Electronic Supplementary Information

Effective dual-mode turn-on sensing of phosphates enabled by the twisted "head-to-head" self-assembly of Platinum(II)-terpyridyl complex with close Pt-Pt packing

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Experimental Section

Reagents and Materials

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents and materials were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. Ethyl ether $(C_4H_{10}O)$ was obtained from Zhi Yuan (Tianjin, China). Ethanol (CH₃CH₂OH), ethyl acetate (C₄H₈O₂), dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), acetic acid (CH₃COOH), methanol (CH₃OH) were obtained from Xinbrete (Tianjin, China). Potassium tetrachloroplatinate(II) (K₂PtCl₄), 1,5cyclooctadiene, sodium phosphate (Na₃PO₄), sodium metaphosphate (Na₆O₁₈P₆), ammonium chloride (NH₄Cl), calcium chloride (CaCl₂), manganese chloride (MnCl₂), sodium perchlorate (NaClO₄), ammonium hexafluorophosphate (NH_4PF_6), ammonium tetrafluoroborate (NH_4BF_4), sodium hexafluoroantimonate (NaSbF₆), and sodium nitrate (NaNO₃) were purchased from Aladdin Chemical Reagent Ltd. Sodium dihydrogen phosphate (NaH₂PO₄), sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO₃), sodium salicylate (C₇H₅O₃Na), magnesium chloride (MgCl₂), nickel chloride (NiCl₂), and hydrogen peroxide $(H₂O₂)$ were purchased from Hongyan (Tianjin, China). Disodium hydrogenorthophosphate (Na₂HPO₄) was purchased from OuBoKai (Tianjin, China). Sodium pyrophosphate (Na₄O₇P₂) was purchased from Bide (Shanghai, China). Adenosine-5′-diphosphate (ADP), adenosine triphosphate (ATP), 4′-Hydroxy-2,2′:6′,2′′-Terpyridine were purchased from Macklin (Shanghai, China). Sodium acetate (AcONa), and calcium chloride (CaCl₂) were obtained from Baishi (Tianjin, China). Sodium nitrite (NaNO₂) was obtained from Kemeng (Tianjin, China). Potassium chloride (KCl) was obtained from Guangfu (Tianjin, China). Cobaltous chloride (CoCl₂) was obtained from Fuchen (Tianjin, China). Sodium hypochlorite (NaClO) was obtained from Alfa Aesar. The solutions were prepared using ultrapure deionized water (18.2 MΩ).

Characterization

¹H NMR spectra were obtained on Bruker Avance NEO 400MHz with DMSO- d_6 as a deuterated solvent. Mass spectra were determined with a Q Exactive-type four-stage rod-Orbitrap high-resolution mass spectrometer (HRMS, UHPLC-Q-Orbitrap-HRMS, Thermo Fisher Scientific). The single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected on a Bruker d8 venture metaljet photon II diffractometer and Olex2 software was used to solve the structure. Ultraviolet-visible absorption spectra were measured on Hitachi UV-3900 ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometer using 1 cm quartz cuvettes. Emission spectra were obtained on an Edinburgh FLS1000 photoluminescence spectrometer. The temperaturedependent photophysical properties of thin films were acquired in an Oxford optistatDN cryostat situated in the cell compartment of the Edinburgh FLS980 spectrophotometer. Field-emission scanning electron microscopy (JEOL JSM-7610F Plus, 5 kV) and transmission electron microscope (JEM-P200, HRP, 200 kV) were used to characterize the morphology and the detailed structure of the samples. Dynamic light scattering analyses were measured on Malvern Zetasizer Nano ZS90. The digital photographs were recorded on an iPhone 13 or an industrial camera (Mars 5000s-20gc, Vision Datum).

The optical micrographs were recorded on a Nikon Eclipse Ti2 microscope equipped with an IMG SD1600A camera.

Synthesis process of [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl, [Pt(tpy-CHO)Cl]·Cl, and [Pt(tpy-H)Cl]·Cl

[Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl , [Pt(tpy-CHO)Cl]·Cl, and [Pt(tpy-H)Cl]·Cl were synthesized through a modified route according to previous methods[1],[2] as shown in Scheme S1.

Synthesis of Pt(COD)Cl²

To a round bottom flask charged with 20 ml DI water, potassium chloroplatinate (0.5 g, 2.409 mmol) was added first, and after 10 minutes acetic acid (24 ml) and 1,5-cyclooctadiene (2.4 ml, 18.66 mmol) were added in sequence under stirring at room temperature. The mixed solution was then refluxed at 85 °C for 3 h under stirring. After cooling down to room temperature, the mixture was filtered and rinsed with water, ethanol, and ether three times respectively. The residue was then dried in an oven at 45 °C to yield Pt(COD)Cl₂ as a bright gray solid for direct use in the next step.

Synthesis of [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl

The 50 ml round bottom flask was charged with Pt(COD)Cl₂ (0.3018 g, 0.8066 mmol), 4'-Hydroxy-2,2′:6′,2′′-Terpyridine (0.2012 g, 0.7585 mmol), and 20 ml DI water. The mixed solution wasthen stirred continuously at 45 °C for 24 h until pale yellowish-green precipitates formed. After cooling to room temperature, the residue was filtered and washed with ethyl ether followed by drying in the oven at 45 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.90 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 4H), 7.84 (q, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (s, 2H). HRMS: Calcd. for 480.02; Found 480.02.

Synthesis of [Pt(tpy-CHO)Cl]·Cl

The 50 ml round bottom flask was charged with Pt(COD)Cl₂ (0.1500 g, 0.4000 mmol), 4'-Formyl-2,2':6',2''-terpyridine (0.1040 g, 3.980 mmol), and 10 ml DI water. The mixed solution was then stirred continuously at 45 \degree C for 15 min. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was filtered and the filtrate was then concentrated via rotavapor. The solid obtained was then washed with ethyl ether and cold ethanol for three times to yield the final product. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O) δ 8.09 (td, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 8.02 (s, 2H), 7.96 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.46 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 6.00 (s, 1H). HRMS: Calcd. for 492.02; Found 492.02.

Synthesis of [Pt(tpy-H)Cl]·Cl

The 50 ml round bottom flask was charged with Pt(COD)Cl₂ (0.1500 g, 0.4000 mmol), 2,2':6',2"terpyridine (0.0094 g, 3.980 mmol), and 10 ml DI water. The mixed solution was then stirred continuously at 45 ℃ for 15 min. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was filtered, the filtrate was collected, and then concentrated via rotavapor. The solid obtained was then washed with ethyl ether three times to yield the final product. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6) δ 8.85 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz,2H), 8.61 (m, J = 6.6 Hz, 5H), 8.50 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H). HRMS: Calcd. for 465.03; Found 465.03.

Preparing single crystals and X-ray crystallography

Preparation of [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl probe single crystal

Ethyl acetate was slowly diffused into a saturated DMSO solution of [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl at room temperature to obtain crystals. Yellow [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl crystals are mounted randomly on the glass fiber. The single crystal X-ray diffraction (SXRD) data were collected by W-scanning at 204 K on a Bruker D8 VENTURE Metaljet PHOTON II diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 204.00 K during data collection. Using Olex2[3], the structure was solved with the SHELXT[4] structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with the SHELXL[5] refinement package using Least Squares minimization.

Preparation of the product single crystal

The X-ray quality single crystal of [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl] was obtained by slow evaporation of its saturated methanol solution at room temperature. Yellow [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl] crystals are mounted randomly on the glass fiber. Single crystal X-ray diffraction (SXRD) data were collected by W-scanning at 193.00 K on a Bruker D8 VENTURE Metaljet diffractometer. The crystal was kept at 193.00 K during data collection. Using Olex2[6], the structure was solved with the olex2. Solve[7] structure solution program using Charge Flipping and refined with the olex2. Refine[7] refinement package using Gauss-Newton minimization.

Preparation of sample and testing process

Preparation of [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl probe solution (0.6 mM)

The 0.6 mM [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl probe solution was obtained by dissolving 0.0247 g [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl in 80 ml mixed solution consisting of acetic acid:ethanol:water=1:2:5 with ultrasonic assistance.

Preparation of [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl probe solution (0.6 mM) with various PH value

The 0.6 mM [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl probe solution was obtained by dissolving 0.0247 g [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl in 80 ml mixed solution consisting of acetic acid:ethanol:water=1:2:5 with ultrasonic assistance as pH=3, and using 1M HCl and NaOH to adjust the pH to 2, 2.5, 3.5, 4.

Preparation of phosphate solution with various concentrations

The sodium phosphate (1.63 g) was dissolved in deionized water (10 ml) to prepare a sodium phosphate solution with a concentration of 1 M. Then the solution was diluted with deionized water to obtain various concentrations of sodium phosphate solutions in the range of 0-0.01 M.

Spectral response testing

200 μL of sodium phosphate solution (0.3, 0.5, 0.8, 1, 1.2, 1.5, 1.8, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 mM, respectively) was added into 1.8 ml of the [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl probe solution. The fluorescence detection performance of phosphate was recorded with Edinburgh FLS1000 fluorescence spectrophotometer.

Ultraviolet-visible absorption spectra were measured on Hitachi UV-3900 ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometer.

Preparation and testing of other analytes by [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl probe

Preparation of analyte solutions (0.1 and 0.2 M): Na₃PO₄, NaH₂PO₄, Na₂HPO₄, (NaPO₃)n, Na₄O₇P₂, ADP, ATP, NaBrO₃, AcONa, Na₂CO₃, NaHCO₃, NaNO₃, NaNO₂, C₇H₅O₃Na, KCl, NH₄Cl, CaCl₂, MgCl₂, CoCl₂, MnCl₂, NiCl₂, NaClO, H₂O₂, NaClO₄, NH₄PF₆, NH₄BF₄ and NaSbF₆ were dissolved in deionized water to prepare the analyte solution with a concentration of 0.1 and 0.2 M.

¹H NMR tritration experiment: Prepare the 0.6 mM[Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]Cl probe solution using detuerated solution $(C_2H_3DO_2:C_2H_5DO:D_2O=1:2:5$, V/V) and the Na₃PO₄ (5 mM) in D₂O, respectively. Charge the NMR tube with the [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]Cl (500 µL, 0.6 mM) and continously add Na₃PO₄ (5 mM) with volume step of 20 μ L for 5 times, record the ¹H NMR spectra.

Selectivity testing process: The solution (0.1 M, 200 μL) of a certain analyte was added into a centrifuge tube filled with 1.8 ml of the [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl probe solution (0.6 mM). After the reaction, the fluorescence spectra and images were measured and recorded.(λ_{ex} = 365 nm; slit width: 2 nm; λ_{em} = 715 nm; slit width:3 nm; Spectrometer: Edinburgh FLS1000). Absorption spectra and images were measured and recorded (Scan speed: 600 nm/min; Sampling interval: 0.5 nm; Replicates: 1; Slit width: 1nm).

Anti-interference testing process: The mixture of the certain analyte (0.2 M, 100μL) and phosphate (0.2 M, 100μL) was added into a centrifuge tube filled with 1.8 ml of the [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl probe solution (0.6 mM). After the reaction, the fluorescence spectra and images were measured and recorded.(λ_{ex} = 365 nm; slit width: 2 nm; λ_{em} = 715 nm; slit width:3 nm; Spectrometer: Edinburgh FLS1000). Absorption spectra and images were measured and recorded (Scan speed: 600 nm/min; Sampling interval: 0.5 nm; Replicates: 1; Slit width: 1nm).

Fluorescence microscopy of the product: 200 μL sodium phosphate solution (0.3 mM) was added to 1.8 ml [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl probe solution (0.6 mM), and the colorimetric and fluorescent micrographs were recorded after the mixture was kept for half an hour.

Preparation of product sample for morphology characterization:

SEM and TEM samples: 2 ml of phosphate solution (3 mM) was added to 18 ml diluted [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl probe solution (0.3 mM), followed by steadily standing for two hours. The mixture was centrifuged and washed with acetic acid/ethanol/water (1:2:5, v/v) solution for 5 times, and the final supernatant was drop cast onto the silica or copper substrate for SEM and TEM characterization.

Preparation of the [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl porous polymer sensing chip

Ten tablets of PE absorbent materials (3×3×3 mm) were soaked in 20 ml of mixture (acetic acid:ethanol:water=1:2:5) overnight first. The pretreated PE absorbent materials were then soaked in

0.5 mM [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl probe solution (20 ml) for 3 hours, and finally soaked in another 0.5 mM [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl probe solution (20 ml) for 24 hours.

Phosphate solution:

The sodium phosphate (1.63 g) was dissolved in deionized water (10 ml) to prepare a sodium phosphate solution with a concentration of 1 M. Then the solution was diluted with deionized water to obtain various concentrations of sodium phosphate solutions

Analyte solutions (0.001 M): Na₃PO₄, NaH₂PO₄, Na₂HPO₄, (NaPO₃)n, Na₄O₇P₂, ADP, ATP, NaBrO₃, AcONa, Na₂CO₃, NaHCO₃, NaNO₃, NaNO₂, C₇H₅O₃Na, KCl, NH₄Cl, CaCl₂, MgCl₂, CoCl₂, MnCl₂, NiCl₂, NaClO, H₂O₂, NaClO₄, NH₄PF₆, NH₄BF₄ and NaSbF₆ were dissolved in deionized water to prepare the analyte solution with a concentration of 0.001 M.

Sensing testing of the sensor unit for Phosphate solution: Different concentrations of phosphate solutions were firstly prepared to be 0, 100, 300, 400, 500, 600, 800, 900,1000 µM, respectively. Then, the above phosphate solution of μL was measured with a pipette gun and added to a sensor unit, After 90 s, Fluorescent and colorimetric images were measured and recorded with a digital camera

Selectivity testing process: The solution (0.001 M, 7 μL) of a certain analyte was added to the [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl] porous polymer sensor chip. After 90 s, Fluorescent and colorimetric images were measured and recorded with a digital camera.

Computational details

Construction of Initial Structure: The initial molecular structure selected in this study is derived from the crystal database, with the molecular structure unit chosen for subsequent computations and analyses. The model was constructed using GaussView 6.0 software.

Experimental Principles: The reaction barrier (∆E) represents the molar energy difference between the activated complex and the ground-state energy level of reactant molecules. The height of the reaction barrier determines the difficulty level of the chemical reaction.

ΔE_{TS} = E_{TS} - $E_{Reactant}$

Where ∆E_{TS} denotes the energy of the transition state, and E_{Reactant} represents the ground-state energy of the reactant. Both quantities are expressed in kJ/mol.

Computational Methods:

The reactants and products studied in this research employed the B3LYP method of Density Functional Theory (DFT)[8], utilizing the all-electron basis set DEF2SVP.[9],[10] Molecular structures were further optimized to convergence, zero-point energy correction was applied, and the Solvation Model Density (SMD) was employed with water as the solvent. This method allows for accurate modeling of solvent effects within the framework of density functional theory.[11] The transition states were obtained using the TS method at the same method and basis set level, and potential transition states were confirmed through vibrational analysis. ESP were finished by Multiwfn 3.4.1,[12] which is a

multifunctional wavefunction analysis program. All isosurface maps were rendered by VMD 1.9.1 program[13] based on the outputs of Multiwfn. During the quantitative analyses of the electrostatic potential on van der Waals (vdW) surface in Multiwfn program, the grid spacings were set to 0.2 bohr, which are slightly fner than the default settings and hence can lead to more accurate results. All the aforementioned computations were conducted using the Gaussian 16 software package.[14]

 $Pt(COD)Cl₂$

Scheme S1. Synthetic procedures of the probe

Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectra of the probe

Figure S2. Single crystal structure of the probe

Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectra of the -CHO probe

Figure S6. HRMS spectra of the -CHO probe

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Chemical shift (ppm)

Figure S5. ¹H NMR spectra of the -H probe

Figure S7. HRMS spectra of the -H probe

Figure S8. The NMR titration experiment with continuous increasing addition amount of phosphate solution (5 mM in D₂O) into the [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl solution (0.6 mM in deuterated-solvent mixture) insitu reacted in the NMR tube

Figure S9. The Job's plot monitored at the emission wavelength of 715 nm for the tritration experiment by mixing [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]Cl and Na₃PO₄ in the mixture solution (AcOH:EtOH:H2O=1:2:5,

V/V)

Figure S10. The absorption spectra of the[Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl solution with different water contants after adding same amount of sodium phosphate solution

Figure S11. The emission spectra of the [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl solution with different water contants after adding same amount of sodium phosphate solution

Figure S12. The effects of pH on the sensing performance towards phosphate: a) the sunlight images; b) the dark field images under 365 nm irradiation; c) the UV-vis absorption spectra; d) the fluorescent emission spectra with excitation at 365 nm; e) the corresponding absorbance change at 597 nm; and

f) the corresponding FL intensity change at 715 nm of the probe solution (0.6 mM, 1.8 ml) with different pH before and after adding phosphate (1 mM, 200 μl)

Figure S13. The time-elapse images of the [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl solution (0.6 mM) upon addition of phosphate solution (1 mM)

Figure S14. A) Emission spectra of the [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl] \cdot H₂PO₄ at different temperature and B) the corresponding emission peak variation as a function of temperature

Figure S15. A) Transient PL decay profiles of the [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl] \cdot H₂PO₄ at different temperature and B) the corresponding decay time at different temperature

Figure S16. The time-elapse images of the the commercial reagent upon addition of phosphate

solution

Figure S17. The absorbance of the the commercial reagent at 630 nm as a function of phosphate concentrations upon addition of phosphate solution

Figure S18. Absorption spectra of the selectivity test of [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl probe solution (0.6 mM) for

phosphate

Figure S19. Fluorescent spectra of the selectivity test of [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl probe solution (0.6 mM) for phosphate

Figure S20. Absorption spectra of the anti-interference test of [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl probe solution (0.6

mM) for phosphate

Figure S21. Fluorescent spectra of the anti-interference test of [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl probe solution (0.6

mM) for phosphate

Figure S22. Histograms of absorption intensity at 596 nm and luminescence intensity at 715 nm after adding same amount of different substances along with $Na₃PO₄$

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for [Pt(tpy-OH)Cl]·Cl

The obtained single crystal has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre and allocated the deposition number: 2331276.

Table S2.Crystal data and structure refinement for product.

The obtained single crystal has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre and allocated the deposition number: 2331281.

Table S3. Comparison of the probe with recently reported detetion methods for phosphates

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