

1 **Synthesis and characterization of Pd(II), Pt(II), Cu(I), Ag(I) and Cu(II) complexes with N,O-**  
2 **hybrid pyrazole ligand**

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35 **ABSTRACT:**

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37 The coordination behavior of N,O-hybrid pyrazole-based metal–organic frameworks are described. 2-  
38 (3,5-Pyridyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethanol (L) and its Pd(II), Pt(II), Cu(I), Ag(I) and Cu(II) complexes with  
39 different anions have been synthesized and characterized by elemental analysis, conductivity, mass  
40 spectrometry, IR,  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  and  $^{195}\text{Pt}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectroscopies. Complex 1 was also  
41 characterized by single crystal X-ray diffraction. For complex 7 has also been possible to perform the  
42 UV–Vis and magnetic susceptibility measurements. All complexes are monomers, except the complexes  
43 obtained by reaction of the ligand (L) with  $\text{M}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Pd}(\text{II}), \text{Pt}(\text{II})$ ) or  $\text{CuBr}_2$ , which are  
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## 52 1. INTRODUCTION

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54 In recent decades, the design of hybrid functional materials has been receiving special attention because  
55 of their potential applications in different areas [1]. A well-known approach for the preparations of such  
56 systems is the synthesis of metal–organic frameworks where transition metal ions and nitrogen  
57 containing heterocyclic ligands have proven to be useful for the construction of solid-state architectures  
58 [2]. One of the most studied ligands in coordination chemistry with nitrogen heterocyclic structure is the  
59 pyrazole ring [3]. Pyrazole-based ligands have been successfully used for constructing a wide array of  
60 architectures with different properties, such as magnetism, conductivity, catalytic activity, luminescence  
61 and porosity. Those frameworks could find uses in different applications, such as gas storage,  
62 separation, drug delivery, chemical sensing and optoelectronics [4]. The increasing need for evolved  
63 systems and demanding assemblies has led to the emergence of hetero-donating functions [5], among  
64 which N, O-hybrid ligands such as N-hydroxyalkylpyrazole ligands are smart candidates [6]. In  
65 addition, complexes having N,O-donor atoms are very important because of their significant biomedical  
66 properties such as antibacterial [7], antifungal [8], anticancer [9] and herbicidal activity [10].

67 In this context, we have extensively studied the synthesis and coordination of the N-  
68 hydroxyalkylpyrazole derived ligands, in particular N-hydroxyalkylpyrazole [11], N-hydroxyalkyl-3,5-  
69 dimethylpyrazole [12], N-hydroxyalkyl-3,5-diphenylpyrazole [13], N-hydroxyalkyl-3-methyl-5-  
70 phenylpyrazole [14], N-hydroxyalkyl-5-methyl-3-phenylpyrazole [14], N-hydroxyalkyl-3-phenyl-5-  
71 pyridylpyrazole [15], N-hydroxyalkyl-5-phenyl-3-pyridylpyrazole [15] and N-hydroxyalkyl-3-pyridyn-  
72 5-trifluoromethylpyrazole [16], as well as studied their reactivity towards different transition metal ions  
73 like Pd(II) [12a,13,17], Pt(II) [14,18], Zn(II) [5,12a], Cd(II) [6], Hg(II) [6] and Cu(II) [12a].

74 As a continuation of these studies, in this paper we present the synthesis and characterization of a N-  
75 hydroxyalkylpyrazole derived ligand and assayed its reactions with different transition metals. In  
76 particular, we present the reaction of the 2-(3,5-pyridyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethanol (L) with  
77  $[MCl_2(CH_3CN)_2]$  (M = Pd(II) (1), Pt(II) (2)),  $M(MeCO_2)_2$  (M = Pd(II) (3), Pt(II) (4)), CuBr (5), Ag  
78  $(CF_3SO_3)$  (6) and CuBr<sub>2</sub> (7). Complexes 1–7 were characterized by elemental analyses, mass  
79 spectrometry, conductivity measurements and IR spectroscopy, and for compound 1 X-ray crystal  
80 structure is presented. Moreover, complexes 1–6 were also characterized by 1D and 2D NMR  
81 spectroscopies. For compound 7, the UV–Vis and magnetic properties were also studied.

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## 84 2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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86 2.1. Synthesis and characterization of the ligand The 2-(3,5-pyridyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethanol (L) ligand,  
87 was obtained from the precursor bis(2-pyridin-2-yl)propane-1,3-dione [19]. The b-diketone was  
88 synthesized following a Claisen condensation of the methyl-2-pyridinecarboxylate and 2-acetylpyridine,  
89 using NaOH as base and dry toluene as solvent. Treatment of b-diketone with 2-hydroxyethylhydrazine  
90 in ethanol at room temperature gave the L ligand in 83% yield.

91 The synthesized L ligand was characterized by elemental analyses, infrared spectrum,  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$   
92 NMR and electrospray mass spectrometry (ESI(+)-MS). For the assignment of the  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR  
93 spectrum, we have employed HSQC technique.

94 The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum display the ortho-pyridinic hydrogen (Scheme 1) at  $\delta = 8.46$  and  $8.41$  ppm ( $3J =$   
95  $5.8$  Hz,  $3J = 4.3$  Hz) as doublets. The pyrazolic hydrogen was observed at  $\delta = 7.05$  ppm. The  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$   
96 NMR spectrum presents the signal at  $\delta = 104.9$  ppm attributable to the CH of the pyrazole [20]. In the  
97 mass spectrum (ESI(+)-MS), one signal appears at 267 (100%), attributable to  $[\text{L}+\text{H}]^+$ .

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99 2.2. Synthesis and characterization of the  $[\text{MCl}_2(\text{L})]$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Pd}(\text{II})$  (1) and  $\text{Pt}(\text{II})$  (2))

100 The reaction of the ligand L with  $[\text{MCl}_2(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2]$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Pd}(\text{II})$  (1),  $\text{Pt}(\text{II})$  (2)), in an acetonitrile  
101 solution and in the 1 M:1 L ratio is presented in Scheme 1. The elemental analyses are consistent with  
102 the formula  $[\text{MCl}_2(\text{L})]$  for the two compounds. The positive ionization spectra (ESI(+)-MS) of  
103 complexes 1 and 2, give a peaks with  $m/z$  values of 408 (100%) (1) and 497 (100%) (2), attributable to  
104  $[\text{MCl}(\text{L})]^+$ . Molecular peaks of the cations are observed with the same isotope distribution as the  
105 theoretical ones. The molar conductivity values of  $10^{-3}$  M samples, in DMSO are in agreement with the  
106 presence of non-electrolyte complexes [21].

107 The IR spectra in the range of  $4000\text{--}400$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , show that the ligand is coordinated to  $\text{Pd}(\text{II})$  or  $\text{Pt}(\text{II})$   
108 (Fig. S1). The most important bands of the pyridine and pyrazole groups  $[\nu(\text{C}@\text{C}), (\text{C}@\text{N})]_{\text{ar}}$  and  $[\nu$   
109  $(\text{C}@\text{C}), (\text{C}@\text{N})]_{\text{ar}}$  increase their frequency, whereas  $\nu(\text{C}\text{--}\text{H})_{\text{oop}}$  band decrease its frequency when it is  
110 part of the complexes. The IR spectra of the complexes 1 and 2 show an important shift of the  $\nu(\text{O}\text{--}\text{H})$   
111 band at 3431 (1) and 3395 (2)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  [20]. The IR spectra of both compounds, between 600 and 100  $\text{cm}^{-1}$   
112 have been also recorded (Fig. S2). The complexes 1 and 2 show the  $\nu(\text{M}\text{--}\text{N})$  band (440 (1) and 425 (2)  
113  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). Moreover, the spectra of the complexes display two bands (348, 326 (1) and 335, 318 (2)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ),  
114 corresponding to  $\nu(\text{M}\text{--}\text{Cl})$ , which are typical of compounds with a cis disposition of the chlorine  
115 ligands around  $\text{Pd}(\text{II})$  or  $\text{Pt}(\text{II})$  [22].

116 The  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  and  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  NMR spectra of the compounds 1 and 2 were recorded in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , due  
117 to the low solubility of these complexes in other deuterated solvents. The  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR  
118 spectra were consistent with the proposed structure and proved the coordination of the ligand (L) to the  
119 metal atoms.

120 In the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra, characteristic signals for ortho-pyridinic hydrogens are observed between 9.40  
121 and 8.77 ppm as doublets, with  $^1\text{H}\text{--}^1\text{H}$  coupling constants between 5.7 and 5.3 Hz. The values of the  
122 field shift and coupling constants are of the same order of those obtained for other complexes with N-  
123 alkylpyridylpyrazole [23] and N-hydroxyalkylpyridylpyrazole [15] ligands, but display higher field shift  
124 than  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{L}_0)]$ ,  $[\text{Pd}(\text{L}_0)_2](\text{BF}_4)_2$  and  $[\text{PdCl}(\text{L}_0)](\text{BF}_4)$  ( $\text{L}_0 = 2\text{-(3-pyridin-2-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-}$   
125  $1\text{H-pyrazol-1-yl}$ ) ethanol. This fact is probably due to the presence of the trifluoromethyl group [17].

126 Other observed signals, are those attributable to Hpz, which appear at 7.80 (1) and 7.82 (2) ppm. These  
127 values show a large displacement compared to the same signal for the free ligand (7.05 ppm). The  
128 values are comparable to those observed for other complexes that contain N-  
129 hydroxyalkylpyridylpyrazole ligands [15].

130 The ethylene protons of the N-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH chains appear as two triplets at 5.30, 3.75 (1) ppm and  
131 5.41, 3.71 (2) ppm, with 1H-1H coupling constants between 5.5 and 4.8 Hz. In these complexes, the  
132 signal attributable to a proton of the alcohol group (O-H) appears as triplet at 4.73 (1) ppm (3J = 5.6 Hz)  
133 and 4.72 (2) ppm (3J = 4.8 Hz).

134 In the <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra, characteristic signals for the orthopyridinic carbons are observed  
135 between 149.3 and 148.7 ppm. Other observed signals are those attributable to Cpz, which appear to  
136 105.9 (1) and 104.9 (2) ppm. The carbons of the N-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH chain appear between 60.6 and 53.0  
137 ppm.

138 The <sup>195</sup>Pt-NMR signal of 2 is observed at 2184 ppm as a broad one. This value indicates the existence  
139 of the complex cis-PtN<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> chromophores [24]. The value is in accordance with data published in the  
140 literature for [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(L)] (L = 2-[5-phenyl-1-(3,6,9-trioxodecane)-1H-pyrazol-3-yl]pyridine, 1-[2-  
141 diethylamino)ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazole, 1-[2-dioctylamino)ethyl-3,5-dimethylpyrazole and 1,8-  
142 bis(3,5-dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-3,6-dioxaoctane [25].

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#### 144 2.2.1. Crystal and molecular structure of complex cis-[PdCl<sub>2</sub>(L)] (1)

145 The crystal quality was poor but an X-ray diffraction analysis was carried out and clearly revealed the  
146 structure of the complex. The crystal structure of compound 1 consist of monomeric cis-[PdCl<sub>2</sub>(L)]  
147 molecules (Fig. 1). Selected parameters and details concerning the refinement of the crystal structure are  
148 gathered in Table 1 and bond distances and angles are given in Table 2. The metal atom is surrounded  
149 by a core composed of one L coordinated via one pyrazole nitrogen and one pyridine nitrogen, finishing  
150 the coordination of the metal with two chlorine ligands in a cis disposition (Fig. 1). L behaves as a  
151 chelated bidentate ligand (bite angle of 79.5(2) ) forming a five-membered metallocycle, which has a  
152 planar configuration.

153 The [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(Npz)(Npy)] core (containing terminal chlorine atoms in a cis disposition) is found in ten  
154 complexes described in the literature [26]. The bond distances Pd-Npy (2.043(6) Å, where py =  
155 pyridine) are in the same order as Pd-Npz (2.061(5) Å, where pz = pyrazole). Both distances are  
156 consistent with other palladium complexes containing analogous ligands (2.020–2.125 Å) and (1.968–  
157 2.070 Å), respectively [26]. The Pd-Cl bond lengths (2.270 (2) and 2.281(2) Å) can be regarded as  
158 normal compared with the distances found in the literature (2.269–2.307 Å) [26].

159 It is important to mention that L has non-planar disposition. The coordinated pyridyl group is slightly  
160 twisted with respect to the pyrazole ring, the py-pz dihedral angle 2.4(3) , whereas in the more twisted  
161 non-coordinated pyridyl group, the py-pz angle is 37.2(3) . The angles dihedrals are comparable to the  
162 compound [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(L)] (6.5 , 35.1 ). The hydroxyethyl group, which is bonded to N(3), moves away from  
163 the chelating plane giving a torsion angle N2-N3-C14-C15 of 86.15 .

164 We have investigated the extended structure and the selfassembly pattern of [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(L)] (1) units in the  
165 crystal through intermolecular C-H...Cl bonding interactions (2.699 Å and 162.5 ). This results in the  
166 generation of one-dimensional chains in the crystal structure along the crystallographic [110] direction  
167 (Fig. 2). The intermolecular contacts can be considered as “weak” on the basis of the contact distances  
168 and angles [27]. In addition, the distance between adjacent Pd atoms is 9.048(3) Å. The potentially

169 active H atom of the alcohol group of the L ligand is engaged in intramolecular bond with the N atom of  
170 the pyridine group, which acts as the receptor for this kind of interaction. Each  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{-L})]$  unit  
171 present one O–H $\cdots$ N $\cdots$  intramolecular bonding (2.220 (4) Å and 126.6°). In this structure, it is  
172 important to take into account that these one-dimensional chains are arranged in such a way that chains  
173 in close-contact are anti parallel (Fig. 3).

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175 2.3. Synthesis and characterization of the  $[\text{M}(\text{MeCO}_2)(\text{L})]_2(\text{MeCO}_2)_2$  (M = Pd(II) (3) and Pt(II) (4))

176 The reaction of the ligand L with  $[\text{M}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2]$  (M = Pd(II), Pt(II)) in a  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solvent and in the 1  
177 M:1 L ratio, gave rise to dimeric complexes  $[\text{M}(\text{MeCO}_2)(\text{L})]_2(\text{MeCO}_2)_2$  (M = Pd(II) (3), Pt(II) (4))  
178 (Scheme 1). The elemental analysis are consistent with the formula  $[\text{M}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2(\text{L})]$  for the two  
179 compounds. The positive ionization spectra (ESI(+)-MS) of complexes 3 and 4, give peaks with m/z  
180 values at 431 (100%) (3), and 520 (100%) (4), attributable to  $[\text{M}(\text{MeCO}_2)(\text{L})]^+$ . The molecular peaks  
181 of the cations are observed with the same isotope distribution of the theoretical ones. The molar  
182 conductivity values of 10<sup>-3</sup> M samples in methanol are in agreement with the presence of 1:2 electrolyte  
183 compounds [21]. The IR spectra of complexes 3 and 4 in the range 4000–400 cm<sup>-1</sup>, display absorptions  
184 of N-hydroxyalkylpyridylpyrazole derived ligands [15]. For the two compounds, the most characteristic  
185 bands are those attributable to the alcohol, pyridyl and pyrazole groups:  $\nu(\text{O-H})$  3382, 3295 (3) and  
186 3342, 3281 (4) cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\nu(\text{C@C})$ ,  $\nu(\text{C@N})$  1573 (3) and 1562 (4) cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\nu(\text{d(C@C)})$ ,  $\nu(\text{d(C@N)})$  1452  
187 (3) and 1426 (4) cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\nu(\text{d(C-H)oop})$  773, 704 (3) and 762, 694 (4) cm<sup>-1</sup> [20]. Moreover, for these two  
188 compounds bands appear at 1636, 1612, 1590 (3) and 1624, 1594, 1572 (4) cm<sup>-1</sup>, that correspond to  
189  $\nu(\text{as(COO)})$  and also at 1465, 1447, 1437 (3) cm<sup>-1</sup>, and 1453, 1432, 1405 (4) cm<sup>-1</sup>, corresponding to  
190  $\nu(\text{s(COO)})$ . These complexes show a complicated spectra in this region, separate by  $\Delta = 195\text{--}125$  (3) and  
191  $171\text{--}119$  (4) cm<sup>-1</sup>. These  $\Delta$  values are consistent with the presence of both ionic and coordinated acetate  
192 groups, pointing out the presence of dimeric species [22,28]. IR spectra of complexes 3 and 4 in the  
193 600–100 cm<sup>-1</sup> region were also studied. The presence of bands at 418 (3) and 404 (4) cm<sup>-1</sup>, assigned to  
194  $\nu(\text{M-N})$ , confirm the coordination of the N atoms of the organic ligand to the metallic atom.

195 The <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra for complexes 3 and 4 recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution, show the signal of  
196 coordinated ligand (L) and acetate groups.

197 In the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra, the signals of ortho-pyridinic hydrogens are observed between 8.62 and 8.03  
198 ppm as doublets, with <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H coupling constants between 5.5 and 4.1 Hz (Fig. S3). Other observed  
199 signals are attributable to H<sub>pz</sub> at 7.21 (3) and 6.42 (4) ppm. The ethylene protons of the N–CH<sub>2</sub>–CH<sub>2</sub>–  
200 OH chains appear as two triplets at 4.86, 3.77 (3), and 4.52, 3.54 (4) ppm, with <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H coupling  
201 constants between 5.4 and 4.9 Hz. In these complexes the signal attributable to proton of the alcohol  
202 group (O–H) appears as a broad signal at 4.22 (3) and 4.02 (4) ppm. The <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra display  
203 the signals C<sub>pz</sub> at 105.5, 104.3 (3), and 104.7, 102.1 (4) ppm. Furthermore, the signals of the N–CH<sub>2</sub>–  
204 CH<sub>2</sub>–OH chains between 66.8 and 51.8 ppm.

205 The methyl of the acetate groups display two signals in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra and in the <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR  
206 spectra. These signals appear at 2.93, 1.91 and 24.1, 23.5 (3) ppm, and 1.89, 1.71 and 21.9, 20.3 (4)  
207 ppm. The presence of two signals for each type of proton or carbon, could indicate the presence of two  
208 types of acetates: bridged (2.93, 1.89 ppm and 24.1, 21.9 ppm) and ionic (1.91, 1.71 ppm and 23.5, 20.3  
209 ppm). The same signals are observed for complexes of Pd(II) and Pt(II) with N-  
210 polyetherpyridylpyrazole derived ligands [17]. The <sup>195</sup>Pt-NMR signal of 4 displays one signal at 3385  
211 ppm.

212 The presence of only one resonance is consistent with the equivalence of both platinum atoms in their  
213 composition [29]. Unfortunately, no suitable crystals were obtained for complexes 3 and 4.

214 2.4. Synthesis and characterization of the Cu(I), Ag(I) and Cu(II) complexes

215 The reaction of the ligand L with CuBr or AgCF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> in ethanol with 1 M:2 L ratio, yielded the  
216 compounds [Cu(L)<sub>2</sub>]Br (5) and [Ag(L)<sub>2</sub>](CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>) (6) (Scheme 1). The synthesis of 6 was done  
217 protected from light radiation, and this compound decomposes slowly in solid or solution. The elemental  
218 analysis for the two compounds is in agreement with the proposed formulas. The positive ionization  
219 spectra (ESI(+)-MS) of complexes 5 and 6, give peaks with m/z values of 596 (100%) and 640 (100%),  
220 respectively attributable to [M(L)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (Fig. S4). The molar conductivity of 10<sup>-3</sup> M solutions of  
221 compounds 5 and 6 in CH<sub>3</sub>OH and DMSO, respectively show values of 90 and 62 X 10<sup>4</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>,  
222 respectively. Those values are attributable to a 1:1 electrolyte [21]. The IR spectra of the two  
223 compounds in the range of 4000–400 cm<sup>-1</sup>, support that the ligand L is coordinated to the metallic  
224 center (Fig. S5). The complex 6 shows signals at 1259 and 1166 cm<sup>-1</sup>, attributable to m(C–F) and m(S–  
225 O), respectively (Fig. S6) [30]. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals of ortho-pyridinic hydrogens appear at higher  
226 fields respect to the free ligand 8.67, 8.62 (5) and 8.57, 8.46 (6) ppm, and the signals of N–CH<sub>2</sub>–CH<sub>2</sub>–  
227 OH chain also appear at higher fields respect to the free ligand 4.54, 4.02 (5) and 4.42, 3.84 (6) ppm.  
228 The signals in the <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra, appear at lower fields than for the free ligand:  
229 [Cortho/ortho0: 158.5, 153.2 (5) and 151.5, 151.1 (6) ppm; Cpz: 108.2 (5) and 106.4 (6) ppm (Fig. S7).  
230 It is important to highlight that the NMR spectra of complexes 5 and 6 are very similar, so probably the  
231 two ligands in these complexes are disposed in a similar distribution around the metallic center.

232 Finally, the reaction of the ligand L with CuBr<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O in ethanol using 1:1 M/L ratio led to the  
233 compound [CuBr(L)]<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> (7) (Scheme 1). The elemental analysis is consistent with the proposed  
234 formula. The ESI(+)-MS of 7, display a peak with m/z value of 410 (100%), attributable to [CuBr(L)]<sup>+</sup>.  
235 Moreover, the molar conductivity value in CH<sub>3</sub>OH (198 X 10<sup>4</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>) for 7 is in agreement with the  
236 presence of 1:1 electrolyte compound [21]. The IR spectrum of 7 displays absorptions of 2-(3,5-pyridyl-  
237 1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethanol (L) ligand. The most characteristic bands are m(O–H) at 3299 cm<sup>-1</sup>, [m(C@C),  
238 m(C@N)]<sub>ar</sub> between 1611–1568 cm<sup>-1</sup> and d(C–H)<sub>oop</sub> at 785 cm<sup>-1</sup> [20]. The IR spectrum in the region  
239 600–100 cm<sup>-1</sup> was also recorded. The bromide complex show one band at 304 cm<sup>-1</sup> attributable to  
240 m(Cu–Br) absorption. The m(Pd–N) absorption band appears at 420 cm<sup>-1</sup>, in agreement with available  
241 data [31]. The electronic spectrum of this compound, exhibit one broad band at 582 nm (ε = 35 mol<sup>-1</sup>  
242 cm<sup>2</sup> l) in 10<sup>-2</sup> M methanolic solution. This result did not allow us to infer the geometry of the metal  
243 center [32] and another band is observed at 320 nm, which correspond to L→M charge transfer transition  
244 between stacked aromatic rings in the complex [33]. The magnetic moment (BM) value was obtained at  
245 room temperature and showed a magnetic moment of 1.80 BM, which is in the range of 1.75–2.20 BM,  
246 consistent with that present in Cu(II) compounds without interaction Cu–Cu [34].

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250 **3. CONCLUSIONS**

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252 We have presented the reaction of the ligand 2-(3,5-pyridyl-1Hpyrazol-1-yl)ethanol (L), towards  
253  $[MCl_2(CH_3CN)_2]$  (M = Pd(II) (1), Pt(II) (2)),  $[M(MeCO_2)_2]$  (M = Pd(II) (3), Pt(II) (4)), CuBr (5),  
254  $Ag(CF_3SO_3)$  (6) and  $CuBr_2$  (7). The study of the coordination chemistry behavior of this L ligand with  
255 different transition metals, revealed the formation of monomers  $[MCl_2(L)]$  (M = Pd(II) (1), Pt(II) (2)),  
256  $[Cu(L)_2]Br$  (5) and  $[Ag(L_2)](CF_3SO_3)$  (6) and dimers  $[M(MeCO_2)(L)]_2(MeCO_2)_2$  (M = Pd(II) (3),  
257 Pt(II) (4)), and  $[CuBr(L)]_2Br_2$  (7) complexes. All new complexes were characterized by analytical and  
258 spectroscopic techniques.

259 This kind of hybrid N-ethanol-3,5-dipyridylpyrazole ligand is a potential agent in supramolecular crystal  
260 engineering due to the different bonding properties of the heteroatoms (N vs. O) present in the structure  
261 of the ligand.

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## 263 4. EXPERIMENTAL

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### 265 4.1. General methods

266 All reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere with the use of vacuum line and standard  
267 Schlenk techniques. All reagents were commercially available and were used without further  
268 purification. All solvents were dried and distilled under N<sub>2</sub> by standard methods prior to use.  
269 Elemental analyses (C, H, N) were carried out by the staff of the Chemical Analysis Services of the  
270 Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona on a Carlo Erba CHNS EA-1108 instrument. Conductivity  
271 measurements were performed at  $25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C in 10<sup>-3</sup> M in DMSO or methanol solvents, employing  
272 CyberScan CON 500 (Euthech Instruments) conductimeter. Mass spectra were obtained with an Esquire  
273 3000 ion trap mass spectrometer from Bruker Daltonics. Infrared spectra were recorded from KBr disks  
274 or polyethylene films on a Perkin-Elmer 2000 spectrometer in the region 4000–400 cm<sup>-1</sup> under a  
275 nitrogen atmosphere. The <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR and HMQC spectra were run on an NMR-FT Bruker 250  
276 MHz spectrometer in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> or CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions at room temperature. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR  
277 chemical shifts (δ) were determined relative to internal TMS and are given in ppm. The  
278 <sup>195</sup>Pt{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR were recorded at 298 K in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> solutions and at 77.42 MHz on a DPX-360 MHz  
279 Bruker spectrometer using aqueous solutions of [PtCl<sub>6</sub>]<sup>2-</sup> (0 ppm) as an external reference, with delay  
280 times of 0.01 s. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm. Electronic spectra in solution were run on a  
281 Kontron-Uvikon 860 in methanol, between 800 and 350 nm. Magnetic susceptibility measurements  
282 were performed on polycrystalline samples with a Quantum Design susceptometer in the range 2–300 K  
283 under magnetic fields of 0.3 T. Diamagnetic corrections were estimated from Pascal tables. Synthesis of  
284 bis(2-pyridin-2-yl)propane-1,3-dione has been previously reported in the literature [19]. Samples of  
285 [MCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>2</sub>] (M = Pd(II), Pt(II)) were prepared as described in the literature [35,36].

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### 287 4.2. Synthesis of the ligand 2-(3,5-pyridyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)ethanol (L)

288 Bis(2-pyridin-2-yl)propane-1,3-dione (1.10 mmol, 0.25 g) was dissolved in ethanol (25 mL). To this  
289 solution, 2-hydroxyethylhydrazine (1.30 mmol, 0.10 g) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 6 h at  
290 room temperature. After removing the solvent under vacuum, the product was extracted from the oily  
291 residue with H<sub>2</sub>O/CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1/1). The collected organic layers have been dried with anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>  
292 and have been removed under vacuum. Purification was done by silica column chromatography using  
293 ethyl acetate. The ligand was obtained as a white solid.

294 L: (Yield: 83%), mp. 30–35 °C. Anal. Calc. for: C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O (266.30 amu): C, 67.65; H, 5.30; N,  
295 21.04. Found: C, 67.56; H, 5.37; N, 21.34%. IR (NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3282 m(O–H), 3050 m(C–H)<sub>ar</sub>, 2928–  
296 2859 m(C–H)<sub>al</sub>, 1591–1569 (m(C@C), m(C@N))<sub>ar</sub>, 1484 (d(C@C), d(C@N))<sub>ar</sub>, 1098–1086 d(C–  
297 H)<sub>ar,ip</sub>, 764, 678 d(C–H)<sub>ar,oop</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution, 250 MHz, 298 K): 8.46/8.41 [1H/1H, d, 3J  
298 = 5.8 Hz, 3J = 4.3 Hz, Hortho/Hortho], 8.16/7.99 [1H/1H, t, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 3J = 6.9 Hz, Hpara/Hpara],  
299 7.92/7.88 [1H/1H, d, 3J = 7.5 Hz, 3J = 8.1 Hz, H4/H4], 7.05 [1H, s, Hpz], 7.52/7.43 [1H/1H, m,

300 Hmeta/Hmeta0], 5.86 [1H, br, NCH2-CH2OH], 4.60 [2H, t, 3J = 5.2 Hz, NCH2-CH2OH], 4.04 [2H, t,  
301 3J = 5.4 Hz, NCH2-CH2OH] ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR: (CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution, 63 MHz, 298 K) d: 148.9/147.9  
302 (Cortho/Cortho0), 140.5/139.6 (Cpara/Cpara0), 126.4/125.8 (Cmeta/Cmeta0), 124.7/122.6 (C4/C40),  
303 104.9 (Cpz), 62.2 (NCH2-CH2OH), 52.7 (NCH2-CH2OH) ppm. ESI(+)(m/z) (%) = 267 (100%)  
304 [L+H]<sup>+</sup>.

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306 4.3. Synthesis of the complexes [MCl<sub>2</sub>(L)] (M = Pd(II) (1); Pt(II) (2))

307 The ligand (L) (0.40 mmol (0.11 g) dissolved in dry acetonitrile (20 mL) was added to a solution of  
308 [MCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>2</sub>] (0.40 mmol: 0.10 g Pd(II); 0.14 g Pt(II)) in dry acetonitrile (50 mL). For Pd(II) the  
309 solution resulting was stirred at room temperature for 12 h, and for Pt(II) the mixture was heated to  
310 reflux for 24 h. The solutions were concentrated until a crystalline precipitated appeared. The complexes  
311 precipitated as orange (Pd(II)) or yellow (Pt(II)) needles and were recrystallized in acetone. The orange  
312 and yellow solids were filtered off, washed with diethyl ether (5 mL) and dried under vacuum.

313 1: (Yield. 68%). Anal. Calc. for: C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OCl<sub>2</sub>Pd (443.62 amu): C, 40.62; H, 3.18; N, 12.63. Found:  
314 C, 40.51; H, 2.86; N, 12.58%. Conductivity (X<sub>1</sub> 1 cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> 1, 9.3 ± 10<sup>-4</sup> M in DMSO): 31. IR: (KBr,  
315 cm<sup>-1</sup> 1): 3431 m(O-H), 3103 m(C-H)<sub>ar</sub>, 2979–2860 m(C-H)<sub>al</sub>, 1585–1572 (m(C@C), m(C@N))<sub>ar</sub>,  
316 1467, 1442 (d(C@C), d(C@N))<sub>ar</sub>, 1090 d(C-H)<sub>ar,ip</sub>, 761 d(C-H)<sub>ar,oop</sub>; (polyethylene, cm<sup>-1</sup> 1): 440  
317 m(Pd-N), 348, 326 m(Pd-Cl). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> solution, 250 MHz, 298 K) d: 9.03/8.77 [1H/1H, d,  
318 3J = 5.5 Hz, 3J = 5.3 Hz, Hortho/Hortho 0], 8.32/8.05 [1H/1H, t, 3J = 7.3 Hz, 3J = 6.5 Hz,  
319 Hpara/Hpara0], 8.21/7.88 [1H/1H, d, 3J = 7.0 Hz, 3J = 7.9 Hz, H4/H4 0], 7.80 [1H, s, Hpz], 7.66/7.56  
320 [1H/1H, m, Hmeta/Hmeta0], 5.30 [2H, t, 3J = 5.5 Hz, NCH2-CH2OH], 4.73 [1H, t, 3J = 5.6 Hz, NCH2-  
321 CH2OH], 3.75 [2H, t, 3J = 5.8 Hz, NCH2-CH2OH] ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR: (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> solution, 63  
322 MHz, 298 K) d: 149.3/149.1 (Cortho/Cortho0), 141.2/137.7 (Cpara/Cpara0), 125.1/124.3  
323 (Cmeta/Cmeta0), 124.3/122.2 (C4/C40), 105.9 (Cpz), 60.6 (NCH2-CH2OH), 51.8 (NCH2-CH2OH)  
324 ppm. ESI(+)(m/z) (%) = 408 (100%) [PdCl(L)]<sup>+</sup>.

325 2: (Yield. 54%). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OCl<sub>2</sub>Pt (532.28 amu): C, 33.85; H, 2.65; N, 10.53. Found:  
326 C, 33.53; H, 2.82; N, 10.41%. Conductivity (X<sub>1</sub> 1 cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> 1, 1.0 ± 10<sup>-4</sup> M in DMSO): 30. IR: (KBr,  
327 cm<sup>-1</sup> 1): 3395 m(O-H), 3057 m(C-H)<sub>ar</sub>, 2970–2922 m(C-H)<sub>al</sub>, 1574–1558 (m(C@C), m(C@N))<sub>ar</sub>,  
328 1456, 1410 (d(C@C), d(C@N))<sub>ar</sub>, 1055 d(C-H)<sub>ar,ip</sub>, 754 d(C-H)<sub>ar,oop</sub>; (polyethylene, cm<sup>-1</sup> 1): 425  
329 m(Pt-N), 335, 318 m(Pt-Cl). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> solution, 250 MHz, 298 K) d: 9.40/8.77 [1H/1H, d,  
330 3J = 5.7 Hz, 3J = 5.4 Hz, Hortho/Hortho 0], 8.36/8.04 [1H/1H, t, 3J = 7.2 Hz, 3J = 7.8 Hz,  
331 Hpara/Hpara0], 8.15/7.88 [1H/1H, d, 3J = 8.4 Hz, 3J = 8.3 Hz, H4/H4 0], 7.82 [1H, s, Hpz], 7.72/7.57  
332 [1H/1H, m, Hmeta/Hmeta0], 5.41 [2H, t, 3J = 5.0 Hz, NCH2-CH2OH], 4.72 [1H, t, 3J = 4.8 Hz, NCH2-  
333 CH2OH], 3.76 [2H, t, 3J = 4.8 Hz, NCH2-CH2OH] ppm. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR: (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> solution, 63  
334 MHz, 298 K) d: 149.1/148.7 (Cortho/Cortho0), 137.4/136.7 (Cpara/Cpara0), 136.6/123.1  
335 (Cmeta/Cmeta0), 122.6/119.1 (C4/C40), 104.9 (Cpz), 60.3 (NCH2-CH2OH), 53.0 (NCH2-CH2OH)  
336 ppm. <sup>195</sup>Pt{<sup>1</sup>H} (DMSOd<sub>6</sub>, 77.0 MHz) δ 2184 (s) ppm. ESI(+)(m/z) (%) = 497 (100%) [PtCl(L)]<sup>+</sup>.

337 4.4. Synthesis of the complex [Pd(MeCO<sub>2</sub>(L))<sub>2</sub>(MeCO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (3)

338 To a Schlenk flask containing deoxygenated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) was added in the following order, the  
339 ligand (L) (0.19 mmol, 0.050 g) and the [Pd(MeCO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] (0.19 mmol, 0.041 g). The resulting solution  
340 was stirred at room temperature for 16 h and concentrated on a vacuum line to one fifth of the initial  
341 volume. After stirring at 25 °C for 6 h, the crystalline precipitate appeared. The orange solid was  
342 filtered off, washed with diethyl ether (5 mL) and then dried under vacuum.

343 3: (Yield. 87%). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Pd<sub>2</sub> (981.61 amu): C, 46.50; H, 4.11; N, 11.41. Found:  
344 C, 46.47; H, 4.04; N, 11.17%. Conductivity (X<sub>1</sub> 1 cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>, 1.1 × 10<sup>-3</sup> M in CH<sub>3</sub>OH): 185. IR:  
345 (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3386, 3295 m(O-H), 3068–3016 m(C-H)<sub>ar</sub>, 2910 m(C-H)<sub>al</sub>, 1636, 1612, 1590  
346 mas(COO), 1573 (m(C@C), m(C@N))<sub>ar</sub>, 1465, 1447, 1437 ms(COO), 1452 (d(C@C), d(C@N))<sub>ar</sub>,  
347 1079, 1057 d(C-H)<sub>ar,ip</sub>, 773, 704 d(C-H)<sub>ar,oop</sub>; D(mas(COO)-ms(COO)) = 199–125 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  
348 (polyethylene, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 418 m(Pd-N). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution, 250 MHz, 298 K) δ: 8.62/8.17  
349 [1H/1H, d, 3J = 5.5 Hz, 3J = 4.3 Hz, Hortho/Hortho 0], 7.94/7.81 [1H/1H, t, 3J = 7.3 Hz,  
350 Hpara/Hpara0], 7.80/7.60 [1H/1H, d, 3J = 7.1 Hz, H4/H4 0], 7.21 [1H, s, Hpz], 7.31/7.21 [1H/1H, m,  
351 Hmeta/Hmeta0], 4.86 [2H, t, 3J = 5.1 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH], 4.22 [1H, br, NCH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH], 3.77 [2H, q,  
352 3J = 5.4 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH], 2.03 [3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-COObridged], 1.91 [3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-COO<sub>ionic</sub>] ppm. In  
353 this complex, the signal attributable to proton hydroxyl (OH) is not observed. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR: (CDCl<sub>3</sub>  
354 solution, 63 MHz, 298 K) δ: 151.0, 149.9, 149.4, 141.2 (Cortho/Cortho0), 140.0, 138.4, 137.8, 124.9  
355 (Cpara/Cpara0), 124.6–122.0 (Cmeta/Cmeta0 and C4/C40), 106.3, 105.5 (Cpz), 66.8, 61.8 (NCH<sub>2</sub>-  
356 CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 59.2, 53.0 (NCH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 24.1, 23.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>COObridged and CH<sub>3</sub>COO<sub>ionic</sub>) ppm.  
357 ESI(+)(m/z) (%) = 431 (31%) [PdAc(L)]<sup>+</sup>.

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359 4.5. Synthesis of complex [Pt(MeCO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>](MeCO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (4)

360 The ligand (L) (0.20 mmol, 0.053 g) dissolved in deoxygenated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL) was added to a  
361 solution of [Pt(MeCO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] (0.20 mmol, 0.058 g) in deoxygenated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL). The resulting  
362 solution was stirred at room temperature for 48 h and concentrated on a vacuum line to one-fifth of the  
363 initial volume, a yellow solid was obtained, which was filtered off, washed with diethyl ether (20 mL)  
364 and dried under vacuum.

365 4: (Yield. 45%). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Pt<sub>2</sub> (1158.93 amu): C, 39.38; H, 3.48; N, 9.67. Found:  
366 C, 39.06; H, 3.25; N, 9.48%. Conductivity (X<sub>1</sub> 1 cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>, 1.3 × 10<sup>-3</sup> M in CH<sub>3</sub>OH): 178. IR:  
367 (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3342, 3281 m(O-H), 3042–3007 m(C-H)<sub>ar</sub>, 2872 m(C-H)<sub>al</sub>, 1624, 1594, 1572  
368 mas(COO), 1562 (m(C@C), m(C@N))<sub>ar</sub>, 1453, 1432, 1405 ms(COO), 1426 (d(C@C), d(C@N))<sub>ar</sub>,  
369 1048, 1031 d(C-H)<sub>ar,ip</sub>, 762, 694 d(C-H)<sub>ar,oop</sub>; D(mas(COO)-ms(COO)) = 219–119 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  
370 (polyethylene, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 404 m(Pt-N). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution, 250 MHz, 298 K) δ: 8.48/8.03  
371 [1H/1H, d, 3J = 5.2 Hz, 3J = 4.1 Hz, Hortho/Hortho 0], 7.83/7.72 [1H/1H, t, 3J = 6.5 Hz,  
372 Hpara/Hpara0], 7.63/7.43 [1H/1H, d, 3J = 6.9 Hz, H4/H4 0], 7.15/7.02 [1H/1H, m, Hmeta/Hmeta0],  
373 6.42 [1H, s, Hpz], 4.52 [2H, t, 3J = 4.9 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH], 4.22 [1H, br, NCH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH], 3.54 [2H,

374 q, 3J = 5.1 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH], 1.89 [3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-COObridged], 1.74 [3H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>-COOionic] ppm. In  
375 this complex, the signal attributable to proton hydroxyl (OH) is not observed. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR: (CDCl<sub>3</sub>  
376 solution, 63 MHz, 298 K) d: 149.5, 148.6, 147.9, 139.4 (Cortho/Cortho0), 139.4, 136.7, 135.2, 121.4  
377 (Cpara/Cpara0), 123.4–121.6 (Cmeta/Cmeta), 120.7–118.5 (C4/C40), 104.7, 102.1 (Cpz), 64.5, 59.2  
378 (NCH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 57.5, 51.8 (NCH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 21.9, 20.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>COObridged and CH<sub>3</sub>COOionic) ppm.  
379 <sup>195</sup>Pt{<sup>1</sup>H} (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 77.0 MHz)  $\delta$  3385 (s) ppm. ESI(+)(m/z) (%) = 520 (100%)

380 [Pt(MeCO<sub>2</sub>)(L)]<sup>+</sup>. 4.6. Synthesis of the complex [Cu(L)<sub>2</sub>]Br (5) To a Schlenk flask containing  
381 deoxygenated absolute ethanol (50 mL) was added in the following order, the CuBr (0.19 mmol, 0.027  
382 g) and the ligand (L) (0.38 mmol, 0.10 g). The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 14  
383 h. The solution was concentrated and a white precipitate appeared. The solid obtained was filtered off,  
384 and washed with diethyl ether (5 mL) under anaerobic conditions and dried under vacuum.

385 5: (Yield. 82%). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>28</sub>CuN<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (596.14 amu): C, 53.30; H, 4.17; N, 16.57. Found: C,  
386 53.56; H, 4.27; N, 16.46%. Conductivity ( $\chi$  1 cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> 1, 1.2  $\times$  10<sup>3</sup> M in CH<sub>3</sub>OH): 90. IR: (KBr,  
387 cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3325 m(O-H), 3075 m(C-H)<sub>ar</sub>, 2941 m(C-H)<sub>al</sub>, 1604–1566 (m (C@C), m(C@N))<sub>ar</sub>, 1464  
388 (d(C@C), d(C@N))<sub>ar</sub>, 1098, 1086 d(C-H)<sub>ar,ip</sub>, 765, 696 d(C-H)<sub>ar,oop</sub>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> solution,  
389 250 MHz, 298 K) d: 8.67/8.62 [1H/1H, d, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 3J = 4.8 Hz, Hortho/Hortho 0], 8.52/8.08  
390 [1H/1H, t, 3J = 7.3 Hz, 3J = 7.0 Hz, Hpara/Hpara0], 8.05/7.94 [1H/1H, d, 3J = 7.3 Hz, H4/H4 0], 7.62  
391 [1H, s, Hpz], 7.83/7.55 [1H/1H, m, Hmeta/Hmeta0], 4.54 [2H, t, 3J = 5.1 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH], 4.02  
392 [2H, t, 3J = 5.1 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH]. In this complex, the signal attributable to proton hydroxyl (OH) is  
393 not observed. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR: (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> solution, 63 MHz, 298 K) d: 158.5/153.2 (Cortho/Cortho0),  
394 143.4/140.2 (Cpara/Cpara0), 129.3/127.2 (C4/C40), 126.1/123.4 (Cmeta/Cmeta0), 108.2 (Cpz), 64.5,  
395 (NCH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 58.6 (NCH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH) ppm. ESI(+)(m/z) (%) = 596 (100%) [Cu(L)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>.

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397 4.7. Synthesis of the complex [Ag(L)<sub>2</sub>](CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>) (6)

398 The ligand (L) (0.19 mmol, 0.050 g) dissolved in absolute ethanol (20 mL) was added to a solution of  
399 AgCF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (0.094 mmol, 0.024 g) in absolute ethanol (30 mL). The solution was stirred at room  
400 temperature for 10 h. The resulting solution was concentrated to one fifth of the initial volume. The  
401 complex precipitates as a white solid, which is filtered off, washed with diethyl ether (5 mL) and dried  
402 under vacuum.

403 6: (Yield. 78%). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>28</sub>AgF<sub>3</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S (789.53 amu): C, 47.16; H, 3.57; N, 14.19.

404 Found: C, 47.32; H, 3.25; N, 14.03%. Conductivity ( $\chi$  1 cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> 1, 1.0  $\times$  10<sup>3</sup> M in DMSO): 62.  
405 IR: (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3432 m(O-H), 3087 m(C-H)<sub>ar</sub>, 2989–2856 m(C-H)<sub>al</sub>, 1598 (m (C@C), m(C@N))<sub>ar</sub>,  
406 1462, 1438 (d(C@C), d(C@N))<sub>ar</sub>, 1259 m(C-F), 1166 m(S-O), 1045 d(C-H)<sub>ar,ip</sub>, 765, 696 d(C-  
407 H)<sub>ar,oop</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR: (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> solution, 250 MHz, 298 K) d: 8.57/8.46 [1H/1H, d, 3J = 4.7 Hz, 3J =  
408 4.8 Hz, Hortho/Hortho 0], 8.05/7.93 [1H/1H, t, 3J = 7.8 Hz, 3J = 7.5 Hz, Hpara/Hpara0], 7.97/7.81  
409 [1H/1H, d, 3J = 8.0 Hz, H4/H4 0], 7.35 [1H, s, Hpz], 7.56/7.47 [1H/1H, m, Hmeta/Hmeta0], 4.42 [2H, t,  
410 3J = 4.8 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH], 3.84 [2H, t, 3J = 4.6 Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH]. In this complex, the signal

411 attributable to proton hydroxyl (OH) is not observed.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR: (DMSO- $d_6$  solution, 63 MHz,  
412 298 K)  $\delta$ : 151.5/151.1 (Cortho/Cortho0), 139.9/139.4 (Cpara/Cpara0), 126.0/125.5 (C4/C40),  
413 125.5/122.6 (Cmeta/Cmeta0), 106.4 (Cpz), 61.7, (NCH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 54.7 (NCH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>OH) ppm.  
414 ESI(+)( $m/z$ ) (%) = 640 (100%) [Ag(L)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>.

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#### 416 4.8. Synthesis of the complex [CuBr(L)]<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> (7)

417 To a solution of the ligand (L) (0.45 mmol, 0.12 g) dissolved in 50 mL of deoxygenated ethanol was  
418 added CuBr $\cdot$ 2H<sub>2</sub>O (0.45 mmol, 0.10 g). A green solid immediately appeared and it was kept in the  
419 mother liquor for 15 h with constant stirring, then was filtered under nitrogen atmosphere, washed with  
420 deoxygenated ethanol (5 mL) and diethyl ether (10 mL), and dried under vacuum. The same product was  
421 obtained when 1:2 Cu:L molar ratio was used.

422 7: (Yield. 44%). Anal. Calc. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>28</sub>Br<sub>4</sub>Cu<sub>2</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (979.30 amu): C, 36.79; H, 2.88; N, 11.44.  
423 Found: C, 36.53; H, 2.92; N, 11.43%. Conductivity ( $\chi$  1 cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>, 9.2  $\times$  10<sup>-4</sup> M in CH<sub>3</sub>OH): 198.  
424 IR: (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3299 m(O-H), 3079 m(C-H)<sub>ar</sub>, 2977-2791 m(C-H)<sub>al</sub>, 1611-1568 (m(C@C)),  
425 m(C@N))<sub>ar</sub>, 1465, 1437 (d(C@C), d(C@N))<sub>ar</sub>, 1054, 1035 d(C-H)<sub>ar,ip</sub>, 785 d(C-H)<sub>ar,oop</sub>;  
426 (polyethylene, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 421 m(Cu-N), 283 m(Cu-Br). UV-Vis (CH<sub>3</sub>OH, 1.04  $\times$  10<sup>-2</sup> M),  $k(\epsilon)$  = 582  
427 (35), 320(11234) nm.  $\epsilon_{\text{eff}} = 1.80$  BM. ESI(+)( $m/z$ ) (%) = 410 (100%) [CuBr(L)]<sup>+</sup>.

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#### 429 4.9. X-ray crystal structure Analysis of complex cis-[PdCl<sub>2</sub>(L)] (1)

430 Suitable crystals for X-ray diffraction of compound cis-[PdCl<sub>2</sub>(L)] (1) were obtained through  
431 crystallization from acetonitrile. Data were collected on a MAR345 diffractometer with an image plate  
432 detector. Unit-cell parameters were determined from automatic centering of 5082 reflections ( $3^\circ < 2\theta <$   
433  $31^\circ$ ) and refined by least-squares method. Intensities were collected with graphite monochromatized  
434 Mo K $\alpha$  radiation. ( $k = 0.71069$  Å). All the reflections were measured in the range  $2.74^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 28.83^\circ$   
435 and 2415 of which were non-equivalent by symmetry ( $R_{\text{int}}(\text{on } I) = 0.037$ ). Lorentz-polarization and  
436 absorption corrections were made.

437 The structure was solved by Direct methods and refined by fullmatrix least-squares method, using 2415  
438 reflections, (very negative intensities were not assumed) [37]. The function minimized was  $R_w \sqrt{|F_o|^2 +$   
439  $|F_c|^2}$ , where  $w = [r^2(I) + (0.1144P)^2 + 1.6586P]^{-1}$  and  $P = (|F_o|^2 + 2|F_c|^2)/3$ . 3H atoms were located  
440 from a difference synthesis and refined with an overall isotropic temperature factor and 11H atoms were  
441 computed and refined, using a riding model, with an isotropic temperature factor equal to 1.2 times the  
442 equivalent temperature factor of the atom which is linked. The final R(F) factor and R(F<sup>2</sup>) values as well  
443 as the number of parameters and other details concerning the refinement of the crystal structure are  
444 gathered in Table 1.

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545 **Legends to figures**

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547 **Scheme 1.** Synthetic strategies for the preparation of the complexes 1–7.

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549 **Figure 1.** ORTEP diagram of complex 1 showing atom-labeling scheme. 50% probability amplitude  
550 displacement ellipsoids are shown. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. See Table 2 for selected  
551 values of bond lengths and bond angles.

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553 **Figure 2.** (a) Schematic drawing of the one-dimensional supramolecular architecture of complex 1 and  
554 (b) a close-up observation. The hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

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556 **Figure 3.** Schematic drawing of the anti-parallel disposition of the one-dimensional chains in 1. The  
557 hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

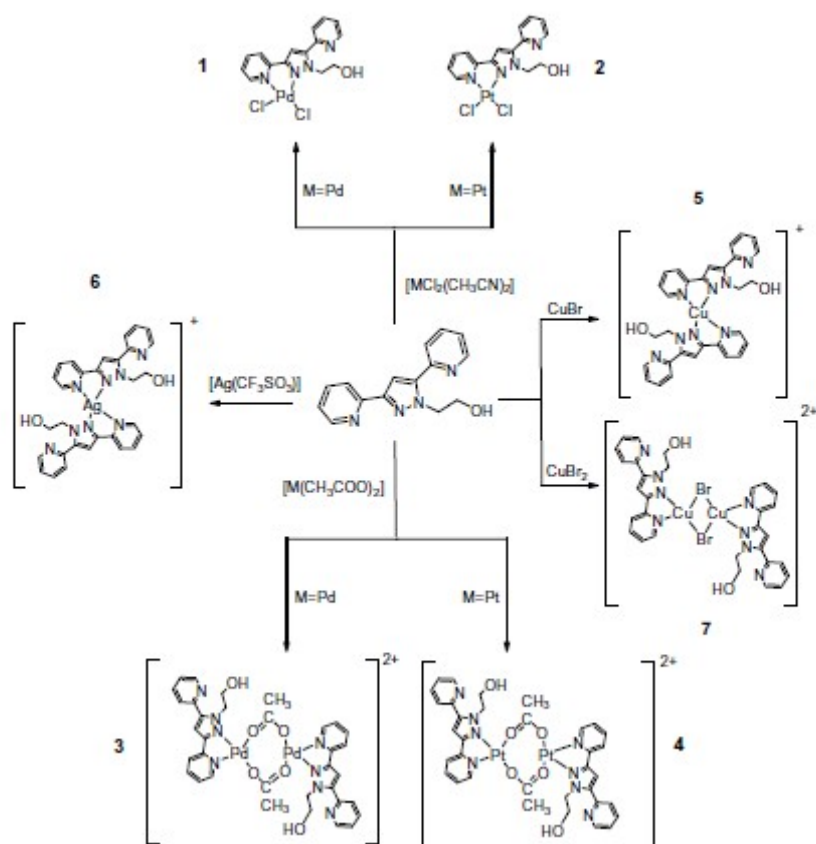
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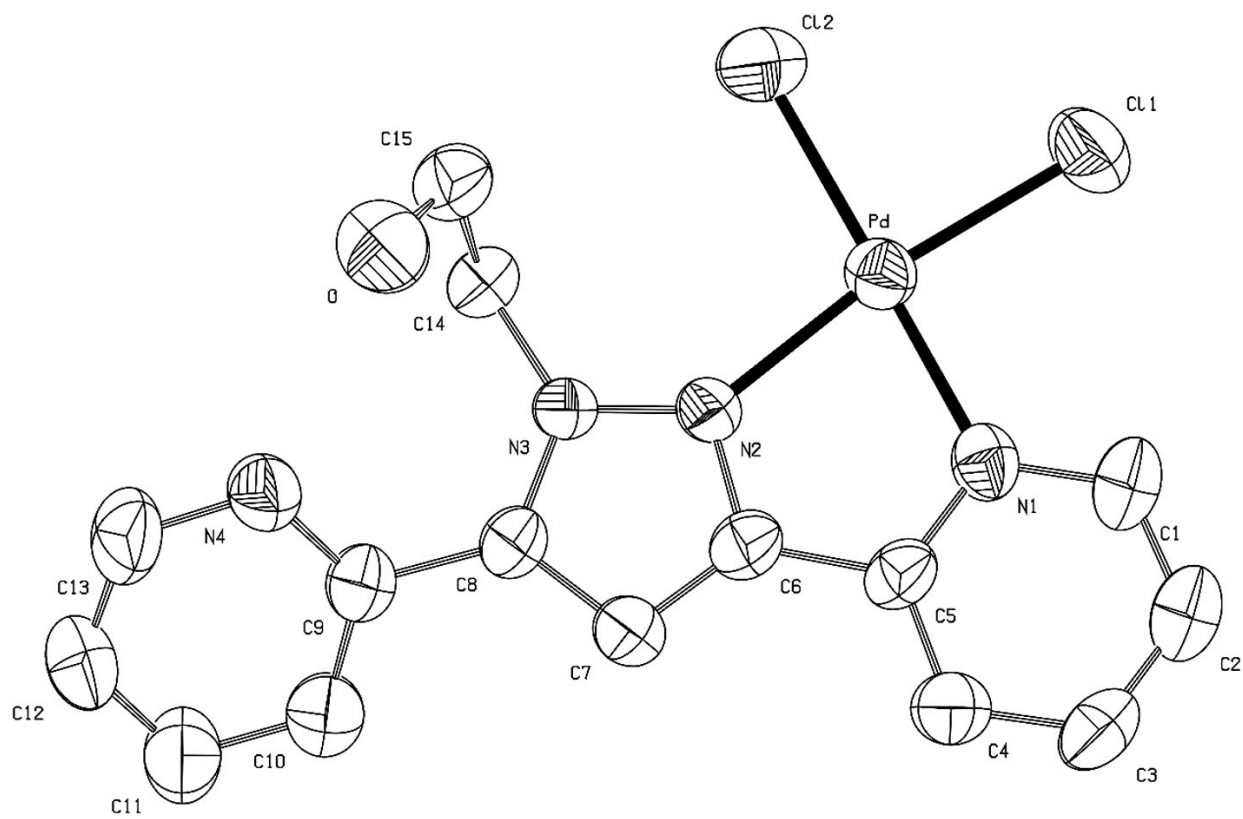
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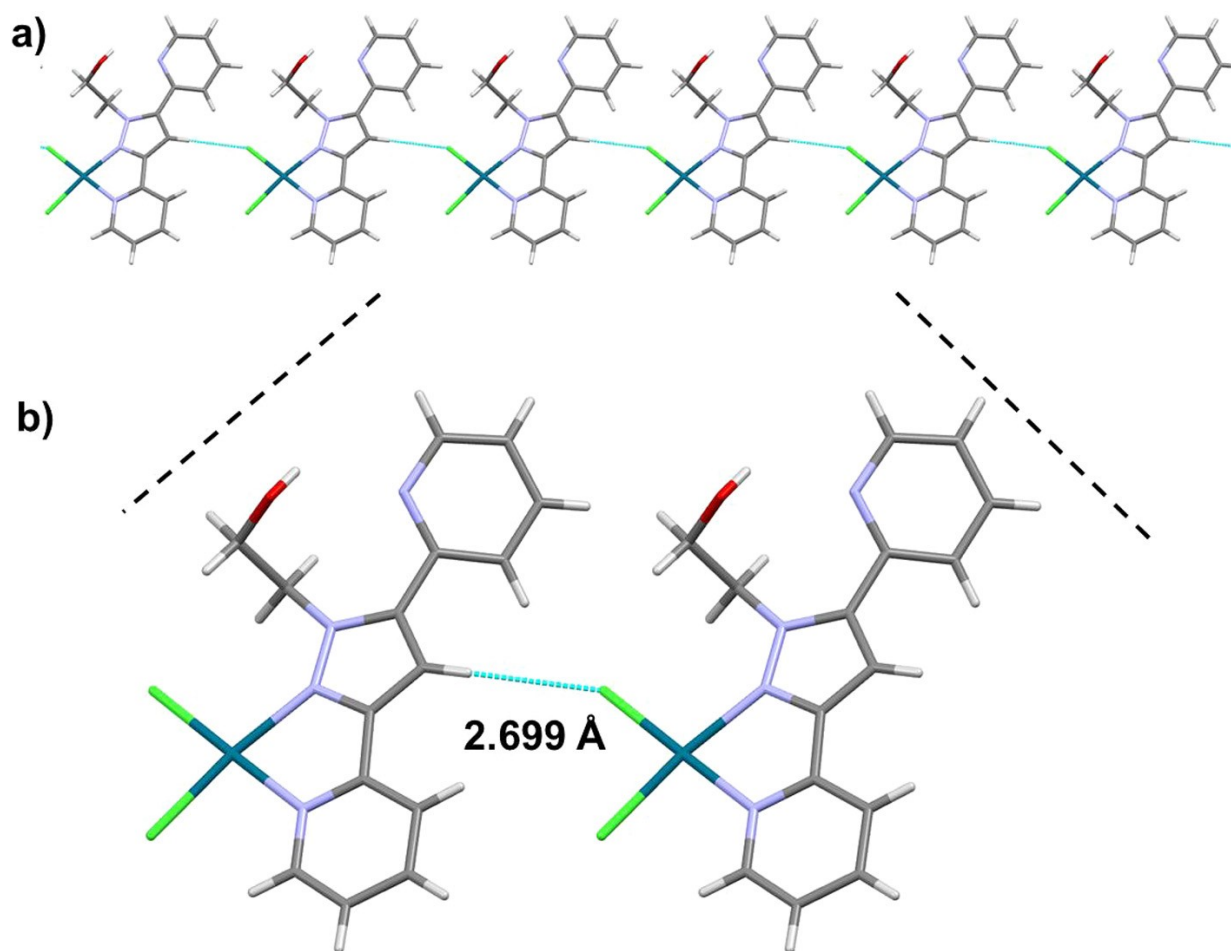
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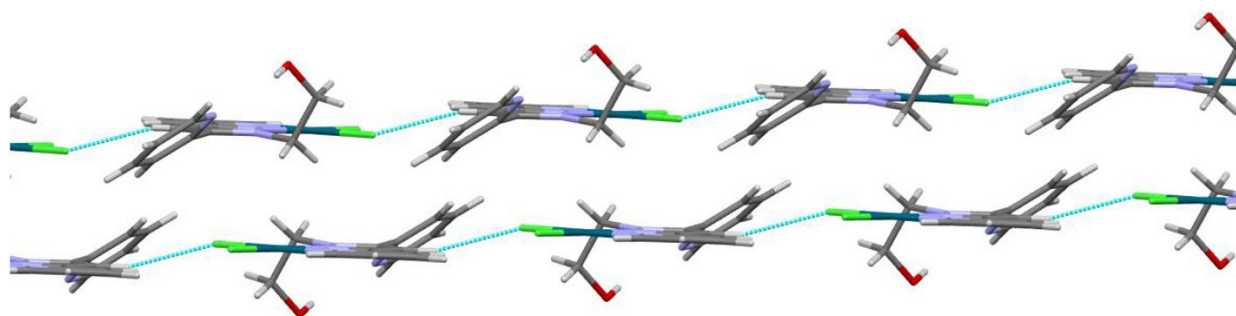
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**Table 1** Crystallographic data for cis-[PdCl<sub>2</sub>(L)] (1).

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cis-[PdCl <sub>2</sub> (L)] (1)	
Empirical formula	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>14</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Pd
Formula weight	443.60
T (K)	293(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71069
System, space group	Monoclinic P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
Unit cell dimensions	
a (Å)	9.0480(10)
b (Å)	22.1780(10)
c (Å)	8.1020(10)
β (°)	103.2300(10)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1582.7(3)
Z	4
D <sub>calc</sub> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.862
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.519
R(000)	880
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.2 × 0.1 × 0.1
hkl ranges	0 ≤ h ≤ 10 0 ≤ k ≤ 29, -7 ≤ l ≤ 7
2θ range (°)	1.836–28.835
Reflections collected/unique/[R <sub>int</sub> ]	7317/2465 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0373]
Completeness to θ = 25.240	68.8%
Absorption correction	None
Data/restraints/parameters	2465/1/209
Goodness-of-fit (GOF) on F <sup>2</sup>	1.146
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0578, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1532
R indices (all data)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0814, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1786
Extinction coefficient	0.027(3)
Largest diff. peak and hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	1.255 and -1.023

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590 **Table 2.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for cis-[PdCl<sub>2</sub>(L)] (1).  
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<i>Bond lengths (Å)</i>			
Pd–N(1)	2.043(6)	Pd–Cl(1)	2.270(2)
Pd–N(2)	2.061(5)	Pd–Cl(2)	2.281(2)
<i>Bond angles (°)</i>			
N(1)–Pd–N(2)	79.5(2)	N(2)–Pd–Cl(1)	172.05(16)
Cl(1)–Pd–Cl(2)	88.09(9)	N(1)–Pd–Cl(2)	179.30(16)
N(1)–Pd–Cl(1)	92.55(17)	N(2)–Pd–Cl(2)	99.83(16)

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