

**Supporting Info for:**

**Intramolecular transcyclometallation: the exchange of an aryl-Pt bond for an alkyl-Pt bond via an agostic intermediate**

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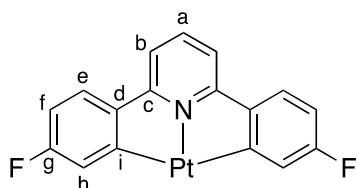
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**General**

All chemicals were used as supplied, unless noted otherwise. All NMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker Avance 400, 500 or 600 MHz spectrometers and were recorded at room temperature, in chloroform, unless stated otherwise.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  signals are referenced to external TMS, assignments being made with the use of decoupling, GOESY, HMQC, HMBC and COSY pulse sequences.  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{19}\text{F}$ ,  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{31}\text{P}$  and  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{195}\text{Pt}$  correlation spectra were recorded using a variant of the HMBC pulse sequence.  $^{19}\text{F}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}$  chemical shifts are quoted from the directly observed signals (referenced to external  $\text{CFCl}_3$  and 85%  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ , respectively) whereas the  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  chemical shifts quoted are taken from the 2D HETCOR spectra (referenced to external  $\text{Na}_2\text{PtCl}_6$ ). All elemental analyses were performed by Warwick Analytical Service. Starting platinum complex **1a** was prepared as previously reported (Cave, G. W. V.; Alcock, N. W.; Rourke, J. P., *Organometallics* **1999**, *18*, 1801; Cave, G. W. V.; Fanizzi, F. P.; Deeth, R. J.; Errington, W.; Rourke, J. P., *Organometallics* **2000**, *19*, 1355.). Crystals of **1a** suitable for Xray analysis were grown by the slow evaporation of solvent from a chloroform solution, Fig S1 and Tables 1 and 2.

The following labelling scheme is used for all symmetrical  $\text{C}^{\text{a}}\text{N}^{\text{c}}\text{C}^{\text{b}}$ -Pt complexes:



## Synthesis of complexes **1b**, **1c**

The following general method was used: to a solution of [(2,6-di(4-fluorophenyl)pyridine)Pt(DMSO)] **1a** in chloroform at room temperature was added a chloroform solution of 1 equivalent of the appropriate phosphine. The mixture was stirred for five minutes before solvent and liberated DMSO were removed under high vacuum. If necessary, column chromatography (chloroform on silica) was used to purify the products.

### **1b** $\text{PMe}_3$

$\delta_{\text{H}}$  : 7.61 (1H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_a$ ), 7.51 (2H, dd,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8\text{Hz}$ ,  $^4J_{\text{H-F}} = 2\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_e$ ), 7.29 (2H, dd,  $^3J_{\text{H-F}} = 8\text{Hz}$ ,  $^4J_{\text{H-H}} = 2\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_h$ ), 7.25 (2H, dd,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8\text{Hz}$ ,  $^4J_{\text{H-P}} = 1.5\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_b$ ), 6.76 (2H, td,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = ^3J_{\text{H-F}} = 8\text{Hz}$ ,  $^4J_{\text{H-H}} = 2\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_f$ ), 1.91 (9H, dt,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = ^3J_{\text{H-F}} = 10\text{Hz}$ ,  $^4J_{\text{H-H}} = 17\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{PMe}_3$ ).  
 $\delta_{\text{F}}$  : -110.43ppm ( $^4J_{\text{F-Pt}} = 28\text{Hz}$ ).  $\delta_{\text{P}}$  : -27.42ppm ( $^1J_{\text{P-Pt}} = 3655\text{Hz}$ ).  $\delta_{\text{Pt}}$  : -4195 ppm (d,  $\sim 3670\text{Hz}$ )

Anal. Found (expected for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{NPt}$ ): C 44.52 (44.78); H 3.72 (3.38); N 2.54 (2.61).

Crystals of **1b** suitable for Xray analysis were grown by the slow evaporation of solvent from a chloroform solution, Fig S2 and Tables 1 and 3.

### **1c** $\text{PBu}_3$

$\delta_{\text{H}}$  : 7.62 (1H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_a$ ), 7.52 (2H, dd,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7\text{Hz}$ ,  $^4J_{\text{H-F}} = 2\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_e$ ), 7.27 (2H, dd,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8\text{Hz}$ ,  $^3J_{\text{H-F}} = 3\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_h$ ), 7.22 (2H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8\text{Hz}$ ,  $^4J_{\text{H-H}} = 2\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_b$ ), 6.78 (2H, td,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = ^3J_{\text{H-F}} = 7\text{Hz}$ ,  $^4J_{\text{H-H}} = 2\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_f$ ), 2.10 (6H, m,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.55 (6H, m,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.45 (6H, m,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.89 (9H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ). GOESY: Irradiation of  $\text{H}_j$  enhances  $\text{H}_h$ .

$\delta_{\text{F}}$  : -111.59 ( $^4J_{\text{F-Pt}} = 28\text{Hz}$ ).  $\delta_{\text{P}}$  : 2.33 ( $^1J_{\text{P-Pt}} = 3643\text{Hz}$ ).  $\delta_{\text{Pt}}$  : -4215 (d,  $\approx 3700\text{Hz}$ ).

Anal. Found (expected for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{36}\text{F}_2\text{NPt}$ ) : C 52.17 (52.56); H 5.50 (5.48); N 2.03 (2.11).

## Oxidation of complexes **1b**, **1c**

In a typical procedure, 10mg of complex **1** was dissolved in chloroform and the solution cooled to  $-40^\circ\text{C}$ . One equivalent of solid  $\text{PhICl}_2$  was added directly into the solution, with agitation or stirring to ensure dissolution. After reaction, the solvent was removed and the solid product washed with hexane, before drying under vacuum.

## Synthesis of complexes **2b(c)** and **2b(t)**

Clean formation of **2b(t)** at  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  in chloroform, but within 20 minutes at room temperature, a mixture of **2b(c)** and **2b(t)** is seen. The proportion remains unchanged with time at around 85:15 **2b(t):2b(c)**, and it proved impossible to separate them.

**2b(t)**  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  :  $\delta = 7.83$  (1H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_{\text{a}}$ ),  $7.79$  (2H, dd,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8\text{Hz}$ ,  $^4J_{\text{H-F}} = 3\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_{\text{e}}$ ),  $7.53$  (2H, dd,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8\text{Hz}$ ,  $^5J_{\text{H-P}} = 2\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_{\text{b}}$ ),  $7.28$  (2H, dd,  $^4J_{\text{H-H}} = 3\text{Hz}$ ,  $^3J_{\text{H-F}} = 9\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_{\text{h}}$ ),  $6.87$  (2H, td,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = ^3J_{\text{H-F}} = 8\text{Hz}$ ,  $^4J_{\text{H-H}} = 3\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_{\text{f}}$ ),  $2.14$  (9H, d,  $^2J_{\text{H-P}} = 11\text{Hz}$ ,  $^3J_{\text{H-Pt}} = 16\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{PMe}_3$ ).  
 $\delta_{\text{F}}$  :  $-107.64$  ( $^4J_{\text{F-Pt}} = 16\text{Hz}$ ).  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  :  $-29.25\text{ ppm}$  ( $^1J_{\text{P-Pt}} = 2360\text{Hz}$ ).  $\delta_{\text{Pt}}$  :  $-2368\text{ppm}$  (d,  $\approx 2360\text{Hz}$ )

**2b(c)**  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  :  $7.85$  (1H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_{\text{a}}$ ),  $7.80$  (2H, dd,  $^4J_{\text{H-H}} = 2\text{Hz}$ ,  $^3J_{\text{H-F}} = 9\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_{\text{h}}$ ),  $7.72$  (2H, dd,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8\text{Hz}$ ,  $^4J_{\text{H-F}} = 3\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_{\text{e}}$ ),  $7.41$  (2H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_{\text{b}}$ ),  $6.95$  (2H, td,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = ^3J_{\text{H-F}} = 8\text{Hz}$ ,  $^4J_{\text{H-H}} = 3\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_{\text{f}}$ ),  $1.97$  (9H, d,  $^2J_{\text{H-P}} = 12\text{Hz}$ ,  $^3J_{\text{H-Pt}} = 24\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{PMe}_3$ ).  
 $\delta_{\text{F}}$  :  $-105.15$  ( $^4J_{\text{F-Pt}} = 15\text{Hz}$ ).  $\delta_{\text{P}}$  :  $-12.19$  ( $^1J_{\text{P-Pt}} = 2390\text{Hz}$ ).  $\delta_{\text{Pt}}$  :  $-1885\text{ppm}$  (d,  $\approx 2400\text{Hz}$ ).  
HR-MS (ESI): found  $m/z$   $606.0214$ ,  $570.0449$ , calc for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{19}\text{F}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{NPt}^{194}\text{Pt} = 606.0227$  ( $\text{MH}^+$ ); calc for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{F}_2\text{ClNPt}^{194}\text{Pt} = 570.0460$  [ $\text{M-Cl}$ ] $^+$ )

### Synthesis of complexes **2c(c)** and **2c(t)**

The oxidation of **1c** was performed following the general procedure, but in acetone. Initially, **2c(t)** was formed and could be isolated, but leaving a chloroform solution at room temperature to stand (typically 5 days) resulted in complete isomerisation to **2c(c)**.

**2c(t)**  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  : 7.86 (1H, t,  $J = 8\text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{a}}$ ), 7.77 (2H, dd,  $J = 8.5, 5.5\text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{e}}$ ), 7.55 (2H, dd,  $J = 8$ ,  $J_{\text{PH}} = 2\text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{b}}$ ), 7.27 (2H, dd,  $J = 2.5$ ,  $J_{\text{HF}} = 6.5\text{ Hz}$ ,  $^3J_{\text{H-Pt}} = 23\text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{h}}$ ), 6.88 (2H, td,  $J = J_{\text{HF}} = 8.5$ ,  $J = 2.5\text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{f}}$ ), 2.50 (6H, m,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.75 (6H, m,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.54 (6H, m,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.98 (9H, t,  $J = 7.5\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ).

Significant enhancement of  $H_{\text{h}}$  when PBu protons irradiated (64 scans GOESY).

$\delta_{\text{F}}$  : -108.77 ( $^4J_{\text{F-Pt}} = 15\text{ Hz}$ ).  $\delta_{\text{P}}$  : -13.75 ( $^1J_{\text{P-Pt}} = 2306\text{ Hz}$ ).  $\delta_{\text{Pt}}$  : -2276 (d,  $\sim 2400\text{ Hz}$ ).

732.1648, calc for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{37}\text{F}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{NPt}^{194}\text{Pt} = 732.1630\text{ (MH}^+)$ .

Crystals suitable for Xray analysis were grown by the evaporation of solvent from a chloroform solution, Fig S3 and Tables 1, 4 and 5.

**2c(c)**  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  : 7.75 (2H, t,  $^3J = 8\text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{a}}$ ), 7.68 (2H, dd,  $^3J = 8.5$ ,  $^4J_{\text{HF}} = 5.5\text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{e}}$ ), 7.50 (2H, d,  $^3J = 8\text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{b}}$ ), 7.30 (1H, dd,  $^4J = 2.5$ ,  $^3J_{\text{HF}} = 7.5\text{ Hz}$ ,  $^3J_{\text{H-Pt}} = 22\text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{h}}$ ), 6.88 (2H, td,  $^3J = ^3J_{\text{HF}} = 8.5$ ,  $^4J = 2.5\text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{f}}$ ), 1.72 (6H, m,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.14 (6H, m,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.98 (6H, m,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.75 (9H, t,  $J = 7.5\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ).

No enhancement of  $H_{\text{h}}$  when PBu protons irradiated (64 scans GOESY).

$\delta_{\text{F}}$  : -106.38 ( $^4J_{\text{F-Pt}} = 14\text{ Hz}$ ).  $\delta_{\text{P}}$  : -0.68 ( $^1J_{\text{P-Pt}} = 2330\text{ Hz}$ ).  $\delta_{\text{Pt}}$  : -2639 (d,  $\sim 2300\text{ Hz}$ ).

HR-MS (ESI): found  $m/z$  696.1868, calc for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{36}\text{F}_2\text{ClNPt}^{194}\text{Pt} = 696.1863\text{ [M-Cl]}^+$

Crystals suitable for Xray analysis were grown by the slow evaporation of solvent from a chloroform solution, Fig S4 and Tables 1, 6 and 7.

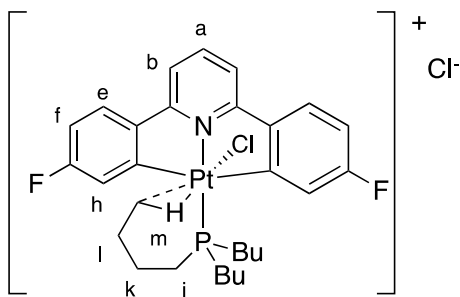
### Synthesis of complexes **3**, **4** and **5** (no silver)

The oxidation of **1c** was performed at  $-60^{\circ}\text{C}$  in chloroform, typically yielding a mixture of 25% **3** and 75% **2c(t)**. When the reaction was allowed to warm up to  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ , all the **3** transformed into **4**. These components remained unchanged on further warming to room temperature. Separation by column chromatography (chloroform/toluene on silica) gave pure **2c(t)** and **5**.

### Synthesis of complexes **3**, **4** and **5** (with silver)

**1c** was dissolved in chloroform and cooled to  $-60^{\circ}\text{C}$  in a Schlenk tube. 2 equivalents of  $\text{AgBF}_4$  were added and the mixture stirred vigorously before 1 equivalent of  $\text{PhICl}_2$  was added. The mixture was allowed to warm to  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  before 4 equivalents of solid  $\text{NaCl}$  were added. After stirring for a further 5 minutes, the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature whereupon it was filtered. The solvent was removed from the filtrate and the product further purified (if necessary) by column chromatography (chloroform/toluene on silica) giving pure **5**.

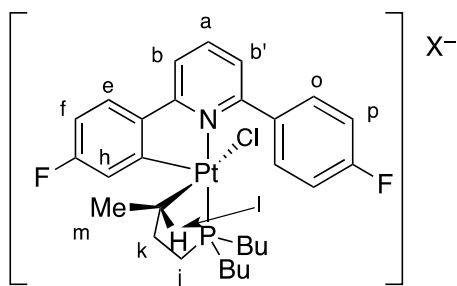
### Agostic complex **3**



$\delta_{\text{H}}$  (600MHz, 213K,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 8.01 (2H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_b$ ), 7.33 (1H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_a$ ), 6.68 (1H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 9\text{Hz}$ ,  $^3J_{\text{H-Pt}} = 60\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_h$ ), 2.78 (m, PBu), 2.49 (m, PBu), 2.19 (m, PBu), 1.92 (m, PBu), 1.78 (m, PBu), 1.43 (m, PBu), 2.49 (2H, m,  $\text{H}_k$ ), 2.18 (2H, m,  $\text{H}_l$ ), 0.75 (3H, t,  $^3J = 6\text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{\text{H-Pt}} \sim 20\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_m$ ).

$\delta_{\text{P}}$  (213K,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 49.55 ( $^1J_{\text{P-Pt}} = 3064\text{ Hz}$ ).  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  (213K,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): -108.7 ( $^4J_{\text{F-Pt}} = 15\text{ Hz}$ ).  $\delta_{\text{Pt}}$  (213K,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): -2341 (d,  $\sim 3100\text{ Hz}$ )

### Agostic complex **4**



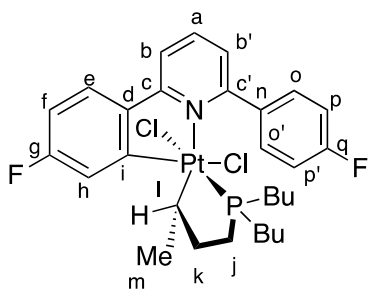
$\delta_{\text{H}}$  (500MHz, 263K,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 7.80 (2H, dd,  $^3J_{\text{H-F}} = 4 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_o$ ) 7.26 (1H, m,  $\text{H}_a$ ), 7.04 (1H, dt,  $^3J_{\text{H-F}} = 10\text{Hz}$ ,  $^4J_{\text{H-H}} = ^4J_{\text{P-H}} = 2.5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $^3J_{\text{H-Pt}} \sim 40 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_h$ ), 2.45 (1H, m,  $^2J_{\text{H-Pt}} \sim 100 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_i$ ), 2.97 (m,  $\text{H}_j$ ), 2.52 (m,  $\text{H}_k$ ), 2.42 (m,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.82 (m,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.99 (6H, m,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.42 (3H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $^3J_{\text{H-Pt}} = 38\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_m$ ).

Note, strong correlation of Pt to  $\text{H}_m$ ,  $\text{H}_h$  and  $\text{H}_i$  when HMBC Pt-H coupling parameter set to 100 Hz, but no correlation of Pt to  $\text{H}_i$  when this parameter is set to 50Hz or less. When same parameter set to 10 Hz, we see an additional correlation to signal for  $\text{H}_o$ .

$\delta_{\text{F}}$  (263K,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): -112.37, -107.45 ( $^4J_{\text{F-Pt}} = 14 \text{ Hz}$ ).  $\delta_{\text{P}}$  (263K,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 39.34 ( $^1J_{\text{P-Pt}} = 3140 \text{ Hz}$ ).  $\delta_{\text{Pt}}$  (263K,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): -2570 (d,  $^1J_{\text{P-Pt}} \sim 3100 \text{ Hz}$ ).

HR-MS (ESI): found  $m/z$  660.2114, 696.1868; calc for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{35}\text{F}_2\text{NP}^{194}\text{Pt}$  [M-2Cl-H] 660.2096,  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{36}\text{F}_2\text{N}^{35}\text{ClP}^{194}\text{Pt}$  [M-Cl] 696.1863.

## Final complex 5



$\delta_{\text{H}}$  : 7.86 (2H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 4.5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_{b,b'}$ ), 7.84 (2H, m,  $\text{H}_{o/o'}$ )\*, 7.73 (1H, dd,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.5$ ,  $^4J_{\text{H-F}} = 5.5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_e$ ), 7.32 (3H, m,  $\text{H}_{h,a}$ ), 7.14 (2H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = ^3J_{\text{H-F}} = 9\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_{p/p'}$ )\*\*, 6.95 (1H, dt,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = ^3J_{\text{H-F}} = 8.5$ ,  $^4J_{\text{H-H}} = 2 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_f$ ), 3.59 (1H, q,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7\text{Hz}$ ,  $^2J_{\text{H-Pt}} = 75 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_i$ ), 2.43 (1H, m, Bu), 1.98 (1H, m,  $\text{H}_j$ ), 1.84 (1H, m,  $\text{H}_k$ ), 1.61 (2H, m,  $\text{H}_j$ ), 1.44 (3H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 6.5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $36 \text{ Hz } ^3J_{\text{H-Pt}}$ ,  $\text{Me}_m$ ), 1.32 (2H, m, Bu), 1.20 (1H, m,  $\text{H}_k$ ), 1.00 (4H, m, Bu), 0.93 (2H, m, Bu), 0.89 (3H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_{\text{Me}}$ ), 0.87 (2H, m, Bu), 0.68 (3H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{H}_{\text{Me}}$ ) ppm.

\*At 298K, at 400 MHz, both  $\text{H}_o$  and  $\text{H}_{o'}$  form a single peak (28Hz FWHM). This peak does not correlate to anything in a COSY spectrum. At 253K this broad multiplet has separated into two broad lumps, and at 233K these lumps can be assigned chemical shifts of 8.31 (21 Hz FWHM) and 7.31ppm. Heating the sample to 328K narrows the peak substantially (9 Hz FWHM), and the peak now correlates to  $\text{H}_{p,p'}$  in a COSY spectrum.

\*\*At 298K, at 400 MHz, this peak is a triplet. At 253K the triplet loses shape, becoming a broad lump (28 Hz FWHM). At 233K the broad lump has now separated into two, about 44 Hz apart (7.19 and 7.08 ppm, 32 and 22 Hz FWHM respectively).

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 298K)  $\delta$ = 13.12 ( $\text{C}_{\text{Me}}$ ), 13.43 ( $\text{C}_{\text{Me}}$ ), 20.95 (d,  $^1\text{J}_{\text{C-P}} = 33\text{Hz}$ ,  $^2\text{J}_{\text{C-Pt}} = 45.5\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{C}_{\text{alkyl}}$ ), 20.62 (d,  $^1\text{J}_{\text{C-P}} = 35\text{ Hz}$ ,  $^2\text{J}_{\text{C-Pt}} = 15.5\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{C}_{\text{alkyl}}$ ), 23.93 (d,  $^1\text{J}_{\text{C-P}} = 39\text{ Hz}$ ,  $^2\text{J}_{\text{C-Pt}} = 70\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{C}_{\text{j}}$ ), 24.26 ( $\text{C}_{\text{alkyl}}$ ), 26.11 ( $^2\text{J}_{\text{C-Pt}} = 26\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{C}_{\text{m}}$ ), 37.47 (d,  $^2\text{J}_{\text{C-P}} = 2.5\text{ Hz}$ ,  $^2\text{J}_{\text{C-Pt}} = 16.9\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{C}_{\text{k}}$ ), 53.79 (d,  $^2\text{J}_{\text{C-P}} = 3.5\text{ Hz}$ ,  $^1\text{J}_{\text{C-Pt}} = 572\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{C}_{\text{l}}$ ), 112.87 (d,  $^2\text{J}_{\text{C-F}} = 23\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{C}_{\text{f}}$ ), 114.84 (d,  $^2\text{J}_{\text{C-F}} = 22\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{C}_{\text{p,p'}}$ ), 116.53 (d,  $^2\text{J}_{\text{C-F}} = 21\text{ Hz}$ ,  $^2\text{J}_{\text{C-Pt}} = 30\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{C}_{\text{h}}$ ), 118.21 ( $^2\text{J}_{\text{C-Pt}} = 9\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{C}_{\text{b'}}$ ), 126.06 ( $\text{C}_{\text{a}}$ ), 128.22 (d,  $^3\text{J}_{\text{C-f}} = 9\text{ Hz}$ ,  $^3\text{J}_{\text{C-Pt}} = 39.6\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{C}_{\text{e}}$ ), 135.64 (d,  $^4\text{J}_{\text{C-F}} = 3.5\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{C}_{\text{n}}$ ), 138.71 ( $\text{C}_{\text{b}}$ ), 139.07 (d,  $2.5\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{C}_{\text{d}}$ ), 141.71 (d,  $^3\text{J}_{\text{C-f}} = 6\text{ Hz}$ ,  $^1\text{J}_{\text{C-Pt}} = 844\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{C}_{\text{i}}$ ), 162.45 ( $\text{J}_{\text{C-Pt}} = 48\text{Hz}$ ,  $\text{C}_{\text{c/c'}}$ ), 163 (d,  $^1\text{J}_{\text{C-F}} = 255\text{ Hz}$ ,  $^3\text{J}_{\text{C-Pt}} = 70\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{C}_{\text{g}}$ ), 163.74 (d,  $^1\text{J}_{\text{C-Pt}} = 248\text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{C}_{\text{q}}$ ), 164.02 ( $\text{C}_{\text{c/c'}}$ ).  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  : -108.28 ( $^4\text{J}_{\text{F-Pt}} = 43.5\text{ Hz}$ ), -112.88.  $\delta_{\text{P}}$  : 40.02 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{P-Pt}} = 2945\text{ Hz}$ ).  $\delta_{\text{Pt}}$  -2721 ( $^1\text{J}_{\text{Pt-P}} \sim 3010\text{ Hz}$ ). HR-MS (ESI): found  $m/z$  660.2092, 696.183; calc for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{35}\text{F}_2\text{NPt}^{194}\text{Pt}$  [M-2Cl-H] 660.2096,  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{36}\text{F}_2\text{N}^{35}\text{ClPt}^{194}\text{Pt}$  [M-Cl] 696.186.

Crystals suitable for Xray analysis were grown by the slow evaporation of solvent from a chloroform solution, Fig S4 and Tables 1, 8 and 9.

**Table 1: Xray Crystal Data**

|                                                  | <b>1a</b>                                                            | <b>1b</b>                                           | <b>2c(t)</b>                                                                                                 | <b>2c(c)</b>                                                        | <b>5</b>                                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Crystal form                                     | yellow block                                                         | yellow block                                        | yellow block                                                                                                 | yellow needle                                                       | yellow needle                                                       |
| Dimensions/mm                                    | 0.80x0.14x0.12                                                       | 0.22x0.2x0.10                                       | 0.35x0.35x0.2                                                                                                | 0.32x0.12x0.03                                                      | 0.16x0.08x0.02                                                      |
| Emp. Formula                                     | C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> F <sub>2</sub> NOPtS | C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> F <sub>2</sub> NPPt | C <sub>59</sub> H <sub>73</sub> Cl <sub>7</sub> F <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> Pt <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>36</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> NPPt | C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>36</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> NPPt |
| Mw                                               | 657.84                                                               | 536.41                                              | 1586.46                                                                                                      | 733.55                                                              | 733.55                                                              |
| Crystal system                                   | monoclinic                                                           | monoclinic                                          | monoclinic                                                                                                   | orthorhombic                                                        | orthorhombic                                                        |
| Space group                                      | P2 <sub>1</sub>                                                      | C2/c                                                | P2 <sub>1</sub> /c                                                                                           | Pbca                                                                | Pna2 <sub>1</sub>                                                   |
| <i>a</i> /Å                                      | 5.897(2)                                                             | 23.9938(6)                                          | 42.5003(7)                                                                                                   | 14.9738(3)                                                          | 17.9634(6)                                                          |
| <i>b</i> /Å                                      | 13.924(5)                                                            | 12.5106(3)                                          | 8.95573(17)                                                                                                  | 15.8809(4)                                                          | 13.9987(4)                                                          |
| <i>c</i> /Å                                      | 12.852(4)                                                            | 12.1687(3)                                          | 15.7762(2)                                                                                                   | 24.6498(8)                                                          | 11.0698(4)                                                          |
| $\alpha$ /°                                      | 90                                                                   | 90                                                  | 90                                                                                                           | 90                                                                  | 90                                                                  |
| $\beta$ /°                                       | 96.001(10)                                                           | 107.325(3)                                          | 92.9490(14)                                                                                                  | 90                                                                  | 90                                                                  |
| $\gamma$ /°                                      | 90                                                                   | 90                                                  | 90                                                                                                           | 90                                                                  | 90                                                                  |
| <i>U</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>                         | 1049.4(6)                                                            | 3487.04(15)                                         | 5996.83(17)                                                                                                  | 5861.7(3)                                                           | 2783.66(16)                                                         |
| <i>T</i> /K                                      | 180(2)                                                               | 150(2)                                              | 150(2)                                                                                                       | 150(2)                                                              | 150(2)                                                              |
| <i>Z</i>                                         | 2                                                                    | 8                                                   | 4                                                                                                            | 8                                                                   | 4                                                                   |
| <i>D</i> <sub>calc</sub> /Mg m <sup>-3</sup>     | 2.082                                                                | 2.044                                               | 1.757                                                                                                        | 1.662                                                               | 1.750                                                               |
| <i>F</i> (000)                                   | 628                                                                  | 2048                                                | 3128                                                                                                         | 2896                                                                | 1448                                                                |
| $\mu$ (MoK $\alpha$ )/mm <sup>-1</sup>           | 7.196                                                                | 8.161                                               | 5.078                                                                                                        | 5.056                                                               | 5.323                                                               |
| $\theta$ max/°                                   | 28.81                                                                | 37.64                                               | 30.81                                                                                                        | 31.17                                                               | 61.50                                                               |
| Refl. Measured                                   | 3773                                                                 | 33119                                               | 39740                                                                                                        | 45707                                                               | 19220                                                               |
| Unique data                                      | 3532                                                                 | 8858                                                | 17255                                                                                                        | 8857                                                                | 7402                                                                |
| <i>R</i> 1 [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )] | 0.0285                                                               | 0.0214                                              | 0.0365                                                                                                       | 0.0309                                                              | 0.0406                                                              |
| <i>wR</i> 2                                      | 0.0642                                                               | 0.0484                                              | 0.0647                                                                                                       | 0.0611                                                              | 0.0771                                                              |
| Data/rest/param                                  | 3773/1/266                                                           | 8858/0/229                                          | 17255/0/691                                                                                                  | 8857/50/359                                                         | 7402/1/328                                                          |

## The Xray Structure of **1a**

The asymmetric unit contained one molecule of the complex composed of a ligand, a DMSO and the Pt(II) and a chloroform molecule of crystallisation.

Fig S1

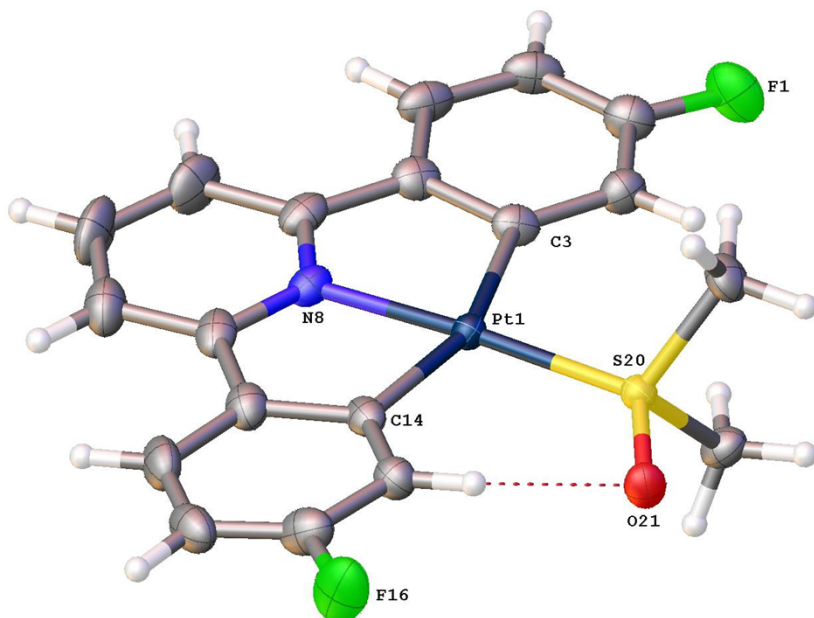


Table 2. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [deg] for **1a**.

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Pt1-N8      | 2.021(6)   |
| Pt1-C14     | 2.069(7)   |
| Pt1-C3      | 2.104(7)   |
| Pt1-S20     | 2.1922(18) |
| F1-C1       | 1.353(9)   |
| S20-O21     | 1.472(5)   |
| S20-C23     | 1.768(7)   |
| S20-C22     | 1.779(7)   |
| N8-Pt1-C14  | 79.9(3)    |
| N8-Pt1-C3   | 79.9(3)    |
| C14-Pt1-C3  | 159.8(3)   |
| N8-Pt1-S20  | 176.28(18) |
| C14-Pt1-S20 | 98.9(2)    |
| C3-Pt1-S20  | 101.4(2)   |
| C7-N8-C9    | 123.3(7)   |
| C7-N8-Pt1   | 118.2(5)   |
| C9-N8-Pt1   | 118.4(5)   |
| O21-S20-C23 | 106.5(3)   |
| O21-S20-C22 | 103.8(3)   |
| C23-S20-C22 | 101.9(4)   |
| O21-S20-Pt1 | 119.4(2)   |
| C23-S20-Pt1 | 111.9(3)   |
| C22-S20-Pt1 | 111.7(3)   |

### The Xray Structure of **1b**

The asymmetric unit contains the complex. There are 8 complexes in the unit cell. The complexes form pi stacked dimers related by an inversion centre. Pi stacking is defined by the angle between mean planes through interacting pi systems and closest atomic contact. As the pi systems are related by an inversion centre the mean planes through the interacting pi systems are parallel.

The closest atomic contact is 3.3679 (0.0030)

The pi stacking doesn't extend any further than this and the crystal packing is formed from these dimers stacking roughly orthogonal to each other.

Fig S2

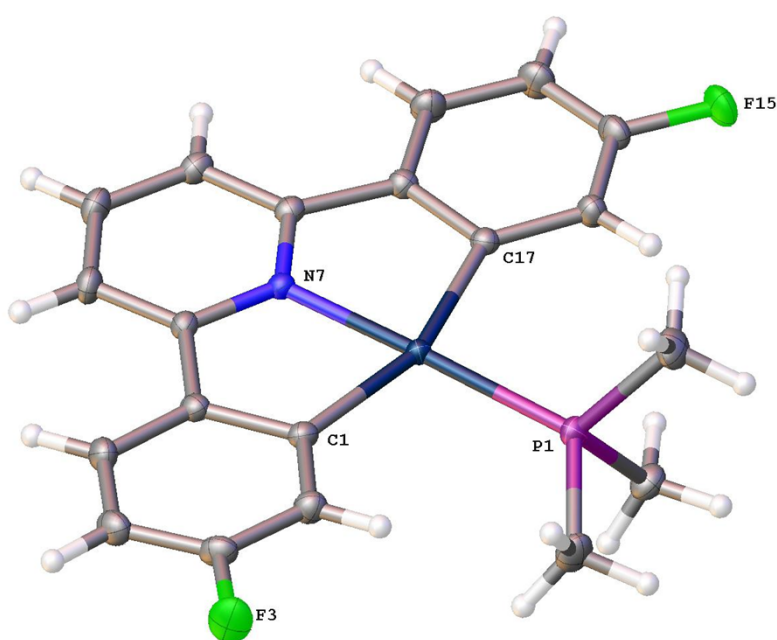


Table 3. Selected Bond lengths [Å] and angles [deg] for **1b**.

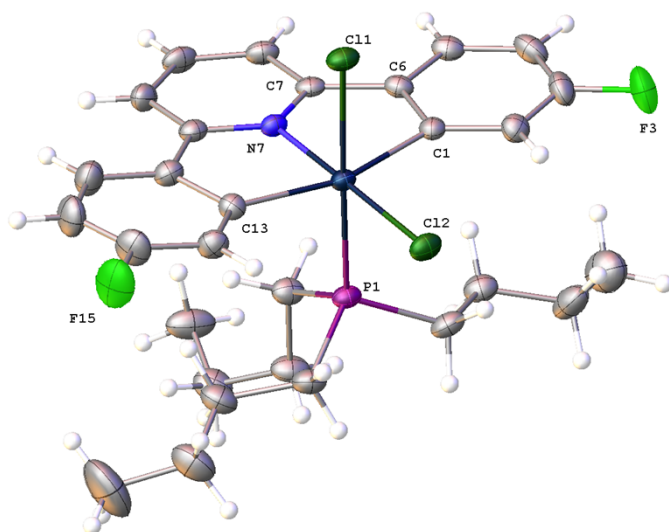
|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| Pt(1)-N(7)       | 2.0223(14) |
| Pt(1)-C(17)      | 2.0718(17) |
| Pt(1)-C(1)       | 2.0768(16) |
| Pt(1)-P(1)       | 2.2277(5)  |
| P(1)-C(18)       | 1.809(2)   |
| P(1)-C(19)       | 1.8193(19) |
| P(1)-C(20)       | 1.820(2)   |
| F(3)-C(3)        | 1.363(2)   |
|                  |            |
| N(7)-Pt(1)-C(17) | 80.06(6)   |
| N(7)-Pt(1)-C(1)  | 79.89(6)   |
| C(17)-Pt(1)-C(1) | 159.83(7)  |
| N(7)-Pt(1)-P(1)  | 172.66(4)  |
| C(17)-Pt(1)-P(1) | 96.51(5)   |
| C(1)-Pt(1)-P(1)  | 103.66(5)  |
| C(18)-P(1)-C(19) | 100.71(11) |
| C(18)-P(1)-C(20) | 100.18(10) |

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| C(19)-P(1)-C(20) | 104.48(10) |
| C(18)-P(1)-Pt(1) | 120.36(7)  |
| C(19)-P(1)-Pt(1) | 116.70(7)  |
| C(20)-P(1)-Pt(1) | 112.02(7)  |
| C(7)-N(7)-C(11)  | 122.65(15) |
| C(7)-N(7)-Pt(1)  | 118.65(12) |
| C(11)-N(7)-Pt(1) | 118.54(11) |

### The Xray Structure of **2c(c)**

The asymmetric unit contains the complex, there are 8 complexes in the unit cell. Two of the butyl chains were modelled as disordered over two positions. In the chain terminating with C25, the terminal C25 was modelled as disordered over two positions and refined to a ration 53:47. In the chain terminating with C29, the terminal atoms C28 and C29 were modelled as disordered over two positions and also refined to a ration 53:47. Several SIMU and DELU restraints were used to give the disordered components reasonable thermal parameters.

Fig S3



**Table 4** bond lengths for **2c(c)**

| Atom | Atom | Length/Å  | Atom | Atom | Length/Å  |
|------|------|-----------|------|------|-----------|
| C1   | Pt1  | 2.066(3)  | C10  | C11  | 1.388(4)  |
| C1   | C2   | 1.391(4)  | C11  | C12  | 1.477(4)  |
| C1   | C6   | 1.419(4)  | C12  | C13  | 1.420(4)  |
| Cl1  | Pt1  | 2.4098(7) | C12  | C17  | 1.393(5)  |
| P1   | Pt1  | 2.2901(7) | C13  | C14  | 1.389(4)  |
| P1   | C18  | 1.810(3)  | C14  | C15  | 1.381(5)  |
| P1   | C22  | 1.825(3)  | C15  | F15  | 1.363(4)  |
| P1   | C26  | 1.808(3)  | C15  | C16  | 1.368(5)  |
| Pt1  | Cl2  | 2.3324(7) | C16  | C17  | 1.384(5)  |
| Pt1  | N7   | 1.979(2)  | C18  | C19  | 1.537(5)  |
| Pt1  | C13  | 2.074(3)  | C19  | C20  | 1.517(5)  |
| C2   | C3   | 1.382(5)  | C20  | C21  | 1.505(5)  |
| C3   | F3   | 1.368(4)  | C22  | C23  | 1.529(5)  |
| C3   | C4   | 1.374(5)  | C23  | C24  | 1.527(5)  |
| C4   | C5   | 1.385(5)  | C24  | C25  | 1.503(15) |
| C5   | C6   | 1.392(4)  | C24  | C25A | 1.540(18) |
| C6   | C7   | 1.474(4)  | C26  | C27  | 1.541(4)  |
| C7   | N7   | 1.354(4)  | C27  | C28  | 1.507(8)  |
| C7   | C8   | 1.387(4)  | C27  | C28A | 1.543(8)  |

|    |     |          |
|----|-----|----------|
| N7 | C11 | 1.356(4) |
| C8 | C9  | 1.380(5) |
| C9 | C10 | 1.387(5) |

|      |      |         |
|------|------|---------|
| C28  | C29  | 1.40(2) |
| C28A | C29A | 1.54(2) |

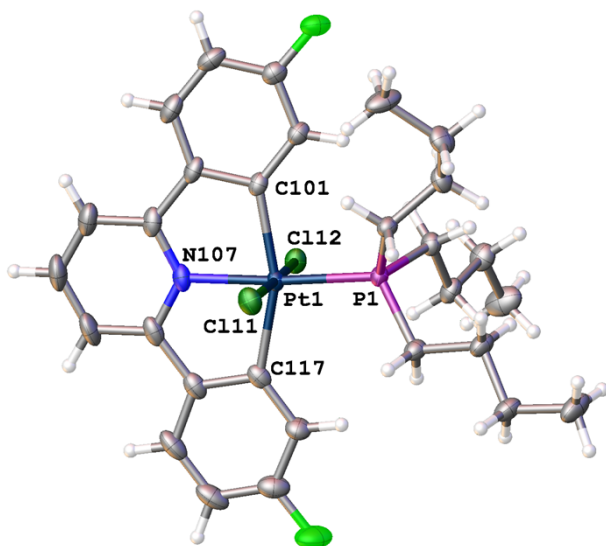
**Table 5** bond angles for **2c(c)**

| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/°    | Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/°   |
|------|------|------|------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| C2   | C1   | Pt1  | 130.3(2)   | C8   | C7   | C6   | 128.3(3)  |
| C2   | C1   | C6   | 118.7(3)   | C7   | N7   | Pt1  | 117.8(2)  |
| C6   | C1   | Pt1  | 111.0(2)   | C7   | N7   | C11  | 124.4(3)  |
| C18  | P1   | Pt1  | 112.64(11) | C11  | N7   | Pt1  | 117.7(2)  |
| C18  | P1   | C22  | 105.32(15) | C9   | C8   | C7   | 118.8(3)  |
| C22  | P1   | Pt1  | 111.73(11) | C8   | C9   | C10  | 121.9(3)  |
| C26  | P1   | Pt1  | 112.71(10) | C9   | C10  | C11  | 118.4(3)  |
| C26  | P1   | C18  | 106.40(16) | N7   | C11  | C10  | 118.3(3)  |
| C26  | P1   | C22  | 107.56(16) | N7   | C11  | C12  | 113.8(3)  |
| C1   | Pt1  | Cl1  | 87.62(8)   | C10  | C11  | C12  | 127.9(3)  |
| C1   | Pt1  | P1   | 92.41(8)   | C13  | C12  | C11  | 115.9(3)  |
| C1   | Pt1  | Cl2  | 98.27(9)   | C17  | C12  | C11  | 122.9(3)  |
| C1   | Pt1  | C13  | 162.29(12) | C17  | C12  | C13  | 121.1(3)  |
| P1   | Pt1  | Cl1  | 178.12(3)  | C12  | C13  | Pt1  | 110.9(2)  |
| P1   | Pt1  | Cl2  | 85.55(3)   | C14  | C13  | Pt1  | 130.4(2)  |
| Cl2  | Pt1  | Cl1  | 92.58(3)   | C14  | C13  | C12  | 118.4(3)  |
| N7   | Pt1  | C1   | 81.41(11)  | C15  | C14  | C13  | 118.7(3)  |
| N7   | Pt1  | Cl1  | 88.78(7)   | F15  | C15  | C14  | 118.3(3)  |
| N7   | Pt1  | P1   | 93.08(7)   | F15  | C15  | C16  | 118.1(3)  |
| N7   | Pt1  | Cl2  | 178.58(7)  | C16  | C15  | C14  | 123.6(3)  |
| N7   | Pt1  | C13  | 81.50(11)  | C15  | C16  | C17  | 118.8(3)  |
| C13  | Pt1  | Cl1  | 87.43(8)   | C16  | C17  | C12  | 119.4(3)  |
| C13  | Pt1  | P1   | 93.08(8)   | C19  | C18  | P1   | 117.6(2)  |
| C13  | Pt1  | Cl2  | 98.93(9)   | C20  | C19  | C18  | 111.2(3)  |
| C3   | C2   | C1   | 118.2(3)   | C21  | C20  | C19  | 113.7(3)  |
| F3   | C3   | C2   | 117.6(3)   | C23  | C22  | P1   | 116.6(2)  |
| F3   | C3   | C4   | 118.3(3)   | C24  | C23  | C22  | 111.3(3)  |
| C4   | C3   | C2   | 124.0(3)   | C23  | C24  | C25A | 110.9(8)  |
| C3   | C4   | C5   | 118.2(3)   | C25  | C24  | C23  | 112.7(6)  |
| C4   | C5   | C6   | 119.8(3)   | C27  | C26  | P1   | 113.9(2)  |
| C1   | C6   | C7   | 116.1(3)   | C26  | C27  | C28A | 112.7(4)  |
| C5   | C6   | C1   | 120.9(3)   | C28  | C27  | C26  | 113.3(4)  |
| C5   | C6   | C7   | 123.0(3)   | C29  | C28  | C27  | 116.4(11) |
| N7   | C7   | C6   | 113.5(3)   | C29A | C28A | C27  | 115.4(10) |
| N7   | C7   | C8   | 118.1(3)   |      |      |      |           |

## The Xray Structure of **2c(t)**

There are two complexes and a molecule of chloroform in the asymmetric unit. Four times all this in the unit cell. There is a shortish contact between the chloroform CH and one of the bound chlorides but nothing really to discuss in the crystal packing.

Fig S4



**Table 6 Bond Lengths for **2c(t)**.**

| Atom | Atom | Length/Å  | Atom | Atom | Length/Å  |
|------|------|-----------|------|------|-----------|
| Pt1  | C111 | 2.3327(9) | Pt2  | C201 | 2.102(3)  |
| Pt1  | C112 | 2.3267(8) | Pt2  | N207 | 2.046(3)  |
| Pt1  | C101 | 2.102(4)  | Pt2  | C217 | 2.127(3)  |
| Pt1  | N107 | 2.043(3)  | Pt2  | P2   | 2.3112(9) |
| Pt1  | C117 | 2.123(4)  | C201 | C202 | 1.396(5)  |
| Pt1  | P1   | 2.3084(9) | C201 | C206 | 1.415(5)  |
| C101 | C102 | 1.394(5)  | C202 | C203 | 1.378(5)  |
| C101 | C106 | 1.419(5)  | C203 | F203 | 1.359(4)  |
| C102 | C103 | 1.382(5)  | C203 | C204 | 1.366(5)  |
| C103 | F103 | 1.361(4)  | C204 | C205 | 1.382(5)  |
| C103 | C104 | 1.375(6)  | C205 | C206 | 1.391(5)  |
| C104 | C105 | 1.372(6)  | C206 | C207 | 1.463(5)  |
| C105 | C106 | 1.396(6)  | C207 | N207 | 1.350(4)  |
| C106 | C107 | 1.460(6)  | C207 | C208 | 1.395(5)  |
| C107 | N107 | 1.349(5)  | N207 | C211 | 1.349(4)  |
| C107 | C108 | 1.400(5)  | C208 | C209 | 1.390(6)  |
| N107 | C111 | 1.348(5)  | C209 | C210 | 1.366(6)  |
| C108 | C109 | 1.370(7)  | C210 | C211 | 1.393(5)  |
| C109 | C110 | 1.385(7)  | C211 | C212 | 1.462(5)  |
| C110 | C111 | 1.396(6)  | C212 | C213 | 1.398(5)  |
| C111 | C112 | 1.455(6)  | C212 | C217 | 1.423(5)  |
| C112 | C113 | 1.392(5)  | C213 | C214 | 1.374(6)  |
| C112 | C117 | 1.432(5)  | C214 | C215 | 1.365(6)  |
| C113 | C114 | 1.369(7)  | C215 | F215 | 1.366(4)  |
| C114 | C115 | 1.370(6)  | C215 | C216 | 1.380(5)  |
| C115 | F115 | 1.365(5)  | C216 | C217 | 1.387(5)  |
| C115 | C116 | 1.388(5)  | P2   | C218 | 1.822(3)  |
| C116 | C117 | 1.386(6)  | P2   | C222 | 1.831(4)  |
| P1   | C118 | 1.841(4)  | P2   | C226 | 1.818(4)  |
| P1   | C122 | 1.827(4)  | C218 | C219 | 1.526(5)  |
| P1   | C126 | 1.818(4)  | C219 | C220 | 1.519(5)  |
| C118 | C119 | 1.531(5)  | C220 | C221 | 1.514(5)  |
| C119 | C120 | 1.521(6)  | C222 | C223 | 1.526(5)  |
| C120 | C121 | 1.515(6)  | C223 | C224 | 1.506(6)  |

|      |      |           |      |      |          |
|------|------|-----------|------|------|----------|
| C122 | C123 | 1.520(5)  | C224 | C225 | 1.529(6) |
| C123 | C124 | 1.525(5)  | C226 | C227 | 1.515(5) |
| C124 | C125 | 1.501(6)  | C227 | C228 | 1.537(6) |
| C126 | C127 | 1.531(5)  | C228 | C229 | 1.503(6) |
| C127 | C128 | 1.518(5)  | C30  | Cl31 | 1.750(5) |
| C128 | C129 | 1.519(6)  | C30  | Cl32 | 1.746(4) |
| Pt2  | Cl21 | 2.3234(8) | C30  | Cl33 | 1.761(5) |
| Pt2  | Cl22 | 2.3298(8) |      |      |          |

**Table 7 Bond Angles for 2c(t).**

| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/°    | Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/°    |
|------|------|------|------------|------|------|------|------------|
| Cl12 | Pt1  | Cl11 | 177.06(3)  | C201 | Pt2  | Cl22 | 86.35(9)   |
| C101 | Pt1  | Cl11 | 92.45(10)  | C201 | Pt2  | C217 | 159.21(13) |
| C101 | Pt1  | Cl12 | 87.50(10)  | C201 | Pt2  | P2   | 104.83(9)  |
| C101 | Pt1  | Cl17 | 159.34(15) | N207 | Pt2  | Cl21 | 89.97(8)   |
| C101 | Pt1  | P1   | 95.57(10)  | N207 | Pt2  | Cl22 | 87.31(8)   |
| N107 | Pt1  | Cl11 | 89.10(9)   | N207 | Pt2  | C201 | 79.50(12)  |
| N107 | Pt1  | Cl12 | 87.99(9)   | N207 | Pt2  | C217 | 79.71(12)  |
| N107 | Pt1  | C101 | 79.68(14)  | N207 | Pt2  | P2   | 175.57(8)  |
| N107 | Pt1  | Cl17 | 79.80(14)  | C217 | Pt2  | Cl21 | 91.05(9)   |
| N107 | Pt1  | P1   | 174.05(10) | C217 | Pt2  | Cl22 | 92.81(9)   |
| C117 | Pt1  | Cl11 | 89.56(10)  | C217 | Pt2  | P2   | 95.95(10)  |
| C117 | Pt1  | Cl12 | 89.45(10)  | P2   | Pt2  | Cl21 | 89.22(3)   |
| C117 | Pt1  | P1   | 105.06(11) | P2   | Pt2  | Cl22 | 93.83(3)   |
| P1   | Pt1  | Cl11 | 87.53(3)   | C202 | C201 | Pt2  | 131.6(3)   |
| P1   | Pt1  | Cl12 | 95.41(3)   | C202 | C201 | C206 | 116.7(3)   |
| C102 | C101 | Pt1  | 131.7(3)   | C206 | C201 | Pt2  | 111.6(2)   |
| C102 | C101 | C106 | 116.9(3)   | C203 | C202 | C201 | 119.8(3)   |
| C106 | C101 | Pt1  | 111.3(3)   | F203 | C203 | C202 | 117.7(3)   |
| C103 | C102 | C101 | 119.9(4)   | F203 | C203 | C204 | 118.5(3)   |
| F103 | C103 | C102 | 117.9(4)   | C204 | C203 | C202 | 123.8(3)   |
| F103 | C103 | C104 | 118.5(3)   | C203 | C204 | C205 | 117.6(4)   |
| C104 | C103 | C102 | 123.6(4)   | C204 | C205 | C206 | 120.4(4)   |
| C105 | C104 | C103 | 117.2(4)   | C201 | C206 | C207 | 117.1(3)   |
| C104 | C105 | C106 | 121.3(4)   | C205 | C206 | C201 | 121.7(3)   |
| C101 | C106 | C107 | 117.1(3)   | C205 | C206 | C207 | 121.2(3)   |
| C105 | C106 | C101 | 121.0(4)   | N207 | C207 | C206 | 113.8(3)   |
| C105 | C106 | C107 | 121.8(4)   | N207 | C207 | C208 | 118.5(3)   |
| N107 | C107 | C106 | 114.0(3)   | C208 | C207 | C206 | 127.7(3)   |
| N107 | C107 | C108 | 118.2(4)   | C207 | N207 | Pt2  | 117.7(2)   |
| C108 | C107 | C106 | 127.7(4)   | C211 | N207 | Pt2  | 118.0(2)   |
| C107 | N107 | Pt1  | 117.7(3)   | C211 | N207 | C207 | 124.2(3)   |
| C111 | N107 | Pt1  | 118.0(3)   | C209 | C208 | C207 | 118.5(4)   |
| C111 | N107 | C107 | 124.3(3)   | C210 | C209 | C208 | 121.2(4)   |
| C109 | C108 | C107 | 119.2(4)   | C209 | C210 | C211 | 119.6(4)   |
| C108 | C109 | C110 | 121.1(4)   | N207 | C211 | C210 | 118.0(3)   |
| C109 | C110 | C111 | 119.2(4)   | N207 | C211 | C212 | 114.0(3)   |
| N107 | C111 | C110 | 118.0(4)   | C210 | C211 | C212 | 128.0(3)   |
| N107 | C111 | C112 | 114.3(3)   | C213 | C212 | C211 | 121.4(3)   |
| C110 | C111 | C112 | 127.7(4)   | C213 | C212 | C217 | 120.8(4)   |
| C113 | C112 | C111 | 121.9(4)   | C217 | C212 | C211 | 117.7(3)   |
| C113 | C112 | C117 | 120.5(4)   | C214 | C213 | C212 | 120.9(4)   |
| C117 | C112 | C111 | 117.6(3)   | C215 | C214 | C213 | 117.7(3)   |
| C114 | C113 | C112 | 121.5(4)   | C214 | C215 | C216 | 123.4(4)   |
| C113 | C114 | C115 | 117.4(4)   | F215 | C215 | C214 | 118.7(3)   |
| C114 | C115 | C116 | 123.9(4)   | F215 | C215 | C216 | 117.8(4)   |
| F115 | C115 | C114 | 118.6(4)   | C215 | C216 | C217 | 120.4(4)   |
| F115 | C115 | C116 | 117.5(4)   | C212 | C217 | Pt2  | 110.3(2)   |
| C117 | C116 | C115 | 119.4(4)   | C216 | C217 | Pt2  | 132.9(3)   |
| C112 | C117 | Pt1  | 110.3(3)   | C216 | C217 | C212 | 116.7(3)   |
| C116 | C117 | Pt1  | 132.4(3)   | C218 | P2   | Pt2  | 113.10(13) |
| C116 | C117 | C112 | 117.3(3)   | C218 | P2   | C222 | 110.16(17) |
| C118 | P1   | Pt1  | 110.24(12) | C222 | P2   | Pt2  | 111.11(12) |

|      |      |      |            |      |      |      |            |
|------|------|------|------------|------|------|------|------------|
| C122 | P1   | Pt1  | 112.98(13) | C226 | P2   | Pt2  | 119.49(13) |
| C122 | P1   | C118 | 107.78(17) | C226 | P2   | C218 | 99.75(16)  |
| C126 | P1   | Pt1  | 116.46(13) | C226 | P2   | C222 | 102.21(17) |
| C126 | P1   | C118 | 103.29(17) | C219 | C218 | P2   | 120.8(2)   |
| C126 | P1   | C122 | 105.33(18) | C220 | C219 | C218 | 110.7(3)   |
| C119 | C118 | P1   | 116.8(3)   | C221 | C220 | C219 | 113.4(3)   |
| C120 | C119 | C118 | 112.1(3)   | C223 | C222 | P2   | 116.3(3)   |
| C121 | C120 | C119 | 114.6(4)   | C224 | C223 | C222 | 111.5(3)   |
| C123 | C122 | P1   | 114.7(3)   | C223 | C224 | C225 | 113.5(4)   |
| C122 | C123 | C124 | 110.8(3)   | C227 | C226 | P2   | 117.8(3)   |
| C125 | C124 | C123 | 112.9(4)   | C226 | C227 | C228 | 113.1(3)   |
| C127 | C126 | P1   | 115.8(3)   | C229 | C228 | C227 | 114.0(4)   |
| C128 | C127 | C126 | 111.0(3)   | Cl31 | C30  | Cl33 | 110.0(2)   |
| C127 | C128 | C129 | 113.3(4)   | Cl32 | C30  | Cl31 | 110.7(3)   |
| Cl21 | Pt2  | Cl22 | 174.81(3)  | Cl32 | C30  | Cl33 | 110.3(3)   |
| C201 | Pt2  | Cl21 | 88.81(9)   |      |      |      |            |

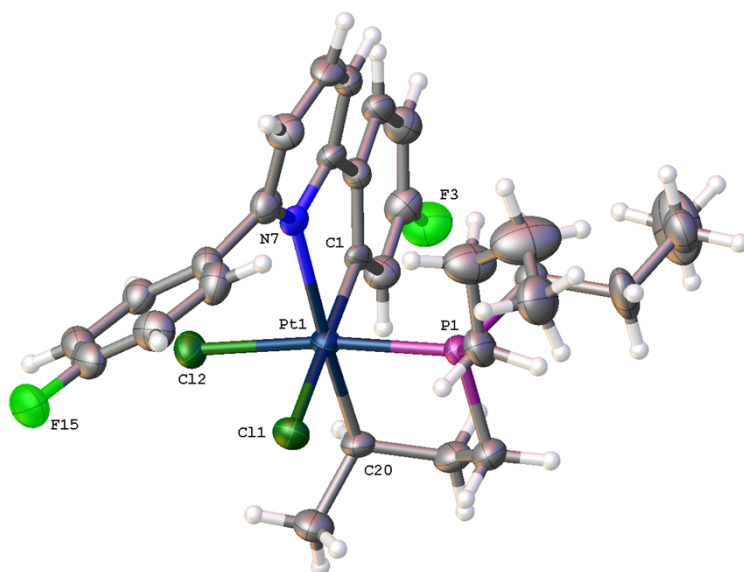
## The Xray Structure of **5**

The asymmetric unit contains the Pt complex with a metallated bis 2,6-bis(4-fluorophenyl)pyridyl ligand, two chlorides and a metallated tributylphosphine ligand.

There is 4 times all this in the unit cell.

The molecule has crystallised in a polar space group [Pna2(1)] which means that the crystal itself has a polar axis because all the molecules are pointing in one overall direction (no inversion centre in this space group). There are however both enantiomers of the complex present.

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**Table 8 Bond Lengths for **5**.**

| Atom | Atom | Length/Å  |
|------|------|-----------|
| C1   | Pt1  | 2.027(8)  |
| C1   | C2   | 1.383(12) |
| C1   | C6   | 1.413(12) |
| Cl1  | Pt1  | 2.432(2)  |
| P1   | Pt1  | 2.274(3)  |
| P1   | C18  | 1.832(10) |
| P1   | C22  | 1.810(9)  |
| P1   | C26  | 1.801(10) |
| Pt1  | Cl2  | 2.389(2)  |
| Pt1  | N7   | 2.274(7)  |
| Pt1  | C20  | 2.111(9)  |
| C2   | C3   | 1.377(13) |
| C3   | F3   | 1.381(11) |
| C3   | C4   | 1.353(14) |
| C4   | C5   | 1.369(12) |
| C5   | C6   | 1.398(12) |
| C6   | C7   | 1.473(11) |
| C7   | N7   | 1.358(9)  |

| Atom | Atom | Length/Å  |
|------|------|-----------|
| C8   | C9   | 1.357(12) |
| C9   | C10  | 1.362(14) |
| C10  | C11  | 1.384(13) |
| C11  | C12  | 1.488(13) |
| C12  | C13  | 1.391(13) |
| C12  | C17  | 1.388(13) |
| C13  | C14  | 1.397(14) |
| C14  | C15  | 1.357(15) |
| C15  | F15  | 1.359(11) |
| C15  | C16  | 1.375(13) |
| C16  | C17  | 1.383(13) |
| C18  | C19  | 1.518(13) |
| C19  | C20  | 1.518(14) |
| C20  | C21  | 1.531(13) |
| C22  | C23  | 1.529(13) |
| C23  | C24  | 1.506(13) |
| C24  | C25  | 1.503(15) |
| C26  | C27  | 1.494(15) |

|    |     |           |     |     |           |
|----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|-----------|
| C7 | C8  | 1.385(13) | C27 | C28 | 1.464(17) |
| N7 | C11 | 1.358(11) | C28 | C29 | 1.483(16) |

**Table 9 Bond Angles for 5.**

| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/°   | Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/°   |
|------|------|------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| C2   | C1   | Pt1  | 128.0(7)  | N7   | C7   | C6   | 115.7(7)  |
| C2   | C1   | C6   | 117.7(8)  | N7   | C7   | C8   | 121.9(8)  |
| C6   | C1   | Pt1  | 114.3(6)  | C8   | C7   | C6   | 122.4(8)  |
| C18  | P1   | Pt1  | 100.9(3)  | C7   | N7   | Pt1  | 108.9(5)  |
| C22  | P1   | Pt1  | 115.0(3)  | C7   | N7   | C11  | 117.2(7)  |
| C22  | P1   | C18  | 106.1(5)  | C11  | N7   | Pt1  | 131.4(6)  |
| C26  | P1   | Pt1  | 119.4(4)  | C9   | C8   | C7   | 119.7(8)  |
| C26  | P1   | C18  | 108.5(5)  | C8   | C9   | C10  | 119.0(9)  |
| C26  | P1   | C22  | 106.0(5)  | C9   | C10  | C11  | 120.0(9)  |
| C1   | Pt1  | C11  | 174.4(2)  | N7   | C11  | C10  | 121.4(9)  |
| C1   | Pt1  | P1   | 91.5(2)   | N7   | C11  | C12  | 120.0(8)  |
| C1   | Pt1  | C12  | 88.5(2)   | C10  | C11  | C12  | 118.3(8)  |
| C1   | Pt1  | N7   | 79.4(3)   | C13  | C12  | C11  | 120.1(9)  |
| C1   | Pt1  | C20  | 92.8(4)   | C17  | C12  | C11  | 120.9(8)  |
| P1   | Pt1  | C11  | 85.74(9)  | C17  | C12  | C13  | 118.7(9)  |
| P1   | Pt1  | C12  | 171.07(9) | C12  | C13  | C14  | 120.1(10) |
| C12  | Pt1  | C11  | 94.95(9)  | C15  | C14  | C13  | 118.8(10) |
| N7   | Pt1  | C11  | 96.02(17) | C14  | C15  | F15  | 118.0(9)  |
| N7   | Pt1  | P1   | 96.23(19) | C14  | C15  | C16  | 123.2(9)  |
| N7   | Pt1  | C12  | 92.56(19) | F15  | C15  | C16  | 118.7(10) |
| C20  | Pt1  | C11  | 91.8(3)   | C15  | C16  | C17  | 117.4(10) |
| C20  | Pt1  | P1   | 84.6(3)   | C16  | C17  | C12  | 121.8(9)  |
| C20  | Pt1  | C12  | 86.5(3)   | C19  | C18  | P1   | 103.8(6)  |
| C20  | Pt1  | N7   | 172.2(3)  | C18  | C19  | C20  | 110.3(8)  |
| C3   | C2   | C1   | 119.5(9)  | C19  | C20  | Pt1  | 111.8(7)  |
| C2   | C3   | F3   | 117.4(9)  | C19  | C20  | C21  | 111.1(8)  |
| C4   | C3   | C2   | 123.8(9)  | C21  | C20  | Pt1  | 114.2(7)  |
| C4   | C3   | F3   | 118.8(8)  | C23  | C22  | P1   | 116.0(7)  |
| C3   | C4   | C5   | 117.9(9)  | C24  | C23  | C22  | 113.6(9)  |
| C4   | C5   | C6   | 120.8(9)  | C25  | C24  | C23  | 115.3(11) |
| C1   | C6   | C7   | 118.5(7)  | C27  | C26  | P1   | 115.5(7)  |
| C5   | C6   | C1   | 120.3(8)  | C28  | C27  | C26  | 118.7(11) |
| C5   | C6   | C7   | 121.2(8)  | C27  | C28  | C29  | 118.8(13) |