Photobehaviour of methyl-pyridium and quinolinium iodides derivatives, free and complexed with DNA. A case of bisintercalation.

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Scheme ESI 1- A conformers of compounds 1-4.

HOMO -1





LUMO +1



HOMO -2

Figure ESI 1- Molecular orbitals of compound **2** as derived by ZINDO/S method. Inserted table: the HOMO-1 –LUMO+1 and HOMO-2 - LUMO configurations contribute to the main electronic transition with high coefficients.



Figure ESI 2- Decay kinetics by pump probe absorption spectroscopy of compounds 1-4 and complexes 3-DNA and 4-DNA in W (Insets of Figure 3).



Figure ESI 3- McGhee von Hippel plots to determine binding constants from spectrophotometric titrations according to eq. 1, for complexes 1-DNA and 4-DNA in W (Insets of Figure 4).



Figure ESI 4- Stern-Volmer plots to determine binding constants from fluorimetric titrations according to eq. 2, for complexes 1,2,3,4-DNA in W (Insets of Figure 5).





Figure ESI 5- Absorption LD and LDr signals of compounds **2-4** with [ligand]/[DNA] ratio of 0.04 and 0.02.