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Supplementary Information

Synthesis, spectroscopic characterization and DNA/HSA binding study of (phenyl/naphthyl)ethenyl-substituted 1,3,4-oxadiazolyl-1,2,4oxadiazoles

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¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compounds 7aa-be.



Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 400 MHz) of compound 7aa.



Figure S2. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 100 MHz) of compound 7aa.



Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 400 MHz) of compound 7ab.



Figure S4. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 100 MHz) of compound 7ab.



Figure S5. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 400 MHz) of compound 7ac (δ , TMS).



Figure S6. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 100 MHz) of compound 7ac.



Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 400 MHz) of compound 7ad.



Figure S8. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 100 MHz) of compound 7ad.



Figure S9. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 400 MHz) of compound 7ae.



Figure S10. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 100 MHz) of compound 7ae.



Figure S11. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 400 MHz) of compound 7ba.



Figure S12. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 100 MHz) of compound 7ba.



Figure S13. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 400 MHz) of compound 7bb.



Figure S14. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 100 MHz) of compound 7bb.



Figure S15. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 400 MHz) of compound 7bc.



Figure S16. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 100 MHz) of compound 7bc.



Figure S17. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 400 MHz) of compound 7bd.



Figure S18. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 100 MHz) of compound 7bd.



Figure S19. ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 400 MHz) of compound 7be.



Figure S20. ¹³C NMR spectrum (CDCl₃ at 100 MHz) of compound 7be.

HRMS Spectra of compounds 7aa-be



Figure S21. HRMS Spectrum of compound 7aa (ESI+).



Figure S22. HRMS Spectrum of compound 7ab (ESI+).



Figure S23. HRMS Spectrum of compound 7ac (ESI+).



Figure S24. HRMS Spectrum of compound 7ad (ESI+).



Figure S25. HRMS Spectrum of compound 7ae (ESI+).



Figure S26. HRMS Spectrum of compound 7ba (ESI+).



Figure S27. HRMS Spectrum of compound 7bb (ESI+).



Figure S28. HRMS Spectrum of compound 7bc (ESI+).



Figure S29. HRMS Spectrum of compound 7bd (ESI+).



Figure S30. HRMS Spectrum of compound 7be (ESI+).

| Compound | 7aa | |
|--|--|--|
| Empirical formula | $C_{18}H_{12}N_4O_2$ | |
| Formula weight | 316.32 | |
| Temperature (K) | 100(2) | |
| Wavelength | 0.71073 | |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | |
| Space group | <i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i> | |
| <i>a</i> (Å) | 15.8581(13) | |
| b (Å) | 4.2689(3) | |
| <i>c</i> (Å) | 22.0230(18) | |
| α (°) | 90 | |
| β (°) | 94.541(3) | |
| γ (°) | 90 | |
| Volume (Å ³) | 1486.2(2) | |
| Z | 4 | |
| Calculated density(mg·m ⁻³) | 1.414 | |
| Absorp. coefficient (mm ⁻¹) | 0.096 | |
| F (000) | 656 | |
| Crystal size (mm) | 0.373 x 0.104 x 0.080 | |
| Theta range for data collection (°) | 2.34 to 27.13 | |
| Limiting indices | $-20 \le h \le 205 \le k \le 528 \le l \le 28$ | |
| Reflections collected / unique | 12694 /3290 | |
| Completeness to theta | 99.8% | |
| Absorption correction | Semi-empirical from equivalents | |
| Max. and min. trans. | 0.8620/0.6741 | |
| Data / restraints / parameters | 3290 / 0 / 217 | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F^2 | 1.015 | |
| ÍndiceR _{int} | 0.0768 | |
| Final R indices R_1 and $wR_2[I > 2\sigma(l)]$ | 0.0572 /0.01129 | |
| <i>R</i> indices (all data) | 0.01129 / 0.01344 | |
| Largest diff. peak and hole | 0.243 and -0.333 e·A ⁻³ | |

 Table S1. Crystal data and details of the refinement of the crystal structure of 7aa.

| O(12)-C(13) | 1 364(2) | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| O(12)-C(15) | 1.304(2) | |
| O(12)- $C(10)$ | 1.3/4(2) 1.346(2) | |
| O(1) - C(3) | 1.340(2) | |
| O(1)-N(2) N(15) $O(16)$ | 1.413(2) | |
| N(15)-C(10) N(15) N(14) | 1.302(3) | |
| N(13)-N(14) N(14) C(12) | 1.402(2) | |
| N(14)-C(13) | 1.260(3) | |
| $\frac{N(2)-C(3)}{N(4)-C(5)}$ | 1.310(3) | |
| $\frac{N(4)-C(3)}{N(4)-C(2)}$ | 1.290(3) | |
| N(4)-C(5) | 1.392(2) | |
| $\frac{C(13)-C(5)}{C(11)}$ | 1.444(3) | |
| $\frac{C(6)-C(11)}{C(6)-C(7)}$ | 1.384(3) | |
| $\frac{C(6)-C(7)}{C(6)-C(7)}$ | 1.402(3) | |
| $\frac{C(6)-C(3)}{C(10)-C(20)}$ | 1.460(3) | |
| C(19)-C(20) | 1.388(3) | |
| C(19)-C(24) | 1.397(3) | |
| C(19)-C(18) | 1.472(3) | |
| C(17)-C(18) | 1.339(3) | |
| C(17)-C(16) | 1.437(3) | |
| <u>C(8)-C(9)</u> | 1.378(3) | |
| <u>C(8)-C(7)</u> | 1.382(3) | |
| C(10)-C(11) | 1.384(3) | |
| C(10)-C(9) | 1.392(3) | |
| C(20)-C(21) | 1.389(3) | |
| C(21)-C(22) | 1.375(4) | |
| C(22)-C(23) | 1.382(4) | |
| C(24)-C(23) | 1.382(3) | |
| C(13)-O(12)-C(16) | 101.45(16) | |
| C(5)-O(1)-N(2) | 104.81(16) | |
| C(16)-N(15)-N(14) | 106.42(18) | |
| C(13)-N(14)-N(15) | 105.77(17) | |
| C(3)-N(2)-O(1) | 104.41(16) | |
| C(5)-N(4)-C(3) | 101.83(17) | |
| N(14)-C(13)-O(12) | 113.99(18) | |
| N(14)-C(13)-C(5) | 126.46(19) | |
| O(12)-C(13)-C(5) | 119.49(19) | |
| C(11)-C(6)-C(7) | 119.6(2) | |
| C(11)-C(6)-C(3) | 121.18(18) | |
| C(7)-C(6)-C(3) | 119.2(2) | |
| C(20)-C(19)-C(24) | 118.7(2) | |
| C(20)-C(19)-C(18) | 118.7(2) | |
| C(24)-C(19)-C(18) | 122.6(2) | |
| N(4)-C(5)-O(1) | 115.14(18) | |
| N(4)-C(5)-C(13) | 129.97(19) | |
| O(1)-C(5)-C(13) | 114.87(19) | |
| C(18)-C(17)-C(16) | 124.0(2) | |

 Table S2.
 Bond lengths [A] and angles [deg] for 7aa.

| C(17)-C(18)-C(19) | 125.4(2) |
|-------------------|------------|
| N(2)-C(3)-N(4) | 113.8(2) |
| N(2)-C(3)-C(6) | 121.88(18) |
| N(4)-C(3)-C(6) | 124.29(19) |
| N(15)-C(16)-O(12) | 112.36(17) |
| N(15)-C(16)-C(17) | 126.9(2) |
| O(12)-C(16)-C(17) | 120.75(19) |
| C(9)-C(8)-C(7) | 119.98(19) |
| C(8)-C(7)-C(6) | 120.1(2) |
| C(11)-C(10)-C(9) | 120.0(2) |
| C(19)-C(20)-C(21) | 121.1(2) |
| C(8)-C(9)-C(10) | 120.3(2) |
| C(10)-C(11)-C(6) | 120.09(18) |
| C(22)-C(21)-C(20) | 119.6(2) |
| C(21)-C(22)-C(23) | 120.1(2) |
| C(23)-C(24)-C(19) | 120.0(2) |
| C(22)-C(23)-C(24) | 120.6(2) |



Figure S31. Projection of the molecular structure of the **7aa** ligand. Thermal ellipsoids with 50% probability level.



Figure S32. UV-Vis absorption spectra of derivatives 7ba-be in CHCl₃ solution ([] = $2.00 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$).



Figure S33. UV-Vis absorption spectra of derivatives (a) 7aa-ae and (b) 7ba-be in DMSO solution ([] = 2.00×10^{-5} M).



Figure S34. Steady-state emission spectra of derivatives 7aa-ae ($\lambda_{exc} = 323$ nm) in saturated argon chloroform solution ([] = 1.00 x 10⁻⁶ M).



Figure S35. Steady-state emission spectra of derivatives (a) **7aa-ae** ($\lambda_{exc} = 324$ nm) and (b) **7ba-be** ($\lambda_{exc} = 355$ nm) in saturated argon DMSO solution ([] = 1.00 x 10⁻⁶ M).



Figure S36. Representative samples of compound **7aa** at 1.0 mg/mL (1.05 x 10^{-3} M) solution in DMSO (**A**), and compound **7ba** at 1.0 mg/mL (9.10 x 10^{-4} M) solution in DMSO (**B**), both under UV illumination (365 nm).



Figure S37. UV-Vis titration absorption spectra of derivative **7ab**, in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of CT-DNA ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. Insert graph shows the plot of [DNA]/($\epsilon_a - \epsilon_f$) *versus* [DNA].



Figure S38. UV-Vis titration absorption spectra of derivative **7ac**, in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of CT-DNA ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. Insert graph shows the plot of [DNA]/($\epsilon_a - \epsilon_f$) versus [DNA].



Figure S39. UV-Vis titration absorption spectra of derivative **7ad**, in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of CT-DNA ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. Insert graph shows the plot of [DNA]/($\epsilon_a - \epsilon_f$) versus [DNA].



Figure S40. UV-Vis titration absorption spectra of derivative **7ae**, in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of CT-DNA ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. Insert graph shows the plot of [DNA]/($\epsilon_a - \epsilon_f$) versus [DNA].



Figure S41. UV-Vis titration absorption spectra of derivative **7bb**, in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of CT-DNA ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. Insert graph shows the plot of [DNA]/($\epsilon_a - \epsilon_f$) versus [DNA].



Figure S42. UV-Vis titration absorption spectra of derivative **7bc**, in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of CT-DNA ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. Insert graph shows the plot of [DNA]/($\epsilon_a - \epsilon_f$) versus [DNA].



Figure S43. UV-Vis titration absorption spectra of derivative **7bd**, in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of CT-DNA ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. Insert graph shows the plot of [DNA]/($\epsilon_a - \epsilon_f$) *versus* [DNA].



Figure S44. UV-Vis titration absorption spectra of derivative **7be**, in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of CT-DNA ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. Insert graph shows the plot of [DNA]/($\epsilon_a - \epsilon_f$) versus [DNA].



Figure S45. Competitive emission spectra of EB-DNA with derivative **7aa** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. Insert graph shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].



Figure S46. Competitive emission spectra of EB-DNA with derivative **7ab** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. Insert graph shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].



Figure S47. Competitive emission spectra of EB-DNA with derivative **7ac** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. Insert graph shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].



Figure S48. Competitive emission spectra of EB-DNA with derivative **7ad** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. Insert graph shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].



Figure S49. Competitive emission spectra of EB-DNA with derivative **7ae** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. Insert graph shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].



Figure S50. Competitive emission spectra of EB-DNA with derivative **7ba** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. Insert graph shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].



Figure S51. Competitive emission spectra of EB-DNA with derivative **7bb** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. Insert graph shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].



Figure S52. Competitive emission spectra of EB-DNA with derivative **7bc** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. Insert graph shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].



Figure S53. Competitive emission spectra of EB-DNA with derivative **7bd** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. Insert graph shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].



Figure S54. Competitive emission spectra of EB-DNA with derivative **7be** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. Insert graph shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].



Figure S55. HSA-binding emission spectra with derivative **7aa** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. *Insert graph* shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].



Figure S56. HSA-binding emission spectra with derivative **7ab** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. *Insert graph* shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].



Figure S57. HSA-binding emission spectra with derivative **7ac** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. *Insert graph* shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].



Figure S58. HSA-binding emission spectra with derivative **7ad** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. *Insert graph* shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].



Figure S59. HSA-binding emission spectra with derivative **7ae** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. *Insert graph* shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].



Figure S60. HSA-binding emission spectra with derivative **7bb** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. *Insert graph* shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].



Figure S61. HSA-binding emission spectra with derivative **7bc** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. *Insert graph* shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].



Figure S62. HSA-binding emission spectra with derivative **7bd** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. *Insert graph* shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].



Figure S63. HSA-binding emission spectra with derivative **7be** in a DMSO (2%)/Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.2) solution. The concentration of compound ranged from 0 to 100 μ M. *Insert graph* shows the plot of F₀/F *versus* [compound].

| Compound | Nucleobase | Interaction | Distance (Å) |
|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| | DG-04 | Van der Waals | 2.30 |
| | DA-05 | Van der Waals | 2.10 |
| | DA-06 | Van der Waals | 2.70 |
| | DT-07 | Van der Waals | 2.40 |
| 7aa-ac, ae | DT-08 | Van der Waals | 2.30 |
| | DA-17 | Van der Waals | 2.80 |
| | DA-18 | Van der Waals | 1.70 |
| | DT-19 | Van der Waals | 2.90 |
| | DT-20 | Van der Waals | 3.30 |
| | DC-21 | Van der Waals | 3.40 |
| | DA-06 | Van der Waals | 2.00 |
| | DT-07 | Van der Waals | 2.70 |
| | DT-08 | Van der Waals | 2.40 |
| 7ad | DA-18 | Van der Waals | 2.50 |
| | DT-19 | Van der Waals | 2.40 |
| | DT-20 | Van der Waals | 3.00 |
| | DA-05 | Van der Waals | 3.40 |
| | DA-06 | Van der Waals | 2.20 |
| | DT-07 | Van der Waals | 2.40 |
| | DT-08 | Van der Waals | 2.30 |
| 7ba, bc | DC-09 | Van der Waals | 2.50 |
| | DG-16 | Van der Waals | 2.80 |
| | DA-17 | Van der Waals | 2.80 |
| | DA-18 | Van der Waals | 2.70 |
| | DT-19 | Van der Waals | 3.00 |
| | DT-20 | Van der Waals | 2.50 |
| | DA-06 | Van der Waals | 3.10 |
| | DT-07 | Van der Waals | 2.60 |
| | DC-09 | Van der Waals | 2.50 |
| 7bb | DG-16 | Van der Waals | 1.70 |
| | DA-17 | Van der Waals | 3.00 |
| | DA-18 | Van der Waals | 3.40 |
| | DT-19 | Van der Waals | 2.50 |
| | DC-03 | Van der Waals | 3.10 |
| | DG-04 | Van der Waals | 2.10 |
| | DA-05 | Van der Waals | 2.60 |
| | DA-06 | Van der Waals | 1.50 |
| | DT-07 | Van der Waals | 2.30 |
| 7bd, be | DT-08 | Van der Waals | 3.00 |
| | DA-18 | Van der Waals | 2.50 |
| | DT-19 | Van der Waals | 2.80 |

Table S3. The main nucleobases and interactions involved in the association DNA:**7aaae** and DNA:**7ba-be** in the minor groove.

| | DT-20 | Van der Waals | 2.90 |
|----|-------|---------------|------|
| | DC-21 | Van der Waals | 3.60 |
| | DG-22 | Van der Waals | 2.00 |
| | DA-06 | Van der Waals | 3.60 |
| | DT-07 | Van der Waals | 2.00 |
| EB | DT-08 | Hydrogen | 2.90 |
| | | bonding | |
| | DA-17 | Van der Waals | 3.60 |
| | DA-18 | Van der Waals | 1.40 |
| | DT-19 | Van der Waals | 2.40 |
| | | | |

Table S4. The main amino acid residues and interactions involved in the association HSA:**7aa-ae** and HSA:**7ba-be** in the site II (subdomain IIIA).

| Compound | Amino acid residue | Interaction | Distance (Å) |
|----------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Ile-388 | Van der Waals | 1.30 |
| | Tyr-411 | Hydrogen bonding | 2.10 |
| | Lys-414 | Van der Waals | 2.80 |
| | Val-415 | Van der Waals | 2.30 |
| | Val-433 | Van der Waals | 3.30 |
| 7aa-ac | Cys-437 | Van der Waals | 2.50 |
| | Leu-453 | Van der Waals | 2.40 |
| | Leu-457 | Van der Waals | 3.00 |
| | Leu-460 | Van der Waals | 2.80 |
| | Phe-488 | Van der Waals | 3.60 |
| | Ser-489 | Hydrogen bonding | 1.90 |
| | Ile-388 | Van der Waals | 1.50 |
| | Tyr-411 | Hydrogen bonding | 2.10 |
| | Leu-430 | Van der Waals | 2.10 |
| 7ad/ae | Val-433 | Van der Waals | 2.80 |
| | Cys-437 | Van der Waals | 2.10 |
| | Leu-460 | Van der Waals | 2.50 |
| | Phe-488 | Van der Waals | 3.60 |
| | Ser-489 | Van der Waals | 2.00 |
| | Leu-387 | Van der Waals | 2.90 |
| | Ile-388 | Van der Waals | 1.30 |
| | Tyr-411 | Hydrogen bonding | 2.10 |
| | Val-415 | Van der Waals | 1.90 |
| 7ba-be | Val-418 | Van der Waals | 1.30 |
| | Val-426 | Van der Waals | 1.30 |
| | Leu-430 | Van der Waals | 2.10 |
| | Val-433 | Van der Waals | 1.70 |
| | Gly-434 | Van der Waals | 1.90 |
| | Arg-485 | Hydrogen bonding | 2.70 |

Phe-488 Van der Waals 2.30