



Homopiperazine platinum(II) complexes containing substituted disulfide groups: crystal structure of [Pt^{II}(homopiperazine)(diphenylsulfide)Cl]NO₃

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Abstract

A series of new cationic platinum(II) complexes of the type [Pt(L)(R'R''S)Cl]NO₃ (where L = homopiperazine or 1-methylhomopiperazine and R'R''S = dimethylsulfide, diethylsulfide, dipropylsulfide, diisopropylsulfide, dibutylsulfide, diphenylsulfide, dibenzylsulfide, methylphenylsulfide, or methyl *p*-tolylsulfide) were synthesized and characterized by elemental analysis and infrared, ¹H and ¹⁹⁵Pt nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy. Among the complexes synthesized, [Pt^{II}(homopiperazine)(diphenylsulfide)Cl]NO₃ was examined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. The slightly distorted square plane of the platinum complex included the amino groups of the homopiperazine molecule in a *cis* orientation, the sulfur atom of diphenyl sulfide, and a chloride ion. The homopiperazine molecule adopts a boat conformation and forms five- and six-membered chelating rings with platinum. Hydrogen bonding plays an important part in holding the crystal together. © 2002 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

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1. Introduction

The wide success of cisplatin in the treatment of a variety of human cancers [1], especially those of the testes, ovaries, head, and neck [2–5], has encouraged the search for new cisplatin derivatives in an effort to improve the therapeutic index of its compounds, which is reduced by dose-limiting toxic effects, namely, nephrotoxicity, myelotoxicity, neurotoxicity, nausea, and vomiting [6,7]. The clinical effectiveness of cisplatin has been improved by replacing the labile chloro ligands with other leaving groups of intermediate lability so as to alter the pharmacokinetics as well as by substituting stable amine ligands with cyclic or acyclic

alkylamines [8]. Carboplatin (diammine-1,1-cyclobutanedicarboxylatoplatinum(II) [9,10], one of a number of cisplatin analogs developed in this way, is now used clinically. Many other compounds that have 1,2-diaminocyclohexane as a carrier ligand and chloride or carboxylate ion as a leaving group, such as oxaliplatin (*trans*-1,2-diaminocyclohexaneoxalatoplatinum(II) and L-NDDP [liposome-entrapped bis(neodecanoato)-(*trans*-1R,2R-diaminocyclohexane)platinum(II)] are now in clinical trials [10–12].

Platinum antitumor complexes like cisplatin and its analogs are neutral complexes that obey the general formula [*cis*-Pt(Am)₂(X)₂] in which Am is an amine ligand having at least one NH group and X is a moderately strongly bound anionic leaving group, such as chloride [13,14]. These complexes are bifunctional in nature, which is probably necessary to form an intrastrand cross-link between two adjacent guanine bases in DNA [15,16]. However, two cationic classes of

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platinum complexes having antitumor properties have been described, both of which are much more soluble in water than the neutral complexes are. Such complexes have the general formula [*cis*-Pt(NH₃)₂(N-het)Cl]Cl (N-het = heterocyclic amine) or [Pt(diam)(R'R''SO)Cl]NO₃ (diam = bidentate diamine, R'R''SO = substituted sulfoxide) [17,18]. On the other hand, related monofunctional cationic complexes like [Pt(dien)Cl]Cl and [Pt(NH₃)₃Cl]Cl are antitumor inactive [19,20]. Eventually, compounds having the formula [Pt(diam)-(R'R''SO)Cl]NO₃ or [Pt(diam)Cl₂] will form the same adduct with 5'GMP and d(GpG) [21]. In principle, the same adducts can be expected with DNA, therefore, the mechanisms of action of both types of compounds might well be related to each other but are unlikely to be the same as that of cisplatin [21].

Hollis et al. [17] reported on a series of cationic platinum(II) complexes whose antitumor activity violates some of the rules of classical structure-activity relationships. However researchers have known of cationic diammineplatinum(II) complexes with substituted sulfoxide for the past 2 decades [22,23]. It has been reported that these complexes have antitumor activity in certain tumor models [24,25]. We have been developing platinum complexes with diamines such as diaminocyclohexane as a carrier ligand and disulfides as leaving groups [26]. Complexes containing thioether groups can reduce cisplatin-induced nephrotoxicity when administered simultaneously with cisplatin [27]. Hence we report here the synthesis and characterization of cationic platinum(II) complexes of the type [PtL(R'R''S)Cl]NO₃ along with the crystal structure of [Pt^{II}(homopiperazine)(diphenylsulfide)Cl]NO₃.

2. Experimental

2.1. Chemicals

K₂PtCl₄ was purchased from Johnson Matthey, Seabrook, MA. Homopiperazine, 1-methylhomopiperazine, dimethylsulfide, diethylsulfide, dipropylsulfide, diisopropylsulfide, dibutylsulfide, diphenylsulfide, dibenzylsulfide, methylphenylsulfide, and methyl *p*-tolylsulfide were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co., Milwaukee, WI. Silver nitrate was obtained from Fisher Scientific Co., Houston, TX. All chemicals obtained from commercial sources were used as supplied.

2.2. Physical measurements

Elemental analyses of the complexes were performed by Robertson Laboratory Inc., Madison, NJ. Infrared (IR) spectra in the range of 600–4000 cm⁻¹ and far-IR spectra in the range of 150–600 cm⁻¹ were recorded in KBr and polyethylene pellets, respectively, on a

Perkin–Elmer 2000 spectrophotometer. ¹H nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra in MeOH-*d*₄ and ¹⁹⁵Pt NMR spectra in methanol were recorded using a Bruker Advance 300 spectrometer. ¹H spectra were recorded with a 5-mm tunable probe at 300.13 MHz, ¹⁹⁵Pt spectra were recorded at 43.055 MHz, and the shifts were measured relative to an external standard of 2.2 M Na₂PtCl₆ in D₂O at 0.00 ppm.

2.3. Preparation of {Pt(hpip)}[(CH₃)₂S]Cl}NO₃ (hpip = homopiperazine) (complex **1**)

K₂PtCl₄ (20.76 g, 50 mmol) was dissolved in 250 ml of deionized water and filtered. KI (83.0 g, 0.5 mol) in 100 ml of water was added to it, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min. Next, homopiperazine (8.5 g, 100 mmol) was added dropwise to the mixture while stirring to obtain a yellow precipitate of [Pt(hpip)I₂]. The stirring was continued for a further 30 min, and the precipitate was then collected by filtration. This compound was stirred in 100 ml of dimethylformamide, filtered, washed with water, ethanol, and acetone, and dried under vacuum (yield, 95%). [Pt(hpip)I₂] (12.38 g, 20 mmol) was suspended in an aqueous solution of silver nitrate (6.72 g, 39.8 mmol) in 250 mL of water. The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at room temperature (r.t.) in the dark. The AgI precipitate was filtered off, and a solution of NaCl was added dropwise to the filtrate with constant stirring until a yellow precipitate of [Pt(hpip)Cl₂] formed. The precipitate was filtered and recrystallized from dimethylformamide. The yellow crystals obtained were washed with water and acetone and dried under vacuum (yield, 75%). An equivalent amount of AgNO₃ (0.338 g, 2 mmol) dissolved in 100 ml of hot methanol was added to a slurry of [Pt(hpip)Cl₂] (0.872 g, 2 mmol) in 100 ml of methanol. An equivalent amount of dimethylsulfide (0.15 mg, 2 mmol) in 20 ml of methanol was added to this mixture. The reaction mixture was then stirred overnight in the dark. The AgCl precipitate was filtered off and the filtrate was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. A yellow solid was obtained, which was recrystallized from methanol and ether. Finally, the light yellow compound, [Pt(hpip)(CH₃)₂S]Cl]NO₃, was obtained, which was then dried under vacuum (yield, 70%).

Complexes **2–18** (Table 2) were prepared in a similar manner.

Complex **11** [Pt^{II}(hpip)(diphenylsulfide)Cl]NO₃ (100 mg) was dissolved in 100 ml of methanol, after which the volume of the solution was reduced to 50 ml and filtered. The filtrate was allowed to evaporate slowly at r.t. Within 2 weeks, colorless needle-shaped crystals were separated from the solution, which were used for X-ray crystallography.

Table 2
Elemental analysis of [Pt^{II}(L)(R'R''S)Cl]NO₃

Complex	Complex name	Observed (calculated)		
		C (%)	H (%)	N (%)
1	[Pt ^{II} (hpip)(dimethylsulfide)Cl]NO ₃	18.50 (18.72)	3.94 (4.01)	9.20 (9.36)
2	[Pt ^{II} (1-mhpip)(dimethylsulfide)Cl]NO ₃	20.33 (20.50)	4.20 (4.30)	8.80 (8.97)
3	[Pt ^{II} (hpip)(diethylsulfide)Cl]NO ₃	22.35 (22.37)	4.51 (4.56)	8.69 (8.70)
4	[Pt ^{II} (1-mhpip)(diethylsulfide)Cl]NO ₃	24.29 (24.17)	4.78 (4.87)	8.36 (8.34)
5	[Pt ^{II} (hpip)(dipropylsulfide)Cl]NO ₃	25.91 (25.85)	5.02 (5.09)	8.21 (8.22)
6	[Pt ^{II} (1-mhpip)(dipropylsulfide)Cl]NO ₃	27.38 (27.47)	5.23 (5.38)	7.91 (8.01)
7	[Pt ^{II} (hpip)(diisopropylsulfide)Cl]NO ₃	25.56 (25.85)	5.05 (5.09)	8.29 (8.22)
8	[Pt ^{II} (1-mhpip)(diisopropylsulfide)Cl]NO ₃	27.31 (27.47)	5.03 (5.38)	8.20 (8.01)
9	[Pt ^{II} (hpip)(dibutylsulfide)Cl]NO ₃	29.01 (31.41)	5.55 (6.04)	7.77 (6.04)
10	[Pt ^{II} (hpip)(dibutylsulfide)Cl]NO ₃	30.09 (30.41)	5.84 (5.83)	7.55 (7.60)
11	[Pt ^{II} (hpip)(diphenylsulfide)Cl]NO ₃	35.02 (35.26)	3.92 (3.80)	7.37 (7.26)
12	[Pt ^{II} (1-mhpip)(diphenylsulfide)Cl]NO ₃	36.76 (36.46)	4.14 (4.08)	7.08 (7.09)
13	[Pt ^{II} (hpip)(dibenzylsulfide)Cl]NO ₃	37.74 (37.59)	4.28 (4.14)	6.92 (6.80)
14	[Pt ^{II} (1-mhpip)(dibenzylsulfide)Cl]NO ₃	38.58 (38.68)	4.57 (4.54)	6.68 (6.77)
15	[Pt ^{II} (hpip)(methylphenylsulfide)Cl]NO ₃	27.86 (27.87)	3.87 (3.87)	8.13 (8.06)
16	[Pt ^{II} (1-mhpip)(methylphenylsulfide)Cl]NO ₃	29.69 (29.41)	4.20 (4.18)	7.77 (7.92)
17	[Pt ^{II} (hpip)(methyl <i>p</i> -tolylsulfide)Cl]NO ₃	30.02 (29.40)	4.24 (4.14)	7.82 (7.91)
18	[Pt ^{II} (1-mhpip)(methyl <i>p</i> -tolylsulfide)Cl]NO ₃	30.69 (30.87)	4.41 (4.44)	7.62 (7.72)

L = homopiperazine (hpip) or 1-methylhomopiperazine (1-mhpip).

were observed around 350–400 cm⁻¹, which were close to the values reported for such compounds [26,27,34,35]. The absorption for $\nu_{\text{Pt-Cl}}$ stretching vibrations were seen around 300 cm⁻¹ [26,27,36].

The ¹H NMR spectra, which are shown in Table 4, were most informative with respect to the structures of the complexes. Platinum coordination at S atom of substituted disulfides in all complexes leads a downfield shift of S–CH protons relative to the free ligands. Hence, evidence of ¹H NMR spectra suggests the coordination of platinum(II) with sulfur atom.

The ¹⁹⁵Pt NMR data shown in Table 3 further confirmed the structures of these platinum complexes. The singlet observed in the range of –3178 to –3415 ppm indicated the coordination of amino nitrogens of homopiperazine, and 1-methylhomopiperazine to the two adjacent corners of square planar platinum(II), while the other two positions were bound to the chloride and sulfur atoms of the thioether group. Such chemical shifts are characteristic for the square planar platinum(II) complexes in which platinum(II) is bound by two nitrogen atoms, one sulfur atom, and one chlorine atom [26,27,37]. Fig. 1 shows the general structure of the complexes.

3.3. Crystal structure

Fig. 2 shows a view of the crystal structure of [Pt^{II}(hpip)(diphenylsulfide)Cl]NO₃. Selected bond lengths and bond angles are given in Table 5. In this molecule, the coordination environment around the platinum atom is a slightly distorted square planar one,

with the angles ranging from 77.1(2) to 96.69(6)°. The distortion is caused by limitation in the bite distances of the chelating ligand.

In the platinum square plane, two adjacent corners are occupied by the two nitrogen atoms of the homopiperazine ligand, whereas the remaining two *cis* positions are coordinated with one chloride ion and one sulfur atom of the diphenylsulfide. All Pt–N, Pt–Cl, and Pt–S bond lengths are in the range normally

Table 3
IR and ¹⁹⁵Pt NMR data for [Pt^{II}(L)(R'R''S)Cl]NO₃

Complex	IR (cm ⁻¹)		¹⁹⁵ Pt NMR (ppm)
	$\nu_{\text{N-H}}$	$\nu_{\text{S-C}}$	
1	3139	1384	–3415
2	3115	1331	–3192
3	3049	1383	–3215
4	3130	1337	–3210
5	3009	1384	–3144
6	3102	1331	–3208
7	3039	1384	–3144
8	3104	1338	–3208
9	3058	1384	–3173
10	3140	1338	–3178
11	3204	1384	–3138
12	3127	1340	–3151
13	3124	1385	–3165
14	3107	1338	–3098
15	3091	1384	–3153
16	3152	1337	–3105
17	3151	1384	–3160
18	3113	1335	–3145

Table 4
 ^1H NMR data for $[\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}(\text{L})(\text{R}'\text{R}''\text{S})\text{Cl}]\text{NO}_3$

Ligand/complex no.	S–CH ₃	S–CH ₂ –	–CH ₂ –	–CH ₂ –	–CH ₃	S–C–H	C ₆ H ₅
Dimethylsulfide	2.07 s 2.50 s 2.45 s						
Diethylsulfide		2.52 q			1.22 t		
3		2.99 m			1.45 t		
4		2.98 m			1.43 t		
Dipropylsulfide		2.46 t	1.58 m		0.97 t		
5		3.00 m	1.92 m		1.11 t		
6		2.95 m	1.90 m		1.09 t		
Diisopropylsulfide					1.21 d	2.95 m	
7					1.52 d	3.35 m	
8					1.52 d	3.36 m	
Dibutylsulfide		2.49 t	1.54 m	1.42 m	0.91 t		
9		2.77 t	1.86 m	1.61 m	1.24 t		
10		3.04 m	1.80 m	1.54 m	0.99 t		
Diphenylsulfide							7.17 m 7.25 m 7.53 m 7.78 m 7.51 m 7.76 m
11							7.26 m 7.28 m 8.35 m 7.45 m 7.66 m
12							7.08 m 7.20 m 7.53 m 7.93 m 7.53 m 7.97 m
Dibenzylsulfide		3.59 s					C ₆ H ₄ 7.02 d 7.14 d 7.23 d 7.72 d 7.33 d 7.86 d
13		4.11 d					
14		4.11 d 4.39 d					
Methylphenylsulfide	2.42 s						
15	2.88 s						
16	2.86 s						
Methyl- <i>p</i> -tolylsulfide	2.25 s				2.38 s		
17	2.72 s				2.37 s		
18	2.83 s				2.38 s		

Chemical shift in ppm; ^1H NMR spectra were recorded in deuterated methanol. s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet.

observed for platinum(II) complexes. The average Pt–N bond length of 2.041(5) Å is consistent with those found in homopiperazine containing complexes. For instance, this length is 2.02(10) Å in $[\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}(\text{hpipe})-(\text{pentadecanoate})_2]$ [38], 1.99(2) Å in $\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}(\text{1-methylhomopiperazine})(\text{methylmalonato})\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ [34], and 2.027(6) Å in $[\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}(\text{hpipe})\text{Cl}_2]$ [39]. The Pt(1)–Cl(1) bond length of 2.3021(17) Å is normal as compared with the values observed in other Pt(II) dichloride complexes, e.g. 2.309(2) Å in $[\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}(\text{hpipe})\text{Cl}_2]$ [39] and 2.315(2) Å in $[\text{Pt}(\text{piperidine})\text{Cl}_2]\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ [40]. The Pt–S bond distance of 2.284(15) Å is not significantly different from the 2.279(7) Å observed in the sulfide complex $[\text{Pt}(\mu\text{-SC}_5\text{H}_9\text{NM})\text{Br}]$ [41].

Homopiperazine is in boat conformation and forms five- and six-membered chelating rings with platinum.

The coordination structure of platinum with two ring nitrogens of homopiperazine is considerably strained, and the N(1)–Pt(1)–N(2) bond angle is contracted to 77.1(2)° due to geometric constraints imposed by the ligand. This angle is close to that reported for $[\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}(\text{hpipe})\text{Cl}_2]$ (76.9(3)°) [39], $\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}(\text{1-methylhomopiperazine})(\text{methylmalonato})\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (77.8(8)°) [36], and

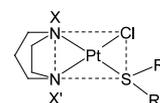


Fig. 1. Structure of $[\text{Pt}(\text{L})(\text{R}'\text{R}''\text{S})\text{Cl}]$. X = X' = H = Homopiperazine (L). X = H, X' = CH₃ = 1-methyl homopiperazine (L). R', R'' = methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, phenyl or benzyl, in complexes **1–14**, R' = methyl, R'' = phenyl in complexes **15** and **16**, R' = methyl, R'' = *p*-tolyl in complexes **17** and **18**.

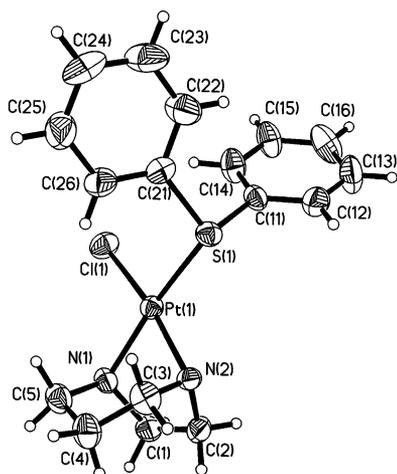


Fig. 2. ORTEP representation of $[\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}(\text{homopiperazine})(\text{diphenylsulfide})\text{Cl}]\text{NO}_3$. Counter ion omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids drawn at 50% probability.

Table 5

Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for $[\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}(\text{homopiperazine})(\text{diphenylsulfide})\text{Cl}]\text{NO}_3$

Bond lengths			
Pt(1)–N(1)	2.042(5)	Pt(1)–S(1)	2.2846(15)
Pt(1)–N(2)	2.050(5)	Pt(1)–Cl(1)	2.3021(17)
Bond angles			
N(1)–Pt(1)–N(2)	77.1(2)	C(11)–S(1)–Pt(1)	114.6(2)
N(1)–Pt(1)–S(1)	168.82(16)	C(21)–S(1)–Pt(1)	110.1(2)
N(2)–Pt(1)–S(1)	92.53(15)	C(1)–N(1)–Pt(1)	107.3(4)
N(1)–Pt(1)–Cl(1)	93.67(16)	C(5)–N(1)–Pt(1)	107.9(4)
N(2)–Pt(1)–Cl(1)	170.77(15)	C(2)–N(2)–Pt(1)	106.7(4)
S(1)–Pt(1)–Cl(1)	96.69(6)	C(3)–N(2)–Pt(1)	109.2(4)

$[\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}(\text{hpip})(\text{pentadecanoate})_2]$ ($76.3(4)^\circ$) [38]. In addition, the contraction of the N1–Pt–N2 bond angle is compensated for with expansion of the N(2)–Pt(1)–S(1), N(1)–Pt(1)–Cl(1) and S(1)–Pt(1)–Cl(1) bond angles to $92.53(15)^\circ$, $93.67(16)^\circ$ and $96.69(6)^\circ$, respectively. The Pt(1)–N(1)–C(1) and Pt(1)–N(1)–C(5) bond angles in the present study are $107.3(4)^\circ$ and $107.9(4)^\circ$, respectively, these angles are $107.7(4)^\circ$ and $109.0(4)^\circ$, respectively, in $[\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}(\text{hpip})\text{Cl}_2]$ [39], $105.9(8)^\circ$ and $112.1(7)^\circ$, respectively, in $[\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}(\text{hpip})(\text{pentadecanoate})_2]$ [38], and $104.3(14)^\circ$ and $109.5(14)^\circ$, respectively, in $[\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}(1\text{-methylhomopiperazine})(\text{methylmalonate})]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ [36]. The molecules in the crystal show a system of N–H \cdots O hydrogen bonds (Fig. 3).

In summary, we have synthesized and characterized a series of new platinum(II) complexes containing homopiperazine or 1-methylhomopiperazine as nonleaving amine ligands and different sulfide groups as leaving ligands. The crystal structure of $[\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}(\text{hpip})(\text{diphenylsulfide})\text{Cl}]\text{NO}_3$ was determined by X-ray crystallography.

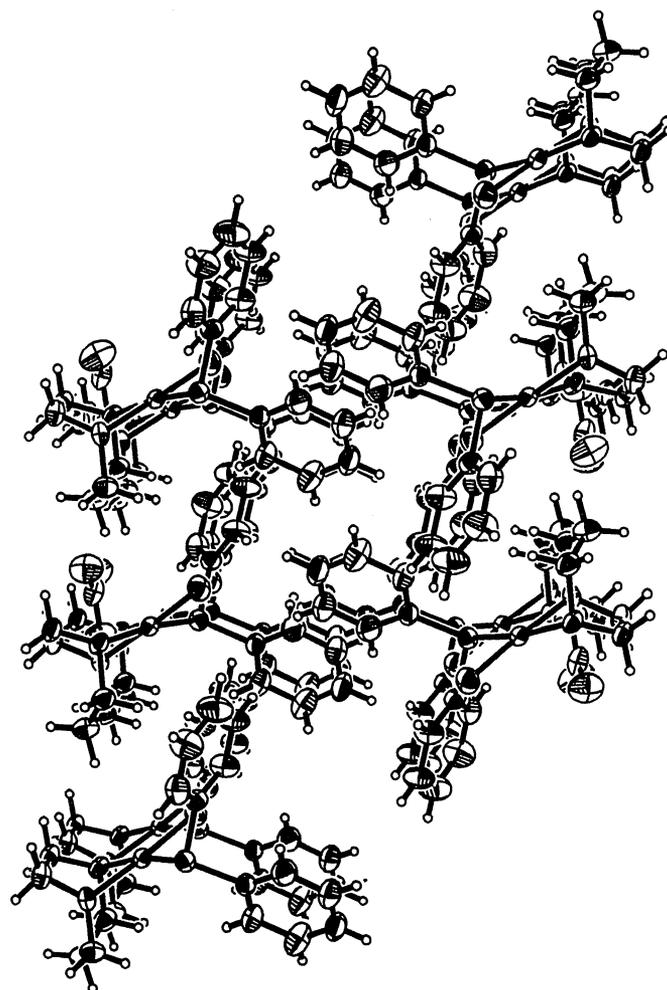


Fig. 3. Packing diagram of $[\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}(\text{homopiperazine})(\text{diphenylsulfide})\text{Cl}]\text{NO}_3$. Orientation is along the 0 1 0 axis. Thermal ellipsoids drawn at 50% probability.

4. Supplementary material

Crystallographic data for the structural analysis have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Centre, CCDC No. 160939. Copies of this information may be obtained free of charge from The Director, CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge, CB2 1EZ, UK (fax: +44-1233-336-033; e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk or [www: http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk)).

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