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Supporting Information

Synthesis of Hydroxyl- and Amine-functionalized N-Heterocyclic Carbene Gold(I) Complexes and Peptide Conjugates

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1. Additional Figures (X-ray packing)

Figure S1: Additional views of the crystal packing of complex **5b** (50 % probability level; PF_6^- anions and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity). Selected distances are given in Å.



Figure S2: Additional views of the crystal packing of complex **7b** (50 % probability level; hydrogen atoms and in the lower view PF_6^- anions are omitted for clarity). Head-to-tail $\pi - \pi$ interactions are indicated by dotted blue lines. Selected distances are given in Å.



Figure S3: Additional views of the crystal packing of complex **8b** (50 % probability level; hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity). Selected distances are given in Å.



Figure S4: Additional views of the crystal packing of complex **9a** (50 % probability level; hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity). Head-to-tail π - π interactions are indicated by dotted blue lines. Selected distances are given in Å.



Figure S5: View of the crystal packing of complex 11' (50 % probability level; hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity).



Figure S6: Additional view of the crystal packing of complex **10** (50 % probability level; hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity). Selected distances of the hydrogen bonding pattern and are given in Å.

2. Substance Characterization: NMR spectra

Legend: ¹H-NMR above, ¹³C{¹H}-NMR below, S: solvent



1-Ethyl-3-(3-hydroxypropyl)imidazoliumbromide 4*Br (DMSO-d6)



1-Ethyl-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)imidazolium hexafluorophosphate 2*PF₆ (DMSO-d6)



1-Ethyl-3-(3-hydroxypropyl)imidazolium hexafluorophosphate 4*PF₆ (DMSO-d6)









6b (DMSO-d6)



















9a (DMSO-d6)







9b (DMSO-d6)





ppm



11(MeCN-d3)



11'(MeCN-d3)



19

12 (MeCN-d3)





13 (MeCN-d3)





14 (MeCN-d3)



15 (DMSO-d6)





15 (DMSO-d6)





16 (DMSO-d6)

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16 (DMSO-d6)

190

180





3. Bacterial cell growth assay

Microbiological cell growth experiments were performed to verify putative cytotoxic effects of the heterocyclic Gold(I) compounds. Therefore, *Streptococcus mutans* (Gram-positive) and *Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans* (Gram-negative) (DSMZ, Braunschweig, Germany) were grown in brain heart infusion broth (BHI; BD Difco, Le Pont de Claix, France) according to the manufacturer's protocol at 37°C. Bacterial growth of liquid cell cultures was quantified photometrically by reading the optical density at 600 nm hourly over a period of 24 hours. The non-peptide heterocyclic substances were added to the cell culture at final concentrations of 10/30/100 μ M at the beginning of the experiments. All experiments were carried out in triplicates (n=3).

All compounds being tested failed to affect cell growth of both bacteria strains at all concentrations up to 0.1 mM.