

**Unexpected N,N'-coordination of tris(2-pyridyl)phosphine chalcogenides to PdCl<sub>2</sub>**

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**General remarks**

Tris(2-pyridyl)phosphine oxide, sulfide and selenide were synthesized by treatment of tris(2-pyridyl)phosphine with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (H<sub>2</sub>O/acetone), powdered sulfur and selenium, respectively.<sup>1</sup> The initial tris(2-pyridyl)phosphine was prepared directly from 2-bromopyridine and red phosphorus according to the published method.<sup>2,3</sup> PdCl<sub>2</sub> was used as purchased, while Li<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>4</sub> was prepared by reaction of PdCl<sub>2</sub> with LiCl in water. <sup>1</sup>H (400.13 MHz) and <sup>31</sup>P NMR (161.98 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX-400 spectrometer at ambient temperature and referenced to internal HDMS (<sup>1</sup>H) and external 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (<sup>31</sup>P) standards. UV-Vis spectra were measured on a Lambda 35 spectrophotometer. FT-IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Vertex 70 spectrometer. The microanalyses were performed on a Flash EA 1112 analyzer.

**Computation details**

The DFT calculations were performed using the Gaussian 09 package.<sup>4</sup> Geometry optimization and subsequent vibrational analysis were carried out at the B3LYP level<sup>5</sup> with SDD<sup>6</sup> basis set and pseudopotential on Pd and Se, and 6-311+G(d,p) on all other atoms.

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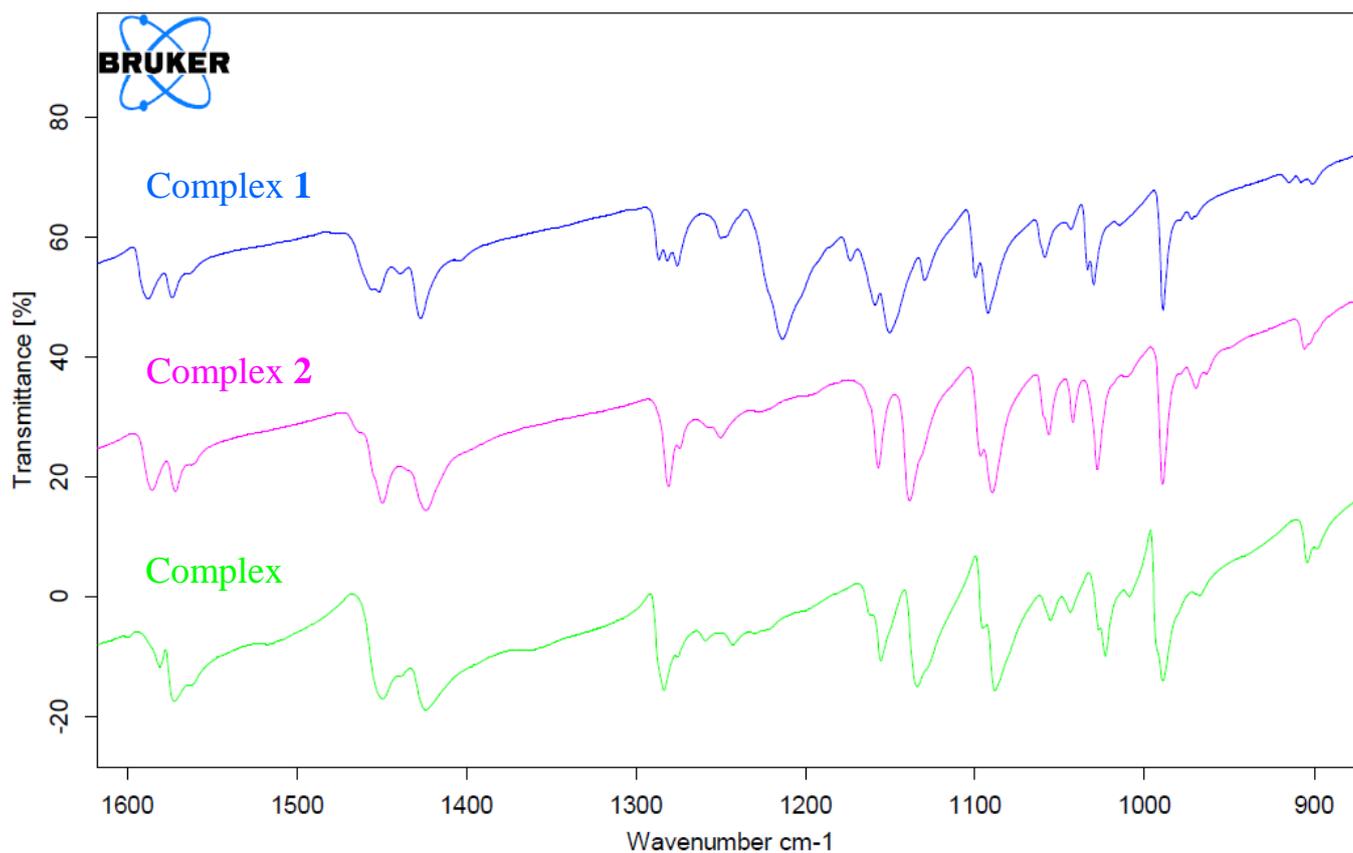
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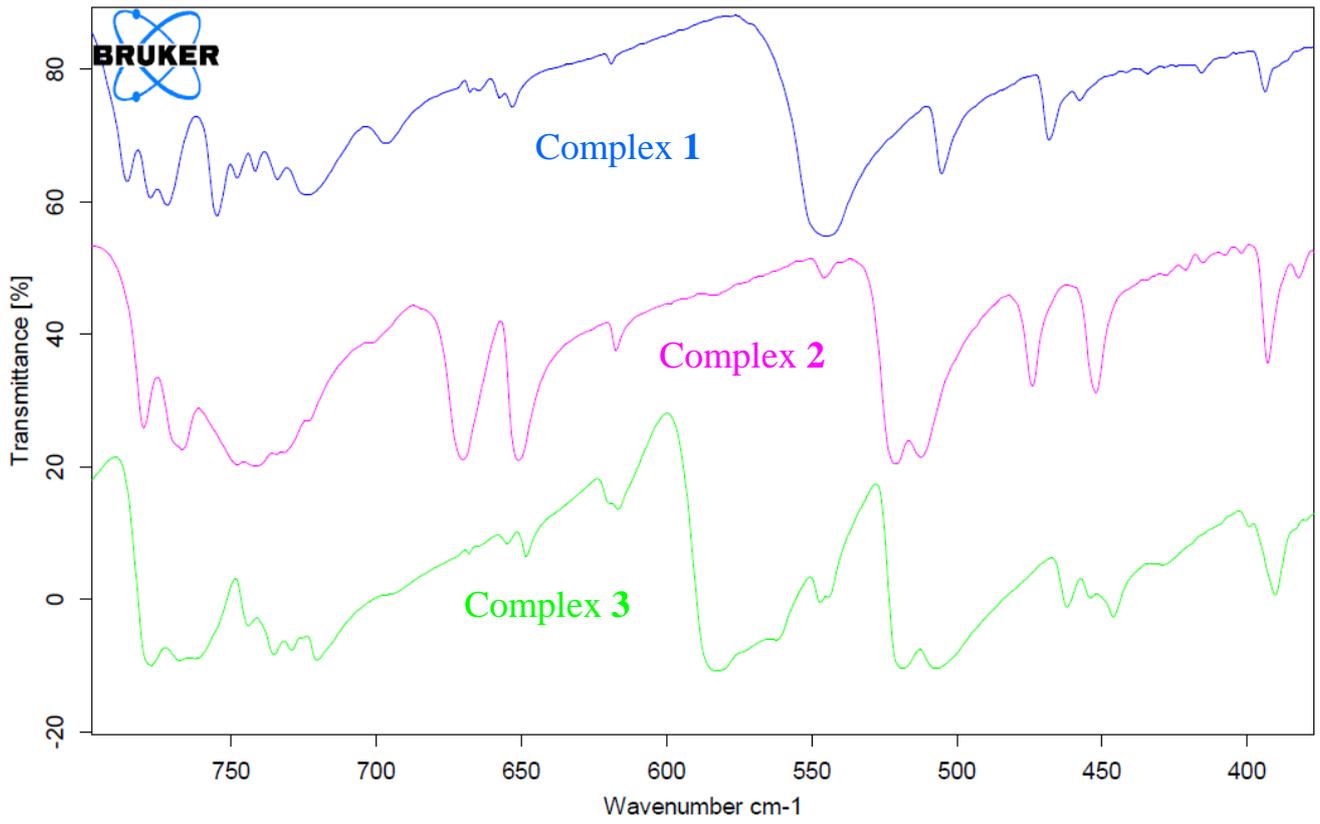
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**Figure S1. Copies of FT-IR spectra of complexes 1-3 (selected ranges)**

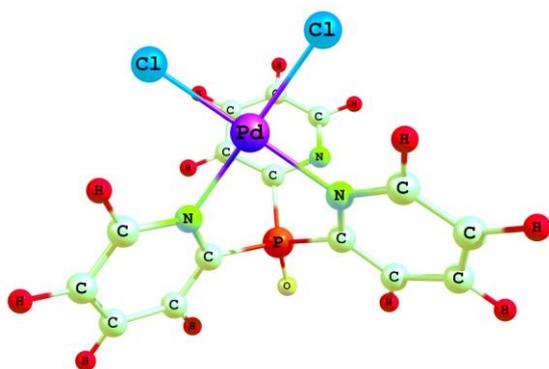




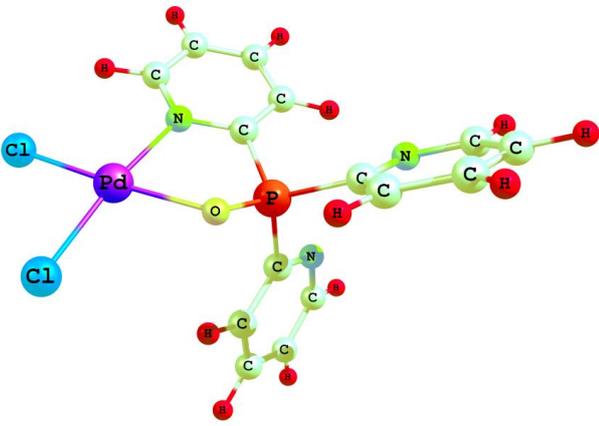
## Structural data for possible isomers of complexes 1-3 from DFT calculations

Structure of [Pd(*N,N'*-Py<sub>3</sub>P=O)Cl<sub>2</sub>]

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	17	-1.665945000	-2.682732000	-0.777990000
	17	1.529288000	-2.332765000	-1.610967000
	15	0.094632000	1.591977000	1.220443000
	7	-1.754430000	0.394496000	-0.458989000
	7	1.137557000	0.725485000	-1.187144000
	7	1.884074000	-0.101046000	2.194181000
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	6	2.884694000	2.872457000	-1.469555000
	1	3.567459000	3.707071000	-1.578410000
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	Thermal correction to Enthalpy = 0.269394			
	Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy = 0.195031			
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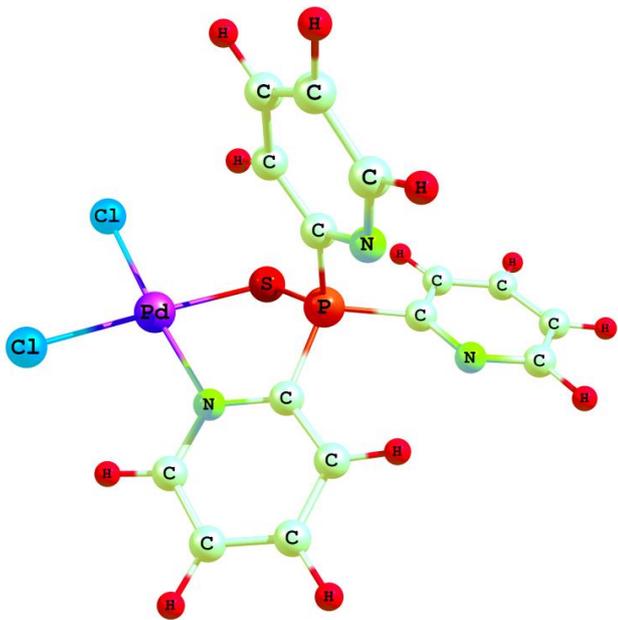


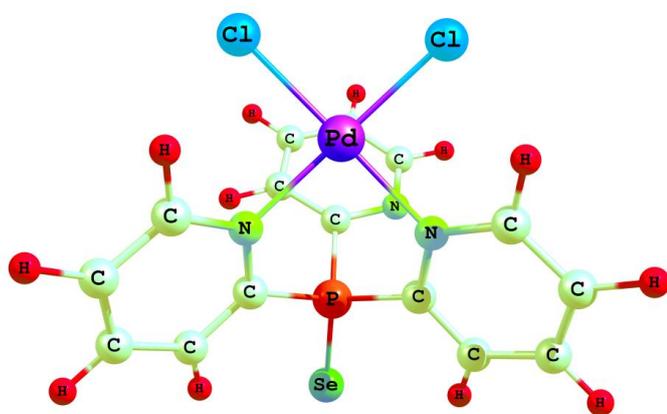
Structure of [Pd(*N,O*-Py<sub>3</sub>P=O)Cl<sub>2</sub>]

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Structure of [Pd(*N,S*-Py<sub>3</sub>P=S)Cl<sub>2</sub>]

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Structure of [Pd(*N,N'*-Py<sub>3</sub>P=Se)Cl<sub>2</sub>]

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Structure of [Pd(*N*,*Se*-Py<sub>3</sub>P=Se)Cl<sub>2</sub>]

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Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -2142.289431				