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Cadmium(II) complexes of 5-nitro-salicylaldehyde and α -diimines: Synthesis, structure and interaction with calf-thymus DNA

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S1. Interaction with CT DNA

The binding constant, K_b , can be obtained by monitoring the changes in the absorbance at the corresponding λ_{\max} with increasing concentrations of CT DNA and it is given by the ratio of slope to the y intercept in plots $\frac{[\text{DNA}]}{(\epsilon_A - \epsilon_f)}$ versus [DNA], according to the Wolfe–Shimer equation

[S1]:

$$\frac{[\text{DNA}]}{(\epsilon_A - \epsilon_f)} = \frac{[\text{DNA}]}{(\epsilon_b - \epsilon_f)} + \frac{1}{K_b(\epsilon_b - \epsilon_f)} \quad (\text{eq. S1})$$

where [DNA] is the concentration of DNA in base pairs, $\epsilon_A = A_{\text{obsd}}/[\text{compound}]$, ϵ_f = the extinction coefficient for the free compound and ϵ_b = the extinction coefficient for the compound in the fully bound form.

S2. Competitive studies with EB

The Stern–Volmer constant K_{SV} is used to evaluate the quenching efficiency for each compound according to the Stern–Volmer equation [S2]:

$$\frac{I_0}{I} = 1 + K_{SV}[Q] \quad (\text{eq. S2})$$

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where I_0 and I are the emission intensities in the absence and the presence of the quencher, respectively, $[Q]$ is the concentration of the quencher (i.e. complexes **1–5**); K_{SV} is obtained from the Stern–Volmer plots by the slope of the diagram $\frac{I_0}{I}$ vs $[Q]$.

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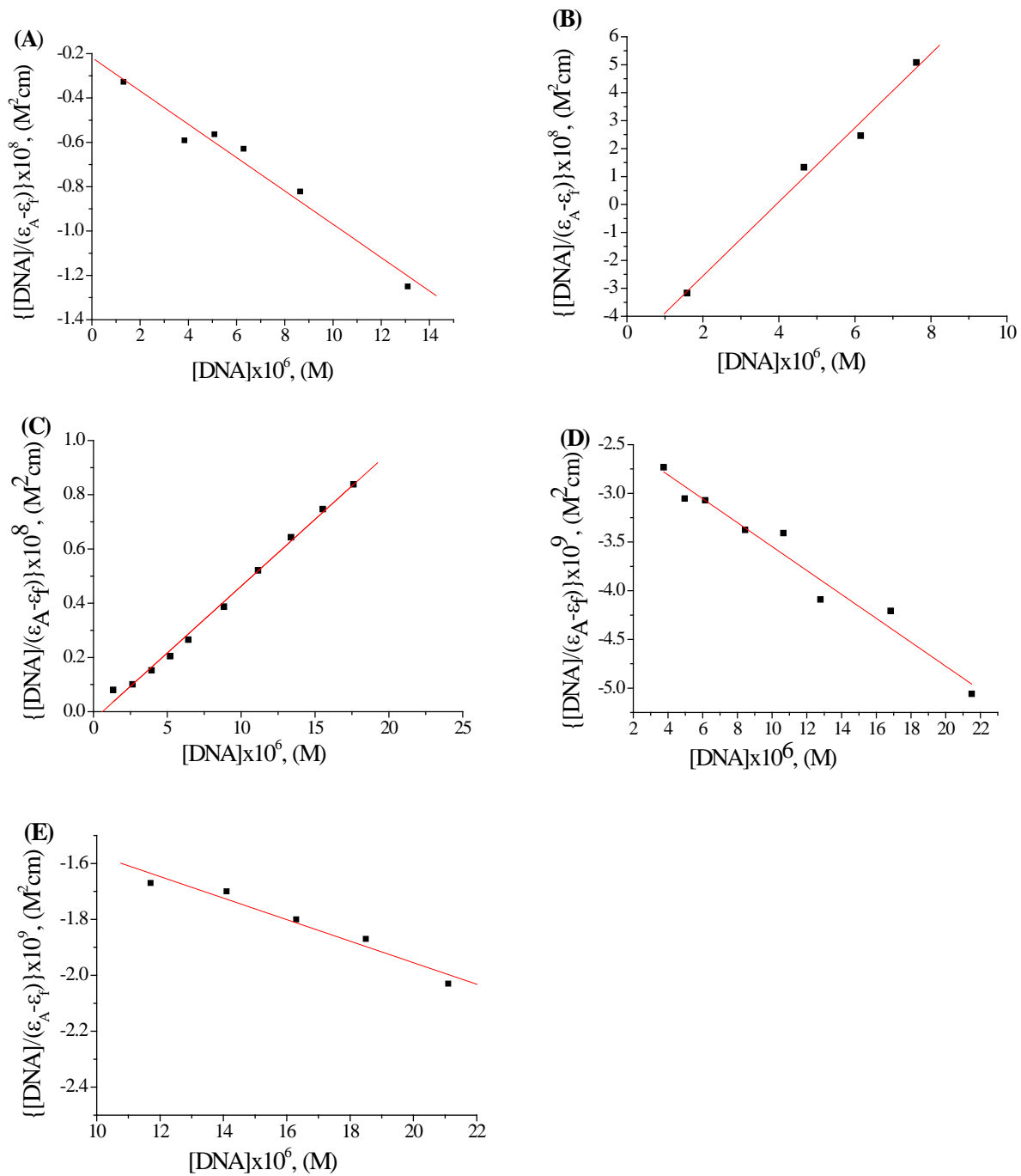


Fig. S1. (A)–(E) Plot of $\frac{[DNA]}{(\epsilon_A - \epsilon_f)}$ vs $[DNA]$ for complexes **1–5**, respectively.

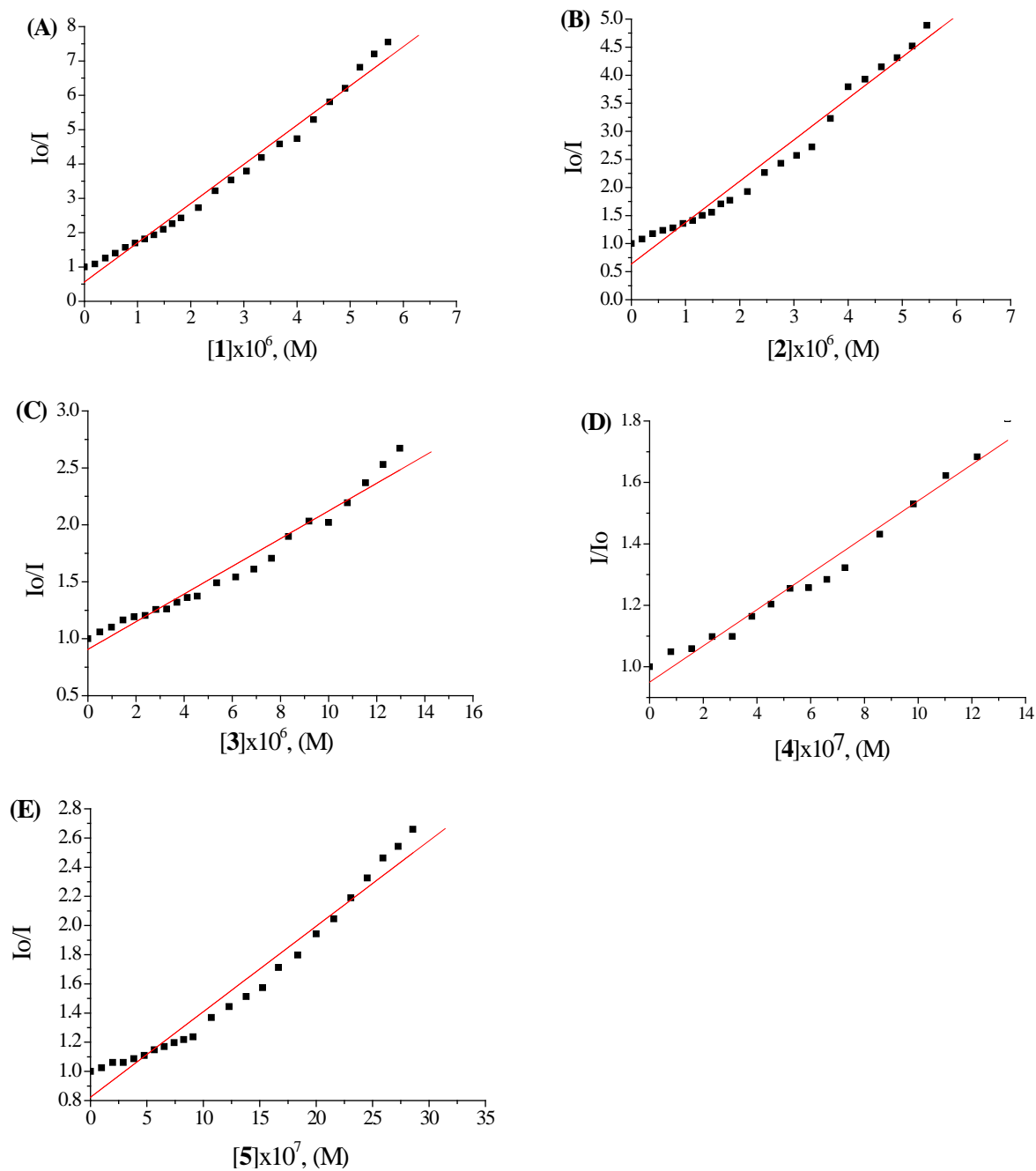


Fig. S2. (A)–(E) Stern–Volmer quenching plot of EB bound to CT DNA for complexes 1–5, respectively.