Chemoselective Reactions of the Phosphino Enolate Li[Ph₂PCH \cdots C(\cdots O)NPh₂] with Ph₂P-Cl and M-Cl Bonds (M = Pd, Pt). Coordination Properties of the New Functional Diphosphine Ligand (Ph₂P)₂CHC(O)NPh₂. Hemilabile Behavior of [Cu₂{(Ph₂P)₂CHC(O)NPh₂-P,P,O}₂](BF₄)₂. Reactivity and Molecular Structure of

$[(8-mq)Pd{Ph_2PCH \cdots C(\cdots O)NPh_2}]^{\dagger}$

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The functional phosphine $Ph_2PCH_2C(O)NPh_2$ (L¹) was obtained by P-C selective coupling of Ph_2PCl with Li- $[CH_2 + C(+ O)NPh_2]$ and we have studied the influence of the $-NPh_2$ substituent on the reactivity of the corresponding enolate Li[Ph₂PCH \rightarrow ··C(\rightarrow ··O)NPh₂] toward Ph₂P-Cl and M-Cl bonds (M = Pd, Pt). A selective P-C coupling reaction with Ph₂PCl allowed the synthesis of the new diphosphine ligand (Ph₂P)₂CHC-(O)NPh₂ [bis(diphenylphosphino)-*N*,*N*-diphenylacetamide] (L²). The dicationic dinuclear complex [Cu₂{(Ph₂P)₂- $CHC(O)NPh_2-P,P,O_{2}](BF_4)_2$ (3) has been obtained from the reaction of $[Cu(NCMe)_4](BF_4)$ with L². A preliminary X-ray diffraction study revealed a μ_2 - η^3 tripod-like bonding for L² in this centrosymmetric dimeric complex: each copper atom is P,O-chelated by one ligand and P-bonded to the other ligand. An eight-membered Cu₂P₄C₂ ring is thus formed with the functional diphosphine ligand. The dynamic behavior has been studied in CHCl₃ solution of mono- and binuclear copper(I) complexes of L^1 and L^2 . Reversible oxygen-metal dissociation occurs in the presence of donor solvents such as NCMe or SMe₂. The reaction of Li[Ph₂PCH \rightarrow C(\rightarrow O)NPh₂] with $[(C N)Pd(\mu-Cl)_2]$ afforded the complexes $[(C N)Pd\{Ph_2PCH \cdots C(\cdots O)NPh_2\}]$ [(9) (C N) = dimethylbenzylamine (dmba); (10) $(\stackrel{c}{C}\stackrel{N}{N}) = 8$ -methylquinoline (8-mq)]. The molecular structure of [(8-mq)Pd{Ph₂PCH··· $C(--O)NPh_{2}$ has been determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction: it crystallizes in the monoclinic space group $P_{21/c}$ with Z = 4 in a unit cell of dimensions a = 8.801(2) Å, b = 31.483(6) Å, c = 10.939(2) Å, $\beta =$ 101.37(2)°. The structure has been solved from diffractometer data by Patterson and Fourier methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares methods on the basis of 2863 observed reflections to R and R_w values of 0.0268 and 0.0338, respectively. A temperature dependence of the reaction of Li[Ph₂PCH \rightarrow C(\rightarrow O)NPh₂] with $[PtCl_2(NCPh)_2]$ has been observed which leads to $cis-Pt[Ph_2PCH \cdot \cdot \cdot C(\cdot \cdot \cdot O)NPh_2]_2$ (11) at -60 °C and to *trans*- $Pt[Ph_2PC{=C(NH)Ph}{C(O)NPh_2}]_2$ (12) at 0 °C. The high reactivity of *cis*- $Pt[Ph_2PCH \cdot \cdot \cdot C(\cdot \cdot O) - C(\cdot \cdot O)]_2$ NPh₂]₂ toward *p*-MeC₆H₄NCO leads to two diastereoisomeric products *cis*-Pt[Ph₂PCH{C(O)N(*p*-MeC₆H₄)}{C(O)- $NPh_{2}]_{2}$ (16a,b in a 1:1 ratio), which contain new chiral heterodifunctional phosphines.

Introduction

As part of our interest in the synthesis, coordination properties and reactivity of multifunctional phosphine ligands containing hard and soft donor functions, we have previously described the reactions of transition metal complexes containing phosphino enolate ligands of the type $[Ph_2PCH \rightarrow (C \rightarrow O)Ph]^-$ with chlorophosphines such as Ph_2PCI and $PhPCl_2.^{2,3}$ Some of these reactions are given in eqs 1 and 2. Both reactions occurred with P–O bond formation. Likewise, reaction of the lithium phosphino enolate Li $[Ph_2PCH \rightarrow C(\rightarrow O)Ph]$ with Ph_2PCI resulted in the formation of a P–O bond to yield a phosphine, phosphinite-type ligand (eq 3).⁴

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Table 1. Selected IR and ¹H and ³¹P{¹H} NMR Data

	compounds	IR/cm^{-1}		³¹ P{ ¹ H} NMR ^c
no.	formula	$\nu(C=O)^a$	$^{1}\mathrm{H}\mathrm{NMR}^{b}$	
\mathbf{L}^1	Ph ₂ PCH ₂ C(O)NPh ₂	1658 (vs)	(PCH ₂) 3.20 (s, br)	-14.6 (s)
\mathbf{L}^2	(Ph ₂ P) ₂ CHC(O)NPh ₂	1651 (vs)	(P ₂ CH) 4.60 (s, br)	-1.4 (s)
1	cis -[PtCl ₂ {(Ph ₂ P) ₂ CHC(O)NPh ₂ - P , P }]	1658 (vs)	$(P_2CH) 4.32 (d, {}^2J(PH) = 4.1, 2.1)$	-48.6 (s, ${}^{1}J(PtP) = 3412$)
2	$[(dmba)Pd\{(Ph_2P)_2CHC(O)NPh_2-P,N\}](BF_4)$	1650 (vs)	$(P_2CH) 5.44 (d, {}^2J(PH) = 8.9, 6.0)$	$10.9 (d, {}^{2}J(PP) = 63.9)$
3	$[Cu_{2}\{(Ph_{2}P)_{2}CHC(O)NPh_{2}-P,P,O\}_{2}](BF_{4})_{2}$	1566 (s)	(P_2CH) 5.27 (quint, ² <i>J</i> (PH) = 3.3)	-17.7 (d, ² <i>J</i> (PP) = 63.9) 19.1 (s, br)
4		1658 (m),	$(\mathbf{DCH}) 2.46 (a \mathbf{h})$	70(r,hr)
4	$[Cu{Pn_2PCH_2U(0)NPn_2}{L'}](BF_4)$	1618 (m)	$(PCH_2) 3.40 (s, br)$ $(PCH_2) 2.22 (d, 2)(DH) = 6.8)$	-7.0 (s, br)
5a 5b	$[Cu{Pli_2PCH_2C(O)NPli_2}_2(NCNE)](DF_4)$ $[Cu{Pli_2PCH_2C(O)NPh_1}_2(SM_{22})](DF_4)$	1002 (VS) 1650 (VS)	$(PCH_2) 3.22 (0, 2)(PH) = 0.8)$	-11.8 (S, DI) -8.7 (s, br)
50 69	$[Cu_{1}(Dh_{2}D), CHC(O)NDh_{2}P_{2}(SIVIC_{2})](DI^{4})$	1039 (vs) 1653 (vs)	$(P,CH) \land 00 (t^{2}I(PH) - 6.8)$	-8.7(s, br)
0a 6h	$[Cu_2\{(\Pi_{21})_2CHC(O)NPh_2PP_3(SMe_2)_2](BF_4)_2$	1650 (vs)	$(P_2CH) 4.93 (t, 3(111) = 0.8)$ $(P_2CH) 4.93 (t, 2I(PH) = 6.6)$	$\frac{5.2}{(s, br)}$
7	$[(dmba)PdCl{Pb_2PCH_2C(0)NPb_2}]$	1657 (vs)	$(PCH_2) = 3.72 (d^{-2}I(PH) = 10.6)$	30.8 (s)
8	[(dmba)Pd/Pb_PCH_C(())NPH_3](BE_)	1559 (vs)	$(PCH_2) 4 00 (d^{-2}I(PH) = 11.4)$	31 <i>A</i> (s)
0		1555 (15)	(1 CH ₂) 4.00 (d, 9(11)) 11.4)	51.4 (3)
9	$[(dmba)Pd{Ph_2PCH \cdot \cdot C(\cdot \cdot O)NPh_2}]$		$(PCH) 3.28 (d, {}^{2}J(PH) = 1.5)$	25.0 (s)
10	$[(8-mq)Pd{Ph_2PCH \cdot \cdot \cdot C(\cdot \cdot \cdot O)NPh_2}]$		$(PCH) 3.28 (d, {}^{2}J(PH) = 1.0)$	20.8 (s)
11	cis -Pt[Ph ₂ PCH \cdots C(\cdots O)NPh ₂] ₂		(PCH) 3.02 (d, ${}^{2}J(PH) = 4.3$)	2.0 (s, ${}^{1}J(PtP) = 3500)$
12	$trans-Pt[Ph_2PC{=C(NH)Ph}{C(=O)NPh_2}]_2$	1607 (s)	(NH) 4.97 (s, ${}^{2}J(PtH) = 44.4$)	42.6 (s, ${}^{1}J(PtP) = 2534$)
13	$[trans-Pt{Ph_2PC[C(=O)NPh_2][=C(NH_2)Ph]}_2](BF_4)_2$	1663 (vs)	(NH) 5.81 (t, ${}^{4}J(PH) = 1.2$) (NH···O) 10.95	46.3 (s, ${}^{1}J(PtP) = 2677$)
14a	$[(dmba)Pd{Ph_2PC[\cdot \cdot \cdot C(\cdot \cdot \cdot O)NH(p-MeC_6H_4)][C(O)NPh_2]}]$	see text	(NH····O) 10.4	38.1 (s)
14b	$[(dmba)Pd{Ph_2PCH[C(O)N(p-MeC_6H_4)][C(O)NPh_2]}]$	see text	$(PCH) 4.84 (d, {}^{2}J(PH) = 12.8)$	37.2 (s)
15a	$[(8-mq)Pd{Ph_2PC[C(O)NH(p-MeC_6H_4)][C(O)NPh_2]}]$	see text	(NH····O) 10.4	36.4 (s) or 33.4 (s)
15b	$[(8-mq)Pd{Ph_2PCH[C(O)N(p-MeC_6H_4)][C(O)NPh_2]}]$	see text	(PCH) 5.02 (d, ${}^{2}J(PH) = 12.2$)	33.4 (s) or 36.4 (s)
16a,b	cis -Pt[Ph ₂ PCH{C(O)N(p-MeC ₆ H ₄)}{C(O)NPh ₂ }] ₂	1662 (vs), 1617 (vs)	(PCH) 4.79 (d, ${}^{2}J(PH) = 11.7$) (PCH) 5.14 (d, ${}^{2}J(PH) = 10.8$)	11.6 (s, br, ${}^{1}J(PtP) = 3100)$ 8.6 (s, ${}^{1}J(PtP) = 3175)$

^{*a*} Recorded as KBr pellet, except for **3**, **4**, **8**, and **9** in CH₂Cl₂; **5a**, **6a** in MeCN; and **5b**, **6b** in SMe₂. For complexes containing BF₄⁻⁻, a typical absorption is found around 1055 cm⁻¹ (KBr pellet). ^{*b*} All spectra were recorded in CDCl₃, except for **5a**, **6a** in CD₃CN; **5b** in CDCl₃/SMe₂; **6b** in CD₂Cl₂/SMe₂; and **1**, **2**, **3**, **13**, and **16** in CD₂Cl₂; *J* values in Hz. ^{*c*} All spectra were recorded in CDCl₃, except for **5a**, **6a** in CD₃CN; **5b** in CDCl₃/SMe₂; **6b** in CDcl₂/SMe₂; **7**, **8**, **10** in C₆D₆/CH₂Cl₂; **1**, **2**, **13**, and **16** in CD₂Cl₂/THF; and **15a,b** in C₆D₆/THF; *J* values in Hz.

$$Li[Ph_2PCH - C(-O)Ph] \xrightarrow{+ Ph_2PCI / Et_2O} Ph_2PCH = C(Ph)OPPh_2 (3)$$

That selective P–O coupling would take place might have been anticipated on the basis of the known oxophilicity of chlorophosphines, although reaction of the lithium enolate of acetophenone, Li[CH₂···C(···O)Ph], with Ph₂PCl exclusively occurred by P–C bond formation, yielding the corresponding ketophosphine ligand Ph₂PCH₂C(O)Ph in high yield.⁵ The generality of this method has since been demonstrated.⁶

We were interested in investigating the role of the substituent R in Li[Ph₂PCH $\cdot \cdot \cdot$ C($\cdot \cdot \cdot$ O)R] on the chemoselectivity of such reactions and set out to study the system in which R = NPh₂.

Results

Synthesis and Reactivity of the New Functional Diphosphine Ligand $(Ph_2P)_2CHC(O)NPh_2$ (L²). We have recently prepared the ligand 2-diphenylphosphino-*N*,*N*-diphenylacetamide Ph_2PCH_2C(O)NPh_2 (L¹) by the completely chemoselective reaction of Ph_2PCl with Li[CH₂···C(···O)NPh₂] in THF at -70 °C.⁷ This ligand can coordinate to metals via the

phosphorus atom only, as with [Pd(dba)₂] (dba = dibenzylideneacetone), or can form unsymmetrical *P*,*O* chelates with palladium(II) complexes.⁷ Its corresponding enolate has been readily obtained by deprotonation with Li[N(ⁱPr)₂)] (LDA) and reacted with Ph₂PCl in THF at -70 °C. The new diphosphine (Ph₂P)₂CHC(O)NPh₂ (L²) was formed as a result of P–C bond formation and isolated in high yield. Its spectroscopic characteristics include a singlet resonance in the ¹H NMR spectrum for the P₂CH proton at δ 4.60 and a singlet in the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum at δ –1.4. The strong absorption in the IR spectrum at 1651 cm⁻¹ is similar to that observed at 1658 cm⁻¹ for L¹ (Table 1).⁷ Obviously, the *C*-nucleophilicity of the enolate derived from L¹ has been restored on going from R = Ph to R = NPh₂ (Scheme 1).

Reaction of ligand L^2 with *n*-BuLi or LDA in THF at -60 °C, followed by addition of Ph₂PCl, did not lead to further P–O or P–C coupling reactions.

The ligand L^2 could in principle bind to metal centers by forming a four-membered *P*,*P* chelate, like dppm or (Ph₂P)₂-CHC(O)Ph,⁸ five-membered *P*,*O* or *P*,*N* chelates, or a *P*,*P*,*O* or *P*,*P*,*N* bridge. To explore these possibilities, we reacted L^2 with different metal complexes. Formation of a four-membered *P*,*P* chelate was observed in the reaction of L^2 with PtCl₂-(NCPh)₂ which yielded *cis*-[PtCl₂{(Ph₂P)₂CHC(O)NPh₂-*P*,*P*}]

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Scheme 1



(1) (eq 4); as indicated by the ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR resonance at δ -48.6 with ${}^{1}J(PtP) = 3214$ Hz and an IR absorption at 1658



cm⁻¹ for the amide function, similar to that in free L². Reaction of L² with the palladium complex [(dmba)Pd(NCMe)₂](BF₄)⁹ (dmba = o-C₆H₄CH₂NMe₂) yielded [(dmba)Pd{(Ph₂P)₂CHC-(O)NPh₂-*P*,*N*}](BF₄) (**2**) in which L² forms a five-membered *P*,*N* chelate (eq 5). This was established by ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy where two doublets were observed at δ –17.7 for the uncoordinated P atom and at δ 10.9 for the coordinated P atom with ²*J*(PP) = 63.9 Hz. The ν (C=O) value of 1650 cm⁻¹ indicates *P*,*N*- rather than *P*,*O*-chelation. If the latter bonding mode were to occur, a ν (C=O) absorption around 1560 cm⁻¹ would be expected, as observed for **8** (see below).

When L^2 was reacted with 1 equiv of $[Cu(NCMe)_4](BF_4)^{10}$ in CH₂Cl₂, a complex was isolated which corresponds to the formulation $[CuL^2](BF_4)$ (eq 6). A preliminary X-ray structure



determination of $[Cu_2\{(Ph_2P)_2CHC(O)NPh_2-P,P,O\}_2](BF_4)_2$ (3) established its centrosymmetric, dimeric nature.¹¹ Each ligand acts as a μ_2 - η^3 tripod, being a *P*,*O*-chelate to a Cu ion and

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Figure 1. View of the molecular structure of the complex $[Cu_2\{(Ph_2P)_2-CHC(O)NPh_2-P,P,O\}_2]$ (BF₄)₂ (**3**) (see text).

P-bound to the other (Figure 1). The two Cu(I) centers are maintained at a relatively short distance¹² of 2.857(2) Å by this new assembling ligand. The bond distances involving the copper coordination are as follows: Cu–P = 2.263(3) and 2.205(3) Å and Cu–O = 2.148(7) Å. An eight-membered Cu₂P₄C₂ ring and a 10-membered Cu₂P₂O₂C₄ ring may be identified in this unusual structure. The IR spectrum of **3** shows a strong band at 1566 cm⁻¹ for the coordinated carbonyl function. At room temperature, the ³¹P{¹H} spectrum NMR in CDCl₃ (see Table 1) indicates that the four phosphorus atoms are equivalent at δ 19.1 ppm, as a consequence of dynamic exchange between the ligands (see below). A pseudoquintet resonance in the ¹H NMR spectrum at δ 5.27 with ²*J*(PH) = 3.3 Hz spectrum is assigned to the P₂CH proton.

Hemilabile Behavior of the Ligands L^1 and L^2 in Copper-(I) Complexes. The complex [Cu(NCMe)₄](BF₄) was reacted with two equivalents of L^1 in CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature and gave the monocationic complex [Cu{Ph₂PCH₂C(O)NPh₂}{Ph₂-CH₂C(O)NPh₂}](BF₄) (4) (eq 7). The IR spectrum of 4 displays



- (11) The crystals of the copper complex **3** were of very small size and of poor quality, so it was possible to determine its structure, but a satisfactory refinement was prevented. Crystal data: $[C_{76}H_{62}Cu_2N_2O_2P_4]$ - $[BF_4]_2\cdot 2CHCl_3$, monoclinic, space group $P2_1/n$, a = 14.829(3) Å, b = 17.731(4) Å, c = 14.796(3) Å, $\beta = 96.71(2)^\circ$, V = 3864(3) Å³, Z = 2, and R = 0.0115.
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absorption bands at 1658 and 1618 cm⁻¹, indicating the coexistence in the molecule of two bonding modes for L¹, namely *P*-monodentate and *P*,*O*-chelate. However, the ³¹P{¹H} spectrum NMR (see Table 1) in CDCl₃ shows that the two phosphorus atoms are equivalent at room temperature, which is confirmed in the ¹H NMR spectrum by broad signals for the methylene groups of L¹. This observation suggests a dynamic exchange between the ligands around a tricoordinated metal center, similar to that previously observed in mononuclear copper(I) complexes containing β -ketophosphine ligands¹³ (Scheme 2). When the mononuclear complex **4** was dissolved

Scheme 2



in a donor solvent such as acetonitrile, formation of 5a was observed. The IR spectrum of 5a contains only one band in the carbonyl region at 1662 cm^{-1} , which is assigned to the dangling oxygen atoms of the ligands L^1 (Scheme 2). Accordingly, the ³¹P{¹H} and ¹H NMR spectra (see Table 1) in CD₃-CN indicate the equivalence of the two phosphorus atoms with a singlet at δ -11.8, and a well-resolved doublet for the CH₂ protons of the chemically equivalent ligand L^1 . When the NMR solvent CD₃CN was removed *in vacuo* from a solution of **5a** in a NMR tube, complex 4 was regenerated (identified by ¹H and ³¹P{¹H} NMR). Moreover, when **4** was dissolved in a mixture of CD₂Cl₂/CH₃CN, the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum exhibited a resonance at -9.4 ppm, a chemical shift which is intermediate between those of 4 at -7.0 ppm and of 5a at -11.8 ppm. The lability of the oxygen-copper bond in complex 4 has also been observed in SMe₂ to give **5b** (see Experimental Section). These experiments show the reversible coordination of small molecules (RCN, SR₂) to complex 4, accompanied by opening and closing of the P,O-chelate. Related reversible displacement reactions have been observed with Re(I) and Ru(II) complexes containing a β - or a γ -ketophosphine ligand, respectively.¹⁴

From these results, it was anticipated that complex **3** would also undergo a dynamic behavior. This has been studied by variable temperature ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR in CD₂Cl₂. At -50 °C, two different signals are observed at 20.0 and 17.5 ppm which correspond to the bonding modes *P*-monodentate and *P*,*O*-chelate of L² respectively, and coalescence was observed around 5 °C (Scheme 3) (Figure 2).

As with complex 4, reversible coordination of small molecules CH₃CN (or SMe₂) has been observed for the binuclear complex



Figure 2. Variable-temperature ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of complex **3**.

3 (see below). In CH₃CN, a new IR band grows in at 1653 cm⁻¹ at the expense of that at 1566 cm⁻¹, indicating displacement of the oxygen donor by acetonitrile. Addition of CH₂Cl₂ progressively restores the IR band at 1566 cm⁻¹ and the *P*,*P*,*O* bonding for the bridging ligand L^2 in **3** (Scheme 3).

Synthesis of Phosphino Enolate Complexes. We have seen above that the chemo selectivity of the reaction between the lithium phosphino enolates Li[Ph₂PCH $\cdot\cdot\cdot$ C($\cdot\cdot\cdot$ O)R] (R = Ph, NPh₂) and Ph₂PCl is governed by the nature of R. We wished to extend to M-Cl bonds a comparison of their reactivity. The reaction of Li[Ph₂PCH $\cdot \cdot C(\cdot \cdot O)$ NPh₂] with $[(dmba)Pd(\mu-Cl)]_2$ led to the phosphino enolate-P,O chelate complex $[(dmba)Pd{Ph_2PCH \cdots C(\cdots O)NPh_2}]$ (9). Its spectroscopic data (Table 1) are similar to those of the corresponding complex with $[Ph_2PCH \cdot \cdot \cdot C(\cdot \cdot \cdot O)Ph]^{-.5}$ Complex 9 has also been obtained in lower yield by deprotonation of the complexes $[(dmba)PdCl{Ph_2PCH_2C(O)NPh_2}]$ (7) or $[(dmba)Pd{Ph_2-}$ $PCH_2C(O)NPh_2$](BF₄) (8) with NaH or LDA respectively (Scheme 4). The crystal structure determination of [(8-mq)- $Pd\{Ph_2PCH \cdot \cdot \cdot C(\cdot \cdot \cdot O)NPh_2\}$] (10), the 8-mq analog of 9,⁷ established the molecular structure drawn.

Crystal Structure of [(8-mq)Pd{Ph₂PCH···C(···O)N-Ph₂] (10). A view of the structure of complex 10 is shown in Figure 3; selected bond distances and angles are given in Table 2. The palladium has a square planar coordination involving the N(1) and C(10) atoms from the 8-mq ligand [Pd-N(1) = 2.076(3) Å and Pd-C(10) = 2.026(7) Å] and the O(1) and P atoms from the phosphino enolate ligand [Pd-P = 2.232(2) Å and Pd-O(1) = 2.108(4) Å], both acting as chelating ligands. The coordinated atoms are perfectly coplanar with the metal

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Scheme 3





Figure 3. View of the molecular structure of the complex [(8-mq)- $Pd{Pb_2PCH \cdot \cdot C(\cdot \cdot O)NPh_2}$] (10).

Scheme 4



atom which deviates by 0.048(1) Å from this plane. In both pentaatomic chelating rings the four atoms of the ligands are perfectly coplanar, and the palladium atom deviates only slightly from the 8-mq plane (0.082(1) Å) but more significantly from the phosphino enolate plane (0.297(1) Å). These two planes form an angle of $11.4(2)^{\circ}$. The structural parameters within the Pd(8-mq) moiety are similar to those found in related complexes.^{15a,16} For example in the structure of [(8-mq)PdBr{Ph₂-PCH₂C(O)OEt}], in which the N atom is also trans with respect to the P atom, the Pd–P, Pd–N and Pd–C bond distances are

Table 2. Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for Complex 10

complex 10			
Pd-P	2.232(2)	Pd-O(1)	2.108(4)
Pd-N(1)	2.076(3)	Pd-C(10)	2.026(7)
P-C(12)	1.737(5)	P-C(25)	1.827(4)
P-C(31)	1.827(4)	O(1) - C(11)	1.302(5)
N(1) - C(1)	1.322(6)	N(1) - C(5)	1.375(7)
N(2) - C(11)	1.390(5)	N(2)-C(13)	1.436(5)
N(2) - C(19)	1.439(5)	C(5) - C(9)	1.407(6)
C(9)-C(10)	1.519(6)	C(11) - C(12)	1.378(5)
N(1)-Pd-C(10)	83.5(2)	O(1) - Pd - N(1)	93.6(1)
P-Pd-C(10)	98.7(2)	P-Pd-O(1)	84.0(1)
Pd-P-C(31)	117.7(1)	Pd-P-C(25)	118.0(1)
Pd-P-C(12)	100.0(2)	C(25) - P - C(31)	102.8(2)
C(12)-P-C(31)	108.4(2)	C(12)-P-C(25)	109.6(2)
Pd-O(1)-C(11)	114.8(2)	Pd - N(1) - C(5)	113.1(3)
Pd-N(1)-C(1)	127.6(3)	C(1) - N(1) - C(5)	119.3(4)
C(13)-N(2)-C(19)	116.6(3)	C(11) - N(2) - C(19)	120.8(3)
C(11)-N(2)-C(13)	122.2(3)	N(1)-C(5)-C(9)	116.7(5)
C(5)-C(9)-C(10)	117.6(4)	O(1) - C(11) - N(2)	115.7(3)
N(2)-C(11)-C(12)	120.7(3)	O(1)-C(11)-C(12)	123.6(4)
P-C(12)-C(11)	116.3(3)		

2.232(1), 2.094(5), and 2.042(6) Å, respectively. In the phosphino enolate ligand of **10**, the double bond delocalization is shown by the value of the P–C(12) bond distance, 1.737(5) Å, which is much shorter than those of the P–C(25) and P–C(31) bonds, 1.827(4) Å, and by the values of the C(11)–C(12) and C(11)–O(1) bonds, 1.378(5) and 1.302(5) Å, which are in agreement with a partial double bond character (see form **I**). The structural parameters in this ligand are similar to those



found in other complexes with the related ligand [Ph₂PCH \therefore C(\therefore O)Ph]⁻, such as [{Ru(μ -Cl)[Ph₂PCH $\cdot\cdot$ C($\cdot\cdot$ O)-Ph](CO)₂}₂].¹⁷ The planar geometry around the nitrogen atom N(2) (sum of its valency angles 360.6°) together with the short

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N(2)-C(11) distance of 1.390(5) Å are consistent with a significant double bond character for the latter bond and a greater contribution of resonance form **III** over form **II** to the overall structure.¹⁸ The Pd-P and Pd-O bond distances are comparable with those found in [(dmba)Pd{Ph₂PCH···C-(··O)OEt}], 2.242(2) and 2.117(5) Å, respectively, in which the enolate of the ethyl diphenylphosphinoacetate ligand forms a three-electron donor (*P*,*O*)-chelate ring strictly related to that of **10**,^{15a} and in [(dmba)Pd{Ph₂PCH₂C(O)O}], 2.218(1) and 2.105(3) Å, in which a phosphinoacetato ligand chelates the Pd(II) center.^{15b}

Reactivity of the Lithium Enolate toward Coordinated Benzonitrile. When Li[Ph₂PCH \cdots C(\cdots O)NPh₂] was reacted with [PtCl₂(NCPh)₂] in THF at -60 °C, the complex *cis*-Pt[Ph₂PCH \cdots C(\cdots O)NPh₂]₂ (**11**) was formed and isolated in high yield. Its spectroscopic properties (Table 1) are very similar to those of *cis*-Pt[Ph₂PCH \cdots C(\cdots O)Ph]₂.⁵ However, when this reaction was performed at 0 °C, another product was isolated instead, the analytical and spectroscopic data of which

are consistent with the structure *trans*- $Pt[Ph_2PC{=C(NH)Ph}{C(O)NPh_2}]_2$ (12) (eq 8). In the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum a



singlet resonance is found at δ 42.6 with ¹*J*(PtP) = 2534 Hz, and in the ¹H NMR spectrum the NH proton gives rise to a singlet at δ 4.97 with ¹⁹⁵Pt satellites (²J(PtH) = 44.4 Hz). In the IR spectrum, the ν (NH) and ν (CO) vibrations are found at 3374 and 1607 cm⁻¹, respectively. In this complex, the benzonitrile ligand has formally inserted into the PC-H bond of the enolate anion. Obviously, the nucleophilic carbon atom of $[Ph_2PCH \cdot \cdot \cdot C(\cdot \cdot \cdot O)NPh_2]^-$ has attacked the CN carbon atom of the coordinated benzonitrile ligand, this being followed by proton transfer from the enolate carbon to the nitrogen atom. When the platinum complexes $[PtCl_2(NC-CH=CH_2)_2]$ or [PtCl₂(1,5-COD)] were reacted with Li[Ph₂PCH-··C- $(\bullet \bullet O)$ NPh₂], either at -60 °C or at 0 °C, only *cis*-Pt[Ph₂PCH $\cdot \cdot C(\cdot \cdot O)NPh_2]_2$ (11) was isolated. This is most likely due to the greater lability of the CH₂=CH-CN and 1,5-COD ligands. Furthermore, the reaction of a mixture of Li[Ph₂PCH $\cdot \cdot C(\cdot \cdot O)NPh_2$ and PhCN at -60 °C with [PtCl₂(COD)] did not lead to complex 12 but to 11, confirming that metal toward nucleophiles.¹⁹ Reaction of **12** with acids resulted in protonation of the coordinated ligand and formation of *trans*-

 $[Pt{Ph_2PC[C(O)NPh_2]}=C(NH_2)Ph]_2](BF_4)_2$ (13) which contains unusual phosphine amide, enamine ligands (eq 9).



Protonation is likely to occur at the coordinated nitrogen atom (although alternatives are conceivable) and would be followed by rotation of the ligand about the P–C bond and coordination of the NPh₂ donor group. The isomeric structure *s*-*trans* with



respect to the C_P-C_N bond was ruled out on the basis of the ¹H NMR resonance for the NH proton at δ 10.95, a chemical shift more consistent with a NH···O than a NH···N hydrogen bond.²⁰ Deprotonation of **13** by NaH or NEt₃ occurs readily and regenerates **12** (eq 9).

Reactivity of Phosphino Enolate Complexes toward Organic Isocyanates. We found that the nucleophilic character of the enolate carbon of 10 was not sufficient for any reaction to occur with CO₂ (12 atm) at room temperature in THF, contrasting to the case where the NPh2 group is replaced by OEt.^{15a} We therefore examined the behavior of organic isocyanates, which are known to be more reactive than CO₂.²¹ Complexes 9 and 10 react with p-MeC₆H₄NCO in CH₂Cl₂ by formation of C-C bonds to produce complexes 14 and 15, respectively. This reactivity is a consequence of the Cnucleophilic character of the P,O chelate (eq 10). Isomers 14a and 15a were identified by ¹H NMR spectroscopy: NH···O resonances are visible at δ 10.0 (14a) and 10.4 (15a) whereas for isomers 14b and 15b a doublet is observed for the PC*-H group at δ 4.84 with ²J(PH) = 12.8 Hz and at 5.02 with ²J(PH) = 12.2 Hz, respectively. Moreover, the presence of a chiral carbon atom in 14b leads to an ABX spin system for the dmba protons CH^AH^BPdPC* which appear as a "doublet" (part A)

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and "doublet of doublets" (part B) at δ 4.61 and 3.23 respectively, with $J(H^AH^B) = 13.2$ Hz and ${}^4J(PH^B) = 2.9$ Hz. The equilibrium between isomers (**14a,b**) and (**15a,b**) was confirmed by rapid exchange of the NH···O proton when D₂O was added to a CDCl₃ solution, which led to disappearence of both the signals at δ 10.0 and 5.02. The IR spectrum of the mixture **14a,b** or **15a,b** contains strong absorptions in the $\nu(C=O)$ and $\nu(C-\cdot\cdotC) + \nu(C-\cdot\cdotO)$ region. A precise assignment was not possible although the absorptions at 1658 (**14b**) and 1662 (**15b**) most likely correspond to the $\nu(C=O)$ vibration of the Ph₂NC(O) moiety. The absorption at 1616 cm⁻¹ in the spectrum of **14** could correspond to the PdN(C=O) vibration of isomer **b**, by analogy with the data for **16** (see below).

Noteworthy is that only one geometrical isomer **16** was obtained from the reaction of p-MeC₆H₄NCO with the platinum complex **11** in CH₂Cl₂ (eq 11). The diastereoisomers 1-*cis*-**16**





and u-*cis*-16, formed in a 1:1 ratio, as determined by integration of the PCH resonances in the ¹H NMR spectrum, contain chiral bifunctional phosphine ligands. They were characterized by their different chemical shifts in ¹H, ³¹P{¹H} and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectroscopies (Table 1).

Discussion

Enolates are known to be ambident reagents but the reaction of Li[CH₂···C(···O)Ph] with Ph₂PCl in THF affords the ketophosphine Ph₂PCH₂C(O)Ph in a completely chemoselective manner. The same holds true with Li[CH₂···C(···O)NPh₂] which leads to Ph₂PCH₂C(O)NPh₂ (L¹).^{7,22} Related 2-(diphen-

ylphosphino)acetamide ligands have been prepared by reaction of KPPh₂ with ClCH₂C(O)NHR (R = H, Me, Ph).²³ The reactivity of stable metal complexes containing P-coordinated α -phosphino enolates [Ph₂PCH···C(···O)R]⁻ (R = OEt, Ph) toward electrophiles has accordingly given rise to reactions which led to Cenolate-electrophile or Oenolate-electrophile bond formation. The former situation has been encountered with electrophilic reagents such as CO_2^{15} (only when R = OEt), ArNCO,²⁴ MeO₂CC≡CCO₂Me,²⁵ [(dmba)Pd(µ-Cl)]₂, [(8-mq)- $Pd(\mu-Cl)_{2}^{15a}$ or $[Au(PPh_{3})]^{+26a}$ and the latter with Ph₂PCl and PhPCl₂.⁵ The possibility of coordinating the phosphorus donor to a metal center allows a tuning of the enolate reactivity, although the Cenolate atom is not directly bonded to the metal. Whereas reactions of the lithium salts Li[Ph2PCH ... C-(--O)R (R = OEt, Ph) with CO₂ or MeO₂CC=CCO₂Me did not take place or did not lead to any isolated product,^{26a} the reaction of Li[Ph₂PCH $\cdot \cdot \cdot C(\cdot \cdot \cdot O)$ Ph] with Ph₂PCl in Et₂O yielded the P-O_{enolate} coupling product Ph₂PCH=C(Ph)OPPh₂.⁴ Note that a coordinated isomer of the latter ligand, (Ph₂P)₂-CHC(O)Ph, has been obtained by deprotonation with n-BuLi of $[(CO)_4M(dppm-P,P)]$ (M = Cr, Mo, W), followed by addition of benzoyl chloride. However, these complexes in solution were unstable to light, and migration of a PPh₂ substituent from carbon to oxygen occurred to yield the thermodynamic product $[(CO)_4W(Ph_2PCH=C(Ph)OPPh_2].^8$

We have now found that the presence of the more electron donating group NPh₂ in Li[Ph₂PCH \cdots C(\cdots O)NPh₂] reverses the chemoselectivity of the reaction with Ph₂PCl since only P-C_{enolate} coupling is observed in Et₂O or THF, leading to L². As far as the reactivity of [Ph₂PCH \cdots C(\cdots O)R]⁻ is concerned, one may therefore say that it behaves toward P-Cl bonds according to the limiting form **IV** when R = Ph and to the limiting form **V** when R = NPh₂. These contrasting chemo-



selectivities could be related to different structures of the alkali metal phosphino enolate reagents in solution as a function of the R group. In this context, it is interesting to note the structural effect of the cation since the solid-state structures of K(18-crown-6)[Ph₂PCH···C(···O)Ph] and K(Kryptofix-2,2,2) [Ph₂PCH···C(···O)Ph] contain monomeric entities^{26a} whereas that of [Na{Ph₂PCH···C(···O)Ph}]₄ is of the cubane type.^{26b}

The ligand L^2 was found to bind to Pt(II) as a *P*,*P* chelate in *cis*-[PtCl₂{(Ph₂P)₂CHC(O)NPh₂-*P*,*P*}] (1), in the manner of a functionalized dppm ligand (eq 4). In the Pd(II) complex **2**, it behaves as a *P*,*N* chelate, formally leaving the second phosphorus group and the amide oxygen available for further coordination to Lewis acid metal centers (eq 5). In the dicopper complex [Cu₂{(Ph₂P)₂CHC(O)NPh₂-*P*,*P*,*O*]₂](BF₄)₂ (**3**), L^2 adopts a μ_2 - η^3 bonding mode. These bonding modes of L^2 are reminiscent of those found in Rh(I) complexes containing the ligand PNP [PNP = 2-(bis(diphenylphosphino)methyl)pyridine]

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(eq 6).²⁷ The centrosymmetric structure of complex 3 was established by X-ray diffraction although the quality of the crystals did not allow a refinement of the structure.¹¹ The dynamic behavior of this complex involves opening of the Cu,P,O chelates and closing of the Cu*,P*,O chelates. This hemilabile behavior extends to a dinuclear complex observations made with 4 (Scheme 2) and previously with mononuclear Cu-(I), Ru(II), or Rh(III) complexes with P,O ligands such as Ph₂-PCH₂C(O)Ph, Ph₂PCH₂C(O)[$(\eta^{5}-C_{5}H_{4})Fe(\eta^{5}-C_{5}H_{5})$], Ph₂PCH₂-C(O)OEt, or Ph₂PCH₂CH₂OMe.^{13,28-31} To the best of our knowledge, 3 represents the first example of a binuclear species containing a hemilabile oxygen-phosphorus ligand (Scheme 3). These results show that the ligand L^2 combines the coordination properties of a bridging diphosphine similar to dppm with the reversible dissociation of the oxygen function in the presence of NCMe or SMe₂ found with ligand L^1 .

Nitrile coordination to an electron-withdrawing metal center enhances the electrophilicity of the nitrile carbon and makes it susceptible to nucleophilic attack by reagents such as hydroxide ions, alcoholates, amides, or carbanions.¹⁹ The nature of the products obtained by reaction of $Li[Ph_2PCH \cdot \cdot \cdot C(\cdot \cdot \cdot O) -$ NPh₂] with [PtCl₂(NCPh)₂] was found to be strongly temperature dependent, complex 11 being obtained at -60 °C whereas 12 was formed at 0 °C. Formation of 11 simply involves ligand displacement reactions, whereas that of 12 involves nucleophilic attack of the Cenolate on the coordinated nitrile ligand. A similar reaction has been observed with $[Ph_2PCH \cdot C(\cdot O)R]^$ when $R = OEt^{19a,b}$ but not when R = Ph (less electron donating), illustrating the role of R in controlling the reactivity of the Cenolate carbon atom center. The reasons for this temperature-dependent reactivity are not clear at the moment but could reside in the occurence of different structures (and therefore reactivities) of the phosphino enolate reagent as a function of temperature. Notwithstanding the counterintuitive finding that the benzonitrile ligand is displaced from Pt at -60 °C and remains in the coordination sphere of the metal at 0 °C, we believe that nucleophilic attack of the Cenolate occurs on the coordinated PhCN ligand, as observed in the case of the reaction with [Ph2- $PCH \cdot \cdot \cdot C(\cdot \cdot \cdot O)OEt]^{-1}$. This would also be consistent with the observation that [PtCl₂(NC-CH=CH₂)₂] or [PtCl₂(1,5-COD)] only led to 11, whatever the reaction temperature, owing to the high lability of these ligands. This lability should not have prevented an hypothetical intermolecular reaction to occur between the enolate and the free organonitrile, but this was not observed. In fact, the reaction at -60 °C of a mixture of Li- $[Ph_2PCH \cdot \cdot \cdot C(\cdot \cdot \cdot O)NPh_2]$ and PhCN, stirred for 1 h, with

[PtCl₂(COD)] did not lead to complex **12** but to *cis*-Pt[Ph₂PCH

 \dots C(\dots O)NPh₂]₂ (11). Pure 11 was independently shown not to react with PhCN. Protonation of 12 induces a rearrangement of the coordination sphere of the metal and the product 13 can be reversibly deprotonated to 12.

Reactions of **9** and **10** with organic isocyanates resulted in carbon–carbon bond formation with the enolate carbon (eq 10).

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The presence of isomers **14a** and **14b** (**15a** and **15b**) was established by spectroscopic methods, and their interconversion illustrates the hemilabile character of the multifonctional phosphine ligand. It is noteworthy that it results from breaking of a covalent rather than dative bond. In a related study with $[(C N)Pd{Ph_2PCH \dots C(\dots O)Ph}]$, it was shown that such isomerizations are intramolecular and do not proceed by deinsertion of the organic isocyanate.²⁴ An isomeric structure of the functional ligand of the type shown in **B** was ruled out on the basis of the spectroscopic data and the need for a stereogenic center that renders the CH₂N protons of the dmba ligand diastereotopic.



Note however that a ligand arrangement similar to that found in **B** has been observed for complex $C.^{24}$ In the complexes *cis*-Pt[Ph₂PCH···C(···O)R]₂, the *C*-nucleophilicity of the chelating phosphino enolate toward ArNCO was strongly influenced by the nature of the substituent R. When R = Ph, insertion of ArNCO into the enolate C-H bond was observed in only one of the *P*,*O* chelates after a week.²⁴ However, when R = NPh₂, insertion occurred in both *P*,*O* chelates after only 1 h, emphasizing that in complex **11**, the -NPh₂ substituent is a better donor than the phenyl group. However, these donor properties are not sufficient to produce reaction of the enolate moiety of [(8-mq)Pd{Ph₂PCH···C(···O)NPh₂}] with CO₂, in

contrast to its analog where $R = OEt^{15a}$ This observation suggests that the $-NPh_2$ group is a weaker donor than the OEt substituent.

Conclusions

Reactions of various (functional) enolates with Ph₂PCl have led to coupling products with a chemoselectivity strongly dependent upon the nature of the substituents (Scheme 5). The

Scheme 5

$$[CH_{2} \cdots C(\cdots O)R]^{-} + Ph_{2}PCI \xrightarrow{P-C \text{ coupling}} CI^{-} + Ph_{2}PCH_{2}C(O)R$$

$$L^{1}$$

$$Ph_{2}PCH = C(Ph)OPPh_{2} \xrightarrow{P-O \text{ coupling}} + Ph_{2}PCI \xrightarrow{P+C} UI[Ph_{2}PCH = C(\cdots O)R]$$

$$Ph_{2}P \xrightarrow{P+C \text{ coupling}} R = Ph$$

$$Ph_{2}P \xrightarrow{P+C} UI[Ph_{2}PCH = C(\cdots O)R]$$

complete chemoselectivity of these reactions makes them synthetically useful. The P–C coupling pathways lead to functional phosphines such as L^1 or to the functional diphosphine L^2 . The synthesis of new chiral, functional diphosphine ligands by the selective P–C coupling reaction of Li[Ph₂PCH $\rightarrow C(\rightarrow O)$ NPh₂] with different chlorophosphines is currently in progress (eq 12). We have begun to explore the coordination properties of the latter species and found a diversity of bonding modes (*P*,*P*; *P*,*N*, and *P*,*P*,*O*) which further illustrates the Chemoselective Reactions of Phosphino Enolates

$$Li[Ph_{2}CH - C(-O)NPh_{2}] \xrightarrow{+R_{2}PCI, R \neq Ph} Ph_{2}P \xrightarrow{-LiCl} Ph_{2}$$

versatility and potential of polyfunctional phosphine ligands in synthetic chemistry. This includes extensions in polynuclear chemistry. The ligands L^1 and L^2 co-ordinated to mono- and binuclear copper(I) complexes present a dynamic behavior in CDCl₃ solution and a facile reversible oxygen-donor dissociation in the presence of small molecules such as NCMe or SMe₂. This feature could lead to interesting catalytic properties.

Experimental Section

A. Reagents and Physical Measurements. All reactions were performed using Schlenk-techniques under dry nitrogen. The solvents were distilled and dried prior to use under nitrogen. The ¹H, ³¹P{¹H}, and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra were recorded at 300.13, 121.5, and 75.5 MHz, respectively, on a FT Bruker AC 300 instrument. IR spectra were recorded in the 4000–400 cm⁻¹ range on a Bruker IFS66 FT spectrometer.

B. Syntheses. The syntheses of Ph₂PCH₂C(O)NPh₂ (**L**¹) and [(8-mq)Pd{Ph₂PCH···C(···O)NPh₂}] (**10**) have been described elsewhere.⁷ The complexes [Cu(NCMe)₄](BF₄),¹⁰ [(\overrightarrow{C} N)Pd(NCMe)₂]-(BF₄),⁹ [(\overrightarrow{C} N)Pd(μ -Cl)₂] [(\overrightarrow{C} N) = dmba-H, dimethylbenzylamine; 8-mq-H, 8-methylquinoline],³² [PtCl₂(COD)] (COD: 1,5-cyclooctadiene),³³ and [PtCl₂(NCPh)₂]³⁴ were prepared according to the literature. [PtCl₂(NCPh)₂] is predominantly obtained as the *cis* isomer, but isomerization to the *trans* form is a facile process.³⁵

Ph₂PCH=C(Ph)OPPh₂. A hexane solution (1.60 mol L^{-1}) of n-BuLi (8.8 mL, 14.0 mmol) was added dropwise at -70 °C to a solution of diisopropylamine (2.0 mL, 14.0 mmol) in diethyl ether (30 mL). After 15 min, a suspension of Ph2PCH2C(O)Ph (4.25 g, 14.0 mmol) in diethyl ether (20 mL) was slowly added at -70 °C. After being stirred for 15 min, a solution of Ph₂PCl (2.50 mL, 14.0 mmol) in diethyl ether (10 mL) was added dropwise at -70 °C over 1 h. The mixture was stirred for 2.5 h with a progressive increase in temperature from -70 °C to room temperature. The solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in toluene (50 mL). The pale yellow solution was filtered and concentrated, and addition of hexane afforded a white powder which was isolated by filtration and dried in vacuo (3.90 g, 57%). IR (KBr): 1595 m, 1564 mw, 1045 s (v(P-O)). ¹H NMR (CD₂-Cl₂): δ 7.6–7.2 (m, 25 H, aromatic), 6.02 (dd, 1 H, PCH, ²J(PH) = 2.7, ${}^{4}J(PH) = 0.8$ Hz). ${}^{1}H$ NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.75–7.0 (m, 25 H, aromatic), 6.27 (dd, 1 H, PCH, ${}^{2}J(PH) = 1.5$, ${}^{4}J(PH) = 0.4$ Hz). ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR (C₆D₆): δ 118.25 (d, Ph₂PO, ⁴J(PP) = 65 Hz), -30.5 (d, Ph₂-PC, ${}^{4}J(PP) = 65$ Hz). Anal. Calcd for $C_{32}H_{26}OP_2$ (M = 488.14) C, 78.66; H, 5.37. Found: C, 78.21; H, 5.19.

Li[Ph₂PCH···C(···O)NPh₂] (A). To a 1.6 M hexane solution of *n*-BuLi (2.0 mL) in THF (30 mL) was added dropwise at -60 °C dry diisopropylamine (0.4 mL). After ca. 0.5 h, a solution of L¹ (1.20 g, 3.03 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise at -60 °C. The mixture was stirred for 1 h, and was considered to contain only the lithium enolate. This solution was used for further reactions.

(**Ph₂P)₂CHC(O)NPh₂ (L²).** A hexane solution (1.60 mol L⁻¹) of *n*-BuLi (4 mL, 6.40 mmol) was added dropwise at -70 °C to a solution of diisopropylamine (0.9 mL, 6.40 mmol) in THF or in Et₂O (20 mL). After 0.5 h, a solution of Ph₂PCH₂C(O)NPh₂ (2.50 g, 6.32 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise at -70 °C. After stirring for 1.5 h, a solution of Ph₂PCl (1.15 mL, 6.40 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise at -70 °C. The mixture was stirred for 2.5 h with a progressive increase in temperature from - 70 °C to room temperature. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in

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toluene (50 mL). The pale yellow solution was filtered and concentrated, and addition of pentane afforded a white powder, which was washed with cold ethanol (20 mL) and dried *in vacuo* (3.75 g, 75%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.6–6.2 (m, 30 H, aromatic), 4.60 (s, 1 H, P₂-CH). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ 169.25 (s, CO), 143.0–126.4 (m, aromatic), 43.84 (t, P₂CH, *J*(PC) = 30 Hz). Anal. Calcd for C₃₈H₃₁-NOP₂ (*M* = 579.62) C, 78.74; H, 5.39; N, 2.42. Found: C, 78.51; H, 5.39; N, 2.44.

cis-[PtCl₂{(Ph₂P)₂CHC(O)NPh₂-*P*,*P*}] (1). A mixture of [PtCl₂-(NCPh)₂] (0.080 g, 0.085 mmol) and L² (0.100 g, 0.085 mmol) was stirred in THF (10 mL). After 0.5 h, the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the white residue washed with pentane. Recrystallization from CH₂Cl₂/pentane afforded a white powder (0.113 g, 79%). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 8.2–6.1 (m, 30 H, aromatic), 4.32 (dd, 1 H, ²*J*(PH) = 4.1, 2.1 Hz, *J*(PtH) = 57 Hz). Anal. Calcd for C₃₈H₃₁Cl₂NOP₂Pt (*M* = 845.61) C, 53.98; H, 3.69; N, 1.66. Found: C, 54.03; H, 3.67; N, 1.67.

[(dmba)Pd{(Ph₂P)₂CHC(O)NPh₂-*P*,*N*}](BF₄) (2). A mixture of [(dmba)Pd(NCMe)₂](BF₄) (0.250 g, 0.61 mmol) and L² (0.354 g, 0.61 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) was stirred for 1 h. The solution was concentrated to half its original volume. Addition of pentane afforded white needles of **2** (0.568 g, 98%). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 7.9–6.3 (m, 34 H, aromatic), 5.44 (dd, 1 H, PCHP, ²*J*(PCH) = 8.9, 6.0 Hz), 4.31 (part A of ABX spin system, 1 H, CH^AH^BNPdPC*, *J*(H^AH^B) = 14.1 Hz, ⁴*J*(PH^A) < 5 Hz), 4.24 (part B of ABX spin system, 1 H, CH^AH^BNPdPC*, *J*(H^AH^B) = 14.1 Hz, ⁴*J*(PH^B) < 5 Hz), 3.00 (3 H, m, Me^BNPdPC*). Anal. Calcd for C₄₇H₄₃-BF₄N₂OP₂Pd0.5CH₂Cl₂ (*M* = 949.51) C, 60.09; H, 4.67; N, 2.95. Found: C, 60.17; H, 4.48; N, 2.86.

[Cu₂{(Ph₂P)₂CHC(O)NPh₂-*P*,*P*,*O*]₂](BF₄)₂ (3). A mixture of [Cu₋(NCMe)₄](BF₄) (0.108 g, 0.343 mmol) and L² (0.200 g, 0.344 mmol) was stirred in CH₂Cl₂ for 6 h. Concentration of the resulting colorless solution and addition of Et₂O resulted in the precipitation of a white solid, which was washed with Et₂O and dried *in vacuo*. Recrystallization from CHCl₃ afforded white crystals, which were suitable for X-ray analysis (0.246 g, 92%). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 7.7–5.9 (m, 60 H, aromatic), 5.27 (quintuplet, 2 H, P₂CH, ²*J*(PH) = 3.3 Hz). ¹³C-{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ 168.69 (s, CO, br), 143.53–121.56 (m, aromatic), 47.68 (s, br, P₂CH). Anal. Calcd for C₇₆H₆₂B₂F₈N₂O₂P₄-Cu₂·1.25CHCl₃ (*M* = 1609.17) C, 57.66; H, 3.96; N, 1.74. Found: C, 57.77; H, 4.08; N, 1.79.

[\dot{Cu} {**Ph**₂**PCH**₂**C**(\dot{O})**NPh**₂}{**Ph**₂**PCH**₂**C**(O)**NPh**₂}](**BF**₄) (4). Following the procedure for **3**, complex **4** was obtained from [Cu(NCMe)₄]-(BF₄) (0.100 g, 0.318 mmol) and **L**¹ (0.251 g, 0.635 mmol). Recrystallization from CH₂Cl₂/pentane afforded white pellets (0.285 g, 95%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.4–7.0 (m, 40 H, aromatic), 3.46 (s, br, 4 H, PCH₂). Anal. Calcd for C₅₂H₄₄BF₄N₂O₂P₂Cu (*M* = 941.23) C, 66.36; H, 4.71; N, 2.98. Found: C, 66.54; H, 4.90; N, 3.04.

[Cu{Ph₂PCH₂C(O)NPh₂}₂(NCCH₃)](BF₄) (5a). Complex 4 was dissolved in CD₃CN. ¹H NMR (CD₃CN): δ 7.4–7.0 (m, 40 H, aromatic), 3.22 (d, 4 H, PCH₂, ²J(PH) = 6.8 Hz).

[Cu{Ph₂PCH₂C(O)NPh₂}₂(SMe₂)](BF₄) (5b). Complex 4 was dissolved in a 3:1 mixture of CDCl₃/Me₂S. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃/Me₂S): δ 7.3–6.8 (m, 40 H, aromatic), 3.17 (s, br, 4 H, PCH₂).

[Cu₂{(Ph₂P)₂CHC(O)NPh₂-*P*,*P*}₂(NCMe)₂](BF₄)₂ (6a). Complex **3** was dissolved in CH₃CN and 6a was characterized in solution. ¹H NMR (CD₃CN): δ 7.6–6.4 (m, 60 H, aromatic), 4.99 (t, 2 H, P₂CH, ²*J*(PH) = 6.8 Hz). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CD₃CN): δ 168.07 (s, CO), 142.76–118.40 (m, aromatic), 46.29 (s, P₂CH).

[Cu₂{(Ph₂P)₂CHC(O)NPh₂-*P*,*P*}₂(SMe₂)₂](BF₄)₂ (6b). Complex 3 was dissolved in a 3:1 mixture of CD₂Cl₂/Me₂S and 6b was characterized in solution. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂/Me₂S): δ 7.6–6.3 (m, 60 H, aromatic), 4.93 (t, 2 H, P₂CH, ²*J*(PH) = 6.6 Hz).

[(dmba)PdCl{Ph₂PCH₂C(O)NPh₂}] (7). A solution of L¹ (0.285 g, 0.72 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) was added to a stirred solution of [(dmba)Pd(μ -Cl)]₂ (0.200 g, 0.36 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL). After being stirred for 1 h, the solution was concentrated to two-thirds of its original volume *in vacuo*. Addition of pentane afforded yellow crystals (0.360 g, 76%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.0–6.3 (m, 24 H, aromatic), 4.05 (d, 2 H, NCH₂, ⁴J(PH) = 1.8 Hz), 3.72 (d, 2 H, PCH₂, ²J(PH) = 10.6 Hz), 2.85 (d, 6 H, NMe₂, ⁴J(PH) = 2.6 Hz). Anal. Calcd for

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 $C_{35}H_{34}ClN_2OPPd$ (M = 671.52) C, 62.60; H, 5.10; N, 4.17. Found: C, 62.85; H, 5.18; N, 4.06.

[(dmba)Pd{Ph₂PCH₂C(O)NPh₂}](BF₄) (8). Solid AgBF₄ (0.062 g, 0.318 mmol) was added to a solution of **7** (0.230 g, 0.316 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL). After being stirred for 1 h, the suspension was filtered and the solution was concentrated to two-thirds of its original volume. Addition of pentane afforded white crystals (0.190 g, 83%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.8–6.2 (m, 24 H, aromatic), 4.00 (d, 2 H, NCH₂, ⁴*J*(PH) = 1.8 Hz), 4.00 (d, 2 H, PCH₂, ²*J*(PH) = 11.4 Hz), 2.77 (d, 6 H, NMe₂, ⁴*J*(PH) = 2.5 Hz). Anal. Calcd for C₃₅H₃₄BF₄N₂OPPd (*M* = 722.87) C, 58.15; H, 4.74; N, 3.87. Found: C, 58.10; H, 4.70; N, 3.87.

[(dmba)Pd{Ph₂PCH···C(···O)NPh₂}] (9). A yellow suspension of [(dmba)Pd(μ -Cl)]₂ (0.838 g, 1.50 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise at -40 °C to an enolate solution **A** prepared as above. After a few minutes, a white suspension was obtained and stirred for 2 h with a slow increase in temperature from -40 °C to room temperature. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The white residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and filtered. Addition of pentane afforded white crystals (1.95 g, 94%). IR (CD₂Cl₂): 1505 w, 1496 vs, 1487 vs. The ν (C···C) + ν (C···O) absorption of the enolate moiety is obscured by these strong bands. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.8–6.7 (m, 24 H, aromatic), 3.90 (d, 2 H, NCH₂, ⁴*J*(PH) = 1.6 Hz), 3.28 (d, 1 H, PCH, ²*J*(PH) = 1.5 Hz), 2.68 (d, 6 H, NMe₂, ⁴*J*(PH) = 13.5 Hz); solvent of crystallization identified by recording a spectrum in CDCl₃. Anal. Calcd for C₃₅H₃₃N₂OPPd·0.75CH₂Cl₂ (*M* = 635.06) C, 61.45; H, 4.97; N, 4.00. Found: C, 61.21; H, 5.00; N, 3.75.

cis-**Pt**[**Ph₂PCH**···**C**(···**O**)**NPh₂**]₂ (11). A suspension of [PtCl₂-(1,5-COD)] (0.565 g, 1.51 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added dropwise at −50 °C to a solution of **A** prepared as above. The suspension was stirred for 2 h with a slow increase in temperature from −50 °C to room temperature. A colourless solution was obtained. After the mixture was stirred for 1 h, the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was extracted with toluene (ca. 100 mL) and the solution filtered. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and recrystallization from CH₂Cl₂/pentane afforded white needles of **11** (1.20 g, 81%). IR (KBr): 1496 vs, 1483 vs. The ν (C···C) + ν (C···O) absorption of the enolate moiety is obscured by these strong bands. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.3−6.7 (m, 40 H, aromatic), 3.02 (d, 2 H, PCH, ²*J*(PH) = 4.3 Hz). Anal. Calcd for C₅₂H₄₂N₂O₂P₂Pt (*M* = 983.95) C, 63.47; H, 4.30; N, 2.85. Found: C, 63.58; H, 4.33; N, 2.79.

trans-Pt[Ph₂PC{=C(NH)Ph}{C(O)NPh₂}]₂ (12). A suspension of [PtCl₂(NCPh)₂] (0.715 g, 1.51 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added dropwise at -5 °C to a solution of **A**. After a few minutes, a yellow solution was obtained. It was stirred with a slow increase in temperature from -5 °C to room temperature and after 1 h, the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The residue was extracted with toluene (ca. 100 mL) and the solution filtered. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was washed with Et₂O (2 × 20 mL) and then dried *in vacuo* (1.40 g, 78%). IR (KBr): 3374 w (NH). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.1–6.4 (m, 50 H, aromatic), 4.97 (s, 2 H, HNPt, ²/(PtH) = 44.4 Hz). Anal. Calcd for C₆₆H₅₂N₄O₂P₂Pt (M = 1190.20) C, 66.60; H, 4.40; N, 4.71. Found: C, 66.68; H, 4.51; N, 4.76.

trans-[Pt{Ph₂PC[C(O)NPh₂][=C(NH₂)Ph]}₂](BF₄)₂ (13). To a solution of 12 (0.080 g, 0.067 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C a solution of HBF₄·Et₂O (0.020 g, 0.17 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). After the mixture was stirred for 10 min, the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The white residue was washed with Et₂O (2 × 10 mL) and then dried *in vacuo*. Recrystallization from CH₂Cl₂/pentane afforded white crystals (0.088 g, 95%). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 10.95 (s, br, 2 H, NH···O, exchanges with D₂O), 8.2–6.5 (m, 50 H, aromatic), 5.81 (t, 2 H, NH, ⁴*J*(PH) = 1.2 Hz, exchanges with D₂O). Anal. Calcd for C₆₆H₅₄B₂F₈N₄O₂P₂Pt·0.25CH₂Cl₂ (*M* = 1387.02) C, 57.37; H, 3.96; N, 4.04. Found: C, 57.20; H, 3.97; N, 3.93.

Deprotonation of 13. NaH (0.010 g, 0.42 mmol) was added to a solution of **13** (0.070 g, 0.050 mmol) in THF (10 mL). After a few minutes, a yellow solution was obtained and stirred for 15 min. The solution was filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The yellow

residue was characterized as complex 12 by ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ and ${}^{1}H$ NMR spectroscopic methods, (spectroscopic yield 100%, isolated 0.055 g, 92%).

$[(dmba) Pd{Ph_2PC[- C(- O)NH(p - MeC_6H_4)] [C(O)NPh_2]}]$

(14a) and $[(dmba)Pd{Ph_2PCH[C(O)N(p-MeC_6H_4)][C(O)NPh_2]}]$ (14b). To a stirred solution of 9 (0.130 g, 0.186 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (15 mL) was added dropwise a solution of p-MeC₆H₄NCO (23 µL, 0.192 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). After being stirred for 2 h, the solution was concentrated to half its original volume and filtered. Addition of pentane afforded white crystals (0.130 g, 91%). Both isomers 14a and 14b were found to be present in a ca. 7:3 ratio in CD₂Cl₂ and 3:7 ratio in CDCl₃. IR (KBr): 1658 vs, 1616 s, 1592 vs, 1580 sh, 1504 s. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 10.0 (s, 1 H, NH of **14a**, exchanges with D₂O), 8.2-6.4 (m, 28 H, aromatic), 3.87 (s, 2 H, NCH2 of 14a), 2.79 (d, 3 H, CH₃, isocyanate of **14a**), 4.84 (d, 1 H, PCH of **14b**, ${}^{2}J(PH) = 12.8$ Hz, exchanges with D₂O), 4.61 (part A of ABX spin system of 14b, 1 H, CH^AH^BNPdPC*, $J(H^{A}H^{B}) = 13.2$ Hz, ${}^{4}J(PH^{A}) < 1$ Hz), 3.23 (part B of ABX spin system of 14b, 1 H, $CH^{A}H^{B}NPdPC^{*}$, $J(H^{A}H^{B}) = 13.2$ Hz, ${}^{4}J(PH^{B}) = 2.9$ Hz), 2.28–2.13 (m, 12 H, NMe₂ of **14a,b** and 3 H, CH₃, isocyanate of 14b). Anal. Calcd for $C_{43}H_{40}N_3O_2PPd$ (M = 768.21) C, 67.23; H, 5.25; N, 5.47. Found: C, 67.43; H, 5.36; N, 5.38.

 $[(8-mq) Pd{Ph_2PC[\cdots C(\cdots O) NH(p - MeC_6H_4)][C(O)NPh_2]}]$

(15a) and [(8-mq)Pd{Ph₂PCH[C(O)N(p-MeC₆H₄)][C(O)NPh₂]}] (15b). To a stirred solution of 10 (0.095 g, 0.147 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added dropwise a solution of p-MeC₆H₄NCO (18 µL, 0.150 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). After being stirred for 2 h, the solution was concentrated to half its original volume and filtered. Addition of pentane afforded white crystals (0.109 g, 95%). Both isomers 15a and 15b were found to be present in a ca. 1:1 ratio in CD₂Cl₂ or in CDCl₃. IR (KBr): 1662 m, 1580 s, 1540 s, 1513 s, 1504 vs. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 10.4 (s, 1 H, NH of **15a**, exchanges with D₂O), 8.8-6.7 (m, 60 H, aromatic of **15a,b**), 5.02 (d, 1 H, PCH of **15b**, ${}^{2}J(PH) =$ 12.2 Hz, exchanges with D₂O), 3.04 (br, 2 H) and 2.97 (s, 2 H) PdCH₂ of 15a,b, 2.35 (s, 3 H, CH₃, isocyanate), 2.33 (s, 3 H, CH₃, isocyanate). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ 175.07 (d, CO, ²J(PC) = 29.1 Hz), 173.81 (s, CO), 172.14 (d, CO, ${}^{2}J(PC) = 12.1$ Hz), 166.57 (s, CO), 55.17 (d, PCH of 15b, J(PC) = 28.7 Hz), 23.68 (s, PdC), 23.01 (s, PdC), 21.08 (s, CH₃, isocyanate), 20.98 (s, CH₃, isocyanate). Anal. Calcd for $C_{44}H_{36}N_3O_2PPd$ (*M* = 776.19) C, 68.09; H, 4.68; N, 5.41. Found: C, 68.07; H, 4.73; N, 5.63.

cis-Pt[Ph₂PCH{C(O)N(p-MeC₆H₄)}{C(O)NPh₂}]₂ (16). To a solution of complex 11 (0.400 g, 0.406 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) was added dropwise a solution of p-MeC₆H₄NCO (0.100 mL, 0.835 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). After being stirred for 2 h, the solution was concentrated to half its original volume and filtered. Addition of pentane afforded white crystals (0.508 g, 76%). Both diastereoisomers 1-cis-16 and u-cis-16 were found to be present in a ca. 1:1 ratio in CD₂Cl₂. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 7.4–6.7 (m, 96 H, aromatic protons), 5.14 (d, 2 H, PCH of 1-*cis*-16 or u-*cis*-16, ${}^{2}J(PH) = 10.8$ Hz), 4.79 (d, 2 H, PCH of u-cis-16 or l-cis-16, ${}^{2}J(PH) = 11.7$ Hz), 2.27 (s, 6 H, CH₃, isocyanate), 2.21 (s, 6 H, CH₃, isocyanate). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (CDCl₃): δ 166.4 (s, CO), 165.7 (s, CO), 57.36 (d, PCH, J(PC) = 35.7 Hz), 54.63 (d, PCH, J(PC) = 34.0 Hz), 21.10 (s, CH₃, isocyanate), 21.03 (s, CH₃, isocyanate). Anal. Calcd for $C_{68}H_{56}N_4O_4P_2Pt$ (M =1250.25) C, 65.32; H, 4.51; N, 4.48. Found: C, 65.08; H, 4.54; N, 4.38

X-ray Crystal Structure Determination of Complex 10. The crystal data are summarized in Table 3. Data were collected at room temperature on a Philips PW 1100 diffractometer using the $\theta/2\theta$ scan type. The reflections were collected with variable scan speed of $3-12^{\circ}$ min⁻¹ and a scan width of $(1.20 + 0.346 \tan \theta)^{\circ}$. One standard reflection was monitored every 100 measurements; no significant decay was noticed over the data collection period. Intensities were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. No correction for absorption was applied.

The structure was solved by Patterson and Fourier methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares methods, first with isotropic thermal parameters and then with anisotropic thermal parameters for all non-

Table 3. Summary of Crystallographic Data for Complex 10

	mol formula	C ₃₆ H ₂₉ N ₂ OPPd			
	mol wt	643.01			
	cryst system	monoclinic			
	space group	$P2_1/c$			
	radiatn (Mo Kα)	graphite-monochromated			
		$(\lambda = 0.710~73~\text{\AA})$			
	a. Å	8.801(2)			
	b. Å	31.483(6)			
	c. Å	10.939(2)			
	β , deg	101.37(2)			
	V. Å ³	2972(1)			
	Z	4			
	$D_{\rm calcd}$, g cm ⁻³	1.437			
	F(000)	1312			
	cryst dimens, mm	$0.22 \times 0.25 \times 0.33$			
	μ (Mo K α), cm ⁻¹	7.10			
	2θ range, deg	6-52			
	no. of reflens measd	$\pm h,k,l$			
	tot. no. of unique data	5544			
	no. of unique obsd data	2863 $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$			
	R ^a	0.0268			
	$R_{\mathrm{w}}^{\ \ b}$	0.0338			
$a \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{E} / \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{E} - h \mathbf{p} = [\mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{E} \sqrt{2} \mathbf{\Sigma} (\mathbf{E} 2) / 2$					
$\kappa - \Delta F_0 - F_c /\Delta F_0 \cdot \kappa_w = [\Delta W(F_0 - F_c)^2 / \Delta W(F_0)^2]^{n/2}.$					

hydrogen atoms. All hydrogen atoms were placed at their geometrically calculated positions and refined "riding" on the corresponding carbon atoms. In the final cycles of refinement a weighting scheme, $w = K[\sigma^2(F_o) + gF_o^2]^{-1}$ was used; at convergence the *K* and *g* values were 0.4285 and 0.0011, respectively. The atomic scattering factors,

corrected for the real and imaginary parts of anomalous dispersion, were taken from ref 36. The final cycles of refinement were carried out on the basis of 371 variables. The largest remaining peak in the final difference map was equivalent to about 0.31 e/Å³. All calculations were carried out on the GOULD POWERNODE 6040 and ENCORE 91 computers of the "Centro di Studio per la Strutturistica Diffrattometrica" del CNR, Parma, Italy, using the SHELX-76 and SHELXS-86 systems of crystallographic computer programs.³⁷

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Supporting Information Available: Tables of atomic coordinates for the non-hydrogen atoms (Table S-I), atomic coordinates for the hydrogen atom (Table S-II), thermal parameters for the non-hydrogen atoms (Table S-III), and complete lists of bond distances and angles (Table S-IV) (6 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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