Supporting Information

## Synthesis, characterization and anticancer mechanism studies

## of fluorinated cyclometalated ruthenium(II) complexes

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Scheme S1. Synthetic route to Ru0-5.



Fig. S1 ES-MS spectrum of complex Ru0.



**Fig. S2** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex **Ru0** in  $d_6$ -DMSO.



Fig. S3 ES-MS spectrum of complex Ru1.



**Fig. S4** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex **Ru1** in  $d_6$ -DMSO.



Fig. S5 <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of the complex Ru1.



Fig. S6 ES-MS spectrum of complex Ru2.



**Fig. S7** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex **Ru2** in  $d_6$ -DMSO.



Fig. S8 <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of the complex Ru2.



Fig. S9 ES-MS spectrum of complex Ru3a.



Fig. S10 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex **Ru3a** in  $d_6$ -DMSO.



Fig. S11 <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of the complex Ru3a.



Fig. S12 ES-MS spectrum of complex Ru3b.



**Fig. S13** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex **Ru3b** in  $d_6$ -DMSO.



Fig. S14 <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of the complex **Ru3b**.



Fig. S15 ES-MS spectrum of complex Ru4.



**Fig. S16** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex **Ru4** in  $d_6$ -DMSO.



Fig. S17 <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of the complex Ru4.



60 90 120 150 180 210 240 270 300 330 360 390 420 450 480 510 540 570 600 630 660 690 720 750 780 810 840 870 900 930

Fig. S18 ES-MS spectrum of complex Ru5.



**Fig. S19** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex **Ru5** in  $d_6$ -DMSO.



Fig. S20 <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of the complex Ru5.



**Fig. S21** ICP-MS data of A549R cells incubated with **Ru0**, **Ru1** and **Ru5** (1.0  $\mu$ M) at different conditions. (A) Control cells without adding inhibitor at 37 °C; (B) Cells were incubated at 4 °C; (C) 50 mM NH<sub>4</sub>Cl; (D) 50  $\mu$ M chloroquine; (E) 50 mM 2-deoxy-D-glucose and 5  $\mu$ M oligomycin; (F) High K<sup>+</sup>-HBSS (170 mM K<sup>+</sup>).

Complexes	Ru0	Ru1	
Empirical formula	$C_{42.5}H_{32.5}F_6N_6PRu$	$C_{39}H_{28}F_7N_6PRu$	
Formula weight	873.28	845.71	
Temperature /K	293(2)	150.00(10)	
Wavelength/Å	0.71073	0.71073	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	
<i>a</i> / Å	8.4069(3)	8.7662(2)	
b/Å	21.1667(9)	18.5608(4)	
c / Å	21.7727(7)	21.9662(5)	
β/°	99.448(3)	99.627(2)	
V/Å <sup>3</sup>	3821.8(2)	3523.74(14)	
Ζ	4	4	
$ ho_{cald}/g.cm^{-3}$	1.518	1.594	
Absorption coefficient /mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.522	0.567	
F (000)	1770	1704	
$\theta$ range for data collection /°	3.377 to 27.496	3.243 to 27.499	
Data / restraints / parameters	8503 / 18 / 516	7990 / 0 / 488	
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.030	1.032	
$R_1$ , $wR_2$ indices [ $l>2\sigma$ ( $l$ )]	0.0417, 0.0895	0.0313, 0.0706	
$R_1$ , $wR_2$ indices (all data)	0.0580, 0.0960	0.0382, 0.0739	
Largest diff. peak and hole /e. Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.761 and -0.431	0.831 and -0.463	

Table S1 Crystallographic Data for Ru0 and Ru1

Complexes	Ru2	Ru3a	
Empirical formula	$C_{37}H_{24}F_{9.50}N_{5.25}P_{1.25}Ru$	$C_{37}H_{23}F_{10.50}N_{5.25}P_{1.25}Ru$	
Formula weight	862.40	880.39	
Temperature /K	293(2)	293(2)	
Wavelength/Å	0.71073	0.71073	
Crystal system	Tetragonal	Tetragonal	
<i>a</i> / Å	24.0261(4)	23.9804(9)	
b/Å	24.0261(4)	23.9804(9)	
c / Å	25.2884(7)	25.2619(14)	
β/°	90	90	
V/Å <sup>3</sup>	14597.8(6)	14527.1(14)	
Ζ	16	16	
$ ho_{cald}/g.cm^{-3}$	1.570	1.610	
Absorption coefficient /mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.568	0.577	
F (000)	6896	7024	
$\theta$ range for data collection /°	3.222 to 27.496	3.336 to 27.493	
Data / restraints / parameters	8333 / 6 / 489	8098 / 6 / 498	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.027	1.084	
$R_1$ , $wR_2$ indices [/>2 $\sigma$ (/)]	0.0577, 0.1454	0.0835, 0.2108	
$R_1$ , $wR_2$ indices (all data)	0.0849, 0.1639	0.1083, 0.2343	
Largest diff. peak and hole /e. Å-3	1.496 and -1.298	1.950 and -1.405	

Table S2 Crystallographic Data for Ru2 and Ru3a

Complexes	Ru3b	Ru4	
Empirical formula	$C_{44}H_{31}F_9N_5PRu$	$C_{46}H_{33}F_{10}N_6PRu$	
Formula weight	932.78	991.82	
Temperature /K	293(2)	150.00(10)	
Wavelength/Å	0.71073	0.71073	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	
<i>a</i> / Å	12.4892(5)	26.7258(8)	
b/Å	9.0100(3)	8.8028(3)	
<i>c</i> / Å	17.9682(8)	18.4875(6)	
β/°	105.056(4)	107.270(3)	
V / ų	1952.51(14)	4153.3(2)	
Ζ	2	4	
$ ho_{cald}/g.cm^{-3}$	1.587	1.586	
Absorption coefficient /mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.526	0.504	
F (000)	940	2000	
$\theta$ range for data collection /°	3.378 to 25.998	3.524 to 27.498	
Data / restraints / parameters	6343 / 38 / 542	7419 / 20 / 579	
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.075	1.041	
$R_1$ , $wR_2$ indices [ $l>2\sigma$ ( $l$ )]	0.0468, 0.1142	0.0351, 0.0872	
$R_1$ , $wR_2$ indices (all data)	0.0579, 0.1220	0.0373, 0.0897	
Largest diff. peak and hole /e. Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.206 and -0.677	0.453 and -0.618	

Table S3 Crystallographic Data for Ru3b and Ru4

Complexes	Ru5	
Empirical formula	$C_{44}H_{29}F_{11}N_5PRu$	
Formula weight	968.76	
Temperature /K	293(2)	
Wavelength/Å	0.71073	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
a / Å	27.1180(7)	
b/Å	9.1320(2)	
<i>c</i> / Å	35.8913(9)	
β/°	106.414(3)	
V / Å <sup>3</sup>	8525.9(4)	
Ζ	8	
$ ho_{cald}/g.cm^{-3}$	1.509	
Absorption coefficient /mm <sup>-</sup>	0.492	
F (000)	3888	
$\theta$ range for data collection /°	3.185 to 27.494	
Data / restraints / parameters	9509 / 0 / 560	
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.028	
$R_1$ , $wR_2$ indices [/>2 $\sigma$ (/)]	0.0340, 0.0716	
$R_1$ , $wR_2$ indices (all data)	0.0483, 0.0789	
Largest diff. peak and hole /e. Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.392 and -0.411	

Bond	Dist. (Å)	Bond	Dist. (Å)
Ru(1)-N(1)	2.018(2)	Ru(1)-N(2)	2.144(2)
Ru(1)-N(3)	2.061(2)	Ru(1)-N(4)	1.950(2)
Ru(1)-N(5)	2.059(2)	Ru(1)-C(1)	2.032(3)
Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)
N(1)-Ru(1)-N(2)	76.72(9)	N(1)-Ru(1)-N(3)	98.32(9)
N(1)-Ru(1)-N(5)	103.26(9)	N(1)-Ru(1)-C(1)	80.00(10)
N(3)-Ru(1)-N(2)	88.67(9)	N(4)-Ru(1)-N(1)	176.19(9)
N(4)-Ru(1)-N(2)	105.98(9)	N(4)-Ru(1)-N(3)	79.18(9)
N(4)-Ru(1)-N(5)	79.14(9)	N(4)-Ru(1)-C(1)	97.32(10)
N(5)-Ru(1)-N(2)	98.59(9)	N(5)-Ru(1)-N(3)	158.27(9)
C(1)-Ru(1)-N(2)	156.70(10)	C(1)-Ru(1)-N(3)	95.82(10)
C(1)-Ru(1)-N(5)	85.59(9)		

Table S5 Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for Ru0

Bond	Dist. (Å)	Bond	Dist. (Å)
Ru(1)-N(1)	2.0213(17)	Ru(1)-N(2)	2.1592(17)
Ru(1)-N(3)	2.0503(16)	Ru(1)-N(4)	1.9490(16)
Ru(1)-N(5)	2.0621(16)	Ru(1)-C(1)	2.033(2)
Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)
N(1)-Ru(1)-N(2)	76.58(7)	N(1)-Ru(1)-N(3)	101.90(7)
N(1)-Ru(1)-N(5)	99.93(7)	N(1)-Ru(1)-C(1)	79.89(8)
N(3)-Ru(1)-N(2)	93.38(6)	N(4)-Ru(1)-N(1)	175.82(7)
N(4)-Ru(1)-N(2)	107.40(7)	N(4)-Ru(1)-N(3)	79.36(7)
N(4)-Ru(1)-N(5)	78.74(7)	N(4)-Ru(1)-C(1)	96.19(7)
N(5)-Ru(1)-N(2)	93.34(6)	N(5)-Ru(1)-N(3)	158.10(7)
C(1)-Ru(1)-N(2)	156.31(8)	C(1)-Ru(1)-N(3)	88.76(7)
C(1)-Ru(1)-N(5)	93.37(7)		

Table S6 Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for Ru1

Bond	Dist. (Å)	Bond	Dist. (Å)
Ru(1)-N(1)	2.024(4)	Ru(1)-N(2)	2.125(4)
Ru(1)-N(3)	2.057(3)	Ru(1)-N(4)	1.949(3)
Ru(1)-N(5)	2.051(3)	Ru(1)-C(1)	2.085(4)
Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)
N(1)-Ru(1)-N(2)	77.49(15)	N(1)-Ru(1)-N(3)	105.67(14)
N(1)-Ru(1)-N(5)	96.14(14)	N(1)-Ru(1)-C(1)	78.54(16)
N(3)-Ru(1)-N(2)	93.86(13)	N(4)-Ru(1)-N(1)	174.73(14)
N(4)-Ru(1)-N(2)	105.16(14)	N(4)-Ru(1)-N(3)	78.85(13)
N(4)-Ru(1)-N(5)	79.40(14)	N(4)-Ru(1)-C(1)	98.90(16)
N(5)-Ru(1)-N(2)	89.93(13)	N(5)-Ru(1)-N(3)	158.17(13)
C(1)-Ru(1)-N(2)	155.93(16)	C(1)-Ru(1)-N(3)	90.53(14)
C(1)-Ru(1)-N(5)	94.74(14)		

Table S7 Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for Ru2

Bond	Dist. (Å)	Bond	Dist. (Å)
Ru(1)-N(1)	2.024(5)	Ru(1)-N(2)	2.116(5)
Ru(1)-N(3)	2.055(4)	Ru(1)-N(4)	1.946(4)
Ru(1)-N(5)	2.044(5)	Ru(1)-C(1)	2.097(6)
Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)
N(1)-Ru(1)-N(2)	77.8(2)	N(1)-Ru(1)-N(3)	105.64(19)
N(1)-Ru(1)-N(5)	96.22(19)	N(1)-Ru(1)-C(1)	77.9(2)
N(3)-Ru(1)-N(2)	93.46(18)	N(4)-Ru(1)-N(1)	174.9(2)
N(4)-Ru(1)-N(2)	104.8(2)	N(4)-Ru(1)-N(3)	78.74(19)
N(4)-Ru(1)-N(5)	79.50(19)	N(4)-Ru(1)-C(1)	99.6(2)
N(5)-Ru(1)-N(2)	89.75(19)	N(5)-Ru(1)-N(3)	158.10(19)
C(1)-Ru(1)-N(2)	155.6(2)	C(1)-Ru(1)-N(3)	90.51(18)
C(1)-Ru(1)-N(5)	95.48(19)		

Table S8 Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for Ru3a

Bond	Dist. (Å)	Bond	Dist. (Å)
Ru(1)-N(1)	2.012(9)	Ru(1)-N(2)	2.177(7)
Ru(1)-N(3)	2.056(6)	Ru(1)-N(4)	1.950(9)
Ru(1)-N(5)	2.053(6)	Ru(1)-C(1)	2.026(8)
Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)
N(1)-Ru(1)-N(2)	76.6(3)	N(1)-Ru(1)-N(3)	102.6(3)
N(1)-Ru(1)-N(5)	97.9(3)	N(1)-Ru(1)-C(1)	80.8(4)
N(3)-Ru(1)-N(2)	90.0(2)	N(4)-Ru(1)-N(1)	174.8(4)
N(4)-Ru(1)-N(2)	108.1(3)	N(4)-Ru(1)-N(3)	79.8(3)
N(4)-Ru(1)-N(5)	79.6(3)	N(4)-Ru(1)-C(1)	94.5(4)
N(5)-Ru(1)-N(2)	96.6(2)	N(5)-Ru(1)-N(3)	159.4(2)
C(1)-Ru(1)-N(2)	157.3(3)	C(1)-Ru(1)-N(3)	92.3(3)
C(1)-Ru(1)-N(5)	89.1(3)		

Table S9 Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for Ru3b

Bond	Dist. (Å)	Bond	Dist. (Å)
Ru(1)-N(1)	2.163(4)	Ru(1)-N(2)	2.015(5)
Ru(1)-N(3)	2.072(4)	Ru(1)-N(4)	1.946(5)
Ru(1)-N(5)	2.066(4)	Ru(1)-C(1)	2.030(5)
Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)
N(1)-Ru(1)-N(2)	76.99(19)	N(1)-Ru(1)-N(3)	94.32(15)
N(1)-Ru(1)-N(5)	92.02(15)	N(1)-Ru(1)-C(1)	155.74(17)
N(3)-Ru(1)-N(2)	98.80(17)	N(4)-Ru(1)-N(1)	105.34(19)
N(4)-Ru(1)-N(2)	176.7(3)	N(4)-Ru(1)-N(3)	78.77(16)
N(4)-Ru(1)-N(5)	79.54(16)	N(4)-Ru(1)-C(1)	98.9(2)
N(5)-Ru(1)-N(2)	102.85(17)	N(5)-Ru(1)-N(3)	158.30(14)
C(1)-Ru(1)-N(2)	78.9(2)	C(1)-Ru(1)-N(3)	91.53(16)
C(1)-Ru(1)-N(5)	91.16(17)		

Table S10 Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for Ru4

Bond	Dist. (Å)	Bond	Dist. (Å)
Ru(1)-N(1)	2.157(2)	Ru(1)-N(2)	2.0234(17)
Ru(1)-N(3)	2.0663(18)	Ru(1)-N(4)	1.9479(17)
Ru(1)-N(5)	2.0614(18)	Ru(1)-C(1)	2.055(2)
Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)
N(1)-Ru(1)-N(2)	76.45(7)	N(1)-Ru(1)-N(3)	96.04(7)
N(1)-Ru(1)-N(5)	89.59(7)	N(1)-Ru(1)-C(1)	155.89(8)
N(3)-Ru(1)-N(2)	102.30(7)	N(4)-Ru(1)-N(1)	108.52(7)
N(4)-Ru(1)-N(2)	174.81(7)	N(4)-Ru(1)-N(3)	78.91(7)
N(4)-Ru(1)-N(5)	79.41(7)	N(4)-Ru(1)-C(1)	95.58(8)
N(5)-Ru(1)-N(2)	99.41(7)	N(5)-Ru(1)-N(3)	158.28(7)
C(1)-Ru(1)-N(2)	79.47(8)	C(1)-Ru(1)-N(3)	87.89(7)
C(1)-Ru(1)-N(5)	95.50(8)		

Table S11 Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for Ru5