## **Supplementary Information**

Synthesis and spectroscopic characterization of diorganotin(IV) complexes of N'-(4hydroxypent-3-en-2-ylidene)isonicotinohydrazide: Chemotherapeutic potential validation by *in vitro* interaction studies with DNA/HSA, DFT, molecular docking and cytotoxic activity.

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Fig. S1.  $^{119}$ Sn NMR spectra of complexes (a) 1, (b) 2 and (c) 3.



Fig. S2. ESI MS spectra of diorganotin(IV) complexes (a) 1 and (b) 2.

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**Fig. S3.** Fluorescence spectra of complexes (a) **1**, (b) **2** and (c) **3** in Tris–HCl buffer (pH 7.2) with increasing concentration of complexes in presence of fixed concentration of EB–DNA ([DNA]/[EB]=1). Arrow indicates the change in intensity upon increasing concentration of complexes.



Fig. S4. Stern–Volmer plot of the EB–DNA fluorescence titration for complexes 1 (red), 2 (green) and 3 (black).





Fig. S5. Effect of different concentration of NaCl on the fluorescence spectra of complexes (a) 1, (b) 2 and (c) 3. Arrow indicates the gradual decrease of emission intensity as a function of NaCl concentration.



**Fig. S6.** Agarose gel electrophoresis patterns for the cleavage of pBR322 plasmid (300 ng) as a function of increasing concentration of **2** at 310 K after 45 min of incubation at different concentrations; Lane 1: DNA control; Lane 2: 2  $\mu$ M of **2** + DNA; Lane 3: 4  $\mu$ M of **2** + DNA; Lane 4: 6  $\mu$ M of **2** + DNA; Lane 5: 8  $\mu$ M of **2** + DNA; Lane 6: 10  $\mu$ M of **2** + DNA.



Fig. S7. Stern–Volmer plots of complexes (a) 1, (b) 2 and (c) 3 at 298 (green), 310 K (black).



**Fig. S8.** FT IR difference spectra of the amide band of (a) HSA alone  $(1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$ , (b) **1** + HSA, (c) **2** + HSA, and (d) **3** + HSA  $(1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M})$ .



Fig. S9. Molecular orbital diagram for HOMOs and LUMOs for complex 1–3.

 Table S1: Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for complex 3.

## **Bond Length**

| C1 N2 1.306(6)         | C1 O1 1.311(6)       | C1 C2 1.480(7)        |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| C2 C3 1.391(7)         | C2 C6 1.404(7)       | C3 C4 1.388(7)        |
| C4 N3 1.341(7)         | C5 N3 1.336(7)       | C5 C6 1.378(7)        |
| C7 N1 1.326(6)         | C7 C8 1.424(7)       | C7 C11 1.498(7)       |
| C8 C9 1.360(7)         | C9 O2 1.302(6)       | C9 C10 1.500(7)       |
| C12 C17 1.385(7)       | C12 C13 1.399(7)     | C12 Sn1 2.112(5)      |
| C13 C14 1.387(7)       | C14 C15 1.389(8)     | C15 C16 1.391(8)      |
| C16 C17 1.381(7)       | C18 C19 1.399(7)     | C18 C23 1.408(7)      |
| C18 Sn1 2.115(5)       | C19 C20 1.383(7)     | C20 C21 1.398(8)      |
| C21 C22 1.384(8)       | C22 C23 1.374(7)     | N1 N2 1.398(5)        |
| N1 Sn1 2.129(4)        | O1 Sn1 2.130(3)      | O2 Sn1 2.100(3)       |
| Bond Angles            |                      |                       |
| N2 C1 O1 125.6(4)      | N2 C1 C2 117.2(4)    | O1 C1 C2 117.2(4)     |
| C3 C2 C6 117.5(5)      | C3 C2 C1 121.9(5)    | C6 C2 C1 120.6(4)     |
| C4 C3 C2 118.3(5)      | N3 C4 C3 124.7(5)    | N3 C5 C6 123.9(5)     |
| C5 C6 C2 119.3(5)      | N1 C7 C8 122.5(4)    | N1 C7 C11 118.5(4)    |
| C8 C7 C11 119.0(4)     | C9 C8 C7 127.9(5)    | O2 C9 C8 125.4(5)     |
| O2 C9 C10 114.7(5)     | C8 C9 C10 119.9(5)   | C17 C12 C13 118.5(5)  |
| C17 C12 Sn1 121.4(4)   | C13 C12 Sn1 120.2(4) | C14 C13 C12 120.9(5)  |
| C13 C14 C15 119.3(5)   | C14 C15 C16 120.5(5) | C17 C16 C15 119.3(5)  |
| C16 C17 C12 121.5(5)   | C19 C18 C23 118.5(5) | C19 C18 Sn1 120.8(4)  |
| C23 C18 Sn1 120.6(4)   | C20 C19 C18 121.1(5) | C19 C20 C21 119.1(5)  |
| C22 C21 C20 120.5(5)   | C23 C22 C21 120.2(5) | C22 C23 C18 120.5(5)  |
| C7 N1 N2 116.0(4)      | C7 N1 Sn1 128.7(3)   | N2 N1 Sn1 115.2(3)    |
| C1 N2 N1 111.5(4)      | C5 N3 C4 116.2(5)    | C1 O1 Sn1 111.6(3)    |
| C9 O2 Sn1 128.7(3)     | O2 Sn1 C12 94.47(17) | O2 Sn1 C18 93.46(16)  |
| C12 Sn1 C18 124.22(18) | O2 Sn1 N1 85.49(14)  | C12 Sn1 N1 121.87(16) |
| C18 Sn1 N1 113.76(17)  | O2 Sn1 O1 160.46(13) | C12 Sn1 O1 94.83(16)  |
| C18 Sn1 O1 95.45(16)   | N1 Sn1 O1 75.01(14)  |                       |
|                        |                      |                       |

| Bond angles | Calculated | Calculated | Calculated |  |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
|             | Complex 1  | Complex 2  | Complex 3  |  |
| C9 O2 Sn1   | 131.64     | 131.99     | 130.36     |  |
| C12 Sn1 C18 | 120.37     | 123.21     | 130.60     |  |
| C18 Sn1 N1  | 103.35     | 120.36     | 108.42     |  |
| C18 Sn1 O1  | 105.64     | 101.99     | 95.31      |  |
| C7 N1 Sn1   | 126.86     | 127.99     | 128.18     |  |
| O2 Sn1 C12  | 88.01      | 92.86      | 95.58      |  |
| O2 Sn1 N1   | 81.34      | 82.41      | 84.82      |  |
| O2 Sn1 O1   | 149.88     | 156.77     | 158.34     |  |
| N1 Sn1 O1   | 74.56      | 74.77      | 74.12      |  |
| N2 N1 Sn1   | 115.58     | 115.54     | 114.85     |  |
| C1 O1 Sn1   | 118.96     | 117.15     | 113.64     |  |
| O2 Sn1 C18  | 97.22      | 92.86      | 95.31      |  |
| C12 Sn1 O1  | 105.64     | 97.58      | 93.91      |  |

**Table S2.** Selected bond angles for complexes 1 - 3.

| Complex 1 (eV) | Complex 2 (eV)  | Complex 3 (eV)  | DNA (eV)   |
|----------------|---|---|--|
| -0.3570 (120)  | -0.5983 (127)   | -0.2566 (96)  |  |
| -0.2310 (119)  | -0.9066 (126)   | -0.2111 (95)  |  |
| -0.6557 (118)  | -1.0051 (125)   | -0.6435 (94)  |  |
| -1.4351 (117)  | -2.0460 (124)   | -1.5039 (93)  | 1.14   |
| -4.6917 (116)  | -5.7361 (123)   | -4.7836 (92)  | -1.27  |
| -6.2667 (115)  | -6.9370 (122)   | -6.4194 (91)  | -1.33  |
| -6.7780 (114)  | -7.0131 (121)   | -6.7759 (90)  | -1.69  |
| -6.9933(113)   | -7.0265 (120)   | -7.0058 (89)  | -1.79  |
|                | Complex 1 (eV)<br>-0.3570 (120)<br>-0.2310 (119)<br>-0.6557 (118)<br>-1.4351 (117)<br>-4.6917 (116)<br>-6.2667 (115)<br>-6.7780 (114)<br>-6.9933(113) | Complex 1 (eV)Complex 2 (eV) $-0.3570 (120)$ $-0.5983 (127)$ $-0.2310 (119)$ $-0.9066 (126)$ $-0.6557 (118)$ $-1.0051 (125)$ $-1.4351 (117)$ $-2.0460 (124)$ $-4.6917 (116)$ $-5.7361 (123)$ $-6.2667 (115)$ $-6.9370 (122)$ $-6.7780 (114)$ $-7.0131 (121)$ $-6.9933(113)$ $-7.0265 (120)$ | Complex 1 (eV)Complex 2 (eV)Complex 3 (eV) $-0.3570 (120)$ $-0.5983 (127)$ $-0.2566 (96)$ $-0.2310 (119)$ $-0.9066 (126)$ $-0.2111 (95)$ $-0.6557 (118)$ $-1.0051 (125)$ $-0.6435 (94)$ $-1.4351 (117)$ $-2.0460 (124)$ $-1.5039 (93)$ $-4.6917 (116)$ $-5.7361 (123)$ $-4.7836 (92)$ $-6.2667 (115)$ $-6.9370 (122)$ $-6.4194 (91)$ $-6.7780 (114)$ $-7.0131 (121)$ $-6.7759 (90)$ $-6.9933 (113)$ $-7.0265 (120)$ $-7.0058 (89)$ |

Table S3. Energy levels (eV) of MOs for complexes 1–3, calculated in their ground state in the gas phase.