

Supporting Information

Rotaxane Pt^{II}-Complexes: Mechanical Bonding for Chemically Robust Luminophores and Stimuli Responsive Behaviour

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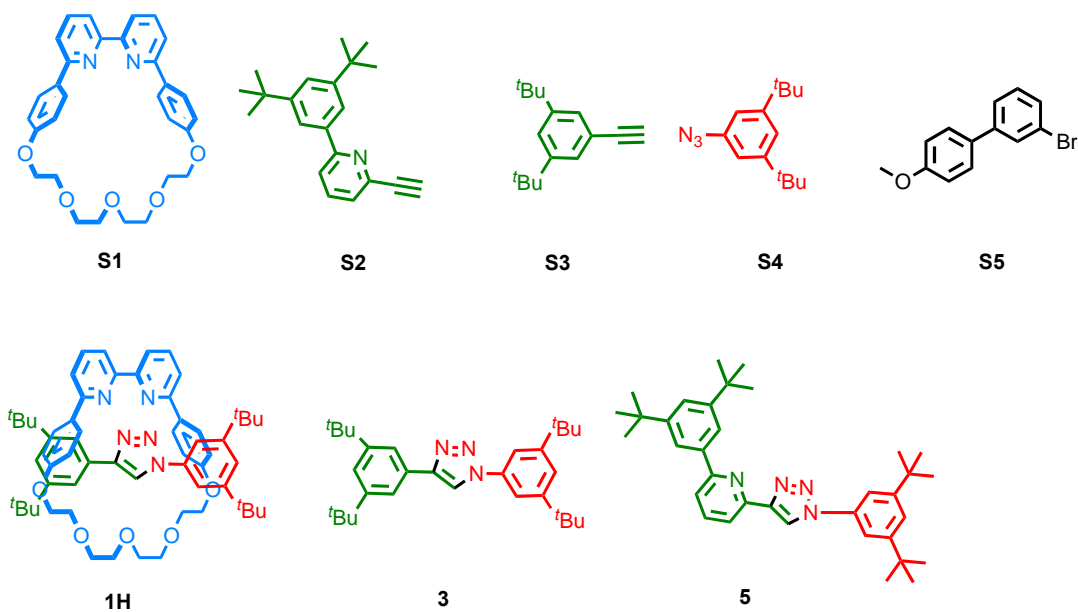
1 General experimental procedures

Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial sources (Sigma Aldrich, Fisher Scientific, Alfa Aesar, Acros and Fluorochem) and used without further purification. $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4][\text{PF}_6]$ was prepared as described by Pigorsch and Köckerling.¹ Anhydrous solvents were purchased from Acros. Experiments carried out in sealed vessels were performed in CEM microwave vials, with crimped caps, with PTFE septa. Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were carried out under an inert atmosphere of nitrogen. Flash column chromatography was performed using Biotage Isolera-4 or Isolera-1 automated chromatography system, employing Biotage SNAP or ZIP cartridges (50 μm , irregular silica, default flow rates). All azide waste was disposed of as described by Gardiner and co-workers.² Petrol refers to the fraction of petroleum ether boiling in the range 40-60 °C. TFA refers to trifluoroacetic acid. THF refers to tetrahydrofuran. DIPEA refers to *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine. Analytical TLC was performed on pre-coated silica gel plates on aluminum (0.25 mm thick, 60F254, Merck, Germany) and observed under UV light (254 nm). EDTA-NH₃ solution refers to an aqueous solution of NH₃ (17% w/w) saturated with sodium-ethylenediaminetetraacetate. All melting points were determined using a Griffin apparatus and are uncorrected. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AV400 or AV500 instrument, at a constant temperature of 298 K. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million from low to high field and referenced to residual solvent. Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hertz (Hz). Standard abbreviations indicating multiplicity were used as follows: m = multiplet, quint = quintet, q = quartet, t = triplet, d = doublet, s = singlet, app. = apparent, br = broad, sept = septet. Signal assignment was carried out using 2D NMR methods (HSQC, HMBC, COSY, NOESY/ROESY, TOCSY etc) where necessary. In the case of some complex multiplets with contributions from more than proton signals, such as diastereoisomers, exact assignment was not possible. Here indicative either/or assignments (e.g. H_A or H_B) are provided. For clarity all proton signals corresponding to the axle components are in lower case, and all proton signals corresponding to the macrocycle components are in upper case. Low resolution mass spectrometry was carried out by the mass spectrometry services at University of Southampton (Waters TQD mass spectrometer equipped with a triple quadrupole analyser with UHPLC injection [BEH C₁₈ column; MeCN-H₂O gradient {0.2% formic acid}]). High resolution mass spectrometry was carried out either by the mass spectrometry service at the University of Edinburgh (ThermoElectron MAT 900) or by the mass spectrometry services at the University of Southampton (MaXis, Bruker Daltonics, with a Time of Flight (TOF) analyser; samples were introduced to the mass spectrometer *via* a Dionex Ultimate 3000 autosampler and uHPLC pump in a gradient of 20% MeCN in hexane to 100% acetonitrile (0.2% formic acid) over 5-10 min at 0.6 mL/min; column: Acquity UPLC BEH C₁₈ (Waters) 1.7 micron 50 × 2.1mm).

Absorption spectra in solution were measured on a Biotek Instruments XS spectrometer, using quartz cuvettes of 1 cm path length. Samples for emission measurements were contained within quartz cuvettes of 1 cm path length modified to allow connection to a high-vacuum line. Degassing was achieved *via* a minimum of three freeze-pump-thaw cycles whilst connected to the vacuum manifold; final vapour pressure at 77 K was $< 5 \times 10^{-2}$ mbar, as monitored using a Pirani gauge. Luminescence quantum yields were determined using aqueous $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]\text{Cl}_2$ as the standard ($\Phi_{\text{lum}} = 0.028$).³ The luminescence lifetimes of the complexes were measured by time-correlated single photon counting (TCSPC), following excitation at 405 nm with an EPL-405 pulsed diode

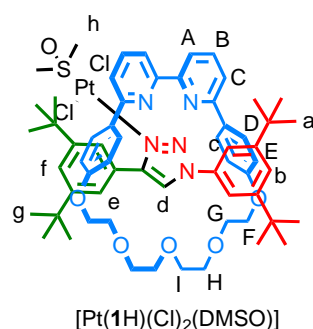
laser. The emitted light was detected at 90° using a Peltier-cooled R928 PMT after passage through a monochromator. The estimated uncertainty in the quoted lifetimes is $\pm 10\%$ or better. Spectra at 77 K were recorded in a glass of EPA (= diethyl ether / isopentane / ethanol, 2:2:1 v/v).

The following compounds were synthesised according to literature procedures; Macrocycle **S1**,⁴ half axle **S2**,⁵ 1,3-di-tert-butyl-5-ethynylbenzene (**S3**),⁶ 1-azido-3,5-ditert-butylbenzene (**S4**),⁷ 2-bromo-6-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyridine (**S5**),⁸ **1H**,⁴ axle **3**⁵ and axle **5**⁵ were made according to literature procedures.



2 Experimental Procedures

2.1 Synthesis of [Pt(1H)(Cl)₂(DMSO)]



Acetone (5 mL) was added to a mixture of rotaxane **1H** (0.0272 mmol, 25.8 mg, 1 eq) and Pt(DMSO)₂Cl₂ (0.0326 mmol, 13.8 mg, 1.2 eq), the colourless suspension was stirring at 80 °C for 18 h during which time a pale-yellow solution formed. After removal of solvent, the yellow mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (10 % MeCN in 1/1 CH₂Cl₂/petrol), giving the final product as off-white foam (24 mg, 71%.) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.57 (s, 1H, H_d), 7.80 – 7.72 (m, 4H, H_e + H_B), 7.69 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, H_A), 7.65 – 7.58 (m, 2H, H_C), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, H_C), 7.27 (s, 1H, H_b), 7.23 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, H_f), 7.00 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4H, H_E), 6.33 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4H, H_D), 4.40 (dt, *J* = 10.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H, 2 of H_I), 4.20 (dt, *J* = 11.6, 6.1 Hz, 2H, 2 of H_F), 4.04 (dt, *J* = 11.2, 5.8 Hz, 2H, 2 of H_H), 3.88 – 3.77 (m, 4H, 2 of H_F + 2 of H_I), 3.69 (m, 4H, 2 of H_G + 2 of H_H), 3.56 (dt, *J* = 11.1, 5.8 Hz, 2H, 2 of H_G), 3.31 (s, 6H, H_h), 1.14 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 18H, H_g), 1.09 (s, 18H, H_a). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.3, 159.0, 157.0, 151.9, 150.4, 147.7, 137.5, 135.8, 132.6, 128.8, 127.6, 123.3, 123.0, 122.6, 120.6, 119.5, 114.6, 114.5, 70.6, 70.3, 69.0, 67.2, 43.6, 35.2, 34.9, 31.5, 31.2. HR-MS-ESI: *m/z* (found) = 1288.5, *m/z* calc. = 1288.5 [M]⁺.

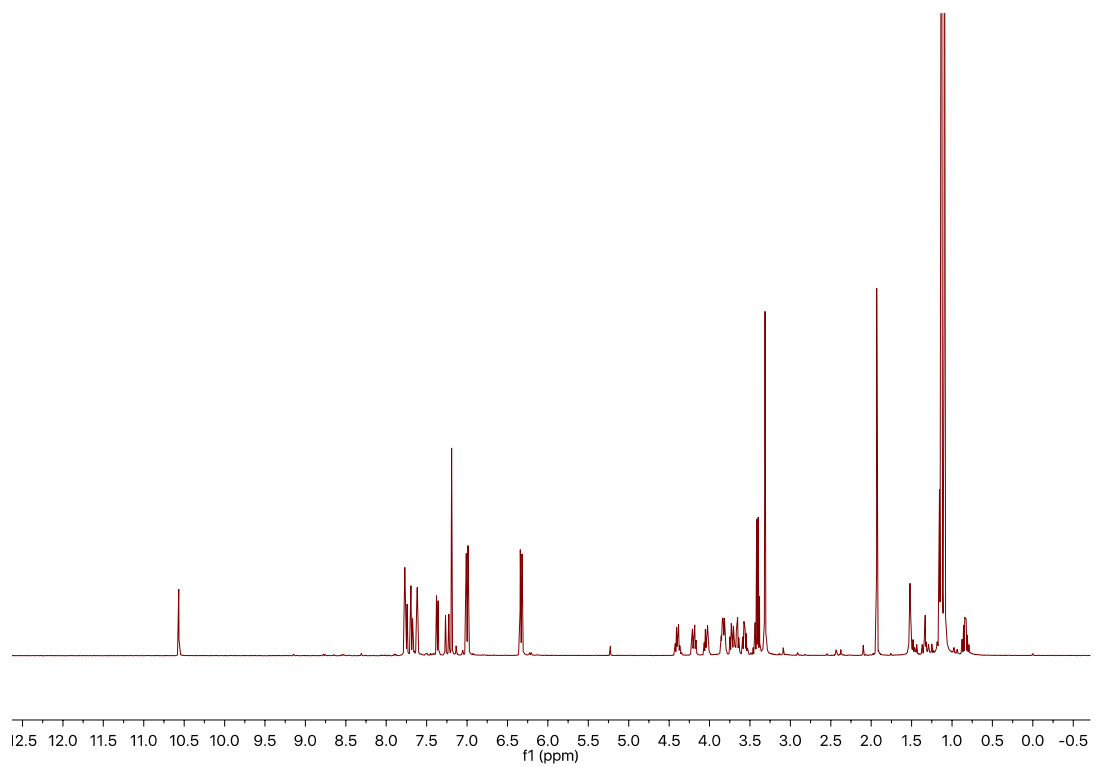


Figure S1. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{1H})(\text{Cl})_2(\text{DMSO})]$

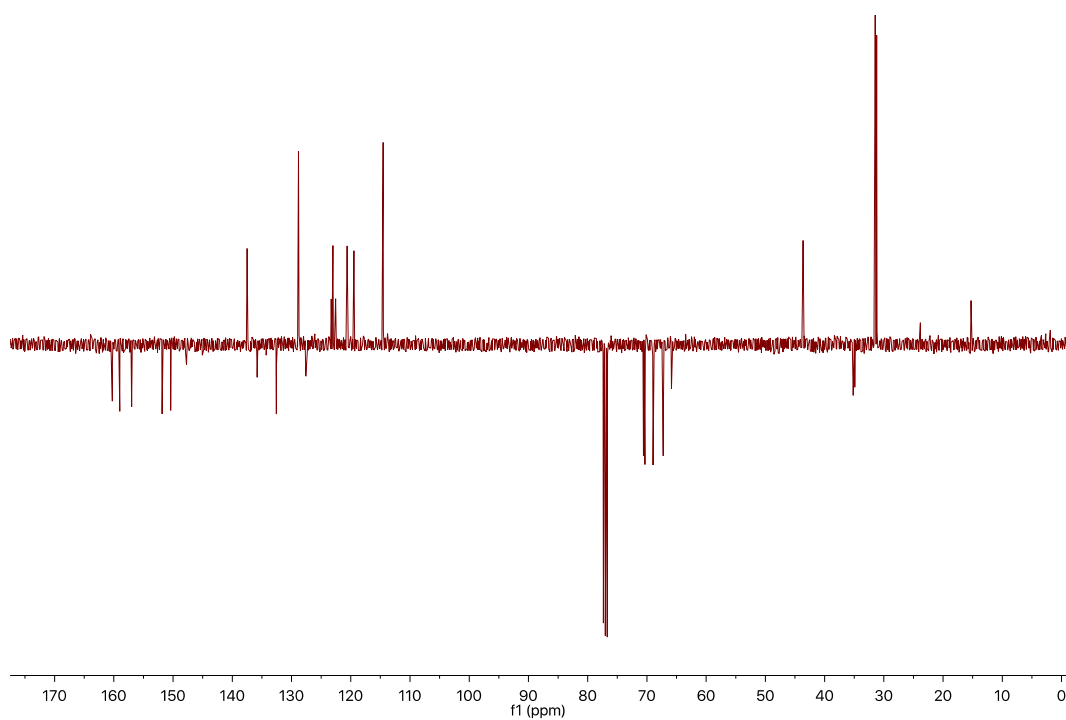


Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 101 MHz) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{1H})(\text{Cl})_2(\text{DMSO})]$

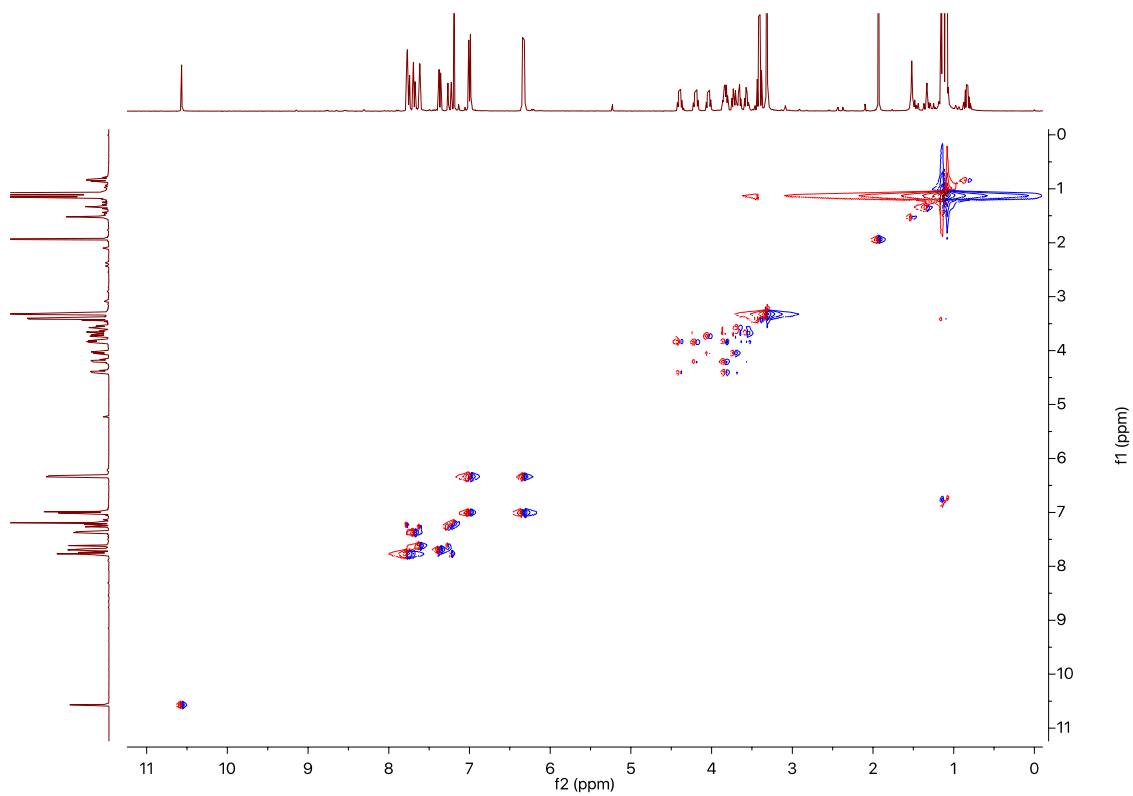


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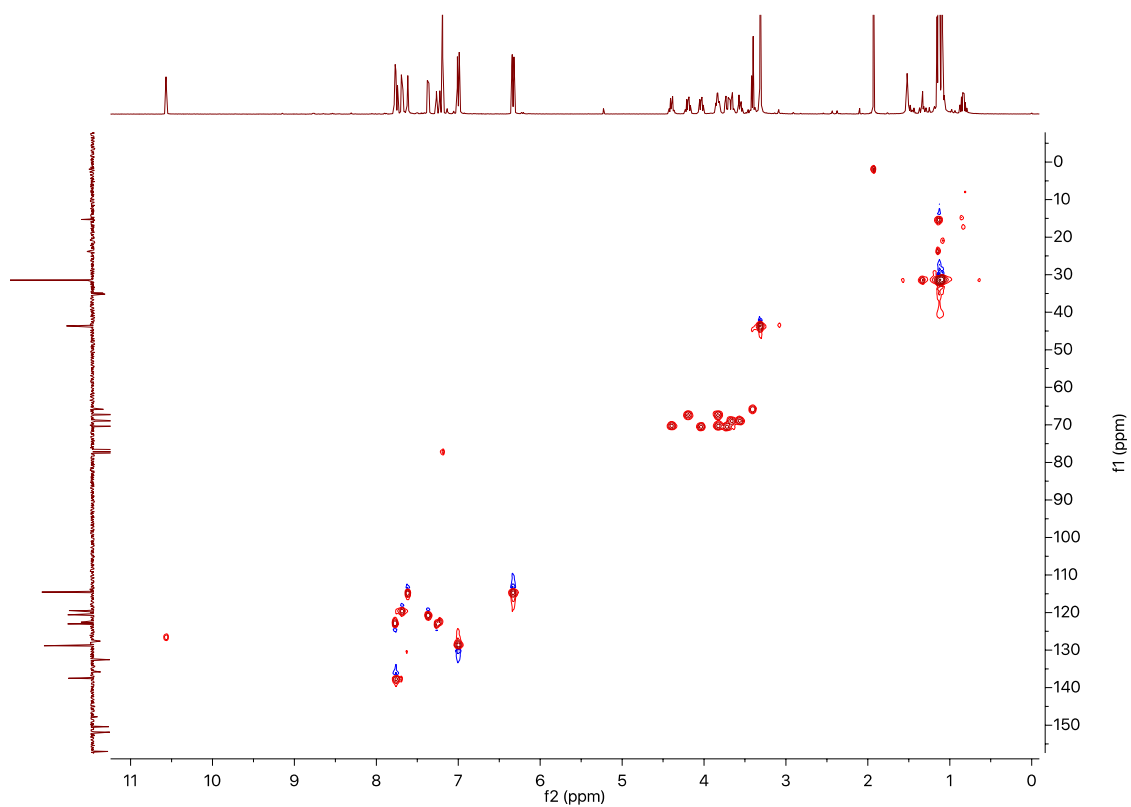


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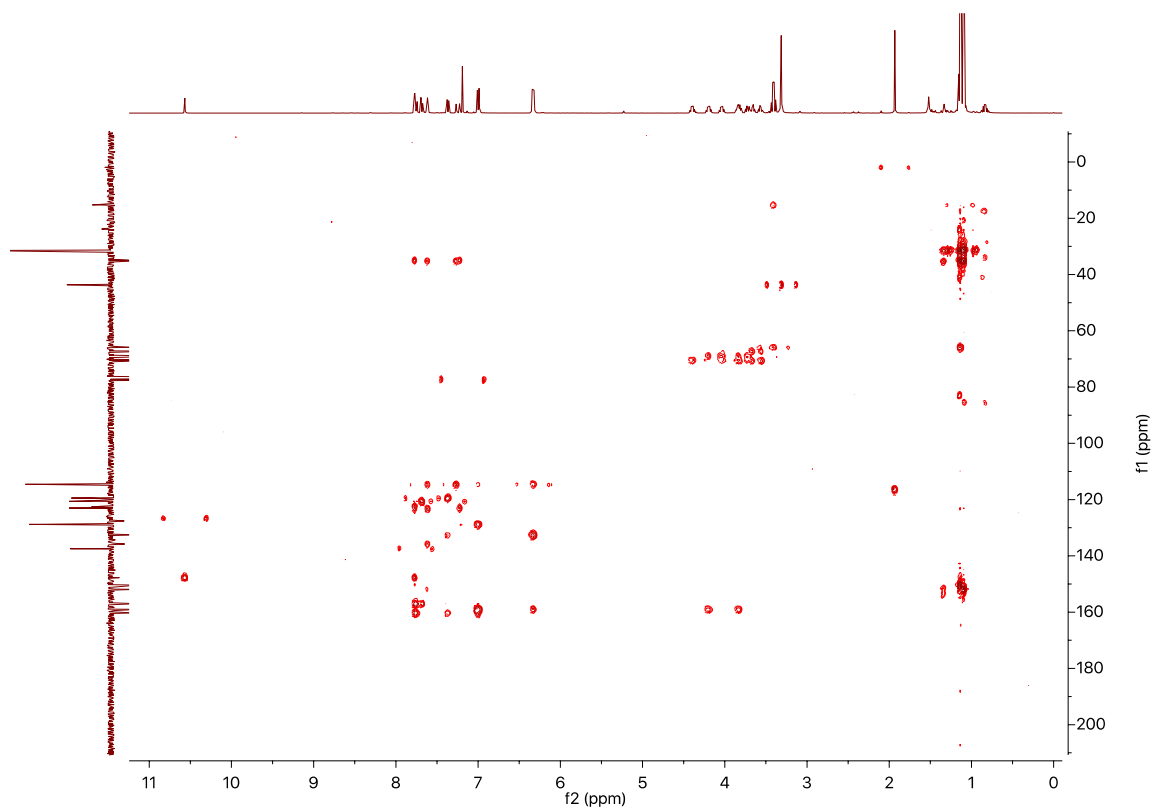


Figure S5. HMBC NMR (CDCl_3) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{1H})(\text{Cl})_2(\text{DMSO})]$

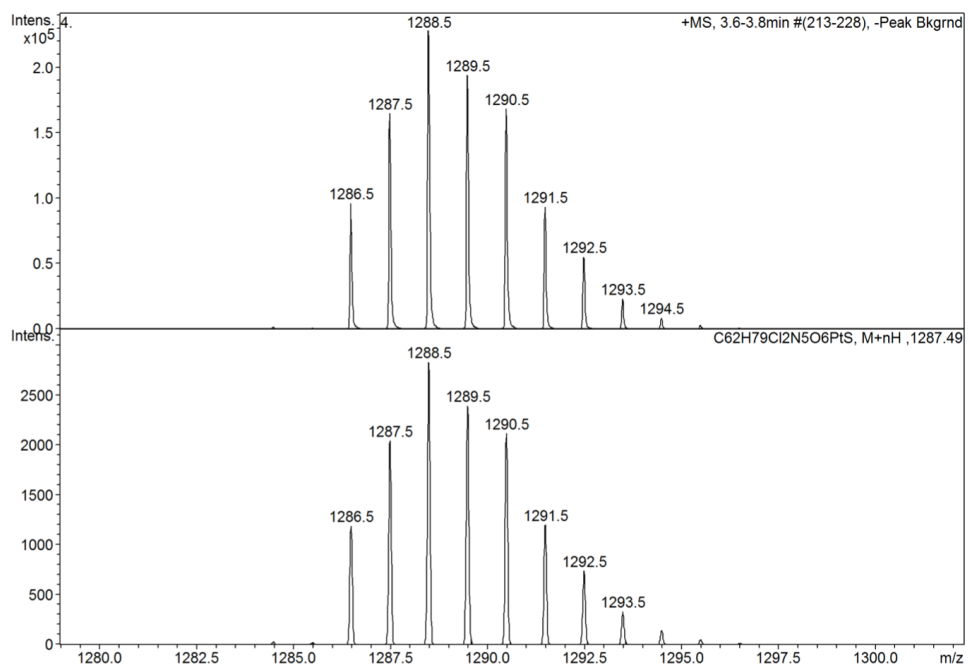
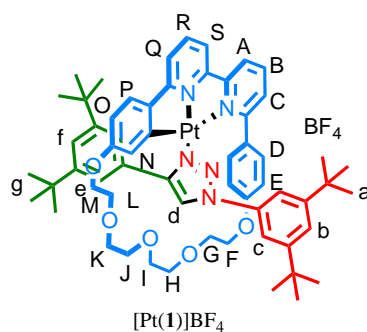


Figure S6. Isotope pattern of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{1H})(\text{Cl})_2(\text{DMSO})]$

2.2 Synthesis of [Pt(1)]BF₄



A mixture of **1H** (38 mg, 0.040 mmol, 1 eq), K₂PtCl₄ (22 mg, 0.054 mmol, 1.5 eq) in glacial acetic acid (1 mL) was stirred at 120 °C overnight. The yellow mixture was washed with saturated NH₄BF₄ solution (2 × 30 mL) and aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 15 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The yellow mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (0 to 7% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂), affording bright yellow solid (26 mg, 53%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.41 (s, 1H, H_d), 8.64 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 2H, H_A), 8.57 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H, H_c), 8.36 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, H_B), 8.25 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H_S), 8.07 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, H_R), 7.78 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H, H_e), 7.67 – 7.60 (m, 2H, H_c + H_f), 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H, H_Q), 7.39 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H, H_b), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H, H_P), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H, one of H_D), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H, one of H_D), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H, H_O), 6.28 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H, one of H_E), 6.20 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H, one of H_E), 5.03 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H, H_N), 3.99 – 3.91 (m, 1H, 1 of H_F), 3.86 (m, 2H, 1 of H_F, 1 of H_G or H_H), 3.81-3.67 (m, 6H, 1 of H_M, 2 of H_G + H_H or 2 of H_H + H_G, H_I), 3.64 – 3.48 (m, 3H, 1 of H_M + H_J), 3.28 (ddd, *J* = 10.3, 6.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H, 1 of H_K), 3.22 – 3.05 (m, 3H, 1 of H_K + H_L), 1.43 (s, 18H, H_a), 1.24 (s, 18H, H_g). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.4, 162.9, 160.1, 158.7, 157.1, 155.9, 153.3, 151.2, 148.1, 141.8, 141.7, 139.6, 138.2, 136.2, 131.2, 129.8, 129.6, 128.8, 126.3, 126.1, 124.2, 123.8, 123.7, 122.4, 119.6, 118.3, 116.2, 114.8, 114.0, 112.9, 112.4, 71.2, 71.0, 70.8, 70.7, 69.6, 67.1(2), 66.0, 35.4, 35.2, 31.4, 31.2. HR-MS-ESI: *m/z* (found) = 1138.5, *m/z* calc. = 1139.0 [M-BF₄]⁺.

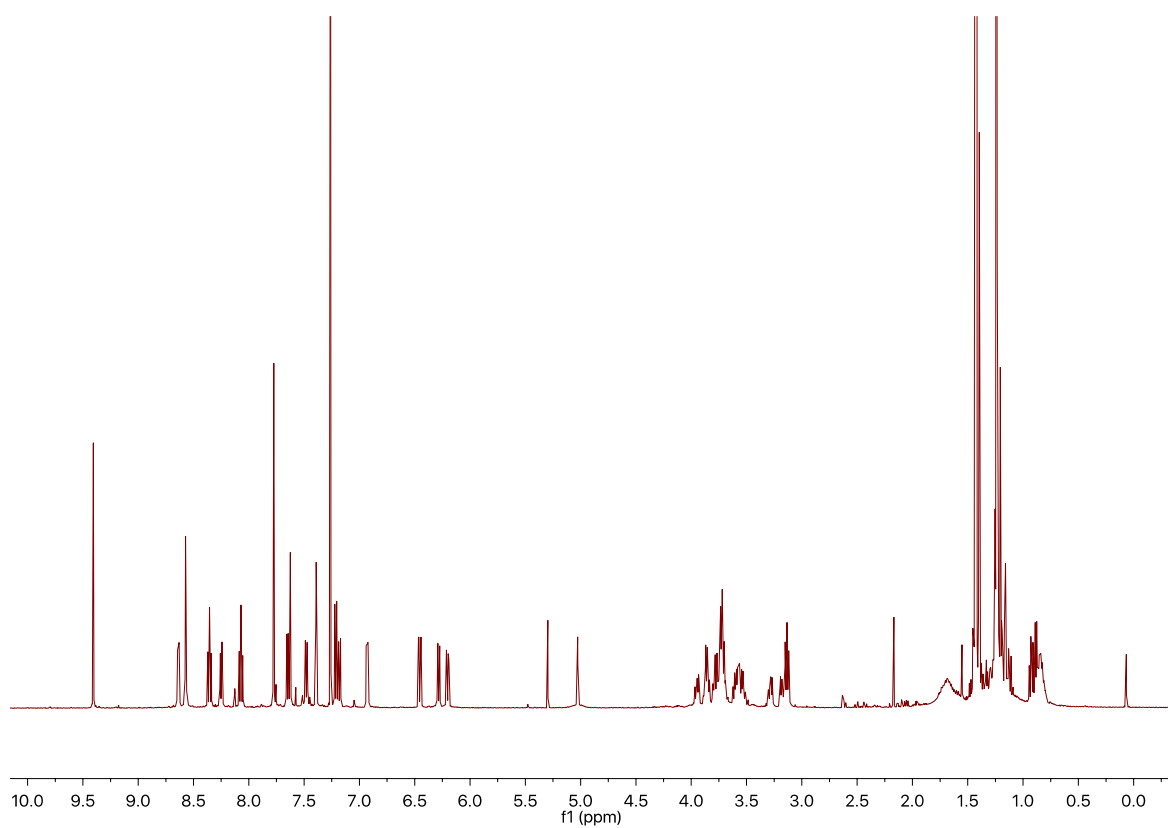


Figure S7. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{1})]\text{BF}_4$

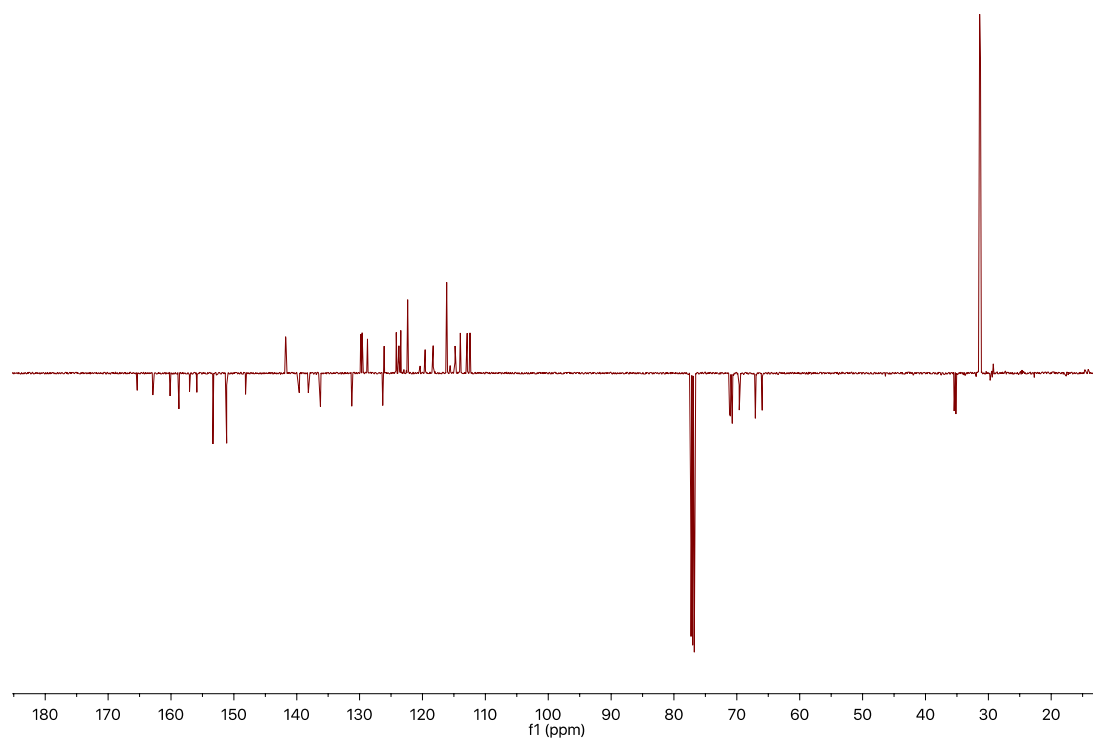


Figure S8. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{1})]\text{BF}_4$

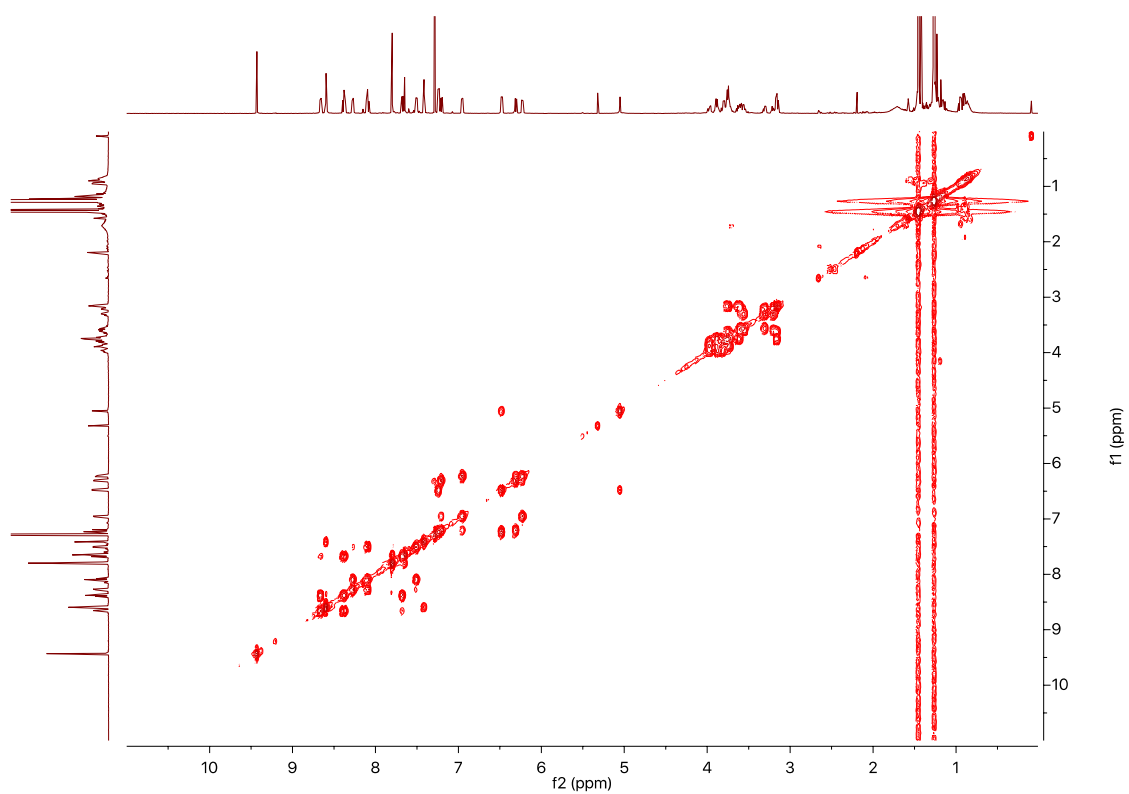


Figure S9. COSY NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{1})]\text{BF}_4$

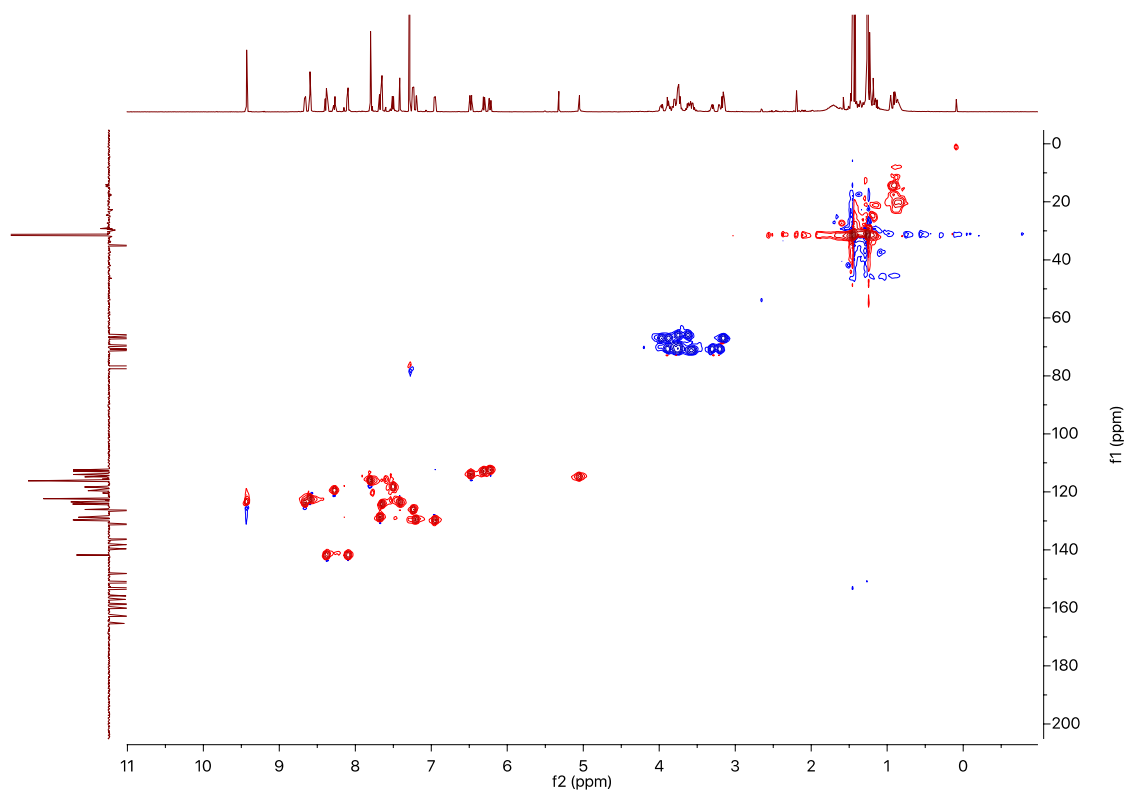


Figure S10. HSQC NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{1})]\text{BF}_4$

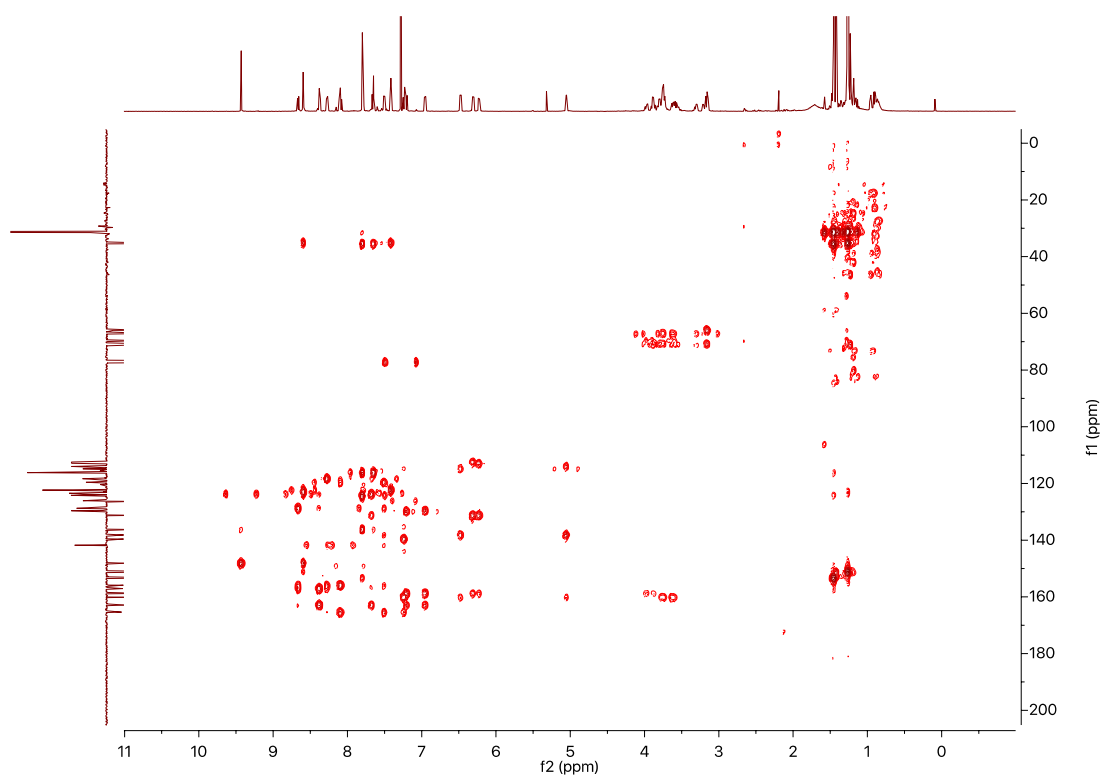


Figure S11. HMBC NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) of [Pt(1)]BF₄

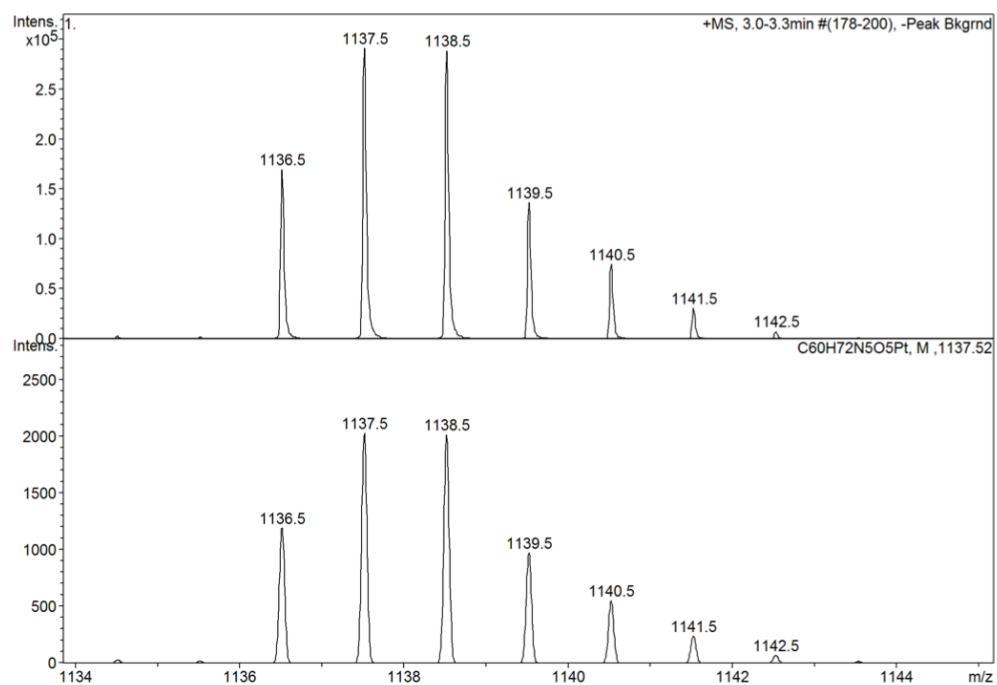
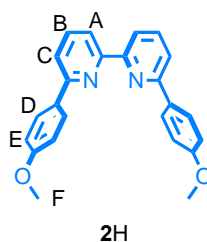


Figure S12. Isotope pattern of [Pt(1)]BF₄

2.3 Synthesis of 2H



[Ni(PPh₃)₂Br₂] (1.49 g, 2.00 mmol, 1 eq.), PPh₃ (1.05 g, 4.00 mmol, 2 eq.), Mn (1.10 g, 2.00 mmol, 10 eq.) and NEt₄I (0.514 g, 2.00 mmol, 1 eq.) in DMF (20 mL) were sonicated for 10 min, followed by stirring at 50 °C for 1 h. To this catalyst mixture was added **S5** (0.52 g, 2.00 mmol, 2 eq.) in DMF (20 mL), and was stirred for 4 hours. To the cooled reaction was added CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) and EDTA-NH₃ solution (100 mL). The organic phase was washed by H₂O (100 mL), brine (100 mL) separately, followed by drying over MgSO₄. After solvent removal *in vacuo*, the pale-yellow solid was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL), acetone (300 mL) was added, the product was precipitated as white solid (300 mg, yield: 82%). Due to the poor solubility of **2H**, the NMR spectra were obtained by adding 5% TFA to CDCl₃. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, 5% TFA + CDCl₃) δ 8.33 (s, 4H, H_A + H_B), 8.07 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H, H_C), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H, H_D), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 4H, H_E), 3.93 (s, 6H, H_F). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, 5% TFA + CDCl₃) δ 163.0, 155.0, 145.4, 144.0, 128.8, 125.6, 124.4, 120.7, 115.5, 55.7. HR-ESI-MS *m/z* (found) = 368.1525; [M+H]⁺ *m/z* (calc.) 369.1600.

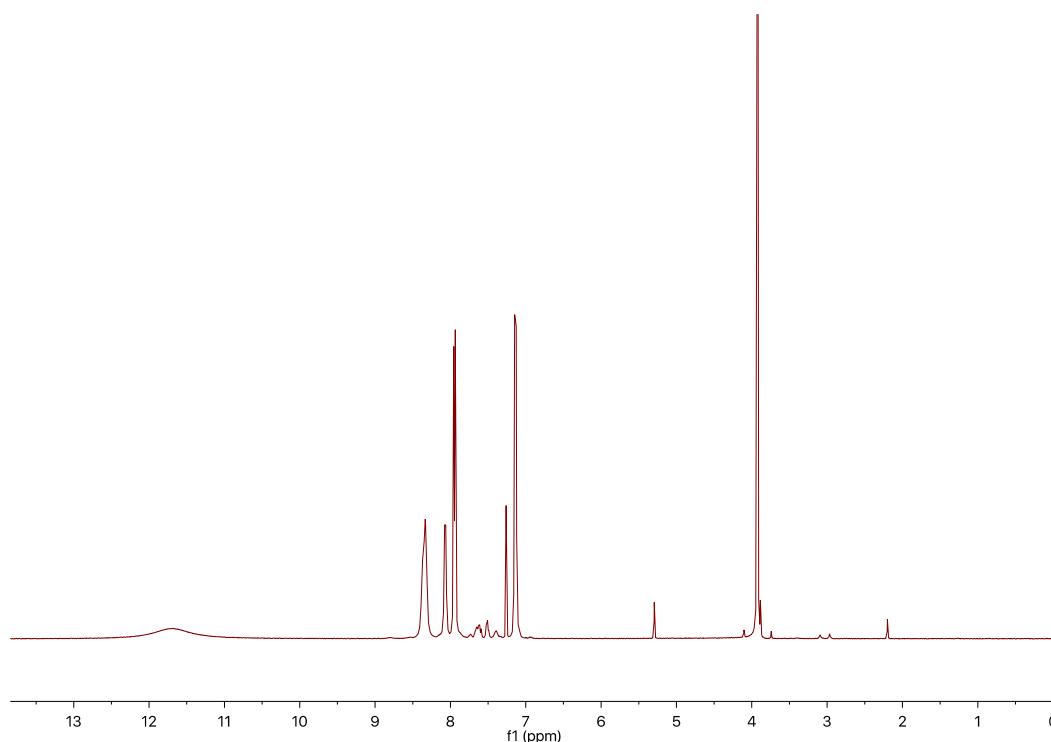


Figure S13. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) of **2H**

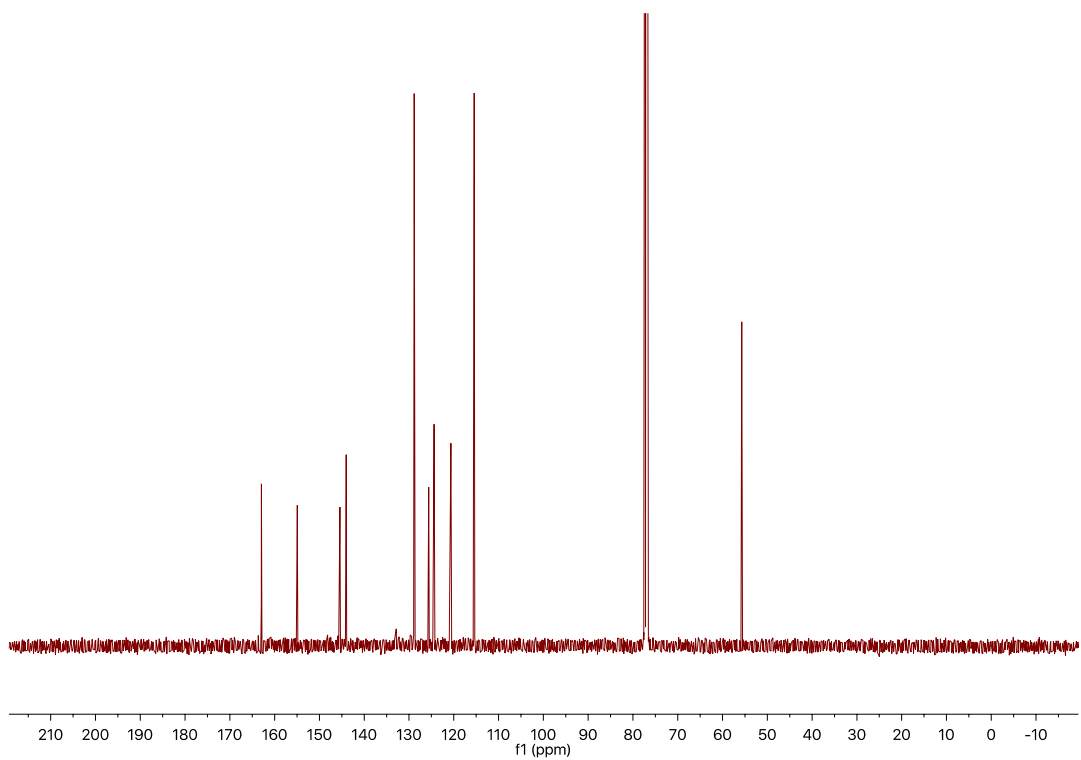


Figure S14. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) of **2H**

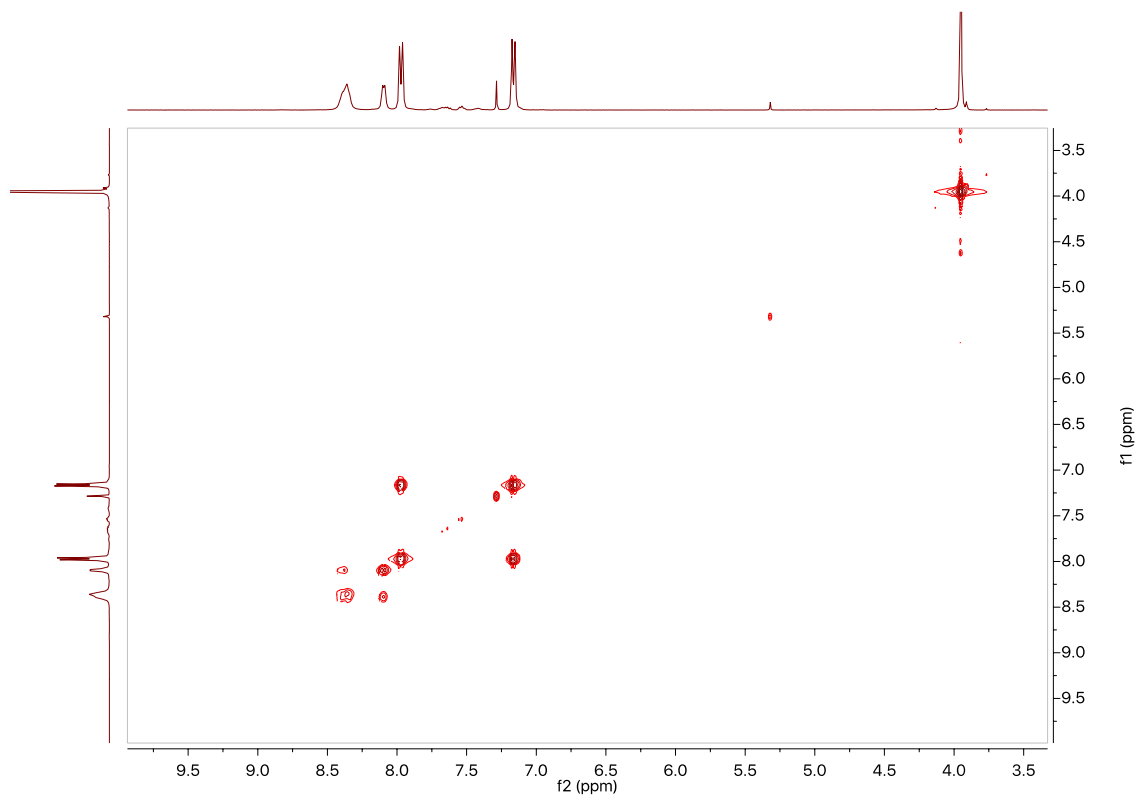


Figure S15. COSY NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) of **2H**

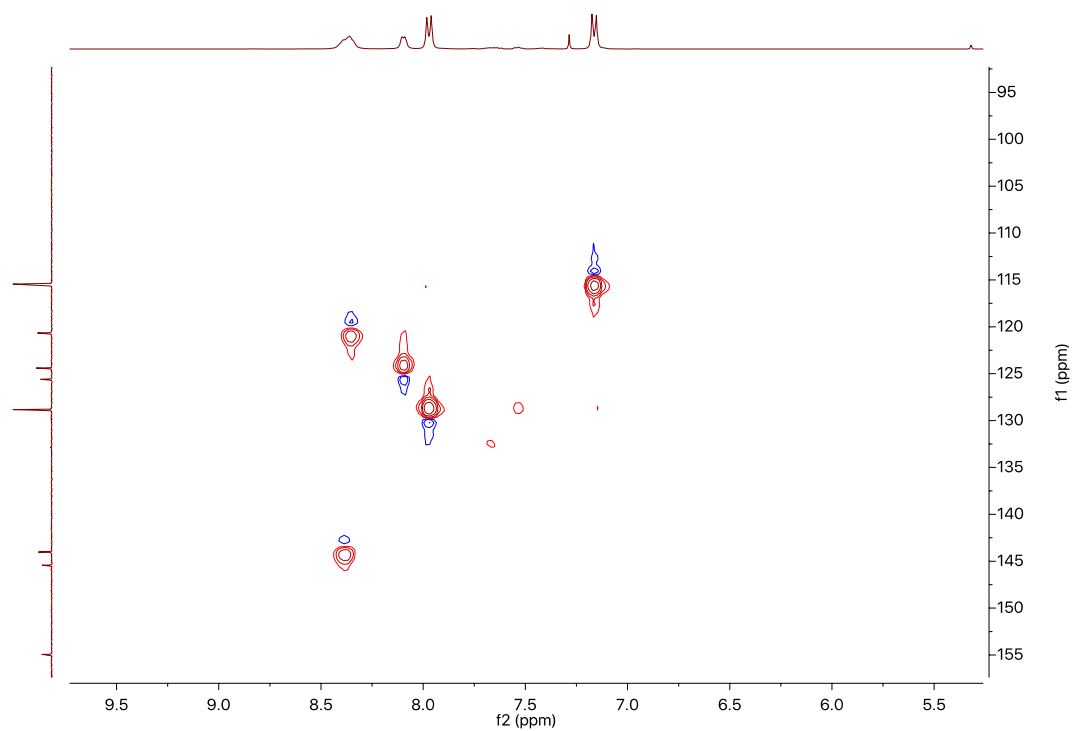


Figure S16. HSQC NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) of 2H

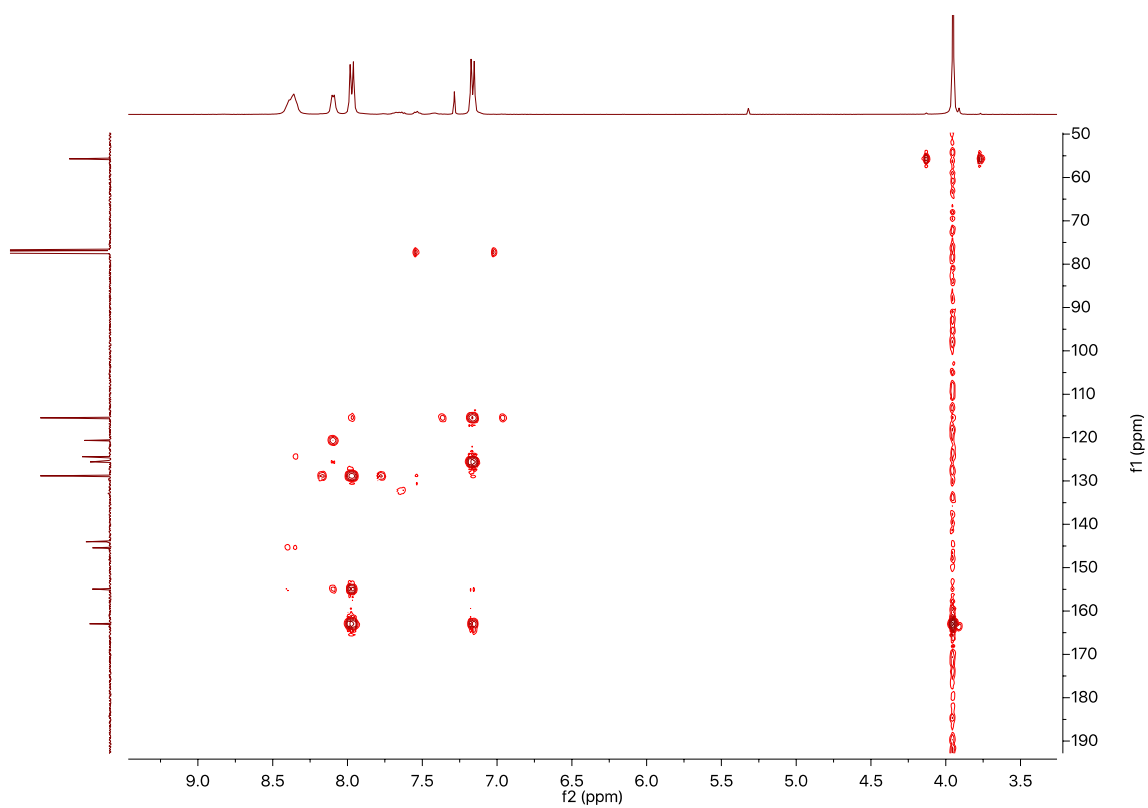
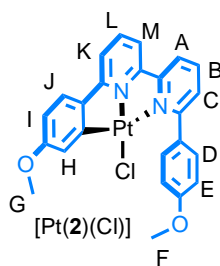


Figure S17. HMBC NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) of 2H

2.4 Synthesis of [Pt(2)Cl]



2H (33 mg, 0.09 mmol, 1eq), K_2PtCl_4 (44 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.2 eq) in glacial acetic acid (2 mL) was stirred at 120 °C overnight. The yellow mixture was washed with saturated NH_4BF_4 solution (2×30 mL) and aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2×20 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO_4 and the solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The yellow mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (0 to 5% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2), affording bright yellow solid (28 mg, 53%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 8.45 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 1H, H_A), 8.28 (t, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 1H, H_B), 8.19 – 7.99 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_K + \text{H}_M$), 7.94 – 7.78 (m, 2H, $\text{H}_C + \text{H}_L$), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H, H_D), 7.56 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H, H_I), 7.08 (d, $J = 2.6$ Hz, 1H, H_H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H, H_E), 6.64 (dd, $J = 8.5, 2.6$ Hz, 1H, H_J), 3.83 (s, 3H, H_F), 3.72 (s, 3H, H_G). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) δ 164.8, 163.0, 160.8, 160.4, 157.4, 155.0, 140.6, 139.6, 138.8, 132.1, 131.5, 129.5, 126.7, 121.7, 119.2, 118.9, 118.6, 113.7, 110.0 (2), 55.6, 55.3. HR-ESI-MS m/z (found) $[\text{M}-\text{Cl}]^+ = 562.1073$; $[\text{M}-\text{Cl}]^+ m/z$ (calc) = 562.1094.

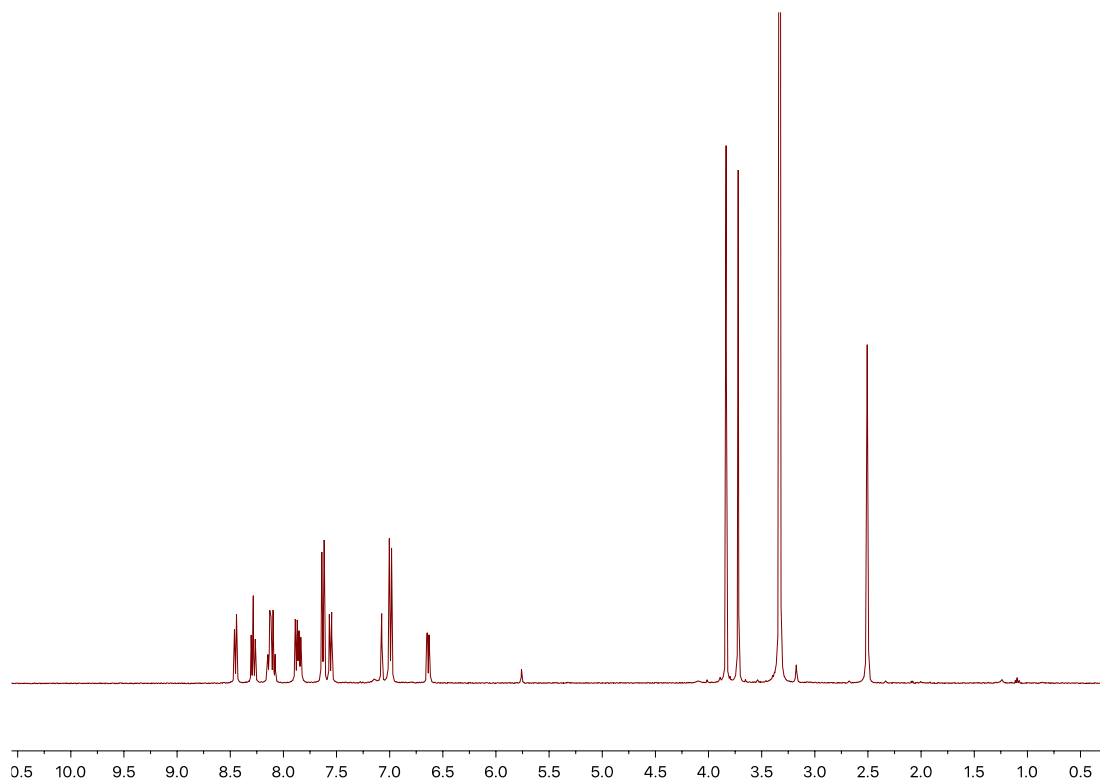


Figure S18. ^1H NMR ($\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 400 MHz) $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{2})\text{Cl}]$

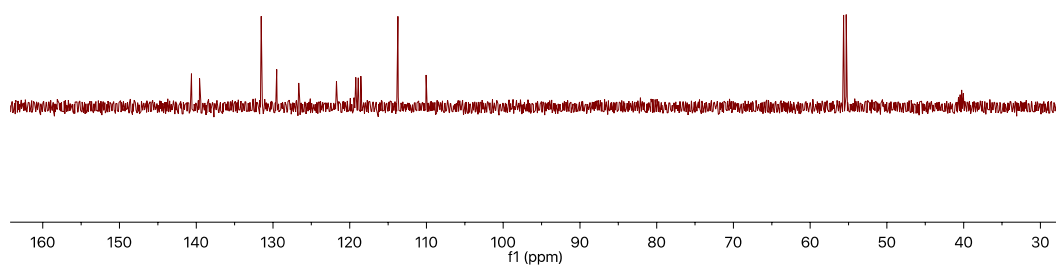


Figure S19. ^{13}C NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 101 MHz) [Pt(2)Cl]

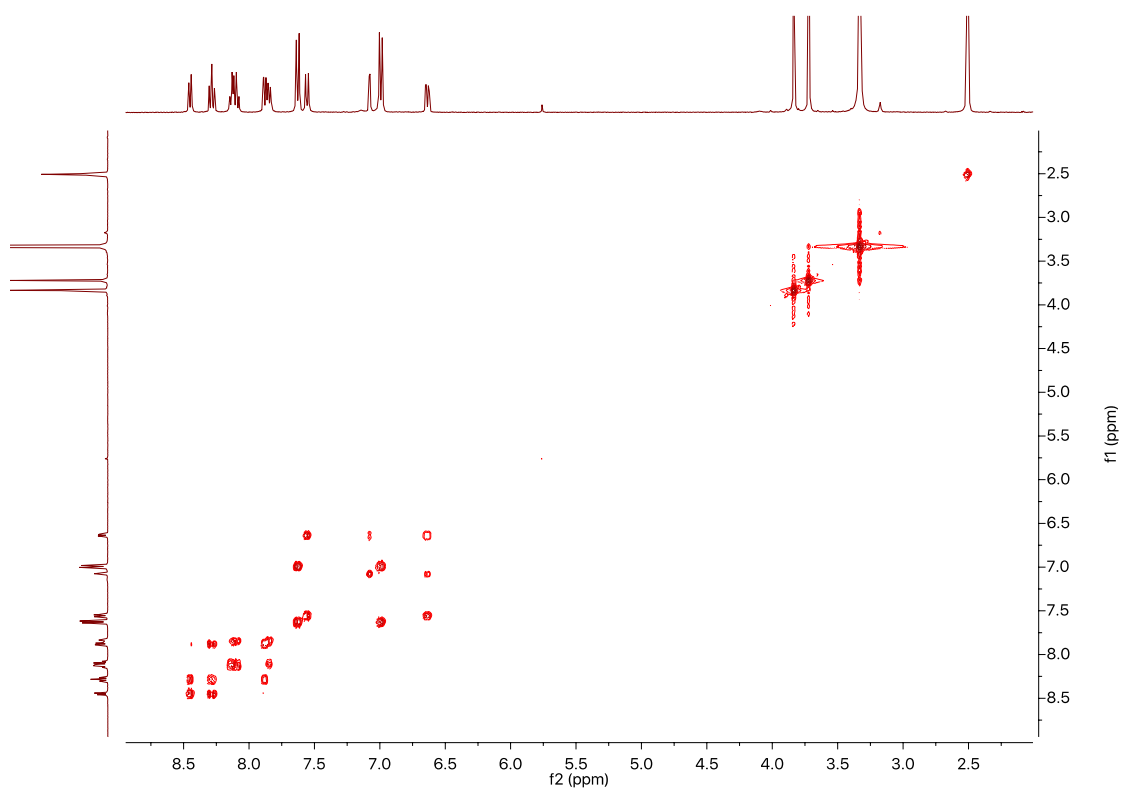


Figure S20. COSY NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz) [Pt(2)Cl]

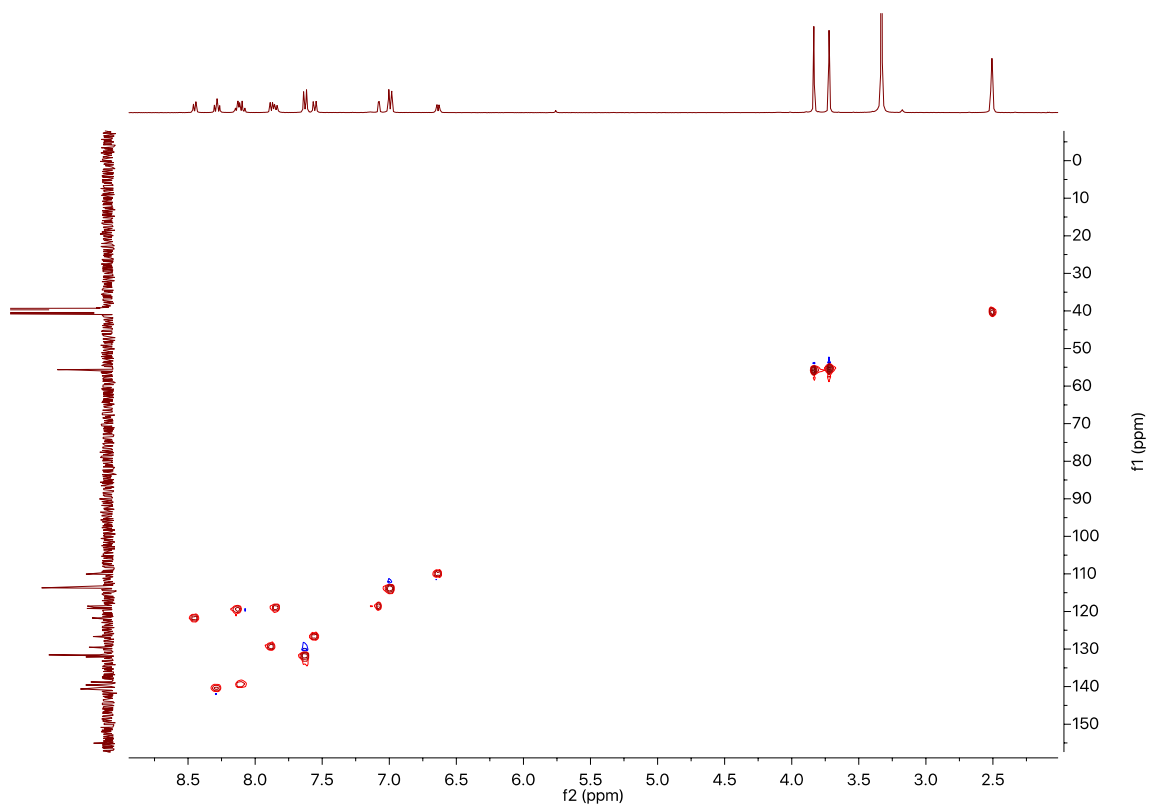


Figure S21. HSQC NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz) [Pt(2)Cl]

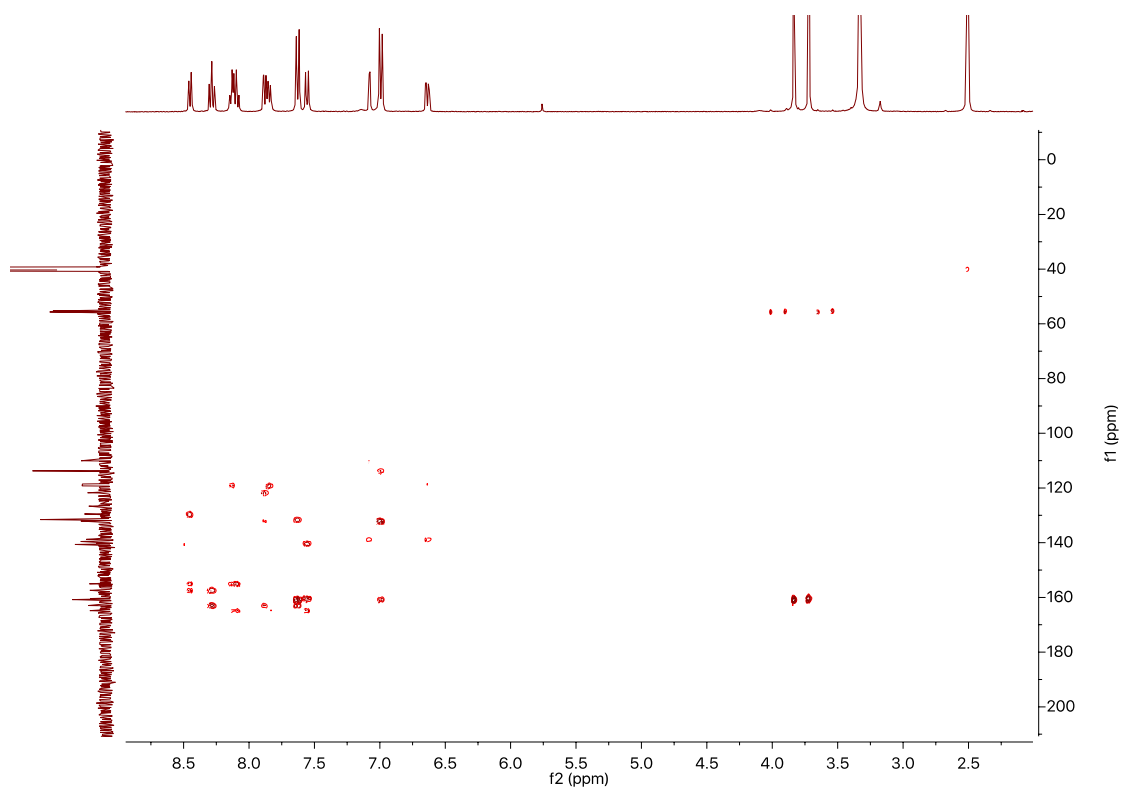
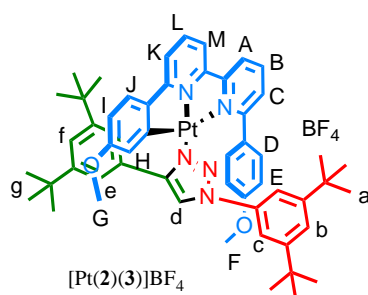


Figure S22. HMBC NMR (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz) [Pt(2)Cl]

2.5 Synthesis of [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄



[Pt(2)(Cl)] (32.6 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1eq), **3** (26.7 mg, 0.06 mmol, 1.2 eq), AgSbF₆ (17.2 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1 eq) were mixed in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) and heated at 60°C for overnight. The yellow suspension were diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL), and then washed with saturated NH₄BF₄ (20 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂), affording the product as yellow oil (30 mg, 50 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.35 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H, H_C), 8.19 – 8.14 (m, 1H, H_B), 8.09 – 8.07 (m, 5H, H_d + H_e + H_L + H_K), 7.69 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H, H_b), 7.66 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H, H_c), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 1H, H_M), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 3H, H_J + H_A + one of H_D), 7.37 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H, H_f), 6.89 (br m, 1H, one of H_E), 6.73 (br m, 1H, one of H_D), 6.68 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H, H_i), 6.46 (br m, one of H_E), 5.73 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H, H_H), 3.65 (s, 3H, H_G), 3.57 (s, 3H, H_F), 1.48 (s, 18H, H_a), 1.20 (s, 18H, H_g). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.4, 162.4, 161.3, 160.8, 157.0, 155.4, 153.7, 151.2, 149.8, 141.4, 141.1, 138.6, 138.3, 135.5, 131.6, 130.0, 128.9, 126.7, 125.7, 124.8, 124.2, 122.4, 122.0, 120.8, 119.2, 119.0, 118.5, 115.4, 112.8, 109.3, 55.3, 55.0, 35.4, 35.0, 31.3, 31.1. HR-ESI-MS: *m/z* (found) = 1007.5, *m/z* (cal) = 1007.5. [M-BF₄]⁺.

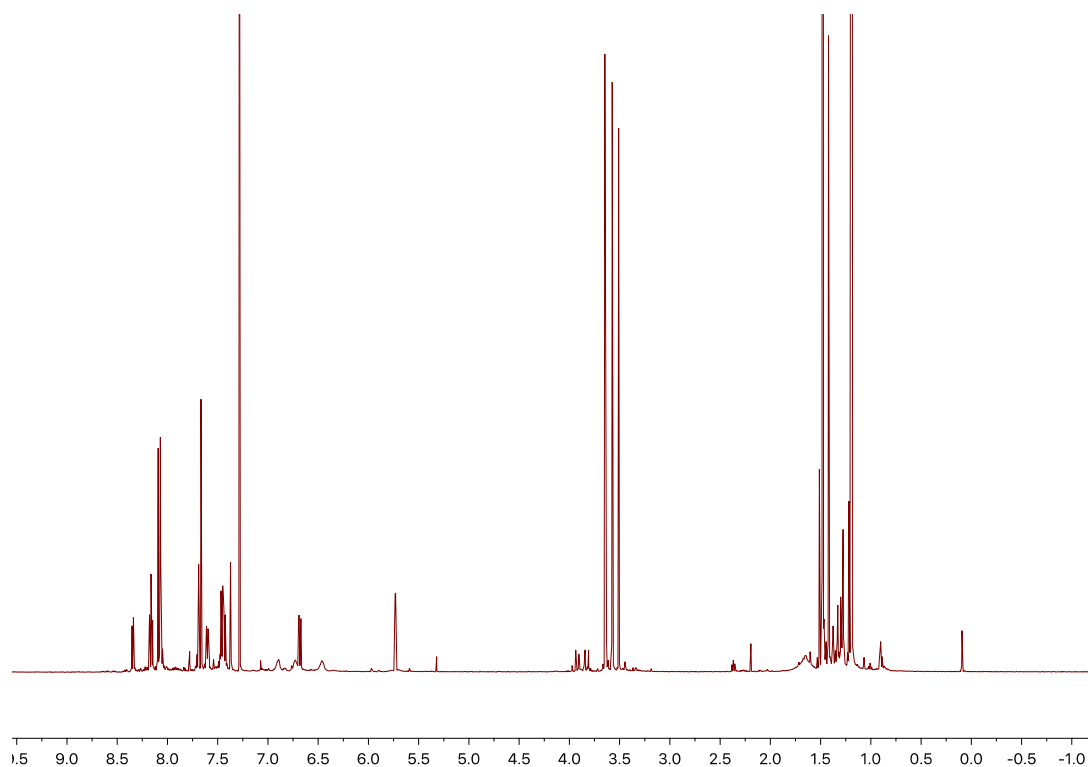


Figure S23. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) of [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄

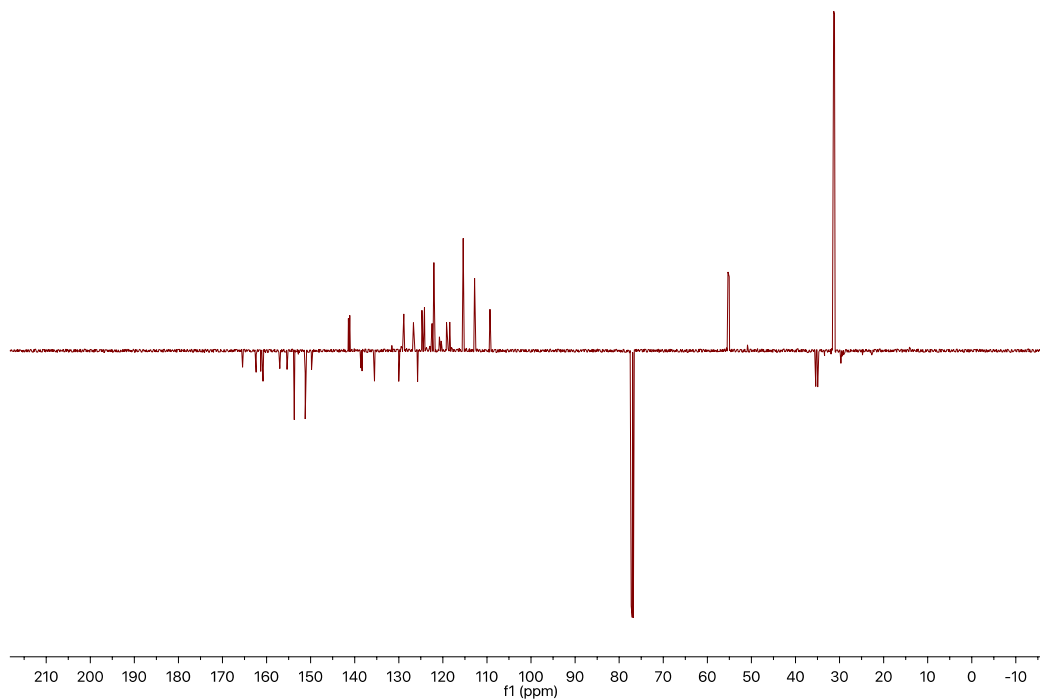


Figure S24. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{2})(\mathbf{3})]\text{BF}_4$

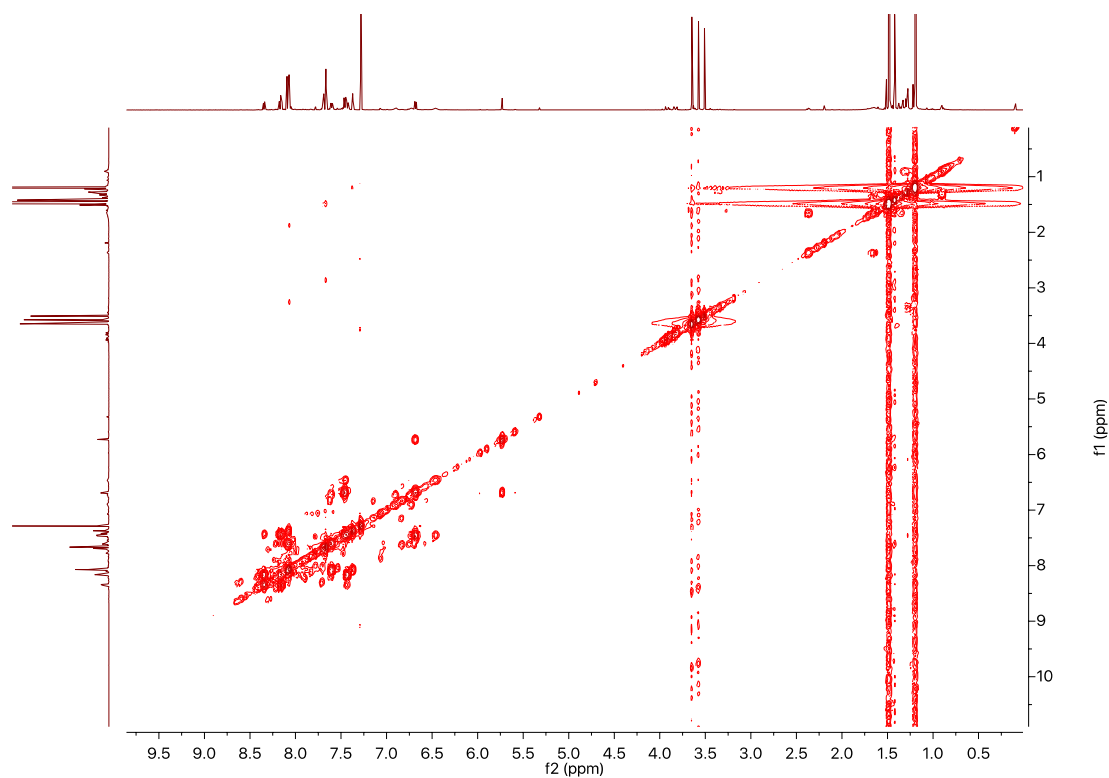


Figure S25. COSY NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{2})(\mathbf{3})]\text{BF}_4$

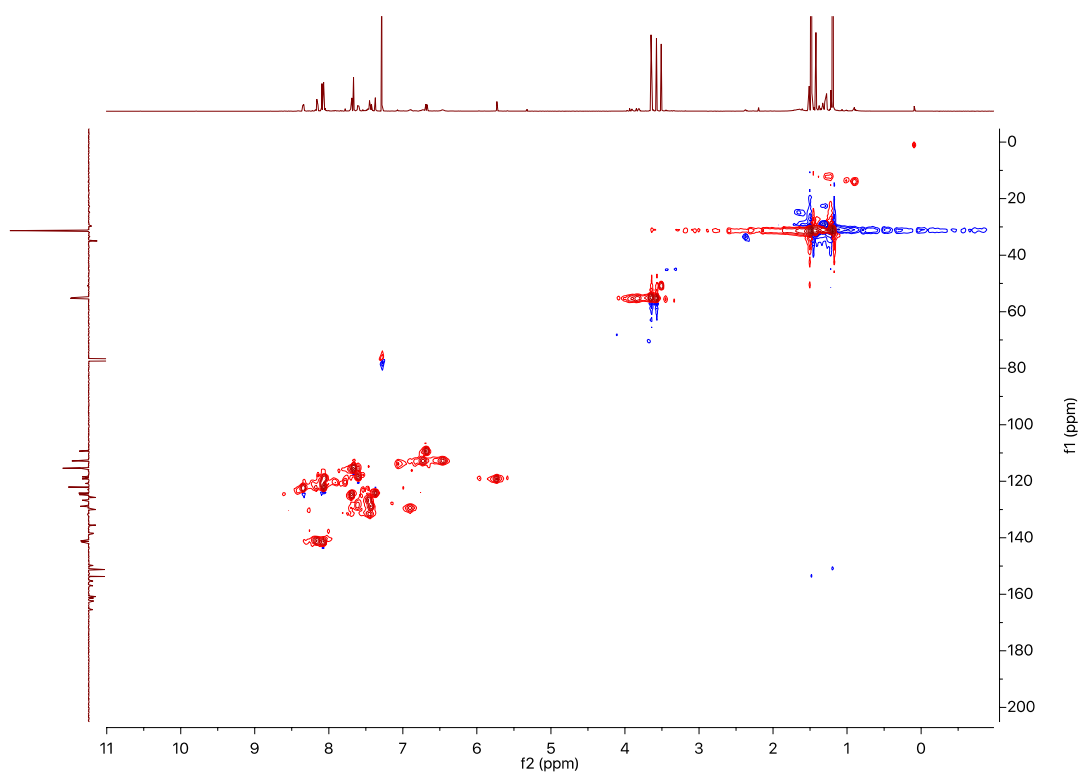


Figure S26. HSQC NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) of [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄

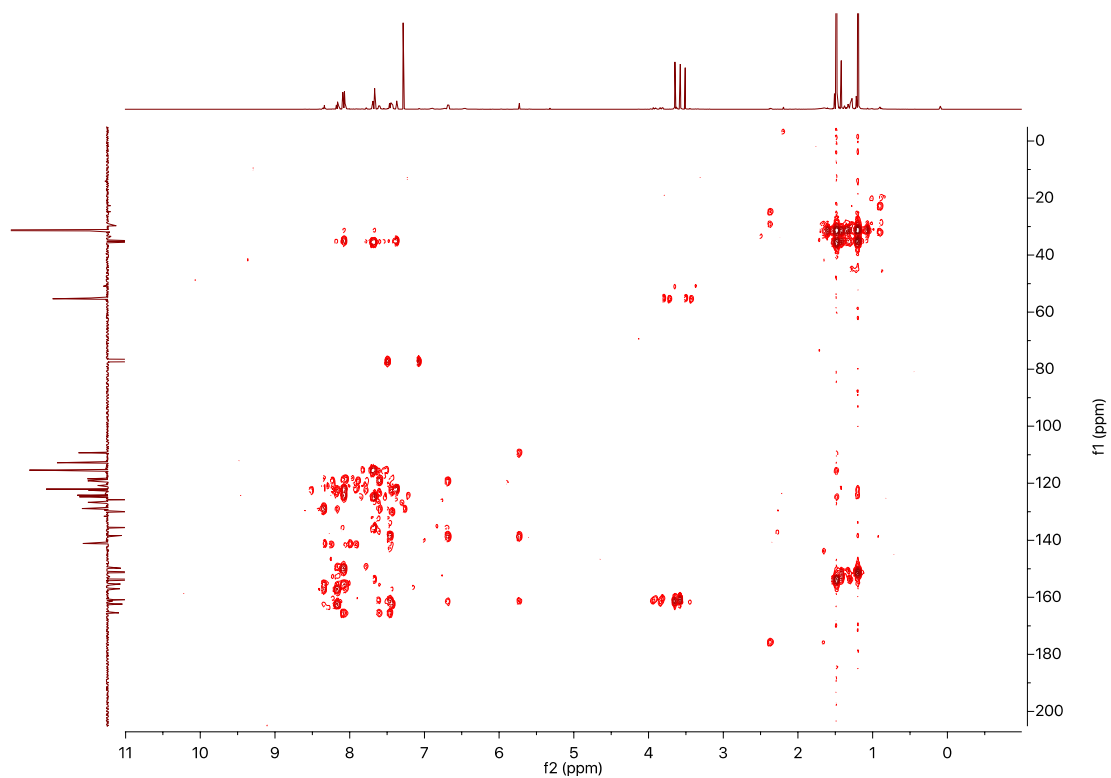


Figure S27. HMBC NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) of [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄

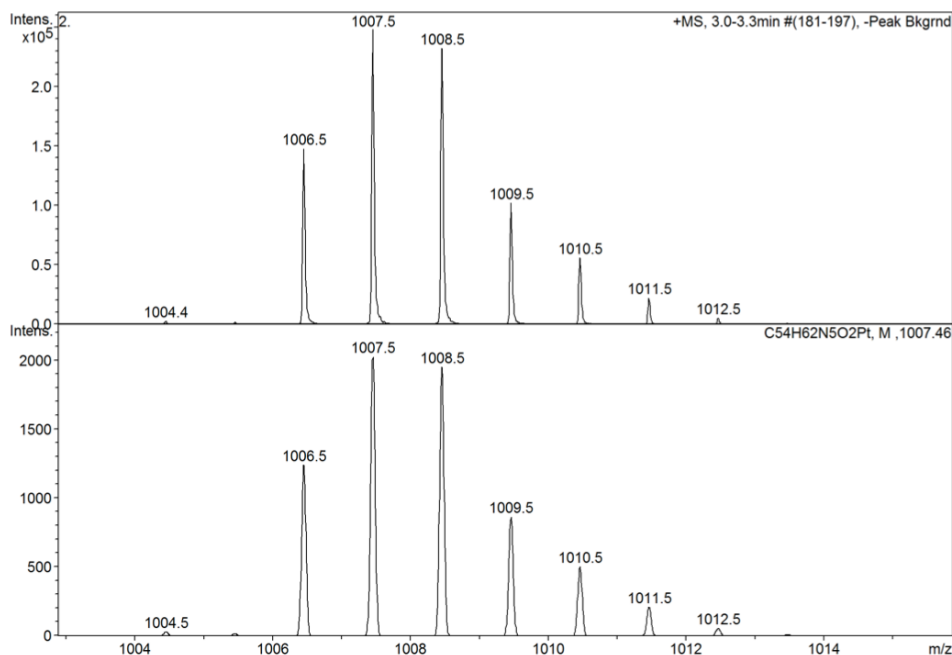
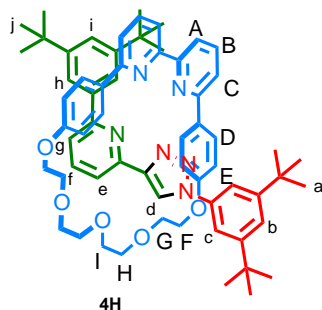


Figure S28. Isotope pattern of $[[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{2})(\mathbf{3})]\text{BF}_4$

2.6 Synthesis of 4H



A solution of **S2** (34.9 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 eq), **S4** (27.7 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1.2 eq), **S1** (49.8 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1 eq), $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4]\text{PF}_6$, (35.8 mg, 0.096 mmol, 0.96 eq) and $i\text{Pr}_2\text{EtN}$ (0.020 mL, 0.40 mmol, 4 eq) in 1:1 $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeCN}$ (2 mL) was stirred at r.t. overnight. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and a red crude residue was obtained. The residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) and KCN (0.070 mg, 10 eq) in MeOH (5 mL) was added. After stirring for 3h, the yellow solution was washed with H_2O (2×20 mL) solution and organic phase was dried over MgSO_4 and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The yellow mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (0 to 10% MeCN in 1:1 $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Petrol}$), affording white solid (70 mg, 78%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.75 (s, 1H, H_A), 7.74 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 2H, H_C), 7.67 (m, 3H, $\text{H}_\text{B} + \text{H}_\text{E}$), 7.53 (m, 4H, $\text{H}_\text{A} + \text{H}_\text{f} + \text{H}_\text{g}$), 7.41 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 2H, H_i), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 3H, $\text{H}_\text{b} + \text{H}_\text{c}$), 7.28-7.26 (m, 4H, H_E), 7.22 (t, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H, H_h), 6.26 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 4H, H_D), 4.08 – 3.83 (m, 12H, $\text{H}_\text{F} + \text{H}_\text{H} + \text{H}_\text{i}$), 3.71 – 3.56 (m, 4H, H_C), 1.24 (s, 18H, H_j), 1.13 (s, 18H, H_a). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.5, 158.5, 157.8, 157.4, 151.2, 151.1, 150.5, 146.9, 139.3, 136.9, 136.6, 136.2, 132.5, 129.0, 127.0, 122.5, 121.6, 121.4, 119.7,

119.3, 119.1, 118.7, 114.7, 114.1, 77.2, 69.8, 68.4, 66.4, 34.8, 34.8, 31.4, 31.2. HR-MS-ESI:
 m/z (found) $[M+H]^+ = 1021.6$, m/z (calc.) $[M+H]^+ = 1021.6$.

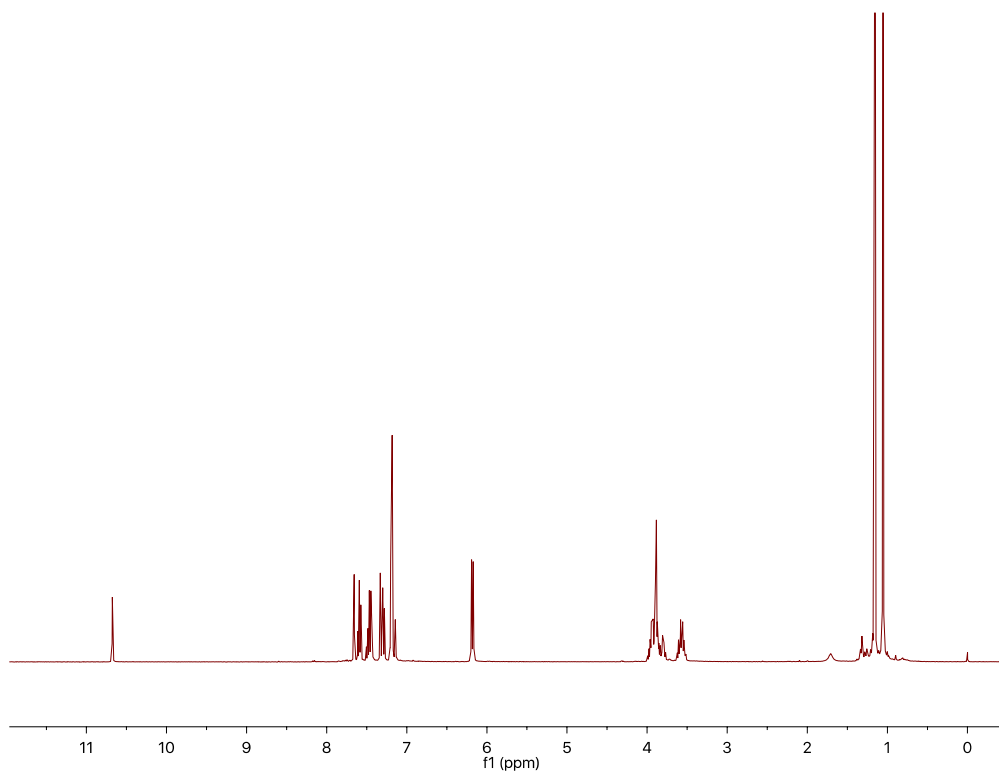


Figure S29. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) of **4H**

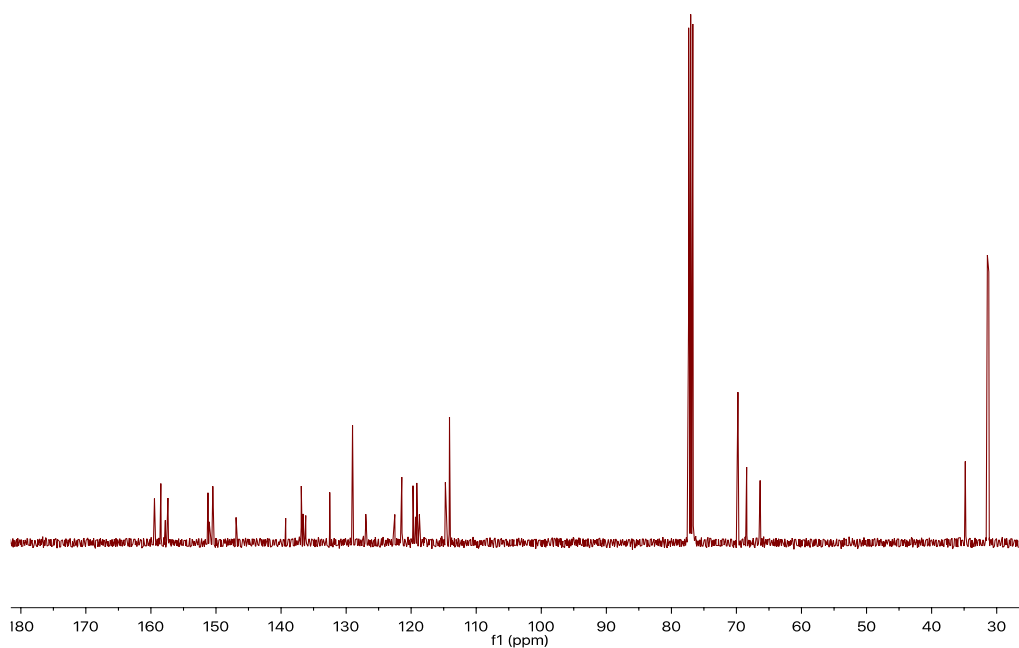


Figure S30. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) of **4H**

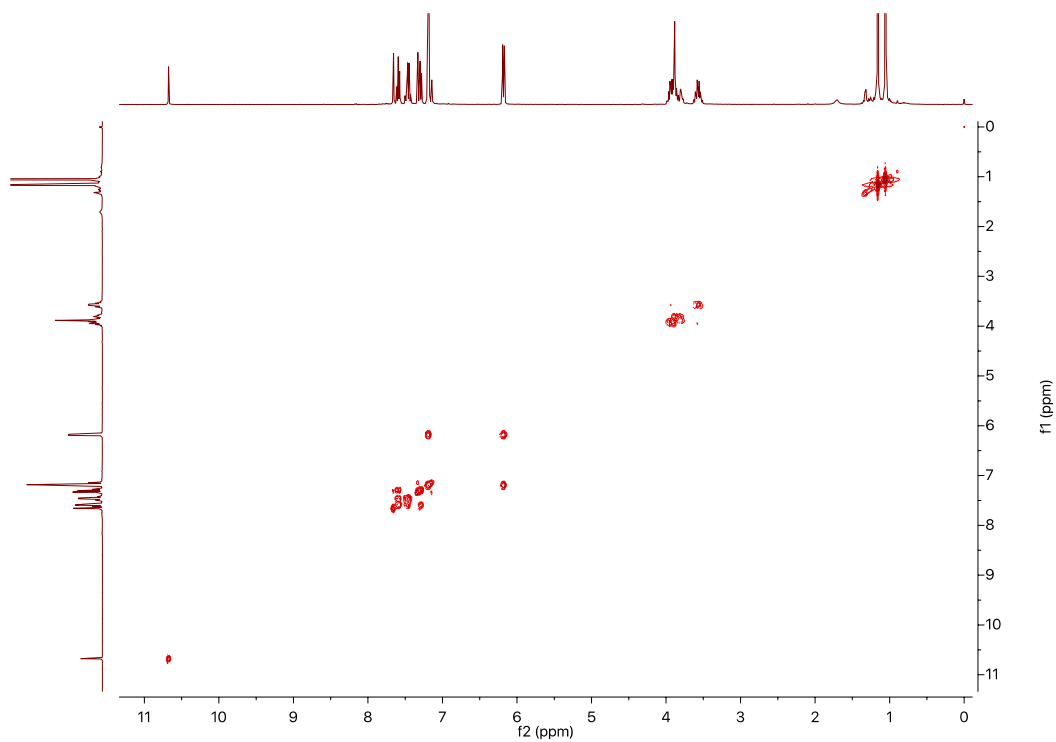


Figure S31. COSY NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, 400 MHz) of **4H**

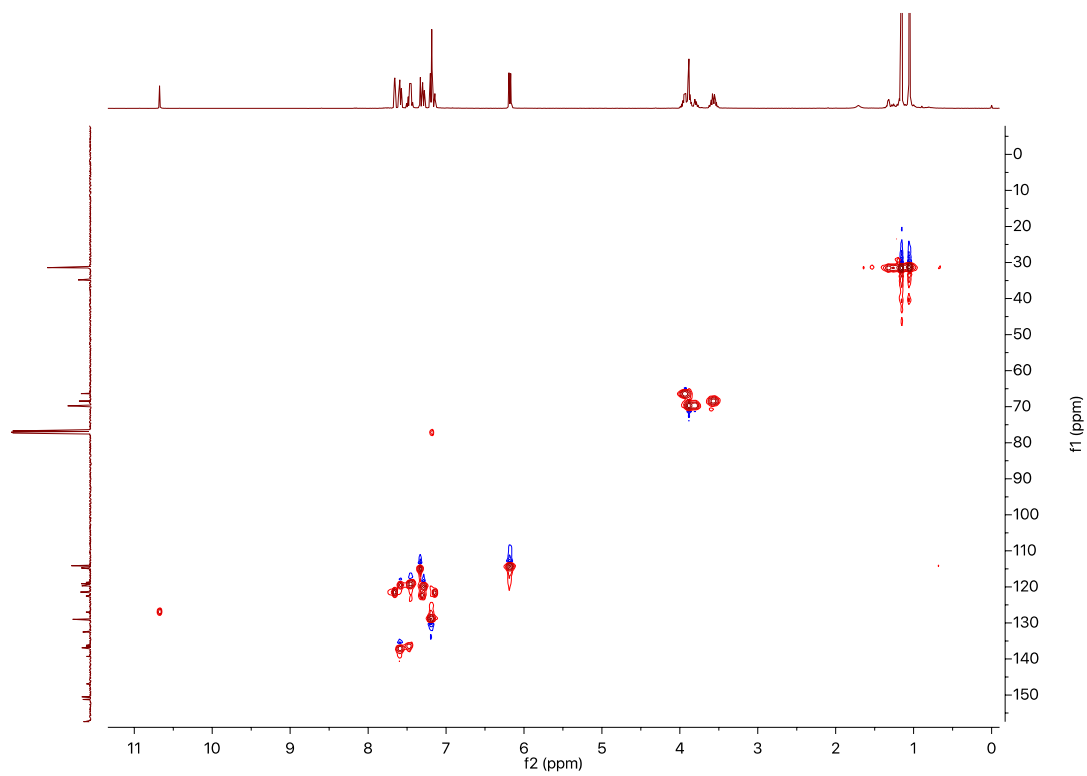


Figure S32. HSQC NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) of **4H**

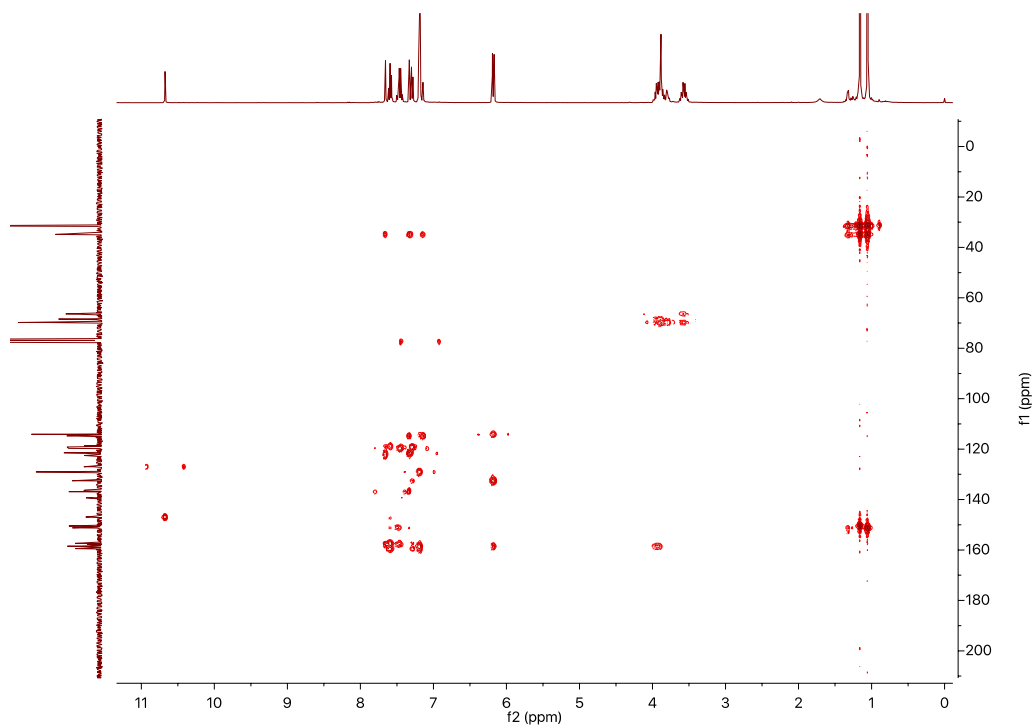


Figure S33. HMBC NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) of **4H**

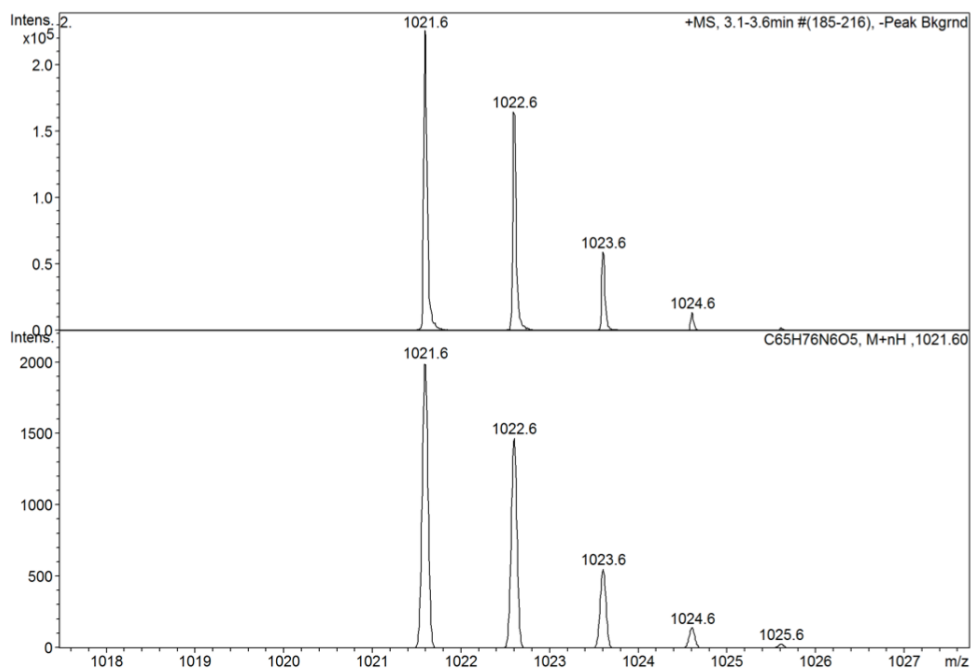
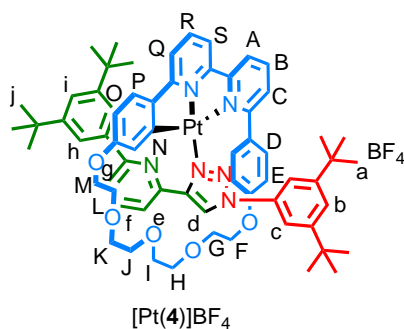


Figure S34. Isotope pattern of **4H**

2.7 Synthesis of [Pt(4)]BF₄



A mixture of **4H** (28 mg, 0.027 mmol, 1 eq), K₂PtCl₄ (18 mg, 0.043 mmol, 2 eq) in glacial acetic acid (1 mL) was stirred at 120 °C overnight. After cooling to room temperature, the yellow suspension was added with CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL), and washed by saturated NH₄BF₄ solution (2 × 15 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The yellow mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (0 to 2% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂), affording yellow solid (15 mg, 47%); Melting point: 198-202 °C. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.63 (s, 1H, H_d), 8.61 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, H_e), 8.39 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H, H_A), 8.27 (app t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H, H_B), 8.04 – 7.93 (m, 5H, H_h + H_Q + H_f + H_S), 7.79 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.2 Hz, 3H, H_c + H_g), 7.68 – 7.60 (m, 2H, H_c + H_b), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 2H, H_i + H_R), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H, one of H_E), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H, H_P), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H, one of H_E), 6.46 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H, H_O), 6.26 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H, one of H_D), 6.18 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H, one of H_D), 5.33 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H, H_N), 3.99 – 3.82 (m, 4H, 1 of H_M, 1 of H_H, H_F), 3.75 (q, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, 1 of H_H or H_I), 3.70 (m, 3H, H_G, 1 of H_H or H_I), 3.67 – 3.55 (m, 3H, 1 of H_M, H_J), 3.45 – 3.31 (m, 3H, 1 of H_L, 1 of H_K, 1 of H_H or H_I), 3.21 (dq, *J* = 8.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H, 1 of H_L), 3.12 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H, 1 of H_K), 1.45 (s, 18H, H_a), 1.25 (s, 18H, H_j). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.8, 163.1, 160.8, 159.0, 158.7, 157.1, 156.1, 153.3, 151.1, 147.5, 146.4, 141.2, 141.1, 139.6, 138.3, 138.3, 137.5, 136.0, 131.1, 130.7, 129.6, 128.8, 126.3, 125.8, 124.1, 123.2, 122.8, 121.8, 121.8, 121.6, 118.8, 118.3, 116.1, 115.0, 114.1, 113.4, 112.4, 71.0, 70.9, 70.7, 70.6, 69.2, 67.3, 67.3, 66.9, 35.5, 34.9, 31.4, 31.3. HR-MS-ESI: *m/z* (found) = 1214.5, *m/z* (calc.) = 1214.5.

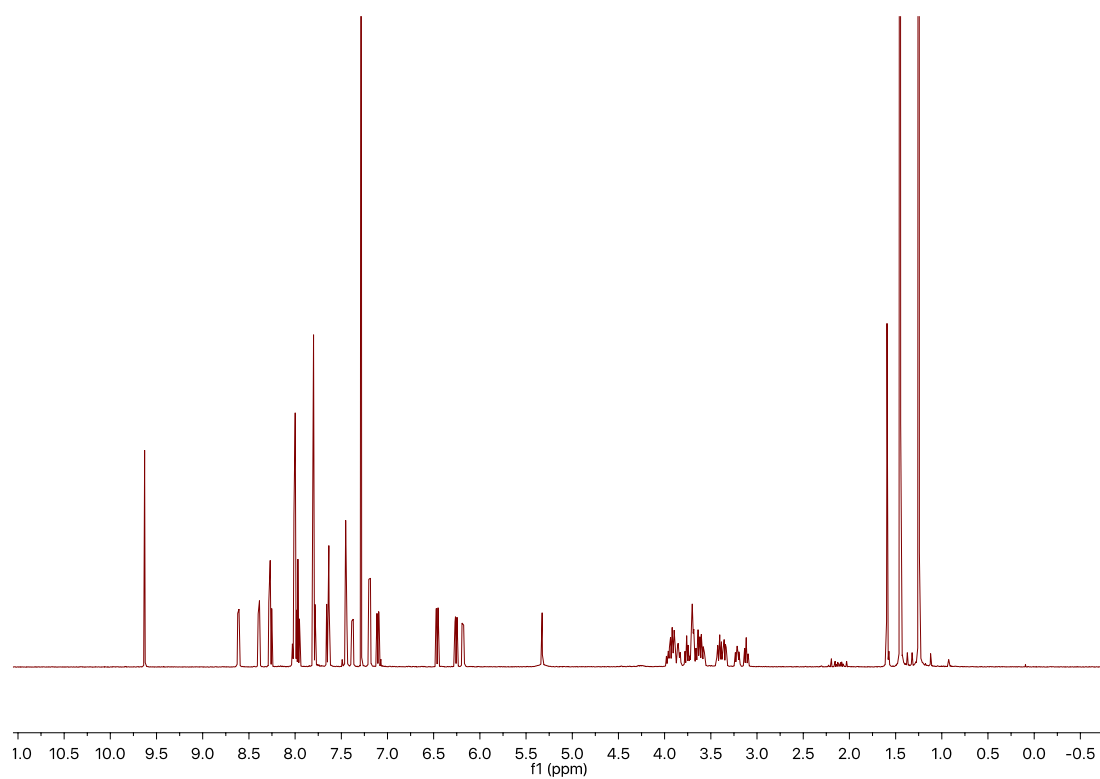


Figure S35. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{4})]\text{BF}_4$

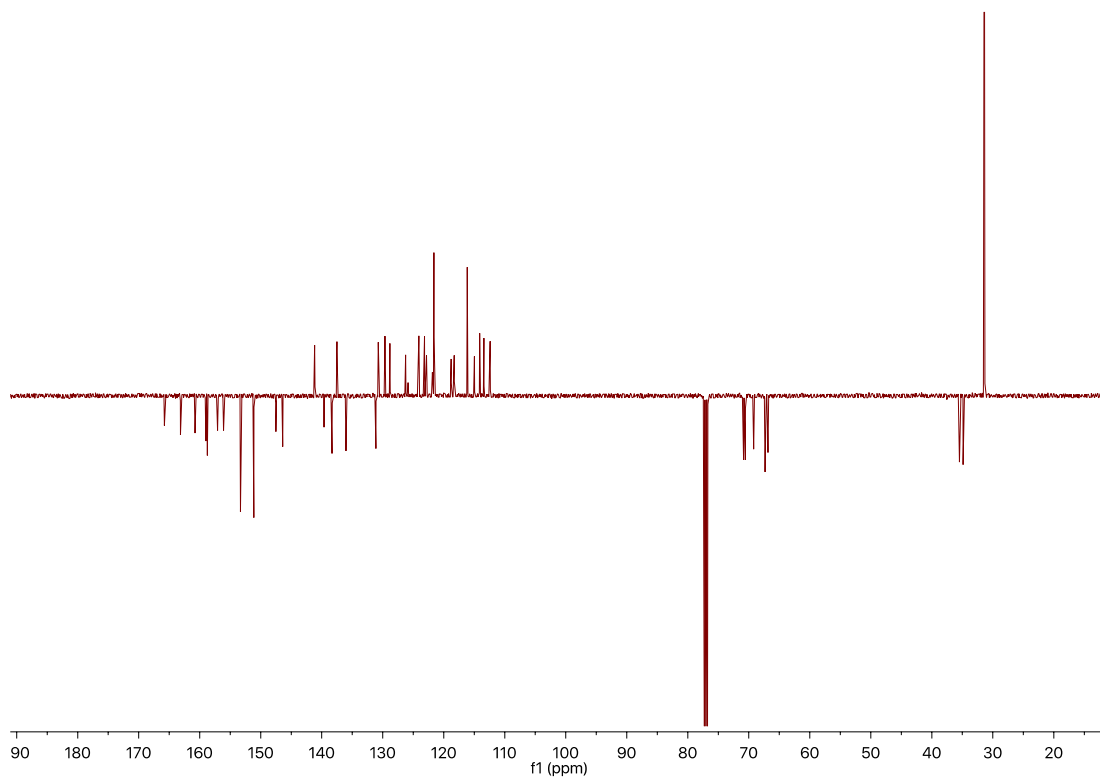


Figure S36. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{4})]\text{BF}_4$

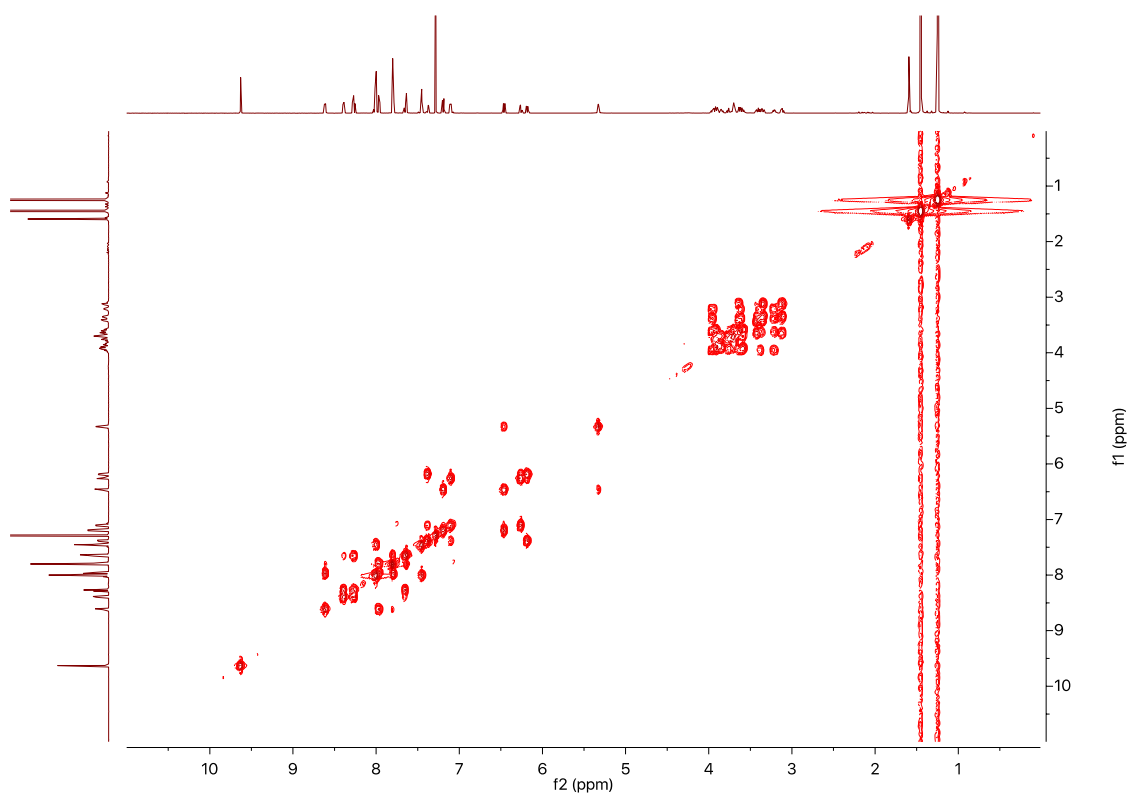


Figure S37. COSY NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{4})]\text{BF}_4$

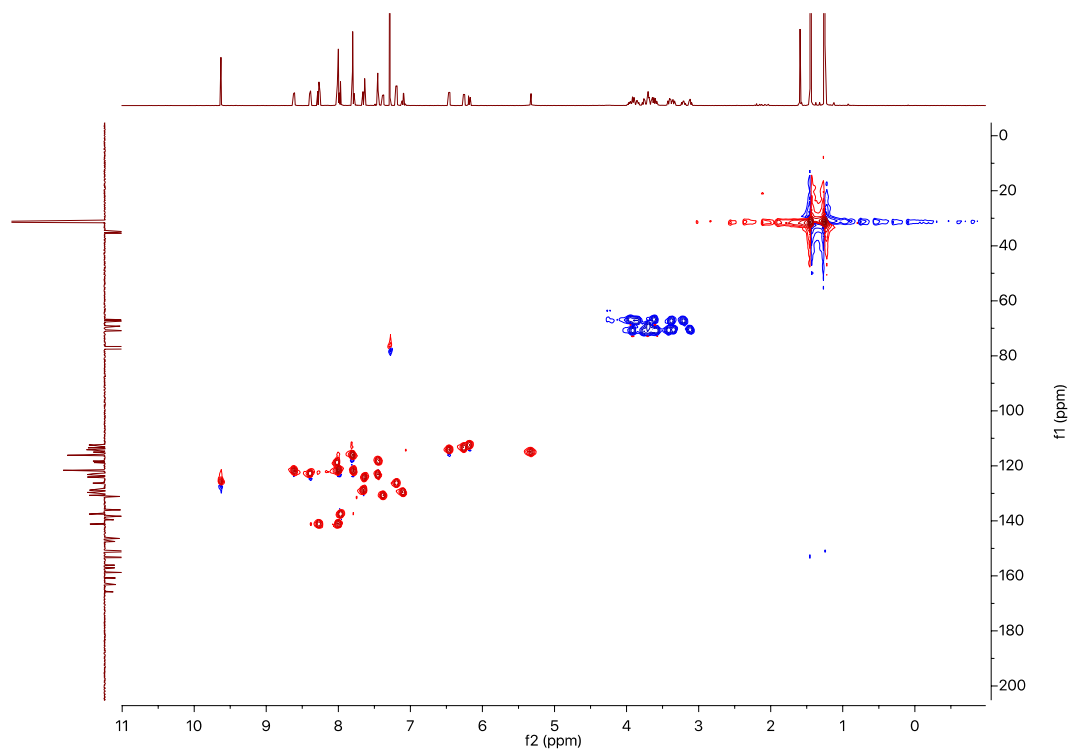


Figure S38. HSQC NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{4})]\text{BF}_4$

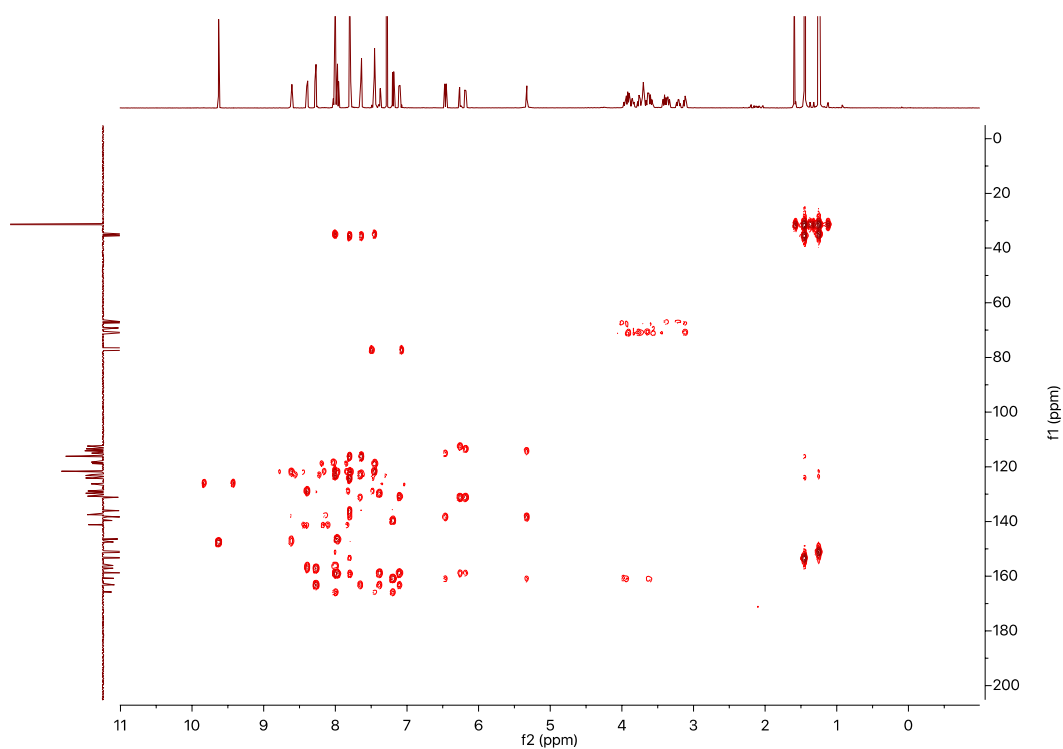


Figure S39. HMBC NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{4})]\text{BF}_4$

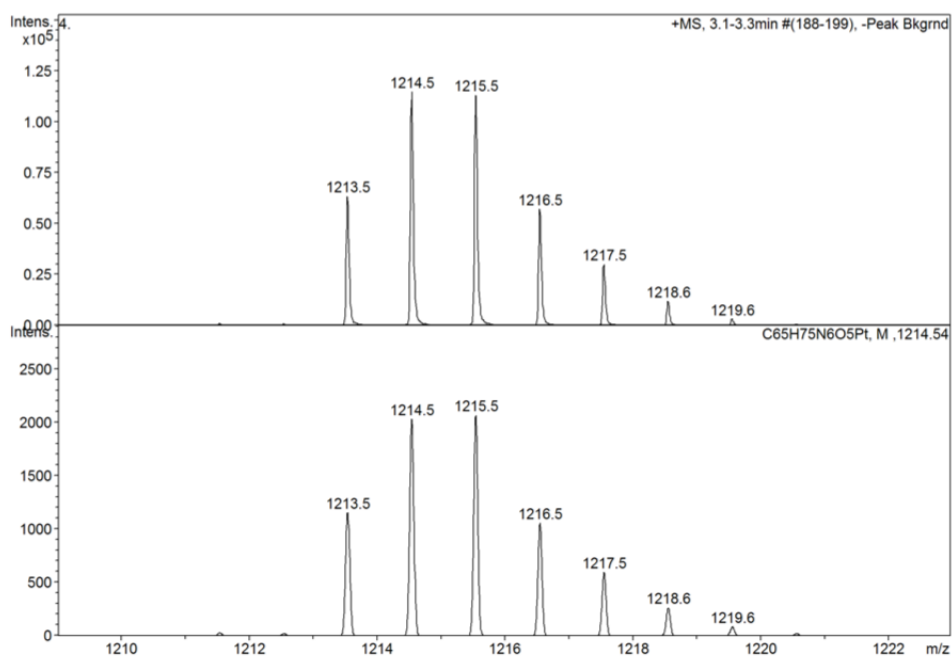
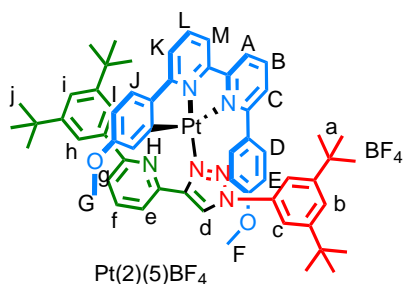


Figure S40. Isotope pattern of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{4})]\text{BF}_4$

2.8 Synthesis of [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄



[Pt(2)(Cl)] (28 mg, 0.043 mmol, 1 eq), **5** (22 mg, 0.43 mmol, 1 eq), AgSbF₆ (17.2 mg, 0.065 mmol, 1.5 eq) were mixed in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL), heating at 60 °C for overnight. After cooling down, the yellow suspension were diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL), and then washed with saturated NH₄BF₄ solution (20 mL), The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (5% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂), affording the product as yellow oil (30 mg, 56 %). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.96 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H, H_e), 8.63 (s, 1H, H_d), 8.20 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H, H_A), 8.12 (app t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, H_B), 8.02 (app t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, H_L), 7.93 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H, H_M), 7.85 – 7.81 (m, 1H, H_f), 7.75 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H, H_h), 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 4H, H_g + H_c + H_b), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H, H_K), 7.52 – 7.48 (m, 1H, H_i), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 2H, H_c + H_j), 7.32 (br. m, 1H, one of H_E), 6.81 (br. m, 1H, one of H_E), 6.64 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H, H_i), 6.53 (br. m, 1H, one of H_D), 6.38 (br. m, 1H, one of H_D), 5.72 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H, H_H), 3.61 (s, 3H, H_F), 3.58 (s, 3H, H_G), 1.46 – 1.44 (m, 18H, H_j or H_a), 1.35 (s, 18H, H_i or H_j). ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.5, 162.4, 161.3, 160.7, 158.2, 157.0, 155.6, 153.7, 151.3, 149.1, 145.6, 141.1, 140.9, 138.5, 138.2, 137.9, 137.9, 135.5, 130.3, 129.5, 128.7, 126.7, 124.7, 123.8, 123.6, 122.3, 122.0, 121.6, 121.3, 120.2, 119.1, 118.9, 118.4, 115.2, 113.4, 112.6, 109.3, 55.3, 55.0, 35.4, 35.0, 31.5, 31.3. HR-MS-ESI: *m/z* (found) = 1085.5, *m/z* (calc.) = 1085.5.

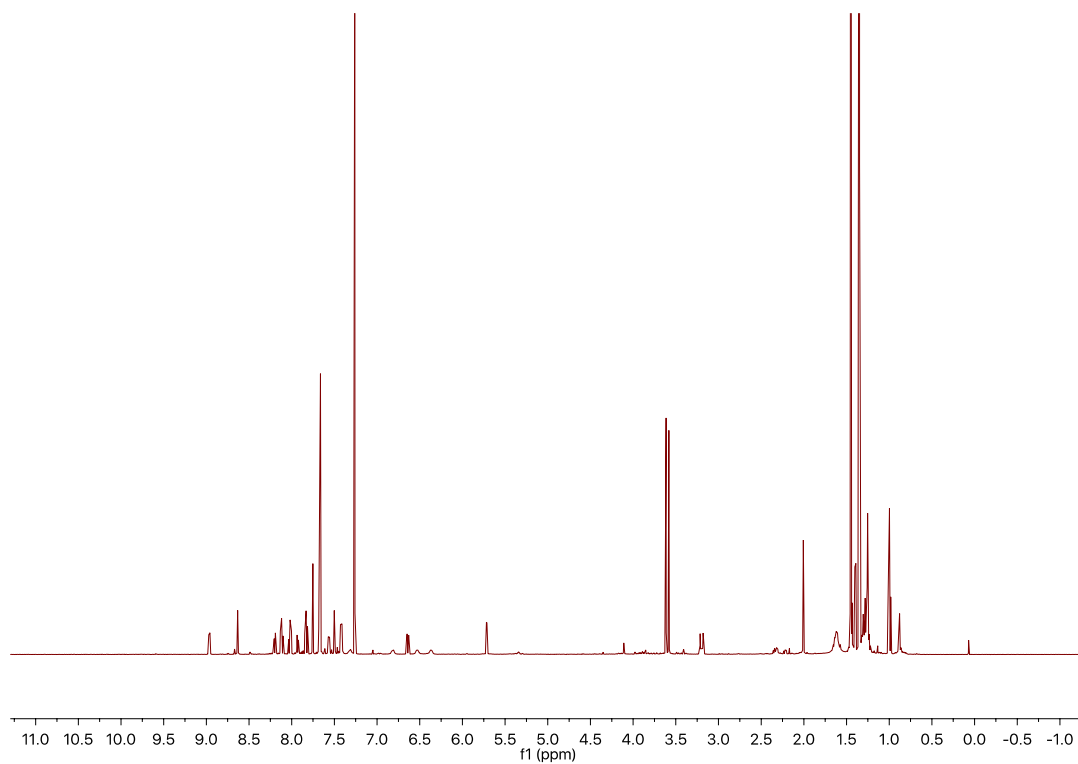


Figure S41. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{2})(\mathbf{5})]\text{BF}_4$

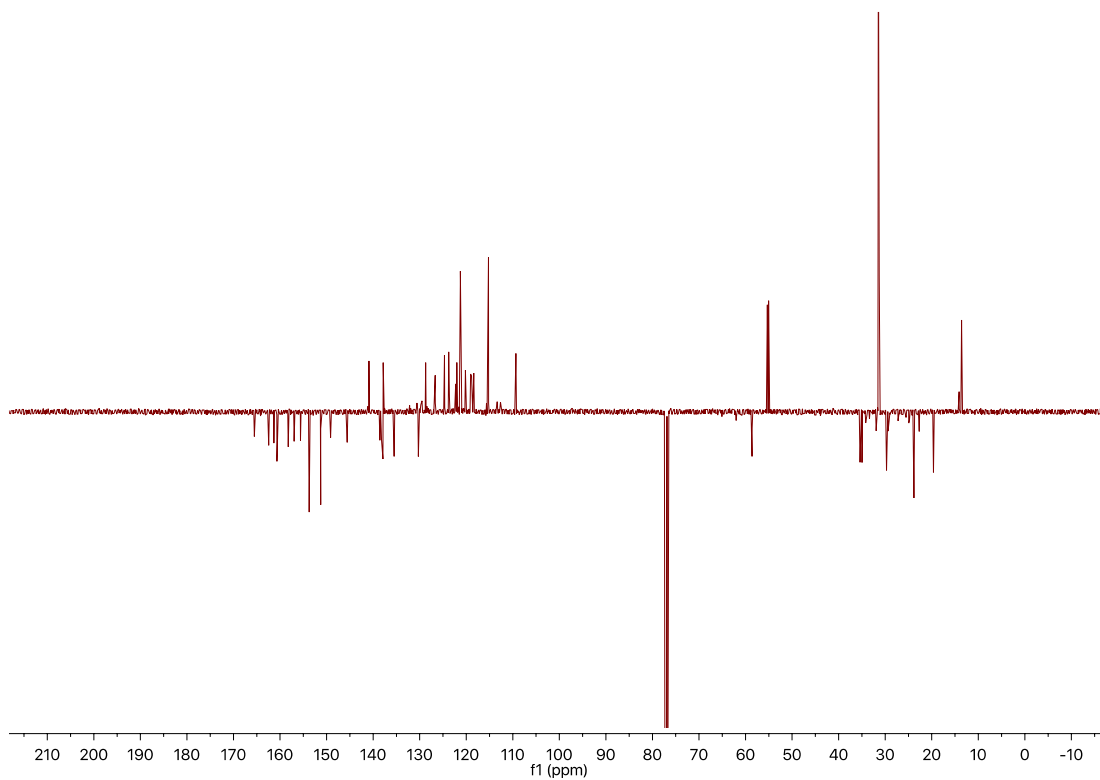


Figure S42. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 126 MHz) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{2})(\mathbf{5})]\text{BF}_4$

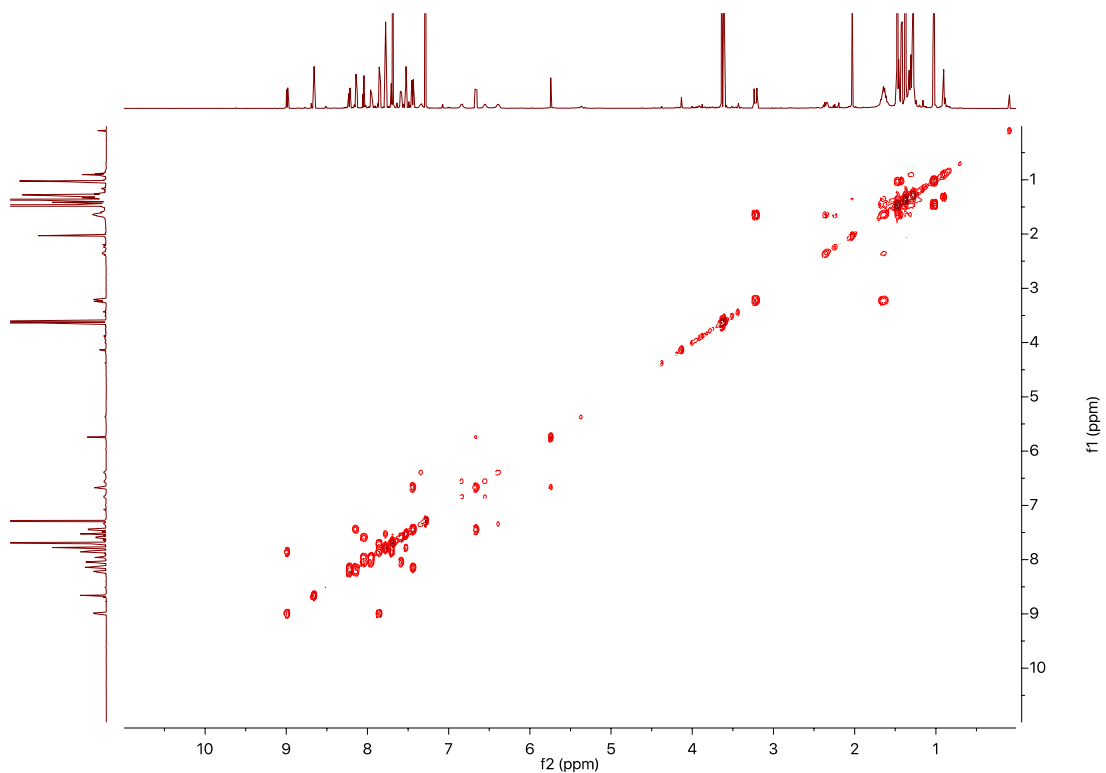


Figure S43. COSY NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{2})(\mathbf{5})]\text{BF}_4$

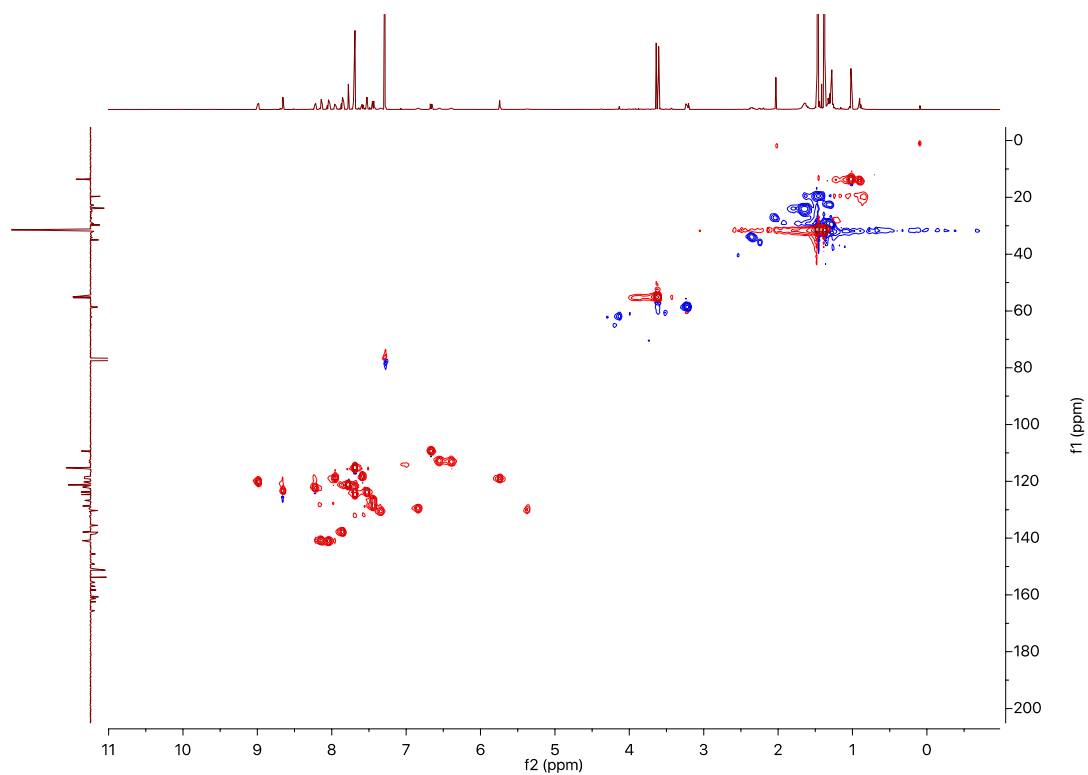


Figure S44. HSQC NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{2})(\mathbf{5})]\text{BF}_4$

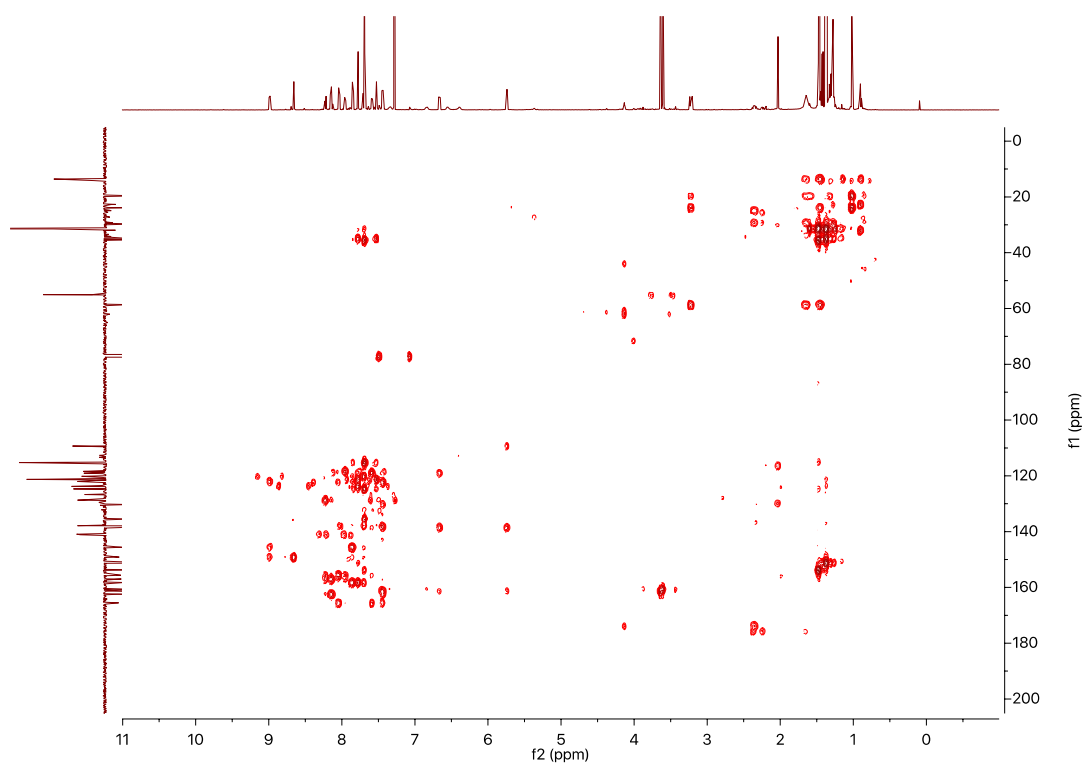


Figure S45. HMBC NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{2})(\mathbf{5})]\text{BF}_4$

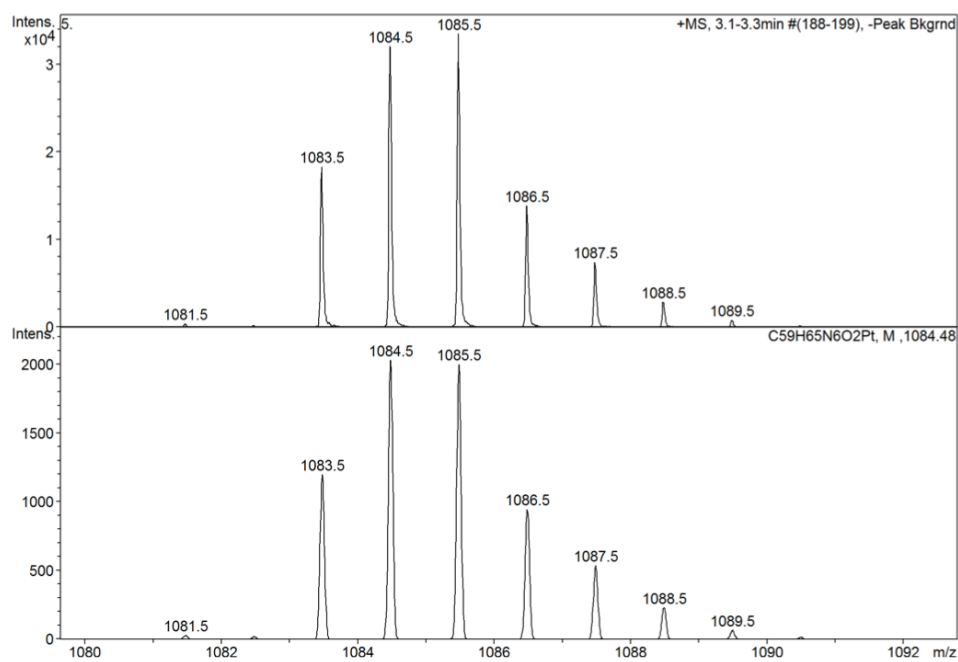


Figure S46. Isotope pattern of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{2})(\mathbf{5})]\text{BF}_4$

3 Single crystal X-ray crystallographic data

Crystals of Pt(1H)Cl₂(DMSO) were grown by cooling down a saturated solution of Pt(1H)Cl₂(DMSO) in ethyl acetate. Data for Pt(1H)Cl₂(DMSO) was collected on a Rigaku 007 HF diffractometer equipped with a Saturn 944+ enhanced sensitivity detector. The crystal was kept at 100(2) K during data collection. Using Olex2,⁹ the structure was solved with the ShelXT¹⁰ structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL¹¹ refinement package using Least Squares minimisation.

Crystals of Pt(1)BF₄ were grown by vapour diffusion of Et₂O into MeCN solution. Data for Pt(1)BF₄ was collected on a FRE+ HF diffractometer equipped with a Saturn 724+ enhanced sensitivity detector. The crystal was kept at 100 K during data collection. Using Olex2,⁹ the structure was solved with the ShelXT¹⁰ structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL¹¹ refinement package using Least Squares minimisation.

Crystals of Pt(*k*⁴-4)BF₄ were grown by vapour diffusion of Et₂O into MeCN solution. Data for Pt(*k*⁴-4)BF₄ was collected on a FRE+ VHF diffractometer equipped with a Saturn 724+ enhanced sensitivity detector. The crystal was kept at 100(2) K during data collection. Using Olex2,⁹ the structure was solved with the ShelXT¹⁰ structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL¹¹ refinement package using Least Squares minimisation.

Crystals [Pt(*k*⁵-4)OH](SbF₆)₂ was grown by vapour diffusion of Et₂O into MeCN solution of mixed [Pt(*k*⁴-4)]BF₄ with excess AgSbF₆ in ambient light. [Pt(*k*⁵-4)OH](SbF₆)₂ was collected on a Rigaku 007 HF diffractometer equipped with a Saturn 944+ enhanced sensitivity detector. The crystal was kept at 100(2) K during data collection. Using Olex2,⁹ the structure was solved with the ShelXT¹⁰ structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL¹¹ refinement package using Least Squares minimisation.

Crystals of [Pt(*k*⁵-4)OH](BF₄)₂ were grown of vapour diffusion of Et₂O into MeCN solution of reaction mixture, which was obtained through oxidation of [Pt(*k*⁴-4)]BF₄ by H₂O₂ followed by washing with NH₄BF₄ solution. [Pt(*k*⁵-4)OH](BF₄)₂ was selected on a Kat diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 100 K during data collection. Using Olex2,⁹ the structure was solved with the Superflip¹² structure solution program using charge flipping and refined with the ShelXL¹¹ package using Least Squares minimisation.

Crystals of [Pt(*k*⁴-4)Ag(MeCN)](SbF₆)₂ were grown by vapour diffusion of Et₂O into MeCN solution of mixed [Pt(*k*⁴-4)]BF₄ with excess AgSbF₆ in the dark. Data for Pt(*k*⁴-4)Ag(CH₃CN)](SbF₆)₂ was collected on a FRE+ VHF diffractometer equipped with a Saturn 724+ enhanced sensitivity detector. The crystal was kept at 100(2) K during data collection. Using Olex2,⁹ the structure was solved with the ShelXT¹⁰ structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL¹¹ refinement package using Least Squares minimisation.

Crystals of [Pt(*k*⁴-4)Ag(Et₂O)](SbF₆)₂ were grown by vapour diffusion of Et₂O into CHCl₃ solution of mixed [Pt(*k*⁴-4)]BF₄ with excess AgSbF₆ in the dark. [Pt(*k*⁴-4)Ag(Et₂O)](SbF₆)₂ was collected on a Rigaku 007 HF diffractometer equipped with a Saturn 944+ enhanced sensitivity detector. The crystal was kept at 100(2) K during data collection. Using Olex2,⁹ the structure was solved with the ShelXT¹⁰ structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the ShelXL¹¹ package using Least Squares minimisation.

3.1 Pt(1H)Cl₂(DMSO)

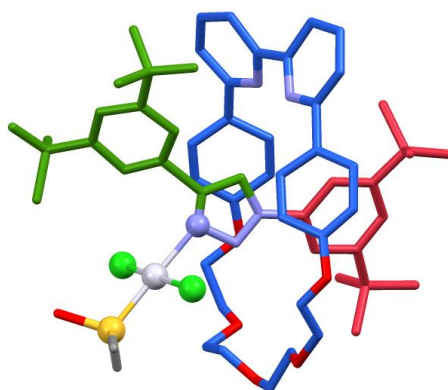


Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for Pt(1H)Cl₂(DMSO)

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Formula weight	1288.35
Temperature/K	100(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	I2/a
a/Å	26.7934(5)
b/Å	12.4321(3)
c/Å	39.1414(7)
α/°	90
β/°	106.494(2)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	12501.4(5)
Z	8
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.369
μ/mm ⁻¹	5.706
F(000)	5296.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.1 × 0.08 × 0.07
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54178)
2θ range for data collection/°	6.882 to 136.484
Index ranges	-31 ≤ h ≤ 23, -13 ≤ k ≤ 14, -46 ≤ l ≤ 41
Reflections collected	24565
Independent reflections	10265 [R _{int} = 0.0437, R _{sigma} = 0.0348]
Data/restraints/parameters	10265/39/776
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.042
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0374, wR ₂ = 0.1010
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0401, wR ₂ = 0.1034
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.12/-0.74

3.2 [Pt(1)]BF₄

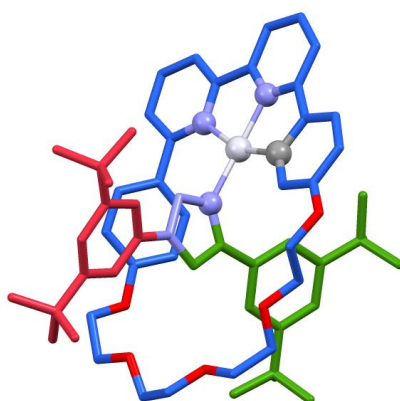


Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for [Pt(1)]BF₄

Identification code	[Pt(1)]BF₄
Empirical formula	C ₆₀ H ₇₂ BF ₄ N ₅ O ₅ Pt
Formula weight	1225.12
Temperature/K	100
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	12.22920(10)
b/Å	14.6267(2)
c/Å	18.2680(2)
α/°	81.1080(10)
β/°	76.0000(10)
γ/°	74.0800(10)
Volume/Å ³	3035.32(6)
Z	2
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.340
μ/mm ⁻¹	2.373
F(000)	1252.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.2 × 0.05 × 0.02
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	4.616 to 64.172
Index ranges	-17 ≤ h ≤ 17, -21 ≤ k ≤ 17, -27 ≤ l ≤ 25
Reflections collected	73086
Independent reflections	19448 [R _{int} = 0.0286, R _{sigma} = 0.0261]
Data/restraints/parameters	19448/0/697
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.836
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0297, wR ₂ = 0.0950
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0329, wR ₂ = 0.0983
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	2.97/-0.88

3.3 Pt(*k*⁴-4)BF₄

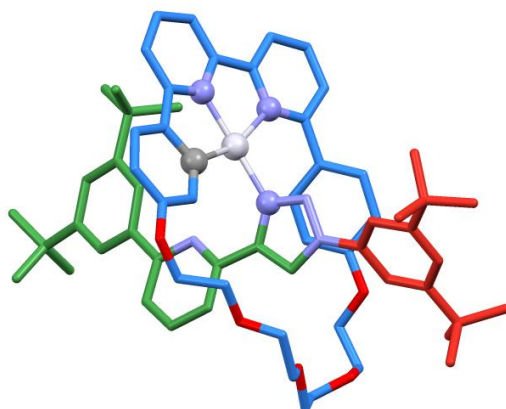


Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for Pt(*k*⁴-4)BF₄

Identification code	Pt(<i>k</i>⁴-4)BF₄
Empirical formula	C ₆₆ H ₇₇ BF ₄ N ₈ O ₅ Pt
Formula weight	1344.25
Temperature/K	100.0
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /n
a/Å	21.7380(4)
b/Å	14.9289(3)
c/Å	21.8888(5)
α/°	90
β/°	107.531(2)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	6773.5(3)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.318
μ/mm ⁻¹	2.134
F(000)	2752.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.1 × 0.05 × 0.05
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	3.578 to 64.006
Index ranges	-29 ≤ h ≤ 31, -20 ≤ k ≤ 20, -29 ≤ l ≤ 31
Reflections collected	94830
Independent reflections	20137 [R _{int} = 0.0284, R _{sigma} = 0.0270]
Data/restraints/parameters	20137/4407/751
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.866
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0306, wR ₂ = 0.1057
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0412, wR ₂ = 0.1134
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.68/-1.26

3.4 [Pt(*k*⁵-4)(OH)](SbF₆)₂

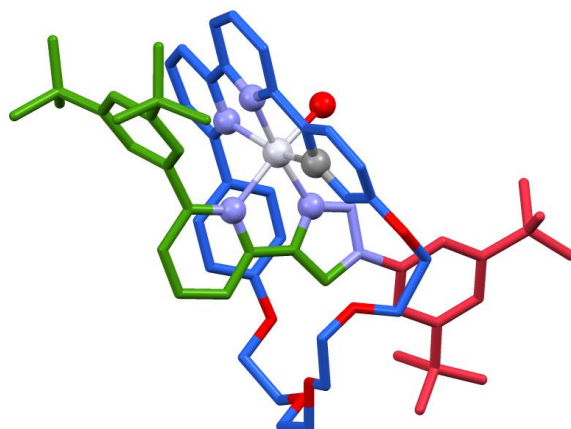


Table S4. Crystal data and structure refinement for [Pt(*k*⁵-4)(OH)](SbF₆)₂

Identification code	PtNNC-Ag-2
Empirical formula	C ₆₅ H ₇₆ F ₆ N ₆ O ₆ PtSb
Formula weight	1468.15
Temperature/K	100(2)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	11.78747(13)
b/Å	15.5279(2)
c/Å	22.4447(3)
α/°	101.2515(11)
β/°	102.1438(10)
γ/°	103.7234(10)
Volume/Å ³	3769.48(9)
Z	2
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.294
μ/mm ⁻¹	2.273
F(000)	1478.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.05 × 0.04 × 0.03
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	3.676 to 61.62
Index ranges	-16 ≤ h ≤ 15, -22 ≤ k ≤ 22, -31 ≤ l ≤ 30
Reflections collected	75959
Independent reflections	21637 [R _{int} = 0.0285, R _{sigma} = 0.0253]
Data/restraints/parameters	21637/103/833
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.053
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0410, wR ₂ = 0.1157
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0443, wR ₂ = 0.1182
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.61/-2.88

3.5 [Pt(*k*⁵-4)OH](BF₄)₂

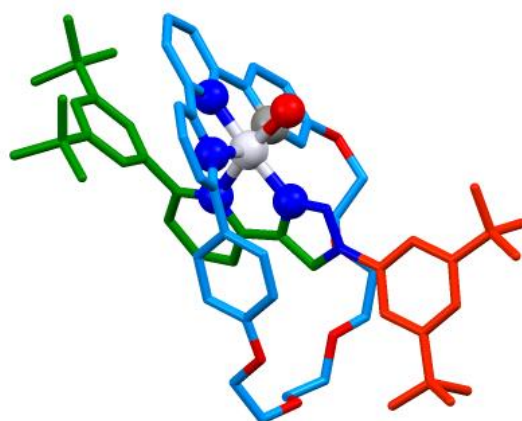


Table S5 Crystal data and structure refinement for [Pt(*k*⁵-4)OH](BF₄)₂

Identification code	[Pt(<i>k</i> ⁵ -4)OH](BF ₄) ₂
Empirical formula	B ₂ C ₆₅ F ₈ N ₆ O ₆ PtH ₆₅
Formula weight	1329.92
Temperature/K	100(2)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	10.1984(4)
b/Å	18.2072(7)
c/Å	19.7789(7)
α/°	105.686(3)
β/°	99.655(3)
γ/°	96.115(3)
Volume/Å ³	3440.9(2)
Z	2
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.284
μ/mm ⁻¹	2.109
F(000)	1281.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.05 × 0.04 × 0.02
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	5.744 to 59.75
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 14, -24 ≤ k ≤ 24, -27 ≤ l ≤ 27
Reflections collected	81332
Independent reflections	18175 [R _{int} = 0.2849, R _{sigma} = 0.2676]
Data/restraints/parameters	18175/746/806
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.985
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.1139, wR ₂ = 0.2185
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.1889, wR ₂ = 0.2575
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	4.11/-1.66

3.6 [Pt(*k*⁴-4)Ag(CH₃CN)](SbF₆)₂

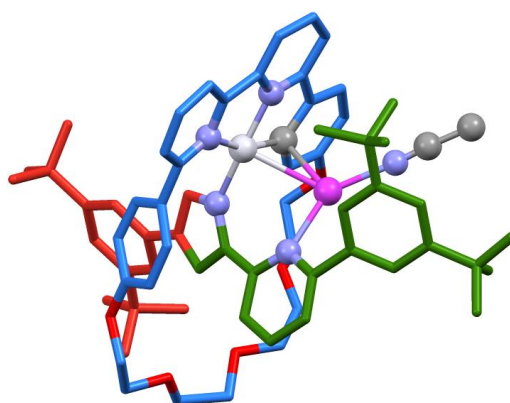


Table S6. Crystal data and structure refinement for [Pt(**4**)Ag(CH₃CN)](SbF₆)₂

Identification code	[Pt(4)Ag(CH₃CN)](SbF₆)₂
Empirical formula	C ₆₇ H ₇₇ AgF ₁₅ N ₇ O ₅ PtSb _{2.5}
Formula weight	1952.69
Temperature/K	100(2)
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	13.0371(5)
b/Å	18.3984(8)
c/Å	18.4639(8)
α/°	88.810(3)
β/°	89.789(3)
γ/°	83.438(3)
Volume/Å ³	4398.8(3)
Z	2
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.474
μ/mm ⁻¹	2.637
F(000)	1911.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.3 × 0.2 × 0.08
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	4.232 to 50.054
Index ranges	-15 ≤ h ≤ 15, -21 ≤ k ≤ 21, -21 ≤ l ≤ 21
Reflections collected	85505
Independent reflections	15515 [R _{int} = 0.0727, R _{sigma} = 0.0510]
Data/restraints/parameters	15515/1177/940
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.040
Final R indexes [I >= 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0651, wR ₂ = 0.1632
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0804, wR ₂ = 0.1722
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	6.97/-2.47

3.7 [Pt(*k*⁴-4)Ag(Et₂O)](SbF₆)₂

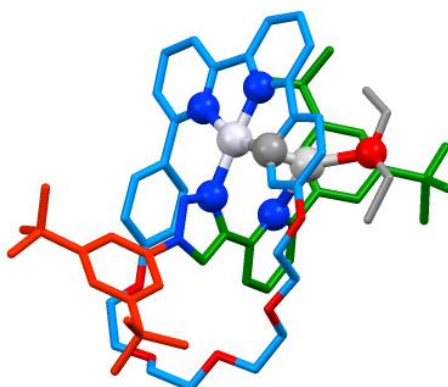
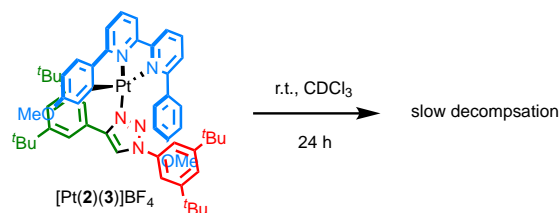


Table S7 Crystal data and structure refinement for [Pt(*k*⁴-4)Ag(Et₂O)](SbF₆)₂.

Identification code	[Pt(<i>k</i> ⁴ -4)Ag(Et ₂ O)](SbF ₆) ₂
Empirical formula	C ₆₉ H ₈₅ AgF ₁₂ N ₆ O ₆ PtSb ₂
Formula weight	1868.88
Temperature/K	100(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /n
<i>a</i> /Å	18.7462(4)
<i>b</i> /Å	15.4022(3)
<i>c</i> /Å	27.6759(5)
α /°	90
β /°	104.791(2)
γ /°	90
Volume/Å ³	7726.1(3)
<i>Z</i>	4
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.607
μ /mm ⁻¹	11.478
<i>F</i> (000)	3696.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.2 × 0.1 × 0.03
Radiation	CuK α (λ = 1.54178)
2 θ range for data collection/°	5.144 to 140.134
Index ranges	-22 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 22, -15 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 18, -33 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 33
Reflections collected	84286
Independent reflections	14409 [R _{int} = 0.1181, R _{sigma} = 0.0617]
Data/restraints/parameters	14409/39/916
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.039
Final <i>R</i> indexes [<i>I</i> ≥ 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	R ₁ = 0.0676, wR ₂ = 0.1755
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0984, wR ₂ = 0.1971
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	2.33/-2.15

4 Stability of Pt(II) complex

4.1 Slow decomposition of complex [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄ in CDCl₃



Scheme S1 Slow decomposition of complex [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄ in CDCl₃

The non-interlocked complexes [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄ was found to slowly decompose in CDCl₃ at room temperature (**Figure S47**). Leaving complex [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄ in CDCl₃ at a concentration of 2.5 mM at room temperature for 24 h led to the formation of small portion of axle 3.

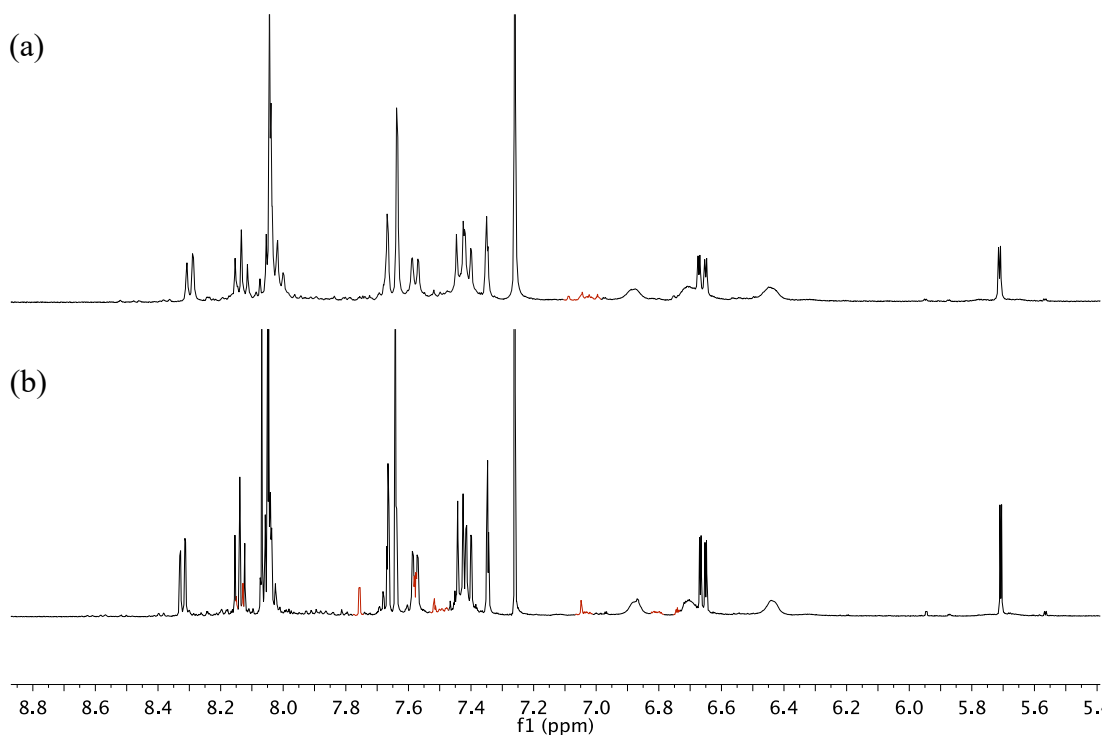
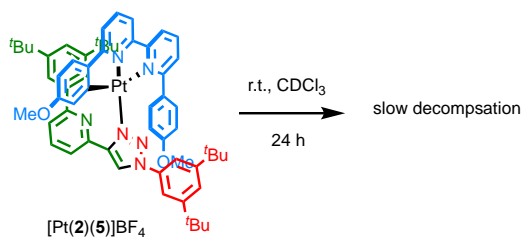


Figure S47. Partial ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) of (a) complex [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄; (b) complex [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄ after 24 h in CDCl₃.

4.2 Slow decomposition of complex [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ in CDCl₃



Scheme S2. Slow decomposition of complex [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ in CDCl₃

Leaving complex [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ at a concentration of 2.5 mM in CDCl₃ at room temperature for 24 h led to the formation of a small amount of Pt(2)Cl and axle 5 (Figure S48).

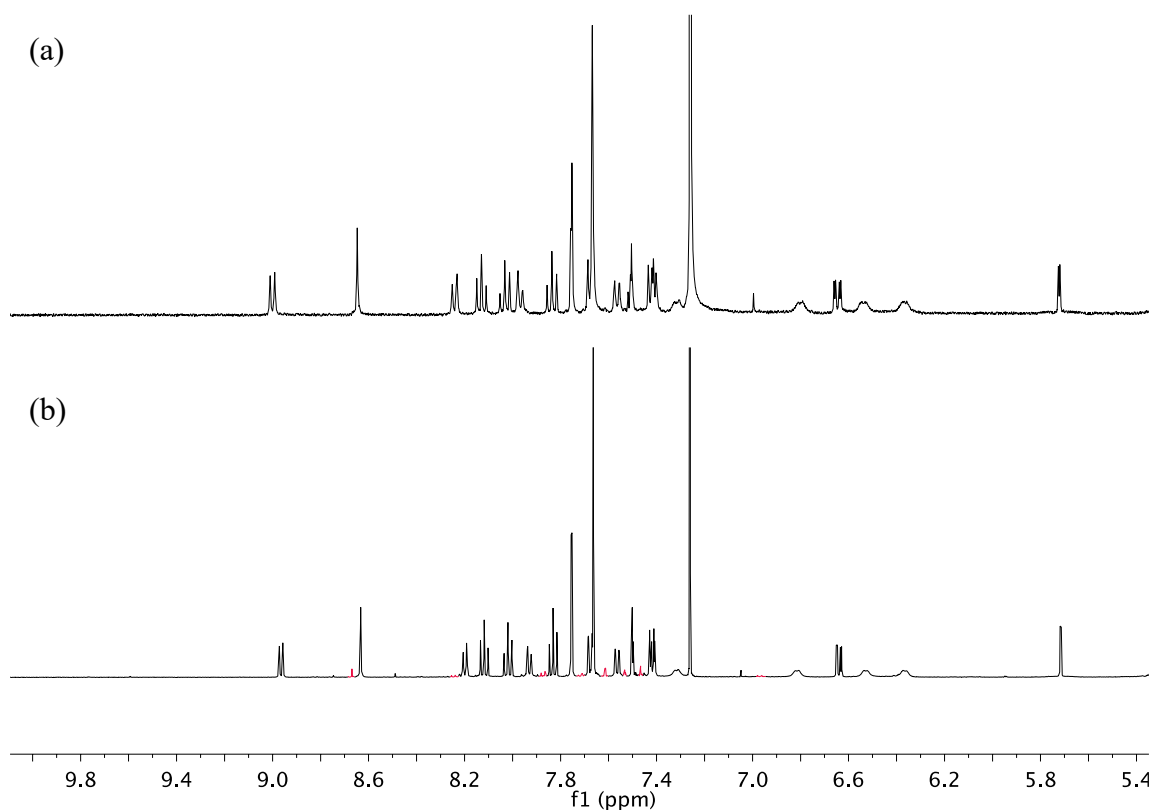
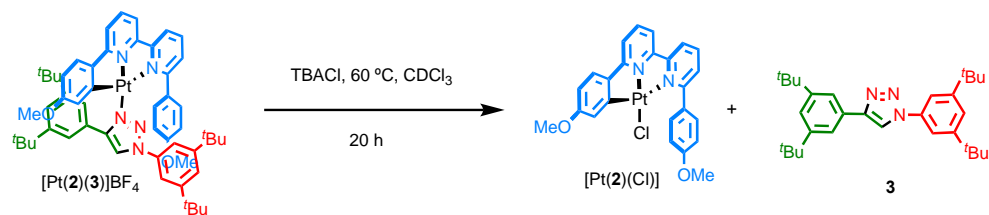


Figure S48. Partial ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) of (a) complex [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄; (b) complex [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ after 24 h in CDCl₃.

4.3 Ligand substitution of [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄



Scheme S3. Demonstration of ligand substitution of complex [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄ in the presence of TBACl at 60 °C

As shown in **Scheme S3**, the non-interlocked complex [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄ decomposed to [Pt(2)]Cl and axle **3** in the presence of 2 equivalents of TBACl in CDCl₃ at 60 °C, and reached completion after 20 h (**Figure S49**).

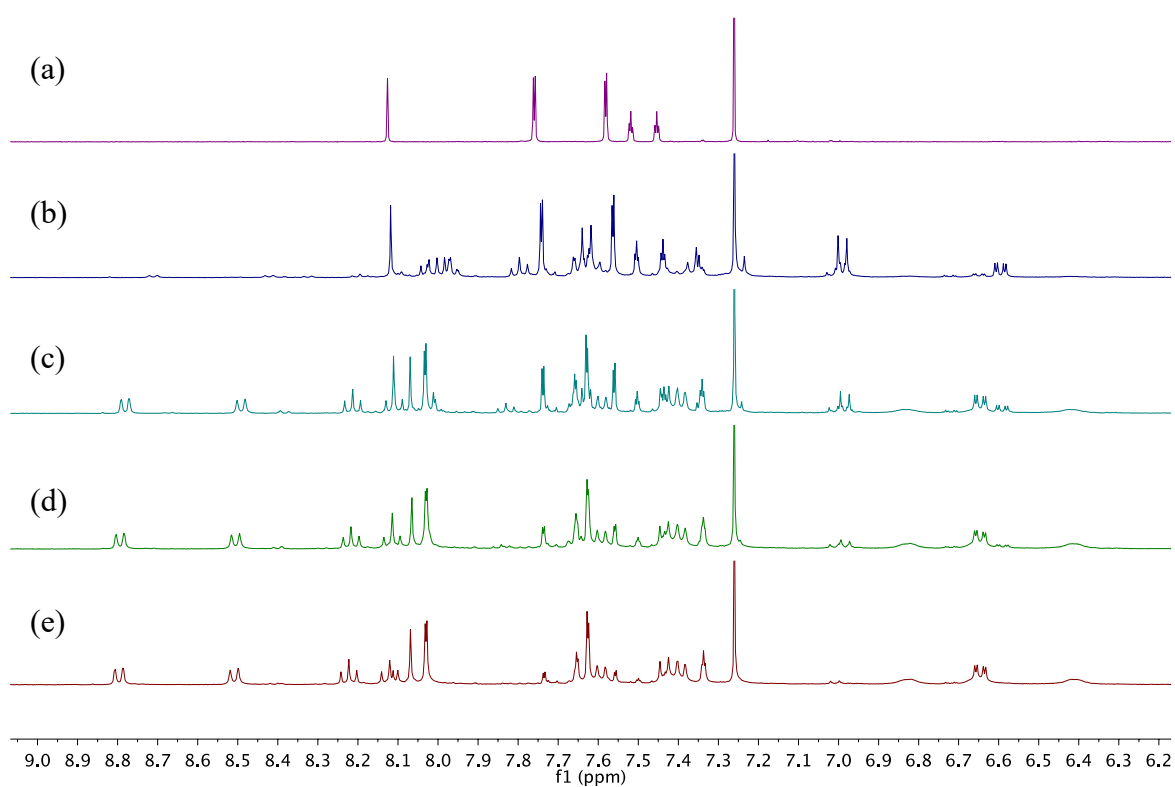
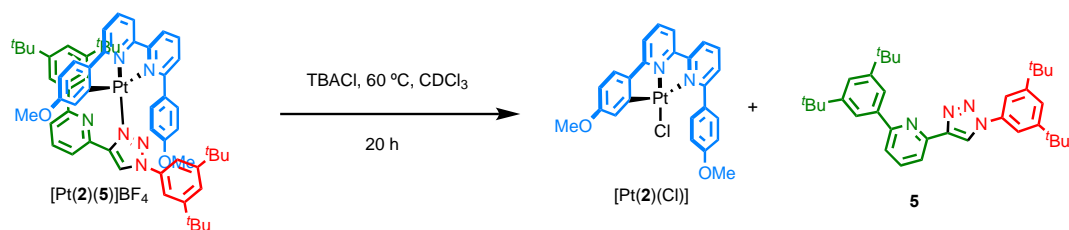


Figure S49. Partial ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) of (a) axle **3**; and the reaction of [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄ with TBACl after (b) 20 h; (c) 3.5 h; (d) 0.5 h; (e) complex [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄

4.4 Ligand substitution of [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄



Scheme S4. Ligand substitution of complex [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ by TBACl at 60 °C

The non-interlocked complex [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ was also found to decompose to [Pt(2)]Cl and axle 5 in the presence of 2 equivalents of TBACl in CDCl₃ at 60 °C, and reached completion after 20 h (Figure S50).

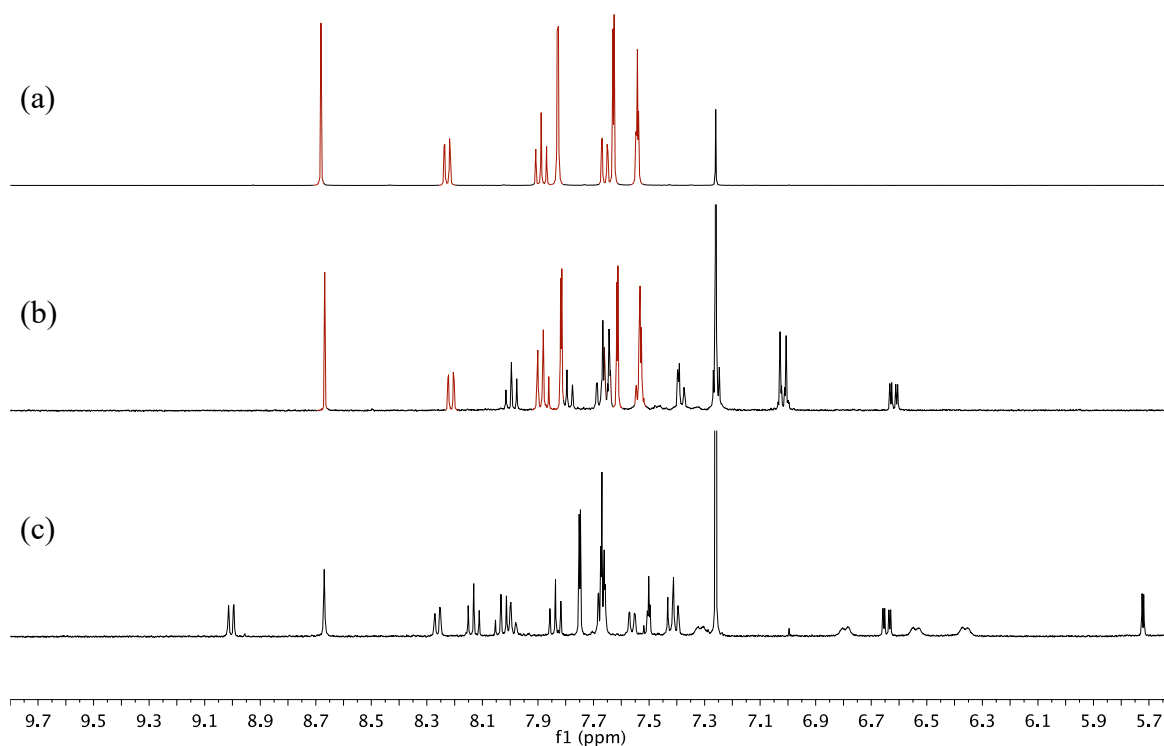
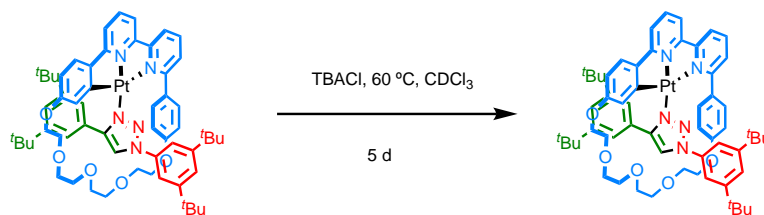


Figure S50. Partial ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) of (a) axle 5; (b) mixture of [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ and TBACl after 20 h; (c) complex [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄

4.5 Ligand substitution of [Pt(1)]BF₄



Scheme S5. Ligand substitution of complex [Pt(1)]BF₄ in the presence of TBACl at 60 °C

The interlocked complex [Pt(1)]BF₄ remained intact in the presence of 2 equiv. of TBACl under same conditions as no decomposition was observed, even after a period of 5 days (**Figure S51**).

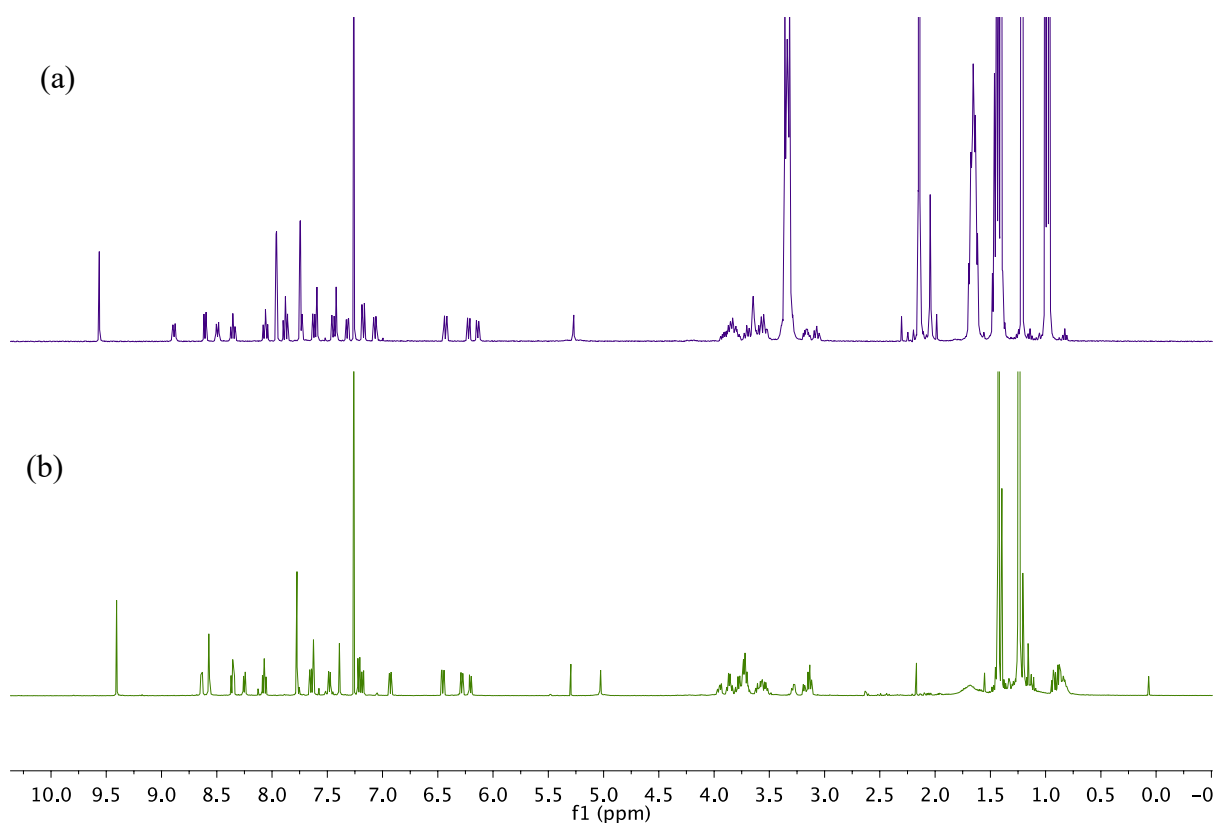
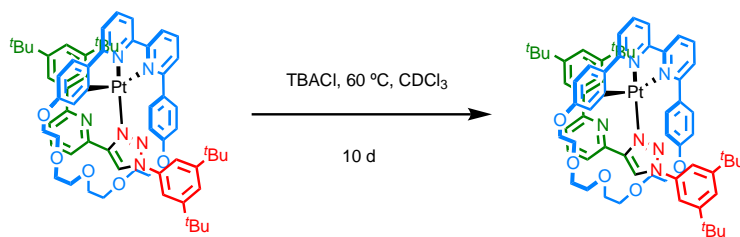


Figure S51. Partial ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) of (a) mixture of [Pt(1)]BF₄ and TBACl after 5 d; (b) complex [Pt(1)]BF₄

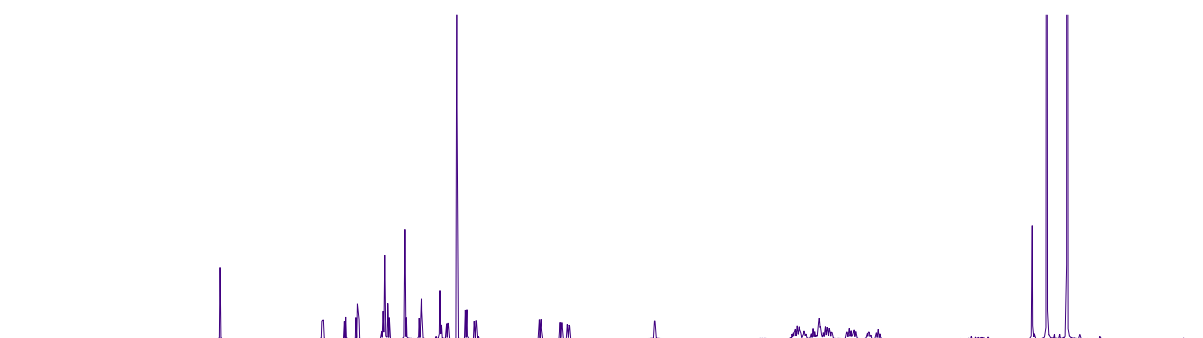
4.6 Ligand substitution of $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$



Scheme S6 Ligand substitution of complex $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ by TBACl at 60 °C

Similar for complex $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{1})]\text{BF}_4$, no decomposition of $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ was observed after 5 days stirring at 60 °C in the presence of 2 equiv. TBACl.

(a)



(b)

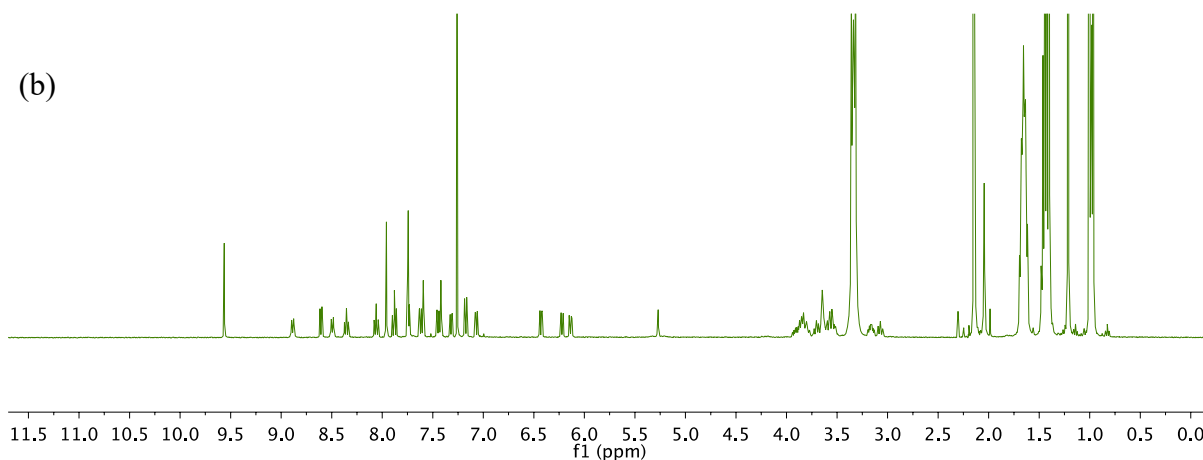
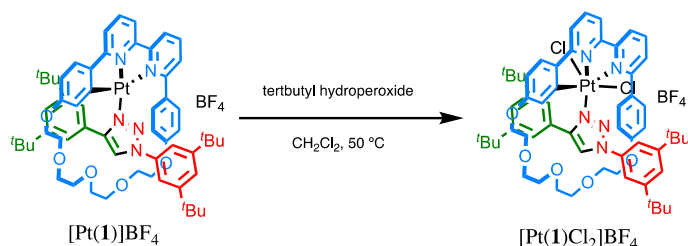


Figure S52. Partial ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) of (a) complex $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$; (b) mixture of $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ and TBACl after 5 d

4.7 Oxidation of [Pt(1)]BF₄ with *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide



Scheme S7. Oxidation of complex [Pt(1)]BF₄

Pt(1)BF₄ (18.2 mg, 0.015 mmol, 1 eq), ^tBuO₂H (5-6 M in decane, 30 μ L, 1.5 mmol, 100 eq) were mixed in CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL) and heating at 50 °C. Aliquots (0.4 mL) were withdrawn, diluted with CH₂Cl₂ then washed with NH₄BF₄. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The reaction mixture was then analysed by ¹H NMR and ESI-LRMS.

Full conversion of complex [Pt(1)]BF₄ was observed after 20 h reaction time to give a single major product by ¹H NMR (**Figure S53**). ESI-LRMS results, suggests the formation of [Pt(1)Cl₂]BF₄ ($m/z = 1208.5$) in which two Cl⁻ are coordinating to Pt(IV) as additional ligands, presumably through the oxidation of CH₂Cl₂. Unfortunately, we were unable to prepare crystals suitable for SCXRD to confirm the identity of the product.

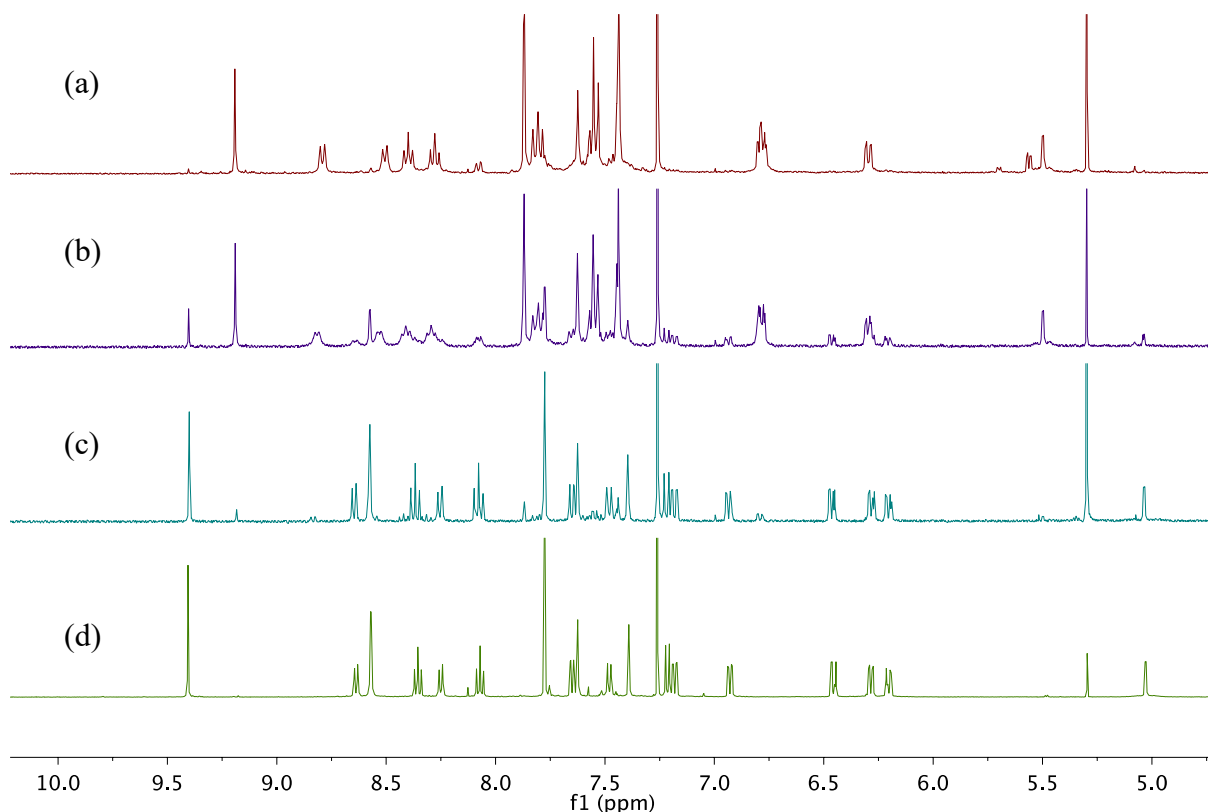
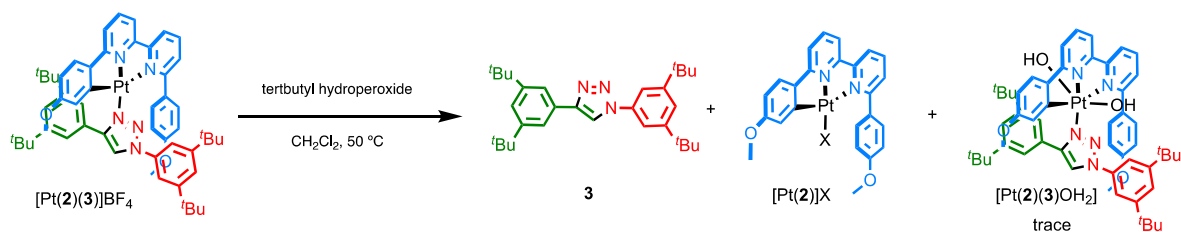


Figure S53. Partial ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) of reaction (a) monitored after 36 h after NH₄BF₄ work up; (b) monitored after 18 h after NH₄BF₄ work up; (c) monitored after 4 h after NH₄BF₄ work up; (d) complex [Pt(1)]BF₄

4.8 Oxidation of [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄ with *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide



Scheme S8. Oxidation of complex [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄

[Pt(2)(3)]BF₄ (10 mg, 0.009 mmol, 1 eq), ^tBuO₂H (5-6 M, 18 uL, 0.9 mmol, 100 eq) were mixed in CH₂Cl₂ (0.7 mL) and the mixture heated at 50 °C. Aliquots (0.4 mL) were withdrawn, diluted with CH₂Cl₂ then washed with NH₄BF₄. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The reaction mixture was then analysed by ¹H NMR and LR-MS.

¹H NMR analysis revealed formation of axle 3 along with trace amount of new species in only 4 h (Figure S54). ESI-LRMS suggests the minor new species could be oxidised product [Pt(2)(3)(OH)₂] (*m/z* = 1042.6). However, the high ratio of axle 3 formation over new species in the mixture suggests significant decomposition under these conditions due to the instability of the Pt-triazole bond.

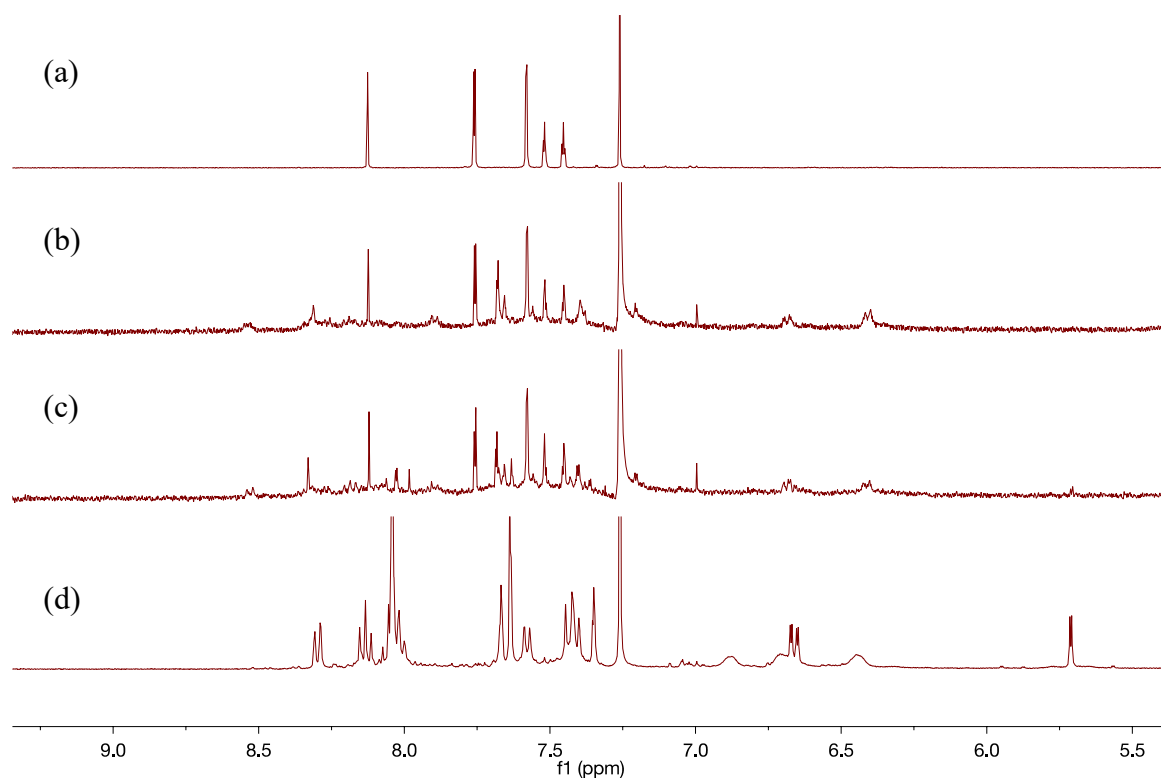
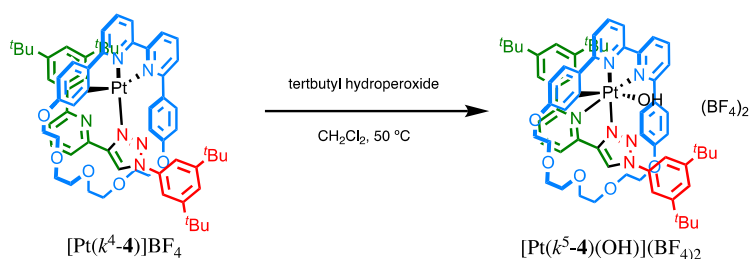


Figure S54. Partial ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) of (a) axle 3; (b) reaction of complex [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄ with after overnight; (c) aliquot after 4 h; (d) complex [Pt(2)(3)]BF₄

4.9 Oxidation of $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ with *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide



Scheme S9. Oxidation of complex $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$

$\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})\text{BF}_4$ (20 mg, 0.015 mmol, 1 eq), $t\text{BuO}_2\text{H}$ (5-6 M, 30 μL , 1.5 mmol, 100 eq) were mixed in CH_2Cl_2 (1.5 mL), heating at 50 $^\circ\text{C}$. The aliquot samples (0.4 mL) were diluted with CH_2Cl_2 then washed with NH_4BF_4 . The organic phase was dried over MgSO_4 and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The reaction mixture was then analysed by ^1H NMR and LR-MS.

^1H NMR reveals full conversion of starting material after 2 h reaction time to give a single major product, although additional species are also present (**Figure S55**). ESI-LRMS suggests the formation of $[\text{Pt}(k^5\text{-4})(\text{OH})](\text{BF}_4)_2$ ($m/z = 616.3$). An authentic sample of this compound was obtained by oxidation with $\text{Ag}(\text{I})$ under ambient light and characterised by SCXRD (**Table S4**). Alternatively, the same compound was obtained by crystallisation of the product of the reaction with H_2O_2 (**Table S5**).

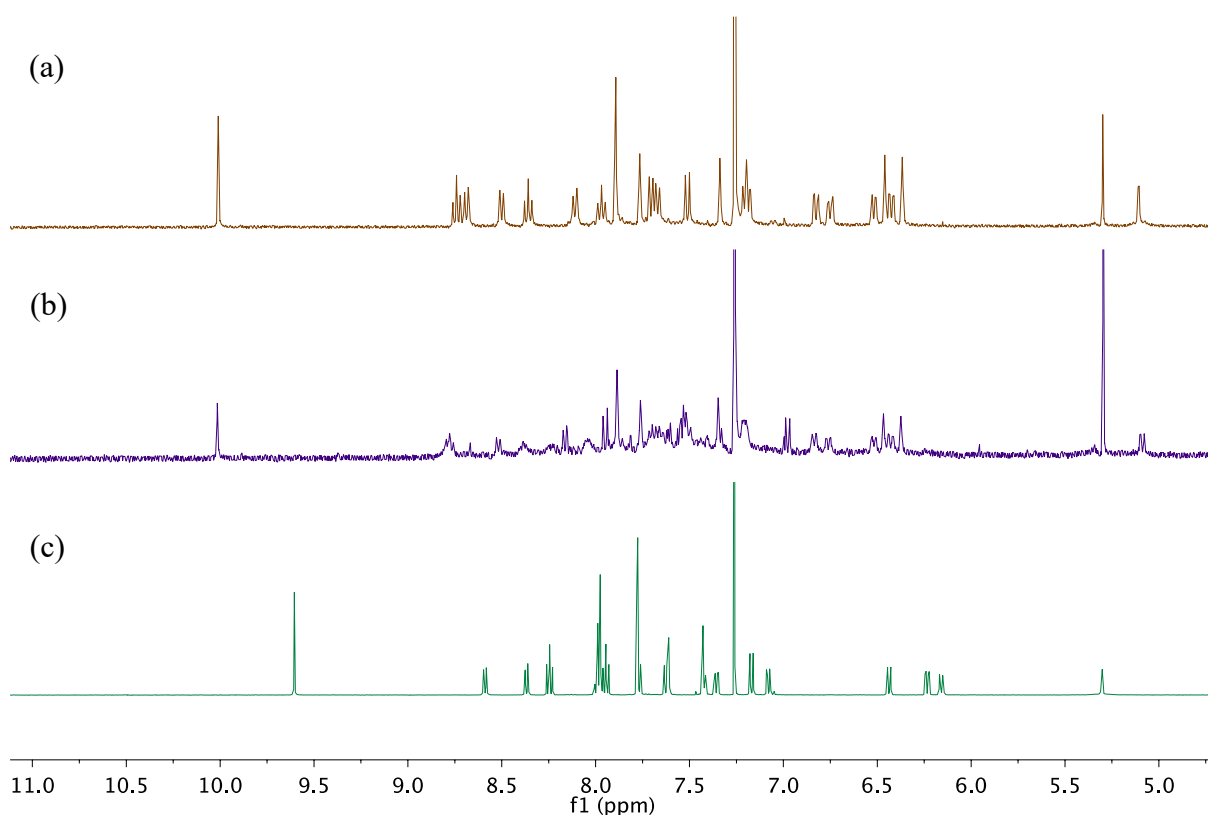
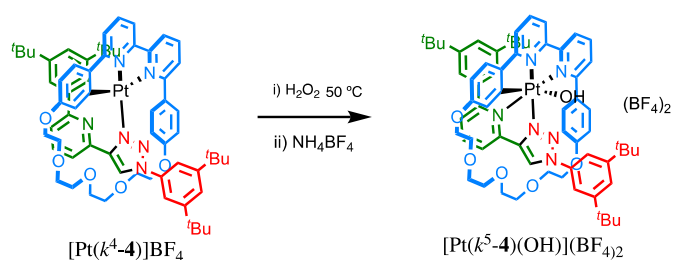


Figure S55. Partial ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, 298 K) of (a) $[\text{Pt}(k^5\text{-4})(\text{OH})](\text{BF}_4)_2$ obtained by oxidation with H_2O_2 . (b) product of reaction of $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ with $t\text{BuO}_2\text{H}$ for 2 h followed by NH_4BF_4 wash; (c) complex $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$.

4.10 Oxidation of $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ with H_2O_2



Scheme S10. Oxidation of complex $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$

$\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})\text{BF}_4$ (30 mg, 0.022 mmol) was heated in H_2O_2 (30% w/w in H_2O , 4 mL) at 50 °. Aliquots were withdrawn (0.5 mL), diluted with CH_2Cl_2 then washed with NH_4BF_4 . The organic phase was dried over MgSO_4 and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The reaction mixture was then analysed by ^1H NMR and LR-MS.

^1H NMR analysis revealed clean conversion of $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ to $[\text{Pt}(k^5\text{-4})(\text{OH})](\text{BF}_4)_2$ over 20 h with no dissociation observed (**Figure S56**). ESI-LRMS supported this interpretation ($m/z = 616.3$). Crystals suitable for SCXRD (**Table S5**) confirmed the formation of the Pt(IV) species.

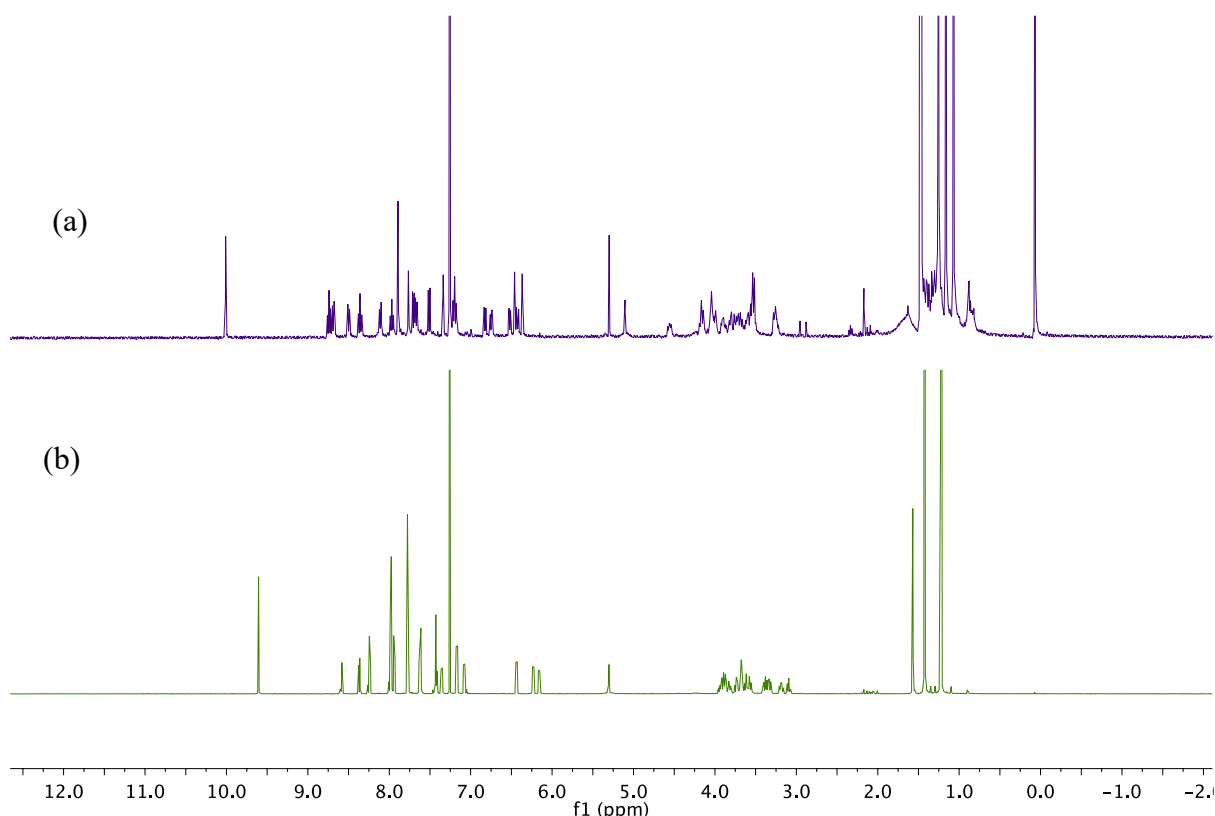
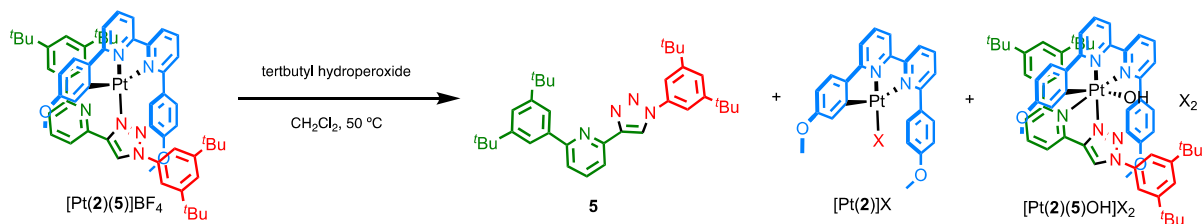


Figure S56. Partial ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz, 298 K) of (a) product obtained after reacting complex $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ with H_2O_2 for 20 h followed by NH_4BF_4 wash; (b) complex $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$.

4.11 Oxidation of [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ with *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide



Scheme S11. Oxidation of complex [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄

[Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ (19 mg, 0.016 mmol, 1 eq), *t*BuO₂H (5-6 M, 30 μ L, 1.6 mmol, 100 eq) were mixed in CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL) and heated at 50 °C. Aliquots (0.4 mL) were withdrawn, diluted with CH₂Cl₂ then washed with NH₄BF₄. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The aliquots were analysed by ¹H NMR and LR-MS.

¹H NMR (**Figure S57**) indicated complete consumption of [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ after 20 h with small amounts of axle 5 observed in addition to a several new Pt species. ESI-LRMS indicated the formation of [Pt(2)(5)(OH)]X₂ (*m/z* = 551.2), although this new species could not be purified.

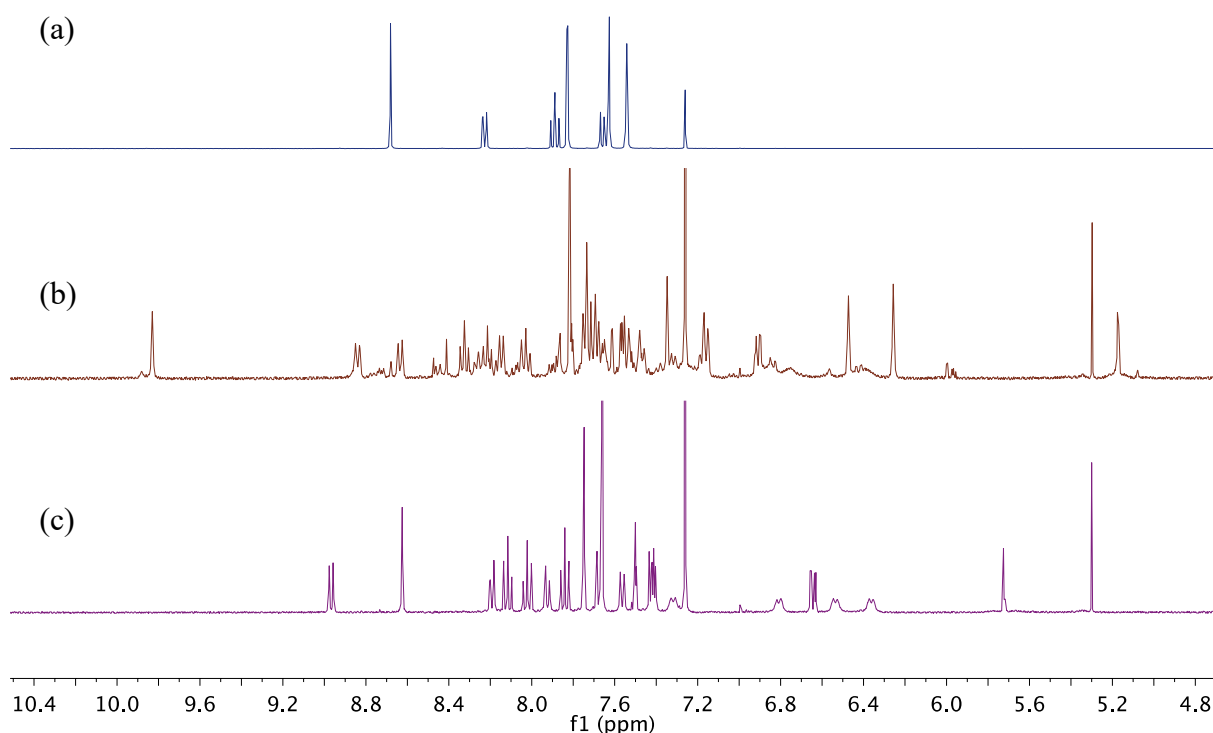
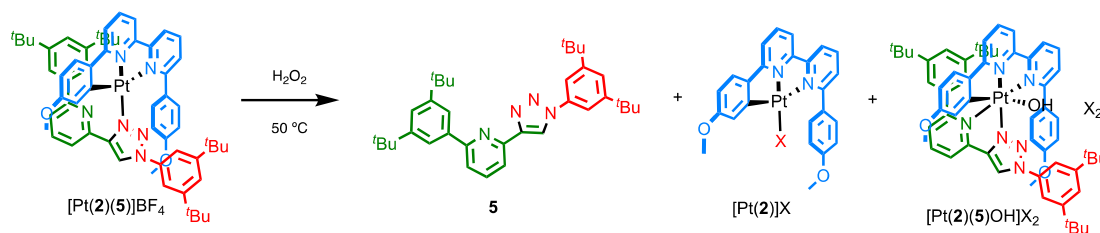


Figure S57. Partial ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) of (a) axle 5; (b) product mixture obtained by reacting [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ with *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide over 20 h after NH₄BF₄ work up; (c) complex [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄.

4.12 Oxidation of [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ with H₂O₂



Scheme S12. The demonstration of oxidation of complex [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ with H₂O₂

[Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ (14 mg, 0.012 mmol) was heated in H₂O₂ (30% w/w in H₂O, 2 mL) at 50 °C. The aliquot samples (0.5 mL) were diluted with CH₂Cl₂ then washed with NH₄BF₄. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The reaction mixture was then analysed by ¹H NMR and LR-MS.

¹H NMR (**Figure S58**) indicated complete consumption of [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ after 3 h and formation of single major species. ESI-LRMS (*m/z* = 551.2) suggests this product is [Pt(2)(5)(OH)]X₂. Leaving the reaction overnight led to significant decomposition to produce axle **5**, suggesting the lability of such a Pt-triazole bond without the protection of mechanical bond.

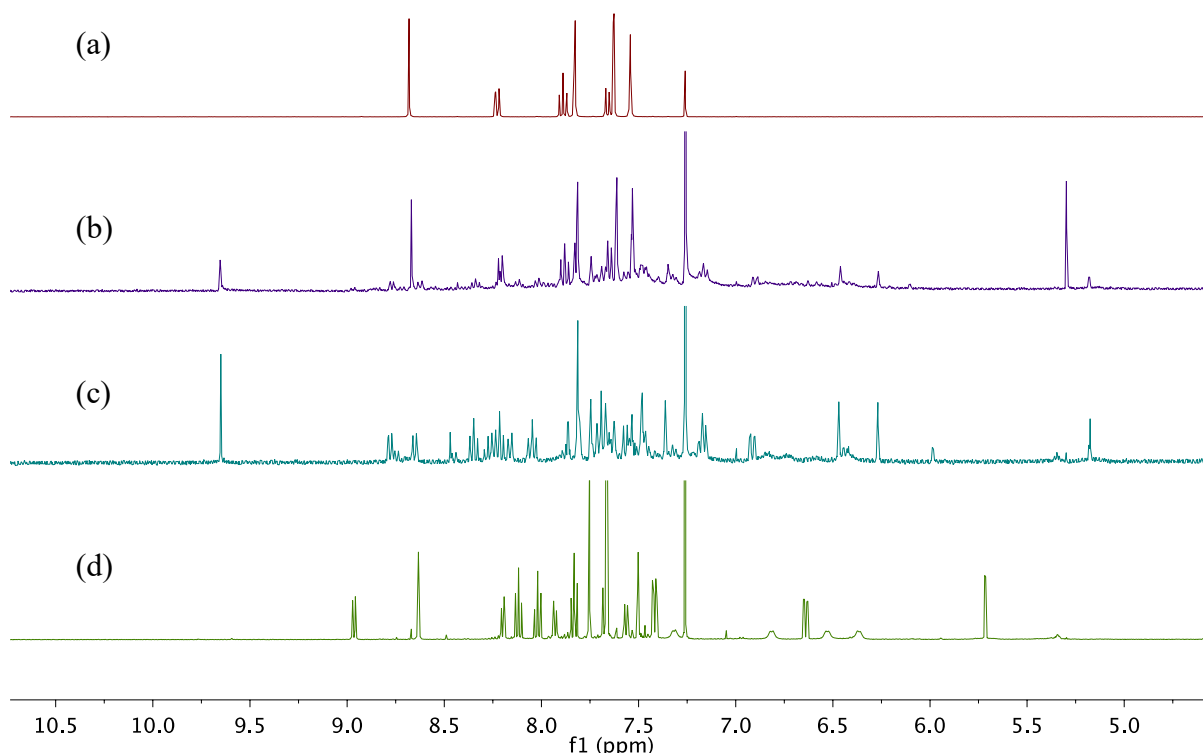


Figure S58. Partial ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, 298 K) of (a) axle **5**; (b) product of reaction of [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ with H₂O₂ for 20 h after NH₄BF₄ work up; (c) complex [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ reacting with H₂O₂ after 3 h after NH₄BF₄ work up; (d) complex [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄

5 Photophysical data

5.1 Photophysical data for [Pt(1H)Cl₂(DMSO)]

Table S8. Photophysical data for [Pt(1H)Cl₂(DMSO)].

Absorption λ_{\max} / nm (ϵ / M ⁻¹ cm ⁻¹)		258 (36500), 317sh (8680)
Emission λ_{\max} / nm		383 (very weak)
$\Phi_{\text{lum}} \times 10^2$ ^(a)		-- ^(e)
τ / ms ^(b)		-- ^(e)
k_r / 10 ³ s ⁻¹ ^(c)		-- ^(e)
Σk_{nr} / 10 ⁵ s ⁻¹ ^(c)		-- ^(e)
Emission at 77K ^(d)	λ_{\max} / nm	610
	τ / ms	140

^(a) Luminescence quantum yield in deoxygenated solution, measured using [Ru(bpy)₃]Cl₂ (aq) as the standard. ^(b) Luminescence lifetime in deoxygenated solution; values in parenthesis are for air-equilibrated solution. ^(c) Radiative k_r and non-radiative Σk_{nr} rate constants estimated using the approximation that the emissive state is formed with unitary efficiency and thus $k_r = F / \tau$ and $\Sigma k_{\text{nr}} = (1-F) / \tau$. ^(d) Emission data at 77 K recorded in EPA (diethyl ether / isopentane / ethanol, 2:2:1 v/v). ^(e) No emission is observed for this complex in solution at room temperature.

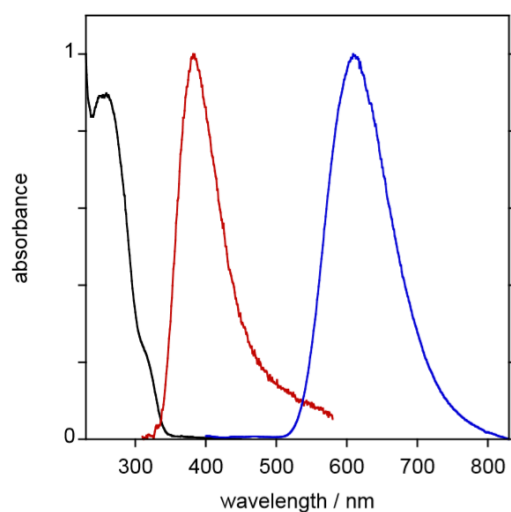


Figure S59. Absorption spectra in CH₂Cl₂ (black line) and emission spectra in CH₂Cl₂ at 298 K and in EPA at 77 K (red and blue lines respectively) for [Pt(1H)Cl₂(DMSO)].

5.2 Solid State Photophysical Data

The solid-state emission spectra and lifetimes were recorded for powdered samples held between quartz slides orientated at 54.7° from the horizontal. A 405 nm laser diode was used for excitation of the sample, and the emitted light was detected by the same system as that described above for luminescence lifetimes in solution. Quantum yields in the solid state were determined using an integrating sphere. Finely powdered samples were contained within Spectralon sample holders of 10 mm diameter. Powdered BaSO₄ was used as a non-emissive blank. Scattered light at the excitation wavelength $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 400$ nm for sample and blank was measured using a neutral density filter of O.D. = 2, while the emission region was monitored in the absence of the filter.

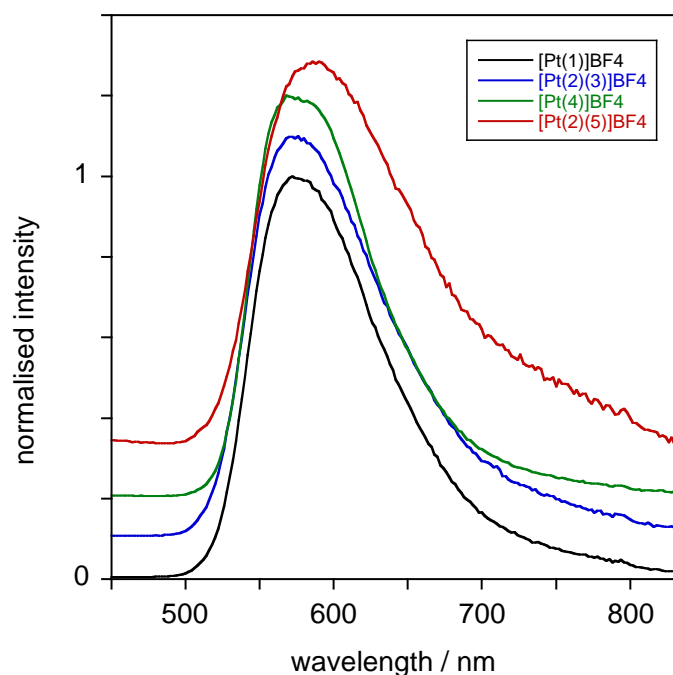


Figure S60 Spectra of the Pt(II) complexes in the solid state at 295 K. An offset of 0.1 units on the intensity axis has been applied the four different samples for clarity.

Table S9 Luminescence lifetimes of the Pt(II) complexes in the solid state at 295 K.

Complex	Luminescence lifetime $\mu\text{s}^{(a)}$	Quantum yield $\times 10^2^{(b)}$
[Pt(1)]BF ₄	2.5	4.7
[Pt(2)(3)]BF ₄	2.5	3.9
[Pt(<i>k</i> ⁴ -4)]BF ₄	2.6	6.7
[Pt(2)(5)]BF ₄	1.6	4.5

(a) Estimated uncertainty in τ is $\pm 0.5 \mu\text{s}$. (b) Estimated uncertainty in τ is $\pm 2 \times 10^{-2}$.

6 Effect of additives on [Pt(*k*⁴-4)]BF₄

6.1 ¹H NMR spectra of complex [Pt(*k*⁴-4)]BF₄ with 1 equivalent of H⁺, Ag^I, Cu^I or Au^I

To investigate the binding of [Pt(*k*⁴-4)]BF₄ with cations, the complex was combined with 1 equivalent TFA, AgSbF₆, Me₂SAuCl or Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ and the solution stirred for 2 h at rt. The solvent was removed and the residue was redissolved in CDCl₃ for NMR analysis.

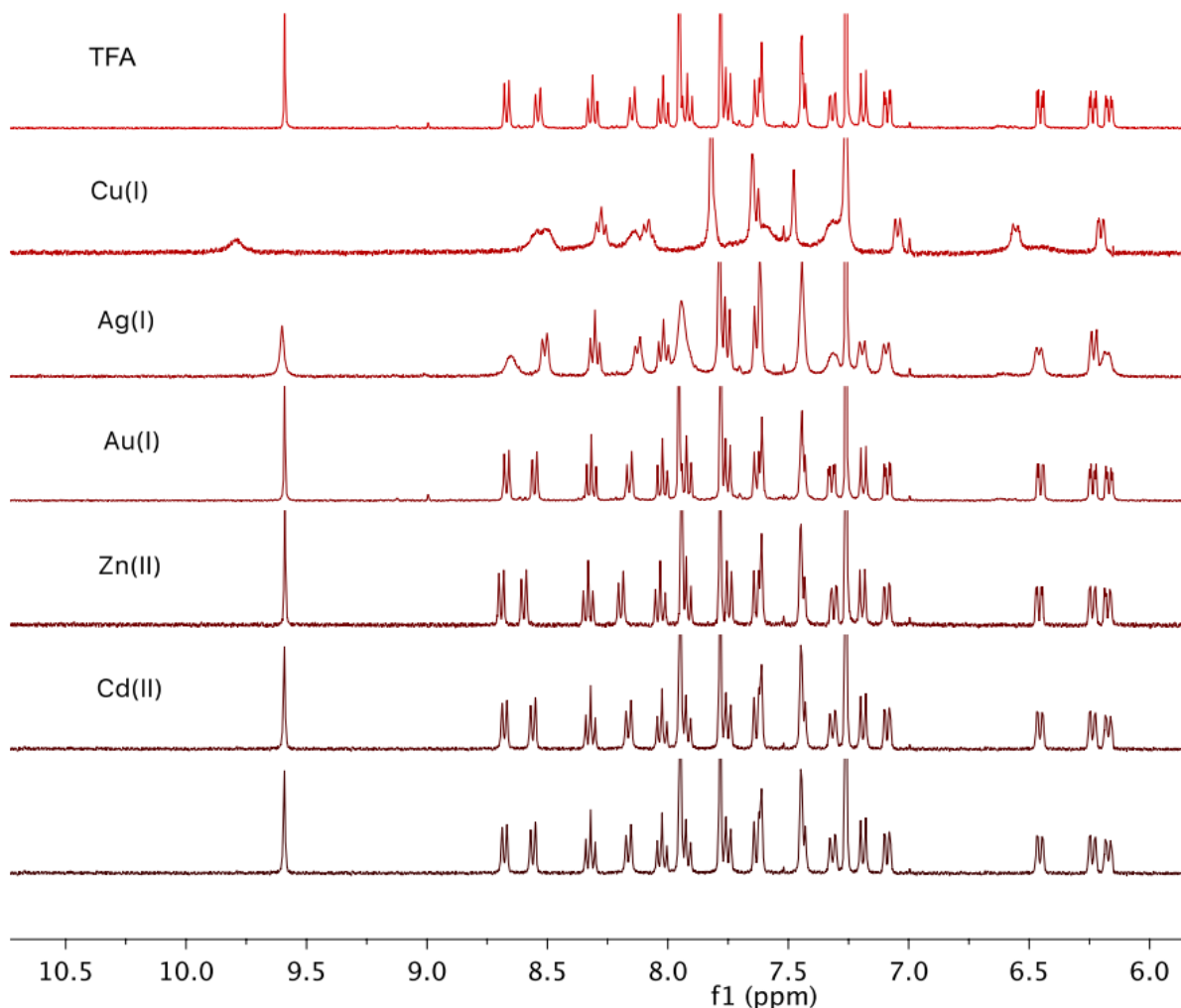
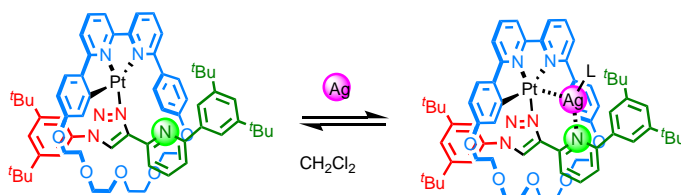


Figure S61 ¹H NMR of [Pt(*k*⁴-4)]BF₄ (bottom) with 1 equivalent cations H⁺ (TFA), Cu(I) (Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆), Ag(I) (AgSbF₆), Au(I) (Me₂SAuCl), Zn(II) (Zn(ClO₄)₂) or Cd(II) (Cd(ClO₄)₂) in CDCl₃ at 298K

6.2 ¹H NMR Titration of complex [Pt(*k*⁴-4)]BF₄ with AgSbF₆ in CD₂Cl₂



Scheme S13 Titration of AgSbF₆ to complex [Pt(*k*⁴-4)]BF₄ at 298K

A qualitative ^1H NMR titration of complex $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ with AgSbF_6 in CD_2Cl_2 was carried out (**Figure S62**). The addition of the AgSbF_6 led to broadening and shifting of many signals associated with the starting complex. For example, axle triazole proton H_a moved to higher ppm while macrocycle proton H_A moved to lower ppm. Once 4 equivalents of AgSbF_6 had been added the signals resolved to reveal a new well defined complex.

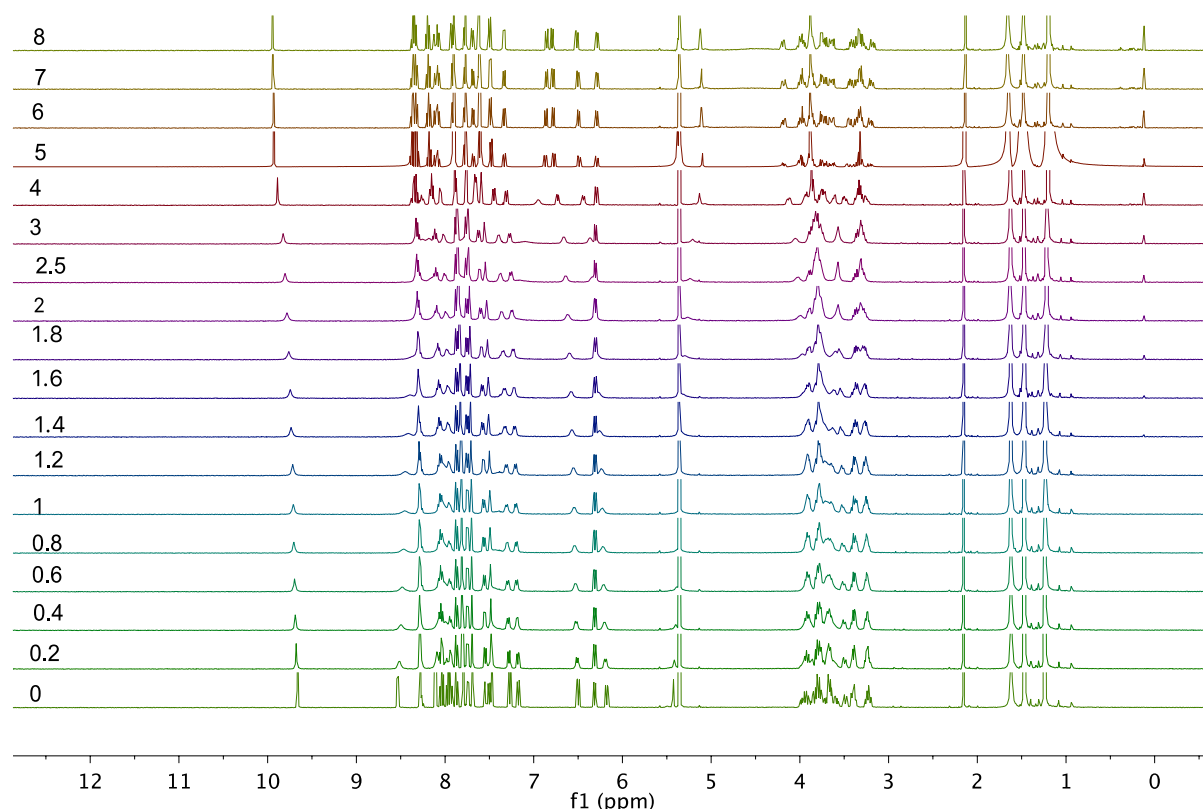


Figure S62 ^1H NMR titration of $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ with AgSbF_6 in CD_2Cl_2 ($C = 0.011\text{ M}$)

The non-linear fitting of the NMR change at 6.55 ppm against the equivalent of $\text{Ag}(\text{I})$ gave K_a as 13.1 M based on a 1:1 binding model (**Figure S63**). However, as AgSbF_6 is not freely soluble in CD_2Cl_2 the binding curves obtained are not accurate. The results are reported here for completeness but the binding constant obtained and the associated error are largely meaningless.

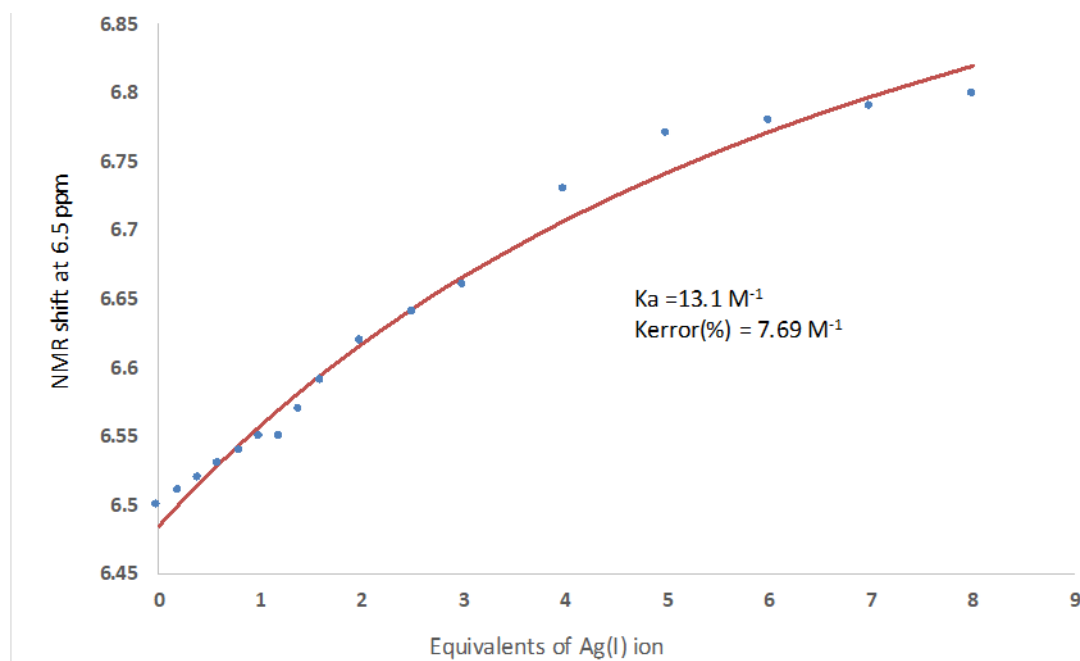


Figure S63 Binding isotherm of $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ with AgSbF_6 in $(\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2 \text{ C} = 0.011 \text{ M})$

6.3 UV-Vis titration of complex $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ with AgSbF_6

UV-vis titration of $[\text{Pt}(k^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ with AgSbF_6 (0-3 equivalents) revealed that the band at 368 nm gradually decreases, while the absorption bands at 325 and 387-500 nm increase. Well-defined isosbestic points at 352 and 387 nm suggest the distribution of two species during the titration. Non-linear fitting of the absorption changes against the equivalent of cation gave K_a as $2.4 \times 10^4 \text{ M}$ based on a 1:1 binding model, although it should be noted that the curve fit has rather a large error, possibly due to the poor solubility of AgSbF_6 even at these lower concentrations. Job plot analysis supports a 1 : 1 binding mode (see 6.5) but it should be noted that N^2 of the triazole may act as a second binding site, allowing the formation of M_2L species, which complicates the analysis.

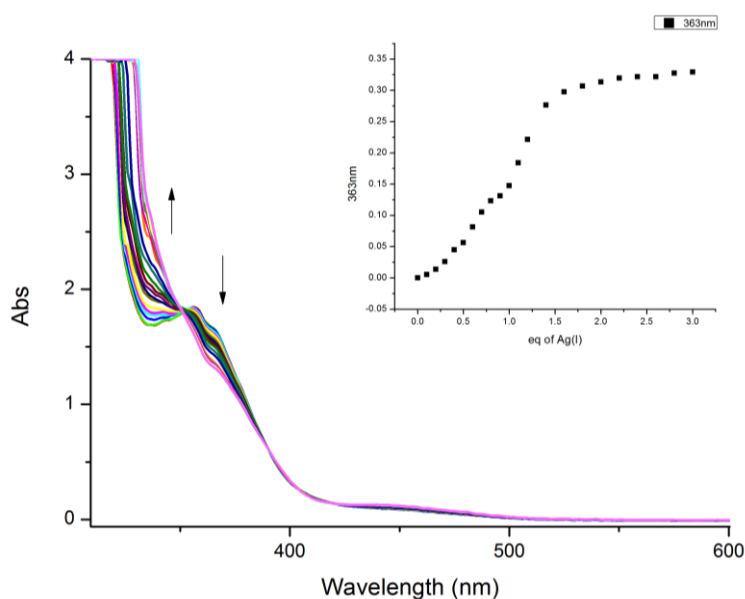


Figure S64. UV-Vis titration of $[\text{Pt}(4)\text{BF}_4]$ with AgSbF_6 in $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 \text{ C} = 3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$

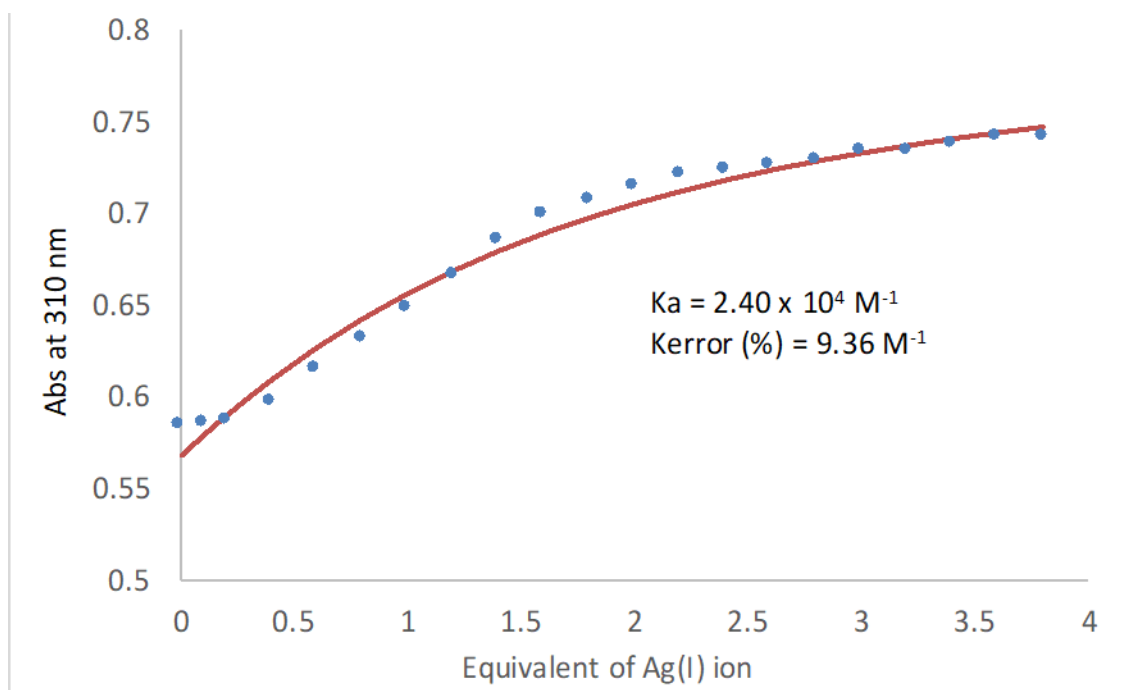


Figure S65 Non-linear fit of the titration of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{4})\text{BF}_4]$ with AgSbF_6 in CH_2Cl_2 $C = 3 \times 10^{-5}$ M

6.4 Emission titrations of complex $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{k}^4\text{-}\mathbf{4})]\text{BF}_4$ with AgSbF_6

The intensity of the emission band at 570 nm increases gradually with progressive addition of $\text{Ag}(\text{I})$ (0-3.5 equivalents). The non-linear fitting of the emission changes at 565 nm against the equivalent of cation gave K_a as 7.5×10^3 M based on a 1:1 binding model (**Figure S72**), albeit with a relatively poor goodness of fit (see comments above).

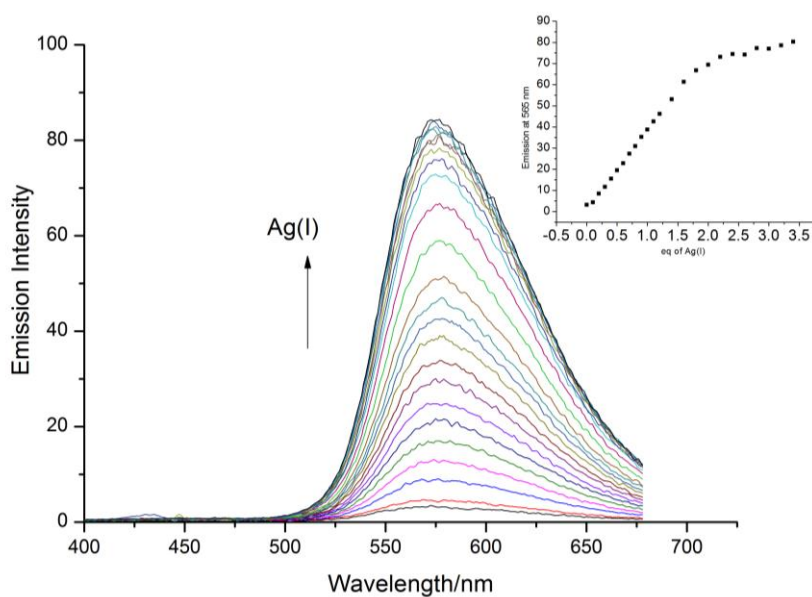


Figure S66 Emission titration of $[\text{Pt}(\mathbf{k}^4\text{-}\mathbf{4})]\text{BF}_4$ with AgSbF_6 in CH_2Cl_2 $C = 3 \times 10^{-5}$ M

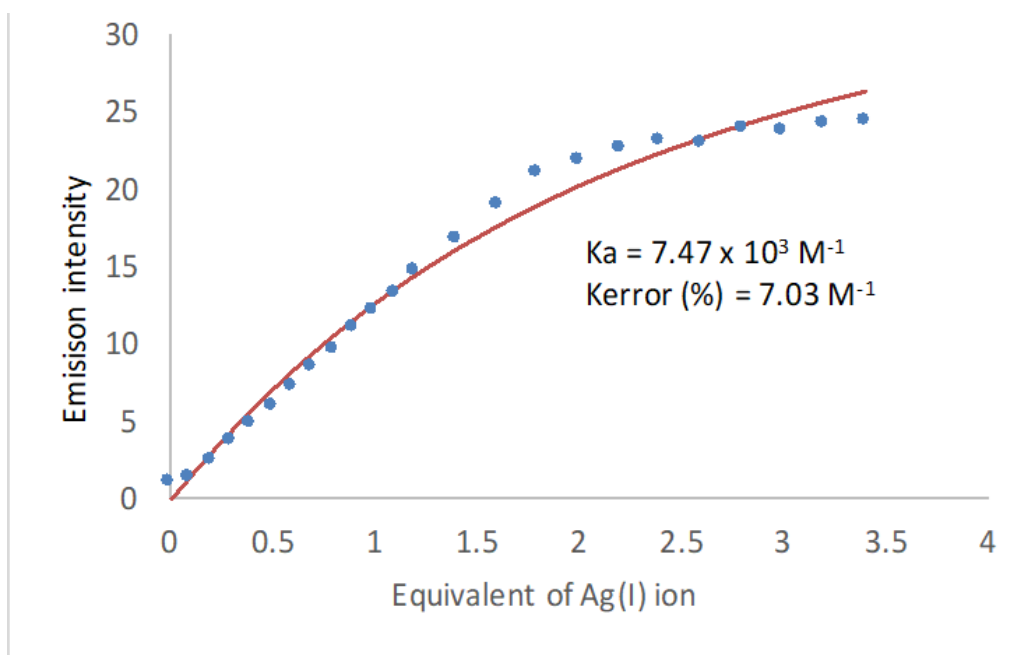


Figure S67 Non-linear fit of the emission titration of $[\text{Pt}(k^4-4)]\text{BF}_4$ with AgSbF_6 in CH_2Cl_2 $C = 3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$

6.5 Job Plot of complex $[\text{Pt}(k^4-4)]\text{BF}_4$ with AgSbF_6

A Job plot was conducted by UV-Vis and found to support the proposed 1 : 1 binding model.

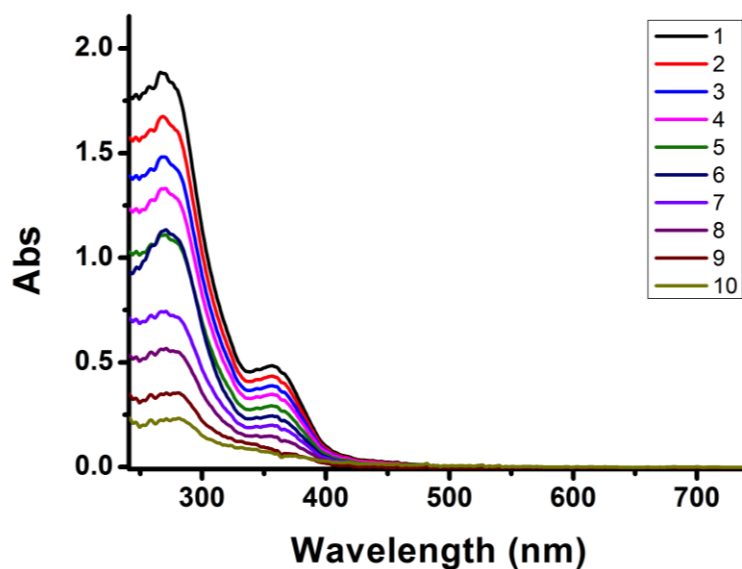


Figure S68. Job plot of $[\text{Pt}(k^4-4)]\text{BF}_4$ with AgSbF_6 in CH_2Cl_2 total $C = 3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$

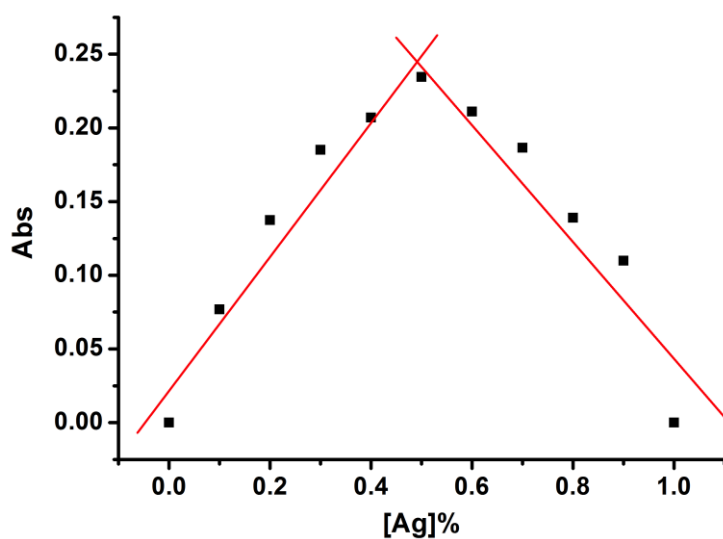
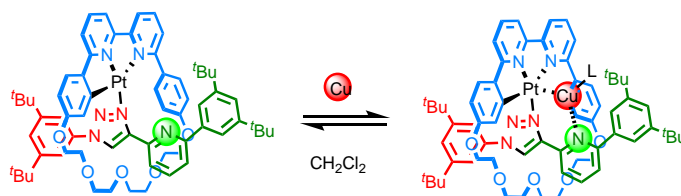


Figure S69. Job plot of $[\text{Pt}(\text{k}^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ with AgSbF_6 in CH_2Cl_2 total $C = 3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$

6.6 Titration of $[\text{Pt}(\text{k}^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ with Cu(I)



Scheme S14 Titration of $\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4\text{PF}_6$ to complex $[\text{Pt}(\text{k}^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ at 298 K

During the titration of $[\text{Pt}(\text{k}^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ with incremental amounts of $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4]\text{PF}_6$ (0-6 equivalents), the bands at 270 and 368 nm gradually decrease, while the absorption at bands at 238, 325 and 387-500 nm increase with well-defined isosbestic points at 270, 352 and 387 nm, indicating the distribution of two species during the titration. The non-linear fitting of the absorption change against the equivalent of cation gave K_d as 2.4×10^{-6} based on a 1:1 binding model.

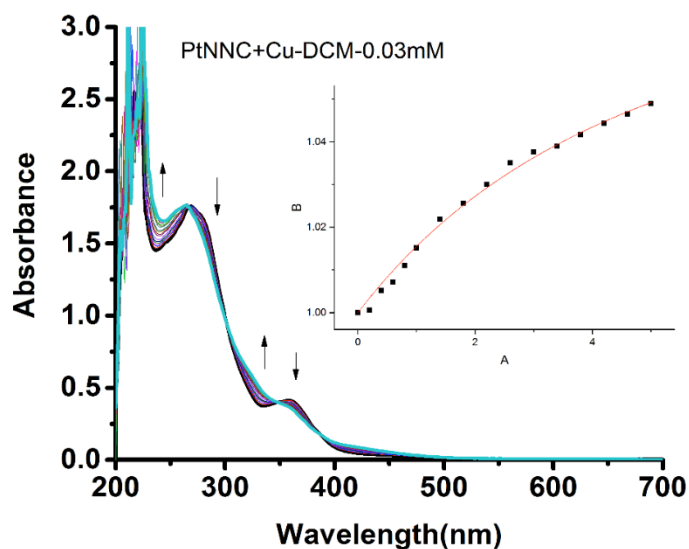


Figure S70. UV-Vis spectral changes of $[\text{Pt}(\text{k}^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ (3×10^{-5} M) in CH_2Cl_2 , upon addition of $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4]\text{PF}_6$, insert: A plot of the absorbance change at 353 nm as a function of the equivalents of $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4]\text{PF}_6$ and its nonlinear fit to a 1:1 binding model.

The titration of Cu(I) to $[\text{Pt}(\text{k}^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ resulted in negligible change in the emission spectra. Upon the addition of Cu(I), the weak emission band at 578 nm gradually decreased and stopped changing after 0.5 equivalent Cu(I) addition. Although the emission at range 400-500 nm underwent a slight increase, considering the initial Φ_{lum} is only 0.12%, these changes are negligible.

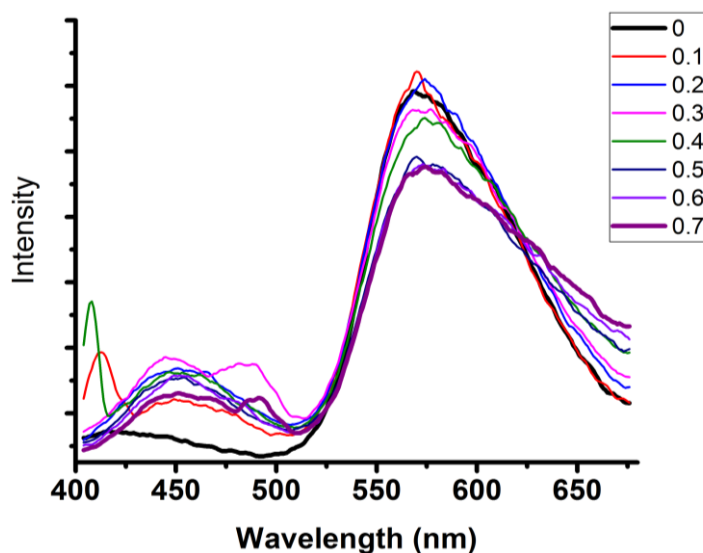
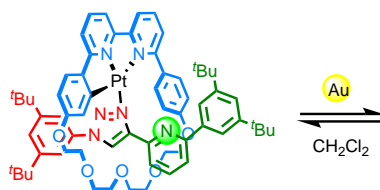


Figure 71. Emissive spectral changes of $[\text{Pt}(\text{k}^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ (3×10^{-5} M) in CH_2Cl_2 , upon addition of $[\text{Cu}(\text{MeCN})_4]\text{PF}_6$.

6.7 Titration of $[\text{Pt}(\text{k}^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ with $[\text{Au}(\text{Cl})(\text{Me}_2\text{S})]$



Scheme S15 Titration of $\text{Au}(\text{SMe}_2)\text{Cl}$ to complex $[\text{Pt}(\text{k}^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ at 298 K

Titration of $[\text{Pt}(\text{k}^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ with $[\text{Au}(\text{Cl})(\text{Me}_2\text{S})]$ resulted in the absorption band at 274 and 352 nm gradually decreasing while the absorption in 230-250 nm range increases with one well-defined isosbestic point at 248 nm. As shown in **Figure S72**, the change in absorption against the equivalents of Au(I) shows a linear trend and failed to reach saturation, which attributed to very weak binding of $[\text{Pt}(\text{k}^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ with Au(I), and, unfortunately, we were not able to determine the binding constant.

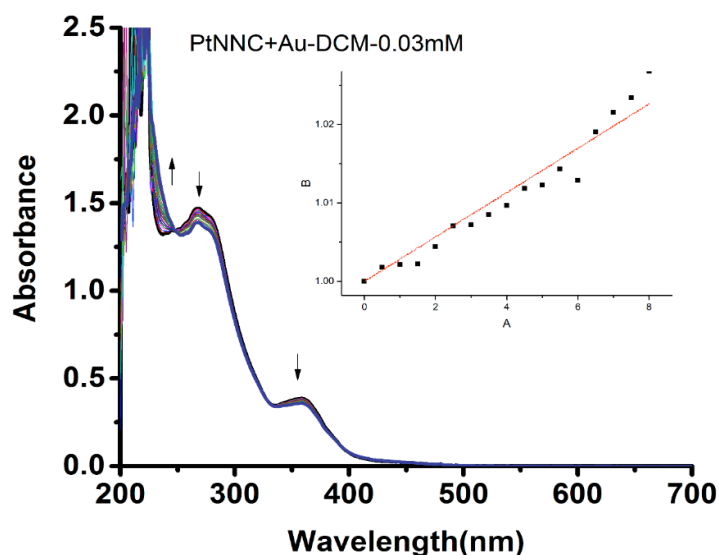
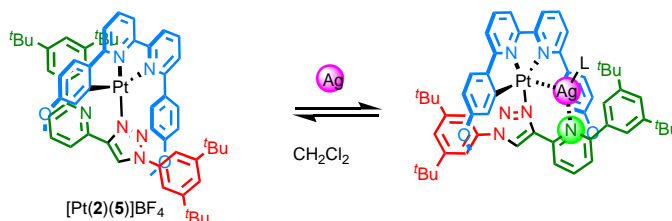


Figure S72. UV-Vis spectral changes of $[\text{Pt}(\text{k}^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ (3×10^{-5} M) in CH_2Cl_2 , upon addition of Au(I), insert: A plot of the absorbance change at 353 nm as a function of the equivalent of Au(I) and its theoretical fit for the 1:1 binding of $[\text{Pt}(\text{k}^4\text{-4})]\text{BF}_4$ with Au(I).

7 Titration of non-interlocked Pt complex $[\text{Pt}(\text{2})(\text{5})]\text{BF}_4$ with Ag(I)



Scheme S16. The titration of complex $[\text{Pt}(\text{2})(\text{5})]\text{BF}_4$ to AgSbF_6 in CH_2Cl_2

7.1 UV-vis titrations of complex $[\text{Pt}(\text{2})(\text{5})]\text{BF}_4$ with AgSbF_6

UV-vis titration of [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ with AgSbF₆ (0-3 equivalents) revealed that the band at 368 nm gradually decreases, while the absorption bands at 325 and 387-500 nm increase (Figure S73). Well-defined isosbestic points at 352 and 387 nm indicate the distribution of two species during the titration.

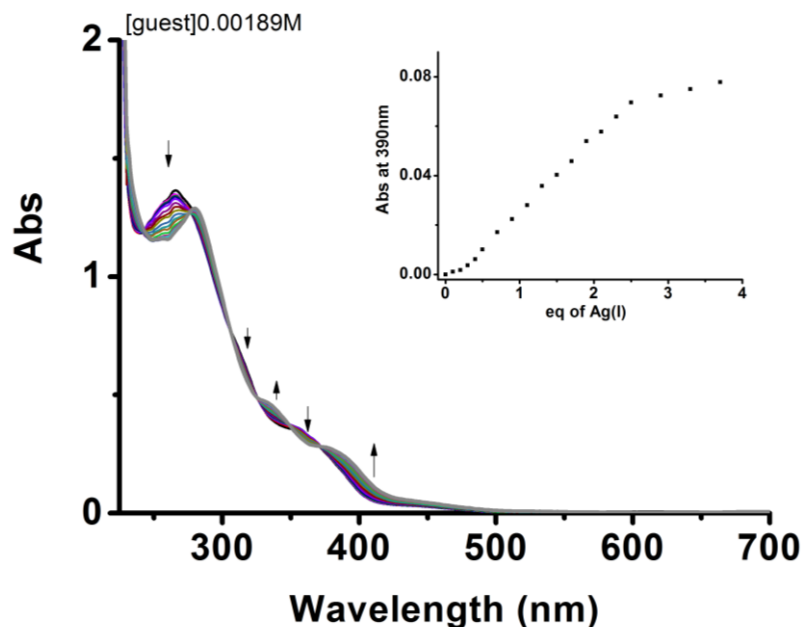


Figure S73. UV-Vis spectral changes of [Pt(2)(5)]BF₄ (1.5×10^{-5} M) in CH₂Cl₂, upon addition of AgSbF₆ (1.9×10^{-5} M), insert: A plot of the absorbance change at 390 nm as a function of the equivalent of Ag(I).

The intensity of the emission band at 570 nm increases gradually with progressive addition of Ag(I) (0-3.5 equivalents). The non-linear fitting of the emission changes at 565 nm against the equivalent of cation gave K_a as 7.5×10^4 M based on a 1:1 binding model (Figure S74).

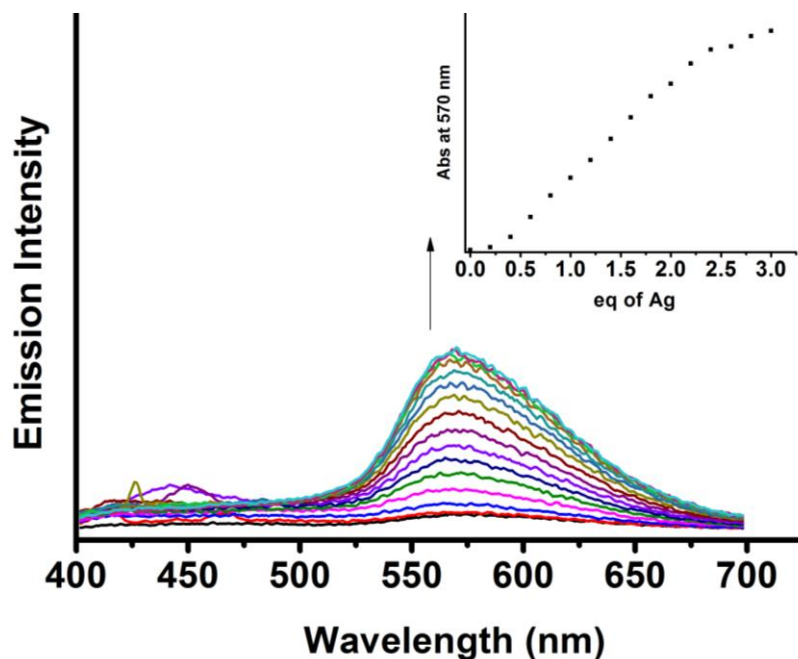


Figure S74. Emissive spectral changes of $[\text{Pt}(2)(5)]\text{BF}_4$ (1.5×10^{-5} M) in CH_2Cl_2 , upon addition of AgSbF_6 , insert: A plot of the emission change at 570 nm as a function of the equivalent of AgSbF_6

8 Addition of Δ -trisphat tetrabutylammonium salt to $[\text{Pt}(1)]\text{BF}_4$

Combining $[\text{Pt}(1)]\text{BF}_4$ with Δ -trisphat tetrabutylammonium salt resulted in the splitting of some of the ^1H NMR signals corresponding to the Pt complex into diastereotopic pairs, consistent with the mechanically planar chiral nature of these Pt complexes (**Figure S75**).

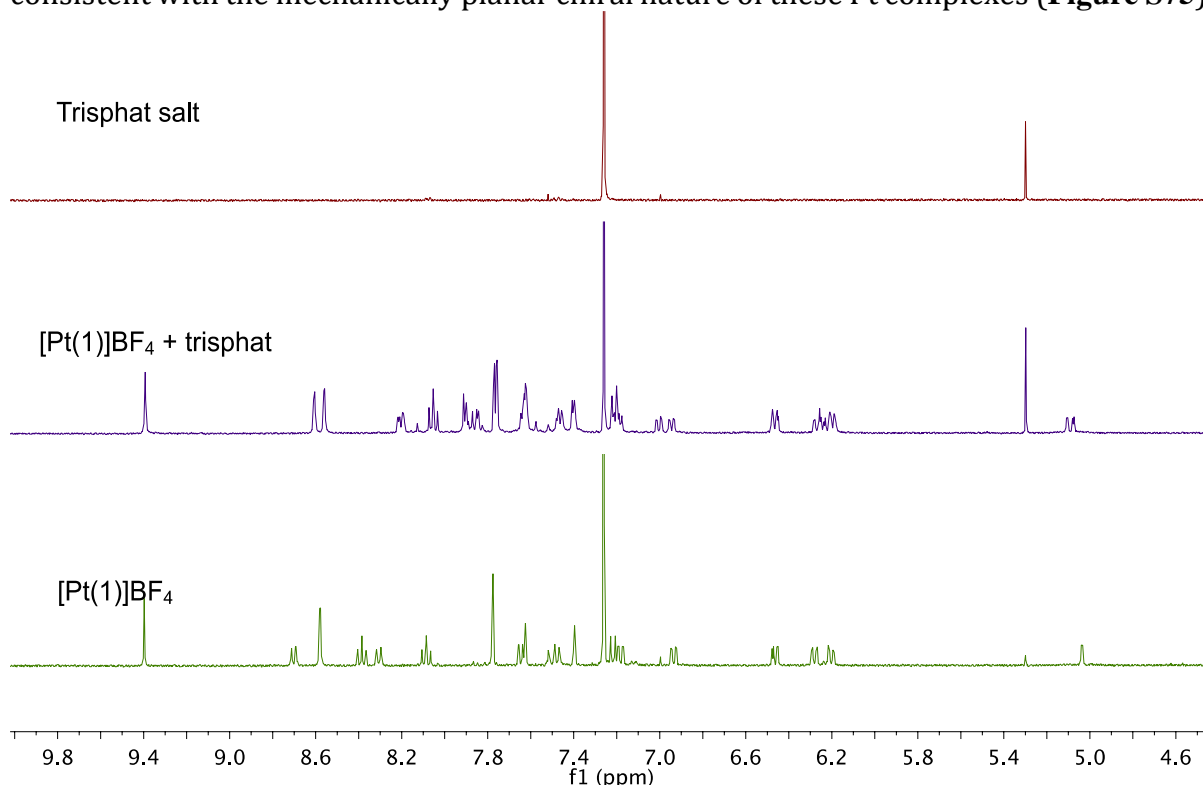


Figure S75. Comparisons of partial ^1H NMR of $[\text{Pt}(1)]\text{BF}_4$ and $[\text{Pt}(1)]\text{BF}_4$ with 1 equivalent trisphat tetrabutylammonium salt.

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