## Supplementary Information

## Zinc(II) complexes of carboxamide derivatives: crystal structures and interaction with calf thymus DNA

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Figure s1. The two independent ligand molecules L2 (ORTEP view, 30\% ellispoid probability) with indication of the disorder of the thiophene rings (occupancy factors $\mathrm{S} 1 / \mathrm{C} 9=0.56 ; \mathrm{S} 1 \mathrm{a} / \mathrm{C} 9 \mathrm{a}=0.44 ; \mathrm{S} 2 / \mathrm{C} 20=0.69 ; \mathrm{S} 2 \mathrm{a} / \mathrm{C} 20 \mathrm{a}=0.31$ )


Figure s3. Optimized structure of complex 2

$3.57 \times 10^{-6}$, (e) $5.17 \times 10^{-6}$, (f) $6.59 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{~L}^{-1}$. The arrow denotes the gradual increase of [DNA]


Figure s5. Plot of [DNA] $\left(\varepsilon_{a}-\varepsilon_{f}\right) v s$ [DNA] for the absorption titration of CT-DNA with complex 2 in tris- HCl buffer. Association constant $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{b}}=4.12 \times 10^{4} \mathrm{M}^{-1}(\mathrm{R}=0.9887$, n $=5$ points)


Figure s6. (A) Emission spectrum of the CT-DNA-EB system in tris- HCl buffer upon titration with increasing concentration of complex 2 . $\lambda_{\text {ex }}=522 \mathrm{~nm} ;[\mathrm{EB}]=1.3 \times 10^{-6}$, [DNA] $=1.58 \times 10^{-5} ;[2]=$ (a) 0.0 , (b) $1.27 \times 10^{-5}$, (c) $2.55 \times 10^{-5}$, (d) $3.83 \times 10^{-5}$, (e) $5.11 \times 10^{-5}$, (f) $6.39 \times 10^{-5}$, (g) $7.72 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{~L}^{-1}$


Table s1. $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{b}}, \mathrm{K}_{\text {sv }}$ and $\mathrm{K}_{\text {app }}$ values of DNA binding study

| Complex | $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{b}}$ | $\mathbf{K}_{\text {sv }}$ | $\mathbf{K}_{\text {app }}$ |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | $1.34 \times 10^{5}$ | $3.52 \times 10^{5}$ | $9.2 \times 10^{5}$ |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | $4.12 \times 10^{4}$ | $2.103 \times 10^{4}$ | $2.03 \times 10^{5}$ |

