



Poliammino-bis-Maltoli

applicazioni e sviluppi futuri

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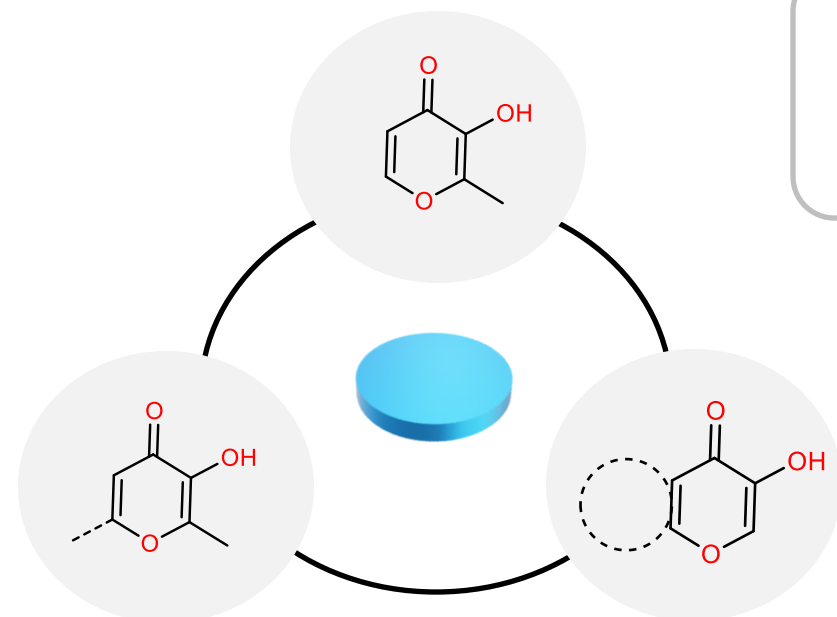


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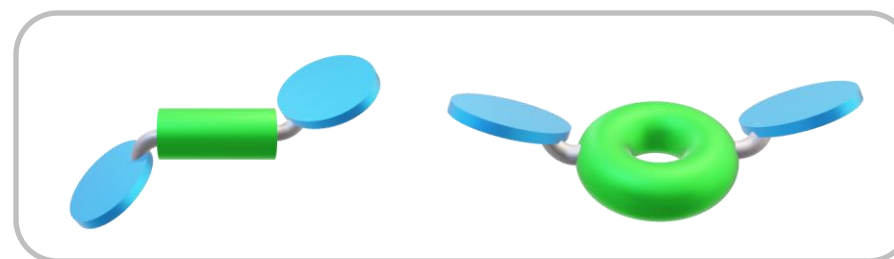


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3-hydroxy-4-pyrones



- high **affinity** for a range of **metal ions**
- **metallopharmaceuticals**:
 - **a)** sequestering action
 - **b)** improving absorption



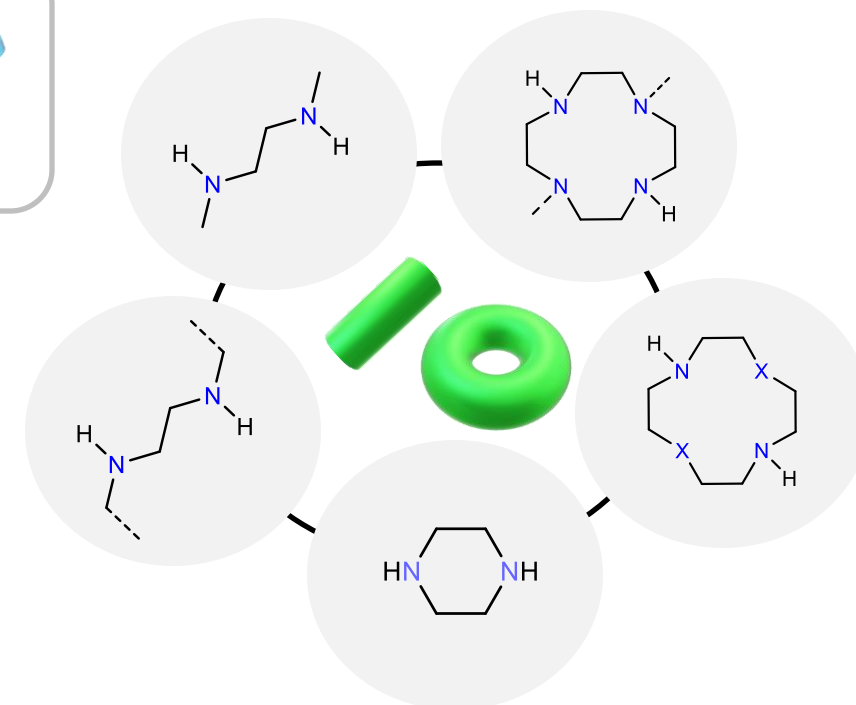
*Coordination
Properties*

*Biological
activity*

Maltol

- **natural** product
- **anti-neoplastic** activity (DNA breaks; Apoptosis)
- **Metal complex (ROS)**
 - a)** antimicrobial activity
 - b)** anticancer activity

Polyamines



- **Coordination** properties
- **water-soluble**
- **Antitumor** agents (Apoptosis)



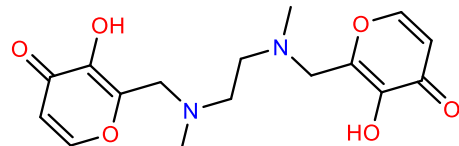
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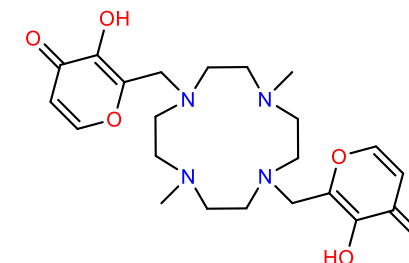
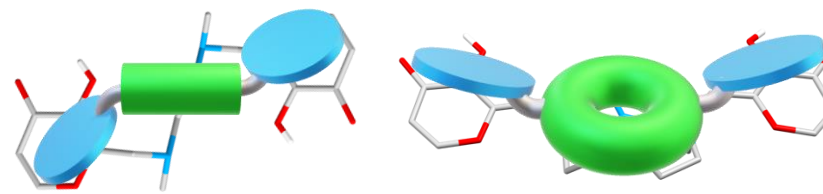
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Malten



Maltonis

Biological activity

- Dose-dependent reduction in cell survival of different **tumor cell lines** (solid and haematopoietic)
- Activation of **cell cycle arrest**
- **Programmed cell death**
- Ability to induce **covalent binding** between **DNA** and **histones**

British Journal of Cancer 2010 (103), 239-248

J. Org. Chem. 2012, 2207-2218

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- **Maltonis is more effective than Malten**

- Effective on **Sarcoma** (in vivo)
 - Effective on **multidrug & cisplatin-resistance** cell (in vitro)
 - **Ineffective** against **normal** human mesenchymal stem cells

BMC Cancer 2014 (14), 137

- **APL (ACUTE PROMYELOCYTIC LEUKEMIA)**
- **Epigenomic reprogramming** of APL

Cancer Gene Therapy, 2023, (30) 671-682



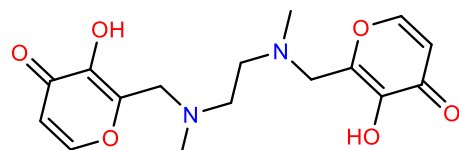
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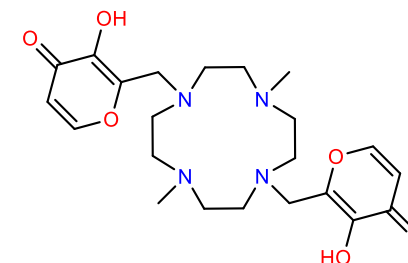
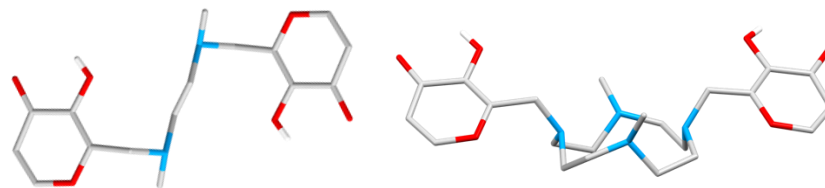
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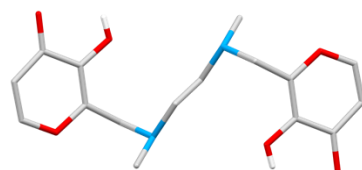


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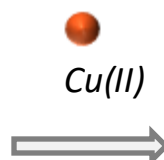


Maltonis

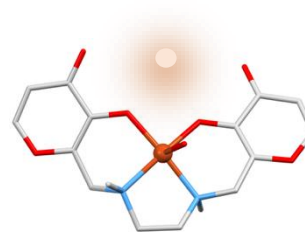
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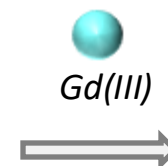
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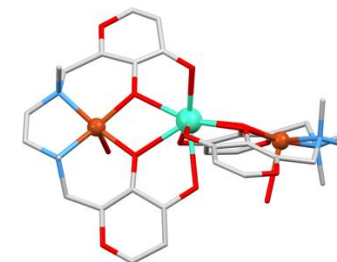
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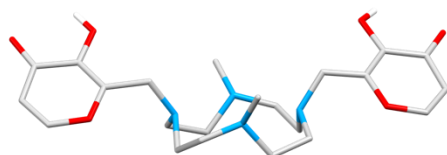
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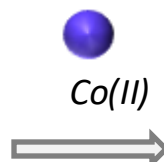
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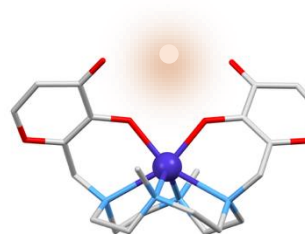
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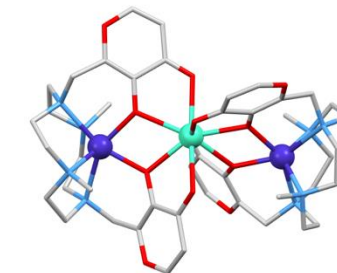
Maltonis



Co(II)



Gd(III)





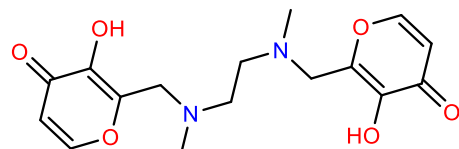
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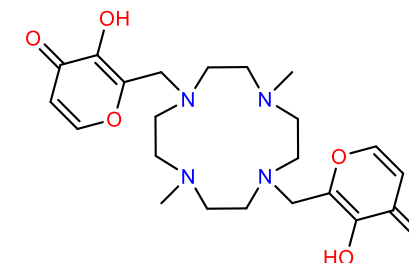
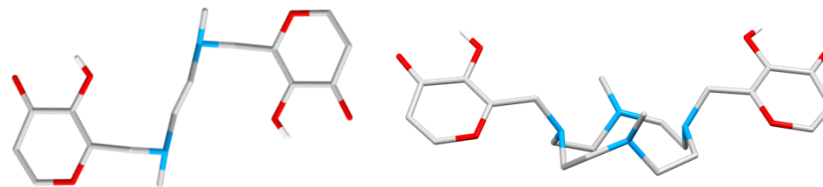
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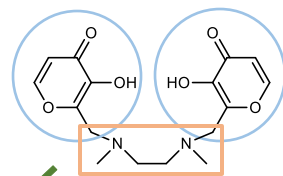
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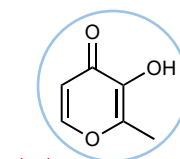
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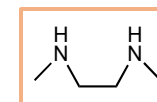
Malten

key for the biological
activity

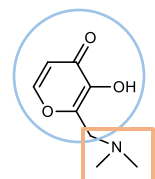
Simultaneous presence
of **two amino-spaced
maltol units**



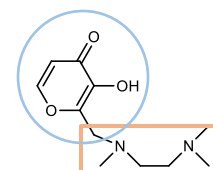
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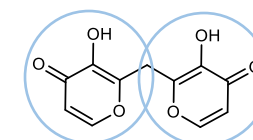
✗ EN



✗ $\frac{1}{2}$ Malten



✗ $\frac{2}{3}$ Malten



✗ Di-Maltol

**Total loss
of the
Biological activity**



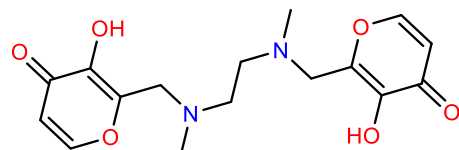
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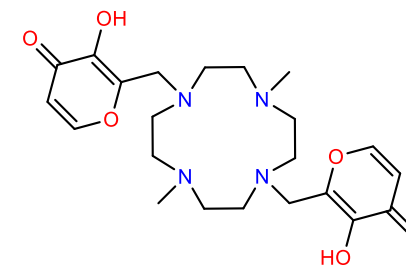
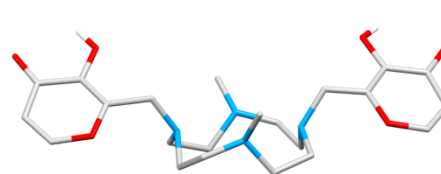
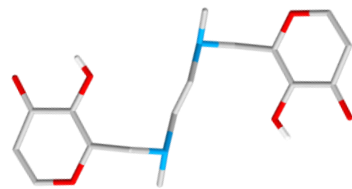
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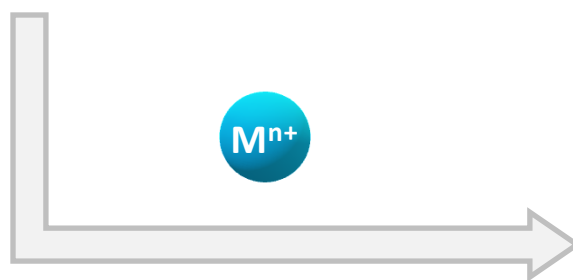
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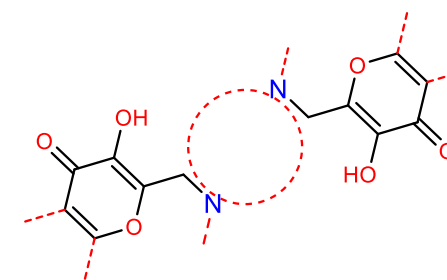
Maltonis

*Coordination
Properties*

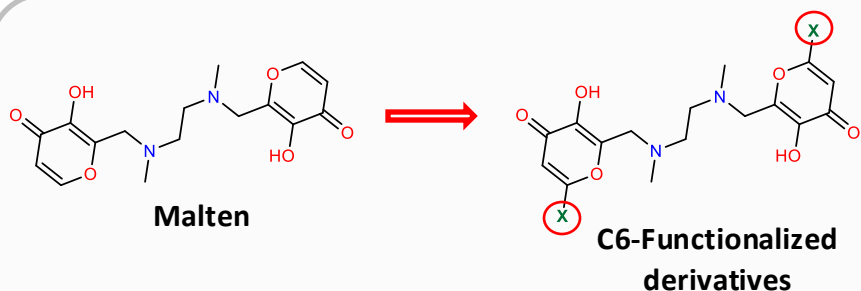
*Anticancer
Activity*



Metal Complexes



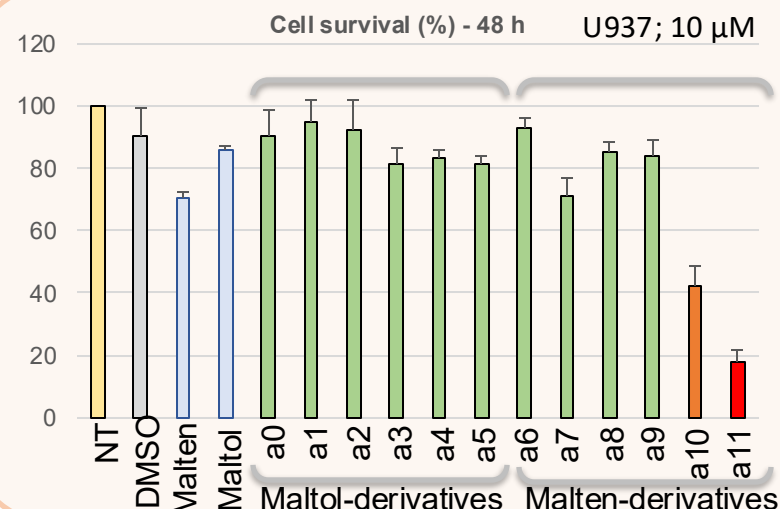
Structure
modifications



a11 - dose-response experiments

Cell lines	IC50 (24 h)	IC50 (48 h)
U937	0.76 μ M	0.65 μ M
K562	1.25 μ M	1.18 μ M
Jurkat	0.73 μ M	0.28 μ M
NB4	0.50 μ M	0.37 μ M
HeLa	1.97 μ M	0.94 μ M
U-373MG	6.67 μ M	1.62 μ M
WI-38	> 10 μ M	7.58 μ M

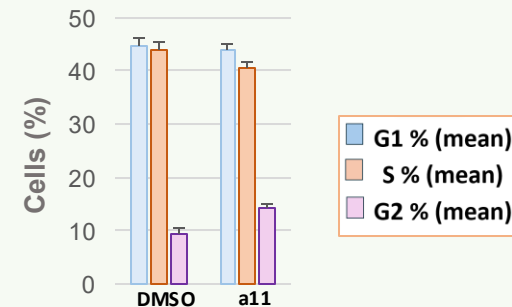
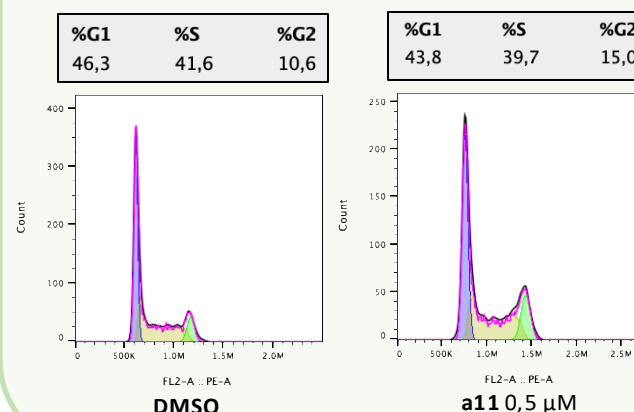
- dose-response experiments towards a panel of different tumor cell lines at 24h and 48h
- appreciable **selectivity** for **hematopoietic tumor** over solid tumor-derived cell lines
- less activity against a human normal fibroblast cell line (WI-38) respect to neoplastic cells.



- 48 h treatments at the dose of 10 μ M.
- Maltol and Malten, tested for comparison.
- Cells treated using the same volumes of DMSO used in the treatments as control.
- **a10** and **a11** showed a marked reduction of U937 cell survival compared to that caused by Malten

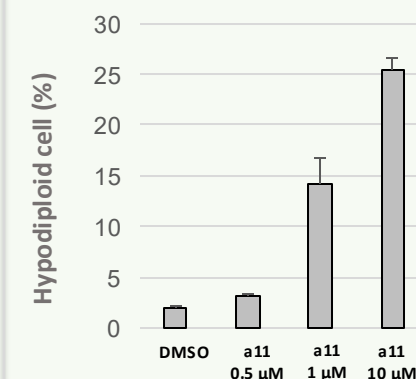
cell cycle (24 h)

U937



	DMSO	a11 (0.5 μ M)
G1 % (mean)	44.5 $\pm$ 1.7%	43.8 $\pm$ 1.3%
S % (mean)	43.8 $\pm$ 1.5%	40.6 $\pm$ 1.2%
G2 % (mean)	9.2 $\pm$ 1.4%	14.1 $\pm$ 1%

HYPODIPOIDY - 24 h





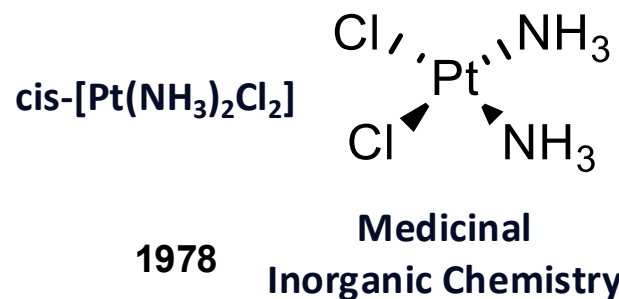
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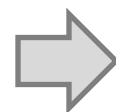
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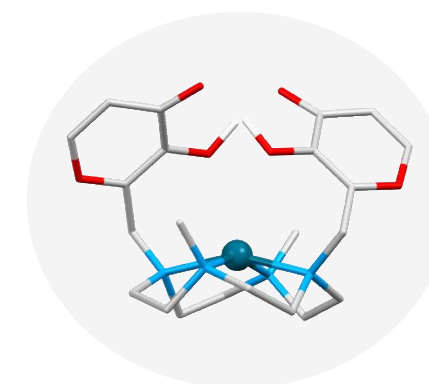
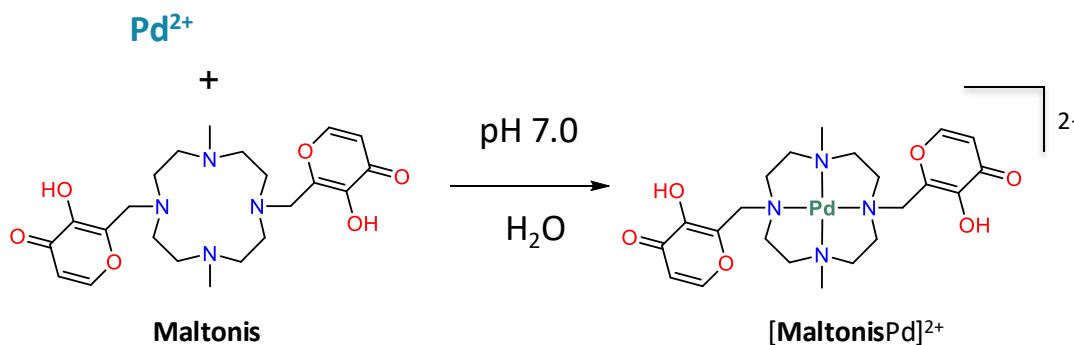
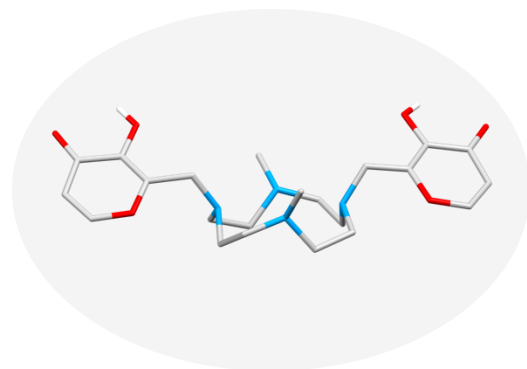
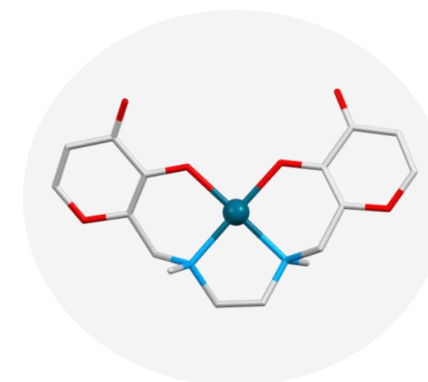
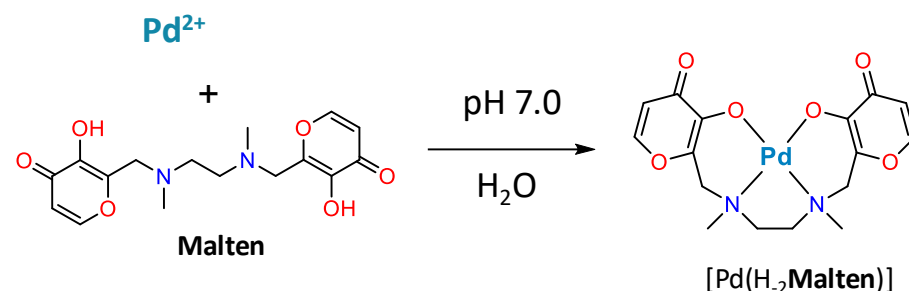
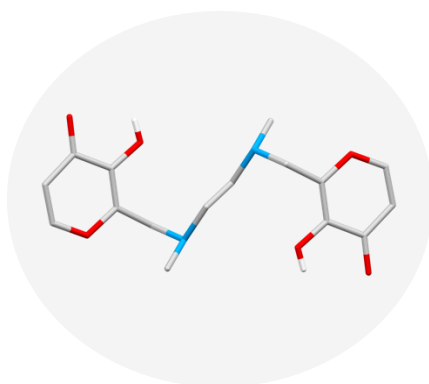
Disadvantages



Search of new
anticancer agents
based on different
metal ions

Pd^{2+}

- Same coord. N. (4)
- Same Geometry (square planar)
- Similar bond lengths and sizes



D. Paderni et al. *Dalton Transaction*, **2024**, 53, 14300-14314.
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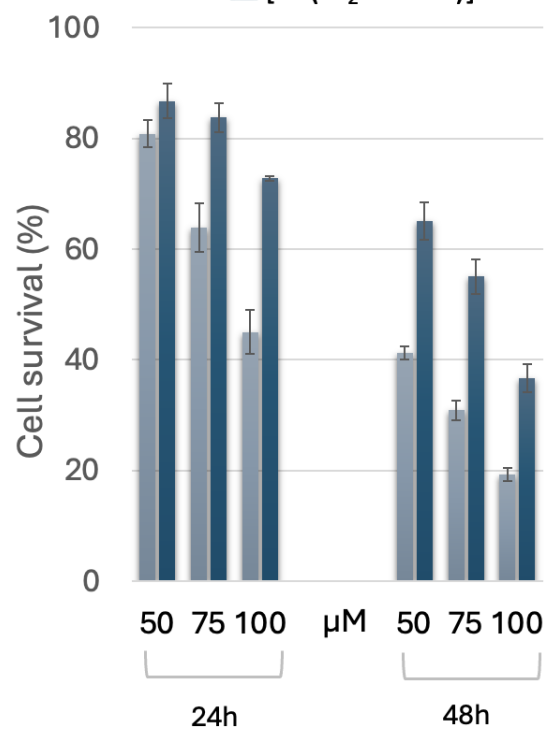
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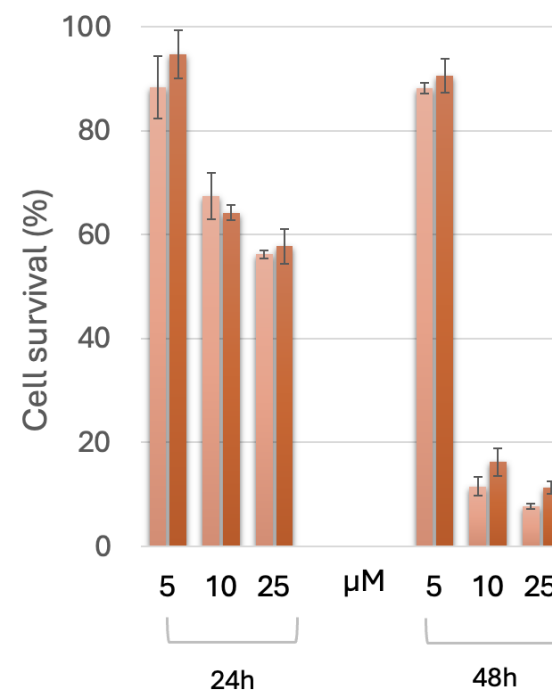
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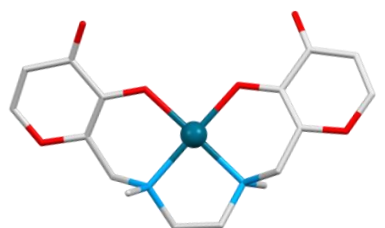
■ Malten
■ [Pd(H₂Malten)]



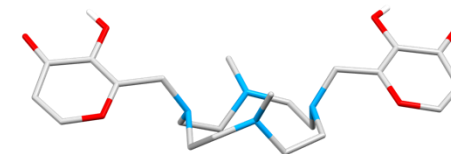
■ Maltonis
■ [Pd_Maltonis]²⁺



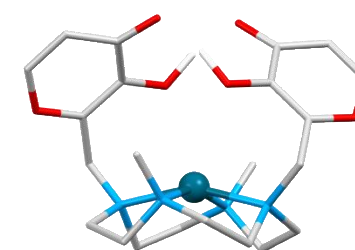
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[Pd(H₂Malten)]



Maltonis



[MaltonisPd]²⁺



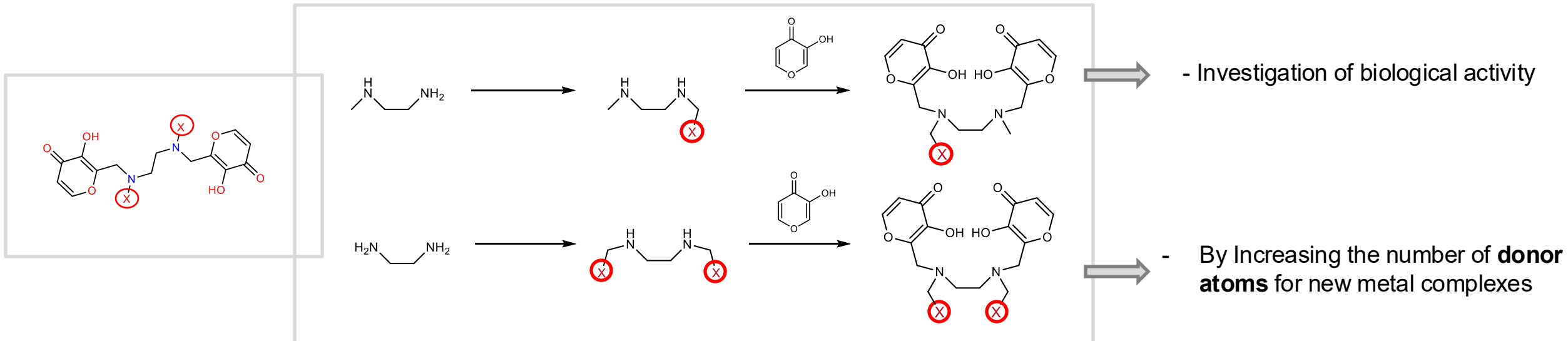
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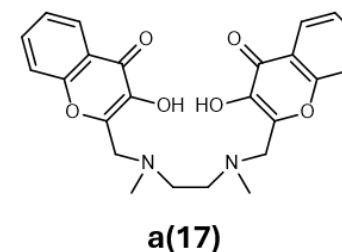
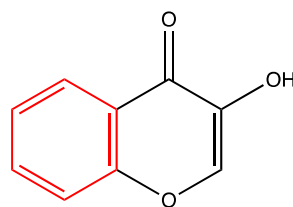
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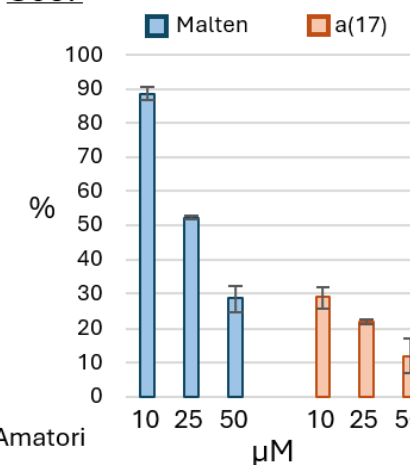
By **changing**
the *maltol* units
with other
3-hydroxy-4-pyrones



a(17)

U937

Cell survival (%) - 48 h



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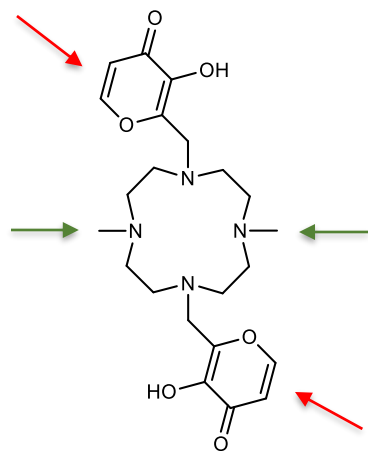
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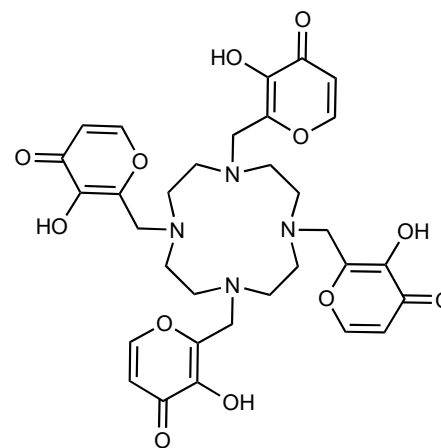
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Maltonis



Super Maltonis

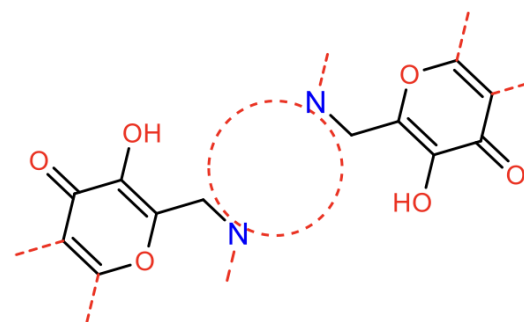


Work
in
progress



New Synthesis of Maltonis

- Green
- Easier
- Faster
- Cheaper
- Higher yield



A New set of **Maltonis** Derivatives



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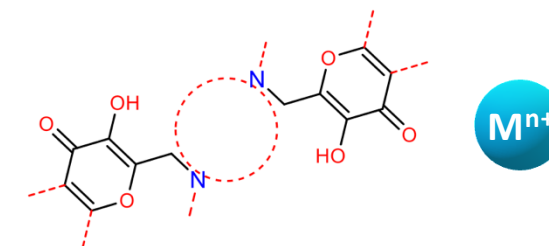
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- Conclusioni

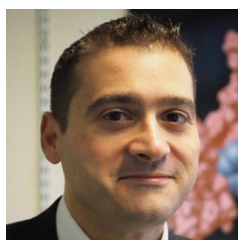
Gli studi Biologici sono ancora in corso

Le nuove molecole saranno testate per la loro attività biologica

Sono in corso gli studi di caratterizzazione di nuovi complessi metallici



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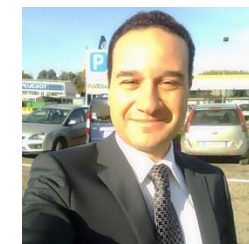
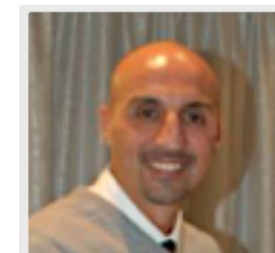
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