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A Ru(II)-Arene-Ferrocene Complex With Promising Antibacterial Activity

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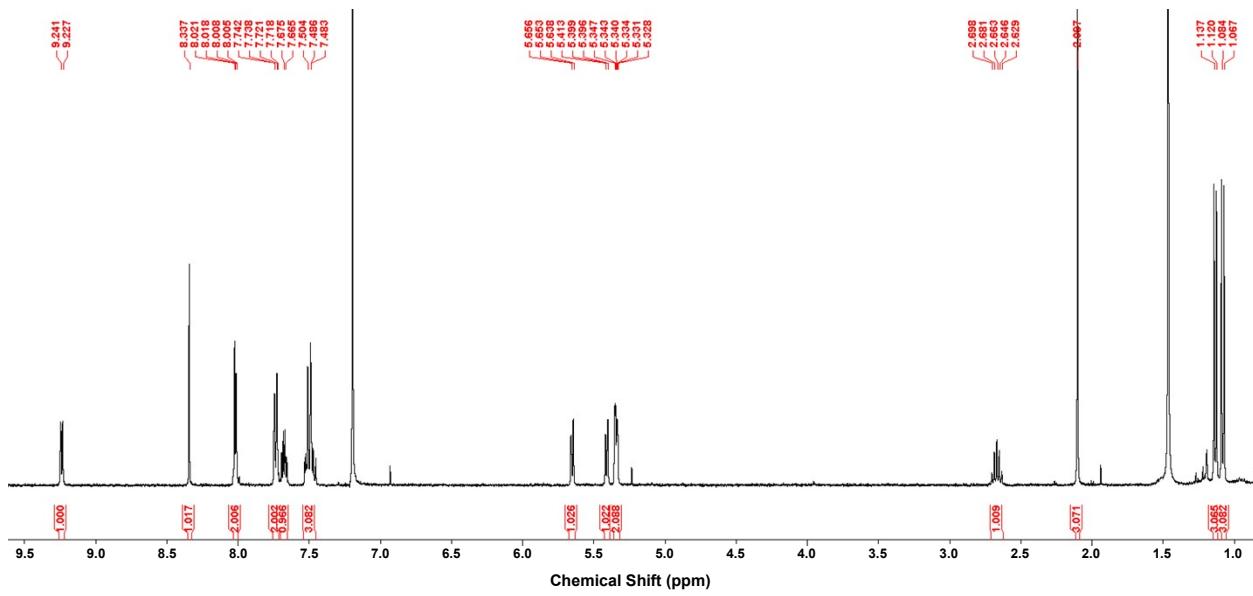
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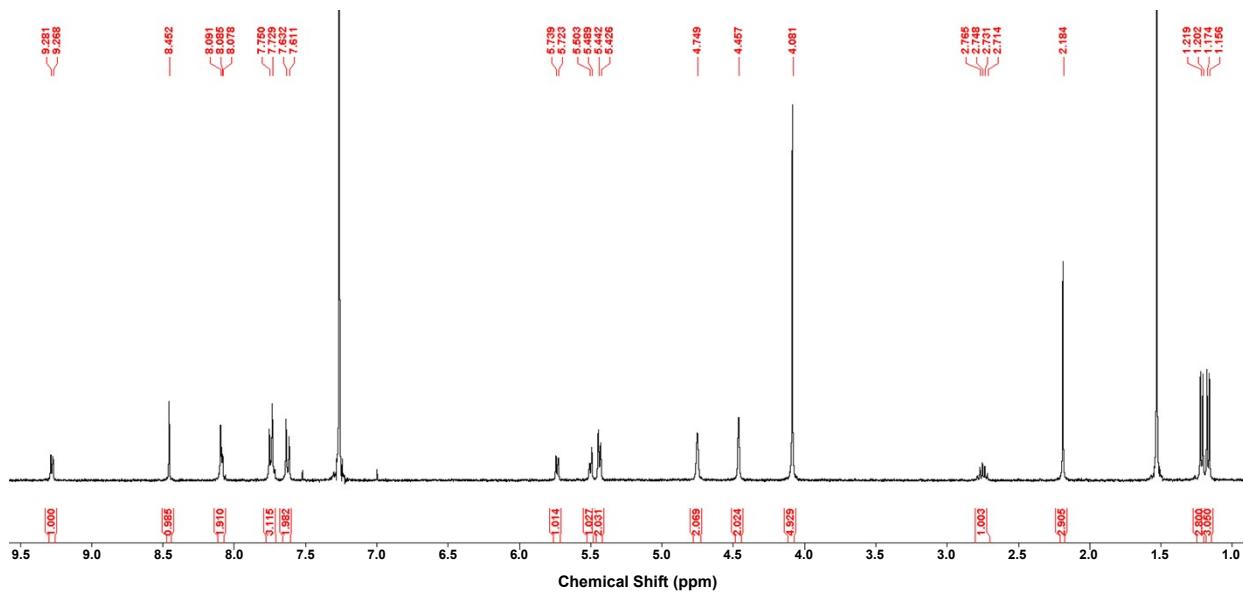
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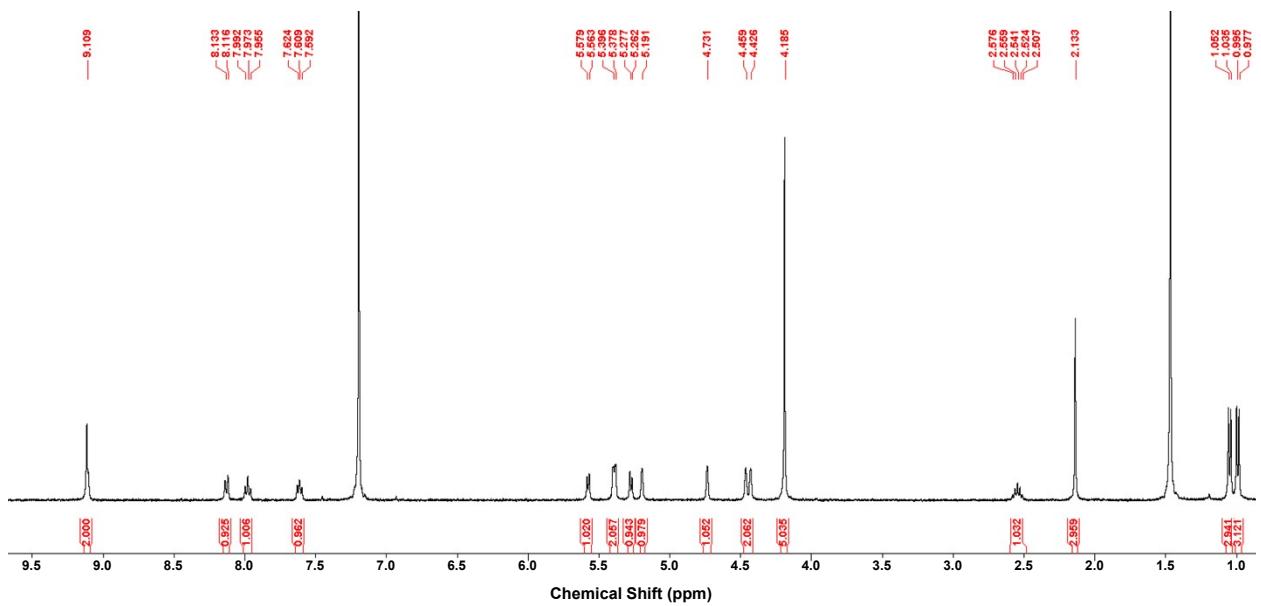
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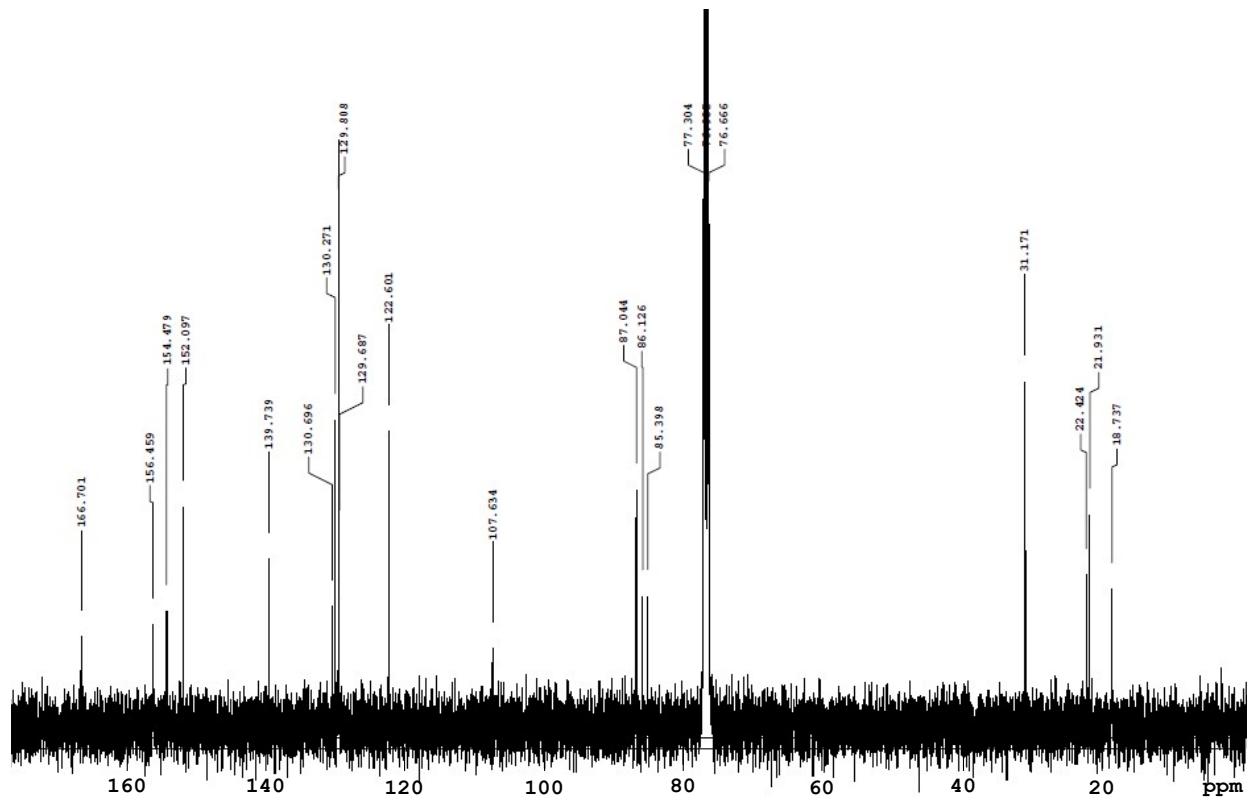
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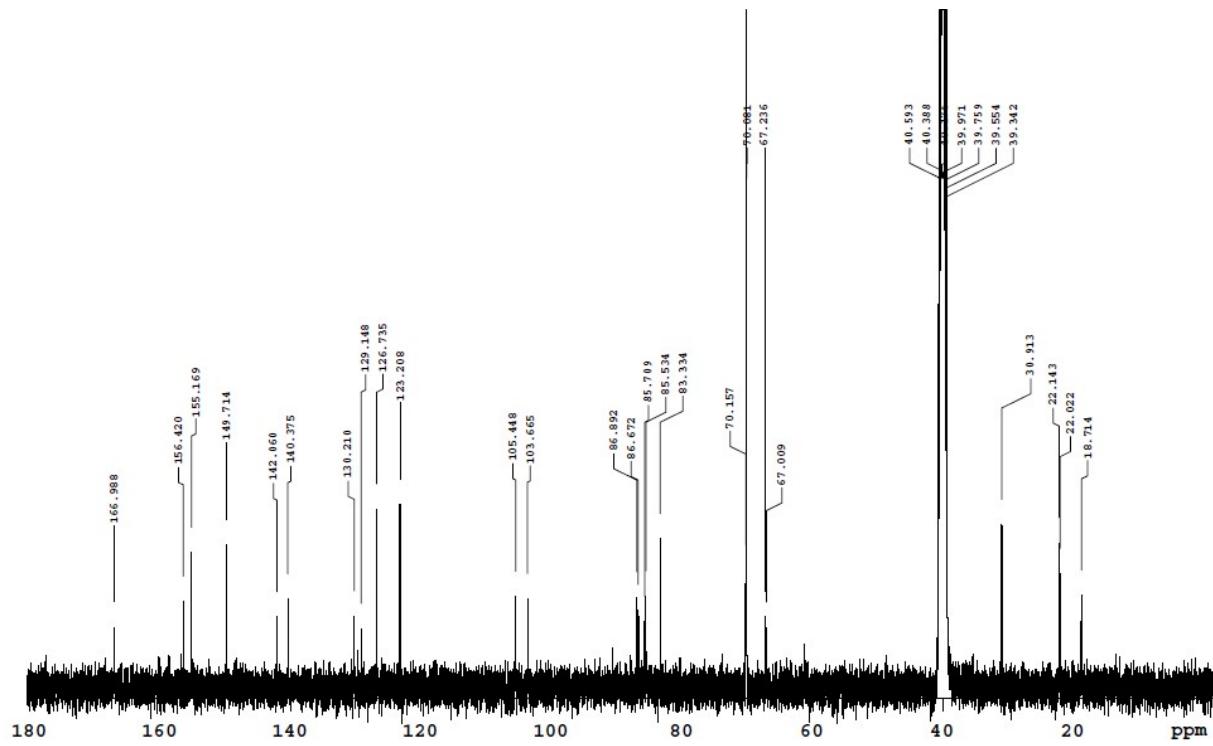
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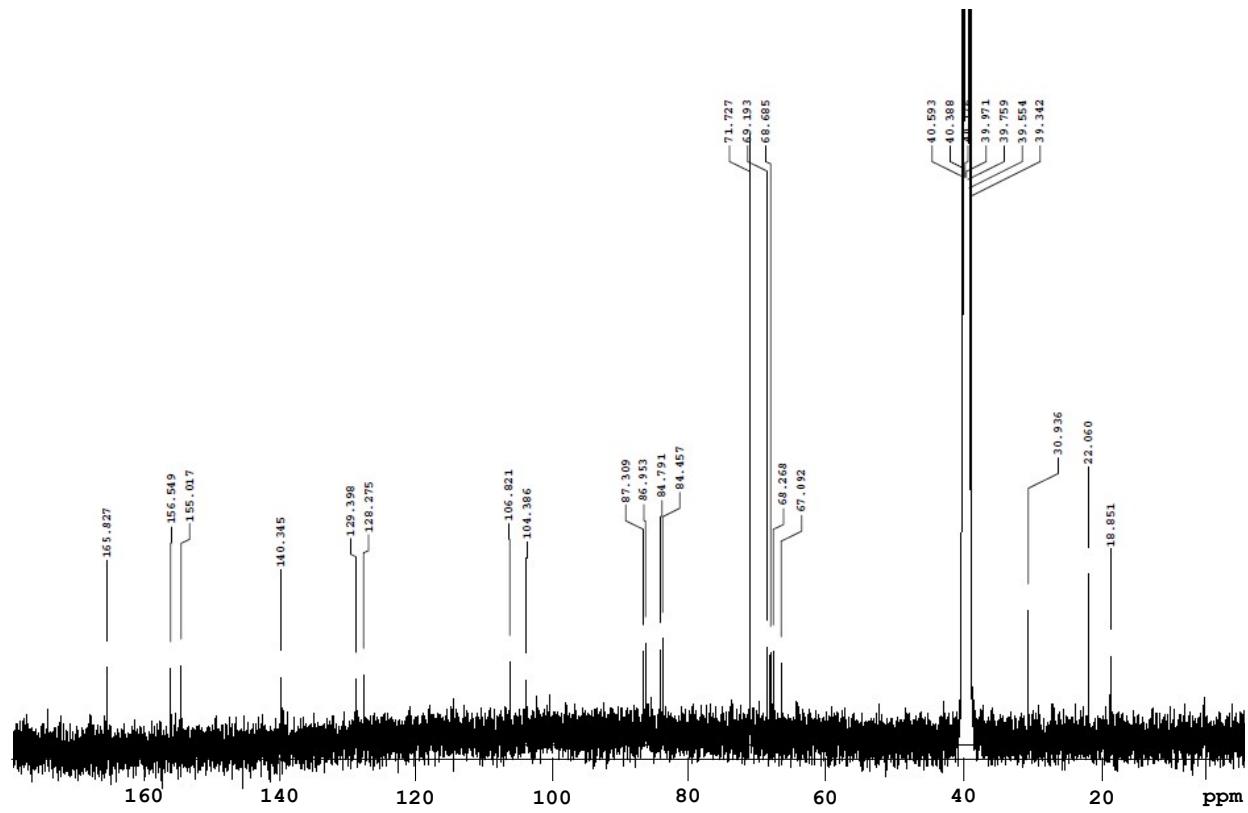
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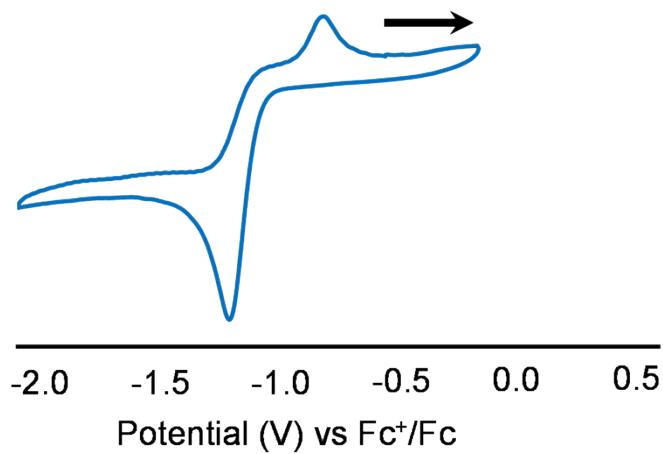
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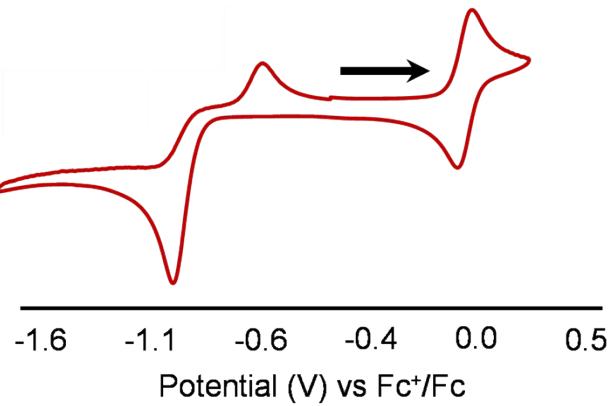
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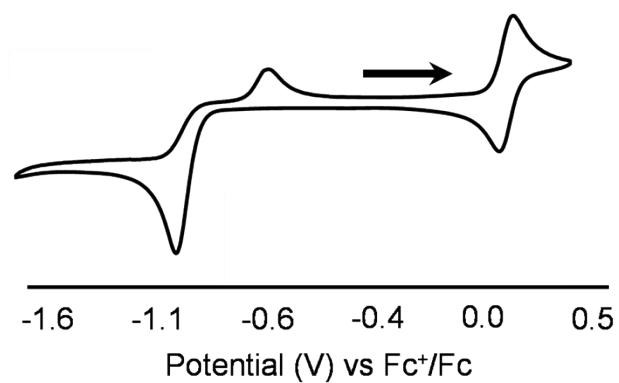
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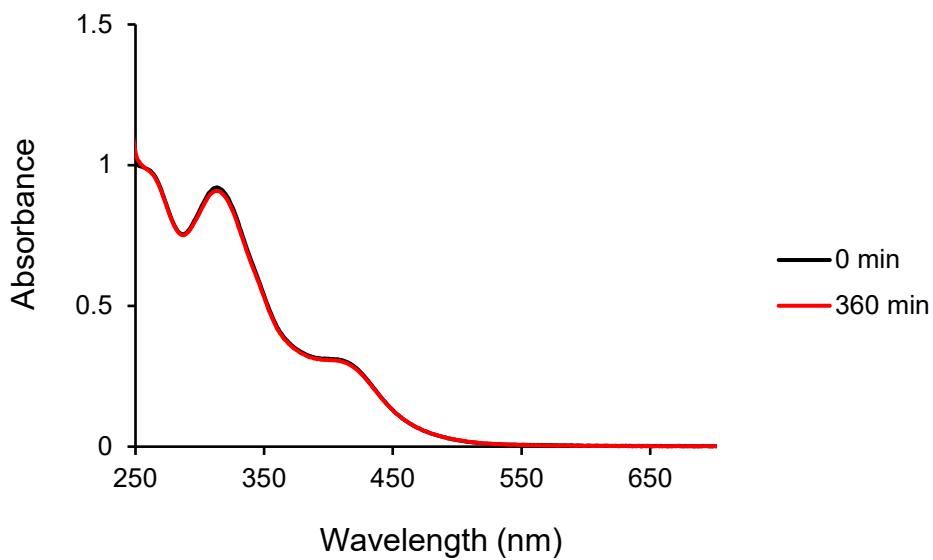
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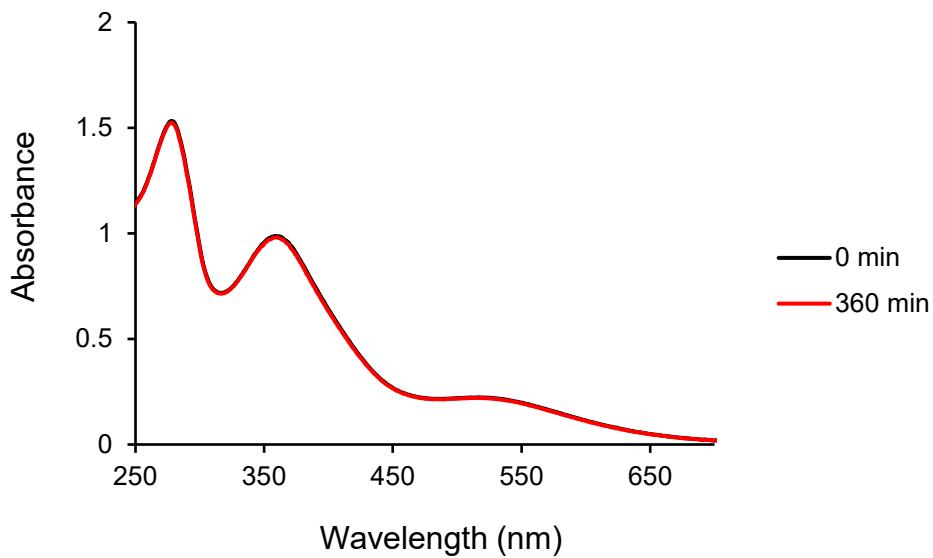
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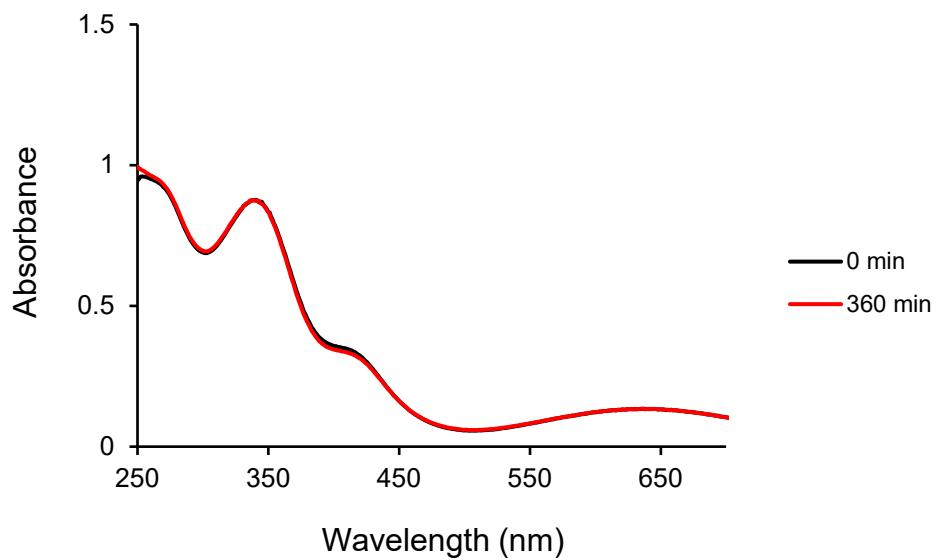
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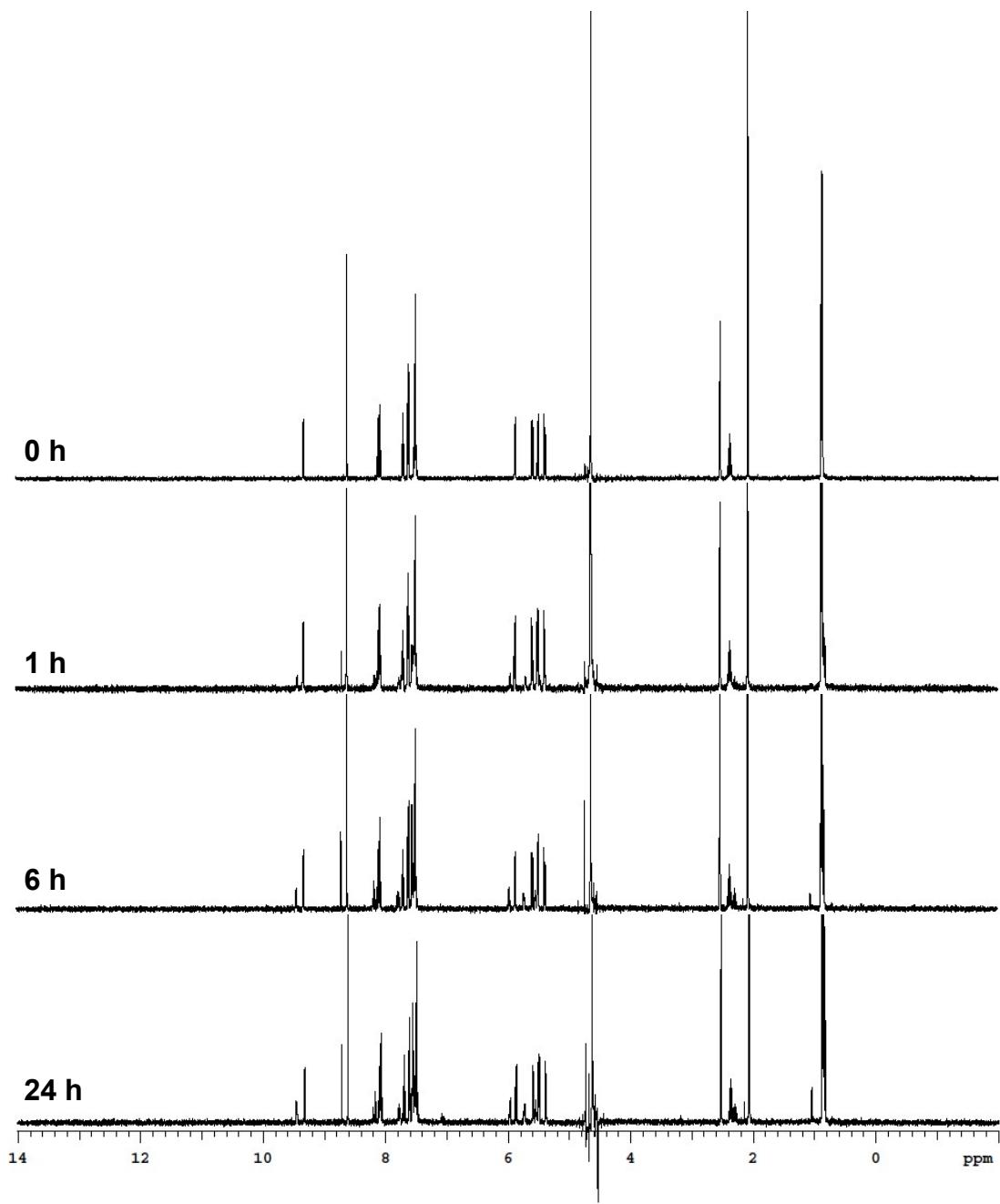
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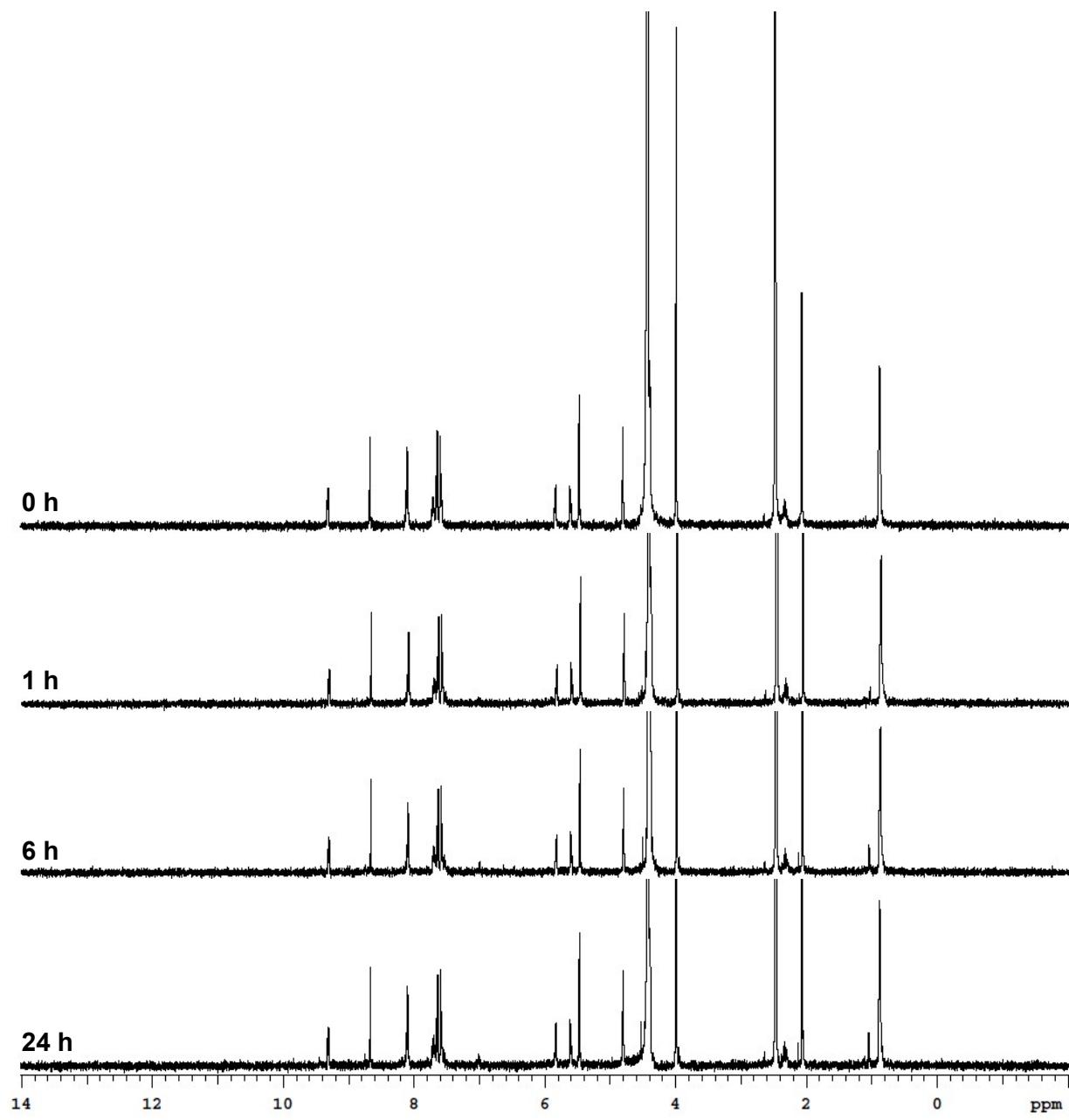
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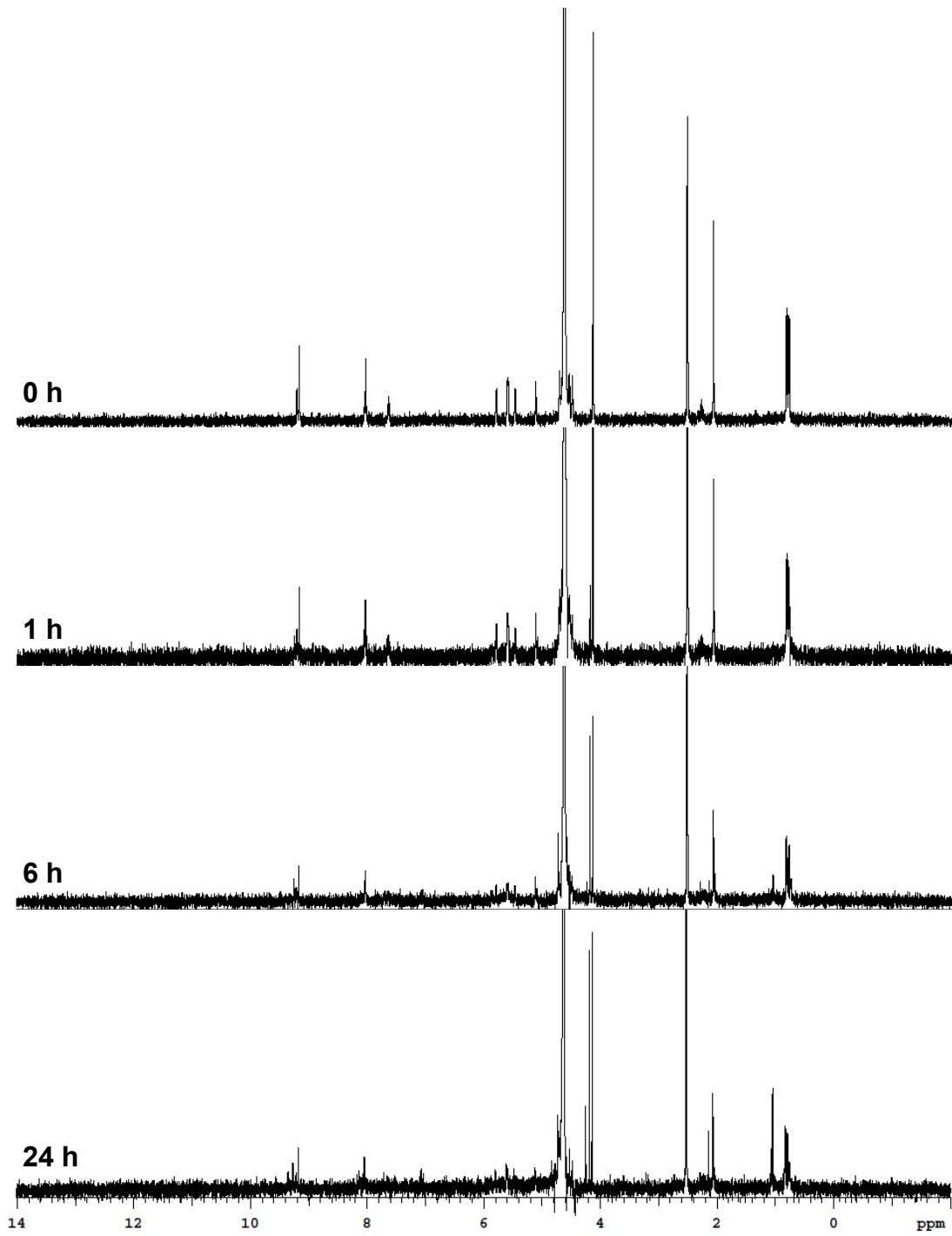
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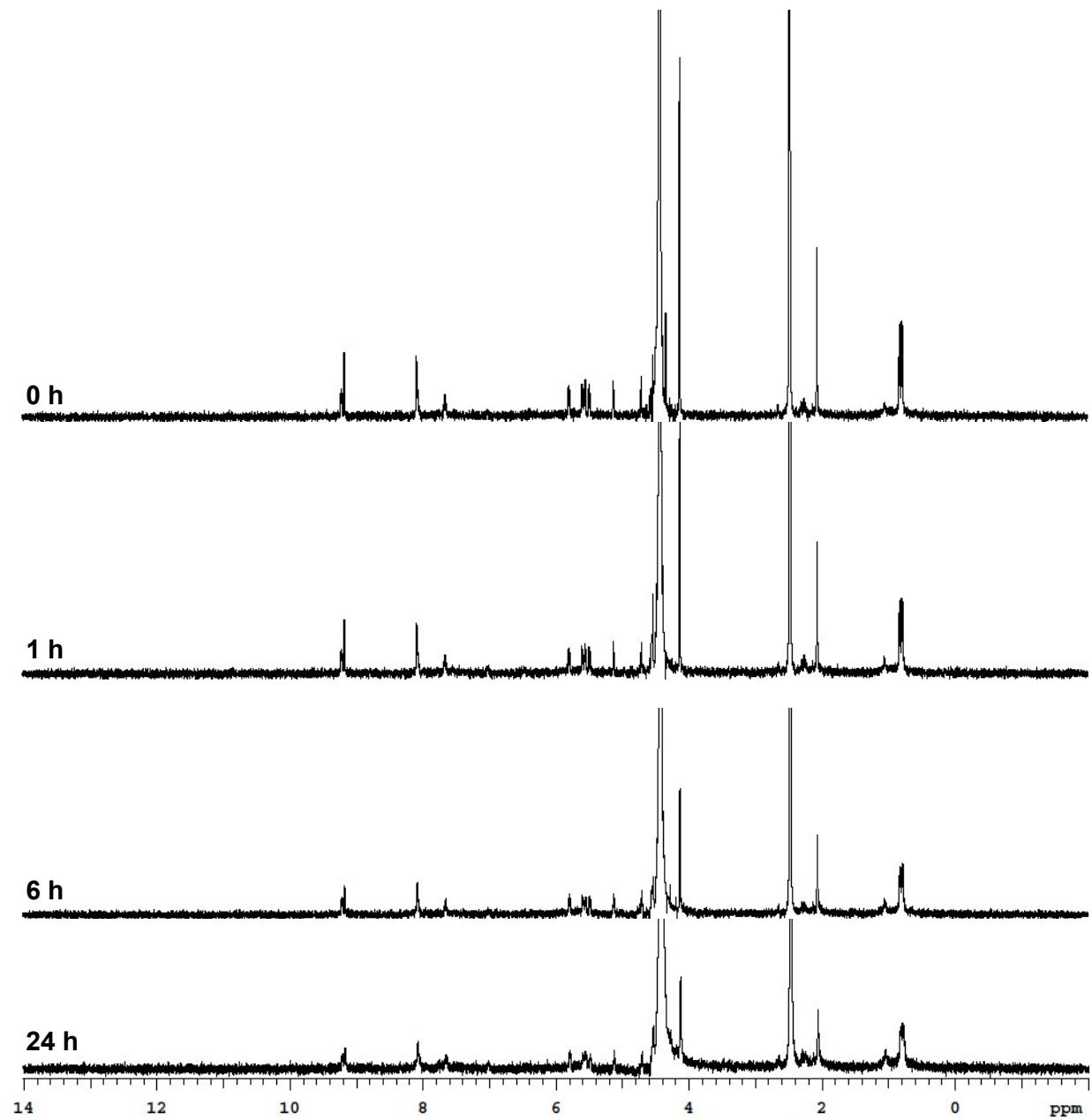
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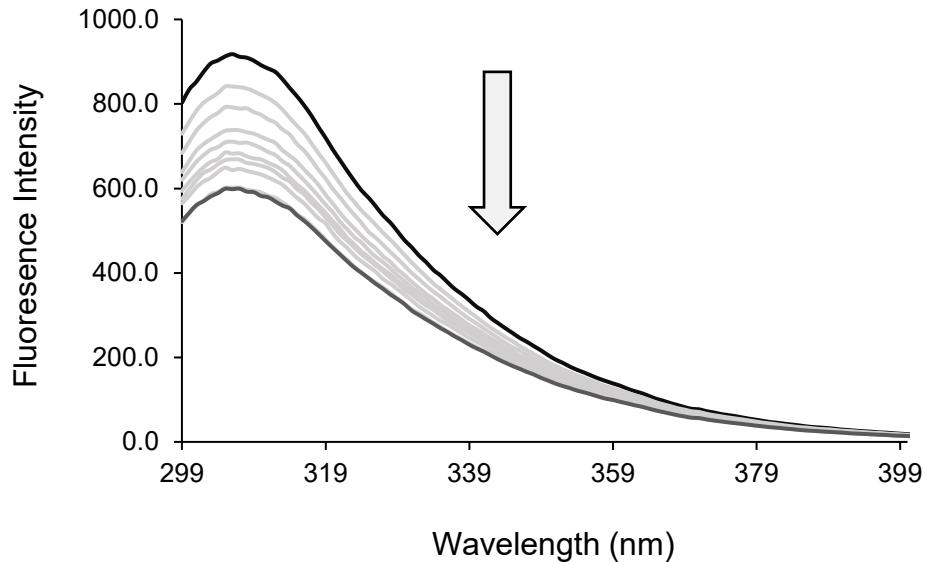
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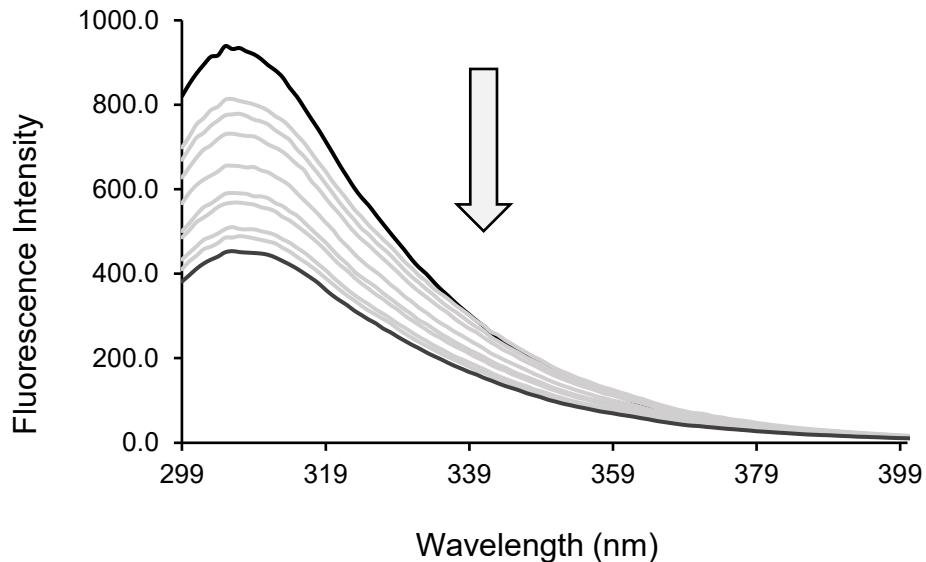
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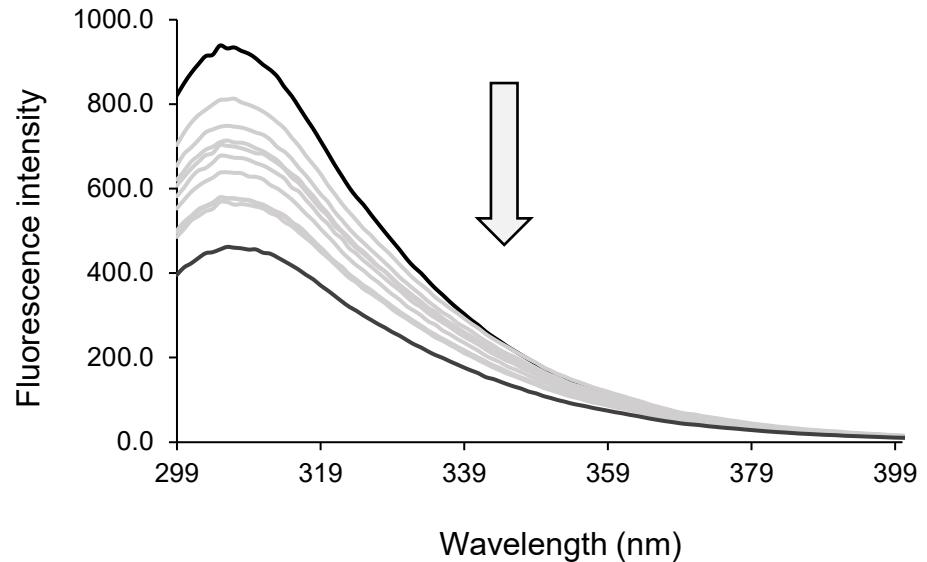
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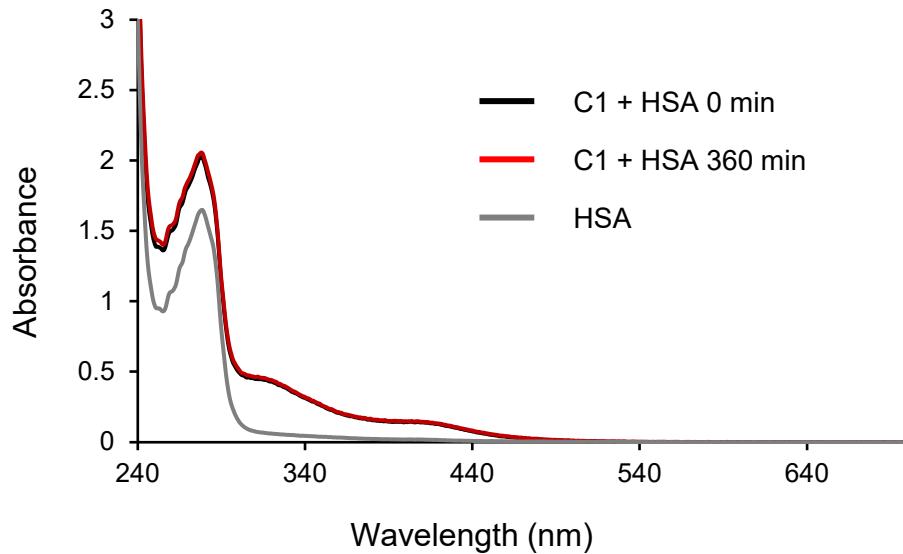
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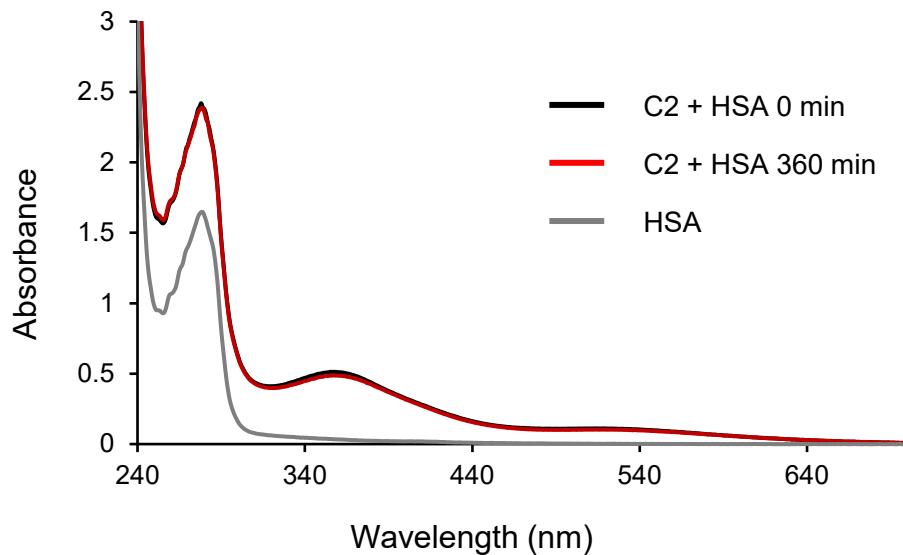
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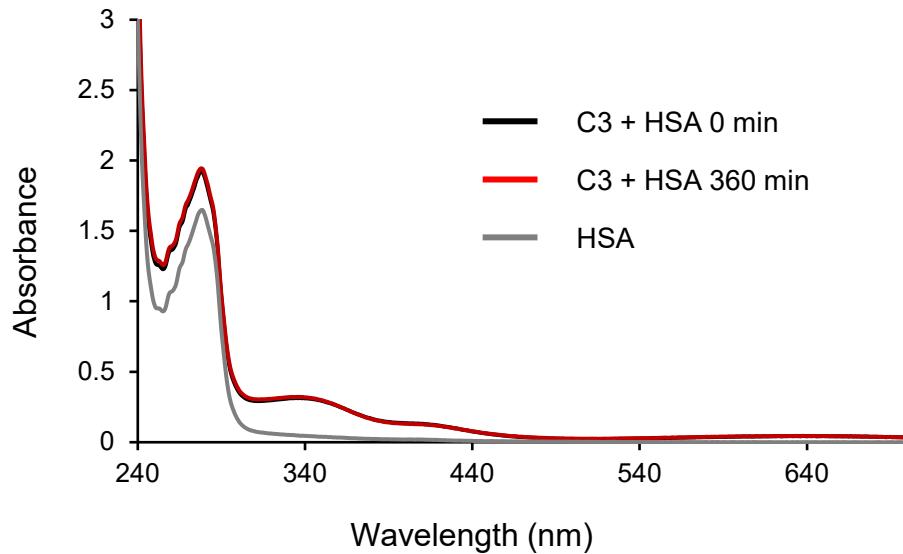
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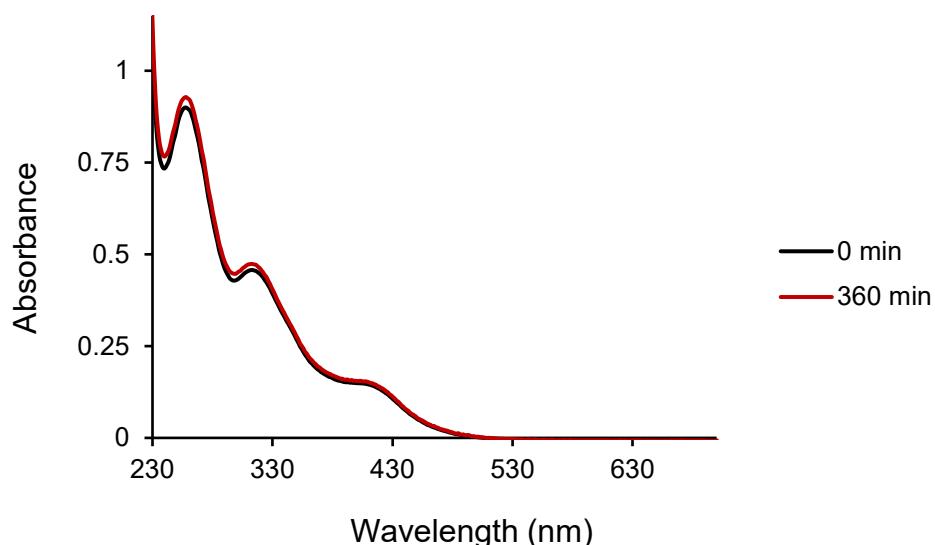
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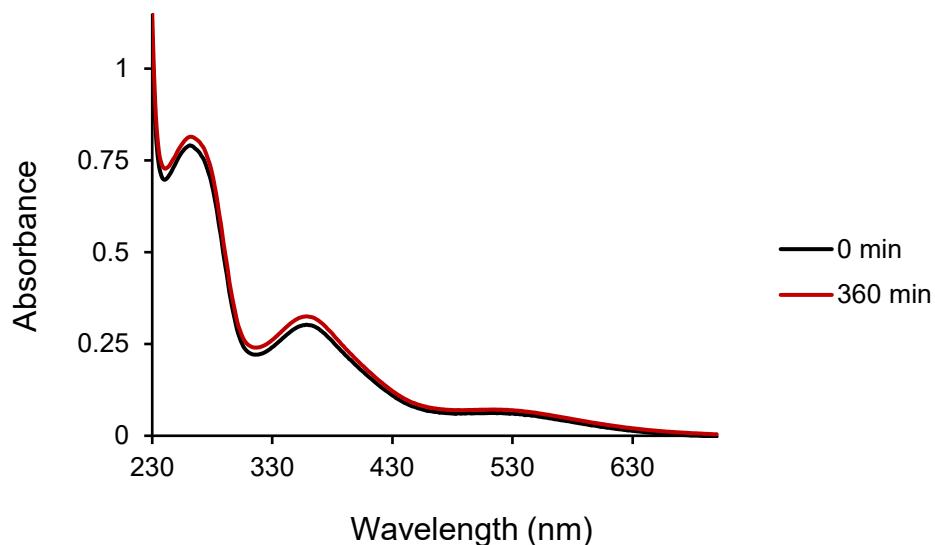
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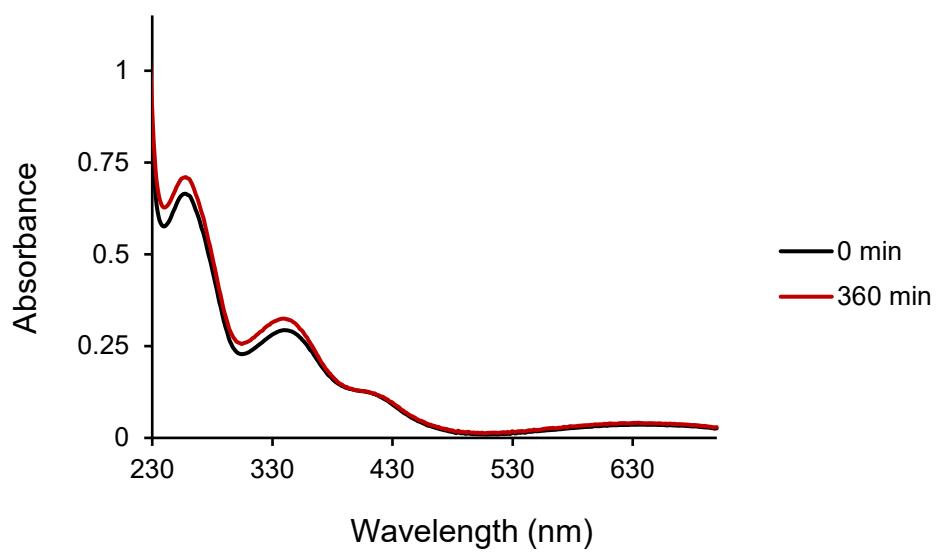
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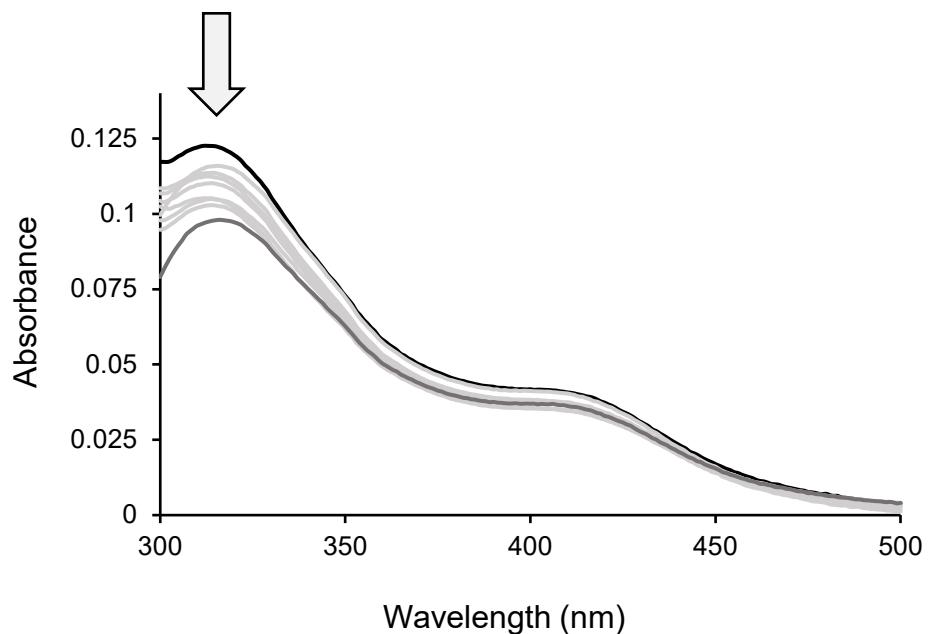
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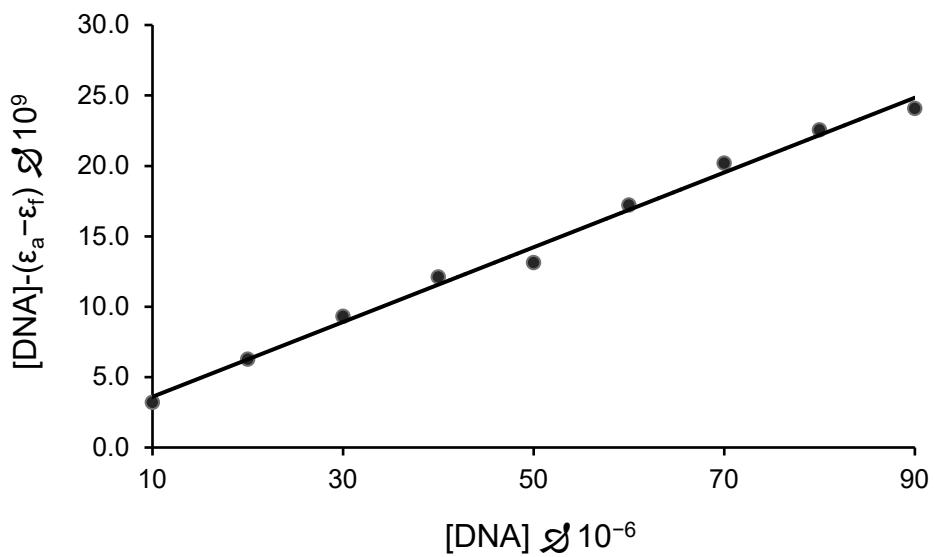
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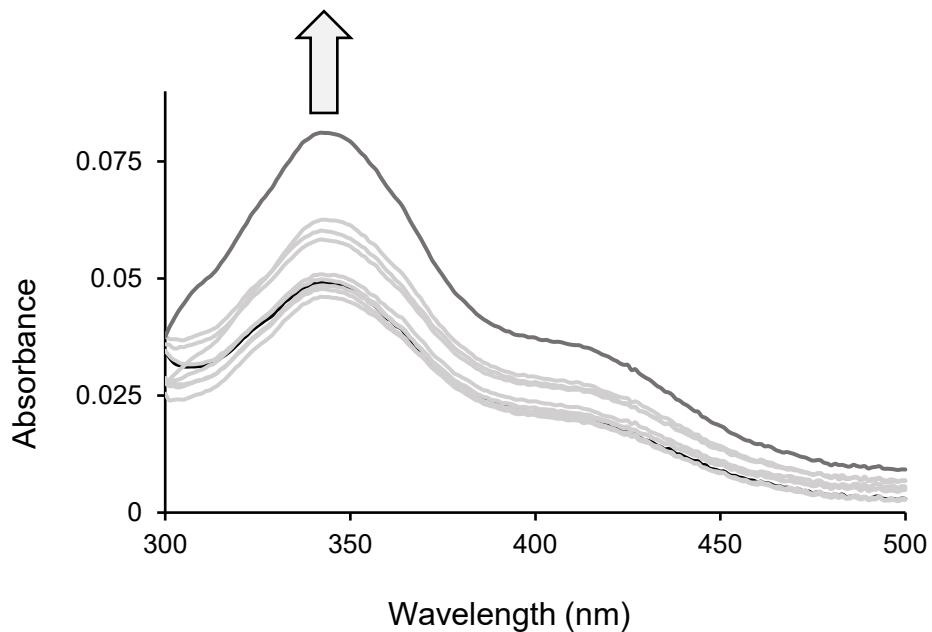
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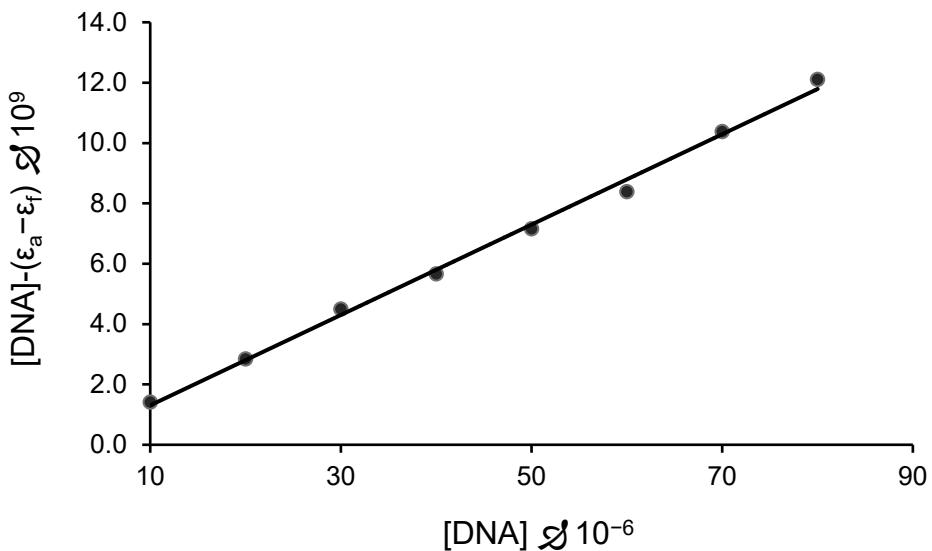
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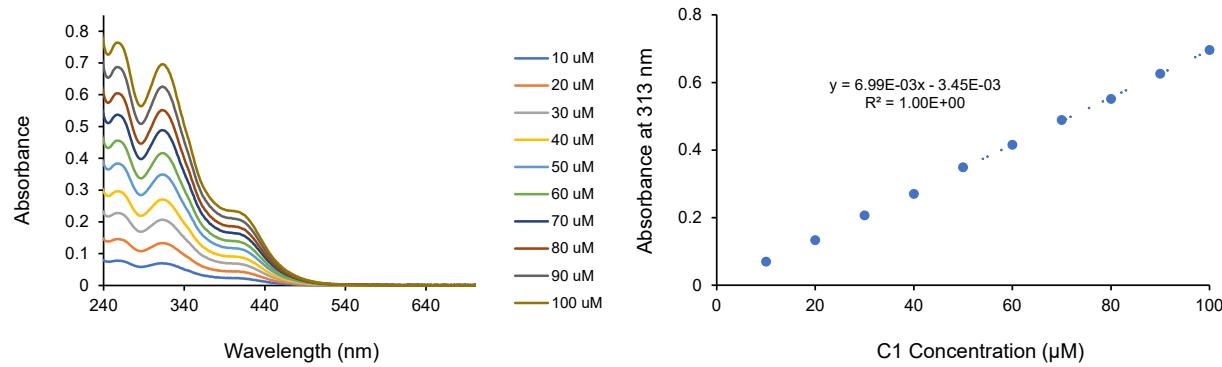
**Figure S27.** Plot of  $[DNA] / (\varepsilon_a - \varepsilon_f)$  versus  $[DNA]$  for the titration of **C1** with CT-DNA.



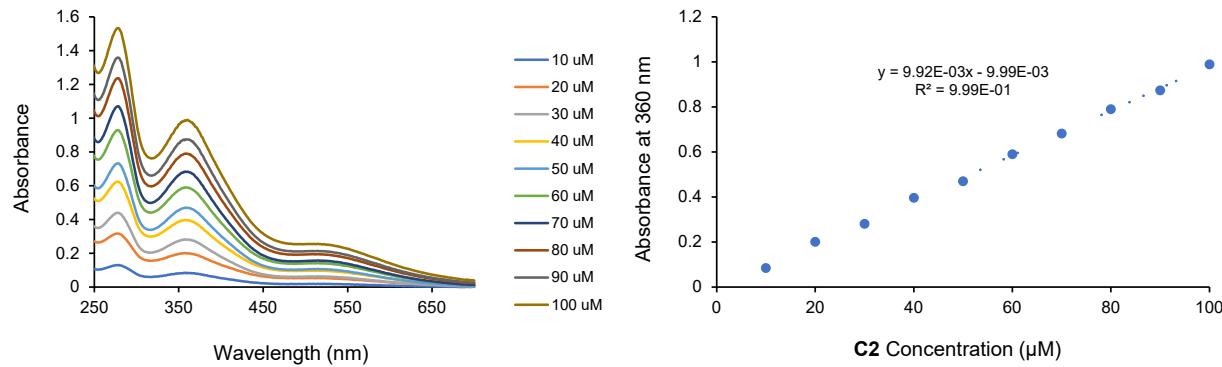
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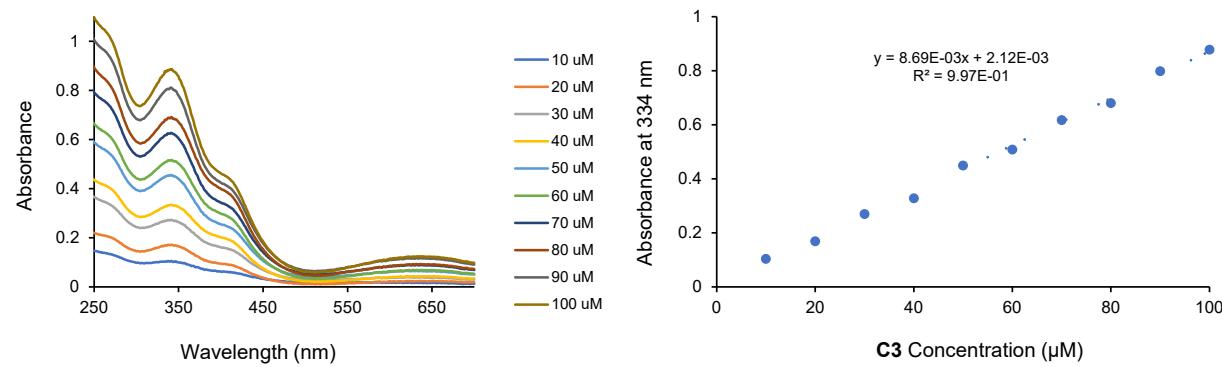
**Figure S29.** Plot of  $[\text{DNA}] / (\epsilon_A - \epsilon_f)$  versus  $[\text{DNA}]$  for the titration of **C3** with CT-DNA.



**Figure S30.** Calibration curve of **C1** in PBS (pH 7.4) to determine the extinction coefficient.



**Figure S31.** Calibration curve of **C2** in PBS (pH 7.4) to determine the extinction coefficient.



**Figure S32.** Calibration curve of **C3** in PBS (pH 7.4) to determine the extinction coefficient.

**Table S1.** Crystallographic data for complexes **C1** and **C3**.

	<b>C1</b>	<b>C3</b>
CCDC Number	2192092	2013493
molecular formula	$\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{ClF}_6\text{N}_2\text{PRu} \cdot \text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}$	$\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{28}\text{ClF}_6\text{FeN}_2\text{PRu}$
fw	656.00	705.84
crystal size (mm)	$0.36 \times 0.12 \times 0.05$	$0.37 \times 0.34 \times 0.32$
temp (K)	100(2)	100(2)
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic
space group	P1bar	$P2_1/c$
$a$ (Å)	9.1814(8)	18.600(2)
$b$ (Å)	12.3291(11)	20.872(2)
$c$ (Å)	12.6542(12)	13.7091(12)
$\alpha$ (°)	76.919(5)	90
$\beta$ (°)	73.108(5)	88.123(7)
$\gamma$ (°)	87.998(5)	90
$V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1334.3(2)	5319.3(10)
Z	2	8
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
$\rho_{\text{calcd}}$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.633	1.763
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.812	1.336
$\theta$ range	1.70 – 27.73	1.10 – 32.12
refl. collected	43026	18735
indep. refl. / $R_{\text{int}}$	6226 / 0.030	18735 / 0.031
data/restraints/ parameters	43026 / 6226 / 0	18735 / 804 / 295
$R$ indices [ $ I  > 2\sigma(I)$ ]; $R_1/wR_2$	0.0199 / 0.0466	0.0306 / 0.0773
$R$ indices all data; $R_1/wR_2$	0.0234 / 0.0482	0.0417 / 0.0844
largest peak/hole (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	0.703 / -0.409	0.977 / -0.678
GOF	1.035	1.079