N-Heterocyclic Carbene Platinum(IV) metallodrug candidates: synthesis ¹⁹⁵Pt 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. ¹H and ¹³C Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a Brucker AVANCE 300 or Bruker AVANCE 500 spectrometer using the residual solvent peak as reference (CDCl₃: $\delta H = 7.26$ ppm; $\delta C = 77.16$ ppm) at 295K. HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 600 spectrometer using the residual solvent peak as reference for ¹H calibration and an external reference for ¹⁹⁵Pt (H₂PtCl₆ in D₂O: $\delta Pt = 0$ 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)PtX₂(pyridine)] complexes (X = I, Br or Cl)

The ligand precursor (imidazolium halide, 1.1 equiv.), PtCl₂ (1 equiv.), NaI or NaBr or NaCl (10 equiv.) and K₂CO₃ (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 CH₂Cl₂, and filtered through a Celite plug. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (pentane/CH₂Cl₂, 1:1 to CH₂Cl₂) 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.¹ HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 4313 (m).



B.2. Characterization of complex 2



Yellow solid, 59.2 mg, yield 52%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 20 °C): δ 4.11 (s, 3H, N-CH₃), 5.83 (s, 2H, N-CH₂), 6.64 (d, J= 2.1Hz, 1H, CH_{im}), 6.83 (d, J=2.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{im}), 7.27-7.53 (m, 7H, 5H_{ar} and H_{pyr}), 7.76 (tt, *J1*=7.6 Hz, *J2*=1.6 Hz, 1H, H_{pyr}), 9.04 (dt, *J1*=5.0 Hz, *J2*=1.6 Hz, 2H, H_{pyr}); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz, 20 °C): δ 37.9 (N-CH₃), 54.2 (N-CH₂), 120.0 (CH_{im}), 122.4 (CH_{im}), 124.9 (C_{pyr}), 128.2 (CH_{ar}), 128.8 (CH_{ar}), 128.8 (CH_{ar}), 135.7 (C_{ar}), 137.7 (C_{pyr}), 138.2 (C-Pt), 152.6 (C_{pyr}); HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 3814 (m).



General procedure for the synthesis of cis [(NHC)PtX₂(DMSO)] (X = Br or Cl)

The [(NHC)PtX₂(DMSO)] complexes **3** and **4** were synthesized according to reported procedure.² A solution of bis(benzyl)imidazol-2-ylidene silver(I) bromide (20 mg, $4.42x10^{-5}$ mol) in DMSO was treated with K₂PtCl₄ (19.3 mg, $4.64x10^{-5}$ mol) and the resulting mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 24 h. After adding CH₂Cl₂ the reaction mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was washed with water and then dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the remainder recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂/pentane.

B.3. Characterization of complex 3

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Colourless oil, quant. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 20 °C): δ 3.12 (s+d, J=12.6 Hz, 3H, S- CH₃), 3.57 (s+d, J=12.6 Hz, 3H, S- CH₃), 4.00 (s, 3H, N- CH₃), 5.44 (d, J=15.4 Hz, 1H, N-CH₂), 5.81 (d, J=15.4 Hz, 1H, N- CH₂), 6.84 (d, J=1.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{im}), 6.94 (d, J=1.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{im}), 7.34 (m, 5H, H_{ar}); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz, 20 °C): δ 37.9 (N- CH₃), 46.0 (S- CH₃), 47.0 (S-

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CH₃), 54.3 (N- CH₂), 121.2 (CH_{im}), 122.4 (CH_{im}), 128.1 (C H_{ar}), 128.5 (C H_{ar}), 129.1 (C H_{ar}), 135.2 (Car), 154.7 (C-Pt); HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 3356 (m).



B.4. Characterization of complex 4



Colourless oil, quant. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 20 °C): 3.03 (s+d, J=12.6 Hz, 3H, S- CH₃), 3.48 (s+d, J=12.6 Hz, 3H, S- CH₃), 4.01 (s, 3H, N- CH₃), 5.42 (d, J=15.4 Hz, 1H, N- CH₂), 5.81

(d, J=15.4 Hz, 1H, N- CH₂), 6.86 (d, J=1.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{im}), 6.94 (d, J=1.8 Hz, 1H, CH_{im}), 7.35 (m, 5H, H_{ar}); HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 3351 (m).



B.5. Characterization of complex 5

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Yellow solid, 23.3 mg, yield 24%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 20 °C): δ 4.09 (s, 3H, N- CH₃), 5.82 (s, 2H, N- CH₂), 6.63 (d, *J*=2.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{im}), 6.82 (d, *J*=2.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{im}), 7.31-7.39 (m, 5H, C H_{ar}), 7.46-7.50 (m, 2H, C H_{pyr}), 7.75 (m, 1H, C H_{pyr}), 9.03 (m, 2H, C H_{pyr}); HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 3304 (m).



C) Synthesis of (NHC)PtBr₄(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 CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), cooled at 0 °C and Br₂ (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.¹



HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 2196 (m).

C.2. Characterization of complex 7

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Red solid, 11.2 mg, yield 99%. 1H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 20 °C): δ 1.19-1.46 (m, 5H, CH₂), 1.65-1.78 (m, 3H, CH₂), 2.30 (m, 2H, CH₂), 3.55 (bs, 1H, CH-NH2), 3.99 (bs, 2H, NH2), 4.32 (s, 6H, N- CH₃), 6.99 (s, 2H, CH_{im}); 13C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz, 20 °C): δ 23.6 (CH₂), 24.4 (CH₂), 34.6 (CH₂), 42.9 (s+d, *J*=144.1 Hz, N- CH₃), 53.8 (CH) , 113.4 (s+d, *J*=1036.4 Hz, C-Pt), 124.6 (s+d, *J*=22.5 Hz, CH_{im}) ; HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 2168 (m).





C.3. Characterization of complex 8





Complex **8** was synthesized according to our reported procedure.¹ HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 2168 (m).



C.4. Characterization of complex 9



Red solid, 12.1 mg, yield 99%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 20 °C): δ 4.73 (s, 3H, N- CH₃), 6.63 (s, 2H, N- CH₂), 6.94 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 1H, H_{ar}), 7.18 (t, *J*=7.8 Hz, 1H, H_{ar}), 7.34 (m, 3H, H_{ar}), 7.46 (t, *J*=7.1 Hz, 2H, H_{pyr}), 7.57 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 1H, H_{ar}), 7.80 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 2H, H_{ar}), 7.89-7.94 (tt, *J*=7.6 Hz, 1H, H_{pyr}), 9.66-9.75 (q, *J*=16.5 Hz et *J*=10.7 Hz, 2H, H_{pyr}), 9.97 (s, 1H, CHO); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz, 20°C): δ 41.3 (N- CH₃), 57.2 (N- CH₂), 111.9 (N-C_{im}), 113.2 (N- C_{im}), 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 ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 2167 (m).



C.5. Characterization of complex 10



Red solid, 11.0 mg, yield 97%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 20 °C): δ 3.42-3.47 (m, 2H, CH₂), 3.65-3.77 (m, 4H, CH₂), 3.87 (bs, 1H, NH), 4.01-4.06 (m, 2H, CH₂), 4.32 (s, 6H, N-

CH₃), 7.01 (s, 2H, CH_{im}); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz, 20 °C): δ 43.0 (N– CH₃), 50.8 (N– CH₂), 69.2 (t, *J*=19.3 Hz, HN– CH₂), 111.0 (t, *J*=526.6 Hz, C–Pt), 124.6 (t, *J*=11.4 Hz, CH_{im}); HMQC ¹H–¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ -2083 (m).





C.6. Characterization of complex 11

o bn^{-N}-C^{-N-bn} Br⁻Br Br⁻Br Red solid, 10.9 mg, yield 99%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 20 °C): δ 2.24 (s, 3H, CH₃), 6.37 (s, 2H, N- CH₂), 6.64 (s, 2H, N- CH₂), 7.11-7.18 (m, 4H, C H_{ar}), 7.28-7.46 (m, 8H, C H_{pyr} +C H_{ar}), 7.90 (m, 1H, C H_{pyr}), 9.57 (s, 1H, CHO), 9.66 (m, 2H, C H_{pyr}); No ¹³C NMR could be recorded due to low solubility; HMQC ¹H–¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ –2081 (m).





C.7. Characterization of complex 12





Complex 12 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.¹

HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 2080 (m).



C.8. Characterization of complex 13





Red solid, 12.5 mg, yield 99%. ¹H NMR (CD2Cl2, 300 MHz, 20 °C): δ 3.91 (s, 3H, O- CH₃), 4.53 (s, 3H, N- CH₃), 4.66 (s, 3H, N- CH₃), 7.47 (t, *J*=7.3 Hz, 2H, C H_{pyr}), 7.72 (t, *J*=3.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{im}), 7.93 (t, *J*=14.6 Hz, 1H, C H_{pyr}), 9.66 (m, 2H, C H_{pyr}); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz, 20 °C): δ 43.1 (N- CH₃), 44.3 (N- CH₃), 51.8 (O- CH₃), 115.4 (t, *J*=1046.8 Hz, C-Pt), 124.2 (s+d, *J*=19.8 Hz, CH_{im}), 125.8 (s+d, *J*=25.0 Hz, C_{im}), 131.3 (s+d, *J*=22.4 Hz, C H_{pyr}), 138.9 (C H_{pyr}), 153.7 (C H_{pyr}), 157.2 (C=O); HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 2079 (m).







C.9. Characterization of complex 14

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Red solid, 16.7 mg, yield 99%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 20 °C): δ 3.97 (N– CH₃), 5.23 (s, 2H, N– CH₂), 6.87 (d, *J*=2.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{im}), 7.01 (d, *J*=2.1 Hz, 1H, CH_{im}), 7.32 (m, 2H, H_{pyr}), 7.73 (m, 1H, H_{pyr}), 9.03 (m, 2H, H_{pyr}); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz, 20 °C): δ 28.0 (CtBu), 44.1 (N– CH₃), 56.7(N– CH₂), 124.7(s + d, *J*=20.2 Hz, CH_{im}), 126.4 (Cpyr), 139.4 (Cpyr), 154.4 (Cpyr), (C-Pt) and (C=O) not seen; HMQC 1H–195Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 2070 (m).









Complex 13 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.¹

HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 2067 (m).



C.11. Characterization of complex 15

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Red solid, 12.3 mg, yield 99%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 20 ℃): δ 4.50 (s, 3H, N- CH₃), 6.23 (s, 2H, N- CH₂), 6.74 (q, *J1*=4.8 Hz, *J*2=2.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{im}), 7.03 (q, *J1*=4.8 Hz, *J2*=2.5 Hz, 1H, CH_{im}), 7.45 (dd, 2H, H_{ar}), 7.52 (d, 2H, H_{ar}), 7.87-7.94 (m, 3H, H_{pyr}), 9.63-9.72 (m, 2H, H_{pyr}), 10.02 (s, 1H, CHO); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz, 20 °C): δ .3 (N- CH₃), 58.9 (N- CH₂), 110.8 (C-Pt), 124.1 (t, *J*=10.8Hz, CH_{im}), 124.8 (t, *J*=18.9Hz, Cpyr), 125.8 (t, *J*=10.8 Hz, CH_{im}), 129.1 (CH_{ar}), 130.1 (CH_{ar}), 136.2 (Car), 139.5 (Cpyr), 143.0 (Car), 154.4 (Cpyr), 191.6 (CHO); HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 2063 (m).

C.12. Characterization of complex 17

Complex **17** was synthesized according to our reported procedure.¹ HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 2058 (m).

C.13. Characterization of complex 18

Complex 18 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.¹

HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 2048 (m).

C.14. Characterization of complex 19

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Complex 19 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.¹

C.15. Characterization of complex 20

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Complex 20 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.¹

HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 2032 (m).

C.16. Characterization of complex 21

Red solid, 12.2 mg, yield 99%. ¹H NMR (CD2Cl2, 500 MHz, 20 °C): δ 6.38 (s, 2H, N- CH₂), 6.58 (d, *J*=2.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{im}), 7.07 (m, 2H, CH_{ar}), 7.18 (d, *J*=2.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{im}), 7.31 (m, 1H, CH_{ar}), 7.42 (m, 3H, CH_{ar}), 7.60 (m, 5H, CH_{ar}), 8.09 (m, 2H, H_{pyr}), 9.74 (m, 2H, H_{pyr}); ¹³C NMR (CD2Cl2, 75 MHz, 20 °C): δ 55.0 (N- CH₂), 114.2 (CH_{im}), 117.2 (CH_{im}), 123.8 (Cpyr), 126.1 (Cpyr), 127.1 (CH_{ar}), 128.9 (CH_{ar}), 129.3 (CH_{ar}), 130.3 (CH_{ar}), 135.8 (C_{ar}), 140.3 (N-C_{ar}), 141.5 (CH_{ar}), 153.7 (C_{pyr}), (C-Pt) not seen; HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 1901 (m); MS (positive ESI) [M - 2Br]: C₂₁H₁₉Br₂N₃Pt₁ 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 PhICl₂ (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.¹

HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 883 (m).

D.2. Characterization of complex 23

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

(CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 853 (m).

D.3. Characterization of complex 24

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Complex 24 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.¹ HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 825 (m).

D.4. Characterization of complex 25

Complex 25 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.

HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 810 (m).

D.5. Characterization of complex 26

Complex 26 was synthesized according to our reported procedure.¹

HMQC ¹H-¹⁹⁵Pt NMR (CDCl₃, 64.2 MHz, 20 °C): δ – 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 ³)	2150.38(14) A^3
Ζ	4
Calculated density (Mg/m ³)	2.505 Mg/m^3
Absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	13.977 mm^-1
F(000)	1496
Crystal size (mm)	0.28 x 0.15 x 0.12 mm
Theta range ([°])	1.890 to 27.501 deg
Limiting indices	-10<=h<=10, -24<=k<=26, -
	19<=l<=14
Reflections collected / unique / R _{int}	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 ²
Data / restraints / parameters	4921 / 0 /245
Goodness-of-fit on F ₂	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 ⁻³)	1.767 and -2.495 e.A^-3
Extinction coefficient	n/a

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