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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study  $T=293~\mathrm{K}$  Mean  $\sigma(\mathrm{C-C})=0.010~\mathrm{\mathring{A}}$  R factor = 0.032 wR factor = 0.081 Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.6

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# Chloro[2-(2,2'-bipyridyl-6-yl)-5-methylphenyl]-platinum(II)

The title compound,  $[Pt(C_{17}H_{13}N_2)Cl]$ , has a distorted square-planar coordination geometry at the platinum(II) center due to the constraints of the tridentate 6-phenyl-2,2'-bipyridine. No metal–metal interaction was found in the crystal structure.

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#### Comment

Luminescent square-planar platinum(II) complexes with cyclometalated ligands such as 6-phenyl-2,2'-bipyridine have been receiving much attention because of their rich excited states (Lai et al., 2002) and applications as chemical sensors (Che et al., 2003), antitumor agents (Ma & Che, 2003) and organic light-emitting diode (OLED) doping materials (Lu, Mi et al., 2002). In addition, these square-planar complexes often stack to form weak metal-metal interactions in the solid state, with significant variations in their electronic spectra (Lai et al., 2002; Miskowski & Houlding, 1991). However, this metal-metal interaction is highly dependent on the surrounding environment, including the recrystallization medium, counter-ion and inter-ligand steric repulsion, to produce different colors and different crystalline structures (Field et al., 2002; Lu, Mi et al., 2002; Bailey et al., 1995). Recently, we have synthesized a new mononuclear cyclometalated platinum(II) complex, (I), and obtained two crystal forms, their colors being yellow and red, by vapor diffusion of diethyl ether into the CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution.

The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The coordination geometry of the Pt atom is distorted square planar. The N2-Pt1-C16 and N2-Pt1-N1 angles deviate from idealized geometry. This is due to the geometry constraints imposed by the tridentate ligand and is typical for platinum(II) complexes with 6-phenyl-2,2'-bipyridine or terpyridine ligands (Field *et al.*, 2002; Lu, Zhu & Che, 2002; Hofmann *et al.*, 2003). The two Pt-N bond distances are significantly different and comparable with the Pt-N bond in analogous complexes (Lai *et al.*, 1999; Hofmann *et al.*, 2003). In the crystal packing diagram (Fig. 2), the complexes are orientated in a head-to-tail style along the *c* axis and form a

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continuous stack with a shortest intermolecular  $Pt \cdots Pt$  distance of 6.283 Å.

#### **Experimental**

The ligand 6-(4-methylphenyl)-2,2'-bipyridine was prepared according to the literature method of Kröhnke (1976). A mixture of equal amounts of ligand and  $K_2PtCl_4$  in  $CH_3CN/H_2O$  (1:1,  $\nu/\nu)$  was refluxed for 20 h to give a deep-red solution, which was evaporated to dryness. The solid residue was extracted with dichloromethane and then concentrated. A yellow precipitate appeared upon addition of diethyl ether. Recrystallization by vapor diffusion of diethyl ether into a  $CH_2Cl_2/CH_3CN$  (1:1,  $\nu/\nu)$  mixture yielded yellow and red crystals. The yellow crystals were suitable for X-ray crystallography. The red form is very soft and brittle, and is not suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis.

#### Crystal data

$[Pt(C_{17}H_{13}N_2)Cl]$	$D_x = 2.156 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 475.83$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Cell parameters from 942
a = 8.418 (3)  Å	reflections
b = 11.517 (5)  Å	$\theta = 2.7 - 26.3^{\circ}$
c = 15.363 (6)  Å	$\mu = 9.75 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 100.250 \ (7)^{\circ}$	T = 293 (2)  K
$V = 1465.7 (10) \text{ Å}^3$	Block, yellow
Z = 4	$0.22 \times 0.18 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector	2975 independent reflections
diffractometer	2334 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.042$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 26.3^{\circ}$
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	$h = -10 \rightarrow 9$
$T_{\min} = 0.140, T_{\max} = 0.310$	$k = -14 \rightarrow 13$
8203 measured reflections	$l = -13 \to 19$

#### Refinement

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Refinement on $F^2$	H-atom parameters constrained
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0439P)^2]$
$wR(F^2) = 0.081$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.01	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.003$
2975 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 1.48 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$
191 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\min} = -2.32 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$

**Table 1** Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Pt1-N2	1.940 (5)	Pt1-N1	2.107 (5)
N2-Pt1-C16	82.1 (2)	N2-Pt1-N1	79.9 (2)

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding [C—H = 0.96 Å for methyl and C—H = 0.93 Å for other H atoms;  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2 U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$  or  $1.5 U_{\rm eq}({\rm C}_{\rm methyl})$ ]. The highest peak in the final difference map was associated with atom N2 (0.94 Å) and the deepest hole was associated with atom Pt1 (0.87 Å).

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

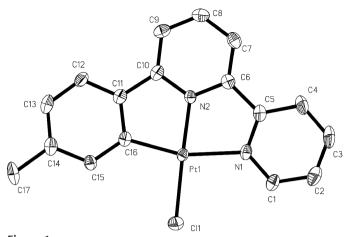


Figure 1
Perspective view of compound (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme.
Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and all H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

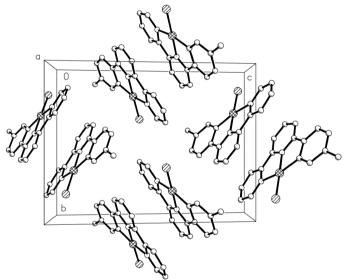


Figure 2
The crystal packing of (I). H atoms have been omitted.

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