# Synthesis and characterization of cyclometallated palladium(II) and platinum(II) complexes with amide-thiolate ligands 

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#### Abstract

The redox reaction of bis(2-benzamidophenyl) disulfide $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{LH}_{2}\right)$ with $\left[\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}\right]$ in a 1:1 ratio gave mononuclear and dinuclear palladium(II) complexes with 2-benzamidobenzenethiolate $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}^{-}\right),\left[\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{S}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ (1) and $\left[\mathrm{Pd}_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{S}\right)_{2}\left(\mu-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-S\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right](\mathbf{2})$. A similar reaction with $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}\right]$ produced only the corresponding mononuclear platinum(II) complex, $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-S\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ (3). Treatment of these complexes with KOH led to the formation of cyclometallated palladium(II) and platinum(II) complexes, $[\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{L}-$ $\left.C, N, S)\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]^{-}\left([\mathbf{4}]^{-}\right)$and $\left[\operatorname{Pt}(\mathrm{L}-C, N, S)\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]^{-}\left([\mathbf{5}]^{-}\right)$. The molecular structures of 2, 3 and $[\mathbf{4}]^{-}$were determined by X-ray crystallography. © 2006 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.


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## 1. Introduction

Cyclometallated compounds, which are generated through the activation of $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ bonds, have been extensively investigated, because of their novel and outstanding applications in organic and organometallic synthesis [1-4]. In this respect, a large number of cyclometallated complexes with azobenzene and Schiff base moieties have been reported. We have also reported cyclometallated palladium(II) and platinum(II) complexes having a rare triden-tate- $C, N, S$ Schiff base ligand [5]. However, there are only a few examples of cyclometallated complexes with amide ligands, even though amide ligands adopt a planar coordination framework as do Schiff base ligands [6-9]. In particular, little is known about the structures and properties of complexes with amide-thiolate ligands [7]. This seems to be due to the high reactivity of sulfur atoms in amide ligands, leading to sulfenate, sulfinate, or disulfide species [10,11]. Thus, we planed to apply redox reactions between low oxidation metals and disulfide compounds in order to rule out

[^0]the possibility of oxidation on sulfur atoms in reaction processes [12].

In this paper, we report that the reactions of bis(2-benzamidophenyl) disulfide with $\left[\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}\right]$ or $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}\right]$ produce palladium(II) and platinum(II) complexes with monodentate- $S$ amide-thiolate ligands, which are converted into cyclometallated palladium(II) and platinum(II) complexes with tridentate- $C, N, S$ amide-thiolate ligands by treatment with base. The molecular structures of some of these complexes are also reported.

## 2. Results and discussion

### 2.1. Synthesis

The reaction of bis(2-benzamidophenyl) disulfide $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{LH}_{2}\right)$ with an equimolar amount of $\left[\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}\right]$ in benzene under an anaerobic condition led to the formation of a mixture of two compounds ( $\mathbf{1}$ and 2 ) that are separated by fractional precipitation or recrystallization of a mixed sample. Complexes $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ were assigned to have a mononuclear and a dinuclear structures in $\left[\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-S\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ and $\left[\mathrm{Pd}_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-S\right)_{2}\left(\mu-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-S\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}^{-}=2\right.$-benzami-
dobenzenethiolate), respectively, by the elemental analyses and the IR and ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectroscopies, along with the X ray analysis for 2. Similar treatment of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{LH}_{2}$ with $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}\right]$ gave a yellow compound (3). It was found from the IR and ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra and the X-ray analysis that $\mathbf{3}$ contains a single mononuclear species, $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\right.\right.$ $\left.S)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$, which is analogous to the mononuclear 1 . Treatment of a mixture of $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ with KOH in ethanol gave a yellow solution, from which a yellow powder ([(n$\left.\left.\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right][4]\right)$ was isolated by adding $(n-\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{NBr}$. X-ray analysis demonstrated that [4] ${ }^{-}$is a desired cyclometallated complex, $\left[\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{L}-C, N, S)\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]^{-}$, in which a $\mathrm{Pd}^{\mathrm{II}}$ centre is coordinated by $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N}$, and S atoms from an amide-thiolate ligand ( $\mathrm{L}^{3-}$ ). An analogous cyclometallated complex (K[5]) was also obtained by treatment of $\mathbf{3}$ with KOH in ethanol, which was assigned by the elemental analysis and the IR and NMR spectroscopic studies (Scheme 1).

### 2.2. Molecular structures of $\left[\mathrm{Pd}_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{S}\right)_{2}\left(\mu-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\right.\right.$

$\left.S)_{2}\left(P h_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ (2), $\left[P t\left(H_{2} L-S\right)_{2}\left(P P h_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ (3) and
$\left[(n-B u)_{4} N\right]\left[P d(L-C, N, S)\left(P P h_{3}\right)\right]\left(\left[(n-B u)_{4} N\right][4]\right)$
The molecular structure of $\mathbf{2}$ is shown in Fig. 1, and its selected bond distances and angles are given in Table 1. In 2, there is a crystallographic inversion centre at the midpoint of the Pd1..Pd1' vector. Two palladium(II) atoms are bridged by two thiolato sulfur atoms from two amide-thiolate ligands $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}^{-}\right)$. The $\mathrm{Pd} \cdots \mathrm{Pd}$ separation in 2 is $3.5504(8) \AA$, which is indicative of the absence of a bonding interaction [5]. Each palladium(II) centre resides in a square-planar geometry that is defined by two sulfur atoms from two bridging $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}^{-}$ligands, one sulfur atom from a terminal $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}^{-}$ligand and one phosphorus atom from triphenylphosphine. The $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}_{\text {terminal }}$ (av. 2.333(2) $\AA), \mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}_{\text {bridging }}(2.406(2) \AA)$ and $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{P}(2.291(2) \AA)$ bond distances are within the range of normal values [13,14]. Two triphenylphosphine ligands are trans to each other across two palladium(II) atoms. Each phenyl ring of the terminal and bridging $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}^{-}$ligands is oriented so as to face a phenyl of triphenylphosphine with distances of 3.370 (10) and $3.497(10) \AA$, respectively. In addition, amide protons form an intraligand hydrogen bond with thiolato


Fig. 1. Molecular structure of $\left[\mathrm{Pd}_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-S\right)_{2}\left(\mu-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-S\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ (2).
sulfur atoms with distances of $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{S} 1=2.35(6) \AA$ and $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{S} 2=2.57(7) \AA[15,16]$.

The molecular structure of $\mathbf{3}$ is shown in Fig. 2, and its selected bond distances and angles are given in Table 2. In 3, the platinum(II) centre resides in a square-planar geometry that is defined by two sulfur atoms from two $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}^{-}$ ligands and two phosphorus atoms from two triphenylphosphine ligands. The two phosphorus atoms are cis to each other. The $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{S}$ bond distances (av. 2.359(9) $\AA$ ) are almost the same as those of a previously reported platinum(II) complex, $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{TIPT})_{2}\right](\mathrm{HTIPT}=2,4,6$-triisopropylbenzenethiol) (av. 2.359(4) A) [17]. The Pt-P bond distances (av. 2.292(9) A) are also comparable to those found in $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{TIPT})_{2}\right]$ (av. 2.323(4) $\left.\AA\right)$. The phenyl rings from two $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}^{-}$ligands face each other with a distance of ca. $3.54 \AA$. In addition, two intraligand hydrogen bonds are observed between an amide and a thiolato groups with distances of $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{S} 1=2.291(8) \AA$ and $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{S} 2=2.580(9) \AA[15,16]$.

X-ray analysis of $\left[(n-\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right][4]$ revealed the presence of a discrete complex anion and a $(n-\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{~N}^{+}$counter cation. The structure of the complex anion $[4]^{-}$is shown in


Scheme 1.

Table 1
Selected bond distances $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ for $\left[\operatorname{Pd}_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-S\right)_{2}\left(\mu-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\right.\right.$ $\underline{\left.S)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right](2)}$

| $\mathrm{Pd} 1-\mathrm{S} 1$ | $2.321(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1 \cdots \mathrm{C} 43$ | $3.370(10)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Pd} 1-\mathrm{S} 2$ | $2.345(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 14 \cdots \mathrm{C} 31$ | $3.497(10)$ |
| $\mathrm{Pd} 1-\mathrm{S} 2^{\# 1}$ | $2.406(2)$ | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{S} 1$ | $2.35(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{Pd} 1-\mathrm{P} 1$ | $2.291(2)$ | $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{S} 2$ | $2.57(7)$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{Pd} 1 \cdots \mathrm{Pd} 1^{\# 1}$ | $3.5504(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{S} 1-\mathrm{Pd} 1-\mathrm{S} 2$ | $170.7(1)$ | $\mathrm{S} 2-\mathrm{Pd} 1-\mathrm{P} 1$ | $98.6(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{S} 1-\mathrm{Pd} 1-\mathrm{S} 2^{\# 1}$ | $91.1(1)$ | $\mathrm{S}^{\# 1}-\mathrm{Pd} 1-\mathrm{P} 1$ | $177.2(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{S} 1-\mathrm{Pd} 1-\mathrm{P} 1$ | $87.3(1)$ | $\mathrm{Pd} 1-\mathrm{S} 2-\mathrm{Pd} 1^{\# 1}$ | $96.7(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{S}_{2}-\mathrm{Pd} 1-\mathrm{S}^{\# 1}$ | $83.3(1)$ |  |  |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: \#1 $-x,-y$, $-z$.


Fig. 2. Molecular structure of $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-S\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ (3).

Table 2

| Selected bond distances $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ for $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{S}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right](\mathbf{3})$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{S} 1$ | $2.352(9)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1 \cdots \mathrm{C} 14$ | $3.55(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{S} 2$ | $2.366(9)$ | $\mathrm{C} 2 \cdots \mathrm{C} 15$ | $3.53(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{P} 1$ | $2.307(9)$ | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{S} 1$ | $2.291(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{P} 2$ | $2.276(9)$ | $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{S} 2$ | $2.580(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{S} 1-\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{S} 2$ | $91.7(3)$ | $\mathrm{S} 2-\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{P} 1$ | $170.9(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{S} 1-\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{P} 1$ | $81.6(3)$ | $\mathrm{S} 2-\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{P} 2$ | $89.5(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{S} 1-\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{P} 2$ | $176.9(3)$ | $\mathrm{P} 1-\mathrm{Pt} 1-\mathrm{P} 2$ | $97.6(3)$ |

Fig. 3, and its selected bond distances and angles are given in Table 3. The palladium(II) centre resides in a squareplanar geometry that is defined by one sulfur, one nitrogen and one carbon atom from a $\mathrm{L}^{3-}$ ligand, besides one phosphorus atom from triphenylphosphine. Thus, the $\mathrm{L}^{3-}$ ligand acts as a rare tridentate- $C, N, S$ chelator that is derived from the cyclometallation reaction of the pendant phenyl ring. The $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{C}(2.023(6) \AA$ ) and $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N}$ $\left(2.022(5) \AA\right.$ ) bond distances in $[4]^{-}$are slightly longer than those in a related cyclometallated palladium(II) complex, $\left[\operatorname{Pd}\left(\mathrm{L}^{\prime}\right)(\mathrm{MeCN})\right]\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}^{\prime}=\right.$ phenyl 2-pyridyl ketone
benzoylhydrazone $\quad(\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{C}=2.007(5) \AA \quad$ and $\quad \mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N}=$ $1.971(5) \AA$ ) [18].

### 2.3. Spectroscopic studies

The IR spectrum of each complex obtained in this study shows a carbonyl $v_{\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}}$ band ( $1661 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ for $\mathbf{1}, 1676 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ for 2, $1667 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ for $3,1655 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ for $\left[(n-\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right][4]$ and $1624 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ for $\mathrm{K}[5]$ ), which shifts to lower energy relative to the $v_{\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}}$ band for the starting disulfide ligand $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}$ $\mathrm{LH}_{2}\left(1678 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$. Each of $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ gives an amide $v_{\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}}$ band ( $3358 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ for $\mathbf{1}$ and $3320 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ for 2), while two $v_{\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}}$ bands are observed for $3\left(3352 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right.$ and 3304 $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ), which are compatible with the presence of weak and strong $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{S}$ interactions detected by the X-ray analysis (Table 2). No $v_{\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}}$ band is noticed for [ $n$ $\left.\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right][4]$ and $\mathrm{K}[5]$, indicative of the formation of a $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{N}$ bond ( $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Pd}$, Pt ).

The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of the complexes measured in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ or DMSO- $d_{6}$ are shown in Figs. S1-S3. Since the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 1 exhibits one singlet signal at $\delta$ 8.81 due to amide protons, as does the spectrum of $\mathbf{3}(\delta$ 8.71 ), it is reasonable to assume that $\mathbf{1}$ has a symmetrical mononuclear structure in $\left[\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{S}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ with a cis configuration, which is analogous to the structure in 3 $\left(\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{S}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]\right)$. The relative downfield shift of amide protons for $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{3}$ would be attributed to the formation of intraligand hydrogen bonds with thiolato groups. On the other hand, two amide proton signals are observed at $\delta 9.24$ and 8.68 in the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 2. This is consistent with the symmetrical structure of $\mathbf{2}$ found in crystal, which reveals the presence of two bridging and two terminal $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}^{-}$ligands. As shown in Fig. S3, the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectral feature of $\mathrm{K}[5]$ is very similar to that of $\left[(n-\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right][4]$ over the whole region, showing a significant downfield shift ( $\delta 8.80$ for $[4]^{-}$and $\delta 8.86$ for $[5]^{-}$) for the phenyl proton adjacent to the cyclometallated atom (Fig. 3). This result implies that [5] has a mononuclear structure in $\left[\mathrm{Pt}(\mathrm{L}-C, N, S)\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]$ bearing a cyclometallated tridentate- $C, N, S$ ligand ( $\mathrm{L}^{3-}$ ), which is analogous to the structure in $[4]^{-}\left(\left[\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{L}-C, N, S)\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]\right)$.

## 3. Conclusions

It was found in this study that the redox reaction between the disulfide $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{LH}_{2}$ and $\left[\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}\right]$ produces a mixture of the mononuclear $\left[\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{S}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]\right.$ (1) and the dinuclear $\left[\mathrm{Pd}_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{S}\right)_{2}\left(\mu-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{S}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ (2), which was successfully separated. On the other hand, only the mononuclear $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-S\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ (3) was obtained for the corresponding reaction with $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}\right]$, which is most likely due to the stronger $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{P}$ bonds compared with the $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{P}$ bonds. Interestingly, treatment of a mixture of 1 and 2 with $\mathrm{OH}^{-}$results in the cyclometallated $[\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{L}-$ $\left.C, N, S)\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]^{-}\left([4]^{-}\right)$. The first step of this reaction is the cleavage of amide $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}$ bond by $\mathrm{OH}^{-}$, which leads to the formation of $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N}$ bond accompanied by the loss


Fig. 3. Molecular structure of $\left[\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{L}-C, N, S)\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]^{-}\left([4]^{-}\right)$.

Table 3
Selected bond distances $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ for $\left[(n-B u)_{4} N\right][\operatorname{Pd}(\mathrm{L}-$ $\left.C, N, S)\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]\left(\left[(n-\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right][4]\right)$

| Pd1-S1 | $2.312(2)$ | Pd1-N1 | $2.022(5)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Pd1-P1 | $2.243(2)$ | Pd1-C9 | $2.023(6)$ |
| S1-Pd1-P1 | $94.7(1)$ | P1-Pd1-N1 | $177.4(2)$ |
| S1-Pd1-N1 | $85.3(2)$ | P1-Pd1-C9 | $97.7(2)$ |
| S1-Pd1-C9 | $167.1(2)$ | N1-Pd1-C9 | $82.5(2)$ |

of a $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}^{-}$and a $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ ligands. The coordination of amide nitrogen atom affords the access of a pendant phenyl ring to the metal centre, followed by the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ activation. Cyclometallation of phenyl ring caused by such short contact has been found in the corresponding Schiff base complexes $[5,19,20]$. The analogous cyclometallated $[\mathrm{Pt}(\mathrm{L}-$ $\left.C, N, S)\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]^{-}\left([\mathbf{5}]^{-}\right)$was also formed by treatment of $\mathbf{3}$ with $\mathrm{OH}^{-}$. Thus, it was evidenced that the redox reaction between a low oxidation metal $\left(\mathrm{Pd}^{0}\right.$ or $\left.\mathrm{Pt}^{0}\right)$ and an amidedisulfide compound $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{LH}_{2}\right)$, followed by treatment with base, is a simple and convenient synthetic route to create cyclometallated metal complexes with amide-thiolate ligands, which does not suffer oxidation at thiolato groups.

## 4. Experimental

### 4.1. General

The reagents were purchased from commercial sources and not purified further. Bis(2-benzamidophenyl) disulfide $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{LH}_{2}\right)$ was synthesized by the modified method reported in [21].

### 4.2. Synthesis of complexes

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { 4.2.1. }\left[P d\left(H_{2} L-S\right)_{2}\left(P P h_{3}\right)_{2}\right](1) \text { and }\left[P d_{2}\left(H_{2} L-S\right)_{2^{-}}\right. \\
& \left.\left(\mu-H_{2} L-S\right)_{2}\left(P P h_{3}\right)_{2}\right](2)
\end{aligned}
$$

To a solution of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{LH}_{2}(0.51 \mathrm{~g}, 1.12 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 50 ml of degassed benzene under an argon atmosphere was added $\left[\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}\right](1.18 \mathrm{~g}, 1.02 \mathrm{mmol})$. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature, and the resulting red precipitate of a mixture of $\mathbf{1}$ and $2(0.97 \mathrm{~g})$ was collected by filtration. When the filtrate was allowed to stand in a refrigerator for 2 days, a red powder of a mixture of 1 and $2(68 \mathrm{mg})$ was again precipitated, which was filtered off. The second filtrate was further allowed to stand in a refrigerator for 2 days. The precipitated red powder of 1 was collected by filtration. Yield: 35 mg . A pure sample of $\mathbf{2}$ was obtained by recrystallization of the first red precipitate ( 32 mg ) from $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / n$-hexane. Yield: 10 mg . Single crystals of $\mathbf{2}$ suitable for a structure determination were grown by slow diffusion of pentane into a $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{ClCH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}$ solution of 2. Anal. Calcd. for $\left[\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{S}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$. $1.5 \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}, \mathrm{C}_{71} \mathrm{H}_{59} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{PdS}_{2}: \mathrm{C}, 70.78 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.94 ; \mathrm{N}, 2.33$. Found: C, $70.88 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.02$; N, $2.30 \%$. Anal. Calcd. for $\left[\mathrm{Pd}_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{S}\right)_{2}\left(\mu-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{S}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right] \cdot 0.25 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, \mathrm{C}_{88.25} \mathrm{H}_{70.5{ }^{-}}$ $\mathrm{Cl}_{0.5} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{Pd}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{4}$ : C, $63.40 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.25 ; \mathrm{N}, 3.35$. Found: C, $63.35 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.30 ; \mathrm{N}, 3.49 \%$. IR $\left(\tilde{\mathrm{v}} \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right): 3358 \mathrm{vw}(\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H})$, $1661 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$ for $1,3320 \mathrm{vw}(\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}), 1676 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$ for 2. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 8.81(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 7.97(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{Ph} \mathrm{CH}), 7.65-7.10(\mathrm{~m}, 42 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph} \mathrm{CH}), 6.84(\mathrm{t}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}$ $\mathrm{CH}), 6.60(\mathrm{t}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph} \mathrm{CH})$ for $1,9.24(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 8.68$ (s, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}$ ), 8.20 (d., 2H, Ph CH), 8.05 (d, 2H, Ph CH), 7.66 (d, 2H, Ph CH), 7.45-6.90 (m, 58H, Ph CH), 6.82 (t, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph} \mathrm{CH})$ for 2.

### 4.2.2. $\left[P t\left(H_{2} L-S\right)_{2}\left(P P h_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ (3)

To a solution of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{LH}_{2}(0.18 \mathrm{~g}, 0.39 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 40 ml of degassed benzene under an argon atmosphere was added $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}\right](0.48 \mathrm{~g}, 0.39 \mathrm{mmol})$. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h , followed by allowing to stand in a refrigerator for 4 h . The resulting yellow powder of $\mathbf{3}$ was collected by filtration. Yield: 0.24 g . Single crystals of $\mathbf{3}$ suitable for a structure determination were grown by slow diffusion of pentane into a $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ solution of 3. Anal. Calcd. for $\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{S}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right], \mathrm{C}_{62} \mathrm{H}_{50}{ }^{-}$ $\mathrm{N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{PtS}_{2}$ : C, 63.31; H, 4.28; N, 2.38. Found: C, 63.37; $\mathrm{H}, 4.53 ; \mathrm{N}, 2.35 \%$. IR ( $\tilde{v} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ): $3352 \mathrm{w}, 3304 \mathrm{w}(\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H})$, $1667 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 8.71(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH})$, 8.04 (d, 2H, Ph CH), 7.79 (d, 2H, Ph CH), 7.65-7.10 (m, $40 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph} \mathrm{CH}), 6.69(\mathrm{t}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph} \mathrm{CH}), 6.55(\mathrm{t}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph} \mathrm{CH})$.

### 4.2.3. $\left[(n-B u)_{4} N\right]\left[P d(L-C, N, S)\left(P P h_{3}\right)\right]-$ ( $\left.\left[(n-B u)_{4} N\right][4]\right)$

An ethanolic solution of $\mathrm{KOH}(0.035 \mathrm{~g}, 0.63 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to a solution of a mixture of $\mathbf{1}$ and $2(0.20 \mathrm{~g})$ in 20 ml of ethanol under an argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h to give a yellow solution, which was concentrated to ca. 10 ml with a rotary evaporator. The addition of $(n-\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{NBr}(0.22 \mathrm{~g})$ dissolved in a small
amount of ethanol to the concentrated solution afforded a yellow powder of $\left[(n-\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right][4]$, which was collected by filtration. Yield: 0.14 g . Single crystals of $\left[(n-\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right][4]$ suitable for a structure determination were obtained by recrystallization of the yellow powder from hot ethanol. Anal. Calcd. for $\left[(n-\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right]\left[\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{L}-C, N, S)\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right] \cdot 0.2 \mathrm{KBr}$, $\mathrm{C}_{47} \mathrm{H}_{59} \mathrm{Br}_{0.2} \mathrm{~K}_{0.2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{OPPdS}: \mathrm{C}, 65.55 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.90 ; \mathrm{N}, 3.25$. Found: C, $65.37 ; \mathrm{H}, 7.11 ; \mathrm{N}, 3.30 \%$. IR ( $\tilde{v} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ): 1655 m $(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (DMSO- $d_{6}$ ): $\delta 8.80\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}_{\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N}-\text { chelate }}\right.$ CH), 7.65-7.55 (m, 6H, Ph $\mathrm{PPh}^{\mathrm{CH}}$ ), 7.50-7.35 (m, 9H, $\left.\mathrm{Ph}_{\mathrm{PPh} 3} \mathrm{CH}\right), 7.16\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}_{\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{S} \text {-chelate }} \mathrm{CH}\right), 6.70(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{Ph}_{\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N} \text {-chelate }} \mathrm{CH}\right), 6.67\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}_{\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{S} \text {-chelate }} \mathrm{CH}\right), 6.54(\mathrm{t}$, $\left.1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}_{\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N} \text {-chelate }} \mathrm{CH}\right), 6.42\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}_{\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N} \text {-chelate }} \mathrm{CH}\right), 6.36$ ( $\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}_{\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{S} \text {-chelate }} \mathrm{CH}$ ), $6.20\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}_{\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{S} \text {-chelate }} \mathrm{CH}\right.$ ) [22].

### 4.2.4. $K\left[P d(L-C, N, S)\left(P P h_{3}\right)\right](K[5])$

To a solution of $\mathbf{3}(0.22 \mathrm{~g}, 0.19 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 20 ml of ethanol under an argon atmosphere was added an ethanolic solution of $\mathrm{KOH}(0.039 \mathrm{~g}, 0.70 \mathrm{mmol})$. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h to give a yellow solution, which was concentrated to ca. 5 ml with a rotary evaporator. The concentrated solution was allowed to stand in a refrigerator for 2 h , and the resulting yellow powder of $\mathrm{K}[5]$ was collected by filtration. Yield: 0.13 g . Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{K}\left[\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{L}-C, N, S)\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right] \cdot 2.5 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{KNO}_{3.5} \mathrm{PPtS}: \mathrm{C}$, 48.50; H, 3.68; N, 1.82. Found: C, 48.50 ; H, 4.13; N, $1.50 \%$. IR $\left(\tilde{v} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right): 1624 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (DMSO$\left.d_{6}\right): \delta 8.86\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}_{\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N} \text {-chelate }} \mathrm{CH}\right), 7.70-7.55(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{Ph}_{\mathrm{PPh} 3} \mathrm{CH}$ ), 742 (s(br), $9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}_{\text {PPh3 }} \mathrm{CH}$ ), 7.11 (d, 1 H ,
$\left.\mathrm{Ph}_{\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{S} \text {-chelate }} \mathrm{CH}\right), 6.73\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}_{\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N} \text {-chelate }} \mathrm{CH}\right), 6.66(\mathrm{t}$, $\left.1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}_{\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{S} \text {-chelate }} \mathrm{CH}\right), 6.50\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}_{\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N} \text {-chelate }} \mathrm{CH}\right), 6.44$ $\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}_{\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N} \text {-chelate }} \mathrm{CH}\right), 6.36\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}_{\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{S} \text {-chelate }} \mathrm{CH}\right)$, $6.26\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}_{\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{S} \text {-chelate }} \mathrm{CH}\right)$ [22].

### 4.3. Physical measurements

The infrared spectra were measured on a JASCO FT/ IR-5000 spectrophotometer using the nujol mulls and the NMR spectra on a JEOL EX 270 instrument. Tetramethylsilane was used as the internal standard ( $\delta 0$ ). Elemental analyses were performed at Osaka University.

### 4.4. X-ray structure analysis

The crystallographic date of $\mathbf{2 , 3}$ and $\left[(n-\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right][\mathbf{4}]$ are listed in Table 4. Each of a red crystal of $\mathbf{2}$, a yellow crystal of 3 and a yellow crystal of $\left[(n-\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right][4]$ was sealed in a Lindemann glass-capillary tube with the mother liquor. X-ray diffraction data were collected on a Mac Science MXC3 diffractometer with Mo $\mathrm{K} \alpha$ radiation $(\lambda=$ $0.71073 \AA$ ) at room temperature; the $\theta-2 \theta$ scans were used. The intensities of three standard reflections for each complex were measured every 100 reflections. Over the course of data collection the standards of $\mathbf{2}$ decreased by $24.3 \%$ and a linear correction factor was applied to account for this. The standards of 3 and $\left[(n-\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right][4]$ showed no significant decay effects. The structure of $\mathbf{2}$ was solved by direct methods using PATTY in dirdif and those of 3

Table 4
$\underline{\text { Crystallographic data of complexes }}$

|  | $\begin{aligned} & {\left[\mathrm{Pd}_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{S}\right)_{2}\left(\mu-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{S}\right)_{2^{-}}\right.} \\ & \left.\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right] \cdot 3 \mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{12}(\mathbf{2}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & {\left[\mathrm{Pt}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}-\mathrm{S}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\right] .} \\ & 1.5 \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(\mathbf{3}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & {\left[(n-\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right]\left[\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{~L}-C, N, S)\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]} \\ & 2 \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{OH}\left(\left[(n-\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right][4]\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{103} \mathrm{H}_{106} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{Pd}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{4}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{63.5} \mathrm{H}_{51.5} \mathrm{Cl}_{4.5} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{PtS}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{51} \mathrm{H}_{71} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{PPdS}$ |
| Formula weight | 1867.05 | 1355.32 | 929.60 |
| Temperature (K) | 293(2) | 293(2) | 293(2) |
| Wavelength ( A ) | 0.71073 | 0.71073 | 0.71073 |
| Crystal system | Triclinic | Monoclinic | Triclinic |
| Space group | $P \overline{1}$ | $P 2{ }_{1} / a$ | $P \overline{1}$ |
| Unit cell dimensions |  |  |  |
| $a(\AA)$ | 13.997(7) | 29.32(1) | 10.173(5) |
| $b(\mathrm{\AA}$ ) | 14.904(6) | 15.338(6) | 27.298(9) |
| $c(\AA)$ | 11.839(5) | 12.731(4) | 9.522(5) |
| $\alpha\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | 101.64(3) |  | 96.86(3) |
| $\beta\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | 101.57(4) | 96.69(3) | 104.03(4) |
| $\gamma\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | 66.11(3) |  | 81.95(3) |
| $V\left(\AA^{3}\right)$ | 2192(2) | 5687(3) | 2530(2) |
| Z | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| $D_{\text {calc }}\left(\mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}\right)$ | 1.42 | 1.58 | 1.22 |
| $\mu\left(\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right)$ | 0.58 | 2.66 | 0.47 |
| Number of unique reflections measured | 9201 | 10869 | 10005 |
| Number of reflections in refinement | $7462(I>2.0 \sigma(I))$ | $7501(I>2.0 \sigma(I))$ | $8567(I>2.0 \sigma(I))$ |
| $R^{\text {a }}$ | 0.071 | 0.088 | 0.081 |
| $R_{w}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 0.086 | 0.098 | 0.097 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{a} \quad R=\sum\| \| F_{\mathrm{o}}\left\|-\left\|F_{\mathrm{c}}\right\| / \sum\right\| F_{\mathrm{o}} \mid \cdot \\ & \\ & \quad \mathrm{b} R R=\left[\sum w\left(\left\|F_{\mathrm{o}}\right\|^{2}-\left\|F_{\mathrm{c}}\right\|^{2}\right)^{2}\right] / \sum\left[w\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}\right)^{2}\right]^{1 / 2} . \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |

and $\left[(n-\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right][4]$ were solved by direct methods using SIR 92 and refined anisotropically for all non-hydrogen atoms with full-matrix least-squares calculations. Hydrogen atoms were located at fixed positions ( $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} 0.96 \mathrm{~A}$ ). Atomic scattering factors and anomalous scattering coefficients were taken from [23]. All calculations were performed using the CRYSTAN-GM software [24].

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## Appendix A. Supplemental material

Crystallographic data for the structural analyses have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, CCDC Nos. 299784-299786. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK, fax: int. code +44 1223336033 ; e-mail for inquiry: fileserv@ccdc.cam.ac.uk; e-mail for deposition: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of complexes $\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{3},\left[(n-\mathrm{Bu})_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right][4]$ and $\mathrm{K}[5]$ are available (Figs. S1-S3). Supplementary data associated with this article can be found, in the online version, at doi:10.1016/j.jorganchem.2006.08.051.

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