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## **Supporting Information**

### Alkali Metal Complexes of Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs Inhibit

#### Lung and Oral Cancers In Vitro

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Figure S4: 1H NMR spectrum of **2** in MeOD.



Figure S5: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3** in MeOD.



Figure S6: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **4** in DMSO- $d_6$ .



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Table S1:Continuous Shape Measures calculation in **1** (geometries which give the smallest deviation from the experimental structure are highlighted).

	SP-4	T-4 Tetrahedron	SS-4
	Square	T <sub>d</sub>	Seesaw
	D <sub>4h</sub>		C2v
CShM	26.14	2.38	7.950



Figure S 12:The crystal structure of 1 highlighting the disorder in **ibu** moiety.

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Figure S 13:The crystal packing of **1**, highlighting the centroid–centroid (Cg…Cg) distances (black dotted lines). The disorder part of ibu is removed for clarity.

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Figure S 14: Observed distorted polyhedron (black lines) and ideal calculated prism polyhedron (blue lines) in **2**, calculated by the continuous shape measure (CshM) theory utilizing SHAPE software.<sup>1</sup> Colour Codes of atoms: Nitrogen (blue), Oxygen (Red), Lithium (pink) CshM = 2.78 (Table S2).

Table S 2:Continuous Shape Measures calculation in **2** (geometries which give the smallest deviation from the experimental structure are highlighted).

	PP-5 Pentagon	vOC-5	TBPY-5	SPY-5 Spherical	JTBPY-5
	(D <sub>5h</sub> )	Vacant	Trigonal	square pyramid	Johnson
		octahedron (C <sub>4v</sub> )	bipyramid	(C <sub>4v</sub> )	trigonal
			(D <sub>3h</sub> )		bipyramid
					J12 D3h
					(D <sub>3h</sub> )
CShM	23.38	2.90	7.05	2.78	8.78

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deviation from the experimental structure are highlighted).

	HP-6	PPY-6	OC-6	TPR-6	JPPY-6
	Hexagon	Pentagonal	Octahedron	Trigonal	Johnson
	(D <sub>6h</sub> )	pyramid	(O <sub>h</sub> )	prism	pentagonal
		(C <sub>5v</sub> )		(D <sub>3h</sub> )	pyramid J2
					(C <sub>5v</sub> )
CShM	22.12	7.911	22.36	7.912	10.77

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Figure S 16:The crystal packing of **3**, highlighting the Cg…Cg distances (black dotted lines). Hatoms are removed for clarity.

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	HP-6	PPY-6	OC-6	TPR-6	JPPY-6
	Hexagon	Pentagonal	Octahedron	Trigonal	Johnson
	(D <sub>6h</sub> )	pyramid	(O <sub>h</sub> )	prism	pentagonal
		(C <sub>5v</sub> )		(D <sub>3h</sub> )	pyramid J2
					(C <sub>5v</sub> )
CShM	32.16	14.12	19.65	9.30	18.27

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Figure S 18:The crystal packing of **4**, highlighting the Cg…Cg distances (black dotted lines).