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

thiadiazole derivative: Synthesis, structure, biological and thermal

investigations

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Supporting Information

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.¹ A solution of α , α' -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 $C_{12}H_{12}N_6S_4$ (368.52): C, 39.11; H, 3.28; N, 22.80 %. Found: C, 38.95; H, 3.24; N, 22.76 %. FT-IR (KBr, *ν*, cm⁻¹): 3265 and 3106 (m, *v*_{N–H}), 2947(w), 2763(w), 1661(m), 1627(m, *v*_{C=N}), 1515(s), 1423(m, *v*_{C=C Ar}), 1385(w), 1322(w), 1239(w), 1064(s), 1043(m), 888(w), 834(w), 775(w), 683(w), 658(w,

*v*_{C-S}), 587(w), 504(w). LC/MS (API, in DMSO-CH₃CN): $m/z = 369$ [M+1]⁺, 391 [M + Na⁺], 407 [M + Na⁺ + NH₄⁺]. ¹H NMR (δ, DMSO-d₆, 500 MHz): 4.29 (s, 4H, CH₂S), 7.30-7.31 (d, 4H, CH Ar), 7.33 (s, $4H, NH₂$).

The ¹H NMR spectrum of **L** in DMSO includes three signals at δ = 4.29, 7.31, and 7.33 ppm assignable to the $S-CH_2$ protons, aromatic ring protons, and NH_2 groups, respectively. The pattern of the ¹H 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]⁺, which confirms the formation of **L** (Fig. SF2). FT-IR spectra of L show two bands at 3265 cm⁻¹ and 3253, which can be assigned to valence vibrations of NH² groups. Furthermore, the C=N and C–S vibration bands of **L** can be observed at 1627 and 725 cm-1 , respectively (Fig. SF3).

Fig. SF1 ¹H 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 ¹H NMR spectrum of **1**.DMF in DMSO-*d*⁶ at 25 °C (the peaks of DMSO are omitted).

Fig. SF5 ¹H NMR spectrum of **1**.DMF in DMSO-*d*⁶ + D2O at 25 °C (the peaks of DMSO and D₂O 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 rates for **L**-, 1 DMF- and control samples against *E. coli* and *S. aureus* bacterial strains.

Fig. SF8 Typical photos of colonization by *E. coli* at 48 h of 10-3 (left), and 10-4 (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 10-4 (left) and 10-3 (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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