



## Supplementary Material: Probing the DNA Reactivity and the Anticancer Properties of a Novel Tubercidin-Pt(II) Complex

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Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 11.



Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 12.



Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 13.



Figure S4. 1H-NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CD3OD) of compound 14.



Figure S5. 1H-NMR spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-d6) of complex 6.



Figure S6. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound **11**.



Figure S7. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 12.



Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of compound 13.



Figure S9. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) of compound 14.



Figure S10. HSQC spectrum (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) of compound 14.



Figure S11. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of complex 6.



Figure S12. COSY HH spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of complex 6.



Figure S13. HSQC spectrum (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) of complex 6.



**Figure S14.** HR ESI MS(+) spectrum of complex **6**.



Figure S15. FT IR spectrum of complex 6.

ODN	m/z				
		-3	-4	-5	-6
15	calcd	1247.2	935.1	747.9	623.1
	found	1246.7	934.8	748.1	623.3
16	calcd	1181.8	886.1	708.6	590.4
	found	1181.3	885.8	708.8	590.4



Figure S16. ESI MS(–) spectra of ODNs 15 and 16.



**Figure S17.** Overlapped CD spectra of **d15/16** recorded at 2 µM concentration (red line) before and after 24 h (panel A), 48 h (panel B) and 72 h (panel C) of incubation with 2 equiv. of **14** (green line), cisplatin (violet line), **5b** (light blue line), **6** (orange line) and **4** (black line) complexes at 37°C. All samples were dissolved in 10 mM PBS/50 mM NaCl-containing buffer at pH 7.0 and the spectra were normalized at 320 nm.

24h	Positive band d15/16 λ <sub>max</sub> /CD (mdeg)/ΔCD	Positive band A <sub>max</sub> (nm)/CD (mdeg)	shift (nm) positive band	Negative band ʎ <sub>max</sub> (nm)/CD (mdeg)	shift (nm) negative band	T1/2* (°C)
d15/16	273/3.20	273/3.20	-	239/-2.87	-	54
d(15/16)-6	273/2.06/1.14	278/2.19	+5	234/-1.34	-5	-
d(15/16)-cisplatin	273/2.93/0.27	275/2.99	+2	237/-2.20	-2	-
d(15/16)-5b	273/3.00/0.20	274/3.01	+1	235/-0.60	-4	-
d(15/16)-14	273/3.78/-0.58	271/3.85	-2	239/-2.75	-	-
d(15/16)-4	273/3.76/0.56	273/3.76	-	236/-1.73	-3	55

**Table S1.** The effects on CD profile of the duplex **d15/16** after 24h incubation with 10 equiv. of complex **6**, complex **5b**, cisplatin, diamine **14** and tubercidin **4**. \***T**<sub>1/2</sub>: Melting Temperature value ( $\lambda$  = 273 nm, 1.0 °C/min heating rate).

**Table S2.** The effects on CD profile of the duplex **d15/16** after 48h incubation with 10 equiv. of complex **6**, complex **5b**, cisplatin, and diamine **14** and tubercidin **4**. \***T**<sub>1/2</sub>: Melting Temperature value ( $\lambda$  = 273 nm, 1.0 °C/min heating rate).

48h	Positive band d15/16 δ <sub>max</sub> /CD (mdeg)/ΔCD	Positive band ʎ <sub>max</sub> (nm)/CD (mdeg)	shift (nm) positive band	Negative band ʎ <sub>max</sub> (nm)/CD (mdeg)	shift (nm) negative band	T <sub>1/2</sub> * (°C)
d15/16	273/3.20	273/3.20	-	239/-2.87	-	54
d(15/16)-6	273/1.62/1.58	281/1.90	+8	228/-3.39	-11	-
d(15/16)- cisplatin	273/2.35/0.85	277/2.51	+4	229/-2.09	-10	-
d(15/16)-5b	273/1.78/1.42	277/1.85	+4	238/-1.48	-1	-
d(15/16)-14	273/3.51/-0.31	272/3.52	-1	238/-3.72	-1	-
d(15/16)-4	273/3.43/0.23	273/3.43	-	236/-2.18	-3	55

72h	Positive band d15/16 δ <sub>max</sub> /CD (mdeg)/ΔCD	Positive band ʎ <sub>max</sub> (nm)/CD (mdeg)	shift (nm) positive band	Negative band ʎ <sub>max</sub> (nm)/CD (mdeg)	shift (nm) negative band	T <sub>1/2</sub> * (°C)
d15/16	273/3.20	273/3.20	-	239/-2.87	-	54
d(15/16)-6	273/1.94/1.26	277/2.13	+4	234/-1.81	-5	-
d(15/16)- cisplatin	273/1.89/1.31	279/2.15	+6	232/-2.02	-7	-
d(15/16)-5b	272/2.08/1.12	276/2.12	+3	239/-1.25	-	-
d(15/16)-14	272/3.46/-0.25	273/3.45	-	237/-3.85	-2	52
d(15/16)-4	273/3.08/-0.12	273/3.08	-	238/-2.18	-1	55

**Table S3.** The effects on CD profile of the duplex **d15/16** after 72h incubation with 10 equiv. of complex **6**, complex **5b**, cisplatin and diamine **14** and tubercidin **4**. \***T**<sub>1/2</sub>: Melting Temperature value ( $\lambda$  = 273 nm, 1.0 °C/min heating rate).



**Figure S18.** Panel A: overlapped CD melting spectra of **d15/16** recorded at 2 µM concentration (red line) before and after 24h (violet solid line), 48 (violet dotted line) and 72h (violet dashed line) of incubation with 10 equiv. of cisplatin from 20 to 85 °C. All samples were dissolved in 10 mM PBS/50 mM NaCl-containing buffer at pH 7.0 and the spectra were normalized at 320 nm; Panel B: overlapped CD melting spectra of **d15/16** recorded at 2 µM concentration (red line) before and after 24h (orange solid line), 48 (orange dotted line) and 72h (orange dashed line) of incubation with 10 equiv. of complex **6** from 20 to 85 °C. All samples were dissolved in 10 mM PBS/50 mM NaCl-containing buffer at pH 7.0.



**Figure S19.** Panel C: overlapped CD melting spectra of **d15/16** recorded at 2 µM concentration (red line) before and after 72h (green dashed line), of incubation with 10 equiv. of compound **14** from 20 to 85 °C. All samples were dissolved in 10 mM PBS/50 mM NaCl-containing buffer at pH 7.0 and the spectra were normalized at 320 nm; Panel D: overlapped CD melting spectra of **d15/16** recorded at 2 µM concentration (red line) before and after 24h (black solid line), 48 (black dotted line) and 72h (black dashed line) of incubation with 10 equiv. of complex **4** from 20 to 85 °C. All samples were dissolved in 10 mM PBS/50 mM NaCl-containing buffer at pH 7.0.



Figure S20. The stability of the complex 6 (0.5 mM in a 0.9% NaCl solution containing 0.5% DMSO) was monitored at 24, 48 and 72h by HPLC. The UV detector was set at 260 nm.





**Figure S21.** Cell viability assays of cisplatin, tubercidin and diamine **14** on HeLa, A375, WM266, and HDF. The cells were incubated in the presence of cisplatin, tubercidin and the diamine **14** at the indicated concentrations at 37 °C for 72h. Cell viability was measured by using MTT assay. The results are presented as the percentage of proliferating cells respect to the control (vehicle treated cells) and are expressed as means ± SE of at least three independent experiments.



**Figure S22.** Apoptosis analysis with annexin V-FITC and PI double staining on HeLa cells. HeLa cells were seeded at 40.000 cells/well on 6-well plate and treated with IC<sub>50</sub> concentration of cisplatin or tubercidin for 72h. Panel A: control (vehicle treated cells); Panel B: cells treated with 1.8 µM cisplatin; Panel C: cells treated with 0.11 µM tubercidin. Lower left quadrant: viable cells; upper left: necrotic cells; upper right: advanced apoptotic cells; low right: early apoptotic cells.