

# Glycoluril Based Oligomers

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This thesis is focused on the chemistry of glycoluril, particularly non-cyclic glycoluril oligomers with formaldehyde. A new approach to the preparation of 1,6-disubstituted glycoluril based on the cyclocondensation of bisureas with glyoxal was introduced. A selective method for the synthesis of *o*-xylylene protected glycoluril oligomers with two, three and four glycoluril units was developed. This methodology allows the preparation of individual oligomers without the laborious use of chromatographic techniques or fractional crystallization. These oligomers represent a new class of host molecules capable of binding positively charged molecules, e.g. ammonium salts. These oligomers could have a similar potential to cucurbiturils, well-known cavitands, which are now tested, for instance, in drug formulations and influence drug stability, release, and selectivity.