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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.011 Å R factor = 0.062 wR factor = 0.146 Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.8

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# Chloro{1-[(1-hydroxymethyl-2-methylpropyl)iminomethyl]ferrocenyl- $\kappa^2 C$ ,N}(triphenylphosphine- $\kappa P$ )palladium(II) dichloromethane solvate

The asymmetric unit of the title compound, [FePd- $(C_5H_5)(C_{11}H_{15}NO)Cl(C_{18}H_{15}P)]\cdot CH_2Cl_2$ , contains two molecular palladium complexes and two dichloromethane solvent molecules. The Pd atoms have approximately square planar configurations. Intermolecular  $O-H\cdots Cl$  hydrogen bonds stabilize the crystal structure.

#### Comment

Cyclopalladated complexes have been widely studied in different areas as a result of their important applications as precursors for organic or organometallic synthesis (Vicente *et al.*, 1995), catalytic activity (Gruber *et al.*, 2000; Bose & Saha, 1989; Santra & Saha, 1987), and the determination of enantiomeric excess of chiral reagents (Albert *et al.*, 2000). In addition, palladated compounds have proven to be efficient catalysts in Heck reactions (Ziegler & Heck, 1978). The *ortho*-cyclopalladated compounds have been studied extensively in the past decade (Zhao *et al.*, 1997; Lopez *et al.*, 2005) and we report here the crystal structure of the title compound (I) as its dichloromethane solvate



The two mononuclear palladium complexes in the asymmetric unit each adopt an approximately square planar configuration defined by the atoms C6, P1, N1 and Cl1 or C41, P2, N2 and Cl4 (Fig. 1 and Table 1). The imine groups adopt an *anti* conformation, as reflected by the C10–C11–N1–C12  $[-179.3 (7)^{\circ}]$  and C45–C46–N2–C47  $[176.4 (6)^{\circ}]$  torsion angles. The C=N bond lengths are similar to those reported for other monocyclopalladated complexes (Bosque *et al.*, 1994; Lopez *et al.*, 1994).

The coordinated triphenylphosphine is *trans* to the imino N atom. The two Cp rings are almost parallel, with a dihedral angle of 0.8 (5) and 1.6 (5)° and the two rings involved in the bicyclic system formed by fusion of the palladacycle with the substituted Cp ring are almost coplanar, the relevant dihedral angles being 4.2 (4) and 7.8 (4)°.

In the crystal structure of (I), molecules are linked by  $O-H\cdots Cl$  hydrogen bonds which help to stablize the molecular structure.

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#### Figure 1

The structures of the palladium complex molecules in the asymmetric unit of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms have been omitted for clarity. Hydrogen bonds are indicated by dashed lines.

## **Experimental**

A mixture of equimolar ferrocenylaldimine (1 mmol), sodium acetate (1 mmol) and lithium palladium tetrachloride (10 ml, 0.1 mol  $l^{-1}$ ) in dry methanol (15 ml) was stirred for 20 h at room temperature. The mixture was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. Triphenylphosphine (1.5 mmol) was added to a dichloromethane solution (10 ml) of this product and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The mixture was purified by chromatography on a silica gel developed by the elute (dichloromethane) in a 85% yield and recrystallized from dichloromethane–hexane (2:1). Orange single crystals of (I) were obtained after 3 d. Analysis calculated for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>37</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>FeNOPPd: C 53.37, H 4.70, N 1.78%; found: C 53.68, H 4.70, N 1.79%.

#### Crystal data

$[FePd(C_5H_5)(C_{11}H_{15}NO)Cl-$	V = 3549.1
$(C_{18}H_{15}P)]\cdot CH_2Cl_2$	Z = 4
$M_r = 787.23$	$D_x = 1.473$
Monoclinic, P2 <sub>1</sub>	Mo Kα radi
a = 10.229 (3) Å	$\mu = 1.21 \text{ mm}$
b = 32.4690 (18)  Å	T = 293 (2)
c = 10.6860 (16)  Å	Block, oran
$\beta = 90.130 \ (13)^{\circ}$	$0.32 \times 0.25$
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#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD areadetector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\min} = 0.70, T_{\max} = 0.77$ 

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.062$   $wR(F^2) = 0.146$  S = 1.0712232 reflections 773 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  $V = 3549.1 (12) Å^{3}$  Z = 4  $D_{x} = 1.473 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\alpha radiation  $\mu = 1.21 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  T = 293 (2) KBlock, orange  $0.32 \times 0.25 \times 0.22 \text{ mm}$ 

18654 measured reflections 12232 independent reflections 10975 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.033$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.0^{\circ}$ 

 $w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (0.09P)^{2} + 1.99P]$ where  $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.44 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.96 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ Absolute structure: Flack (1983), 5117 Friedel pairs Flack parameter: 0.05 (3)

# Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

C11-N1	1.266 (10)	N2-Pd2	2.124 (7)
C12-N1	1.468 (10)	P1-Pd1	2.232 (2)
C46-N2	1.278 (10)	P2-Pd2	2.247 (2)
N1-Pd1	2.181 (7)		
C13-O1-H1C	107 (9)	N1-Pd1-Cl1	98.50 (18)
C48-O2-H2C	105 (8)	N2-Pd2-Cl4	94.48 (18)
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# Table 2Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$\begin{array}{l} D2 - H2C \cdots Cl1^{i} \\ D1 - H1C \cdots Cl4 \end{array}$	0.96 (14) 0.92 (14)	2.60 (13) 2.65 (14)	3.178 (6) 3.382 (6)	119 (9) 136 (11)
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Symmetry code: (i) x + 1, y, z.

The O–H atoms were located in a Fourier difference map and refined with isotropic displacement parameters of 0.08 Å<sup>2</sup>. All other H atoms were placed in calculated positions, C–H = 0.93–0.98 Å, and refined using a riding model, with  $U_{\rm iso}$  = 1.2 or 1.5 times  $U_{\rm eq}(C)$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1998); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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