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# **Supplementary Information for**

# Halogenated Non-Innocent Vanadium(V) Schiff base complexes: chemical and anti-proliferative properties

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#### 1. General Experimental Information

a. Schemes 1&2 Showing Synthesis of [VO<sub>2</sub>(Cl-Hshed)] and [VO<sub>2</sub>(Cl-Hshed)(R)]



Number	mmol cat.	mmol V Precursor	Temp (°C)	Time (hrs.)	Yield
1	1	1	rt	3	55%
2	1	1	30	6	52%
3	1	1	rt	24	60%
4	1	1	30	24	50%
5	1	1	0	24	45%
6	1	1	-78	24	14.8%
7	1	1	rt	24	53%
8	1	1	rt	48	28%
9	1	1.2	rt	24	50%
10	1.2	1	rt	24	17%
11	1.5	1	rt	24	2%

### b. Optimization Table of Reaction Conditions

**Table SI 1.b.** Optimization of Reaction Conditions on [VO(Cl-Hshed)(dtb)] before solvent optimization. Optimized conditions were then tested on all other compounds and shown to be best conditions.

c. Optimization Table of Reaction Conditions
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Number	Solvent	Time (hrs.)	Yield
1	Acetone	24	70%
2	DCM	24	68%
3	EtOAc	24	90%
4	DMP	24	0%
5	DME	24	25%
6	Et <sub>2</sub> O	24	30%
7	DMF	24	61%
8	DMSO	24	0%
9	EtOH	24	0%
10	MeOH	24	69%
11	MeCN	24	35%

**Table SI 1.c.** Optimization of Solvent of Reaction on [VO(Cl-Hshed)(dtb)]. Optimized conditions were then tested on all other compounds and shown to be best conditions.

#### 2. NMR Spectra



a. Full Proton Spectra of [VO(Cl-Hshed)(R)] in CD<sub>3</sub>CN and DMSO

.0 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 **Figure SI 2.a.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400mHz) of 10mM [VO(Cl-Hshed)(R)] complexes in DMSO (top) and CD<sub>3</sub>CN (bottom) at 4 or 10mM. Compounds in 4mM concentration are [VO(Cl-Hshed)(4-tBu)], [VO(Cl-Hshed)(4-CN)], [VO(Cl-Hshed)(4-NO<sub>2</sub>)] and [VO(Cl-Hshed)(Coum)].



#### b. Vanadium NMR Spectra of [VO(Cl-Hshed)(R)] in CD<sub>3</sub>CN and DMSO





d. Vanadium NMR Spectra of [VO(Cl-Hshed)(4-tBu)] in  $CD_3OD$ 



e. 2D NMR of [VO(Cl-Hshed)(4-tBu)] in DMSO

**Figure SI 2.e.** <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H NOESY NMR (400MHz) spectra of 10mM [VO(Cl-Hshed)(4-tBu)] in DMSO. Full <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY (top) and full <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H NOESY (bottom).



**Figure SI 2.f.** <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY and <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H NOESY NMR (400MHz) spectra of 4mM [VO(Cl-Hshed)(4-tBu)] in CD<sub>3</sub>CN. Full <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY (top) and full <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H NOESY (bottom).

#### 3. Mass Spectra



#### a. High Resolution ESI Mass Spectrometry of [VO(Cl-Hshed) Compounds

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Figure SI 3.a.2. Experimental (top) and theoretical (bottom) spectra of [VO(Cl-Hshed)(4-Me)]



Figure SI 3.a.3. Experimental (top) and theoretical (bottom) spectra of [VO(Cl-Hshed)(3-OMe)]



Figure SI 3.a.4. Experimental (top) and theoretical (bottom) spectra of [VO(Cl-Hshed)(4-NO<sub>2</sub>)]



Figure SI 3.a.5. Experimental (top) and theoretical (bottom) spectra of [VO(Cl-Hshed)(4-CN)]



Figure SI 3.a.6. Experimental (top) and theoretical (bottom) spectra of [VO(Cl-Hshed)(coum)]

#### 4. Electrochemistry



a. Full Cyclic Voltammograms of [VO(Cl-Hshed)(R)] tested

**Figure SI 4.a.1.** Cyclic voltammograms of tested compounds at 2 mM in  $CH_3CN$  in the presence of 0.1 M TBAP as the supporting electrolyte. Scans were cycled at 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup> from approx. 1 V vs Fc+/0 to -1.5 V and back 5 times using a glassy carbon working electrode. Figure includes the  $[VO_2(Cl-Hshed)]$  precursor at 2mM.



**Figure SI 4.a.2.** Cyclic voltammograms of tested compounds at 2 mM in  $CH_3CN$  in the presence of 0.1 M TBAP as the supporting electrolyte. Scans were cycled at 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup> from approx. 1 V vs Fc+/0 to -1.5 V and back 5 times using a glassy carbon working electrode. Figure includes the [VO<sub>2</sub>(Cl-Hshed)] precursor and ferrocene at 2mM , while the free catecholate ligands were tested at 5mM.



#### b. Negative Cyclic Voltammograms of [VO(Cl-Hshed)(R)] tested

**Figure SI 4.b.1.** Cyclic voltammograms of tested compounds at 2 mM in CH<sub>3</sub>CN in the presence of 0.1 M TBAP as the supporting electrolyte. Scans were cycled at 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup> from approx. 0 V vs Fc+/0 to -1.1 V and back 5 times using a glassy carbon working electrode. Figure includes the  $[VO_2(CI-Hshed)]$  precursor at 2mM while the free catecholate ligands were tested at 5mM.



#### c. Positive Cyclic Voltammograms of [VO(Cl-Hshed)(R)] tested

**Figure SI 4.c.1.** Cyclic voltammograms of tested compounds at 2 mM in CH<sub>3</sub>CN in the presence of 0.1 M TBAP as the supporting electrolyte. Scans were cycled at 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup> from approx. 1 V vs Fc+/0 to -0.25 V and back 5 times using a glassy carbon working electrode. Figure includes the [VO<sub>2</sub>(Cl-Hshed)] precursor at 2mM.



**Figure SI 4.c.2.** Cyclic voltammograms of tested compounds at 2 mM in CH<sub>3</sub>CN in the presence of 0.1 M TBAP as the supporting electrolyte. Scans were cycled at 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup> from approx. 1 V vs Fc+/0 to -0.25 V and back 5 times using a glassy carbon working electrode. Figure includes the [VO<sub>2</sub>(Cl-Hshed)] precursor at 2mM while the free catecholate ligands were tested at 5mM.





**Figure SI 4.d.1.** Half wave potentials of tested compounds at 2 mM in  $CH_3CN$  in the presence of 0.1 M TBAP as the supporting electrolyte vs the half life of the compounds in an 8:1 DMSO:PBS mix. In general, there is a trend of more compound with more negative half wave potentials being more stable when exposed to water.



**Figure SI 4.d.2.** Computed log P values of tested compounds vs the half-life of the compounds in an 8:1 DMSO:PBS mix. There is no visible correlation between the two, other than the more water-soluble compounds seem to be less stable.



**Figure SI 4.d.3.** Average Fsp<sup>3</sup>, the fraction ofsp3 hybridized carbona in the molecule divided by total amount of carbon vs the half-life of the compounds in an 8:1 DMSO:PBS mix. In general, when there is more sp<sup>3</sup> hybridized carbons on the molecule, it tends to degrade less when exposed to aqueous conditions.



**Figure SI 4.d.4.** The difference in the solvent accessible surface area and the Van der Waals surface areas computed via Chemicalize vs the half-life of the compounds in an 8:1 DMSO:PBS mix. It is interesting to note that the most stable compound in this series is the only one with a larger Van der Waals surface area than a solvent accessible surface area. Future designed compounds should be computed for this property along with identifying stability before cell studies should be done.



#### 5. Biological Data of Vanadium Schiff Base Catecholates a. Concentration Dependencies of Cell Viability

**Figure SI 5.a.** Typical concentration dependencies of T98g cell viabilities after 72 h treatments with fresh or aged (24 h) solutions of V(V)-Cl-Hshed complexes. Points are the experimental values (mean values and standard deviations of six replicate wells), and curves are sigmoidal fits of the experimental data.

## 6. Calculated Properties of compounds

Parameter	cat*	3-Me*	dtb*	4-Me	4-tB	3-OMe	4-NO <sub>2</sub>	4-CN	Cou
Fsp <sup>3</sup>	0	0.14	0.57	0.14	0.4	0.14	0	0	0
Polarizability (Å <sup>3</sup> )	11.54	13.3	26.12	13.3	18.82	14.08	13.54	13.39	16.89
Molar refractivity (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	30.02	35.06	67.35	35.06	48.69	36.48	37.34	35.74	45.51
Strongest acidic pKa	9.34	9.59	9.69	9.55	9.47	9.56	7.17	7.85	7.91
Secondary pKa	12.79	13.04	13.39	13.01	12.91	13.13	11.18	11.4	12.27
Log P	1.366	1.88	4.456	1.88	2.911	1.208	1.306	1.222	1.176
HLB	9.689	8.928	5.281	8.928	7.126	11.738	12.718	10.449	11.69
Intrinsic solubility (mg/mL)	-0.52	-0.832	-3.69	-1.06	-2.244	-0.59	-1.003	-0.839	-1.801
Van der Waals volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	99.01	115.85	236.12	115.78	167.41	125.09	121.01	115.56	143.0
Van der Waals surface area (Å <sup>2</sup> )	158.06	189.84	412.86	190.09	285.83	205.83	198.73	175.12	208.24
Solvent accessible surface area (Å <sup>2</sup> )	256.64	289.73	443.36	296.51	348.51	313.49	301.21	267.09	293.3
Topological polar surface area (Å <sup>2</sup> )	40.46	40.46	40.46	40.46	40.46	49.69	86.28	64.25	66.76
Minimum projection area (Å <sup>2</sup> )	22.52	25.38	43.04	22.96	33.23	27.64	24.44	24.05	24.11
Maximum projection area (Å <sup>2</sup> )	38.17	43.79	69.4	43.92	54.38	46.15	43.63	44.41	55.21
Minimum projection radius (Å)	3.58	3.83	4.69	3.56	3.88	3.73	3.54	3.87	3.61
Maximum projection radius (Å)	3.95	4.21	5.61	4.44	5.17	4.67	4.61	4.85	5.31

### a. Computed Physical Properties of the Catechol Ligands

Coordinate Properties	cat*	3-Me*	dtb*	4-Me	4-tB	3-OMe	4-NO₂	4-CN	Cou
Fsp <sup>3</sup>	0.24	0.28	0.48	0.28	0.38	0.28	0.24	0.22	0.2
Polarizability (Å <sup>3</sup> )	38.62	40.37	53.09	40.37	45.84	41.18	40.65	40.48	44
Molar refractivity (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	105.85	110.89	143.18	110.89	124.51	112.31	113.17	111.57	121.34
Strongest acidic pKa	14.64	14.64	14.64	14.64	14.64	14.64	14.64	14.64	14.64
Log P	-2.482	-2.015	0.772	-2.015	-0.855	-2.735	-2.529	-2.667	-3.011
HLB	14.439	13.98	11.026	13.98	12.665	15.345	16.183	14.607	15.718
Intrinsic solubility (mg/mL)	-4.447	-4.691	-7.078	-4.919	-5.901	-4.372	-4.714	-4.646	-5.401
Van der Waals volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	328.68	345.71	465.91	345.54	397.41	354.84	350.88	345.32	372.88
Van der Waals surface area (Å <sup>2</sup> )	515.35	546.68	769.3	547.62	642.41	566.03	556.44	532.44	566.72
Solvent accessible surface area (Å <sup>2</sup> )	578.76	592.82	758.91	623.03	674.05	614.33	626.71	594.44	610.8
Topological polar surface area (Å <sup>2</sup> )	88.64	88.64	88.64	88.64	88.64	97.87	134.46	112.43	114.94
Minimum projection area (Ų)	60.41	61.51	77.74	64.07	69.99	62.44	65.66	66.05	68.82
Maximum projection area (Å <sup>2</sup> )	94.01	98.25	126.99	99.01	110.07	101.15	99.63	100.14	110.57
Minimum projection radius (Å)	5.68	5.96	6.55	5.7	6	5.77	5.72	6.55	6.61
Maximum projection radius (Å)	7.29	7.33	8.1	7.82	8.57	7.55	7.95	7.7	8.7

# b. Computed physical properties of the complex where a nitrogen is coordinately bonded to the vanadium center.

Covalent - Properties	cat*	3-Me*	dtb*	4-Me	4-tB	3-OMe	4-NO <sub>2</sub>	4-CN	Cou
Fsp <sup>3</sup>	0.29	0.33	0.52	0.33	0.43	0.33	0.29	0.28	0.25
Polarizability (Å <sup>3</sup> )	38.36	40.11	52.82	40.11	45.58	40.92	40.4	40.22	43.74
Molar refractivity (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	91.33	96.37	128.66	96.37	109.99	97.79	98.65	97.05	106.82
Strongest acidic pKa	15.61	15.61	15.61	15.61	15.61	15.61	15.61	15.61	15.61
Log P	2.126	2.593	5.38	2.593	3.753	1.873	2.079	1.941	1.597
HLB	14.439	13.98	11.026	13.98	12.665	15.345	16.183	14.607	15.718
Intrinsic solubility (mg/mL)	-4.811	-5.055	-7.442	-5.284	-6.265	-4.736	-5.078	-5.01	-5.765
Van der Waals volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	331.47	348.53	469.17	348.61	400.46	357.66	353.79	348.48	375.86
Van der Waals surface area (Å <sup>2</sup> )	531.13	562.62	786.32	563.65	659.69	579.39	572.24	548.53	582.02
Solvent accessible surface area (Å <sup>2</sup> )	571.22	598.96	773.87	619.22	674.96	610.33	621.51	586.11	619.23
Topological polar surface area (Å <sup>2</sup> )	71.47	71.47	71.47	71.47	71.47	80.7	117.29	95.26	97.77
Minimum projection area (Å <sup>2</sup> )	55.7	59.87	78.18	57.58	63.22	59.63	57.72	57.54	58.24
Maximum projection area (Å <sup>2</sup> )	102.91	104.09	130.78	107.93	118.42	104.57	109.91	107.59	115.76
Minimum projection radius (Å)	4.95	4.94	5.88	5.88	5.44	5.09	5.88	5.02	5.89
Maximum projection radius (Å)	7.85	7.78	9.01	8.02	8.99	7.76	8.16	8.57	8.75

# c. Computed physical properties of the complex where a nitrogen is covalently bonded to the vanadium center, but a hydrogen was lost from the nitrogen.

**Table SI 4.c.** Computed physical properties of the complex where a nitrogen is covalently bonded to the vanadium center, but a hydrogen was lost from the nitrogen.

Average	cat*	3-Me*	dtb*	4-Me	4-tB	3-OMe	4-NO <sub>2</sub>	4-CN	Cou	
Fsp <sup>3</sup>	0.27 ± 0.04	0.31 ± 0.04	0.50 ±0.03	0.31 ±0.04	0.41 ±0.04	0.31 ±0.04	0.27 ±0.04	0.25 ±0.04	0.23 ±0.04	
Polarizability (Å <sup>3</sup> )	38.5 ± 0.2	40.2± 0.2	53.0 ± 0.2	40.2 ± 0.2	45.7 ± 0.2	41.1 ± 0.2	40.5 ± 0.2	40.4 ± 0.2	43.9 ± 0.2	
Molar refractivity										
(cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	99 ± 10	104 ± 10	136 ± 10	104 ± 10	117 ± 10	105 ± 10	106 ± 10	104 ± 10	114 ± 10	
Strongest acidic pKa	15.1 ±0.7	15.1 ±0.7	15.1 ±0.7	15.1 ±0.7	15.1 ±0.7	15.1 ±0.7	15.1 ±0.7	15.1 ±0.7	15.1 ±0.7	
HLB	14.44	13.98	11.03	13.98	12.67	15.35	16.18	14.61	15.72	
Intrinsic solubility										
(mg/mL)	-4.6 ±0.3	-4.9 ±0.3	-7.3 ±0.3	-5.1 ±0.3	-6.1 ±0.3	-4.6 ±0.3	-4.9 ±0.3	-4.8 ±0.3	-5.6 ±0.3	
Van der Waals										
volume (A <sup>3</sup> )	330 ± 2	347 ± 2	468 ± 2	347 ± 2	399 ± 2	356 ± 2	352 ± 2	347 ± 2	374 ± 2	
Van der Waals										
surface area (A <sup>2</sup> )	523 ± 11	555 ± 11	778 ± 12	556 ± 11	651 ± 12	573 ± 10	564 ± 11	540 ± 11	574 ± 11	
Solvent accessible		505 . 4	700 - 44	604 · 0	675 · 4	649.59	60 A . A	500	645 · 6	
surface area (A <sup>2</sup> )	575±5	596 ± 4	766±11	621 ± 3	675±1	612±3	624 ± 4	590 ± 6	615±6	
Topological polar	00 + 12	00 1 1 2	00   10	00   10	00   10	00   10	100 1 10	104 + 12	100 1 12	
Surface area (A <sup>2</sup> )	80 ± 12	80±12	80 ± 12	80 ± 12	80 ± 12	89 ± 12	126 ± 12	104 ± 12	106 ± 12	
Ninimum projection $\lambda^{2}$	58 +2	61 +1	780+03	61 + 5	67 + 5	61 + 2	62 + 6	62 + 6	64 + 7	
Maximum projection	36 13	01 11	78.0 ± 0.5	0115	07 1 3	0112	02 ± 0	02 ± 0	04 1 7	
area (Å <sup>2</sup> )	98 + 6	101 + 4	129 + 3	103 + 6	114 + 6	103 + 2	105 + 7	104 + 5	113 + 4	
Minimum projection										
radius (Å)	5.3 ± 0.5	5.5 ± 0.7	6.2 ± 0.5	5.8 ± 0.1	5.7 ± 0.4	5.4 ± 0.5	5.0 ± 0.1	6±1	6.3 ± 0.5	
Maximum projection										
radius (Å)	7.6 ± 0.4	7.6 ± 0.3	8.6 ± 0.6	7.9 ± 0.1	8.8±0.3	7.7 ± 0.2	8.1 ± 0.2	8.1 ± 0.6	8.7 ± 0.1	
Table SI 4.d. Average bonding methods.	<b>Table SI 4.d.</b> Average computed physical properties of the vanadium complex using both coordinate and covalent bonding methods									

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