**Supporting Information** 

## Synthesis, Structures, and DNA and Protein Binding of Ruthenium(II)-p-Cymene Complexes of Substituted Pyridylimidazo[1,5-a]pyridine: Enhanced Cytotoxicity of Complexes of Ligands Appended with Carbazole Moiety

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Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of L1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

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Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of L1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S3.** HRMS-ESI for **L1**, Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>: 272.1188 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, Found: 272.1182 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of L2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S5. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of L2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S6.** HRMS-ESI for **L2**, Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: 315.1610 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, Found: 315.1604 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.

## 8.71 8.69 8.63 8.26 7.58 7.7327 7.732 7.73



Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of L3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.







**Figure S9**. HRMS-ESI for **L3**, Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: 439.1923 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, Found: 439.1917 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of L4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S11. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of L4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S12**. HRMS-ESI for **L4**, Calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>4</sub>: 437.1766 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, Found: 437.1761 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of L5 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S14. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of L5 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S15. HRMS-ESI for L5, Calcd for  $C_{26}H_{21}N_4$ : 389.1766 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, Found: 389.1716 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Figure S16. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of L6 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S17. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of L6 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S18**. HRMS-ESI for **L6**, Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>4</sub>S: 421.1487 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, Found: 421.1473 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.



Figure S19. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $[Ru(\eta^6-cymene)(L1)Cl]BF_4(1)$  in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S20. ESI-MASS Spectrum of  $[Ru(\eta^6-cymene)(L1)Cl]BF_4$ . (1)



Figure S21. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $[Ru(\eta^6-cymene)(L2)Cl]BF_4$  in DMSO-D<sub>6</sub>. (2)



Figure S22. ESI-MASS Spectrum of  $[Ru(\eta^6-cymene)(L2)Cl]BF_4$ . (2)



Figure S23. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $[Ru(\eta^6-cymene)(L3)Cl]BF_4$  in DMSO-D<sub>6</sub>. (3)



Figure S24. ESI-MASS Spectrum of  $[Ru(\eta^6-cymene)(L3)Cl]BF_4$ . (3)



**Figure S25.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $[Ru(\eta^6-cymene)(L4)Cl]BF_4$  in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.(4)



Figure S26. ESI-MASS Spectrum of  $[Ru(\eta^6-cymene)(L4)Cl]BF_4$ . (4)



**Figure S27.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $[Ru(\eta^6-cymene)(L5)Cl]BF_4$  in DMSO-D<sub>6</sub>. (5)



Figure S28. ESI-MASS Spectrum of  $[Ru(\eta^6-cymene)(L5)Cl]BF_4$ . (5)



Figure S29. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $[Ru(\eta^6-cymene)(L6)Cl]BF_4$  in DMSO-D<sub>6</sub>. (6)

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Figure S30. ESI-MASS Spectrum of  $[Ru(\eta^6-cymene)(L6)Cl]BF_4$ . (6)