

## **Three-in-one: exploration of co-encapsulation of Cabazitaxel, Bicalutamide and Chlorin e6 in new mixed Cyclodextrin-crosslinked polymers.**

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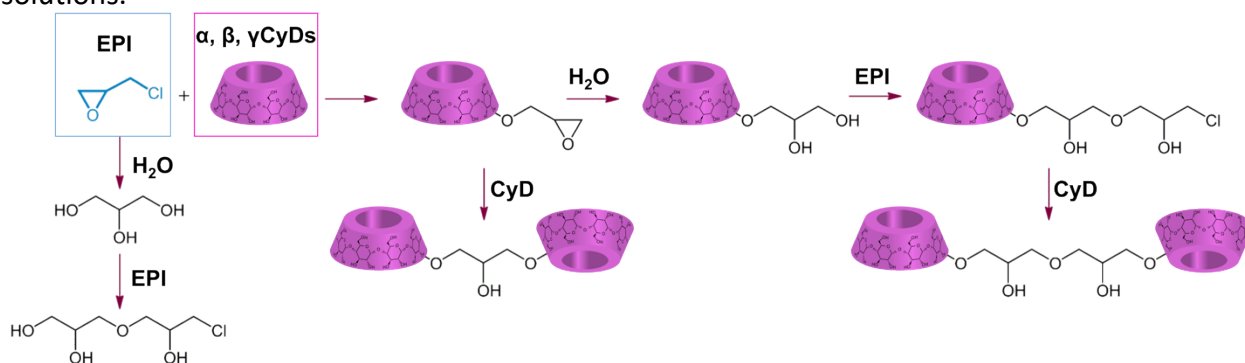
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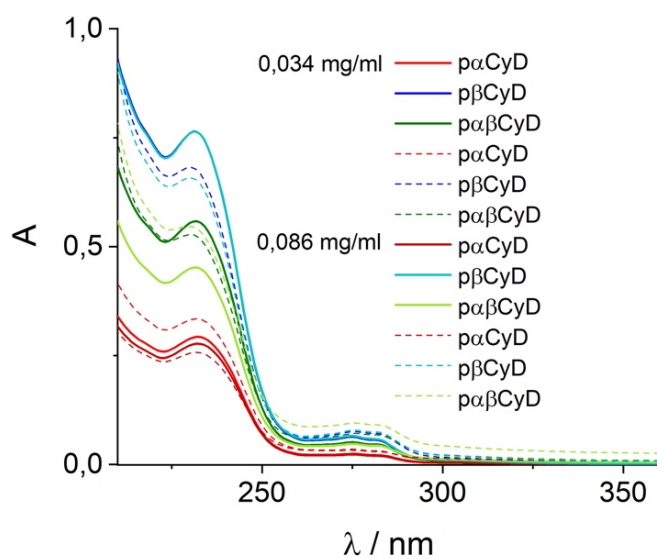
## 1) Synthesis of the polymer

Scheme 1 below shows the reaction conditions for the synthesis of the polymers in alkaline aqueous solutions.



## 2) Solubility of CBX

Figure S1: Spectra of CBX of the dissolution experiment with different amounts of solid kept stirring for 36 hrs (solid line) and 5 days (dashes).



## 3) Solubility of BIC

Figure S2a: 10 mg/ml of polymer with 0,026 mg/ml solid drug amount; fluorescence spectra in 1 cm cuvet of 10x diluted solutions exciting at 270 nm in isosbestic point.

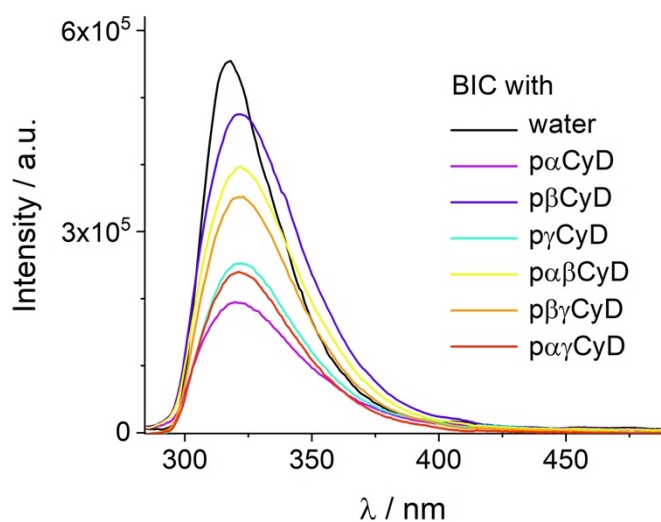
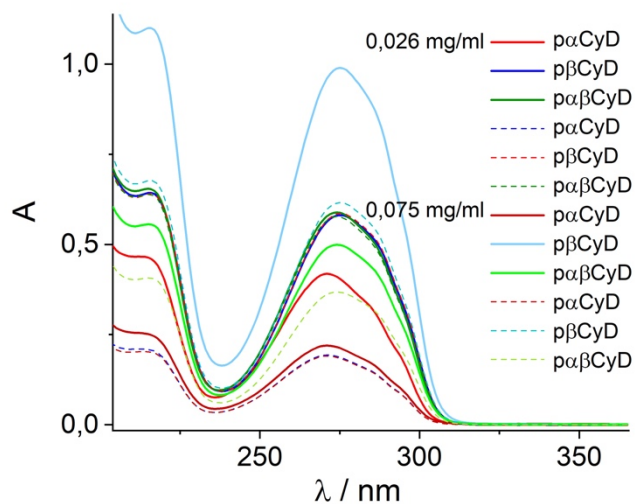


Table S1: the fluorescence lifetime, relative amplitude and average lifetime of BIC in the aqueous solutions of the different polymers

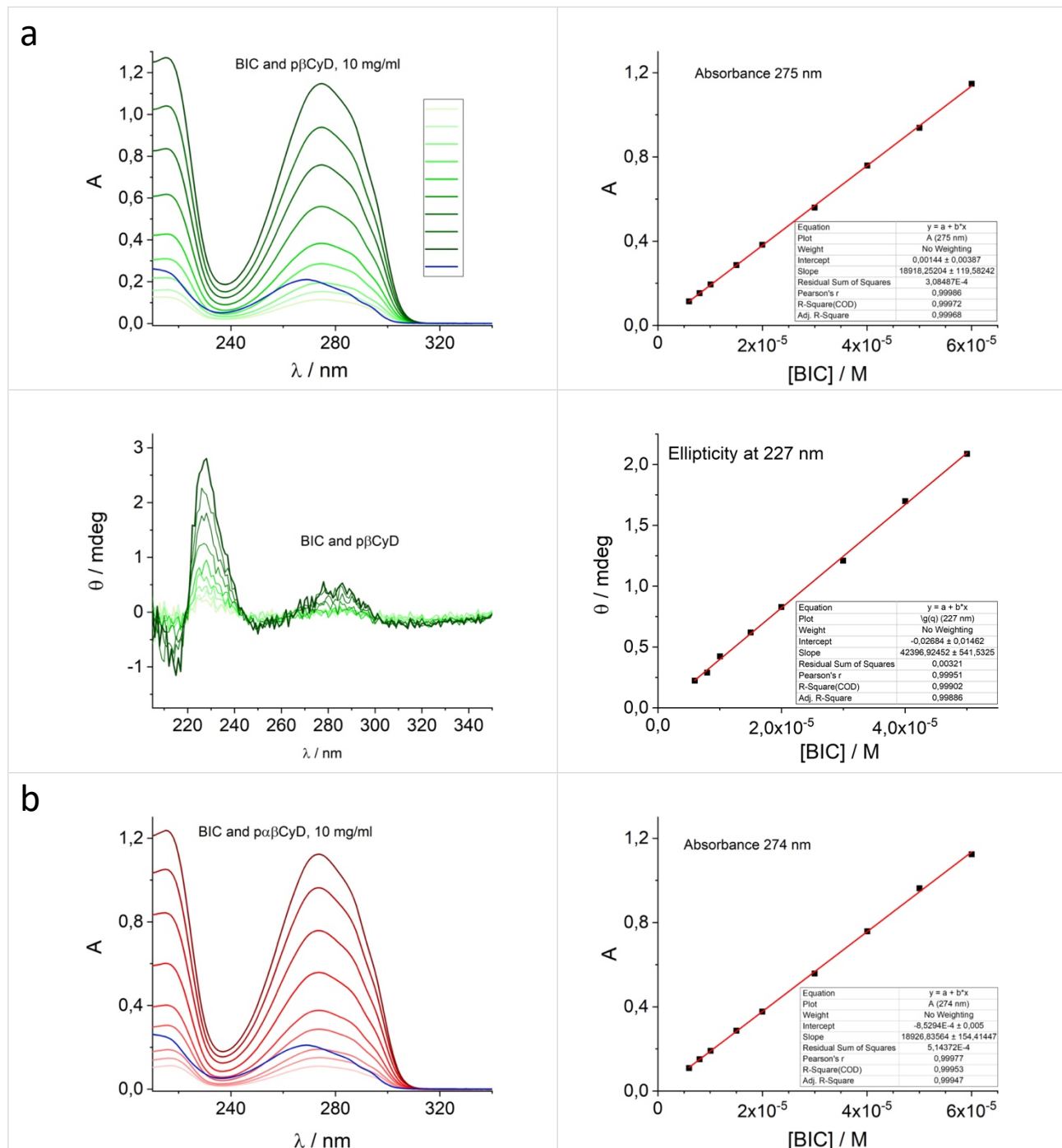
	$\tau_j / \text{ns}$	$\alpha_j$	$\tau_{\text{av}} / \text{ns}$
<b>water</b>	0,16		
<b>pγCyD</b>	0,35 and 2,1	0,99 and 0,01	0,36
<b>pβγCyD</b>	0,36 and 1,8	0,99 and 0,01	0,38
<b>pαγCyD</b>	0,35 and 2,6	0,99 and 0,01	0,38
<b>pαCyD</b>	0,3 and 3,7	0,99 and 0,01	0,31
<b>pβCyD</b>	0,38 and 3,4	0,99 and 0,01	0,39
<b>pαβCyD</b>	0,35 and 2,8	0,99 and 0,01	0,37

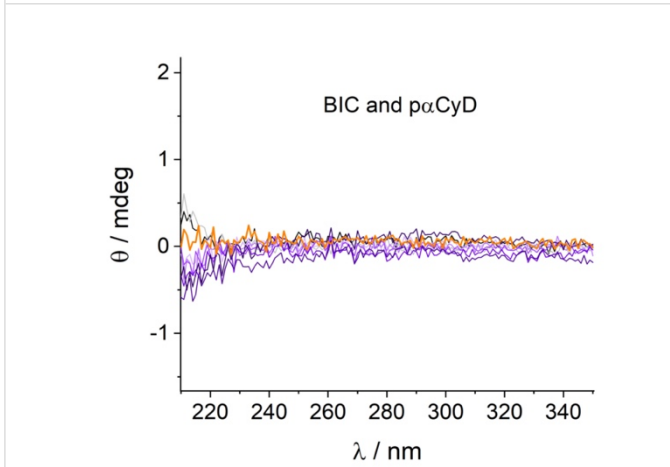
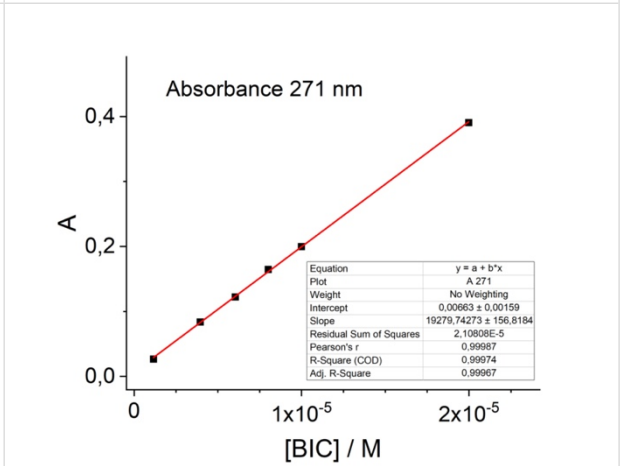
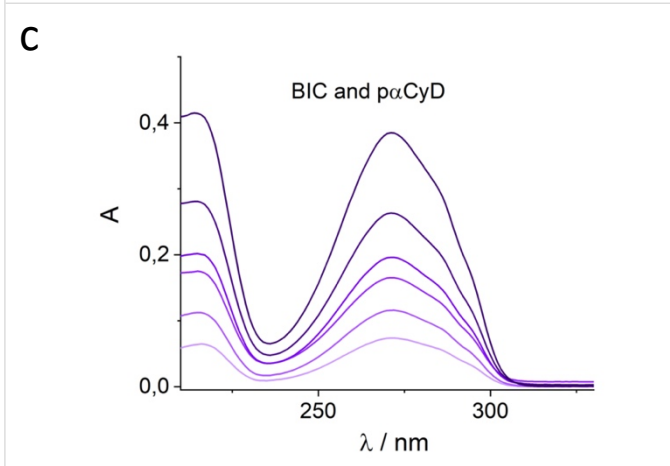
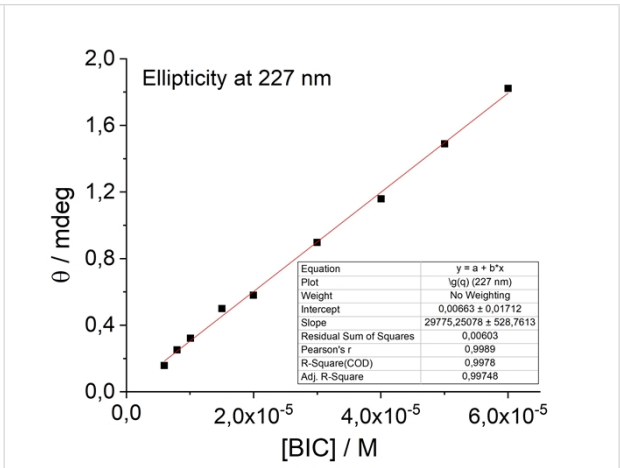
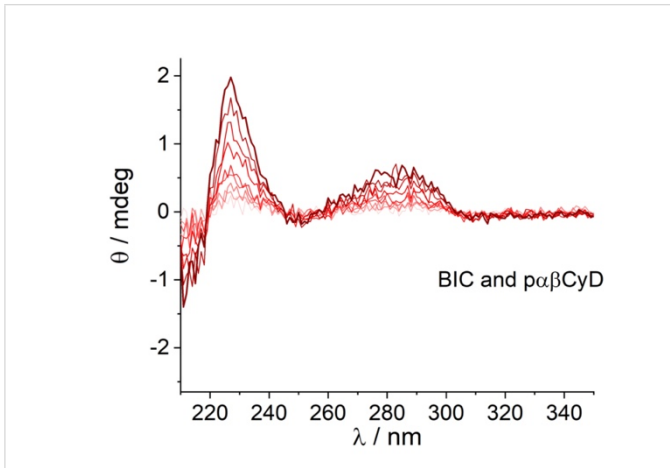
Figure S2b: Absorption spectra of BIC of the dissolution experiment with different amounts of solid kept stirring for 36 hrs (solid line) and 5 days (dashes).



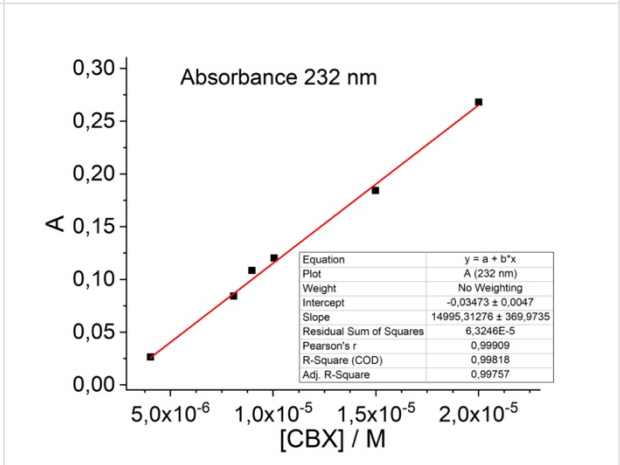
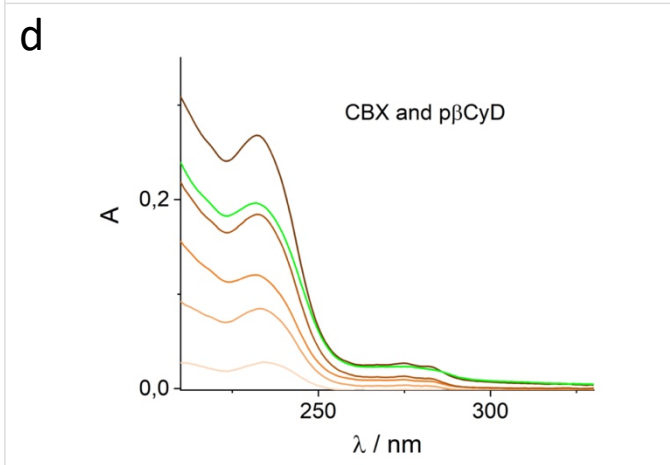
**4) Calibration curves of the drugs BIC and CBX to determine the molar absorption coefficient**  
 The graphs in Figure S3 show the absorption and CD spectra of drug solutions in 1 cm cuvet that were obtained preparing films from ethanolic solutions with known drug amount subsequently dissolved with aqueous carrier solutions containing **10 mg/ml polymer** kept stirring for 48 hrs. The spectra were corrected for the absorption or CD signal of the empty polymer. We plotted the absorbance at selected wavelengths as a function of the drug concentration to obtain the molar absorption coefficient upon linear fitting of the data. The blue BIC curves in a-c and the green curves in d-e refer to BIC and CBX in water, respectively.

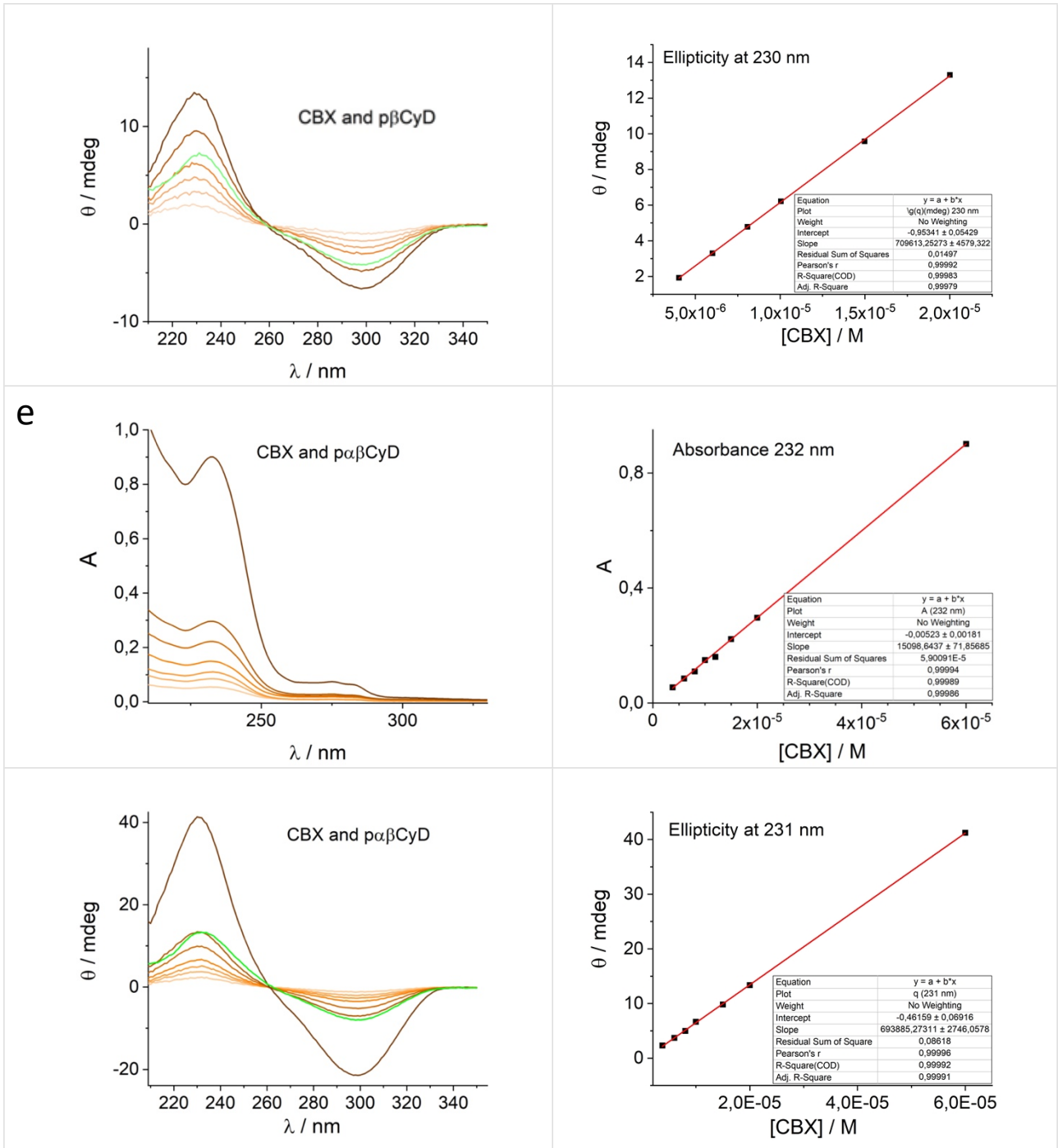
Figure S3





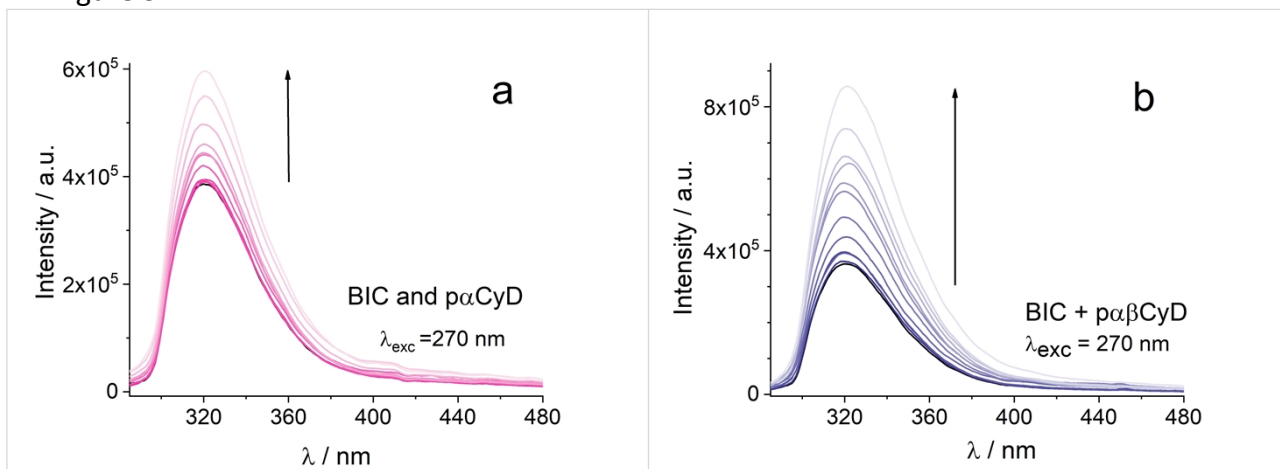
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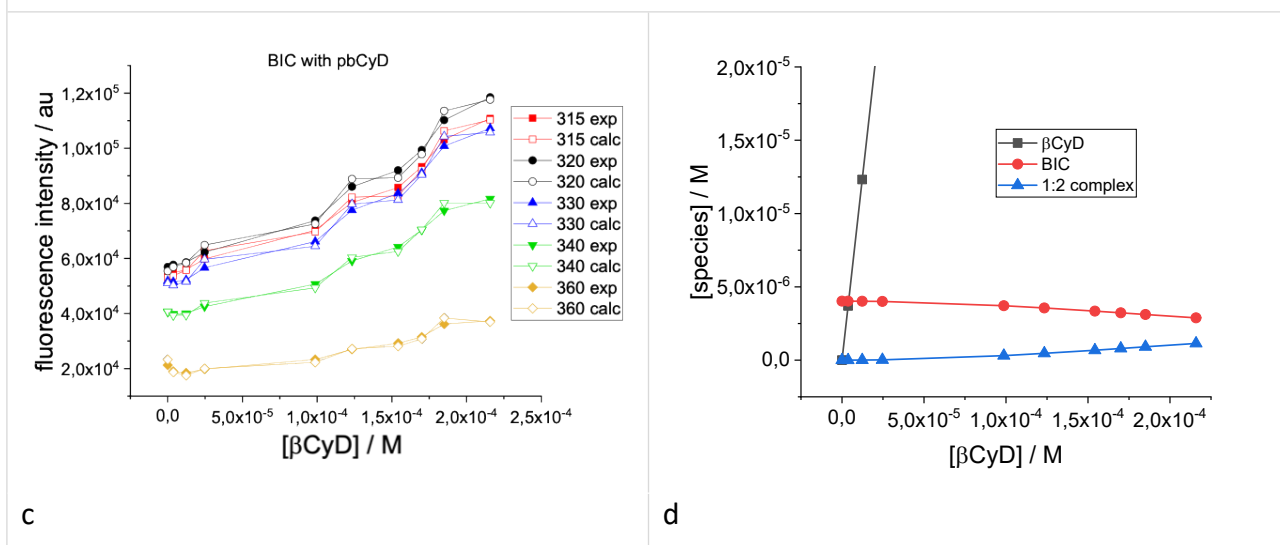
5) Titration Fluorescence spectra to determine the binding constants of BIC in  $\rho\alpha\text{CyD}$  and  $\rho\alpha\beta\text{CyD}$

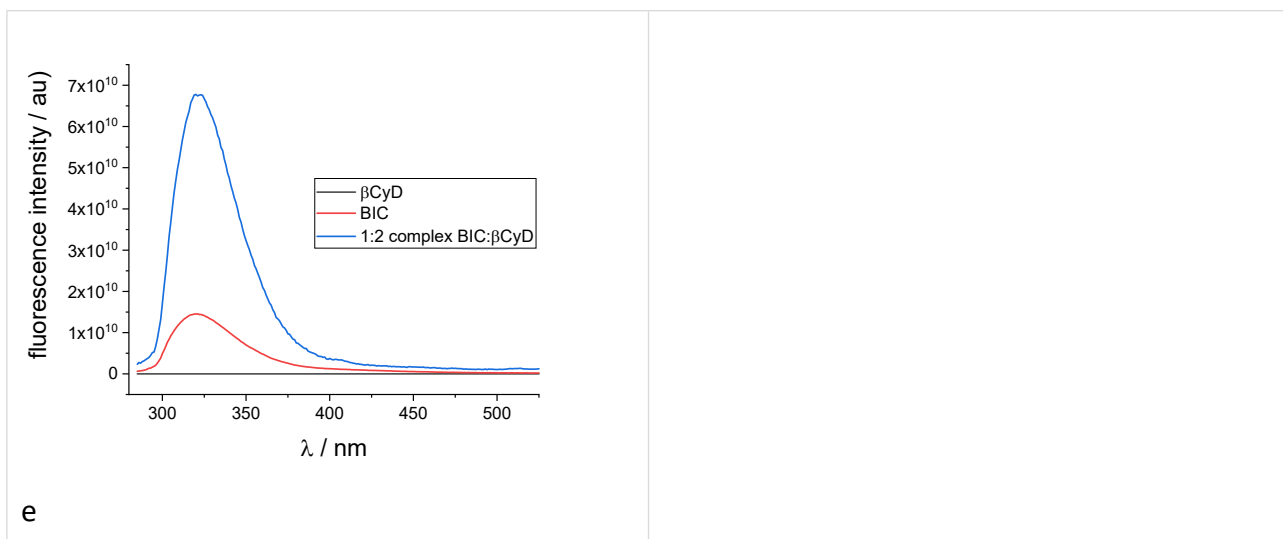
Figure S4



Titration Fluorescence spectra used to define the binding model and calculate the binding constants of BIC with the selected polymers;  $[\text{BIC}] = 4 \mu\text{M}$ ; for the polymers: (a) 4-700  $\mu\text{M}$   $[\alpha\text{CyD}]$ ; (b) 6-350  $\mu\text{M}$   $[\alpha\beta\text{CyD}]$ .

Titration of BIC with the polymer  $\rho\beta\text{CyD}$ : (c) Comparison of the experimental and calculated fluorescence intensity values at selected wavelengths; (d) species distribution vs total  $\beta\text{CyD}$  concentration and (e) calculated spectra of free and complexed BIC.





6) DFT calculations

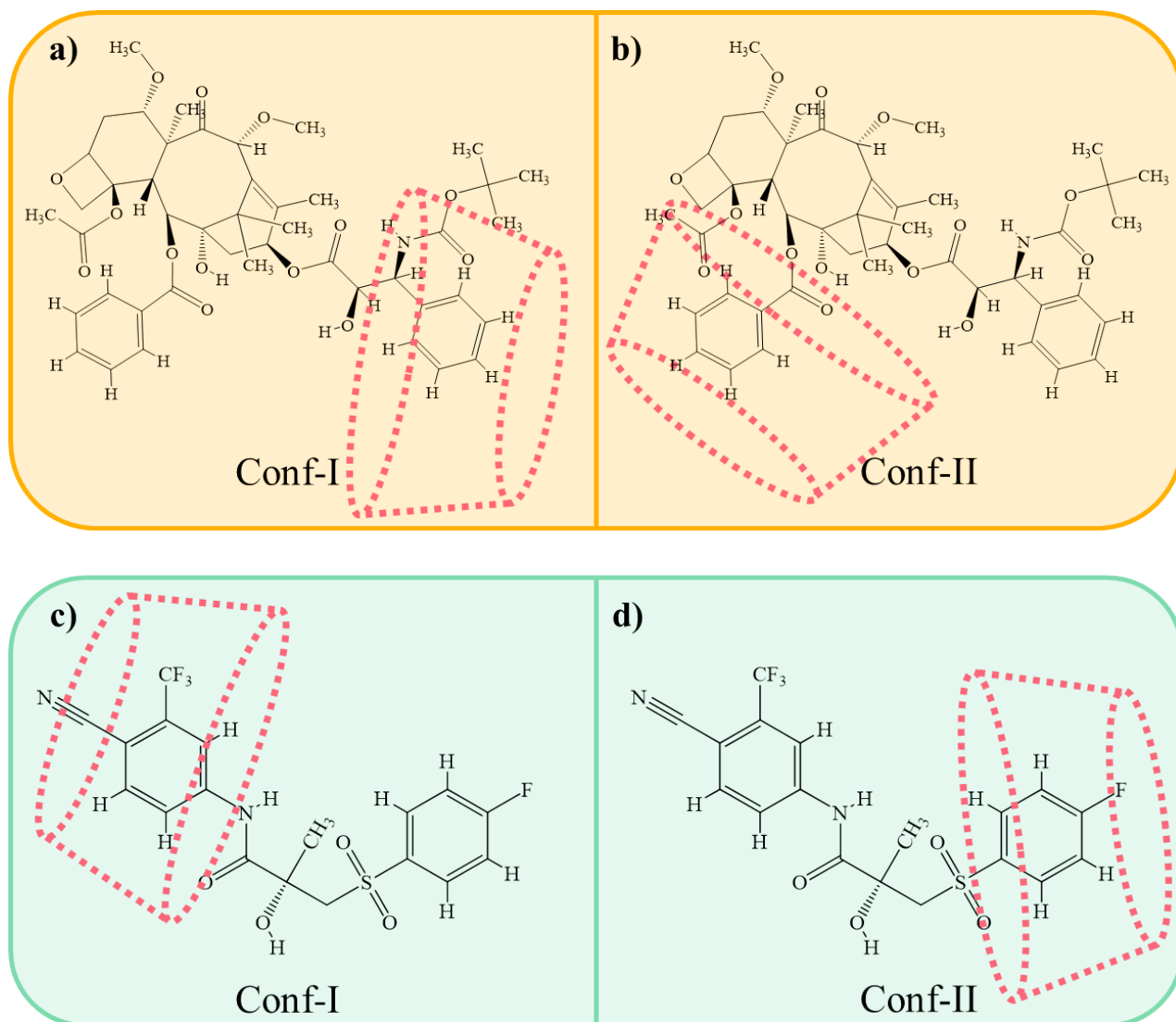


Figure S5 Schematics of the 1:1 molecular host-guest supramolecular complexes of  $\beta$ -CyD with a) and b) CBX (two structures investigated); c) and d) S-BIC (two structures investigated, same for R-BIC).



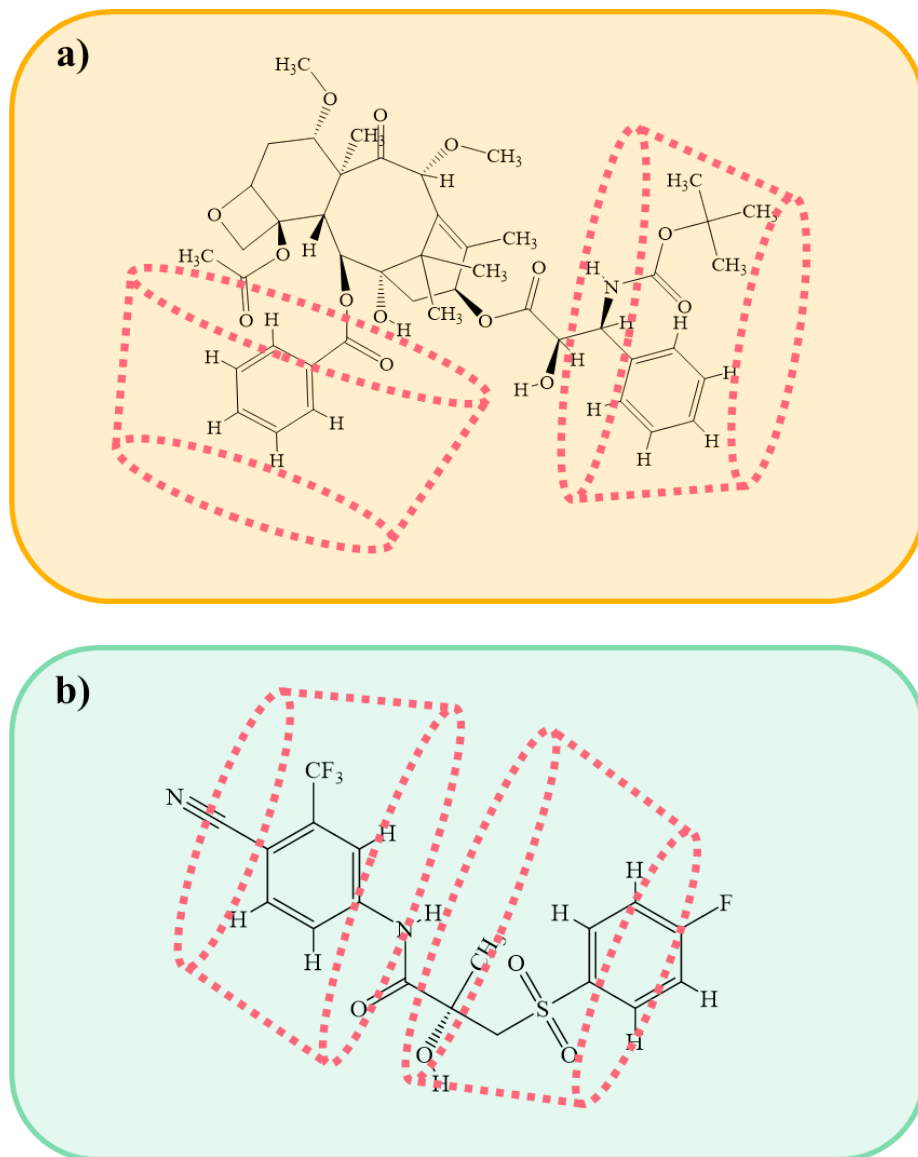


Figure S6 Schematics of the 1:2 molecular host-guest supramolecular complexes of two  $\beta$ -CyD with a) CBX; b) S-BIC (same for R-BIC).

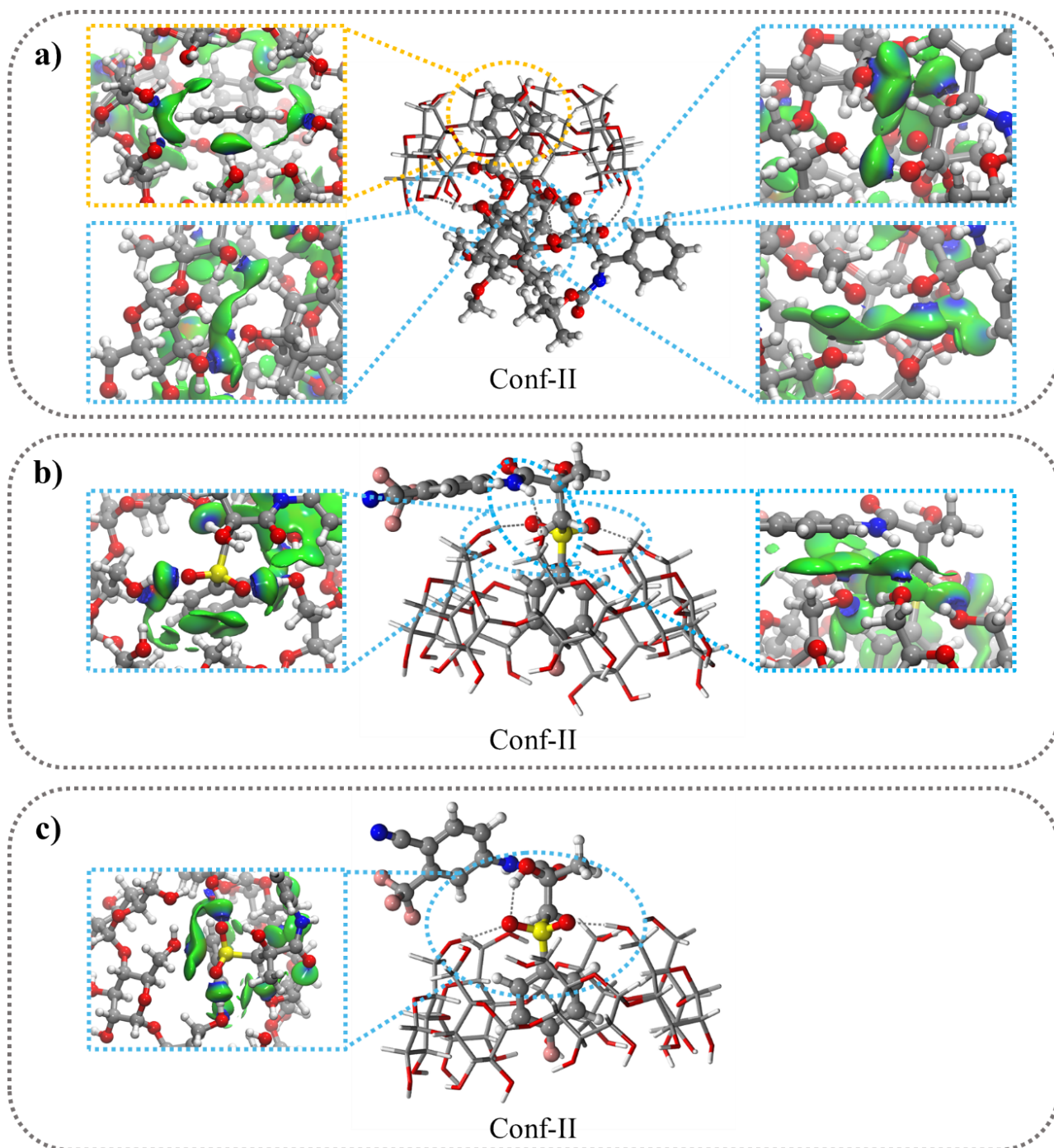


Figure S7 Optimized structures for 1:1 stoichiometry (Conf II) of  $\beta$ CyD and: a) CBX; b) S-BIC; c) R-BIC; with color-filled  $\delta g^{\text{inter}}(\rho)$  projections (isovalue 0.0055 a.u.). vdW and HBs interactions are highlighted by yellow and blue circle respectively.

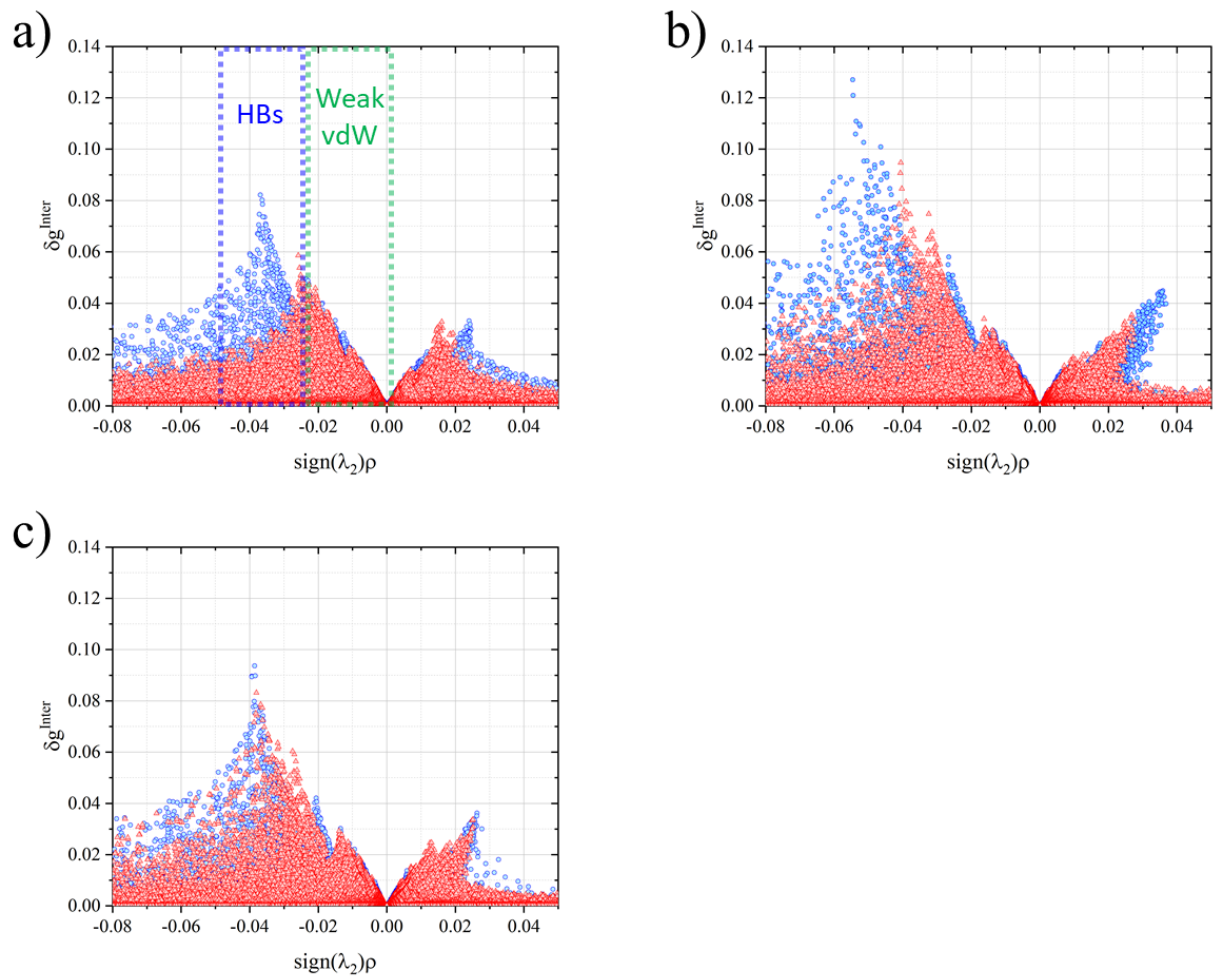


Figure S8  $\Delta g^{\text{inter}}$  plot for 1:1 stoichiometry of  $\beta\text{CyD}$  and: a) CBX (blue circle Conf-I; red triangle Conf-II); b) S-BIC (blue circle Conf-I; red triangle Conf-II); c) R-BIC (blue circle Conf-I; red triangle Conf-II).

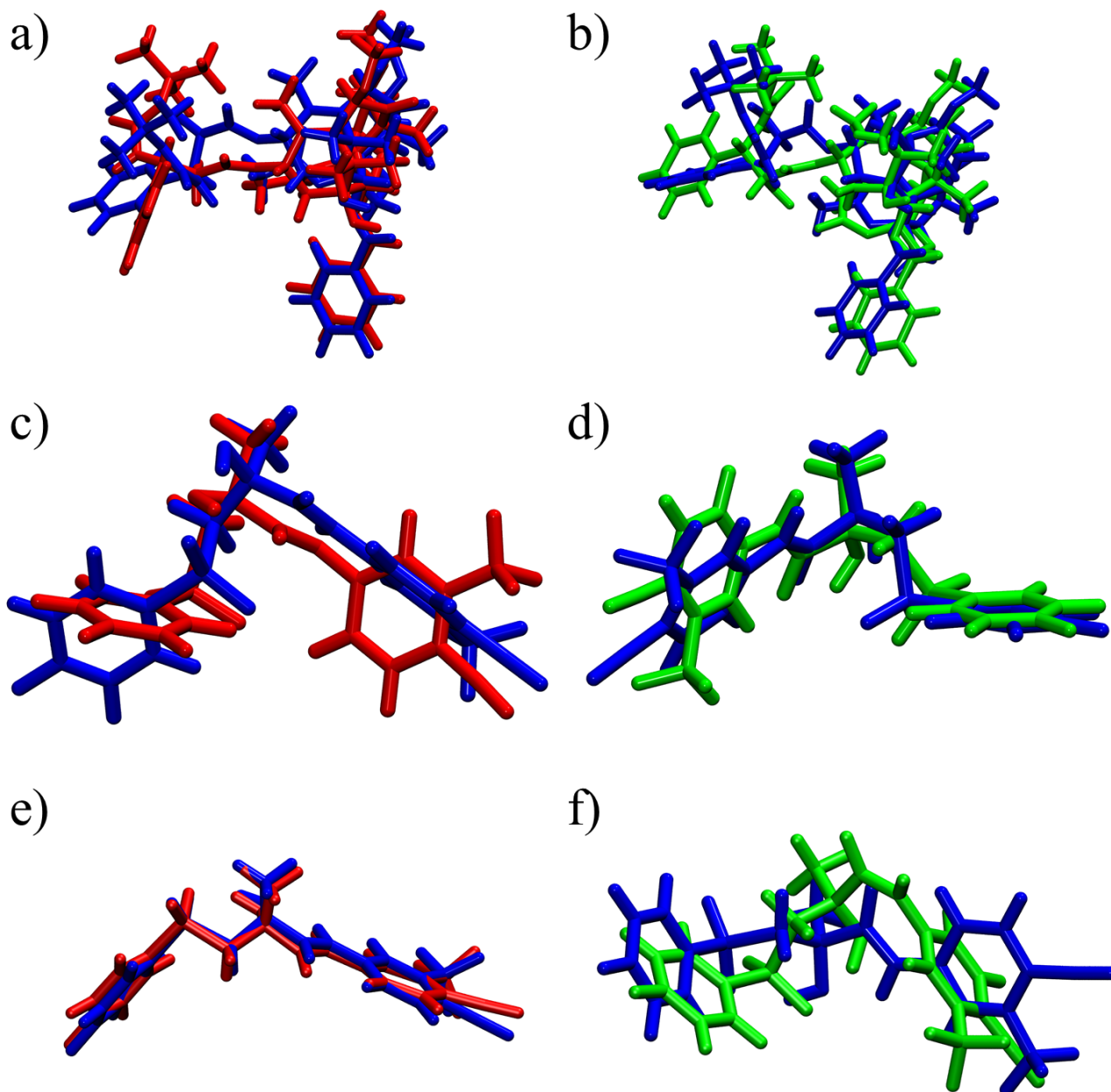


Figure S9 comparison between relax structure of guest molecules (blue) and guest molecules in Conf-I (red) and Conf-II complexes (green); a) and b) CBX; c) and d) S-BIC; e) and f) R-BIC.

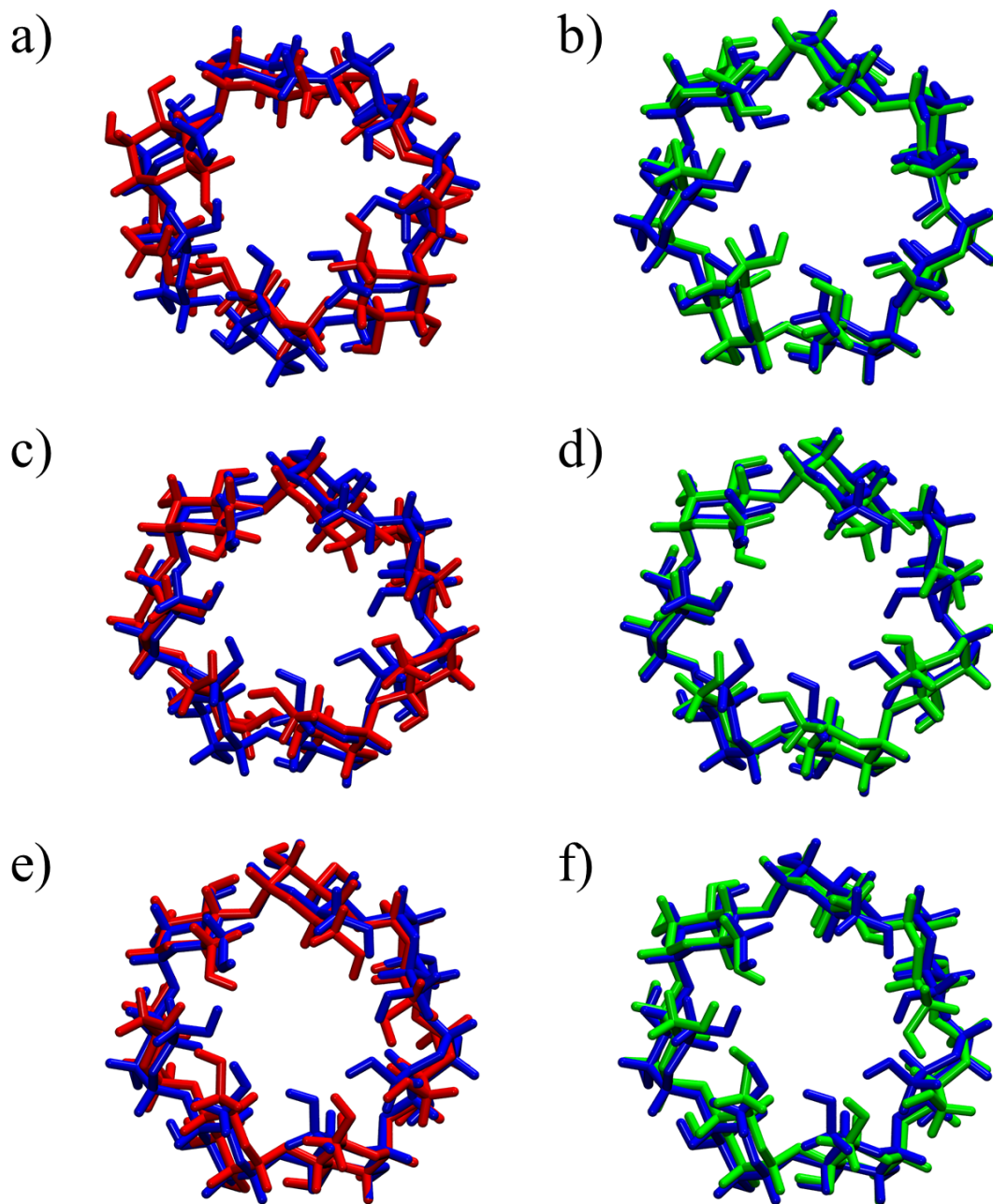


Figure S10 comparison between relax structure of  $\beta$ CyD molecule (blue) and  $\beta$ CyD molecules in Conf-I (red) and Conf-II complexes (green); a) and b) CBX@ $\beta$ CyD; c) and d) S-BIC@ $\beta$ CyD; e) and f) R-BIC@ $\beta$ CyD.

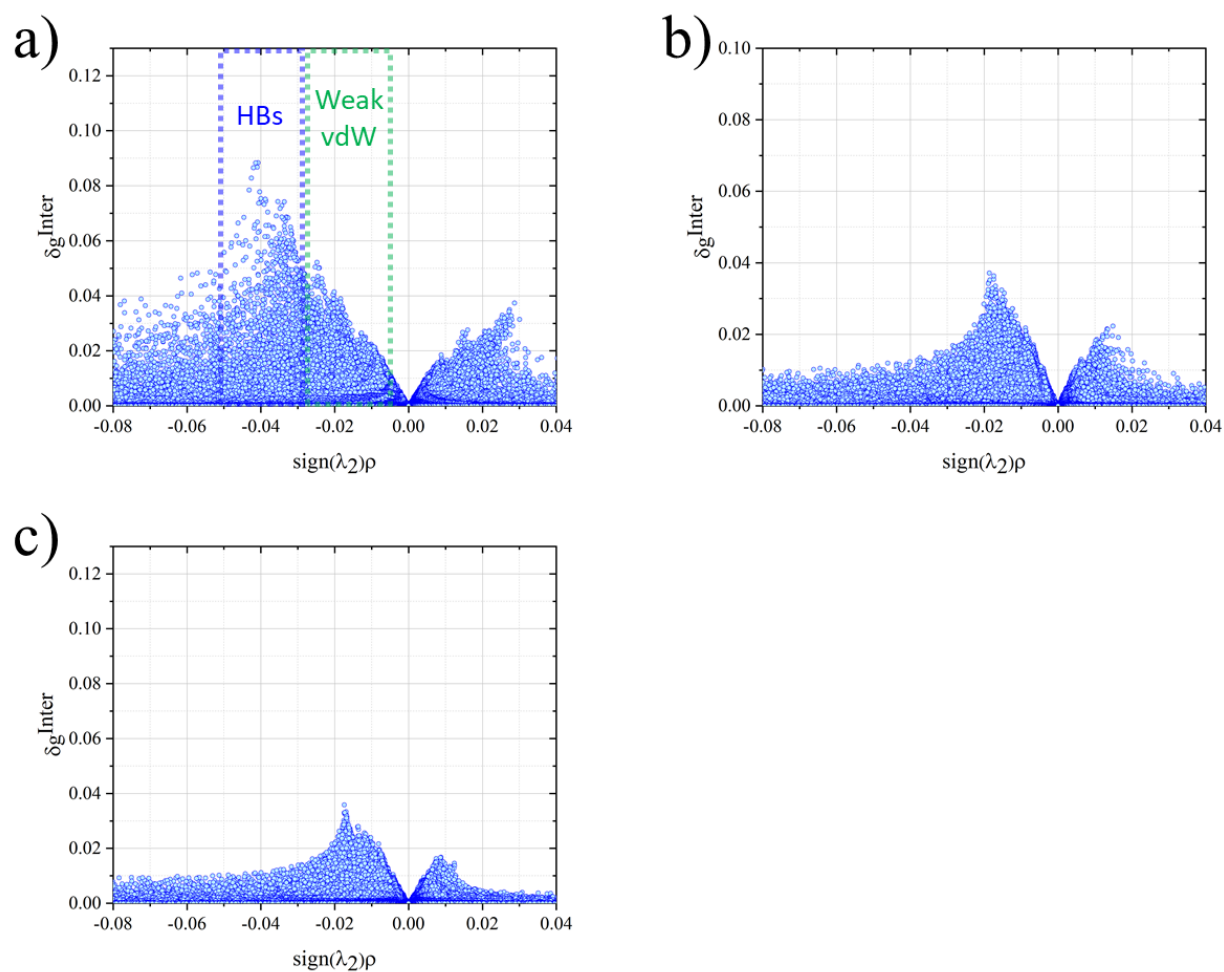


Figure S11  $\delta g^{\text{inter}}$  plot for 1:2 stoichiometry of  $\beta\text{CyD}$  with: a) CBX; b) S-BIC; c) R-BIC.

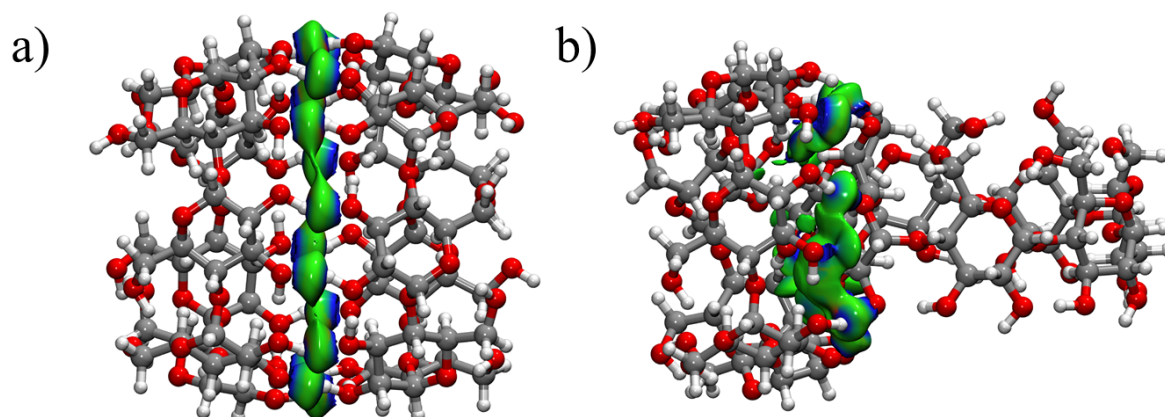


Figure S12 Optimization structures of cluster formed by 2  $\beta\text{CyD}$  without out guest molecules with color-filled  $\delta g^{\text{inter}}(\rho)$  plot (isovalue 0.0055 a.u.); structure a) is related to the relaxation of cluster formed with BIC; structure b) is related to the relaxation of cluster formed with CBX.

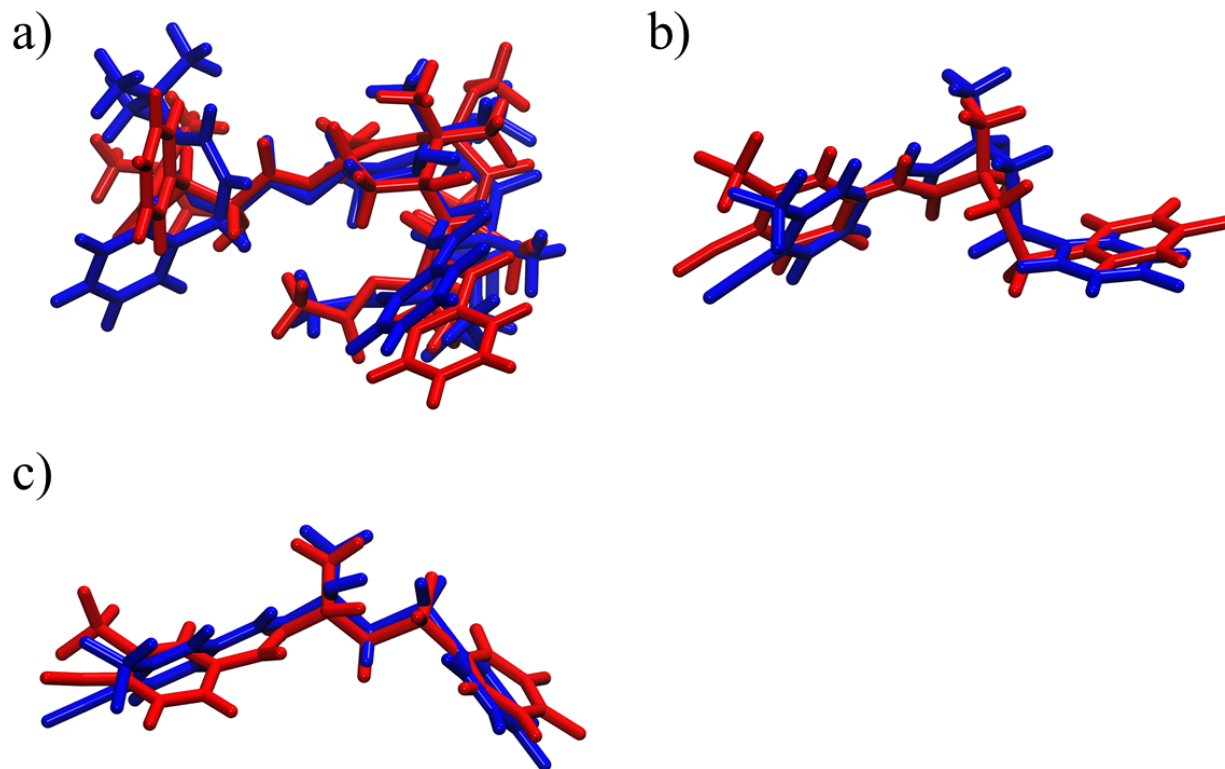


Figure S13 comparison between relax structure of guest molecules (blue) and guest molecules (red) in complexes; a) CBX; b) S-BIC; c) R-BIC.

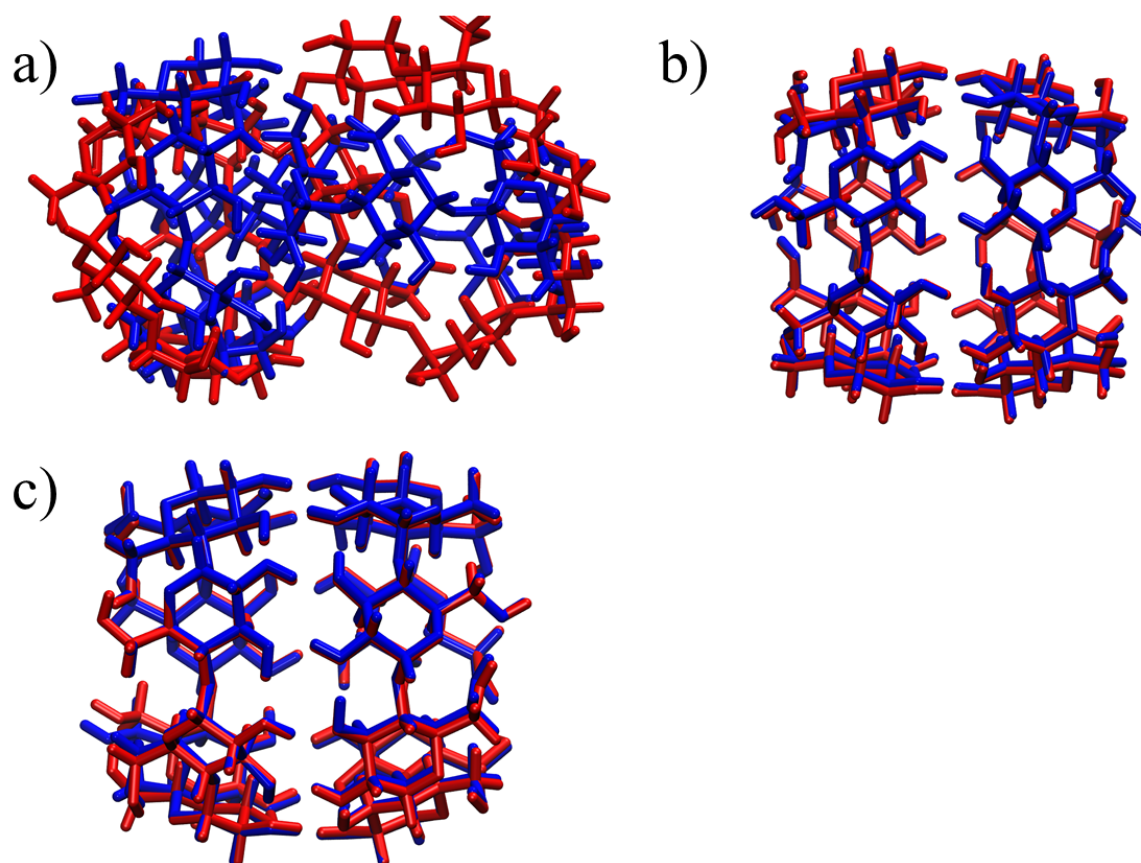


Figure S14 comparison between relax structure of  $\beta$ CyD molecule (blue) and  $\beta$ CyD molecules in complexes; a) CBX@ $\beta$ CyD; b) S-BIC@ $\beta$ CyD; c) R-BIC@ $\beta$ CyD.

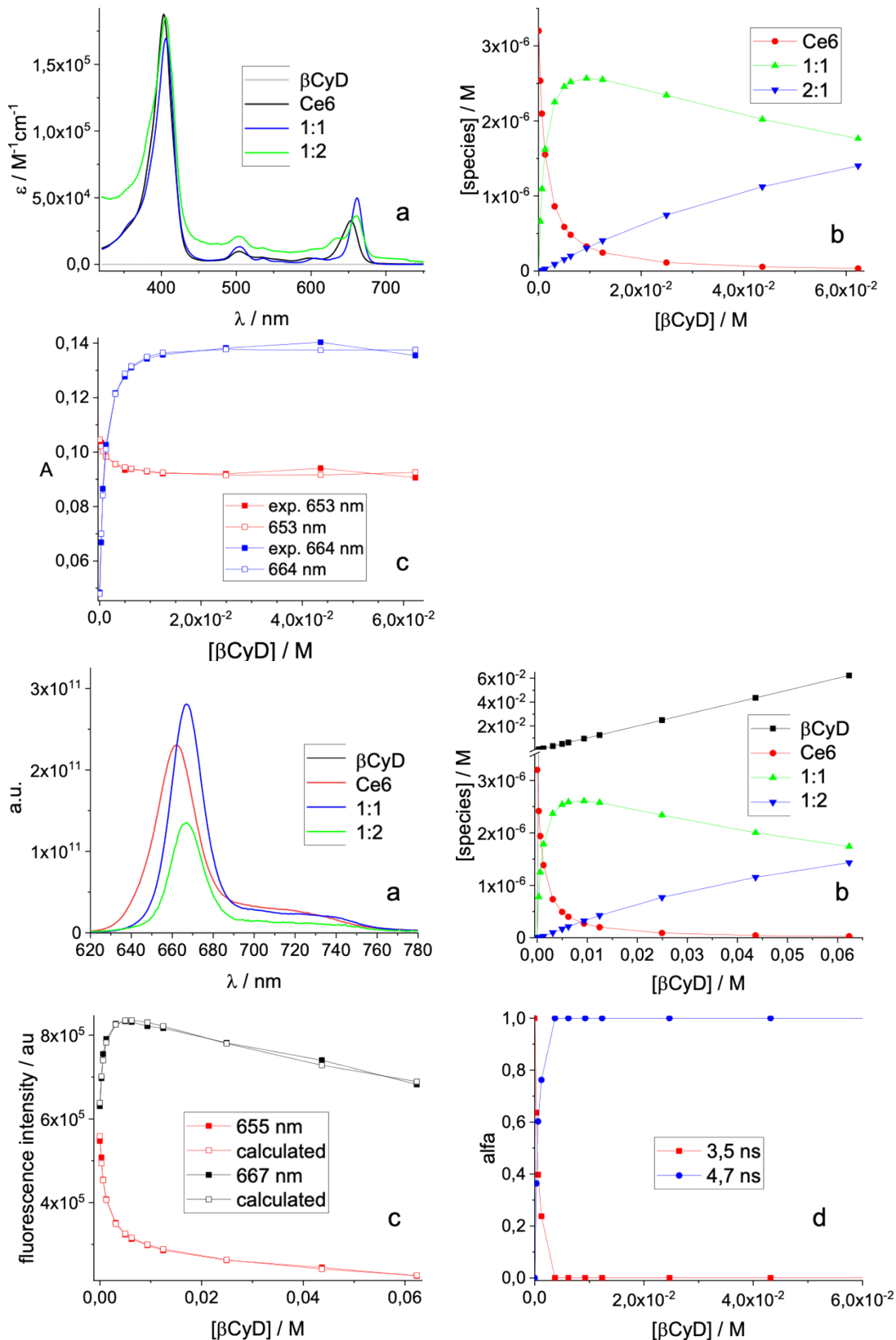
**Table S2.** Absorption data:  $\lambda$ ,  $f$  (oscillator strength) and  $R$  (optical rotatory strength) for the first 5 states.

State	R-BIC			S-BIC			CBX		
	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	$R$	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	$R$	$\lambda$ (nm)	$f$	$R$
1	256.0	0.567	55.19	256.0	0.566	-55.40	288.7	0.00	-35.29
2	243.9	0.118	5.30	243.9	0.118	-5.37	240.7	0.03	-2.55
3	229.8	0.008	2.81	229.9	0.008	-2.62	226.5	0.01	-10.47
4	228.1	0.000	-0.45	228.1	0.000	0.45	226.5	0.00	0.23
5	206.1	0.173	-15.19	206.1	0.173	15.17	222.1	0.31	24.44
	2 $\beta$ Cyd-R-BIC			2 $\beta$ Cyd-S-BIC			2 $\beta$ Cyd-CBX		
1	260.2	0.507	-35.53	258.2	0.455	5.74	291.7	0.00	-41.76
2	250.0	0.066	0.53	246.6	0.087	-0.78	244.0	0.26	-0.30
3	234.7	0.006	2.36	230.9	0.001	97.62	231.4	0.01	0.35
4	231.5	0.007	-14.87	223.6	0.006	-19.28	230.9	0.00	-7.66
5	210.6	0.171	51.18	209.8	0.114	18.38	225.7	0.27	-6.69



## 7) Titration data analysis of Ce6 with pbCyD

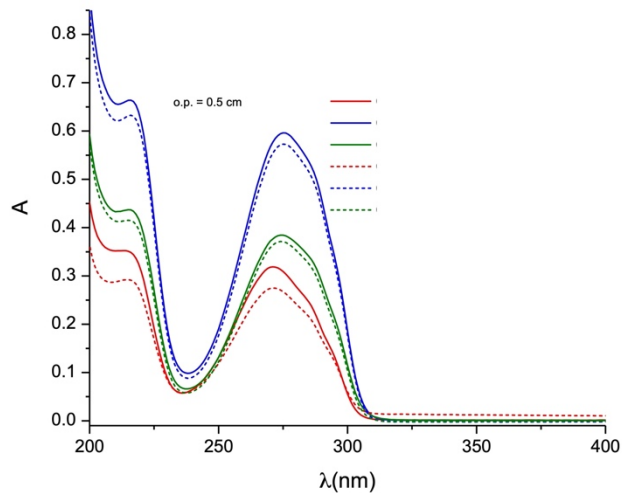
Figure S15: Output for the binding analysis of the Absorption and Fluorescence spectra and global analysis of the fluorescence decay of Ce6 with different polymer amounts



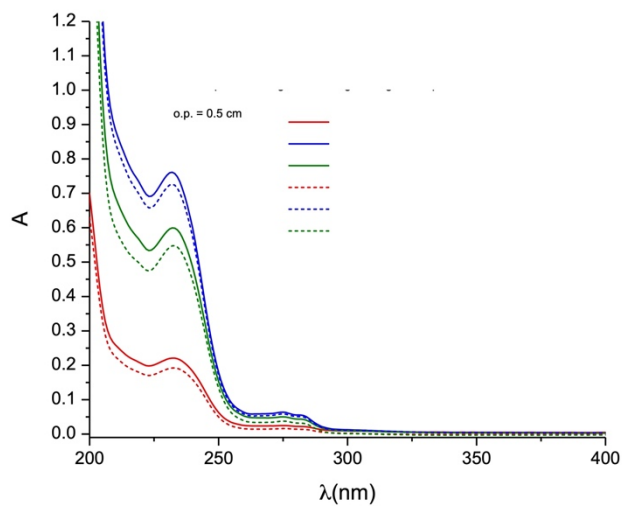
## 8) co-encapsulation of BIC and CBX

Figure S16: stability test of the mixtures

Absorption spectra of BIC with  $\beta$ CyD (blue),  $\alpha\beta$ CyD (red) and  $\alpha\beta$ CyD (green) measured at time 0 (lines) and after 28 days (dashed).



Absorption spectra of CBX with  $\beta$ CyD (blue),  $\alpha\beta$ CyD (red) and  $\alpha\beta$ CyD (green) measured at time 0 (lines) and after 28 days (dashed).



Absorption spectra of CBX and BIC with  $\beta$ CyD (blue),  $\alpha\beta$ CyD (red) and  $\alpha\beta$ CyD (green) measured at time 0 (lines) and after 28 days (dashed).

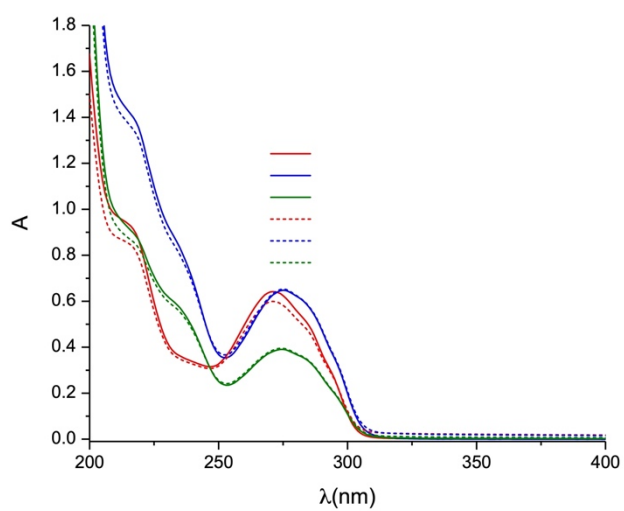


Figure S17: results for the global analysis of the fluorescence decay of Ce6 in the presence of different amounts of polymer and CBX

