## Metal-arene complexes with indolo[3,2-*c*]quinolines: effects of Ru vs Os and modifications of the lactam unit on intermolecular interactions, anticancer activity, cell cycle and cellular accumulation

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Chart S1. Atom numbering scheme used for NMR assignment for the complexes **1a,b**; **2a,b**; and **3a,b**.

	$1a \cdot C_2 H_5 OH \cdot H_2 O$	1b·C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH·H <sub>2</sub> O	$2a \cdot CH_3OH \cdot H_2O$	<b>3a</b> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O
empirical formula	$C_{33}H_{36}Cl_2N_4O_3Ru$	$C_{33}H_{36}Cl_2N_4O_3Os$	$C_{32}H_{36}Cl_2N_4O_3Ru$	$C_{31}H_{35}Cl_3N_4O_4Ru$
Fw	708.63	797.76	696.62	735.05
space group	$P2_{1}/n$	$P2_{1}/n$	$P2_{1}/c$	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> [Å]	17.7577(11)	17.7341(18)	11.998(3)	9.8541(7)
<i>b</i> [Å]	9.4186(5)	9.5157(9)	21.243(4)	12.9200(10)
<i>c</i> [Å]	18.9531(12)	19.070(2)	12.307(2)	13.3236(10)
<i>a</i> [°]				107.902(5)
$\beta$ [°]	90.097(2)	90.096(2)	90.084(7)	104.282(5)
γ[°]				94.798(5)
V[Å <sup>3</sup> ]	3170.0(3)	3218.2(6)	3136.9(11)	1540.7(2)
Ζ	4	4	4	2
$\lambda$ [Å]	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
$\rho_{\rm calcd}$ [g cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.485	1.647	1.475	1.584
crystal size [mm <sup>3</sup> ]	$0.18 \times 0.06 \times 0.02$	$0.22 \times 0.20 \times 0.03$	$0.20 \times 0.15 \times 0.03$	$0.25 \times 0.18 {\times}~0.10$
<i>T</i> [K]	100(2)	100(2)	150(2)	100(2)
$\mu$ [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.703	4.168	0.709	0.813
$R_1^{[a]}$	0.0449	0.0395	0.0756	0.0566
$wR_2^{[b]}$	0.1148	0.0950	0.2118	0.1283
GOF <sup>[c]</sup>	1.028	1.027	1.053	0.988

**Table S1.** Crystal data and details of data collection for  $1a \cdot C_2H_5OH \cdot H_2O$ ,  $1b \cdot C_2H_5OH \cdot H_2O$ , $2a \cdot CH_3OH \cdot H_2O$  and  $3a \cdot 4H_2O$ .

 ${}^{a}\overline{R_{1}} = \Sigma ||F_{o}| - |F_{c}|| \Sigma |F_{o}|. {}^{b}wR_{2} = \{\Sigma [w(F_{o}^{2} - F_{c}^{2})^{2}] / \Sigma [w(F_{o}^{2})^{2}]\}^{1/2}. {}^{c} \text{ GOF} = \{\Sigma [w(F_{o}^{2} - F_{c}^{2})^{2}] / (n-p)\}^{1/2}, \text{ where } n \text{ is the number of reflections and } p \text{ is the total number of parameters refined.}$ 



Figure S1. UV–vis spectra of complexes 1a and 1b in 1% DMSO/water. Spectra were recorded after 0 h, black; 4 h, violet; 8 h, blue; 12 h, dark green; 16 h, pink; 20 h, light green; 24

h,

red.



Figure S1 (continued). UV-vis spectra of complexes 2a and 2b in 1% DMSO/water. Spectra were recorded after 0 h, black; 4 h, violet; 8 h, blue; 12 h, dark green; 16 h, pink; 20 h, light

green;

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h,

red.



Figure S1 (continued). UV-vis spectra of complexes 3a and 3b in 1% DMSO/water. Spectra were recorded after 0 h, black; 4 h, violet; 8 h, blue; 12 h, dark green; 16 h, pink; 20 h, light

green;

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h,

red.



**Figure S2.** UV–vis spectra of complexes **1a,b**, **2a,b** and **3a,b** in 1%DMSO in modified MEM (without phenyl red and *L*-glutamine). Spectra were recorded at 0 h (blue line) and 24 h (red line).



**Figure S3.** UV–vis spectra of complexes **2a** and **2b** in 1% DMSO/water at pH 3.4. The pH was set by addition of conc. HCl to the dissolved complex. The pH was chosen in order to resemble that of the pH of mouse stomach. Spectra were recorded after 0 h, black; 4 h, violet; 8 h, blue; 12 h, dark green; 16 h, pink; 20 h, light green; 24 h, red.



**Figure S4.** Anticancer activity of **2a** in vivo. CT-26 cells were injected subcutaneously in the right flank of BALB/c mice. After the tumor was palpable, mice were treated for 5 days (day 4-8) with 25.9 mg/kg (i.p.) and 51.7 mg/kg (p.o.) of **2a**, respectively. Tumor volumes were calculated as described in *Materials and Methods*. Each experimental group contained four animals. Data are means  $\pm$  S.D.



Figure S5. Change of body weight during treatment. Data are means  $\pm$  S.D.