# **Supplementary Information for:**

# Improving the anticancer activity of platinum(IV) prodrugs using a dual-targeting strategy with dichloroacetate axial ligand

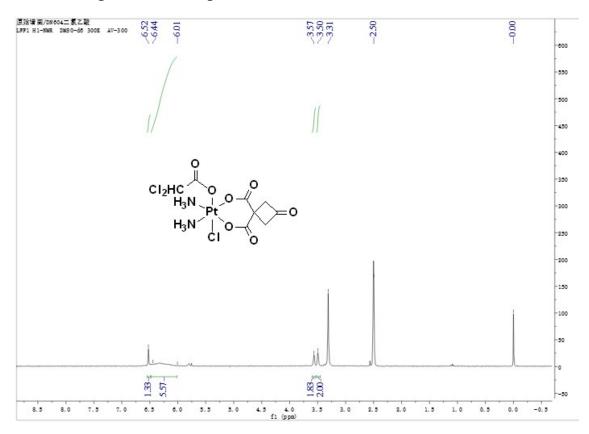
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### 1. NMR spectra of complexes 1a-2b

Fig. S1.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO) spectrum of complex 1a

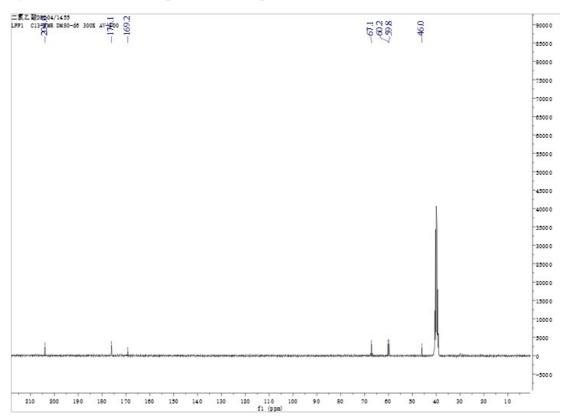
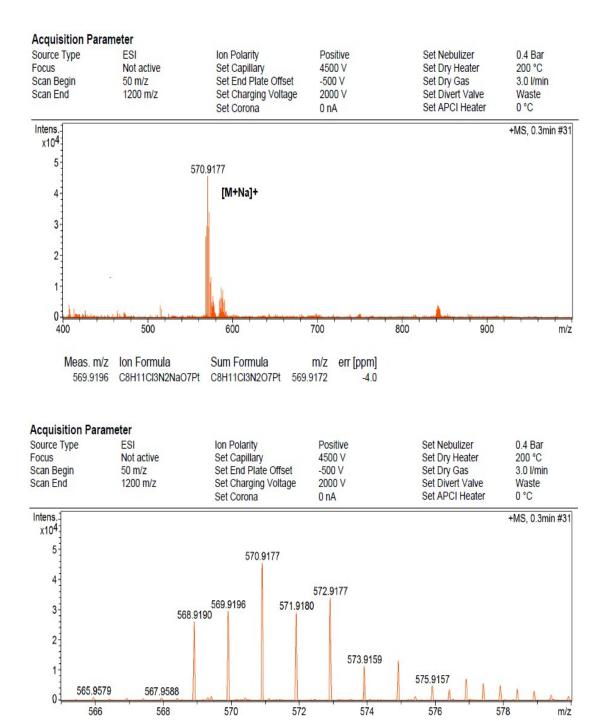


Fig. S2.<sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO) spectrum of complex 1a



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Sum Formula

m/z err [ppm]

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Fig. S3. HR-MS (ESI) spectrum of complex 1a

Meas. m/z Ion Formula



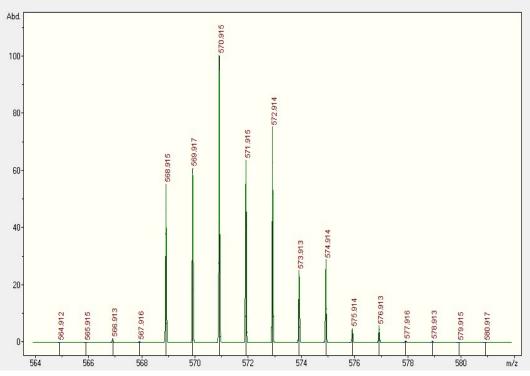


Fig. S4. The simulation of HR-MS (ESI) spectrum of complex 1a

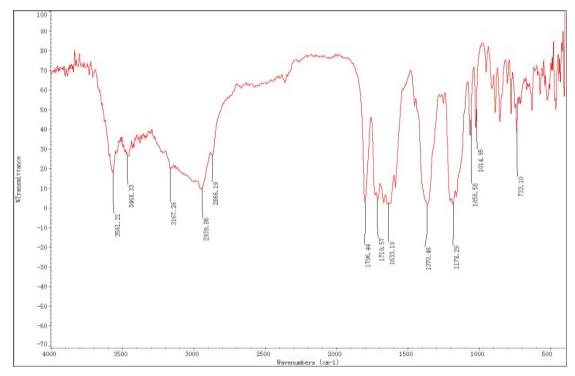


Fig. S5. IR spectrum of complex 1a

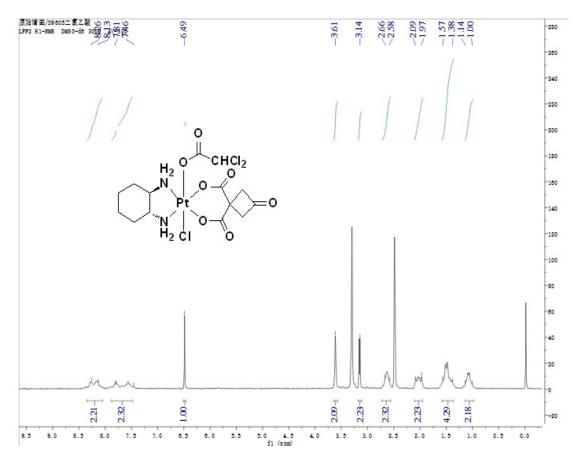


Fig. S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO) spectrum of complex 1b

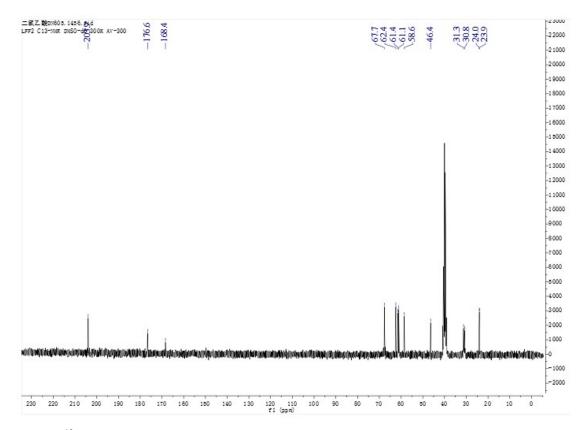
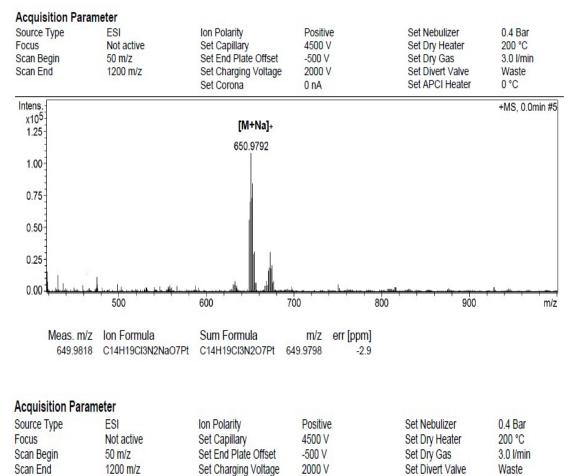


Fig. S7. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO) spectrum of complex 1b



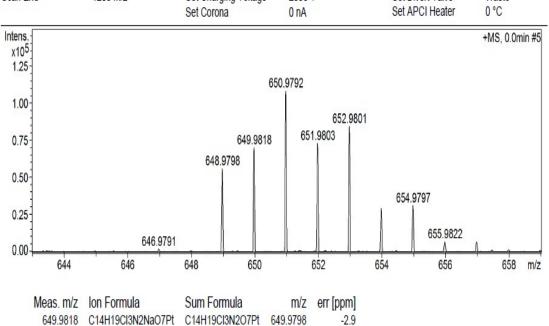


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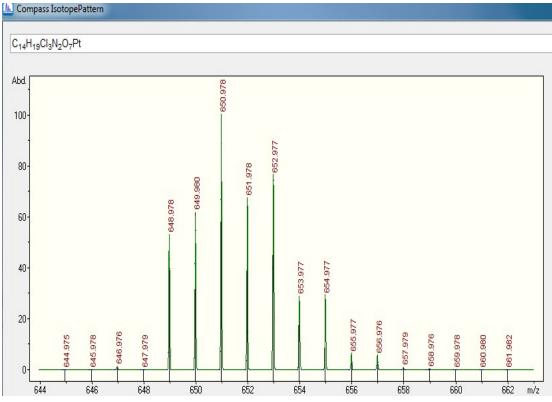


Fig. S9. The simulation of HR-MS (ESI) spectrum of complex 1b

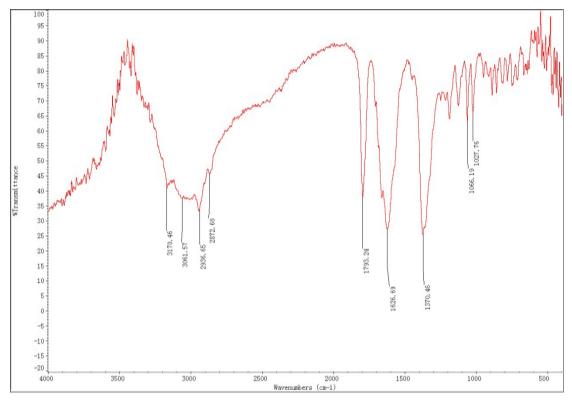


Fig. S10. IR spectrum of complex 1b

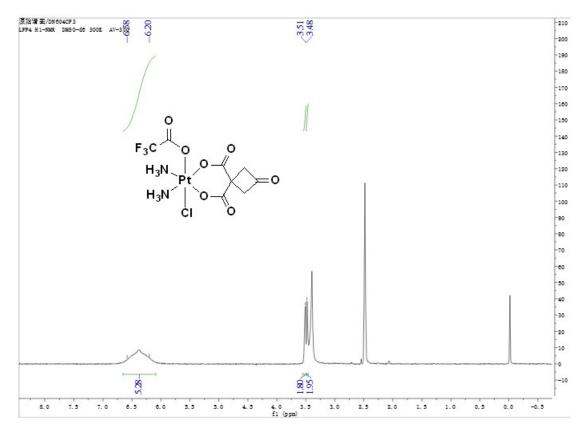


Fig. S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO) spectrum of complex 2a

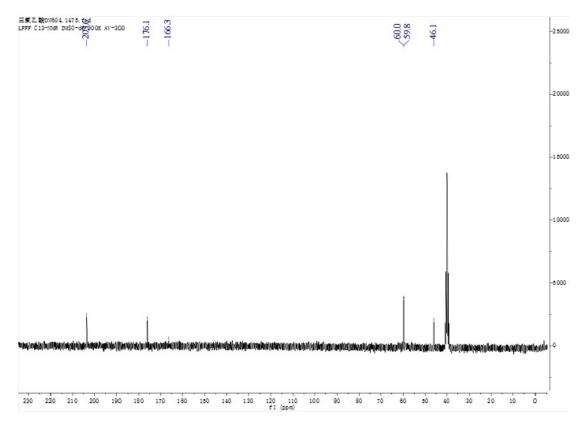


Fig. S12.<sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO) spectrum of complex 2a

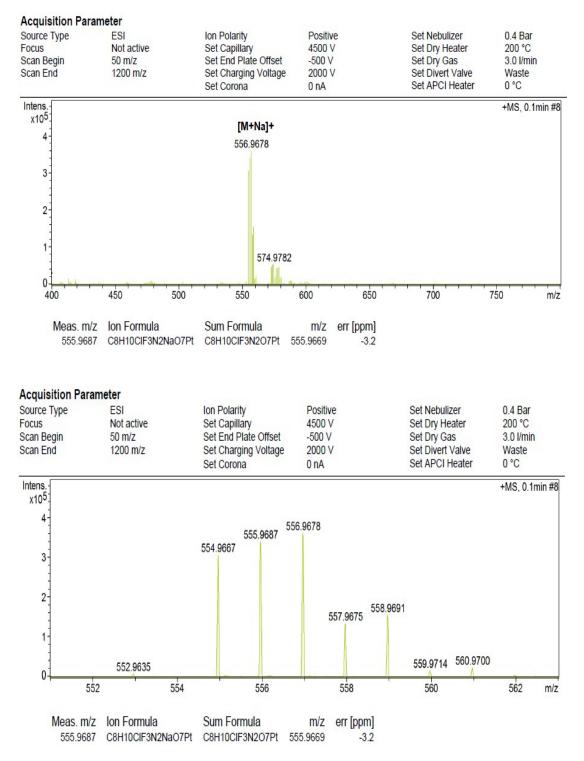


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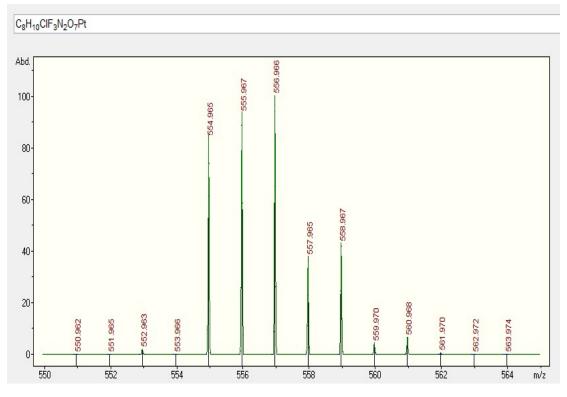


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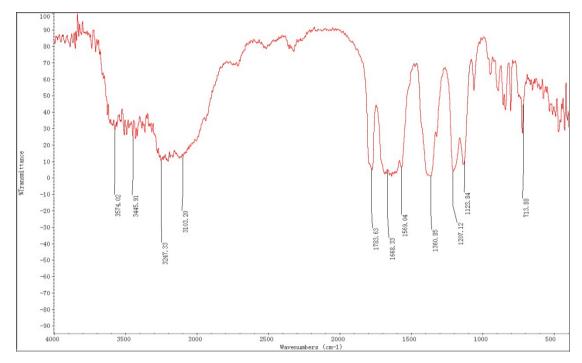


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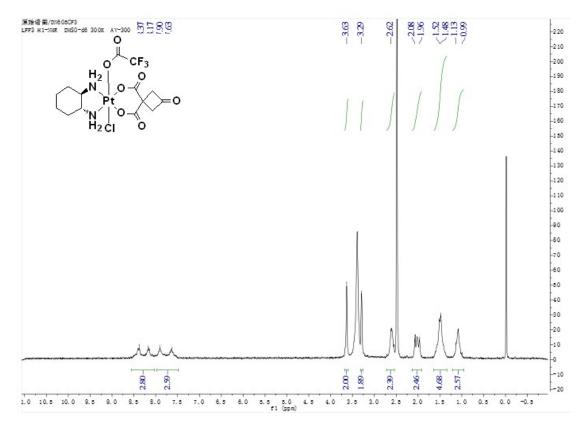


Fig. S16.<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO) spectrum of complex 2b

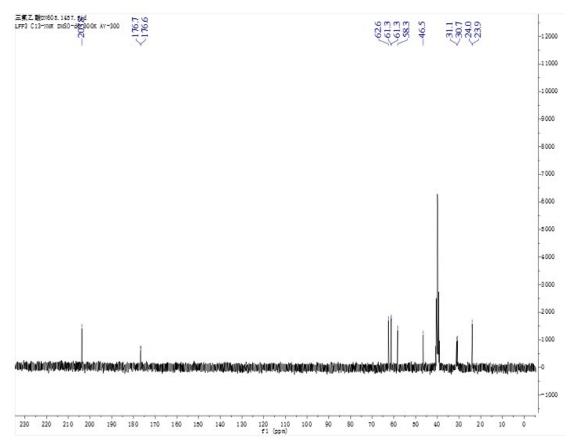


Fig. S17.<sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO) spectrum of complex 2b

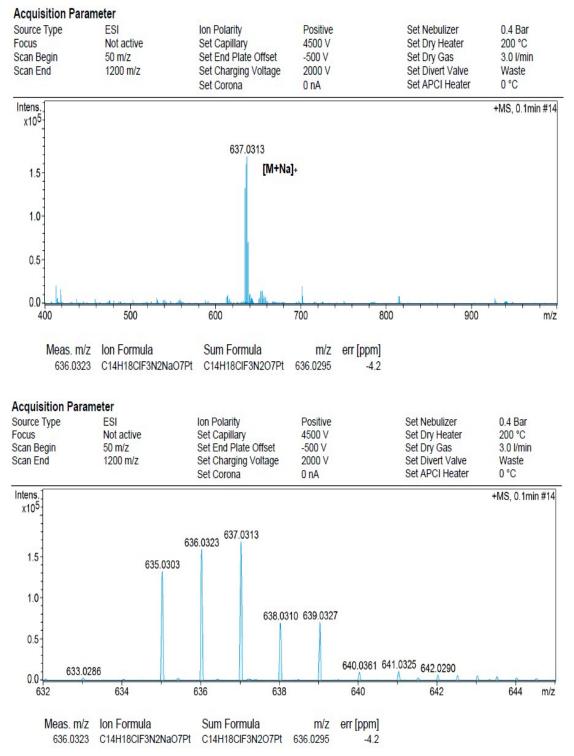


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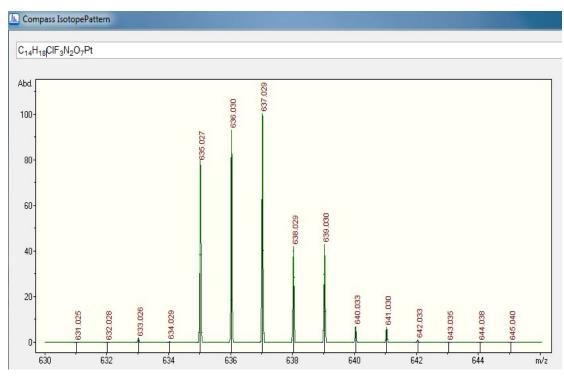


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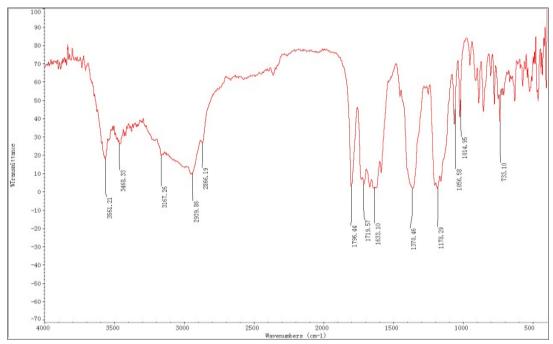
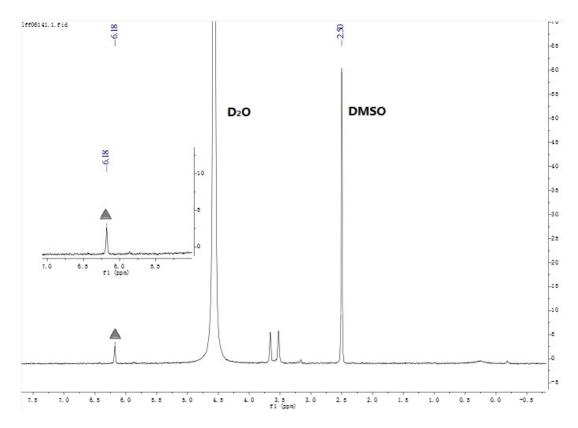


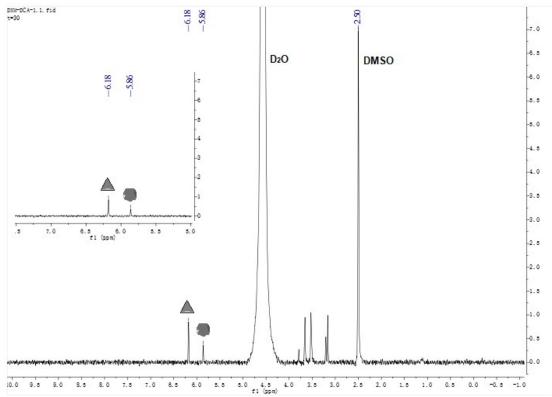
Fig. S20. IR spectrum of complex 2b

### 2. The stability of complexes 1a-2b in MeOH/PBS buffer

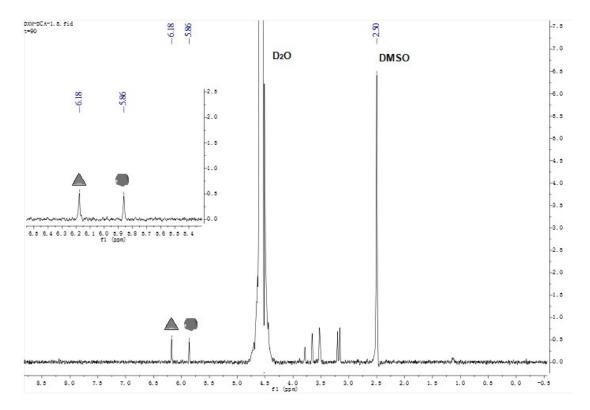
(a) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz) spectra of complex 1a in deuterated aqueous, phosphate buffered solution



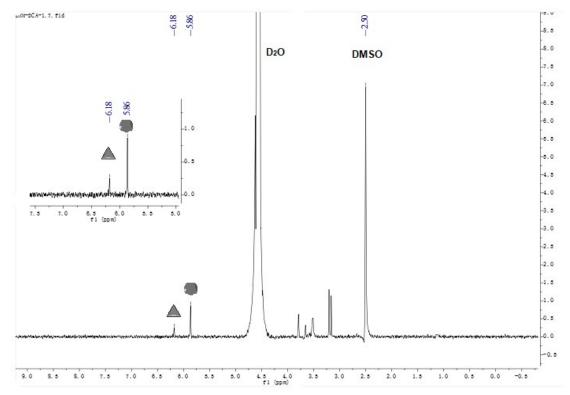
**Fig.21.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of complex **1a** treated with PBS (7.87 mM, pH 7.4; at 37°C) at 0 min (DMSO-*d*6/D<sub>2</sub>O, 10/90, v/v).  $\blacktriangle$  indicates the peak of coordinated DCA in complex **1a**.



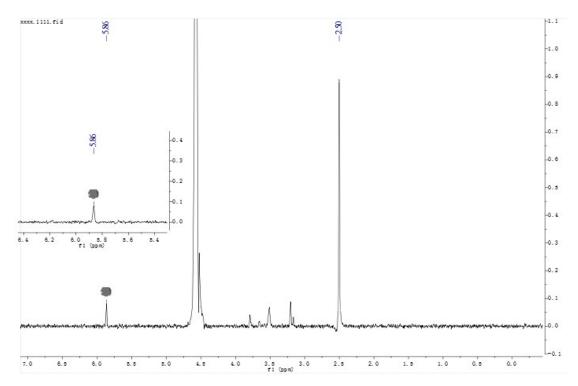
**Fig.22.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of complex **1a** treated with PBS (7.87 mM, pH 7.4; at 37°C) at 50 mins (DMSO-*d*6/D<sub>2</sub>O, 10/90, v/v).  $\triangleq$  indicates the peak of coordinated DCA in complex **1a**. ● indicates the peak of free DCA.



**Fig.23.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of complex **1a** treated with PBS (7.87 mM, pH 7.4; at 37°C) at 100 mins (DMSO-*d*6/D<sub>2</sub>O, 10/90, v/v).  $\triangleq$  indicates the peak of coordinated DCA in complex **1a**. • indicates the peak of free DCA.

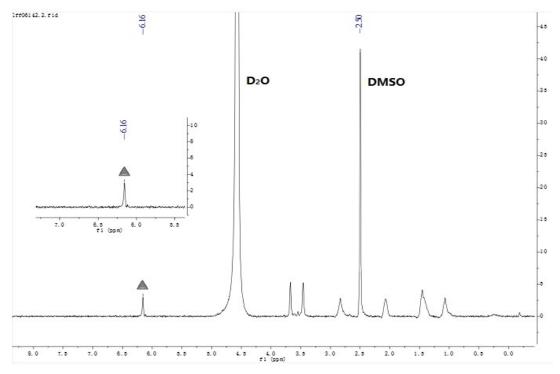


**Fig.24.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of complex **1a** treated with PBS (7.87 mM, pH 7.4; at 37°C) at 150 mins (DMSO-*d*6/D<sub>2</sub>O, 10/90, v/v).  $\triangleq$  indicates the peak of coordinated DCA in complex **1a**. • indicates the peak of free DCA.

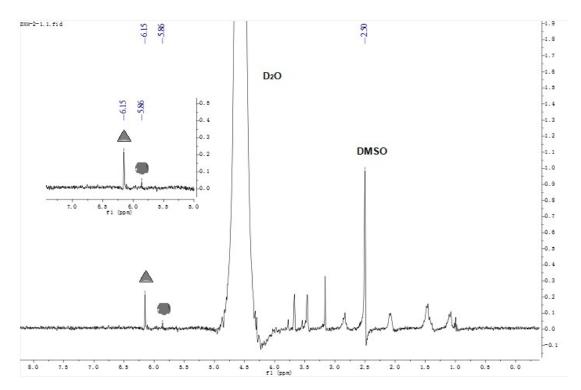


**Fig.25.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of complex **1a** treated with PBS (7.87 mM, pH 7.4; at 37°C) at 200 mins (DMSO-*d*6/D<sub>2</sub>O, 10/90, v/v).  $\blacktriangle$  indicates the peak of coordinated DCA in complex **1a**. • indicates the peak of free DCA.

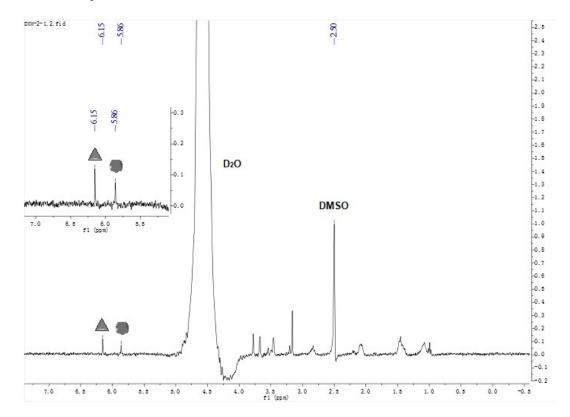
(b) <sup>1</sup>H-NMR(400 MHz, 1H) spectra of complex **1b** in deuterated aqueous, phosphate buffered solution



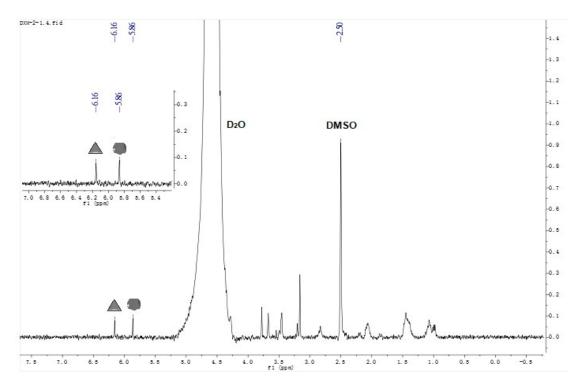
**Fig.26.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of complex **1b** treated with PBS (7.87 mM, pH 7.4; at 37°C) at 0 min (DMSO- $d6/D_2O$ , 10/90, v/v).  $\blacktriangle$  indicates the peak of coordinated DCA in complex **1b**.



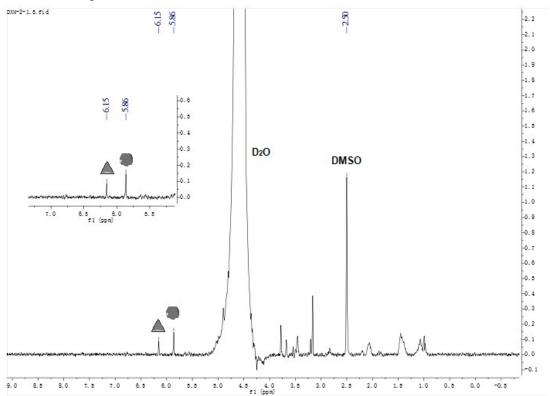
**Fig.27.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of complex **1b** treated with PBS (7.87 mM, pH 7.4; at 37°C) at 30 mins (DMSO- $d6/D_2O$ , 10/90, v/v). A indicates the peak of coordinated DCA in complex **1b**. • indicates the peak of free DCA.



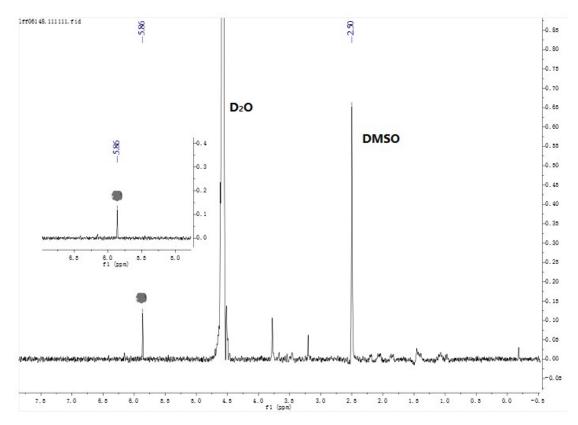
**Fig.28.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of complex **1b** treated with PBS (7.87 mM, pH 7.4; at 37°C) at 60 mins (DMSO- $d6/D_2O$ , 10/90, v/v). A indicates the peak of coordinated DCA in complex **1b**. • indicates the peak of free DCA.



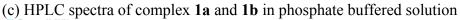
**Fig.29.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of complex **1b** treated with PBS (7.87 mM, pH 7.4; at 37°C) at 120 mins (DMSO-*d*6/D<sub>2</sub>O, 10/90, v/v).  $\blacktriangle$  indicates the peak of coordinated DCA in complex **1b**. • indicates the peak of free DCA.

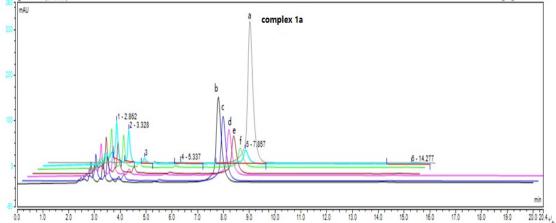


**Fig.30.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of complex **1b** treated with PBS (7.87 mM, pH 7.4; at 37°C) at 180 mins (DMSO- $d6/D_2O$ , 10/90, v/v). A indicates the peak of coordinated DCA in complex **1b**. • indicates the peak of free DCA.

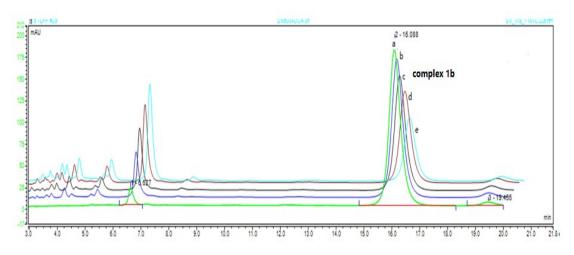


**Fig.31.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of complex **1b** treated with PBS (7.87 mM, pH 7.4; at 37°C) at 250 mins (DMSO- $d6/D_2O$ , 10/90, v/v). • indicates the peak of free DCA.

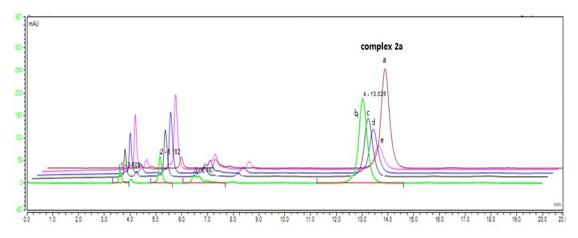




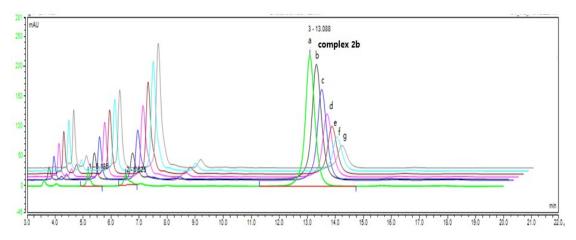
**Fig. S32.** Complex **1a** in PBS (PBS 7.87 mM, pH 7.4; at 37°C): (a) 0 min; (b) 50 min; (c) 80 min; (d) 100 min; (e) 150min; (f) 180min (250×4.6 mm ODS; 226 nm; MeCN : H<sub>2</sub>O = 25:75 (v/v); 1.0 mL/min)



**Fig. S33.** Complex **1b** in PBS (PBS 7.87 mM, pH 7.4; at 37°C): (a) 0 min; (b) 15 min; (c) 30 min; (d) 60 min; (e) 150min (250×4.6 mm ODS; 226 nm; MeCN : H<sub>2</sub>O = 25:75 (v/v); 1.0 mL/min)

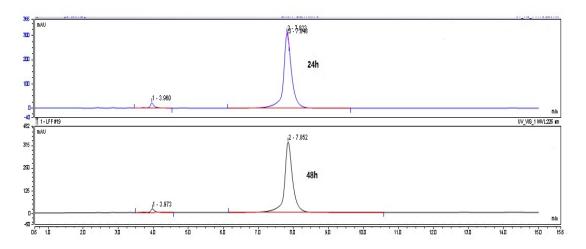


**Fig. S34.** Complex **2a** in PBS (PBS 7.87 mM, pH 7.4; at 37°C): (a) 0 min; (b)30min; (c)60 min; (d)90 min; (e)150min (250×4.6 mm ODS; 226 nm; MeCN : H<sub>2</sub>O = 25:75 (v/v); 1.0 mL/min)

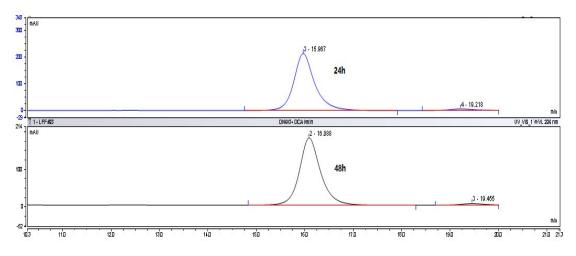


**Fig. S35.** Complex **2b** in PBS(PBS 7.87 mM, pH 7.4; at 37°C): (a) 0 min; (b)30min; (c)45 min; (d)60 min; (e)85min; (f)100min; (g)130min (250×4.6 mm ODS; 226 nm; MeCN :  $H_2O = 25:75$  (v/v); 1.0 mL/min)

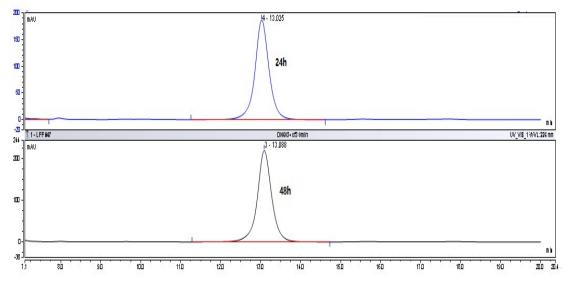
#### 4. The stability of complexes 1a-2b in MeOH



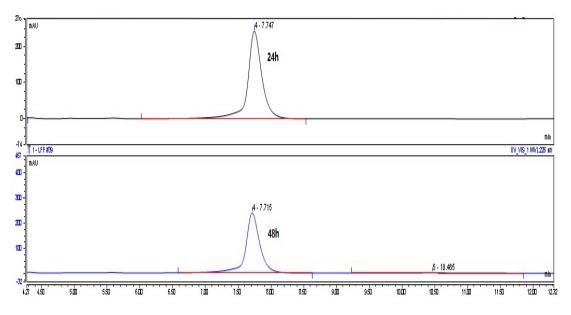
**Fig.36.** The stability of complexes **1a** in MeOH (0-48h); (250×4.6 mm ODS; 226 nm; MeCN :  $H_2O = 25:75 (v/v); 1.0 \text{ mL/min}$ 



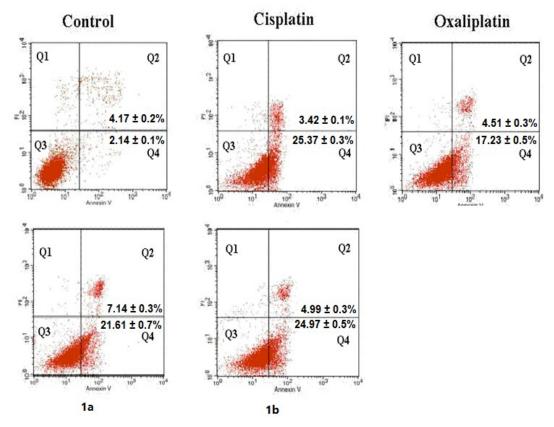
**Fig.37.** The stability of complexes **1b** in MeOH (0-48h); (250×4.6 mm ODS; 226 nm; MeCN :  $H_2O = 25:75 (v/v); 1.0 \text{ mL/min}$ 



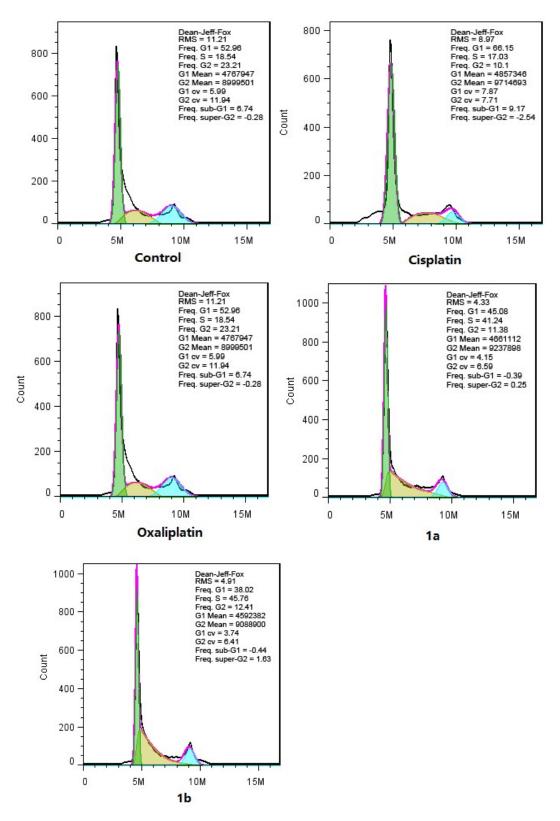
**Fig.38.** The stability of complexes **2a** in MeOH (0-48h); (250×4.6 mm ODS; 226 nm; MeCN :  $H_2O = 25:75$  (v/v); 1.0 mL/min)



**Fig.39.** The stability of complexes **2b** in MeOH (0-48h); (250×4.6 mm ODS; 226 nm; MeCN :  $H_2O = 25:75 (v/v); 1.0 mL/min)$ 



**Fig.40.** Flow cytometric analysis of the distribution of HepG-2 cells treated with 50  $\mu$ M of cisplatin, oxaliplatin, complex **1a** and **1b** for 24 hours (DMF final concentration < 0.4%). Cells were stained with 5 mL of Annexin V-FITC and incubated in the dark at 25 °C for 10 mins. The fluorescence was measured by using a flow cytometer. The results were expressed as the percentage of normal and apoptotic cells at various stages by FCSExpress software.



**Fig.41.** Cell cycle distribution of HepG-2 cells cultured in the presence of 30  $\mu$ M of cisplatin, oxaliplatin, complex **1a** and **1b** (DMF final concentration < 0.4%). The cells were seeded in 6-well plates for 12 hours, and then the cells were treated with cisplatin, oxaliplatin, complex **1a** and **1b**. After 12 hours of treatment, cells were harvested with trypsin and washed twice with PBS.