# Recognition of homo-polynucleotides containing adenine by phenanthridinium bis-uracil conjugate in aqueous media. 



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All here presented compounds (1-3) were synthesized by modified procedures elaborated earlier for their close analogues ${ }^{1}$, have satisfying elemental analyses and their structures were verified by detailed 1D and 2D NMR analysis, mass spectrometry and when possible elemental analysis. Hygroscopic character of 2 and 3 precipitates yielded elemental analyses with non-stoichiometric amounts of solvent - however, since NMR and mass spectra of these compounds are correct and they are obtained by simple chemical reactions form well characterized starting compounds their structures are not questionable. Detailed synthesis procedures and other experimental data will be published as a full paper elsewhere.


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Scheme 1. Structures of novel phenanthridinium - bis-nucleobase conjugates.
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3,8-Bis (propyl)amino-6-methylphenantridine (1) was obtained as a red powder in 67 \% yield; mp 118-121 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{DMSO}_{\mathrm{d}}\right) \delta: 0.98\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \times \mathrm{CH}_{3}, 6 \mathrm{H}\right)$ ), $1.61(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \times$ $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2}, 4 \mathrm{H}\right), 2.75\left(\mathrm{~s}\right.$, Phen- $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 3 \mathrm{H}\right), 3.07\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \times \mathrm{NCH}_{2}, 4 \mathrm{H}\right), 5.85(\mathrm{br}, \mathrm{NH}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.97$ (br, NH, 1 H), 6.82 (s, Phen-H4, 1 H), 6.90-6.93 (m, Phen-H7, Phen-H2, 2 H), 7.17 (d, Phen-H9, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J}=8.97 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 8.14 (d, Phen-H1, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J}=8.97 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 8.24 (d, Phen-H10, 1 H , $\mathrm{J}=8.98 \mathrm{~Hz}) \mathrm{ppm} ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{DMSO}_{\mathrm{d}}^{6}\right.$ ) $\delta: 11.9,11.97,23.15,44.88,103.08,106.11$, 115.92, 120.11, 121.79, 122.3, 123.77, 125.31, 143.5, 146.79, 147.95, 156.82 ppm ; IR (KBr) v: 3420, 3280, 2960, 2930, 2880, 1620, 1580, 1510, 1475, 1430, 1390, 1365, 1250, 1220, 1180, 1150, 1075, 1010, 950, 830, 810, $720,670 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{~N}_{3}$ ( $\mathrm{Mr}=307.44$ ): C 78.14, H 8.20, N 13.67 \%; Found: C 78.41, H 7.98, N $13.56 \%$.

3,8-Bis-[3-(urac-1-il)propy)]amino-6-methylphenantridine (2) was obtained as a red solid in 74 yield; mp $129-134{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{DMSO}_{\mathrm{d}}^{6}\right) \delta: 1.96\left(\mathrm{br}, 2 \times \mathrm{CH}_{2}, 4 \mathrm{H}\right), 2.85$ ( s , Phen- $\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.18 (br, $2 \times \mathrm{NCH}_{2}, 4 \mathrm{H}$ ), $3.83\left(\mathrm{t}, 2 \times \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ura}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J}=6.84 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$ ), $5.57(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \times$ Ura-H5, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J}=7.16 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), $6.18(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \times \mathrm{NH}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.91(\mathrm{~s}$, Phen-H4, 1 H$)$, 6.99-7.02 (m, Phen-H7, Phen-H2, 2 H), 7.27 (d, Phen-H9, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J}=9.03 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 7.71 ( $\mathrm{d}, 2 \times$ Ura-H6, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J}=7.78 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 8.26 (d, Phen-H1, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J}=9.03 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 8.34 (d, Phen-H10, 1 H , $\mathrm{J}=9.03 \mathrm{~Hz}), 11.29(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \times \mathrm{Ura}-\mathrm{NH}, 2 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm} ; \operatorname{IR}(\mathrm{KBr}) \mathrm{v}: 3350,2920,1660,1610$, 1570, 1505, 1450, 1340, 1330, 1280, 1230, 1170, 1150, 1050, 800, 750, $705 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; ESMS $(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})$ calcd: $574.3\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}+1\right), 287.6\left(\mathrm{M}^{2+}+2\right), 192.1\left(\mathrm{M}^{2+}+3\right)$; found: $574.0\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}+1\right)$, $287.7\left(\mathrm{M}^{2+}+2\right), 192.2\left(\mathrm{M}^{2+}+3\right)$.

3,8-Bis[3-(aden-9-il)propyl)]amino-6-methylphenantridine (3) was obtained as a red solid in $84 \%$ yield; $\mathrm{mp}>300{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{DMSO}-\mathrm{d}_{6}\right) 2.28\left(\mathrm{br}, 2 \times \mathrm{CH}_{2}, 4 \mathrm{H}\right.$ ), 2.84 ( s , Phen- $\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), $3.27\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \times \mathrm{NCH}_{2}, 4 \mathrm{H}\right.$ ), $4.42\left(\mathrm{br}, 2 \times \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right.$ Ade, $4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J}=6.84 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 6.12 (br, NH, 1 H), 6.26 (br, NH, 1 H), 6.97 (s, Phen-H4, 1 H), 7.03-7.07 (m, Phen-H7, PhenH2, 2 H), 7.31 ( m, Phen-H9, NH2, 3 H), 8.27 and $8.30(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \times$ Ade-H2, $2 \times$ Ade-H8, 4 H), 8.43 (m, Phen-H1, Phen-H10, 2 H) ppm; IR (KBr) v: 3300, 3100, 2910, 2840, 1650, $1600,1570,1505,1460,1405,1380,1330,1300,1240,1190,1155,1000,800,710,640$

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\(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\); ES-MS \((\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})\) calcd: \(528.2\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}+1\right)\), \(264.6\left(\mathrm{M}^{2+}+2\right)\); found: \(528.1\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}+1\right), 264.7\)
\(\left(\mathrm{M}^{2+}+2\right)\)..
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## General Procedures

${ }^{1}$ H-NMR spectra were recorded on Varian-Gemini 300 operating at 300 MHz , as well as on Brucker Avance DRX 500 operating at 500 MHz . Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are expressed in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane, and J values in Hz. Signal multiplicities are denoted as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet) and m (multiplet). The electronic absorption spectra were obtained on Varian Cary 100 Bio spectrometer. Fluorescence spectra were recorded on a Varian Cary Eclipse fluorimeter in quartz cuvettes ( 1 cm ). IR spectra were recorded on Perkin-Elmer 297 instruments using KBr pellets. Mass spectra were obtained using Waters Micromass ZQ. The measurements were performed in aqueous buffer solution ( $\mathrm{pH}=5$, sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ ). Under the experimental conditions absorbance of 1-3 were proportional to their concentrations. Polynucleotides were purchased as noted: poly A - poly U, poly dA-poly dT, poly dAdTpoly dAdT, poly A (Sigma), calf thymus ( $c t$ )-DNA (Aldrich). Polynucleotides were dissolved Na-cacodylate buffer, $\mathrm{I}=0.05 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}, \mathrm{pH}=7$. Calf thymus ( $c t$-)DNA was additionally sonicated and filtered through a $0.45 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ filter. ${ }^{2,3}$ Polynucleotide concentration was determined spectroscopically ${ }^{3}$ as the concentration of phosphates. Spectroscopic titrations were performed by adding portions of polynucleotide solution into the solution of the studied compound.

Under the experimental conditions used the absorbance and fluorescence intensities of 13 were proportional to their concentrations. Obtained data were corrected for dilution. Fluorimetric titrations were performed at $\mathrm{pH}=5\left(I=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}\right.$, sodium citrate $/ \mathrm{HCl}$ buffer), $\lambda_{\text {exc }}=465-500 \mathrm{~nm}, \lambda_{\mathrm{em}}=530-650 \mathrm{~nm}$. Processing of titration data by means of Scatchard equation gave values of ratio $n=0.1 \pm 0.03$, for easier comparison all $K_{s}$ values were re-calculated for fixed $n=0.1 .^{4}$ Values for $K_{s}$ and $n$ given in Table 2 all have satisfactory correlation coefficients ( $>0.99$ ). Thermal melting curves for DNA, RNA and their complexes with studied compounds were determined as previously described ${ }^{3}$ by following the absorption change at 260 nm as a function of temperature. Absorbance of the ligands was subtracted from every curve, and the absorbance scale was normalized.
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$T \mathrm{~m}$ values are the midpoints of the transition curves, determined from the maximum of the first derivative and checked graphically by the tangent method. ${ }^{3} \Delta T \mathrm{~m}$ values were calculated subtracting $T \mathrm{~m}$ of the free nucleic acid from $T \mathrm{~m}$ of the complex. Every $\Delta T \mathrm{~m}$ value here reported was the average of at least two measurements, the error in $\Delta T \mathrm{~m}$ is $\pm$ $0.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

## Molecular modelling methods

Semiempirical calculations were performed with the program MOPAC, using AM1 calculations.

Force field calculations were performed using the all-atom AMBER force field ${ }^{5}$, and the partial atomic charges derived from the electrostatic potential fitted AM1 calculations. Energy minimization was performed by the steepest descent and conjugate gradients algorithms. Systems were optimized up to the convergence of about 0.01 $\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$. Molecular dynamic simulations were accomplished using the time step of 1 fs and the Varlet integration method. MD simulations with the explicit water molecules were performed using PBC with the cubic unit cell dimensions $31 \times 31 \times 31 \AA$. NVT assemble was used and the cutoff distances of 13 and $15 \AA$. System was equilibrated for 3000 steps and than the temperature was slowly increasing $50 \mathrm{~K} / 1000$ steps up to 300 K . At room temperature simulation was performed in duration of about 1 ns .

Complex of double stranded DNA, poly dA - poly dT, was build using the structure of the DNA ( $\left.5^{\prime}-\mathrm{D}(\mathrm{CpGpApTpCpG})-3^{\prime}\right)$ adriamycin complex as a crude template, PDB code $154 \mathrm{D}^{6}$. A few different starting conformations were modeled and energy optimized. Optimized structures were subjected to MD simulation. For the DNA-DU complexes MD simulations were performed in two stages: in the first stage, during the equilibration the outside pairs of nucleotides were fixed, and the inner pairs of nucleotides were restrained to their initial position with a harmonic force of $30 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$. The restrain was gradually decreased to zero during the heating procedure. During the second stage of MD simulation, and final optimisations the surface pairs of nucleotides were restrained to their initial position with a harmonic force of $25 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$, and the inner pairs and polynucleotide were free to move.

## Raw data of thermal melting experiments:

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Figure 1. Melting curves of ct DNA and $\mathbf{1}$ at $\mathrm{pH}=5.0$ ((sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027$ $\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{dm}{ }^{-3}$ ), the ( $[\mathbf{1}] /$ [polynucleotide phosphate]) ratios $r$ are: $0.0 ; 0.1 ; 0.2 ; 0.3$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.


Figure 2. Melting curves of ct DNA and $\mathbf{2}$ at $\mathrm{pH}=5.0$ ((sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027$ $\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{dm}{ }^{-3}$ ), the ([2]/ [polynucleotide phosphate]) ratios $r$ are: $0.0 ; 0.1 ; 0.2 ; 0.3$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.
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Figure 3. Melting curves of ct DNA and $\mathbf{3}$ at $\mathrm{pH}=5.0$ ((sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027$ mol dm ${ }^{-3}$ ), the ([3]/ [polynucleotide phosphate]) ratios $r$ are: $0.0 ; 0.1 ; 0.2 ; 0.3$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.


Figure 4. Melting curves of poly $(\mathrm{dA}-\mathrm{dT})_{2}$ and $\mathbf{1}$ at $\mathrm{pH}=5.0$ ((sodium citrate buffer, $I=$ $0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ ), the ([1]/ [polynucleotide phosphate]) ratios $r$ are: $0.0 ; 0.1 ; 0.2 ; 0.3$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.
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Figure 5. Melting curves of poly $(\mathrm{dA}-\mathrm{dT})_{2}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ at $\mathrm{pH}=5.0$ ((sodium citrate buffer, $I=$ $0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ ), the ([2]/ [polynucleotide phosphate]) ratios $r$ are: $0.0 ; 0.1 ; 0.3$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.


Figure
6. Melting curves of poly $(\mathrm{dA}-\mathrm{dT})_{2}$ and $\mathbf{3}$ at $\mathrm{pH}=5.0$ ((sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027$ $\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{dm}{ }^{-3}$ ), the ([3]/ [polynucleotide phosphate]) ratios $r$ are: $0.0 ; 0.1 ; 0.2 ; 0.3$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.
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Figure 7. Melting curves of poly dA-poly dT and $\mathbf{1}$ at $\mathrm{pH}=5.0$ ((sodium citrate buffer, $I$ $=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ ), the ([1]/ [polynucleotide phosphate]) ratios $r$ are: $0.0 ; 0.1 ; 0.2 ; 0.3$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.


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re 8. Melting curves of poly dA-poly dT and 2 at $\mathrm{pH}=5.0$ ((sodium citrate buffer, $I=$ $0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ ), the ([2]/ [polynucleotide phosphate]) ratios $r$ are: $0.0 ; 0.1 ; 0.2 ; 0.3$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.
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Figure 9. Melting curves of poly dA-poly dT and $\mathbf{3}$ at $\mathrm{pH}=5.0$ ((sodium citrate buffer, $I$ $=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ ), the ([3]/ [polynucleotide phosphate]) ratios $r$ are: $0.0 ; 0.1 ; 0.2 ; 0.3$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.


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igure 10. Melting curves of poly A-poly U and $\mathbf{1}$ at $\mathrm{pH}=5.0$ ((sodium citrate buffer, $I=$ $0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ ), the ([1]/ [polynucleotide phosphate]) ratios $r$ are: $0.0 ; 0.1 ; 0.2 ; 0.3$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.
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Figure 11. Melting curves of poly A-poly U and $\mathbf{2}$ at $\mathrm{pH}=5.0$ ((sodium citrate buffer, $I$ $=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ ), the ([2]/ [polynucleotide phosphate]) ratios $r$ are: $0.0 ; 0.1 ; 0.2 ; 0.3$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.


Figure 12. Melting curves of poly A-poly U and $\mathbf{3}$ at $\mathrm{pH}=5.0$ ((sodium citrate buffer, $I$ $=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ ), the ([3]/ [polynucleotide phosphate]) ratios $r$ are: $0.0 ; 0.1 ; 0.2 ; 0.3$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.
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Figure 13. Melting curves of poly A-poly U and $\mathbf{1}$ at $\mathrm{pH}=5.0$ ((sodium citrate buffer, $I$ $=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ ), the ([1]/ [polynucleotide phosphate]) ratios $r$ are: $0.0 ; 0.1 ; 0.2 ; 0.3$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.


Figure
14. Melting curves of poly A-poly U and $\mathbf{2}$ at $\mathrm{pH}=5.0$ ((sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027$ $\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{dm}{ }^{-3}$ ), the ([2]/ [polynucleotide phosphate]) ratios $r$ are: $0.0 ; 0.1 ; 0.2 ; 0.3$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.
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Figure 15. Melting curves of poly A-poly U and $\mathbf{3}$ at $\mathrm{pH}=5.0$ ((sodium citrate buffer, $I$ $=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ ), the ([3]/ [polynucleotide phosphate]) ratios $r$ are: $0.0 ; 0.1 ; 0.3$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.

## Fluorescence measurements



Figure 16. Fluorimetric titration of $1, \mathrm{c}=4.8 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ with ct DNA $(\mathrm{pH}=5$, sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}, \mathrm{c}(\mathrm{ct} \mathrm{DNA})=7.98 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}-1.98 \times 10^{-4}$ $\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{dm}{ }^{-3}$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.


Figure 17. Fluorimetric titration of 2, $\mathrm{c}=2.4 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ with ct DNA $(\mathrm{pH}=5$, sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$, $\mathrm{c}(\mathrm{ct} \mathrm{DNA})=1.08 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}-8.08 \times 10^{-4}$ $\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{dm}{ }^{-3}$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.


Figure 18. Fluorimetric titration of $\mathbf{3}, \mathrm{c}=5.0 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ with ct DNA $(\mathrm{pH}=5$, sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}, \mathrm{c}(\mathrm{ct} \mathrm{DNA})=3.2 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}-5.52 \times 10^{-4}$ $\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{dm}{ }^{-3}$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.
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Figure 19. Fluorimetric titration of $\mathbf{1}, \mathrm{c}=2,14 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ with poly $\mathrm{dAdT}-$ poly dAdT $\left(\mathrm{pH}=5\right.$, sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}, \mathrm{c}($ poly dAdT - poly dAdT $)=$ $3.84 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}-3.81 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.


Figure 20. Fluorimetric titration of 2, $\mathrm{c}=2.15 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ with poly dAdT - poly dAdT $\left(\mathrm{pH}=5\right.$, sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}, \mathrm{c}($ poly dAdT - poly dAdT $)=$ $3.14 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}-3.53 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.


Figure 21. Fluorimetric titration of 3, $\mathrm{c}=2.12 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ with poly dAdT - poly dAdT $\left(\mathrm{pH}=5\right.$, sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}, \mathrm{c}($ poly dAdT - poly dAdT $)=$ $3.0 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}-3.0 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.


Figure 22. Fluorimetric titration of $\mathbf{1}, \mathrm{c}=2.14 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ with poly dA poly $\mathrm{dT}\left(\mathrm{pH}=5\right.$, sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}, \mathrm{c}($ poly dA - poly dT $)=1.45 \times$ $10^{-5} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}-6.99 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}{ }^{-3}$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.
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Figure 23. Fluorimetric titration of $\mathbf{2}, \mathrm{c}=2.15 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ with poly dA - poly dT $\left(\mathrm{pH}=5\right.$, sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}, \mathrm{c}($ poly dA - poly dT $)=2.72 \times 10^{-6}$ $\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{dm}{ }^{-3}-3.28 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.


Figure 24. Fluorimetric titration of 3, $\mathrm{c}=2.12 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ with poly $\mathrm{dA}-$ poly dT $\left(\mathrm{pH}=5\right.$, sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}, \mathrm{c}($ poly dA - poly dT $)=4.07 \times 10^{-6}$ $\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{dm}{ }^{-3}-3.17 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.
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Figure 25. Fluorimetric titration of 1, $\mathrm{c}=4.8 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ with poly A-poly $\mathrm{U}(\mathrm{pH}=$ 5 , sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$, c (poly A-poly U ) $=1.23 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ $1.52 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.


Figure 26. Fluorimetric titration of 2, $\mathrm{c}=2.4 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ with poly A-poly $\mathrm{U}(\mathrm{pH}=$ 5 , sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}, \mathrm{c}($ poly A-poly U$)=3.19 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}-$ $9.62 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.
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Figure 27. Fluorimetric titration of 3, $\mathrm{c}=6.38 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ with poly A-poly $\mathrm{U}(\mathrm{pH}=$ 5 , sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$, c (poly A-poly U) $=1.23 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}-$ $2.66 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.


Figure 28. Fluorimetric titration (measured on single wavelength) of 1, $\mathrm{c}=4.8 \times 10^{-6}$ $\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{dm}{ }^{-3}$ with poly $\mathrm{AH}^{+}$- poly $\mathrm{AH}^{+}\left(\mathrm{pH}=5\right.$, sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}{ }^{-3}, \mathrm{c}$ (poly $\mathrm{AH}^{+}$- poly $\mathrm{AH}^{+}$) $=1.43 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}-2.54 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.
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Figure 29. Fluorimetric titration of 2, $\mathrm{c}=2.4 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ with poly $\mathrm{AH}^{+}-$poly $\mathrm{AH}^{+}$ $\left(\mathrm{pH}=5\right.$, sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$, c $\left(\right.$ poly $\mathrm{AH}^{+}$- poly $\left.\mathrm{AH}^{+}\right)=4.23 \times 10^{-5}$ $\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{dm}{ }^{-3}-5.37 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.


Figure 30. Fluorimetric titration of $\mathbf{3}, \mathrm{c}=6.3 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ with poly $\mathrm{AH}^{+}-$poly $\mathrm{AH}^{+}$ $\left(\mathrm{pH}=5\right.$, sodium citrate buffer, $I=0.027 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$, c $\left(\right.$ poly $\mathrm{AH}^{+}-$poly $\left.\mathrm{AH}^{+}\right)=1.43 \times 10^{-5}$ $\mathrm{mol} \mathrm{dm}{ }^{-3}-2.89 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$. For measuring conditions see General Procedures.
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