The importance of Au... $\pi$ (aryl) interactions in the formation of spherical aggregates in binuclear phosphanegold(I) complexes of a bipodal thiocarbamate dianion: A combined crystallographic and computational study, and anti-microbial activity<sup>†</sup>

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## ### ELECTRONIC SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION ###

**Figure S(1).** Experimental (red trace) and simulated based on the single crystal structure (blue trace) PXRD patterns for (a) **1**, (b) **2** and (c) **3**. These show that the single crystal data reported herein for each of **1–3** match the structure of the bulk material in each case.



(a)



(b)



(c)

Figure S(2). Variable <sup>1</sup>H NMR study in DMSO-d6 for LH<sub>2</sub>: (a) coalescence in the resonances due to aryl-H with increasing temperature, and (b) sharpening and downfield shift in the resonances due to methyl-H with increasing temperature. The temperature range was 28–78 °C with 10 °C increments.



(a)



(b)

**Figure S(3).** Crystal packing diagrams for (a) **1**, (b) **2** and (c) **3**, viewed in projection down the *a*-axis in each case. In **2**, there are phenyl-C–H... $\pi$ (aryl) interactions [C23–H23...Cg(C31-C36) = 2.82 Å, C23...Cg(C31-C36) = 3.599(4) Å with angle at H23 = 140° for symmetry operation: 2-*x*, 2-*y*, 1-*z*] shown as purple dashed lines, and in **3**, there are methylene-C–H...O interactions shown as orange dashed lines [C14–H14a...O1 = 2.58 Å, C14...O1 = 3.266(3) Å with angle at H14a = 127° for symmetry operation: *x*, -1+*y*, *z*].



(a)



(b)



(c)





(b)



