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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 301 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.008 Å R factor = 0.025 wR factor = 0.060 Data-to-parameter ratio = 18.7

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# Dichloro[(4*S*,4'*S*)-4,4'-diisopropyl-2,2'-bi-1,3-oxazoline]palladium(II)

The title compound,  $[PdCl_2(C_{12}H_{20}N_2O_2)]$ , consists of discrete complex molecules. The palladium center is in a square-planar geometry coordinated by two chloro anions and two N-donor atoms, with mean Pd-Cl and Pd-N bond distances of 2.278 (1) and 2.029 (2) Å, respectively.

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### Comment

The title compound, (I), is a chiral catalyst for kinetic resolution of racemic unsaturated polyols in palladium(II)-catalysed cyclizations.



The structural investigation of (I) (Fig. 1) has been undertaken in order to better understand the catalytic properties in the series of similar compounds.

The Pd-Cl [2.276 (1) and 2.279 (1) Å] and Pd-N [2.022 (3) and 2.036 (3) Å] interatomic distances, as well as the N-C [1.278 (5) Å], C-C [1.465 (6) Å] and C-N [1.276 (5) Å] bond distances within the unsaturated fivemembered metallocycle are in good agreement with those found in the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD, Version 1.6, 2003 release; Allen, 2002) for compounds with refcodes ABUYAX (Comerlato *et al.*, 2001) and SUXBAO (Dupont *et al.*, 2001), where the Pd-Cl and Pd-N bond distances fall in the ranges 2.280–2.308 and 2.003–2.025 Å, respectively. In analogous compounds containing saturated five-membered rings, the corresponding distances are in the range 2.294–2.351



The molecular structure of the title compound, showing the atomnumbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 20% probability level.

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and 2.017–2.087 Å for compounds with refcodes SOYQOM (Kuhn *et al.*, 1998), IQUFAB (Boyle *et al.*, 2004), EDTAPD01 (Luo *et al.*, 1999) and LUHRIP (Slyudkin *et al.*, 2002). The main difference in the geometry of saturated and unsaturated metallocycles is in the N–Pd–N angle, which in (I) and the two above-mentioned unsaturated compounds [79.6 (1), 79.3 and 79.4°, respectively] is significantly smaller than those found in the saturated ones (81.4–85.8°). The only weak hydrogen bonds are intramolecular (Fig. 2 and Table 1) and contribute to the stabilization of the conformer.

### Experimental

The title compound was prepared from Pd(MeCN)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> by a modified procedure (Uozomi *et al.*, 1999) for the synthesis of [(*S*)-2,2'-bis(4,4-dimethyloxazolin-2-yl)-1,1'-binaphthyl]palladium(II) trifluoromethylacetate. A solution of (*S*,*S*)-2,2'-bisoxazolyl (Ghosh *et al.*, 1998; Müller *et al.*, 1991; Bolm *et al.*, 1991; 56 mg, 0.249 mmol, 1.05 equivalents) in dichloromethane (2 ml) was added to Pd(MeCN)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (61 mg, 0.237 mmol) in dichloromethane (2 ml). The mixture was stirred for 15 min, resulting in a clear solution. The title compound was slowly crystallized by precipitation with Et<sub>2</sub>O to give brown needles [m.p. 525–527 K,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +137$  (*c*, 0.162, MeOH)].

#### Crystal data

$[PdCl_2(C_{12}H_{20}N_2O_2)]$	$D_x = 1.661 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$		
$M_r = 401.60$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation		
Monoclinic, $P2_1$	Cell parameters from 3272		
a = 6.3388 (13)  Å	reflections		
b = 12.790 (3)  Å	$\theta = 3.2-26.3^{\circ}$		
c = 10.196 (2)  Å	$\mu = 1.49 \text{ mm}^{-1}$		
$\beta = 103.74 (3)^{\circ}$	T = 301 (2)  K		
$V = 803.0 (3) \text{ Å}^{3}$	Prism, brown		
Z = 2	$0.54 \times 0.20 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}$		
Data collection Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur CCD diffractometer $\omega$ scans Absorption correction: analytical face-indexed ( <i>CrysAlis RED</i> ; Oxford Diffraction, 2003) $T_{min} = 0.501, T_{max} = 0.776$ 5523 measured reflections	3239 independent reflections 3120 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{int} = 0.026$ $\theta_{max} = 26.4^{\circ}$ $h = -4 \rightarrow 7$ $k = -15 \rightarrow 15$ $I = -12 \rightarrow 12$		
Refinement			

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Refinement on F^2

R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.026

wR(F^2) = 0.060

S = 1.08

3239 reflections

173 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained

w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0239P)^2 + 0.6348P]

where P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3
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 $\begin{array}{l} (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001 \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.85 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.56 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ {\rm Extinction \ correction: \ SHELXL97} \\ {\rm Extinction \ coefficient: \ 0.0084 \ (12)} \\ {\rm Absolute \ structure: \ Flack \ (1983), } \\ 1967 \ {\rm Friedel \ pairs} \\ {\rm Flack \ parameter = -0.05 \ (3)} \end{array}$ 

## Table 1

## Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$\begin{array}{c} C13-H13A\cdots N2\\ C16-H16A\cdots N5 \end{array}$	0.96	2.73	3.047 (9)	100
	0.96	2.63	2.960 (6)	101





Packing diagram, viewed down the *a* axis. Intermolecular  $C-H\cdots N$  hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding atoms (C–H = 0.96–0.98 Å), with  $U_{\rm iso}$ (H) values set at  $1.2U_{\rm eq}$  of the parent atom.

Data collection: *CrysAlis CCD* (Oxford Diffraction, 2001); cell refinement: *CrysAlis CCD*; data reduction: *CrysAlis RED* (Oxford Diffraction, 2003); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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