# Synthesis and structural analysis of palladium(II) pyridinylpyrazole complexes by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$-, ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$-, ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-NMR and X-ray diffraction. Comparison of binuclear methylpalladium, chloromethylpalladium, and dichloropalladium complexes by ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-NMR 

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#### Abstract

MePdCl[3-methyl-5-(2-pyridinyl)pyrazole] (1 and 2), $\mathrm{PdCl}_{2}[3$-methyl-5-(2-pyridinyl)pyrazole] (3), and bis $\{\mathrm{MePd}[3$-methyl-5-(2pyridinyl)pyrazole]\} (4) were synthesized, and structural assignment was performed by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-,{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$-, ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-NMR spectroscopy. By comparison of their ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-NMR spectra, the relationship between bond strength of the palladium-nitrogen bond and chemical shift was analyzed. X-ray diffraction analysis of $\mathbf{4}$ was also achieved. © 2000 Elsevier Science S.A. All rights reserved.


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## 1. Introduction

An alkyl palladium complex having a bisnitrogen ligand has recently been recognized as an effective catalyst for organic synthesis. In particular, as Brookhart and co-workers developed bulky tetraaryl borate as a counter anion of a cationic complex, the chemistry of the cationic monoalkyl palladium(II) complex having the bisnitrogen ligand has spread to useful carbon-carbon bond formations [1]. In palladium-catalyzed reactions, ligands coordinating palladium have an important role in determining the reactivity and selectivity. Therefore, analysis of the state of the coordinated atom is necessary to understand the reactivity of the complex. Phosphine ligands have been well studied by ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{NMR}$ spectroscopy because ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ has a $1 / 2$ spin and exists abundantly in nature. On the other hand, direct observation by ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-NMR spectroscopy tends to be neglected because of its low natural abundance and

[^0]the severe sensitivity of the ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ nucleus [2]. We [3] and others [4] recently reported that ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-NMR spectra were easily obtained by a PFG-HMBC method at natural abundance rates. Actually, the ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-NMR spectra of some $\eta^{3}$-allylpalladium complexes having pyridinylpyrazole, pyridinylimidazole, and oxazolidinylpyrazole were measured by the PFG-HMBC method [5]. In this paper, we report the synthesis and ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$-, ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$-, and ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{NMR}$ analysis of the methylpalladium(II) pyridinylpyrazole complexes 1,2 and 4. In particular, comparison of binuclear methylpalladium 4 , chloromethylpalladium 1 and 2, and dichloropalladium 3 by ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-NMR is discussed. Single-crystal X-ray structure determination of $\mathbf{4}$ was also achieved.

## 2. Results

We selected a pyridinylpyrazole as a bisnitrogen ligand for a monoalkyl palladium complex. A pyridinylpyrazole is an unsymmetrical bisnitrogen ligand, and when it is coordinated with a metal three nitrogen atoms on pyridine and pyrazole rings enter entirely different states. Their ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-NMR data give us various information including the state of the metalnitrogen bond. We synthesized three pyridinylpyrazole




7: $R=\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{Me}$

Scheme 1.
ligands (5, 6 and 7) and palladium complexes (1, 2, $\mathbf{3}$ and 4) (Scheme 1). The synthesis of the pyridinylpyrazole ligands (5, 6 and 7 ) was described in our previous paper [5a]. Chloromethylpalladium and dichloropalladium complexes (1,2 and 3) were easily obtained by treatment of pyridinylpyrazole 5 with appropriate palladium species ${ }^{2}$ (Schemes 2 and 3). We also tried to synthesize dimethylpalladium pyridinylpyrazole complex $\mathbf{8}$ according to Canty's method [6]; however, only the binuclear methylpalladium complex 4 was obtained in a $10 \%$ yield. The binuclear complex 4 is considered to be produced from two dimethylpalladium pyridinylpyrazole $\mathbf{8}$ molecules by elimination of methane (Scheme 4). The binuclear complex 4 was also obtained by treatment of MeLi with a mixture of $\mathbf{1}$ and 2 in a $14 \%$ yield.

All pyridinylpyrazoles and palladium complexes were characterized by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-,{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$-, and ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{NMR}$, and their data are listed in Table 1. Complex 4 was determined to be a binuclear structure by FAB mass spectra data, and ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ - and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$-NMR data showed only one set of pyridinylpyrazole ligand and methylpalladium group. These results mean that complex 4 has a symmetrical structure. Further, as a NOE from the methyl group $(10-\mathrm{Me})$ was observed at $9^{\prime}-\mathrm{Me}$ and H 5 , the structure of the binuclear complex was judged to be 4 . As described below, the structure was also established by X-ray diffraction analysis. Assignment of ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ signals was performed by coupling patterns and $J$ values, and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$-NMR signals of carbons that were connected to




Scheme 2.
$5 \xrightarrow[\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}]{\mathrm{PdCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}\right)_{2}}$


Scheme 3.

[^1]protons were assigned by PFG-HMQC spectral data. Quaternary carbons were also assigned by PFGHMBC. Thus, the long-range correlations between C1 and $\mathrm{H} 3, \mathrm{C} 1$ and $\mathrm{H} 5, \mathrm{C} 6$ and $\mathrm{H} 7, \mathrm{C} 6$ and $9-\mathrm{Me}$, and C8 and H7 were observed. Complexes $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ are inseparable tautomeric isomers to each other, and they are in equilibrium via ligand rotation. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ - and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ signals of $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ showed only one kind of compound in DMSO, whereas different signals of $\mathbf{1}$ and 2 could be measured in a mixture of $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$. When a $1: 1 \quad \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}-\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ mixture was used, the ratio of $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ was $1: 6$. In the case of a $4: 1$ $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}-\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ mixture, the ratio of $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ was 1:4. All ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ - and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ signals were assigned by PFG-HMQC and PFG-HMBC, and the distinction between 1 and 2 was achieved by NOE differential experiments by irradiation on $10-\mathrm{Me}$ resonances. Thus, a NOE from 10 -methyl ( 0.91 ppm ) to H5 ( 8.42 ppm ) was observed in the case of $\mathbf{1}$, but no NOE from 10 -methyl ( 0.97 ppm ) was observed in the case of the major isomer 2. In the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ PFG-HMBC spectra of a 1 and 2 mixture, long-range correlations between N1 and H2, N1 and H4, N1 and H5, N2 and H7, N3 and H7, and N3 and 9-Me were observed for both compounds. Long-range correlations via the palladium atom from $10-\mathrm{Me}$ of major $\mathbf{2}$ were observed at both N1 (trans position) and N2 (cis position), whereas a long-range correlation from $10-\mathrm{Me}$ of minor 1 was observed at only N2 (trans position). Similarly, all NMR signals of dichloropalladium complex 3 were assigned.
Single-crystal X-ray structure determination of $\mathbf{4}$ was achieved (Fig. 1); significant interatomic parameters are collected in Tables 2-5. Complex 4 was a symmetrical, almost flat molecule, but two methyl groups (C10 and C20) on each palladium were a little apart from the plane. Thus, the distortion angle of the least-squares plane of the Pd1-N2-N3-Pd2-N5-N6 ring and the two methyl carbons ( C 10 and C20) attached to palladium was 14.8, and the two methyl groups were oriented in opposite directions. The distances between Pd1-N1, Pd1-N2, and Pd1-N6 were 2.055(2), 2.153(2), and $2.019(2) \AA$, respectively, and the Pd1-N2 bond was extremely extended.

## 3. Discussion

${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-NMR data of binuclear complex 4 were characteristic. Thus, the N1 (202.7 ppm) and N3 (212.8 ppm) of 4 appeared in a higher field than those of several palladium pyridinylpyrazole complexes in our previous and present ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{NMR}$ studies. In general, the chemical shift of ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{NMR}$ is strongly affected by a substituent group at the trans position (trans influence) [7]. As in the case of $\mathbf{4}, \mathrm{N} 1$ and N 3 are located in the trans position to each other, and the upper-field shift can be ex-

Table 1
NMR data of 1-7

|  | $1\left\{\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}+\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}(4: 1)\right\}$ | $2\left\{\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}+\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}(4: 1)\right\}$ | 3 (DMSO- $d_{6}$ ) | $4\left(\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right)$ | $5\left\{\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}+\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}(1: 1)\right\}$ | 6 (DMSO- $d_{6}$ ) | 7 (DMSO- $d_{6}$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N1 | 201.8 | 238.2 | 193.8 | 202.7 | 273.2 | 284.4 | 286.1 |
| N2 | 235.8 | 200.0 | 187.1 | 260.7 | ND ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 281.4 | 172.7 |
| N3 | 178.3 | 177.0 | 184.6 | 212.8 | ND ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 179.6 | 291.5 |
| H2 | $\begin{aligned} & 7.76 \\ & \text { (ddd, } 7.7,1.5,0.7) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7.69 \\ & \text { (ddd, } 7.7,1.5,0.7) \end{aligned}$ | $8.13$ <br> (ddd, 7.3, 1.5, 0.7) | $\begin{gathered} 7.55 \\ (\mathrm{dd}, 7.3,1.0) \end{gathered}$ | 7.82 | $\begin{gathered} 7.85 \\ \text { (br.d, } 7.3 \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7.69 \\ \text { (br.d, } 7.8 \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ |
| H3 | $\begin{aligned} & 7.92 \\ & (\mathrm{ddd}, 7.7,7.7,1.5) \end{aligned}$ | 7.91 (ddd, 7.7, 7.7, 1.5) | $\begin{aligned} & 8.23 \\ & \text { (ddd, } 7.3,7.3,1.5) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7.81 \\ & (\mathrm{ddd}, 7.3,7.3,1.5) \end{aligned}$ | 7.69 | $\begin{aligned} & 7.76 \\ & (\mathrm{ddd}, 7.3,7.3,1.5) \end{aligned}$ | 7.84 <br> (ddd, 7.8, 7.8, 2.0) |
| H4 | $\begin{aligned} & 7.39 \\ & (\mathrm{ddd}, 7.7,5.5,1.5) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7.41 \\ (\mathrm{ddd}, 7.7,5.5,1.5) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7.62 \\ & (\mathrm{ddd}, 7.3,5.9,1.5) \end{aligned}$ | $7.17$ <br> (ddd, 7.3, 5.4, 1.0) | 7.17 | $\begin{aligned} & 7.23 \\ & (\mathrm{ddd}, 7.3,4.9,1.0) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7.33 \\ & (\mathrm{ddd}, 7.8,4.9,1.5) \end{aligned}$ |
| H5 | $\begin{aligned} & 8.42 \\ & (\mathrm{ddd}, 5.5,1.5,0.7)^{\mathrm{a}} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 8.73 \\ (\mathrm{ddd}, 5.5,1.5,0.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8.86 \\ & \text { (ddd, } 5.9,1.5,0.7) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8.34 \\ & (\mathrm{br.d}, 5.4)^{\mathrm{b}} \end{aligned}$ | 8.49 | $\begin{aligned} & 8.52 \\ & \text { (ddd, } 4.9,1.5,1.0) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8.63 \\ & \text { (br.dd, 4.9, 2.0) } \end{aligned}$ |
| H7 | 6.56 (s) | 6.58 (s) | 7.03 (s) | 6.48 (s) | 6.61 | 6.59 (s) | 6.51 (s) |
| 9-Me | 2.37 (s) | 2.39 (s) | 2.36 (s) | 2.30 (s) ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 2.34 | 2.27 (s) | 2.16 (s) |
| NMe, NH |  |  | 13.83 (s) |  |  | 3.77 (s) | 4.03 (s) |
| $10-\mathrm{Me}$ | 0.91 (s) ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0.97 (s) |  | 0.81 (s) ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |  |  |  |
| C1 | 153.37 | 150.13 | 150.91 | 156.18 |  | 152.15 | 149.34 |
| C2 | 122.19 | 120.75 | 122.20 | 120.70 |  | 118.92 | 122.61 |
| C3 | 139.28 | 139.00 | 141.16 | 138.58 |  | 136.70 | 137.26 |
| C4 | 124.68 | 124.91 | 125.07 | 121.95 |  | 122.26 | 122.54 |
| C5 | 148.48 | 148.64 | 149.44 | 147.67 |  | 149.16 | 149.04 |
| C6 | 142.69 | 143.42 | 144.16 | 153.23 |  | 140.07 | 145.89 |
| C7 | 102.74 | 103.25 | 104.01 | 104.11 |  | 103.63 | 106.03 |
| C8 | 149.95 | 153.14 | 151.17 | 150.60 |  | 149.16 | 141.25 |
| C9 | 10.85 | 10.92 | 10.89 | 15.72 |  | 10.81 | 13.11 |
| C(NMe) |  |  |  |  |  | 36.24 | 38.81 |
| C10 | $-0.31$ | $-10.70$ |  | $-1.81$ |  |  |  |

[^2]

Scheme 4.
plained by their trans influence of nitrogen. On the other hand, the N 2 signal was observed at 260.7 ppm , and the value was the lowest one among pyridinylpyrazoles coordinated with palladium in our studies. The low chemical shift value could not be explained only by the trans influence of the methyl group, and the value was similar to that of free pyrazoles, such as N2 in 6 or N3 in 7, rather than pyrazoles coordinated with palladium. This suggested that the bond between palladium and N 2 was extended or weakened in the case of $\mathbf{4}$ and X-ray diffraction analysis supported the prediction: the $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Pd}$ bond was extremely extended and the angles of $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Pd} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ $\left(79.66(8)^{\circ}\right)$ and $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Pd} 1-\mathrm{N} 6\left(98.87(8)^{\circ}\right)$ were separated by 90 . These data mean that the $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N} 2$ bond is weaker than $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N} 1$ and $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N} 6$ in the solid state. The relationship between the weakness of the $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N} 2$ bond and the ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-NMR data is interesting. Thus, the ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-NMR spectrum has the potential not only to determine structure but also obtain much chemical information between metal and nitrogen ligands in solution.

## 4. Conclusions

Structural assignments of palladium(II) complexes having pyridinylpyrazole ligands were performed by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$-, ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$-, and ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-NMR spectroscopy. Chemical shifts of ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-NMR spectra were compared among them and it was observed that the values include information on bond strength between palladium and nitrogen ligands. In the case of binuclear complex 4 , the $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N} 2$ bond was extended in both the solid state and in solution. Such information concerning metal and nitrogen ligands in solution is useful to design organometallic catalysts having nitrogen ligands.

## 5. Experimental

### 5.1. General procedure

Dehydrated ether and MeLi (1.1 M ether solution) were purchased from Kanto Chemical Co., Inc. NMR
solvent $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right.$, methanol- $d_{4}$, and DMSO- $\left.d_{6}\right)$ was used without purification or drying. NMR spectra were recorded using Jeol $\alpha-600$ and Jeol AL-300 spectrometers. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$-NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm from residual $\mathrm{CDHCl}_{2}(5.320), \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{HOD}$ ( 3.330 in a mixture of $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ), and DMSO (2.490). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$-NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm from residual $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ (53.80), $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ( 49.00 in a mixture of $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ), and DMSO (39.50). ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-NMR spectra were obtained by the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ PFG-HMBC method, and chemical shifts are reported in ppm from $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{NO}_{3}(0$ ppm ) in DMSO- $d_{6}$ as an external reference. Melting points were determined on a Yanaco MP-500 melting point apparatus and were not corrected. FAB mass spectral analyses were performed on a Jeol JMS-HX100 spectrometer with nitrobenzyl alcohol as a matrix. X-ray analysis was performed on a Enraf-Nonius CAD4 apparatus.

### 5.2. Reaction of trans-[PdCl $\left.\left(\mathrm{SMe}_{2}\right)_{2}\right]$ with MeLi and ligand 5

### 5.2.1. Synthesis of dimer $\mathbf{4}$

MeLi ( $1.3 \mathrm{ml}, 1.43 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.1 \mathrm{M}$ ether solution) was added to a suspension of trans $-\mathrm{PdCl}_{2}(\mathrm{SMe})_{2}(200 \mathrm{mg}$, $0.682 \mathrm{mmol})$ in diethyl ether $(40 \mathrm{ml})$ at $-60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under argon. The mixture was stirred for 1 h . Pyrazole ligand 5 $(109 \mathrm{mg}, 0.682 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to the mixture and the resulting mixture was stirred with slow warming to $-15^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Water $(0.4 \mathrm{ml})$ was added to the mixture giving a clear yellow solution and brown solid. The solution was passed through a column packed with Celite ${ }^{\circledR}$ and $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure, the residual light yellow solid was dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(15 \mathrm{ml})$, and the solution was filtered with a membrane filter. The filtrate was concentrated and the crude product was recrystallized from $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}-$ ether to give dimer $4(40 \mathrm{mg}, 10 \%)$ as yellow cubes. M.p. $190^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (dec.). Anal. Calc. for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{Pd}_{2}$ : $\mathrm{C}, 42.96 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.97 ; \mathrm{N}, 15.03$. Found: C, 42.89; H, 3.79; N, 14.85\%. FAB MS, $m / z$ (intensity) 523 (4.8), 524 (7.6), 525 (19.0), 526 (32.4), 527 (41.0), 528 (45.7), 529 (43.8), 530 [ $\mathrm{M}^{+}-2$ (methyl), 49.5], 531 (35.2), 532 (32.4), 533 (18.1), 534 (15.2), 535


Fig. 1. Molecular structure for 4.
(8.6), 536 (6.7), 537 (5.7), 538 (6.7), 539 (15.2), 540 (33.3), 541 (67.6), 542 (80.0), 543 (88.6), 544 (82.9), 545 [ $\mathrm{M}^{+}$- methyl, 100.0], 546 (55.2), 547 (71.4), 548 (24.8), 549 (33.3), 550 (12.4), 551 (11.4), 552 (5.7), 553 (4.8), 554 (6.7), 555 (10.5), 556 (18.1), 557 (27.6), 558 (30.5), 559 (32.4), $560\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}, 31.4\right], 561$ (30.5), 562 (23.8), 563 (21.0), 564 (12.4), 565 (10.5), 566 (5.7), 567 (4.8).

### 5.3. PdClMe \{pyridinyl(Me)pyrazole\} $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$

A mixture of (cod)PdClMe (530 mg, 2.00 mmol ) and ligand $5(410 \mathrm{mg}, 2.04 \mathrm{mmol})$ in ether ( 20 ml ) was stirred for 6 h . After evaporation of solvent the residue was washed with a 1:1 mixture of acetone and ether. The resulting powder was dried under reduced pressure to give a mixture of $\mathbf{1}$ and $2(554 \mathrm{mg}, 88 \%$ ) as light yellow powder. The solids tenaciously retain fractional amounts of solvent.

Compounds 1 and 2: m.p. $140^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (dec.). Anal. Calc. for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{ClPd}: \mathrm{C}, 38.00 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.83$; $\mathrm{N}, 13.29$. Found: C, 41.32; H, 4.76; N, 11.27\%. ${ }^{1}$ H-NMR ( 600 MHz, DMSO- $d_{6}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ): $\delta 13.50$ (br.s), 8.65 (br), 8.09 (br.dd, $J=7.7,7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 8.03 (br.d, $J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 7.57 (br.dd, $J=7.7,5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 6.98 (s), $2.35(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.83$ (br.s, 3 H ). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}\left(75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}-d_{6}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ ): $\delta$ 152.00, 149.00, 147.73, 143.17, 139.40, 124.88, 120.98, 103.46, 10.75.

### 5.4. Reaction of PdClMe \{pyridinyl(Me)pyrazole\} $\mathbf{1}$ and 2 with MeLi

### 5.4.1. Synthesis of dimer 4

MeLi ( $1.27 \mathrm{ml}, 1.4 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.1 \mathrm{M}$ ether solution) was added to a suspension of a $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ mixture (200 $\mathrm{mg}, 0.633 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in diethyl ether ( 40 ml ) at $-55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

Table 2
Crystallographic data for 4

| Formula | $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{Pd}_{2}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Formula weight | 559.23 |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic |
| Space group | $P 2_{1} / c$ |
| $a(\AA)$ | $8.3998(3)$ |
| $b(\AA)$ | $10.927(1)$ |
| $c(\AA)$ | $21.2730(8)$ |
| $\alpha\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | 90 |
| $\beta\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | $92.287(4)$ |
| $\gamma\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | 90 |
| $V\left(\AA^{3}\right)$ | $1951.1(2)$ |
| $Z$ | 4 |
| $C r y s t a l$ size $\left(\mathrm{mm}^{3}\right)$ | $0.25 \times 0.25 \times 0.25$ |
| $D_{\text {calc. }}\left(\mathrm{g}\right.$ cm $\left.{ }^{-3}\right)$ | 1.904 |
| $F(000)$ | 1104.00 |
| No. of data collected | 4824 |
| $2 \theta_{\text {max }}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | 54.9 |
| No. of unique data | 4716 |
| No. of reflections with $I \geq 3.0 \sigma(I)$ | 3691 |
| $R$ | 0.023 |
| $R_{w}$ | 0.035 |
| Residual $\rho_{\text {max }}\left(\mathrm{e} \AA \AA^{-3}\right)$ | 0.52 |

Table 3
Bond lengths (A) for 4

| $\mathrm{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | $2.055(2)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | $2.153(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{N}(6)$ | $2.019(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | $2.040(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | $2.023(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(2)-\mathrm{N}(4)$ | $2.058(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(2)-\mathrm{N}(5)$ | $2.151(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(2)-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | $2.044(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $1.352(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $1.356(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | $1.360(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $1.347(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $1.368(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $1.348(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $1.347(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{N}(6)$ | $1.368(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{C}(18)$ | $1.339(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(6)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | $1.375(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $1.385(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $1.447(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $1.370(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $1.382(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $1.369(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | $1.370(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | $1.491(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $1.386(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $1.383(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(18)$ | $1.445(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $1.390(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $1.354(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $1.387(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ | $1.358(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(19)$ | $1.506(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(18)$ | $1.392(4)$ |
|  |  |

under argon. The mixture was slowly warmed to $-12^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Water $(0.8 \mathrm{ml})$ was added to the mixture giving a clear yellow solution and white solid. The solution was passed quickly through a column packed with Celite ${ }^{\circledR}$ and $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. The yellow solution turned into a white suspension. The resulting mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude product was recrystallized from $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$-ether to give dimer 4 ( $48 \mathrm{mg}, 14 \%$ ) as yellow cubes.

## 5.5. $\mathrm{PdCl}_{2}\{$ pyridinyl(Me)pyrazole\} (3)

A mixture of $\mathrm{PdCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}\right)_{2}(259 \mathrm{mg}, 1.00 \mathrm{mmol})$ and ligand $5(159 \mathrm{mg}, 1.00 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(10 \mathrm{ml})$ was stirred for 2 h . The resulting insoluble solid was washed with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ and dried under reduced pressure to give 3 ( $330 \mathrm{mg}, 98 \%$ ) as an orange powder. The solids tenaciously retain fractional amounts of impurity. M.p. $283^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (dec.). Anal. Calc. for $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{Pd} \cdot 1 /$ $2 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ : C, 30.11 ; H, 2.66; N, 11.09. Found: C, 30.12; H, 2.80; N, 11.06\%.

## 6. Supplementary material

Crystallographic data for the structural analysis have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic

Table 4
Bond angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ for 4

| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 79.66(8) |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{N}(6)$ | 173.66(8) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 90.0 (1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{N}(6)$ | 98.87(8) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 161.8(1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(6)-\mathrm{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 92.9(1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{Pd}(2)-\mathrm{N}(4)$ | 173.23(9) |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{Pd}(2)-\mathrm{N}(5)$ | 98.91(8) |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{Pd}(2)-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | 93.0(1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{Pd}(2)-\mathrm{N}(5)$ | 79.41(8) |
| $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{Pd}(2)-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | 90.3(1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{Pd}(2)-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | 162.1(1) |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 114.6(2) |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 128.0(2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 117.4(2) |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | 136.8(2) |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 108.4(2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 107.9(2) |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 119.7(2) |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 132.2(2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 107.9(2) |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(2)-\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 114.4(2) |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(2)-\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 127.3(2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 118.2(2) |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(2)-\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{N}(6)$ | 136.9(2) |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(2)-\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{C}(18)$ | 109.0(2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(6)-\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{C}(18)$ | 108.3(2) |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{N}(6)-\mathrm{N}(5)$ | 119.9(1) |
| $\mathrm{Pd}(1)-\mathrm{N}(6)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 133.2(2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{N}(6)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 106.8(2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 122.0(3) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 115.2(2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 122.8(2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 119.6(3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 119.0(3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 119.1(3) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 122.9(3) |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 109.1(2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 124.9(3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 125.8(3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 105.5(2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 119.1(2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 109.6(2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 131.0(3) |
| $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 121.7(3) |
| $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(18)$ | 115.6(2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(18)$ | 122.8(2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | 119.3(3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | 119.0(3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 119.6(3) |
| $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | 122.2(3) |
| $\mathrm{N}(6)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ | 109.9(2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(6)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(19)$ | 123.7(2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(19)$ | 126.3(3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(18)$ | 105.3(2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{C}(18)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 119.0(2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{C}(18)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ | 109.6(2) |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(18)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ | 131.2(2) |

Table 5
Atomic coordinates for 4

| Atom | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\operatorname{Pd}(1)$ | 0.17081(2) | 0.10680(2) | $0.330434(9)$ |
| Pd (2) | 0.34023(2) | 0.12156(2) | 0.155927(9) |
| N(1) | 0.0538(3) | 0.0489(2) | 0.3513(1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 0.0731(3) | 0.0693(2) | 0.23731(10) |
| N(3) | 0.1306(3) | 0.0468(2) | $0.17956(9)$ |
| N(4) | 0.5658(3) | $0.1785(2)$ | 0.1353(1) |
| N(5) | 0.4377(3) | 0.1604(2) | 0.24879(9) |
| N(6) | 0.3802(2) | 0.1814(2) | 0.30707(9) |
| C(1) | 0.1410(3) | 0.0043(2) | 0.3016(1) |
| C(2) | 0.2948(3) | 0.0387(3) | $0.3075(1)$ |
| C(3) | 0.3632(4) | 0.0339(3) | 0.3649(2) |
| C(4) | 0.2772(4) | 0.0153(3) | $0.4155(2)$ |
| C(5) | 0.1249(4) | 0.0549(3) | 0.4073(1) |
| C(6) | 0.0307(3) | 0.0352(2) | 0.1496(1) |
| C(7) | 0.0914(4) | 0.0630(3) | 0.1879(1) |
| C(8) | 0.0614(3) | 0.0036(2) | 0.2425(1) |
| C(9) | 0.0593(4) | 0.0927(3) | 0.0874(2) |
| C(10) | 0.2436(4) | 0.0858(3) | $0.4225(1)$ |
| C(11) | 0.6524(3) | 0.2228(2) | 0.1850(1) |
| C(12) | 0.8062(3) | 0.2651(3) | 0.1790(1) |
| C(13) | 0.8755(4) | 0.2586(3) | 0.1208(2) |
| C(14) | 0.7903(4) | 0.2107(3) | 0.0714(2) |
| C(15) | 0.6350(4) | 0.1720(3) | 0.0793(1) |
| C(16) | 0.4848(3) | 0.2605(2) | 0.3374(1) |
| C(17) | 0.6059(3) | 0.2881(3) | $0.2995(1)$ |
| C(18) | 0.5732(3) | 0.2238(2) | 0.2440(1) |
| C(19) | 0.4588(4) | 0.3134(3) | 0.4016(1) |
| C(20) | 0.2683(4) | 0.1397(3) | 0.0635(1) |
| H(2) | 0.336 (3) | 0.067(3) | 0.273(1) |
| H(3) | 0.465(4) | 0.063(3) | 0.371(1) |
| H(4) | 0.312(4) | 0.019(3) | 0.451(2) |
| H(5) | 0.050(3) | 0.087(2) | 0.442(1) |
| H(7) | 0.178(4) | 0.114(3) | 0.179(2) |
| H(12) | 0.855(4) | 0.292(3) | 0.212(2) |
| H(13) | 0.982(4) | 0.290(3) | 0.117(1) |
| H(14) | $0.826(4)$ | 0.203(3) | 0.034(2) |
| H(15) | 0.565(4) | 0.143(3) | 0.044(2) |
| H(17) | 0.688(3) | 0.335(2) | 0.305(1) |
| H(91) | $0.005(3)$ | 0.168(3) | 0.087(1) |
| H(92) | 0.165(4) | 0.105(3) | 0.083(2) |
| H(93) | 0.014(4) | 0.050(3) | 0.055(2) |
| H(101) | 0.213(4) | 0.007(4) | 0.432(2) |
| H(102) | 0.355(4) | 0.079(3) | 0.424(1) |
| H(103) | 0.206(3) | 0.138(3) | 0.448(1) |
| H(191) | 0.350(4) | 0.320(3) | 0.409(1) |
| H(192) | 0.512(4) | 0.391(3) | 0.400(2) |
| H(193) | 0.508(3) | 0.265(2) | 0.434(1) |
| H(201) | 0.297 (5) | 0.230(4) | 0.056(2) |
| H(202) | 0.308(4) | 0.093(3) | 0.037(1) |
| H(203) | 0.169(4) | 0.140(3) | 0.061(2) |

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[^1]:    ${ }^{2} \mathrm{MePdCl}($ cod $)$ [2a] and $\mathrm{PdCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}\right)_{2}$ were used.

[^2]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ NOE from 0.91 ( PdMe ) was observed at 8.42 (H5).
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ NOE from 0.81 (PdMe) was observed at 2.30 (PyMe) and 8.34 (H5).
    ${ }^{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{ND}$, not detected. Although ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{NMR}$ of pyridinylpyrazole ligand 5 was also measured, N 2 and N 3 could not be observed because of tautomerism of the pyrazole part.

