

**Table S1.**  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR chemical shift ( $\Delta\delta$ ) data for organo-sulfur (S) and selenium (Se) ligands and the corresponding Zn complexes in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

Compound	Chemical shifts (ppm)				
	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5
hmpt	145.27	150.61	185.88	124.20	146.97
$[\text{Zn}(\text{hmpt})_2]$	154.23	159.99	176.83	122.54	144.60
$\Delta\delta$	+8.96	+9.38	-9.05	-1.66	-2.37
hmpt [17]	145.03	154.21	185.83	129.55	145.49
$[\text{Zn}(\text{hmpt})_2]$ [17]	154.40	162.38	175.17	126.19	143.27
$\Delta\delta$ [17]	+9.39	+8.17	-10.66	-3.36	-2.22

**Table S2.** Triglyceride and glycogen contents in the liver of ob/ob mice treated with Zn complexes.

	Normal	Control	$[\text{Zn}(\text{hmpt})_2]$	$[\text{Zn}(\text{hmpt})_2]$
TG (mg/g liver)	16 ± 11	437 ± 139	309 ± 134	443 ± 42
Glycogen (mg/g liver)	-	0.08 ± 0.04	0.03 ± 0.01	0.04 ± 0.01

Data are expressed as mean ± SDs for 6–8 mice. The detailed methods for measuring both TG and glycogen contents in the liver are described in Materials and Methods section (4.10).