

## Supplementary material

### The benzothiazine core as a novel motif for DNA-binding small molecules

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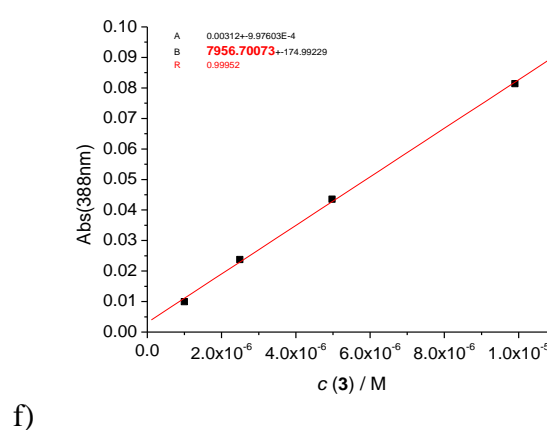
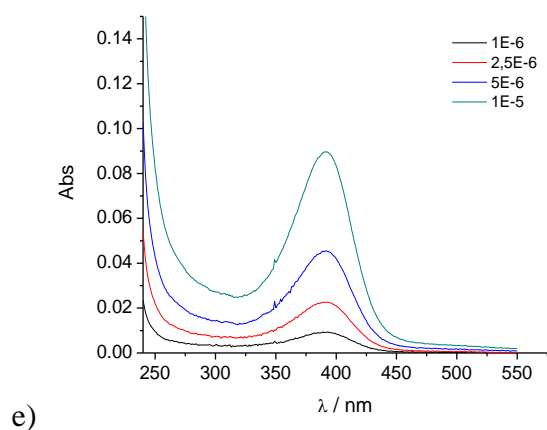
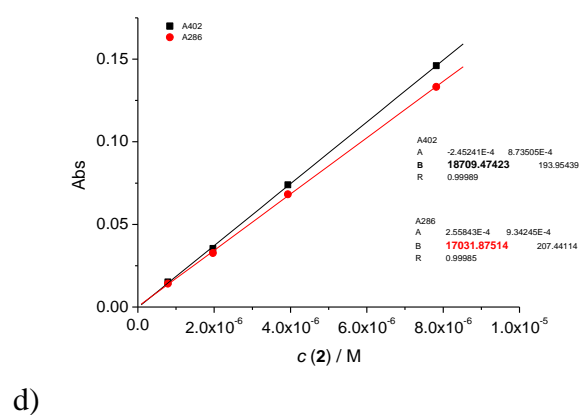
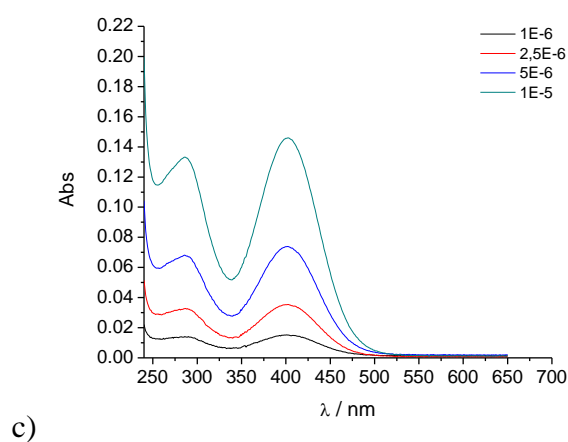
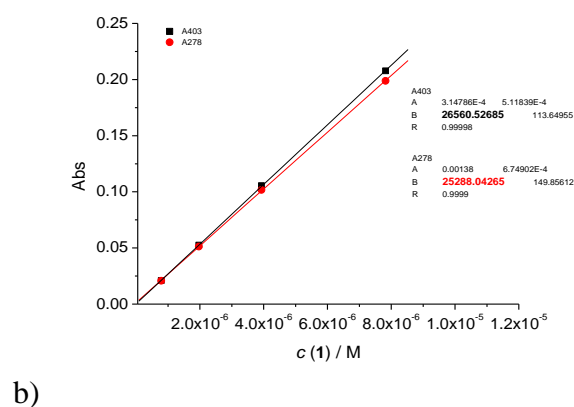
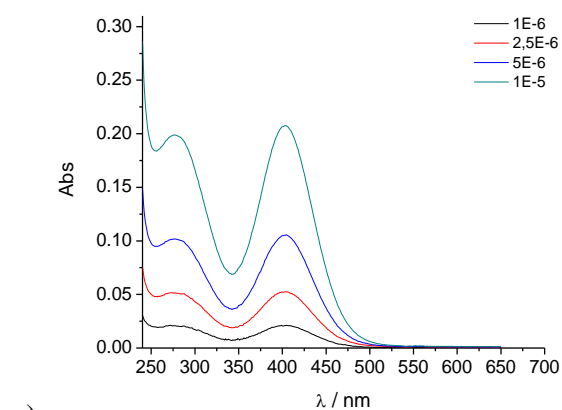
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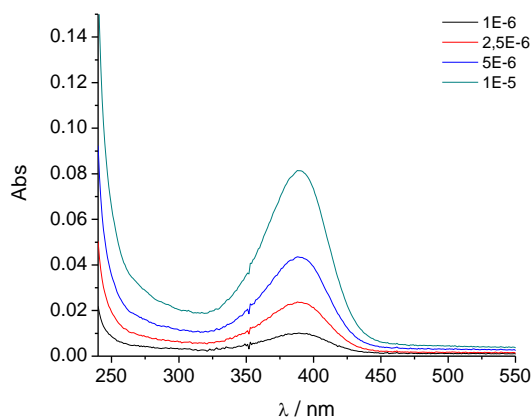
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## 1. Physico-chemical properties of aqueous solutions

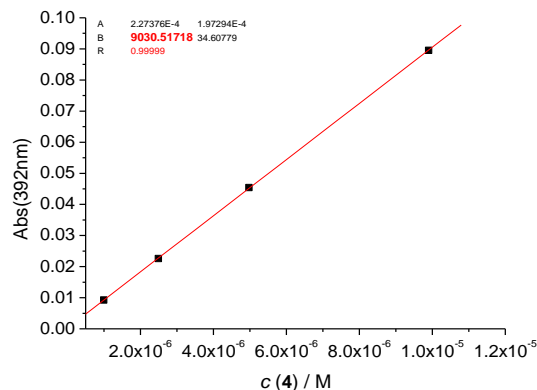
All compounds were dissolved in DMSO at  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  M. The stock solutions were kept at +4 °C and working aliquots were kept at +25 °C. No visible precipitation in working solutions was noticed. The experiments were performed in MQ water at room temperature (25 °C).

### 1.1. UV/Vis spectra



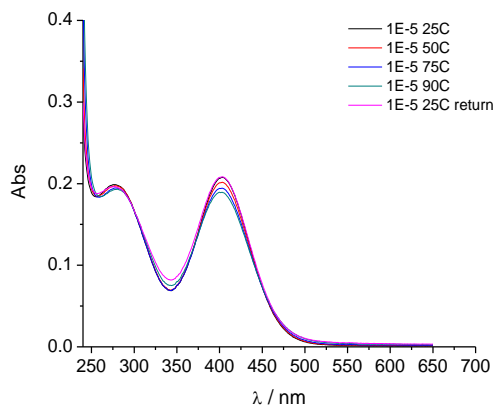


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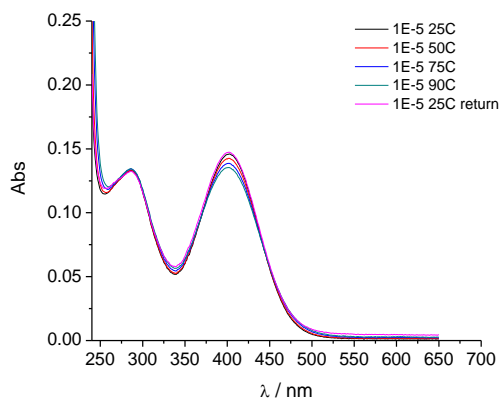


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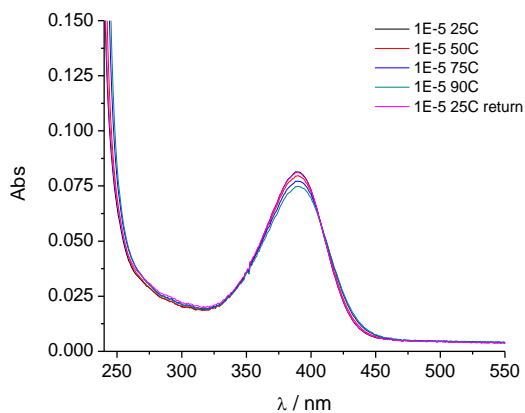
**Figure S1.** a) dependence of UV/Vis spectra on concentration increase ( $1 \times 10^{-6}$  M to  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) for **1**, b) calibration at  $\lambda_{\max} = 403$  nm (black) and  $\lambda_{\max} = 276$  nm for **1**, c) dependence of UV/Vis spectra on concentration increase for **2**, d) calibration at  $\lambda_{\max} = 402$  nm (black) and  $\lambda_{\max} = 286$  nm (red) for **2**, e) dependence of UV/Vis spectra on concentration increase for **3**, f) calibration at  $\lambda_{\max} = 388$  nm for **3**, g) dependence of UV/Vis spectra on concentration increase for **4**, h) calibration at  $\lambda_{\max} = 392$  nm for **4**.



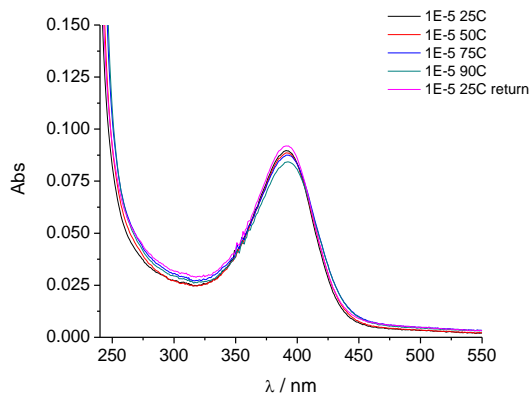
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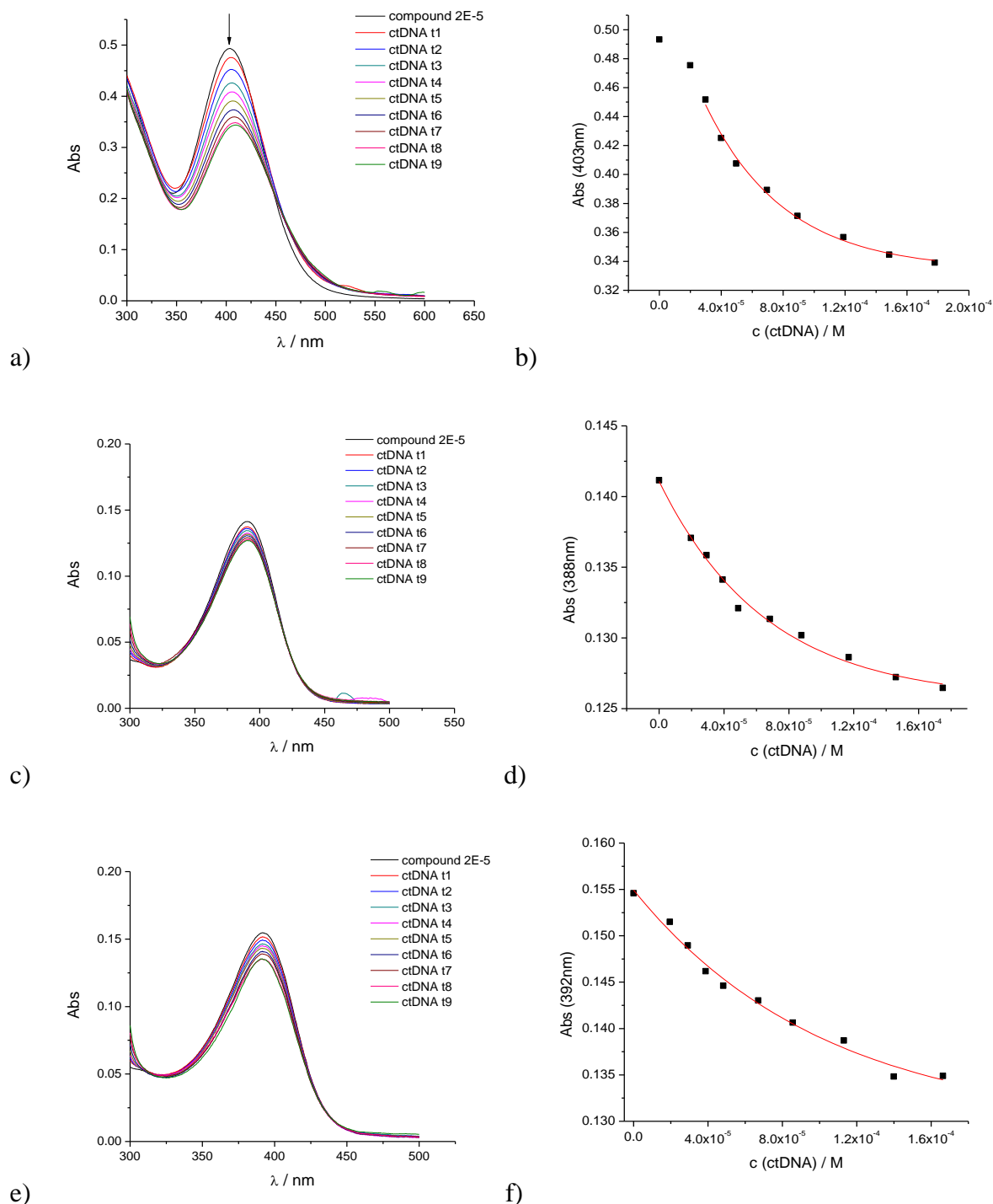
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**Figure S2.** a) dependence of UV/Vis spectra of **1** ( $c = 1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) on temperature increase, b) dependence of UV/Vis spectra of **2** ( $c = 1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) on temperature increase, c) dependence

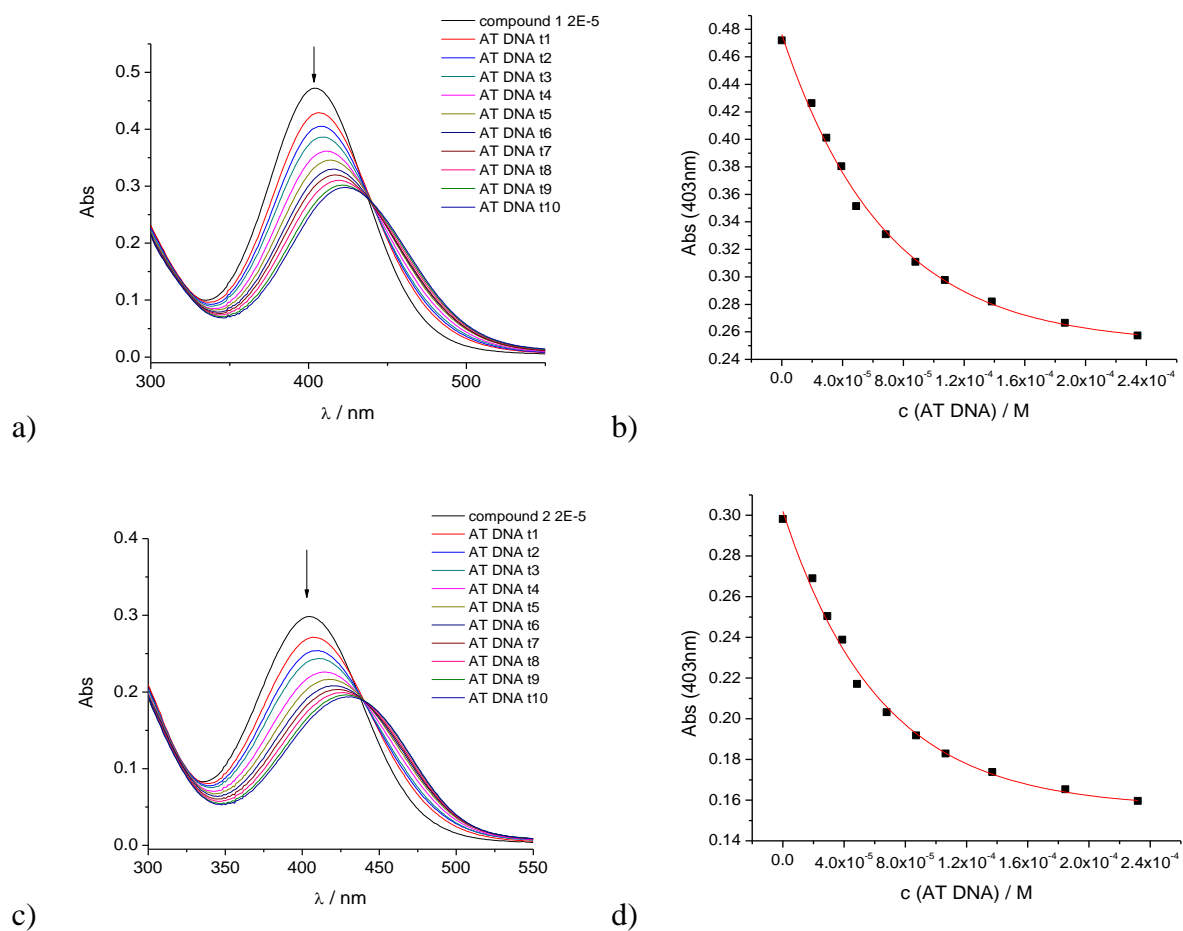
of UV/Vis spectra of **3** ( $c = 1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) on temperature increase, d) dependence of UV/Vis spectra of **4** ( $c = 1 \times 10^{-5}$  M) on temperature increase.

## 2. Interactions with ds-DNA/RNA

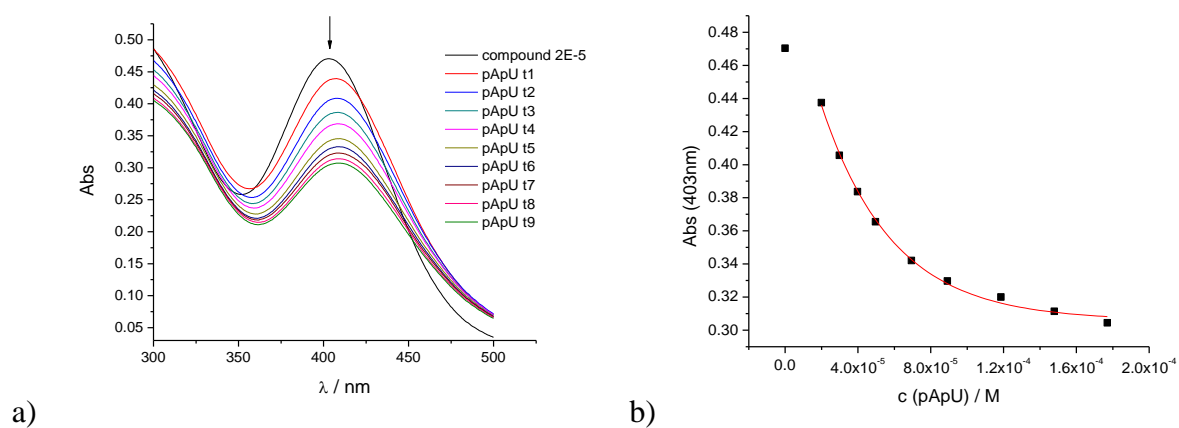
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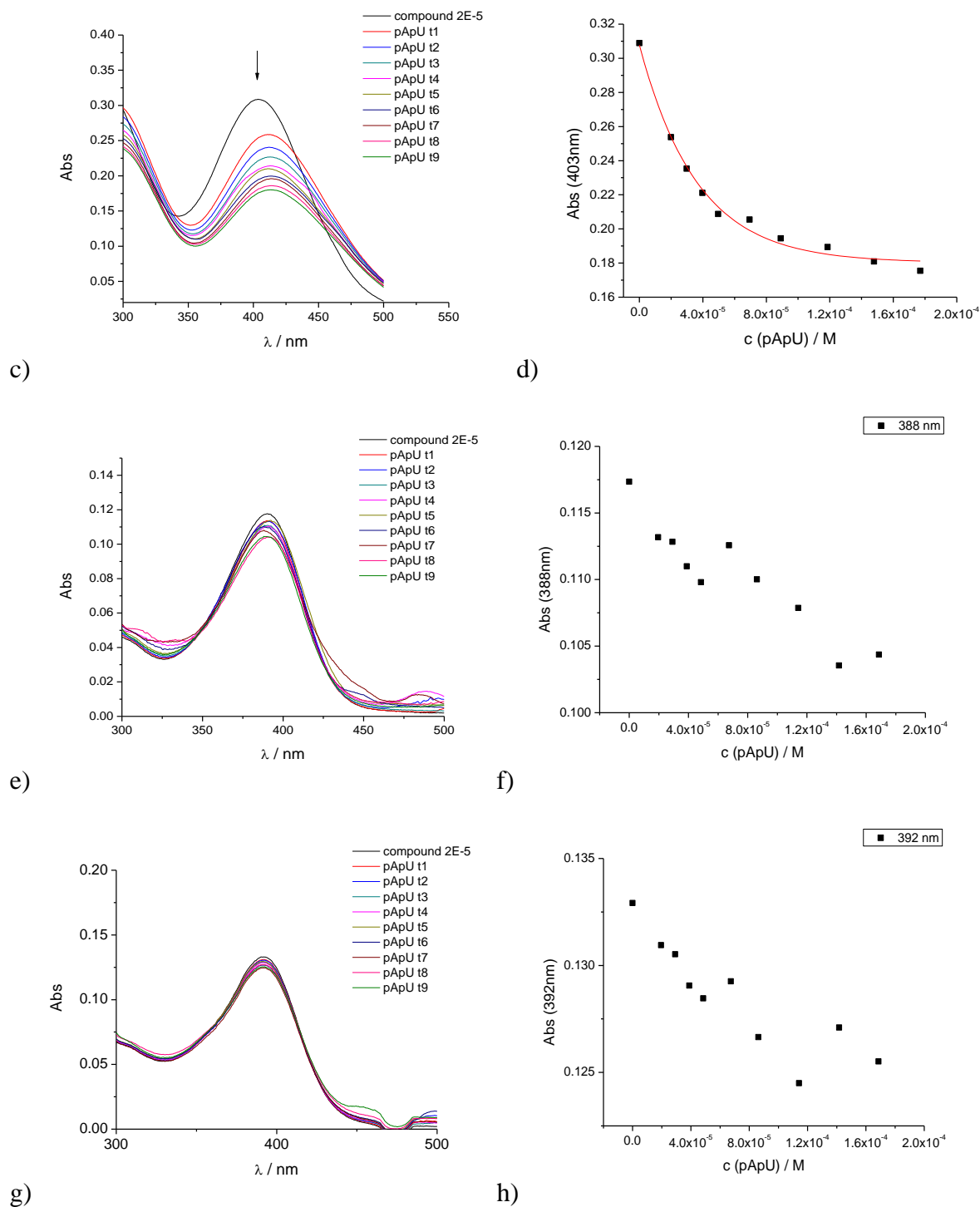


**Figure S3.** a) UV/Vis spectra of **1** ( $c = 2 \times 10^{-5}$  M) upon titration with ct-DNA, b) dependence of **1** absorbance at  $\lambda_{\max} = 403$  nm on  $c$ (pApU), c) UV/Vis spectra of **3** ( $c = 2 \times 10^{-5}$  M) upon titration with ct-DNA, d) dependence of **3** absorbance at  $\lambda_{\max} = 388$  nm on  $c$ (pApU), e) UV/Vis spectra of **4** ( $c = 2 \times 10^{-5}$  M) upon titration with ct-DNA, f) dependence of **4** absorbance at  $\lambda_{\max} = 392$  nm on  $c$ (pApU).



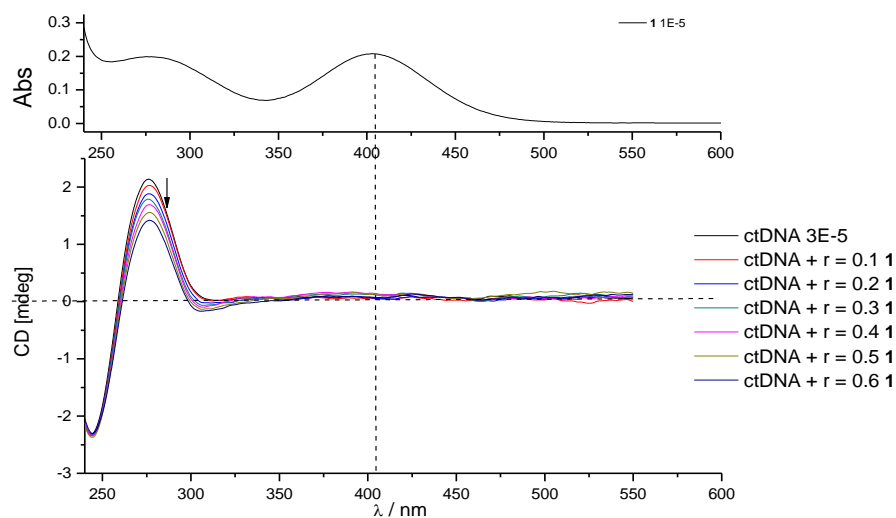
**Figure S4.** ) UV/Vis spectra of 1 ( $c = 2 \times 10^{-5}$  M) upon titration with AT DNA, b) dependence of 1 absorbance at  $\lambda_{max} = 403$  nm on  $c(\text{AT DNA})$ , c) UV/Vis spectra of 2 ( $c = 2 \times 10^{-5}$  M) upon titration with AT DNA, d) dependence of 2 absorbance at  $\lambda_{max} = 403$  nm on  $c(\text{AT DNA})$ .



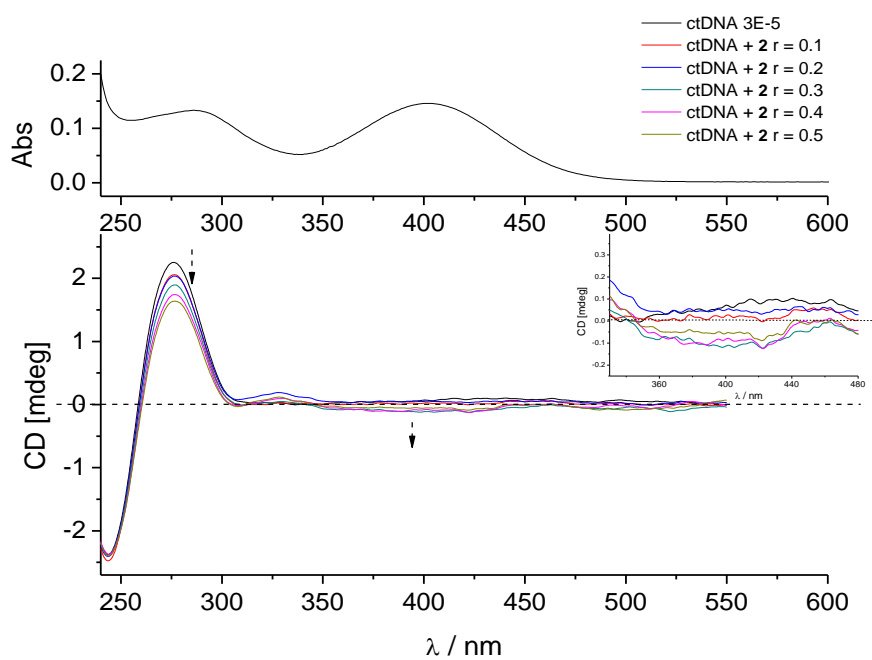


**Figure S5.** a) UV/Vis spectra of **1** ( $c = 2 \times 10^{-5}$  M) upon titration with pApU, b) dependence of **1** absorbance at  $\lambda_{\max} = 403$  nm on  $c(\text{pApU})$ , c) UV/Vis spectra of **2** ( $c = 2 \times 10^{-5}$  M) upon titration with pApU, d) dependence of **2** absorbance at  $\lambda_{\max} = 403$  nm on  $c(\text{pApU})$ , e) UV/Vis spectra of **3** ( $c = 2 \times 10^{-5}$  M) upon titration with pApU, f) dependence of **3** absorbance at  $\lambda_{\max} = 388$  nm on  $c(\text{pApU})$ , h) UV/Vis spectra of **4** ( $c = 2 \times 10^{-5}$  M) upon titration with pApU, g) dependence of **4** absorbance at  $\lambda_{\max} = 392$  nm on  $c(\text{pApU})$ , Done at pH = 7, sodium cacodylate buffer, I = 0.05 M.

## 2.2. Circular dichroism experiments

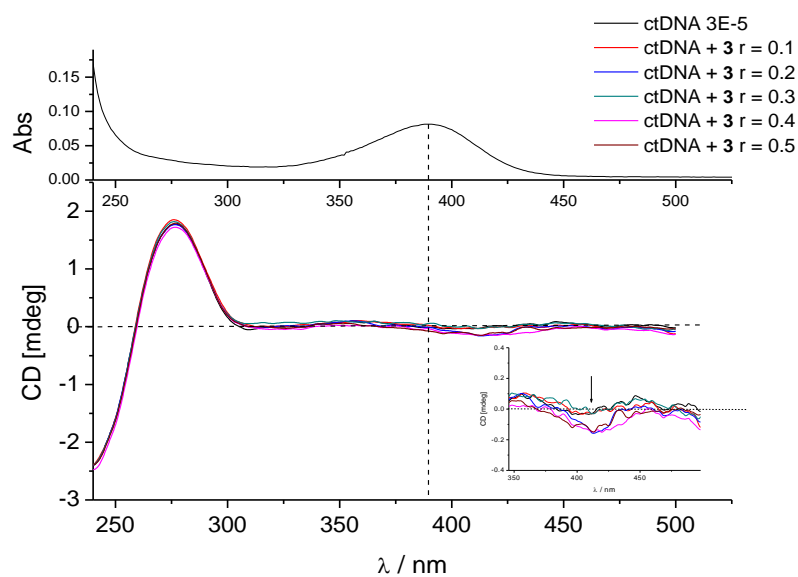


**Figure S6.** CD titration of ctDNA ( $c = 3 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with **1** at molar ratios  $r = [\text{compound}] / [\text{ctDNA}]$  (pH 7.0, buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05$  M).

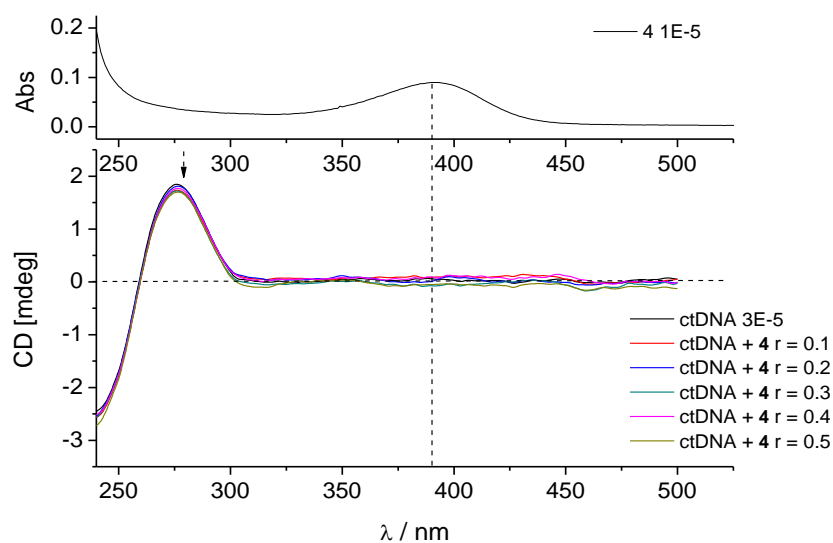


**Figure S7.** CD titration of ctDNA ( $c = 3 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with **2** at molar ratios  $r = [\text{compound}] / [\text{ctDNA}]$  (pH 7.0, buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05$  M), inset: ICD at  $\lambda = 410$  nm.

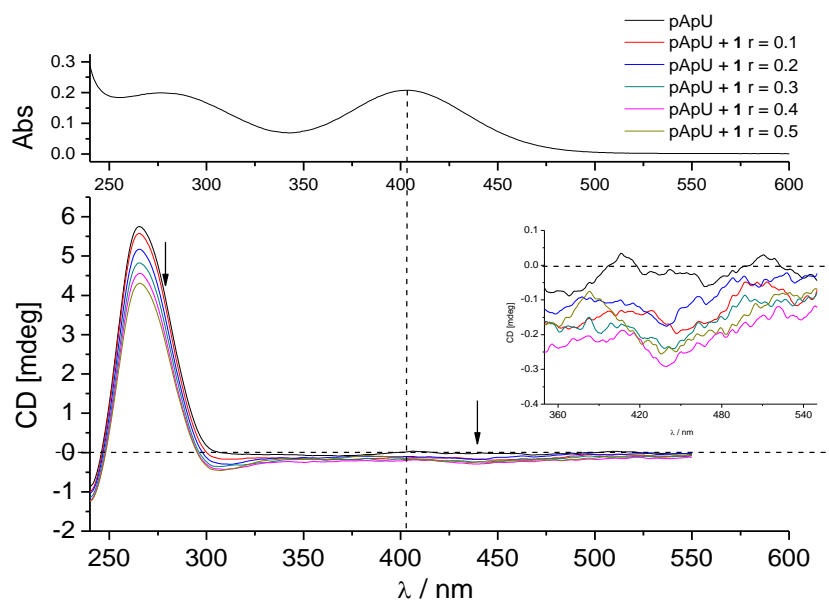




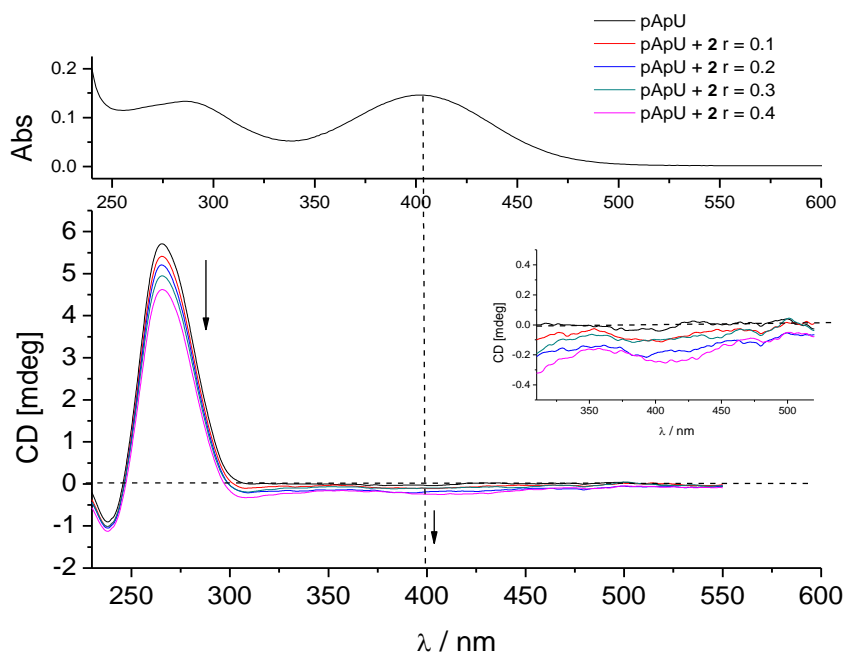
**Figure S8.** CD titration of ctDNA ( $c = 3 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with **3** at molar ratios  $r = [\text{compound}] / [\text{ctDNA}]$  (pH 7.0, buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05$  M), inset: ICD at  $\lambda = 414$  nm.



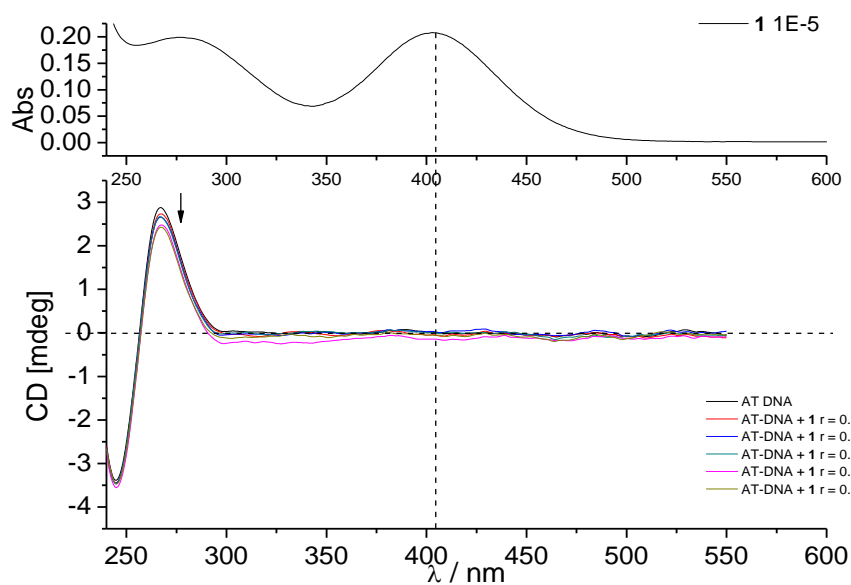
**Figure S9.** CD titration of ctDNA ( $c = 3 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with **4** at molar ratios  $r = [\text{compound}] / [\text{ctDNA}]$  (pH 7.0, buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05$  M).



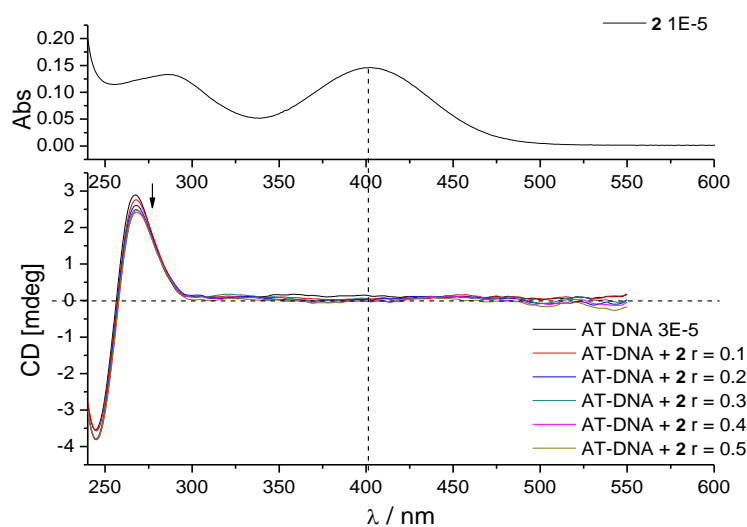
**Figure S10.** CD titration of pApU ( $c = 3 \times 10^5$  M) with **1** at molar ratios  $r = [\text{compound}] / [\text{pApU}]$  (pH 7.0, buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05$  M), inset: ICD at  $\lambda = 440$  nm.



**Figure S11.** CD titration of pApU ( $c = 3 \times 10^5$  M) with **2** at molar ratios  $r = [\text{compound}] / [\text{pApU}]$  (pH 7.0, buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05$  M), inset: ICD at  $\lambda = 410$  nm.

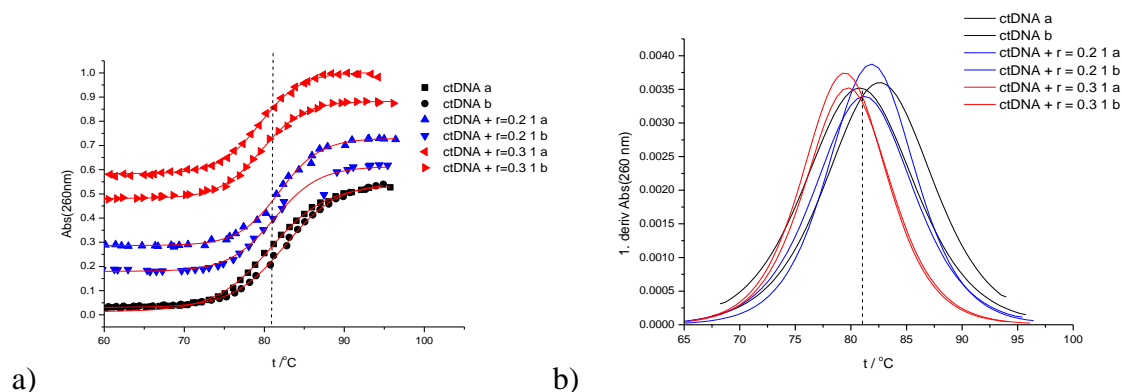


**Figure S12.** CD titration of AT-DNA ( $c = 3 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with **1** at molar ratios  $r = [\text{compound}] / [\text{AT-DNA}]$  (pH 7.0, buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05$  M).

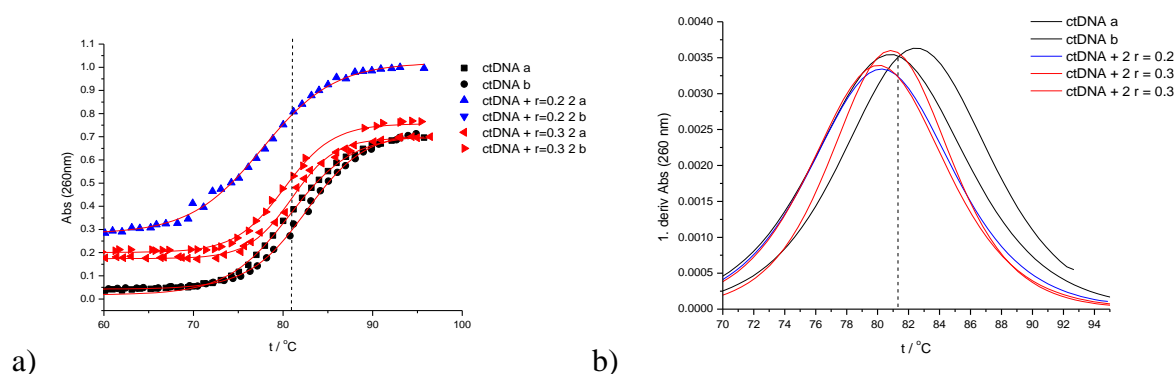


**Figure S13.** CD titration of AT-DNA ( $c = 3 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with **2** at molar ratios  $r = [\text{compound}] / [\text{AT-DNA}]$  (pH 7.0, buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05$  M).

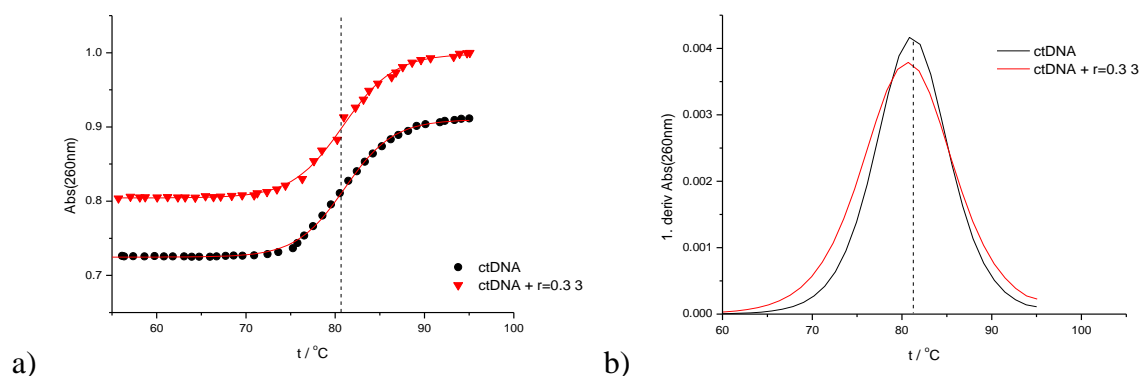
## 2.3. Thermal denaturation measurements



**Figure S14.** a) Melting curves of ct-DNA upon addition  $r = 0.2$  or  $r = 0.3$  ([compound]/[polynucleotide]) of **1** at pH 7.0, (buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05$  M), red lines denote fitting of experimental data to sigmoidal eq. by Origin 7.5., b) the first derivation of absorbance (fitted to sigmoidal eq.) on temperature. Absorbance values are normalized by maximum absorbance and offset for better visualization of data.

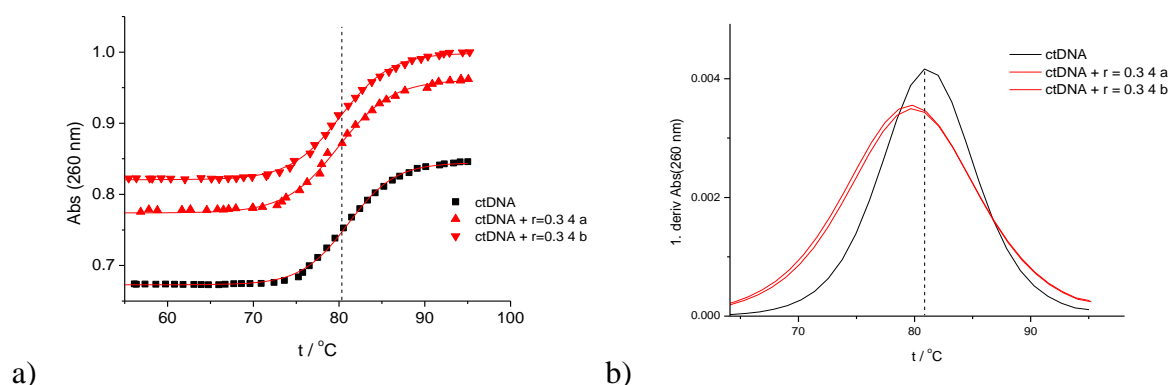


**Figure S15.** a) Melting curves of ctDNA upon addition  $r = 0.3$  or  $r = 0.2$  ([compound]/[polynucleotide]) of **2** at pH 7.0, (buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05$  M), red lines denote fitting of experimental data to sigmoidal eq. by Origin 7.5., b) the first derivation of absorbance (fitted to sigmoidal eq.) on temperature. Absorbance values are normalized by maximum absorbance and offset for better visualization of data.

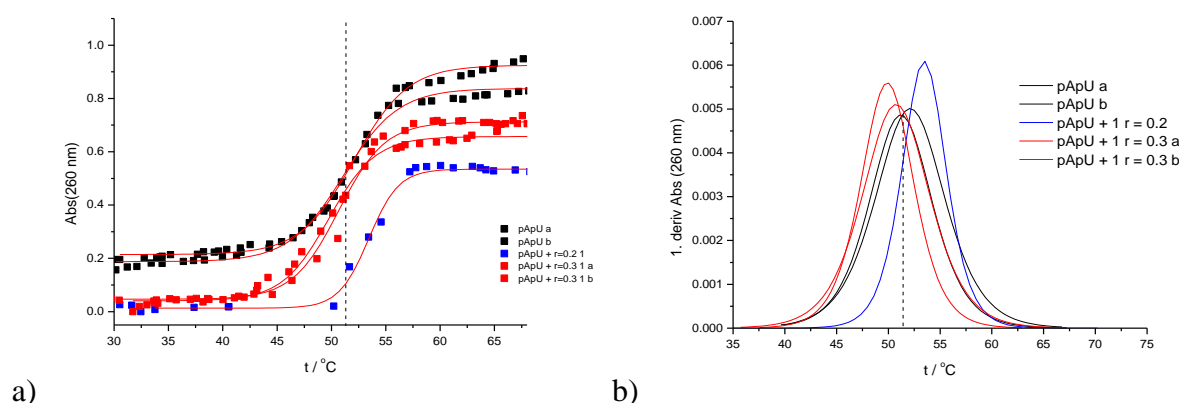


**Figure S16.** a) Melting curves of ct-DNA upon addition  $r = 0.3$  ([compound]/[polynucleotide]) of **3** at pH 7.0, (buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05$  M), red lines denote fitting of experimental

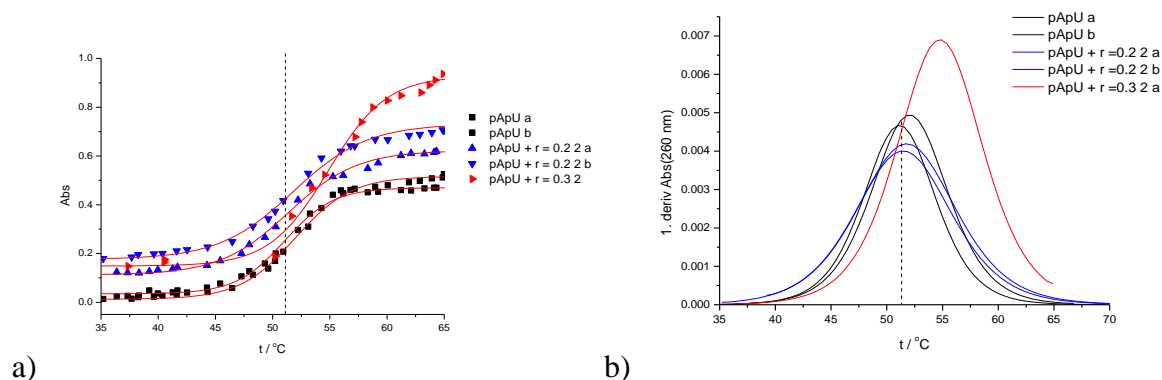
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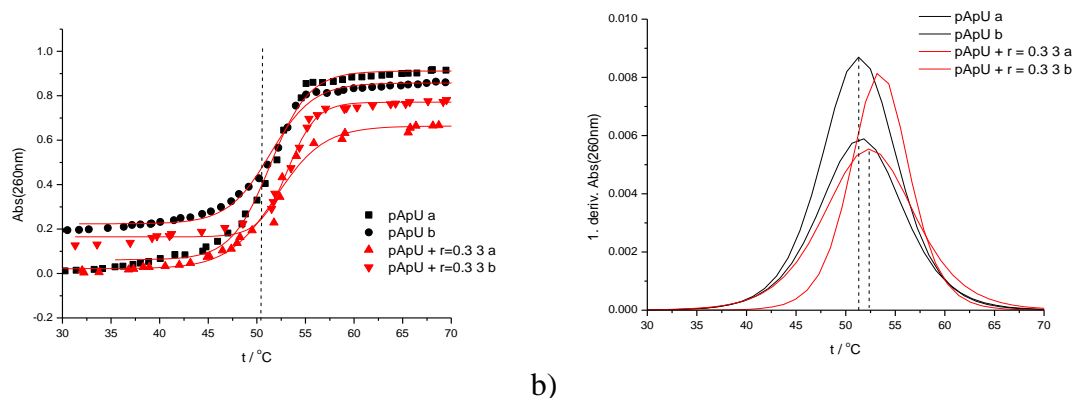
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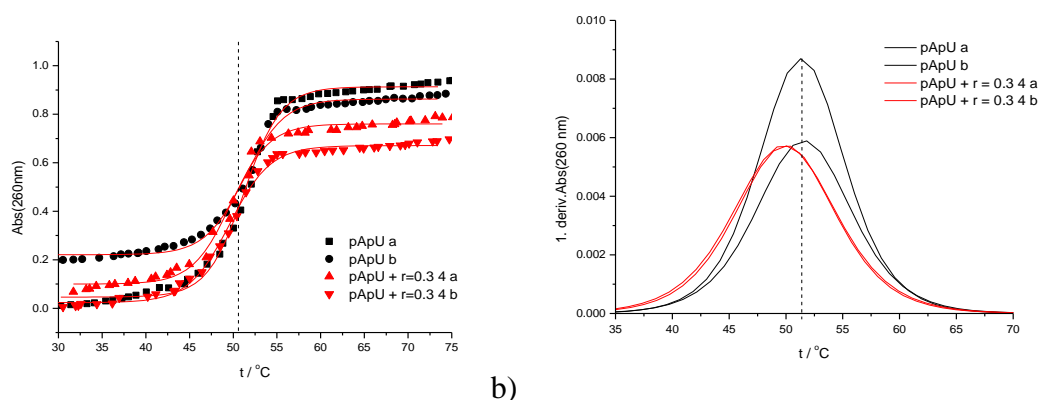
**Figure S18.** a) Melting curves of pApU upon addition  $r = 0.2$  or  $r = 0.3$  ([compound]/[polynucleotide]) of **1** at pH 7.0, (buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05$  M), red lines denote fitting of experimental data to sigmoidal eq. by Origin 7.5., b) the first derivation of absorbance (fitted to sigmoidal eq.) on temperature. Absorbance values are normalized by maximum absorbance and offset for better visualization of data.



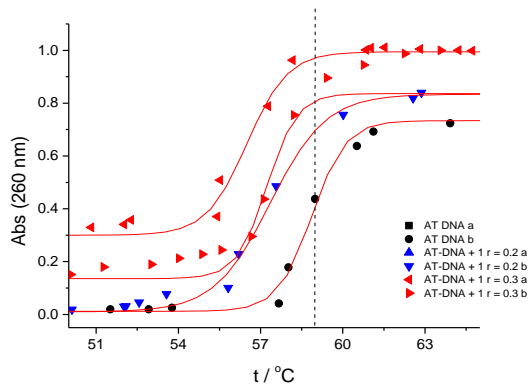
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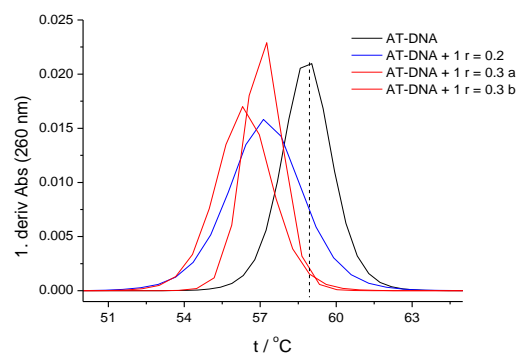
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**Figure S21.** Melting curves of pApU upon addition  $r = 0.3$  ([compound]/[polynucleotide]) of **4** at pH 7.0, (buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05$  M), red lines denote fitting of experimental data to sigmoidal eq. by Origin 7.5, b) the first derivation of absorbance (fitted to sigmoidal eq.) on temperature. Absorbance values are normalized by maximum absorbance and offset for better visualization of data.

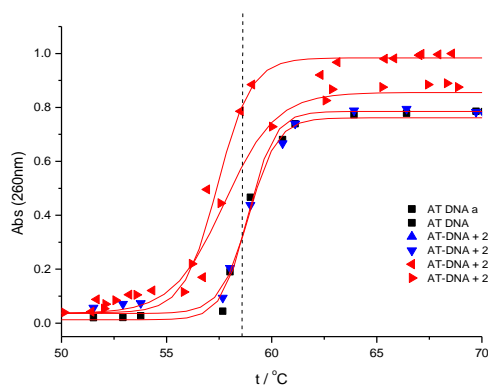


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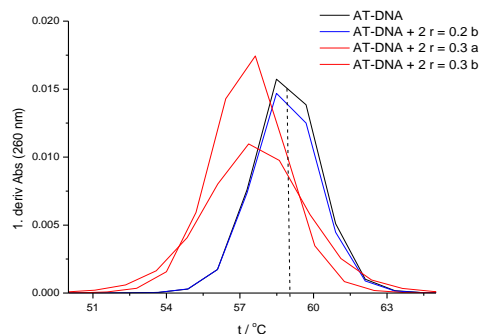


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**Figure S22.** a) Melting curves of AT-DNA upon addition  $r = 0.2$  or  $r = 0.3$   $p([compound]/[polynucleotide])$  of **1** at pH 7.0, (buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05$  M), red lines denote fitting of experimental data to sigmoidal eq. by Origin 7.5., b) the first derivation of absorbance (fitted to sigmoidal eq.) on temperature. Absorbance values are normalized by maximum absorbance and offset for better visualization of data.



a)



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**Figure S23.** a) Melting curves of AT-DNA upon addition  $r = 0.2$  or  $r = 0.3$   $p([compound]/[polynucleotide])$  of **2** at pH 7.0, (buffer sodium cacodylate,  $I = 0.05$  M), red lines denote fitting of experimental data to sigmoidal eq. by Origin 7.5., b) the first derivation of absorbance (fitted to sigmoidal eq.) on temperature. Absorbance values are normalized by maximum absorbance and offset for better visualization of data.

### 3. NMR spectra of benzothiazines

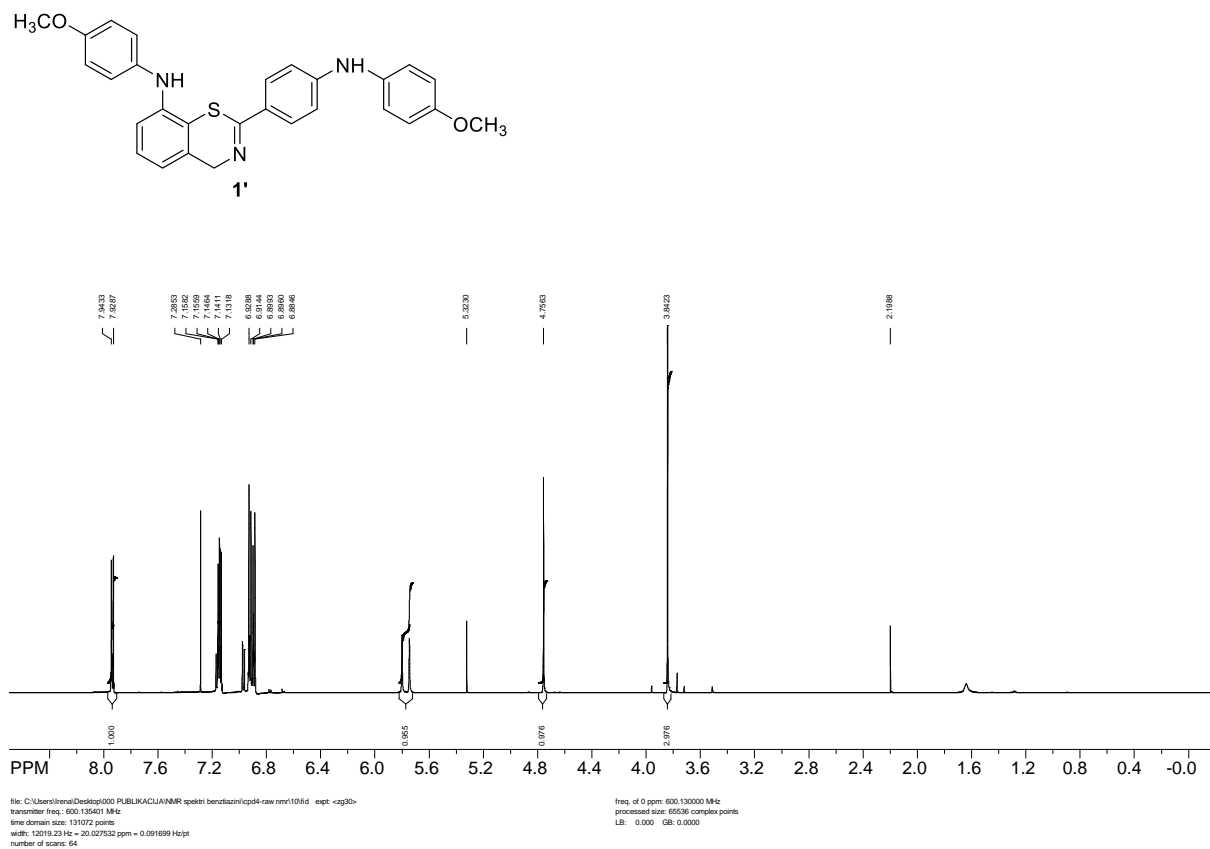


Figure S24. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of benzothiazine **1'**.

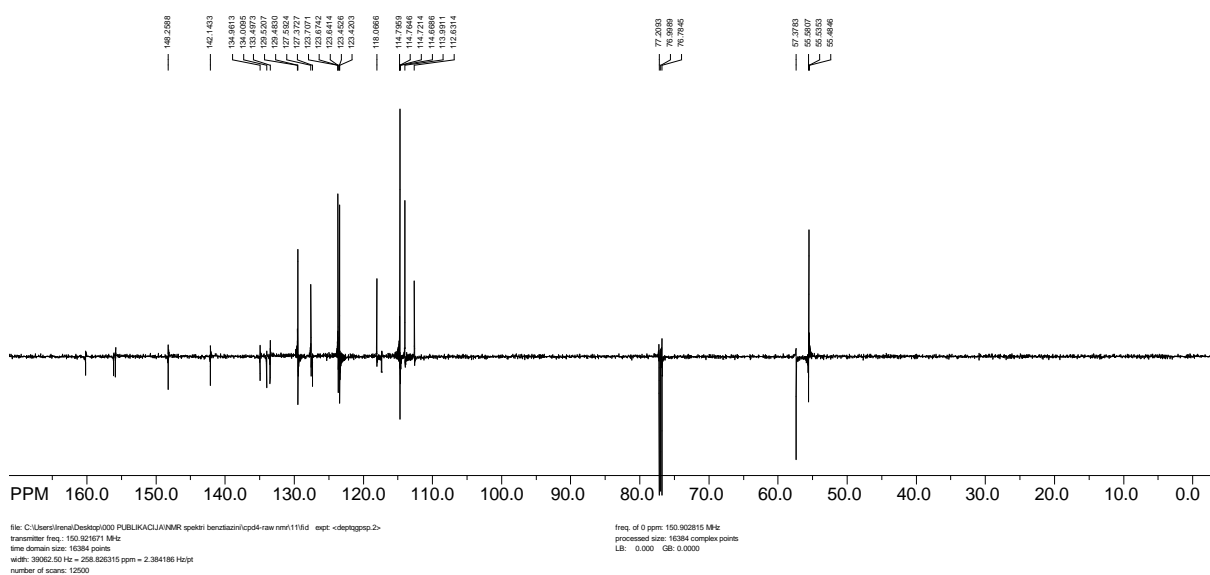
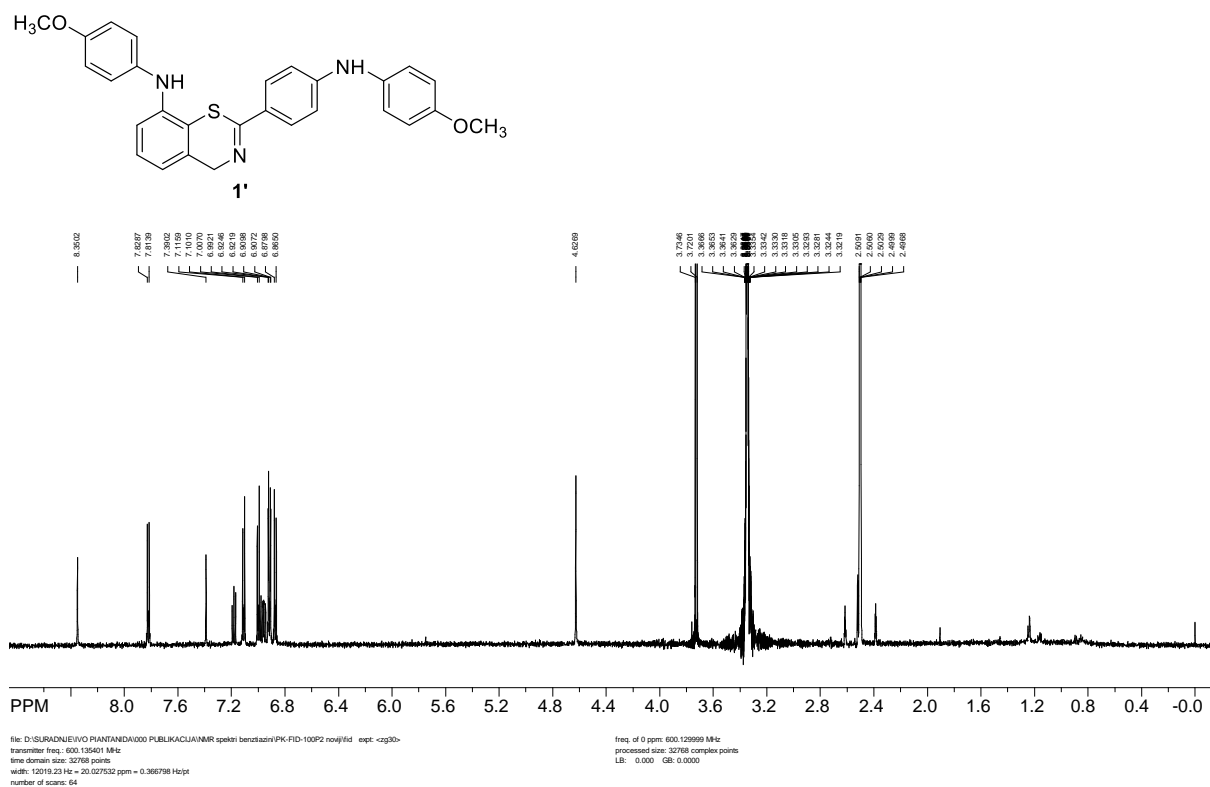
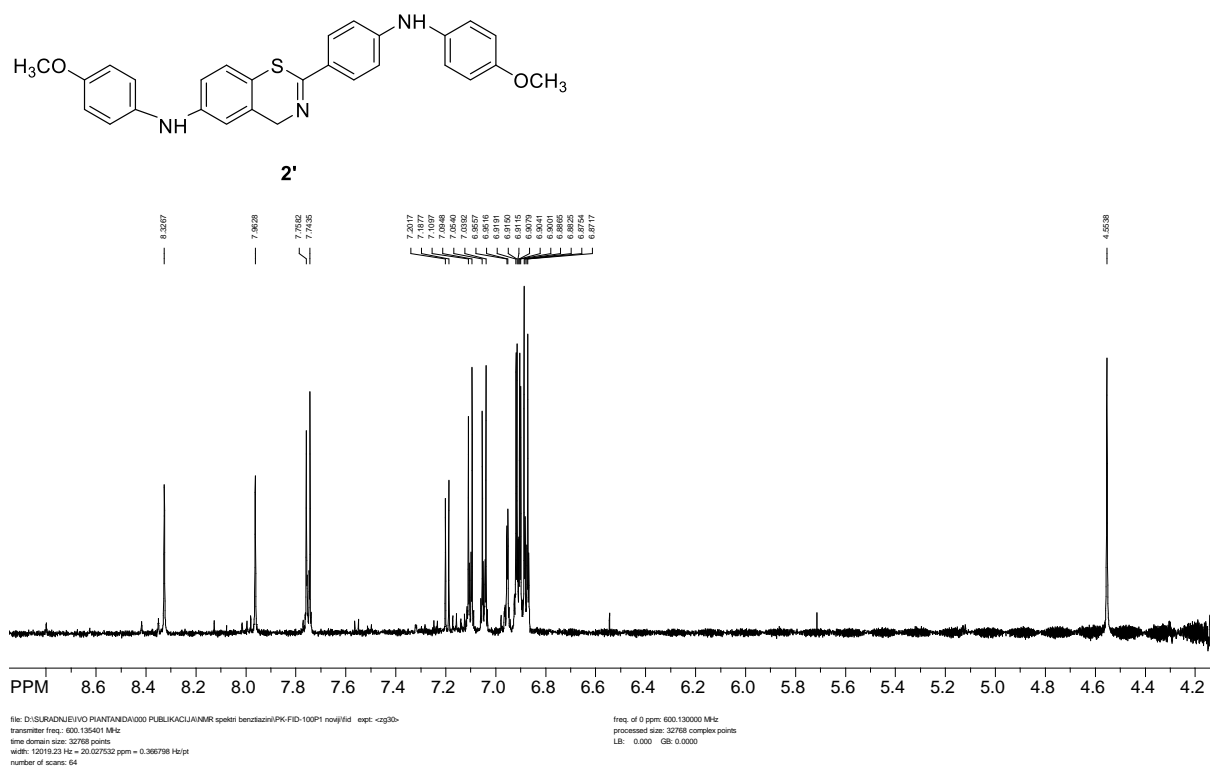


Figure S25. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of benzothiazine **1'**.

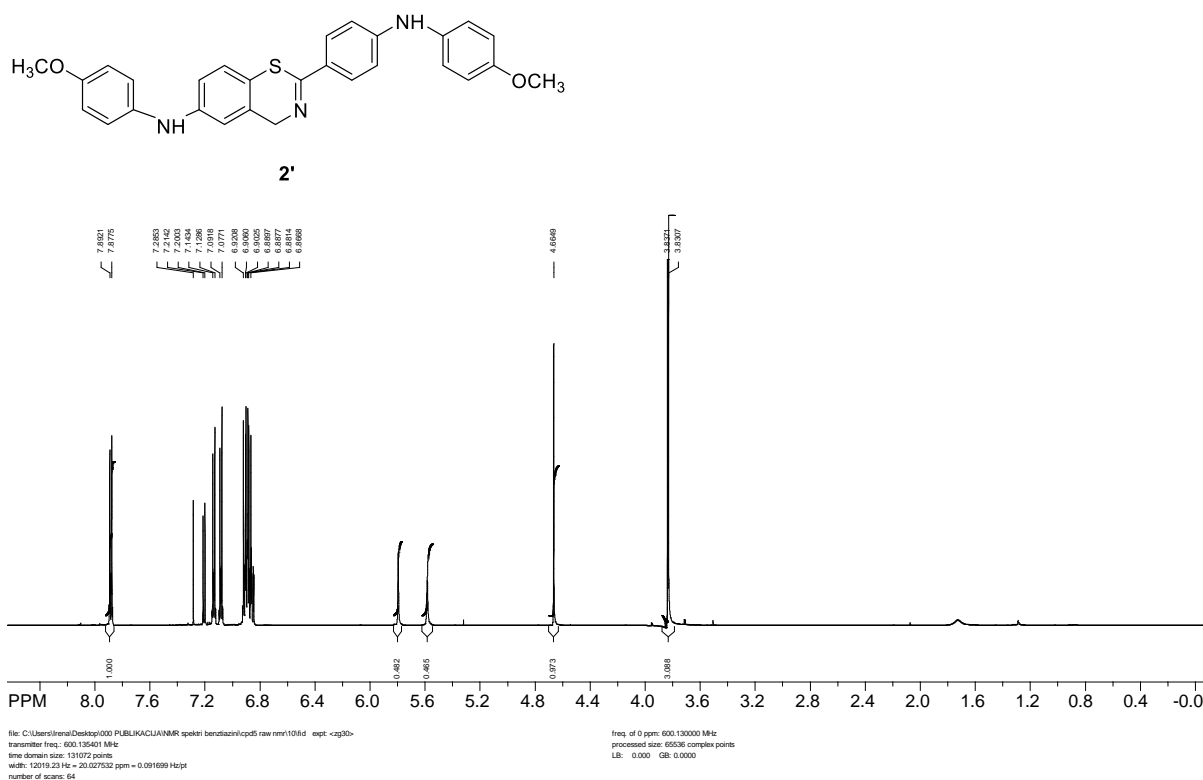




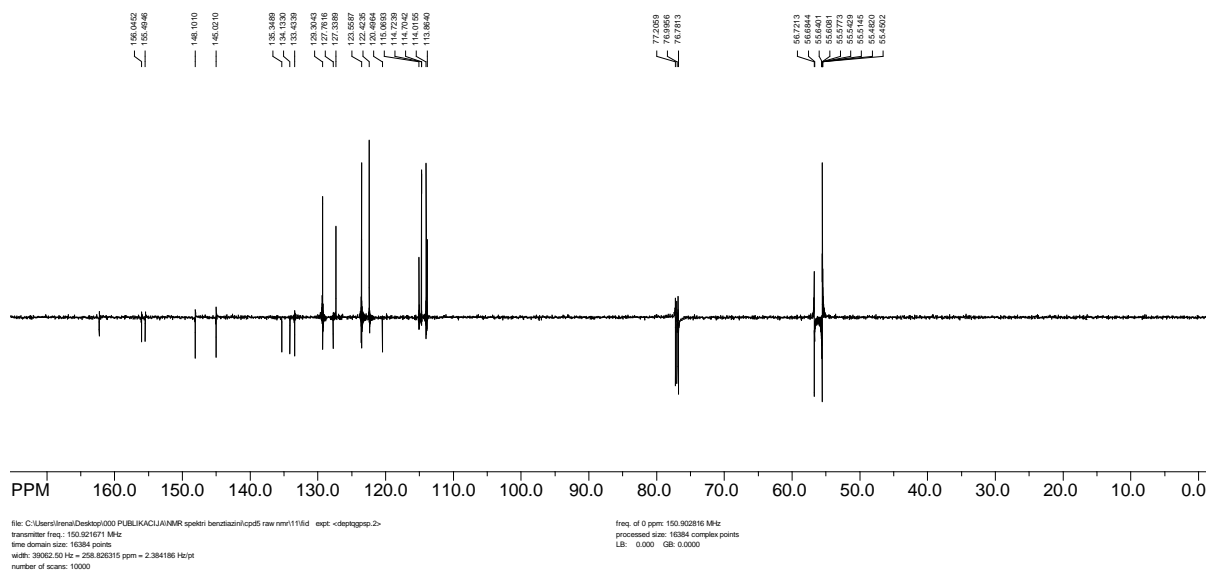
**Figure S26.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO) spectrum of benzothiazine **1'**.



**Figure S27.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO) spectrum of benzothiazine **2'**.



**Figure S28.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of benzothiazine **2'**.



**Figure S29.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of benzothiazine **2'**.

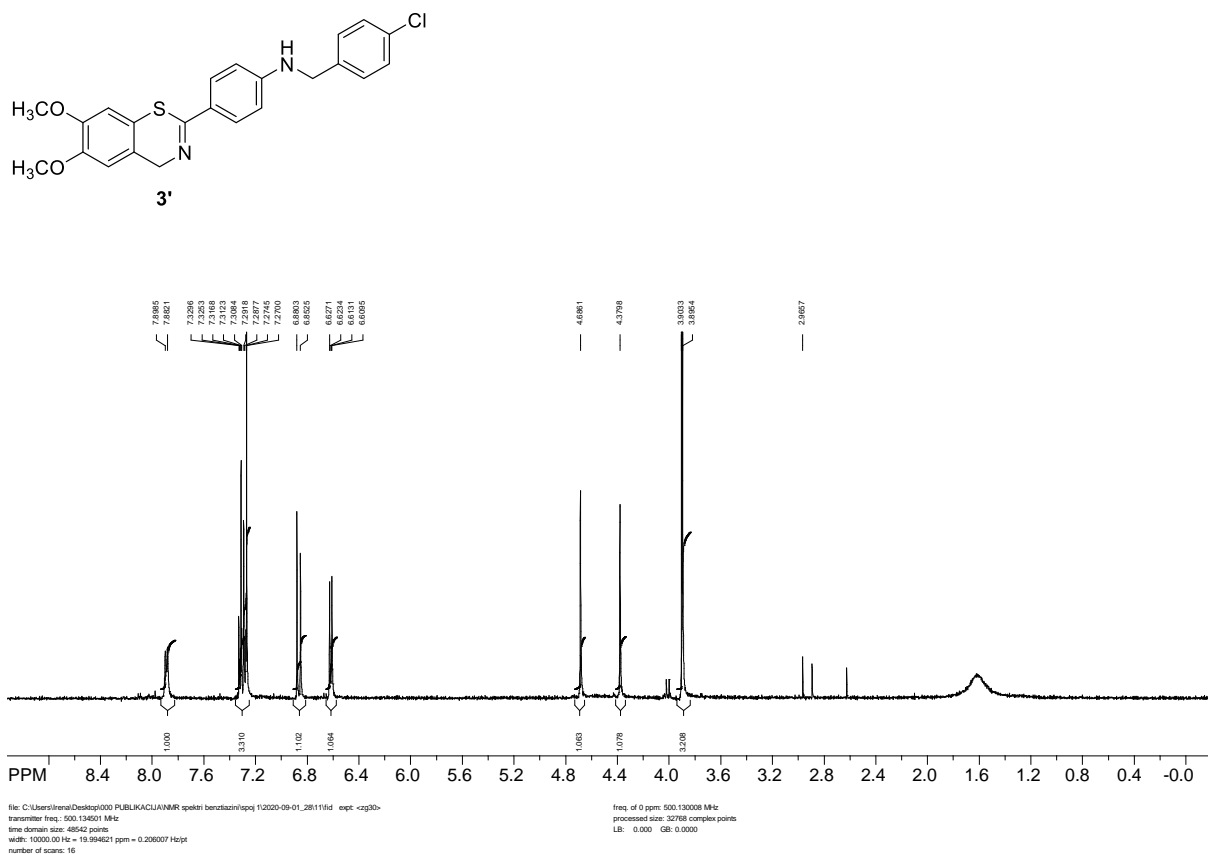


Figure S30. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of benzothiazine **3'**.

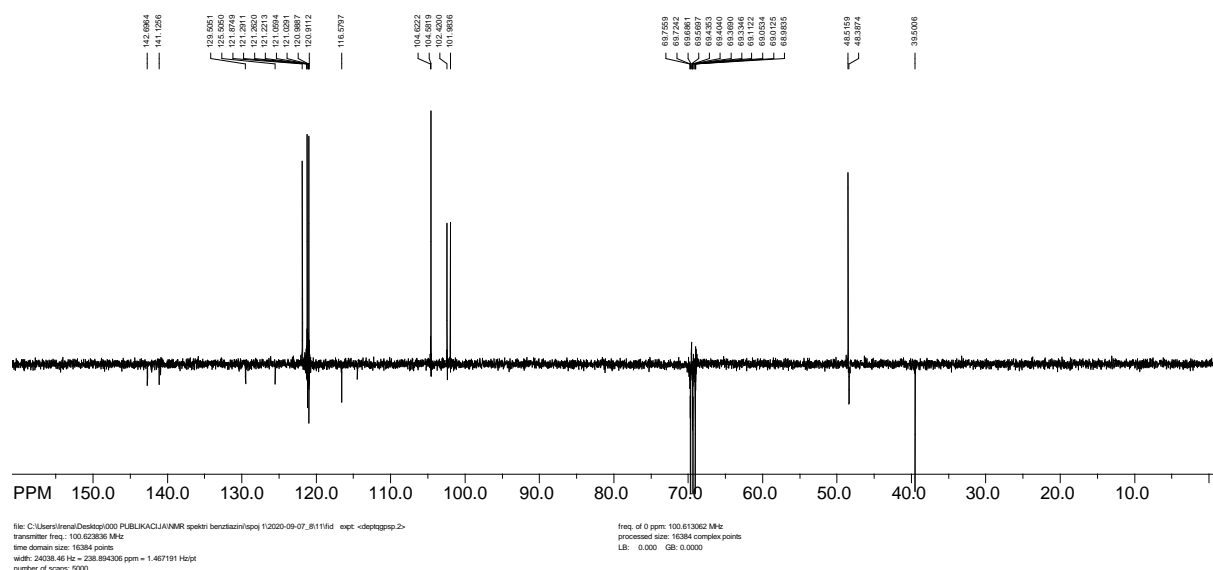
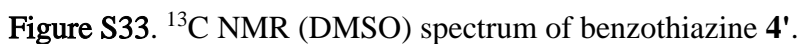
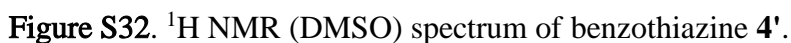


Figure S31. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of benzothiazine **3'**.



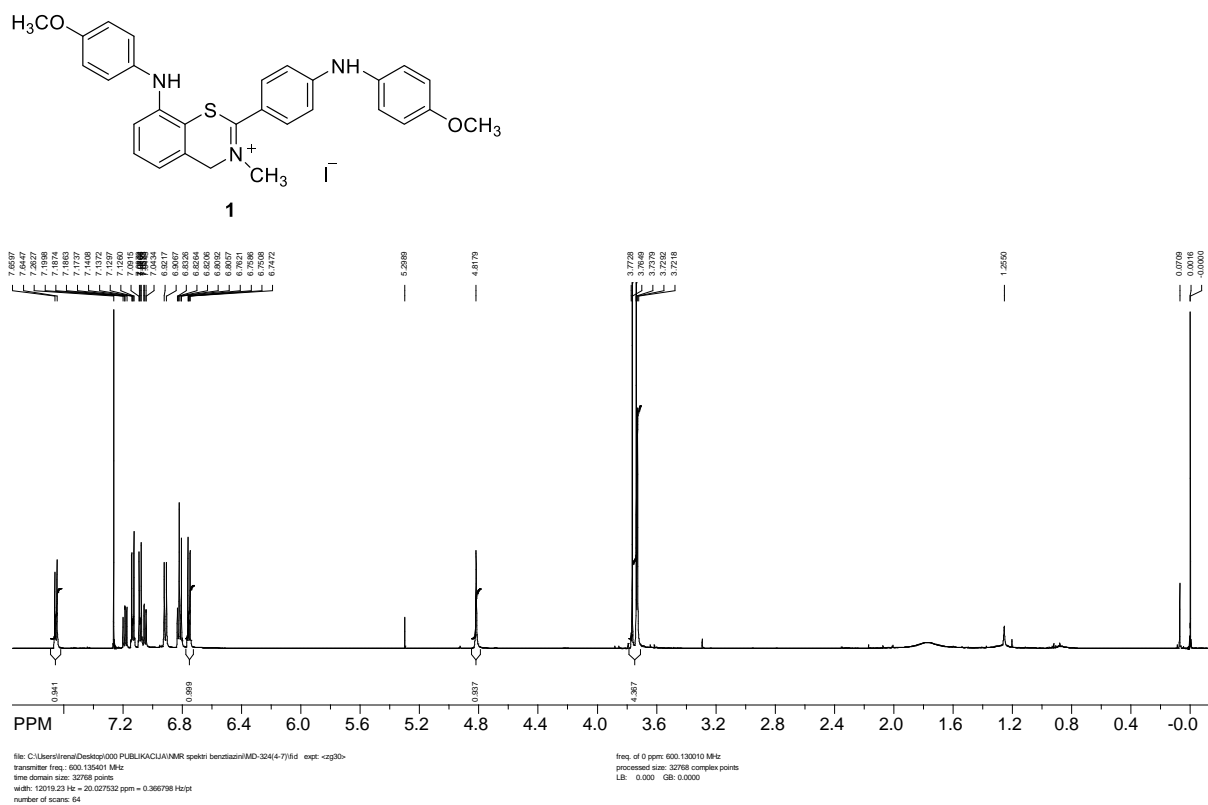


Figure S34. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of benzothiazine **1**.

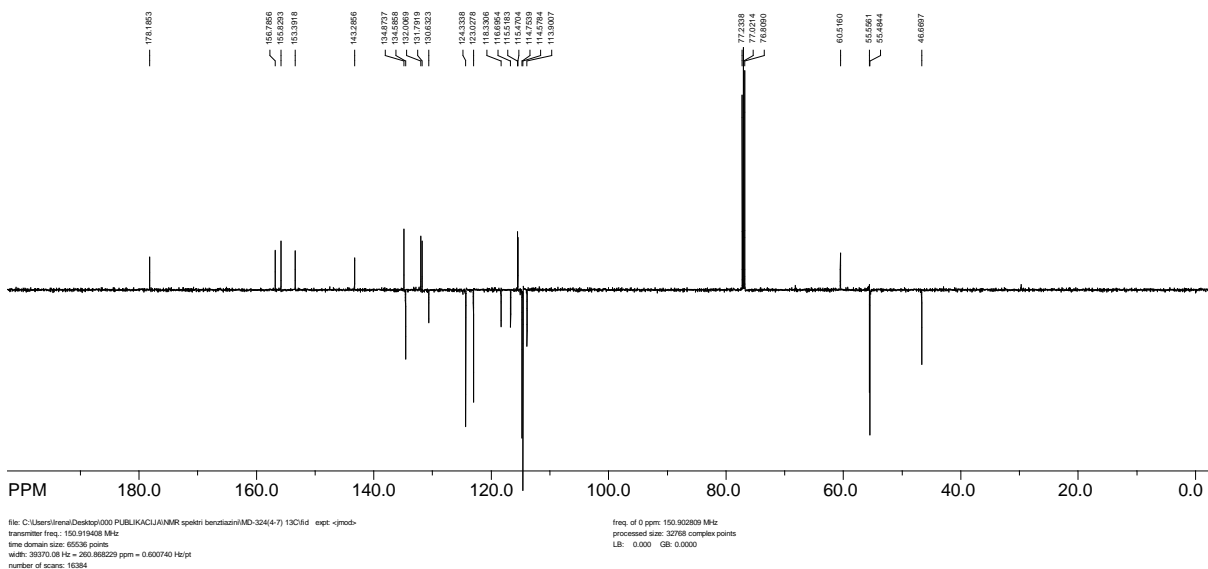
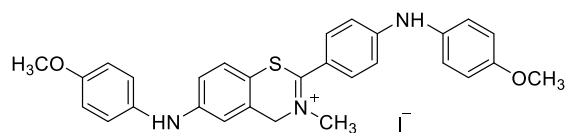
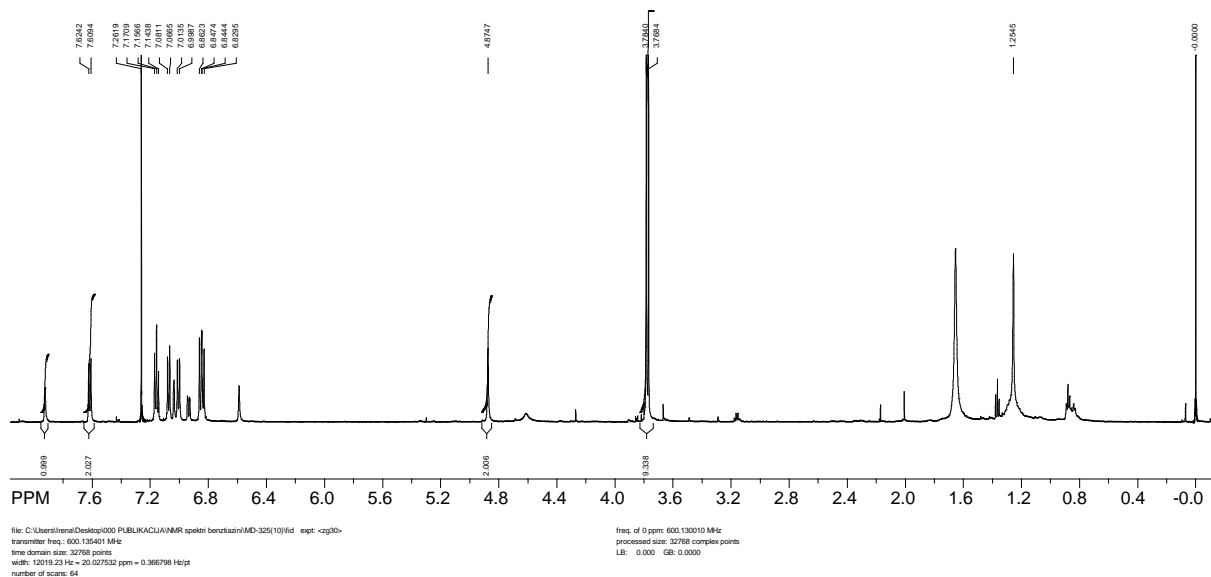


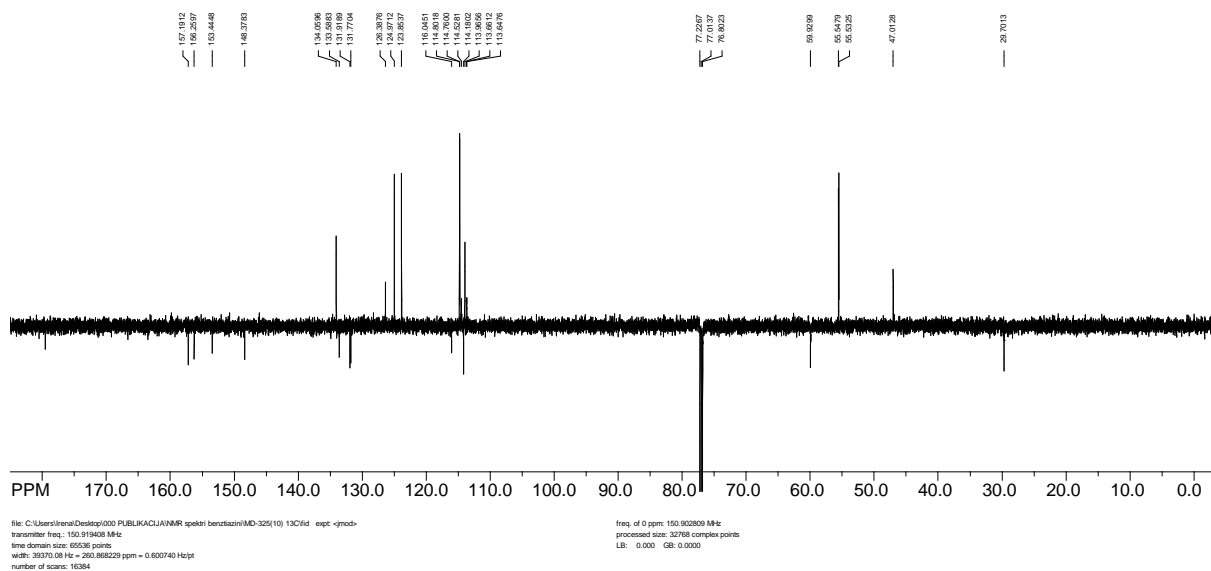
Figure S35. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of benzothiazine **1**.



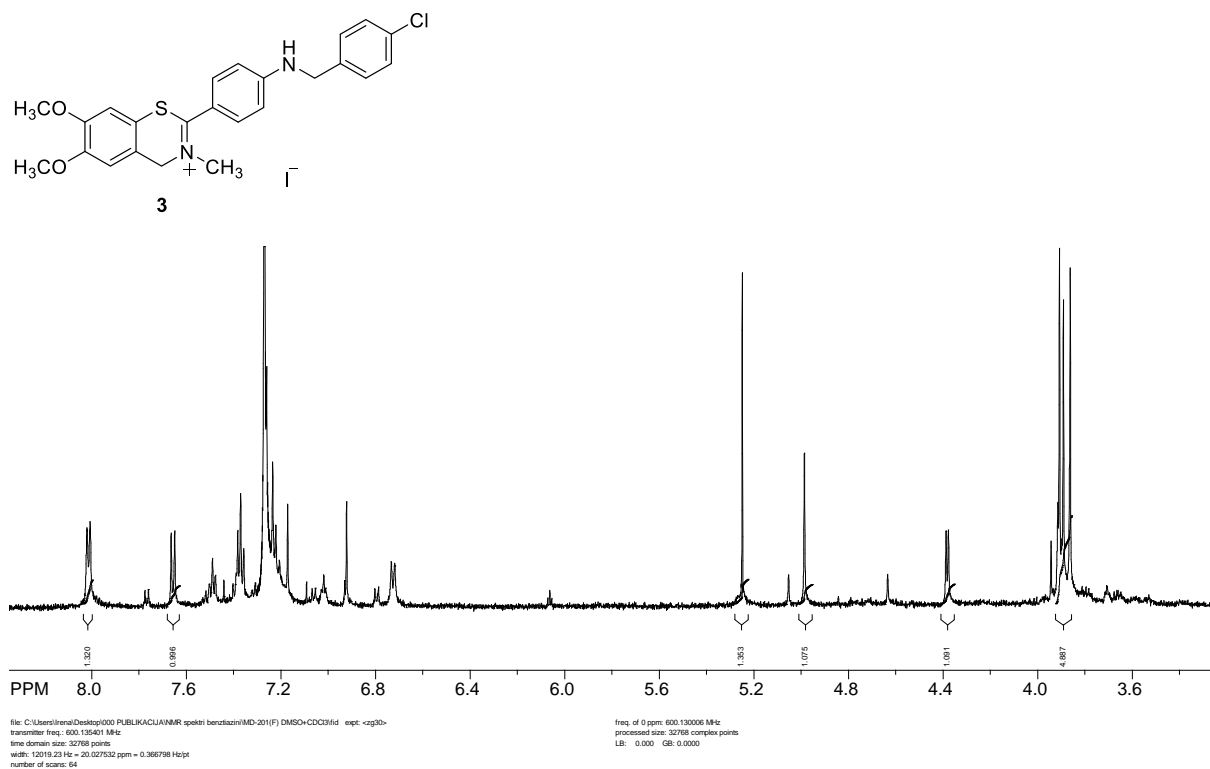
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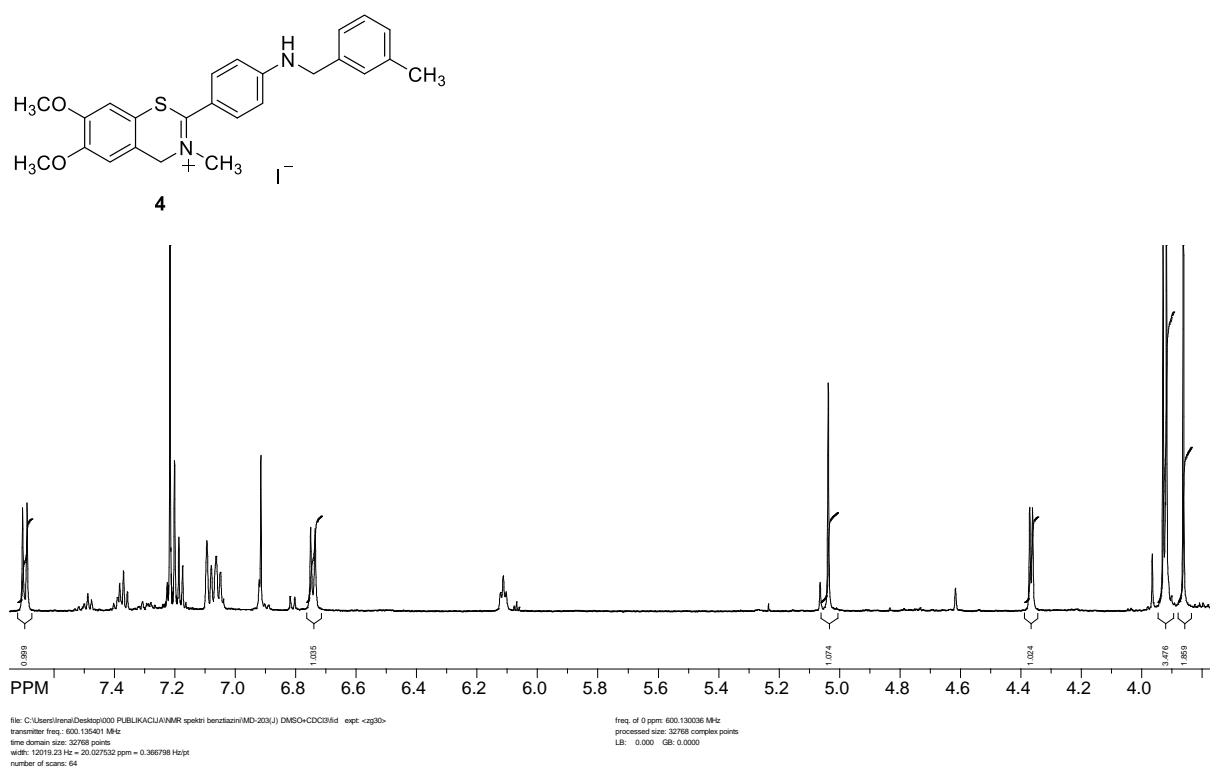
**Figure S36.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of benzothiazine **2**.



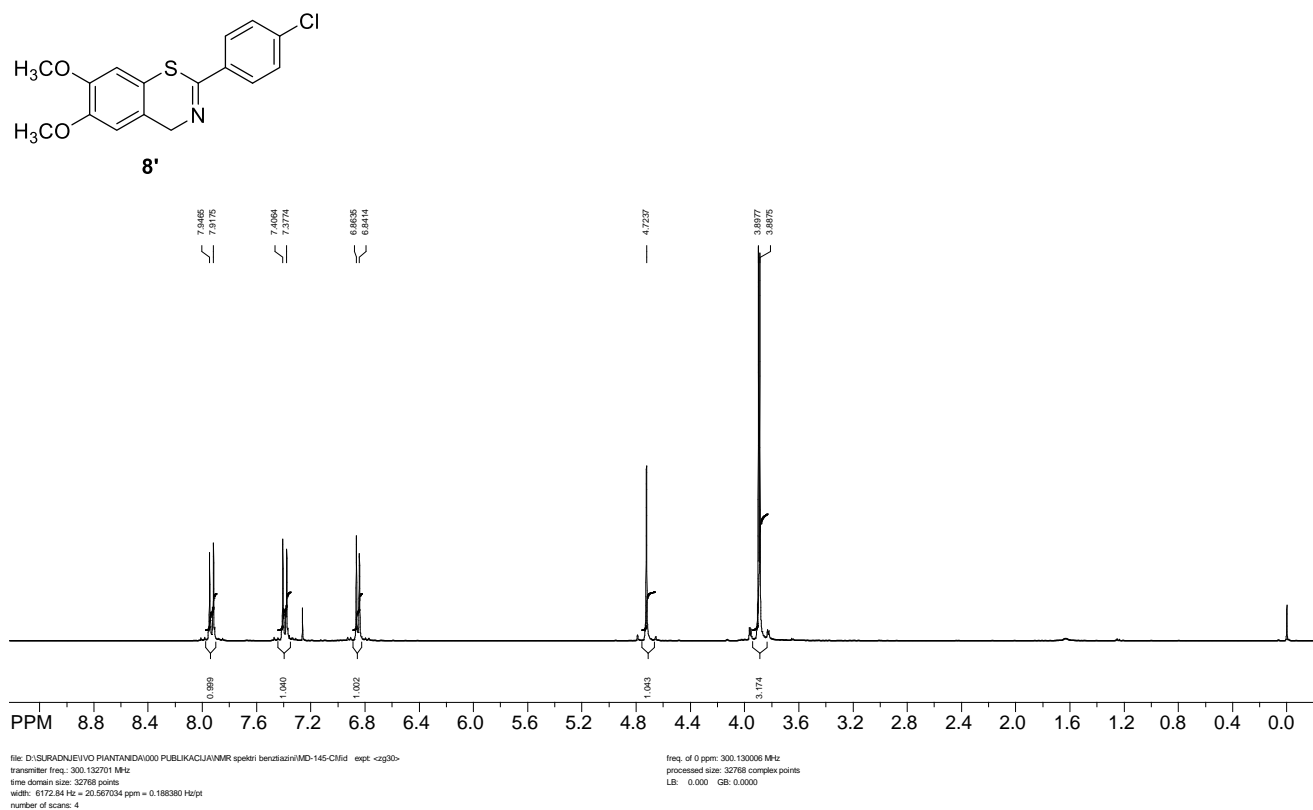
**Figure S37.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of benzothiazine **2**.



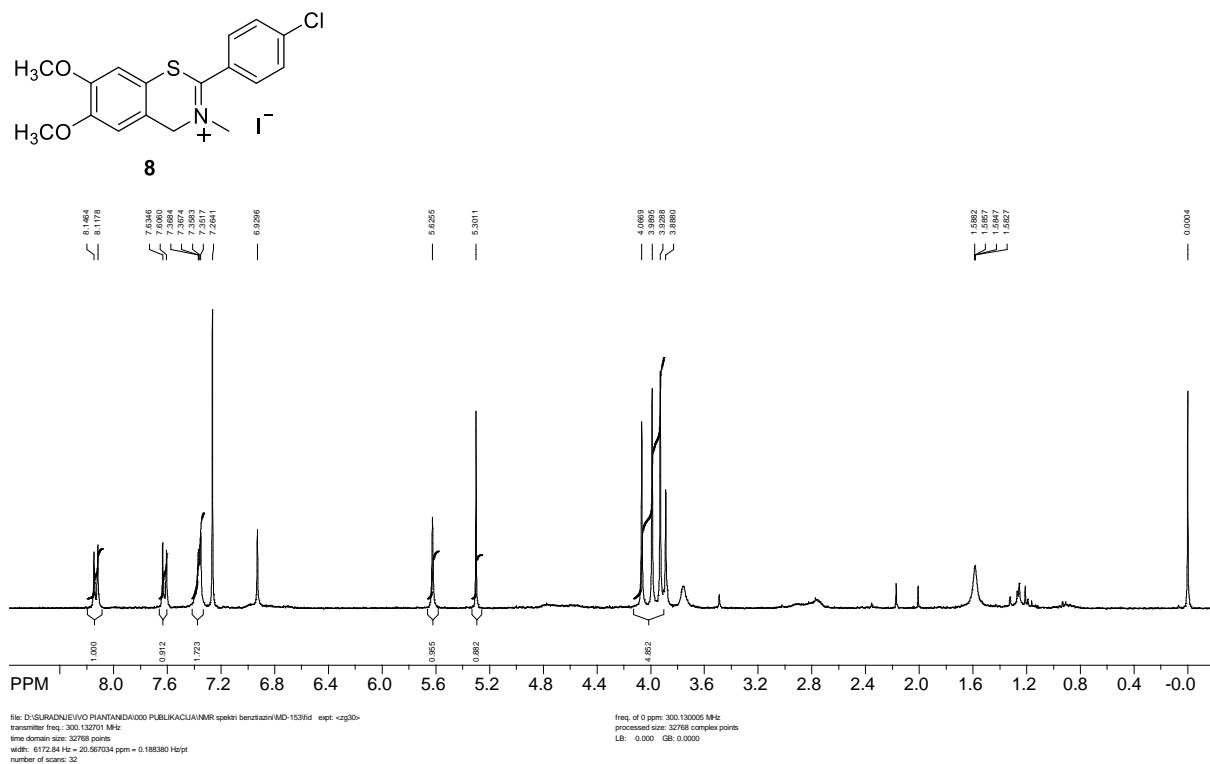
**Figure S38.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> + DMSO) spectrum of benzothiazine **3**.



**Figure S39.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> + DMSO) spectrum of benzothiazine **4**.

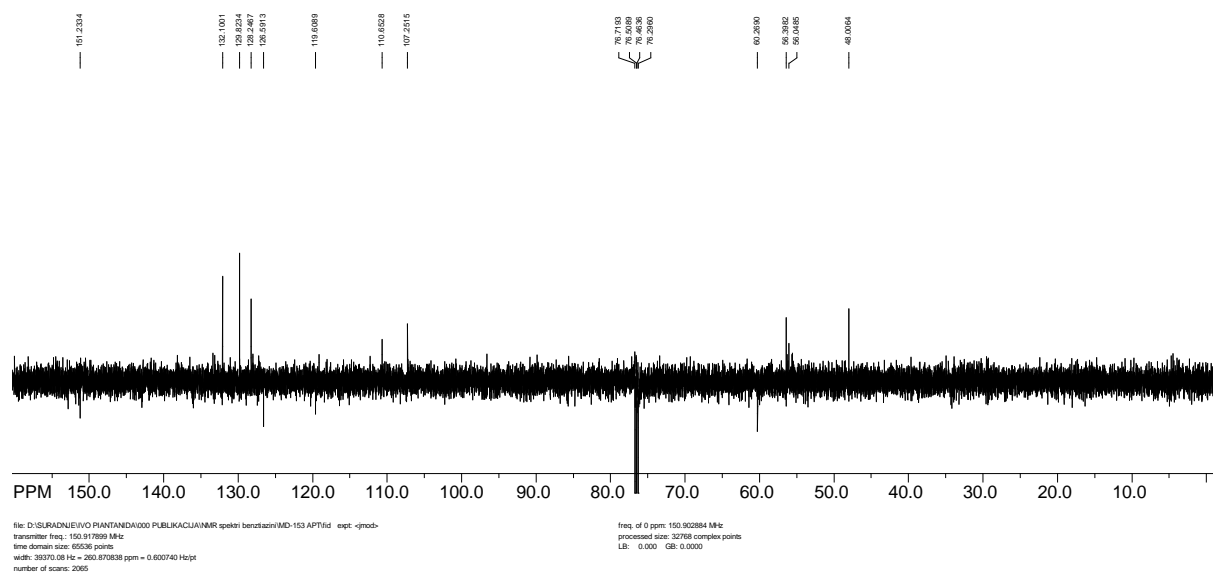


**Figure S40.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of benzothiazine **8'**.



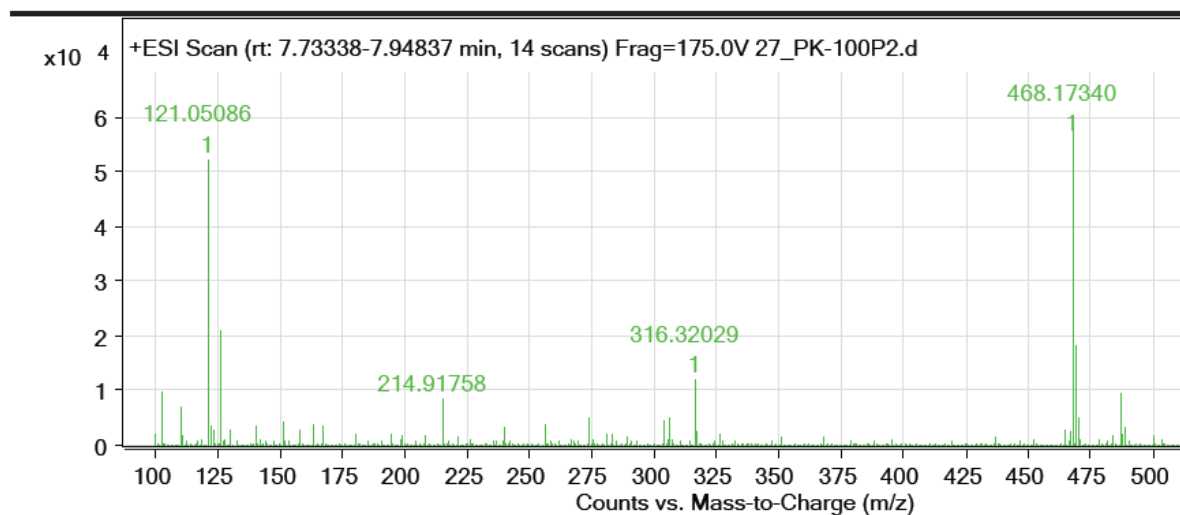
**Figure S41.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectrum of benzothiazine **8**.





**Figure S42.** APT (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of benzothiazine **8**.

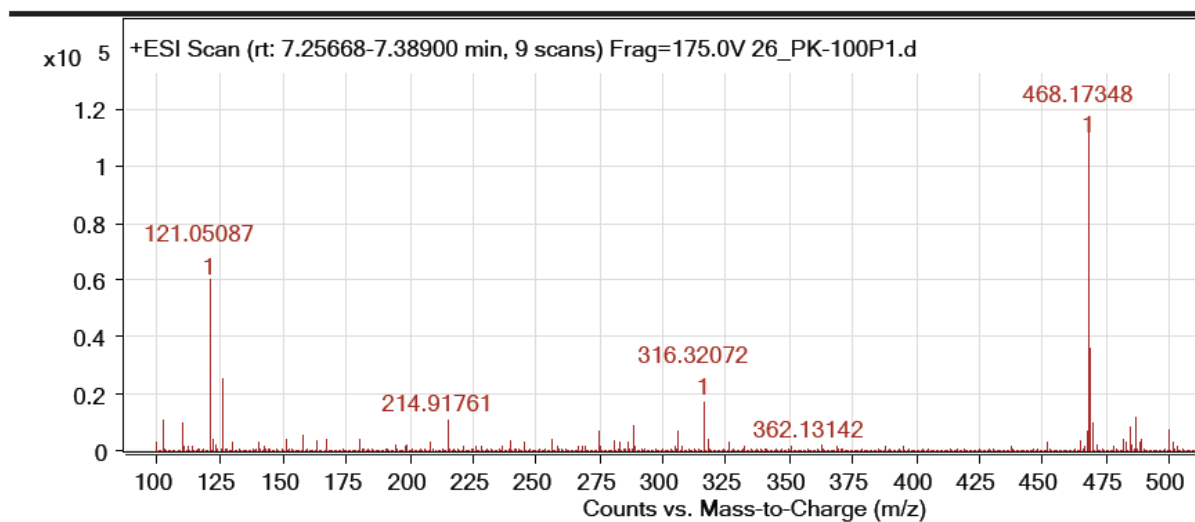
#### 4. MS spectra and HRMS analyses of benzothiazines



##### Formula Calculator Results

Formula	Best	Mass	Tgt Mass	Diff (ppm)	Ion Species	Score
C28 H25 N3 O2 S	True	467.16615	467.16675	1.29	C28 H26 N3 O2 S	97.59

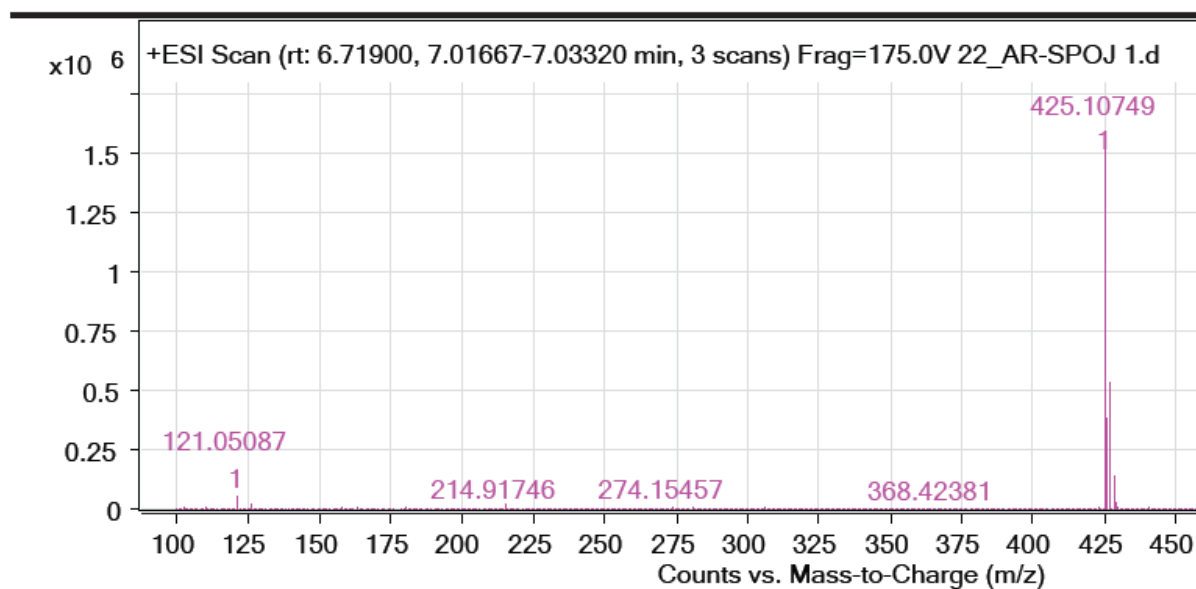
Figure S43. MS spectrum and HRMS analysis of benzothiazine **1'**.



**Formula Calculator Results**

Formula	Best	Mass	Tgt Mass	Diff (ppm)	Ion Species	Score
C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>25</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	True	467.16626	467.16675	1.05	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>26</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	98.64

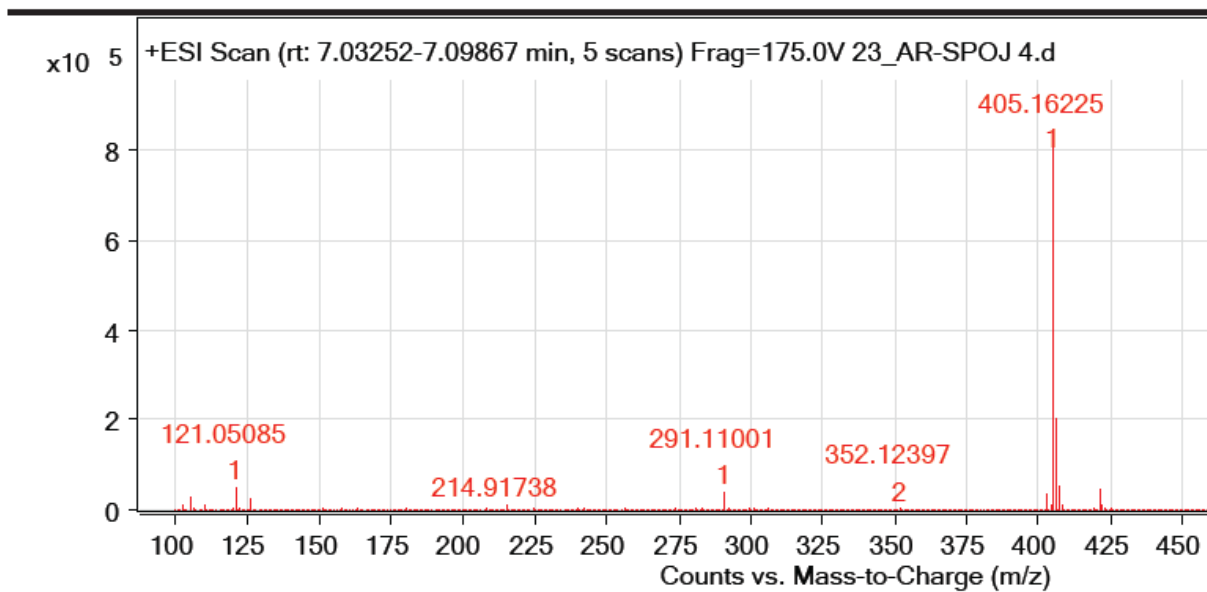
**Figure S44.** MS spectrum and HRMS analysis of benzothiazine **2'**.



**Formula Calculator Results**

Formula	Best	Mass	Tgt Mass	Diff (ppm)	Ion Species	Score
C23 H21 Cl N2 O2 S	True	424.10042	424.10123	1.91	C23 H22 Cl N2 O2 S	96.17

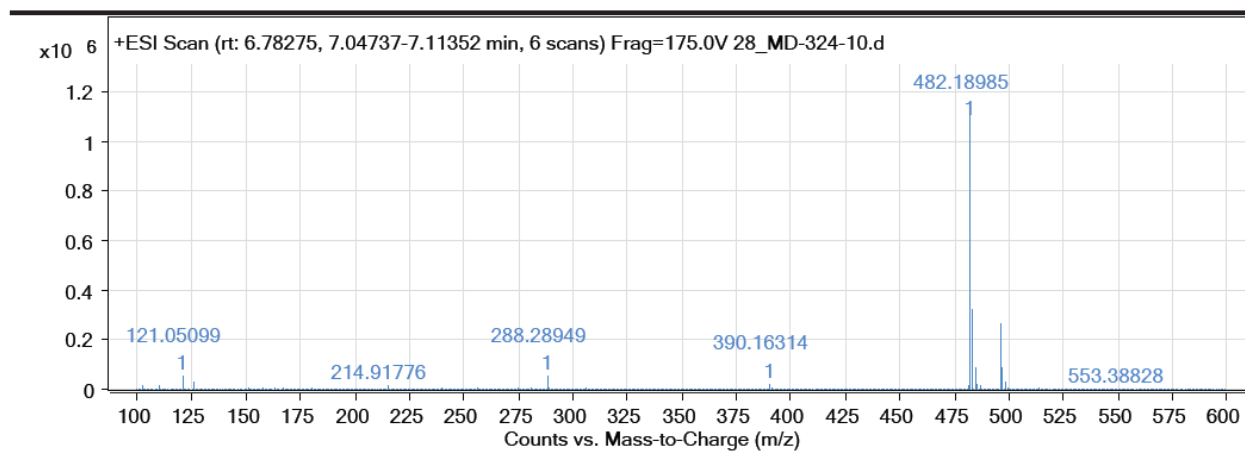
**Figure S45.** MS spectrum and HRMS analysis of benzothiazine **3'**.



**Formula Calculator Results**

Formula	Best	Mass	Tgt Mass	Diff (ppm)	Ion Species	Score
C23 H22 N2 O S	True	374.1447	374.14528	1.55	C23 H23 N2 O S	88.81

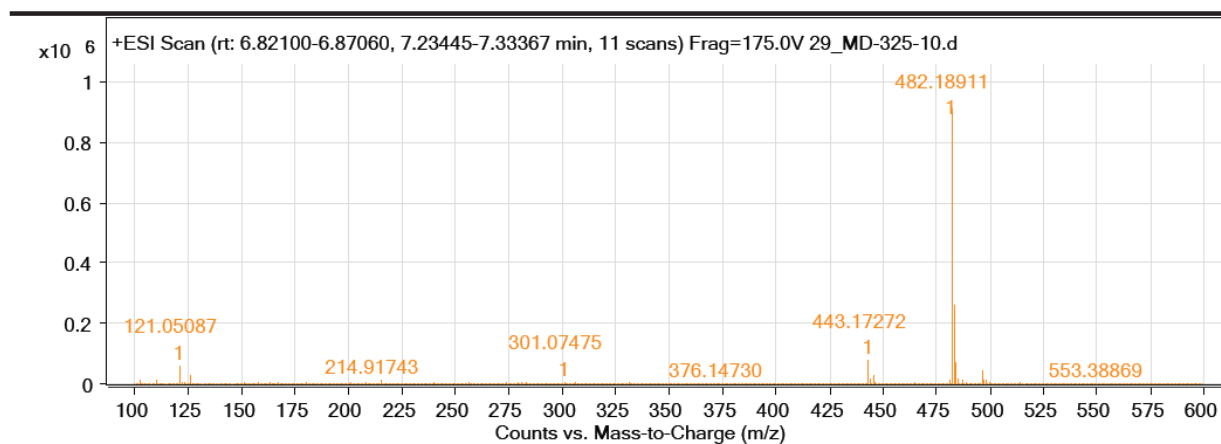
**Figure S46.** MS spectrum and HRMS analysis of benzothiazine 4'.



**Formula Calculator Results**

Formula	Best	Mass	Tgt Mass	Diff (ppm)	Ion Species	Score
C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	True	481.18269	481.1824	-0.6	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	96.23

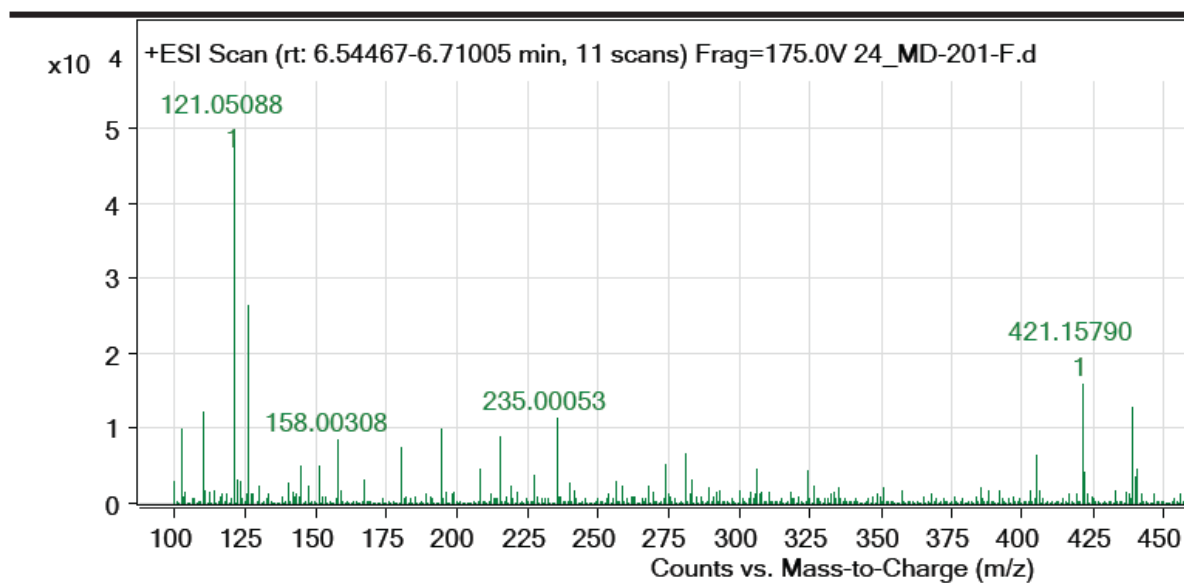
**Figure S47.** MS spectrum and HRMS analysis of benzothiazine **1**.



**Formula Calculator Results**

Formula	Best	Mass	Tgt Mass	Diff (ppm)	Ion Species	Score
C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	True	481.18198	481.1824	0.87	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	95.67

**Figure S48.** MS spectrum and HRMS analysis of benzothiazine **2**.

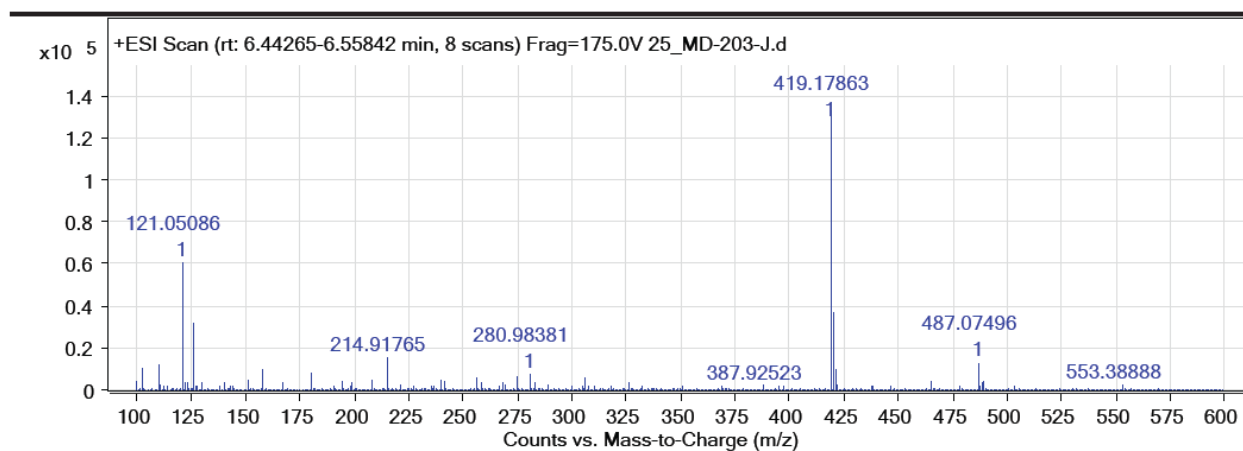


**Formula Calculator Results**

Formula	Best	Mass	Tgt Mass	Diff (ppm)	Ion Species	Score
C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>23</sub> Cl N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	True	438.11649	438.11688	0.89	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>24</sub> Cl N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	98.33

**Figure S49.** MS spectrum and HRMS analysis of benzothiazine **3**.

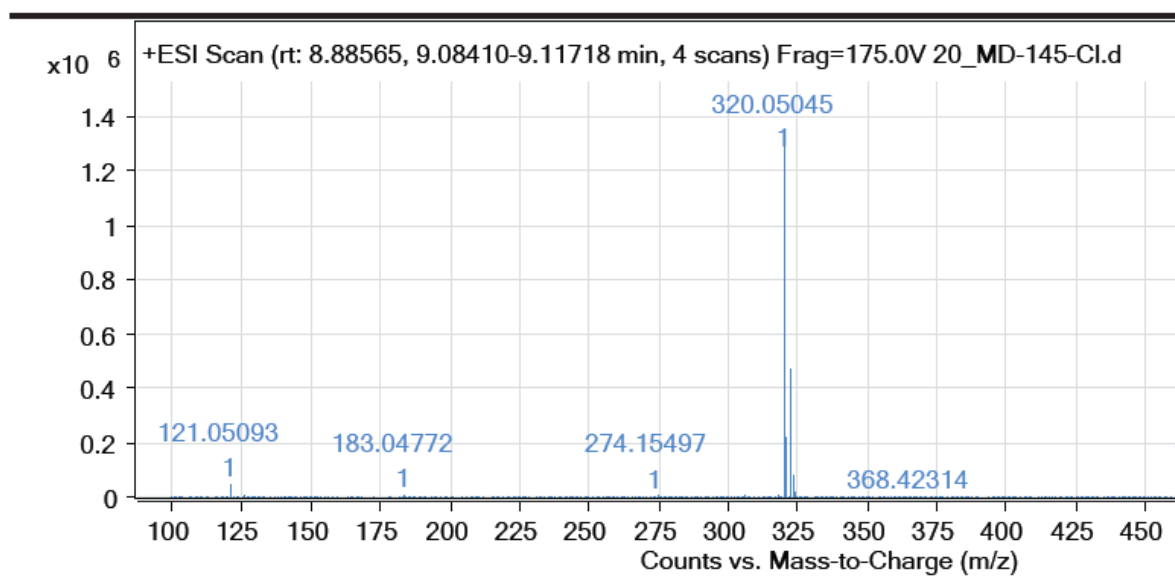




**Formula Calculator Results**

Formula	Best	Mass	Tgt Mass	Diff (ppm)	Ion Species	Score
C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>26</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	True	418.17131	418.1715	0.46	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	98.41

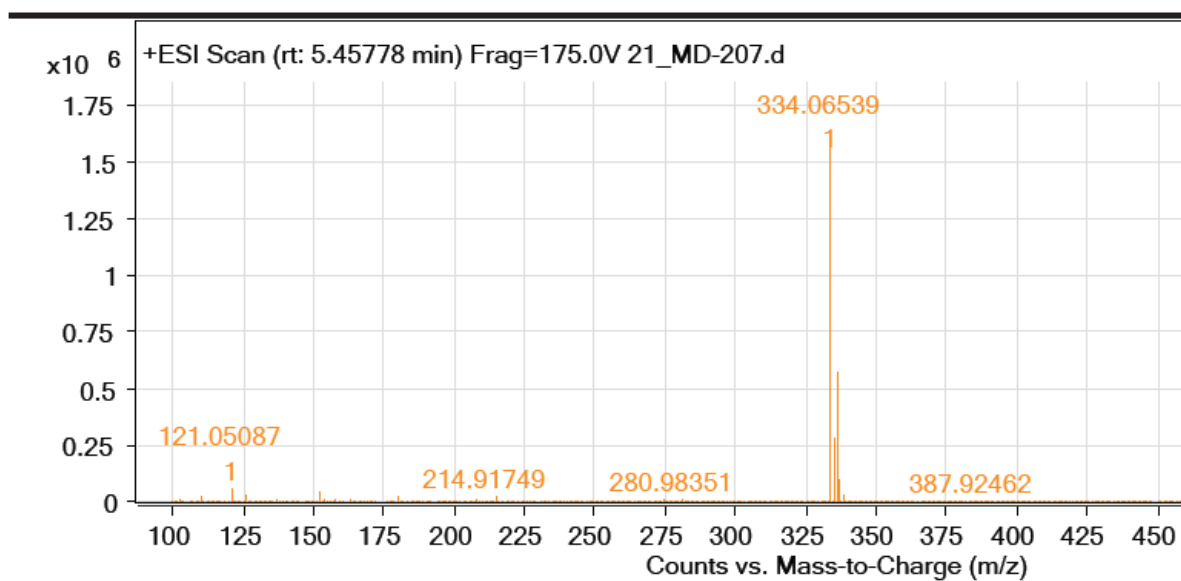
**Figure S50.** MS spectrum and HRMS analysis of benzothiazine **4**.



**Formula Calculator Results**

Formula	Best	Mass	Tgt Mass	Diff (ppm)	Ion Species	Score
C16 H14 Cl N O2 S	True	319.04324	319.04338	0.43	C16 H15 Cl N O2 S	99.11

**Figure S51.** MS spectrum and HRMS analysis of benzothiazine **8'**.



**Formula Calculator Results**

Formula	Best	Mass	Tgt Mass	Diff (ppm)	Ion Species	Score
C17 H16 Cl N O2 S	True	333.05817	333.05903	2.56	C17 H17 Cl N O2 S	96.7

**Figure S52.** MS spectrum and HRMS analysis of benzothiazine **8**.