



SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL TO  
**Synthesis, characterization and cytotoxicity of mixed ligand  
Mn(II), Co(II) and Ni(II) complexes**

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PHYSICAL, ANALYTIC AND SPECTRAL DATA FOR THE LIGANDS

**3-(2-Phenylhydrazone)acetylacetone ( $HL^1$ )**. Yield: 86 %; Yellow needles;  
m.p.: 86–87 °C; Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{11}H_{12}N_2O_2$  (FW: 204.23): C, 64.69; H, 5.92;  
N, 13.72 %. Found: C, 64.50; H, 6.10; N, 13.65 %; IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3430–3092  
(N–H···O=C, hydrogen bonded), 1673 (C=O, free), 1623 (C=O, hydrogen  
bonded), 1593 (C=N), 1518 (N–H);  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$  / ppm)  
2.36 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$  free), 2.43 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$  hydrogen bonded), 7.16 (1H, t,  
 $J$  = 8.5 Hz, aromatic), 7.27 (2H, t,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, aromatic), 7.52 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz,  
aromatic), 14.02 (1H, s,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable, NH).

**3-(2-(4-Chlorophenyl)hydrazone)acetylacetone ( $HL^2$ )**. Yield: 86 %;  
Yellow needles; m.p.: 147–148 °C; Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{11}H_{11}\text{ClN}_2O_2$  (FW:  
238.67): C, 55.36; H, 4.65; N, 11.74 %. Found: C, 55.50; H, 4.52; N, 11.80 %; IR  
(KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3432–3094 (N–H···O=C, hydrogen bonded), 1667 (C=O, free),  
1625 (C=O, hydrogen bonded), 1589 (C=N), 1519 (N–H);  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (500  
MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$  / ppm) 2.37 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$  free), 2.42 (3H, s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$   
hydrogen bonded), 7.43 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, aromatic), 7.57 (2H, d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz,  
aromatic), 13.81 (1H, s,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  exchangeable, NH).

**3-(2-(4-Bromophenyl)hydrazone)acetylacetone ( $HL^3$ )**. Yield 86 %; Yellow  
needles; m.p.: 141–142 °C; Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{11}H_{11}\text{BrN}_2O_2$  (FW: 283.12): C,  
46.66; H, 3.92; N, 9.89 %. Found: C, 46.50; H, 4.10; N, 10.00 %; IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  
3422–3073 (N–H···O=C, hydrogen bonded), 1667 (C=O, free), 1623 (C=O,  
hydrogen bonded), 1585 (C=N), 1513 (N–H);  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ,

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$\delta$  / ppm) 2.37 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>CO free), 2.42 (3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>CO hydrogen bonded), 7.50 (2H, d, *J* = 9.15 Hz, aromatic), 7.56 (2H, d, *J* = 9.15 Hz, aromatic), 13.75 (1H, s, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable, NH).

*Isatin (L').* IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3191 (N–H), 1745 (C=O), 1731 (C=O); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$  / ppm): 6.88 (1H, d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, aromatic), 7.03 (1H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, aromatic), 7.46 (1H, d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, aromatic), 7.54 (1H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, aromatic), 10.98 (1H, s, D<sub>2</sub>O exchangeable, NH).

#### PHYSICAL, ANALYTIC AND SPECTRAL DATA FOR THE COMPLEXES

[NiL'L'(OH)(H<sub>2</sub>O)] (**1**). Yield 50 %; Greenish yellow; m.p.: 215–218 °C; Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>NiO<sub>6</sub> (FW: 444.06): C, 51.39; H, 4.31; N, 9.46 %. Found: C, 51.50; H, 4.25; N, 9.55 %; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3522 (O–H), 3181 (N–H, L'), 1717 (C=O, L'), 1709 (C=O, L'), 1667 (C=O free, L<sup>1</sup>), 1600 (C=O coordinated, L<sup>1</sup>), 1590 (C=N, L<sup>1</sup>), 583 (Ni–N), 493 (Ni–O); UV–Vis (DMSO) ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  / nm): 963, 576, 420; magnetic moment ( $\mu_{\text{eff}} / \mu_{\text{B}}$ ): 3.17; molar conductivity (DMF, *c* / 10<sup>-3</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>,  $A_{\text{m}} / \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$ ): 11.6.

[CoL'L'(OH)(H<sub>2</sub>O)] (**2**). Yield 53 %; Dark green; m.p.: 209–211 °C; Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>CoN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (FW: 444.30): C, 51.36; H, 4.31; N, 9.46 %. Found: C, 51.55; H, 4.25; N, 9.55 %; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3580 (O–H), 3183 (N–H, L'), 1715 (C=O, L'), 1707 (C=O, L'), 1669 (C=O free, L<sup>1</sup>), 1602 (C=O coordinated, L<sup>1</sup>), 1591 (C=N, L<sup>1</sup>), 584 (Co–N), 491 (Co–O); UV–Vis (DMSO) ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  / nm): 654, 540 nm; magnetic moment ( $\mu_{\text{eff}} / \mu_{\text{B}}$ ): 4.92; molar conductivity (DMF, *c* / 10<sup>-3</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>,  $A_{\text{m}} / \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$ ): 12.8.

[MnL'L'(OH)(H<sub>2</sub>O)] (**3**). Yield 45 %; Green; m.p. 210–212 °C; Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>MnN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (FW: 440.31): C, 51.83; H, 4.35; N, 9.54 %. Found: C, 51.70; H, 4.40; N, 9.47 %; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3544 (O–H), 3182 (N–H, L'), 1719 (C=O, L'), 1711 (C=O, L'), 1661 (C=O free, L<sup>1</sup>), 1605 (C=O coordinated, L<sup>1</sup>), 1590 (C=N, L<sup>1</sup>), 540 (Mn–N), 487 (Mn–O); UV–Vis. (DMSO) ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  / nm): 752, 618, 520 nm; magnetic moment ( $\mu_{\text{eff}} / \mu_{\text{B}}$ ): 5.82; molar conductivity (DMF, *c* / 10<sup>-3</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>,  $A_{\text{m}} / \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$ ): 15.4.

[NiL'L<sup>2</sup>(OH)(H<sub>2</sub>O)] (**4**). Yield 60 %; Greenish yellow; m.p.: 217–220 °C; Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>CIN<sub>3</sub>NiO<sub>6</sub> (FW: 478.51): C, 47.69; H, 3.79; N, 8.78 %. Found: C, 47.50; H, 3.70; N, 8.70 %; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3565 (O–H), 3180 (N–H, L'), 1715 (C=O, L'), 1707 (C=O, L'), 1661 (C=O free, L<sup>2</sup>), 1605 (C=O coordinated, L<sup>2</sup>), 1585 (C=N, L<sup>2</sup>), 579 (Ni–N), 448 (Ni–O); UV–Vis (DMSO) ( $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  / nm): 988, 581, 422 nm; magnetic moment ( $\mu_{\text{eff}} / \mu_{\text{B}}$ ): 3.20; molar conductivity (DMF, *c* / 10<sup>-3</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>,  $A_{\text{m}} / \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$ ): 20.5.

[CoL'L<sup>2</sup>(OH)(H<sub>2</sub>O)] (**5**). Yield 58 %; Dark green; m.p.: 207–209 °C; Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClCoN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (FW: 478.75): C, 47.67; H, 3.79; N, 8.78 %. Found: C, 47.50; H, 3.85; N, 8.70 %; IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3553 (O–H), 3186 (N–H, L'), 1716 (C=O, L'), 1708 (C=O, L'), 1662 (C=O free, L<sup>2</sup>), 1602 (C=O coordinated,

$L^2$ ), 1584 (C=N,  $L^2$ ), 572 (Co–N), 438 (Co–O); UV–Vis (DMSO) ( $\lambda_{\max}$  / nm): 661, 548 nm; magnetic moment ( $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  / B.M.): 4.94; molar conductivity (DMF,  $c / 10^{-3}$  mol L $^{-1}$ ,  $A_m / \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$ ): 22.1.

$[MnL'L^2(OH)(H_2O)]$  (6). Yield 55 %; Greenish yellow; m.p.: 216–219 °C; Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{18}ClMnN_3O_6$  (FW: 474.75): C, 48.07; H, 3.82; N, 8.85 %. Found: C, 48.20; H, 3.75; N, 8.80 %; IR (KBr, cm $^{-1}$ ): 3550 (O–H), 3183 (N–H,  $L'$ ), 1718 (C=O,  $L'$ ), 1710 (C=O,  $L'$ ), 1661 (C=O free,  $L^2$ ), 1605 (C=O coordinated,  $L^2$ ), 1580 (C=N,  $L^2$ ), 569 (Mn–N), 444 (Mn–O); UV–Vis (DMSO) ( $\lambda_{\max}$  / nm): 758, 622, 526 nm; magnetic moment ( $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  /  $\mu_B$ ): 5.90; molar conductivity (DMF,  $c / 10^{-3}$  mol L $^{-1}$ ,  $A_m / \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$ ): 19.8.

$[NiL'L^3(OH)(H_2O)]$  (7). Yield 53 %; Greenish yellow; m.p.: 223–226 °C; Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{18}BrN_3NiO_6$  (FW: 522.96): C, 43.64; H, 3.47; N, 8.04 %. Found: C, 43.50; H, 3.55; N, 8.00 %; IR (KBr, cm $^{-1}$ ): 3575 (O–H), 3184 (N–H,  $L'$ ), 1722 (C=O,  $L'$ ), 1711 (C=O,  $L'$ ), 1660 (C=O free,  $L^3$ ), 1600 (C=O coordinated,  $L^3$ ), 1580 (C=N,  $L^3$ ), 578 (Ni–N), 447 (Ni–O); UV–Vis (DMSO) ( $\lambda_{\max}$  / nm): 979, 572, 420 nm; magnetic moment ( $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  /  $\mu_B$ ): 3.19; molar conductivity (DMF,  $c / 10^{-3}$  mol L $^{-1}$ ,  $A_m / \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$ ): 18.7.

$[CoL'L^3(OH)(H_2O)]$  (8). Yield: 51 %; Greenish yellow; m.p.: 212–215 °C; Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{18}BrCoN_3O_6$  (FW: 523.20): C, 43.62; H, 3.47; N, 8.03 %. Found: C, 43.80; H, 3.40; N, 8.10 %; IR (KBr, cm $^{-1}$ ): 3535 (O–H), 3184 (N–H,  $L'$ ), 1719 (C=O,  $L'$ ), 1707 (C=O,  $L'$ ), 1662 (C=O free,  $L^3$ ), 1601 (C=O coordinated,  $L^3$ ), 1582 (C=N,  $L^3$ ), 584 (Co–N), 481 (Co–O); UV–Vis ( $\lambda_{\max}$  / nm): 659, 544 nm; magnetic moment ( $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  /  $\mu_B$ ): 4.87; molar conductivity (DMF,  $c / 10^{-3}$  mol L $^{-1}$ ,  $A_m / \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$ ): 16.9.

$[MnL'L^3(OH)(H_2O)]$  (9). Yield: 45 %; Green; m.p.: 215–218 °C; Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{18}BrMnN_3O_6$  (FW: 519.20): C, 43.95; H, 3.49; N, 8.09 %. Found: C, 44.10; H, 3.40; N, 8.15 %; IR (KBr, cm $^{-1}$ ): 3545 (O–H), 3182 (N–H,  $L'$ ), 1721 (C=O,  $L'$ ), 1712 (C=O,  $L'$ ), 1661 (C=O free,  $L^3$ ), 1602 (C=O coordinated,  $L^3$ ), 1582 (C=N,  $L^3$ ), 571 (Mn–N), 472 (Mn–O); UV–Vis (DMSO) ( $\lambda_{\max}$  / nm): 755, 621, 524 nm; magnetic moment ( $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  /  $\mu_B$ ): 5.87; molar conductivity (DMF,  $c / 10^{-3}$  mol L $^{-1}$ ,  $A_m / \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$ ): 17.3.

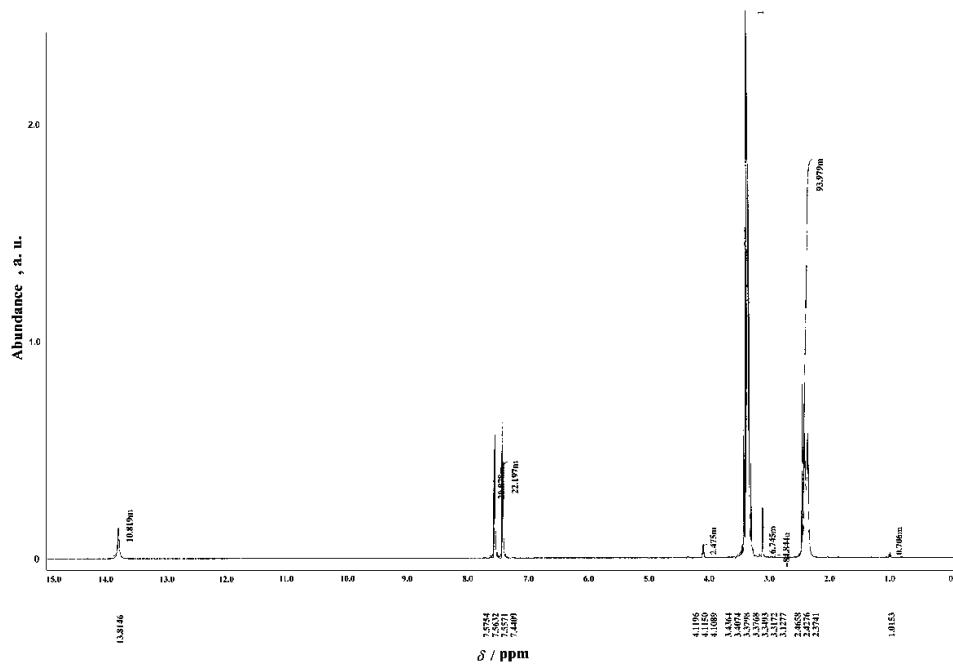
NMR SPECTRA OF  $\text{HL}^2$ 

Fig. S-1. The  ${}^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of 3-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)hydrazone)acetylacetone ( $\text{HL}^2$ ).