#### Novel Amioalkyl Tris-cyclometalated Iridium Complexes as Cellular Stains

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**Supporting Information** 



Figure S1<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex 1 in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>



Figure S2 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of complex 1 in DMSO- $d_6$ 



**Figure S3** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex 2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (increased integral value for signal around 1.6 ppm is attributed to the presence of water)



Figure S4<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of complex 2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

| Crystal data                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| Chemical formula                                                         | $C_{38}H_{36}IrN_4$ ·Cl                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |  |
| $M_{ m r}$                                                               | 776.36                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |  |
| Crystal system, space group                                              | Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |  |
| Temperature (K)                                                          | 296                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |  |
| <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)                                       | 11.8667 (10), 34.630 (3), 18.1372 (15)                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |  |
| β (°)                                                                    | 90.037 (2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |  |
| $V(\text{\AA}^3)$                                                        | 7453.3 (11)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| Ζ                                                                        | 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |  |
| Radiation type                                                           | Μο Κα                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |  |
| $\mu (mm^{-1})$                                                          | 3.68                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |  |
| Crystal size (mm)                                                        | 0.26 	imes 0.14 	imes 0.12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |  |
|                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |
| Data collection                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |
| Diffractometer                                                           | Bruker D8 QUEST CMOS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |  |
| Absorption correction                                                    | Multi-scan<br>SADABS2014/4 (Bruker,2014/4) was used for<br>absorption correction. $wR_2$ (int) was 0.0857 before and<br>0.0616 after correction. The Ratio of minimum to<br>maximum transmission is 0.8303. The $\lambda/2$ correction<br>factor is 0.00150. |  |  |
| $T_{\min}, T_{\max}$                                                     | 0.619, 0.745                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |  |
| No. of measured, independent and observed $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections | 144870, 14223, 10733                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |  |
| R <sub>int</sub>                                                         | 0.071                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |  |
| $(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{max} (\text{\AA}^{-1})$                        | 0.613                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |  |
|                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |
| Refinement                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$                                      | 0.037, 0.079, 1.04                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |  |
| No. of reflections                                                       | 14223                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |  |
| No. of parameters                                                        | 795                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |  |
| No. of restraints                                                        | 21                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |  |
| H-atom treatment                                                         | H-atom parameters constrained                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |  |
| $\Delta \rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta \rho_{\text{min}} (e \text{ Å}^{-3})$  | 1.48, -1.07                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |

# Table S1 X-Ray data collection.

### Table S2 Structure quality indicators.

#### **Structure Quality Indicators**

| Reflections: | d min (Mo) | 0.82 <sup>I/σ</sup> | 22.3 <sup>Rint</sup> | 7.05% complete | 99%   |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------|
| Refinement:  | Shift      | 0.002 Max Peak      | 1.5 Min Peak         | -1.1 Goof      | 1.040 |



#### **Data Plots: Diffraction Data**



### Data Plots: Refinement and Data

# Figure S5 X-ray diffraction data.

 Table S3 Reflection statistics.

| Total reflections (after       | 144870               | Unique reflections             | 14223           |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| filtering)                     |                      |                                |                 |
| Completeness                   | 0.991                | Mean I/o                       | 22.3            |
| hkl <sub>max</sub> collected   | (14, 42, 22)         | hkl <sub>min</sub> collected   | (-14, -42, -22) |
| hkl <sub>max</sub> used        | (14, 42, 22)         | hkl <sub>min</sub> used        | (-14, 0, 0)     |
| Lim d <sub>max</sub> collected | 100.0                | Lim d <sub>min</sub> collected | 0.36            |
| d <sub>max</sub> used          | 7.06                 | d <sub>min</sub> used          | 0.82            |
| Friedel pairs                  | 24201                | Friedel pairs merged           | 1               |
| Inconsistent equivalents       | 0                    | R <sub>int</sub>               | 0.0705          |
| R <sub>sigma</sub>             | 0.0432               | Intensity transformed          | 0               |
| Omitted reflections            | 0                    | Omitted by user (OMIT          | 30              |
|                                |                      | hkl)                           |                 |
| Multiplicity                   | (9733, 12716, 13796, | Maximum multiplicity           | 19              |
|                                | 13486, 2661, 178)    |                                |                 |
| Removed systematic             | 1679                 | Filtered off (Shel/OMIT)       | 0               |
| absences                       |                      |                                |                 |

| Ir1-N1      | 2.123 (4)   | Ir2-N5      | 2.134 (4)   |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Ir1-N2      | 2.129 (4)   | Ir2–N6      | 2.108 (4)   |
| Ir1–N3      | 2.119 (4)   | Ir2-N7      | 2.136 (4)   |
| Ir1-C11     | 2.003 (5)   | Ir2-C49     | 2.011 (5)   |
| Ir1-C22     | 2.016 (4)   | Ir2-C60     | 2.014 (5)   |
| Ir1-C33     | 2.010 (4)   | Ir2-C71     | 2.019 (4)   |
|             |             |             |             |
| N1-Ir1-N2   | 94.71 (14)  | N5-Ir2-N7   | 94.02 (14)  |
| N3-Ir1-N1   | 93.92 (15)  | N6-Ir2-N5   | 93.77 (16)  |
| N3-Ir1-N2   | 95.20 (15)  | N6-Ir2-N7   | 93.55 (15)  |
| C11-Ir1-N1  | 79.26 (17)  | C49-Ir2-N5  | 78.87 (17)  |
| C11-Ir1-N2  | 171.53 (16) | C49-Ir2-N6  | 171.40 (16) |
| C11-Ir1-N3  | 91.16 (16)  | C49-Ir2-N7  | 91.43 (15)  |
| C11-Ir1-C22 | 95.15 (18)  | C49-Ir2-C60 | 95.86 (18)  |
| C11-Ir1-C33 | 97.35 (18)  | C49-Ir2-C71 | 95.80 (17)  |
| C22-Ir1-N1  | 93.26 (15)  | C60-Ir2-N5  | 89.17 (16)  |
| C22-Ir1-N2  | 79.15 (17)  | C60-Ir2-N6  | 79.44 (18)  |
| C22-Ir1-N3  | 171.21 (16) | C60-Ir2-N7  | 172.49 (17) |
| C33-Ir1-N1  | 172.47 (16) | C60-Ir2-C71 | 98.13 (17)  |
| C33-Ir1-N2  | 89.32 (16)  | C71-Ir2-N5  | 171.42 (16) |
| C33-Ir1-N3  | 79.36 (17)  | C71-Ir2-N6  | 92.02 (16)  |
| C33-Ir1-C22 | 93.74 (17)  | C71-Ir2-N7  | 79.28 (16)  |

Table S4 Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Table S5 Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

| $D-\mathrm{H}\cdots A$        | D-H  | $H \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | D-H···A |
|-------------------------------|------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| N4–H4 $A$ ···Cl1 <sup>i</sup> | 0.89 | 2.26         | 3.112 (4)    | 161     |
| N4–H4 $B$ ···Cl2 <sup>i</sup> | 0.89 | 2.19         | 3.077 (4)    | 174     |
| C1-H1N2                       | 0.93 | 2.68         | 3.243 (6)    | 120     |
| N8–H8A…Cl1                    | 0.89 | 2.28         | 3.140 (4)    | 162     |
| N8−H8 <i>B</i> ···Cl2         | 0.89 | 2.27         | 3.159 (4)    | 173     |

Symmetry code: (i) *x*+1, -*y*+1/2, *z*-1/2.



Figure S6 Normalized emission spectra of complexes 1 and 2 (10  $\mu$ M) in toluene ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 375 nm).



Figure S7 Low temperature emission spectra for iridium complexes 1, 2, and 3.



Figure S8 Normalized emission spectra of complexes 1 and 2 (1  $\mu$ M) in phosphate buffer at pH 7.5 ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 375 nm).



Figure S9 Emission intensity decays for complexes 1, 2, and 3 (10  $\mu$ M) in air equilibrated DCM.



Figure S10. Emission intensity decays for complexes 1 and 2 (10  $\mu$ M) in air equilibrated phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7.5).



**Figure S11** A dynamic light scattering plot for complex 2 in a mixture of water (60% v/v) and acetonitrile (40% v/v)



Figure S12 A dynamic light scattering plot for complexes 1 and 2 in a mixture of water (80% v/v) and acetonitrile (20% v/v)



Figure S13 A dynamic light scattering plot for complex 1 in water



Figure S14 Viability of NIH-3T3 cells after 24 h exposure complexes 1 and 2.



Figure S15 Viability of NIH-3T3 cells after 1 h exposure complexes 1 and 2.



**Figure S16** Fluorescence images obtained with complex **3** in NIH-3T3 cell ( $\lambda_{ex}$  355 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$  450-650nm). Complex **3** emission is located in the red spots. Green emission is autofluorescence of the mitochondria ( $\lambda_{ex}$  355 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$  400-450nm). (Scale bar: 10 µm)



Figure S17 Emission spectra obtained from cell lysate of cells exposed to complexes 1 and2.



**Figure S18** Fluorescence microscopy images obtained with complex **2** (1  $\mu$ M loading for 1h) in NIH-3T3 cells after loading at 4°C. Panel a) shows emission of complex **2** ( $\lambda_{ex}$  355 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$  450-650nm), panel b) shows emission of lysotracker red stain ( $\lambda_{ex}$  543 nm HeNe laser,  $\lambda_{em}$  600-650 nm), panel c) shows an RGB overlay of the two fluorescence channels: P = 0.89, and panel d) shows the brighfield microscopy image. (Scale bar: 20  $\mu$ m)



Figure S19 Confocal fluorescence microscopy image obtained with complex 2 using excitation at 405 nm. ( $\lambda_{em}$  450-650nm). (Scale bar: 20  $\mu$ m)



**Figure S20** Fluorescence microscopy images obtained with complex **2** (1  $\mu$ M loading for 1h) in PC3 cells. Panel a) shows emission of complex **2** ( $\lambda_{ex}$  355 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$  450-650nm), panel b) shows emission of lysotracker red stain ( $\lambda_{ex}$  543 nm HeNe laser,  $\lambda_{em}$  600-650 nm), panel c) shows an RGB overlay of the two fluorescence channels; P = 0.75, and panel d) shows the brighfield microscopy image. (Scale bar: 20  $\mu$ m)



**Figure S21** Fluorescence microscopy images obtained with complex **2** (1  $\mu$ M loading for 1h) in NIH-3T3 cells after adjusting lysosomal pH to 5.5. Panel a) shows emission of complex **2** ( $\lambda_{ex}$  355 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$  450-650nm), panel b) shows emission of lysotracker red stain ( $\lambda_{ex}$  543 nm HeNe laser,  $\lambda_{em}$  600-650 nm), panel c) shows an RGB overlay of the two fluorescence channels P = 0.82, and panel d) shows the brighfield microscopy image. (Scale bar: 20  $\mu$ m)



**Figure S22** Fluorescence microscopy images obtained with complex **2** (1  $\mu$ M loading for 1h) in NIH-3T3 cells after adjusting lysosomal pH to 6.6 using treatment of Chloroquine<sup>1</sup> 100 nM, 30 mins Panel a) shows emission of complex **2** ( $\lambda_{ex}$  355 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$  450-650nm), panel b) shows emission of lysotracker red stain ( $\lambda_{ex}$  543 nm HeNe laser,  $\lambda_{em}$  600-650 nm), panel c) shows an RGB overlay of the two fluorescence channels; P = 0.77, and panel d) shows the brighfield microscopy image. (Scale bar: 20  $\mu$ m)



Figure S23 Emission intensity decay for complex 1 in NIH-3T3 cells.



Figure S24 Emission intensity decay for complex 2 in NIH-3T3 cells.

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