

## Supporting Information

### Exploring the effect of the axial ligands on the anticancer activity of [C,N,N'] Pt(IV) cyclometallated compounds

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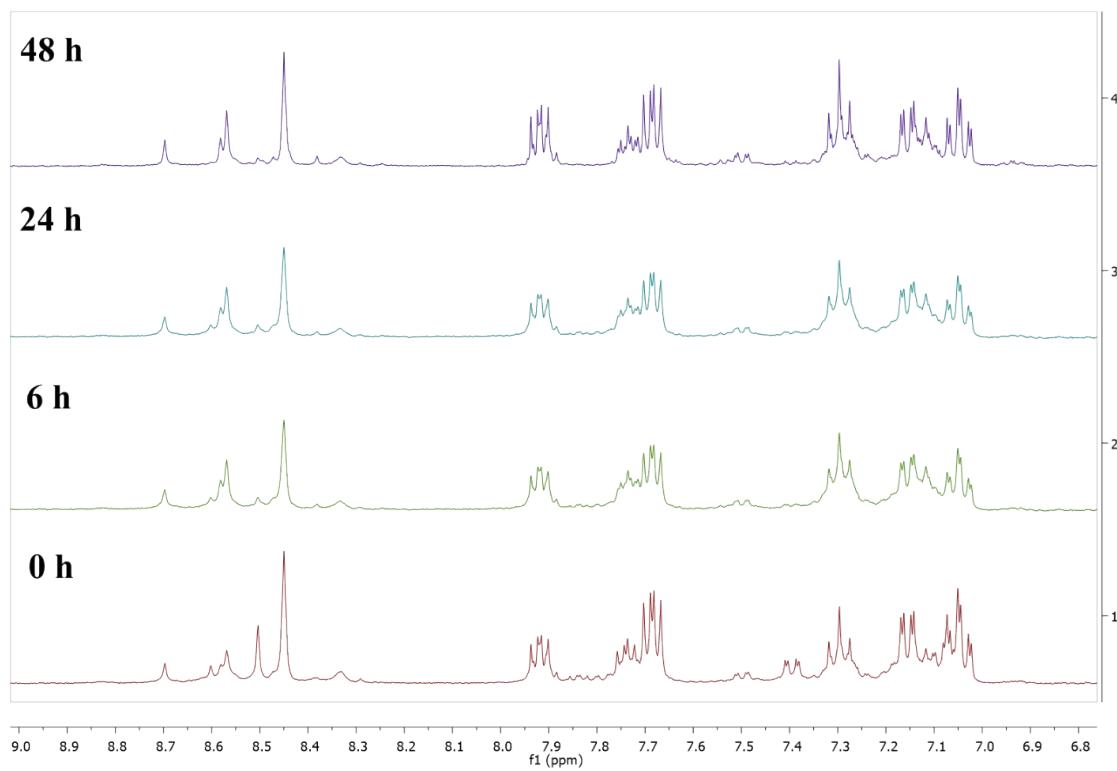
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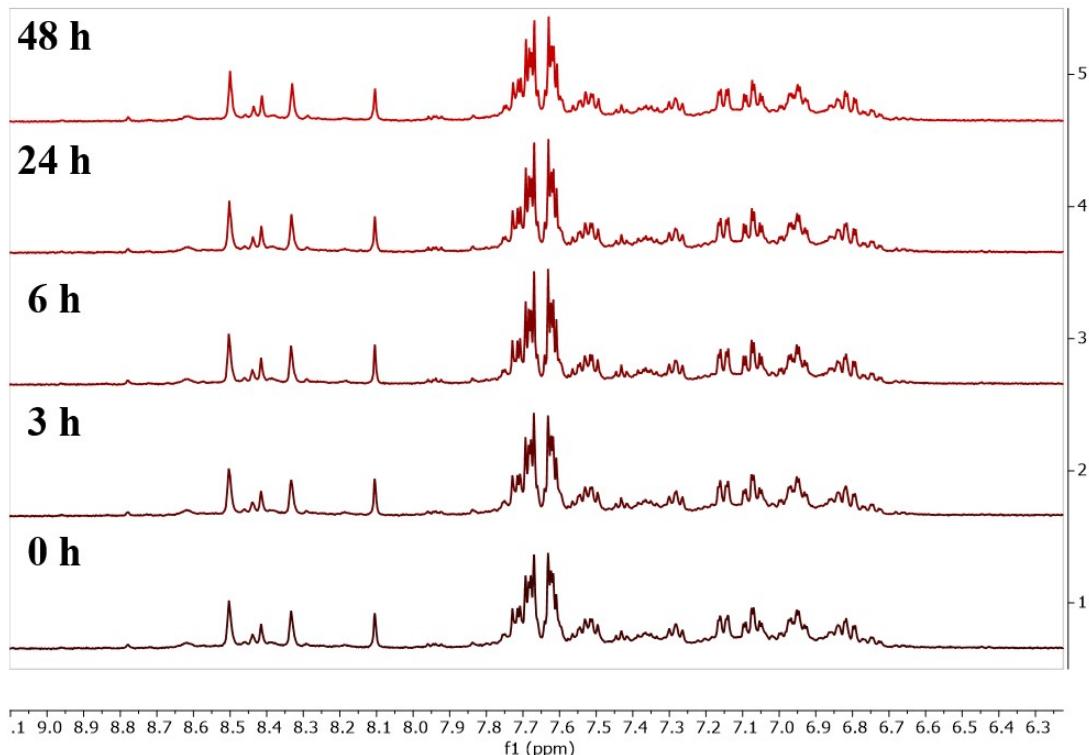
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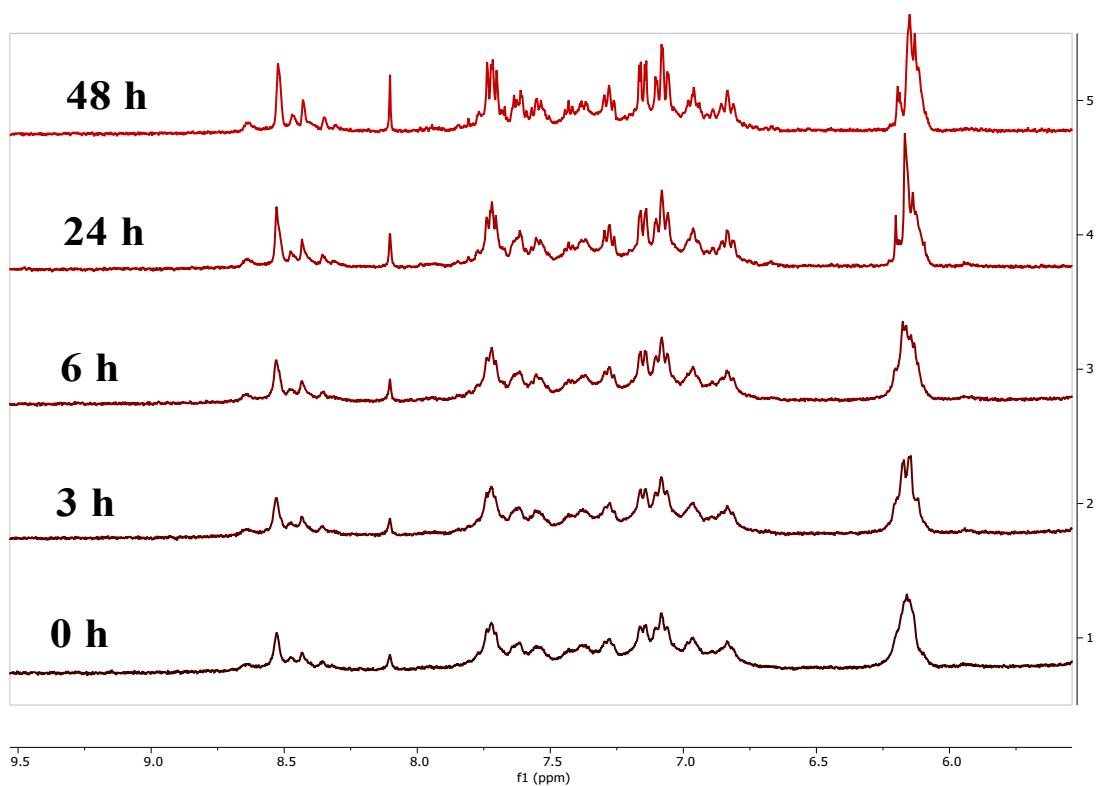
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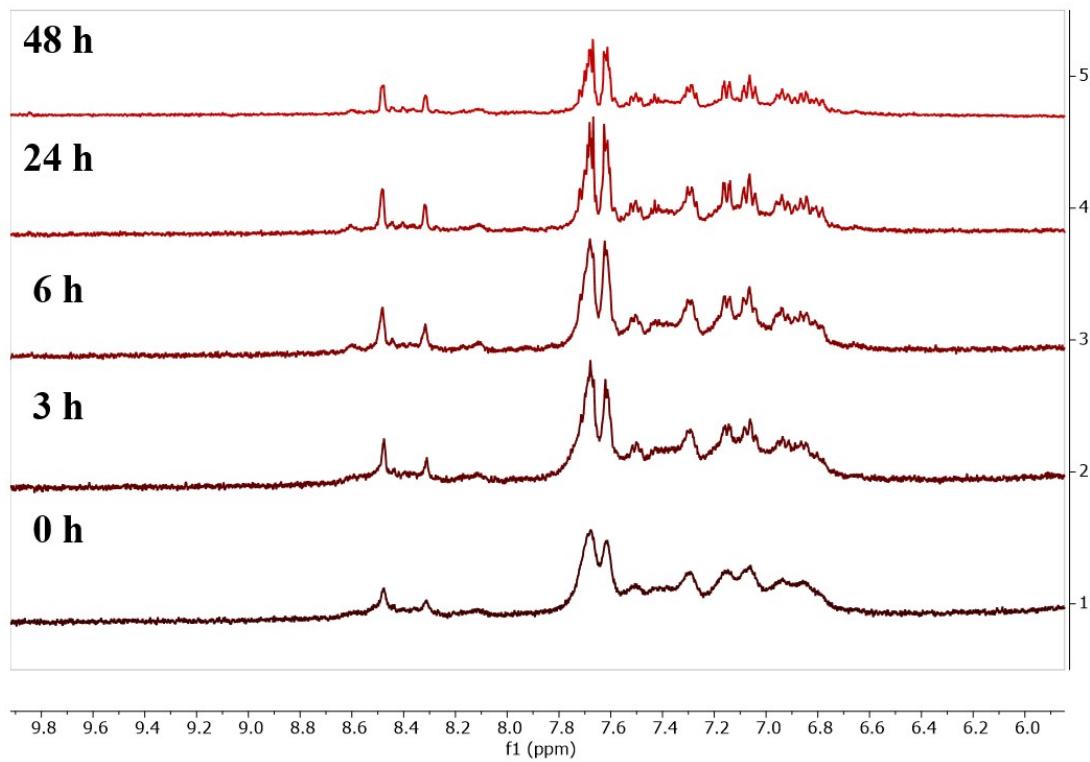
**Figure S1.** Partial view of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 2 in a DMSO/D<sub>2</sub>O mixture freshly prepared and after 6 h, 24 h and 48 h of storage at 298 K.



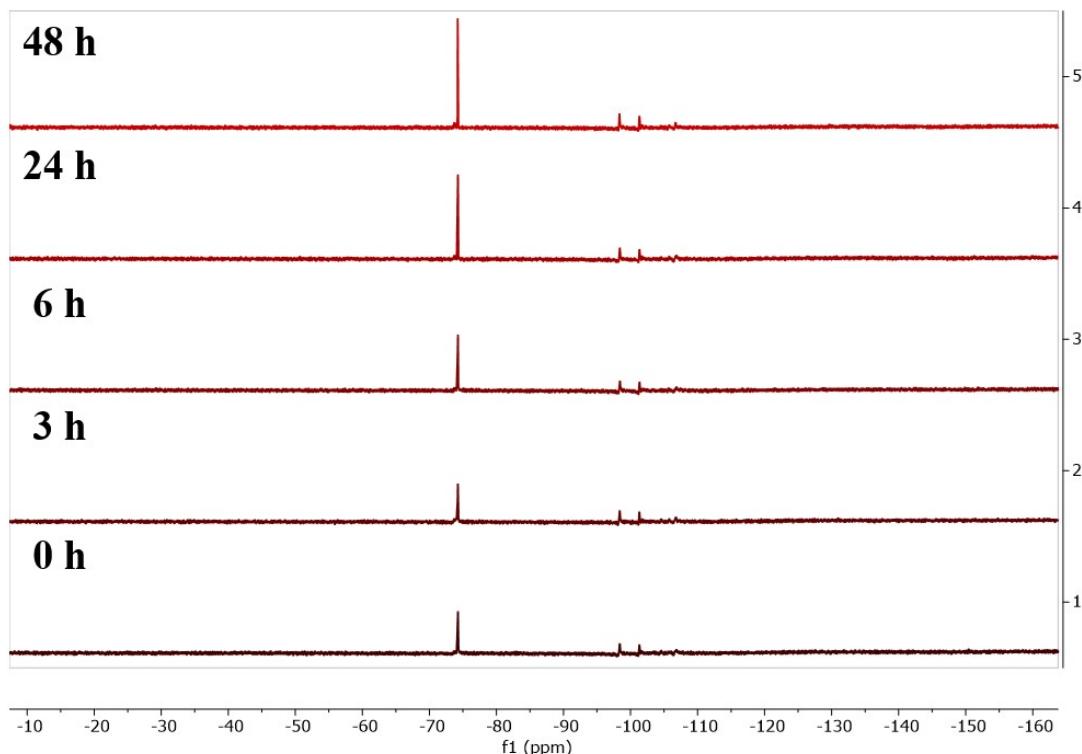
**Figure S2.** Partial view of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 3 in a DMSO/D<sub>2</sub>O mixture freshly prepared and after 3h, 6h, 24 h and 48 h of storage at 298 K.



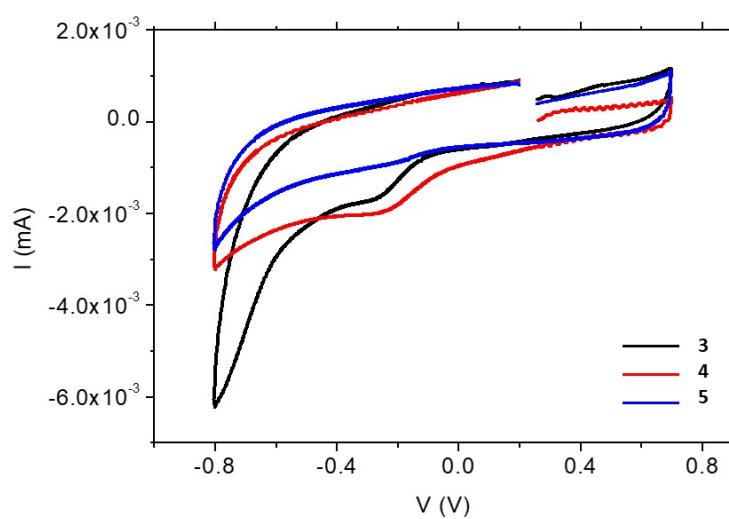
**Figure S3.** Partial view of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **4** in a DMSO/D<sub>2</sub>O mixture freshly prepared and after 3h, 6h, 24 h and 48 h of storage at 298 K.



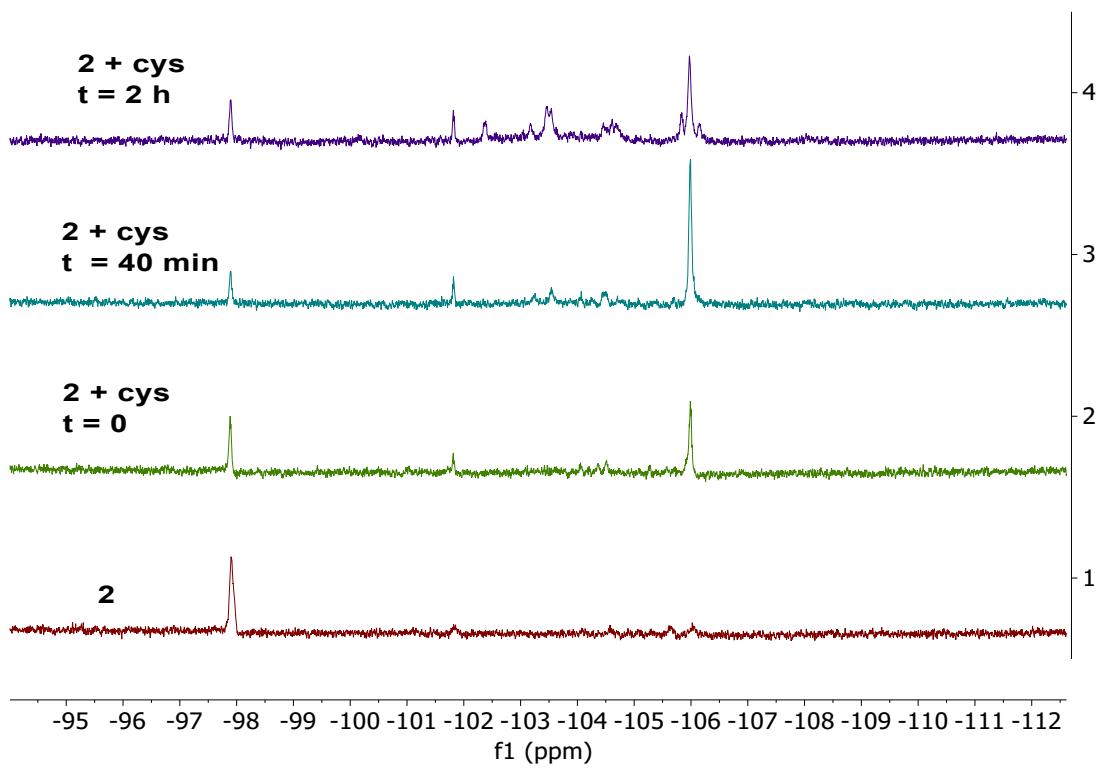
**Figure S4.** Partial view of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **5** in a DMSO/D<sub>2</sub>O mixture freshly prepared and after 24 h and 48 h of storage at 298 K.



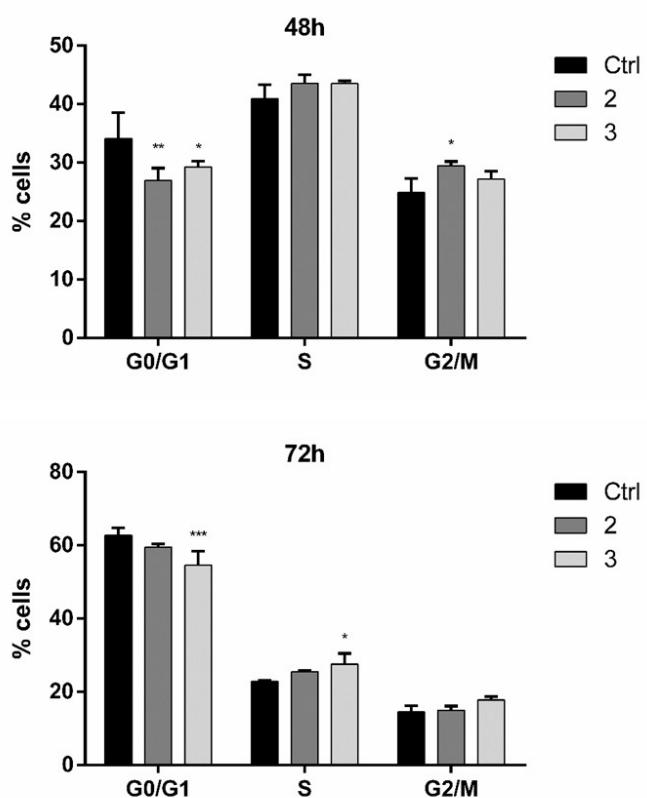
**Figure S5.** Partial view of  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of compound **5** in a DMSO/D<sub>2</sub>O mixture freshly prepared and after 24 h and 48 h of storage at 298 K.



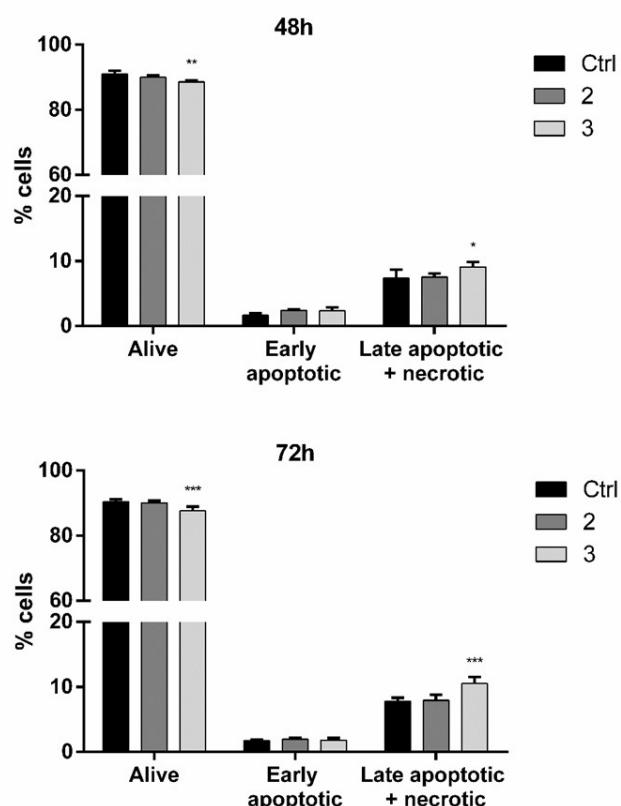
**Figure S6.** First cycle of the cyclic voltammogram of compounds **3**, **4** and **5** in a dimethyl sulfoxide/water (1:1) solution at a scan rate of 100mV/s.



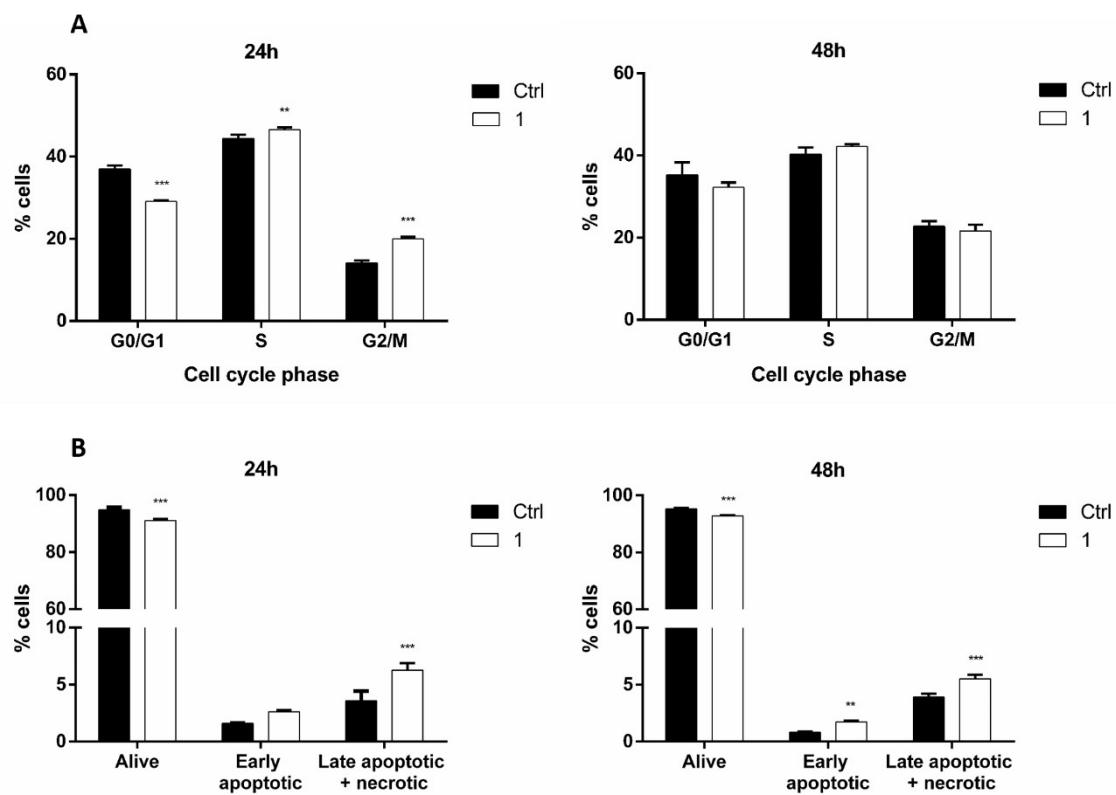
**Figure S7.** Partial view of <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of compound **2** in a DMSO/D<sub>2</sub>O mixture and upon addition of L-cysteine at different reaction times at 298 K.



**Figure S8.** Cell cycle phase distribution at 48 and 72 h incubation with compounds **2** and **3** at their IC<sub>50</sub> concentration in HCT116 CRC cell line. Mean  $\pm$  standard deviation are shown. Two-way ANOVA was used to evaluate significance between treated and control cells, \* p<0.05, \*\* p<0.01, \*\*\* p<0.001.



**Figure S9.** Percentage variations of alive, early apoptotic and late apoptotic/necrotic cell populations at 48 and 72 h incubation with compounds **2** and **3** at their  $IC_{50}$  concentration in HCT116 CRC cell line. Mean  $\pm$  standard deviation are shown. Two-way ANOVA was used to evaluate significance between treated and control cells, \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ .



**Figure S10.** A) Cell cycle phase distribution at 24 and 48 h incubation with compound **1** at its IC<sub>50</sub> concentration in HCT116 CRC cell line. B) Percentage variations of alive, early apoptotic and late apoptotic/necrotic cell populations at 24 and 48 h incubation with compound **1** at its IC<sub>50</sub> concentration in HCT116 CRC cell line. Mean ± standard deviation are shown. Two-way ANOVA was used to evaluate significance between treated and control cells, \* p<0.05, \*\* p<0.01, \*\*\* p<0.001.

Table S1. Optimised coordinates of compounds **1-5** and  $\text{X}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3^-$  anions

**1**

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**3**

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**Cl(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>**

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**OH(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>**

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**DCA(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>**

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C	-0.418657	0.336495	-1.082774
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**TFA(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>**

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