**Supporting Information for:** 

## Introduction of a (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>Pt Group into the Rim of an Open-cage Fullerene by Breaking a Carbon-Carbon Bond.

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**Preparation of**  $(Ph_3P)_2Pt$ -MMK-9 (1). MMK-9 and Pt(PPh3)4 were prepared in accordance with literature methods. <sup>1,2</sup> The cage-opening reagent 3-(2-Pyridyl)-5,6-diphenyl-1,2,4-triazine was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used without further purification, whereas the solvents toluene, hexanes (mixture of isomers), ethyl acetate and 1-chloronapthalene were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and degassed over molecular sieves prior to use, as needed. C<sub>60</sub> was purchased from SES Research Inc. and used without further purification.

A purged and nitrogen-backfilled round bottom flask was charged with 19 mg of  $(Ph_3P)_4Pt$  (0.015 mmol), which was dissolved in 15 mL of degassed toluene. To this solution, a separate solution of 11.5 mg of MMK-9 (0.011 mmol) in 20 mL toluene was added. A color change from yellow to brown to black was observed within seconds. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 90 minutes. Subsequently the reaction mixture was evaporated to ~1 mL under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to column chromatography (eluent, 20:1 toluene:EtOAc; support, silica gel) giving first an orange band that contained MMK-9 followed by a broad black band that contained (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>Pt-MMK-9 (1) (12.2 mg, 0.007 mmol, 46%). Single crystals for X-ray diffraction were prepared by slow diffusion of hexanes (mixture of isomers) into a solution of (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>Pt-MMK-9 in 3:1 CS<sub>2</sub>:hexanes to produce the solvate (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>Pt-MMK-9 (1) yielded another solvate, (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>Pt-MMK-9•3benzene.

**Characterization.** Cyclic voltammetry was carried out on a CHE 610E Electrochemical Analyzer using a three-electrode cell with a glassy carbon working electrode, a platinum wire counter electrode, and a Ag/0.01M AgCl reference electrode. The potentials were calibrated against ferrocene added as an internal standard after each measurement. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker Alpha FT-IR spectrometer using attenuated total reflectance (ATR). Ultraviolet-visible (UV-vis) spectra of benzene solutions of MMK-9 and (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>Pt-MMK-9 in quartz cuvettes were recorded on a Shimadzu UV-3600 UV-vis NIR spectrophotometer.

## Spectral Data.

**MMK-9**: M.p. >210 °C; IR (solid):  $v = 1700 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , 1744 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O); UV/Vis (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>):  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  (log<sub>E</sub>) = 331 nm (4.29), 425 nm (3.75).

(**Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>Pt-MMK-9** (1): M,p. >210 °C; IR (solid):  $v = 1685 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , 1731 cm<sup>-1</sup> (C=O); UV/Vis (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>):  $\lambda_{max}$  (loge) = 295 nm (4.62), 438 nm (3.84), 570 nm (3.43).



Figure SI-1. A drawing of  $(Ph_3P)_2Pt-MMK-9 \cdot n$ -hexane  $\cdot$  methylcyclopentane showing the molecular structure and the location of the disordered solvate molecules.



Figure SI-2. A drawing of  $(Ph_3P)_2Pt-MMK-9\cdot 3benzene$  showing the molecular structure and the location of the disordered solvate molecules.



Figure SI-3. A drawing of the two enantiomers of  $(Ph_3P)_2Pt$ -MMK-9 (1) packed about a center of symmetry in crystals of the benzene solvate  $(Ph_3P)_2Pt$ -MMK-9•3benzene.



**Figure SI-4**. A portion of the infrared spectra of crushed crystals of  $(Ph_3P)_2Pt$ -MMK-9 (1) (dashed line) at the top and MMK-9 (solid line). IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Alpha FT-IR spectrometer using attenuated total reflectance (ATR).

## **Crystal Structure Procedures:**

Hexanes (mixed) solvate: A crystal of compound **1** was mounted on in the 90 K nitrogen cold stream provided by a Cryo Industries cryostat low temperature apparatus on a Bruker Apex II diffractometer employing a fine-focus Mo sealed tube ( $\lambda = 0.71043$  Å). Dataset was reduced with the use of Bruker SAINT<sup>3</sup>, and a multi-scan absorption correction was applied with the use of SADABS. Structure solutions and refinements were conducted with SHELXT-2018.<sup>4</sup>

Benzene solvate: A crystal of compound **1** was mounted in the 100 K nitrogen cold stream provided by an Oxford Cryostream low temperature apparatus on a Bruker Venture Kappa DUO diffractometer. Data were collected with the use of a molybdenum microsource ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å). Dataset was reduced with the use of Bruker SAINT,<sup>3</sup> and a multiscan absorption correction was applied with the use of SADABS. Structure solutions and refinements were conducted with SHELXT-2018.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Sheldrick, G. M. Acta Crystallogr., Sect. C: Struct. Chem., 2015, 71, 3-8