

## Supplementary Information

### Inhibition of trypanothione reductase and glutathione reductase by ferrocenic 4-aminoquinoline ureas

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**N-(7-Chloro-quinolin-4-yl)-N'-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylaminomethyl)ferrocenylmethyl]-propane-1,3-diamine, (3b).** Red glassy solid; Yield: 1.204g (61%); mp: 108-110°C; R<sub>f</sub> (silica/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH: Et<sub>3</sub>N = 80:20:1) 0.2; δ<sub>H</sub> (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.44 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6), 7.86 (1H, d, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 2), 7.50 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 9), 7.11 (1H, dd, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 2 and <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 9), 6.22 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6), 4.19-4.15 (2H, m), 4.12 (1H, t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HHH</sub> = 2), 4.05 (5H, s), 3.79 (1H, d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 12), 3.74 (1H, d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 12), 3.42 (1H, d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 12), 3.36-3.31 (2H, m), 2.99-2.92 (2H, m), 2.79 (1H, d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 12), 2.11 (6H, s) and 1.94-1.72 (2H, m); δ<sub>C{H}</sub> (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 152.1, 150.7 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 149.1 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 134.4 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 128.2, 124.8, 122.9, 117.7 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 97.9, 85.9 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 84.1 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 71.2, 70.3, 68.0 (5C), 65.8, 58.3, 49.3, 48.3, 44.9 (2C), 44.3, 26.9; IR (KBr) ν<sub>max</sub> 3249br w, 1610s, 1586vs, 1544s, 1457s, 1329m, 1104m 999m, 856s, 819m, 489m; HRMS (EI) *m/z* 490.15824 [M<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>4</sub><sup>35</sup>ClFe requires 490.11590], 445.1, 380.0, 255.1, 241.1, 227.0, 213.0, 191.0, 154.0, 134.0, 121.0, 91.0, 58.1, 55.9; Found: C, 63.89; H, 6.39; N, 11.15. Calc. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>4</sub>ClFe: C, 63.62; H, 6.37; N, 11.41%.

**N-(7-Chloro-quinolin-4-yl)-N'-[2-(N'',N''-dimethyl-aminomethyl)ferrocenylmethyl]-butane-1,4-diamine, (3c).** Red glassy solid; Yield: 1.337g (65%); mp: 103-104°C; R<sub>f</sub> (silica/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH: Et<sub>3</sub>N = 80:20:1) 0.17; δ<sub>H</sub> (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.44 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6), 8.14

(1H, d,  $^3J_{HH} = 9$ ), 7.88 (1H, d,  $^4J_{HH} = 2$ ), 7.31 (1H, dd,  $^4J_{HH} = 2$  and  $^3J_{HH} = 9$ ), 6.29 (1H, d,  $^3J_{HH} = 6$ ), 4.20-4.07 (3H, m), 4.06 (5H, s), 3.77 (1H, d,  $^2J_{HH} = 13$ ), 3.53 (1H, d,  $^2J_{HH} = 13$ ), 3.33-3.29 (3H, m), 2.83 (1H, d,  $^2J_{HH} = 13$ ), 2.69-2.66 (2H, m), 2.10 (6H, s), 1.85-1.80 (2H, m), 1.75-1.70 (2H, m);  $\delta_{C\{H\}}$  (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 151.8, 150.4 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 149.2 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 134.7 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 128.2, 125.0, 123.0, 117.7 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 98.5 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 83.7 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 71.6, 71.0, 69.4 (5C), 66.6, 57.9, 47.0, 46.0, 44.4 (2C), 42.3, 25.4, 25.3; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3285br s, 1610m, 1581vs, 1540m, 1451m, 1105m, 1000m, 851m, 809m, 489w; HRMS (EI)  $m/z$  504.1746 [M<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>4</sub><sup>35</sup>ClFe requires 504.1427], 460.1, 394.1, 255.1, 240.0, 213.0, 134.0, 121.0, 91.0, 58.1, 55.9; Found: C, 64.01; H, 6.60; N, 11.15. Calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>4</sub>ClFe: C, 64.20; H, 6.58; N, 11.14%.

**N-(7-Chloro-quinolin-4-yl)-N'-(2-(N'',N''-dimethylaminomethyl)ferrocenylmethyl)-hexane-1,6-diamine, (3d).** Red glassy solid; Yield: 1.729g (60%); mp: 92-95°C; R<sub>f</sub> (silica/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH: Et<sub>3</sub>N = 80:20:1) 0.07;  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.46 (1H, d,  $^3J_{HH} = 6$ ), 8.16 (1H, d,  $^3J_{HH} = 9$ ), 7.90 (1H, d,  $^4J_{HH} = 2$ ), 7.24 (1H, dd,  $^4J_{HH} = 2$  and  $^3J_{HH} = 9$ ), 6.34 (1H, d,  $^3J_{HH} = 6$ ), 4.28-4.15 (3H, m), 4.09 (5H, s), 3.81 (1H, d,  $^2J_{HH} = 13$ ), 3.53 (1H, d,  $^2J_{HH} = 13$ ), 3.55-3.50 (2H, m), 3.33 (1H, d,  $^2J_{HH} = 13$ ), 2.86 (1H, d,  $^2J_{HH} = 13$ ), 2.64 (2H, m), 2.14 (6H, s), 1.76-1.73 (2H, m), 1.60-1.54 (2H, m), 1.45-1.38 (4H, m);  $\delta_{C\{H\}}$  (100.6 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 151.8, 150.3 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 149.2 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 134.7 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 128.3, 125.0, 122.6, 117.5 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 98.7, 83.8 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 71.6, 71.2, 69.5 (5C), 66.8, 57.8, 46.7, 45.5, 44.3 (2C), 42.5, 27.9, 27.0, 26.2, 25.9 (5' - 8'); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3300br m, 1610s, 1580vs, 1540s, 1453s, 1331m, 1105m, 1000m, 850m, 810s, 489m, 424w; HRMS (EI)  $m/z$  532.20585 [M<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>4</sub><sup>35</sup>ClFe requires 532.20561], 515.2, 487.1, 422.1, 255.1, 240.0, 213.0, 121.0, 91.0, 58.1, 55.9; Found: C, 65.40; H, 7.05; N, 10.64. Calc. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>4</sub>ClFe: C, 65.33; H, 6.99; N, 10.55%.

**3-Benzyl-1-[2-(7-chloro-quinolin-4-ylamino)-ethyl]-1-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylaminomethyl)-ferrocenylmethyl]urea (4a).** Yellow crystalline solid; Yield: 345mg (90%); mp: 95-96°C; R<sub>f</sub> (silica/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH = 80:20) 0.51;  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.45 (1H, d,  $^3J_{HH} = 6$ ), 8.12 (1H, t,  $^3J_{HH} = 6$ ), 7.96 (1H, d,  $^4J_{HH} = 2$ ), 7.75 (1H, d,  $^3J_{HH} = 9$ ), 7.15 (1H, dd,  $^4J_{HH} = 2$  and  $^3J_{HH} = 9$ ), 7.13-7.07 (5H, m), 6.32 (1H, d,  $^3J_{HH} = 6$ ), 4.24-4.16 (7H, m), 4.08 (5H, s), 3.82 (1H, d,  $^2J_{HH} = 13$ ), 3.73-3.68 (2H, m), 3.58-3.40 (2H, m), 2.82 (1H, d,  $^2J_{HH} = 13$ ), 1.98 (6H, s);  $\delta_{C\{H\}}$  (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 160.4 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 151.7 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 149.7, 146.7 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 140.2 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 135.7 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 128.2 (2C), 126.6, 126.5 (2C), 126.2, 125.7, 123.1, 116.9 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 97.5, 83.9 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 70.6, 69.5 (5C), 69.0, 67.7, 57.8, 47.0, 45.6, 44.6, 44.4 (2C), 43.7; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3268br w 1611s, 1582vs, 1539s, 1452m, 1332m, 1105m, 1005m, 842m, 808m, 487m; HRMS (FAB)  $m/z$  610.2030 [M<sup>+</sup> + H, C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>5</sub>ClOFe + H requires 610.2034], 565.1, 432.2, 409.1, 304.0, 255.1, 213.1, 191.0, 154.0, 134.1, 91.1; Found: C, 65.01; H, 5.83; N, 11.50. Calc. for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>5</sub>ClOFe: C, 64.98; H, 5.95; N, 11.48%.

**3-Benzyl-1-[3-(7-chloro-quinolin-4-ylamino)-propyl]-1-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylaminomethyl)-ferrocenylmethyl]urea (4b).** Yellow crystalline solid; Yield: 33mg (34%); mp: 88-89°C; R<sub>f</sub> (silica/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH = 80:20) 0.46;  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.47 (1H, d,  $^3J_{HH} = 6$ ), 8.05 (1H, d,  $^3J_{HH} = 9$ ), 7.95 (1H, d,  $^4J_{HH} = 2$ ), 7.30 (1H, dd,  $^3J_{HH} = 2$  and  $^4J_{HH} = 9$ ), 7.25-7.13 (5H, m), 6.39

(1H, d,  $^3J_{HH} = 6$ ), 4.48 (1H, m), 4.39-4.38 (1H, m), 4.33 (1H, d,  $^2J_{HH} = 16$ ), 4.26-4.21 (1H, m), 4.22 (1H, d,  $^2J_{HH} = 16$ ), 4.14 (1H, t,  $^3J_{HHH} = 3$ ), 4.03 (5H, s), 4.07 (2H, m), 3.91-3.82 (1H, m), 3.80 (1H, d,  $^2J_{HH} = 13$ ), 3.48-3.43 (2H, m), 3.36-3.27 (2H, m), 2.77 (1H, d,  $^2J_{HH} = 13$ ), 1.97 (6H, s) and 1.91-1.85 (2H, m);  $\delta_{C\{H\}}$  (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 159.1 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 151.2 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 150.7, 140.7 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 135.8 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 128.2 (2C), 127.2, 126.7 (2C), 126.6, 125.4, 122.9, 117.6 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 97.8, 84.3 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 70.4, 69.5 (5C), 69.0, 67.4, 58.0, 45.4, 45.2, 44.7, 44.6 (2C), 39.4, 26.7; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3437br s, 3322br s, 1611s, 1578vs, 1538s, 1455m, 1106w, 1005w, 850m, 809m; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* 624.1890 [M<sup>+</sup> + H, C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>5</sub>ClOFe + H requires 624.1908], 579.1, 446.1, 423.1, 318.0, 255.1, 213.1, 191.0, 154.0, 134.1 and 91.1; Found: C, 64.70; H, 6.23; N, 11.45. Calc. for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>38</sub>N<sub>5</sub>ClOFe: C, 64.41; H, 6.13; N, 11.27%.

**3-Benzyl-1-[4-(7-chloro-quinolin-4-ylamino)-butyl]-1-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylaminomethyl)-ferrocenylmethyl]urea (4c).** Yellow crystalline solid; Yield: 75mg (58%); mp: 84-86°C; R<sub>f</sub> (silica/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH = 80:20) 0.4;  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.47 (1H, d,  $^3J_{HH} = 5$ ), 8.07 (1H, d,  $^3J_{HH} = 9$ ), 7.91 (1H, d,  $^4J_{HH} = 2$ ), 7.38-7.09 (6H, m, ArC<sub>6</sub>-H), 6.35 (1H, d,  $^3J_{HH} = 6$ ), 4.42-4.09 (5H, m), 4.06 (5H, s), 4.05-4.04 (2H, m), 3.79 (1H, d,  $^2J_{HH} = 13$ ), 3.43 (4H, m), 2.77 (1H, d,  $^2J_{HH} = 13$ ), 1.96 (6H, s), 1.79-1.65 (4H, m);  $\delta_{C\{H\}}$  (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 158.7 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 151.3 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 150.8, 144.2 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 140.8 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 134.9 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 128.2 (2C), 127.8, 126.6 (2C), 126.5, 125.1, 122.9, 117.6 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 98.5, 84.6 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 70.3, 69.4 (5C), 69.2, 67.3, 57.9, 47.8, 45.2, 44.7 (2C), 44.5, 43.1, 26.7, 24.3; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3437br s, 3322br s, 1611s, 1578vs, 1538s, 1455m, 1106w, 1005w, 850m, 809m; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* 638.2333 [M<sup>+</sup> + H, C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>5</sub>ClOFe + H requires 638.2347], 593.0, 505.2, 460.0, 437.0, 255.1, 213.0, 191.0, 154.0, 134.1, 91.1; Found: C, 65.71; H, 6.17; N, 11.23. Calc. for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>5</sub>ClOFe: C, 65.85; H, 6.32; N, 10.97%.

**3-Benzyl-1-[6-(7-chloro-quinolin-4-ylamino)-hexyl]-1-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylaminomethyl)-ferrocenylmethyl]urea (4d).** Yellow crystalline solid; Yield: 78mg (57%); mp: 85-87°C; R<sub>f</sub> (silica/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: MeOH = 80:20) 0.46;  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 8.39 (1H, d,  $^3J_{HH} = 6$ ), 8.14 (1H, d,  $^3J_{HH} = 9$ ), 8.02 (1H, d,  $^4J_{HH} = 2$ ), 7.16-7.12 (5H, m), 7.04 (1H, d,  $^3J_{HH} = 9$ ), 6.32 (1H, d,  $^3J_{HH} = 6$ ), 4.41-4.17 (4H, m), 4.16 (1H, t,  $^3J_{HHH} = 3$ ), 4.09 (5H, s), 4.08-4.07 (2H, m), 3.77 (1H, m), 3.31-3.21 (2H, m), 3.19 (2H, m), 2.89 (1H, d,  $^2J_{HH} = 13$ ), 2.05 (6H, s), 1.74-1.33;  $\delta_{C\{H\}}$  (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 158.5 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 151.9 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 149.1, 140.7 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 135.6 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 128.2 (2C), 126.5, 126.5, 125.6, 123.0, 117.1 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 98.0, 84.7 (<sup>IV</sup>C), 70.4, 69.5 (5C), 69.4, 67.5, 57.8, 46.6, 44.6 (2C), 44.3, 41.6, 27.7, 27.6, 25.0, 24.6; IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  3306br s (NH), 1612s, 1582vs, 1540s, 1457m, 1106w, 1005w, 852m, 813m, 490m; HRMS (FAB) *m/z* 666.2648 [M<sup>+</sup> + H, C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>5</sub>ClOFe + H requires 666.2660], 621.1, 547.4, 502.2, 488.0, 465.0, 422.1, 360.0, 304.0, 255.1, 213.1, 191.0, 154.0, 134.1, 91.1; Found: C, 66.70; H, 6.60; N, 10.76. Calc. for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>5</sub>ClOFe: C, 66.69; H, 6.65; N, 10.56%.