

**Supporting Information for**

**An Effective Approach to Artificial Nucleases Using  
Copper(II) Complexes Bearing Nucleobases**

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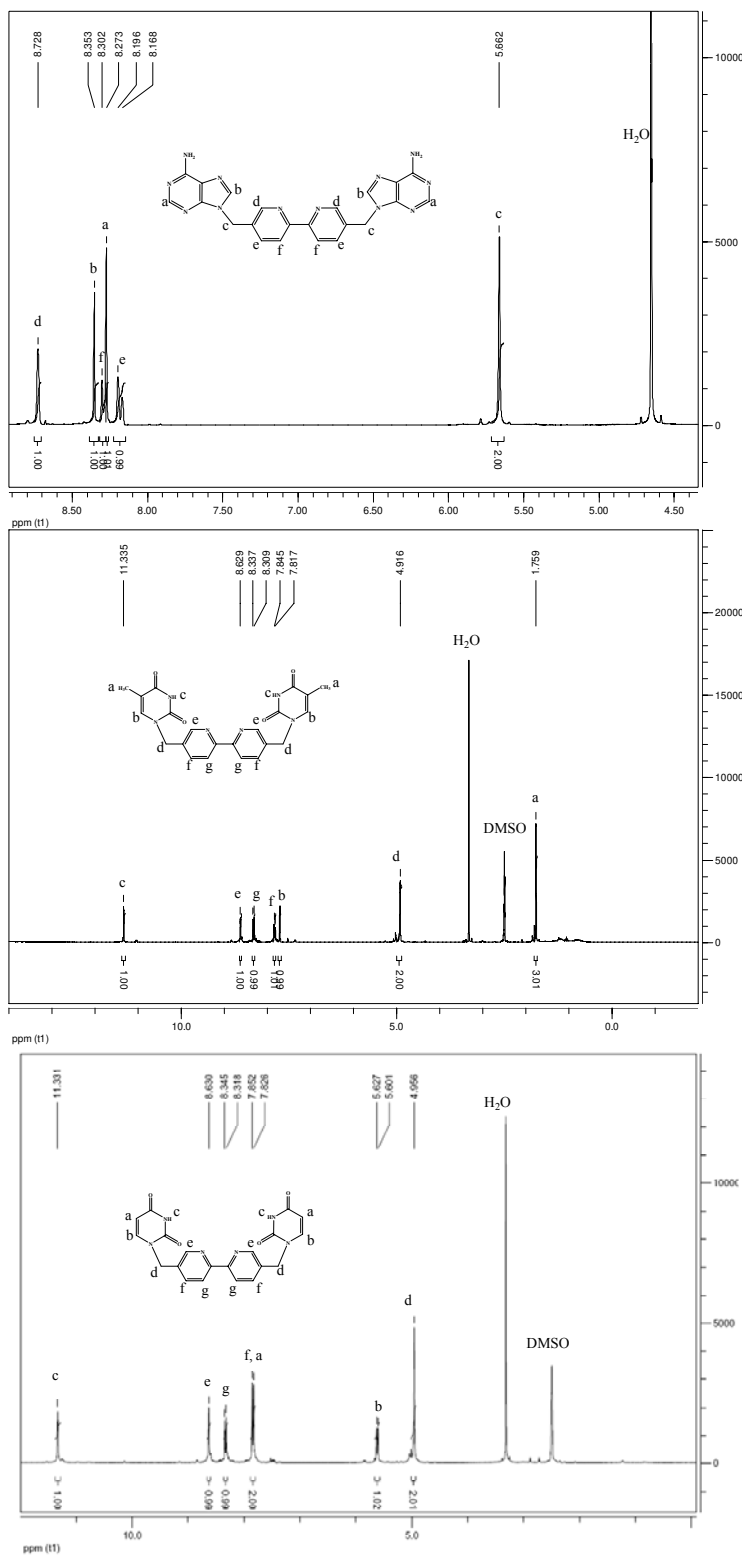


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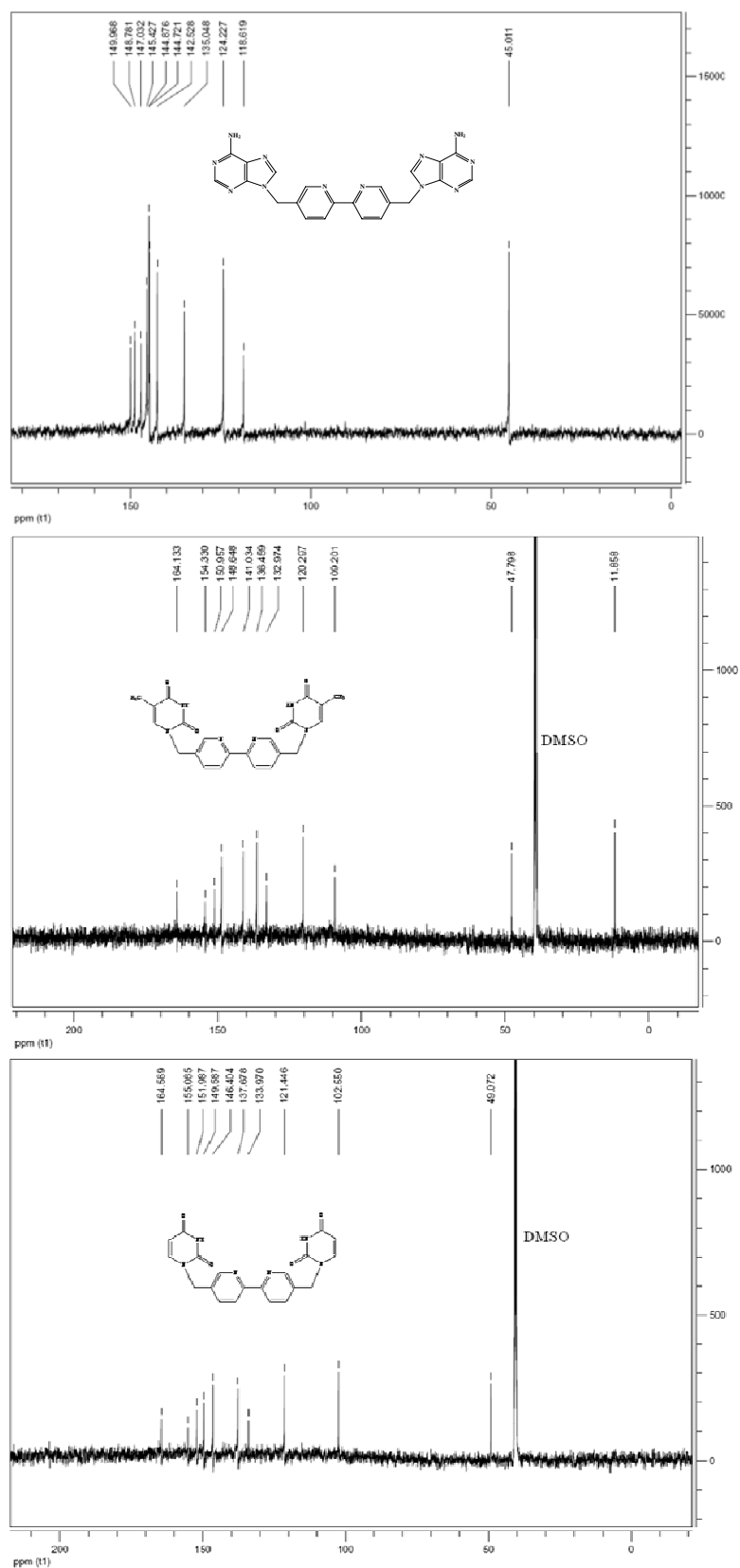


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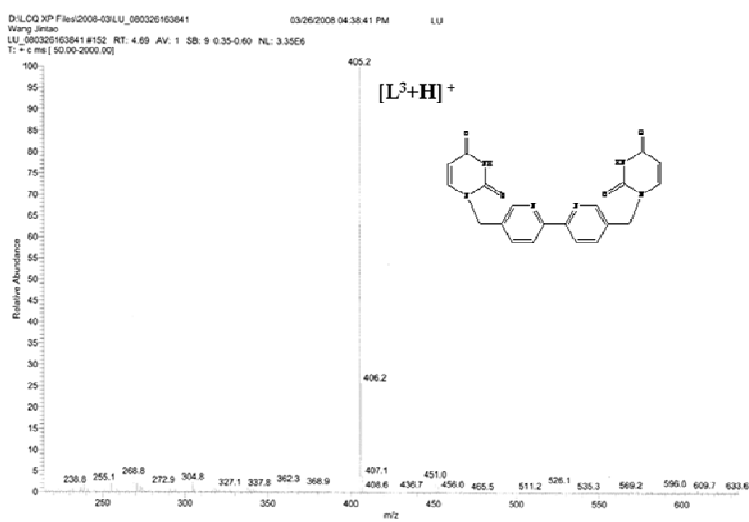
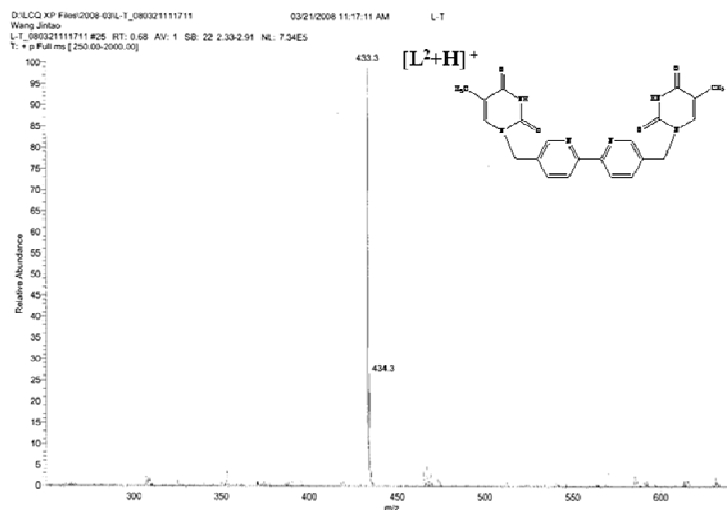
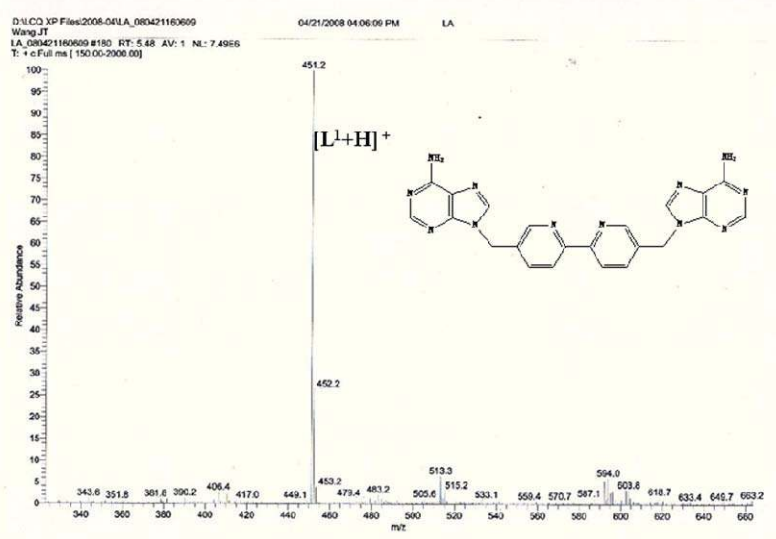
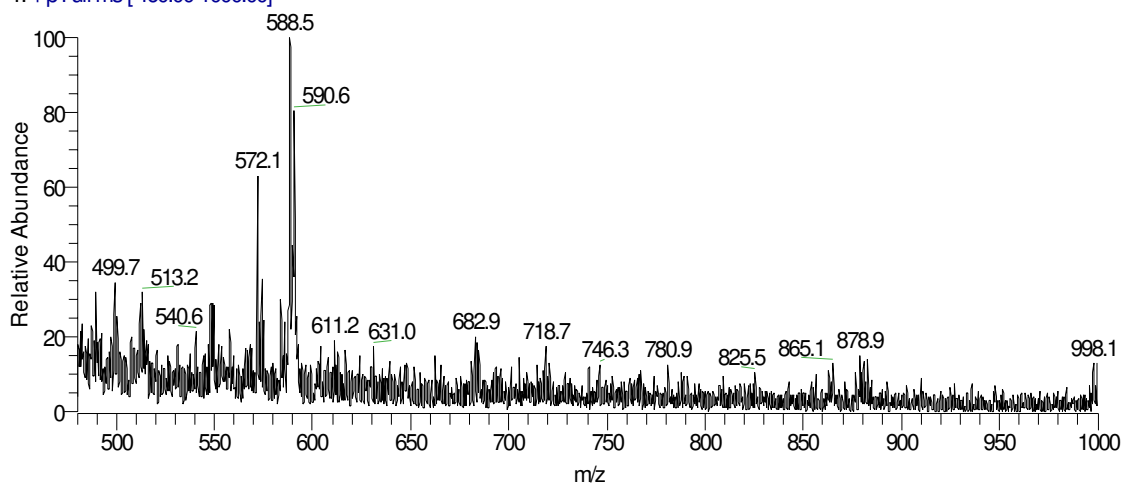


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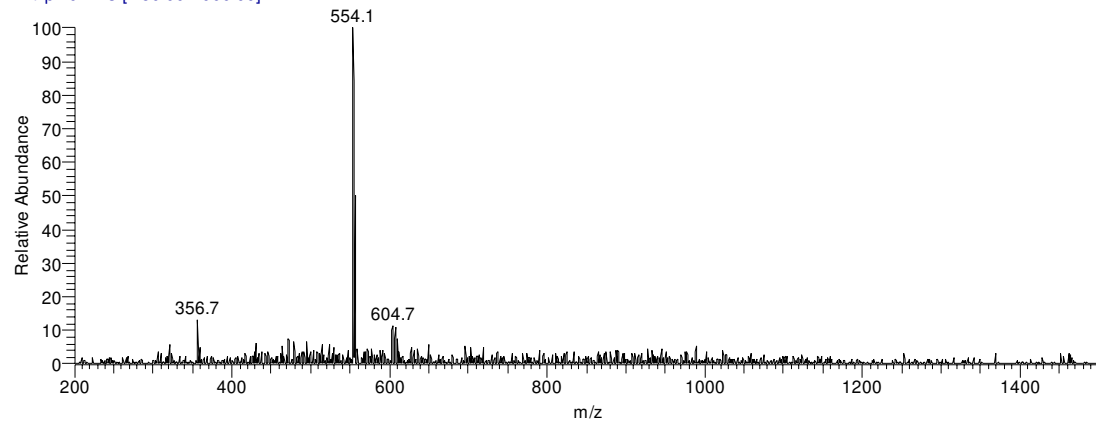
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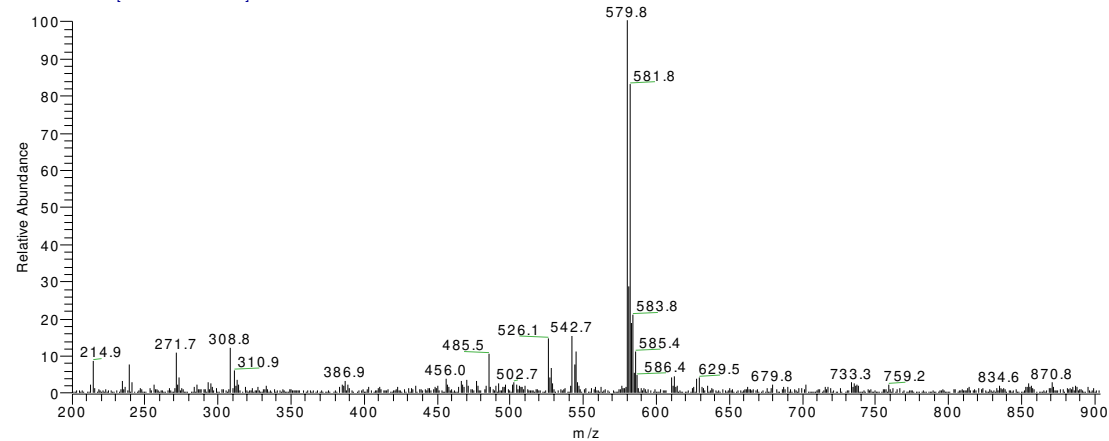
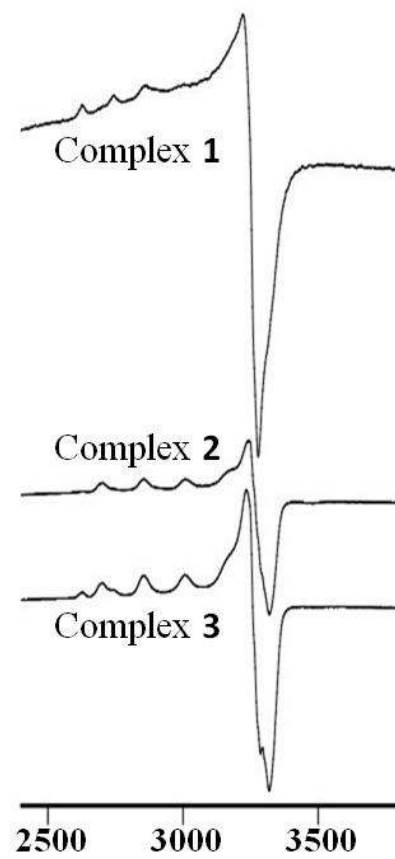
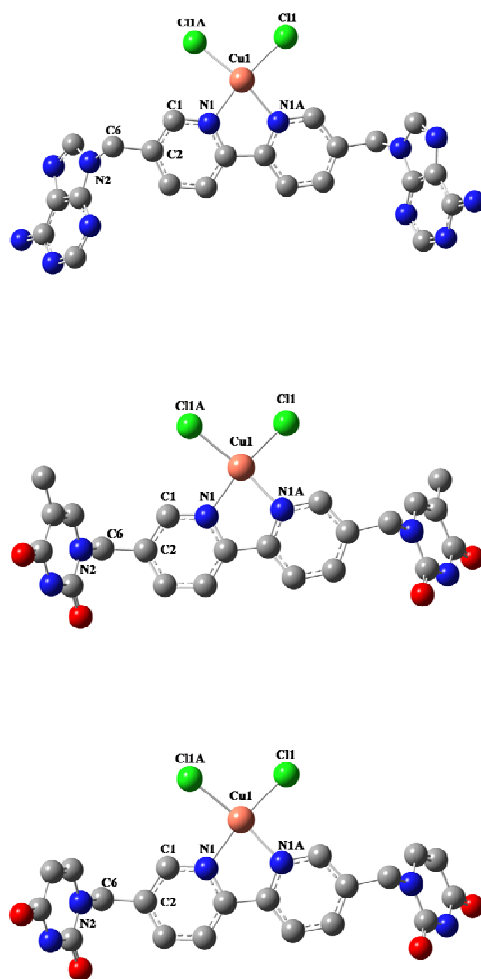


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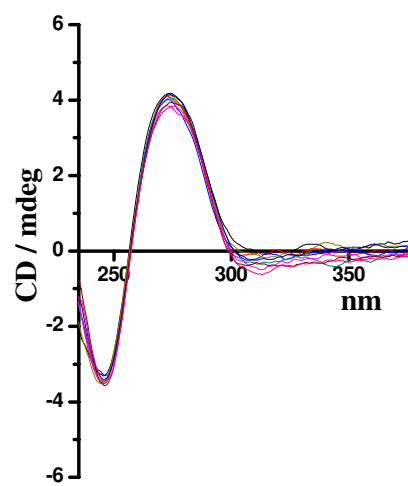


**Fig. S6.**



**Table S1.**

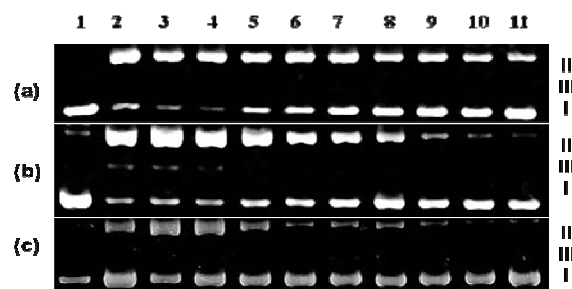
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Cu(1)-Cl(1)	2.29	2.29	2.29
Cu(1)-Cl(1A)	2.29	2.29	2.29
C(1)-N(1)	1.35	1.35	1.35
C(6)-C(2)	1.52	1.52	1.52
C(6)-N(2)	1.47	1.49	1.49
N(1)-Cu(1)-N(1A)	78.64	78.67	78.60
N(1A)-Cu(1)-Cl(1)	93.65	93.71	93.66
Cl(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(1A)	97.39	98.20	98.01
N(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(1A)	93.65	93.71	93.66
N(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(1)	163.23	161.47	162.06
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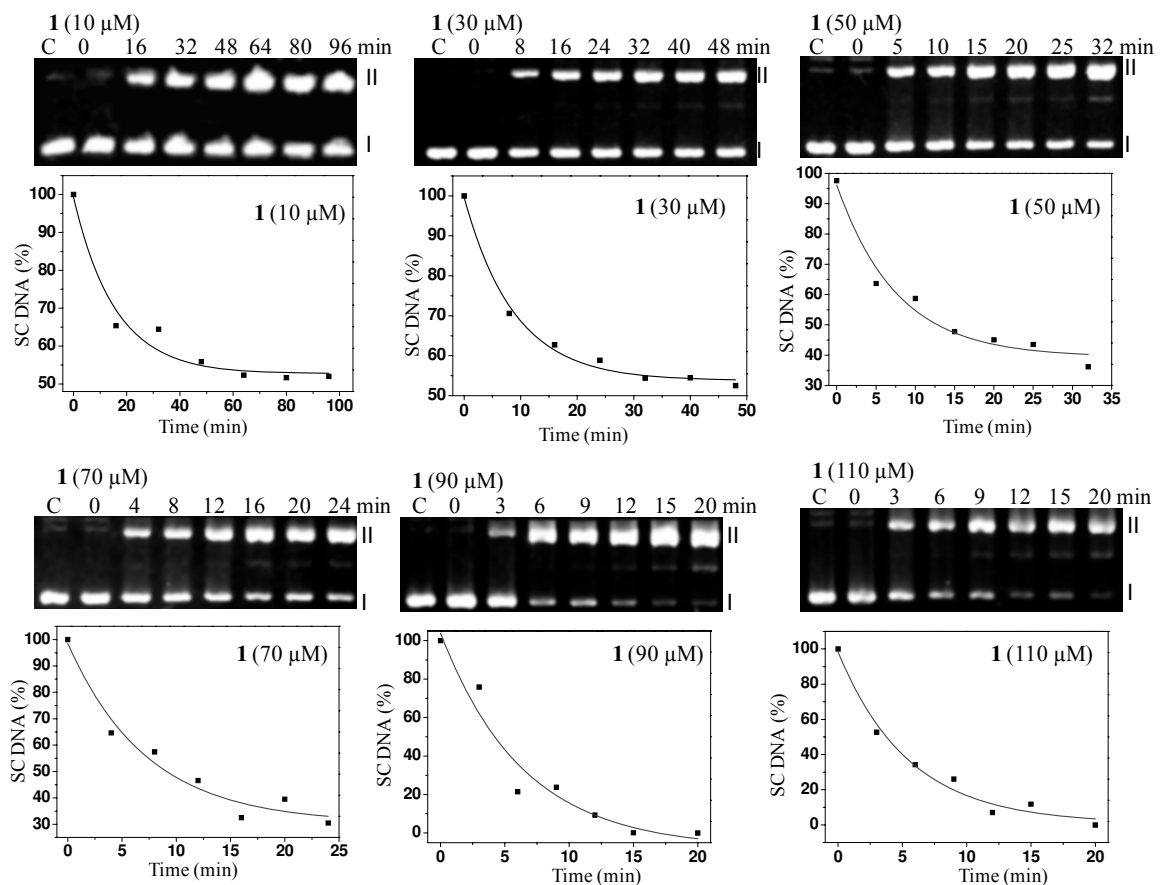
**Fig. S7.**

**Table S2.**

Complex <b>3</b> ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Reaction	Fraction of DNA			<i>n</i> 1	<i>n</i> 2	<i>n</i> 1/ <i>n</i> 2
	time (min)	Supercoiled	Nicked	Linear			
50	10	0.296	0.680	0.024	1.193	0.025	48.099
50	20	0.207	0.734	0.059	1.512	0.063	24.173
70	28	0.185	0.745	0.071	1.615	0.076	21.232
70	35	0.447	0.531	0.022	0.784	0.023	34.655
70	42	0.327	0.596	0.077	1.037	0.083	12.512
250	12	0.282	0.675	0.044	1.223	0.046	26.855
250	18	0.150	0.745	0.105	1.786	0.117	15.258



**Fig. S8.**



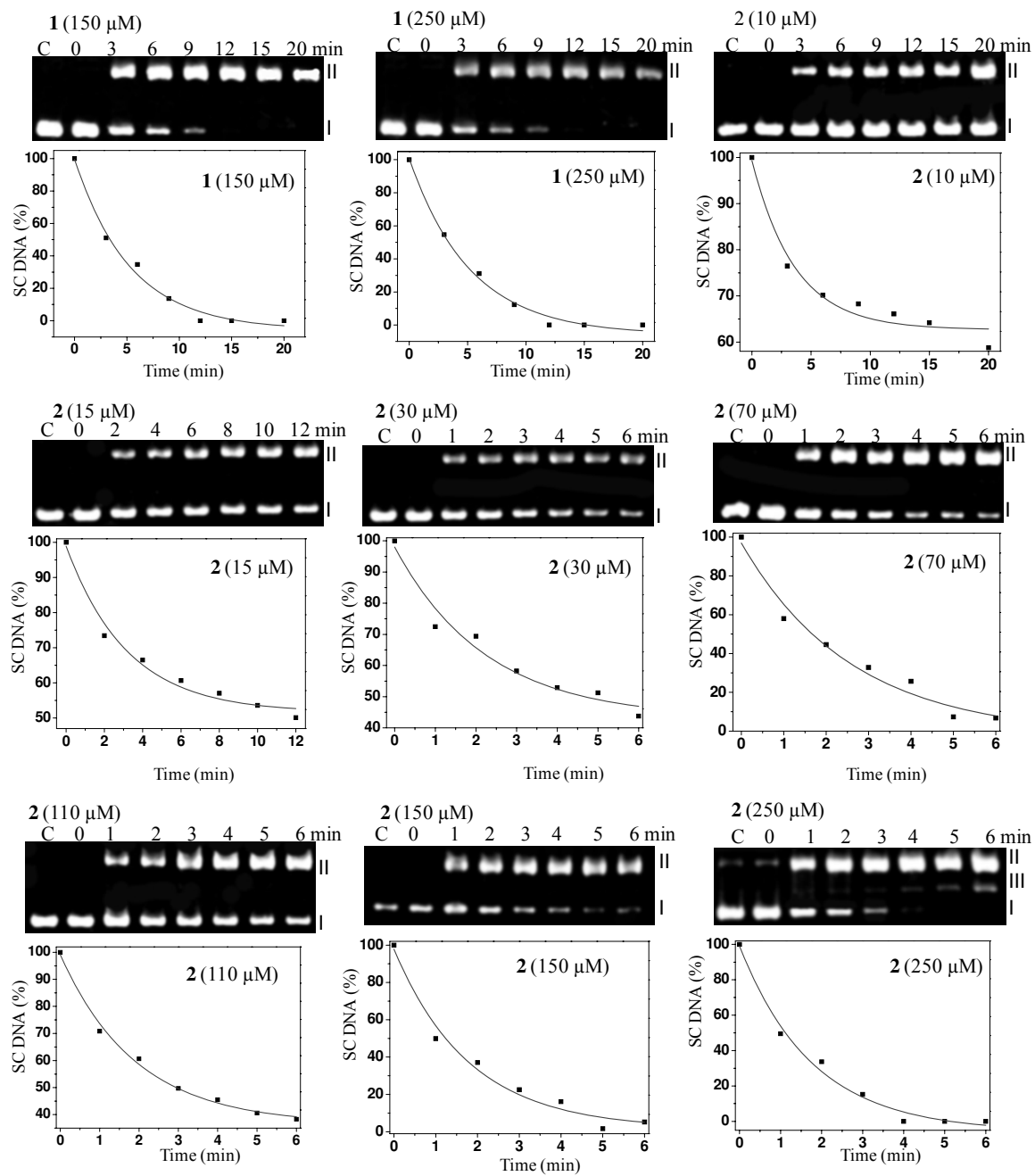


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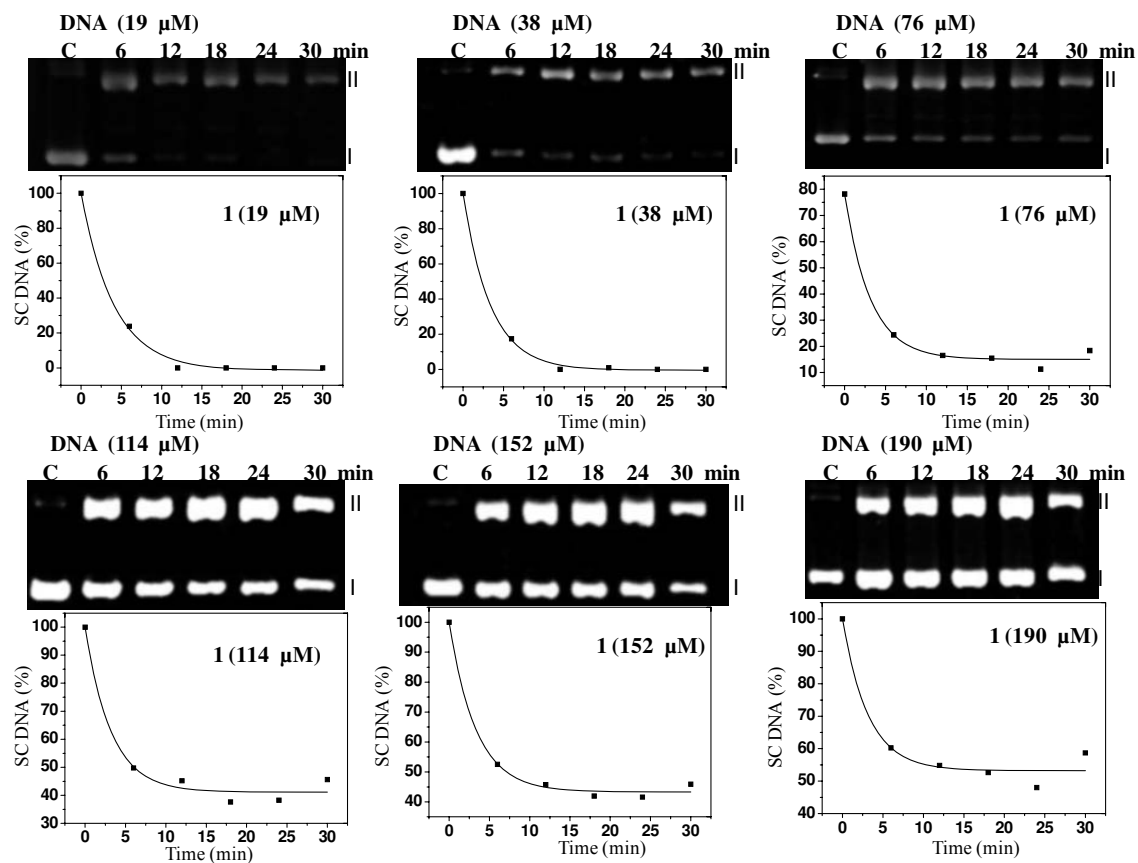
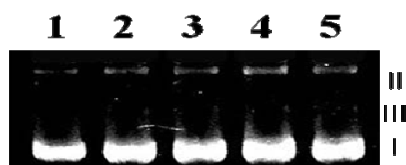
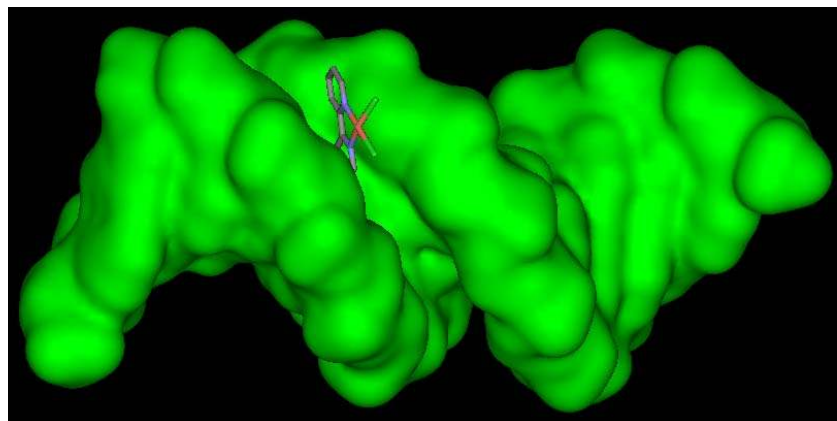


Fig. S10.



**Fig. S11.**





**Fig. S12.**