## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

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

Arghya Basu<sup>a</sup>, Durairaj Thiyagarajan<sup>b</sup>, Chirantan Kar<sup>a</sup>, Aiyagari Ramesh<sup>b</sup>\* and Gopal Das<sup>a</sup>\*

<sup>a</sup>Department of Chemistry and <sup>b</sup>Department of Biotechnology Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati E-mail:aramesh @iitg.ernet.in E-mail: gdas@iitg.ernet.in



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

## Electronic Supplementary Material (ESI) for RSC Advances This journal is O The Royal Society of Chemistry 2013



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)<sub>2</sub>.



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 ( $6\mu M - 30\mu M$ ) 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  $\mu$ M compound concentration was performed for (A) 1h and (B) 2h. Treatment of pUC18 plasmid DNA with 180  $\mu$ M 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.