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Synthesis and cytotoxicity of palladium, platinum and silver complexes containing oxazolines**Mei Luo^{a,b}, Jing-Cheng Zhang^a, Hao Yin^c, Cheng-Ming Wang^c, Lan Xie^b, Kang-Po Li^b, Masuo Goto^b, Susan L. Morris-Natschke^b, Kuo-Hsiung Lee^{b,d}, Jia-Hai Zhang^d, Yan-Min Zhang^e□Xue-Ru Zhanga***a. College of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Hefei University of Technology, Hefei 230009, People's Republic of China.**b. Natural Products Research Laboratories, UNC Eshelman, School of Pharmacy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7568, USA.**c. Hefei National Laboratory for Physical Sciences at the Microscale, University of Science and Technology of China, 230026, China.**d. Chinese Medicine Research and Development Center, China Medical University and Hospital, Taichung, 40447, Taiwan.**e. Hefei National Laboratory for Physical Sciences at the Microscale, School of Life Sciences, Division of Life Sciences and Medicine, University of Science and Technology of China, Hefei, Anhui 230027, P. R. China.**f. Laboratory of Molecular Design and Drug Discovery, School of Science, China Pharmaceutical University, 639 Longmian Avenue, Nanjing 211198, China***Abstract**

Organometallic complexes containing oxazoline ligands, particularly chiral oxazolynyl palladium and platinum complexes can be used as important anticancer reagents in the field of medicine. The purpose of this study is to describe the method of synthesis of six novel chiral organometallic complexes, which from the reaction of different oxazoline ligands $[(R/S)-1,4-R1Ox]_2C_6H_4$ ($R1$: D/L-CH(CH₃)₂ or D-CH₂Ph) and Zn(CyanoBox)₂ with PdCl₂, Pt(DMSO)₂Cl₂ or Pt(DMSO)₂(NO₃)₂ in good yields (68-92%): binuclear cyclometalated complex $\{Pd[(S,S)-1,4-i-PrOx]_2C_6H_4\}_2Cl_4$, 1; $Pt(CyanoBox)(DMSO)Cl$, 2; $\{Pt[(R,R)-1,4-phenylOx]_2C_6H_4\}_3$, 3; $3\{Pt[(R,R)-1,4-phenylOx]_2C_6H_4\}_2 \cdot PhCOO^- \cdot 11NO_3^-$, binuclear cyclometalated complex $\{Pt[(R,R)-1,4-benzyl]_2C_6H_4\}_2 \cdot 3Cl^- \cdot 9NO_3^-$, 4; polymer chains $\{[Pt[(R,R)-1,4-phenylOx]_2C_6H_4] \cdot NO_3^-\}_n$, 5; and polymeric silver species $Zn(CyanoBox)_2 \cdot AgNO_3 \cdot CHCl_3$, 6. Desirably, the complexes 1–6 showed cytotoxic effects against human tumor cell lines, including a multidrug-resistant subline.

Biography

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