

Supplementary Information

**Contrasting cellular uptake pathways for chlorido and iodido
iminopyridine ruthenium arene anticancer complexes**

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Tables S1 – S11

Table S1. Extent of aquation for complexes **1** and **2** after 24 h, using 2 mM solutions of each complex in phosphate buffer (pH 7.2) Each value represents the mean \pm SD for three independent NMR experiments at 310 K.

Compound		% aquation
1	[Ru(η^6 - <i>p</i> -cym)(<i>p</i> -Impy-NMe ₂)Cl]PF ₆	66 \pm 6
2	[Ru(η^6 - <i>p</i> -cym)(<i>p</i> -Impy-NMe ₂)I]PF ₆	63 \pm 3

Table S2. Time dependence. Total accumulation of Ru in A2780 cells for complexes **1**, **2** and CDDP after various periods of drug exposure at 310 K with no recovery time. Equipotent concentrations used were CDDP = 0.4 μ M, **1** = 5 μ M and **2** = 1 μ M.

	ng Ru/Pt x10 ⁶ cells						
	Drug exposure time (h)						
	1	4	8	24	48	72	96
CDDP	0.0011 \pm 0.0001	0.014 \pm 0.004	0.11 \pm 0.08	0.25 \pm 0.03	0.29 \pm 0.02	0.26 \pm 0.01	0.25 \pm 0.02
1	1.32 \pm 0.09	3.5 \pm 0.4	4.2 \pm 0.1	7.6 \pm 0.8	8.9 \pm 0.6	5.8 \pm 0.4	4.0 \pm 0.2
2	6.5 \pm 0.4	8.2 \pm 0.4	9 \pm 2	11 \pm 1	13.0 \pm 0.7	10.7 \pm 0.3	7.4 \pm 0.1

Table S3. Temperature dependence. Total accumulation of Ru in A2780 cells for complexes **1**, **2** and CDDP after 8 h of drug exposure at various temperatures with no recovery time. Equipotent concentrations used were CDDP = 0.4 μ M, **1** = 5 μ M and **2** = 1 μ M.

	ng Ru/Pt x10 ⁶ cells		
	Temperature (K)		
	277	293	310
CDDP	N/D	0.005 \pm 0.002	0.12 \pm 0.03
1	0.14 \pm 0.04	0.61 \pm 0.06	4.6 \pm 0.6
2	0.8 \pm 0.1	4.1 \pm 0.9	10.7 \pm 0.6

Table S4. Concentration dependence. Total accumulation of Ru in A2780 cells for complexes **1**, **2** and CDDP after 24 h of drug exposure at 310 K with no recovery time.

	ng Ru/Pt x10 ⁶ cells					
	Concentration (μM)					
	0.16 x IC ₅₀	0.33 x IC ₅₀	1.6 x IC ₅₀	3.2 x IC ₅₀	6.4 x IC ₅₀	9.6 x IC ₅₀
CDDP	0.16 ± 0.02	0.28 ± 0.05	2.1 ± 0.3	4.8 ± 0.5	10 ± 1	11 ± 3
1	4.1 ± 0.8	8.0 ± 0.3	40 ± 7	95 ± 3	N/V	N/V
2	5 ± 1	11.4 ± 0.4	42 ± 5	57 ± 6	N/V	N/V

Table S5. Extent of efflux. Total accumulation of Ru in A2780 cells for complexes **1** and **2** after 24 h of drug exposure and various recovery times at 310 K. Equipotent concentrations used were CDDP = 0.4 μM, **1** = 5 μM and **2** = 1 μM.

	ng Ru/Pt x10 ⁶ cells			
	Recovery Time (h)			
	0	24	48	72
1	7.8 ± 0.1	3.0 ± 0.3	1.7 ± 0.1	1.7 ± 0.4
2	11.8 ± 0.8	3.7 ± 0.2	2.8 ± 0.3	2.79 ± 0.07

Table S6. Inhibition of efflux. Total accumulation of Ru in A2780 cells for complexes **1** and **2** after 24 h of drug exposure and 24 h of recovery time in drug-free medium that contained various concentrations of verapamil. Equipotent concentrations used were CDDP = 0.4 μM, **1** = 5 μM and **2** = 1 μM.

	ng Ru/Pt x10 ⁶ cells				
	Cellular Accumulation ^A	Verapamil (μM)			
		0 ^B	5 ^C	10 ^D	20 ^E
1	7.5 ± 0.5	3.0 ± 0.3	4.1 ± 0.5	4.9 ± 0.2	5.3 ± 0.4
2	11.9 ± 0.8	3.7 ± 0.2	4.8 ± 0.3	6.1 ± 0.4	7.2 ± 0.2

Table S7. Role of Na⁺/K⁺ pump in cellular metal accumulation, as a facilitated diffusion endocytosis pathway. Total accumulation of Ru in A2780 cells when co-incubated with complexes **1**, **2**, CDDP and various concentrations of ouabain after 24 h of drug exposure at 310 K with no recovery time. Equipotent concentrations used were CDDP = 0.4 μM, **1** = 5 μM and **2** = 1 μM.

	ng Ru/Pt x10 ⁶ cells					
	Ouabain (μM)					
	0	5	10	20	100	200
CDDP	0.24 ± 0.05	0.22 ± 0.02	0.21 ± 0.04	0.27 ± 0.06	0.18 ± 0.05	0.12 ± 0.03
1	7.5 ± 0.2	5.7 ± 0.4	5.5 ± 0.2	5.1 ± 0.6	4.9 ± 0.6	3.8 ± 0.3
2	11.9 ± 0.3	9.7 ± 0.4	9.2 ± 0.3	8.9 ± 0.5	8.5 ± 0.4	7.5 ± 0.2

Table S8. Role of CTR1 in cellular metal accumulation. Total accumulation of Ru in A2780 cells when co-incubated with complexes **1**, **2**, CDDP and various concentrations of copper(II) chloride after 24 h of drug exposure at 310 K with no recovery time. Equipotent concentrations used were CDDP = 0.4 μM, **1** = 5 μM and **2** = 1 μM.

	ng Ru/Pt x10 ⁶ cells					
	Copper(II) chloride (μM)					
	0	10	20	40	100	200
CDDP	0.24 ± 0.05	0.22 ± 0.02	0.19 ± 0.03	0.15 ± 0.04	0.10 ± 0.2	0.08 ± 0.01
1	7.5 ± 0.2	7.0 ± 0.3	6.8 ± 0.5	6.7 ± 0.3	5.2 ± 0.5	4.6 ± 0.3
2	11.9 ± 0.3	11.0 ± 0.5	10.8 ± 0.2	10.1 ± 0.6	9.5 ± 0.3	8.8 ± 0.4

Table S9. Effect of ATP depletion in cellular metal accumulation. Total accumulation of Ru in A2780 cells when co-incubated with complexes **1**, **2**, CDDP and 5 μM of antimycin A₁ after 24 h of drug exposure at 310 K with no recovery time. Equipotent concentrations used were CDDP = 0.4 μM, **1** = 5 μM and **2** = 1 μM.

	ng Ru/Pt x10 ⁶ cells	
	Antimycin A ₁ (μM)	
	0	5
CDDP	0.24 ± 0.05	0.22 ± 0.02
1	7.5 ± 0.2	32 ± 2
2	11.9 ± 0.3	13.6 ± 0.4

Table S10. Membrane disruption by amphotericin B as a model for protein-mediated uptake. Total accumulation of Ru in A2780 cells when co-incubated with complexes **1**, **2**, CDDP and various concentrations of amphotericin B after 24 h of drug exposure at 310 K with no recovery time. Equipotent concentrations used were CDDP = 0.4 μ M, **1** = 5 μ M and **2** = 1 μ M.

	ng Ru/Pt x10 ⁶ cells			
	Amphotericin B (μ M)			
	0	1	5	10
CDDP	0.24 \pm 0.05	0.28 \pm 0.03	0.35 \pm 0.05	0.49 \pm 0.05
1	7.5 \pm 0.2	7.7 \pm 0.2	9.8 \pm 0.3	10.2 \pm 0.5
2	11.9 \pm 0.3	13.0 \pm 0.4	18.5 \pm 0.7	25.4 \pm 0.6

Table S11. The role of caveolae endocytotic pathway in metal accumulation. Total accumulation of Ru in A2780 cells when co-incubated with complexes **1**, **2**, CDDP and various concentrations of β -methyl cyclodextrin after 24 h of drug exposure at 310 K with no recovery time. Equipotent concentrations used were CDDP = 0.4 μ M, **1** = 5 μ M and **2** = 1 μ M.

	ng Ru/Pt x10 ⁶ cells				
	β -methyl cyclodextrin (μ M)				
	0	10	20	500	1000
CDDP	0.24 \pm 0.05	0.20 \pm 0.06	0.26 \pm 0.03	0.23 \pm 0.05	0.27 \pm 0.02
1	7.5 \pm 0.2	7.8 \pm 0.4	7.5 \pm 0.2	7.6 \pm 0.4	7.3 \pm 0.3
2	11.9 \pm 0.3	11.2 \pm 0.5	11.9 \pm 0.5	12.2 \pm 0.4	12.1 \pm 0.6