Supporting information for:

## Dual functional dinuclear platinum complex with selective reactivity towards c-myc G-quadruplex

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## **Oligonucleotides sequence**

All DNA was obtained from Sangon (Shanghai, China) with HPLC purification.

ds26: 5'-CAATCGGATCGAATTCGATCCGATTG-3'.

c-myc: 5'-TGAGGGTGGGTAGGGTGGGTAA-3'.

ht21: 5'-GGGTTAGGGTTAGGGTTAGGG-3'.

rev-c-myc: 5'-ATCGCTTCTCGTCTTACCCA-3'.

rev-ht21: 5'-TCTCGTCTTCCCTAA-3'.

F-ht21-T:5'-FAM-GGGTTAGGGTTAGGGTTAGGG-TAMRA-3'.

F-c-myc-T: 5'-FAM-TGGGGAGGGTGGGGAGGGTGGGGAAGG-TAMRA-3'.

F-c-kit-T: 5'-FAM-AGGGAGGGCGCTGGGAGGAGGG-TAMRA-3'.

F-duplex-T: 5'-FAM-TATAGCTATA-Spacer18-TATAGCTATA-TAMRA-3'. Spacer18 is an 18-atom hexa-ethyleneglycol spacer.

Characterization of dinuclear Pt complexes.

[{**Pt**(**Dip**)**Cl**}<sub>2</sub>(μ-1,7-diaminoheptane)](**NO**<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**Pt1**). Yield 70.4%, ESI-MS calc for [M<sup>2+</sup>] m/z, 628.06, found 627.53. <sup>1</sup>H NMR 300 MHz (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ 9.89 (d, J = 5.79 Hz, 2H, H2), δ 9.73 (d, J = 5.64 Hz, 2H, H9), δ 8.08 (m, 6H, H3, H5 and H6), δ 7.87(d, J = 5.64 Hz, 2H, H8), δ 7.62 (m, 20H, Ph), δ 5.73 (bs, 4H, NH<sub>2</sub>), δ 3.14 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), δ 1.95 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), δ 1.48 (s, 6H, CH<sub>2</sub>).

[{**Pt**(**Dip**)**Cl**}<sub>2</sub>(μ-1,8-diaminooctane)](**NO**<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**Pt2**). Yield 62%, ESI-MS calc for [M<sup>2+</sup>] m/z, 635.08, found 634.55. <sup>1</sup>H NMR 300 MHz (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ 9.84 (d, J = 5.67 Hz, 2H, H2), δ 9.77 (d, J = 5.67 Hz, 2H, H9), δ 8.08 (m, 6H, H3, H5 and H6), δ 7.90(d, J = 5.67 Hz, 2H, H8), δ 7.61 (m, 20H, Ph), δ 5.74 (bs, 4H, NH<sub>2</sub>), δ 3.14 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), δ 1.95 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), δ 1.32 (s, 8H, CH<sub>2</sub>).

[{**Pt**(**Dip**)**Cl**}<sub>2</sub>(μ-1,9-diaminonoane)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**Pt3**). Yield 71.3%, ESI-MS calc for [M<sup>2+</sup>] m/z, 642.09, found 642.65. <sup>1</sup>H NMR 300 MHz (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ 9.93 (d, J = 5.64 Hz, 2H, H2), δ 9.79 (d, J = 5.67 Hz, 2H, H9), δ 8.12 (m, 6H, H3, H5 and H6), δ 7.93(d, J = 5.67 Hz, 2H, H8), δ 7.65 (m, 20H, Ph), δ 5.80 (bs, 4H, NH<sub>2</sub>), δ 3.17 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), δ 2.01(s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), δ 1.40 (s, 10H, CH<sub>2</sub>).

[{**Pt**(**Dip**)**Cl**}<sub>2</sub>(μ-1,10-diaminodecane)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**Pt4**). Yield 56.7%, ESI-MS calc for [M<sup>2+</sup>] m/z, 649.10, found 649.22. <sup>1</sup>H NMR 300 MHz (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ 9.90 (d, J = 5.67 Hz, 2H, H2), δ 9.71 (d, J = 5.67 Hz, 2H, H9), δ 8.07 (m, 6H, H3, H5 and H6), δ 7.88(d, J = 5.67 Hz, 2H, H8), δ 7.61 (m, 20H, Ph), δ 5.79 (bs, 4H, NH<sub>2</sub>), δ 3.12 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), δ 1.93(s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>), δ 1.41 (s, 12H, CH<sub>2</sub>).

	$\Delta T_{\rm m}$ (°C)				
_	Pt1	Pt2	Pt3	Pt4	Pt0
F-c-myc-T	2.6	3.2	8.5	3.0	11.5
F-bcl2-T	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.4	5.0
F-c-kit-T	0.7	1.1	0.6	1.4	9.6
F-ht21-T	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.7	3.2
F-duplex-T	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.01	-0.4

**Table S1.** Stabilization temperature  $\Delta T_m$  of different DNA structures in the presences of platinum compounds from FRET-based thermal melting.

 Table S2. DC<sub>50</sub> (the concentration of Pt3 needed to displace 50% of thiazole orange (TO)) values for different DNA.

DNA	DC50 (µM)
c-myc	0.20
ht21	1.17
ds26	1.84

**Table S3.** Assignment for the peaks on MALDI-TOF MS spectra of peaks on HPLC of ds26 and **Pt3**-ds26 adducts.

Peak	Composition	Formula	obsd	cald.
D1	ds26	C254H321N97O154P25	7972.69	7971.24
D2	ds26	C254H321N97O154P25	7971.72	7971.24
D3	ds26	C254H321N97O154P25	7970.32	7971.24
	ds26+Pt <sub>2</sub> (Dip) <sub>2</sub> (diaminonoane)	C311H371N103O154P25Pt2	9182.54	9180.46
D4	ds26+Pt <sub>2</sub> (Dip) <sub>2</sub> (diaminonoane)	C311H371N103O154P25Pt2	9181.64	9180.46

 

 Table S4. Assignment of MALDI-TOF MS spectra for peaks on HPLC of c-myc and Pt3-GQ adducts.

Peak	Composition	Formula	obsd	cald
c-myc	c-myc	C220H270N95O131P21	6991.30	6992.57
P1	c-myc+Pt <sub>2</sub> (Dip) <sub>2</sub> (diaminonoane)	C277H320N101O131P21Pt2	8200.74	8201.80
P2	c-myc+Pt <sub>2</sub> (Dip) <sub>2</sub> (diaminonoane)	C277H320N1010131P21Pt2	8201.17	8201.80

Table S5. The modified bond terms for Guanine-Pt complex

Bond	Ro	$K_r\left(kJ/(nm^{2*}mol)\right)$
N7-Pt	2.01	1.5313×10 <sup>5</sup>

Table S6. The modified angle terms for Guanine-Pt complex

Angle	θο	$K_{\theta}\left(kJ/(degree*mol)\right)$
N1'-Pt-N2'	90	$1.6688 \times 10^{3}$
N1'-Pt-N3'	180	$1.6044 \times 10^{3}$
N2'-Pt-N3'	90	$1.5382 \times 10^{3}$
Pt-N7-C8	127.95	$1.0385 \times 10^{3}$
Pt-N7-C5	127.95	$1.3339 \times 10^{3}$
N1'-Pt-N7	90	$1.3551 \times 10^{3}$
N2'-Pt-N7	180	$1.4041 \times 10^{3}$
N3'-Pt-N7	90	$1.4495 \times 10^{3}$

Table S7. The modified dihedral terms for Guanine-Pt complex

Torsional angle	φ0	Vn(kJ/mol)	n
C5-C7-Pt-N1'	90	2.09	2
C8-C7-Pt-N1'	90	2.09	2
C5-C7-Pt-N2'	90	2.09	2
C8-C7-Pt-N2'	90	2.09	2
C5-C7-Pt-N3'	90	2.09	2
C8-C7-Pt-N3'	90	2.09	2

Table S8 The modified improper torsional terms for Guanine-Pt complex

Improper angle	χ0	K <sub>χ</sub> (kJ/mol)
C8-C7-C5-Pt	180	41.8

Atom	Atomic charge
N9	-0.019
C8	0.3057
H8	0.069
N7	-0.3433
C5	0.009
C6	0.6837
O6	-0.5699
N1	-0.5053
H1	0.352
C2	0.7432
N2	-0.923
H21 and H22	0.4235
N3	-0.6636
C4	0.3847
N1'	-0.11232
N2'	-0.13805
N3'	-0.41289

Table S9 The modified atomic charge for Guanine-Pt complex



**Scheme S1.** Synthetic route of dinuclear platinum compounds,  $n = 7 \sim 10$ .



Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Pt1-4 in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S2. Overlay of <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY (red) and ROESY (blue) spectrum of Pt3 in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure S3.** FRET melting profiles for 200 nM DNA without or with 200 nM different platinum compounds, in 10 mM lithium cacodylate buffer, pH 7.4, 50 mM LiCl, 5 mM KCl.



**Figure S4.** Competitive FRET-melting of 200 nM F-c-myc-T (black) with 1.0  $\mu$ M **Pt3** and increasing amounts (0 [red], 5 [magenta] 15 [blue] and 50 [olive] equiv.) of unlabeled competitors (ds26).



**Figure S5.** Plot of thiazole orange (TO) displacement *vs.* concentrations of **Pt3** with different DNAs.



**Figure S6.** CD spectra of c-myc (A) and ht21 (B) in different buffers. Buffer background in CD spectra were shown in (C). **Buffer 1** is 5 mM lithium cacodylate buffer (pH 7.4) with 50 mM LiCl and 1 mM (for c-myc) or 5 mM (for ht21) KCl; **buffer 2** is 10 mM potassium phosphate buffer (pH 7.4) with 100 mM KNO<sub>3</sub>; **buffer 3** is  $1 \times PCR$  buffer – 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.4) with 50 mM KCl and 1.5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S7. HPLC profiles of 10 µM ht21 G-quadruplex with or without 20 µM Pt3.



**Figure S8.** HPLC chromagraphy of ds26, and 10  $\mu$ M ds26 duplex reacted with 20  $\mu$ M **Pt3** for 24 hours at 37 °C (A); MALDI-TOF MS spectra of peaks from HPLC (B).



**Figure S9.** HPLC chromagraphy of c-myc, and 10  $\mu$ M c-myc reacted with 20  $\mu$ M **Pt3** (A), **Pt1** (B), **Pt2** (C) and **Pt4** (D) for 24 hours at 37 °C.



**Figure S10.** Mass spectrum of **Pt3** (A), adenosine (B), guanosine (C) and the adducts after 24-hour reaction. Adenosine with **Pt3** (D), guanosine with **Pt3** (E), and adenosine plus guanosine with **Pt3** (F).



**Figure S11.** Molecular docking of **Pt3** to c-myc G-quadruplex. Left: Conf1; right: Conf2. The G-quadruplex was represented by new ribbon method (guanine: green; adenine: gray; thymine; pink; G2: orange; G19: pruple). Complex **Pt3** was presented in Licorice method (Pt: yellow; N: navy blue; Cl: red; C: blue).



**Figure S12.** Structure of Pt-G complex. The atom types of coordinate atoms and guanine atoms are also labeled.





**Figure S13.** The structure of the two mono-crosslinked **Pt3** to c-myc GQ after 10 ns MD (a~c: Conf1; d~e: Conf2). For both conformations, the top Pt planes were close to G19 (a,d), another side view showed the top G-quartet has already decomposed under restraint (b,e). Zoom in of bottom Pt-G2 complex showed that the planar coordination geometry of Pt core has formed and G2 was nearly perpendicular to Dip ligand (c,f). The Pt complex and G2 were represented using Licorice model (Pt: brown; N: blue; C: cyan; Cl: red; guanine: orange), and the rest G-quadruplex was represented by new ribbon model (T: pink; A: gray; G: green; G2: orange; G19: purple).



**Figure S14.** Inhibitory effects of **Pt3** on c-myc and ht21 templates extension in PCR-stop assay. Lane 1 and 12: control of duplex DNA – ds26; lane 6 and 7: control of both 21- and 48-mer duplex DNA; lane 5: G-rich (c-myc) sequence without **Pt3**; lane 2-4: three repeats of G-rich (c-myc) sequence with 2 equiv. amount of **Pt3**; lane 8: G-rich (ht21) sequence without **Pt3**; lane 9-11: three repeats of G-rich (ht21) sequence with 2 equiv. amount of **Pt3**.