## **Supplementary Information**

## Synthesis, Characterization and Anti-Cancer Properties of Water-Soluble bis(PYE) Pro-ligands and Derived Palladium(II) Complexes

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**Figure S2.** Absorption and emission spectra of **4**–CT-DNA complex with varying concentrations of CT-DNA



Figure S3. Excitation and Emission Spectra of 2 (Excitation at 284 nm)



Figure S4. 3-D Emission Spectrum of 2 (Excitation range 250-300 nm)



Figure S5. Excitation and Emission Spectra of 3 (Excitation at 275 nm)



Figure S6. 3-D Emission Spectrum of 3 (Excitation range 250-300 nm)



Figure S7. Excitation and Emission Spectra of 4 (Excitation at 287 nm)



Figure S8. 3-D Emission Spectrum of 4 (Excitation range 250-300 nm)



Figure S9. Excitation and Emission Spectra of 5 (Excitation at 290 nm)



Figure S10. 3-D Emission Spectrum of 5 (Excitation range 250-300 nm)



**Figure S11.** Visual representations of docking interactions of CT-DNA with (A) **2** and (C) **4**, as well as 2-D plots showing CT-DNA base pair interactions with (B) **2** and (D) **4**.



**Figure S12.** Percentage of growth inhibition for **2** (A) and **4** (C) against MCF-7 at 24 hr, 48 hr, and 72 hr. Error bars show one standard deviation.





Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, IR and MS spectra for 2.





Figure S8. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, IR and MS spectra for 3.









Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, IR and MS spectra for 5.

 Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for 2.

Crystal data and structure refi	nement for 2
Identification code	nztfh6 final
Empirical formula	$\overline{C_{16}H_{20}F_{6}N_{4}O_{6}S_{2}}$
Formula weight	542.48
Temperature/K	89(2)
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
a/Å	11.1143(3)
b/Å	18.9059(5)
c/Å	10.9462(3)
α/°	90.00
β/°	105.989(2)
γ/°	90.00
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	2211.10(10)
Ζ	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.630
µ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.333
F(000)	1112.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.5  imes 0.1  imes 0.08
Radiation	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/°	4.38 to 51.98
Index ranges	$-13 \le h \le 13, -23 \le k \le 22, -11 \le l \le 13$
Reflections collected	24654
Independent reflections	$4341 [R_{int} = 0.0519]$
Data/restraints/parameters	4341/0/309
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.031
Final R indexes [I>= $2\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0353, wR_2 = 0.0819$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0496, wR_2 = 0.0889$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å-3	0.32/-0.37

Crystal data and structure re	finement for 3
Identification code	nz323_final
Empirical formula	$C_{20}H_{22}F_6N_4O_7S_2$
Formula weight	608.54
Temperature/K	88(2)
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/n$
a/Å	12.7108(1)
b/Å	12.4777(1)
c/Å	16.4443(2)
a/°	90.00
β/°	98.012(1)
γ/°	90.00
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	2582.63(4)
Ζ	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.616
µ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.309
F(000)	1280.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.43  imes 0.33  imes 0.20
Radiation	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/°	3.8 to 52
Index ranges	$-15 \le h \le 15, -15 \le k \le 15, -19 \le l \le 20$
Reflections collected	30554
Independent reflections	$5078 [R_{int} = 0.0345]$
Data/restraints/parameters	5078/0/362
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.051
Final R indexes [I>= $2\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0356, wR_2 = 0.0883$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0432, wR_2 = 0.0935$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.65/-0.50

 Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for 3.

inement for 4
nz360_final
$C_{30}H_{35.5}F_6N_8O_{7.5}PdS_2$
912.68
89(2)
Triclinic
P-1
9.609(5)
13.660(5)
15.003(5)
106.473(5)
93.890(5)
101.967(5)
1830.5(13)
2
1.656
0.710
927.0
0.30  imes 0.15  imes 0.12
MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )
2.86 to 55.92
$-12 \le h \le 12, -17 \le k \le 18, -19 \le l \le 19$
40793
$8775 [R_{int} = 0.0429]$
8775/43/603
1.031
$R_1 = 0.0492, wR_2 = 0.1226$
$R_1 = 0.0679, wR_2 = 0.1349$
1.25/-0.88

 Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for 4.



Figure S11. Capped stick diagram of  $[H_2L_{en}][OTf]_2(2)$  showing hydrogen bonding



Figure S12. Capped stick diagram of  $[H_2L_{phen}][OTf]_2$  (3) showing hydrogen bonding

Bond	Length	Bond	Length	Bond	Length	Bond	Length
C(1)-N(1)	1.453(2)	C(4)-C(5)	1.364(2)	C(9)-N(3)	1.337(2)	C(12)-N(4)	1.360(2)
C(1)-C(2)	1.532(3)	C(5)-N(2)	1.350(2)	C(9)-C(10)	1.422(2)	C(14)-N(4)	1.474(2)
C(2)-N(3)	1.459(2)	C(6)-C(7)	1.357(3)	C(10)-C(11)	1.360(3)	C(8)-N(2)	1.482(2)
C(3)-N(1)	1.337(2)	C(6)-N(2)	1.357(2)	C(11)-N(4)	1.355(2)	C(3)-C(4)	1.416(2)

 Table S4: Selected bond lengths and bond angles for 2.

Bond	Angle	Bond	Angle
N(1)-C(1)-C(2)	112.27(15)	C(9)-N(3)-C(2)	123.64(15)
N(1)-C(3)-C(4)	123.70(16)	N(3)-C(9)-C(13)	120.60(16)
N(1)-C(3)-C(7)	119.50(16)	N(3)-C(9)-C(10)	122.78(17)
C(3)-N(1)-C(1)	125.17(15)	N(3)-C(2)-C(1)	110.67(15)

 Table S5: Selected bond lengths and bond angles for 3.

Bond	Length	Bond	Length	Bond	Length	Bond	Length
C(1)-C(2)	1.386(7)	C(5)-C(6)	1.413(7)	C(9)-N(2)	1.355(8)	C(13)-C(17)	1.404(7)
C(1)-C(6)	1.400(8)	C(6)-N(4)	1.389(7)	C(10)-N(2)	1.349(8)	C(14)-C(15)	1.375(9)
C(1)-N(1)	1.461(6)	C(7)-C(8)	1.389(9)	C(10)-C(11)	1.373(9)	C(15)-N(3)	1.356(8)
C(2)-C(3)	1.397(8)	C(7)-N(1)	1.399(7)	C(12)-N(2)	1.484(8)	C(16)-N(3)	1.345(8)
C(3)-C(4)	1.378(9)	C(7)-C(11)	1.406(9)	C(13)-C(14)	1.393(9)	C(16)-C(17)	1.374(8)
C(4)-C(5)	1.394(8)	C(8)-C(9)	1.379(8)	C(13)-N(1)	1.400(7)	C(18)-N(3)	1.488(7)

Bond	Angle	Bond	Angle	Bond	Angle
C(2)-C(1)-N(1)	119.3(5)	N(1)-C(7)-C(11)	120.3(5)	C(7)-N(1)-C(13)	122.3(4)
C(6)-C(1)-N(1)	118.2(5)	C(14)-C(13)-N(1)	120.2(5)	C(7)-N(1)-C(1)	119.3(4)
C(8)-C(7)-N(1)	121.2(5)	N(1)-C(13)-C(17)	121.7(5)	C(13)-N(1)-C(1)	117.5(4)

Bond	Length	Bond	Length	Bond	Length
C(1)-N(1)	1.474(5)	C(5)-N(2)	1.365(6)	C(10)-C(11)	1.348(11)
C(1)-C(2)	1.501(6)	C(6)-N(2)	1.349(6)	C(11)-N(4)	1.369(11)
C(2)-N(3)	1.454(5)	C(6)-C(7)	1.350(6)	C(14)-N(4)	1.460(14)
C(3)-N(1)	1.318(5)	C(8)-N(2)	1.471(6)	N(4)-C(12)	1.294(9)
C(3)-C(4)	1.431(6)	C(9)-N(3)	1.310(5)	C(12)-C(13)	1.347(5)
C(3)-C(7)	1.446(5)	C(9)-C(10)	1.381(8)	N(1)-Pd(1)	2.044(3)
C(4)-C(5)	1.348(6)	C(9)-C(13)	1.426(5)	N(3)-Pd(1)	2.022(3)

 Table S6: Selected bond lengths and bond angles for 4.

Bond	Angle	Bond	Angle	Bond	Angle
C(1)-N(1)-Pd(1)	112.6(2)	N(1)-C(1)-C(2)	109.5(3)	N(3)-C(9)-C(10)	125.0(5)
C(3)-N(1)-Pd(1)	129.7(3)	N(1)-C(3)-C(4)	122.0(3)	N(3)-C(9)-C(13)	121.2(3)
C(9)-N(3)-Pd(1)	129.7(3)	N(1)-C(3)-C(7)	123.7(4)	N(3)-C(2)-C(1)	108.3(3)
C(2)-N(3)-Pd(1)	106.4(2)	C(3)-N(1)-C(1)	116.3(3)	C(9)-N(3)-C(2)	123.0(3)
N(3)-Pd(1)-N(1)	78.32(12)	N(1)-Pd(1)-N(1)'	180.0	N(3)-Pd(1)-N(3)'	180.0