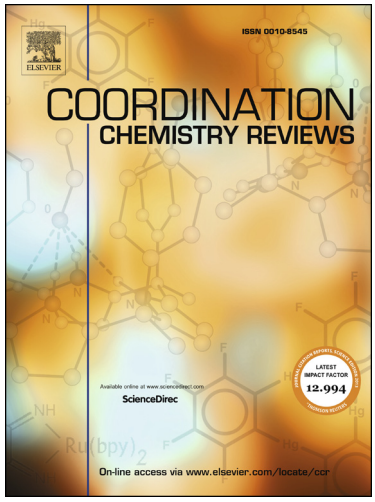

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Highlights

Transition metal (Ag, Au, Pt, Pd, Cu, Hg, Ru, Os, Rh and Ir) complexes containing NHC ligands as anti-tumor agents are reviewed since the publication of our previous review.

The anti-tumor properties of these complexes as well as possible structure–activity relationships are discussed.

The mechanisms of action of metal-NHC complexes at the cellular lever are discussed.

The advantage of NHCs as ligands for metal complexes is highlighted.