## **Organometallic Rotaxanes with a Triazole Group in the Axle Component** and Their Behavior as Ligands of Pt<sup>II</sup> Complexes

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**Abstract:** Two ferrocenylmethyl ammonium salts were used as axle components of pseudorotaxanes with dibenzo[24]crown-8. The pseudorotaxane with an alkyne terminal group in the axle component underwent a Cu-catalyzed Huisgen coupling reaction (click reaction) with an alkyl azide to afford cationic [2]rotaxanes with a triazole group in the axle molecule. The rotax-

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ane reacted with Ac<sub>2</sub>O to produce neutral rotaxanes with an amide group in the axle component. Both cationic and neutral rotaxanes were treated with K-[PtCl<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)] to form the Pt<sup>II</sup>-containing rotaxanes.

## Introduction

Rotaxanes are defined as supramolecules composed of interlocked macrocyclic and dumbbell-shaped axle molecules.<sup>[1-3]</sup> They have unique structures and chemical properties, which can be potentially applied to molecular machines,<sup>[4]</sup> molecular electronic devices,<sup>[5]</sup> and hydrogels with various functions.<sup>[6-9]</sup> Most of the rotaxanes reported so far are composed completely of organic molecules. Introduction of partial structures that contain transition metals to the components adds a new character to the rotaxanes. Some research groups have reported the synthesis and properties of rotaxanes that have transition metals.<sup>[10]</sup> Ferrocene is known as a stable, electrochemically active center and can be introduced into many organic molecules. Thus, various research groups have synthesized rotaxanes, the component molecule of which is equipped with ferrocenyl groups, and demonstrated their special properties.<sup>[11]</sup> Recently, we reported rotaxanes and pseudorotaxanes that contain ferrocenyl groups in the axle or as cyclic components.<sup>[12]</sup> Their electrochemical oxidation and reduction can induce the shuttling of the cyclic component depending on the valence of the Fe center. Electrochemically induced formation of pseudorotaxane was also achieved by using a ferrocene derivative as the axle component.<sup>[12a,b]</sup> Further introduction of a functional group with coordination ability to the ferrocene-containing rotaxanes would provide a new supramolecular organometallic ligand as well as a heterobimetallic transition-metal

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rotaxane ligand that has a triazole group and its platinum complex in this study. The click reaction provides the triazole that can act as the coordinating site to the transition-metal complexes in the axle.<sup>[11d,13]</sup> This type of rotaxane complex is much less common than rotaxanes that contain a transition metal at the end of the axle component.<sup>[14]</sup> In this study, we report the synthesis of triazole-containing rotaxanes as well as their properties as ligand of a Pt<sup>II</sup> complex.

#### **Results and Discussion**

Scheme 2 summarizes the preparation procedure for the precursors of the axle component, [1a]PF<sub>6</sub> and [1b]PF<sub>6</sub>, and its pseudorotaxane formation with dibenzo[24]crown-8 (DB24C8). The condensation reaction of ferrocenecarboxaldehyde with *para*-methoxybenzylamine forms [FcCH= NCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe] (Fc=Fe(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)). Reduction of the product with NaBH<sub>4</sub> followed by hydrolysis with HCl and exchange of the counteranion with NH<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> yielded [FcCH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe]PF<sub>6</sub> ([1a]PF<sub>6</sub>). Analogous reactions with *para*-hexynoxybenzylamine yield [1b]PF<sub>6</sub>, which has a terminal alkyne group. These compounds were characterized by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectroscopy and IR spectrometry as well as elemental analyses.

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Scheme 1. Synthesis of the rotaxane ligand and its platinum complex.

complex. We chose the click reaction of an alkyne with an

organic azide because it forms a disubstituted triazole ring

selectively. Scheme 1 summarizes the synthetic route of the

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Scheme 2. Synthesis of dialkylammonium salts,  $[1a]PF_6$  and  $[1b]PF_6$ , and their pseudorotaxanes,  $[2a]PF_6$  and  $[2b]PF_6$ .

Compound  $[1b]PF_6$  forms a pseudorotaxane with DB24C8 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 20 °C. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the mixture of  $[1b]PF_6$  and DB24C8 ( $[[1b]PF_6]_0=9.9$  mM, [DB24C8]\_0=11 mM) shows signals assigned to the pseudorotaxane. A similar solution in CD<sub>3</sub>CN contains an equilibrated mixture of  $[1b]PF_6$ , DB24C8, and their pseudorotaxane,  $[2b]PF_6$ . The ratio between  $[2b]PF_6$  and  $[1b]PF_6$  was determined to be 1:1. The association constant between DB24C8 and  $[1b]PF_6$  was calculated to be  $2.4 \times 10^2 M^{-1}$  in CD<sub>3</sub>CN at  $20^{\circ}C_{15,16}$  ESI mass spectrometry of the solution of  $[1b]PF_6$  and DB24C8 in CH<sub>3</sub>CN shows signals that are assigned clearly to pseudorotaxane  $[2b]^+$ .

Recrystallization of  $[1a]PF_6$  and DB24C8 in a CHCl<sub>3</sub>/*n*-hexanes solution affords pseudorotaxane  $[2a]PF_6$  as single crystals in 59% yield. Figure 1 depicts the molecular structure of  $[2a]PF_6$  obtained by X-ray crystallography. The ammonium hydrogen atoms, H1 and H2, have short contacts with oxygen atoms of DB24C8, O1 and O7 (H1···O1 2.372 Å, H2···O7 2.092 Å), through attractive N–H···O hydrogen bonds. The IR spectroscopy of  $[2a]PF_6$  shows peaks assigned to the stretching vibration of the NH<sub>2</sub> group at 3195 and 3065 cm<sup>-1</sup>. These positions are at lower wavenumbers than those of  $[1a]PF_6$  (3268 and 3235 cm<sup>-1</sup>) owing to the hydrogen bonds between the ammonium and the oxygen atoms of DB24C8. A hydrogen atom of the cyclopentadien-yl ligand, H4, forms an C–H···π interaction with a C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub> ring

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ジベンゾ[24]クラウン-8-エーテル(DB24C8)とジアルキルアンモニウム塩とを 構成要素とする[2]ロタキサンを合成した。合成の鍵反応には銅触媒によるアジ ドとアルキンの Huisgen 環化付加反応を採用した。本反応によってロタキサン の軸成分分子内部にはトリアゾール基が生成し、この部分が白金(II)へ配位し て、新しい錯体を形成する。



Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of  $[2a]PF_6$  (50% probability). Some of the hydrogen atoms were omitted.

of DB24C8. The distance between the hydrogen and the aromatic plane is 3.15 Å. Another aromatic ring of the cyclic component also has a short contact with an aromatic hydrogen, H18, of the axle component (3.75 Å).

Scheme 3 summarizes the end-capping reaction of pseudorotaxane  $[2b]PF_6$  to yield the rotaxane  $[3]PF_6$  and its further conversion into neutral rotaxane 4. Treatment of



Scheme 3. Synthesis of rotaxanes  $[3]PF_6$  and 4.

[1b]PF<sub>6</sub> with N<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>-3,5-Me<sub>2</sub> in the presence of DB24C8 and [Cu(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> at room temperature for two days causes Huisgen coupling of the alkynyl group with the alkyl azide to yield [**3**]PF<sub>6</sub> in an isolated yield of 92%.<sup>[17-19]</sup> The ESI mass spectrum shows a peak at m/z 1085.4955 assigned to the cationic rotaxane [**3**]<sup>+</sup>. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [**3**]PF<sub>6</sub> in CD<sub>3</sub>CN shows a signal at  $\delta$  = 7.59 ppm, which is assigned to the triazole hydrogen, H<sub>a</sub> (Figure 2a). The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic signals of the NCH<sub>2</sub> and NH<sub>2</sub> hydrogen atoms of [**3**]PF<sub>6</sub> were observed at lower magnetic field positions ( $\delta$ =4.20 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.36 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 7.12 ppm (NH<sub>2</sub>)) than the corresponding signals of [**1b**]PF<sub>6</sub> ( $\delta$ =4.02 (NCH<sub>2</sub>),



Figure 2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of a) [3]PF<sub>6</sub>; b) 4; c) a mixture of [3]PF<sub>6</sub>, [PtCl<sub>2</sub> (CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)], and [(3)PtCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)]PF<sub>6</sub>; and d) a mixture of 4, [PtCl<sub>2</sub> (CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)], and [(4)PtCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)] (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 20 °C). Peaks with asterisk correspond to CD<sub>2</sub>HCN.

4.04 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.75 ppm (NH<sub>2</sub>)). These <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic results indicate that intermolecular hydrogen bonds are present between the ammonium of the axle component and the oxygen atoms of DB24C8.

Acetylation of the ammonium group of  $[3]PF_6$  with Ac<sub>2</sub>O in MeCN forms neutral rotaxane 4, which was isolated in 75% yield.<sup>[20]</sup> The ESI mass spectrum of **4** shows a peak at m/z 1127.5040 assigned to the protonated rotaxane, [4+H]<sup>+</sup>. The presence of the amide group was confirmed by an IR peak at 1651 cm<sup>-1</sup> assigned to the C=O vibration. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic signal of the triazole proton of 4,  $H_{a'}$ , ( $\delta$  = 7.83 ppm; Figure 2b) is shifted downfield compared to that of [3]PF<sub>6</sub> ( $\delta$  = 7.59 ppm; Figure 2a). This observation seemed to be supported in the literature: Takata et al. have reported the acetylation of the rotaxane composed of bis(arylmethyl)ammonium hexafluorophosphate and DB24C8.[20] In their work, the macrocyclic component of the synthesized neutral rotaxane in the solid state includes an aromatic ring on the axle component. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic peaks of the NCH<sub>2</sub> groups are also observed at slightly higher magnetic field positions. Neutral rotaxane 4, formed by acetylation of  $[3]PF_6$  in this study, shows one of the NCH<sub>2</sub> signals to be more upfield ( $\delta = 4.83$  ppm) than that of [3]PF<sub>6</sub>  $(\delta = 4.38 \text{ and } 4.49 \text{ ppm}).$ 

Treatment of phenyl benzyl-1,2,3-triazole with K[PtCl<sub>3</sub> (CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)] was used as a model reaction for the coordination of the supramolecular ligands to transition metals. Complex [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)(Ph-C<sub>2</sub>HN<sub>3</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)] (**5**), was prepared (see the Experimental Section) and characterized by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy and X-ray crystallography. The crystal structure indicates that the dichloro-(ethylene)platinum(II) moiety is coordinated to the nitrogen





Figure 3. ORTEP drawing of 5 (50% probability). The hydrogen atoms were omitted.

at position 3 of the triazole ring (Figure 3). Ethylene and the triazole ligand occupy *trans* positions to the square-planar  $Pt^{II}$  center.

Addition of K[PtCl<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)] to a solution of [3]PF<sub>6</sub> ([[3]PF<sub>6</sub>], [K[PtCl<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)]]=25 mM) in CD<sub>3</sub>CN smoothly produced the Pt<sup>II</sup> complex with the rotaxane ligand (Scheme 4a). The ESI mass spectrum of the solution



Scheme 4. Synthesis of a) [(3)PtCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)]PF<sub>6</sub> and b) [(4)PtCl<sub>2</sub> (CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)].

shows the highest peak at m/z 1379.4377 owing to  $[(3)PtCl_2$ (CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)]<sup>+</sup> (calcd 1379.4274). Distribution of the isotopomer is in agreement with the calculation for the formula of the Pt-containing rotaxane. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic signals of the hydrogen of the triazole as well as those  $\alpha$  to the triazole of  $[(3)PtCl_2(CH_2=CH_2)]PF_6$ , H<sub>a</sub>" and H<sub>b</sub>", were observed at  $\delta$ =7.79 and 2.90 ppm (Figure 2c), respectively. These signals are further downfield than those of  $[3]PF_6$ ( $\delta$ =7.59 (H<sub>a</sub>), 2.68 ppm (H<sub>b</sub>); Figure 2a).<sup>[21]</sup> A broadened <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic signal at  $\delta$ =4.73 ppm is assigned to the hydrogen atoms of the ethylene ligand. The integrated peak area ratio between the signals of ethylene and triazole at -35°C is consistent with the formulation in Scheme 4a.

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These mass and NMR spectroscopic results indicate 1:1 complexation of [**3**]PF<sub>6</sub> with [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)]. Small differences in the positions of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic signals of NCH<sub>2</sub> and methyl hydrogen atoms between [(**3**)PtCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)]PF<sub>6</sub> ( $\delta$ =4.49 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.35 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.22 ppm (Me)) and [**3**]PF<sub>6</sub> ( $\delta$ =4.36, 4.20, 2.22 ppm) suggest that the structure that has the NCH<sub>2</sub> group interacts with DB24C8 through multiple hydrogen bonds. Job plots obtained from the position of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic signal of H<sub>a</sub> and H<sub>a</sub>" showed a maximum at a mole fraction of 0.5, which confirmed formation of the 1:1 complex [(**3**)PtCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)]PF<sub>6</sub> (Figure 4).



Figure 4. Job plots for treatment of [**3**]PF<sub>6</sub> with K[PtCl<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)] to afford [(**3**)PtCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)]PF<sub>6</sub> obtained from <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic peak position of H<sub>a</sub>",  $\delta$ (H<sub>a</sub>"), ([[**3**]PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>0</sub>+[K[PtCl<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)]]<sub>0</sub>=10 mM, in CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 20 °C). (X<sub>1</sub>=molar fraction of [**3**]PF<sub>6</sub>;  $\Delta\delta$  [ppm]=| $\delta$ (H<sub>a</sub>) $-\delta$ (H<sub>a</sub>", observed in the mixture of [**3**]PF<sub>6</sub> and K[PtCl<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)])|.

The formation constant of the Pt-containing rotaxane was estimated to be  $K_a = 1.0 \times 10^2 \,\mathrm{m^{-1}}$  in CD<sub>3</sub>CN at  $-20 \,^{\circ}$ C by Scatchard analysis of the mixture of [**3**]PF<sub>6</sub> and K[PtCl<sub>3</sub> (CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)].<sup>[22]</sup> The formation constant for **5** from K[PtCl<sub>3</sub> (CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)] and phenyl benzyl-1,2,3-triazole was similarly determined to be  $8.6 \,\mathrm{m^{-1}}$  (CD<sub>3</sub>CN,  $-20 \,^{\circ}$ C).<sup>[23]</sup> Temperature dependence of the association constants (Figure 5) gave thermodynamic parameters for formation of the platinum(II) complexes to be  $\Delta G^{\circ} = -7.4 \,\mathrm{kJ \,mol^{-1}}$ ,  $\Delta H^{\circ} =$ 



 $-52 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ , and  $\Delta S^{\circ} = -23 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$  for  $[(3)\text{PtCl}_2(\text{CH}_2 = \text{CH}_2)]\text{PF}_6$ , and  $\Delta G^{\circ} = -4.0 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta H^{\circ} = -11 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ , and  $\Delta S^{\circ} = -7.1 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$  for **5**, respectively. These results indicate that the triazole group of rotaxane  $[3]^+$  coordinates to  $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{CH}_2 = \text{CH}_2)]$  more strongly than phenyl benzyl-1,2,3-triazole, which forms **5** upon coordination to  $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{CH}_2 = \text{CH}_2)]$ .

Neutral rotaxane 4 also reacted with K[PtCl<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)] to produce [(4)PtCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)]. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the mixture (Figure 2d) shows peaks due to triazole hydrogen ( $\delta = 8.61$  ppm) and  $\alpha$ -hydrogen ( $\delta = 2.86$  ppm) atoms with significant broadening. They can be assigned to the signals of [(4)PtCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)], H<sub>a</sub>" and H<sub>b</sub>", respectively. The corresponding signals of 4 ( $\delta$ =7.83, 2.51 ppm) were not observed possibly owing to severe broadening. The ESI mass spectrum of the mixture exhibits the highest peak at m/z1459.3908 (calcd as  $[(4)PtCl_2(CH_2=CH_2)]+K: 1459.3938$ ). Keeping the solution for two weeks caused a decrease in broadening of the signals originally at  $\delta = 8.61$  ppm to  $\delta =$ 7.83/7.84 ppm (free) and  $\delta = 8.45/8.50$  ppm (complexed). Comparison of the peak intensity showed a relative ratio of 4 to  $[(4)PtCl_2(CH_2=CH_2)]$  to be 0.69:0.31 at 27 °C in CD<sub>3</sub>CN. This corresponds to a formation constant of approximately  $9.0 \times 10^2 \,\mathrm{m}^{-1}$ .

#### Conclusion

In summary, we succeeded in the syntheses of rotaxanes with a 1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazole unit and their platinum(II) complexes. Copper-catalyzed Huisgen coupling introduced not only the bulky end group but also the triazole group to the axle component of the rotaxane. The rotaxane ligands in this study are revealed to coordinate more strongly to platinum(II) than the organic triazole. The formation constants of the platinum complexes of the triazole compounds at 27 °C decrease in the order:  $[(4)PtCl_2(CH_2=CH_2)]$ (ca.  $9 \times 10^2 \text{ M}^{-1} > [(3)PtCl_2(CH_2=CH_2)]PF_6$   $(19 \text{ M}^{-1}) > [PtCl_2$  $(CH_2=CH_2)(Ph-C_2HN_3-CH_2Ph)]PF_6$   $(4.9 \text{ M}^{-1})$ , with the latter two obtained by interpolation of the van't Hoff plots.

Thus, the neutral and cationic rotaxanes with a triazole group bind to the  $Pt^{II}$  center more strongly than the  $Ph-C_2HN_3-CH_2Ph$  in spite of severe steric hindrance of the cyclic component in the rotaxane ligand. The triazole–platinum bond of the rotaxanes may prevent shuttling of the cyclic component, but its dissociation might enable the motion across the entire molecule. Leigh et al. have reported that bulky trialkylsilyl groups of the axle component work as a ratchet to block molecular shuttling.<sup>[24]</sup> Further studies on controlling the dissociation of the rotaxane ligand from  $Pt^{II}$  or other transition-metal centers are now in progress.

Figure 5. Van't Hoff plots of the reactions for a) formation of  $[(3)PtCl_2 (CH_2=CH_2)]PF_6$  and for b) formation of **5** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

## **Experimental Section**

#### General

# Dried solvents were purchased from Kanto Chemical Co., Inc. K[PtCl<sub>3</sub> (CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)] was prepared according to the literature.<sup>[25]</sup> Other chemicals were commercially available. NMR spectra (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C[<sup>1</sup>H], <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY, <sup>13</sup>C[<sup>1</sup>H]-<sup>1</sup>H COSY) were recorded with Varian MERCURY300 and Bruker Biospin Avance instruments. The chemical shifts were referenced with respect to CHCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$ =7.26 ppm) and CD<sub>2</sub>HCN ( $\delta$ =1.93 ppm) for <sup>1</sup>H, and CDcl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$ =77.0 ppm) and CD<sub>3</sub>CN ( $\delta$ =1.30 ppm) for <sup>13</sup>C as internal standards. IR absorption spectra were recorded with Shimadzu FTIR-8100 spectrometers. Fast-atom bombardment mass spectra (FAB-MS) were obtained with a JEOL JMS-700 (matrix, *m*-nitrobenzylalcohol). Electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (ESI-MS) was recorded with a Yanaco MT-5 CHN autorecorder.

#### $[FcCH=NCH_2C_6H_4-4-OCH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2C\equiv CH]$

A solution of ferrocenecarboxaldehyde (2.14 g, 10.0 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>NCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CHCCH (2.54 g, 12.5 mmol) in nBuOH/ EtOH (40 mL:10 mL) was heated to reflux for 1 day. The reaction mixture was then evaporated to yield the crude product, which was purified by recrystallization from Et<sub>2</sub>O/n-hexane to yield [FcCH=NCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CHCCH] as a reddish-brown solid (3.99 g, 10 mmol, quantitative). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>]DMSO, RT):  $\delta = 1.57$  (m, 2H;  $CH_2$ ), 1.77 (m, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.21 (td,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 7$  Hz,  ${}^{4}J(H,H) = 2$  Hz, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>CCH), 2.76 (m, 1H; CCH), 3.94 (t, <sup>3</sup>J(H,H)=6 Hz, 2H; OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.16 (s, 5H; C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 4.38 (m, 2H; C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 4.49 (s, 2H; NCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.63 (m, 2H;  $C_5H_4$ ), 6.88 (d,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 8$  Hz, 2H;  $C_6H_4$ ), 7.19 (d,  ${}^{3}(H,H) = 8$  Hz, 2H; C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 8.24 ppm (s, 1H; NCH); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, [D<sub>6</sub>]DMSO, RT):  $\delta = 17.4$  (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 63.6, 66.8, 68.2, 68.8 (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 70.0, 71.4, 80.8, 84.3, 114.3 ( $C_6H_4$ ), 129.0 ( $C_6H_4$ ), 131.8 ( $C_6H_4$ ), 157.4 (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 160.8 ppm (N=C); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>25</sub>FeNO: C 72.19, H 6.31, N 3.51; found: C 72.52, H 6.27, N 3.51.

#### Complex [1 b]PF<sub>6</sub>

 $[FcCH=NCH_2C_6H_4-4-OCH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2C\equiv CH] \quad (500 \text{ mg}, 1.25 \text{ mmol})$ was dissolved in MeOH (5.0 mL) at 0°C. NaBH<sub>4</sub> (350 mg, 9.25 mmol) was added to the solution and stirred for 1 day in an ice bath, which was allowed to rise to room temperature. The resulting solution was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O and mixed with HCl (6 M). The resulting solution was fractionated by the addition of n-hexane/EtOAc and water. The separated organic phase was evaporated to give the crude product, which was dissolved in CH2Cl2. The solution was washed with water, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and evaporated to yield [1b]Cl (220 mg, 5.03 mmol, 40%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR of [1a]Cl (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, RT):  $\delta = 1.71$  (m, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.83 (m, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.97 (t,  ${}^{4}J(H,H) = 4$  Hz, 1H; CCH), 2.23 (td,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) =$  $8 \text{ Hz}, {}^{4}J(\text{H},\text{H}) = 4 \text{ Hz}, 2 \text{ H}; \text{ CH}_{2}$ , 3.73 (s, 2 H; NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.80 (s, 2 H; NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.87 (t,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 4$  Hz, 2H; OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.11 (s, 5H; C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 4.20 (s, 2H;  $C_5H_4$ ), 4.42 (s, 2H;  $C_5H_4$ ), 6.85 (d,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 8$  Hz, 2H;  $C_6H_4$ ), 7.42 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{-1}$ (H,H) = 8 Hz, 2H;  $C_6H_4$ ), 9.78 ppm (s, 2H; NH<sub>2</sub>). Compound [1b]Cl was used without further purification. A suspension of [1b]Cl (312 mg, 0.713 mmol) in CH2Cl2 (5 mL) was stirred with saturated NH4PF6 (aq 10 mL) for 0.5 h at room temperature. The resulting mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the organic layer was separated. Addition of CHCl<sub>3</sub> to the solution resulted in separation of  $[1b]PF_6$  as a yellow solid, which was collected by filtration (130 mg, 0.238 mmol, 33%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, RT): δ=1.66 (m, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.85 (m, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.17 (t,  ${}^{4}J(H,H) = 3$  Hz, 1 H; CCH), 2.25 (dt,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 7$  Hz,  ${}^{4}J(H,H) = 3$  Hz, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.01 (t, <sup>3</sup>J(H,H)=6 Hz, 2H; OCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.02 (s, 2H; NCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.04 (s, 2H; NCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.20 (s, 5H;  $C_5H_5$ ), 4.27 (m, 2H;  $C_5H_4$ ), 4.37 (m, 2H;  $C_5H_4$ ), 6.75 (br, 2H; NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.69 (d,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 9$  Hz, 2H;  $C_6H_4$ ), 7.33 ppm (d,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 9$  Hz, 2H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>);  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}$  NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, RT): δ=18.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.6 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 51.5 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 68.6, 70.1 (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 70.6, 71.6, 76.6 (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 85.2 (C $\equiv$ C), 115.9 (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 123.4  $(C_6H_4)$ , 132.8  $(C_6H_4)$ , 161.1 ppm  $(C_6H_4)$ ; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>6</sub>FeNOP: C 52.67, H 5.16, N 2.56; found: C 52.73, H 5.42, N 2.61.

#### Complex [2 a]PF<sub>6</sub>

A crystal of [2a]PF<sub>6</sub> was obtained by recrystallization from a solution of [1a]PF<sub>6</sub> (48 mg, 0.10 mmol) and DB24C8 (45 mg, 0.10 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (3.0 mL) by diffusion of the vapor of *n*-hexane at room temperature (55 mg,  $5.9 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol, 59%). IR (KBr disk, RT):  $\tilde{\nu}$  = 3195 (N–H), 3065 (N–H), 843 (P–F), 558 cm<sup>-1</sup> (P–F); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>54</sub>F<sub>6</sub>FeNO<sub>9</sub>P: C 55.55, H 5.85, N 1.51; found: C 55.33, H 5.90, N 1.40.

#### Complex $[2b]PF_6$

The pseudorotaxane [2b]PF<sub>6</sub> formed by was mixing  $[FcCH_2NH_2CH_2C_6H_4-4-OCH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2C=CH]PF_6$ (2.7 mg, 4.9× 10<sup>-3</sup> mmol) and DB24C8 (2.5 mg, 5.6×10<sup>-3</sup> mmol) in CD<sub>3</sub>CN (0.50 mL) at 20 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 20 °C):  $\delta = 1.61$  (m, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>-axle), 1.65 (m, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>-axle), 2.17 (m, 2H), 2.23 (t,  ${}^{4}J(H,H) = 4$  Hz, 1H; C = CH), 4.27–3.58 (37 H), 4.37 (m, 2H; NCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.53 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*(H,H) = 8 Hz, 2H;  $C_6H_4$ -axle), 6.95–6.89 (10H), 7.16 ppm (d,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 8$  Hz, 2H;  $C_6H_4$ axle); MS (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>60</sub>FeNO<sub>9</sub>: 850.3613 [2b]<sup>+</sup>; found: 850.3635.

#### Complex [3]PF<sub>6</sub>

A solution of [1b]PF<sub>6</sub> (200 mg, 0.37 mmol), DB24C8 (194 mg, 0.43 mmol), N<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>-3,5-Me<sub>2</sub> (142 mg, 0.60 mmol), and [Cu(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub> (274 mg, 0.74 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (8.0 mL) was stirred for 2 days at room temperature. The resulting solution was evaporated to give the crude product, which was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (n-hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O/acetone 10:0:0, 7:3:0, then 0:6:4) and re-precipitated from Et<sub>2</sub>O/n-hexane to yield [3]PF<sub>6</sub> as a yellow solid (420 mg, 0.34 mmol, 92%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 20 °C):  $\delta = 1.71-$ 1.74 (4H; CH<sub>2</sub>-axle), 2.22 (s, 6H; Me), 2.68 (t,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 7$  Hz, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.56-3.66 (m, 8H; CH2-DB24C8), 3.70-3.88 (16H), 3.93 (s, 5H; C5H5), 3.98 (m, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>-axle), 4.02–4.07 (4H), 4.06 (m, 2H), 4.10–4.17 (4H), 4.20 (m, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.36 (m, 2H; NCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.46 (t,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 5$  Hz, 2H, CH2-DB24C8), 4.49 (m, 2H; NCH2), 6.50 (s, 2H; C6H3), 6.52 (d, 3J- $(H,H) = 9 Hz, 2H; C_6H_4$ -axle), 6.88 (s, 8H;  $C_6H_4$ -DB24C8), 7.12 (brs, 2H; NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.16 (d,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 9$  Hz, 2H; C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.59 ppm (s, 1H;  $C_{\text{triazole}}H$ ); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 20°C):  $\delta = 21.5$  (Me), 26.0 (CH2), 26.8 (CH2), 29.4 (CH2), 49.4 (NCH2), 50.8 (NCH2), 52.7, 68.1, 68.4, 69.1, 69.8, 70.0, 70.2, 70.3, 71.3, 71.7 (C5H4), 77.9 (C5H4), 113.3, 113.7, 115.2 (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 122.4, 123.1 (C<sub>triazole</sub>-H), 123.5, 125.1, 131.9 (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 140.3 (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 148.3 (C<sub>triazole</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 148.8 (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-DB24C8), 159.9 (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 160.4 ppm (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>); IR (KBr disk, RT): v=3156 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3069 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 841 (PF<sub>6</sub>), 558 cm<sup>-1</sup> (PF<sub>6</sub>); MS (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>60</sub>H<sub>77</sub>FeN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>11</sub>: 1085.4983 1085.4955; elemental analysis calcd (%) for [**3**]<sup>+</sup>: found: C<sub>60</sub>H<sub>77</sub>FeN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>11</sub>PF<sub>6</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O): C 57.69, H 6.37, N 4.49; found: C 57.63, H 6.42, N 4.38.

#### Complex 4

Et<sub>3</sub>N (57 µL, 0.41 mmol) and acetic anhydride (39 µL, 0.41 mmol) were added to a solution of [3]PF<sub>6</sub> (101 mg, 0.082 mmol) in MeCN (3.0 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. After the removal of the solvent by evaporation, the product was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (EtOAc/n-hexane 2:1) to yield 4 as yellow solid (82 mg, 0.073 mmol, 89%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 20°C):  $\delta = 1.63 - 1.71$  (4H; CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.97 (s, 3H; C(=O)Me), 2.15 (s, 6H;  $C_6H_3$ -3,5-( $CH_3$ )<sub>2</sub>), 2.51 (t,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 4$  Hz, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.67–4.20 (43H), 4.37 (m, 2H; NCH2), 4.83 (m, 2H; NCH2), 6.41 (s, 2H; C6H3), 6.51 (s, 2H; C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 6.81–6.81 (10H), 7.02 and 7.08 (d,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 8$ Hz, 2H;  $C_6H_4O$ ), 7.83 ppm (s, 1H;  $C_{triazole}H$ ); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN,  $20^{\circ}$ C):  $\delta = 21.4, 22.1, 22.2, 26.0, 26.6, 29.4, 44.7, 47.4, 47.7, 49.5, 51.5, 67.6,$ 68.6, 68.6, 68.8, 68.9, 69.1, 69.2, 69.4, 69.6, 69.6, 70.0, 70.6, 71.4, 84.7, 84.9, 113.2, 115.4, 115.7, 121.6, 122.9, 123.7, 128.9, 130.0, 130.1, 130.8, 139.3, 147.3 ( $C_6H_4$ -DB24C8), 159.3, 139.5, 160.0, 170.8, 170.9 ppm (the <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum shows splitting signals probably, due to the s-cis and s-trans conformational structures of the amide group); IR (KBr disk, RT):  $\tilde{\nu} = 1651 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (C=O); MS (ESI): m/z calcd for  $C_{62}H_{79}\text{FeN}_4O_{12}$ : 1127.5044 [2+H]+; found: 1127.5040; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>62</sub>H<sub>78</sub>FeN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>12</sub>: C 66.07, H 6.97, N 4.97; found: C 65.82, H 6.98, N 4.81.

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#### Complex [(3)PtCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)]PF<sub>6</sub>

An NMR spectroscopy tube was charged with [**3**]PF<sub>6</sub> (14.8 mg,  $1.2 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) and K[PtCl<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)] (4.4 mg,  $1.2 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol), which were then dissolved in CD<sub>3</sub>CN (0.50 mL). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C[<sup>1</sup>H] NMR spectra showed formation of [(**3**)PtCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)]PF<sub>6</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 20 °C):  $\delta$ =1.71 (m, 2H), 1.93 (m, 2H), 2.22 (s, 6H; C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>-3,5-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.01 (t, <sup>3</sup>J(H,H) = 4 Hz, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.57-4.20 (45 H), 4.35 (m, 2H; NCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.49 (m, 2H; NCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.57 (m, 2H), 4.73 (br, 4H; CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>) 6.51-6.58 (5H; C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 6.89 (s, 8H; CH<sub>2</sub>-DB24C8), 7.16 (d, <sup>3</sup>J-(H,H) = 8 Hz, 2H; C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.91 ppm (s, 1H; C<sub>triazole</sub>H); <sup>13</sup>C[<sup>1</sup>H] NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 20 °C):  $\delta$ =21.5, 25.8, 26.2, 29.2, 49.4, 52.5, 52.6, 68.0, 68.2, 69.1, 69.3, 69.4, 69.5, 69.6, 69.7 (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 70.0 (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 70.3 (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 71.8, 113.7, 115.1, 122.3, 123.5, 125.1, 126, 131.8, 140.3, 148.7 (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-DB24C8), 149.0, 149.5, 159.8, 160.3 ppm; MS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>62</sub>H<sub>81</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>FeN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>11</sub>Pt: 1379.4274 [(1)PtCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)]<sup>+</sup>; found: 1379.4377.

## Complex [(4)PtCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)]

An NMR spectroscopy tube was charged with 2 (13.6 mg,  $1.2 \times$  $10^{-2}$  mmol) and K[PtCl<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)] (4.4 mg,  $1.2 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol), which were then dissolved in CD<sub>3</sub>CN (0.50 mL). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra showed formation of [(4)PtCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 20°C):  $\delta = 1.75 - 1.81$  (CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.97 (s, 3H; COCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.15 (s, 6H; C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>-3,5-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 2.74 (s, 2H), 3.40-4.24 (47H), 4.38 (m, 2H; NCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.25 (m, 2H; NCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.36 (s, 2H; C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 6.53 (s, 1H; C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 6.80-6.89 (10H), 7.04 and 7.10 (d,  ${}^{3}J(H,H) = 8$  Hz, 2H; C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 8.61 ppm (s, 1H; C<sub>triazole</sub>H); selected <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR data (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 20 °C):  $\delta$ =21.4, 22.1, 22.2, 25.8, 25.9, 29.0, 44.7, 47.4, 47.7, 51.0, 51.1, 67.5, 67.8, 68.2, 69.1, 69.2, 69.6, 69.8, 67.0, 70.7, 71.7, 113.0, 113.1, 115.4, 115.7, 121.7, 123.1, 128.2, 128.9, 130.0, 140.0 149.0, 159.8, 170.8 ppm (the  $^{13}\mathrm{C}\{^{1}\mathrm{H}\}\,\mathrm{NMR}$  spectrum shows splitting signals probably due to the s-cis and s-trans conformational structures of the amide group); MS (ESI): m/z calcd for  $C_{64}H_{82}Cl_2FeN_4O_{12}PtNa$  and  $C_{64}H_{82}Cl_2FeN_4O_{12}PtK$ : 1443.4200 [(4)PtCl\_2  $(CH_2=CH_2)+Na]^+$  and 1459.3938  $[(4)PtCl_2(CH_2=CH_2)+K]^+$ ; found: 1443.4152 and 1459.3908.

#### Complex 5

Crystals of **5** suitable for X-ray diffraction studies were obtained as follows. The mixing of Ph–C<sub>2</sub>HN<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>2</sub>Ph (30 mg, 0.13 mmol) with K[PtCl<sub>3</sub> (CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)] (70 mg, 0.19 mmol) in a solution of acetone/acetonitrile (2.0 mL:1.0 mL) induced KCl solids, which were separated by filtration. The filtrate was then concentrated and the product was recrystallized from an acetone/*n*-hexane solution to give **5** as yellow crystals (20 mg, 0.038 mmol), which were analyzed by crystallography. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, RT):  $\delta$ =5.59 (s, 2H; CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.45–7.33 (8H; Ph), 7.85 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*(H,H)=8 Hz, 2H; C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>), 8.13 ppm (s, 1H; C<sub>2</sub>HN<sub>3</sub>).

# Estimation of the Association Constants for Platinum Complexes $[3]PF_6$ and 5

Several NMR spectroscopic samples that contained [3]PF<sub>6</sub> at a fixed concentration (25 mM) and K[PtCl<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)] at various concentrations in CD<sub>3</sub>CN were prepared. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the samples were measured at several fixed temperatures. Chemical shifts of the triazole hydrogen atoms ( $\delta$ H) were obtained at each temperature. The concentrations, [K-[PtCl<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)]]=17–30 mM, were found to be optimal for the following Scatchard analysis with the appropriate "P value."<sup>[22a]</sup> Values of K<sub>a</sub> are determined by calculation on the basis of the following equation [Eq. (1)] (Scatchard equation<sup>[22]</sup>):

$$\frac{\delta(\mathsf{H}_{a}^{''}) - \delta(\mathsf{H}_{a})}{[\mathsf{K}[\mathsf{PtCI}_{3}(\mathsf{CH}_{2}=\mathsf{CH}_{2})]]_{\mathsf{eq}}} = -\mathcal{K}_{\mathsf{a}}(\delta(\mathsf{H}_{a}^{''}) - \delta(\mathsf{H}_{a})) + Z \tag{1}$$

in which  $\delta(H_a)$  is the chemical shift of the observed triazole hydrogen signal in the equilibrium mixture,  $\delta(H_a'')$  is the chemical shift of triazole hydrogen of [3]PF<sub>6</sub>, [K[PtCl<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)]]<sub>eq</sub> is the concentration of K-[PtCl<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>)] in the equilibrium mixture, and Z is the constant. The association constants for **5** were similarly determined.

#### Crystal Structure Determination

Crystals of [2a]PF<sub>6</sub> and **5** suitable for X-ray diffraction studies were obtained by recrystallization from CHCl<sub>3</sub>/*n*-hexane and acetone/acetonitrile, respectively. CCDC 818203 ([2a]PF<sub>6</sub>) and 818204 (**5**) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\_request/cif.

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