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# Synthesis, crystal structure and anticancer activity of the complex chlorido $\left(\eta^{2}\right.$-ethylene)(quinolin-8olato $-\kappa^{2} N, O$ )platinum(II) by experimental and theoretical methods 

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The complex $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right) \mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)\right]$, (I), was synthesized and structurally characterized by ESI mass spectrometry, IR, NMR spectroscopy, DFT calculations and X-ray diffraction. The results showed that the deprotonated 8 -hydroxyquinoline $\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right)$ coordinates with the $\mathrm{P}^{\mathrm{II}}$ atom via the N and O atoms while the ethylene coordinates in the $\eta^{2}$ manner and in the trans position compared to the coordinating N atom. The crystal packing is characterized by $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \pi, \mathrm{Cl} \cdots \pi$ and $\mathrm{Pt} \cdots \pi$ interactions. Complex (I) showed high selective activity against Lu-1 and Hep-G2 cell lines with $\mathrm{IC}_{50}$ values of 0.8 and $0.4 \mu M$, respectively, 54 and 33 -fold more active than cisplatin. In particular, complex (I) is about 10 times less toxic to normal cells (HEK-293) than cancer cells Lu-1 and Hep-G2. Furthermore, the reaction of complex (I) with guanine at the N 7 position was proposed and investigated using the DFT method. The results indicated that replacement of the ethylene ligand with guanine is thermodynamically more favorable than the Cl ligand and that the reaction occurs via two consecutive steps, namely the replacement of ethylene with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and the water with the guanine molecule.

## 1. Chemical context

8 -Hydroxyquinoline $\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{OH}\right)$ and its complexes are wellknown heterocyclic compounds in the pharmaceutical field due to their excellent biological activities (Song et al., 2015; Cherdtrakulkiat et al., 2016; Oliveri \& Vecchio, 2016; Gupta et al., 2021; Prachayasittikul et al., 2013; Bissani Gasparin \& Pilger, 2023). Recently, many complexes of the type $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}\right) \mathrm{Cl}(L)\right]$ ( $L=$ arylolefin, dimethyl sulfoxide, 1,3,5-triaza-7-phosphaadamantane) have been synthesized and tested for in vitro activity on many human cancer cell lines ( Da et al., 2015; Thanh Chi et al., 2017; Nguyen Thi Thanh et al., 2017; Chi et al., 2018; Živković et al., 2018; Yang et al., 2023; Meng et al., 2016). The results illustrated that most of the complexes showed high activity on the tested cell lines. However, the crystal structure and anticancer activity of the simplest olefin-containing complexes and 8 -hydroxyquinoline derivative have less information available (Al-Najjar \& AlLohedan, 1990).
Complex $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}\right) \mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)\right]$ (I) was synthesized by the reaction between Zeise's salt and 8 -hydroxyquinoline in ethanol/water solvent with the molar ratio of Zeise's salt:8hydroxyquinoline being 1:1 (Fig. 1). The reaction was carried
out at ambient temperature and complex (I) was formed in a high yield of $90 \%$ within around 3 h .


In the negative-mode ESI-MS spectrum of (I), a base peak with the correct isotopic pattern for $\left[\mathrm{PtCl}_{3}\right]^{-}$was observed (Fig. S1). This anion was formed as complex (I) released the $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}$ and $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}$ ligands and added two $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$ions. Based on the IR spectrum (Fig. S2), it is not unequivocally possible to confirm the deprotonation of the OH group of 8 -hydroxyquinoline since the absorption band characteristic of $\nu_{\mathrm{OH}}$ around $3500 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ decreased only slightly compared to the free ligand. In the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of (I), the resonance signal at 4.90 ppm with an intensity of 4 H corresponds to the ethylenic protons (Fig. S3). Upon coordination to $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{II}}$, this signal has clear ${ }^{195} \mathrm{Pt}$ satellites with ${ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{PtH}}=60 \mathrm{~Hz}$ and shifts upfield in comparison to that of non-coordinated ethylene ( 5.28 ppm ; König et al., 2012). Moreover, the presence of ${ }^{195} \mathrm{Pt}$ satellites at the signal of the proton, which is two sigma bond distances away from the N atom, at 9.11 ppm with ${ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{PtH}}=$ 35 Hz and the absence of signal for the OH group in the spectrum are evidence for the coordination of deprotonated 8hydroxyquinoline with $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{II}}$ through both the N and O atoms. Notably, the chemical shift $\delta$ of the ethylene protons in complex (I) shifts downfield compared to that in the Zeise's salt (4.246 ppm; König et al., 2012), demonstrating that the $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}$ ligand has weakened the $\mathrm{Pt}-(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C})$ bond in complex (I). In other words, the bond order of ethylene decreases in the following order: free ethylene $>$ complex (I) $>$ Zeise's salt. This conclusion is further strengthened by comparing the $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ bond distances in free ethylene, complex (I) and Zeise's salt (Black et al., 1969), which are 1.34, 1.379 (10) and $1.44 \AA$, respectively. In the NOESY spectra (Fig. S4), there is no appearance of a cross peak between the protons of ethylene and the protons of 8-hydroxyquinoline. This suggests that the nitrogen heteroatom of 8 -hydroxyquinoline and the ethylene are not cis but trans to one another in the $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{II}}$ coordination sphere.

## 2. Structural commentary

Complex (I) crystallizes in the monoclinic space group $P 2_{1} / c$ with one molecule in the asymmetric unit (Fig. 2). The central


Figure 1
Synthesis of complex $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}\right) \mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)\right]$ (I) from Zeize's salt and 8hydroxyquinoline.

Table 1
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\AA{ }^{\circ},{ }^{\circ}$ ).
$C g 1$ is the centroid of the $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 11$ ring.

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{H} 9 \cdots \mathrm{O} 13^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 0.93 | 2.58 | $3.462(7)$ | 159 |
| $\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{H} 15 B \cdots \mathrm{Cg} 1^{\mathrm{ii}}$ | $0.93(5)$ | $2.95(6)$ | $3.645(8)$ | $133(5)$ |

Symmetry codes: (i) $x,-y+\frac{1}{2}, z-\frac{1}{2}$; (ii) $x-1, y, z$.
$\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{II}}$ atom displays a distorted square-planar coordination with one Cl atom, the N and O atoms of quinolin- 8 -olate and the $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ double bond as the coordination sphere. The $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{II}}$ atom deviates by 0.020 (3) A from the best plane through atoms N2, Cl12, O13 and the mid-point of the double bond (r.m.s. deviation $=0.012 \AA$ ). The $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ double bond and N atom are trans with respect to each other. The deviations of atoms Pt1, Cl 12 and O 13 with respect to the planar quinoline ring (r.m.s. deviation $=0.013 \AA$ ) are $-0.131(1),-0.263(2)$ and -0.026 (4) $\AA$, respectively. The virtual three-membered ring Pt1-C14-C15 makes an dihedral angle of $86.9(5)^{\circ}$ with the quinoline plane. A short intramolecular C3-H3…Cl12 contact is observed ( $\mathrm{H} 3 \cdots \mathrm{Cl} 12$ distance $=2.82 \AA$ ).

## 3. Supramolecular features

The crystal packing is mainly built up by $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \pi$ interactions (Table 1, Fig. 3). One of the quinoline H atoms (H9) forms a $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bond with the quinolin-8-olate $O$ atom of an adjacent complex related by a $c$ -


Figure 2
The molecular structure of complex (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level.

Table 2
In vitro cytotoxicity of complex (I) and some reference compounds, $\mathrm{IC}_{50}{ }^{a}$ in $\mu M$.
Values highlighted in bold are the lowest values.

| Complexes | KB | Lu-1 | Hep-G2 | MCF-7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right) \mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)\right](\mathrm{I})$ | 32.1 | $\mathbf{0 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 4}$ | 31.1 |
| Ellipticie | 1.14 | 1.30 | 1.71 | 1.95 |
| Cisplatin $^{b}$ | 15.2 | 42.9 | 13.3 | 45.7 |
| $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right) \mathrm{Cl}(\text { arylolefin })\right]^{c}$ | $0.39-1.45$ | $0.44-8.17$ | $0.38-9.58$ | - |

Notes: (a) $\mathrm{IC}_{50}$ is the concentration of the compound required to inhibit cell growth by $50 \%$. References: (b) Nguyen Thi Thanh et al. (2017); (c) Da et al. (2015); Thanh Chi et al. (2017); Nguyen Thi Thanh et al. (2017); Chi et al. (2018).
glide plane $\left[\mathrm{H} 9 \cdots \mathrm{O} 13^{\mathrm{i}}=2.58 \AA\right.$; symmetry code: (i) $x,-y+\frac{1}{2}$, $\left.z-\frac{1}{2}\right]$. One of the ethylene H atoms $(\mathrm{H} 15 B)$ interacts with the C6-C11 aromatic ring, which results in chain formation in the $a$-axis direction $\left[\mathrm{H} 15 B \cdots C g 1^{\mathrm{ii}}=2.95(6) \AA ; C g 1\right.$ is the centroid of the C6-C11 ring; symmetry code: (ii) $x-1, y, z]$. Furthermore, the packing shows chain formation in the $c$-axis direction as a result of $\mathrm{Cl} \cdots \pi$ and $\mathrm{Pt} \cdots \pi$ interactions $\left[\mathrm{Cl} 12 \cdots C g 2^{\mathrm{iii}}=3.948\right.$ (4) $\AA$; Pt $1 \cdots C g 1^{\mathrm{iii}}=3.647$ (3) $\AA ; C g 2$ is the centroid of the $\mathrm{N} 2 / \mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 6 / \mathrm{C} 11$ pyridine ring; symmetry code: (iii) $x, y, z+1]$.

## 4. Database survey

A search of the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD, Version 5.45, update of March 2024; Groom et al., 2016) for Pt complexes coordinated to $\mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ resulted in ten hits. The average $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Cl}(2.289 \AA), \mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{N}(2.060 \AA)$ and $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{O}(2.012 \AA)$ distances agree well with the distances in (I), which are 2.2951 (18) $\AA, 2.041$ (5) $\AA$ and 2.004 (4) $\AA$, respectively. The average distance between Pt and the mid-point of the $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ double bond of $2.040 \AA$ is also comparable with the equivalent distance of 2.023 (5) in (I).

Except for chloro-(pentafluorophenolato) $\left(\eta^{2}-O\right.$-vinyl- $N, N$ dimethylaniline)platinum(II) (refcode PFPVAP; Cooper et al., 1978) and cis-chloro(sarcosine- $N, O)-\left(\eta^{2}-2\right.$-methyl-3-buten-2ol)platinum(II) (SOLCAX; Erickson et al., 1991), the double


Figure 3
Partial packing diagram for (I) showing the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \pi, \mathrm{Cl} \cdots \pi$ and Pt $\cdots \pi$ interactions (orange dashed lines). $C g 1$ and $C g 2$ are the centroids of rings C6-C11 (brown) and N2/C3-C6/C11 (blue), respectively. [Symmetry codes: (i) $x,-y+\frac{1}{2}, z-\frac{1}{2}$; (ii) $x-1, y, z$; (iii) $x, y, z+1$.]
bond and the N atom are in a trans position with respect to each other.

Similar to the title compound, the N and O atoms are part of 8 -hydroxyquinoline in three structures: chloro(5,7-dichloro-quinolin-8-olato) \{2-methoxy-4-[prop-2-en-1-yl]phenol\}platinum(II) (SEMXEQ; Nguyen Thi Thanh et al., 2017), chloro-(propyl\{2-methoxy-4-[prop-2-en-1-yl]phenoxy\}acetate)(quin-olin-8-olato)platinum(II) (HISBAP; Chi et al., 2018) and chloro(propan-2-yl\{2-methoxy-4-[prop-2-en-1-yl]phenoxy\}-acetate)(quinolin-8-olato)platinum(II) (HISBET; Chi et al., 2018).

For 1095 Pt complexes with a double bond as a ligand for Pt , the average distance from Pt to the mid-point of the double bond is $2.071 \AA$, with minimum and maximum values 1.837 and $2.435 \AA$, respectively.

## 5. In vitro cytotoxicity

The in vitro anticancer activity of complex (I) was investigated on four human cancer cell lines, namely KB, Hep-G2, Lu-1, and MCF-7 and the normal cell line HEK-293. The results in Table 2 show that complex (I) exhibits significant activity against the Lu-1 and Hep-G2 cell lines with $\mathrm{IC}_{50}$ values of 0.8 and $0.4 \mu M$, respectively, 54 and 33 -fold more active than cisplatin. Compared to the series of complexes $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right)\right.$ Cl (arylolefin)] (arylolefin = safrole, eugenol, methyleugenol, propyl/isopropyl eugenoxyacetate), complex (I) shows equivalent activity but is more selective on the Lu-1 and HepG2 cell lines. Remarkably, complex (I) is approximately 10 times less toxic to normal cell (HEK-293) than cancer cells Lu1 and Hep-G2.

## 6. Density function theory calculations

To provide information supporting the experimental study of the anticancer activity of complex (I), we performed several quantum chemical calculations using density functional theory (DFT), which is implemented in the Gaussian 09 program package (Frisch et al., 2016). Firstly, the geometric structure of complex (I) was optimized, followed by the frequency calculation, to ensure that the obtained structure was a minimum energy structure. The long-range corrected version of Becke Three-Parameter Hybrid Functionals (B3LYP) by Handy and colleagues using the Coulomb attenuation method, CAMB3LYP (Yanai et al., 2004) was used. The contracted Gaussian basis sets with polarization and diffuse functions $6-311+G(d)$
(McLean \& Chandler, 1980) were used for C, H, O, N, Cl atoms and the Dunning's correlation consistent basis sets, also with diffuse functions Aug-cc-pVDZ-PP was used for the Pt atom (Pritchard et al., 2019). The optimized structure is shown in Fig. S5. The bond lengths and bond angles of the coordination environment calculated by the DFT and determined by the XRD of complex (I) show a good agreement (Table S1). This also indicates that the CAM B3LYP//6-31+G(d)/ ccpVDZ-PP method is suitable for investigating the complex.

Secondly, based on the mechanism of the interaction of cisplatin with DNA (Johnstone et al., 2016), the reaction of complex (I) with guanine at the N7 position was proposed and investigated. Two possible reaction routes were considered:
(1) $\quad\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right) \mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)\right]+$ guanine $\rightarrow$ $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)\right.$ (guanine $\left.)\right]^{+}+\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$
(2) $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right) \mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)\right]+$ guanine $\rightarrow\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right)\right.$ Cl (guanine)] $+\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}$

In order to know which reaction is thermodynamically more favorable, we optimized the geometric structures of the products $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)\right.$ (guanine $\left.)\right]^{+}$and $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right)\right.$ Cl (guanine)], as well as all species in the two reaction pathways, also followed by the frequency calculations, using the same functional and basis set as for complex (I). Then, the enthalpy changes and Gibbs free energy of the two reaction pathways were evaluated; the results are listed in Table S2.

The calculations show that reaction route (2), which corresponds to replacement of the neutral molecule $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}$, which has a small negative $\Delta \mathrm{G}^{0} 298$ of $-8.9 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$, is thermodynamically more favorable than route (1), which corresponds to replacement of a $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$anion by a guanine molecule with a largely positive $\Delta \mathrm{G}^{0}{ }_{298}$ of $392.7 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$.

Complex (I) could undergo a substitution reaction by replacing the Cl or $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}$ ligands with a water molecule. Each of the above reaction pathways (1) and (2) can therefore take place simultaneously in two reaction steps, which are represented by the following chemical equations:
(1a) $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right) \mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)\right] \quad+\quad \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \rightarrow$ $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)\right]^{+}+\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$
(1b) $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)\right]^{+}+$guanine $\rightarrow$ $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right) \text { (guanine) }\right]^{+}+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
and
(2a) $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right) \mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)\right]+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \rightarrow\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right)-\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)\right]+\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}$;
(2b) $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right) \mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)\right]+$ guanine $\rightarrow\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right)-\right.$ C (lguanine)] $+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$.

Using the same types of calculations as for reaction paths (1) and (2) above, the enthalpy changes and Gibbs free energies of reaction steps $(1 a),(1 b),(2 a)$ and $(2 b)$ were evaluated (Table S3). The results indicate that steps (1a) and (2a) with $\Delta \mathrm{G}^{0}{ }_{298}=511.6$ and $36.2 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$, respectively, are thermodynamically unfavorable compared to steps ( $1 b$ ) and (2b) with $\Delta \mathrm{G}^{0}{ }_{298}=-118.9$ and $-45.1 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$, respectively. Substitution of the Cl ligand by water, step ( $1 a$ ), is significantly unfavorable compared to substitution of the $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}$ ligand, step (2a).

The transition states connecting reactants and products for reaction steps (2a) and ( $2 b$ ) were obtained with the same

Table 3
Experimental details.

## Crystal data

| Chemical formula | $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right) \mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)\right]$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $M_{\text {r }}$ | 402.74 |
| Crystal system, space group | Monoclinic, $P 2_{1} / \bar{c}$ |
| Temperature (K) | 293 |
| $a, b, c(\AA)$ | 7.9462 (5), 26.5977 (12), 5.1860 (2) |
| $\beta$ ( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) | 100.613 (5) |
| $V\left(\AA^{3}\right)$ | 1077.31 (9) |
| Z | 4 |
| Radiation type | Mo K $\alpha$ |
| $\mu\left(\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right)$ | 13.24 |
| Crystal size (mm) | $0.35 \times 0.3 \times 0.05$ |
| Data collection |  |
| Diffractometer | SuperNova, Single source at offset/ far, Eos |
| Absorption correction | Multi-scan (CrysAlis PRO; Rigaku OD, 2018) |
| $T_{\text {min }}, T_{\text {max }}$ | 0.014, 0.516 |
| No. of measured, independent and observed $[I>2 \sigma(I)]$ reflections | 10730, 2197, 1836 |
| $R_{\text {int }}$ | 0.071 |
| $(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{\text {max }}\left(\AA^{-1}\right)$ | 0.625 |
| Refinement |  |
| $R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right], w R\left(F^{2}\right), S$ | 0.033, 0.076, 1.09 |
| No. of reflections | 2197 |
| No. of parameters | 152 |
| No. of restraints | 4 |
| H -atom treatment | H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement |
| $\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}, \Delta \rho_{\text {min }}\left(\mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}\right)$ | 0.93, -1.54 |

Computer programs: CrysAlis PRO (Rigaku OD, 2018), SHELXT2014/5 (Sheldrick, 2015a), SHELXL (Sheldrick, 2015b) and OLEX2 (Dolomanov et al., 2009).

CAM B3LYP//6-31+G(d)/ccpVDZ-PP method, each of them has one imaginary frequency only, which corresponds to the stretching vibration mode where $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ replaces the $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}$ molecule for reaction step (2a), and guanine replaces the $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ molecule for reaction step ( $2 b$ ). The activation energy $E_{\mathrm{a}}$ for each reaction step was then evaluated, namely $123.7 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ for step (2a) (Fig. S6) and ca $51.4 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ for step (2b) (Fig. S7).

## 7. Synthesis and crystallization

A solution of 8-hydroxyquinoline ( $73 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in 5 mL of ethanol was slowly added to a solution of Zeise's salt ( $193 \mathrm{mg}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in 10 mL of water while being stirred at ambient temperature for 15 min . After continuing to stir for another 2 h , the reaction mixture was left undisturbed for 30 min . The yellow precipitate was then filtered off and washed consecutively with water $(2 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL})$ and cold ethanol $(1 \times 3 \mathrm{~mL})$, and finally dried under vacuum at 318 K for 3 h . The yield was 181 mg ( $90 \%$ ). Yellow crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation over 24 h from a saturated chloroform/ethanol solution (1:1,v/v) at ambient temperature. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 9.11\left(d d,{ }^{3} J=\right.$ $\left.5.0 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{4} J=1.0 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{PtH}}=35 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}-\mathrm{H}\right), 8.47\left(d d,{ }^{3} J=\right.$ $8.0 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{4} J=1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, Ar-H), $7.58\left(d d,{ }^{3} J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}-\mathrm{H}), 7.46\left(t,{ }^{3} J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}-\mathrm{H}\right), 7.09\left(d,{ }^{3} J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, 1 H, Ar-H), $7.06\left(d,{ }^{3} J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right.$, Ar-H $), 4.90\left(s,{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{PtH}}=\right.$
$60 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}$ ). -ESI MS ( $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$, intensity): $302,100 \%$, $[\mathrm{M}-$ $\left.\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}-\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}+2 \mathrm{Cl}\right]^{-}$. FT-IR ( KBr pellet, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3052, $2969(\mathrm{CH}), 1575,1500(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C})$.

## 8. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 3. The ethylene hydrogen atoms were located in difference-Fourier maps and were refined isotropically with a $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ distance restraint of 0.93 (2) $\AA$. Other hydrogen atoms were included as riding contributions in idealized positions with isotropic displacement parameters $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$.

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## supporting information

Synthesis, crystal structure and anticancer activity of the complex chlorido ( $\eta^{2}$ -ethylene)(quinolin-8-olato- $\kappa^{2} N, O$ ) platinum(II) by experimental and theoretical methods

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## Computing details

Chlorido( $\eta^{2}$-ethylene)(quinolin-8-olato- $\kappa^{2} N, O$ )platinum(II)

## Crystal data

$\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}\right) \mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)\right]$
$M_{r}=402.74$
Monoclinic, $P 2_{1} / c$
$a=7.9462$ (5) $\AA$
$b=26.5977$ (12) $\AA$
$c=5.1860(2) \AA$
$\beta=100.613$ (5) ${ }^{\circ}$
$V=1077.31(9) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$

## Data collection

SuperNova, Single source at offset/far, Eos diffractometer
Radiation source: micro-focus sealed X-ray tube, SuperNova (Mo) X-ray Source
Mirror monochromator
Detector resolution: 15.9631 pixels $\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(CrysAlisPro; Rigaku OD, 2018)

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
Least-squares matrix: full
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.033$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.076$
$S=1.09$
2197 reflections
152 parameters
4 restraints
$F(000)=744$
$D_{\mathrm{x}}=2.483 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation, $\lambda=0.71073 \AA$
Cell parameters from 5770 reflections
$\theta=2.8-28.5^{\circ}$
$\mu=13.24 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=293 \mathrm{~K}$
Plate, yellow
$0.35 \times 0.3 \times 0.05 \mathrm{~mm}$
$T_{\min }=0.014, T_{\text {max }}=0.516$
10730 measured reflections
2197 independent reflections
1836 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.071$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=26.4^{\circ}, \theta_{\text {min }}=2.6^{\circ}$
$h=-9 \rightarrow 9$
$k=-32 \rightarrow 33$
$l=-6 \rightarrow 6$

Hydrogen site location: mixed
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{0}^{2}\right)+(0.0303 P)^{2}\right]$
where $P=\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}{ }^{2}\right) / 3$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\text {max }}=0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.93$ e $\AA^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {min }}=-1.54 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$

## Special details

Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\hat{A}^{2}$ )

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\mathrm{iso}}{ }^{*} / U_{\mathrm{eq}}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pt1 | $0.38307(3)$ | $0.36276(2)$ | $0.72718(5)$ | $0.03174(12)$ |
| N2 | $0.5701(7)$ | $0.40559(19)$ | $0.6148(10)$ | $0.0357(13)$ |
| C3 | $0.6158(9)$ | $0.4525(3)$ | $0.6764(14)$ | $0.0418(17)$ |
| H3 | 0.563022 | 0.469543 | 0.796241 | $0.050^{*}$ |
| C4 | $0.7414(11)$ | $0.4772(3)$ | $0.5669(16)$ | $0.054(2)$ |
| H4 | 0.768667 | 0.510536 | 0.609190 | $0.065^{*}$ |
| C5 | $0.8231(10)$ | $0.4519(3)$ | $0.3978(14)$ | $0.0471(19)$ |
| H5 | 0.905763 | 0.468137 | 0.322614 | $0.057^{*}$ |
| C6 | $0.7829(9)$ | $0.4010(2)$ | $0.3358(12)$ | $0.0354(15)$ |
| C7 | $0.8637(10)$ | $0.3712(3)$ | $0.1672(14)$ | $0.0432(19)$ |
| H7 | 0.950317 | 0.384603 | 0.089508 | $0.052^{*}$ |
| C8 | $0.8121(9)$ | $0.3227(3)$ | $0.1209(13)$ | $0.0411(17)$ |
| H8 | 0.863222 | 0.303451 | 0.006866 | $0.049^{*}$ |
| C9 | $0.6837(9)$ | $0.3004(2)$ | $0.2395(11)$ | $0.0348(15)$ |
| H9 | 0.654280 | 0.266856 | 0.206976 | $0.042^{*}$ |
| C10 | $0.6030(8)$ | $0.3283(2)$ | $0.4021(11)$ | $0.0283(14)$ |
| C11 | $0.6566(9)$ | $0.3790(2)$ | $0.4520(11)$ | $0.0310(15)$ |
| C112 | $0.2795(3)$ | $0.42475(7)$ | $0.9633(4)$ | $0.0571(6)$ |
| O13 | $0.4778(6)$ | $0.31029(15)$ | $0.5162(8)$ | $0.0339(11)$ |
| C14 | $0.2577(10)$ | $0.3057(3)$ | $0.9145(14)$ | $0.0394(18)$ |
| C15 | $0.1476(10)$ | $0.3214(3)$ | $0.6918(15)$ | $0.0408(17)$ |
| H15A | $0.140(10)$ | $0.302(2)$ | $0.540(9)$ | $0.07(2)^{*}$ |
| H14A | $0.227(8)$ | $0.319(2)$ | $1.066(8)$ | $0.031(18)^{*}$ |
| H15B | $0.055(6)$ | $0.343(2)$ | $0.675(12)$ | $0.037(19)^{*}$ |
| H14B | $0.338(9)$ | $0.280(2)$ | $0.914(16)$ | $0.10(3)^{*}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Atomic displacement parameters $\left(\AA^{2}\right)$

|  | $U^{11}$ | $U^{22}$ | $U^{33}$ | $U^{12}$ | $U^{13}$ | $U^{23}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pt1 | $0.0326(2)$ | $0.03370(18)$ | $0.03123(17)$ | $0.00135(10)$ | $0.01189(13)$ | $0.00116(9)$ |
| N2 | $0.046(4)$ | $0.032(3)$ | $0.033(3)$ | $0.000(3)$ | $0.017(3)$ | $0.000(2)$ |
| C3 | $0.038(5)$ | $0.040(4)$ | $0.047(4)$ | $-0.002(3)$ | $0.007(3)$ | $-0.004(3)$ |
| C4 | $0.057(6)$ | $0.036(4)$ | $0.070(5)$ | $-0.009(4)$ | $0.014(5)$ | $-0.015(4)$ |
| C5 | $0.034(5)$ | $0.052(5)$ | $0.058(5)$ | $-0.016(4)$ | $0.017(4)$ | $0.001(4)$ |
| C6 | $0.032(4)$ | $0.039(4)$ | $0.036(3)$ | $-0.002(3)$ | $0.007(3)$ | $0.004(3)$ |
| C7 | $0.040(5)$ | $0.052(5)$ | $0.039(4)$ | $-0.004(3)$ | $0.012(3)$ | $-0.001(3)$ |
| C8 | $0.033(4)$ | $0.053(5)$ | $0.039(4)$ | $-0.003(3)$ | $0.011(3)$ | $-0.008(3)$ |
| C9 | $0.039(4)$ | $0.032(3)$ | $0.034(3)$ | $-0.001(3)$ | $0.008(3)$ | $-0.003(3)$ |
| C10 | $0.021(4)$ | $0.036(3)$ | $0.029(3)$ | $-0.001(3)$ | $0.007(3)$ | $0.003(3)$ |

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| C11 | $0.032(4)$ | $0.032(3)$ | $0.028(3)$ | $-0.005(3)$ | $0.002(3)$ | $-0.001(3)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C112 | $0.0660(15)$ | $0.0478(11)$ | $0.0678(13)$ | $0.0010(10)$ | $0.0389(12)$ | $-0.0107(9)$ |
| O13 | $0.036(3)$ | $0.028(2)$ | $0.043(2)$ | $-0.006(2)$ | $0.021(2)$ | $-0.0002(19)$ |
| C14 | $0.041(5)$ | $0.044(4)$ | $0.038(4)$ | $0.005(4)$ | $0.021(4)$ | $0.006(3)$ |
| C15 | $0.025(4)$ | $0.051(5)$ | $0.045(4)$ | $0.003(3)$ | $0.003(3)$ | $0.001(4)$ |

Geometric parameters $\left(\AA,{ }^{\circ}\right)$

| Pt1-N2 | 2.041 (5) | C6-C11 | 1.390 (9) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Pt1}-\mathrm{Cl} 12$ | 2.2951 (18) | C7-H7 | 0.9300 |
| $\mathrm{Pt1}-\mathrm{O} 13$ | 2.004 (4) | C7-C8 | 1.363 (9) |
| Pt1-C14 | 2.143 (7) | C8-H8 | 0.9300 |
| Pt1-C15 | 2.149 (8) | C8-C9 | 1.414 (9) |
| N2-C3 | 1.321 (8) | C9-H9 | 0.9300 |
| N2-C11 | 1.378 (8) | C9-C10 | 1.368 (8) |
| C3-H3 | 0.9300 | C10-C11 | 1.424 (8) |
| C3-C4 | 1.399 (10) | C10-O13 | 1.336 (7) |
| C4-H4 | 0.9300 | C14-C15 | 1.379 (10) |
| C4-C5 | 1.362 (10) | C14-H14A | 0.93 (2) |
| C5-H5 | 0.9300 | C14-H14B | 0.94 (2) |
| C5-C6 | 1.414 (9) | C15-H15A | 0.93 (2) |
| C6-C7 | 1.418 (9) | C15-H15B | 0.93 (2) |
| N2—Pt1-Cl12 | 95.90 (15) | C8-C7-H7 | 120.6 |
| N2-Pt1-C14 | 161.5 (3) | C7-C8-H8 | 118.7 |
| N2-Pt1-C15 | 158.4 (3) | C7-C8-C9 | 122.6 (6) |
| O13-Pt1-N2 | 82.32 (19) | C9-C8-H8 | 118.7 |
| O13-Pt1-Cl12 | 178.18 (12) | C8-C9-H9 | 120.1 |
| O13-Pt1-C14 | 90.4 (2) | C10-C9-C8 | 119.9 (6) |
| O13-Pt1-C15 | 90.3 (2) | C10-C9-H9 | 120.1 |
| C14-Pt1-Cl12 | 91.4 (2) | C9-C10-C11 | 117.8 (6) |
| C14-Pt1-C15 | 37.5 (3) | O13-C10-C9 | 123.4 (6) |
| C15-Pt1-Cl12 | 91.2 (2) | O13-C10-C11 | 118.8 (5) |
| C3-N2-Pt1 | 129.8 (5) | N2-C11-C6 | 122.1 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 11$ | 119.1 (6) | N2-C11-C10 | 115.5 (5) |
| C11-N2-Pt1 | 111.1 (4) | C6-C11-C10 | 122.3 (6) |
| N2-C3-H3 | 119.0 | C10-O13-Pt1 | 112.2 (4) |
| N2-C3-C4 | 122.0 (7) | $\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{H} 14 \mathrm{~A}$ | 109 (4) |
| C4-C3-H3 | 119.0 | Pt1-C14-H14B | 98 (5) |
| C3-C4-H4 | 120.4 | C15-C14-Pt1 | 71.5 (4) |
| C5-C4-C3 | 119.3 (7) | C15-C14-H14A | 112 (4) |
| C5-C4-H4 | 120.4 | C15-C14-H14B | 123 (5) |
| C4-C5-H5 | 119.8 | H14A-C14-H14B | 124 (7) |
| C4-C5-C6 | 120.3 (7) | $\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{H} 15 \mathrm{~A}$ | 106 (5) |
| C6-C5-H5 | 119.8 | $\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{H} 15 \mathrm{~B}$ | 110 (4) |
| C5-C6-C7 | 124.4 (6) | C14-C15-Pt1 | 71.0 (4) |
| C11-C6-C5 | 117.0 (6) | C14-C15-H15A | 118 (5) |
| C11-C6-C7 | 118.5 (6) | C14-C15-H15B | 130 (4) |


| $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H} 7$ | 120.6 | $\mathrm{H} 15 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{H} 15 \mathrm{~B}$ | $110(6)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $118.8(6)$ |  |  |
| $\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $-175.9(6)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $-178.9(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $175.9(5)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $-1.7(10)$ |
| $\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $-1.5(7)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $1.9(11)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $-2.1(12)$ | $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 11$ | $-2.0(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $-4.5(10)$ | $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{O} 13$ | $178.3(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $178.1(6)$ | $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $179.4(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $-0.7(12)$ | $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{Pt} 1$ | $2.0(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $-177.4(5)$ |  |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 11$ | $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{O} 13-\mathrm{Pt} 1$ | $4.6(11)$ |  |
| $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $0.8(11)$ | $\mathrm{O} 13-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $2.4(11)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $-179.3(7)$ | $\mathrm{O} 13-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $-0.9(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $179.0(6)$ | $-178)$ |  |
| $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $-1.5(11)$ |  |  |

Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $A,{ }^{o}$ )
Cg 1 is the centroid of the $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 11$ ring.

| $D — \mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D — \mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 9 — \mathrm{H} 9 \cdots \mathrm{O} 13^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 0.93 | 2.58 | $3.462(7)$ | 159 |
| $\mathrm{C} 15 — \mathrm{H} 15 B \cdots C g 1^{\mathrm{ii}}$ | $0.93(5)$ | $2.95(6)$ | $3.645(8)$ | $133(5)$ |

Symmetry codes: (i) $x,-y+1 / 2, z-1 / 2$; (ii) $x-1, y, z$.

