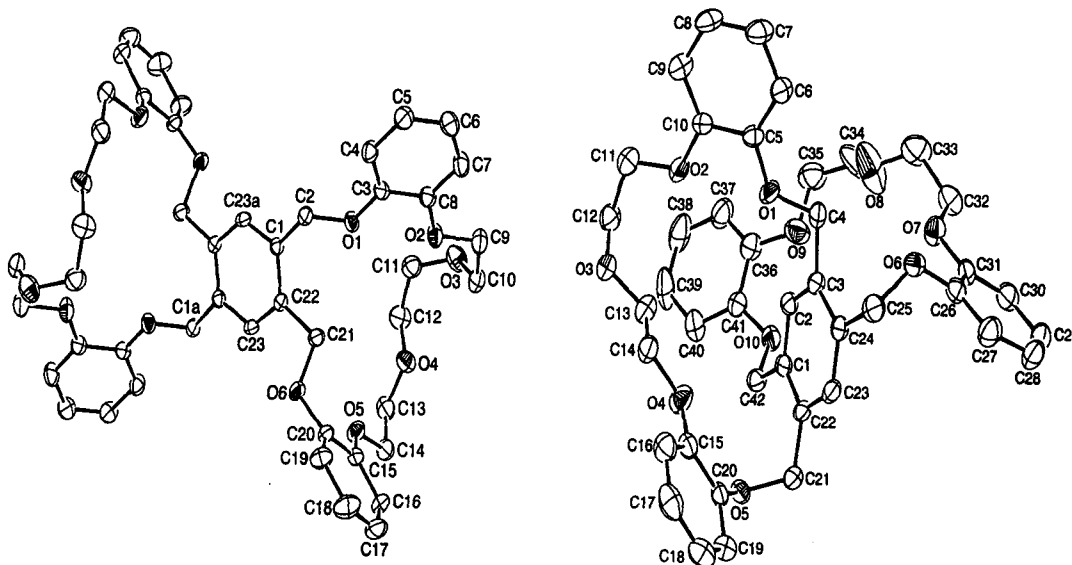


Crystal Structures of *ortho* and *para*-Xylyl dibenzo-*bis*-crown ethers

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We now report the preparation of new crown ethers **1** and **2** referred to as the common-nuclear biscrown ether bearing a benzene ring. *ortho*-Xylyl dibenzo-*bis*-crown ether (**1**) was prepared from the reaction of 1,2,4,5-tetra-kis(bromomethyl)benzene and 1,8-bis(2-hydroxyphenoxy)-3,6-dioxaoctane regardless of base species that we have attempted. Interestingly, however, reaction of tetrakis(bromomethyl)benzene with 1,5-bis(2-hydroxyphenoxy)-3-oxapentane in the presence of cesium carbonate gave *para*-xylyl dibenzo-*bis*-crown ether (**2**) in good yield, of which the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were consistent with the crystal structure. This unexpected product **2** could be formed by an assumption that the cyclization is facilitated by Cs-p interaction based on the template effect between core-benzene and cesium cation. Meanwhile, for **1**, the Cs-p interaction would be excluded probably because the distance between core-benzene and cesium cation is not expected to be sufficient enough when it forms *para*-xylyl product. The crystal structure will be presented in detail.



ortho-Xylyl dibenzo-*bis*-crown ethers(1) *para*-Xylyl dibenzo-*bis*-crown ethers(2)