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## Interaction of N-acyl derivative of 4-phenoxyaniline spin label with bovine serum albumin in water and in trehalose solution

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Scheme S1 Synthesis route for 4-phenoxyaniline.



Fig. S1 Plots of the absorbance of SL-PA as a function of the  $\beta$ -CD concentration, in water and in trehalose 20% solution. The solid lines represent fits according to equation 2 for a 1:1 stoichiometry.



**Fig. S2** Denaturation temperatures (A) and denaturation enthalpies (B) obtained from PeakFit decomposition of the  $\mu$ DSC signals characterizing BSA unfolding in different systems.



**Fig. S3** Simulation of the EPR spectra of SL-PA in BSA  $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$  M solution in water (A) and in trehalose 20% (B), and of SL-PA in BSA  $3 \times 10^{-4}$  M solution in water (C) and in trehalose 20% (D), at 293 K.





Fig. S4 The EPR spectra of the SL-PA spin probe in BSA/water (A) and in BSA/trehalose 20% (B) obtained upon cooling in the temperature range 293–257 K; [BSA] =  $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$  M.





Fig. S5 The EPR spectra of the SL-PA spin probe in BSA/water (A) and in BSA/trehalose 20% (B) obtained upon cooling in the temperature range 293-233 K; [BSA] =  $3 \times 10^{-4}$  M.



Fig. S6 HRMS (ESI negative mode) for the SL-PA spin probe;  $[M+CI]^- = 402.1715$  Da.