

## Supplementary data

### Exploring the G-quadruplex binding and unwinding activity of the bacterial FeS helicase DinG

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**Table S1.** Kinetics and thermodynamic parameters for the interaction of DinG helicase with G4s from *Escherichia coli*.

| Name | Sequence                  | $k_{\text{on}}$ ( $\text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ ) <sup>a</sup> | $k_{\text{off}}$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ ) <sup>a</sup> | $K_{\text{D}}$ (nM) <sup>b</sup> |
|------|---------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| EC-6 | 5'-GGTGGGGAGGGGTAAGGGG-3' | $8.2 \cdot 10^3$  | $3.0 \cdot 10^{-4}$                               | 36.7                             |
| EC-7 | 5'-GGGGGAGGAGGACGGGGG-3'  | $3.9 \cdot 10^3$  | $2.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$                               | 56.9                             |
| EC-9 | 5'-GGGCGGGGTGGGTTGG-3'    | $8.0 \cdot 10^3$  | $2.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$                               | 34.9                             |

<sup>a</sup> Errors were within 5%. <sup>b</sup> Errors were within 10%.

**Table S2**

Substrate/system sequences used for the two-step fluorescence-based helicase assay.

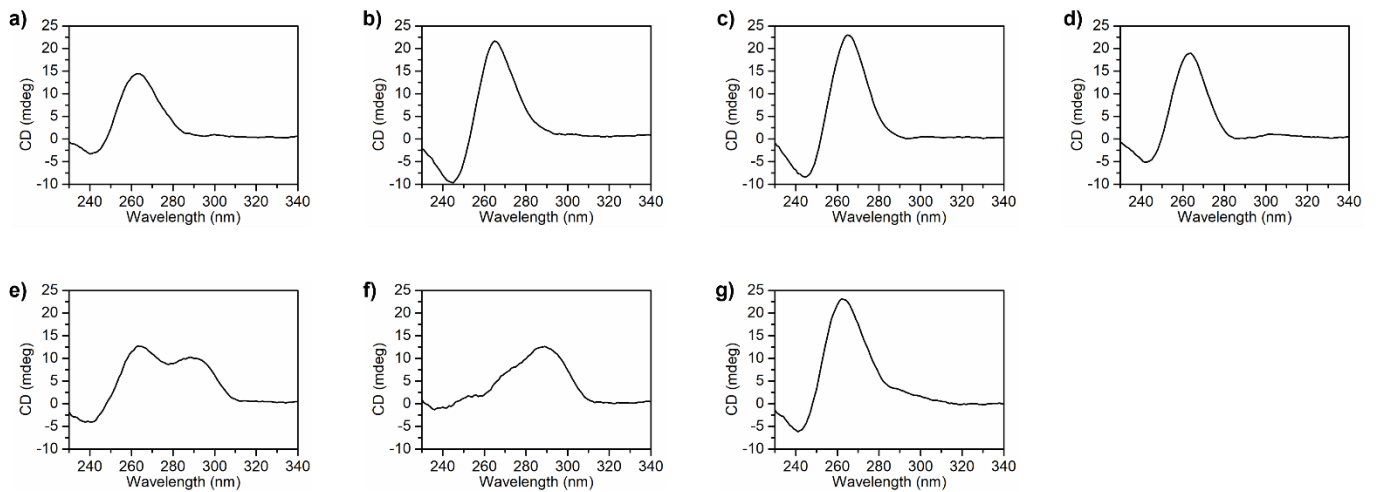
| system <sup>a</sup> | Sequence   |
|---------------------|--|
|                     | 5' – (A) <sub>11</sub> -G4sequence-TATTCCGTTGAGCAGAG-3'- Dabcyl      |
| Oligo FAM           | 3'-AAGGCAACTCGTCTC-5'-FAM  |
| S-c-MYC             | AGGGTGGGTAGGGTGGGT   |
| S-c-KIT1            | AGGGAGGGCGCGCTGGGAGGAGGG   |
| S-T30695            | GGGTGGGTGGGTGGGT   |
| S-Tel <sub>23</sub> | TAGGGTTAGGGTTAGGGTTAGGG  |
| S-KRAS              | AGGGCGGTGTGGGAATAGGGAA   |
| S-BCL2              | GGGCGCGGGAGGAATGGGCGGG   |
| S-Zic1              | GGTGGGGGGGCGGGGGAGGCCGGG   |
| S-EC6               | GGTGGGGAGGGGTAAGGGG  |
| S-EC7               | GGGGGAGGAGGACGGGGG   |
| S-EC9               | GGGGCGGGGTGGGTTGG  |
| Trap                | 5'-TTCCGTTGAGCAGAG-3'  |
| C-c-MYC             | 5'-CTCTGCTCAACGGAATACCCACCCTACCCACCC-(T) <sub>11</sub> -3'           |
| C-c-KIT1            | 5'-CTCTGCTCAACGGAATACCCCTCCTCCCAGCGCCCTCCC-(T) <sub>11</sub> -3'     |
| C-T30695            | 5'-TCTTGCTCAACGGAATACCCACCCACCCACCC-(T) <sub>11</sub> -3'            |
| C-Tel <sub>23</sub> | 5'-CTCTGCTCAACGGAATACCCTAACCTAACCTAACCTAACCTA-(T) <sub>11</sub> -3'  |
| C-KRAS              | 5'-CTCTGCTCAACGGAATACCCCTCTCCCTCTTCCCACACCGCCC-(T) <sub>11</sub> -3' |
| C-BCL2              | 5'-CTCTGCTCAACGGAATACCCGCCATTCTCCCGCGCCC-(T) <sub>11</sub> -3'       |
| C-Zic1              | 5'-CTCTGCTCAACGGAATACCCGGCCTCCCCCGCCCCCCCACC(T) <sub>11</sub> -3'    |
| C-EC6               | 5'-CTCTGCTCAACGGAATACCCCTTACCCCTCCCCACC-(T) <sub>11</sub> -3'        |
| C-EC7               | 5'-CTCTGCTCAACGGAATACCCCGTCTCCTCCCC(T) <sub>11</sub> -3'             |
| C-EC9               | 5'-CTCTGCTCAACGGAATACCAACCCACCCCGCCCC(T) <sub>11</sub> -3'           |

<sup>a</sup> "S" oligonucleotides are the substrates for DinG unwinding; "C" indicates the complementary strands.

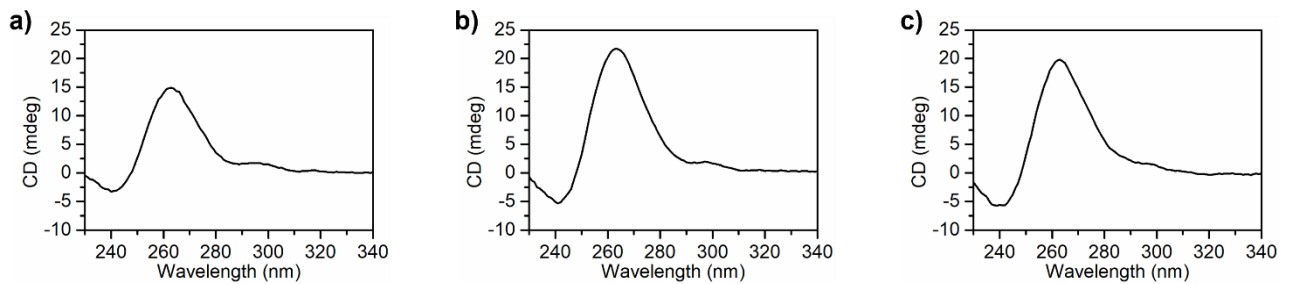
### Table S3

G-scrambled sequence used for SPR experiments and oligonucleotides used to form the fork DNA, employed in the binding and helicase assays. For the helicase assay a 6-FAM (6-Carboxyfluorescein) label was attached at 5'-end of D1, and a BHQ1 label (Black Hole Quencher 1) was attached at 3'-end of D2.

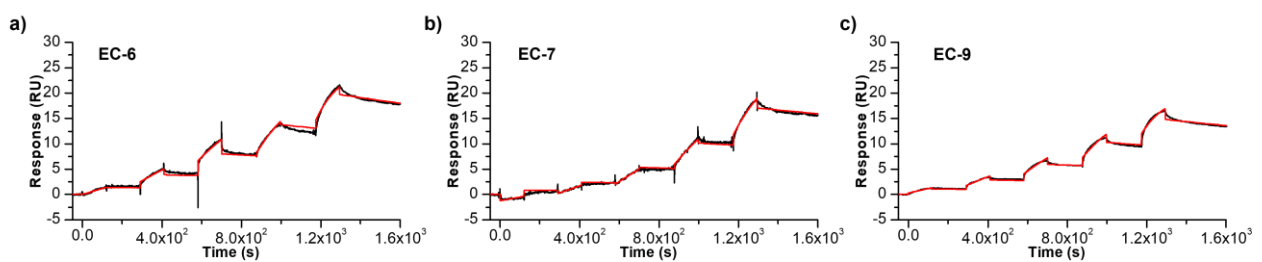
| Name        | Sequence                                       |
|-------------|--|
| G-scrambled | 5' GTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGT 3'         |
| D1          | 5'-CTACTACCCCCACCCTCACAAACCTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT-3' |
| D2          | 5'-TTTTTTTTTTTTTTGGTTGTGAGGGTGGGGGTAGTAG-3'    |
| Cap1        | 5'-CTACTACCCCCACCCTCACAAACC-3'                 |



**Figure S1.** CD spectra of **a)** *c-KIT1*, **b)** *c-MYC*, **c)** *KRAS*, **d)** T30695, **e)** *BCL2*, **f)** *Tel23*, **g)** *Zic1*

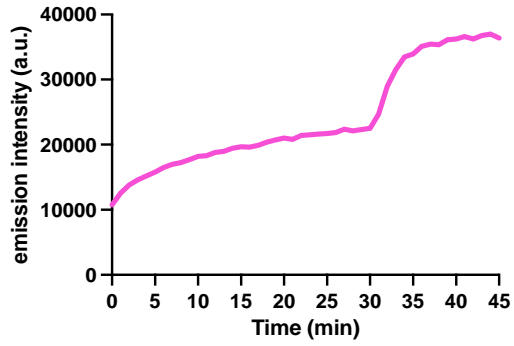


**Figure S2.** CD spectra of **a)** EC-6, **b)** EC-7, and **c)** EC-9

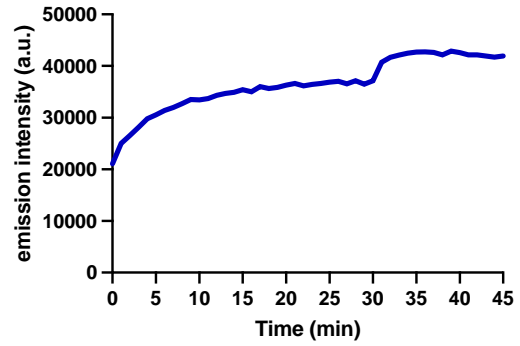


**Figure S3.** Time evolution SPR sensorgrams obtained at 25 °C by injection of increasing concentrations (from 0.062 to 1  $\mu$ M) of three bacterial G-quadruplexes **a)** EC-6, **b)** EC-7, **c)** EC-9 on the chip-immobilized DinG helicase.

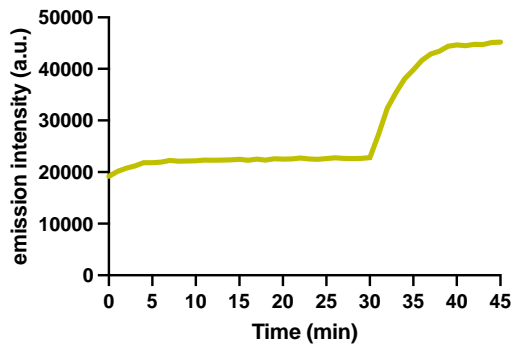
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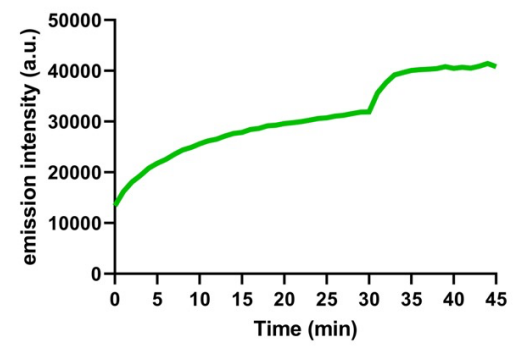
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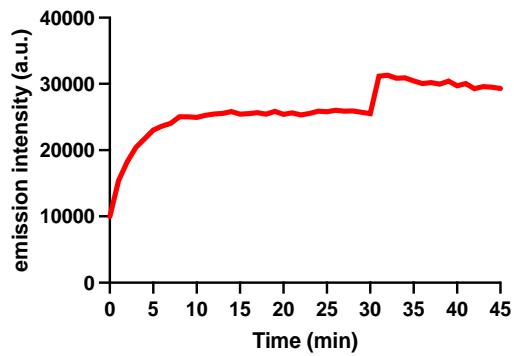
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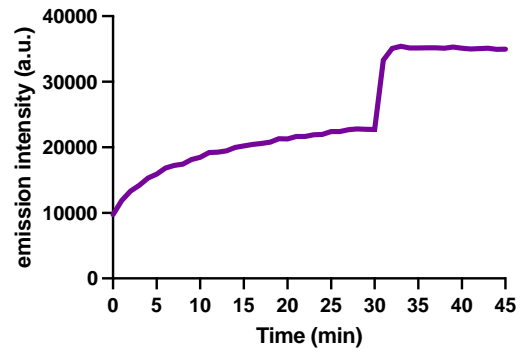
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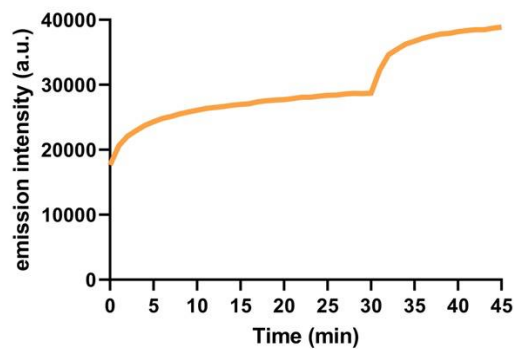
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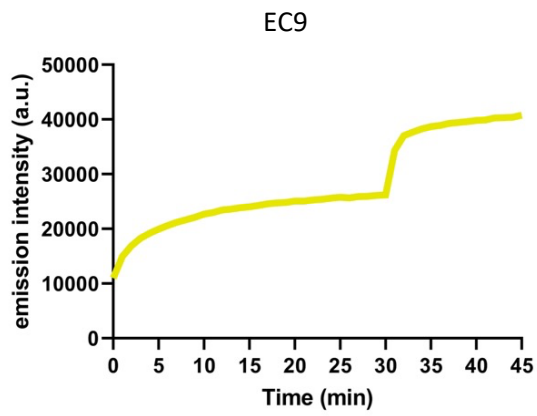
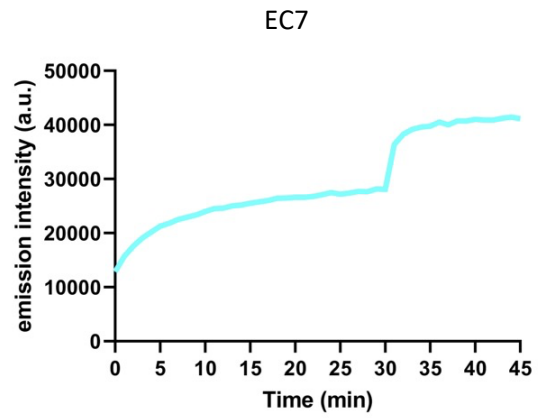
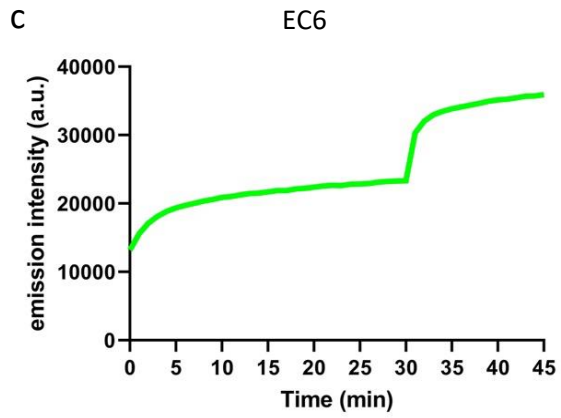
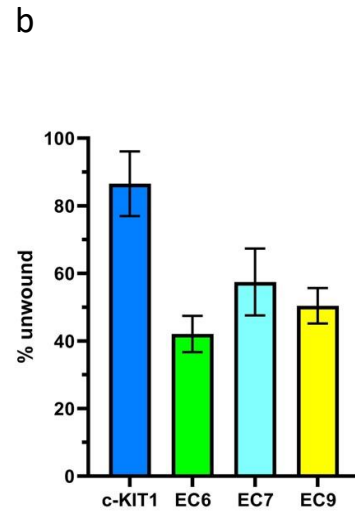
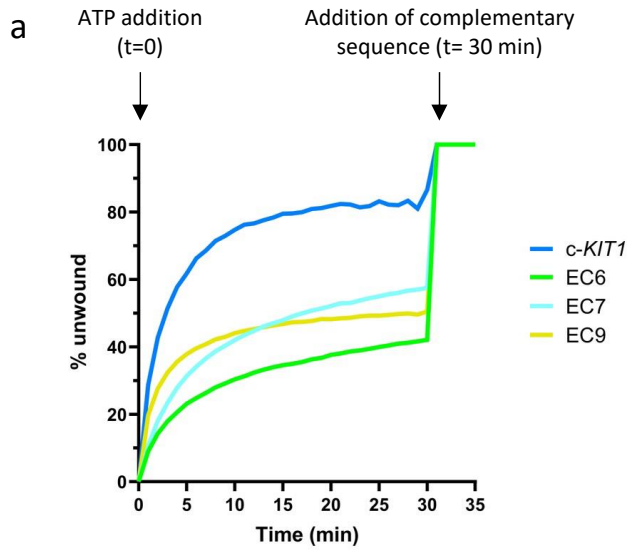
*BCL2*



*Zic1*

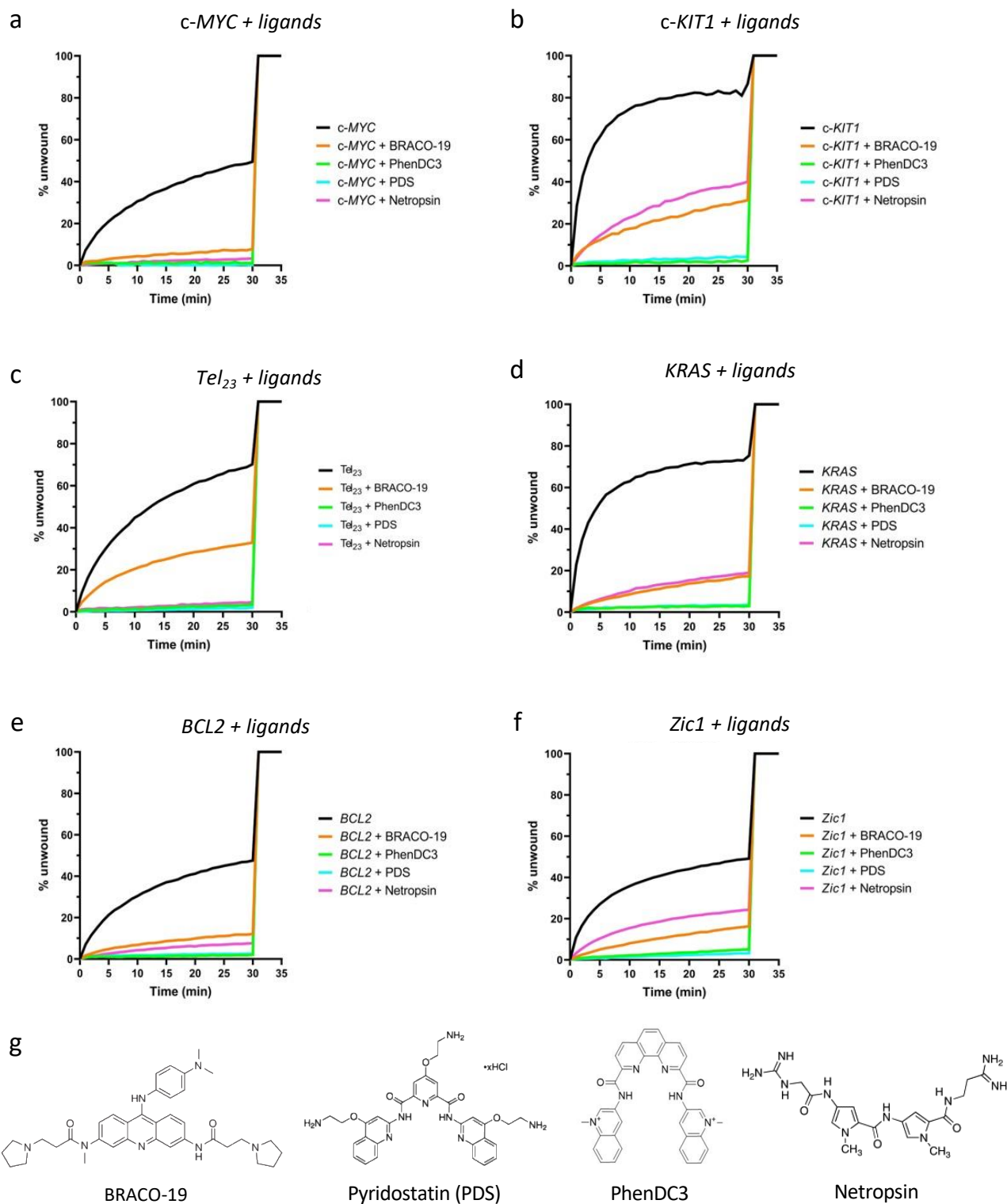


**Figure S4.** Typical fluorescence emission spectra. Two-step unwinding process of selected DNA system (S-c-*MYC*, S-c-*KIT1*, S-*T30695*, S-Tel<sub>23</sub>, S-*KRAS*, S-*BCL2* and S-*Zic1*) after (1) ATP addition (t= 0) and (2) addition of the relative complementary sequence (t= 30 min) (C-c-*MYC*, C-c-*KIT1*, C-*T30695*, C-Tel<sub>23</sub>, C-*KRAS*, C-*BCL2* and C-*Zic1* respectively).

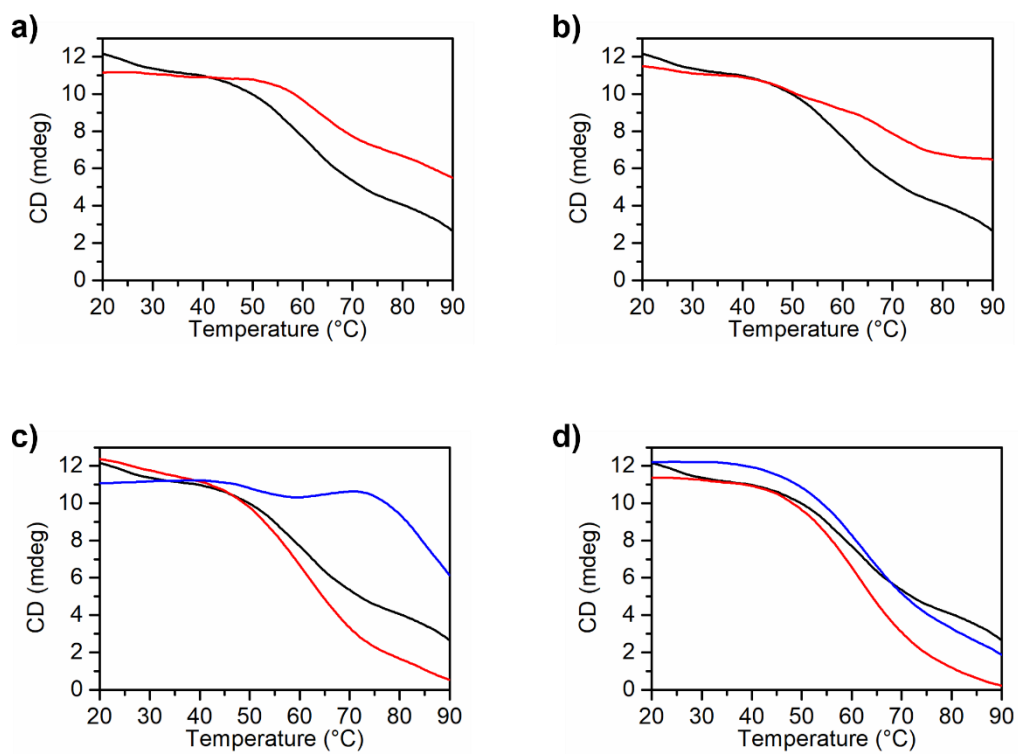




**Figure S5. a)** Representative plots of fluorescence emission vs time for unwinding of selected DNA systems (S-c-*KIT1*, S-EC6, S-EC7 and S-EC9). ATP was added to begin the reaction (t= 0 min); the complementary strands (C-c-*KIT1*, C-EC6, C-EC7 and C-EC9 respectively) were added once the reactions reached a plateau (t= 30 min). **b)** Quantitation of *E. coli* DinG helicase activity against selected DNA systems; error bars indicate standard deviation of three independent experiments. **c)** Typical fluorescence emission spectra. Two-step unwinding process of selected DNA system (S-EC6, S-EC7 and S-EC9) after (1) ATP addition (t= 0) and (2) addition of the relative complementary sequence (t= 30 min) (C-EC6, C-EC7 and C-EC9 respectively).



**Figure S6.** Typical real-time unfolding of **(a)** S-*c-MYC*, **(b)** S-*c-KIT1*, **(c)** S-*Tel<sub>23</sub>*, **(d)** S-*KRAS*, **(e)** S-*BCL2*, **(f)** S-*Zic1* systems in absence or presence of selected ligands (BRACO-19, PDS, PhenDC3, Netropsin). ATP was added at  $t = 0$ ; the complementary strand (C-*c-MYC*, C-*c-KIT1*, C-*Tel<sub>23</sub>*, C-*KRAS*, C-*BCL2* and C-*Zic1* respectively) was added at  $t = 30$  min. **(g)** Structure of selected ligands.



**Figure S7.** CD melting experiments of c-KIT1 with 1 mol equiv. (red line) and 2 mol equiv. (blue line) of **a)** PDS, **b)** PhenDC3, **c)** BRACO-19 and **d)** Netropsin.