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# Exploring the potential of gold(III) cyclometallated compounds as cytotoxic agents: variations on the C,N theme

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# Compound 2-PF<sub>6</sub>

# X-ray diffraction





Identification code	2
Empirical formula	$C_{39}H_{50}Au_2Cl_2F_{12}N_8OP_4$
Formula weight	1463.58
Temperature/K	115
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/n$
a/Å	13.3224(9)
b/Å	17.2070(13)
c/Å	20.8871(17)
α/°	90
β/°	101.168(3)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	4697.5(6)
Ζ	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	2.069
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	6.581
F(000)	2832.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.5  imes 0.2  imes 0.12
Radiation	$MoK\alpha (\lambda = 0.71073)$
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/°	5.668 to 55.038
Index ranges	$-17 \le h \le 14, -22 \le k \le 22, -26 \le l \le 27$
Reflections collected	105261
Independent reflections	10774 [ $R_{int} = 0.0327$ , $R_{sigma} = 0.0162$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	10774/0/615
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.052
Final R indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0155, wR_2 = 0.0351$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0181, wR_2 = 0.0358$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.93/-0.62

Table S1 - Crystal data and structure refinement for [Au(py<sup>b</sup>-H)(pta)Cl]PF<sub>6</sub>.

## **Medium Infrared**



## **Far Infrared**



#### HRMS

m/z













# **Compound 3**

## **Medium Infrared**



### **Far Infrared**



#### HRMS







# **Compound 4**

## **Medium Infrared**



### **Far Infrared**



#### **HRMS**









## **Miscellaneous information**

Figure S2 – Schematic representation of the two possible isomers of the monosubstituted Au(III) compounds.



Table S2 - Far-IR absorption bands of the (2-benzylpyridine)-based cyclometallated Au(III) complexes (cm $^{-1}$ ).

Compound	ū(Au-Cl) <i>trans</i> to N	$\bar{\upsilon}(Au-Cl)$ trans to C	v(Au-S)
1	358	287	-
<b>5-BF</b> <sub>4</sub>	-	305 <sup>a</sup> ; 310 <sup>b</sup>	-
<b>2-PF</b> <sub>6</sub>	-	310	-
3	-	295	372
4	-	-	375, 369

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