

## Supporting Information

# **Arene Ru(II) complexes acted as potential *KRAS* G-quadruplex DNA stabilizer induced DNA damage mediated apoptosis to inhibit breast cancer progress**

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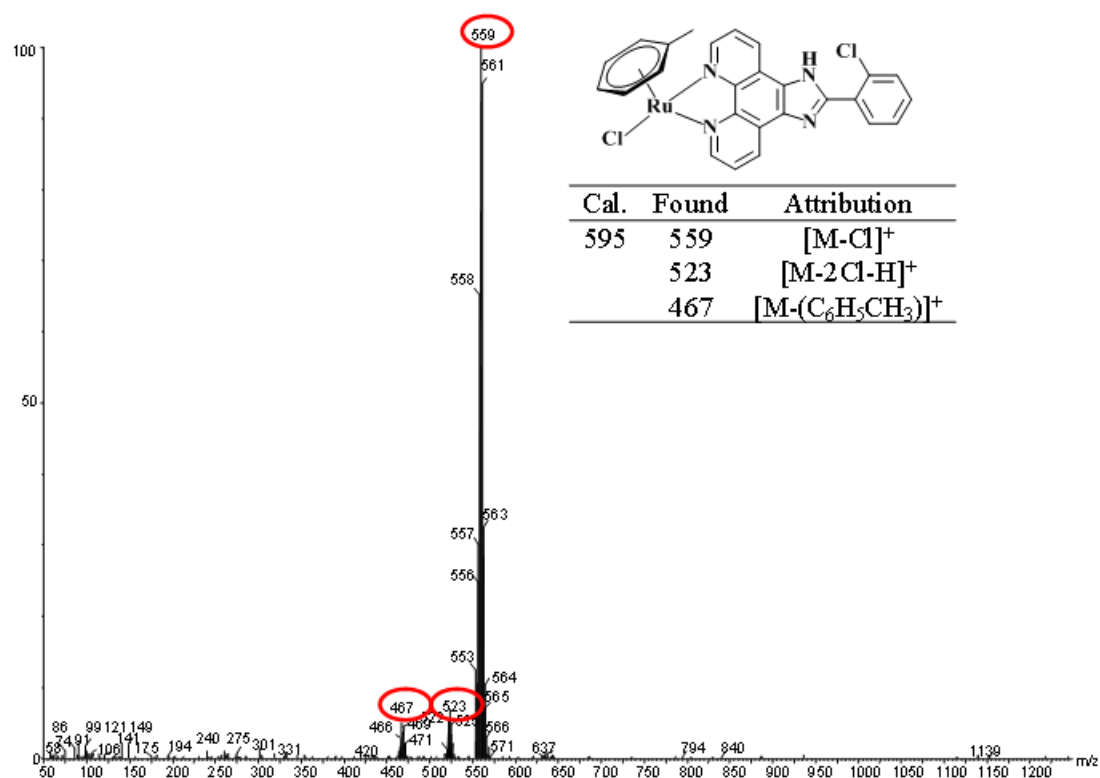
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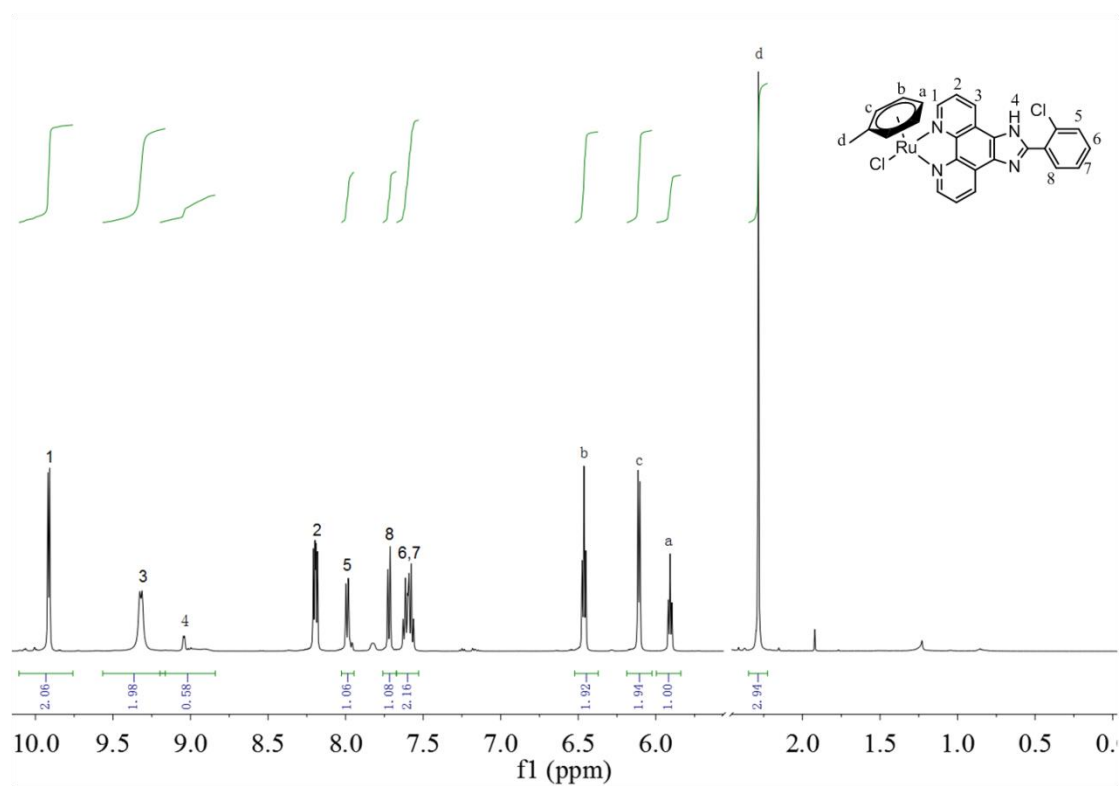
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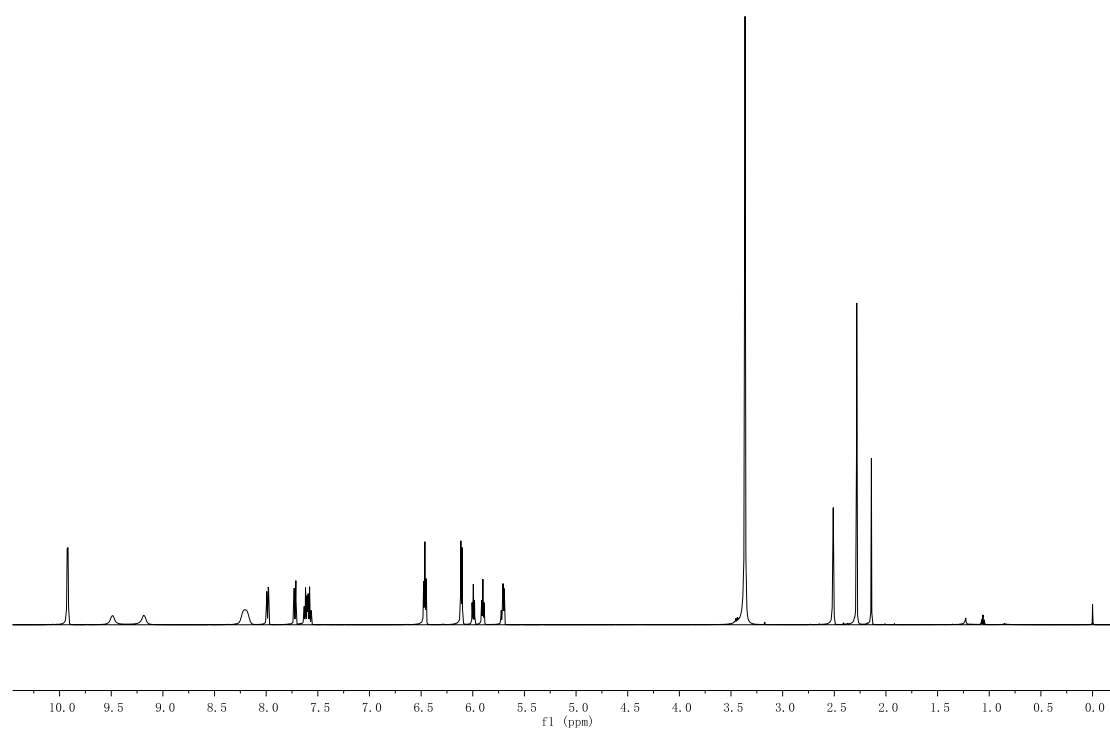
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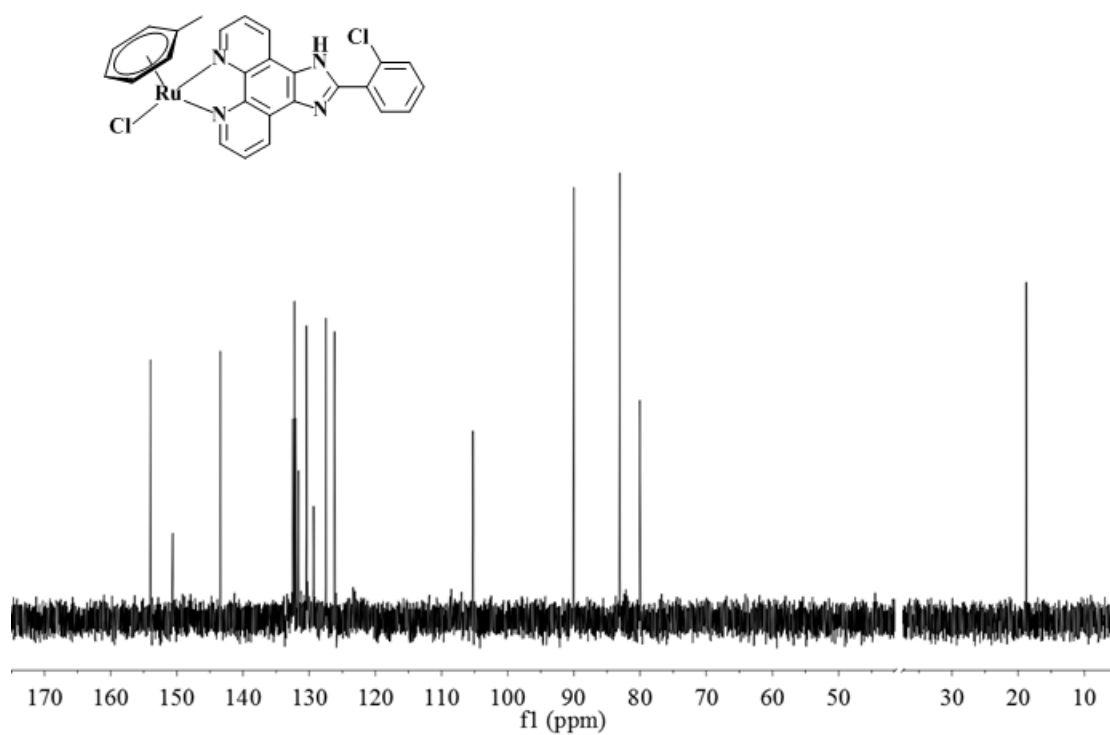


**Figure S1.** The ESI-MS spectra of complex **1**.

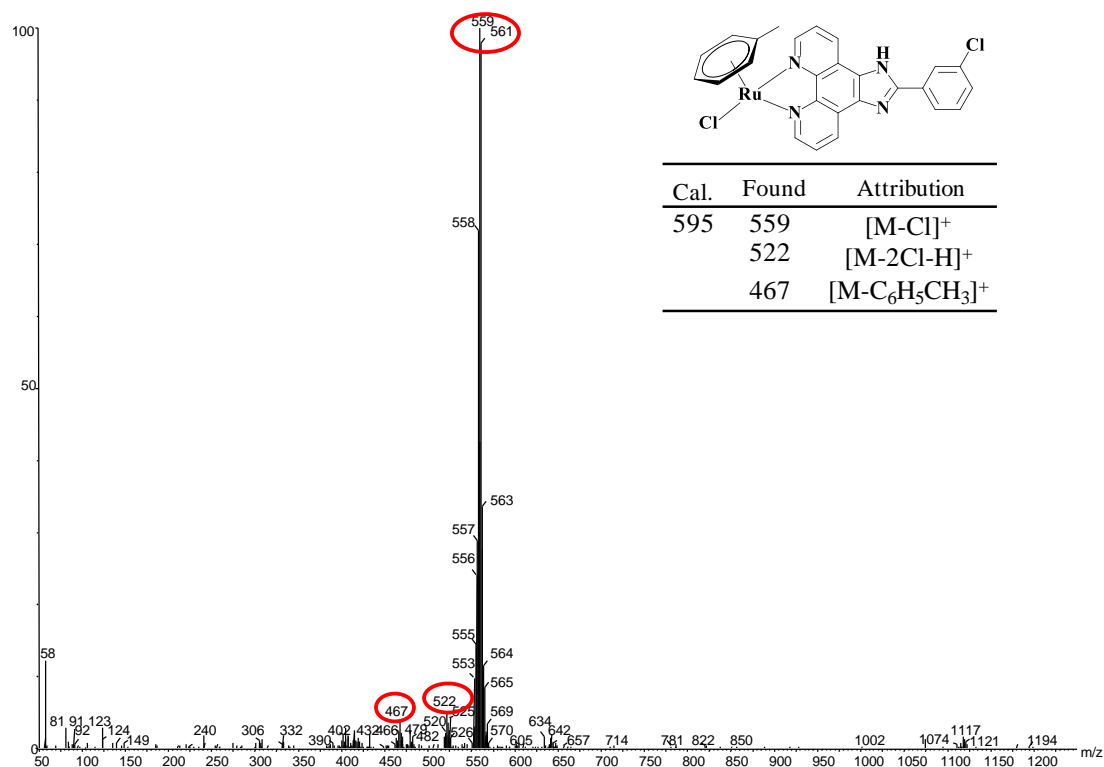




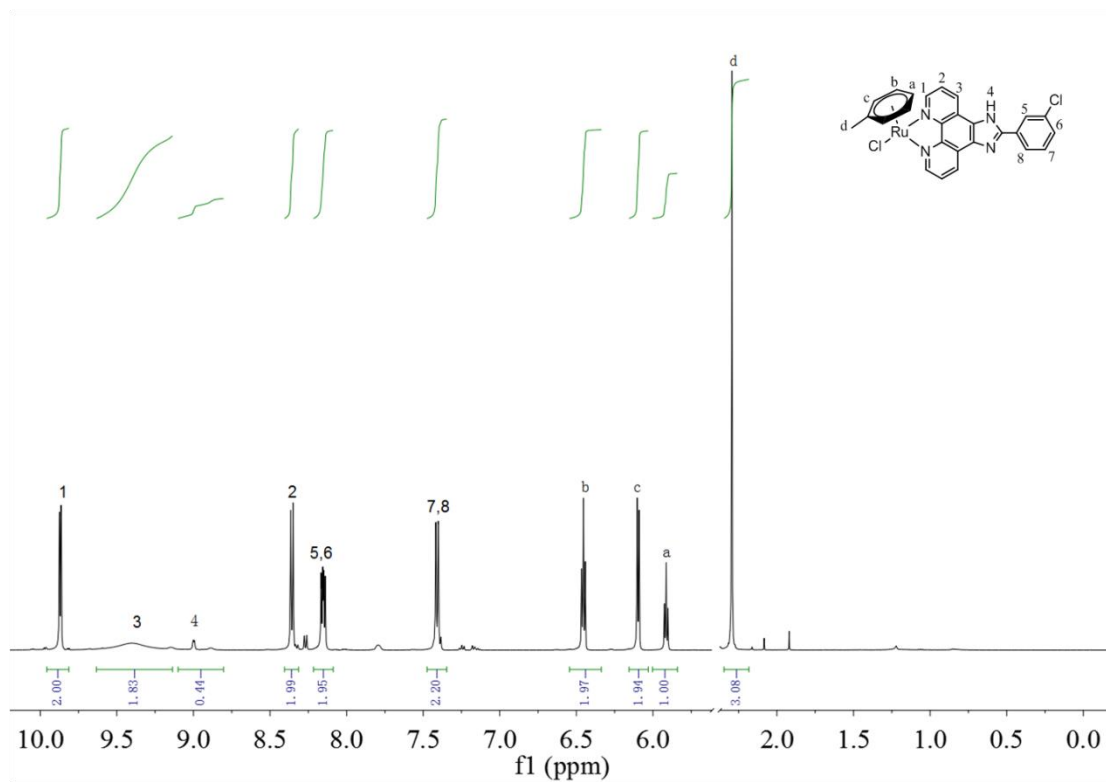
**Figure S2.** The partial enlarged view (A) and the whole view (B) of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of complex **1**.



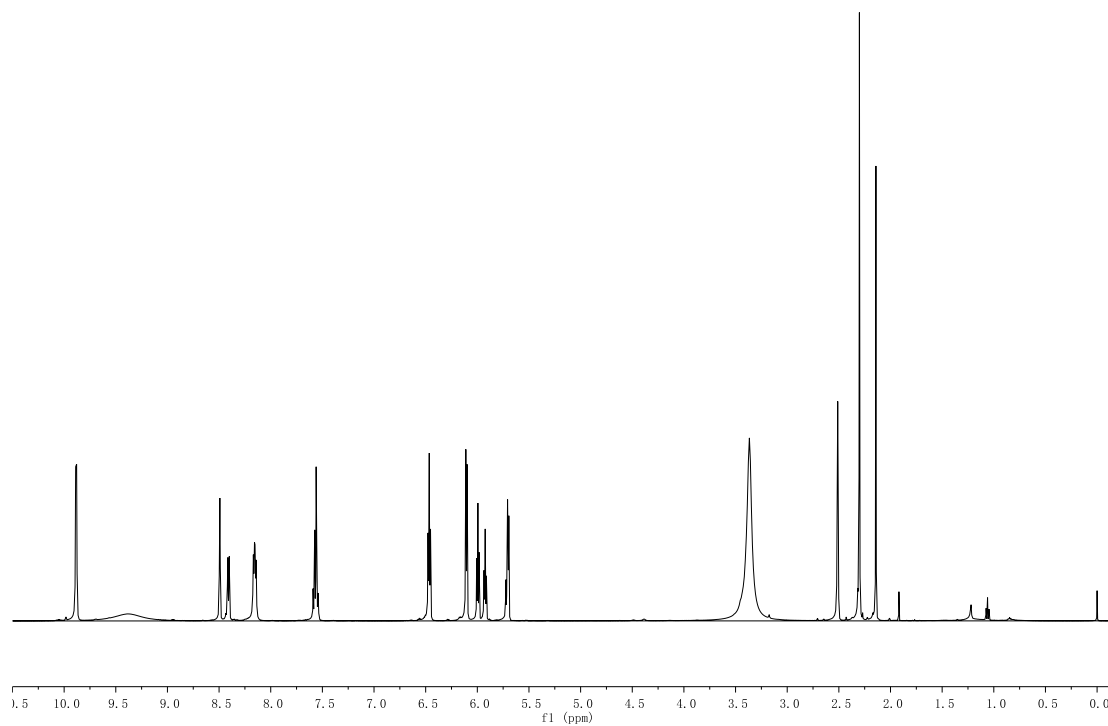
**Figure S3.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of complex **1**.



**Figure S4.** The ESI-MS spectra of complex **2**.

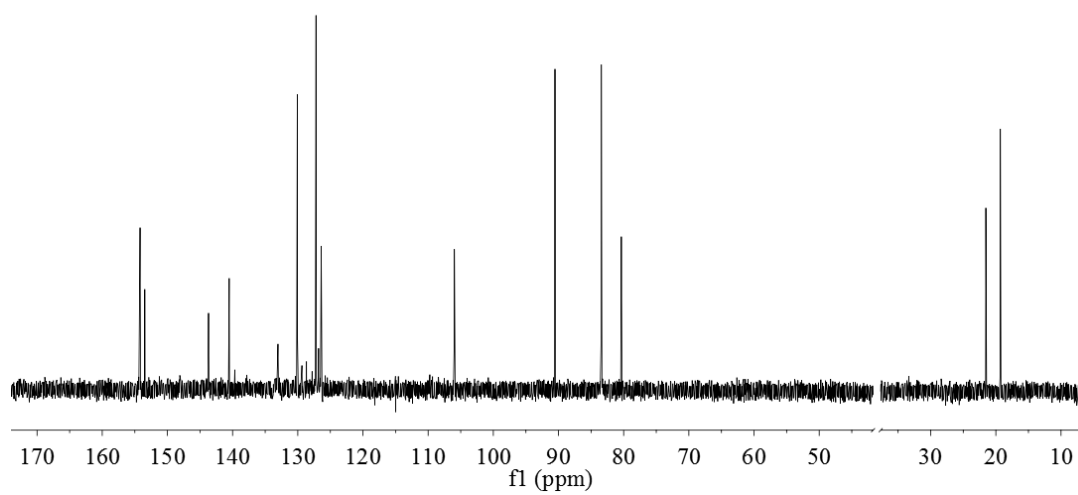
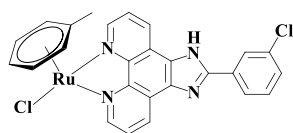


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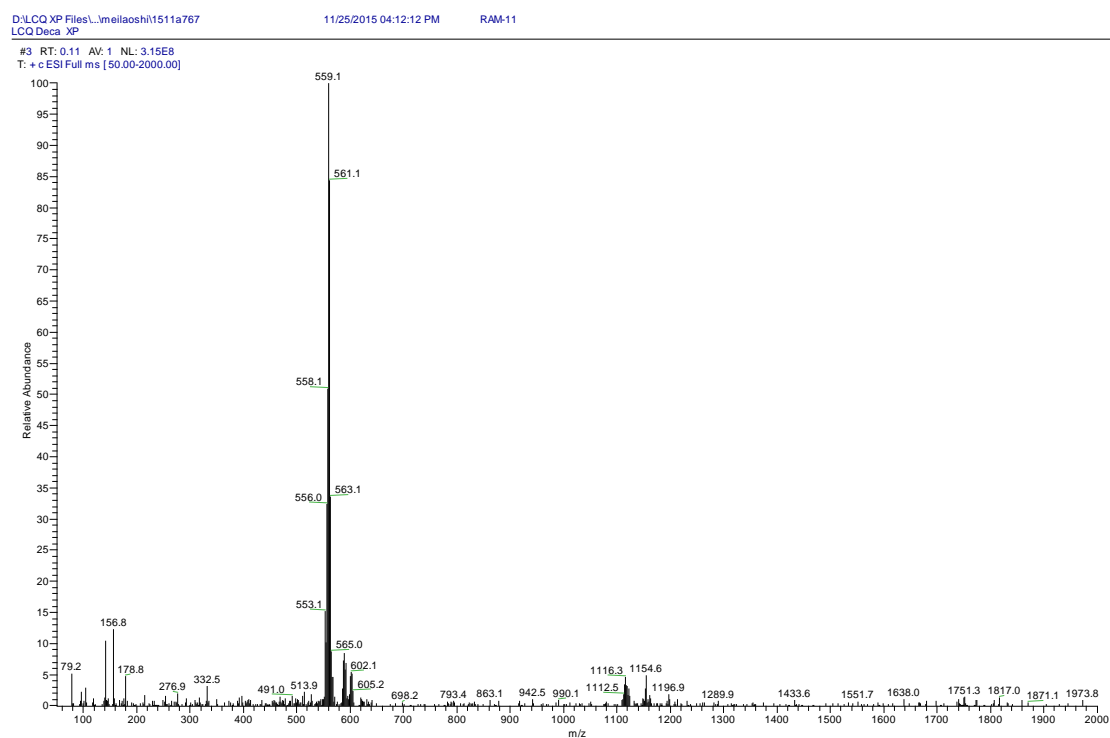


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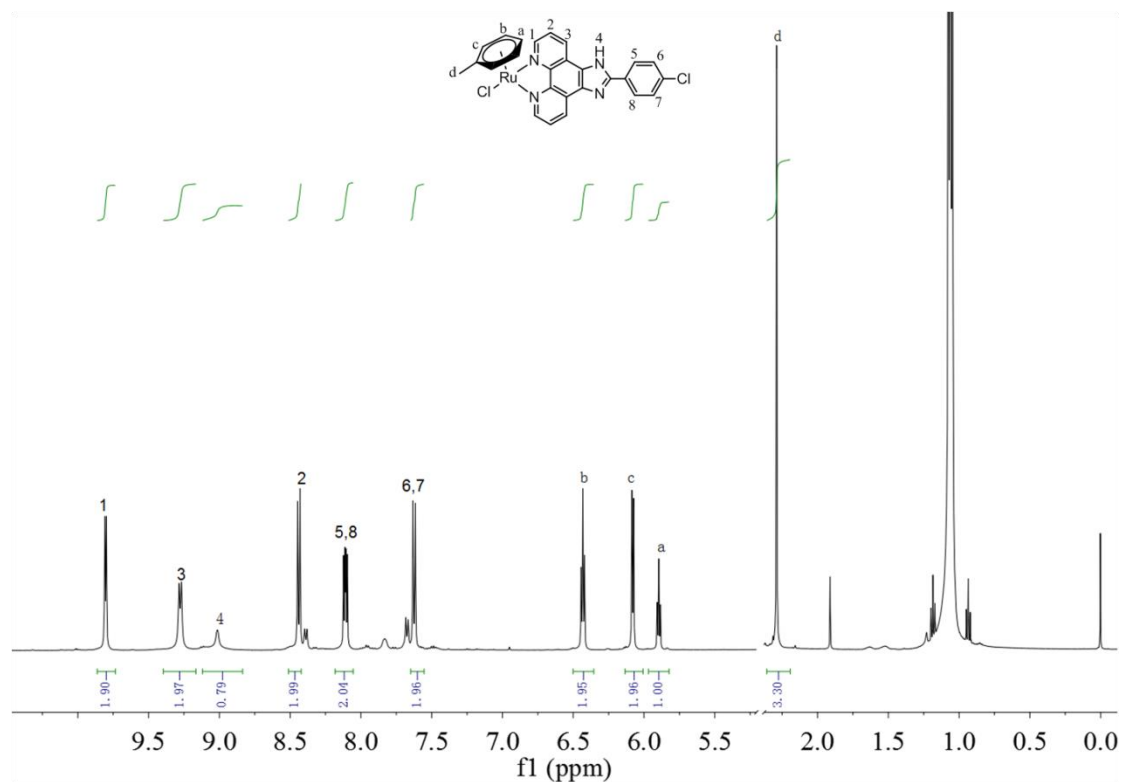
**Figure S5.** The partial enlarged view (A) and the whole view (B) of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of complex **2**.

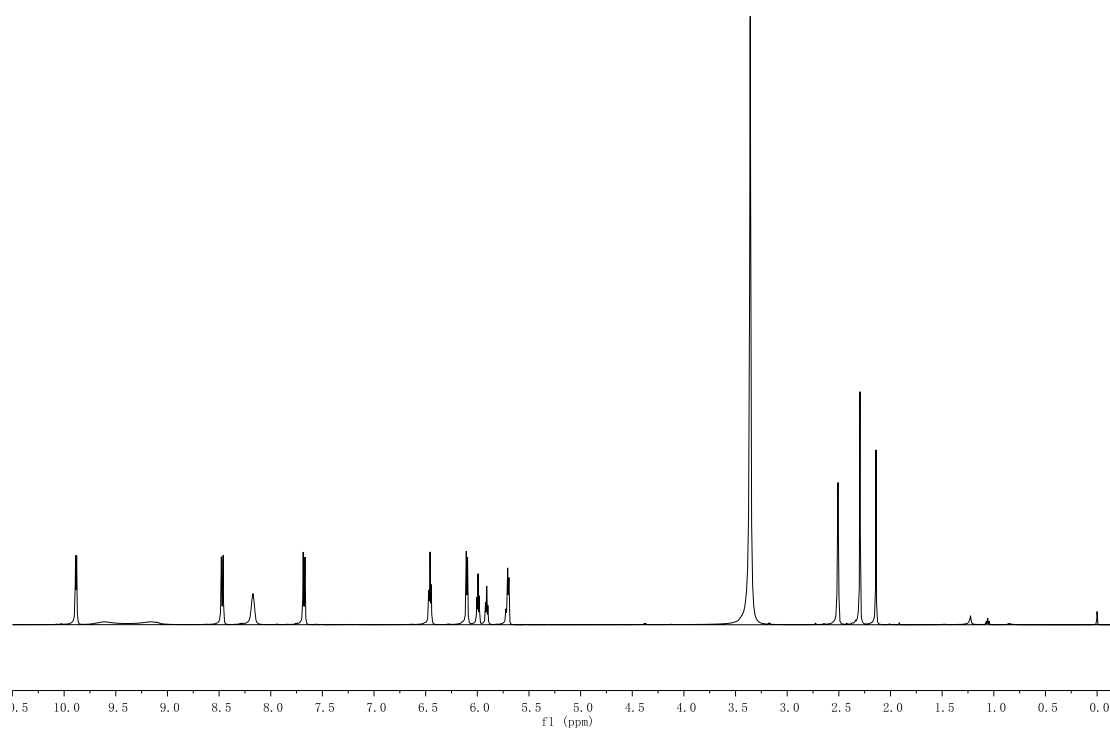


**Figure S6.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of complex **2**.



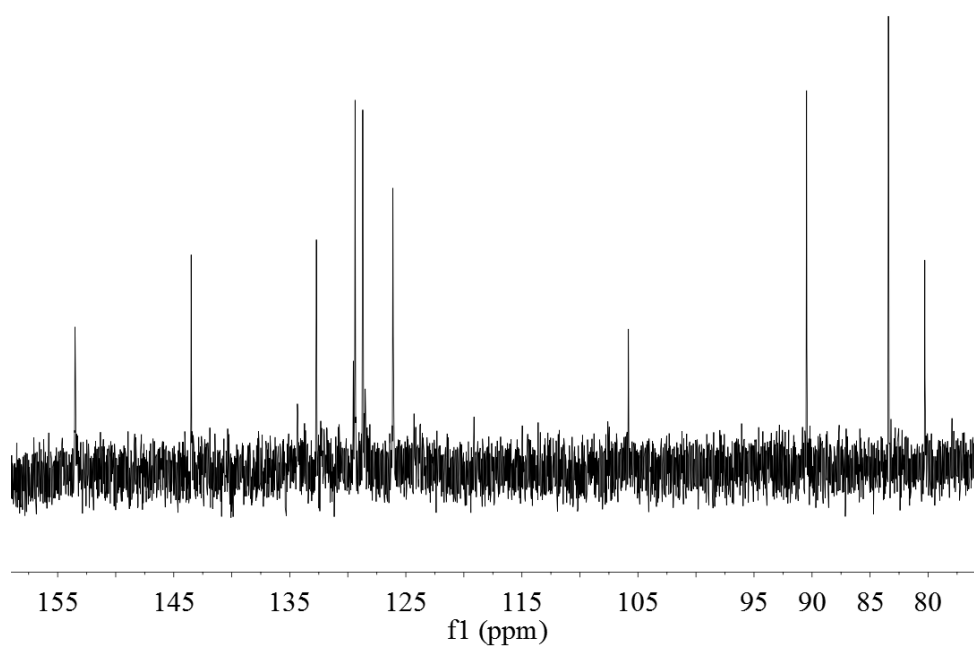
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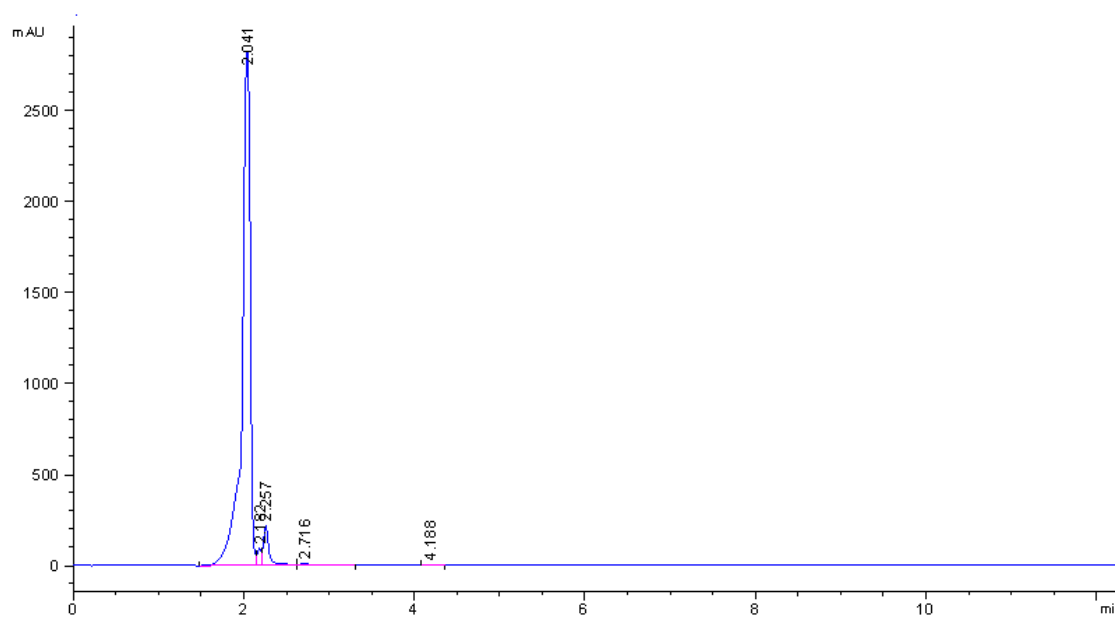


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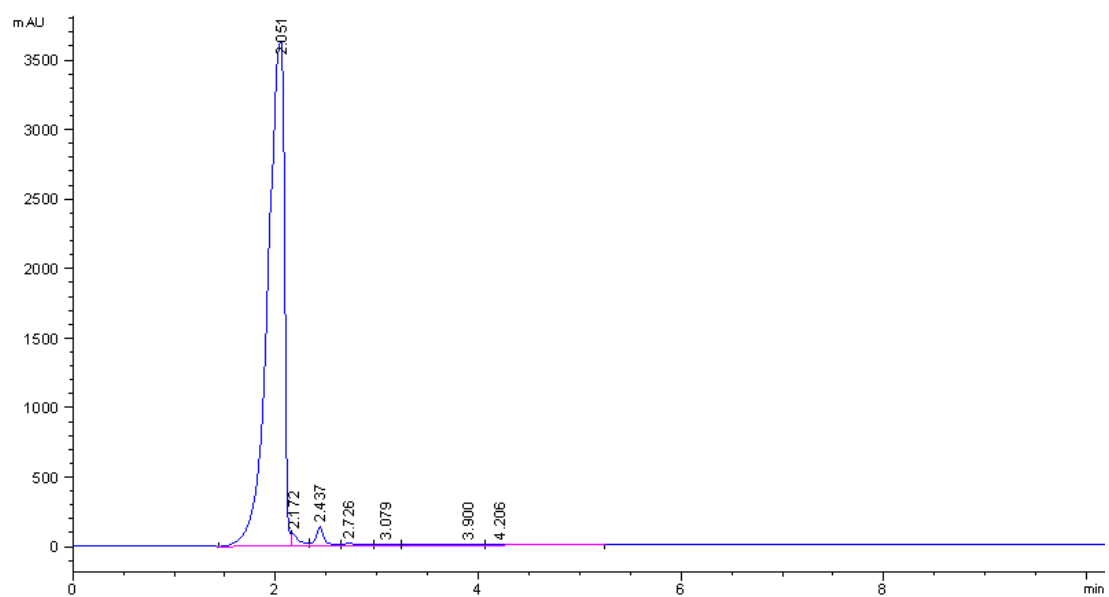
**Figure S8.** The partial enlarged view (A) and the whole view (B) of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of complex **3**.



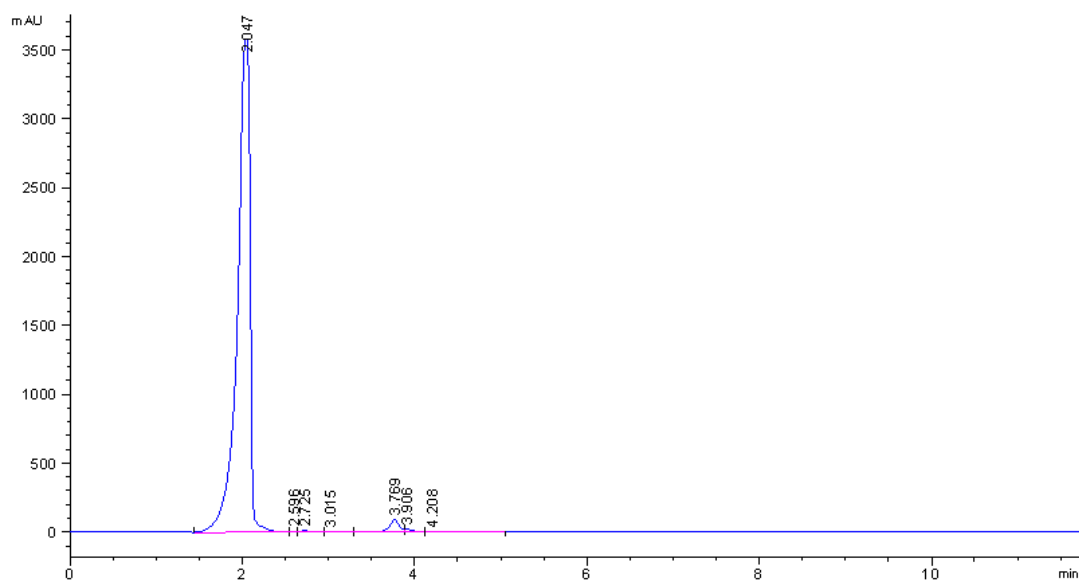
**Figure S9.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of complex **3**.



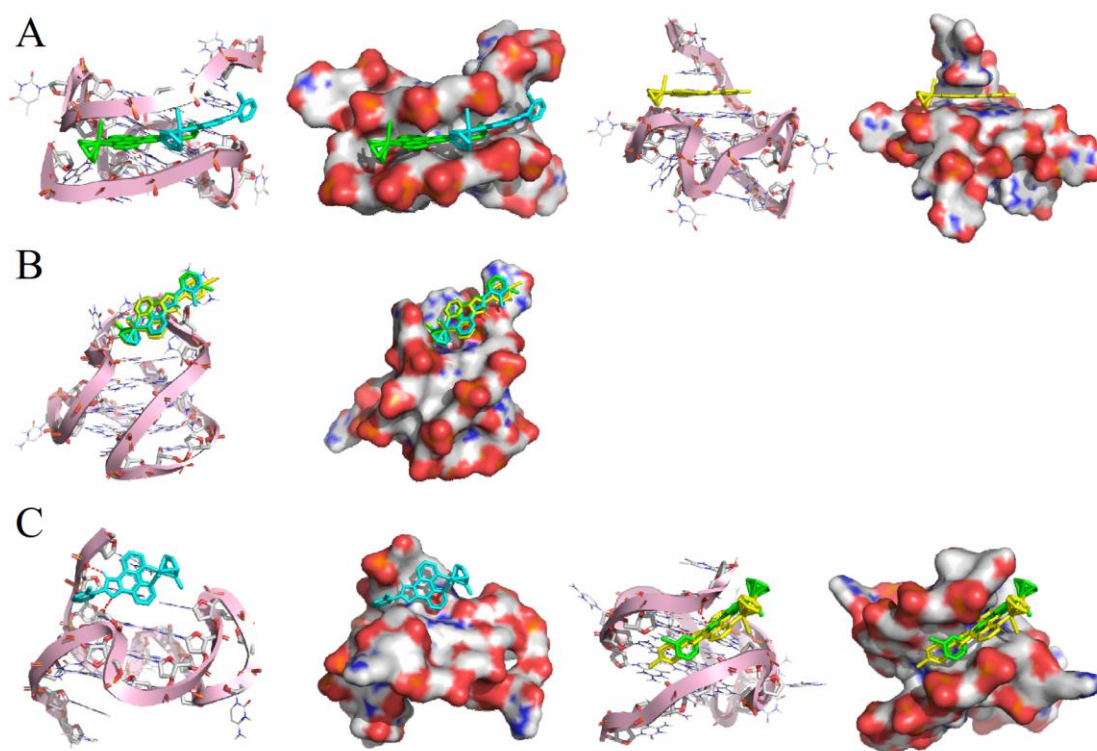
**Figure S10.** The HPCL results of complex **1**, the mobile phase is  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}:\text{CH}_3\text{CN}=8:2$ .



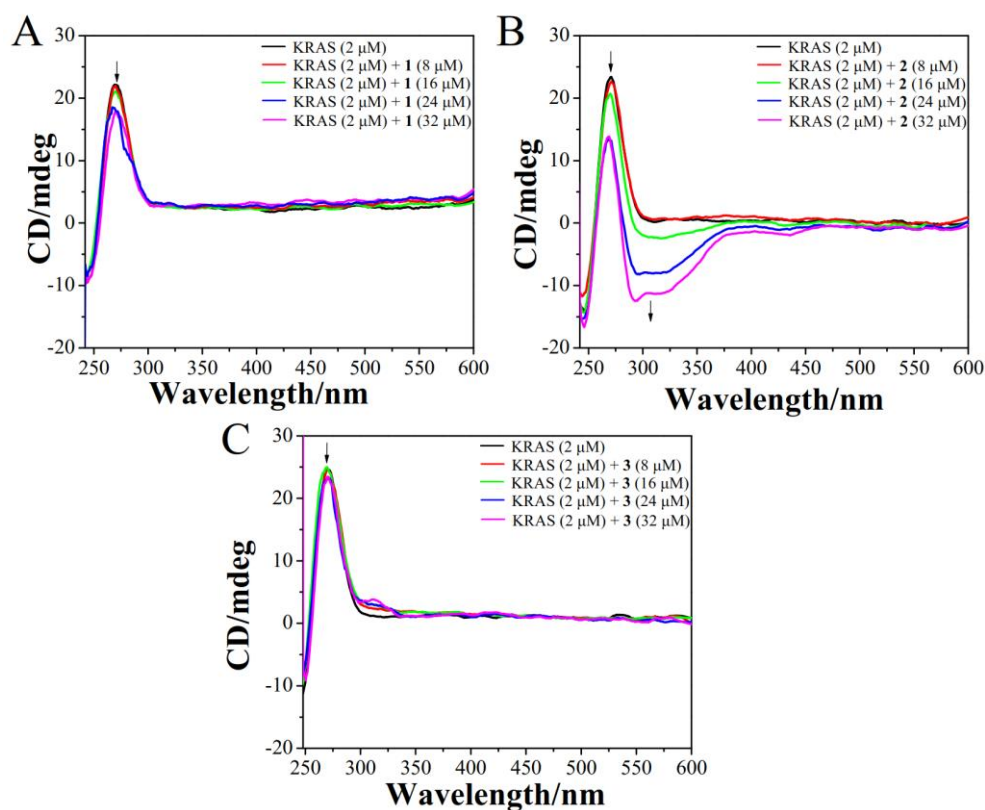
**Figure S11.** The HPCL results of complex **2**, the mobile phase is  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}:\text{CH}_3\text{CN}=8:2$ .



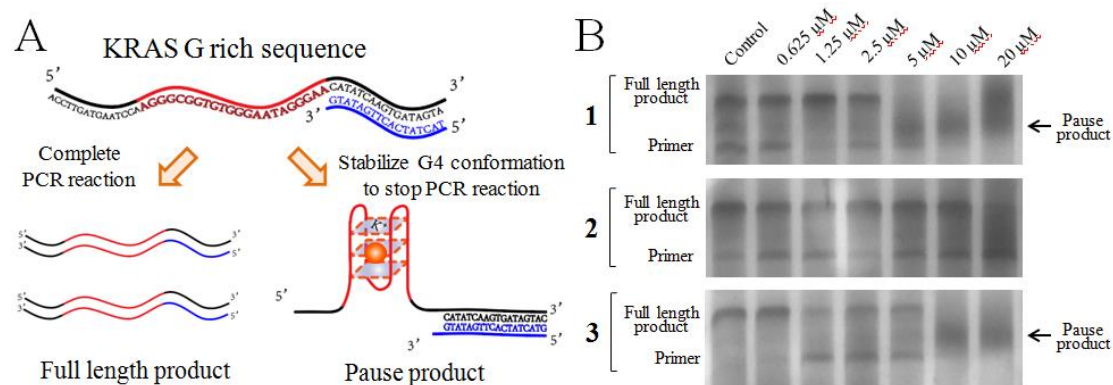
**Figure S12.** The HPCL results of complex **3**, the mobile phase is  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}:\text{CH}_3\text{CN}=8:2$ .



**Figure S13.** Binding site and mode of **1**(cyan), **2**(green), **3**(yellow) with c-myc (A), Bcl-2 (B) and VEGF (C) G-quadruplex DNA calculated by molecular docking.

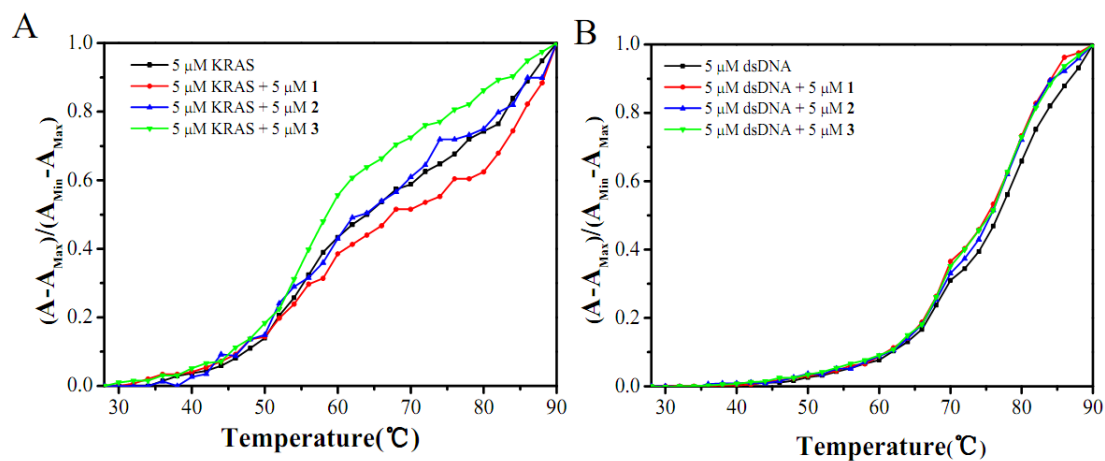


**Figure S14.** CD titration spectra of KRAS G-quadruplex DNA (2  $\mu\text{M}$ ) at different concentrations of **1** (A), **2** (B) and **3** (C) ([Ru] = 0, 8, 16, 24 and 32  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in the incubation buffer.



**Figure S15.** (A) The replication blocking of PCR products through stabilizing KRAS G-quadruplex DNA treated with arene Ru(II) complexes. (B) Effect of complexes **1**, **2** and **3** on the PCR-stop assay with KRAS G-quadruplex DNA.

[Ru] = 0, 0.625, 1.25, 2.5, 5, 10 and 20  $\mu$ M, [KRAS] = 10 pM.



**Figure S16.** The stability of KRAS G-quadruplex DNA induced by arene ruthenium(II) complexes. (A) UV melting curves obtained with KRAS G-quadruplex DNA (5  $\mu$ M) free (■) upon addition of **1** (◆), **2** (▲) and **3** (▼). (B) UV melting curves obtained with dsDNA (5  $\mu$ M) free (■) upon addition of **1** (◆), **2** (▲) and **3** (▼). [Ru]= 5  $\mu$ M.