

Table S1. The electron density (ρ e/au 3), the values of H-bond energy (kJ mol $^{-1}$) evaluated using EML formula and the donor-acceptor interaction energies (kJ mol $^{-1}$) in the quaternary systems having guanine–thymine mispair and guanine–cytosine base pair.^a

| | ρ | $E_{EML,HB}$ | $E^{(2)}_{HB}$ |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| G*-T in | 0.0407 (0.0349) <i>0.0210</i> | -50.90 (-35.99) <i>-20.15</i> | 106.02 (97.70) <i>35.56</i> |
| G*-T G-C | | | |
| G-C in | 0.0356 (0.0310) <i>0.0163</i> | -41.53 (-31.00) <i>-14.31</i> | 91.67 (78.99) <i>17.03</i> |
| G*-T G-C | | | |
| G*-T in | 0.0409 (0.0352) <i>0.0177</i> | -51.56 (-36.28) <i>-16.04</i> | 108.53 (103.47) <i>26.53</i> |
| T-G* G-C | | | |
| G-C in | 0.0280 (0.0320) <i>0.0290</i> | -30.12 (-32.04) <i>-31.68</i> | 63.85 (87.28) <i>63.93</i> |
| T-G* G-C | | | |
| G-T* in | 0.0637 (0.0393) <i>0.0216</i> | -90.57 (-43.75) <i>-20.95</i> | 226.19 (112.93) <i>39.92</i> |
| G-T* G-C | | | |
| G-C in | 0.0383 (0.0296) <i>0.0211</i> | -46.42 (-28.95) <i>-20.27</i> | 104.73 (75.52) <i>37.36</i> |
| G-T* G-C | | | |
| G-T* in | 0.0556 (0.0387) <i>0.0227</i> | -76.47 (-42.56) <i>-22.42</i> | 180.79 (111.63) <i>44.60</i> |
| T*-G G-C | | | |
| G-C in | 0.0275 (0.0328) <i>0.0288</i> | -29.36 (-33.28) <i>-31.39</i> | 60.88 (90.37) <i>63.18</i> |
| T*-G G-C | | | |

^a The normal data, data in the parentheses and italicized data correspond to HB1, HB2 and HB3, respectively.