

## NOTE

## REINVESTIGATION OF THE SO-CALLED BIS(TRIPHENYLLEAD)MERCURY

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In a recent note concerned with the preparation of *trans*-[Pt(PEt<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(PbPh<sub>3</sub>)Cl] we reported that we had made bis(triphenyllead)mercury by treatment of mercuric chloride with triphenylleadlithium<sup>1</sup>. We have now found that the main product of this reaction is diphenylmercury, and that no bis(triphenyllead)mercury can be isolated. Furthermore, the reaction between *trans*-[Pt(PEt<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>] and the product from triphenylleadlithium and mercuric chloride, also described in our note, was not, in fact, examined, and the report of this experiment should be disregarded.

We greatly regret the inaccuracies in our earlier publication. They arose from the imaginative contributions of a junior assistant, who is no longer with us.

## REFERENCE

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