

## ***Supplementary data"***

### **Synthesis, Characterization and Luminescence Properties of Homoleptic Platinum(II) Acetylide Complexes.**

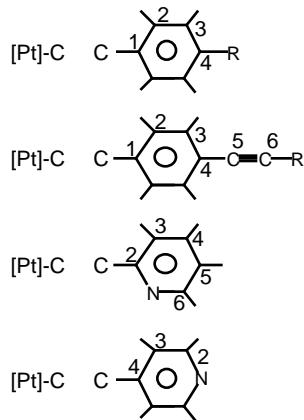
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## **Experimental**

The NMR spectral assignments follow the numbering scheme shown in the following figure.



### **(NBu<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[Pt(C≡CC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] 1**

The synthesis of this complex has been previously reported.<sup>1</sup> δ<sub>C</sub>{<sup>1</sup>H} (CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>, 223K): 133.4 [s, <sup>3</sup>J(Pt-C) ~ 25, *ipso*-C, Ph], 132.0 (s, *ortho*-C, Ph), 128.2 (s, *meta*-C, Ph), 123.3 (s, *para*-C, Ph),

120.9 [s,  $^1J(\text{Pt-C})$  989.8, C ], 104.1 [s,  $^2J(\text{Pt-C})$  287.4, C ], 60.3 (s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 25.5 (s, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 20.7 (s, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>) and 14.3 (s, -CH<sub>3</sub>, NBu<sub>4</sub>).

### Synthesis of (NBu<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[Pt{C≡C(4-CF<sub>3</sub>)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>}<sub>4</sub>] 4.

This complex was prepared, as a yellow solid, following a similar procedure to that described for **2**: [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(tht)<sub>2</sub>] (0.30 g, 0.68 mmol), LiC C(4-CF<sub>3</sub>)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (5.42 mmol), (NBu<sub>4</sub>)Br (0.55 g, 1.70 mmol); (0.68g, 74%) (Found: C, 59.86; H, 6.27; N, 2.37%. C<sub>68</sub>H<sub>88</sub>N<sub>2</sub>F<sub>12</sub>Pt requires: C, 60.21; H, 6.54; N, 2.07%);  $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup> (C C) 2084vs; δ<sub>H</sub> (CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>, 293 K) 7.42, 7.36 [16H, AB system,  $J(\text{H-H})$  7.9, (4-CF<sub>3</sub>)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>], 3.70 (16H, m, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 1.88 (16H, m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 1.54 (16H, q, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>) and 0.92 (24H, t, -CH<sub>3</sub>, NBu<sub>4</sub>); δ<sub>F</sub> (CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>, 293 K) -145.72 [s, CF<sub>3</sub>, (4-CF<sub>3</sub>)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>]; δ<sub>C</sub>{<sup>1</sup>H} (CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>, 223K) 135.5 [q,  $^5J(\text{C-F})$  1.2, C<sup>1</sup>], 130.7 (s, C<sup>2</sup>), 125.0 [s,  $^1J(\text{C-Pt})$  997.0, C ], 124.9 [q,  $^1J(\text{C-F})$  270.0, CF<sub>3</sub>, (4-CF<sub>3</sub>)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>], 124.4 [q,  $^3J(\text{C-F})$  3.7, C<sup>3</sup>], 122.9 [q,  $^2J(\text{C-F})$  30.9, C<sup>4</sup>], 103.0 [s,  $^2J(\text{C-Pt})$  286.3, C ], 58.4 (s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 23.9 (s, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 19.5 (s, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>) and 13.4 (s, -CH<sub>3</sub>, NBu<sub>4</sub>);  $m/z$  = 1405 ([Pt<sub>2</sub>(C CC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub> + 1]<sup>+</sup>, 20%), 1236 ([Pt<sub>2</sub>(C CC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>5</sub> + 1]<sup>+</sup>, 22%), 872 ([Pt(C CC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> + 1]<sup>+</sup>, 8%), 703 ([Pt(C CC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> + 1]<sup>+</sup>, 100%);  $\mu$ (CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>): 97  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>.

### Synthesis of (NBu<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[Pt{C≡C(4-OMe)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>}<sub>4</sub>]·2H<sub>2</sub>O 5a·2H<sub>2</sub>O

This complex has been used as precursor to a cluster Pt<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>4</sub> complex,<sup>2</sup> but its synthesis and spectroscopic data have not been reported. This complex was prepared, as a pale yellow solid, following an identical procedure to complex **2**, starting from [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(tht)<sub>2</sub>] (0.30 g, 0.68 mmol), LiC C(4-OMe)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (3.73 mmol) and (NBu<sub>4</sub>)Br (0.55 g, 1.70 mmol); (0.67g, 82%) (Found: C, 66.02; H, 8.44; N, 2.02%. C<sub>68</sub>H<sub>104</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Pt requires: C, 65.83; H, 8.45; N, 2.26%);  $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup> (C C) 2085vs ; bands at 3455s br, 3422s br, 1651vs and 1640vs due to the presence of H<sub>2</sub>O are also observed; δ<sub>H</sub> (CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>, 293 K) 7.16 [8H, d,  $J(\text{HH})$  8.5], 6.67 [8H, d,  $J(\text{H-H})$  8.5, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, (4-

$\text{OMe})\text{C}_6\text{H}_4]$ , 3.75 (16H, m, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 3.72 (12H, s, OMe, (4-OMe)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 1.85 (16H, m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 1.53 (16H, m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>) and 0.91 (24H, t, -CH<sub>3</sub>, NBu<sub>4</sub>);  $\delta_{\text{C}}\{\text{H}\}$  (CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>, 223 K) 155.1 (s, C<sup>4</sup>), 131.3 (s, C<sup>2/3</sup>), 123.8 (s, C<sup>1</sup>), 115.8 [s, <sup>1</sup>J(C-Pt) 990.5, C ], 112.4 (s, C<sup>2/3</sup>), 101.2 [s, <sup>2</sup>J(C-Pt) 286.0, C ], 58.1 (s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 53.9 (s, OMe, (3-OMe)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 23.7 (s, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 19.3 (s, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>) and 13.3 (s, -CH<sub>3</sub>, NBu<sub>4</sub>); *m/z* 1201 ([Pt(C CC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OMe)<sub>4</sub>(NBu<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-3]<sup>-</sup>, 63%); <sub>M</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>): 91  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>.

### Synthesis of (NBu<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[Pt{C≡C(3-OMe)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>}<sub>4</sub>] 5b

This complex was prepared, as a very pale yellow solid, following the procedure described for **2**, using [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(tht)<sub>2</sub>] (0.30 g, 0.68 mmol), LiC C(3-OMe)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (3.73 mmol) and (NBu<sub>4</sub>)Br (0.55 g, 1.70 mmol); (0.74g, 90%) (Found: C, 67.45; H, 8.47; N, 2.38%. C<sub>68</sub>H<sub>100</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Pt requires: C, 67.80; H, 8.37; N, 2.33%);  $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C C) 2078 (s); <sub>H</sub> (CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>, 293 K) 6.98 [4H, t, *J*(H-H) 8.0], 6.83 (8H, m), 6.51 [4H, dd, 7.4, *J*(H-H) 1.7, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, (3-OMe)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>], 3.74 (16H, m, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 3.72 (12H, s, OMe, (3-OMe)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 1.87 (16H, m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 1.55 (16H, m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>) and 0.92 (24H, t, -CH<sub>3</sub>, NBu<sub>4</sub>);  $\delta_{\text{C}}\{\text{H}\}$  (CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>, 223 K) 158.5 [s, C-OMe, (3-OMe)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>], 132.5 (s), 128.0 (s), 122.8 [s, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, (3-OMe)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>], 119.4 [s, <sup>1</sup>J(C-Pt) 990.2, C ], 114.8 (s), 108.4 [s, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, (3-OMe)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>], 102.6 [s, <sup>2</sup>J(C-Pt) 288.1, C ], 58.2 (s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 53.7 [s, OMe, (3-OMe)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>], 23.7 (s, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 19.4 (s, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>) and 13.4 (s, -CH<sub>3</sub>, NBu<sub>4</sub>); *m/z* 1178 ([Pt<sub>2</sub>(C CC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OMe)<sub>6</sub>+2]<sup>-</sup>, 15%), 1046 ([Pt<sub>2</sub>(C CC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OMe)<sub>5</sub>+1]<sup>-</sup>, 10%), 720 ([Pt(C CC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OMe)<sub>4</sub>+1]<sup>-</sup>, 14%); <sub>M</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>): 94  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>.

### Synthesis of (NBu<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[Pt{C≡C(4-CN)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>}<sub>4</sub>] 6

This complex was prepared as a lemon yellow solid following a similar procedure to that described for **2**, starting from [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(tht)<sub>2</sub>] (0.20 g, 0.45 mmol), LiC C(4-CN)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (2.71 mmol) and (NBu<sub>4</sub>)Br (0.36 g, 1.13 mmol); (0.22g, 45%) (Found: C, 68.55; H, 7.51; N, 6.90%. C<sub>68</sub>H<sub>88</sub>N<sub>6</sub>Pt requires: C,

68.95; H, 7.49; N, 7.10%);  $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C N) 2218vs and (C C) 2080vs, 2041sh;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K) 7.41, 7.29 [16H, AB system,  $J(\text{H-H})$  7.3, (4-CN) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ ], 3.47 (16H, m, N- $\text{CH}_2$ -, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 1.64 (16H, m, - $\text{CH}_2$ -, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 1.44 (16H, m, - $\text{CH}_2$ -, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 0.86 (24H, t, - $\text{CH}_3$ , NBu<sub>4</sub>);  $\delta_{\text{C}}\{\text{H}\}$  ( $\text{CD}_3\text{COCD}_3$ , 223K) 135.8 (s), 131.1 (s, CH), 130.7 (s, CH), 128.46 [s,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ , (4-CN) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ ], 119.3 (tentatively assigned to C ), 104.1 [s,  $^2J(\text{C-Pt})$  288.0, C ], 58.0 (s, N- $\text{CH}_2$ -, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 23.4 (s, - $\text{CH}_2$ -, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 19.1 (s, - $\text{CH}_2$ -, NBu<sub>4</sub>) and 13.2 (s, - $\text{CH}_3$ , NBu<sub>4</sub>);  $m/z$  696 ( $[\text{Pt}(\text{C CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CN})_4 - 3]^-$ , 22%);  $\mu_{\text{M}}(\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2)$ : 93  $\text{cm}^{-1}$   $\text{cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$ .

### Synthesis of (NBu<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[Pt{C≡C(4-C≡CH)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>}<sub>4</sub>]·2H<sub>2</sub>O 7·2H<sub>2</sub>O

To a fresh (-78°C) solution of LiC C(4-C CH) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$  (4.35 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (ca. 30 cm<sup>3</sup>), [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(tht)<sub>2</sub>] (0.35 g, 0.80 mmol) was added, and the mixture stirred at this temperature for 2.5 hours. Then, it was slowly allowed to reach room temperature (ca. 2 h) and evaporated to dryness. The yellow residue was treated with cold deoxygenated H<sub>2</sub>O (~ 40 cm<sup>3</sup>) and filtered through celite. The resulting solution was treated with (NBu<sub>4</sub>)Br (0.51 g, 1.6 mmol) to yield (NBu<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[Pt{C C(4-C CH)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>}<sub>4</sub>]·2H<sub>2</sub>O 7·2H<sub>2</sub>O as a yellow solid. This complex is very unstable and must be kept under Ar at low temperature (-45°C); (0.55g, 57%) (Found: C, 70.34; H, 7.93; N, 2.06%. C<sub>72</sub>H<sub>96</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Pt (7·2H<sub>2</sub>O) requires C, 71.08; H, 7.95; N, 2.30% and C<sub>72</sub>H<sub>98</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Pt (7·3H<sub>2</sub>O) requires C, 70.04; H, 8.00; N, 2.27);  $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  (CH) 3200s, (C C) 2073vs br, bands at 3450br and 1640br due to the presence of H<sub>2</sub>O are also observed;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K) 7.27, 7.21 [16H, AB system,  $J(\text{H-H})$  8.3,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ , (4-C CH) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ ], 3.50 (16H, m, N- $\text{CH}_2$ -, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 3.07 (4H, s, CH), 2.16 (4H, br, H<sub>2</sub>O), 1.63 (16H, m, - $\text{CH}_2$ -, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 1.45 (16H, m, - $\text{CH}_2$ -, NBu<sub>4</sub>) and 0.87 (24H, t, - $\text{CH}_3$ , NBu<sub>4</sub>);  $\delta_{\text{C}}\{\text{H}\}$  ( $\text{CD}_3\text{COCD}_3$ , 223K) 132.0 (s), 130.8 (s, CH), 130.2 [s, CH,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ , (4-C CH) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ ], 124.0 [s,  $^1J(\text{C-Pt})$  993.0, C ], 115.1 [s,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ , (4-C CH) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ ], 103.2 [s,  $^2J(\text{C-Pt})$  289.0, C ], 83.9 (s, C<sup>6</sup>), 78.5 (s, C<sup>5</sup>), 58.0 (s, N- $\text{CH}_2$ -, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 23.4 (s, - $\text{CH}_2$ -, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 19.2 (s, - $\text{CH}_2$ -, NBu<sub>4</sub>) and 13.2 (s, - $\text{CH}_3$ , NBu<sub>4</sub>);  $m/z$  938 ( $[\text{Pt}(\text{C CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C CH})_4](\text{NBu}_4) + 1^-$ , 100%);  $\mu_{\text{M}}(\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2)$ : 93  $\text{cm}^{-1}$   $\text{cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$ .

### Synthesis of $(\text{NBu}_4)_2[\text{Pt}\{\text{C}\equiv\text{C}(\text{4-C}\equiv\text{CPh})\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\}]$ 8

Complex **8** was prepared, as a yellow solid, by treating  $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{tht})_2]$  (0.25 g, 0.57 mmol) with  $\text{LiC C(4-C CPh)C}_6\text{H}_4$  (3.39 mmol) and  $(\text{NBu}_4)\text{Br}$  (0.46 g, 1.41 mmol) in a similar way to that described above for complex **3**; (0.32g, 38%) (Found: C, 77.34; H, 7.37; N, 1.80%.  $\text{C}_{96}\text{H}_{108}\text{N}_2\text{Pt}$  requires: C, 77.65; H, 7.33; N, 1.89%);  $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C C) 2209m (C CPh), 2075s br (PtC C);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  ( $\text{CD}_3\text{COCD}_3$ , 293 K) 7.52 (8H, m), 7.39 [12H, m, Ph, C C(4-C CPh) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ ], 7.30, 7.25 [16H, AB system,  $J(\text{H-H})$  8.3,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ , (4-C CPh) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ ], 3.68 (16H, m, N- $\text{CH}_2$ -, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 1.87 (16H, m, - $\text{CH}_2$ -, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 1.53 (16H, m, - $\text{CH}_2$ -, NBu<sub>4</sub>) and 0.95 (24H, t, - $\text{CH}_3$ , NBu<sub>4</sub>);  $\delta_{\text{C}}\{\text{H}\}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 223K) 132.2 (s), 131.0 (CH), 130.8 (overlapping of two CH carbons), 128.6 (s, CH), 128.1 [s,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$  and Ph, (4-CC CPh) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ ], 124.6 [s,  $^1J(\text{C-Pt})$  1003.0, C ], 123.2 (s), 116.2 [s,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$  and Ph, (4-CC CPh) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ ], 104.0 [s,  $^2J(\text{C-Pt})$  286.0, C ], 90.3 (s), 88.9 (s, C<sup>5</sup> and C<sup>6</sup>), 58.4 (s, N- $\text{CH}_2$ -, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 23.9 (s, - $\text{CH}_2$ -, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 19.6 (s, - $\text{CH}_2$ -, NBu<sub>4</sub>) and 13.6 (s, - $\text{CH}_3$ , NBu<sub>4</sub>);  $m/z$  797 ( $[\text{Pt}(\text{C CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}_2\text{Ph})_3 - 1]$ , 83%), 598 ( $[\text{Pt}(\text{C CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}_2\text{Ph})_2 + 1]$ , 100%) and 396 ( $[\text{Pt}(\text{C CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}_2\text{Ph})]$ , 63%);  $\mu(\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2)$ : 119  $\text{cm}^{-1}$   $\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$ .

### Synthesis of $(\text{NBu}_4)_2[\text{Pt}(\text{C}\equiv\text{CC}_5\text{H}_4\text{N-2})_4]$ 9a

This complex was prepared following an identical procedure to that described for **2**, but, in this case, the temperature of the  $\text{LiC CC}_5\text{H}_4\text{N-2}$  ethereal solution was  $-50^\circ\text{C}$ . In addition, the final precipitate of **9a**, obtained after the addition of  $(\text{NBu}_4)\text{Br}$ , was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and the solution dried with anhydrous  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and evaporated to dryness. The addition of cold  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (ca. 5 cm<sup>3</sup>) gives **9a** as a brown solid. The following amounts of the precursors were used: 0.50 g (1.13 mmol) of  $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{tht})_2]$ , 7.9 mmol of  $\text{LiC CC}_5\text{H}_4\text{N-2}$  and 0.73 g (2.26 mmol) of  $(\text{NBu}_4)\text{Br}$ ; (0.33g, 27%). (Found: C, 65.93; H, 8.03; N, 7.45%.  $\text{C}_{60}\text{H}_{88}\text{N}_6\text{Pt}$  requires: C, 66.21; H, 8.15; N, 7.72%);  $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C C) 2081vs, 2059 sh;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 293 K) 8.24 [d,  $J(\text{H-H})$  4.2, 4H<sup>6</sup>], 7.34 [td,  $J(\text{H-H})$  ~

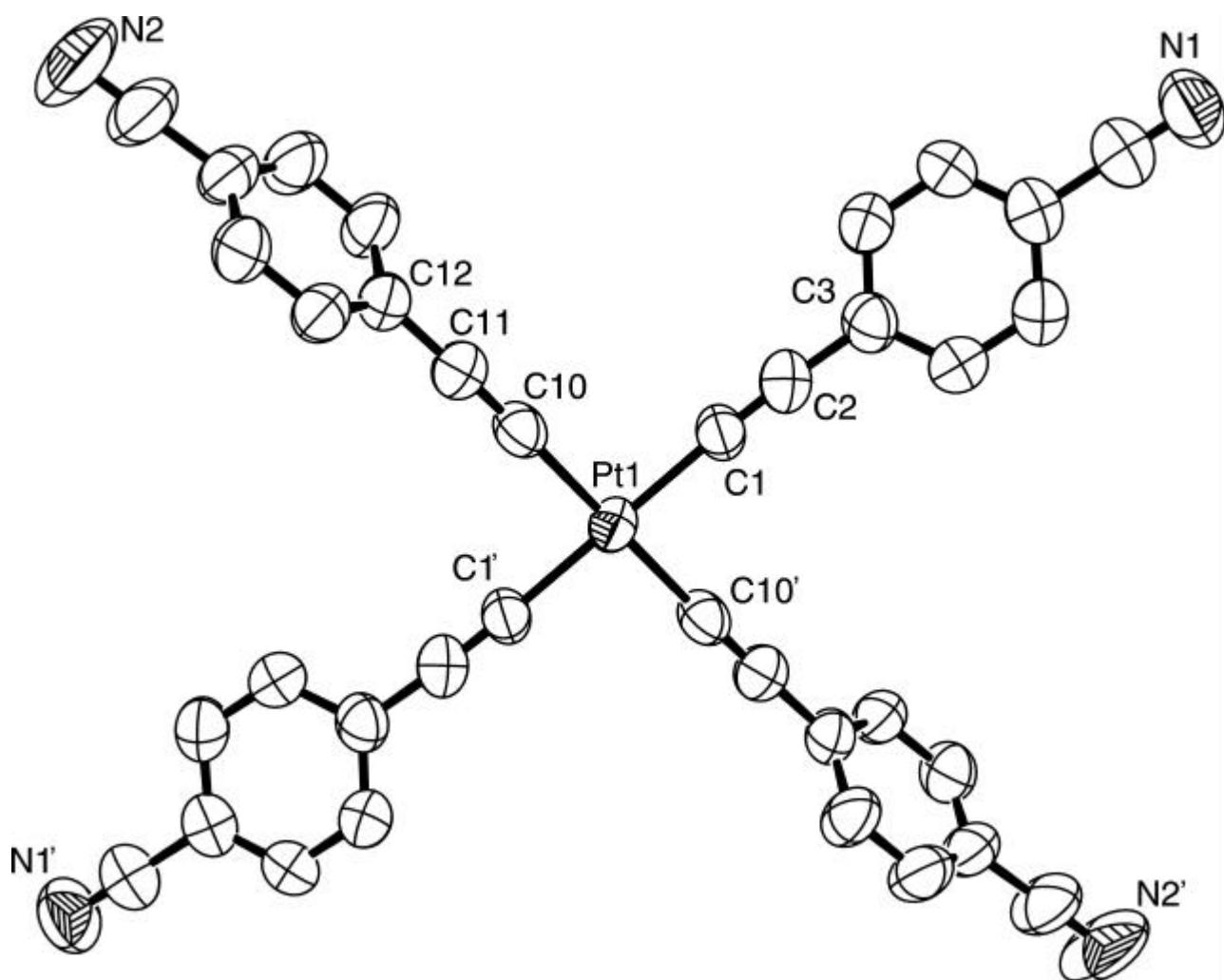
7.6,  $J(\text{H-H}) \sim 1.5$ , 4H<sup>4</sup>), 7.23 [d,  $J(\text{H-H}) \sim 7.9$ , 4H<sup>3</sup>], 6.80 [t,  $J(\text{H-H}) \sim 5.9$ , 4H<sup>5</sup>], 3.55 (16H, m, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 1.66 (16H, m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 1.42 (16H, m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>) and 0.83 (24H, t, -CH<sub>3</sub>, NBu<sub>4</sub>), assignment based on a <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY.  $\delta_{\text{C}}\{\text{H}\}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 23 K) 148.8 [s, <sup>3</sup>J(Pt-C) 25.8, C<sup>2</sup>], 147.9 (s, C<sup>6</sup>), 134.3 (s, C<sup>4</sup>), 126.1 (C<sup>3</sup>), 120.5 [s, <sup>1</sup>J(C-Pt) 991.7, C ], 117.6 (C<sup>5</sup>), 105.2 [s, <sup>2</sup>J(C-Pt) 287.0, C ], 58.8 (s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 24.1 (s, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 19.4 (s, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>) and 13.5 (s, -CH<sub>3</sub>, NBu<sub>4</sub>), assignment based on a <sup>13</sup>C-<sup>1</sup>H correlation NMR spectrum;  $m/z = 846$  ([{Pt(C CC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N-2)<sub>4</sub>}(NBu<sub>4</sub>) + 1]<sup>+</sup>, 100%), 604 ([Pt(C CC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N-2)<sub>4</sub> + 1]<sup>+</sup>, 81%); <sub>M</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>): 123  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  mol<sup>-1</sup>.

### Synthesis of (NBu<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[Pt(C≡CC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N-4)<sub>4</sub>]·2H<sub>2</sub>O 9b·2H<sub>2</sub>O

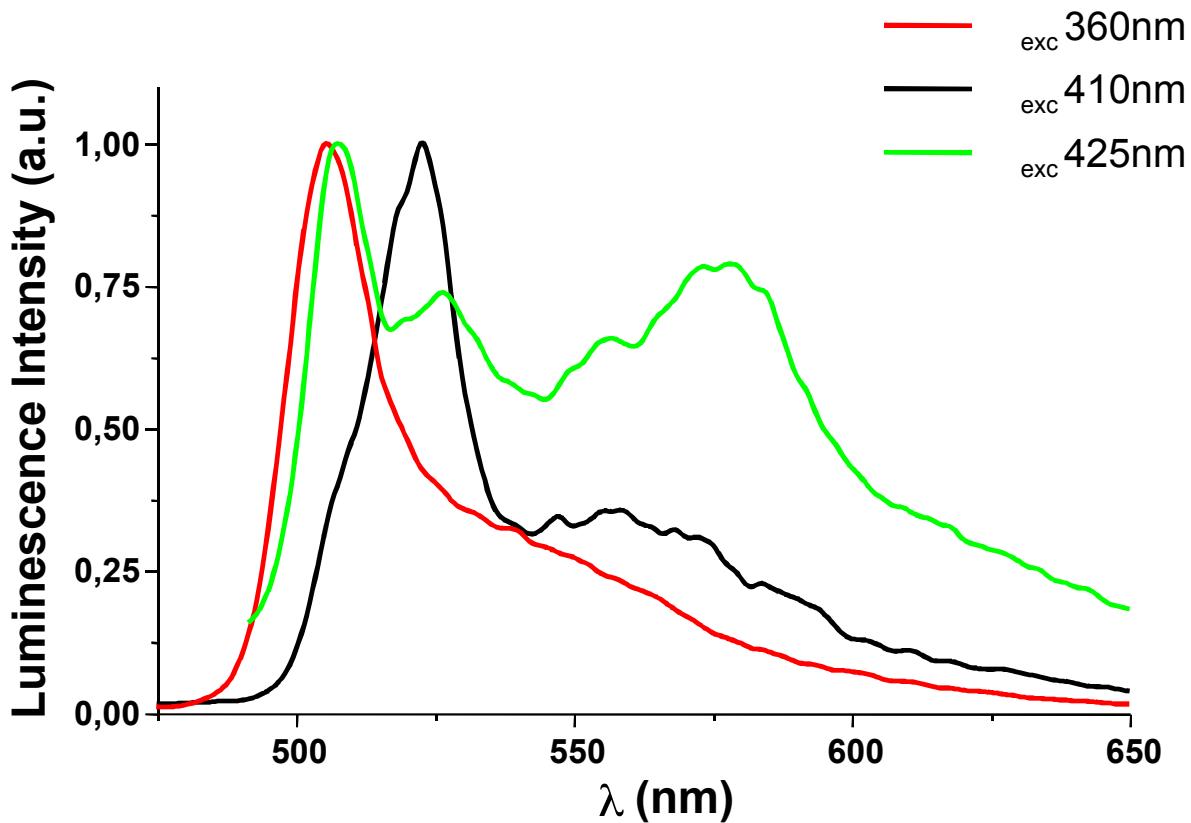
This complex has been prepared following a similar procedure to that used for complex **2**, using THF as the solvent and a reaction temperature of -50°C. The yellow solid thus obtained, which contains amounts of *para*-ethynylpyridine (~ 15 %), is washed with hexane (2 x 5 cm<sup>3</sup>) to give **9b** as a yellow solid. The following amounts of the starting materials were used: [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(tht)<sub>2</sub>] (0.30 g, 0.68 mmol), LiC CC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N-4 (4.75 mmol) and (NBu<sub>4</sub>)Br (0.55 g, 1.71 mmol) (0.22g, 29%) (Found: C, 63.84; H, 7.89; N, 7.28%. C<sub>60</sub>H<sub>92</sub>N<sub>6</sub>PtO<sub>2</sub> requires: C, 64.09; H, 8.25; N, 7.47%);  $\tilde{\nu}_{\text{max}}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup> (C C) 2086s and 2039sh;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>, 293 K) 8.22 [8H, d,  $J(\text{H-H})$  5.5, C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N-4], 7.04 [8H, d,  $J(\text{H-H})$  5.5, C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N-4], 3.66 (16H, m, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 1.88 (16H, m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 1.51 (16H, m, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>) and 0.93 (24H, t, -CH<sub>3</sub>, NBu<sub>4</sub>);  $\delta_{\text{C}}\{\text{H}\}$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 23 K) 148.4 (s, C<sup>2</sup>); 139.1 (s, C<sup>4</sup>); 126.0 (s, C<sup>3</sup>), 123.3 [s, <sup>1</sup>J(C-Pt) 995.7, C ], 102.6 [s, <sup>2</sup>J(C-Pt) = 297.7, C ], 58.6 (s, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 23.9 (s, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>), 19.5 (s, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, NBu<sub>4</sub>) and 13.8 (s, -CH<sub>3</sub>, NBu<sub>4</sub>);  $m/z$  845 ({Pt(C CC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N-2)<sub>4</sub>}(NBu<sub>4</sub>)<sup>-</sup>, 100%); <sub>M</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>): 79  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  mol<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> A. Sebald, B. Wrackmeyer, C. R. Theocaris and W. Jones, *J. Chem. Soc., Dalton Trans.*, 1984, 747.

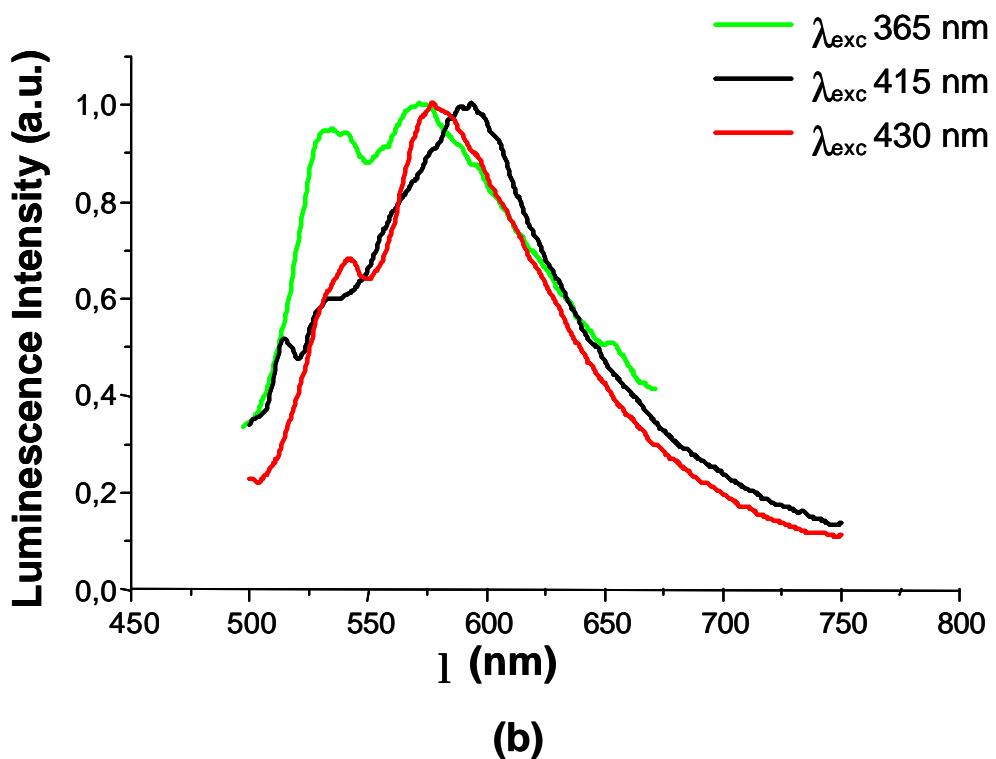
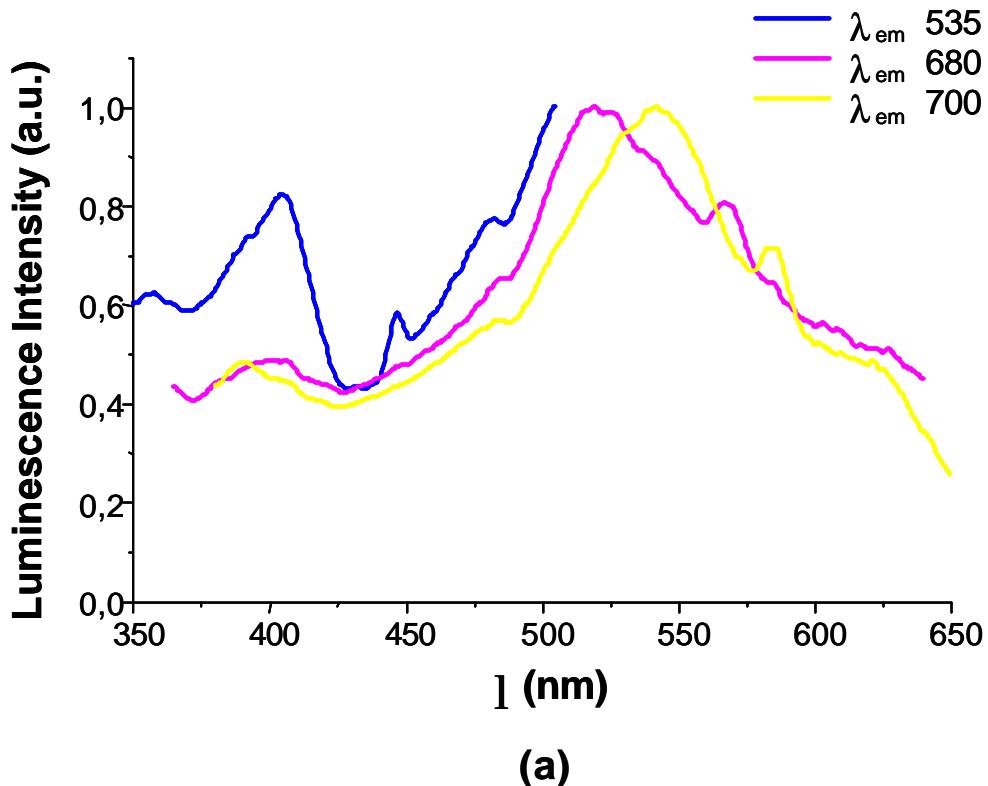
<sup>2</sup> V. W. W. Yam, K. -L. Yu and K. K. Cheung, *J. Chem. Soc., Dalton Trans.*, 1999, 2913.



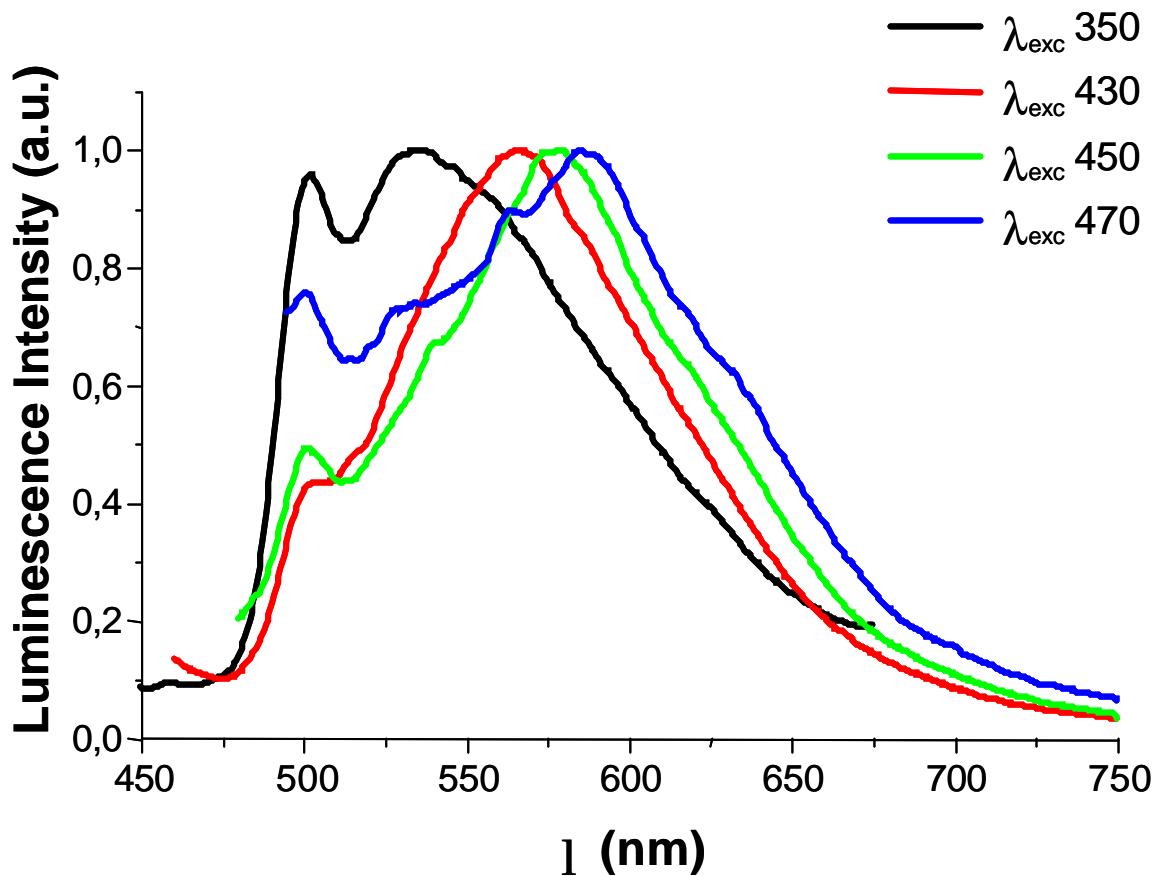
**Figure S1** Molecular structure of the anion  $[\text{Pt}\{\text{C}\equiv\text{C}(4\text{-CN})\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\}_4]^{2-}$  **6**. Ellipsoids are drawn at the 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity. Symmetry transformation used to generate equivalent atoms:  $2\text{-}x, -y, -z$ .



**Figure S2** Emission spectra of complex **7** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 77K by exciting at different  $\lambda$  (nm) (concentration  $10^{-3}$  M).



**Figure S3** Excitation (a) and emission (b) spectra of complex **3** in KBr pellets at room temperature by exciting at different  $\lambda$  (nm).



**Figure S4.** Emission spectra of complex **6** in KBr pellets at room temperature by exciting at different  $\lambda$  (nm).

**Table S1.** Population analysis (%) for the anion  $[\text{Pt}\{\text{C}_6\text{C}(4\text{-CN})\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\}_4]^{2-}$  of complex **6**

	Pt	C C	C CC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CN
HOMO-5	10.7	33.3	89.3
HOMO-4	2.2	49.7	97.8
HOMO-3	56.4	30.3	43.6
HOMO-2	11.1	38.3	89.9
HOMO-1	18.9	28.9	81.1
HOMO	19.7	29.7	80.3
LUMO	2.0	12.4	98.0
LUMO+1	1.1	13.4	98.9
LUMO+2	4.6	12.4	95.4
LUMO+3	3.3	12.8	96.7
LUMO+4	0.3	2.1	99.7

**Table S2.** Emission and excitation spectral data for complexes **1**, **2**, **3**, **4** and **6** in  $10^{-3}$  M solutions of different solvents

Compound		<sub>exc</sub> /nm	<sub>em</sub> /nm
<b>1</b>	acetone(298)	386	397, 422, 457
	acetone(77)	342, 354, 362	451, 472, 497
	acetonitrile(298)	382	396, 419, 430 (sh), 448
	acetonitrile(77)	360	451, 471, 486, 498
	toluene(298)	389	399, 425, 436, 455 (sh)
	toluene(77)	339, 360	451, 471, 485, 497
<b>2</b>	acetone(298)	388, 399, 408	459, 508
	acetone(77)	315, 334 (sh), 354	450, 469, 485, 495, 522
	acetonitrile(298)	385, 438 (sh), 453 (sh)	457, 479, 505
	acetonitrile(77)	333, 350	449, 470, 483, 495, 521
	toluene(298)	388, 392, 406	456, 502 (max)
	toluene(77)	333, 354 <sup>a</sup> 333, 357, 395 <sup>c</sup>	450 (max), 470 (sh), 500 <sup>b</sup> 450, 500 (max) <sup>d</sup>
<b>3</b>	Acetonitrile (77)	386	519, 555
<b>4</b>	acetone(298)	407, 426, 453	479
	acetone(77)	315, 334, 359, 381	468, 489, 504, 519
	acetonitrile(298)	394, 423, 437	472
	acetonitrile(77)	345, 365	462, 489 (sh), 511 (sh)
	toluene(298)	406, 424 (sh)	470, 502 (sh), 520 (sh)
	toluene(77)	358, 382, 400	468, 498, 520
<b>6</b>	acetone(298)	447, 464 (sh), 484 (sh), 497 (sh)	514
	acetone(77)	327, 343, 397	499, 526, 551
	acetonitrile(298)	423, 445	505, 542(sh)
	acetonitrile(77)	402	504, 598
	toluene(298)	430, 444, 474, 489	502
	toluene(77)	355, 377, 402	500, 525, 541, 555

a)  $\text{em} = 450\text{nm}$ ; b)  $\text{exc} = 350 \text{ nm}$ ; c)  $\text{em} = 500 \text{ nm}$ ; d)  $\text{exc} = 397 \text{ nm}$ ;

**Table S3.** TD-DFT RPA (random phase approximation) singlet excitation calculations for the anion  $[\text{Pt}\{\text{C}_6\text{C}(4\text{-CN})\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\}_4]^{2-}$  of complex **6**

Transition		Contributions	o.s.	$\lambda_{\text{exc}}(\text{calc})/\text{nm}$
HOMO	LUMO	0.63	0.071	470
HOMO	LUMO+1	0.23		
HOMO-2	LUMO	0.52	0.070	449
HOMO	LUMO+1	0.36		
HOMO-1	LUMO	0.61	0.682	428
HOMO-1	LUMO+1	0.23		
HOMO-1	LUMO+1	0.64	0.231	413
HOMO-1	LUMO	0.19		
HOMO-2	LUMO+1	0.60	0.753	399
HOMO	LUMO+1	0.25		
HOMO-5	LUMO	0.64	0.218	362
HOMO-5	LUMO+2	0.17		
HOMO-2	LUMO	0.12		