## **Supplementary Material**

## Synthesis, characterization, biological evaluation and DNA interaction studies of tricarbonyl M (I) (M = Re, <sup>99m</sup>Tc) complexes bearing acridine fluorophores

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**S1** Absorption spectra of **L2** (6.5x10<sup>-5</sup> M) and **Re2** (4.94x10<sup>-5</sup> M) in the presence of increasing amounts of CT-DNA (0.12, 0.48, 0.90, 1.29, 1.64, 1.96, 2.31, 2.79 and 3.19 mM for **L2**; 0.26, 0.40, 0.47, 0.54, 0.61, 0.72 and 1.01 mM for **Re2**) in TRIS-HCl 0.1M buffer.



**S2** Fluorescence spectra of **L2**  $(1.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}, \text{ left})$  and **Re2**  $(9.9 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}, \text{ right})$  in the presence of increasing amounts of CT-DNA (0.20, 0.29, 0.37, 0.44, 0.53, 0.61, 0.68, 0.75 and 0.81 mM for **L2**; 0.02, 0.06, 0.13, 0.29, 0.55 and 0.72 mM for **Re2**) in TRIS-HCL 0.1M buffer. Excitation at 359 nm.

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**S3** Linear Dichroism (LD, upper panels) and reduced linear dichroism (LDr, lower panels) of **L2** (left) and **Re2** (right) at different [DNA]/[probe] molar ratios: A) no probe; B) 25; C) 12; D) 5. Spectra were recorded in 10 mM phospate buffer at pH 7.2.



S4 NMR spectra of compound 1 in CD<sub>3</sub>OD: <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom).



**S5** NMR spectra of compound **2** in CD<sub>3</sub>OD: <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom).



S6 NMR spectra of ligand L1 in CD<sub>3</sub>OD: <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom).



**S7** NMR spectra of ligand **L2** in CD<sub>3</sub>OD:  ${}^{1}$ H (top) and  ${}^{13}$ C (bottom).



**S8** NMR spectra of complex **Re1** in CD<sub>3</sub>OD: <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom).



**S9** NMR spectra of complex **Re2** in CD<sub>3</sub>OD: <sup>1</sup>H (top) and <sup>13</sup>C (bottom).