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Novel Pd(II) pincer complexes bearing salicylaldimine–based benzothiazole derivatives: synthesis, structural characterization, DNA/BSA binding, and biological evaluation

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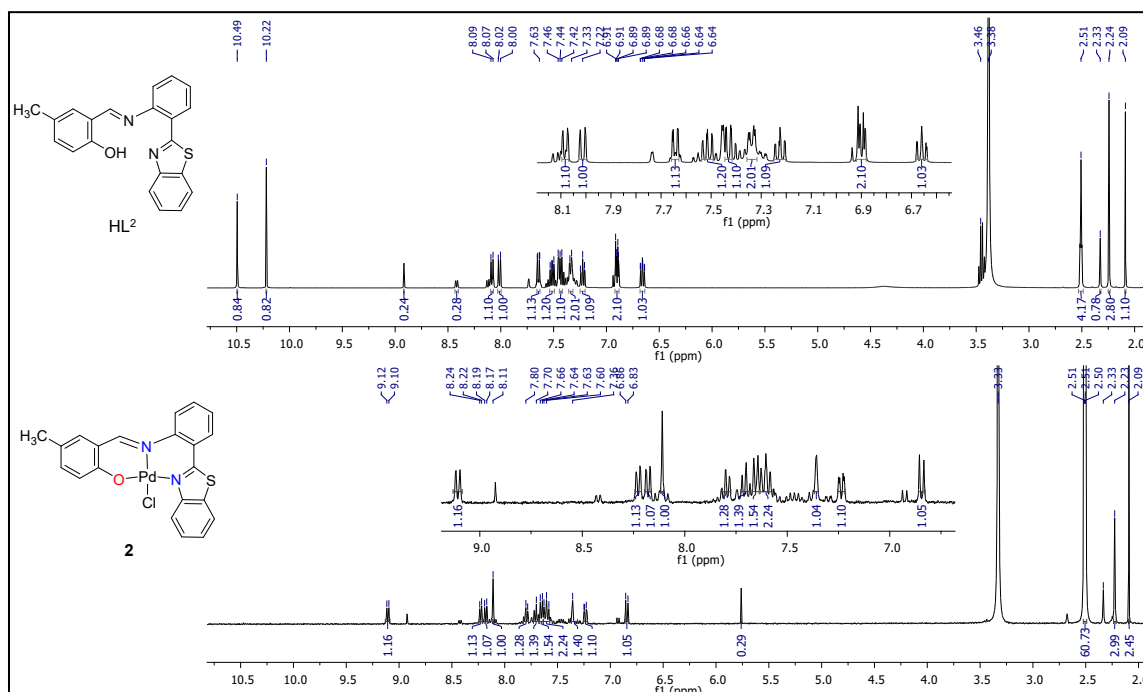
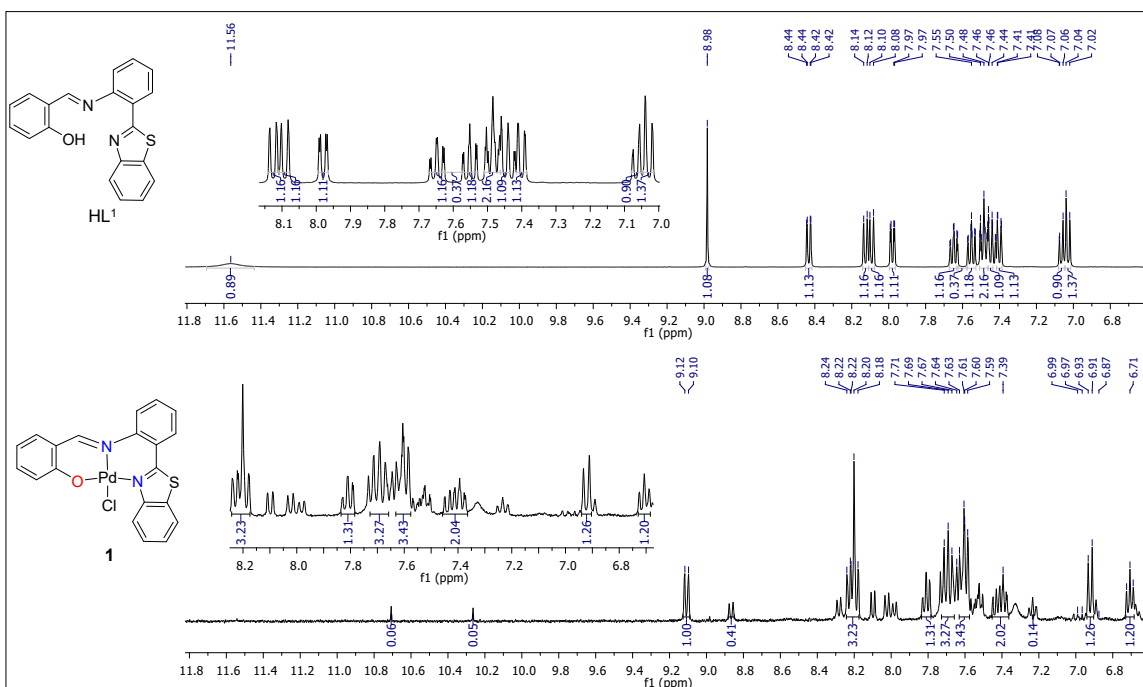
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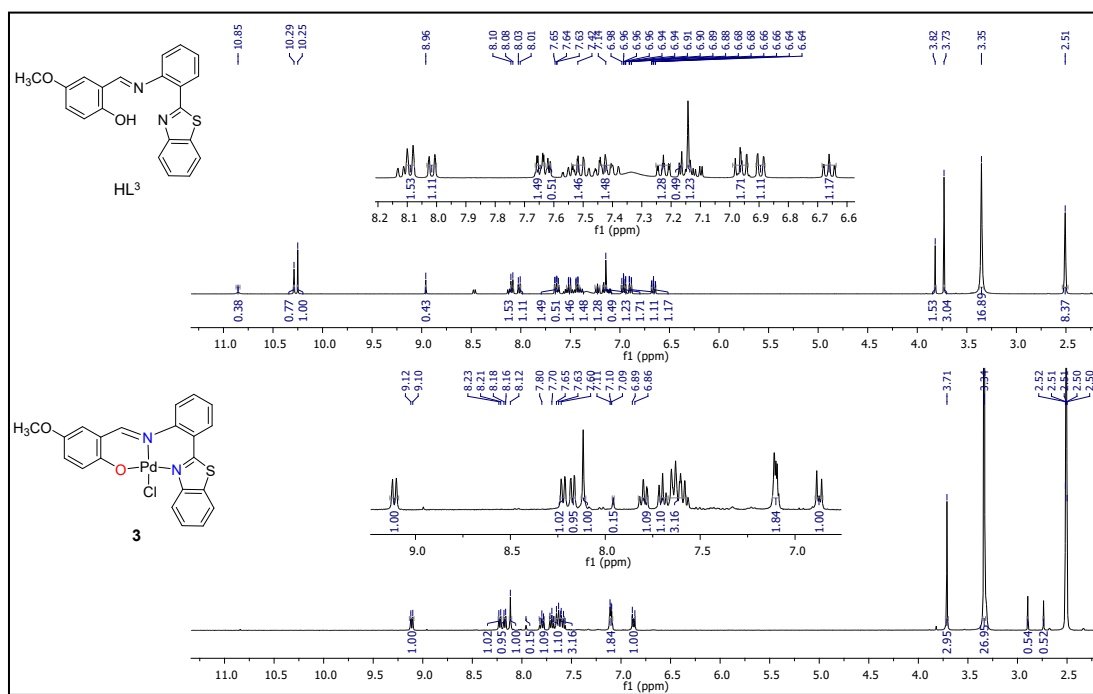


Fig. S3 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) spectra of ligand HL^3 and their $\text{Pd}(\text{II})$ complex **3**.

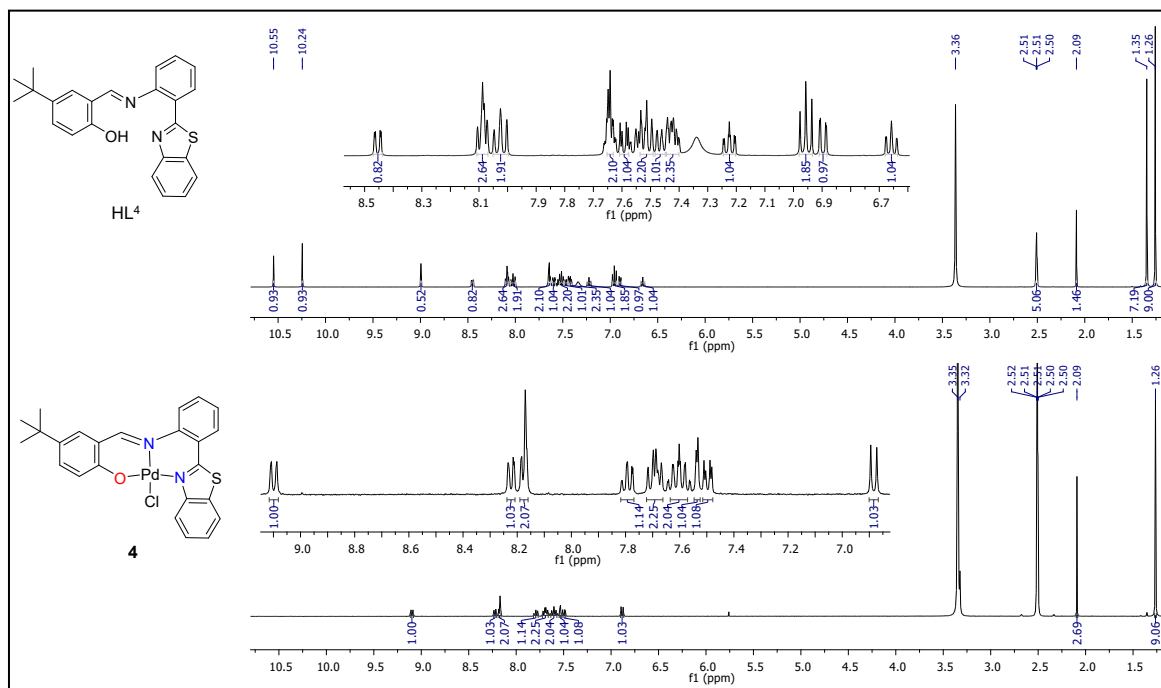


Fig. S4 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) spectra of ligand HL^4 and $\text{Pd}(\text{II})$ complex **4**.

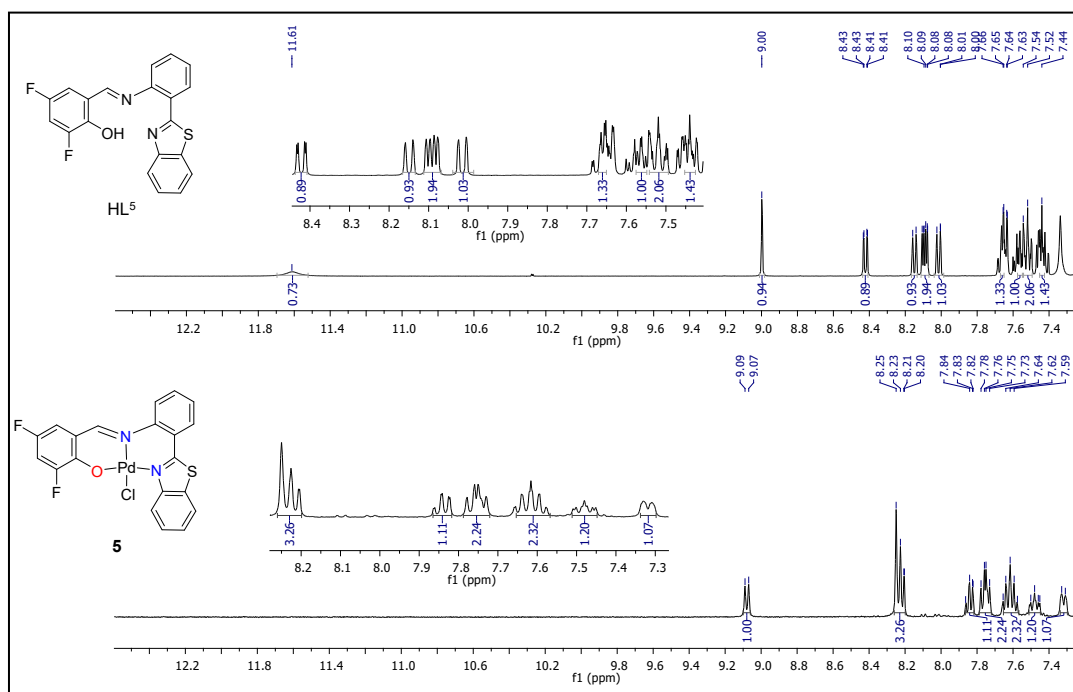


Fig. S5 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) spectra of ligand HL⁵ and Pd(II) complex **5**.

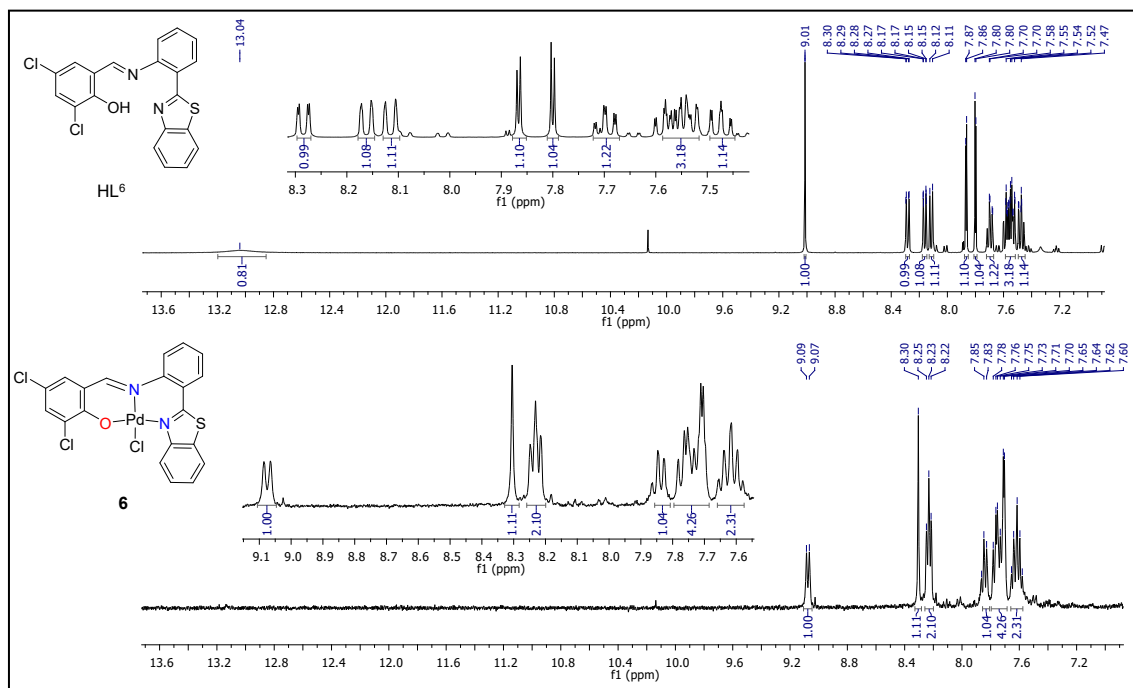


Fig. S6 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) spectra of ligand HL⁶ and Pd(II) complex **6**.

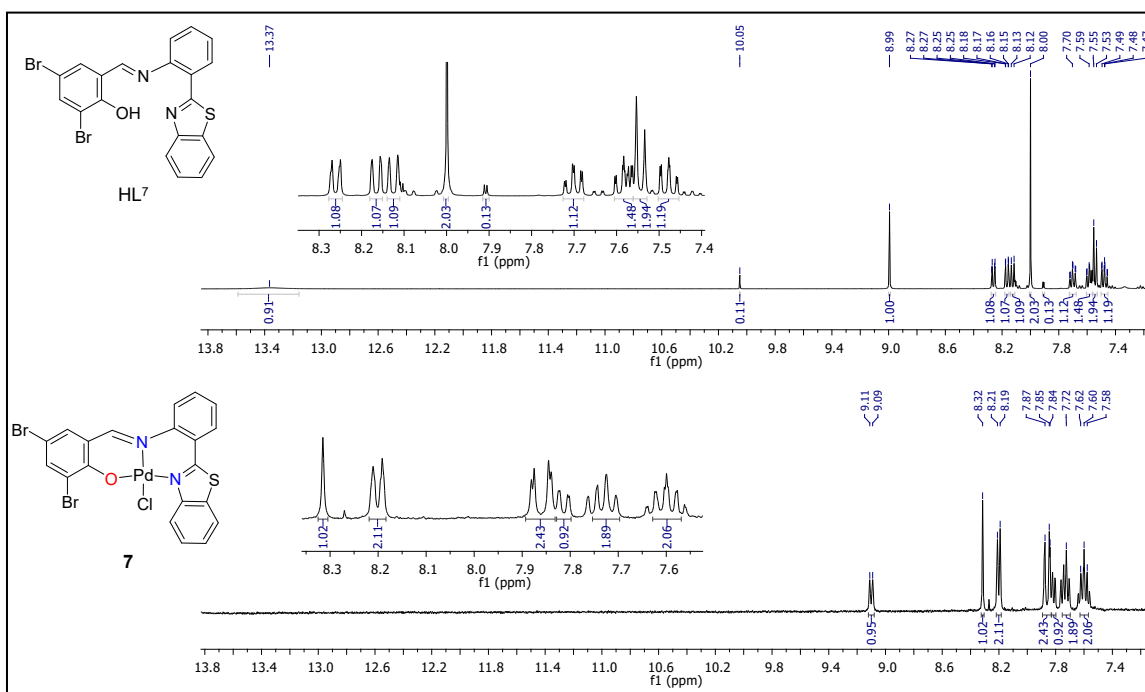


Fig. S7 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) spectra of ligand HL⁷ and Pd(II) complex 7.

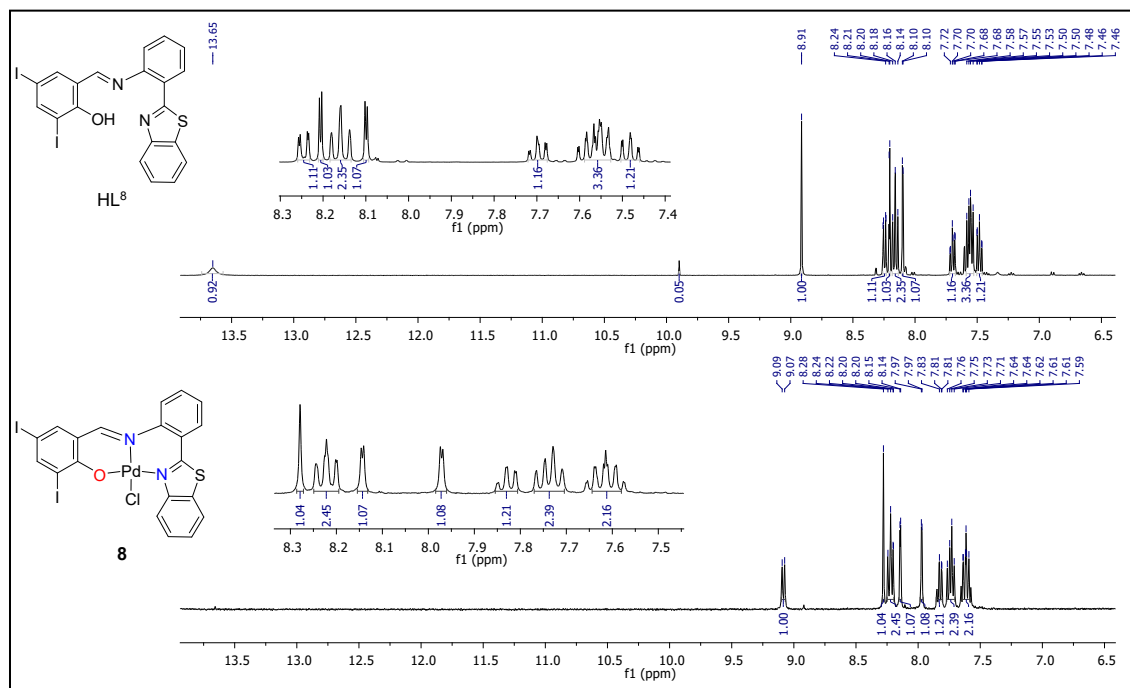


Fig. S8 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) spectra of ligand HL⁸ and Pd(II) complex 8.

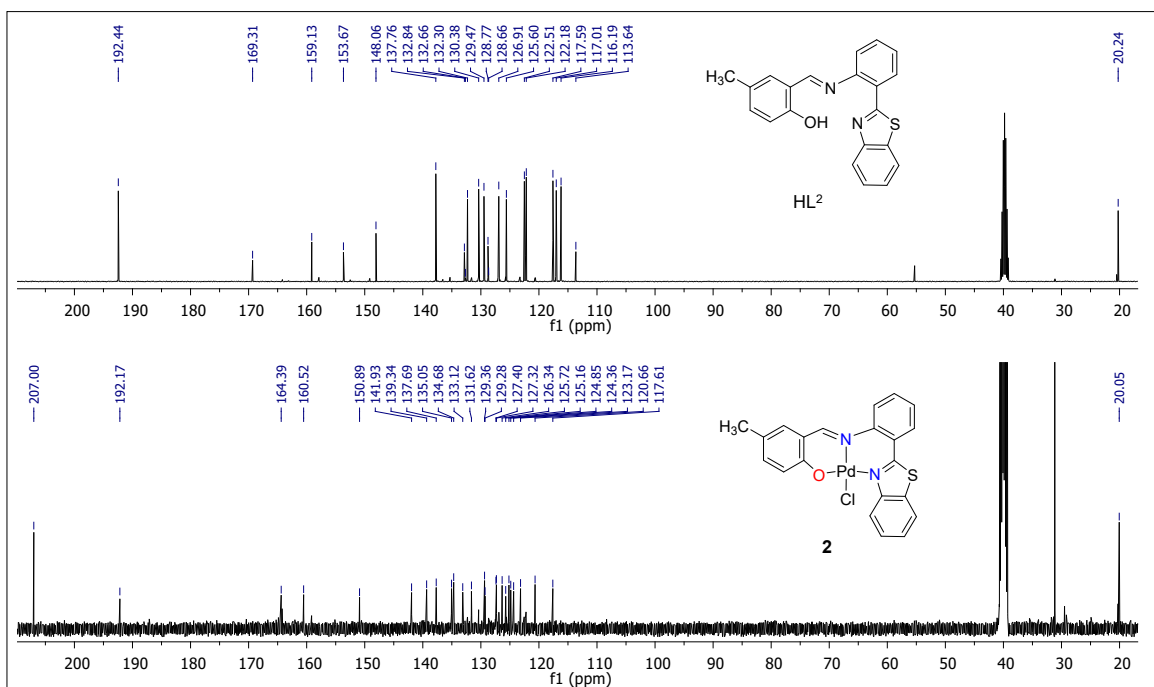


Fig. S9 ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$) spectra of ligand HL^2 and Pd(II) complex **2**.

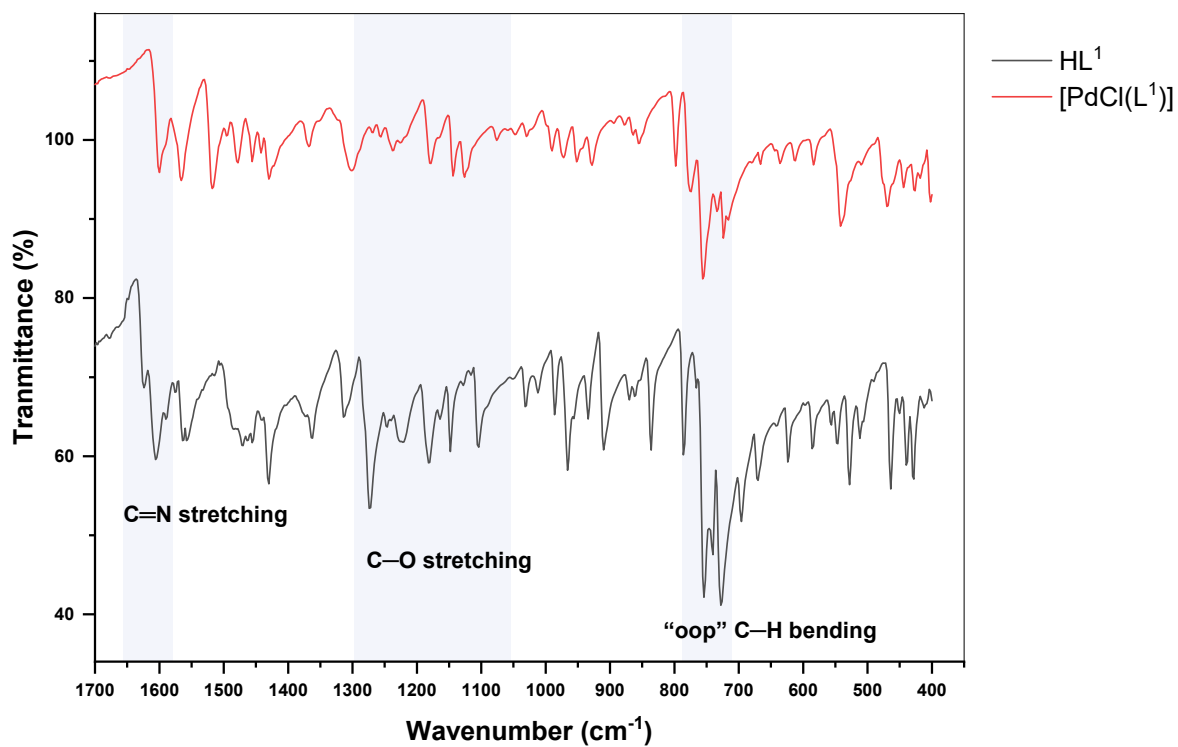


Fig. S10 FT-IR (ATR) spectra of ligand HL^1 and Pd(II) complex **1**.

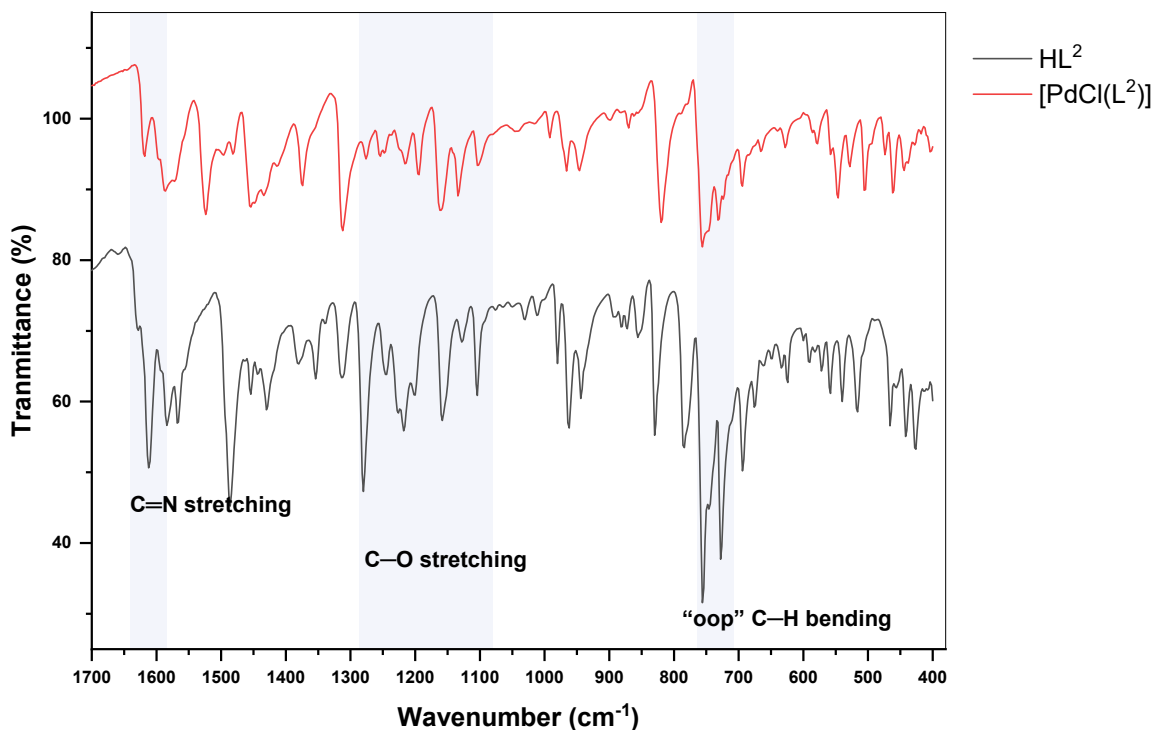


Fig. S11 FT-IR (ATR) spectra of ligand HL^2 and Pd(II) complex **2**.

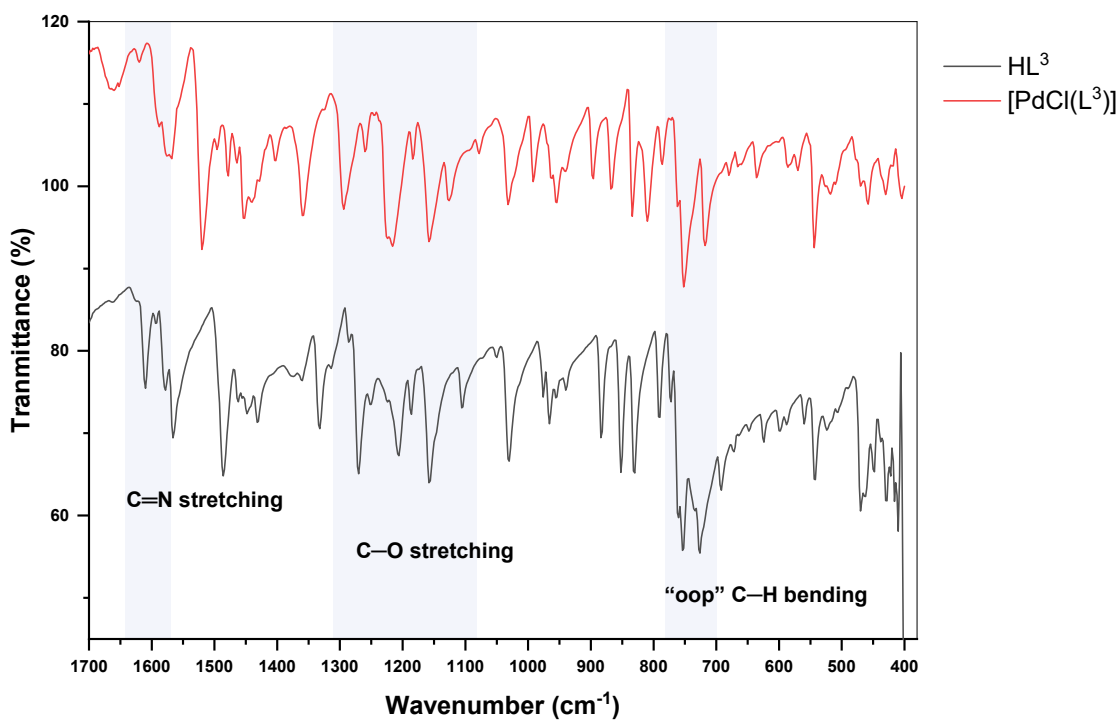


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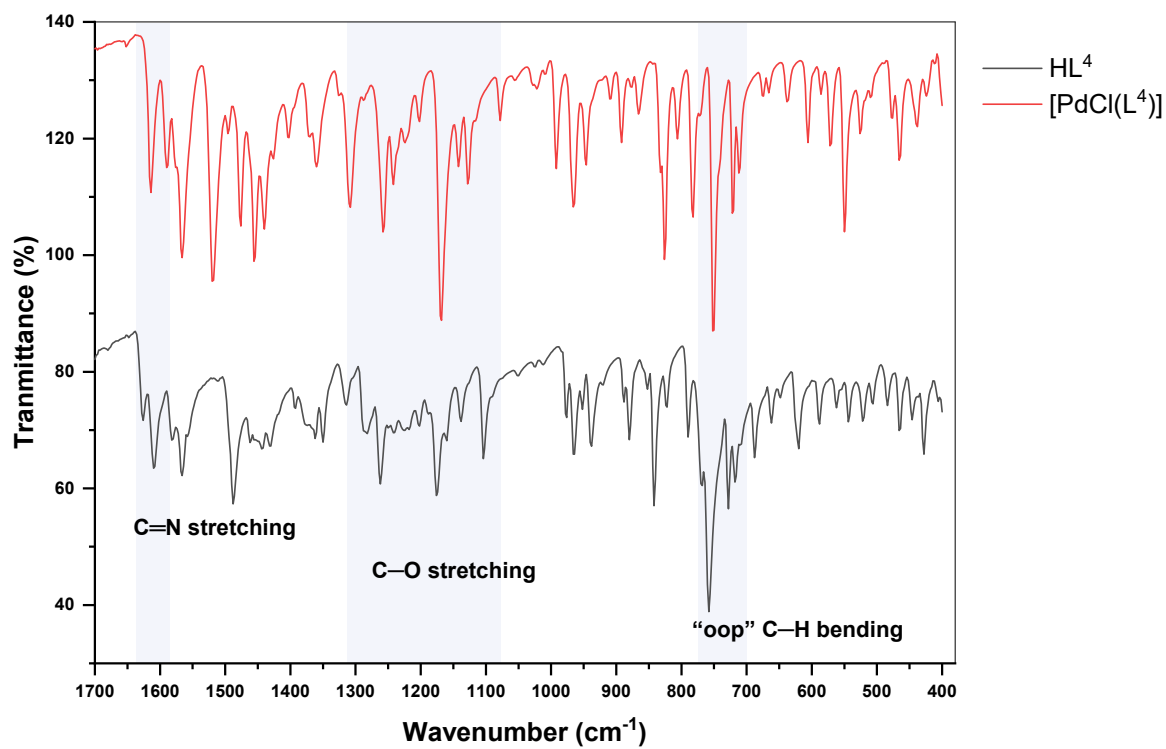


Fig. S13 FT-IR (ATR) spectra of ligand HL^4 and Pd(II) complex 4.

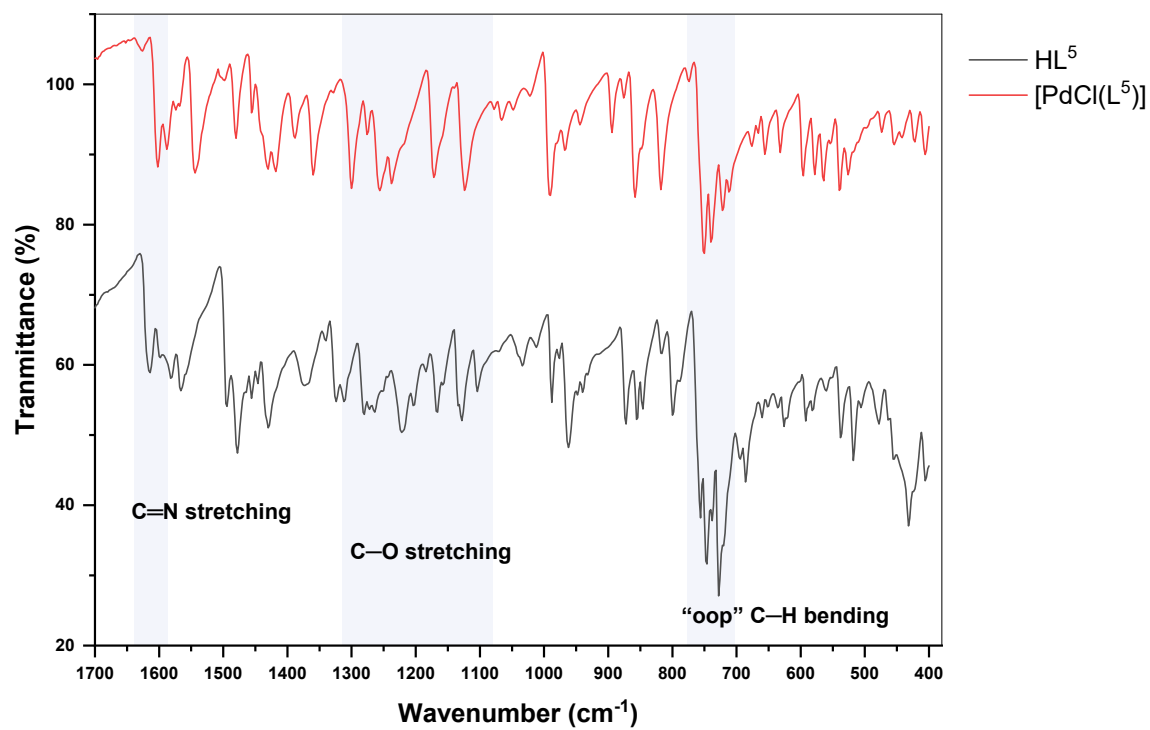


Fig. S14 FT-IR (ATR) spectra of ligand HL^5 and Pd(II) complex 5.

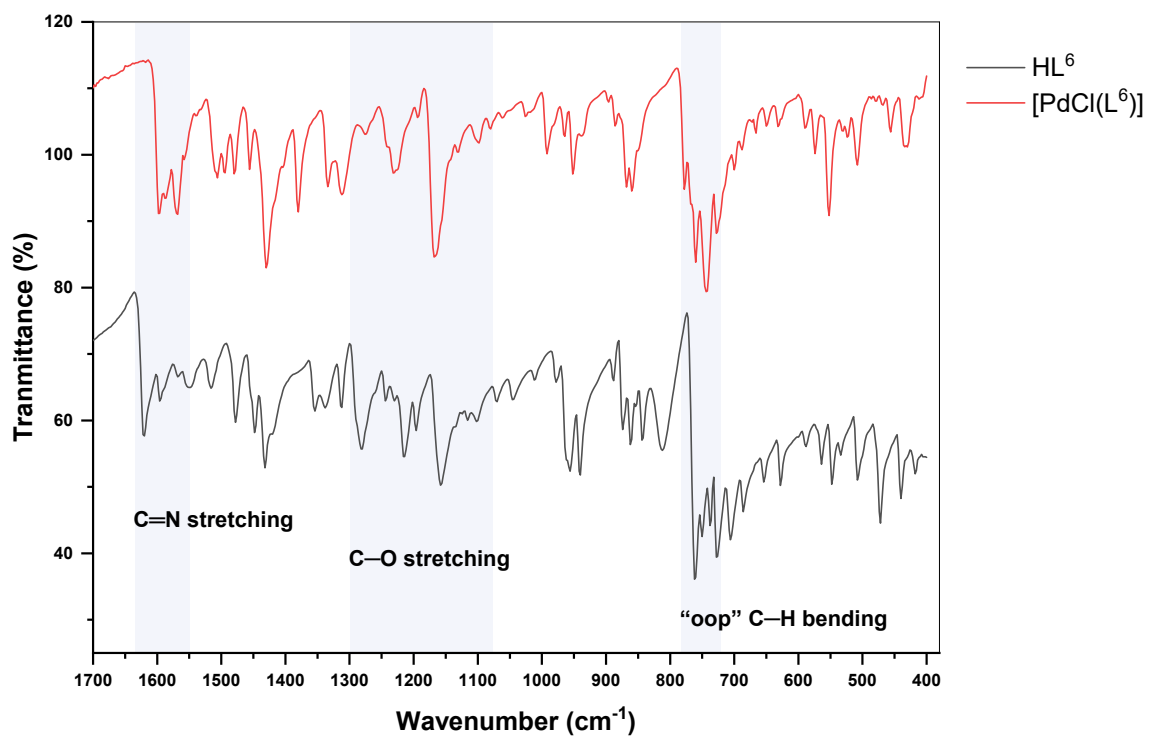


Fig. S15 FT-IR (ATR) spectra of ligand HL^6 and Pd(II) complex **6**.

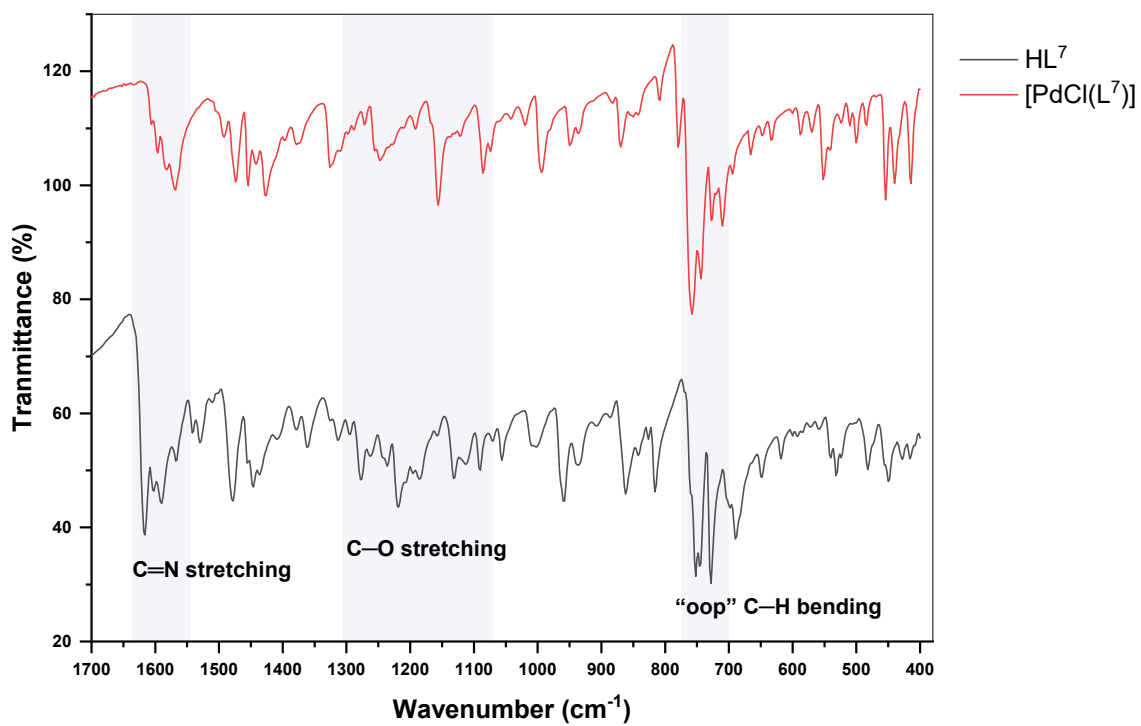


Fig. S16 FT-IR (ATR) spectra of ligand HL^7 and Pd(II) complex **7**.

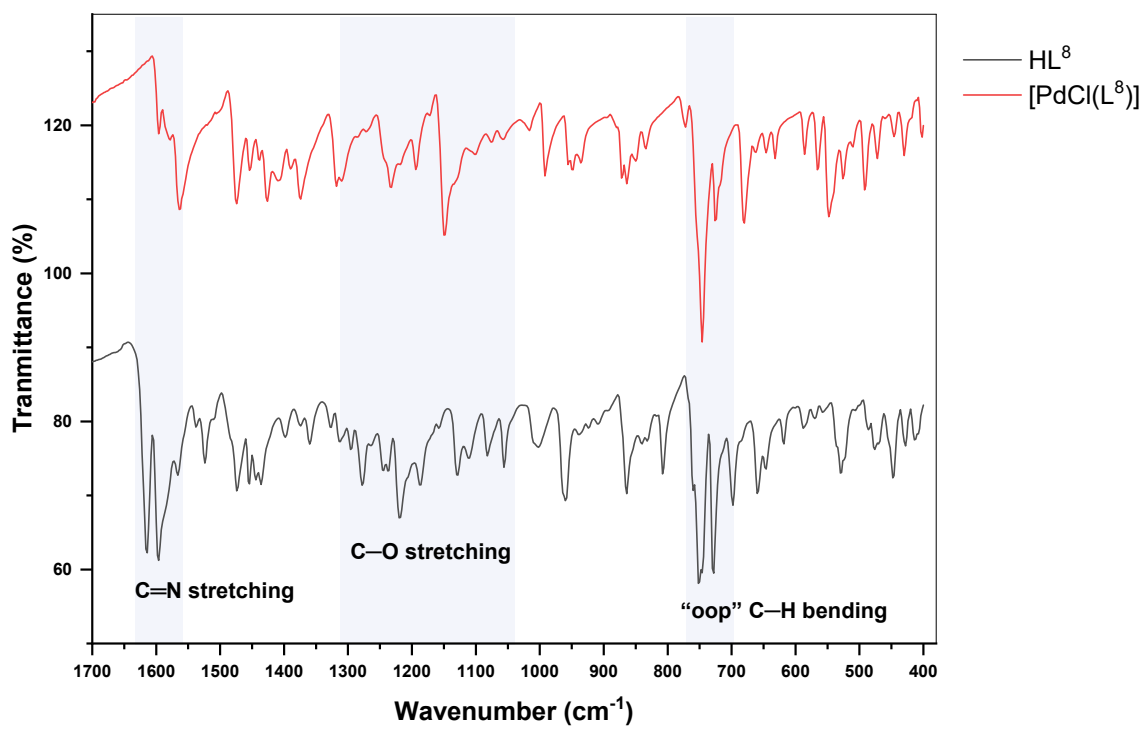


Fig. S17 FT-IR (ATR) spectra of ligand HL^8 and Pd(II) complex **8**.

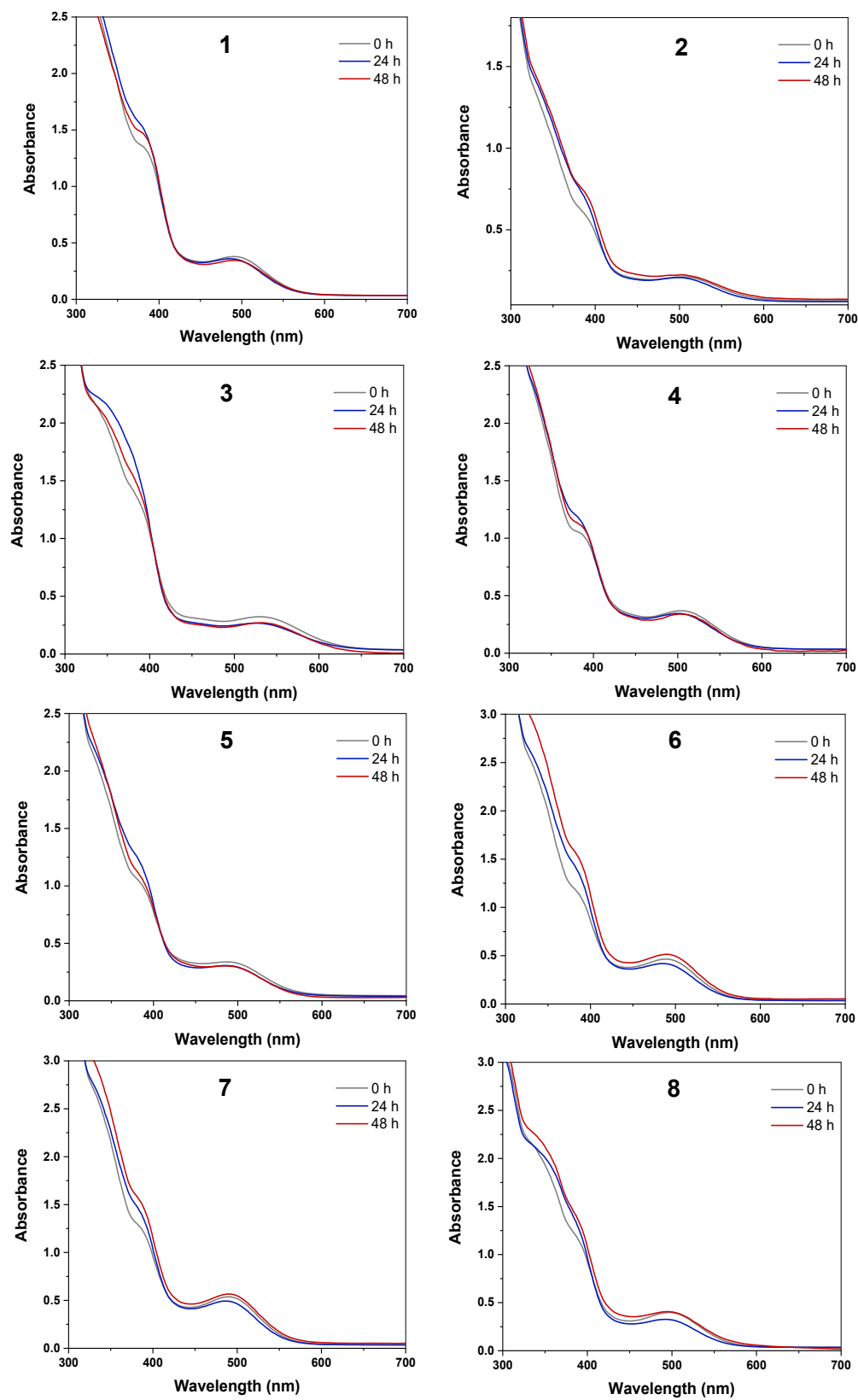


Fig. S18 UV-visible spectra of Pd(II) complexes 1–8 in DMSO at 25°C for 0–48 h.

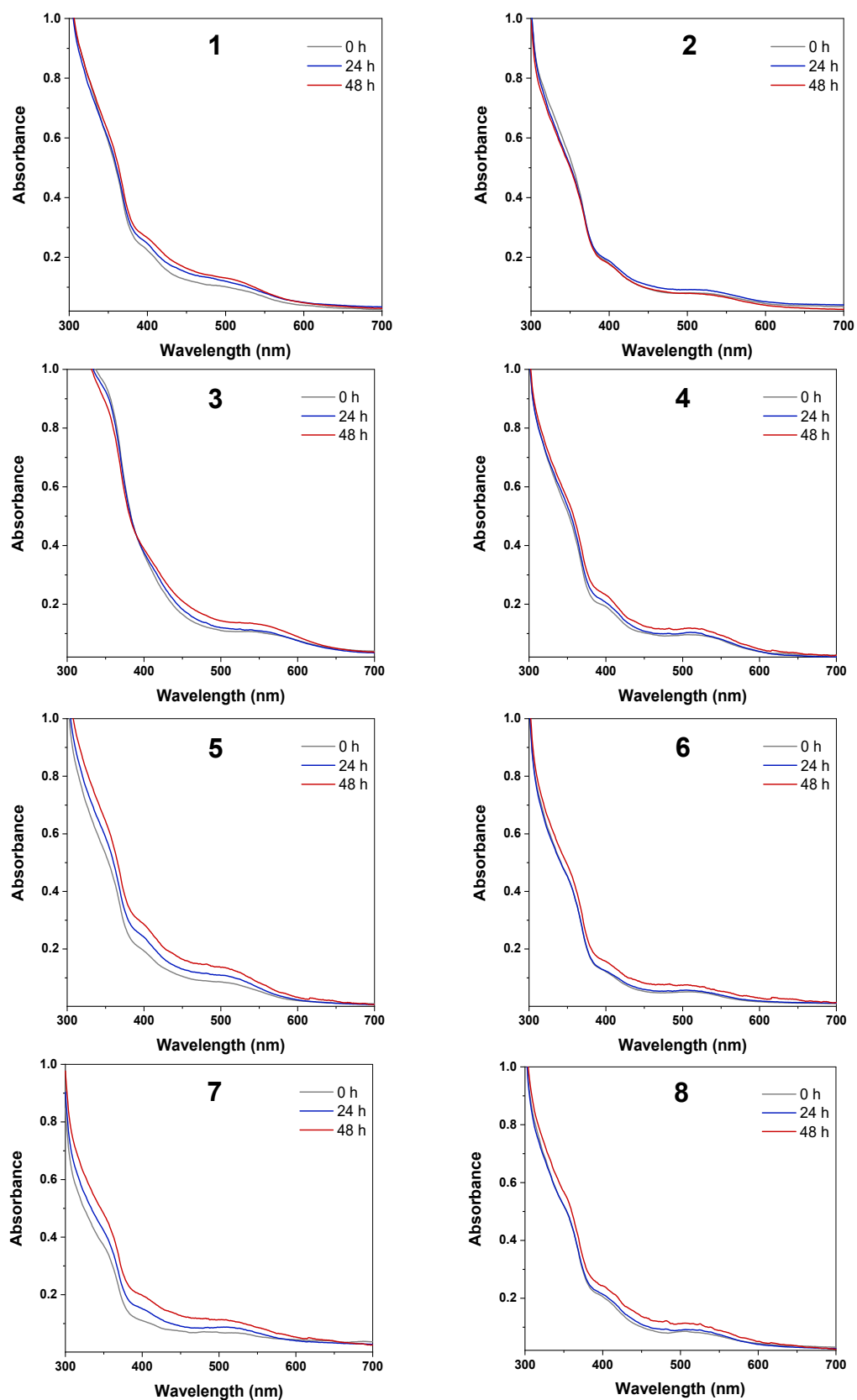


Fig. S19 UV-visible spectra of Pd(II) complexes 1–8 in PBS solution (pH 7.4) at 37°C for 0–48 h.

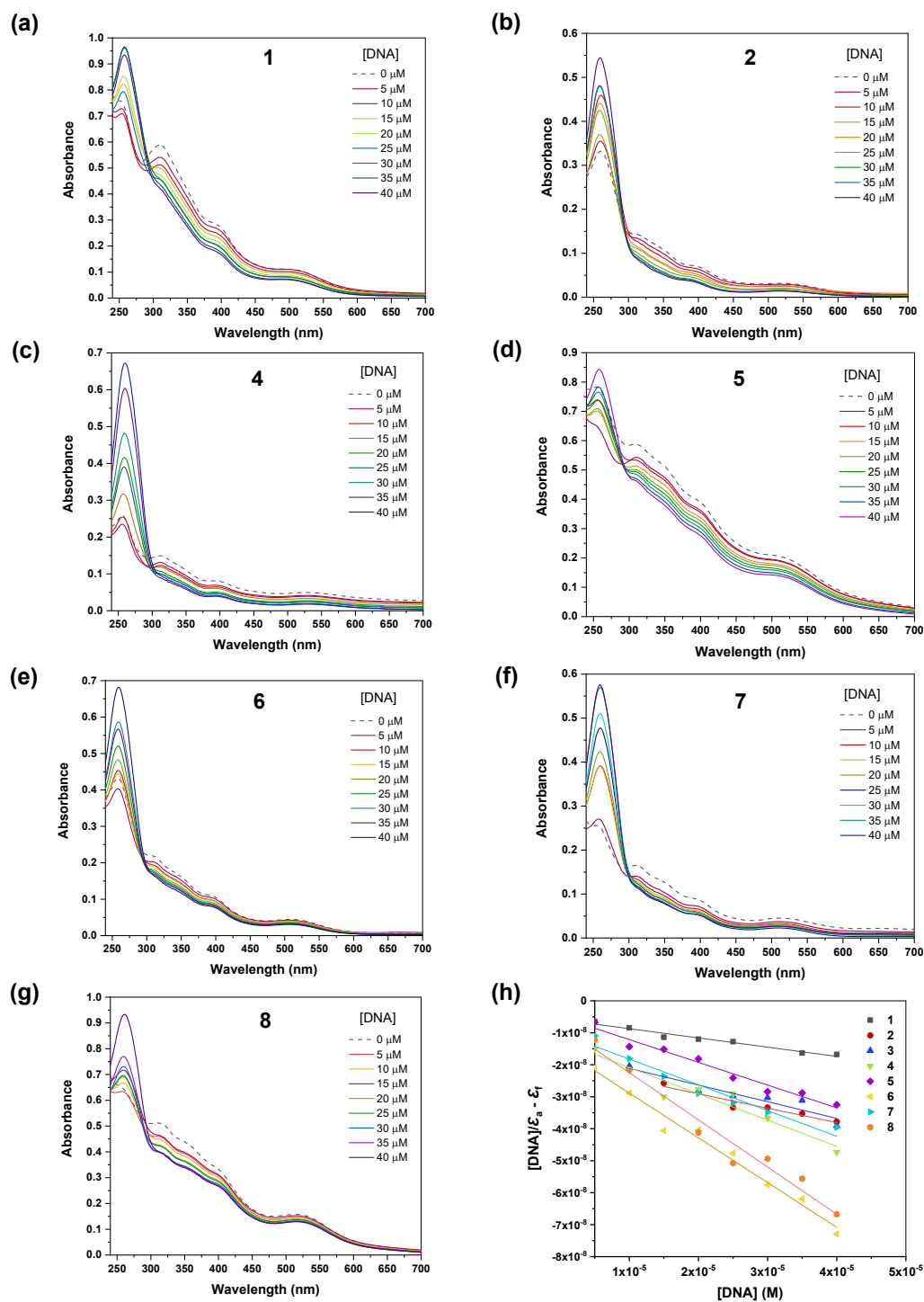


Fig. S20 UV-visible spectra of Pd(II) complexes ($50 \mu\text{M}$) in the absence and presence of CT-DNA (0 – $40 \mu\text{M}$) (a–g). Wolfe-Shimer plot of $[DNA]$ vs. $[DNA]/(\epsilon_a - \epsilon_f)$ for determination of the binding constant (K_b) for Pd(II) complexes **1**–**8** (h).

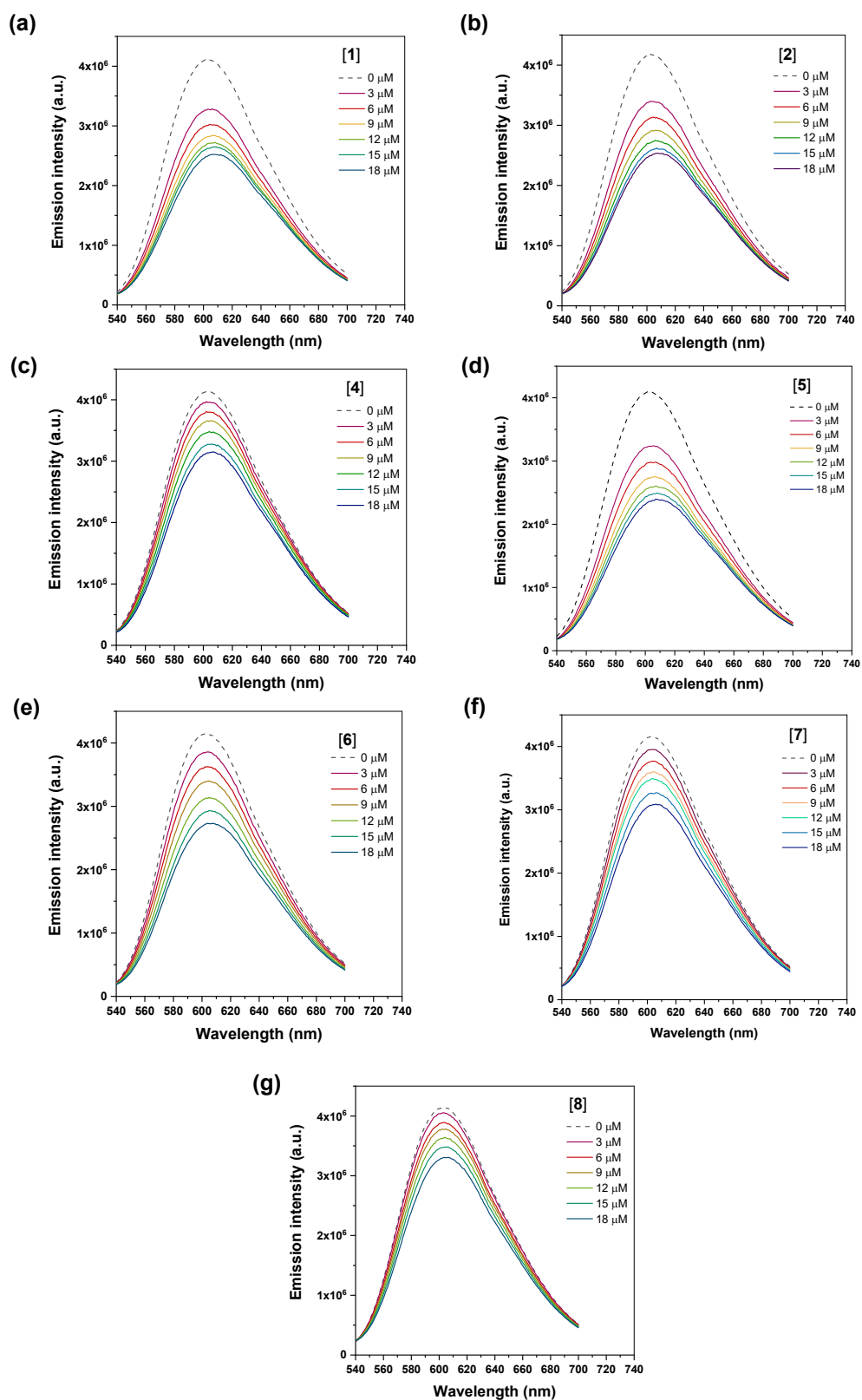


Fig. S21 Fluorescence quenching spectra of EB-DNA ($[\text{DNA}] = 10 \mu\text{M}$; $[\text{EB}] = 4 \mu\text{M}$; $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 525 \text{ nm}$; $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 603 \text{ nm}$) in the absence and presence of Pd(II) complexes (0–18 μM) (a–g).

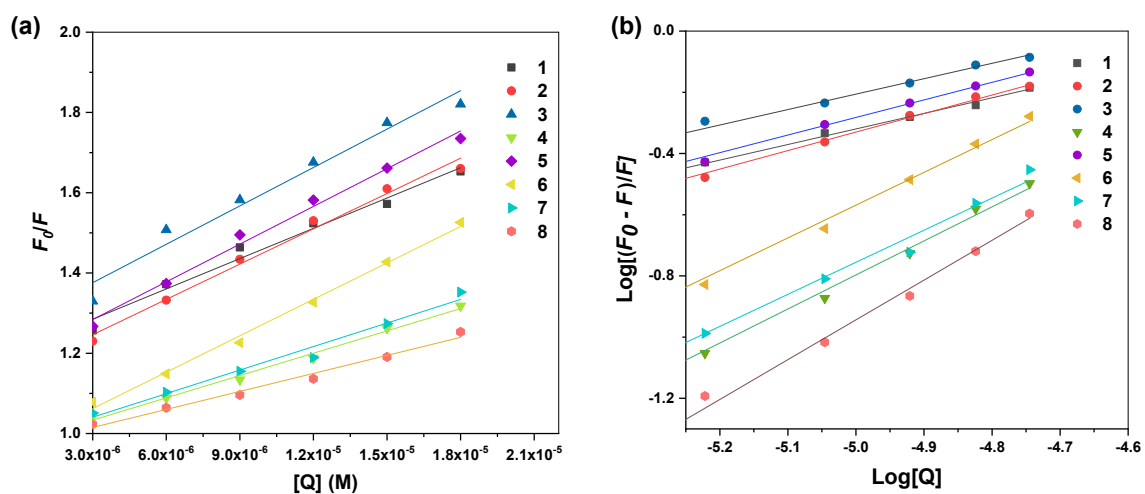


Fig. S22 Fluorescence quenching profile by 1–8; Stern–Volmer plots of EB–DNA (a), and Scatchard plot of EB–DNA (b).

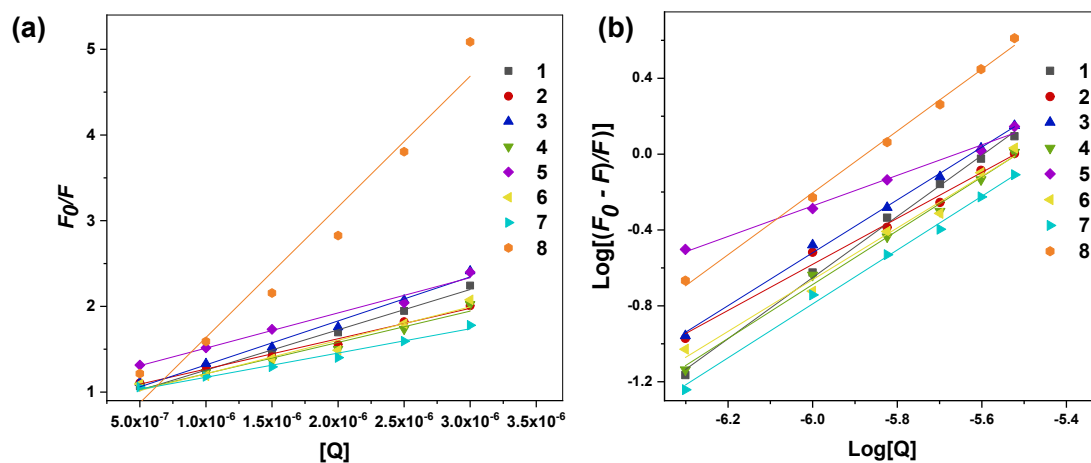


Fig. S23 Fluorescence quenching profile by complexes 1–8; Stern–Volmer plots of BSA (a), and Scatchard plot of BSA (b).

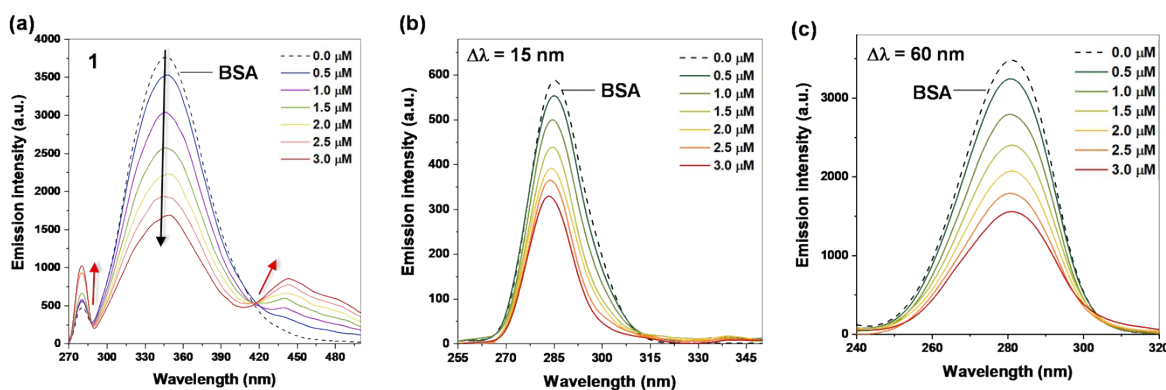


Fig. S24 Fluorescence quenching spectra of BSA (2 μM ; $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 280$ nm; $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 350$ nm) in the absence and presence of complex 1 (0–3 μM) (a). Synchronous spectra of BSA (2 μM) in the presence of increasing concentrations of complex 1 (0–3 μM) with a wavelength separation of $\Delta\lambda = 15$ nm (b) and $\Delta\lambda = 60$ nm (c).

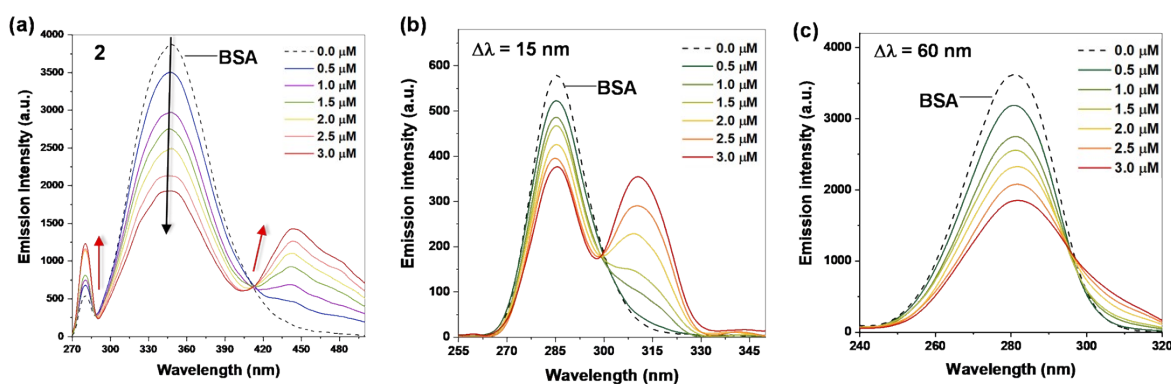


Fig. S25 Fluorescence quenching spectra of BSA (2 μM ; $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 280$ nm; $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 350$ nm) in the absence and presence of complex 2 (0–3 μM) (a). Synchronous spectra of BSA (2 μM) in the presence of increasing concentrations of complex 2 (0–3 μM) with a wavelength separation of $\Delta\lambda = 15$ nm (b) and $\Delta\lambda = 60$ nm (c).

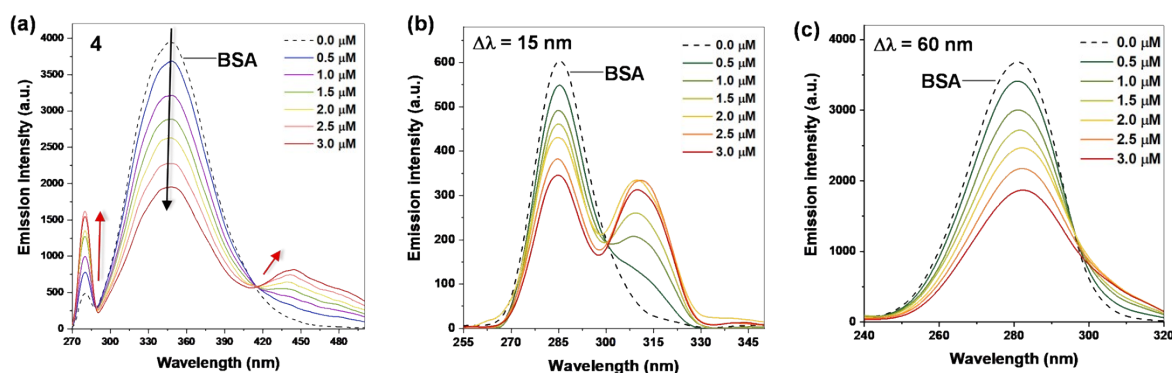


Fig. S26 Fluorescence quenching spectra of BSA ($2 \mu\text{M}$; $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 280 \text{ nm}$; $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 350 \text{ nm}$) in the absence and presence of complex **4** ($0\text{--}3 \mu\text{M}$) (a). Synchronous spectra of BSA ($2 \mu\text{M}$) in the presence of increasing concentrations of complex **4** ($0\text{--}3 \mu\text{M}$) with a wavelength separation of $\Delta\lambda = 15 \text{ nm}$ (b) and $\Delta\lambda = 60 \text{ nm}$ (c).

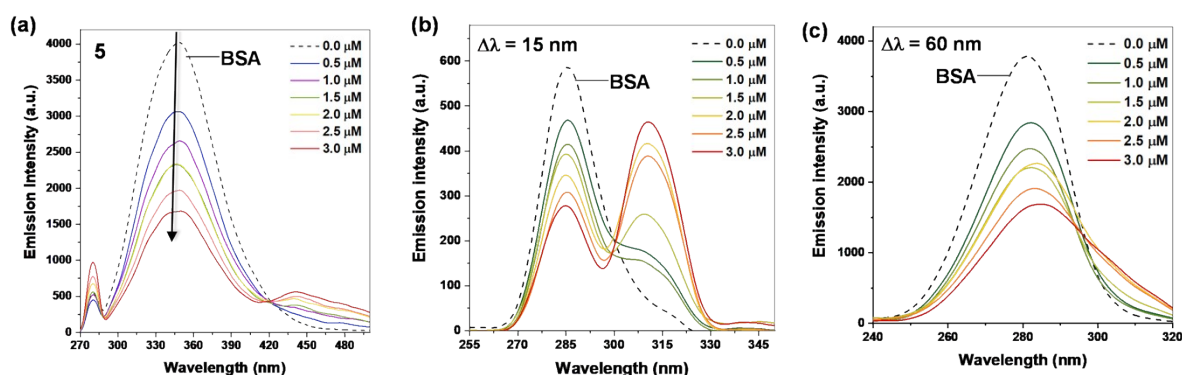


Fig. S27 Fluorescence quenching spectra of BSA ($2 \mu\text{M}$; $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 280 \text{ nm}$; $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 350 \text{ nm}$) in the absence and presence of complex **5** ($0\text{--}3 \mu\text{M}$) (a). Synchronous spectra of BSA ($2 \mu\text{M}$) in the presence of increasing concentrations of complex **5** ($0\text{--}3 \mu\text{M}$) with a wavelength separation of $\Delta\lambda = 15 \text{ nm}$ (b) and $\Delta\lambda = 60 \text{ nm}$ (c).

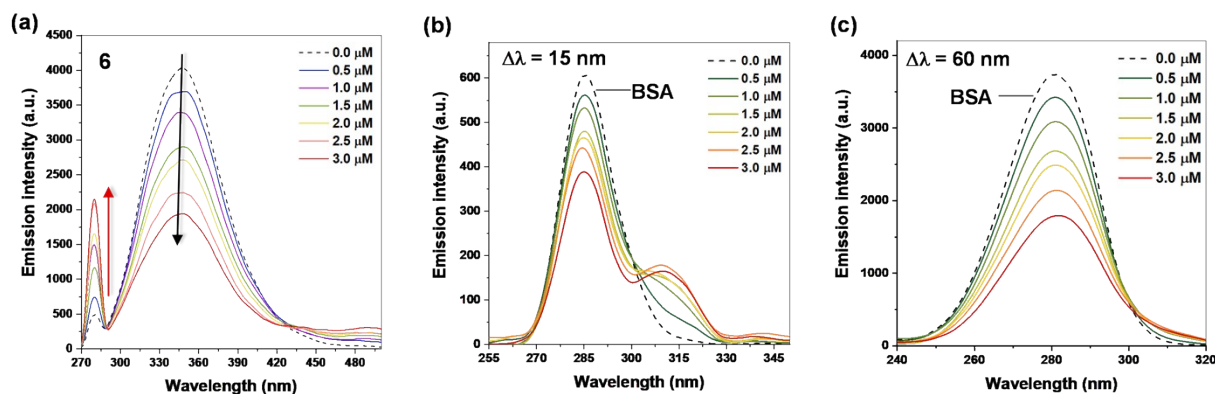


Fig. S28 Fluorescence quenching spectra of BSA ($2 \mu\text{M}$; $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 280 \text{ nm}$; $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 350 \text{ nm}$) in the absence and presence of complex **6** ($0\text{--}3 \mu\text{M}$) (a). Synchronous spectra of BSA ($2 \mu\text{M}$) in the presence of increasing concentrations of complex **6** ($0\text{--}3 \mu\text{M}$) with a wavelength separation of $\Delta\lambda = 15 \text{ nm}$ (b) and $\Delta\lambda = 60 \text{ nm}$ (c).

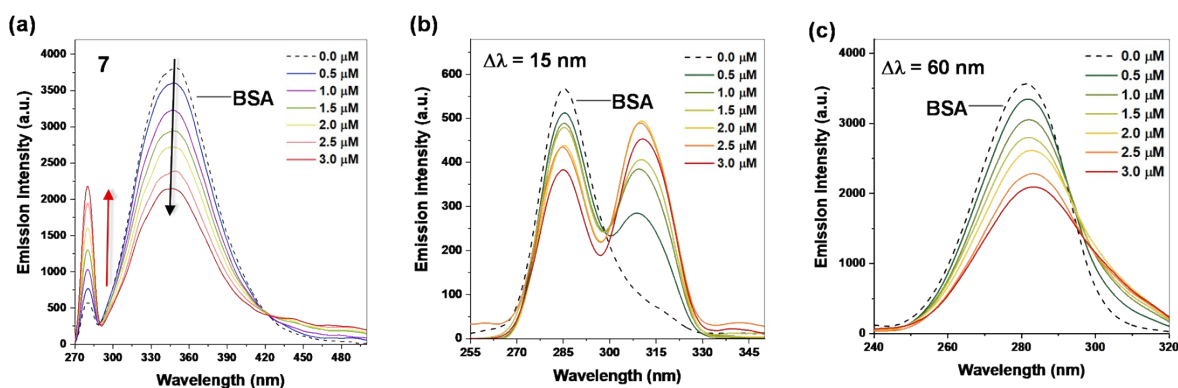


Fig. S29 Fluorescence quenching spectra of BSA ($2 \mu\text{M}$; $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 280 \text{ nm}$; $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 350 \text{ nm}$) in the absence and presence of complex **7** ($0\text{--}3 \mu\text{M}$) (a). Synchronous spectra of BSA ($2 \mu\text{M}$) in the presence of increasing concentrations of complex **7** ($0\text{--}3 \mu\text{M}$) with a wavelength separation of $\Delta\lambda = 15 \text{ nm}$ (b) and $\Delta\lambda = 60 \text{ nm}$ (c).

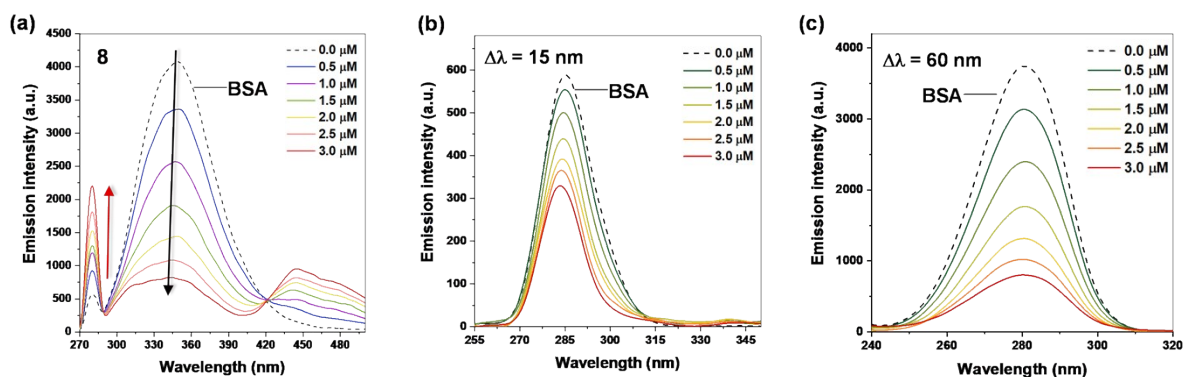


Fig. S30 Fluorescence quenching spectra of BSA ($2 \mu\text{M}$; $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 280 \text{ nm}$; $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 350 \text{ nm}$) in the absence and presence of complex **8** ($0\text{--}3 \mu\text{M}$) (a). Synchronous spectra of BSA ($2 \mu\text{M}$) in the presence of increasing concentrations of complex **8** ($0\text{--}3 \mu\text{M}$) with a wavelength separation of $\Delta\lambda = 15 \text{ nm}$ (b) and $\Delta\lambda = 60 \text{ nm}$ (c).

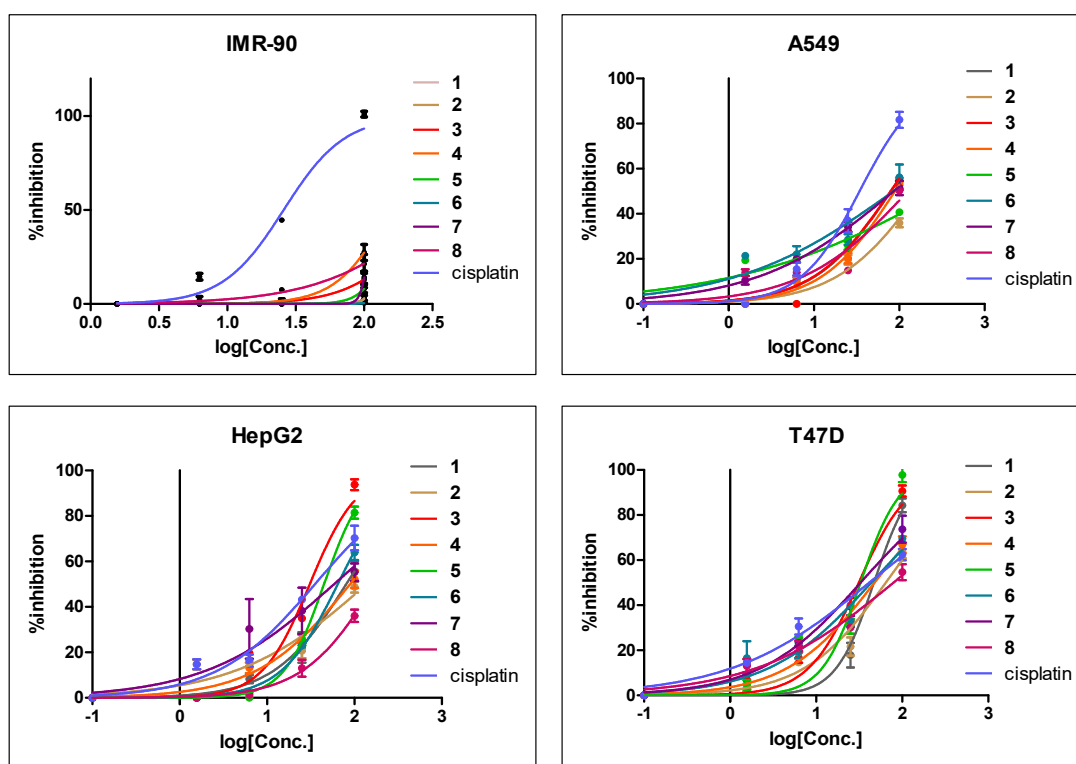


Fig. S31 Cytotoxicity of Pd(II) complexes **1–8** and cisplatin toward IMR-90, A549, HepG2, and T47D cell lines. IC_{50} values were fitted from the plot between %inhibition and $\log[\text{concentration}]$ using the GraphPad Prism5 software.

Table S1 Crystallographic data and structure refinement parameters for HL², HL³, **1–3**, and **5**

	HL ²	HL ³	1	2	3	5
Empirical formula	C ₂₁ H ₁₇ N ₂ OS	C ₂₁ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₂ S	C ₂₀ H ₁₃ ClN ₂ OPd S	C ₂₁ H ₁₅ ClN ₂ OPdS	2(C ₂₁ H ₁₅ ClN ₂ O ₂ Pd S)	C ₂₀ H ₁₁ ClF ₂ N ₂ OPdS
Formula weight	345.42	360.44	471.27	485.30	1002.60	507.22
Temperature (K)	296.15	296.15	296.15	296.15	296.15	296.15
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P2₁/c</i>	<i>P2₁/c</i>	<i>P2₁/c</i>	<i>Pbca</i>	<i>Pbca</i>	<i>Pbca</i>
<i>a</i> (Å)	10.9409(3)	10.779(4)	10.5645(13)	13.0960(10)	12.996(2)	12.4974(3)
<i>b</i> (Å)	12.9321(3)	12.613(4)	17.130(3)	10.9779(9)	10.9433(15)	11.1274(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	13.1159(4)	13.596(4)	10.1453(14)	25.673(2)	26.809(4)	25.9429(8)
<i>α</i> (°)	90	90	90	90	90	90
<i>β</i> (°)	111.9350(10)	110.290(13)	105.873(5)	90	90	90
<i>γ</i> (°)	90	90	90	90	90	90
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	1721.41(8)	1733.8(10)	1766.0(4)	3691.0(5)	3812.9(10)	3607.71(17)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4	8	4	8
<i>F</i> (000)	720.7704	752.8144	933.4216	1930.8628	1994.9499	2000

D_c (g cm ⁻³)	1.3289	1.3807	1.7724	1.7465	1.7464	1.868
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.199	0.205	1.332	1.277	1.243	1.326
θ range (°)	2.61 to 28.35	2.58 to 28.32	3.11 to 28.33	2.55 to 26.41	3.13 to 30.59	2.91 to 28.34
Reflections collected	43327	61709	49008	63511	105897	153380
Max., min transmission	0.7457, 0.6566	0.7457, 0.6870	0.7457, 0.6926	0.7454, 0.6209	0.7461, 0.6835	0.7457, 0.6664
$R_{(\text{int})}$	0.0842	0.0509	0.0491	0.0759	0.0450	0.0516
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.0574	1.0695	1.0624	1.0393	1.0459	1.154
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]: R_1, wR_2	0.0432, 0.0979	0.0385, 0.0955	0.0265, 0.0644	0.0672, 0.1678	0.0368, 0.0718	0.0299, 0.0619
Final R indexes [all data]: $R_1,$ wR_2	0.0810, 0.1185	0.0502, 0.1035	0.0342, 0.0693	0.0729, 0.1711	0.0438, 0.0749	0.0357, 0.0643
Largest diff. peak/hole (e Å ⁻³)	0.2512/-0.3004	0.2660/-0.3385	0.7172/-0.6565	1.4601/-2.0156	0.7130/-0.9514	0.374/-0.589
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Table S2 Selected bond lengths (Å), bond angles (°), and dihedral angles (°) for HL².

Bond lengths		Bond angles		Dihedral angles	
N1–C1	1.296(3)	N1–C1–C8	120.8(2)	C2–N1–C1–C8	–176.6(2)
N1–C2	1.386(3)	N2–C9–C8	119.9(2)	N2–C9–C8–C1	5.0(3)
N2–C9	1.419(2)	N2–C14–C15	123.4(2)	C9–N2–C14–C15	–174.9(2)
N2–C14	1.282(2)	C9–N2–C14	118.6(2)	N2–C14–C15–C16	6.7(3)
S1–C1	1.749(2)	C15–C16–O1	121.7(2)	C14–C15–C16–O1	–0.7(3)
O1–C16	1.360(3)	S1–C1–C8	124.0(1)	C9–C8–C1–S1	12.4(3)

Table S3 Selected bond lengths (Å), bond angles (°), and dihedral angles (°) for HL³.

Bond lengths		Bond angles		Dihedral angles	
N1–C6	1.381(2)	N1–C7–C8	121.5(1)	C6–N1–C7–C8	–177.9(1)
N1–C7	1.298(2)	N2–C13–C8	119.9(1)	N2–C13–C8–C7	2.6(2)
N2–C13	1.415(2)	N2–C14–C15	122.8(1)	C13–N2–C14–C15	–175.9(1)
N2–C14	1.283(2)	C13–N2–C14	118.3(1)	N2–C14–C15–C16	6.9(2)
S1–C7	1.754(1)	C15–C16–O1	122.3(1)	C14–C15–C16–O1	–1.2(2)
O1–C16	1.359(2)	S1–C7–C8	123.7(1)	C13–C8–C7–S1	10.1(2)

Table S4 Selected bond lengths (Å), bond angles (°), and dihedral angles (°) for complex **1**.

Bond lengths		Bond angles		Dihedral angles	
N1–C7	1.299(3)	N1–C7–C6	125.9(2)	C15–N2–C14–C13	–173.2(3)
N1–C8	1.423(4)	N1–C8–C13	121.1(3)	N1–C8–C13–C14	–4.6(5)
N2–C14	1.312(4)	N2–C14–C13	125.9(3)	C8–N1–C7–C6	165.1(2)
N2–C15	1.406(3)	C8–N1–C7	118.8(2)	N1–C7–C6–C1	–17.4(4)
S1–C14	1.726(3)	C6–C1–O1	124.9(2)	C7–C6–C1–O1	7.7(4)

O1–C1	1.312(3)	S1–C14–C13	119.6(2)	C8–C13–C14–S1	–150.3(3)
Pd1–N1	1.994(2)	N1–Pd1–N2	88.55(8)	O1–Pd1–N1–C8	–144.2(2)
Pd1–N2	2.027(2)	N2–Pd1–C11	95.38(6)	N2–Pd1–O1–C1	48.4(5)
Pd1–O1	1.981(2)	O1–Pd1–C11	87.74(6)	N2–Pd1–N1–C7	–139.2(2)
Pd1–C1	2.3286(8)	O1–Pd1–N1	90.63(8)	N2–Pd1–N1–C8	47.1(2)

Table S5 Selected bond lengths (Å), bond angles (°), and dihedral angles (°) for complex **2**.

Bond lengths		Bond angles		Dihedral angles	
N1–C1	1.40(1)	N1–C7–C8	125.6(7)	C1–N1–C7–C8	174.5(7)
N1–C7	1.30(1)	N2–C13–C8	122.1(7)	N2–C13–C8–C7	–4(1)
N2–C13	1.412(9)	N2–C14–C15	126.3(7)	C13–N2–C14–C15	–166.0(7)
N2–C14	1.305(9)	C13–N2–C14	119.0(6)	N2–C14–C15–C20	36.0(5)
S1–C7	1.741(8)	C15–C20–O1	123.3(6)	C14–C15–C20–O1	–6(1)
O1–C20	1.311(9)	S1–C7–C8	119.7(6)	C13–C8–C7–S1	156.9(7)
Pd1–N1	2.029(7)	N1–Pd1–N2	88.2(3)	O1–Pd1–N2–C13	145.8(5)
Pd1–N2	1.994(6)	N1–Pd1–C11	95.3(2)	N1–Pd1–O1–C20	–50(1)
Pd1–O1	1.973(5)	O1–Pd1–C11	88.3(2)	N1–Pd1–N2–C13	–46.8(5)
Pd1–C1	2.331(2)	O1–Pd1–N2	91.0(2)	N1–Pd1–N2–C14	141.6(6)

Table S6 Selected bond lengths (Å), bond angles (°), and dihedral angles (°) for complex **3**.

Bond lengths		Bond angles		Dihedral angles	
N1–C1	1.405(4)	N1–C7–C8	126.2(2)	C1–N1–C7–C8	175.6(3)
N1–C7	1.308(3)	N2–C13–C8	120.6(2)	N2–C13–C8–C7	–3.5(4)
N2–C13	1.420(3)	N2–C14–C15	125.4(2)	C13–N2–C14–C15	–168.8(2)
N2–C14	1.297(3)	C13–N2–C14	118.2(2)	N2–C14–C15–C20	19.8(4)

S1–C7	1.737(3)	C15–C20–O1	124.7(2)	C14–C15–C20–O1	–4.9(4)
O1–C20	1.317(3)	S1–C7–C8	119.7(2)	C13–C8–C7–S1	157.4(2)
Pd1–N1	2.035(2)	N1–Pd1–N2	88.57(9)	O1–Pd1–N2–C13	145.1(2)
Pd1–N2	1.985(2)	N1–Pd1–Cl1	95.26(7)	N1–Pd1–O1–C20	–45.1(5)
Pd1–O1	1.984(2)	O1–Pd1–Cl1	88.61(6)	N1–Pd1–N2–C13	–47.4(2)
Pd1–Cl	2.3322(7)	O1–Pd1–N2	90.37(8)	N1–Pd1–N2–C14	139.4(2)

Table S7 Selected bond lengths (Å), bond angles (°), and dihedral angles (°) for complex **5**.

Bond lengths		Bond angles		Dihedral angles	
N1–C1	1.401(3)	N1–C7–C8	125.7(2)	C1–N1–C7–C8	–174.6(2)
N1–C7	1.311(3)	N2–C13–C8	121.1(2)	N2–C13–C8–C7	2.1(4)
N2–C13	1.428(3)	N2–C14–C15	125.4(2)	C13–N2–C14–C15	166.6(2)
N2–C14	1.288(3)	C13–N2–C14	118.8(2)	N2–C14–C15–C16	–17.6(4)
S1–C7	1.729(2)	C15–C16–O1	126.6(2)	C14–C15–C16–O1	4.6(4)
O1–C16	1.304(3)	S1–C7–C8	120.1(2)	C13–C8–C7–S1	–155.6(2)
Pd1–N1	2.029(2)	N1–Pd1–N2	87.81(8)	O1–Pd1–N2–C13	–143.7(3)
Pd1–N2	1.984(2)	N1–Pd1–Cl1	94.76(6)	N1–Pd1–O1–C16	39.8(4)
Pd1–O1	1.997(2)	O1–Pd1–Cl1	89.87(5)	N1–Pd1–N2–C13	48.4(2)
Pd1–Cl	2.3263(7)	O1–Pd1–N2	90.13(8)	N1–Pd1–N2–C14	–136.8(2)

Table S8 Free energy of binding of the complexes with biomolecules.

Complex	Free energy of binding (kcal mol ⁻¹) ^a		
	DNA (PDB ID: 1BNA)	DNA (PDB ID: 1Z3F)	BSA (PDB ID: 4F5S)
3	-9.07	-8.49	-9.40
5	-7.79	-7.38	-7.97

^aBest complex pose according to Autodock**Table S9** Active site residues of DNA and BSA involved in non-bonded interactions with the complexes.

Complex	Active site residues		
	DNA (PDB ID: 1BNA)	DNA (PDB ID: 1Z3F)	BSA (PDB ID: 4F5S)
3	DT8, DT19, DT20	DG2, DC1, DC5, DG6	Pro117, Leu115, Lys144, Ile181, Arg185, Arg144, His185
5	DT7, DC9, DA18, DT19, DT20	DG2, DC1, DC5, DG6, DA3	Pro110, Asp108, Arg458, Glu424, His145, Arg193, Arg196

Ligand	SI ^b						
	A549	HepG-2	T47D	IMR-90	A549	HepG-2	T47D
HL ¹	>100	>100	>100	>100	~1	~1	~1
HL ²	>100	68.6 ± 7.6	>100	>100	~1	1.46	~1
HL ³	>100	87.3 ± 13.5	76.8 ± 6.0	>100	~1	1.15	1.30
HL ⁴	>100	46.3 ± 4.1	>100	>100	~1	2.16	~1
HL ⁵	>100	>100	51.9 ± 1.8	>100	~1	~1	1.93
HL ⁶	>100	44.9 ± 6.4	38.7 ± 0.5	>100	~1	2.23	2.58
HL ⁷	>100	50.3 ± 3.4	32.2 ± 10.8	>100	~1	1.99	3.10
HL ⁸	>100	47.2 ± 0.9	46.2 ± 21.6	>100	~1	2.19	2.16

Table S10 IC₅₀ values in different human cancer and normal cell lines (48 h) of Schiff base ligands.