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Supporting information

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Highly cytotoxic gold(I)-phosphane dithiocarbamate complexes trigger an ER

stress-dependent immune response in ovarian cancer cells

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| Complex | 1 | 2' | 3 | 4 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| CCDC number | 1996351 | 1996352 | 1996353 | 1996354 |
| Empirical formula | C23.50H34AuClNPS2 | $C_{40.50}H_{81}Au_8C_1N_8S_{16}$ | C ₂₇ H ₄₁ AuNPS ₂ | C29H45AuNPS2 |
| Fw | 658.02 | 2804.27 | 671.66 | 699.71 |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | orthorhombic | monoclinic | triclinic |
| Space group | C2/c | Fdd2 | $P2_{1}/c$ | ΡĪ |
| <i>a</i> , Å | 35.3443(12) | 26.0916(10) | 10.9925(4) | 9.5931(2) |
| b, Å | 11.0755(4) | 44.773(2) | 13.0068(4) | 11.3803(3) |
| <i>c</i> , Å | 30.2179(11) | 24.5430(10) | 19.4730(6) | 15.1080(3) |
| α, deg | 90 | 90 | 90 | 107.692(1) |
| β, deg | 118.915(1) | 90 | 97.2120(13) | 104.572(1) |
| γ, deg | 90 | 90 | 90 | 96.872(1) |
| V, Å ³ | 10354.4(6) | 28671(2) | 2762.17(16) | 1486.02(6) |
| Ζ | 16 | 16 | 4 | 2 |
| λ, Å | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 |
| $\rho_{\rm calcd}, {\rm g \ cm^{-3}}$ | 1.688 | 2.599 | 1.615 | 1.564 |
| Crystal size, mm ³ | 0.477 x 0.250 x | 0.097 x 0.083 x | 0.487 x 0.236 x | 0.338 x 0.180 x |
| | 0.226 | 0.043 | 0.104 | 0.126 |
| Т, К | 100(2) | 100(2) | 100(2) | 100(2) |
| μ, cm ⁻¹ | 60.21 | 168.45 | 55.51 | 51.62 |
| Reflns collected/unique | 50858 | 185714 | 26804 | 30790 |
| $[\mathbf{R}_{int}]$ | 0.0309 | 0.0923 | 0.0288 | 0.0313 |
| R1 ^a | 0.0231 | 0.0284 | 0.0248 | 0.0174 |
| wR2 ^b | 0.0475 | 0.0434 | 0.0583 | 0.0380 |
| GOF ^c | 1.065 | 1.021 | 1.118 | 1.059 |

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^a $R_1 = \Sigma ||Fo| - Fc||/\Sigma |Fo|$

^b $wR2 = {\Sigma w (Fo^2 - Fc^2)^2 / \Sigma w (Fo^2)^2}^{1/2}$

^c GOF = { Σ [w(Fo² - Fc²)²]/(*n*-*p*)^{1/2}, where *n* is the number of reflections and *p* is the total number of parameters refined.

| Bond lengths (Å) and | Compound | | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|-------------|--|
| angles (°) | 1 | 3 | 4 | |
| CCDC number | 1996351 | 1996353 | 1996354 | |
| Au1-P1 / Å | 2.2710(7) | 2.2688(7) | 2.2677(5) | |
| Au1-S1 / Å | 2.3202(7) | 2.3344(8) | 2.3415(5) | |
| C7-C8 / Å | 1.400(4) | 1.401(4) | 1.404(3) | |
| C7-C12 / Å | 1.409(4) | 1.412(4) | 1.412(3) | |
| C8-C9 / Å | 1.385(4) | 1.375(5) | 1.376(3) | |
| C9-C10 / Å | 1.388(4) | 1.375(5) | 1.387(3) | |
| C10-C11 / Å | 1.383(4) | 1.392(4) | 1.386(3) | |
| C11-C12 / Å | 1.407(4) | 1.405(4) | 1.402(3) | |
| P1-C12 / Å | 1.835(3) | 1.834(3) | 1.837(2) | |
| P1-C13 / Å | 1.883(3) | 1.889(3) | 1.887(2) | |
| P1-C17 / Å | 1.884(3) | 1.890(3) | 1.880(2) | |
| S1-C21 / Å | 1.758(3) | 1.745(3) | 1.744(2) | |
| S2-C21 / Å | 1.686(3) | 1.699(3) | 1.693(2) | |
| N1-C21 / Å | 1.342(3) | 1.332(4) | 1.353(3) | |
| N1-C22 / Å | 1.449(4) | 1.447(5) | 1.476(3) | |
| N1-C23 / Å | 1.461(4) | 1.564(5) | 1.474(3) | |
| P1-Au1-S1 / ° | 174.99(3) | 171.37(3) | 172.967(18) | |
| C21-S1-Au1 / ° | 101.38(9) | 98.92(11) | 98.18(7) | |
| C12-P1-Au1 / ° | 116.06(8) | 106.36(10) | 114.91(7) | |
| C7-C12-P1 / ° | 122.82(19) | 123.0(2) | 122.70(15) | |
| C11-C12-P1 / ° | 119.0(2) | 119.1(2) | 118.85(15) | |
| S2-C21-S1 / ° | 122.03(16) | 118.20(19) | 119.33(12) | |
| N1-C21-S1 / ° | 115.8(2) | 120.4(3) | 118.08(16) | |
| N1-C21-S2 / ° | 122.1(2) | 121.5(3) | 122.58(16) | |
| C21-N1-C22 / ° | 122.9(2) | 130.4(4) | 120.20(18) | |
| C21-N1-C23 / ° | 122.9(2) | 116.7(3) | 123.06(18) | |
| C23-N1-C22 / ° | 114.1(2) | 112.8(3) | 115.52(18) | |

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Table S3. Cytotoxicity of **2**, auranofin and cDDP in presence or absence of antioxidants (NAC – *N*-acetyl cysteine, KI – potassium iodide, AA – acetic acid)

| | $IC_{50} [nm]^a$ | | | | |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Compound | No antioxidants | NAC | KI | AA | |
| 2 | 49 ± 16 | 113 ± 42 | 48 ± 12 | 33 ± 7 | |
| cisplatin | 7867 ± 1444 | 10827 ± 380 | 8906 ± 1207 | 6826 ± 2796 | |

^{*a*} 50% inhibitory concentrations in A2780 cells determined by MTT assay after 2 h preincubation with respective antioxidants and 24 h co-incubation with $\mathbf{2}$, auranofin and cDDP



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