

Electronic Supplementary Information

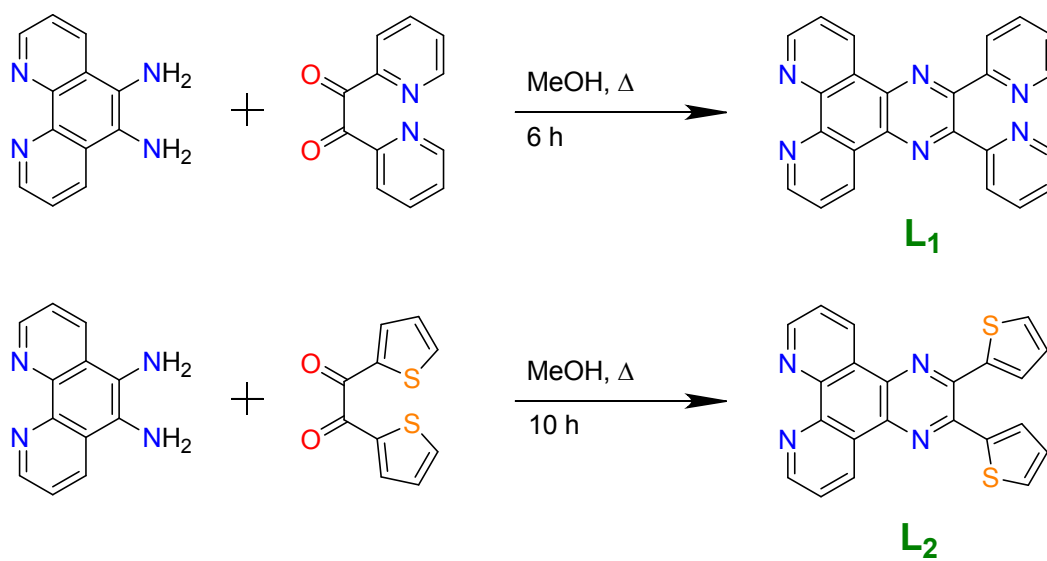
Cyclometallated iridium complexes inducing natural product like paraptotic cell death: Synthesis, structure and mechanistic aspects

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Scheme S1. Schematic representation for the preparation of the ligands **L**₁ and **L**₂.

Table TS1. Selected crystallographic data for complex **5**. 3C₇H₈ and **6**. C₇H₈.

	5 .3C ₇ H ₈	6 . C ₇ H ₈
empirical formula	C ₁₁₃ H ₈₈ F ₁₂ Ir ₂ N ₁₂ P ₂ S ₄	C ₄₃ H ₃₇ ClF ₆ IrN ₆ P
Fw	2416.53	1010.43
radiation	MoK _α	MoK _α
wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
temp./ K	110 (2)	110(2)
crystal system	Trigonal	Triclinic
space group	R - 3	P - 1
<i>a</i> /Å	49.3580(8)	8.7494(7)
<i>b</i> /Å	49.3580(8)	12.8229(9)
<i>c</i> /Å	11.9179(19)	18.0175(14)
<i>α</i> (deg)	90.00	95.984(2)
<i>β</i> (deg)	90.00	92.269(2)
<i>γ</i> (deg)	120.00	92.255(2)
<i>V</i> / Å ³	25145(9)	2006.9(3)
crystal size (mm)	0.33 x 0.22 x 0.20	0.10 x 0.08 x 0.06
<i>Z</i>	9	2
<i>μ</i> / mm ⁻¹	2.554	3.501
<i>D</i> _{calcd} / g cm ⁻³	1.436	1.672
F(000)	10854	1000
<i>θ</i> range	2.18-23.21	2.06-28.44
data/restraints/parameters	13028/129/622	8693/0/529
R1,wR2 [I>2σ(I)]	0.0588, 0.1132	0.0693, 0.1017
R1,wR2 (all data)	0.1132	0.1017,
largest diff. peak hole (eÅ ⁻³)	2.322, -1.115	2.279, -2.21

Table TS2. Important bond distances (Å) and bond angles (°) for **5.** $3C_7H_8$ and **6.** C_7H_8

Bond lengths (Å)			
5. $3C_7H_8$		6. C_7H_8	
Ir1-N1	2.138(5)	Ir1-N1	2.133(7)
Ir1-N2	2.144(5)	Ir1-N2	2.114(7)
Ir1-N5	2.048(5)	Ir1-C25	2.172(9)
Ir1-N6	2.046(5)	Ir1-C26	2.158(9)
Ir1-C33	2.006(6)	Ir1-C27	2.123(9)
Ir1-C45	2.010(6)	Ir1-C28	2.171(10)
		Ir1-C29	2.176(10)
		Ir1-Cl1	2.401(2)
		Ir-C _{centroid}	1.790
Bond angles (°)			
5. $3C_7H_8$		6. C_7H_8	
N1-Ir1-N2	77.27(17)	N1-Ir1-Cl1	84.9(2)
C33-Ir1-N3	80.9(2)	N2-Ir1-Cl1	86.71(19)
C45-Ir1-N4	80.5(2)	N1-Ir1-N2	77.4(3)

Table TS3. UV-Vis spectral and electrochemical data^a for complexes **1** – **6** recorded in CH₃CN at room temperature.

Complexes	$\lambda_{\text{max}}/\text{nm}(\varepsilon / \text{M}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1})$	$E_{298}^{\circ} [\text{V}]^b$					
		E_{ox2}	E_{ox1}	E_{red1}	E_{red2}	E_{red3}	E_{red4}
1	267 (82500), 365 (22500)	—	1.18 V	-0.82	-1.41	-1.96	—
2	272 (75700), 360 (22000), 477 (670)	1.14	0.79 V	-0.81	-1.43	-1.96	—
3	246 (77680), 270 (77670), 348 (23200), 363 (22300), 446 (790)	—	1.44 V	-0.8	-1.07	-1.38	-1.94
4	260 (69100), 392 (26250)	1.12	0.85 V	-0.84	-1.08	-1.94	—
5	253 (61000), 271 (59200), 378 (19300)	—	1.09 V	-0.99	-1.14	-1.72	—
6	213 (27300), 285 (34000), 360 (10800)		1.61 V	-1.09	-1.43	-1.82	—

^aFrom cyclic voltammetry in CH₃CN/ 0.1M Et₄NClO₄ at 50 mV s⁻¹. ^bPotentials in V *versus* Ag/AgCl, referenced to Fc⁺/Fc ($E_{1/2} = + 0.18$ V) as internal standard.

Figure S1. Positive ion ESI mass spectra of complexes **1** - **6**.

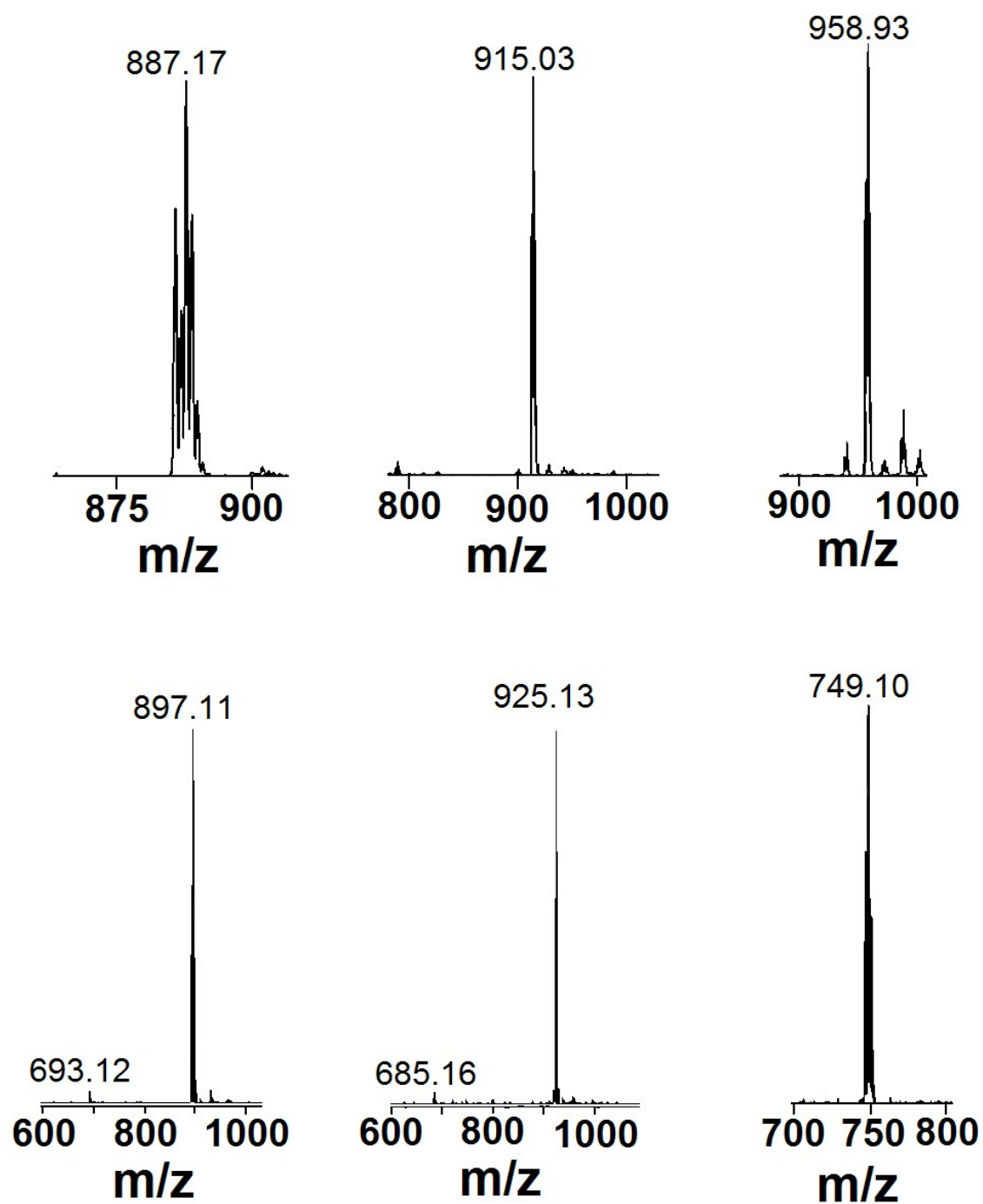


Figure S2. (a) ^1H and (b) ^{13}C NMR spectra of complex **1** in $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$.

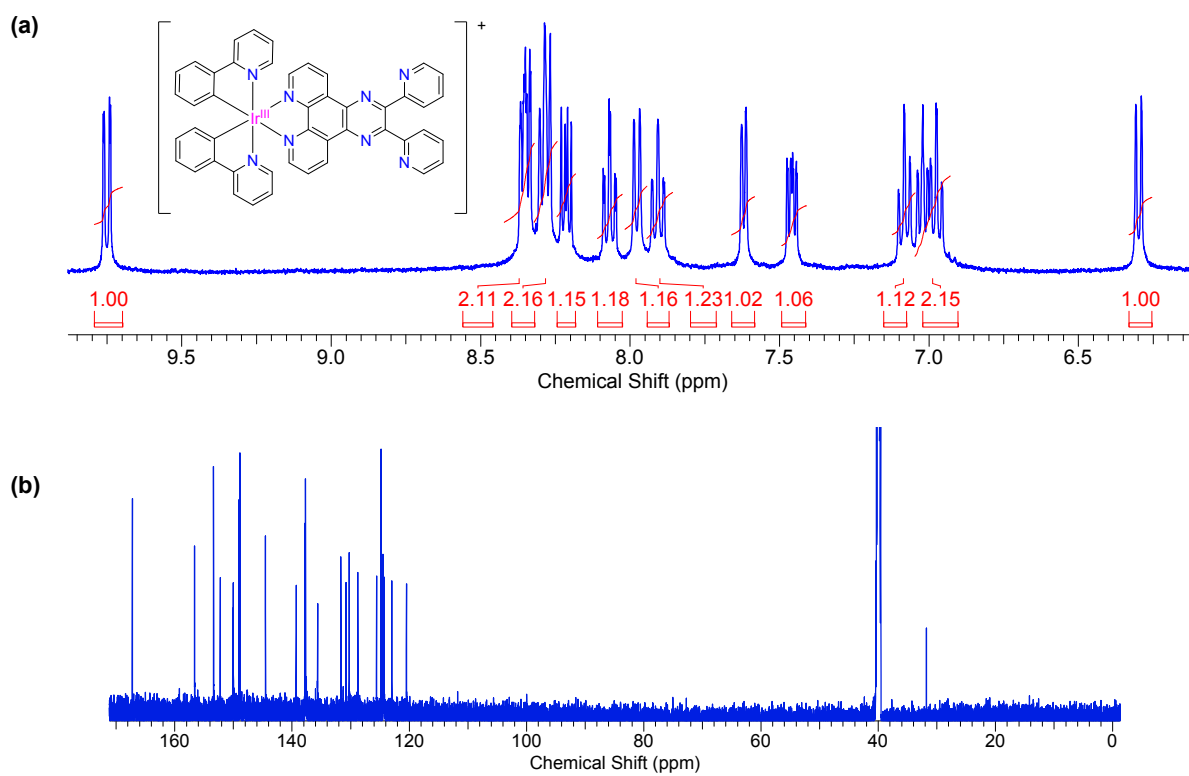


Figure S3. (a) ^1H and (b) ^{13}C NMR spectra of complex **2** in $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$.

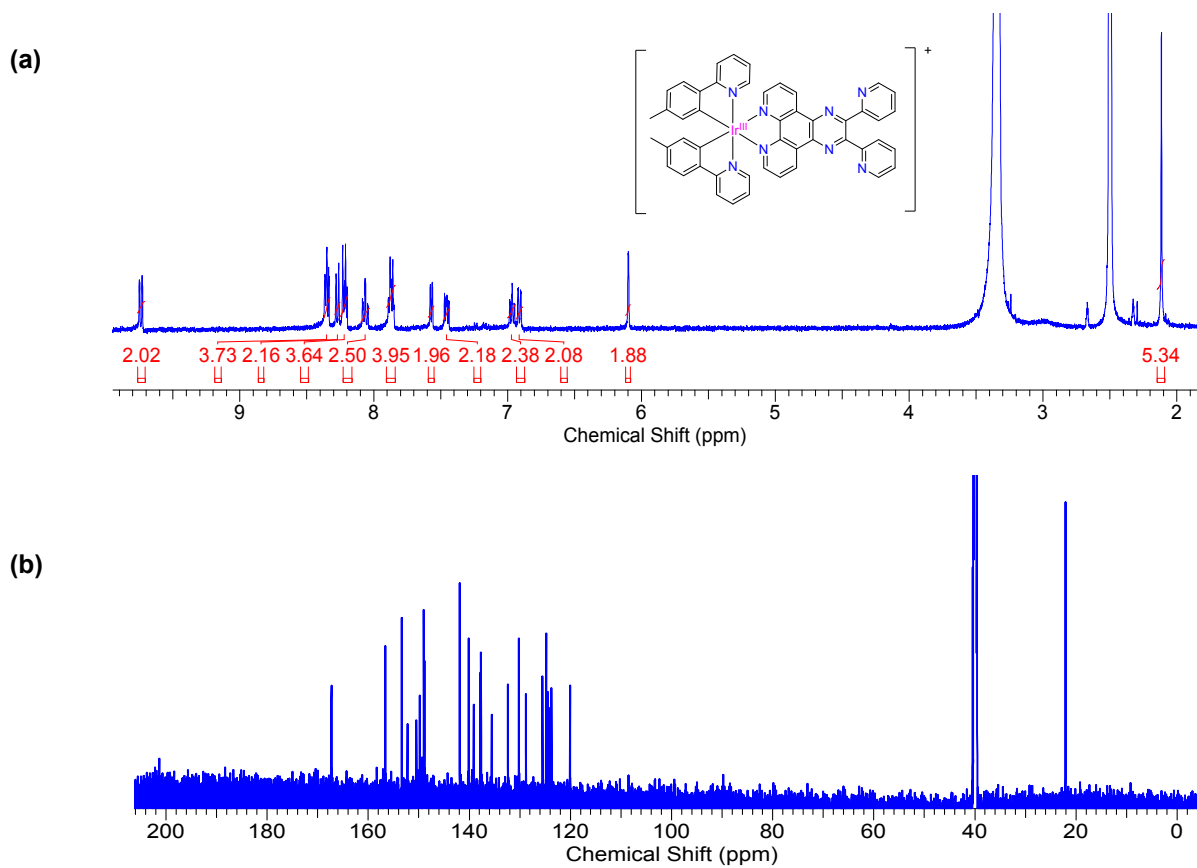


Figure S4. (a) ^1H and (b) ^{13}C NMR spectra of complex **3** in $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$.

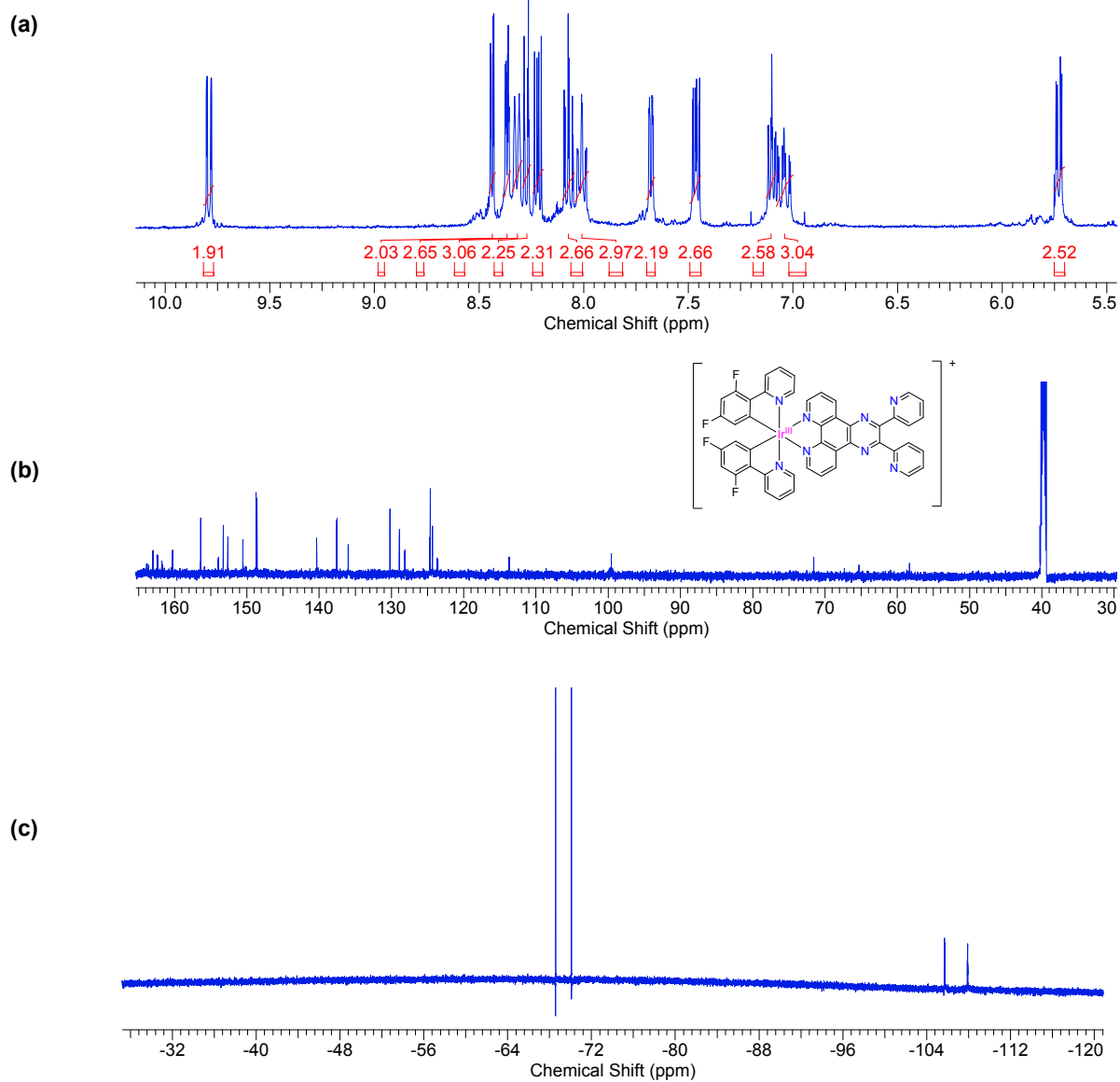


Figure S5. (a) ^1H and (b) ^{13}C NMR spectra of complex **4** in $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$.

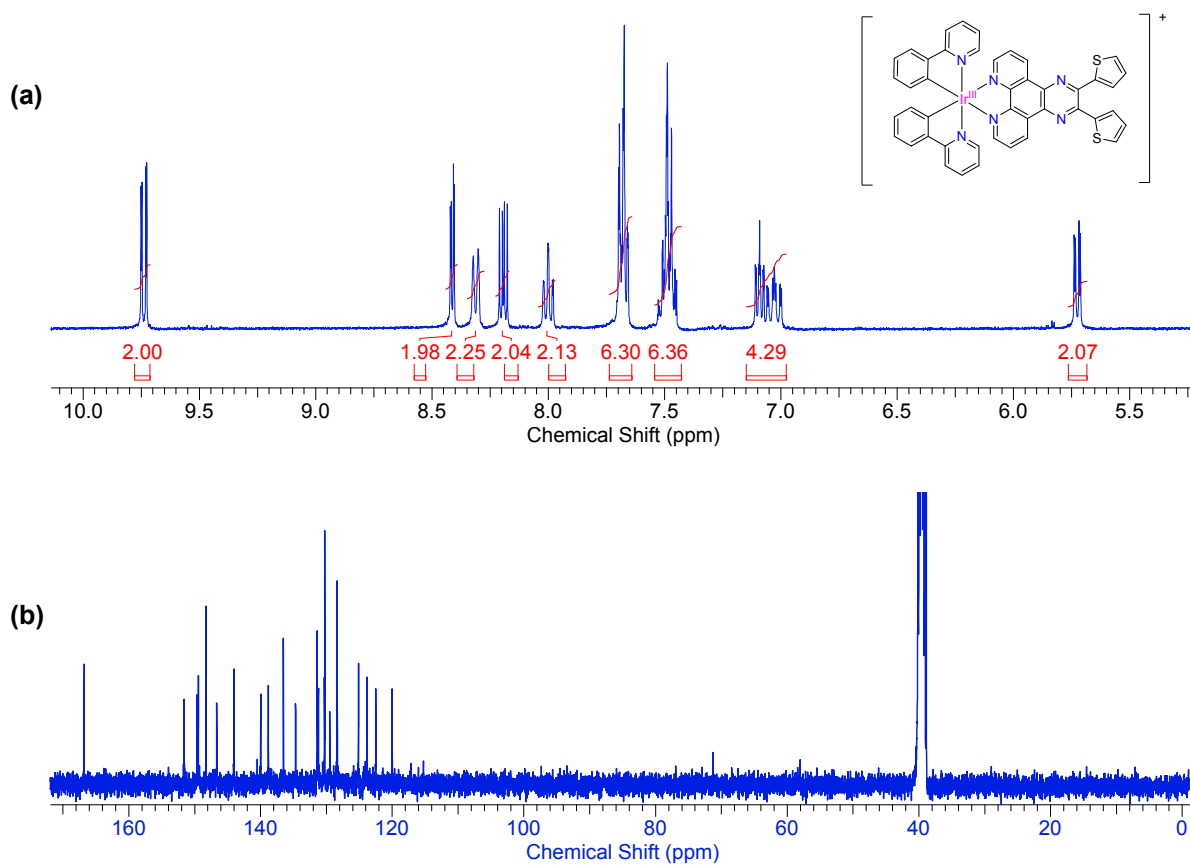


Figure S6. (a) ^1H and (b) ^{13}C NMR spectra of complex **5** in $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$.

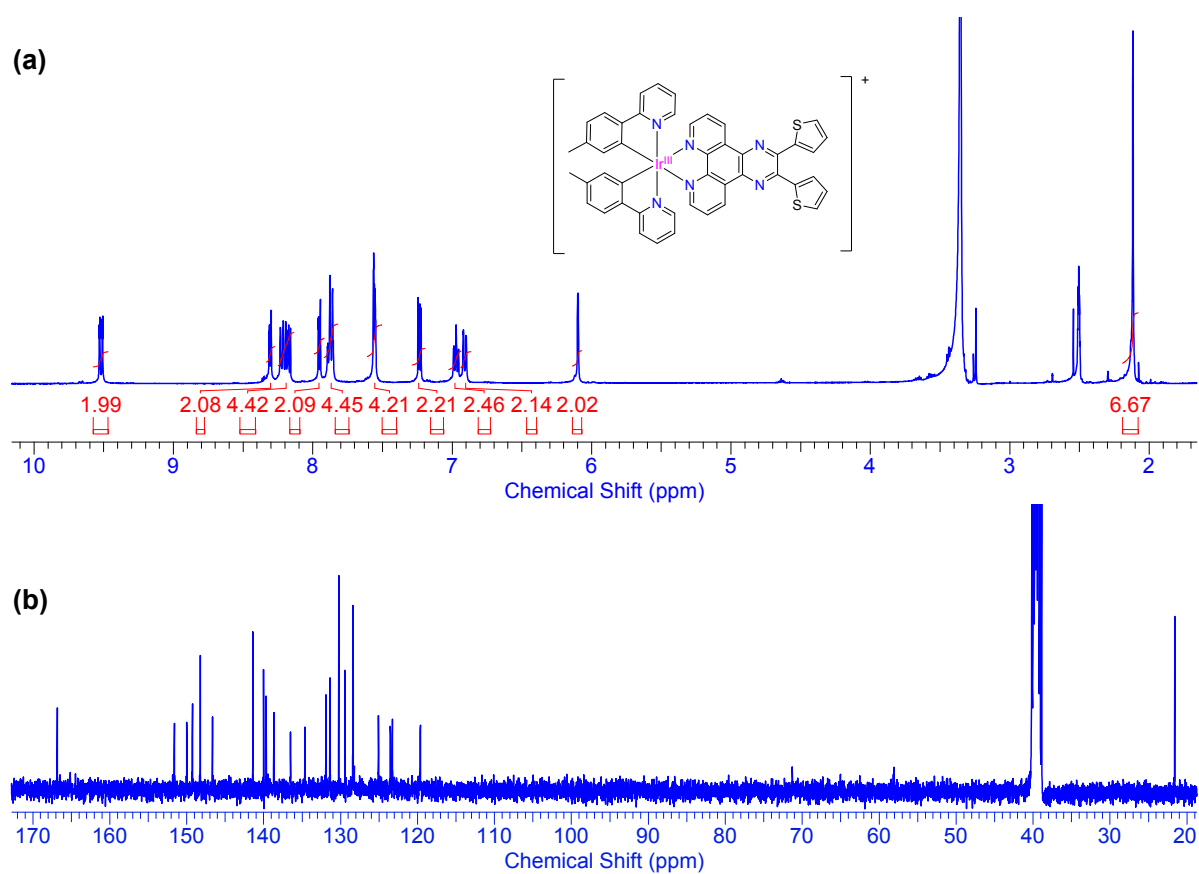


Figure S7. (a) ^1H and (b) ^{13}C NMR spectra of complex **6** in $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$.

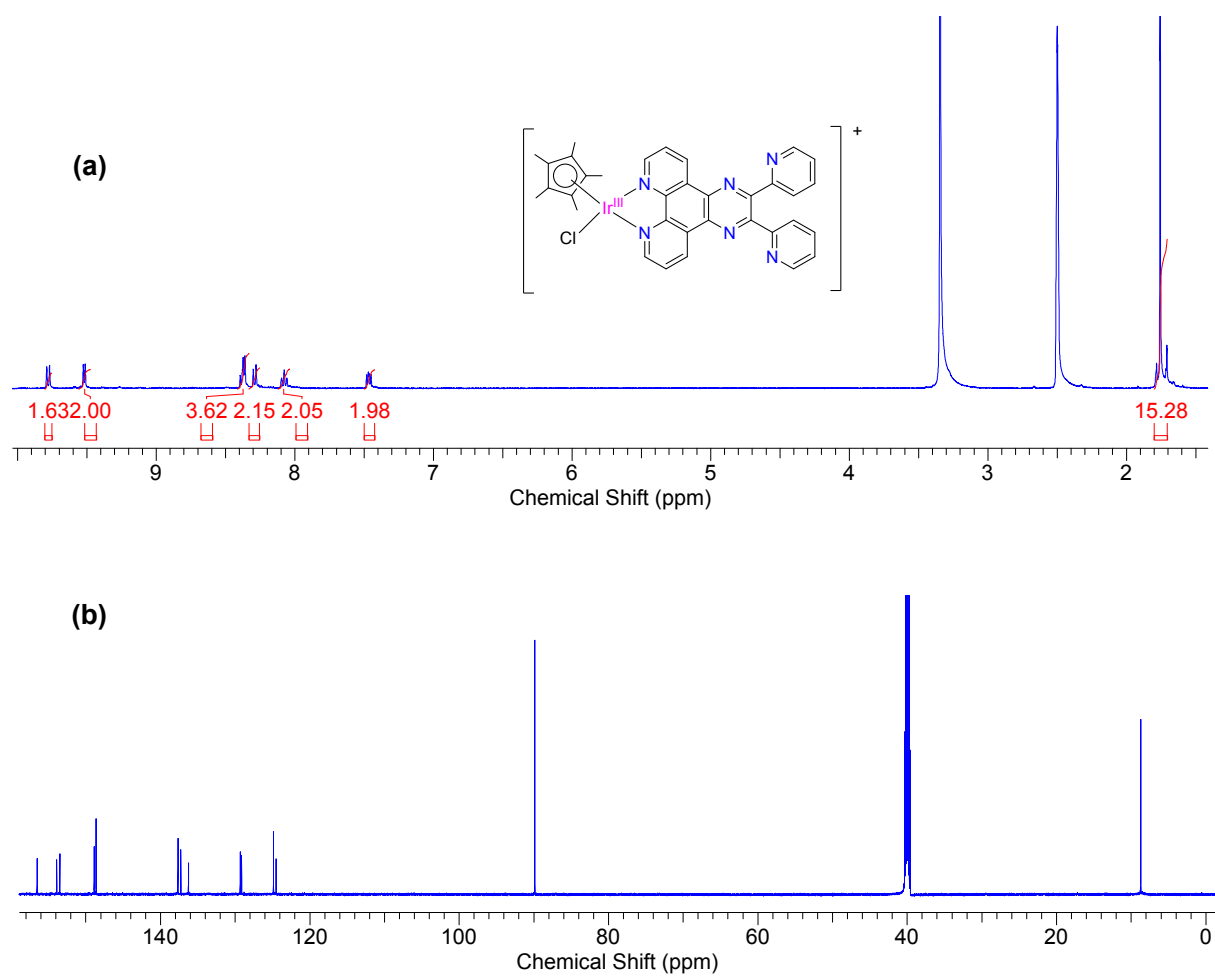


Figure S8. UV-Vis spectra of the complexes **1 - 6** recorded in CH₃CN at room temperature.

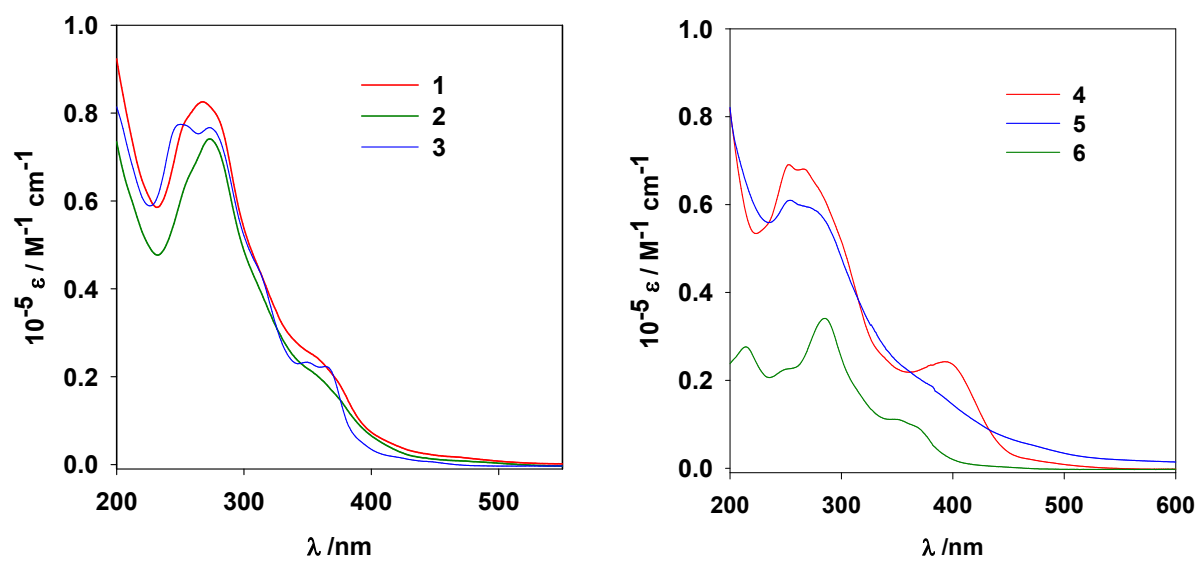


Figure S9. Cyclic voltammograms of the complexes **1** - **6** recorded in $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/0.1\text{M}$ Et_4NClO_4 versus Ag/AgCl (scan rate 50 mV s^{-1}).

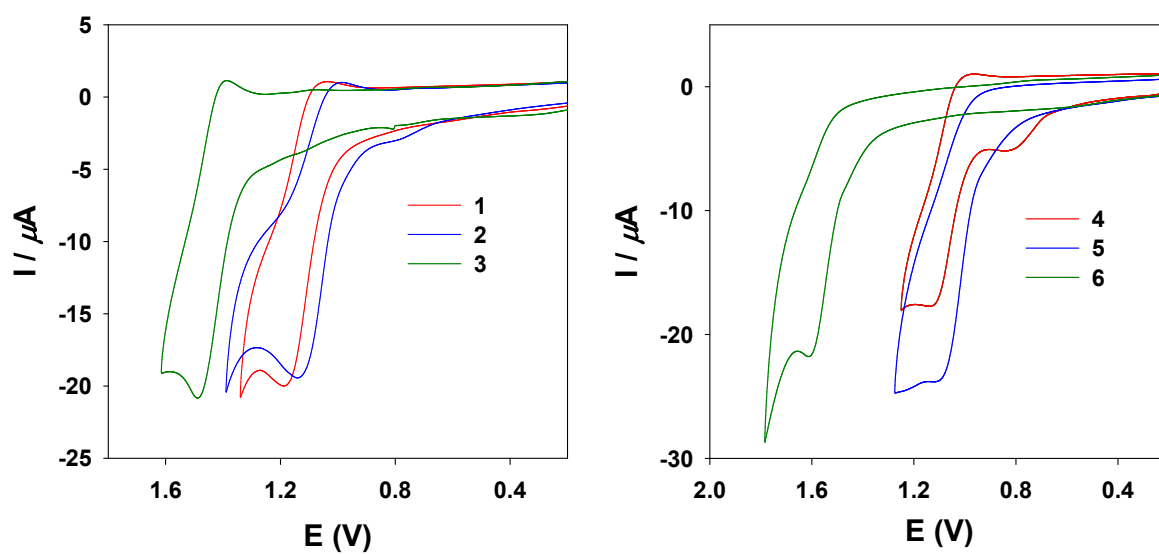


Figure S10. Dose dependent suppression of cell viability of complexes **1** – **6** towards human breast (MCF-7) cancer cell lines.

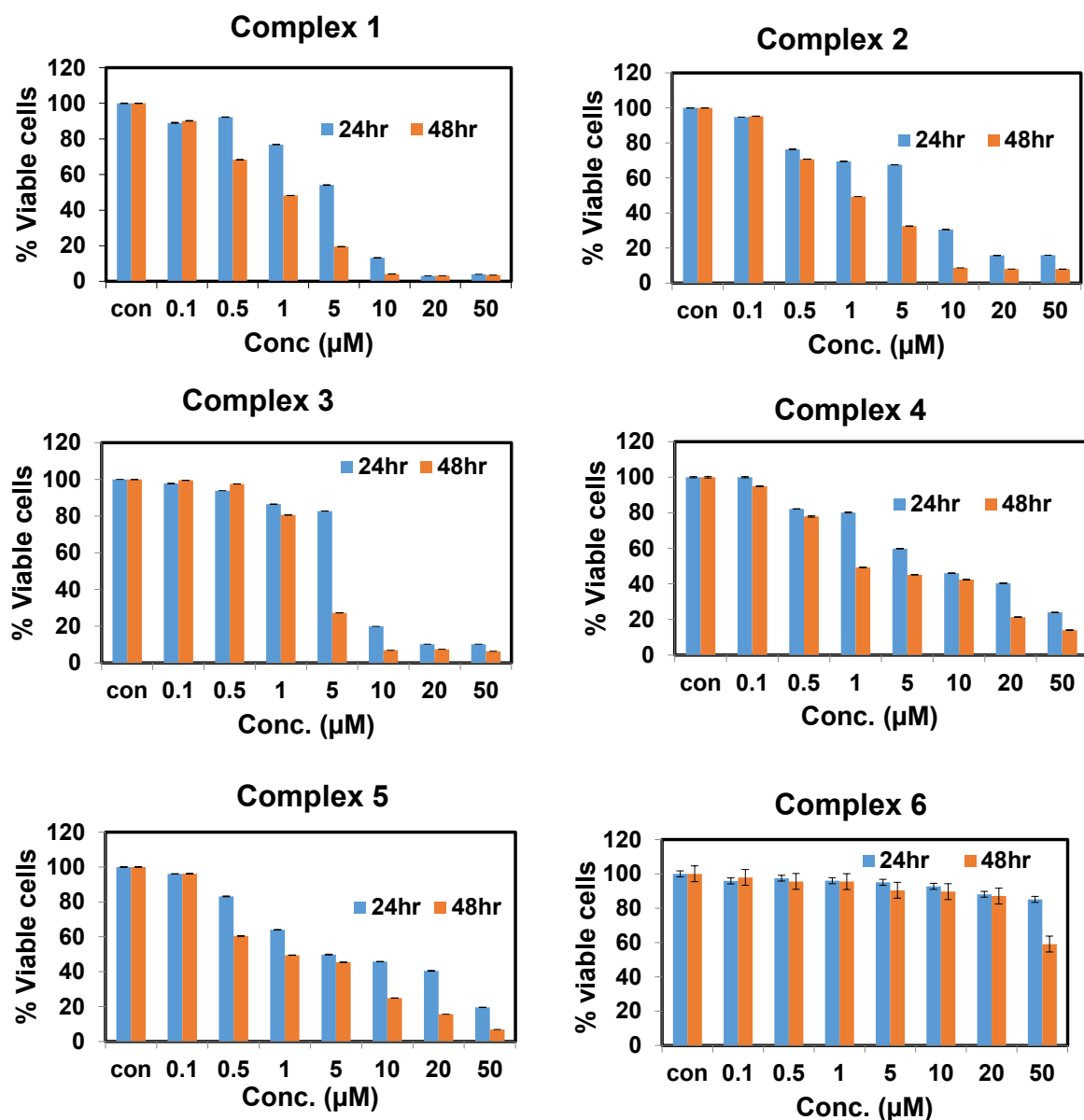


Figure S11. Flow cytometry results of MCF-7 cells incubated with blank medium and complexes 1 - 6 (5 μM) at 37 °C for 2 h. (excitation, 530 nm; emission, 585 nm).

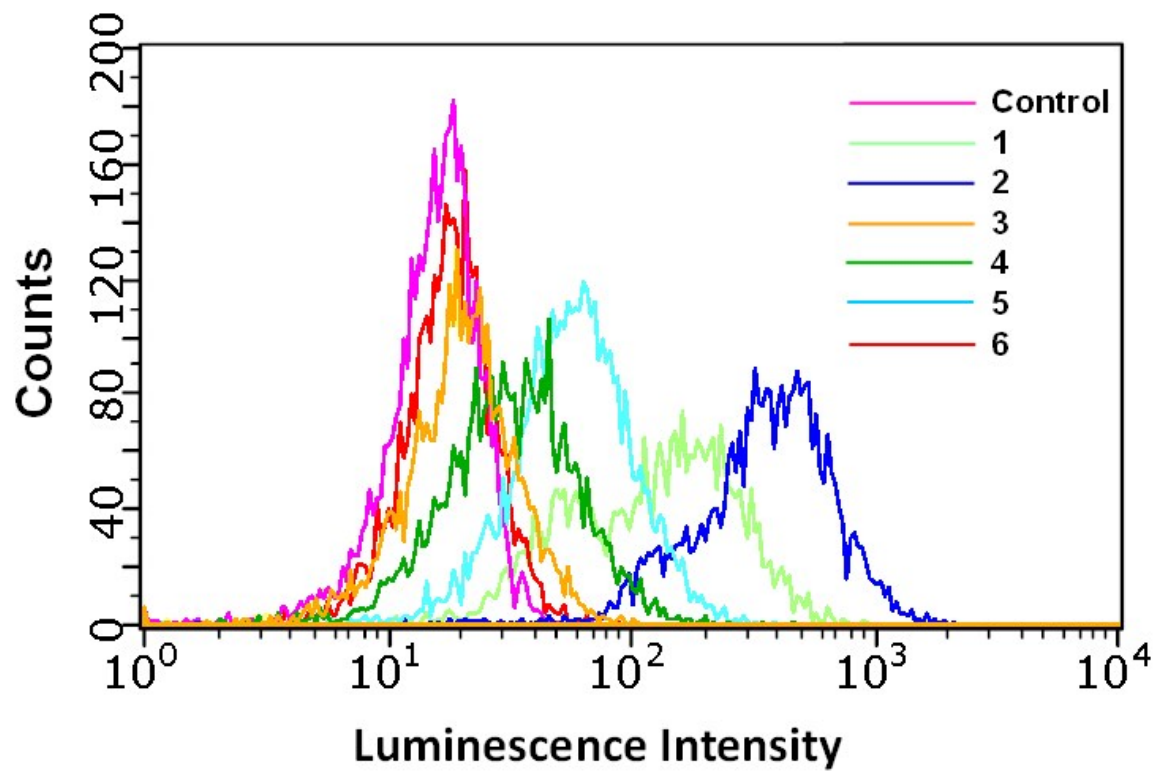


Figure S12. Western blot analysis of the expressions of apoptosis related proteins of human breast (MCF-7) cancer cell line with or without treatment of complex **1** (5 μ M), cisplatin (50 μ M), and UV light for 24 h.

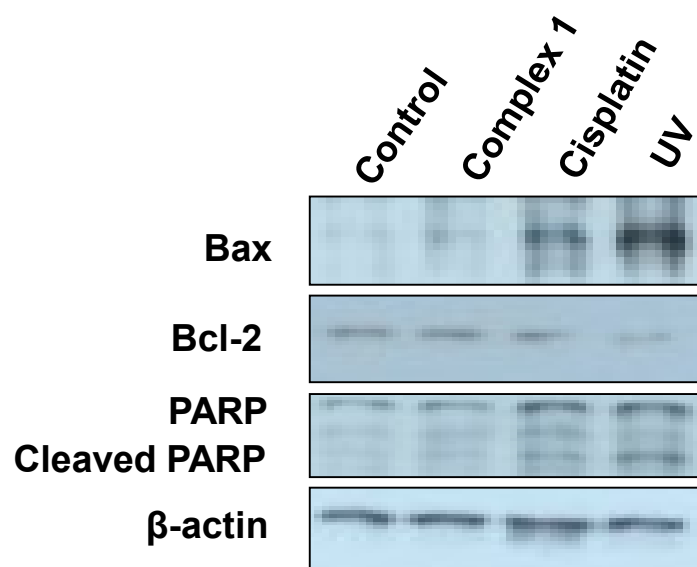


Figure S13. Cell cycle analysis of human breast (MCF-7) cancer cell line with or without treatment of complex **1** at indicated concentrations after 24 h.

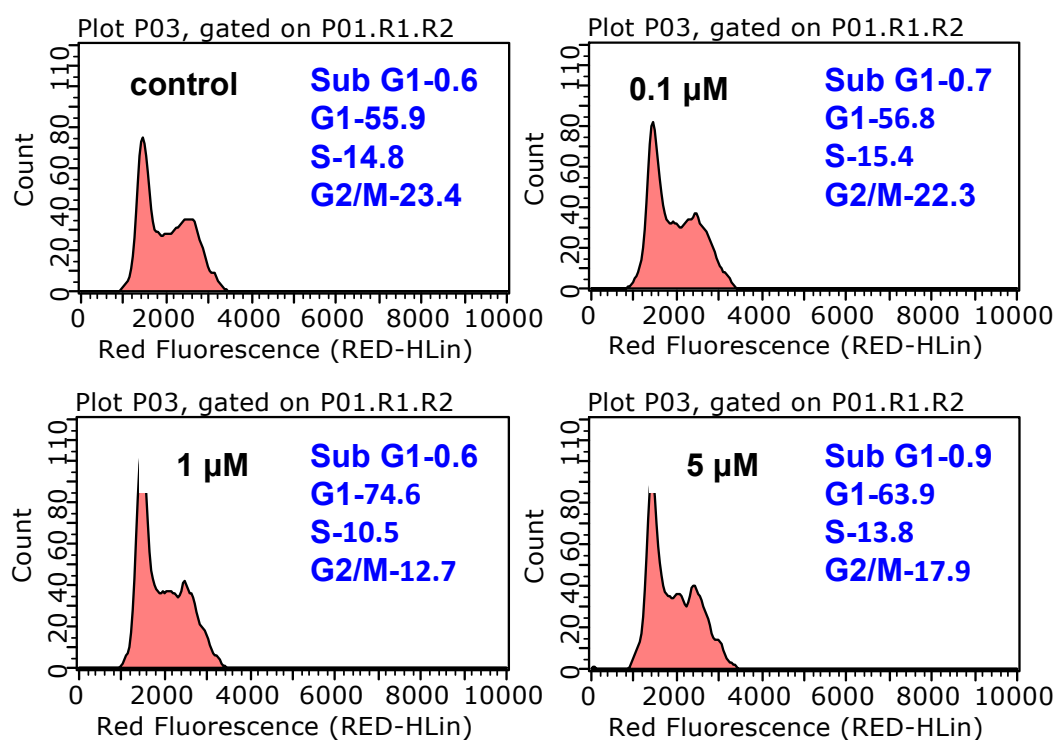


Figure S14. (a) Flow cytometric analysis and (b) fluorescence microscopic images of ROS production incubated with blank medium, only complex **1** (5 μM), complex **1** + MnTBAP (100 μM) and only H_2O_2 (50 μM) at 37 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 12 h. (excitation, 488 nm; emission, 530 nm).

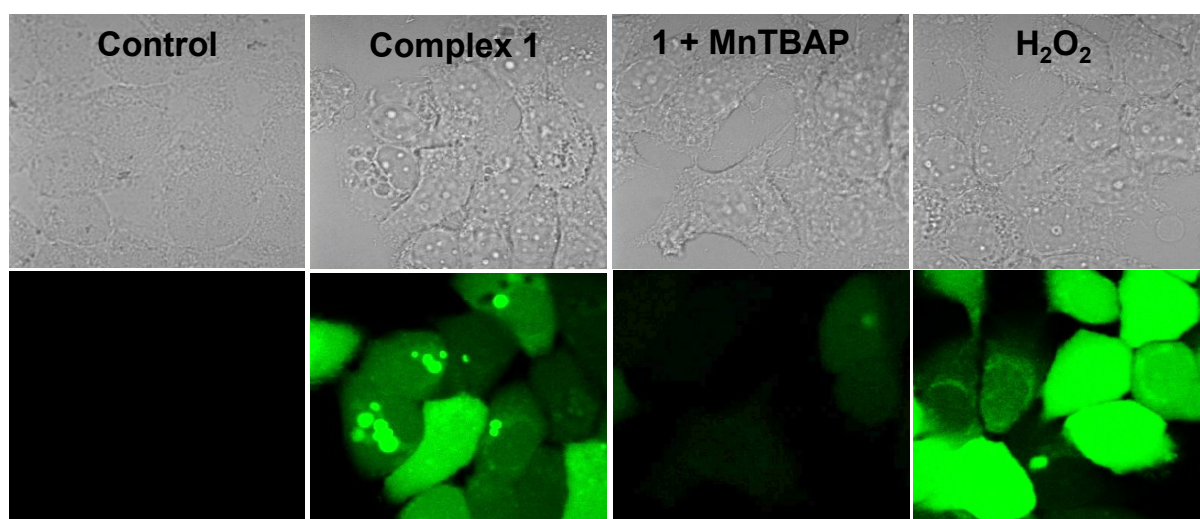
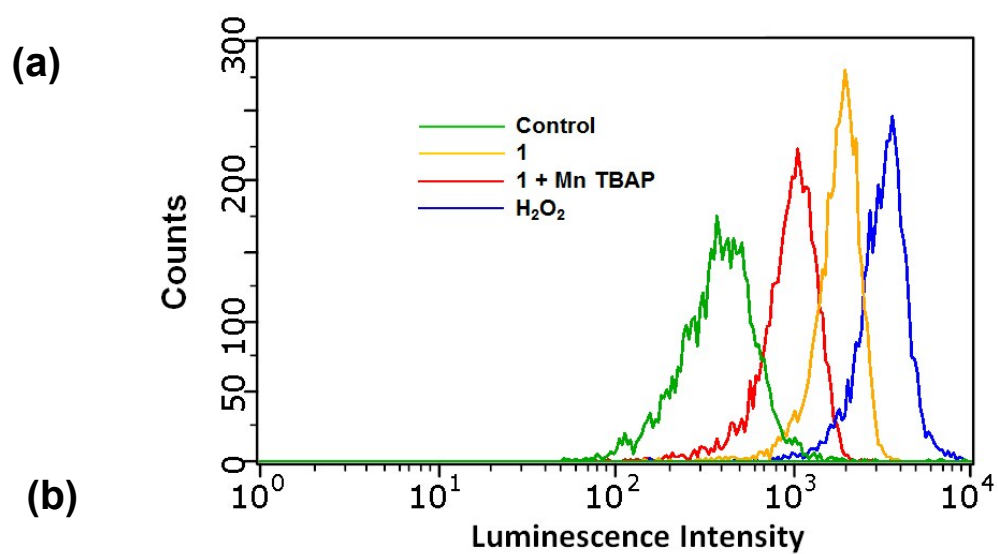


Figure S15. Dose dependent suppression of cell viability of complex **1** towards human breast (MCF-7), prostate (LNCap, PC3, DU145) endometrial (Ishikawa) and Ovarian (SKOV3) cancer cell lines.

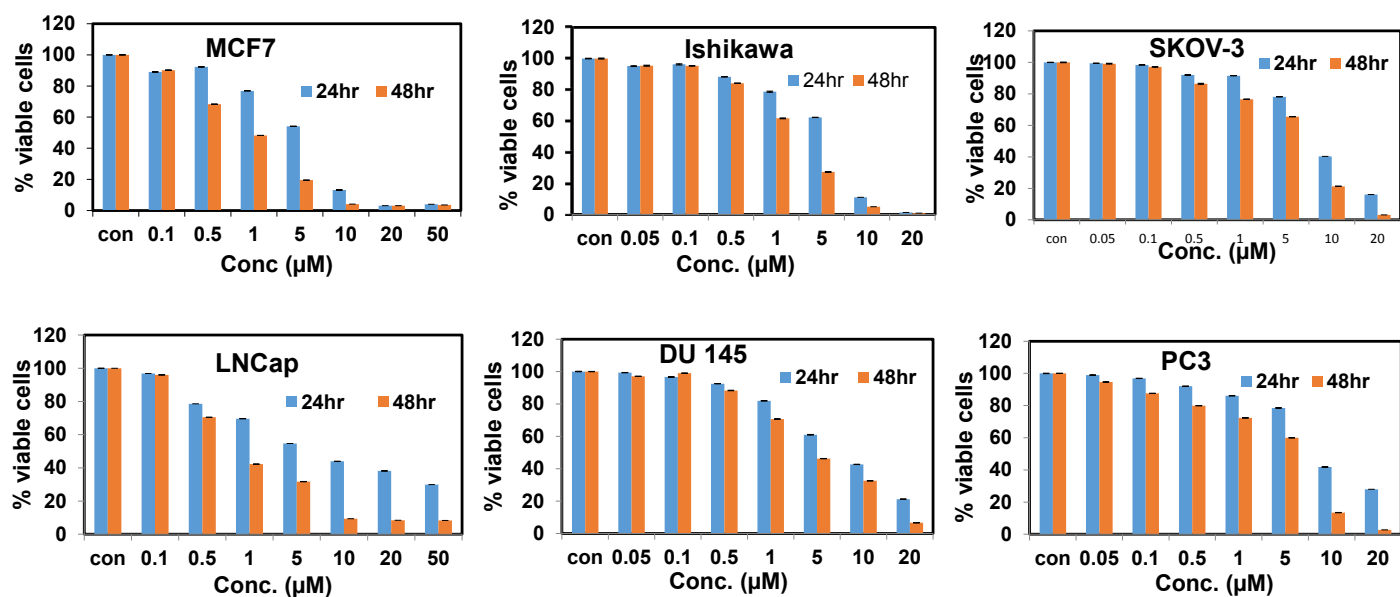


Figure S16. Time dependent western blot analysis of p53 protein expression of human breast (MCF-7), endometrial (Ishikawa) and ovarian (SKOV3) cancer cell lines after the treatment of complex **1** (5 μM).

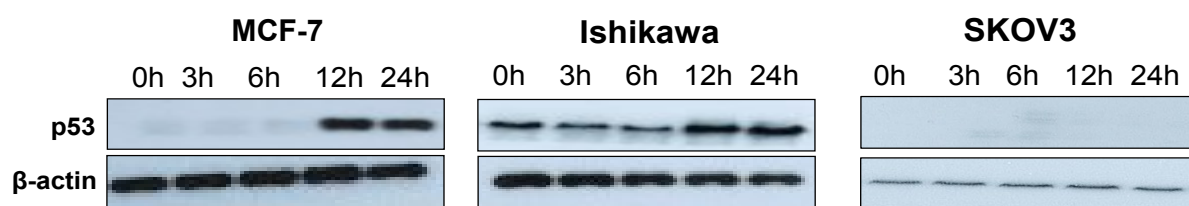
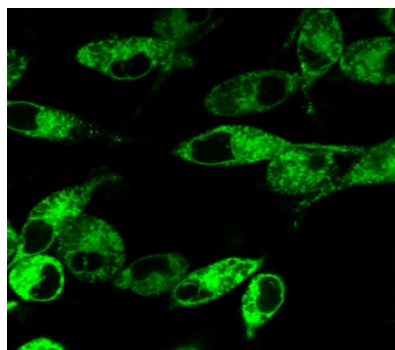
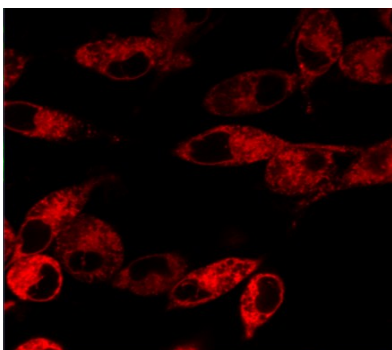


Figure S17. Florescence microscopic images of human breast (MCF-7) cancer cells in presence of 3, 3' -dihexyloxacarbocyanine iodide (DIOC₆) (40 nM), complex **1** (10 μ M) and their overlay image after 12 h incubation.

DIOC6



Complex1



Merge

