Supporting Information

Pt(II) and Pt(IV) Complexes with a Major Component of Royal Jelly as Innovative Antitumor Drug Candidates.

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NMR characterization of Pt complex 2a

Complex 2a was characterized through 1D (1H-, 13C- and 195Pt-NMR) and 2D (COSY, NOESY, [¹H,¹³C]-HSQC, [¹H,¹⁹⁵Pt]-HSQC) NMR spectroscopy in DMSO-d₆. The ¹H NMR spectrum of complex 2a does not show the vinylic proton H_3 , and the peak for the H_2 proton collapses from a doublet in free 10-HAD (coupling to H₃) to a singlet. This supports the coordination of a single 10-HDA through both a carboxylate oxygen and the deprotonated C3 vinylic carbon. In the COSY spectrum (Figure S1, A) the cross peaks observed at 5.11/2.38 (A) and 4.48/2.38 (B) were assigned to $N_1H_2/H_{11/12}$ and $N_2H_2/H_{11/12}$, respectively. The cross peak linking the signals at 4.35 and 3.38 ppm (C in Figure S1, A) assigns these two resonances to OH and H_{10} protons, while the cross peak which correlate the signal at 3.38/1.4 ppm (D) is assigned to H_{10}/H_9 . Finally, the cross peaks observed at 2.10/1.36 (E) and 1.40/1.26 ppm (F) are assigned to H₄/H₅ and H_{5/9}/H_{6/7/8}, respectively. The 2D NOESY spectra (Figure S1, B) showed a cross peak at 5.11/2.10 ppm due to the spatial coupling between N_1H_2/H_4 protons. The [¹H,¹³C]-HSQC (Figure S1, C) does not show the cross peak C_3/H_3 observed at 148.36/6.8 ppm (¹³C/¹H) in free 10-HDA, another evidence in favor of the formation of a Pt-C₃ bond. The cross peaks at 121.82/5.27 (A), 60.74/3.38 (B), 47.73/2.38 (C), 43.20/2.38 (D), and 38.35/2.10 ppm (E) allow the assignment of resonances to C₂, C₁₀, C₁₂, C₁₁ and C₄, respectively. Finally, the cross peaks observed at 32.61/1.4 (F), 27.14/1.36 (G), 28.58/1.26 (H), and 25.60/1.26 ppm (I) were assigned to C_9/H_9 , C_5/H_5 , $C_{6/7}/H_{6/7}$ and C_8/H_8 , respectively. The ¹³C NMR (Figure S1, D) showed signals falling at 186.73 and 164.99 ppm assigned to C₁ and C₃ which result to be downfield with respect to corresponding signals in free 10-HDA (by 19.15 and 16.63 ppm, respectively).



Figure S1: (A) COSY (500 MHz), (B) NOESY (300 MHz), (C) [$^{1}H^{-13}C$] HSQC (^{13}C , 75.5 MHz), and (D) ^{13}C NMR (75.5 MHz) spectra of complex **2a** dissolved in DMSO-d₆.

The ¹⁹⁵Pt NMR in DMSO-d₆ (Figure S2, A) shows a single peak falling at -3123.9 ppm, similar to that found for complex **2**, which is in according with Pt(II) complexes in a CN₂O coordination environment [1]. The 2D [¹H,¹⁹⁵Pt]-HSQC NMR (Figure S2, B) shows the coupling of H₂ and H₄ protons of 10-HDA with Pt as evidenced by the cross peaks at -3123.9/5.27 (A) and -3123.9/2.10 ppm (E), respectively. Finally, the cross peaks observed at -3123.9/5.11 (B), -3123.9/4.48 (C), and -3123.9/2.38 (D) ppm highlight the coupling with Pt of aminic and methylene protons of the coordinated ethylenediamine.



Figure S2: (A) ¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (64.5 MHz) and (B) [1 H- 195 Pt] HSQC (195 Pt, 64.5 MHz) spectra of complex 2a dissolved in DMSO-d₆.

NMR characterization of Pt complex 3a

Complex 3a (trans-[Pt(OH)₂(O,C-10-HDA)(en)]) was characterized through multinuclear 1D (¹Hand ¹⁹⁵Pt-) and 2D NMR (COSY, ROESY, [¹H-¹³C] HSQC, [¹H-¹³C] HMBC) in DMSO-d₆. The COSY spectrum (Figure S3, A) shows cross peaks at 6.21/2.53 (A) and 4.85/2.69 ppm (B) which are assigned to N1H2/H11 e N2H2/H12. The aminic protons N1H2 and N2H2 resonate downfield with respect to the corresponding signals in the Pt(II) precursor (by 1.10 and 0.37 ppm, respectively) supporting the oxidation of Pt(II) to Pt(IV). The cross peaks observed at 5.31/2.48 (C), 3.39/1.41 (D), 2.48/1.55 (E), and 1.41/1.32 (F) ppm, are assigned to H_2/H_4 , H_{10}/H_9 , H_4/H_5 , and H_9/H_8 , respectively. Also the protons H₄ and H₅ fall downfield with respect to corresponding protons in complex 2a (by 0.38 and 0.15 ppm, respectively) as a consequence of change in the oxidation state of Pt. The 2D ROESY spectrum (Figure S3, B), with a cross peak at 6.21/2.48 ppm, is indicative of a spatial coupling between N₁H₂/H₄ protons. In the [¹H,¹³C]-HSQC spectrum (Figure S3, C), the cross peaks observed at 120.72/5.31(A), 60.45/3.39 (B), 46.67/2.53 (C), and 40.95/2.69 (D) ppm are assigned to C_2/H_2 , C₁₀/H₁₀, C₁₁/H₁₁, and C₁₂/H₁₂, respectively. Finally, the cross peaks which correlate the signals at 36.15/2.48 (E), 25.29/1.55 (F), 32.21/1.41 (G), 28.59/1.32 (H), and 25.24/1.32 (I) ppm allow the assignment of resonances to C₄, C₅, C₉, C_{6/7} and C₈, respectively. The [¹H,¹³C]-HMBC spectrum (Figure S3, D) was useful to assign resonances to C1 and C3. In particular, the cross peak A resonating at 182.14/5.31 ppm is assigned to C_1/H_2 while the cross peak observed at 160.63/2.48 ppm (B) is assigned to C₃/H₄. The ¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (Figure S3, E) in DMSO-d₆ shows a single peak falling at 357.7 ppm, 3482 ppm downfield with respect to the corresponding signal in the Pt(II) precursor, supporting the oxidation of Pt(II) to Pt(IV).



Figure S3: (A) COSY (300 MHz), (B) ROESY (300 MHz), (C) [¹H-¹³C] HSQC (¹³C, 75.5 MHz), (D) [¹H-¹³C] HMBC (75.5 MHz), and (E) ¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (64.5 MHz) spectra of complex **3a** dissolved in DMSO-d₆.

NMR characterization of Pt complex 4a

Complex 4a (*trans*-[Pt(OBz)₂(O,C-10-BzODA)(en)]) was characterized by multinuclear 1D (¹H- and ¹⁹⁵Pt-) and 2D NMR (COSY, ROESY, [¹H,¹³C]- HSQC) in DMSO-d₆. The ¹H NMR (trace in Figure S4A) showed the lack of the broad signal falling at 4.33 ppm in the spectrum of complex 3a,

supporting the esterification of the hydroxyl group in position 10 of 10-HDA. The signals resonating in the range 8.00-7.35 ppm were assigned to the aromatic protons of the benzoate groups.

In the COSY spectrum the cross peaks falling at 7.58/2.67 (A) and 5.90/2.79 (B) ppm are assigned to the protons N_1H_2/H_{11} and N_2H_2/H_{12} , which resonate downfield with respect to corresponding signals in complex 3a (by 1.35 and 1.05 ppm, respectively) as a consequence of the introduction of the benzoate groups in the axial positions. The cross peaks falling at 5.18/2.93 (C) and 4.22/1.63 (D) ppm are assigned to H_2/H_4 and H_{10}/H_9 , respectively. Also proton H_{10} resonates downfield (by 0.83 ppm) with respect to the corresponding signal in complex 3a, as a consequence of the esterification of the hydroxyl group in position 10. Finally, the cross peaks observed at 2.93/1.63 (E) and 1.63/1.33 (F) ppm are assigned to $H_4/H_{5/9}$ and $H_{5/9}/H_{6/7/8}$, respectively. In the 2D ROESY spectrum (Figure S4, B) the cross peak at 7.56/2.93 ppm is indicative of spatial coupling between N_1H_2/H_4 protons, whereas the cross peaks falling at 7.56/2.93 (B) and 5.90/2.79 ppm (C) are assigned to N_1H_2/H_{11} and N_2H_2/H_{12} . The [¹H,¹³C]-HSQC spectrum (Figure S4, C) shows cross peaks falling in the range 132.75-127.58/8.0-7.35 ppm which are assigned to C_{Ar}/H_{Ar} of the benzoate groups. Cross peaks A and B falling at 121.36/5.18 and 64.37/4.22 can be assigned to C_2 and C_{10} , respectively. Moreover, the cross peaks observed at 36.86/2.93 (C), 41.86/2.79 (D), 47.74/2.67 (E), and 25.86/1.62 (F) can be assigned to C₄/H₄, C₁₂/H₁₂, C₁₁/H₁₁, and C₅/H₅, respectively. Finally, the cross peaks which correlate the signals at 27.91/1.64 (G), 28.25/1.33 (H), and 25.13/1.33 (I) ppm can be assigned to C₉, C_{6/7}, and C₈, respectively. The ¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (Figure S4, D) shows a single peak falling at 603.77 ppm which is 246 ppm downfield with respect to the corresponding signal in 3a as a consequence of coordination of benzoate groups in the axial positions.



Figure S4: (A) COSY (500 MHz), (B) ROESY (500 MHz), (C) [$^{1}H^{-13}C$] HSQC (^{13}C , 75.5 MHz), and (D) ^{195}Pt NMR (64.5 MHz) spectra of complex 4a dissolved in DMSO-d₆.

Characterization of *trans*-10-hydroxy-2-decenoic acid (10-HDA)

Trans-10-hydroxy-2-decenoic acid (10-HDA) was characterized by 1D ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR and 2D COSY and HSQC. The ¹H NMR spectrum in DMSO-d₆ (Figure S5A), shows a broad signal at 12.11 ppm assigned to the carboxylic proton. The doublet of triplets (${}^{3}J_{H-H} = 15.7 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{3}J_{H-H} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}$) falling at 6.80 ppm was assigned to the H₃ proton, while the doublet observed at 5.75 ppm (${}^{3}J_{H-H} = 15.7 \text{ Hz}$) was assigned to H₂. The methylene protons of the hydrocarburic chain were assigned by recording a COSY spectrum (Figure S5B). The cross peaks A and B resonating at 6.80/5.75 and 6.80/2.16 ppm were assigned to the correlation between protons H₃/H₂ and H₃/H₄, respectively; while the cross peak observed at 2.16/1.39 (D) was assigned to H₄/H₅ and the cross peak at 3.34/1.39 (C) was assigned to H₁₀/H₉. In order to assign the carbon atoms [¹H,¹³C]-HSQC and ¹³C NMR spectra in DMSO-d₆ were recorded (Figures S5C and S5D). The cross peaks at 148.36/6.8 ppm (A) and 121.68/5.75 ppm (B) (¹³C/¹H) assign these resonances to C₃/H₃ and C₂/H₂, respectively. The cross peaks observed at 60.68/3.34 (C), 31.64/2.16 (D), 32.92/1.39 (E), 27.92/1.39 (F), and 27.94/1.26 (G) ppm allow the

assignment of the carbon resonances to C₁₀, C₄, C₉, C₅, and C_{6/7/8}, respectively. Through the 1D ¹³C NMR it was possible to assign the resonance observed at 167.58 ppm to the carboxylic C₁ and to distinguish among C_{6/7/8}; in particular, C₆ and C₇ fall in the range 29.04-29.10 ppm, while the signal falling at 25.84 ppm was assigned to C₈.



Figure S5: (A) ¹HNMR (500 MHz), (B) COSY (500 MHz), (C) [¹H-¹³C] HSQC (¹³C, 75.5 MHz), and (D) ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz) spectra of 10-HDA dissolved in DMSO-d₆.

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