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A Novel Trinuclear Platinum(II) Complex with C, N, S Donor Ligands Containing Ferrocenyl Groups

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The reaction of $[Pt(hfacac)_2]$ with 2-(ferrocenyl)-benzothiazoline affords a novel trinuclear platinum(II) complex, which has six-membered Pt_3S_3 ring with thiolate bridging, and three cyclometallated ferrocenyl groups have a less-symmetrical configuration.

Several metal ions induce rearrangement of benzothiazoline derivatives to yield the corresponding Schiff-base metal complexes with N,S chelates. Indeed, the reactions of M^{2+} (M = Ni, Pd, Zn, and Hg) with 2-(ferrocenyl)benzothiazoline gave the Schiff-base metal complexes. Especially, Ni(II) and Pd(II) complexes showed the molecular helicity with *cis*-geometry of square planar configuration. Furthermore, the reaction of M^{2+} (M = Pd and Pt) with 2-(1-naphthyl)benzothiazoline afforded the tetranuclear complexes with C,N,S donor atoms. We present here a novel trinuclear platinum(II) complex 1 with C,N,S donor atoms which is obtained by cyclometallation of the ferrocenyl groups in 2-(ferrocenylmethyleneamino)benzenthiol.

To a solution of 2-(ferrocenyl)benzothiazoline (0.053 g, 0.16 mmol) in toluene (10 ml) was added an equimolar amount of [Pt(hfacac)₂] (0.100 g, 0.16 mmol) ⁴ and the solution was stirred at reflux for 5 h. The solvent was removed from the reaction mixture by using a rotary evaporator. The remaining black solid was washed with ether. The solid was dissolved in a minimum amount of dichloromethane and then purified on a silica gel column with dichloromethane as the eluent. The eluted main green band was collected and evaporated to dryness. The resulting dark green powder of 1 was recrystallized from dichloromethane-acetonitrile solution: Yield 11.8%. The suitable crystals for X-ray analysis were obtained from chloroform-methanol solution.

The molecular structure with a partial atoms labeling scheme of 1, revealed by the X-ray analysis, is shown in Figure 1. The coordination geometry around each of platinum atoms is square planar with C,N,S_2 donor atoms and two sulfur atoms are located in cis- position. The platinum atoms are bridged by sulfur atoms. The bond distances between platinum atoms and the coordinated ones are normal. It is interesting to note that the Pt-terminal S distances (av. 2.35 Å) are longer than the Pt-bridging S ones (av. 2.28 Å). This result indicates the strong trans influence of the coordinated carbon atoms of the cyclometallated ligands.

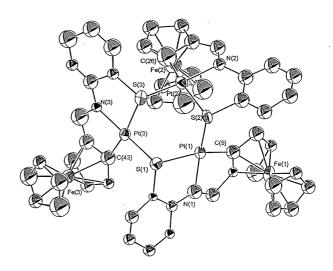


Figure 1. The molecular structure of 1. Selected distances: Pt(1)-S(1) 2.37(4), Pt(1)-S(2) 2.28(4), Pt(1)-N(1) 2.22(13), Pt(1)-C(9) 2.06(17), Pt(2)-S(2) 2.33(4), Pt(2)-S(3) 2.27(5), Pt(2)-N(2) 2.14(12), Pt(2)-C(26) 2.00(27), Pt(3)-S(1) 2.29(4), Pt(3)-S(3) 2.35(4), Pt(3)-N(3) 2.00(10), Pt(3)-C(43) 1.99(16), Pt(1)-Pt(2) 3.535(9), Pt(1)-Pt(3) 3.685(8), Pt(2)-Pt(3) 3.698(9) Å. Selected angles: S(1)-Pt(1)-S(2) 93(1), S(1)-Pt(1)-N(1) 86(4), S(1)-Pt(1)-C(9) 161(5), S(2)-Pt(1)-N(1) 173(4), S(2)-Pt(1)-C(9) 106(5), S(2)-Pt(1)-C(9) 106(5), S(2)-Pt(2)-C(26) 163(8), S(2)-Pt(2)-N(2) 89(3), S(2)-Pt(2)-C(26) 163(8), S(2)-Pt(2)-N(2) 172(3), S(3)-Pt(2)-C(26) 100(8), S(2)-Pt(2)-C(26) 80(8), S(2)-Pt(3)-S(3) 91(1), S(2)-Pt(3)-N(3) 171(3), S(2)-Pt(3)-C(43) 103(5), S(3)-Pt(3)-N(3) 83(3), S(3)-Pt(3)-C(43) 166(5), S(3)-Pt(3)-C(43) 84(5)°.

Although the frameworks of the tetranuclear Pd(II) and Pt(II) complexes with 1-naphthyl groups instead of ferrocenyl ones consist of eight-membered M_4S_4 (M=Pd(II) and Pt(II)) ring having $\overline{4}$ symmetry, $\overline{4}$ the framework of complex 1 consists of sixmembered Pt_3S_3 ring in chair form. $\overline{5}$ This difference arises from the difference of substituent groups in benzothiazoline derivative. Three ferrocene units in 1 occupy general positions and the molecule 1 has no threefold axis C_3 . The $Pt(2)\cdots Fe(2)$ distance being 3.49(3)Å is shorter than the other two $Pt\cdots Fe$ distances $(Pt(1)\cdots Fe(1)\ 3.69(3)$ Å, $Pt(3)\cdots Fe(3)\ 3.66(3)$ Å).

In $CDCl_3$, ¹H NMR spectrum of **1** gives three signals corresponding to the non-substituted cyclopentadienyl ring protons in cyclopentadienyl region and also three azomethine signals. ⁸ This result indicates that the low symmetry of the complex **1** without C_3 axis is also maintained in solution.

In general, platinum(II) and palladium(II) complexes with the N, S chelate ligands, which form square planar configuration, are yellow - red and actually the analogous tetranuclear Pt(II) and Pd(II) complexes with $C_iN_iS_2$ donor atoms are dark red. It is worthy of note that the present trinuclear Pt(II) complex 1 is green. The electronic absorption spectrum of 1 in

dichloromethane solution has four bands at 13.6 (ϵ = 1600), 17.1 (4900), 21.3 (4000), 25.2 × 10³ cm⁻¹ (7200 dm³ mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹). By comparing this spectrum with those of the tetranuclear Pt(II) complex³ 12.5 (170), 15.7 (2290), 18.4 (6030) and 25.2 × 10³ cm⁻¹ (21380 dm³ mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹), the intensity of the band around 13 × 10³ cm⁻¹ in complex 1 is about 10 times that in tetranuclear complex and this band causes the complex 1 to be colored green.

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- room temperature. All crystallographic measurements were made using a MAC science MXC3 diffractometer. Empirical absorption corrections (ψ -scan) were applied. Lattice parameters were determined by application of the automatic diffractometer indexing routine to the positions of 22 reflections. Data were measured in the range $3 \le 20 \le 50^\circ$ in the ω -20 scan with three check reflections being measured every 100 data. The structure was solved by direct methods(SIR92) and refined by full-matrix least squares analysis using 2596 unique reflections to final R factor = 0.0705, Rw = 0.0902. Refinement was anisotropic only for the platinum, iron, chlorine, and sulfur atoms.
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