N-Heterocyclic Carbene Platinum(IV) metallodrug candidates: synthesis <sup>195</sup>Pt NMR chemical shift trend.

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#### A) General remarks

All manipulations of air and moisture sensitive compounds were carried out using standard Schlenk techniques under an argon atmosphere and solvents were purified and degassed following standard procedures. All reagents were purchased from commercial chemical suppliers (Acros, Alfa Aesar, and TCI Europe) and used without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Brucker AVANCE 300 or Bruker AVANCE 500 spectrometer using the residual solvent peak as reference (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta H = 7.26$  ppm;  $\delta C = 77.16$  ppm) at 295K. HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 600 spectrometer using the residual solvent peak as reference for <sup>1</sup>H calibration and an external reference for <sup>195</sup>Pt (H<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>6</sub> in D<sub>2</sub>O:  $\delta Pt = 0$  ppm) at Institut de Chimie NMR Facility of the University of Strasbourg. Positive mode electrospray ionization mass spectra (ESI-HRMS) analyses have been carried out on microTOF, Bruker Daltonics. The purity of the complexes was confirmed by elemental analyses, performed by the 'Service d'analyse élémentaire' of the Strasbourg chemistry department.

#### **B)** Synthesis of NHC-platinum complexes

# General procedure for the synthesis of [(NHC)PtX<sub>2</sub>(pyridine)] complexes (X = I, Br or Cl)

The ligand precursor (imidazolium halide, 1.1 equiv.), PtCl<sub>2</sub> (1 equiv.), NaI or NaBr or NaCl (10 equiv.) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (10 equiv.) were suspended under argon in anhydrous pyridine (10 mL). The mixture was sonicated for 20 min, heated overnight at 100 °C, then concentrated under reduced pressure, dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and filtered through a Celite plug. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (pentane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 1:1 to CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to afford the complexes **1**,**2** and **5** as a yellow powder.

#### **B.1.** Characterization of complex 1

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Complex **1** was synthesized according to our reported procedure.<sup>1</sup> HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 4313 (m).



**B.2.** Characterization of complex 2



Yellow solid, 59.2 mg, yield 52%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, 20 °C): δ 4.11 (s, 3H, N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.83 (s, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.64 (d, J= 2.1Hz, 1H, CH<sub>im</sub>), 6.83 (d, J=2.1 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>im</sub>), 7.27-7.53 (m, 7H, 5H<sub>ar</sub> and H<sub>pyr</sub>), 7.76 (tt, *J1*=7.6 Hz, *J2*=1.6 Hz, 1H, H<sub>pyr</sub>), 9.04 (dt, *J1*=5.0 Hz, *J2*=1.6 Hz, 2H, H<sub>pyr</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz, 20 °C): δ 37.9 (N-CH<sub>3</sub>), 54.2 (N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 120.0 (CH<sub>im</sub>), 122.4 (CH<sub>im</sub>), 124.9 (C<sub>pyr</sub>), 128.2 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.8 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 135.7 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 137.7 (C<sub>pyr</sub>), 138.2 (C-Pt), 152.6 (C<sub>pyr</sub>); HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 3814 (m).



General procedure for the synthesis of cis [(NHC)PtX<sub>2</sub>(DMSO)] (X = Br or Cl)

The [(NHC)PtX<sub>2</sub>(DMSO)] complexes **3** and **4** were synthesized according to reported procedure.<sup>2</sup> A solution of bis(benzyl)imidazol-2-ylidene silver(I) bromide (20 mg,  $4.42x10^{-5}$  mol) in DMSO was treated with K<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>4</sub> (19.3 mg,  $4.64x10^{-5}$  mol) and the resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h. After adding CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> the reaction mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was washed with water and then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the remainder recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/pentane.

#### **B.3.** Characterization of complex 3

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Colourless oil, quant. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, 20 °C): δ 3.12 (s+d, J=12.6 Hz, 3H, S- CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.57 (s+d, J=12.6 Hz, 3H, S- CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.00 (s, 3H, N- CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.44 (d, J=15.4 Hz, 1H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.81 (d, J=15.4 Hz, 1H, N- CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.84 (d, J=1.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>im</sub>), 6.94 (d, J=1.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>im</sub>), 7.34 (m, 5H, H<sub>ar</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz, 20 °C): δ 37.9 (N- CH<sub>3</sub>), 46.0 (S- CH<sub>3</sub>), 47.0 (S-

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CH<sub>3</sub>), 54.3 (N- CH<sub>2</sub>), 121.2 (CH<sub>im</sub>), 122.4 (CH<sub>im</sub>), 128.1 (C H<sub>ar</sub>), 128.5 (C H<sub>ar</sub>), 129.1 (C H<sub>ar</sub>), 135.2 (Car), 154.7 (C-Pt); HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 3356 (m).



**B.4.** Characterization of complex 4



Colourless oil, quant. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, 20 °C): 3.03 (s+d, J=12.6 Hz, 3H, S- CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.48 (s+d, J=12.6 Hz, 3H, S- CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.01 (s, 3H, N- CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.42 (d, J=15.4 Hz, 1H, N- CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.81

(d, J=15.4 Hz, 1H, N- CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.86 (d, J=1.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>im</sub>), 6.94 (d, J=1.8 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>im</sub>), 7.35 (m, 5H, H<sub>ar</sub>); HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 3351 (m).



**B.5.** Characterization of complex 5

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Yellow solid, 23.3 mg, yield 24%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  4.09 (s, 3H, N- CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.82 (s, 2H, N- CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.63 (d, *J*=2.5 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>im</sub>), 6.82 (d, *J*=2.5 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>im</sub>), 7.31-7.39 (m, 5H, C H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.46-7.50 (m, 2H, C H<sub>pyr</sub>), 7.75 (m, 1H, C H<sub>pyr</sub>), 9.03 (m, 2H, C H<sub>pyr</sub>); HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 3304 (m).



#### C) Synthesis of (NHC)PtBr<sub>4</sub>(amine) complexes

#### General procedure for the synthesis of (NHC)PtBr4(amine) complexes

In a 10 mL round bottom flask, the precursor  $[(NHC)PtI_2L]$  (10 mg, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL), cooled at 0 °C and Br<sub>2</sub> (2 equiv.) was slowly added under nitrogen. After 30 min, pentane (10 mL) was added and the resulting red precipitate (**5-21**) was filtered off, washed and dried.

#### C.1. Characterization of complex 6

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Complex 6 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.<sup>1</sup>



HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 2196 (m).

#### C.2. Characterization of complex 7

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Red solid, 11.2 mg, yield 99%. 1H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  1.19-1.46 (m, 5H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.65-1.78 (m, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.30 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.55 (bs, 1H, CH-NH2), 3.99 (bs, 2H, NH2), 4.32 (s, 6H, N- CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.99 (s, 2H, CH<sub>im</sub>); 13C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  23.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 42.9 (s+d, *J*=144.1 Hz, N- CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.8 (CH) , 113.4 (s+d, *J*=1036.4 Hz, C-Pt), 124.6 (s+d, *J*=22.5 Hz, CH<sub>im</sub>) ; HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 2168 (m).





C.3. Characterization of complex 8





Complex **8** was synthesized according to our reported procedure.<sup>1</sup> HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 2168 (m).



C.4. Characterization of complex 9



Red solid, 12.1 mg, yield 99%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  4.73 (s, 3H, N- CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.63 (s, 2H, N- CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.94 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 1H, H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.18 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H, H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.34 (m, 3H, H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.46 (t, *J*=7.1 Hz, 2H, H<sub>pyr</sub>), 7.57 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 1H, H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.80 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 2H, H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.89-7.94 (tt, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H, H<sub>pyr</sub>), 9.66-9.75 (q, *J*=16.5 Hz et *J*=10.7 Hz, 2H, H<sub>pyr</sub>), 9.97 (s, 1H, CHO); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz, 20°C):  $\delta$  41.3 (N- CH<sub>3</sub>), 57.2 (N- CH<sub>2</sub>), 111.9 (N-C<sub>im</sub>), 113.2 (N- C<sub>im</sub>), 124.7 (t, *J*=9.8 Hz),125.1, 125.3, 127.4, 129.8, 133.9 (C-Pt), 135.6, 139.5, 143.1, 154.5, 191.5 (CHO) ; HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 2167 (m).



C.5. Characterization of complex 10



Red solid, 11.0 mg, yield 97%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, 20 °C): δ 3.42-3.47 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.65-3.77 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.87 (bs, 1H, NH), 4.01-4.06 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.32 (s, 6H, N-

CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.01 (s, 2H, CH<sub>im</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  43.0 (N– CH<sub>3</sub>), 50.8 (N– CH<sub>2</sub>), 69.2 (t, *J*=19.3 Hz, HN– CH<sub>2</sub>), 111.0 (t, *J*=526.6 Hz, C–Pt), 124.6 (t, *J*=11.4 Hz, CH<sub>im</sub>); HMQC <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  -2083 (m).





C.6. Characterization of complex 11

o bn<sup>-N</sup>-C<sup>-N-bn</sup> Br<sup>-</sup>Br Br<sup>-</sup>Br Red solid, 10.9 mg, yield 99%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  2.24 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.37 (s, 2H, N- CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.64 (s, 2H, N- CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.11-7.18 (m, 4H, C H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.28-7.46 (m, 8H, C H<sub>pyr</sub> +C H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.90 (m, 1H, C H<sub>pyr</sub>), 9.57 (s, 1H, CHO), 9.66 (m, 2H, C H<sub>pyr</sub>); No <sup>13</sup>C NMR could be recorded due to low solubility; HMQC <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  –2081 (m).





C.7. Characterization of complex 12





Complex 12 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.<sup>1</sup>

HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 2080 (m).



C.8. Characterization of complex 13





Red solid, 12.5 mg, yield 99%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD2Cl2, 300 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  3.91 (s, 3H, O- CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.53 (s, 3H, N- CH<sub>3</sub>), 4.66 (s, 3H, N- CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.47 (t, *J*=7.3 Hz, 2H, C H<sub>pyr</sub>), 7.72 (t, *J*=3.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>im</sub>), 7.93 (t, *J*=14.6 Hz, 1H, C H<sub>pyr</sub>), 9.66 (m, 2H, C H<sub>pyr</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  43.1 (N- CH<sub>3</sub>), 44.3 (N- CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.8 (O- CH<sub>3</sub>), 115.4 (t, *J*=1046.8 Hz, C-Pt), 124.2 (s+d, *J*=19.8 Hz, CH<sub>im</sub>), 125.8 (s+d, *J*=25.0 Hz, C<sub>im</sub>), 131.3 (s+d, *J*=22.4 Hz, C H<sub>pyr</sub>), 138.9 (C H<sub>pyr</sub>), 153.7 (C H<sub>pyr</sub>), 157.2 (C=O); HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 2079 (m).







#### C.9. Characterization of complex 14

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Red solid, 16.7 mg, yield 99%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  3.97 (N– CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.23 (s, 2H, N– CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.87 (d, *J*=2.1 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>im</sub>), 7.01 (d, *J*=2.1 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>im</sub>), 7.32 (m, 2H, H<sub>pyr</sub>), 7.73 (m, 1H, H<sub>pyr</sub>), 9.03 (m, 2H, H<sub>pyr</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  28.0 (CtBu), 44.1 (N– CH<sub>3</sub>), 56.7(N– CH<sub>2</sub>), 124.7(s + d, *J*=20.2 Hz, CH<sub>im</sub>), 126.4 (Cpyr), 139.4 (Cpyr), 154.4 (Cpyr), (C-Pt) and (C=O) not seen; HMQC 1H–195Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 2070 (m).









Complex 13 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.<sup>1</sup>

HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 2067 (m).



C.11. Characterization of complex 15

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Red solid, 12.3 mg, yield 99%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, 20 ℃): δ 4.50 (s, 3H, N- CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.23 (s, 2H, N- CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.74 (q, *J1*=4.8 Hz, *J*2=2.5 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>im</sub>), 7.03 (q, *J1*=4.8 Hz, *J2*=2.5 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>im</sub>), 7.45 (dd, 2H, H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.52 (d, 2H, H<sub>ar</sub>), 7.87-7.94 (m, 3H, H<sub>pyr</sub>), 9.63-9.72 (m, 2H, H<sub>pyr</sub>), 10.02 (s, 1H, CHO); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$ .3 (N- CH<sub>3</sub>), 58.9 (N- CH<sub>2</sub>), 110.8 (C-Pt), 124.1 (t, *J*=10.8Hz, CH<sub>im</sub>), 124.8 (t, *J*=18.9Hz, Cpyr), 125.8 (t, *J*=10.8 Hz, CH<sub>im</sub>), 129.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 130.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 136.2 (Car), 139.5 (Cpyr), 143.0 (Car), 154.4 (Cpyr), 191.6 (CHO); HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 2063 (m).





C.12. Characterization of complex 17



Complex **17** was synthesized according to our reported procedure.<sup>1</sup> HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 2058 (m).



C.13. Characterization of complex 18



Complex 18 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.<sup>1</sup>

HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 2048 (m).



## C.14. Characterization of complex 19

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Complex 19 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.<sup>1</sup>





# C.15. Characterization of complex 20

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Complex 20 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.<sup>1</sup>

HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 2032 (m).



C.16. Characterization of complex 21



Red solid, 12.2 mg, yield 99%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD2Cl2, 500 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  6.38 (s, 2H, N- CH<sub>2</sub>), 6.58 (d, *J*=2.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>im</sub>), 7.07 (m, 2H, CH<sub>ar</sub>), 7.18 (d, *J*=2.0 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>im</sub>), 7.31 (m, 1H, CH<sub>ar</sub>), 7.42 (m, 3H, CH<sub>ar</sub>), 7.60 (m, 5H, CH<sub>ar</sub>), 8.09 (m, 2H, H<sub>pyr</sub>), 9.74 (m, 2H, H<sub>pyr</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD2Cl2, 75 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  55.0 (N- CH<sub>2</sub>), 114.2 (CH<sub>im</sub>), 117.2 (CH<sub>im</sub>), 123.8 (Cpyr), 126.1 (Cpyr), 127.1 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 128.9 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 129.3 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 130.3 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 135.8 (C<sub>ar</sub>), 140.3 (N-C<sub>ar</sub>), 141.5 (CH<sub>ar</sub>), 153.7 (C<sub>pyr</sub>), (C-Pt) not seen; HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 1901 (m); MS (positive ESI) [M - 2Br]: C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Pt<sub>1</sub> 667.963, found 667.952.



#### D) Synthesis of (NHC)PtCl4(amine) complexes

#### General procedure for the synthesis of (NHC)PtCl4(amine) complexes

In a 10 mL round bottom flask, the precursor (10 mg, 1 equiv.) was dissolved in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (5 mL) and cooled at 0  $^{\circ}C$  and PhICl<sub>2</sub> (10 equiv.) was slowly added. After 1 hour at 0  $^{\circ}C$ , the addition of pentane (10 mL) caused the precipitation of **22-26** as a light yellow powder, which was filtered off, washed and dried.

#### **D.1.** Characterization of complex 22

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Complex 22 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.<sup>1</sup>

HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 883 (m).



## **D.2.** Characterization of complex 23





Complex 23 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.<sup>1</sup> HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR



(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 853 (m).

## **D.3.** Characterization of complex 24

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Complex 24 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.<sup>1</sup> HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 825 (m).



**D.4.** Characterization of complex 25





Complex 25 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.

HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 810 (m).



# **D.5.** Characterization of complex 26





Complex 26 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.<sup>1</sup>

HMQC <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>195</sup>Pt NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C):  $\delta$  – 795 (m).



# E) Molecular structure of complex 15

Complexes	15
Empirical formula	C16 H16 Br4 N4 O2 Pt
Formula weight	811.06
Temperature	173(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 A
Crystal system	Monoclinic
space group	P 21/c
Unit cell dimensions	
a (Å)	a = 8.3334(3) A
b (Å)	b = 20.2997(9)A
c (Å)	c = 15.0554(4) A
α(°)	alpha = 90 deg
β (°)	beta = 122.400(2) deg
γ (°)	gamma = 90 deg
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2150.38(14) A^3
Ζ	4
Calculated density (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2.505 Mg/m^3
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	13.977 mm^-1
F(000)	1496
Crystal size (mm)	0.28 x 0.15 x 0.12 mm
Theta range ( <sup>°</sup> )	1.890 to 27.501 deg
Limiting indices	-10<=h<=10, -24<=k<=26, -
	19<=l<=14
Reflections collected / unique / R <sub>int</sub>	12884 / 4921 [R(int) = 0.0544]
Completeness to theta	100.0 %

Absorption Correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.11189 and 0.07002
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	4921 / 0 /245
Goodness-of-fit on F <sub>2</sub>	1.131
Final R indices R1, wR2 ( $I \ge 2\sigma(I)$ )	R1 = 0.0358, wR2 = 0.0811
R1, wR2 (all data)	R1 = 0.0606, wR2 = 0.1187
Largest diff. peak and hole (e.Å <sup>-3</sup> )	1.767 and -2.495 e.A^-3
Extinction coefficient	n/a

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