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## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

Probing the interaction of spermine and 1-naphthyl acetyl spermine with DNA polynucleotides: A comparative biophysical and thermodynamic investigation

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**Fig. S1.** ITC profiles for the titration of SPM with (A) poly(dG).poly(dC) (B) poly(dG-dC).poly(dG-dC) and titration of NASPM with (C) poly(dG).poly(dC) (D) poly(dG-dC).poly(dG-dC). The top panels represent the raw data for the sequential injection of SPM and NAPSM into a solution of DNA polynucleotide and the bottom panels show the integrated heat data after correction of heat of dilution against molar ratio of DNA polynucleotide/[polyamine]. The data points were fitted to one site model and the solid line represent the best fit data.



**Fig. S2.** Optical melting profiles (lower panels) (A) poly(dG).poly(dC) (**○**), NASPM complex (**□**), SPM complex (∞), (B) poly(dG-dC).poly(dG-dC) (**○**), NASPM complex (**□**), SPM complex (∞).. DSC melting profiles (upper panels) of (C) poly(dG).poly(dC) (curve1), NASPM complex (curve 2), SPM complex (curve 3), (D) poly(dG-dC).poly(dG-dC) (curve1), NASPM complex (curve 2), SPM complex (curve 3)..

Table S1: ITC derived thermodynamic parameters for the binding of SPM and NASPM to poly(dG).poly(dC) and poly(dG-dC).poly(dG-dC).												
Polyamines	Temperature	K	N	$\Delta G^{\circ}$	$\Delta H^{\circ}$	$T\Delta S^{\circ}$	$\Delta C_p^{o}$					
	(K)	$(\times 10^5 \mathrm{M}^{-1})$		(kcal/mol)	(kcal/mol)	(kcal/mol)	(cal/mol K)					
Poly(dG).poly(dC)												
SPM	283.15	11.1±0.17	0.294±0.003	-7.816±0.019	$-0.656 \pm 0.009$	7.160±0.012	-60.6±0.01					
	288.15	8.33±0.07	0.278±0.003	-7.824±0.021	-0.912±0.011	6.912±0.016						
	293.15	6.63±0.13	0.252±0.008	-7.796±0.013	$-1.262 \pm 0.006$	6.534±0.020						
NASPM	283.15	6.80±0.07	0.404±0.004	-7.561±0.012	-0.175±0.003	7.386±0.011	-52.9±0.11					
	288.15	5.23±0.06	0.372±0.006	-7.537±0.018	-0.337±0.007	7.200±0.016						
	293.15	3.93±0.03	0.357±0.004	-7.502±0.021	-0.704±0.011	6.798±0.013						
Poly(dG-dC).poly(dG-dC)												
SPM	283.15	1.71±0.08	0.703±0.005	-6.782±0.011	1.708±0.018	8.491±0.013	-52.7±0.03					
	288.15	0.93±0.01	0.699±0.009	-6.546±0.013	1.403±0.027	7.949±0.020						
	293.15	0.74±0.01	0.696±0.007	-6.525±0.017	1.181±0.016	7.706±0.013						
	283.15	13.3±0.37	0.358±0.003	-7.931±0.015	-0.092±0.014	7.839±0.014						
NASPM	288.15	10.5±0.10	0.283±0.001	-7.984±0.021	$-0.409 \pm 0.002$	7.574±0.021	-78.7±0.01					
	293.15	8.83±0.20	0.269±0.005	-7.969±0.019	-0.879±0.015	7.091±0.026						
<sup>a</sup> All the data in this table are derived from ITC experiments conducted in 20 mM [Na <sup>+</sup> ] citrate-phosphate buffer, pH 7.0 and are average of four												
determinations, K and $\Delta H^{\circ}$ values were determined from ITC profiles fitting to Origin 7 software as described in the text. The values of $\Delta G^{\circ}$ and $T\Delta S^{\circ}$												
were determined using the equation $\Delta G^{\circ}$ = -RTlnK, and $T\Delta S^{\circ} = \Delta H^{\circ} - \Delta G^{\circ}$ . All the ITC were fit to a model of single binding sites.												

<b>Table S2:</b> ITC derived thermodynamic parameters for the binding of SPM and NASPM to poly(dG).poly(dC) and poly(dG-dC).poly(dG-dC) in CP											
buffer pH 7 at 20°C at different [Na <sup>+</sup> ] concentration. <sup>a</sup>											
Polvamines	[Na+]	K	N	$\Delta G^{\circ}$	$\Delta H^{\circ}$	$T\Delta S^{\circ}$	$\Delta G^{\circ}_{na}$	$\Delta G^{\circ}$			
j	mM	$(\times 10^5 \mathrm{M}^{-1})$		(kcal/mol)	(kcal/mol)	(kcal/mol)	(kcal/mol)	(kcal/mol)			
Poly(dG).poly(dC)											
	10	15.2±0.13	0.438±0.003	-8.341±0.034	-1.929±0.017	6.412 ±0.025	-3.427±0.025	-4.914±0.036			
SPM	20	6.63±0.13	0.252±0.008	-7.855±0.054	$-1.262 \pm 0.006$	6.593±0.054	-2.911±0.040	-4.944±0.049			
	30	3.97±0.32	0.196±0.003	-7.521±0.023	-0.748±0.017	6.773±0.012	-2.610±0.055	-4.911±0.027			
NASPM	10	6.24±0.55	$0.477 \pm 0.004$	-7.820±0.052	$-0.752 \pm 0.008$	7.068±0.052	-3.778±0.062	-4.041±0.044			
	20	3.93±0.03	0.357±0.004	-7.549±0.059	-0.704±0.011	6.845±0.059	-3.209±0.023	-4.339±0.035			
	30	1.23±0.20	0.191±0.160	-6.868±0.063	-0.296±0.030	6.572±0.056	-2.876±0.078	-3.991±0.010			
Poly(dG-dC).poly(dG-dC)											
	10	1.29±0.08	0.703±0.008	-6.896±0.046	1.334±0.019	8.229±0.041	-2.780±0.058	-4.116±0.020			
SPM	20	0.74±0.01	$0.696 \pm 0.007$	-6.573±0.057	1.181±0.016	7.754±0.032	-2.361±0.021	-4.212±0.066			
	30	0.40±0.03	0.381±0.017	-6.213±0.056	0.704±0.004	6.917±0.021	-2.116±0.048	-4.100±0.024			
NASPM	10	15.4±0.16	0.308±0.002	-8.349±0.045	-1.120±0.013	7.229±0.033	-2.617±0.054	-5.731±0.022			
	20	8.83±0.20	0.269±0.005	-8.021±0.040	-0.879±0.015	7.142±0.041	-2.223±0.049	-5.797±0.039			
	30	5.44±0.01	0.258±0.005	-7.739±0.027	-0.431±0.011	7.308±0.028	-1.993±0.021	-5.745±0.021			
<sup>a</sup> All data in this table are derived from ITC experiments conducted in citrate-phosphate buffer pH 7.0, and are an average of four determinations. $K$ and $\Delta H^0$ values were determined from ITC profiles fitting to Origin 7 software as described in text. The values of $\Delta G^0$ and $T\Delta S^0$ were determined											
using the equations, $\Delta G^{\circ} = -RT \ln K$ , and $T \Delta S^{\circ} = \Delta H^{\circ} - \Delta G^{\circ}$ . All the ITC were fit to a model of single binding sites.											