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okabe@phar.kindai.ac.jp**Key indicators**Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 296$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.026  
 $wR$  factor = 0.072  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.7For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**(Malonato- $\kappa^2O,O'$ )(1,10-phenanthroline- $\kappa^2N,N'$ )-  
palladium(II)**

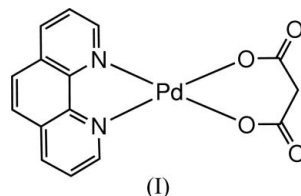
In the title complex,  $[\text{Pd}(\text{C}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)]$ , the  $\text{Pd}^{\text{II}}$  center has a distorted *cis*-square-planar geometry defined by an  $O,O'$ -bidentate malonate ligand and a chelating 1,10-phenanthroline ligand. The crystal structure is stabilized by intermolecular  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions between pairs of 1,10-phenanthroline rings, as well as  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonding.

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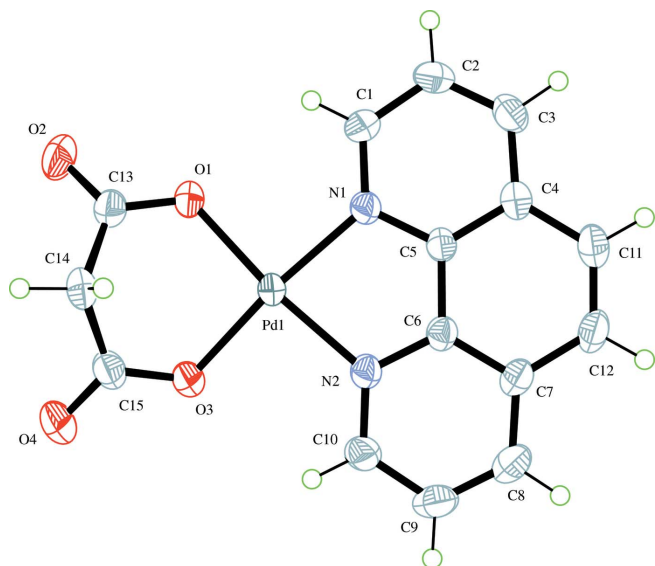
**Comment**

Cisplatin, *cis*-diamminedichloroplatinum(II), and carboplatin, *cis*-diammine(cbdca)platinum(II), where cbdca is 1,1-cyclobutanedicarboxylate, are well known as therapeutic  $\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$  anticancer drugs. The  $\text{Pd}^{\text{II}}$  analogs of  $\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$  complexes have also been used as models for  $\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$  complexes (Rau & van Eldik, 1996). For example, *cis*-diammine(cbdca)palladium(II) (Barnham *et al.*, 1994) is isostructural with carboplatin (Beagley *et al.*, 1985; Neidle *et al.*, 1980). Furthermore,  $[\text{Pd}(\text{byp})(\text{cbdca})]$ , where bpy is 2,2'-bipyridine, has greater cytotoxicity than the  $\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}$  complex against lymphocytic leukemia cells (Mansuri-Torshizi *et al.*, 2001). Thus, many  $\text{Pd}^{\text{II}}$  complexes with aromatic heterocyclic ligands, such as 1,10-phenanthroline (phen) and bpy, have been synthesized and examined for their anticancer potential (Liu *et al.*, 1999; Jin & Ranford, 2000; Mansuri-Torshizi *et al.*, 2001; Gao & Liu, 2002; Shehata, 2001). For these reasons, we have synthesized novel  $\text{Pd}^{\text{II}}$  complexes with heterocyclic ligands and analyzed their crystal structures to clarify their coordination modes (Okabe *et al.*, 2003; Muranishi & Okabe, 2004; Odoko *et al.*, 2004; Wang, Mizubayashi *et al.*, 2005; Wang, Okabe *et al.*, 2005). In the present study, the title complex, (I), has been synthesized and its crystal structure determined.



The central  $\text{Pd}^{\text{II}}$  atom in (I) (Fig. 1 and Table 1) displays a distorted *cis*-square-planar geometry, defined by two N atoms of the phen ligand and two O atoms of the malonate ligand. The six-membered chelate ring formed by the malonate has a somewhat flattened boat conformation, which resembles that in the  $\text{Pd}^{\text{II}}$  complex with cbdca (Barnham *et al.*, 1994); the five-membered chelate ring formed by phen is planar.

The bond lengths in (I) are similar to those of  $[\text{Pd}(\text{cbdca})(\text{phen})]\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $[\text{Pd}(\text{cbdca})(\text{phen})](\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  [ $\text{Pd}-\text{O} = 1.982$  (3)– $2.005$  (4) Å;  $\text{Pd}-\text{N} = 1.991$  (5)– $2.010$  (4) Å;



**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of (I), showing the atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level.

Muranishi & Okabe, 2004] and [Pd(oxalato)(phen)]H<sub>2</sub>O [Pd—O = 1.986 (3)–2.009 (2) Å; Pd—N = 2.006 (2)–2.007 (2) Å; Odoko *et al.*, 2004]. Likewise, the O—Pd—O bond angles are similar to those for [Pd(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(cbdca)] (90.9°; Barnham *et al.*, 1994; standard uncertainty unavailable), [Pd(ethylenediamine)(cbdca)] [92.69 (7)°; Tercero *et al.*, 2003], [Pd(cbdca)(phen)]H<sub>2</sub>O [91.3 (2)°] and [Pd(cbdca)(phen)]-(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub> [92.6 (1)–92.8 (1)°; Muranishi & Okabe, 2004], but slightly wider than found in [Pd(oxal)(phen)]H<sub>2</sub>O [83.80 (9)–83.3 (7)°; Odoko *et al.*, 2004]. The N—Pd—N bond angle is similar to those in all of the above Pd<sup>II</sup> complexes with phen, but slightly narrower than found in [Pd(en)(cbdca)] [84.15 (8)°] and [Pd(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(cbdca)] (95.0°; Barnham *et al.*, 1994; standard uncertainty unavailable).

The crystal structure is stabilized by C—H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 2 and Fig. 2) and  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking interactions between phen rings; the distance between the ring centroids of N1/C1–C5 and (N2/C6–C10)<sup>iii</sup> [symmetry code (iii)  $-1 + x, y, z$ ] is 3.727 (5) Å.

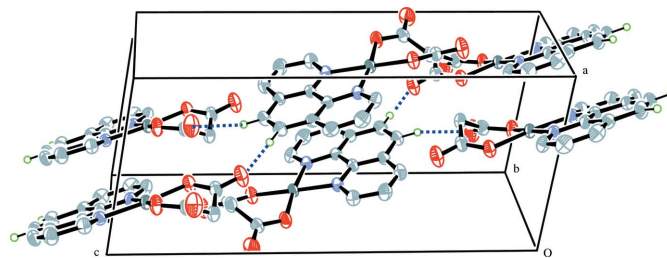
## Experimental

Complex (I) was prepared by reacting phen with [Pd(CH<sub>3</sub>COOH)<sub>2</sub>] for 15 min at room temperature (molar ratio of 1:1) in dimethylformamide (DMF) solution, followed by the addition of an equimolar amount of malonic acid. This mixture was left to stand at room temperature and pale-yellow prismatic crystals of (I) appeared after a few days.

### Crystal data

[Pd(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)]  
 $M_r = 388.67$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$   
 $a = 7.825$  (2) Å  
 $b = 9.180$  (3) Å  
 $c = 18.087$  (2) Å  
 $\beta = 98.86$  (2)°  
 $V = 1283.8$  (6) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$   
 $D_x = 2.011$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 1.47$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 296$  K  
 Prism, yellow  
 0.20 × 0.15 × 0.15 mm



**Figure 2**  
The molecular packing in (I). Hydrogen bonds are indicated by dashed lines. H atoms not involved in the interactions shown have been omitted.

### Data collection

Rigaku AFC-5R diffractometer  
 $\omega$ – $2\theta$  scans  
 Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan  
 (North *et al.*, 1968)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.964$ ,  $T_{\max} = 1$   
 (expected range = 0.774–0.802)  
 3355 measured reflections

2947 independent reflections  
 2419 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.025$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 27.5^\circ$   
 3 standard reflections  
 every 150 reflections  
 intensity decay: 1.1%

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.026$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.072$   
 $S = 1.04$   
 2947 reflections  
 200 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0347P)^2 + 0.8246P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.45$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.70$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Pd1—O1	1.987 (2)	Pd1—N1	2.004 (2)
Pd1—O3	1.990 (2)	Pd1—N2	2.012 (3)
O1—Pd1—O3	94.08 (9)	O3—Pd1—N1	173.48 (9)
O1—Pd1—N1	91.60 (9)	O3—Pd1—N2	92.15 (9)
O1—Pd1—N2	173.04 (9)	N1—Pd1—N2	82.01 (10)

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
C11—H11···O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.93	2.66	3.514 (4)	154
C12—H12···O4 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.50	3.426 (4)	177

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $x + \frac{1}{2}, -y - \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$ .

H atoms were included in the riding model approximation with C—H = 0.93–0.97 Å, and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

Data collection: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *RAPID-AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MS, 2005) and *CRYSTALS* (Betteridge *et al.*, 2003); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *CrystalStructure*.

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