

## Supplementary Material

# Synthesis and Structures of Pincer-Type Rhodium(III) complex; Reactivity Toward Biomolecules

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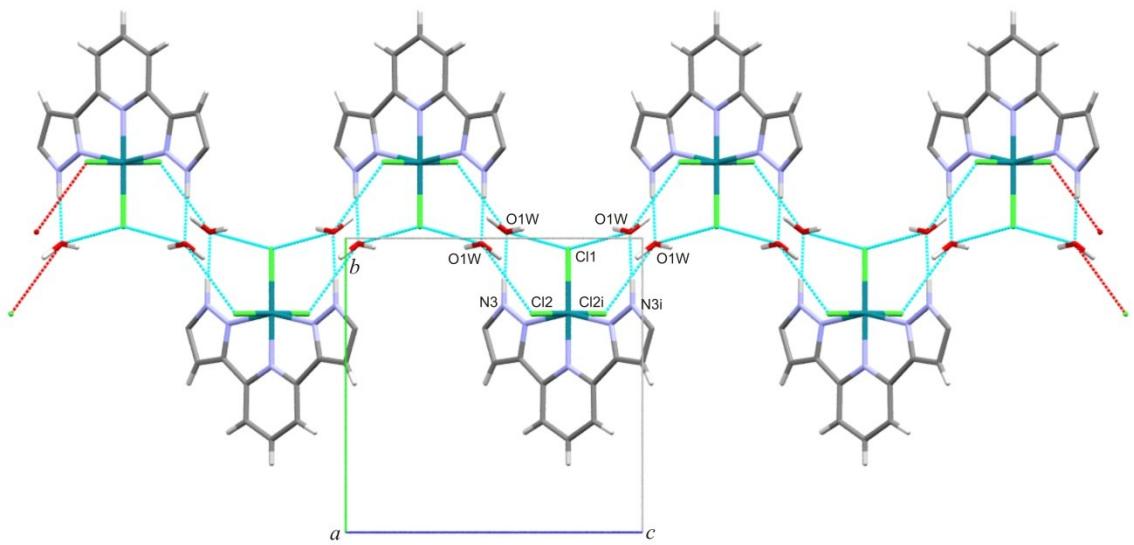
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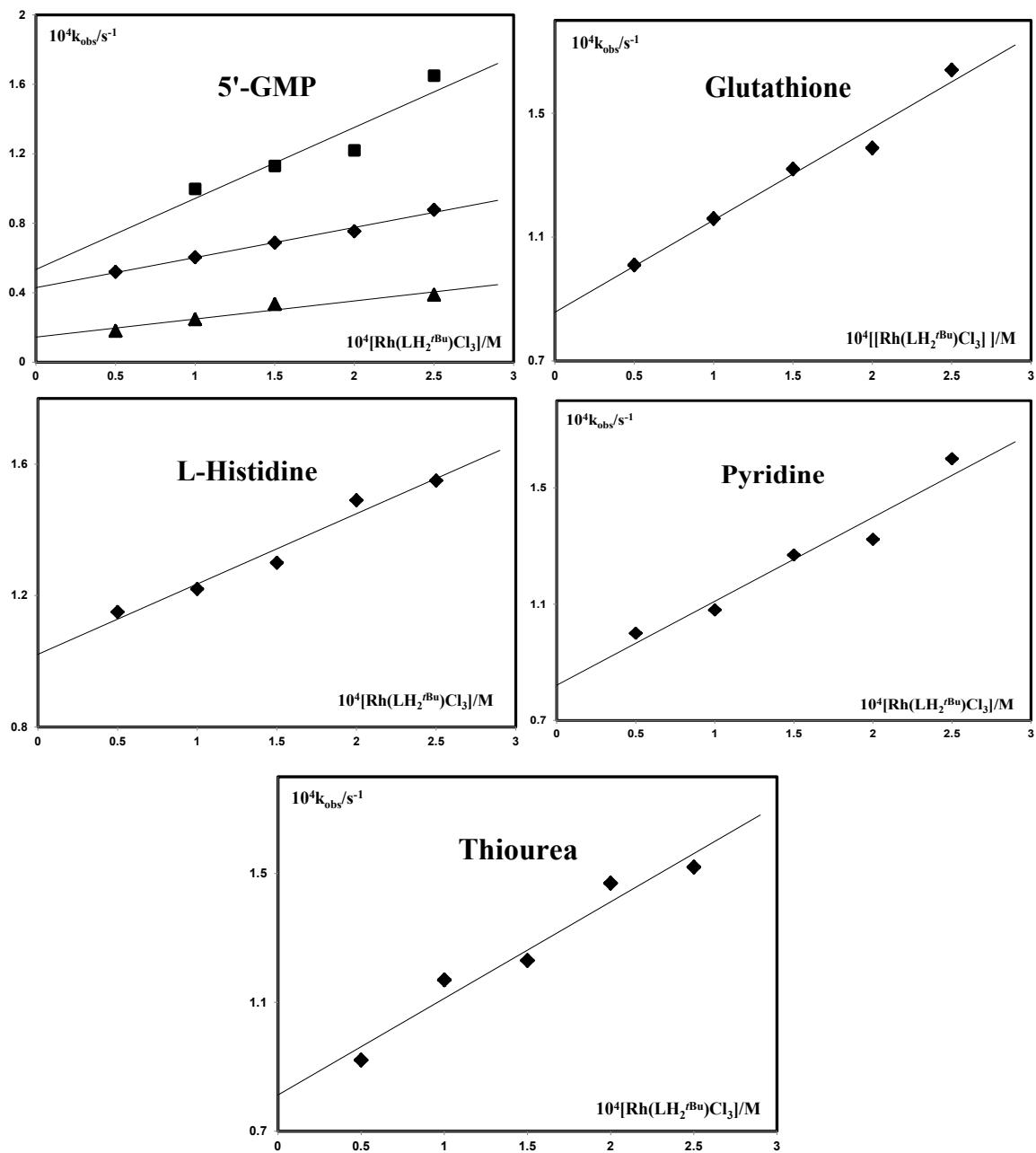
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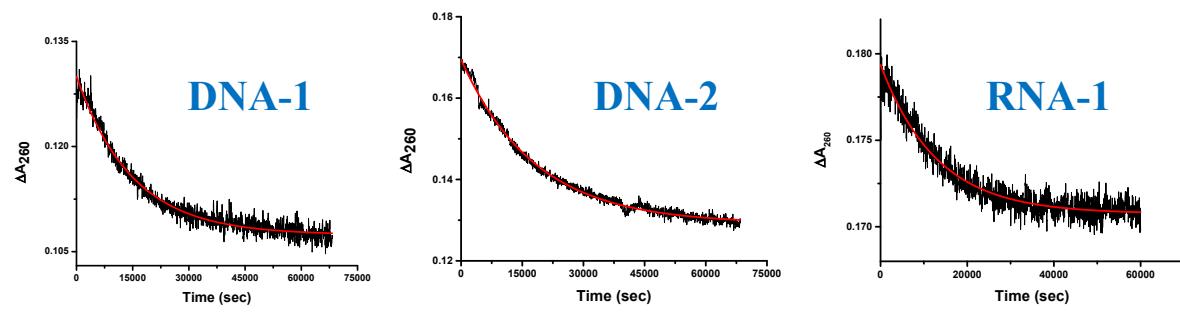
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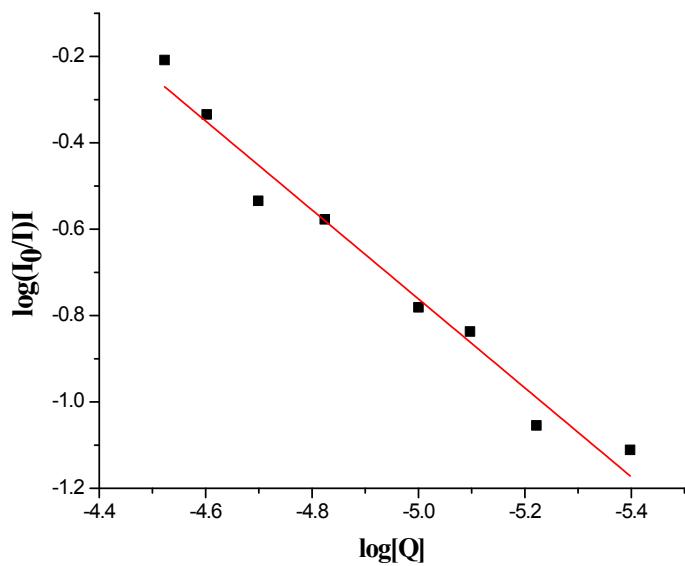
**Figure S1.** MERCURY<sup>11</sup> drawing showing the crystal packing of  $[\text{Rh}(\text{LH}_2^{\text{tBu}})\text{Cl}_3]$  complex along the  $a$  axis. Hydrogen bonds are shown as light blue dashed lines.



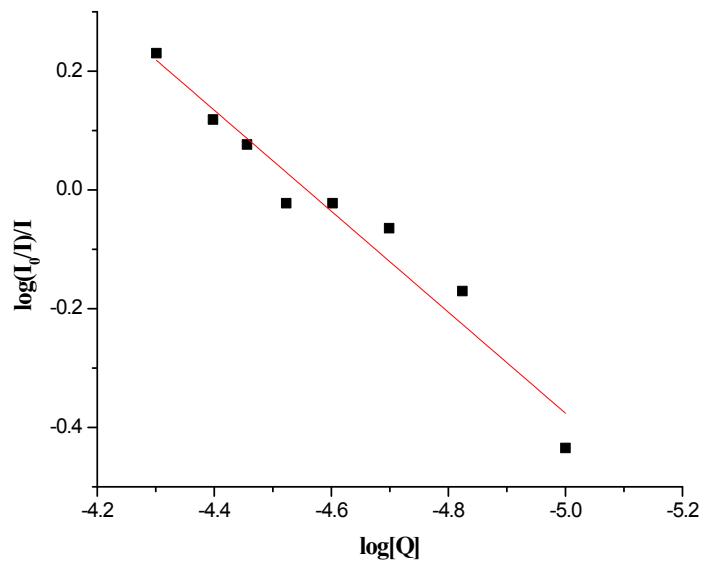
**Figure S2.** Pseudo-first order rate constants,  $k_{\text{obsd}}$ , as a function of complex concentration and temperature for the substitution reactions between complex (1) and 5'-GMP (310, 298 and 288 K), GSH, Py and L-His at pH = 7.2 (25 mM Hepes buffer) in the presence of 50 mM NaCl at 310, 298 and 288 K.



**Figure S3.** Absorbance change as a function of time after the addition of Rh<sup>III</sup> complex to DNA-1, DNA-2 and RNA-1. All measurements were conducted with  $(\mathbf{1}) = 50.0 \mu\text{M}$ ,  $C_T = 3.0 \mu\text{M}$  and  $T = 37^\circ\text{C}$  in PBS buffered solution; Phosphate buffer solution = 0.01 M,  $C_{\text{NaCl}} = 0.137$ ,  $C_{\text{KCl}} = 0.0027$  M, pH 7.4). Fits of a single-exponential function to the experimental data are indicated with a solid line (red).



**Figure S4.** The linear plot shows  $\log[(I_0/I)/I]$  vs.  $\log[Q]$  for the interaction between (**1**) complex and CT-DNA;  $Q = (\mathbf{1})$



**Figure S5.** The linear plot shows  $\log[(I_0/I)/I]$  vs.  $\log[Q]$  for the interaction between (**1**) complex and BSA;  $Q = (\mathbf{1})$ .

**Table S1.** Hydrogen bond parameters for  $[\text{Rh}^{\text{III}}(\text{H}_2\text{L}^{t\text{Bu}})\text{Cl}_3]$  complex (Å, °)

<b>D-H...A</b>	<b>D-H</b>	<b>H...A</b>	<b>D...A</b>	<b>D-H...A</b>
O1W-H1W...Cl1 <sup>1</sup>	0.89(4)	2.35(4)	3.153(4)	151(4)
O1W-H2W...Cl2 <sup>2</sup>	0.88(4)	2.43(4)	3.215(3)	149(4)
N3-H3...O1W <sup>3</sup>	0.95(3)	1.76(3)	2.712(4)	177(3)

Symmetry codes: **1**: -x,1-y,-z; **2**: -x,y,1/2-z; **3**: x,1-y,-1/2+z

**Table S2.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of complex concentration and temperature for the reaction between complex (**1**) and L-Met at pH = 7.2 (25 mM Hepes buffer) in the presence of 50 mM NaCl at 310, 298 and 288 K.

T(K)	$10^4 C_{(1)}/M$	$10^4 k_{\text{obsd}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
288.0	2.5	0.54(3) <sup>a</sup>
	2.0	0.51(3)
	1.5	0.40(3)
	1.0	0.32(3)
	0.5	0.22(3)
298.0	2.5	0.82(2)
	2.0	0.70(3)
	1.5	0.60(3)
	1.0	0.51(3)
	0.5	0.48(3)
310.0	2.5	1.10(4)
	2.0	0.98(3)
	1.5	0.84(3)
	1.0	0.73(3)
	0.5	0.64(4)

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<sup>a</sup>Number of runs in parenthesis

**Table S3.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of complex concentration and temperature for the reaction between complex (**1**) and 5'-GMP at pH = 7.2 (25 mM Hepes buffer) in the presence of 50 mM NaCl at 310, 298 and 288 K.

T(K)	$10^4 C_{(1)}/M$	$10^4 k_{\text{obsd}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
288.0	2.5	0.39(3)
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	1.5	0.33(3)
	1.0	0.25(3)
	0.5	0.18(3)
298.0	2.5	0.88(2)
	2.0	0.75(3)
	1.5	0.69(3)
	1.0	0.60(3)
	0.5	0.52(3)
310.0	2.5	1.65(4)
	2.0	1.22(3)
	1.5	1.13(3)
	1.0	1.00(3)
	0.5	/

**Table S4.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of complex concentration and temperature for the reaction between complex (**1**) and GSH at pH = 7.2 (25 mM Hepes buffer) in the presence of 50 mM NaCl at 310, 298 and 288 K.

T(K)	$10^4C_{(1)}/M$	$10^4k_{\text{obsd}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
310.0	2.5	1.64(3)
	2.0	1.39(3)
	1.5	1.32(3)
	1.0	1.16(3)
	0.5	1.01(3)

**Table S5.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of complex concentration and temperature for the reaction between complex (**1**) and L-His at pH = 7.2 (25 mM Hepes buffer) in the presence of 50 mM NaCl at 310, 298 and 288 K.

T(K)	$10^4C_{(1)}/M$	$10^4k_{\text{obsd}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
310.0	2.5	1.55(3)

2.0	1.49(3)
1.5	1.30(3)
1.0	1.22(3)
0.5	1.15(3)

**Table S6.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of complex concentration for the reaction between (**1**) and DNA-1 in PBS buffer.

T(K)	$10^5 C_{(1)}/M$	$10^5 k_{\text{obsd}}/s^{-1}$
310.0	0.5	1.88(3) <sup>a</sup>
	1.5	3.24(3)
	3.0	5.81(3)
	5.0	6.73(3)

<sup>a</sup>Number of runs in parenthesis

**Table S7.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of complex concentration for the reaction between (**1**) and DNA-2 in PBS buffer.

T(K)	$10^5 C_{(1)}/M$	$10^5 k_{\text{obsd}}/s^{-1}$
310	0.5	2.36(3)
	1.5	4.32(3)

3.0	5.42(3)
5.0	6.55(3)

**Table S8.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of complex concentration for the reaction between (**1**) and DNA-3 in PBS buffer.

T(K)	$10^5 C_{(1)}/M$	$10^5 k_{\text{obsd}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
310	0.5	1.83(3)
	1.5	2.77(3)
	3.0	3.05(3)
	5.0	3.92(3)

**Table S9.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of complex concentration for the reaction between (**1**) and RNA-1 in PBS buffer.

T(K)	$10^5 C_{(1)}/M$	$10^5 k_{\text{obsd}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
310	0.5	2.21(3)
	1.5	3.87(3)
	3.0	7.72(3)
	5.0	9.52(3)

