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## cis-Dichloro(dimethylaminomethylene)(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) acetone solvate

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The synthesis and X-ray structural analysis of the title compound,  $[PdCl_2(C_3H_7N)(C_{18}H_{15}P)] \cdot C_3H_6O$ , are described. The crystal structure contains discrete monomeric molecules of the carbene complex and solvent molecules separated by normal van der Waals distances. The Pd atom is fourcoordinate in an essentially square-planar environment, with the chlorine ligands mutually *cis*; Pd-P = 2.2495 (7), Pd-Cl =2.3508 (7) and 2.3600 (7), Pd-C 1.948 (2) and N-C(carbene) 1.274 (3) Å.

#### Comment

The reaction of the Vilsmeier salt, chloromethylenedimethylammonium chloride, with formally low-valent nucleophilic transition metal species has been used for the synthesis of a range of transition metal dimethyaminomethylene complexes (Cucciolito et al., 1999; Hartshorn et al., 1978; Rendina et al., 1995).

We have now used this reaction to prepare the title palladium complex, (I), according to the following sequence (dba = dibenzylideneacetone):

$$1/2Pd_2(dba)_3$$
·CHCl<sub>3</sub> + PPh<sub>3</sub> + [ClCH=NMe<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>·Cl<sup>-</sup> →  
cis-[(Ph<sub>3</sub>P)Pd(CHNMe<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub>] + 3/2dba +  $\frac{1}{2}$  CHCl<sub>3</sub>

Complex (I) was required for comparison with the platinum analogue, cis-[(Ph<sub>3</sub>P)Pt(CHNMe<sub>2</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub>], (II), which has been obtained by two different routes (Barefield et al., 1982; Ferguson et al., 1999), and for which an X-ray crystallographic study has been reported (Barefield et al., 1982).



The crystal structure of (I) contains discrete monomeric molecules of the carbene complex and solvent molecules separated by normal van der Waals distances. Principal dimensions are collected in Table 1 and mean-plane data are in the CIF. The Pd atom is four-coordinate in an essentially square-planar environment with the chlorine ligands mutually cis. The framework atoms of the carbene ligand (C1/N1/C2/-C3) are close to being coplanar, and the dihedral angle between this plane and the coordination plane (Pd1/P1/Cl1/-Cl2/C1) is 72.30 (10)° [cf. 84° for the Pt analogue (II)].

The interatomic distances in (I) are very similar to those reported (Barefield *et al.*, 1982) for (II), except that the M-Pbond length is somewhat greater for M = Pd [2.2495 (7) Å]than for M = Pt [2.220 (2) Å]. Similar differences have been found for other pairs of Pd and Pt complexes containing phosphine ligands (McCrindle et al., 1995). The Pd1-C1 [1.948 (2) Å] and C1-N1 [1.274 (3) Å] bonds are relatively short, consistent with  $\pi$ -bonding within the metal-carbene moiety comparable with those observed in other Pd-carbene complexes (Dixon & Dixon, 1995).

### Experimental

A solution of Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>·CHCl<sub>3</sub> (517.5 mg, 0.500 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (262.3 mg, 1.00 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 ml) was added dropwise to a cooled (263 K) suspension of [CIHC=CNMe2]Cl [generated in situ from dimethylformamide (80 mg, 1.1 mmol) and oxalyl chloride (127 mg, 1.00 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 ml) with stirring under nitrogen. The temperature of the reaction mixture was allowed to rise to ambient and stirring was continued for 16 h. The solvent was then removed in vacuo, the residue was washed with benzene to remove dibenzylideneacetone, and the insoluble fraction was crystallized from  $CH_2Cl_2$ /pentane to give *cis*-[(Ph\_3P)Pd(CHNMe\_2)Cl\_2] as very fine white needles (194.5 mg, 39.1% yield). Analysis calculated for C21H22Cl2NPPd: C 50.78, H 4.46, N 2.82%; found: C 50.90, H 4.32, N 2.79%. NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), <sup>1</sup>H:  $\delta$  9.25 (1H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>PH</sub> = 7.6 Hz), 7.65–7.75 (6H, m), 7.35–7.48 (9H, m), 3.59 (3H, s), 2.85 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C: δ 221.2, 134.2 (*d*,  ${}^{2}J_{PC} = 11$  Hz), 131.4 (*d*,  ${}^{4}J_{PC} = 2.5$  Hz), 129.6 (*d*,  ${}^{1}J_{PC} = 54$ Hz), 128.8 (d,  ${}^{3}J_{PC} = 11$  Hz), 51.48, 49.71;  ${}^{31}$ P:  $\delta$  25.6. Recrystallization of the material from acetone gave well formed colourless blocks, one of which was selected for X-ray crystallographic examination.

Crystal data

 $[PdCl_2(C_3H_7N)(C_{18}H_{15}P)] \cdot C_3H_6O$ Z = 2 $M_r = 554.74$  $D_x = 1.465 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Triclinic,  $P\overline{1}$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $a = 8.9821 (14) \text{ \AA}$ Cell parameters from 25 b = 10.8560 (18) Åreflections c = 14.3002 (19) Å $\theta = 9.39 - 10.65^{\circ}$  $\alpha = 91.279 \ (16)^{\circ}$  $\mu = 1.029 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  $\beta = 107.901 \ (16)^{\circ}$ T = 294 (1) K $\gamma = 107.173 \ (15)^{\circ}$ Lath, colourless V = 1257.9 (3) Å<sup>3</sup>  $0.40\,\times\,0.25\,\times\,0.14$  mm Data collection Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffract-4660 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^\circ$ ometer  $h = -11 \rightarrow 10$  $\theta/2\theta$  scans Absorption correction: Gaussian  $k = 0 \rightarrow 14$ (ABSO in NRCVAX; Gabe et al.,  $l = -18 \rightarrow 18$ 1989) 3 standard reflections  $T_{\rm min}=0.810,\;T_{\rm max}=0.907$ frequency: 120 min intensity decay: 0.8%

5768 measured reflections

5768 independent reflections

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 $w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (0.0275P)^{2} + 0.3092P]$ where  $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$   $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.38 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$   $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.32 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ Extinction correction: SHELXL97
Extinction coefficient: 0.0132 (5)

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Pd1-P1	2.2495 (7)	P1-C31	1.821 (2)
Pd1-Cl1	2.3508 (7)	C1-N1	1.274 (3)
Pd1-Cl2	2.3600 (7)	C1-H1	0.93
Pd1-C1	1.948 (2)	N1-C2	1.463 (4)
P1-C11	1.819 (2)	N1-C3	1.473 (3)
P1-C21	1.818 (2)		
Cl1-Pd1-Cl2	91.73 (3)	Pd1-P1-C21	110.47 (8)
Cl1-Pd1-P1	89.09 (3)	Pd1-P1-C31	115.00 (8)
Cl1-Pd1-C1	174.55 (7)	Pd1-C1-N1	130.27 (19)
Cl2-Pd1-P1	179.16 (2)	C1-N1-C2	122.3 (2)
Cl2-Pd1-C1	88.37 (7)	C1-N1-C3	122.2 (2)
P1-Pd1-C1	90.80 (7)	C2-N1-C3	115.5 (2)
Pd1-P1-C11	114.45 (8)		

The title compound crystallized in the triclinic system; space group  $P\overline{1}$  was assumed and confirmed by the analysis. All H atoms of the Pd complex were resolved in difference maps and were treated as riding atoms (C–H 0.93–0.96 Å) during refinement. The H atoms of the acetone solvate molecule were not at all clearly resolved and these were allowed for in the final calculations by placing six 0.5 occupancy H atoms around the C5 and C6 atoms with appropriate geometry constraints and C–H = 0.96 Å. Examination of the structure with *PLATON* (Spek, 2000) showed that there were no solvent-accessible voids in the crystal lattice. The acetone of solvation fills what would otherwise have been a void in the crystal lattice.

Data collection: CAD-4-PC Software (Enraf-Nonius, 1992); cell refinement: SET4 and CELDIM in CAD-4-PC Software (Enraf-

Nonius, 1992); data reduction: *DATRD*2 in *NRCVAX*96 (Gabe *et al.*, 1989); program(s) used to solve structure: *NRCVAX*96 *via* Patterson heavy-atom method; program(s) used to refine structure: *NRCVAX*96 and *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *NRCVAX*96, *SHELXL*97 and *WordPerfect* macro *PREP*8 (Ferguson, 1998).

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