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# Rationally designed ruthenium complexes for breast cancer therapy

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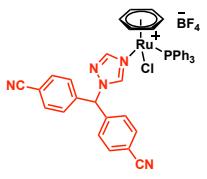
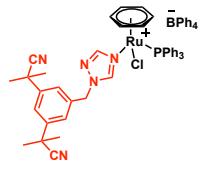
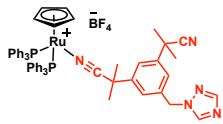
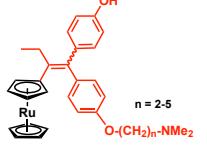
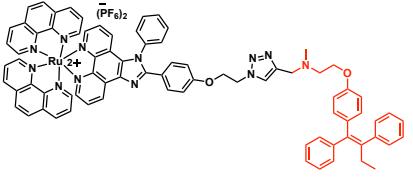
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	Bioactive ligand	In vitro IC <sub>50</sub> ( $\mu$ M) values in breast cancer cells	In vivo antitumoral activity and/or in vivo toxicity
1	 Aromatase inhibitor (letrozole)	>25 (MCF7)	N.A. [1]
2	 Aromatase inhibitor (anastrozole)	$\approx 4$ (MCF7 and T47D)	No toxicity (12.5 $\mu$ M) on the development of zebrafish embryos. [2]
3	 Aromatase inhibitor (anastrozole)	$0.50 \pm 0.09$ (MCF7) $0.32 \pm 0.03$ (T47D) $0.39 \pm 0.09$ (MDA-MB-231)	No toxicity (at concentrations around its IC <sub>50</sub> values) on the development of zebrafish embryos. [3]
4	 P450 enzyme inhibitor (etomidate)	N.A.	N.A. [4]
5	 Steroid hormone receptor targeting molecules (tamoxifen derivatives)	>1 (MCF7)	N.A. [5]
6	 Steroid hormone receptor targeting molecule (tamoxifen)	<8 (light) (MCF7) >16 (dark) (MCF7)	N.A. [6]
7	 Steroid hormone receptor targeting molecule (flavone)	16.0 (MCF7) when R = OMe	N.A. [7]

8		Steroid hormone receptor targeting molecule (flavone)	> 100 (MCF7)	Mortality and body weight loss in rats (1000 mg/kg, at Day 20). [8]
9		Steroid hormone receptor targeting molecules (estradiol isonicotinates)	0.08 ± 0.04 (MCF7) when R = OEt	N.A. [9]
10		Steroid hormone receptor targeting molecule (levonorgestrel)	7.4 ± 0.1 (T47D)	N.A. [10]
11		Steroid hormone receptor targeting molecule (17α-ethynodiol testosterone)	4.48 ± 0.17 (MCF7) 20.71 ± 0.92 (MDA-MB-231)	Slight decrease in tumor volume (2 μmol/kg, every 4 days, 5 doses) in mice bearing MCF7 cells. [11]
12		Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) (diclofenac, ibuprofen)	Ru-Dicl: 47 ± 6 (MCF7) Ru-Ibp: 9 ± 3 (MCF7)	N.A. [12]
13		Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) (diclofenac, ibuprofen, naproxen, aspirin)	<0.1 (MCF7) except when RCOO⁻ = aspirin which was inactive	N.A. [13]
14		Glutathione S-transferase (GST) inhibitor (ethacrynic acid)	>20 (MCF7)	N.A. [14]
15		Epidermal growth factor (EGFR) inhibitors (4-anilinoquinazoline derivatives)	54 ± 4 (MCF7)	N.A. [15]

16		Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) (ibuprofen, naproxen)	Ru-lbp-SPLNs: $70.3 \pm 8.1$ (MDA-MB-231) Ru-Npx-SPLNs: $101.8 \pm 6.7$ (MDA-MB-231)	N.A. [16]
17		Poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase (PARP) inhibitor	$93.3 \pm 11.4$ (Hcc1937)	N.A. [17]
18		Aerobic glycolysis inhibitor (dichloroacetato)	$0.86 \pm 0.01$ (MDA-MB-231)	N.A. [18]
19		Cell cycle arrest inducer (gallic acid)	$0.81 \pm 0.08$ (MDA-MB-231) $1.0 \pm 0.1$ (MDA-MB-468)	N.A. [19]
20		Topoisomerase-interacting and ROS-generating molecule (lapachol)	$0.20 \pm 0.01$ (MDA-MB-231)	N.A. [20]
21		Biotin	$11.6 \pm 1.5$ (MDA-MB-231) $31.5 \pm 4.7$ (MCF7) when R = biotin and R' = H	Zebrafish tolerance up to 1.17 mg/L. Morphologic lesions such as curved spine/tail malformation, yolk sac and pericardial sac edema, cranial malformation and underdeveloped eyes were observed at 2.18 mg/L. [21]
22		Biotin	$14.2 \pm 0.7$ when R' = F and R = biotin $7.7 \pm 0.3$ when R' = OCH3 and R = biotin (MDA-MB-231) $22.4 \pm 1.6$ when R' = F and R = biotin (MCF7) $18.7 \pm 1.6$ R' = OCH3 and R = biotin (MCF7)	LC50 values (lethality for 50% of the embryos/larvae) on zebrafish (120 hpf, 1.83-2.35 mg/L). Moderate to severe yolk sac edema and pericardial sac edema were observed. [22]

23	N.A.	$0.03 \pm 0.01$ (MDA-MB-231)	Suppression of tumor growth (2.5 mg/kg/day, 10 days) in female athymic nude mice bearing MDA-MB-231 cells. No effect on the well-being of the animals. [23,24]
24	N.A.	$2.61 \pm 1.2$ (MDA-MB-231)	Significant decrease (56%) in tumor volume (5 mg/kg, every other day, 14 doses) in NOD.CB17-Prkdc SCID/J mice bearing MDA-MB-23 cells. Low systemic toxicity. [25]
25	N.A.	$1.8 \pm 0.1$ (HCC1937) $13.2 \pm 0.3$ (MDA-MB-231) $8.2 \pm 0.1$ (MCF7)	N.A. [26]
26	N.A.	$14.6 \pm 3.1$ (MDA-MB-231) $78.0 \pm 19.8$ (MDA-MB-468) $28.0 \pm 4.9$ (MCF7)	N.A. [27]
27	N.A.	$230.66 \pm 0.02$ (A17) $409.89 \pm 0.04$ (MDA-MB-231)	Suppression of tumor growth (52.5 mg/kg, every 3 days, 4 doses) in female FVB/NCrI mice bearing A17 cells. No apparent toxicity. [28]
28	N.A.	<4 (when complex is encapsulated)	Suppression of tumor growth (5 mg/kg/week, 4 doses) (encapsulated complex) in athymic nude mice bearing MDA-MB-231 cells. No apparent toxicity. [29]
29	N.A.	$31.16 \pm 0.04$ (MDA-MB-231) >200 (MCF7)	N.A. [30]
30	N.A.	$8.81 \pm 0.81$ (MDA-MB-231)	Low toxicity (up to 300 mg/kg, 14 days) in a Swiss mice model. [31]

31		N.A.	0.62 ± 0.02 (MDA-MB-231)	N.A. [32]
32		N.A.	9.18 ± 0.30 (MDA-MB-231)	N.A. [33]
33		N.A.	12.1 ± 3 (MDA-MB-231) 12.7 ± 4 (MCF7) (when R= H) Concentrations correspond to the effective metal concentration (15% mol/mol) carried by nanoaggregates	Suppression of tumor growth (15 mg/kg/week, 28 days) in athymic nude mice bearing MCF7 cells. No apparent toxicity. [34]
34		N.A.	17.2 ± 0.9 (MDA-MB-231) 74.9 ± 3.5 (MCF7)	Inhibition of cancer cell proliferation and metastasis (5 μM, 72 h) in a xenograft model of human MDA-MB-231 cells in zebrafish. [35]

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