Supplementary Information

Ruthenium(II)-mercapto Complexes with Anticancer Activity Interact with Topoisomerase IB

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Figure S1. Absorption spectra of the complexes 1-4 in the UV-Vis region for the complexes, in CH₂Cl₂.



Figure S2. Cyclic voltammograms of the complexes 1-4, in CH_2Cl_2 (0.1 M PTBA, 100 mV s⁻¹, Ag/AgCl), platinum working electrode. Complex 1: [Ru(mtz)₂(dppb)]; complex 2: [Ru(mmi)₂(dppb)]; complex 3: [Ru(dmp)₂(dppb)]; complex 4: [Ru(mpca)₂(dppb)], mtz = 2-mercaptothiazoline; mmi = 2-mercapto-1-methyl-imidazole; dmp = 4,6-diamino-2-mercaptopyrimidine; mpca = 6-mercaptopyridine-3-carboxylic acid; dppb = 1,4-bis(diphenylphosphino)butane.



Figure S3. Cyclic voltammogram of the free 2-mercapto-1-methyl-imidazole, in CH₂Cl₂ (0.1 M perchlorate tetrabuthyl ammonium (PTBA), 100 mV s⁻¹, Ag/AgCl), platinum working electrode.





Figure S4. IR spectra of the **1-4** complexes, in CsI pellets. Complex **1**: [Ru(mtz)₂(dppb)]; complex **2**: [Ru(mmi)₂(dppb)]; complex **3**: [Ru(dmp)₂(dppb)]; complex **4**: [Ru(mpca)₂(dppb)].



Figure S5. ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ (162 MHz, CH₂Cl₂/D₂O) NMR spectra of the complexes 1-4.



Figure S6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz) spectra of the complexes in CD_2Cl_2 (complexes 1 and 2) and in DMSO- d_6 (complexes 3 and 4).





Figure S7. Contour map of correlation spectroscopy (COSY) (${}^{1}H{-}{}^{1}H$) for complexes in CD₂Cl₂ (complexes 1 and 2) and DMSO-*d*₆ (complexes 3 and 4).



Figure S8. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectra for complexes in CD_2Cl_2 (complexes 1 and 2) and DMSO- d_6 (complexes 3 and 4).





Figure S9. Contour map of heteronuclear single quantum coherence spectroscopy (HSQC) ($^{1}H^{-13}C$) for complexes in CD₂Cl₂ (complexes **1** and **2**) and DMSO-*d*₆ (complexes **3** and **4**).







Figure S10. Stability of the complexes, for 72 h, in DMSO (0.1%)/DMEM solutions. ³¹P NMR (162 MHz) (a) complex 1: [Ru(mtz)₂(dppb)]; (b) complex 2: [Ru(mmi)₂(dppb)]; (c) complex 3: [Ru(dmp)₂(dppb)]; (d) complex 4: [Ru(mpca)₂(dppb)].





Figure S11. Graphics of half maximal inhibitory concentration (IC₅₀) for the complexes (2-4) with respect different cell lines. The complex 1 was not cytotoxic.

Compound	1	2	3	4
Empirical formula	$C_{34}H_{36}N_2P_2RuS_4$	$C_{36}H_{38}N_4P_2RuS_2$	$C_{36}H_{38}N_8P_2RuS_2$	$C_{40}H_{36}N_2O_4P_2RuS_2$
Formula weight	763.90	753.83	809.87	835.84
Temperature / K	293(2)	293(2)	296(2)	296(2)
Wavelength / Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic	monoclinic	triclinic
Space group	$P2_1/n$	P1	C2/c	P1
Unit cell dimensions / Å	a = 15.0555(2)	a = 10.1920(7)	a = 20.053(2)	a = 9.9027(13)
	<i>b</i> = 11.7774(2)	b = 11.3782(10)	b = 32.567(4)	<i>b</i> = 15.142(2)
	c = 20.6408(3)	c = 16.6300(13)	c = 15.2562(15)	c = 15.427(2)
α / degree	90	98.703(4)	90	86.416(3)
β / degree	108.4750(10)	104.127(5)	120.872(6)	78.599(3)
γ / degree	90	103.997(4)	90	75.717(3)
Volume / Å ³	3471.29(9)	1768.7(2)	8551.8(18)	2197.1(5)
Z	4	2	8	2
Density (calculated) / (mg m ⁻³)	1.462	1.415	1.258	1.263
Absorption coefficient /	0.811	0.683	0.572	0.562
F(000)	1568	776	3328	856
~	0.322 imes 0.222 imes	0.018 0.160 0.001	0.090 imes 0.060 imes	$0.350 \times 0.110 \times$
Crystal size / mm ³	0.164	$0.218 \times 0.160 \times 0.024$	0.030	0.030
Theta range for data collection / degree	2.71 to 26.00	2.644 to 25.671	1.251 to 24.997	1.347 to 26.434
	$-17 \le h \le 18$	$-11 \leq h \leq 12$	$-23 \leq h \leq 23$	$-12 \leq h \leq 12$
Index ranges	$-14 \leq k \leq 14$	$-13 \le k \le 13$	$-38 \le k \le 38$	$-18 \leq k \leq 18$
	$-25 \le l \le 25$	$-20 \le l \le 19$	$-18 \le l \le 15$	$-19 \le 1 \le 19$
Reflections collected	47703	14516	51358	47497
	6819 [R(int) =	6198 [R(int) =	7527 [R(int) =	8981 [R(int) =
Independent reflections	0.1258]	0.0449]	0.1548]	0.0784]
Completeness to theta = $25.242^{\circ} / \%$	99.8	94.3	99.9	100.0
Absorption correction	Gaussian	Gaussian	Multi-scan	Multi-scan
Max. and min. transmission	0.8817 and 0.7836	0.9832 and 0.8919	0.7452 and 0.5266	0.7454 and 0.6556
	Full-matrix least-	Full-matrix least-	Full-matrix least-	Full-matrix least-
Refinement method	squares on F ²	squares on F ²	squares on F ²	squares on F ²

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Table S1. Crystal and refinement data for (1), (2), (3) and (4) (cont.)

Compound	1	2	3	4
Data / restraints /	6819 / 0 / 388	6198 / 0 / 408	7527 / 0 / 436	8981 / 0 / 462
parameters	00177 07 500			
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.032	1.102	0.999	1.038
Final R indices [I >	R1 = 0.0448, wR2 =	R1 = 0.0605, wR2 =	R1 = 0.0589, wR2 =	R1 = 0.0459, wR2 =
2sigma(I)]	0.1153	0.1458	0.1403	0.0935
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0586, wR2 =	R1 = 0.0824, wR2 =	R1 = 0.1155, wR2 =	R1 = 0.0874, wR2 =
	0.1273	0.1611	0.1771	0.1086
Largest diff. peak and	1.010 1.1.001	0.956 and -0.812	0.895 and -0.803	0.551 and -0.835
hole / (e Å ⁻³)	1.010 and -1.021			

F(000): structure factor in the zeroth-order case; R(int): internal R-value; F²: squared structure factor.

Table S2. Data	of the	electronic spectra	of the complexes	(CH ₂ Cl ₂ solutions)

Complex	λ / nm	log ε	Transition
	234	4.89	IL $(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$
1	304	4.04	MLCT
	236	4.88	IL $(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$
2	276	4.36	IL $(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$
	338	3.66	MLCT
	236	4.91	IL $(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$
3	266	4.47	IL $(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$
	334	4.05	MLCT
	232	4.64	IL $(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$
4	298	4.32	IL $(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$
	356	3.90	MLCT
	422	3.90	MLCT

IL: intra ligand charge transfer; MLCT: metal ligand charge transfer.

Table S3. Assignments of the vibrational frequencies of the complexes

Vibrational frequency / cm ⁻¹					
	[Ru(mtz) ₂ (dppb)]	[Ru(mmi) ₂ (dppb)]	[Ru(dmp) ₂ (dppb)]	[Ru(mpca) ₂ (dppb)]	
vNH ₂			3437/3394		
<i>v</i> C–H	3137/3051	3114/3051	3127/3058	3152/3046	
vCH ₂	2912/2853	2909/2851	2917/2852	2919/2849	
vasCOOH				1683	
vC=O					
vC=N	1588	1590	1619	1580	
vC=C+C=N	1531	1527	1547	1538	
vsCOOH				1364	
vC-S	1294	1282	1312	1264	
vC-S	1183	1143	1159	1153	
vP-Canel	1088	1092	1091	1094	
vP–C _{alif}	740	741	742	738	
vP-C	512	515	516	510	
vRu–S	440	438	460	442	
vRu–N	423	421	430	420	

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