

Some Reactions of *cis*-Dichlorodiammine Palladium(II) with Nucleosides

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The reactions of *cis*-Pd(NH₃)₂Cl₂ with nucleosides have been studied in aqueous and dmsO solutions. From aqueous solutions, with the nucleosides Ino, Guo and Cyd (=nucl) the complexes [Pd(NH₃)₂(nucl)₂]Cl₂ have been isolated, while adenosine gave the dimeric complex {[Pd(NH₃)₂Cl]₂Ado}Cl₂. From dmsO solutions the mononucleoside complexes [Pd(NH₃)₂(nucl)(dmsO)]Cl₂ have been isolated. These complexes were stable in neutral aqueous solutions, but in alkaline solutions (pH 9–10) those with ionizable N(1)H imino proton, were deprotonated and complexes of the general formula Pd(NH₃)₂(nucl-H⁺)Cl precipitated. These complexes were further transformed to the mononucleoside complexes [Pd(NH₃)₂(nucl)Cl]Cl in acid solution (pH ≈ 1), which in aqueous solution (pH > 5) deprotonated to the parent compound. The isolated complexes were characterized by elemental analyses, conductivity measurements, IR, ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra.

Introduction

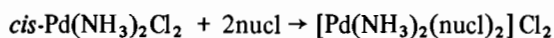
The interaction of metals and especially of Pt(II) with nucleic acid constituents has been the subject of extensive investigations in recent years, after Rosenberg's [1–3] discovery of the antitumour properties of *cis*-Pt(NH₃)₂Cl₂. There exist numerous reports on such interactions, including crystallographic studies and most of them are described in several review articles [4–10].

Among the studies on interactions of different metals with the nucleic acid bases, reports on similar studies with Pt(II) are quite limited [11–14]. Such studies are of great importance, because Pd(II), as a d⁸ system, forms square planar complexes like Pt(II) and could serve as model for the reactions of the latter with the nucleic acid constituents, especially because the Pd(II) reactions are much more fast than the respective reactions of Pt(II) [15]. The Pd(II) complexes are also interesting in biological chemistry. For example Kirschner and collaborators noted that *cis*-dichloropiperidine palladium(II) can induce filamental growth in *E. Coli* [16]. The same effect was also noted by Charlson *et al.* with caesium *cis*-dichloro-L-serinato-palladium(II) [17].

During the past few years we have been studying the interactions of Pt(II), Pd(II), Rh(II) and Au(III) with nucleic acid constituents, in order to investigate the binding sites, the general reactivity behavior of such reactions and correlate the results to the mechanism of the antitumour action of *cis*-Pt(NH₃)₂Cl₂ [18–21]. In an attempt to investigate further the general reactivity behavior of Pd(II) towards the nucleic acid constituents, I now report on the interactions of *cis*-Pd(NH₃)₂Cl₂ with inosine, guanosine, cytidine and adenosine.

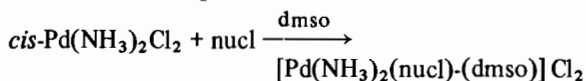
Results and Discussion

cis-Pd(NH₃)₂Cl₂ reacts with nucleosides in aqueous solutions at room temperature producing 1:2 complexes as follows:

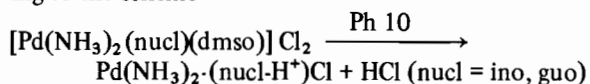


where nucl is ino, guo, cyd.

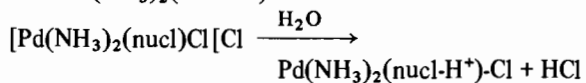
The 1:1 complexes were obtained from dmsO solutions at room temperature.



The 1:1 complexes are stable in neutral aqueous solutions, but in alkaline (pH ~ 10) solutions they lose dmsO with simultaneous deprotonation of the N(1)H imino proton and the formation of complexes of the general formula Pd(NH₃)₂(nucl-H⁺)Cl according to the scheme:



In acid solution the above reaction was reversed and the mononucleoside complexes [Pd(NH₃)₂(nucl)Cl]Cl were obtained. These complexes are very unstable in aqueous solutions, where they lose one HCl molecule producing complexes of the empirical formula Pd(NH₃)₂(nucl-H⁺)Cl:



The above reactions may be summarized as follows:

TABLE II. ^1H NMR Chemical Shifts of the Complexes ^a

Compound	H ₂	H ₅	H ₆	H ₈	H ₁	Solvent
Guo				7.80	5.74(d) 5.68	dms _o -d ₆
[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Guo) ₂]Cl ₂				8.40	5.87(d) 5.80	D ₂ O
[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Guo)(dms _o)]Cl ₂				8.35	5.85(d) 5.78	D ₂ O
Ino	8.11			8.22	6.03(d) 5.93	D ₂ O
[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Ino) ₂]Cl ₂	8.16			8.87	5.83(d) 5.72	D ₂ O
[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Ino)(dms _o)]Cl ₂	8.20			8.85	5.85(d) 5.76	D ₂ O
Cyd		5.75(d) 5.66	7.79(d) 7.78		6.24(d) 6.17	D ₂ O
[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Cyd) ₂]Cl ₂		6.37(d) 6.30	8.20(d) 8.11		6.27(d) 6.26	D ₂ O
[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Cyd)(dms _o)]Cl ₂		6.40(d) 6.37	8.25(d) 8.17		6.26(d) 6.24	D ₂ O
Ado	8.15			8.36	5.90(d) 5.80	dms _o -d ₆
{[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ Cl] ₂ Ado}Cl ₂	8.66			8.90	6.31(d) 6.23	dms _o -d ₆

^ad = doublet.TABLE III. ^{13}C NMR Chemical Shifts of the Complexes.

Compound	C(2)	C(4)	C(5)	C(6)	C(8)
Inosine	159.6	154.5	120.2	157.4	132.2
[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Ino) ₂]Cl ₂	160.1	155.1	122.3	159.1	135.6
[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Ino)(dms _o)]Cl ₂	160.0	155.0	122.1	158.9	135.4
Guanosine	154.6	152.2	117.5	157.5	136.5
[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Guo) ₂]Cl ₂	155.7	153.2	119.6	159.0	139.9
[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Guo)(dms _o)]Cl ₂	155.5	153.0	119.5	158.8	139.8
Adenosine	146.3	145.0	111.3	149.5	132.5
{[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ Cl] ₂ Ado}Cl ₂	149.0	145.3	115.6	153.2	134.8
Cytidine	151.5	162.5	98.5	147.5	
[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Cyd) ₂]Cl ₂	155.4	165.2	96.7	146.1	
[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Cyd)(dms _o)]Cl ₂	155.0	165.1	97.5	146.2	

The participation of the exocyclic O(6) in coordination was excluded in these complexes, because the $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ frequency observed at about 1700 cm^{-1} in the uncomplexed nucleosides remains essentially unchanged in the complexes (see Table IV).

The medium band observed at 320 cm^{-1} in the far infrared spectra of the complexes $[\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2(\text{nucl})\text{Cl}]\text{Cl}$ was assigned to the metal-halogen stretching. The IR spectra also indicate sulfur coordination of dms_o to palladium [25].

The complexes $\{[\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}]_2\text{ado}\}\text{Cl}_2$, $[\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2(\text{cyd})_2]\text{Cl}_2$ and $[\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2(\text{cyd})(\text{dms}_o)]\text{Cl}_2$

The analytical and conductivity measurements data (see Table I) agree with the proposed formulae.

The nucleoside adenosine behaves as a bidentate ligand in the complex $\{[\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}]_2\text{ado}\}\text{Cl}_2$, bridging two palladium atoms through its N(1) and N(7) atoms. Both ^1H and ^{13}C spectra are consistent with this conclusion.

TABLE IV. Characteristic IR Bands of the Complexes (cm⁻¹)^a.

Compound	ν C=O skeletal	ν C=C, ν C=N skeletal	ν S=O	ν Pd-Cl
Ino	1690	1584, 1510		
[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Ino) ₂]Cl ₂	1680	1590, 1568		
[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Ino)(dmsO)]Cl ₂	1685	1597, 1566, 1539	1160	
Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Ino-H ⁺)Cl	1630	1610, 1535, 1500		
[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Ino)Cl]Cl	1683	1595, 1560		330
Guo	1725	1620, 1530		
[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Guo) ₂]Cl ₂	1700	1595, 1530		
[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Guo)(dmsO)]Cl ₂	1695	1580, 1530	1160	
Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Guo-H ⁺)Cl	1630	1600, 1533		
[Pd(NH ₃) ₂ (Guo)Cl]Cl	1700	1585, 1535		330

^aMeasured in KBr disks

The down field shift of both H(2) and H(8) signals by about 0.5 ppm in the ¹H NMR spectrum of the complex as compared with the uncomplexed adenosine (Table II) is consistent with the participation of both N(1) and N(7) in coordination [19]. It is also evident from the ¹³C NMR spectra (Table II) that the signals of all four carbons, C(2) C(6), C(5) and C(8), adjacent to both N(1) and N(7) atoms are downfield shifted upon coordination, and this further supports the participation of both these nitrogens in coordination [11, 18, 24, 26].

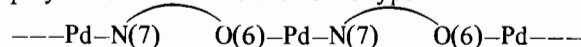
In the complexes [Pd(NH₃)₂(cyd)₂]Cl₂ and [Pd(NH₃)₂(cyd)(dmsO)]Cl₂, cytidine coordinates through its N(3) atom, as was evidenced by both ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra. Both H(5) and H(6) doublets shifted downfield, with the larger shift for H(5). This indicates that H(5) is closer to the coordination site on the ligand, probably N(3) [24] and this has been confirmed by the crystallographic investigations of interaction of Pt(II) with the analogous base 1-methylcytosine [27]. Also the downfield shifts observed for the C(2) and C(4) resonances, in contrast to the upfield shifts of the C(5) and C(6) signals, support coordination of the cytidine to palladium through N(3) [24].

The Complexes Pd(NH₃)₂(nucl-H⁺)Cl (nucl = ino, guo)

These complexes are insoluble in all common solvents and the information concerning their structure was deduced only from their chemical behavior and their IR spectra.

The preparation of these complexes from the complexes [Pd(NH₃)₂(nucl)(dmsO)]Cl₂ and their reversible conversion to the complexes [Pd(NH₃)₂(nucl)Cl]Cl, suggested that the Pd-N(7) bonding, present in the former and the latter complexes, exists in these complexes too.

The IR spectra of the complexes give strong indications for the participation or not of the exocyclic oxygen atom of the 6th position in bonding with palladium. The shifting of the ν (C=O) to lower frequencies has been widely used as a criterion for the participation in bonding of this atom, in complexes of the proper nucleosides with Pd(II) and Pt(II) [19, 28]. The ν (C=O) frequency occurring at about 1700 cm⁻¹ in the free ligands, is shifted to about 1625–1630 cm⁻¹ upon metal complexation (see Table IV). In the complexes with no O(6) involvement in bonding, it remains practically at constant frequency. Thus in the complexes Pd(NH₃)₂(nucl-H⁺)Cl the ionized O⁻(6) atoms, following deprotonation of the N(1)-H imino proton seem to participate in bonding with palladium. The observed more pronounced shift (1595 cm⁻¹) [29] of the ν (C=O) stretching mode in the ionic sodium or potassium salts of guanosine, could be explained by the formation of a 100% ionic bond of the type O(6)⁻-Na⁺(K⁺) and it should be less, when the bond is more covalent in character. In view of the above data it is proposed that inosine and guanosine behave as bidentate O(6)N(7) ligands in a polymeric rather structure of the type:



Oxygen involvement in bonding, following deprotonation of the imino protons, has also been found in the crystal structure of *cis*-diammineplatinum a pyridone blue [30], where both O and N atoms bridge two platinum atoms. Kistenmacher *et al.* [31] have also found an O-Ag(I) interaction in the crystal structure of (nitrate) (1-methylcytosine) silver (I). More recently Bau *et al.* [32] unambiguously showed the participation of the exocyclic O(6) in coordination, in the crystal structure of a tetranuclear copper(II)-inosone monophosphate-O-phenanthroline complex, where inosine acts as an O(6)N(7) bridging ligand with Cu-O(6) distance 1.956 Å [32].

Experimental

Materials

The nucleosides were from Fluka A.G. and used without further purification. *cis*-Dichlorodiammine-palladium(II) was from Johnson Matthey.

Methods

IR spectra were recorded in a JASCO-DS 701 G spectrophotometer. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian T60 spectrometer. TMS was used as internal reference when dmsO-d_6 was used as solvent, while in D_2O , DSS. ^{13}C NMR spectra were obtained on a Varian XL 100 NMR spectrometer operating in Fourier transform mode with proton noise decoupling at frequency 25.2 MHz. Chemical shifts were measured relative to internal dmsO-d_6 or dioxane and converted to the TMS scale using $\delta^{\text{dmsO-d}_6} = +39.6$ ppm and $\delta^{\text{dioxane}} = 67.4$ ppm. Conductivity measurements were performed using an E365B conductoscope, Metrohm, Herisau, Switzerland.

Microanalyses

These were performed in the Laboratories of the National Research Foundation of Greece in Athens by Dr. Mantzos.

Preparation of the Complexes

I. Complexes $[\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2(\text{nucl})_2]\text{Cl}_2$ (*nucl* = *ino*, *guo*, *cyd*)

cis-Dichlorodiammine palladium(II) (*cis*- $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$), 1 mmol, and the respective nucleoside, 2 mmol, were suspended in 50 ml water and stirred at room temperature for 4 h. The resulting yellow solution was filtered and roto evaporated to about 5 ml. The complexes were then precipitated with excess of acetone. ether (1:2). The yield was in the range of 90%.

II. Complexes $[\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2(\text{nucl})(\text{dmsO})]\text{Cl}_2$ (*nucl* = *ino*, *guo*, *cyd*)

cis-Dichlorodiammine palladium(II) (*cis*- $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$), 1 mmol and the respective nucleoside, 1 mmol, were suspended in 3 ml dmsO-d_6 and stirred until complete dissolution. The ^1H NMR spectra of the solution indicated the presence of only one species in the solution and the complexes were precipitated with excess isopropanol.ether (1:2). The yield was in the range of 90%.

III. Complexes $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2(\text{nucl-H}^+)\text{Cl}$ (*nucl* = *ino*, *guo*)

1 mmol of the respective complexes $[\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2(\text{nucl})(\text{dmsO})]\text{Cl}_2$ was dissolved in 10 ml water and the solution was made alkaline to $\text{pH} \approx 10$ with KOH 1 N. The precipitated complexes were filtered washed with water, ethanol and ether and dried at 75°C under vacuum. Yield 65%.

IV. Complexes $[\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2(\text{nucl})\text{Cl}]\text{Cl}$ (*nucl* = *ino*, *guo*)

1 mmol of the respective complexes $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2(\text{nucl-H}^+)\text{Cl}$ was suspended in 7 ml 0.5 N HCl and stirred (at room temperature) until complete dissolution. The solution was filtered from any undissolved material and the complexes were precipitated with excess isopropanol:ether (1:2). Yield 60%.

V. Complex $\{[\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}]\text{Cl}_2\text{ado}\}\text{Cl}_2$

1 mmol *cis*-dichlorodiammine palladium(II) (*cis*- $\text{Pd}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$) was suspended in 15 ml water and to that was added 0.5 mmol adenosine dissolved in 10 ml water. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h, and the yellow precipitate formed, filtered, washed with water, ethanol, ether and dried at 65°C under vacuum. Yield $\approx 70\%$.

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