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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	The authors presented Synthesis, Spectral Characterization, DNA Binding, Cleavage and Biological Evaluation on Co(II), Ni(II) and Cu(II) Complexes of Substituted Isoxazole Schiff Bases. However the study is interested, there some points must be considered before publications	
	1- Abbreviation such as FT-IR, UV-Vis, NMR, Mass, ESR, TGA, , SEM and XRD should be explained when mentioned in the first time as in abstract. 2 - Why the authors choose Cu(II) and Ni (II) metal centers in his study?	
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	 Abdel-Rahman, L. H.; Abu-Dief, A. M.; El-Khatib, R. M.; Abdel-Fatah, S. M., Sonochemical synthesis, DNA binding, antimicrobial evaluation and in vitro anticancer activity of three new nano-sized Cu(II), Co(II) and Ni(II) chelates based on tri-dentate NOO imine ligands as precursors for metal oxides, J. Photochem. Photobio. B. 2016, 162 298–308. 	
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guaridentate imine ligand. J. Photochem. Photobiol. B, 2017,170, 271–285.

- 8- NMR spectra charts should be supplied as supplementary materials.
- 9- Why MeOH is chosen as solvent in synthesis process.
- 10- For these sentence "These is confirming the participation of nitrogen atom of azomethine group in coordination to the metal ion" in discussion of IR, the following citations should be added:
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- 12- for Debye-Scherrer's equation, the following citations must be added:
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 - 14- for the equation used in calculating binding constant of DNA-aomplex adduct, the following citations should be added:
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