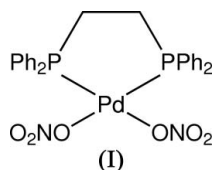


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 $T = 113$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$ Å
 R factor = 0.018
 wR factor = 0.046
Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.6For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**[1,2-Bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane]dinitrato-
palladium(II)**The Pd atom in the title complex, $[\text{Pd}(\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{24}\text{P}_2)(\text{NO}_3)_2]$,
exists in a distorted square-planar geometry defined by an
 O_2P_2 donor set provided by the bidentate phosphine ligand
and two monodentate nitrate groups.Received 8 May 2006
Accepted 17 May 2006**Comment**The title complex, $[\text{Pd}(\text{NO}_3)_2\{\text{Ph}_2\text{P}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)\text{PPh}_2\}]$, (I), is
isomorphous with the Pt^{II} analog (Arendse *et al.*, 2001) and
was investigated in relation to our continuing interest in the
coordination chemistry of cationic Pd complexes (Zhu *et al.*,
2004; Adrian *et al.*, 2006). The Pd atom in (I) (Fig. 1 and
Table 1) is coordinated in a square-planar fashion by two P
atoms derived from the chelating diphosphine ligand and two
O atoms derived from two monodentate nitrate groups. The
deviations of atoms P1, P2, O1 and O4 from their least-squares
plane are 0.0901 (7), -0.0835 (7), -0.0928 (7) and
0.0862 (7) Å, respectively, and the Pd atom lies 0.0270 (7) Å
out of this plane. While atoms O2 and O5 are orientated
towards the Pd atom, the Pd \cdots O2/O5 distances of 2.889 (2)
and 2.835 (2) Å, respectively, are not considered to represent
significant bonding interactions.The structure of (I) has been refined in Cc , as indeed was
the Pt^{II} analog (Arendse *et al.*, 2001). While the molecule of (I)
ostensibly has twofold symmetry and comparable interatomic
parameters are experimentally equivalent or close to equivalent,
significant differences in the orientations of the nitrate
groups contradict the higher symmetry space group $C2/c$
where crystallographic twofold symmetry would be imposed.
This is evidenced in the following pairs of torsion angles: Pd—
O1—N1—O2 and Pd—O4—N2—O5 of 2.2 (3) and 17.1 (3)°,
respectively, and P1—Pd—O4—N2 and P2—Pd—O1—N1 of
 -156.1 (3) and 122.5 (6)°, respectively. The coordination
geometry and geometric parameters in (I) match closely those
found in the bis(diphenylphosphino)methane analog (Rath *et al.*,
1999). In the latter, the Pd—P bond distances were 2.2241 (7)
and 2.2346 (7) Å, and the Pd—O distances were 2.103 (2) and
2.130 (2) Å. The primary intermolecular contacts in the crystal
structure of (I) are of types C—H \cdots O and C—H \cdots π . Each of
the O atoms, with the exception of O1, forms at least one close
C—H \cdots O contact, the shortest of these being 2.36 Å for
C25—H25 \cdots O5ⁱ, so that C25 \cdots O5ⁱ is

3.249 (4) Å and the angle at H is 156° [symmetry code: (i) $-1 + x, y, z$]. The C—H···O interactions serve to link a total of five molecules to the asymmetric unit. The closest C—H··· π interactions of 1.78 and 1.79 Å, respectively, occur between C23—H23 and the ring centroid of (C1—C6)ⁱⁱ, and C18—H18 and the ring centroid of (C21—C26)ⁱⁱⁱ with angles subtended at H of 146 and 155°, respectively [symmetry codes: (ii) $-\frac{1}{2} + x, -\frac{1}{2} + y, z$; (iii) $\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$]. A view of the packing is shown in Fig. 2.

Experimental

Complex (I) was prepared by adding solid AgNO₃ (88.7 mg, 0.522 mmol) to an acetonitrile solution (70 ml) of [PdCl₂{Ph₂P(CH₂CH₂)PPh₂}] (0.150 g, 0.261 mmol; Aldrich). The mixture was stirred for 2 h and filtered to remove AgCl. The solution was concentrated to approximately 3 ml by slow evaporation at 333 K. As the solution cooled, X-ray diffraction quality crystals formed (yield 0.044 g, 79%; m.p. 511–517 K).

Crystal data

[Pd(C ₂₆ H ₂₄ P ₂)(NO ₃) ₂]	Z = 4
<i>M_r</i> = 628.81	<i>D_x</i> = 1.631 Mg m ⁻³
Monoclinic, <i>Cc</i>	Mo <i>K</i> α radiation
<i>a</i> = 10.383 (5) Å	μ = 0.90 mm ⁻¹
<i>b</i> = 15.442 (5) Å	<i>T</i> = 113 (2) K
<i>c</i> = 16.278 (5) Å	Plate, yellow
β = 101.135 (16)°	0.35 × 0.31 × 0.14 mm
<i>V</i> = 2560.7 (16) Å ³	

Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS SPIDER diffractometer	13230 measured reflections
ω scans	4845 independent reflections
Absorption correction: numerical (Katayama, 1986; Paturle & Coppens, 1988)	4791 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$T_{\min} = 0.745$, $T_{\max} = 0.885$	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.025$
	$\theta_{\max} = 26.0^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0095P)^2 + 3.1937P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.018$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.046$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
$S = 1.08$	$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.24 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
4845 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.21 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
332 parameters	Absolute structure: Flack (1983),
H-atom parameters constrained	2326 Friedel pairs
	Flack parameter: -0.003 (15)

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Pd—P1	2.2148 (8)	Pd—O1	2.1034 (18)
Pd—P2	2.2239 (9)	Pd—O4	2.1137 (18)
P1—Pd—P2	84.73 (3)	O1—Pd—O4	86.94 (7)
P1—Pd—O1	90.02 (6)	Pd—P1—C13	110.03 (9)
P1—Pd—O4	175.42 (6)	Pd—P2—C14	108.30 (9)
P2—Pd—O1	171.82 (5)	Pd—O1—N1	114.33 (14)
P2—Pd—O4	98.66 (6)	Pd—O4—N2	111.20 (15)

The H atoms were included in the riding-model approximation, with C—H = 0.95 (aromatic H) and 0.99 Å (methylene H), and with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$.

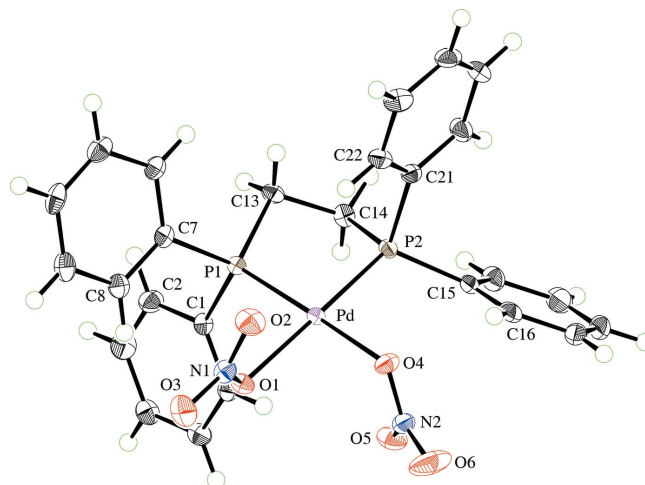


Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing the crystallographic numbering scheme; ring C atoms are numbered sequentially. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

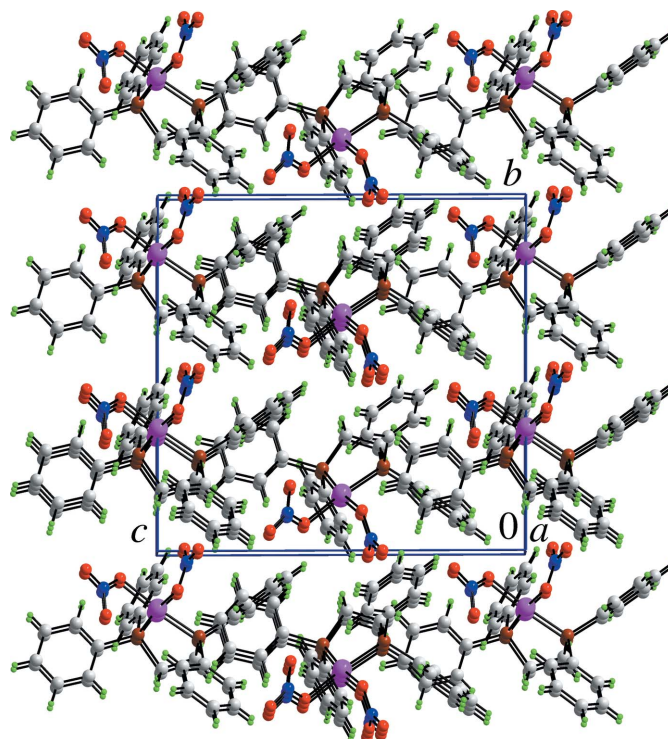


Figure 2

The crystal packing in (I), viewed down the *a* axis. Color code: Pd violet, P brown, O red, N blue, C grey and H green.

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku, 2005); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalClear*; program(s) used to solve structure: *PATY* in *DIRDIF92* (Beurskens *et al.*, 1992); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976) and *DIAMOND* (Crystal Impact, 2006); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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