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# Palladium(II) mononuclear and palladium(II)/ruthenium(II) heterodinuclear complexes containing 2-quinolyl-substituted (pyridine-2-carbonyl)hydrazone

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## **Experimental details**

*General*: All reagents and solvents were commercially available and used without further purification. The starting materials,  $[PdCl_2(cod)]^1$  and  $HL^2$ , were prepared according to the literature methods. A mixture of *E*- and *Z*-isomers (58:42) of HL was used for preparation of the palladium(II) complexes.

## Synthesis of complexes

[PdCl{L-κN(quinoline),κN(hydrazonato),κN(pyridine)}] (1): To an acetonitrile solution (15 mL) of a mixture of *E*- and *Z*-isomers of HL (96.7 mg, 0.35 mmol) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (48.7 µl, 0.35 mmol) and [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(cod)] (99.9 mg, 0.35 mmol); the mixture was stirred to dissolve [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(cod)] completely. Then, the mixture was allowed to stand for several days at room temperature. The reddish crystalline product precipitated was collected by filtration and dried in air. Yield: 140 mg (96%). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>OPd: C, 46.07; H, 2.66; N, 13.43%. Found: C, 45.99; H, 2.09; N, 13.37%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 9.38 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 9.35 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (ddd, J = 5.3, 4.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 5.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H, azomethine-H). The single-crystals of **1**•0.5CH<sub>3</sub>CN suitable for X-ray analysis were directly picked up from the reaction solution, and those of **1**•0.5CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were obtained from a dichloromethane solution of **1** by slow evaporation at ambient temperature.

[PdCl<sub>2</sub>{HL'-κN(hydrazonato),κN(pyridine)}] (2): Solid [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(cod)] (37.5 mg, 0.13

mmol) was added to an acetonitrile solution (8.5 mL) of a mixture of *E*- and *Z*-isomers of HL (36.2 mg, 0.13 mmol), and the mixture was stirred to dissolve  $[PdCl_2(cod)]$  completely. To the reaction mixture was diffused diisopropyl ether vapor. After 1 d at ambient temperature yellow platelet crystals of **2**•0.5CH<sub>3</sub>CN•H<sub>2</sub>O were obtained as well as reddish crystalline solids of **1**•0.5CH<sub>3</sub>CN. These crystals were separated under the microscope and used for X-ray analysis and spectroscopic measurements. Because of the poor solubility of **2** in common (deuterated) organic solvents, <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2** could not be measured.

*trans(Cl,Cl)*-[PdCl( $\mu$ -L)RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] (3): Complex 1 (41.7 mg, 0.10 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (15 mL) on heating, and [RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] (95.9 mg, 0.10 mmol) was then added to the solution. After stirring the mixture for 3 h at room temperature, the solvent was evaporated (to ca. 5 mL) under reduced pressure. Hexane (15 mL) was added to the concentrate, affording a green precipitate, which was collected by filtration and dried in air. Yield: 110 mg (99%). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>52</sub>H<sub>41</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>OP<sub>2</sub>PdRu·0.5CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: C, 54.54; H, 3.66; N, 4.85%. Found: C, 54.66; H, 3.48; N, 4.69%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (td, *J* = 1.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 6H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (ddd, *J* = 9.8, 8.5, 1.3 Hz, 6H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 4H), 7.06 (dd, J = 11.2, 1.6 Hz, 6H), 7.06 (td, J = 13.5, 1.9 Hz, 6H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 47.27 (d, *J*<sub>P,P</sub> = 35 Hz), 37.79 (d). Green prismatic crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were deposited by slow diffusion of layered hexane into a dichloromethane solution of the crude product.

#### Measurements

Proton and phosphorus-31 NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian NMR System 400-MR spectrometers. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>31</sup>P NMR chemical shifts were referenced to the residual solvent peak and the external 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, respectively. Cyclic voltammograms were measured using a BAS 100B/W electrochemical workstation with dichloromethane solutions containing Bu<sub>4</sub>NClO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 M) as a supporting electrolyte, at scan rate of 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. The three-electrode system consisting of a glassy carbon working, a platinum wire auxiliary, and an Ag/Ag<sup>+</sup> (Ag/0.01 M AgNO<sub>3</sub>) reference electrodes were used. UV-vis absorption spectra were recorded on a Jasco V-550 spectrophotometer.

### Crystallography

Each single-crystal of complexes  $1 \cdot 0.5$ CH<sub>3</sub>CN,  $1 \cdot 0.5$ CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and  $3 \cdot 2$ CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was glued on a top of glass fiber. The X-ray diffraction data were obtained at 25(1) °C using a Rigaku SCXmini CCD detector with graphite-monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å). A single-crystal of complex  $2 \cdot 0.5$ CH<sub>3</sub>CN $\cdot$ H<sub>2</sub>O was mounted with a cryoloop and flash cooled using a cold nitrogen

stream. The X-ray diffraction data were obtained at -110(1) °C using a Rigaku VariMax diffractometer with a Saturn CCD detector. The data were processed using the Process-Auto or the CrystalClear software package,<sup>3</sup> and the numerical absorption corrections were applied.<sup>4</sup> The structures were solved using the direct method employing the SIR2004, SIR2011,<sup>5</sup> or SHELXS97<sup>6</sup> software package and refined on  $F^2$  (with all independent reflections) using the SHELXL97 or SHELXL2013 software package.<sup>6</sup> All non-H atoms were refined anisotopically. In the analyses for 1•0.5CH<sub>3</sub>CN and 1•0.5CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> all H-atoms were refined isotropically, while those of 3•2CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were placed at the theoretical positions and treated using riding models. For the analysis of 2•CH<sub>3</sub>CN•H<sub>2</sub>O, the quinolinium H-atom was located in a D-synthesis map and refined isotropically, but the other H-atoms in the complex molecule were theoretically introduced and treated using riding models. H atoms of the solvated CH<sub>3</sub>CN and H<sub>2</sub>O molecules were not included in the calculation. All calculations were carried out using the CrystalStructure software package.<sup>7</sup>

The crystal data are collected in Table S1, and selected structural parameters are listed in Table S2.

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Table	<b>S1</b> .	Crystal	lographic	: Data
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Abbreviation	1•0.5CH <sub>3</sub> CN	1•0.5CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	<b>2•</b> 0.5CH <sub>3</sub> CN•H <sub>2</sub> O	<b>3</b> •2CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>
Formula	$C_{17}H_{12.5}Cl_2N_{4.5}OPd$	$C_{16.5}H_{12}Cl_2N_4OPd$	$C_{17}H_{15.5}Cl_2N_{4.5}O_2Pd$	C54H45Cl7N4OP2PdRu
FW	437.67	459.61	492.14	1283.56
T / K	298(1)	298(1)	163(1)	298(1)
Colour, shape	Orange, prism	Orange, prism	Yellow, platelet	Green, prism
Crystal size / mm	$0.20\times0.13\times0.06$	$0.30 \times 0.30 \times 0.20$	$0.20\times0.10\times0.02$	$0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.10$
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group, Z	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i> , 8	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i> , 8	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i> , 8	<i>P</i> 1, 2
<i>a</i> / Å	10.9736(2)	22.4138(4)	27.991(6)	10.7286(5)
<i>b</i> / Å	13.3638(2)	9.6592(2)	7.563(2)	15.3170(8)
<i>c</i> / Å	21.7523(4)	17.3560(3)	17.189(6)	17.1968(9)
$\alpha$ / deg.	90	90	90	93.998(2)
$\beta$ / deg.	90.796(1)	118.589(1)	95.354(15)	101.667(1)
γ / deg.	90	90	90	91.621(2)
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	3189.65(10)	3299.42(11)	3623.0(18)	2758.2(2)
$D_{\rm x}$ / Mg m <sup>-3</sup>	1.823	1.675	1.814	1.545
<i>F(000)</i>	1736	1816	1960	1288
$\mu$ (Mo K <sub>a</sub> ) / mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.345	1.461	1.346	1.039
$T_{\min}, T_{\max}$	0.775, 0.9248	0.697, 0.782	0.852, 0.973	0.746, 0.903
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0327	0.0158	0.0314	0.0721
Refln./param. ratio	3663/276	3761/271	4140/253	12577/631
$R1 [F_o^2 > 2 \Box (F_o^2)]$	0.0255	0.0202	0.0355	0.0647
wR2 (all refln)	0.0596	0.0532	0.0966	0.1525
GoF	1.051	1.086	1.099	1.054

	1•0.5CH <sub>3</sub> CN	1•0.5CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	<b>2•</b> 0.5CH <sub>3</sub> CN•H <sub>2</sub> O	<b>3</b> •2CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	4
Pd1—Cl1 (Cl3 for 3)	2.3359(6)	2.3391(5)	2.2956(11)	2.3140(18)	_
Pd1—Cl2	—		2.3145(12)	—	
Pd1—N1	2.0438(18)	2.0379(16)		2.036(4)	—
Pd1—N3	1.9669(18)	1.9660(15)	2.071(2)	1.983(5)	
Pd1—N4	2.0361(18)	2.0393(16)	2.020(3)	2.034(5)	
Ru1—Cl1	_	_	_	2.4150(16)	2.430(1)
Ru1—Cl2	—			2.4113(17)	2.400(1)
Ru1—P1				2.3172(13)	2.313(1)
Ru1—P2				2.3369(15)	2.331(1)
Ru1—O1				2.133(4)	2.163(3)
Ru1—N2				2.146(5)	2.143(4)
O1—C11	1.212(3)	1.216(2)	1.238(4)	1.250(7)	1.245(6)
N3—C11	1.378(3)	1.375(2)	1.367(4)	1.336(7)	1.341(6)
N3—Pd1—Cl1 (Cl3)	168.85(6)	169.24(5)	166.26(14)	166.26(14)	
N4—Pd1—Cl2			176.65(8)	—	
N1—Pd1—N4	171.20(7)	169.28(6)		171.87(19)	
$ au_4{}^a$	0.14	0.15	0.12	0.15	
plane(CAH) <sup>b</sup> vs. plane(qn) <sup>c</sup>	27.0(1)	29.6(1)	2.3(1)	20.4(2)	16.5(2)
plane(CAH) vs. plane(py) <sup>d</sup>	15.9(1)	18.9(1)	2.4(1)	12.2(3)	3.2(2)
plane(qn) vs. plane(py)	41.22(7)	45.6(1)	3.9(1)	31.1(2)	18.5(2)

Table S2. Selected structural parameters of complexes 1, 2, 3 and the related Ru complex, 4.<sup>*a*</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Ref. 1. <sup>b</sup>Defined by N2, N3, C11 and O1. <sup>c</sup>Defined by N1, C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, C8, and C9. <sup>d</sup>Defined by N4, C12, C13, C14, C15 and C16.



**Figure S1** Absorption spectra of (*a*) complexes **1** (red) and **2** (orange) and (*b*) complex **3** (green) in acetonitrile at room temperature (~25 °C).



**Figure S2** Cyclic voltammogram of complex **3** in dichloromethane at room temperature (~25 °C).  $\Delta E_p = 75 \text{ mV} (\Delta E_p = E_{pa} - E_{pc}).$ 



**Figure S3.** <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra of complex **3** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Lower (black) spectrum was measured after ca. 1 h when a crude reaction product from complex **1** and [RuCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] in dichloromethane for 3 h (see: Experimental section) was dissolved in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Upper (purple) was a spectrum of a prolonged (~10 h) reaction product from the same precursors in dichloromethane.