

## **A step-ladder manganese(III) metallacrown hosting mefenamic acid and a manganese(II)-mefanamato complex: synthesis, characterization and cytotoxic activity**

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### **Supplementary Information**

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**Table S1.** Selected bond angles (°) in complex **1**.

<b>Bond angles</b>	<b>(°)</b>	<b>Bond angles</b>	<b>(°)</b>
O10-Mn1-O1X	165.39 (19)	O2X-Mn4-O12	177.14 (17)
O10-Mn1-O5	85.37 (18)	O2X-Mn4-O13	89.59 (17)
O1X-Mn1-O5	91.62 (17)	O12-Mn4-O13	89.63 (18)
O10-Mn1-N5	90.4 (2)	O2X-Mn4-N6	89.4 (2)
O1X-Mn1-N5	88.84 (18)	O12-Mn4-N6	90.6 (2)
O5-Mn1-N5	164.9 (2)	O13-Mn4-N6	165.31 (17)
O10-Mn1-O1	98.64 (18)	O2X-Mn4-O3	91.49 (15)
O1X-Mn1-O1	95.96 (17)	O12-Mn4-O3	91.34 (16)
O5-Mn1-O1	99.66 (18)	O13-Mn4-O3	98.50 (16)
N5-Mn1-O1	95.32 (18)	N6-Mn4-O3	96.18 (18)
O6-Mn2-O1X	172.3 (2)	O2X-Mn4-O9	87.58 (14)
O6-Mn2-O7	90.74 (19)	O12-Mn4-O9	89.59 (15)
O1X-Mn2-O7	92.14 (17)	O13-Mn4-O9	81.14 (15)
O6-Mn2-N3	90.45 (19)	N6-Mn4-O9	84.17 (17)
O1X-Mn2-N3	87.25 (18)	O3-Mn4-O9	179.00 (14)
O7-Mn2-N3	175.24 (19)	O16-Mn5-O2X	174.1 (2)
O6-Mn2-O83	96.3 (2)	O16-Mn5-O11	90.36 (18)
O1X-Mn2-O83	90.98 (18)	O2X-Mn5-O11	92.12 (17)
O7-Mn2-O83	87.36 (18)	O16-Mn5-N8	90.15 (19)
N3-Mn2-O83	87.94 (19)	O2X-Mn5-N8	87.83 (18)
O6-Mn2-O84	89.0 (2)	O11-Mn5-N8	175.17 (19)
O1X-Mn2-O84	83.57 (19)	O16-Mn5-O82	93.8 (2)
O7-Mn2-O84	95.89 (19)	O2X-Mn5-O82	91.79 (18)
N3-Mn2-O84	88.7 (2)	O11-Mn5-O82	86.35 (19)
O83-Mn2-O84	173.7 (2)	N8-Mn5-O82	88.8 (2)

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O1X-Mn3-O8	176.44 (17)	O16-Mn5-O81	92.7 (2)
O1X-Mn3-O9	89.65 (17)	O2X-Mn5-O81	81.57 (19)
O8-Mn3-O9	89.73 (18)	O11-Mn5-O81	97.72 (18)
O1X-Mn3-N4	89.2 (2)	N8-Mn5-O81	87.05 (19)
O8-Mn3-N4	90.5 (2)	O82-Mn5-O81	172.3 (2)
O9-Mn3-N4	166.11 (18)	O2X-Mn6-O14	167.32 (19)
O1X-Mn3-O2	91.31 (15)	O2X-Mn6-O15	91.21 (17)
O8-Mn3-O2	92.24 (16)	O14-Mn6-O15	85.47 (18)
O9-Mn3-O2	97.16 (18)	O2X-Mn6-N7	89.13 (18)
N4-Mn3-O2	96.71 (19)	O14-Mn6-N7	89.77 (19)
O1X-Mn3-O13	88.26 (14)	O15-Mn6-N7	159.6 (2)
O8-Mn3-O13	88.19 (15)	O2X-Mn6-O4	94.43 (18)
O9-Mn3-O13	80.62 (14)	O14-Mn6-O4	98.20 (18)
N4-Mn3-O13	85.51 (17)	O15-Mn6-O4	100.47 (18)
O2-Mn3-O13	177.74 (17)	N7-Mn6-O4	99.84 (18)
Mn1-O1X-Mn3	114.5 (2)	Mn6-O2X-Mn4	114.0 (2)
Mn1-O1X-Mn2	121.68 (19)	Mn6-O2X-Mn5	121.99 (19)
Mn3-O1X-Mn2	119.9 (2)	Mn4-O2X-Mn5	120.1 (2)
Mn3-O9-Mn4	99.67 (16)	Mn4-O13-Mn3	98.51 (16)

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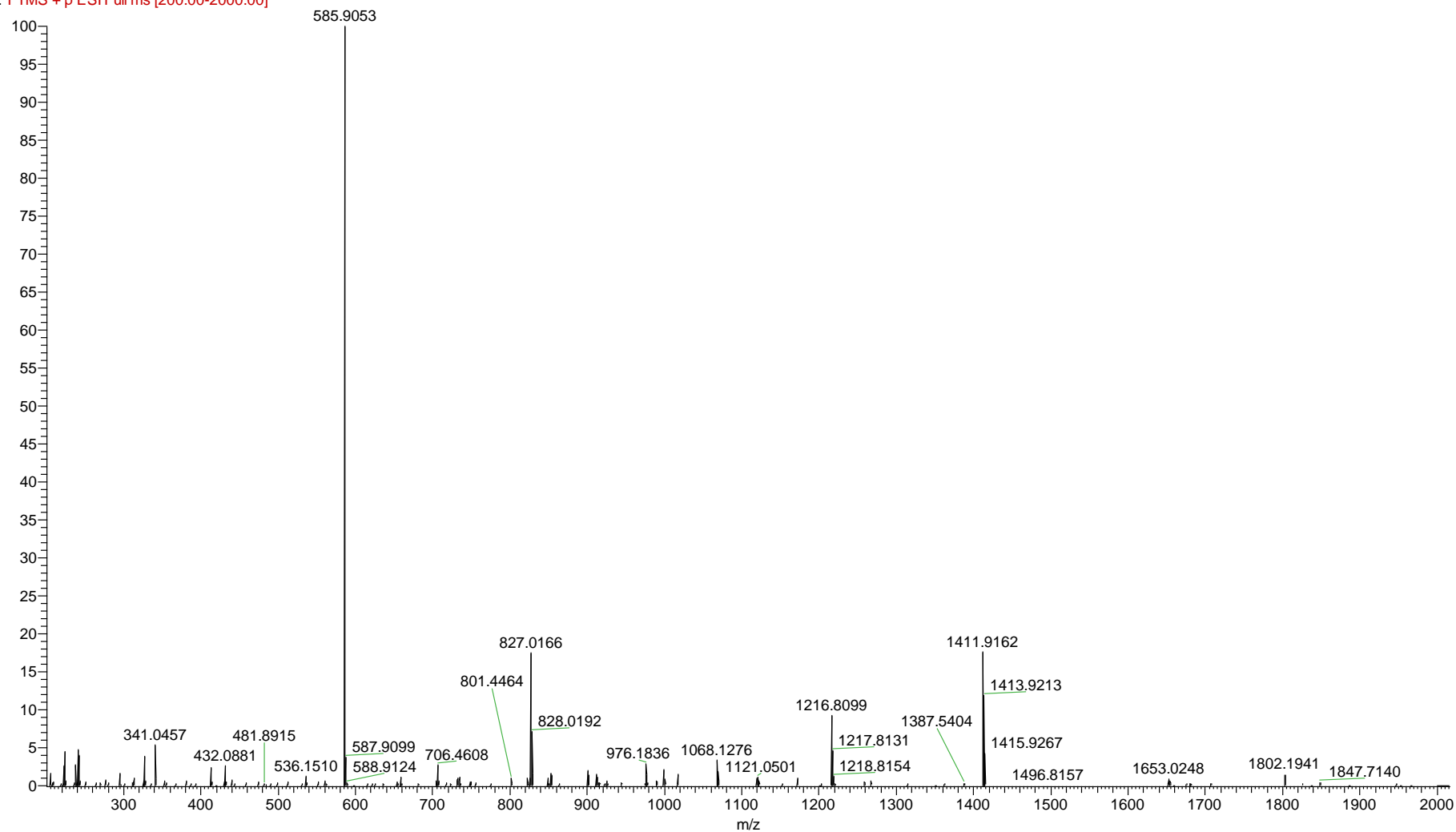
**Table S2.** Hydrogen bond interactions in the structure of complex **1**.

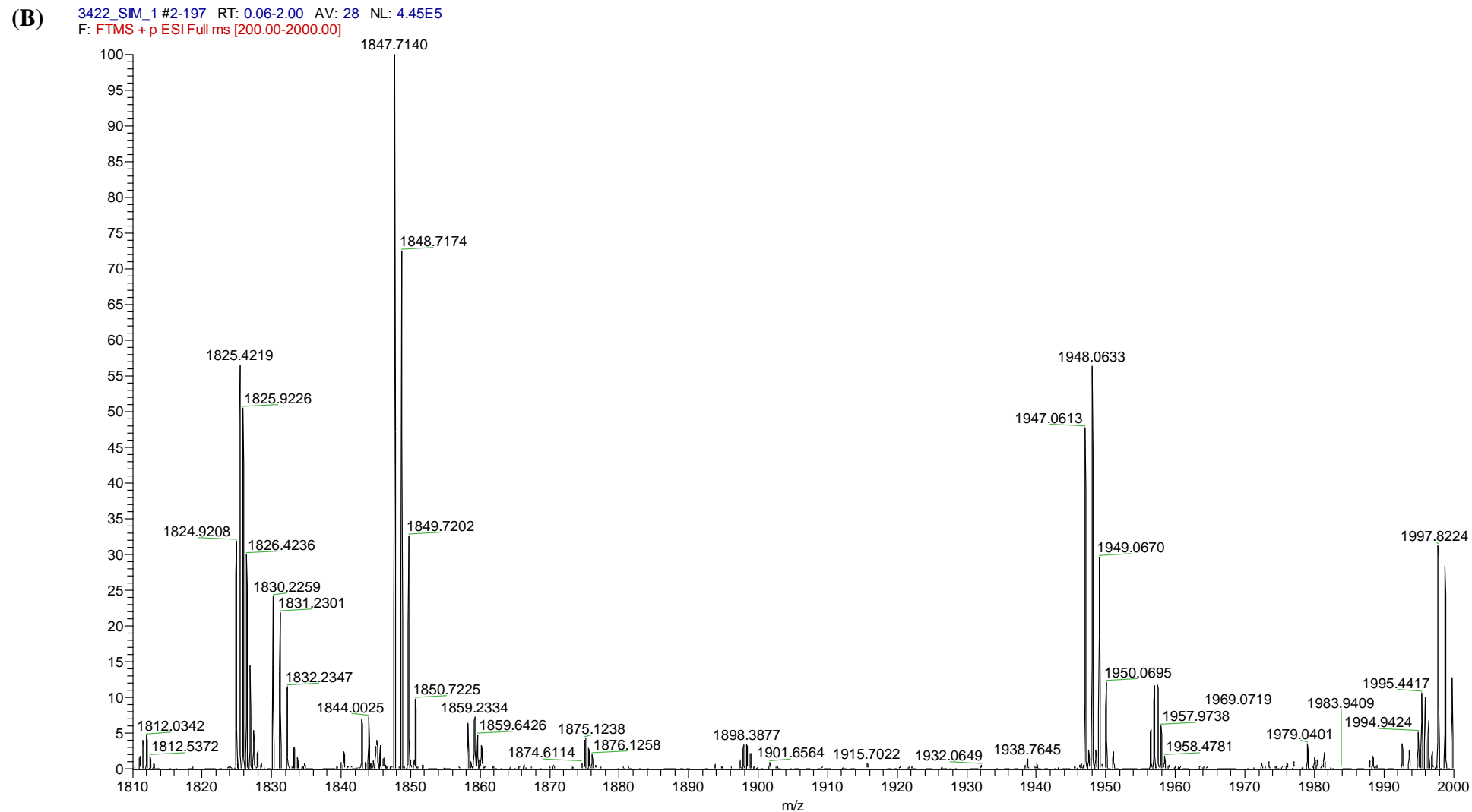
<i>D-H</i> ⋯ <i>A</i>	<i>D-H</i> (Å)	<i>H</i> ⋯ <i>A</i> (Å)	<i>D</i> ⋯ <i>A</i> (Å)	<i>D-H</i> ⋯ <i>A</i> (°)
O81-H81O⋯O8	0.68 (5)	2.22 (6)	2.898 (7)	172 (7)
O84-H84O⋯O12	0.64 (5)	2.24 (5)	2.885 (7)	177 (7)
O82-H82O⋯O2M	0.67 (7)	1.98 (7)	2.644 (7)	171 (9)
O83-H83O⋯O1M	0.81 (6)	1.83 (6)	2.618 (6)	164 (6)
O1M-H1OM⋯O15 <sup>i</sup>	0.79 (8)	2.01 (8)	2.784 (7)	166 (8)
O2M-H2OM⋯O5 <sup>ii</sup>	0.78 (6)	2.19 (6)	2.890 (7)	150 (5)

**Table S3.** Dose reduction index (DRI) range values (for fraction affected (fa) values between 0.1-0.9) for compounds in drug combinations CDDP:1 and 5FU:1 against HeLa, MCF-7 and A549 human cancer cell lines 48 h after drug administration (data derived from Median Effect analysis).

<b>Drug combination</b>	<b>DRI values for cancer cell lines</b>		
	<b>HeLa</b>	<b>MCF-7</b>	<b>A549</b>
CDDP	0.148-0.571	63.879-18,200	4.336-6.884
Complex <b>1</b>	0.462-4.137	1.479-9.572	3.967-7.016
5-FU	4.449-2780.78	0.302-198.171	2.530-63.679
Complex <b>1</b>	1.510-15.627	0.877-1.705	1.831-11.503

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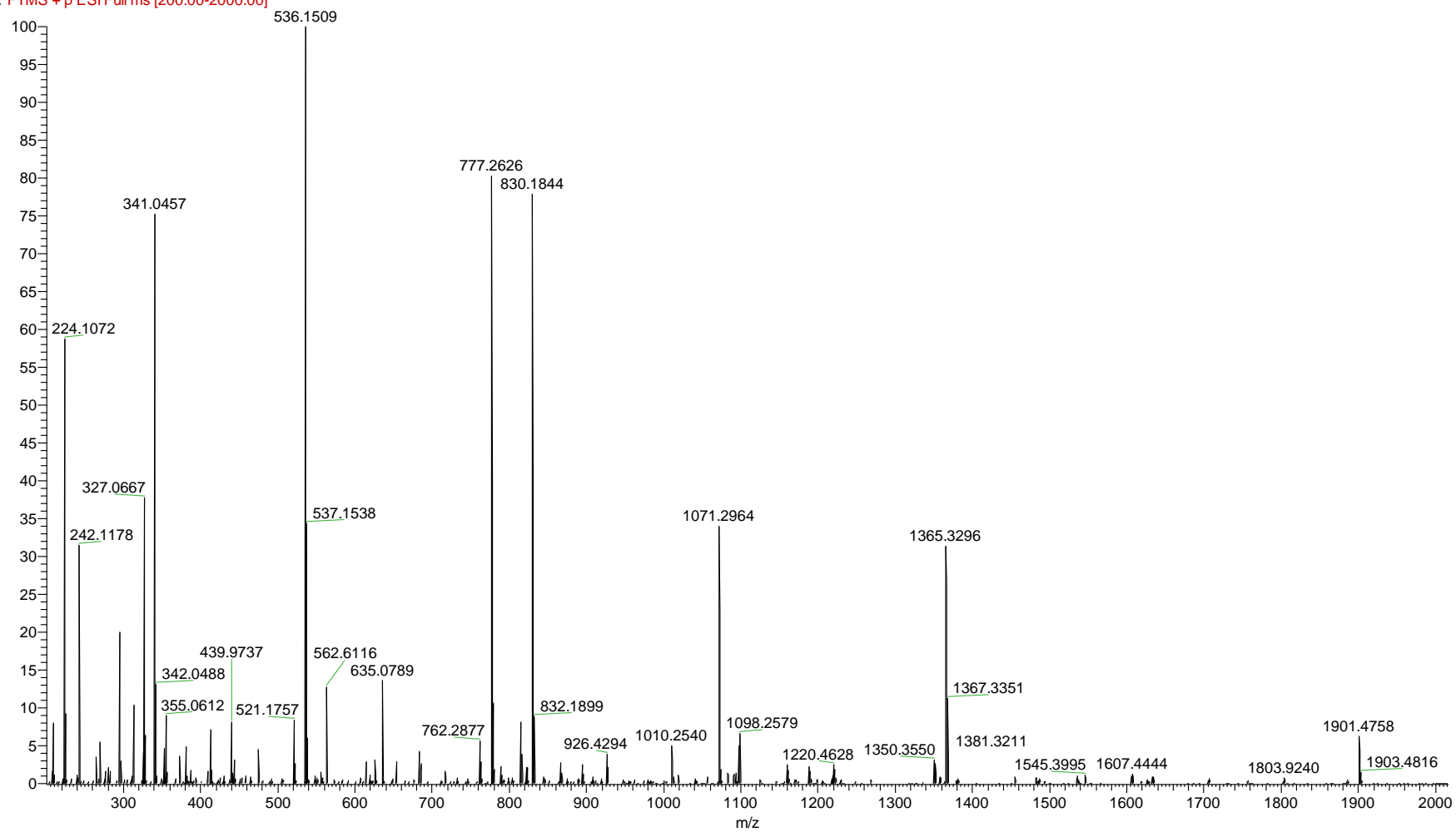




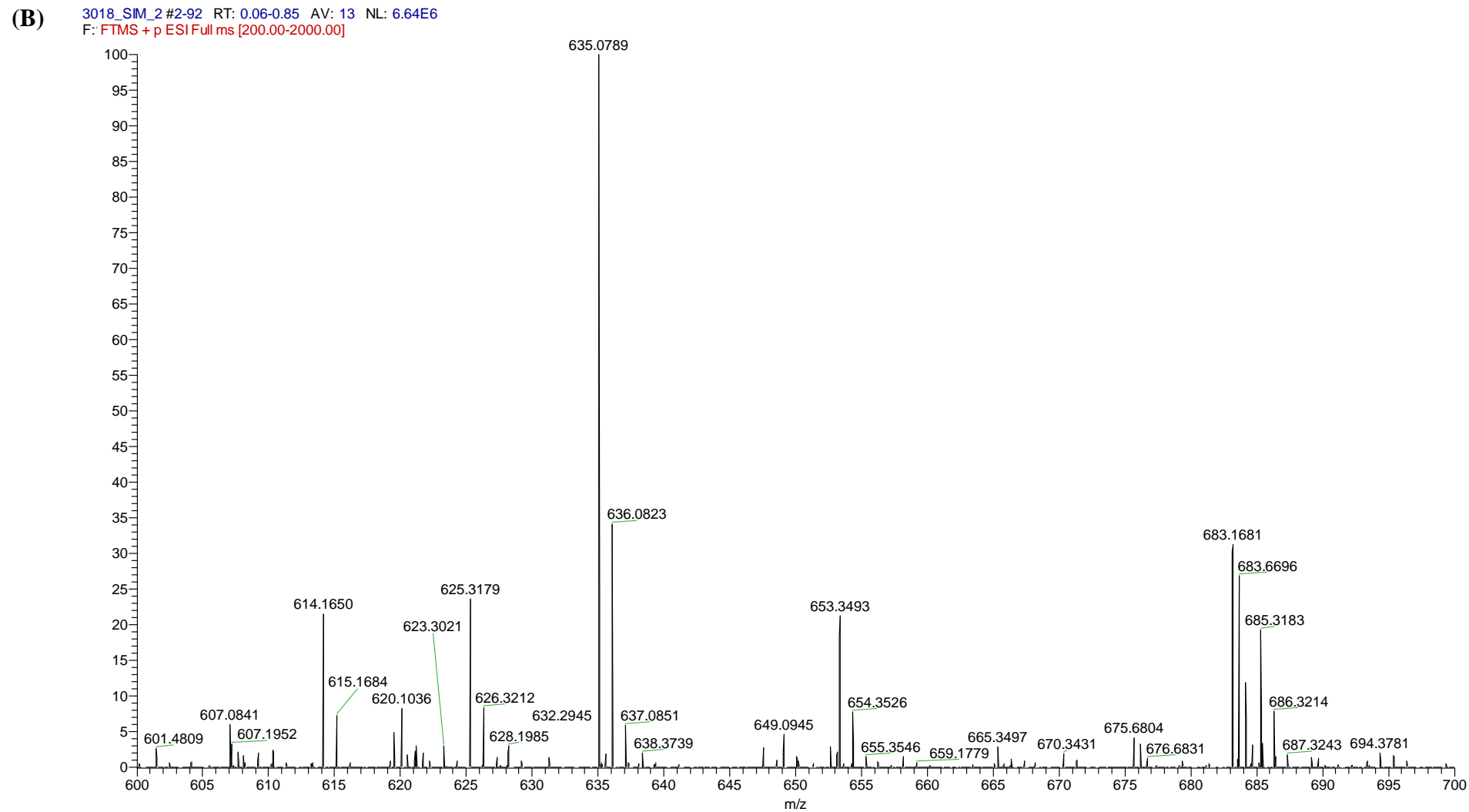
**Figure S1.** ESI(+)-MS for a methanolic solution a complex **1** (A) in the range 200-2000 (m/z) and (B) enlargement of the region 1800-2000 (m/z).

Fragments found: 1847.71, 1948.06; MW = 1845.14 calcd. for  $[\text{Mn}_6(\text{O})_2(\text{mef})_2(\text{sao})_6(\text{MeOH})_4]$ , **1**.

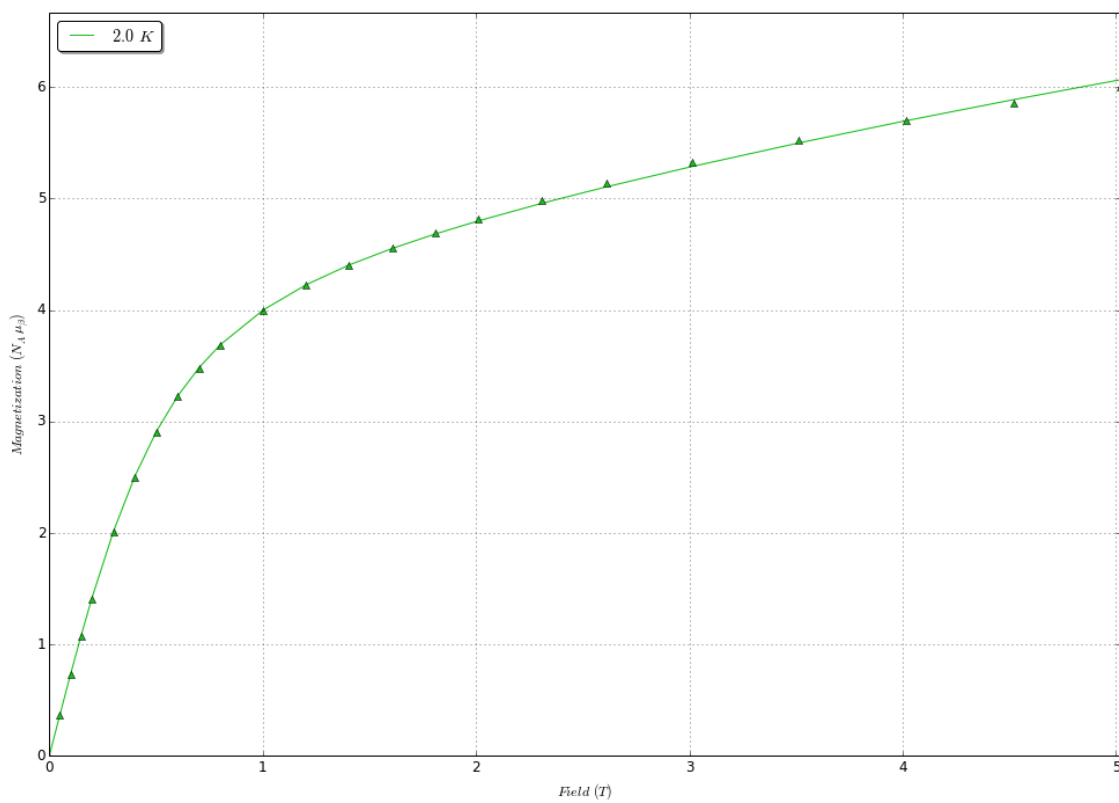
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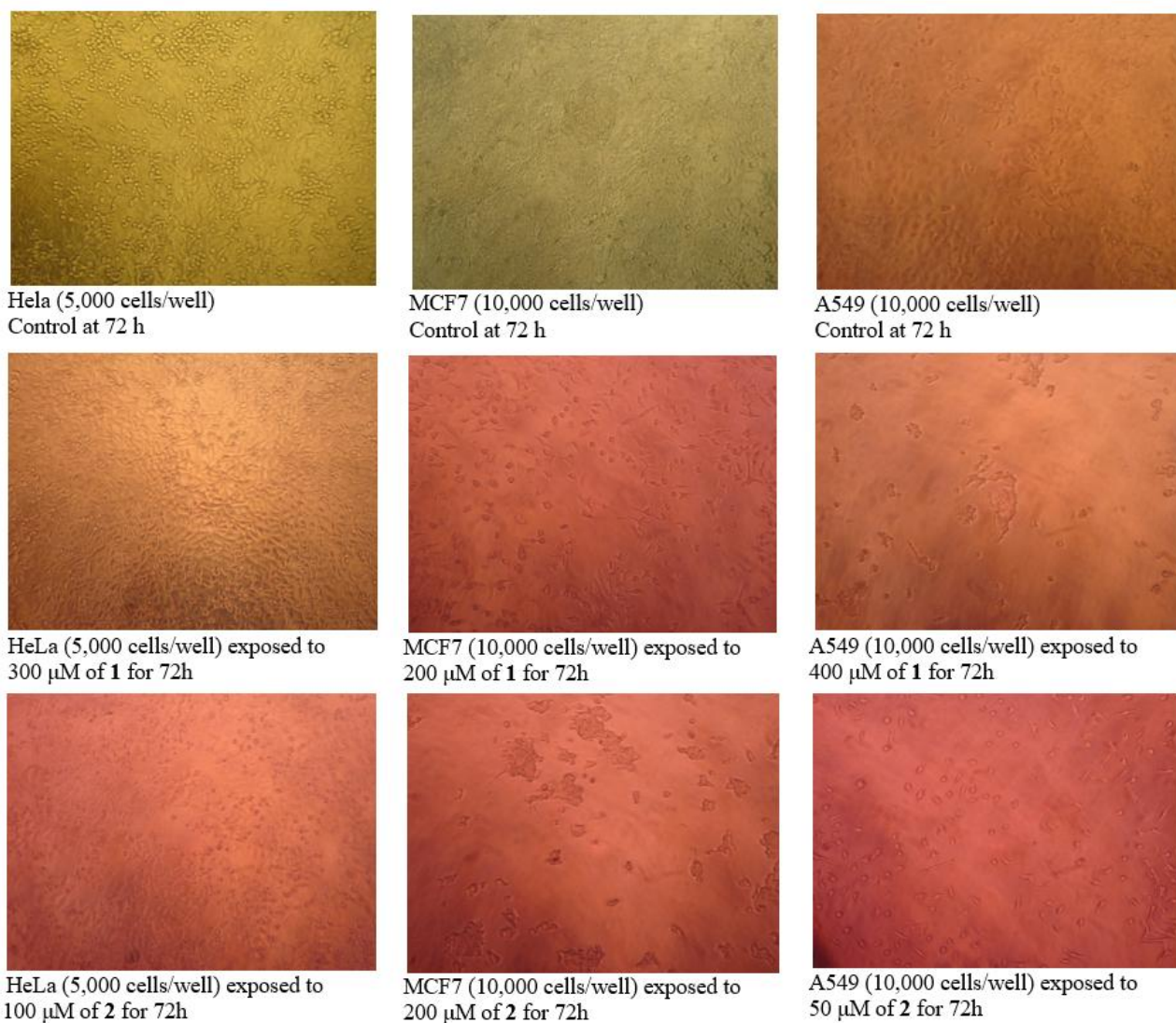




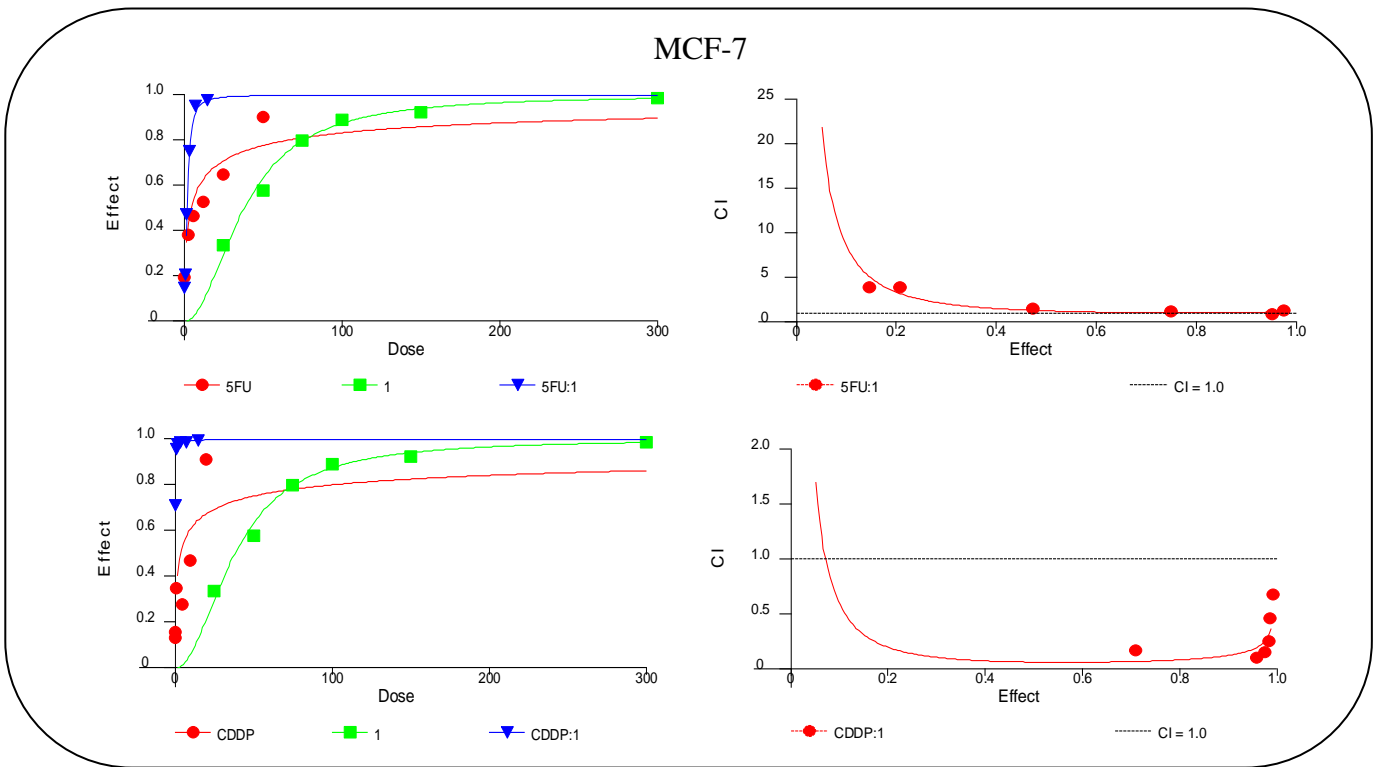
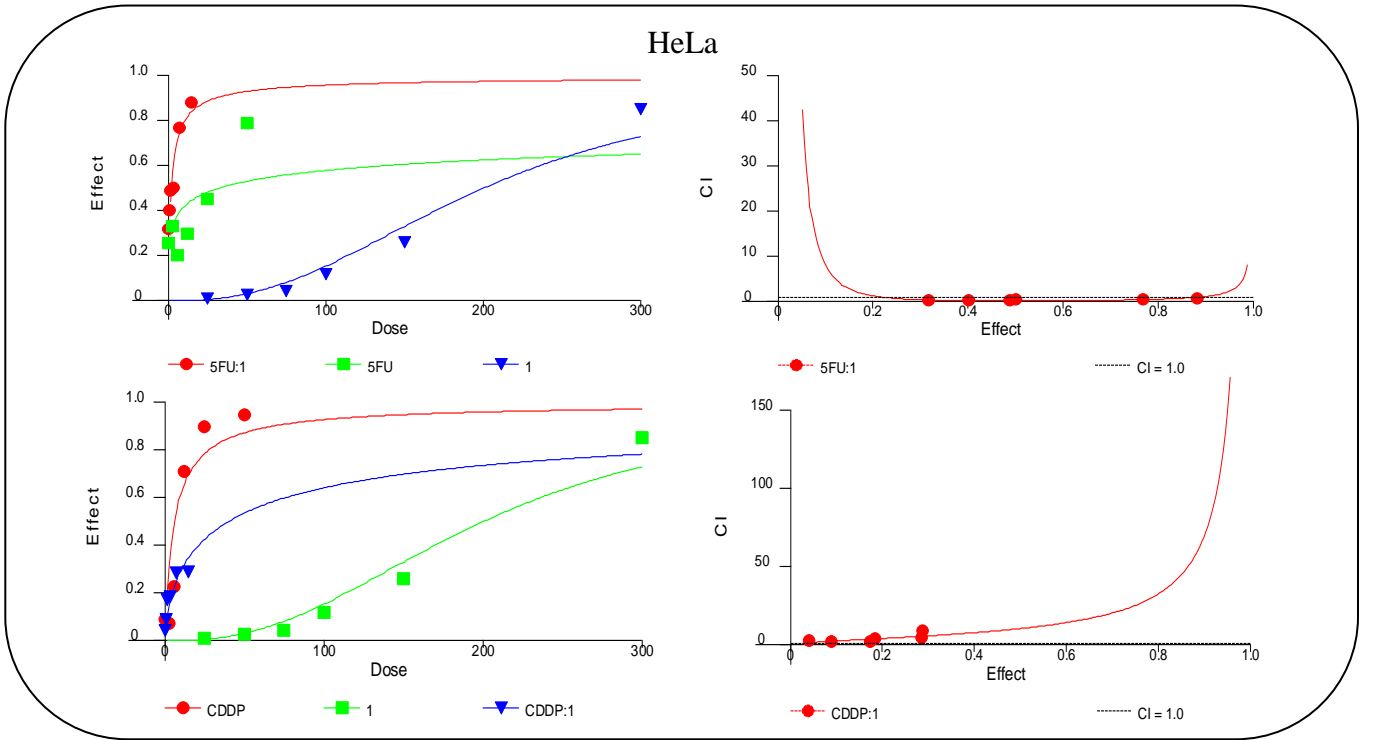
**Figure S2.** ESI(+)-MS for a methanolic solution a complex **2** (A) in the range 200-2000 (m/z) and (B) enlargement of the region 600-700 (m/z).  
Fragments found: 635.08, 665.35, 683.17; MW = 663.67 calcd. for  $[\text{Mn}(\text{mef})_2(\text{MeOH})_4]$ , **2**.

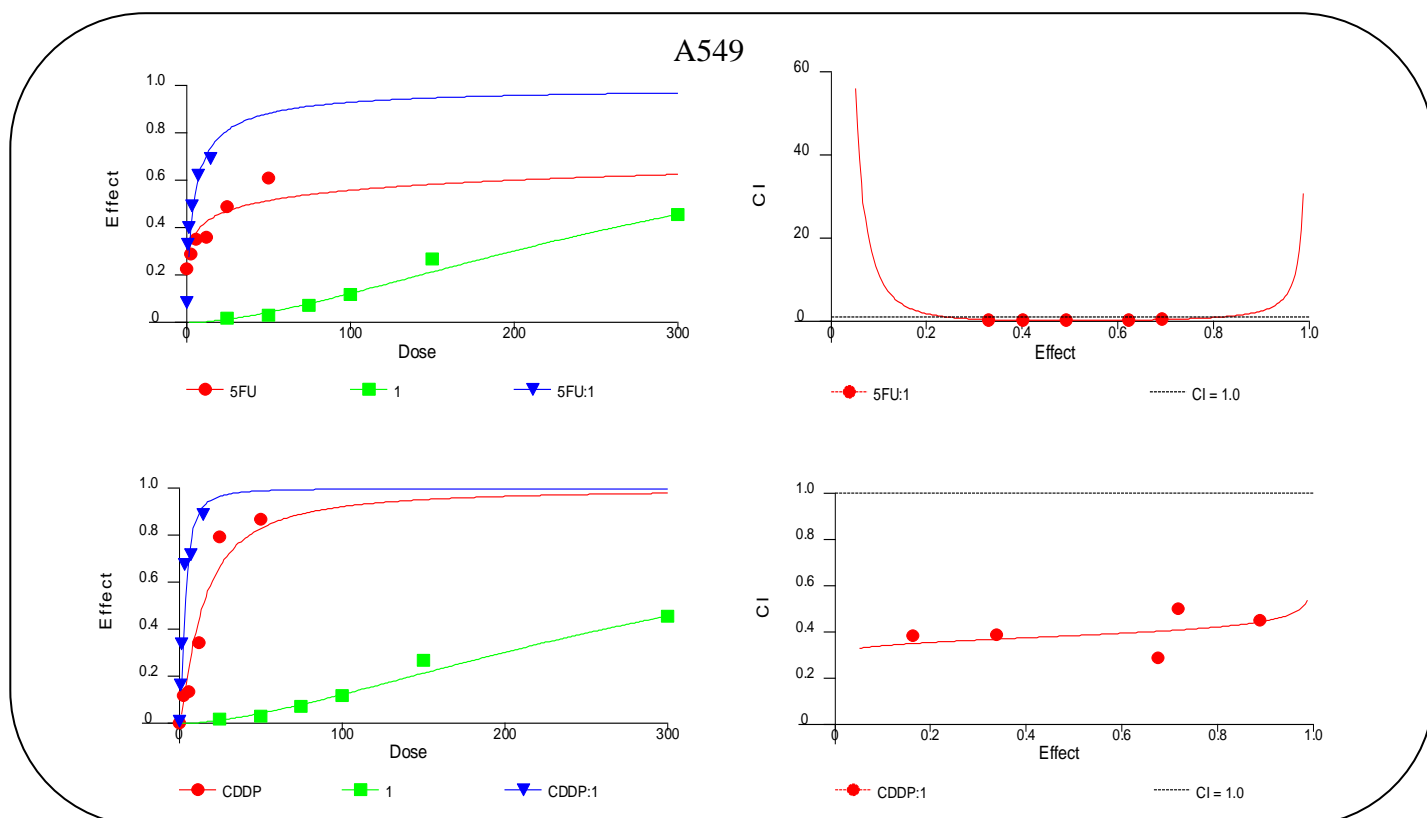


**Figure S3.** Magnetization curve of compound **1** at 2 K. The solid line is the fitting results using the giant model for a  $S=4$ .



**Figure S4.** Photographs from inverted microscope at phase contrast setting with 100X magnification of HeLa, MCF7 and A549 cells (untreated and exposed to 50, 100, 200, 300 and 400  $\mu\text{M}$  of complexes **1** and **2**, after 72 h).





**Figure S5.** (left) Dose-effect plots for combinations between complex **1** with 5-FU and CDDP against HeLa, MCF-7 and A549 human cancer cell lines. (right) Combination Index (CI)-effect plots for the simultaneous exposure of HeLa, MCF-7 and A549 cells to 5-FU and CDDP with the addition of complex **1** for 48 h (absolute concentration ratios, 1:20 for 5-FU:1 and CDDP:1 drug combinations). Cytotoxicity was evaluated 48 h after treatment by means of SRB assay and drug interaction was estimated with Median effect analysis integrated in CalcuSyn software (each point represents mean of six replicate wells). CI values  $< 1$ ,  $= 1$  or  $> 1$  indicate synergistic, additive or antagonistic interactions, respectively.