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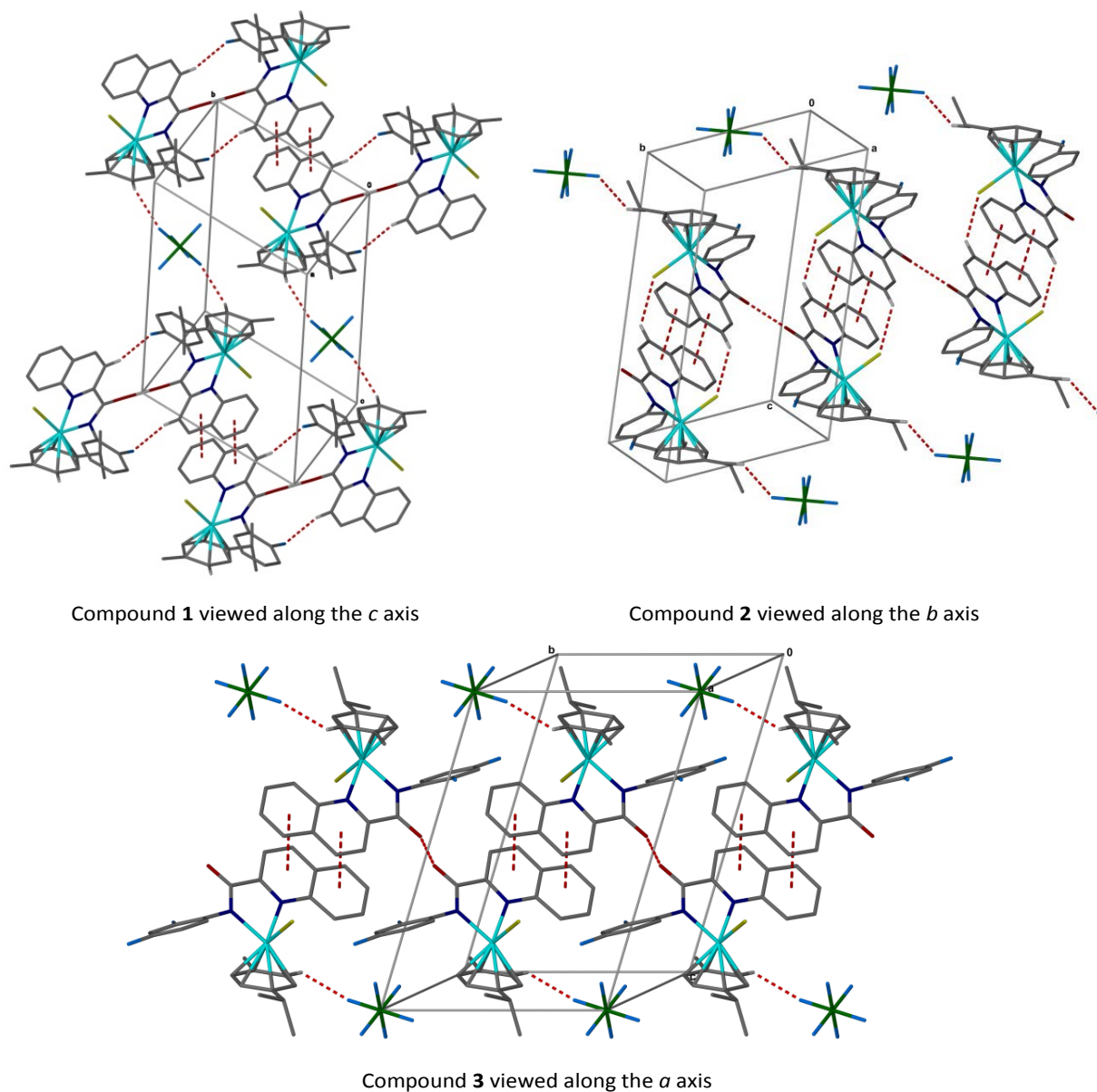
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## X-ray Crystallography

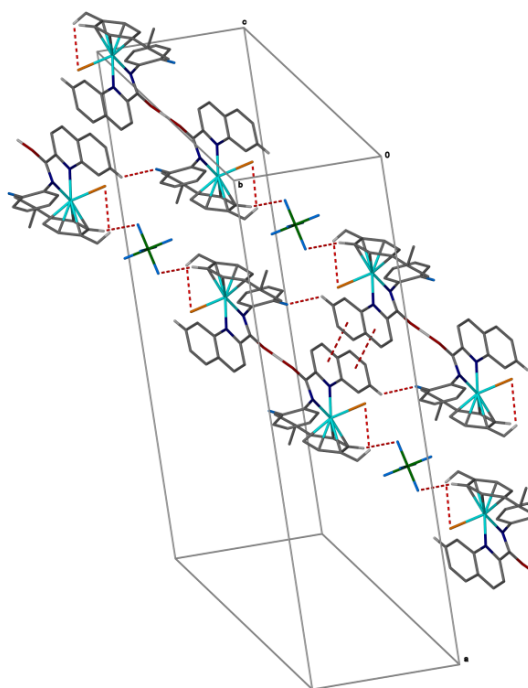
### Packing Diagrams and Interactions

Complexes **1-6** all show interesting bonding and crystal packing interactions. **Figure S1** shows the packing diagrams for the ruthenium chloride complexes **1-3** and **Figure S2** shows the packing diagram for the ruthenium bromide complexes **4-6**. **Tables S1 a-f** summarise the intramolecular and intermolecular interactions for complexes **1-6**, which could be contributing to the stability of these hydrogen-bridged dimers. The X-ray crystallographic data is presented in **Table S2**.

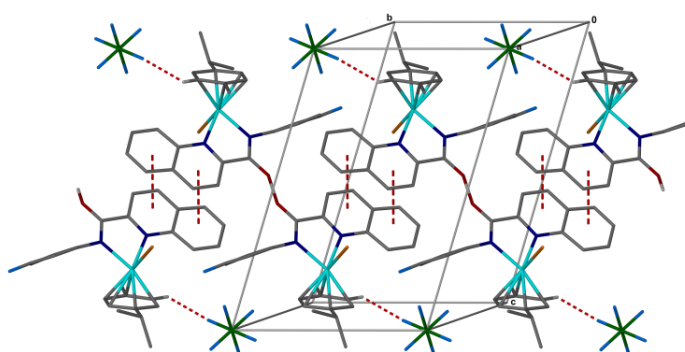


**Figure S1** Packing diagrams of the ruthenium chloride complexes **1-3**

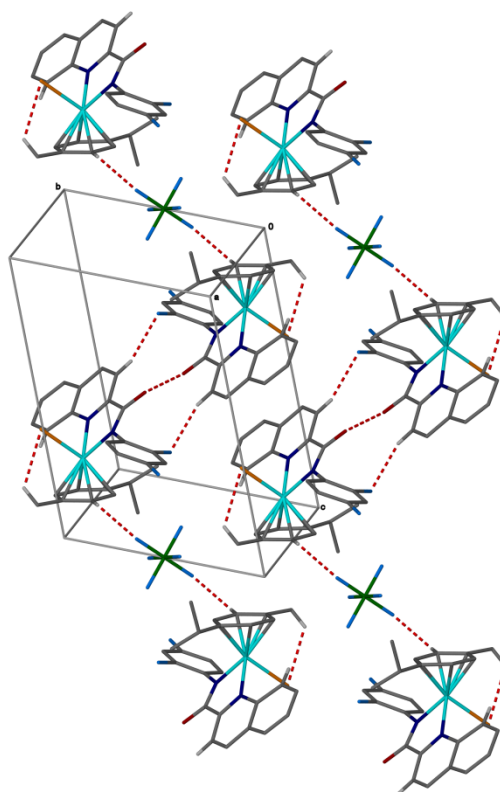
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Compound **4** viewed along the *b* axis



Compound **5** viewed along the *a* axis



Compound **6** viewed along the *b* axis

**Figure S2** Packing diagrams of the ruthenium bromide complexes **4-6**

# Supplementary Information

**Table S1a** Interactions for complex **1**, s.u.s in parenthesis

Complex <b>1</b>		D...A (Å)
Intramolecular	C(8)-H(8)...F(1)	3.362(3)
	C(19)-H(19)...F(3A)	3.082(17)
Intermolecular	C(17)-H(17B)...Cg(4)	3.571(3)
	C(26)-H(26C)...Cg(1)	3.890(4)
	Cg(1)...Cg(1)	3.7759(16)
	Cg(1)...Cg(2)/Cg(2)...Cg(1)	3.9360(15)/3.9359(15)
	Cg(3)...Cg(3)	3.8240(15)

**Table S1b** Interactions for complex **2**, s.u.s in parenthesis

Complex <b>2</b>		D...A (Å)
Intermolecular	C(4)-H(4)...F(1)	3.335(4)
	C(7)-H(7)...Cl(1)	3.585(3)
	C(8)-H(8)...O(1)	3.141(4)
	C(19)-H(19)...F(3)	3.062(4)
	C(26)-H(26B)...F(3)	3.355(5)
	C(13)-H(13)...Cg(1)	3.743(4)
	Ru(1)-Cl(1)...Cg(4)	3.6904(15)
	Cg(1)...Cg(1)	3.6800(17)
	Cg(1)...Cg(2)/Cg(2)...Cg(1)	3.7526(17)/3.7527(17)

**Table S1c** Interactions for complex **3**, s.u.s in parenthesis

Complex <b>3</b>		D...A (Å)
Intermolecular	C(4)-H(4)...F(2)	3.319(3)
	C(7)-H(7)...Cl(1)	3.562(2)
	C(8)-H(8)...O(1)	3.148(3)
	C(22)-H(22)...F(5)	3.057(3)
	C(15)-H(15)...Cg(1)	3.701(3)
	Ru(1)-Cl(1)...Cg(4)	1.6814(9)
	Cg(1)...Cg(1)	3.6989(11)
	Cg(1)...Cg(2)/Cg(2)...Cg(1)	3.7737(12)/3.7738(12)

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**Table S1d** Interactions for complex **4**, s.u.s in parenthesis

Complex <b>4</b>		D...A (Å)
Intramolecular	C(17)-H(17B)...Br(1)	3.518(4)
Intermolecular	C(3)-H(3)...F(1)	2.948(3)
	C(8)-H(8)...O(1)	3.232(3)
	C(13)-H(13)...O(1)	3.432(3)
	C(23)-H(23)...F(4)	3.402(4)
	C(17)-H(17C)...Cg(4)	3.539(4)
	Cg(1)...Cg(1)	3.9482(16)
	Cg(1)...Cg(2)/Cg(2)...Cg(1)	3.9198(17)/3.9199(17)

**Table S1e** Interactions for complex **5**, s.u.s in parenthesis

Complex <b>5</b>		D...A (Å)
Intermolecular	C(8)-H(8)...O(1)	3.133(5)
	C(7)-H(7)...Br(1)	3.730(4)
	C(23)-H(23)...F(2)	3.128(6)
	C(26)-H(26B)...F(2)	3.352(7)
	C(15)-H(15)...Cg(1)	3.815(5)
	C(17)-H(17B)...Cg(4)	3.709(6)
	Cg(1)...Cg(1)	3.775(2)
	Cg(1)...Cg(2)/Cg(2)...Cg(1)	3.787(2)

**Table S1f** Interactions for complex **6**, s.u.s in parenthesis

Complex <b>6</b>		D...A
Intermolecular	C(4)-H(4)...F(1)	3.191(6)
	C(8)-H(8)...F(2)	3.412(5)
	C(8)-H(8)...O(1)	3.209(5)
	C(19)-H(19)...F(5)	3.212(8)
	C(17)-H(17B)...Cg(4)	3.557(6)
	C(26)-H(26F)...Cg(1)	3.894(18)
	P(1)-F(5)...Cg(3)	3.958(7)
	Cg(1)...Cg(1)	3.873(2)
	Cg(3)...Cg(3)	3.950(3)
	Cg(1)...Cg(2)/Cg(2)...Cg(1)	3.883(2)

Supplementary Information

**X-ray Crystallographic Data**

**Table S2** X-ray crystallography data for complexes **1-6**, s.u.s in parenthesis

Complex	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>formula</b>	C <sub>52</sub> H <sub>49</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>52</sub> H <sub>49</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>52</sub> H <sub>47</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>52</sub> H <sub>49</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>52</sub> H <sub>49</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>52</sub> H <sub>47</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
	Ru <sub>2</sub> •PF <sub>6</sub>	Ru <sub>2</sub> •PF <sub>6</sub>	Ru <sub>2</sub> •PF <sub>6</sub>	Ru <sub>2</sub> •PF <sub>6</sub>	Ru <sub>2</sub> •PF <sub>6</sub>	Ru <sub>2</sub> •PF <sub>6</sub>
<b>formula wt</b>	1217.96	1217.96	1253.95	1306.88	1306.88	1342.86
<b>cryst syst</b>	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
<b>space group</b>	P-1	P-1	P-1	C2/c	P-1	P-1
<b>a (Å)</b>	9.2730(2)	9.4160(19)	9.4250(10)	31.3090(3)	9.4885(4)	9.6940(3)
<b>b (Å)</b>	9.9670(2)	9.7140(19)	9.8120(2)	10.0915(9)	9.8280(3)	10.1017(3)
<b>c (Å)</b>	13.7840(4)	14.631(3)	14.6230(2)	18.4285(16)	14.7862(6)	13.7167(5)
<b>α (°)</b>	101.1000(10)	73.68(3)	72.4320(10)	90	72.595(3)	99.953(3)
<b>β (°)</b>	93.4141(10)	85.08(3)	85.7400(10)	118.3250(4)	83.935(4)	94.128(3)
<b>γ (°)</b>	100.4010(10)	74.22(3)	74.8270(10)	90	73.979(3)	102.191(2)
<b>V (Å<sup>3</sup>)</b>	1223.71(5)	1235.8(5)	1244.28(3)	5125.5(8)	1264.22(9)	12847.93(7)
<b>Z</b>	1	1	1	4	1	1
<b>density (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>	1.653	1.637	1.673	1.694	1.717	1.707
<b>absorp coeff (mm<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	0.836	0.828	0.830	2.253	2.284	2.255
<b>λ[Mo-Kα] (Å)</b>	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
<b>T (K)</b>	148(2)	150(2)	148(2)	148(2)	148(2)	148(2)
<b>reflns collected</b>	24563	22510	25291	33840	15986	32571
<b>independent reflns</b>	5583	5590	5690	6751	15986	17044
<b>R<sub>1</sub></b>	0.0351	0.0394	0.0378	0.0326	0.0479	0.0590
<b>wR<sub>2</sub></b>	0.0953	0.1061	0.0800	0.0694	0.1323	0.1259
<b>GOOF</b>	1.042	1.033	1.045	1.011	1.098	1.011

## Chemosensitivity Studies

### Activity towards Cisplatin-resistance Cancer Cells

**Table S3** shows the resistance factor defined as the  $IC_{50}$  in A2780cis divided by  $IC_{50}$  in A2780 cells. An RF of 1 indicates equal potency against both cell lines. An RF > 1 indicates that the A2780cis is more resistant than A2780. An RF < 1 indicates that the A2780cis is more sensitive than the A2780 cells.

**Table S3** Resistance Factors of compounds 1-6

Compound	Resistance Factor
1	2.45
2	1.24
3	1.85
4	1.7
5	1.56
6	2.18
Cis	10.61

### Cancer Cell Selectivity

**Table S4** show the selectivity index defined as the  $IC_{50}$  in ARPE-19 divided by  $IC_{50}$  relevant cancerous cells. An SR = 1 indicates equitoxic potency against tumour and normal cells. An SR > 1 indicates preferential selectivity for tumour cells compared to normal cells. An RF < 1 indicates poor selectivity (greater cytotoxicity towards ARPE cells compared to normal cells).

**Table S4** Selectivity Index for compounds 1-6 and cisplatin against HCT116, A2780 and A2780cis

Compound	HCT116	A2780	A2780cis
1	0.63	0.89	0.37
2	>1.27	>2.85	>2.29
3	0.62	0.91	0.49
4	0.76	0.95	0.56
5	1.19	1.16	0.74
6	0.74	0.96	0.44



## Induction of Cancer Cell Death by Apoptosis

The cell viability was studied using the Annexin-V/propidium iodide assay and **Table S5** shows the percentage of apoptotic HCT116 cells after 48 hours incubation with compounds **1-6**.

**Table S5** Show the percentage of apoptotic HCT116 cells for compound **1-6** at concentrations ranging for 0-60  $\mu\text{M}$

	Concentration of compound ( $\mu\text{M}$ )					
	0	5	10	20	40	60
<b>Control</b>	12.9%					
<b>1</b>	-	15.05%	16.35%	47.4%	-	-
<b>2</b>	-	-	-	-	18.8%	33%
<b>3</b>	-	13.55%	20.75%	76%	-	-
<b>4</b>	-	27.9%	53.55%	66.65%	-	-
<b>5</b>	-	11.6%	12.95%	35.5%	-	-
<b>6</b>	-	36.25%	66.2%	84.1%	-	-

## pKa Studies

As the  $\text{pK}_a$  values of coordinated water can have an important influence on the reactivity of Ru(II) arene complexes. Solution studies measuring the  $\text{pK}_a$  of the bound water molecule indicates which species is present in solution, and thus whether the complex will be reactive towards potential target molecules. **Table S6** shows the  $\text{pK}_a$  for the hydrolysis of compounds **1**, **4** and **6**. The  $\text{pK}_a$  values were determined by a  $^1\text{H}$  NMR titration of in 95%  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ /5% MeOH pH titration experiment. The pH values of solutions were measured at ambient temperature directly in the NMR tube, before and after recording NMR spectra using a 0.1 M  $\text{NaClO}_4$  solution as an electrolyte. The  $\text{pK}_a$  values were determined by fitting a pH titration curves to the extended Henderson–Hasselbalch equation. The proton resonances that were followed were chosen due to their chemical shifts as they were in a region that was not obstructed by other peaks.

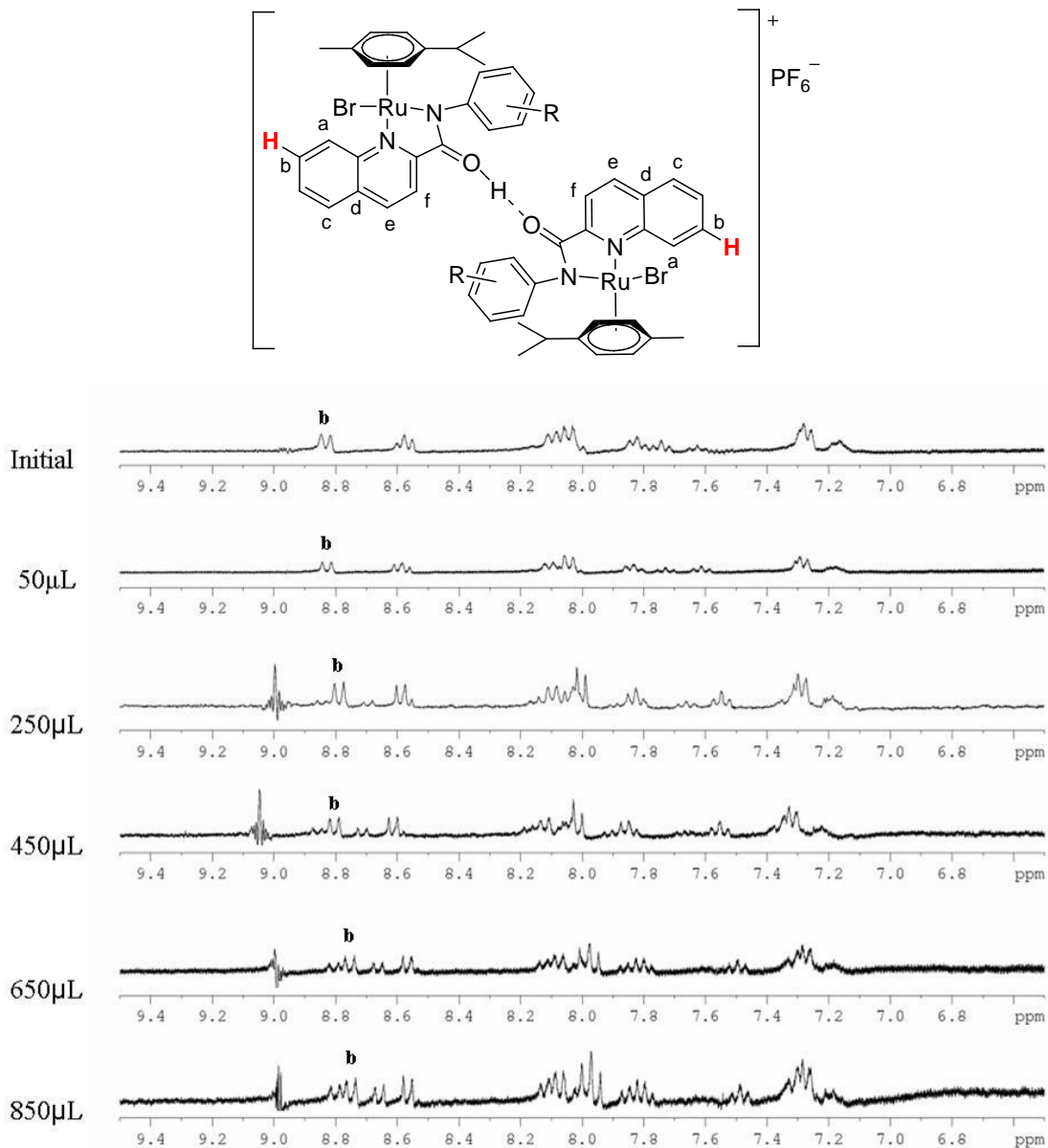
**Table S6**  $\text{pK}_a$  values for the hydrolysis of compounds **1**, **4** and **6**

Compound	$\text{pK}_a$
<b>1</b>	$2.48 \pm 0.2$
<b>4</b>	$4.54 \pm 0.01$
<b>6</b>	$4.00 \pm 0.03$

Compounds **4** and **6** have higher  $\text{pK}_a$  values of 4.54 and 4.00 respectively and indicate that the compounds should exist as the deprotonated form at pH 7.4, however the bridged proton should also be considered. It is predicted that the bromide complexes would not form the deprotonated hydroxy  $[\text{Ru}-\text{OH}][\text{HBr}]$  in solution as the strong HBr acid would dissociate and protonated the hydroxyl group. Therefore, compounds **4** and **6** are thought to remain as the aqua adducts in solution,  $[\text{Ru}-\text{OH}_2][\text{Br}]$ . Compound **1** has a  $\text{pK}_a$  value of 2.48, which is lower than the corresponding bromo analogue (**4**), which suggests the chloride complexes may exist as the hydroxyl adducts in

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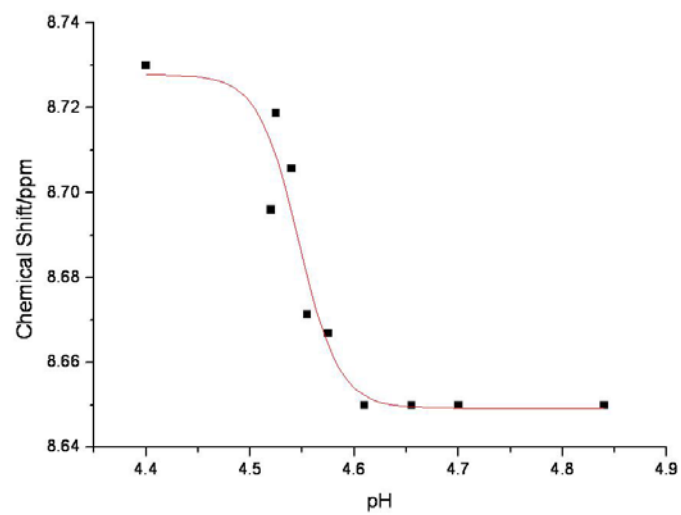
solution,  $[\text{Ru-OH}][\text{HCl}]$ . It is known that the aqua adducts are more active *in vitro* than the hydroxyl analogues and the cytotoxicity results show that in all cases the bromides (aqua) are more cytotoxic than the chlorides (hydroxy). A direct correlation is observed between  $\text{pK}_a$  value and  $\text{IC}_{50}$  value, in which the bromide complexes have the highest  $\text{pK}_a$  values, form aqua adducts and are the most active against all cell lines.



**Figure S3**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of compound 6 at different volumes of  $\text{NaClO}_4$  showing the change in chemical shift of proton **Hb**.

Figure S3 shows the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra for compound 6 with different volumes of  $\text{NaClO}_4$ . The appearance of a second doublet next to the doublet of **Hb** indicates the formation of another species in solution, however its structure is unknown as the species could not be isolated. Figure S4 shows the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shift of **Hb** versus pH for compound 6, the curve shows a typical pH titration curve.

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**Figure S4** Dependence of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shift on pH of compound **6** (95%  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ /5% MeOH, 0.1 M  $\text{NaClO}_4$ , 298 K)