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Supporting Information for

Branched Platinum-Acetylide Complexes: Synthesis, Properties, and Their Aggregation Behavior

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1. Synthesis of PP0 and PT6



Scheme S1. Synthesis route of PP0.



Scheme S2. Synthesis route of PT6.

Compound 3. A mixture of **1** (419 mg, 0.77 mmol), compound **2** (437 mg, 0.93 mmol), K₂CO₃ (245 mg, 1.78 mmol), 18-C-6 (41 mg, 0.15 mmol) and KI (156 mg, 0.94 mmol) in 12 mL of dry acetone was refluxed for 120 h. The solution was cooled and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ and washed with brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, Column chromatography with dichloromethane / petroleum (1:1) as eluent afforded the white solid of the precursor with a yield of 76.8%. Then 5 mL of dry THF was added to the precursor, and 0.5 mL solution of KOH (47 mg, 0.83 mmol) in H₂O/CH₃OH(1:1). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. the reaction was quenched by 36.5% HCl. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂, and washed with brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. Column chromatography with dichloromethane/petroleum (1:1) as eluent afforded the white solid of T2.8%; **R***f* = 0.48 (dichloromethane /petroleum ether 1:1). Mp: 69 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 7.37-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 4H), 6.97-6.88 (m, 8H), 6.72 (s, 2H), 5.83 (s, 2H), 5.63 (s, 2H), 4.93 (s, 2H), 4.07-3.98 (m, 6H), 3.60 (s, 1H), 1.89-1.80 (m, 6H), 1.55-1.51 (m, 6H), 1.40-1.35 (m, 12H), 0.94-0.92 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 153.43, 149.97, 146.67, 145.00, 144.78, 138.19, 135.37, 132.29, 125.16, 123.87, 123.38, 109.97, 106.29, 82.76, 79.20, 77.60, 73.46, 69.18, 52.11, 48.32, 31.77, 31.55, 30.34, 29.34, 25.80, 25.75, 22.68, 22.62, 14.10, 14.03. EI-TOF-MS of **3**, m/z calced for C₆₁H₆₄O₄, 860.48 (M⁺), found 860.48

Compound 6. A mixture of **1** (297 mg, 0.55 mmol), compound **5** (78 μ L, 0.66 mmol), K₂CO₃ (174 mg, 1.26 mmol), 18-C-6 (29 mg, 0.11 mmol) and KI (111 mg, 0.68 mmol) in 9 mL of dry acetone was refluxed for 43 h. The solution was cooled and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ and washed with Supplementary Material (ESI) for RSC Advances

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brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, Column chromatography with dichloromethane / petroleum (1:1) as eluent afforded the white solid of the precursor with a yield of 85.1%. Then 4 mL of dry THF was added to the precursor, and 0.4 mL solution of KOH (261mg, 4.66 mmol) in H₂O/CH₃OH(1:1). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. the reaction was quenched by 36.5% HCl. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂, and washed with brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. Column chromatography with dichloromethane/petroleum (1:1) as eluent afforded the white solid of **6** with a total yield of 73.3%; R**f** = 0.49 (dichloromethane /petroleum ether 1:2). Mp: 286 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.64 (d, *J* =7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.22 (m, 4H), 6.96-6.90 (m, 8H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 5.67 (s, 2H), 4.97 (s, 2H), 3.60 (s, 1H).¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 149.87, 146.73, 145.04, 144.81, 137.29, 135.38, 128.92, 128.46, 127.92, 125.23, 123.93, 123.44, 110.09, 82.71, 79.24, 77.50, 52.14, 48.24. EI-TOF-MS of **6**, m/z calced for C₄₃H₂₈O, 560.21 (M⁺), found 560.21

Compound 8. A mixture of **7** (300 mg, 0.819 mmol), compound **2** (386 mg, 0.819 mmol), K₂CO₃ (260 mg, 1.883 mmol), 18-C-6 (43 mg, 0.164 mmol) and KI (169 mg, 0.999 mmol) in 13 mL of dry acetone was refluxed for 65 h. The solution was cooled and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ and washed with brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. Column chromatography with dichloromethane/ petroleum (1:2) as eluent afforded the white solid of the precursor with a yield of 59.2%. Then 5 mL of dry THF was added to the precursor, and 0.5 mL solution of KOH (272 mg, 4.847 mmol) in H₂O/CH₃OH(1:1). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. the reaction was quenched by 36.5% HCl. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂, and washed with brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. Column chromatography with dichloromethane/petroleum (1:1) as eluent afforded the white solid of **8** with a total yield of 49.4 %; R**f** = 0.48 (dichloromethane /petroleum ether 1:1). Mp: 71 °C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): δ 7.44-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* =9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.99 (m, 4H), 6.60 (s, 2H), 6.54 (d, *J* =8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 5.91 (s, 1H), 5.00(s, 2H), 3.99-3.94 (m, 6H), 3.27 (s, 1H), 1.81-1.77 (m, 6H), 1.48-1.33 (m, 18H), 0.92-0.91 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz): δ 153.89, 153.26, 149.86, 145.13, 137.95, 134.02, 131.84, 130.06, 125.16, 124.06, 123.60, 110.39, 109.95, 105.82, 81.53, 78.89, 73.43, 70.64, 69.13, 52.11, 47.09, 31.76, 31.58, 30.28, 29.33, 25.75, 22.67, 22.61, 14.06, 14.01. EI-TOF-MS of **8**, m/z calced for C₄₇H₅₆O₄, 684.42 (M⁺), found 684.42

2. ¹H, ³¹P, ¹³C NMR of 3, 6, 8, PT6, PP0, and PP6 in CDCl₃



Figure S1. ¹H (A), ¹³C (B) NMR of compound 3 in CDCl₃.



Figure S2. ¹H (A), ¹³C (B) NMR of compound 6 in CDCl₃.



Figure S3. ¹H (A), ¹³C (B) NMR of compound 8 in CDCl₃.



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Figure S4. ¹H (A), ¹³C (B) and ³¹P(C) NMR of compound PT6 in CDCl₃.





Figure S5. ¹H (A), ¹³C (B) and ³¹P(C) NMR of compound PP0 in CDCl₃.





Figure S6. ¹H (A), ¹³C (B) and ³¹P(C) NMR of compound PP6 in CDCl₃.

3. MALDI-TOF-MS spectrometry of PT6 and PP0



Figure S7. MALDI-TOF-MS spectrometry of PT6, m/z calced for $C_{260}H_{346}O_{16}P_8Pt_4$, 4755.28 (M⁺), found 4755.42.



Figure S8. MALDI-TOF-MS spectrometry of PP0, m/z calced for $C_{244}H_{234}O_4P_8Pt_4$, 4258.47 (M⁺), found 4258.29

4. Solvent-variation absorption and emission spectra



Figure S9. Solvent-variation absorption spectra of PP0 (A), PP6 (B), and PT6(C).



Figure S10. Solvent-variation emission spectra of PP0 (A), PP6 (B), and PT6(C).

5. Concentraction-variation absorption and emission spectra



Figure S11. Absorption spectra of (A) PP6, (B) PP0, (C) PT6 in dichloromethane at different concentrations.



Figure S12. Emission spectra of (A) PP0 and (B) PT6 in dichloromethane at different concentrations.

6. LCSM images of the aggregates formed by PP0 and PT6



Figure S13. LCSM images of PP0 in toluene/*n*-propanol = 1/1 (lex=362 nm, emission was collected at 450–690 nm).



Figure S14. LCSM images of PT6 in toluene/*n*-propanol = 1/1 (lex=362 nm, emission was collected at 450–690 nm).

7. Emission profiles of the aggregates



Figure S15. The emission spectra of the microstructures formed by PP6(A), PP0(B), PT6(C) and their emission spectra in condensed solution (c = 0.25 mM in dichloromethane). $\lambda ex = 362$ nm.

8. EDX results of PP0 and PT6



Figure S16. The EDX results of PP0 were collected from the area marked by the pink boxes shown at the right side of the image.



Figure S17. The EDX results of PT6 were collected from the area marked by the pink boxes shown at the right side of the image.