

Abstract

Dynamic [1]Rotaxanes via Reversible Covalent Bond and Host-Guest Anion Recognition

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Mechanically interlocked molecules (MIMs) are a type of compound that is widely used in the construction of artificial molecular machines.¹ Among MIMs, the rotaxane and pseudorotaxane classes are particularly intriguing, consisting of a macrocyclic wheel threaded by the axle and having numerous applications.² We recently reported a novel [2]rotaxane system³ that combines a reversible hypervalent iodine covalent bond with anion recognition properties of bambus[6]uril macrocycles.

We present racemic mono-functionalized bambus[6]uril appended with a single aliphatic carboxylate arm [1]rotaxanes (Fig. 1). The arm is forming a bis(acyloxy)iodate(I) anionic moiety that is threading through the bambus[6]uril cavity. We investigated the possibility of component exchange to facilitate carboxylic acid triggered release.⁴ Furthermore, we create a new enantiomerically pure mono-functionalized bambus[6]uril and the first enantiomerically pure [1]rotaxanes based on hypervalent iodine axle. Following that, the [1]rotaxanes will be tested for chiral carboxylic acid recognition.

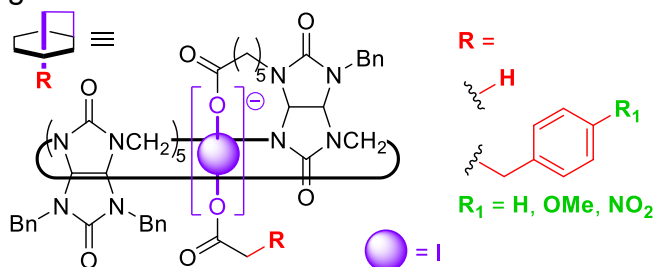


Fig. 1 Representation of the prepared [1]rotaxanes.

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