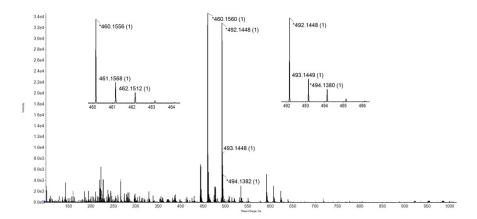
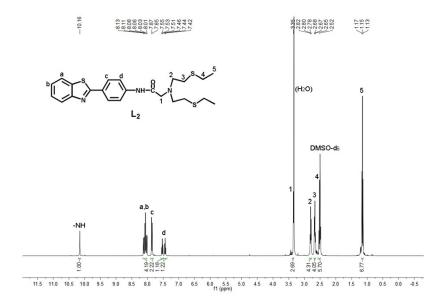
## **Supplementary Material**

Two novel SNS-donor palladium(II) complexes of benzoxazole and benzothiazole derivatives as potential anticancer agents

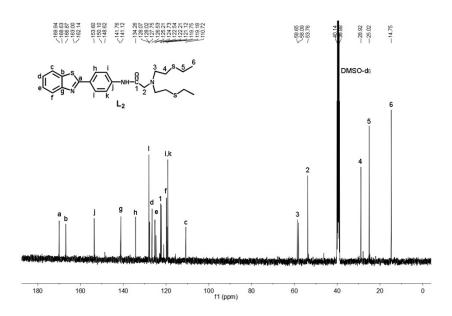
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**Fig. S1** High resolution electrospray ionization-mass spectrum (HRMS, ESI) of  $L_2$  in methanol solution. The signals at m/z 460.1560 and 492.1448 should be assigned to  $[L_2 + H]^+$  and  $[L_2 + H + CH_3OH]^+$ , respectively.



**Fig. S2** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of N-(4-(benzo[d]thiazol)-2-yl)phenyl)-2-(bis(2-ethylthioethyl)amino)acetamide ( $L_2$ ) in DMSO- $d_6$ .



**Fig. S3**  $^{13}$ C NMR of N-(4-(benzo[d]thiazol)-2-yl)phenyl)-2-(bis(2-ethylthioethyl)amino)acetamide ( $L_2$ ) in DMSO- $d_6$ .

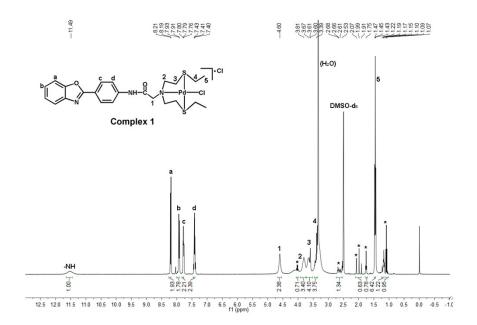


Fig. S4 <sup>1</sup>H NMR of complex 1 ([PdL<sub>1</sub>Cl]Cl) in DMSO- $d_6$ . The signals marked with \* are for the protons from residual solvents ethyl acetate, acetone, and diethyl ether.

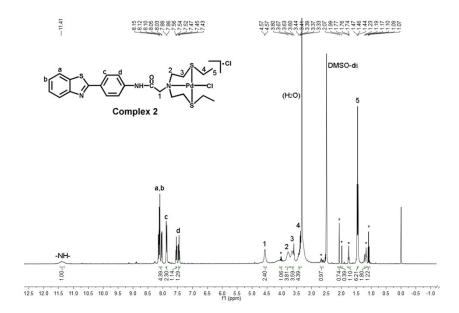


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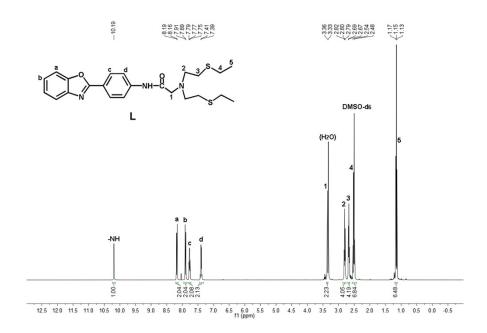


Fig. S6  $^{1}$ H NMR of ligand  $L_{1}$  in DMSO- $d_{6}$ .

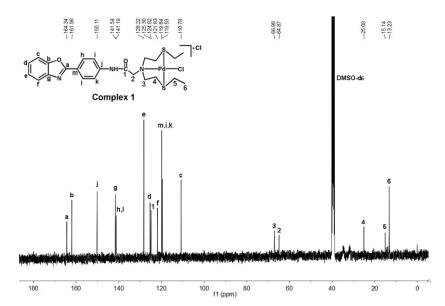


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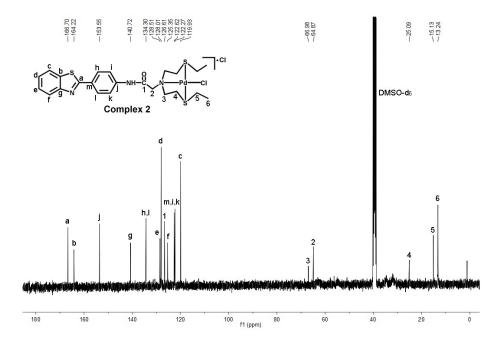
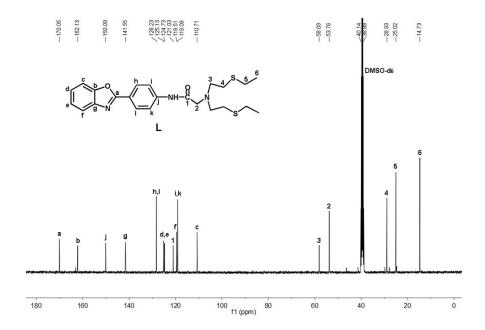
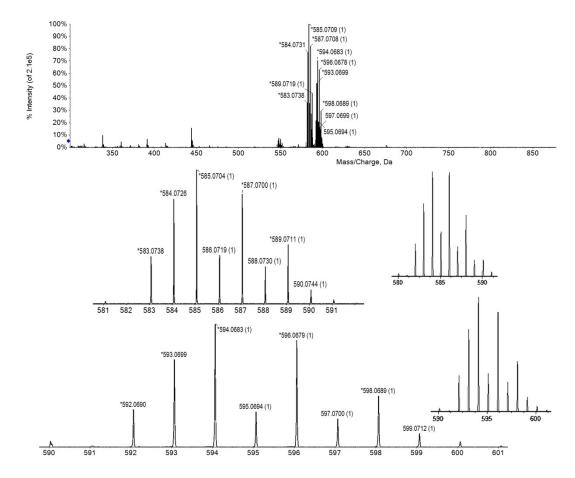


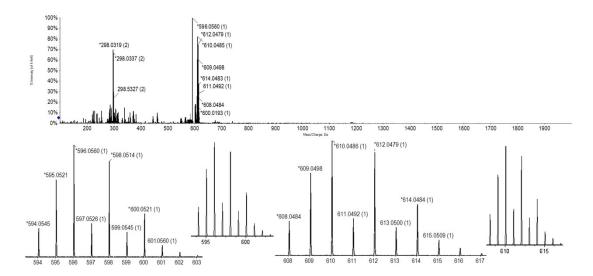
Fig. S8  $^{13}$ C NMR of complex 2 ([PdL<sub>2</sub>Cl]Cl) in DMSO- $d_6$ .



**Fig. S9**  $^{13}$ C NMR of ligand  $L_1$  in DMSO- $d_6$ .



**Fig. S10** High resolution electrospray ionization-mass spectrum (HRMS, ESI) of **1** in methanol solution. The signals at m/z 585.0709 and 594.0683 should be assigned to  $[M - Cl]^+$  and  $[M - 2Cl + CH_3CHO]^+$ , respectively (M =  $[PdL_1Cl]Cl$ ).



**Fig. S11** High resolution electrospray ionization-mass spectrum (HRMS, ESI) of complex **2** in methanol solution. The signals at m/z 298.0319, 596.0560, and 610.0485 should be assigned to  $[M - 2Cl + CH_3OH]^{2+}$ ,  $[M - 2Cl + CH_3O]^+$ , and  $[M - 2Cl + CH_3CH_2O]^+$ , respectively (M =  $[PdL_2Cl]Cl$ ).

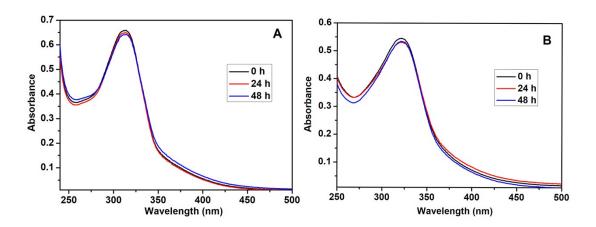
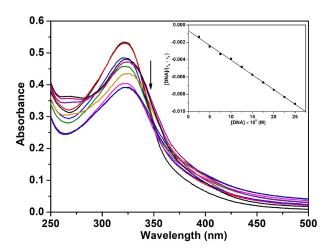
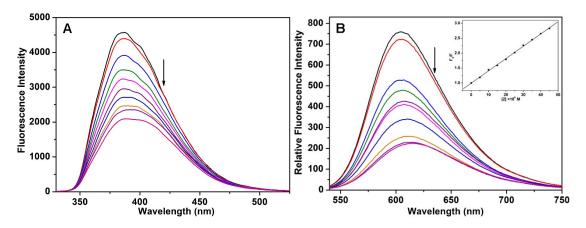


Fig. S12 Time-dependent UV-vis absorption spectra of complex 1 (A) or 2 (B) (25  $\mu$ M) in cell culture media (Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM)) with 0.3% DMSO at 37 °C.



**Fig. S13** Absorption spectra of complex **2** ([complex] = 25 μM) in the absence and presence of an increasing amount of CT-DNA (2.5, 5.0, 7.5, 10.0, 12.5, 15.0, 17.5, 20.0, 22.5, and 25.0 μM) at 37 °C after 24 h of incubation in Tris-HCl/NaCl buffer (pH 7.4). The inset shows the plot of [DNA]/( $\varepsilon_a - \varepsilon_f$ ) vs. [DNA].



**Fig. S14** (A) Fluorescence emission spectra of complex **2** (10 μM,  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 316 nm) in the absence (black line) and presence (color lines) of CT-DNA (r = [DNA]/[2] = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9) at 37 °C after 24 h of incubation. (B) Fluorescence emission spectra ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 526 nm) of the CT-DNA-EB system ([DNA] = [EB] = 5.68 × 10<sup>-6</sup> M) in the absence and the presence of complex **1** (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 μM). Insets: Stern-Volmer plot of the EB-DNA fluorescence titration for **2**.

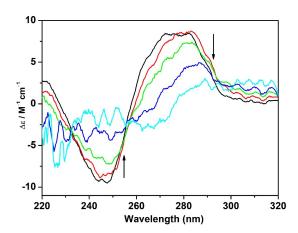
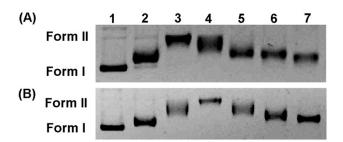
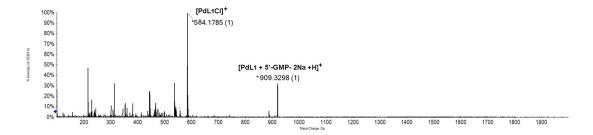


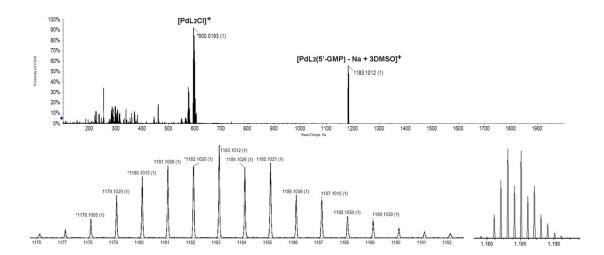
Fig. S15 CD spectra of CT-DNA  $(1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M})$  in the absence (the black sold line) and presence of complex 2 (the color sold lines, [complex]/[DNA] = 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8) at 37 °C in pH 7.40 after 24 h of incubation time.



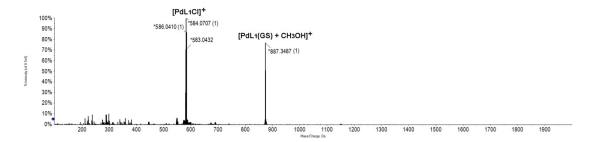
**Fig. S16** Agarose gel electrophoresis patterns of supercoiled pUC19 plasmid DNA incubated with **1** (A) or **2** (B) at 37 °C for 24 h. Lane 1, control; lanes 2–7, the  $r_i$  values of 0.015, 0.03, 0.045, 0.06, 0.12, 0.18, respectively.



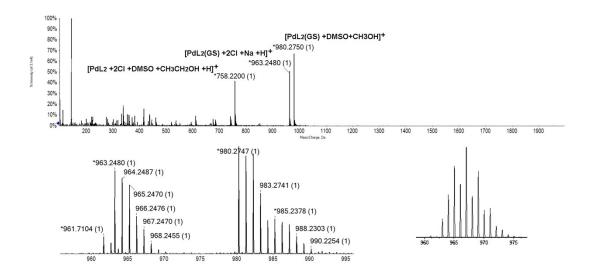
**Fig. S17** High resolution electrospray ionization-mass spectrum (HRMS, ESI) of the reaction between complex **1** and 5′-GMP (1:1) recorded in methanol/water (v/v, 1:1) at 37 °C for 24 h. Assignments: 909.3298, [PdL<sub>1</sub>(GMP)–2Na+H]<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>42</sub>N<sub>8</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>10</sub>PPd, calcd. 911.12); 584.1785, [PdL<sub>1</sub>Cl]<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>ClPd, calcd. 584.04).



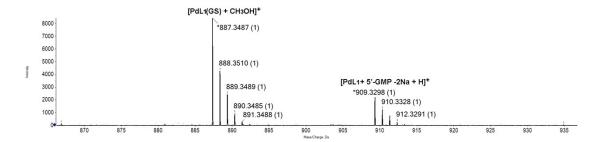
**Fig. S18** High resolution electrospray ionization-mass spectrum (HRMS, ESI) of the reaction between complex **2** and 5′-GMP (1:1) recorded in methanol/water (v/v, 1:1) at 37 °C for 24 h. Assignments: 1183.1012, [PdL<sub>2</sub>(GMP)– Na+3DMSO]<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>59</sub>N<sub>8</sub>S<sub>6</sub>O<sub>12</sub>PNaPd, calcd. 1183.12); 600.0193, [PdL<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>3</sub>OClPd, calcd. 600.02).



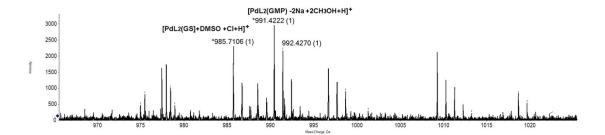
**Fig. S19** High resolution electrospray ionization-mass spectrum (HRMS, ESI) of the reaction between complex **1** and GSH (1:1) recorded in methanol/water (v/v, 1:1) at 37 °C for 24 h. Assignments: 887.3487, [PdL<sub>1</sub>(GS) +CH<sub>3</sub>OH]<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>6</sub>S<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Pd, calcd. 887.17); 584.0707, [PdL<sub>1</sub>Cl]<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>ClPd, calcd. 584.04).



**Fig. S20** High resolution electrospray ionization-mass spectrum (HRMS, ESI) of the reaction between complex **2** and GSH (1:1) recorded in methanol/water (v/v, 1:1) at  $^{\circ}$ C for 24 h. Assignments: 980.2750, [PdL<sub>2</sub>(GS)+DMSO+CH<sub>3</sub>OH]+ (C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>55</sub>N<sub>6</sub>S<sub>5</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Pd, calcd. 981.17); 963.2480, [PdL<sub>2</sub>(GS) + 2Cl + Na + H]+ (C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>45</sub>N<sub>6</sub>S<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>NaCl<sub>2</sub>Pd, calcd. 964.06); 758.2200, [PdL<sub>2</sub> + 2Cl + DMSO + CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH + H]+ (C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>42</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>Pd, calcd. 760.02).



**Fig. S21** High resolution electrospray ionization-mass spectrum (HRMS, ESI) of the competitive reaction between complex **1** with 5'-GMP and GSH (1:1:1) recorded in methanol/water/water (v/v/v, 1:1:1) at 37 °C for 24 h. Assignments: 909.3298,  $[PdL_1(GMP)-2Na+H]^+ \ (C_{33}H_{42}N_8S_2O_{10}PPd, \ calcd. \ 911.12); \ 887.3487, \ [PdL_1(GS) + CH_3OH]^+ \ (C_{34}H_{49}N_6S_3O_9Pd, \ calcd. \ 887.17).$ 



**Fig. S22** High resolution electrospray ionization-mass spectrum (HRMS, ESI) of the competitive reaction between complex **2** with 5'-GMP and GSH (1:1:1) recorded in methanol/water/water (v/v/v, 1:1:1) at 37 °C for 24 h. Assignments: 991.4222, [PdL<sub>2</sub>(GMP)–2Na+2CH<sub>3</sub>OH+H]<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>50</sub>N<sub>8</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>11</sub>PPd, calcd. 991.15); 985.7106, [PdL<sub>2</sub>(GS) +DMSO +Cl+H]<sup>+</sup> (C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>52</sub>N<sub>6</sub>S<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub>ClPd, calcd. 985.12).