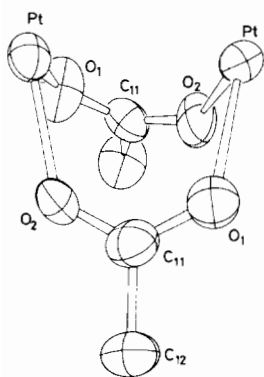
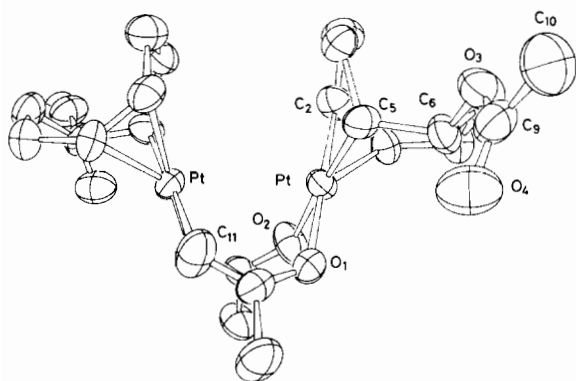




The structure was solved [12] using conventional heavy-atom techniques. For a three-dimensional Patterson map, the position of the platinum was determined and subsequent electron density maps provided the positions of all the oxygen and carbon atoms. Hydrogen positions were either calculated by the program or located from Fouriers. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic temperature factors. Full-matrix least squares refinement of all the atom positions and temperature factors yielded a final R of 0.035.



(a)



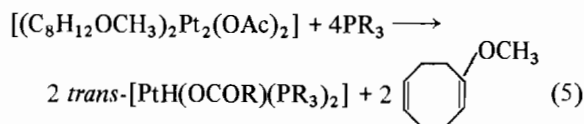
(b)

Fig. 1. ORTEP Diagram of  $[(C_8H_{12}OAc)_2Pt_2(OAc)_2]$ . Principal bond lengths (Å): Pt–O1 = 2.068(7), Pt–O2 = 2.166(7), Pt–C1 = 2.114(10), Pt–C2 = 2.105(10), Pt–C5 = 2.031(10), and bond angles (°): O2–Pt–O1 = 89.1(3), C1–Pt–O1 = 143.4(4), C1–Pt–O2 = 85.8(4), C2–Pt–O1 = 174.4(4), C2–Pt–O2 = 96.4(4), C2–Pt–C1 = 38.6(4), C5–Pt–O1 = 90.6(4), C5–Pt–O2 = 176.9(4), C5–Pt–C1 = 92.7(4), C5–Pt–C2 = 83.9(4).

Pertinent bond distances and angles are presented in Fig. 1. The complex is a dimer having a crystallographic two-fold axis of rotation. The bridging acetate-groups are bound asymmetrically to the platinum with two unique Pt–O distances differing by 0.098 Å. Interestingly, both the acetoxy-cyclo-

octadienyl groups are located on the same side of platinum and opposite side of acetate groups which are bonded to platinum with oxygen–platinum–oxygen angles as 89.1(3)°. The distance between two platinum has been determined to be 3.03 Å. The two carbons (C2 and C5) of acetoxy-octadienyl moiety and the oxygen of acetate groups are bonded to platinum in square planar geometry (Fig. 1b). A similar type of arrangement has been observed earlier by us in the pyrazolato-bridged diplatinum complex,  $[Bu_2^tPCMe_2CH_2)_2Pt_2(Pz)_2]$  (Pz =  $C_5H_7N_2$ ) where both the pyrazolato-groups were located on the same side forming a boat-form [13]. The acetate groups on the cyclooctadiene are observed to have exo-geometry with respect to platinum.

Complex (1) ( $Y = OCH_3$ ) has been found to react readily with two mole equivalents of sterically bulky phosphine ligands ( $R_3P = Cy_3P, Bu_2^tBu^iP, Pr_3^iP, Bu_3^tP$ ) per platinum in methanol to give the corresponding hydrido-platinum carboxylate, *trans*- $[PtH(OCOR)(PR_3)_2]$ , in fairly good yields (60–85%). The organic product formed as in eqn. 5 was isolated by GLC; its elemental analysis, proton NMR and mass-spectral data suggested it to be methoxy-cyclooctadiene,  $C_8H_{14}O$  (obs.  $m/e = 138.1$ ). A mechanism involving  $\beta$ -hydrogen elimination from the 2-methoxy-5-cyclooctenyl group can be proposed for platinum hydride formation [9].



Preliminary results indicate that the exchange reactions of complex (2) with various other reagents with reactive protons (e.g. pyrazole, amines, secondary phosphines, etc.) also proceed in a manner similar to that outlined in eqns. 3 and 4 yielding the corresponding exchanged products. A detailed study is currently in progress.

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