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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=296 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.006 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.019$
$w R$ factor $=0.041$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=18.5$

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## Tetrakis[pyridine-2(1H)-thione- $\kappa$ S] ${ }^{\text {( }}$ platinum(II) dichloride

In the title compound, $\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{( }\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{NS}\right)_{4}\right] \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, the $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{II}}$ ion is located at a crystallographic inversion centre, with each S donor ligand in its thione tautomeric form $[\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{S}=2.3439$ (7) and 2.3444 (7) $\AA$ ]. The $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$ion positioned at each axial site of the $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{II}}$ ion $[\mathrm{Pt} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}=3.5171$ (8) $\AA$ ] is hydrogen-bonded to the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}$ units of the ligands $[\mathrm{Cl} \cdots \mathrm{N}=3.103$ (3) and 3.125 (3) $\AA$ ].

## Comment

Metal-metal interactions often give rise to exceptionally reactive metal centres, leading to the activation of small molecules. In this context, we have long been interested in the evolution of $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ from $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ catalyzed by amidate-bridged cisdiammineplatinum(II) dimers, $\left[\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{II}}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{4}(\mu \text {-amidato })_{2}\right]^{2+}$ (amidate $=$ acetamidate, 2 -fluoroacetamidate, $\alpha$-pyridonate, $\alpha$-pyrrolidinonate, etc.) (Sakai et al., 1993). As extended studies on the catalysis of such dinuclear systems, efforts have also been made to develop new electronic systems having unusual reactivity. Here, we report the synthesis and crystal structure of the title complex, $\left[\mathrm{Pt}(\text { pyridine-2-thione })_{4}\right] \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, (I).


Complex (I) was prepared as a precursor for one of our target molecules, viz. a trinuclear platinum(II) chain complex, $\left[L \operatorname{Pt}(\mu-B)_{2} \operatorname{Pt}(\mu-B)_{2} \operatorname{Pt} L\right]^{2+}\left[L=2,2^{\prime}\right.$-bipyridine, $\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)_{2}$, etc.; $B=$ pyridine-2-thionate], even though the preparation of such a trimer has been unsuccessful to date. Although an almost analogous complex involving 4-methylpyridine-2-thione, [ Pt (4-methylpyridine-2-thione) $\left.)_{4}\right] \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{MeOH}$ [hereinafter (II)], was previously prepared from the reaction of $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{PtCl}_{4}$ and 4-methylpyridine-2-thione in toluene (Nishioka et al., 1992), the preparation of (I) according to that method has been unsuccessful to date, presumably due to the difference in the solubilities of the two analogous systems. In the present study, compound (I) was found to be produced in good yield based on our synthetic strategy (see Experimental).

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Figure 1
The structure of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level. Unlabelled atoms are related to labelled atoms by the symmetry operator $(-x,-y,-z)$. Broken lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

Figure 2


A view showing the manner in which the molecules of (I) stack along the [110] direction.

As shown in Fig. 1, atom Pt1 of (I) is located at an inversion centre. Therefore, the $\mathrm{Pt}^{\mathrm{II}}$ ion possesses a crystallographically imposed planar geometry. The shortest $\mathrm{Pt} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ distance [3.5171 (8) $\AA$ ] corresponds to the sum of the van der Waals radii of Pt and $\mathrm{Cl}(1.72-1.75 \AA$ for Pt and $c a 1.75 \AA$ for Cl ; Bondi, 1964), and is slightly shorter than that reported for (II)
$[\mathrm{Pt} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}=3.612(6) \AA]$. The ligand is found to serve as a monodentate $S$-donor ligand in its thione tautomeric form, as illustrated in the scheme. This is a general trend which has been observed thus far for this series of complexes, e.g. [ $\mathrm{Pt}(4-$ methylpyridine-2-thione $\left.)_{4}\right] \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{MeOH}$ (Nishioka et al., 1992), $\left[\mathrm{Pd}(\text { pyridine-2-thione })_{4}\right] \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ (Umakoshi et al., 1990) and $[\mathrm{Pt}(1-$ methyl-4-imidazoline-2-thione) $\left.)_{4}\right] \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (Birker et al., 1982).

The $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{S}$ bond distances in (I) [1.729 (3) and 1.731 (3) $\AA$ ] are slightly longer than those reported for the free or uncoordinated thione molecule [1.692 (2)-1.698 (2) Å; Ohms et al., 1982], which must be caused by a slight decrease in its bond order due to the formation of $\pi$ back-donation from $d \pi(\mathrm{Pt})$ to the $\pi^{*}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{S})$ orbital. As described in an earlier structure report on 2-thiopyridone, the extent of double-bond character for the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{S}$ bond may be estimated using the linear relationship between the order and length of $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{S}$ (Penfold, 1953). If we adopt the reported correlation (Penfold, 1953), the double-bond character of the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{S}$ groups in (I) can be estimated to be ca $40(5) \%$. In each pyridine ring, the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ unit directly attached to the S atom clearly has a longer distance than the rest of the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ units (Table 1), indicating that it has a higher single-bond character in comparison with the remaining bonds. The thione tautomerism is also obvious from the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ hydrogen-bonding geometries summarized in Table 2 (see also Fig. 1).

The two 2-thiopyridone planes, defined by S1/N1/C1-C5 and S2/N2/C6-C10, are tilted with respect to the Pt coordination plane by 65.47 (7) and $64.71(14)^{\circ}$, respectively. Only one of the two pyridine-2-thione ligands forms a $\pi$-stack to a neighbouring molecule through an inversion centre, leading to the establishment of one-dimensional chains propagating along the [110] direction (Fig. 2). The plane-to-plane separation between the stacked pyridyl planes is estimated at 3.527 (2) Å.

## Experimental

A solution of cis $-\mathrm{PtCl}_{2}(\mathrm{DMSO})_{2}(0.10 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.042 \mathrm{~g}$; Price et al., 1972; DMSO is dimethyl sulfoxide) and pyridine-2( 1 H )-thione $(1.0 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.111 \mathrm{~g})$ in methanol $(20 \mathrm{ml})$ was refluxed for 12 h . After cooling the solution to room temperature, it was evaporated to a total volume of ca 7 ml until a small amount of yellow precipitate started to deposit. Leaving the solution to stand in air at room temperature overnight afforded (I) as yellow plates (yield 70\%). Analysis calculated for $\mathrm{PtS}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{20}$ : C 33.80, H $2.84, \mathrm{~N} 7.88 \%$; found: C 33.82, H $2.82, \mathrm{~N} 7.88 \%$. IR (KBr, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2863 (br), 1608 (m), $1570(s), 1560$ (m), 1492 (m), 1436 ( $m$ ), $1139(s), 1132(s), 1082(w), 748(s), 727(m)$.

## Crystal data

$\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{NS}\right)_{4}\right] \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$
$M_{r}=710.63$
Triclinic, $P \overline{1}$
$a=8.372(8) \AA \AA^{2}$
$b=9.0754(8) \AA$
$c=10.1261(9) \AA$
$\alpha=99.709(1)^{\circ}$
$\beta=14.142(1)^{\circ}$
$\gamma=104.871(1)^{\circ}$
$V=642.4(1) \AA^{\circ}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& Z=1 \\
& D_{x}=1.837 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{~m}^{-3} \\
& \text { Mo } K \alpha \text { radiation } \\
& \text { Cell parameters from } 5806 \\
& \quad \text { reflections } \\
& \theta=2.4-28.2^{\circ} \\
& \mu=6.01 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1} \\
& T=296(2) \mathrm{K} \\
& \text { Plate, yellow } \\
& 0.44 \times 0.23 \times 0.11 \mathrm{~mm}
\end{aligned}
$$

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD areadetector diffractometer
$\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: Gaussian (XPREP in SAINT; Bruker, 2001)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.162, T_{\text {max }}=0.535$
7352 measured reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.019$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.041$
$S=1.02$
2632 reflections
142 parameters

2632 independent reflections 2629 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.058$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=26.4^{\circ}$
$h=-10 \rightarrow 10$
$k=-11 \rightarrow 11$
$l=-12 \rightarrow 12$

H -atom parameters constrained
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0093 P)^{2}\right]$

$$
\text { where } P=\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}{ }^{2}\right) / 3
$$

$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\text {max }}=0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.98 \mathrm{e}^{\AA^{-3}}$
$\Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.70 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters ( $\AA \mathrm{A}^{\circ}$ ).

| Pt1-S2 | $2.3439(7)$ | $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $1.379(5)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{S} 1$ | $2.3444(7)$ | $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $1.404(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{S} 1-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $1.731(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $1.367(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{S} 2-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $1.729(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $1.414(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $1.364(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $1.381(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $1.367(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $1.384(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $1.365(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $1.356(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $1.417(4)$ |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C} 2 \cdots \mathrm{C} 4^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $3.534(4)$ |  |  |
|  |  |  | $109.05(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{S} 2-\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{S} 1$ | $88.47(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{S} 1-\mathrm{Pt} 11$ | $109.67(10)$ |
| $\mathrm{S} 2-\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{S} 1^{\text {ii }}$ | $91.53(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{S} 2-\mathrm{Pt} 1$ |  |
|  |  |  | $-5.8(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{S} 1-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $3.6(2)$ | $\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{S} 2-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{N} 2$ |  |
| Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+1,-y+1-z \cdot($ iii $)-x,-y,-z$ |  |  |  |

Table 2
Hydrogen-bond geometry $\left(\AA^{\circ},{ }^{\circ}\right)$.

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N1-H1A $\cdots \mathrm{Cl} 1$ | 0.86 | 2.35 | $3.125(3)$ | 150 |
| N2-H2 $A \cdots \mathrm{Cl} 1$ | 0.86 | 2.32 | $3.103(3)$ | 152 |

All H atoms were placed at their idealized positions as riding atoms, with $(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.93 \AA$ for aromatic rings and $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}=0.86 \AA$ for thioamide groups, and included in the refinement in a riding-model approximation, with $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}$ (carrier atom).

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: KENX (Sakai, 2004); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97, TEXSAN (Molecular Structure Corporation, 2001), KENX and ORTEP (Johnson, 1976).

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