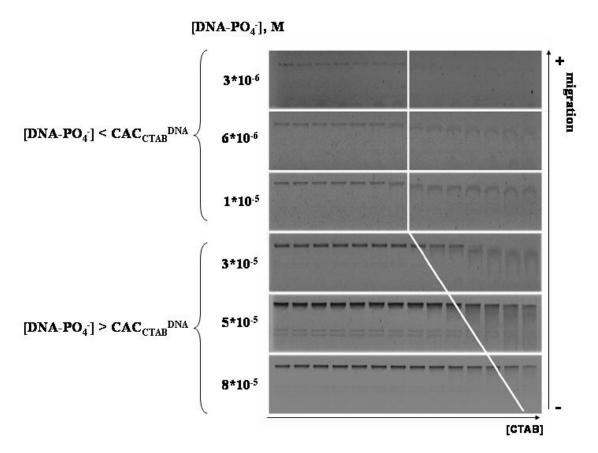
## **Supporting Information Available**



Influence of CTAB on the electrophoretic properties of DNA on the agarose gel at different [DNA-PO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>]. The CTAB concentrations from left to right are: 0M;  $5\cdot10^{-6}$ M;  $7.5\cdot10^{-6}$ M;  $1\cdot10^{-5}$ M;  $1.5\cdot10^{-5}$ M;  $2\cdot10^{-5}$ M;  $3\cdot10^{-5}$ M;  $4\cdot10^{-5}$ M;  $5\cdot10^{-5}$ M;  $6\cdot10^{-5}$ M;  $7\cdot10^{-5}$ M;  $8\cdot10^{-5}$ M;  $9\cdot10^{-5}$ M;  $1\cdot10^{-4}$ M.  $25^{\circ}$ C in 30 mM Tris/HCl buffer.