

Transition metal(II) complexes of halogenated derivatives of (*E*)-4-(2-(pyridin-2-ylmethylene)hydrazinyl)quinazoline: Structure, antioxidant activity, DNA-binding DNA-photocleavage, interaction with albumin and *in silico* studies

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S1 Binding studies with CT DNA

The interaction of the compounds with CT DNA was studied by UV-vis spectroscopy, viscosity measurements and *via* competitive studies with EB by fluorescence emission spectroscopy.

S1.1 Binding study with CT DNA by UV-vis spectroscopy

The interaction of the compounds with CT DNA has been studied by UV-vis spectroscopy in order to investigate the possible binding modes to CT DNA and to calculate the DNA-binding constants (K_b). The K_b constants (in M⁻¹) were determined by the Wolfe-Shimer equation (eq. S1) [S1] and the plots [DNA]/(ε_A-ε_f) *versus* [DNA] using the UV-vis spectra of the compounds (20-100 μM) recorded for a constant concentration with increasing concentrations of CT DNA for diverse [complex]/[DNA] mixing ratios (= r). Control experiments with DMSO were performed and no changes in the spectra of CT DNA were observed. According to the Wolfe-Shimer equation (eq. S1):

$$\frac{[\text{DNA}]}{(\varepsilon_A - \varepsilon_f)} = \frac{[\text{DNA}]}{(\varepsilon_b - \varepsilon_f)} + \frac{1}{K_b(\varepsilon_b - \varepsilon_f)} \quad (\text{eq. S1})$$

where [DNA] is the concentration of DNA in base pairs, ε_A = A_{obsd}/[compound], ε_f = the extinction coefficient for the free compound and ε_b = the extinction coefficient for the compound in the fully bound form. K_b is given by the ratio of slope to the y intercept in plots [DNA]/(ε_A-ε_f) *versus* [DNA].

S1.2 CT DNA-binding studies by viscosity measurements

The interaction of compounds with DNA has been evaluated *via* the study of the CT DNA viscosity ([DNA] = 0.1 mM) in a buffer solution (150 mM NaCl and 15 mM trisodium citrate at pH 7.0) in the presence of increasing amount of complexes (up to the value of r = 0.36). The obtained data are presented as (η/η₀)^{1/3} *versus* r, where η is the viscosity of DNA in the presence of the compound, and η₀ is the viscosity of DNA alone in buffer solution.

S1.3 EB-displacement studies

The competition of the complexes with EB was investigated by fluorescence emission spectroscopy in order to examine whether the compounds can displace EB from its DNA-EB conjugate. The CT DNA-EB complex was formed by pre-treating 20 μM EB and 26 μM CT DNA in buffer (150 mM NaCl and 15 mM trisodium citrate at pH 7.0). The possible displacement of EB by the compounds and subsequently their intercalating effect was studied by the stepwise addition of a certain amount of the solution of each compound into the solution of the CT DNA-EB adduct. The solutions were excited at 540 nm and the emission was monitored from 550-700 nm with λ_{max} = 592-595 nm and the effect of the addition of each compound to the CT-DNA EB solution was recorded. The compounds do not display any fluorescence emission bands at room temperature in solution or in the presence of CT DNA or EB under the same experimental conditions (λ_{ex} = 540 nm); therefore, the observed quenching of the EB-DNA solution may be attributed to the displacement of EB from its EB-DNA adduct.

The Stern-Volmer constants (K_{sv}, in M⁻¹) were calculated according by the linear Stern-Volmer equation (eq. S2) [S2] and the respective plots I_o/I *versus* [compound].

$$\frac{I_o}{I} = 1 + k_q \tau_0 [Q] = 1 + K_{sv} [Q] \quad (\text{eq. S2})$$

where I_0 and I are the emission intensities of the EB-DNA solution in the absence and the presence of the compounds, respectively, τ_0 = the average lifetime of the emitting system without the quencher and k_q = the quenching constant. Taking τ_0 = 23 ns as the fluorescence lifetime of the EB-DNA adduct [S3], the quenching constants (k_q , in $M^{-1}s^{-1}$) of the compounds were calculated according to eq. S3 [S2]:

$$K_{SV} = k_q \tau_0 \quad (\text{eq. S3})$$

S2 Plasmid DNA photo-cleavage experiments

The reaction mixtures (20 μ L) containing supercoiled circular pBR322 plasmid DNA stock solution (Form I, 50 μ M/base pair, ~500 ng), compounds, and Tris buffer (25 μ M, pH 6.8) in Pyrex vials were incubated for 30 min at 37 °C, centrifuged, and then irradiated with UVB light (312 nm - 18 W for 30 min) or UVA light (365 nm - 18 W for 2 h) or white light (18 W for 2 h) being at 10 and 15 cm distance, respectively, under aerobic conditions at room temperature.

After addition of the gel-loading buffer [6x Orange DNA Loading Dye 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6), 0.15% orange G, 0.03% xylene cyanol FF, 60% glycerol, and 60 mM EDTA, by Fermentas], the reaction mixtures were loaded on a 1% agarose gel with EB staining. The electrophoresis tank was attached to a power supply at a constant current (75 V for 30 minutes). The gel was visualized by the Mupid-ONE LED Illuminator and photographed by a Nikon Digital Camera D3400. Quantification of DNA-cleaving activities was performed by integration of the optical density as a function of the band area using the program “Image J” available at the site <http://rsb.info.nih.gov/ij/download.html>.

The ss% and ds% damages were calculated according to the equations S4 and S5:

$$ss\% = \frac{\text{FormII}}{(\text{FormI} + \text{FormII} + \text{FormIII})} \times 100 \quad (\text{eq. S4})$$

$$ds\% = \frac{\text{FormIII}}{(\text{FormI} + \text{FormII} + \text{FormIII})} \times 100 \quad (\text{eq. S5})$$

where, as Form II we consider Form II of each series minus Form II of the irradiated control DNA and as Form I, we consider Form I of each series. The amount of supercoiled DNA was multiplied by factor of 1.43 to account for reduced EB intercalation into supercoiled DNA [S4].

S3 Antioxidant activity assay

The antioxidant activity of the compounds was evaluated *via* their ability to scavenge *in vitro* free radicals such as DPPH and ABTS and to reduce H_2O_2 . All the experiments were carried out at least in triplicate and the standard deviation of absorbance was less than 10% of the mean.

S3.1 Determination of the reducing activity of the radical DPPH

To an ethanolic solution of DPPH (0.1 mM) an equal volume solution of the compounds (0.1 mM) in ethanol was added. Absolute ethanol was also used as control solution. The absorbance at 517 nm was recorded at room temperature after 30 and 60 min, in order to examine the possible existence of a potential time-dependence of the DPPH radical scavenging activity [S5]. The DPPH-scavenging activity of the compounds was expressed as the percentage reduction of the absorbance values of the initial DPPH solution (DPPH%). NDGA and BHT were used as reference compounds.

S3.2 Assay of radical cation ABTS-scavenging activity

The ABTS assay was performed to determine the activity of the compounds to scavenge the radical cation ABTS. Initially, a water solution of ABTS was prepared (2 mM). ABTS radical cation (ABTS^+) was produced by the reaction of ABTS stock solution with potassium persulfate (0.17 mM) and the mixture was stored in the dark at room temperature for 12-16 h before its use. The ABTS was oxidized incompletely because the stoichiometric reaction ratio of ABTS and potassium persulfate is 1:0.5. The absorbance became maximal and stable only after more than 6 h of reaction although the oxidation of the ABTS started immediately. The radical was stable in this form for more than 2 days when allowed to stand in the dark at room temperature. Afterwards, the ABTS^+ solution was diluted in ethanol to an absorbance of 0.70 at 734 nm and 10 μL of diluted compounds or standards (0.1 mM) in DMSO were added. The absorbance was recorded out exactly 1 min after initial mixing [S5]. The ABTS radical scavenging activity was expressed as the percentage inhibition of the absorbance of the initial ABTS solution (ABTS%). Trolox was used as an appropriate standard.

S3.3 Reduction of hydrogen peroxide

The ability of the compounds to reduce hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) was estimated according to the method described in the literature [S6]. The reaction mixture contained 20 μL of each of the tested compounds (0.1 mM) and 5 μL H_2O_2 solution (40 mM) in phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.4). The absorbance was measured at 230 nm after 10 min. The antioxidant activity (reduction of hydrogen peroxide) of the compounds was expressed as the percentage decrease of the initial H_2O_2 solution ($\text{H}_2\text{O}_2\%$). L-ascorbic acid (or vitamin C) was used as a standard.

S4 Albumin assays

S4.1 Albumin-binding studies

In order to investigate if the compounds can bind to carrier protein like serum albumins, we carried out albumin binding study by tryptophan fluorescence quenching experiments using bovine serum albumin (BSA, 3 μM) in buffer (containing 15 mM trisodium citrate and 150 mM NaCl at pH 7.0). The quenching of the emission intensity of tryptophan residues of BSA at 343 nm was monitored using the compounds as quenchers with increasing concentration [S2]. The fluorescence emission spectra of the compounds were also recorded with $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 295$ nm. No fluorescence emission band was recorded and thus it was not related to the compounds. The influence of the inner-filter effect [S7] on the measurements was evaluated by equation S6.

$$I_{\text{corr}} = I_{\text{meas}} \times 10^{\frac{\varepsilon(\lambda_{\text{exc}})cd}{2}} \times 10^{\frac{\varepsilon(\lambda_{\text{em}})cd}{2}} \quad (\text{eq. S6})$$

where I_{corr} = corrected intensity, I_{meas} = the measured intensity, c = the concentration of the quencher, d = the cuvette (1 cm), $\varepsilon(\lambda_{\text{exc}})$ and $\varepsilon(\lambda_{\text{em}})$ = the ε of the quencher at the excitation and the emission wavelength, respectively, as calculated from the UV-vis spectra of the compound [S7].

The Stern-Volmer and Scatchard graphs are used to study the interaction of the compounds with serum albumins. According to Stern-Volmer quenching equation (eq. S2), where I_0 = the initial tryptophan fluorescence intensity of SA, I = the tryptophan fluorescence intensity of SA after the addition of the quencher, k_q = the quenching constant, K_{SV} = the Stern-Volmer constant, τ_o = the average lifetime of SA without the quencher, and, taking as fluorescence lifetime (τ_o) of tryptophan in SA at around 10^{-8} s [S2] K_{SV} (in M^{-1}) can be obtained by the slope of the diagram I_0/I versus

[compound] (Stern-Volmer plots), and subsequently the quenching (k_q , in $M^{-1}s^{-1}$) may be calculated from eq. S3.

From the Scatchard equation (eq. S7):

$$\frac{\Delta I/I_0}{[Q]} = nK - K \frac{\Delta I}{I_0} \quad (\text{eq. S7})$$

where n is the number of binding sites per albumin and K is the SA-binding constant (K , in M^{-1}) is calculated from the slope in plots $(\Delta I/I_0)/[complex]$ versus $\Delta I/I_0$ and n is given by the ratio of y intercept to the slope [S8].

S4.2 Competitive SA-fluorescence studies with warfarin and ibuprofen

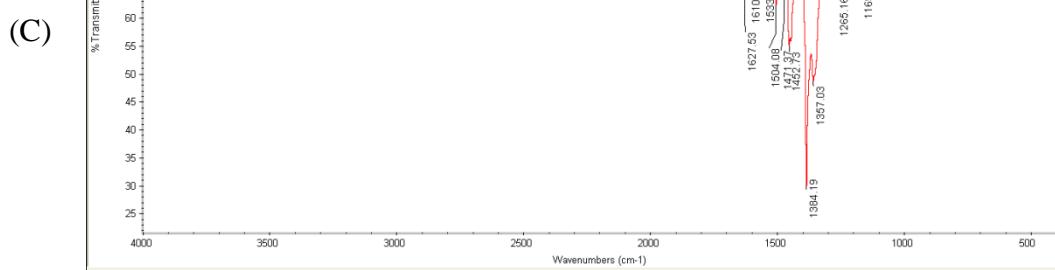
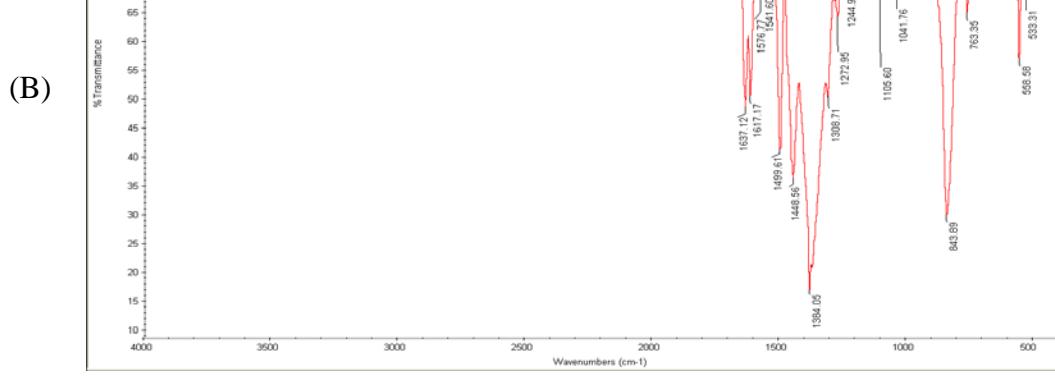
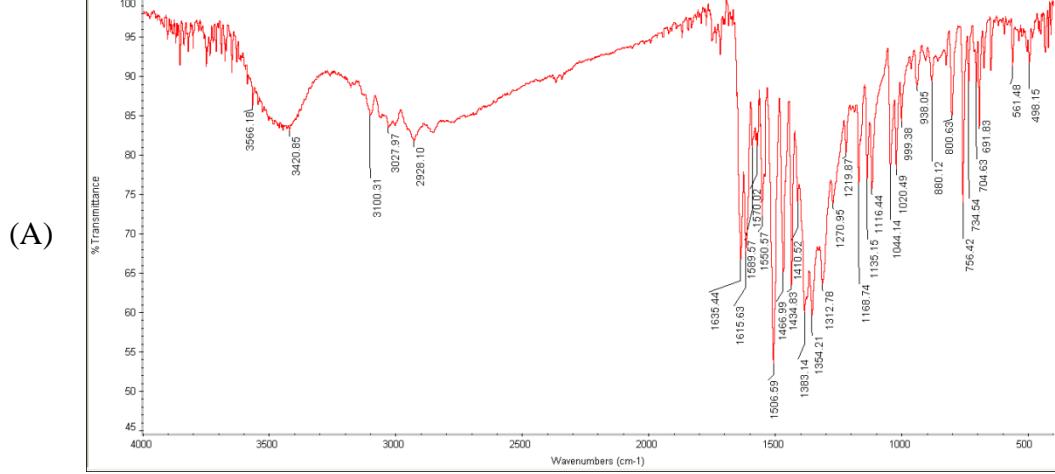
The competitive studies with warfarin or ibuprofen (site probes) [S9] were performed by tryptophan fluorescence quenching experiments using a fixed concentration of BSA and site probes ($3 \mu M$) in buffer (containing 15 mM trisodium citrate and 150 mM NaCl at pH 7.0). The fluorescence emission spectra were recorded in the presence of increasing amounts of the compounds as quenchers with an excitation wavelength of 295 nm . The Scatchard equation (eq. 7) [S2] and plots were applied on the corrected SA-fluorescence emission spectra in order to determine the BSA-binding constant of the compounds in the presence of warfarin or ibuprofen.

S5. *In silico* computational methods: (molecular modeling and docking calculations)

Complexes **1-6** were built in 3D coordinates and their best most stable (lowest energy) conformation was detected by geometrical optimization of its structure in the gas phase, as implemented in the Spartan '14 Molecular Modelling program suite [S10]. The structure of the molecule was initially optimized (via energy minimization) by conformational search using the Monte Carlo method with the MMFF94 molecular mechanics model, included in the Spartan '14 program suite. Geometry optimization (leading to the most stable conformer with the lowest energy) was accomplished via quantum-chemical calculations by utilizing the *ab initio* Hartree-Fock method with a $6-31G^*$ basis set. The molecular docking studies were carried out on the crystal structure of BSA and CT DNA ($^{101}\text{Gp}^{102}\text{Ap}^{103}\text{Ap}^{104}\text{Tp}^{105}\text{Tp}^{106}\text{Gp}^{107}\text{Tp}^{108}\text{Ap}^{109}\text{Ap}^{110}\text{Gp}^{111}\text{Cp}^{112}\text{Gp}^{113}\text{Cp}$) (Protein Data Bank, PDB entry code: 2BXG, 6QS9 and 2BJC, respectively). The molecular docking simulations were performed by the open-source program AutoDock Vina [S11]. The produced compound-protein/DNA conjugates were ranked by the energy score, including their binding conformations. Best docked poses, with both lower binding energies and stronger interaction pattern were derived from the docking results. UCSF Chimera was used to visualize the molecules and the results of the docking and to construct the molecular models [S12].

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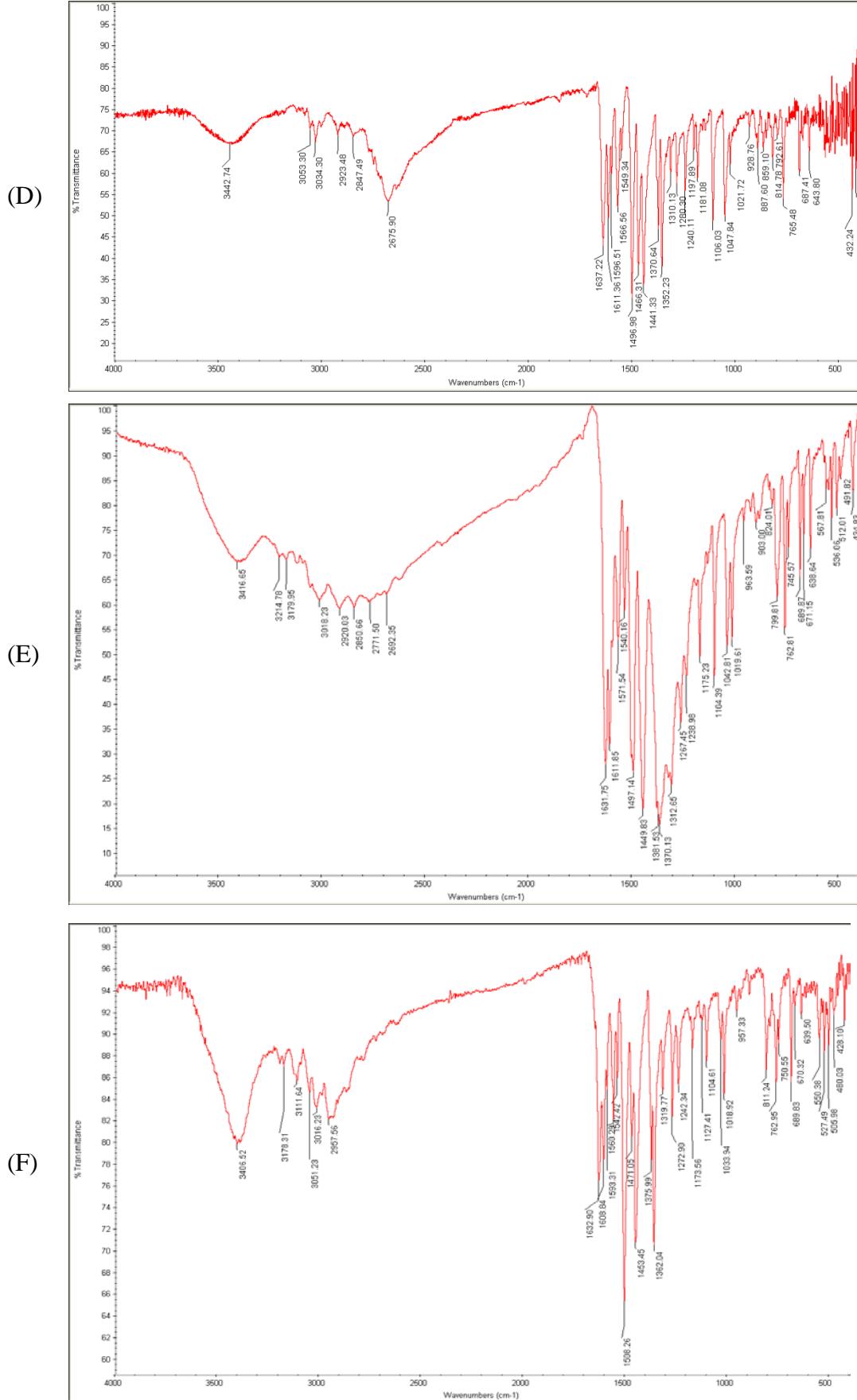


Figure S1. (A)-(F) IR spectra (KBr pellet) of complexes **1-6**, respectively.

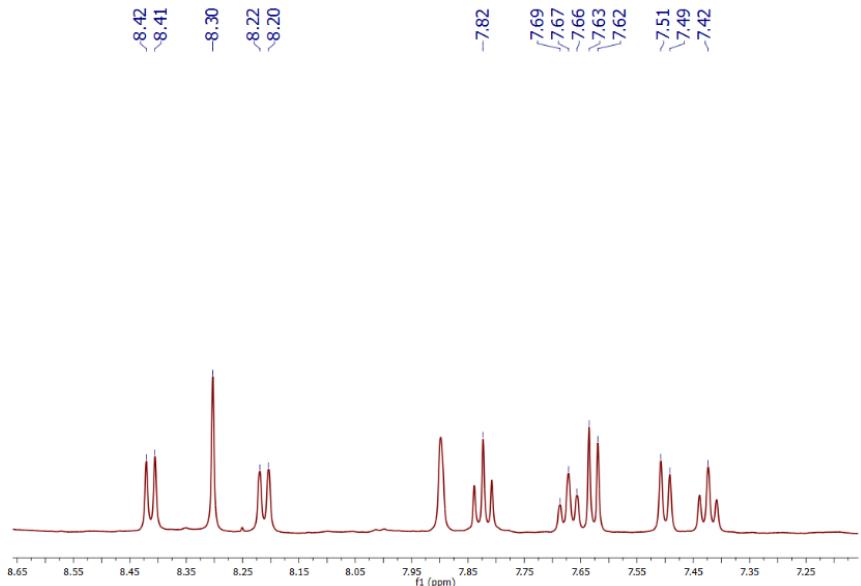


Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum of **L**¹ in DMSO-*d*₆.

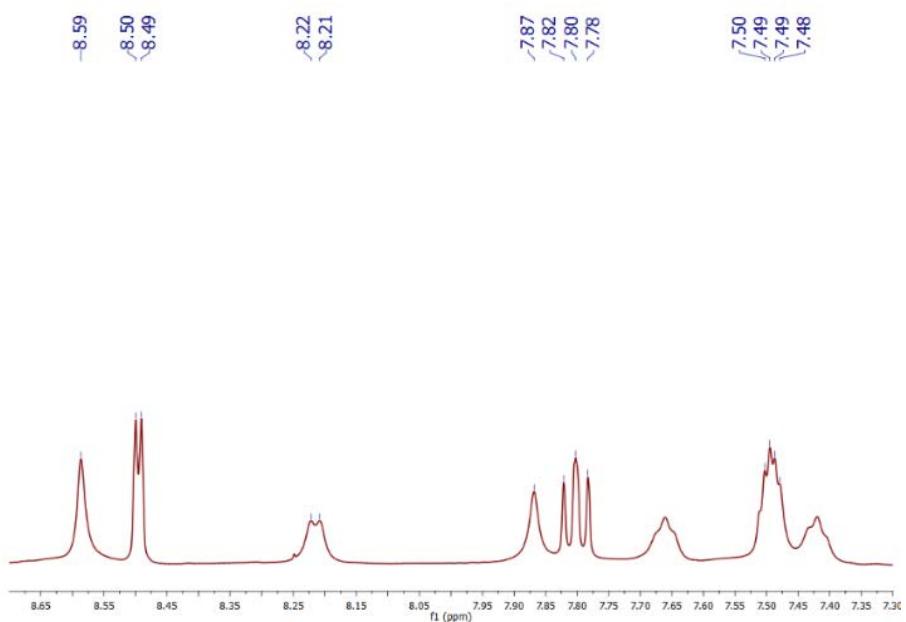


Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectrum of **L**² in DMSO-*d*₆.

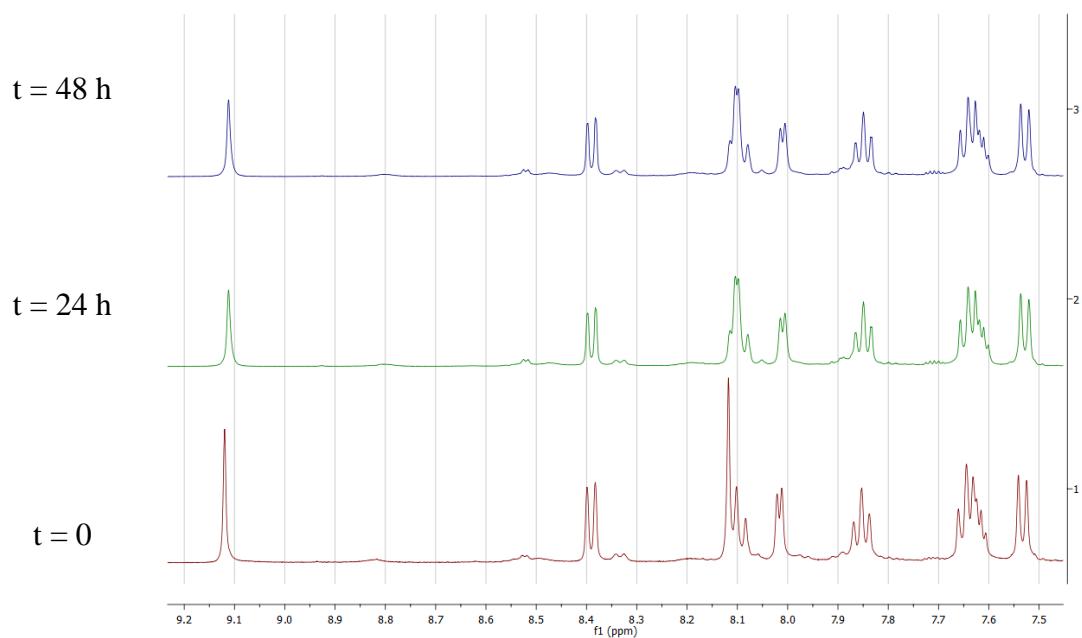


Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectra of complex **2** in DMSO-*d*₆ at three different times (0, 24 h and 48 h).

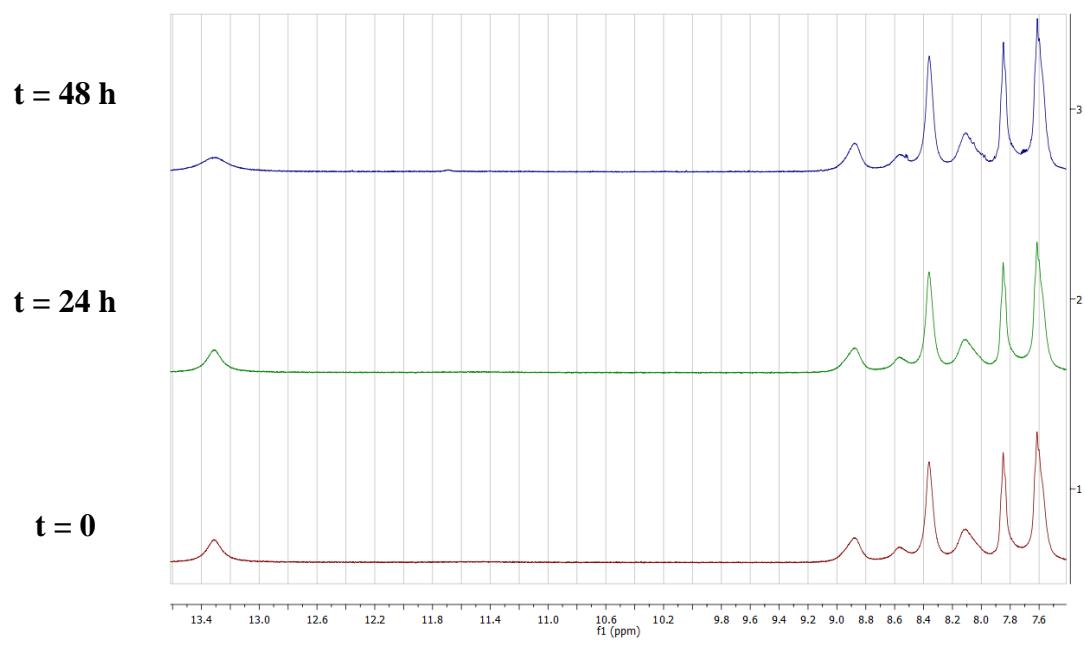


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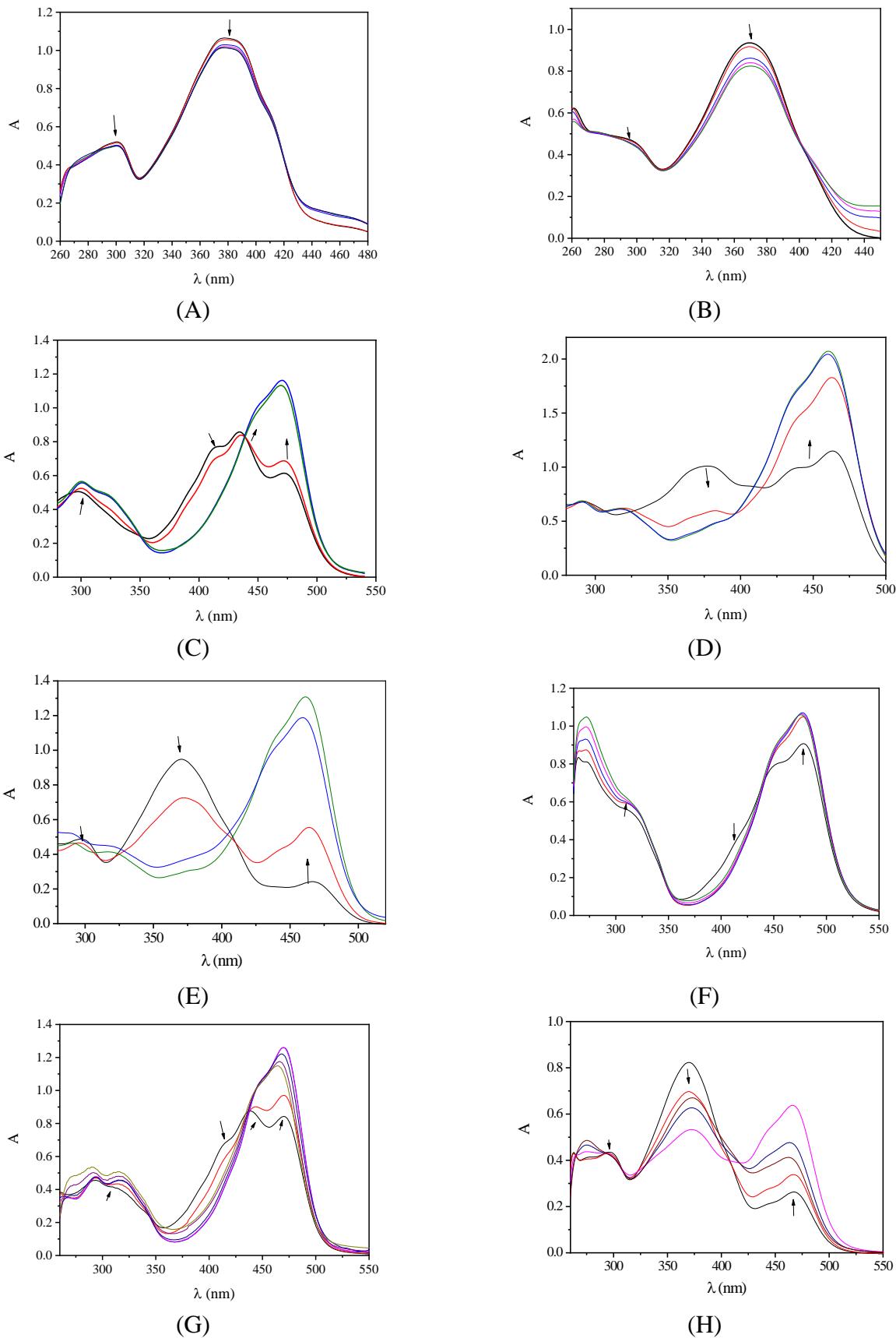
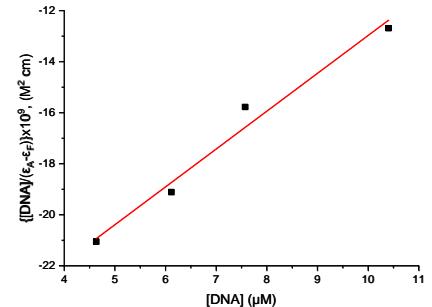
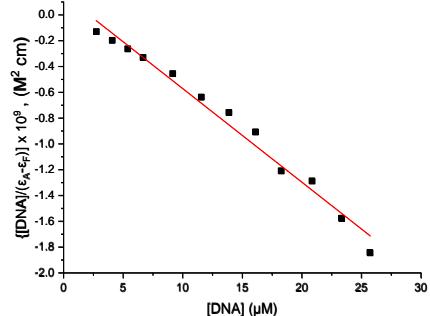


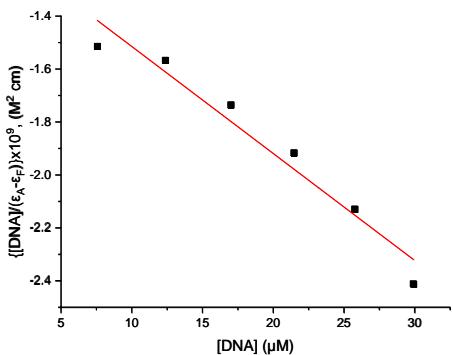
Figure S6. UV-vis spectra of DMSO solution of (A) \mathbf{L}^1 (100 μM), (B) \mathbf{L}^2 (100 μM), (C) complex **1** (20 μM), (D) complex **2** (50 μM), (E) complex **3** (50 μM), (F) complex **4** (50 μM), (G) complex **5** (50 μM), and (H) complex **6** (30 μM) in the presence of increasing amounts of CT DNA. The arrows show the changes upon addition of CT DNA.



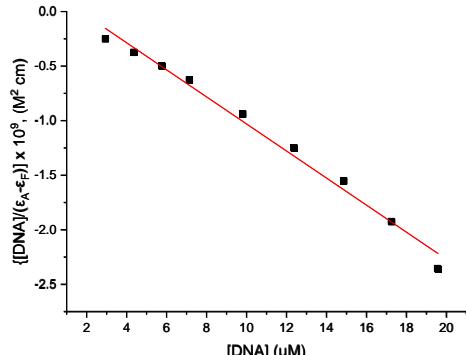
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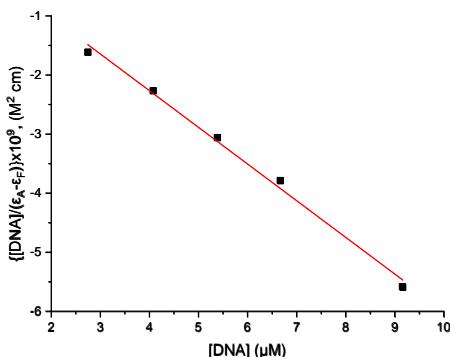
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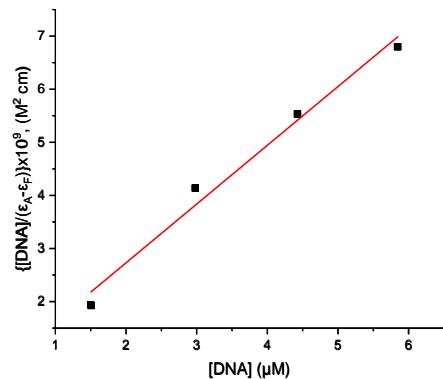
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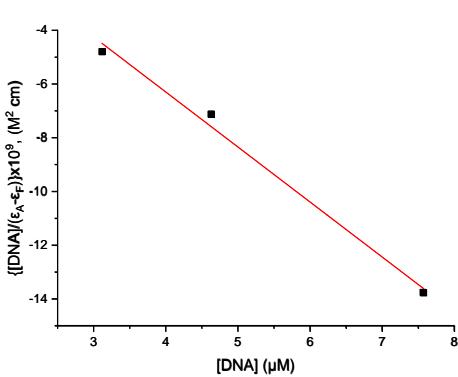
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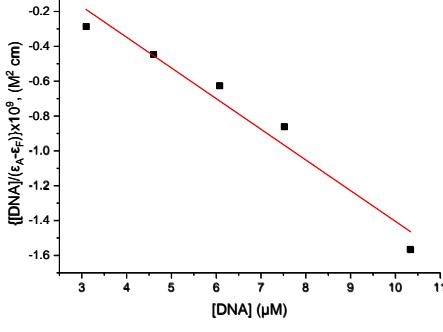
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Figure S7. Plot of $\frac{[\text{DNA}]}{(\varepsilon_{\text{A}} - \varepsilon_{\text{f}})}$ versus [DNA] for (A) **L**¹, (B) complex **1**, (C) **L**², (D) complex **2**, (E) complex **3**, (F) complex **4**, (G) complex **5** and (H) complex **6**.

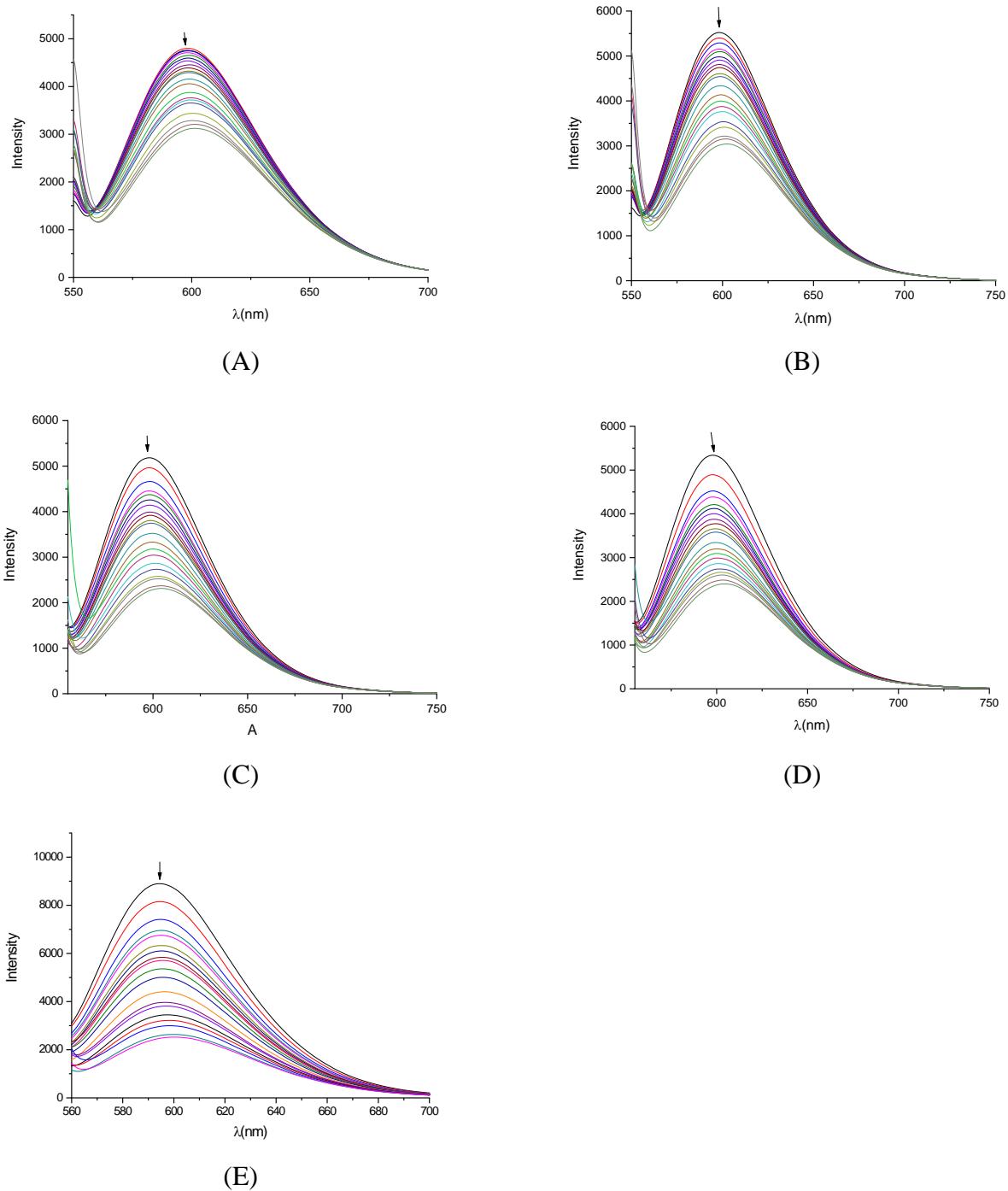


Figure S8. Fluorescence emission spectra ($\lambda_{exc} = 540$ nm) for EB-DNA ($[EB] = 20 \mu M$, $[DNA] = 26 \mu M$) in buffer solution in the absence and presence of increasing amounts ($r = [\text{complex}] / [\text{DNA}] = 0 - 0.2$) of (A) $[Ni(L^1)_2](NO_3)_2$ (complex 1), (B) $[Cd(L^2)(H_2O)(CH_3OH)(NO_3)](NO_3)$ (complex 3), (C) $[Cu(L^2)Cl_2]$ (complex 4), (D) $[Ni(L^2)_2](NO_3)_2$ (complex 5) and (E) $[Mn(L^2)(CH_3OH)Cl_2]$ (complex 6). The arrow shows the changes of intensity upon increasing amounts of the complex.

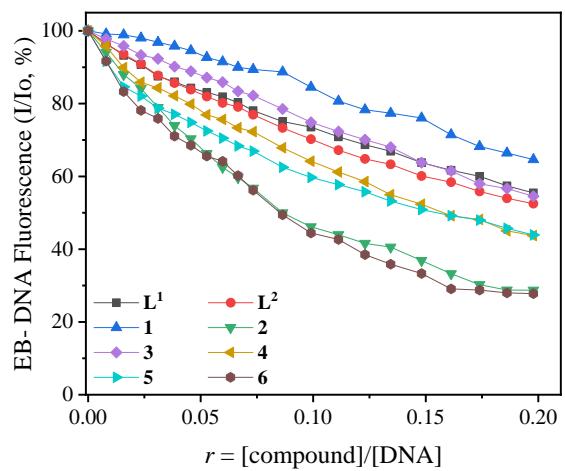


Figure S9. Plot of relative EB-DNA fluorescence intensity (I/I_{Io} , %) at $\lambda_{em} = 592$ nm *versus* r ($r = [\text{compound}]/[\text{DNA}]$) in buffer solution (150 mM NaCl and 15 mM trisodium citrate at pH 7.0) in the presence of the compounds (up to 55.5% of the initial EB-DNA fluorescence for L^1 , 52.5% for L^2 , 64.6% for complex **1**, 28.7% for complex **2**, 54.5% for complex **3**, 43.7% for complex **4**, 43.9% for complex **5** and 27.8% for complex **6**).

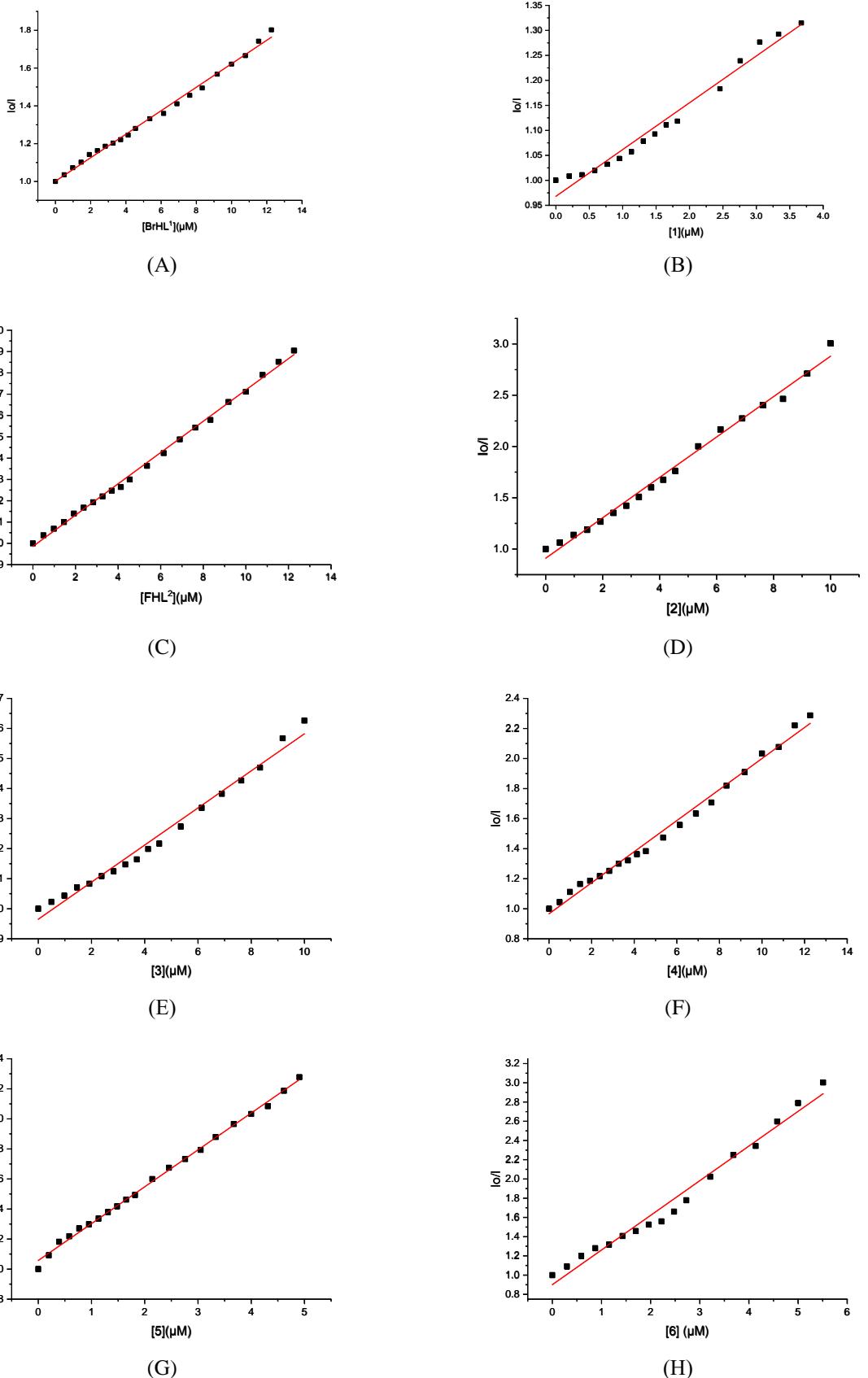


Figure S10. Stern-Volmer quenching plot of EB-DNA fluorescence for (A) \mathbf{L}^1 , (B) complex $\mathbf{1}$, (C) \mathbf{L}^2 , (D) complex $\mathbf{2}$, (E) complex $\mathbf{3}$, (F) complex $\mathbf{4}$, (G) complex $\mathbf{5}$ and (H) complex $\mathbf{6}$.

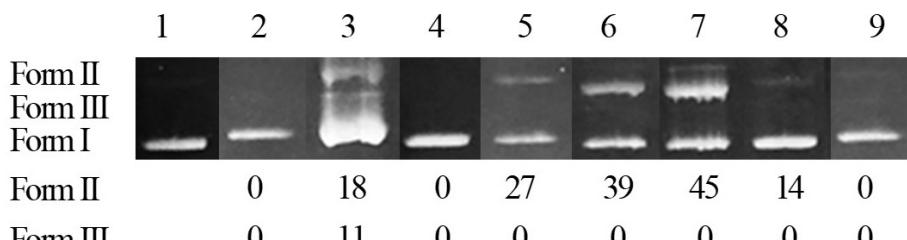


Figure S11. Agarose gel electrophoretic pattern of plasmid DNA (pBR322 DNA) with the compounds at 500 μ M. Gel electrophoreses pictures: Lane 1: DNA (control); Lane 2: DNA + **L¹** (500 μ M); Lane 3: DNA + [Ni(L¹)₂](NO₃)₂, **1** (500 μ M); Lane 4: DNA + **L²** (500 μ M); Lane 5: DNA + [Zn(L²)₂](NO₃)(PF₆), **2** (500 μ M); Lane 6: DNA + [Cd(L²)(H₂O)(CH₃OH)(NO₃)](NO₃), **3** (500 μ M); Lane 7: DNA + [Cu(L²)Cl₂], **4** (500 μ M); Lane 8: DNA + [Ni(L²)₂](NO₃)₂, **5** (500 μ M); Lane 9: DNA + [Mn(L²)(CH₃OH)Cl₂], **6** (500 μ M). Bottom: Calculation of the % conversion to ss and ds damage. DNA forms: Form I = supercoiled, Form II = relaxed, Form III = linear plasmid DNA.

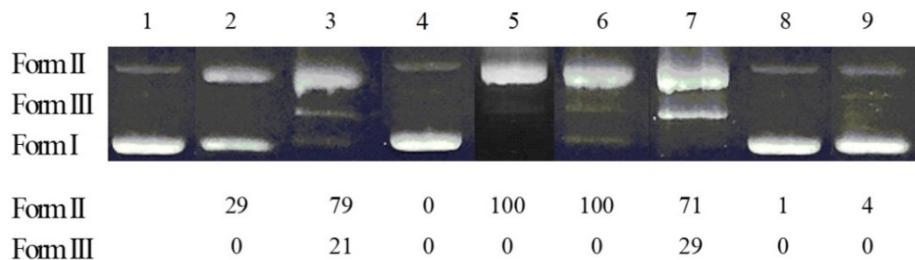


Figure S12. Agarose gel electrophoretic pattern of plasmid DNA (pBR322 DNA) with the compounds at 500 μ M upon irradiation at 312 nm. Top: Gel electrophoreses pictures: Lane 1: DNA irradiated (control); Lane 2: DNA + **L¹**; Lane 3: DNA + [Ni(L¹)₂](NO₃)₂, **1**; Lane 4: DNA + **L²**; Lane 5: DNA + [Zn(L²)₂](NO₃)(PF₆), **2**; Lane 6: DNA + [Cd(L²)(H₂O)(CH₃OH)(NO₃)](NO₃), **3**; Lane 7: DNA + [Cu(L²)Cl₂], **4**; Lane 8: DNA + [Ni(L²)₂](NO₃)₂, **5**; Lane 9: DNA + [Mn(L²)(CH₃OH)Cl₂], **6**. Bottom: Calculation of the % conversion to ss and ds damage. DNA forms: Form I = supercoiled, Form II = relaxed, Form III = linear plasmid DNA.

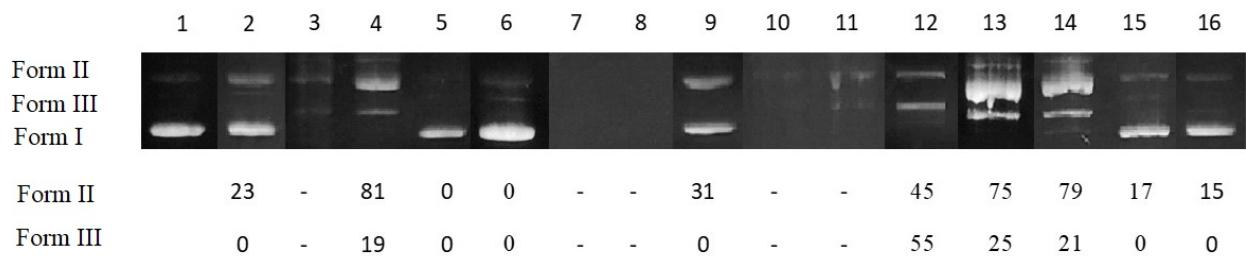


Figure S13. Agarose gel electrophoretic pattern of EB-stained plasmid DNA (pBR322DNA) with the compounds at various concentrations (100 – 500 μ M) upon irradiation at 365 nm, after 60 min of electrophoresis. Top: Gel electrophoreses pictures: Lane 1: DNA irradiated (control); Lane 2: DNA + **L¹** (500 μ M); Lane 3: DNA + [Ni(L¹)₂](NO₃)₂, **1** (500 μ M); Lane 4: DNA + [Ni(L¹)₂](NO₃)₂, **1** (200 μ M); Lane 5: DNA + [Ni(L¹)₂](NO₃)₂, **1** (100 μ M); Lane 6: DNA + **L²** (500 μ M); Lane 7: DNA + [Zn(L²)₂](NO₃)(PF₆), **2** (500 μ M); Lane 8: DNA + [Zn(L²)₂](NO₃)(PF₆), **2** (200 μ M); Lane 9: DNA + [Zn(L²)₂](NO₃)(PF₆), **2** (100 μ M); Lane 10: DNA + [Cd(L²)(H₂O)(CH₃OH)(NO₃)](NO₃), **3** (500 μ M); Lane 11: DNA + [Cd(L²)(H₂O)(CH₃OH)(NO₃)](NO₃), **3** (200 μ M); Lane 12: DNA + [Cd(L²)(H₂O)(CH₃OH)(NO₃)](NO₃), **3** (100 μ M); Lane 13: DNA + **4** (500 μ M); Lane 14: DNA + [Cu(L²)Cl₂], **4** (200 μ M); Lane 15: DNA + [Ni(L²)₂](NO₃)₂, **5** (500 μ M); Lane 16: DNA + [Mn(L²)(CH₃OH)Cl₂], **6** (500 μ M). Bottom: Calculation of the % conversion to ss and ds damage. DNA forms: Form I = supercoiled, Form II = relaxed, Form III = linear plasmid DNA.

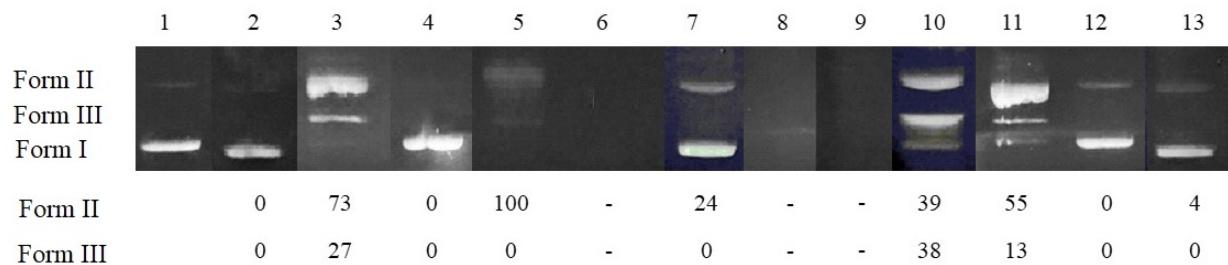


Figure S14. Agarose gel electrophoretic pattern of EB-stained plasmid DNA (pBR322DNA) with the compounds at various concentrations (100 – 500 μ M) upon irradiation with visible light, after 60 min of electrophoresis. Top: Gel electrophoreses pictures: Lane 1: DNA irradiated (control); Lane 2: DNA + **L¹** (500 μ M); Lane 3: DNA + [Ni(L¹)₂](NO₃)₂, **1** (500 μ M); Lane 4: DNA + **L²** (500 μ M); Lane 5: DNA + [Zn(L²)₂](NO₃)(PF₆), **2** (500 μ M); Lane 6: DNA + [Zn(L²)₂](NO₃)(PF₆), **2** (200 μ M); Lane 7: DNA + [Zn(L²)₂](NO₃)(PF₆), **2** (100 μ M); Lane 8: DNA + [Cd(L²)(H₂O)(CH₃OH)(NO₃)](NO₃), **3** (500 μ M); Lane 9: DNA + [Cd(L²)(H₂O)(CH₃OH)(NO₃)](NO₃), **3** (200 μ M); Lane 10: DNA + [Cd(L²)(H₂O)(CH₃OH)(NO₃)](NO₃), **3** (100 μ M); Lane 11: DNA + [Cu(L²)Cl₂], **4** (500 μ M); Lane 12: DNA + [Ni(L²)₂](NO₃)₂, **5** (500 μ M); Lane 13: DNA + [Mn(L²)(CH₃OH)Cl₂], **6** (500 μ M). Bottom: Calculation of the % conversion to ss and ds damage. DNA forms: Form I = supercoiled, Form II = relaxed, Form III = linear plasmid DNA.

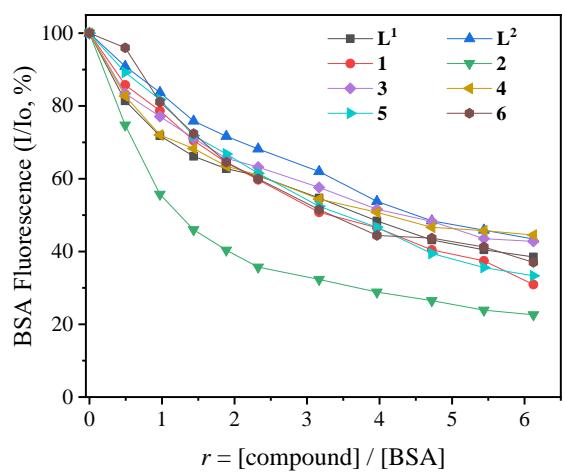


Figure S15. Plot of relative BSA-fluorescence intensity (I/I_0 , %) at $\lambda_{\text{emission}} = 343$ nm *versus* r ($r = [\text{compound}]/[\text{BSA}]$) for the compounds (up to 38.5% of the initial BSA fluorescence for \mathbf{L}^1 , 43.9% for \mathbf{L}^2 , 31.0% for **1**, 22.6% for **2**, 42.8% for **3**, 44.5% for **4**, 33.3% for **5** and 37.0% for **6**) in buffer solution (150 mM NaCl and 15 mM trisodium citrate at pH 7.0).

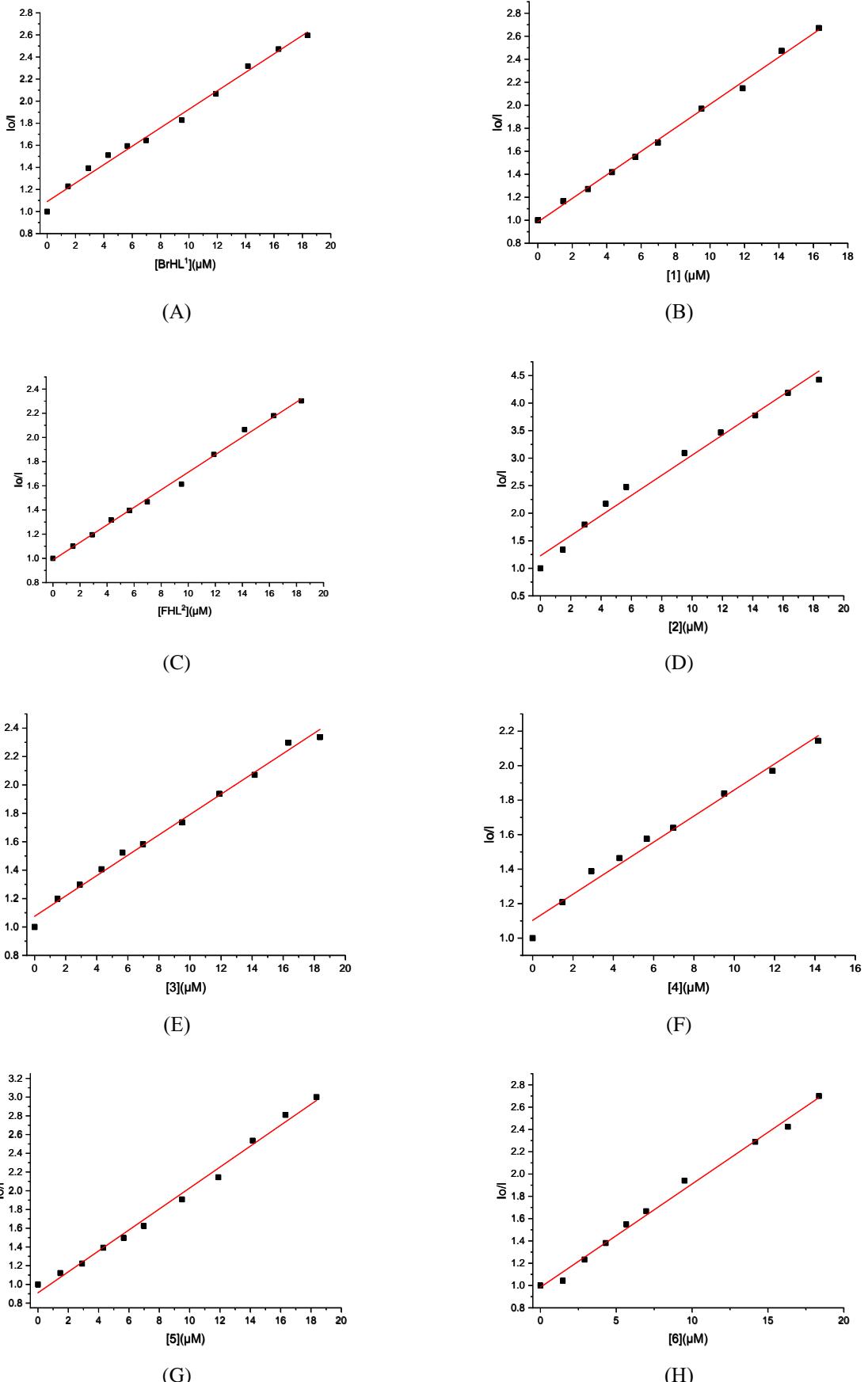


Figure S16. Stern-Volmer quenching plot of BSA fluorescence for (A) L^1 , (B) complex **1**, (C) L^2 , (D) complex **2**, (E) complex **3**, (F) complex **4**, (G) complex **5** and (H) complex **6**.

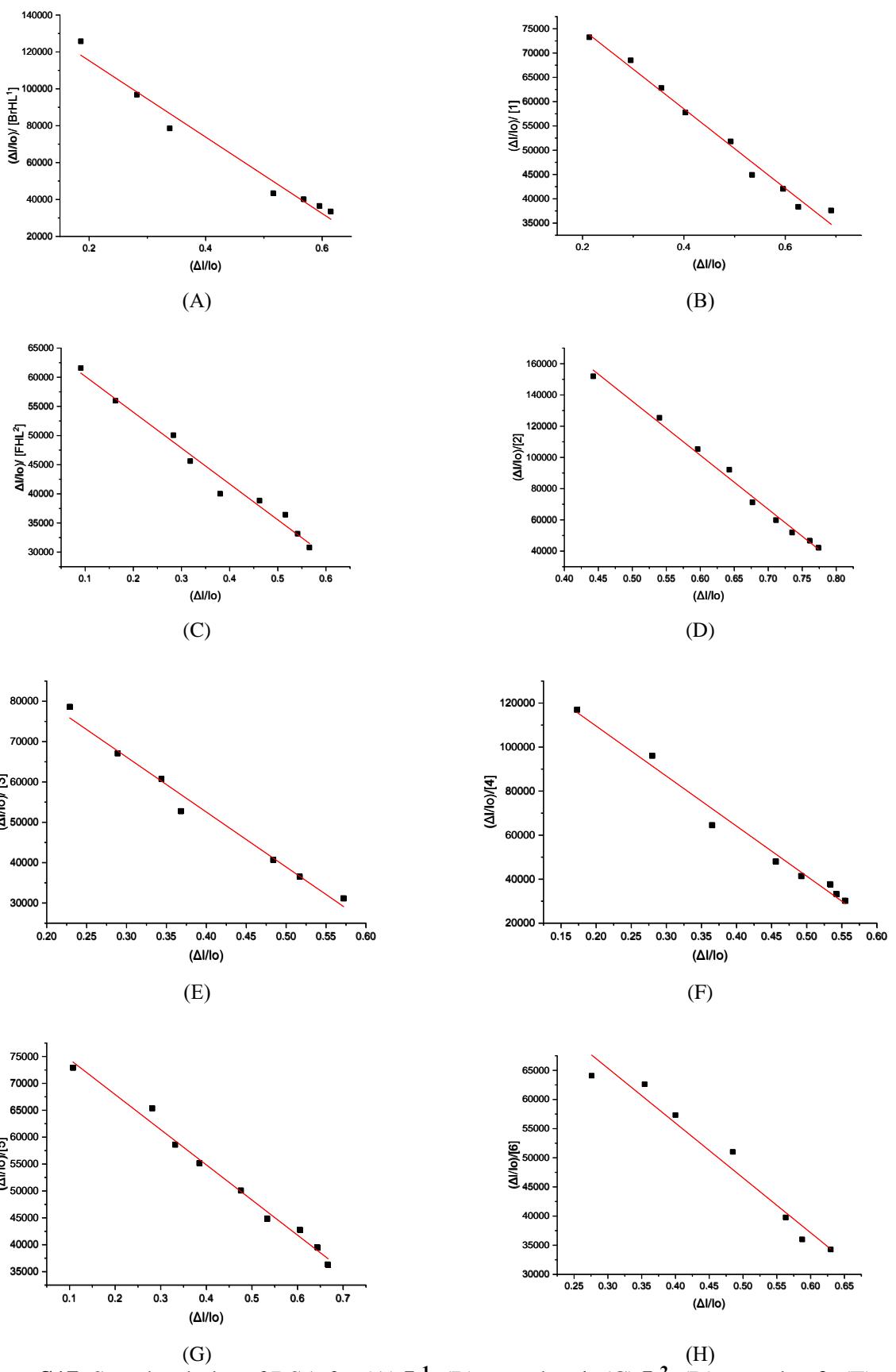
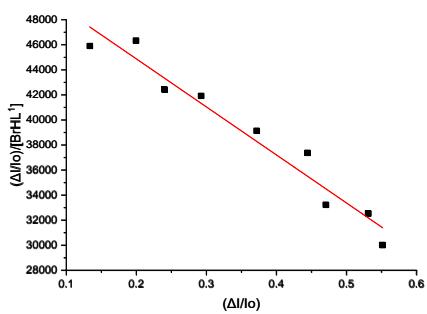
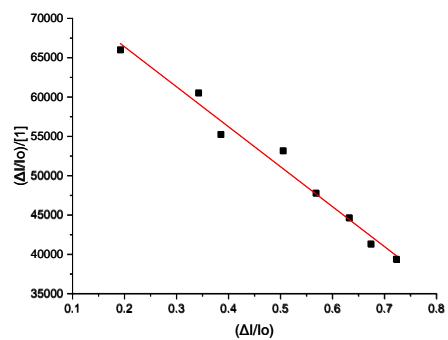


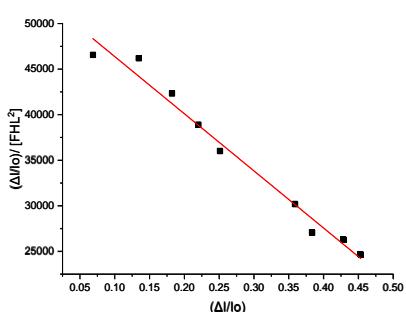
Figure S17. Scatchard plot of BSA for (A) L^1 , (B) complex **1**, (C) L^2 , (D) complex **2**, (E) complex **3**, (F) complex **4**, (G) complex **5** and (H) complex **6**.



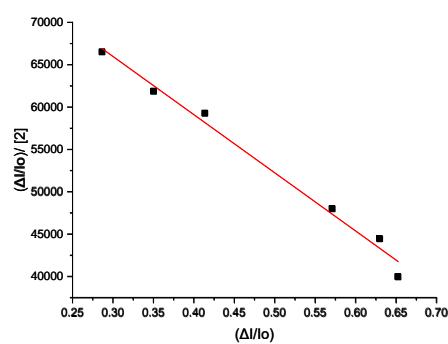
(A)



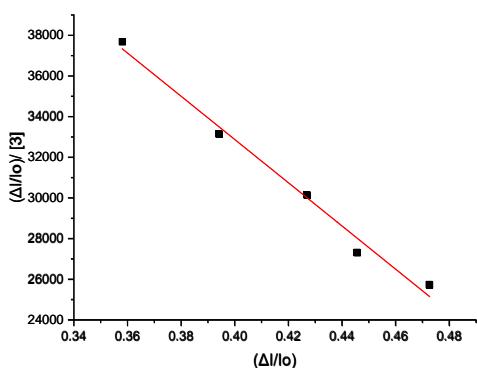
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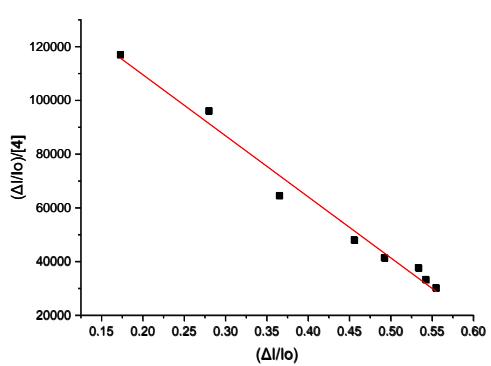
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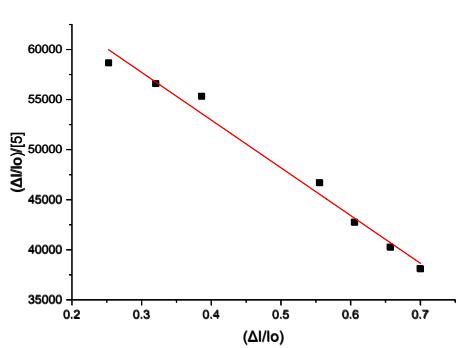
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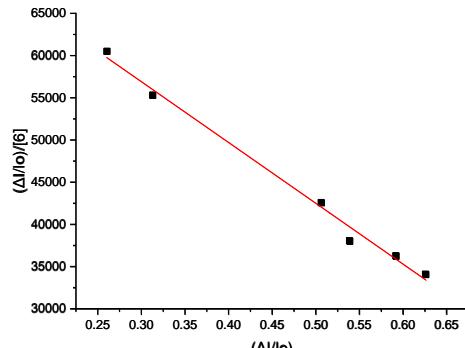
(E)



(F)



(G)



(H)

Figure S18. Scatchard plot of BSA-warfarin for (A) \mathbf{L}^1 , (B) complex $\mathbf{1}$, (C) \mathbf{L}^2 , (D) complex $\mathbf{2}$, (E) complex $\mathbf{3}$, (F) complex $\mathbf{4}$, (G) complex $\mathbf{5}$ and (H) complex $\mathbf{6}$.

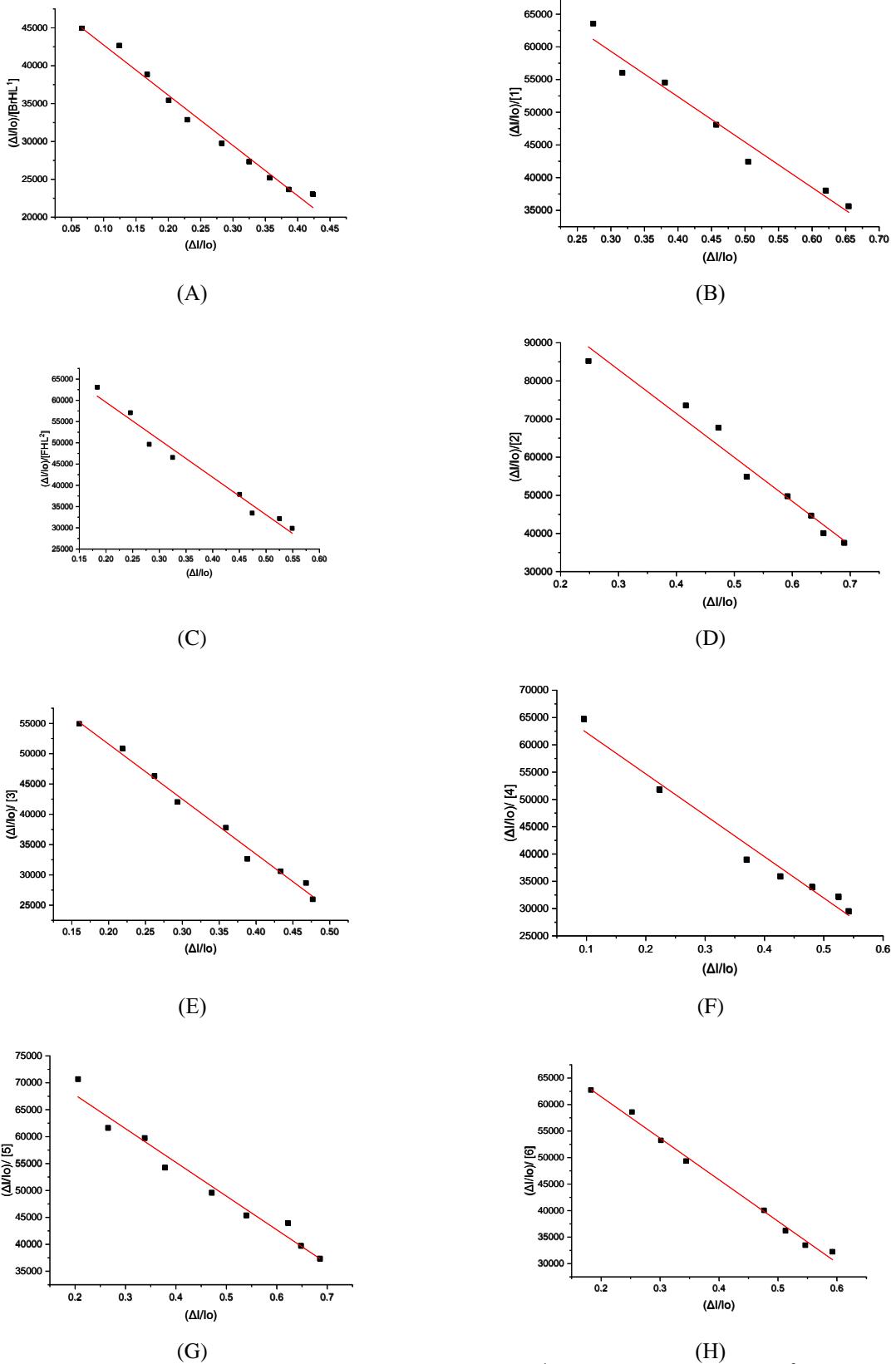


Figure S19. Scatchard plot of BSA-ibuprofen for (A) \mathbf{L}^1 , (B) complex $\mathbf{1}$, (C) \mathbf{L}^2 , (D) complex $\mathbf{2}$, (E) complex $\mathbf{3}$, (F) complex $\mathbf{4}$, (G) complex $\mathbf{5}$ and (H) complex $\mathbf{6}$.

Table S1. Crystallographic data, data collection and refinement details for complexes **1-6**.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| Crystal data | | | | | | |
| Chemical formula | C _{28.5} H ₂₄ Br ₂ N ₁₂ NiO _{7.5} | C _{28.5} H ₂₂ F ₈ N ₁₁ O _{3.5} P ₁ Zn ₁ | C ₁₅ H ₁₆ CdFN ₇ O ₈ | C ₁₄ H ₁₀ Cl ₂ CuFN ₅ | C _{28.25} H ₂₂ F ₂ N ₁₂ NiO _{6.75} | C ₁₆ H ₁₈ Cl ₂ FMnN ₅ O ₂ |
| M _r | 873.1 | 822.9 | 553.73 | 401.72 | 734.27 | 457.18 |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic |
| Space group | C2/c | P2 ₁ /n | C2/c | P2 ₁ /n | C2/c | P2 ₁ /n |
| Temperature (K) | 295 | 295 | 295 | 295 | 295 | 295 |
| a (Å) | 20.3724(17) | 10.3840(5) | 13.149(6) | 7.802(4) | 16.205(6) | 11.961(4) |
| b (Å) | 10.6925(9) | 27.3190(15) | 15.905(7) | 14.426(9) | 16.629 (6) | 8.170(3) |
| c (Å) | 15.7430(13) | 12.0585(7) | 19.736(9) | 13.723(8) | 23.492(7) | 20.759(8) |
| β (°) | 95.850(2) | 101.9964(19) | 97.53(2) | 94.399(15) | 104.765(10) | 103.555(11) |
| V (Å ³) | 3411.5(5) | 3346.1(3) | 4092(3) | 1539.9(15) | 6122(4) | 1972.1(12) |
| Z | 4 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 4 |
| Radiation type | MoKα | MoKα | MoKα | MoKα | MoKα | MoKα |
| μ (mm ⁻¹) | 2.98 | 0.88 | 1.14 | 1.78 | 0.71 | 0.97 |
| Crystal size (mm) | 0.21 × 0.14 × 0.13 | 0.23 × 0.22 × 0.16 | 0.23 × 0.22 × 0.16 | 0.22 × 0.17 × 0.16 | 0.22 × 0.19 × 0.15 | 0.22 × 0.19 × 0.14 |
| Data collection | | | | | | |
| Diffractometer | Bruker Kappa Apex2 | | | | | |
| Absorption correction | Numerical, Analytical Absorption (De Meulenaer&Tompa, 1965) | | | | | |
| T _{min} , T _{max} | 0.66, 0.68 | 0.83, 0.87 | 0.78, 0.83 | 0.74, 0.75 | 0.87, 0.90 | 0.83, 0.87 |
| Measured, Independent, Observed [I > 2.0σ(I)] reflections | 9756, 3186, 2414 | 34148, 6355, 4859 | 22737, 4170, 3542 | 10474, 2913, 2158 | 47841, 5835, 4600 | 20642, 3753, 2796 |
| R _{int} , (sin θ/λ) _{max} (Å ⁻¹) | 0.021, 0.617 | 0.015, 0.611 | 0.030, 0.626 | 0.058, 0.613 | 0.038, 0.612 | 0.037, 0.612 |
| R[F ² > 2σ(F ²)], wR(F ²), S | 0.038, 0.062, 1.00 | 0.042, 0.085, 1.00 | 0.033, 0.052, 1.00 | 0.046, 0.077, 1.00 | 0.052, 0.074, 1.00 | 0.041, 0.065, 1.00 |
| No. of reflections, parameters, restraints | 2414, 234, 1 | 4859, 471, 1 | 3542, 289, 6 | 2158, 208,- | 4600, 450, 5 | 2796, 244, - |
| H-atom treatment | H-atom parameters constrained | | | | | |
| Δρ _{max} , Δρ _{min} (e Å ⁻³) | 0.87, -0.61 | 0.58, -0.40 | 0.63, -1.75 | 0.54, -0.45 | 0.51, -0.47 | 0.47, -0.37 |

Table S2. Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$) for complexes **1-6**.

| D-H…A | D-H (\AA) | H…A (\AA) | D…A (\AA) | D-H-A ($^\circ$) | Symmetry code |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | | | | | |
| N2—H21…O2 ⁱⁱ | 0.86 | 2.37 | 3.147 (8) | 151 | (ii) $-x+3/2, y+1/2, -z+3/2$ |
| N2—H21…O3 ⁱⁱ | 0.86 | 2.10 | 2.906 (8) | 157 | (iii) $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ |
| O4—H42…O3 ⁱⁱⁱ | 0.82 | 2.34 | 3.162 (8) | 179 | (iv) $x-1/2, y+1/2, z$. |
| O4—H43…O3 ^{iv} | 0.87 | 1.76 | 2.589 (8) | 159 | |
| 2 | | | | | |
| N2—H21…O4 ⁱ | 0.85 | 1.88 | 2.684 (6) | 158 | (i) $-x+1, -y+1, -z$ |
| N7—H71…N11 ⁱⁱ | 0.84 | 2.54 | 3.357 (6) | 166 | (ii) $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ |
| N7—H71…O2 ⁱⁱ | 0.84 | 2.41 | 3.099 (6) | 140 | |
| N7—H71…O3 ⁱⁱ | 0.84 | 1.98 | 2.795 (6) | 166 | |
| O4—H294…N11 | 0.83 | 2.47 | 3.239 (6) | 154 | |
| O4—H294…O2 | 0.83 | 1.79 | 2.621 (6) | 180 | |
| 3 | | | | | |
| N2—H21…O6 ⁱ | 0.83 | 2.40 | 3.181 (5) | 157 | (i) $-x+1/2, y+1/2, -z+3/2$ |
| N2—H21…O8 ⁱ | 0.83 | 2.07 | 2.802 (5) | 147 | (ii) $x, -y+1, z-1/2$ |
| O4—H42…N7 ⁱⁱ | 0.85 | 2.59 | 3.414 (5) | 163 | (iii) $-x+1, y, -z+3/2$ |
| O4—H42…O8 ⁱⁱ | 0.85 | 1.86 | 2.704 (5) | 168 | (iv) $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ |
| O5—H52…N3 ⁱⁱⁱ | 0.85 | 1.99 | 2.822 (5) | 165 | |
| O5—H53…O2 ^{iv} | 0.86 | 1.91 | 2.759 (5) | 168 | |
| 5 | | | | | |
| N2—H21…O9 ⁱⁱⁱ | 0.87 | 2.04 | 2.827 (6) | 150 | (i) $-x+1, y, -z+3/2$ |
| N7—H71…O1 ⁱ | 0.85 | 2.21 | 3.019 (6) | 159 | (ii) $-x, -y+1, -z+1$ |
| N7—H71…O3 ⁱ | 0.85 | 2.20 | 2.945 (6) | 145 | (iii) $-x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z+1$ |
| O9—H92…O7 ⁱⁱ | 0.82 | 2.06 | 2.636 (6) | 127 | (iv) $-x+1/2, y+1/2, -z+3/2$ |
| O10—H103…N11 ^{iv} | 0.85 | 2.20 | 2.978 (6) | 152 | (vi) $-x+1/2, -y+3/2, -z+1$ |
| O10—H103…O3 ^{iv} | 0.85 | 1.76 | 2.612 (6) | 175 | |
| O10 ^v —H294…O10 | 0.86 | 1.73 | 2.464 (6) | 142 | |
| 6 | | | | | |
| O1—H11…O2 | 0.81 | 1.88 | 2.686 (5) | 174 | |

Table S3. Binding interactions of complex **1** with DNA

| Complex 1 interacting atom | Nucleobase | Number of Nucleobase | Type of atom | Bond length (Å) |
|----------------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| H21 | DG | 10 | OP2 | 2.140 |
| HN3 | DC | 13 | N4 | 2.404 |
| H9 | DC | 13 | H5 | 1.800 |
| C5 | DG | 110 | O6 | 3.014 |
| N2 | DG | 10 | OP2 | 2.963 |
| H9 | DC | 13 | C5 | 2.575 |
| H6 | DC | 13 | N4 | 2.561 |
| H5 | DG | 110 | O6 | 2.424 |
| C2 | DG | 10 | H2' | 2.660 |
| HN3 | DC | 13 | H42 | 1.970 |
| H21 | DG | 10 | P | 2.877 |
| N3 | DC | 13 | H42 | 2.679 |
| N3 | DC | 13 | N4 | 3.306 |
| C6 | DG | 110 | O6 | 3.242 |
| N3 | DG | 12 | N7 | 3.323 |
| C2 | DG | 10 | C2' | 3.483 |
| C9 | DC | 13 | H5 | 2.791 |
| C9 | DG | 12 | C8 | 3.500 |
| C6 | DC | 13 | N4 | 3.426 |
| C9 | DG | 12 | H8 | 2.808 |
| N2 | DG | 10 | P | 3.618 |
| HN3 | DG | 12 | N7 | 2.760 |
| N2 | DG | 10 | H2' | 2.773 |
| H5 | DG | 110 | C6 | 2.872 |
| H3 | DG | 10 | OP2 | 2.692 |
| C7 | DG | 10 | C2' | 3.607 |
| C3 | DG | 10 | H8 | 2.913 |
| C9 | DC | 13 | C5 | 3.632 |
| N2 | DG | 10 | O5' | 3.371 |
| C3 | DG | 10 | C8 | 3.667 |
| C4 | DG | 10 | C8 | 3.669 |
| C3 | DG | 10 | OP2 | 3.472 |
| N2 | DG | 10 | C2' | 3.615 |
| H9 | DG | 12 | C8 | 2.991 |
| C1 | DG | 10 | H3' | 3.015 |
| H6 | DC | 13 | H41 | 2.322 |
| C3 | DG | 10 | H2' | 3.032 |
| HN3 | DC | 13 | C4 | 3.035 |
| C5 | DG | 110 | C6 | 3.746 |
| C11 | DG | 12 | H2' | 3.048 |
| C7 | DG | 10 | H2'' | 3.058 |
| C6 | DC | 13 | H41 | 3.059 |
| N3 | DG | 12 | C8 | 3.698 |
| C1 | DG | 10 | C2' | 3.798 |
| C11 | DG | 12 | C2' | 3.798 |

Table S4. Binding interactions of complex **2** with DNA.

| Complex 2 interacting atom | Nucleobase | Number of Nucleobase | Type of atom | Bond length (Å) |
|----------------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| C26 | DA | 109 | C6 | 0.513 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | C5 | 0.986 |
| C28 | DG | 110 | C6 | 1.072 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | C6 | 1.104 |
| C28 | DG | 110 | O6 | 0.938 |
| H26 | DA | 109 | N1 | 0.400 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | N7 | 1.178 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | N1 | 1.291 |
| C27 | DG | 110 | C6 | 1.440 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | C5 | 1.552 |
| H28 | DG | 110 | C6 | 0.874 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | N6 | 1.508 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | N6 | 1.576 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | N7 | 1.578 |
| C23 | DA | 109 | N7 | 1.578 |
| C28 | DG | 110 | C5 | 1.691 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | C5 | 1.751 |
| H26 | DA | 109 | C6 | 1.052 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | C6 | 1.872 |
| C27 | DG | 110 | O6 | 1.707 |
| N10 | DG | 110 | O6 | 1.767 |
| C27 | DG | 110 | C5 | 2.149 |
| H27 | DG | 110 | N1 | 1.375 |
| H28 | DG | 110 | O6 | 1.242 |
| C27 | DG | 110 | N1 | 2.087 |
| H28 | DG | 110 | C5 | 1.471 |
| F2 | DA | 109 | C5 | 1.769 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | C5 | 1.780 |
| C6 | DC | 111 | H42 | 1.502 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | C2 | 2.228 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | N1 | 2.178 |
| C5 | DG | 112 | O6 | 2.046 |
| H27 | DG | 110 | C6 | 1.577 |
| C6 | DG | 112 | O6 | 2.073 |
| F2 | DA | 109 | C6 | 1.886 |
| C28 | DG | 110 | N7 | 2.237 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | C4 | 1.909 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | C6 | 2.346 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | C4 | 2.352 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | H62 | 1.655 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | C8 | 2.375 |
| H26 | DA | 109 | C2 | 1.688 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | C4 | 2.406 |
| N10 | DA | 109 | N7 | 2.263 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | N6 | 2.339 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | C5 | 2.418 |
| C23 | DA | 109 | C8 | 2.426 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | N7 | 1.961 |
| N10 | DG | 110 | C6 | 2.387 |
| H5 | DG | 112 | O6 | 1.563 |
| C28 | DG | 110 | N1 | 2.413 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | C8 | 2.072 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | N1 | 2.422 |
| C6 | DC | 111 | N4 | 2.456 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | N6 | 2.456 |
| H6 | DG | 112 | O6 | 1.622 |
| F2 | DA | 109 | N7 | 2.079 |

| | | | | |
|-----|----|-----|-----|-------|
| HN3 | DC | 11 | H42 | 1.179 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | N9 | 2.088 |
| N10 | DG | 110 | N7 | 2.458 |
| N10 | DA | 109 | C5 | 2.558 |
| H6 | DC | 111 | H42 | 1.237 |
| H5 | DG | 112 | C6 | 1.962 |
| F2 | DA | 109 | N6 | 2.173 |
| H26 | DA | 109 | N6 | 1.931 |
| H6 | DC | 111 | N4 | 1.936 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | H62 | 2.013 |
| N10 | DG | 110 | C5 | 2.639 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | C8 | 2.733 |
| H23 | DA | 109 | N7 | 1.962 |
| N9 | DA | 109 | N7 | 2.589 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | C6 | 2.755 |
| N1 | DG | 110 | N7 | 2.630 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | C5 | 2.782 |
| C26 | DG | 110 | C6 | 2.783 |
| C5 | DC | 111 | H5 | 2.092 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | N7 | 2.717 |
| C23 | DA | 109 | C5 | 2.806 |
| H27 | DG | 110 | C2 | 2.111 |
| HN3 | DC | 11 | N4 | 2.048 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | H61 | 2.130 |
| H5 | DG | 112 | N7 | 2.055 |
| H5 | DG | 112 | C5 | 2.132 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | C2 | 2.843 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | N3 | 2.782 |
| H28 | DG | 110 | N1 | 2.088 |
| C5 | DG | 112 | C6 | 2.864 |
| N3 | DC | 11 | H42 | 2.134 |
| C26 | DG | 110 | O6 | 2.693 |
| H26 | DA | 109 | C5 | 2.220 |
| C4 | DG | 110 | H2" | 2.220 |
| C1 | DG | 110 | N7 | 2.848 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | H62 | 2.223 |
| C3 | DG | 110 | C2' | 2.927 |
| C24 | DG | 110 | O6 | 2.715 |
| C5 | DC | 111 | C5 | 2.936 |
| H23 | DA | 108 | C8 | 2.251 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | C4 | 2.956 |
| C7 | DC | 111 | H42 | 2.258 |
| C8 | DG | 110 | N7 | 2.888 |
| C28 | DG | 110 | C4 | 2.991 |
| C2 | DG | 110 | C8 | 2.994 |
| N2 | DG | 110 | C8 | 2.927 |
| C25 | DA | 108 | C5 | 3.005 |
| H27 | DG | 110 | C5 | 2.314 |
| C1 | DG | 110 | C8 | 3.014 |
| C27 | DG | 110 | C4 | 3.024 |
| N10 | DA | 109 | C6 | 2.951 |
| H28 | DG | 110 | N7 | 2.253 |
| H6 | DC | 11 | N4 | 2.255 |
| C27 | DG | 110 | C2 | 3.032 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | N6 | 2.959 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | C4 | 3.039 |
| C5 | DG | 112 | N7 | 2.979 |
| C27 | DG | 110 | N7 | 3.000 |
| C5 | DC | 111 | H42 | 2.391 |
| C3 | DG | 110 | H2" | 2.396 |

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| N2 | DG | 110 | H8 | 2.326 |
| H9 | DC | 11 | H5 | 1.729 |
| H6 | DC | 11 | H41 | 1.736 |
| C25 | DA | 108 | C4 | 3.147 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | C2 | 3.149 |
| C4 | DG | 110 | C2' | 3.153 |
| N9 | DA | 109 | C8 | 3.080 |
| C23 | DA | 108 | C8 | 3.155 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | C6 | 2.739 |
| H27 | DA | 109 | N1 | 2.387 |
| N10 | DA | 109 | C8 | 3.092 |
| C25 | DA | 108 | N7 | 3.094 |
| N10 | DA | 109 | N6 | 3.027 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | N7 | 3.108 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | N9 | 3.118 |
| C4 | DC | 111 | H5 | 2.494 |
| N3 | DC | 11 | N4 | 3.052 |
| H27 | DG | 110 | O6 | 2.283 |
| C7 | DG | 110 | C8 | 3.206 |
| C27 | DG | 110 | H1 | 2.508 |
| C3 | DG | 110 | H2' | 2.509 |
| C5 | DG | 112 | C5 | 3.211 |
| C5 | DC | 111 | N4 | 3.138 |
| C25 | DA | 108 | C8 | 3.214 |
| F2 | DA | 109 | C4 | 2.801 |
| H26 | DT | 14 | H3 | 1.843 |
| H27 | DG | 110 | H1 | 1.847 |
| C6 | DG | 112 | C6 | 3.255 |
| C6 | DC | 111 | C4 | 3.256 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | H61 | 2.562 |
| C26 | DG | 110 | C5 | 3.271 |
| C25 | DG | 110 | O6 | 3.056 |
| F1 | DG | 10 | H2" | 2.167 |
| C6 | DC | 111 | C5 | 3.289 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | N9 | 3.223 |
| C23 | DA | 109 | H8 | 2.599 |
| F2 | DA | 109 | H62 | 2.180 |
| C7 | DC | 111 | N4 | 3.244 |
| N1 | DG | 110 | C8 | 3.247 |
| H27 | DA | 109 | C6 | 2.637 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | N3 | 3.268 |
| H28 | DG | 110 | C4 | 2.647 |
| H23 | DA | 108 | H8 | 1.949 |
| C25 | DA | 108 | N9 | 3.274 |
| C24 | DG | 110 | C6 | 3.355 |
| C6 | DC | 111 | H5 | 2.655 |
| C7 | DG | 110 | N7 | 3.286 |
| C1 | DG | 110 | H8 | 2.669 |
| H23 | DA | 109 | C8 | 2.671 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | N3 | 2.881 |
| C8 | DG | 110 | C8 | 3.377 |
| C24 | DG | 110 | N7 | 3.306 |
| C6 | DC | 11 | N4 | 3.312 |
| C26 | DT | 14 | H3 | 2.687 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | N7 | 3.320 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | N3 | 3.320 |
| H9 | DC | 11 | C5 | 2.706 |
| C2 | DG | 110 | H8 | 2.706 |
| F2 | DA | 109 | N1 | 2.918 |
| N7 | DG | 10 | OP2 | 3.140 |

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| H26 | DA | 109 | C4 | 2.722 |
| C8 | DG | 110 | C5 | 3.426 |
| H26 | DA | 109 | N3 | 2.653 |
| C5 | DC | 111 | C4 | 3.430 |
| H27 | DG | 110 | C4 | 2.730 |
| C9 | DG | 12 | O6 | 3.215 |
| C28 | DG | 110 | C8 | 3.439 |
| N2 | DG | 110 | N7 | 3.298 |
| C26 | DG | 110 | N1 | 3.374 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | H61 | 2.753 |
| C28 | DC | 13 | H41 | 2.755 |
| F2 | DA | 109 | C8 | 3.044 |
| C28 | DG | 110 | C2 | 3.475 |
| C6 | DC | 11 | H41 | 2.776 |
| C4 | DG | 112 | N7 | 3.406 |
| N10 | DA | 109 | H62 | 2.706 |
| F1 | DG | 12 | N7 | 2.992 |
| C9 | DC | 11 | H5 | 2.791 |
| H5 | DC | 111 | C5 | 2.795 |
| C25 | DG | 110 | C6 | 3.496 |
| F1 | DG | 10 | C2' | 3.076 |
| C2 | DG | 110 | C2' | 3.501 |
| C8 | DC | 111 | H42 | 2.808 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | C4 | 3.509 |
| N3 | DC | 111 | N4 | 3.360 |
| H23 | DA | 108 | N9 | 2.737 |
| N3 | DG | 12 | O6 | 3.230 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | N1 | 3.451 |
| C23 | DA | 109 | H62 | 2.829 |
| H27 | DG | 110 | N3 | 2.770 |
| H6 | DG | 112 | C6 | 2.846 |
| C4 | DC | 111 | C5 | 3.553 |
| C2 | DG | 110 | N7 | 3.479 |
| C27 | DG | 110 | N3 | 3.484 |
| C9 | DC | 11 | H42 | 2.863 |
| N4 | DG | 110 | O6 | 3.273 |
| N3 | DC | 111 | H42 | 2.796 |
| H26 | DA | 109 | H61 | 2.171 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | H62 | 2.872 |
| N10 | DA | 109 | C4 | 3.499 |
| H9 | DG | 12 | O6 | 2.660 |
| C23 | DA | 109 | C6 | 3.586 |
| C24 | DG | 110 | C5 | 3.587 |
| C26 | DA | 108 | C5 | 3.590 |
| HN3 | DG | 12 | O6 | 2.673 |
| C5 | DG | 110 | H2" | 2.894 |
| C24 | DA | 108 | C8 | 3.595 |
| C4 | DG | 112 | O6 | 3.375 |
| C27 | DC | 13 | H41 | 2.900 |
| H6 | DC | 11 | H42 | 2.207 |
| H26 | DT | 14 | N3 | 2.832 |
| H27 | DA | 109 | C2 | 2.908 |
| H9 | DC | 11 | H42 | 2.211 |
| C28 | DG | 110 | H1 | 2.913 |
| H5 | DC | 111 | H5 | 2.219 |
| C23 | DA | 109 | N6 | 3.545 |
| HN3 | DC | 111 | N4 | 2.850 |
| C23 | DA | 108 | N9 | 3.551 |
| C25 | DA | 108 | C6 | 3.629 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | C8 | 3.630 |

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| C6 | DG | 10 | O6 | 3.417 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | N9 | 3.571 |
| C2 | DG | 110 | H2' | 2.952 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | C1' | 3.236 |
| H6 | DC | 111 | C4 | 2.966 |
| N9 | DA | 109 | H8 | 2.896 |
| C23 | DA | 108 | H8 | 2.972 |
| N1 | DG | 110 | C5 | 3.601 |
| H3 | DG | 110 | C2' | 2.976 |
| C7 | DG | 112 | O6 | 3.459 |
| C8 | DC | 111 | N4 | 3.609 |
| H23 | DA | 108 | C2' | 2.993 |
| N4 | DC | 11 | H42 | 2.922 |
| C6 | DG | 10 | C6 | 3.698 |
| C26 | DT | 14 | N3 | 3.624 |
| C26 | DA | 108 | C6 | 3.700 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | N1 | 3.627 |
| N3 | DG | 10 | N7 | 3.562 |
| C2 | DG | 110 | N9 | 3.639 |
| C3 | DG | 110 | C8 | 3.724 |
| C11 | DG | 10 | C2' | 3.726 |
| C5 | DG | 10 | O6 | 3.509 |
| N3 | DG | 110 | N7 | 3.587 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | H8 | 3.040 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | H62 | 3.040 |
| C11 | DG | 10 | H2" | 3.042 |
| C23 | DA | 109 | N9 | 3.677 |
| C9 | DG | 110 | O6 | 3.533 |
| C15 | DG | 10 | OP2 | 3.555 |
| H6 | DC | 111 | H41 | 2.355 |
| H3 | DG | 110 | H2' | 2.355 |
| C7 | DG | 110 | N9 | 3.689 |
| H28 | DG | 110 | C2 | 3.067 |
| H4 | DG | 110 | H2" | 2.367 |
| H26 | DA | 108 | C6 | 3.069 |
| H4 | DG | 112 | N7 | 3.004 |
| H21 | DG | 110 | H8 | 2.381 |
| N3 | DG | 110 | C5 | 3.708 |
| C9 | DC | 11 | C5 | 3.783 |
| C9 | DG | 10 | C2' | 3.784 |
| C7 | DG | 110 | C5 | 3.788 |
| H9 | DC | 11 | N4 | 3.018 |

Table S5. Binding interactions of complex **3** with DNA.

| Complex 3 interacting atom | Nucleobase | Number of Nucleobase | Type of atom | Bond length (Å) |
|----------------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| HC9 | DG | 110 | OP2 | 1.446 |
| C15 | DG | 110 | OP2 | 2.344 |
| C15 | DA | 109 | H2" | 2.032 |
| HC10 | DG | 110 | H8 | 1.368 |
| C15 | DA | 109 | C2' | 2.913 |
| HC9 | DA | 109 | H2" | 1.521 |
| HC9 | DG | 110 | P | 2.450 |
| HC9 | DA | 109 | C2' | 2.280 |
| O4 | DG | 110 | OP2 | 2.623 |
| C15 | DG | 110 | H8 | 2.345 |
| N2 | DG | 110 | N7 | 2.913 |
| HC10 | DG | 110 | C8 | 2.405 |
| H52 | DG | 10 | O6 | 2.260 |
| H42 | DG | 110 | OP2 | 2.280 |
| H21 | DC | 111 | H42 | 1.780 |
| C15 | DG | 110 | P | 3.389 |
| C1 | DG | 110 | C8 | 3.255 |
| O5 | DG | 10 | O6 | 2.847 |
| N2 | DC | 111 | H42 | 2.506 |
| H21 | DC | 111 | N4 | 2.521 |
| C1 | DG | 110 | N7 | 3.297 |
| C15 | DG | 110 | C8 | 3.389 |
| N2 | DG | 110 | C8 | 3.336 |
| C7 | DG | 10 | N7 | 3.352 |
| HC1 | DG | 12 | O6 | 2.510 |
| N2 | DG | 110 | C5 | 3.366 |
| HC9 | DA | 109 | C3' | 2.748 |
| C3 | DG | 110 | O6 | 3.240 |
| HC10 | DA | 109 | H2" | 2.064 |
| N2 | DC | 111 | N4 | 3.326 |
| C2 | DG | 110 | N7 | 3.427 |
| H21 | DG | 110 | N7 | 2.816 |
| O1 | DG | 110 | C2' | 3.373 |
| C2 | DG | 10 | N7 | 3.522 |
| HC10 | DG | 110 | H2' | 2.203 |
| HC1 | DG | 110 | O6 | 2.688 |
| HC11 | DA | 109 | C2' | 2.917 |
| C15 | DG | 110 | O5' | 3.427 |
| H21 | DG | 110 | C5 | 2.928 |
| C3 | DC | 11 | H42 | 2.938 |
| C15 | DA | 109 | H2' | 2.957 |
| C1 | DC | 111 | H42 | 2.972 |
| O1 | DG | 110 | H2" | 2.772 |
| C8 | DG | 10 | N7 | 3.631 |
| C15 | DA | 109 | C3' | 3.717 |
| HC11 | DA | 109 | H2" | 2.319 |
| C6 | DG | 10 | C8 | 3.720 |
| C3 | DG | 110 | C6 | 3.744 |
| HC9 | DG | 110 | O5' | 2.847 |
| C3 | DG | 12 | O6 | 3.535 |
| C7 | DG | 10 | C8 | 3.763 |
| C5 | DG | 10 | C8 | 3.767 |
| C15 | DG | 110 | H2' | 3.068 |
| HC | DG | 110 | C8 | 3.079 |
| C5 | DG | 10 | H8 | 3.090 |
| HC1 | DG | 110 | C6 | 3.090 |

Table S6. Binding interactions of complex **4** with DNA.

| Complex 4 interacting atom | Nucleobase | Number of Nucleobase | Type of atom | Bond length (Å) |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| HN3 | DC | 13 | N4 | 2.235 |
| N2 | DG | 10 | OP2 | 2.813 |
| C5 | DG | 110 | O6 | 2.878 |
| H9 | DC | 13 | H5 | 1.785 |
| H5 | DG | 110 | O6 | 2.270 |
| C6 | DG | 110 | O6 | 2.972 |
| H9 | DC | 13 | C5 | 2.542 |
| N3 | DC | 13 | N4 | 3.105 |
| HN3 | DC | 13 | H42 | 1.867 |
| N3 | DC | 13 | H42 | 2.499 |
| H6 | DC | 13 | N4 | 2.501 |
| H21 | DG | 10 | P | 2.811 |
| H6 | DG | 110 | O6 | 2.487 |
| H5 | DG | 110 | C6 | 2.714 |
| C9 | DC | 13 | H5 | 2.744 |
| C2 | DG | 10 | H2' | 2.750 |
| N2 | DG | 10 | P | 3.550 |
| N2 | DG | 10 | H2' | 2.698 |
| H6 | DC | 13 | H41 | 2.091 |
| N3 | DG | 12 | N7 | 3.345 |
| C6 | DC | 13 | N4 | 3.447 |
| C9 | DG | 12 | C8 | 3.541 |
| HN3 | DG | 12 | N7 | 2.783 |
| C9 | DC | 13 | C5 | 3.579 |
| N2 | DG | 10 | O5' | 3.328 |
| C5 | DG | 110 | C6 | 3.603 |
| C9 | DG | 12 | H8 | 2.908 |
| C2 | DG | 10 | C2' | 3.608 |
| C3 | DG | 10 | H8 | 2.924 |
| HN3 | DC | 13 | C4 | 2.942 |
| H5 | DG | 110 | C5 | 2.959 |
| H5 | DG | 110 | N7 | 2.894 |
| C3 | DG | 10 | C8 | 3.670 |
| C6 | DC | 13 | H41 | 2.970 |
| N2 | DG | 10 | C2' | 3.596 |
| H3 | DG | 10 | OP2 | 2.772 |
| H9 | DG | 12 | C8 | 2.974 |
| C3 | DG | 10 | OP2 | 3.515 |
| C1 | DG | 10 | C2' | 3.778 |
| C7 | DG | 10 | C2' | 3.781 |
| H21 | DG | 10 | O5' | 2.892 |

Table S7. Binding interactions of complex **5** with DNA.

| Complex 5 interacting atom | Nucleobase | Number of Nucleobase | Type of atom | Bond length (Å) |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| C2 | DG | 110 | C2 | 0.530 |
| N1 | DG | 110 | C6 | 0.659 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | C8 | 0.769 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | C8 | 0.817 |
| C1 | DG | 110 | C6 | 0.919 |
| C8 | DG | 110 | C5 | 0.977 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | N7 | 0.933 |
| C7 | DG | 110 | N3 | 0.937 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | C1' | 1.035 |
| N1 | DG | 110 | C5 | 1.027 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | C2' | 1.203 |
| C3 | DG | 110 | N2 | 1.144 |
| C7 | DG | 110 | C2 | 1.258 |
| C7 | DG | 110 | C4 | 1.263 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | C1' | 1.322 |
| C2 | DG | 110 | N3 | 1.271 |
| C23 | DA | 109 | N7 | 1.280 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | N9 | 1.280 |
| N2 | DG | 110 | N1 | 1.211 |
| C6 | DC | 111 | C4 | 1.372 |
| C8 | DG | 110 | C4 | 1.422 |
| C3 | DG | 110 | C2 | 1.457 |
| H5 | DC | 111 | N1 | 0.691 |
| C2 | DG | 110 | N1 | 1.427 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | N9 | 1.433 |
| C6 | DG | 110 | N3 | 1.438 |
| C5 | DC | 111 | C2 | 1.552 |
| C8 | DG | 110 | C6 | 1.572 |
| H6 | DC | 111 | C4 | 0.889 |
| C1 | DG | 110 | N1 | 1.542 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | C8 | 1.619 |
| H27 | DA | 109 | C2' | 0.955 |
| N1 | DG | 110 | O6 | 1.369 |
| C1 | DG | 110 | O6 | 1.467 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | H8 | 0.994 |
| C4 | DG | 110 | H22 | 1.005 |
| N10 | DA | 109 | C8 | 1.630 |
| C2 | DG | 110 | N2 | 1.633 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | N9 | 1.634 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | C1' | 1.309 |
| H28 | DG | 110 | C8 | 1.037 |
| H6 | DC | 111 | C5 | 1.059 |
| N2 | DG | 110 | C2 | 1.716 |
| C4 | DG | 110 | N2 | 1.765 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | N7 | 1.770 |
| C5 | DC | 111 | N1 | 1.770 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | C2' | 1.847 |
| C5 | DC | 111 | N3 | 1.781 |
| C6 | DC | 111 | C5 | 1.867 |
| H27 | DA | 109 | C1' | 1.168 |
| C1 | DG | 110 | C5 | 1.871 |
| C6 | DC | 111 | N3 | 1.802 |
| N2 | DG | 110 | C6 | 1.814 |
| H5 | DC | 111 | C2 | 1.197 |
| C3 | DG | 110 | H22 | 1.211 |
| H26 | DA | 109 | O4' | 1.037 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | O4' | 1.741 |

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| C3 | DG | 110 | N3 | 1.872 |
| C7 | DG | 110 | N1 | 1.882 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | N9 | 1.884 |
| C7 | DG | 110 | C5 | 1.967 |
| N3 | DG | 110 | C5 | 1.915 |
| C28 | DG | 110 | C8 | 2.005 |
| C28 | DG | 110 | N7 | 1.939 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | H8 | 1.320 |
| N10 | DG | 110 | N7 | 1.888 |
| N4 | DG | 110 | N7 | 1.893 |
| C5 | DG | 110 | N3 | 1.970 |
| C2 | DG | 110 | C4 | 2.050 |
| N10 | DA | 109 | N7 | 1.905 |
| N1 | DG | 110 | N7 | 1.932 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | C8 | 2.100 |
| C6 | DG | 110 | C4 | 2.102 |
| C8 | DG | 110 | N7 | 2.029 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | C5 | 2.108 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | C8 | 2.126 |
| C5 | DC | 111 | C4 | 2.135 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | C2' | 1.715 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | N9 | 2.063 |
| C6 | DG | 110 | C2 | 2.145 |
| N1 | DG | 110 | N1 | 1.999 |
| C23 | DA | 109 | C8 | 2.178 |
| C5 | DC | 111 | C6 | 2.180 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | H1' | 1.069 |
| C6 | DC | 111 | N4 | 2.115 |
| H5 | DC | 111 | C6 | 1.496 |
| C4 | DG | 110 | N3 | 2.128 |
| C8 | DG | 110 | N1 | 2.132 |
| C4 | DG | 110 | C2 | 2.245 |
| N3 | DG | 110 | C4 | 2.181 |
| N3 | DG | 110 | N7 | 2.111 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | H2" | 1.578 |
| C7 | DG | 110 | C6 | 2.282 |
| C8 | DG | 110 | N3 | 2.215 |
| N3 | DC | 111 | N4 | 2.144 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | C1' | 2.299 |
| H28 | DG | 110 | H8 | 0.902 |
| C4 | DC | 111 | C2 | 2.306 |
| N9 | DA | 109 | N7 | 2.160 |
| H26 | DA | 109 | C1' | 1.615 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | C2' | 2.328 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | H2' | 1.629 |
| N10 | DA | 109 | N9 | 2.181 |
| H28 | DG | 110 | N7 | 1.575 |
| C5 | DC | 111 | C5 | 2.359 |
| N1 | DG | 110 | C4 | 2.288 |
| C2 | DG | 110 | C6 | 2.365 |
| H1 | DA | 109 | C6 | 1.669 |
| H6 | DC | 111 | N4 | 1.609 |
| HN3 | DC | 111 | H42 | 0.995 |
| C8 | DG | 110 | C2 | 2.397 |
| C25 | DA | 108 | H1' | 1.699 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | H8 | 1.713 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | H1' | 1.714 |
| C7 | DC | 111 | C4 | 2.422 |
| N3 | DC | 111 | H42 | 1.648 |
| F2 | DA | 109 | C8 | 2.007 |

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| N3 | DG | 110 | C8 | 2.364 |
| C6 | DC | 111 | C2 | 2.442 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | H2' | 1.746 |
| C8 | DG | 110 | N9 | 2.372 |
| H1 | DG | 110 | O6 | 1.527 |
| C1 | DA | 109 | C6 | 2.456 |
| N4 | DG | 110 | C5 | 2.382 |
| C6 | DC | 111 | C6 | 2.478 |
| N2 | DG | 110 | H1 | 1.705 |
| HN3 | DC | 111 | N4 | 1.706 |
| H1 | DA | 109 | N6 | 1.715 |
| H26 | DA | 109 | C4' | 1.792 |
| H3 | DG | 110 | N2 | 1.722 |
| C25 | DA | 108 | C1' | 2.498 |
| H1 | DG | 110 | C6 | 1.801 |
| C23 | DA | 109 | C5 | 2.509 |
| C5 | DG | 110 | C2 | 2.511 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | N9 | 2.024 |
| C7 | DG | 110 | N2 | 2.444 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | O4' | 2.326 |
| C7 | DC | 111 | N4 | 2.458 |
| H27 | DA | 109 | H2" | 1.141 |
| C2 | DG | 110 | C5 | 2.543 |
| N10 | DA | 109 | C5 | 2.480 |
| N2 | DG | 110 | C5 | 2.481 |
| C8 | DC | 111 | N4 | 2.489 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | C1' | 2.566 |
| C8 | DG | 110 | C8 | 2.568 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | C4 | 2.572 |
| C7 | DG | 110 | N9 | 2.504 |
| C1 | DG | 110 | C2 | 2.579 |
| C5 | DG | 110 | N2 | 2.506 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | C4 | 2.588 |
| N3 | DG | 110 | N9 | 2.439 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | C3' | 2.590 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | C5 | 2.592 |
| N4 | DG | 110 | C8 | 2.520 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | C4 | 2.606 |
| H27 | DA | 109 | C3' | 1.914 |
| C28 | DG | 110 | H8 | 1.916 |
| N2 | DG | 110 | N3 | 2.480 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | C4 | 2.630 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | C4 | 2.633 |
| H5 | DC | 111 | C1' | 1.939 |
| N6 | DG | 110 | O6 | 2.361 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | C4' | 2.659 |
| C5 | DC | 111 | O2 | 2.446 |
| H21 | DG | 110 | N1 | 1.895 |
| C3 | DG | 110 | H21 | 1.984 |
| H23 | DA | 109 | N7 | 1.922 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | H2" | 1.584 |
| C3 | DG | 110 | N1 | 2.638 |
| N2 | DG | 110 | N2 | 2.569 |
| N10 | DA | 109 | C4 | 2.648 |
| C1 | DG | 110 | C4 | 2.724 |
| H27 | DA | 109 | H1' | 1.331 |
| C5 | DG | 110 | H22 | 2.037 |
| N2 | DG | 110 | C4 | 2.667 |
| C1 | DG | 110 | H1 | 2.046 |
| C1 | DA | 109 | N1 | 2.674 |

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| N10 | DG | 110 | C8 | 2.688 |
| C4 | DC | 111 | O2 | 2.554 |
| H26 | DA | 109 | O5' | 1.874 |
| C4 | DC | 111 | N3 | 2.701 |
| H5 | DC | 111 | N3 | 2.003 |
| C6 | DC | 111 | N1 | 2.710 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | H2" | 2.100 |
| N3 | DG | 110 | C6 | 2.726 |
| C7 | DC | 111 | N3 | 2.729 |
| N2 | DA | 109 | N1 | 2.657 |
| H6 | DC | 111 | N3 | 2.042 |
| C4 | DC | 111 | N1 | 2.742 |
| H26 | DA | 109 | C2' | 2.118 |
| C8 | DG | 110 | O6 | 2.600 |
| C26 | DA | 108 | H1' | 2.127 |
| N10 | DA | 109 | H8 | 2.057 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | C3' | 2.836 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | O5' | 2.650 |
| C6 | DG | 110 | N2 | 2.777 |
| C1 | DA | 109 | N6 | 2.785 |
| H6 | DC | 111 | C6 | 2.170 |
| C2 | DG | 110 | H1 | 2.174 |
| C6 | DG | 110 | N9 | 2.801 |
| C5 | DC | 111 | C1' | 2.885 |
| F2 | DA | 109 | N7 | 2.391 |
| H5 | DC | 111 | C5 | 2.201 |
| H26 | DA | 109 | C5' | 2.211 |
| H26 | DA | 109 | N9 | 2.138 |
| H4 | DG | 110 | H22 | 1.519 |
| C9 | DG | 110 | N7 | 2.846 |
| N2 | DG | 110 | O6 | 2.633 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | N7 | 2.865 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | N7 | 2.880 |
| C1 | DA | 109 | C5 | 2.957 |
| N1 | DG | 110 | C2 | 2.888 |
| C25 | DA | 108 | C2' | 2.973 |
| C2 | DG | 110 | H22 | 2.276 |
| H21 | DG | 110 | C2 | 2.293 |
| C1 | DG | 110 | N7 | 2.921 |
| H3 | DG | 110 | C2 | 2.311 |
| N10 | DG | 110 | C5 | 2.940 |
| C2 | DG | 110 | H21 | 2.321 |
| H6 | DC | 111 | H5 | 1.621 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | H8 | 2.324 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | C4' | 3.029 |
| H1 | DA | 109 | N1 | 2.259 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | C2' | 3.047 |
| C25 | DA | 108 | N9 | 2.981 |
| H5 | DC | 111 | C4 | 2.359 |
| N3 | DC | 111 | C4 | 2.993 |
| N1 | DG | 110 | C8 | 2.998 |
| H28 | DG | 110 | N9 | 2.298 |
| C27 | DG | 110 | C8 | 3.074 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | H1' | 2.379 |
| H27 | DA | 109 | N9 | 2.305 |
| H21 | DA | 109 | N1 | 2.307 |
| N9 | DA | 109 | C5 | 3.008 |
| C3 | DG | 110 | C4 | 3.087 |
| C8 | DC | 111 | C4 | 3.094 |
| C5 | DG | 110 | C4 | 3.096 |

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| F2 | DA | 109 | H8 | 1.978 |
| HN3 | DC | 111 | C4 | 2.401 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | O4' | 2.905 |
| H5 | DC | 111 | O2 | 2.188 |
| C28 | DG | 110 | C5 | 3.110 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | C5 | 3.112 |
| H23 | DA | 108 | C8 | 2.412 |
| C7 | DC | 111 | C5 | 3.116 |
| C6 | DG | 110 | C1' | 3.118 |
| N9 | DG | 110 | O6 | 2.829 |
| C9 | DG | 110 | C8 | 3.126 |
| H15 | DG | 12 | O6 | 2.206 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | H8 | 2.435 |
| N4 | DG | 110 | C6 | 3.064 |
| N2 | DA | 109 | C6 | 3.064 |
| C6 | DG | 110 | C5 | 3.142 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | H2' | 2.444 |
| H1 | DA | 109 | C5 | 2.448 |
| N2 | DA | 109 | C2 | 3.076 |
| C23 | DA | 109 | H8 | 2.453 |
| H6 | DG | 110 | N3 | 2.388 |
| C15 | DG | 12 | O6 | 2.944 |
| H3 | DG | 110 | H22 | 1.765 |
| H26 | DA | 109 | C3' | 2.470 |
| C25 | DA | 108 | H2" | 2.478 |
| N9 | DA | 109 | C8 | 3.103 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | C8 | 2.764 |
| C6 | DG | 110 | H1' | 2.488 |
| C26 | DA | 108 | C1' | 3.188 |
| C1 | DG | 110 | N3 | 3.114 |
| H27 | DA | 109 | O3' | 2.293 |
| C6 | DG | 110 | N1 | 3.123 |
| C15 | DG | 110 | O6 | 2.981 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | C5' | 3.203 |
| C22 | DG | 110 | O6 | 2.987 |
| C8 | DC | 111 | H42 | 2.515 |
| H27 | DA | 109 | O4' | 2.315 |
| H1 | DG | 110 | N1 | 2.443 |
| N1 | DG | 110 | N3 | 3.084 |
| C24 | DG | 110 | N7 | 3.167 |
| C23 | DA | 108 | C8 | 3.243 |
| N3 | DG | 110 | N3 | 3.094 |
| C28 | DG | 110 | N9 | 3.182 |
| N4 | DG | 110 | C4 | 3.182 |
| C7 | DG | 110 | N7 | 3.185 |
| HN3 | DG | 110 | C4 | 2.560 |
| N10 | DA | 109 | C1' | 3.186 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | C5 | 3.263 |
| H71 | DC | 11 | H5 | 1.868 |
| F2 | DA | 109 | N9 | 2.775 |
| H21 | DG | 110 | C6 | 2.571 |
| H4 | DG | 110 | N2 | 2.498 |
| C1 | DA | 109 | C2 | 3.275 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | O4' | 2.656 |
| C6 | DC | 111 | H5 | 2.577 |
| H4 | DC | 111 | C2 | 2.578 |
| H6 | DG | 110 | C4 | 2.581 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | C1' | 3.291 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | H2' | 2.594 |
| H21 | DT | 14 | N3 | 2.522 |

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| HN3 | DC | 111 | C5 | 2.597 |
| H26 | DA | 109 | C8 | 2.598 |
| C8 | DC | 111 | H41 | 2.617 |
| C5 | DC | 111 | N4 | 3.244 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | O5' | 3.130 |
| N3 | DC | 111 | H41 | 2.557 |
| H6 | DC | 111 | H42 | 1.936 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | H1' | 2.636 |
| H4 | DC | 111 | O2 | 2.417 |
| C7 | DG | 110 | C8 | 3.337 |
| N7 | DG | 12 | N7 | 3.188 |
| C23 | DA | 109 | C6 | 3.340 |
| N2 | DC | 13 | N3 | 3.193 |
| C27 | DG | 110 | N7 | 3.269 |
| H27 | DA | 109 | C4' | 2.644 |
| Ni1 | DG | 110 | N7 | 2.062 |
| C4 | DC | 111 | C4 | 3.353 |
| N6 | DG | 110 | C6 | 3.279 |
| N9 | DA | 109 | H62 | 2.580 |
| HN3 | DG | 110 | N9 | 2.581 |
| N7 | DC | 11 | H5 | 2.581 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | N7 | 3.282 |
| N1 | DG | 110 | N9 | 3.210 |
| C5 | DC | 111 | O4' | 3.164 |
| C7 | DC | 111 | H41 | 2.664 |
| H27 | DA | 109 | H2' | 1.964 |
| C6 | DC | 111 | H41 | 2.667 |
| C4 | DC | 111 | C1' | 3.367 |
| C6 | DC | 111 | H42 | 2.672 |
| C4 | DG | 110 | H21 | 2.676 |
| H15 | DC | 11 | H42 | 1.980 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | C6 | 3.384 |
| H21 | DG | 110 | H1 | 1.986 |
| C7 | DG | 110 | C1' | 3.389 |
| N4 | DG | 110 | N9 | 3.239 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | C3' | 2.970 |
| N1 | DA | 109 | C6 | 3.315 |
| N1 | DA | 109 | C5 | 3.315 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | H2" | 2.701 |
| N4 | DC | 111 | H42 | 2.638 |
| H71 | DG | 12 | N7 | 2.640 |
| C3 | DC | 111 | C2 | 3.418 |
| N7 | DG | 10 | H2" | 2.644 |
| C27 | DG | 110 | H8 | 2.720 |
| N8 | DA | 109 | H62 | 2.650 |
| H5 | DC | 111 | O4' | 2.525 |
| N10 | DA | 109 | C2' | 3.351 |
| C2 | DG | 110 | N9 | 3.353 |
| H26 | DA | 108 | H1' | 2.035 |
| C4 | DC | 111 | C6 | 3.437 |
| N9 | DA | 109 | N6 | 3.289 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | OP2 | 3.242 |
| C23 | DA | 109 | H62 | 2.744 |
| H1 | DG | 110 | C5 | 2.746 |
| C1 | DC | 13 | H41 | 2.747 |
| N4 | DC | 111 | N4 | 3.298 |
| H28 | DG | 110 | C5 | 2.749 |
| C3 | DC | 111 | N3 | 3.380 |
| HN3 | DG | 110 | C5 | 2.756 |
| C5 | DG | 110 | H1' | 2.757 |

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| H23 | DA | 109 | C8 | 2.761 |
| C4 | DG | 110 | C4 | 3.465 |
| C23 | DA | 109 | N6 | 3.390 |
| C2 | DC | 111 | N3 | 3.392 |
| C23 | DA | 109 | N9 | 3.393 |
| H21 | DT | 14 | H3 | 2.070 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | N3 | 3.401 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | C5 | 3.479 |
| N1 | DG | 110 | H1 | 2.708 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | P | 3.655 |
| N3 | DC | 111 | C5 | 3.410 |
| N8 | DA | 109 | N7 | 3.335 |
| H6 | DC | 111 | C2 | 2.795 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | C4 | 3.078 |
| HN3 | DG | 110 | C8 | 2.799 |
| C6 | DG | 110 | H22 | 2.800 |
| H3 | DG | 110 | H21 | 2.100 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | H2' | 2.385 |
| C27 | DA | 109 | O3' | 3.306 |
| C7 | DG | 110 | H1 | 2.807 |
| C11 | DG | 10 | N7 | 3.436 |
| C1 | DA | 109 | C4 | 3.512 |
| H28 | DA | 109 | C2' | 2.813 |
| C1 | DC | 13 | N3 | 3.446 |
| H1 | DA | 109 | H61 | 2.122 |
| H71 | DG | 10 | H2" | 2.124 |
| H23 | DA | 108 | H8 | 2.133 |
| N3 | DG | 110 | N1 | 3.385 |
| N2 | DT | 14 | N3 | 3.388 |
| H21 | DG | 110 | N2 | 2.763 |
| C7 | DC | 111 | C2 | 3.538 |
| C23 | DA | 109 | C4 | 3.540 |
| H26 | DA | 109 | H2' | 2.141 |
| C2 | DC | 111 | C4 | 3.551 |
| N8 | DG | 110 | O6 | 3.257 |
| H28 | DA | 109 | H2" | 2.156 |
| C24 | DA | 108 | C1' | 3.558 |
| N7 | DG | 10 | C2' | 3.484 |
| N5 | DG | 110 | N7 | 3.419 |
| F2 | DA | 109 | O5' | 2.949 |
| H21 | DA | 109 | C2 | 2.875 |
| N9 | DA | 109 | C6 | 3.501 |
| C4 | DC | 111 | O4' | 3.386 |
| C28 | DA | 109 | N3 | 3.514 |
| N2 | DG | 110 | H21 | 2.814 |
| H28 | DA | 109 | N9 | 2.817 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | OP2 | 3.393 |
| C9 | DG | 110 | C5 | 3.595 |
| H71 | DC | 11 | C5 | 2.899 |
| H6 | DC | 111 | N1 | 2.830 |
| C7 | DG | 110 | H22 | 2.906 |
| C7 | DC | 111 | H42 | 2.907 |
| N3 | DG | 110 | C2 | 3.533 |
| H27 | DG | 110 | P | 3.082 |
| H1 | DA | 109 | H62 | 2.213 |
| C23 | DA | 108 | N9 | 3.539 |
| C25 | DA | 109 | P | 3.785 |
| C22 | DC | 13 | N4 | 3.550 |
| C6 | DG | 110 | C6 | 3.627 |
| C3 | DC | 13 | O2 | 3.407 |

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| HN3 | DC | 111 | H5 | 2.234 |
| N2 | DT | 14 | H3 | 2.863 |
| C10 | DG | 110 | N7 | 3.566 |
| H4 | DC | 111 | N1 | 2.868 |
| C24 | DA | 109 | C2' | 3.643 |
| N3 | DG | 110 | C1' | 3.569 |
| C26 | DA | 109 | N3 | 3.570 |
| F2 | DA | 109 | C5 | 3.226 |
| H3 | DG | 110 | N3 | 2.872 |
| F2 | DA | 108 | C4' | 3.228 |
| C8 | DG | 12 | O6 | 3.429 |
| N2 | DA | 109 | N6 | 3.504 |
| C8 | DG | 110 | C1' | 3.657 |
| C24 | DA | 108 | N9 | 3.586 |
| H6 | DG | 110 | N9 | 2.887 |
| N4 | DG | 110 | O6 | 3.368 |
| H28 | DA | 109 | C1' | 2.963 |
| C24 | DA | 108 | H1' | 2.965 |
| C25 | DA | 108 | C4 | 3.667 |
| C25 | DA | 108 | C8 | 3.671 |
| N10 | DG | 110 | H8 | 2.898 |
| C5 | DG | 110 | C1' | 3.676 |
| C4 | DG | 110 | N1 | 3.602 |
| H21 | DA | 109 | C6 | 2.979 |
| N10 | DG | 110 | C6 | 3.605 |
| C15 | DC | 11 | H5 | 2.999 |
| C1 | DC | 13 | N4 | 3.625 |
| C21 | DC | 13 | N4 | 3.628 |
| C22 | DC | 13 | H41 | 3.003 |
| C7 | DG | 110 | O6 | 3.484 |
| C2 | DG | 110 | O6 | 3.484 |
| H4 | DC | 111 | C1' | 3.006 |
| C6 | DC | 111 | O2 | 3.486 |
| C15 | DG | 110 | C6 | 3.708 |
| N8 | DA | 109 | N6 | 3.560 |
| H15 | DC | 11 | N4 | 2.935 |
| N6 | DC | 13 | H41 | 2.937 |
| F2 | DA | 109 | P | 3.463 |
| N7 | DC | 11 | C5 | 3.640 |
| HN3 | DG | 110 | N7 | 2.940 |
| C28 | DG | 110 | C4 | 3.716 |
| N10 | DA | 109 | C6 | 3.643 |
| C4 | DC | 111 | C5 | 3.721 |
| C15 | DC | 11 | H42 | 3.023 |
| C1 | DG | 110 | N2 | 3.653 |
| Ni1 | DG | 110 | O6 | 2.301 |
| N7 | DG | 12 | O6 | 3.438 |
| H26 | DA | 109 | P | 3.209 |
| C9 | DC | 111 | H42 | 3.039 |
| H3 | DT | 14 | O2 | 2.820 |
| C8 | DG | 110 | H1 | 3.041 |
| C8 | DC | 111 | C5 | 3.744 |
| N9 | DG | 110 | N7 | 3.597 |
| H1 | DC | 13 | H41 | 2.349 |
| C8 | DG | 110 | N2 | 3.675 |
| C17 | DG | 10 | C2' | 3.751 |
| H23 | DA | 108 | N9 | 2.977 |
| C6 | DG | 12 | H1 | 3.052 |
| C3 | DG | 110 | C6 | 3.752 |
| H23 | DA | 109 | C5 | 3.053 |

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| C3 | DG | 110 | H1 | 3.059 |
| C16 | DC | 13 | N4 | 3.686 |
| H26 | DA | 108 | C1' | 3.066 |
| H5 | DG | 110 | N3 | 2.993 |
| Ni1 | DG | 110 | C5 | 2.559 |
| N3 | DG | 110 | O6 | 3.475 |
| N9 | DG | 110 | C6 | 3.697 |
| H6 | DG | 110 | C1' | 3.079 |
| H28 | DG | 110 | C4 | 3.082 |
| H5 | DC | 111 | H6 | 2.384 |
| F2 | DA | 109 | OP2 | 3.171 |
| C2 | DC | 111 | N4 | 3.716 |
| H21 | DT | 14 | C2 | 3.092 |
| C15 | DC | 13 | N4 | 3.719 |
| N1 | DA | 109 | N6 | 3.645 |
| C1 | DA | 109 | H61 | 3.099 |

Table S8. Binding interactions of complex **6** with DNA.

| Complex 6 interacting atom | Nucleobase | Number of Nucleobase | Type of atom | Bond length (Å) |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| HC5 | DG | 12 | H8 | 1.799 |
| HC9 | DG | 10 | H3' | 1.836 |
| C15 | DG | 10 | H3' | 2.539 |
| HC5 | DG | 12 | C8 | 2.564 |
| N2 | DG | 10 | OP2 | 3.030 |
| F1 | DG | 12 | H2' | 2.236 |
| HN | DG | 12 | N7 | 2.604 |
| H11 | DG | 10 | H3' | 1.988 |
| O1 | DC | 11 | OP2 | 3.091 |
| O1 | DG | 10 | H3' | 2.595 |
| H11 | DC | 11 | OP2 | 2.604 |
| HC9 | DG | 10 | C3' | 2.809 |
| HC3 | DC | 11 | H42 | 2.118 |
| C9 | DG | 12 | H8 | 2.833 |
| C7 | DG | 10 | C2' | 3.578 |
| C5 | DG | 110 | O6 | 3.375 |
| C9 | DG | 12 | C8 | 3.604 |
| C5 | DC | 11 | H42 | 2.907 |
| C15 | DG | 10 | C3' | 3.613 |
| F1 | DG | 12 | C2' | 3.195 |
| C8 | DG | 10 | C2' | 3.628 |
| C9 | DC | 11 | OP2 | 3.433 |
| HC5 | DG | 12 | N7 | 2.863 |
| H11 | DG | 10 | C3' | 2.939 |
| C7 | DG | 10 | H2' | 2.949 |
| HC9 | DG | 10 | C5' | 2.952 |
| C6 | DC | 11 | H5 | 2.968 |
| C1 | DG | 10 | OP2 | 3.496 |
| C6 | DG | 10 | C2' | 3.697 |
| H21 | DG | 10 | OP2 | 2.797 |
| N3 | DG | 12 | N7 | 3.550 |
| N3 | DG | 10 | H2" | 2.934 |
| HC3 | DG | 12 | O6 | 2.790 |
| HC4 | DC | 11 | H5 | 2.313 |
| HC9 | DG | 10 | H5" | 2.316 |
| C10 | DC | 11 | OP2 | 3.538 |
| C5 | DG | 12 | O6 | 3.522 |
| F1 | DG | 12 | H8 | 2.626 |
| HC4 | DG | 12 | O6 | 2.836 |
| C6 | DG | 12 | O6 | 3.544 |
| H11 | DC | 11 | P | 3.238 |
| N3 | DG | 10 | C2' | 3.695 |
| C6 | DG | 10 | H2" | 3.089 |
| C5 | DG | 10 | C8 | 3.789 |
| C4 | DG | 10 | C8 | 3.796 |
| C15 | DG | 10 | OP1 | 3.598 |

Table S9. Binding interactions of complex **1** with BSA.

| Complex 1 interacting atom | Amino acid residue | Number of amino acid | Type of atom | Bond length (Å) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| H3 | PHE | 205 | CD1 | 2.264 |
| H3 | PHE | 205 | HD1 | 1.578 |
| Br1 | ASP | 323 | CG | 3.700 |
| Br1 | ARG | 208 | HB2 | 3.103 |
| C3 | PHE | 205 | CD1 | 3.162 |
| Br1 | ASP | 323 | OD2 | 3.688 |
| Br1 | ARG | 208 | HD2 | 3.213 |
| C4 | LEU | 480 | H | 2.509 |
| Br1 | ARG | 208 | CD | 3.954 |
| H4 | SER | 479 | HA | 1.841 |
| C5 | LYS | 350 | HZ2 | 2.603 |
| N1 | ARG | 208 | HE | 2.528 |
| H5 | SER | 479 | OG | 2.415 |
| C6 | LYS | 350 | HD2 | 2.633 |
| C3 | PHE | 205 | HD1 | 2.635 |
| Br1 | ARG | 208 | CZ | 4.055 |
| H5 | SER | 479 | HG | 1.936 |
| Br1 | ARG | 208 | NE | 3.994 |
| Br1 | ARG | 208 | CB | 4.076 |
| Br1 | ARG | 208 | NH1 | 4.005 |
| H1 | ARG | 208 | CG | 2.670 |
| C5 | LYS | 350 | HD2 | 2.686 |
| H4 | SER | 479 | CA | 2.706 |
| H12 | LEU | 326 | O | 2.489 |
| C11 | LEU | 330 | HD23 | 2.717 |
| H12 | LEU | 326 | C | 2.720 |
| C1 | ARG | 208 | HE | 2.723 |
| Br1 | ASP | 323 | OD1 | 3.925 |
| N5 | ALA | 212 | HB2 | 2.651 |
| H6 | LYS | 350 | HD2 | 2.037 |
| N2 | ALA | 209 | HB3 | 2.681 |
| C12 | LEU | 326 | HB2 | 2.761 |
| C5 | SER | 479 | OG | 3.279 |
| H1 | ARG | 208 | HG2 | 2.096 |
| H4 | LEU | 480 | H | 2.099 |
| C10 | ALA | 212 | CB | 3.513 |
| C12 | LEU | 326 | C | 3.519 |
| C1 | ALA | 209 | HB3 | 2.821 |
| Br1 | ASP | 323 | CB | 4.246 |
| C10 | ALA | 212 | HB2 | 2.846 |
| H5 | LYS | 350 | HD2 | 2.152 |
| C4 | LEU | 480 | N | 3.486 |
| C1 | ARG | 208 | HG2 | 2.866 |
| C5 | LYS | 350 | NZ | 3.503 |
| H11 | LEU | 330 | HD23 | 2.189 |
| C5 | LEU | 480 | H | 2.892 |
| Br1 | ARG | 208 | CG | 4.326 |
| C4 | SER | 479 | HA | 2.916 |
| C5 | LYS | 350 | CD | 3.616 |
| C1 | ARG | 208 | CG | 3.622 |
| C11 | LEU | 330 | CD2 | 3.622 |
| C6 | LYS | 350 | CD | 3.639 |
| N1 | ARG | 208 | NE | 3.502 |
| C5 | SER | 479 | HG | 2.959 |
| C1 | ALA | 209 | CB | 3.667 |
| H5 | LYS | 350 | CD | 2.978 |
| C12 | LEU | 326 | CB | 3.685 |

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| C13 | GLY | 327 | N | 3.618 |
| N5 | ALA | 212 | CB | 3.621 |
| H11 | ALA | 349 | CB | 3.002 |
| H4 | LEU | 480 | N | 2.929 |
| C12 | LEU | 326 | O | 3.487 |
| C12 | GLY | 327 | N | 3.634 |
| H13 | GLY | 327 | N | 2.937 |
| C4 | SER | 479 | CA | 3.721 |
| C9 | ALA | 212 | CB | 3.722 |
| H5 | LYS | 350 | CE | 3.025 |
| C5 | LYS | 350 | CE | 3.727 |
| C1 | ALA | 209 | CA | 3.727 |
| C4 | PHE | 205 | CD1 | 3.734 |
| H6 | LYS | 350 | CD | 3.035 |
| N2 | ALA | 209 | CB | 3.662 |
| H12 | GLY | 327 | N | 2.964 |
| Br1 | ARG | 208 | O | 4.243 |
| H4 | SER | 479 | CB | 3.045 |
| H3 | PHE | 205 | CE1 | 3.047 |
| C1 | ARG | 208 | NE | 3.676 |
| N1 | ARG | 208 | HG2 | 2.988 |
| C3 | PHE | 205 | CE1 | 3.765 |
| H12 | GLY | 327 | HA2 | 2.368 |
| N2 | PHE | 205 | HB3 | 3.002 |
| H5 | VAL | 481 | HG23 | 2.382 |
| C4 | SER | 479 | OG | 3.586 |
| H1 | ARG | 208 | HE | 2.392 |
| C12 | GLY | 327 | HA2 | 3.094 |

Table S10. Binding interactions of complex 2 with BSA.

| Complex 2 interacting atom | Amino acid residue | Number of amino acid | Type of atom | Bond length (Å) |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| H12 | PRO | 110 | HG2 | 1.197 |
| C12 | PRO | 110 | HG2 | 2.202 |
| H12 | PRO | 110 | CG | 2.275 |
| C27 | LEU | 189 | HD21 | 2.453 |
| H23 | LYS | 114 | CB | 2.510 |
| C12 | PRO | 110 | CG | 3.238 |
| C28 | LEU | 189 | HD21 | 2.553 |
| C6 | LEU | 189 | HD12 | 2.571 |
| C27 | ARG | 185 | HH21 | 2.607 |
| H8 | LYS | 114 | HB2 | 1.944 |
| H23 | LYS | 114 | HB2 | 1.948 |
| H27 | LEU | 189 | HD21 | 1.948 |
| H23 | LYS | 114 | CG | 2.676 |
| F1 | PRO | 110 | HD2 | 2.260 |
| C7 | LEU | 189 | HD12 | 2.682 |
| C26 | ARG | 185 | HH21 | 2.692 |
| C12 | ARG | 144 | HG2 | 2.697 |
| C5 | LEU | 189 | HD12 | 2.733 |
| H13 | LEU | 112 | O | 2.516 |
| C13 | LEU | 112 | H | 2.736 |
| H27 | LEU | 189 | CD2 | 2.748 |
| H13 | LEU | 112 | N | 2.678 |
| C27 | LEU | 189 | CD2 | 3.454 |
| F2 | LYS | 114 | HG3 | 2.344 |
| F2 | LEU | 115 | H | 2.369 |
| H13 | LEU | 112 | H | 2.116 |
| H28 | LEU | 189 | HD21 | 2.137 |
| F1 | ARG | 144 | O | 2.898 |
| C13 | LEU | 112 | N | 3.469 |
| C28 | ARG | 185 | HH21 | 2.853 |
| C13 | LEU | 112 | O | 3.334 |
| N8 | LYS | 114 | HB2 | 2.783 |
| C23 | LYS | 114 | CB | 3.563 |
| C23 | LYS | 114 | HB2 | 2.866 |
| F1 | PRO | 110 | CD | 3.161 |
| H23 | LYS | 114 | CA | 2.888 |
| C28 | LEU | 189 | CD2 | 3.591 |
| C2 | LEU | 189 | HD12 | 2.896 |
| C27 | ARG | 185 | NH2 | 3.527 |
| C7 | LEU | 189 | CD1 | 3.608 |
| C13 | ARG | 144 | HG2 | 2.923 |
| C2 | LEU | 189 | CD1 | 3.636 |
| C11 | PRO | 110 | HG2 | 2.939 |
| C6 | LEU | 189 | CD1 | 3.654 |
| H13 | LEU | 112 | C | 2.954 |
| H13 | LEU | 112 | HB3 | 2.262 |
| C4 | LEU | 189 | HD12 | 2.969 |
| C23 | LYS | 114 | CG | 3.684 |
| C25 | ARG | 185 | HH21 | 2.996 |
| H13 | LEU | 112 | CA | 2.999 |
| C26 | ARG | 185 | HE | 2.999 |
| H23 | LYS | 114 | HG3 | 2.302 |
| H23 | LYS | 114 | HA | 2.314 |
| H28 | LEU | 189 | CD2 | 3.017 |
| C11 | PRO | 110 | HD2 | 3.030 |
| C12 | ARG | 144 | CG | 3.730 |
| H8 | LYS | 114 | CB | 3.032 |

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| C12 | LEU | 112 | H | 3.038 |
| C26 | ARG | 185 | NH2 | 3.669 |
| H13 | LEU | 112 | CB | 3.046 |
| C12 | PRO | 110 | CD | 3.748 |
| C11 | PRO | 110 | CG | 3.752 |
| C3 | LEU | 189 | HD12 | 3.061 |
| C5 | LEU | 189 | CD1 | 3.763 |
| C3 | LEU | 189 | CD1 | 3.766 |
| H12 | PRO | 110 | CD | 3.076 |
| H23 | LYS | 114 | CD | 3.077 |
| C28 | ARG | 185 | NH2 | 3.703 |
| F1 | PRO | 110 | CG | 3.362 |
| C23 | LYS | 114 | HD2 | 3.091 |

Table S11. Binding interactions of complex **3** with BSA.

| Complex 3 interacting atom | Amino acid residue | Number of amino acid | Type of atom | Bond length (Å) |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| HC6 | LEU | 112 | O | 1.994 |
| H53 | GLU | 424 | OE1 | 2.024 |
| HN | ARG | 144 | O | 2.145 |
| O5 | ARG | 458 | NH2 | 2.799 |
| HC2 | ARG | 196 | HD3 | 1.727 |
| HC9 | LEU | 189 | HD21 | 1.759 |
| O5 | GLU | 424 | OE1 | 2.743 |
| HC2 | ARG | 196 | CD | 2.467 |
| N3 | ARG | 144 | O | 2.897 |
| H53 | GLU | 424 | CD | 2.497 |
| C12 | LEU | 112 | O | 3.055 |
| O5 | ARG | 458 | HH21 | 2.383 |
| HC2 | ARG | 196 | CG | 2.616 |
| C5 | PRO | 146 | HD3 | 2.646 |
| HC3 | PRO | 146 | HD3 | 1.952 |
| C2 | ARG | 458 | NH1 | 3.305 |
| O5 | GLU | 424 | CD | 3.186 |
| HC9 | LEU | 189 | CD2 | 2.693 |
| C15 | LEU | 189 | HD21 | 2.693 |
| C7 | ARG | 458 | NH1 | 3.353 |
| F1 | LEU | 112 | H | 2.318 |
| H42 | HIS | 145 | HE1 | 2.039 |
| C4 | ARG | 196 | HD3 | 2.771 |
| C3 | SER | 192 | HG | 2.776 |
| H52 | ARG | 458 | NH2 | 2.703 |
| HC4 | ARG | 144 | O | 2.576 |
| C6 | PRO | 146 | HD3 | 2.800 |
| C6 | HIS | 145 | HA | 2.803 |
| C4 | ARG | 196 | CD | 3.507 |
| C3 | SER | 192 | OG | 3.314 |
| C7 | HIS | 145 | HD1 | 2.824 |
| C4 | ARG | 196 | CG | 3.530 |
| C15 | LEU | 189 | CD2 | 3.560 |
| N2 | ARG | 458 | HD3 | 2.816 |
| C7 | HIS | 145 | ND1 | 3.530 |
| C4 | ARG | 196 | HG2 | 2.924 |
| HC2 | ARG | 196 | CB | 2.942 |
| HC2 | ARG | 196 | HG2 | 2.254 |
| F1 | PRO | 110 | HG3 | 2.534 |
| HC3 | PRO | 146 | CD | 2.963 |
| C6 | ARG | 144 | O | 3.448 |
| H42 | HIS | 145 | CE1 | 2.978 |
| O5 | GLU | 424 | OE2 | 3.272 |
| F1 | LEU | 112 | N | 3.198 |
| C8 | HIS | 145 | ND1 | 3.622 |
| C5 | ASP | 108 | OD1 | 3.480 |
| O4 | HIS | 145 | HE1 | 2.806 |
| C2 | SER | 192 | OG | 3.506 |
| C2 | ARG | 458 | HH11 | 3.008 |
| HC4 | PRO | 146 | HD3 | 2.315 |
| HC2 | ARG | 196 | HB2 | 2.322 |
| H52 | ARG | 458 | HH21 | 2.323 |
| C2 | SER | 192 | HG | 3.031 |
| C5 | PRO | 146 | CD | 3.731 |
| C8 | ARG | 458 | NH1 | 3.667 |
| HC4 | HIS | 145 | HA | 2.343 |
| N2 | ARG | 458 | NH1 | 3.595 |

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| O4 | LEU | 189 | CD2 | 3.546 |
| H42 | LEU | 189 | CD2 | 3.058 |
| H53 | GLU | 424 | OE2 | 2.843 |
| C2 | HIS | 145 | HD1 | 3.081 |
| C4 | ARG | 196 | HB2 | 3.088 |
| HC3 | ASP | 108 | OD1 | 2.874 |
| HC5 | PRO | 110 | CG | 3.097 |
| C4 | ARG | 196 | CB | 3.799 |

Table S12. Binding interactions of complex 4 with BSA.

| Complex 4 interacting atom | Amino acid residue | Number of amino acid | Type of atom | Bond length (Å) |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| H5 | PRO | 146 | HD3 | 1.371 |
| C5 | PRO | 146 | HD3 | 2.178 |
| H5 | PRO | 146 | CD | 2.325 |
| C11 | LEU | 189 | HB3 | 2.525 |
| C5 | HIS | 145 | HA | 2.472 |
| C11 | LEU | 189 | CB | 3.330 |
| H3 | ARG | 196 | HB2 | 1.828 |
| C5 | PRO | 146 | CD | 3.243 |
| N2 | SER | 192 | HG | 2.469 |
| H3 | ARG | 196 | HD2 | 1.897 |
| C2 | SER | 192 | OG | 3.103 |
| C4 | PRO | 146 | HD3 | 2.605 |
| N1 | ARG | 458 | HD3 | 2.538 |
| C11 | LEU | 189 | HD22 | 2.739 |
| H3 | ARG | 196 | CB | 2.630 |
| C2 | SER | 192 | HG | 2.631 |
| C3 | ARG | 196 | HD2 | 2.673 |
| H3 | ARG | 196 | CD | 2.674 |
| H3 | ARG | 196 | CG | 2.675 |
| C7 | ARG | 458 | NH1 | 3.305 |
| C8 | ARG | 458 | NH1 | 3.306 |
| H5 | HIS | 145 | HA | 2.035 |
| C11 | LEU | 189 | O | 3.354 |
| C1 | ARG | 458 | HD3 | 2.766 |
| C3 | ARG | 196 | CD | 3.483 |
| C11 | LEU | 189 | HD12 | 2.911 |
| C11 | LEU | 189 | CA | 3.625 |
| C10 | GLU | 424 | OE2 | 3.295 |
| C5 | HIS | 145 | CA | 3.518 |
| C3 | ARG | 196 | CG | 3.520 |
| C11 | LEU | 189 | CD2 | 3.635 |
| C3 | ARG | 196 | HB2 | 2.837 |
| C3 | SER | 192 | OG | 3.338 |
| N2 | SER | 192 | OG | 3.274 |
| N2 | ALA | 193 | HA | 2.790 |
| N5 | GLU | 424 | OE2 | 3.273 |
| C7 | HIS | 145 | HD1 | 2.886 |
| N3 | ARG | 458 | CZ | 3.520 |
| C1 | ALA | 193 | HA | 2.899 |
| C11 | LEU | 189 | CG | 3.721 |
| C1 | SER | 192 | HG | 2.913 |
| H4 | TYR | 147 | HD2 | 2.214 |
| N1 | ARG | 458 | CD | 3.551 |
| C3 | ARG | 196 | CB | 3.634 |
| C11 | LEU | 189 | C | 3.751 |
| C8 | ARG | 458 | CZ | 3.652 |
| C6 | ARG | 458 | NH1 | 3.578 |
| C11 | LEU | 189 | CD1 | 3.766 |
| C4 | PRO | 146 | CD | 3.662 |
| N3 | ARG | 458 | NH1 | 3.528 |
| C12 | ARG | 458 | HD3 | 3.089 |
| C6 | HIS | 145 | HD1 | 2.981 |
| H21 | ALA | 193 | HA | 2.282 |
| C10 | GLU | 424 | CD | 3.682 |
| C12 | GLU | 424 | HG3 | 2.996 |
| C4 | ASP | 108 | OD1 | 3.480 |
| C6 | HIS | 145 | ND1 | 3.631 |

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| C13 | SER | 428 | OG | 3.514 |
| C3 | ARG | 196 | HG2 | 3.014 |
| H21 | ARG | 196 | CB | 3.017 |
| C4 | ARG | 196 | HD2 | 3.020 |
| H4 | PRO | 146 | HD3 | 2.331 |
| H13 | SER | 428 | OG | 2.833 |
| C12 | GLU | 424 | CG | 3.734 |
| Cl2 | ARG | 458 | CG | 3.844 |
| C1 | ALA | 193 | CA | 3.755 |
| C5 | ARG | 144 | O | 3.547 |
| C6 | ARG | 144 | O | 3.550 |
| C1 | ARG | 458 | CD | 3.771 |
| C7 | SER | 192 | OG | 3.574 |
| Cl2 | ARG | 458 | CB | 3.891 |
| C14 | SER | 428 | OG | 3.589 |
| Cl2 | ARG | 458 | HB2 | 3.205 |

Table S13. Binding interactions of complex **5** with BSA.

| Complex 5 interacting atom | Amino acid residue | Number of amino acid | Type of atom | Bond length (Å) |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| H23 | LYS | 114 | HB3 | 1.679 |
| H19 | LEU | 115 | HG | 1.699 |
| H19 | LEU | 115 | CG | 2.432 |
| H19 | LEU | 115 | CB | 2.503 |
| H19 | LEU | 115 | HB2 | 1.850 |
| H13 | LEU | 112 | H | 1.868 |
| C19 | LEU | 115 | HG | 2.598 |
| H20 | LEU | 115 | H | 1.914 |
| H13 | LEU | 112 | N | 2.580 |
| C20 | LEU | 115 | H | 2.656 |
| H12 | PRO | 110 | CD | 2.660 |
| H20 | LYS | 114 | HA | 1.961 |
| C5 | SER | 428 | OG | 3.181 |
| C23 | LYS | 114 | HB3 | 2.713 |
| H12 | ASP | 111 | H | 2.017 |
| H17 | ILE | 141 | CD1 | 2.741 |
| H5 | SER | 428 | OG | 2.542 |
| H23 | LYS | 114 | CB | 2.750 |
| C19 | LEU | 115 | CG | 3.465 |
| C16 | ARG | 144 | HD2 | 2.766 |
| H12 | ASP | 111 | N | 2.694 |
| N2 | ARG | 185 | HH22 | 2.696 |
| C19 | LEU | 115 | HB2 | 2.787 |
| N7 | LEU | 189 | HD21 | 2.717 |
| H71 | HIS | 145 | NE2 | 2.719 |
| H8 | LYS | 114 | HA | 2.103 |
| C1 | ARG | 185 | HH22 | 2.817 |
| C17 | ILE | 141 | CD1 | 3.530 |
| C12 | ASP | 111 | N | 3.461 |
| C13 | LEU | 112 | H | 2.837 |
| C12 | ASP | 111 | H | 2.840 |
| H12 | PRO | 110 | HD2 | 2.140 |
| N7 | HIS | 145 | NE2 | 3.393 |
| H12 | PRO | 110 | CG | 2.851 |
| C19 | LEU | 115 | CB | 3.552 |
| C21 | ARG | 144 | HD2 | 2.858 |
| H12 | PRO | 110 | N | 2.790 |
| C15 | LEU | 189 | HD21 | 2.868 |
| C12 | PRO | 110 | HD2 | 2.869 |
| C1 | ARG | 185 | NH2 | 3.497 |
| H20 | LEU | 115 | N | 2.798 |
| H8 | LYS | 114 | CB | 2.874 |
| C12 | PRO | 110 | HG3 | 2.875 |
| C12 | PRO | 110 | CD | 3.582 |
| F1 | SER | 109 | HA | 2.472 |
| C19 | LEU | 115 | H | 2.894 |
| H8 | LYS | 114 | CA | 2.903 |
| H12 | PRO | 110 | HG3 | 2.205 |
| H20 | LYS | 114 | CA | 2.935 |
| C13 | LEU | 112 | N | 3.584 |
| C2 | LEU | 189 | CD1 | 3.661 |
| N7 | LEU | 189 | CD2 | 3.591 |
| C18 | ILE | 141 | CD1 | 3.667 |
| C20 | LEU | 115 | N | 3.595 |
| C17 | ARG | 144 | CD | 3.673 |
| F2 | GLU | 519 | OE1 | 3.035 |
| H18 | ILE | 141 | HD12 | 2.285 |

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| C4 | SER | 428 | OG | 3.487 |
| C12 | PRO | 110 | CG | 3.688 |
| H17 | ILE | 141 | HD13 | 2.288 |
| C18 | ARG | 144 | CD | 3.690 |
| C18 | ILE | 141 | HD12 | 2.998 |
| C20 | LYS | 114 | HA | 3.012 |
| C16 | ARG | 144 | CD | 3.717 |
| H18 | ILE | 141 | CD1 | 3.029 |
| C17 | ARG | 144 | HD2 | 3.030 |
| H8 | LYS | 114 | CG | 3.033 |
| F1 | ARG | 458 | HH22 | 2.621 |
| F1 | ARG | 458 | NH2 | 3.254 |
| C23 | LYS | 114 | CB | 3.752 |
| H26 | ILE | 522 | HD12 | 2.354 |
| C19 | ARG | 144 | CD | 3.755 |
| C19 | ARG | 144 | NE | 3.686 |
| C7 | LEU | 189 | HD13 | 3.063 |
| C20 | ARG | 144 | NE | 3.688 |
| H71 | LEU | 189 | CD2 | 3.065 |
| N2 | ARG | 185 | NH2 | 3.618 |
| H71 | LEU | 189 | HD21 | 2.377 |
| N8 | LYS | 114 | HA | 3.013 |
| C20 | ARG | 144 | CD | 3.797 |
| C15 | LEU | 189 | CD2 | 3.798 |
| C19 | LEU | 115 | N | 3.724 |

Table S14. Binding interactions of complex **6** with BSA.

| Complex 6 interacting atom | Amino acid residue | Number of amino acid | Type of atom | Bond length (Å) |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| HC2 | ALA | 212 | HB2 | 1.759 |
| HC1 | ARG | 208 | HB2 | 1.781 |
| C9 | ALA | 324 | HA | 2.668 |
| HC1 | ARG | 208 | CB | 2.669 |
| N2 | ASP | 323 | OD2 | 3.107 |
| HC9 | ALA | 324 | HB3 | 2.020 |
| C4 | ALA | 212 | HB2 | 2.737 |
| C15 | ALA | 324 | HB3 | 2.739 |
| C3 | ARG | 208 | HB2 | 2.747 |
| C10 | THR | 231 | HG21 | 2.780 |
| HC2 | ALA | 212 | CB | 2.786 |
| F1 | PHE | 227 | CE2 | 3.083 |
| F1 | PHE | 227 | HE2 | 2.384 |
| N1 | ASP | 323 | HB3 | 2.748 |
| HC4 | GLY | 327 | CA | 2.835 |
| HC4 | GLY | 327 | HA3 | 2.162 |
| C1 | ASP | 323 | HB3 | 2.868 |
| C8 | ASP | 323 | HB3 | 2.881 |
| O1 | ALA | 324 | N | 3.319 |
| C11 | THR | 231 | HG21 | 2.901 |
| H11 | ASP | 323 | CB | 2.905 |
| C1 | ASP | 323 | OD2 | 3.406 |
| HC9 | ALA | 324 | CB | 2.945 |
| N2 | LYS | 211 | HD3 | 2.881 |
| C6 | GLY | 327 | CA | 3.671 |
| C3 | ARG | 208 | O | 3.451 |
| C4 | ALA | 212 | CB | 3.671 |
| C9 | ALA | 324 | CA | 3.680 |
| H21 | ARG | 208 | HB2 | 2.298 |
| C3 | ARG | 208 | CB | 3.700 |
| C10 | THR | 231 | CG2 | 3.735 |
| C9 | THR | 231 | CG2 | 3.744 |
| C15 | ALA | 324 | CB | 3.744 |
| N3 | ASP | 323 | O | 3.461 |
| N2 | ARG | 208 | HB2 | 2.991 |
| HC1 | ARG | 208 | CA | 3.074 |
| C1 | ASP | 323 | CB | 3.779 |
| C4 | ARG | 208 | O | 3.564 |
| C9 | THR | 231 | HG21 | 3.091 |
| HC1 | ARG | 208 | O | 2.879 |