## Supporting Information

# Gold(I) and Gold(III) Carbene Complexes from the Marine Betaine Norzooanemonin: Inhibition of Thioredoxin Reductase, Antiproliferative and Antimicrobial Activity

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#### S1.1. General

#### **Materials and Analytical Methods**

All materials were purchased from Aldrich, Wako or TGI. (Me<sub>2</sub>S)AuCl was prepared according to literature procedure.<sup>[1]</sup> Norzooanemonin, gold complexes (**3c**), and (**5c**) have been prepared according to our previous report.<sup>[2]</sup> All reactions were carried under air and technical grade solvent were used unless otherwise stated. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and NaOH were used as received without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were measured on the spectrometers Bruker AV 300 (300 MHz) spectrometers. The chemical shifts are given in parts per million ( $\delta$ ; ppm) relative to residual solvent peaks ( $\delta$ ; 3.31 (CD<sub>3</sub>OD), 4.79 (D<sub>2</sub>O), 7.26 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), 2.50 (DMSO-D<sub>6</sub>). Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hertz (Hz), and splitting patterns are indicated as s (*singlet*), d (*doublet*), t (*triplet*), m (*multiplet*), sept (*septet*) and br (*broad*). All the spectra were measured at room temperature unless otherwise stated. Elemental analyses of all the complexes were carried out with a Vario Micro Cube System (Elementar Analysensysteme GmbH). High- and Low-resolution electrospray ionization (ESI) measurements were made with a Bruker MicroTOF II mass spectrometer.

### **S1.2.** Experimental Procedures

### S1.2.1 Synthesis of Compound 1b

Methyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.11 mL, 1 mmol, 1 eq.) was added to norzooanemonin **1a** (0.140 g, 1 mmol, 1 eq.) in dichloromethane and stirred for one hour at room temperature. The solvent was removed, and compound **1b** was washed with cold ethanol and hexane to be obtained as a white solid (0.120 g, 86%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300.1 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 9.00 (1H, s, CH<sub>im</sub>), 7.98 (1H, s, CH<sub>im</sub>), 4.02 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.90 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.84 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75.5 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 157.6 (COO), 140.5 (NCHN), 129.0 (NCHC), 124.3 (NCCOO), 120.3 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C,F</sub>= 320 MHz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 52.7



 $(OCH_3)$ , 36.5  $(NCH_3)$ , 36.3  $(NCH_3)$ . Elemental analysis calculated (%) for  $C_8H_{11}F_3N_2O_5S$ : C, 31.58, H, 3.64, N, 9.21; found: C, 31.02, H, 3.61, N, 9.10. ESI-MS *m/z* anion: calculated for  $[M]^+$  155.08; Found  $[M]^+$  155.14 m/z.



**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **1b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S3.  $^{\rm 13}\text{C}$  dept NMR spectrum of 1b in CDCl3 at room temperature.

## S1.2.2. Synthesis of compound 1c

Triethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate (0.190 g, 1 mmol, 1. eq.) was added to norzooanemonin **1a** (0.140 g, 1 mmol, 1. eq.) in dichloromethane and stirred for four hours. Upon removing the solvent and washing with cold ethanol and diethyl ether, compound **1c** was obtained a white solid (0.130 g, 51%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300.1 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 8.84 (1H, s, CH<sub>im</sub>), 7.89 (1H, s, CH<sub>im</sub>), 4.37 (2H, q, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub>= 7.2 Hz, *CH*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.09 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.96 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.36 (3H, t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub>= 7.1 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>*CH*<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75.5 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 157.3 (COO), 140.7 (NCHN), 128.8 (NCHC), 124.7



(NCCOO), 62.5 ( $CH_2CH_3$ ), 36.7 (N $CH_3$ ), 36.5 (N $CH_3$ ), 13.9 ( $CH_3CH_2$ ). Elemental analysis calculated (%) for  $C_8H_{13}F_4N_2O_2$ : C, 37.53, H, 5.12, N, 10.94; found: C, 37.21, H, 5.07, N, 10.89. ESI-MS m/z anion: calculated for [M]<sup>+</sup> 169.10; Found [M]<sup>+</sup> 169.12 m/z.



**Figure S4.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S5. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **1c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



### S1.2.3. Synthesis of compound 2b

A mixture of compound **1b** (0.076 g, 0.25 mmol, 1 eq.) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.034 g, 0.25 mmol, 1 eq.) was stirred in methanol for three hours at room temperature. (Me<sub>2</sub>S)AuCl (0.073 g, 0.25 mmol, 1 eq) was added to the mixture and stirred for 12 hours. The brownish mixture was filtered using a Whatman filter, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. Complex **2b** was obtained as a white powder after chloroform extraction and solvent removal under vacuum (0.048 g, 50%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300.1 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 7.59 (1H, s, CH<sub>im</sub>), 4.09 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.88 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.87



(3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75.5 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 176.7 (CAu), 158.7 (COO), 128.3 (NCHC), 123.9 (NCCOO), 52.4 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 38.8 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 38.2 (NCH<sub>3</sub>). Elemental analysis calculated (%) for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>AuClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 21.75, H, 2.61, N, 7.25; found: C, 21.88, H, 2.89, N, 7.18. ESI-MS m/z anion: calculated for [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 409.01; Found [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 409.08 m/z and calculated for [M - CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> 370.99; Found [M - CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> 370.68 m/z.



Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2b in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **2b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S9.  $^{13}\text{C}$  dept NMR spectrum of 2b in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at room temperature.

### S1.2.4. Synthesis of compound 2c

At 50 °C overnight, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.034 g, 0.25 mmol, 1 eq.) was dissolved in ethanol. Compound **1c** (0.064 g, 0.25 mmol, 1 eq.) and (Me<sub>2</sub>S)AuCl (0.074 g, 0.25 mmol, 1 eq.) were added at room temperature and stirred overnight. The brownish mixture was filtered and the ethanol was removed under vacuum to yield a white powder. Extraction with chloroform and removal of the solvent yielded complex **2c** as a white powder (0.046 g, 46%).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300.1 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 7.59 (1H, s, CH<sub>im</sub>), 4.35 (2H, q, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub>= 7.2 Hz, *CH*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.10 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.87 (3H,



s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.36 (3H, t,  ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.1 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>).  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}$  NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75.5 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 176,6 (CAu), 158.3 (COO), 128.1 (NCHC), 124.3 (NCCOO), 61.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.7 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 38.3 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>). Elemental analysis calculated (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>AuClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 23.79, H, 3.02, N, 6.99; found: C, 23.89, H, 2.99, N, 6.89. ESI-MS m/z anion: calculated for [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 423.02; Found [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>423.00 m/z and calculated for [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 399.02; Found [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 398.92 m/z.



Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S11.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of **2c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



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#### S1.2.5. Synthesis of compound 3b

Compounds **1b** (0.228 g, 0.70 mmol, 2 eq.),  $K_2CO_3$  (0.104 g, 0.70 mmol, 2 eq.), and (Me<sub>2</sub>S)AuCl (0.103 g, 0.35 mmol, 1 eq.) were stirred in acetone for 7 days, resulting in a brownish mixture which was then filtered using a Whatman filter. The solvent of the filtrate was removed under vacuum, following column chromato-



graphy (99% DCM: 1% MeOH), and complex **3b** was obtained as a white powder (0.015 g, 66%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 300.1 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 7.77 (1H, s, CH<sub>im</sub>), 4.15 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.95 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.89 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 75.5 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 188.5 (*C*Au), 159.2 (*C*OO), 129.6 (NCHC), 124.9 (NCCOO), 52.8 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 38.9 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 38.4 (NCH<sub>3</sub>). Elemental analysis calculated (%) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>AuF<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>S: C, 27.53, H, 3.08, N, 8.56; found: C, 27.72, H, 3.12, N, 8.48. ESI-MS m/z anion: calculated for [M]<sup>+</sup> 505.11; Found [M]<sup>+</sup> 505.20 m/z.



Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3b** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature.



**Figure S14.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **3b** in  $CD_2Cl_2$  at room temperature.



**Figure S15.** <sup>13</sup>C dept NMR spectrum of **3b** in  $CD_2Cl_2$  at room temperature.



Figure S16. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of **3b** in  $CD_2Cl_2$  at room temperature.

#### S1.2.6. Synthesis of compound 3c

Compound **1c** (1 eq, 0.128 g, 0.5 mmol, 1 eq.),  $K_2CO_3$  (0.069 g, 0.5 mmol, 1 eq.), and (Me<sub>2</sub>S)AuCl (0.057 g, 0.25 mmol, 0.5 eq.) were stirred in acetone for four days at room temperature to form a brownish mixture. The solution was filtered using a Whatman filter and the solvent of filtrate was removed under vacuum. After



purification by column chromatography (99% DCM: 1% MeOH), complex **3c** was obtained as a white powder (0.084 g, 54%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300.1 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 7.79 (1H, s, CH<sub>im</sub>), 4.35 (2H, q, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub>= 7.1 Hz, *CH*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.15 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.00 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.37 (3H, t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub>= 7.1 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75.5 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 188.1 (CAu), 158.5 (COO), 129.5 (NCHC), 124.6 (NCCOO), 61.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.7 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 38.0 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>). Elemental analysis calculated (%) for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>AuBF<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 30.99, H, 3.90, N, 9.03; found: C, 30.91, H, 3.89, N, 9.08. ESI-MS m/z anion: calculated for [M]<sup>+</sup> 533.15; Found [M]<sup>+</sup> 533.25 m/z.



Figure S17. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S18.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of **3c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S19. <sup>13</sup>C dept NMR spectrum of **3c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.

### S1.2.7. Synthesis of compound 4a

A mixture of MeOH/DCM (1:1) was used to dissolve compound **2a** (0.039, 0.1 mmol, 1 eq.). Iodobenzene dichloride (0.038 g, 0.14 mmol, 1.4 eq.) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 24 hours at room temperature. The resulting light-yellow solution was vacuum evaporated and washed three times with hexane (20 mL) and diethyl ether (20 mL) to obtain complex **4a** as a white powder (0.038 g, 85%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 300.1 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 8.21 (1H, s, CH<sub>im</sub>), 4.21 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.99 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 75.5 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 160.2 (COO), 146,4 (CAu), 132.2 (NCHC), 128.5 (NCCOO), 38.4 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 37.7



(NCH<sub>3</sub>). Elemental analysis calculated (%) for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>8</sub>AuCl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 16.25, H, 1.82, N, 6.32; found: C, 16.17, H, 1.717, N, 5.78. ESI-MS *m/z* anion: calculated for [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 464.92; Found [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 464.86 m/z.



Figure S20. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4a in CD<sub>3</sub>OD at room temperature.



Figure S22. <sup>13</sup>C dept NMR spectrum of 4a in MeOD at room temperature.

### S1.2.8. Synthesis of compound 4b

Iodobenzene dichloride (PhICl<sub>2</sub>, 0.14 mmol, 0.038 g, 1.4 eq.) was added to the methanol solution of compound **2b** (0.1 mmol, 0.039 g, 1 eq.). The mixture was stirred for 24 h at room temperature resulting in a light-yellow solution. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was washed three times with hexane (20 mL), diethyl ether (20 mL), and cold chloroform (5 mL) to obtain complex **4b** as a white powder (0.040 g, 87%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300.1 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 7.76 (1H, s, CH<sub>im</sub>),



4.26 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.03 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.95 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75.5 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 157.7 (COO), 148.9 (CAu), 129.8 (NCHC), 126.4 (NCCOO), 53.0 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 38.6 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 37.7 (NCH<sub>3</sub>). Elemental analysis calculated (%) for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>AuCl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 18.38, H, 2.20, N, 6.12; found: C, 18.27, H, 2.01, N, 5.93. ESI-MS m/z anion: calculated for [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 478.94; Found [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>478.84 m/z and calculated for [M - CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> 370.99; Found [M - CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> 370.68 m/z.





**Figure S24.**  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of **4b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



## S1.2.9. Synthesis of compound 4c

Iodobenzene dichloride (PhICl<sub>2</sub>, 0.038 g, 0.14 mmol, 1.4 eq.) was added to a methanol solution of compound **2c** (0.040 g, 0.1 mmol, 1 eq.). After stirring the mixture for 24 hours at room temperature, a light-yellow solution was obtained. The solvent was removed under vacuum. Three portions of hexane (20 mL) and cold diethyl ether (10 mL) were applied to the residue to obtain complex **4c** as a white powder (0.041 g, 89%).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300.1 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 7.78 (1H, s, CH<sub>imid</sub>), 4.42 (2H, q, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub>= 7.2 Hz, *CH*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.25 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.03 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.39 (3H, t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub>= 7.1 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75.5 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 157.2 (*C*OO), 148,3 (*C*Au), 129.8 (NCHC), 126.6 (NCCOO), 62.5 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.6 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 37.7 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 14.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). Elemental analysis calculated (%) for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>AuCl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 20.38, H, 2.57, N, 5.94; found: C, 20.49, H, 2.34, N, 5.61. ESI-MS m/z anion: calculated for [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 468.95; Found [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 469.02 m/z.



Figure S26. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4c in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



**Figure S27.**  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of **4c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S28. <sup>13</sup>C dept NMR spectrum of 4c in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.

#### S1.2.10. Synthesis of compound 5a

Compound **3a** (0.051 g, 0.1 mmol, 1 eq.) was dissolved in a mixture of MeOH and DCM (1:1), then iodobenzene dichloride (0.027 g, 0.1 mmol, 1 eq.) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The solvent was removed in vacuum, and the residue was washed three times with hexane (20 mL) and diethyl ether



(20 mL) and cold chloroform (5 mL) to afford complex **5a** as a white powder (0.041 g, 70%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 300.1 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 7.96 (1H, s, CH<sub>im</sub>), 4.27 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.04 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 75.5 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 157.9 (CAu), 130.3 (NCHC), 37.9 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 37.4 (NCH<sub>3</sub>). due to low solubility <sup>13</sup>C resonances for (COO) and (NCCOO) were not observed. Elemental analysis calculated (%) for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>AuCl<sub>3</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 24.70, H, 2.76, N, 9.60; found: C, 24.13, H, 2.48, N, 9.35. ESI-MS *m/z* anion: calculated for [M]<sup>+</sup> 547.02; Found [M]<sup>+</sup> 547.00 m/z.



Figure S29. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 5a in CD<sub>3</sub>OD at room temperature.



Figure S30.  $^{13}C{^{1}H}$  NMR spectrum of 5a in CD<sub>3</sub>OD at room temperature.

#### S1.2.11. Synthesis of compound 5b

The mixture of compound **3b** (0.131 g, 0.2 mmol, 1 eq.) and iodobenzene dichloride (PhICl<sub>2</sub>, 0.055 g, 0.2 mmol, 1 eq.) in dichloromethane was stirred for 24 h at room temperature, resulting in a light-yellow solution. After removing the solvent, a yellowish solid was obtained. It was washed three times with hexane (20 mL)



followed by diethyl ether (20 mL) and once with cold methanol (5 mL) to obtain complex **5b** as a white powder. A flash chromatography for further purification (93% DCM: 7% MeOH) to afford **5b** (0.103 g, 71%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300.1 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 8.17 (1H, s, CH<sub>im</sub>), 4.24 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.12 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.92 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75.5 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 158.4 (COO), 158.3 (CAu), 131.6 (NCHC), 125.9 (NCCOO), 120.9 (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C,F</sub>= 320 MHz, CF<sub>3</sub>), 52.9 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 38.6 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 37.4 (NCH<sub>3</sub>). Elemental analysis calculated (%) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>AuCl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>S: C, 24.84, H, 2.78, N, 7.73; found: C, 24.37, H, 2.77, N, 7.42. ESI-MS m/z anion: calculated for [M]<sup>+</sup> 575.05; Found [M]<sup>+</sup> 575.04 m/z.



Figure S31. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **5b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



**Figure S32.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **5b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



**Figure S33.** <sup>13</sup>C dept NMR spectrum of **5b** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S34.  $^{19}\mathsf{F}$  NMR spectrum of 5b in CDCl3 at room temperature.

### S1.2.12. Synthesis of compound 5c

The mixture of compound 3c (0.62 g, 0.1 mmol, 1 eq.) and iodobenzene dichloride (PhICl<sub>2</sub>, 0.027 g, 0.1 mmol, 1 eq.) in dichloromethane was stirred for 24 h at room temperature resulting in a light-yellow solution. The solvent was removed in vacuum to obtain a yellowish solid. The residue was washed three times with hexane (20 mL),



twice with diethyl ether (20 mL), and once with cold methanol (5 mL) to obtain complex **5c**. Further purificatin by flash chromatography using silica 60 (90% DCM: 10% MeOH) afforded **5c** as a white solid (0.049 g, 72%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300.1 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 8.07 (1H, s, CH<sub>imid</sub>), 4.38 (2H, q, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub>= 7.1 Hz, *CH*<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.23 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.11 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.38 (3H, t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub>= 7.1 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75.5 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . 158.2 (COO), 157.9 (CAu), 131.2 (NCHC), 126.1 (NCCOO), 62.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.4 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 37.2 (NCH<sub>3</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 282.5 MHz, 293 K):  $\delta$ . -152.7 (m,<sup>11</sup>BF<sub>4</sub>), -152.6 (q, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub>= 1.3 MHz, <sup>10</sup>BF<sub>4</sub>). Elemental analysis calculated (%) for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>AuBCl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (691.06): C, 27.81, H, 3.50, N, 8.11; found: C, 27.42, H, 3.75, N, 7.80. ESI-MS m/z anion: calculated for [M]<sup>+</sup> 603.08; Found [M]<sup>+</sup> 603.06 m/z.



**Figure S35.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **5c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



**Figure S36.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **5c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S37. <sup>13</sup>C dept NMR spectrum of 5c in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.



Figure S38. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of **5c** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at room temperature.

### S1.3. Single Crystal X-Ray Diffraction

Crystals were mounted on top of a human hair or on a Hampton Research CryoLoop<sup>TM</sup> with perfluorinated inert oil. Data were recorded on Rigaku XtaLAB Synergy S Single Source diffractometers equipped with a HyPix-6000HE detector and a PhotonJet microfocus source with Cu-K $\alpha$  (**1c**, **3c**, **5c**) or Mo-K $\alpha$  (**2b**, **1b**, **2c**, **4b**, **4c**, **4a**, **3b**, **5b**) radiation. Data reduction was performed with CrysalisPro<sup>[3]</sup>. Absorption correction was based on multi-scans for **1c** and **2b**. For all other structures additionally face indexation and integration on a Gaussian grid was applied. The structure of compound **3b** was solved with the Patterson method with SHELXS-2013/1<sup>[4]</sup> whereas all other structures were solved by intrinsic phasing with SHELXT-2018/2<sup>[5]</sup> and refinements are based on F<sup>2</sup> using the program SHELXL-2018/3<sup>[5]</sup> in OLEX<sup>2</sup> <sup>[6]</sup>. The hydrogen atoms of the OH groups in **4a** have been refined freely. All other hydrogen atoms were placed in idealized positions and refined using a riding model.

**1c** was refined as a non-merohedral twin with the second component rotated by 179.8790° around [0.71 0.71 -0.01] (reciprocal) or [0.69 0.71 -0.14] (direct) and the relative volume of the smaller component refined to 42.8 %.

**2b** was refined as a non-merohedral twin with the minor component rotated by 179.8488° around [0.16 0.77 -0.61] (reciprocal) or [0.58 0.58 -0.58] (direct). The relative volume of the smaller component refined to 2.3 %.

For the structure of **2c** the program ADDSYMM as part of the CHECKCIF<sup>[7]</sup> routine suggests a different cell setup. A significant number of reflections could not be indexed with the cell suggested by ADDSYMM (97% indexation with the given cell vs. 73 % indexation with the suggested smaller cell volume). Additionally, the two molecules are not exactly overlapping. The torsion angles C6-O2-C7-C8 f e. are 156.22° and 171.91° for the two independent molecules.

**4a** was refined as a non-merohedral twin with component 2 rotated by 179.9923° around [0.39 0.84 0.37] (reciprocal) or [0.00 1.00 0.00] (direct). The relative volume of the smaller component refined to 48.9 %.

**3b** was refined as a pseudo merohedral twin (with twin matrix 1 0 0 / 0 -1 0 / -1 0 -1) and the relative volume of the smaller component refined to 33.7 %.

**3c** was refined as a non-merohedral 3-component twin with component 2 rotated by 6.0221° around [0.83 0.37 0.41] (reciprocal) or [1.00 0.05 0.02] (direct) and component 3 rotated by 1.8219° around [-0.18 -0.97 0.15] (reciprocal) or [-0.10 -0.99 0.12] (direct). The relative volume of the smaller components refined to 28.9 % and 30.2 % respectively. Additionally, the  $BF_4$  anion was found disordered and refined accordingly. This structure suffers from low bond length precision and exhibits high R values. Despite several attempts only weakly diffracting crystals of this compound were obtained. This structure only confirms the connectivity of the compound and any geometrical parameters should be interpreted with caution.

**5b** was refined as a non-merohedral twin with the second component rotated by -179.9751° around [0.62 -0.78 -0.07] (reciprocal) or [0.71 -0.71 -0.00] (direct). The relative volume of the smaller component refined to 27.9 %.

Two  $BF_4$  anions in **5c** were found disordered and refined accordingly. Chemically equivalent B-F and F-F distances were restrained to be equal.

Table S1.	Crystal data	and structure	refinement of <b>1b</b> .
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F1	CCDC	2355435
	Empirical formula	$C_8H_{11}F_3N_2O_5S$
$F_3$ C8 $F_2$	Formula weight	304.25
03	Temperature	100(2) K
04	Wavelength	0.71073 Å
S1 C4	Crystal system	Orthorhombic
<b>A</b> 05	Space group	P212121
	Unit cell dimensions	
	<i>a</i> = 8.7426(3) Å	<i>α</i> = 90°
	<i>b</i> = 8.8249(3) Å	<i>b</i> = 90°
	<i>c</i> = 15.7395(5) Å	γ = 90°
Volume	1214.34(7) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.664 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.325 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	624	
Crystal habitus	irregular (colourless)	
Crystal size	0.408 x 0.287 x 0.091 mm <sup>3</sup>	
$\vartheta$ range for data collection	3.280 to 41.005°	
Index ranges	$-16 \le h \le 15, -15 \le k \le 16, -29 \le l \le 28$	
Reflections collected	38656	
Independent reflections	7712[ <i>R<sub>int</sub></i> = 0.0225]	
Completeness to $\vartheta$ = 25.242°	99.8 %	
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.318	
Data / restraints / parameters	7712 / 0 / 175	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.035	
Final R indices $[l > 2\sigma(l)]$	$R_1 = 0.0266, wR_2 = 0.0695$	
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0304, wR_2 = 0.0711$	
Absolute structure parameter	0.027(12)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.440 and -0.197 e·Å <sup>3</sup>	
Crystallisation Details:	from chloroform / n-hexane	

Thermal ellipsoids are presented at the 50 % level of probability. Bond distances and bond angles are reported in Å or degree (°), respectively. N1–C1 1.3238(12), N1–C2 1.3861(11), N1–C4 1.4657(12), N2–C1 1.3369(12), N2–C3 1.3712(11), O1–C6 1.3287(10), O1–C7 1.4460(12), O2–C6 1.2107(11), S1–O4 1.4470(7), S1–C8 1.8257(9), F1–C8 1.3424(12), N1–C1–N2 109.21(7), C3–C2–N1 107.11(7), C1–N1–C2 108.15(7), C1–N1–C4 123.40(8), C1–N2–C3 108.65(7), O2–C6–O1 125.34(8), C6–O1–C7 115.35(8).

	CCDC	2355436
	Empirical formula	$C_8H_{13}BF_4N_2O_2$
	Formula weight	256.01
	Temperature	100(2) K
	Wavelength	1.54184 Å
	Crystal system	Triclinic
	Space group	ρĪ
	Unit cell dimensions	
01	<i>a</i> = 8.1082(7) Å	<i>α</i> = 79.200(10)°
	<i>b</i> = 8.1979(10) Å	<i>θ</i> = 88.373(8)°
	<i>c</i> = 9.6164(11) Å	γ = 66.083(10)°
Volume	573.16(12) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Ζ	2	
Density (calculated)	1.483 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	1.296 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	264	
Crystal habitus	irregular (colourless)	
Crystal size	0.07 x 0.05 x 0.010 mm <sup>3</sup>	
artheta range for data collection	4.688 to 66.596°	
Index ranges $-9 \le h \le 9, -9 \le k \le 9, -11 \le l \le 12$		11 ≤ / ≤ 11
Reflections collected	6548	
Independent reflections	ependent reflections 6548[ <i>R<sub>int</sub></i> = ?]	
Completeness to $\vartheta$ = 66.596°	99.8 %	
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.49233	
Data / restraints / parameters	6548 / 0 / 158	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.102	
Final <i>R</i> indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.1020, wR_2 = 0.2657$	
R indices (all data)	es (all data) $R_1 = 0.1366, wR_2 = 0.2979$	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.579 and -0.328 e·Å <sup>3</sup>	
Crystallisation Details:	from DCM / <i>n</i> -hexane, r.t., gas	
	diffusion	

## Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement of 1c.

Thermal ellipsoids are presented at the 50 % level of probability. Bond distances and bond angles are reported in Å or degree (°), respectively. N1–C1 1.316(7), N1–C2 1.382(7), N1–C4 1.472(7), N2–C1 1.336(7), N2–C3 1.372(7), N2–C5 1.463(7), C2–C3 1.362(7), C2–C6 1.470(7), O1–C6 1.212(6), O2–C7 1.464(6), O2–C6 1.331(7), F1–B1 1.404(7), N1–C1–N2 109.7(5), C3–C2–N1 107.0(4), C1–N1–C2 108.2(4), C1–N1–C4 123.7(4), C1–N2–C3 108.1(4), O1–C6–O2 125.4(5), C6–O2–C7 116.2(4), O2–C6–C2 110.4(4).

C7	CCDC	2355437
	Empirical formula	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> AuClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
	Formula weight	386.59
	Temperature	109.5(4) K
	Wavelength	0.71073 Å
	Crystal system	Monoclinic
	Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n
	Unit cell dimensions	•
C2A NIA	<i>a</i> = 7.68619(11) Å	<i>α</i> = 90°
	<i>b</i> = 17.2395(3) Å	<i>β</i> = 92.2421(14)°
N2A C5A	<i>c</i> = 15.2298(2) Å	γ = 90°
$\Theta$		
Volume	2016.50(5) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Ζ	8	
Density (calculated)	2.547 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	14.825 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	1424	
Crystal habitus	irregular (colourless)	
Crystal size 0.13 x 0.11 x 0.09 mm <sup>3</sup>		3
artheta range for data collection	$\vartheta$ range for data collection 2.677 to 31.328°	
Index ranges	$-11 \le h \le 11, -24 \le k \le 24, -22 \le l \le 22$	
Reflections collected	14688	
Independent reflections	14688[ <i>R<sub>int</sub></i> = ?]	
Completeness to $\vartheta$ = 25.242°	99.9 %	
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.68399	
Data / restraints / parameters	14688 / 0 / 242	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.066	
Final <i>R</i> indices $[l > 2\sigma(l)]$	$R_1 = 0.0270, wR_2 = 0.0609$	
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0403, wR_2 = 0.0641$	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.941 and -1.973 e·Å <sup>3</sup>	
Crystallisation Details:	from CHCl <sub>3</sub> / <i>n</i> -hexane,	

#### Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement of 2b.

Thermal ellipsoids are presented at the 50 % level of probability. Bond distances and bond angles are reported in Å or degree (°), respectively. N1–C1 1.354(6), N1–C2 1.390(6), Au1–Cl1 2.2844(6), Au1–Cl 1.987(2), N1–C4 1.466(6), N2–C1 1.362(5), N2–C3 1.366(5), N2–C5 1.467(5), C6–C2 1.469(6), C2–C3 1.356(6), O1–C6 1.341(6), O1–C7 1.451(6), O2–C6 1.203(6), N1–C1–N2 105.2(4), C3–C2–N1 107.2(4), C1–N1–C2 109.8(4), C1–N1–C4 123.8(4), C1–N2–C3 111.1(4), O1–C6–O2 124.6(4), C6–O1–C7 114.9(4), O1–C6–C2 110.5(4), N1–C1–Au1 129.3(3), C1–Au1–Cl1 178.05(13).

### Table S4. Crystal data and structure refinement of 2c.

	CCDC	2355438
ÇAA Q	Empirical formula	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>12</sub> AuClN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
	Formula weight	400.61
	Temperature	100(2) K
	Wavelength	0.71073 Å
	Crystal system	Monoclinic
	Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
	Unit cell dimensions	
∑ <sup>™</sup>	<i>a</i> = 17.5275(4) Å	<i>α</i> = 90°
	<i>b</i> = 7.06271(17) Å	<i>β</i> = 96.314(2)°
	<i>c</i> = 17.9398(4) Å	γ = 90°
Volume	2207.33(9) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Ζ	8	
Density (calculated)	2.411 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	13.548 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	1488	
Crystal habitus	irregular (colourless)	
Crystal size	0.100 x 0.090 x 0.040 mm <sup>3</sup>	
$\vartheta$ range for data collection	2.284 to 38.264°	
Index ranges	$-30 \le h \le 30, -11 \le k \le 12, -30 \le l \le 30$	
Reflections collected	114486	
Independent reflections	$11729[R_{int} = 0.0404]$	
Completeness to $\vartheta$ = 25.242°	100.0 %	
Max. and min. transmission	0.794 and 0.413	
Data / restraints / parameters	11729 / 0 / 259	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.022	
Final R indices $[l > 2\sigma(l)]$	$R_1 = 0.0262, wR_2 = 0.0435$	
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0405, wR_2 = 0.0460$	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.755 and -1.499 e·Å³	
Crystallisation Details:	Details:from CHCl3 / n-pentane	

Thermal ellipsoids are presented at the 50 % level of probability. Bond distances and bond angles are reported in Å or degree (°), respectively. N1–C1 1.347(3), N1–C2 1.366(3), Au1–Cl1 2.2873(5), Au1–Cl 1.984(2), N2–C3 1.392(3), N2–C5 1.459(3), C2–C3 1.365(3), C3–C6 1.464(3), O1–C6 1.205(3), O2–C7 1.453(3), O2–C6 1.341(3), N1–C1–N2 105.84(17), C3–C2–N1 106.89(18), C1–N1–C2 111.04(17), C1–N1–C4 124.31(17), C1–N2–C3 109.81(17), O1–C6–O2 124.5(2), C6–O2–C7 115.91(17), O2–C6–C3 109.73(18), N1–C1–Au1 126.52(15), C1–Au1–Cl1 178.42(6).

	CCDC	2355439
	Empirical	$C_{15}H_{20}AuF_3N_4O_7S$
	formula	
	Formula weight	654.38
	Temperature	100(2) K
	Wavelength	0.71073 Å
	Crystal system	Monoclinic
	Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
	Unit cell dimensions	
	Volume	1132.52(4) Å <sup>3</sup>
	Ζ	4
	Density	2.601 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
	(calculated)	
Volume	4248.4(4) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Ζ	8	
Density (calculated)	2.046 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	7.095 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	2528	
Crystal habitus	plate (colourless)	
Crystal size	0.260 x 0.180 x 0.030 mm <sup>3</sup>	
$\vartheta$ range for data collection	1.974 to 33.138°	
Index ranges	$-31 \le h \le 31, -10 \le k \le 10, -47 \le l \le 48$	
Reflections collected	147355	
Independent reflections	16356[ <i>R<sub>int</sub></i> = 0.0798]	
Completeness to $\vartheta$ = 25.242°	100.0 %	
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.267	
Data / restraints / parameters	16356 / 0 / 572	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.049	
Final <i>R</i> indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0618, wR_2 = 0.1143$	
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0848, wR_2 = 0.1211$	
Largest diff. peak and hole	4.018 and -5.653 e·Å³	
Crystallisation Details:	CHCl <sub>3</sub> / <i>n</i> -pentane	

## Table S5. Crystal data and structure refinement of 3b.

Thermal ellipsoids are presented at the 50 % level of probability. Bond distances and bond angles are reported in Å or degree (°), respectively. N1–C1 1.357(11), N1–C4 1.471(11), Au1–C1 2.014(9), N2–C1 1.363(11), N2–C5 1.475(12), O1–C6 1.204(12), O2–C7 1.452(13), O2–C6 1.338(12), N1–C1–N2 104.4(7), C3–C2–N1 106.9(8), C1–N1–C2 110.2(7), C1–N1–C4 122.9(7), O1–C6–O2 125.0(9), C6–O2–C7 116.5(9), N1–C1–Au1 127.1(6), C1–Au1–C8 178.7(4).

	CCDC	2355440
	Empirical formula	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>24</sub> AuBF <sub>4</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
ССБ		
	Formula weight	620.17
	Temperature	100(2) K
	Wavelength	1.54184 Å
	Crystal system	Triclinic
C5 F24 F34	Space group	рĪ
F1 F1 F1	Unit cell dimensions	
	<i>a</i> = 7.0200(6) Å	α = 86.570(8)°
1.00	<i>b</i> = 10.3525(10) Å	<i>β</i> = 79.101(9)°
	<i>c</i> = 15.2507(17) Å	γ = 76.542(8)°
Volume	1058.32(19) Å <sup>3</sup>	L
Ζ	2	
Density (calculated)	1.946 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	13.662 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	600	
Crystal habitus	plate (colourless)	
Crystal size	0.160 x 0.120 x 0.0	20 mm <sup>3</sup>
artheta range for data collection	2.951 to 75.012°	
Index ranges	$-8 \le h \le 8, -12 \le k \le 12, -19 \le l \le 19$	
Reflections collected	10988	
Independent reflections	10988[ <i>R<sub>int</sub></i> = ?]	
Completeness to $\vartheta$ = 67.684°98.9 %		
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.246	
Data / restraints / parameters10988 / 0 / 307		
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> 1.613		
Final R indices [ $l > 2\sigma(l)$ ] $R_1 = 0.132$		0.3468
R indices (all data) $R_1 = 0.1674, wR_2 =$		0.3902
Largest diff. peak and hole7.325 and -3.611 e·Å³		·Å³
Crystallisation Details:	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> / <i>n</i> -pentane, r.t.	

Thermal ellipsoids are presented at the 50 % level of probability. Bond distances and bond angles are reported in Å or degree (°), respectively. N1–C1 1.34(3), N1–C4 1.43(3), Au1–C1 2.05(2), N2–C1 1.33(3), N2–C5 1.48(4), O1–C6 1.20(3), O2–C6 1.34(3), O2–C7 1.47(3), N2–C1–N1 108(2), C3–C2–N1 107(2), C1–N1–C2 108(2), C1–N1–C4 126(2), O1–C6–O2 125(3), C6–O2–C7 114(2), N1–C1–Au1 124.1(18), C9–Au1–C1 177.5(9).

AIO	CCDC	2355441
	Empirical formula	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> AuCl <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
	Formula weight	443.46
C2A	Temperature	100(2) K
CIA CIA CIA	Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Au 1A CI2	Crystal system	Triclinic
CI3A C5A	Space group	рl
	Unit cell dimensions	
	<i>a</i> = 10.7651(2) Å	α = 66.2328(18)°
	<i>b</i> = 10.9548(2) Å	<i>β</i> = 83.8452(16)°
	<i>c</i> = 11.9269(2) Å	γ = 62.158(2)°
Volume	1132.52(4) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Ζ	4	
Density (calculated)	2.601 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	13.673 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	816	
Crystal habitus	irregular (colourless)	
Crystal size	0.240 x 0.150 x 0.080 mm <sup>3</sup>	
artheta range for data collection	2.150 to 45.023°	
Index ranges	$-21 \le h \le 21, -21 \le k \le 21, -23 \le l \le 23$	
Reflections collected	41473	
Independent reflections	41473[ <i>R<sub>int</sub></i> = ?]	
Completeness to $\vartheta$ = 25.242°	100.0 %	
Max. and min. transmission	0.724 and 0.113	
Data / restraints / parameters	41473 / 0 / 266	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.078	
Final R indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0267, wR_2 = 0.0652$	
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0395, wR_2 = 0.0688$	
Largest diff. peak and hole	2.950 and -1.297 e·Å <sup>3</sup>	
Crystallisation Details:	from MeOH / toluene, r.t.	

### Table S7. Crystal data and structure refinement of 4a.

Thermal ellipsoids are presented at the 50 % level of probability. Bond distances and bond angles are reported in Å or degree (°), respectively. N1–C1 1.337(3), N1–C2 1.388(3), Au1–Cl1 2.3192(6), Au1–Cl 1.997(2), N2–C3 1.367(3), N2–C5 1.468(3), C2–C3 1.365(3), C2–C6 1.462(3), O1–C6 1.223(3), O2–C6 1.324(3), N1–C1–N2 107.70(17), C3–C2–N1 107.26(17), C1–N1–C2 108.65(17), C1–N1–C4 124.76(17), C1–N2–C3 109.70(18), O1–C6–O2 124.25(19), O2–C6–C2 111.99(18), N1–C1–Au1 126.48(15), C1–Au1–Cl1 176.95(6), Cl2–Au1–Cl1 93.17(2), Cl3–Au1–Cl2 174.44(2).

	CCDC	2355442
	Empirical formula	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>11</sub> AuCl <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
	Formula weight	576.85
	Temperature	100(2) K
	Wavelength	0.71073 Å
	Crystal system	Monoclinic
	Space group	P21/c
	Unit cell dimensions	
<b>2</b> 05	<i>a</i> = 7.9945(2) Å	<i>α</i> = 90°
	<i>b</i> = 10.9103(2) Å	<i>β</i> = 100.267(2)°
	<i>c</i> = 19.0105(4) Å	γ = 90°
Volume	1631.59(6) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Ζ	4	
Density (calculated)	2.348 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	9.995 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000) 1080		
Crystal habitus	block (colourless)	
Crystal size	0.320 x 0.070 x 0.060 mm <sup>3</sup>	
artheta range for data collection	2.161 to 65.671°	
Index ranges	$-20 \le h \le 20, -26 \le k \le 27, -48 \le l \le 48$	
Reflections collected	289263	
Independent reflections	28759[ <i>R<sub>int</sub></i> = 0.0626]	
Completeness to $\vartheta$ = 25.242°	99.9 %	
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.263	
Data / restraints / parameters	28759 / 0 / 175	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.011	
Final R indices $[l > 2\sigma(l)]$	$R_1 = 0.0357, wR_2 = 0.0750$	
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0640, wR_2 = 0.0842$	
Largest diff. peak and hole	2.527 and -4.379 e·Å <sup>3</sup>	
Crystallisation Details:	from CHCl <sub>3</sub> / <i>n</i> -Hexane (DCM), r.t.	

### Table S8. Crystal data and structure refinement of 4b.

Thermal ellipsoids are presented at the 50 % level of probability. Bond distances and bond angles are reported in Å or degree (°), respectively. N1–C1 1.3478(18), N1–C2 1.3692(19), Au1–Cl1 2.3129(4), Au1–Cl 2.0022(14), N2–C3 1.3903(18), N2–C5 1.465(2), C2–C3 1.363(2), C3–C6 1.472(2), O1–C6 1.331(2), O1–C7 1.451(2), O2–C6 1.207(2), N2–C1–N1 107.68(12), C3–C2–N1 107.06(12), C1–N1–C2 109.51(12), C1–N1–C4 125.78(13), C1–N2–C3 108.84(12), O2–C6–O1 125.16(15), C6–O1–C7 115.40(15), O2–C6–C3 124.87(15), N1–C1–Au1 125.84(10), C1–Au1–Cl1 178.89(4), C1–Au1–Cl2 89.70(4), Cl3–Au1–Cl2 177.747(15).

	CCDC	2355443				
	Empirical formula	$C_9H_{12}AuCl_6DN_2O_2$				
	Formula weight	591.89				
S Aut	Temperature	100(2) K				
	Wavelength	0.71073 Å				
	Crystal system	Monoclinic				
	Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c				
	Unit cell dimensions					
C4	<i>a</i> = 8.2100(2) Å	<i>α</i> = 90°				
	<i>b</i> = 11.0977(2) Å	<i>β</i> = 98.627(2)°				
	<i>c</i> = 19.0738(5) Å	γ = 90°				
Volume	1718.19(7) Å <sup>3</sup>	·				
Ζ	4					
Density (calculated)	2.288 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>					
Absorption coefficient	9.495 mm <sup>-1</sup>					
F(000)	1112					
Crystal habitus	irregular (colourless)	irregular (colourless)				
Crystal size	0.630 x 0.220 x 0.110 mm <sup>3</sup>					
artheta range for data collection	2.129 to 62.673°					
Index ranges	$-20 \le h \le 18, -27 \le k \le 27, -47 \le l \le 47$					
Reflections collected	293238					
Independent reflections	28103[ <i>R<sub>int</sub></i> = 0.0897]					
Completeness to $\vartheta$ = 25.242°	99.8 %					
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.126					
Data / restraints / parameters	28103 / 0 / 185					
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.024					
Final R indices $[l > 2\sigma(l)]$	$R_1 = 0.0344, wR_2 = 0.0614$					
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0601, wR_2 = 0.0676$					
Largest diff. peak and hole	4.014 and -3.374 e·Å <sup>3</sup>					
Crystallisation Details:	from CDCl <sub>3</sub> / <i>n</i> -pentane, r.t.					

Thermal ellipsoids are presented at the 50 % level of probability. Bond distances and bond angles are reported in Å or degree (°), respectively. N1–C1 1.3512(16), N1–C2 1.3718(17), Au1–Cl1 2.3165(3), Au1–C1 1.9997(12), N2–C3 1.3937(16), N2–C5 1.4652(17), C2–C3 1.3614(18), C3–C6 1.4707(18), O1–C6 1.3341(17), O1–C7 1.4546(19), O2–C6 1.2084(18), N2–C1–N1 107.49(11), C3–C2–N1 107.05(11), C1–N1–C2 109.62(11), C1–N1–C4 126.04(11), C1–N2–C3 108.81(10), O2–C6–O1 125.72(13), C6–O1–C7 115.94(12), O2–C6–C3 124.65(13), N1–C1–Au1 127.20(9), C1–Au1–Cl1 176.53(4), Cl2–Au1–Cl1 91.157(13), Cl3–Au1–Cl2 177.234(14).

01	CCDC 2355444				
	Empirical formula	$C_{15}H_{20}AuCl_2F_3N_4O_7S$			
	Formula weight	725.28			
	Temperature	100(2) K			
	Wavelength	0.71073 Å			
	Crystal system	Triclinic			
CIN CIN	Space group P <sup>1</sup>				
	Unit cell dimensions				
	<i>a</i> = 9.84290(10) Å	<i>α</i> = 82.8460(10)°			
	<i>b</i> = 10.46050(10) Å	<i>β</i> = 85.0970(10)°			
	<i>c</i> = 12.6806(2) Å	γ = 65.3480(10)°			
Volume	1176.57(3) Å <sup>3</sup>				
Ζ	2				
Density (calculated)	2.047 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>				
Absorption coefficient	6.635 mm <sup>-1</sup>				
F(000)	700				
Crystal habitus	block (colourless)				
Crystal size	0.200 x 0.080 x 0.060 mm <sup>3</sup>				
artheta range for data collection	2.153 to 32.585°				
Index ranges	$-14 \le h \le 14, -15 \le k \le 15, -19 \le l \le 19$				
Reflections collected	16519				
Independent reflections	16519[ <i>R<sub>int</sub></i> = ?]				
Completeness to $\vartheta$ = 25.242°	99.9 %				
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.272				
Data / restraints / parameters	16519 / 0 / 308				
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.055				
Final R indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0718, wR_2 = 0.2010$				
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0889, wR_2 = 0.2122$				
Largest diff. peak and hole	5.734 and -3.532 e·Å <sup>3</sup>				
Crystallisation Details:	from CDCl <sub>3</sub> , r.t.				

### Table S10. Crystal data and structure refinement of 5b.

Thermal ellipsoids are presented at the 50 % level of probability. Bond distances and bond angles are reported in Å or degree (°), respectively. N1–C1 1.343(12), N1–C4 1.464(12), Au1–C1 2.036(9), Au1–Cl1 2.275(2), N2–C1 1.347(11), N2–C5 1.470(11), O1–C6 1.196(11), O2–C6 1.336(11), O2–C7 1.455(11), N1–C1–N2 107.4(8), C3–C2–N1 107.0(8), C1–N1–C2 108.7(8), C1–N1–C4 123.6(8), O1–C6–O2 125.3(9), C6–O2–C7 113.9(8), N1–C1–Au1 125.1(7), Cl1<sup>#1</sup>–Au1–Cl1 180.0, C1–Au1–C1<sup>#1</sup> 180.0(5) (Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: <sup>#1</sup>-x+2,-y+2,-z+1).

<i>b</i>	CCDC	2355445				
	Empirical formula	$C_{16}H_{24}AuBCI_2F_4N_4O_4$				
	Formula weight	691.07				
	Temperature	100(2) K				
	Wavelength	1.54184 Å				
FAR BOARD	Crystal system	Triclinic				
	Space group $P^{\overline{1}}$					
	Unit cell dimensions					
	<i>a</i> = 10.9098(4) Å	α = 104.139(2)°				
A Contraction of the second se	<i>b</i> = 11.4446(4) Å	<i>β</i> = 92.906(2)°				
8	<i>c</i> = 21.1235(4) Å	γ = 107.309(3)°				
Volume	2419.94(14) Å <sup>3</sup>					
Ζ	4					
Density (calculated)	1.897 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>					
Absorption coefficient	14.013 mm <sup>-1</sup>					
F(000)	1336					
Crystal habitus	plate (colourless)					
Crystal size	0.160 x 0.140 x 0.010 mm <sup>3</sup>					
artheta range for data collection	4.176 to 80.549°					
Index ranges	$-13 \le h \le 13, -14 \le k \le 12, -26 \le l \le 26$					
Reflections collected	104474					
Independent reflections	$10403[R_{int} = 0.0775]$					
Completeness to $\vartheta$ = 67.684°	100.0 %					
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.182					
Data / restraints / parameters	10403 / 254 / 688					
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.142					
Final <i>R</i> indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0371, wR_2 = 0.$	.1176				
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0396, wR_2 = 0.1200$					
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.360 and -1.754 e·Å <sup>3</sup>					
Crystallisation Details:	from $CH_2Cl_2 / n$ -hexane, rt.					

### Table S11. Crystal data and structure refinement of 5c.

Thermal ellipsoids are presented at the 50 % level of probability. Bond distances and bond angles are reported in Å or degree (°), respectively. N1–C1 1.343(4), N1–C4 1.468(4), Au1–C1 2.033(3), N2–C1 1.352(4), N2–C5 1.475(4), O1–C6 1.211(4), O2–C6 1.336(4), O2–C7 1.457(4), N1–C1–N2 106.8(3), C3–C2–N1 107.1(3), C1–N1–C2 109.0(3), C1–N1–C4 124.3(2), O1–C6–O2 125.0(3), C6–O2–C7 115.7(3), N1–C1–Au1 126.7(2), Cl1<sup>#1</sup>–Au1–Cl1 180.0, C1<sup>#1</sup>–Au1–C1 180.0 (Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: <sup>#1</sup>-x+1,-y+2,-z+1).

## S1.4. Stability Tests of Gold Complexes

The stability of the gold complexes **2a-c** to **5a-c** was investigated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR monitoring with respect to a conceivable Au-C bonds scission and the concomitant formation of protonated carbenes **1a-c**. A mixture of DMSO- $d_6$  and D<sub>2</sub>O (9:1, w/w) was employed as an NMR solvent to simulate the conditions of the biological assays applied. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the pure ligand precursors **1a-c** displayed signals, which were significantly different from those of complexes **2a-c** to **5a-c**. All <sup>1</sup>H NMR samples did not show any diagnostic changes after 24 h. Additionally, <sup>1</sup>H NMR samples of equimolar mixture of ligands **1a-c** and complexes **2a-c** to **5a-c** gave rise to spectra, which resulted from the overlap of two independent species, i.e. ligand and respective complex.

Example 1



**Figure S39.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **1b**, **2b** and an equimolar mixture of **1b** + **2b** at room temperature. All spectra were retained after 24 h without significant changes.

Example 2



**Figure S40.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **1b**, **3b** and an equimolar mixture of **1b** + **3b** at room temperature. All spectra were retained after 24 h without significant changes.

## Example 3



**Figure S41.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **1b**, **4b** and an equimolar mixture of **1b** + **4b** at room temperature. All spectra were retained after 24 h without significant changes.

## S2.1. Antibacterial Studies

Bacterial cultures were prepared by overnight aerobic incubation at 37 °C. Gram-negative strains were cultivated in Müller Hinton broth supplemented with 1% glucose at pH 7.2, while Gram-positive strains were grown in Trypticase soy yeast extract medium (TSY) with a composition of 30 g/l trypticase soy broth, 3 g/l yeast extract, and pH 7.2. The cultures were adjusted to an OD600 of 0.001, resulting in a final starting OD600 of 0.0005 for the subsequent tests. For testing, 25  $\mu$ L of the prepared culture was combined with 25  $\mu$ L of serially diluted test compounds in 384 well plates, following established protocols for different strains. Screening was performed at compound concentrations of 0.5, 5, and 50  $\mu$ M, and for selected compounds, growth inhibition curves were recorded using DMSO stock solutions at final concentrations of 100, 50, 25, 12.5, 6,25, 3.125, 1.56, 0.78, 0.39, and 0.2  $\mu$ M.

Positive control compounds, namely linezolid (for MRSA strains), ciprofloxacin (for *E. faecium* and *E. coli*), and amikacin (for *P. aeruginosa*), were included. The maximum DMSO concentration in the assay was 1%, which did not impact bacterial growth. After an 18-hour incubation at 37 °C under moist conditions, the optical density at 600 nm was measured using a Fusion Universal Microplate Analyser (Perkin–Elmer, Waltham, USA). The minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) values, representing the lowest compound concentration that completely suppressed growth, were determined through curve fitting with Sigma Plot. The bacterial strains used included Gram-negative strains: *Escherichia coli* (DSM 1116), *A. baumannii* (DSM30007), *K. pneumoniae* (DSM111678), and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PA7 (DSM 24068); and Gram-positive strains: *E. faecium* (DSM20477) and *Staphylococcus aureus* MRSA (DSM 11822).

Table S12. Antibacterial activities of mono and dicarbene gold (I) and gold (III) complexes. Minimal
inhibitory concentrations (MIC) are given in $\mu$ M ± standard error of the mean. As positive control
antibiotics, amikacin (P.a.), linezolid (MRSA) and ciprofloxacin (all other strains) have been used.

Compound	E. faecium	MRSA	A. baumannii	nnii E. coli K. pneumoniae		P. aeruginosa	
2a	>100	>100	42.95±0	85.89±0	42.95±6.75	>100	
2b	10.35±0	10.35±0	10.35±0	41.39±0	41.39±0	>100	
2c	9.98±0	9.98±0	9.98±2.07	39.94±0	39.94±0	>100	
3a	>100	>100	31.2±4.90	31.2±4.90 62.4±0 62.4±0		62.4±0	
3b	>100	>100	>100	>100	>100	>100	
3c	>100	25.79±0	>100	>100	>100	>100	
4a	>100	>100	36.08±2.83	72.16±0	36.08±5.67	>100	
4b	17.49±0	17.49±0	8.74±1.82	34.97±0	34.97±0	>100	
4c	16.97±0	16.97±2.67	8.48±1.33	33.93±0	33.93±5.33	>100	
5a	>100	>100	>100	>100	>100	>100	
5b	>100	>100	>100	>100	>100	>100	
5c	>100	23.15±0	>100	>100	>100	>100	
Auranofin	0.3	0.4	55	46	81	>100	
Antibiotic <sup>b)</sup>	9.5	4.7	1	0.1	0.2	7	

### S2.2. Cytotoxicity and Anticancer Studies

### Cell culture and cytotoxicity

Cell lines were sourced from DSMZ (German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures GmbH) and maintained through standard procedures in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM) supplemented with 10% fetal calf serum and 50 mg/L gentamycin. Antiproliferative effects were assessed using a well-established assay protocol. In brief, 100  $\mu$ L volumes of A549 cells (13,243 cells per mL), HT-29 cells (14,657 cells per mL), MDA-MB-231 cells (6,613 cells per mL), or MCF-7 cells (6,917 cells per mL) were transferred into the wells of 96-well plates and incubated at 37°C/5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 72 hours (MCF-7, MDA-MB-231) or 48 hours (A549, HT-29).

Freshly prepared stock solutions of the compounds in DMSO were diluted with the respective cell culture medium to achieve graded concentrations (final concentration of DMSO: 0.1% v/v). After 72 hours (A549, HT-29) or 96 hours (MCF-7, MDA-MB-231) of exposure, the cell biomass was assessed through crystal violet staining, and the IC<sub>50</sub> value was determined as the concentration causing 50% inhibition of cell proliferation compared to an untreated control. Results were calculated as the mean values of three independent experiments.

## S2.3. Inhibition of bacterial TrxR from E. coli

The TrxR (E. coli) inhibition assay was performed according to previously published procedures.<sup>[8]</sup> The assay is partly based on the procedure developed by Lu et al<sup>[9]</sup> and makes use of the reduction of DTNB (5,5'-dithiobis-(2-nitrobenzoic acid)). Solutions of *E. coli* TrxR (10.1 U/mL) and *E. coli* thioredoxin (Trx) (312 µg/mL) (both purchased from Sigma-Aldrich) were prepared in distilled water. Stock solutions of the test compounds (2 mM) were prepared in DMSO and serially diluted with TE buffer (Tris-HCl 50 mM, EDTA 1 mM, pH 7.5). 20 µL of these solutions or TE buffer without the test compounds (positive control) were mixed with the TrxR solution (10  $\mu$ L), the Trx solution (10  $\mu$ L) and 100  $\mu$ l of NADPH (200  $\mu$ M) in TE buffer in a well on a 96-well plate. As a blank control, 200  $\mu$ M NADPH in TE buffer (100  $\mu$ L) mixed with a DMSO / buffer mixture (40 µL) was used (final concentrations of DMSO: 0.5% v/v). The plate was incubated for 75 min at 25°C with moderate shaking. After incubation, 100  $\mu$ L of a reaction mixture (TE buffer containing 200 µM NADPH and 5 mM DTNB) was added to each well to initiate the reaction. After thorough mixing, the formation of 5-TNB was monitored by a microplate reader at 405 nm in 35 s intervals (10 measurements). The values were corrected by subtraction of the blank solution absorption values. The increase in concentration of 5-TNB followed a linear trend ( $r^{2} \ge 0.990$ ) and the enzymatic activities were calculated as the gradients (increase in absorbance per second) thereof. Absence of interference with the assay components was confirmed by a negative control experiment for each test compound, where the highest test compound concentration was used and the enzyme solution was replaced by TE buffer. The inhibition is presented as the mean IC<sub>50</sub> values and standard deviations obtained in three independent experiments.

**Table S13.** Activity of TrxR from *E. coli* in presence of compounds at 0.5  $\mu$ M (n = 2, n.d.= not determined)

Compound	2a	2b	2c	<b>3</b> a	3b	3c	4a	4b	4c	5a	5b	5c
TrxR activity, % of control	94.6	8.9	13.8	n.d.	106	115	86.1	36.5	28.5	91.6	90.8	93.5

## S2.4. Cellular uptake and metal quantification studies in A549 cells

### Cellular uptake studies in A549 cells

For cellular accumulation studies, A549 lung carcinoma cells were seeded in 75 cm<sup>2</sup> cell culture flasks, incubated with 10 ml DMEM/10% FCS cell culture medium at 37 °C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> humidified atmosphere until they reached a confluence of 75-80%. The cells were treated with DMEM containing selected test compounds **3a** and **3c** dissolved in DMF (final DMF concentration: 0.1%; final test compound concentration: 2  $\mu$ M). After 6 and 24 h of exposure, cells were isolated by removing the media followed by trypsinization. The trypsinized cells were washed with 9 ml PBS buffer (pH 7.4), scraped, and isolated by centrifugation (5 min, 3500 rpm). The obtained cell pellets were stored at -20 °C for further use. All experiments were carried out in triplicate.

### Metal quantification in cell lysates by HRCS-AAS

Dry cell pellets were diluted with 400  $\mu$ l of Milli-Q<sup>®</sup> water and lysed for 30 min in an ultrasonic bath (240 W, 65 Hz). For protein quantification. 20  $\mu$ l of each sample was added to 200  $\mu$ l of Bradford reagent (25 mg Serva Blue G (Sigma Aldrich) in 25 ml Ethanol 96%, 25 ml Milli-Q<sup>®</sup> water and 50 ml H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> 86%, stored at -20 °C and freshly diluted 1+4 with Milli-Q<sup>®</sup> water prior to use) and incubated on a 96-well plate while shaking at room temperature for 30 min and measured by a Perkin Elmer Victor X4 plate reader at a wavelength of 595 nm. The measurements were performed in duplicate, and the mean was used to calculate the protein content. For a standard calibration curve, bovine serum albumin (Sigma Aldrich) was used in graded concentrations.

The gold quantification was performed using a high-resolution continuum source atomic absorption spectrometer ContrAA<sup>®</sup> 700 (Analytik Jena AG). A pure sample of the respective complex **5c** was used as standard, and calibration was done in a matrix-matched manner (meaning all samples and standards were adjusted to a protein concentration of 1 mg/ml by dilution with Milli-Q<sup>®</sup> water). The calibration and samples were measured in duplicate. The final cellular gold concentrations were calculated from data obtained in three independent experiments and are expressed as pmol of metal per mg of cell protein. Sample preparation: Triton-X 100 (1%, 20  $\mu$ l) and ascorbic acid (1%, 20  $\mu$ l) were added to each calibration standard or probe (200  $\mu$ l). A volume of 20  $\mu$ l was injected into a coated standard graphite tube (Analytik Jena AG) and thermally processed as previously described.<sup>[10]</sup> The gold amount was analyzed at a wavelength of 242.79 nm.

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