

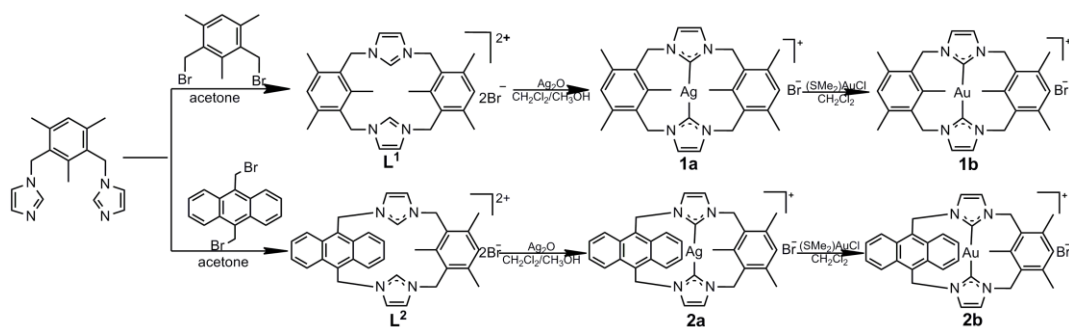
## Supporting Information

### **Antitumor Properties and Mechanisms of Mitochondria-Targeted Ag(I) and Au(I) Complexes Containing N-heterocyclic Carbenes Derived from Cyclophanes**

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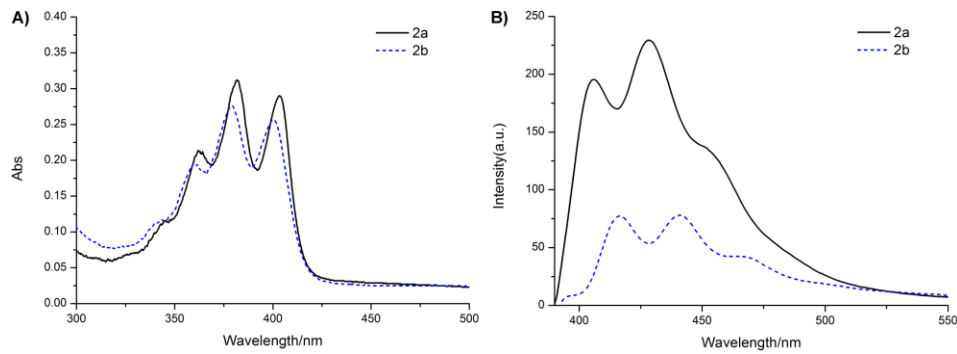
Scheme S1. Synthesis of NHC complexes **1a-b** and **2a-b**.

Table S1. Crystallographic data of complexes **1a'**, **1b'** and ligands **L<sup>1</sup>**, **L<sup>2</sup>**.

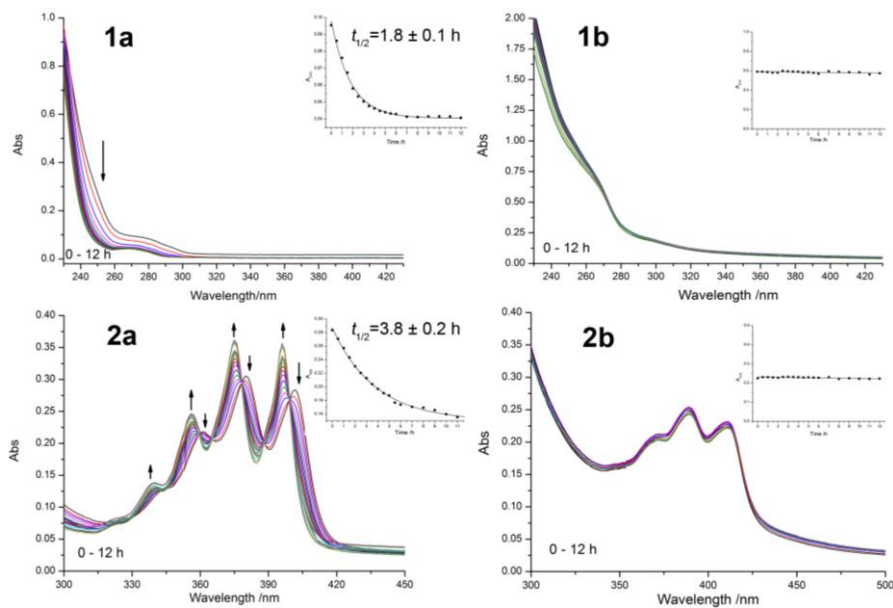
Compound	<b>1a'</b>	<b>1b'</b>	<b>L<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>L<sup>2</sup></b>
CDCC no.	980884	980885	980882	980883
Empirical formula	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>32</sub> AgF <sub>6</sub> N <sub>4</sub> P•CH <sub>3</sub> CN	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>32</sub> AuF <sub>6</sub> N <sub>4</sub> P•CH <sub>3</sub> CN	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>34</sub> F <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> P <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>32</sub> F <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> P <sub>2</sub> •3CH <sub>3</sub> CN
Molecular weight	717.46	807.57	716.53	897.73
Description	Block, colourless	Block, colourless	Block, colourless	Block, colourless
Temperature (K)	293(2)	150(2)	150(2)	150(2)
Crystal size (mm)	0.50 × 0.40 × 0.40	0.20 × 0.16 × 0.14	0.18 × 0.14 × 0.13	0.23 × 0.19 × 0.17
λ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	orthorhombic	orthorhombic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	Ibam	Ibam	P21/c	P21/n
a (Å)	17.9559(7)	18.7883(10)	8.6600(5)	12.9199(9)
b (Å)	18.8882(7)	17.8671(8)	19.8775(10)	15.8918(8)
c (Å)	17.9394(7)	18.1775(7)	11.7276(5)	20.2181(11)
α (°)	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
β (°)	90.00	90.00	130.999(3)	95.307(2)
γ (°)	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
Volume, Å <sup>3</sup>	6084.2(4)	6102.0(5)	1523.61(13)	4133.4(4)
Z	8	8	2	4
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.781	4.940	0.244	0.198
F(000)	2920	3184	736	1848
θ range (deg)	3.13-27.48	3.12-27.47	3.08/27.47	3.01-27.48
Completeness to θ <sub>max</sub>	0.986	0.987	0.974	0.965
Density (calcd) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.567	1.758	1.562	1.443
Reflections collected/unique	12864/3565	11507/3570	10629/3398	13658
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1=0.0474 wR2=0.1359	R1=0.0547 wR2=0.1377	R1=0.0683 wR2=0.1537	R1=0.1126 wR2=0.2048
R indices (all data)	R1=0.0504 wR2=0.1423	R1=0.0616, wR2=0.1432	R1=0.0535 wR2=0.1428	R1=0.0727 wR2=0.1815
GOF	1.132	1.035	1.050	1.068

Table S2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (deg) of **1a'** and **1b'**.

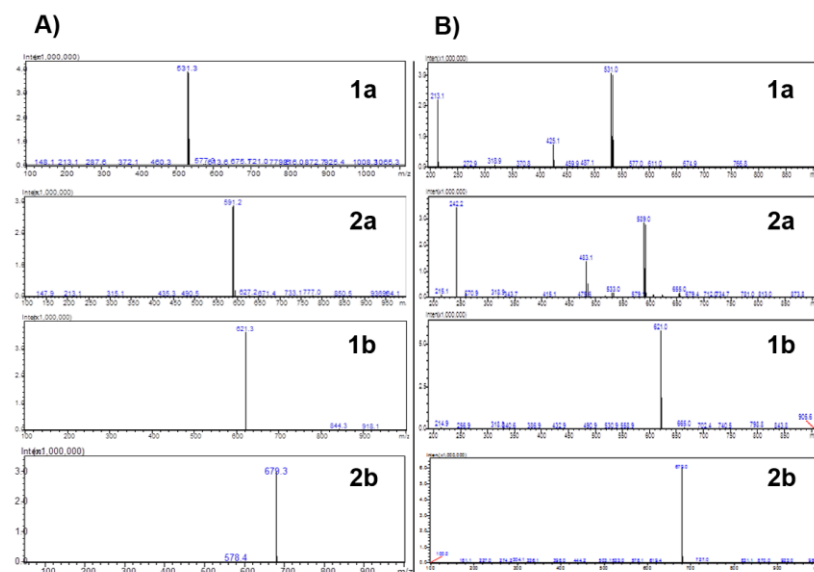
Complexes	<b>1a'</b>	<b>1b'</b>		
bond lengths (Å)	Ag1-C1	2.113(4)	Au1-C13	2.062(8)
	Ag1-C2	2.111(4)	Au1-C15	2.075(8)
bond angles (deg)	C2 - Ag1 - C1	178.04(18)	C13-Au1-C15	179.4(3)
	N1 - C1 - Ag1	127.65(18)	N1-C1-Au1	127.6(4)
	N2 - C2 - Ag1	127.97(18)	N2-C15-Au1	126.9(4)



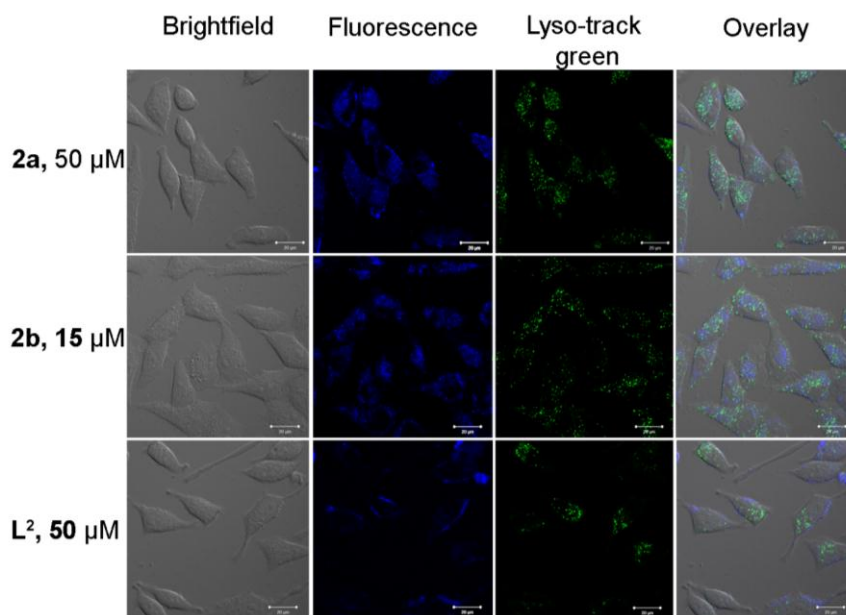
**Fig. S1** (A) UV/Vis spectra of complexes **2a** and **2b** ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$  M) measured in  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  at 298 K. (B) Emission spectra of complexes **2a** and **2b** ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$  M) measured in  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  at 298 K. ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 380$  nm).



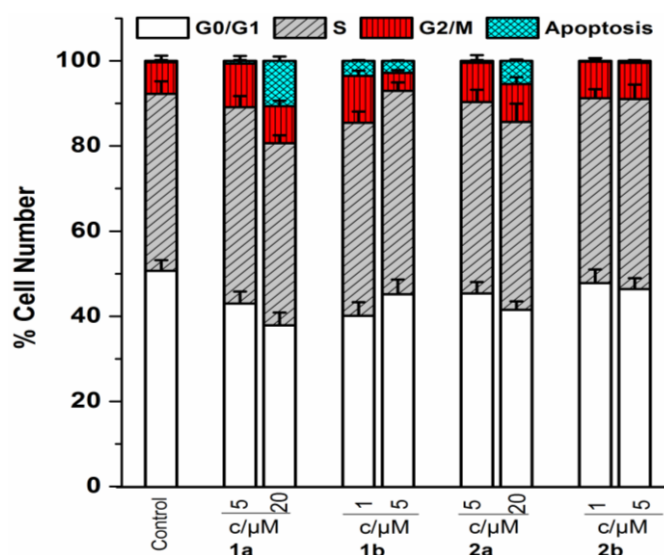
**Fig. S2** Time-dependent UV/Vis absorption spectra of **1-2** ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$  M) measured in 100 mM NaCl solution. Insets: plots of the changes in absorbance at the indicated wavelengths against time. **1a**, 270 nm; **1b**, 270nm; **2a**, 402 nm; **2b**, 410 nm.



**Fig. S3** ESI-MS spectra of complexes in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.25% DMSO for: A) 0 h and B) 48 h.



**Fig. S4** Determination of intercellular localization of compound by confocal microscopy ( $63\times$  oil-immersion objective lens). **2a**, **2b** and **L<sup>2</sup>** were excited at 405 nm (blue). Lyso-tracker green was excited at 488 nm (green).



**Fig. S5** Cell-cycle analysis of HeLa cells treated with DMSO alone or **1-2** at different concentrations for 24 h before exposure to PI and analysis by flow cytometry. Cell populations were determined and are expressed as the percentage of cells in the indicated cell-cycle phases.