## Supporting Information

## Switchable Platinum-based Tweezers with Pt-Pt Bonding and Selective Luminescence Quenching

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## NMR spectra of compounds



Figure S2. Aromatic region of  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, 300 K) spectrum of Compound 4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.





Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, 300 K) spectrum of Compound 6 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S5. Aromatic region of <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, 300 K) spectrum of Compound 6 in  $CDCl_3$ .





Figure S8. Aromatic region of  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, 300 K) spectrum of Compound 7 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.





Figure S10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, 300 K) spectrum of Compound 8 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S11. Aromatic region of  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, 300 K) spectrum of Compound 8 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.





Figure S14. Aromatic region of <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, 300 K) spectrum of Compound 9 in  $CDCl_3$ .



DMSO- $d_6$ .



Figure S17 NOESY (400 MHz) spectrum of Tweezers 1 in DMSO- $d_6$  at 370 K (top) and THF- $d_8$  at 300K (bottom).





Figure S19 ESI-TOF HRMS spectra of tweezers 1 and isotopic pattern experimental (top) and calculated (bottom).



Figure S20. Job plot of Tweezers 1 with  $Zn(ClO_4)_2$  at 600 nm showing the formation of the 1:1 complex  $[Zn(1)]^{2^+}$ .



Figure S21. a) UV-Vis titration of tweezers 1 ( $5.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol.L}^{-1}$ ) upon addition of ZnCl<sub>2</sub> in THF. b) Absorbance at 600 nm and 1:1 binding model fit.



Figure S22. Job plot of Tweezers 1 with  $ZnCl_2$  at 600 nm showing the formation of the 1:1 complex  $[Zn(1)]^{2+}$ 



Figure S23. a) UV-Vis titration of tweezers  $1 (5.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol.L}^{-1})$  upon addition of Pb(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in THF. b) Absorbance at 600 nm and 1:1 binding model fit.



Figure S24. Job plot of Tweezers 1 with  $Pb(ClO_4)_2$  at 600 nm showing the formation of the 1:1 complex  $[Pb(1)]^{2+}$ .



Figure S25. UV-Vis titration of complex  $[Zn(1)]^{2+}$  (5.0 × 10<sup>-6</sup> mol.L<sup>-1</sup>) upon addition of phen (1,10-phenanthroline) in THF.



Figure S26. a) UV-Vis titration of complex  $[Pb(1)]^{2+}$  (5.0 × 10<sup>-6</sup> mol.L<sup>-1</sup>) upon addition of tren in THF. b) Absorbance at 600 nm and 1:1 binding model fit.



Figure S27. UV-Vis titration of tweezers  $1 (5.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol.L}^{-1})$  upon addition of Hg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in THF, from 0 to 1 equivalents.



Figure S28. UV-Vis titration of tweezers  $1 (5.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol.L}^{-1})$  upon addition of Hg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in THF, from 1 to 10 equivalent.



Figure S29 Absorbance at 400 nm of the titration of 1 with Hg<sup>2+</sup> and 1:2 binding model fit.



Figure S30 a) Full mass spectra (ESI-Tof) of  $[Hg_2(1)]^{4+}$  b) experimental isotopic pattern (top) and calculated (bottom) for  $[Hg \subset Hg(1)Cl_2]^{2+}$ .



Figure S31 Experimental (top) and calculated (bottom) isotopic pattern for  $[Hg(ClO_4) \subset Hg(1)Cl_2]^+$ .



Figure S32 Normalized emission spectra in THF at 298 K ( $\lambda_{ex} = 532$  nm).

Conc.  $5.0 \times 10^{-6}$  mol.L<sup>-1</sup>.



Figure S33 Electronic absorption spectra of **8** (top) and  $[Zn(1)]^{2+}$  (bottom) in different solvents at  $5.0 \times 10^{-6}$  mol.L<sup>-1</sup>. Spectra are normalised with respect to lowest energy absorption band.



Figure S34 Normalized emission spectra of a) **8** and b)  $[Zn(1)]^{2+}$  in different solvents at  $5.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol.L}^{-1} (\lambda_{ex} = 532 \text{ nm}).$ 

