Electronic Supporting Information (ESI)

A Multi-target Caffeine Derived Rhodium(I) *N*-heterocyclic Carbene Complex: Evaluation of the Mechanism of Action

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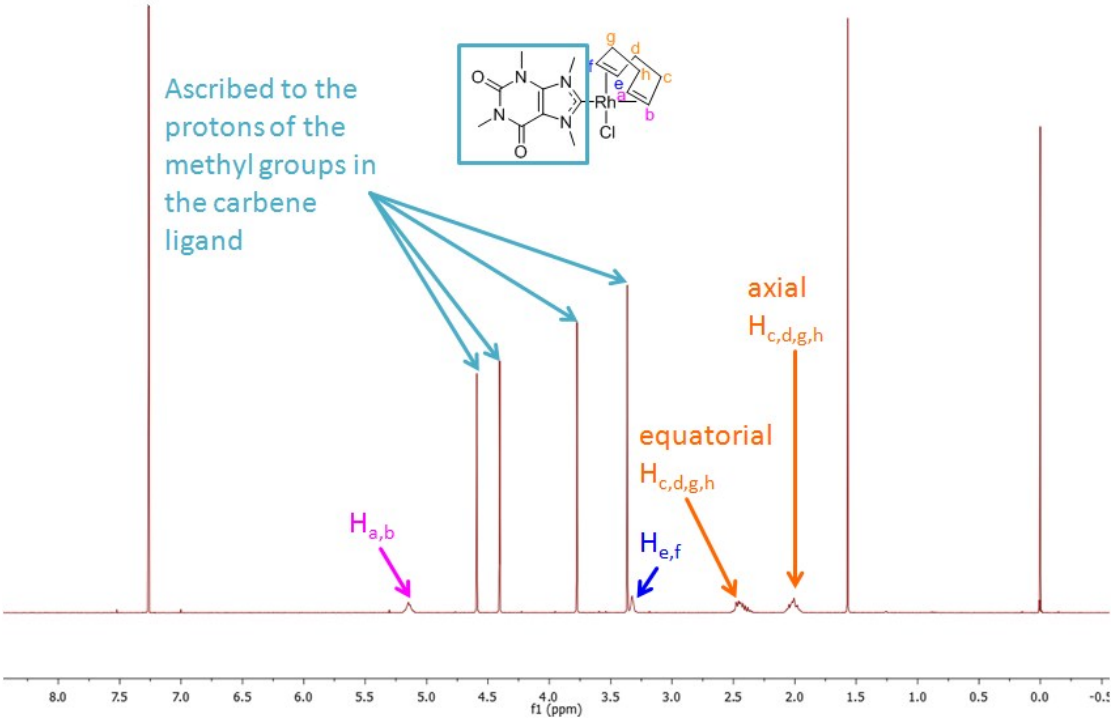

Fig. S1. The ^{1}H NMR spectrum of **1** in $CDCl_3$.

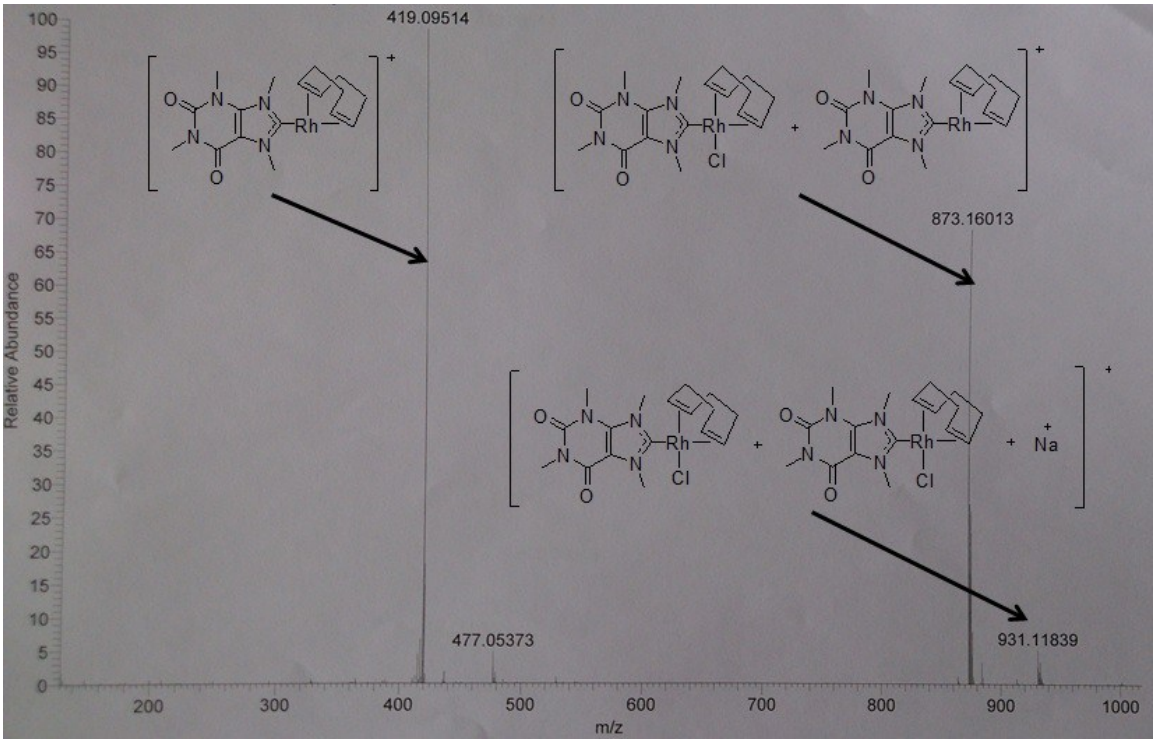

Fig. S2. The positive-ion ESI mass spectrum of **1**.

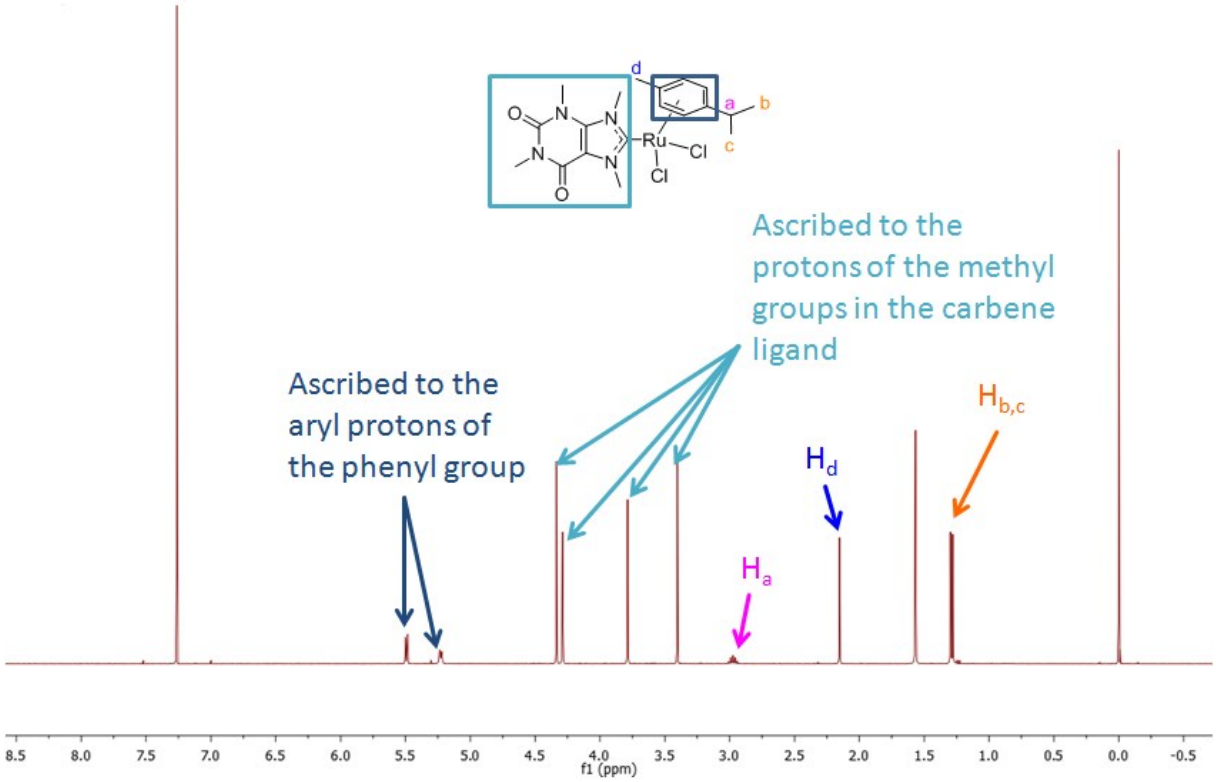

Fig. S3. The ^{1}H NMR spectrum of **2** in $CDCl_3$.

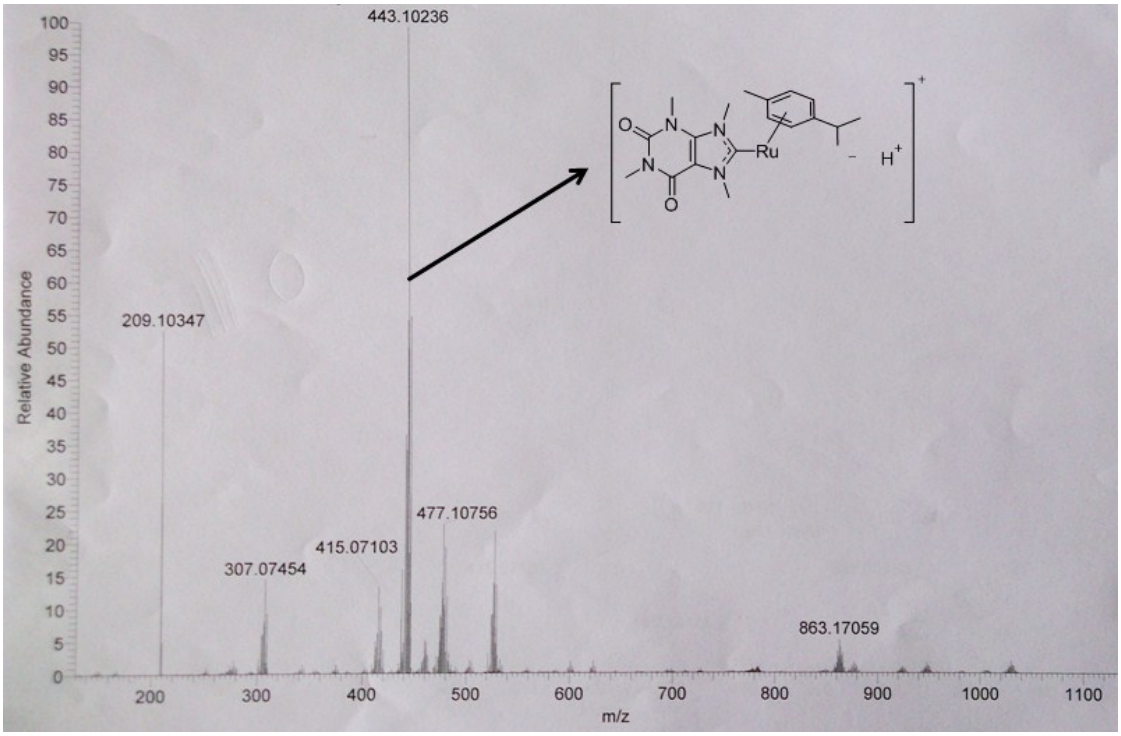

Fig. S4. The positive-ion ESI mass spectrum of **2**.

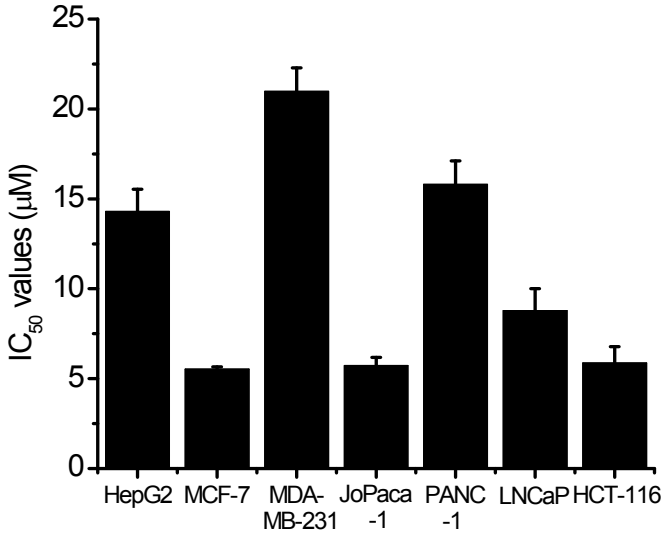

Fig. S5. IC_{50} values (μM) of cisplatin towards various cell lines as determined by SRB assays. (n=3).

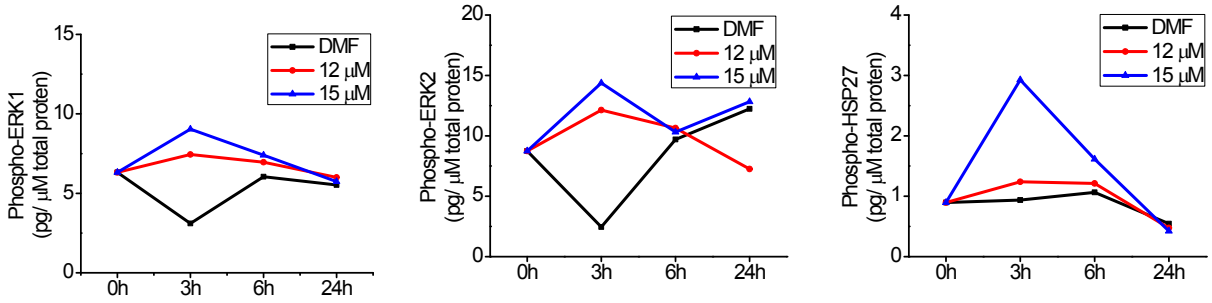

Fig. S6. ELISA microarray analysis of cellular stress related phospho-proteins in HCT-116 cells treated with **1**.

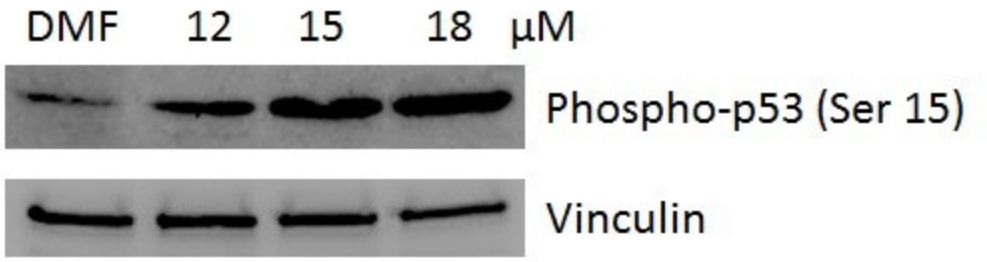

Fig. S7. The level of phospho-p53 (Ser 15) in HCT-116 cells treated with **1** for 24 h was evaluated by a western blotting experiment.

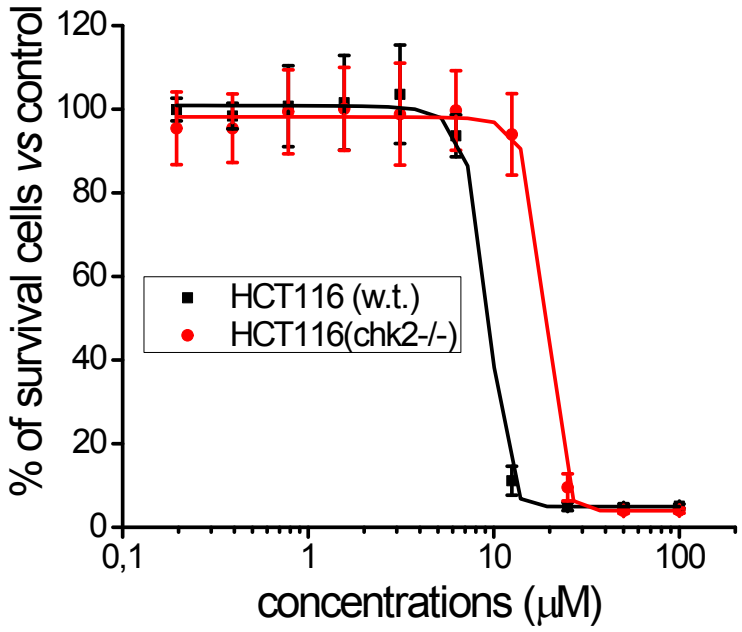

Fig. S8. The cytotoxicity profiles of **1** towards wild type HCT-116 cells (w.t.) and HCT-116 Chk2 knock out cells (Chk2-/-) for 96 h as determined by SRB assays (n=3).

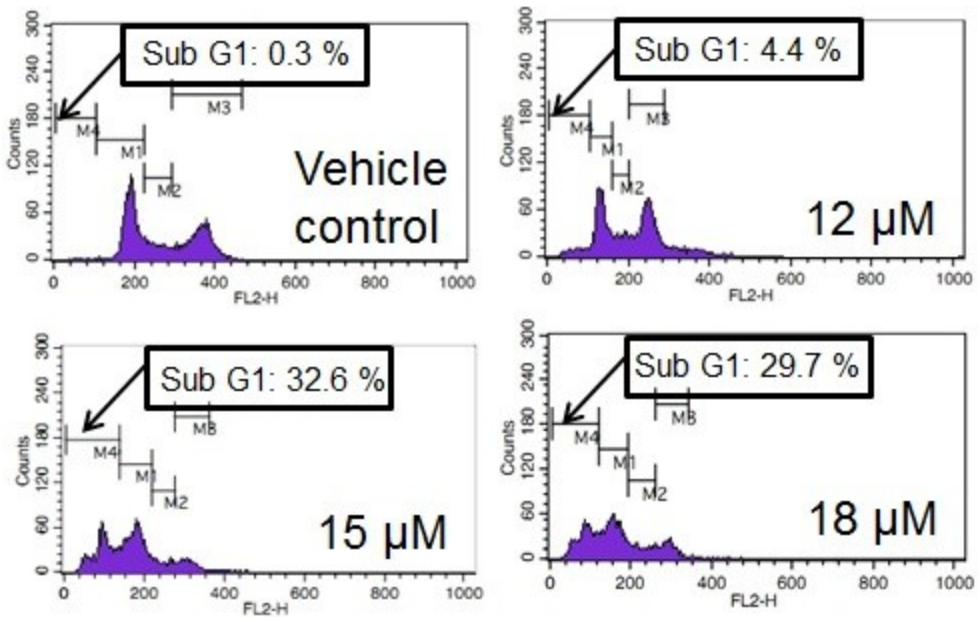

Fig. S9. Complex **1** induced an increase in the sub-G1 populations of HCT-116 cells after 24 h of incubation with 15 µM or 18 µM as determined by FACS analysis (n=3).

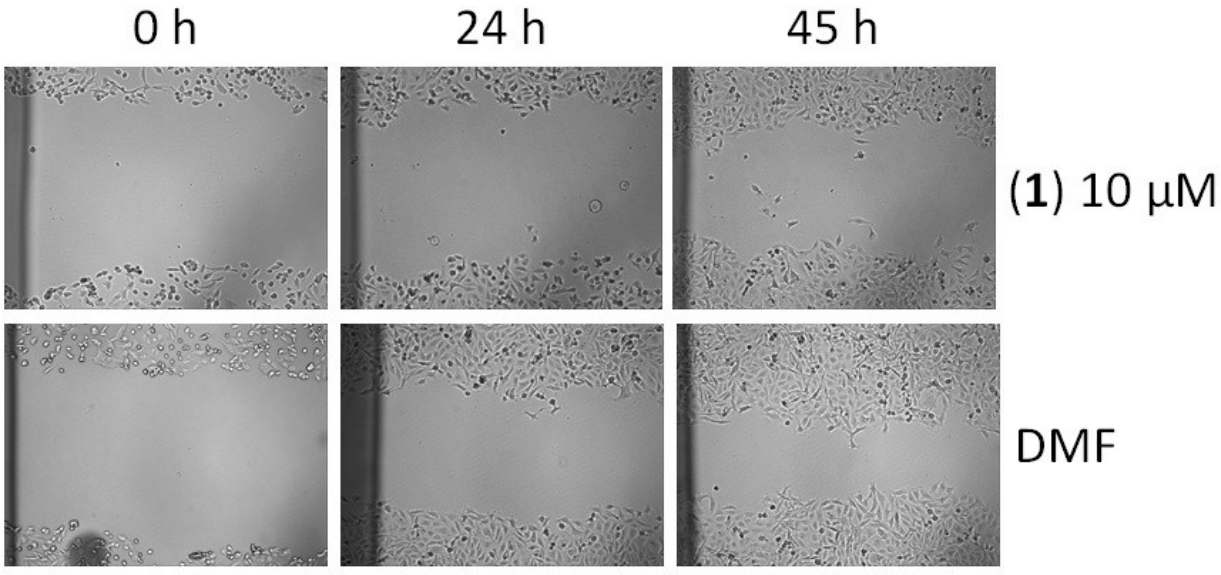

Fig. S10. The comparison of the wound healing capacity of MDA-MB-231 cells treated with **1** (10 µM) or a respective control (DMF).