Michael addition-driven synthesis of cytotoxic palladium(II) complexes from chromone thiosemicarbazones: Investigation of anticancer activity through *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies

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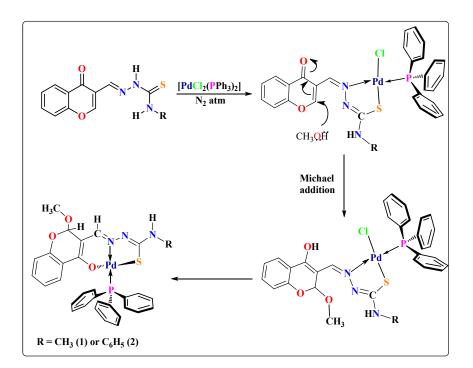
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#### Materials and methods

Chemicals obtained from commercial suppliers were used as received and were of analytical grade. The melting points were measured on a Lab India instrument and are uncorrected. Elemental analyses were carried out using a PerkinElmer instrument. FT-IR spectra were obtained as KBr pellets using a Ncolet-iS5 spectrophotometer. UV-Visible spectra were recorded using a Shimadzu-2600 spectrophotometer. NMR spectra were recorded in deuterated chloroform by using TMS as an internal standard on a Bruker 500 MHz spectrometer. X-ray diffraction data collection and corrections for complex **3** were done at 113(2) K with an APEX K<sub>a</sub> diffractometer using graphite monochromated MoK<sub>a</sub> (k = 0.71073 Å) radiation. The structural solution was obtained readily using XT/XS in APEX2<sup>1,2</sup> and refined by full matrix least squares on  $F^2$  using Olex2. The used (2*E*)-2-[(4-oxo-4*H*-chromen-3-yl)methylidene]hydrazinecarbothioamide-based chromone TSCs, bearing the terminal methyl (**SVSHL1**), phenyl (**SVSHL2**) or cyclohexyl (**SVSHL3**) substituent, were prepared according the formerly reported method.<sup>3</sup>



Scheme S1. Proposed mechanism for the formation of new Pd(II) complexes 1 and 2 based on previously reported mechanism for complex 3.<sup>3</sup>

#### **Results and discussion**

### Preliminary characterization using UV-Visible and FT-IR spectroscopy

UV-Visible spectra of the complexes were recorded in the wavelength range of 200-800 nm in DMSO. The absorption bands at 257 and 272 nm for complex 1 and 259 and 273 nm for complex 2 were specified to  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  and  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  transitions, respectively.<sup>4-6</sup> Complex 1 exhibited ligand to metal charge transfer transitions (LMCT) in the regions 368 and 381 nm. Similarly, the bands at 365 and 386 nm for complex 2 were related to LMCT.<sup>4</sup> FT-IR spectra of complexes 1 and 2 showed terminal N–H stretching frequency at 3365 or 3368 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The complexes showed an absorption band at 1480 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to the azomethine group. The bands at 1330 and 1332 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the spectra of complexes 1 and 2, respectively, were assigned to v(C–O). A band due to v(C–S) was observed at 1171 (1) or 1174 (2) cm<sup>-1</sup>. In addition, a band appeared at 1574 (1) or 1573 (2) cm<sup>-1</sup> was assigned to v(C=C–O). The presence of PPh<sub>3</sub> in the complexes was confirmed by the appearance of bands at 1434, 1095 and 760 cm<sup>-1.4,6</sup>

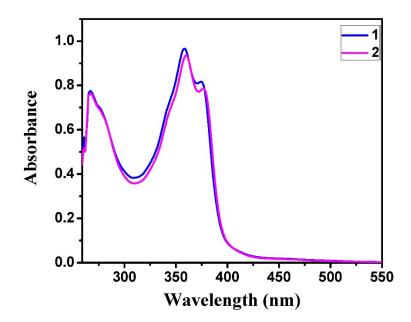


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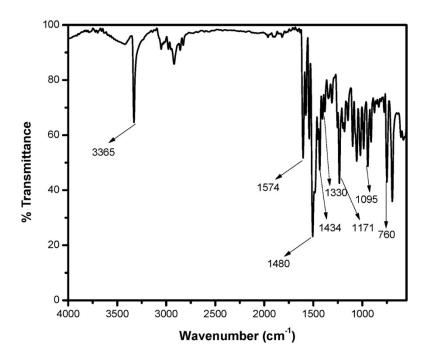


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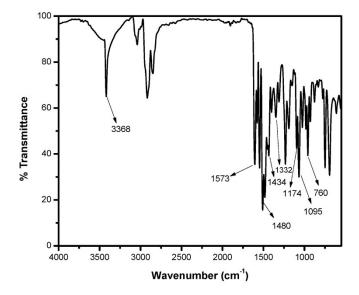


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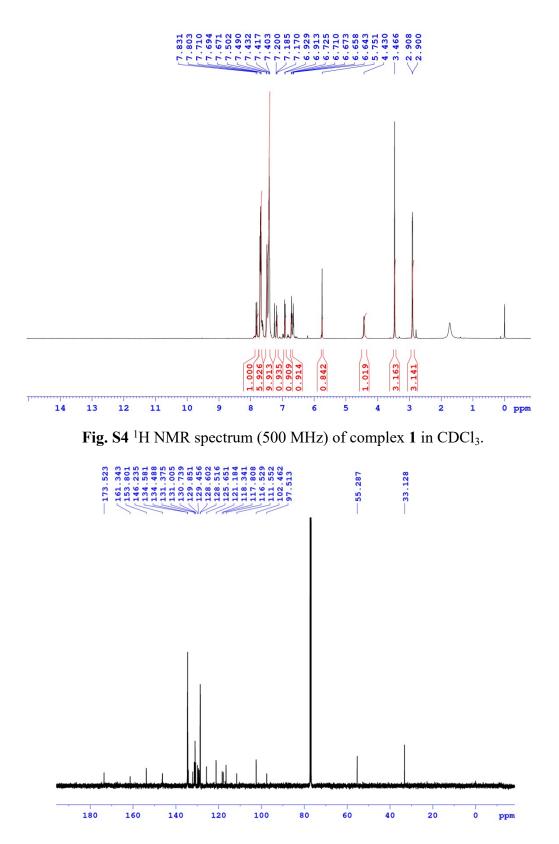


Fig. S5  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz) of complex 1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

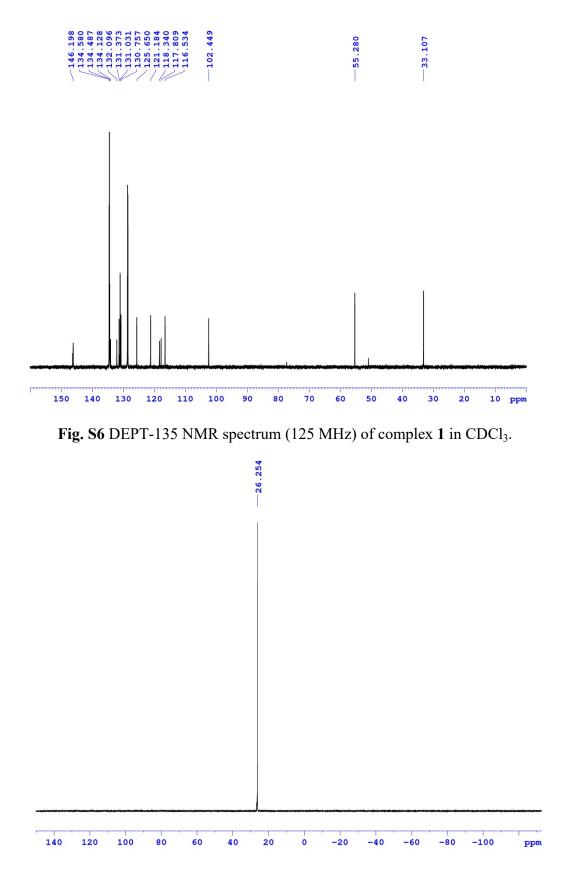


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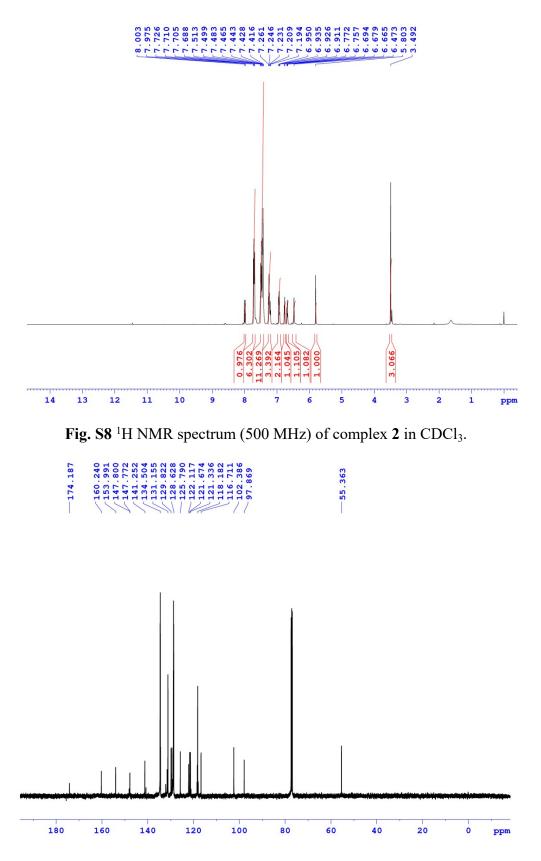


Fig. S9  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum (125 MHz) of complex 2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

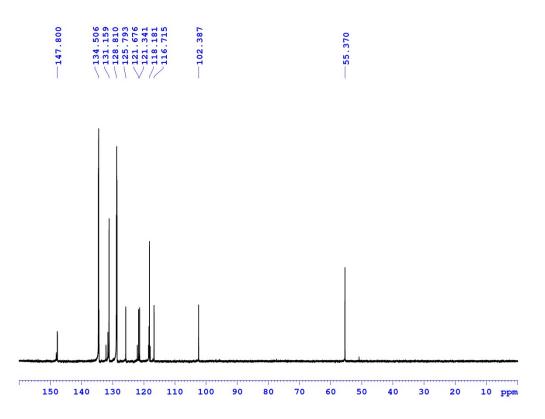


Fig. S10 DEPT-135 NMR spectrum (125 MHz) of complex 2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

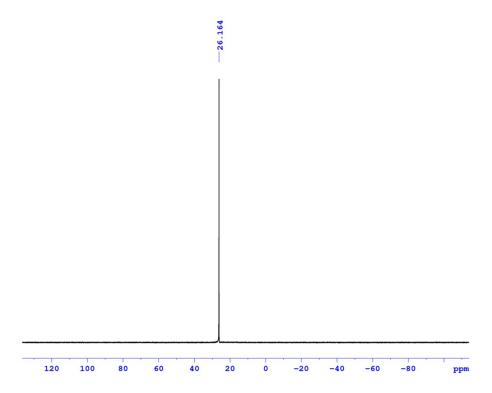


Fig. S11 <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (202 MHz) of complex 2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

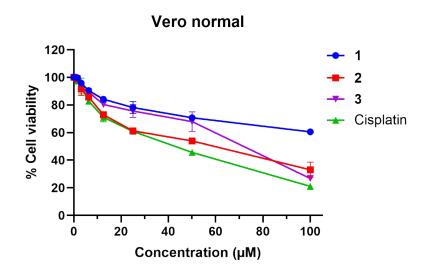


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