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Mono-ligand complexes derived from 2-acetylpyridine hydrazone (APH) and 2-benzoylpyridine hydrazone (BPH) have been prepared with palladium(II) salts. Their physical properties including molar conductance measurements and spectral (IR, <sup>1</sup>H-nmr and d-d) data are discussed in terms of possible structural types and the nature of bonding. No bis-ligand complexes have been prepared. The ligands appear to coordinate in the solid state *via* both pyridine and methylene nitrogen atoms but a change of bonding mode appears to occur when the solid complexes are dissolved in DMSO. A paramagnetic green species has been reproducibly prepared from Li<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>4</sub> and APH.

**Keywords:** Palladium, "palladium-green", hydrazones, pyridine, complexes

## INTRODUCTION

We have recently described<sup>1</sup> complexes of cobalt(II) and zinc(II) with the ligands 2-acetylpyridine hydrazone (APH) and 2-benzoylpyridine hydrazone (BPH). In these, the ligands invariably act in a bidentate fashion forming mono or bis complexes. The mono-ligand complexes are tetrahedral while the bis complexes are octahedral. The ligands appeared to coordinate *via* both pyridine and methylene nitrogen atoms and thus belong to the class of chelating ligands containing the -N=C-C=N- grouping.

As part of a study of the compounds formed between hydrazones and the platinum metals we describe in this paper results on palladium(II) complexes. Mono-ligand complexes have been prepared and characterized, but surprisingly no bis-ligand complexes have been isolated.

## EXPERIMENTAL

### *Materials and methods*

PdCl<sub>2</sub> and K<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>4</sub> were purchased from Fluka Chemical Company. All the solvents and chemicals used were of high purity. Analyses and physical measurements were carried out using published methods.<sup>1-4</sup>

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*Preparation of compounds*

APH and BPH were prepared according to known procedures.<sup>1</sup>

*Pd(APH)Cl<sub>2</sub>, Pd(BPH)Cl<sub>2</sub>*

A solution of the ligand (1.8 mmol in ethanol) was added dropwise with stirring to a solution of lithium tetrachloropalladate(II) prepared *in situ* from 2.0 mmol of palladium chloride(II) and 4.0 mmol of lithium chloride in 30 ml of ethanol. A yellow powder precipitated. The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at room temperature, then it was left in the refrigerator for one day. The powder was filtered off, washed with EtOH and Et<sub>2</sub>O and dried under vacuum over silica gel and finally at 90°C under vacuum over P<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub>. Pd(APH)Cl<sub>2</sub>: yellow powder, yield 65%. Anal. (%) Found: Pd, 34.4; Cl, 22.9. Calcd: Pd, 34.05; Cl, 22.69. Pd(BPH)Cl<sub>2</sub>: orange powder, yield 70%. Anal. (%) Found: Pd, 28.9; Cl, 19.1. Calcd: Pd, 28.40; Cl, 18.93.

*Pd(APH)Br<sub>2</sub>, Pd(BPH)Br<sub>2</sub>*

The ligands and PdCl<sub>2</sub> or K<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>4</sub> were dissolved separately in HBr (10 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.1M aqueous; heating was necessary for PdCl<sub>2</sub>). The two solutions were mixed at room temperature and the precipitated complexes isolated as above. Pd(APH)Br<sub>2</sub>: yellow powder, yield 82%. Anal. (%) Found: Pd, 26.9; Br, 39.2. Calcd: Pd, 26.51; Br, 39.82. Pd(BPH)Br<sub>2</sub>: yellow powder, yield 87%. Anal. (%) Found: Pd, 22.5; Br, 34.10. Calcd: Pd, 22.95; Br, 34.48.

Efforts to prepare complexes with 1 : 2 stoichiometries, using various metal salt: ligand molar ratios, solvents (H<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>3</sub>OH and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH) and pH regions (1–10) met with failure. In all cases PdLX<sub>2</sub> complexes were isolated. Attempts to obtain the 1 : 2 complexes using an excess of ligand and slight heating, according to the equation PdLX<sub>2</sub> + L → PdL<sub>2</sub>X<sub>2</sub> were also unsuccessful.

*Palladium green*

A solution of the ligand APH (2.4 mmol) in ethanol was added dropwise with stirring to a solution of lithium tetrachloropalladate(II) in ethanol. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 days at room temperature. The pH of the reaction mixture was kept at 5.0–5.3 and the product isolated as for the other complexes. Found for the green compound: C, 28.55; H, 2.93; N, 13.45; Pd, 31.77; Cl = 20.82%. Pd : Cl : C : H : N = 1.00 : 1.97 : 7.97 : 9.80 : 3.20.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

When solutions of the hydrazones of 2-acetyl- and 2-benzoylpyridines were stirred with ethanolic or aqueous solutions of palladium(II) salts, coloured air-stable complexes of the formula PdLX<sub>2</sub> (X = Cl, Br) were precipitated. The molar conductances of the complexes in dimethylformamide solutions are in accord with their formulation as non-electrolytes, thus excluding the alternative Magnus-salt type structures [ML<sub>2</sub>][MX<sub>4</sub>].

TABLE I  
Important infrared bands ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) in APH, BPH and their complexes.

Compound	$\nu(\text{NH}_2)$	$\nu(\text{ND}_2)$	$\delta(\text{NH}_2)$	$\delta(\text{ND}_2)$	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{N}_2)$	$\nu(\text{N}=\text{N}_2)$	breathing mode	C-H (o.p)	C-H (in.p)	M-N	M-N <sub>ring</sub>	M-X
APH	3360 vs 3300 vs 3205 vs	2520 vs 2460 vs 2375 vs	1640 vs	1235 vs	1579 vs	1149 vs	995 m	620 m	408 m			
Pd(APH)Cl <sub>2</sub>	3330 vs 3240 vs 3190 vs		1620 s		1590 vs	1162 vs	1038 m	662 w	425 m	410 m	270 m 267 sh	370 sh 350 vs
Pd(BPH)Br <sub>2</sub>	3325 s 3240 s 3180 s	2500 s 2380 s 2340 s	1620 vs		1589 vs	1165 vs	1032 m	660 w	426 m	400 m	272 sh 269 m	284 m 280 w
BPH	3380 s 3290 s 3202 s	2522 s 2460 s 2362 s	1640 vs	1238 vs	1565 vs	1151 m	990 s	625 m	407 m			
Pd(BPH)Cl <sub>2</sub>	3340 s 3260 s 3200 w		1598 vs		1580 vs	1170 w	1033 s	661 m	430 m	390 m 372 m	275 s 273 sh	350 sh 330 vs
Pd(BPH)Br <sub>2</sub>	3340 s 3250 s 3200 sh		1600 s		1578 s	1168 w	1030 s	657 m	428 m	400 m 387 m	273 s 269 s	282 s 263 s

### Infrared Spectra

The significant bands observed in the i.r. spectra of the ligands and their complexes are presented in Table I, along with their tentative assignments. In APH, the NH stretching frequencies occur at 3358, 3298 and 3182  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  while in BPH they occur at 3355, 3281 and 3190  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The complexes of APH show N-H stretching frequencies in the regions 3330–3325, 3250–3240 and 3205–3190  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . This reduction in the observed value of  $\nu(\text{NH}_2)$  is thus not as large as expected if coordination of the  $\text{NH}_2$  nitrogen atom occurs; it is indicative however of the presence of intermolecular hydrogen bonding of the NH protons with the bonded anions.<sup>5</sup>

The  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$  stretching vibrations<sup>6</sup> observed at 1579  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (APH) and 1560  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (BPH) in the spectra of the free ligands are shifted to higher frequencies in the spectra of the complexes suggesting coordination through the nitrogen atom of the azomethine group.<sup>1,7,8</sup> The increase in  $\nu(\text{N}=\text{N})$  in the spectra of complexes is again indicative of coordination from one of the nitrogen atoms of the N–N fragment.<sup>1,9</sup>

Finally, the bonding of the pyridine ring nitrogen to palladium(II) is suggested by the shifts in a number of bands, namely the stretching vibrations of the pyridine ring, and the in-plane and out-of-plane bending modes of the pyridine ring. The  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$  and  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{C})$  stretching vibrations are shifted to higher energy by 20  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  while in-plane and out-of-plane vibrations are shifted to higher energy by 20–40  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  confirming bonding by the pyridine nitrogen.<sup>10</sup> The ring breathing frequencies in APH and BPH are located at 995  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 990  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  respectively and shift to higher frequencies upon complex formation.<sup>11,12</sup>

The assignment of bands in the region 500–200  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is very helpful in formulating and deducing the stereochemistry of the complexes. The  $\nu(\text{M}-\text{N})$  stretching frequencies for azomethine nitrogen are usually observed in complexes at 390–410  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>9</sup> We thus assign the new bands in the 390–400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region in our complexes to  $\nu(\text{Pd}-\text{N})$  (methylene nitrogen atom). The bands at 275–267  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  may be assigned to  $\nu(\text{Pd}-\text{N}_{\text{ring}})$ , where N refers to the coordinated pyridine nitrogen atom.<sup>11</sup> The i.r. spectra also display strong bands at 370, 350 and 289, 260  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for the chloro and bromo complexes, respectively. The presence of two  $\nu(\text{Pd}-\text{X})$  vibrations in each spectrum confirms their cis structures. The  $\nu(\text{Pd}-\text{X})$  frequencies are also consistent with terminal rather than bridging halogens.

### Proton Magnetic Resonance Spectra

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the ligand APH in  $d_6$ -DMSO shows a complex of peaks at  $\delta$  7.30, 7.78, 7.85 and 8.60 ppm downfield from TMS assigned to the pyridine protons, a sharp singlet at 6.87 ppm assigned to the  $-\text{NH}_2$  protons and another sharp singlet at 2.23 ppm assigned to the  $-\text{CH}_3$  group protons; the integrations of the signals were in the ratio 4:2:3. In the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the diamagnetic  $\text{Pd}(\text{APH})\text{X}_2$  complexes in  $d_6$ -DMSO the signals of the  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}$  and  $-\text{NH}_2$  hydrogen atoms shift *ca* 1.0 and 1.1 ppm, respectively, downfield compared with those of free ligand, while the  $\text{CH}_3$  proton resonances shift slightly (*ca* 0.3 ppm) downfield compared with those of the free ligand. The integrations of these three groups of peaks is again 4:2:3.

The spectrum of BPH shows a complex of peaks between  $\delta$  7.14 and 8.40 ppm downfield from TMS assigned to the pyridine and benzene protons and a sharp singlet at 6.57 ppm assigned to the  $-\text{NH}_2$  protons. The integrations of these signals

were in the ratio 9 : 2. In the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the diamagnetic complexes of BPH the signals of the  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$  and  $-\text{NH}_2$  hydrogen atoms shift *ca* 1.0 and 1.1 ppm, respectively, downfield compared with those of the free ligand.

The protons of the amino groups of the hydrazones exhibit characteristic downfield shifts by *ca* 1.1 ppm in all the complexes indicating protonation and/or coordination.<sup>13</sup> The spectra of these complexes in DMSO thus clearly suggest coordination from both the amino nitrogen atom and pyridine nitrogen atom.<sup>14</sup>

TABLE II  
Proton chemical shifts<sup>a</sup> ( $\delta$  in p.p.m., downfield from  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ) of free and complexed hydrazones.

Compound	C- $\text{CH}_3$	N- $\text{NH}_2$	$\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N} + \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ (ring and benzene protons)
APH	2.23	6.78	7.3–8.6 <sup>b</sup>
Pd(APH)Cl <sub>2</sub>	2.58	7.84	8.2–9.1 <sup>b</sup>
Pd(APH)Br <sub>2</sub>	2.44	7.72	8.3–9.2 <sup>b</sup>
BPH		6.57	7.1–8.4 <sup>c</sup>
Pd(BPH)Cl <sub>2</sub>		7.68	6.9–9.1 <sup>c</sup>
Pd(BPH)Br <sub>2</sub>		7.70	6.9–9.1 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> All the spectra were recorded in  $d_6$ -DMSO solution. <sup>b</sup> These signals integrate for four protons. <sup>c</sup> These signals integrate for nine protons.

TABLE III  
Electronic spectral data and molar conductivities of the Pd(II) complexes.

Compound	Electronic spectra			
	Solid State (D.R.) energy, $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Solution (DMF) energy, $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ( $\epsilon$ , $1 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ )	Assignment	$\Lambda_m$ ( $\text{ohm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ )
Pd(APH)Cl <sub>2</sub>	23,720 sh	22,100 (600)	$^1\text{A}_{1g} \rightarrow ^1\text{E}_g$	12.1
	25,640 sh			
	28,570	29,900 (7,000) 37,450 (14,500)	C.T $n \rightarrow \pi^*$	
Pd(APH)Br <sub>2</sub>	22,730 sh	22,600 (650)	$^1\text{A}_{1g} \rightarrow ^1\text{E}_g$	4.6
	25,220			
	28,300	29,895 (7,900) 37,037 (14,300)	C.T $n \rightarrow \pi^*$	
APH		35,090 (10,000)	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$	
Pd(BPH)Cl <sub>2</sub>	21,060 sh	21,980 (700)	$^1\text{A}_{1g} \rightarrow ^1\text{E}_g$	3.6
	24,800			
	26,550 sh	29,330 (6,250) 36,830 (12,500)	C.T $n \rightarrow \pi^*$	
Pd(BPH)Br <sub>2</sub>	23,630 sh	21,980 (750)	$^1\text{A}_{1g} \rightarrow ^1\text{E}_g$	8.2
	26,320			
	27,650 sh	29,850 (7,500) 36,968 (14,500)	C.T $n \rightarrow \pi^*$	
BPH		35,400 (12,000)	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$	

### Electronic Spectra

The electronic spectral data for the complexes and the ligands and the assignments of the observed bands<sup>15</sup> are given in Table III. In the visible spectra of the square-planar complexes of Pd(II), and for  $d^8$  configurations in general, three  $d-d$  spin allowed singlet-singlet and three spin forbidden singlet-triplet transitions are predicted. Strong charge transfer transitions may interfere and prevent the observation of all the expected bands. The band at  $37,000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to the  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition<sup>16</sup> while the band at  $30,000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to a charge transfer transition ( $M \rightarrow L$ ).<sup>17</sup>

### Spectral Properties of the Green Complex

Beside the bands of the i.r. spectrum of the complex  $\text{Pd}(\text{APH})\text{Cl}_2$  (Table I), new bands appear in the green complex at  $1540\text{ w}$ ,  $1520\text{ w}$ ,  $1468\text{ m}$ ,  $1458\text{ m}$ ,  $1335\text{ s}$ ,  $1249\text{ s}$ ,  $1136\text{ s cm}^{-1}$  and the band at  $1620\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is split.

In addition to the absorption characterizing the ligand, the visible spectrum in the solid state of this compound displays a broad transition centered at  $13,100\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and a second transition at  $16,220\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . These bands may be due to formally forbidden  $d-d$  transitions, but gain intensity by vibrational perturbation and by borrowing from the intense allowed bands. The spectrum of the green compound is similar to those of other platinum blues.<sup>17,18</sup> In dimethylformamide solution, the green complex gives an initially green solution which becomes light brown. The visible spectrum of this solution is essentially identical to that observed in the other diamagnetic complexes  $\text{Pd}(\text{APH})\text{X}_2$ , showing that the electronic nature of the green compound is strongly altered upon dissolution.

E.s.r. signals are observed for the green complex in the solid state. A strong absorption is attributed to the perpendicular component  $g_{\perp} = 2.03$  and a weaker one to the parallel component  $g_{\parallel} = 1.95$ . The e.s.r. spectrum of  $\text{PdAPH}$  is similar to those of other blue compounds with  $g_{\perp} > 2 > g_{\parallel}$ .

We thus report a *palladium analogue of the platinum blues*. I.r., vis and e.s.r. data are consistent with a bidentate ligand and oxidized metal centres.

### CONCLUSIONS

In the solid cis-planar complexes  $\text{PdLX}_2$  ( $X = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$ ;  $L = \text{APH}, \text{BPH}$ ), APH and BPH act as bidentate chelates bonding through the pyridine and methylene nitrogen atoms.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR data obtained for the diamagnetic complexes in  $d_6$ -DMSO solution suggest a different coordination mode in which APH and BPH act as bidentate chelates and appear to coordinate *via* both the pyridine and amino group nitrogen atoms.

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