Supplementary information:

A QCM based 'on-off' mechanistic study of gas adsorption by plasmid DNA and DNA-[Bmim][PF₆] construct

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Figure S1. Photographic image of precipitated (by chilled ethanol) pristine DNA and DNA gel after interaction with ionic liquid [Bmim][PF₆].

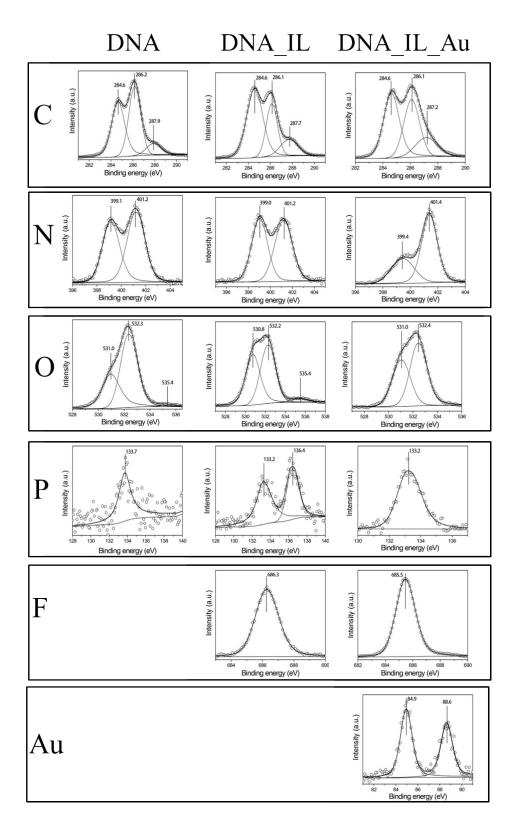


Figure S2. XPS spectra of DNA, DNA-IL and DNA-IL-Au showing deconvoluted raw spectra.

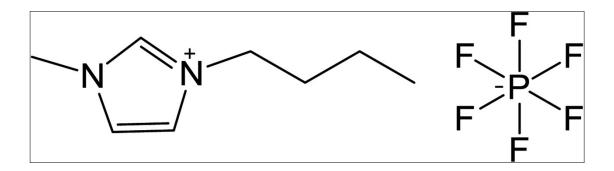


Figure S3. Molecular structure of ionic liquid [Bmim]PF₆].

Table S1. Gaussian fitting values obtained from the IR adsorption spectra (Fig. 4) for [Bmim][PF₆]

$v_{\rm ss}$ HC(4)C(5)H	3162	v _{FR} CH ₃	2939
$v_{as}HC(4)C(5)H$	3122	v ssCH ₃	2870
v asCH ₃	2965		

Note: ss, as, and FR represent the symmetric stretch, the antisymmetric stretch, and the Fermi resonance, respectively)