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# Novel copper(II) complexes with fenamates and isonicotinamide: structure and properties, interaction with DNA and serum albumin

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## Supplementary material

# **Albumin binding studies**

The extent of the inner-filter effect can be roughly estimated with the following equation:

$$I_{corr} = I_{meas} \times 10^{\frac{\varepsilon(\lambda_{exc})cd}{2}} \times 10^{\frac{\varepsilon(\lambda_{em})cd}{2}}$$
(eq. S1)

where  $I_{corr}$  = corrected intensity,  $I_{meas}$  = the measured intensity, c = the concentration of the quencher, d = the cuvette (1 cm),  $\varepsilon_{(\lambda exc)}$  and  $\varepsilon_{(\lambda em)}$  = the  $\varepsilon$  of the quencher at the excitation and the emission wavelength, respectively, as calculated from the UV-vis spectra of the complexes <sup>1</sup>.

The Stern-Volmer and Scatchard equations and graphs have been used in order to study the interaction of a quencher with serum albumins. The Stern-Volmer constant, $K_{SV}$ (in M<sup>-1</sup>), and the quenching constant,  $k_q$ (in M<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>),may be derived from the Stern-Volmer equation <sup>2</sup>:

$$\frac{Io}{I} = 1 + k_q \tau_0[Q] = 1 + K_{SV}[Q]$$
(eq. S2)

where Io = the initial tryptophan fluorescence intensity of SA, I = the tryptophan fluorescence intensity of SA after the addition of the quencher,  $k_q$ = the quenching rate constant,  $K_{SV}$ = the Stern-Volmer constant,  $\tau_o$  = the average fluorescence lifetime of SA (= 10<sup>-8</sup> s), [Q] = the concentration of

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the quencher, respectively,  $K_{SV}$  (in M<sup>-1</sup>) can be obtained by the slope of the diagram  $\overline{I}$  versus [Q], and subsequently  $k_q$  (in M<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) may be calculated from equation [2]:

$$K_{SV} = k_q \tau_o$$
 (eq. S3)

From the Scatchard equation [2]:

$$\frac{\Delta I/Io}{[Q]} = nK - K\frac{\Delta I}{Io}$$
 (eq. S4)

 $\Delta I/Io$ 

Io

the SA-binding constant K (in M<sup>-1</sup>) may be calculated from the slope in the Scatchard plots  $\boxed{[Q]}_{\Delta I}$ 

*versus*  $\overline{Io}$  and the number of binding sites per albumin (n) is given by the ratio of y intercept to the slope <sup>2</sup>.

### **DNA binding studies**

The DNA-binding constant (K<sub>b</sub>, in M<sup>-1</sup>) can be obtained by monitoring the changes in the absorbance at the corresponding  $\lambda_{max}$  with increasing concentrations of CT DNA and it is given by the ratio of slope to the y intercept in plots [DNA]/( $\epsilon_A$ - $\epsilon_f$ ) versus [DNA], according to the Wolfe-Shimer equation <sup>3</sup>:

$$\frac{[DNA]}{(\varepsilon_A - \varepsilon_f)} = \frac{[DNA]}{(\varepsilon_b - \varepsilon_f)} + \frac{1}{K_b(\varepsilon_A - \varepsilon_f)}$$
 (eq. S5)

where [DNA] is the concentration of DNA in base pairs,  $\varepsilon_f$  is the extinction coefficient for the free complex at the corresponding  $\lambda_{max}$ ,  $\varepsilon_A = A_{obsd}$ /[compound] and  $\varepsilon_b$  is the extinction coefficient for the complex in the fully bound form.

The linear Stern-Volmerequation (eq. S2) has been used in order to study the quenching of EB bound to DNA by the compounds, where  $I_0$  and I are the emission intensities of EB-DNA conjugate in theabsence and the presence of the quencher, respectively, [Q] is the concentration of the quencher (i.e. compounds)<sup>2</sup>. The values of the Stern-Volmer constant  $K_{SV}$  (M<sup>-1</sup>) are obtained by  $I_0$ 

the slope of the diagram  $\overline{I}$  versus [Q]. Taking  $\tau_0 = 23$  ns as the fluorescence lifetime of the EB-DNA system <sup>4</sup>, the quenching constants  $k_q$  (in M<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>) of the compounds can be determined according to eq. S3.

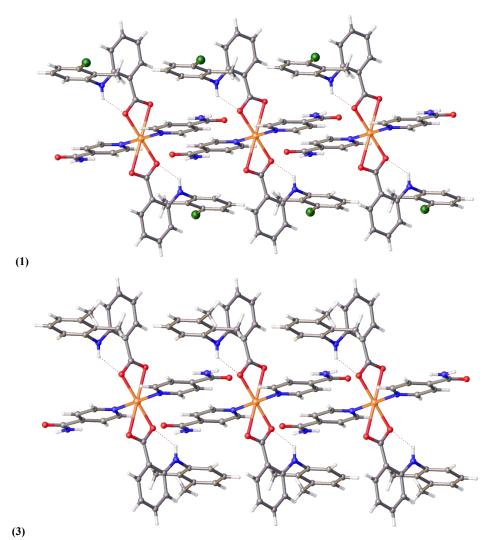
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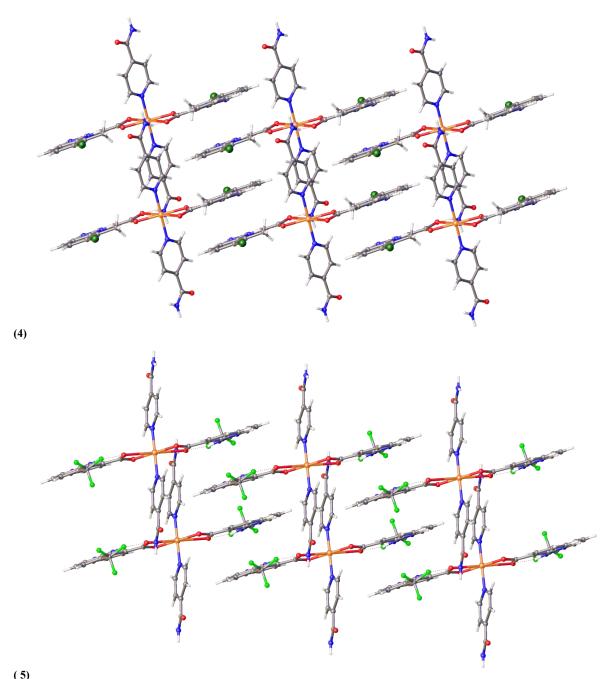
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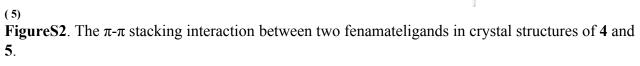
Table S1. Hydrogen bonds for compounds 1-5.					
D–H…O	d(D–H)/Å	d(HA)/Å	d(DA)/Å	D–H…A/°	Symmetry
1					
N2-H2B…O2	0.86	2.13	2.948(3)	160	+x, -1+y, +z
N3-H3…O1	0.86	2.02	2.656(2)	130	+x, -1+y, +z
C4–H4…O2	0.93	2.35	3.224(3)	156	+x, -1+y, +z
2					
N2–H2A…O3	0.86	2.17	3.020(3)	170	1/2- <i>x</i> , -1/2+ <i>y</i> ,1/2- <i>z</i>
N2–H2B…O2	0.86	2.17	3.015(3)	167	1– <i>x</i> , – <i>y</i> , 1– <i>z</i>
N3-H3…O1	0.86	1.91	2.590(3)	135	
С4–Н4…О2	0.93	2.40	3.262(3)	155	1– <i>x</i> , – <i>y</i> , 1– <i>z</i>
3					
N2–H2B…O2	0.86	2.11	2.934(2)	160	-x, -y, 1-z
N3–H3…O1	0.86	2.02	2.659(2)	129	
С4–Н4…О2	0.93	2.35	3.255(2)	156	-x, -y, 1-z
4					
N2–H2A…O3	0.88	2.05	2.884(3)	158	-x, -y, -z
N2–H2B…O2	0.88	2.04	2.893(3)	164	1– <i>x</i> , – <i>y</i> , 1– <i>z</i>
N3-H3…O1	0.88	1.99	2.706(2)	137	
С4–Н4…О2	0.95	2.40	3.317(3)	161	1- <i>x</i> , - <i>y</i> , 1- <i>z</i>
C19–H19…N4	0.95	2.23	2.860(3)	123	
5					
N2–H2A…O3	0.88	2.00	2.877(2)	158	- <i>x</i> , 2- <i>y</i> ,- <i>z</i>
N2–H2B…O2	0.88	2.22	3.081(2)	164	1- <i>x</i> , 2- <i>y</i> , 1- <i>z</i>
N3-H3…O2	0.88	1.94	2.679(2)	137	
С4–Н4…О2	0.95	2.34	3.284(2)	171	1- <i>x</i> , 2- <i>y</i> ,1- <i>z</i>
C19–H19…N4	0.95	2.32	2.927(2)	121	
C1–H1…F1	0.95	2.67	3.288(2)	123	+x, +y, -1+z
C1–H1…F2	0.95	2.66	3.340(2)	129	+x, +y, -1+z
C2–H2…F2	0.95	2.69	3.289(2)	122	+x, +y, -1+z
C13–H13…F2	0.95	2.67	3.376(2)	132	+ <i>x</i> , + <i>y</i> ,-1+ <i>z</i>

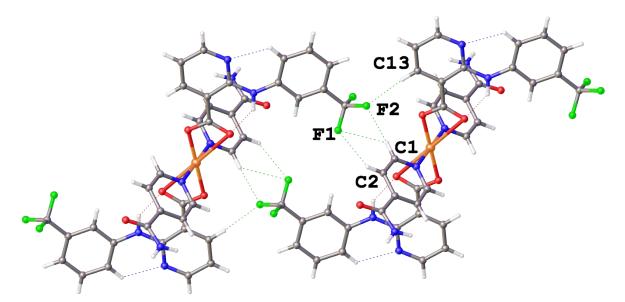
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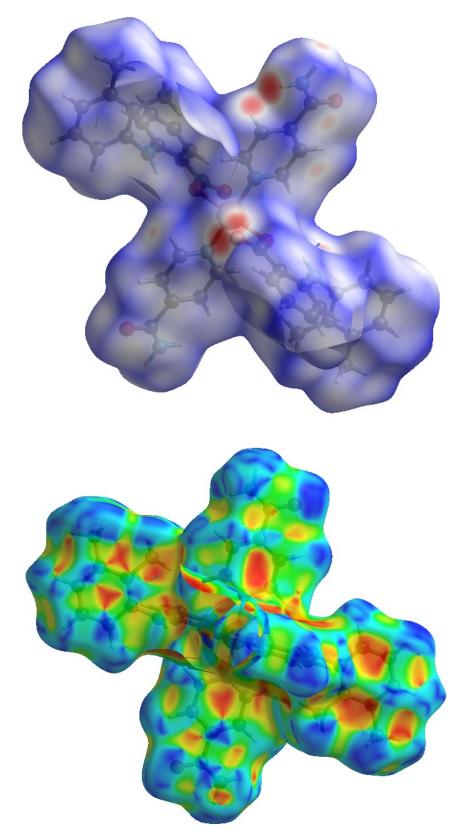
(3) Figure S1. The  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interaction between two isonicotinamide ligands in crystal structures of 1 and 3.



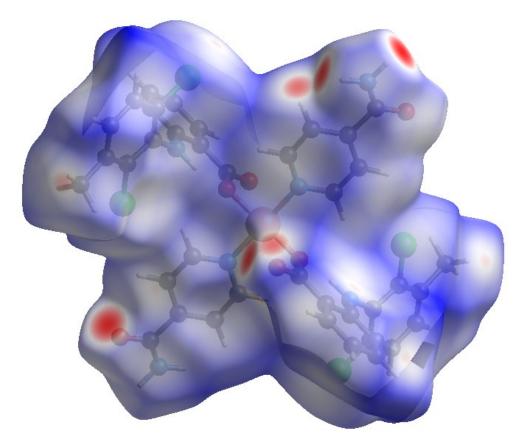




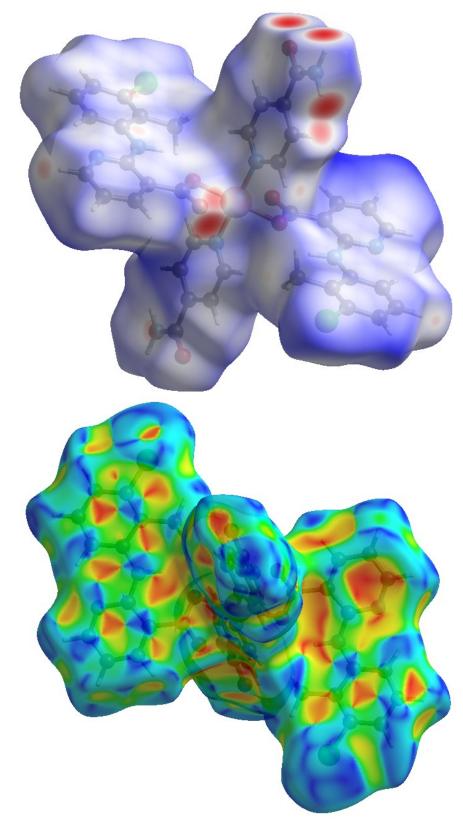
**Figure S3**. The C–H···F hydrogen bonding interaction in crystal structure of **5**.



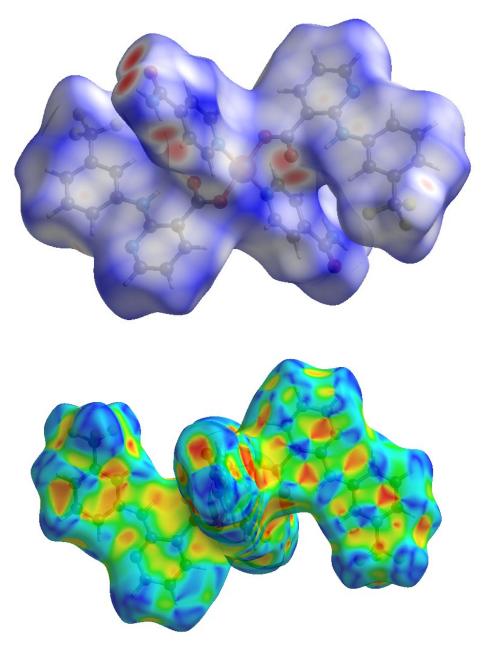
**Figure S4**. View of the three-dimensional Hirshfeld surface of **3** plotted over  $d_{\text{norm}}$  in the range -0.4902 to 1.2118 a.u. (top) and shape-index (bottom).



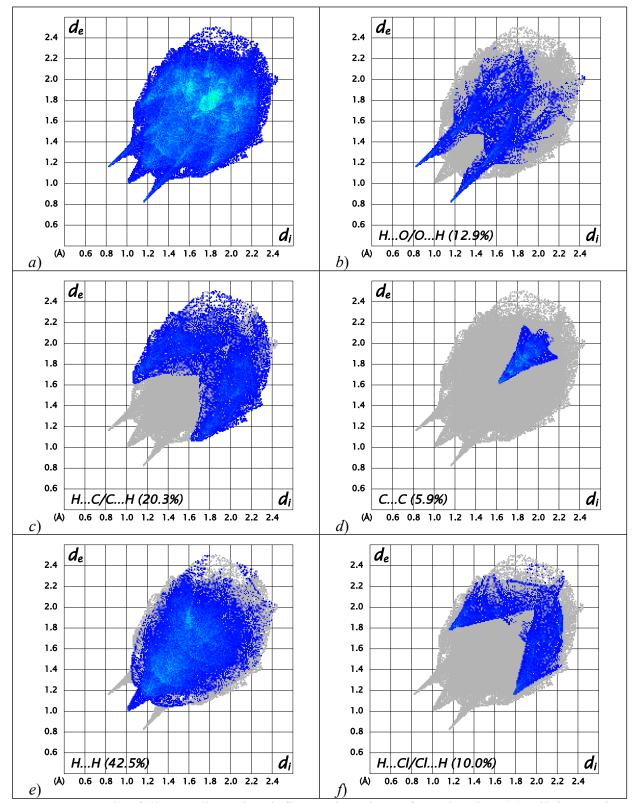
**Figure S5**. View of the three-dimensional Hirshfeld surface of **2** plotted over  $d_{\text{norm}}$  in the range -0.4498 to 1.5102 a.u..



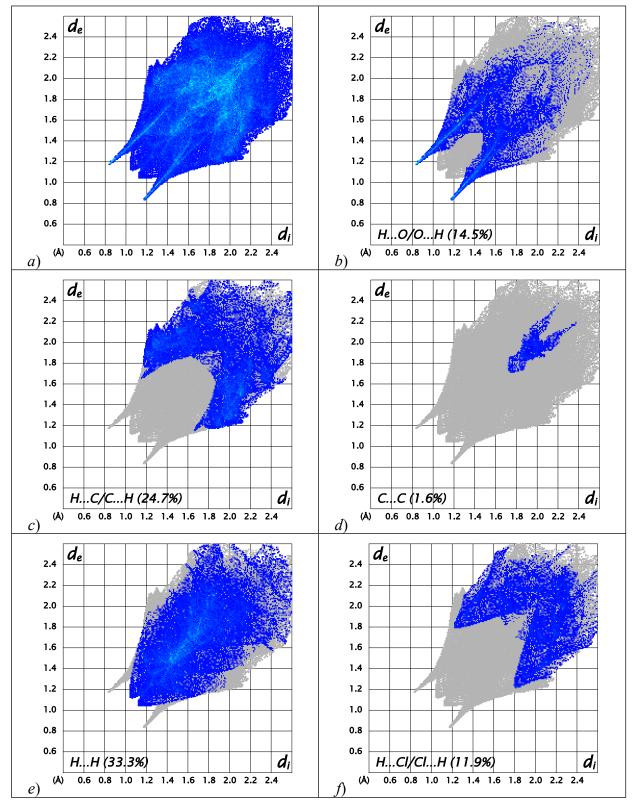
**Figure S6**. View of the three-dimensional Hirshfeld surface of 4 plotted over  $d_{\text{norm}}$  in the range -0.5379 to 1.6017a.u. (top) and shape-index (bottom).



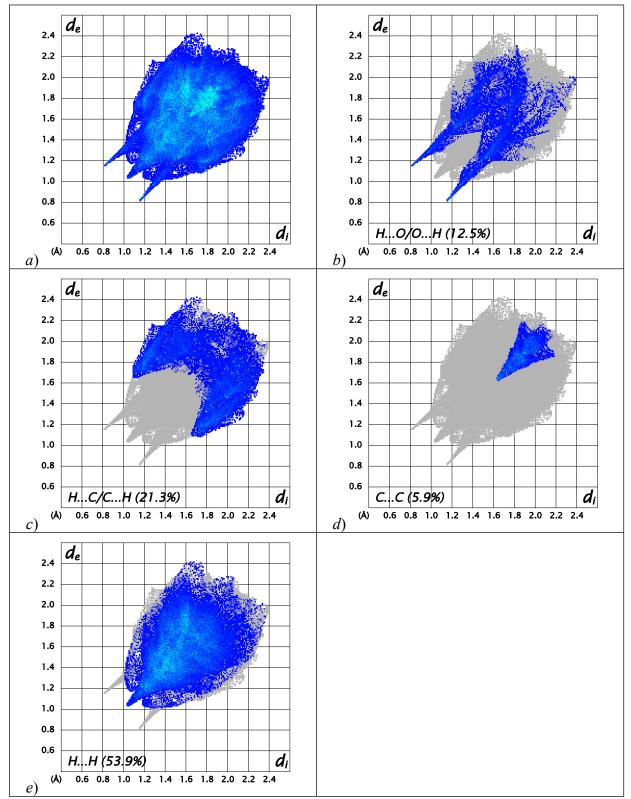
**Figure S7**. View of the three-dimensional Hirshfeld surface of **5** plotted over  $d_{\text{norm}}$  in the range -0.5661 to 1.1584 a.u. (top) and shape-index (bottom).



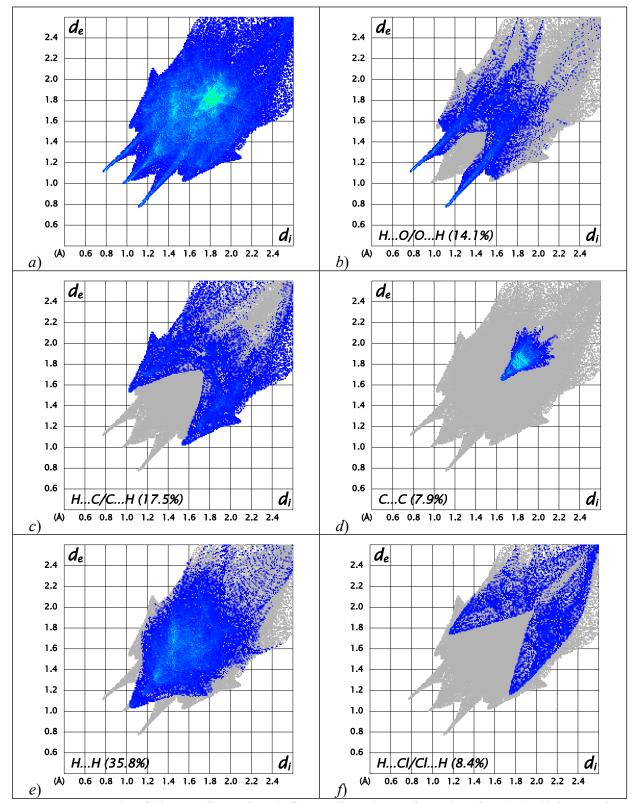
**Figure S8**. The full two-dimensional fingerprint plots of **1**, showing (*a*) all interactions, (b) H···O/O···H, (c) H···C/C···H, (*d*) C···C, (*e*) H···H, and (*f*) H···Cl/Cl···H interactions. The  $d_i$  and  $d_e$  values are the closest internal and external distances from given on the Hirshfeld surface contacts.



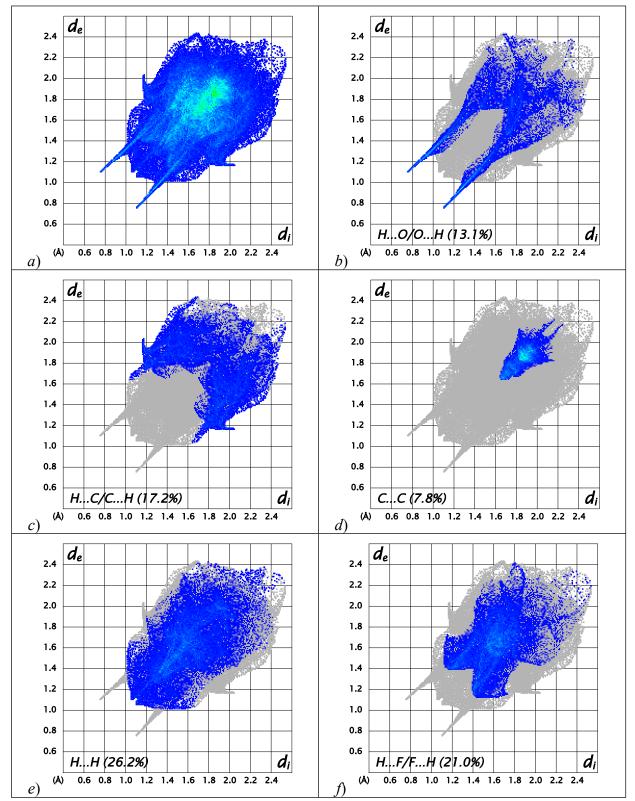
**Figure S9.** The full two-dimensional fingerprint plots of **2**, showing (*a*) all interactions, (b) H···O/O···H, (c) H···C/C···H, (*d*) C···C, (*e*) H···H, and (*f*) H···Cl/Cl···H interactions. The  $d_i$  and  $d_e$  values are the closest internal and external distances from given on the Hirshfeld surface contacts.



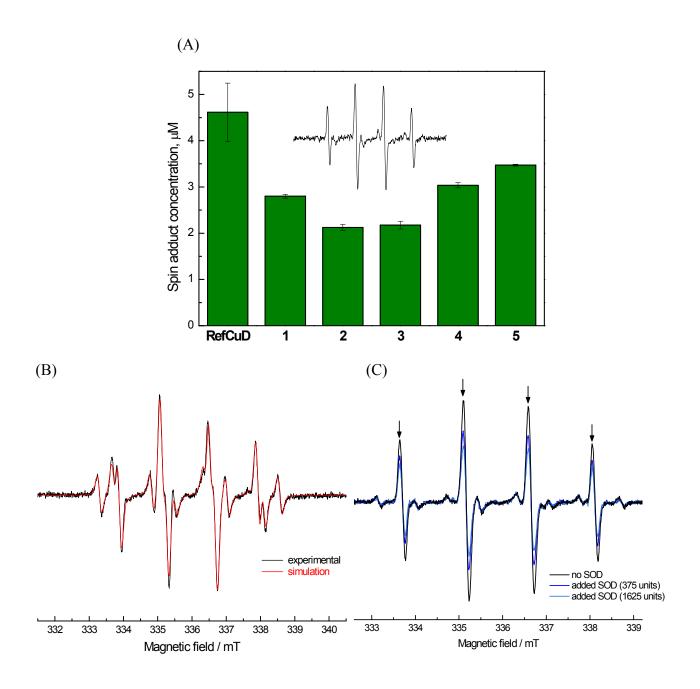
**Figure S10**. The full two-dimensional fingerprint plots of **3**, showing (*a*) all interactions, (b) H···O/O···H, (c) H···C/C···H, (*d*) C···C, and (*e*) H···H interactions. The  $d_i$  and  $d_e$  values are the closest internal and external distances from given on the Hirshfeld surface contacts.



**Figure S11**. The full two-dimensional fingerprint plots of 4, showing (*a*) all interactions, (b) H···O/O···H, (c) H···C/C···H, (*d*) C···C, (*e*) H···H, and (*f*) H···Cl/Cl···H interactions. The  $d_i$  and  $d_e$  values are the closest internal and external distances from given on the Hirshfeld surface contacts.



**Figure S12**. The full two-dimensional fingerprint plots of **5**, showing (*a*) all interactions, (b) H···O/O···H, (c) H···C/C···H, (*d*) C···C, (*e*) H···H, and (*f*) H···F/F···H interactions. The  $d_i$  and  $d_e$  values are the closest internal and external distances from given on the Hirshfeld surface contacts.



**Figure S13.** (A) The total concentration of DMPO spin-adducts observed in DMSO/water (1:4; v:v) solution of CuCl<sub>2</sub> (reference) or studied copper complexes containing DMPO spin trapping agent after the addition of hydrogen peroxide. Inset represents the EPR spectrum measured for the system  $5 / DMPO/H_2O_2/H_2O/DMSO/air.(B)$  Experimental (–) and simulated (–) EPR spectra obtained in the system CuCl<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>/BMPO/DMSO:H<sub>2</sub>O(1:4; v:v) under air. The simulation represents a linear combination of the EPR signals assigned to the following spin adducts: •BMPO-OH(1) ( $a_N$ =1.41 mT, $a_H\beta$ =1.26 mT,  $a_H\gamma$ =0.06mT; g=2.0057; relative concentration60%); •BMPO-OH(2) ( $a_N$ =1.42 mT,  $a_H\beta$ =1.56 mT,  $a_H\gamma$ =0.05 mT; g=2.0057; 30%); •BMPO-CH<sub>3</sub> ( $a_N$ =1.52 mT,  $a_H\beta$ =2.21 mT; g=2.0056; 10%). (C)Decline of the EPR spectra obtained in the system CuCl<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>/DMPO/DMSO:H<sub>2</sub>O(1:4; v:v) under airupon the addition of SOD. Initial concentrations:  $c(CuCl_2) = c(1-5) = 0.2$  mM; c(DMPO/BMPO) = 0.02 M;  $c(H_2O_2) = 0.01$  M.

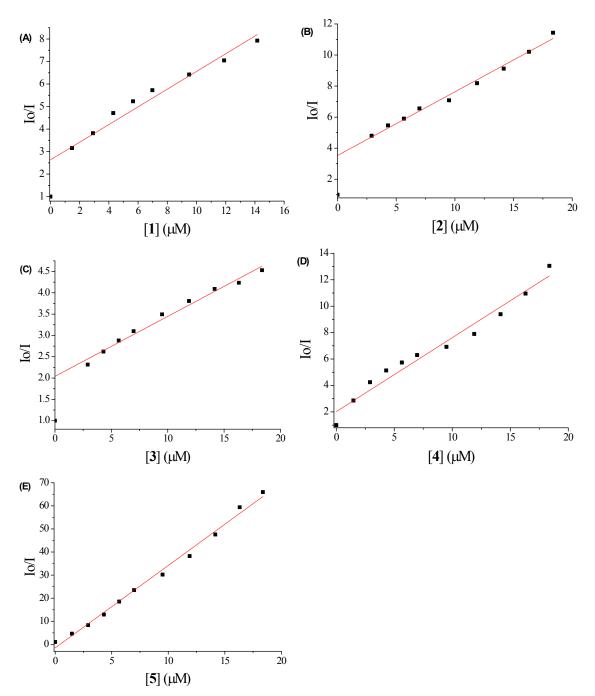


Figure S14. Stern-Volmer quenching plot of BSA for complex (A) 1, (B) 2, (C) 3, (D) 4 and (E) 5.

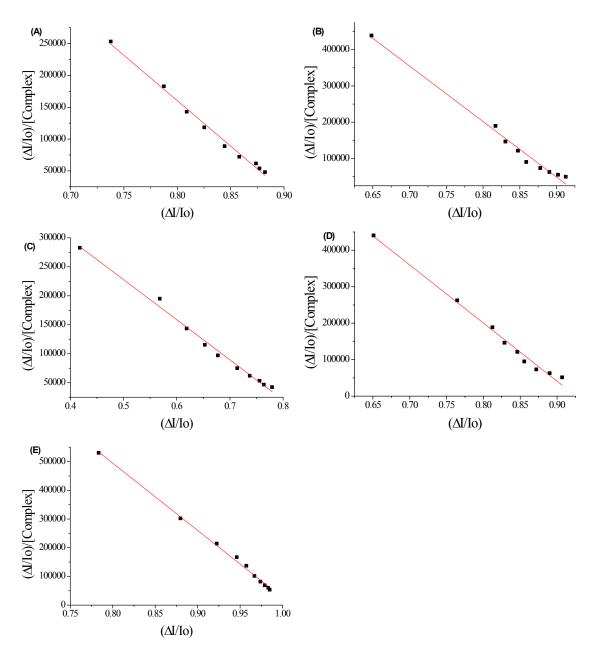


Figure S15. Scatchard plot of BSA for complex (A) 1, (B) 2, (C) 3, (D) 4 and (E) 5.

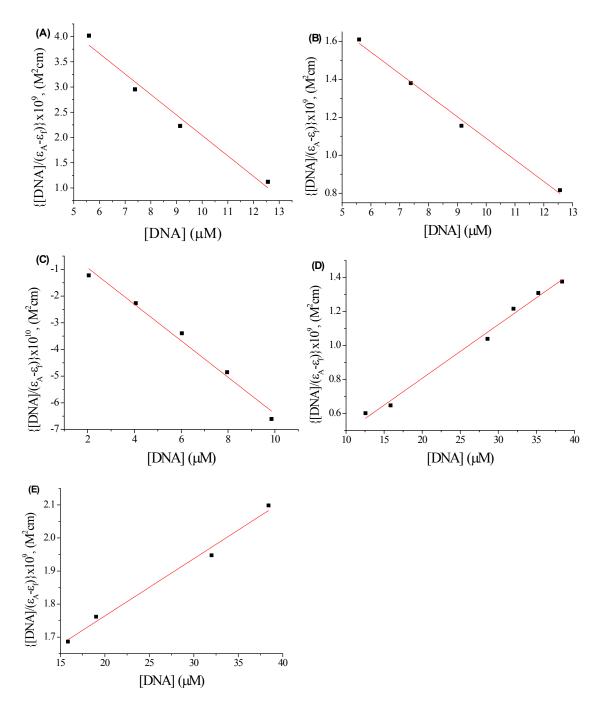
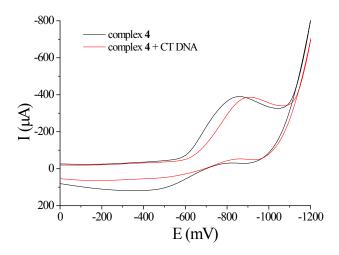


Figure S16. Plot of [DNA]/ $(\epsilon_A - \epsilon_f)$  versus [DNA] for complex (A) 1, (B) 2, (C) 3, (D) 4 and (E) 5.



**Figure S17**. Cyclic voltammogram of 0.4 mM 1/2 DMSO/buffer (containing 150 mM NaCl and 15 mM trisodium citrate at pH = 7.0) solution of complex **4** in the absence (black line) or presence (red line) of CT DNA. Scan rate = 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. Supporting electrolyte = buffer solution. The arrows show the changes upon addition of CT DNA.

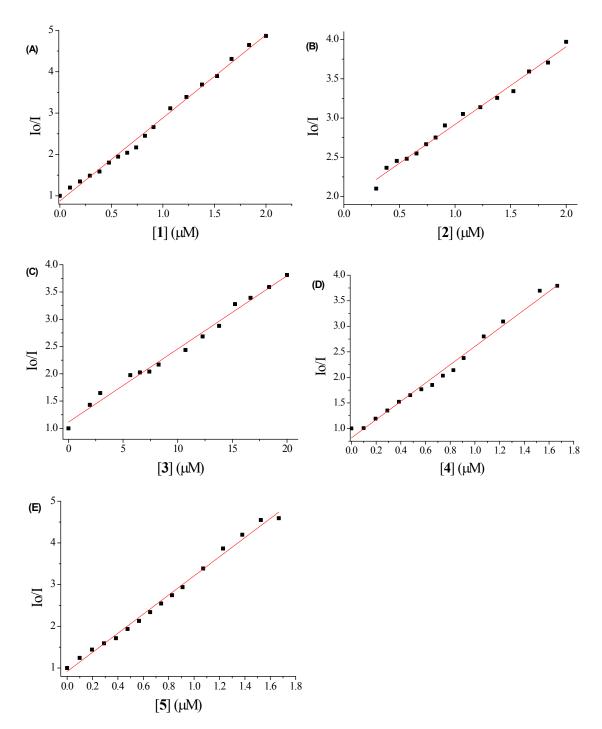


Figure S18. Stern-Volmer quenching plot of EB-DNA fluorescence for complex (A) 1, (B) 2, (C) 3, (D) 4 and (E) 5.