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Supporting Information

## **Organometallic Platinum(II) Photosensitisers that Demonstrate Ligand-Modulated Triplet-Triplet Annihilation Energy Upconversion Efficiencies**

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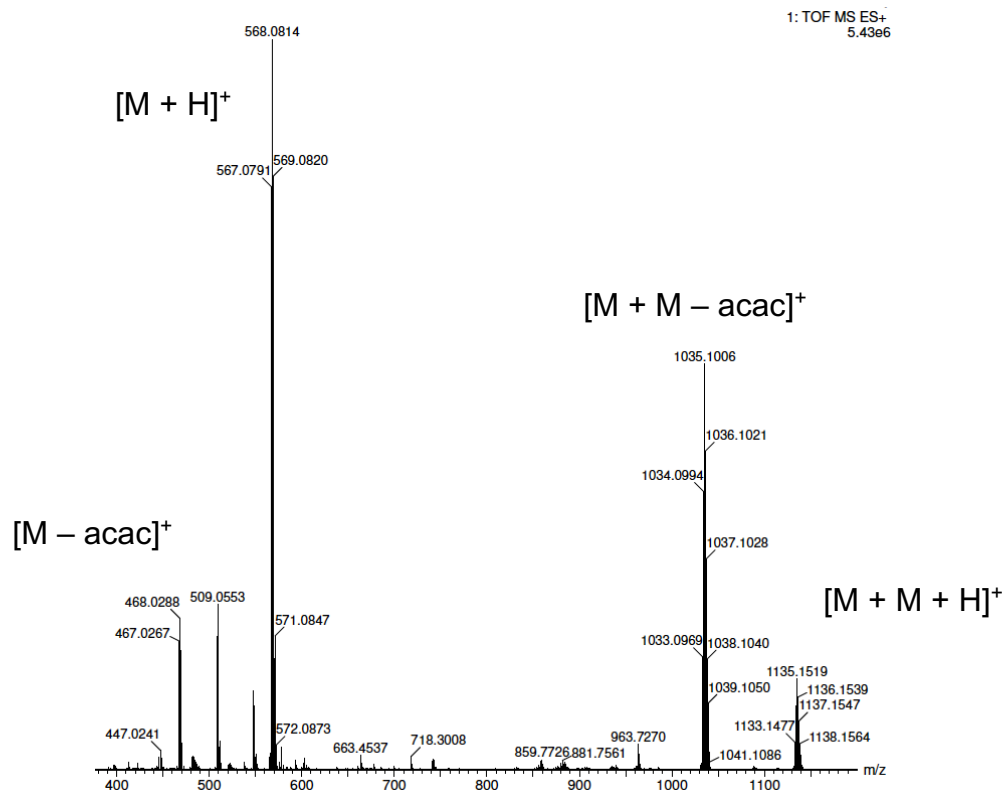


Figure S1. Example of a HRMS spectrum for  $[Pt(L^4)(acac)]$ .

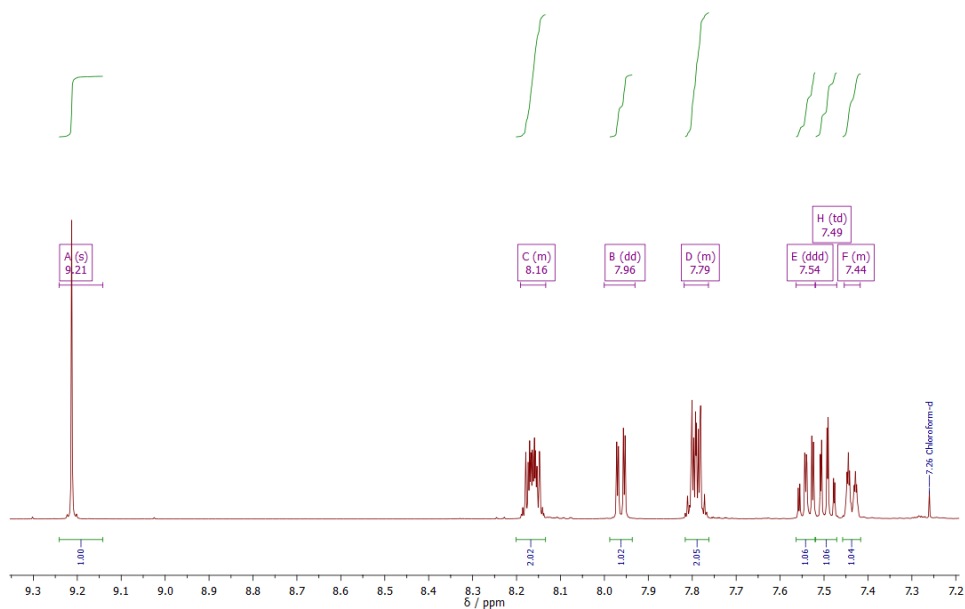
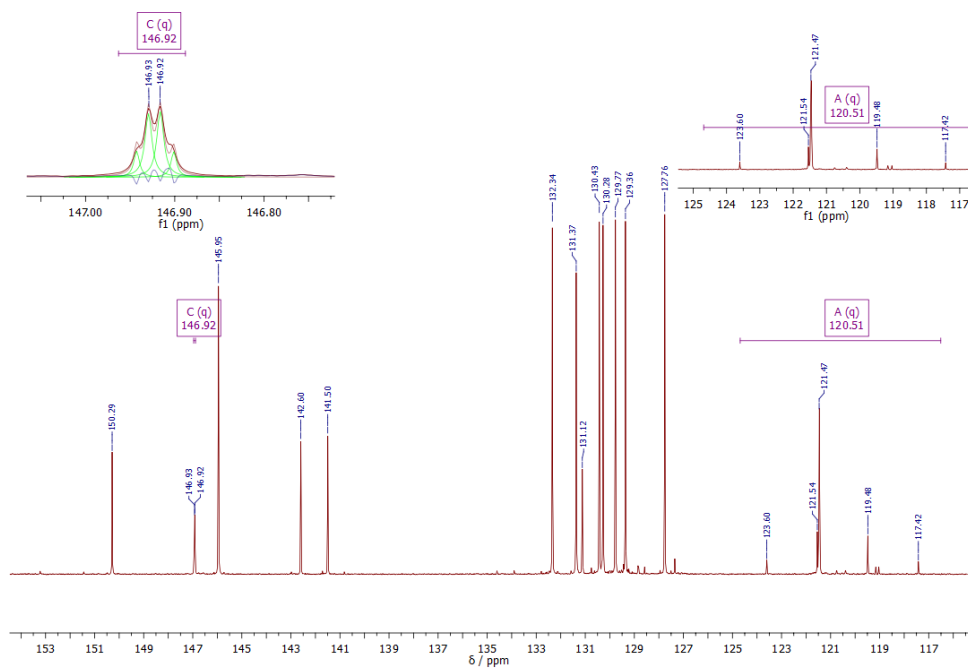
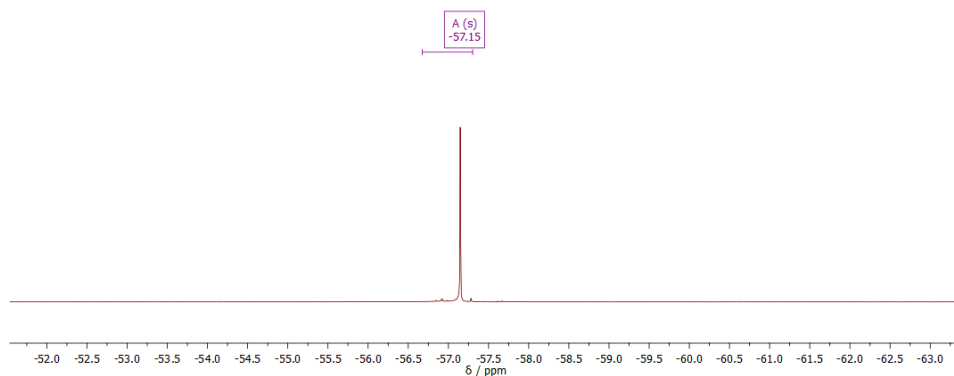


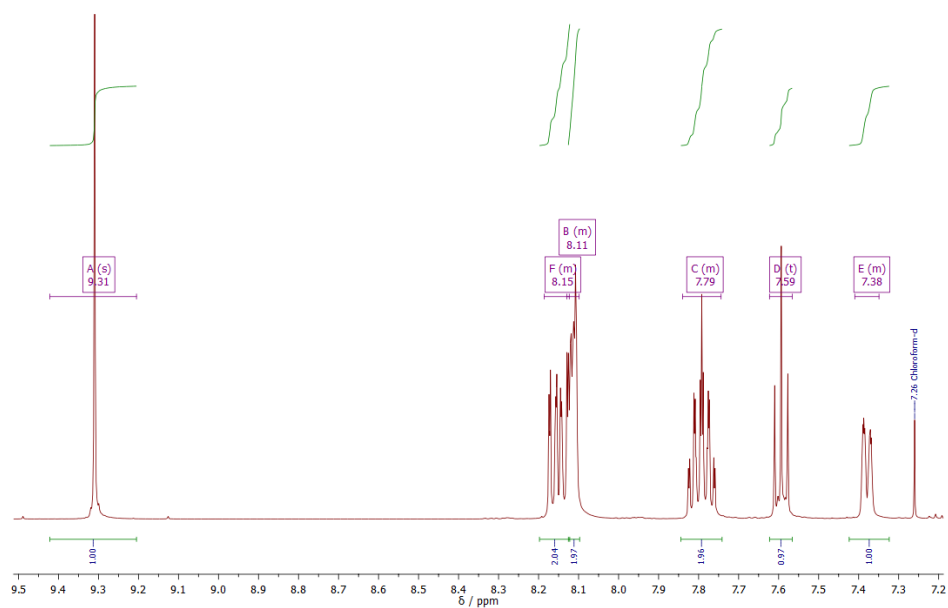
Figure S2.  $^1H$  NMR spectrum for  $HL^1$  (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ).



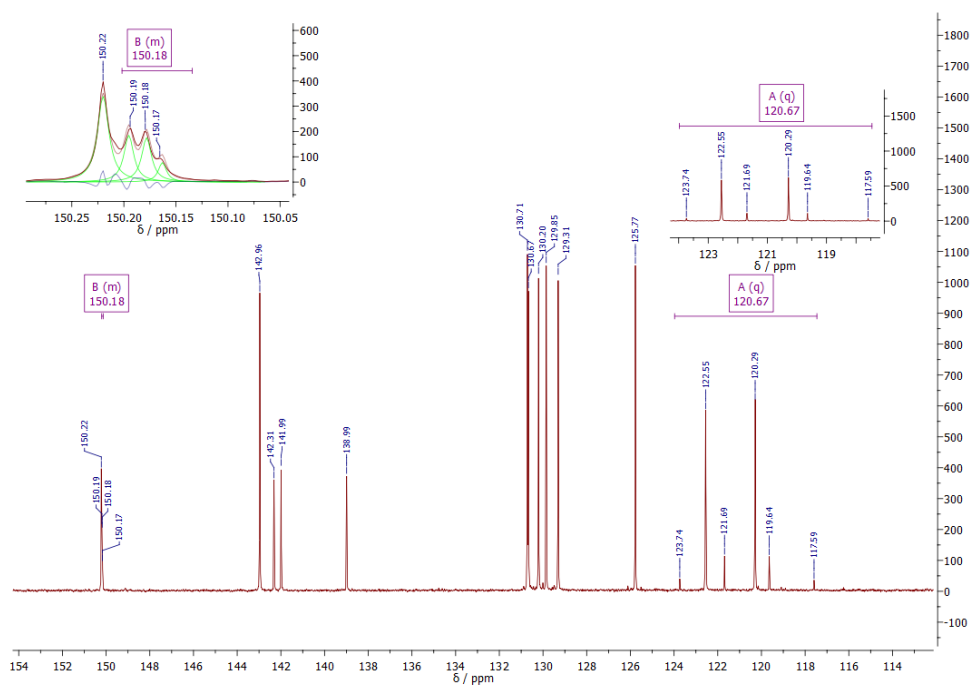
**Figure S3.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum for HL<sup>1</sup> (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



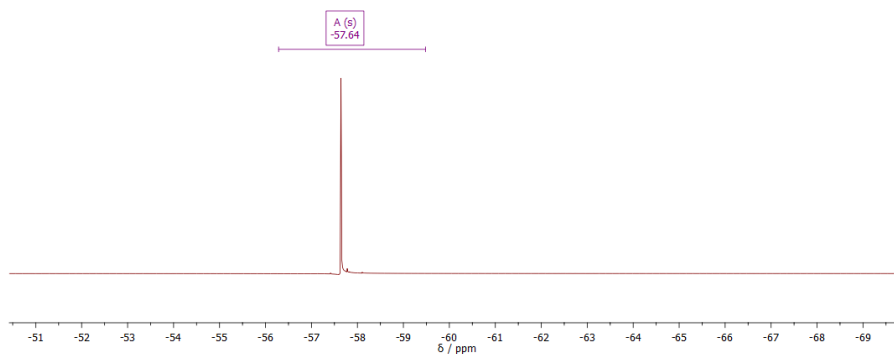
**Figure S4.**  $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum for HL<sup>1</sup> (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



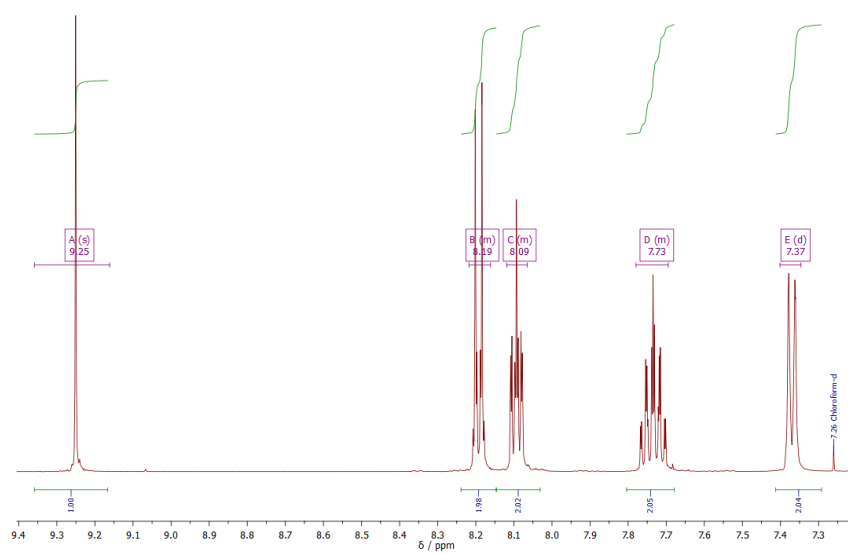
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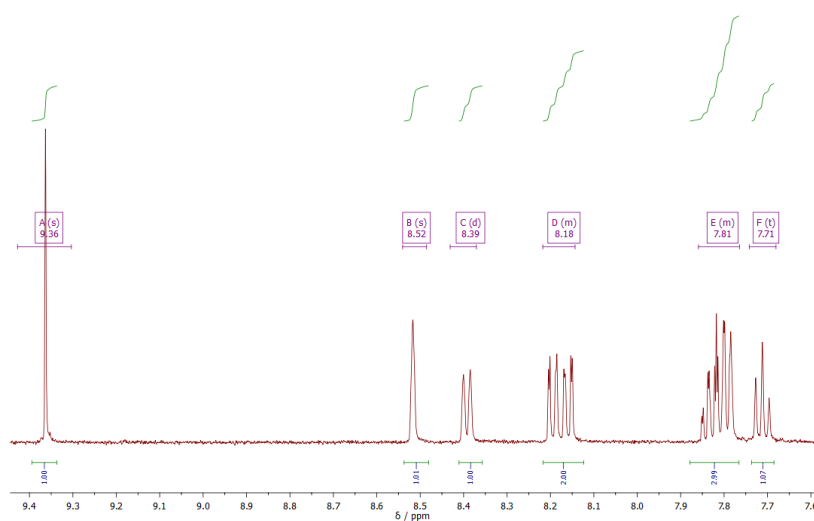
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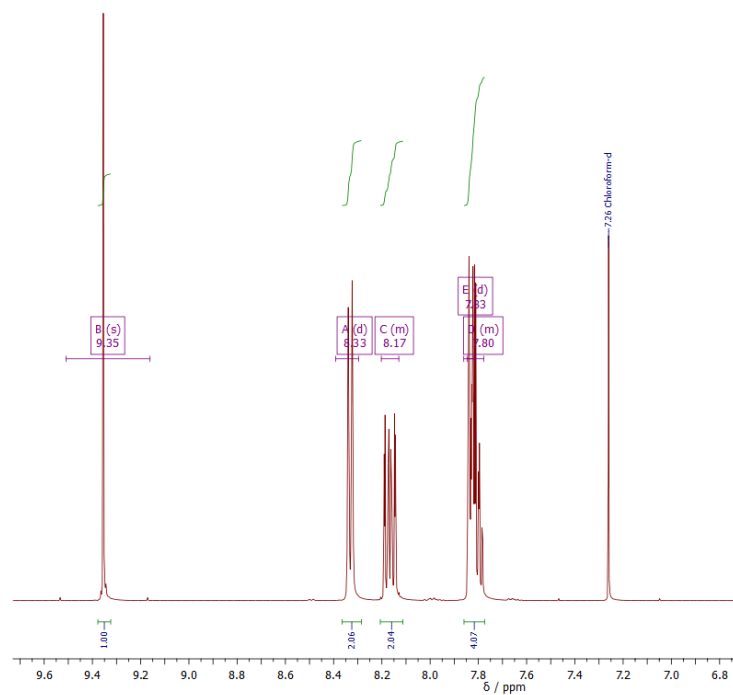
**Figure S7.**  $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum for  $\text{HL}^2$  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



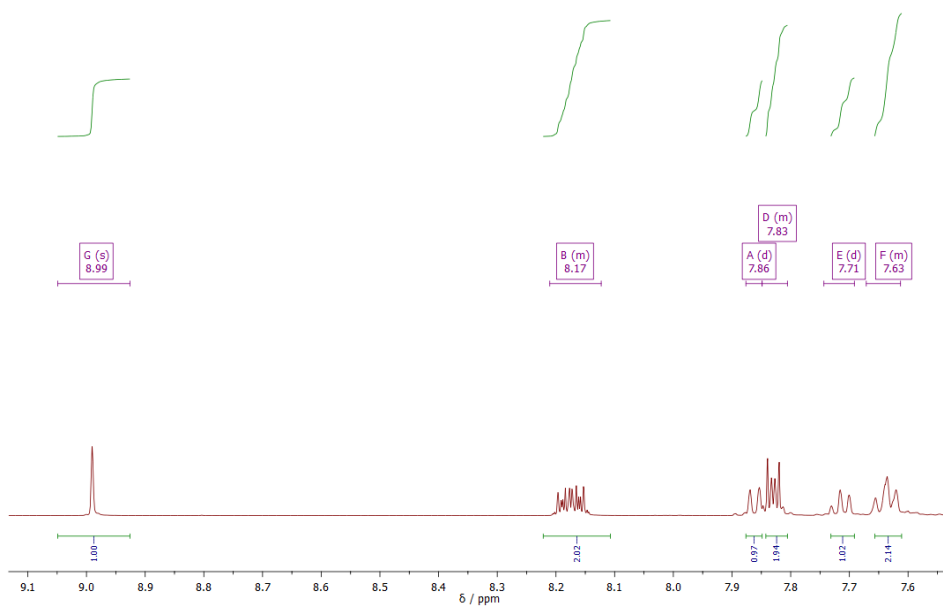
**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum for  $\text{HL}^3$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



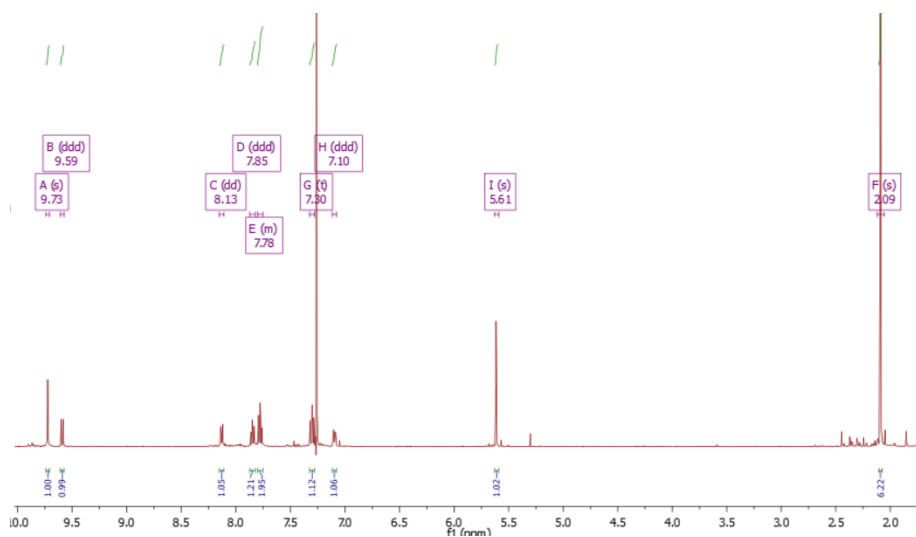
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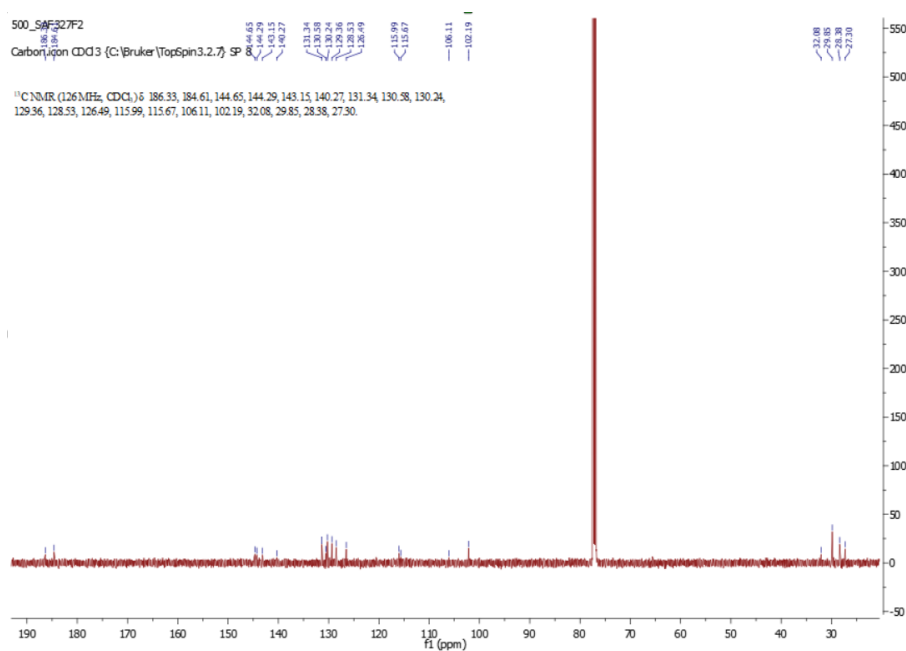
**Figure S10.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum for HL<sup>5</sup> (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



**Figure S11.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum for HL<sup>6</sup> (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

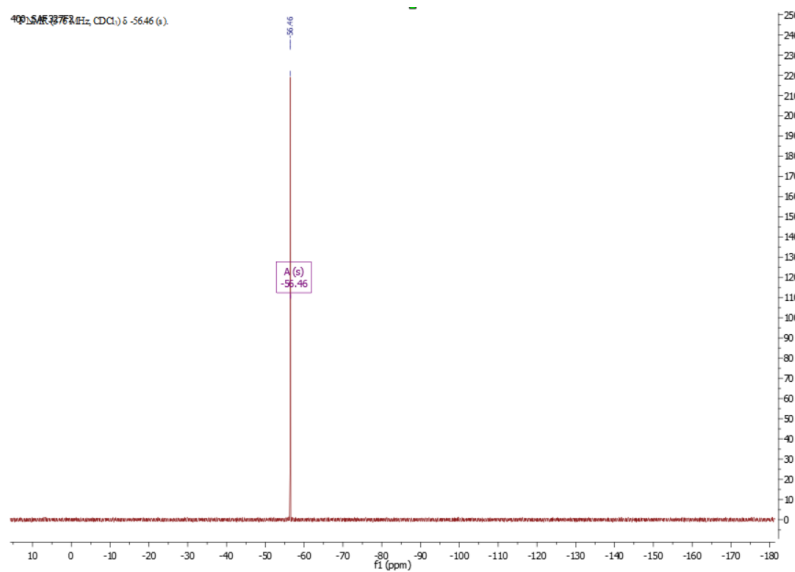


**Figure S12.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum for  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^1)(\text{acac})]$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

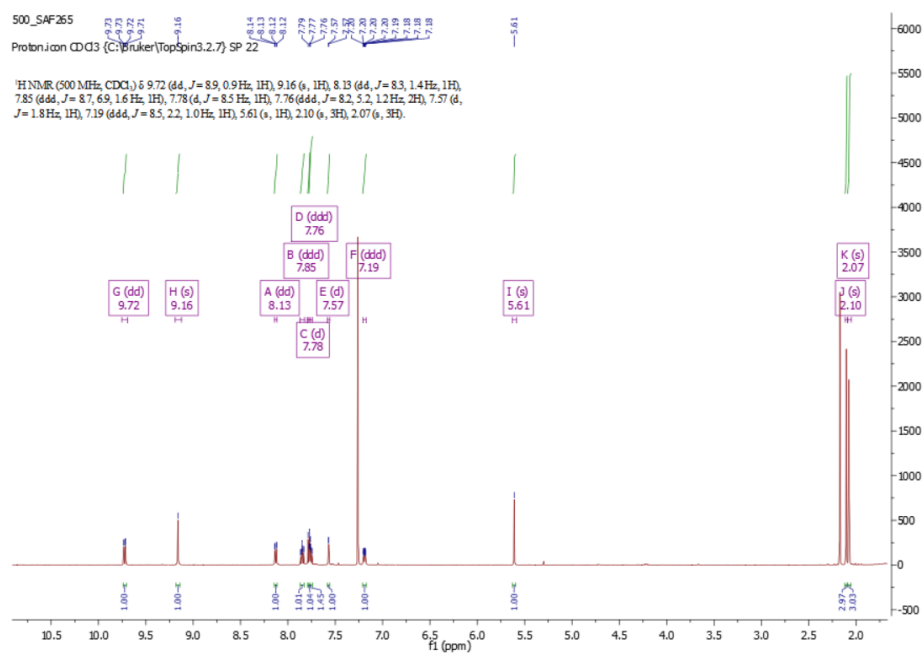


**Figure S13.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum for  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^1)(\text{acac})]$  (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

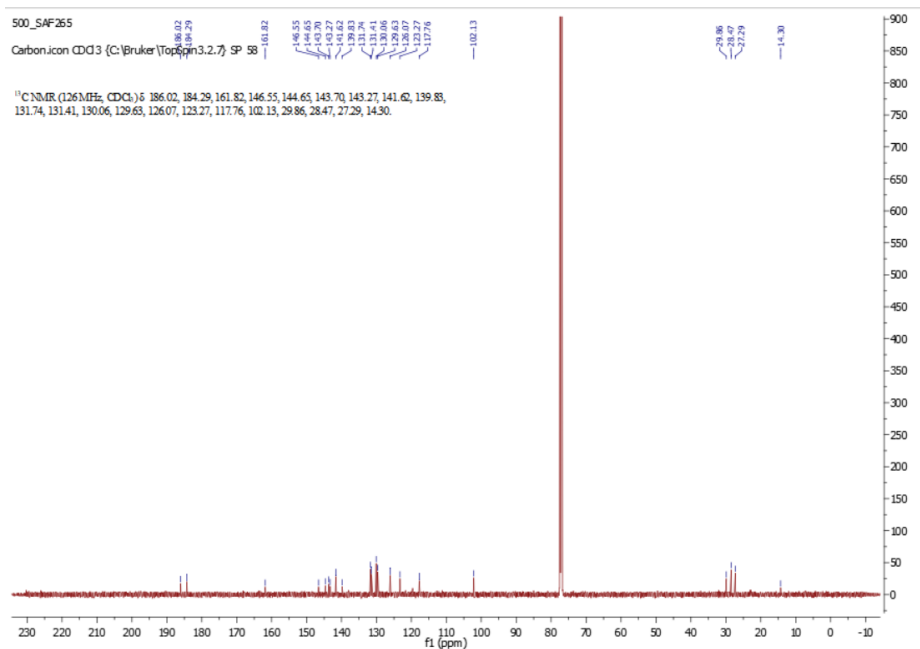




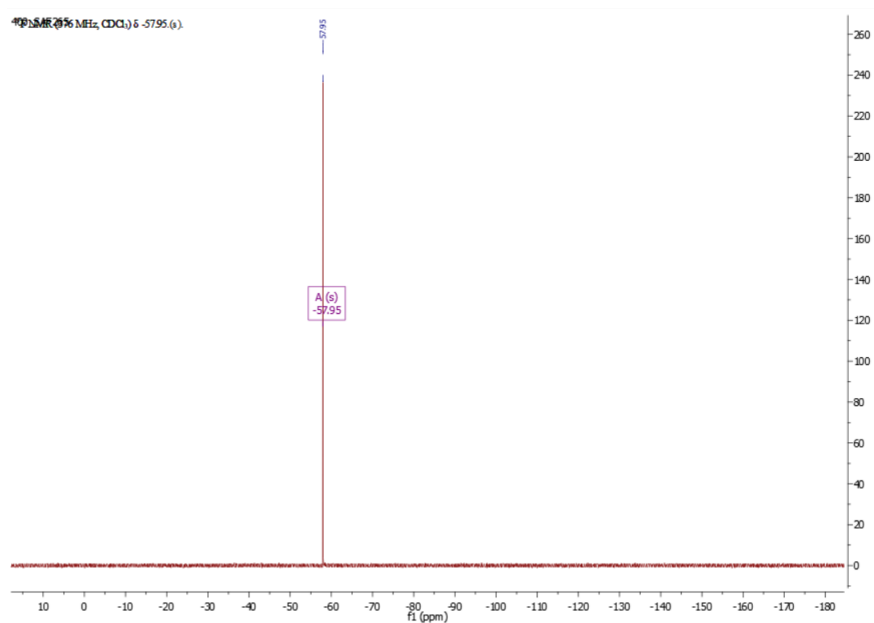
**Figure S14.**  $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum for  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^1)(\text{acac})]$  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



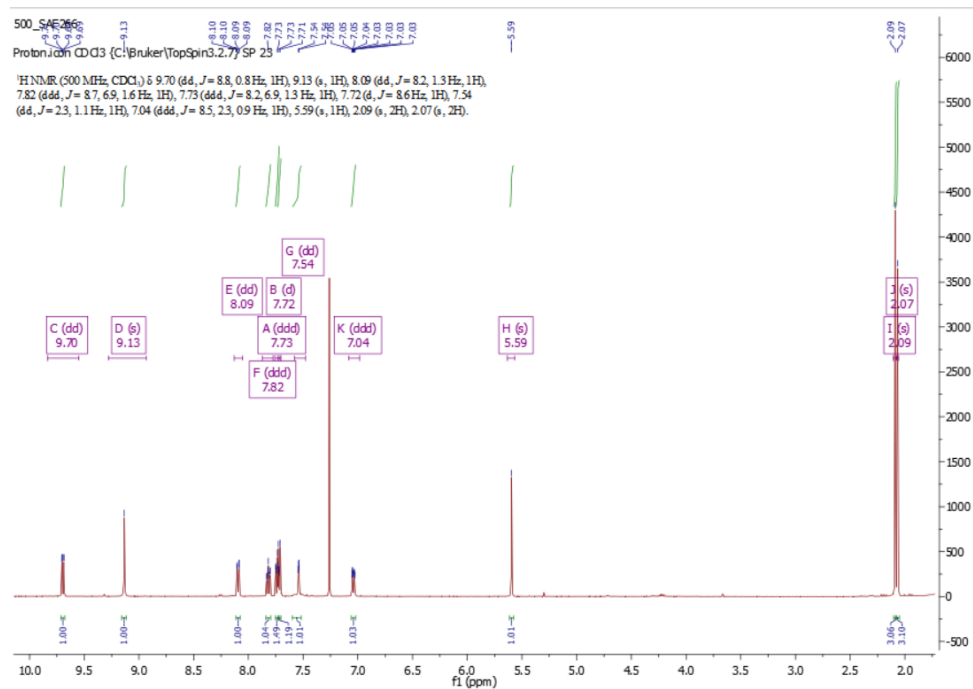
**Figure S15.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum for  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^2)(\text{acac})]$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



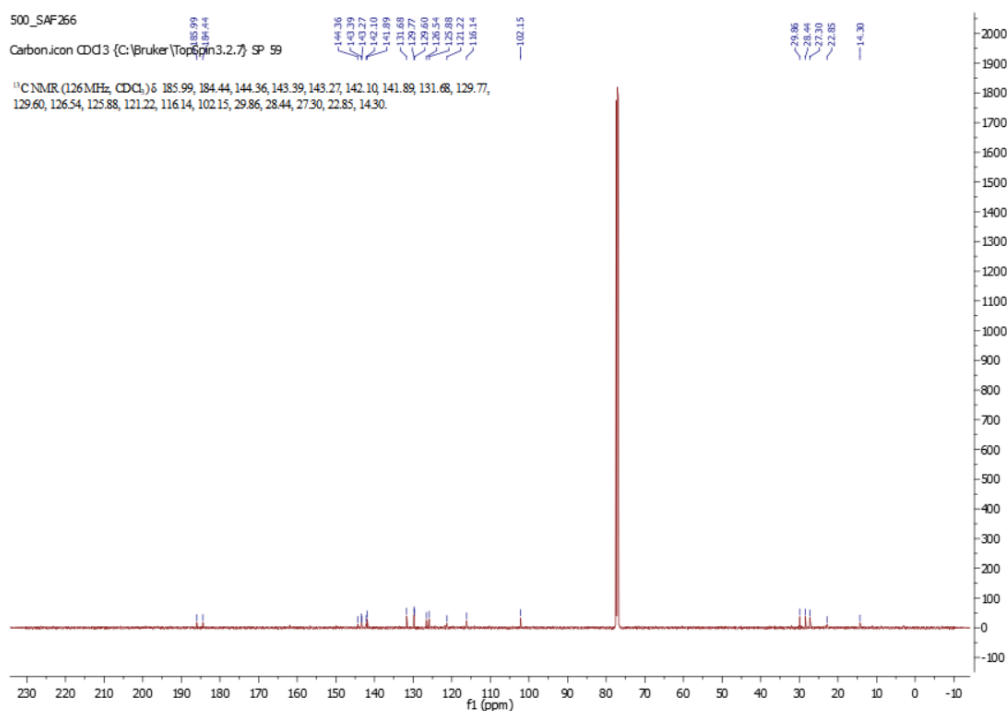
**Figure S16.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum for  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^2)(\text{acac})]$  (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



**Figure S17.**  $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum for  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^2)(\text{acac})]$  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



**Figure S18.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum for [Pt(L<sup>3</sup>)(acac)] (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S19.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum for [Pt(L<sup>3</sup>)(acac)] (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

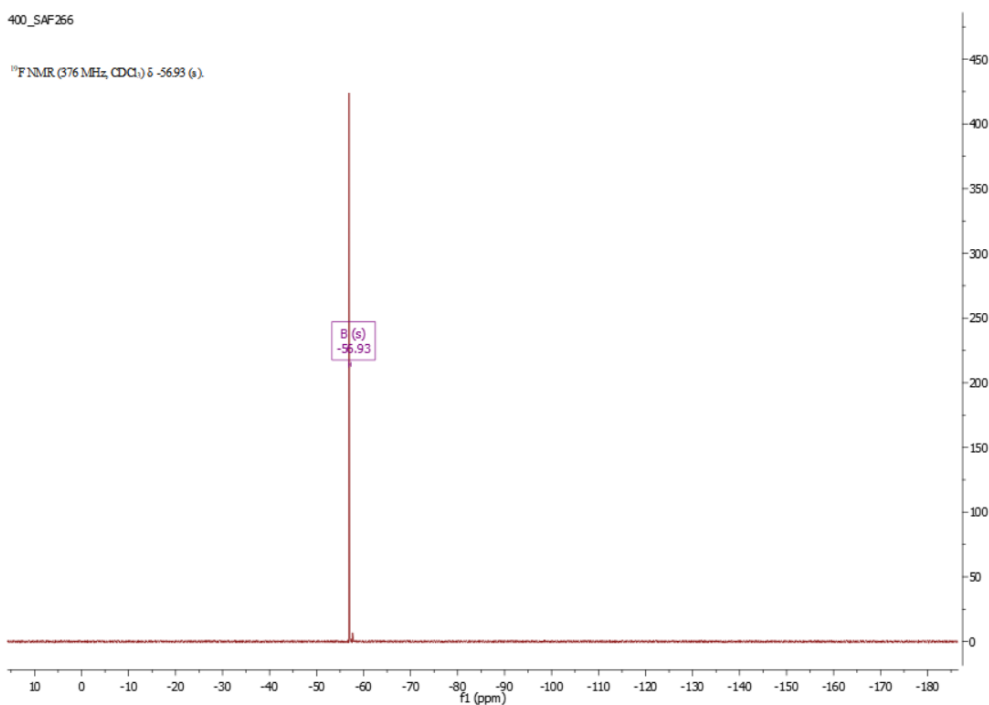


Figure S20.  $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum for  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^3)(\text{acac})]$  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

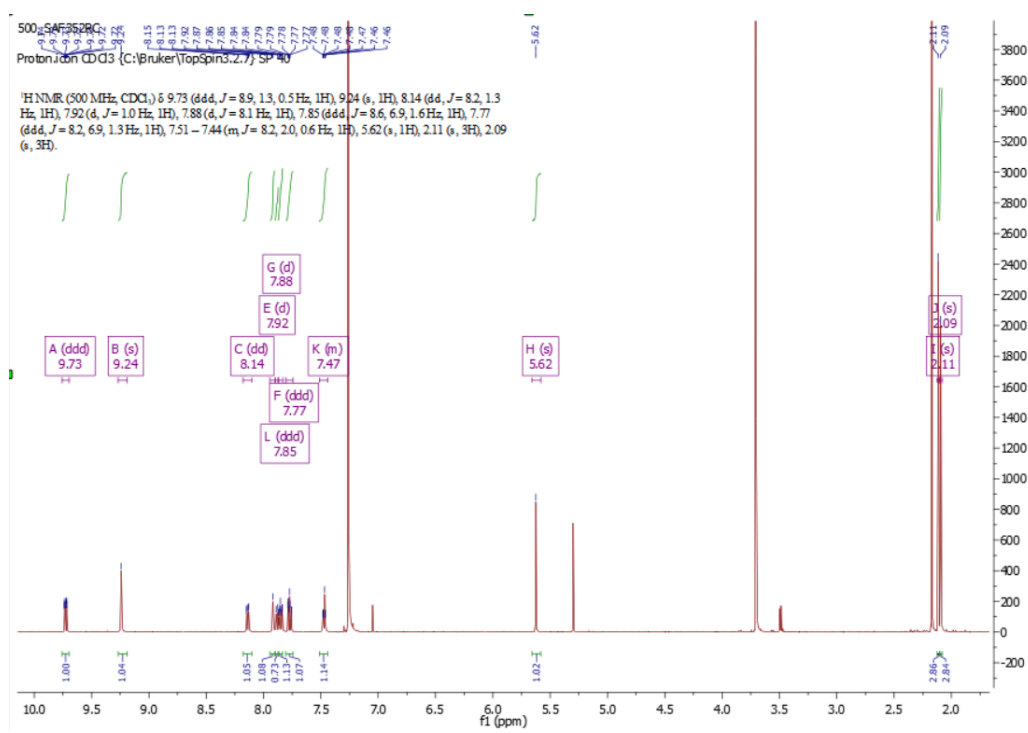
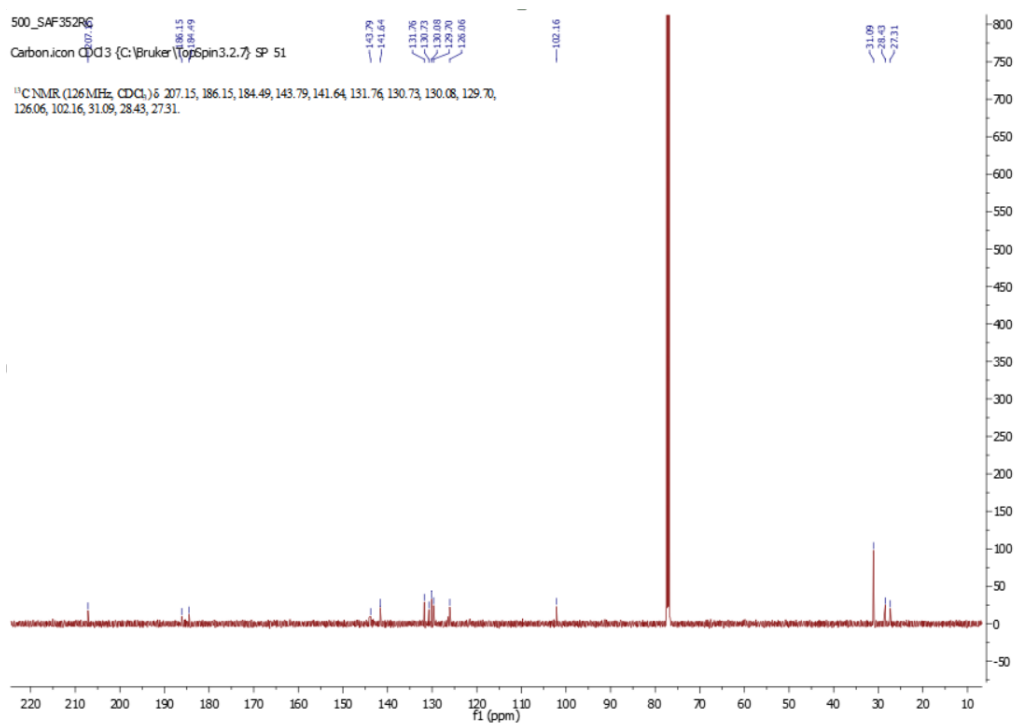
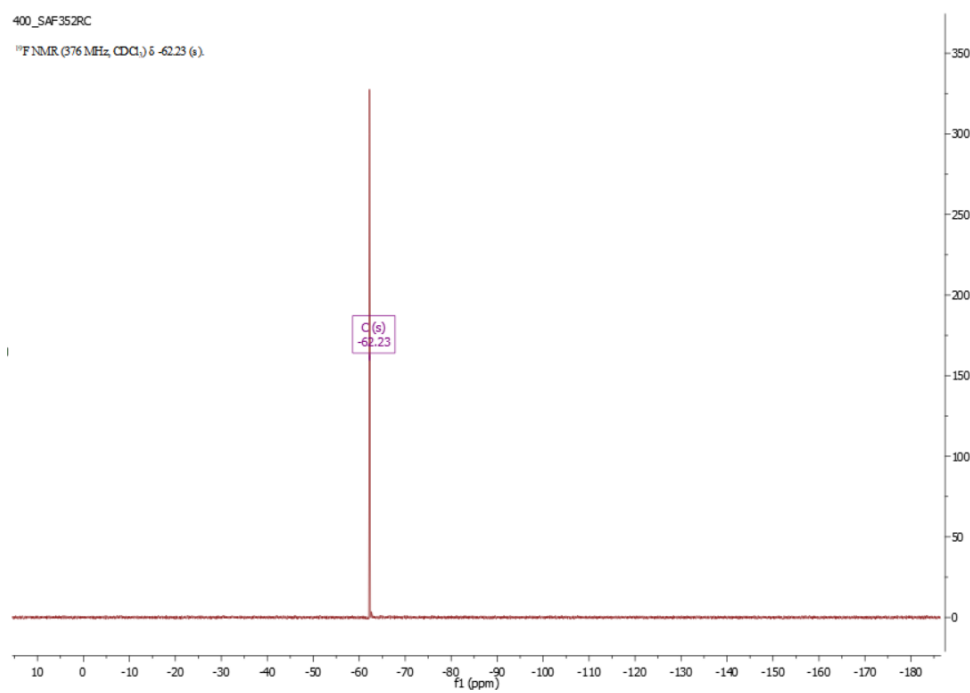


Figure S21.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum for  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^4)(\text{acac})]$  (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



**Figure S22.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum for [Pt(L<sup>4</sup>)(acac)] (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S23.** <sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum for [Pt(L<sup>4</sup>)(acac)] (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

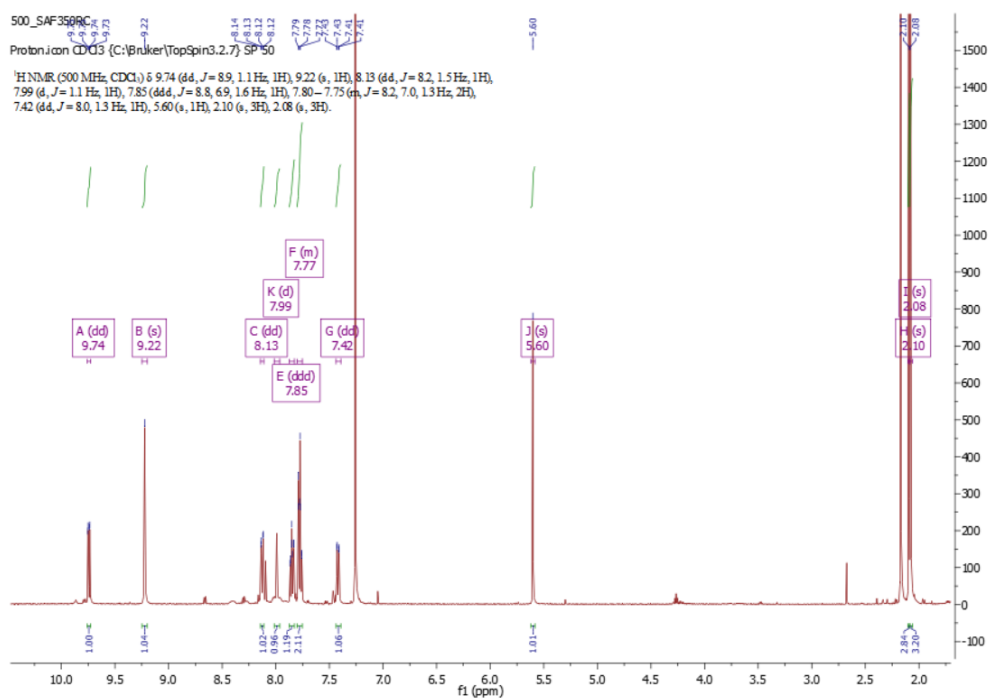


Figure S24. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum for [Pt(L<sup>5</sup>)(acac)] (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

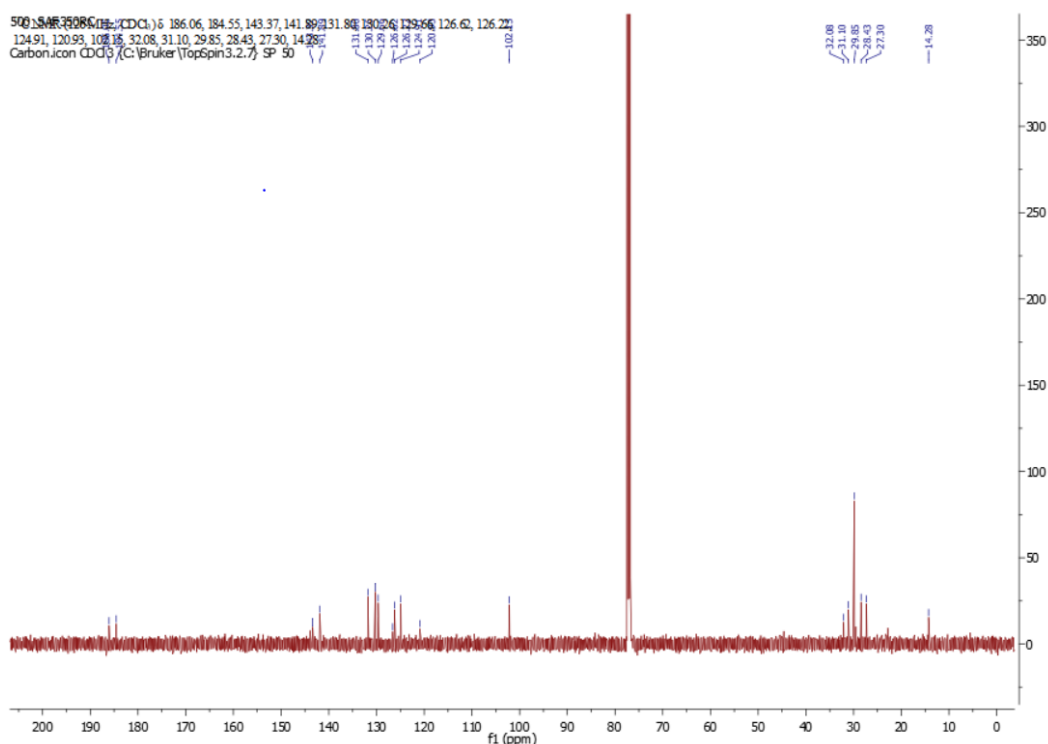
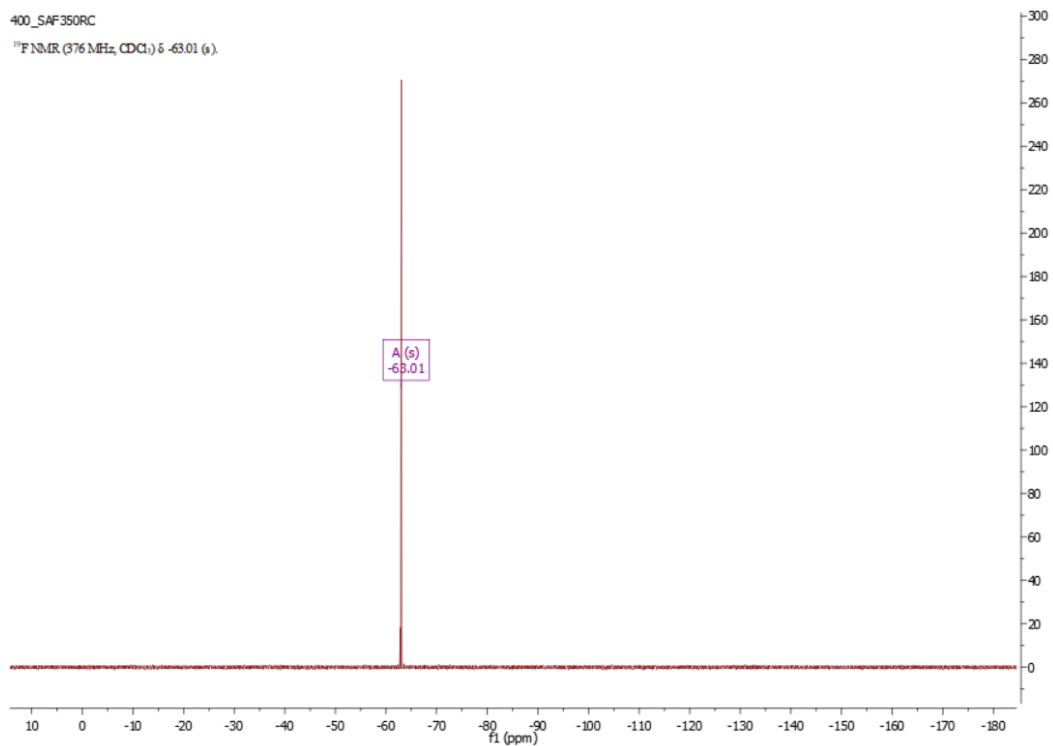


Figure S25. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum for [Pt(L<sup>5</sup>)(acac)] (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S26.**  $^{19}\text{F}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum for  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^5)(\text{acac})]$  (376 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

**Table S1.** Data collection parameters for the X-ray crystallography.

Compound	[Pt(L <sup>1</sup> )(acac)]	[Pt(L <sup>2</sup> )(acac)] 200K	[Pt(L <sup>2</sup> )(acac)] 100K	[Pt(L <sup>3</sup> )(acac)]
Formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>15</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Pt	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>15</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Pt	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>15</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Pt	C <sub>20.17</sub> Cl <sub>0.5</sub> F <sub>3</sub> H <sub>15.17</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Pt
<i>D</i> <sub>calc.</sub> / g cm <sup>-3</sup>	2.112	2.076	2.114	2.113
$\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>	14.812	7.572	7.709	7.525
Formula Weight	583.43	583.43	583.43	603.37
Colour	red	red	red	red
Shape	blade-shaped	lath-shaped	needle-shaped	block-shaped
Size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.120×0.050×0.010	0.12×0.08×0.01	0.233×0.034×0.019	0.090×0.080×0.060
<i>T</i> /K	100.0(2)	200(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Crystal System	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic	trigonal
Space Group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	<i>R</i> -3
<i>a</i> /Å	7.7283(2)	7.6623(2)	7.5818(3)	28.9387(2)
<i>b</i> /Å	11.4387(3)	10.5373(3)	10.4772(4)	28.9387(2)
<i>c</i> /Å	11.5572(3)	12.3368(2)	12.3791(4)	11.76590(10)
$\alpha$ /°	69.743(2)	90.245(2)	91.366(3)	90
$\beta$ /°	73.859(2)	104.817(2)	106.216(3)	90
$\gamma$ /°	88.704(2)	103.738(2)	102.858(3)	120
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	917.62(4)	933.16(4)	916.66(6)	8533.23(14)
<i>Z</i>	2	2	2	18
<i>Z'</i>	1	1	1	1
Wavelength/Å	1.54178	0.71075	0.71075	0.71075
Radiation type	Cu K $\alpha$	Mo K $\alpha$	Mo K $\alpha$	Mo K $\alpha$
$\theta$ <sub>min</sub> /°	4.771	1.712	2.002	2.375
$\theta$ <sub>max</sub> /°	68.274	28.700	28.697	30.504
Measured Refl's.	11962	21485	22148	160283
Indep't Refl's	11962	4830	4717	5801
Refl's I $\geq$ 2 $\sigma$ (I)	11572	4433	4312	5596
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	.	0.0631	0.0460	0.0284
Parameters	265	301	301	264
Restraints	0	226	184	0
Largest Peak	3.752	2.379	3.696	1.490
Deepest Hole	-1.010	-1.972	-2.555	-1.287
GooF	1.056	1.045	1.033	1.245
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.1028	0.0753	0.0708	0.0500
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub>	0.1021	0.0743	0.0691	0.0496
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> (all data)	0.0396	0.0329	0.0369	0.0227
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub>	0.0386	0.0293	0.0311	0.0214



**Table S2.** Bond lengths (Å) for the crystal structures.

[Pt(L <sup>1</sup> )(acac)]			[Pt(L <sup>3</sup> )(acac)]		
Pt1	Pt1 <sup>1</sup>	3.2041(6)	Pt1	Pt1 <sup>1</sup>	3.2586(2)
Pt1	O21	2.000(5)	Pt1	O21	2.094(2)
Pt1	O22	2.108(5)	Pt1	O22	1.994(2)
Pt1	N1	2.041(6)	Pt1	N1	2.044(2)
Pt1	C1	1.967(8)	Pt1	C1	1.965(3)

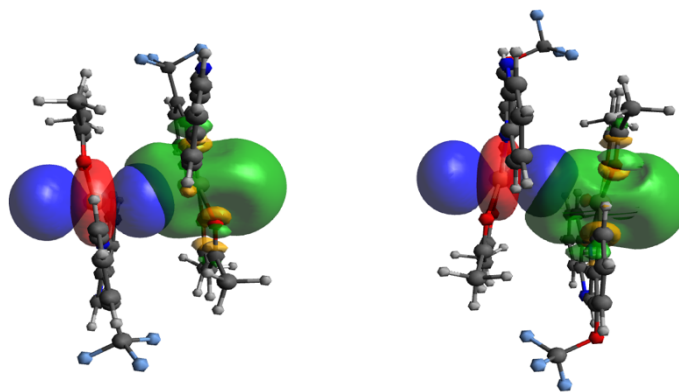
[Pt(L <sup>2</sup> )(acac)] 200K			[Pt(L <sup>2</sup> )(acac)] 100K		
Pt1	Pt1 <sup>1</sup>	3.2199(3)	Pt1	Pt1 <sup>1</sup>	3.2020(3)
Pt1	O21	1.996(3)	Pt1	O21	1.994(3)
Pt1	O22	2.103(3)	Pt1	O22	2.104(3)
Pt1	N1	2.034(3)	Pt1	N1	2.044(4)
Pt1	C1	1.967(4)	Pt1	C1	1.973(4)

**Table S3.** Bond angles (°) for the crystal structures.

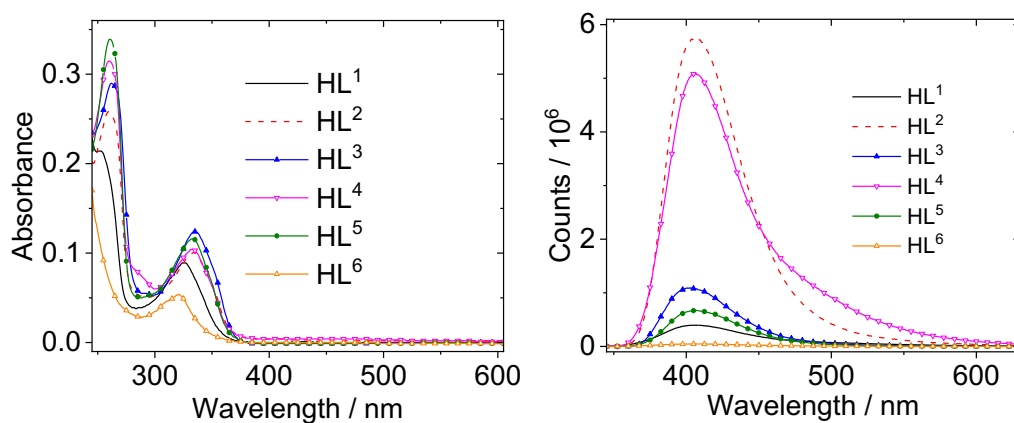
[Pt(L <sup>1</sup> )(acac)]				[Pt(L <sup>3</sup> )(acac)]			
O21	Pt1	Pt1 <sup>1</sup>	86.48(16)	O22	Pt1	O21	89.19(8)
O21	Pt1	O22	88.4(2)	O22	Pt1	N1	169.27(9)
O21	Pt1	N1	169.9(2)	N1	Pt1	O21	100.39(9)
O22	Pt1	Pt1 <sup>1</sup>	81.10(15)	C1	Pt1	O21	175.94(9)
N1	Pt1	Pt1 <sup>1</sup>	98.49(18)	C1	Pt1	O22	88.96(10)
N1	Pt1	O22	101.1(2)	C1	Pt1	N1	81.16(10)
C1	Pt1	Pt1 <sup>1</sup>	105.1(2)				
C1	Pt1	O21	89.7(3)				
C1	Pt1	O22	173.4(2)				
C1	Pt1	N1	80.5(3)				

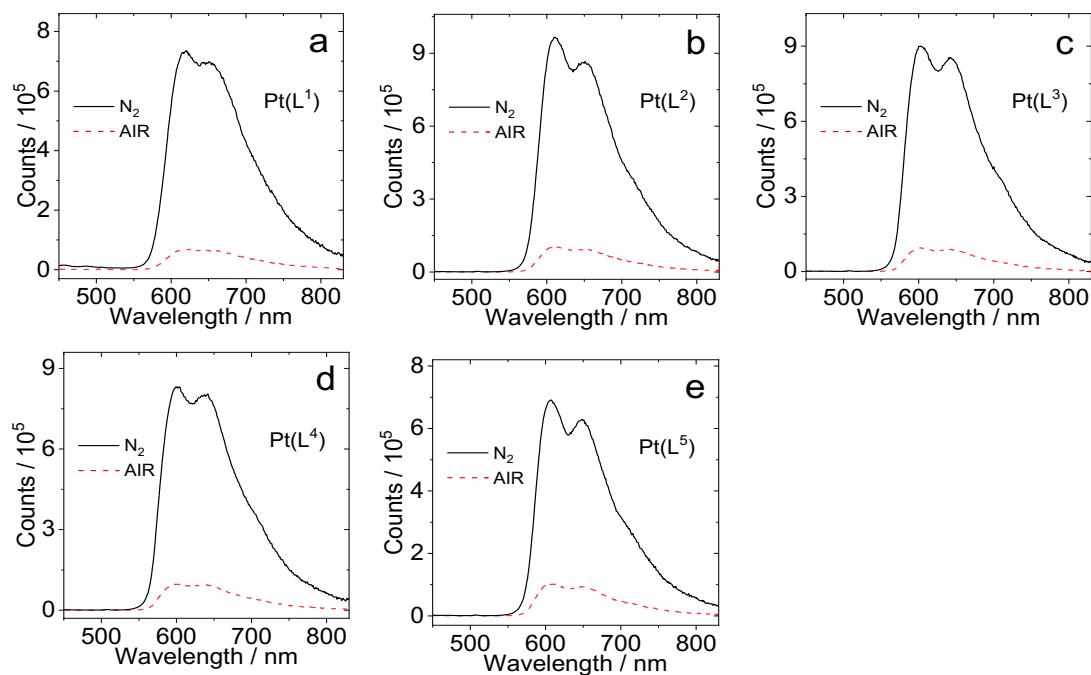
[Pt(L <sup>2</sup> )(acac)] 200K				[Pt(L <sup>2</sup> )(acac)] 100K			
O21	Pt1	Pt1 <sup>1</sup>	90.16(9)	O21	Pt1	Pt1 <sup>1</sup>	88.83(9)
O21	Pt1	O22	88.71(12)	O21	Pt1	O22	88.97(13)
O21	Pt1	N1	170.10(12)	O21	Pt1	N1	169.96(14)
O22	Pt1	Pt1 <sup>1</sup>	83.48(8)	O22	Pt1	Pt1 <sup>1</sup>	83.01(9)
N1	Pt1	Pt1 <sup>1</sup>	93.62(9)	N1	Pt1	Pt1 <sup>1</sup>	94.90(10)
N1	Pt1	O22	100.80(13)	N1	Pt1	O22	100.71(14)
C1	Pt1	Pt1 <sup>1</sup>	102.22(11)	C1	Pt1	Pt1 <sup>1</sup>	102.97(12)
C1	Pt1	O21	89.38(16)	C1	Pt1	O21	89.05(17)
C1	Pt1	O22	174.00(12)	C1	Pt1	O22	173.67(15)
C1	Pt1	N1	80.88(15)	C1	Pt1	N1	81.04(17)



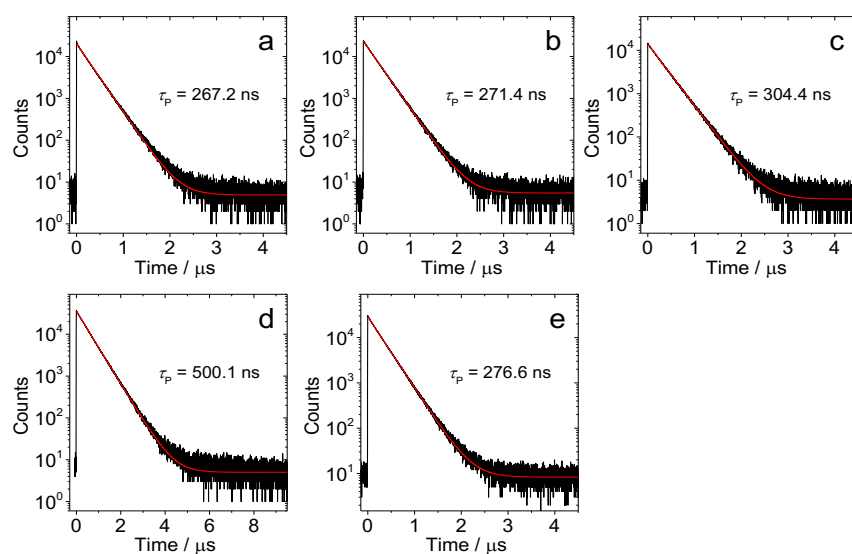
**Figure S27.** Pictorial description of the natural bonding orbital (NBO) analyses of the interaction between the two Pt atoms of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^1)(\text{acac})]$  (left) and  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^2)(\text{acac})]$ .



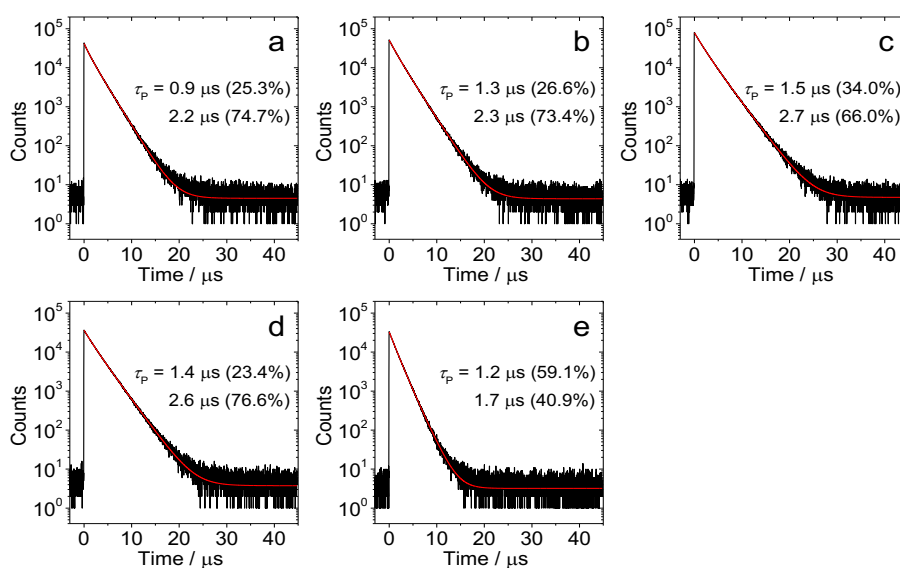
**Figure S28.** UV-vis. spectra of the ligands (*left*) and corresponding steady state emission spectra (*right*). All using  $10^{-5}$  M  $\text{CHCl}_3$  solutions.



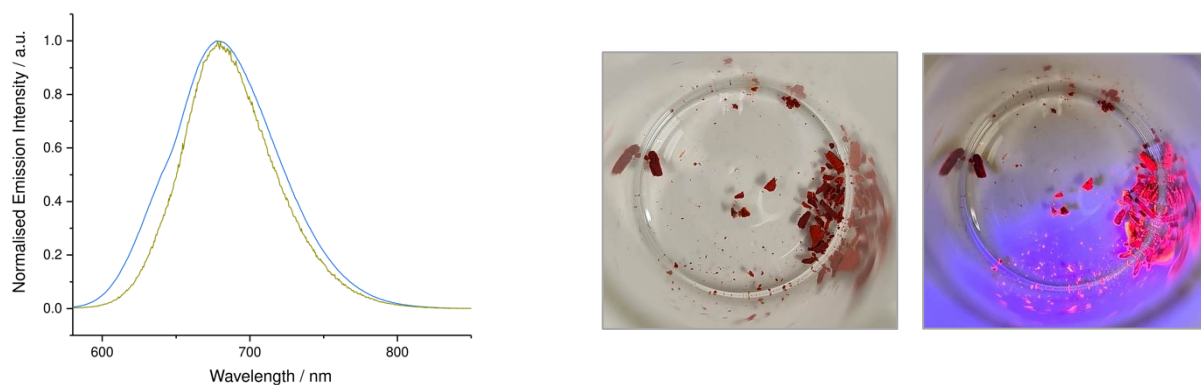
**Figure S29.** Phosphorescence emission spectra of (a) [Pt(L<sup>1</sup>)(acac)], (b) [Pt(L<sup>2</sup>)(acac)], (c) [Pt(L<sup>3</sup>)(acac)], (d) [Pt(L<sup>4</sup>)(acac)] and (e) [Pt(L<sup>5</sup>)(acac)] in *deoxygenated* and *aerated* toluene solution. Optically matched solutions were used (all the solution show the same absorbance at the excitation wavelength,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 440$  nm,  $A_{440 \text{ nm}} = 0.1$ ). 25 °C.



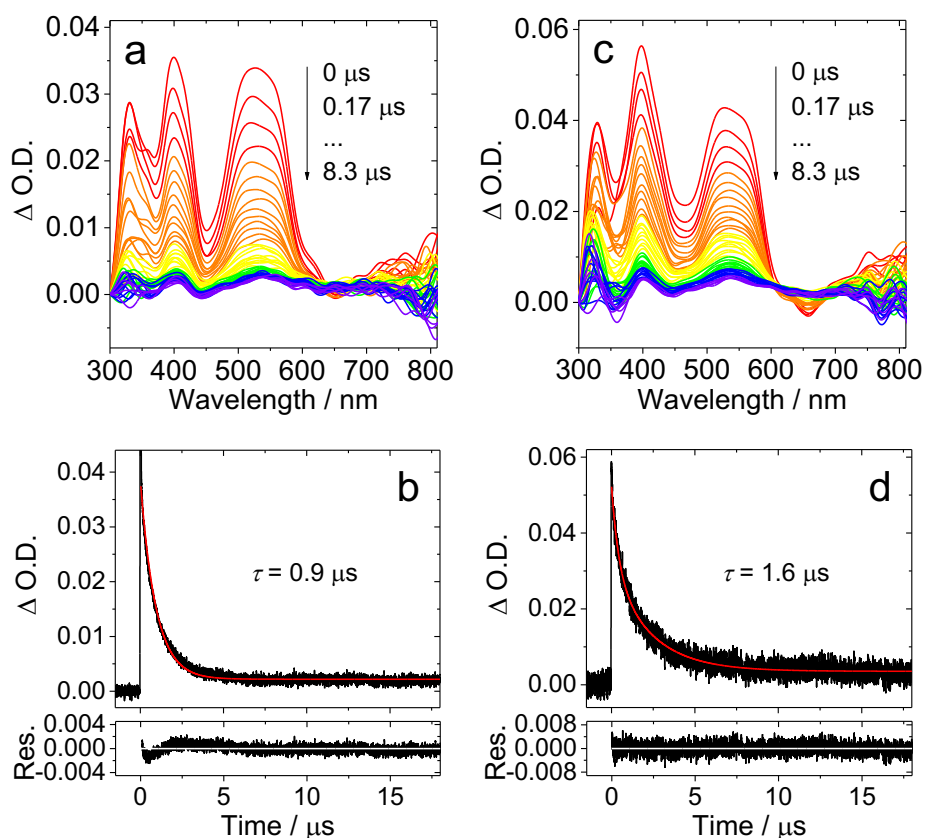
**Figure S30.** Phosphorescence decay traces of (a) [Pt(L<sup>1</sup>)(acac)], (b) [Pt(L<sup>2</sup>)(acac)], (c) [Pt(L<sup>3</sup>)(acac)], (d) [Pt(L<sup>4</sup>)(acac)] and (e) [Pt(L<sup>5</sup>)(acac)] at 750 nm in aerated toluene.  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 405 \text{ nm}$ ,  $A_{405 \text{ nm}} = 0.1$ ,  $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



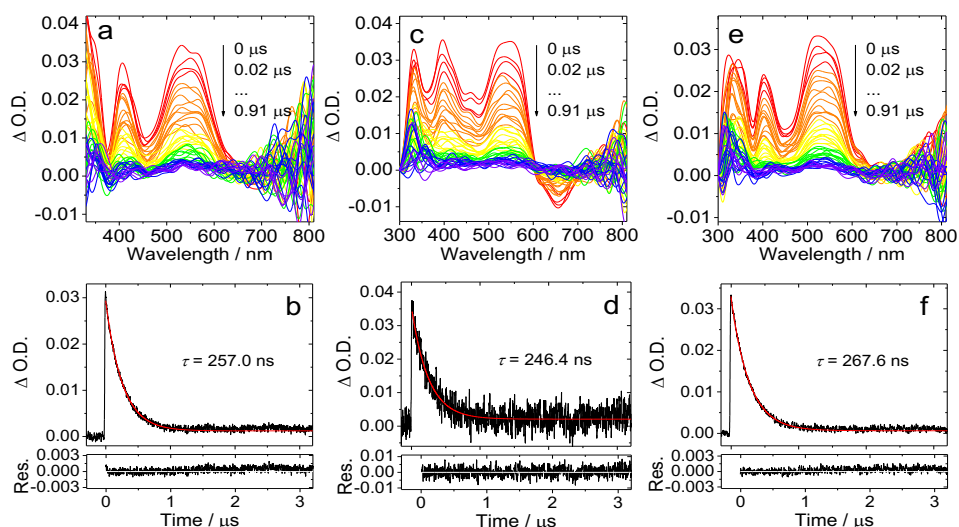
**Figure S31.** Phosphorescence decay traces of (a) [Pt(L<sup>1</sup>)(acac)], (b) [Pt(L<sup>2</sup>)(acac)], (c) [Pt(L<sup>3</sup>)(acac)], (d) [Pt(L<sup>4</sup>)(acac)] and (e) [Pt(L<sup>5</sup>)(acac)] at 750 nm in deoxygenated toluene.  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 405 \text{ nm}$ ,  $A_{405 \text{ nm}} = 0.1$ ,  $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



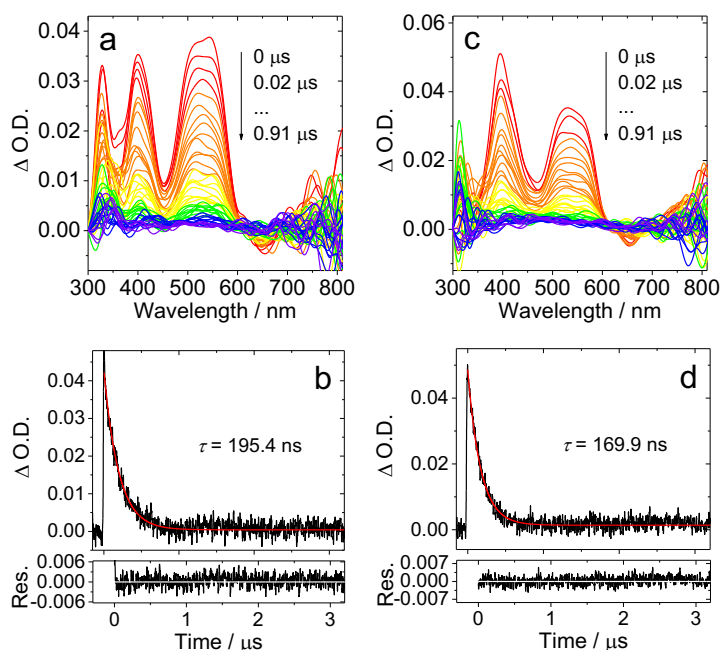
**Figure S32.** Left: Steady state spectra ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 550 \text{ nm}$ ) recorded in the solid state for  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^2)(\text{acac})]$  (blue) and  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^5)(\text{acac})]$  (green). Right: Photographs of crystalline  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^2)(\text{acac})]$  under ambient light (left) and UV irradiation (right).



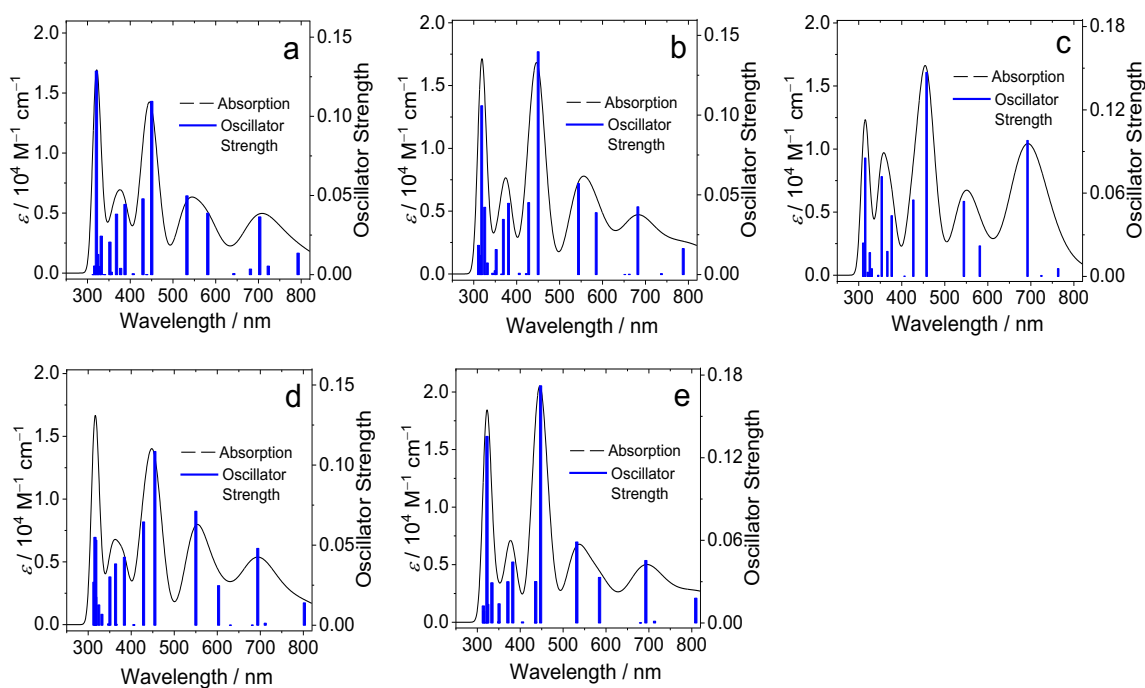
**Figure S33.** Nanosecond transient absorption spectra of (a)  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^4)(\text{acac})]$  and (c)  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^5)(\text{acac})]$  and the decay trace of (b)  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^4)(\text{acac})]$  and (d)  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^5)(\text{acac})]$  at 540 nm in *deaerated* toluene excited with nanosecond pulsed laser.  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355 \text{ nm}$ .  $c = 3.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ , 25 °C.



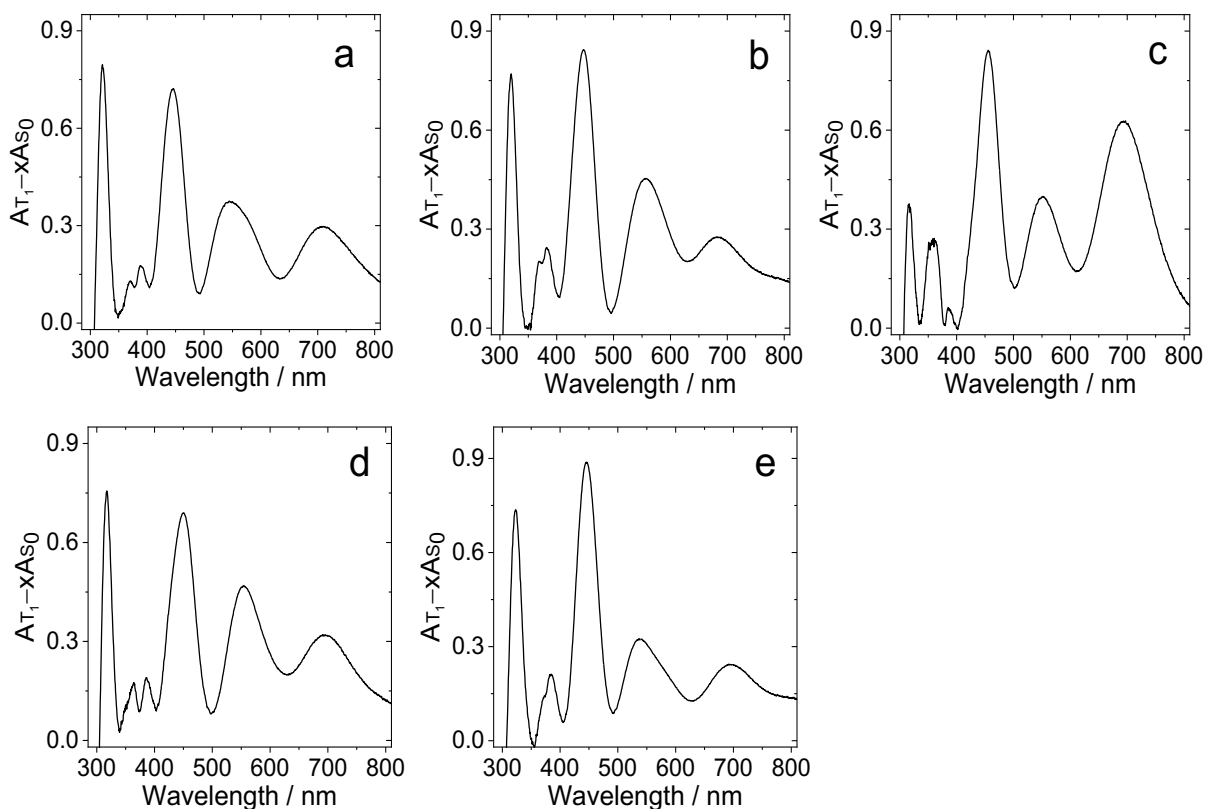
**Figure S34.** Nanosecond transient absorption spectra of (a) [Pt(L<sup>1</sup>)(acac)], (c) [Pt(L<sup>2</sup>)(acac)] and (e) [Pt(L<sup>3</sup>)(acac)] and the decay trace of (b) [Pt(L<sup>1</sup>)(acac)], (d) [Pt(L<sup>2</sup>)(acac)] and (f) [Pt(L<sup>3</sup>)(acac)] at 540 nm in aerated toluene excited with nanosecond pulsed laser.  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355 \text{ nm}$ .  $c = 3.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ , 25 °C.



**Figure S35.** Nanosecond transient absorption spectra of (a) [Pt(L<sup>4</sup>)(acac)] and (c) [Pt(L<sup>5</sup>)(acac)] and the decay trace of (b) [Pt(L<sup>4</sup>)(acac)] and (d) [Pt(L<sup>5</sup>)(acac)] at 540 nm in aerated toluene excited with nanosecond pulsed laser.  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355 \text{ nm}$ .  $c = 3.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ , 25 °C.



**Figure S36.** The calculated transient absorption spectra of (a) [Pt(L<sup>1</sup>)(acac)], (b) [Pt(L<sup>2</sup>)(acac)], (c) [Pt(L<sup>3</sup>)(acac)], (d) [Pt(L<sup>4</sup>)(acac)] and (e) [Pt(L<sup>5</sup>)(acac)], i.e. the T<sub>1</sub>→T<sub>n</sub> transitions. The calculations were performed by TDDFT at the B3LYP/GENECP level in vacuum using Gaussian 09, based on the optimized triplet excited state (T<sub>1</sub>) geometries performed by DFT at the B3LYP/GENECP level using Gaussian 09. The computation was performed under vacuum condition (no solvent was used for the computation).

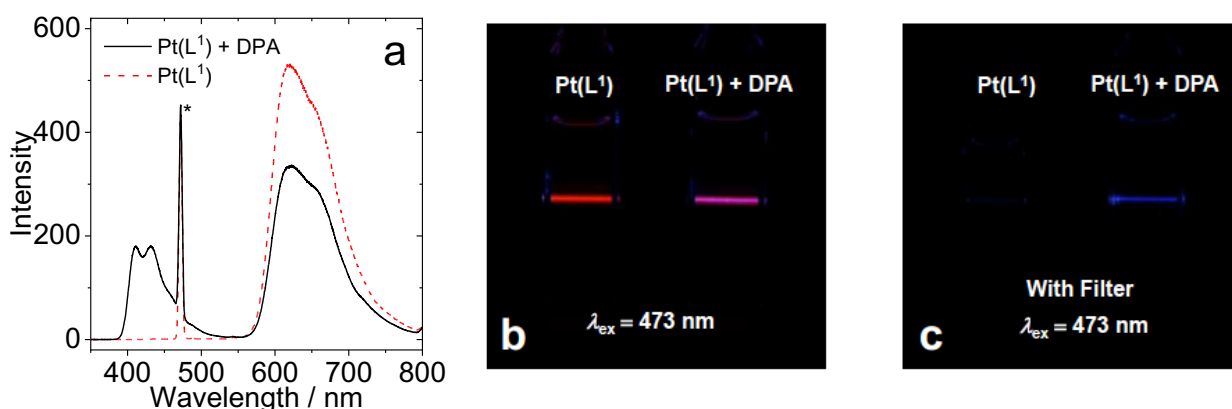


**Figure S37.** Absorbance differential spectrum of (a) [Pt(L<sup>1</sup>)(acac)], (b) [Pt(L<sup>2</sup>)(acac)], (c) [Pt(L<sup>3</sup>)(acac)], (d) [Pt(L<sup>4</sup>)(acac)] and (e) [Pt(L<sup>5</sup>)(acac)], obtained by normalized transient absorption spectra minus a product of normalized UV-vis spectra and the coefficient (between 0~1), to simulate the nanosecond transient absorption spectra of the excited state absorption band overlapping the ground state band. The calculations for transient absorption are performed by TDDFT at the B3LYP/GENECP level in vacuum using Gaussian 09, based on the optimized triplet excited state geometries (performed by DFT at the B3LYP/GENECP level using Gaussian 09. In vacuum, no solvents were used).

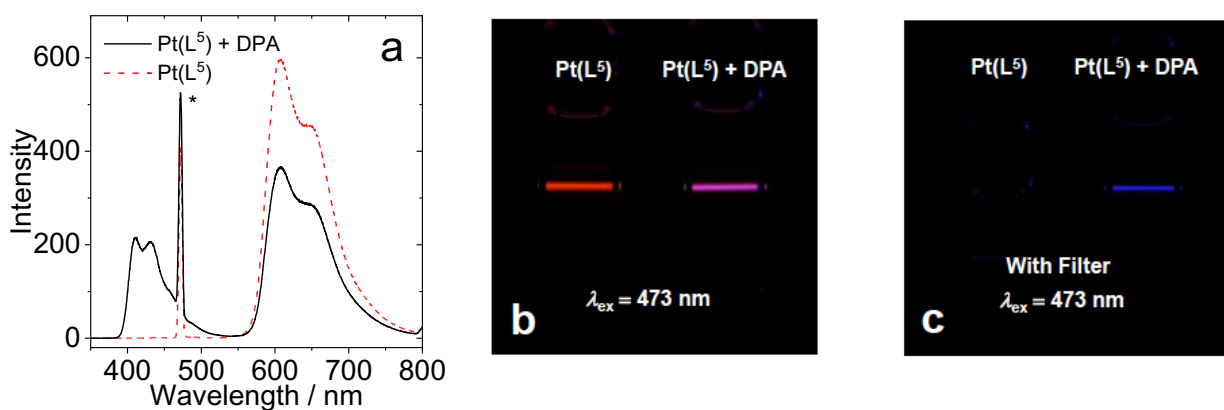


**Table S4.** Electronic excitation energies (eV) and corresponding oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) of the low-lying electronically excited states of the complexes. Performed by TDDFT at the B3LYP/GENECP level. No solvents were used in the calculations (under vacuum condition).

Compounds	Electronic transition	Energy (ev)	Wavelength (nm)	$f$
[Pt(L <sup>1</sup> )(acac)]	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>10</sub>	1.7648	703	0.0365
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>13</sub>	2.1340	581	0.0388
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>14</sub>	2.3305	532	0.0498
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>15</sub>	2.7574	450	0.1095
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>17</sub>	2.8881	429	0.0479
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>19</sub>	3.2019	387	0.0444
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>28</sub>	3.8715	320	0.1286
[Pt(L <sup>2</sup> )(acac)]	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>10</sub>	1.8180	682	0.0425
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>14</sub>	2.2803	544	0.0571
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>15</sub>	2.7572	450	0.1397
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>16</sub>	2.8989	428	0.0451
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>19</sub>	3.2581	381	0.0447
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>28</sub>	3.8980	318	0.1059
[Pt(L <sup>3</sup> )(acac)]	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>10</sub>	1.7918	692	0.0980
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>14</sub>	2.2788	544	0.0541
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>15</sub>	2.7107	457	0.1470
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>16</sub>	2.9062	427	0.0551
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>22</sub>	3.5124	353	0.0719
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>28</sub>	3.9388	315	0.0853
[Pt(L <sup>4</sup> )(acac)]	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>10</sub>	1.7866	694	0.0480
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>14</sub>	2.2543	550	0.0712
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>15</sub>	2.7276	455	0.1085
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>17</sub>	2.8939	428	0.0424
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>19</sub>	3.2305	384	0.0645
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>28</sub>	3.9076	317	0.0531
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>29</sub>	3.9316	315	0.0549
[Pt(L <sup>5</sup> )(acac)]	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>10</sub>	1.7901	693	0.0454
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>13</sub>	2.1210	585	0.0331
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>14</sub>	2.3321	532	0.0588
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>15</sub>	2.7726	447	0.1722
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>20</sub>	3.3428	371	0.0300
	T <sub>1</sub> → T <sub>27</sub>	3.8495	322	0.1355



**Figure S38.** (a) TTA upconversion emission spectra with  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^1)(\text{acac})]$  as the photosensitizer and DPA as the acceptor in deaerated DCM. The asterisks indicate the scattered laser. (b) Photographs of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^1)(\text{acac})]$  alone and the upconversion. (c) Photographs of upconversion solutions observed with band-pass filter (transparent in the range 380–520 nm). Excited with a 473 nm cw-laser with a power density of  $80 \text{ mW cm}^{-2}$ .  $c_{[\text{PSs}]}$  =  $1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ,  $c_{[\text{DPA}]}$  =  $3.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ,  $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



**Figure S39.** (a) TTA upconversion emission spectra with  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^5)(\text{acac})]$  as the photosensitizer and DPA as the acceptor in deaerated DCM. The asterisks indicate the scattered laser. (b) Photographs of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{L}^5)(\text{acac})]$  alone and the upconversion. (c) Photographs of upconversion solutions observed with band-pass filter (transparent in the range 380–520 nm). Excited with a 473 nm cw-laser with a power density of  $80 \text{ mW cm}^{-2}$ .  $c_{[\text{PSs}]}$  =  $1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ,  $c_{[\text{DPA}]}$  =  $3.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ,  $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .