## **Supporting Information**

Active Bromoaniline–Aldehyde Conjugate Systems and Their Complexes as Versatile Sensors of Multiple Cations with Logic Formulation and Efficient DNA/HSA Binding Efficacy: Combined Experimental and Theoretical Approach

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Figure S1. IR spectrum of complex (a) 1 and (b) 2.



Figure S2. UV spectrum of complex 1 and 2.

Bond length (Å)						
Complex 1		Complex 2				
Cu1-O1	1.888(4)	Zn1-O1	1.899(3)			
Cu1-N1	2.011(3)	Zn1-N1	2.022(3)			
Bond angle (°)						
Complex 1		Complex 2				
Con	plex 1	Com	plex 2			
O1-Cu1-N1	90.83(14)	O1-Zn1-N1	96.60(11)			
O1-Cu1-N1 01-Cu1-N1a	90.83(14) 89.17(14)	O1-Zn1-N1 N1-Zn1-N1a	96.60(11)     122.03(11)			
Con 01-Cu1-N1 01-Cu1-N1a N1-Cu1-N1a	90.83(14)     89.17(14)     180	O1-Zn1-N1 N1-Zn1-N1a O1-Zn1-O1a	96.60(11)   122.03(11)   119.60(12)			

Table S1. Selected bond length and bond angle table of Complex 1 and 2.



**Figure S3.** Change of fluorescence intensity after addition of deferent analytes (60  $\mu$ M) to a fixed concentration of ligand (a) **HL**<sub>1</sub> and (b) **HL**<sub>2</sub> (40  $\mu$ M) DMSO/H<sub>2</sub>O



Figure S4. Stern-Volmer graph for determination of quenching constant of  $HL_1$  after addition of  $Cu^{2+}$  ion.



**Figure S5.** Change of Fluorescence emission intensity of (a)  $HL_1$  as a function of  $Cu^{2+}$  ion and (b)  $HL_2$  as a function of  $Zn^{2+}$  ion for detection limit calculation.



**Figure S6.** UV spectral titration of (a)  $HL_1$  with  $Cu^{2+}$  and (b)  $HL_2$  with  $Zn^{2+}$  ion solution respectively.



**Figure S7.** Stability in DMSO/H<sub>2</sub>O (9:1) HEPES buffer medium at different pH and the stability in DMSO/water (9:1) solvent at a fixed pH value (7.4) by means of time–scan experiment of (a)  $HL_1$  and (b)  $HL_2$ 



**Figure S8** Naked eye colour changes after addition of  $Al^{3+}$  and  $Hg^{2+}$  to complex **2** in the presence of different cotions in 9:1 (DMSO/H<sub>2</sub>O) HEPES buffer (pH = 7.4) solution.



**Figure S9.** Stern-Volmer graph for detection of quenching constant of complex 2 after addition of (a)  $Al^{3+}$  ion and (b) Hg  $^{2+}$  ion.



**Figure S10.** Change of fluorescence emission intensity of complex **2** as a function of (a)  $Al^{3+}$  ion and (b)  $Hg^{2+}$  ion for detection limit calculation.



Figure 11. Absorption titration spectra of (a) complex 1 (b) complex 2 in absence and presence of ct-DNA. Inset: best fitting graph for binding affinity calculation.



**Figure S12.** Change of Emission spectra of the ctDNA-EtBr complex with addition of increasing concentration of (a) Complex 1 (b) Complex 2 and in inset the fractional fluorescence ( $F^0/F$ ) plot of CT-DNA-EtBr as a function concentration of the complexes.



**Figure S13.** Change of Emission spectra of the ctDNA-DAPI complex with addition of increasing concentration of (a) Complex 1 (b) Complex 2 and in inset the fractional fluorescence  $(F^0/F)$  plot of CT-DNA-DAPI as a function concentration of the complexes.



Figure S14. CD spectra of ctDNA in CP buffer in the presence and absence of (a) complex 1 and (b) 2



Figure S15. UV-Vis spectral analysis in tris buffer medium of (a) complex 1 and (b) 2.

**Table S2.** Docked binding energy and other parameters of complex 1 and complex 2 with HSA and ctDNA.

HSA							
Complex	Binding energy (kcal/mol)	Ligand Efficiency	Intermolecular Energy (kcal/mol)				
1	-8.96	-0.26	-9.55				
2	-8.29	-0.25	-8.89				
ctDNA							
Complex	Binding energy (kcal/mol)	Ligand Efficiency	Intermolecular Energy (kcal/mol)				
1	-5.61	-0.22	-6.20				
2	-5.96	-0.26	-6.55				