## **Supplementary Material**

A novel star-shaped trinuclear platinum(II) complex based on a 1,3,5-triazine core displaying potent antiproliferative activity against TNBC by mitochondria injury and DNA damage mechanism

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**Fig. S1** ESI-MS spectra of 2,4,6-tris[(2-hydroxybenzyl)(2-pyridylmethyl)amine]-1,3,5-triazine (L) in methanol.



Fig. S2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR of 2,4,6-tris[(2-hydroxybenzyl)(2-pyridylmethyl)amine]-1,3,5-triazine (L) in DMSO- $d_6$ . The signals marked with \* are for the protons from residual solvent ethyl acetate.



Fig. S3 <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 2,4,6-tris[(2-hydroxybenzyl)(2-pyridylmethyl)amine]-1,3,5-triazine (L) in DMSO- $d_6$ . The signals marked with \* are for the carbons from residual solvent ethyl acetate.



Fig. S4 IR Spectra of 2,4,6-tris[(2-hydroxybenzyl)(2-pyridylmethyl)amine]-1,3,5-triazine (L).



Fig. S5 <sup>1</sup>H NMR of complex 2 in DMSO- $d_6$ . The signals marked with \* are for the protons from residual solvent diethyl ether.



**Fig. S6** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of (2-hydroxybenzyl)(2-pyridylmethyl)amine (L') in DMSO- $d_6$ . The signals marked with \* are for the protons from residual solvent diethyl ether.



Fig. S7 ESI-MS spectra of complex 2 in methanol.

Table S1 Characteristic IR bands (cm<sup>-1</sup>) of the ligands and their respective platinum(II) complexes.

| Assignment                  | [Pt <sub>3</sub> (L–3H)Cl <sub>3</sub> ] (1) | L    | [Pt(L'–H)Cl] (2) | Ľ    |
|-----------------------------|--|------|------------------|------|
| $\nu_{\text{C-H}}$ aromatic | 3088   | 3032 | 3147             | 3049 |
| V <sub>C=N</sub>            | 1533   | 1533 | 1603             | 1593 |
| v <sub>C=C</sub>            | 1485   | 1443 | 1452             | 1457 |
| $\delta$ (pyridine ring)    | 761  | 752  | 766              | 752  |
| δ(OH-phenol)                | _  | 1359 | _                | 1351 |



Fig. S8 IR Spectra of (2-hydroxybenzyl)(2-pyridylmethyl)amine (L').



Fig. S9 IR Spectra of complex 2.



Fig. S10 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of  $[Pt_3(L-3H)Cl_3]$  (1) in DMSO- $d_6$ .



Fig. S11 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of  $[Pt_3(L-3H)Cl_3]$  (1) in DMSO- $d_6$ .



Fig. S12 ESI-MS spectra of complex 1 in methanol.



Fig. S14 The absorption spectra of 1 (25  $\mu$ M, 0.3% DMSO) in cell culture media (Roswell Park Memorial Institute (RPMI) 1640 medium) at 10 min, 48 h, 72 h.



Fig. S15 ESI-MS spectrum (positive mode) of the reaction between complex 1 and 5'-GMP (1: 3.5) recorded in methanol/water (v/v, 1:1) at 37 °C for 24 h. Assingments: 1751.07,  $[Pt_3(L-3H)(GMP)-Na+CH_3OH+C1]^+$  (Pt\_3C<sub>53</sub>H<sub>52</sub>N<sub>14</sub>O<sub>12</sub>PNaCl, calcd 1751.31); 1369.33,  $[Pt_3(L-3H)Cl_2]^+$  (Pt\_3C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>9</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, calcd 1369.12).



Fig. S16 Agarose gel electrophoresis patterns of supercoiled pUC19 plasmid DNA incubated with complex 1 at 37 °C for 24 h. Lane 1, control; lanes 2–8, the  $r_i$  values of 0.015, 0.03, 0.045, 0.06, 0.12, 0.18, 0.24, respectively.