Supporting Information

Synthesis and characterization of heterometallic molecular triangles using ambidentate

linker: Self-selection of single linkage isomer

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Preparation of cis-(dppf)Pd(OTf)₂

The cis-(dppf)Pd(OTf)₂ was prepared using standard Schlenk technique by treating the cis-(dppf)PtCl₂ with 2. equivalents CF₃SO₃Ag at room temperature in dry CH₂Cl₂ under N₂ atmosphere for 16 hours stirring in absence of light. The precipitated AgCl was removed by filtration and the product was isolated as deep blue solid by adding diethyl ether to the concentrated filtrate. Yield: 80%. 31 P{ 1 H}: $\delta = 46.3$ ppm in CDCl₃.

Preparation of cis-(dppf)Pt(OTf)₂

The cis-(dppf)Pt(OTf)₂ was prepared using standard Schlenk technique by treating the cis-(dppf)PtCl₂ with 2.3 equivalents CF₃SO₃Ag at room temperature in dry CH₂Cl₂ under N₂ atmosphere for overnight in absence of light. The precipitated AgCl was removed by filtration and the product was isolated as orange solid by adding diethyl ether to the concentrated filtrate. Yield: 76%. 31 P{ 1 H}: $\delta = 9.4$ ppm in CDCl₃.

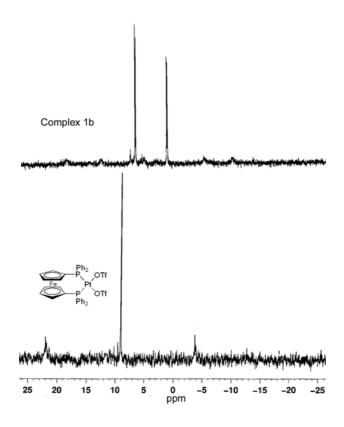


Fig. S1. ³¹P NMR spectrum of **1b** and *cis*-(dppf)Pt(OTf)₂ in CD₃OD.

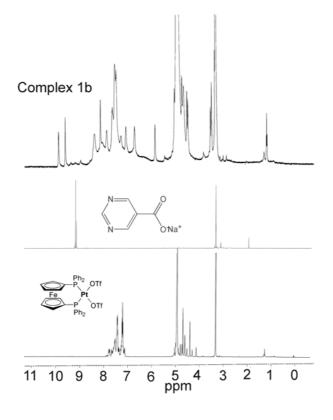


Fig. S2. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD, 293 K) spectrum of **1a**, Sodium 5-pyrimidine carboxylate and *cis*-(dppf)Pd(OTf)₂.

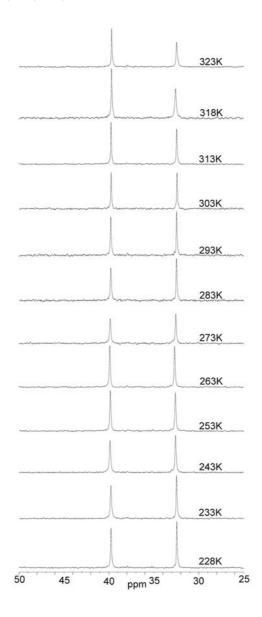


Fig. S3. Variable temperature ³¹P NMR spectra of **1a** in CD₃OD

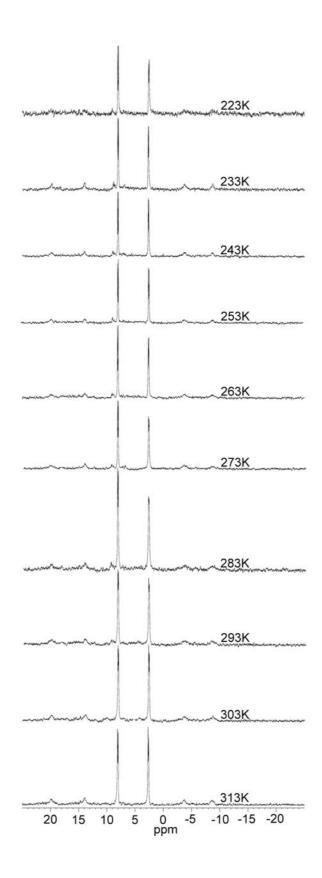


Fig. S4. Variable temperature ³¹P NMR spectra of **1b** in CD₃OD.