

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

### Pharmaco-genomic Investigations of Organo-iridium Anticancer Complexes Reveal Novel Mechanism of Action

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## **Methods**

Roswell Park Memorial Institute (RPMI-1640) medium, as well as foetal bovine serum, L-glutamine, penicillin/streptomycin mixture, trypsin, trypsin/EDTA, phosphate buffered saline (PBS) were purchased from PAA Laboratories GmbH. HPLC grade ethanol,  $\beta$ -mercaptoethanol, PI (>94%), Annexin V-FITC Apoptosis Detection Kit and RNase A were obtained from Sigma Aldrich. For RNA sequencing, cell shredders and mini-prep kits were purchased from Qiagen.

### **Cell maintenance**

The A2780, human ovarian carcinoma cell line was obtained from the European Collection of Cell Cultures (ECACC). Cells were grown in RPMI-1640 medium supplemented with 10% (v/v) foetal calf serum, 1% (v/v) 2 mM glutamine and 1% (v/v) penicillin (10 k units/mL)/streptomycin (10 mg/mL). All cells were maintained in 75 mL culture flasks at 310 K with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> humidified atmosphere. Cells were grown as adherent monolayers and split when 80-90% confluent, using 0.25% trypsin.

### **Screening in the Sanger cell panel**

Briefly, cells were seeded in 96 well plates at ca.15% confluency and left to incubate for 24 h at 310 K, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 95% air and 100% relative humidity. For adherent cell lines, cells were treated with nine concentrations of each compound (2-fold dilution series over 256-fold concentration range) and returned to the incubator for 72 h. Cells were then fixed with 4% formaldehyde for 30 min and stained with 1  $\mu$ M Syto60 for 1 h. Quantitation of fluorescent signal intensity was performed using a plate reader at excitation/emission wavelengths of 630/695 nm. For suspension cell lines, cells were treated with compound immediately following plating, and returned to the incubator for 72 h. Cells were stained with 55  $\mu$ g/mL Resazurin, prepared in glutathione-free medium, for 4 h. Quantitation of fluorescent signal intensity was performed using a plate reader at excitation/emission wavelengths of 535/595 nm. MANOVA analysis was performed by the Sanger Bioinformatics Institute. All Figures presented here were reconstructed using the R statistical programme.

## **RNA sequencing**

### **Experimental**

A2780 cells were seeded in P100 Petri dishes at  $3 \times 10^6$  cells per plate in 10 mL RPMI-1640 medium. Plates were incubated for 24 h at 310 K, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 95% air and 100% relative humidity. Stock solutions of each compound and of the vehicle control were prepared in 5% (v/v) DMSO, 10% (v/v) saline, and 85% (v/v) RPMI-1640 medium. Cells were exposed to complex **2** at a final concentration of 400 nM. The final DMSO concentration for all cell samples did not exceed 0.05% v/v. After compound addition, cells were incubated for a further 4, 12, 24 and 48 h. Medium was aspirated from cells and cells were washed twice with PBS before trypsinising and collection. To each sample, 600 µL RLT lysis buffer (Qiagen) was added and the samples vortexed. Lysate was pipetted directly into QIAshredder spin columns (Qiagen) and centrifuged. Lysate was transferred to gDNA eliminator spin columns (RNeasy plus mini kit, Qiagen) and centrifuged. Columns were discarded and 600 µL of 70% ethanol was added to each sample flow-through. Samples were transferred into RNeasy spin columns (RNeasy plus mini kit, Qiagen) and centrifuged. Column-bound RNA samples were washed with RW1 and RPE buffer (RNeasy plus mini kit, Qiagen) before RNA collection in 70 µL RNase-free water. Samples were stored at 193 K for no more than 2 months. Samples were diluted 1:10 fold in RNase-free water and run on a NanoDrop 1000 spectrophotometer machine and the absorbance at 230, 260 and 280 nm recorded to calculate the 260/230 and 260/280 ratios. Samples with A<sub>260/230</sub> >2.0 and A<sub>260/280</sub> >1.9 were passed. The concentration of RNA in each solution was also estimated using the NanoDrop and was verified using a 2100 Agilent Bioanalyzer and an RNA 6000 Nano Kit (Agilent), and the Qubit assay (Life Technologies). All samples had a RNA integrity number (RIN) > 9.50. A minimum of 1 µg RNA for each sample was transferred to Oxford Genomics Centre (Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics) in a total of 30 µL RNase-free water in skirted 96 well plates.

### **Reverse phase protein microarrays (RRPA)**

$4 \times 10^5$  A2780 cells were seeded per well in 6-well plates, with samples in duplicate. Cells were pre-incubated in drug-free media for 48 h at 310 K in a

5% CO<sub>2</sub> humidified atmosphere. After this, cells were treated at 150 nM and 450 nM of complex **2** for 4, 24, 48 and 72 h. Control samples were treated with medium containing 0.1% DMSO. Following exposure, drug-containing medium was removed, and cells were washed twice with PBS and lysed with CLB1 buffer (Zeptosens-Bayer) according to manufacturer's instructions. Cell lysates were normalised to a uniform protein concentration of 2 mg/mL with CLB1 buffer (Zeptosens-Bayer) prior to preparing a final 4-fold concentration series of; 0.2; 0.15; 0.1 and 0.75 mg/mL in spotting buffer CSBL1 (Zeptosens-Bayer). The diluted concentration series of each sample was printed onto hydrophobic Zeptosens protein microarray chips (ZeptoChip™, Zeptosens-Bayer) under environmentally controlled conditions (constant 50% humidity at 287 K) using a non-contact printer (Nanoplotter 2.1e, GeSiM). A single 400 pL droplet of each lysate concentration was deposited onto the Zeptosens chip. A reference grid of Alexa Fluor 647 conjugated BSA was spotted onto each sub-array, each sample concentration series was spotted in between reference columns. After array printing, the arrays were blocked with an aerosol of BSA solution using a custom designed nebuliser device (ZeptoFOG™, Zeptosens-Bayer) for 1.5 h to prevent non-specific antibody binding. The protein array chips were subsequently washed in double deionised water (DDW) and dried prior to performing a dual antibody immunoassay comprising of a 24 h incubation of primary antibodies followed by 2.5 h incubation with secondary Alexa Fluor 647 conjugated antibody detection reagent (anti-rabbit or anti-mouse 647 Fab, Invitrogen). Following secondary antibody incubation and a final wash step in BSA solution, the immunostained arrays were imaged using the ZeptoREADER instrument (Zeptosens-Bayer). For each-sub-array, five separate images were acquired using different exposure times ranging from 0.5-10 s. Microarray images representing the longest exposure without saturation of fluorescent signal detection were automatically selected for analysis using the ZeptoView™ 3.1 software. A weighted linear fit through the 4-fold concentration series was used to calculate the relative fluorescence intensity (RFI) value for each sample replicate. Local normalisation of sample signal to the reference BSA grid was used to compensate for any intra- or inter-array/chip variation. RFI values were further normalised to a house keeping protein and to the negative

control, to provide the final RFI to represent the relative abundance of total, phosphorylated and cleaved proteins in compound-treated samples relative to the DMSO control for each time point.

**Table S1.** Summary statistics for RNA sequencing experiment.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Yield Mb Q20</b>	<b>% Mapped</b>	<b>Avg. Quality score</b>
4 h control	975.855	98.45	36.7
4 h control	901.135	98.6	36.65
4 h control	701.445	98.9	36.8
4 h drug	1016.67	99.1	36.7
4 h drug	640.475	98.75	36.85
4 h drug	901.065	98.1	36.65
12 h control	968.815	98.65	36.65
12 h control	1208.1	97	36.25
12 h control	658.935	98.75	37.25
12 h drug	710.245	97.8	37.1
12 h drug	651.6	98.75	37.3
12 h drug	728.13	98.9	37.2
24 h control	591.46	98.9	37.3
24 h control	763.42	98.25	37.2
24 h control	663.875	98.6	37.2
24 h drug	794.815	98.2	37.2
24 h drug	754.52	98.65	36.95
24 h drug	864.57	97.5	36.85
48 h control	876.415	98.15	36.95
48 h control	1003.08	97.95	37
48 h control	853.78	98.25	37
48 h drug	894.37	95.55	36.8
48 h drug	811.94	97.3	36.9
48 h drug	1026.57	97.6	36.8

**Table S2.** Pathway analysis showing the top five most-mapped processes for DEGs with  $-1.0 < \text{LogFC} > 1.0$  and  $\text{FDR} < 0.05$  after exposure to **2**. IPA has identified pathways of interest, with associated significance  $p$ - and  $z$ -values.

Time point (h)	Upstream regulator	p-value	Activation z-score	Predicted activity
4	TNF	$3.25 \times 10^{-15}$	3.676	Activated
	LY294002	$2.67 \times 10^{-14}$	-2.413	Inhibited
	PDGF BB	$2.15 \times 10^{-13}$	4.766	Activated
	TGF $\beta$ 1	$2.62 \times 10^{-13}$	3.063	Activated
	ERK	$1.31 \times 10^{-12}$	4.221	Activated
12	TNF	$1.48 \times 10^{-14}$	3.238	Activated
	UO126	$2.19 \times 10^{-11}$	-2.470	Inhibited
	LY294002	$2.34 \times 10^{-11}$	-2.466	Inhibited
	beta-estradiol	$3.29 \times 10^{-11}$	-0.400	-
	TREM1	$6.67 \times 10^{-11}$	1.771	Activated
24	TGF $\beta$ 1	$1.30 \times 10^{-24}$	2.206	Activated
	TNF	$3.94 \times 10^{-22}$	6.101	Activated
	LPS	$7.13 \times 10^{-22}$	7.223	Activated
	PDGF BB	$1.33 \times 10^{-21}$	5.287	Activated
	beta-estradiol	$3.42 \times 10^{-21}$	2.230	Activated
48	TNF	$4.93 \times 10^{-12}$	3.646	Activated
	IL1 $\beta$	$7.74 \times 10^{-09}$	3.343	Activated
	LPS	$1.87 \times 10^{-09}$	2.211	Activated
	ESR1	$3.17 \times 10^{-09}$	0.282	-
	TGF $\beta$ 1	$3.48 \times 10^{-09}$	1.717	Activated

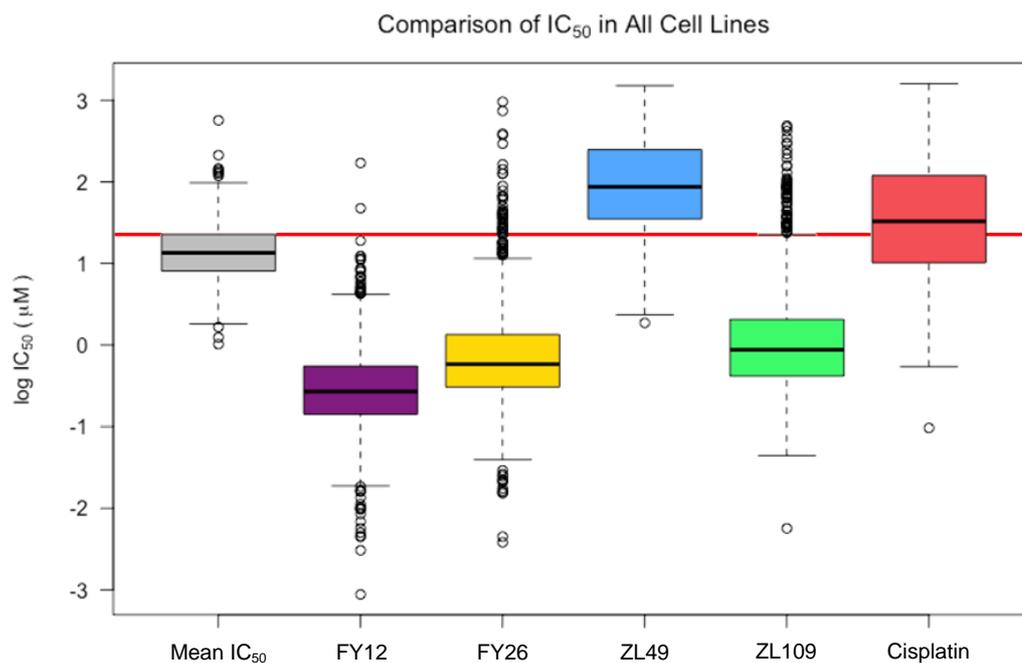
**Table S3.** Generation of total ROS and superoxide by complex 2 in A2780 ovarian carcinoma cells exposed to IC<sub>50</sub> concentrations. Values obtained from triplicate experiments. Determination of statistical significance by two-sample independent Welch t-test assuming unequal variance: p ≤ 0.05 \*, p ≤ 0.01 \*\*, p ≤ 0.001 \*\*\*, p ≤ 0.0001 \*\*\*\*.

	<b>High Superoxide</b>	<b>High ROS and Superoxide</b>	<b>High ROS</b>	<b>Low ROS and Superoxide</b>
	<b>FL1-FL2+</b>	<b>FL1+FL2+</b>	<b>FL1+FL2-</b>	<b>FL1-FL2-</b>
	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>
<b>Neg CTL</b>	0.17 ± 0.07	0	0	99.82 ± 0.07
<b>Complex 2</b>	0.1 ± 0.1	84 ± 1 ****	16 ± 1 ****	0.3 ± 0.5

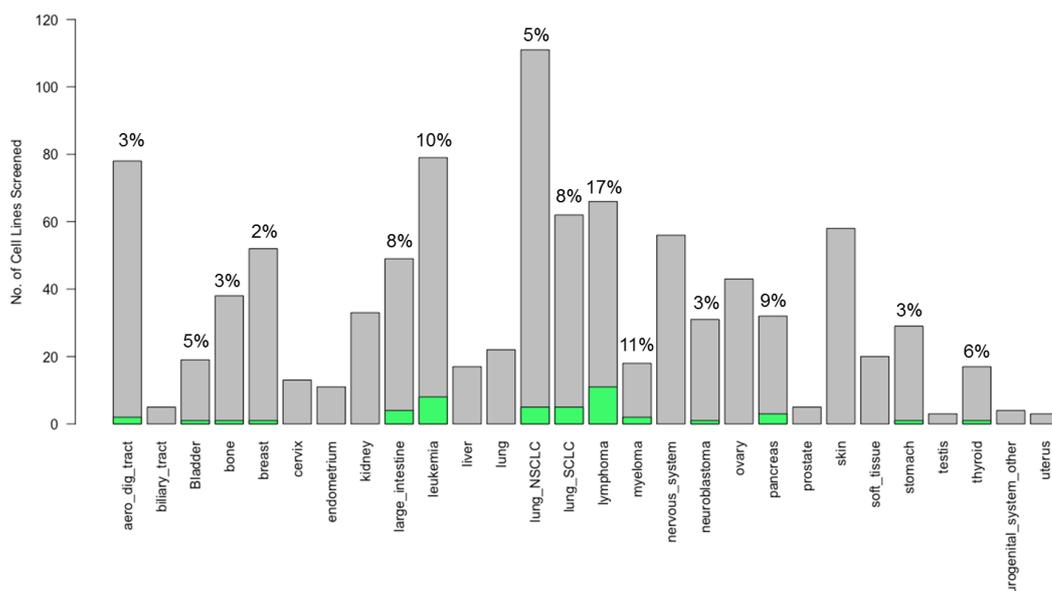
**Table S4.** List of publicly-released compounds tested by the Sanger Institute in the cell line screen

681640	Camptothecin	GW 441756
(5Z)-7-Oxozeaenol	CAY10603	GW843682X
17-AAG	CCT007093	HG-5-113-01
A-443654	CCT018159	HG-5-88-01
A-770041	CEP-701	HG-6-64-1 (KIN001-206)
ABT-263	Cetuximab	I-BET
ABT-869	CGP-082996	Imatinib
ABT-888	CGP-60474	INCB-18424
AC220	CH5424802	IPA-3
AG-014699	CHIR-99021	JNJ-26854165
AICAR	CHIR-99021	JNK Inhibitor VIII
AKT inhibitor VIII	CI-1040	JNK-9L
AMG-706	Cisplatin	JQ1
AP-24534	CMK	JQ12
AR-42	CP466722	JW-7-24-1
AS601245	CP724714	JW-7-52-1
AS605240/KIN001-173	CUDC-101	KIN001-055
AT-7519	CX-5461	KIN001-102
ATRA	Cyclopamine	KIN001-135
AUY922	Cytarabine	KIN001-167/ZSTK474
AV-951	Dasatinib	KIN001-175/BX-912
AX11492	DMOG	KIN001-201/TAK-715
Axitinib	Docetaxel	KIN001-236
AZ628	Doxorubicin	KIN001-242/FMK
AZD-0530	EHT 1864	KIN001-244
AZD-2281	EKB-569	KIN001-260
AZD2281	Elesclomol	KIN001-266
AZD6244	Embelin	KIN001-270
AZD6244	Epothilone B	KU-55933
AZD6482	Erlotinib	Lapatinib
AZD6482	Etoposide	LAQ824
AZD7762	EX-527	Lenalidomide
AZD8055	FH535	LFM-A13
BAY 61-3606	FK866	LY317615
Bexarotene	FR-180204	Masitinib
BI-2536	FTI-277	Methotrexate
BIBW2992	GDC-0449	MG-132
Bicalutamide	GDC0941	Midostaurin
BIRB 0796	GDC0941	Mitomycin C
BIX02189	Gefitinib	MK-2206
Bleomycin	Gemcitabine	MLN4924
BMN-673	Genentech Cpd 10	MP470
BMS-345541	GNF-2	MPS-1-IN-1
BMS-509744	GSK-1904529A	MS-275
BMS-536924	GSK-650394	NG-25
BMS-708163	GSK1070916	Nilotinib
BMS-754807	GSK1120212	NPK76-II-72-1
Bortezomib	GSK2118436	NSC-207895
Bosutinib	GSK2126458	NSC-87877
Bryostatin 1	GSK269962A	NU-7441
BX-795	GSK429286A	Nutlin-3a
CAL-101	GSK690693	

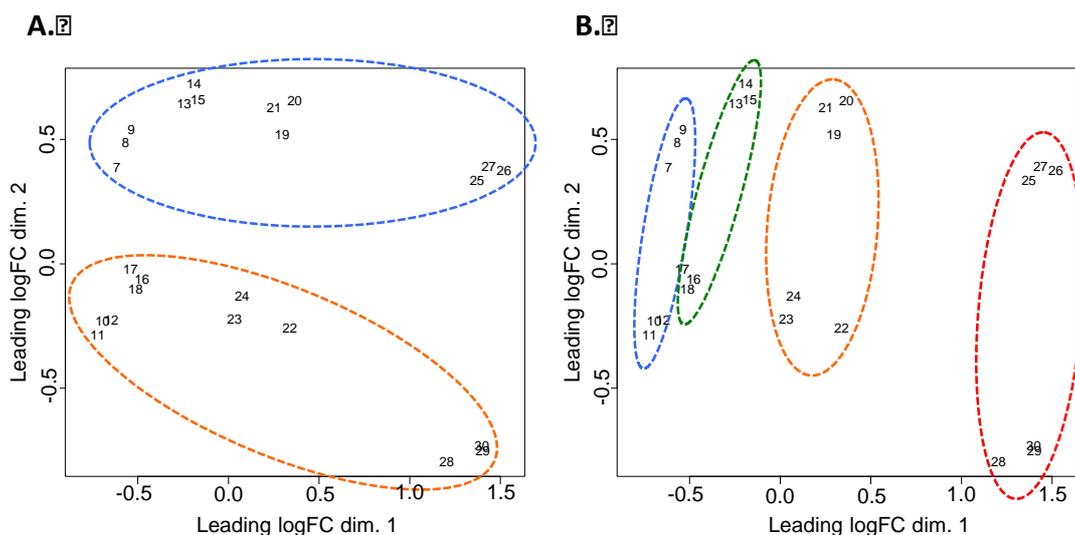
NVP-BEZ235	Tamoxifen
NVP-BHG712	Temozolomide
NVP-TAE684	Temsirolimus
Obatoclox Mesylate	TG101348
OSI-027	TGX221
OSI-906	Thapsigargin
OSI-930	THZ-2-102-1
OSU-03012	THZ-2-49
PAC-1	Tipifarnib
Paclitaxel	TL-1-85
Parthenolide	TL-2-105
Pazopanib	TPCA-1
PD-0325901	Tubastatin A
PD-0332991	TW 37
PD-173074	UNC0638
PF-02341066	UNC0638
PF-4708671	Vinblastine
PF-562271	Vinorelbine
PHA-665752	VNLG/124
PHA-793887	Vorinostat
PI-103	VX-11e
PIK-93	VX-680
piperlongumine	VX-702
PLX4720	WH-4-023
PLX4720 (for rescreen control)	WZ-1-84
"PXD101, Belinostat"	WZ3105
Pyrimethamine	XAV 939
QL-VIII-58	XL-184
QL-X-138	XL-880
QL-XI-92	XMD11-85h
QL-XII-47	XMD13-2
QL-XII-61	XMD14-99
QS11	XMD15-27
Rapamycin	XMD8-85
RDEA119	XMD8-92
RDEA119	Y-39983
RO-3306	YK 4-279
Roscovitine	YM155
rTRAIL	YM201636
S-Trityl-L-cysteine	Z-LLNle-CHO
Salubrinal	ZG-10
SB 216763	"Zibotentan, ZD4054"
SB-505124	ZM-447439
SB-715992	
SB52334	
SB590885	
Shikonin	
SL 0101-1	
SN-38	
SNX-2112	
Sorafenib	
STF-62247	
Sunitinib	
T0901317	



**Figure S1.** Box and whisker plot showing the distribution of log IC<sub>50</sub> values for complexes **1** (ZL49) (blue), **2** (ZL109) (green) and CDDP (red) in all cell lines as well as the distribution of the mean log IC<sub>50</sub> values for 202 drugs in the screen (grey). Whiskers extend to whichever is the lower value of the upper/lower quartile +1.5x the interquartile range, or the maximum/minimum y value, respectively. Cell lines which are less sensitive to **2** are highlighted in a red box. Data for osmium complexes **3** (FY26) and **4** (FY12) are also shown for comparison. For structures see Figure 1.

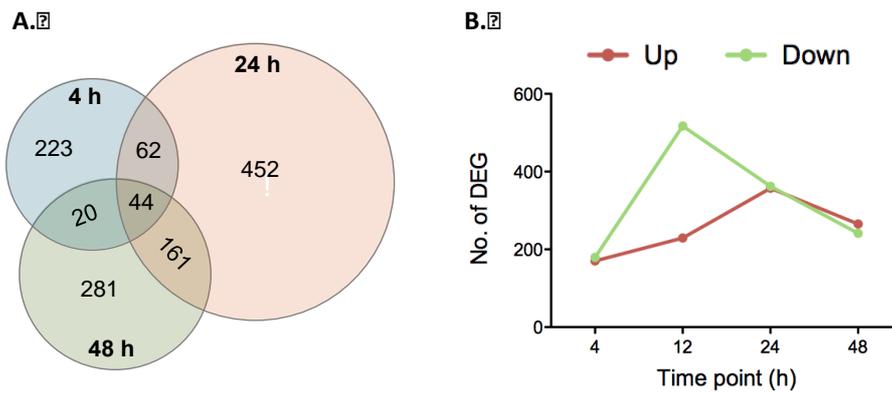


**Figure S2.** Bar plot of the number of cell lines of each tissue type screened against organo-iridium complex **2**. Cell lines significantly insensitive to **2** highlighted in green with the corresponding % of total cell lines of that type. Tissue groups where no percentage is given contained no cell lines resistant to **2**.

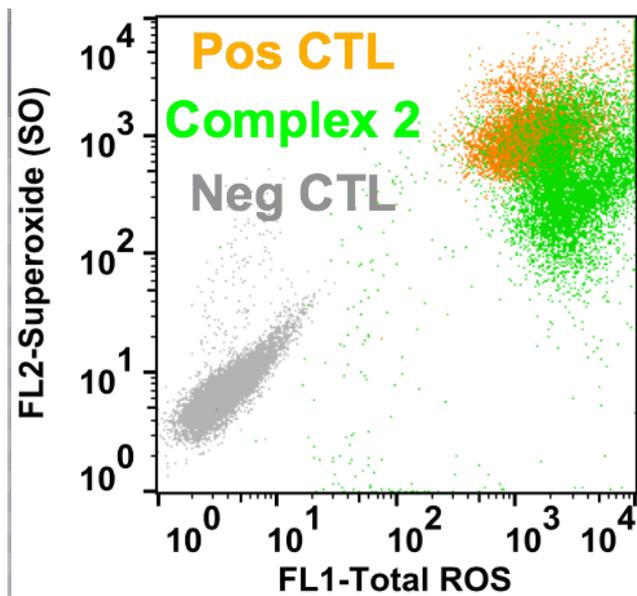


**Figure S3.** Multidimensional scaling (MDS) plots for RNA sequencing data. **(A)** Samples grouped as control (blue) and **2**-exposed (orange), demonstrating a differential drug-induced response. **(B)** Grouping of samples across the time series, with 4 h control and **2**-exposed samples in blue, 12 h in green, 24 h in orange and 48 h in red. The contrasting behavior of the 48 h datasets compared to earlier time points is evident.

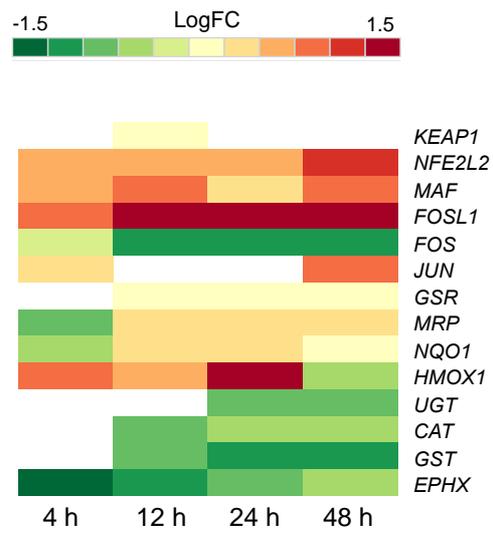
Figure S3 shows natural separation of the samples into clusters, and good agreement between the triplicate measurements. The biggest source of variation is by time point, the second by exposure-status, i.e. whether they are exposed as a control or to a compound.



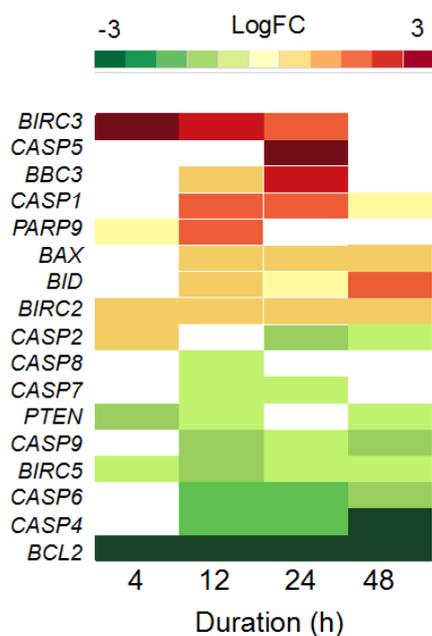
**Figure S4. (A)** Venn diagram showing the number of differentially-expressed genes at 4, 24 and 48 h after exposure to **2**. Only those genes with  $-1.0 < \text{LogFC} > 1.0$  and  $\text{FDR} < 0.05$  are included. **(B)** Graph showing the number of up- (red) and down-regulated (green) genes at each time point. Only those genes with  $-1.0 < \text{LogFC} > 1.0$  and  $\text{FDR} < 0.05$  are included.



**Figure S5.** Generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS) and superoxide (SO) analysis by flow cytometry of A2780 ovarian carcinoma cells exposed to complex **2** for 24 h at IC<sub>50</sub> concentration at 310 K. Cells stained with orange/green fluorescent reagents. Pyocyanin was the positive control (orange).



**Figure S6.** Heat map of DEGs In the oxidative stress response pathway in response to **FY26** (complex 3) published previously.<sup>1</sup> Only DEGs with FDR < 0.10 are included.



**Figure S7.** Heat map of DEGs for **ZL109** (complex **2**) in the apoptotic pathway. Only DEGs with FDR < 0.10 are included.

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