Supplementary Information

Water soluble ionic Co(II), Cu(II) & Zn(II) diimine-glycinate complexes targeted to tRNA: Structural description, *in vitro* comparative binding, cleavage and cytotoxic studies towards chemoresistant prostate cancer cells

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Fig. S1. EPR spectra of complexes 1, 2 and 4 at Liquid Nitrogen Temperature.



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Fig. S2. Mass spectra of complexes 1–4.



Fig. S3. ¹H spectra of the (a) ligand Phthaloylglycine and (b) complex 3.



Fig.S4. ¹³C NMR spectra of the (a) ligand Phthaloylglycine and (b) complex 3.



Fig.S5. Themogravimetric analysis (TGA) curves for complexes 1–4.



Fig. S6. Intermolecular C–H----O hydrogen bonding (shown by green color) resulting in 2–dimensional architectures in complexes 1–4.

Complex	1	2	3	4
CCDC	1965359	1965362	1965360	1965363
Empirical formula	$C_{30} H_{26} Cu N_4 O_{13}$	C ₃₀ H ₂₈ CoN ₄ O ₁₂	$C_{30}H_{24}N_4O_{12}Zn$	C ₃₂ H ₂₈ CoN ₄ O ₁₂
$F_{\rm w} ({\rm gmol}^{-1})$	714.10	695.49	697.92	719.51
Temperature (K)	150	150	150	150
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P -1	<i>C2/c</i>	C2/c	<i>C 2/c</i>
a (Å)	7.1549(6)	32.8560(15)	32.858(3)	32.6329(15)
b (Å)	13.9178(9)	12.1150(6)	12.1027(10)	12.9695(4)
<i>c</i> (Å)	16.9211(12)	7.2898(3)	7.3119(9)	7.2447(3)
α (°)	110.138(2)	90	90	90
β (°)	100.826(3)	94.678(2)	94.642(4)	94.143(2)
γ (°)	91.382(2)	90	90	90
Volume (Å ³)	1546.6(2)	2892.0(2)	2898.2(5)	3058.2(2)
Ζ	2	4	4	4
$\rho_{\rm calc} ({\rm g \ cm^{-3}})$	1.533	1.597	1.599	1.563
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.781	0.670	0.923	0.636
F(000)	734	1436	1432	1484
Crystal size (mm)	0.21x0.15x0.15	0.16 x 0.12x 0.12	0.19x 0.18 x 0.15	0.18x 0.18 x 0.17
θ Range (°)	2.373-26.441	2.488-28.818	2.488-26.431	2.488-25.242
Completeness (%)	0.998	0.987	0.998	0.998
Measured	26494	23999	21318	41234
reflections				
Independent	6347/0.1127	3722/ 0.0419	2985/0.1268	3955/0.0395
reflections/ R _{int}				
Observed reflectios	4668	3303	2370	3623
[I>2σ(I)]				
Data / restraints /	/9/442	3722 / 6 / 229	2985 /3/216	3955/6/238
parameters				
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.019	1.061	1.185	1.065
Final indices	R1 = 0.0587	R1 = 0.0279	R1 = 0.0743	R1 = 0.0269
[I>2sigma(I)]	wR2 = 0.1351	wR2 = 0.0662	wR2 = 0.1750	wR2 = 0.0724
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0901	R1 = 0.0343	R1 = 0.0975	R1 = 0.0300
	wR2 = 0.1522	wR2 = 0.0689	wR2 = 0.1850	wR2 = 0.0740
Largest diff.	1.438/-1.024	0.366/-0.376	2.456/-0.893	0.265/-0.541
peak/hole (eÅ-3)				

 Table S1. Crystallographic data of complexes 1–4.

 Table S2. Selected bond length of complexes 1–4 in Angstrom (Å).

Complex 1						
Atoms	Bond length (Å)	Atoms	Bond length (Å)			
Cu1–N1	2.016(3)	O7–C21	1.254(5)			

Cu1–N2	1.990(3)	O8-C21	1.246(5)				
Cu1–O1	1.954(3)	O5–H5O(A)	0.944(19)				
Cu1–O5	1.950(3)	O6-H6O(B)	0.929(19)				
Cu1–O6	2.261(3)	O6-H6O(A)	0.931(19)				
01–C11	1.281(5)	O5-H5O(B)	0.930(19)				
O2C11	1.225(5)						
	Com	plex 2					
Atoms	Bond length (Å)	Atoms	Bond length (Å)				
Co1–N1	2.1380(11)	O1–C6	1.2362(16)				
Co1–O5	2.0606(9)	O2–C6	1.2807(16)				
Co1–O6	2.1227(10)						
	Com	plex 3					
Atoms	Bond length (Å)	Atoms	Bond length (Å)				
Zn1–O6	2.117(4)	O1–C6	1.290(7)				
Zn1–O5	2.125(4)	O2–C6	1.227(7)				
Zn1–N1	2.157(4)						
Complex 4							
Atoms	Bond length (Å)	Atoms	Bond length (Å)				
Co1–O5	2.0228(9)	O1–C7	1.2342(15)				
Co1–N1	2.1632(10)	O2–C7	1.2809(13)				
Co1–O6	2.1634(8)						

Table S3. Selected bond angles of complexes 1–4 in degree (°).

Complex 1						
Atoms	Bond angle (°)	Atoms	Bond angle (°)			
O5-Cu1-O1	89.65(11)	Cu1–O5–H5OA	119(3)			
O5–Cu1–N2	173.65(12)	Cu1–O5–H5OB	109(3)			
O1–Cu1–N2	94.18(12)	Cu1–O6–H6OA	90(3)			
O5-Cu1-N1	93.28(12)	Cu1–O6–H6OB	113(4)			
O1–Cu1–N1	154.55(12)	C1-N1-C5	119.7(3)			
N2-Cu1-N1	81.09(12)	C1–N1–Cu1	126.0(3)			
O5–Cu1–O6	95.70(11)	C5–N1–Cu1	114.2(2)			
O1-Cu1-O6	101.45(11)	C10-N2-C6	118.8(3)			
N2-Cu1-O6	88.51(11)	C10-N2-Cu1	125.5(3)			
N1-Cu1-O6	103.40(12)	C6–N2–Cu1	115.5(2)			
C11–O1–Cu1	122.6(2)					
	Com	plex 2				
Atoms	Bond angle (°)	Atoms	Bond angle (°)			
O5-Co1-O5	170.27(6)	O5-Co1-N1	89.87(4)			
O5–Co1–O6	87.04(4)	O6-C01-N1	166.51(4)			
O5–Co1–O6	86.90(4)	O6-C01-N1	89.91(4)			
O6-C01-O6	102.98(6)	Co1O6H6OB	123.0(14)			
O5–Co1–N1	97.73(4)	N1–Co1–N1	77.53(6)			
Co1–O5–H5OA	118.3(13)	C5–N1–C1	118.43(11)			
Co1–O5–H5OB	117.7(14)	C5–N1–Co1	126.16(9)			

Co1–O6–H6OA	114.9(13)	C1–N1–Co1	115.16(9)					
Complex 3								
Atoms	Bond angle (°)	Atoms	Bond angle (°)					
O6-Zn1-O6	105.5(2)	O5–Zn1–N1	97.83(15)					
O6–Zn1–O5	87.39(15)	N1–Zn1–N1	76.4(2)					
O6–Zn1–O5	86.74(15)	Zn1–O6–H6OA	120(4)					
O5–Zn1–O5	170.3(2)	Zn1–O6–H6OB	108(4)					
O6–Zn1–N1	89.30(16)	C1-N1-C5	118.6(5)					
O6–Zn1–N1	164.66(16)	C1–N1–Zn1	115.8(3)					
O5–Zn1–N1	89.80(15)	C5–N1–Zn1	125.4(4)					
	Com	plex 4						
Atoms	Bond angle (°)	Atoms	Bond angle (°)					
O5–Co1–O5	157.24(6)	O6–C01–O6	112.72(5)					
O5-Co1-N1	104.96(4)	Co1–O5–H5OA	122.2(13)					
O5-Co1-N1	92.81(4)	Co1–O5–H5OB	122.1(13)					
N1-Co1-N1	77.76(5)	Co1–O6–H6OA	118.2(14)					
O5–Co1–O6	84.17(3)	Co1–O6–H6OB	113.9(13)					
05–Co1–O6	83.28(3)	C5–N1–C1	117.79(10)					
N1-Co1-O6	85.15(4)	C5-N1-Co1	128.77(8)					

Table S4. Simulated data for the bond length of complexes 1–4 in Angstrom (Å).

		Com	plex 1					
Atoms	Bond le	ength (Å)	Atoms	Bond length (Å)				
	Exp.	Obs.		Exp.	Obs.			
Cu1–N1	2.016	2.066	O7–C21	1.254	1.240			
Cu1–N2	1.990	2.057	O8–C21	1.246	1.263			
Cu1–O1	1.954	1.962	O5-H5O(A)	0.944	0.873			
Cu1–O5	1.950	1.999	O6-H6O(B)	0.929	1.064			
Cu1–O6	2.261	2.199	O6-H6O(A)	0.931	0.970			
O1-C11	1.281	1.284	O5–H5O(B)	0.930	0.875			
O2C11	1.225	1.227						
		Com	plex 2					
Atoms	Bond ler	ngth (Å)	Atoms	Bond len	gth (Å)			
	Exp.	Obs.		Exp.	Obs.			
Co1–N1	2.1380	1.889	O1–C6	1.2362	1.241			
Co1–O5	2.0606	2.046	O2–C6	1.2807	1.243			
Co1–O6	2.1227	2.315						
Complex 3								
Atoms	Bond le	ength (Å)	Atoms	Bond length (Å)				
	Exp.	Obs.		Exp.	Obs.			
Zn1–O6	2.117	2.211	O1–C6	1.290	1.296			
Zn1–O5	2.125	2.069	O2–C6	1.227	1.214			
Zn1–N1	2.157	2.130						

Complex 4							
Atoms	Bond length (Å)		Atoms	Bond length (Å)			
	Exp.	Obs.		Exp.	Obs.		
Co1–O5	2.0228	2.0228	O1–C7	1.2342	1.2341		
Co1–N1	2.1632	2.1631	O2–C7	1.2809	1.2808		
Co1–O6	2.1634	2.1632					

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Table	S5 .	Simulated	data :	for the	bond	angles	of com	plexes	1–4 in	degree (°).

Complex 1							
Atoms	Bond a	ngle (°)	Atoms	Bond angle (°)			
	Exp.	Obs.		Exp.	Obs.		
O5-Cu1-O1	89.65	88.51	Cu1-O5-H5OA	119	118.21		
O5–Cu1–N2	173.65	173.71	Cu1–O5–H5OB	109	109.47		
O1–Cu1–N2	94.18	94.80	Cu1–O6–H6OA	90	90.47		
O5–Cu1–N1	93.28	93.71	Cu1–O6–H6OB	113	113.83		
O1–Cu1–N1	154.55	155.71	C1-N1-C5	119.7	119.97		
N2-Cu1-N1	81.09	79.58	C1–N1–Cu1	126.0	125.57		
O5-Cu1-O6	95.70	99.85	C5–N1–Cu1	114.2	114.32		
O1-Cu1-O6	101.45	101.72	C10-N2-C6	118.8	120.25		
N2-Cu1-O6	88.51	88.51	C10-N2-Cu1	125.5	124.74		
N1-Cu1-O6	103.40	102.57	C6–N2–Cu1	115.5	114.63		
C11–O1–Cu1	122.6	123.99					
		Com	plex 2	•			
Atoms	Bond ar	igle (°)	Atoms	Bond a	ngle (°)		
	Exp.	Obs.		Exp.	Obs.		
O5-Co1-O5	170.27	170.20	N1-Co1-N1	77.53	75.40		
O5-Co1-O6	87.04	87.65	Co1–O5–H5OA	118.3	119.47		
O5-Co1-O6	86.90	88.42	Co1–O5–H5OB	117.7	118.05		
O6-C01-O6	102.98	101.13	Co106H6OA	114.9	114.97		
O5-C01-N1	89.87	90.19	Co1–O6–H6OB	123.0	120.75		
O5-C01-N1	97.73	98.10	C5-N1-C1	118.43	117.62		
O6-C01-N1	89.92	89.02	C5-N1-Co1	126.16	126.75		
O6-C01-N1	166.50	166.99	C1-N1-Co1	115.16	114.52		
	· · · ·	Com	plex 3				
Atoms	Bond ar	ngle (°)	Atoms	Bond angle (°)			
	Exp.	Obs.		Exp.	Obs.		
O6-Zn1-O6	105.5	104.47	O5–Zn1–N1	89.80	89.86		
O6-Zn1-O5	87.39	87.28	N1–Zn1–N1	76.4	79.06		
O6–Zn1–O5	86.74	87.09	Zn1–O6–H6OA	120	120.27		
O5–Zn1–O5	170.3	169.22	Zn1–O6–H6OB	108	109.47		
O6–Zn1–N1	164.66	164.18	C1-N1-C5	118.6	119.24		
O6–Zn1–N1	89.30	90.93	C1–N1–Zn1	115.8	112.99		
O5–Zn1–N1	97.83	96.01	C5–N1–Zn1	125.4(4)	127.52		
		Com	plex 4				
Atoms	Bond ar	ngle (°)	Atoms	Bond a	ngle (°)		

	Exp.	Obs.		Exp.	Obs.
O5–Co1–O5	157.24	158.75	O6–Co1–O6	112.72	112.72
O5-Co1-N1	104.96	105.37	Co1–O5–H5OA	122.2	121.67
O5-Co1-N1	92.81	92.80	Co1–O5–H5OB	122.1	121.17
N1-Co1-N1	77.76	78.02	Co106H6OA	118.2	118.82
O5-Co1-O6	84.17	84.17	Co1–O6–H6OB	113.9	113.45
O5-Co1-O6	83.28	83.27	C5-N1-C1	117.79	117.79
N1-Co1-O6	85.15	85.14	C5-N1-Co1	128.77	128.76
N1-C01-O6	161.27	161.26	C1–N1–Co1	113.30	113.29



Fig. S7. Hirshfield surface for complexes 1-4 (a) d_{norm} (b) shape index and (c) curvedness.



Fig. S8. Finger print plots for complexes 1–4 discerning the percent contribution by various interatomic interactions.

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Lable S6. Percenta	ge contribution	of various a	atomic pair	's in tr	ie complexes I–	-4
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	Percent contribution (%)							
Complexes	H–H	Н-О	Н–С	H–N				
1	32.1	37.4	11.3	1.2				
2	33.6	41.3	9.1	2.7				
3	28.0	39.0	9.1	3.0				
4	40.7	29.9	10.4	3.7				

Binding studies with ct–DNA and tRNA

Absorption titrations were performed on a UV–1700 PharmaSpec UV–vis spectrophotometer (Shimadzu) with a fixed concentration of complexes **1–4** ($1x10^{-4}$ M) and varying the ct–DNA/tRNA (0–0.55 $x10^{-5}$ M) concentration while the total volume remains constant. The absorbance was recorded after successive titrations upon addition of ct–DNA/tRNA solution. Fluorescent Intercalator Displacement assay was performed using a Hitachi F–250 spectro–fluorometer at 25 °C. The Tris buffer was used as a blank to make preliminary adjustments. Emission spectral titrations were conducted by adding aliquots of 0–0.6 $x10^{-4}$ M solutions of complexes **1–4** to samples containing 1µM of ethidium bromide solution ($1x10^{-5}$ M) and an equimolar concentration of ct–DNA/tRNA ($1 x10^{-5}$ M) in Tris–HCl buffer. Cyclic voltammetry was carried out at CH instrument electrochemical analyzer. The cyclic voltammograms were recorded for the complexes alone and then in the absence and presence of ct–DNA and tRNA ($1 x10^{-5}$ M). The total volume of the solution is maintained constant by the addition of Tris–HCl buffer.



Fig. S9. Absorption spectra of complexes 1–4 in presence of increasing ct–DNA concentration $(0-0.55 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M})$.



Fig. S10. Emission titration spectra of EB–ct–DNA system in presence of increasing concentration of complexes 1–4.



Fig. S11. Emission titration spectra of EB–tRNA system in presence of increasing concentration of complexes 1–4.



Fig. S12. Absorption titration spectra of BSA in presence of increasing amount of complexes 1-4.



Fig. S13. Molecular docked model of complex 2 with (a) DNA and (b) RNA.



Fig. S14. Molecular docked model of complex 3 with (a) DNA and (b) RNA.



Fig. S15. Molecular docked model of complex 4 with (a) DNA and (b) RNA.