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# Room-temperature emissive liquid crystalline materials based on palladium(II) imine derivatives containing the 2-phenylpyridine core

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Scheme 1. Preparation of *N*-benzoyl-*N*'-aryl thiourea derivatives  $(BTU)^1$ 

	3	4b	9
Empirical formula	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> PtS	$C_{29}H_{38}Cl_4N_2O_2PtS$	C <sub>54</sub> H <sub>66</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Pd <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>
M	640.66	815.56	1124.05
T/K	150(2)	150(2)	150(2)
λ/nm	0.71073 Å	0.71073Å	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic	triclinic
Space group	$P 2_{l}/n$	P - 1	P -1
a/ Å	15.5741(3)	7.4355(9)	10.2638(10)
b/ Å	8.17290(10)	8.2355(10)	14.4107(14)
c/ Å	19.7272(3)	26.969(3)	19.1385(16)
α/°	90	94.842(5)	73.808(3)
β/°	109.1100(10)	92.304(5)	89.864(4)
γ/°	90	104.881(5)	73.765(4)
V/Å <sup>3</sup>	2372.61(7)	1587.1(3)	2601.3(4)
Ζ,	4	2	2
Calculated density( $g.cm^{-3}$ )	1.794	1.707	1.435
Absorption coefficient,µ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	6.031	4.852	0.820
F(000)	1256	808	1160
Crystal size/mm	0.34 x 0.21 x 0.07	0.52 x 0.13 x 0.02	0.49 x 0.16 x 0.1
Crystal color	yellow	yellow	yellow
$\theta$ range for data collection/ °	2.91 to 27.48	2.99 to 27.48	2.91 to 27.48
h_min, h_max	-20,20	-9,9	-13, 13
k_min, k_max	-10,9	-10,10	-18, 18
l_min, l_max	-25,23	-34 , 34	-19, 24
Reflections collected / unique	20808 / 5439	21012 / 7079	39191 / 11705
	$[R(int)^a = 0.0412]$	$[R(int)^a = 0.0499]$	$[R(int)^a = 0.0494]$
Completeness to $\theta_{max}$	0.998	0.97	0.981
Max. and min. transmission	0.656, 0.406	0.908, 0.751	0.921, 0.787
Data / restraints / parameters	5439 / 0 / 300	7079 / 0 / 355	11705 / 0 / 596
<sup>b</sup> Goodness-of-fit	1.033	1.04	1.051
Final <i>R</i> indices $[I>2\sigma]$	$R1^{c} = 0.0235$	$R1^{c} = 0.0412$	$R1^{c} = 0.0543$
	$wR2^d = 0.0471$	$wR2^d = 0.0688$	$wR2^d = 0.1388$
R indices (all data)	$R1^{c} = 0.0306$	$R1^{c} = 0.055,$	$R1^{c} = 0.0766$
	$wR2^d = 0.0494$	$wR2^{d} = 0.0726$	$wR2^d = 0.1609$
Largest diff. peak and hole/ e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.605 and -0.56	1.299 and -1.976	2.062 and -1.462

## Table 1. Crystallographic data for complexes.

 ${}^{a}R_{int} = \sum |F_{o}^{2} - \langle F_{o}^{2} \rangle| / \sum [F_{o}^{2}]$   ${}^{b}S = \{\sum [w(F_{o}^{2} - F_{c}^{2})^{2}] / (n - p)\}^{1/2}$   ${}^{c}R1 = \sum ||F_{o}| - |F_{c}|| / \sum |F_{o}|$   ${}^{d}wR2 = \{\sum [w(F_{o}^{2} - F_{c}^{2})^{2}] / \sum [w(F_{o}^{2})^{2}]\}^{1/2}$   $w = 1 / [\sigma(F_{o}^{2}) + aP^{2} + bP] \text{ where } P = [2F_{c}^{2} + MAX(F_{o}^{2}, 0)] / 3$ 

Complex	3	4b	9	
M-C	1.980(3)	-	1.996(4)	2.059(4)
M-O	2.080(2)	-	2.068(3)	2.070(3)
M-N	2.037(2)	2.078(4)	2.069(3)	1.982(4)
M-S	2.2475(8)	2.2170(13)	2.2512(12)	2.2475(13)
Pt-Cl(1)		2.3016(13)		
Pt-Cl(2)		2.3037(13)		
C-M-N	80.59(11)	-	81.54(16)	81.28(16)
C-M-S	94.93(9)	-	93.97(13)	93.10(13)
N-M-O	91.21(9)	-	91.73(12)	92.58(13)
O-M-S	93.40(6)	-	92.46(9)	93.05(9)
N-Pt-Cl1		89.01(12)		
S-Pt-Cl1		87.80(5)		
N-Pt-Cl2		88.49(12)		
S-Pt-Cl2		94.70(5)		

Table 2. Bond lengths (Å)	and angles (°) for	r complexes 3,	<b>4b</b> and <b>9</b>

T/(°C)	d <sub>exp</sub> /Å	Indexation	$d_{calc}/Å$	Mesophase parameters
85	36.18	d <sub>10</sub>	36.2	Col <sub>h</sub>
	20.73	$d_{11}^{10}$	20.8	a=41.8 Å
	11.87	d <sub>30</sub>	12.1	Z~1.5
	10.30	d <sub>22</sub>	10.45	S=1513 Å <sup>2</sup>
	9.80	d <sub>31</sub>	10.0	
	8.93	$d_{40}$	9.04	
	8.16	$d_{41}$	8.09	
	7.70	-	-	
	7.10	$d_{50}$	7.23	
	4.6	h <sub>ch</sub>		
	3.6	$h_0$		
	d <sub>exp</sub> / Å	Indexation	d <sub>calc</sub> /Å	Mesophase parameters
100	32.9	d <sub>10</sub>	32.9	Colh
	19.1	d <sub>11</sub>	19.0	a = 38.0  Å
	16.5	d <sub>20</sub>	16.5	Z~1.1
	12.7	$d_{21}^{20}$	12.5	$S_{h} = 1251 Å^{2}$
	10.9	d <sub>30</sub>	11.0	-
	6.5	-		
	4.7	h <sub>ch</sub>		
	3.6	$h_0$		
	T/(°C) 85 100	$\begin{array}{cccc} T/(^{\circ}C) & d_{exp}/\text{\AA} \\ \hline 85 & 36.18 \\ 20.73 \\ 11.87 \\ 10.30 \\ 9.80 \\ 8.93 \\ 8.16 \\ 7.70 \\ 7.10 \\ 4.6 \\ 3.6 \\ \hline \\ & d_{exp}/\text{\AA} \\ \hline \\ 100 & 32.9 \\ 19.1 \\ 16.5 \\ 12.7 \\ 10.9 \\ 6.5 \\ 4.7 \\ 3.6 \\ \hline \end{array}$	T/(°C) $d_{exp}/Å$ Indexation   85 36.18 $d_{10}$ 20.73 $d_{11}$ 11.87 $d_{30}$ 10.30 $d_{22}$ 9.80 $d_{31}$ 8.93 $d_{40}$ 8.16 $d_{41}$ 7.70 -   7.10 $d_{50}$ 4.6 $h_{ch}$ 3.6 $h_0$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

## Table 3. X-ray diffraction data for Pd(II) complexes (11 and 12)

The columnar lattice parameter was calculated with the following relationship  $a = d_{10} \ge 2/3^{1/2}$ , where the cross-section area was calculated as following:  $S = a^2 x 3^{1/2}/2$ .



Figure S1. Pictures of **10** taken at room temperature, without irradiation (a) and of the same area irradiated within the 380 - 420 nm range (b)



Figure S2. POM textures shown by complex **11** at  $140^{\circ}$ C (a) and complex **12** at  $110^{\circ}$ C (b). Pictures of complex **12** taken at 30°C with no irradiation (c) and irradiated within the 380 - 420 nm range (d)



Figure S3. Powder X-ray diffractogram of complex 11 recorded at 30°C before melting



Figure S4. The emission spectrum of complex 3, ( $\lambda_{exc} = 380$  nm,  $\Phi = 0.08$ ,  $1 \times 10^{-4}$ M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution)



Figure S5. DSC curve for **1b** (first heating-cooling cycle (a) and second heating - cooling cycle (b))



Figure S6. DSC trace for complex 10



Figure S7. DSC trace for complex **11**, first heating-cooling cycle (a) and second heating-cooling cycle (b)



Figure S8. DSC trace for complex 12



Figure S9. The emission spectra of palladium(II) complexes recorded in dichloromethane solution



Figure S10. The solid-state emission spectra of 12 ( $\lambda_{exc}$ =380 nm)



Figure S11. The solid-state emission of **11** before and after heating ( $\lambda_{exc}$ =480 nm)



Figure S12. The solid-state emission of **12** before and after heating ( $\lambda_{exc}$ =480 nm)

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