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Supplementary Material

Oxidative DNA Cleavage Promoted by two Phenolate-bridged

Binuclear Copper Complexes

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Fig. S1 ESI-MS of (2-hydroxybenzyl)(2-benzimidazolylethyl)amine in methanol.



Fig. S2 ¹H NMR of (2-hydroxybenzyl)(2-benzimidazolylethyl)amine in CDCl₃. The signals marked with * are for the protons from residual solvent ethyl acetate.



Fig. S3 ¹³C NMR of (2-hydroxybenzyl)(2-benzimidazolylethyl)amine in CDCl₃.



2,6-Bis{[(2-hydroxybenzyl)(2-benzimidazolylethyl)amino]methyl}-4-methylphenol (L¹) in methanol.

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2,6-bis{[(2-hydroxybenzyl)(2-benzimidazolylethyl)amino]methyl}-4-methylphenol (L^1) in DMSO-d⁶. The signals marked with * are for the protons from residual solvents petroleum ether and ethyl acetate.

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2,6-bis{[(2-hydroxybenzyl)(2-benzimidazolylethyl)amino]methyl}-4-methylphenol (L¹) in DMSO-d⁶.



Fig. S7 ESI-MS of (2-hydroxybenzyl)(2-benzimidazolylmethyl)amine in methanol.



Fig. S8 ¹H-NMR of (2-hydroxybenzyl)(2-benzimidazolylmethyl)amine in CD_3Cl . The signals marked with * are for the protons from residual solvent ethyl acetate.



Fig. S9¹³C-NMR of (2-hydroxybenzyl)(2-benzimidazolylmethyl)amine in CD₃Cl.



2,6-bis{[(2-hydroxybenzyl)(2-benzimidazolylmethyl)amino]methyl}-4-methylphenol (L²) in methanol.



2,6-bis{[(2-hydroxybenzyl)(2-benzimidazolylmethyl)amino]methyl}-4-methylphenol (L^2) in CD₃CN. The signals marked with * are for the protons from residual diethyl ether or ethanol.



 $2,6-bis \{ [(2-hydroxybenzyl)(2-benzimidazolylmethyl)amino]methyl \} - 4-methylphenol \\$



Fig. S13 ESI-MS of complex 1 in methanol.



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Fig. S14 ESI-MS of complex 2 in methanol.



Fig. S15 Absorption spectra of complex 2 ([complex] = 25μ M) in the absence and presence of increasing amount of CT-DNA (2.5, 5.0, 7.5, 10.0, 12.5, 15.0, 20.0, 22.5, and 25 μ M) at room temperature in Tris-HCl/NaCl buffer (pH 7.4).



Fig. S16 Agarose gel electrophoresis patterns for the cleavage of pUC19 plasmid DNA (0.02 μ g/ μ L) by complexes **3** and **4** in buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl/50 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) at 37 °C after 30 min of incubation. (a) Lane 1, DNA control; Lane 2, DNA +1 mM Vc; Lane 3, DNA 80 μ M complex **3**; Lane 4–7, DNA + 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 66, 72, 78, 84, 90, 96, 102, 108 μ M complex **3** + 100-fold excess of Vc, respectively; (b) Lane 1, DNA control; Lane 2, DNA +1 mM Vc; Lane 3, DNA control; Lane 2, DNA +1 mM Vc; Lane 3, DNA 80 μ M complex **4**; Lane 4–7, DNA + 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 66, 72, 78, 84, 90, 96, 102, 108 μ M complex **4** + 100-fold excess of Vc, respectively.