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## Electronic Supplementary Information

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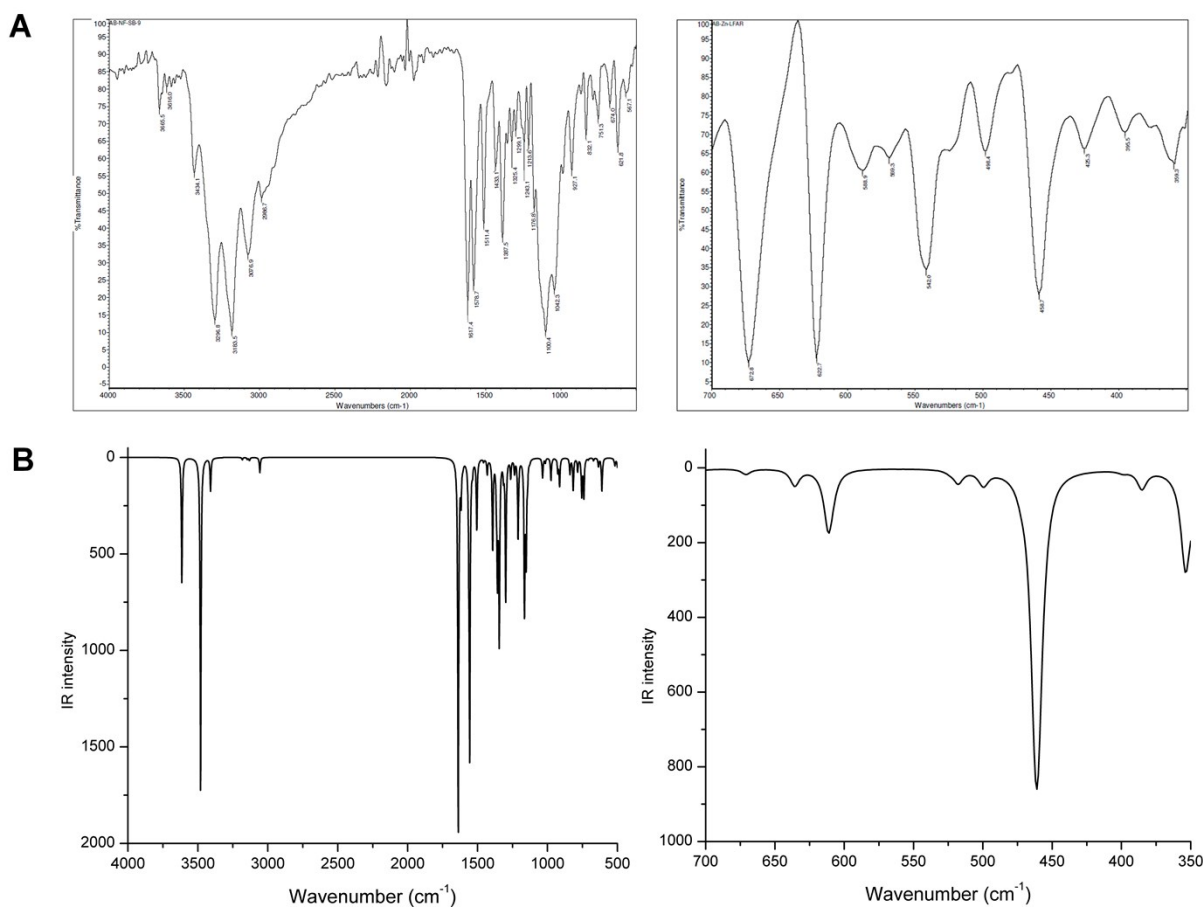
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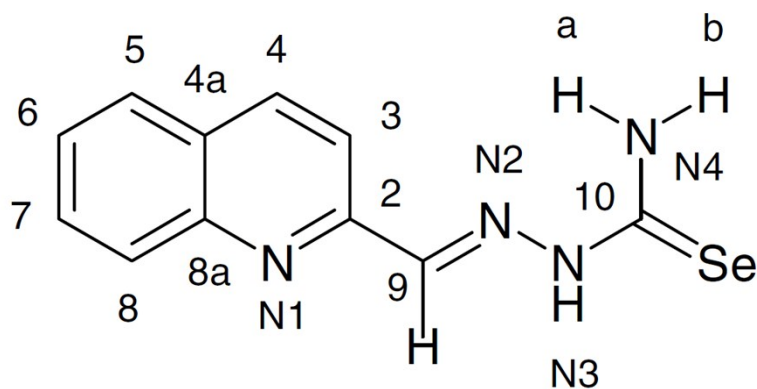
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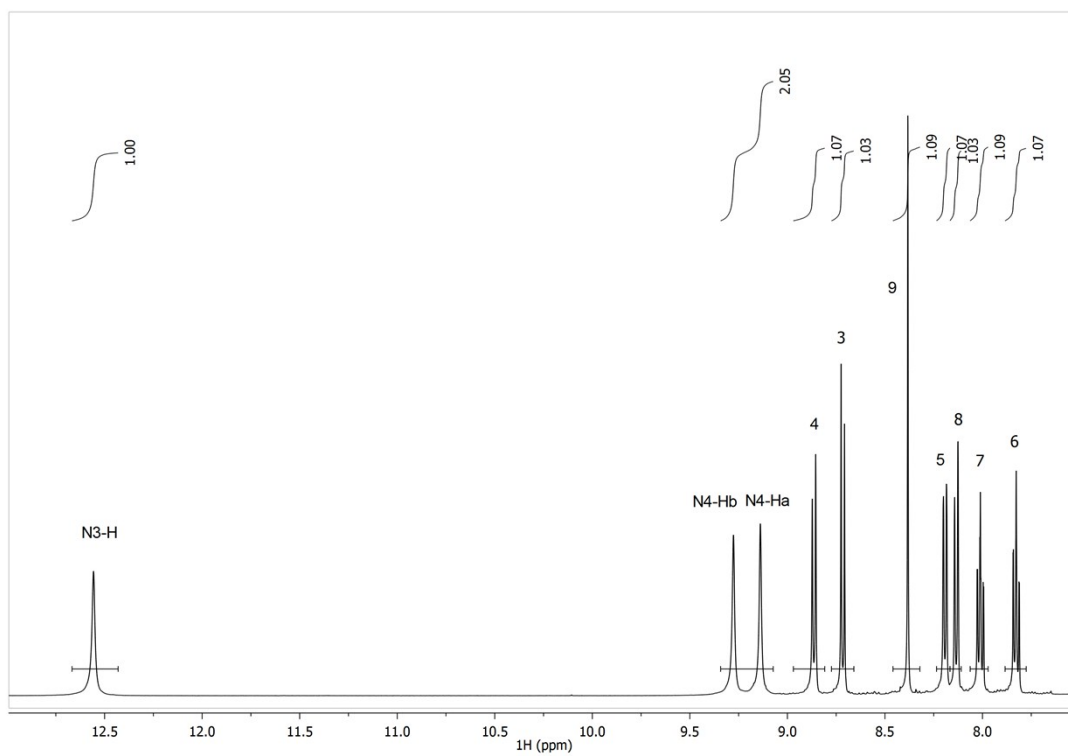
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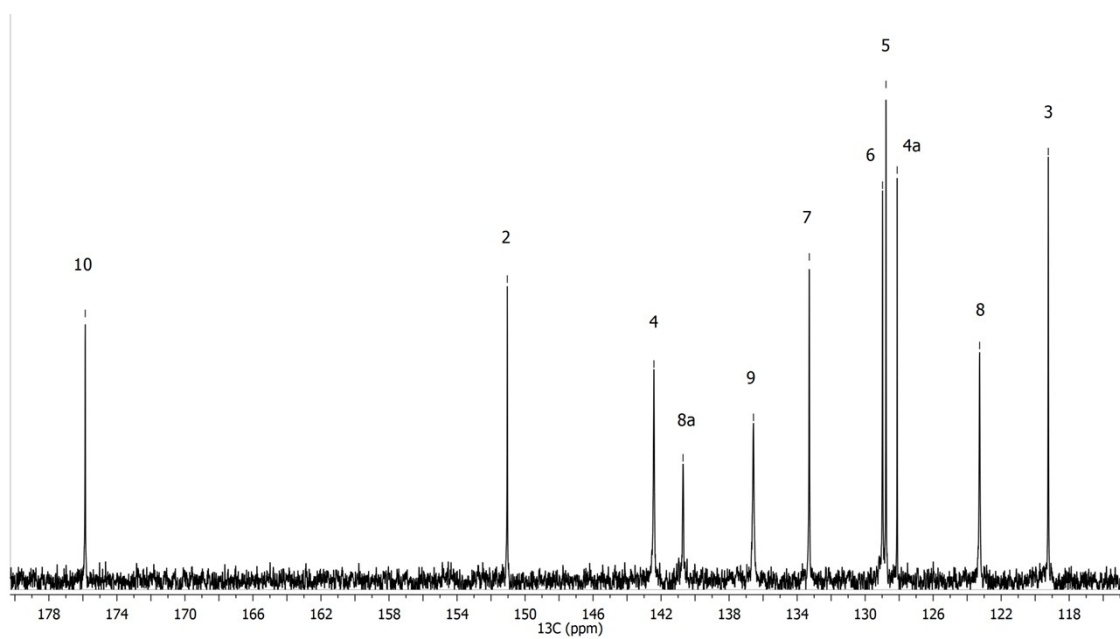
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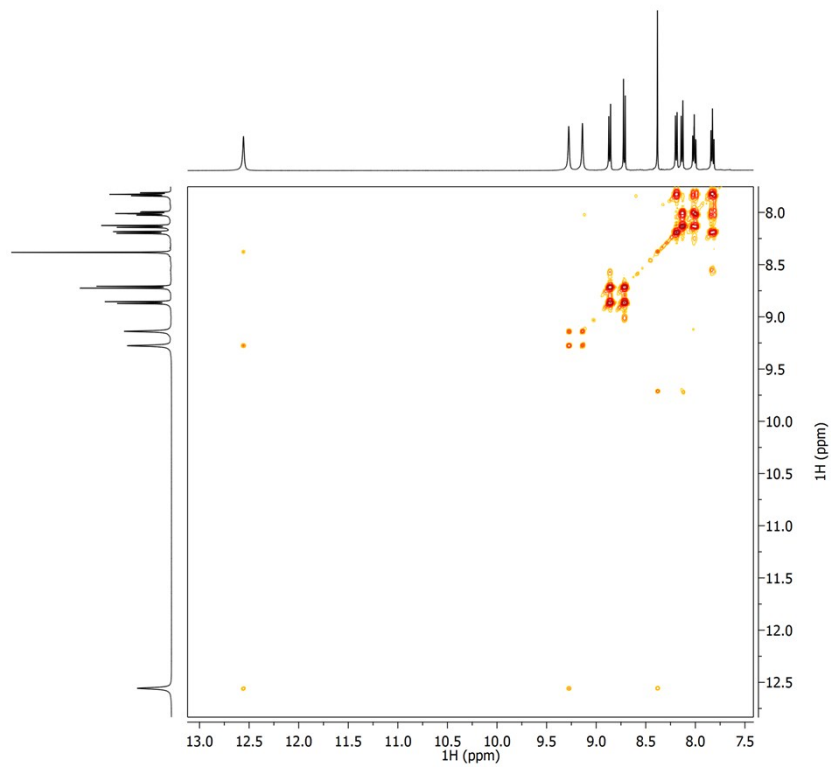
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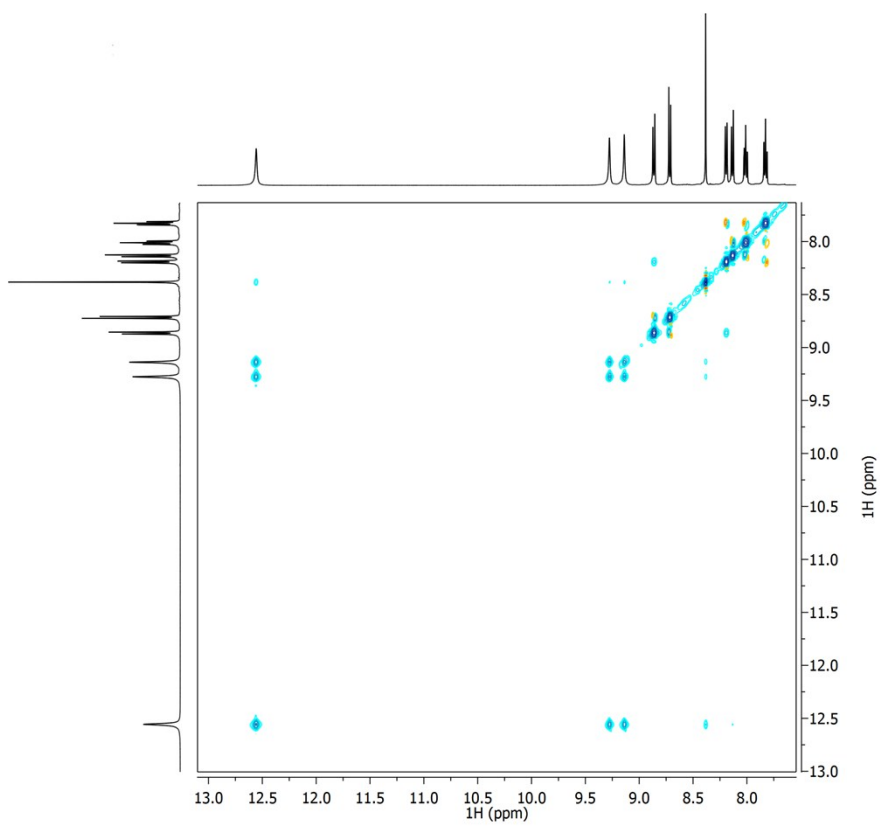
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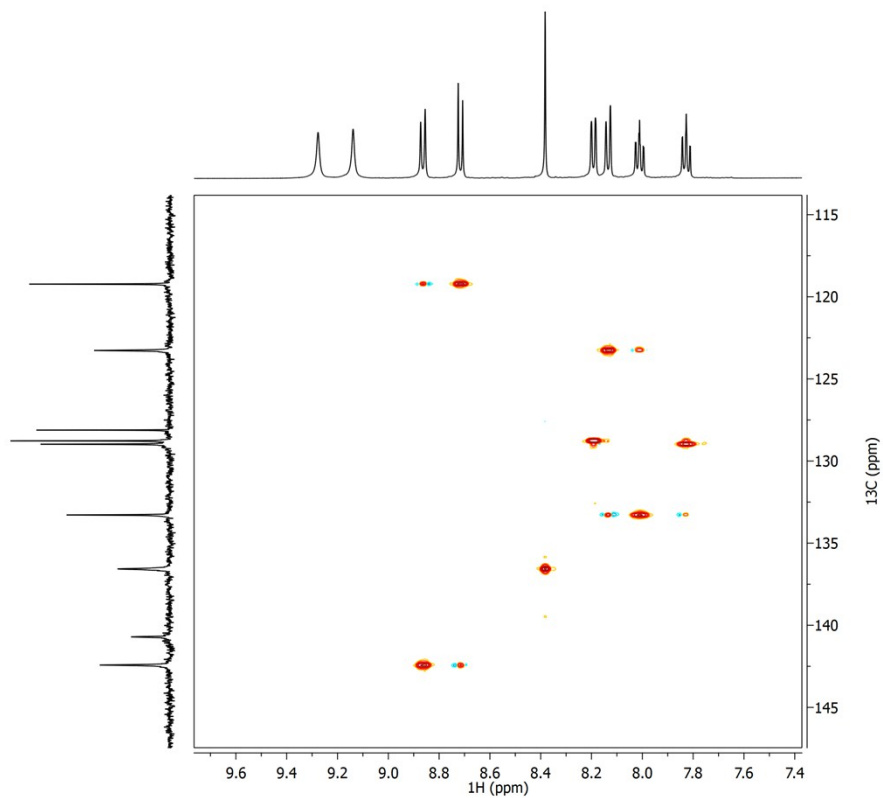
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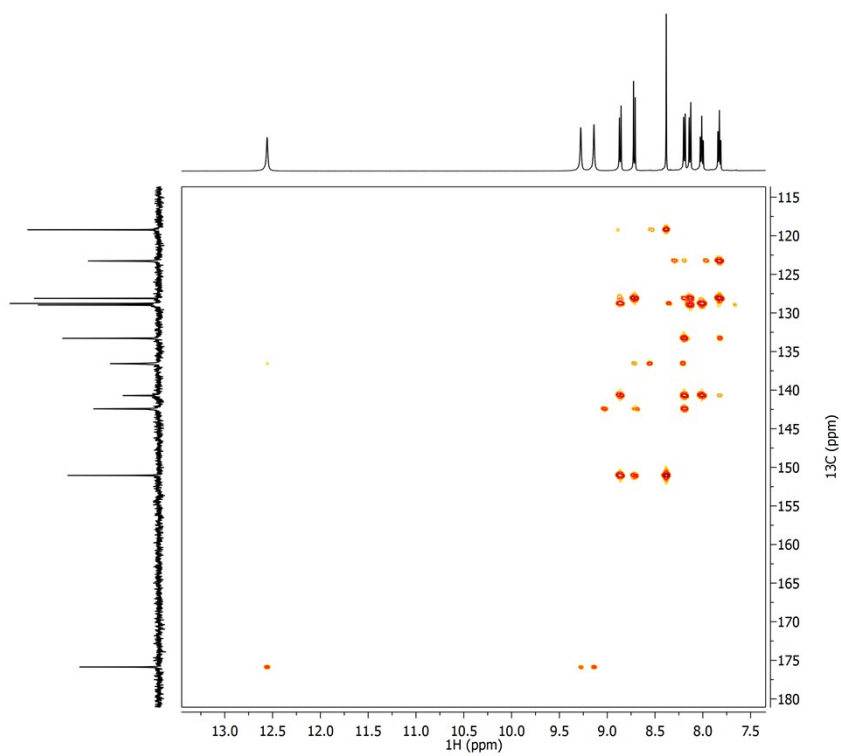
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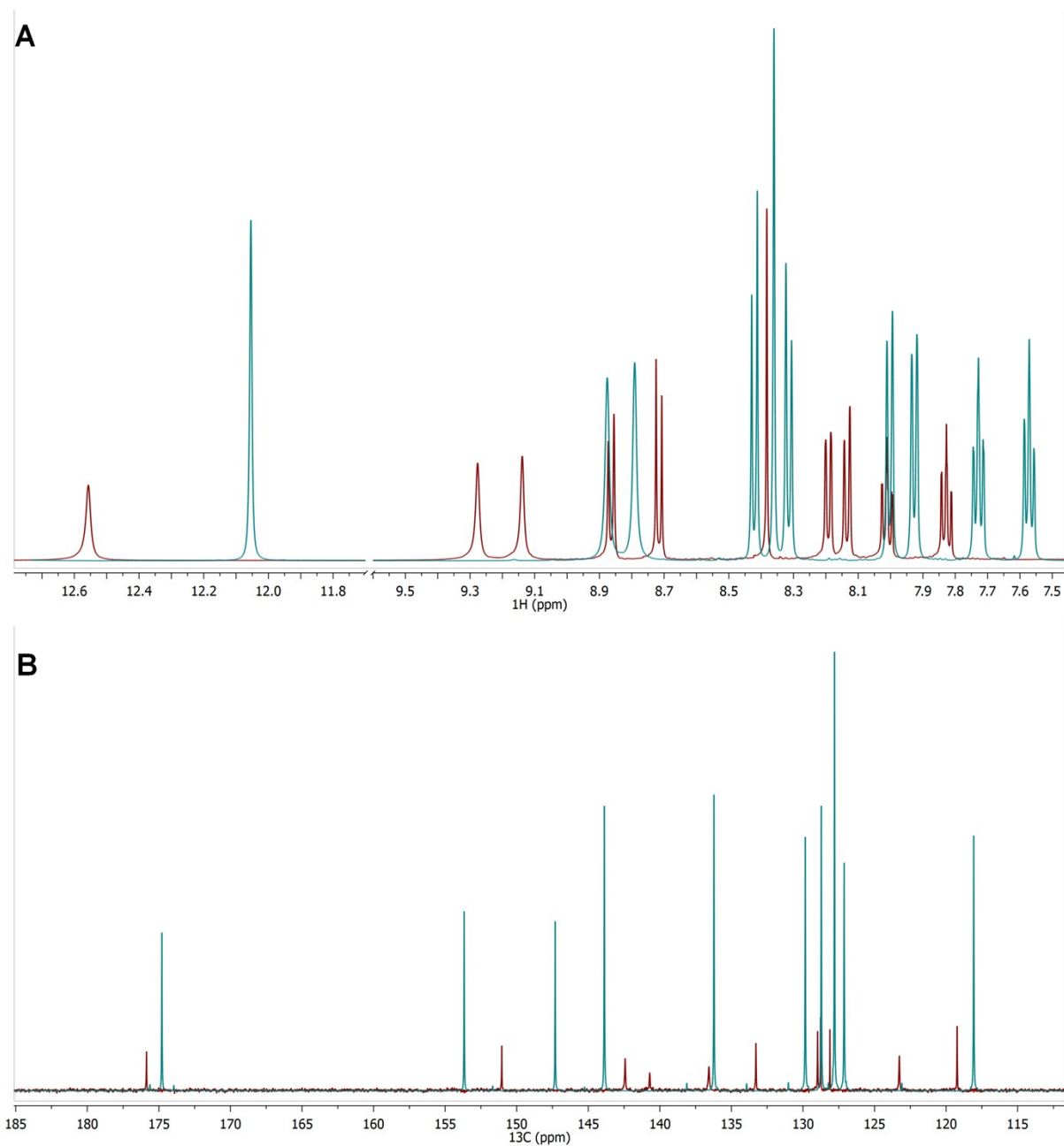


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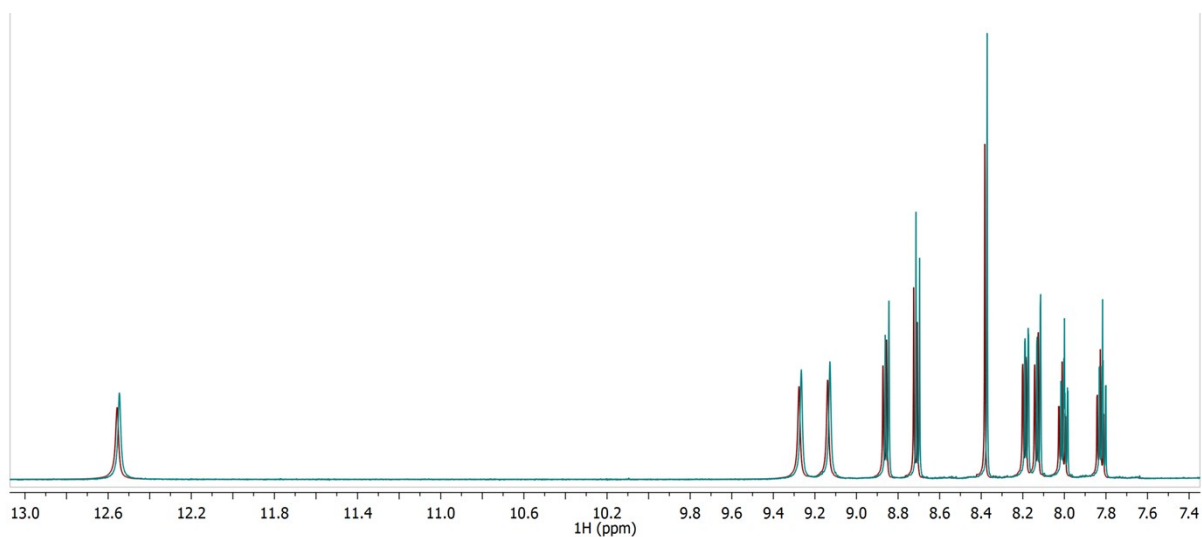


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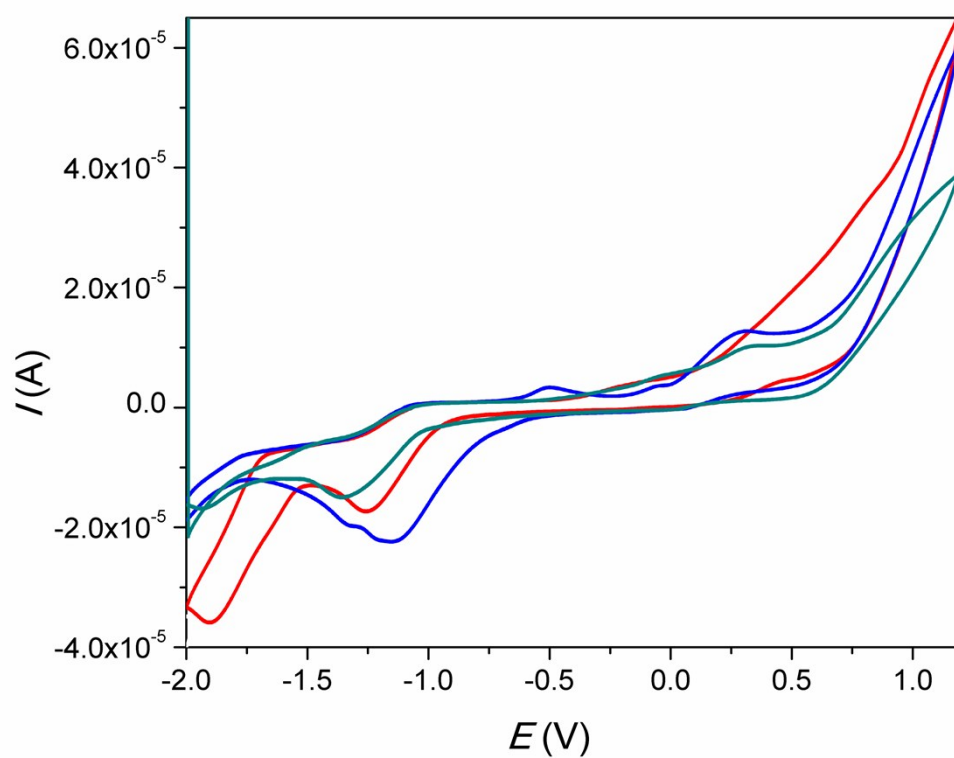




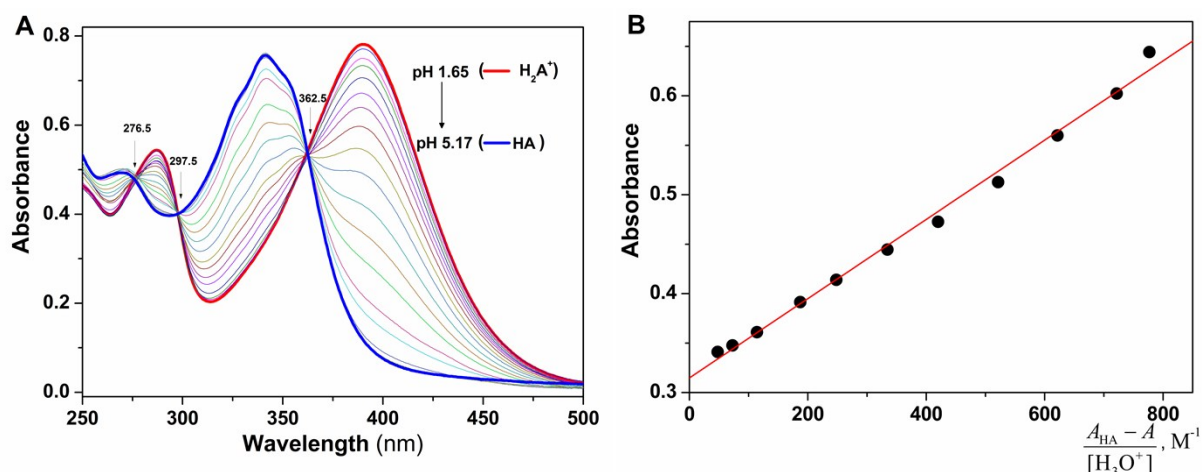
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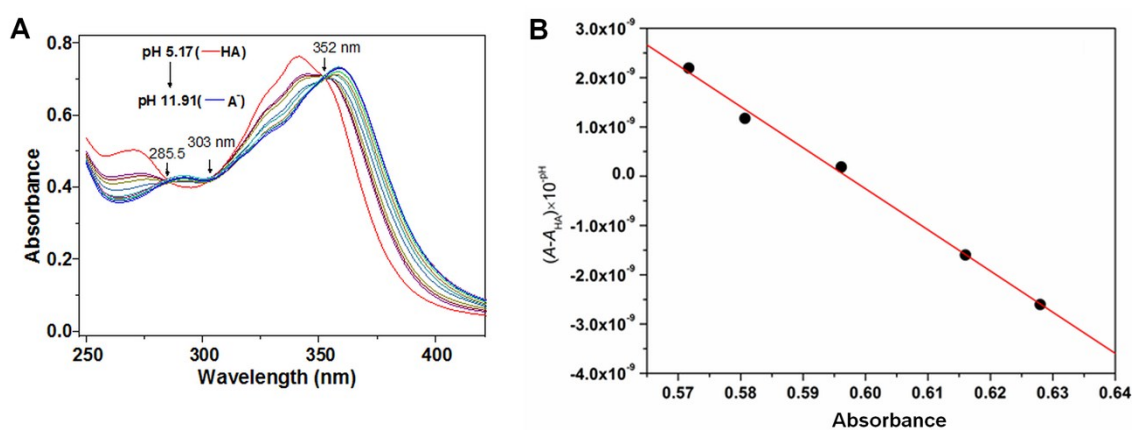
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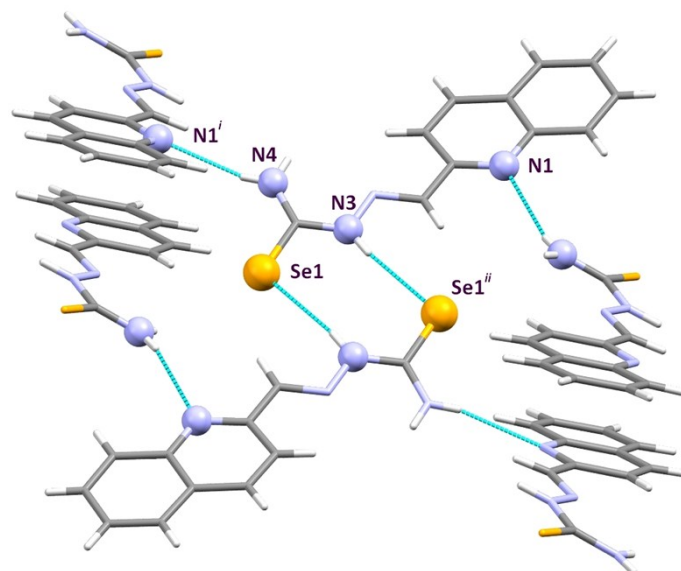
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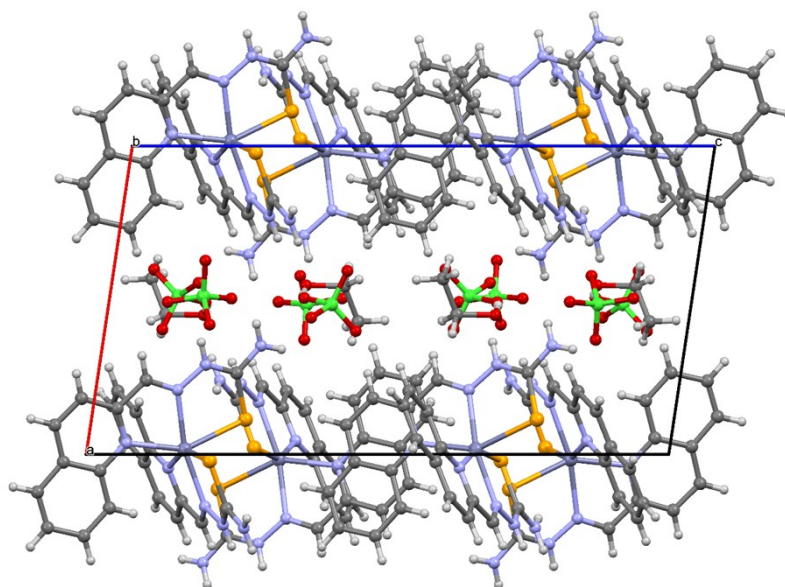
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**Figure S12.** (A) UV/Vis Spectra of Hqasesc in pH range 5.17–11.91 used for  $pK_{a2}$  determination ( $t = 25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ); The spectra were recorded at following pH values: 5.17, 6.56, 7.01, 7.32, 7.65, 8.06, 8.82, 11.91; Spectra of pure HA and  $\text{A}^-$  forms and isosbestic points are indicated. (B) Determination of  $K_{a2}$  at 365 nm according to equation 3a; slope =  $-8.34 \times 10^{-8}$ , intercept =  $4.97 \times 10^{-8}$ ,  $r^2 = 0.995$ .



**Figure S13.** Packing diagram in the crystal structure of Hqasesc.

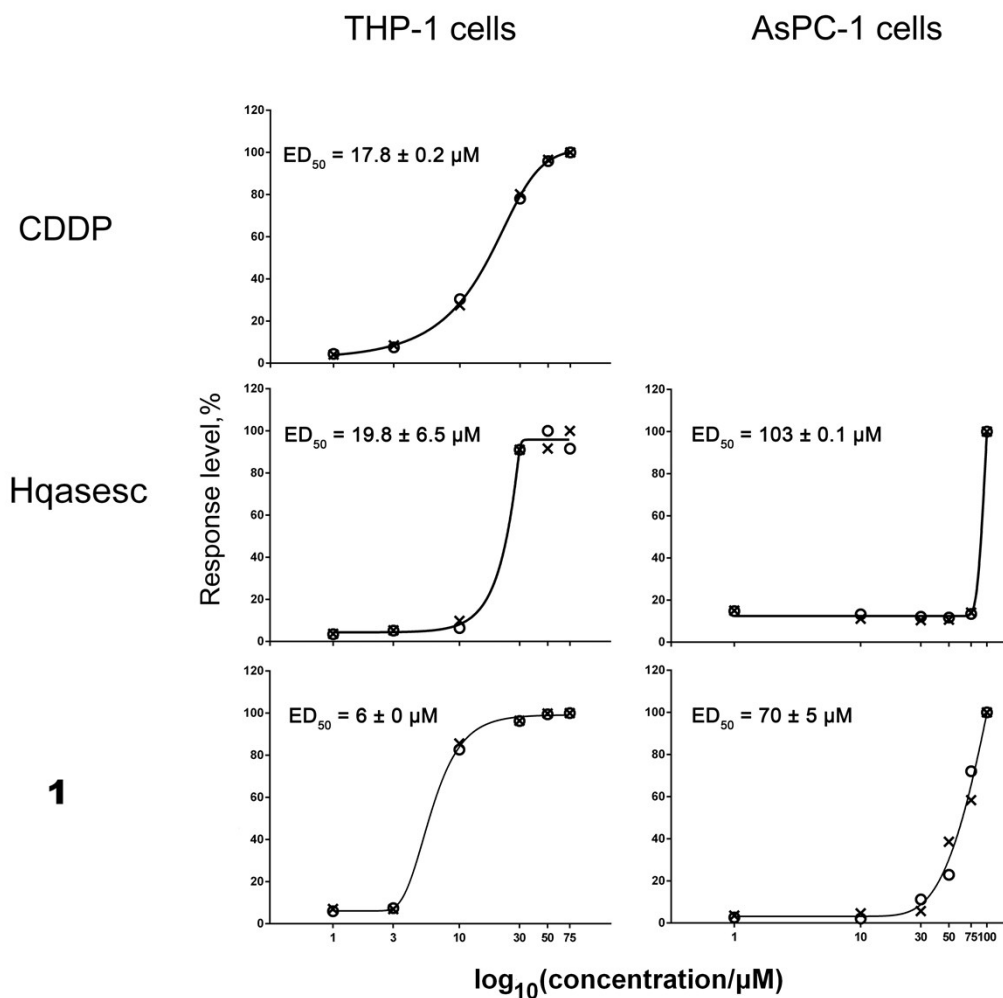


**Figure S14.** Packing diagram in the crystal structure of **1**.

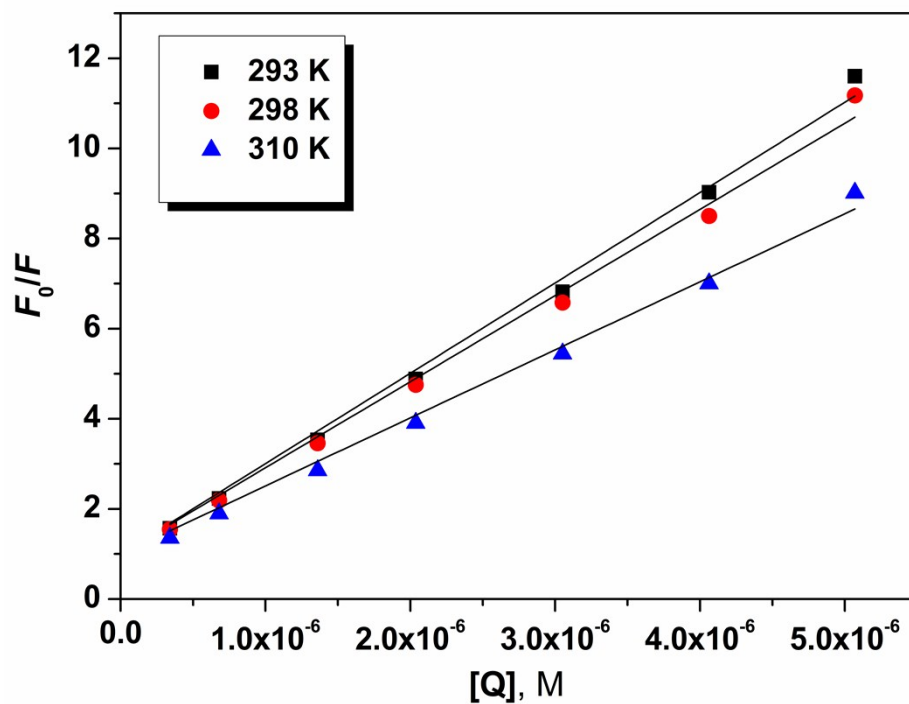
**Table S1.** Hydrogen bonding geometry (Å, °) in Hqasesc and **1**.

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
Hqasesc				
N4-H4A $\cdots$ N1 <sup>i</sup>	0.77(4)	2.45(4)	3.198(3)	163(3)
N3-H3 $\cdots$ Se1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.86(3)	2.68(3)	3.533(2)	172(3)
<b>1</b>				
N3-H3 $\cdots$ O3	0.866(18)	2.39(3)	3.082(4)	137(3)
N4-H4A $\cdots$ O3	0.86	2.58	3.259(5)	137.1
N4-H4A $\cdots$ O9A <sup>i</sup>	0.86	2.49	3.041(5)	122.7
N4-H4A $\cdots$ O9B <sup>i</sup>	0.86	2.49	2.970(8)	116.3
N4-H4B $\cdots$ O4 <sup>i</sup>	0.86	2.48	3.164(5)	137.3
N3A-H3A $\cdots$ O9A <sup>ii</sup>	0.846(18)	2.01(2)	2.802(4)	155(4)
N3A-H3A $\cdots$ O9B <sup>ii</sup>	0.846(18)	1.97(2)	2.795(7)	163(4)
N4A-H4C $\cdots$ O7 <sup>iii</sup>	0.86	2.34	3.017(5)	135.4
N4A-H4C $\cdots$ O9A <sup>ii</sup>	0.86	2.35	3.085(5)	143.4
N4A-H4D $\cdots$ Se1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.86	2.67	3.447(3)	150.1
O9A-H9A1 $\cdots$ O7 <sup>iv</sup>	0.82	2.19	2.955(8)	156.1
O9B-H9B $\cdots$ O1	0.82	2.08	2.818(11)	150.1

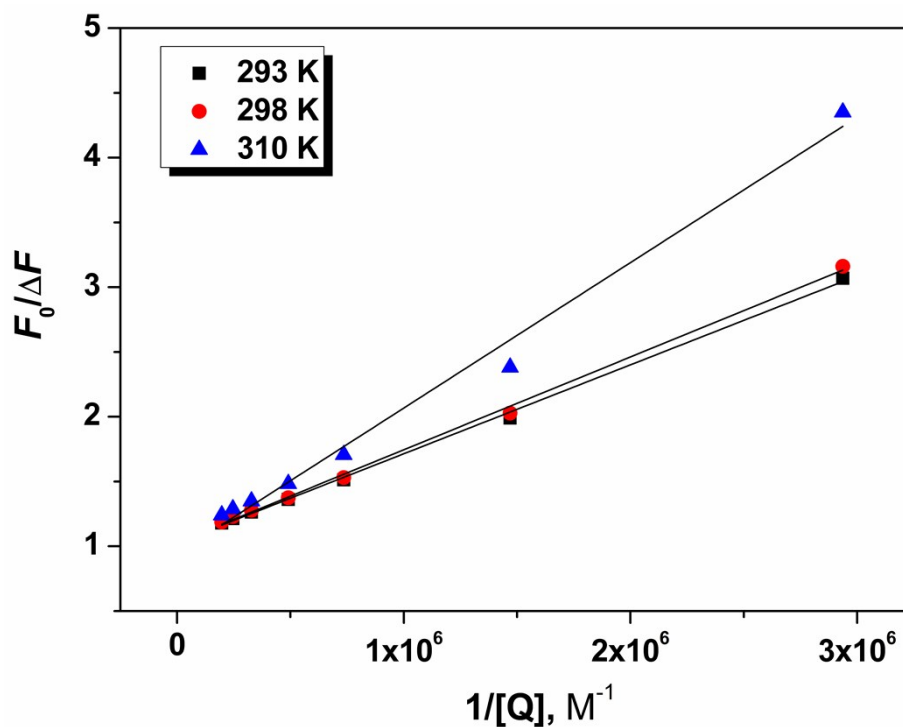
Symmetry codes for Hqasesc: (i)  $x - 1/2, -y + 3/2, z - 1/2$ ; (ii)  $-x + 1, -y + 2, -z + 1$ .  
Symmetry codes for **1**: (i)  $-x + 1, y + 1/2, -z + 1/2$ ; (ii)  $-x, y + 1/2, -z + 1/2$ ; (iii)  $-x, y - 1/2, -z + 1/2$ ; (iv)  $x, y - 1, z$ .



**Figure S15.** ED<sub>50</sub> values for Hqasesc, **1** and CDDP on THP-1 and AsPC-1 cells. THP-1 and AsPC-1 cells were treated with Hqasesc, **1** and CDDP applied in a range of six concentrations for 24 h, and afterwards stained with Annexin-V and PI. Percentages of all Annexin-V labeled cells for each concentration of investigated compounds were calculated as a proportion of the maximal apoptotic response normalized as 100%. Such scaled apoptotic outcomes were plotted against concentrations and ED<sub>50</sub> concentration was calculated using asymmetric sigmoidal curve five-parameter logistic equation (GraphPad Prism 6 software).



**Figure S16.** Stern-Volmer plot of  $F_0/F$  vs.  $[Q]$  at three different temperatures, where  $F_0$  and  $F$  represents HSA fluorescence intensities in absence ( $F_0$ ) and in presence of the quencher ( $F$ ), and  $[Q]$  is the concentration of the quencher (**1**).



**Figure S17.** Modified Stern-Volmer plot for binding of **1** to HSA at three temperatures.

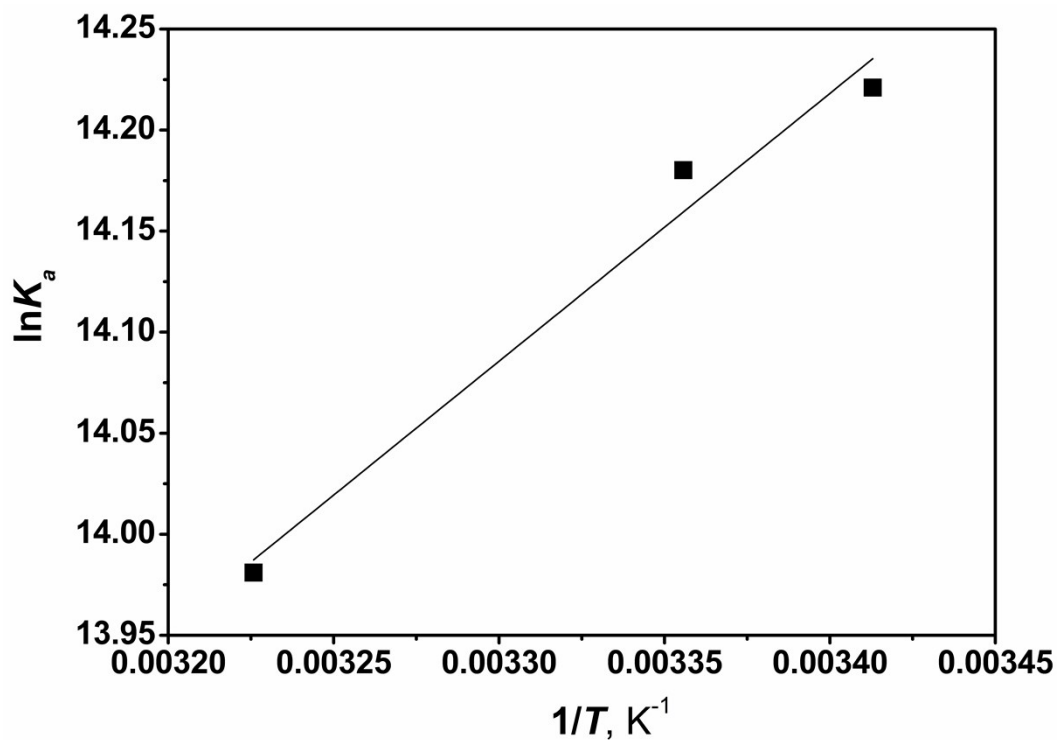


Figure S18. The plot of  $\ln K_a$  ( $K_a$  given in  $M^{-1}$ ) vs.  $1/T$  for the interaction of **1** with HSA.

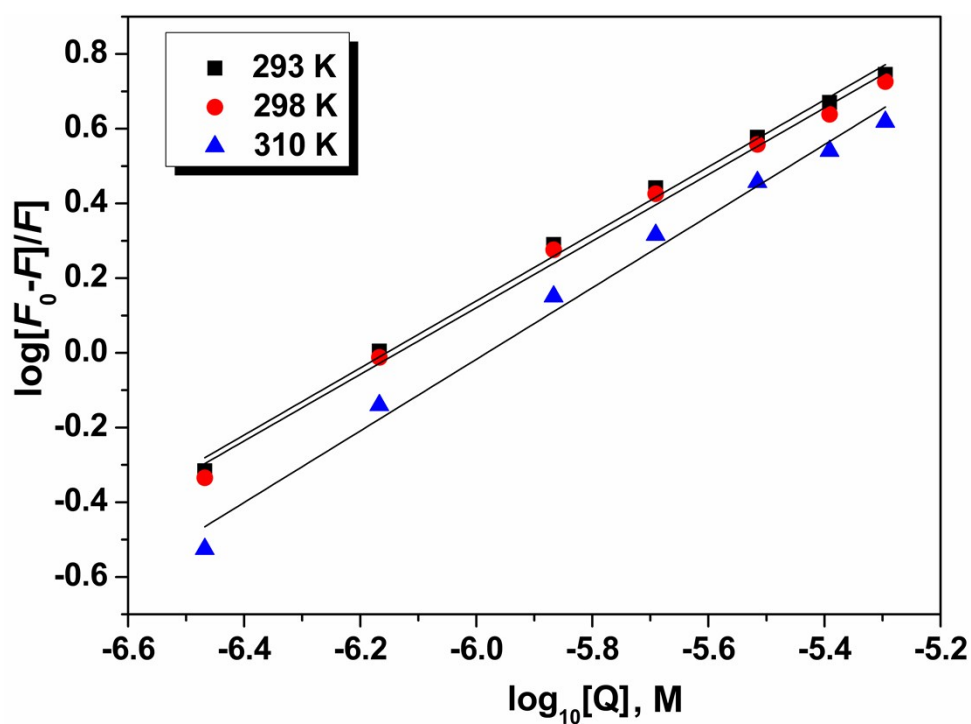
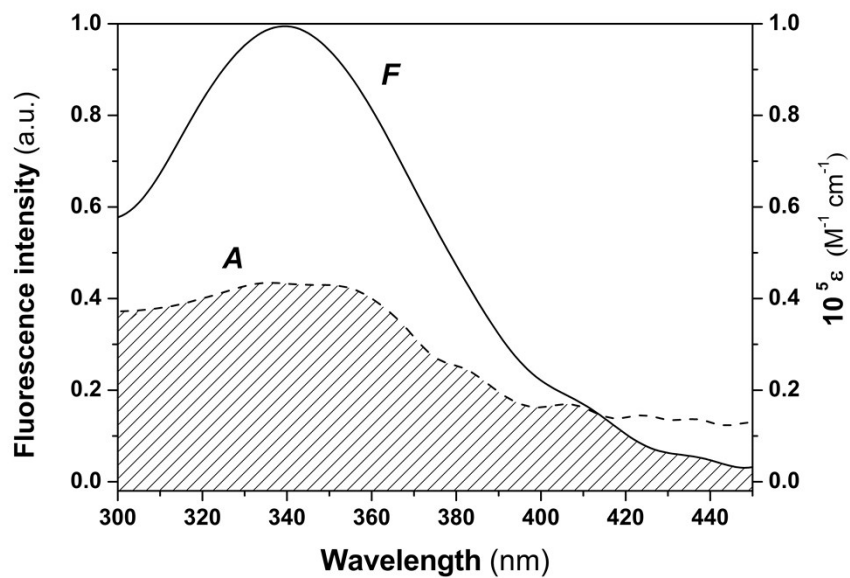
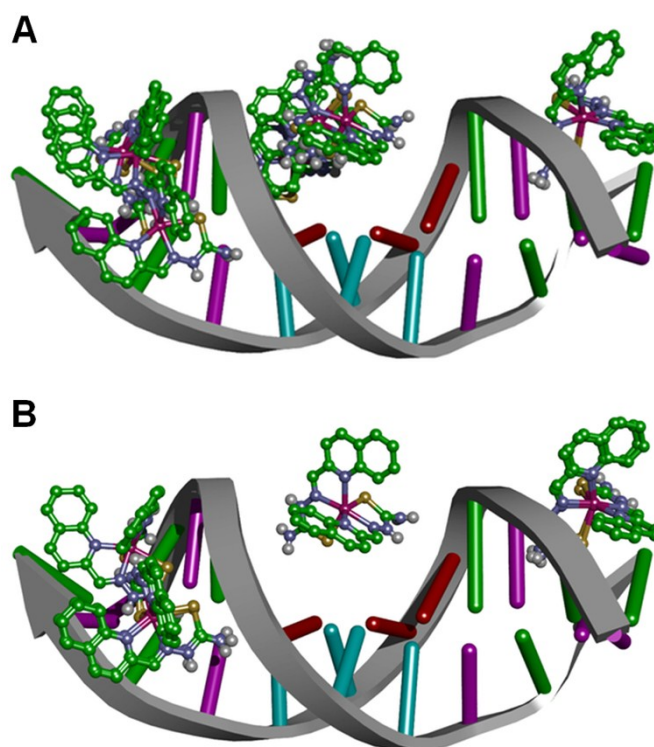


Figure S19. Double-log plot for determination of binding constants  $K_b$ , and the number of binding sites  $n$  at three temperatures; Concentration of quencher,  $[Q]$  is given in M.





**Figure S20.** Spectral overlap of complex **1** absorption (curve *A*, dashed line) with HSA fluorescence emission (*F*, solid line);  $c(\text{HSA}) = c(\mathbf{1}) = 5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ ;  $T = 298 \text{ K}$ .



**Figure S21.** All conformations of complex **1** in the DNA duplex of sequence  $d(\text{CGCGAATTCGCG})_2$  from PDB IDs 3U2N<sup>S1</sup> (A) and 4U8A<sup>S2</sup> (B).

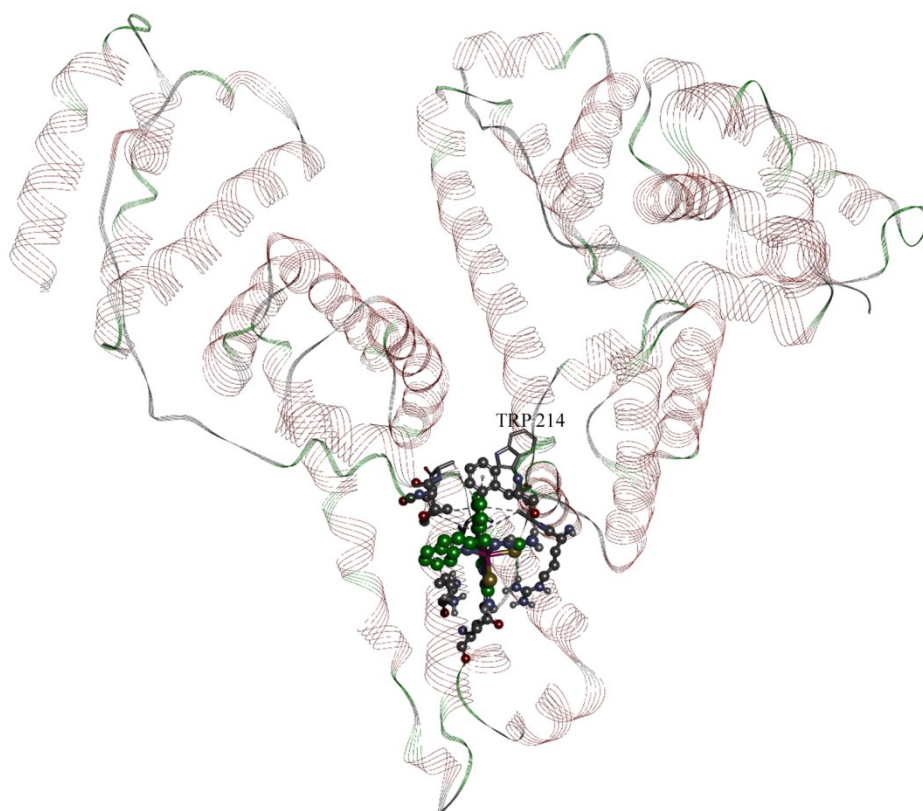


Figure S22. Structure of HSA (PDB ID 1BJ5<sup>S3</sup>) and the location of complex 1 binding site.

**Table S2.** Interactions of HSA binding site atoms with **1**.

Residue (atom)	Interaction type	Distance
Glu 354 (OE1)	Hydrogen bond/electrostatic	2.089
Glu 354 (OE1)	Hydrogen bond/ electrostatic	2.726
Phe 206 (O)	Hydrogen bond	1.987
Ala 210	Hydrophobic CH- $\pi$	4.639
Ala 210	Hydrophobic CH- $\pi$	3.725
Leu 347	Hydrophobic CH- $\pi$	4.968
Lys 351	Hydrophobic CH- $\pi$	5.074
Leu 481	Hydrophobic CH- $\pi$	4.903
Val 482	Hydrophobic CH- $\pi$	4.814
Val 482	Hydrophobic CH- $\pi$	5.247
Phe 206	Hydrophobic / $\pi$ - $\pi$	4.603
Arg 209 (NH1) – Se	Hydrogen bond	2.749

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