## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Synthesis, Characterization, DNA/BSA interactions and Anticancer Activity of achiral and chiral copper complexes

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**Fig. S1** Absorption spectra of complexes **2-6** (50  $\mu$ M) in the absence (dashed line) and presence (solid line) of increasing amounts of CT-DNA at room temperature in 5mM Tris–HCl/50mM NaCl buffer (pH= 7.2). The arrow shows the absorbance changes on increasing CT-DNA concentration. Inset shows the plot of  $(\epsilon_a - \epsilon_f)/(\epsilon_b - \epsilon_f)$  vs. [DNA].



Fig. S2 Effect of addition complexes 2-6 on the emission intensity of EB bound to CT-DNA at different concentrations in 5Mm Tris–HCl/50mM NaCl buffer (pH 7.2), inset: plot of  $I_0/I$  vs. [complex].



**Fig. S3** Cleavage of plasmid pBR322 DNA (0.1  $\mu$ g/ $\mu$ L) in the presence of 5 $\mu$ M complexes 1-6 and different incubation time at 37 °C. Lane 0, DNA control (180min); lane 1~5, DNA +H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>(0.25mM)+ complex(5 $\mu$ M)(45, 90, 135, 180min), respectively.



**Fig.S4** The emission spectrum of BSA (30  $\mu$ M;  $\lambda_{exi} = 290$  nm;  $\lambda_{emi} = 345$  nm) in the presence of increasing amounts of compounds **2-6**. The dash line shows the intensity in the absence of complexes. The arrow shows the fluorescence quenching upon increasing the concentrations of the compound (a). The inset shows the Stern–Volmer plots (b) and Scatchard plots (c) of the complex with BSA.