# Unprecedented palladium(II) complex containing dipodal 1,3,4-

## thiadiazole derivative: Synthesis, structure, biological and thermal

### investigations

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#### Synthesis and characterization of L

The *bis* thiadiazole, 1,4-*bis*(5-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-sulfanyl-methyl) benzene (**L**), can be prepared by the reaction of 2-amino-5-mercapto-1,3,4-thiadiazole with 4,4'-dibromoxylene in a molar ratio 2:1 in the presence of potassium hydroxide in ethanol (Scheme SS1). It was isolated as a white solid mass in excellent yield.



Scheme SS1 Synthesis route of L

The ligand, **L**, was prepared according to literature procedure.<sup>1</sup> A solution of  $\alpha, \alpha'$ -dibromo-*p*-xylene (1.5 g, 5.68 mmole) in ethanol (40 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of 2-amino-5-mercapto-1,3,4-thiadiazole (1.51 g, 11.36 mmole) in ethanol (30mL) containing potassium hydroxide (0.64 g, 11.36 mmole). The mixture was refluxed for 48 h. The residue was filtered off, washed twice with water and ethanol (2 x 10 mL of each solvent) and recrystallized from DMF. Yield: 1.88 g (90%), mp.: 260 °C (dec.). Elemental analysis: calcd. For C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>6</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (368.52): C, 39.11; H, 3.28; N, 22.80 %. Found: C, 38.95; H, 3.24; N, 22.76 %. FT-IR (KBr, *v*, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3265 and 3106 (m, *v*<sub>N-H</sub>), 2947(w), 2763(w), 1661(m), 1627(m, *v*<sub>C=N</sub>), 1515(s), 1423(m, *v*<sub>C=C Ar</sub>), 1385(w), 1322(w), 1239(w), 1064(s), 1043(m), 888(w), 834(w), 775(w), 683(w), 658(w),

*v*<sub>C-S</sub>), 587(w), 504(w). LC/MS (API, in DMSO-CH<sub>3</sub>CN): *m*/*z* = 369 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>, 391 [M + Na<sup>+</sup>], 407 [M + Na<sup>+</sup> + NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz): 4.29 (s, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>S), 7.30-7.31 (d, 4H, CH Ar), 7.33 (s, 4H, NH<sub>2</sub>).

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **L** in DMSO includes three signals at  $\delta = 4.29$ , 7.31, and 7.33 ppm assignable to the S–CH<sub>2</sub> protons, aromatic ring protons, and NH<sub>2</sub> groups, respectively. The pattern of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **L** indicates that the dipodal compound possesses an inversion center; therefore, its structure can be described as a centrosymmetric one (Fig. FS1). The LC/MS spectrum of **L** shows a peak at m/z = 369 [M+1]<sup>+</sup>, which confirms the formation of **L** (Fig. SF2). FT-IR spectra of **L** show two bands at 3265 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 3253, which can be assigned to valence vibrations of NH<sub>2</sub> groups. Furthermore, the C=N and C–S vibration bands of **L** can be observed at 1627 and 725 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively (Fig. SF3).



Fig. SF1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of L in DMSO- $d_6$  at 25 °C (the peaks of DMSO are omitted).



Fig. SF2 LC/MS spectrum of L.



Fig. SF3 FT-IR spectrum of L.



**Fig. SF4** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $1 \cdot DMF$  in DMSO- $d_6$  at 25 °C (the peaks of DMSO are omitted).



**Fig. SF5** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $1 \cdot DMF$  in DMSO- $d_6 + D_2O$  at 25 °C (the peaks of DMSO and  $D_2O$  are omitted).



Fig. SF6 FT-IR spectrum of 1.DMF.



Fig. SF7 Far-IR spectrum of 1 DMF.

## Antibacterial activity

Table ST1 Colony	numbers and the	antibacterial ra	ates for L-,	1.DMF- at	nd control	samples	against E	coli	and S.
aureus bacterial stra	ains.								

Microorganism	Sample	CFU/mL	Antibacterial rates (%)
	L	$1.0 \times 10^{4}$	99.33
E. coli			
	1.DMF	$1.0 \times 10^{3}$	99.93
(ATCC 25922)			
	Control	$1.5 \times 10^{6}$	-
			0.4
	L	$2.4 \times 10^{5}$	84
S. aureus			
	1.DMF	$1.0 \times 10^4$	99.33
(ATCC 6538)		1.0 × 10	
	control	$1.5 \times 10^{6}$	_



**Fig. SF8** Typical photos of colonization by *E. coli* at 48 h of 10<sup>-3</sup> (left), and 10<sup>-4</sup> (right) dilution for (a) control sample, (b) L sample and (c) complex 1.DMF sample.



**Fig. SF9** Typical photos of colonization by *S. aureus* at 48 h of 10<sup>-4</sup> (left) and 10<sup>-3</sup> (right) dilution for (a) control sample, (b) L sample and (c) complex 1·DMF sample.



**Fig. SF10** Powder XRD pattern of the product obtained from the solventless thermolysis of complex 1.DMF at 600 °C in air.



Fig. SF11 EDX analysis of the solventless thermolysis of complex 1.DMF at 600 °C in air.



**Fig. SF12** (a) Low-resolution SEM image and (b) high-resolution SEM image of PdO nanostructures formed by the solventless thermolysis of complex 1·DMF at 600 °C in air.

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