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Gold(III) adducts of 2-vinyl- and 2-ethylpyridine and cyclometallated derivatives of 2-vinylpyridine: Crystal structure of the cyclometallated derivative $[Au(k^2-C,N-CH_2CH(Cl)-C_5H_4N)(PPh_3)Cl][PF_6]$

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1. Introduction

The chemistry of cyclometallated gold(III) complexes containing C,N backbones [1] continues to attract great interest due to the promising pharmacological activities manifested by a number of derivatives, mainly as anti tumour agents [2], and the great potential as homogeneous catalysts [3,4]. Actually, the enhanced stability of the gold(III) centre towards reduction granted by the cyclometallated C,N ligand [5] is an important requirement for biological studies, and the less acidic character of these organogold(III) compounds with respect to AuCl₃, the most employed gold(III) homogeneous catalyst, enables their use with acidic-sensitive substrates.

Following our interest in the synthesis and reactivity of cycloaurated derivatives of 2-substituted pyridines [6] and 6-substituted 2,2'-bipyridines [7], bearing a variety of alkyl, benzyl and aryl groups, we report herein on the reaction of gold(III) chlorides with 2-vinylpyridine.

2-Vinylpyridines are versatile ligands, which have been widely used to stabilize transition-metal-carbon bonds in a chelating coordination mode, this being deemed to play a key role in catalysis [8]. Cyclometallation reactions of 2-vinylpyridine, or its deriva-

ABSTRACT

Reaction of Na[AuCl₄] with 2-vinylpyridine (vinpy) and 2-ethylpyridine (etpy) affords the N-bonded adducts Au(Rpy)Cl₃ (R = CH₂==CH, vinpy; CH₃CH₂, etpy). Cationic adducts, [Au(vinpy)₂Cl][X]₂ (X = BF₄, PF₆) and [Au(etpy)₂Cl₂][BF₄], were also obtained by reaction of Au(Rpy)Cl₃ with Rpy (1:1) and excess NaBF₄ or KPF₆. Thermal activation of Au(vinpy)Cl₃ in water gives the five-membered cycloaurated derivative [Au(k^2 -C,N-CH₂CH(Cl)-C₅H₄N)Cl₂] formally resulting through a *trans* nucleophilic addition of a chloride onto the C==C bond. No cyclometallated derivatives are obtained by reactions of Au(etpy)Cl₃. An X-ray crystal structure determination on the PPh₃ derivative [Au(k^2 -C,N-CH₂CH(Cl)-C₅H₄N)(PPh₃)Cl] [PF₆] was carried out.

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tives, have been reported previously with metal complexes of Pd [9], Pt [9a,10], Co [11], Rh [12], Ir [13], Ru [14], Os [14d,e,15] and Re [16]. In most cases $C(sp^2)$ –H activation of 2-vinylpyridine occurs with formation of the cyclometallated derivatives [M(k^2 -C,N–CH=CH–C₅H₄N)]. At variance, reaction with palladium(II) and platinum(II) chlorides in alcoholic media resulted in the formation of [M(k^2 -C,N–CH₂CH(OR)–C₅H₄N)CI]₂ (M = Pd, Pt) [9a].

Surprisingly, the previously attempted auration of 2-vinylpyridine with gold(III) bromide failed to give any cyclometallated species [17].

2. Results and discussion

2.1. Adducts

As previously observed with various 2-substituted-pyridines [6], the reaction of Na[AuCl₄] with 1 equiv. of 2-vinylpyridine (vinpy) in MeCN-H₂O affords the N-bonded adduct Au(vinpy)Cl₃ (1). An adduct was also previously described as the outcome of the reaction of vinpy with Au₂Br₆ [17]. The ¹H NMR spectrum in CD₂Cl₂ shows the vinylic protons at lower field with respect to the free ligand, thus ruling out coordination of the vinyl group to gold, as an upfield shift is expected for a coordinated vinyl group. The large downfield shift displayed by the H_c proton (cfr. Fig. 1 for numbering scheme)

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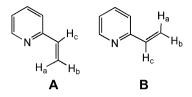


Fig. 1. Two possible conformations for vinpy.

on coordination, $\Delta\delta$ 0.71 ppm, with respect to the small shift of H_a, $\Delta\delta$ 0.02 ppm, suggests some kind of interaction of H_c with the gold(III) centre, C–H···Au, or with a chloride ligand, C–H···Cl. Both C–H···M (M = d⁸ metal) and C–H···X (X = Cl, Br, I) interactions are known to cause strong deshielding of the proton resonances [18] and have often been observed in various gold(III) complexes [6,7].

In this case, such interactions are possible if the vinyl group is oriented like in conformer **B** (Fig. 1). A ¹H NOE difference spectrum shows contacts between the methylenic H_a and the H-3 proton of the pyridine (Fig. 2) thus supporting this structure.

As according to calculations [19] and NMR studies [20] the preferred conformation of free 2-vinylpiridine is **A** rather than **B**, steric repulsion between the vinyl group and the AuCl₃ moiety of the complex is likely responsible of the change in the conformation upon coordination.

Downfield shift of similarly positioned H in (L)AuCl₃ adducts of 2-benzyl- and 2-methylbenzyl-pyridine have been previously observed by us [6], and also found in the 2-ethylpyridine (etpy) adduct, Au(etpy)Cl₃ (**2**), synthesized for comparison. In this case the methylenic protons shift downfield by 0.63 ppm, while the methyl protons move downfield by only 0.22 ppm.

Two different kinds of cationic adducts have been obtained by reaction in acetone of $Au(Rpy)Cl_3$ (**1** and **2**) [R = CH=CH₂, vinpy (1); CH_2CH_3 , etpy (2)] with an equimolar amount of the respective Rpy and excess NaBF₄, or KPF₆, namely [Au(vinpy)₂Cl][X]₂ $(X = BF_4, PF_6)$, $(3-BF_4)$ and $(3-PF_6)$, and $[Au(etpy)_2Cl_2][BF_4]$ (4- BF_4). In the case of complex 2 the expected substitution of ethylpyridine for one chloride ligand gave the monocationic complex 4 as a 1:4 mixture of the cis and trans isomers, as indicated by the two sets of signals, partially overlapping, in the ¹H NMR spectrum (in CD_3COCD_3). In the case of complex **1**, analytical data of **3**-BF₄ and **3**-PF₆ (C,H,N analyses and conductivity measurements) suggested that replacement of two chloride ligands by one 2-vinylpyridine had occurred to give a dicationic complex, where one of the two vinylpyridines acts as a bidentate ligand through the nitrogen atom and the C=C moiety of the vinyl group. In the ¹H NMR spectra of 3-BF4 and 3-PF6 in CD3COCD3 broad unresolved clusters of signals indicate a very complex situation likely arising from: (i) the presence of cis- and trans-N-Au-N isomers, (ii) rapid chemical exchange between coordinated and non-coordinated vinyl groups, and (iii) different conformations of the uncoordinated vinyl group. Averaged signals are also observed even at low temperature.

2.2. Cyclometallated derivatives

Heating of a suspension of Au(vinpy)Cl₃ (1) in MeCN/H₂O to 60– 80 °C resulted in the formation of a new species (5) that according

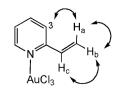


Fig. 2. NOE contacts in Au(vinpy)Cl₃.

to CHN analyses is a not ionic (Λ_M in acetone solution $16 \Omega^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$) isomer of **1**: no C–H activation occurred to give a cyclometallated species, Au(vinpy-H)Cl₂. At variance, under comparable conditions, N-coordinated 2-substituted pyridines, such as 2-benzyl- [6] and 2-aryl-pyridines [21] undergo C(sp²)–H bond activation to give cycloaurated derivatives Au(C,N)Cl₂.

The same product **5** was obtained by reaction of NaAuCl₄ with 2 equiv. of vinpy in MeCN/H₂O at reflux, but under these reaction conditions also Au(vinpy)Cl₃ as well as unidentified species are obtained. Large decomposition with formation of metallic gold was observed in both cases.

The ¹H NMR spectrum of **5** shows the disappearance of the vinyl protons and appearance of a new set of signals (in CD_2Cl_2) at δ 3.22, 3.53 and 5.51 ppm with integral ratio 1:1:1; moreover a large downfield shift ($\Delta\delta$ = 1.04 ppm) of the pyridinic H-6 proton is observed. NOE effects were observed between the proton at δ 3.53 and those at δ 5.51 and 3.22, when this signal was irradiated. In the far-IR spectrum Au–Cl stretching vibrations are observed at 358 and 294 cm⁻¹, consistent, respectively, with Au–Cl *trans* to N and *trans* to C [6].

On the whole, spectroscopic data suggest that **5** is the cycloaurated species $[Au(k^2-C,N-CH_2CH(CI)-C_5H_4N)CI_2]$ containing a $C(sp^3)$ -Au bond (Fig. 3). An analogous bromurated derivative was suggested by Monaghan and Puddephatt as the probable intermediate in the formation of CH_2 =CH(Br)C₅H₄N by thermolysis of Au(vinpy)Br₃ at 200 °C [17]. Similar palladium(II) and platinum(II) derivatives (cfr. Fig. 3) were isolated by reaction of 2-vinylpyridine with $[MCI_4]^{2-}$ (M = Pd, Pt) in ROH (R = Me, Et) [9a].

Three plausible mechanisms can be proposed for the formation of these cyclometallated derivatives, all implying the formation of the M–N bond as the first step (in Scheme 1 the three mechanisms are illustrated for the gold complexes). The first mechanism involves the intramolecular insertion of the double bond into the M-X bond (M = Au). In the second, it is assumed that the reaction occurs via an external nucleophilic addition of X⁻ (M = Au, X = Cl, Br) or ROH (M = Pd. Pt) onto the metal-coordinated double bond. In the third case, the electrophilic attack of the metal on the double bond generates a secondary carbocation, unstable for the presence of the electron-withdrawing pyridine, which undergoes nucleophilic attack by X^- (M = Au) or ROH (M = Pd, Pt). In the latter case deprotonation at the β -position of the carbocation to give the cyclometallated derivatives $[M](k^2-C,N-CR'=CR''C_5H_4N)$ (R', R'' = H, alkyl) was observed for M = Pd [9b] and Rh [12b,22]. Whatever the mechanism, the vinyl group in the adduct must be oriented toward the metal centre in order to be prone to the successive steps.

In our case, cyclometallation of the N-bonded 2-vinylpyridine requires thermal activation. In order to get insight into the possible mechanism, a CD₃CN solution of Au(vinpy)Cl₃ (1) in an NMR tube was gradually heated and the reaction monitored by ¹H NMR. Signals of **5** start to be recognizable after 30 min at 60 °C, together with those of a new species 1'; both species grow gradually and become appreciable after 1 h at 78 °C. After this time the integral ratio of the species is: 1:1':5 = 22.5:2.5:1. Species 1' features a

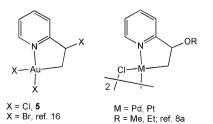
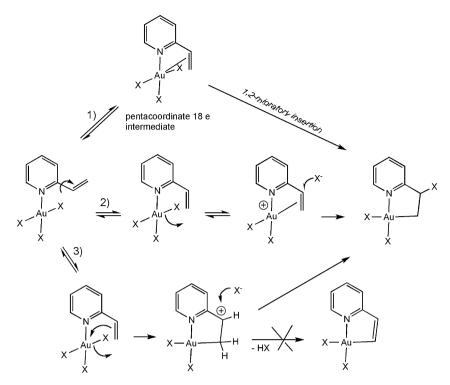


Fig. 3. Cyclometallated derivatives of 2-vinylpyridine.



Scheme 1. Plausible mechanisms for the cycloauration of 2-vinylpyridine (X = Cl, Br).

pattern of signals similar to that of **1**, with resonances shifted with respect to the corresponding in **1**. Notably, the methynic proton, H_c , is upfield shifted by 0.61 ppm with respect to that of **1**, at variance H_a is downfield shifted by 0.11 ppm, while H_b moves upfield by only 0.07 ppm; the pyridine 6-H proton is also shifted upfield by 0.29 ppm. These data suggest that the new species **1**' could be either an adduct with the vinyl group oriented toward the gold centre, *i.e.* in a more favourable position to undergo successive reactions, or the cationic isomer [Au(vinpy)Cl₂]Cl featuring a coordinated vinyl group.

In the attempt to obtain the cyclometallated derivative $Au(CH=CHC_5H_4N)Cl_2$, thermal activation of **1** was carried out in the presence of bases such as NEt₃ and 2,6-lutidine, but complex mixtures of unidentified products were obtained in both cases, and, in the case of NEt₃, large decomposition to metallic gold was observed. Unreacted **1** was quantitatively recovered from a dichloromethane solution when treated with K_2CO_3 at reflux.

As previously observed for platinum(II) [10], no metallacyclic derivatives were obtained from the 2-ethylpyridine adduct **2**.

Compound **5** is one of the few cycloaurated derivatives featuring a $N^{C}(sp^{3})$ auracycle [7a,23]: indeed reaction of gold(III) chlorides with 2-vinyl substituted heterocycles could be a general method to obtain this kind of compounds.

Reaction of **5** with an equimolar amount of PPh₃ and excess KPF₆ in acetone solution caused replacement of a chloride ligand to give $[Au\{k^2-C,N-CH_2CH(Cl)-C_5H_4N\}(PPh_3)Cl][PF_6]$ (**6**). Crystals of **6** were obtained by slow evaporation of an acetone solution. The structure consists of the packing of $[Au\{\kappa^2-C,N-CH_2CH(Cl)-C_5H_4N\}(PPh_3)Cl]^+$ cations and $[PF_6]^-$ anions in the molar ratio 1:1, with no unusual van der Waals contacts, in the non-centrosymmetric space group *Pna2*₁ An ORTEP [24] view of the cation is shown in Fig. 4 and selected bond parameters of the cation are listed in Table 1. The gold atom displays a square-planar coordination with a slight square-pyramidal distortion, maximum displacements from the best plane being +0.025(1) and -0.013(5) Å for atoms Au and N, respectively. Bond parameters

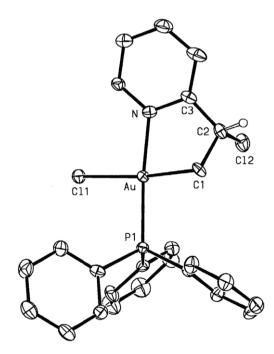


Fig. 4. ORTEP view of the cation of 6. Ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

Table 1

Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for the cation of **6** with estimated standard deviations (esd's) on the last figure in parentheses.

Au-Cl(1) Au-N N-C(3)	2.370(1) 2.071(5) 1.364(8)		Au-P(1) Au-C(1) C(1)-C(2)	2.279(1) 2.032(5) 1.513(8)	
C(2) - C(3)	1.484(8)		C(2)-Cl(2)	1.819(6)	
Cl(1)-Au-P(1) Cl(1)-Au-C(1) P(1)-Au-C(1)		91.7(1) 173.6(2) 94.6(2)	Cl(1)-Au-N P(1)-Au-N N-Au-C(1)		93.3(1) 174.6(1) 80.3(2)

involving gold can be compared with those found in [AuCl(epi- C^{1} , N)(PPh₃)][PF₆] (**7**) (epi = 2-(1-ethyl-2-imidazolyl)phenyl) [25], which shows the same atomic arrangement for the moiety involving Au, PPh₃, Cl, the five-membered metallacycle and the heterocyclic ring. In 7 there are two crystallographically independent molecules, with very similar bond parameters, so we will refer to the mean values. Thus, Au-Cl(1) 2.370(1) Å here and 2.365 Å in 7. Similarly, Au-P(1) 2.279(1) and 2.303 Å, Au-N 2.071(5) and 2.046 Å, Au-C(1) 2.032(5) and 2.052 Å, respectively. As can be seen in Table 1, the C(1)-C(2) and C(2)-C(3) bond lengths are typical of sp^3-sp^3 and sp^2-sp^3 single bonds. The C(2)-Cl(2) bond length is normal. At difference with compound 7, the fivemembered metallacycle is definitely non-planar, with maximum displacements from the best plane of +0.262(6) and -0.271(6) Å for atoms C(1) and C(2), respectively. The distance of atom Cl(2)from this plane is -2.084(2) Å. The dihedral angle between this plane and the metal coordination plane is 13.4(3)Å. The pyridine ring is strictly planar and forms a dihedral angle with the metal coordination best plane of $17.2(3)^\circ$. C(2) is an asymmetric carbon atom, but as the space group contains mirror planes both the enantiomers are present in the crystals. Bond lengths and angles in the anion are normal.

The spectroscopic data of **6** are consistent with the structure in Fig. 4, showing that only this isomer, the thermodynamic product, is formed as a result of the strong *trans* influence of the PPh₃ ligand. The far-IR spectrum shows the Au-Cl stretching vibration at 304 cm⁻¹, a value typical of a chlorine *trans* to a carbon atom [6]. In accordance with a trans-P-Au-N arrangement, the phosphorus resonance is found at δ 29.2 ppm. The downfield resonance of the H-6 pyridine proton (δ 9.46 ppm) indicates its proximity to the chlorine atom. The $-CH(Cl)CH_2$ - fragment gives rise (in CD_2Cl_2) to a well resolved ABCX (X = 31 P) spin system, with δ_A 2.52, δ_B 3.17, $\delta_{\rm C}$ 5.51, $J_{\rm A-C}$ = 5.1, $J_{\rm A-X}$ = 4.0, $J_{\rm B-C}$ = 4.8, $J_{\rm B-X}$ = 1.8 Hz, and $J_{\rm A-B}$ = 10.5 Hz. The resonances of the methylenic protons are both shifted upfield with respect to the starting compound ($\Delta \delta_A 0.70$ and $\Delta \delta_B$ 0.36 ppm) likely due to the anisotropic shielding of one phenyl ring of the *cis* PPh₃ ligand. Comparable NOE effects were observed between these protons and the phenyl protons of PPh₃ centered at δ 7.80. NOE effects were also observed between the H_C proton and the H-3 of the pyridine when this signal was irradiated, and between H_{C} and both H_{A} and H_{B} , when the H_{C} signal was irradiated; the larger effect observed with H_A indicates that these protons are on the same side of the metallacycle plane.

At variance, reaction of **5** with 1 equiv. of vinpy and excess KPF₆ failed to give the cationic derivative $[Au\{k^2-C,N-CH_2CH(CI)-C_5H_4N\}(CH_2=CH-C_5H_4N)CI][PF_6]$ (**8**-PF₆), analogous to **6**-PF₆. Nevertheless, **8**-PF₆ could be obtained by using an equivalent of AgPF₆ to abstract a chloride ligand. According to its ¹H NMR spectrum, complex **8**-PF₆ is a mixture of the two possible isomers: that with the N-bonded vinpy ligand *trans* to the pyridine nitrogen or to the CH₂ group in a 1:2 molar ratio. This is in accordance with the comparable *trans* influences of the pyridine and the chloride ligands.

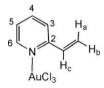
3. Conclusions

Neutral and cationic gold(III) adducts of 2-ethyl- and 2-vinylpyridine have been synthesized and characterized by IR and NMR spectroscopies. A new cycloaurated derivative featuring a $Au-C(sp^3)$ bond, $[Au\{k^2-C,N-CH_2CH(CI)C_5H_4N\}CI_2]$, was also obtained from the neutral adduct $Au(vinpy)CI_3$ by thermal activation. Plausible mechanisms are proposed for its formation. Reaction of the cyclometallated derivative with PPh₃ resulted in the displacement of one chloride ligand with formation of the thermodinamic product only, *i.e.* that with a *trans*-P-Au-N arrangement.

4. Experimental

2-Vinvlpvridine and 2-ethylpvridine were purchased from commercial sources (AlfaAesar) and were used as received. H[AuCl₄]·3H₂O was obtained from Johnson Matthey; Na[AuCl₄] was prepared from HAuCl₄ and NaHCO₃ in a 1/1 molar ratio. All the solvents were purified before use according to standard procedures. All the reactions were performed in air. Elemental analyses were performed with a Perkin–Elmer elemental analyzer 240B by Mr. Antonello Canu (Dipartimento di Chimica, Università degli studi di Sassari, Italy). Infrared spectra were recorded with a FT-IR Jasco 480P using nujol mulls. ¹H, ¹³C{¹H} and ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra were recorded with a Varian VXR 300 spectrometer operating at 300.0, 75.4 and 121.4 MHz, respectively. Chemical shifts are given in ppm relative to internal TMS for ${}^{1}H$, ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ and external $H_{3}PO_{4}$ (85%) for ³¹P{¹H}. J values are given in Hz. NOE difference experiments were performed by means of standard pulse sequences. Conductivities were measured with a Philips PW 9505 conductimeter. Mass spectra were recorded on a VG 7070 instrument operating under FAB conditions, with 3-nitrobenzyl alcohol operating as supporting matrix.

4.1. [Au(vinpy)Cl₃] (**1**)



To a solution of 2-vinylpyridine (126.2 mg, 1.2 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) and water (30 mL) was added an aqueous solution of Na[AuCl₄] (477.6 mg, 1.2 mmol). The resulting yellow suspension was stirred for 2 days at room temperature, then filtered, washed with water, ethanol and diethyl ether, and dried in vacuo. The crude product was recrystallized from dichloromethane/diethyl ether to give the analytical sample. Yield: 67%. M.p.: 126 °C. Anal. Calc. for C₇H₇AuCl₃N: C, 20.58; H, 1.73; N, 3.43. Found: C, 20.72; H, 1.96; N, 3.43%. IR (v/cm⁻¹, nujol): 1602 m, 1560 m, 1165 m, 963 w, 939 s, 780 vs, 759 s, 722 m, 365 vs (Au-Cl). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 293 K): δ 6.08 (d, J_{bc} = 11.1 Hz, 1H, H_b), 6.27 (d, J_{ac} = 17.5 Hz, 1H, H_a), 7.55 (dd, J_{cb} = 11.1, J_{ca} = 17.5 Hz, 1H, H_c), 7.65 (td, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 6.5, ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 1.5$ Hz, 1H, H-5), 7.97 (dd, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.1$, ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 1.3$ Hz, 1H, H-3), 8.14 (td, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.5$, ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 1.4$ Hz; 1H, H-4), 8.69 (d; ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 6.0 Hz; 1H, H-6); (CD₃COCD₃, 293 K): δ 6.15 (d, J_{bc} = 11.3 Hz, 1H, H_b), 6.47 (d, J_{ac} = 17.1 Hz, 1H, H_a), 7.58 (dd, J_{cb} = 11.3, J_{ca} = 17.1 Hz, 1H, H_c), 7.91 (t, ² J_{HH} = 6.7 Hz, 1H, H-5), 8.31 (d, ³ J_{HH} = 8.1 Hz, 1H, H-3), 8.39 (t, ³ J_{HH} = 7.7 Hz, 1H, H-4), 9.23 (d, ³ J_{HH} = 6.1 Hz, 1H, H-6). ¹³C NMR (CD₃COCD₃, 293 K): δ 127.0 (=CH₂), 127.2 (C-5), 128.0 (C-3), 133.9 (=CH), 143.6 (C-4), 150.7 (C-6), 156.1 (C-2).

4.2. [Au(etpy)Cl₃] (**2**)

To a solution of 2-ethylpyridine (107.2 mg, 1.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (2 mL) and water (30 mL) was added an aqueous solution of Na[AuCl₄] (397.9 mg, 1.0 mmol). The resulting yellow suspension was stirred for 2 days at room temperature, then filtered, washed with water, ethanol and diethyl ether, and dried in vacuo. The crude product was recrystallized from dichloromethane/ diethyl ether to give the analytical sample. Yield: 78%. M.p.: 195 °C. Anal. Calc. for C₇H₉AuCl₃N: C, 20.48; H, 2.21; N, 3.41. Found: C, 20.23; H, 2.05; N, 3.38%. IR (ν/cm^{-1} , nujol): 1604 s, 1565 m, 1455 vs, 1167 m, 1060 m, 893 m, 807 vs, 768 vs, 365 vs and 341 sh (Au–Cl). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 293 K): δ 1.53 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 3.46 (q, ³J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, 2H, CH₂), 7.57 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, 1H, H-5), 7.66 (d, ³J_{HH} = 8.1 Hz, 1H, H-3), 8.08 (td, ³J_{HH} = 7.9, ⁴J_{HH} = 1.4 Hz; 1H, H-4), 8.63 (dd; ³J_{HH} = 5.7, ⁴J_{HH} = 1.2 Hz; 1H, H-6); (CD₃COCD₃, 293 K): 1.53 (t, ³J_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, 1H, CH₃), 3.44 (q, ³J_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 7.85 (td, ³J_{HH} = 6.8, ⁴J_{HH} = 1.6 Hz, 1H, H-5), 7.98 (dd, ³J_{HH} = 7.8, ⁴J_{HH} = 1.3 Hz, 1H, H-3), 8.36 (td, ³J_{HH} = 7.7, ⁴J_{HH} = 1.5 Hz; 1H, H-4), 9.19 (dd; ³J_{HH} = 5.8, ⁴J_{HH} = 1.0 Hz; 1H, H-6). FAB mass spectrum *m/z*: 410 [*M*+H]⁺. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 293 K): 12.3 (CH₃), 32.4 (CH₂), 125.4 (C-5), 127.6 (C-3), 141.9 (C-4), 149.2 (C-6), δ 163.4 C-2).

4.3. [Au(vinpy)₂Cl][PF₆]₂ (**3**-PF₆)

To a solution of **1** (150.0 mg, 0.37 mmol) in acetonitrile (50.0 mL) were added KPF₆ (204.3 mg, 1.11 mmol) and vinpy (38.9 mg, 0.37 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 day at room temperature and then evaporated to dryness. The residue was extracted with chloroform to remove unreacted **1**, washed with water and recrystallized from acetone/diethyl ether to give the analytical sample as a whitish powder. Yield 55%. Anal. Calc. for C₁₄H₁₄AuClF₁₂N₂P₂: C, 22.95; H, 1.93; N, 3.82. Found: C, 22.97; H, 2.03; N, 3.71%. $\Lambda_{\rm M}$ (5 × 10⁻⁴ M, acetone) 210 Ω^{-1} cm² mol⁻¹. IR (ν /cm⁻¹, nujol): 1623 s, 1574 w, 1509 m, 1173 w, 844 vs (PF₆), 779 s, 558 s, 357 w (Au–Cl).

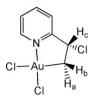
4.4. $[Au(vinpy)_2Cl][BF_4]_2$ (**3**-BF₄)

To a solution of **1** (150.0 mg, 0.37 mmol) in acetonitrile (50.0 mL) were added NaBF₄ (162.5 mg, 1.48 mmol) and vinpy (38.9 mg, 0.37 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 day at room temperature and then evaporated to dryness. The residue was extracted with chloroform to remove unreacted **1**, washed with water and recrystallized from acetone/diethyl ether to give the analytical sample as a whitish powder. Yield 50%. Anal. Calc. for C₁₄H₁₄AuB₂ClF₈N₂: C, 27.28; H, 2.29; N, 4.55. Found: C, 27.68; H, 2.25; N, 4.63%. $\Lambda_{\rm M}$ (5 × 10⁻⁴ M, acetone) 200 Ω^{-1} cm² mol⁻¹. IR (ν /cm⁻¹, nujol): 1625 s, 1511 m, 1061 vs-broad (BF₄), 781 s, 552 w, 522 w, 358 m (Au-Cl).

4.5. $[Au(etpy)_2Cl_2][BF_4]$ (**4**-BF₄)

To a solution of 2 (410.5 mg, 1.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (100 mL) were added NaBF₄ (548.9 mg, 5.0 mmol) and etpy (107.2 mg, 1.0 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 days at room temperature and, then evaporated to dryness. The residue was extracted with chloroform to remove unreacted 2, washed with water and recrystallized from acetone/diethyl ether to give the analytical sample as a whitish powder. Yield: 38%. M.p.: 157 °C. Anal. Calc. for C₁₄H₁₈AuBCl₂F₄N₂: C, 29.55; H, 3.19; N, 4.92. Found: C, 29.33; H, 3.07; N, 4.85%. Λ_M (5 $\times\,10^{-4}$ M, acetone) 160 $\Omega^{-1}\,cm^2\,mol^{-1}.$ IR (v/cm $^{-1}$, nujol): 1608 vs, 1568 m, 1217 m, 1167 m, 1096 vs(sh), 1056 vs(broad) (BF₄), 805 s, 762 vs, 520 s, 477 w, 446 m, 376 vs (Au–Cl), 284 w, 255 w. ¹H NMR (CD₃COCD₃, 293 K): δ 1.61 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.8 Hz, 3H, CH₃ B), 1.63 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.8 Hz, 3H, CH₃ A), 3.63 (q, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.8 Hz, 2H, CH₂ A), 3.69 (q, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.8 Hz, 2H, CH₂ B), 7.96 (t + t, overlapping, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.6 Hz, 1H A + 1H B, H-5), 8.09 (d + d, overlapping, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.0$, ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 1.4$ Hz, 1H A + 1H B, H-3), 8.47 (td, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.7$, ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 1.5$ Hz, 1H, H-4 A), 8.49 (td, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.8$, ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 1.5$ Hz, 1H, H-4 B), 9.26 (dd, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 6.2$, ${}^{4}J_{\text{HH}}$ = 1.1 Hz, 1H, H-6 B), 9.28 (dd, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.2, ${}^{4}J_{\text{HH}}$ = 1.1 Hz, 1H, H-6 A), A:B = 4:1. FAB mass spectrum m/z: 480 $[M-H]^+$, 444 $[M-H]^+$ 2H-Cl], 410 [M-H-2Cl].

4.6. [Au{CH₂CH(Cl)C₅H₄N}Cl₂] (**5**)



A suspension of 1 (408.5 mg, 1.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (1.5 mL) and water (60 mL) was heated under reflux for 2 h, then filtered off, washed with water, ethanol and diethyl ether, and dried in vacuum to vield a vellow solid. Recrystallization from acetone/diethyl ether gave the analytical sample. Yield: 20%. M.p.: 173 °C. Anal. Calc. for C₇H₇AuCl₃N: C, 20.58; H, 1.73; N, 3.43. Found: C, 20.68; H, 1.63; N, 3.38%. IR (v/cm⁻¹, nujol): 1602 m, 1288 m, 1164 m, 939 m, 782 s, 719 m, 553 s, 365 s and 355 m-sh (Au-Cl), 281 m. ¹H NMR $(CD_2Cl_2, 293 \text{ K}): \delta 3.22 \text{ (t, } J_{ab} = J_{ac} = 9.3 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}, \text{H}_a), 3.53 \text{ (dd,}$ $J_{ba} = 9.3$, $J_{bc} = 6.4$ Hz, 1H, H_b), 5.51 (dd, $J_{ca} = 9.3$, $J_{cb} = 6.4$ Hz, 1H, H_c), 7.74 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 6.7$ Hz, 1H, H-5), 7.94 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.9$ Hz, 1H, H-3), 8.28 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.1 Hz, 1H, H-4), 9.61 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 5.8 Hz, 1H, H-6); $(CD_3COCD_3, 293 \text{ K}): \delta 3.23 \text{ (dd, } J_{ab} = 9.1, J_{ac} = 7.8 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{ H}, \text{ H}_a\text{)}, 3.50$ (dd, $J_{ba} = 9.1$, $J_{bc} = 5.8$ Hz, 1H, H_b), 5.87 (dd, $J_{ca} = 7.8$, $J_{cb} = 5.8$ Hz, 1H, H_c), 7.97 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 6.1 Hz, 1H, H-5), 8.12 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 8.2 Hz, 1H, H-3), 8.53 (td, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.8, ${}^{4}J_{HH}$ = 1.3 Hz, 1H, H-4), 9.53 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ = 5.2 Hz, 1H, H-6); (CD₃CN, 293 K): δ 3.20 (dd, J_{ab} = 9.1, $J_{ac} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, 1H, H_a), 3.47 (dd, <math>J_{ba} = 9.1, J_{bc} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, 1H, H_b), 5.57 (dd, <math>J_{ca} = 8.0, J_{cb} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, 1H, H_c), 7.76 (t, {}^{3}J_{HH} = 6.8 \text{ Hz}, 1H, H-5), 7.94 (d, {}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.2 \text{ Hz}, 1H, H-3), 8.32 (td, {}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.8, {}^{4}J_{HH} = 1.5 \text{ Hz}, 7.94 (d, {}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.2 \text{ Hz}, 1H, H-3), 8.32 (td, {}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.8, {}^{4}J_{HH} = 1.5 \text{ Hz}, 7.94 (d, {}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.2 \text{ Hz}, 1H, H-3), 8.32 (td, {}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.8, {}^{4}J_{HH} = 0.5 \text{ Hz}, 7.94 (d, {}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.2 \text{ Hz}, 1H, H-3), 8.32 (td, {}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.8, {}^{4}J_{HH} = 1.5 \text{ Hz}, 7.94 (d, {}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.2 \text{ Hz}, 1H, {}^{3}J_{HH} = 0.5 \text{ Hz}, 1H, {}^{3}J_$ 1H, H-4), 9.47 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 6.0 Hz, 1H, H-6). ${}^{13}C$ NMR (CD₃COCD₃, 293 K): δ 52.1 (CH2-Au), 62.9 (CH-Cl), 126.3 (C-5), 127.7 (C-3), 144.6 (C-4), 149.3 (C-6).

4.7. [Au{CH₂CH(Cl)C₅H₄N}(PPh₃)Cl][PF₆] (**6**-PF₆)



To a stirred solution of **5** (0.075 mmol) in acetone (25 mL) were added PPh₃ (0.075 mmol) and KPF_6 (0.225 mmol). The solution was stirred for 3 h, then concentrated to small volume and diethyl ether added to give a yellow precipitate which was filtered, washed with diethyl ether, and dried in vacuo. Recrystallization from dichloromethane/diethyl ether gave the analytical sample. Yield: 69%. Mp: 191 °C. Anal. Calc. for C₂₅H₂₂AuCl₂F₆NP₂: C, 38.58; H, 2.85; N, 1.80. Found: C, 38.62; H, 2.24; N, 1.85%. IR (v/cm⁻¹, nujol): 1611 m, 1281 s, 1216 m, 1102 s (PPh₃), 840 vs (PF₆), 776 m, 748 s, 717 m, 691 s, 558 s, 537 s, 503 m, 304 m (Au–Cl). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 293 K): δ 2.52 (ddd, J_{ab} = 10.5, J_{ac} = 5.1, J_{H-P} = 4.0 Hz, 1H, H_a), 3.17 (ddd, J_{ba} = 10.5, J_{bc} = 4.8, J_{H-P} = 1.8 Hz, 1H, H_b), 5.51 (broad t, 1H, H_c), 7.65–7.85 (m, 16 H, CH PPh₃ + H-5), 7.96 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 8.1 Hz, 1H, H-3), 8.30 (td, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.8, ${}^{4}J_{HH}$ = 1.5 Hz, 1H, H-4), 9.46 (pseudo-t, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ = 5.0 Hz, 1H, H-6); (CD₃COCD₃, 293 K): δ 3.01–3.06 (m, 2H, $H_a + H_b$, 6.03 (pseudo-t, $J_{ca} = J_{cb} = 6.4$ Hz, 1H, H_c); 7.71–8.03 (m, 15 H, *CH* PPh₃), 8.06 (td, ³ $J_{HH} = 6.8$ Hz, 1H, H-5), 8.15 (d, ³ $J_{HH} = 8.0$ Hz, 1H, H-3), 8.54 (td, ³ $J_{HH} = 7.8$, ⁴ $J_{HH} = 1.6$ Hz, 1H, H-4), 9.47 (pseudo-t, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 5.1, 1H, H-6). ${}^{31}P$ NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 293 K): δ 29.2 (s, PPh₃), -144.2 (sept, PF₆). Crystals of X-ray quality were obtained by slow evaporation of an acetone solution.

4.8. [Au{CH₂CH(Cl)C₅H₄N}(CH₂=CHC₅H₄N)Cl][PF₆] (**8**-PF₆)

To an acetone solution of 5 (83.0 mg, 0.2 mmol) were added 2vinylpyridine (21.3 mg, 0.2 mmol) and AgPF₆ (51.3 mg, 0.2 mmol), with stirring. The resulting mixture was stirred for 6 h at room temperature, then silver chloride was filtered off and the solution evaporated to dryness. The residue was extracted with dichloromethane, filtered and concentrated to small volume; addition of diethyl ether gave a grey solid that was filtered off and dried in vacuo. Yield 77%. Mp: 99 °C. Anal. Calc. for C14H14AuCl2F6N2P (623.11): C. 26.99: H. 2.26: N. 4.50. Found: C. 27.15: H. 2.36: N. 4.42%. IR (ν/cm^{-1} , nujol): 1609 m, 1168 w, 970 w, 840 vs (PF₆), 780 w, 721 m, 557 m, 375 m (Au-Cl), 305 w (Au-Cl), ¹H NMR (CD₃COCD₃, 293 K): δ 3.61 (dd, J_{ab} = 8.7, J_{ac} = 5.2 Hz, 1H, Au–CH_aH_b A), 3.63 (dd, $J_{ab} = 8.8$, $J_{ac} = 4.2$ Hz, 1H, Au–C H_aH_b B), 3.75 (dd, $J_{ba} = 8.8$, $J_{bc} = 6.3$ Hz, 1H, Au–C H_aH_b B), 3.76 (dd, $J_{ba} = 8.7$ Hz, $J_{bc} = 5.9 \text{ Hz}$, 1H, Au-CH_a H_b A), 5.94–6.12 (m + d + d, 4H, CHCl A + CHCl B + = CH_aH_b A + = CH_aH_b B), 6.44 (d, J_{ac} = 17.3 Hz, 1H, = CH_aH_b A), 6.52 (dd, J_{ac} = 17.0, J_{ab} = 1.5 Hz, 1H, = CH_aH_b B), 7.63– 7.81 (ms, 2H, = $CH_c A + B$), 7.9–9.5 (ms, 16H, pyH A + B); A:B = 1:2.

5. X-ray data collection and structure determination

Crystal data are summarised in Table 2. The diffraction experiment was carried out on a Bruker APEX II CCD area-detector dif-

Table 2

Crystallographic data and structure refinement details for 6.

Compound formula	C25H22AuCl2F6NP2	
М	780.27	
Colour	Colourless	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	
Space group	Pna2 ₁	
a (Å)	20.8361(12)	
b (Å)	15.6902(9)	
c (Å)	8.3264(5)	
α (°)	90	
β (°)	90	
γ (°)	90	
$U(\dot{A}^3)$	2722.1(3)	
Ζ	4	
F(0 0 0)	1504	
$D_{\rm c} ({\rm g}{\rm cm}^{-3})$	1.904	
T (K)	150	
Crystal dimensions (mm)	$0.15 \times 0.22 \times 0.31$	
μ (Mo K α) (cm ⁻¹)	57.65	
Minimum and maximum transmission		
Factors	0.698-1.000	
Scan mode	ω	
Frame width (°)	0.40	
Time per frame (s)	15	
No. of frames	2760	
Detector-sample distance (cm)	6.00	
θ-Range	3–28	
Reciprocal space explored	Full sphere	
No. of reflections		
(total; independent)	49 836, 7104	
R _{int}	0.0381	
Final R_2 and R_{2w} indices ^a		
(F ² , all reflections)	0.046, 0.083	
Conventional R ₁ index		
$[l > 2\sigma(l)]$	0.031	
Reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	6040	
No. of variables	334	
Goodness of fit ^b	1.003	

fractometer at 150 K, using Mo K α radiation (λ = 0.71073) with a graphite crystal monochromator in the incident beam. No crystal decay was observed, so that no time-decay correction was needed. The collected frames were processed with the software SAINT [26] and an empirical absorption correction was applied (SADABS) [27] to the collected reflections. The calculations were performed using the Personal Structure Determination Package [28] and the physical constants tabulated therein [29]. The structure was solved by direct methods (SHELXS) [30] and refined by full-matrix leastsquares using all reflections and minimising the function $\sum w(F_0^2 - kF_c^2)^2$ (refinement on F^2). All the non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal factors. The hydrogen atoms were placed in their ideal positions (C–H = 0.97 Å), with the thermal parameter U 1.10 times that of the carbon atom to which they are attached, and not refined. As the space group is non centrosymmetric, full refinement of the correct structure model led to R_2 = 0.046 and R_{2w} = 0.083, full refinement of the inverted structure led to $R_2 = 0.101$ and $R_{2w} = 0.169$. In the final Fourier map the maximum residual was $2.34(31) e Å^{-3}$ at 1.98 Å from P1.

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Appendix A. Supplementary data

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