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# Quantitative Synthesis and Full Characterization of the First Isolated and Stable Pincer Palladium(IV) Complexes. Quantitative and Regioselective Synthesis of the C–X (X = Cl, Br) Reductive Elimination Products

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## **Experimental Section**

**General Procedures.** The reactions were carried out without precautions to exclude light, atmospheric oxygen or moisture. Melting points were determined on a Reicher apparatus and are uncorrected. Elemental analyses were carried out with a Carlo Erba 1106 microanalyzer. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 16F PC FT-IR spectrometer with Nujol mulls between polyethylene sheets. NMR spectra were recorded on a Brucker AC 200, or Avance 300 or 400 spectrometers at room temperature. Chemical shifts were referred to TMS (<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C). When needed, NMR assignments were performed with the help of APT, HMQC and HMBC techniques. Chart 1 shows the atom numbering used for NMR assignments.



Chart 1

**Synthesis of [Pd(***O*,*N*,*C*-**L**)**Br] (1b).** To a solution of [Pd(*O*,*N*,*C*-L)Cl] (225.2 mg; 0.643 mmol) in acetone (27 mL), NaBr (265.4 mg; 2.58 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 45 min, concentrated to dryness and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL). The solution was concentrated (1 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 mL) and *n*-pentane (15 mL) were added. The resulting suspension was filtered and the solid washed with *n*-pentane and air-dried to give **1b** as a yellow solid. Yield: 248.3 mg, 98%. Mp: 198–199 °C. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu$ (C=O) 1686. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 20 °C):  $\delta$  8.17 (t, 1 H, H4, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 8 Hz), 7.82 (dd, 1 H, H3, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 1.2 Hz), 7.64 (dd, 1 H, H5, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> =1.2 Hz), 3.50 (s, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.43 (s, 6 H, OMe), 1.77 (s, 3 H, Me). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75.45 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 20 °C):  $\delta$  204.0 (CO), 158.3 (C7), 152.2 (C8), 139.3 (C4), 126.5 (C5), 123.6 (C3), 107.0 (C6), 51.6 (MeO), 29.6 (C1), 25.0 (Me). Anal. Calcd

for  $C_{11}H_{14}NO_3BrPd$ : C, 33.49 ; H, 3.58 ; N, 3.55. Found: C, 33.42; H, 3.38; N, 3.82. Single crystals were obtained by slow diffusion of *n*-pentane into a CHCl<sub>3</sub> solution of **1b**.

**Synthesis of** *mer*-[**Pd**(*O*,*N*,*C*-**L**)**Cl**<sub>3</sub>] (**2a**). To a cooled (0 °C) solution of [Pd(*O*,*N*,*C*-L)Cl] (**1a**) (48.7 mg, 0.14 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) was added a saturated solution of Cl<sub>2</sub> in CCl<sub>4</sub> (1 mL). The resulting suspension was stirred for 5 min and Et<sub>2</sub>O (6 mL) was added. The suspension was filtered, the solid was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O and air-dried to give **2a** as a yellow solid. Yield: 54.6 mg, 93 %. Mp: 107–108 °C. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): v(C=O) 1723, v(Pd–Cl) 355. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 20 °C):  $\delta$  8.33 (t, 1 H, H4, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7.6 Hz), 8.14 (dd, 1 H, H3, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7.6 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 1.2 Hz), 6.04 (br, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.89 (br, 3 H, OMe), 3.28 (br, 3 H, OMe), 1.95 (s, 3 H, Me). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, -50 °C):  $\delta$  8.50 (t, 1 H, H4, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7.6 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 1.2 Hz), 8.05 (dd, 1 H, H5, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7.6 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 12.4 Hz), 5.97 (d, 1 H, CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 12.4 Hz), 3.94 (s, 3 H, OMe), 1.99 (s, 3 H, Me). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>Pd: C, 31.38 ; H, 3.35; N, 3.33. Found: C, 31.07; H, 3.11; N, 3.19. Single crystals were obtained by slow diffusion of Et<sub>2</sub>O into a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution of **2a** at 4 °C.

**Synthesis of** *mer*-[**Pd**(*O*,*N*,*C*-**L**)**Br**<sub>3</sub>] (2b). To a cooled (0 °C) solution of **1b** (45.0 mg, 0.11 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) was added Br<sub>2</sub> (20  $\mu$ L, 0.39 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 2 min and Et<sub>2</sub>O (6 mL) was added. The suspension was filtered, the solid was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O and dried under N<sub>2</sub> to give **2b** as a dark red crystals. Yield: 59.9 mg, 95 %. Mp: 110–111 °C. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu$ (C=O) 1718. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 20 °C):  $\delta$  8.30 (t, 1 H, H4, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7.6 Hz), 8.13 (dd, 1 H, H3, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7.6 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 1.4 Hz), 7.87 (dd, 1 H, H5, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7.6 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 1.4 Hz), 6.06 (br, 2 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.83 (br, 3 H, OMe), 3.32 (br, 3 H, OMe), 1.96 (s, 3 H, Me). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, -55 °C):  $\delta$  8.46 (t, 1 H, H4, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7.6 Hz), 8.24 (dd, 1 H, H3, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7.6 Hz, <sup>4</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 13 Hz), 5.96 (d, 1 H, CH<sub>2</sub>, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 13 Hz), 3.88 (s, 3 H, OMe), 3.31 (s, 3 H, OMe), 2.00 (s, 3 H, Me). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>Pd: C, 23.83 ; H, 2.55; N, 2.53. Found: C, 23.65 ; H, 2.33 ; N, 2.35. Single crystals were obtained at 4 °C by slow diffusion of Et<sub>2</sub>O into a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution of **2b**.

Synthesis of  $C_5H_3N{C(O)Me}-2-{C(O)CH_2Cl}-6$  (3a). *Method a*. A mixture of 2a (181.4 mg, 0.43 mmol) and unanhydrized MeCN (30 mL) was stirred until a solution was obtained (1 h) and then was concentrated to dryness. The resulting residue was vigorously stirred in *n*-pentane

(30 mL) for 30 min to give a suspension, which was filtered, the solid washed with *n*-pentane and air-dried to give [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(NCMe)<sub>2</sub>] as a yellow solid. The filtrate was concentrated to dryness to give **3a** as a colorless solid. Yield: 80.2 mg, 94%. Mp: 115-116 °C. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu$ (C=O) 1721, 1694;  $\nu$ (C=N) 1579. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 20 °C):  $\delta$  8.28 (m, 2H), 8.05 (m, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.77 (s, 3H, Me). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100.81 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 20 °C):  $\delta$  198.7 (s, *C*(O)Me), 191.5 (s, *C*(O)CH<sub>2</sub>Cl), 152.7 (s, *C*C(O)Me), 150.7 (s, *C*C(O)Cl), 138.5 (s, CH, *p*-C), 125.7 (s, CH, *m*-C), 125.6 (s, CH, *m*-C), 46.9 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.6 (s, Me). HRMS calc for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>ClN (M + H<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 197.024, found *m*/*z* 197.025. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>ClN: C, 54.70 ; H, 4.08; N, 7.09. Found: C, 55.05 ; H, 4.19 ; N, 6.96.

*Method b.* To a cooled (0 °C) solution of **2a** (36.6 mg, 0.09 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (6 mL) was added <sup>t</sup>Bubpy, 23.3 mg, 0.09 mmol) and NaClO<sub>4</sub> (21.3 mg, 0.17 mmol). After 10 min the solution was filtered through Celite and concentrated (1 mL). Addition of Et<sub>2</sub>O (8 mL) gave a suspension that was filtered off. The resulting solid was identified as [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(<sup>t</sup>bpy)]. The filtrate was concentrated to dryness to give **3a** as a colorless solid. Yield:15.8 mg, 92 %.

Synthesis of C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>3</sub>N{C(O)Me}-2-{C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>Br}-6 (3b). A mixture of 2b (216.0 mg, 0.46 mmol) and unanhydrized MeCN (40 mL) was stirred (3 h) and then was concentrated to dryness. The resulting residue was vigorously stirred in *n*-pentane (40 mL) for 30 min to give a suspension, which was filtered to give [PdBr<sub>2</sub>(NCMe)<sub>2</sub>]. The filtrate was concentrated to dryness to give 3b as a colorless solid. Yield: 101.9 mg, 93%. Mp: 93-94 °C. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu$ (C=O) 1721, 1694;  $\nu$ (C=N) 1578. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 20 °C):  $\delta$  8.31-8.24 (m, 2H), 8.05 (m, 1H), 4.88 (s, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.79 (s, 3H, Me). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (50.30 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 20 °C):  $\delta$  198.8 (s, *C*(O)Me), 191.8 (s, *C*(O)CH<sub>2</sub>Br), 152.7 (s, *C*C(O)Me), 150.3 (s, *C*C(O)Br), 138.4 (s, CH, *p*-C), 125.8 (s, CH, *m*-C), 125.5 (s, CH, *m*-C), 31.4 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.6 (s, Me). HRMS calc for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BrN (M + H<sup>+</sup>) *m*/*z* 241.9811, found *m*/*z* 241.9812. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BrN: C, 44.66 ; H, 3.33; N, 5.79. Found: C, 44.62; H, 3.29 ; N, 5.89.







# 1H NMR spectra of 2a at -55 °C





# 1H NMR spectra of 2b at -55 °C



# 1H NMR spectra of 3a

8.296 8.296 8.293 8.287 8.284 8.274 8.274 8.274 8.276 8.276 8.276 8.076 8.076 8.056 8.037		5.167	2.776	1.576	-0.000
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9.0 8.5 8.0 7.5	7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5	5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5	3.0 2.5 2.0	1.5 1.0 0.5	 ppm
1.981		1.983	3.040		



1H NMR spectra of 3b





	1b	2a	2b
formula	$C_{11}H_{14}$ Br N $O_3$ Pd	$C_{11}H_{14}C_{13}NO_3Pd$	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>14</sub> Br <sub>3</sub> N O <sub>3</sub> Pd
M <sub>r</sub>	394.54	420.98	554.36
cryst size (mm)	0.17 x 0.12 x 0.10	0.21 x 0.15 x 0.09	0.24 x 0.22 x 0.16
cryst syst	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
space group	P2(1)/c	P2(1)/n	P2(1)/n
cell constants			
a, Á	9.6687(7)	8.5235(4)	8.8728(8)
b, A	9.9942(7)	13.5319(7)	13.3587(12)
c, A	13.8064(11)	12.8239(7)	13.1184(12)
a, deg	90	90	90
β, deg	107.748(2)	98.407(2)	99.193(2)
γ, deg	90	90	90
volume, (Å <sup>3</sup> ), Z	1270.63(16), 4	1463.20(13), 4	1534.9(2), 4
$\lambda$ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
$\rho(\text{calc}) (\text{Mgm}^{-3})$	2.062	1.911	2.399
F(000)	768	832	1048
<i>T</i> (K)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
μ, mm <sup>-1</sup>	4.600	1.817	9.020
transmissions	0.656 -0.568	0.854 - 0.767	0.326 - 0.212
$\theta$ , range (deg)	2.56 - 28.67	2.20 - 28.15	2.19-28.72
limiting indices	$-13 \le h \le 12$	-10 h ≤ 11	-11 ≤ h ≤11
-	$-13 \le k \le 12$	$-17 \le k \le 117$	-17 ≤ k ≤ 17
	$-17 \le l \le 18$	$-16 \le l \le 16$	$-17 \le l \le 17$
no. of reflns			
measd	15327	16440	18602
indep	3089	3390	3734
R <sub>int</sub>	0.021	0.0193	0.019
abs. corr	Semi-empirical	Semi-empirical	Semi-empirical
	from equivalents	from equivalents	from equivalents
refinement method	full- matrix least	full- matrix least	full- matrix least
	squares on $F^2$	squares on F <sup>2</sup>	squares on $F^2$
no. data/rest/params	3089 / 0 / 157	3390 / 5 / 190	3734 / 0 / 190
$S(F^2)$	1.059	1.083	1.078
R1 <sup>a</sup>	0.019	0.019	0.016
wR2 <sup>b</sup>	0.046	0.049	0.040
largest diff peak (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.764	0.422	0.434
max. Dr (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	-0.593	-0.684	-0.744

# Table 1. Crystal Data for Complexes 1b, 2a and 2b.

 $\frac{1}{a} R1 = \Sigma ||F_0| - |F_c|| / \Sigma ||F_0| \text{ for reflections with I} > 2\sigma(I). wR2 = [\Sigma[w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \Sigma[w(F_0^2)^2]^{0.5} \text{ for all reflections;}$   $w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F^2) + (aP)^2 + bP, \text{ where } P = (2F_c^2 + F_0^2) / 3 \text{ and a and b are constants set by the program.}$ 



Complex 2b

Br1 Br2

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