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Single-crystal X-ray study T = 297 K Mean σ (C–C) = 0.005 Å Disorder in solvent or counterion R factor = 0.035 wR factor = 0.090 Data-to-parameter ratio = 21.2

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[N,N'-Bis(diphenylphosphino)pyridine-2,6-diamine- $\kappa^{3}P,N^{1},P'$]chloropalladium(II) chloride monohydrate 1,2-dichloroethane solvate

The title compound, $[PdCl(C_{29}H_{25}N_3P_2)]Cl \cdot H_2O \cdot C_2H_4Cl_2$, contains a cationic pincer-type PNP complex with Pd in a square-planar coordination. The complexes form dimers which are π - π stacked via their pyridine rings and linked into chains via hydrogen bonds via four-membered rings of two chloride anions and two water molecules. Pairs of 1,2dichloroethane molecules are entrapped in pockets of the structure and show weak interactions with palladium.

Comment

Tridentate pincer-type ligands in which a central phenyl group (PCP-type) or pyridine (PNP-type) contains $-X-PR_2$ substituents in the two *ortho* positions ($X = CH_2$, NH, O; R = alkyl, aryl *etc.*) are of considerable interest in transition metal chemistry and catalysis (van der Boom & Milstein, 2003). After an early exploration (Schirmer *et al.*, 1987) we have recently expanded the access to such ligands and their complexes by showing that modularly designed PNP-type ligands can be conveniently synthesized from 2,6-diamino-pyridine and various chlorophosphines R_2PCI and have proved that they are useful in transition metal catalysis (Benito-Garagorri *et al.*, 2006). During ongoing work we obtained the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), which can be formulated as [PdCl(PNP-Ph)]·Cl·H₂O·C₂H₄Cl₂ [PNP-Ph = bis(diphenylphosphino)-2,6-diaminopyridine].



The [PdCl(PNP-Ph)] group consists of a flat core (Ph excluded) with an r.m.s. aplanarity of 0.032 Å and a P1···P2 separation of 4.514 (1) Å. The palladium coordination is square planar with the typical pincer-complex distortion, causing the P1-Pd-P2 angle to deviate notably from 180° (Table 1). In the crystal structure, inversion symmetry results in adjacent complex molecules being stacked above each other with their pyridine rings mutually parallel to form π - π stacked pairs with a ring-ring perpendicular distance of 3.429 Å and a ring slippage of 0.460 Å. These π - π stacked pairs and their spatial arrangement are visualized in Figs. 2 and 3. No other π - π stacking contacts are present.

A typical property of diaminopyridine-based PNP complexes is that their NH groups tend to form comparatively strong hydrogen bonds with suitable acceptors, in this case, the

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Asymmetric unit of (I), shown with 20% probability displacement ellipsoids. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.



Figure 2

Packing diagram of (I) with capped sticks for [PdCl(PNP-Ph)], small spheres for Cl2 and H₂O1, and large packing spheres for $C_2H_4Cl_2$ molecules; H atoms have been omitted.

free chloride anion Cl2 and the water molecule H₂O1 (Table 2). In the crystal structure, these two units are also mutually hydrogen bonded and form a rhombus-shaped hydrogen-bonded ring, Cl₂(H₂O)₂ (Fig. 2). The resulting threefold coordination figures are an approximate T-shape for Cl2 and distorted trigonal pyramidal for H₂O1. The Cl₂(H₂O)₂ rings link π - π stacked pairs of [PdCl(PNP-Ph)] complexes into infinite {[PdCl(PNP-Ph)]₂·Cl₂(H₂O)₂} chains parallel to the *b* direction. Entrapped in elongated pockets between these chains are pairs of 1,2-dichloroethane molecules with a *trans*-configuration and an orientational disorder described in the *Experimental* section. Each dichloroethane molecule has a



Figure 3

Packing diagram of (I) in a side view of Fig. 2, showing the [PdCl(PNP-Ph)]₂·Cl₂(H₂O)₂ chains, pyridine π -stacking and C₂H₄Cl₂ solvent cavities in cross section.

short [3.418 (2) Å] Cl3···Cl3(2 – x, 1 – y, 1 – z) contact to its neighbouring molecule (Fig. 2) and a 3.438 (1) Å Cl3···Pd separation in the perpendicular direction.

Interestingly, the nickel complex [NiCl(PNP-Ph)]Cl·H₂O of Schirmer *et al.* (1987) [triclinic, space group $P\overline{1}$, a = 9.126 (4) Å, b = 12.377 (4) Å, c = 13.519 (6) Å, $\alpha = 102.96$ (3)°, $\beta = 107.53$ (4)°, $\gamma = 94.71$ (3)°, V = 1400 (1) Å³, Z = 2], contains chains which are practically identical to those seen in (I). They extend along *b*, have a pyridine π - π stacking distance of 3.52 Å, but show an interlocked arrangement with a phenyl-phenyl π - π stacking interaction that is missing in (I) because of the presence of the C₂H₄Cl₂-filled pockets at corresponding places.

Experimental

After synthesis (Benito-Garagorri *et al.*, 2006), crystals of (I) were obtained by slow evaporation over several days of a saturated solution in $C_2H_4Cl_2$ at room temperature and in humid air.

Crystal data

[PdCl(C₂₉H₂₅N₃P₂)]Cl·H₂O·- $\gamma = 84.607 \ (1)^{\circ}$ V = 1663.0 (3) Å³ $C_2H_4Cl_2$ Z = 2 $M_{\rm m} = 771.73$ Triclinic, $P\overline{1}$ $D_r = 1.541 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ a = 10.7915 (10) ÅMo $K\alpha$ radiation $\mu = 1.00 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ b = 12.2186 (11) Åc = 13.5664 (12) Å T = 297 (2) K $\alpha = 69.072 (1)^{\circ}$ Block, yellow $\beta = 89.275 (1)^{\circ}$ $0.40 \times 0.30 \times 0.27 \text{ mm}$ Data collection

| Bruker SMART CCD | 22229 measured reflections |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| diffractometer | 8236 independent reflections |
| ω scans | 6816 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan | $R_{\rm int} = 0.030$ |
| (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996) | $\theta_{\rm max} = 28.3^{\circ}$ |
| $T_{\min} = 0.66, \ T_{\max} = 0.76$ | |

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| Refinement on F^2 | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0438P)^2]$ |
|---------------------------------|--|
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.035$ | + 0.3436P] |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.090$ | where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ |
| S = 1.03 | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$ |
| 8236 reflections | $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.95 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ |
| 389 parameters | $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.46 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ |
| H-atom parameters constrained | |

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

| | 2.0125 (10) | DJ D2 | 2 2750 (7) |
|----------|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Pd = P1 | 2.0135(19) 2.2705(7) | Pd = Cl1 | 2.2730(7) 2.2957(7) |
| N1-Pd-P1 | 83.58 (6) | N1-Pd-Cl1 | 179.32 (6) |
| N1-Pd-P2 | 83.11 (6) | P1-Pd-Cl1 | 95.98 (3) |
| P1-Pd-P2 | 166.39 (2) | P2-Pd-Cl1 | 97.36 (3) |

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

| $D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | D-H | $H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ |
|--|------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| N2-H2N···Cl2 | 0.86 | 2.25 | 3.101 (2) | 169 |
| N3-H3N···O1 | 0.86 | 1.95 | 2.784 (3) | 163 |
| $O1-H1WA\cdots Cl2^i$ | 0.80 | 2.42 | 3.221 (3) | 179 |
| $O1 - H1WB \cdot \cdot \cdot Cl2^{ii}$ | 0.80 | 2.32 | 3.117 (2) | 171 |

Symmetry codes: (i) -x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1; (ii) x, y + 1, z.

H atoms attached to pyridine and phenyl rings were placed in calculated positions (C–H = 0.93 Å) and refined as riding. The water molecule was idealized (O–H = 0.80 Å and H–O–H = 108°) and refined as a rigid group (N–H = 0.86 Å and methyl C–H = 0.97 Å).

The constraint $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(\text{carrier})$ was applied in all cases. The C atoms of the 1,2-dichloroethane molecule are disordered and occurred in two pairs of adjacent positions corresponding to an approximately 180° rotation about the Cl–Cl axis of the molecule. They were refined in *x*, *y*, *z*, U_{ij} and complementary occupancies [final values 0.68 (1) and 0.32 (1)] applying distances and U_{ij} restraints.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1999); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: *SAINT*, *SADABS* (Sheldrick, 1996) and *XPREP* (Bruker, 1999); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1999) and *MERCURY* (Bruno *et al.*, 2002); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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