## DNA cleavage and antitumor activity of platinum(II) and copper(II) compounds derived from 4-methyl-2-*N*-(2-pyridylmethyl)aminophenol: spectroscopic, electrochemical and biological investigation

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Pt(1) - N(1)	2.009 (4)
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Pt(1) - Cl(1)	2.3017 (12)
Pt(1) - O(1)	2.016 (3)
Bond angles	
Cl(1) - Pt(1) - O(1)	94.88 (9)
Cl(1) - Pt(1) - N(1)	99.14 (11)
Cl(1) - Pt(1) - N(2)	177.04 (10)
N(1) - Pt(1) - N(2)	81.74 (15)
O(1) - Pt(1) - N(2)	84.23 (14)
N(1) - Pt(1) - O(1)	165.97(14)

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