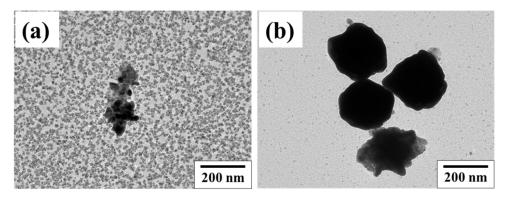
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## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Synthesis of water-dispersible, plate-like perovskites and their core—shell nanocrystals

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**Figure S1.** TEM images of nanocrystals after reducing (a) K<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>4</sub> and (b) HAuCl<sub>4</sub> in water containing (CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>4</sub> perovskite.

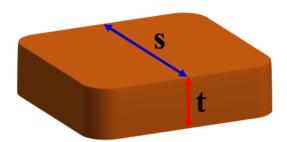


Figure S2. Schematic illustration of a plate-like nanocrystal.

**Table S1.** Amounts of C, H, N, Pd and Cl in 7.5 mg of (C18AAH<sub>2</sub>)PdCl<sub>4</sub> determined by CHN elemental analysis and ICP-MS.

	CHN (wt%)	ICP-MS (wt%)	Amount of substance (×10 <sup>-5</sup> mol)
C	44.85	-	28.0
Н	8.16	-	60.7
$\mathbf{N}$	9.39	-	5.02
Pd	-	14.4	1.01
Cl	-	18.6	3.92

The elemental ratios determined by combined CHN elemental analysis and ICP-MS are in agreement with those determined theoretically.

**Table S2.** FT-IR band positions of the plate-like nanocrystals. [cm<sup>-1</sup>]

	CH <sub>2</sub> stretching			
	antisymmetric	symmetric	amide I	amide II
(C18AAH <sub>2</sub> )PdCl <sub>4</sub>	2922	2852	1664	1552
C18AAH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	2922	2852	1662	1554
C18AA	2918	2849	1646	1546

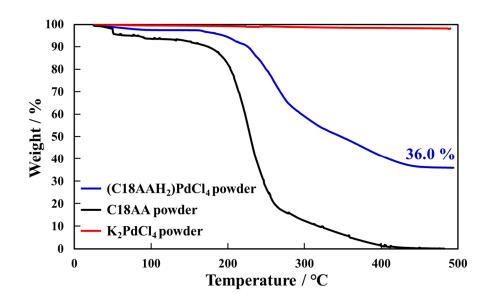


Figure S3. TG thermograms of (C18AAH<sub>2</sub>)PdCl<sub>4</sub>, C18AA and K<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>4</sub> powders.

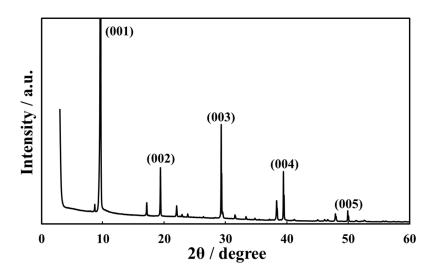


Figure S4. XRD pattern of (CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>4</sub>.

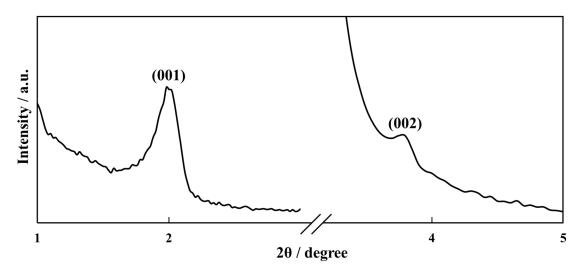


Figure S5. XRD pattern of (C18AAH<sub>2</sub>)PdCl<sub>4</sub>.

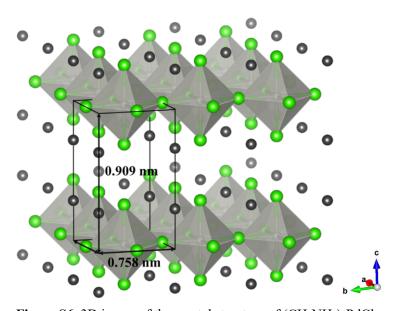


Figure S6. 3D image of the crystal structure of (CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>4</sub>.

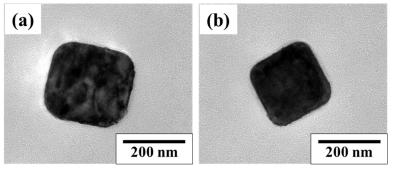


Figure S7. TEM images of plate-like nanocrystals prepared using (a) C16AA and (b) C14AA.

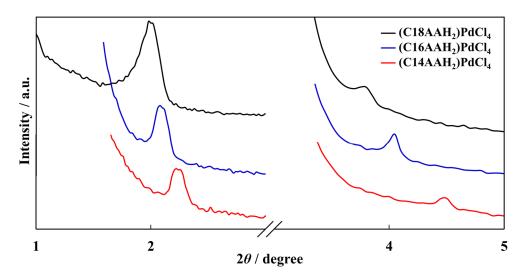


Figure S8. XRD patterns of (CnAAH<sub>2</sub>)PdCl<sub>4</sub>.

**Table S3.** The *d* spacings of plate-like nanocrystals prepared from C16AA and C14AA.

	$\theta$ /deg		_		
	first	second	d spacing /nm	CnAA layer length/nm	CnAA molecular length/nm <sup>ref</sup>
C18AA	1.96	3.88	4.50	3.74	2.8
C16AA	2.08	4.05	4.24	3.48	2.6
C14AA	2.24	4.50	3.94	3.18	2.4

Ref: C. Morita, H. Tanuma, C. Kawai, Y. Ito, Y. Imura, and T. Kawai, Langmuir, 2013, 29, 1669-1675.

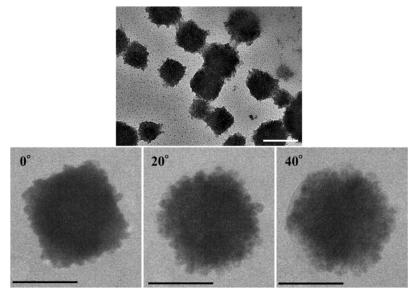
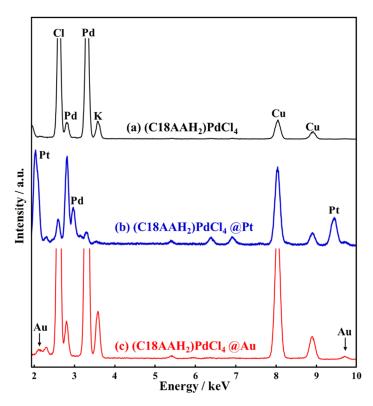
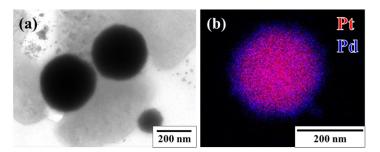
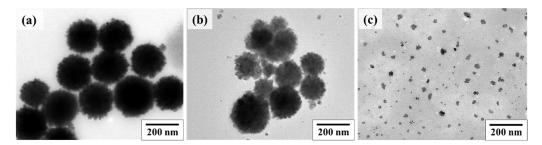


Figure S9. TEM images of (C18AAH<sub>2</sub>)PdCl<sub>4</sub>@Pt core–shell nanocrystals. Scale bar:100 nm.





**Figure S11.** TEM image and scanning TEM elemental map of spherical products obtained when the molar ratio of AscA:  $K_2PtCl_4$  was 1.5:1.



**Figure S12.** TEM images of the spherical products obtained when the molar ratio of AscA:K<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>4</sub> was (a) 6:1, (b) 12:1 and (c) 30:1.

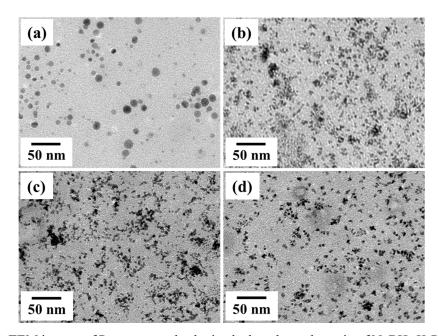
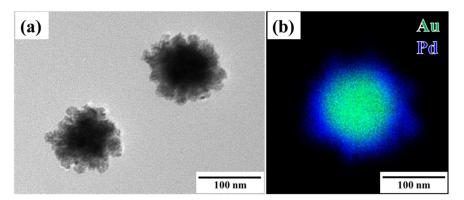


Figure S13. TEM images of Pt nanocrystals obtained when the molar ratio of NaBH<sub>4</sub>: $K_2$ PtCl<sub>4</sub> was (a) 3:1, (b) 6:1, (c) 12:1 and (d) 30:1.



**Figure S14.** (a) TEM image and (b) scanning TEM map of Au@Pd core—shell nanoparticles obtained when the molar ratio of AscA:HAuCl<sub>4</sub> was 3:1.