

**Kinetics and mechanism of the reactions of Au(III) complexes with some  
biologically relevant molecules**

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**Supporting Information (ESI)**

**Table S1.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature for the substitution reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{dien})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  and L-His in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 10 mM NaCl.

$\lambda/\text{nm}$	T/K	$10^3 C_L/\text{M}$	$10^2 k_{\text{obsd}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
355	288.1	0.4	0.283(5) <sup>a</sup>
		1	0.347(6)
		2	0.481(7)
		3	0.563(5)
		4	0.645(6)
		5	0.759(5)
	298.0	0.4	0.396(6)
		1	0.501(7)
		2	0.742(5)
		3	0.904(6)
		4	1.107(5)
		5	1.284(5)
	310.0	0.4	0.642(7)
		1	0.833(6)
		2	1.110(6)
		3	1.446(5)
		4	1.818(5)
		5	2.158(5)

<sup>a</sup>Number of runs in parenthesis.

**Table S2.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature for the substitution reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{dien})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  and 5'-GMP in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 10 mM NaCl.

$\lambda/\text{nm}$	T/K	$10^3 C_L/\text{M}$	$10^3 k_{\text{obsd}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
246	288.1	0.4	2.43(6)
		1	2.96(6)
		2	4.01(7)
		3	4.68(5)
		4	5.52(6)
		5	5.96(5)
	298.0	0.4	3.26(6)
		1	3.93(5)
		2	5.11(7)
		3	6.35(5)
		4	7.69(7)
		5	8.99(7)
	309.9	0.4	4.59(7)
		1	6.18(5)
		2	7.99(5)
		3	9.89(5)
		4	12.10(6)
		5	14.62(6)

**Table S3.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature for the substitution reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{dien})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  and 5'-IMP in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 10 mM NaCl.

$\lambda/\text{nm}$	T/K	$10^3 C_L/\text{M}$	$10^3 k_{\text{obsd}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
353	288.0	0.5	0.422(6)
		1	0.547(6)
		2	0.567(6)
		3	0.727(5)
		4	1.001(6)
		5	1.096(6)
	298.1	0.5	0.914(6)
		1	1.12(5)
		2	1.67(5)
		3	2.06(6)
		4	2.28(7)
		5	2.75(5)
	310.0	0.5	1.84(7)
		1	2.34(6)
		2	3.31(7)
		3	4.08(5)
		4	5.01(7)
		5	6.28(5)

**Table S4.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature for the substitution reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{dien})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  and Ino in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 10 mM NaCl.

$\lambda/\text{nm}$	T/K	$10^3 C_L/\text{M}$	$10^3 k_{\text{obsd}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
246	288.0	0.4	0.101(5)
		1	0.220(6)
		2	0.271(7)
		3	0.401(5)
		4	0.502(6)
		5	0.584(5)
	298.1	0.4	0.312(6)
		1	0.499(7)
		2	0.821(5)
		3	1.211(6)
		4	1.621(5)
		5	2.003(5)
	310.0	0.4	0.668(7)
		1	1.115(6)
		2	1.889(6)
		3	2.712(5)
		4	3.740(5)
		5	4.663(5)

**Table S5.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature for the substitution reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{terpy})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  and L-His in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 10 mM NaCl.

$\lambda/\text{nm}$	T/K	$10^3 C_L/\text{M}$	$k_{\text{obsd}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
320	288.1	0.5	3.004(5)
		1	3.826(5)
		2	5.712(7)
		3	7.348(7)
		4	8.873(7)
		5	11.156(5)
	298.1	0.5	4.505(5)
		1	6.728(5)
		2	9.580(5)
		3	13.261(6)
		4	16.970(7)
		5	20.804(7)
310.0		0.5	6.834(7)
		1	10.120(5)
		2	15.692(5)
		3	23.761(5)
		4	30.142(5)
		5	35.790(5)

**Table S6.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature for the substitution reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{terpy})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  and 5'-GMP in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 10 mM NaCl.

$\lambda/\text{nm}$	T/K	$10^3 C_L/\text{M}$	$k_{\text{obsd}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
367	288.2	0.5	0.654(7)
		1	1.598(6)
		2	2.551(7)
		3	3.921(6)
		4	5.186(6)
		5	6.812(6)
	298.1	0.5	1.954(5)
		1	3.106(7)
		2	5.412(5)
		3	7.840(6)
		4	9.961(7)
		5	12.040(7)
	310.0	0.5	4.211(5)
		1	7.912(6)
		2	13.901(5)
		3	19.800(5)
		4	25.782(7)
		5	31.240(5)

**Table S7.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature for the substitution reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{terpy})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  and 5'-IMP in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence 10 mM NaCl.

$\lambda/\text{nm}$	T/K	$10^3 C_L/\text{M}$	$k_{\text{obsd}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
360	288.0	0.5	2.680(5)
		1	3.445(6)
		2	5.102(7)
		3	7.397(5)
		4	9.191(7)
		5	10.890(6)
	298.1	0.5	3.021(6)
		1	4.137(7)
		2	6.352(7)
		3	7.980(6)
		4	10.122(7)
		5	12.850(5)
	310.1	0.5	3.691(7)
		1	5.157(6)
		2	7.386(6)
		3	10.748(6)
		4	13.930(6)
		5	16.171(6)



**Table S8.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature for the substitution reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{terpy})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  and Ino in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 10 mM NaCl.

$\lambda/\text{nm}$	T/K	$10^3 C_L/\text{M}$	$k_{\text{obsd}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
333	288.0	0.5	0.556(5)
		1	0.996(6)
		2	1.845(7)
		3	3.112(5)
		4	3.737(6)
		5	4.737(5)
	298.1	0.5	0.889(6)
		1	1.684(7)
		2	2.999(5)
		3	4.021(6)
		4	5.331(5)
		5	6.969(5)
	310.0	0.5	1.458(7)
		1	3.027(6)
		2	4.988(6)
		3	7.687(5)
		4	9.505(5)
		5	12.212(5)

**Table S9.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature for the first ( $k_{\text{obsd1}}$ ) and second ( $k_{\text{obsd2}}$ ) steps of the substitution reactions between  $[\text{Au}(\text{bipy})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and L-His in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 20 mM NaCl.

$\lambda/\text{nm}$	T/K	$10^3\text{C}_L/\text{M}$	$k_{\text{obsd1}}/\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{obsd2}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
295	288.0	0.5	0.087(5)	0.010(5)
		1	0.154(6)	0.018(6)
		2	0.255(6)	0.029(6)
		3	0.329(7)	0.032(7)
		4	0.506(6)	0.049(6)
		5	0.589(6)	0.066(6)
298.1	298.1	0.5	0.157(6)	0.022(6)
		1	0.251(7)	0.031(7)
		2	0.460(7)	0.045(7)
		3	0.689(7)	0.065(7)
		4	0.851(7)	0.078(7)
		5	1.073(5)	0.098(5)
309.9	309.9	0.5	0.267(6)	0.038(6)
		1	0.367(5)	0.052(5)
		2	0.760(5)	0.068(5)
		3	0.927(7)	0.089(7)
		4	1.137(5)	0.109(5)
		5	1.538(5)	0.140(5)

**Table S10.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature for the first ( $k_{\text{obsd1}}$ ) and second ( $k_{\text{obsd2}}$ ) steps of the substitution reactions between  $[\text{Au}(\text{bipy})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and 5'-GMP in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 20 mM NaCl.

$\lambda/\text{nm}$	T/K	$10^3 C_L/\text{M}$	$k_{\text{obsd1}}/\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{obsd2}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
320	288.2	0.5	0.071(6)	0.031(6)
		1	0.093(7)	0.035(7)
		2	0.279(6)	0.039(6)
		3	0.401(6)	0.045(6)
		4	0.515(5)	0.051(5)
		5	0.580(6)	0.058(6)
298.0	298.0	0.5	0.106(6)	0.044(6)
		1	0.167(7)	0.050(7)
		2	0.337(5)	0.059(5)
		3	0.491(6)	0.068(6)
		4	0.640(5)	0.079(5)
		5	0.761(5)	0.090(5)
309.9	309.9	1	0.211(6)	0.053(6)
		2	0.446(6)	0.079(6)
		3	0.600(5)	0.092(5)
		4	0.710(5)	0.108(5)
		5	0.890(5)	0.129(5)

**Table S11.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of nucleophile concentration for the first ( $k_{\text{obsd1}}$ ) and second ( $k_{\text{obsd2}}$ ) steps of the substitution reactions between  $[\text{Au}(\text{bipy})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and 5'-IMP in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 20 mM NaCl.

$\lambda/\text{nm}$	T/K	$10^3\text{C}_L/\text{M}$	$k_{\text{obsd1}}/\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{obsd2}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
318	298.0	0.5	0.485(6)	0.0766(6)
		1	0.515(5)	0.0800(5)
		2	0.555(6)	0.0805(6)
		3	0.592(6)	0.0874(6)
		4	0.649(6)	0.0929(6)
		5	0.702(7)	0.0950(7)

**Table S12.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of nucleophile concentration for the first ( $k_{\text{obsd1}}$ ) and second ( $k_{\text{obsd2}}$ ) steps of the substitution reactions between  $[\text{Au}(\text{bipy})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and Ino in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 20 mM NaCl.

$\lambda/\text{nm}$	T/K	$10^3\text{C}_L/\text{M}$	$k_{\text{obsd1}}/\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{obsd2}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
318	298.0	0.5	0.286(6)	0.0220(6)
		1	0.301(6)	0.0229(6)
		2	0.355(6)	0.0230(6)
		3	0.381(6)	0.0250(6)
		4	0.422(7)	0.0255(7)
		5	0.465(7)	0.0270(7)

**Table S13.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature for the first ( $k_{\text{obsd1}}$ ) and second ( $k_{\text{obsd2}}$ ) steps of the substitution reactions between  $[\text{Au}(\text{dach})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and L-His in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 20 mM NaCl.

$\lambda/\text{nm}$	T/K	$10^3 C_L/\text{M}$	$k_{\text{obsd1}}/\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{obsd2}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
290	288.2	0.5	0.088(6)	0.017(6)
		1	0.110(5)	0.019(5)
		2	0.192(7)	0.020(7)
		3	0.207(7)	0.025(7)
		4	0.283(6)	0.027(6)
		5	0.340(6)	0.030(6)
298.0	298.0	0.5	0.118(6)	0.024(6)
		1	0.142(7)	0.026(7)
		2	0.240(5)	0.032(5)
		3	0.320(7)	0.037(7)
		4	0.372(7)	0.040(7)
		5	0.450(5)	0.045(5)
310.0	310.0	0.5	0.141(6)	0.032(6)
		1	0.190(6)	0.037(6)
		2	0.279(6)	0.040(6)
		3	0.356(7)	0.048(7)
		4	0.452(6)	0.051(6)
		5	0.550(7)	0.063(7)

**Table S14.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature for the first ( $k_{\text{obsd1}}$ ) and second ( $k_{\text{obsd2}}$ ) steps of the substitution reactions between  $[\text{Au}(\text{dach})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and 5'-GMP in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 20 mM NaCl.

$\lambda/\text{nm}$	T/K	$10^3 C_L/\text{M}$	$k_{\text{obsd1}}/\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{obsd2}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
320	288.2	0.5	0.172(7)	0.012(7)
		1	0.201(5)	0.016(5)
		2	0.253(6)	0.018(6)
		3	0.280(7)	0.021(7)
		4	0.351(5)	0.023(5)
		5	0.400(7)	0.033(7)
298.0	298.0	0.5	0.219(7)	0.034(7)
		1	0.251(7)	0.038(7)
		2	0.325(5)	0.042(5)
		3	0.383(6)	0.050(6)
		4	0.450(5)	0.056(5)
		5	0.520(5)	0.062(5)
310.0	310.0	0.5	0.325(7)	0.049(7)
		1	0.377(6)	0.056(6)
		2	0.395(6)	0.061(6)
		3	0.523(6)	0.069(6)
		4	0.592(6)	0.086(6)
		5	0.640(5)	0.090(5)

**Table S15.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of nucleophile concentration for the first ( $k_{\text{obsd1}}$ ) and second ( $k_{\text{obsd2}}$ ) steps of the substitution reactions between  $[\text{Au}(\text{dach})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and 5'-IMP in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 20 mM NaCl.

$\lambda/\text{nm}$	T/K	$10^3\text{C}_\text{L}/\text{M}$	$k_{\text{obsd1}}/\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{obsd2}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
310	298.0	0.5	0.007(7)	0.0268(7)
		1	0.010(6)	0.0272(6)
		2	0.017(6)	0.0276(6)
		3	0.022(6)	0.0282(6)
		4	0.026(7)	0.0288(7)
		5	0.035(7)	0.0294(7)

**Table S16.** Observed *pseudo*-first order rate constants as a function of nucleophile concentration for the first ( $k_{\text{obsd1}}$ ) and second ( $k_{\text{obsd2}}$ ) steps of the substitution reactions between  $[\text{Au}(\text{dach})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and Ino in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 20 mM NaCl.

$\lambda/\text{nm}$	T/K	$10^3\text{C}_\text{L}/\text{M}$	$k_{\text{obsd1}}/\text{s}^{-1}$	$10^{-3}k_{\text{obsd2}}/\text{s}^{-1}$
325	298.0	0.5	0.018(6)	0.121(6)
		1	0.025(5)	0.130(4)
		2	0.032(4)	0.171(4)
		3	0.041(6)	0.210(6)
		4	0.050(6)	0.238(5)
		5	0.066(7)	0.256(7)

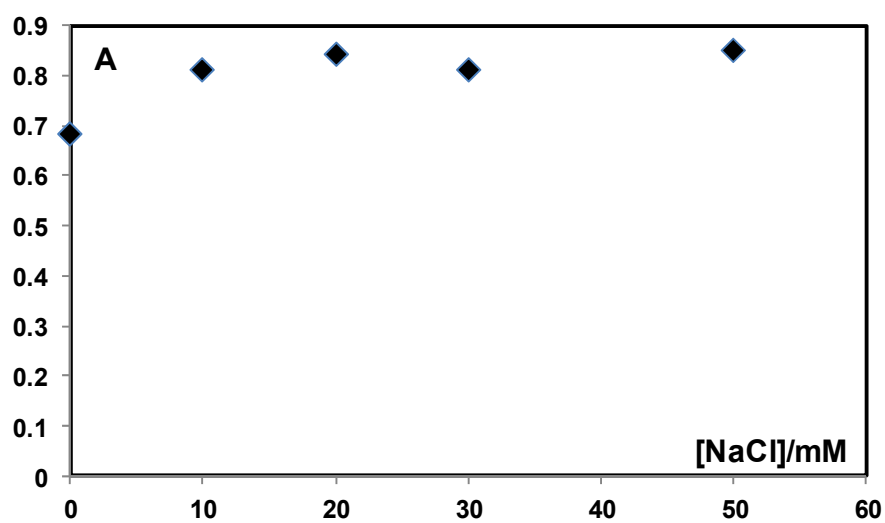
**Table S17.** Rate constants as a function of temperature for the substitution reactions of mono-functional  $[\text{Au}(\text{dien})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  and  $[\text{Au}(\text{terpy})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  complexes in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) and 10 mM NaCl.

	T/K	$k_1/\text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{-1}/\text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ <sup>a</sup>
<b><math>[\text{Au}(\text{dien})\text{Cl}]^{2+}</math></b>			
L-His	288.1	$1.02 \pm 0.03$	$0.25 \pm 0.02$
	298.0	$1.94 \pm 0.05$	$0.32 \pm 0.02$
	310.0	$3.30 \pm 0.04$	$0.49 \pm 0.04$
5'-GMP	288.1	$0.79 \pm 0.01$	$0.225 \pm 0.003$
	298.0	$1.24 \pm 0.02$	$0.268 \pm 0.006$
	309,9	$2.11 \pm 0.02$	$0.381 \pm 0.005$
5'-IMP	288.0	$0.151 \pm 0.002$	$(3.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-2}$
	298.1	$0.399 \pm 0.003$	$(8.0 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-2}$
	310.0	$0.954 \pm 0.004$	$(1.3 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-1}$
Ino	288.0	$0.104 \pm 0.006$	$(8.9 \pm 0.2) 10^{-3}$
	298.1	$0.370 \pm 0.009$	$(1.3 \pm 0.3) 10^{-2}$
	310.0	$0.874 \pm 0.003$	$(2.3 \pm 0.4) 10^{-2}$
<b><math>[\text{Au}(\text{terpy})\text{Cl}]^{2+}</math></b>			
L-His	288.1	$(1.77 \pm 0.03) \times 10^3$	$207 \pm 10$
	298.1	$(3.56 \pm 0.08) \times 10^3$	$270 \pm 20$
	310.0	$(6.55 \pm 0.05) \times 10^3$	$347 \pm 20$
5'-GMP	288.2	$(1.32 \pm 0.01) \times 10^3$	$46 \pm 6$
	298.1	$(2.25 \pm 0.03) \times 10^3$	$89 \pm 9$
	309,9	$(5.97 \pm 0.04) \times 10^3$	$171 \pm 8$
5'-IMP	288.0	$(1.87 \pm 0.04) \times 10^3$	$163 \pm 3$
	298.1	$(2.11 \pm 0.07) \times 10^3$	$194 \pm 2$
	310.1	$(2.84 \pm 0.05) \times 10^3$	$218 \pm 2$
Ino	288.0	$(9.35 \pm 0.02) \times 10^2$	$8 \pm 1$
	298.1	$(1.30 \pm 0.04) \times 10^3$	$28 \pm 2$
	310.0	$(2.33 \pm 0.03) \times 10^3$	$46 \pm 4$

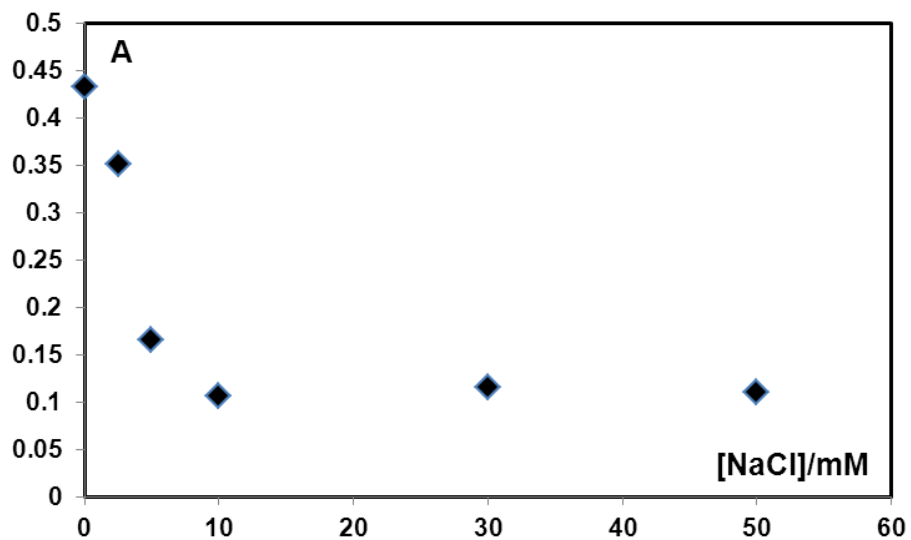


**Table S18.** Rate constants as a function of temperature for the substitution reactions of mono-functional  $[\text{Au}(\text{dach})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and  $[\text{Au}(\text{bipy})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  complexes in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) and 20 mM NaCl.

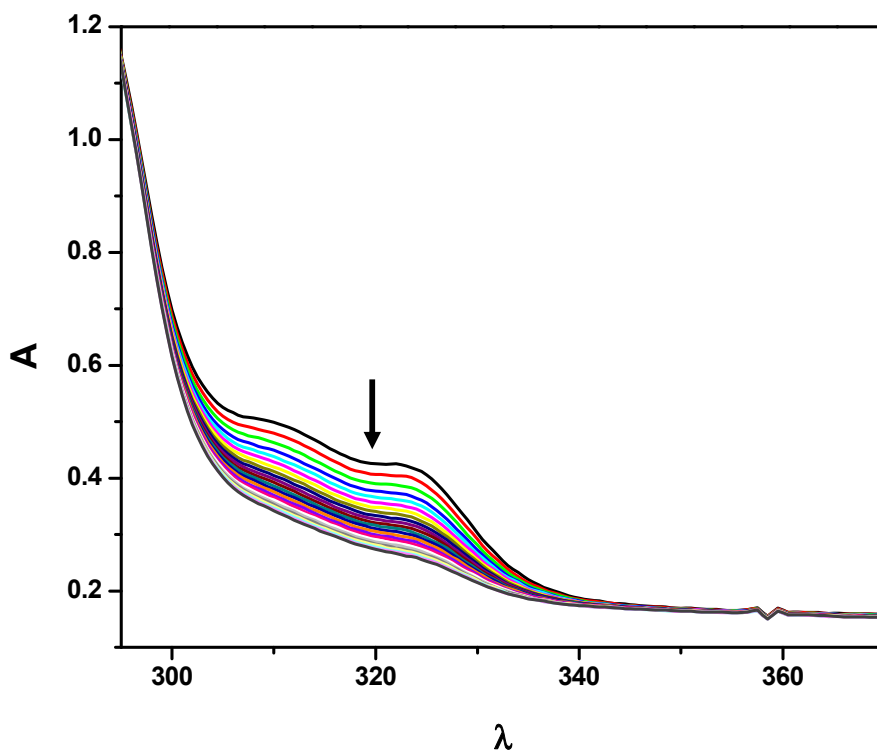
	T/K	$k_{2,f}/\text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{-2,f}/\text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{2,s}/\text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{-2,s}/\text{s}^{-1}$
<b><math>[\text{Au}(\text{dach})\text{Cl}_2]^+</math></b>					
		<i>First step</i>		<i>Second step</i>	
L-His	288.2	$55 \pm 2$	$3.05 \pm 0.01$	$3.0 \pm 0.1$	$0.8 \pm 0.2$
	298.0	$75 \pm 2$	$4.00 \pm 0.02$	$4.6 \pm 0.2$	$1.1 \pm 0.3$
	310.0	$89 \pm 4$	$4.85 \pm 0.04$	$6.4 \pm 0.3$	$1.4 \pm 0.3$
5'-GMP	288.2	$50 \pm 2$	$7.4 \pm 0.2$	$3.9 \pm 0.2$	$0.50 \pm 0.02$
	298.0	$66 \pm 2$	$9.3 \pm 0.2$	$6.2 \pm 0.3$	$1.60 \pm 0.05$
	310.0	$72 \pm 4$	$14.4 \pm 0.4$	$9.3 \pm 0.3$	$2.20 \pm 0.04$
<b><math>[\text{Au}(\text{bipy})\text{Cl}_2]^+</math></b>					
L-His	288.1	$(1.12 \pm 0.02) \times 10^2$	$1.50 \pm 0.03$	$11.6 \pm 0.3$	$0.15 \pm 0.03$
	298.1	$(2.04 \pm 0.06) \times 10^2$	$2.60 \pm 0.05$	$16.7 \pm 0.6$	$0.60 \pm 0.05$
	309.9	$(2.72 \pm 0.05) \times 10^2$	$6.50 \pm 0.04$	$21.7 \pm 0.05$	$1.30 \pm 0.04$
5'-GMP	288.2	$121 \pm 3$	$0.50 \pm 0.03$	$5.7 \pm 0.3$	$1.4 \pm 0.3$
	298.0	$149 \pm 4$	$2.0 \pm 0.5$	$10.3 \pm 0.4$	$2.0 \pm 0.5$
	309.9	$162 \pm 3$	$4.2 \pm 0.4$	$16.4 \pm 0.4$	$2.3 \pm 0.5$



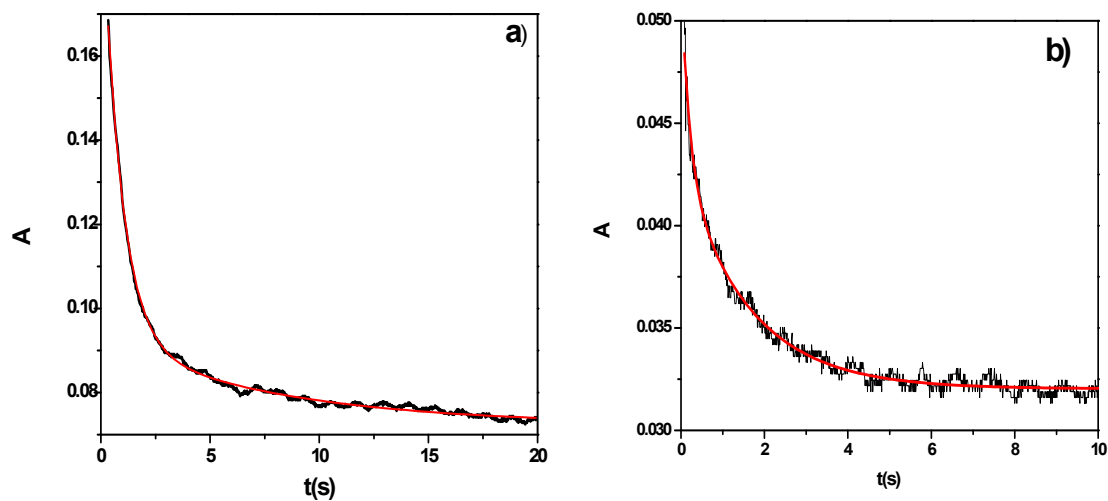
**Figure S1.** The influence of different chloride concentrations on the absorbance of a solution of  $[\text{Au}(\text{terpy})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  in 25 mM HEPES buffer (pH = 7.2) at 300 nm.



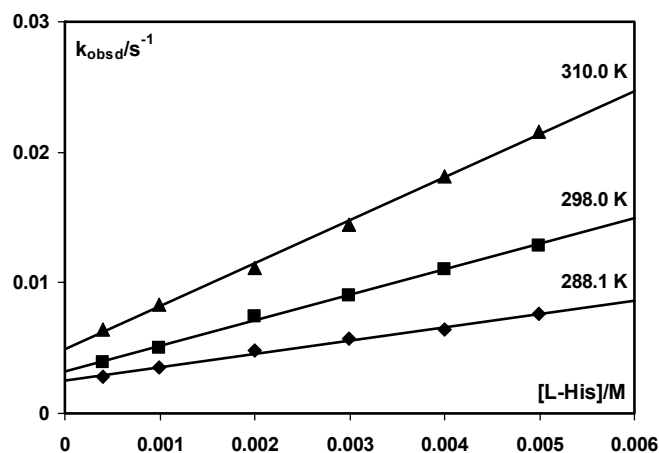
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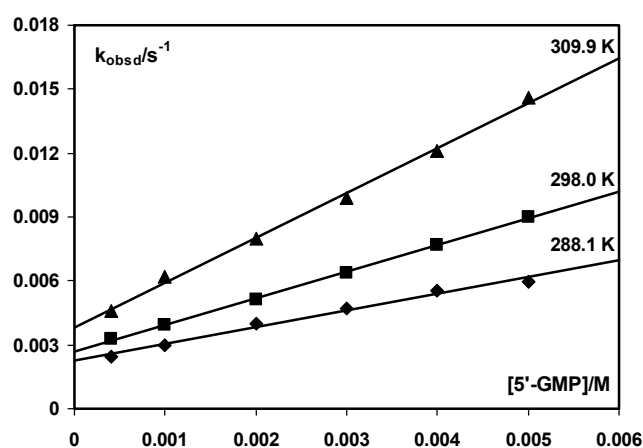
**Figure S3.** The UV-Vis spectra recorded for the reaction of  $[\text{Au}(\text{bipy})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  ( $1 \times 10^{-4}$  M) complex with 5'-GMP ( $4 \times 10^{-3}$  M) as a function of time ( $\Delta t = 1$  s) at 298 K.



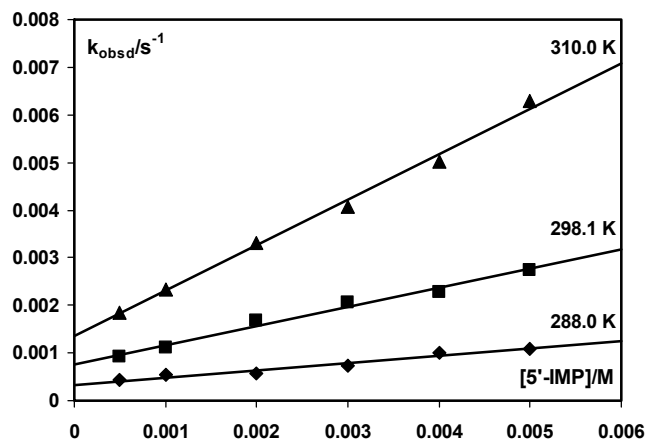
**Figure S4.** a) Kinetic trace for the reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{bipy})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  ( $1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$ ) and  $5'$ -GMP ( $3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ ),  $T = 298 \text{ K}$ ,  $\lambda = 320 \text{ nm}$ ; b) Kinetic trace for the reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{dach})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  ( $1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$ ) and  $5'$ -GMP ( $3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$ ),  $T = 298 \text{ K}$ ,  $\lambda = 320 \text{ nm}$ .



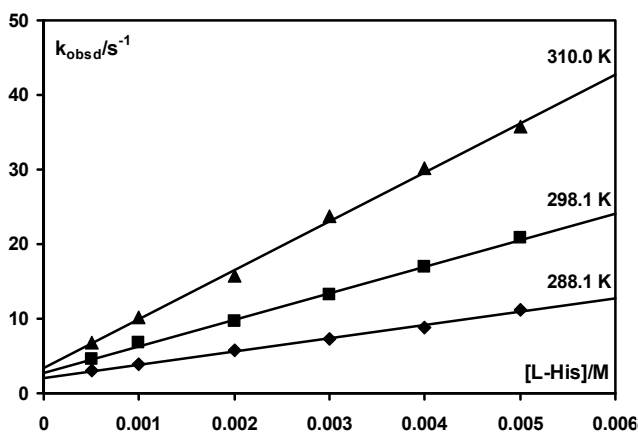
**Figure S5.** *Pseudo*-first order rate constants,  $k_{\text{obsd}}$ , as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature for the substitution reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{dien})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  and L-His in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) and the presence of 10 mM NaCl.



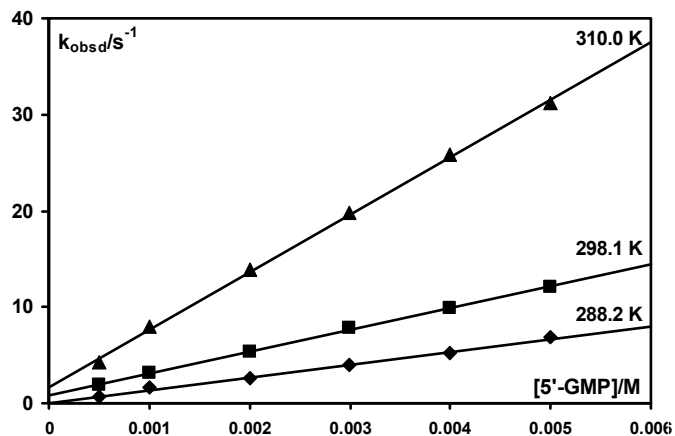
**Figure S6.** *Pseudo*-first order rate constants,  $k_{\text{obsd}}$ , as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature for the substitution reactions between  $[\text{Au}(\text{dien})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  and 5'-GMP in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) and the presence of 10 mM NaCl.



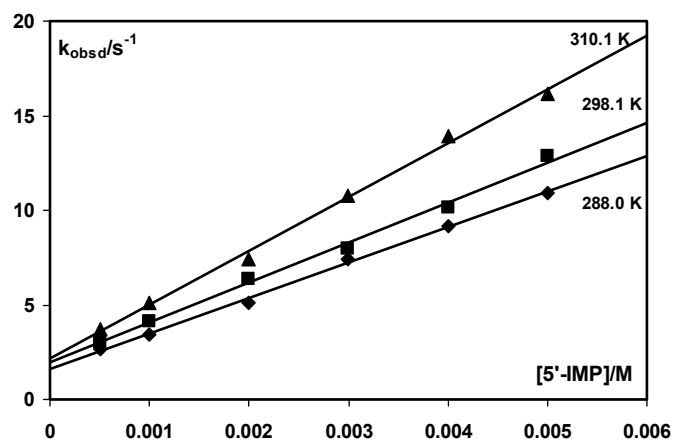
**Figure S7.** *Pseudo*-first order rate constants,  $k_{\text{obsd}}$ , as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature for the substitution reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{dien})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  and 5'-IMP in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) and the presence of 10 mM NaCl.



**Figure S8.** *Pseudo*-first order rate constants,  $k_{\text{obsd}}$ , as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature for the substitution reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{terpy})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  and L-His in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) and the presence of 10 mM NaCl.

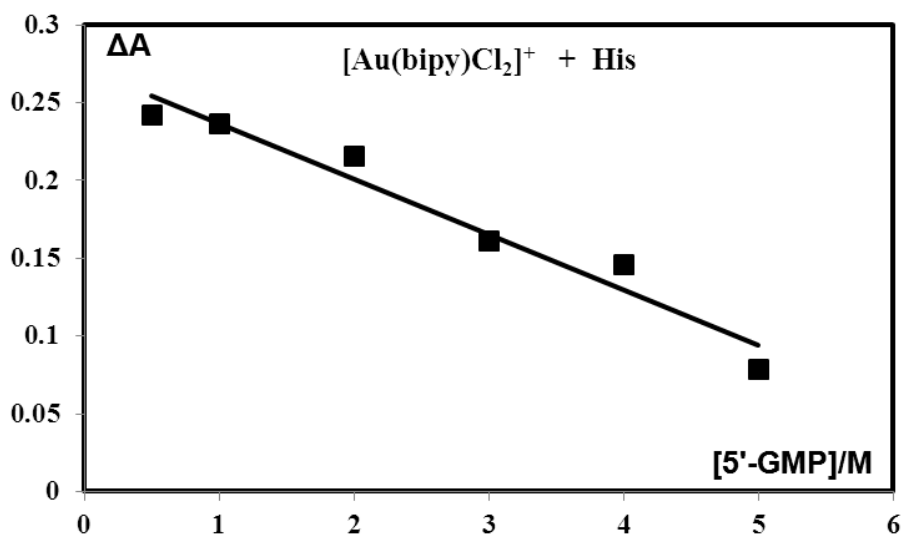


**Figure S9.** *Pseudo*-first order rate constants,  $k_{\text{obsd}}$ , as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature for the substitution reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{terpy})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  and 5'-GMP in 25 mM HEPES buffer (pH = 7.2) and the presence of 10 mM NaCl.

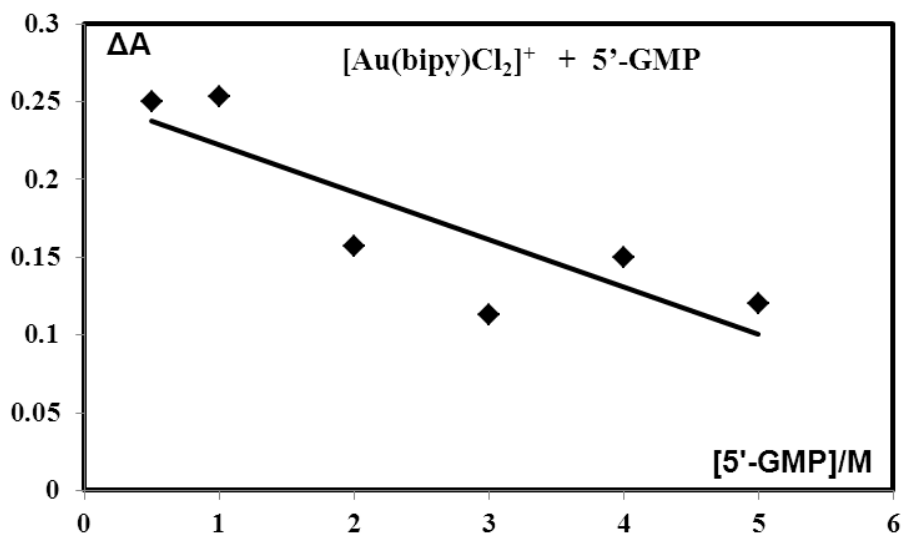


**Figure S10.** *Pseudo*-first order rate constants,  $k_{\text{obsd}}$ , as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature for the substitution reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{terpy})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  and 5'-IMP in 25 mM HEPES buffer (pH = 7.2) and the presence of 10 mM NaCl.

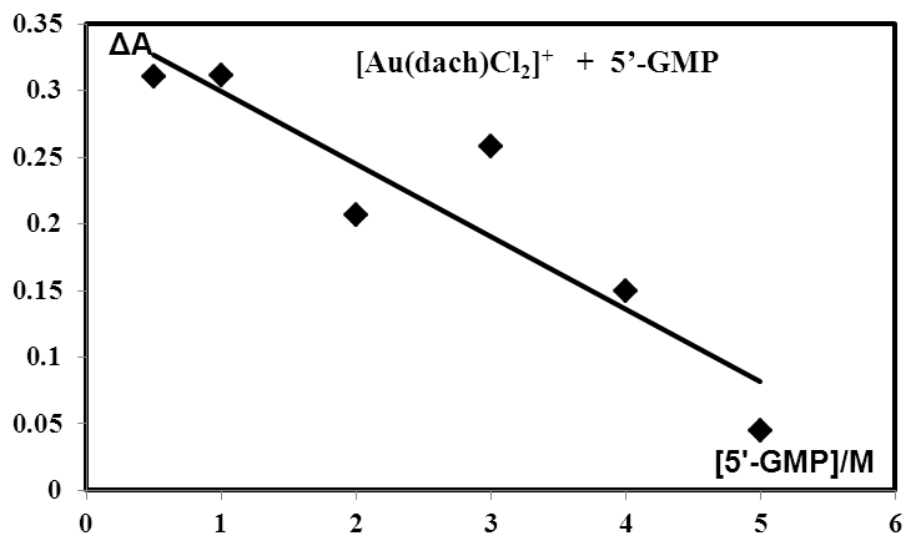




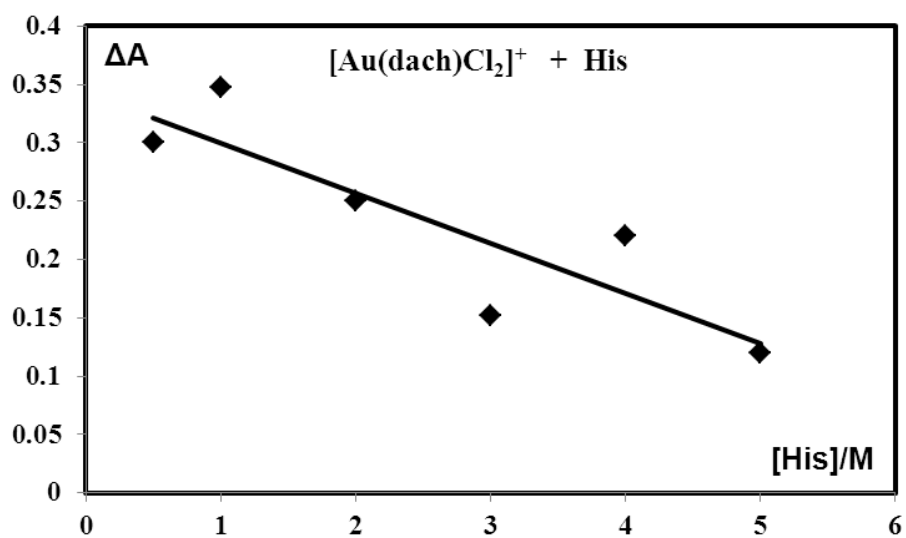
**Figure S11.** Change in absorbance at 295 nm,  $\Delta\text{Abs}$ , as a function of ligand concentration for the reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{bipy})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and L-Histidine in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) with the addition of 20 mM NaCl.



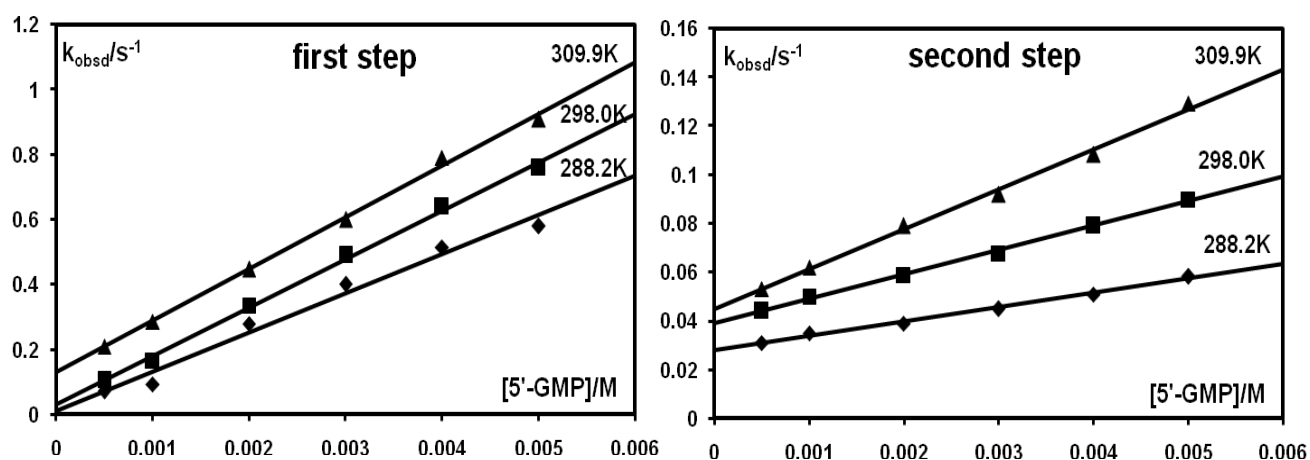
**Figure S12.** Change of absorbance at 320 nm,  $\Delta\text{Abs}$ , as a function of ligand concentration for the reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{bipy})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and 5'-GMP in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) with the addition of 20 mM NaCl.



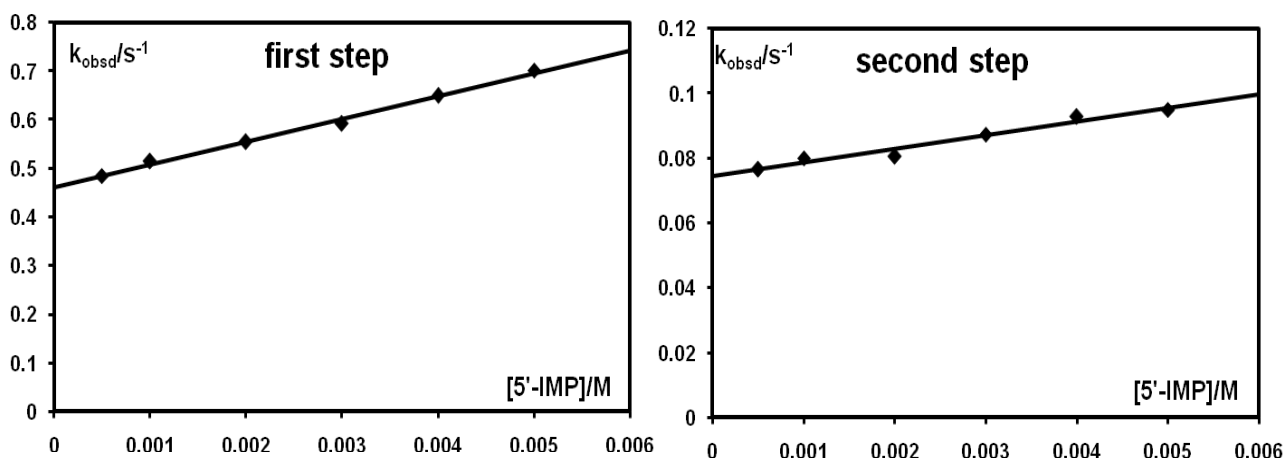
**Figure S13.** Change in absorbance at 320 nm,  $\Delta\text{Abs}$ , as a function of ligand concentration for the reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{dach})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and 5'-GMP in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) with the addition of 20 mM NaCl.



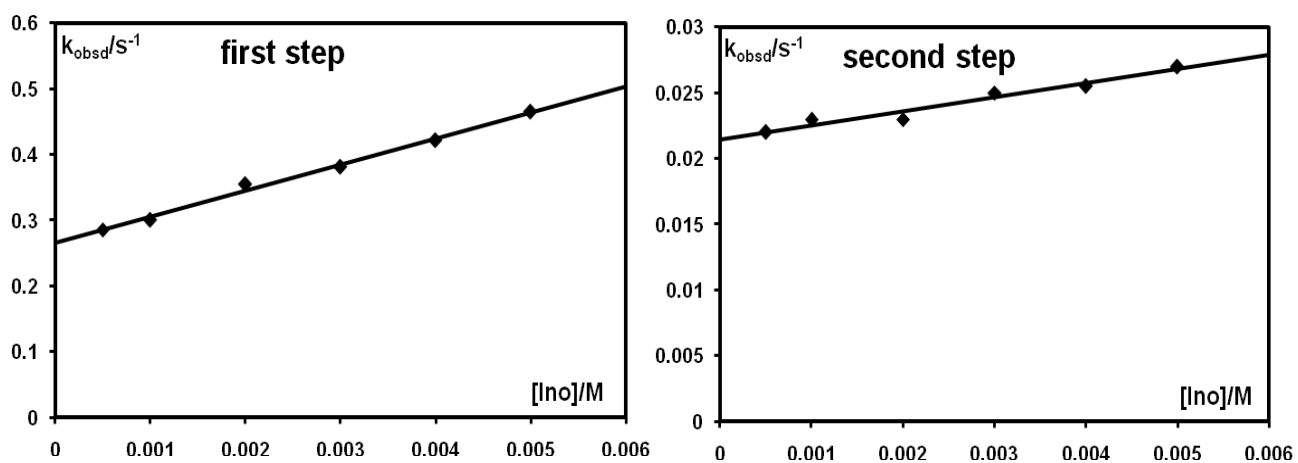
**Figure S14.** Change in absorbance at 290 nm,  $\Delta\text{Abs}$ , as a function of ligand concentration for the reaction between  $[\text{Au}(\text{dach})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and L-Histidine in 25 mM HEPES buffer (pH = 7.2) with the addition of 20 mM NaCl.



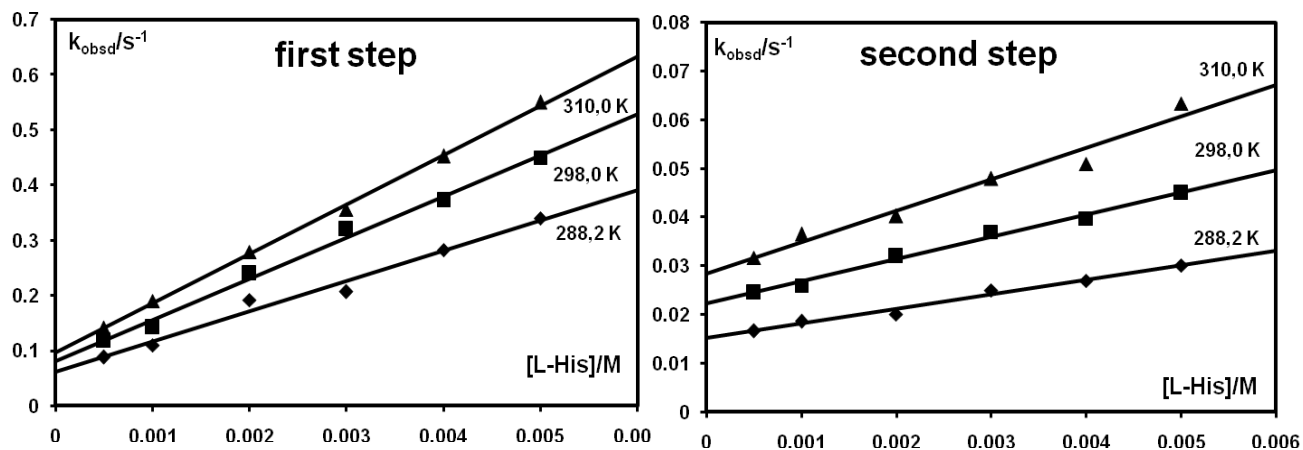
**Figure S15.** Pseudo-first order rate constants for the first ( $k_{\text{obsd1}}$ ) and second ( $k_{\text{obsd2}}$ ) steps of the substitution reactions between  $[\text{Au}(\text{bipy})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and 5'-GMP as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 20 mM NaCl.



**Figure S16.** *Pseudo*-first order rate constants for the first ( $k_{\text{obsd1}}$ ) and second ( $k_{\text{obsd2}}$ ) steps of the substitution reactions between  $[\text{Au}(\text{bipy})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and 5'-IMP as a function of nucleophile concentration at 298 K in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 20 mM NaCl.

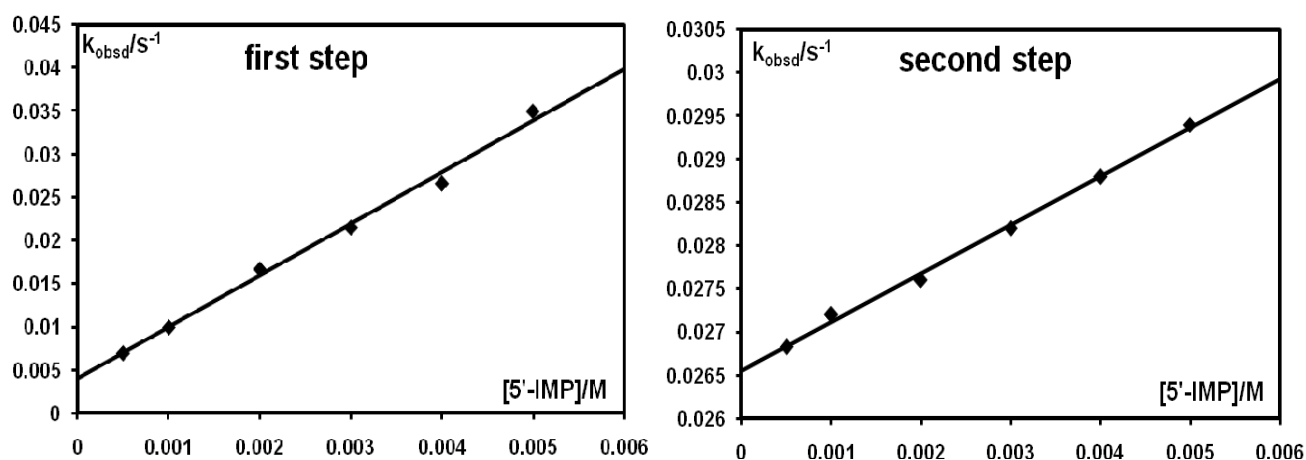


**Figure S17.** *Pseudo*-first order rate constants for the first ( $k_{\text{obsd1}}$ ) and second ( $k_{\text{obsd2}}$ ) steps of the substitution reactions between  $[\text{Au}(\text{bipy})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and Ino as a function of nucleophile concentration at 298 K in 25 mM HEPES buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 20 mM NaCl.

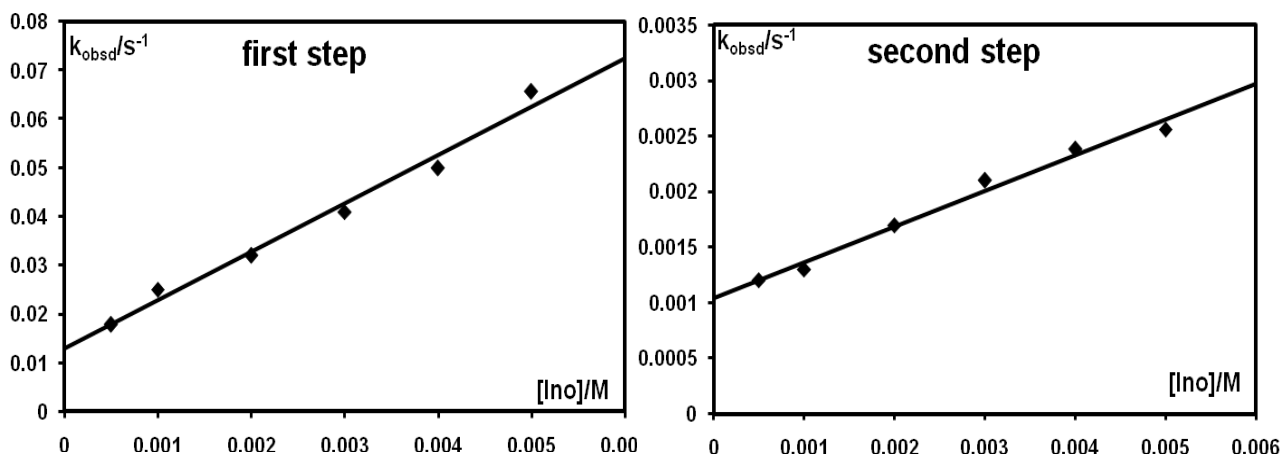


**Figure S18.** *Pseudo*-first order rate constants for the first ( $k_{\text{obsd1}}$ ) and second ( $k_{\text{obsd2}}$ ) steps of the substitution reactions between  $[\text{Au}(\text{dach})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and 5'-GMP as a function of nucleophile concentration and temperature in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 20 mM NaCl.

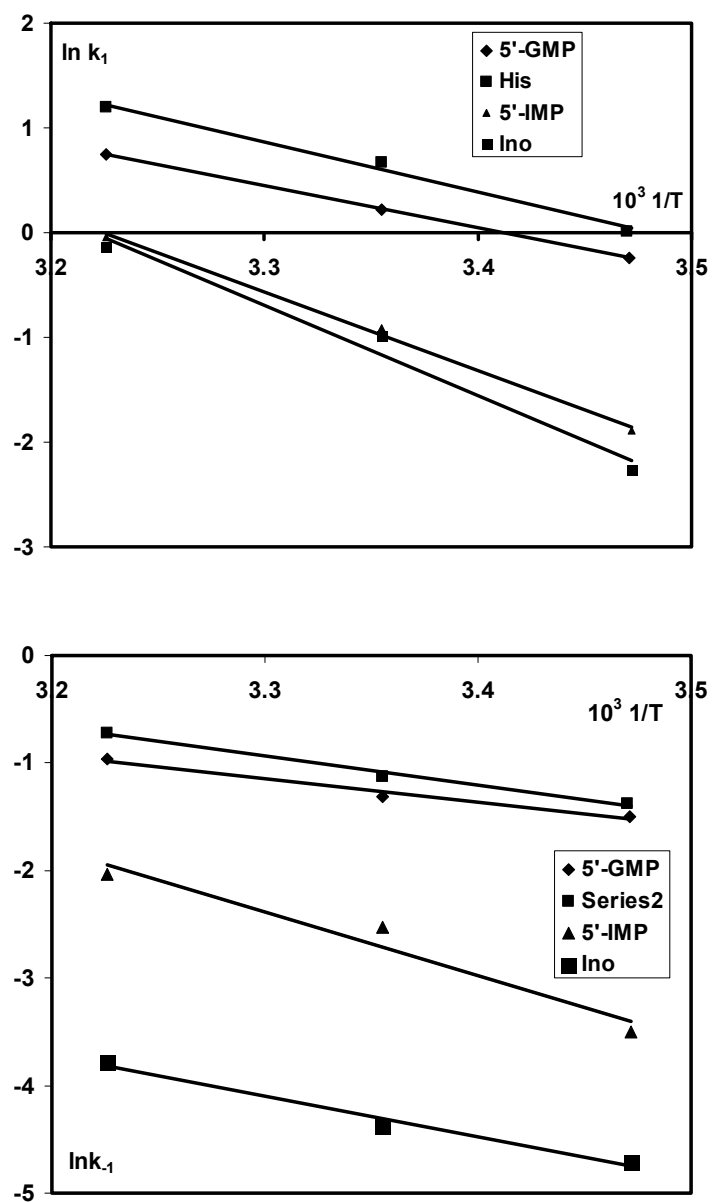




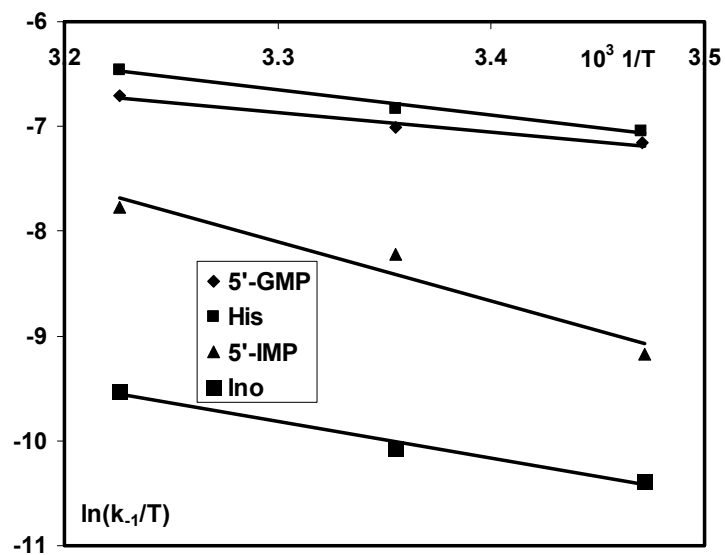
**Figure S19.** *Pseudo*-first order rate constants for the first ( $k_{\text{obsd1}}$ ) and second ( $k_{\text{obsd2}}$ ) steps of the substitution reactions between  $[\text{Au}(\text{dach})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and 5'-IMP as a function of nucleophile concentration at 298 K in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 20 mM NaCl.



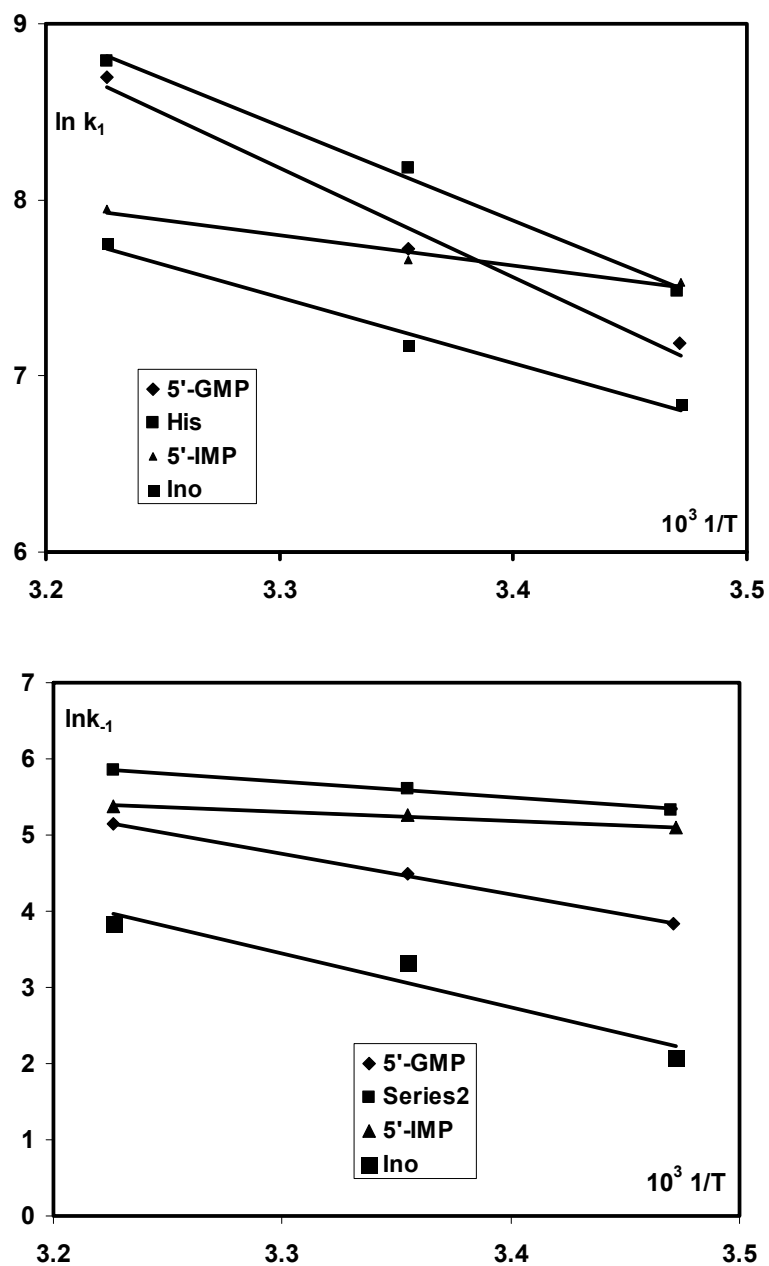
**Figure S20.** *Pseudo*-first order rate constants for the first ( $k_{\text{obsd1}}$ ) and second ( $k_{\text{obsd2}}$ ) steps of the substitution reactions between  $[\text{Au}(\text{dach})\text{Cl}_2]^+$  and Ino as a function of nucleophile concentration at 298 K in 25 mM HEPES buffer (pH = 7.2) in the presence of 20 mM NaCl.



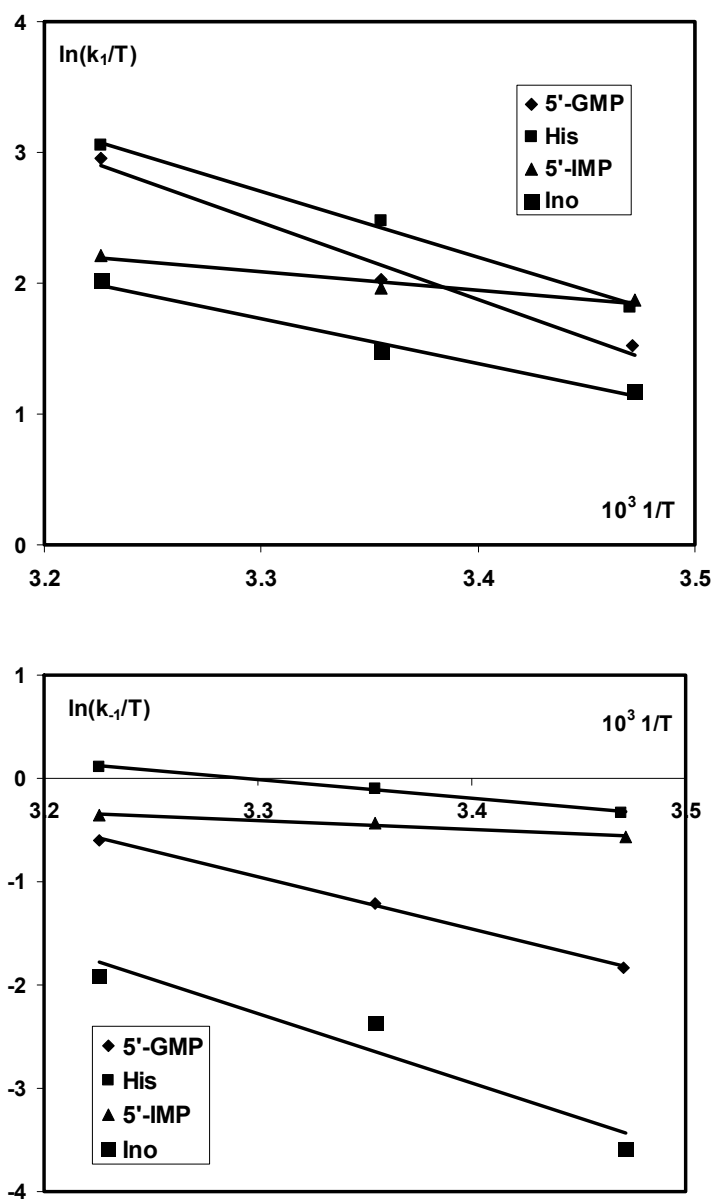
**Figure S21.** Arrhenius plots for the forward and reverse substitution reactions of  $[\text{Au}(\text{dien})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  with selected nucleophiles in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) and 10 mM NaCl.



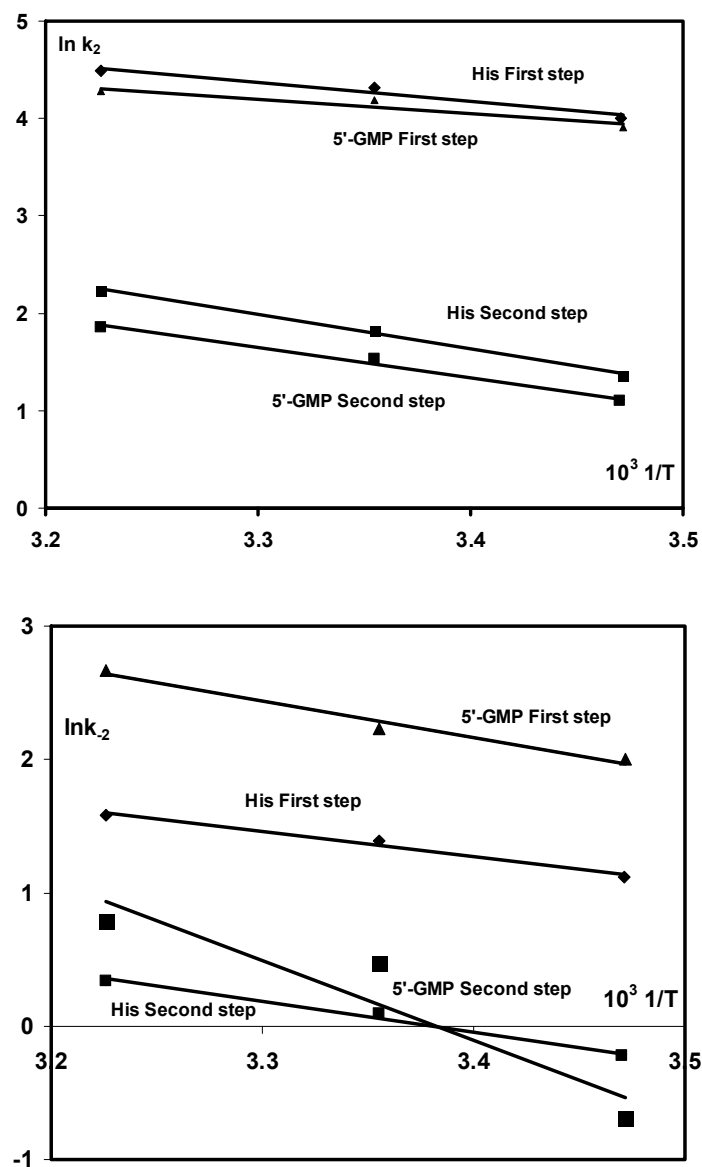
**Figure S22.** Eyring plots for the forward and reverse substitution reactions of the  $[\text{Au}(\text{dien})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  complex with selected nucleophiles in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) and 10 mM NaCl.



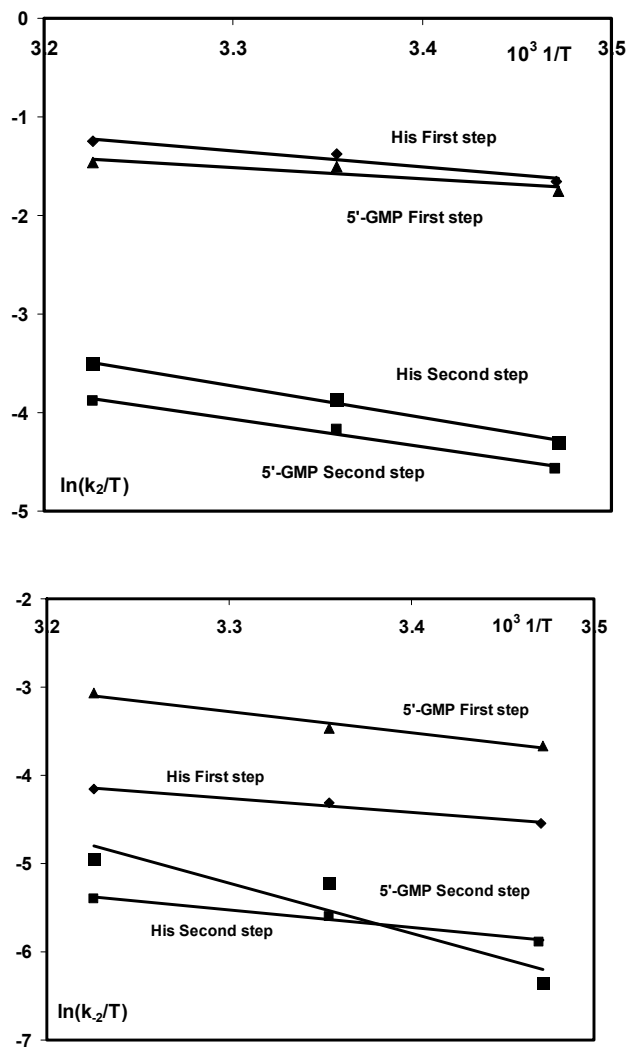
**Figure S23.** Arrhenius plots for the forward and reverse substitution reactions of the  $[\text{Au}(\text{terpy})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  complex with selected nucleophiles in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) and 10 mM NaCl.



**Figure S24.** Eyring plots for the forward and reverse substitution reactions of  $[\text{Au}(\text{terpy})\text{Cl}]^{2+}$  complex with selected nucleophiles in 25 mM HEPES buffer (pH = 7.2) and 10 mM NaCl.

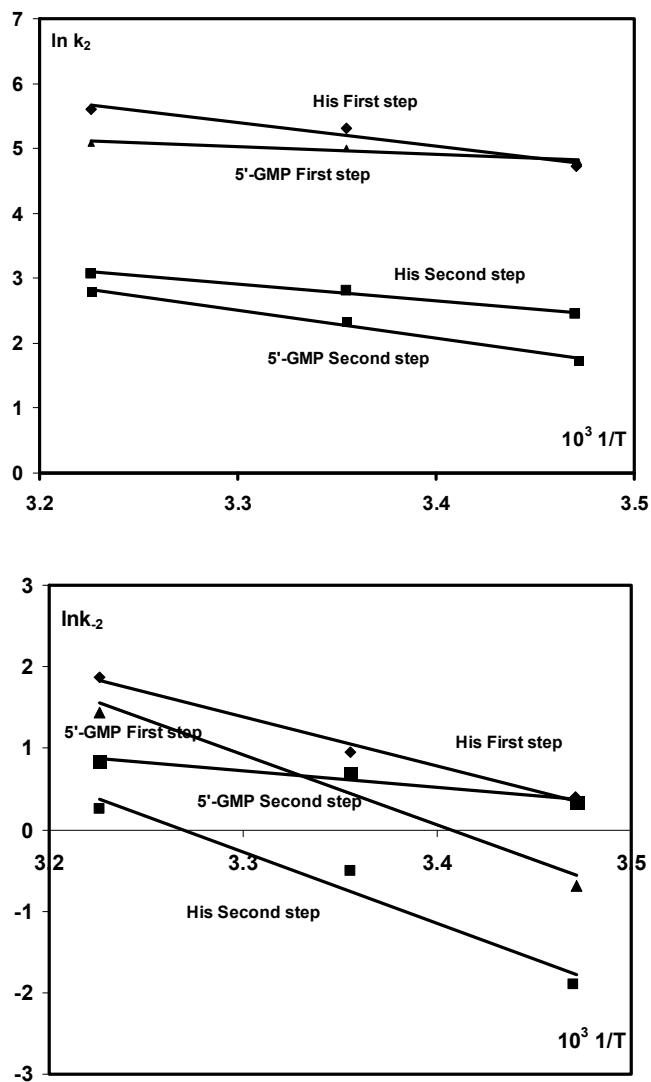


**Figure S25.** Arrhenius plots for the first and the second steps (both forward and reverse) of the substitution reactions of the  $[\text{Au}(\text{dach})\text{Cl}_2]^{2+}$  complex with His and 5'-GMP in 25 mM HEPES buffer (pH = 7.2) and 20 mM NaCl.

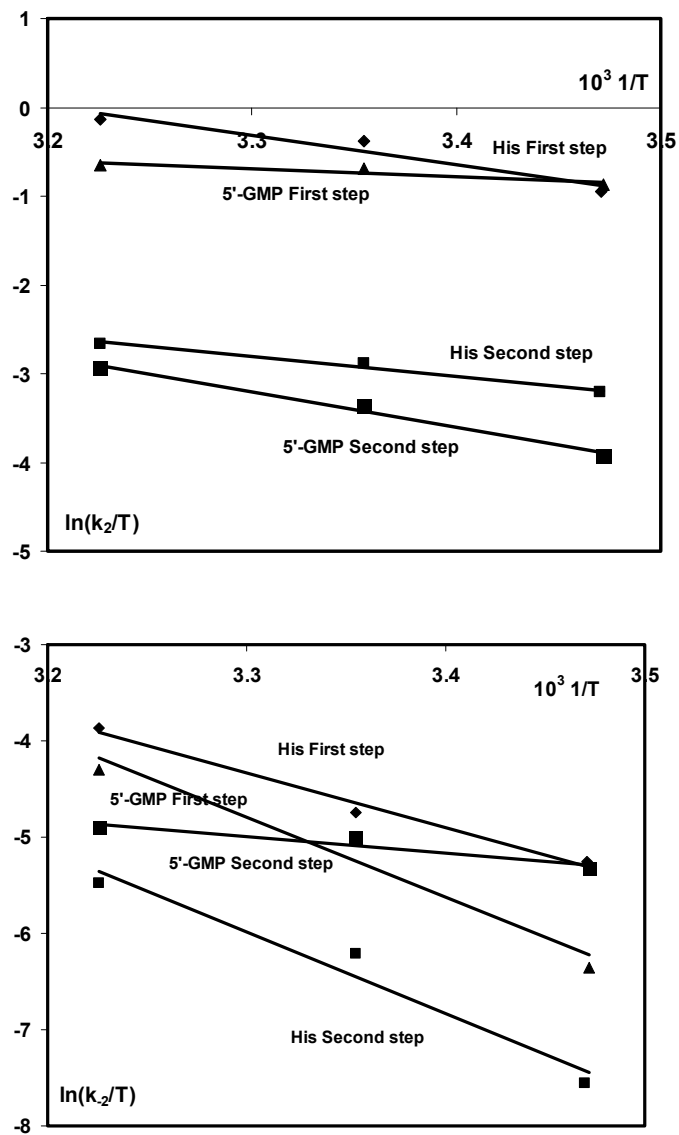


**Figure S26.** Eyring plots for the first and the second steps (both forward and reverse) of the substitution reactions of the  $[\text{Au}(\text{dach})\text{Cl}_2]^{2+}$  complex with His and 5'-GMP in 25 mM HEPES buffer (pH = 7.2) and 20 mM NaCl.





**Figure S27.** Arrhenius plots for the first and the second steps (both forward and reverse) for the substitution reactions of the  $[\text{Au}(\text{bipy})\text{Cl}_2]^{2+}$  complex with His and 5'-GMP in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) and 20 mM NaCl.



**Figure S28.** Eyring plots for the first and the second steps (both forward and reverse) of the substitution reactions of the  $[\text{Au}(\text{bipy})\text{Cl}_2]^{2+}$  complex with His and 5'-GMP in 25 mM Hepes buffer (pH = 7.2) and 20 mM NaCl.