

# Chemical and biological studies of antitumor dinuclear platinum(II) complexes binding covalently and non-covalently with DNA

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Research on the effect of non-covalent interaction of AMPZ with DNA on its biological activities is expected to be of fundamental importance.

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A NMR spectroscopic analysis of the adduct between AMPZ and a 12-mer duplex oligonucleotide

is now undergoing.

Binding study by ultrafiltration operated as promptly as possible This finding suggests that AMPZ does not play a role as intercalator.

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Proton-assisted substitution reaction of a hydroxo-bridged dinuclear platinum(II) complex capable of circumventing cisplatin-resistance.

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On the other hand, an isosbestic point was found at 255nm in the electronic spectra of AMPZ in 0.1 mol/l hydroperchloric acid, which were measured periodically. The product in the mixture was estimated to be  $[\{cis\text{-Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2(\text{OH}_2)\}_2(\mu\text{-pyrazolato})]^{3+}$ , the acid dissociation constant of which was determined 0.52 mol/l by photometric titration method.

Some of observed rate constants were determined and overall equilibrium reactions among the dinuclear platinum(II) complexes were proposed.

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