

**Table 1.** Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)

$$B_{\text{eq}} = (4/3) \sum_i \sum_j \beta_{ij} \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$$

	x	y	z	B <sub>eq</sub>
Ru1	0.15105 (1)	0.25284 (1)	0.34868 (1)	2.549 (2)
P1	0.24983 (4)	0.20202 (3)	0.19457 (4)	2.718 (7)
P2	0.29715 (4)	0.27250 (3)	0.56057 (4)	2.746 (7)
N1	0.2157 (2)	0.4004 (1)	0.3879 (2)	3.69 (3)
N2	0.1603 (2)	0.4697 (1)	0.4077 (2)	3.39 (3)
N3	0.1133 (3)	0.5421 (2)	0.4299 (4)	6.09 (7)
C1	0.2727 (2)	0.0698 (1)	0.1254 (2)	3.21 (3)
C2	0.2369 (2)	0.0028 (2)	0.1703 (2)	3.84 (4)
C3	0.2603 (3)	-0.0964 (2)	0.1239 (3)	5.02 (6)
C4	0.3184 (3)	-0.1282 (2)	0.0326 (4)	5.39 (7)
C5	0.3527 (3)	-0.0619 (2)	-0.0140 (4)	5.44 (6)
C6	0.3295 (2)	0.0368 (2)	0.0310 (3)	4.66 (5)
C7	0.1511 (2)	0.2230 (2)	0.0416 (2)	3.21 (3)
C8	0.0867 (2)	0.1465 (2)	-0.0802 (2)	4.11 (4)
C9	0.0084 (3)	0.1669 (3)	-0.1911 (3)	5.21 (6)
C10	-0.0074 (3)	0.2629 (3)	-0.1820 (3)	5.38 (6)
C11	0.0554 (3)	0.3416 (2)	-0.0576 (3)	5.14 (5)
C12	0.1337 (2)	0.3218 (2)	0.0537 (3)	4.20 (4)
C13	0.3997 (2)	0.2567 (1)	0.2250 (2)	3.13 (3)
C14	0.4185 (2)	0.3108 (2)	0.1531 (3)	4.88 (5)
C15	0.5351 (3)	0.3467 (2)	0.1792 (4)	5.94 (6)
C16	0.6324 (2)	0.3279 (2)	0.2752 (3)	4.77 (6)
C17	0.6136 (2)	0.2713 (3)	0.3437 (3)	4.75 (6)
C18	0.4973 (2)	0.2354 (2)	0.3174 (2)	4.17 (4)
C19	0.2979 (2)	0.1576 (1)	0.5924 (2)	3.28 (3)
C20	0.2421 (3)	0.1430 (2)	0.6742 (3)	5.02 (5)
C21	0.2318 (5)	0.0484 (3)	0.6783 (4)	7.12 (8)
C22	0.2808 (5)	-0.0289 (2)	0.6070 (4)	7.64 (9)
C23	0.3368 (4)	-0.0154 (2)	0.5255 (4)	5.94 (7)
C24	0.3433 (2)	0.0768 (2)	0.5159 (2)	4.05 (4)
C25	0.2716 (2)	0.3682 (1)	0.7069 (2)	3.13 (3)
C26	0.3525 (2)	0.3890 (2)	0.8410 (2)	4.04 (4)
C27	0.3389 (3)	0.4668 (2)	0.9500 (2)	4.39 (5)
C28	0.2440 (3)	0.5241 (2)	0.9272 (2)	4.62 (5)
C29	0.1641 (3)	0.5036 (2)	0.7945 (3)	4.53 (5)
C30	0.1780 (2)	0.4266 (2)	0.6859 (2)	3.62 (4)
C31	0.4572 (2)	0.3126 (1)	0.6136 (2)	3.07 (3)
C32	0.4846 (2)	0.4003 (2)	0.6009 (2)	3.95 (4)
C33	0.6031 (2)	0.4393 (2)	0.6457 (3)	4.45 (5)
C34	0.6959 (2)	0.3891 (2)	0.7010 (3)	4.48 (5)
C35	0.6692 (2)	0.3031 (2)	0.7142 (3)	4.31 (5)
C36	0.5507 (2)	0.2642 (2)	0.6724 (2)	3.73 (4)
C37	-0.0327 (2)	0.2856 (2)	0.3437 (3)	4.32 (5)
C38	0.0072 (2)	0.2221 (2)	0.4164 (2)	4.51 (5)
C39	0.0307 (2)	0.1306 (2)	0.3255 (2)	4.15 (4)
C40	0.0016 (2)	0.1396 (2)	0.1960 (2)	3.86 (4)
C41	-0.0351 (2)	0.2354 (2)	0.2084 (3)	4.29 (5)

**Table 2.** Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

Ru1—P1	2.3293 (5)	P1—C1	1.843 (2)
Ru1—P2	2.3304 (5)	P1—C7	1.842 (3)
Ru1—N1	2.135 (3)	P1—C13	1.848 (2)
Ru1—C37	2.222 (2)	P2—C19	1.833 (2)
Ru1—C38	2.230 (4)	P2—C25	1.845 (2)
Ru1—C39	2.202 (3)	P2—C31	1.835 (2)
Ru1—C40	2.190 (2)	N1—N2	1.186 (3)
Ru1—C41	2.187 (2)	N2—N3	1.164 (3)
P1—Ru1—P2	105.22 (2)	Ru1—P1—C13	125.22 (6)
P1—Ru1—N1	85.39 (6)	C1—P1—C7	103.31 (8)
P2—Ru1—N1	86.65 (5)	C1—P1—C13	98.0 (1)
N1—Ru1—C37	96.17 (9)	C7—P1—C13	103.2 (2)
N1—Ru1—C38	122.3 (1)	Ru1—P2—C19	110.65 (6)
N1—Ru1—C39	158.93 (9)	Ru1—P2—C25	113.69 (7)
N1—Ru1—C40	137.70 (9)	Ru1—P2—C31	124.66 (7)
N1—Ru1—C41	103.0 (1)	C19—P2—C25	104.7 (2)
Ru1—P1—C1	119.01 (8)	C19—P2—C31	103.62 (9)
Ru1—P1—C7	105.37 (7)		

All computations were carried out on a PDP-11/73 computer using SDP software (Enraf-Nonius, 1985).

Lists of structure factors, anisotropic displacement parameters, H-atom coordinates, complete geometry and least-squares-planes data have been deposited with the British Library Document Supply Centre as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 71597 (34 pp.). Copies may be obtained through The Technical Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England. [CIF reference: HA1048]

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## *cis*-Bis(9-carbazolyl)(1,2-dimethoxyethane)-*cis*-bis(tetrahydrofuran)ytterbium(II)†

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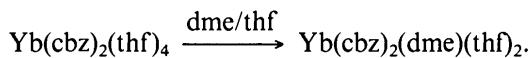
## Abstract

The structure of [Yb(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N)<sub>2</sub>] is monomeric with a distorted octahedral environment at Yb. The metal centre is surrounded by two 9-carbazolyl ligands which are *cis* to each other, two *cis* tetrahydrofuran ligands and one chelating dimethoxyethane ligand. Yb—N distances are 2.45 (2) and 2.43 (3) Å with a *cis* N—Yb—N angle of 107.3 (7)°.

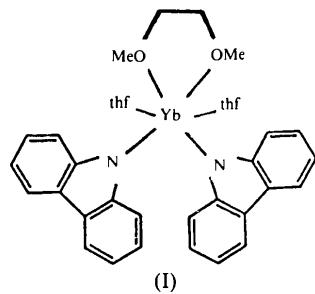
† Organoamido- and aryloxolanthanides (VIII).

### Comment

The air-sensitive complex *cis*-bis(9-carbazolyl)-(1,2-dimethoxyethane)-*cis*-bis(tetrahydrofuran)ytterbium(II), Yb(cbz)<sub>2</sub>(dme)(thf)<sub>2</sub> (**I**), was prepared by the following reaction:



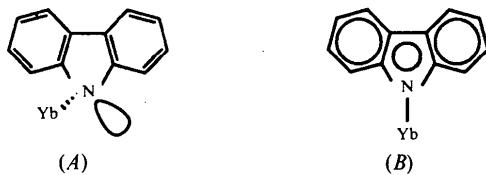
Bulky amides are used to generate low-coordinate ( $\leq 6$ ) amidolanthanide complexes (Hart, 1987). An X-ray crystal structure study is often the only definitive way of determining how ligands are actually bound to the lanthanide metals and their coordination number. This is especially true for complexes with thf, since their crystals may also incorporate thf of solvation (Deacon, Feng, MacKinnon, Newnham, Nickel, Skelton & White, 1993).



The complex Yb(cbz)<sub>2</sub>(dme)(thf)<sub>2</sub> is monomeric with distorted octahedral stereochemistry about the Yb atom and *cis* cbz ligands; the distortion from octahedral geometry is evident from the large N—Yb—N angle of 107.3 (7) $^\circ$ . This type of distortion was observed in a similar six-coordinate structure, Eu(cbz)<sub>2</sub>(thf)<sub>4</sub> (Deacon, Forsyth, Gatehouse & White, 1990), containing *cis* cbz ligands, where the N—Eu—N angle was 109.8 (2) $^\circ$  and was considered to result from the steric repulsion between the bulky organoamido groups. The thf ligands in Yb(cbz)<sub>2</sub>(dme)(thf)<sub>2</sub> are also *cis* to each other. The dme has a small bite angle of 65.8 (5) $^\circ$  which compresses the edge of the octahedron. Comparisons between the M—N and M—O bond lengths in this, and in other similar organoamido La complexes can be made by subtracting the appropriate La ionic radius (Shannon, 1976) from the respective M—N/O bond length. The differences for the M—N distances in Yb(cbz)<sub>2</sub>(dme)(thf)<sub>2</sub> are 1.41 and 1.43  $\text{\AA}$ , and are comparable to those found in Eu(cbz)<sub>2</sub>(thf)<sub>4</sub> of 1.38 and 1.40  $\text{\AA}$ . The range derived from the M—O bond lengths in Yb(cbz)<sub>2</sub>(dme)(thf)<sub>2</sub>, 1.39–1.46  $\text{\AA}$ , is again similar to the range found for Eu(cbz)<sub>2</sub>(thf)<sub>4</sub>, 1.38–1.43  $\text{\AA}$ . These values are somewhat higher than those found for other organolanthanoid ether complexes [1.34 (5)  $\text{\AA}$  (Deacon, MacKinnon, Hambley & Taylor, 1983)], which is indicative of greater crowd-

ing in Yb(cbz)<sub>2</sub>(dme)(thf)<sub>2</sub>, but are less than values (1.49–1.59  $\text{\AA}$ ) for highly crowded thf complexes of bulky phenololanthanoid(III) compounds (Deacon, Feng, Nickel, Ogden & White, 1992). Both cbz complexes show the largest M—O distance for an O atom *trans* to a carbazole group, presumably due to the greater *trans* influence of the bulky charged cbz ligands compared to the thf ligands.

The Yb atom is displaced from the planes of the 9-carbazolyl ligands. Thus, the angle between the line joining N1 and Yb and the ligand plane defined by N1, C12, C11, C10 and C9 is 10.6 $^\circ$ , and the angle between the line joining N2 and Yb and the ligand plane defined by N2, C21, C22, C23 and C24 is 17.4 $^\circ$ . This deviation from planarity is markedly larger than that in Eu(cbz)<sub>2</sub>(thf)<sub>4</sub>, in which the angles are only 3.3 and 9.9 $^\circ$ , respectively. The displacement of the Yb atom from the 9-carbazolyl planes may be indicative of pyramidal coordination at the N atoms [type (*A*)] as opposed to  $sp^2$  hybridization of the N atoms in an aromatic cbz ligand (*B*), as was discussed for the structure of Eu(cbz)<sub>2</sub>(thf)<sub>4</sub> (Deacon, Forsyth, Gatehouse & White, 1990).



Pyramidal geometry would also be reflected in a loss of aromaticity in the pyrrolyl rings. However, the C—C bond lengths in Yb(cbz)<sub>2</sub>(dme)(thf)<sub>2</sub> do not show alternation, the C—N distances are less than single-bond lengths and the Yb—N—C angles considerably exceed tetrahedral values (Table 2). Thus, the deviation of Yb from planarity with the cbz ring probably arises from the steric effects of the ligands. There is a widening of the angle between the

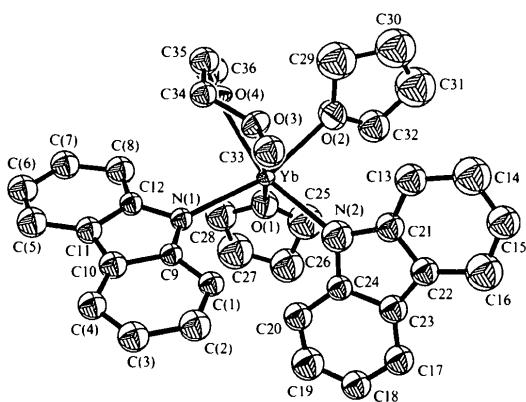


Fig. 1. Structure of Yb(cbz)<sub>2</sub>(dme)(thf)<sub>2</sub> showing the stereochemistry and the numbering scheme used.

carbazole planes to 72.7° compared to 59.2° for the Eu(cbz)<sub>2</sub>(thf)<sub>4</sub> complex. This would relieve the steric crowding about the smaller Yb<sup>2+</sup> ion. Even though the less sterically demanding dme ligand is present, the metal-ion size factor appears more important.

## Experimental

Yb(cbz)<sub>2</sub>(thf)<sub>4</sub> (Deacon, Forsyth, Gatehouse & White, 1990) was dissolved in hot dimethoxyethane and this solution was allowed to slowly mix with warm tetrahydrofuran under an N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. This resulted in the formation of orange-yellow single crystals (yield 22%). Found Yb 23.4%; [Yb(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N)<sub>2</sub>] requires Yb 23.3%. IR spectrum: 1617*m*, 1580*s*, 1545*w*, 1340*w*, 1325*s*, 1290*m*, 1270*s*, 1230*s*, 1190*w* (sh), 1150*m*, 1120*m*, 1100*m*, 1055*s*, 1040*s*, 1025*s*, 995*m*, 920*w*, 890*m*, 850*m* (sh), 830*w* (sh), 760*s*, 725*s*, 665*w* cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### Crystal data

[Yb(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N)<sub>2</sub>]

*M*<sub>r</sub> = 739.79

Monoclinic

*P*2<sub>1</sub>/*a*

*a* = 13.844 (4) Å

*b* = 25.734 (10) Å

*c* = 9.590 (2) Å

$\beta$  = 107.58 (2)°

*V* = 3257 (2) Å<sup>3</sup>

*Z* = 4

### Data collection

Philips PW1100 four-circle diffractometer

$\omega$  scans

Absorption correction:

analytical, indexed crystal faces

*T*<sub>min</sub> = 0.63, *T*<sub>max</sub> = 0.84

9617 measured reflections

9141 independent reflections

### Refinement

Refinement on *F*

*R* = 0.0775

*wR* = 0.0626

*S* = 2.48

1971 reflections

207 parameters

Only H-atom *U*'s refined:

one overall temperature factor of 0.114 (2) Å<sup>2</sup>

*D*<sub>x</sub> = 1.50 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo K $\alpha$  radiation

$\lambda$  = 0.7107 Å

Cell parameters from 24 reflections

$\theta$  = 7–10°

$\mu$  = 2.90 mm<sup>-1</sup>

*T* = 293 K

Tabular

0.38 × 0.15 × 0.06 mm

Orange-yellow

1971 observed reflections [*I* ≥ 3σ(*I*)]

*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.07

$\theta_{\text{max}}$  = 30°

*h* = -17 → 17

*k* = 0 → 32

*l* = 0 → 11

3 standard reflections frequency: 240 min

O(2)	0.2220 (14)	0.0737 (7)	0.3945 (21)	0.069 (10)
O(3)	0.3238 (11)	0.1898 (6)	0.5307 (17)	0.039 (7)
O(4)	0.2120 (12)	0.1816 (6)	0.2518 (16)	0.042 (7)
N(1)	0.1014 (13)	0.2468 (7)	0.4674 (19)	0.028 (5)
N(2)	0.1573 (18)	0.1163 (9)	0.6903 (25)	0.060 (7)
C(1)	0.1508 (17)	0.2603 (10)	0.7380 (23)	0.036 (7)
C(2)	0.1619 (20)	0.2952 (11)	0.8501 (29)	0.052 (8)
C(3)	0.1410 (17)	0.3475 (13)	0.8190 (25)	0.051 (7)
C(4)	0.1128 (18)	0.3664 (10)	0.6763 (26)	0.043 (7)
C(5)	0.0444 (20)	0.3777 (11)	0.3116 (29)	0.055 (8)
C(6)	0.0155 (22)	0.3681 (12)	0.1657 (32)	0.064 (10)
C(7)	0.0165 (21)	0.3185 (11)	0.1118 (30)	0.052 (9)
C(8)	0.0461 (19)	0.2738 (11)	0.2034 (27)	0.054 (8)
C(9)	0.1215 (16)	0.2773 (9)	0.5914 (24)	0.025 (6)
C(10)	0.1034 (18)	0.3303 (9)	0.5634 (27)	0.042 (8)
C(11)	0.0728 (17)	0.3331 (10)	0.4068 (25)	0.039 (7)
C(12)	0.0741 (17)	0.2826 (10)	0.3547 (25)	0.032 (7)
C(13)	0.3177 (21)	0.0674 (11)	0.7756 (28)	0.055 (8)
C(14)	0.3698 (25)	0.0263 (13)	0.8660 (32)	0.084 (11)
C(15)	0.3219 (22)	0.0030 (12)	0.9534 (29)	0.065 (9)
C(16)	0.2286 (25)	0.0137 (13)	0.9631 (34)	0.087 (11)
C(17)	-0.0084 (20)	0.0706 (11)	0.8967 (27)	0.053 (8)
C(18)	-0.0887 (21)	0.1021 (11)	0.8487 (29)	0.056 (9)
C(19)	-0.0958 (23)	0.1389 (11)	0.7471 (29)	0.069 (10)
C(20)	-0.0173 (18)	0.1463 (11)	0.6902 (25)	0.049 (8)
C(21)	0.2180 (21)	0.0785 (11)	0.7702 (28)	0.048 (8)
C(22)	0.1732 (20)	0.0537 (10)	0.8646 (28)	0.044 (7)
C(23)	0.0772 (20)	0.0746 (11)	0.8424 (27)	0.049 (8)
C(24)	0.0664 (20)	0.1144 (10)	0.7314 (26)	0.039 (7)
C(25)	-0.0599 (25)	0.0765 (14)	0.3450 (37)	0.100 (13)
C(26)	-0.1677 (24)	0.0897 (14)	0.3403 (35)	0.095 (12)
C(27)	-0.1892 (26)	0.1333 (13)	0.2292 (37)	0.113 (14)
C(28)	-0.0904 (21)	0.1552 (15)	0.2287 (30)	0.079 (9)
C(29)	0.3158 (26)	0.0690 (14)	0.3610 (37)	0.100 (13)
C(30)	0.3571 (26)	0.0149 (14)	0.4037 (39)	0.110 (14)
C(31)	0.2700 (27)	-0.0142 (14)	0.4159 (39)	0.120 (14)
C(32)	0.1864 (23)	0.0233 (12)	0.4019 (32)	0.073 (10)
C(33)	0.3723 (20)	0.2044 (11)	0.6848 (27)	0.057 (9)
C(34)	0.3370 (18)	0.2289 (9)	0.4334 (24)	0.037 (7)
C(35)	0.3119 (19)	0.2042 (11)	0.2858 (27)	0.052 (8)
C(36)	0.1786 (21)	0.1617 (14)	0.1107 (29)	0.078 (9)

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

Yb—O(1)	2.41 (2)	C(9)—C(1)	1.41 (3)
Yb—O(2)	2.48 (2)	C(9)—C(10)	1.40 (3)
Yb—O(3)	2.44 (2)	C(10)—C(11)	1.43 (3)
Yb—O(4)	2.46 (1)	C(11)—C(5)	1.45 (3)
Yb—N(1)	2.45 (2)	C(11)—C(12)	1.40 (3)
Yb—N(2)	2.43 (3)	C(13)—C(14)	1.42 (4)
N(1)—C(9)	1.38 (2)	C(13)—C(21)	1.40 (3)
N(1)—C(12)	1.38 (3)	C(14)—C(15)	1.36 (4)
N(2)—C(21)	1.36 (3)	C(15)—C(16)	1.35 (4)
N(2)—C(24)	1.43 (3)	C(16)—C(22)	1.45 (4)
O(1)—C(25)	1.43 (4)	C(17)—C(18)	1.34 (3)
O(1)—C(28)	1.41 (3)	C(17)—C(23)	1.44 (3)
O(2)—C(29)	1.43 (3)	C(18)—C(19)	1.34 (4)
O(2)—C(32)	1.40 (3)	C(19)—C(20)	1.37 (3)
O(3)—C(33)	1.47 (3)	C(20)—C(24)	1.38 (3)
O(3)—C(34)	1.42 (2)	C(21)—C(22)	1.40 (3)
O(4)—C(35)	1.44 (3)	C(22)—C(23)	1.39 (3)
O(4)—C(36)	1.39 (3)	C(23)—C(24)	1.45 (3)
C(1)—C(2)	1.37 (3)	C(25)—C(26)	1.52 (4)
C(2)—C(3)	1.39 (4)	C(26)—C(27)	1.51 (4)
C(3)—C(4)	1.39 (3)	C(27)—C(28)	1.48 (4)
C(4)—C(10)	1.40 (3)	C(29)—C(30)	1.51 (4)
C(5)—C(6)	1.36 (3)	C(30)—C(31)	1.46 (4)
C(6)—C(7)	1.38 (3)	C(31)—C(32)	1.48 (4)
C(7)—C(8)	1.43 (3)	C(34)—C(35)	1.49 (3)
C(8)—C(12)	1.40 (3)		
N(1)—Yb—N(2)	107.3 (7)	C(13)—C(14)—C(15)	117 (3)
N(1)—Yb—O(1)	96.6 (6)	C(14)—C(15)—C(16)	128 (3)
N(1)—Yb—O(2)	163.7 (6)	C(15)—C(16)—C(22)	115 (3)
N(1)—Yb—O(3)	84.8 (5)	C(16)—C(22)—C(21)	120 (3)
N(1)—Yb—O(4)	86.6 (5)	C(16)—C(22)—C(23)	132 (3)
N(2)—Yb—O(1)	96.8 (7)	C(17)—C(18)—C(19)	123 (3)
N(2)—Yb—O(2)	87.8 (7)	C(18)—C(19)—C(20)	120 (3)

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)

$$U_{\text{eq}} = (1/3)\sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j \cdot \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$$

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> <sub>eq</sub>
Yb	0.15113 (9)	0.15582 (5)	0.45761 (13)	0.0319 (4)
O(1)	-0.0140 (13)	0.1239 (7)	0.3219 (19)	0.056 (9)

N(2)—Yb—O(3)	97.3 (7)	C(19)—C(20)—C(24)	120 (3)
N(2)—Yb—O(4)	157.5 (7)	C(20)—C(24)—C(23)	122 (2)
O(1)—Yb—O(2)	87.6 (6)	C(21)—C(13)—C(14)	119 (3)
O(1)—Yb—O(3)	164.8 (5)	C(21)—C(22)—C(23)	108 (2)
O(1)—Yb—O(4)	99.0 (6)	C(22)—C(21)—C(13)	121 (3)
O(2)—Yb—O(3)	87.1 (6)	C(22)—C(23)—C(17)	141 (3)
O(2)—Yb—O(4)	77.1 (6)	C(22)—C(23)—C(24)	106 (2)
O(3)—Yb—O(4)	65.8 (5)	C(23)—C(17)—C(18)	122 (3)
Yb—N(1)—C(9)	126 (1)	C(23)—C(24)—N(2)	109 (3)
Yb—N(1)—C(12)	128 (2)	C(24)—N(2)—C(21)	105 (2)
Yb—N(2)—C(21)	131 (2)	C(24)—C(23)—C(17)	114 (3)
Yb—N(2)—C(24)	119 (2)	C(25)—O(1)—C(28)	108 (2)
N(1)—C(9)—C(1)	127 (2)	C(25)—C(26)—C(27)	100 (3)
N(1)—C(9)—C(10)	114 (2)	C(26)—C(27)—C(28)	107 (3)
N(1)—C(12)—C(8)	129 (3)	C(27)—C(28)—O(1)	107 (3)
N(2)—C(21)—C(13)	127 (3)	C(4)—C(10)—C(11)	135 (2)
N(2)—C(21)—C(22)	112 (3)	C(5)—C(6)—C(7)	122 (3)
N(2)—C(24)—C(20)	130 (3)	C(6)—C(7)—C(8)	123 (3)
O(1)—C(25)—C(26)	107 (3)	C(7)—C(8)—C(12)	117 (3)
O(2)—C(29)—C(30)	108 (3)	C(8)—C(12)—C(11)	119 (2)
C(1)—C(2)—C(3)	120 (3)	C(9)—C(1)—C(2)	120 (3)
C(2)—C(3)—C(4)	122 (3)	C(9)—C(10)—C(11)	103 (2)
C(3)—C(4)—C(10)	117 (3)	C(10)—C(9)—C(1)	118 (2)
C(4)—C(10)—C(9)	122 (2)	C(10)—C(11)—C(5)	130 (2)
C(10)—C(11)—C(12)	107 (2)	C(29)—O(2)—C(32)	107 (2)
C(11)—C(5)—C(6)	117 (3)	C(29)—C(30)—C(31)	104 (3)
C(11)—C(12)—N(1)	112 (2)	C(30)—C(31)—C(32)	108 (3)
C(12)—N(1)—C(9)	103 (2)	C(31)—C(32)—O(2)	109 (3)
C(12)—C(11)—C(5)	123 (2)		

A representative crystal was mounted in a Lindemann glass capillary tube under Ar in a dry box. The crystal was fixed to the side of the tube with a small amount of dry liquid paraffin. Intensity data were measured on an automatic four-circle diffractometer equipped with a graphite monochromator, as described previously (Canty, Chaichit & Gatehouse, 1980). Three standard reflections decreased in intensity by 52 (2)%; a correction for decomposition was applied. It is believed that the high *R* value arises as a result of the decomposition. Data were processed using a program written specifically for the PW1100 diffractometer (Hornstra & Stubbe, 1972). Scattering factors for neutral atoms and corrections for anomalous dispersion were taken from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974, Vol. IV). All calculations were performed on the Monash University VAX11/780 computer system. Programs used: *SHELX76* (Sheldrick, 1976) and *ORFFE* (Busing, Martin & Levy, 1964).

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## A New Orthorhombic Crystal Form of Dichloro[(-)-(R,R)-2,2-dimethyl-4,5-bis(diphenylphosphinomethyl)-1,3-dioxolane-P,P']platinum, [(R,R)-diop]PtCl<sub>2</sub>]

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## Abstract

In the orthorhombic form of the title compound, [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>)], the geometry at Pt is approximately square planar and the molecular conformation observed is qualitatively similar to that of one of the two independent molecules in a triclinic polymorph determined previously. The crystal and molecular structures are pseudo-isomorphous with those of [(S,S)-diop]PtMeCl].

## Comment

Crystals of dichloro[(-)-(R,R)-2,2-dimethyl-4,5-bis(diphenylphosphinomethyl)-1,3-dioxolane-P,P']-

