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# Investigation of antitumor potential of Ni(II) complexes with tridentate PNO acylhydrazones of 2-(diphenylphosphino)benzaldehyde and monodentate pseudohalides

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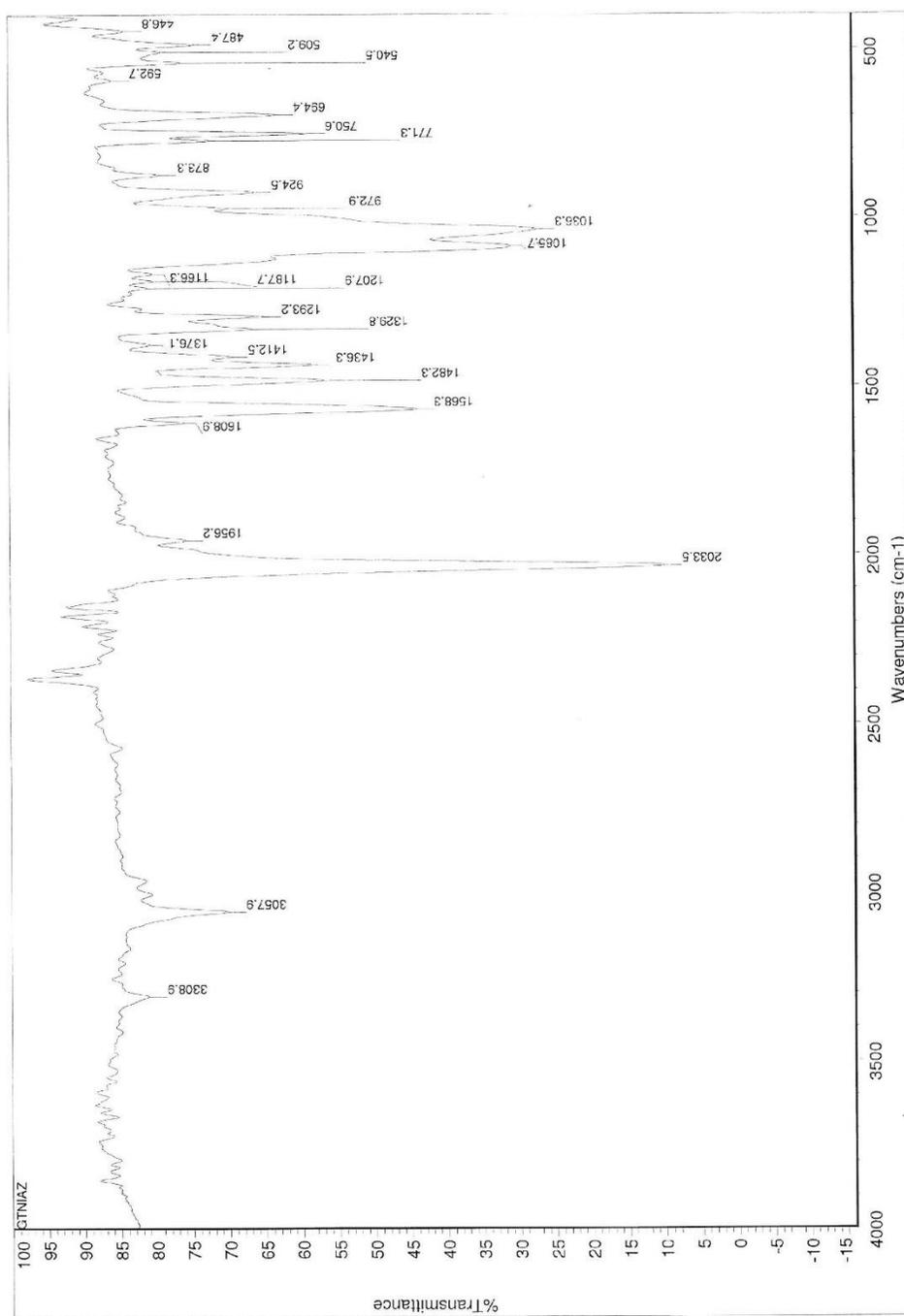
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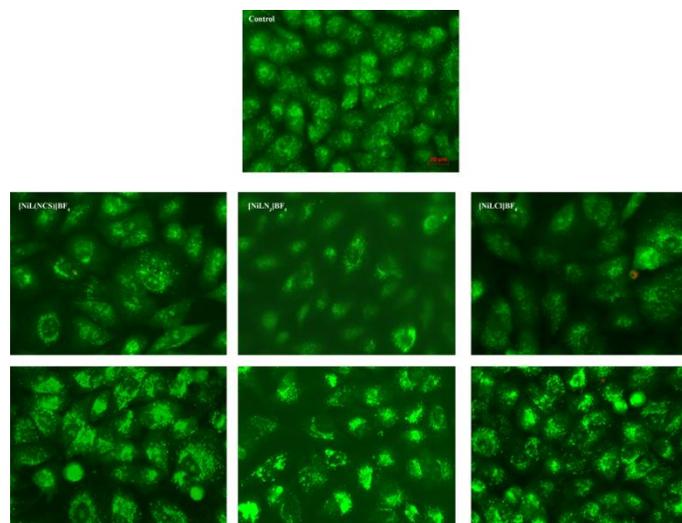
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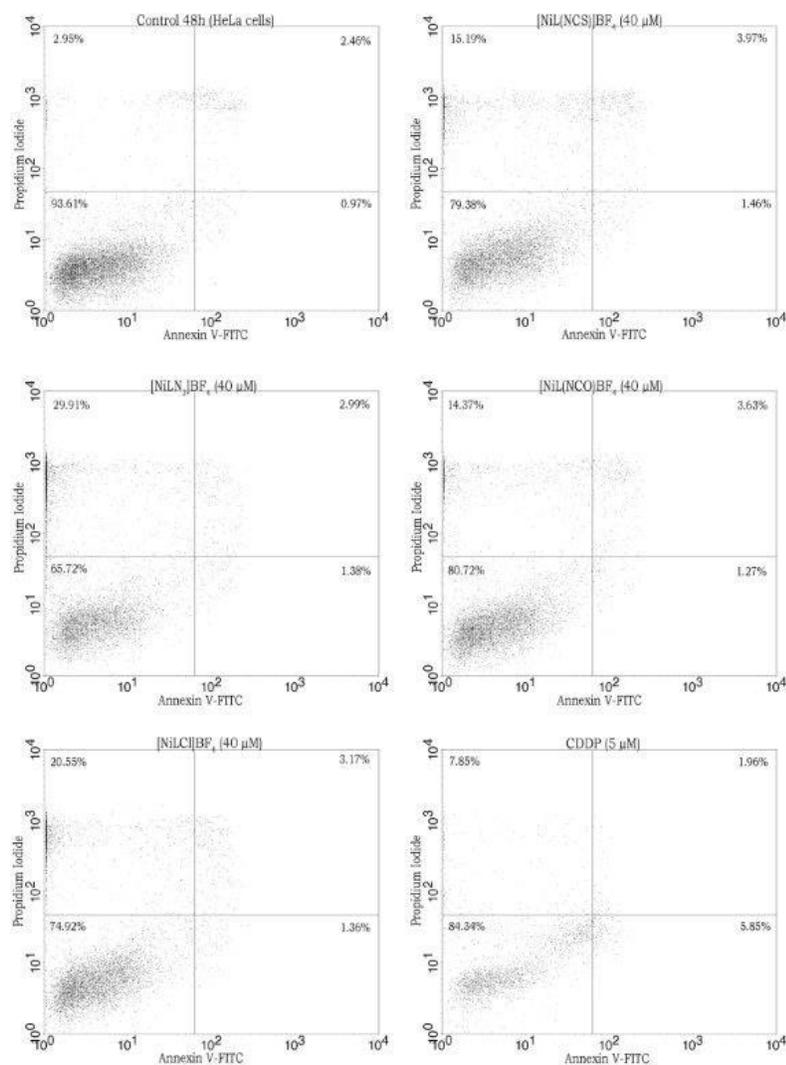
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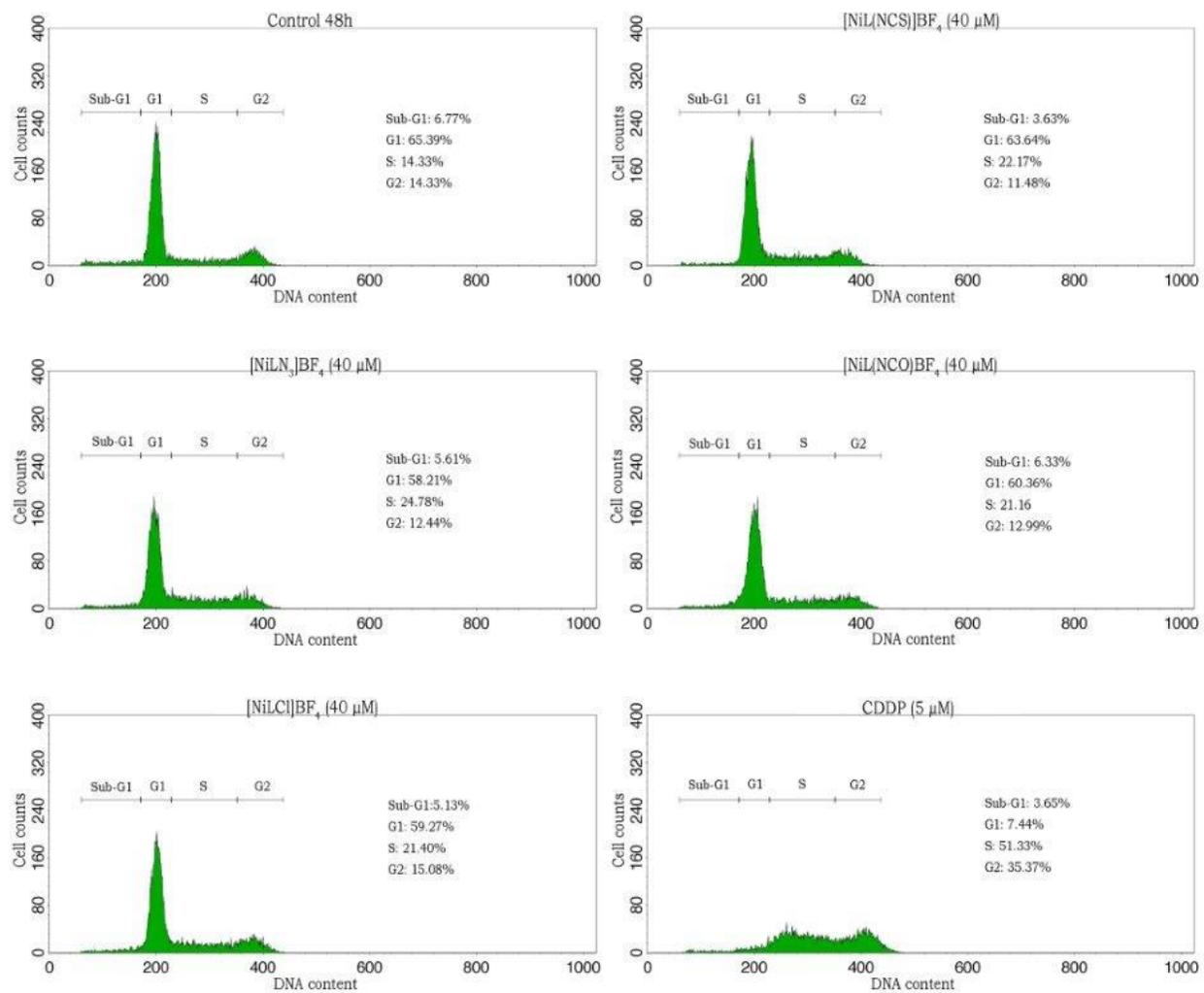
**Fig. S1.** IR spectrum of [NiLN<sub>3</sub>]BF<sub>4</sub>.



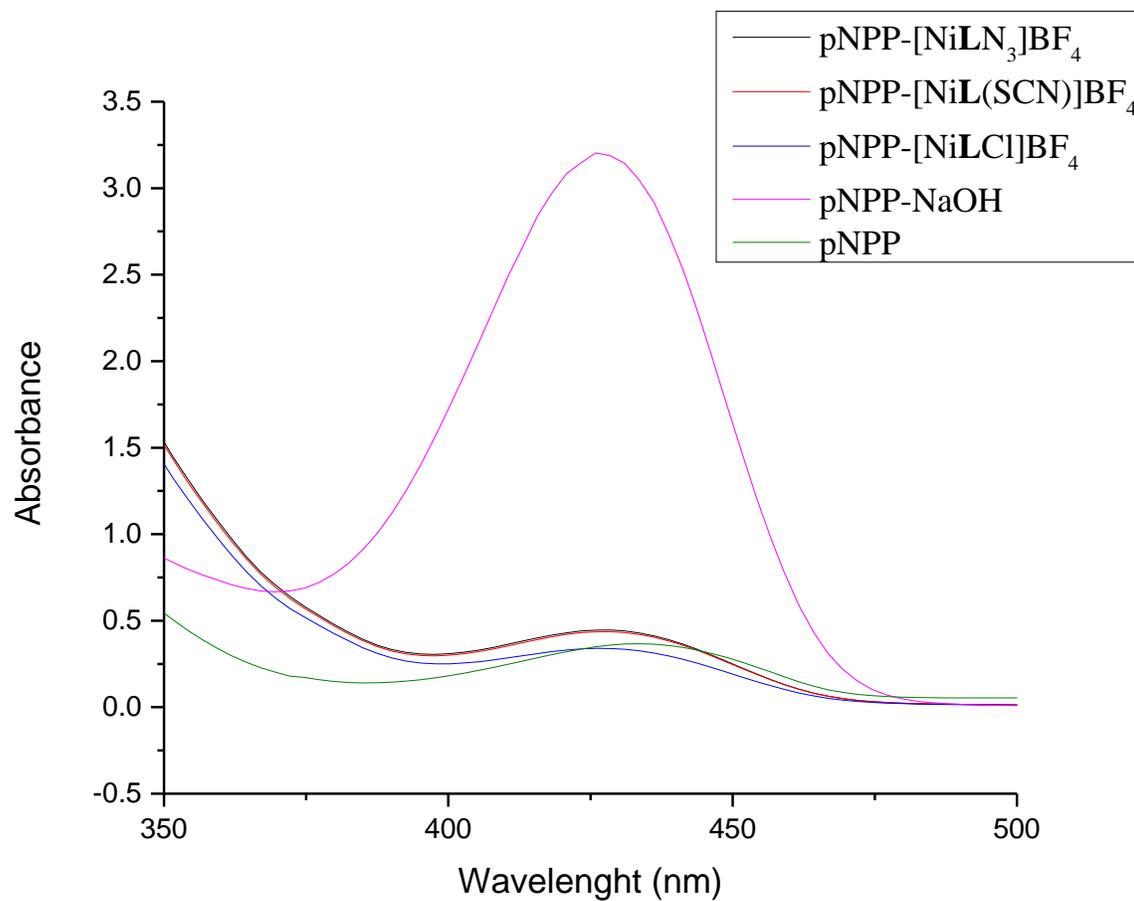
**Fig. S2.** Photomicrographs of acridine orange/ethidium bromide-stained control A549 cells and A549 cells exposed for 24h (upper images) and 48 h (lower images) to complexes  $[\text{NiL}(\text{NCS})]\text{BF}_4$  and  $[\text{NiLCl}]\text{BF}_4$ . Applied concentrations of complexes corresponded to  $0.5 \times \text{IC}_{50}$  values determined for 48 h.



**Fig. S3.** Dot plot diagrams obtained by flow-cytometric analysis of treated HeLa cells after dual staining with Annexin V-FITC and PI. Annexin V-FITC/PI staining was performed after 48 h of HeLa cells exposure to nickel complex ( $[\text{NiL}(\text{NCS})]\text{BF}_4$   $[\text{NiL}(\text{N}_3)]\text{BF}_4$   $[\text{NiL}(\text{NCO})]\text{BF}_4$ ,  $[\text{NiLCI}]\text{BF}_4$ ) and CDDP with 40  $\mu\text{M}$  concentration for nickel complexes and 5  $\mu\text{M}$  concentration for cisplatin. Representative dot plots are given, presenting live cells at lower-left quadrant, FITC(-)/PI(-); early apoptotic cells at lower-right quadrant, FITC(+)/PI(-); late apoptotic or necrotic cells at upper-right quadrant, FITC(+)/PI(+); and dead cells at upper-left quadrant, FITC(-)/PI(+).



**Fig. S4.** Effect of the Ni(II) complexes ([NiL(NCS)]BF<sub>4</sub>, [NiL(N<sub>3</sub>)]BF<sub>4</sub>, [NiL(NCO)]BF<sub>4</sub> and [NiLCl]BF<sub>4</sub>) and cisplatin (CDDP) on cell cycle progression of HeLa cells following 48 h incubation with 40 μM concentration for nickel (II) complexes and 5 μM concentration for cisplatin. Histograms presented are representative of three independent experiments.



**Fig. S5.** Wavelength scan for hydrolysis of pNPP in the absence and presence of Ni(II) complexes and NaOH in 97.5 % DMSO. [pNPP] =  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  M; [Ni(II) complexes] =  $5 \times 10^{-5}$  M (in the NaOH control [NaOH] =  $5 \times 10^{-5}$  M).

**Table S1.** Hydrogen bonding geometry for [NiLN<sub>3</sub>]BF<sub>4</sub>.

D – H ... A	$d(\text{D} - \text{H})/\text{Å}$	$d(\text{H} \cdots \text{A})/\text{Å}$	$d(\text{D} \cdots \text{A})/\text{Å}$	$\angle(\text{DHA})/\text{°}$	Symmetry transformation for acceptors
C1–H1A...F1	0.96	2.34	3.229(8)	154	x, 1/2-y, -1/2+z
C1–H1B...F3	0.96	2.48	3.358(9)	152	1/2-x, -y, -1/2+z
C2–H2A...F3	0.96	2.44	3.367(8)	163	x, 1/2-y, -1/2+z
C14–H14...N6	0.93	2.61	3.358(8)	138	1/2+x, y, 1/2-z