

Proton-Induced Cis–Trans Conversion of a Platinum(II) Center Coordinated by L-Cysteinatocobalt(III) Metalloligands

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Treatment of Λ_L -[Co(L-cys-N,S)(en)₂]⁺ (L-H₂cys = L-cysteine) with [PtCl₄]²⁻ in water, followed by the addition of acid, gave an S-bridged Co^{III}₂Pt^{II} trinuclear complex ([1]⁴⁺), which was reversibly converted to its deprotonated complex ([2]²⁺) in an aqueous solution. While [1]⁴⁺ formed only a trans isomer, [2]²⁺ existed as a mixture of trans and cis isomers. The selective formation of a cis isomer was achieved by treatment of [1]⁴⁺ or [2]²⁺ with phthalic acid in water, which afforded a unique Co^{III}₄Pt^{II}₂ hexanuclear complex ([3]⁴⁺). Complex [3]⁴⁺ was reverted back to [1]⁴⁺ by treatment with aqueous HCl, accompanied by the complete cis-to-trans conversion.

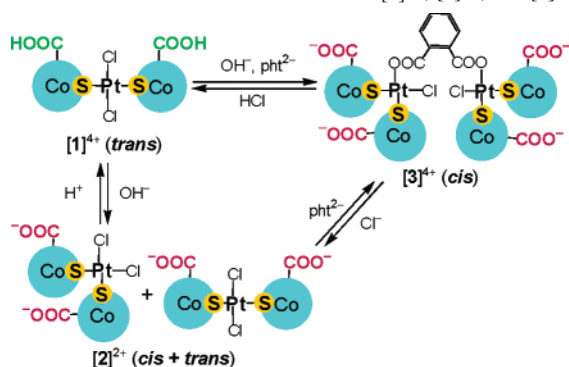
In recent years, the design and control of the dynamics of molecules are a subject of increasing attention because of their potential utility in various applications such as molecular recognition and molecular switching.¹ One of the most well-known dynamics of molecules involves cis–trans isomerism, which has attracted great interest in many fields ranging from inorganic to organic and biological chemistry.² In particular, considerable research efforts have been paid for the control of cis–trans isomerism in square-planar d⁸ metal complexes of palladium(II) and platinum(II).³ To date, a number of coordination systems of palladium(II) and platinum(II) that show cis–trans conversion in response to thermal and/or photochemical factors have been reported.⁴ Furthermore, recent studies have shown that allosteric interactions of alkali-

metal cations or inorganic anions lead to cis–trans conversion in palladium(II) coordination systems.⁵ On the other hand, similar allosteric interactions that induce cis–trans conversion have not been found in platinum(II) coordination systems so far, presumably because of the relative inertness of the platinum(II) coordination environment compared to the palladium(II) environment.⁶ Thus, the finding of new external factors that govern cis–trans isomerism of platinum(II) systems is a challenging task that may contribute to the development of platinum-based pharmaceuticals and catalysts, as well as the fundamental coordination chemistry of platinum(II).⁷ In this paper, we report on a novel dichloro-platinum(II) coordination system derived from [PtCl₄]²⁻ and Λ_L -[Co(L-cys-N,S)(en)₂]⁺ (L-H₂cys = L-cysteine) that can act as an S-donating chiral metalloligand having a free carboxylate group.⁸ This system was found to exhibit novel cis–trans conversion induced by protonation/deprotonation of a distant carboxyl group in the metalloligand (Scheme 1). Another cis–trans conversion accompanied by the linkage of two platinum(II) centers with the use of phthalate is also reported.

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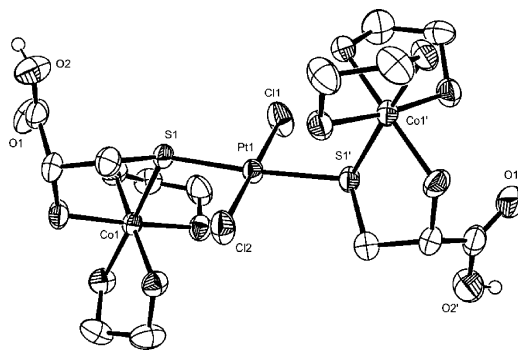
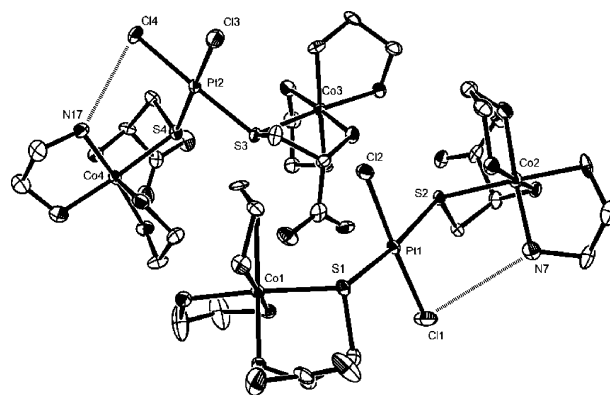
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Scheme 1. Cis–Trans Conversion between $[1]^{4+}$, $[2]^{2+}$, and $[3]^{4+}$ 

The reaction of a dark-brown aqueous solution of Λ_L -[Co(L-cys-*N,S*)(en) $_2$] ClO_4 ⁹ with $\text{K}_2[\text{PtCl}_4]$ in a 2:1 molar ratio gave a red-brown solution, from which dark-red crystals ($[1]\text{-Cl}(\text{ClO}_4)_3$) were isolated by the addition of aqueous HClO_4 .¹⁰ X-ray fluorescence spectrometry and elemental analytical data of this compound are in good agreement with a formula for a 2:1 adduct of $[\text{Co}(\text{L-Hcys}(\text{en})_2)]^{2+}$ and PtCl_2 , and the presence of COOH groups is indicated by the IR spectrum that gives a $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ band at 1719 cm^{-1} .¹¹ The structure of $[1]\text{Cl}(\text{ClO}_4)_3$ was determined by single-crystal X-ray crystallography.¹⁰ As shown in Figure 1, $[1]^{4+}$ consists of two approximately octahedral Λ_L -[Co(L-Hcys-*N,S*)(en) $_2$] $^{2+}$ units that are linked by a PtCl_2 moiety through Pt–S bonds, forming an S-bridged $\text{Co}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$ trinuclear structure in $[\text{PtCl}_2\{\text{Co}(\text{L-Hcys-*N,S*)(\text{en})_2\}_2]^{4+}$.¹² The coordination environment about the Pt^{II} atom is almost square-planar, coordinated by two S and two Cl atoms in a trans configuration [av Pt–S = $2.307(2)\text{ \AA}$; Pt–Cl = $2.301(3)\text{ \AA}$].

A similar 2:1 reaction of Λ_L -[Co(L-cys-*N,S*)(en) $_2$] ClO_4 with $\text{K}_2[\text{PtCl}_4]$ in water, followed by the addition of aqueous LiClO_4 instead of HClO_4 , afforded dark-red crystals of $[2]\text{-Cl}_{0.5}(\text{ClO}_4)_{1.5}$,¹⁰ the absorption and circular dichroism spectral features of which are very similar to those of $[1]\text{Cl}(\text{ClO}_4)_3$. This compound was also obtained by the recrystallization of $[1]\text{Cl}(\text{ClO}_4)_3$ from water at $\text{pH} \sim 6$.¹⁰ It was shown that $[2]^{2+}$ is a deprotonated form of $[1]^{4+}$ by the IR spectrum that gives a $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ band at 1630 cm^{-1} , besides X-ray fluorescence spectrometry and elemental analysis. Single-crystal X-ray analysis revealed that $[2]^{2+}$ contains cis and trans isomers of $(\Lambda_L)_2\text{-}[\text{PtCl}_2\{\text{Co}(\text{L-cys-*N,S*)(\text{en})_2\}_2]^{2+}$ (*cis*- and *trans*- $[2]^{2+}$) in a 1:1 ratio (Figure 2).¹⁰ The S-bridged $\text{Co}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$ trinuclear structure in *trans*- $[2]^{2+}$ is essentially the same as that of $[1]^{4+}$, except two pendant carboxyl groups are deprotonated. However, it is noticed that the Pt–S bond distances in *trans*- $[2]^{2+}$ [av $2.327(5)\text{ \AA}$] are appreciably longer than those in $[1]^{4+}$ [av $2.307(2)\text{ \AA}$], although the Pt–Cl bond distances in $[1]^{4+}$ [av $2.301(3)\text{ \AA}$] and *trans*- $[2]^{2+}$ [av $2.297(3)\text{ \AA}$] are similar to each other. In *cis*- $[2]^{2+}$, the Pt^{II} atom is coordinated

**Figure 1.** Perspective view of $[1]^{4+}$.**Figure 2.** Perspective view of $[2]^{2+}$. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dotted lines.

by two S and two Cl atoms in a square-planar geometry, like the Pt^{II} atom in *trans*- $[2]^{2+}$, but two S atoms occupy *cis* positions, despite the bulkiness of the Λ_L -[Co(L-cys-*N,S*)(en) $_2$] $^{2+}$ units. The Pt–Cl bond distances in *cis*- $[2]^{2+}$ [av $2.326(4)\text{ \AA}$] are ca. 0.03 \AA longer than those in *trans*- $[2]^{2+}$. This is indicative of the stronger *trans* influence due to thiolato donors relative to that due to chloro donors. Compatible with this, the Pt–S bond distances in *cis*- $[2]^{2+}$ [av $2.283(4)\text{ \AA}$] are shorter than those in *trans*- $[2]^{2+}$.

The ^{13}C NMR spectrum of $[2]\text{Cl}_{0.5}(\text{ClO}_4)_{1.5}$ in D_2O ($\text{pH} \sim 6$) exhibits two sets of carbon signals in a ca. 1:1 intensity ratio, consistent with the presence of *cis* and *trans* isomers in $[\text{PtCl}_2\{\text{Co}(\text{L-cys-*N,S*)(\text{en})_2\}_2]^{2+}$ (Figure 3). Notably, the intensity ratio of two sets of signals varied upon lowering of the solution pH, and only one set of signals appeared at $\text{pH} \sim 1$ after 2 days. The same ^{13}C NMR spectral behavior was observed for $[1]\text{Cl}(\text{ClO}_4)_3$ in D_2O , giving two sets of signals with equal intensity at $\text{pH} \sim 6$ and a single set of signals at $\text{pH} \sim 1$. These results clearly indicate that $[1]^{4+}$ and $[2]^{2+}$ are interconvertible with each other by changing the solution pH, accompanied by *cis*–*trans* conversion. It is considered that the S-bridged $\text{Co}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$ structure prefers the *trans* configuration owing to the bulkiness of two Co^{III} metalloligands, as evidenced by the selective formation of a *trans* isomer for $[1]^{4+}$. The comparison of the crystal structures of $[1]^{4+}$ and *trans*- $[2]^{2+}$ indicates that the Pt–S bonds are elongated by the deprotonation of two Co^{III} metalloligands. This is suggestive of the increase of the mutual *trans* influence due to thiolato donors by the deprotonation, which induces *trans*-to-*cis* conversion to generate the 1:1 mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers for $[2]^{2+}$.

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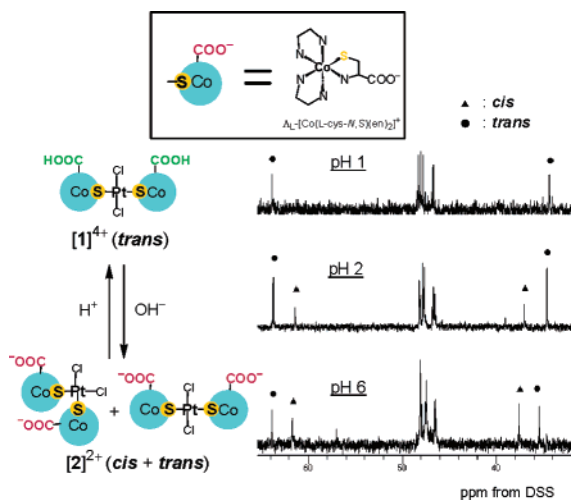


Figure 3. ^{13}C NMR spectra of $[2]^{2+}$ in D_2O adjusted to pH = 1, 2, or 6. Each spectrum was measured 2 days later after the adjustment of the pH.

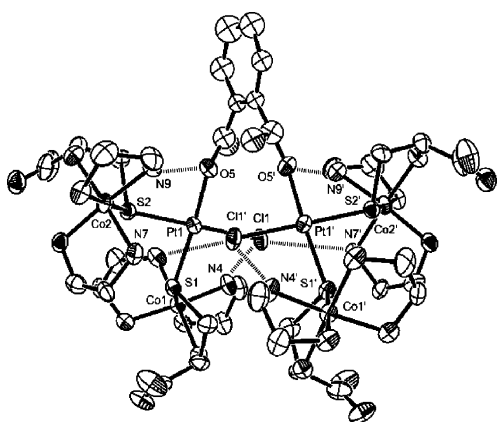


Figure 4. Perspective view of $[3]^{4+}$. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dotted lines.

To create an S-bridged $\text{Co}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$ species that selectively produces a cis isomer, an aqueous solution of $[2]\text{Cl}_{0.5}(\text{ClO}_4)_{1.5}$ was reacted with phthalic acid, which has been shown to act as a O,O' -chelating ligand toward a platinum(II) center,¹³ in a 1:1 molar ratio at pH ~ 6 . When the resulting dark-red reaction solution was allowed to stand at room temperature, after the addition of aqueous NaClO_4 , dark-red crystals of $[3](\text{ClO}_4)_4$ were isolated.¹⁰ This compound was also obtained by the reaction of $[1]\text{Cl}(\text{ClO}_4)_3$ with phthalic acid under similar conditions.¹⁰ The presence of fully deprotonated L-cysteinate and phthalate ligands in $[3](\text{ClO}_4)_4$ was confirmed by IR and NMR spectroscopies. However, the elemental analytical data were not consistent with the formula for an expected 2:1:1 adduct but for a 4:2:1 adduct of $[\text{Co}(\text{L-cys-}N,S)(\text{en})_2]^+$, $[\text{PtCl}]^+$, and phthalate. The structure of $[3]^{4+}$ was established by X-ray analysis for $[3](\text{SO}_4)_2$, which was isolated by using aqueous Na_2SO_4 instead of aqueous NaClO_4 .¹⁰ As shown in Figure 4, $[3]^{4+}$ consists of two S-bridged $\text{Co}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$ trinuclear units of $[\text{PtCl}\{\text{Co}(\text{L-cys-}N,S)(\text{en})_2\}_2]^{3+}$ and a phthalate ligand. The phthalate ligand bridges two Pt^{II} atoms with the use of two COO^- groups $[\text{Pt}-\text{O} =$

$2.061(5) \text{ \AA}$], completing a unique $\text{Co}^{\text{III}}_4\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}_2$ hexanuclear structure in $[(\text{PtCl})_2(\text{pht-}O,O')\{\text{Co}(\text{L-cys-}N,S)(\text{en})_2\}_4]^{4+}$ ($\text{Pt}\cdots\text{Pt} = 4.510 \text{ \AA}$). As far as we know, such a bridging coordination mode of phthalate toward platinum(II) centers has not been reported, and, furthermore, $[3]^{4+}$ is the first example of a structurally characterized platinum(II) species with phthalate. The Pt^{II} atom in each $\text{Co}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$ trinuclear unit adopts a square-planar geometry with a cis configuration, coordinated by two S atoms from two deprotonated Co^{III} metalloligands, besides Cl and O atoms. In $[3]^{4+}$, the $\text{Pt}-\text{S}$ bond distances trans to the O atom [$2.272(2) \text{ \AA}$] are the same as those trans to the Cl atom [$2.272(2) \text{ \AA}$]. This implies that the trans influence due to a carboxylato donor of phthalate is comparable with that due to a chloro donor and is thus weaker than that due to a thiolato donor. Because the phthalate ligand has a bridging coordination mode, a trans configuration is also possible for each $\text{Co}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$ trinuclear unit. The selective isolation of the cis configurational $\text{Co}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$ units in $[3]^{4+}$ could be related to the presence of $\text{NH}\cdots\text{Cl}$ (3.185 \AA) and $\text{NH}\cdots\text{O}$ (2.894 \AA) hydrogen bonds in each $\text{Co}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$ unit, together with the weaker trans influence due to chloro and carboxylato donors. The presence of $\text{NH}\cdots\text{Cl}$ (3.186 \AA) hydrogen bonds between the two $\text{Co}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$ units is also noticed in $[3]^{4+}$, which may account for the selective isolation of the cis configurational $\text{Co}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$ units. Here, it should be noted that $[3]^{4+}$ is convertible to $[1]^{4+}$ and $[2]^{2+}$ by treatment with HCl and NaCl, respectively, which was evidenced by NMR spectroscopy. This is indicative of cis-to-trans conversion of the platinum(II) center due to the replacement of a coligand from phthalate to chloride (Scheme 1).

In summary, we showed that $[\text{PtCl}_4]^{2-}$ readily reacts with $\Lambda_L\text{-}[\text{Co}(\text{L-cys-}N,S)(\text{en})_2]^+$ to form an S-bridged $\text{Co}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$ trinuclear complex with a $[\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}\text{Cl}_2\text{S}_2]$ square plane bound by two $[\text{Co}^{\text{III}}\text{N}_5\text{S}]$ octahedrons. The $\text{Co}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$ trinuclear complex was successfully isolated as protonated and deprotonated forms, $[1]^{4+}$ and $[2]^{2+}$, which are interconvertible with each other by changes of the solution pH. Remarkably, $[2]^{2+}$ existed as a mixture of cis and trans isomers, while $[1]^{4+}$ formed only a trans isomer, representing the first example of cis–trans conversion of platinum(II) induced by the change of pH. Furthermore, the linkage of two deprotonated $\text{Co}^{\text{III}}_2\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$ trinuclear molecules with phthalate afforded a $\text{Co}^{\text{III}}_4\text{-Pt}^{\text{II}}_2$ hexanuclear structure in $[3]^{4+}$ having cis configurational $[\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}\text{ClOS}_2]$ planes, which is reverted back to $[1]^{4+}$ by treatment with HCl. Thus, trans-to-cis and cis-to-trans conversions of the platinum(II) center with two $\Lambda_L\text{-}[\text{Co}(\text{L-cys-}N,S)(\text{en})_2]^+$ metalloligands were fully controlled by the protonation/deprotonation of pendant carboxylate groups in combination with the choice of coligands, the result of which would provide a novel design concept for dynamic molecular systems.

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