

## Chiral acyclic diaminocarbene complexes of palladium(II), platinum(II) and gold(I) from metal-mediated coupling of isocyanides with chiral amino acid amides

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**Materials and instrumentation.** Solvents, isocyanides and amino acid amides were obtained from commercial sources and used as received without further purification. Complexes *cis*-[MCl<sub>2</sub>(CNR)<sub>2</sub>] (**1**, **2**)<sup>S1-S3</sup> and [AuCl(CNR)] (**3**, **4**)<sup>S4,S5</sup> were synthesized according to the previously reported methods. Infrared spectra (4000–400 cm<sup>-1</sup>) were recorded on a BIO-RAD FTS 3000MX and Vertex 70 instruments in KBr pellets. C, H, and N elemental analyses were carried out by the Microanalytical Service of the Instituto Superior Técnico. ESI mass-spectra were obtained on a VARIAN 500-MS LC ion trap mass-spectrometer in MeOH (or in MeCN) (ion spray voltage: +5 kV, capillary voltage: 30 V, RF loading: 100%). <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} and all 2D NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance II+ 400MHz (UltraShield™ Magnet) and Bruker Avance II+ 500MHz (UltraShield™ Plus Magnet) spectrometers at ambient temperature.

**Computational Details.** The single point calculations for model structures of dimers (*L/D*-**7**)<sub>2</sub> carried out using the PBE0-D3/def2-TZVP (refs. S6,S7) level of theory with the help of Gaussian-09 program package.<sup>S8</sup> The topological analysis of the electron density distribution with the help of the atoms in molecules (QTAIM) method developed by Bader,<sup>S9</sup> and diagrams of electron localization function (ELF) performed by using the Multiwfn program (version 3.7).<sup>S10</sup> The Cartesian atomic coordinates for all model structures are presented in **Tables S4–S5**.

**Synthetic work.** A solution of any of *cis*-[MCl<sub>2</sub>(CNXyl)<sub>2</sub>] (M = Pd **1**; M = Pt **2**) or [AuCl(CNR<sup>1</sup>)] (R<sup>1</sup> = Cy **3**; Xyl **4**) (0.1 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mL) was added to a solution of the amino acid amide (L-HProNH<sub>2</sub> **L-5**, D-HProNH<sub>2</sub> **D-5**, L-HPhNH<sub>2</sub> **L-6**) (0.105 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mL) and heated at 40 °C during 10 h (for **1** and **2**) or 8 h (for **3** and **4**). Then solvent was removed with the stream of nitrogen, washed with three 2-mL portions of Et<sub>2</sub>O (for **1** and **2**) or hexane (for **3** and **4**) and dried at RT yielding product as colourless solids.

*cis*-[PdCl<sub>2</sub>(CNXyl){C(L-ProNH<sub>2</sub>)NHXyl}] (**L-7**) colourless solid, 84%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ: 7.40–7.06 (m, 6H, C<sub>ar</sub>H), 6.84 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> 6.9 Hz, 0.9H, NH), 5.80 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> 8.4 and 2.2 Hz, 1H, NCH), 3.93–3.84 (m, H) and 3.70 (dt, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> 10.9 and 7.6 Hz, 1H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.61, 2.31 and 2.10 (3s, 12H, Me from Xyl), 2.58–2.12 (m, overlapped with Me signals, 4H, C–CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 25°C) δ: 175.1 (C=O), 174.8 (C<sub>carbene</sub>=N), 138.1, 137.6, 136.1, 135.9, 130.1, 129.0 and 127.8 (aryls), 67.5 (NCH), 49.9 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 30.4 and 23.4 (C–CH<sub>2</sub> from L-Pro), 18.8 and 17.7 (Me from Xyl). IR (KBr, ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3179, 3064 (N–H), 2968, 2872 (C–H), 2200 (C≡N), 1683 (C=O), 1543 (C<sub>carbene</sub>–N). MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>), *m/z*: 519 [M – Cl]<sup>+</sup>, 701 [2M – 3HCl – Cl – 2CNXyl]<sup>+</sup>, 868 [2M – 2HCl – Cl – CNXyl]<sup>+</sup>, 904 [2M – HCl – Cl – CNXyl]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 519, 701, 868, 904). MS (ESI<sup>-</sup>), *m/z*: 384 [M – HCl – H – CNXyl]<sup>-</sup>, 517 [M – HCl – H]<sup>-</sup>, 771 [2M – 2HCl – 2CNXyl – H]<sup>-</sup>, 902 [2M – 2HCl – CNXyl – H]<sup>-</sup>, 997 [2M – 3HCl – H]<sup>-</sup> (calcd. 384, 517, 771, 902, 997). Found (%): C, 48.59, H, 5.21; N, 9.37. Calc. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>OPd•0.25CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (%): C, 48.56; H, 4.99; N, 9.74.

*cis*-[PdCl<sub>2</sub>(CNXyl){C(D-ProNH<sub>2</sub>)NHXyl}] (**D-7**): colourless solid, 91%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ: 7.39–7.11 (m, 6H, arylsH), 6.84 (d, <sup>3</sup>J 6.9 Hz, 0.8H, NH), 5.80 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J 8.4 and 2.2 Hz, 1H, NCH), 3.89 and 3.70 (2m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.61, 2.31, and 2.10 (3s, 12H, Me from Xyl), 2.45–2.20 (m, 4H, C–CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ: 175.2 (C=O), 174.8 (C<sub>carbene</sub>=N), 138.1, 137.6, 136.1, 135.9, 130.1, 129.0, and 127.9 (aryls), 67.5 (NCH), 49.9 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 30.4 and 23.4 (C–CH<sub>2</sub> from D-Pro), 18.8 and 17.6 (Me from Xyl). IR (KBr, ν/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3181 and 3066 (N–H), 2962 and 2857 (C–H), 2200 (C≡N), 1681 (C=O), 1543 (C<sub>carbene</sub>–N). MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>), *m/z*: 519 [M – Cl]<sup>+</sup>, 701 [2M – 3HCl – Cl – 2CNXyl]<sup>+</sup>, 868 [2M – 2HCl – Cl – CNXyl]<sup>+</sup>, 904 [2M – HCl – Cl – CNXyl]<sup>+</sup>, 1071 [2M – Cl]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 519, 701, 868, 904, 1071). MS (ESI<sup>-</sup>), *m/z*: 384 [M – HCl – H – CNXyl]<sup>-</sup>, 517 [M – HCl – H]<sup>-</sup>, 771 [2M – 2HCl – 2CNXyl – H]<sup>-</sup>, 902 [2M – 2HCl – CNXyl – H]<sup>-</sup>, 997 [2M – 3HCl – H]<sup>-</sup> (calcd. 384, 517, 771, 902, 997). Calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>OPd•0.75CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (%): C, 46.19; H, 4.82; N, 9.07. Found (%): C, 46.74; H, 4.86; N, 9.49.

*cis*-[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(CNXyl)]{C(L-ProNH<sub>2</sub>)NHXyl} (L-8): colourless solid, 64%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, major rotamer) δ: 7.43–7.01 (m, 6H, arylsH), 6.83–6.71 (m, 0.9H, NH), 5.76–5.66 (m, 1H, NCH), 3.93–3.82 and 3.72–3.60 (2m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.52, 2.27 and 2.08 (3s, 12H, Me from Xyl, overlapped with CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.60–1.98 (m, 4H, C-CH<sub>2</sub>, overlapped with Me). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ: 175.4 (C=O), 168.9 (C<sub>carbene</sub>=N), 138.8, 138.0, 135.8, 135.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.0 and 127.8 (aryls and C≡N), 67.1 (NCH), 49.0 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 30.0 and 23.4 (C-CH<sub>2</sub> from L-Pro), 18.6, 17.7 and 17.5 (Me). IR (KBr, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3222 (N-H), 2938 and 2865 (C-H), 2188 (C≡N), 1684 (C=O), 1543 (C<sub>carbene</sub>=N). MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>), *m/z*: 665 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 738 [M - Cl + CNXyl]<sup>+</sup>, 607 [M - Cl]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 665, 738, 607). MS (ESI<sup>-</sup>), *m/z*: 641 [M - H]<sup>-</sup> (calcd. 641). Calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>OPt (%): C, 43.00; H, 4.39; N, 8.72. Found (%): C, 43.38; H, 4.34; N, 8.48.

*cis*-[PtCl<sub>2</sub>(CNXyl)]{C(D-ProNH<sub>2</sub>)NHXyl} (D-8): colourless solid, 76%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, major rotamer) δ: 7.42–7.02 (m, 6H, arylsH), 6.83–6.77 (m, 0.9H, NH), 5.75 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J 8.2 and 2.2 Hz, 1H, NCH), 3.96–3.85 and 3.80–3.63 (2m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.52, 2.28 and 2.08 (3s, 12H, Me from Xyl, overlapped with CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.57–2.00 (m, 4H, C-CH<sub>2</sub>, overlapped with Me). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ: 175.5 (C=O), 168.9 (C<sub>carbene</sub>=N), 138.6, 138.0, 135.7, 135.6, 129.4, 128.7, 127.9 and 127.7 (aryls and C≡N), 67.0 (NCH), 49.0 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 30.0 and 23.4 (C-CH<sub>2</sub> from D-Pro), 18.6, 17.6 and 17.5 (Me). IR (KBr, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3230 (N-H), 2980, 2930 and 2866 (C-H), 2186 (C≡N), 1627 (C=O), 1543 (C<sub>carbene</sub>=N). MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>), *m/z*: 665 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 738 [M - Cl + CNXyl]<sup>+</sup>, 607 [M - Cl]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 665, 738, 607). MS (ESI<sup>-</sup>), *m/z*: 641 [M - H]<sup>-</sup> (calcd. 641). Calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>OPt (%): C, 43.00; H, 4.39; N, 8.72. Found (%): C, 43.12; H, 4.23; N, 8.52.

*cis*-[PdCl<sub>2</sub>(CNXyl)]{C(L-PheNH<sub>2</sub>)NHXyl} (L-9): colourless solid, 65%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, major rotamer) δ: 7.90 (s, 1.3H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 7.42–7.06 (m, 11H, arylsH), 7.00 (br s, 0.7H, NH), 5.67 (br s, 2.4H, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), 4.09 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J 8.4 and 6.0 Hz, 1H, NCH), 3.25 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J 14.1 and 6.0 Hz, 1H) and 3.05 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J 14.2 and 8.4 Hz, 1H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.48, 2.41 and 2.23 (3s, 12H, Me from Xyl). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ: 175.1 (C<sub>carbene</sub>=N), 172.0 (C=O), 137.6, 135.9, 131.9 (C≡N), 130.9, 130.7, 130.4, 130.3, 129.6 and 129.1 (aryls), 55.8 (NCH), 38.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.3 and 18.6 (Me from Xyl). IR (KBr, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3421, 3326, 3221 and 3182 (N-H), 3058, 3020, 2972 and 2915 (C-H), 2199 (C≡N), 1683 (C=O), 1556 (C<sub>carbene</sub>=N). MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>), *m/z*: 569 [M - Cl]<sup>+</sup>, 837 [2M - 2CNXyl - 2HCl - Cl]<sup>+</sup>, 968 [2M - CNXyl - 2HCl - Cl]<sup>+</sup>, 1171 [2M - Cl]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 569, 837, 968, 1171). MS (ESI<sup>-</sup>), *m/z*: 434 [M - HCl - H - CNXyl]<sup>-</sup>, 472 [M - H - CNXyl]<sup>-</sup> (calcd. 434, 472). Calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>OPd·0.5CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (%): C, 51.10; H, 4.83; N, 8.67. Found (%): C, 51.26; H, 4.97; N, 8.77.

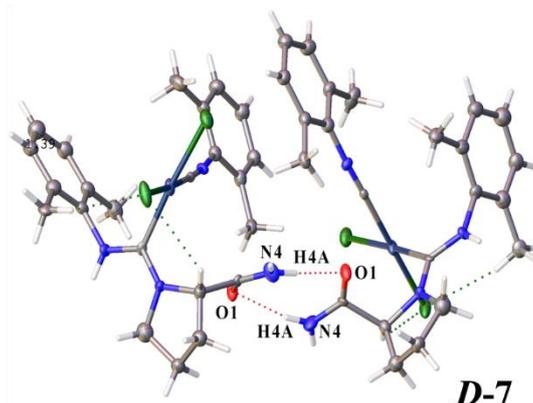
[AuCl{C(L-ProNH<sub>2</sub>)NHXyl}] (L-10): colourless solid, 76%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.23–7.05 (m, 3H, arylsH), 6.96, 6.36 and 5.57 (3br s, 3H, NH/NH<sub>2</sub>), 5.05 (br d, <sup>3</sup>J 6.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.76–3.40 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.53–1.85 (m, 10H, CCH<sub>2</sub> from Pro and Me, overlapped with 2.26 s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 196.0 (C<sub>carbene</sub>=N), 180.1 (C=O), 138.5, 131.3, 131.0 and 128.9 (aryls), 68.2 (CH from Pro), 45.4 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 29.2 and 24.1 (CCH<sub>2</sub>), 22.3 and 19.0 (Me). IR (KBr, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3325, 3256, 3052 (N-H), 2956 and 2871 (C-H), 1677 (C=O), 1543 (C<sub>carbene</sub>=N). MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>), *m/z*: 500 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 573 [M - Cl + CNXyl]<sup>+</sup>, 442 [M - Cl]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 500, 573, 442). MS (ESI<sup>-</sup>), *m/z*: 476 [M - H]<sup>-</sup> (calcd. 476). Calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>Au (%): C, 35.20; H, 4.01; N, 8.80. Found (%): C, 35.46; H, 3.95; N, 8.65.

[AuCl{C(D-ProNH<sub>2</sub>)NHXyl}] (D-10): colourless solid, 86%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, MeOD) δ: 7.31–7.06 (m, 3H, arylsH), 5.50 (s, 0.4H, C<sub>carbene</sub>NH), 5.00 (dd, <sup>3</sup>J 8.4 and 2.3 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.76–3.46 (m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.55–1.95 (m, 10H, CCH<sub>2</sub> from Pro and Me, overlapped with 2.31 and 2.26 s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, MeOD) δ: 192.8 (C<sub>carbene</sub>=N), 177.4 (C=O), 140.3, 137.9, 137.4, 129.3, 129.2 and 129.0 (aryls), 69.2 (CH from Pro), 48.4 (NCH<sub>2</sub>, overlapped with solvent), 31.0 and 25.0 (CCH<sub>2</sub>), 19.1 and 19.0 (Me). IR (KBr, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3325, 3246, 3180 (N-H), 2950 and 2874 (C-H), 1676 (C=O), 1541 (C<sub>carbene</sub>=N). MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>), *m/z*: 573 [M - Cl + CNXyl]<sup>+</sup>, 442 [M - Cl]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 573, 442). MS (ESI<sup>-</sup>), *m/z*: 476 [M - H]<sup>-</sup> (calcd. 476). Calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>Au (%): C, 35.20; H, 4.01; N, 8.80. Found (%): C, 35.33; H, 4.15; N, 8.72.

[AuCl{C(L-ProNH<sub>2</sub>)NHCy}] (L-11): colourless solid, 68%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 6.95 and 6.31 (2s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.03 (d, <sup>3</sup>J 8.2 Hz, 1H, C<sub>carbene</sub>NH), 4.95 (d, <sup>3</sup>J 7.5 Hz, 1H, CH from Pro), 4.12–4.06 (m, 1H, CH from Cy), 3.61–3.52 and 3.28–3.22 (2m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.30–2.01 (m, 6H, CCH<sub>2</sub> from Pro and α-CH<sub>2</sub> from Cy), 1.80–1.70 and 1.50–1.10 (2m, 6H, β- and γ-CH<sub>2</sub> from Cy). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 189.1 (C<sub>carbene</sub>=N), 175.1 (C=O), 68.6 (CH from Pro), 59.9 (CH from Cy), 46.8 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 34.6 (β-CH<sub>2</sub> from Cy), 33.8 (α-CH<sub>2</sub> from Cy), 29.9, 25.0, 24.9 and 24.0 (CCH<sub>2</sub> from Pro and γ-CH<sub>2</sub> from Cy). IR (KBr, v/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3295 and 3181 (N-H), 2930 and 2854 (C-H), 1673 (C=O), 1554 (C<sub>carbene</sub>=N). MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>), *m/z*: 529 [M - Cl + CNCy]<sup>+</sup>, 875 [2M - Cl]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 529, 875). MS

(ESI<sup>-</sup>),  $m/z$ : 454 [M - H]<sup>-</sup>, 490 [M + Cl]<sup>-</sup> (calcd. 454, 490). Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>Au (%): C, 31.63; H, 4.64; N, 9.22. Found (%): C, 33.08; H, 5.06; N, 8.96.

[AuCl{C(*D*-ProNH<sub>2</sub>)NHCy}] (D-11): colourless solid, 73%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 6.96 and 6.33 (2s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.03 (d, <sup>3</sup>J 8.2 Hz, 1H, C<sub>carbene</sub>NH), 4.96 (d, <sup>3</sup>J 7.6 Hz, 1H, CH from Pro), 4.16–4.02 (m, 1H, CH from Cy), 3.62–3.52 and 3.29–3.19 (2m, 2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.35–1.92 (m, 6H, CCH<sub>2</sub> from Pro and  $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub> from Cy), 1.82–1.67 and 1.53–1.10 (2m, 6H,  $\beta$ - and  $\gamma$ -CH<sub>2</sub> from Cy). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 189.1 (C<sub>carbene</sub>=N), 175.0 (C=O), 68.6 (CH from Pro), 59.8 (CH from Cy), 46.8 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 34.7 ( $\beta$ -CH<sub>2</sub> from Cy), 33.8 ( $\alpha$ -CH<sub>2</sub> from Cy), 29.9, 25.2, 25.0, 24.8, 24.0 and 22.4 (CCH<sub>2</sub> from Pro and  $\gamma$ -CH<sub>2</sub> from Cy). IR (KBr,  $\nu$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3293 and 3172 (N-H), 2930 and 2854 (C-H), 1675 (C=O), 1554 (C<sub>carbene</sub>=N). MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>),  $m/z$ : 529 [M - Cl + CNCy]<sup>+</sup>, 478 [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 875 [2M - Cl]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 529, 478, 875). MS (ESI<sup>-</sup>),  $m/z$ : 454 [M - H]<sup>-</sup>, 490 [M + Cl]<sup>-</sup> (calcd. 454, 490). Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>Au (%): C, 31.63; H, 4.64; N, 9.22. Found (%): C, 31.48; H, 4.72; N, 9.03.



**Figure S1.** Views of hydrogen bonds in dimer of D-7.

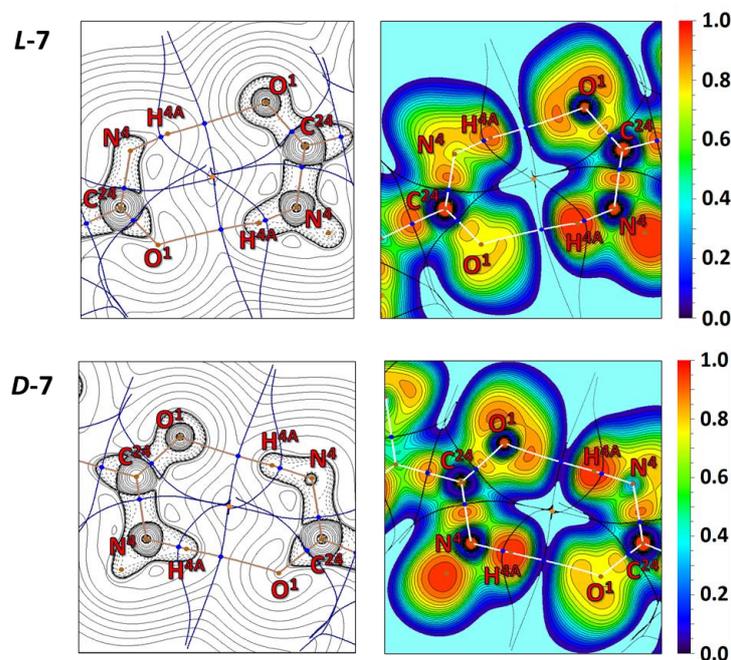
**Table S1.** Selected bond lengths and angles in the structure of D-7.

Length, Å		Angle, °	
C1–N1	1.097(19)	N1–C1–Pd1	175.1(14)°
C2–N1	1.326(16)	N2–C10–Pd1	122.6(12)°
C10–N2	1.328(19)	N3–C10–N2	120.3(15)°
C10–N3	1.27(2)	N3–C10–Pd1	116.9(10)°
C10–Pd1	2.040(15)	O1–C24–N4	130.1(16)°
C11–N2	1.489(17)	C1–N1–C2	173.2(16)°
C20–N3	1.44(3)	C10–N2–C11	123.7(14)°
C23–N3	1.49(2)	C10–N3–C20	124.5(17)°
C24–N4	1.28(2)	C10–N3–C23	128.9(15)°
C24–O1	1.203(19)	C20–N3–C23	106.6(16)°
Cl2–Pd1	2.306(5)	C1–Pd1–C10	91.6(6)°
Cl1–Pd1	2.348(5)	C1–Pd1–Cl2	176.8(5)°
		C1–Pd1–Cl1	86.9(5)°
		C10–Pd1–Cl2	91.0(5)°
		C10–Pd1–Cl1	175.9(5)°
		Cl2–Pd1–Cl1	90.7(2)°

**Table S2.** Selected bond lengths and angles in the structure of L-7.

Length, Å		Angle, °	
C1–N1	1.150(15)	N1–C1–Pd1	176.8(14)°
C2–N1	1.332(12)	N1–C2–C3	117.7(8)°
C10–N2	1.344(16)	N1–C2–C7	122.0(7)°
C10–N3	1.230(17)	N2–C10–Pd1	120.9(11)°

C10–Pd1	2.020(13)	N3–C10–N2	118.7(13)°
C11–N2	1.421(16)	N3–C10–Pd1	120.4(10)°
C20–N3	1.503(16)	N3–C20–C21	106.9(13)°
C23–N3	1.51(2)	N3–C23–C24	107.5(11)°
C24–N4	1.34(2)	N4–C24–C23	115.1(14)°
C24–O1	1.252(17)	O1–C24–C23	122.7(13)°
C25–C13	1.715(18)	O1–C24–N4	122.0(13)°
C25–C14	1.729(19)	C1–N1–C2	170.0(14)°
C25–C15	1.78(2)	C10–N2–C11	126.5(13)°
C11–Pd1	2.365(4)	C10–N3–C20	125.8(12)°
C12–Pd1	2.308(4)	C10–N3–C23	125.6(12)°
		C20–N3–C23	108.6(12)°
		C1–Pd1–C10	92.5(6)°
		C1–Pd1–C11	86.3(4)°
		C1–Pd1–C12	176.6(5)°
		C10–Pd1–C11	175.2(5)°
		C10–Pd1–C12	90.5(4)°
		C12–Pd1–C11	90.88(13)°



**Figure S2.** Contour line diagram of the Laplacian of electron density distribution  $\nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{r})$  (left panel), visualization of electron localization function (ELF, right panel) for N4–H4 $\cdots$ O1=C24 intermolecular contacts in (L/D-7)<sub>2</sub>. Bond critical points (3, –1) are shown in blue, nuclear critical points (3, –3) – in pale brown, ring critical points (3, +1) – in orange, bond paths are shown as pale brown lines (white for ELF diagram), length units – Å, and the color scale for the ELF map is presented in a.u.

**Table S3.** Values of the density of all electrons –  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ , Laplacian of electron density –  $\nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{r})$ , energy density –  $H_b$ , potential energy density –  $V(\mathbf{r})$ , and Lagrangian kinetic energy –  $G(\mathbf{r})$  (Hartree) at the bond critical points (3, –1), corresponding to XBs in all adducts, bond lengths –  $l$  (Å), as well as energies for these contacts  $E_{\text{int}}$  (kcal/mol), defined by three approaches. N4–H4 $\cdots$ O1=C24

Crystal	$\rho(\mathbf{r})$	$\nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{r})$	$H_b$	$V(\mathbf{r})$	$G(\mathbf{r})$	$E_{\text{int}}^a$	$E_{\text{int}}^b$	$E_{\text{int}}^c$	1
L-7	0.017	0.077	0.004	–0.011	0.016	3.5	4.3	5.7	2.099(11)
D-7	0.023	0.095	0.003	–0.017	0.020	5.3	5.4	7.2	1.98(7)

<sup>a</sup>  $E_{\text{int}} = -V(\mathbf{r})/2$ . <sup>b</sup>  $E_{\text{int}} = 0.429G(\mathbf{r})$ . <sup>c</sup>  $E_{\text{int}} = 0.57G(\mathbf{r})$ .

**Table S4.** Cartesian atomic coordinates for the structure of L-7.

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H	23.043544000	11.879282000	5.524821000
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H	23.693817000	14.097411000	5.722955000
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C	17.269748000	18.327515000	5.489203000
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C	14.315342000	15.120078000	6.972250000
H	13.405969000	14.977515000	6.841775000
C	15.124827000	14.079239000	7.415239000
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**Table S5.** Cartesian atomic coordinates for the structure of D-7.

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C	11.654248000	13.963841000	8.237718000
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C	12.010833000	15.305136000	8.164758000
H	12.894143000	15.542205000	7.996409000
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H	12.763141000	21.503304000	8.390393000

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