## **Electronic Supporting Information**

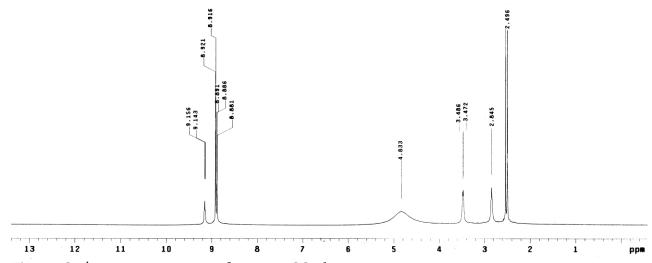
## Binding discrepancy of fluoride in quaternary ammonium and alkali salts by a tris(amide) receptor in solid and solution-states

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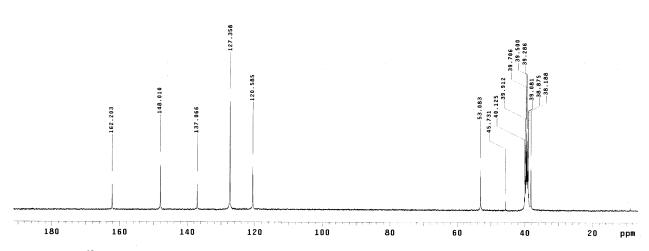
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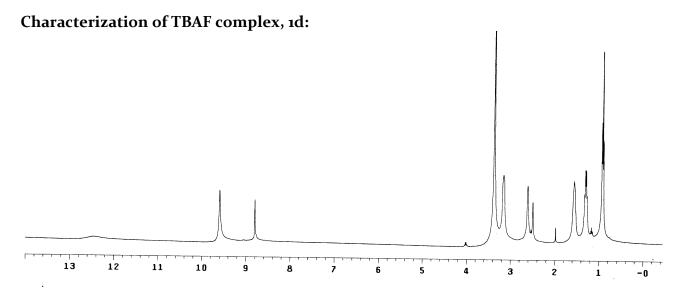
## Characterization of receptor L:



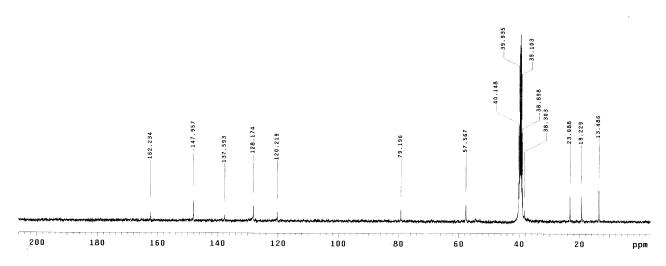
**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of L in DMSO- $d_6$  at 298 K.



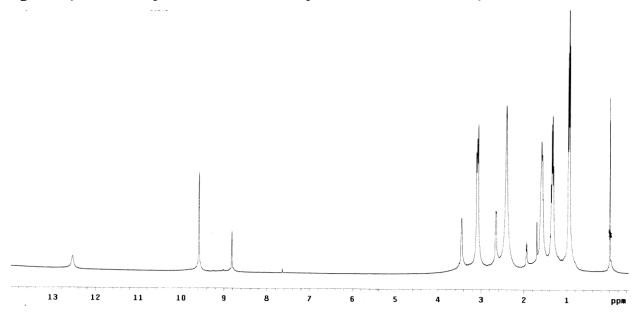
**Figure S2.**  $^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of L in DMSO- $d_6$  at 298 K.



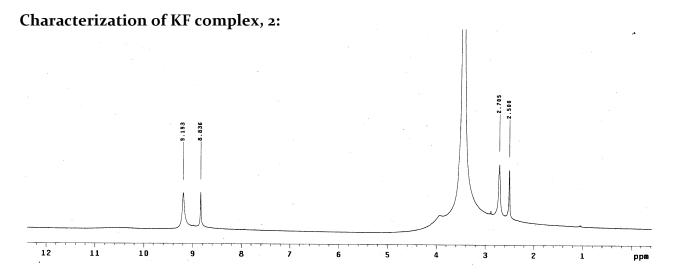
**Figure S3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of TBAF complex, **1d** in DMSO- $d_6$  at 298 K.



**Figure S4.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of TBAF complex, **1d** in DMSO- $d_6$  at 298 K.



**Figure S5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of TBAF complex, **1d** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN at 298 K.



**Figure S6.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of KF complex, **2** in DMSO- $d_6$  at 298 K.

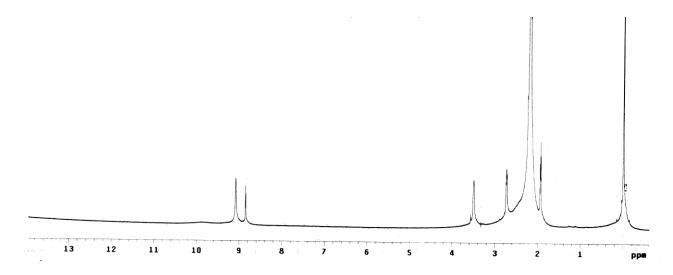


Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of KF complex, 2 in CD<sub>3</sub>CN at 298 K.

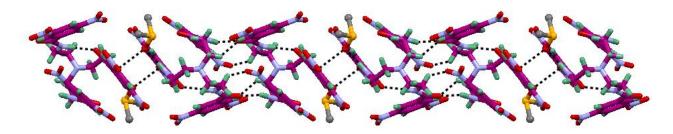
## Additional Crystallographic data:

**Table S1.** Crystallographic parameters and refinement details of L-DMSO, L-DMF and complexes 1d and 2.

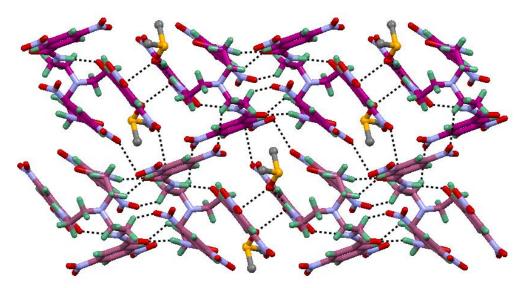
| Parameters  | L-DMSO                      | L-DMF                      | Complex 1d   | Complex 2                    |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Formula   | $C_{29}H_{30}N_{10}O_{16}S$ | $C_{30}H_{31}N_{11}O_{16}$ | C <sub>46</sub> H <sub>60</sub> FN <sub>11</sub> O <sub>16</sub> | $C_{27}H_{24}FKN_{10}O_{17}$ |
| Fw  | 806.70                      | 801.66                     | 1042.05  | 1858.21                      |
| Crystal system  | Triclinic                   | Monoclinic                 | Triclinic  | Triclinic                    |
| Space group   | P-1                         | $P_2 1/c$                  | P-1  | P-1                          |
| a/Å   | 11.2942(3)                  | 17.2139(6)                 | 10.1372(3)   | 11.2710(12)                  |
| b/Å   | 12.4744(4)                  | 11.1890(3)                 | 16.4160(5)   | 12.4543(13)                  |
| c/Å   | 12.8671(4)                  | 25.1968(7)                 | 17.3515(8)   | 12.8718(14)                  |
| $\alpha$ / $^{\rm o}$   | 84.723(2)                   | 90.00                      | 109.413(2)   | 84.825(6)                    |
| β/°   | 79.650(3)                   | 131.890(2)                 | 97.059(2)  | 79.744(6)                    |
| $\gamma/^{\rm o}$   | 88.404(2)                   | 90.00                      | 106.906(1)   | 88.329(6)                    |
| $V$ / $ m \AA^3$  | 1775.65(9)                  | 3612.8(2)                  | 2527.35(17)  | 1770.6(3)                    |
| Z   | 2                           | 4                          | 2  | 2                            |
| $D_{\rm c}/{ m g~cm^{-3}}$  | 1.509                       | 1.474                      | 1.369  | 1.536                        |
| $\mu \ \mathrm{Mo} \ K_{lpha}/\mathrm{mm}^{\scriptscriptstyle{-1}}$ | 0.180                       | 0.122                      | 0.107  | 0.246                        |
| T/K   | 298(2)                      | 298(2)                     | 180(2)   | 298(2)                       |
| $\theta$ max.   | 28.29                       | 28.390                     | 28.270   | 27.140                       |
| Total no. of reflections  | 13679                       | 49295                      | 26140  | 26731                        |
| Independent reflections   | 8734                        | 8991                       | 9814   | 7784                         |
| Observed reflections  | 7605                        | 4777                       | 7 <del>2</del> 33  | 68 <sub>7</sub> 0            |
| Parameters refined  | 520                         | 516                        | 683  | 505                          |
| $R_1$ , $I > 2\sigma(I)$  | 0.0508                      | 0.0580                     | 0.0645   | 0.0838                       |
| $wR_2$ (all data)   | 0.1510                      | 0.2115                     | 0.2429   | 0.2728                       |
| $GOF(F^2)$  | 0.911                       | 1.023                      | 1.005  | 1.035                        |

Table S2. Hydrogen bond interactions involved in the crystal structures of L-DMSO.

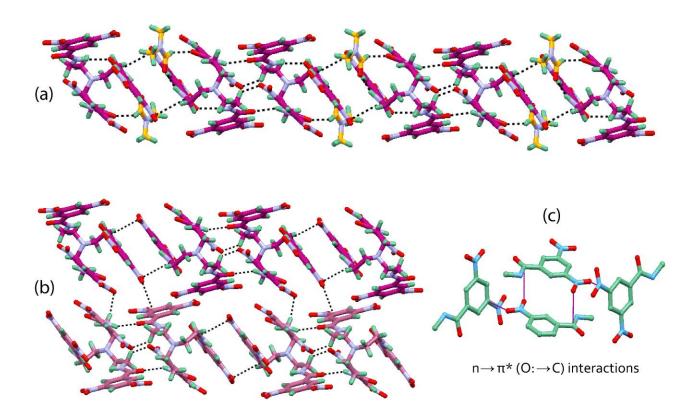
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|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|------------|
| L-DMSO                         | D-H···A           | <i>d</i> (H···A) | $d(D\cdots A)$ | <(D-H···A) |
| Intraligand interactions       | N8-H···O6         | 1.94(3)          | 2.891(3)       | 167(3)     |
|                                | C27-H···O6        | 2.46(2)          | 3.185(3)       | 134(2)     |
|                                | $C_1g\cdots C_2g$ |                  | 3.756          |            |
| Interactions with lattice DMSO | N5-HO16           | 1.98(3)          | 2.834(3)       | 157(2)     |
|                                | C14-HO16          | 2.34(2)          | 3.239(3)       | 161(2)     |
|                                | O16C2g            |                  | 3.532          |            |
| Interligand interactions       | N2-H···O11        | 1.98(3)          | 2.856(3)       | 134(2)     |
|                                | C1-HO11           | 2.70(2)          | 3.427(3)       | 132(1)     |
|                                | C20-H···O2        | 2.65(2)          | 3.127(4)       | 110(2)     |
|                                | C19-HO13          | 2.64(2)          | 3.309(3)       | 125(2)     |
|                                | C19-HO15          | 2.66(2)          | 3.530(4)       | 148(2)     |
|                                | O8…C24            |                  | 3.169(3)       |            |
|                                | O5···C12          |                  | 3.023(3)       |            |
|                                | O12···N3          |                  | 2.987(3)       |            |
|                                | 01203             |                  | 3.007(3)       |            |



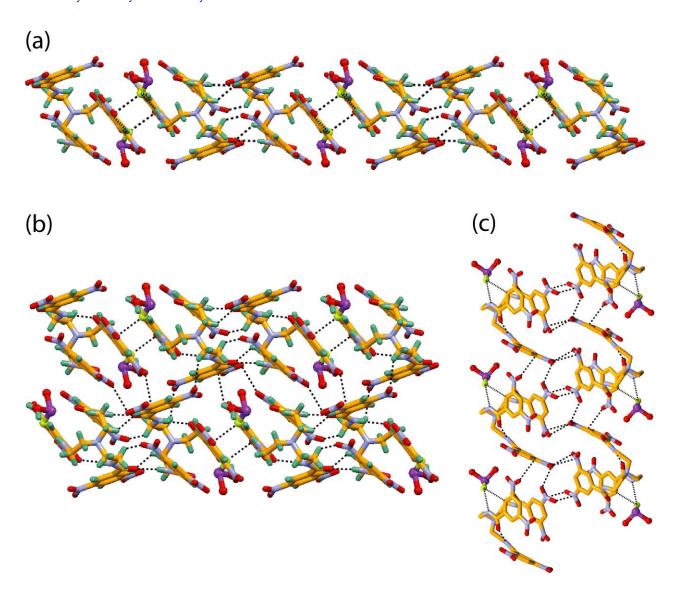
**Figure S8**. Solvent bridged 1D chain in L-DMSO diagonally along ac-axis.



**Figure S9**. Crystal packing of L-DMSO as viewed down the *a*-axis showing the H-bonding and electron donor-acceptor interactions between two adjacent solvent-bridged 1D chains of receptor molecules.



**Figure S10.** (a) Solvent bridged 1D chain of L-DMF along c-axis. (b) Crystal packing of L-DMF as viewed down the b-axis showing the intermolecular H-bonding and electron donor-acceptor interactions between two adjacent 1D chains of receptor molecules (Lattice DMF molecules are omitted for clarity). (c) Magnified view of the  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  (O: $\rightarrow$ C) electron donor-acceptor interactions between the adjacent receptor molecules in L-DMF.



**Figure S11.** (a) H-bonded KF(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub> bridged 1D chain of **L** in **2** diagonally along *ac*-axis. (b) Crystal packing of **2** as viewed down the *a*-axis showing the H-bonding and electron donor-acceptor interactions between two adjacent 1D chains of receptor molecules. (c) View of the  $n\rightarrow\pi^*$  (O: $\rightarrow$ N/C) electron donor-acceptor interactions between the adjacent 1D chains.

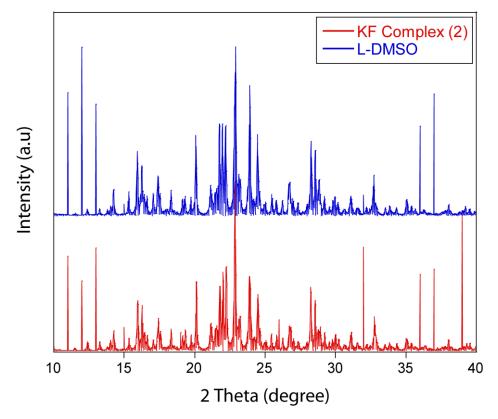
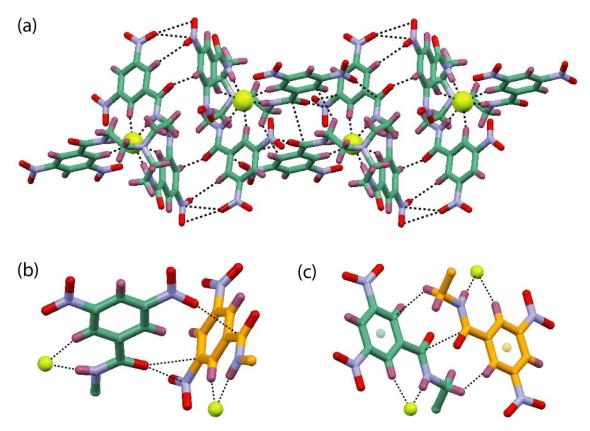
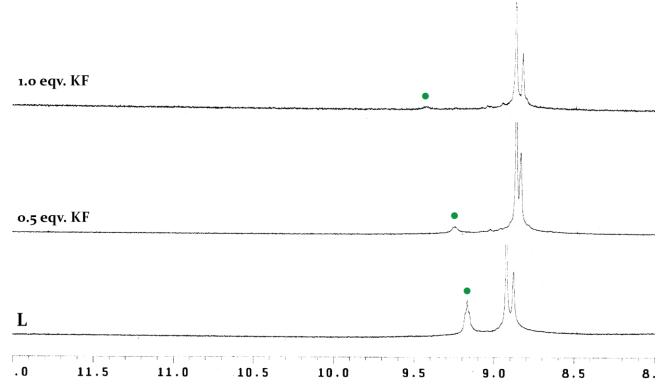


Figure S12. Simulated PXRD patterns of isostructural L-DMSO and KF complex (2).



**Figure S13**. (a) H-bonding and electron donor-acceptor interactions  $(n \rightarrow \pi^*/n \rightarrow \pi^*(k))$  and  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  between two F<sup>-</sup> encapsulated receptor dimers. (b) Magnified view of the  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  (C: $\rightarrow$ C) interactions. (c) Magnified view of the aliphatic C-H••• $\pi$  and  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  (C: $\rightarrow$ C) interactions.



**Figure S14.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR titration of L with KF in DMSO- $d_6$  at 298 K, showing the downfield shift of amide –NH protons up to 1 equiv. of KF beyond which precipation occurs.