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## Crystal Structures of *trans*-Dichloroammine(1-methylcytosine-*N*3)platinum(II) Hemihydrate, $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{NH}_3)(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{O})] \cdot 1/2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , and *trans*-Diamminebis(1-methylcytosine-*N*3)platinum(II) Dinitrate. Evidence for the Unexpected Lability of $\text{NH}_3$ in a *cis*-Diammineplatinum(II) Complex

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Two *trans*-ligand-platinum(II) complexes have been isolated and investigated. *trans*-Dichloroammine(1-methylcytosine-*N*3)platinum(II) hemihydrate,  $[\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)\text{Cl}_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{O})] \cdot 1/2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (A), has the space group  $C2/c$  with  $a = 14.697$  (6) Å,  $b = 6.816$  (1) Å,  $c = 23.225$  (4) Å,  $\beta = 112.03$  (2)°, and eight formula units in the unit cell. *trans*-Diamminebis(1-methylcytosine-*N*3)platinum(II) dinitrate,  $[\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{O})_2](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (B), has space group  $P2_1/c$  with  $a = 6.834$  (2) Å,  $b = 10.315$  (2) Å,  $c = 13.349$  (3) Å,  $\beta = 107.90$  (2)°, and two formula units in the unit cell. Data for both compounds were collected with use of Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation and a Syntex P2<sub>1</sub> diffractometer. Both crystal structures were determined by standard methods. A was refined to  $R_1 = 0.0612$  and  $R_2 = 0.0775$  on the basis of 2503 independent reflections. The final  $R_1 = 0.0346$  and  $R_2 = 0.0410$  for B were based on 1687 independent reflections. A has normal bond distances (Pt-Cl = 2.288 (5), 2.296 (5) Å; Pt-N(pyrimidine) = 2.03 (1) Å; Pt-N(ammonia) = 2.04 (1) Å) and angles, and the pyrimidine ring is at an angle of 64° to the ligand square plane. A is formed from chloro-*cis*-diammine(1-methylcytosine-*N*3)platinum(II) chloride in aqueous solution at room temperature. A mechanism is proposed for its formation, and possible implications with regard to the binding properties of *cis*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> are discussed. B also has normal bond distances (Pt-N(ammonia) = 2.067 (10) Å; Pt-N(pyrimidine) = 2.023 (8) Å) and angles; the pyrimidine-square-plane dihedral angle is larger (78°).

### Introduction

The discovery of the antitumor activity of *cis*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> by Rosenberg and co-workers<sup>2</sup> has stimulated great interest in platinum-nucleic acid interactions. There appears to be wide agreement that *cis*-(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt<sup>II</sup> is acting as a bifunctional electrophile with cross-linking of DNA.<sup>3,4</sup> The sites of platinum coordination are still under discussion, but a kinetically controlled preference for guanine has been found.<sup>5</sup> *trans*-(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt<sup>II</sup>, although acting as a bifunctional electrophile and cross-linking DNA as well,<sup>6</sup> does not show antitumor activity. No satisfactory explanation for this finding has been suggested.

With respect to the Pt species actually binding to the nucleobases, it has generally been assumed that activation of *cis*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> proceeds via hydrolysis with partial or complete replacement of the chloro ligands.<sup>7</sup> It is assumed the *cis*-diammine arrangement is retained.

We herewith present X-ray structural evidence for the unexpected lability of the NH<sub>3</sub> group in *cis*-[PtCl(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(1-methylcytosine)]Cl. This compound releases ammonia at room temperature in aqueous solution with formation of *trans*-PtCl<sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)(1-methylcytosine). This reaction has been observed before by Roos, Thomson, and Eagles in a mass spectroscopic study.<sup>8</sup> Our findings, that this reaction occurs in aqueous solution even at room temperature, opens up the interesting possibility of *cis*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> binding to more than two biomolecules at the same time.

We further report on the X-ray structure of *trans*-diamminebis(1-methylcytosine)platinum(II) dinitrate and compare the two structures. This work is the continuation of our efforts to systematically synthesize and characterize *cis*- and

*trans*-diammineplatinum(II) complexes with nucleobase model compounds in order to get a better understanding of the interaction of *cis* Pt<sup>II</sup> and *trans* Pt<sup>II</sup> with DNA.<sup>9-13</sup>

### Experimental Section

**Preparation of the Compounds.** (a) *trans*-[Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. Formation of this compound originally had been observed upon reaction of "*cis*-[Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>"<sup>14</sup> with 2 equiv of 1-methylcytosine in water.<sup>12</sup> Yields varied between 2 and 5% depending on the *cis*-(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Pt<sup>II</sup> product used. Separation of the *trans* product from the other *cis* products was achieved because of the extremely low solubility of this compound in water. It could be either filtered from the concentrated reaction mixture (after 2-3 days at room temperature) or obtained from the mixture of crystallized compounds by addition of water. The *trans* product was left as the most insoluble product.

Because of the very low solubility of the title compound in H<sub>2</sub>O, we are almost certain that the yields obtained are "real". We do not have any evidence for a *cis*-*trans* isomerization and therefore assume that formation of the *trans* product was a consequence of a small contamination of *trans*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> in the bulk material of *cis*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (obtained from Degussa, FRG).

Formation of the title compound in 85% yield was achieved by reacting *trans*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub><sup>15</sup> with 2 equiv of AgNO<sub>3</sub> (0.6 g of *trans*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0.675 g of AgNO<sub>3</sub>, 50 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O, 40 h, 40 °C), filtration of AgCl, and subsequent reaction of the filtrate with 2 equiv of 1-methylcytosine (500 mg, 40 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O, 5 h, 80 °C, pH 5, stoppered flask). Upon slow concentration to a 10-mL volume, colorless, transparent crystals (up to 3 mm in length) were obtained. Recrystallization was from boiling water. Anal. Calcd: C, 19.9; H, 3.4; N, 23.2; Pt, 32.3. Found: C, 20.1; H, 3.5; N, 22.9; Pt, 32.2.

(b) *trans*-[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)(H<sub>3</sub>N<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)]·1/2H<sub>2</sub>O. Formation of this compound was observed when a sample of *cis*-[PtCl(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)]Cl·H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>16</sup> was recrystallized from H<sub>2</sub>O or D<sub>2</sub>O at either 50 or 22 °C. Since selected single crystals of the almost colorless

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cis complex had been used, formation of yellow crystals of the trans compound was discovered.

This compound has also been isolated from the reaction mixture of *cis*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and 1-methylcytosine (1:1) in water which gave *cis*-[Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)]Cl·H<sub>2</sub>O as the major product.<sup>16</sup>

Yields of *trans*-[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)]·1/2 H<sub>2</sub>O were increased by addition of NaCl or HCl to an aqueous solution of *cis*-[PtCl(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)]Cl·H<sub>2</sub>O. No attempts were made to optimize the yields. However, preliminary results indicate that more frequent filtration of the precipitated compound substantially increases the yields. Crystals obtained from NaCl solution are considerably larger than those obtained from HCl solution.

A 160-mg sample of *cis*-[PtCl(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)]Cl·H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>16</sup> and 200 mg of NaCl were dissolved in 5 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O at 40 °C and then kept at room temperature in an open flask (pH 5.25). Within 4–6 days well-shaped yellow columns of the title compound had formed (pH 5.5). The crystals were filtered, washed with some water, and dried in air (first crop 15 mg). The solution was kept at 5-mL volume, and every 5 days the precipitate was filtered off. After 3 weeks a total of 36 mg had been collected (24% yield). The pH of the yellow solution at that time was 7.3. Recrystallization was from water.

In an analogous procedure a few drops of 0.2 N HCl was added instead of NaCl (pH 2.0) and the solution kept at 5-mL volume. Yellow crystals of the title compound were collected every few days. The yield within 3 weeks was 31%. pH at that time was 2.05. Recrystallization was from water. Anal. Calcd: C, 14.3; H, 2.6; N, 13.3; Pt, 46.4. Found: C, 14.5; H, 2.9; N, 13.2; Pt, 45.5.

(c) *cis*-[Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]Cl<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O. A 200-mg sample of *cis*-[PtCl(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)]Cl·H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>16</sup> was dissolved in 4 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O at room temperature (pH 5.4). A 56-mg sample of 1-methylcytosine was added, and the colorless solution was kept in a 80 °C waterbath for 7 h (stoppered flask). Then the solution was transferred into an open beaker and kept at room temperature (pH 6.4). After 2 days, 90 mg of colorless needles of *cis*-[Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]Cl<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O were filtered off, washed with 0.5 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O, and briefly dried in air. After another day yellow crystals of *trans*-[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)] had formed and so had more colorless crystals of the *cis* product. Separation was by addition of 4 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O: 5 mg of the yellow crystals of *trans*-[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)] remained undissolved. Concentration of the solution yielded 130 mg of *cis*-[Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]Cl<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O. Crystals of the title compound lose water slowly when kept in air and quickly if dried in vacuo. Loss of water is accompanied by a loss of transparency. Identification of the *cis* compound was by IR and Raman spectra<sup>17</sup> and elemental analysis. Anal. Calcd: C, 19.3; H, 4.5; N, 18.0; Pt, 31.3. Found: C, 19.4; H, 4.6; N, 17.6; Pt, 32.0.

(d) *trans*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> from [Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Cl]Cl. [Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Cl]Cl was prepared according to the published procedure.<sup>18</sup> A 300-mg sample of [Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Cl]Cl was dissolved in 3 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O (pH of the pale yellow, clear solution 3.45) and kept in a stoppered flask in a 40 °C water bath for 24 h and then at room temperature. After 1 day at room temperature, the pH had risen to 5.20 and some yellow crystalline precipitate had formed. After 5 days, the pH was 6.5 and the precipitate was filtered off. It consisted of deep yellow crystals of *trans*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and colorless microcrystals of unknown composition. Brief treatment of the precipitate with 3 mL of dimethylformamide removed the colorless microcrystals, leaving 15 mg of *trans*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Identification was by IR spectroscopy.

After 2 more weeks at room temperature, more crystals of *trans*-(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>2</sub> had formed. No attempts were made to optimize the yield of *trans*-(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>2</sub>.

**Apparatus.** pH measurements were performed with a Radiometer 20 pH meter and a combination electrode. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 580 (Nujol mulls); Raman spectra on a Coderg PH1 with krypton laser (647.1-nm) excitation.

**Collection of the X-ray Diffraction Data.** Crystals of the two compounds were selected after examination under a polarizing mi-

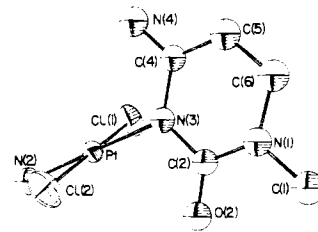


Figure 1. The molecule *trans*-dichloroammine(1-methylcytosine-*N*<sub>3</sub>)platinum(II), showing the atom numbering.

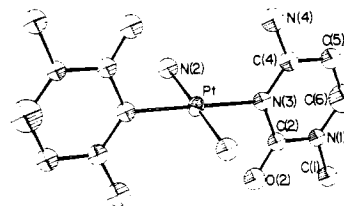


Figure 2. The molecular cation *trans*-diamminebis(1-methylcytosine-*N*<sub>3</sub>)platinum(II), showing the atom numbering.

croscope for homogeneity. The pale yellow crystal of *cis*-dichloroammine(1-methylcytosine-*N*<sub>3</sub>)platinum(II) hemihydrate (A) was mounted roughly along *b*. Precession photographs showed the crystal was monoclinic with the systematic absences of *C*2/*c* or *C**c*. The centric cell was chosen for initial work: the choice was justified by the successful solution of the structure. The colorless crystal of *cis*-diamminebis(1-methylcytosine-*N*<sub>3</sub>)platinum(II) dinitrate (B) was mounted roughly along *a*. Precession photographs showed the crystal was monoclinic with the systematic absences of *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*c*. Unit cell parameters for each crystal were obtained from a least-squares fit of  $\chi$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $2\theta$  for 15 well-centered reflections in the range  $20^\circ < 2\theta < 35^\circ$  recorded on a P2<sub>1</sub> diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71069 \text{ \AA}$  at 22 °C). Crystal data and other numbers related to data collection are summarized in Table I. Densities were obtained by flotation in a diiodomethane-iodoethane mixture. Intensities were measured on the Syntex P2<sub>1</sub> diffractometer using a coupled  $\theta(\text{crystal})-2\theta(\text{counter})$  scan. The methods of selection of scan rates and initial data treatment have been described.<sup>14b,19</sup> Corrections were made for Lorentz-polarization effects and absorption.

**Solution of the Structure.** Both structures were solved in the same way. The coordinates of the platinum atoms were found from three-dimensional Patterson syntheses, and a series of full-matrix least-squares refinements, followed by three-dimensional electron density difference syntheses, revealed all the nonhydrogen atoms, which were previously isotropic, were made anisotropic. Tests were made to show the use of increased parameters was significant.<sup>20</sup> Further refinement using full-matrix least squares and minimizing  $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$  was terminated when the maximum shift/error was  $< 0.01$ . Secondary extinction was applied with use of the method of Larson.<sup>21</sup> Throughout, the scattering curves were taken from ref 22, and anomalous dispersion corrections from ref 23 were applied to the curves for platinum and chlorine. The parameters of nonhydrogen atoms are listed in Tables II and III.<sup>24</sup>

## Results and Discussion

The molecule and molecular cation of the title compounds

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Table I

compd	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>15</sub> Pt	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>10</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Pt
fw	417.1	603.3
cryst size	cylinder; $r = 0.083$ mm, $l = 0.40$ mm	cylinder, $r = 0.062$ mm, $l = 0.25$ mm
systematic absences	$hkl, h + k = 2n + 1$ $h0l, l = 2n + 1$	$0k0, k = 2n + 1$ $h0l, l = 2n + 1$
space group	C2/c (No. 15)	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c (No. 14)
unit cell parameters (Å and deg)	$a = 14.697$ (6) $b = 6.816$ (1) $c = 23.225$ (4) $\beta = 112.03$ (2)	$a = 6.834$ (2) $b = 10.315$ (2) $c = 13.349$ (3) $\beta = 107.90$ (2)
$V, \text{Å}^3$	2157 (1)	895.5 (4)
$Z$	8	2
$\rho_{\text{calcd}}, \text{g cm}^{-3}$	2.57	2.24
$\rho_{\text{obsd}}, \text{g cm}^{-3}$	2.55 (2)	2.22 (2)
linear abs coeff, $\text{cm}^{-1}$	141.4	83.09
transmission coeff limits	5.97–6.86	2.26–2.29
max $2\theta$ , quadrant	50°; $h, k, \pm l$	45°; $h, k, \pm l$
std reflctns	(1) –2, 0, –12; (2) –1, –1, –12	(1) 3, 3, –3; (2) 1, –2, –2
overall esd, %	(1) 1.35; (2) 1.36	(1) 2.1; (2) 2.3
temp, °C	22	22
no. of independent reflctns	2503	1687
no. with $I > 3\sigma(I)$	1795	1055
$3\sigma(I) > I > \sigma(I)$ where $F_c > F_o$	103	73
$3\sigma(I) > I > \sigma(I)$ where $F_c < F_o$	146	180
$I < \sigma(I)$ (rejected)	459	379
final $R_1^a$	0.0612	0.0346
final $R_2^a$	0.0775	0.0410
final shift in esd, max	0.015	0.006
av	0.002	0.0003
$g$ (secondary extinction)	$1.67 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.49 \times 10^{-7}$
final difference map		
highest peak; location	2.99 e/Å <sup>3</sup> ; 0.15, 0.05, 0.37	1.09 e/Å <sup>3</sup> ; 0.40, 0.05, 0.42
lowest valley; location	–2.74 e/Å <sup>3</sup> ; 0.20, 0.05, 0.29	–0.89 e/Å <sup>3</sup> ; 0.40, 0.40, 0.20
weighting	$1/w = 69.34 - 1.083 F_o  + 0.00804 F_o ^2$	$1/w = 9.947 - 0.232 F_o  + 0.00238 F_o ^2$

$$^a R_1 = \Sigma(|F_o| - |F_c|) / \Sigma|F_o|; R_2 = [(\Sigma w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2) / \Sigma w F_o^2]^{1/2}$$

Table II. Atom Parameters and Temperature Factors (Å<sup>2</sup>) for *trans*-Dichloroammine(1-methylcytosine-*N*3)platinum(II) Hemihydrate

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U$
Pt	217.13 (4)	50.79 (6)	328.45 (2)	$a$
Cl(1)	76.3 (3)	–64.3 (6)	336.7 (2)	$a$
Cl(2)	355.9 (3)	170.4 (7)	317.6 (2)	$a$
N(2)	136 (1)	158 (2)	242.2 (6)	46 (3)
N(1)	389.6 (9)	19.2 (6)	519 (2)	38 (2)
C(1)	428 (1)	158 (2)	570.0 (7)	48 (3)
C(2)	335 (1)	83 (2)	461.9 (6)	35 (3)
O(2)	317.9 (7)	257 (2)	452.2 (4)	41 (2)
N(3)	297.4 (8)	–52 (1)	414.7 (5)	32 (2)
C(4)	312 (1)	–250 (2)	427.1 (6)	36 (3)
N(4)	272 (1)	–374 (2)	381.2 (6)	46 (3)
C(5)	373 (1)	–313 (2)	486.8 (7)	46 (3)
C(6)	409 (1)	–180 (2)	530.6 (7)	44 (3)
O(1)	0	498 (5)	250	101 (8)

<sup>a</sup> Anisotropic temperature  $U_{ij}$  were obtained from  $\beta_{ij} = 2\pi^2 \mathbf{b}_i \mathbf{b}_j U_{ij}$  where  $\beta_{ij}$ 's occur as a temperature effect of the form  $\exp[-(\beta_{11}h^2 + \dots + 2\beta_{12}hk + \dots)]$  and  $\mathbf{b}_i$  and  $\mathbf{b}_j$  are the reciprocal lattice vectors. For Pt,  $U_{11} = 37.6$  (3),  $U_{22} = 26.5$  (3),  $U_{33} = 23.9$  (3),  $U_{12} = 1.7$  (2),  $U_{13} = 9.5$  (2), and  $U_{23} = 1.9$  (2). For Cl(1),  $U_{11} = 43$  (2),  $U_{22} = 61$  (2),  $U_{33} = 37$  (2),  $U_{12} = -10$  (2),  $U_{13} = 9$  (1), and  $U_{23} = 12$  (2). For Cl(2),  $U_{11} = 46$  (2),  $U_{22} = 64$  (2),  $U_{33} = 66$  (2),  $U_{12} = -2$  (2),  $U_{13} = 25$  (2), and  $U_{23} = 22$  (2).

are illustrated in Figures 1 and 2, and selected interatomic distances are given in Tables IV and V. The structure of *trans*-dichloroammine(1-methylcytosine-*N*3)platinum(II) (A) is very similar to that of *trans*-dichloro(diisopropyl sulfoxide-*S*)(1-methylcytosine-*N*3)platinum(II)<sup>25</sup> and dichloro(dimethyl sulfoxide-*S*)(1-methylcytidine-*N*3)platinum(II).<sup>26</sup>

Table III. Atom parameters and Temperature Factors (Å<sup>2</sup>) for *trans*-Diamminebis(1-methylcytosine-*N*3)platinum(II) Dinitrate

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U$
Pt	0.0	0.0	0.0	$a$
N(2)	117 (1)	27.3 (8)	–123.4 (6)	34 (2)
N(1)	431 (1)	273.2 (7)	174.3 (6)	25 (2)
Cl(1)	649 (2)	264 (1)	238.6 (8)	37 (2)
C(2)	343 (1)	162.1 (9)	120.5 (7)	27 (2)
O(2)	443 (1)	65.7 (8)	120.7 (6)	38 (2)
N(3)	130 (1)	168.6 (8)	65.8 (6)	26 (3)
C(4)	25 (1)	278.6 (9)	64.3 (7)	28 (2)
N(4)	–181 (1)	278 (1)	12.4 (7)	41 (2)
C(5)	116 (2)	392 (1)	114.8 (8)	36 (2)
C(6)	325 (2)	386 (1)	173.4 (8)	70 (3)
N(10)	264 (1)	144 (1)	365.8 (8)	43 (2)
O(11)	89 (2)	174 (1)	318.5 (8)	66 (2)
O(12)	317 (3)	30 (2)	367 (1)	133 (6)
O(13)	386 (1)	229 (1)	414.1 (8)	60 (2)

<sup>a</sup> Anisotropic temperature  $U_{ij}$  were obtained from  $\beta_{ij} = 2\pi^2 \mathbf{b}_i \mathbf{b}_j U_{ij}$  where  $\beta_{ij}$ 's occur as a temperature effect of the form  $\exp[-(\beta_{11}h^2 + \dots + 2\beta_{12}hk + \dots)]$  and  $\mathbf{b}_i$  and  $\mathbf{b}_j$  are the reciprocal lattice vectors. For Pt,  $U_{11} = 25.0$  (3),  $U_{22} = 25.5$  (3),  $U_{33} = 22.4$  (3),  $U_{12} = -7.5$  (3),  $U_{13} = 4.2$  (2),  $U_{23} = -5.2$  (3).

Equivalent bond distances and angles do not differ significantly from those in the sulfoxide complexes except for the Cl–Pt–N(3) and Cl(1)–Pt–Cl(2) angles. The Cl–Pt–N(3) angles are significantly larger in A (average 90.8 (4) vs. 84.6 (3) and 88.1 (5)°) such that now the chlorine atoms are bent away from the pyrimidine ring (Cl(1)–Pt–Cl(2) 181.6 (4) vs. 174.3 (1) and 176.1 (1)°). This is probably because the NH<sub>3</sub> group is much less bulky than the organic sulfoxides, and the chloride–ammonia repulsion will not be as great as the chloride–sulfoxide repulsion.<sup>25</sup> The dihedral angle between the plane of the pyrimidine ring and the plane of the four ligand atoms is only 64.4°, compared to the much larger angles (84.4, 77.4°) in the sulfoxide complexes.

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**Table IV.** Selected Interatomic Distances (Å) and Angles (Deg) for *trans*-Dichloroammine(1-methylcytosine-*N*3)platinum(II) Hemihydrate<sup>a</sup>

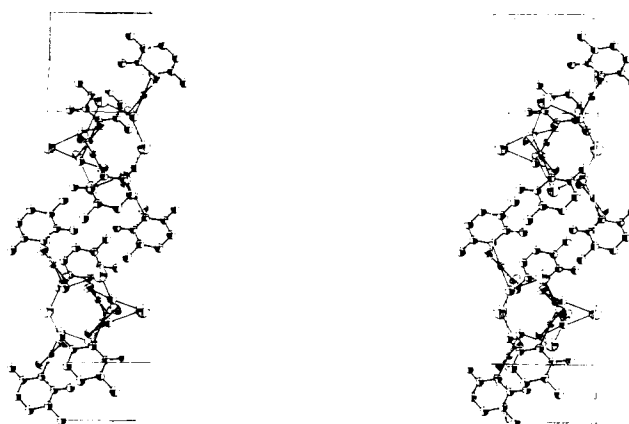
Distances					
Pt-Cl(1)	2.288 (5)	Pt-Cl(2)	2.296 (5)	Pt-N(2)	2.04 (1)
Pt-N(3)	2.03 (1)	N(1)-C(1)	1.45 (2)	N(1)-C(2)	1.34 (2)
C(2)-O(2)	1.22 (2)	C(2)-N(3)	1.38 (2)	N(3)-C(4)	1.38 (2)
C(4)-N(4)	1.32 (2)	C(4)-C(5)	1.41 (2)	C(5)-C(6)	1.32 (2)
C(6)-N(1)	1.39 (2)				
Possible Hydrogen Bond Distances					
N(4)-O(2) <sup>iv</sup>	2.94 (2)	O(1)-N(2)	3.11 (3)	O(1)-N(2) <sup>i</sup>	3.11 (3)
O(1)-Cl(2) <sup>ii</sup>	3.29 (1)	O(1)-Cl(2) <sup>iii</sup>	3.29 (1)	N(2)-Cl(1) <sup>i</sup>	3.33 (1)
Angles					
Cl(1)-Pt-N(2)	89.4 (4)	Cl(1)-Pt-Cl(2)	178.4 (1)	Cl(1)-Pt-N(3)	90.5 (4)
N(2)-Pt-Cl(2)	89.1 (5)	N(2)-Pt-N(3)	179.1 (6)	Cl(2)-Pt-N(3)	91.1 (4)
Pt-N(3)-C(2)	117.6 (8)	Pt-N(3)-C(4)	122.1 (8)	C(1)-N(1)-C(2)	120 (1)
C(1)-N(1)-C(6)	119 (1)	C(6)-N(1)-C(2)	121 (1)	N(1)-C(2)-O(2)	120 (1)
N(1)-C(2)-N(3)	119 (1)	O(2)-C(2)-N(3)	121 (1)	C(2)-N(3)-C(4)	120 (1)
N(3)-C(4)-N(4)	118 (1)	N(3)-C(4)-C(5)	120 (1)	N(4)-C(4)-C(5)	122 (1)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	118 (1)	C(5)-C(6)-N(1)	122 (1)		
Possible Hydrogen Bond Angles					
C(4)-N(4)-O(2)	99.1 (9)	C(2)-O(2)-N(4)	158 (1)	N(2)-O(1)-N(2) <sup>i</sup>	83.5 (9)
N(2)-O(1)-Cl(2) <sup>ii</sup>	72.3 (3)	N(2)-O(1)-Cl(2) <sup>iii</sup>	146.8 (8)	Cl(2) <sup>ii</sup> -O(1)-Cl(2) <sup>iii</sup>	138 (1)
Pt-N(2)-O(1)	111.3 (6)	Pt <sup>ii</sup> -Cl(2)-O(1)	133.1 (5)	Pt-N(2)-Cl(1) <sup>i</sup>	117.3 (6)
Pt <sup>i</sup> -Cl(1) <sup>i</sup> -N(2)	119.2 (3)	Pt-Cl(1)-N(4)	63.2 (3)	C(4)-N(4)-Cl(1)	85.2 (9)

<sup>a</sup> Atoms are related to those given in Table II as follows: (i)  $-x, y, 1/2 - z$ ; (ii)  $x - 1/2, 1/2 + y, z$ ; ((iii)  $1/2 - x, 1/2 + y, 1/2 - z$ ; (iv)  $x, y - 1, z$ .

The structure of the *trans*-diamminebis(1-methylcytosine-*N*3)platinum(II) cation (B) is normal and very similar to that of Pd(1-methylcytosine-*N*3)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.<sup>33</sup> Pt-NH<sub>3</sub> distances (2.07 (1) Å) are very similar to those we have found previously<sup>9-14</sup> as are the Pt-N(3) distances (2.023 (8) Å).<sup>25,26</sup> Distances and angles within the pyrimidine rings do not differ except for C(5)-C(6). This is different in B (1.41 (1) Å) and A (1.32 (2) Å), although it is not different from those in other compounds.<sup>25,26,33</sup> We see no reason for this difference. The dihedral angle between the pyrimidine rings and square plane of the four ligand atoms is 78.2° larger than in A and closer to previous values.<sup>25,26</sup>

The packing of A in the crystal is shown in Figure 3. The pyrimidine rings of one molecule and another related by the *b* translation are hydrogen bonded through N(4)-H...O(2), giving a chain of pyrimidine rings along *b*. Down *a* there are two sets of four of these chains within the translational repeat, giving sheets of parallel pyrimidine rings centered at  $z = 0$  and  $1/2$ . Molecules of one chain in the sheet are related to those in adjacent chains along *a* by the inversion operation so that the pyrimidine rings of molecules in one chain are interleaved with those of molecules in adjacent chains. Within this region there are no hydrogen bonds along *a*; interaction is solely van der Waals, arising principally from the  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions of adjacent rings. There is, however, considerable hydrogen-bonding interaction with the other end of the molecule, the Cl(1)Cl(2)N(2) fragment. Hydrogen bonding between molecules in the sheets at  $z = 0$  and  $1/2$ , which also gives bonding in the *a* direction, occurs between the water molecule, O(1), and the N(2)s of a pair of molecules related by the twofold rotation. This pair is also hydrogen bonded directly through two N(2)-H...Cl(2) hydrogen bonds. A pair of similar O(1)-Cl(2) interactions occurs with another pair of molecules related by the twofold rotation. One of the molecules in the first pair is related to one in the second pair by the 2<sub>1</sub> operation.

The packing of B within the crystal is shown in Figure 4. The pyrimidine rings of molecules at the origin are interleaved with those of molecules centered at  $1/2, 1/2, 0$  giving a buckled sheet of cations centered along the *ab* plane. The nitrate ions are intercalated between adjacent pyrimidine rings along the *a* direction, giving pyrimidine-nitrate-pyrimidine-nitrate



**Figure 3.** The unit cell contents of *trans*-dichloroammine(1-methylcytosine-*N*3)platinum(II) hemihydrate. *b* and *c* are parallel to the bottom and side of the page, respectively. The view is down *a*. \* Hydrogen bonds are shown by a single line.

stacks at roughly  $y = 1/4, z = 1/4$ , and  $y = -1/4, z = -1/4$ . This will maximize  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions between the nitrate ions and the pyrimidine rings. Because of the large dihedral angle between the pyrimidine ring and the ligand atom square plane, the ammonia groups on a cation are in a position to hydrogen bond to the nitrate groups above and below the pyrimidine ring. This gives bonding interaction both up *a* along the stacks and also provides cross bonding in the *b* direction. Bonding in the *c* direction is provided primarily by hydrogen bonds between N(4) of a cation and O(13) of a nitrate ion and between N(2) of one cation and O(2) of its nearest centrosymmetrically related neighbor along *c*.

Formation of *trans*-[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)]<sup>+</sup><sub>1/2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O from *cis*-[PtCl(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)]Cl in aqueous solution was unexpected. *cis*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, for example, does not show any signs of NH<sub>3</sub> release in aqueous solution and has to be heated under reflux with 4-6 N HCl to give [Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)Cl<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup>.<sup>27</sup> Roos, Thomson, and Eagles,<sup>8</sup> who first observed the interconversion of *cis*-[PtCl(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)]Cl into *trans*-[PtCl<sub>2</sub>-

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Table V. Selected Interatomic Distances (Å) and Angles (Deg) for *trans*-Diamminebis(1-methylcytosine-*N3*)platinum(II) Dinitrate<sup>a</sup>

Distances					
Pt-N(2)	2.067 (10)	Pt-N(3)	2.023 (8)	N(1)-C(1)	1.48 (1)
N(1)-C(2)	1.39 (1)	C(2)-O(2)	1.21 (1)	C(2)-N(3)	1.42 (1)
N(3)-C(4)	1.34 (1)	C(4)-N(4)	1.37 (1)	C(4)-C(5)	1.40 (1)
C(5)-C(6)	1.41 (1)	C(6)-N(1)	1.37 (1)	N(10)-O(11)	1.21 (1)
N(10)-O(12)	1.22 (2)	N(10)-O(13)	1.25 (1)		
Possible Hydrogen Bond Distances					
N(2)-O(11) <sup>i</sup>	3.30 (1)	N(2)-O(11) <sup>ii</sup>	3.16 (1)	N(2)-O(13) <sup>ii</sup>	3.06 (1)
N(2)-O(2) <sup>iii</sup>	3.15 (1)	N(4)-O(13) <sup>iii</sup>	2.85 (1)		
Angles					
N(2)-Pt-N(2) <sup>i</sup>	180.0 (4)	N(2)-Pt-N(3)	90.3 (3)	N(2)-Pt-N(3) <sup>j</sup>	89.7 (3)
N(3)-Pt-N(3) <sup>j</sup>	180.0 (5)	Pt-N(3)-C(2)	115.4 (6)	Pt-N(3)-C(4)	123.9 (6)
C(1)-N(1)-C(2)	117.0 (8)	C(1)-N(1)-C(6)	119.7 (8)	C(6)-N(1)-C(2)	123.3 (8)
N(1)-C(2)-O(2)	121.3 (8)	N(1)-C(2)-N(3)	116.4 (8)	O(2)-C(2)-N(3)	122.3 (8)
C(2)-N(3)-C(4)	120.6 (8)	N(3)-C(4)-N(4)	117.8 (9)	N(3)-C(4)-C(5)	123.0 (8)
N(4)-C(4)-C(5)	119.2 (9)	C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	117 (1)	C(5)-C(6)-N(1)	119.6 (9)
Possible Hydrogen Bond Angles					
Pt-N(2)-O(11) <sup>i</sup>	111.8 (4)	N(10) <sup>i</sup> -O(11) <sup>i</sup> -N(2)	111.2 (8)	Pt-N(2)-O(11) <sup>ii</sup>	108.7 (4)
N(10) <sup>ii</sup> -O(11) <sup>ii</sup> -N(2)	98.7 (7)	Pt-N(2)-O(13) <sup>iii</sup>	110.1 (4)	N(10) <sup>ii</sup> -O(13) <sup>ii</sup> -N(2)	102.8 (7)
Pt-N(2)-O(2) <sup>iii</sup>	123.7 (3)	C(2) <sup>iii</sup> -O(2) <sup>iii</sup>	142.4 (7)	C(4)-N(4)-O(13) <sup>iv</sup>	176.9 (8)
N(10) <sup>iv</sup> -O(13) <sup>iv</sup> -N(4)	130.8 (8)	O(11) <sup>i</sup> -N(2)-O(11) <sup>ii</sup>	116.0 (4)	O(11) <sup>i</sup> -N(2)-O(13) <sup>ii</sup>	137.4 (4)
O(11) <sup>i</sup> -N(2)-O(2)	89.6 (3)	O(11) <sup>ii</sup> -N(2)-O(13) <sup>ii</sup>	39.8 (3)	O(11)-N(2)-O(2)	106.5 (4)
O(13) <sup>ii</sup> -N(2)-O(2)	73.8 (3)				

<sup>a</sup> Atoms are related to those given in Table III as follows: (i)  $-x, -y, -z$ ; (ii)  $x, 1/2 - y, z - 1/2$ ; (iii)  $1 - x, -y, -z$ ; (iv)  $x - 1, 1/2 - y, z - 1/2$ .

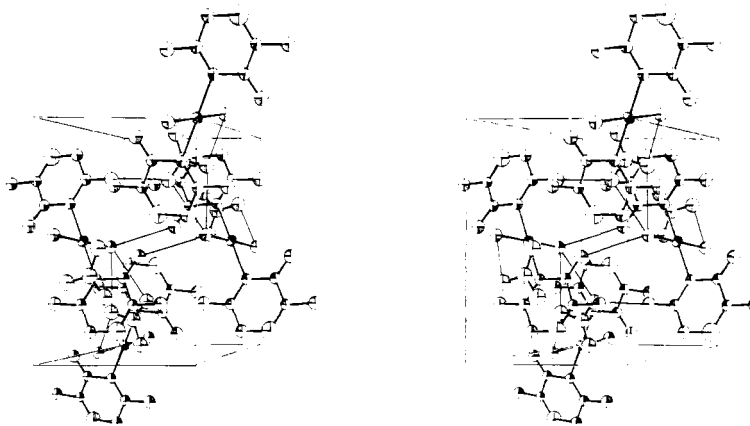
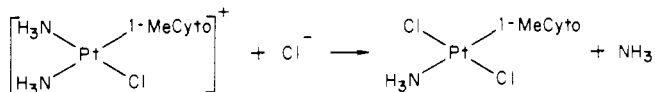


Figure 4. The unit cell contents of *trans*-diamminebis(1-methylcytosine-*N3*)platinum(II) dinitrate. *b* and *c* are parallel to the side and bottom of the page, respectively. The view is down *a*. \* Hydrogen bonds are shown by a single line. The atoms of the nitrate ion are represented by spheres of arbitrary size.

(NH<sub>3</sub>)(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)] in a mass spectroscopic study, did not draw any conclusions concerning the possible implications of their observations. Probably they did not assume that conditions in the mass spectrometer source could be relevant for aqueous solutions. We have now found that the reaction



takes place in an aqueous solution at room temperature. The mechanism of this reaction is consistent with expectations on the kinetic trans effect in square-planar platinum complexes with the trans effect order Cl<sup>-</sup> > NH<sub>3</sub>.<sup>28</sup> We also considered another possible pathway for this reaction, namely, replacement of the NH<sub>3</sub> ligand trans to 1-methylcytosine followed by an isomerization step and uptake of chloride with formation of the trans product. The rationale behind this idea was the observation of NH<sub>3</sub> release during formation of "platinum pyrimidine blues" from "*cis*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub><sup>2+</sup>" and uracil and thymine.<sup>29</sup> This release of ammonia cannot be a con-

sequence of the trans effect of H<sub>2</sub>O or OH<sup>-</sup> ligands in the "platinum blues" since their ability to labilize NH<sub>3</sub> should be too weak. One is left, therefore, with the possibility that the pyrimidine ligands are exercising the trans-labilizing effect and consequently are leading to the release of NH<sub>3</sub>. The cytosine ligand might be expected to have a similar effect to the uracil and thymine anions in "platinum blues". However, when we reacted *cis*-[PtCl(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)]Cl with additional 1-methylcytosine in water, we observed formation of major quantities of *cis*-[Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]Cl<sub>2</sub><sup>17</sup> and only a small amount of *trans*-[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)]<sup>1/2</sup>H<sub>2</sub>O. This finding indicates that the trans influence of 1-methylcytosine cannot be strong, because then a compound of composition *trans*-[PtCl(NH<sub>3</sub>)(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]Cl should have been obtained in substantial yield.

Direct replacement of NH<sub>3</sub> by Cl<sup>-</sup> as a consequence of the higher trans effect of chloride over NH<sub>3</sub> is used in the preparation of *trans*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> from [Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]Cl<sub>2</sub>.<sup>15</sup> Heating of [Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]Cl to 200 °C<sup>8</sup> or HCl treatment of this compound<sup>30</sup> results in the formation of *trans*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

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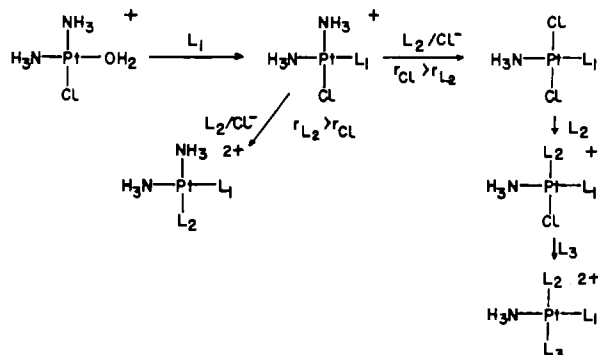


Figure 5. Possible reaction pathways of a *cis*-[PtCl(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)]<sup>+</sup> species with ligands L<sub>1</sub>, L<sub>2</sub>, L<sub>3</sub>, or Cl<sup>-</sup>.

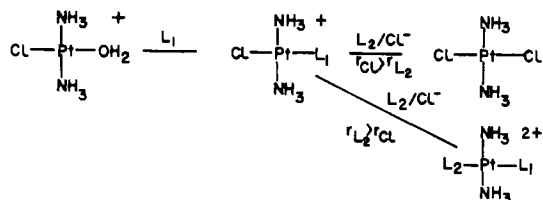


Figure 6. Possible reaction pathways of *trans*-[PtCl(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)]<sup>+</sup> species with ligands L<sub>1</sub>, L<sub>2</sub>, or Cl<sup>-</sup>.

We observed formation of *trans*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> from [Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Cl]Cl in aqueous solution without addition of chloride, although in very low yield only (cf. Experimental Section).

Our findings on the *cis*-[PtCl(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(1-methylcytosine)]Cl → *trans*-[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)(1-methylcytosine)] interconversion open up an interesting alternative to the generally accepted electrophilic attack of *cis*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> on two bases of DNA. If we assume a reactive species of the kind *cis*-[PtCl(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)]<sup>+</sup> to bind to a ligand L<sub>1</sub><sup>32</sup> giving *cis*-[PtCl(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>L<sub>1</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, it depends upon the relative rates of the substitution reaction with a second ligand L<sub>2</sub> and that of the NH<sub>3</sub> replacement trans to Cl<sup>-</sup> whether *cis*-[Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>L<sub>1</sub>L<sub>2</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> or [PtCl(NH<sub>3</sub>)L<sub>1</sub>L<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (see Figure 5) is formed. The former should be formed predominantly when reaction with L<sub>2</sub> is fast. If reaction with L<sub>2</sub>

is slow, the reaction leading to NH<sub>3</sub> release might be competitive and eventually lead to the second product. The latter could bind to a third ligand (L<sub>3</sub>) to give the final product [Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)L<sub>1</sub>L<sub>2</sub>L<sub>3</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> (Figure 6). Provided this second pathway could occur inside a cell, it would imply that one platinum atom could, at the same time, form inter- and intrastrand cross-links or cross-link DNA and bind to a protein, for example. This kind of simultaneous binding to three biomolecules would be unique for *cis*-[PtCl(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)]<sup>+</sup> and possibly *cis*-[PtCl(OH)(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]. It would be expected neither for *trans*-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and any of its aquation products which would give only *trans*-[PtCl(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O]<sup>+</sup> or *trans*-[Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> (see Figure 6) nor for *cis*-[Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>2+</sup>, unless one postulates a high trans effect of the incoming ligand(s) for the latter (cf. preceding discussion). Reaction between *cis*-[PtCl(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)]Cl and 1-methylcytosine (1:1) leads not only to *cis*-[Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]Cl<sub>2</sub> but also to a small amount of *trans*-[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)]. This clearly indicates that substitution of chloride by the incoming ligand and *cis*-*trans* interconversion with release of ammonia are competitive under our reaction conditions, although the former is favored. The results are completely consistent with similar reactions involving pyridine instead of the pyrimidine.<sup>34</sup> It is feasible that, in a system imposing steric restrictions for fast reactions, e.g., with the highly ordered DNA, the possibility for the second pathway leading to a binding of three new ligands to platinum can actually occur.

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**Supplementary Material Available:** Tables of observed and calculated structure factors for *trans*-dichloroammine(1-methylcytosine-*N*3)platinum(II) hemihydrate and *trans*-diamminebis(1-methylcytosine-*N*3)platinum(II) dinitrate (15 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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