## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Synthesis, Crystal structure and Bio-macromolecular interaction studies of pyridine-based thiosemicarbazone and its Ni(II) andCu(II) complexes

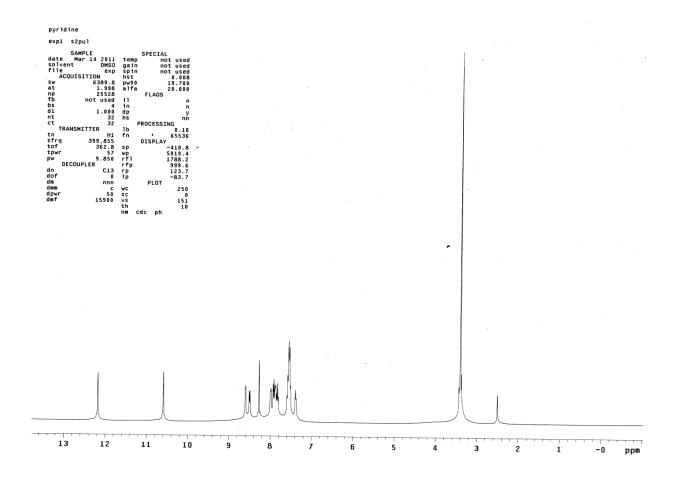
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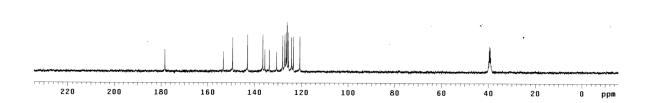
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**Fig.S1** <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectrum of LH.





**Fig.S2** <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of LH.

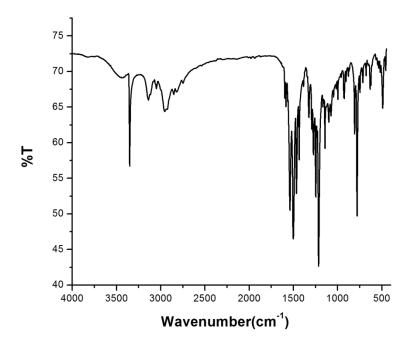
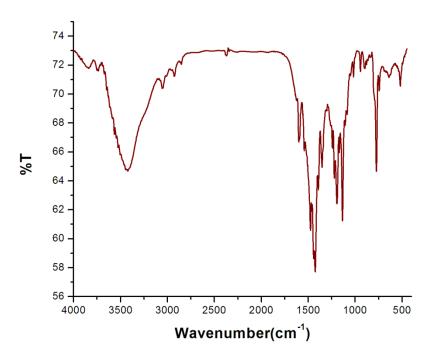
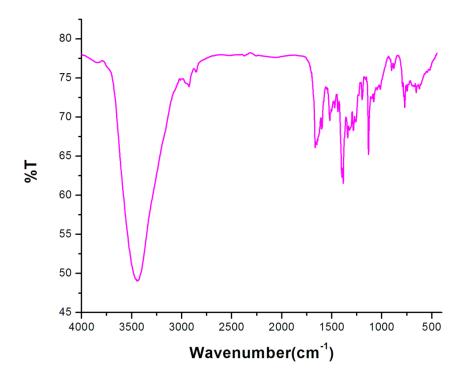


Fig.S3 IR-spectrum of LH.



**Fig.S4** IR-spectrum of Cu(L)Cl.



**Fig.S5** IR-spectrum of  $Ni(L)_2$ .

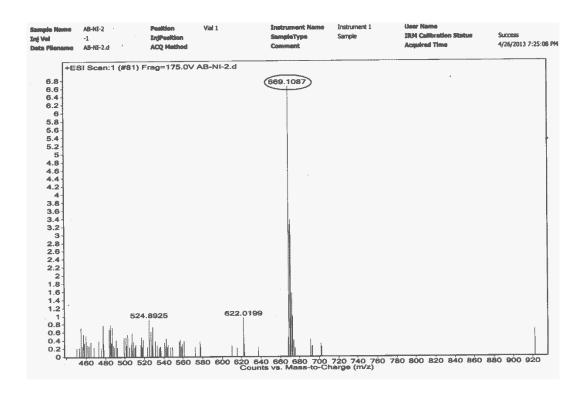


Fig. S6 Mass Spectrum of Ni(L)<sub>2</sub>

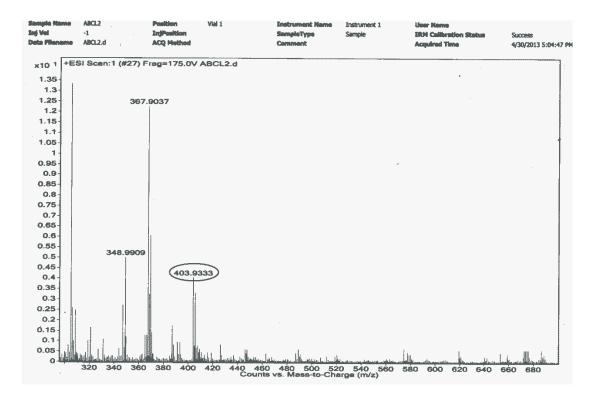


Fig. S7 Mass Spectrum of Cu(L)Cl

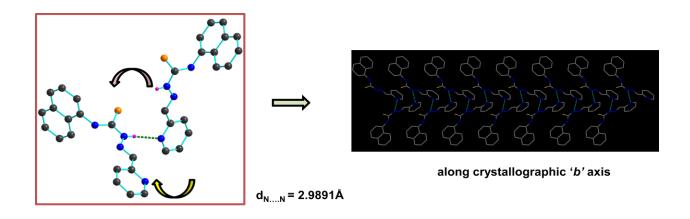


Fig. S8 Hydrogen bond directed packing diagram of ligand LH.

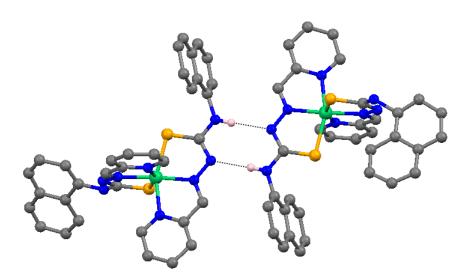
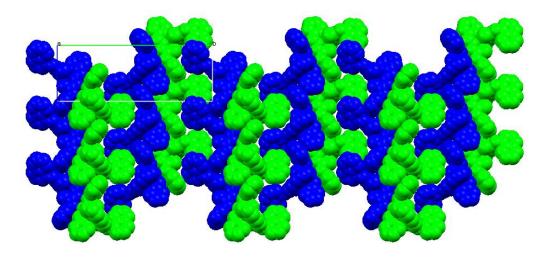
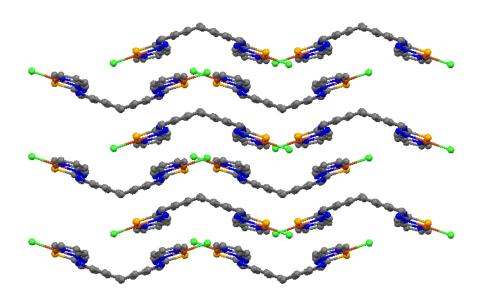


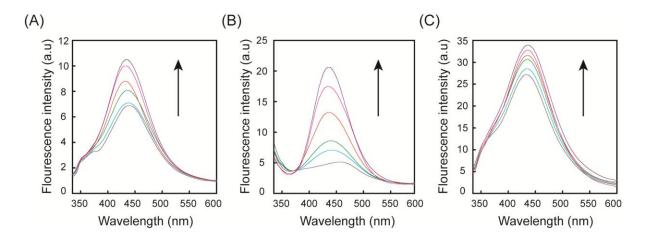
Fig. S9 Dimeric hydrogen bond integration between two Ni(II) complexes.



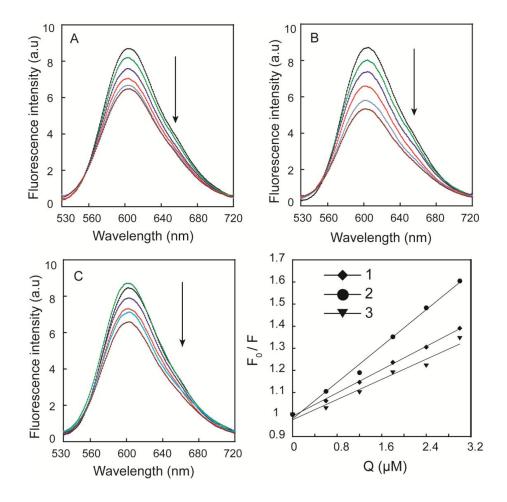
**Fig. S10** Packing diagram of Ni(L)2 along a axis. Solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.



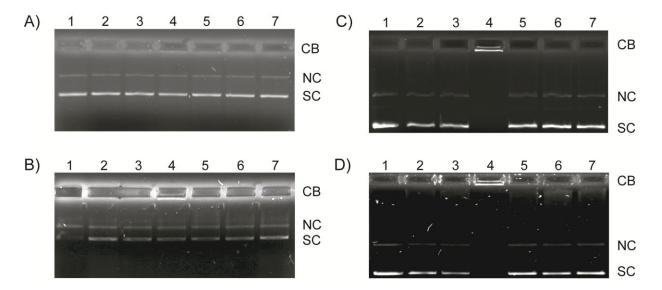
**Fig. S11** Packing diagram of Cu(L)Cl along c axis.



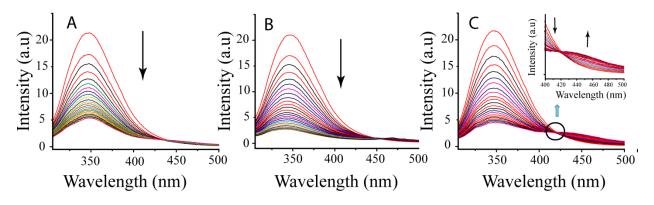
**Fig. S12** Fluorescence titration spectra of (A) Compound 1, (B) Compound 2 and (C) Compound 3 with various concentration  $(6\mu\text{M} - 30\mu\text{M})$  of CT DNA in PBS pH 7.4.



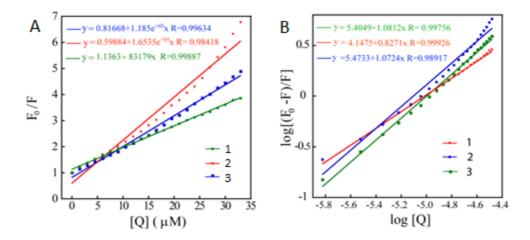
**Fig. S13** Fluorescence quenching curves of ethidium bromide bound to CT-DNA by Compound 1(A), Compound 2(B) and Compound 3(C). [DNA] =  $3\mu$ M, [EB] =  $0.5 \mu$ M and [Compound] =  $0.6 \mu$ M -  $3.0 \mu$ M. (D) Stern-Volmer plots of the fluorescence quenching by compounds.



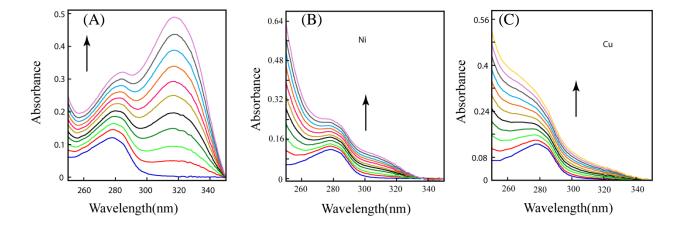
**Fig. S14** Agarose gel electrophoresis to study pUC18 plasmid DNA cleavage activity of test compounds. Treatment of pUC18 plasmid DNA with 60 μM compound concentration was performed for (A) 1h and (B) 2h. Treatment of pUC18 plasmid DNA with 180 μM compound concentration was performed for (C) 1h and (D) 2h. Lanes: 1: untreated pUC18 plasmid DNA; 2: compound 1-treated, 3: compound 2-treated, 4: compound 3-treated, 5: Ni salt control; 6: Cu salt control; 7: DMSO control. CB: compound bound plasmid DNA; NC: nicked circular plasmid DNA, SC: super coiled plasmid DNA.



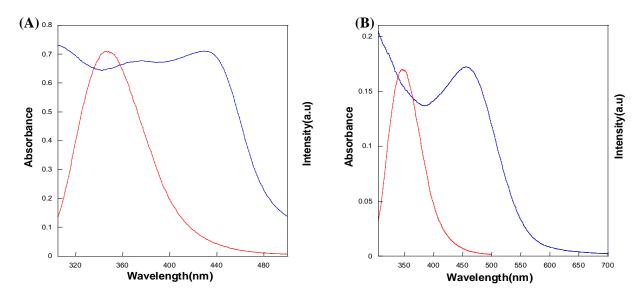
**Fig. S15** Emission spectrum of BSA (1  $\mu$ M;  $\lambda_{exi}$  = 295 nm;  $\lambda_{em}$  = 345 nm) in the presence of increasing amounts of (A) compound 1, (B) compound 2 and (C) compound 3. The amount of the compounds was in the range of  $0\mu$ M -  $40\mu$ M.



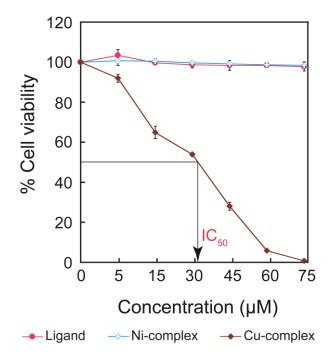
**Fig. S16** (A) Stern–Volmer plot of BSA fluorescence titration for compound 1–3. (B) Scatchard plot of BSA fluorescence titration for compound 1–3.



**Fig. S17** UV-vis spectra of BSA in the presence of increasing amounts of (A) compound 1, (B) compound 2 and (C) compound 3.



**Fig. S18** The overlap of the fluorescence spectra of BSA (red line) and the absorption spectra (blue line) of (A) compound 2 and (B) compound 3.



**Fig. S19** Determination of  $IC_{50}$  value for complex 3.