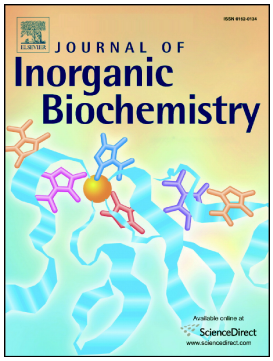

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Abstract

A focused series of novobiocin derivatives containing a ferrocene unit together with their corresponding organic novobiocin analogues have been synthesized in modest to good yields. These compounds were screened for biological activity against a chloroquine-sensitive strain of *Plasmodium falciparum* (3D7) and human breast cancer cell line (HCC38). With the exception of compounds **5c** and **5d**, the general trend observed is that incorporation of the ferrocene moiety into novobiocin scaffold resulted in compounds **6a** – **d**/**6f** showing enhanced activity compared to organic analogues **5a** – **b** and **5e** – **f**.

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