## Anticancer evaluation of new organometallic ruthenium(II) flavone complexes

Supporting information

#### 1. Synthesis:

### 1.1. Structural characterization of compounds 1 and 2 as previously reported

#### 2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5,7-dihydroxy-4H-chromen-4-one (1)

**Yield:** 97%; **mp:** 250 °C (lit.<sup>[1]</sup> 294-296 °C); **IR**  $v_{max}/cm^{-1}$ : 3350 (OH, w, b), 1680 (C=O, v, m), 1091 (C-O, v, s); <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, DMSO-d6, Me<sub>4</sub>Si)  $\delta$  6.29 (1H, s, H-6), 6.59 (1H, s, H-8), 7.08 (1H, s, H-3), 7.62 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, H-2',6'), 7.99 (2H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, H-3',5'), 12.20 (1H, s, OH), 12.84 (1H, s, OH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (100 MHz, DMSO-d6, Me<sub>4</sub>Si)  $\delta$  93.98 (C8), 99.04 (C6), 105.51 (C3, C10), 128.22 (C1'), 128.70 (C3', C5'), 129.18 (C2', C6'), 131.93 (C4'), 157.36 (C9), 161.39 (C5), 161.94 (C2), 166.41 (C7), 181.83 (C=O); *m/z* (FTMS+ESI): M+H (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>35</sup>Cl) requires 289.0262, found 289.0260. HPLC Purity: 99.4%

#### 2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-5,7-dihydroxy-4H-chromene-4-thione (2)

**Yield:** 64%; **mp:** 247.7-248 °C (lit.<sup>[1]</sup> 249-252 °C); **IR**  $v_{max}/cm^{-1}$ : 3358 (OH, w, b), 1170 (C=S, v, m), 1135 (c-O, v, m); <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, DMSO-d6, Me<sub>4</sub>Si)  $\delta$  6.28 (1H, s, H-6), 6.55 (1H, s, H-8), 7.55 (1H, s, H-3), 7.58 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, H-2',6'), 8.11 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, H-3',5'), 11.24 (1H, s, OH), 13.54 (1H, s, OH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR: (100 MHz, DMSO-d6, Me<sub>4</sub>Si)  $\delta$  95.28 (C8), 101.30 (C6), 113.13 (C10), 118.00 (C3), 129.84 (C1', 3', 5'), 129.84 (C2', C6'), 137.63 (C4'), 153.62 (C2), 154.55 (C9), 162.32 (C7), 165.19 (C5), 196.52 (C=S); *m/z* (FTMS+ESI): M+H (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>3</sub><sup>35</sup>ClS) requires 305.0034, found 305.0034. HPLC Purity: 98.6%

#### 1.2. NMR spectra

(A)



(C)



**Figure 1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of Ru complexes (1Ru and 2Ru). (A) 1Ru <sup>1</sup>H NMR; (B) 1Ru <sup>13</sup>C NMR; (C) 2Ru <sup>1</sup>H NMR; (D) 2Ru <sup>13</sup>C NMR.

(A)



Figure 2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of (A) 1Ir and (B) 2Ir.

# 2. UV-VIS stability profiles

(A)



**Figure 3.** Temperature dependant UV-VIS spectra of (A) 1Ru and (B) 2Ru in 0.1%DMSO/ddH<sub>2</sub>O solution recorded over a 6 h time interval.

60 °C

80 °C

0.02902

0.02832

Δλ<sub>260</sub> 0

0.0013

0.0021

0.0028

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1Ru	λ <sub>260</sub>	$\Delta \lambda_{260}$	2Ru	λ <sub>260</sub>
20 °C	0.0435	0	20 °C	0.03108
40 °C	0.04422	0.00072	40 °C	0.02973

0.00174

0.00388

**Table 1**.  $\lambda_{260}^{a}$  and  $\Delta \lambda_{260}^{b}$  of complexes 1Ru and 2Ru at 20 °C – 80 °C

0.04525

0.04738

a  $\lambda_{260}$  is the absorbance at 260 nm

b  $\Delta$   $\lambda_{260}$  =  $\lambda_{260}$  (40, 60 or 80 °C) -  $\lambda_{260}$  (20 °C)

#### **References:**

60 °C

80 °C

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