# Fluorescent Tin(IV) Complexes with Schiff Base Ligands: Synthesis, Structures, and Fluorescence Lifetime

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Eleven Schiff base tin(IV) complexes of the type [SnCl<sub>3</sub>(L)] (HL: Schiff base) were synthesized and structurally characterized by X-ray crystallography and <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectroscopy, and their properties were investigated. The Schiff bases are prepared from aldehydes with a benzene or a naphthalene ring and 8-aminoquinoline or its derivatives. The complexes adopt geometries close to octahedral, with three chloride ions coordinated meridionally. Eight of the eleven tin complexes show fluorescence in DMSO, and the emission range from bluish green to orange ( $\lambda_{max}$ : 492–545 nm). Two solid tin complexes are fluorescent, although they are not in DMSO, and one tin complex is not fluorescent even in the solid state. The fluorescence quantum yields ( $\Phi_f$ ) of the complexes depend very much on the ligands ( $\Phi_f = 0.21-0.022$ ). The fluorescence lifetimes ( $\tau = 0.49-1.76$  ns) were measured and the results will be discussed. DFT calculation (B3LYP/ Sn, LanL2DZ; others, 6-31G<sup>\*\*</sup>) shows that the order of the magnitudes of HOMO–LUMO gaps is consonant with that of the emission wavelengths ( $\lambda_{max}$ ) of the complexes. All the cyclic voltammograms of the Schiff base ligands and the complexes were unstable under the time scale in CV measurements (0.1 V s<sup>-1</sup>). Relatively good correlation was observed between reduction potentials in DMSO and the energies of LUMO.

Fluorescent compounds have attracted much attention from researchers because of their intrinsic interests and applications such as organic electroluminescence<sup>1</sup> and ability as tumor markers.<sup>2</sup> One of the Schiff bases, 2-hydroxy-1-naphthylmethylene-8-aminoquinoline (HL1, Chart 1), which is prepared from 2-hydroxy-1-naphthaldehyde and 8-aminoquinoline, has been used for the fluorometric measurement of Be(II),<sup>3</sup> Cr(III),<sup>4</sup> Mo(VI),<sup>5</sup> Pb(II),<sup>6</sup> and Hg(II),<sup>7</sup> where interfering ions, Al(III), Ga(III), In(III), Tl(III), Cu(II), have also been reported,<sup>5,6</sup> however, there has been no structural report of compound composed of any one of the above metal ions and HL1 ligand has been reported to date, while the X-ray structure of HL1 was reported recently.8 In contrast, the X-ray structures of [VO<sub>2</sub>(L1)],<sup>9</sup> [TcCl<sub>2</sub>(L1)],<sup>10</sup> and [FeCl<sub>3</sub>(L1)]<sup>11</sup> complexes with the ligand HL1 were reported, but no description of fluorescence was noted. Many methods have been reported for the fluorometric determination of vanadium(V);<sup>12</sup> however, reports describing both the fluorescence and X-ray structure are very limited.

Recently we succeeded in determining the X-ray structure of a fluorescent Schiff base tin(IV) complex with the **HL1** ligand, and we thought it worthwhile to prepare a series of tin(IV) complexes with Schiff base ligands analogous to the ligand, since there are many kinds of derivatives of aldehydes and the combination of aldehydes and 8-aminoquinoline (and its derivatives) will give many types of Schiff base ligands, which will help investigate the tunability of the fluorescence wavelength using the Schiff base tin(IV) complexes. So far, many reports have appeared on fluorescence as described above, but it is still difficult to predict the appearance of fluorescence and their intensities of fluorescent compounds. We now report synthesis and characterization of eleven novel Schiff base tin(IV)



Chart 1. Formation of HL1 ligand.



Chart 2. Schiff bases. Note: The aldehyde group of HL4' changes to an acetal group on coordination to tin(IV) to give a4 (Figure S1).

complexes,  $[SnCl_3(L1)]$  (1),  $[SnCl_3(L2)]$  (2),  $[SnCl_3(L3)]$  (3),  $[SnCl_3(L4)]$  (4),  $[SnCl_3(L5)]$  (5),  $[SnCl_3(L6)]$  (6),  $[SnCl_3(L7)]$ (7),  $[SnCl_3(L8)]$  (8),  $[SnCl_3(L9)]$  (9),  $[SnCl_3(L10)]$  (10), and  $[SnCl_3(L11)]$  (11), where HL2, HL3, HL4, HL5, HL6, HL7, HL8, HL9, HL10, and HL11 are also Schiff bases analogous to HL1 (Chart 2 and Table 1). Complexes 1 through 7 and complex 9 are fluorescent in DMSO, but complexes 8, 10, and 11 are nonfluorescent. A complex of the formula  $[SnCl_3-(H_2O)(L6)]$ , which is close to  $[SnCl_3(L6)]$  (6), has been reported.<sup>13</sup> The thermochromism of the former was reported, but fluorescence was not referred to.

As for fluorescent non-Schiff base tin(IV) complexes, organo tin(IV) complexes with 1-fluorenecarboxylic acid or 9-fluorenecarboxylic acid (Chart S1) have been reported recently together with their X-ray structures,<sup>14</sup> and a fluorescent tin–iridium mixed metal complex, [Ir<sub>2</sub>(SnCl)(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>( $\mu$ -dpma)<sub>2</sub>]-[SnCl<sub>3</sub>], has also been reported.<sup>15</sup> Incidentally, there are reports on tin(IV) complexes with the 8-aminoquinoline ligand, which is a the starting material of the Schiff base ligands, but there is no reference to the fluorescence of the complex.<sup>16</sup> However, there has been a report of an electroluminescent complex of diphenyltin(IV) complex with an 8-aminoquinoline ligand.<sup>17</sup> A preliminary report of portions of this work has appeared.<sup>18</sup>

### Experimental

**Materials and Reagents.** Chemicals were used as purchased: SnCl<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O, DMSO, and DMF for fluorescence analysis, Nacalai Tesque; 8-aminoquinoline, 8-amino-2-meth-ylquinoline, 2-hydroxy-1-naphthaldehyde, 1-hydroxy-2-naph-

Table 1. Designations of Ligands

Schiff base ligands	
2-Hydroxy-1-naphthylmethylene-8-aminoquinoline	HL1
1-Hydroxy-2-naphthylmethylene-8-aminoquinoline	HL2
2-Hydroxy-1-naphthylmethylene-8-amino-2-methyl-	HL3
quinoline	
3-Formyl-2-hydroxy-5-methylbenzylidene-8-amino-	HL4'
quinoline	
2-Hydroxy-3-dimethoxymethyl-5-methylbenzyli-	HL4
dene-8-aminoquinoline	
5-Nitrosalicylidene-8-aminoquinoline	HL5
Salicylidene-8-aminoquinoline	HL6
3,5-Dichlorosalicylidene-8-aminoquinoline	HL7
5-Hydroxysalicylidene-8-aminoquinoline	HL8
5-Fluorosalicylidene-8-aminoquinoline	HL9
5-Methoxysalicylidene-8-aminoquinoline	HL10
5-Allyl-3-methoxysalicylidene-8-aminoquinoline	HL11

thaldehyde, 2-hydroxy-5-methylisophthalaldehyde, 5-nitrosalicylaldehyde, salicylaldehyde, 3,5-dichlorosalicylaldehyde, 2,5-dihydroxybenzaldehyde, Tokyo Kasei;  $[Al(C_9H_6NO)_3]$ (Alq<sub>3</sub>) and DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>(99.9%), Aldrich; (*n*-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub>, Merck.

**Measurements.** Electronic spectra were measured using Hitachi U-2000 and -2800 double-beam spectrophotometers. Fluorescent spectra were measured using a Hitachi F-2000 spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were obtained with a Bruker ARX-400R spectrometer. Elemental analyses were determined with a Perkin-Elmer 240 NCH analyzer. Fluorescence decays were measured using an apparatus including a femtosecond laser system and streak camera.<sup>19</sup> The second harmonic of a femtosecond Ti:sapphire laser (Spectra-Physics, Tsunami 3960, wavelength of pulse: ca. 800 nm, fwhm of the pulse: ca. 80 fs) pumped by the SHG output of a Nd,  $YVO_4$  laser (Spectra-Physics, Millennia-V) was used to excite the complexes. The detected fluorescence was dispersed by a mono-chromator and measured using a streak scope (Hamamatsu, C4334). The fluorescence signals were averaged using a PC. Fluorescence decay measurements were performed at 22 °C for the complexes.

Syntheses. Syntheses of Schiff Base Ligands: HL1 was prepared according to a modified literature procedure:<sup>5</sup> 2-hydroxy-1-naphthaldehyde (540 mg,  $3.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mol) and 8-aminoquinoline (432 mg,  $3.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mol) were added to methanol (5 mL), which was heated at 50 °C for two hours. Allowing the the solution to stand at 50 °C gave orange plate-like crystals: yield 879 mg (98%). Anal. Found (calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>14</sub>-N<sub>2</sub>O, MW: 298.34) C, 80.36 (80.52); H, 4.81 (4.73); N, 9.40 (9.39)%.

Similar procedures to that for HL1 were used for the syntheses of Schiff base ligands from HL2 through HL5, HL7, HL8, and HL10 using equimolar amounts of aldehydes and amines: 8-aminoquinoline was used except for HL3, where 8-amino-2-methylquinoline was used. Methanol was used as solvent unless otherwise noted. HL6, HL9, and HL11 were not isolated. The following products (yields) and analytical results were obtained.

**HL2**•0.3MeOH (using 1-hydroxy-2-naphthaldehyde): bright-orange plate-like crystals (61%). Anal. Found (calcd for  $C_{20.3}H_{15.2}N_2O_{1.3}$ , MW: 307.95, MW<sub>HL2</sub>: 298.34): C, 79.54 (79.43); H, 4.96 (4.66); N, 9.26 (9.13)%. The crystals seemed efflorescent.

**HL3** (using 8-amino-2-methylquinoline): orange powder, which was washed with ice-cooled ethyl acetate. For recrystallization, the orange powder was recrystallized from toluene to give block crystals (66%). Anal. Found (calcd for  $C_{21}H_{16}N_2O$ , MW: 312.36): C, 80.53 (80.75); H, 5.10 (5.16); N, 8.95 (8.97)%.

**HL4'** (using 2-hydroxy-5-methylisophthalaldehyde): red powder (52%). Anal. Found (calcd for  $C_{18}H_{14}N_2O_2$ , MW: 290.32): C, 74.31 (74.47); H, 4.61 (4.86); N, 9.88 (9.65)%.

**HL5** (using 5-nitrosalicylaldehyde): red-brown plate-like crystals (71%). Anal. Found (calcd for  $C_{16}H_{11}N_3O_3$ , MW: 293.28): C, 65.58 (65.53); H, 3.76 (3.78); N, 14.29 (14.33)%. Toluene was used as the solvent.

**HL7**•MeOH (using 3,5-dichlorosalicylaldehyde): bright-red plate-like crystals (95%). Anal. Found (calcd for  $C_{17}H_{14}$ -N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, MW: 349.21, MW<sub>HL7</sub>: 317.17): C, 58.03 (58.47); H, 3.73 (4.04); N, 8.21 (8.02)%.

**HL8** (using 2,5-dihydroxybenzaldehyde): yellow powder (84%). Anal. Found (calcd for  $C_{16}H_{12}N_2O_2$ , MW: 265.29): C, 72.83 (72.99); H, 4.31 (4.21); N, 10.65 (10.64)%.

**HL10** (using 2-hydroxy-5-methoxybenzaldehyde): red platelike crystals (58%). Anal. Found (calcd for  $C_{17}H_{15}N_2O_2$ , MW: 279.31): C, 73.37 (73.10); H, 5.05 (5.41); N, 10.07 (10.03)%.

**Syntheses of Schiff Base Tin(IV) Complexes:** The following procedures were followed for the synthesis of the Schiff base tin(IV) complexes: [SnCl<sub>3</sub>(L1)] (**a1**): To a solution of **HL1** (29.8 mg,  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  mol) in acetonitrile (20 mL) at 60 °C was added a solution of SnCl<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O (36.0 mg,  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  mol) in acetonitrile (10 mL). Keeping the mixture at 60 °C overnight gave orange crystals of **a1**: yield 20.9 mg (40%). Anal. Found (calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>13</sub>-Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSn, MW: 522.40): C, 46.26 (45.98); H, 2.48 (2.51); N, 5.50 (5.36)%.

[SnCl<sub>3</sub>(L2)] (**a2**): To a solution of **HL2**•0.3MeOH (10.12 mg,  $3.3 \times 10^{-5}$  mol) in acetone (2 mL) was added a solution of SnCl<sub>4</sub>•5H<sub>2</sub>O (10.02 mg,  $2.86 \times 10^{-5}$  mol) in acetone (2 mL). Keeping the mixture at room temperature overnight gave orange crystals of **a2**: yield 8.3 mg (56%). Anal. Found (calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSn, MW: 522.40): C, 46.04 (45.98); H, 2.67 (2.51); N, 5.26 (5.36)%.

[SnCl<sub>3</sub>(L3)] (**a3**): To a solution of **HL3** (10.12 mg,  $3.24 \times 10^{-5}$  mol) in a mixture of acetonitrile (1 mL) and methanol (1 mL) was added a solution of SnCl<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O (10.02 mg,  $2.86 \times 10^{-5}$  mol) in acetonitrile (1 mL). Keeping the mixture at room temperature overnight gave orange plate-like crystals of **a3**: yield 7.1 mg (46%). Anal. Found (calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>15</sub>-Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Sn, MW: 536.43): C, 47.03 (47.02); H, 2.86 (2.82); N, 5.21 (5.22)%.

[SnCl<sub>3</sub>(L4)] (**a4**): **HL4'** (10.15 mg,  $3.5 \times 10^{-5}$  mol) and SnCl<sub>4</sub>•5H<sub>2</sub>O (10.0 mg,  $2.9 \times 10^{-5}$  mol) were dissolved in methanol (3 mL). The resultant red mixture turned to an orange solution after a few minutes of heating at 60 °C, which gave yellow powder of **a4**: yield 8.3 mg (64%). Anal. Found (calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>19</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Sn, MW: 560.45): C, 42.32 (42.86); H, 3.20 (3.42); N, 5.08 (5.00)%.

[SnCl<sub>3</sub>(L5)] (**a5**): To a slurry of **HL5** (50.11 mg,  $1.71 \times 10^{-4}$  mol) in methanol (20 mL) was added a solution of SnCl<sub>4</sub>•5H<sub>2</sub>O (10.02 mg,  $2.86 \times 10^{-5}$  mol) in methanol (5 mL). Keeping the mixture at room temperature overnight gave orange plate-like crystals of **a5**: yield 54.8 mg (73%). Anal. Found (calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Sn, MW: 517.34): C, 37.02 (37.15); H, 1.78 (1.95); N, 7.98 (8.12)%.

[SnCl<sub>3</sub>(L6)] (**a6**): 8-Aminoquinoline (20 mg,  $1.4 \times 10^{-4}$  mol), salicylaldehyde (20 µL,  $1.6 \times 10^{-4}$  mol), and SnCl<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mg,  $1.4 \times 10^{-4}$  mol) were dissolved in acetonitrile (5 mL). Leaving the solution at room temperature overnight gave yellow plate-like crystals of **a6**: yield 19.2 mg (28%). Anal. Found (calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSn, MW: 472.34): C, 40.74 (40.68); H, 2.14 (2.35); N, 5.90 (5.93)%.

[SnCl<sub>3</sub>(L7)] (**a7**): To a solution of **HL7**·MeOH (10.89 mg,  $3.1 \times 10^{-5}$  mol) in a mixture of acetonitrile (4 mL) and methanol (8 mL) was added a solution of SnCl<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O (10.29 mg,  $2.9 \times 10^{-5}$  mol) in acetonitrile (1 mL). Keeping the mixture at room temperature overnight gave yellow plate-like crystals of **a7**: yield 59.54 mg (76%). Anal. Found (calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>9</sub>-Cl<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSn, MW: 541.23): C, 35.54 (35.51); H, 1.61 (1.68); N, 5.09 (5.18)%.

[SnCl<sub>3</sub>(L8)] (**a8**): To a solution of **HL8** (7.97 mg,  $3.0 \times 10^{-5}$  mol) in methanol (10 mL) was added a solution of SnCl<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O (10.0 mg,  $2.9 \times 10^{-5}$  mol) in methanol (1 mL). Keeping the mixture at 50 °C overnight gave red needle-like crystals of **a8**: yield 53.7 mg (73%). Anal. Found (calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>-Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Sn, MW: 488.34): C, 39.59 (39.35); H, 2.22 (2.27); N, 5.58 (5.74)%.

[SnCl<sub>3</sub>(L9)] (**a9yel** and **a9or**): 8-Aminoquinoline (13.85 mg,  $9.6 \times 10^{-5}$  mol), 5-fluorosalicylaldehyde (13.45,  $9.6 \times 10^{-5}$  mol), and SnCl<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mg,  $1.4 \times 10^{-5}$  mol) were dissolved in a mixture of acetonitrile (12 mL) and water (1.25 mL). Leaving the solution at room temperature overnight gave a mixture of yellow (**a9yel**) and orange (**a9or**) crystals: yield 33.8 mg (73%). The two kinds of crystals were separated manually: the amount of **a9yel** is somewhat larger than that of **a9or**. The following analytical values were obtained: **a9yel**: Anal. Found (calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>OSn, MW: 490.33): C, 39.05 (39.19); H, 1.93 (2.06); N, 5.64 (5.71)%; **a9or**: Anal. Found (calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>OSn, MW: 490.33): C, 39.05 (39.19); H, 2.02 (2.06); N, 5.66 (5.71)%.

[SnCl<sub>3</sub>(L10)] (a10): To a solution of HL10 (8.01 mg,  $2.9 \times 10^{-5}$  mol) in methanol (10 mL) was added a solution of SnCl<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O (9.6 mg,  $2.7 \times 10^{-5}$  mol) in methanol (1 mL). Keeping the mixture at 50 °C overnight gave orange needle-like crystals of a10: yield 5.84 mg (40%). Anal. Found (calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Sn, MW: 502.37): C, 40.67 (40.64); H, 2.48 (2.61); N, 5.36 (5.58)%.

[SnCl<sub>3</sub>(L11)] (**a11**): 8-Aminoquinoline (13.85 mg,  $9.6 \times 10^{-5}$  mol), 5-allyl-3-methoxysalicylaldehyde (18.25 mg,  $9.6 \times 10^{-5}$  mol), and SnCl<sub>4</sub>•5H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mg,  $1.4 \times 10^{-5}$  mol) were dissolved in acetonitrile (5 mL). Leaving the solution at room temperature overnight gave red needle-like crystals of **a10**: yield 19.82 mg (40%). Anal. Found (calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>12</sub>-Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Sn, MW: 542.43): C, 43.93 (44.28); H, 3.04 (3.15); N, 5.22 (5.16)%.

X-ray Structural Determinations of a1, a3, a5, a6, a7, a8, a9yel, a9or, a10, and a11. Data were collected on a Rigaku/ MSC Mercury CCD diffractometer, using graphite monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation. Suitable crystals were attached to the tip of a glass capillary using silicone grease and transferred to the goniostat, where they were cooled at -180 °C for data collection. The structures were solved using the Patterson Method (DIRDIF99,<sup>20</sup> a1, a3, a5, a8, a9vel, a9or, a10, and a11) or the Direct Methods (SIR2004,<sup>21</sup> a6; SHELXS97,<sup>22</sup> a7), and all the remaining non-hydrogen atoms were located from difference Fourier maps.<sup>23</sup> The hydrogen atoms were also located from difference Fourier maps, and all of the isotropic thermal parameters of hydrogen atoms were constrained to  $1.2U_{eq}$  to which they were attached. The program package Crystal Structure<sup>24</sup> was used, SHELXL being used for the refinement. Crystallographic data have been deposited with Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre: Deposition number CCDC-656122 for a1. -656123 for a3. -661505 for a5. -882535 for a6, -882536 for a7, -882537 for a8, -882538 for a9or, -882539 for a9yel, -882540 for a10, and -882541 for all. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge via http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html (or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12, Union Road, Cambridge, CB2 1EZ, U.K.; Fax: +44 1223 336033; e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

Measurements of <sup>1</sup>HNMR Spectra of Schiff Base Ligands and Schiff Base Tin(IV) Complexes. Solid samples of Schiff base ligands HL1, HL2, HL3, HL4', HL5, HL7, HL8, and HL10 and tin complexes a1–a11 were dissolved in DMSO- $d_6$ , respectively, for the measurement of <sup>1</sup>HNMR at room temperature. Measurements of Fluorescent Spectra of Schiff Base Ligands and Schiff Base Tin(IV) Complexes. Alq<sub>3</sub> (1.90 mg,  $4.1 \times 10^{-6}$  mol) was dissolved in DMF (100 mL) and diluted 4 times with DMF to give a standard solution (1.03 ×  $10^{-5}$  M;  $1 \text{ M} = 1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ).<sup>25</sup> Solution samples: Schiff base ligands HL1–HL5, HL7–HL8, and HL10 and tin complexes a1–a11 were dissolved in DMSO- $d_6$  to make a ca.  $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M solution. In addition a  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  M solution of HL4' was also prepared for the measurement. Solid samples: Schiff base ligands or tin complexes (ca. 1 mg) were immersed with silicone oil (a few drops) on a filter paper (ADVANTEC 5C), respectively.

**Electrochemical Measurement.** All electrochemical measurements were performed under argon at room temperature using a Bioanalytical Systems Inc. BAS-100B Electrochemical Analyzer with a scan rate of  $0.1 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ . Each solution contained 0.5 mM sample and 0.1 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate as a supporting electrolyte in anhydrous dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO). A three electrode cell was employed with a platinum disk working electrode, a platinum wire auxiliary electrode, and a Ag/Ag<sup>+</sup> reference electrode (0.01 M AgPF<sub>6</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN). Ferrocene (Fc) was added as an internal standard and potentials are referenced versus the Fc<sup>+</sup>/Fc couple.

**DFT Calculations.** The DFT calculation with the hybrid functional method (B3LYP) was carried out by using the Gaussian 03 program package.<sup>26</sup> We performed full structural optimization (basis sets: Sn, LanL2DZ; others, 6-31G<sup>\*\*</sup>) starting from X-ray structures (**a1**, **a3**, **a5**, **a6**, **a7**, **a8**, **a9yel**, **a10**, and **a11**) or from molecular mechanics using Chem3D (**a2** and **a4**).

#### **Results and Discussion**

Synthesis of Schiff Base Ligands and Schiff Base Tin Complexes. Of eleven Schiff base ligands, HL1, HL2, HL3, HL4', HL5, HL7, HL8, and HL10 were isolated and used for the syntheses of tin(IV) complexes. HL6, HL9, and HL11 were not isolated. Eleven Schiff base tin(IV) complexes were synthesized and the structures of a1, a3, a5, a6, a7, a8, a9yel, a9or, a10, and a11 were determined by X-ray crystallography, which will be discussed in the next section, and those of a2 and a4 were determined by <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectroscopy (20 °C, 400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) (Figure S1). As to HL4', the aldehyde moiety remained unchanged, though prepared in methanol: on the preparation of a4, the aldehyde moiety of the ligand changed into acetal.

X-ray Structures of a1, a3, a5, a6, a7, a8, a9yel, a9or, a10, and a11. ORTEP drawings of a1, a3, a5, a6, a7, a8, a9yel, a9or, a10, and a11 are shown in Figure 1. The complexes adopt geometries close to octahedral: three chloride ions are coordinated meridionally, respectively. Crystallographic data and atomic distances are shown in Table 2 and Table 3, respectively. Of all the complexes Sn1–Cl1 and Sn1–Cl2 distances are clearly longer than those of Sn1–Cl3, probably because of the trans influence of chloride ion. The dihedral angle between the least-squares planes, quinoline ring and benzene (or naphthalene ring), of each complex is also listed in Table 3. There are some differences between the dimensions of a9yel and a9or.

















a10













Figure 1. ORTEP drawings of a1, a3, a5, a6, a7, a8, a9yel, a9or, a10, and a11 with the atom-numbering schemes at the 50% probability level (see text).

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	al	a3	a5	a6	a7	a8	a9yel	a9or	a10	a11
Eomilo	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> -	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>15</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> -	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>10</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> -	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>11</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> -	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>9</sub> Cl <sub>5</sub> -	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>11</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> -	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>10</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> -	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>10</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> -	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>13</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> -	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>17</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> -
ruma	OSn	OSn	$N_3O_3Sn$	$N_2OSn$	$N_2OSn$	$N_2O_2Sn$	FN <sub>2</sub> OSn	FN <sub>2</sub> OSn	$N_2O_2Sn$	$N_2O_2Sn$
FW	522.38	536.41	517.32	472.32	541.21	488.32	490.32	490.32	502.35	542.42
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	triclinic	monoclinic	triclinic	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P1 (#2)	$P2_{1}/c$ (#14)	P1 (#2)	$P2_{1}/c \ (\#14)$	Pī (#2)	P1 (#2)	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n (#14)	$P2_{1/c}$ (#14)	P21/c (#14)	$P2_{1}/c$ (#14)
a/Å	7.863(2)	13.028(5)	7.176(2)	12.768(5)	7.252(2)	7.379(5)	8.0700(5)	12.481(9)	7.181(1)	7.519(3)
$b/{ m \AA}$	8.673(2)	11.405(3)	8.859(3)	7.069(3)	8.896(3)	10.410(6)	10.8801(7)	7.100(5)	16.472(3)	16.573(7)
$c/ m \AA$	14.075(4)	15.174(5)	14.621(5)	17.981(7)	14.742(4)	11.333(7)	19.3363(11)	18.344(13)	15.316(2)	15.918(7)
$\alpha/\text{degree}$	102.444(10)	90.000	99.798(3)	90.000	75.814(8)	79.665(19)	90.000	90.000		
$\beta$ /degree	96.098(13)	113.296(6)	99.691(4)	102.446(5)	76.280(7)	75.118(16)	101.234(2)	103.068(5)	102.58(2)	100.477(6)
$\gamma/degree$	100.896(8)	90.000	99.296(3)	90.000	82.886(9)	74.92(2)	90.000	90.000		
$V/Å^3$	909.5(4)	2070.8(12)	885.3(5)	1584.7(10)	893.6(5)	806.4(9)	1665.24(18)	1583.3(19)	1768.1(4)	1950.4(15)
Ζ	2	4	2	4	2	2	4	4	4	4
$D_{ m calcd}/{ m gcm^{-3}}$	1.907	1.720	1.940	1.980	2.011	2.011	1.956	2.057	1.834	1.847
$\mu  (Mo  K\alpha)/cm^{-1}$	18.582	16.347	19.171	21.209	21.834	20.919	20.305	21.356	19.083	17.401
Refins collected	8807	22162	10090	15456	7692	8219	18463	17000	16796	22418
Unique refins	4032	5752	4966	3887	3732	3856	4725	4548	4006	5598
$R_{ m int}$	0.043	0.042	0.021	0.029	0.025	0.025	0.048	0.057	0.031	0.033
G.O.F.	1.013	0.995	1.006	1.007	1.011	1.011	1.010	1.004	1.001	1.006
$R_1 (I > 2.00\sigma(I))^{a}$	0.0354	0.0257	0.0223	0.0229	0.0322	0.0265	0.0245	0.0299	0.0292	0.0354
R; $wR_2^{b}$	0.0474; 0.0943	0.0296; 0.0642	0.0239; 0.0557	0.0251; 0.0538	0.0340; 0.0780	0.0291; 0.0634	0.0251; 0.0634	0.0302; 0.0781	0.0304; 0.1275	0.0403; 0.0752
a) $R_1 = \Sigma   F_0  -$	$ F_{\rm c}  /\Sigma F_{\rm o} .$ b) w	$R_2 = [\Sigma(w(F_0^2 -$	$F_{\rm c}^2)^2)/\Sigma w(F_{\rm o}^2)^2$	2] <sup>1/2</sup> .					1	

Table 2. Crystal Data and Details of the Structure Determination for a1, a3, a5, a6, a7, a8, a9yel, a9or; a10, and a11

Regarding **a8**, strong intermolecular hydrogen bonds cause dimerization of the molecules as shown in Figure 2. As is expected in a10, the hydrogen bonds disappeared by the introduction of an OCH<sub>3</sub> group in place of the OH group in **a8**. No such strong hydrogen bonds are present in any other complex. Regarding a9yel, weak C-H-F and C-H-Cl interactions are present, while in **a9or**,  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stackings exist between neighbor molecules (Figure 3). The dihedral angle of **a3** is larger than that of **a1** but has the same framework, which is probably due to the steric hindrance between the methyl group and chloride ion. The angles of a8 and a9vel are also large compared to others, probably due to hydrogen bonds with the neighboring molecules. Incidentally, a complex [SnCl<sub>3</sub>- $(H_2O)(L6)$ <sup>13</sup> having similar composition to that of **a6** was reported (Chart S2). The former was synthesized in ethanol. and its structure was determined by infrared spectroscopy.

Electronic Spectra, Fluorescence Spectra, and Fluorescence Lifetimes of Schiff Base Ligands and Schiff Base Tin(IV) Complexes. Photophysical data of Schiff bases and

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Schiff base tin complexes in DMSO at room temperature are summarized in Table 4. The data of the unisolated ligands HL6, HL9, and HL11 are not included in the table. The ligand HL5 is unstable in DMSO, and only the datum of the solidstate emission is included. Electronic spectra of Schiff base ligands are shown in Figure S2. The table and the spectra show that the ligands HL1-HL7 have absorption peaks in the visible region while HL8 does not; they also show that the spectra of HL1-HL3, which have naphthalene moieties, have large absorption peaks in the 450–550 nm region. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra indicate that HL1-HL7 are in the keto form in DMSO, while HL8 is in the enol form. It has been reported that the keto forms have absorption bands in the visible region, while the enol forms do not.27 Schiff base ligands are not fluorescent in DMSO, except HL4', and are fluorescent in solids. The complexes a1-a7 are fluorescent both in solutions and solids. Probably coordination of the ligands decreases their flexibility, which reduces the vibrations of the ligands. The planarities and fluorescence magnitudes of Schiff bases of the complexes have no correlation.

Electronic spectra of a1-a11 are shown in Figures 4a and 4b. Most of the Schiff base complexes have their characteristic peaks at around 360 and 450 nm. The lowest excited singlet  $(S_1)$  and second excited singlet  $(S_2)$  states for these ligands are  ${}^{1}\pi\pi^{*}$  in character because the molar extinction coefficients for these ligands are large,  $5000-27000 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$  at the absorption peak wavelengths and tin(IV) complexes such as SnCl<sub>4</sub> and [SnCl<sub>6</sub>]<sup>2-</sup> do not show any absorption in near ultraviolet and visible regions. In DMSO, the molar extinction coefficients for these tin complexes are also large, 4800–18000 M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup> at the absorption peak wavelengths. Therefore, the S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>2</sub> states for these complexes will also be  ${}^{1}\pi\pi^{*}$  in character.



#### 1) a9yel

2) a9or

Figure 3. Partial packing diagrams of a9vel and a9or.

Table 3		Selected Bonds	Length	(Å)	and Dihedral	Angles (	°)	for al.	a3.	, a5.	, a6.	, a7.	, a8.	, a9	vel.	a9or.	a10.	and	a11
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	Sn1–Cl1	Sn1–Cl2	Sn1–Cl3	Sn1-N11	Sn1-N21	Sn1-O21	Dihedral ang.
a1	2.437(1)	2.408(1)	2.368(1)	2.186(3)	2.180(3)	2.024(3)	2.8
a3	2.4605(7)	2.4458(7)	2.4027(7)	2.290(2)	2.193(2)	2.069(2)	25.9
a5	2.4139(8)	2.4001(8)	2.3639(8)	2.187(2)	2.179(2)	2.034(1)	6.0
a6	2.4075(8)	2.4142(8)	2.3634(8)	2.201(2)	2.181(2)	2.019(2)	8.8
a7	2.407(1)	2.420(1)	2.367(1)	2.182(3)	2.185(3)	2.020(2)	0.5
a8	2.425(1)	2.441(1)	2.348(1)	2.187(2)	2.192(2)	2.003(2)	15.6
a9yel	2.4210(5)	2.3945(5)	2.3530(5)	2.200(2)	2.189(2)	2.020(1)	28.3
a9or	2.384(1)	2.421(1)	2.357(1)	2.195(2)	2.191(2)	2.014(2)	10.7
a10	2.396(3)	2.438(3)	2.350(3)	2.212(4)	2.149(3)	2.029(4)	1.9
a11	2.407(1)	2.405(1)	2.366(1)	2.202(2)	2.170(2)	2.016(2)	4.0

Table 4. Photophysical Data of Schiff Bases HL1–HL3, HL4', HL5, HL7–HL10 and Schiff Base Tin Complexes a1–a11 in DMSO and in Solid State at Room Temperature

Compd	$\begin{array}{l} Absorbance\\ \lambda_{max}/nm\\ (\mathcal{E}/M^{-1}cm^{-1}) \end{array}$	Emission soln (QY) <sup>a),b)</sup>	Stokes shift /cm <sup>-1</sup>	Emission in solid state <sup>c)</sup>
HL1	457 (23100),	no emission	—	553
HL2	481 (24400) 470 (24800), 496 (23100)	no emission		589
HL3	457 (25600), 481 (27000)	no emission	_	557
HL4′	350 (26400), 504 (7700)	483	—	594
HL5	d)	d)		570
HL7	531 (5290)	no emission	_	586
HL8	400sh (6620)	no emission		no emission
HL10	355 (8100)	_		
a1	366 (9340),	515 (0.21)	2660	555
	453 (17700)			
a2	360 (16600),	545 (0.025)	2930	586
	470 (16200)			
a3	363 (9620),	509 (0.13)	2580	546
	450 (18000)	520 (0.042)	4400	5.62
<b>a</b> 4	347 (15300),	538 (0.042)	4400	563
а <b>Б</b>	435 (11/00)	402 (0.022)	4550	502
a5 06	402(14900) 242(15200)	492(0.022)	4330	525 526
a0	343(13200), 421(12000)	518 (0.028)	4430	550
97	421(12900) 348(14700)	540 (0.046)	1700	553
a /	429 (9700)	340 (0.040)	<b>H</b> //0	555
a8	355 (17000)	no emission	_	no emission
uo	476 (8170)			no chilission
a9vel	360sh (8090).	535 (0.058)	4560	540
	430 (9050)	()		
a9or	360sh (8090),	535 (0.058)	4560	549
	430 (9050)			
a10	351 (13400),	no emission		584
	464 (8430)			
a11	368 (17500),	no emission		590
	450 (4810)			

a) Emission  $\lambda_{\text{max}}/\text{nm}$  (quantum yield, QY) in a DMSO solution:  $1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol } \text{L}^{-1}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 390 \text{ nm}$ . b) Standard: a DMF solution of Alq<sub>3</sub>,<sup>25b</sup>  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 390 \text{ nm}$ . c) Emission  $\lambda_{\text{max}}/\text{nm}$ . d) Unstable in DMSO.

Normalized fluorescent spectra of **a1–a7** are shown in Figure 5. Table 4 also contains fluorescent data of the ligands and complexes in solutions and in solid states. Solid samples show fluorescence at longer wavelengths than solution samples (Figure S3). The electronic, fluorescence, and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **a9yel** and **a9or** in DMSO agree fully with each other. The complexes **a8**, **a10**, and **a11** do not show fluorescence in DMSO. Especially **a8** does not show fluorescence even in the solid state, while **a10** and **a11** show fluorescence in the solid states. The dimerization of **a8** by hydrogen bonds is most probably the cause of its nonfluorescence in solid, and the interaction of **a8**, **a10**, and **a11** with DMSO is likely the cause of their nonfluorescence. The dimerized form of **a8** may also be present in DMSO.



Figure 4. (a) Electronic spectra of a1 (--), a2 (--), a3 (--), a4 (--), a5 (--), a6 (--), a7 (--), and a8 (--) in DMSO.
(b) Electronic spectra of a9 (--), a10 (--), and a11 (--) in DMSO.



Figure 5. Emission spectra of a1 (—), a2 (—), a3 (—), a4 (—), a5 (—), a6 (—), and a7 (—) in DMSO at room temperature ( $\lambda_{ex} = 390$  nm).

The alteration of ligands led to fairly large changes of fluorescence peak wavelength. This demonstrates that the emission wavelength of tin(IV) complexes is tunable by ligand modification.<sup>1c,28</sup> The emission wavelengths ( $\lambda_{max}$ ) of the fluorenecarboxylato tin complexes are 355 and 390 nm,<sup>14</sup> while that of the tin–iridium complex is 645 nm;<sup>15</sup> the emission wavelengths (492–545 nm) of the present Schiff base tin complexes are between those of the two types of complexes.

The fluorescence quantum yields ( $\Phi_f$ ) of each complex were determined by eq 1.<sup>29</sup>

 Table 5. Fluorescence Lifetimes of Tin Complexes in DMSO at Room Temperature

Compd	$\tau/\mathrm{ns}$	$\chi^2$	$k_{\rm f}/{\rm ns}^{-1}$	$k_{\rm nr}/{\rm ns}^{-1}$
<b>a</b> 1	1.76	1.616	0.119	0.449
a2	0.49	1.120	0.0510	1.989
a3	1.36	1.428	0.0955	0.639
a4	0.86	1.339	0.0488	1.114
a6	0.78	1.306	0.0359	1.246
a7	1.10	1.412	0.0418	0.867

$$\frac{\Phi_{\rm f}}{\Phi_{\rm r}} = \frac{F_{\rm f}}{F_{\rm r}} \frac{A_{\rm r}}{A_{\rm f}} \frac{n_{\rm f}^2}{n_{\rm r}^2} \tag{1}$$

where *F* is the integrated fluorescence intensity,  $\Phi$  is the quantum yield, *A* is the absorbance, *n* is the refractive index for solvent, and the subscripts f and r represent the complex sample solutions and the reference solution, respectively. The  $\Phi_r$  value for reference complex, Alq<sub>3</sub>, in DMF is 0.11.<sup>25b</sup> After the photoirradiation, the complexes are excited to the first excited state. The first excited state decays to the ground state by the radiative (fluorescent) and/or nonradiative (thermal) relaxation processes. The fluorescence lifetimes of complexes a1–a7 were measured. Complex a5 was not stable enough to get the lifetime. The time-resolved fluorescence intensities are described as the single exponential function (eq 2):

$$F = F_0 \exp(-t/\tau) \tag{2}$$

where  $\tau$  is the lifetime of the excited state. The fluorescent and nonradiative rate constants are described as

$$k_{\rm f} = \Phi_{\rm f} / \tau \tag{3}$$

$$k_{\rm nr} = \Phi_{\rm nr} / \tau \tag{4}$$

$$\Phi_{\rm f} + \Phi_{\rm nr} = 1 \tag{5}$$

where k is the rate,  $\Phi$  is the quantum yield, and the subscripts f and nr represent the fluorescent and nonradiative relaxation processes, respectively (eqs 3–5).

The fluorescence lifetimes (ca. 1.8-0.5 ns) of a1-a4, a6, and a7 are relatively small and summarized in Table 5. Plots of lifetime/ns vs. quantum yield,  $k_{\rm f}$  vs. quantum yield, and  $k_{\rm nr}$ vs. quantum yield are shown in Figures S4a, S4b, and S4c, respectively. The table and figures indicate the following: 1) Complexes a1 and a3 have relatively large quantum yields, and their fluorescence rate constants  $k_{\rm f}$ 's are similar to each other, while  $k_{nr}$  of **a1** is less than that of **a3**. The introduction of a methyl group to the ligand HL1 gives HL3, and the stretching vibration of the quinoline ring-methyl group will cause deactivation of a3. 2) Complexes a4, a6, and a7 have relatively small quantum yields, and their  $k_{\rm f}$ 's and  $k_{\rm nr}$ 's are similar to each other. 3) Complex a2 has small quantum yields, and the magnitude of  $k_{\rm f}$  is similar to that of other complexes, but the magnitude of  $k_{\rm nr}$  is larger than that of any other complexes. Probably, the orientation change of the naphthalene ring from HL1 to HL2 causes loss of activated energy through vibration. 4) The Stokes shifts of a1, a2, and a3 which have naphthalene rings are ca.  $2700 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , while those of **a4**, **a6**, **a7**, and **a9** which have benzene rings are ca.  $4500 \,\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ . It is clear that the fluorescence quantum yields and Stokes shifts have no correlation ship.

**Table 6.** HOMO–LUMO Gaps Obtained by DFT Calculations (B3LYP/6-31G\*\*; Sn, LanL2DZ)

Compd	HOMO /eV	LUMO /eV	HOMO-LUMO
	/	/01	gap/ev
a1	-6.05	-3.01	3.04
a2	-5.81	-3.01	2.80
a3	-6.01	-2.86	3.15
a4	-6.03	-3.01	3.02
a5	-6.80	-3.47	3.34
a6	-6.23	-3.09	3.14
a7	-6.35	-3.35	3.00
a8	-5.82	-3.21	2.61
a9	-6.20	-3.20	3.00
a10	-5.71	-3.05	2.66
a11	-5.66	-2.97	2.69



Figure 6. Plots of emission wavelengths vs. HOMO-LUMO gaps for a1-a7 and a9.



Figure 7. Visualized frontier orbitals for a6.

**DFT Calculation.** DFT calculations show that the order of the magnitudes of HOMO–LUMO gaps (Table 6) is consonant with that of the emission wavelengths ( $\lambda_{max}$ ) of the complexes as shown in Figure 6. It is common knowledge that the fluorescence wavelength depends on both excited and ground states, however, the wavelength is predictable in the case of these Schiff base complexes.

Frontier orbitals of all the complexes show that the main components of HOMO's are aldehyde moieties and those of LUMO's are quinoline moieties. The frontier orbitals of **a1** (Figure S5) and **a6** (Figure 7) are shown, for example, together with energy diagram of **a6** (Figure S6). The molecular orbital coefficients of **a6** indicate that the main atomic components of HOMO are C23 and C25, and those of LUMO are C11, C13, and C16: the atom numbering scheme of **a6** employed here is the same as that shown in Figure 1. Therefore the introduction of either electron-donating or -withdrawing groups into some

Compd	$E^{1}_{pc}/V$ vs. Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	<i>p</i> -	$\sigma_{ m p}$	0-	$\sigma_{ m o}$	$\sigma_{\rm p}+\sigma_{\rm o}$
HL1	-1.87	_	_	_		
HL2	-1.88	—		—		—
HL3	-1.88	_	—	_		—
HL4'	-1.50	—	—	—		—
HL7	-1.56	—	—	—		—
HL8	-1.98	—		—		
a1	-1.32	—	—	—		—
a2	-1.32	—	—	—		—
a3	-1.36	—	—	—		—
a4	-1.32	CH <sub>3</sub>	-0.17	$CH(OCH_3)_2$		—
a5	-1.17	NO <sub>2</sub>	+0.78	Н	0.00	+0.78
a6	-1.32	Н	0.00	Н	0.00	0.00
a7	-1.15	Cl	+0.23	Cl	+0.37	+0.60
a8	-1.35	OH	-0.37	Н	0.00	-0.37
a11	-1.34	CH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	-0.14	OCH <sub>3</sub>	-0.24	-0.38

**Table 7.** Comparison of Cathodic Peak Potentials  $E^{1}_{pc}$  for Reduction of Schiff Bases and Schiff Base-Tin(IV)Complexes, and Sums of *para-* and *ortho*-Substituted Hammett Parameters

of the atoms (C11, C13, C16, C23, and C25) will cause the wavelength change of **a6**. The introduction of a nitro group (**a5**) or chlorine atoms (**a7**) to **a6** lowers both the energies of HOMO and LUMO. The nitro group and chlorine atoms have similar effects of lowering the HOMO of **a6**, but the nitro group has larger effect of lowering the HOMO of **a6** than the chlorine atoms have. As a result, larger HOMO–LUMO gap appears in the case of **a5**.

**Electrochemistry.** Cyclic voltammetry (CV) was used to determine the reduction potentials for the ligands and the complexes. For the purpose of an influence of ligand modifications on the electrochemical properties, these measurements were undertaken using a uniformed dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) solution containing 0.1 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub>) with a scan rate of 0.1 V s<sup>-1</sup>. All cyclic voltammograms exhibited irreversible waves and these results suggest that the reduction products of the ligands and the complexes were unstable under a time scale in CV measurements (Figures S7a, S7b, and S7c).

The cathodic peak potentials  $(E_{pc}^{1})$  for reduction of the Schiff bases HL1-HL3, HL4', HL7, and HL8 and Schiff base tin(IV) complexes, and relevant Hammett parameters are listed in Table 7. The HL5 ligand decomposed in DMSO and the HL6 ligand was not isolated as a solid, and CV measurements of them were not conducted. The chemical structures of HL1 and HL2 have an isomeric relation. Therefore, the reduction potentials of these two ligands were quite similar. The chemical structure of HL3 and HL1 differs with regard to the methyl group. The substituent has little influence on the reduction potential. The reduction potentials of Schiff base tin(IV) complexes were more positive than these corresponding free Schiff base ligands. DFT calculations for these complexes indicate that all LUMO are distributed to the ligands and the reductions are considered to occur at the ligand moiety. These results suggest that these enolates, which are generated by the complexations, have more easily reduced moieties and the differences among these five complexes are due to the influence of the substituent groups.



**Figure 8.** Correlation between first reduction peak potentials  $(E^{I}_{pc})$  and sums of *para-*  $(\sigma_{p})$  and *ortho-substituted*  $(\sigma_{p})$  Hammett parameters.

**Correlation between Hammett Parameters and Electrochemistry.** As for the complexes **a5**, **a6**, **a7**, **a8**, and **a11** in Table 7, the substituents are considered to be in a *para-* and *ortho-*position with respect to the phenolic oxygen, and the *para*  $\sigma_p^{30}$ - and *ortho*  $\sigma_o^{31}$ -substituted Hammett parameters are as noted in Table 7. There is a good linear relationship between the sum of the  $\sigma_p$  and  $\sigma_o$  values and the  $E^1_{pc}$  values ( $R^2 = 0.93$ , Figure 8) and the larger sum of the  $\sigma_p$  and  $\sigma_o$  values corresponds the larger  $E_{pc}$  value. Generally, substituents with a plus  $\sigma$  value are electron-withdrawing groups and the larger  $\sigma$  value renders the reduction easier.<sup>32–34</sup> These electrochemical results confirm that substituents, which are in the *para-* and *ortho-*positions with respect to the phenolic oxygen of the Schiff base ligands, affect the electronic structures of the complexes.

Correlation between Theoretical Studies and Electrochemistry. In the case of the one-electron-reduction process,



**Figure 9.** Correlation between LUMO energies and first reduction peak potentials  $(E_{pc}^{l})$ .

an electron flows from an electrode to a LUMO and the standard potential,  $E^0$ , is known to be related to a LUMO energy level.<sup>35</sup> Plots of first cathodic peak potentials of a series of the complexes versus LUMO energy level, which are the results of density functional theory (DFT) calculations, showed a correlation ( $R^2 = 0.73$ , Figure 9). The crystal structure of **a8** shows that strong hydrogen bonds between two adjacent **a8** molecules form a pseudo dinuclear complex (see the crystal structure of **a8**). This can be one of the reasons for the deviation of **a8** from the correlation.

#### Summary

Eleven Schiff base tin(IV) complexes a1-a11 of the types [SnCl<sub>3</sub>(L)] (HL: Schiff base) were synthesized and characterized especially for fluorescence. All except a8, a10, and a11 are fluorescent in DMSO ( $\lambda_{max}/nm$ : 492–545 nm). The fluorescence quantum yields ( $\Phi_{\rm f}$ ) of the complexes depend very much on the ligands ( $\Phi_f = 0.21-0.022$ ). Of the solids, **a10** and **a11** are fluorescent, but a8, the ligand having an OH group, is not. The fluorescence lifetimes ( $\tau = 0.49 - 1.76$  ns) of **a1-a4**, **a6**, and a7 are relatively small. The DFT calculation shows that the order of the magnitudes of HOMO-LUMO gaps is consonant with that of the emission wavelengths ( $\lambda_{max}$ ) of the complexes, and the emission wavelength is predictable in the case of these Schiff base tin complexes. The cyclic voltammograms indicate that reduction products of the complexes are unstable under the time scale in CV measurements  $(0.1 \text{ V s}^{-1})$ . A relatively good correlation except for a8 was observed between reduction potentials in DMSO and the energies of LUMO.

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#### **Supporting Information**

Additional spectroscopic, electrochemical, and DFT data and line drawings of related compounds. This materital is available free of charge on the Web at: http://www.csj.jp/journals/bcsj/.

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