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Oxoplatin Complexed with Rhein and Ferulic Acid Ligands as Platinum(IV) Prodrugs with High Anti-tumor Activity

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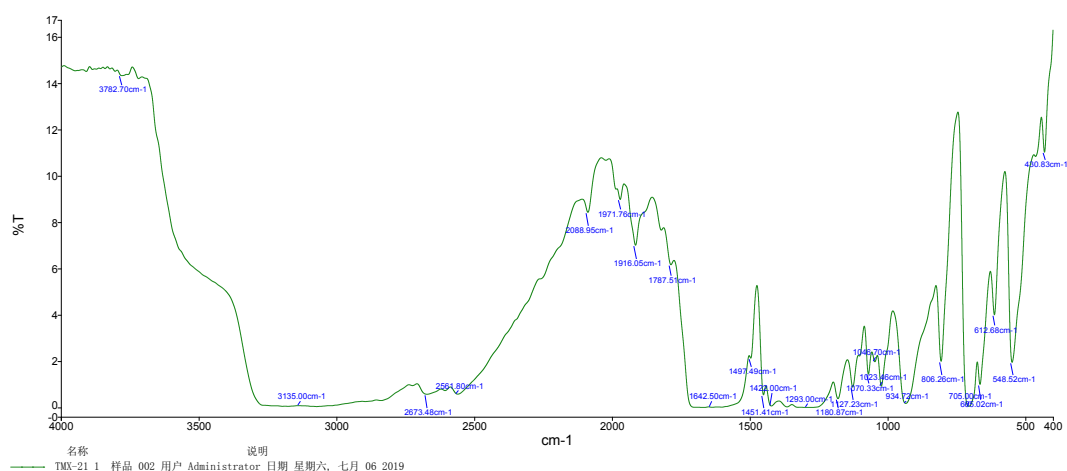


Figure S1. IR (KBr) spectra of Pt-1.

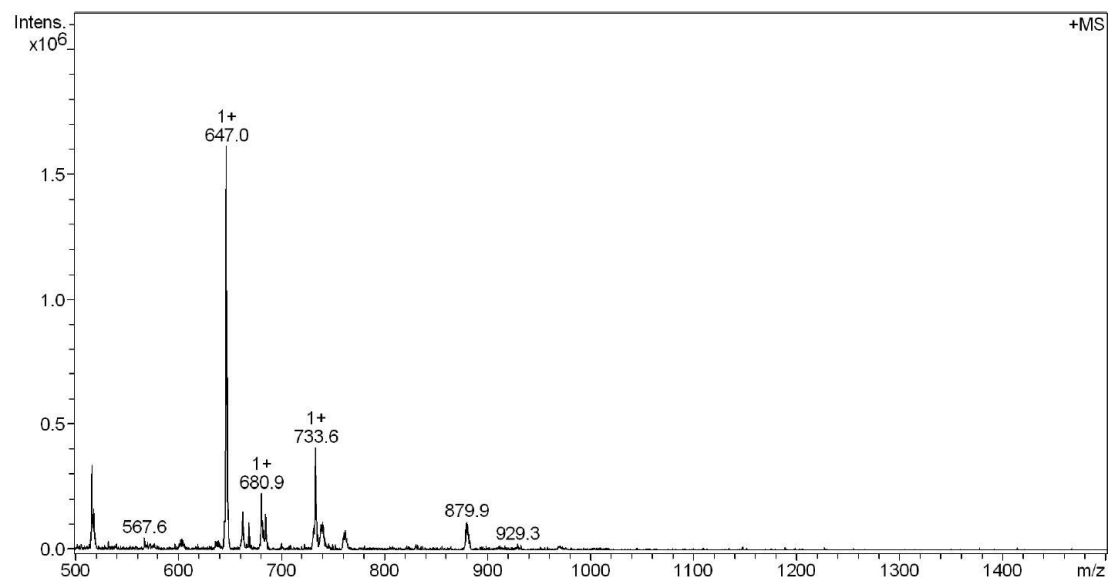


Figure S2. The mass spectra of Pt-1 in Tris-HCl buffer solution (containing 5% DMSO) for 0 h.

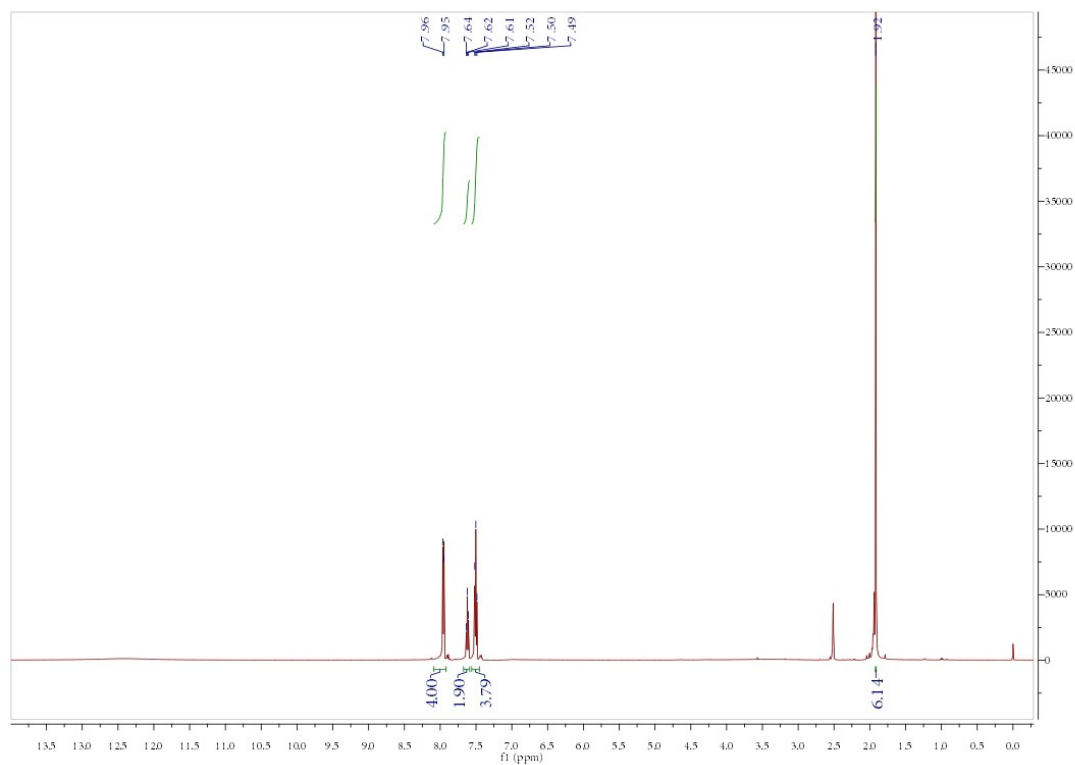


Figure S3. ¹H NMR (500MHz, DMSO-d₆) for Pt-1.

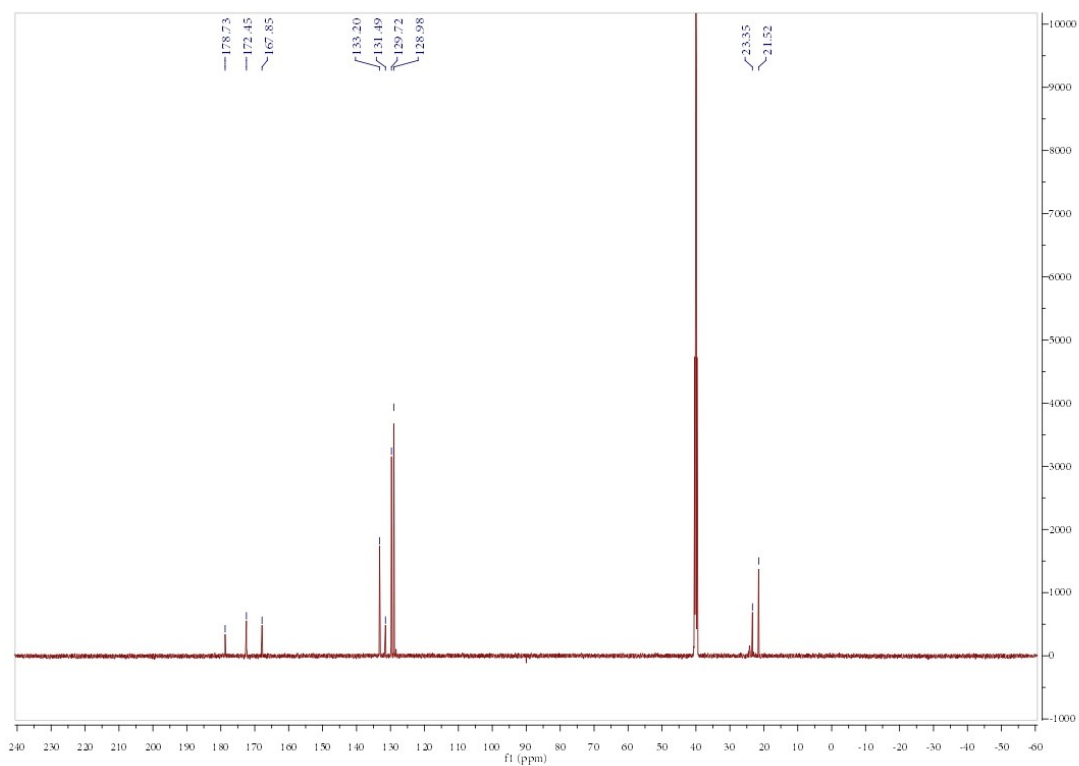


Figure S4. ¹³C NMR (126MHz, DMSO-d₆) for Pt-1.

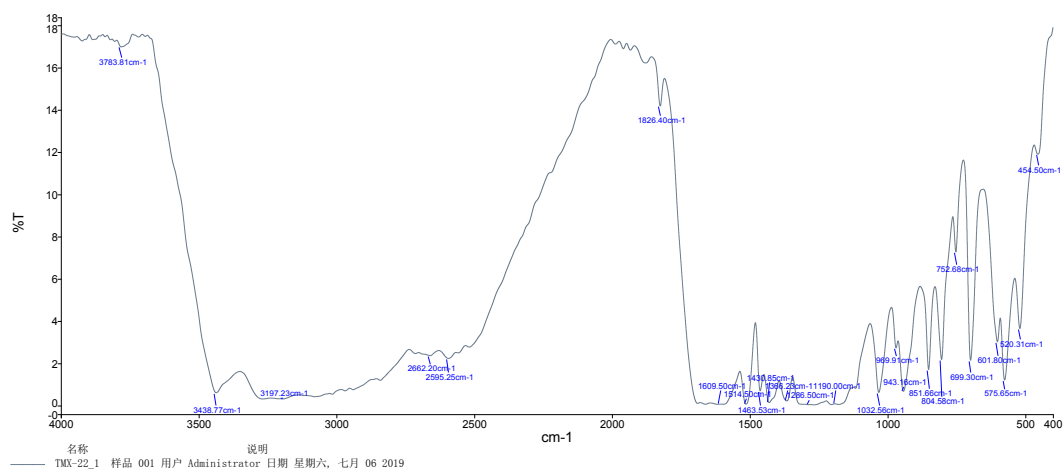


Figure S5. IR (KBr) spectra of **Pt-2**.

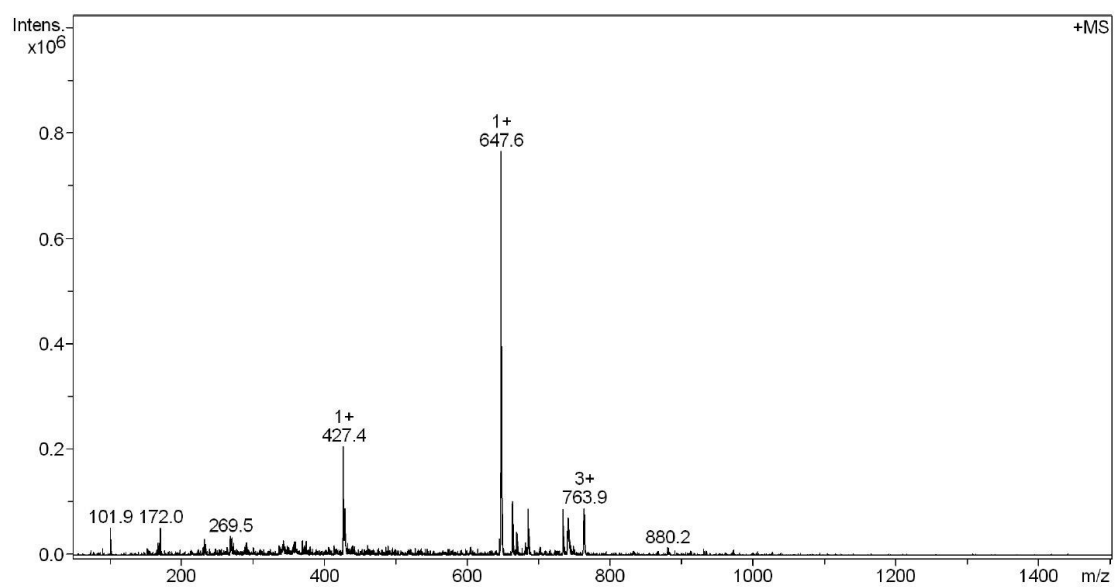


Figure S6. The mass spectra of **Pt-2** in Tris-HCl buffer solution (containing 5% DMSO) for 0 h.

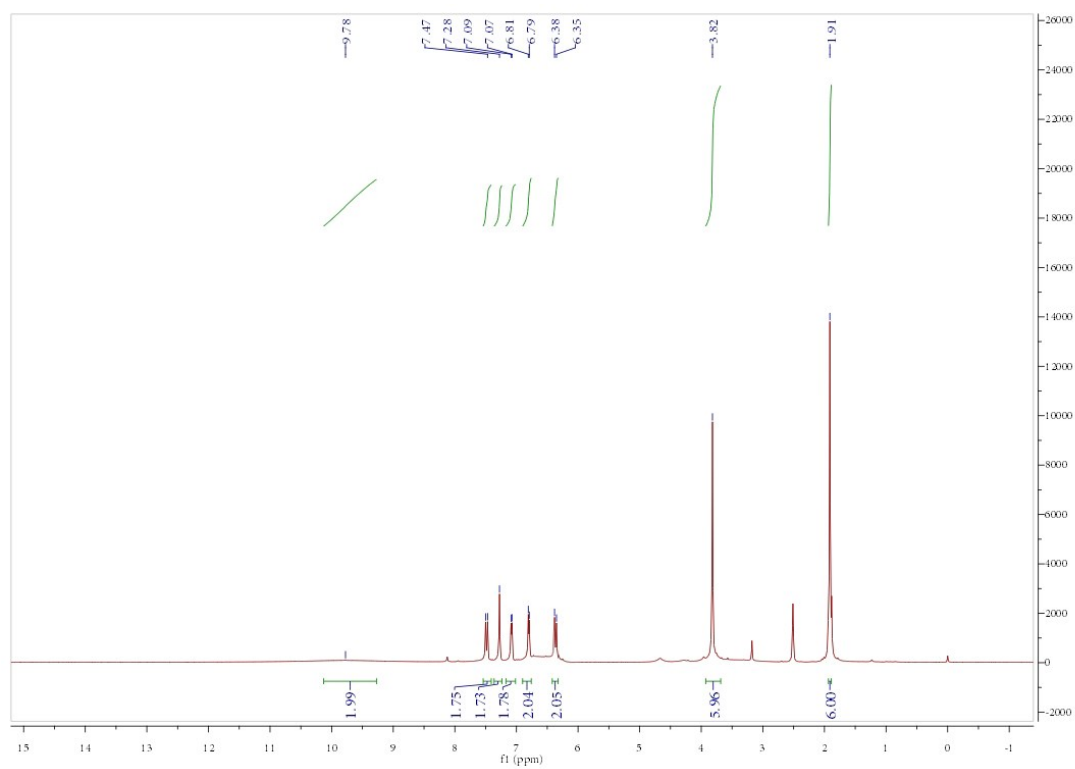


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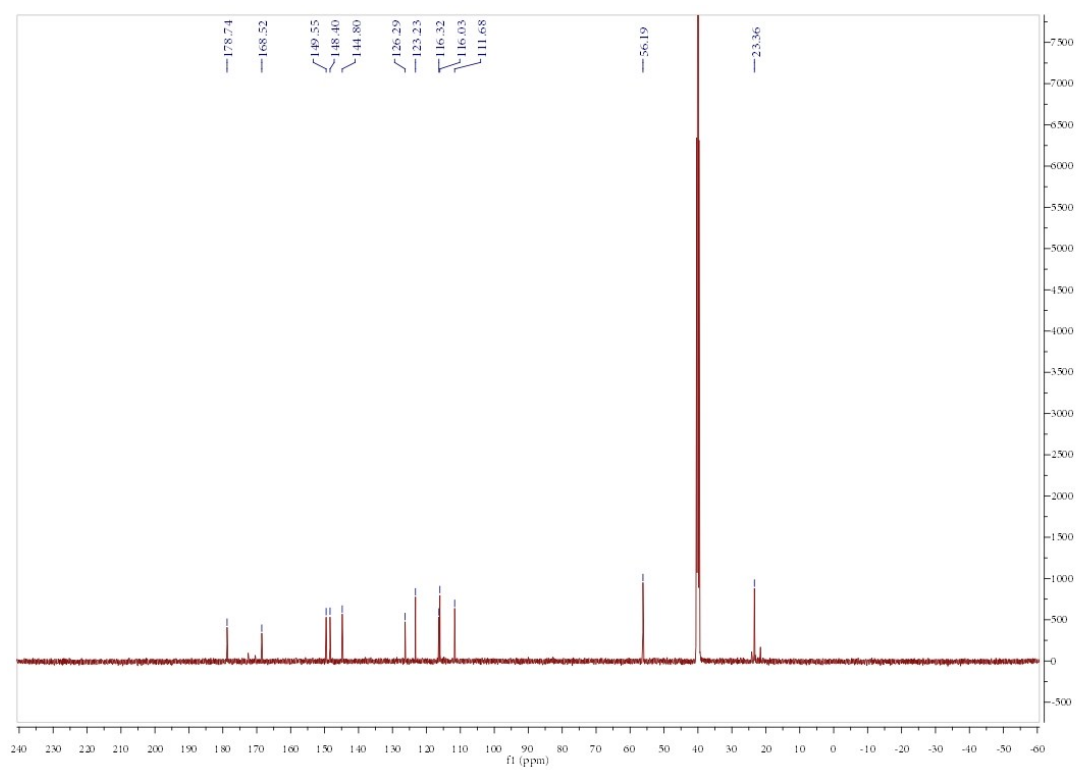


Figure S8. ¹³C NMR (126MHz, DMSO-d₆) for Pt-2.

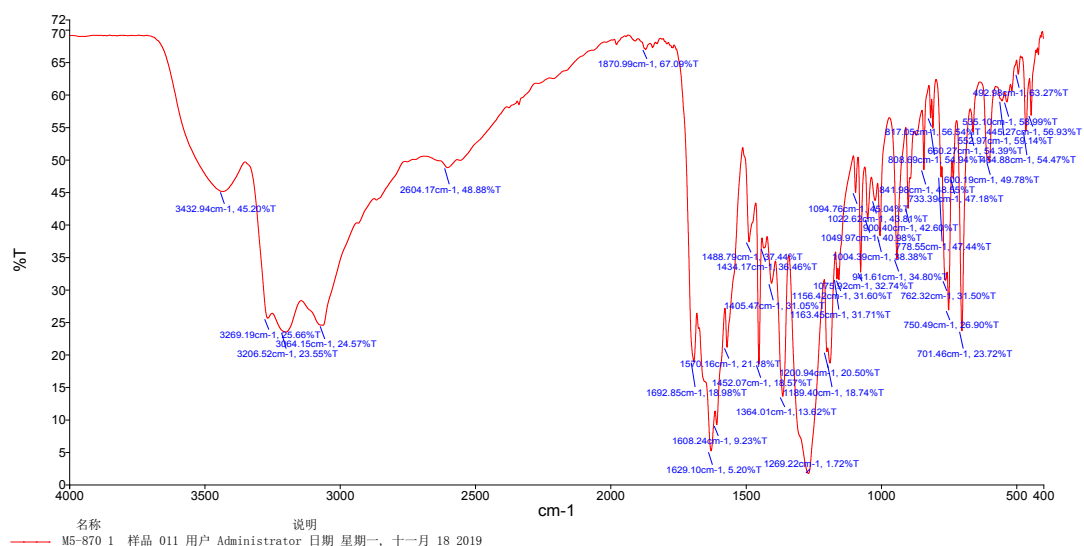


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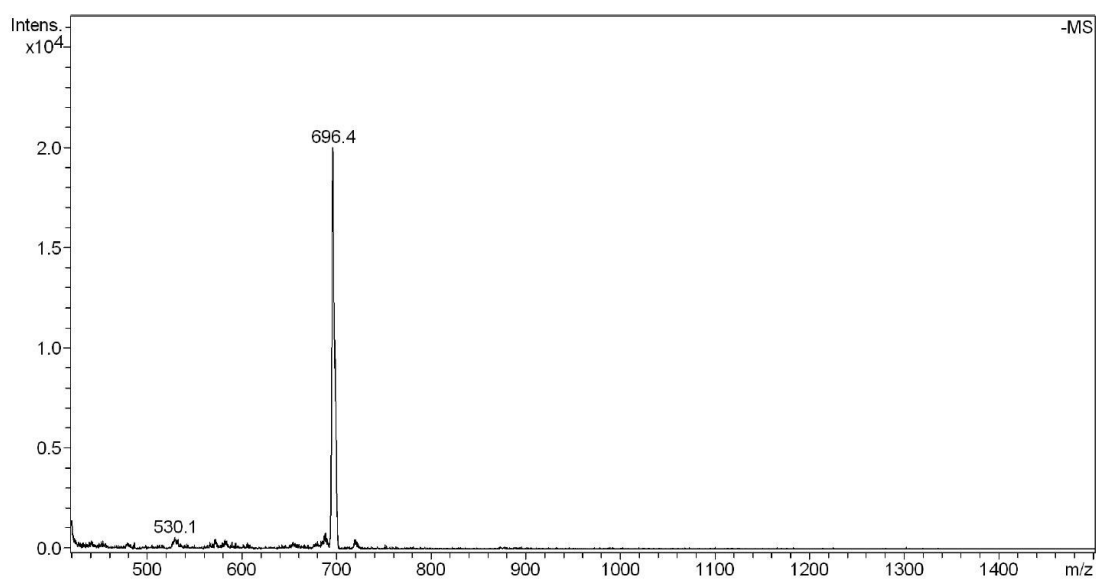


Figure S10. The mass spectra of **Pt-3** in Tris-HCl buffer solution (containing 5% DMSO) for 0 h.

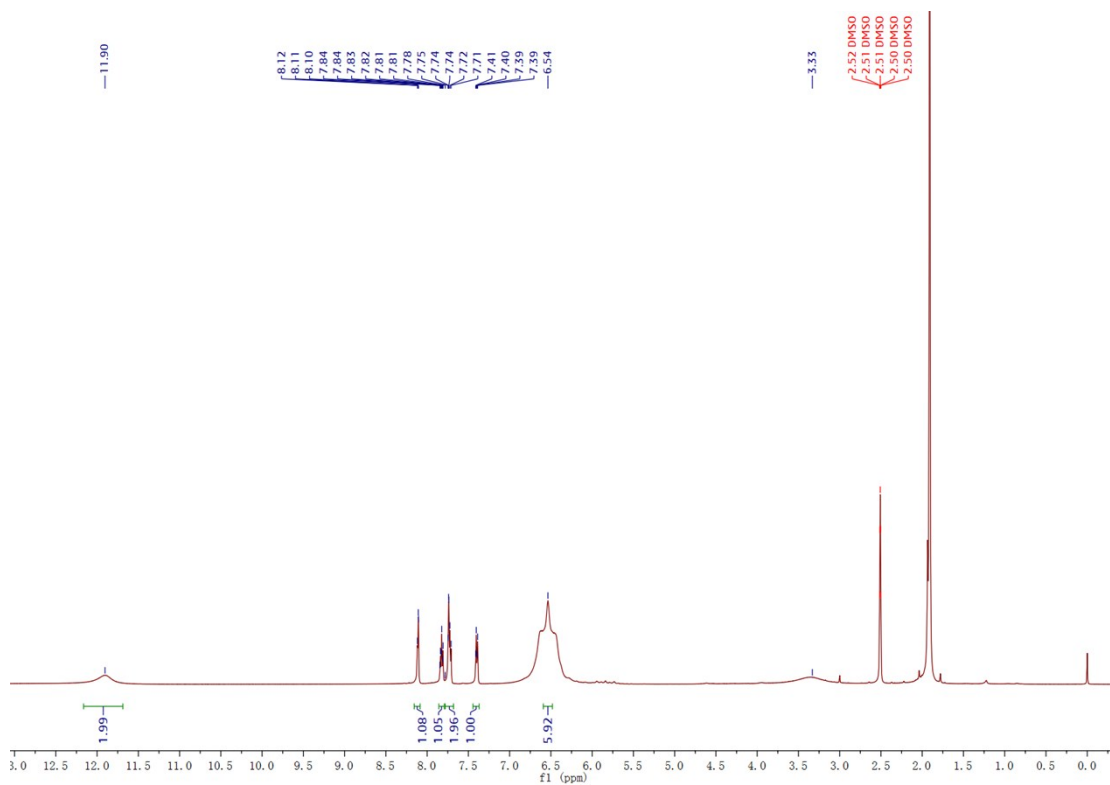


Figure S11. ¹H NMR (500MHz, DMSO-d₆) for Pt-3.

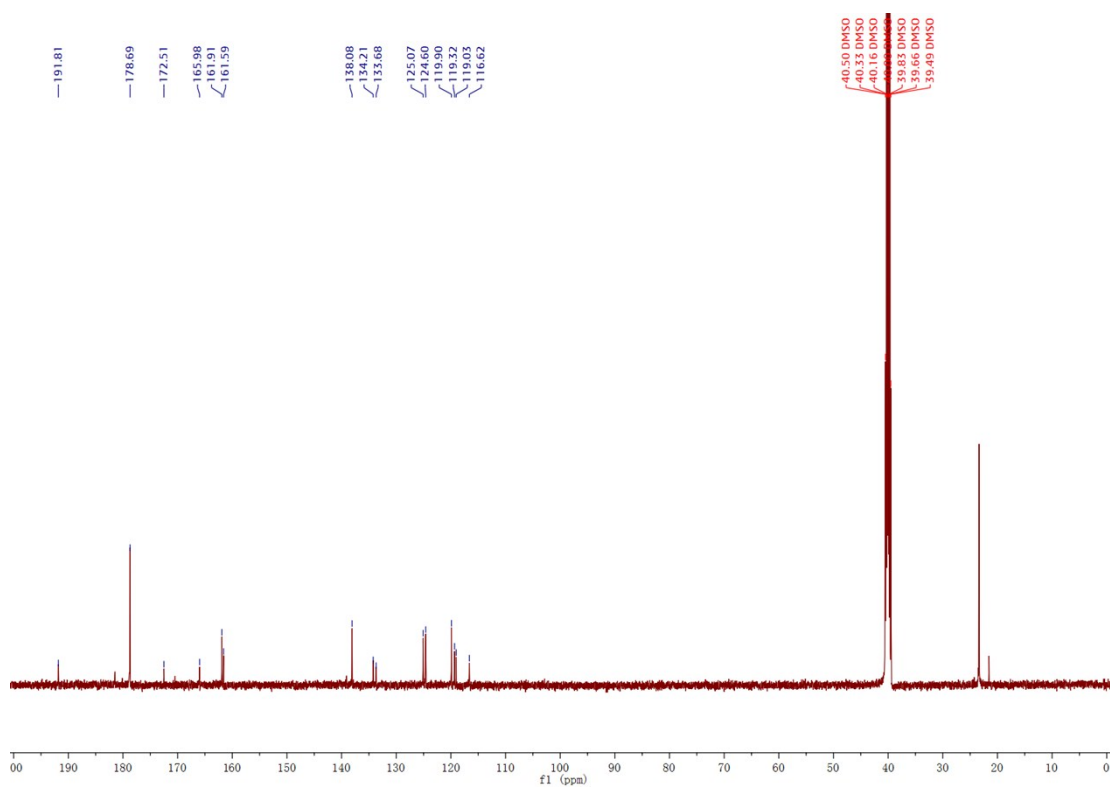


Figure S12. ¹³C NMR (126MHz, DMSO-d₆) for Pt-3.

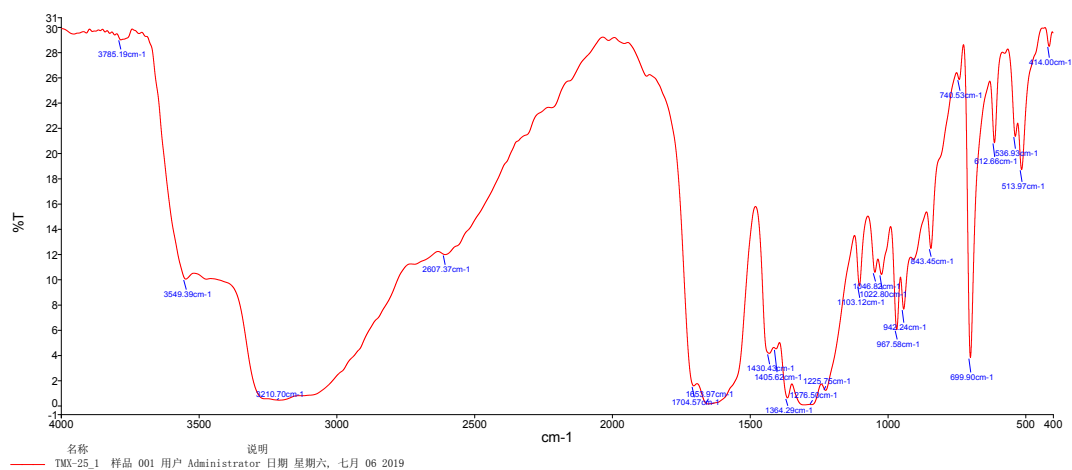


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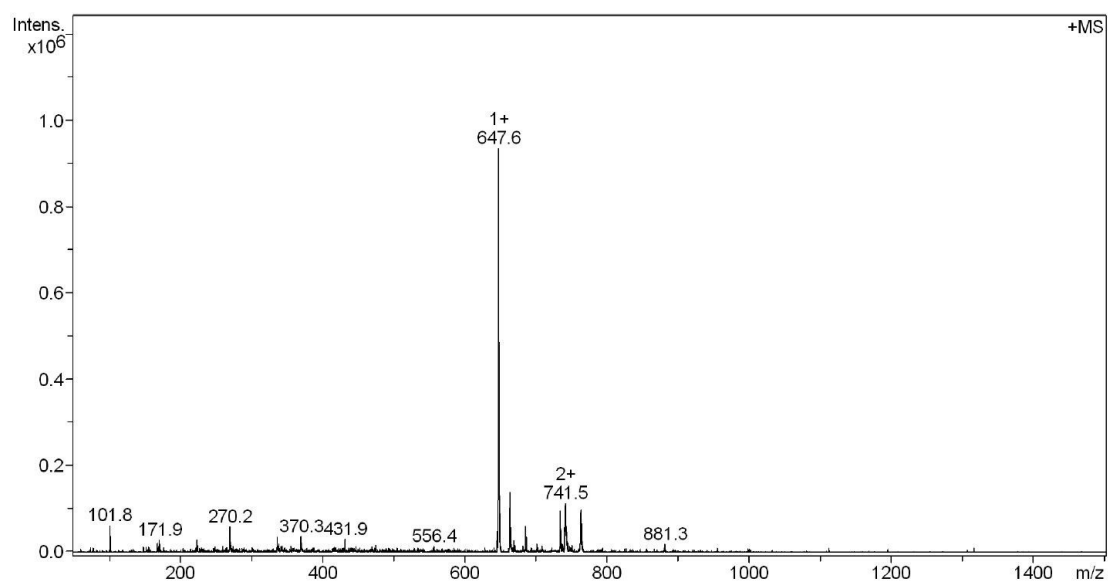


Figure S14. The mass spectra of **Pt-4** in Tris-HCl buffer solution (containing 5% DMSO) for 0 h.

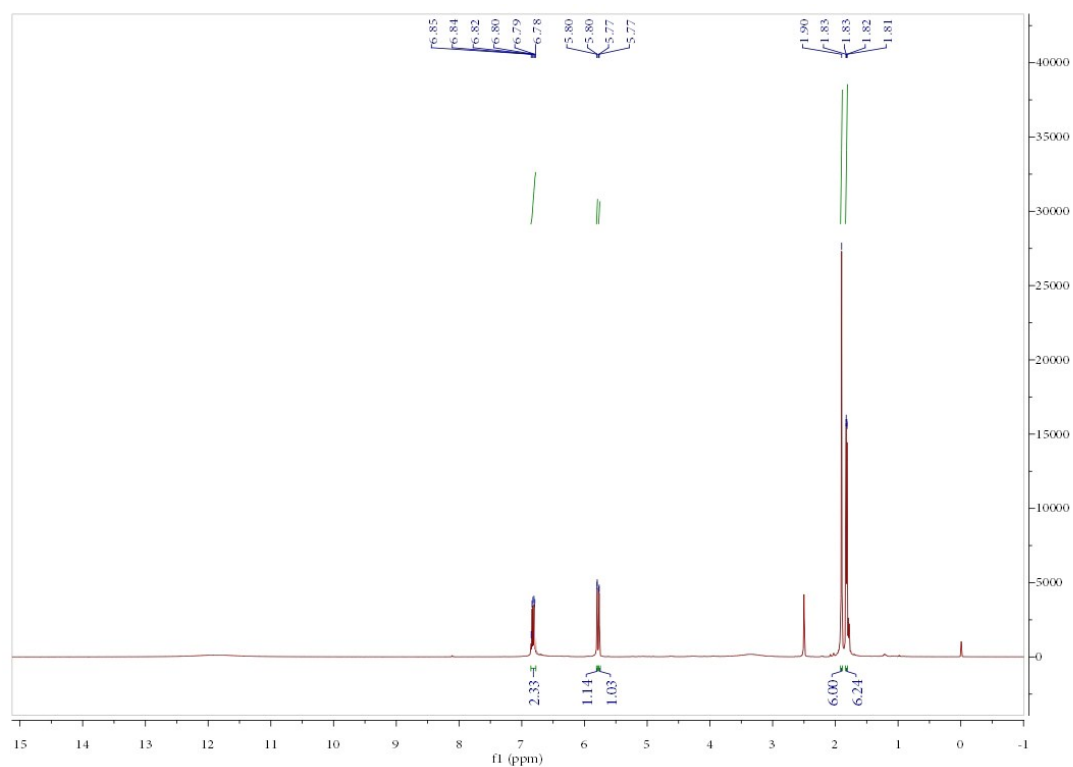


Figure S15. ¹H NMR (500MHz, DMSO-d₆) for **Pt-4**.

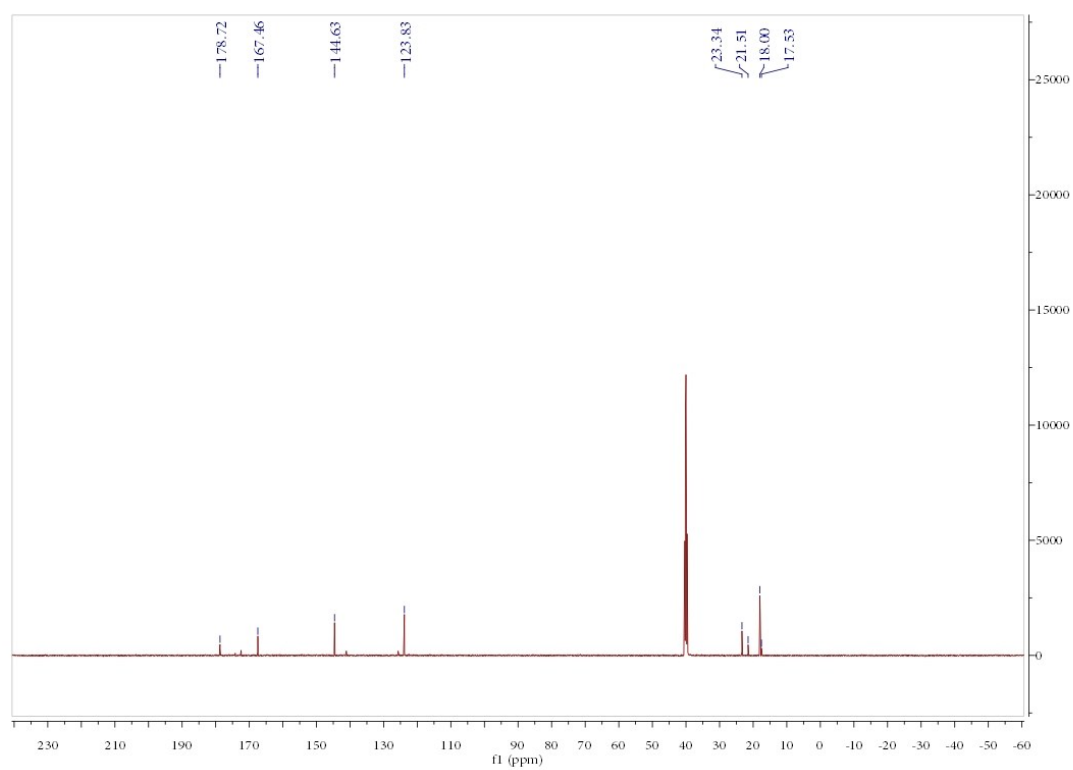


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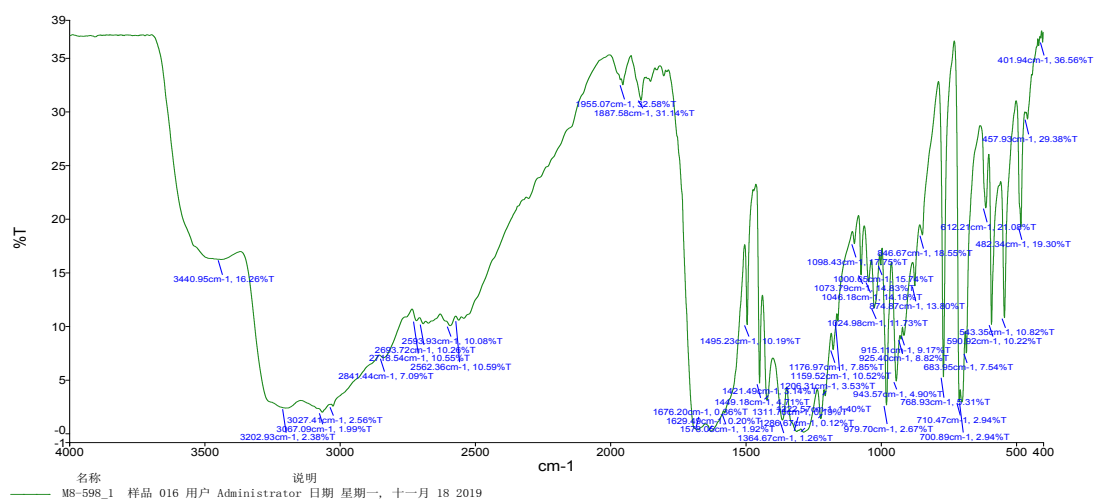


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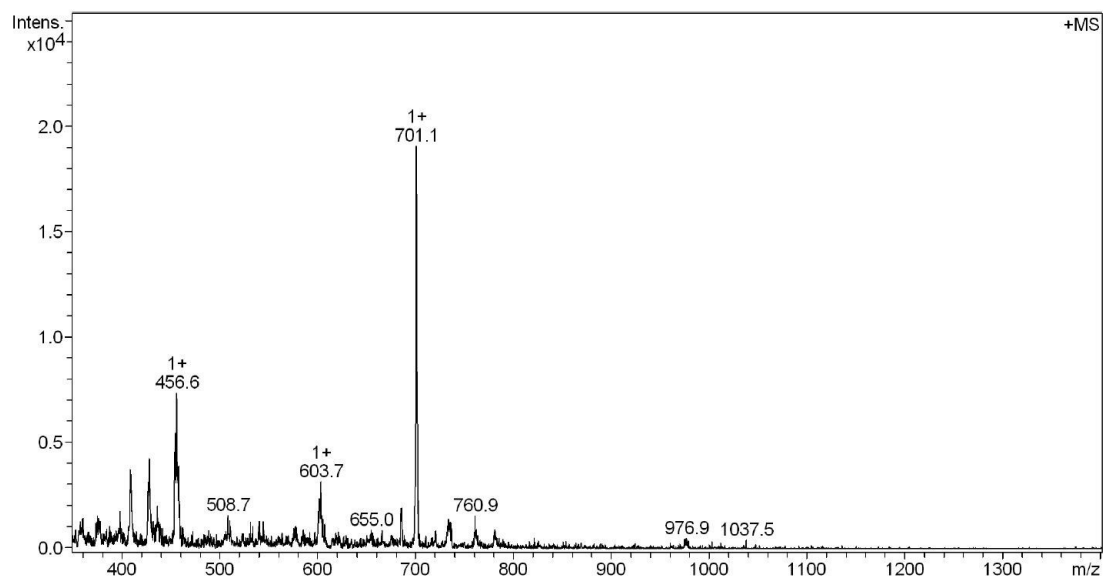


Figure S18. The mass spectra of **Pt-5** in Tris-HCl buffer solution (containing 5% DMSO) for 0 h.

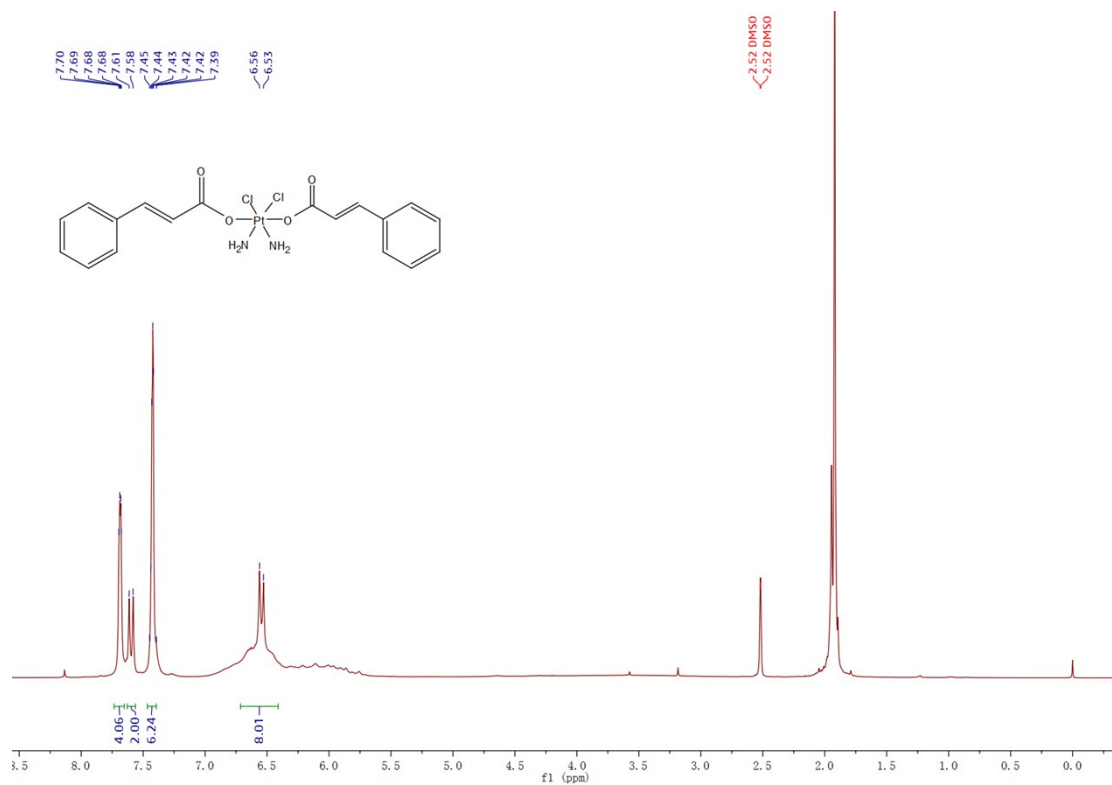


Figure S19. ¹H NMR (500MHz, DMSO-d₆) for **Pt-5**.

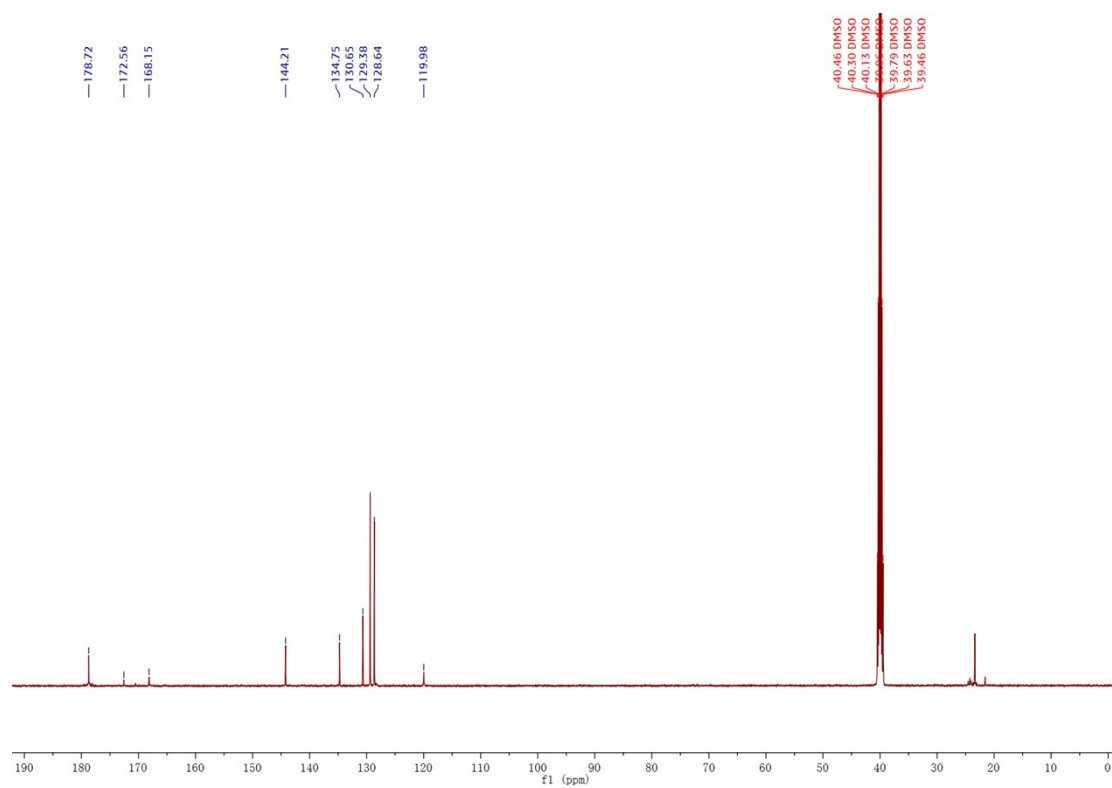


Figure S20. ¹³C NMR (126MHz, DMSO-d₆) for **Pt-5**.

Table S1. The tumor volume in treated and non-treated mice from the date of surgery to the study end point in the A549/DDP xenograft model.

Group	Tumor Volume (mm ³)		T/C (%)
	(start)	(end)	
control group	79.91±0.82	1208.31±24.82	-
cisplatin (2.0 mg/kg per 2 days)	79.90±0.30	803.10±15.40	66.46 ^a
Pt-2 (2.0 mg/kg per 2 days)	80.00±0.20	864.00±50.00	71.43 ^a
Pt-3 (2.0 mg/kg per 2 days)	79.70±0.60	386.40±31.90	32.06 ^a

^a mean $p < 0.05$, p vs vehicle control

Table S2. Average body weight in treated and non-treated mice from the date of surgery to the study end point in the A549/DDP xenograft model.

Group	Body Weight (g)		RBW (%)
	(start)	(end)	(end)
control group	19.40±0.34	21.43±0.26	110.48 ^a
cisplatin (2.0 mg/kg per 2 days)	19.20±0.30	21.00±0.10	109.66 ^a
Pt-2 (2.0 mg/kg per 2 days)	19.70±0.10	21.20±0.30	107.80 ^a
Pt-3 (2.0 mg/kg per 2 days)	19.50±0.30	21.00±0.20	107.71 ^a

^a mean $p < 0.05$, p vs control.

Table S3. In vivo anticancer activity of complexes (2.0 mg/kg per 2 days) toward A549/DDP tumor xenograft.

Group	average tumor weight(mean ± SD g)	inhibition of tumor growth(%)
control group	1.626±0.029	-
cisplatin (2.0 mg/kg per 2 days)	1.222±0.028	33.05 ^a
Pt-2 (2.0 mg/kg per 2 days)	1.269±0.044	28.12 ^a
Pt-3 (2.0 mg/kg per 2 days)	0.971±0.010	67.45 ^a

^a mean $p < 0.05$, p vs control.

Anti-cancer activity toward A549/DDP tumor xenograft *in vivo*

A549/DDP cells were harvested and injected subcutaneously into the right flank of nude mice with 5.0×10^6 cells in 200 μ L of serum-free medium. When the xenograft tumor growth to the volume about 1000 mm³, the mice were killed and the tumor tissue were cut into about 1.5 mm³ small pieces, and then transplanted into the right flank of female nude mice, When tumors reach a volume of 80-190 mm³ on all mice, the mice were randomized into vehicle control and treatment groups (n=6/group), received the following treatments: (a) control, 5.0% v/v DMSO/saline vehicle, (b) **Pt-2** at dose 2.0 mg/kg every two day (5.0% v/v DMSO/saline), (c) **Pt-3** at dose 2.0 mg/kg every two day (5.0% v/v DMSO/saline), (d) cisplatin at dose 2.0 mg/kg every two day (5.0% v/v DMSO/saline). The tumor volumes were determined every three days by measuring length (*l*) and width (*w*) and calculating volume, tumor volume and inhibition of tumor growth were calculated using formulas 1–3:

$$\text{Tumor volume: } V = (w^2 \times l) / 2 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{The tumor relative increment rate: } T/C (\%) = T_{RTV} / C_{RTV} \times 100\% \quad (2)$$

$$\text{inhibition of tumor growth: } IR(\%) = (W_c - W_t) / W_c \times 100\% \quad (3)$$

Where *w* and *l* mean the shorter and the longer diameter of the tumor respectively; T_{RTV} and C_{RTV} was the RTV of treated group and control group respectively. (RTV: relative tumor volume, $RTV = V_t / V_0$); W_t and W_c mean the average tumor weight of complex-treated and vehicle controlled group respectively.

Statistical Analysis

The experiments have been repeated from three to five times, and the results obtained are presented as means $\pm$ standard deviation (SD). Significant changes were assessed by using Student's *t* test for unpaired data, and *p* values of <0.05 were

considered significant.

Abbreviations

MTT, 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide; TGI, tumor growth inhibition; PI, propidium iodide; MMP, mitochondrial membrane potential; IR, tumor growth inhibition rate.