

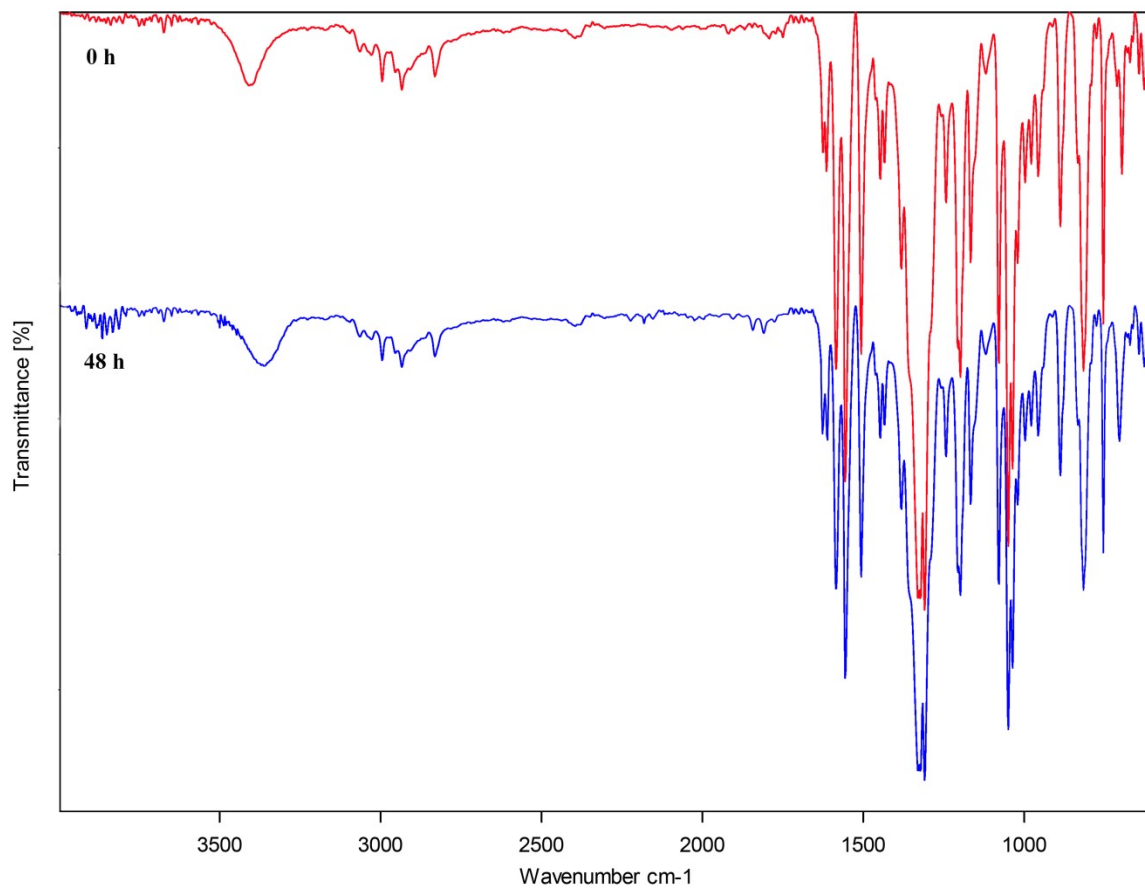
## Supplementary Material

### Template synthesis, DNA binding, antimicrobial activity, Hirshfeld surface analysis, and 1D helical supramolecular structure of novel binuclear copper(II) Schiff base complex

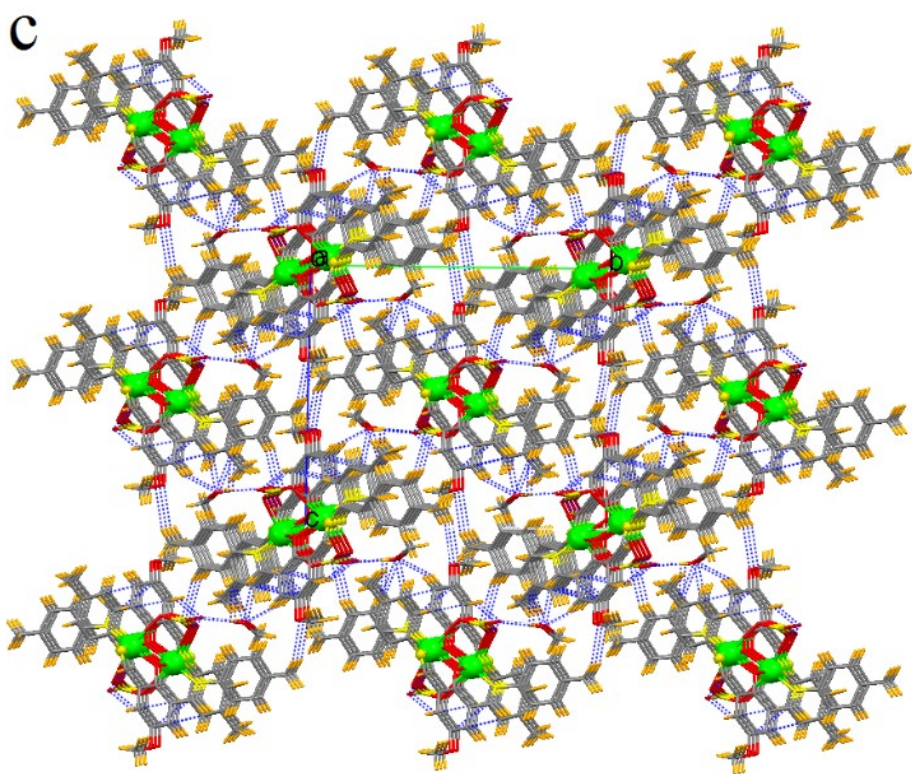
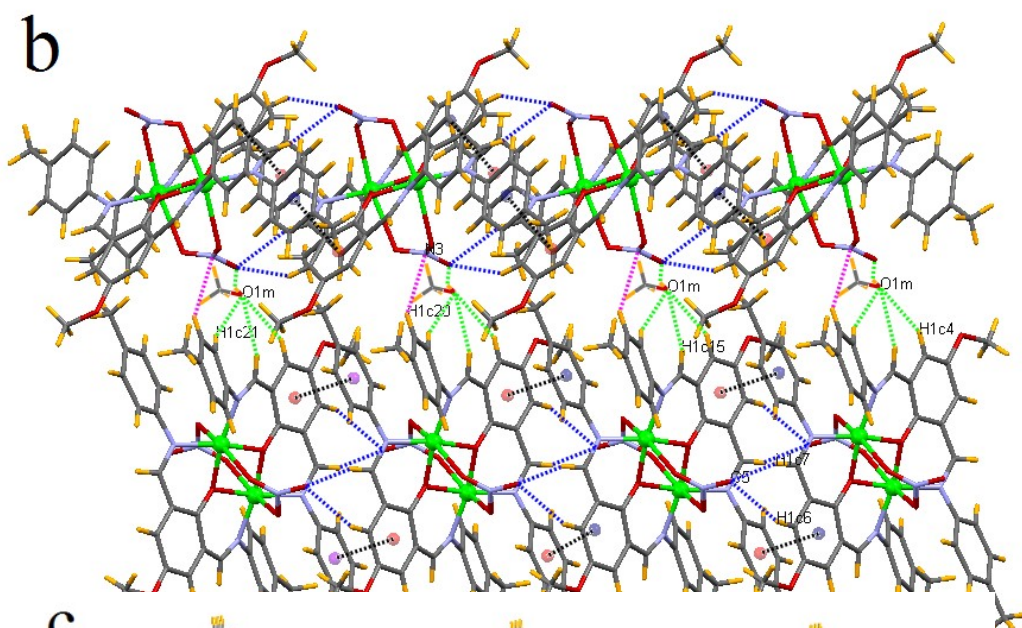
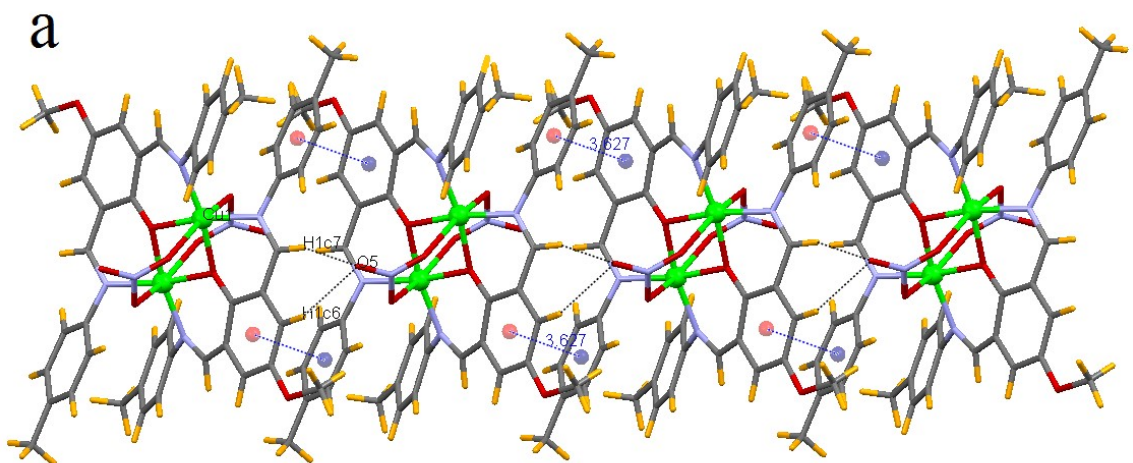
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Table S1. List of abbreviations used in the manuscript with explanations.

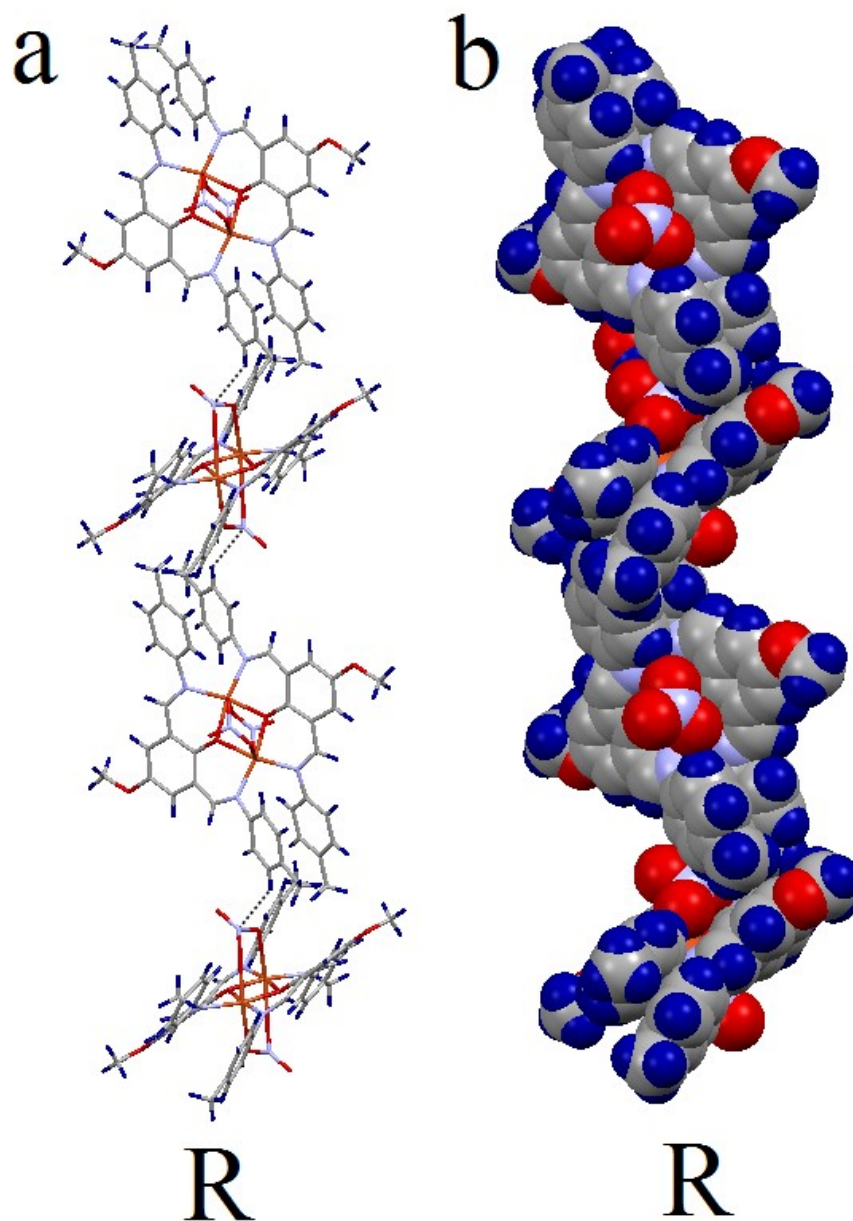
Abbreviation	Meaning
2D	Two dimensional
3D	Three dimensional
CT-DNA	Calf thymus DNA
Tris-HCl	Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane hydrochloride
CD	Circular dichroism
HS	Hirshfeld Surface
FP	fingerprint plots
CIF	Crystallographic Information File
rvdW	van der Waals radii
DMSO	Dimethylsulfoxide
Dimethylformamide	DMF
EtOH	Ethanol
NA	Nutrient agar
MIC	Minimal inhibition concentration
$\Delta H$	Enthalpy changes
$\Delta S$	Entropy changes



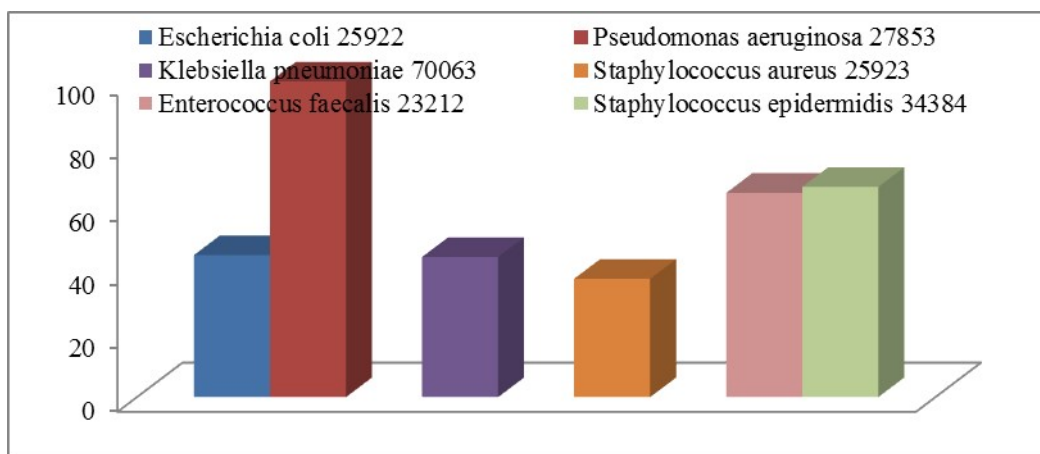
**Fig. S1.** Solution stability of 1 in DMSO over 48 h examined by FT-IR spectra



**Fig. S2.** (a) 1D supramolecular structure of **1**, (b) 2D supramolecular structure of **1**, (c) 3D supramolecular structure of **1**, showing the molecules are linked by intermolecular hydrogen bonds and  $\pi \dots \pi$  interactions which are shown as dashed lines.

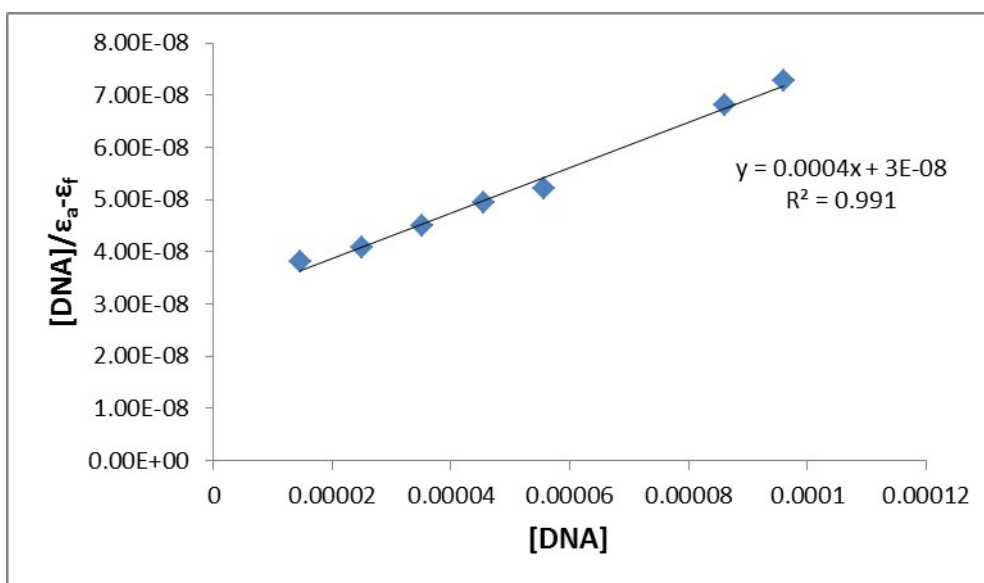


**Fig. S3.** (a) Hydrogen-bonds network. (b) Space-filling view of the 1D right-handed (R) helical chains along  $b^*$  axis.



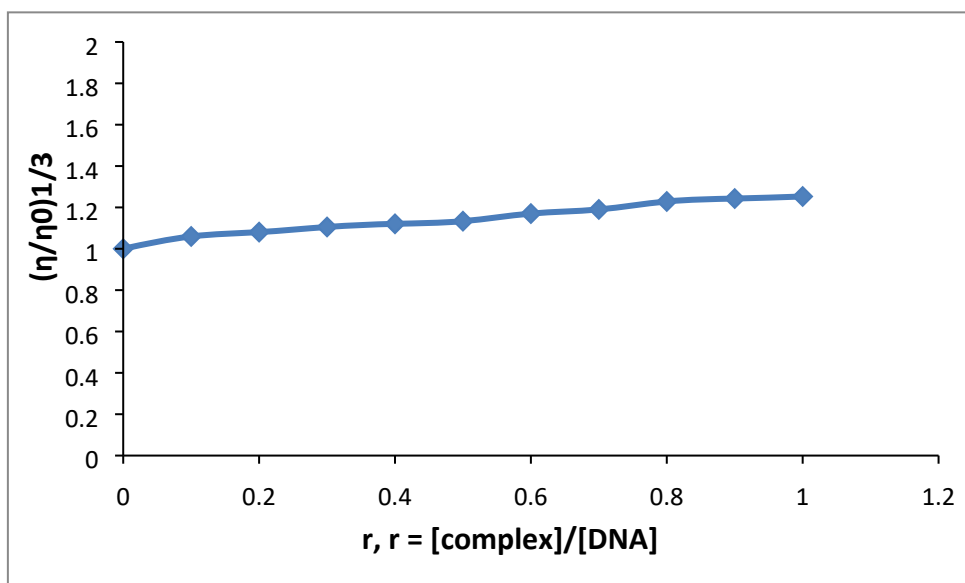
(120-200% inhibition= excellent activity, 90-100% inhibition= good activity, 75-85% inhibition= moderate activity, 50-60% inhibition= significant activity, 20-30% inhibition= negligible activity and no activity).<sup>46</sup>

**Fig. S4.** Percentage of inhibition of **1**

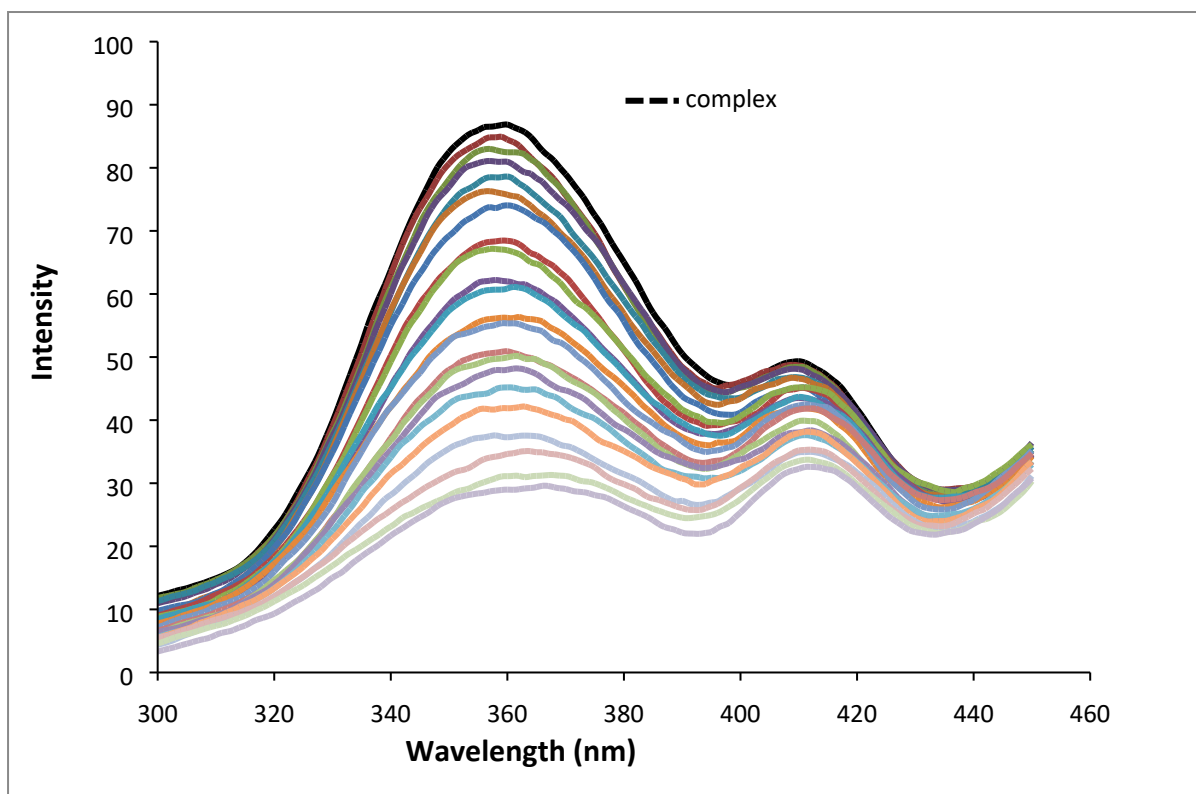


**Fig. S5.** Plot of  $[DNA]/(\epsilon_a - \epsilon_f)$  vs  $[DNA]$  for **1**.





**Fig. S6.** Effect of increasing concentration of **1** on the relative viscosity of CT-DNA at 25 °C.



**Fig. S7.** The fluorescent spectral characteristics of the copper complex–DNA at 298 K. The complex concentration:  $2.5 \times 10^{-5}$  M at pH 7.4 Tris-buffer. DNA concentrations: 0.0 -  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  M.

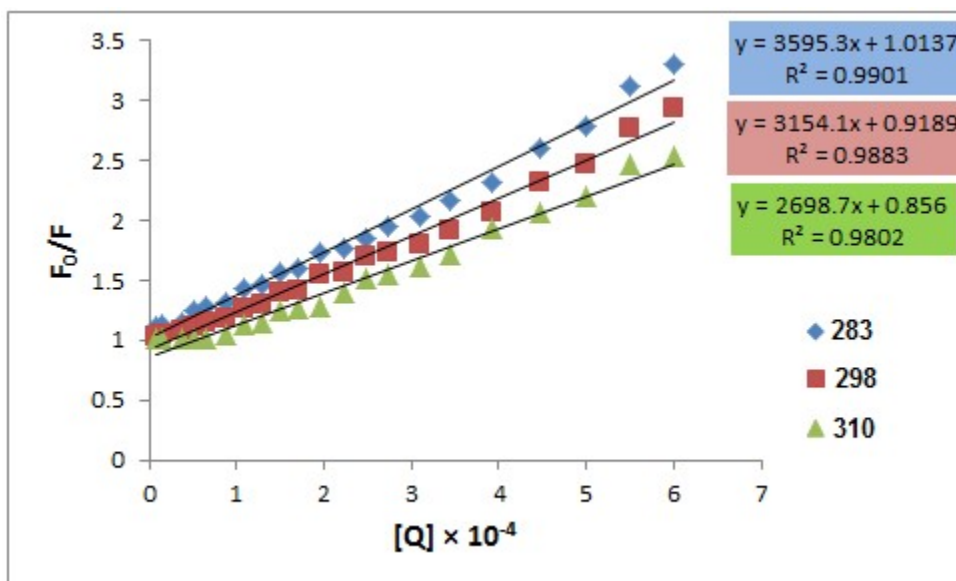


Fig. S8. The plots of  $F_0/F$  versus  $[Q]$  for calculating  $K_{sv}$  for **1**.

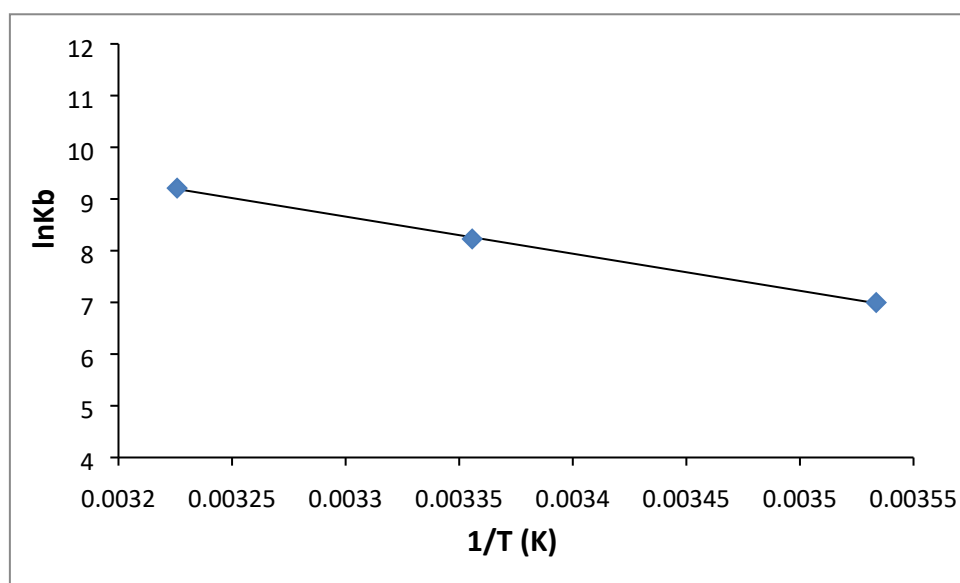


Fig. S9. The plot of  $\ln K_b$  versus  $1/T$  for **1**.