



## Palladium(II) and platinum(II) mixed ligand complexes of metronidazole and saccharinate or benzisothiazolinonate ligands, synthesis and spectroscopic investigation

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### 1. Introduction

Nitroimidazole compounds, especially 5- and 2-nitroimidazoles, were the first hypoxic cell radio sensitizers to show clinical promise [1-3], because they were of high electron affinity and exhibited relatively low toxicity to non-hypoxic cells. 5-Nitroimidazole is widely used in the treatment of an aerobic infections and has been shown to act as a hypoxic cell sensitizer *in vitro* [4,5] and gives significant sensitization of tumor response in several model murine tumor systems [6].

Several metal chelates are known to possess antibacterial, anti-fungicidal, antiviral and anticancer activity. In several cases, the metal chelates have been found to be more antimicrobial than the chelating agents themselves [7]. Also it is known that some drugs act via chelation or by inhibitory metallo enzymes but for most of the drugs that act as potential

### ABSTRACT

Six palladium (II) and platinum (II) mixed ligand complexes of metronidazole (mnz) and saccharinate (sac) or benzothiazolinolate (bit) complexes of the type  $[ML_2(mnz)_2]$ , M = Pd or Pt, L = sac or bit, have been prepared in moderate to high yield. The newly prepared complexes have been characterized by elemental (C,H,N,S) analysis, conductivity measurements, infrared and <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra. Characterization data showed that the mnz ligand in all of the prepared complexes is coordinated to metal center through the imidazole nitrogen atom. The (sac) anion ligand is coordinated through the endocyclic nitrogen atom, while the (bit) anion ligand is coordinated through the nitrogen atom in the palladium complex and through the oxygen atom of the carbonyl group in the platinum complexes. The geometry of the Pd (II) and Pt (II) complexes is square planar complexes.

ligands, a lot of studies are being carried out to ascertain how metal binding influences the activities of the drugs [8]. However, metal ions play an important role in bioinorganic chemistry thus metals such as Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, and Cd may exist in trace amounts in biological systems. Structural studies of the complexes of these metals with biological compounds are extremely important [9]. Although, many papers have been published on the transition metal complexes of metronidazole ligand (mnz) alone or with other ligands as Co-ligands [10-19]. There are relatively little works reported on the mixed ligands complexes of metronidazole [14-19]. We describe in this paper the synthesis and characterization of new mixed ligand complexes of Pd(II) and Pt(II) metronidazole complexes with saccharinate (sac) or benzisothiazolinonate (bit) ligands, (Chart 1).

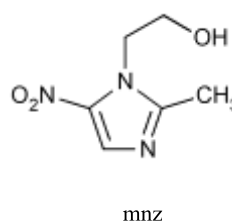
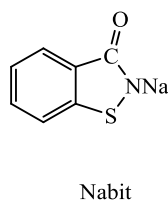
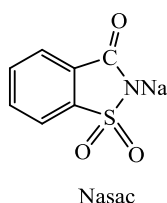


Chart 1

## 2. Experimental

### 2.1 Materials and Methods:

All chemical compounds and solvents were supplied and used without further purification. IR spectra were recorded on Shimadzu 8400 S FTIR spectrophotometer as KBr disc in 4000-400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  range. NMR spectra ( $^1\text{H}$ -NMR) were recorded on Bruker av 400 NMR spectrometer in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  as a solvent. The conductivity measurement of the prepared complexes solutions ( $10^{-3}\text{M}$ ) in DMSO was measured using digital conductivity meter CD 2005. Melting points were recorded on SMP40 - Stuart Company and were uncorrected.

$\text{K}_2\text{PtCl}_4$ ,  $\text{PdCl}_2$ , metronidazole (mnz), benisothiazolinone (Hbit) and sodium saccharinate (Nasac), were purchased and used as supplied. sodium benisothiazolinone (Nabit) [20] *cis*- $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{DMSO})_2]$ , *trans*- $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{DMSO})_2]$  [21], *trans*- $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{mnz})_2]$ , *trans*- $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  [22], *cis*- $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  [23], were prepared by literature methods.

### 2.2 Synthesis of complexes (1-6)

#### 2.2.1 Synthesis of *trans*- $[\text{Pd}(\text{sac})_2(\text{mnz})_2]$ (1)

A solution of sodium saccharinate (Nasac) (0.123g, 0.6mmol) in EtOH (10ml) was added to a yellow suspension of *trans*- $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  (0.156g, 0.3mmol) in EtOH (10ml) with stirring, a yellow clear solution was formed. The mixture was refluxed for 3h to afford a gray precipitate. The gray product was filtered off, washed with distilled water, and dried under vacuum (Yield: 0.188 g, 77%, m.p ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ): 285).

#### 2.2.2 Synthesis of *trans*- $[\text{Pt}(\text{sac})_2(\text{mnz})_2]$ (3)

A solution of sodium saccharinate (Nasac) (0.041g, 0.2mmol) in EtOH (10ml) was added to a yellow suspension of *trans*- $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  (0.061g, 0.1mmol)

in EtOH (10ml) with stirring. The mixture was refluxed for 3h to afford a clear solution, which was left to evaporate at room temperature to dryness. The resulting creamy solid washed with distilled water, and dried under vacuum (Yield: 0.085 g, 94%, m.p ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ): 270).

*trans*- $[\text{Pd}(\text{bit})_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  (2), was prepared and isolated by a similar method. *Cis*- $[\text{Pt}(\text{sac})_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  (5) and *cis*- $[\text{Pt}(\text{bit})_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  (6) were prepared and isolated by similar methods starting with *cis*- $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  and Nasac or Nabit respectively.

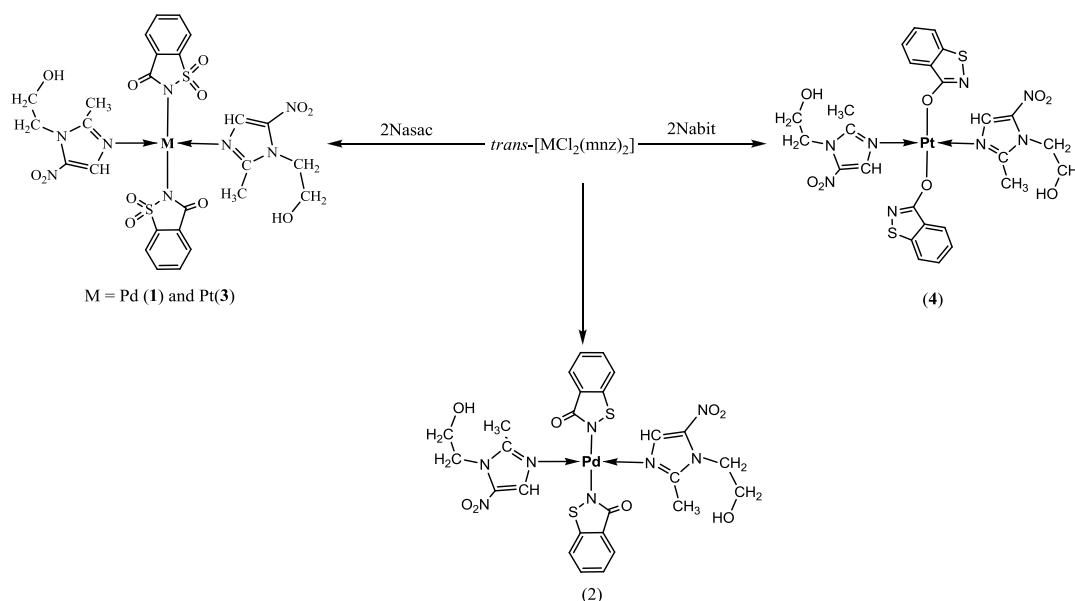
#### 2.2.3 Synthesis of *trans*- $[\text{Pt}(\text{bit})_2(\text{mnz})_2]$ (4)

A solution of sodium benisothiazolinone (Nabit) (0.025g, 0.164mmol) in EtOH (10ml) was added to a yellow suspension of *trans*- $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  (0.050g, 0.082mmol) in EtOH (10ml) with stirring. The mixture was refluxed for 4h, to afford a clear lemon solution within 25 min, then change to a yellow suspension after an hour. The yellow product was filtered off, washed with distilled water, and dried under vacuum (Yield: 0.034g, 50%, m.p ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ): 265).

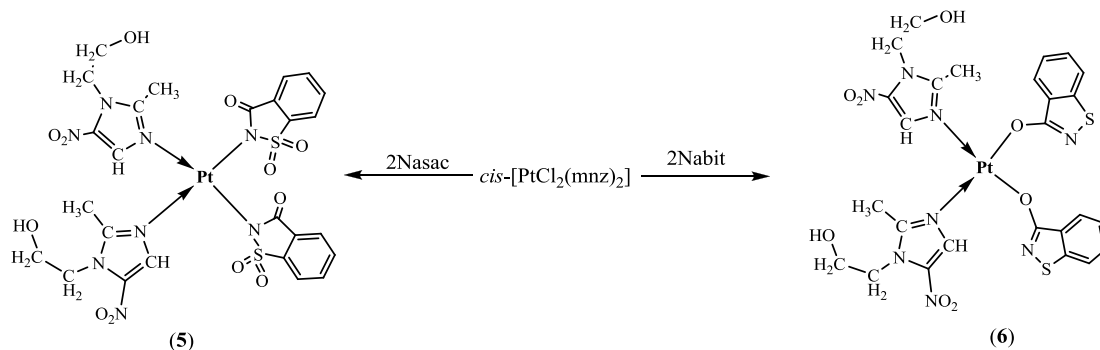
## 3. Results and Discussions

### 3.1 Synthesis of complexes (1-6)

Treatment of *trans*- $[\text{MCl}_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Pd}(\text{II})$  or  $\text{Pt}(\text{II})$ ) with two equivalents of sodium saccharinate (Nasac) or sodium benisothiazolinone (Nabit) in ethanol as a solvent afforded complexes of the types *trans*- $[\text{M}(\text{sac})_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  (1,3) or *trans*- $[\text{M}(\text{bit})_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  (2,4) in 50 to 94 % yield by chloride exchange under normal conditions as showed in **Scheme 1**. The reaction of *cis*- $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  complex with two moles of (Nasac) or (Nabit) afforded *cis*- $[\text{Pt}(\text{sac})_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  (5) and *cis*- $[\text{Pt}(\text{bit})_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  (6) respectively (**Scheme 2**).



**Scheme 1: Preparation of *trans*- $[\text{M}(\text{sac})_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  (1,3) or *trans*- $[\text{M}(\text{bit})_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  (2,4)**



Scheme 2: Preparation of *cis*-[Pt(sac)<sub>2</sub>(mnz)<sub>2</sub>] (5) or *cis*-[Pt(bit)<sub>2</sub>(mnz)<sub>2</sub>] (6)

The prepared complexes are air stable in the solid state and insoluble in common solvents such as methanol, ethanol, acetone, diethylether or distilled water but soluble in chloroform, dichloromethane, dimethyl sulfoxide, or dimethyl formamide. The prepared complexes have been characterized by infrared spectroscopy, <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra, molar

conductivity, and elemental analysis (CHNS). The elemental analyses are listed in **Table 1**, they agreed well with the calculated data of the complexes. The molar conductivity values of the freshly prepared complexes measured in DMSO 25 °C temperature found to be within the range of non-electrolytes values [24].

Table 1. Color, yield, m.p.(°C) , and elemental analysis of the prepared complexes (1-6)

NO.	Complexes	Color	m.p.(°C)	Yield %	$\Lambda_{\text{DMSO}}^{\text{m}} (\text{Ohm}^{-1} \cdot \text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1})$	Elemental analysis			
						Found(cal.) %			
						C	H	N	S
1	<i>trans</i> -[Pd(sac) <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	Gray	285	77	11.21	38.21 (38.41)	3.47 (3.22)	14.03 (13.78)	7.98 (7.89)
2	<i>trans</i> -[Pd(bit) <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	Orange	137	82	10.90	41.98 (41.69)	3.77 (3.50)	15.23 (14.96)	8.46 (8.56)
3	<i>trans</i> -[Pt(sac) <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	Creamy White	270	94	2.90	34.25 (34.63)	3.18 (2.91)	12.71 (12.43)	7.29 (7.11)
4	<i>trans</i> -[Pt(bit) <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	pale Yellow	265	50	4.37	37.41 (37.28)	3.34 (3.13)	13.67 (13.38)	7.49 (7.65)
5	<i>cis</i> -[Pt(sac) <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	White	304	90	13.09	34.25 (34.63)	3.08 (2.91)	12.68 (12.43)	4.38 (7.11)
6	<i>cis</i> -[Pt(bit) <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	Yellow	225	91	16.61	37.66 (37.28)	3.04 (3.13)	13.17 (13.38)	7.70 (7.65)

### 3.2 Infrared spectroscopic studies

The infrared data of the free ligands and their prepared complexes are listed in **Table 2** and **Fig. 1, 2**. The infrared spectra of the metronidazole complexes showed the  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$  stretching within (1544-1566)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  range, which shifted to higher frequencies, in all complexes due to the coordination of imidazole nitrogen atom to the metal ions [12-19]. The vibration frequency of the  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$  band appeared within the (1670-1683)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  range for the complexes **1, 3** and **5**. The  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$  stretching was shifted to high frequency region compared to that of the free saccharinate ligand, indicates that the carbonyl group doesn't participate in the coordination to metal ions[25-27]. The  $\nu(\text{SO}_2)_{\text{sy}}$  and  $\nu(\text{SO}_2)_{\text{asy}}$

stretching appeared within (1151-1159)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and (1246-1255)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  range shifted slightly wave number side relative to that in the free ligand, indicating non-coordination of the  $\text{SO}_2$  group with the metal ion [25,26].

In the *trans*-[Pd(bit)<sub>2</sub>(mnz)<sub>2</sub>] (**2**), the  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$  stretching vibration observed at (1649)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , indicates that the carbonyl group doesn't involved in coordination to the Pd(II) ion, as compared with that of the free Nabit which appeared at (1591)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  [26-29]. Whereas the vibration frequency of the  $\nu(\text{C}-\text{O})$  band in the platinum complexes (**4** and **6**) appeared at (1153) and (1149)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , indicating that (C-O) group participate in coordination with Pt(II) ion [26-29].

Table 2: Selected IR stretching vibration bands ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of the free ligands and their complexes.

NO.	compounds	$\nu(\text{OH})$	$\nu(\text{C-H})$		$\nu(\text{C=O})$ $\nu$	$\nu(\text{C=N})$ $\nu(\text{C-N})$	$\nu(\text{SO}_2)$		$\nu(\text{CNS})$		M-N	M-O
			Ar.	Alph.			Asy.	Sy.	Asy.	Sy.		
	Mnz	3221s	3099s	2956w	----	1535s	----	----	----	----	----	----
	Nasac	----	3099w	----	1645s	1450m	1257s	1149s	1336m	966s	----	----
	Nabit	----	3061w	----	1591m	1435s	----	----	1317m	877m	----	----
	<i>trans</i> -[PtCl <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	3429s	3110m	2991w	----	1562s	----	----	----	----	432w	----
	<i>trans</i> -[PdCl <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	3416s	3144m	2953w	----	1558s	----	----	----	----	428w	----
	<i>cis</i> -[PtCl <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	3392s	3134m	2962w	----	1560s	----	----	----	----	422w	----
1	<i>trans</i> -[Pd(sac) <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	3421m	3157w	2931w	1683s	1558s	1246m	1159s	1290s	972m	428w	----
2	<i>trans</i> -[Pd(bit) <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	3365m	3151w	2928w	1649m	1556s 1433s	----	----	1319m	871w	422w	----
3	<i>trans</i> -[Pt(sac) <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	3421s	3153m	2931w	1683s	1564s	1249s	1151s	1286s	972m	420w	----
4	<i>trans</i> -[Pt(bit) <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	3406m	3155m	2926w	----	1566s 1435m	----	----	1319w	869w	430w	572w
5	<i>cis</i> -[Pt(sac) <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	3429m	3151w	2933w	1670m	1566m	1255s	1153s	1296s	972m	420w	----
6	<i>cis</i> -[Pt(bit) <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	3323m	3153w	2928w	----	1564s 1442m	----	----	1311w	868w	430w	569w

s: strong, m: medium, w: weak

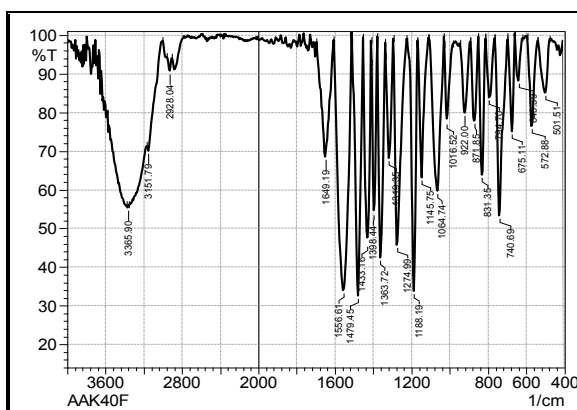


Fig. 1: IR spectrum of complex 2

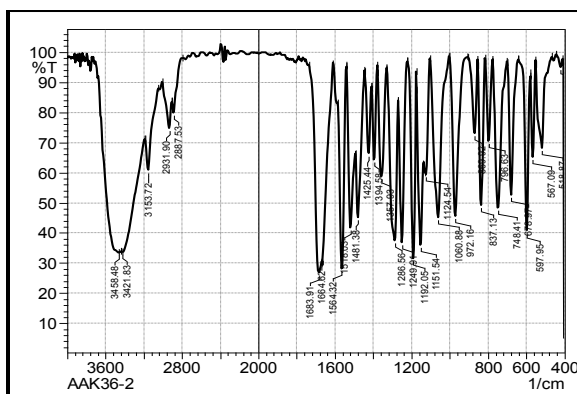


Fig. 2: IR spectrum of complex 3

### 3.2 NMR spectroscopic studies

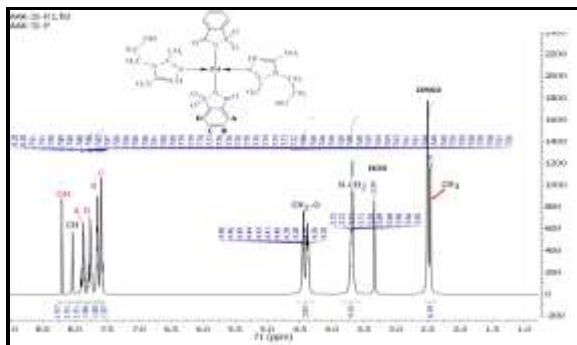
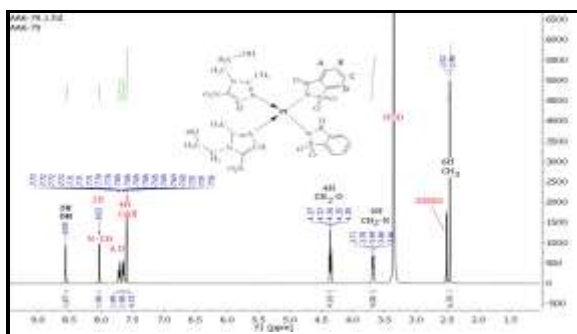
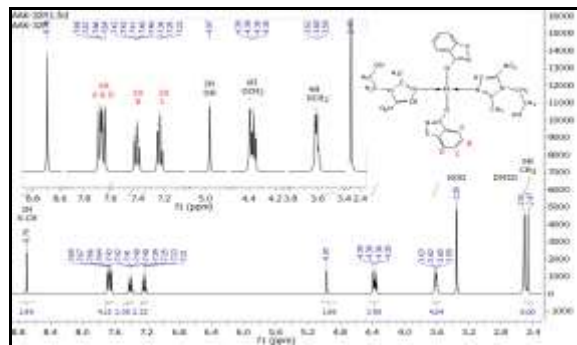
The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the complexes *trans*-[Pd(sac)<sub>2</sub>(mnz)<sub>2</sub>] (**1**) (Fig. 3) and *cis*-[Pt(sac)<sub>2</sub>(mnz)<sub>2</sub>] (**5**) (Fig. 4) display a singlet peak within ( $\delta$ 2.46-2.47) ppm range assigned to the proton of the methyl group, whereas the methylene groups of the (mnz) ligand, NCH<sub>2</sub> and OCH<sub>2</sub> appeared with in ( $\delta$ 3.69) and ( $\delta$ 4.36-4.41) ppm respectively, Integrations under signals indicated that these signals represent **6H**, **4H** and **4H** respectively. The saccharinate protons appeared as three multiplets at 7.59, 7.78 and 7.91 ppm for the complex **1** and at 7.58, 7.65, 7.77 and 7.88 ppm for the complex **3**. Complex **5** showed three multiplets at 7.59, 7.65 and 7.72 ppm for the four protons of the phenyl ring.

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the *trans*-[Pt(bit)<sub>2</sub>(mnz)<sub>2</sub>] (**4**) (Fig. 5) displayed the protons of bit ligand as three multiplets at  $\delta$ 7.67, 7.41 and 7.23 ppm, these signals represent **4H**, **2H** and **2H** respectively, Integrations under signals are in agreement with the number of protons. The methyl group of the (mnz) ligand in **4** appeared as a singlet at 2.47ppm, the protons of methylene groups appeared at 3.65ppm and 4.38ppm for NCH<sub>2</sub> and OCH<sub>2</sub> respectively. The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of **2** and **6** complexes displayed the expected signals for the mnz ligand as well as the bit ligand (data are given in Table 3).

Table 3:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chemical shifts ( $\delta$  ppm) for the prepared complexes (1-6) measured in DMSO-d<sup>6</sup>

NO.	Complexes	$\delta\text{H}^a$ (ppm)
1	<i>trans</i> -[Pd(sac) <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	8.20 (s, 2H, OH); 8.03 (s, 2H, CH-N); 7.88 (m, 2H, H-sac); 7.77 (m, 2H, H-sac); 7.65 (m, 2H, H-sac); 7.58 (m, 2H, H-sac); 4.41 (m, 4H, CH <sub>2</sub> -N); 3.69 (m, 4H, CH <sub>2</sub> -O); 2.47 (s, 6H, CH <sub>3</sub> ).
2	<i>trans</i> -[Pd(bit) <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	8.03 (s, 2H, CH-N); 7.63 (m, 2H, H-bit); 7.39 (m, 4H, H-bit); 7.21 (m, 4H, H-bit); 5.03 (s, 2H, OH); 4.36 (m, 4H, CH <sub>2</sub> -N); 3.69 (t, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.88\text{Hz}$ , 4H, CH <sub>2</sub> -O); 2.51 (s, 6H, CH <sub>3</sub> ).
3	<i>trans</i> -[Pt(sac) <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	8.17 (s, 2H, OH); 8.04 (s, 2H, CH-N); 7.91 (m, 2H, H-sac); 7.79 (m, 4H, H-sac); 7.59 (m, 2H, H-sac); 4.46 (t, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 7.88\text{Hz}$ , 4H, CH <sub>2</sub> -N); 3.69 (m, 4H, CH <sub>2</sub> -O); 2.46 (s, 6H, CH <sub>3</sub> ).
4	<i>trans</i> -[Pt(bit) <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	8.70 (s, 2H, OH); 8.03 (s, 2H, CH-N); 7.67 (m, 4H, H-bit); 7.41 (m, 2H, H-bit); 7.23 (m, 2H, H-bit); 4.38 (m, 4H, CH <sub>2</sub> -N); 3.65 (m, 4H, CH <sub>2</sub> -O); 2.47 (s, 6H, CH <sub>3</sub> ).
5	<i>cis</i> -[Pt(sac) <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	8.55 (s, 2H, OH); 8.03 (s, 2H, CH-N); 7.72 (m, 2H, H-sac); 7.65 (m, 2H, H-sac); 7.59 (m, 4H, H-sac); 4.36 (t, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.00\text{Hz}$ , 4H, CH <sub>2</sub> -N); 3.69 (m, 4H, CH <sub>2</sub> -O); 2.46 (s, 6H, CH <sub>3</sub> ).
6	<i>cis</i> -[Pt(bit) <sub>2</sub> (mnz) <sub>2</sub> ]	8.43 (s, 2H, OH); 8.03 (s, 2H, CH-N); 7.66 (m, 4H, H-bit); 7.41 (m, 2H, H-bit); 7.22 (m, 2H, H-bit); 4.36 (t, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} = 8.00\text{Hz}$ , 4H, CH <sub>2</sub> -N); 3.69 (q, $^3J_{\text{H-H}} =$ , 4H, CH <sub>2</sub> -O); 2.47 (s, 6H, CH <sub>3</sub> ).



Fig. 3:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex 1 in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ Fig. 4:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex 5 in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ Fig. 5:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex 4 in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ 

## Conclusions

Treatment of  $\text{trans-[MCl}_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Pd(II)}$  or  $\text{Pt(II)}$ ) with two equivalents of sodium saccharinate (Nasac) or sodium benzisothiazolate (Nabit) in ethanol afforded complexes of the types  $\text{trans-[M(sac)}_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  or  $\text{trans-[M(bit)}_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  in high yield by chloride exchange under normal conditions. The reaction of  $\text{cis-[PtCl}_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  complex with two moles of (Nasac) or (Nabit) afforded  $\text{cis-[Pt(sac)}_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  (5) and  $\text{cis-[Pt(bit)}_2(\text{mnz})_2]$  (6) respectively. The (mnz) ligand in all complexes is coordinated through the nitrogen atom. The (sac) anion is coordinated through the nitrogen atom, while the bit anion ligand is coordinated either through the carbonyl oxygen atom, or through the nitrogen atom. The geometry of the Pd (II) and Pt (II) complexes is square planar complexes.

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## معقدات البلاديوم (II) والبلاتين (II) مع مزيج من ليكاندات المترونيديازول والسكرينيت او البنزايروثايازولينونيت، تحضير وتشخيص طيفي

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### الملخص

ست معقدات جديد البلاديوم (II) و البلاتين (II) الحاوية على مزيج من ليكاندات المترونيديازول والسكرينيت (Nasac) او البنزايروثايازولينونيت (Nabit) ذات الصيغ  $trans-[M(sac)_2(mnz)_2]$  و  $trans-[M(bit)_2(mnz)_2]$  حيث (M= Pd(II) او Pt(II)) و  $cis-[Pt(sac)_2(mnz)_2]$  و  $cis-[Pt(bit)_2(mnz)_2]$  من تفاعل المعقدات  $cis-[PtCl_2(mnz)_2]$  و  $trans-[MCl_2(mnz)_2]$  مع ليكاندات صوديوم سكرينيت (Nasac) او صوديوم بنزايروثايازولينونيت (Nabit) وينسبة منتج عالية. شُخصت المعقدات المحضرة باستخدام التحليل الدقيق للعناصر والموصلية المولارية ومطيافية الاشعة تحت الحمراء والرنين النووي المغناطيسي للبروتون. يسلك ليكاند المترونيديازول في جميع المعقدات المحضرة سلوك ليكاند احادي السن عن طريق ذرة النيتروجين، وان ليكاند (sac<sup>-</sup>) يتناسق مع الايون الفلزي عن طريق ذرة النيتروجين أيضاً في جميع المعقدات المحضرة، اما ليكاند (bit<sup>-</sup>) فانه يتناسق عن طريق ذرة النيتروجين مع البلاديوم (II) او عن طريق ذرة الاوكسجين للكاربونيل مع البلاتين (II)، لتنتج شكلاً مربع مستوي حول ايون البلاديوم (II) والبلاتين (II).