

Ratiometric fluorescence sensing of D-allulose using inclusion complex of γ -cyclodextrin with benzoxaborole-based probe

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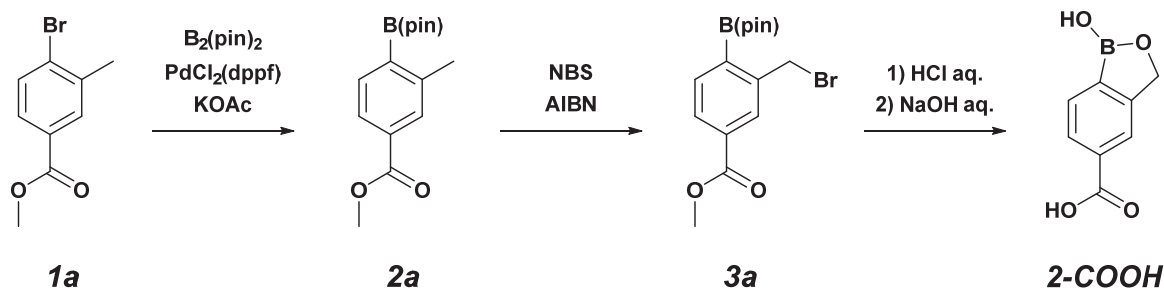
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Experimental details

Reagents

Methyl 4-bromo-3-methylbenzoate (**1a**, Tokyo Chemical Industries), bis(pinacolato)diboron (Tokyo Chemical Industries), potassium acetate (Fujifilm Wako Chemicals), Pd(dppf)Cl₂·CH₂Cl₂ (Tokyo Chemical Industries), n-bromosuccinimide (NBS, Fujifilm Wako Chemicals), 2,2'-azobis(isobutyronitrile) (AIBN, Fujifilm Wako Chemicals), hydrochloric acid (Fujifilm Wako Chemicals), sodium hydroxide (Fujifilm Wako Chemicals), 1-aminopyrene (Tokyo Chemical Industries), 4-(4,6-dimethoxy-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)-4-methylmorpholinium chloride (DMT-MM, Tokyo Chemical Industries), 1,3-dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborole-6-carboxylic acid (**1-COOH**, Toronto Research Chemicals), all dehydrated solvents (Kanto Chemical Industry), silica-gel 60 (Merck Millipore), magnesium sulfate (Fujifilm Wako Chemicals), dimethyl sulfoxide-d₆ (DMSO-d₆, Kanto Chemical Industry), deuterium oxide (D₂O, Kanto Chemical Industry), and 35% deuterium chloride solution in D₂O (35% DCl, Fujifilm Wako Chemicals) were used as received from commercial resources. 1,3-dihydro-1-hydroxy-2,1-benzoxaborole-5-carboxylic acid (**2-COOH**) was synthesised according to the literature method.¹ Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO, Luminasol®, Dojindo Laboratories), 50% sodium hydroxide solution (super special grade, Fujifilm Wako Chemicals), sodium chloride (Fujifilm Wako Chemicals), disodium hydrogen phosphate (Fujifilm Wako Chemicals), β-cyclodextrin (Kanto Chemical Industry), γ-cyclodextrin (Kanto Chemical Industry), D-fructose (Fujifilm Wako Chemicals), D-glucose (Fujifilm Wako Chemicals), D-galactose (Fujifilm Wako Chemicals), D-allulose (Tokyo Chemical Industries) and milli-Q water were used for spectroscopic measurements.

Synthesis of **2-COOH**



Scheme S1. Synthetic routes of **2-COOH**.

2-COOH was synthesised by following to the literature method.¹

Preparing a sample solution for the measurement of nuclear overhauser effect spectroscopy (NOESY) spectrum

The pD of D₂O solution containing 10 mM carbonate buffer was adjusted with 35% DCl. The pH value read by the pH meter (pH_{read}) was corrected to pD value according to the equation: pD = pH_{read} + 0.4.² γ -cyclodextrin was dissolved in the buffered D₂O solution. 0.48 mL of the γ -cyclodextrin D₂O solution and 0.12 mL of 10 mM probe DMSO-d₆ solution were mixed.

NMR spectra

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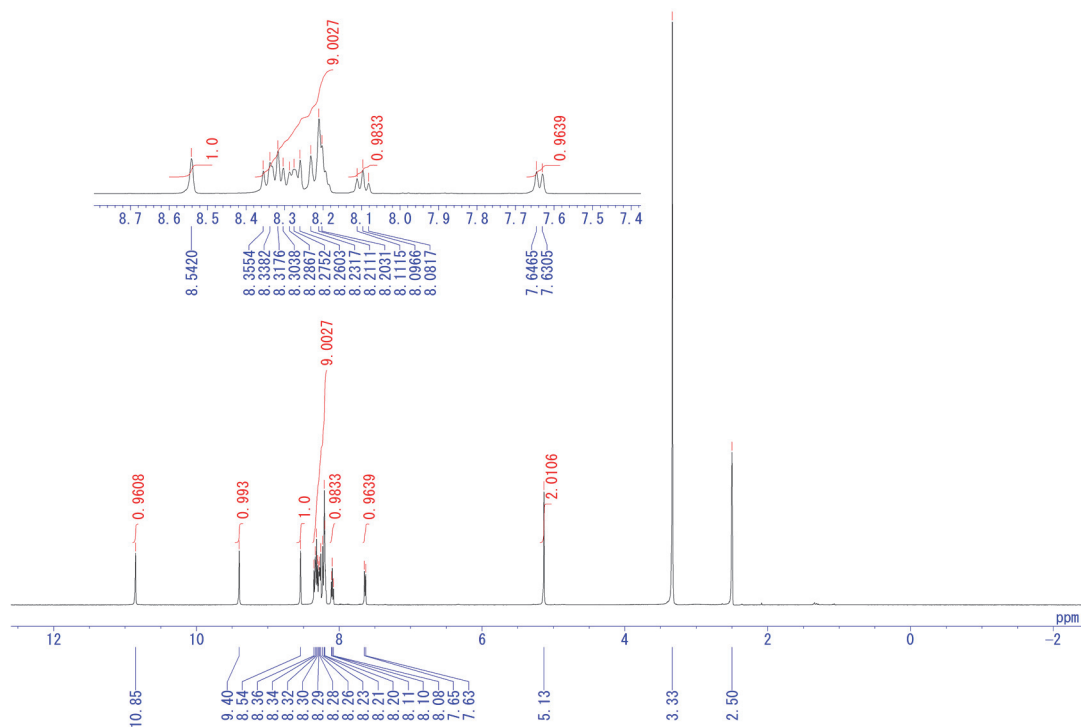


Figure S1-1. ¹H NMR spectrum of **1** in DMSO-d₆.

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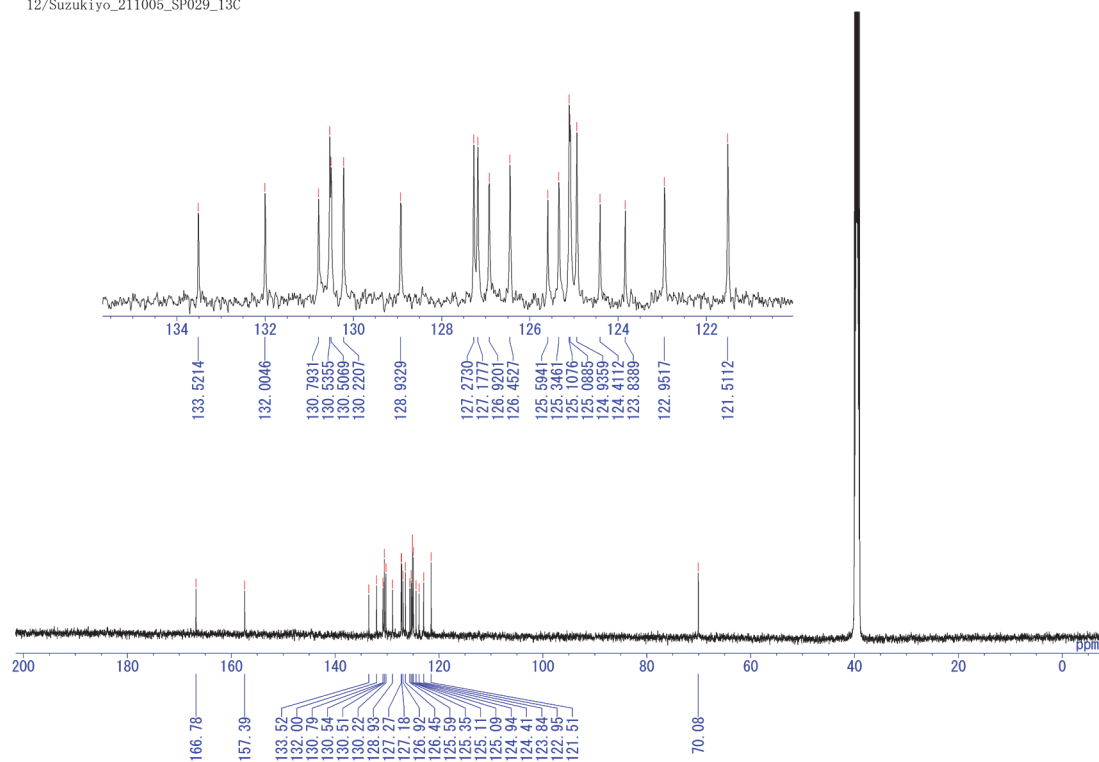


Figure S1-2. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **1** in DMSO-d₆.

UV-vis absorption and fluorescence spectra in the presence of β - or γ -cyclodextrin

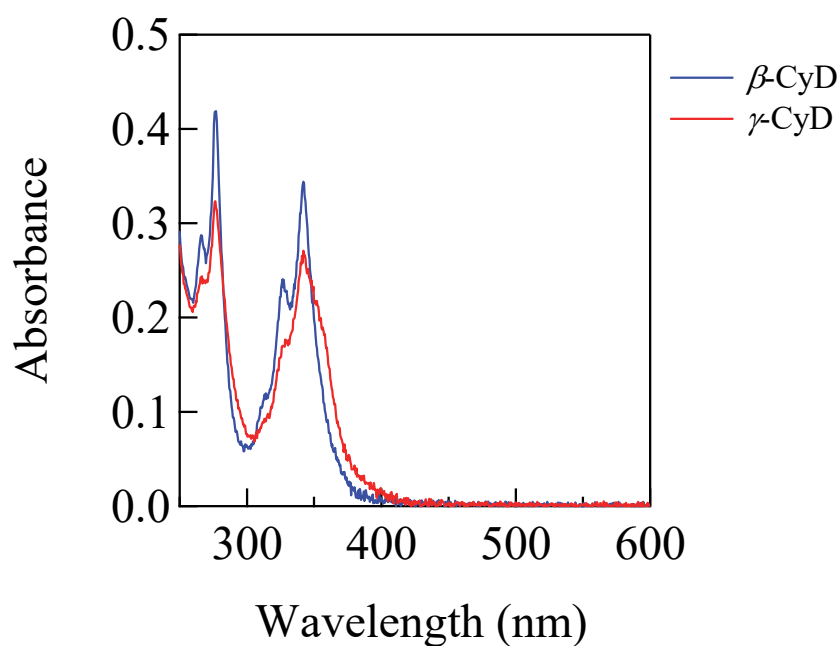


Figure S2-1. UV-vis absorption spectra of **1** (10.3 μ M) in the presence of 5 mM β -CyD (blue) and γ -CyD (red) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): 10 mM of phosphate buffer, pH = 9, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and $I = 0.10$ M.

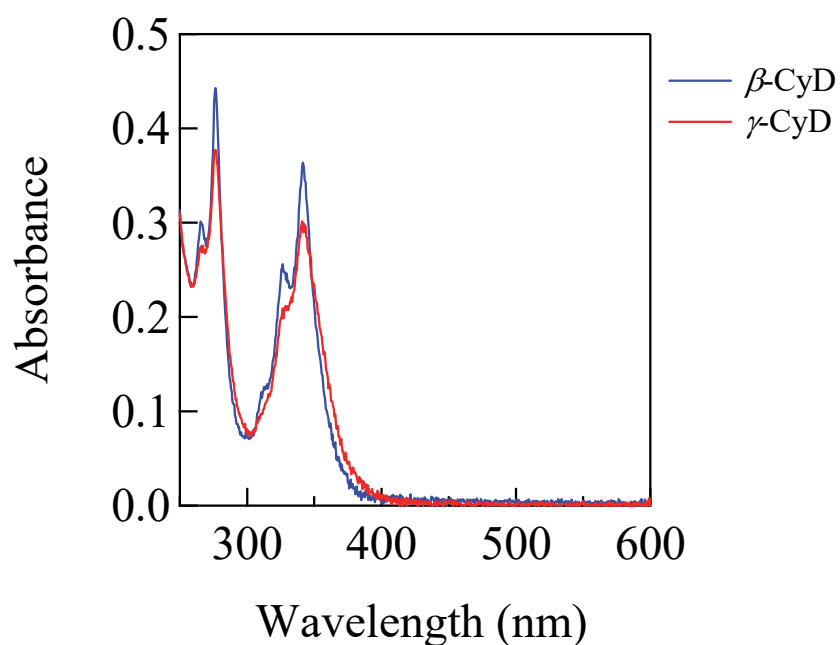


Figure S2-2. UV-vis absorption spectra of **2** (11.3 μ M) in the presence of 5 mM β -CyD (blue) and γ -CyD (red) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): 10 mM of phosphate buffer, pH = 9, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and $I = 0.10$ M.

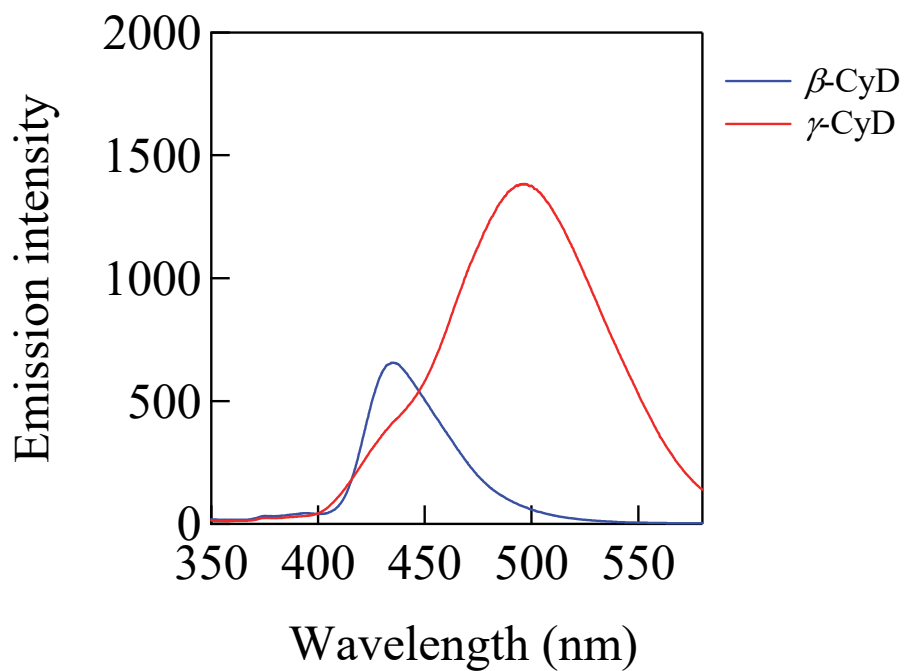


Figure S3-1. Fluorescence spectra of **1** (10.3 μM) in the presence of 5 mM β-CyD (blue) and γ-CyD (red) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): 10 mM of phosphate buffer, pH = 9, $T = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$, $I = 0.10 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 305 \text{ nm}$.

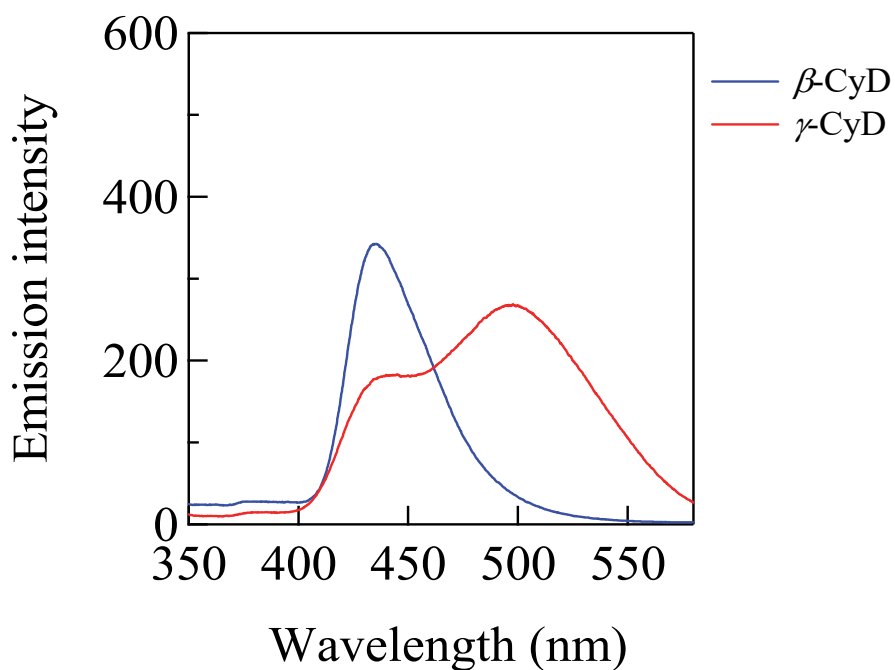


Figure S3-2. Fluorescence spectra of **2** (11.3 μM) in the presence of 5 mM β-CyD (blue) and γ-CyD (red) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): 10 mM of phosphate buffer, pH = 9, $T = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$, $I = 0.10 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 305 \text{ nm}$.

TD-DFT calculation

All density functional theory (DFT) and time-dependent density functional theory (TD-DFT) calculations were carried out using the Gaussian16W program³ package at the b3lyp/6-31+G(d) level with applying the polarizable continuum model (PCM) to consider the solvent effect (water). The ground-state geometries were obtained by optimization calculation and confirmed the absence of imaginary frequencies by vibrational frequency calculation. All structure graphics and molecular orbitals were generated by GaussView6.⁴

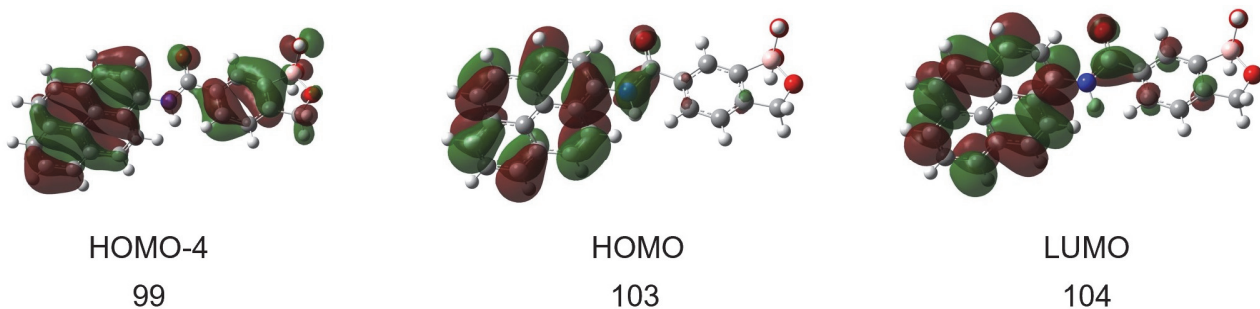


Figure S4-1. Electron orbital maps for selected energy levels of **1**.

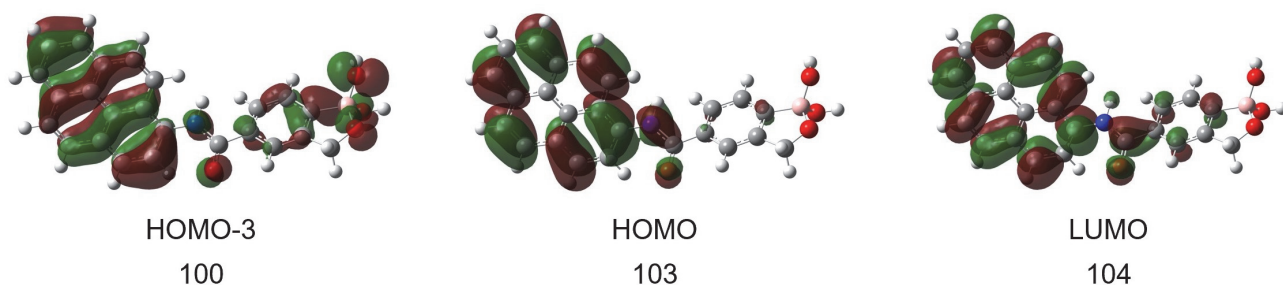


Figure S4-2. Electron orbital maps for selected energy levels of **2**.

Table S1. Singlet electronic excitation energies together with composition and character based on the optimized ground state geometries of **1** and **2**.

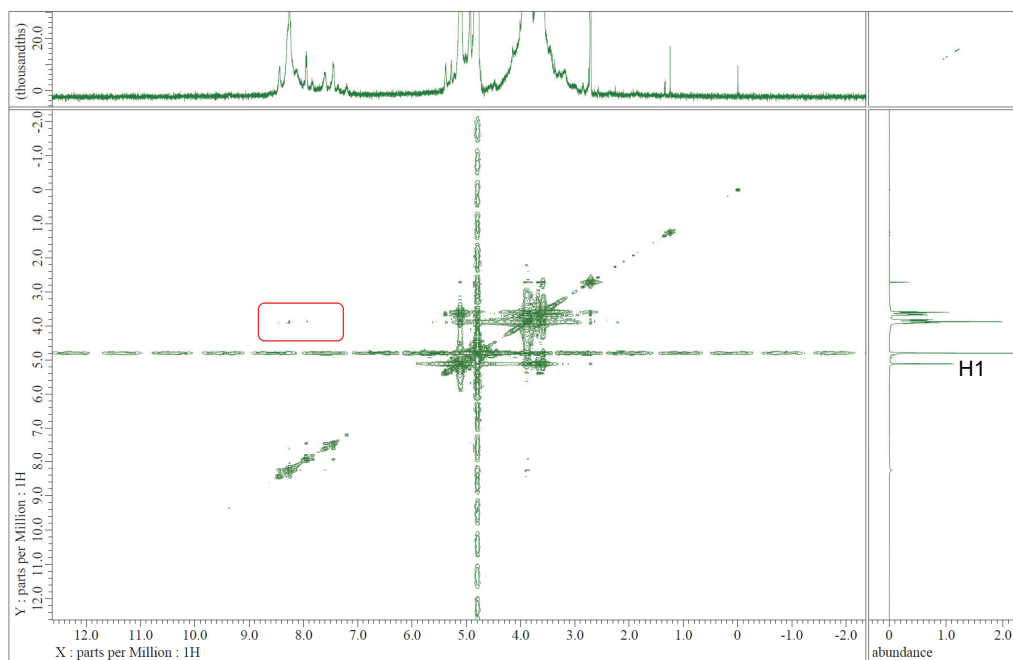
	Transition (OS) ^a	Energy / eV (nm)	State (Contribution)	Composition	Character
1	S ₁ (0.7309)	3.27 (379)	103 → 104 (94.5%)	HOMO → LUMO	π-π* (pyrene)
	S ₈ (0.2274)	4.31 (288)	99 → 104 (44.5%)	HOMO - 4 → LUMO	ICT (benzoxaborole→pyrene) ^b π-π* (pyrene)
2	S ₁ (0.7363)	3.26 (380)	103 → 104 (94.6%)	HOMO → LUMO	π-π* (pyrene)
	S ₇ (0.2086)	4.30 (289)	100 → 104 (50.0%)	HOMO - 3 → LUMO	ICT (benzoxaborole→pyrene) ^b π-π* (pyrene)

^a OS means oscillator strength.

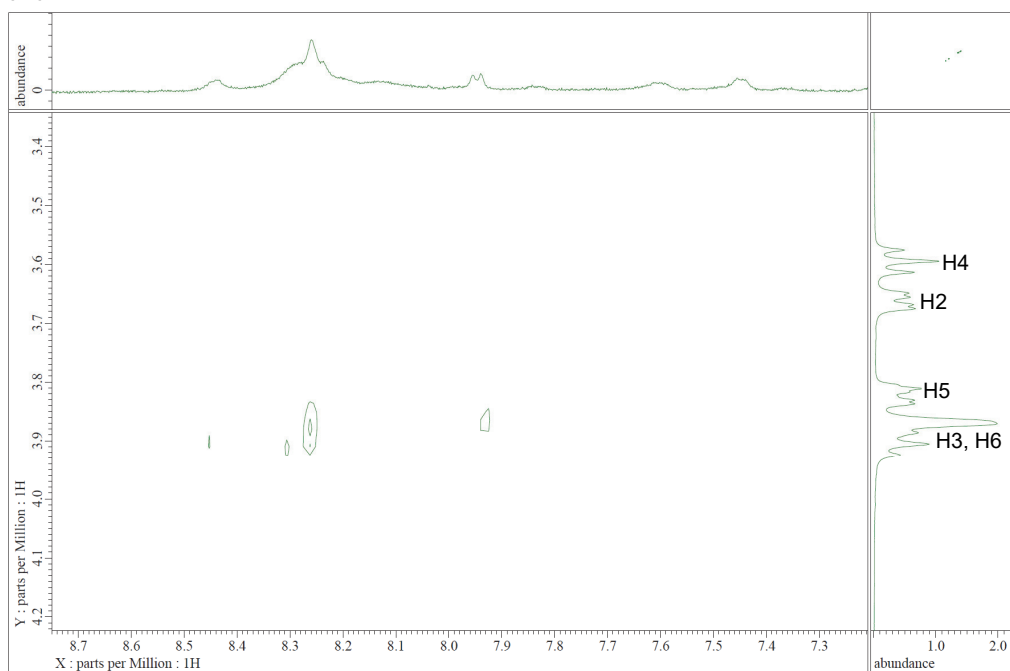
^b ICT denotes intramolecular charge transfer.

NOESY spectrum

(a)



(b)



(c)

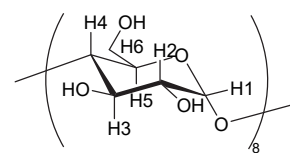


Figure S5. (a) NOESY spectrum of **1** with γ -CyD in a mixed solvent of 0.12 mL DMSO- d_6 and 0.48 mL D_2O (10 mM carbonate buffer, pD 10.6): $C_{\text{probe}} = 2.22$ mM, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 10.4$ mM, $T = 23.8^\circ\text{C}$, 64 scans, acquisition time: 0.1364 sec, relaxation delay: 1.5 sec, mixing time: 0.2 seconds. (b) Enlarged spectrum of Fig. S5a. (c) The structure of γ -CyD.⁵

pH dependence of UV-vis absorption spectra

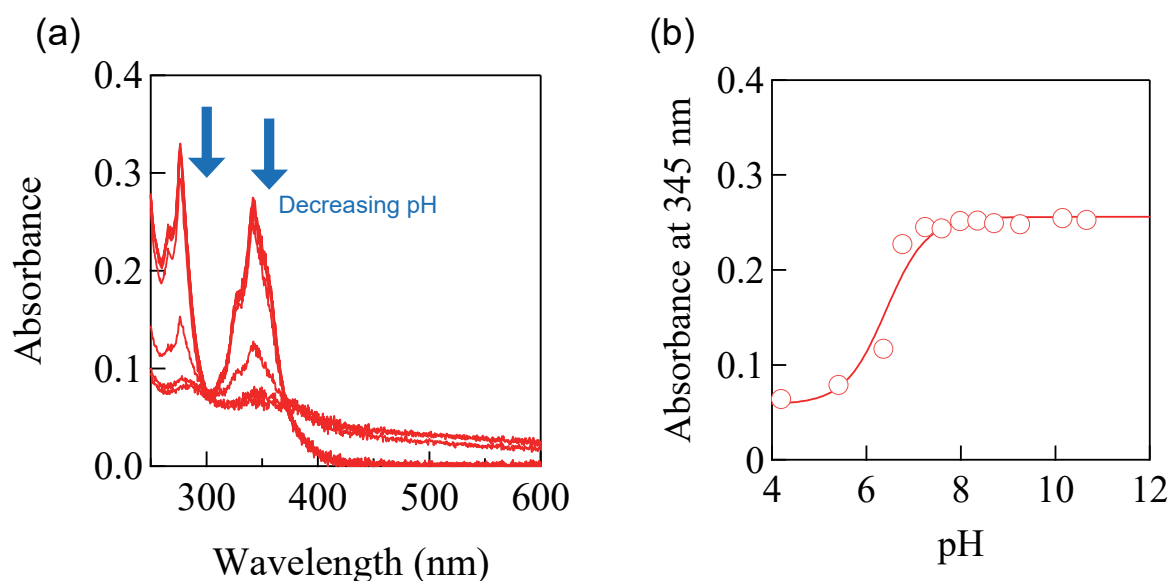


Figure S6-1. (a) UV-vis absorption spectra of $1\gamma\text{CyD}$ under various pH conditions and (b) change in absorbance at 345 nm in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 10.3 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and $l = 0.10 \text{ M}$.

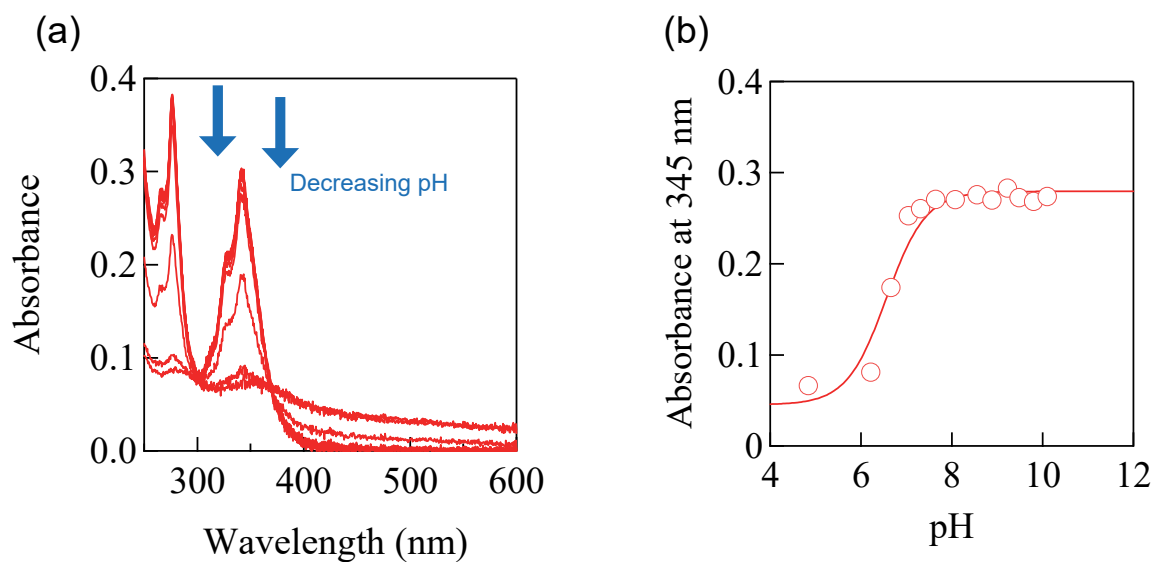


Figure S6-2. (a) UV-vis absorption spectra of $2\gamma\text{CyD}$ under various pH conditions and (b) change in absorbance at 345 nm in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 11.3 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and $l = 0.10 \text{ M}$.

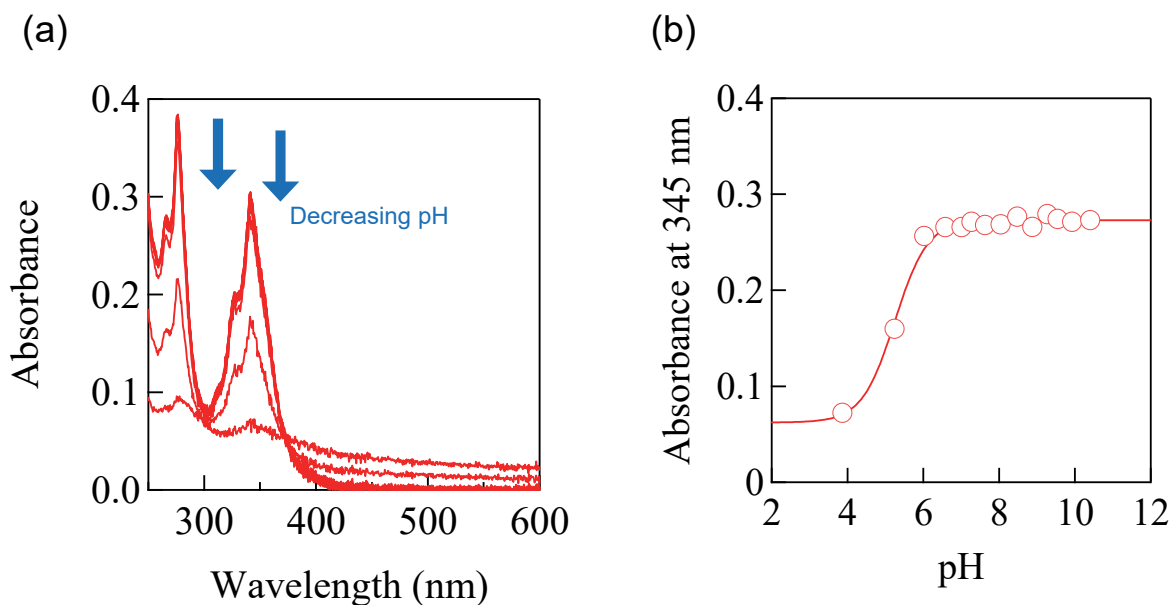


Figure S7-1. (a) UV-vis absorption spectra of $1/\gamma\text{CyD}$ under various pH conditions and (b) change in absorbance at 345 nm in the presence of D-fructose (30.0 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 10.3 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and $l = 0.10 \text{ M}$.

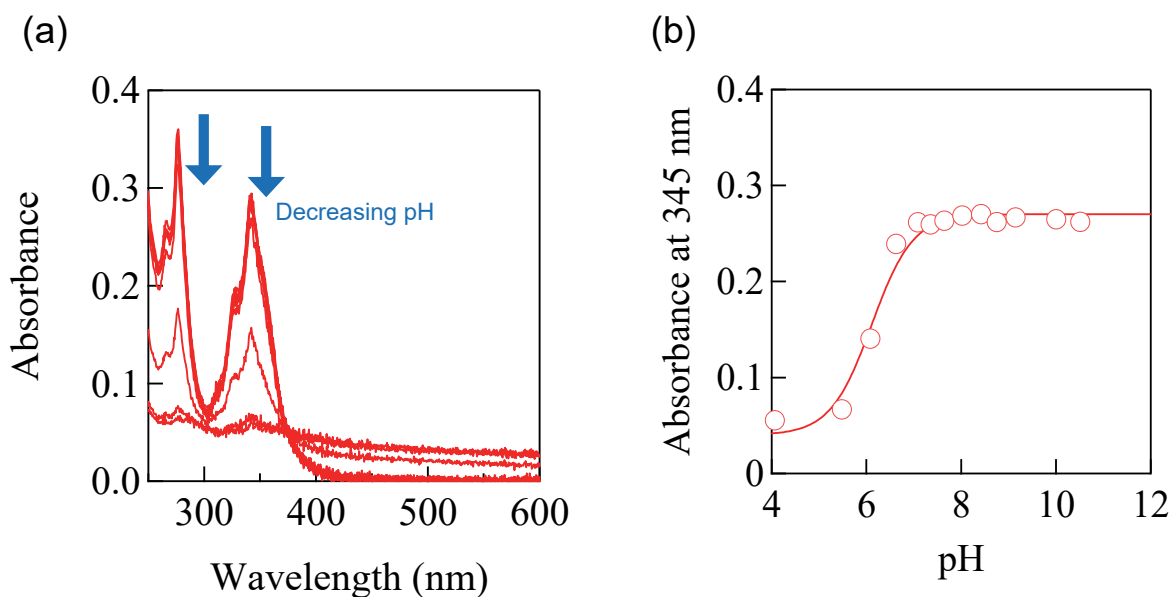


Figure S7-2. (a) UV-vis absorption spectra of $1/\gamma\text{CyD}$ under various pH conditions and (b) change in absorbance at 345 nm in the presence of D-glucose (29.7 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 10.3 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and $l = 0.10 \text{ M}$.

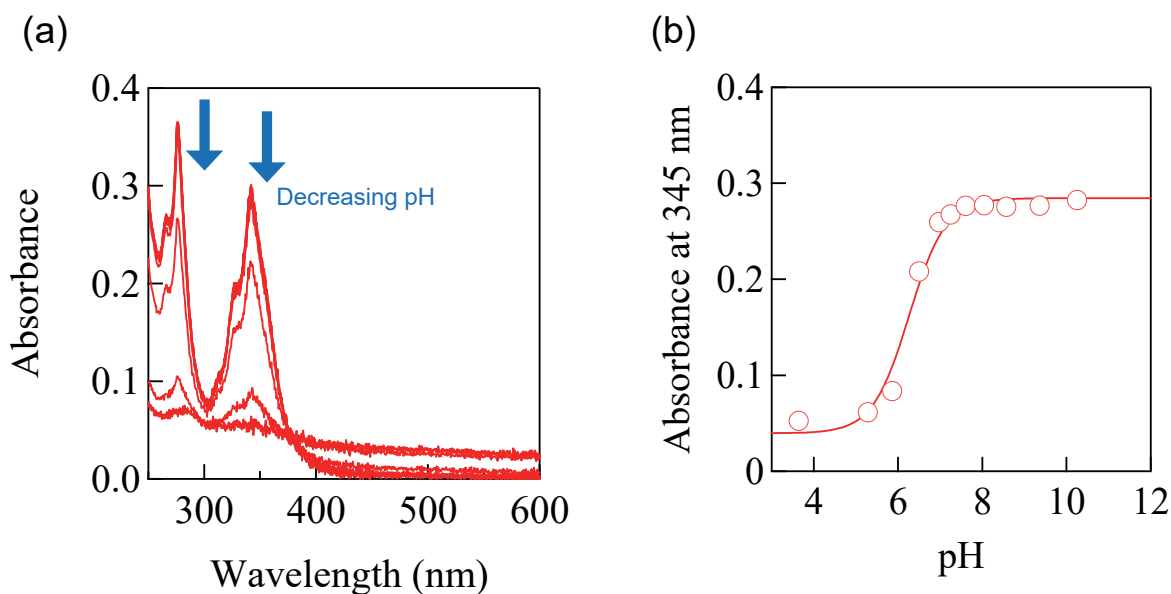


Figure S7-3. (a) UV-vis absorption spectra of $1/\gamma\text{CyD}$ under various pH conditions and (b) change in absorbance at 345 nm in the presence of D-galactose (30.0 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 10.3 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and $l = 0.10 \text{ M}$.

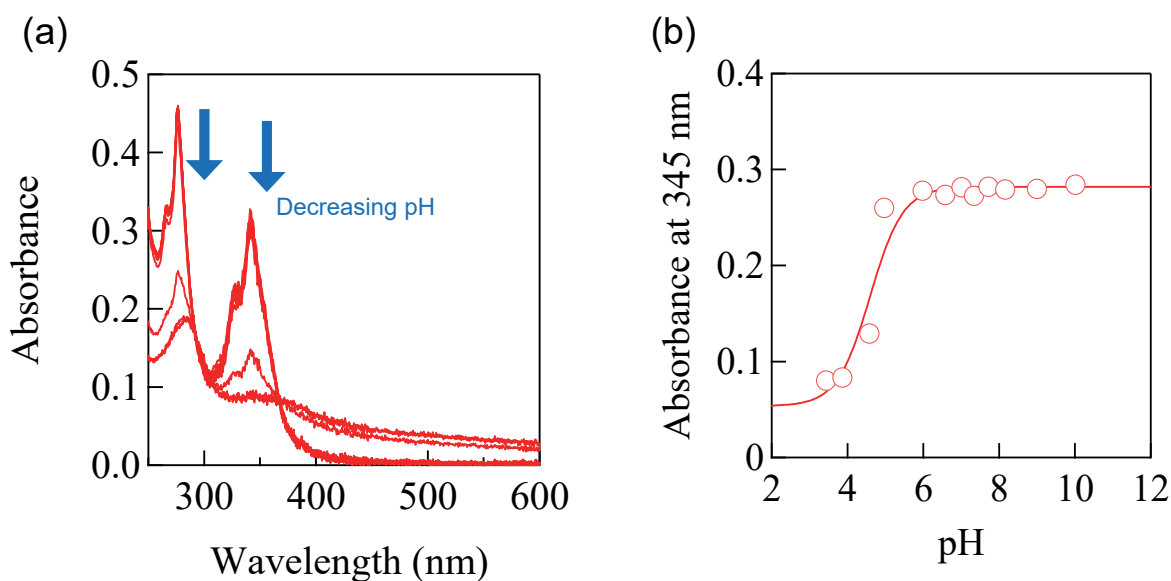


Figure S7-4. (a) UV-vis absorption spectra of $1/\gamma\text{CyD}$ under various pH conditions and (b) change in absorbance at 345 nm in the presence of D-allulose (31.1 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 10.3 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and $l = 0.10 \text{ M}$.

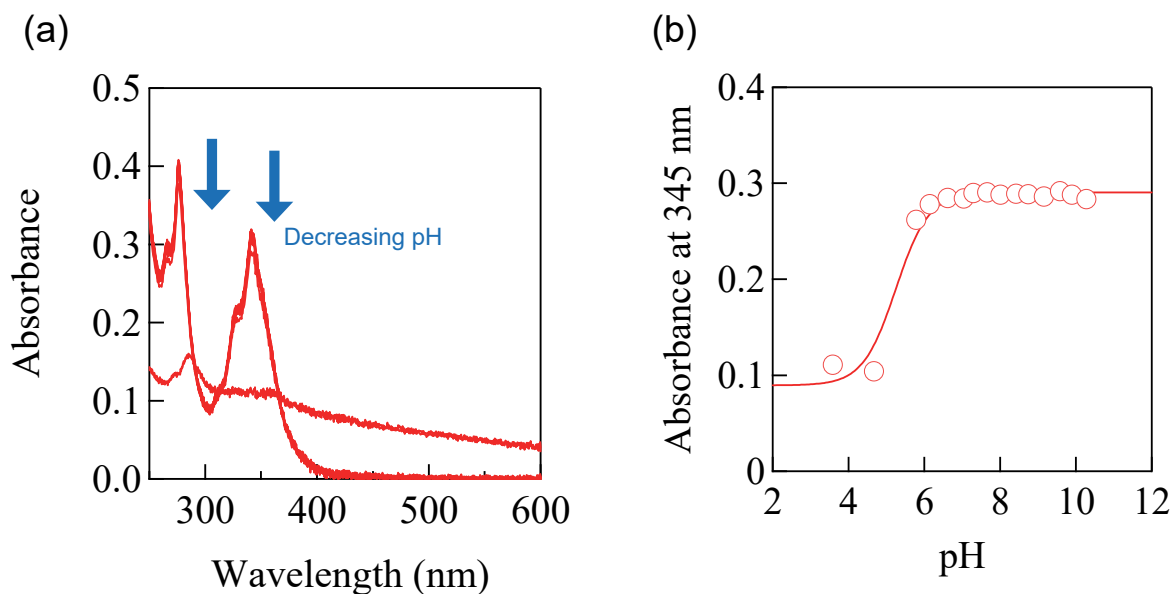


Figure S7-5. (a) UV-vis absorption spectra of **2 γ CyD** under various pH conditions and (b) change in absorbance at 345 nm in the presence of D-fructose (30.0 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 11.3 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and $l = 0.10 \text{ M}$.

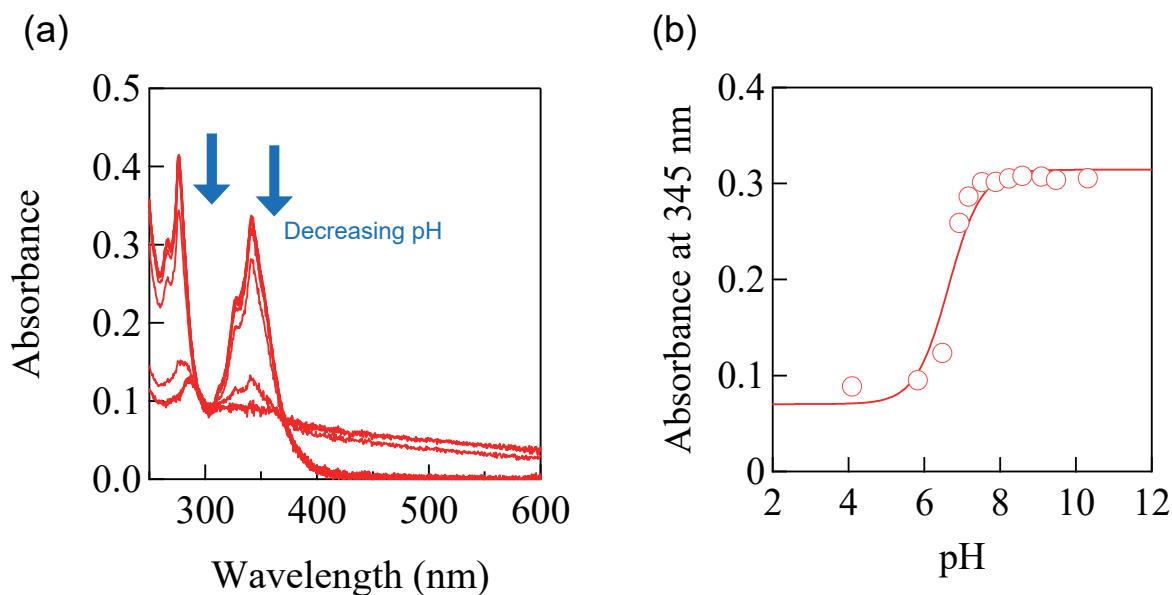


Figure S7-6. (a) UV-vis absorption spectra of **2 γ CyD** under various pH conditions and (b) change in absorbance at 345 nm in the presence of D-glucose (29.7 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 11.3 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and $l = 0.10 \text{ M}$.

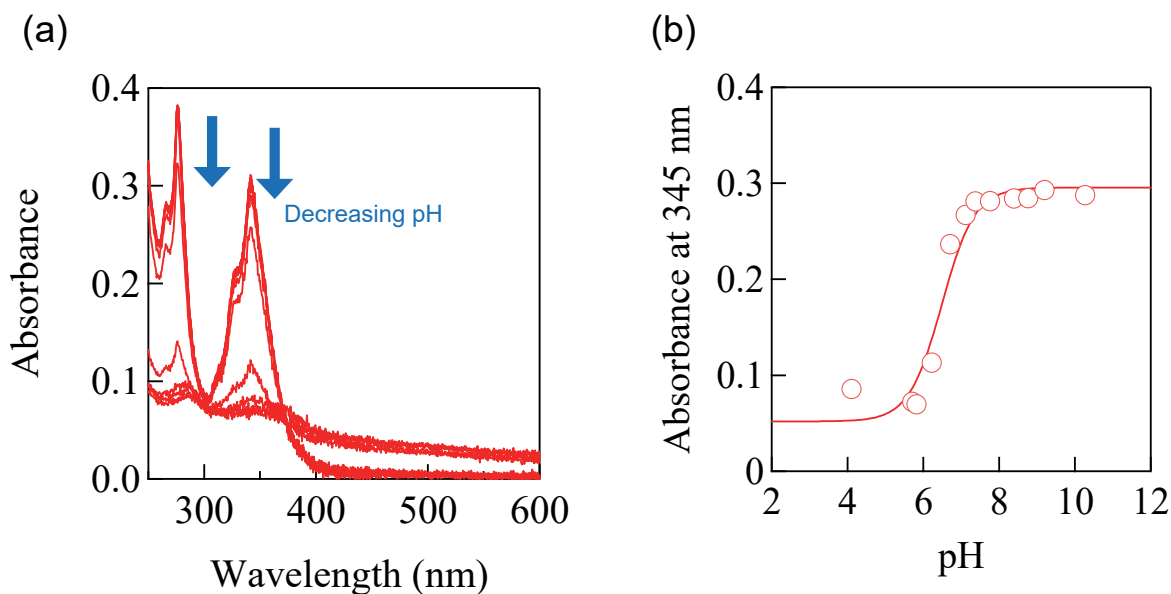


Figure S7-7. (a) UV-vis absorption spectra of **2 γ CyD** under various pH conditions and (b) change in absorbance at 345 nm in the presence of D-galactose (30.0 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 11.3 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and $l = 0.10 \text{ M}$.

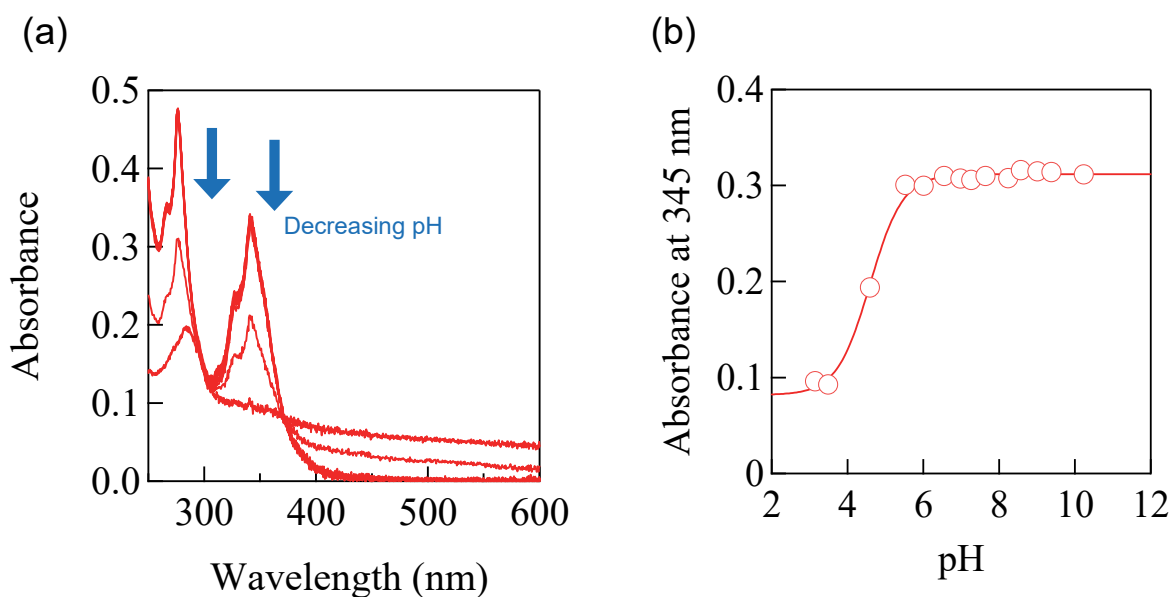


Figure S7-8. (a) UV-vis absorption spectra of **2 γ CyD** under various pH conditions and (b) change in absorbance at 345 nm in the presence of D-allulose (26.3 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 11.3 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and $l = 0.10 \text{ M}$.

Table S2. Apparent acid dissociation constants of **1/γCyD** and **2/γCyD** in the absence and presence of saccharides.^a

	1	2
Probe	6.41 ± 0.14	6.56 ± 0.12
Probe + D-fructose	5.25 ± 0.06	5.25 ± 0.12
Probe + D-glucose	6.11 ± 0.09	6.64 ± 0.14
Probe + D-galactose	6.26 ± 0.09	6.49 ± 0.15
Probe + D-allulose	4.60 ± 0.16	4.59 ± 0.05

^aIn DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v) at $T = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$ and $I = 0.10\text{ M}$ in the presence of 10 mM phosphate buffer.

Fluorescence response of 2 γ CyD to saccharides

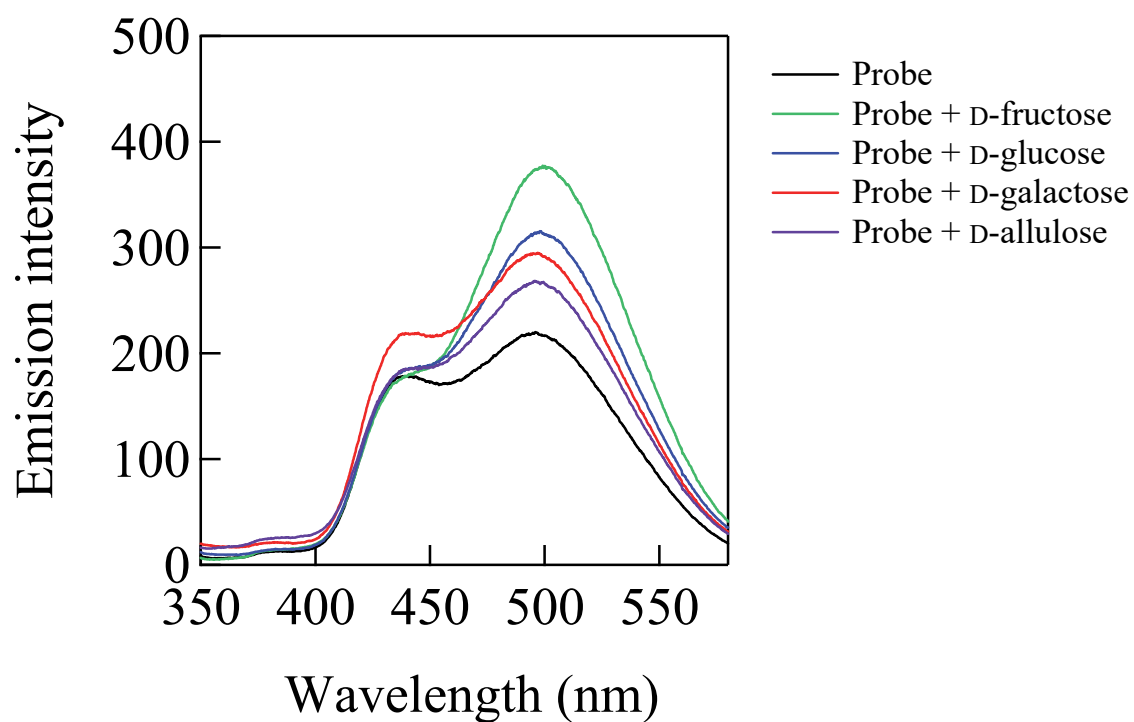


Figure S8. Fluorescence spectra of **2 γ CyD** in the absence (black) and presence of each saccharide (30 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 9.99 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\text{2}\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, pH = 7.4, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $I = 0.10 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 305 \text{ nm}$.

pH dependence of fluorescence spectra

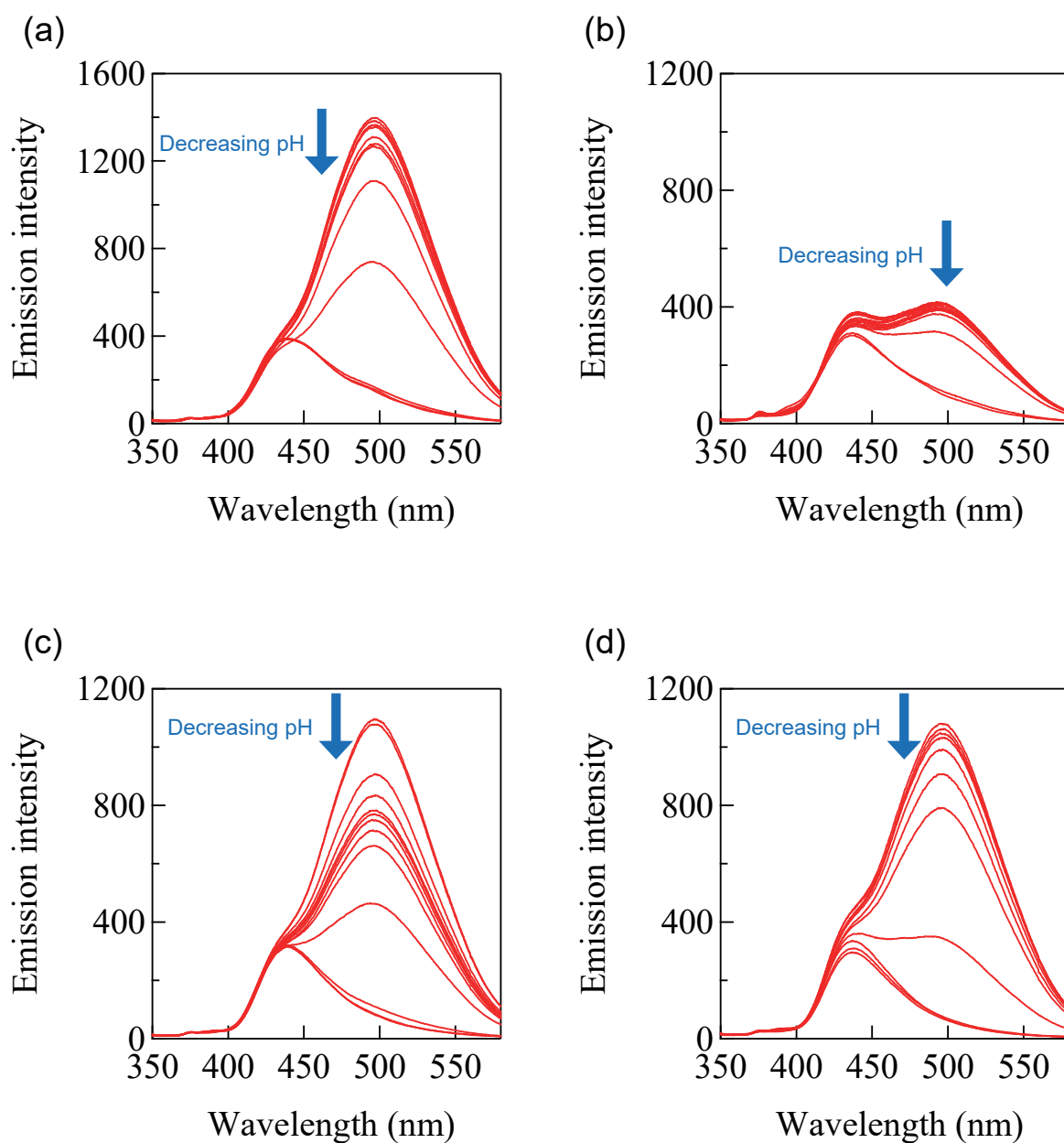


Figure S9-1. Fluorescence spectra of **1γCyD** under various pH conditions in the absence (a) and presence of 30 mM D-fructose (b), D-glucose (c), D-galactose (d) and D-allulose (e) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 10.3 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\text{γCyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $I = 0.10 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 305 \text{ nm}$.

(e)

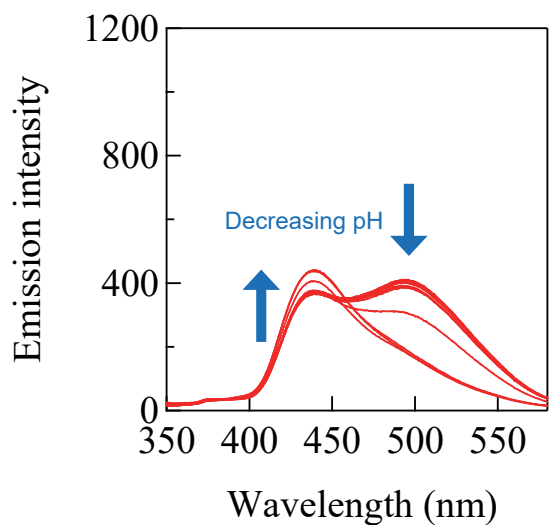


Figure S9-1. Fluorescence spectra of **1/γCyD** under various pH conditions in the absence (a) and presence of 30 mM D-fructose (b), D-glucose (c), D-galactose (d) and D-allulose (e) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 10.3 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $I = 0.10 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 305 \text{ nm}$. (Continued)

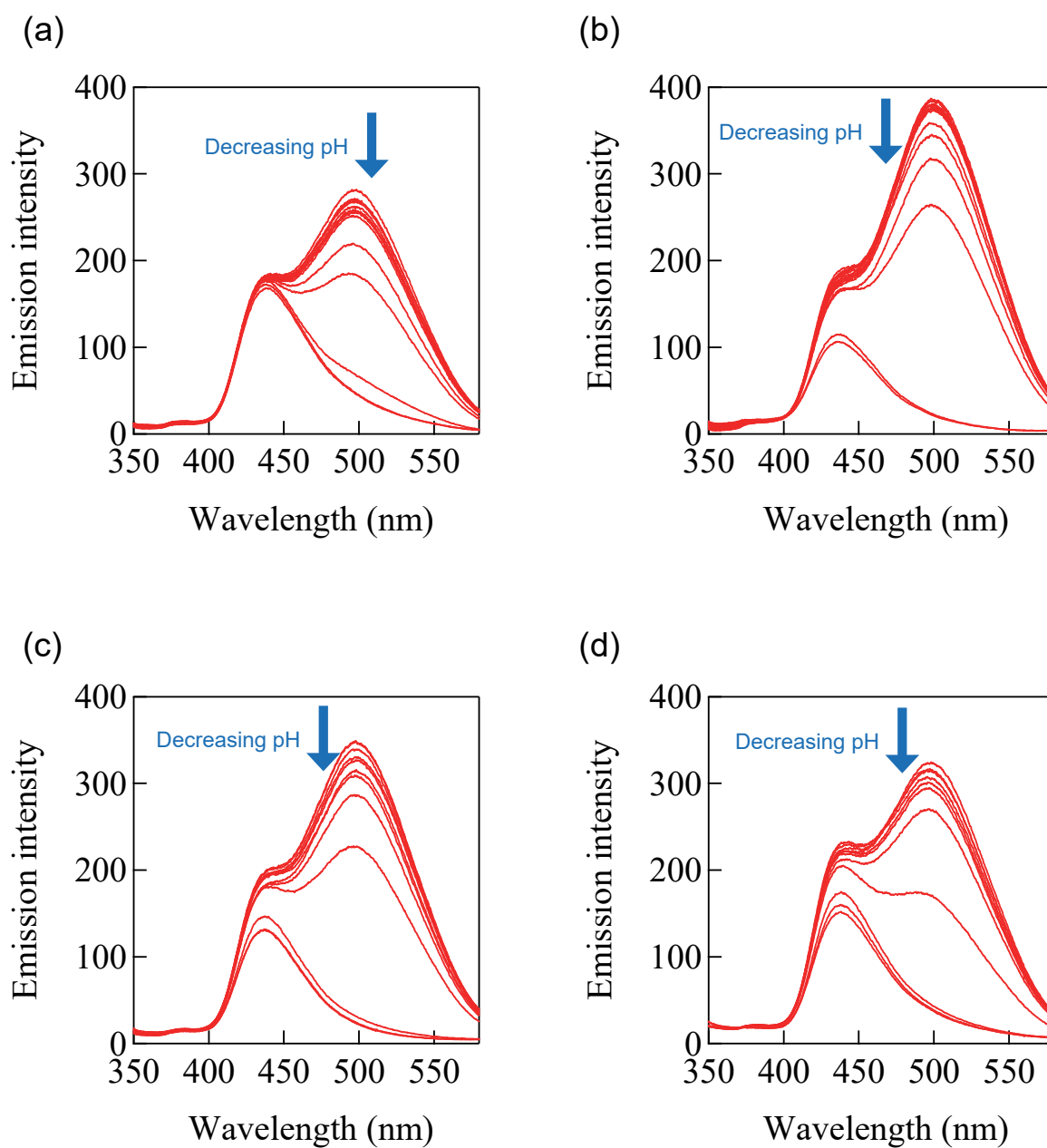


Figure S9-2. Fluorescence spectra of **2γCyD** under various pH conditions in the absence (a) and presence of 30 mM D-fructose (b), D-glucose (c), D-galactose (d) and D-allulose (e) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 11.3 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\text{γCyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $I = 0.10 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 305 \text{ nm}$.

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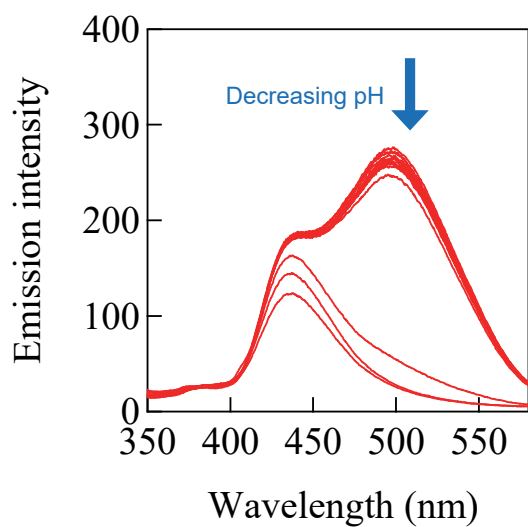


Figure S9-2. Fluorescence spectra of **2 γ CyD** under various pH conditions in the absence (a) and presence of 30 mM D-fructose (b), D-glucose (c), D-galactose (d) and D-allulose (e) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 11.3 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $I = 0.10 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 305 \text{ nm}$. (Continued)

I_{500}/I_{430} under various pH conditions

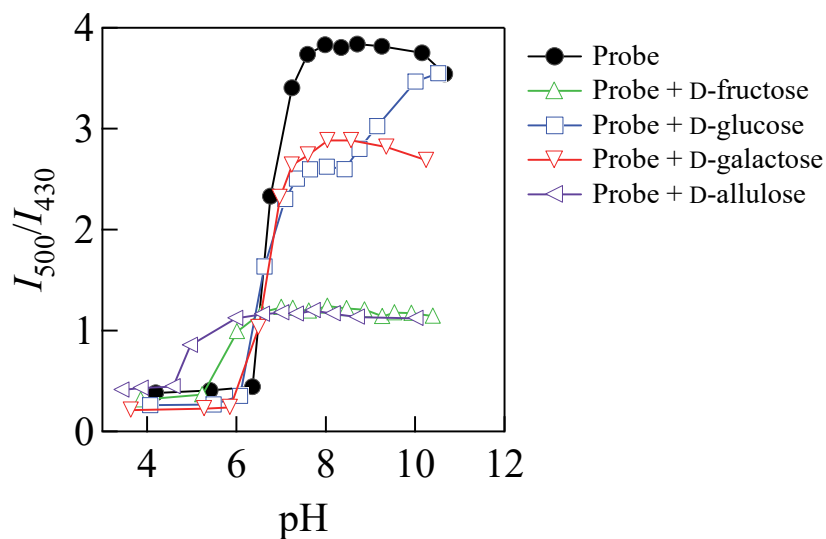


Figure S10-1. Ratio of fluorescence intensities at 500 and 430 nm (I_{500}/I_{430}) of **1 γ CyD** under various pH conditions in the absence and presence of each saccharide (30 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v) in Figure S9-1.

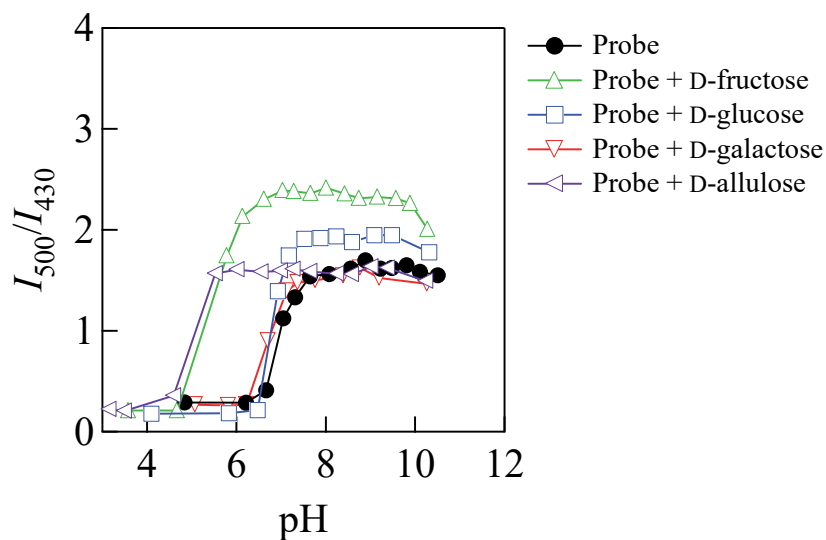


Figure S10-2. Ratio of fluorescence intensities at 500 and 430 nm (I_{500}/I_{430}) of **2 γ CyD** under various pH conditions in the absence and presence of each saccharide (30 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v) in Figure S9-2.

I_{500}/I_{430} and spectra of $1/\gamma\text{CyD}$ at $C_{\text{saccharide}} = 0 - 30 \text{ mM}$

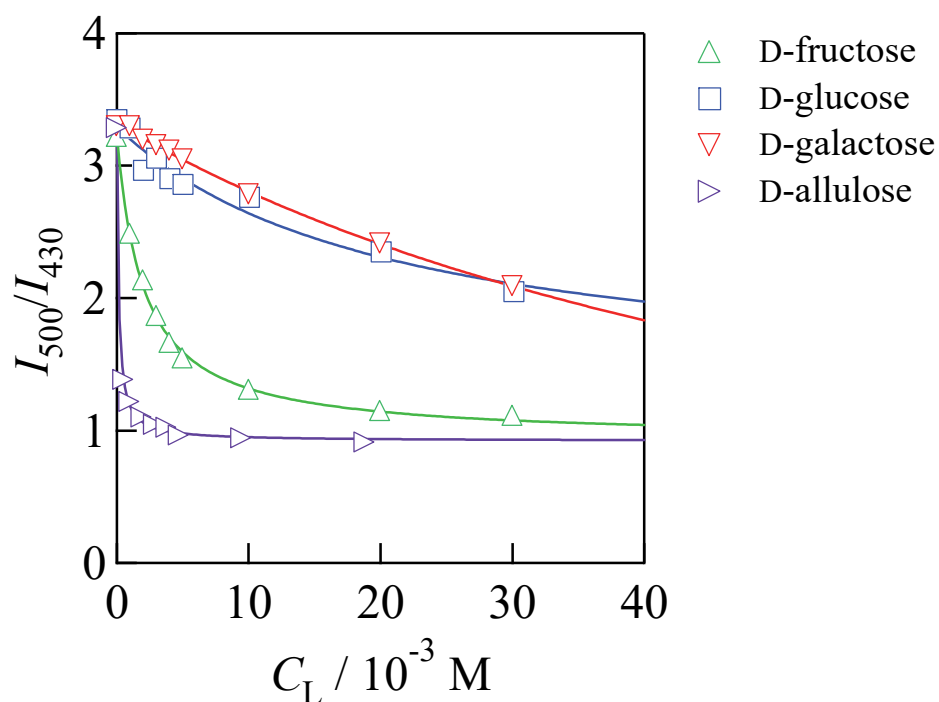


Figure S11-1. Ratio of fluorescence intensities at 500 and 430 nm (I_{500}/I_{430}) of $1/\gamma\text{CyD}$ at various concentrations of each saccharide in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 10.7 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, pH = 7.4, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $I = 0.10 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 305 \text{ nm}$. Each solid curve indicates a theoretical curve derived from the 1:1 binding model fitted by non-linear least squares analysis for each reaction system.

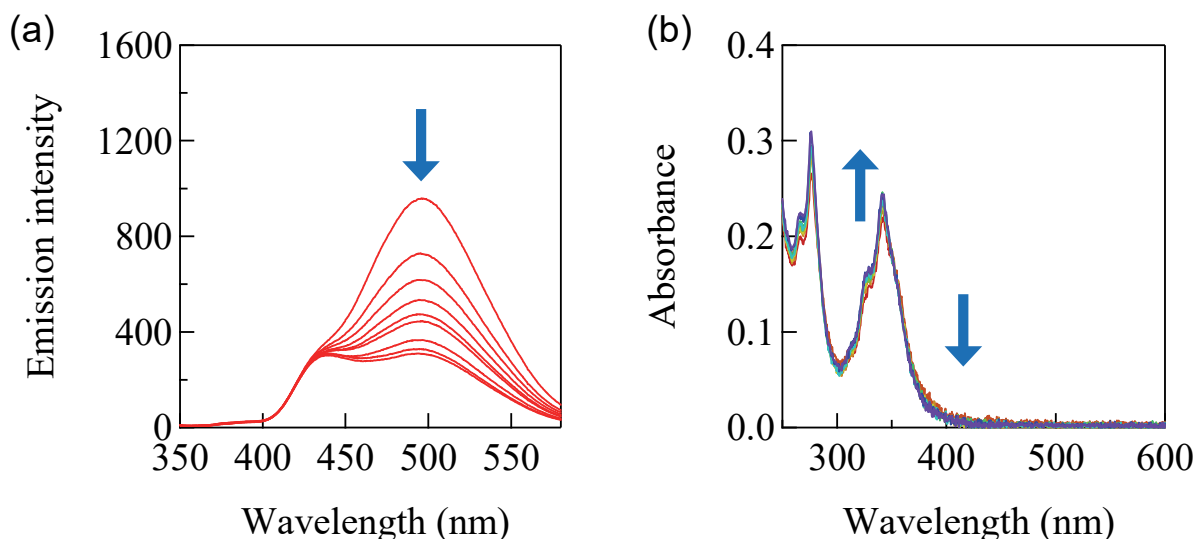


Figure S11-2. Fluorescence (a) and UV-vis absorption (b) spectra of **1 γ CyD** at various concentrations of D-fructose (0, 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 10.0, 20.0, 30.0 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 10.7 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, pH = 7.4, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $l = 0.10 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 305 \text{ nm}$ for (a).

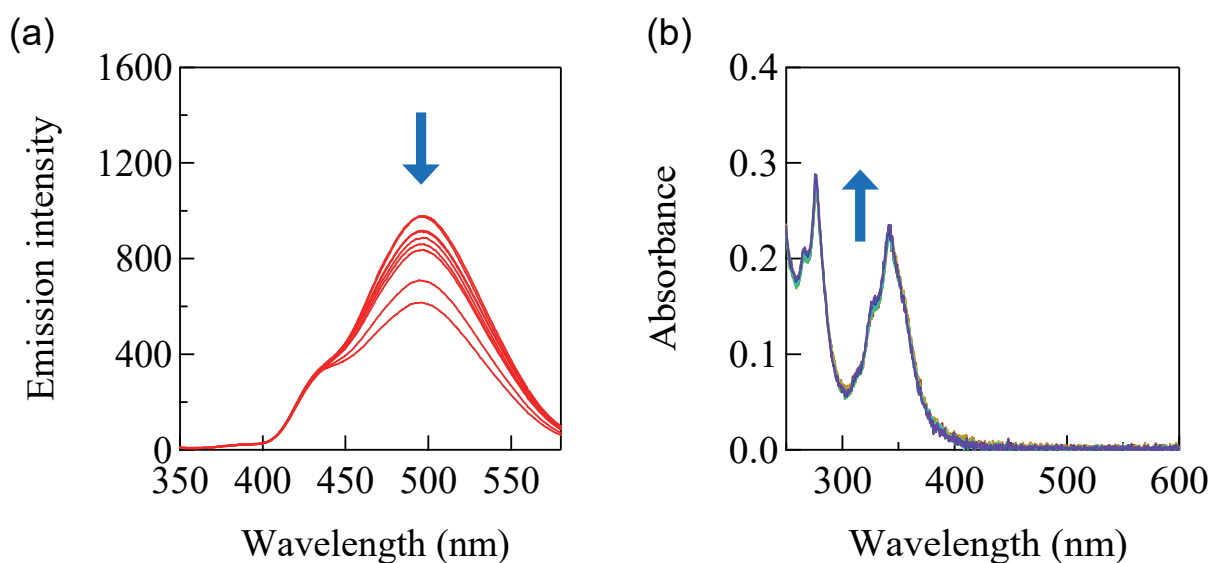


Figure S11-3. Fluorescence (a) and UV-vis absorption (b) spectra of **1 γ CyD** at various concentrations of D-glucose (0, 1.01, 2.00, 3.01, 4.02, 5.01, 10.1, 20.0, 30.1 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 10.7 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, pH = 7.4, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $l = 0.10 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 305 \text{ nm}$ for (a).

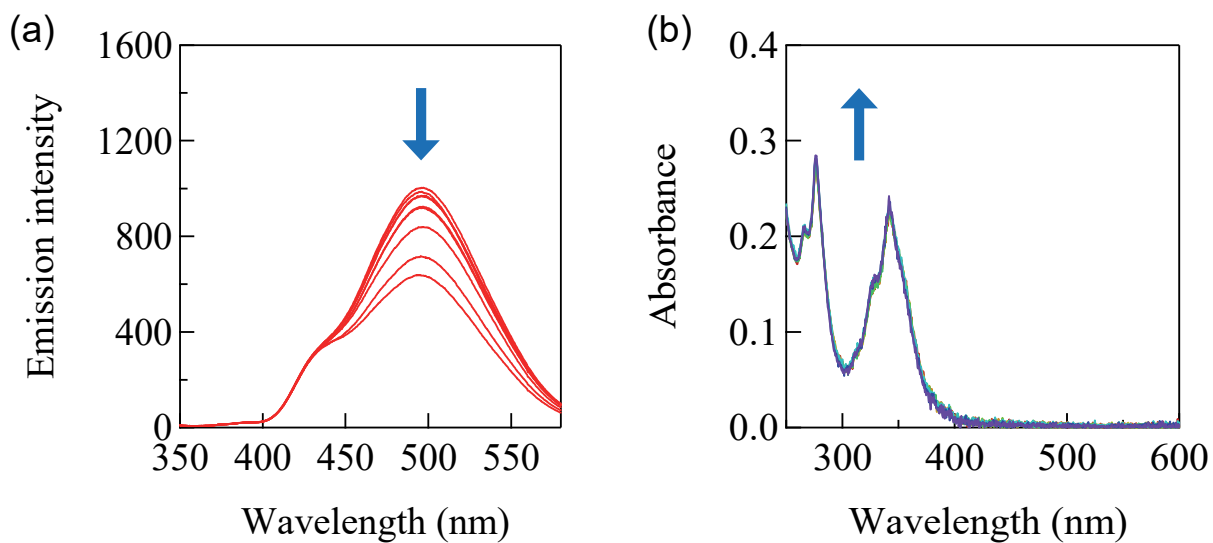


Figure S11-4. Fluorescence (a) and UV-vis absorption (b) spectra of **1 γ CyD** at various concentrations of D-galactose (0, 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 10.0, 20.0, 30.0 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 10.7 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, pH = 7.4, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $I = 0.10 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 305 \text{ nm}$ for (a).

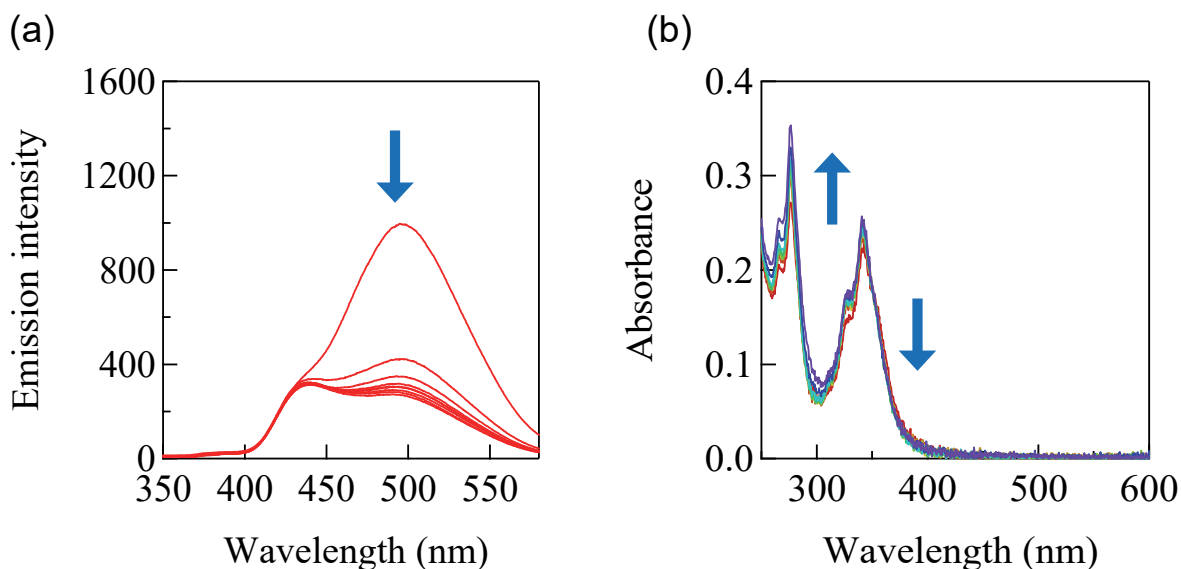


Figure S11-5. Fluorescence (a) and UV-vis absorption (b) spectra of **1 γ CyD** at various concentrations of D-allulose (0, 0.474, 0.942, 1.88, 2.82, 3.76, 4.70, 9.42, 18.8, 28.2 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 10.7 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, pH = 7.4, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $I = 0.10 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 305 \text{ nm}$ for (a).

Competition experiment

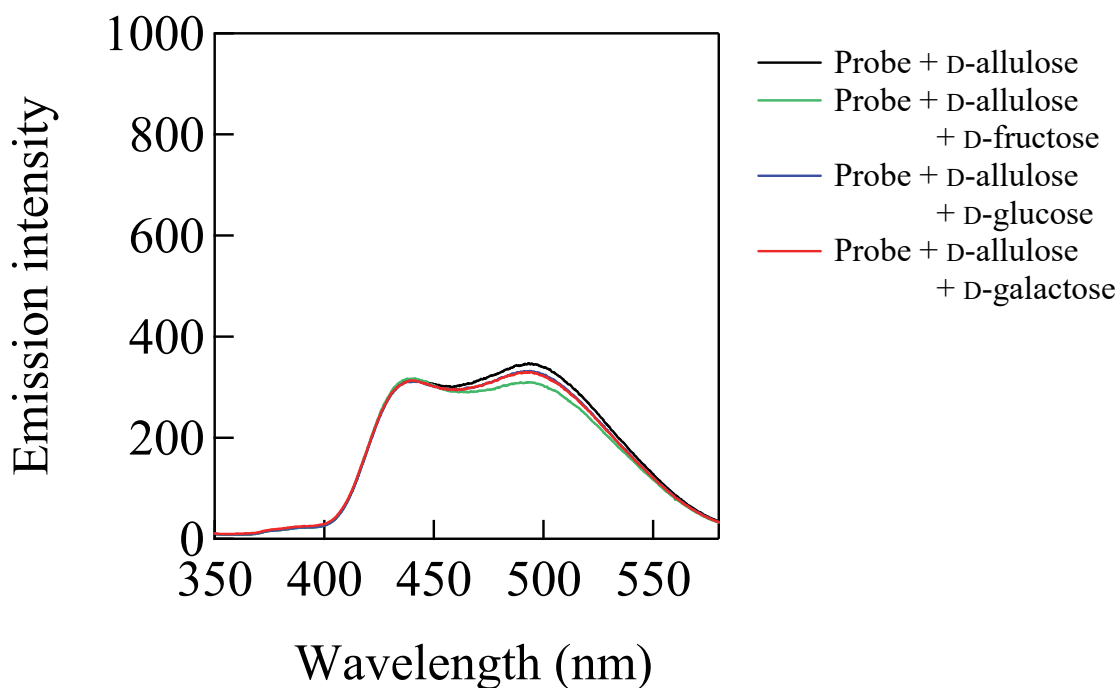


Figure S12-1. Fluorescence spectra of **1/γCyD** with D-allulose (1.01 mM) in the absence and presence of saccharides (1 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 10.7 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, pH = 7.4, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $I = 0.10 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 305 \text{ nm}$.

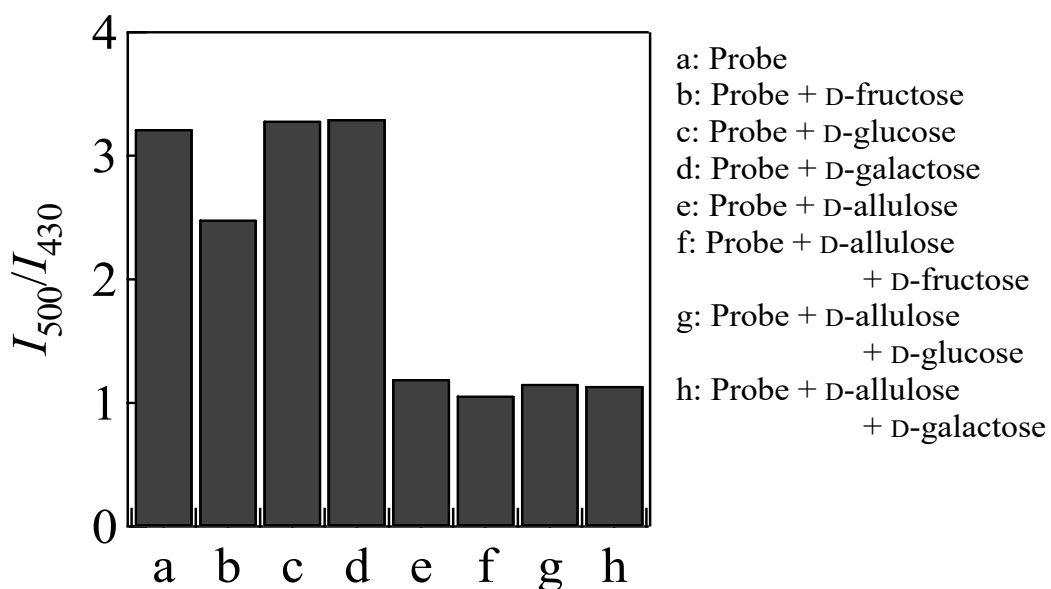


Figure S12-2. Ratio of fluorescence intensities at 500 and 430 nm (I_{500}/I_{430}) of **1/γCyD** in the absence and presence of saccharides (1 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v) in Figures 1 and S12-1.

Limits of detection and quantification

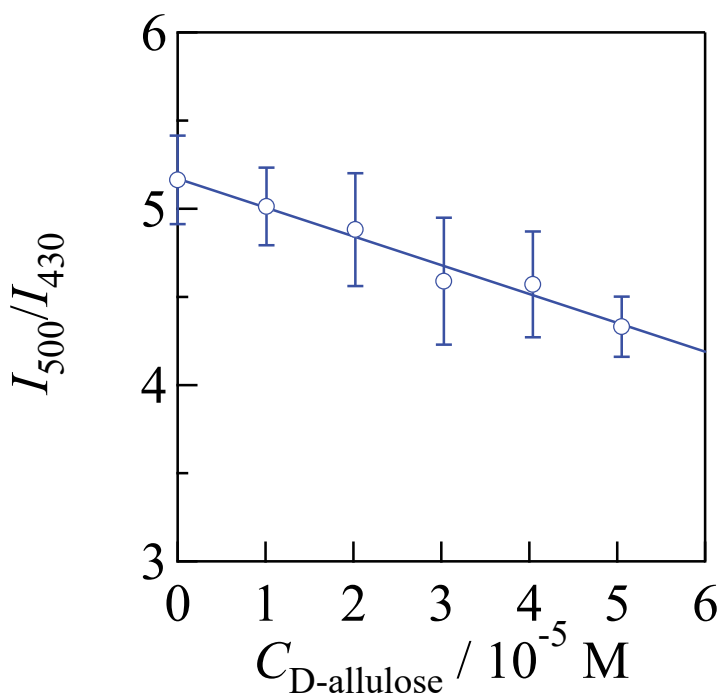


Figure S13. Calibration curve of **1/γCyD** for the quantification of D-allulose: $C_{\text{probe}} = 11.3 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, pH = 8.0, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, $I = 0.10 \text{ M}$, and $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 305 \text{ nm}$.

The limit of detection (LOD) and limit of quantification (LOQ) of **1/γCyD** were calculated as following equations.

$$\text{LOD} = -\frac{3.3\sigma}{a} \quad (\text{S1})$$

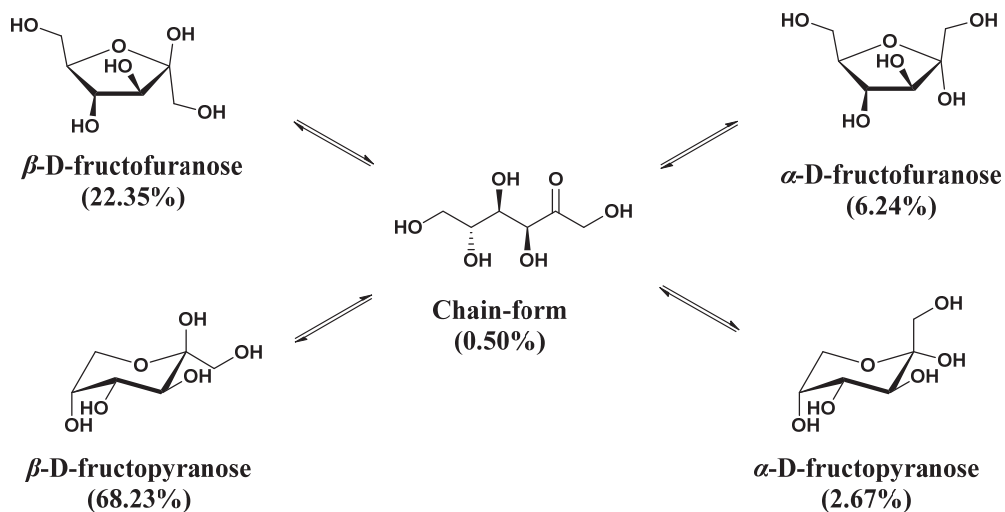
$$\text{LOQ} = -\frac{10\sigma}{a} \quad (\text{S2})$$

In these equations, a is a slope of calibration curve. σ denotes the standard deviation of blank data, that is, fluorescence intensity of **1/γCyD** in the absence of D-allulose. The σ value was calculated according to eqn (S3).

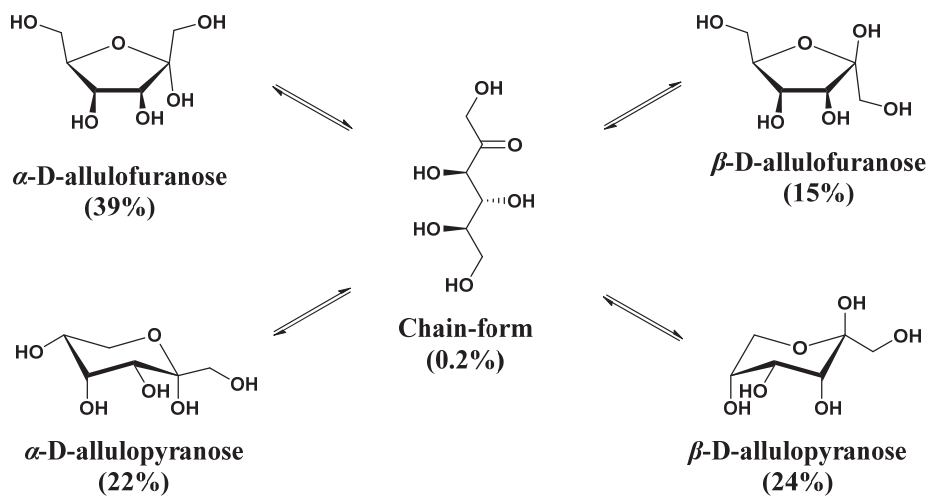
$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (R_{B,i} - R_{B,\text{ave}})^2}{n-1}} \quad (\text{S3})$$

where $R_{B,i}$, $R_{B,\text{ave}}$ and n represent I_{500}/I_{430} of each blank measurement, the average of $R_{B,i}$ and the number of repeated measurements ($n = 10$), respectively. The σ value was determined to be 0.034.

Tautomeric forms of D-fructose and D-allulose in aqueous solution



Scheme S2-1. Tautomeric forms of D-fructose in aqueous solution.⁶



Scheme S2-2. Tautomeric forms of D-allulose in aqueous solution.⁷

Fluorescence colour of 2/γCyD

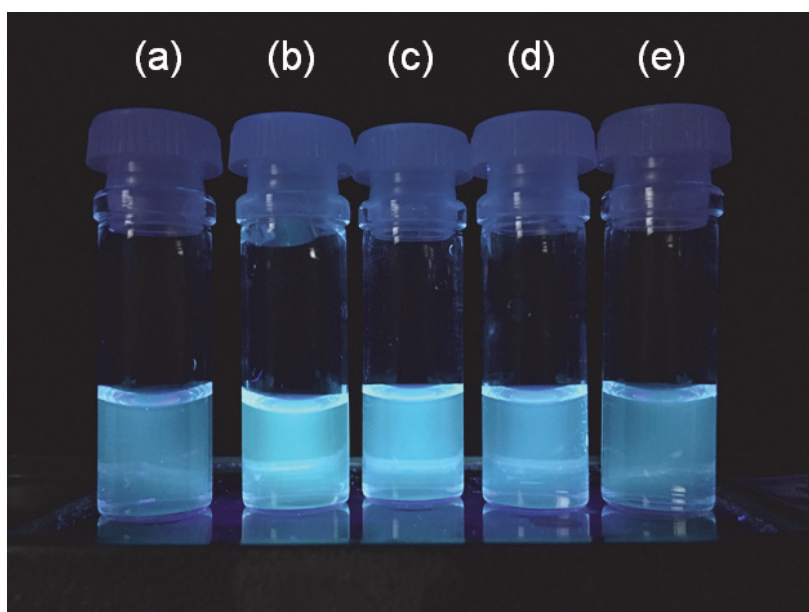


Figure S14. Photograph of the fluorescence of **2/γCyD** in the absence (a) and presence of 1 mM of D-fructose (b), D-glucose (c) D-galactose (d) and D-allulose (e) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v) at room temperature with 365 nm UV light: $C_{\text{probe}} = 11.3 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, pH = 7.4, and $I = 0.10 \text{ M}$.

CD spectrum of D-allulose

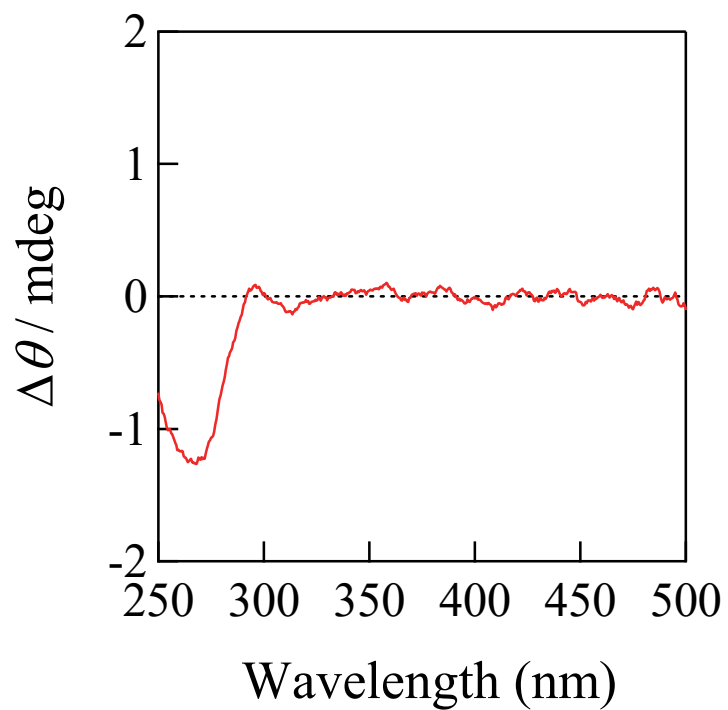


Figure S15. Circular dichroism spectrum of D-allulose (9.58 mM) in water: 10 mM of phosphate buffer, pH = 7.4, and $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$.

ICD and UV-vis absorption spectra

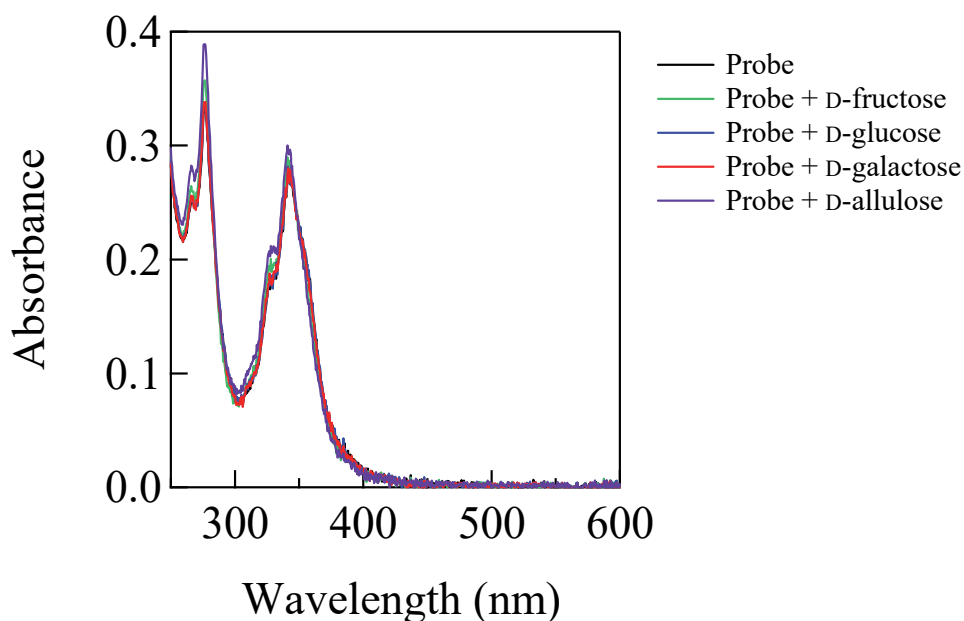


Figure S16-1. UV-vis absorption spectra of **1/γCyD** in the absence and presence of each saccharide (10 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 10.3 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, pH = 10.2, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and $I = 0.10 \text{ M}$.

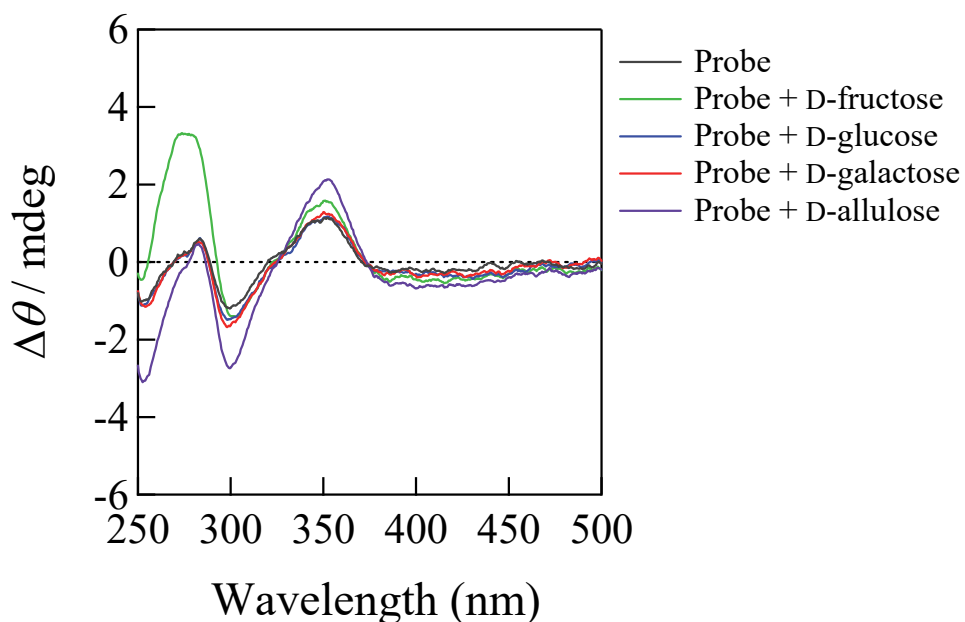


Figure S16-2. ICD spectra of **2/γCyD** in the absence and presence of each saccharide (10 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 9.99 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, pH = 10.2, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and $I = 0.10 \text{ M}$.

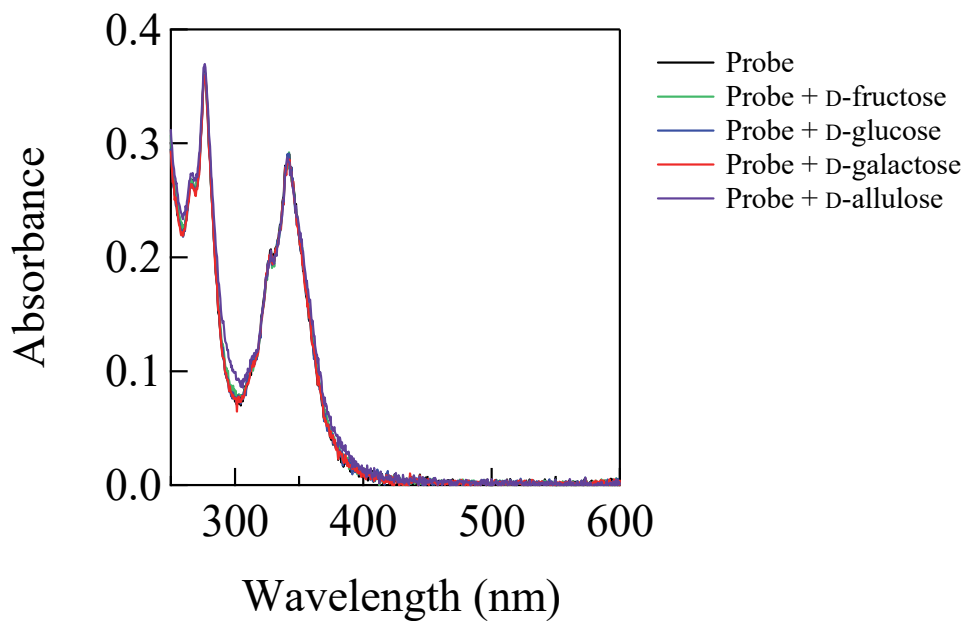
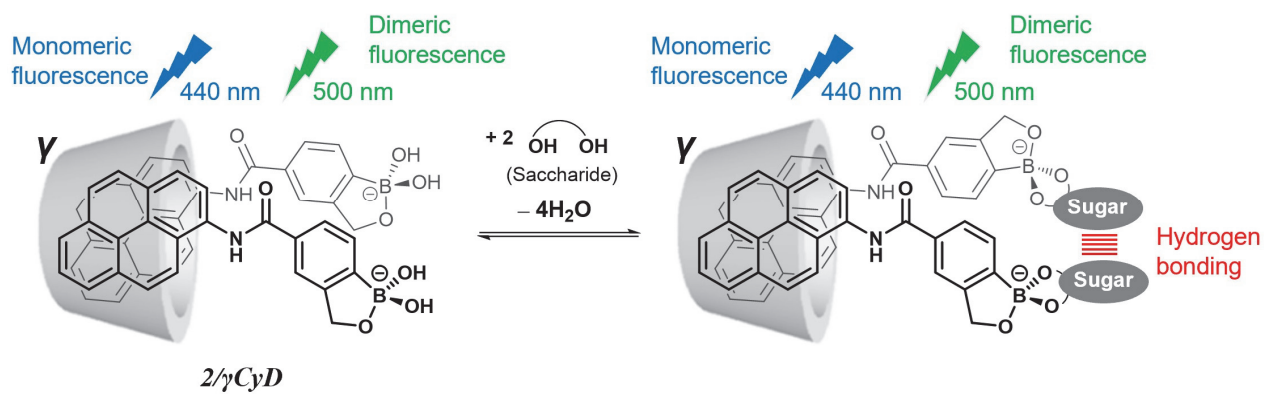


Figure S16-3. UV-vis absorption spectra of **2γCyD** in the absence and presence of each saccharide (10 mM) in DMSO/water (2/98 in v/v): $C_{\text{probe}} = 9.99 \mu\text{M}$, $C_{\gamma\text{CyD}} = 5 \text{ mM}$, 10 mM of phosphate buffer, pH = 10.2, $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$, and $l = 0.10 \text{ M}$.

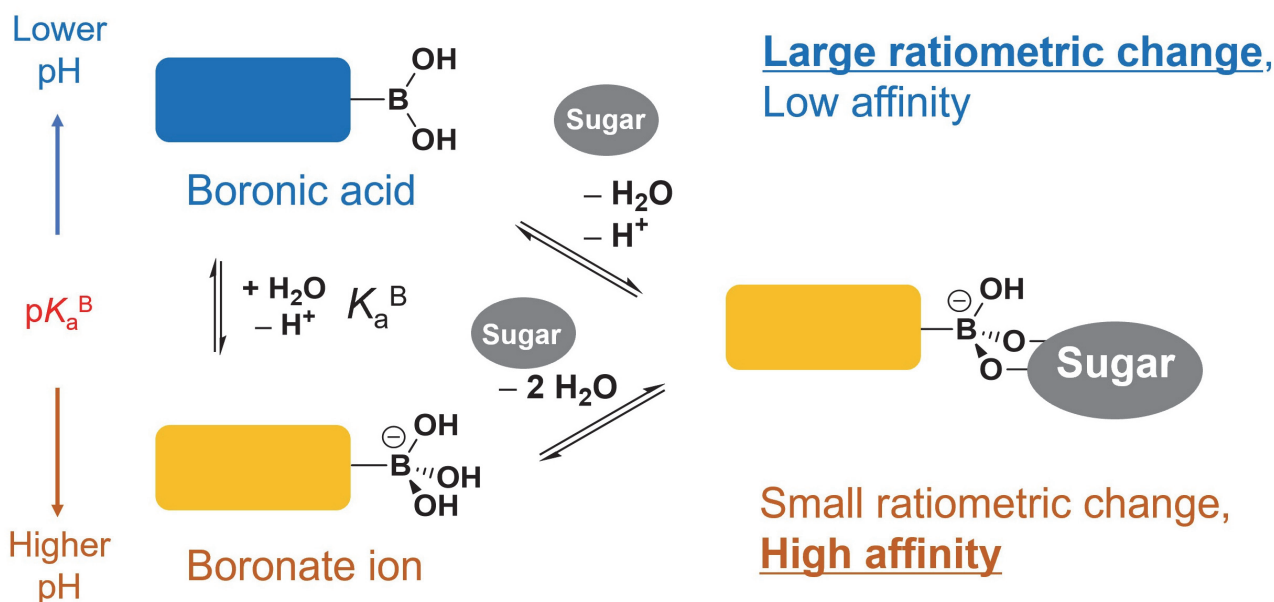
Sensing mechanism of 2/γCyD



Scheme S3. Plausible mechanism for the sensing of saccharides by *2/γCyD*.

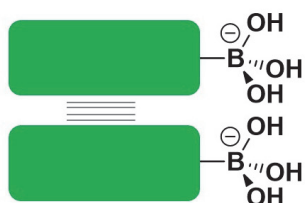
Comparison of sensing mechanisms

(a)



(b)

Dimeric fluorescence



Monomeric fluorescence



Large ratiometric change and high affinity for saccharides

Scheme S4. Diagrams describing ratiometric sensing mechanisms of typical boronic acid-based chemosensors (a) and **1/γCyD** (b).

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