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# Di- $\mu$-chloro-bis[cis,cis- $\eta^{4}-1,5$-cyclooctadiene)rhodium(I)]: a Redetermination 

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#### Abstract

The structure of $\left[\mathrm{Rh}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{8} \mathrm{H}_{12}\right)_{2}\right]$ has been redetermined. The precision of this structure determination compared with other published data shows an improvement such that averaged bond distance and angle e.s.d.'s are smaller by a factor of two. The bond distances in the cis,cis-1,5-cyclooctadiene ring are compared to those of analogous compounds in the Cambridge Structural Database. The title compound has no molecular symmetry; the cis,cis-1,5-cyclooctadiene rings each have a boat conformation showing $C_{2 v}$ symmetry.


## Comment

The crystal structure of the title compound (I) was reported for the first time by Ibers \& Snyder (1962) who used the equi-inclination Weissenberg technique leading to $R=0.10$ for 779 reflections. It was impossible for these authors to distinguish, on the basis of length, the single bonds from the double bonds in the cis,cis-1,5cyclooctadiene rings (abbreviated hereafter as cc-cod).

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(I)

Since the reported crystal structure was apparently disordered, Boeyens, Denner, Orchard, Rencken \& Rose (1986) reinvestigated the RhCl complex based on X -ray diffraction data recorded with a counter-tube detector. These authors observed a regular alternation of short and long bonds around the cc-cod rings, which they suggested could be the result of oxidation of the ligand producing cyclooctatetraene (cot) on the one hand and the occurrence of disorder on the other. The former explanation was refuted by decomposing the complex followed by gas-chromatographic comparison with authentic samples of both cc-cod and cot. The latter was supported by high values of the anisotropic displacement parameters associated with all of the $\mathrm{C}\left(s p^{3}\right)$ atoms compared with the other atoms.

During the course of preparation of a series of new rhodium(I)-iminophosphorane complexes $\left[\mathrm{Rh} L_{2} \mathrm{Cl}\right.$ ( $R_{3} \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{N} R^{\prime}$ ) with $L_{2}=(\mathrm{CO})_{2}$ or cod] (Imhoff, Elsevier \& Stam, 1990), a crystal of a sample supposed to contain $\left[\mathrm{Rh}(\operatorname{cod}) \mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{SiMe}_{3}\right]\right.$ was investigated by X-ray diffraction and found to contain molecules of the title compound. Since the single bonds which are next-nearest neighbours of the double bonds in the cccod ring are significantly longer in the present crystal structure than those found by Boeyens et al. (1986), it is of interest to report these results.

The present crystal data are of better quality: mean e.s.d.'s of C -atom distances and angles are $0.01 \AA$ and $0.6^{\circ}$ here, compared with $0.02 \AA$ and $1.1^{\circ}$ in the earlier study. The $R$ value is almost $10 \%$ lower than obtained by Boeyens et al. (1986) who report $R=0.042$ for 2176 reflections and 200 variable parameters (the number of parameters refined by Boeyens et al. ought to be 253 since these authors refined their structure by a procedure similar to ours, the only difference being an isotropic extinction coefficient in our calculations).

The range of bond lengths of the different bond types in the cc-cod rings is smaller than reported by Boeyens et al. (1986): 1.388 (9)-1.401 (8) $\AA$ for the double bonds (henceforth D22), 1.50 (1)-1.52 (1) $\AA$ for the single bonds adjacent to the $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ double bonds (henceforth S23) and $1.45(1)-1.50(1) \AA$ for the single bonds adjacent to two single bonds (henceforth S33), compared to $1.38-1.40,1.50-1.56$ and $1.37-1.43 \AA$, respectively, reported by Boeyens et al. Since the double bond is significantly longer and the single bond between the two other single bonds is significantly shorter than the commonly reported values of 1.317 and $1.524 \AA$, respectively (Allen et al., 1987), a search of the Cambridge Structural Database (Version 5.04, 1 October 1992, 102525 entries) (Allen et al., 1991) was per-
formed on a fragment composed of one Rh atom connected to one cod ring. On the 158 entries thus obtained the GSTAT program was run with the following restrictions: no disorder, error-free, $R \leq 0.05$ and diffractometer data only. This resulted in 117 hits showing the following average values: 1.381 for D22, 1.512 for S23 and $1.493 \AA$ for S33 (CSD Refcodes and the short references have been deposited as supplementary material). The present structural results agree well with these mean values. Boeyens et al. (1986) attribute the general feature of a shortening of the S33 bonds mainly to disorder, as well as to electronic factors that might contribute to this phenomenon. The lengthening of the double bonds (D22) in the rhodium complexes could relate to a more efficient $\pi$ back-bonding in $d^{8}$ systems, according to Albinati, Meille \& Carturan (1979).

When following the convention that the double bonds rather than the individual $\mathrm{C}\left(s p^{2}\right)$ atoms define the coordination sites, each Rh atom is in an approximately square-planar configuration. The Cl atoms show the largest deviation from the best plane through the Rh and Cl atoms and the double-bond centres $M 1-M 4: 0.260$ (2) for $\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ and 0.176 (2) $\AA$ for $\mathrm{Cl}(1)$. Ibers \& Snyder (1962) indicated that the double bonds are almost perpendicular to this plane without giving numerical values. The values found in this study are 85.30 (1), 85.80 (1), 82.77 (1) and $85.77(1)^{\circ}$ for $\mathrm{C}(1)=\mathrm{C}(2), \mathrm{C}(5)=\mathrm{C}(6)$, $\mathrm{C}(9)=\mathrm{C}(10)$ and $\mathrm{C}(13)=\mathrm{C}(14)$, respectively.

The cod rings each have a boat conformation with approximate $C_{2 v}$ symmetry. The mirror planes are defined by the lines passing through the midpoints of the D22 bonds and the S33 bonds, respectively; the twofold axis passes through the geometric centre of gravity defined by the eight C atoms of each ring. The deviation


Fig. 1. Stereoscopic PEANUT (Hummel, Hauser \& Bürgi, 1990) drawing of the title compound showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the $30 \%$ probability level; H atoms have been omitted for clarity.
from $C_{2 v}$ symmetry has been judged by calculating the differences between the distances of nearly symmetryequivalent atom pairs from the two mirror planes [e.g. $\mathrm{C}(1)$ and $\mathrm{C}(2)$ for the D 22 mirror plane or $\mathrm{C}(1)$ and $\mathrm{C}(6)$ for the S33 mirror plane] and from the twofold axis [e.g. C(1)-C(5)]. The maximum differences between distances of nearly symmetry-equivalent atom pairs from the three symmetry operators are 0.0231 (14) $\AA$ for the $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ ring and $0.0332(8) \AA$ for the $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ ring.

The rhodium complex has no molecular symmetry, in contrast to the analogous copper complex described in the same paper by Boeyens et al. (1986); the latter complex is centrosymmetric.

## Experimental

In the synthesis of the $\left[\mathrm{Rh}(\mathrm{cc}-\mathrm{cod}) \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right.$ complex, reactions were carried out in an atmosphere of purified nitrogen. Benzene was carefully dried and distilled prior to use. [ Rh (cccod) $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ was synthesized using the literature procedure given by Chatt \& Venanzi (1957). A mixture of 618.1 mg of $[\operatorname{Rh}(\mathrm{cc}-$ (cod) $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}(1.25 \mathrm{mmol})$ and 515.1 mg of $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{SiMe}_{3}$ ( 2.51 mmol ) was dissolved in 15 ml of benzene. The solution was filtered. The solvent was evaporated slowly under a moderate nitrogen stream for 25 d until $60 \%$ of its original volume remained, yielding orange crystals. The remaining benzene was decanted and the crystals were washed twice with 1.5 ml of benzene and dried in vacuo giving 392.4 mg of $[\mathrm{Rh}(\mathrm{cc}-\mathrm{cod}) \mathrm{Cl}]_{2}$. Density was measured pycnometrically (Ibers \& Snyder, 1962).

## Crystal data

| $\left[\mathrm{Rh}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{8} \mathrm{H}_{12}\right)_{2}\right]$ | Mo $K \alpha$ radiation |
| :--- | :--- |
| $M_{r}=493.08$ | $\lambda=0.71069 \AA$ |
| Monoccinic | Cell parameters from 23 |
| $P 2_{1} / n$ | reflections |
| $a=9.056(1) \AA$ | $\theta=19.9-21.6^{\circ}$ |
| $b=25.475(6) \AA$ | $\mu=2.24 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ |
| $c=7.309(1) \AA$ | $T=293 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $\beta=91.79(1)^{\circ}$ | Block |
| $V=1685.4(5) \AA^{3}$ | $0.43 \times 0.28 \times 0.25 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| $Z=4$ | Orange |

$D_{x}=1.943 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
$D_{m}=1.93$ (2) $\mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$

Data collection
Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer
$\theta / 2 \theta$ scans
Absorption correction: empirical (DIFABS; Walker \& Stuart, 1983)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.837, T_{\text {max }}=$ 1.118

7601 measured reflections
7348 independent reflections

Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$\lambda=0.71069 \AA$
Cell parameters from 23 reflections
$\theta=19.9-21.6^{\circ}$
$\mu=2.24 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=293 \mathrm{~K}$
Block
Orange

## 4822 observed reflections

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[I>2.5 \sigma(I)]
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$\theta_{\text {max }}=34.88^{\circ}$
$h=-14 \rightarrow 14$
$k=0 \rightarrow 41$
$l=0 \rightarrow 11$
2 standard reflections
frequency: 83 min intensity variation: $\mathbf{2 . 3 \%}$

Refinement
Refinement on $F$
$R=0.038$
$w R=0.063$
$S=1.057$
4820 reflections
254 parameters
Only coordinates of H atoms
refined
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}(F)+0.02 F^{2}\right]$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\text {max }}=0.508$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=1.479 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {min }}=-1.931 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
Table 1. Fractional coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters $\left(\AA^{2}\right)$
$M(1), M(2), M(3)$ and $M(4)$ are the midpoints of the double bonds $\mathrm{C}(1)=\mathrm{C}(2), \mathrm{C}(5)=\mathrm{C}(6), \mathrm{C}(9)=\mathrm{C}(10)$ and $\mathrm{C}(13)=\mathrm{C}(14)$, respectively. $U_{\text {eq }}=(1 / 3) \Sigma_{i} \Sigma_{j} U_{i j} a_{i}^{*} a_{j}^{*} \mathrm{a}_{i} \mathrm{a}_{j}$.

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\mathrm{eq}}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{Rh}(1)$ | $0.35804(4)$ | $0.58628(1)$ | $0.36508(4)$ | $0.0308(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Rh}(2)$ | $0.61175(3)$ | $0.67537(1)$ | $0.56567(4)$ | $0.0289(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | $0.5763(2)$ | $0.63197(6)$ | $0.2757(2)$ | $0.0482(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | $0.3728(1)$ | $0.63964(6)$ | $0.6381(2)$ | $0.0446(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $0.3931(7)$ | $0.5247(3)$ | $0.1796(9)$ | $0.055(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $0.3071(8)$ | $0.5633(3)$ | $0.0949(7)$ | $0.052(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $0.1437(9)$ | $0.5597(4)$ | $0.056(1)$ | $0.084(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $0.0497(8)$ | $0.5621(4)$ | $0.218(1)$ | $0.076(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $0.1332(6)$ | $0.5686(2)$ | $0.3997(9)$ | $0.048(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $0.2191(7)$ | $0.5293(2)$ | $0.4846(8)$ | $0.052(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)$ | $0.242(1)$ | $0.4757(3)$ | $0.403(1)$ | $0.088(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $0.332(1)$ | $0.4731(3)$ | $0.243(1)$ | $0.098(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)$ | $0.6084(6)$ | $0.7310(2)$ | $0.7778(8)$ | $0.048(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)$ | $0.6763(7)$ | $0.6851(3)$ | $0.8417(7)$ | $0.051(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $0.8400(9)$ | $0.6783(4)$ | $0.873(1)$ | $0.088(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $0.9303(7)$ | $0.6842(4)$ | $0.706(1)$ | $0.082(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $0.8392(6)$ | $0.6850(3)$ | $0.5276(9)$ | $0.053(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $0.7639(6)$ | $0.7290(2)$ | $0.4619(7)$ | $0.045(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $0.7586(8)$ | $0.7813(3)$ | $0.556(1)$ | $0.068(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(16)$ | $0.6912(9)$ | $0.7808(3)$ | $0.737(1)$ | $0.072(5)$ |
| $M(1)$ | 0.3501 | 0.5440 | 0.1373 |  |
| $M(2)$ | 0.1762 | 0.5490 | 0.4422 |  |
| $M(3)$ | 0.6424 | 0.7081 | 0.8098 |  |
| $M(4)$ | 0.8016 | 0.7070 | 0.4948 |  |

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters $\left(\AA,^{\circ}\right)$

| $\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | $2.402(1)$ | $\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | $2.403(1)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | $2.415(1)$ | $\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | $2.421(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $2.104(7)$ | $\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | $2.102(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $2.097(6)$ | $\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | $2.098(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $2.108(5)$ | $\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $2.101(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $2.126(6)$ | $\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $2.099(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{Rh}(1)-M(1)$ | 1.982 | $\mathrm{Rh}(2)-M(3)$ | 1.981 |
| $\mathrm{Rh}(1)-M(2)$ | 1.997 | $\mathrm{Rh}(2)-M(4)$ | 1.982 |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $1.388(9)$ | $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | $1.395(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $1.50(1)$ | $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $1.50(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $1.48(1)$ | $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $1.50(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $1.52(1)$ | $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $1.52(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $1.401(8)$ | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $1.389(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | $1.51(1)$ | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $1.502(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $1.45(1)$ | $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | $1.48(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $1.51(1)$ | $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | $1.51(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | $85.83(4)$ | $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | $85.66(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $92.5(2)$ | $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | $163.0(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $92.2(2)$ | $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | $158.2(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $160.4(2)$ | $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $92.4(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $160.9(2)$ | $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $93.0(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $161.2(2)$ | $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | $93.4(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $160.1(2)$ | $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | $93.3(2)$ |


| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $92.8(2)$ | $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $163.6(2)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $93.6(2)$ | $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $157.7(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $38.6(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | $38.8(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $94.8(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $93.2(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $81.9(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $81.5(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $82.4(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $82.5(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $94.6(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $96.0(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $38.6(2)$ | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $38.6(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)$ | $94.08(5)$ | $\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)$ | $93.32(4)$ |
| $M(1)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-M(2)$ | 88.3 | $M(3)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-M(4)$ | 88.1 |
| $M(1)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 92.5 | $M(3)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 177.5 |
| $M(1)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 178.2 | $M(3)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 93.6 |
| $M(2)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 179.2 | $M(4)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 92.8 |
| $M(2)-\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 93.4 | $M(4)-\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 176.7 |
| $\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $70.5(4)$ | $\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ | $70.5(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $112.8(5)$ | $\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | $113.8(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $123.5(7)$ | $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | $123.6(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $71.0(4)$ | $\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | $70.8(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $112.4(5)$ | $\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $112.0(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $125.1(7)$ | $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $124.8(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $116.0(6)$ | $\mathrm{C}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $115.3(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $114.8(6)$ | $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $113.9(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $112.1(4)$ | $\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $113.1(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $71.4(3)$ | $\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $70.6(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $124.3(6)$ | $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $123.7(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $70.0(3)$ | $\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $70.8(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Rh}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | $111.5(5)$ | $\mathrm{Rh}(2)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $112.4(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | $123.7(6)$ | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $125.5(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | $116.5(7)$ | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | $115.0(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | $115.5(7)$ | $\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $114.0(6)$ |

The structure was determined by Patterson methods and subsequent difference Fourier synthesis with the aid of Xtal3.0 (Hall \& Stewart, 1990). The positions of several H atoms could be found in difference maps, but all were placed in geometrically calculated positions and refined in the structurefactor calculations as riding atoms, each restrained at $1.09 \AA$ from their carrier atom with a fixed $U=0.10 \AA^{2}$. The anomalous dispersion for the non-H atoms was accounted for in the structure-factor calculations. Data collection: CAD4 Software (Enraf-Nonius, 1989). Cell refinement: CELCON, comparable to Xtal LATCON (Hall \& Stewart, 1990). Data reduction: Xtal $A D D R E F$. Program(s) used to refine structure: Xtal CRYLSQ. Molecular graphics: PEANUT (Hummel, Hauser \& Bürgi, 1990). Software used to prepare material for publication: Xtal BONDLA and Xtal CIFIO.

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# $\boldsymbol{N}^{1}, \boldsymbol{N}^{1}$-Dimethyl-3-oxopiperazinium(1+) Trichloro(dimethyl sulfoxide-S)-platinate(1-), $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)\left[\mathrm{PtCl}_{3}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathbf{O S}\right)\right]$ 

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#### Abstract

The title compound, $N^{1}, N^{1}$-dimethyl-3-oxopiperazinium trichloro(dimethyl sulfoxide-S)platinate(II), $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{13}-\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{N}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)\left[\mathrm{PtCl}_{3}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{OS}\right)\right]$, was obtained from the reaction of $\mathrm{PtCl}_{2}(\mathrm{dmso})_{2}$ and the chloride salt of $N^{1}, N^{1}$-dimethyl3 -oxopiperazinium (dmpd). The dmpd cation is observed in a conjugated amide form and is hydrogen bonded to the anion via an $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ bridge [ $\mathrm{N} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ $=3.14(2) \AA$ ].


## Comment

As part of a program of studies directed towards the preparation of new chelating amine ligands for platinum(II), with the aim of making novel platinum antitumour compounds, the reaction between bromoacetic acid and dimethylethylenediamine followed by crystallization in HCl was carried out. This reaction was found to yield $N^{1}, N^{1}$-dimethyl-3-oxopiperazinium chloride ( dmpdCl ), and not the
expected $N^{\prime}, N^{\prime}$-dimethylethylenediamine- $N$-acetic acid (Fujii, Kyuno \& Tsuchiya, 1970). It was considered of interest to investigate whether this cation would undergo a ring-opening reaction with HCl , to allow a reaction with $\mathrm{PtCl}_{2}$. Apparently the dmpd ring is quite stable and, in fact, ionic $N^{1}, N^{1}$-dimethyl-3-oxopiperazinium ( $1+$ ) trichloro(dimethyl sulfoxide-S)platinate(1-) (I) was isolated, as shown by the present X-ray study (Fig. 1).


The structure consists of an ionic lattice comprising the unprecedented cation dmpd and the well known anion $\left[\mathrm{PtCl}_{3}(\mathrm{dmso})\right]^{-}$. Comparison of the anionic species with those of previous determinations (see e.g. Cantoni, Tiripicchio, Tiripicchio-Camellini \& Annibale, 1991; Khodadad \& Rodier, 1987; Walba, Richards, Hermsmeier \& Haltiwanger, 1987) shows that in the present structure the $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Cl}$ bonds are all long, especially the trans bond [ 2.388 (4) $\AA$ ]. This may be caused by substitutional disorder with Br, probably originating from the bromoacetic acid (this was, however, not persued any further). For $\mathrm{Pt}-\mathrm{Cl}$ bonds in the literature, trans-chlorine bonds are also seen to be slightly longer than the others. The $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{O} 1$ part of the dmpd cation has a conjugated amide form. Weak hydrogen bonding is observed between the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}$ group and the O atom of dmso $[\mathrm{O} 2 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 2=3.14(2) \AA]$.


Fig. 1. Thermal motion ellipsoid plot ( $50 \%$ probability level).

## Experimental

The title compound was crystallized from the reaction mixture of an aqueous chloride solution of the dmpd cation and $\mathrm{PtCl}_{2}$ (dmso) ${ }_{2}$ in MeOH .
Crystal data
$\begin{array}{ll}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)\left[\mathrm{PPCl}_{3}-\right. & \mathrm{Cu} K \alpha \text { radiation } \\ \left.\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{OS}\right)\right] & \lambda=1.54184 \AA\end{array}$


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