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## ***trans*-Bis[1-(2-anilino-2-oxoethyl)-3-benzyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl]palladium(II) methanol disolvate**

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### **Comment**

Palladium complexes with multidentate ligands containing *N*-heterocyclic carbene and anionic amide functionalities attract interest because of their effectiveness in catalyzing C—C coupling reactions (Liao *et al.*, 2007 and Sakaguchi *et al.*, 2008). The crystal structure of the title compound consists of such palladium carbene complex with two solvated methanol molecules incorporated. The structure of a DMSO solvate of the same *trans* compound,  $C_{36}H_{32}N_6O_2Pd \cdot 4C_2H_6SO$ , was reported by us previously (Liao *et al.*, 2007)

The palladium atom adopts square coordination geometry with two *trans* coordinated bidentate ligands. The structure of the *cis* isomer,  $C_{36}H_{32}N_6O_2Pd \cdot 2CH_3OH$ , was also reported earlier (Liao *et al.*, 2007). A comparison of the geometric parameters of the *trans* and *cis* isomers shows that the Pd—C bond distance in the *trans* isomer is longer than that in the *cis* isomer [2.014 (2) vs. 1.966 (2) Å]. Contrastingly, the Pd—N bond distance is shorter in the *trans* isomer [2.051 (2) vs. 2.087 (1) Å].

### **Experimental**

The title compound was prepared according to the literature procedure (Liao *et al.*, 2007). Colorless crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were grown by slow evaporation of a methanol solution containing the compound.

### **Refinement**

All the H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding atoms, with  $C_{\text{aryl}}-\text{H}$  = 0.95,  $C_{\text{methylene}}-\text{H}$  = 0.99, and  $C_{\text{methyl}}-\text{H}$  = 0.98 Å while  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$  = 1.2  $U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}_\text{methine})$ ,  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$  = 1.2  $U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}_\text{methylene})$ , and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$  = 1.5  $U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}_\text{methyl})$ . H1 bound to oxygen was found in the difference Fourier map, not refined and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$  = 1.2  $U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ .

### **Figures**

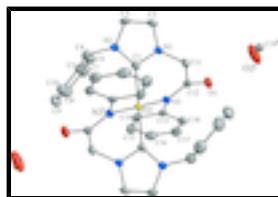


Fig. 1. The structure of the title complex, showing 50% displacement ellipsoids. H atoms are excluded for clarity. [Symmetry code: (i)  $1 - x, 1 - y, 2 - z$ . (ii)  $x, 1/2 - y, 1/2 + z$ .]

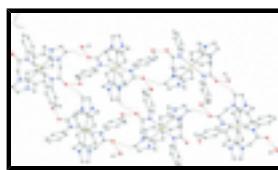


Fig. 2. A view of the crystal packing along the *c* axis, displaying the hydrogen bonds as dashed lines.

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### *Crystal data*

[Pd(C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]·2CH <sub>4</sub> O	<i>F</i> (000) = 1552
<i>M<sub>r</sub></i> = 751.16	<i>D<sub>x</sub></i> = 1.439 Mg m <sup>-3</sup>
Orthorhombic, <i>Pbca</i>	Mo <i>Kα</i> radiation, $\lambda$ = 0.71073 Å
Hall symbol: -P 2ac 2ab	Cell parameters from 3616 reflections
<i>a</i> = 17.822 (2) Å	$\theta$ = 2.7–22.4°
<i>b</i> = 9.0616 (11) Å	$\mu$ = 0.59 mm <sup>-1</sup>
<i>c</i> = 21.473 (3) Å	<i>T</i> = 150 K
<i>V</i> = 3467.8 (7) Å <sup>3</sup>	Parallelepiped, white
<i>Z</i> = 4	0.39 × 0.09 × 0.08 mm

### *Data collection*

Bruker SMART APEXII diffractometer	4451 independent reflections
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube	2695 reflections with $I > 2\sigma$
graphite	$R_{\text{int}}$ = 0.080
$\omega$ scans	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 28.7^\circ$ , $\theta_{\text{min}} = 1.9^\circ$
Absorption correction: multi-scan ( <i>SADABS</i> ; Sheldrick, 2003)	$h = -21 \rightarrow 23$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.804$ , $T_{\text{max}} = 0.955$	$k = -12 \rightarrow 12$
45827 measured reflections	$l = -28 \rightarrow 28$

### *Refinement*

Refinement on $F^2$	Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods
Least-squares matrix: full	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
$wR(F^2) = 0.084$	H-atom parameters constrained
$S = 1.00$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0273P)^2 + 3.0876P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
4451 reflections	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
224 parameters	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.39 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
0 restraints	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.67 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

### *Special details*

**Geometry.** All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement.** Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted  $R$ -factor  $wR$  and goodness of fit  $S$  are based on  $F^2$ , conventional  $R$ -factors  $R$  are based on  $F$ , with  $F$  set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating  $R$ -factors(gt) etc. and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement.  $R$ -factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on  $F$ , and  $R$ -factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.46400 (13)	0.2896 (2)	0.99551 (11)	0.0171 (5)
C2	0.38152 (15)	0.1075 (3)	1.01712 (12)	0.0228 (6)
H2	0.3418	0.0545	1.0363	0.027*
C3	0.42383 (14)	0.0630 (3)	0.96912 (13)	0.0226 (6)
H3	0.4198	-0.0284	0.9477	0.027*
C4	0.52739 (16)	0.1767 (3)	0.90363 (11)	0.0219 (5)
H4A	0.5339	0.0748	0.8879	0.026*
H4B	0.5769	0.2124	0.9181	0.026*
C5	0.49996 (16)	0.2745 (3)	0.85115 (11)	0.0217 (5)
C6	0.42429 (16)	0.2778 (3)	0.83425 (12)	0.0280 (6)
H6	0.3890	0.2191	0.8563	0.034*
C7	0.40060 (18)	0.3664 (3)	0.78546 (13)	0.0350 (7)
H7	0.3491	0.3676	0.7740	0.042*
C8	0.45124 (19)	0.4528 (3)	0.75345 (14)	0.0385 (8)
H8	0.4347	0.5133	0.7200	0.046*
C9	0.5260 (2)	0.4511 (4)	0.77007 (14)	0.0389 (8)
H9	0.5609	0.5111	0.7482	0.047*
C10	0.55057 (17)	0.3619 (3)	0.81869 (13)	0.0300 (6)
H10	0.6022	0.3608	0.8297	0.036*
C11	0.37610 (15)	0.3458 (3)	1.07994 (11)	0.0211 (6)
H11A	0.4153	0.3697	1.1110	0.025*
H11B	0.3347	0.2947	1.1019	0.025*
C12	0.34608 (14)	0.4900 (3)	1.05140 (11)	0.0181 (5)
C13	0.35913 (13)	0.6589 (2)	0.96519 (11)	0.0165 (5)
C14	0.39053 (15)	0.6620 (3)	0.90513 (12)	0.0222 (6)
H14	0.4311	0.5979	0.8955	0.027*
C15	0.36355 (16)	0.7567 (3)	0.85971 (12)	0.0286 (6)
H15	0.3859	0.7576	0.8195	0.034*
C16	0.30402 (16)	0.8504 (3)	0.87279 (13)	0.0296 (6)
H16	0.2846	0.9140	0.8415	0.036*
C17	0.27323 (16)	0.8499 (3)	0.93189 (13)	0.0279 (6)
H17	0.2327	0.9145	0.9411	0.033*
C18	0.30045 (14)	0.7565 (3)	0.97816 (13)	0.0229 (5)
H18	0.2791	0.7592	1.0187	0.027*
C19	0.2385 (2)	0.1346 (5)	0.70995 (15)	0.0574 (10)
H19A	0.2522	0.2332	0.6950	0.086*
H19B	0.2842	0.0770	0.7175	0.086*
H19C	0.2100	0.1434	0.7488	0.086*
N1	0.40758 (11)	0.2469 (2)	1.03309 (9)	0.0182 (4)
N2	0.47490 (12)	0.1753 (2)	0.95629 (9)	0.0184 (4)



C5—C10	1.388 (4)	C16—H16	0.9500
C5—C6	1.397 (4)	C17—C18	1.392 (4)
C6—C7	1.386 (4)	C17—H17	0.9500
C6—H6	0.9500	C18—H18	0.9500
C7—C8	1.378 (4)	C19—O2	1.397 (4)
C7—H7	0.9500	C19—H19A	0.9800
C8—C9	1.379 (5)	C19—H19B	0.9800
C8—H8	0.9500	C19—H19C	0.9800
C9—C10	1.391 (4)	N3—Pd1	2.050 (2)
C9—H9	0.9500	Pd1—C1 <sup>i</sup>	2.014 (2)
C10—H10	0.9500	Pd1—N3 <sup>i</sup>	2.051 (2)
C11—N1	1.460 (3)	O2—H1	0.9244
C11—C12	1.540 (3)		
N1—C1—N2	105.1 (2)	N3—C12—C11	116.5 (2)
N1—C1—Pd1	118.80 (17)	C18—C13—C14	117.9 (2)
N2—C1—Pd1	135.30 (18)	C18—C13—N3	125.2 (2)
C3—C2—N1	106.0 (2)	C14—C13—N3	116.9 (2)
C3—C2—H2	127.0	C15—C14—C13	121.3 (2)
N1—C2—H2	127.0	C15—C14—H14	119.3
C2—C3—N2	107.5 (2)	C13—C14—H14	119.3
C2—C3—H3	126.3	C14—C15—C16	120.1 (3)
N2—C3—H3	126.3	C14—C15—H15	119.9
N2—C4—C5	111.9 (2)	C16—C15—H15	119.9
N2—C4—H4A	109.2	C17—C16—C15	119.2 (3)
C5—C4—H4A	109.2	C17—C16—H16	120.4
N2—C4—H4B	109.2	C15—C16—H16	120.4
C5—C4—H4B	109.2	C16—C17—C18	121.2 (3)
H4A—C4—H4B	107.9	C16—C17—H17	119.4
C10—C5—C6	119.0 (2)	C18—C17—H17	119.4
C10—C5—C4	119.9 (3)	C17—C18—C13	120.2 (3)
C6—C5—C4	121.1 (2)	C17—C18—H18	119.9
C7—C6—C5	120.2 (3)	C13—C18—H18	119.9
C7—C6—H6	119.9	O2—C19—H19A	109.5
C5—C6—H6	119.9	O2—C19—H19B	109.5
C8—C7—C6	120.4 (3)	H19A—C19—H19B	109.5
C8—C7—H7	119.8	O2—C19—H19C	109.5
C6—C7—H7	119.8	H19A—C19—H19C	109.5
C7—C8—C9	119.8 (3)	H19B—C19—H19C	109.5
C7—C8—H8	120.1	C1—N1—C2	111.3 (2)
C9—C8—H8	120.1	C1—N1—C11	121.6 (2)
C8—C9—C10	120.3 (3)	C2—N1—C11	126.9 (2)
C8—C9—H9	119.8	C1—N2—C3	110.1 (2)
C10—C9—H9	119.8	C1—N2—C4	124.5 (2)
C5—C10—C9	120.2 (3)	C3—N2—C4	125.1 (2)
C5—C10—H10	119.9	C12—N3—C13	122.0 (2)
C9—C10—H10	119.9	C12—N3—Pd1	120.21 (16)
N1—C11—C12	112.36 (19)	C13—N3—Pd1	117.74 (15)
N1—C11—H11A	109.1	C1 <sup>i</sup> —Pd1—C1	179.999 (1)

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C12—C11—H11A	109.1	C1 <sup>i</sup> —Pd1—N3	94.81 (9)
N1—C11—H11B	109.1	C1—Pd1—N3	85.19 (9)
C12—C11—H11B	109.1	C1 <sup>i</sup> —Pd1—N3 <sup>i</sup>	85.19 (9)
H11A—C11—H11B	107.9	C1—Pd1—N3 <sup>i</sup>	94.81 (9)
O1—C12—N3	126.6 (2)	N3—Pd1—N3 <sup>i</sup>	179.999 (1)
O1—C12—C11	116.8 (2)	C19—O2—H1	109.1
N1—C2—C3—N2	-0.1 (3)	C12—C11—N1—C1	57.6 (3)
N2—C4—C5—C10	140.4 (2)	C12—C11—N1—C2	-116.4 (3)
N2—C4—C5—C6	-40.1 (3)	N1—C1—N2—C3	1.2 (3)
C10—C5—C6—C7	0.5 (4)	Pd1—C1—N2—C3	-168.1 (2)
C4—C5—C6—C7	-179.0 (2)	N1—C1—N2—C4	175.0 (2)
C5—C6—C7—C8	-0.4 (4)	Pd1—C1—N2—C4	5.7 (4)
C6—C7—C8—C9	0.0 (5)	C2—C3—N2—C1	-0.7 (3)
C7—C8—C9—C10	0.4 (5)	C2—C3—N2—C4	-174.4 (2)
C6—C5—C10—C9	-0.1 (4)	C5—C4—N2—C1	-71.5 (3)
C4—C5—C10—C9	179.4 (2)	C5—C4—N2—C3	101.4 (3)
C8—C9—C10—C5	-0.4 (4)	O1—C12—N3—C13	-16.9 (4)
N1—C11—C12—O1	136.3 (2)	C11—C12—N3—C13	161.5 (2)
N1—C11—C12—N3	-42.3 (3)	O1—C12—N3—Pd1	162.1 (2)
C18—C13—C14—C15	-1.1 (4)	C11—C12—N3—Pd1	-19.5 (3)
N3—C13—C14—C15	177.1 (2)	C18—C13—N3—C12	30.0 (4)
C13—C14—C15—C16	-0.5 (4)	C14—C13—N3—C12	-148.0 (2)
C14—C15—C16—C17	1.3 (4)	C18—C13—N3—Pd1	-149.0 (2)
C15—C16—C17—C18	-0.5 (4)	C14—C13—N3—Pd1	32.9 (3)
C16—C17—C18—C13	-1.1 (4)	N1—C1—Pd1—N3	-40.62 (19)
C14—C13—C18—C17	1.9 (4)	N2—C1—Pd1—N3	127.6 (3)
N3—C13—C18—C17	-176.1 (2)	N1—C1—Pd1—N3 <sup>i</sup>	139.37 (19)
N2—C1—N1—C2	-1.3 (3)	N2—C1—Pd1—N3 <sup>i</sup>	-52.4 (3)
Pd1—C1—N1—C2	170.12 (17)	C12—N3—Pd1—C1 <sup>i</sup>	-126.10 (19)
N2—C1—N1—C11	-176.1 (2)	C13—N3—Pd1—C1 <sup>i</sup>	52.97 (18)
Pd1—C1—N1—C11	-4.7 (3)	C12—N3—Pd1—C1	53.90 (19)
C3—C2—N1—C1	0.9 (3)	C13—N3—Pd1—C1	-127.03 (18)
C3—C2—N1—C11	175.4 (2)		

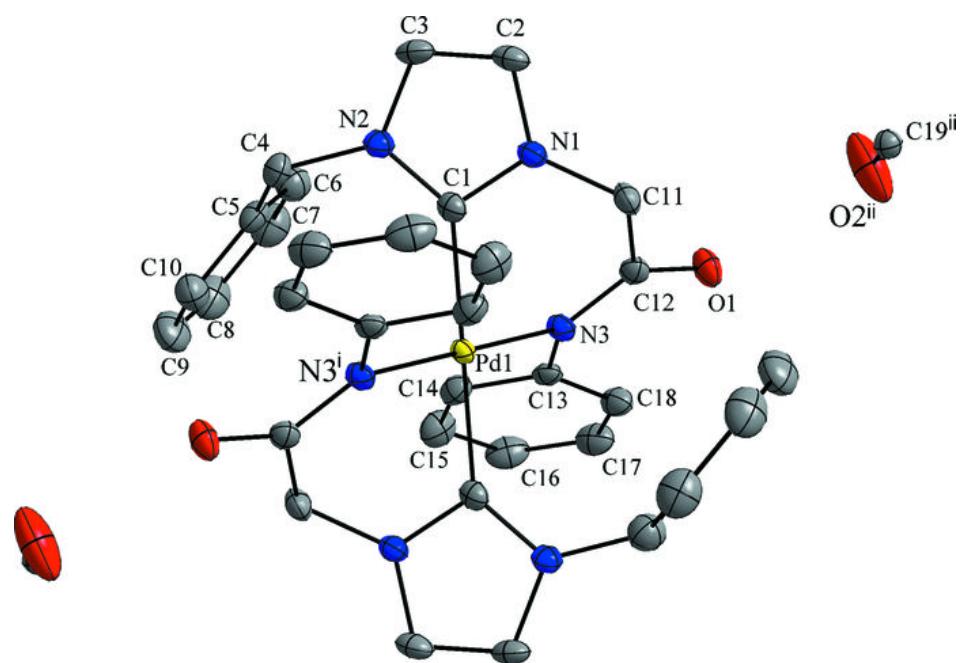
Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x+1, -y+1, -z+2$ .

### Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ , $^\circ$ )

$D—H\cdots A$	$D—H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D—H\cdots A$
O2—H1 <sup>ii</sup> —O1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.92	1.81	2.727 (3)	172
C2—H2 <sup>iii</sup> —O1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.95	2.36	3.232 (3)	152
C18—H18 <sup>iii</sup> —O1	0.95	2.32	2.842 (3)	114

Symmetry codes: (ii)  $x, -y+1/2, z-1/2$ ; (iii)  $-x+1/2, y-1/2, z$ .

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**Fig. 2**

