Supporting Information for

Ni(II) Complexes with Schiff Base Ligands: Preparation, Characterization, DNA/Protein Interaction and Cytotoxicity Studies

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Figure S1. UV/Vis absorbance of HL1, HL2, **1**, and **2** in solution after standing in different times at ambient temperature.



Figure S2. The CD spectra of CT-DNA in the buffer solution at 6.7×10^{-5} mol·L⁻¹ in the absence and presence of 1.7×10^{-7} mol·L⁻¹ HL1, HL2, **1**, and **2**.



Figure S3. The Fluorescence quenching curves of GelRed bound to CT-DNA by HL1, HL2, **1**, and **2** (0-9.0 × 10^{-5} mol·L⁻¹) at room temperature. Insert: Plot of *I*₀/*I* versus [compound].



Figure S4. Absorption spectra of BSA ($1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol·L}^{-1}$) in the absence and presence of increasing amount of HL1, HL2, **1**, and **2**. The concentration of HL1, HL2, **1**, and **2** were varied from 0 to 1.0×10^{-8} , 2.0×10^{-8} , 3.0×10^{-8} , 4.0×10^{-8} and $5.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mol·L}^{-1}$ respectively, as a step of $1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mol·L}^{-1}$.



Figure S5. The CD spectra of BSA $(1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1})$ in the absence and presence of increasing amount of HL1, HL2, **1**, and **2**. From a to c, the ratios of [BSA] : [complex] were 1: 0, 1: 0.5 and 1:1.



Figure S6. Emission spectra of BSA in the absence and the presence of HL1, HL2, **1**, and **2**at various concentrations, T = 290 K and BSA concentration was 1.0×10^{-6} mol·L⁻¹. From a to j, the concentrations of HL1, HL2, **1**, and **2** were varied from 0 to 3.0×10^{-6} mol·L⁻¹, as a step of 3.0×10^{-7} mol·L⁻¹.