## **Supporting Information**

# Luminescent anticancer Ruthenium(II)-*p*-cymene complexes of extended imidazophenanthroline ligands: synthesis, structure, reactivity, biomolecular interaction and live cell imaging<sup>‡</sup>

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Figure S1: (a) UV-Vis Spectra and (b) Fluorescence spectra

C1: 16a, C2: 16b, C3: 17a, C4: 17b, C5: 17c, C6: 17d, C7: 19a, C8: 19b, C9: 19c





Figure S2: Stability study of Ru (II)-arene complexes (a) 16b, (b) 17a and (c) 19a in 1% DMSO-PBS medium.





(b)







Figure S4: [DNA]/( $\varepsilon_a$ - $\varepsilon_f$ ) vs. [DNA] linear plots of complex 16b, 17a and 19b.





Figure S5: Fluorescence spectra of EtBr-DNA of (a) 16b, (c) 17a and (e) 19a with increase in concentration of the complexes in 5 mM Tris-HCl /NaCl buffer of pH 7.2 at 298 K and the respective Stern-Volmer plots of  $I_0/I$  vs. complex (a) 16b, (c) 17a and (e) 19b.









Figure S7: Fluorescence quenching of BSA on addition of complexes (a) 16b, (b) 17a and (c) 19c with increasing concentration of the complexes in 5 mM TrisHCl/NaCl buffer.



(c)

Figure S8: Plot of  $I_0/I$  vs. concentrations of complexes (a) 16b, (b) 17a and (c) 19c.



Figure S9: Scatchard plot of  $log([I_0-I]/I)$  vs. log[complex] for BSA in the presence of complexes (a) 16b, (b) 17a and (c) 19c.



Figure S10: (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and (b) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 10



#### (b) LC-MS spectra



Figure S11: (a) IR Spectra and (b) LC-MS Spectra of 10



Figure S12: (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and (b) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 12a



Figure S13: (a) IR Spectra and (b) LC-MS Spectra of 12a







Figure S15: (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and (b) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR Spectra of 14a



Figure S16: (a) IR Spectra of 14a



Figure S17: (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and (b) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR Spectra of 14b



Figure S18: (a) IR Spectra of 14b



#### (b) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR

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Figure S19: (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and (b) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR Spectra of 14c



Figure S20: (a) IR Spectra of 14c



Figure S21: (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and (b) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR Spectra of 14d



Figure S22: (a) IR Spectra of 14d



Figure S23: (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and (b) IR Spectra of 18a



#### (b) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR



Figure S24: (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and (b) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR Spectra of 18b



Figure S25: (a) IR Spectra of 18b



Figure S26: (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and (b) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR Spectra of 18c



Figure S27: (a) IR Spectra of 18c



(b) <sup>19</sup>F-NMR





Figure S28: (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (b) <sup>19</sup>F-NMR (c) <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of 16a



Figure S29: (a) <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (b) IR Spectra of16a



Figure S30: (a) LC-MS Spectra of 16a



0

-20

-40

-60

-80

-100

-120

-140

-160

-180

-200

ppm

32



Figure S31: (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and (b) <sup>19</sup>F-NMR (c) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR Spectra of 16b



Figure S32: (a) <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (b) IR Spectra of 16b



Figure S33: (a) LC-MS Spectra of 16b





Figure S34: (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (b) <sup>19</sup>F-NMR (c) <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of 17a

37

(C)



Figure S35: (a) <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (b) IR Spectra of 17a



Figure S36: (a) LC-MS Spectra of 17a





Figure S37: (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (b) <sup>19</sup>F-NMR (c) <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of 17b



Figure S38: (a) <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (b) IR Spectra of 17b



Figure S39: (a) LC-MS Spectra of 17b



(b) <sup>19</sup>F-NMR





#### Figure S40: (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (b) <sup>19</sup>F-NMR and (C) <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of 17c



Figure S41: (a) <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (b) IR Spectra of 17c



Figure S42: (a) LC-MS Spectra of 17c



(a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR



(b) <sup>19</sup>F-NMR





Figure S43: (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (b) <sup>19</sup>F-NMR and (c) <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of 17d



Figure S44: (a) <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (b) IR Spectra of 17d





Figure S45: (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (b) <sup>19</sup>F-NMR and (c) <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of 19a





Figure S46: (a) <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (b) IR Spectra of 19a

1/cm



Figure S47: LC-MS Spectra of 19a





Figure S48: (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (b) <sup>19</sup>F-NMR and (c) <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of 19b





Figure S49: (a) <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (b) IR Spectra of 19b



Figure S50: (a) LC-MS Spectra of 19b





Figure S51: (a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (b) <sup>19</sup>F-NMR and (c) <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra of 19c



Figure S52: (a) <sup>31</sup>P-NMR (b) IR Spectra of 19c

3000

2500

0-

4000 3500 R-OCHBSP 2000

1500

1000

500 1/cm

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Figure S53: (a) LC-MS Spectra of 19c

Samples	Time (h)	Conductance ∧ <sub>M</sub> ª in
		10% aq. DMSO
16b	0	160
	1	194
	6	300
	12	400
17c	0	95
	1	112
	6	150
	12	168
19c	0	86
	1	105
	6	194
	12	220

#### Table S1 Time dependent conductance measurement

[complex] = 3 X 10<sup>-5</sup> M

Table S2 PH dependent conductivity study

Samples	PH	Conductance
		(Λ <sub>M</sub> , ms)
		in
		100% DMSO
16b	5	1.3
	4	2.6
	3	3.9
	2	4.8
	1	6.1

[16b] = 3 X 10<sup>-5</sup> M

Table S3 GSH dependent conductivity study

Samples	[GSH]	Conductance
	(10-4)	(Λ <sub>M</sub> , μs)
		in
		100% DMSO
16b	1	60
	2	65
	3	68
	4	72

5	75
1	35
2	39
3	43
4	48
5	54
1	34
2	38
3	42
4	48
5	53
	5 1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5 5

[complex] = 3 X 10<sup>-5</sup> M

### Table S4 conductivity study in presence of DNA

[DNA] (10 <sup>-6</sup> )	r <sub>i</sub> = [complex]/[DNA]	Conductance (Λ <sub>M</sub> , μs) in 100% DMSO
1	30	28
2	15	32
3	10	34
4	7.5	36
	[DNA] (10 <sup>-6</sup> ) 1 2 3 4	[DNA] ri = [complex]/[DNA]   (10-6) 30   1 30   2 15   3 10   4 7.5

[16b] = 3 X 10<sup>-5</sup> M