## Supporting Information

# Influence of acid-base equilibrium on interactions of some monofunctional coumarin Pd(II) complexes with biologically relevant nucleophiles-comprehensive kinetic study 

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To quantify the molar fractions of acid-base species, the relationship between the acid constants $(\mathrm{Ka})$ and the $p \mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{a}}$ values as well as the expression for the equilibrium constant of the deprotonation process was used:

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\begin{gather*}
K a_{1}=10^{-p K a 1}  \tag{1s}\\
K a_{2}=10^{-p K a 2}  \tag{2s}\\
K a_{3}=10^{-p K a 3}  \tag{3s}\\
K a_{4}=10^{-p K a 4}  \tag{4s}\\
K a_{1}=\frac{\left[A_{n}-R^{-}\right]\left[H^{+}\right]}{\left[A_{n}-R H\right]}  \tag{5s}\\
K a_{2}=\frac{\left[A_{n}-R^{2-}\right]\left[H^{+}\right]}{\left[A_{n}-R^{-}\right]}  \tag{6s}\\
K a_{3}=\frac{\left[A_{n}-R^{3-}\right]\left[H^{+}\right]}{\left[A_{n}-R^{2-}\right]}  \tag{7s}\\
K a_{4}=\frac{\left[A_{n}-R^{4-}\right]\left[H^{+}\right]}{\left[A_{n}-R^{3-}\right]} \tag{8s}
\end{gather*}
$$

Molar fractions ( $f$ ) of the represented acid-base species, were calculated using the following equations:

$$
\begin{gather*}
f\left(A_{n}-R^{4-}\right)=\frac{1}{1+\beta_{1}\left[H^{+}\right]+\beta_{2}\left[H^{+}\right]^{2}+\beta_{2}\left[H^{+}\right]^{2}+\beta_{4}\left[H^{+}\right]^{4}}  \tag{9s}\\
f\left(A_{n}-R^{3-}\right)=\beta_{1}\left[H^{+}\right] f\left(A_{n}-R^{4-}\right)  \tag{10s}\\
f\left(A_{n}-R^{2-}\right)=\beta_{2}\left[H^{+}\right]^{2} f\left(A_{n}-R^{3-}\right)  \tag{11s}\\
f\left(A_{n}-R^{-}\right)=\beta_{3}\left[H^{+}\right]^{3} f\left(A_{n}-R^{2-}\right) \tag{12s}
\end{gather*}
$$

where $\left[\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$represents the concentration of hydrogen ions at physiological pH in this case $\left(\left[\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]=3.98 \times 10^{-8} \mathrm{M}\right)$, while $\beta$ represents global formation equilibrium constants:

$$
\begin{gather*}
\beta_{1}=10^{p K a 4}  \tag{13s}\\
\beta_{2}=10^{p K a 4+p K a 3}  \tag{14s}\\
\beta_{3}=10^{p K a 4+p K a 3+p K a 2}  \tag{15s}\\
\beta_{4}=10^{p K a 4+p K a 3+p K a 2+p K a 1} \tag{16s}
\end{gather*}
$$

Table S1. Observed pseudo-first-order rate constants as a function of ligand concentration for the substitution reactions between complex $\mathbf{C 1}$ and $\mathbf{L}$-Cys in 25 mM Hepes buffer and 50 mM $\mathrm{NaCl}(\mathrm{pH}=7.2)$ at 288 K and 298 K .

| Ligand | $\mathbf{T}[\mathbf{K}]$ | $\boldsymbol{\lambda}[\mathbf{n m}]$ | $\mathbf{1 0}^{\mathbf{3}} \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{L}}[\mathbf{M}]$ | $\mathbf{k}_{\text {obsd }}\left[\mathbf{s}^{\mathbf{- 1}}\right]$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{L - C y s}$ | 288 | 260 | 1 | $53.85(6)^{\mathbf{a}}$ |
|  |  | 2 | $97.80(6)$ |  |
|  | 3 | $140.66(5)$ |  |  |
|  | 4 | $200.34(4)$ |  |  |
|  | 298 | 5 | $246.45(5)$ |  |
|  | 1 | $61.10(4)$ |  |  |
|  | 2 | $112.68(6)$ |  |  |
|  | 3 | $171.90(5)$ |  |  |
|  | 4 | $230.10(6)$ |  |  |
|  |  | 5 | $290.70(5)$ |  |

[^1]Table S2. Observed pseudo-first-order rate constants as a function of ligand concentration for the substitution reactions between complex $\mathbf{C 1}$ and nucleophiles in 25 mM Hepes buffer and 50 $\mathrm{mM} \mathrm{NaCl}(\mathrm{pH}=7.2)$ at 310 K .

| Nucleophile | $\lambda / \mathbf{n m}$ | $10^{3} \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{L}} / \mathrm{M}$ | $\mathbf{k}_{\text {obsd }} / \mathbf{s}^{-1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| L-Cys | 260 | 1 | 68.98(6) ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
|  |  | 2 | 160.05(5) |
|  |  | 3 | 250.58(5) |
|  |  | 4 | 307.36(6) |
|  |  | 5 | 374.06(5) |
| L-Met | 285 | 1 | 14.83(4) |
|  |  | 2 | 31.52(5) |
|  |  | 3 | 45.90(5) |
|  |  | 4 | 61.47(4) |
|  |  | 5 | 76.33(6) |
| 5'-GMP | 315 | 1 | 2.90(4) |
|  |  | 2 | 5.20(6) |
|  |  | 3 | 7.29(4) |
|  |  | 4 | 10.57(6) |
|  |  | 5 | 13.10(5) |

[^2]Table S3. Observed pseudo-first-order rate constants as a function of ligand concentration for the substitution reactions between complex $\mathbf{C} 2$ and $\mathbf{L}$-Cys in 25 mM Hepes buffer and 50 mM $\mathrm{NaCl}(\mathrm{pH}=7.2)$ at 288 K and 298 K.

| Ligand | $\mathbf{T}[\mathbf{K}]$ | $\boldsymbol{\lambda}[\mathbf{n m}]$ | $\mathbf{1 0}^{\mathbf{3}} \mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{L}}[\mathbf{M}]$ | $\mathbf{k}_{\text {obsd }}\left[\mathbf{s}^{\mathbf{- 1}}\right]$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{L - C y s}$ | 288 | 265 | 1 | $76.60(5)^{\mathrm{a}}$ |
|  |  | 2 | $138.44(6)$ |  |
|  |  | 3 | $208.10(5)$ |  |
|  |  | 4 | $278.54(5)$ |  |
|  |  | 5 | $347.90(5)$ |  |
|  | 298 | 1 | $87.20(5)$ |  |
|  |  | 2 | $160.77(6)$ |  |
|  |  | 4 | $255.50(5)$ |  |
|  |  | 5 | $320.68(4)$ |  |
|  |  |  | $408.80(5)$ |  |

[^3]Table S4. Observed pseudo-first-order rate constants as a function of ligand concentration for the substitution reactions between complex $\mathbf{C} 2$ and nucleophiles in 25 mM Hepes buffer and 50 $\mathrm{mM} \mathrm{NaCl}(\mathrm{pH}=7.2)$ at 310 K .

| Nucleophile | $\lambda / \mathbf{n m}$ | $10^{3} \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{L}} / \mathrm{M}$ | $\mathbf{k}_{\text {obsd }} / \mathbf{s}^{-1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| L-Cys | 265 | 1 | 97.74(5) ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
|  |  | 2 | 232.70(5) |
|  |  | 3 | 393.94(5) |
|  |  | 4 | 460.87(4) |
|  |  | 5 | 551.49(5) |
| L-Met | 280 | 1 | 23.91(5) |
|  |  | 2 | 43.60(5) |
|  |  | 3 | 64.05(5) |
|  |  | 4 | 85.89(4) |
|  |  | 5 | 112.56(6) |
| 5'-GMP | 320 | 1 | 6.39(5) |
|  |  | 2 | 13.66(6) |
|  |  | 3 | 20.59(6) |
|  |  | 4 | 25.70(6) |
|  |  | 5 | 32.88(5) |

${ }^{a}$ Number of runs in parenthesis.


Figure S1. Kinetic trace for the reaction of $\mathbf{C} 2$ complex $\left(1 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M}\right)$ with $\mathbf{L - M e t}\left(4 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{M}\right)$ at $\mathrm{pH}=7.2(25 \mathrm{mM}$ Hepes with addition 50 mM NaCl$)$ and 310 K .


Figure S2. Eyring plots for the reaction of $\mathbf{C 1}$ and $\mathbf{C} 2$ with $\mathbf{L}-\mathbf{C y s}$ at $\mathrm{pH}=7.2(25 \mathrm{mM}$ HEPES with addition 50 mM NaCl ).

Table S5. Molar fractions ( $f, \%$ ) of differently represented acid-base species of $\mathbf{L}-\mathbf{C y s}$ amino acid at different pH values.

| $\mathbf{p H}$ | L-Cys $^{+}$ | L-Cys $^{\text {( }}$ | L-Cys $^{-}$ | L-Cys $^{\mathbf{2 -}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.0 | 99.12 | 0.88 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1.0 | 91.82 | 8.18 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2.0 | 52.88 | 47.12 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3.0 | 10.09 | 89.91 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4.0 | 1.11 | 98.88 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| 5.0 | 0.11 | 99.79 | 0.10 | 0.00 |
| 6.0 | 0.01 | 99.00 | 0.99 | 0.00 |
| 7.0 | 0.00 | 90.90 | 9.09 | 0.01 |
| 7.2 | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{8 6 . 3 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 . 6 8}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 1}$ |
| 8.0 | 0.00 | 49.86 | 49.86 | 0.28 |
| 9.0 | 0.00 | 8.65 | 86.49 | 4.86 |
| 10.0 | 0.00 | 0.64 | 63.60 | 35.76 |
| 11.0 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 15.10 | 84.89 |
| 12.0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.75 | 98.25 |
| 13.0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.18 | 99.82 |
| 14.0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 99.98 |



Figure S3. Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate (IRC) diagrams connecting the C1-SH-Cys transition state (TS) with two minima: pre-reaction (PRC) and post-reaction (PoRC) complexes on the singlet potential energy surface obtained with M06-2X functional in conjunction with 6$311++\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p})$ basis set $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{Cl}$, and H/def2-TZVPD, triple-zeta-valence, basis set for atom Pd. Legend: grey - carbon atom, white - hydrogen atom, red - oxygen atom, blue - nitrogen atom, yellow - sulfur.


Figure S4. Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate (IRC) diagrams connecting the C1-O-Cys ${ }^{-}$transition state (TS) with two minima: pre-reaction (PRC) and post-reaction (PoRC) complexes on the singlet potential energy surface obtained with M06-2X functional in conjunction with 6$311++\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p})$ basis set $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{Cl}$, and H/def2-TZVPD, triple-zeta-valence, basis set for atom Pd. Legend: grey - carbon atom, white - hydrogen atom, red - oxygen atom, blue - nitrogen atom, yellow - sulfur.


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Figure S6. Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate (IRC) diagrams connecting the C2-O-Cys transition state (TS) with two minima: pre-reaction (PRC) and post-reaction (PoRC) complexes on the singlet potential energy surface obtained with M06-2X functional in conjunction with 6$311++\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p})$ basis set $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{Cl}$, and H/def2-TZVPD, triple-zeta-valence, basis set for atom Pd. Legend: grey - carbon atom, white - hydrogen atom, red - oxygen atom, blue - nitrogen atom, yellow - sulfur.


Figure S7. Intrinsic Reaction Coordinate (IRC) diagrams connecting the C2-SH-Cys transition state (TS) with two minima: pre-reaction (PRC) and post-reaction (PoRC) complexes on the singlet potential energy surface obtained with M06-2X functional in conjunction with 6$311++\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p})$ basis set $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{Cl}$, and $\mathrm{H} /$ def2-TZVPD, triple-zeta-valence, basis set for atom Pd. Legend: grey - carbon atom, white - hydrogen atom, red - oxygen atom, blue - nitrogen atom, yellow - sulfur.


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Table S6. Summed total energies ( $G$ (Hartree)) of reaction participants (local minima and maxima) obtained from IRC calculations

| Acid-base <br> species | C1 (Total energy, $G$ (Hartree)) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | PRC | TS | PoRC |
| O-Cys | -2207.523801 | -2207.506403 | -2207.519360 |
| HS-Cys | -2207.510977 | -2207.493530 | -2207.501181 |
| O-Cys $^{-}$ | -2207.062323 | -2207.044306 | -2207.058538 |
| S-Cys | -2207.071232 | -2207.055804 | -2207.080959 |
| Acid-base <br> species | C2 (Total energy, $G$ (Hartree)) |  |  |
|  | -2491.181094 | -2491.164646 |  |
| HS-Cys | -2491.173520 | -2491.157053 | -2491.182575 |
| O-Cys $^{-}$ | -2490.717309 | -2490.700565 | -2490.165609 |
| S-Cys | -2490.714322 | -2490.706464 | -2490.733251 |

Table S7. The bond length of the interest, the Wiberg bond indices (WBIs), natural atomic charges (NACs), total natural populations (TNPs, in parentheses), and natural electron (NECs) of selected atoms/ions for transition states (TS) of $\mathbf{C 1}$ compound

| O-Cys |  |  |  |  | HS-Cys |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP | Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP |  |


| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 0.4613 | Pd | 0.826 | 45.174 | Pd-O 3 | 0.4578 | Pd | 0.803 | 45.192 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pd- ${ }_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.3345 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.641 | 8.641 | Pd-O ${ }_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.2887 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.647 | 8.647 |
| Pd- $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | 0.5552 | $\mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | -0.745 | 8.745 | Pd- $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | 0.5581 | $\mathrm{O}_{4}$ " | -0.723 | 8.723 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.2160 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | -0.479 | 7.470 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.1922 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | -0.476 | 7.476 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.805 | 17.805 |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.812 | 17.812 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}$ | 0.1794 | $\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}$ | -0.768 | 8.768 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | 0.2481 | $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | 0.029 | 15.971 |
| NEC | Pd[core] $5 s^{0.25} 4 d^{8.63} 5 p^{0.29} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | Pd[core] $5 s^{0.25} 4 d^{8.67} 5 p^{0.27} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core $] 2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{4.97} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{4.98} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{4 \times}{ }^{[ }$[core $] 2 s^{1.63} 2 p^{5.10} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{\prime}$ [core $] 2 s^{1.66} 2 p^{5.05} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$,[core $] 2 s^{1.29} 2 p^{4.15} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.29} 2 p^{4.16} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.96} 3 p^{5.85}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.96} 3 p^{5.85}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 2 s^{1.69} 2 p^{5.06} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.68} 3 p^{4.26} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  |  |
| O-Cys |  |  |  |  | S-Cys |  |  |  |  |
| Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP | Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 0.4539 | Pd | 0.821 | 45.179 | Pd-O ${ }_{3}$ | 0.4630 | Pd | 0.712 | 45.288 |
| Pd-O4' | 0.3539 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.642 | 8.643 | $\mathrm{Pd}^{\left(\mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}\right.}$ | 0.3522 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.632 | 8.632 |
| Pd- $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | 0.5481 | $\mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | -0.749 | 8.749 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N}_{1}{ }^{\prime}$ | 0.4931 | $\mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | -0.772 | 7.489 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.2173 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | 0.472 | 7.472 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.3341 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | -0.489 | 8.773 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.817 | 17.817 |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.782 | 17.782 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}$ | 0.1892 | $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}$ | -0.749 | 8.775 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | 0.2997 | $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | -0.539 | 16.539 |
| NEC | Pd[core] $5 s^{0.25} 4 d^{8.63} 5 p^{0.29} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\operatorname{Pd}[$ core $] 5 s^{0.264} 4 d^{8.64} 5 p^{0.37} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{4.98} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{4.97} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{\prime}$ [core $] 2 s^{1.63} 2 p^{5.10} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{4} \cdot[$ [core $] 2 s^{1.62} 2 p^{5.13} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.29} 2 p^{4.16} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.30} 2 p^{4.17} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[\text { core }] 3 s^{1.96} 3 p^{5.85}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[\text { core }] 3 s^{1.94} 3 p^{5.84}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 2 s^{1.69} 2 p^{5.06} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.78} 3 p^{4.73} 3 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |

Table S8. The bond length of the interest, the Wiberg bond indices (WBIs), natural atomic charges (NACs), total natural populations (TNPs, in parentheses), and natural electron (NECs) of selected atoms/ions for transition states (TS) of $\mathbf{C} 2$ compound

| O-Cys |  |  |  |  | HS-Cys |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP | Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP |
| ${\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{3}}^{0} 0.4225$ | Pd | 0.587 | 45.413 | $\mathrm{Pd}^{-} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 0.4262 | Pd | 0.514 | 45.486 |  |


| Pd-S ${ }_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.6194 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.642 | 8.642 | Pd-S ${ }_{4}$ " | 0.6053 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.648 | 8.648 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pd- ${ }_{1}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.5156 | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$ " | 0.267 | 15.733 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | 0.5142 | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$ " | 0.257 | 15.743 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.2808 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | -0.476 | 7.476 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.2640 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | -0.480 | 7.480 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.768 | 17.768 |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.772 | 17.772 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}$ | 0.1776 | $\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}$ | -0.794 | 8.794 | Pd-S $\mathrm{C}_{\text {Cys }}$ | 0.2976 | $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | 0.055 | 15.945 |
| NEC | $\operatorname{Pd}[$ core $] 5 s^{0.27} 4 d^{8.76} 5 p^{0.37} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | Pd[core] $5 s^{0.29} 4 d^{8.79} 5 p^{0.40} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{4.98} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{4.98} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{S}_{4}{ }^{\prime}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.65} 3 p^{4.05} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$ "[core] $3 s^{1.65} 3 p^{4.06} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, core $] 2{ }^{1.30} 2 p^{4.15} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.30} 2 p^{4.15} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.95} 3 p^{5.82}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.94} 3 p^{5.83}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 2 s^{1.70} 2 p^{5.08} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.67} 3 p^{4.24} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  |  |
| O-Cys ${ }^{-}$ |  |  |  |  | S-Cys ${ }^{-}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP | Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 0.4216 | Pd | 0.575 | 45.425 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 0.4195 | Pd | 0.436 | 45.564 |
| Pd-S ${ }_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.6257 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.641 | 8.641 | Pd-S ${ }_{4}$ " | 0.6415 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.639 | 8.639 |
| Pd- $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | 0.5079 | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$, | 0.280 | 15.720 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | 0.4623 | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$, | 0.273 | 15.727 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.3013 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | -0.479 | 7.479 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.3911 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | -0.489 | 7.489 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.764 | 17.764 |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.743 | 17.743 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}$ | 0.1800 | $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}$ | -0.813 | 8.813 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Cys}}$ | 0.3323 | $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | -0.526 | 16.526 |
| NEC | $\operatorname{Pd}[$ core $] 5 s^{0.27} 4 d^{8.76} 5 p^{0.38} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | Pd[core] $5 s^{0.29} 4 d^{8.79} 5 p^{0.47} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{4.98} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{4.98} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{S}_{4 \times}$ [ [core] $3 s^{1.65} 3 p^{4.03} 3 p^{0.01} 3 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$ "[ $[$ core $] 3 s^{1.64} 3 p^{4.05} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.30} 2 p^{4.15} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$,[core $] 2 s^{1.30} 2 p^{4.16} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.94} 3 p^{5.82}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.93} 3 p^{5.81}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}[$ core $] 2 s^{1.70} 2 p^{5.09} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.77} 3 p^{4.72} 3 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |



Figure S10. Optimized geometries of pre-reaction (PRC) complexes between the investigated compounds, $\mathbf{C 1}$ and $\mathbf{C 2}$, and acid-base forms of $\mathbf{L - C y s} / \mathbf{L}-\mathbf{C y s}^{-}$with intramolecular hydrogen bond (interrupted line) obtained with M06-2X functional in conjunction with $6-311++\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p})$ basis set $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{Cl}$, and H/def2-TZVPD, triple-zeta-valence, basis set for atom Pd theory in the water. Legend: grey - carbon atom, white - hydrogen atom, red - oxygen atom, blue - nitrogen atom, yellow - sulfur.

Table S9. The bond length of the interest, the Wiberg bond indices (WBIs), natural atomic charges (NACs), total natural populations (TNPs, in parentheses), and natural electron (NECs) of selected atoms/ions for pre-reaction complexes (PRC) of $\mathbf{C 1}$ compound

| O-Cys |  |  |  |  | HS-Cys |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP | Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 0.4349 | Pd | 0.742 | 45.258 | Pd-O ${ }_{3}$ | 0.4400 | Pd | 0.744 | 45.256 |
| Pd- $\mathrm{O}_{4 \prime \prime}$ | 0.3381 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.648 | 8.648 | Pd-O ${ }_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.2928 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.678 | 8.678 |
| Pd- $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | 0.5295 | $\mathrm{O}_{4}$ " | -0.752 | 8.752 | Pd- $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | 0.5267 | $\mathrm{O}_{4}$ " | -0.718 | 8.718 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.5000 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.477 | 7.477 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.5204 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.482 | 7.482 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.631 | 17.631 |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.628 | 17.628 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}$ | 0.0319 | $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}$ | -0.755 | 8.755 | Pd-S $\mathrm{S}_{\text {cys }}$ | 0.0390 | $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Cys}}$ | -0.054 | 16.054 |
| NEC | $\operatorname{Pd}[$ core $] 5 s^{0.29} 4 d^{8.68} 5 p^{0.27} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | Pd[core] $5 s^{0.29} 4 d^{8.86} 5 p^{0.27} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}[$ core $] 2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{4.98} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{4.99} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{4}$ [core $] 2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{5.09} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{\text {, }}$ [core $] 2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{5.05} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{N}_{1},[$ core $] 2 s^{1.29} 2 p^{4.16} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{N}_{1,}$ [ $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.29} 2 p^{4.16} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.92} 3 p^{5.71}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.92} 3 p^{5.71}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}[$ core $] 2 s^{1.71} 2 p^{5.03} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.70} 3 p^{4.32} 3 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
| O-Cys |  |  |  |  | S-Cys |  |  |  |  |
| Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP | Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP |
| Pd-O ${ }_{3}$ | 0.4294 | Pd | 0.738 | 45.261 | Pd- $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 0.4288 | Pd | 0.733 | 45.267 |
| Pd- $\mathrm{O}_{4 \prime \prime}$ | 0.3470 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.650 | 8.650 | Pd-O ${ }_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.3357 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.648 | 8.648 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N}_{1}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.5255 | $\mathrm{O}_{4}$ " | -0.756 | 8.756 | Pd- $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | 0.5059 | $\mathrm{O}_{4}$ " | -0.749 | 8.748 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.5068 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.476 | 7.476 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.5290 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.496 | 7.496 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.626 | 17.626 |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.627 | 17.627 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}$ | 0.0279 | $\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}$ | -0.770 | 8.770 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Cys}}$ | 0.0112 | $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | -0.721 | 16.721 |
| NEC | Pd[core] $5 s^{0.30} 4 d^{8.88} 5 p^{0.27} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | Pd[core] $5 s^{0.30} 4 d^{8.68} 5 p^{0.27} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{4.98} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{4.98} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{4}$.[core $] 2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{5.10} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{4} \cdot[$ core $] 2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{5.09} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$,[core $] 2 s^{1.29} 2 p^{4.16} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, [core $] 2 s^{1.29} 2 p^{4.17} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.92} 3 p^{5.71}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.91} 3 p^{5.71}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}[$ core $] 2 s^{1.71} 2 p^{5.05} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.82} 3 p^{4.87} 3 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |

Table S10. The bond length of the interest, the Wiberg bond indices (WBIs), natural atomic charges (NACs), total natural populations (TNPs, in parentheses), and natural electron (NECs) of selected atoms/ions for pre-reaction complexes (PRC) of C2 compound

| O-Cys |  |  |  |  | HS-Cys |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP | Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 0.3731 | Pd | 0.486 | 45.514 | Pd- $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 0.3831 | Pd | 0.519 | 45.481 |
| Pd-S ${ }_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.6175 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.690 | 8.690 | Pd- $\mathrm{S}_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.5947 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.692 | 8.692 |
| Pd- ${ }_{1}$ " | 0.4938 | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$, | 0.216 | 15.784 | Pd-N ${ }_{1}$ " | 0.5002 | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$, | 0.252 | 16.056 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.5563 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.471 | 7.471 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.5405 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.485 | 7.484 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.587 | 17.587 |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.594 | 17.594 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}^{-\mathrm{O}_{\text {cys }}}$ | 0.0373 | $\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}$ | -0.780 | 8.780 | Pd-S $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | 0.0416 | $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | -0.056 | 16.056 |
| NEC | $\operatorname{Pd}[$ core $] 5 s^{0.33} 4 d^{8.83} 5 p^{0.34} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | Pd[core] $5 s^{0.33} 4 d^{88.81} 5 p^{0.33} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{5.01} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{5.00} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$ [ [core] $3 s^{1.71} 3 p^{4.31} 3 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$.[core $] 3 s^{1.65} 3 p^{4.06} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$.[ $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.30} 2 p^{4.15} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$,[ [core $] 2 s^{1.30} 2 p^{4.16} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ [core] $3 s^{1.90} 3 p^{5.68}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.91} 3 p^{5.68}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 25^{1.71} 2 p^{5.05} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.70} 3 p^{4.32} 3 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
| O-Cys ${ }^{-}$ |  |  |  |  | S-Cys |  |  |  |  |
| Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP | Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 0.3671 | Pd | 0.484 | 45.516 | Pd- $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 0.3789 | Pd | 0.503 | 45.497 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.6284 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.689 | 8.689 | Pd- $\mathrm{S}_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.6007 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.662 | 8.661 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | 0.4917 | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$, | 0.193 | 15.807 | Pd-N ${ }_{1}$ " | 0.4864 | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$, | 0.251 | 15.749 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.5489 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.469 | 7.469 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.5453 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | -0.483 | 7.483 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.589 | 17.589 |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.592 | 17.592 |
| ${\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{\text {cys }}}$ | 0.0354 | $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}$ | -0.793 | 8.793 | Pd-S ${ }_{\text {Cys }}$ | 0.0669 | $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | -0.707 | 16.7070 |
| NEC | $\operatorname{Pd}[$ core $] 5 s^{0.33} 4 d^{8.83} 5 p^{0.34} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\operatorname{Pd}[$ core $] 5 s^{0.33} 4 d^{8.82} 5 p^{0.34} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{5.02} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{4.993} p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{S}_{4} \cdot[\text { core }] 3 s^{1.64} 3 p^{4.13} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{4} \cdot[\text { core }] 3 s^{1.66} 3 p^{4.06} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.30} 2 p^{4.14} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.30} 2 p^{4.16} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}\left[\right.$ core] $3 s^{1.90} 3 p^{5.68}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.90} 3 p^{5.68}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[\text { core }] 2 s^{1.71} 2 p^{5.07} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.81} 3 p^{4.87} 3 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |








Figure S11. Optimized geometries of post-reaction (PoRC) complexes between the investigated compounds, $\mathbf{C 1}$ and $\mathbf{C 2}$, and acid-base forms of $\mathbf{L}-\mathbf{C y s} / \mathbf{L}-\mathbf{C y s}^{-}$with intramolecular hydrogen bond (interrupted line) obtained with M06-2X functional in conjunction with $6-311++\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p})$ basis set $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{Cl}$, and $\mathrm{H} /$ def2-TZVPD, triple-zeta-valence, basis set for atom Pd theory in the water. Legend: grey - carbon atom, white - hydrogen atom, red - oxygen atom, blue - nitrogen atom, yellow - sulfur.

Table S11. The bond length of the interest, the Wiberg bond indices (WBIs), natural atomic charges (NACs), total natural populations (TNPs, in parentheses), and natural electron (NECs) of selected atoms/ions for post-reaction complexes (PoRC) of $\mathbf{C 1}$ compound

| O-Cys |  |  |  |  | HS-Cys |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP | Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP |
| Pd-O ${ }_{3}$ | 0.4347 | Pd | 0.885 | 45.115 | Pd-O ${ }_{3}$ | 0.4478 | Pd | 0.718 | 45.282 |
| Pd-O ${ }_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.3093 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.652 | 8.652 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{\prime}$ | 0.3220 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.645 | 8.645 |
| Pd- $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | 0.5424 | $\mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | -0.733 | 8.733 | Pd- $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | 0.5187 | $\mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | -0.784 | 8.785 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.0023 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.483 | 7.483 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.0076 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.486 | 7.486 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.897 | 17.897 |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.836 | 17.834 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}$ | 0.3345 | $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}$ | -0.756 | 8.756 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Cys}}$ | 0.5017 | $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | 0.146 | 15.854 |
| NEC | Pd[core] $5 s^{0.28} 4 d^{8.62} 5 p^{0.20} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{Pd}[$ core $] 5 s^{0.31} 4 d^{8.72} 5 p^{0.245} d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{4.98} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{4.98} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{4}[$ core $] 2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{5.08} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{4}[$ core $] 2{ }^{1.65} 2 p^{5.11} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | N [core] $2 s^{1.29} 2 p^{4.17} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | N [core] $2 s^{1.29} 2 p^{4.17} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{Cl}[$ core $] 3 \mathrm{~s}^{1.983} p^{5.91}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}[$ core $] 3{ }^{1.98} 3 p^{5.86}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | O[core] $2 s^{1.68} 2 p^{5.05} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | S [core] $3 \mathrm{~s}^{1.65} 3 p^{4.17} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  |  |
| O-Cys ${ }^{-}$ |  |  |  |  | S-Cys ${ }^{-}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP | Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 0.4296 | Pd | 0.880 | 45.120 | Pd-O ${ }_{3}$ | 0.4016 | Pd | 0.616 | 45.384 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.3126 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.653 | 8.653 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.3205 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.662 | 8.662 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | 0.5357 | $\mathrm{O}_{4}$ " | -0.735 | 8.735 | Pd- $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | 0.4167 | $\mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{\prime}$ | -0.777 | 8.777 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.0016 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.484 | 7.484 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.0442 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.503 | 7.503 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.910 | 17.910 |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.923 | 17.923 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}$ | 0.3482 | $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}$ | -0.765 | 8.765 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Cys}}$ | 0.7147 | $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | -0.261 | 16.261 |
| NEC | $\operatorname{Pd}[$ core $] 5 s^{0.28} 4 d^{8.62} 5 p^{0.20} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\operatorname{Pd}[$ core $] 5 s^{0.32} 4 d^{8.76} 5 p^{0.29} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}[\text { core }] 2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{4.98} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}[\text { core }] 2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{5.00} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{4} \cdot[$ core $] 2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{5.08} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{4} \cdot[$ core $] 2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{5.12} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.29} 2 p^{4.17} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.30} 2 p^{4.18} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[\text { core }] 3 s^{1.99} 3 p^{5.92}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[\text { core }] 3 s^{1.98} 3 p^{5.94}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[\text { core }] 2 s^{1.69} 2 p^{5.06} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.73} 3 p^{4.50} 3 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |

Table S12. The bond length of the interest, the Wiberg bond indices (WBIs), natural atomic charges (NACs), total natural populations (TNPs, in parentheses), and natural electron (NECs) of selected atoms/ions for post-reaction complexes (PoRC) of C2 compound

| O-Cys |  |  |  |  | HS-Cys |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP | Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP |
| ${\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{3}}^{0} 0.3906$ | Pd | 0.672 | 45.328 | $\mathrm{Pd}^{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 0.3837 | Pd | 0.491 | 45.509 |  |


| Pd-S ${ }_{4}$ " | 0.5954 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.685 | 8.685 | Pd- $\mathrm{S}_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.5868 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.685 | 8.685 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pd- ${ }_{1}$ " | 0.5120 | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$, | 0.244 | 15.756 | Pd-N ${ }_{1}$ " | 0.4752 | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$, | 0.243 | 15.575 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.0025 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.487 | 7.487 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.0400 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.478 | 7.478 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.896 | 17.896 |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.890 | 17.889 |
| ${\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{\text {cys }}}^{\text {d }}$ | 0.3657 | $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}$ | -0.749 | 8.749 | Pd-S $\mathrm{S}_{\text {cys }}$ | 0.5179 | $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | 0.197 | 15.803 |
| NEC | $\operatorname{Pd}[$ core $] 5 s^{0.32} 4 d^{8.74} 5 p^{0.265} d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  | Pd[core $] 5 s^{0.34} 4 d^{8.85} 5 p^{0.30} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{4.99} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{5.00} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{S}_{4}{ }^{\text {, }}$ core] $] 3 s^{1.66} 3 p^{4.06} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$.[core] $3 s^{1.65} 3 p^{4.08} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.30} 2 p^{4.16} 3 p^{0.02}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.30} 2 p^{4.15} 3 p^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.98} 3 p^{5.91}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.98} 3 p^{5.91}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 22^{1.68} 2 p^{5.05} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.65} 3 p^{4.08} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  |  |
| O-Cys ${ }^{-}$ |  |  |  |  | $\text { S-Cys }{ }^{-}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP | Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 0.3870 | Pd | 0.668 | 45.332 | Pd-O ${ }_{3}$ | 0.3348 | Pd | 0.341 | 45.659 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}_{4}{ }^{\prime}$ | 0.3870 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.685 | 8.685 | Pd- $\mathrm{S}_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.6038 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.699 | 8.700 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | 0.5044 | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$, | 0.241 | 0.241 | Pd-N ${ }_{1}$ " | 0.3939 | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$, | 0.202 | 15.798 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.0017 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.488 | 7.488 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | 0.0007 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.508 | 7.508 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.908 | 17.908 |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}$ | -0.931 | 17.931 |
| ${\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}}^{\text {che }}$ | 0.3817 | $\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}$ | -0.758 | 8.758 | Pd-S $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | 0.7497 | $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | -0.224 | 16.224 |
| NEC | $\operatorname{Pd}[$ core $] 5 s^{0.32} 4 d^{8.74} 5 p^{0.265} d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\operatorname{Pd}[$ core $] 5 s^{0.36} 4 d^{8.92} 5 p^{0.37} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}[$ core $] 2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{4.99} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{5.03} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{S}_{4} \cdot[\text { core }] 3 s^{1.66} 3 p^{4.06} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{4} \cdot[\text { core }] 3 s^{1.64} 3 p^{4.12} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.30} 2 p^{4.16} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.30} 2 p^{4.17} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.99} 3 p^{5.92}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{Cl}_{1}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.99} 3 p^{5.94}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[\text { core }] 2 s^{1.68} 2 p^{5.06} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[\text { core }] 3 s^{1.72} 3 p^{4.48} 3 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |




C2-O-Cys


C1-SH-Cys


C2-SH-Cys


C1-O-Cys ${ }^{-}$


C1-S-Cys


C2-O-Cys ${ }^{-}$


C2-S-Cys ${ }^{-}$

Figure S12. Optimized geometries of products formed in the reaction between the investigated compounds, $\mathbf{C 1}$ and $\mathbf{C 2}$, and acid-base forms of $\mathbf{L - C y s} / \mathbf{L}-\mathbf{C y s}^{-}$with intramolecular hydrogen bond (interrupted line) obtained with M06-2X functional in conjunction with $6-311++\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p})$ basis set $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{Cl}$, and H/def2-TZVPD, triple-zeta-valence, basis set for atom Pd theory in the water. Legend: grey - carbon atom, white - hydrogen atom, red - oxygen atom, blue - nitrogen atom, yellow - sulfur.

Table S13. The bond length of the interest, the Wiberg bond indices (WBIs), natural atomic charges (NACs), total natural populations (TNPs, in parentheses), and natural electron (NECs) of selected atoms/ions for products of $\mathbf{C 1}$ compound

| O-Cys |  |  |  |  | HS-Cys |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP | Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP |
| Pd-O ${ }_{3}$ | 0.4342 | Pd | 0.883 | 45.117 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 0.4409 | Pd | 0.738 | 45.262 |
| ${\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{\text {, }} \text {, }}^{\text {a }}$ | 0.3211 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.647 | 8.647 | Pd-O ${ }_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.3296 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.662 | 8.662 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | 0.5544 | $\mathrm{O}_{4}$ " | -0.739 | 8.739 | Pd- $\mathrm{N}_{1}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.5303 | $\mathrm{O}_{4}$, | -0.750 | 8.750 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}$ | 0.3236 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.479 | 7.479 | Pd-S $\mathrm{S}_{\text {cys }}$ | 0.4618 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.476 | 7.476 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}$ | -0.722 | 8.724 |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | 0.131 | 15.869 |
| NEC | Pd[core] $5 s^{0.28} 4 d^{8.63} 5 p^{0.20} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\operatorname{Pd}[$ core $] 5 s^{0.30} 4 d^{8.71} 5 p^{0.24} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{4.98} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{4.99} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{4}$.[core $] 2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{5.08} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{4}$ [ $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{5.08} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{N}_{1},[$ core $] 2 s^{1.29} 2 p^{4.17} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$.[ $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.29} 2 p^{4.16} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}[$ core $] 2 s^{1.68} 2 p^{5.03} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.67} 3 p^{4.17} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  |  |
| O-Cys ${ }^{-}$ |  |  |  |  | S-Cys ${ }^{-}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP | Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 0.4325 | Pd | 0.882 | 45.188 | Pd-O ${ }_{3}$ | 0.4179 | Pd | 0.625 | 45.375 |
| ${\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{\text {, }}}^{\text {P }}$ | 0.3117 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.651 | 8.651 | Pd-O ${ }_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.3238 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.656 | 8.656 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | 0.5403 | $\mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | -0.733 | 8.733 | Pd- $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | 0.4328 | $\mathrm{O}_{4}$ " | -0.769 | 8.769 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{\text {cys }}$ | 0.3401 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.482 | 7.482 | Pd-S $\mathrm{S}_{\text {cys }}$ | 0.7149 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.503 | 7.504 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}$ | -0.766 | 8.766 |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | -0.245 | 16.245 |
| NEC | Pd[core] $5 s^{0.28} 4 d^{8.62} 5 p^{0.20} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{Pd}[$ core $] 5 s^{0.32} 4 d^{8.76} 5 p^{0.28} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{4.98} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core $22 s^{1.64} 2 p^{4.99} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{4} \cdot[\text { core }] 2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{5.08} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{4} \cdot[\text { core }] 2 s^{1.64} 2 p^{5.11} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ [core] $2 s^{1.29} 2 p^{4.17} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$,[core] $2 s^{1.30} 2 p^{4.18} 4 s^{0.01} 4 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 2 s^{1.69} 2 p^{5.06} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.74} 3 p^{4.48} 3 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |

Table S14. The bond length of the interest, the Wiberg bond indices (WBIs), natural atomic charges (NACs), total natural populations (TNPs, in parentheses), and natural electron (NECs) of selected atoms/ions for products of $\mathbf{C} 2$ compound

| O-Cys |  |  |  |  | HS-Cys |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP | Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | 0.3877 | Pd | 0.677 | 45.323 | Pd-O ${ }_{3}$ | 0.3745 | Pd | 0.454 | 45.546 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}_{4}{ }^{\text {, }}$ | 0.5953 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.658 | 8.658 | Pd-S ${ }_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.6359 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.739 | 8.645 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | 0.5215 | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$, | 0.244 | 15.756 | Pd- $\mathrm{N}_{1}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.4870 | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$, | 0.216 | 15.784 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}$ | 0.3528 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.482 | 7.482 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.5193 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.484 | 7.484 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}$ | -0.748 | 8.748 |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | 0.191 | 15.809 |
| NEC | $\operatorname{Pd}[$ core $] 5 s^{0.32} 4 d^{8.74} 5 p^{0.265} d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\operatorname{Pd}[$ core $] 5 s^{0.35} 4 d^{8.86} 5 p^{0.32} 5 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}[$ core $] 2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{4.99} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ [core] $2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{5.04} 3 p^{0.03}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$ [[core] $3 s^{1.66} 3 p^{4.06} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$ [ core] $3 s^{1.64} 3 p^{4.11} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$,[ $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.29} 2 p^{4.17} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$.[ $[$ core $] 2 s^{1.30} 2 p^{4.16} 3 p^{0.02}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 2 s^{1.68} 2 p^{5.05} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.65} 3 p^{4.13} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{Cys}^{-}$ |  |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}^{-\mathrm{Cys}^{-}}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP | Bond | WBI | Atoms | NAC | TNP |
| ${\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{3}}$ | 0.3842 | Pd | 0.670 | 45.330 | ${\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{3}}$ | 0.3446 | Pd | 0.346 | 45.654 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}_{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.5962 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.656 | 8.656 | Pd-S $4_{4 \prime}$ | 0.6044 | $\mathrm{O}_{3}$ | -0.727 | 8.727 |
| Pd-N ${ }_{1}$ " | 0.5116 | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$, | 0.246 | 15.755 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{N}_{1}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.3955 | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$, | 0.213 | 15.787 |
| $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}$ | 0.3726 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$ " | -0.486 | 7.486 | $\mathrm{Pd}-\mathrm{S}_{4}$ " | 0.7377 | $\mathrm{N}_{1}$, | -0.511 | 7.511 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{\text {Cys }}$ | -0.758 | 8.758 |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\text {Cys }}$ | -0.217 | 16.217 |
| NEC | $\operatorname{Pd}[\text { core }] 5 s^{0.32} 4 d^{8.74} 5 p^{0.26} 5 d^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\operatorname{Pd}[\text { core }] 5 s^{0.36} 4 d^{8.92} 5 p^{0.36} 5 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}[\text { core }] 2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{4.99} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{O}_{3}[\text { core }] 2 s^{1.65} 2 p^{5.03} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{S}_{4}$ [[core] $3 s^{1.66} 3 p^{4.06} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{4} \cdot[\text { core }] 3 s^{1.64} 3 p^{4.11} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{l}^{\prime},[\text { core }]} 2 s^{1.30} 2 p^{4.16} 3 p^{0.02}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{l}^{\prime}}[\text { core }] 2 s^{1.30} 2 p^{4.18} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[\text { core }] 2 s^{1.68} 2 p^{5.06} 3 p^{0.01}$ |  |  |  | $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{Cys}}[$ core $] 3 s^{1.72} 3 p^{4.47} 3 d^{0.02}$ |  |  |  |  |

Table S15. Calculated values of kinetic parameters: Gibbs activation energy $\left(\Delta G_{\mathrm{a}}\right)$, reaction rate constants ( $k$ ), effective values of rate constants ( $k^{\text {eff }}$ ) and the sum of effective values of rate constants ( $k^{\text {eff, sum })}\left[\mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~S}^{-1}\right]$ estimated at 288 K and 298 K .

| C1 | $k_{288}$ | $k^{\text {eff }} 288$ | $k^{\text {eff, sum }} 288$ | $\Gamma_{i}(\%)$ | $k_{298}$ | $k^{\text {eff }} 298$ | $k^{\text {eff, sum }} 298$ | $\Gamma_{i}(\%)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| O-Cys | $5.60 \times 10^{3}$ | $4.83 \times 10^{3}$ | $4.94 \times 10^{4}$ | 9.8 | $6.30 \times 10^{3}$ | $5.44 \times 10^{3}$ | $6.13 \times 10^{4}$ | 8.9 |
| HS-Cys | $9.30 \times 10^{2}$ | $8.03 \times 10^{2}$ |  | 1.6 | $1.20 \times 10^{3}$ | $1.04 \times 10^{3}$ |  | 1.7 |
| $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{Cys}$ | $9.90 \times 10^{3}$ | $1.35 \times 10^{3}$ |  | 2.7 | $1.10 \times 10^{4}$ | $1.50 \times 10^{3}$ |  | 2.5 |
| S-Cys ${ }^{-}$ | $3.10 \times 10^{5}$ | $4.24 \times 10^{4}$ |  | 85.8 | $3.90 \times 10^{5}$ | $5.33 \times 10^{4}$ |  | 87.0 |
| C2 | $k_{288}$ |  | $k^{\text {eff }} 288$ |  | $k_{298}$ |  | $k^{\text {eff }} 298$ |  |
| O-Cys | $8.80 \times 10^{4}$ | $7.60 \times 10^{4}$ | $8.16 \times 10^{4}$ | 93.1 | $9.70 \times 10^{4}$ | $8.37 \times 10^{4}$ | $9.01 \times 10^{4}$ | 92.9 |
| HS-Cys | $1.90 \times 10^{3}$ | $1.64 \times 10^{3}$ |  | 2.0 | $2.30 \times 10^{3}$ | $1.99 \times 10^{3}$ |  | 2.2 |
| O-Cys | $3.20 \times 10^{2}$ | $4.38 \times 10^{1}$ |  | 0.1 | $4.30 \times 10^{2}$ | $5.88 \times 10^{1}$ |  | 0.1 |
| S-Cys | $2.90 \times 10^{4}$ | $3.97 \times 10^{3}$ |  | 4.9 | $3.20 \times 10^{4}$ | $4.38 \times 10^{3}$ |  | 4.9 |



Figure S13. Experimental UV-Vis spectra in Hepes buffer ( 25 mM Hepes and 50 mM NaCl ) of $\mathbf{C 1}$ (red line) and the mixture of $\mathbf{C 1}$ and L-Cys in the ratio 1:1 (black line)


Figure S14. Experimental UV-Vis spectrum in Hepes buffer ( 25 mM Hepes and 50 mM NaCl ) of a 1:1 mixture of $\mathbf{C 1}$ and L-Cys (black line) and simulated spectrum of the C1-S-Cys ${ }^{-}$product (orange line). The HOMO and LUMO orbitals involved in electronic transitions are presented with values of orbital energies (black colour) and energy gap (red colour). The sign "*" and the vertical dashed line represent the oscillator strength value.


Figure S15. Experimental UV-Vis spectrum in Hepes buffer ( 25 mM Hepes and 50 mM NaCl ) of a $1: 1$ mixture of $\mathbf{C 1}$ and L-Cys (black line) and simulated spectrum of the C1-O-Cys product (blue line). The HOMO and LUMO orbitals involved in electronic transitions are presented with values of orbital energies (black colour) and energy gap (red colour). The sign "*" and the vertical dashed line represent the oscillator strength value.


Figure S16. Experimental UV-Vis spectrum in Hepes buffer ( 25 mM Hepes and 50 mM NaCl ) of a $1: 1$ mixture of $\mathbf{C 1}$ and L-Cys (black line) and simulated spectrum of the $\mathbf{C 1 - O - C y s}{ }^{-}$product (purple line). The HOMO and LUMO orbitals involved in electronic transitions are presented with values of orbital energies (black colour) and energy gap (red colour). The sign "*" and the vertical dashed line represent the oscillator strength value.


Figure S17. Experimental UV-Vis spectrum in Hepes buffer ( 25 mM Hepes and 50 mM NaCl ) of a 1:1 mixture of $\mathbf{C 1}$ and L-Cys (black line) and simulated spectrum of the C1-HS-Cys product (green line). The HOMO and LUMO orbitals involved in electronic transitions are presented with values of orbital energies (black colour) and energy gap (red colour). The sign "*" and the vertical dashed line represent the oscillator strength value.


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