Supplementary material for:

## Synthesis and non-conventional structure of square-planar Pd(II) and Pt(II) complexes with an *N*,*C*,*N*-chelated stibinidene ligand

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	1	anti-2	anti-3
chemical formula	$C_{18}H_{29}CI_2N_2PtSSb$	$C_{18}H_{29}Cl_2N_2OPtSSb{\cdot}CH_2Cl_2$	$C_{25}H_{35}CIN_{3}PdSb \cdot 0.25(C_{7}H_{8})$
Cryst syst	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic
Space group	P2₁/c	P21/c	P-1
a[Å]	11.7080(7)	9.6040(8)	10.4060(11)
b[Å]	15.1261(12)	16.5811(19)	15.3330(8)
<i>c</i> [Å]	14.1141(10)	17.4040(4)	18.462(2)
α[°]	90	90	76.301(8)
β[ <b>°</b> ]	116.630(7)	104.845(5)	75.302(9)
γ[°]	90	90	88.858(7)
Ζ	4	4	4
μ[mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	7.800	6.715	1.742
$D_x$ [Mg m <sup>-3</sup> ]	2.061	1.969	1.595
Cryst size [mm]	0.33x0.30x0.08	0.58×0.28×0.22	0.41x0.31x0.12
heta range, [deg]	1-27.5	1-27.5	1-27.5
T <sub>min</sub> , T <sub>max</sub>	0.177, 0.571	0.120, 0.320	0.589, 0.827
no. of reflns measd	19827	18710	53 711
no. of unique reflns, R <sub>int</sub>	5119, 0.032	6021, 0.069	12626, 0.047
no. of obsd reflns	4339	5337	9391
no. of params	226	262	559
S all data	1.092	1.103	1.146
final R indices [ <i>I&gt;2σ(I)</i> ]	0.028	0.056	0.047
wR2 indices (all data)	0.055	0.139	0.104
Δρ, max., min. [e Å <sup>-3</sup> ]	2.345, -1.756	2.900, -6.037	1.472, -1.711

**Table S1.** Relevant crystallographic data for the studied compounds.

	anti-4	syn-5	syn-6
chemical formula	$C_{25}H_{35}CIN_3PtSb.0.25(C_7H_8)$	$C_{29}H_{39}CIFeN_3PdSb{\cdot}C_7H_8$	$C_{29}H_{39}CIFeN_3PtSb\cdot C_7H_8$
Cryst syst	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P-1	P21/c	P21/c
a[Å]	10.4290(7)	13.4300(14)	13.4290(9)
<i>b</i> [Å]	15.2980(19)	13.5021(15)	13.4550(14)
<i>c</i> [Å]	18.435(3)	19.250(2)	19.273(2)
α[°]	76.369(11)	90	90
β[°]	75.412(9)	95.129(11)	95.323(7)
γ[°]	88.802(7)	90	90
Z	4	4	4
µ[mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	6.149	1.801	5.317
$D_x$ [Mg m <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.809	1.607	1.781
Cryst size [mm]	0.59x0.29x0.25	0.25x0.16x0.13	0.47x0.15x0.03
heta range, [deg]	1-27.5	1-27.5	1-27.5
T <sub>min</sub> , T <sub>max</sub>	0.133, 0.399	0.668, 0.795	0.319, 0.850
no. of reflns measd	44 316	29 931	151 039
no. of unique reflns, R <sub>int</sub>	12043, 0.030	7909, 0.061	33559, 0.070
no. of obsd reflns	10300	6321	7935
no. of params	559	407	388
S all data	1.118	1.244	1.201
final R indices [I>2o(I)]	0.035	0.086	0.059
wR2 indices (all data)	0.089	0.186	0.118
Δρ, max., min. [e Å <sup>-3</sup> ]	2.766, -2.939	1.484, -1.480	3.975, -2.058
		$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{2} + \frac{2}$	

Definitions:  $R_{\text{int}} = \sum |F_o^2 - F_{o,\text{mean}}|^2 |\sum F_o^2$ ,  $S = [\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2)/(N_{\text{diffrs}} - N_{\text{params}})]^{\frac{1}{2}}$  for all data,  $R(F) = \sum |F_o| - |F_c| |\sum |F_o|$  for observed data,  $wR(F^2) = [\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2)/(\sum w(F_o^2)^2)]^{\frac{1}{2}}$  for all data.



Assignment of syn – anti rotamers of compound 2 utilizing <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H NOESY







**Figure S2.** Eyring plot of data of compound **2** obtained from <sup>1</sup>H VT-NMR spectra (400.13 MHz) in  $C_2Cl_4D_2$  and rates extracted from DNMR3 simulation (based on coalescence of  $Me_2SO$  methyl groups).

## **Computational results**



**Figure S3.** Least energy profile for the torsion angle Cl(1)-M(1)-Sb(1)-C(1) for compounds **3** and **4** (with M being Pd and Pt, respectively).



**Figure S4.** Least energy profile for the torsional angle Cl(1)-M(1)-Sb(1)-C(1) for compounds **5** and **6** (with M being Pd and Pt, respectively).



**Figure S5.** Highest occupied molecular orbitals (HOMO) and lowest unoccupied molecular orbitals (LUMO) for compounds **5** and **6** (isosurface of 0.05 a.u.). Color code: C – black, H – white, Sb – yellow, Pd/Pt – gray, Fe – orange, and Cl – green.