Mono or Binuclear Orthopalladated (C \widehat{N} **) Complexes (C** \widehat{N} **=** Phenylazophenyl- C^2 , N¹; Dimethylbenzylamine-C², N; 8-Methylquinoline-C⁸, N) **Containing Terminal or Bridging SPR3 Ligands**

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Abstract

The reactions between $[\text{Pd}(\widehat{CN})(S)_2]^+$ (CN = phenylazophenyl- C^2 , N^1 ; dimethylbenzylamine- C^2 , N; 8-methylquinoline- C^8 , N; S = THF or acetone) and $SPPh₃$ or $SPMe₂Ph$ have been studied. The reactions in a 1:2 molar ratio render in all cases the corresponding $[Pd(CN)(SPR₃)₂]ClO₄$. For a 1:1 molar ratio $SPPh₃$ gives either $[Pd(\overrightarrow{C} N)(SPPh₃)(S)]ClO₄$ or $[Pd(\overrightarrow{C} N)(OCIO_3)(SPPh_3)]$ depending on the solvent used, while SPMe₂Ph yields the binuclear $[Pd(\widehat{CN})/\mu SPMe₂Ph$]₂(ClO₄)₂ complexes. IR and ³¹P NMR spectroscopy have been used for the characterization of the complexes. The structure of $[Pd(C_6H_4N=$ $NC_6H_5(CClO_3)(SPPh_3)$ has been established by X-ray diffraction: monoclinic, space group *P2,/n,* $a = 11.544(6)$, $b = 20.698(1)$, $c = 12.487(6)$ Å, $\beta =$ $105.022(4)^{\circ}$; $Z = 4$; $D_e = 1.568$ g cm⁻³. The structure was solved by Patterson and refined to residuals of $R = 0.043$, $R_w = 0.051$. The complex presents a distorted square planar coordination around the palladium atom.

Introduction

Recently we have described the synthesis of cationic species of the type $[{\rm Pd}(\widehat{C\rm N})(S)_2]^+$ $(\widehat{C\rm N})^=$ phenylazophenyl- C^2 , N (az), dimethylbenzylamine- C^2 , N (dmba), 8-methylquinoline- C^8 , N (8-mq), S = THF (tetrahydrofuran), acetone or NCMe [11, having two weakly coordinated ligands S, which are suitable precursors for the synthesis of mono-and binuclear complexes containing the 'Pd (\widehat{CN}) ' moieties. In the present paper we study the reactions of such species toward phosphine sulfides, which render mono- or binuclear complexes containing terminal or bridging phosphine sulfide depending on the molar ratio of the reactants or the phosphine sulfide used. The structure of the complexes have been established on the basis of IR and ^{31}P NMR spectra. $[Pd(C_6H_4N=NC_6H_5) (SPPh₃)OCIO₃$ has been characterized by single crystal X-ray diffraction.

Experimental

C, H and N analyses were carried out on a Perkin-Elmer 240B microanalyzer. IR spectra were recorded (in the 4000-200 cm^{-1} range) on a Perkin-Elmer 599 spectrophotometer, using Nujol mulls between polyethylene sheets. $^{31}P{^1H}$ NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian XL 200 instrument.

Literature methods were used to prepare the compounds $[{\rm Pd}_2(\mu{\rm Cl})_2(\text{az})_2]$ [2], $[{\rm Pd}_2(\mu{\rm Cl})_2(\text{dmba})_2]$ [3], $[Pd_2(\mu-Cl)_2(8-mq)_2]$ [4], SPPh₃ [5] and SPMe₂Ph [5]. CHCl₃ solutions of $[Pd(\widehat{CN})(OCMe_2)_2]$. $ClO₄$ were obtained by reacting the corresponding $[\text{Pd}_2(\mu\text{-Cl})_2(\widehat{\text{CN}})_2]$ complexes with AgClO₄ in acetone (molar ratio 1:2), removal of the precipitated AgCl by filtration, evaporation of the resulting solution to dryness and addition of $CHCl₃$.

$fPd(\widehat{CN}/\!\!/OClO_3)/\!\!/SPPh_3)/\!\!/(\widehat{CN} = az/1), dmba/2),$ *8-mq (3))*

To a CHCl₃ (20 ml) solution of $[Pd(az)(OCMe₂)₂]$. $ClO₄$ (0.309 mmol), SPPh₃ (0.090 g, 0.309 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred for 10 min at room temperature and evaporated to dryness. Addition of \sim 20 ml of Et₂O rendered an orange solid, **1,** (81% yield).

Complexes 2 and 3 were obtained in a similar way by using $[Pd(dmba)(OCMe₂)₂]ClO₄$ and $[Pd(8-mq) (OCMe₂)₂$]ClO₄ respectively as starting materials. Yields: 81% (2), 88% (3).

(Pd(dmba)(SPPh3)(THF]C104 (4)

To a solution of $[Pd(dmba)(THF)_2]ClO_4$ (0.724 mmol) in 10 ml of THF, $SPPh_3$ (0.213 g, 0.724 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min. The resulting yellow solid was filtered and washed with $Et₂O$ (~10 ml), 4,47% yield.

[Pd(dmba)(SPPh3)(OCMe2)jC104 (5)

To a solution of $[Pd(dmba)(OCMe₂)₂]ClO₄ (0.724$ mmol) in 20 ml of acetone, SPPh₃ (0.213 g, 0.724 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred for 30 min

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at room temperature and evaporated to \sim 2 ml. Addition of \sim 20 ml of Et₂O afforded 5, 49% yield.

 $[Pd(\widehat{CN}/\mu\text{-}SPMe_2Ph)]_2(CIO_4)_2(\widehat{CN} = az \ (9), dmba)$ *(10)*

To a solution of $[Pd(az)(OCMe₂)₂]ClO₄$ (0.309 mmol) in 20 ml of CHCl₃, SPMe₂Ph $(0.052 \text{ g}, 0.309)$ mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred for 15 min at room temperature and evaporated to dryness. The residue was treated with \sim 20 ml of Et₂O yielding 9, 85% yield.

A similar reaction starting from [Pd(dmba)- $(OCMe₂)₂$ ClO₄ rendered 10, 56% yield.

 $[Pd(\bar{CN})/SPR_3]_2$ [ClO₄($\bar{CN}=az$, SPR₃: SPPh₃ (6), $(SPMe₂Ph (11), CN = dmba, SPR₃: SPPh₃(7);$ $CN = 8$ -mq, SPR₃: SPPh₃ (8), SPMe₂Ph (12))

From [Pd($\widehat{CN}/\widehat{OCMe}_2$ *)₂]ClO₄*

To a solution of $[Pd(az)(OCMe₂)₂]ClO₄$ (0.309 mmol) in 20 ml of CHCl₃, SPPh₃ $(0.183 \text{ g}, 0.618)$ mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred for 10 min at room temperature and then evaporated to dryness. Addition of Et_2O (\sim 20 ml) rendered an orange solid, 6,89% yield.

Complexes 7 and 8 were obtained in a similar way by using $[Pd(dmba)(OCMe₂)₂ | ClO₄$ or $[Pd(8-mq)-]$ $(OCMe₂)₂$]ClO₄ respectively as starting materials. Similar reactions between $Pd(az)(OCMe₂)₂$]ClO₄ or $[Pd(8-mq)(OCMe₂)₂]ClO₄$ and SPMe₂Ph rendered 11 or 12 respectively. Yields: 7 (90%), 8 (86%), 11 (80%), 12 (74%).

From [Pd(\widehat{CN}/μ *-SPR* 3 $/2$ $\widehat{ClO_4}/2$

To a solution of $[Pd(az)(\mu-SPMe_2Ph)]_2(CIO_4)_2$ (0.1 g, 0.089 mmol) in 20 ml of $CH₂Cl₂$, SPMe₂Ph (0.061 g, 0.358 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred for 10 min at room temperature and evaporated to dryness. Addition of $Et₂O$ (20 ml) gives a yellowish orange solid, 9,87% yield.

From [Pd($\widehat{CN}/\widehat{OCIO}_3/\widehat{SPPh}_3$ *)]*

To a solution of $[Pd(dmba)(OClO₃)(SPPh₃)]$ (0.1 g, 0.157 mmol) in 20 ml of CH_2Cl_2 , SPPh₃ (0.092 g, 0.315 mmol) was added. After 10 min stirring, the resulting solution was evaporated to dryness; the oily residue was treated with $Et₂O$ (20 ml) to give a yellow solid, 7,69% yield.

From [Pd(C"Nl(SPPh3)(S)JC10Q

To a solution of $[Pd(dmba)(SPPh_3)(OCMe_2)]ClO_4$ $(0.1 \text{ g}, 0.144 \text{ mmol})$ in 20 ml of CH_2Cl_2 , SPPh₃ (0.085 g, 0.288 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min and evaporated to dryness. Addition of \sim 20 ml of Et₂O afforded 7,65% yield.

X-ray Data Collection, Structure Solution and Refinement

PdClSPN₂C₃₀O₄H₂₄, $M = 680.88$, monoclinic, space group $P2_1/n$, $a = 11.5444(6)$, $b = 20.698(1)$, $c = 12.4876(6)$ Å , $\beta = 105.022(4)$ ^o, $U = 2881.9$ Å^3 , D_e = 1.568 g cm⁻³ for Z = 4, $F(000)$ = 1376, $\mu_0(M_0)$ $K\alpha$) = 8.4. Siemens/STOE AED2 diffractometer. A total of 4849 unique profile-fitted intensities [6] in the range $3^{\circ} < 2\theta < 50^{\circ}$ were collected using a ω -2 θ scan technique and those 4212 reflections for which $|F| \ge 6\sigma(F)$ were used in the calculations.

The position of the Pd atom was located by Patterson methods. The three terminal oxygen atoms of the Cl04 group were disordered between two sites $(O_2, O_3, O_4$ and $O_2', O_3', O_4')$ with occupancies 0.63 and 0.37 respectively. The C_6H_5 rings were refined as idealized rigid groups with $C-C = 1.395$ Å and their hydrogen atoms were included in calculated positions $(C-H = 1.08 \text{ A})$ with one, overall refined $U_{\rm iso}$ = 0.1015 Å². All non-hydrogen atoms were assigned anisotropic vibrational parameters except for the oxygen atoms in disorder. The refinement converged at $R = 0.043$, $R_w = 0.051$, where $\omega^{-1} = g^2(F)$ *+ 0.000757F2.* The final difference Fourier only showed two peaks higher than 1 e/ A^3 (1.35 e/ A^3 and 1.20 e/ A^3). These peaks are closed to the ClO₄ group in disorder. Calculations were performed using SHELX-76 [7]. The final positional parameters are given in Table 1, while bond length and angle data are given in Table 2.

Results and Discussion

Analytical data are listed in Table 3. Relevant IR absorptions and 31P NMR parameters are collected in Tables 4 and 5.

The methods of preparation of the complexes and the observed interconversions are summarized in Scheme 1.

TABLE 1. Fractional atomic coordinates $(X10⁴)$ and isotropic thermal parameters and e.s.d.s for $[Pd(C₆H₄N=$ NC_6H_5)($OClO_3$)($SPPh_3$)]

	x	y	z	$B(A^2)^a$
Pd	1969(0)	1398(0)	3176(0)	$2.97(2)^*$
Cl	4247(1)	1566(1)	2112(1)	$4.05(6)*$
s	1156(1)	758(1)	1634(1)	$3.64(6)$ *
P	1405(1)	$-150(1)$	2228(1)	$3.23(6)^*$
01	3802(3)	1236(2)	2971(3)	3.82(17)*
O ₂	4058(9)	1220(4)	1146(8)	8.07(19)
O3	5451(8)	1702(5)	2538(7)	7.57(21)
04	3613(7)	2180(4)	1922(6)	6.73(15)
O2'	3340(11)	1755(6)	1239(10)	6.18(23)
O3'	4797(12)	1042(6)	1648(11)	6.68(26)
O4'	5220(12)	1992(7)	2634(11)	6.48(29)
N1	2483(3)	1893(2)	4640(3)	$3.62(20)$ *
N2	1674(4)	2044(2)	5110(3)	$4.46(24)$ *
C11	3669(2)	1990(2)	5301(3)	4.07(26)*
C12	4495(2)	2305(2)	4841(3)	$4.77(30)*$
C13	5657(2)	2420(2)	5485(3)	$5.87(37)^*$
C14	5994(2)	2221(2)	6590(3)	6.42(39)*
C15	5169(2)	1906(2)	7050(3)	6.82(41)*
C16	4006(2)	1791(2)	6406(3)	5.42(33)*
H12	4233(2)	2459(2)	3985(3)	8.02(38)
H13	6296(2)	2664(2)	5129(3)	8.02(38)
H14	6894(2)	2310(2)	7089(3)	8.02(38)
H15	5430(2)	1752(2)	7905(3)	8.02(38)
H16	3368(2)	1547(2)	6762(3)	8.02(38)
C21	532(5)	1909(2)	4454(4)	$4.25(27)$ *
C22	411(4)	1584(2)	3454(4)	$3.62(24)$ *
C23	–754(5)	1461(3)	2806(5)	$5.16(32)^*$
C24	$-1743(5)$	1661(3)	3170(6)	$6.34(41)^*$
C ₂₅	$-1598(6)$	1984(3)	4164(7)	$6.64(44)$ *
C ₂₆	–457(6)	2111(3)	4837(6)	5.87(38)*
C31	4(2)	$-581(1)$	1995(3)	3.52(23)*
C ₃₂	$-1031(2)$	$-327(1)$	1281(3)	$4.51(27)$ *
C33	$-2100(2)$	$-677(1)$	1056(3)	5.58(33)*
C ₃₄	$-2134(2)$	$-1281(1)$	1544(3)	$5.58(34)$ *
C35	$-1098(2)$	$-1534(1)$	2258(3)	5.83(38)*
C36	$-30(2)$	–1184(1)	2484(3)	$5.12(31)^*$
H32	$-1005(2)$	140(1)	902(3)	8.02(38)
H33	–2901(2)	$-481(1)$	502(3)	8.02(38)
H34	–2961(2)	$-1552(1)$	1370(3)	8.02(38)
H35	$-1124(2)$	-2001(1)	2637(3)	8,02(38)
H36	772(2)	–1380(1)	3036(3)	8.02(38)
C41	2312(3)	$-565(2)$	1473(3)	3.91(25)*
C42	1879(3)	1092(2)	788(3)	4.46(27)*
C43	2573(3)	$-1360(2)$	138(3)	$5.81(38)$ *
C44	3699(3)	$-1103(2)$	174(3)	$6.93(46)$ *
C45	4132(3)	$-577(2)$	859(3)	$7.23(47)$ *
C46	3438(3)	$-308(2)$	1509(3)	$5.55(35)^*$
H42	1007(3)	–1291(2)	761(3)	8.02(38)
H43	2238(3)	$-1768(2)$	-392(3)	8.02(38)
H44	4236(3)	$-1311(2)$	–329(3)	8.02(38)
H45	5004(3)	$-378(2)$	887(3)	8.02(38)
H46	3773(3)	99(2)	2039(3)	8.02(38)
C51	2095(3)	$-205(2)$	3693(2)	$3.62(23)$ *
C ₅₂	1496(3)	67(2)	4421(2)	$4.57(28)$ *
C ₅₃	2013(3)	48(2)	5561(2)	$6.26(39)^*$
C ₅₄	3129(3)	$-243(2)$	5975(2)	$7.10(43)*$
				(continued)

TABLE 1. (Continued)

a Starred atoms were refined anisotropically.

Solutions of cationic $[{\rm Pd}(\widehat{CN})(S)_2]^+$ derivatives in weakly coordinating solvents (S) such as THF (tetrahydrofuran) or acetone, have been obtained according to eqn. (1) $[1]$.

$$
[Pd(\widehat{CN})(\mu\text{-}Cl)]_2 + 2AgClO_4 \xrightarrow{S} 2[Pd(\widehat{CN})(S)_2]^+ + 2ClO_4^- + 2AgCl \qquad (1)
$$

The reactions of $[Pd(\widehat{CN})(S)_2]^+$ derivatives with $SPR₃$ in a 1:1 molar ratio render mono- or binuclear derivatives, depending on the $SPR₃$ used. For $SPPh₃$, if the reaction is carried out in THF or acetone, the cationic mononuclear complexes $[\text{Pd}(\hat{C} N)(\text{SPR}_3)]$ - (S)]ClO₄ (C, Scheme 1 b, \widehat{CN} = dmba, SPR₃ = SPPh₃, $S = THF(4)$, acetone (5)) are obtained. On the other hand, if the acetone or THF solutions of $[Pd(\overrightarrow{C}N) (S_2)CIO_4$ (A) are evaporated to dryness and the residues in CHCl₃ are treated with SPPh₃ (molar ratio 1:1), the neutral mononuclear derivatives $[Pd(C N)-]$ (OC103)(SPPh3)] (B, Scheme 1 a, C N = az **(l),** dmba (2), 8-mq (3)) are obtained $[Pd(dmba)(OClO₃) (SPPh₃)$] (2) (B) can also be obtained when CHCl₃ solutions of 4 or 5 are evaporated to dryness and the residue treated with $Et₂O$. The treatment of 2 with THF or acetone renders as expected the cationic complexes 4 or 5 (Scheme 1 e).

For SPMe2Ph, the cationic binuclear derivatives $[Pd(\hat{C} \hat{N}) (\mu-SPMe_2Ph)]_2(CIO_4)_2 (D, Scheme 1 c, \hat{C} \hat{N} =$ az (9) , dmba (10)) containing bridging SPMe₂Ph are obtained by reacting the corresponding $Pd(\tilde{C} N)$ - $(S)_2$]ClO₄ with SPMe₂Ph (molar ratio 1:1) either in donor (THF, acetone) or non-donor solvents (CHCl₃).

Finally, cationic mononuclear complexes containing two SPR₃ ligands (E) [Pd(C N)(SPR₃)₂]Cl $(\widehat{CN} = az, SPR_3 = SPR_3 (6), SPR_2Ph (11); \widehat{CN} =$ dmba, $SPR_3 = SPPh_3$ (7); $CN = 8$ -mq, $SPR_3 = SPPh_3$ (8), SPMe₂Ph (12) can be obtained by reacting either the $[Pd(\overline{CN})(S), [ClO₄$ complexes (Scheme 1 d) or the intermediate (B, C, D) complexes containing one $SPR₃$ per palladium atom (Scheme 1 f, g, h) with $SPR₃$ in the appropriate molar ratio.

As can be seen from Scheme 1 in no case could binuclear complexes containing bridging μ -SPPh₃ ligand be obtained; this result is in contrast with the

TABLE 3. Analytical results for the complexes

TABLE 4. Relevant IR data and ${}^{31}P$ ^{[1}H] NMR^a data

temperature NMR $(-50 \degree C)$.

^aShifts are related to external 85% H₃PO₄, CDCl₃ solutions. $b_{\Delta \nu;\ \nu}(P-S)(free SPR_3) - \nu(P-S)(coordinate SPR_3)$. ^cLow

nuclear derivatives: $(C_6F_5)_2M(\mu\text{-SPPh}_3)_2M(C_6F_5)_2$ the $-OClO_3$ ligand $(C_{3\nu})$ show bands at ~1140(s),
 $(M = Pd, Pt) [8].$
 $\sim 1015(s), \sim 630(m)$ and ~615 cm⁻¹ [9, 10].

IR and 3'P NMR Spectra

The structures of the complexes were assigned on the basis of their IR (Table 4) and $31P NMR$ spectra (Tables 4 and 5).

behaviour of other palladium or platinum substrata All the cationic complexes $(4-12)$ containing the towards SPPh₃, e.g. *cis-*Pd $(C_6F_5)_2$ (THF)₂ or *cis*-ClO₄⁻ anion (Td) show in the IR spectrum a very $ClO₄$ ⁻ anion (Td) show in the IR spectrum a very Pt(C_6F_5)₂(THF)₂ react with SPPh₃ either in 1:1 or broad absorption at ~1100 cm⁻¹ and a strong band 2:1 molar ratio yielding only the corresponding bi- at 620 cm⁻¹, while complexes $1-3$ which contain \sim 1015(s), \sim 630(m) and \sim 615 cm⁻¹ [9, 10].

The absorptions due to ν (P-S) deserve some comments. The formation of the Pd-S bond produces a lowering of the P-S bond order resulting in a decrease of the $\nu(P-S)$ respective to the free ligand [11] (see Table 4). The cationic mononuclear com-

TABLE 5. $31P$ NMR ${1H}$ data

plexes containing two terminal $SPR₃$ groups $(6-8, 11)$ 12) show two absorptions to be assigned to $\nu(P-S)$ as a consequence of the coupling of both $\nu(P-S)$ vibrations via the coordination to the same metal centre $(Cs, 2A₁$ both IR active). The binuclear complexes with two SPMe₂Ph bridging groups $(9 \text{ and } 10)$ show only one IR absorption due to $\nu(P-S)$, in agreement with the geometry

$$
\begin{bmatrix} & & & & & & & \\ \mathbf{c} & & & & & & \\ \mathbf{r} & & & & & & \\ \end{bmatrix}^{2}
$$

which presents the \widehat{CN} groups mutually *trans* $(C_{2h}$, $\nu(P-S)$: A_g + B_u, only B_u IR active).

The $\Delta \nu$ (P-S) (Table 4) is greater in complexes containing μ -SPR₃ bridging ligands than in complexes with terminal $SPR₃$, showing that the S-P bond is weaker when the ligand is acting as a bridge. A similar observation has been made for other palladium or platinum complexes [8].

The mononuclear complexes with one SPPh₃ coordinated group $(1-5)$ show one signal in the ³¹P NMR spectra. The values lie in the range 46.6-44.9 ppm, higher than the corresponding value of the free SPPh₃ (43.88 ppm). The dinuclear complexes with two μ - $SPMe₂Ph$ groups (9 and 10) also show only one ^{31}P NMR signal, indicating that both $SPMe₂Ph$ groups are equivalent.

A point that is worth commenting on is the behaviour of mononuclear complexes of the type $[Pd(\widehat{CN})(\text{SPR}_3)_2]ClO_4$ (6-8, 11 and 12). In some cases (complexes 7 and 12), the $31P$ NMR in CDCl₃ at room temperature show two signals in agreement with the structure E (Scheme 1), which contains two inequivalent $SPR₃$ groups. By contrast complexes 6, 8 and 9 show at room temperature only one signal (6: 45.31 ppm, 8:44.12 ppm, 9:38.90 ppm), but their $31P$ NMR spectra at -50 °C present two signals (see Table 4) according to the static configuration E (Scheme 1). This behaviour suggests an exchange process involving dinuclear cationic $[Pd(C N)(\mu$ -

Scheme 2.

 SPR_3]₂(ClO₄)₂, or mononuclear neutral [Pd(C^N)- $(OCIO₃)(SPR₃)$] complexes, such as that represented in Scheme 2.

Table 5 collects the $3^{1}P$ NMR chemical shifts of different samples: (a) complex **1;** (b) a mixture of complex 1 and complex 6 ; (c) and (d) complex 6 ; (e) a mixture of complex 6 and SPPh₃; (f) SPPh₃. The presence of only one ³¹P NMR signal in all cases seems to confirm a exchange process like that indicated in Scheme 2.

X-ray Cystal Structure of / Pd(az)(OC103)(SPPh3)]

Figure 1 shows the ORTEP [12] drawing of the molecule with the $OClO₃$ group in disorder. The palladium atom displays a distorted square planar environment formed by one SPPh₃ molecule, one 0C103 group and a 2-(phenylazo)phenyl group. The 2-(phenylazo)phenyl group is bonded to the palladium atom through an *ortho* carbon of a phenyl

Fig. 1. ORTEP drawing of $[Pd(C_6H_4N=NC_6H_5)(OClO_3)$ - $(SPPh₃)$].

ring (C_{22}) and the nitrogen atom (N_1) which is the distant azonitrogen to the C_{22} .

The dihedral angle formed by the planes $SPdO₁$ and $C_{22}PdN_1$ is 174.2(1)^o. The angles between Pd-cis ligands bonds are in the range 79.0-96.6'. The small bite angle of the chelating ligand $(C_{22}PdN_1, 79.0(2)^{\circ})$ distorts the environment of the metal atom and the adjacent angles become $93.8(1)^\circ$ (SPdC₂₂) and 96.6- $(1)^{\circ}$ (O₁PdN₁). The angle C₂₂PdN₁ (79.0(2)^o) is the same within experimental error as the one observed in (phenylazophenyl) palladium hexafluoroacetylacetonate [13].

The Pd-S distance is 2.326(1) Å. The Pd- C_{22} distance is only 1.957(4) Å which is very short $[14]$, however short distances like this one are usual in this kind of compounds [13]. Related to the short $Pd-C_{22}$ bond distance is the long $Pd-O_1$ distance which is in *trans* position to the former one; this long Pd-Or distance can be due to the *trans* influence of the a-bonded carbon combined with the low degree of nucleophilicity of the OClO₃ group. The Pd-N₁ distance $(2.045(4)$ Å) is slightly longer than those observed in (phenylazophenyl) palladium hexafluoroacetylacetonate (1.994(4) Å) and trans- μ -dichlorobis-(phenylazophenyl- C^2 , N) diplatinum(II) [15]. The chelating ring $(PdC_{22}C_{21}N_2N_1)$ is not planar, the nitrogen atoms being one up $(0.047(4)$ Å) and the other one below $(0.041(4)$ Å) from the best weighted least-squares plane [16]. Pd and C_{21} atoms are almost in the plane. C_{22} is only 0.027(5) A apart. This kind of distortion has already been reported [17]. Notwithstanding planar geometries for these rings have also been reported [15]. The dihedral angles formed by the free phenyl group with the best weighted least-squares plane of the palladiumazophenyl moiety is 53.09(9)^o. The N_1-N_2 distance is 1.264(5) A. This value is slightly longer than that observed for the $N_1=N_2$ bond in trans-azobenzene $(1.236(6)$ Å) $[18]$. The N-C distances are also slightly different N_1-C_{11} being longer (1.418(4) Å) while the $N_2 - C_{21}$ distance is 1.388(7) Å.

Supplementary Material

Tables of anisotropic thermal factors and structure factors are available from the authors.

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