## Cellular evaluation of Diselenonicotinamide (DSNA) as a radioprotector against cell death and DNA damage

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## Supplementary figure legends

**Figure S1.** The cytotoxic effect of DSNA in CHO cells as determined by the clonogenic assay. The cells were treated with the increasing concentrations of DSNA for 24 h, washed with phosphate buffered saline (pH 7.4), supplemented with serum free DMEM medium and cultured for 7 days for the development of macroscopic colonies. (A) Plot of survival fraction against the concentration of DSNA. (B) Representative photographs showing colonies of CHO cells under different treatment conditions. About 250 cells were seeded for both control and DSNA treated groups. \*p < 0.05 as compared to the control. Results are presented as mean  $\pm$  SEM, n = 3.

**Figure S2.** Effect of DSNA pre-treatment (25  $\mu$ M for 16 h) on the radiation (5 Gy) response of MCF7 cells as estimated by clonogenic assay. The inset shows the representative photographs of the colonies of MCF7 cells under different treatment conditions. About 250 cells for control groups and 750 cells for irradiated groups were seeded for this study. Results are presented as mean ± SEM, n = 3.

**Figure S3.** Effect of the pre-treatment (1-25  $\mu$ M for 16 h) with diphenyl diselenide (Ph<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>) on the radiation response of CHO cells as estimated by clonogenic assay. Representative photographs of the colonies of CHO cells under different treatment conditions are also shown. The results are presented as mean ± SEM, n = 3. CN – Control, IR – radiation.

**Figure S4.** Effects of DSNA treatment (25  $\mu$ M) for 6 h and 48 h on the intracellular levels of GSH and GSSG in CHO cells. Results are presented as mean  $\pm$  SEM, n = 3. \*p < 0.05 as compared to the control.

**Figure S5.** Reduction of DSNA by NADPH catalyzed by rat liver TrxR. (A) DSNA (10-25  $\mu$ M) in 0.2 ml of 50 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA, pH 7.4 containing 100  $\mu$ M NADPH were mixed with 50 nM rat liver TrxR. The A<sub>340</sub> was followed against identical blank without DSNA. (B) DSNA (10-25  $\mu$ M) in 0.2 ml of 50 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA, pH 7.4 containing 100  $\mu$ M NADPH and 6 mM DTNB were mixed with 50 nM rat liver TrxR. The A<sub>412</sub> was followed against identical blank without DSNA.

**Figure S6.** The cytotoxic effect of DSNA in lymphocytes as determined by the MTT assay. The cells were treated with the increasing concentrations of DSNA for 24 h and processed for MTT

assay as described in the method section. Results are presented as mean  $\pm$  SEM, n = 3. CN – Con troll cells, DC – DMSO control.

**Figure S7.** Radioprotective effect of DSNA pretreatment (25  $\mu$ M for 16 h) against the radiation (4 Gy) induced apoptosis in splenic lymphocytes at 24 h post irradiation. (A) DNA ladder assay (B) Quantitative analysis of red/green fluorescence intensity ratio after JC1 staining (C) The mRNA expressions of *Bcl2* and *Bax* genes as determined by RT-PCR analysis. The expressions of above genes in different treatment groups were normalized against the sham control group and the relative expression changes have been plotted. Actin expression was used as internal control. Results are presented as mean-  $\pm$  SEM, n = 3. \*p < 0.05 as compared to the control. #p < 0.05 as compared to the radiation control. CN – Control, RC – Radiation control

Figure S1



Figure S2



Figure S3



Ph<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>2</sub> (12.5µM)+ 5Gy

Ph<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>2</sub> (1µM)+ 5Gy

Figure S4



Figure S5.



## Figure S6



