

O32—C <sub>1</sub> —O34 <sup>i</sup>	84.54 (17)	C <sub>1</sub> —O34—N31	88.2 (3)
O32—C <sub>1</sub> —N11 <sup>i</sup>	113.04 (18)	C <sub>1</sub> —N11—C12	117.5 (4)
O34—C <sub>1</sub> —N11	156.13 (16)	C <sub>1</sub> —N11—C16	125.1 (4)
O32 <sup>i</sup> —C <sub>1</sub> —O34	84.54 (17)	C12—N11—C16	117.4 (5)
O34—C <sub>1</sub> —O34 <sup>i</sup>	85.78 (17)	O32—N31—O34	115.1 (4)
O34—C <sub>1</sub> —N11 <sup>i</sup>	89.93 (17)	O33—N31—O34	123.1 (5)
O32 <sup>i</sup> —C <sub>1</sub> —N11	113.04 (18)	O32—N31—O33	121.8 (4)
O34 <sup>i</sup> —C <sub>1</sub> —N11	89.93 (17)	N11—C12—C13	122.2 (6)
N11—C <sub>1</sub> —N11 <sup>i</sup>	102.88 (18)	N11—C16—C17	116.8 (5)
O32 <sup>i</sup> —C <sub>1</sub> —O34 <sup>i</sup>	58.63 (16)	N11—C16—C15	122.9 (5)

Symmetry code: (i)  $1 - x, y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ .

Reflections were measured with a scan angle of  $\Delta\omega = (0.80 + 0.35\tan\theta)^\circ$ , and horizontal and vertical apertures of 3.00 and 4.00 mm, respectively. Only 27% of the intensity data were above the  $2.5\sigma(I)$  level in the  $\theta = 25^\circ$  region. Due to the irregular shape of the crystal (which was cut from a larger aggregate), no satisfactory description of the crystal could be obtained for use in a numerical absorption correction procedure. An empirical absorption correction was therefore applied. The thiophene ring proved to be disordered over two orientations. The site-occupation factor of the major disorder component refined to 0.580 (7). Mild restraints were applied to the bond lengths and 1,3 distances in both disorder components. All non-H atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters, except for the disordered C atoms, which were refined isotropically. The displacement parameters of the C atoms in both disorder components were constrained to the same value. The relatively high *R* values are related to the weak scattering that is most probably a consequence of the disorder in the thiophene ring.

Data collection: locally modified *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf-Nonius, 1989). Cell refinement: *SET4* (de Boer & Duisenberg, 1984). Data reduction: *HELENA* (Spek, 1993). Program(s) used to solve structure: *DIRDIF92* (Beurskens *et al.*, 1992). Program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL93* (Sheldrick, 1993). Molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 1990), *PLUTON* (Spek, 1995a). Software used to prepare material for publication: *PLATON*.

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## Bis[1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane-*P,P'*]-chloroosmium(II) Hexafluorophosphate Dichloromethane Solvate

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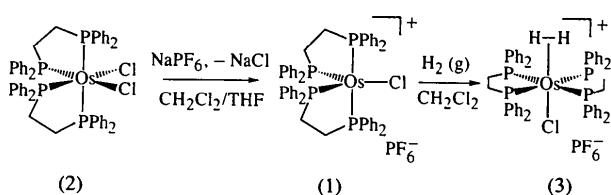
## Abstract

The cation molecule of the title compound, [OsCl(C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>24</sub>P<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub>.1.5CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, has a distorted trigonal-bipyramidal structure. Despite strong steric repulsion between the PPh<sub>2</sub> groups, the Os—P bonds in the equatorial plane are short [2.2416 (12) and 2.2587 (13) Å] and the P—Os—P angle is only 94.24 (5)°.

## Comment

The title compound, (1), was synthesized in order to provide the starting material in the preparation of the dihydrogen complex *trans*-[Os(H<sub>2</sub>)Cl(dppe)<sub>2</sub>]PF<sub>6</sub>, (3) [where dppe is 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane; see scheme below]. The X-ray and neutron diffraction studies of (3) are discussed elsewhere (Maltby *et al.*, 1996). An X-ray study of the five-coordinate compound

(1) was of interest in order to help understand its reaction with hydrogen to give the octahedral six-coordinate compound (3).



The cation of compound (1) has a distorted trigonal-bipyramidal structure (Fig. 1) which is comparable to that of the Ru<sup>II</sup> analogue, (4), reported recently (Chin, Lough, Morris, Schweitzer & D'Agostino, 1994; Polam & Porter, 1993). The major distortion from trigonal-bipyramidal coordination is the 'Y'-shaped geometry of the equatorial plane. The equatorial angles P1—Os—Cl and P3—Os—Cl are 128.15 (4) and 137.60 (4) $^{\circ}$ , respectively, and in compound (4) the Cl—Ru—P<sub>eq</sub> angles are 129.2 (1) and 135.8 (1) $^{\circ}$  (where P<sub>eq</sub> is an equatorial P atom). The Os—Cl distance of 2.3760 (11) Å in compound (1) is slightly shorter than the Ru—Cl distance of 2.395 (2) Å in (4), perhaps because of more *p*(Cl) to *d*(M)  $\pi$ -bonding for M = Os *versus* Ru. These metal-chlorine distances are significantly shorter than the corresponding distances in the six-coordinate dichloro complexes *trans*-[Os(dppe)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>] (Levason, Champness & Webster, 1993), with Os—Cl 2.434 (1) Å, and *trans*-[Ru(dppe)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>] (Lobana, Singh & Tiekkink, 1990), with Ru—Cl 2.436 (1). A sample of 61 independent Os<sup>II</sup>—Cl distances taken from 26 Cambridge Structural Database (Allen, Kennard & Taylor, 1983) entries ranged from 2.289 to 2.511 Å, with a mean value of 2.405 (6) Å.

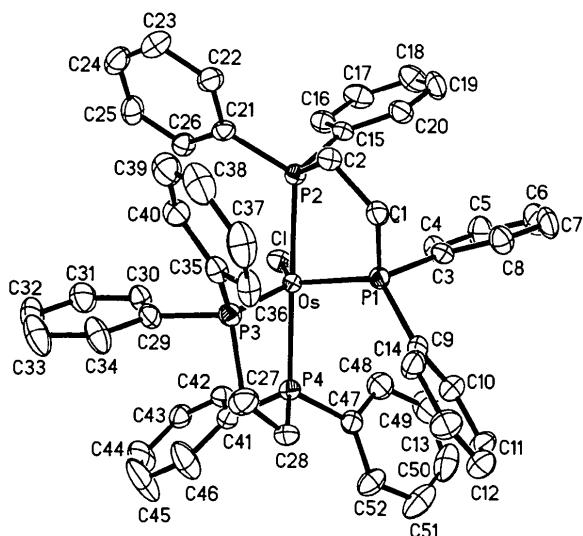


Fig. 1. View of the title molecule with the atomic labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

In compound (1), the Os—P<sub>eq</sub> distances Os—P1 and Os—P2 of 2.2416 (12) and 2.2587 (13) Å, respectively, are significantly shorter than the Os—P<sub>ax</sub> distances (where P<sub>ax</sub> is an axial P atom) of 2.3640 (12) Å for Os—P2 and 2.3634 (12) Å for Os—P4, and they are also shorter than the Os—P distances found in the six-coordinate dichloroosmium compound mentioned above, which range from 2.348 (1) to 2.372 (1) Å. This suggests that the P<sub>eq</sub> atoms in compound (1) are acting as powerful  $\sigma$  donors. Steric repulsions in the molecule cause angles at the *sp*<sup>3</sup>-hybridized P<sub>eq</sub> atoms to deviate from 109.5 to 125.5 (2) $^{\circ}$  for Os—P3—C35 and 124.4 (2) $^{\circ}$  for Os—P1—C9. Hence, one might expect the Os—P bonds in the equatorial plane of compound (1) to be longer and the P1—Os—P3 angle of 94.24 (5) $^{\circ}$  to be wider because of the steric strain imposed by the bulky PPh<sub>2</sub> groups. A recent theoretical study (Rachidi, Eisenstein & Jean, 1990) explains why the atoms at the top of the 'Y' equatorial plane should be good  $\sigma$  donors when the bottom of the 'Y' is a  $\pi$  donor, chloride in this case. Table 3 shows the relationship between M—P<sub>eq</sub> distances and P<sub>eq</sub>—M—P<sub>eq</sub> angles for four related trigonal-bipyramidal complexes. In all cases, the P—M—P angles are small and the M—P<sub>eq</sub> distances are short.

## Experimental

The title compound was prepared by dissolving *cis*-OsCl<sub>2</sub>(dppe)<sub>2</sub> [(2); prepared according to the method of Chatt & Hayter (1961)] and NaPF<sub>6</sub> in a mixture of tetrahydrofuran and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 h resulting in a dark brown solution which was evaporated to dryness and redissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The dark brown solution was filtered through Celite/cotton wool to remove the excess NaPF<sub>6</sub> and also the NaCl formed in the reaction. Dark red crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained within 5 d by slow diffusion of diethyl ether into a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution of the title compound at room temperature.

## Crystal data

[OsCl(C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>24</sub> P <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]PF <sub>6</sub> ·1.5CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Mo K $\alpha$ radiation
M <sub>r</sub> = 1294.79	$\lambda$ = 0.71073 Å
Monoclinic	Cell parameters from 38 reflections
P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	$\theta$ = 5.13–15.09 $^{\circ}$
<i>a</i> = 12.298 (1) Å	$\mu$ = 2.826 mm <sup>-1</sup>
<i>b</i> = 15.685 (2) Å	T = 150 (2) K
<i>c</i> = 27.851 (4) Å	Fragment cut from needle
$\beta$ = 100.51 (1) $^{\circ}$	0.36 × 0.29 × 0.26 mm
V = 5282.2 (11) Å <sup>3</sup>	Dark red
Z = 4	
<i>D</i> <sub>x</sub> = 1.628 Mg m <sup>-3</sup>	
<i>D</i> <sub>m</sub> not measured	

## Data collection

Siemens P4 diffractometer  
ω scans      7904 observed reflections  
[I > 2σ(I)]

Absorption correction:	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0291$	C37	0.0738 (5)	0.0855 (4)	-0.1068 (2)	0.0462 (15)
empirical ( <i>SHELXA90</i> ;	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.01^\circ$	C38	0.1529 (5)	0.0692 (4)	-0.1348 (2)	0.046 (2)
Sheldrick, 1990)	$h = 0 \rightarrow 14$	C39	0.1265 (4)	0.0225 (4)	-0.1774 (2)	0.0391 (13)
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.6611$ , $T_{\text{max}} =$	$k = 0 \rightarrow 19$	C40	0.0205 (4)	-0.0078 (3)	-0.1916 (2)	0.0290 (11)
0.8207	$l = -34 \rightarrow 33$	C41	-0.4973 (4)	-0.1055 (3)	-0.2359 (2)	0.0279 (11)
10 774 measured reflections	3 standard reflections	C42	-0.5310 (4)	-0.1770 (3)	-0.2646 (2)	0.0291 (10)
10 284 independent reflections	monitored every 97	C43	-0.5971 (4)	-0.1687 (3)	-0.3104 (2)	0.0322 (11)
	reflections	C44	-0.6287 (6)	-0.0895 (4)	-0.3279 (2)	0.054 (2)
	intensity decay: <2%	C45	-0.5961 (8)	-0.0184 (4)	-0.3004 (2)	0.079 (3)
		C46	-0.5288 (6)	-0.0258 (4)	-0.2543 (2)	0.057 (2)
		C47	-0.5097 (4)	-0.1748 (3)	-0.1429 (2)	0.0282 (10)
		C48	-0.5046 (5)	-0.2629 (4)	-0.1379 (2)	0.0446 (14)
		C49	-0.5734 (5)	-0.3050 (4)	-0.1112 (2)	0.052 (2)
		C50	-0.6460 (5)	-0.2608 (5)	-0.0895 (2)	0.052 (2)
		C51	-0.6544 (4)	-0.1739 (5)	-0.0954 (2)	0.050 (2)
		C52	-0.5872 (4)	-0.1302 (4)	-0.1218 (2)	0.0366 (13)
		P5	-0.19826 (15)	-0.74099 (10)	-0.04815 (5)	0.0449 (4)
		F1	-0.2782 (4)	-0.6615 (3)	-0.0585 (2)	0.091 (2)
		F2	-0.1183 (3)	-0.8222 (3)	-0.03769 (13)	0.0655 (11)
		F3†	-0.1467 (14)	-0.7032 (7)	0.0020 (4)	0.092 (5)
		F4†	-0.1067 (9)	-0.7051 (7)	-0.0749 (5)	0.093 (4)
		F5†	-0.2938 (11)	-0.7847 (5)	-0.0236 (4)	0.073 (3)
		F6†	-0.2563 (9)	-0.7853 (7)	-0.0994 (3)	0.064 (3)
		F3*†	-0.1052 (16)	-0.6738 (17)	-0.0172 (12)	0.090 (8)
		F4*†	-0.168 (4)	-0.7037 (18)	-0.0952 (10)	0.133 (15)
		F5*†	-0.223 (3)	-0.7682 (11)	0.0021 (10)	0.082 (11)
		F6*†	-0.278 (2)	-0.8007 (15)	-0.0756 (14)	0.094 (12)
		C2S†	-0.4861 (15)	-0.5785 (10)	-0.0036 (4)	0.076 (5)
		C13†	-0.4632 (5)	-0.4935 (4)	0.0364 (2)	0.111 (2)
		C14†	-0.5299 (4)	-0.5398 (4)	-0.0638 (2)	0.0880 (14)
		C15†	-0.4579 (10)	-0.2622 (10)	-0.4000 (4)	0.079 (4)
		C11†	-0.4101 (2)	-0.3174 (2)	-0.34524 (13)	0.0727 (7)
		C12†	-0.3472 (4)	-0.2382 (2)	-0.43007 (14)	0.0876 (12)
		C1S*†	-0.488 (3)	-0.238 (3)	-0.4186 (11)	0.079 (13)
		C11†	-0.4402 (11)	-0.3157 (11)	-0.3777 (5)	0.135 (6)
		C12*†	-0.4000 (13)	-0.1937 (11)	-0.4510 (6)	0.134 (6)

**Refinement**Refinement on  $F^2$  $R(F) = 0.0340$  $wR(F^2) = 0.0797$  $S = 1.042$ 

10 279 reflections

706 parameters

H atoms riding (C—H = 0.96 Å)

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0253P)^2 + 9.8932P]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = -0.034$  $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.724 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.824 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

Extinction correction: none

Atomic scattering factors  
from *International Tables*  
for *Crystallography* (1992,  
Vol. C, Tables 4.2.6.8 and

6.1.1.4)

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

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

	x	y	z	$U_{\text{eq}}$
Os	-0.235336 (14)	-0.181395 (11)	-0.170932 (6)	0.01917 (5)
C1	-0.30626 (9)	-0.29993 (7)	-0.21993 (4)	0.0300 (3)
P1	-0.17897 (9)	-0.17684 (8)	-0.08976 (4)	0.0220 (2)
P2	-0.05459 (10)	-0.23705 (7)	-0.16437 (4)	0.0206 (2)
P3	-0.19586 (10)	-0.04298 (8)	-0.18213 (5)	0.0248 (3)
P4	-0.41316 (10)	-0.12145 (8)	-0.17523 (4)	0.0242 (3)
C1	-0.0296 (4)	-0.1553 (3)	-0.0731 (2)	0.0256 (10)
C2	0.0342 (4)	-0.1832 (3)	-0.1130 (2)	0.0241 (9)
C3	-0.1948 (4)	-0.2812 (3)	-0.0616 (2)	0.0253 (10)
C4	-0.2491 (4)	-0.3491 (3)	-0.0871 (2)	0.0306 (11)
C5	-0.2592 (5)	-0.4259 (4)	-0.0644 (2)	0.0415 (13)
C6	-0.2164 (5)	-0.4364 (4)	-0.0153 (2)	0.0437 (14)
C7	-0.1624 (5)	-0.3695 (4)	0.0107 (2)	0.0417 (14)
C8	-0.1511 (4)	-0.2926 (3)	-0.0120 (2)	0.0322 (12)
C9	-0.2411 (4)	-0.1097 (3)	-0.0485 (2)	0.0266 (10)
C10	-0.3382 (4)	-0.1383 (3)	-0.0348 (2)	0.0310 (11)
C11	-0.3907 (4)	-0.0903 (4)	-0.0043 (2)	0.0388 (13)
C12	-0.3469 (5)	-0.0137 (4)	0.0134 (2)	0.0422 (14)
C13	-0.2507 (5)	0.0159 (3)	0.0003 (2)	0.0388 (13)
C14	-0.1978 (4)	-0.0317 (3)	-0.0309 (2)	0.0310 (11)
C15	-0.0385 (4)	-0.3503 (3)	-0.1498 (2)	0.0216 (9)
C16	-0.0739 (4)	-0.4109 (3)	-0.1861 (2)	0.0294 (11)
C17	-0.0704 (4)	-0.4973 (3)	-0.1745 (2)	0.0381 (13)
C18	-0.0319 (5)	-0.5239 (3)	-0.1274 (2)	0.0423 (14)
C19	0.0049 (5)	-0.4650 (3)	-0.0912 (2)	0.0374 (13)
C20	0.0025 (4)	-0.3778 (3)	-0.1021 (2)	0.0299 (11)
C21	0.0147 (4)	-0.2273 (3)	-0.2166 (2)	0.0235 (10)
C22	0.1276 (4)	-0.2084 (3)	-0.2097 (2)	0.0302 (11)
C23	0.1805 (5)	-0.2044 (3)	-0.2496 (2)	0.0384 (13)
C24	0.1232 (5)	-0.2200 (3)	-0.2959 (2)	0.0371 (13)
C25	0.0113 (5)	-0.2395 (3)	-0.3027 (2)	0.0342 (12)
C26	-0.0428 (4)	-0.2423 (3)	-0.2632 (2)	0.0273 (10)
C27	-0.2941 (4)	0.0308 (3)	-0.1610 (2)	0.0376 (13)
C28	-0.3946 (4)	-0.0150 (3)	-0.1479 (2)	0.0294 (11)
C29	-0.2189 (4)	-0.0229 (3)	-0.2481 (2)	0.0284 (11)
C30	-0.2527 (4)	-0.0880 (3)	-0.2813 (2)	0.0325 (12)
C31	-0.2663 (5)	-0.0726 (4)	-0.3309 (2)	0.0441 (13)
C32	-0.2483 (5)	0.0076 (4)	-0.3478 (2)	0.048 (2)
C33	-0.2168 (5)	0.0730 (4)	-0.3153 (2)	0.051 (2)
C34	-0.2012 (4)	0.0575 (3)	-0.2655 (2)	0.0393 (14)
C35	-0.0602 (4)	0.0069 (3)	-0.1636 (2)	0.0260 (10)
C36	-0.0329 (5)	0.0566 (3)	-0.1211 (2)	0.0366 (13)

† Partial occupancies (see below).

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

Os—P1	2.2416 (12)	P2—C2	1.839 (4)
Os—P3	2.2587 (13)	P3—C35	1.830 (5)
Os—P4	2.3634 (12)	P3—C29	1.835 (5)
Os—P2	2.3640 (12)	P3—C27	1.846 (5)
Os—Cl	2.3760 (11)	P4—C47	1.820 (5)
P1—C9	1.827 (5)	P4—C41	1.830 (5)
P1—C3	1.840 (5)	P4—C28	1.832 (5)
P1—C1	1.842 (5)	C1—C2—P2	1.537 (6)
P2—C21	1.820 (5)	C27—C2—C28	1.530 (7)
P2—C15	1.824 (5)		
P1—Os—P3	94.24 (5)	C27—P3—Os	112.9 (2)
P1—Os—P4	98.71 (4)	C47—P4—C41	102.1 (2)
P3—Os—P4	80.26 (4)	C47—P4—C28	104.9 (2)
P1—Os—P2	79.65 (4)	C41—P4—C28	105.4 (2)
P3—Os—P2	98.21 (4)	C47—P4—Os	118.2 (2)
P4—Os—P2	177.71 (4)	C41—P4—Os	117.6 (2)
P1—Os—C1	128.15 (4)	C28—P4—Os	107.3 (2)
P3—Os—C1	137.60 (4)	C2—C1—P1	112.5 (3)
P4—Os—C1	92.46 (4)	C1—C2—P2	112.6 (3)
P2—Os—C1	89.82 (4)	C4—C3—P1	123.0 (4)
C9—P1—C3	98.9 (2)	C8—C3—P1	118.9 (4)
C9—P1—C1	104.4 (2)	C14—C9—P1	123.6 (4)
C3—P1—C1	103.5 (2)	C10—C9—P1	117.7 (4)
C9—P1—Os	124.4 (2)	C20—C15—P2	121.2 (4)
C3—P1—Os	111.4 (2)	C16—C15—P2	119.6 (3)
C1—P1—Os	111.8 (2)	C26—C21—P2	120.2 (4)
C15—P2—C15	102.2 (2)	C22—C21—P2	120.4 (4)
C21—P2—C2	106.5 (2)	C28—C27—P3	112.7 (3)
C15—P2—C2	104.4 (2)	C27—C28—P4	111.9 (3)
C21—P2—Os	118.6 (2)	C34—C29—P3	120.2 (4)
C15—P2—Os	116.02 (15)	C30—C29—P3	120.8 (4)
C2—P2—Os	107.87 (15)	C40—C35—P3	118.5 (4)
C2—P2—Os	100.1 (2)	C36—C35—P3	122.7 (4)
C35—P3—C29	105.0 (2)	C46—C41—P4	122.7 (4)
C35—P3—C27	102.8 (2)	C42—C41—P4	118.6 (4)
C29—P3—C27	107.8 (2)	C48—C47—P4	119.1 (4)
C29—P3—Os	125.5 (2)	C52—C47—P4	122.3 (4)

**Table 3.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for some distorted trigonal-bipyramidal complexes of the type [MCl(dppe)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>n+</sup> ( $n = 0, 1$ ), with Y-shaped equatorial planes

Complex	M—P <sub>ax</sub>	M—P <sub>eq</sub>	M—Cl	P <sub>eq</sub> —M—P <sub>eq</sub>
[RuCl(dppe) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>*</sup> <sup>a</sup>	2.371 (2)	2.243 (2)	2.395 (2)	95.0 (1)
	2.372 (2)	2.238 (2)		
[OsCl(dppe) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>*</sup> <sup>b</sup>	2.3634 (12)	2.2416 (12)	2.3760 (11)	94.24 (5)
	2.3640 (12)	2.2587 (13)		
TcCl(dppe) <sub>2</sub> <sup>c</sup>	2.376 (2)	2.240 (2)	2.432 (2)	93.9 (1)
	2.359 (2)	2.255 (2)		
ReCl(dppe) <sub>2</sub> <sup>d</sup>	2.366 (1)	2.269 (1)	2.403 (1)	93.7
	2.380 (1)	2.256 (1)		

References: (a) Chin, Lough, Morris, Schweitzer & D'Agostino (1994); (b) this work; (c) Burrell, Bryan & Kubas (1994); (d) Hughes, Pombeiro, Pickett & Richards (1983).

The hexafluorophosphate anion is rotationally disordered over two sites about the axial F—P—F axis, with occupancies of 0.68 (2)/0.32(2). In total, there are 1.5 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> molecules for every cation in three independent sites, with occupancies of 0.5, 0.75 and 0.25 for the C2S, C1S and C1S\* molecules, respectively.

Data collection: *XSCANS* (Siemens, 1994). Cell refinement: *XSCANS*. Data reduction: *SHELXTL/PC* (Sheldrick, 1994). Program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL/PC*. Program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL/PC*. Molecular graphics: *SHELXTL/PC*. Software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL/PC*.

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## 1-(R)-{2-[1-(R)-(N,N-Dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,1'-(S,S)-biferrocen-2'-yl}ethyl-N,N-dimethylammonium Trichloro(dimethyl sulfoxide-S)platinate(II)

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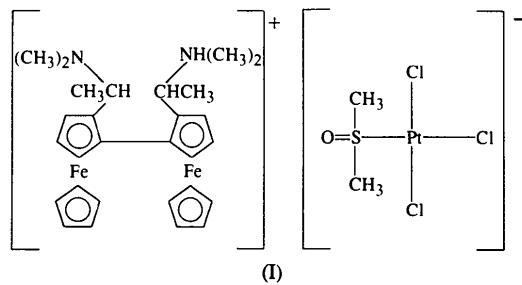
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## Abstract

The structure of the title compound, [Fe<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)] [PtCl<sub>3</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>OS)], reveals an unusual twisting of the ferrocenyl moieties in the monoprotonated bis(amine) with respect to the interferrocenyl C—C bond. This deformation can be ascribed to hydrogen bonding between the ammonium proton and the unprotonated amine residue. The absolute configuration at each of the chiral C atoms is shown to be *R*, while the metallocene chiralities are *S*.

## Comment

As part of our continuing investigations into the role of ferrocenyl (Ranatunge-Bandarage, Robinson & Simpson, 1994) and biferrocenylamines (Spescha, Duffy, Robinson & Simpson, 1994) as ligands for platinum with potential for enhanced antitumour activity, we attempted to substitute the complex [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(dmsO)<sub>2</sub>] (dmsO is dimethyl sulfoxide) with 2,2'-bis[1-(*N,N*-dimethylamino)ethyl]-1,1'-biferrocene. The reaction resulted in protonation of one of the amino groups. The resulting cation was isolated as the trichloro(dimethyl sulfoxide)platinate(II) salt, (I), and is the subject of this report.



The most unusual feature of the biferrocenyl moiety [Fig. 1(a) and Table 2] is the considerable twist of the cyclopentadiene rings of the fulvalene bridge unit. The angle between the C1—C5 and C11—C15 ring planes is 103.2 (8)°, and the separation of the N atoms of the di-