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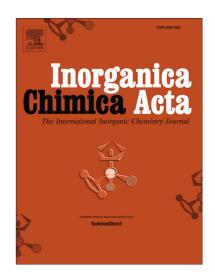
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# Coordination-driven self-assembly and anticancer studies of thiophene-derived donor and arene ruthenium acceptors

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#### **ABSTRACT**

New metallomacrocycles, **5-8**, were synthesized by the coordination-driven self-assembly of thiophene-derived donor and arene ruthenium acceptors. Metallomacrocycles, **5–8**, were fully characterized by <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy, ESI-MS and elemental analysis. The molecular structure of macrocycle **8** was determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. In addition, the anticancer activities of metallomacrocycles **5-8** were evaluated. The cytotoxic potential of macrocycle **7** was assessed using several cancer cells with different origins using the Tali assay and by quantitative western blotting. The results obtained support the notion that macrocycle **7** induces apoptotic cell death by activating intrinsic and extrinsic apoptosis pathways.

KEYWORDS: Coordination-driven self-assembly, thiophene, anticancer, metallomacrocycles.

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