Supplementary Information

for

N-fused porphyrin with pyridinium side-arms: A new class of aromatic ligands with DNA-binding ability

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Fig. S1 Optical property of **pPyNFP** in H₂O.

A: Partition experiments of **PPyNFP** and **NFTPP**. i: **PPyNFP** in DMF, ii: **pPyNFP** in H₂O-CH₂Cl₂, iii: **NFTPP** in H₂O-CH₂Cl₂, iv: **NFTPP** in DMF. B, C: Absorption spectra of **pPyNFP** (7.5 μ M) in H₂O titrated with NaOH and HCl. Absorption spectra for titration at pH 11.7–8.3 (B) and pH 5.0–2.2 (C).





UV-vis absorption spectral changes of pPyP (7.5 μ M) by the addition of various amounts of SDS at pH 8.5 (A), 7.0 (B), and 5.0 (C).



Fig. S3

Circular dichroism (CD) spectra of **pPyNFP** (7.5 μ M) in the presence of the long double stranded DNA at pH 7.0 with 50 mM HEPES.



Fig. S4 Effects of deoxyribonucleotide triphosphate on pPyP (7.5 μ M).

UV-vis absorption spectra of pPyP (7.5 μ M) in the presence of deoxyribonucleotide triphosphate (dNTP) at pH 7.0 with 50 mM HEPES.



Fig. S5 CD analyses of G-quadruplex DNAs.

A: CD titration of G4 DNA forming a (3+1) parallel/antiparallel structure induced by 100 mM $\rm K^{+}$ ions.

B: CD melting curves of 5.0 μ M G4 DNA with different concentrations of **pPyNFP** (5.0, 15, and 25 μ M) in 100 mM KCl at pH 7.4, 10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA buffer. CD spectra were monitored at 290 nm.

C: CD melting curves of 5.0 μ M G4 DNA with different concentrations of **pPyP** (5.0, 15, and 25 μ M) in 100 mM KCl at pH 7.4, 10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA buffer. CD spectra were monitored at 290 nm.

D: CD melting curves of 5.0 μ M (T₂AG₃)₄ DNA with different concentrations of **pPyNFP** (5.0, 15, and 25 μ M) in 100 mM NaCl at pH 7.4, 10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA buffer. CD spectra were monitored at 290 nm.



Fig. S6

Effects of **pPyP** on different G-quadruplex DNA structures.

A: CD titration of $(T_2AG_3)_4$ DNA forming a (3+1) parallel/antiparallel structure induced by 100 mM K⁺ ions with 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4) and 1 mM EDTA.

B: CD titration of $(T_2AG_3)_4$ DNA forming a (2+2) antiparallel structure induced by 100 mM Na⁺ ions with 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4) and 1 mM EDTA.





Interaction between telomeric repeat DNA and **pPyNFP** in the absence of monovalent meal ions.

A: CD titration of $(T_2AG_3)_4$ DNA in the presence of 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4) and 1 mM EDTA.

B: UV-vis-NIR absorption of **pPyNFP** (7.5 μ M) in the presence of different amounts of G4-DNA without monovalent metal ions (10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4), 1 mM EDTA).





UV-vis-NIR absorption spectra of **pPyNFP** (7.5 μ M) in the presence of less (A) or more (B) than 12 equivalent molar amount of DNA base (i.e. 0.5 equivalent molar amount of the (2+2) antiparallel DNA structure) induced by 100 mM Na⁺ ions with 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4) and 1 mM EDTA.

Table S1

CD melting temperatures of $(T_2AG_3)_4$ DNA in the presence of 100 mM Na⁺ and different concentration of pPyNFP

		$r = [\mathbf{pPyNFP}]/[(\mathbf{T}_2\mathbf{A}\mathbf{G}_3)_4 \mathbf{DNA}]$			
		0 (DNA alone)	1	3	5
pPyNFP	$T_{\rm m}$ (°C)	40.0 ± 0.5	41.1 ± 0.2	42.7 ± 0.4	47.6 ± 0.3
	$\Delta T_{\rm m}$ (°C)	_	1.1 ± 0.3	2.7 ± 0.2	7.6 ± 0.2



Scheme S1

Folding topologies of (T₂AG₃)₄DNA. Glycosidic anti and syn conformations of guanines are colored blue and red, respectively.

A: K^+ ion dependent (3+1) parallel/antiparallel structure in solution. B: Na⁺ ion dependent (2+2) antiparallel structure induced in solution.

C: K⁺ ion dependent all parallel structure induced in crystals.



