

A novel copper(I) complex, [CuI(2,2'-biquinoline)P(CH₂N(CH₂CH₂)₂O)₃]-synthesis, characterisation and comparative studies on biological activity.

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A novel water and air stable copper(I) complex, [CuI(2,2'-biquinoline)P(CH₂N(CH₂CH₂)₂O)₃] (**1bq**), was synthesized and characterized by means of ¹H, ¹³C{¹H} and ³¹P{¹H} NMR, ESI-MS and elemental analysis. The X-ray structure of **1bq** shows that the coordination geometry about the Cu(I) center is pseudo-tetrahedral. **1bq** was assayed for antibacterial (*Escherichia coli* – a Gram-negative rod and *Staphylococcus aureus* – a Gram-positive coccus) and antifungal (*Candida albicans*) activities. The activity of **1bq** was lower than that of [CuI(2,9-dimethyl-1,10-phenanthroline)P(CH₂N(CH₂CH₂)₂O)₃] (**1N**). **1bq** also showed significantly lower cytotoxicity than **1N** on MSC (mesenchymal stem cells) culture and the RK-13 cell line. Both **1bq** and **1N** complexes bind to HSA and BSA albumins in site I located in subdomain IIA, however **1bq** interacts less strongly with these albumins than **1N**. Surprisingly, investigation of the interactions of the studied complexes with pUC18 plasmid showed a comparable effectiveness of **1N** and **1bq** for DNA cleavage.

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