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# Multifunctional Pt(II) metallomesogens exhibiting luminescence and

### proton conductivity in the mesophase near room-temperature

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#### Structural characterization of Pt(II) compounds

#### Compounds [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(Hpz<sup>R(n,n)py</sup>)] 1-8

[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(Hpz<sup>R(4,4)py</sup>)] (1): yellow solid (48%). Found: C, 40.7; H, 4.4; N, 6.5. PtC<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O requires C, 40.7; H, 4.5; N, 6.5%.  $v_{max}/cm^{-1}$ : 3304w v(N-H), 2918 – 2850m  $v(C-H)_{aliph}$ , 1597s v(C=C + C=N), 765s  $\gamma(C-H)_{py}$ .  $\delta_{H}$  (300.16 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 1.00 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 7.3, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.52 (4H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.78 (4H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.7, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.99 (4H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.55 (1H, t, <sup>4</sup>J 2.1, Hp), 6.68 (2H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 2.1, Ho), 7.06 (1H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 1.7, H4'), 7.44 (1H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 7.4, 5.8, <sup>4</sup>J 1.2, H5), 7.84 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 7.5, H3), 8.11 (1H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 7.7, 7.7, <sup>4</sup>J 1.3, H4), 9.43 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 5.8, H6), 11.44 (1H, br, NH).

[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(Hpz<sup>R(6,6)py</sup>)] (2): yellow solid (45%). Found: C, 44.7; H, 5.0; N, 6.5. PtC<sub>26</sub>H<sub>35</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>·0.4H<sub>2</sub>O requires C, 44.9; H, 5.2; N, 6.1%.  $v_{max}/cm^{-1}$ : 3377w v(N-H), 2928 – 2859m  $v(C-H)_{aliph}$ , 1596s v(C=C + C=N), 769s  $\gamma(C-H)_{py}$ .  $\delta_{H}$  (300.16 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 0.92 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.8, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.35 (12H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.80 (4H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.6, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.98 (4H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.54 (1H, t, <sup>4</sup>J 2.0, Hp), 6.67 (2H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 2.0, Ho), 7.07 (1H, s, H4'), 7.42 (1H, pt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, H5), 7.85 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 7.7, H3), 8.11 (1H, pt, <sup>3</sup>J 7.6, H4), 9.38 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 5.8, H6), 11.48 (1H, s, NH).

[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(Hpz<sup>R(8,8)py</sup>)] (3): yellow solid (49%). Found: C, 47.5; H, 5.8; N, 6.0. PtC<sub>30</sub>H<sub>43</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>·0.5H<sub>2</sub>O requires C, 47.9; H, 5.9; N, 5.6%.  $v_{max}/cm^{-1}$ : 3363w v(N-H), 2927 – 2856m  $v(C-H)_{aliph}$ , 1596s v(C=C + C=N), 770s  $\gamma(C-H)_{py}$ .  $\delta_{H}$  (300.16 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 0.89 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.9, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.30 (20H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.80 (4H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.6, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.97 (4H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.52 (1H, t, <sup>4</sup>J 1.9, Hp), 6.67 (2H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 2.0, Ho), 7.08 (1H, s, H4'), 7.41 (1H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 7.4, 5.8, <sup>4</sup>J 1.0, H5), 7.86 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 7.7, H3), 8.11 (1H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 7.7, 7.7, <sup>4</sup>J 1.1, H4), 9.35 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 5.8, H6), 11.49 (1H, s, NH).

[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(Hpz<sup>R(10,10)py</sup>)] (4): yellow solid (45%). Found: C, 50.5; H, 6.4; N, 5.5. PtC<sub>34</sub>H<sub>51</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>·0.5H<sub>2</sub>O requires C, 50.5; H, 6.5; N, 5.2%.  $v_{max}/cm^{-1}$ : 3389w v(N-H), 2922 – 2852m  $v(C-H)_{aliph}$ , 1601s v(C=C + C=N), 773s  $\gamma(C-H)_{py}$ .  $\delta_{H}$  (300.16 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 0.88 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.9, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.28 (28H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.81 (4H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.7, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.98 (4H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.4, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.55 (1H, t, <sup>4</sup>J 1.9, Hp), 6.68 (2H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 2.0, Ho), 7.04 (1H, s, H4'), 7.41 (1H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 7.7, 5.8, <sup>4</sup>J 1.0, H5), 7.81 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 7.5, H3), 8.11 (1H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 7.7, 7.7, <sup>4</sup>J 1.1, H4), 9.44 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 5.7, H6), 11.43 (1H, s, NH).

**[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(Hpz<sup>R(12,12)py</sup>)]** (**5**): yellow solid (53%). Found: C, 52.3; H, 6.8; N, 5.0. PtC<sub>38</sub>H<sub>59</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O requires C, 52.2; H, 7.0; N, 4.8%.  $v_{max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3381w v(N–H), 2926 – 2856m v(C–H)<sub>aliph</sub>, 1596s v(C=C + C=N), 770m  $\gamma$ (C–H)<sub>py</sub>.  $\delta_{H}$  (300.16 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 0.88 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.9, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.26 (36H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.80 (4H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.6, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.97 (4H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.52 (1H, t, <sup>4</sup>J 2.0, Hp), 6.66 (2H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 2.0, Ho), 7.09 (1H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 1.1, H4'), 7.40 (1H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 7.4, 5.8, <sup>4</sup>J 1.2, H5), 7.87 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 7.6, H3), 8.10 (1H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 7.7, 7.7, <sup>4</sup>J 1.2, H4), 9.34 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 5.8, H6), 11.47 (1H, br, NH).  $\delta_{C}$  (75.48 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.7 – 31.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 68.5 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 102.4 (C4'), 103.4 (Cp), 104.1 (Co), 122.6 (C3), 125.0 (C5), 127.6 (Ci), 139.8 (C4), 144.9 (C3'), 149.3 (C6), 151.2 (C2), 152.1 (C5'), 161.0 (Cm).

 $[PtCl_{2}(Hpz^{R(14,14)py})] (6): yellow solid (50\%). Found: C, 55.5; H, 7.4; N, 4.7. PtC_{42}H_{67}N_{3}O_{2}Cl_{2} requires C, 55.3; H, 7.4; N, 4.6\%. v_{max}/cm^{-1}: 3202w v(N-H), 2919 - 2850s v(C-H)_{aliph}, 1598m v(C=C + C=N), 775w \gamma(C-H)_{py}. \delta_{H} (300.16 MHz; CDCl_{3}; TMS): 0.87 (6H, t, ^{3}J 6.9, CH_{3}), 1.26 (44H, m, CH_{2}), 1.80 (4H, qt, ^{3}J 6.7, CH_{2}), 3.98 (4H, t, ^{3}J 6.5, OCH_{2}), 6.54 (1H, t, ^{4}J 2.0, Hp), 6.68 (2H, d, ^{4}J 2.0, Ho), 7.05 (1H, s, H4'), 7.44 (1H, ddd, ^{3}J 7.4, 5.8, ^{4}J 1.0, H5), 7.83 (1H, d, ^{3}J 7.6, H3), 8.12 (1H, ddd, ^{3}J 7.7, 7.7, ^{4}J 1.1, H4), 9.44 (1H, d, ^{3}J 5.8, H6), 11.54 (1H, s, NH).$ 

[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(Hpz<sup>R(16,16)py</sup>)] (7): yellow solid (37%). Found: C, 57.6; H, 7.7; N, 4.4. PtC<sub>46</sub>H<sub>75</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> requires C, 57.1; H, 7.8; N, 4.3%.  $v_{max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3200w v(N–H), 2919 – 2850s v(C–H)<sub>aliph</sub>, 1597m v(C=C + C=N), 776w  $\gamma$ (C–H)<sub>py</sub>.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (300.16 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 0.87 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.9, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.25 (52H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.80 (4H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.8, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.98 (4H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.55 (1H, t, <sup>4</sup>J 2.0, Hp), 6.68 (2H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 2.1, Ho), 7.03 (1H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 1.1, H4'), 7.46 (1H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 7.5, 5.8, <sup>4</sup>J 1.3, H5), 7.80 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 7.5, H3), 8.12 (1H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 7.8, 7.8, <sup>4</sup>J 1.4, H4), 9.49 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 5.8, H6), 11.54 (1H, br, NH).

[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(Hpz<sup>R(18,18)py</sup>)] (8): yellow solid (40%). Found: C, 59.2; H, 8.2; N, 4.0. PtC<sub>50</sub>H<sub>83</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> requires C, 58.6; H, 8.2; N, 4.1%.  $v_{max}/cm^{-1}$ : 3199w v(N-H), 2920 – 2850s  $v(C-H)_{aliph}$ , 1598m v(C=C + C=N), 773w  $\gamma(C-H)_{py}$ .  $\delta_{H}$  (300.16 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 0.88 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.9, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.25 (60H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.80 (4H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.9, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.99 (4H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.55 (1H, t, <sup>4</sup>J 2.0, Hp), 6.68 (2H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 2.0, Ho), 7.05 (1H, s, H4'), 7.45 (1H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 7.5, 5.8, <sup>4</sup>J 1.2, H5), 7.80 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 7.5, H3), 8.11 (1H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 7.7, 7.7, <sup>4</sup>J 1.2, H4), 9.49 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 5.8, H6), 11.53 (1H, s, NH).

#### Compounds [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(Hpz<sup>R(n,n)iq</sup>)] 9-16

[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(Hpz<sup>R(4,4)iq</sup>)] (9): yellow solid (47%). Found: C, 44.9; H, 4.4; N, 6.3. PtC<sub>26</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O requires C, 44.6; H, 4.5; N, 6.0%.  $v_{max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3373w v(N–H), 2919 – 2851m v(C–H)<sub>aliph</sub>, 1637 – 1595s v(C=C + C=N), 752 – 718m  $\gamma$ (C–H)<sub>iq</sub>.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (300.16 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 1.02 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 7.4, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.55 (4H, sx, <sup>3</sup>J 7.2, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.81 (4H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.7, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.01 (4H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.54 (1H, t, <sup>4</sup>J 1.9, Hp), 6.61 (2H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 1.9, Ho), 7.21 (1H, br, H4'), 7.69 (2H, m, H7, H8), 7.96 (1H, pt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, H6), 8.05 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 8.5, H5), 8.31 (1H, s, H4), 9.71 (1H, s, H1), 10.91 (1H, s, NH).

[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(Hpz<sup>R(6,6)iq</sup>)] (10): yellow solid (54%). Found: C, 48.5; H, 5.0; N, 5.9. PtC<sub>30</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> requires C, 48.8; H, 5.1; N, 5.7%.  $v_{max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3377w v(N–H), 2929 – 2869m v(C–H)<sub>aliph</sub>, 1636 – 1594s v(C=C + C=N), 753 – 717m  $\gamma$ (C–H)<sub>iq</sub>.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (300.16 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 0.93 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.9, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.38 (12H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.82 (4H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.00 (4H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.54 (1H, t, <sup>4</sup>J 2.1, Hp), 6.65 (2H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 2.1, Ho), 7.16 (1H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 1.7, H4'), 7.70 (1H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 8.1, 6.8, <sup>4</sup>J 1.3, H7), 7.84 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 8.0, H8), 7.97 (1H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 7.9, 6.8, <sup>4</sup>J 1.1, H6), 8.03 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 8.1, H5), 8.26 (1H, s, H4), 9.84 (1H, s, H1), 11.17 (1H, br, NH).

[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(Hpz<sup>R(8,8)iq</sup>)] (11): yellow solid (43%). Found: C, 51.2; H, 5.6; N, 5.5. PtC<sub>34</sub>H<sub>45</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> requires C, 51.4; H, 5.7; N, 5.3%.  $v_{max}/cm^{-1}$ : 3370w v(N-H), 2924 – 2854s  $v(C-H)_{aliph}$ , 1638 – 1595s v(C=C + C=N), 753 – 718m  $\gamma(C-H)_{iq}$ .  $\delta_{H}$  (300.16 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 0.91 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.8, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.32 (20H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>),

1.82 (4H, qt, <sup>3</sup>*J* 6.8, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.99 (4H, t, <sup>3</sup>*J* 6.5, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.51 (1H, t, <sup>4</sup>*J* 1.9, Hp), 6.57 (2H, d, <sup>4</sup>*J* 1.9, Ho), 7.24 (1H, br, H4'), 7.60 (2H, m, H7, H8), 7.95 (1H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>*J* 8.0, 6.4, <sup>4</sup>*J* 1.3, H6), 8.06 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J* 8.2, H5), 8.34 (1H, s, H4), 9.56 (1H, s, H1), 10.82 (1H, s, NH).

[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(Hpz<sup>R(10,10)iq</sup>)] (12): yellow solid (46%). Found: C, 53.7; H, 6.2; N, 5.2. PtC<sub>38</sub>H<sub>53</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> requires C, 53.7; H, 6.3; N, 4.9%.  $v_{max}/cm^{-1}$ : 3377w v(N-H), 2923 – 2853s  $v(C-H)_{aliph}$ , 1638 – 1596s v(C=C + C=N), 752 – 718m  $\gamma(C-H)_{iq}$ .  $\delta_{H}$  (300.16 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 0.89 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.9, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.29 (28H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.82 (4H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.8, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.99 (4H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.51 (1H, t, <sup>4</sup>J 2.0, Hp), 6.58 (2H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 2.0, Ho), 7.23 (1H, br, H4'), 7.62 (2H, m, H7, H8), 7.95 (1H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 8.0, 5.8, <sup>4</sup>J 2.1, H6), 8.05 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 8.3, H5), 8.34 (1H, s, H4), 9.59 (1H, s, H1), 10.85 (1H, s, NH).

[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(Hpz<sup>R(12,12)iq</sup>)] (13): yellow solid (53%). Found: C, 55.7; H, 6.6; N, 4.9. PtC<sub>42</sub>H<sub>61</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> requires C, 55.7; H, 6.8; N, 4.6%.  $v_{max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3242w v(N–H), 2920 – 2851s v(C–H)<sub>aliph</sub>, 1639 – 1595s v(C=C + C=N), 754 – 718m  $\gamma$ (C–H)<sub>iq</sub>.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (300.16 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 0.88 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.9, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.28 (36H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.82 (4H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.7, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.99 (4H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.52 (1H, t, <sup>4</sup>J 1.9, Hp), 6.62 (2H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 1.9, Ho), 7.20 (1H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 1.0, H4'), 7.69 (2H, m, H7, H8), 7.96 (1H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 7.8, 6.5, <sup>4</sup>J 1.7, H6), 8.04 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 7.9, H5), 8.30 (1H, s, H4), 9.72 (1H, s, H1), 11.11 (1H, br, NH).  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (75.48 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.7 – 31.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 68.5 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 101.5 (C4'), 103.3 (Co), 103.9 (Cp), 120.6 (C4), 127.0 (Ci), 127.3 (C10), 127.8 (C5), 128.7 (C8), 129.8 (C7), 133.9 (C6), 134.7 (C9), 143.0 (C3), 144.1 (C3'), 151.8 (C5'), 152.6 (C1), 161.0 (Cm).

[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(Hpz<sup>R(14,14)iq</sup>)] (14): yellow solid (54%). Found: C, 57.6; H, 7.1; N, 4.7. PtC<sub>46</sub>H<sub>69</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> requires C, 57.4; H, 7.2; N, 4.4%.  $v_{max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3247w v(N–H), 2920 – 2851s v(C–H)<sub>aliph</sub>, 1639 – 1596m v(C=C + C=N), 753 – 719m  $\gamma$ (C–H)<sub>iq</sub>.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (300.16 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 0.88 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.9, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.27 (44H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.82 (4H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.99 (4H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.52 (1H, t, <sup>4</sup>J 1.9, Hp), 6.59 (2H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 2.0, Ho), 7.22 (1H, br, H4'), 7.65 (2H, m, H7, H8), 7.95 (1H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 8.1, 6.7, <sup>4</sup>J 1.5, H6), 8.05 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 8.2, H5), 8.33 (1H, s, H4), 9.64 (1H, s, H1), 10.84 (1H, s, NH).

 $[PtCl_{2}(Hpz^{R(16,16)iq})] (15): yellow solid (41\%). Found: C, 59.0; H, 7.6; N, 4.1. PtC_{50}H_{77}N_{3}O_{2}Cl_{2} requires C, 59.0; H, 7.6; N, 4.1%. v_{max}/cm^{-1}: 3250w v(N-H), 2919 - 2851s v(C-H)_{aliph}, 1639 - 1597m v(C=C + C=N), 751 - 719m \gamma(C-H)_{iq}. \delta_{H} (300.16 MHz; CDCl_{3}; TMS): 0.87 (6H, t, {}^{3}J 6.9, CH_{3}), 1.26 (52H, m, CH_{2}), 1.81 (4H, qt, {}^{3}J 6.5, CH_{2}), 3.99 (4H, t, {}^{3}J 6.5, OCH_{2}), 6.53 (1H, t, {}^{4}J 1.9, Hp), 6.63 (2H, d, {}^{4}J 2.0, Ho), 7.17 (1H, s, H4'), 7.69 (1H, ddd, {}^{3}J 7.9, 6.8, {}^{4}J 1.0, H7), 7.80 (1H, d, {}^{3}J 8.3, H8), 7.96 (1H, pt, {}^{3}J 6.7, H6), 8.03 (1H, d, {}^{3}J 8.2, H5), 8.27 (1H, s, H4), 9.80 (1H, s, H1), 11.08 (1H, s, NH).$ 

 $[PtCl_{2}(Hpz^{R(18,18)iq})] (16): yellow solid (46\%). Found: C, 60.9; H, 7.7; N, 4.1. PtC_{54}H_{85}N_{3}O_{2}Cl_{2} requires C, 60.4; H, 8.0; N, 3.9\%. v_{max}/cm^{-1}: 3241w v(N-H), 2919 - 2850s v(C-H)_{aliph}, 1639 - 1597m v(C=C + C=N), 751 - 719m \gamma(C-H)_{iq}. \delta_{H} (300.16 MHz; CDCl_{3}; TMS): 0.87 (6H, t, {}^{3}J 6.8, CH_{3}), 1.25 (60H, m, CH_{2}), 1.81 (4H, qt, {}^{3}J 6.4, CH_{2}), 3.99 (4H, t, {}^{3}J 6.4, OCH_{2}), 6.52 (1H, t, {}^{4}J 2.1, Hp), 6.61 (2H, d, {}^{4}J 2.1, Hp), 6.6$ 

Ho), 7.19 (1H, s, H4'), 7.69 (2H, m, H7, H8), 7.95 (1H, pt, <sup>3</sup>*J* 6.7, H6), 8.03 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J* 8.3, H5), 8.29 (1H, s, H4), 9.72 (1H, s, H1), 11.00 (1H, s, NH).

#### Compounds [Pt(pz<sup>R(12,12)py</sup>)(pz<sup>R(n,n)py</sup>)] 17-23

 $[Pt(pz^{R(12,12)py})(pz^{R(4,4)py})] (17): red solid (36\%). Found: C, 61.1; H, 7.1; N, 6.9. PtC_{60}H_{84}N_6O_4 \cdot 0.3CHCl_3 requires C, 61.2; H, 7.2; N, 7.1\%. v_{max}/cm^{-1}: 2925 - 2854s v(C-H)_{aliph}, 1599s v(C=C + C=N), 757m \gamma(C-H)_{py}. \delta_{H} (300.16 MHz; CDCl_3; TMS): 0.88 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.9, CH_3), 1.02 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 7.3, CH_3), 1.27 (40H, m, CH_2), 1.84 (8H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.4, CH_2), 4.04 (4H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, OCH_2), 4.06 (4H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, OCH_2), 6.43 (2H, m, Hp), 6.83 (1H, s, H4'), 6.84 (1H, s, H4'), 7.05 (4H, m, Ho), 7.21 (2H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 7.1, 5.8, <sup>4</sup>J 1.1, H5), 7.56 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 7.8, H3), 7.84 (2H, pt, <sup>3</sup>J 7.8, H4), 10.73 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 5.5, H6).$ 

 $[Pt(pz^{R(12,12)py})(pz^{R(6,6)py})] (18): \text{ red solid } (37\%). \text{ Found: C, } 63.0; \text{ H, } 7.5; \text{ N, } 7.0. PtC_{64}H_{92}N_6O_4 \cdot 0.1CHCl_3 \text{ requires C, } 63.3; \text{ H, } 7.6; \text{ N, } 6.9\%. v_{max}/cm^{-1}: 2925 - 2854s v(C-H)_{aliph}, 1600s v(C=C + C=N), 757m \gamma(C-H)_{py}. \delta_{H} (300.16 \text{ MHz; CDCl}_3; \text{TMS}): 0.88 (6H, t, ^3J 6.9, CH_3), 0.93 (6H, t, ^3J 6.9, CH_3), 1.27 (48H, m, CH_2), 1.85 (8H, qt, ^3J 6.4, CH_2), 4.06 (8H, t, ^3J 6.5, OCH_2), 6.44 (2H, t, ^4J 2.0, Hp), 6.86 (1H, s, H4'), 7.08 (1H, s, H4'), 7.05 (4H, d, ^4J 2.1, Ho), 7.21 (2H, pt, ^3J 7.2, H5), 7.55 (2H, d, ^3J 6.7, H3), 7.84 (2H, pt, ^3J 7.7, H4), 10.76 (2H, d, ^3J 6.0, H6).$ 

[Pt(pz<sup>R(12,12)py</sup>)(pz<sup>R(8,8)py</sup>)] (19): red solid (34%). Found: C, 62.7; H, 7.5; N, 6.5. PtC<sub>68</sub>H<sub>100</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>·0.4CHCl<sub>3</sub> requires C, 62.8; H, 7.7; N, 6.4%.  $v_{max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2925 – 2854s v(C–H)<sub>aliph</sub>, 1599s v(C=C + C=N), 759m  $\gamma$ (C–H)<sub>py</sub>.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (300.16 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 0.88 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.8, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.90 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.27 (56H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.85 (8H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.4, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.06 (8H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.6, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.43 (2H, t, <sup>4</sup>J 1.9, Hp), 6.82 (2H, s, H4'), 7.06 (4H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 2.0, Ho), 7.17 (2H, pt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.4, H5), 7.49 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 7.5, H3), 7.76 (2H, pt, <sup>3</sup>J 7.3, H4), 10.73 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 5.5, H6).  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (75.48 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.7 – 31.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 68.0 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 99.4 (Cp), 100.1 (C4'), 103.6 (Co), 117.7 (C3), 120.4 (C5), 136.8 (Ci), 138.0 (C4), 149.3 (C3'), 150.2 (C5'), 151.1 (C6), 153.9 (C2), 160.2 (Cm).

 $[Pt(pz^{R(12,12)py})(pz^{R(10,10)py})] (20): red solid (28\%). Found: C, 64.3; H, 7.9; N, 6.2. PtC_{72}H_{108}N_6O_4 \cdot 0.3CHCl_3 requires C, 64.2; H, 8.1; N, 6.2\%. v_{max}/cm^{-1}: 2925 - 2854s v(C-H)_{aliph}, 1600s v(C=C + C=N), 756m \gamma(C-H)_{py}. \delta_H (300.16 MHz; CDCl_3; TMS): 0.88 (6H, m, CH_3), 0.89 (6H, m, CH_3), 1.28 (64H, m, CH_2), 1.85 (8H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.8, CH_2), 4.04 (8H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, OCH_2), 6.43 (2H, t, <sup>4</sup>J 2.0, Hp), 6.77 (2H, s, H4'), 7.02 (4H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 2.1, Ho), 7.13 (2H, pt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, H5), 7.46 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 7.9, H3), 7.75 (2H, pt, <sup>3</sup>J 7.3, H4), 10.63 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 5.5, H6).$ 

 $[Pt(pz^{R(12,12)py})(pz^{R(14,14)py})] (21): red solid (31\%). Found: C, 67.3; H, 8.6; N, 5.9. PtC_{80}H_{124}N_6O_4 requires C, 67.2; H, 8.7; N, 5.9\%. v_{max}/cm^{-1}: 2922 - 2850s v(C-H)_{aliph}, 1597m v(C=C + C=N), 764w \gamma(C-H)_{py}. \delta_{H} (300.16 MHz; CDCl_3; TMS): 0.88 (12H, m, CH_3), 1.26 (80H, m, CH_2), 1.84 (8H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.8, CH_2), 4.05 (8H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.6, OCH_2), 6.44 (2H, t, <sup>4</sup>J 2.0, Hp), 6.89 (2H, s, H4'), 7.09 (4H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 2.0, Ho), 7.26 (2H, m, H5), 7.59 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 7.5, H3), 7.86 (2H, pt, <sup>3</sup>J 7.1, H4), 10.77 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 5.5, H6).$ 

[Pt(pz<sup>R(12,12)py</sup>)(pz<sup>R(16,16)py</sup>)] (22): red solid (27%). Found: C, 66.1; H, 8.5; N, 5.5. PtC<sub>84</sub>H<sub>132</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>·0.4CHCl<sub>3</sub> requires C, 66.1; H, 8.7; N, 5.5%.  $v_{max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2922 – 2851s v(C–H)<sub>aliph</sub>, 1598m v(C=C + C=N), 764w  $\gamma$ (C–H)<sub>py</sub>.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (300.16 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 0.87 (12H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.8, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.26 (88H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.85 (8H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.05 (8H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.6, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.43 (2H, t, <sup>4</sup>J 2.1, Hp), 6.81 (2H, s, H4'), 7.06 (4H, d, <sup>4</sup>J 2.2, Ho), 7.16 (2H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 7.4, 5.9, <sup>4</sup>J 1.3, H5), 7.49 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 7.7, H3), 7.76 (2H, ddd, <sup>3</sup>J 7.7, 7.7, <sup>4</sup>J 1.3, H4), 10.70 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 5.6, H6).

 $[Pt(pz^{R(12,12)py})(pz^{R(18,18)py})] (23): red solid (38\%). Found: C, 67.2; H, 8.7; N, 5.3. PtC_{88}H_{140}N_6O_4 \cdot 0.3CHCl_3 requires C, 67.2; H, 9.0; N, 5.3\%. v_{max}/cm^{-1}: 2924 - 2853s v(C-H)_{aliph}, 1599m v(C=C + C=N), 758w \gamma(C-H)_{py}. \delta_{H} (300.16 MHz; CDCl_3; TMS): 0.87 (12H, t, ^3J 6.5, CH_3), 1.25 (96H, m, CH_2), 1.84 (8H, qt, ^3J 6.7, CH_2), 4.04 (8H, t, ^3J 6.6, OCH_2), 6.43 (2H, t, ^4J 2.1, Hp), 6.83 (2H, s, H4'), 7.05 (4H, d, ^4J 2.2, Ho), 7.20 (2H, ddd, ^3J 7.5, 5.9, ^4J 1.3, H5), 7.54 (2H, d, ^3J 7.7, H3), 7.76 (2H, ddd, ^3J 7.7, 7.7, ^4J 1.0, H4), 10.73 (2H, d, ^3J 5.6, H6).$ 

### Compounds $[Pt(pz^{R(12,12)iq})(pz^{R(n,n)iq})]$ 24-30

 $[Pt(pz^{R(12,12)iq})(pz^{R(4,4)iq})] (24): red solid (37\%). Found: C, 63.6; H, 7.0; N, 6.4. PtC_{68}H_{88}N_6O_4 \cdot 0.4CHCl_3 requires C, 63.6; H, 7.1; N, 6.5\%. v_{max}/cm^{-1}: 2923 - 2853s v(C-H)_{aliph}, 1640 - 1594s v(C=C + C=N), 772 - 718m \gamma(C-H)_{iq}. \delta_H (300.16 MHz; CDCl_3; TMS): 0.92 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.9, CH_3), 1.10 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 7.2, CH_3), 1.32 (40H, m, CH_2), 1.84 (8H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.7, CH_2), 3.81 (4H, m, OCH_2), 3.82 (4H, m, OCH_2), 5.97 (2H, s, H4'), 6.25 (2H, br, Hp), 6.39 (4H, br, Ho), 6.85 (2H, s, H4), 7.07 (4H, m, H5, H7), 7.20 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 7.4, H8), 7.40 (2H, pt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.8, H6), 10.57 (2H, s, H1).$ 

 $[Pt(pz^{R(12,12)iq})(pz^{R(6,6)iq})]$  (25): red solid (33%). Found: C, 65.6; H, 7.2; N, 6.4. PtC<sub>72</sub>H<sub>96</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>·0.1CHCl<sub>3</sub> requires C, 65.4; H, 7.5; N, 6.4%. v<sub>max</sub>/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2920 – 2851s v(C–H)<sub>aliph</sub>, 1639 – 1594s v(C=C + C=N), 774 – 718m  $\gamma$ (C–H)<sub>iq</sub>.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (300.16 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 0.92 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.7, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.00 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 7.2, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.33 (48H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.81 (8H, br, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.76 (8H, br, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.87 (2H, s, H4'), 6.22 (2H, br, Hp), 6.35 (4H, br, Ho), 6.74 (2H, s, H4), 7.03 (4H, m, H5, H7), 7.10 (2H, br, H8), 7.37 (2H, br, H6), 10.50 (2H, s, H1).

 $[Pt(pz^{R(12,12)iq})(pz^{R(8,8)iq})] (26): red solid (38\%). Found: C, 65.7; H, 7.4; N, 6.2. PtC<sub>76</sub>H<sub>104</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>·0.3CHCl<sub>3</sub> requires C, 65.6; H, 7.5; N, 6.0%. v<sub>max</sub>/cm<sup>-1</sup>: 2920 – 2852s v(C–H)<sub>aliph</sub>, 1641 – 1594s v(C=C + C=N), 773 – 715m <math>\gamma$ (C–H)<sub>iq</sub>.  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (300.16 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 0.91 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.7 CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.95 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.7, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.31 (56H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.85 (8H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.85 (8H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.4, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.09 (2H, s, H4'), 6.28 (2H, br, Hp), 6.50 (4H, br, Ho), 6.95 (2H, s, H4), 7.16 (4H, m, H5, H7), 7.30 (2H, m, H8), 7.46 (2H, pt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.5, H6), 10.74 (2H, s, H1).  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (75.48 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS): 14.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.0 – 32.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 67.9 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 98.3 (C4'), 99.5 (Cp), 102.2 (Co), 113.4 (C4), 126.0 (C10), 126.0 (C7), 126.5 (C5), 128.5 (C8), 131.5 (C6), 135.9 (C9), 136.8 (Ci), 146.4 (C3), 148.4 (C3'), 150.0 (C5'), 155.3 (C1), 160.0 (Cm).

 $[Pt(pz^{R(12,12)iq})(pz^{R(10,10)iq})] (27): red solid (47\%). Found: C, 66.3; H, 7.7; N, 5.7. PtC_{80}H_{112}N_6O_4 \cdot 0.3CHCl_3 requires C, 66.4; H, 7.8; N, 5.8\%. v_{max}/cm^{-1}: 2918 - 2851s v(C-H)_{aliph}, 1641 - 1593s v(C=C + C=N), 774 - 717m \gamma(C-H)_{iq}. \delta_H (300.16 MHz; CDCl_3; TMS): 0.90 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.7 CH_3), 0.92 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.9, CH_3), 1.31 (64H, m, CH_2), 1.89 (8H, qt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.6, CH_2), 3.94 (8H, t, <sup>3</sup>J 6.4, OCH_2), 6.34 (4H, m, Hp, H4'), 6.68 (4H, br, Ho), 7.20 (2H, s, H4), 7.26 (4H, m, H5, H7), 7.55 (4H, m, H6, H8), 11.00 (2H, s, H1).$ 

 $[Pt(pz^{R(12,12)iq})(pz^{R(14,14)iq})] (28): red solid (47\%). Found: C, 68.1; H, 8.2; N, 5.2. PtC_{88}H_{128}N_6O_4 \cdot 0.2CHCl_3 requires C, 68.2; H, 8.3; N, 5.4\%. v_{max}/cm^{-1}: 2921 - 2852s v(C-H)_{aliph}, 1639 - 1593s v(C=C + C=N), 768 - 712m \gamma(C-H)_{iq}. \delta_H (300.16 MHz; CDCl_3; TMS): 0.89 (12H, m, CH_3), 1.30 (80H, m, CH_2), 1.83 (8H, br, CH_2), 3.84 (8H, br, OCH_2), 6.20 (2H, br, H4'), 6.28 (2H, br, Hp), 6.54 (4H, br, Ho), 7.06 (2H, br, H4), 7.19 (4H, m, H5, H7), 7.26 (2H, m, H8), 7.47 (2H, br, H6), 10.73 (2H, br, H1).$ 

 $[Pt(pz^{R(12,12)iq})(pz^{R(16,16)iq}] (29): red solid (41\%). Found: C, 69.1; H, 8.5; N, 4.7. PtC_{92}H_{136}N_6O_4 \cdot 0.2CHCl_3 requires C, 68.8; H, 8.5; N, 5.2\%. v_{max}/cm^{-1}: 2917 - 2850s v(C-H)_{aliph}, 1641 - 1594s v(C=C + C=N), 775 - 718m \gamma(C-H)_{iq}. \delta_H (300.16 MHz; CDCl_3; TMS): 0.90 (6H, m, CH_3), 0.92 (6H, m, CH_3), 1.32 (88H, m, CH_2), 1.84 (8H, br, CH_2), 3.80 (8H, br, OCH_2), 5.95 (2H, s, H4'), 6.25 (2H, br, Hp), 6.41 (4H, br, Ho), 6.84 (2H, s, H4), 7.10 (4H, m, H5, H7), 7.18 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>J 7.8, H8), 7.41 (2H, pt, <sup>3</sup>J 6.7, H6), 10.59 (2H, s, H1).$ 

 $[Pt(pz^{R(12,12)iq})(pz^{R(18,18)iq})] \quad (30): \text{ red solid } (37\%). \text{ Found: C, } 69.4; \text{ H, } 8.4; \text{ N, } 5.0. PtC_{96}H_{144}N_6O_4 \cdot 0.2CHCl_3 \text{ requires C, } 69.4; \text{ H, } 8.7; \text{ N, } 5.0\%. v_{max}/cm^{-1}: 2924 - 2851s v(C-H)_{aliph}, 1641 - 1594s v(C=C + C=N), 776 - 718m \gamma(C-H)_{iq}. \delta_{H} (300.16 \text{ MHz; } CDCl_3; \text{ TMS}): 0.89 (6H, t, {}^{3}J 6.8, CH_3), 0.92 (6H, t, {}^{3}J 6.5, CH_3), 1.28 (96H, m, CH_2), 1.84 (8H, br, CH_2), 3.82 (8H, br, OCH_2), 6.06 (2H, s, H4'), 6.27 (2H, br, Hp), 6.47 (4H, br, Ho), 6.94 (2H, s, H4), 7.14 (4H, m, H5, H7), 7.14 (2H, m, H8), 7.44 (2H, br, H6), 10.67 (2H, s, H1).$ 

Bond distances [Å]		Bond angles [°]	
Pt–N1	1.999(5)	N1–Pt–N3	80.4(2)
Pt–N3	2.024(6)	N1-Pt-Cl2	173.9(2)
Pt–Cl1	2.308(3)	N1-Pt-Cl1	97.3(2)
Pt-Cl2	2.281(3)	N3-Pt-Cl2	93.6(2)
		N3–Pt–Cl1	177.0(2)
		CI1-Pt-CI2	88.7(1)

**Table S1.** Selected bond distances and angles for [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(Hpz<sup>R(6,6)py</sup>)]·CH<sub>3</sub>CN·H<sub>2</sub>O (**2**·CH<sub>3</sub>CN·H<sub>2</sub>O)



**Figure S1.** POM images of the columnar mesophases of (a)  $[PtCl_2(Hpz^{R(14,14)py})]$  **6** at 121 °C, (b)  $[Pt(pz^{R(12,12)py})(pz^{R(18,18)py})]$  **23** at 134 °C, (c,d)  $[Pt(pz^{R(12,12)iq})(pz^{R(8,8)iq})]$  **26** at 306 °C, and (e)  $[Pt(pz^{R(12,12)iq})(pz^{R(10,10)iq})]$  **27** at 308 °C, on cooling. All microphotographs were taken under crossed polarizers, except (b) and (d).

n		Transition <sup>[a]</sup>	T [ºC] (ΔΗ [kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ]) <sup>b</sup>	n		Transition <sup>a</sup>	T [ºC] (ΔΗ [kJ mol⁻¹]) <sup>b</sup>
4	1	Cr→I	231 (22.8) <sup>c</sup>	12	5	$Cr{\rightarrow}Cr'{\rightarrow}Col_L{\rightarrow}I$	49 (5.2), 96 (28.3), 166 (11.8)
		l→Cr	178 <sup><i>d</i></sup>			l→Col <sub>L</sub> →Cr	140 <sup><i>d</i></sup> , 80 <sup><i>d</i></sup>
6	2	Cr→I	206 <sup><i>c</i>,<i>d</i></sup>	14	6	$Cr \rightarrow Cr' \rightarrow Col_L \rightarrow I$	48 (8.6), 98 (22.3), 159 (5.8)
		l→Cr	202 <sup>d</sup>			l→Col <sub>L</sub> →Cr	141 <sup><i>d</i></sup> , 70 <sup><i>d</i></sup>
8	3	Cr→I	194 (20.0)	16	7	$Cr \rightarrow Cr' \rightarrow Col_L \rightarrow I$	58 (6.3), 105 (32.3), 151 (7.4)
		l→Cr	167 (-19.0)			l→Col <sub>L</sub> →Cr	144 <sup>d</sup> , 71 <sup>d</sup>
10	4	Cr→I	172 (12.9)	18	8	$Cr \rightarrow Cr' \rightarrow Col_L \rightarrow I$	49 (15.2), 109 (17.8), 124 (3.7) <sup>e</sup>
		l→Cr	137 (-5.7)				

**Table S2.** Thermal behavior of the pyridylpyrazole Pt(II) dichloride compounds  $[PtCI_2(Hpz^{R(n,n)py})]$ **1-8** 

<sup>*a*</sup> Cr, Cr' = crystalline phases, Col<sub>L</sub> = lamellar columnar mesophase, I = isotropic liquid. <sup>*b*</sup> DSC onset peaks. <sup>*c*</sup> Partial decomposition. <sup>*d*</sup> Detected by POM. <sup>*e*</sup> Pronounced decomposition.

n		Transition <sup>a</sup>	T [ºC] (ΔΗ [kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ]) <sup>b</sup>	n		Transition <sup>a</sup>	T [ºC] (ΔΗ [kJ mol⁻¹]) <sup>b</sup>
4	9	Cr→I	300 <sup>c</sup>	12	13	$Cr{\rightarrow}Cr'{\rightarrow}Col_L{\rightarrow}I$	77 (1.3), 86 (1.5), 224 <sup>d</sup>
6	10	Cr→I	267 <sup>d</sup>	14	14	$Cr \rightarrow Cr' \rightarrow Col_L \rightarrow I$	60 (24.2) <sup><i>e</i></sup> , 217 <sup><i>d</i></sup>
8	11	Cr→I	267 <sup>d</sup>	16	15	$Cr \rightarrow Cr' \rightarrow Col_L \rightarrow I$	50 (6.7), 68 (7.6), 214 <sup>d</sup>
10	12	Cr→I	250 <sup>d</sup>	18	16	$Cr \rightarrow Cr' \rightarrow Col_L \rightarrow I$	52 (5.0), 80 (29.5), 205 <sup>d</sup>

Table S3. Thermal behavior of isoquinolinylpyrazole Pt(II) dichloride compounds [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(Hpz<sup>R(n,n)iq</sup>)] 9-16

<sup>*a*</sup> Cr, Cr' = crystalline phases, Col<sub>L</sub> = lamellar columnar mesophase, I = isotropic liquid. <sup>*b*</sup> DSC onset peaks. <sup>*c*</sup> Detected by POM. <sup>*d*</sup> Enthalpy was not determined due to pronounced decomposition. <sup>*e*</sup> Overlapped processes.



Figure S2. X-ray diffractogram for compound [PtCl₂(Hpz<sup>R(12,12)py</sup>)] 5 recorded at 140 <sup>o</sup>C on heating



**Figure S3**. Proposed schematic model for the  $Col_L$  mesophase of the Pt(II) dichloride compounds (M = Pt, R =  $C_nH_{2n+1}$ , n = 12-18). Dichloride atoms have been omitted for the sake of clarity.



**Figure S4.** (a) UV-vis absorption and normalized emission spectra in solution in  $CH_2CI_2$  ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M) and in the solid state for the asymmetrical Pt(II) compound [Pt( $pz^{R(12,12)iq}$ )( $pz^{R(6,6)iq}$ )] **25**. (b) Image of the luminescence emission of [Pt( $pz^{R(12,12)iq}$ )( $pz^{R(14,14)iq}$ )] **28** taken in the solid state at room temperature under UV radiation ( $\lambda = 365$  nm).



**Figure S5.** Normalized emission spectra of  $[Pt(pz^{R(12,12)py})(pz^{R(4,4)py})]$  **17** as a function of temperature upon cooling.



**Figure S6.** Capacitance (*C*) of compound  $[Pt(pz^{R(12,12)py})(pz^{R(18,18)py})]$  **23** as a function of frequency (*f*) at selected temperatures. The solid (Cr) – mesophase (Col<sub>h</sub>) transition is indicated.