

# Polycationic Monomeric and Homodimeric Asymmetric Monomethine Cyanine dyes with Hydroxypropyl Functionality – Strong Affinity Nucleic Acids Binders

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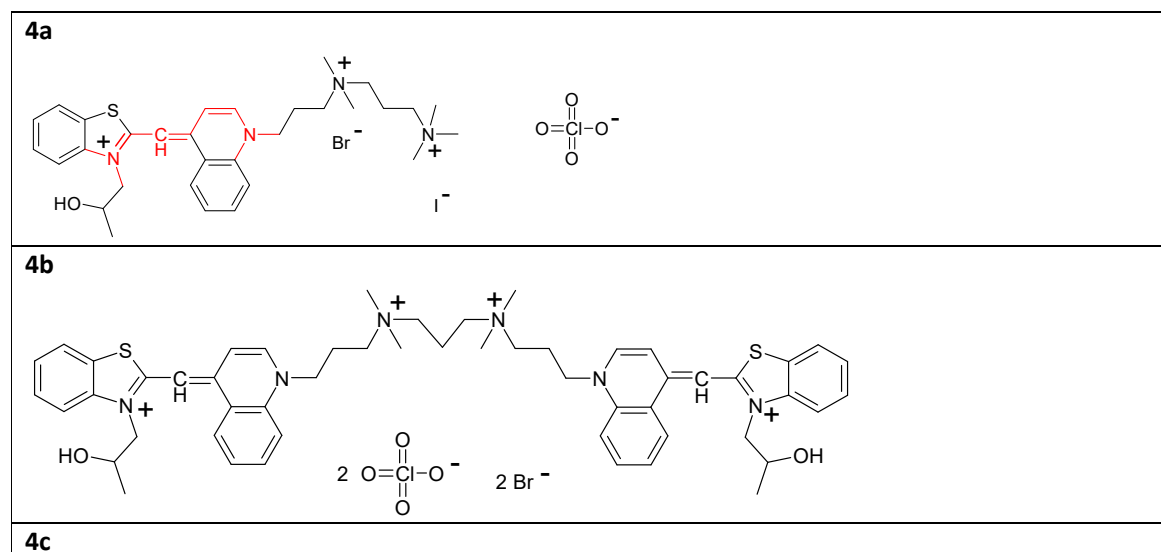
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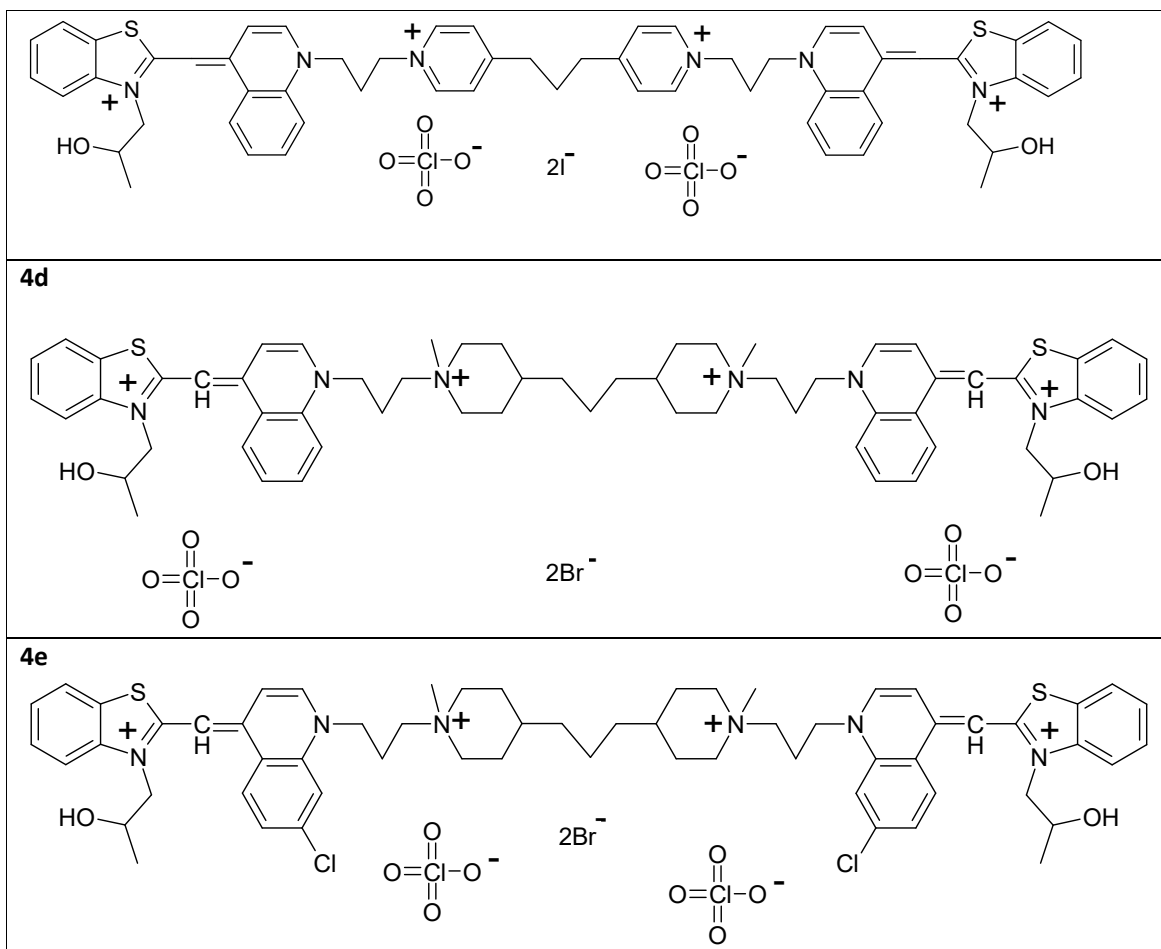
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## Supporting Information

1. Spectroscopic properties of **4a-4e** compounds
2. Interactions of **4a-4e** compounds with DNA/RNA
3. Biology

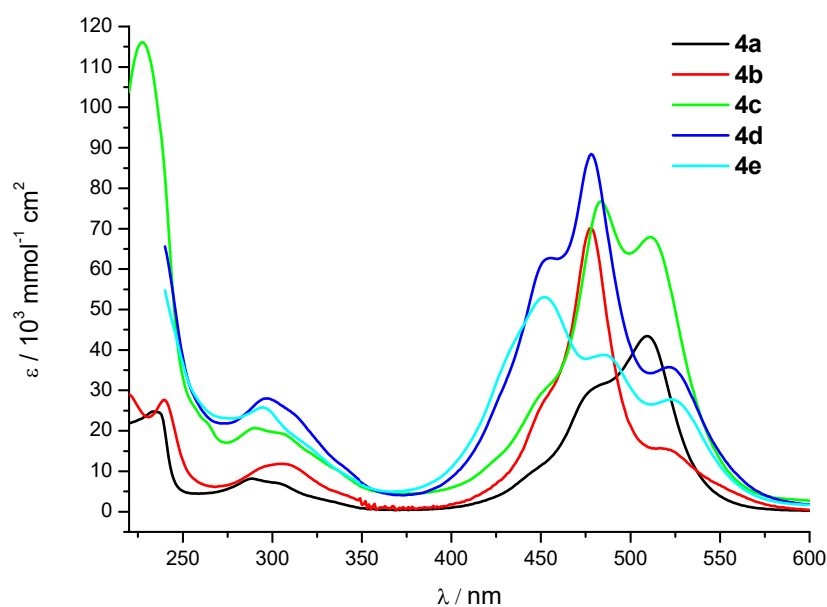




Scheme S1. Structures of examined **4a-4e** compounds

### 1. Spectroscopic properties of **4a-4e** compounds

Absorption maxima and corresponding molar extinction coefficients ( $\epsilon$ ) are given in Table S1 and Figure S1.



**Figure S1.** UV/Vis spectra of **4a-4e** at pH=7, sodium cacodylate/HCl buffer,  $I = 0.05 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ .

**Table S1.** Electronic absorption data of **4a-4e** (Sodium cacodylate buffer,  $I = 0.05 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ , pH = 7.)

	$\lambda_{\text{max}} / \text{nm}$	$\varepsilon / \text{mmol}^{-1} \text{cm}^2$
<b>4a</b>	235	25062
	478	31079
	509	44971
<b>4b</b>	239	34818
	478	70024
	509	15982
<b>4c</b>	227	115617
	484	76515
	511	67971
<b>4d</b>	296	28848
	455	63848
	478	84394
	521	36220
<b>4e</b>	294	25736
	452	53588
	486	39230
	523	27929

## 2. Study of interactions of **4a - 4e** with ds-DNA and ds-RNA in aqueous media

Table S2. Groove widths and depths for selected nucleic acid conformations<sup>1</sup>

	Groove width [Å]		Groove depth [Å]	
	minor	major	minor	major

<sup>a</sup> poly dAdT – poly dAdT	6.3	11.2	7.5	8.5
<sup>a</sup> poly dA – poly dT	3.3	11.4	7.9	7.5
<sup>b</sup> poly rA- poly rU	10.9	3.8	2.8	13.5
<sup>a</sup> poly dGdC – poly dGdC	9.5	13.5	7.2	10.0

<sup>a</sup> B-helical structure (e.g. B-DNA); <sup>b</sup> A-helical structure (e.g. A-DNA or A-RNA).

## 2.1. Thermal melting experiments

All thermal melting experiments were performed sodium cacodylate buffer, pH = 7.0,  $I = 0.05 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ;  $c$  (polynucleotide) =  $1-2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$

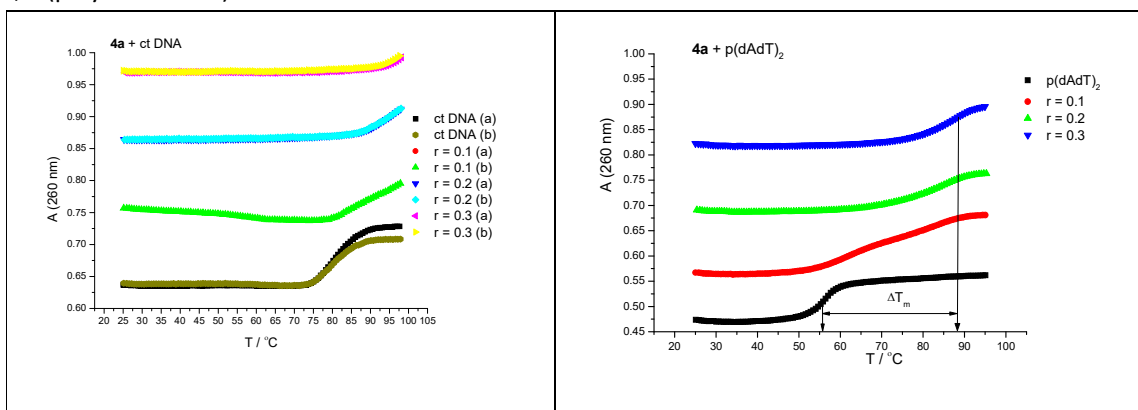


Figure S2. Normalized melting curves of ct DNA (left) and poly dAdT – poly dAdT (right) upon addition of **4a** (ratios  $r = [\text{compound}] / [\text{polynucleotide}]$  indicated in the graph legend).

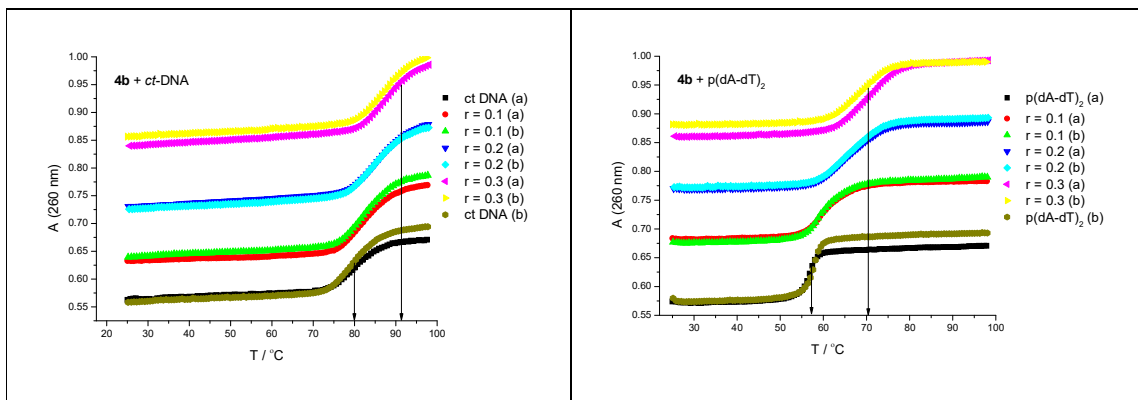


Figure S3. Normalized melting curves of ct DNA (left) and poly dAdT – poly dAdT (right) upon addition of **4b** (ratios  $r = [\text{compound}] / [\text{polynucleotide}]$  indicated in the graph legend).

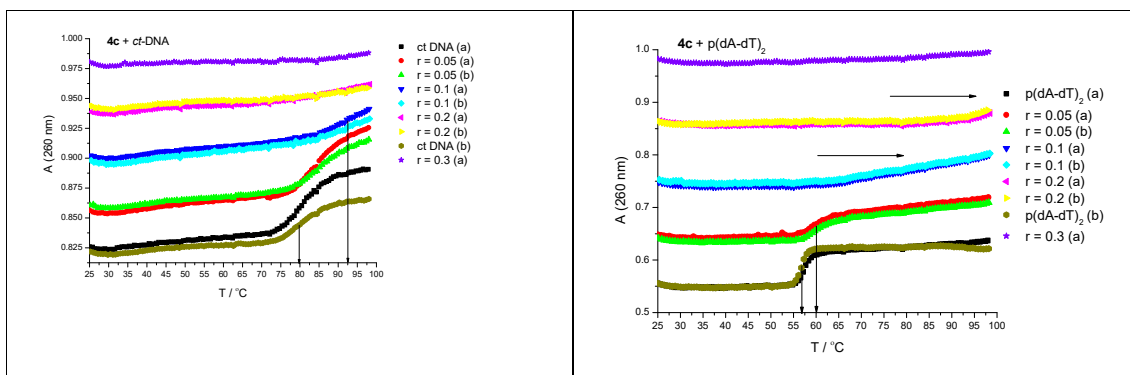


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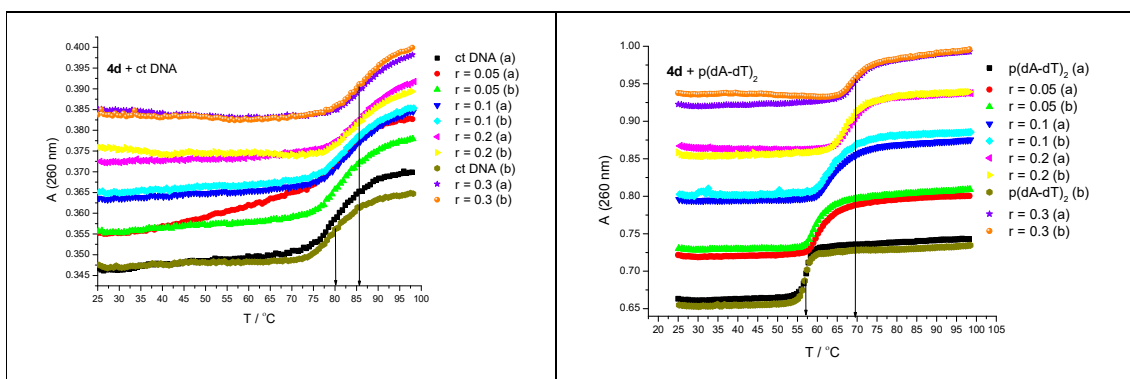


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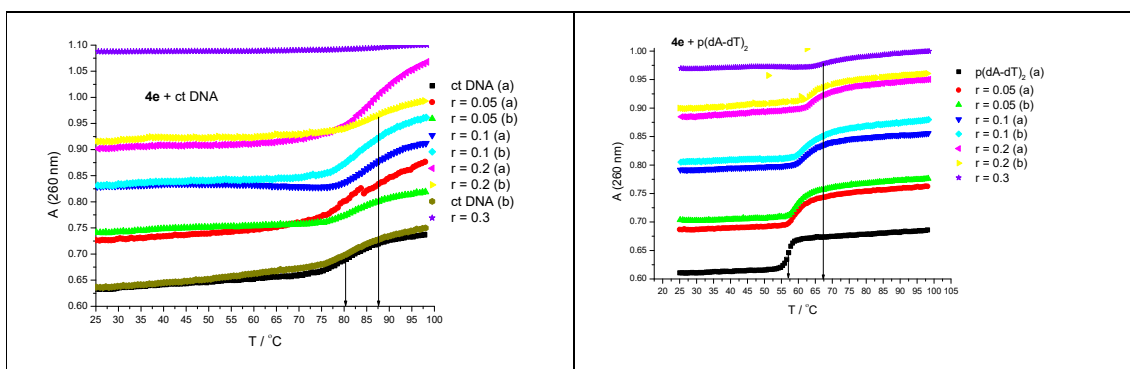


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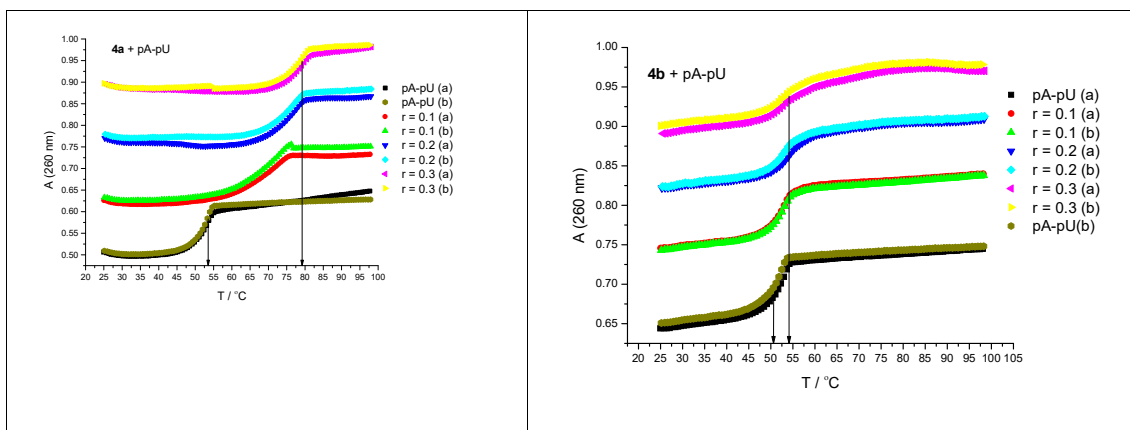


Figure S7. Normalized melting curves of poly rA – poly rU upon addition of **4a** (left) and **4b** (right) (ratios  $r=[\text{compound}] / [\text{polynucleotide}]$  indicated in the graph legend).

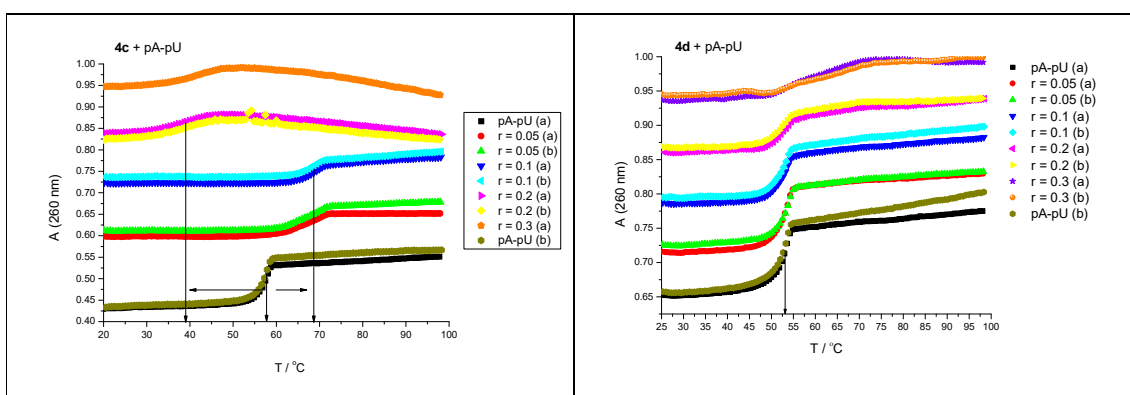


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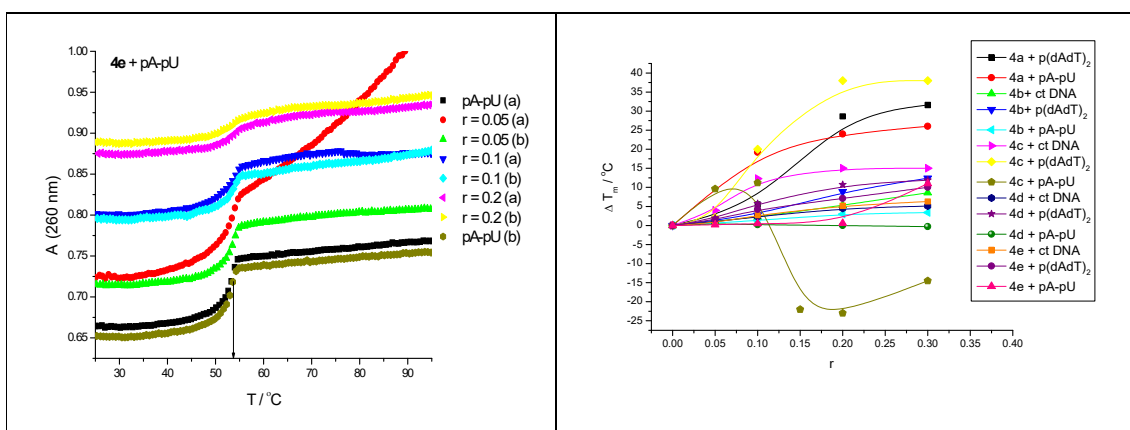
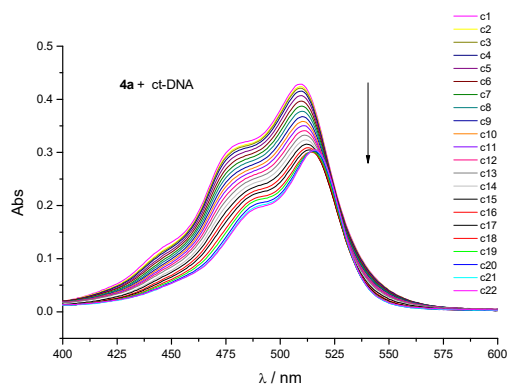


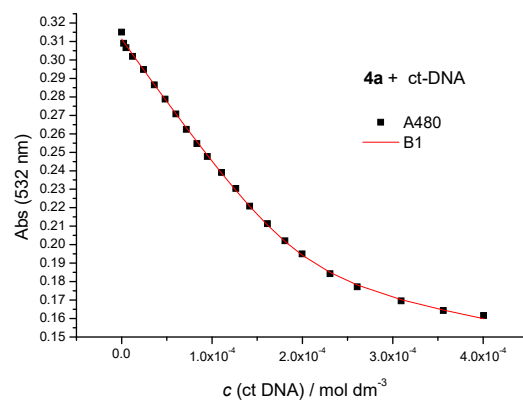
Figure S9. Left: Normalized melting curves of poly rA – poly rU upon addition of **4e** (ratios  $r=[\text{compound}] / [\text{polynucleotide}]$  indicated in the graph legend). Right: Correlation of  $\Delta T_m$  values and ratios  $r_{[\text{compound}] / [\text{polynucleotide}]}$  for complexes of examined compounds with different polynucleotides.

## 2.2. Spectrophotometric titrations

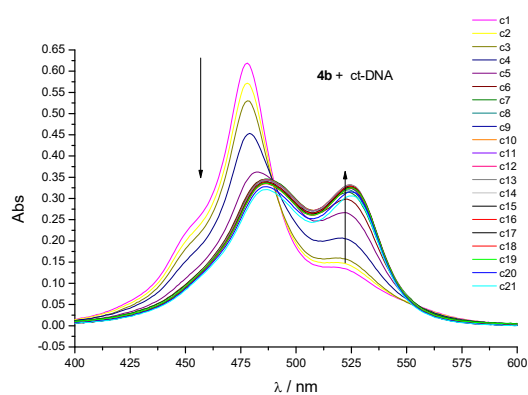
Addition of *ct*-DNA resulted in strong bathochromic and hypochromic effects of UV/Vis spectra of studied compounds (Figure S10, spectral changes observed in UV/Vis titrations for all compounds are summarized in Table S3). All UV-Vis titrations were performed at pH=7, sodium cacodylate buffer,  $I = 0.05 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ .



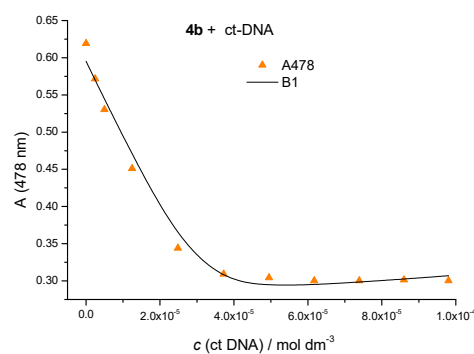
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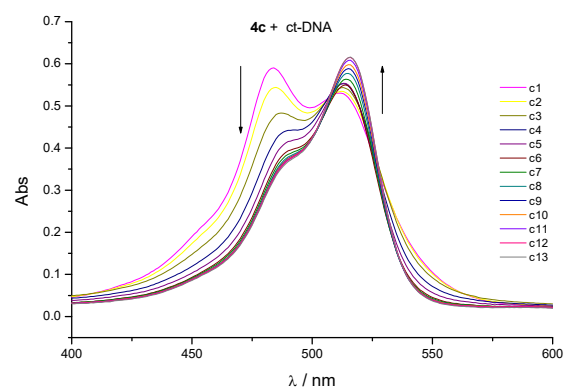
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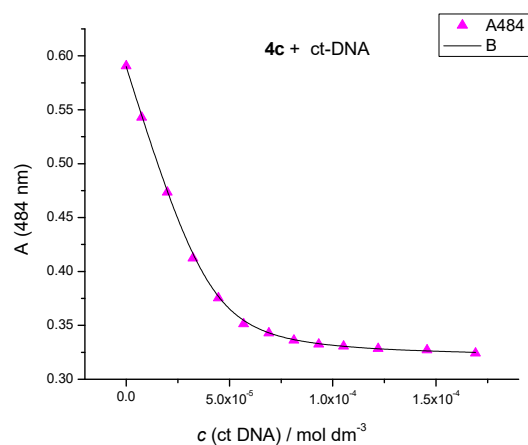
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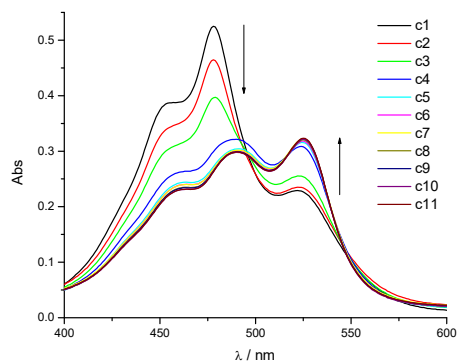
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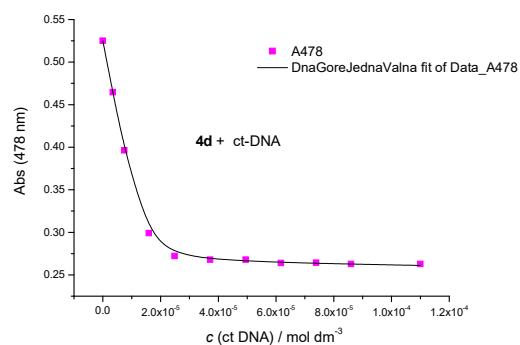
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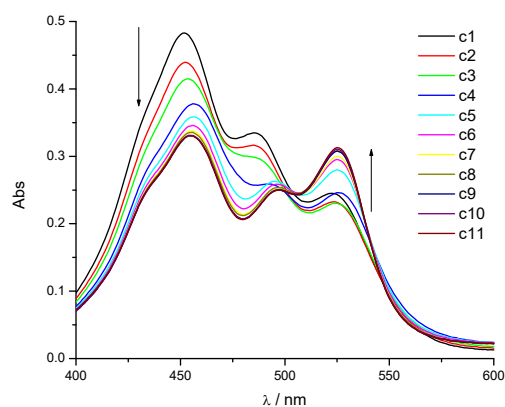
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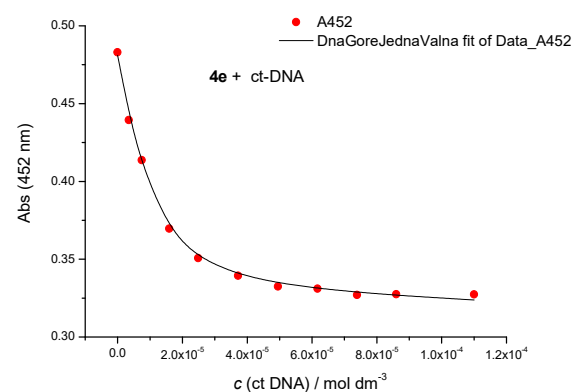
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Figure S10. Changes in UV-Vis spectra upon addition of *ct*-DNA: a1) UV/Vis titration of **4a** ( $c = 1.11 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ); a2) changes in UV/Vis spectra of **4a** at  $\lambda = 480 \text{ nm}$  b1) UV/Vis titration of **4b** ( $c = 8.03 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ); b2) Changes in UV/Vis spectra of **4b** at  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 519 \text{ nm}$ ; c1) UV/Vis titration of **4c** ( $c = 7.41 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ); c2) Changes in UV/Vis spectra of **4c** at  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 484 \text{ nm}$ , d1) UV/Vis titration of **4d** ( $c = 8.03 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ); d2) Changes in UV/Vis spectra of **4d** at  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 478 \text{ nm}$ ; e1) UV/Vis titration of **4e** ( $c = 9 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ); e2) Changes in UV/Vis spectra of **4e** at  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 452 \text{ nm}$ .

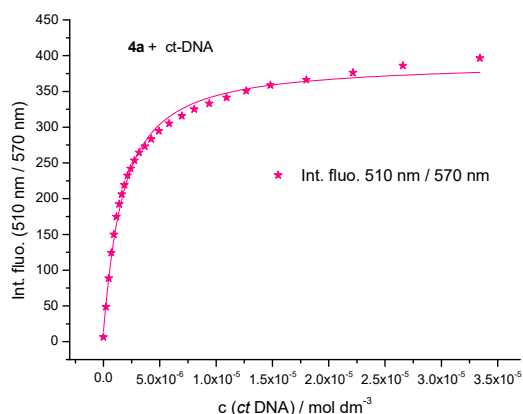
Table S3. Apparent stability constants ( $\log K_s$ )<sup>a</sup>, ratios  $n^a = [\text{bound compounds}] / [\text{polynucleotide}]$  and spectroscopic properties of complexes of **4a** - **4e** with *ct*-DNA calculated according to UV-Vis titrations (Na-cacodylate buffer,  $c = 0.05 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ,  $\text{pH} = 7.0$ ,  $\lambda = 400\text{-}600 \text{ nm}$ ,  $c(\mathbf{4a}) \approx 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ).

	$\log K_s$	$n$	$\Delta A (\%)^b$	$\Delta \lambda / \text{nm}^c$
<b>4a</b>	6.28	0.05	-40%	+7
<b>4b</b>	5.99	0.26	-50%	+10
<b>4c</b>	6.37	0.18	-44%	+10
<b>4d</b>	6.65	0.42	-50%	+12
<b>4e</b>	6.02	0.28	-50%	+4

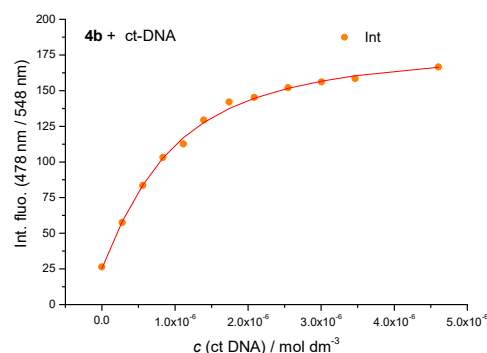
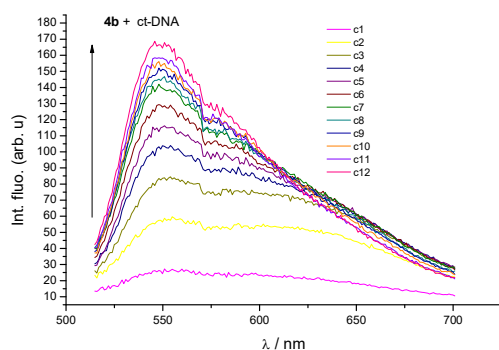


<sup>a</sup>Titration data were processed using Scatchard equation<sup>2</sup>; coefficients of correlation were >0.989-0.999 for all calculated  $K_s$ ; <sup>b</sup>Changes of absorbance of compounds **4a** - **4e** induced by complex formation ( $\Delta A = 100 \times (A_{lim} - A_0) / A_0$ ;  $A_0$  is calculated absorbance of examined compound, while  $A_{lim}$  is calculated absorbance of complex); <sup>c</sup>Changes of wavelength of absorbance maxima  $\Delta\lambda = \lambda_{max}(\text{complex}) - \lambda_{max}(\text{pure compound})$ ; referring to absorption maxima 478-485 nm.

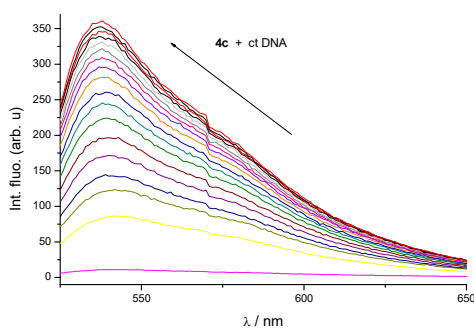
All fluorimetric titrations (Figure S11-Figure S17) were performed at pH=7, sodium cacodylate buffer,  $I = 0.05 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  at the wavelength range ( $\lambda_{exc}=480\text{-}510 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{em}=525\text{-}650 \text{ nm}$ ) significantly distanced from the absorbance range of the DNA/RNA ( $\lambda=220\text{-}300 \text{ nm}$ ). Stability constants (manuscript, Table 2) and calculated intensities were obtained by means of Scatchard equation<sup>2</sup>.



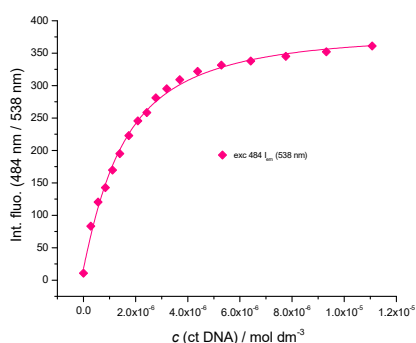
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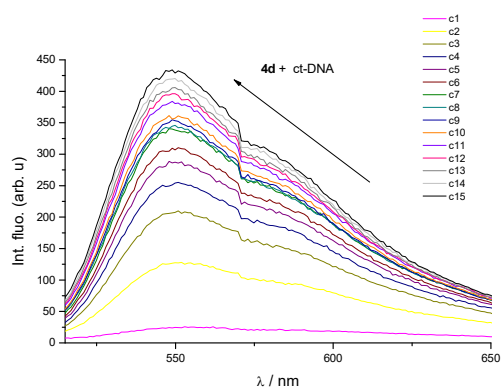
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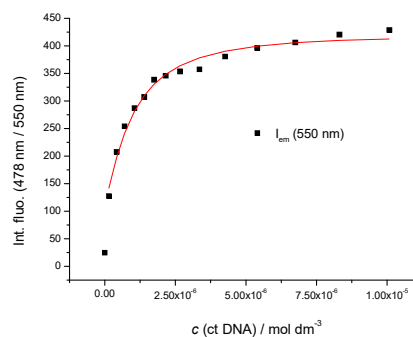
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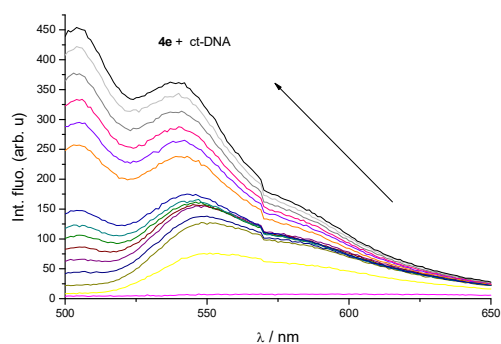
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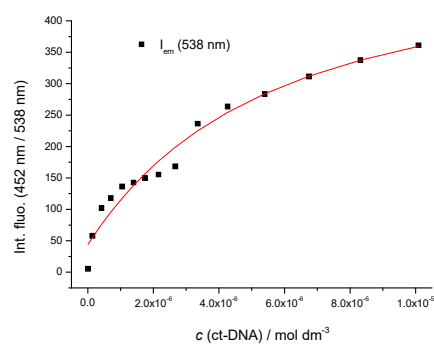
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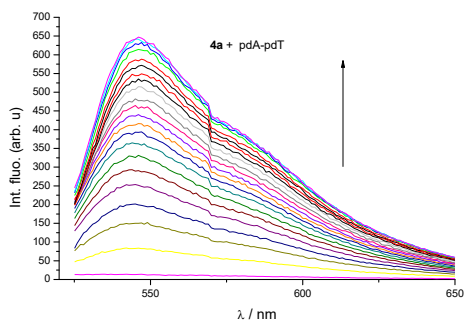
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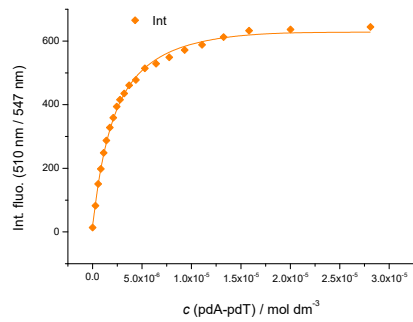
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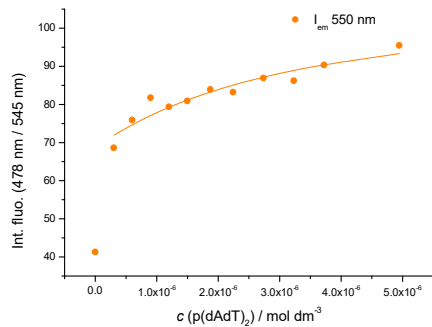
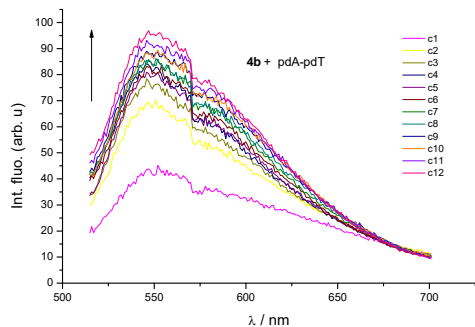
Figure S11. Fluorimetric titration of **4a-4e** compounds ( $c = 1.3\text{--}1.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) with **ct-DNA**: a1) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4a** at  $\lambda_{em} = 570 \text{ nm}$  **4a** ( $\lambda_{exc} = 510 \text{ nm}$ ); b1) Fluorimetric titration of **4b** ( $\lambda_{exc} = 478 \text{ nm}$ ); b2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4b** at  $\lambda = 548 \text{ nm}$ ; c1) **4c** ( $\lambda_{exc} = 484 \text{ nm}$ ); c2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4c** at  $\lambda = 538 \text{ nm}$ ; d1) **4d** ( $\lambda_{exc} = 484 \text{ nm}$ ); d2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4d** at  $\lambda = 550 \text{ nm}$ ; e1) **4e** ( $\lambda_{exc} = 452 \text{ nm}$ ) e2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4e** at  $\lambda = 538 \text{ nm}$



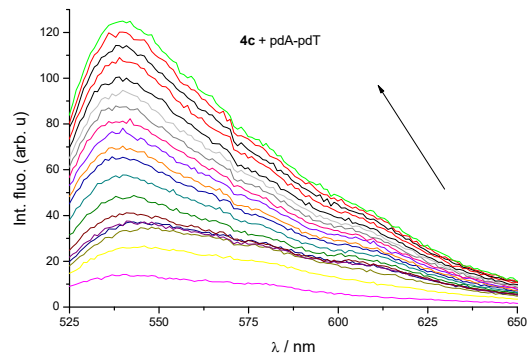
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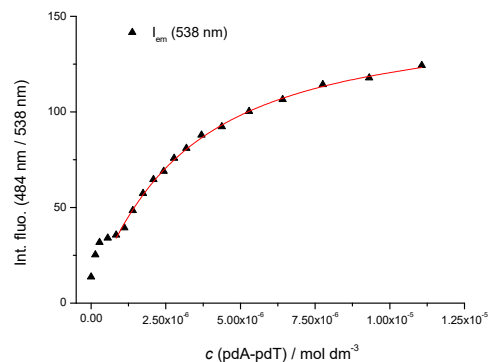
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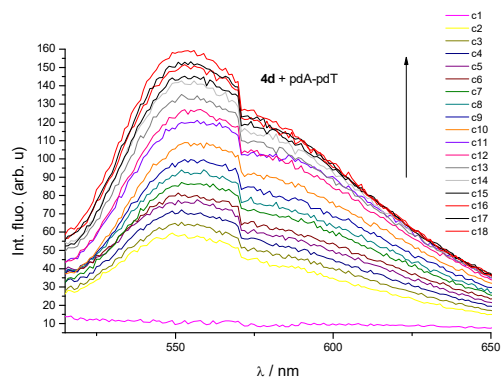
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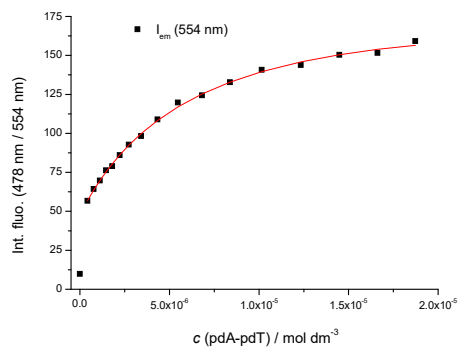
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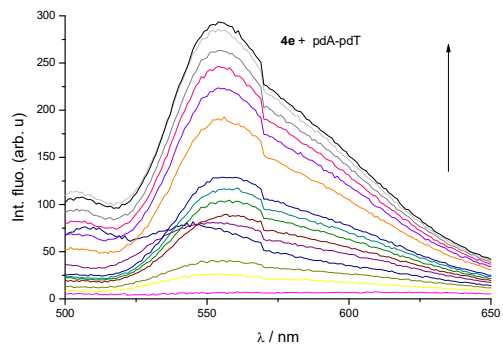
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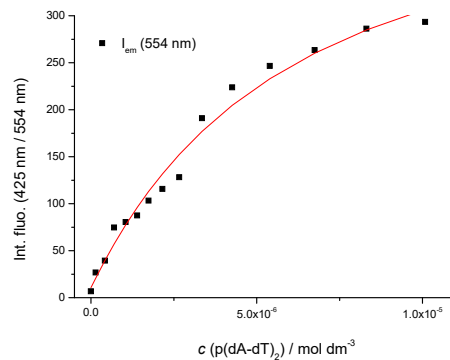
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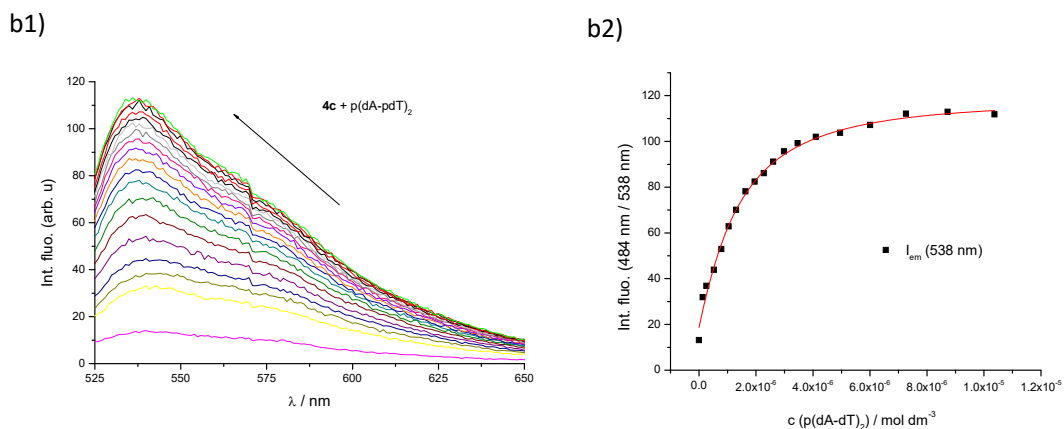
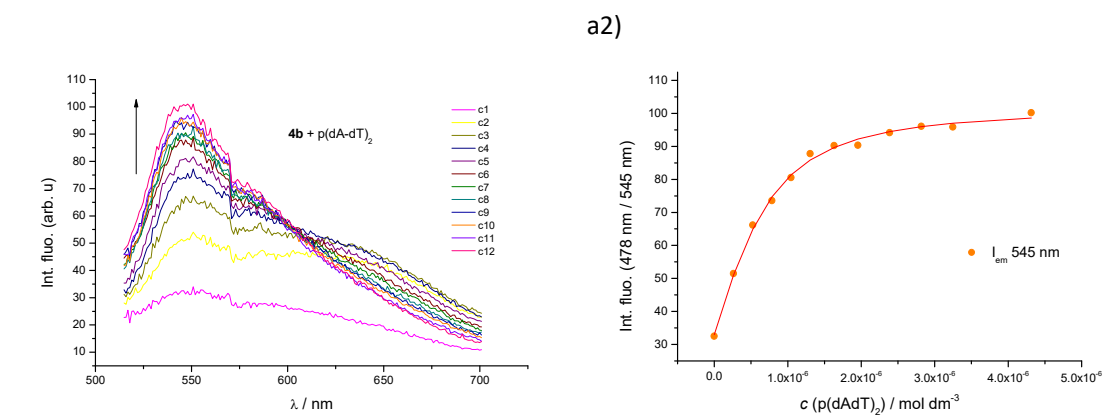
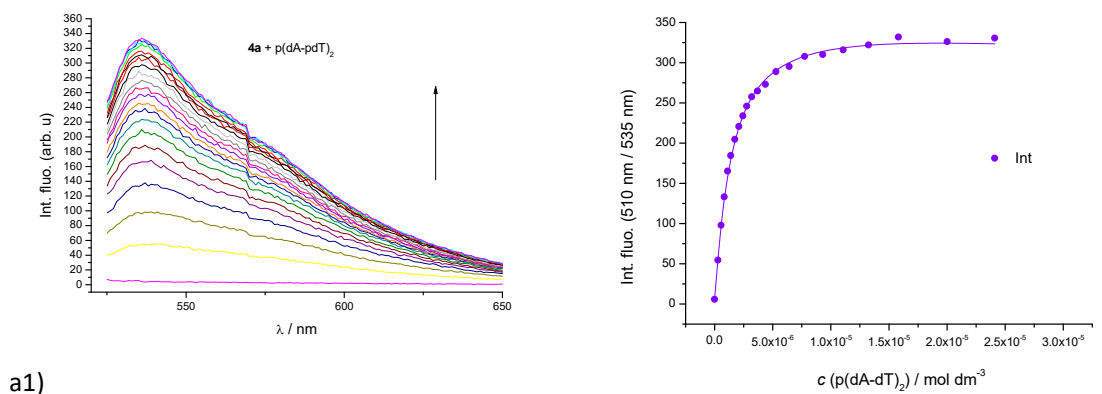
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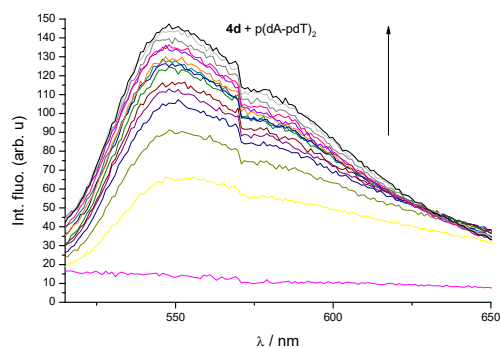


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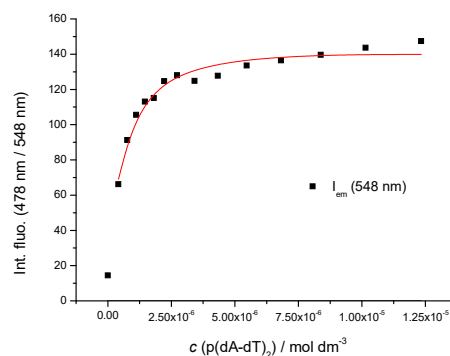
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Figure S12. Fluorimetric titration of **4a-4e** compounds ( $c = 1.3-1.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) with **poly dA – poly dT**: a1) **4a** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=510 \text{ nm}$ ); a2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4a** at  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 547 \text{ nm}$ ; b1) Fluorimetric titration of **4b** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=478 \text{ nm}$ ); b2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4b** at  $\lambda = 545 \text{ nm}$ ; c1) **4c** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=484 \text{ nm}$ ); c2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4c** at  $\lambda = 538 \text{ nm}$ ; d1) **4d** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=484 \text{ nm}$ ); d2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4d** at  $\lambda = 554 \text{ nm}$ ; e1) **4e** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=452 \text{ nm}$ ) e2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4e** at  $\lambda = 554 \text{ nm}$

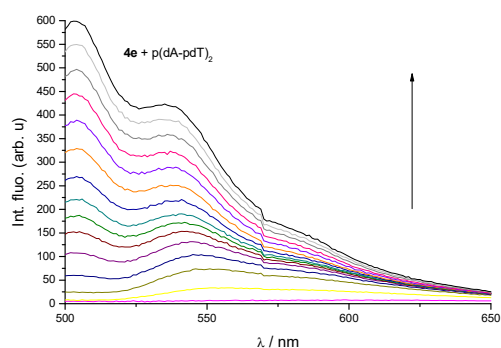




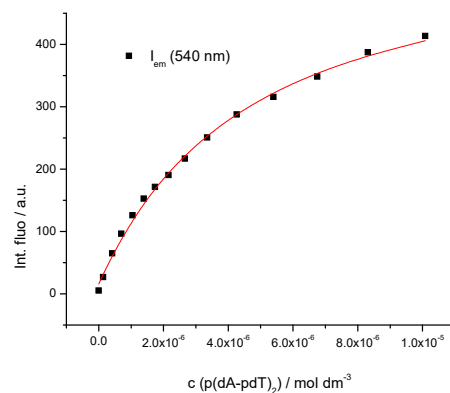
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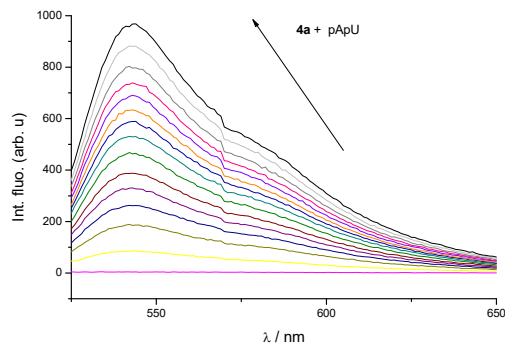
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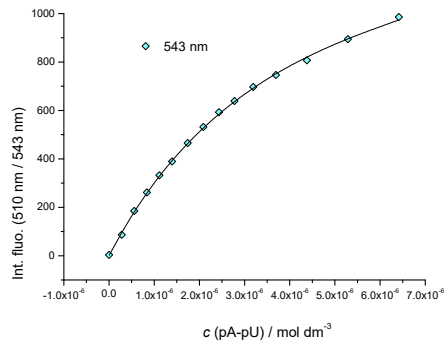
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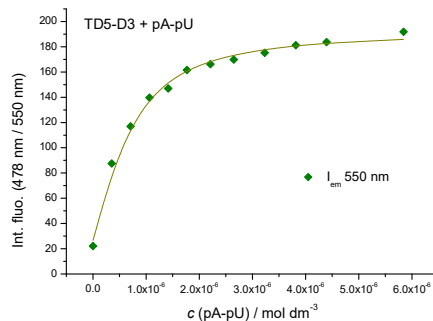
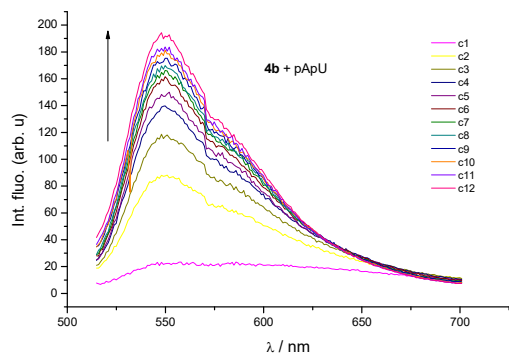
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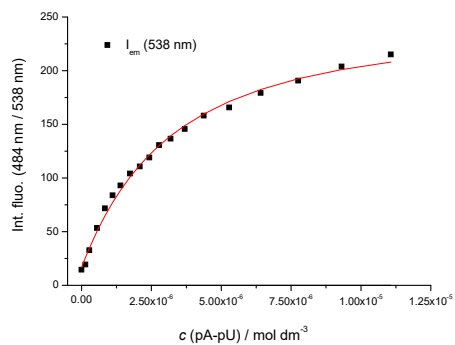
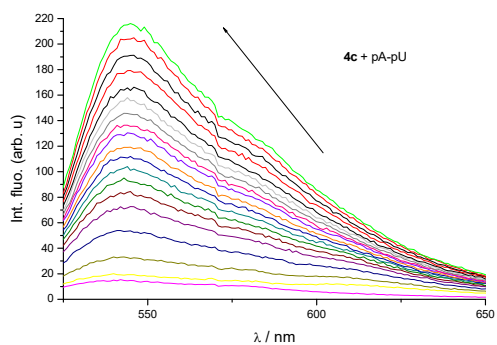


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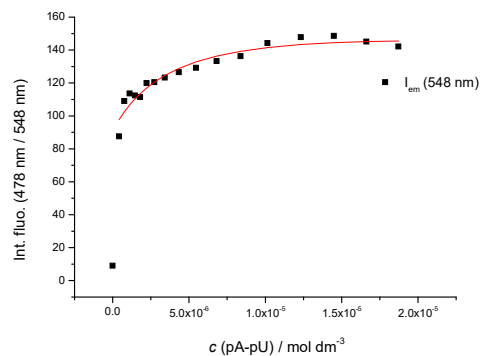
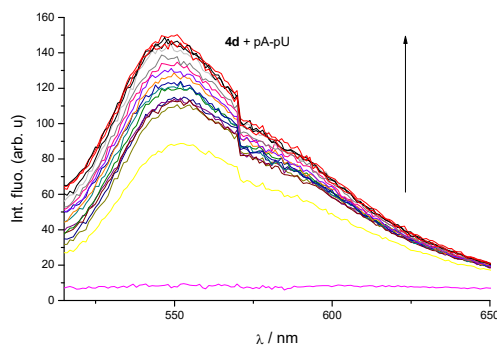
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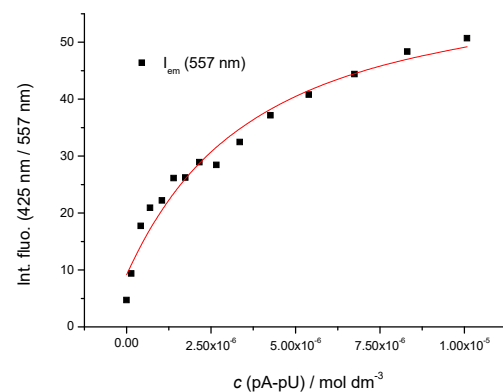
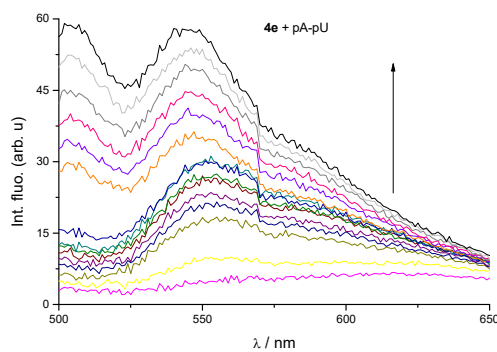
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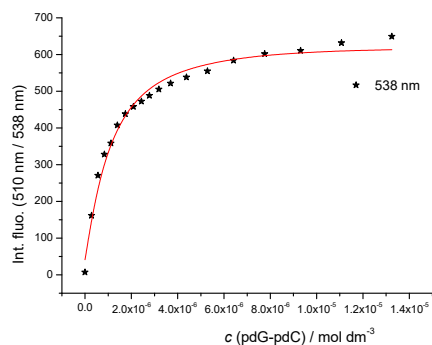
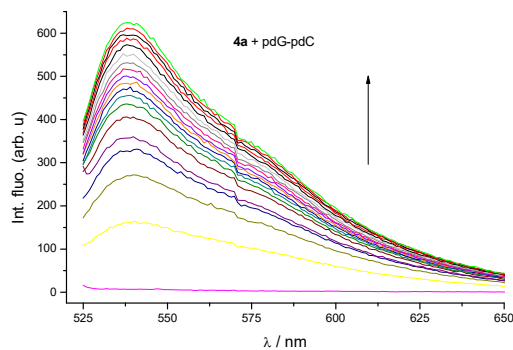
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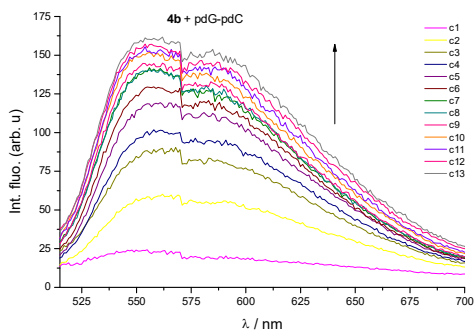
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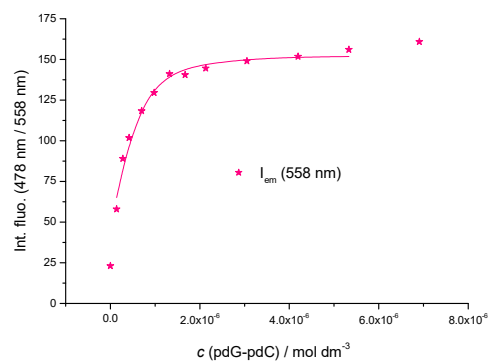
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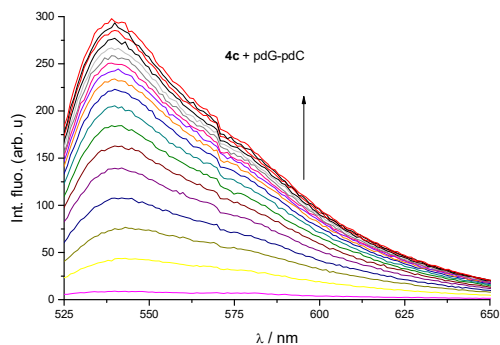
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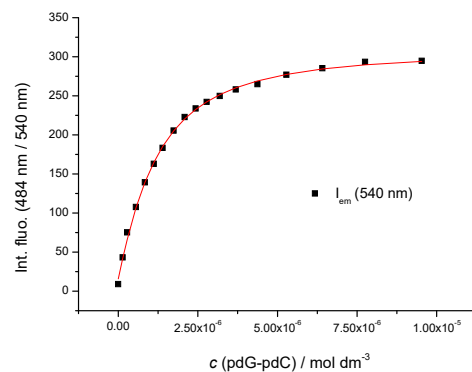
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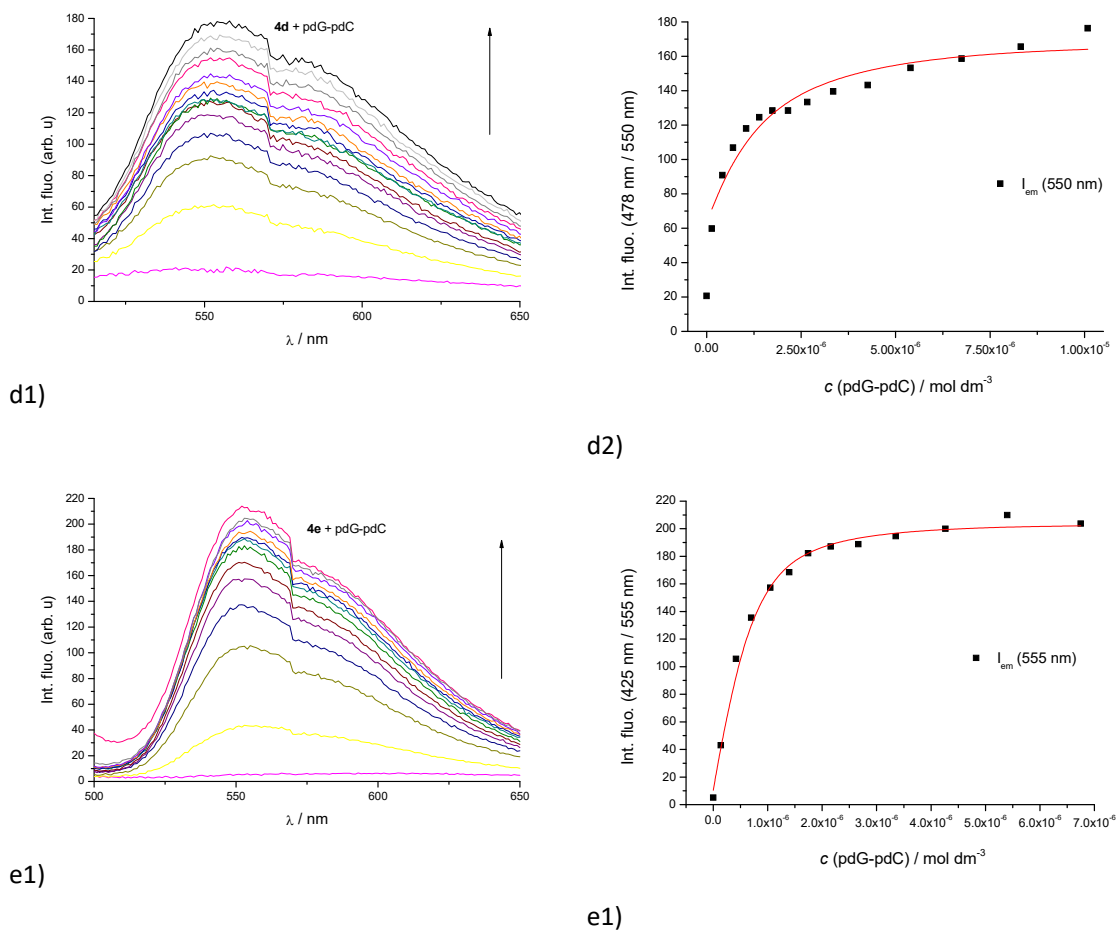
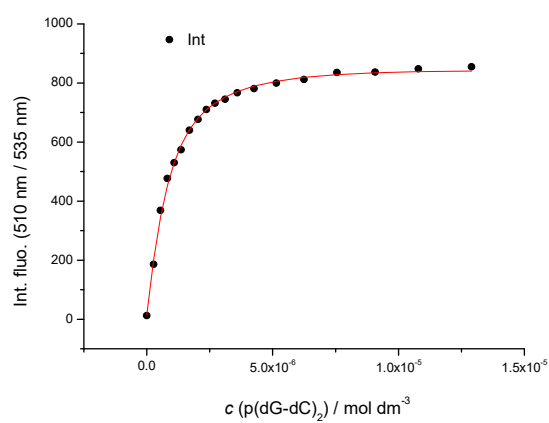
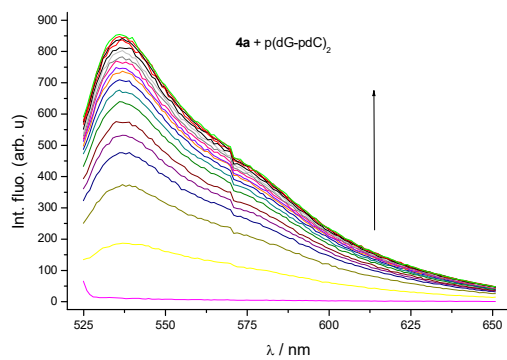


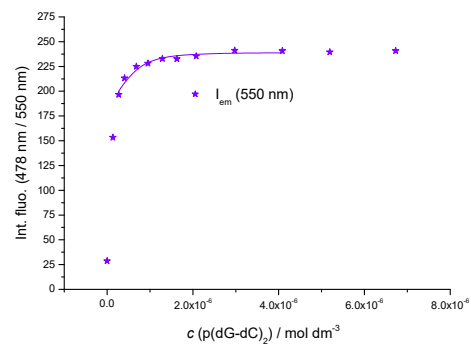
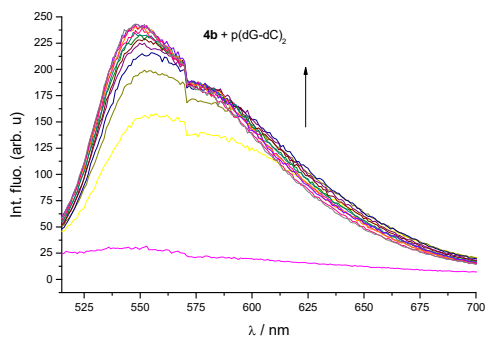
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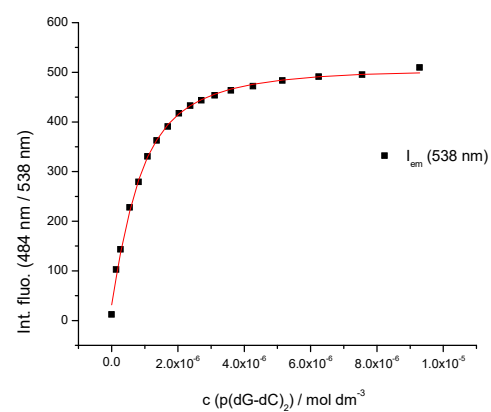
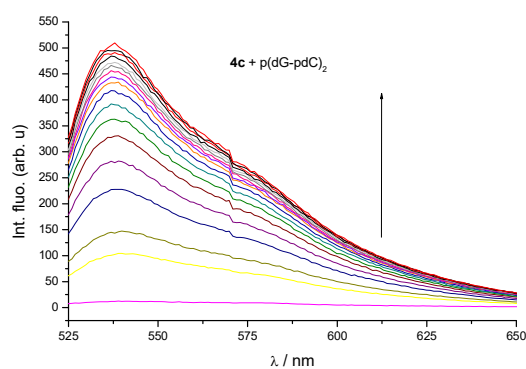
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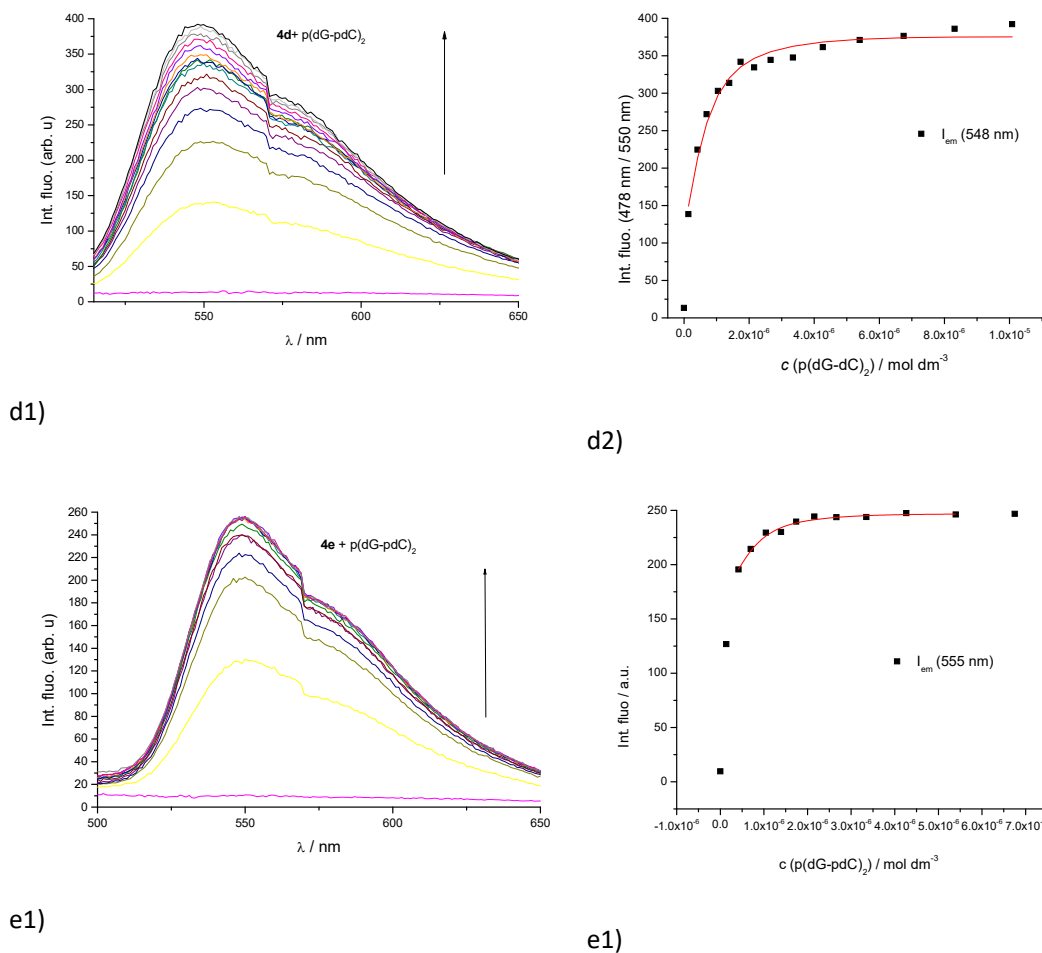
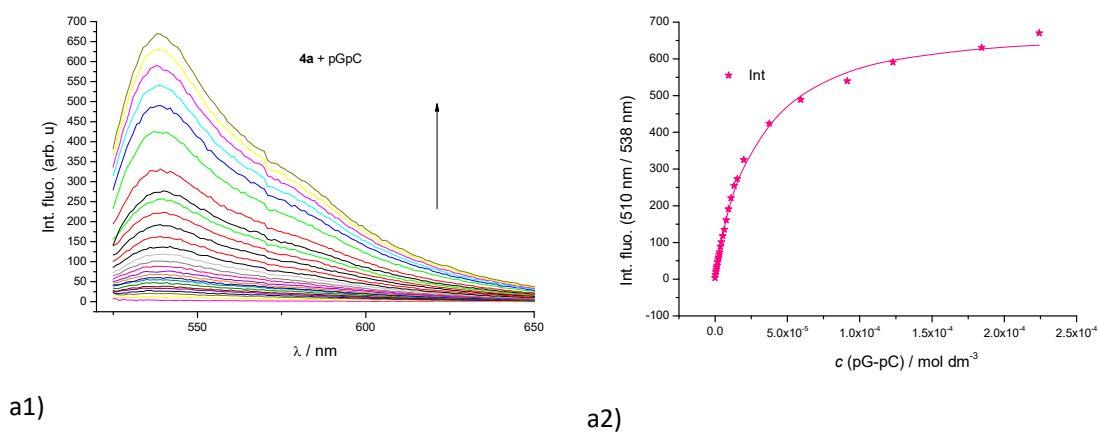
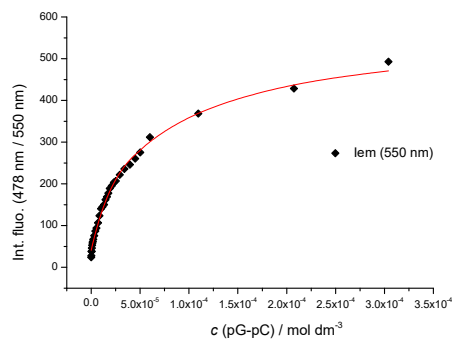
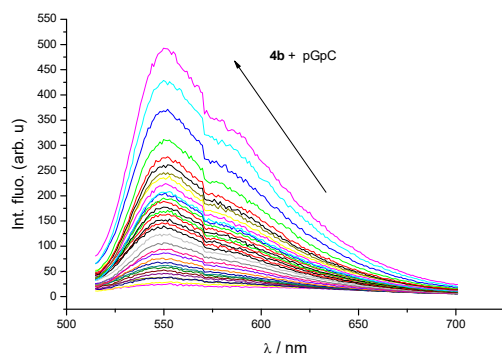
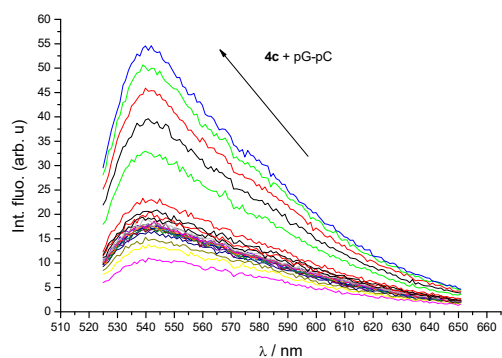


Figure S16. Fluorimetric titration of **4a-4e** compounds ( $c = 1.3\text{-}1.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) with **polydGdC** – **poly dGdC**: a1) **4a** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=510 \text{ nm}$ ); a2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4a** at  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 535 \text{ nm}$ ; b1) Fluorimetric titration of **4b** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=478 \text{ nm}$ ); b2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4b** at  $\lambda = 550 \text{ nm}$ ; c1) **4c** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=484 \text{ nm}$ ); c2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4c** at  $\lambda = 538 \text{ nm}$ ; d1) **4d** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=484 \text{ nm}$ ); d2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4d** at  $\lambda = 548 \text{ nm}$ ; e1) **4e** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=452 \text{ nm}$ ) e2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4e** at  $\lambda = 555 \text{ nm}$

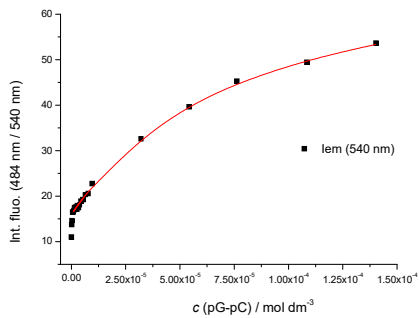




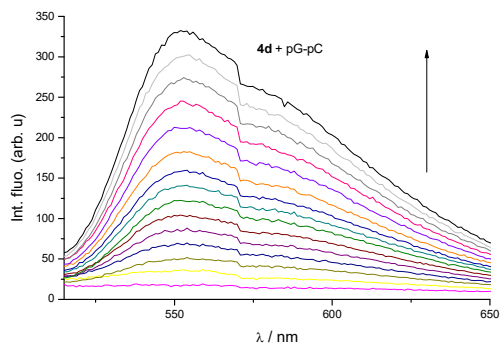
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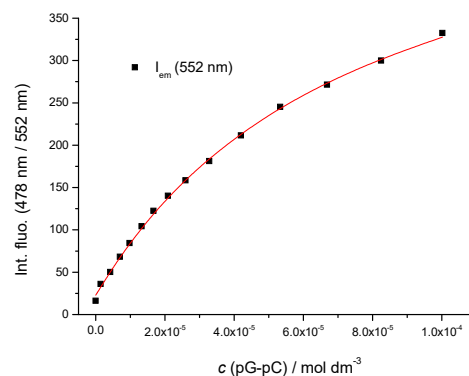
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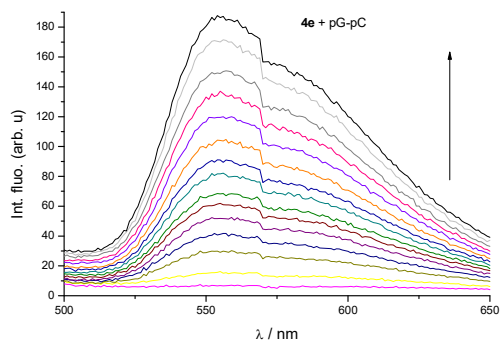
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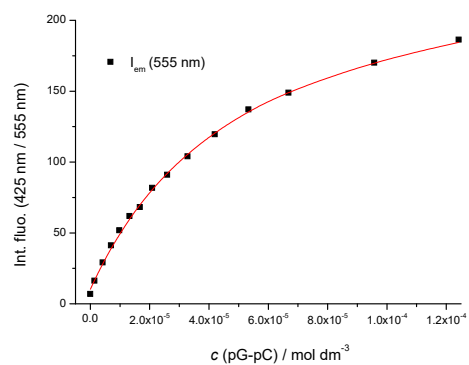
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Figure S17. Fluorimetric titration of **4a-4e** compounds ( $c = 1.3-1.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) with **poly rG – poly rC**: a1) **4a** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=510 \text{ nm}$ ); a2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4a** at  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 538 \text{ nm}$ ; b1) Fluorimetric titration of **4b** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=478 \text{ nm}$ ); b2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4b** at  $\lambda = 550 \text{ nm}$ ; c1) **4c** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=484 \text{ nm}$ ); c2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4c** at  $\lambda = 538 \text{ nm}$ ; d1) **4d** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=484 \text{ nm}$ ); d2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4d** at  $\lambda = 548 \text{ nm}$ ; e1) **4e** ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=452 \text{ nm}$ ) e2) Experimental (●) and calculated (–) fluorescence intensities of **4e** at  $\lambda = 555 \text{ nm}$

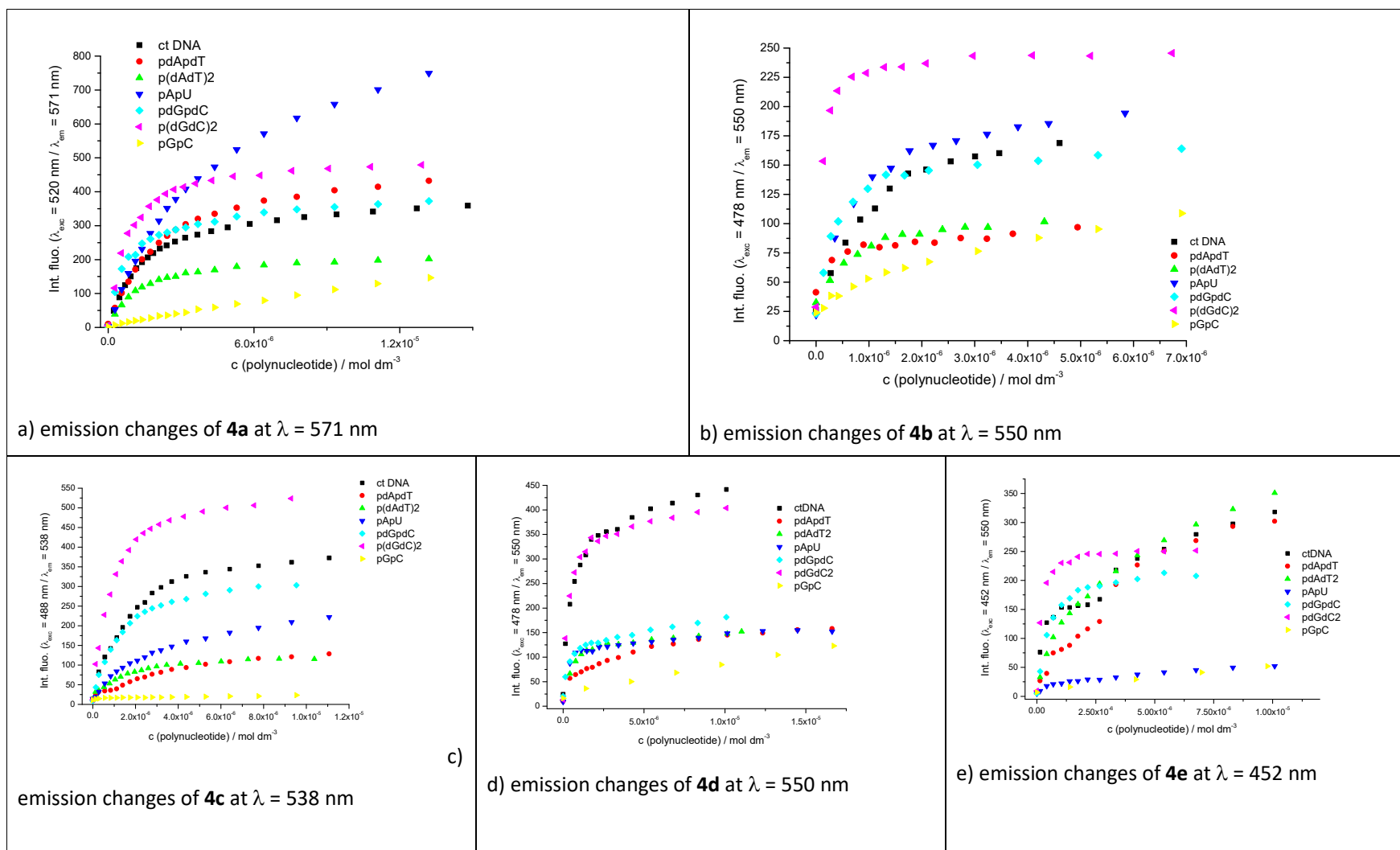
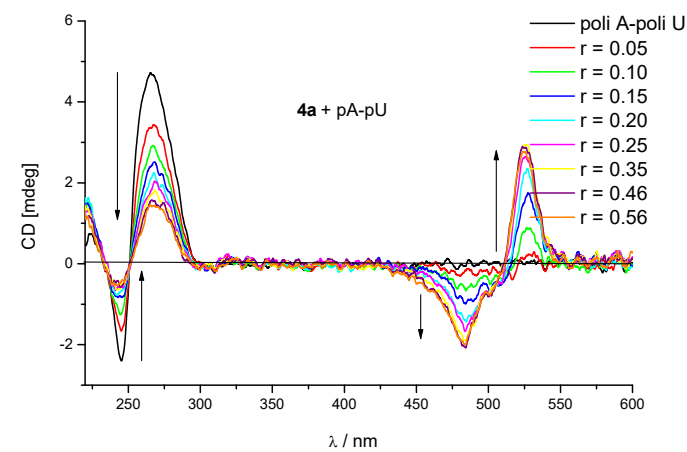
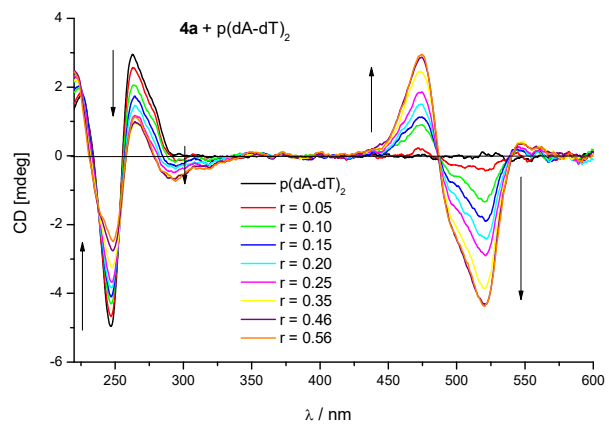
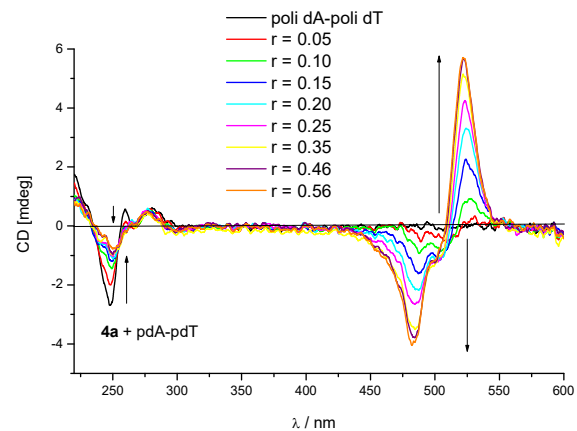
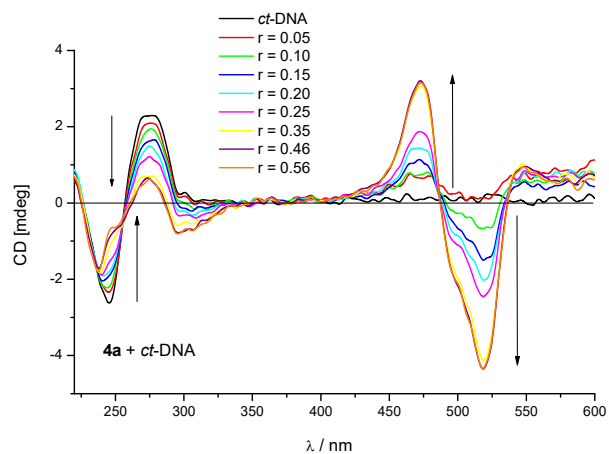


Figure S18. Changes of fluorescence emission at emission maxima of a) **4a** ( $c = 1.3 \times 10^{-7}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>); b) **4b** ( $c = 1.3 \times 10^{-7}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>); c) **4c** ( $c = 1.48 \times 10^{-7}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>); d) **4d** ( $c = 1.34 \times 10^{-7}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>); e) **4e** ( $c = 1.34 \times 10^{-7}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>) upon addition of ds-polynucleotides of at pH 7 (Na-cacodylate buffer, pH = 7.0,  $I=0.05$  M)

### 2.3. Circular dichroism (CD) experiments



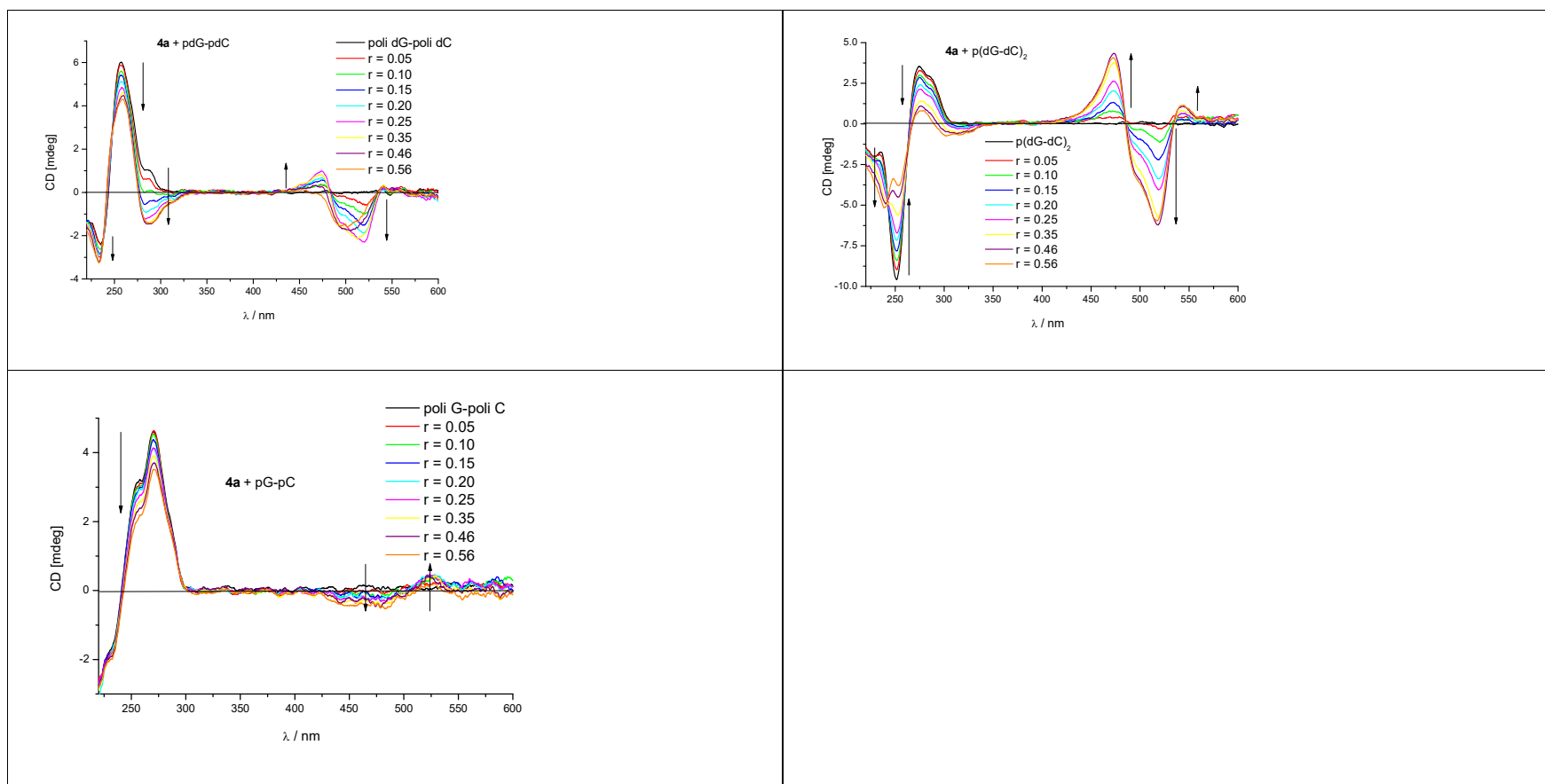
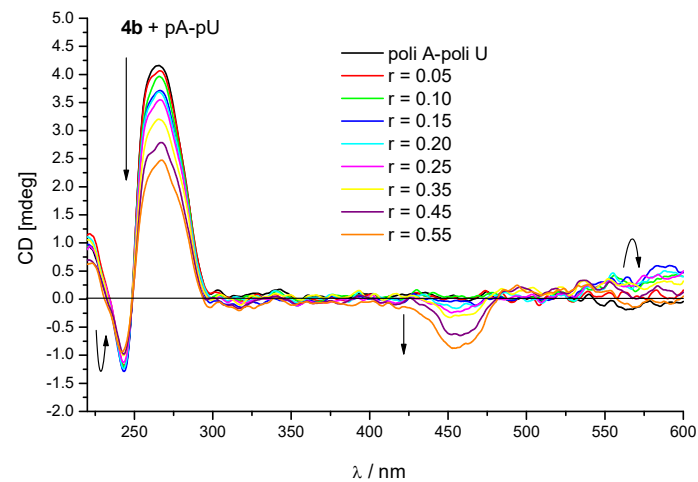
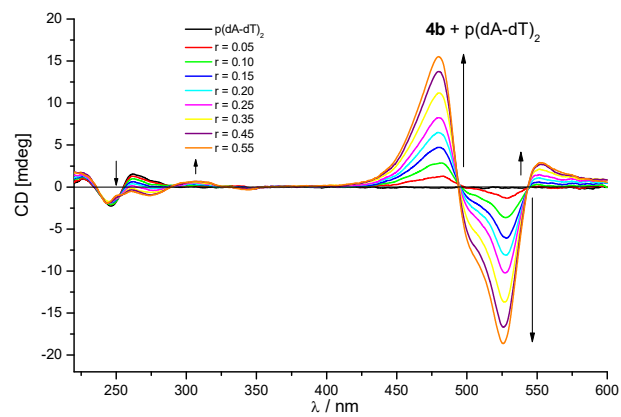
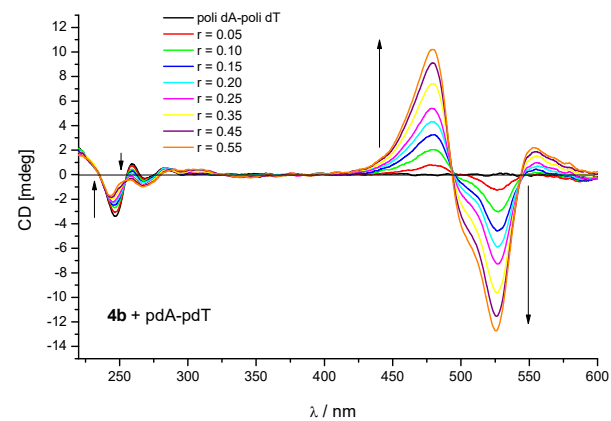
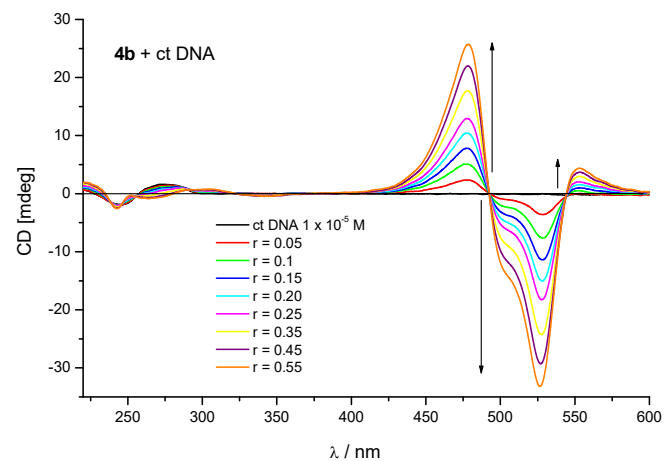


Figure S19. CD titration of polynucleotides ( $c = 2.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) with **4a** at different molar ratios  $r = [\text{compound}] / [\text{polynucleotide}]$  (pH = 7.0, buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ).





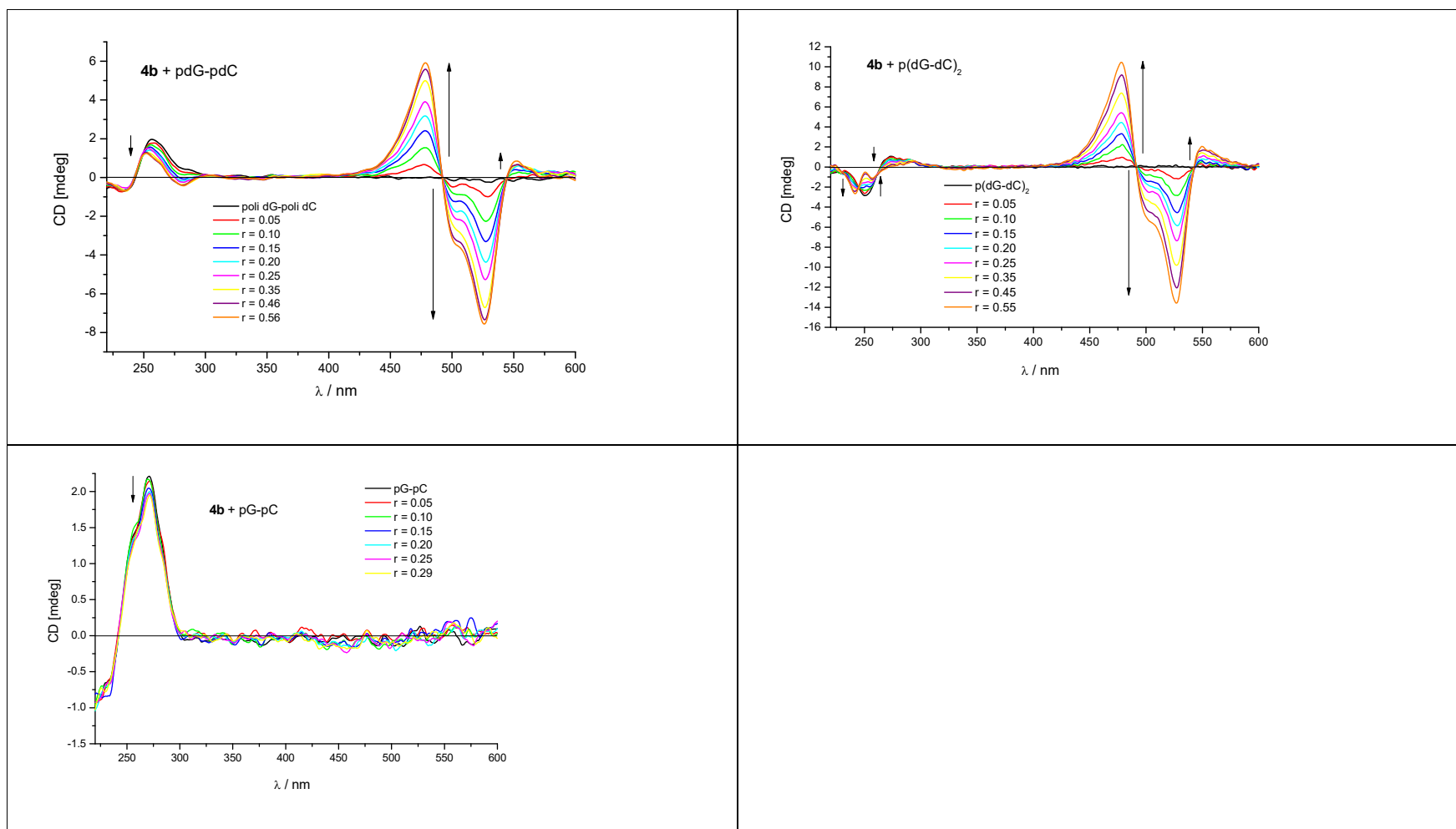
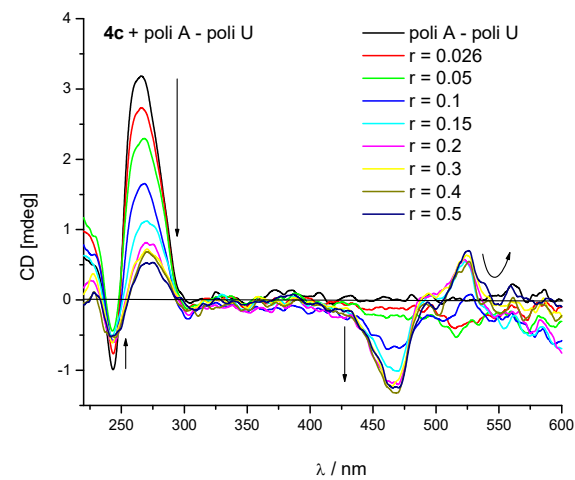
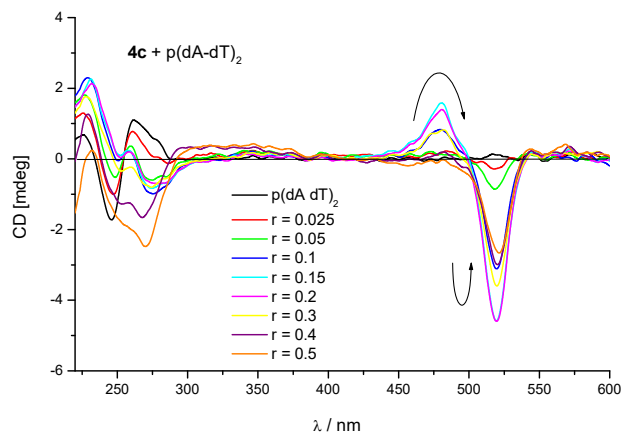
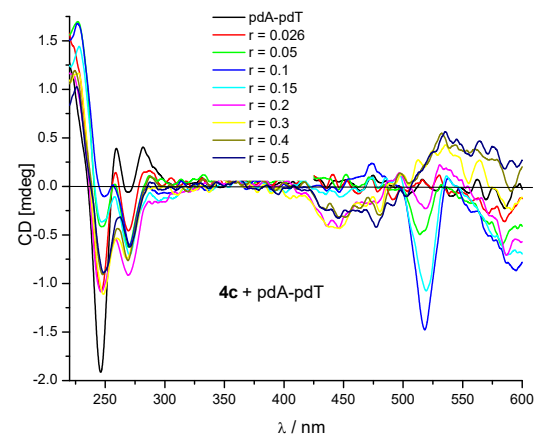
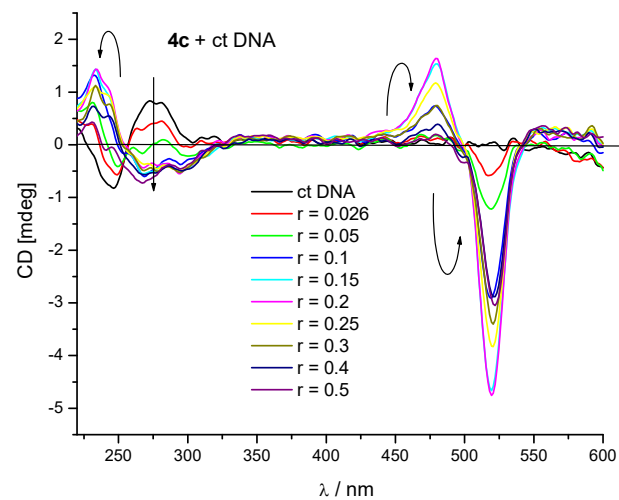


Figure S20. CD titration of polynucleotides ( $c = 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>) with **4b** at different molar ratios  $r = [\text{compound}] / [\text{polynucleotide}]$  (pH = 7.0, buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>).



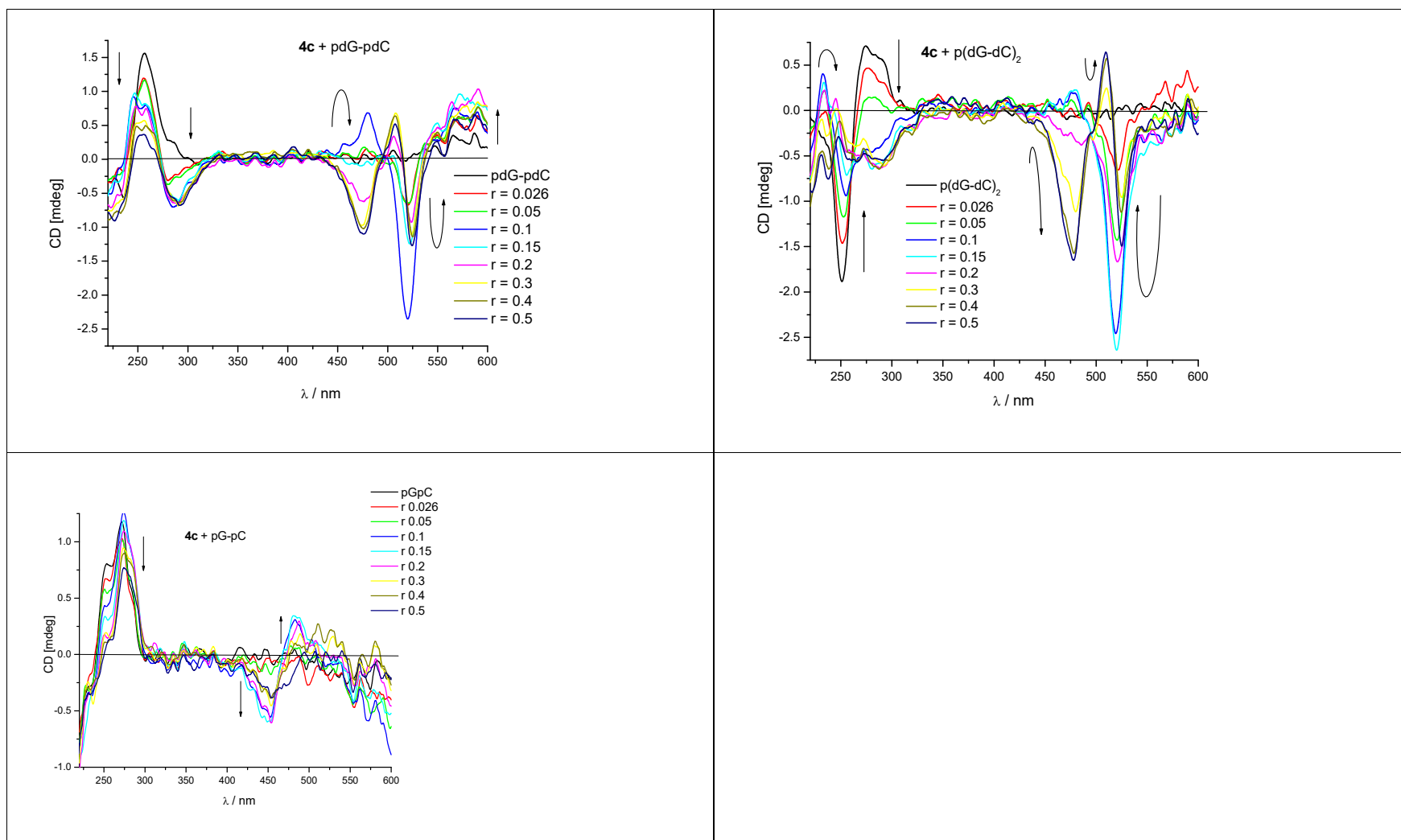
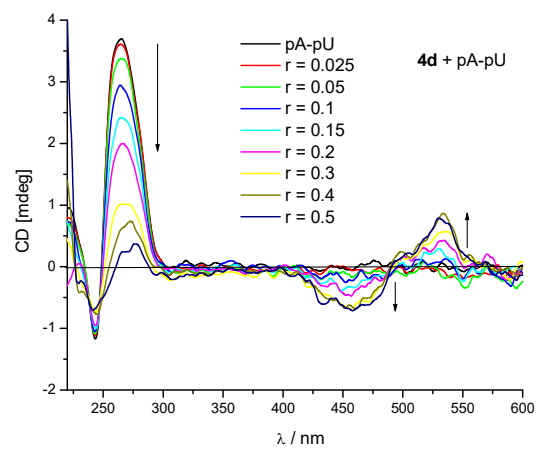
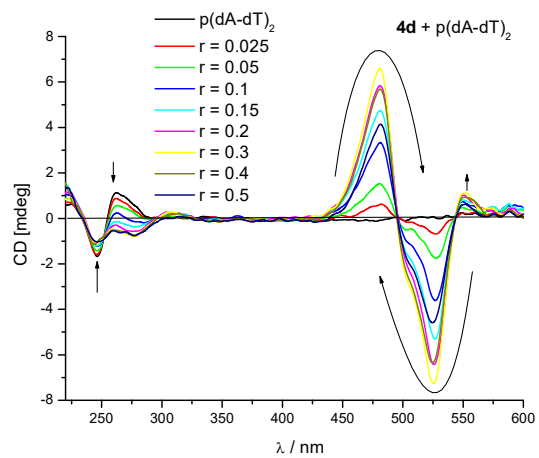
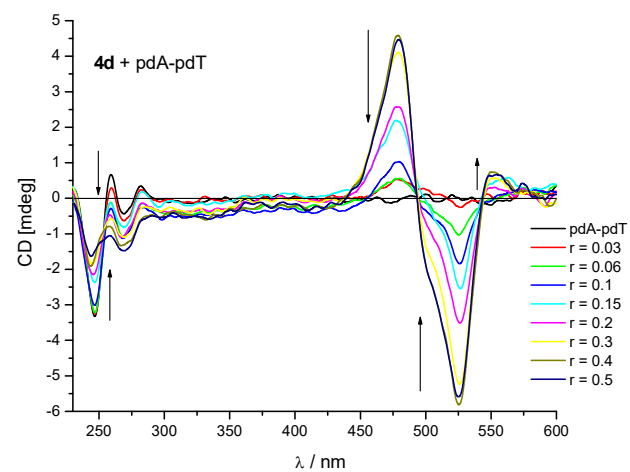
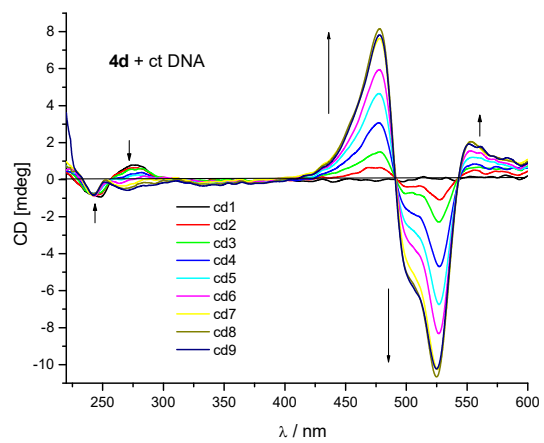


Figure S21. CD titration of polynucleotides ( $c = 1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) with **4c** at different molar ratios  $r = [\text{compound}] / [\text{polynucleotide}]$  (pH = 7.0, buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ).



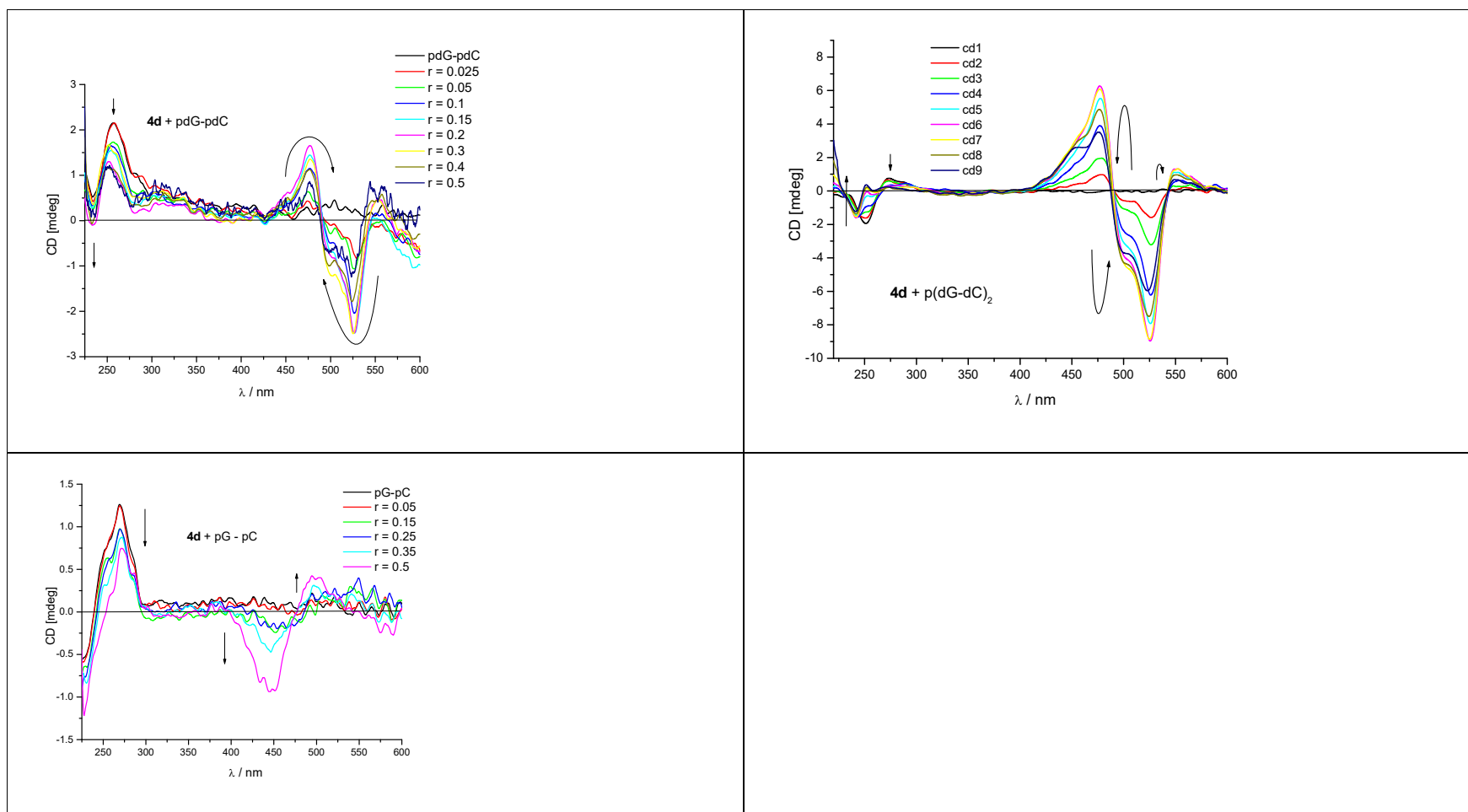
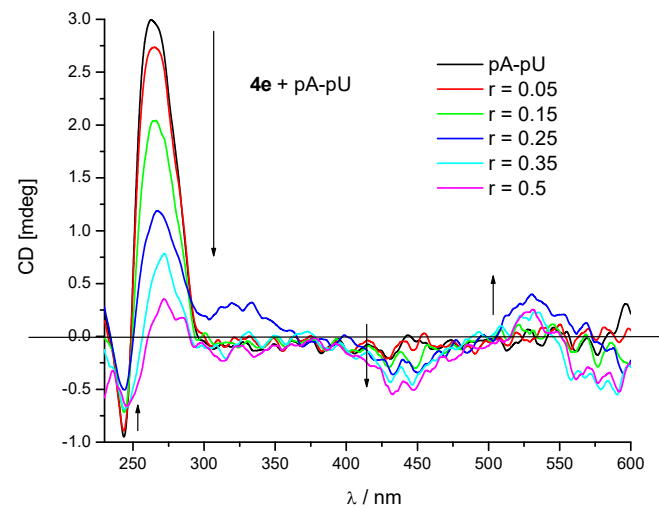
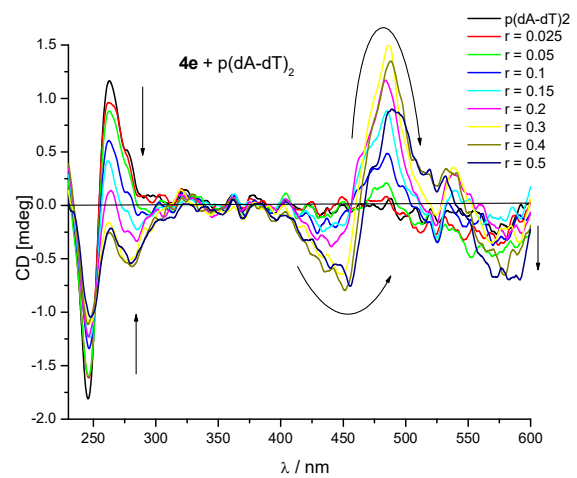
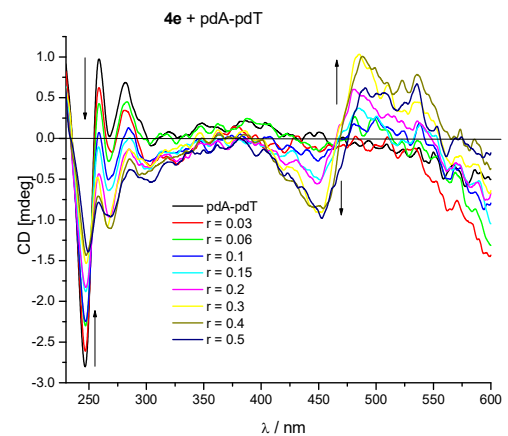
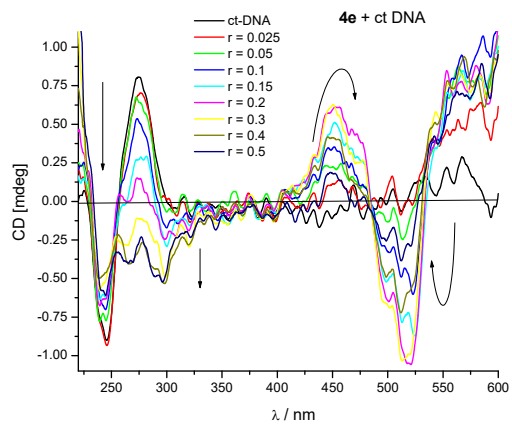


Figure S22. CD titration of polynucleotides ( $c = 1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) with **4d** at different molar ratios  $r = [\text{compound}] / [\text{polynucleotide}]$  (pH = 7.0, buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ).



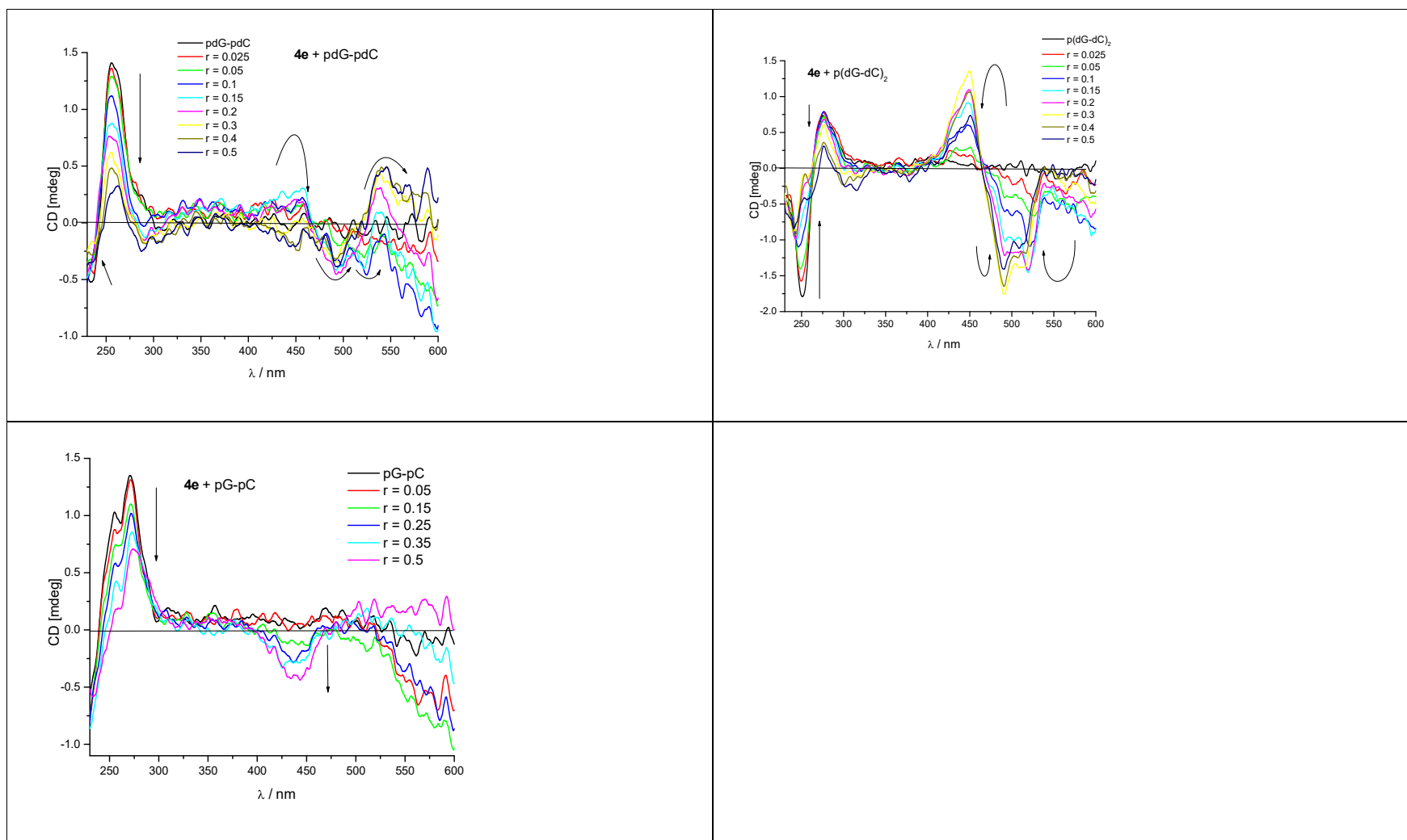


Figure S23. CD titration of polynucleotides ( $c = 1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) with **4e** at different molar ratios  $r = [\text{compound}] / [\text{polynucleotide}]$  (pH = 7.0, buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ).

### 3. Biological assays

The purpose of this study was to investigate the effects of compounds on the proliferation of different human tumor cell lines.

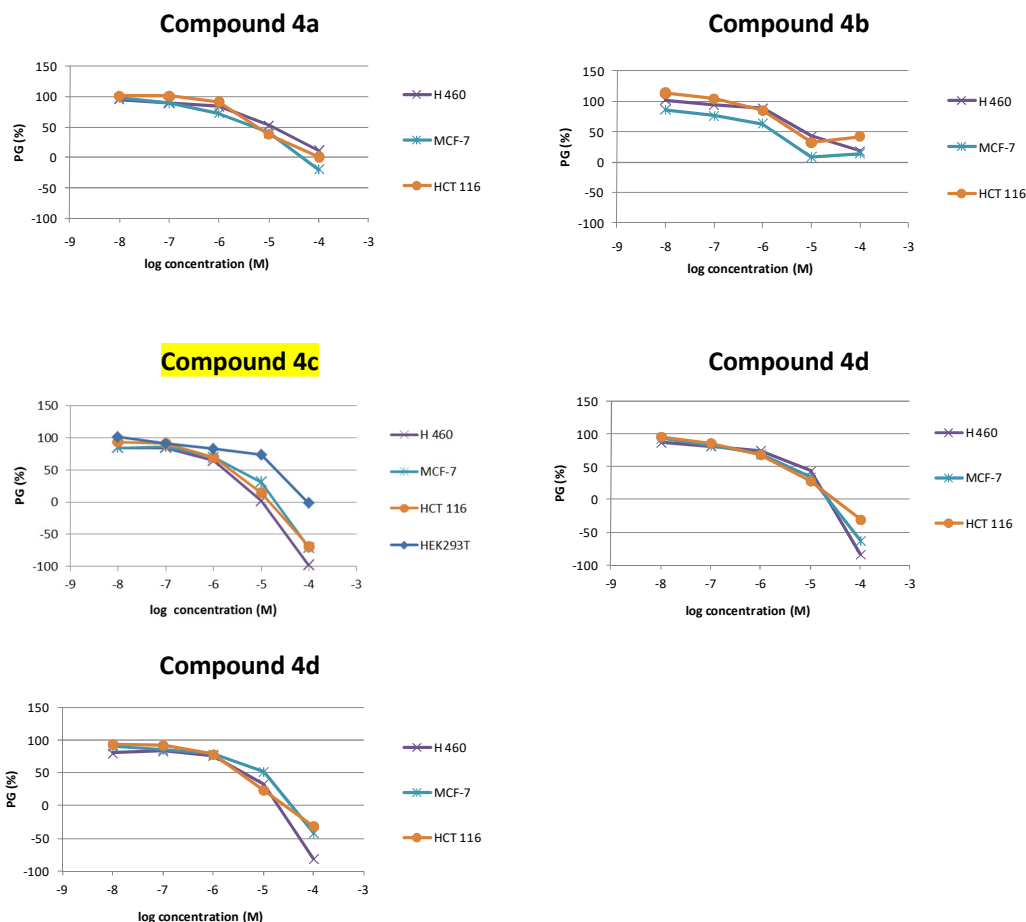


Figure S24. Dose-response profiles for compound 4a-4e compounds tested *in vitro*.

#### GI<sub>50</sub> and LC<sub>50</sub> calculations

The GI<sub>50</sub> measures the growth inhibitory power of the test agent and represents the concentration that causes 50% growth inhibition, while the LC<sub>50</sub> signifies a cytotoxic effect and represents the concentration that kills 50% of initial cell number. The GI<sub>50</sub> and LC<sub>50</sub> values for each compound are calculated from dose-response curves using linear regression analysis by fitting the test concentrations that give PG values above and below the respective reference value (e.g. 50 for GI<sub>50</sub>). Therefore, a "real" value for any of the response parameters is obtained only if at least one of the tested drug concentrations falls above, and likewise at least one falls below the respective reference value. If however, for a given cell line all of the tested concentrations produce PGs exceeding the respective



reference level of effect (e.g. PG value of 50), then the highest tested concentration is assigned as the default value. In the screening data report, that default value is preceded by a ">" sign.

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<sup>2</sup> G. Scatchard, *Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci.*, 1949, **51**, 660-672.; J.D. McGhee, P.H. von Hippel, *J. Mol. Biol.*, 1976, **103**, 679-684.