec	-54.3	-49.1	-61.1

<sup>a</sup> PVC-membrane consisted of 3 wt % of receptor, 50 mol % relative to receptor of cationic lipophilic additive TDDMACl (tridodecylmethyl ammonium chloride), poly(vinyl chloride) and plasticizer *o*-NPOE (*o*-nitrophenyl octyl ether) in the ratio 1:2 wt %.

**Table S2.** Potentiometric properties of a PVC-membrane incorporating calix[4]phyrin **11**<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Working range, M	Sensitivity mV/dec
D-malic acid	$10^{-3} - 10^{-2}$	-28.5
L-malic acid	$10^{-4} - 10^{-1}$	-27

<sup>a</sup> PVC-membrane consisted of 3 wt % of receptor, poly(vinyl chloride) and plasticizer *o*-NPOE (*o*-nitrophenyl octyl ether) in the ratio 1:2 wt %.

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