# Unsymmetric cisplatin-based Pt(IV) derivative containing 2-(2-propynyl)octanoate: a very

## efficient multi-action antitumor prodrug candidate

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Figure S4. <sup>15</sup>N-DEPT-NMR spectrum of 1-<sup>15</sup>NH<sub>3</sub>



Figure S5: <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>15</sup>N-HSQC NMR spectrum of 1-<sup>15</sup>NH<sub>3</sub>



Figure S6: <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>15</sup>N-HSQC NMR spectrum of 1-<sup>15</sup>NH<sub>3</sub> upon reduction with cellular lysate



**Figure S7.** HDAC activity (fold decrease). Data are means  $\pm$  standard deviations of three experiments performed in triplicate and were compared by means of a two-tailed t-test (\* p<0.05; \*\* p<0.01; \*\*\* p<0.001). All the Pt complexes were 1  $\mu$ M, whereas all MCFAs were 5 mM. The treatments were prolonged up to 24 h.

### Chromatin staining procedure

 $2 \times 10^5$  A2780 cells were seeded on Nunc<sup>TM</sup> Lab-Tek<sup>TM</sup> 4-chamber slides and allowed to attach for 24 h. The treatment was performed with 1 µM complex 1 or cisplatin, or 5 mM POA. After 4 h, the medium was replaced with the staining solution, consisting of 5 ng mL<sup>-1</sup> Hoechst 33342 in Earle's Balanced Salt solution (EBSS). Cells were incubated in the dark for 5 minutes, washed threefold with EBSS and immediately observed using a standard DAPI filter set (at 350/461 nm Exc/Em) of a fluorescence microscope (Zeiss Axiolab), equipped with a digital camera (Nikon digital Sights, DS-U3). Pictures were taken at 10X magnification. Figure S8 shows the results.



**Figure S8.** Representative pictures of Hoechst 33342 stained A2780 cells after a 4 h treatment: a) control; b) 1  $\mu$ M cisplatin; c) 1  $\mu$ M complex 1; d) 5 mM POA. Cells treated with 1 or POA clearly showed chromatin decondensation. On the contrary, treatment with cisplatin induces typical apoptosis-related chromatin condensation (i.e. pycnosis).

Table S1. Analysis of relative gene expression data using real-time quantitative PCR. The NCBI accession number is reported along with the 5'-3'

sequence of the forward and reverse primer and the expected product length.

Gene	Accession n.	Forward	Reverse	Product lenght (bp)
Cyclin D1 (CCND1)	NM_053056.2	TGAGGGACGCTTTGTCTGTC	GCCTTTGGCCTCTCGATACA	75
p21 (CDKN1A)	NG_009364	GCGACTGTGATGCGCTAATG	GAAGGTAGAGCTTGGGCAGG	141
COX-2	M90100.1	CCCTGAGCATCTACGGTTTG	CATCGCATACTCTGTTGTGTTC	107
Cyclin A2 (CCNA2)	NM_001237.4	TGGTGGTCTGTGTTCTGTGA	TGCCAGTCTTACTCATAGCTGA	136
Cyclin E (CCNE)	NM_001238	GCAGGATCCAGATGAAGAAATG	TAATCCGAGGCTTGCACGTT	173
GAPDH	NG_007073.2	ATCCCTGAGCTGAACGGGAA	GGCAGGTTTTTCTAGACGGC	99
HPRT1	NM_000194.2	TTGCTTTCCTTGGTCAGGCA	ATCCAACACTTCGTGGGGTC	85
TP53	NG_017013.2	GCCCCTCCTCAGCATCTTATC	CTCATAGGGCACCACCACAC	99
RNA18SN1	NR_145820.1	CGTCTGCCCTATCAACTTTCG	TGCCTTCCTTGGATGTGGTAG	124