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## Electronic Supplementary Information on

## Type of Complex – BSA Binding Forces Affected by Different Coordination Modes of Alliin in Novel Water-Soluble Ruthenium Complexes

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Figure S2. Measured isotopic distribution for molecular ion of the complex (1).



Figure S3. Theoretical isotopic distribution for molecular ion of the complex (2).



Figure S4. Measured isotopic distribution for molecular ion of the complex (2).



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Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the complex (2).



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Figure S11. Infrared spectra of alliin at different protonation of amine nitrogen and carboxylate oxygen, ruthenium – alliin complexes (1) - (3) and starting ruthenium compounds.

Entry	Compound	v₅(COOH)	vs (C=C)	00-)	IH3)	δ(NH2)	δ(NH <sub>3</sub> +)	v <sub>s</sub> (COO <sup>-</sup> )	Н3)			IH3)	=O) ate	v <sub>s</sub> (S=O)				(N.	(EHI
				vs(C(	א) <sup>b</sup> ס					ð(C		ð₀(N	v <sub>s</sub> (S trifl	S-bo	nded	free	9	vs(C	Pr(N
1.	Alliin		1641	1611		1585	1525	1391								1021		993	
2.	Alliin hydrochloride	1740	1640				1514									1008			
3.	Potassium alliinate		1620	1620		1587	1488	1408								1015			
4.	(1)	1738	1640			1565	-			1404	1386		1277	1089	1032			948	
5.	(2)		1632	1632		1585	-	1383		1405	1383			1072		1021		943	
6.	(3)		1629	1629			-	1387				1287	1279			1032		998	843
7.	[Ru(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> Cl]Cl <sub>2</sub>				1630							1300							804
8.	Dimethyl sulfoxide								1436	1407						1023			
9.	<i>cis</i> -[RuCl <sub>2</sub> (DMSO)4]								1426	1401				1087			926		

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Figure S15. Quenching of BSA fluorescence in the absence and presence of increasing concentrations of (1) - (3)(a - c) and alliin (d) at 298 K.



Figure S16. Quenching of BSA fluorescence in the absence and presence of increasing concentrations of (1) - (3) (a - c) and alliin (d) at 298 K.



Figure S17. Synchronous fluorescence spectra of BSA in the absence and presence of increasing concentrations of complexes (1) (a, b), (2) (c, d), (3) (e, f) and alliin (g, h);  $\Delta\lambda = 15$  nm (left column) and  $\Delta\lambda = 60$  nm (right column).



Figure S18. 2D fluorescence spectra of BSA in absence (a) and presence of complex (1) - (3) (b - d) and alliin (e). [BSA] = 1.71  $\mu$ M and [complex] = 12.5  $\mu$ M.



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Figure S23. Graphical determination of the binding constant ( $K_b$ ) and a number of binding sites (n) of alliin to BSA at three temperatures: a) 291 K, b) 298 K, c) 305 K and d) van't Hoff plot.



Figure S24. Graphical determination of the binding constant ( $K_b$ ) and a number of binding sites (n) of complexes (1) – (3) (a – c) and alliin (d) with apotransferrin.

## **Proliferation assays**

The panel cell lines were inoculated onto a series of standard 96-well microtiter plates on day 0, at 5000 cells per well according to the doubling times of specific cell line. Test agents were then added in five, 10-fold dilutions (0,01 to 100  $\mu$ M) and incubated for further 72 hours. Working dilutions were freshly prepared on the day of testing in the growth medium. After 72 hours of incubation, the cell growth rate was evaluated by performing the MTT assay: experimentally determined absorbance values were transformed into a cell percentage growth (PG) using the formulas proposed by NIH. This method directly relies on control cells behaving normally at the day of assay because it compares the growth of treated cells with the growth of untreated cells in control wells on the same plate – the results are therefore a percentile difference from the calculated expected value.

The IC<sub>50</sub> values for each compound were calculated from dose-response curves using linear regression analysis by fitting the mean test concentrations that give PG values above and below the reference value. If, however, all of the tested concentrations produce PGs exceeding the respective reference level of effect (e.g. PG value of 50) for a given cell line, the highest tested concentration is assigned as the default value (in the screening data report that default value is preceded by a ">" sign). Each test point was performed in quadruplicate in two individual experiments. The results were statistically analyzed (ANOVA, Tukey post-hoc test at p < 0.05). Finally, the effects of the tested substances were evaluated by plotting the mean percentage growth for each cell type in comparison to control on dose-response graphs.

Compound	MCF-7	CFPAC-1	HeLa	SW620	HFF-1						
Compound -			IC <sub>50</sub> / μM								
(1)	>100	>100	>100	>100	0.74						
(2)	>100	>100	>100	>100	0.08						
(3)	>100	>100	33.82*	>100*	89*						
HL	>100	>100	>100	>100	19.58						
5-FU**	0.096	0.25	8.62	0.075	0.94 <sup>a</sup>						

Table S2. IC<sub>50</sub> values for complexes (1) - (3), alliin and 5-fluorouracil.

\*Unusual growth response curve

\*\*5-fluorouracil – internal laboratory control

<sup>a</sup> results obtained on lung fibroblast WI38