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Direct Synthesis of Singly-Bridged Biscalixarenes and Crowned-Calixarenes

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Abstract : Two tail-to-tail linked singly-bridged biscalix[6]/[4]arenes were directly synthesized by reaction of calix[6]/[4]arenes with diethyleneglycol ditosylate in presence of KHCO_3 as the base. It was found that this coupling depended on the kind of calixarene. With calix[4]arene, both corresponding biscalixarene and crowned-calixarene were obtained in this reaction. But in case of *p-tert*-butylcalix[4]arene, this reaction afforded corresponding crowned-calixarene only. In addition to that, coupling reaction also depends on the linker as evident by the synthesis of corresponding crowned-calixarenes/mono-O-alkylated derivatives, in case of *p-tert*-butylcalix[6]arene.

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