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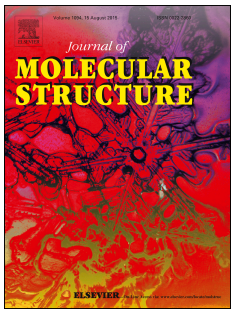

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Highlights

halogen *closo*-borates $[B_{10}Hal_{10}]^{2-}$ and $[B_{12}Hal_{12}]^{2-}$ bind to serum albumins

binding leads to the protein fluorescence quenching due to heavy atom effect

binding constants for *closo*-borate-albumin interactions are in the range 10^4- 10^6 M^{-1}

one albumin globule can bind up to 5 halogen *closo*-borate anions