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cis-Diphenylbis(1,3,5-traza-7-phosphaadamantane- κP)-platinum(II)

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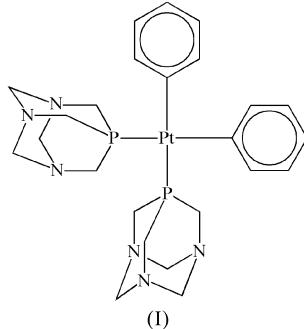
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The structure of the title compound, $[\text{Pt}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{P})_2]$ or $[\text{Pt}(\text{Ph})_2(\text{PTA})_2]$ (where Ph is phenyl and PTA is 1,3,5-traza-7-phosphaadamantane), is discussed. Selected geometric parameters are: Pt—P = 2.2888 (16) and 2.2944 (17) Å, Pt—C = 2.052 (5) and 2.064 (6) Å, C—Pt—C = 84.6 (2)° and P—Pt—P = 99.28 (6)°. The effective cone angle for the PTA ligands was calculated as 113°.

Comment

The 1,3,5-traza-7-phosphaadamantane ligand (PTA) has attracted much attention due to its unique characteristic of enabling the preparation of water-soluble complexes without the complication of introducing a charged species into the complex. Numerous PTA complexes exhibiting catalytic activity have been reported (Darensbourg *et al.*, 1997, 1999; Alyea *et al.*, 1993; Joó *et al.*, 1996).



We report here the structure of the title *cis*-diphenylbis(PTA)platinum(II) complex, (I), as part of our systematic investigation into the basic coordination modes and solution properties of these complexes. Compound (I) is the first example of a Pt^{II} square-planar diphenyl complex with a *cis* geometry containing non-bridged phosphine ligands (Cambridge Structural Database, Version 5.25; Allen, 2002). Similar diphenylplatinum complexes with a *trans* conformation are known (Incarvito *et al.*, 1999; Ertl *et al.*, 1982). The formation of the *cis* complex may be ascribed either to

different synthetic routes or to the small steric demand of the PTA ligand (Daigle *et al.*, 1998; Otto & Roodt, 2001), which enables the more sterically demanding *cis* conformation typically found for two strong *cis* ligands.

The Pt atom of (I) lies on a general position in the asymmetric unit and the coordination polyhedron shows a slightly distorted square-planar arrangement (Table 1). The phenyl rings are almost perpendicular to the coordination plane of the Pt atom [dihedral angle = 85.2 (2)° for the C41-phenyl and 86.1 (2)° for the C31-phenyl]. This perpendicular conformation allows more space for the PTA ligands, resulting in quite a small bite angle of 84.6 (2)° for C41—Pt—C31, compared with 99.28 (6)° for P1—Pt—P2.

The orientation of the PTA ligands is best described by the torsion angles, which were calculated using the methylene substituent on the phosphine closest to the metal coordination plane. Two significantly different values [28.8 (3)° for C41—Pt—P1—C12 and 15.5 (3)° for C31—Pt—P2—C22], were obtained, and may possibly be the result of steric and packing effects.

The most widely used method for determining ligand steric behaviour at a metal centre utilizes the Tolman cone angle (Tolman, 1977), using an M—P bond distance of 2.28 Å, a C—H bond distance of 0.97 Å and 1.2 Å as the van der Waals radius of hydrogen. For the calculation of effective cone angles, the Pt—P bond distances determined from the crystallographic data were used (Otto *et al.*, 2000). The value of 113° obtained from effective cone-angle calculations for (I) is in agreement with the previous values, again illustrating the rigidness of PTA (Meij *et al.*, 2002).

High $U_{\text{eq}}(\text{max})/U_{\text{eq}}(\text{min})$ values are observed for atoms lying on the periphery of the molecule in both the phenyl and

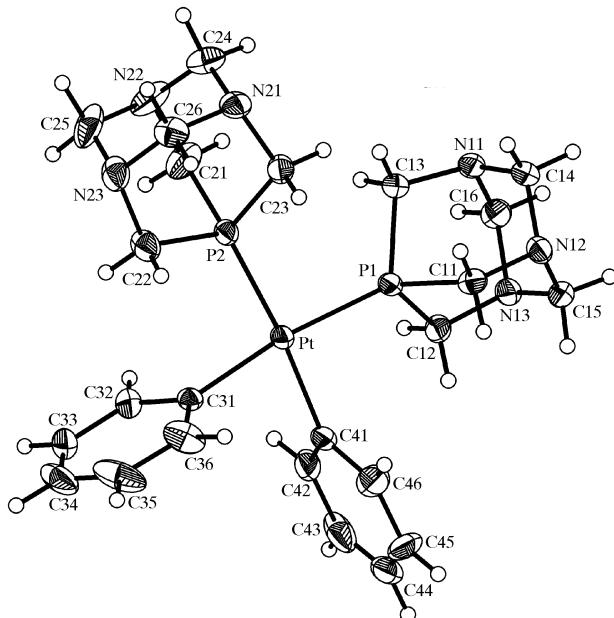


Figure 1

The structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme and displacement ellipsoids at the 30% probability level.

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