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## New bis-pyrazolate zinc(II) complexes as a potential anticancer drugs: from structure to anticancer activity

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# $[ZnCl_2(H_2L^{tBu})]$

## <sup>1</sup>H NMR



\*Peaks from the solvent MeOD



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## <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY







UV-Vis



Fig. S1 Characterization spectra of  $[ZnCl_2(H_2L'^{Bu})]$  complex.

[ZnCl<sub>2</sub>(Me<sub>2</sub>L<sup>tBu</sup>)]

<sup>1</sup>H NMR



\*Peaks from the solvent MeOD







FT-IR



UV-Vis



Fig. S2 Characterization spectra of  $[ZnCl_2(Me_2L^{tBu})]$  complex.

[ZnCl<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>L<sup>CatBiPyPh</sup>)]





\*Peaks from the solvent MeOD



## <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY









Fig. S3 Characterization spectra of  $[ZnCl_2(H_2L^{CatBiPyPh})]$  complex.



Fig. S4 Fluorescent titration spectra of HAS (2  $\mu$ M) solution in absence and presence of the examined complex [ZnCl<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>L<sup>tBu</sup>)]. The arrow shows changes in the spectral band with the increasing complex concentration (added up to ratio 5). Insert graph: Stern-Volmer plots for HSA fluorescence titration in presents of the examined complex [ZnCl<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>L<sup>tBu</sup>)].



Fig. S5 Fluorescent titration spectra of HAS (2  $\mu$ M) solution in absence and presence of the examined complex [ZnCl<sub>2</sub>(Me<sub>2</sub>L<sup>tBu</sup>)]. The arrow shows changes in the spectral band with the increasing complex concentration (added up to ratio 5). Insert graph: Stern-Volmer plots for HSA fluorescence titration in presents of the examined complex [ZnCl<sub>2</sub>(Me<sub>2</sub>L<sup>tBu</sup>)].