

## 3-Diphenylphosphino-(1*R*)-(+) -camphor Dimethylhydrazone Complexes with Platinum(II) and Palladium(II)†

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Treatment of the *Z*-*exo*-phosphine  $\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNMe}_2$  **1a** with  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{NCPH})_2]$  or  $\text{Na}_2[\text{PdCl}_4]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  gives the compound  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNMe}_2)]$  **2a** with the  $\text{PPh}_2$  group *exo* and the  $\text{C}=\text{NNMe}_2$  configuration *Z*, i.e. a six-membered ring chelate complex. The corresponding platinum complex **2d** was made from **1a** and  $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{cod})]$  (cod = cycloocta-1,5-diene). Metathesis of complex **2a** or **2d** with LiBr, or **2a** with NaI, gave the corresponding bromides or iodide. Treatment of **2d** with  $\text{AgNO}_3$  gave the mononitrato complex  $[\text{PtCl}(\text{ONO}_2)(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNMe}_2)]$  **2f**. Treatment of  $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{cod})]$  with **1a** gave  $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNMe}_2)]$  **2g**. The *exo*-phosphine **1a** when treated with acetic acid or hot sodium ethoxide solution was partially converted into a mixture with the corresponding *endo*-phosphine **1b**. Treatment of  $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{cod})]$  with the **1a**–**1b** mixture gave a mixture of the *Z*-*exo*-/*endo*-chelate complexes  $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNMe}_2)]$ ; similar treatment of  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{NCPH})_2]$  or  $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{cod})]$  gave the corresponding *exo*-/*endo*-complexes. Treatment of **2d** with hydrogen chloride gave a new (protonated) species which with ethanol gave the *exo*-/*endo*-mixture **2d**–**3a**. The palladium complex **2a** with hydrogen chloride followed by methanol gave **2a**–**3b**, and another complex formulated as *E*-*exo*- $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNMe}_2)]$  **5**. Treatment of **2d** with an excess of LiMe gave a new species formulated as an anion  $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{NNMe}_2)]^-$  **4**, which with methanol gave the *exo*-/*endo*-mixture **2g**–**3c**. Proton,  $^{13}\text{C}$ - $\{^1\text{H}\}$  and  $^{31}\text{P}$ - $\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR data are given and discussed in some detail particularly regarding the determination of the stereochemistry at C(3) on the camphor residue. Crystals of compound **2a** are orthorhombic, space group  $P2_12_12_1$ , with  $a = 1165.1(2)$ ,  $b = 1272.5(2)$ ,  $c = 2106.1(5)$  pm and  $Z = 4$ ; final *R* factor 0.0421 for 2812 observed reflections. The structure shows that the co-ordinated  $\text{PPh}_2$  group is on the 3-*exo* position whilst the  $\text{C}=\text{NNMe}_2$  moiety is co-ordinated through the  $\text{NMe}_2$  nitrogen giving a six-membered co-ordinated ring. The arrangement around  $\text{C}=\text{N}$  is *Z*.

In a previous paper<sup>1</sup> we showed that treatment of (1*R*)-(+) -camphor (bornan-2-one) dimethylhydrazone with butyllithium, followed by  $\text{PPh}_2\text{Cl}$ , gave the 3-*exo*-diphenylphosphino-derivative **1a** with the hydrazone in the *Z* configuration. We went on to make some derivatives of Group 6 metal carbonyls in which the co-ordinated  $\text{PPh}_2$  group remained *exo* but the  $\text{C}=\text{NNMe}_2$  group could be either *Z* (six-membered chelate ring) or *E* (five-membered chelate ring). In a subsequent paper<sup>2</sup> we showed that the molybdenum tetracarbonyl complex of *exo*-3-diphenylphosphino-(1*R*)-camphor dimethylhydrazone  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNMe}_2)]$  underwent a facile redox-fission reaction with hydrogen chloride to give a molybdenum(II) imine complex,  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3\text{Cl}_2(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NH})]$ , which with sodium tetrahydroborate-carbon monoxide gave  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NH})]$  with an *exo*- $\text{PPh}_2$  group. In the present paper we describe the chemistry of some palladium and platinum complexes with the *Z*-*exo*-phosphine **1a** and the *Z*-*endo*-phosphine **1b**. For the convenience of the reader, the various reactions and compounds formed are summarized in Scheme 1. Microanalytical data for the new compounds are in the Experimental section, IR and  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR data in Table 1 and  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^1\text{H}$ - $\{^{31}\text{P}\}$  NMR data in Table 2.

### Results and Discussion

Treatment of the *Z*-*exo*-phosphine **1a** with  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{NCPH})_2]$  or

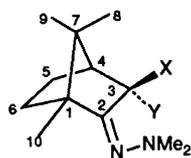
Table 1  $^{31}\text{P}$ - $\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR data<sup>a</sup> and IR data<sup>b</sup>

| Complex                | $\delta(\text{P})$ | $^1J(\text{PtP})$ | $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})^c$ | $\nu(\text{M}-\text{Cl})^d$ |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>1a</b>              | 1.1                |                   | 1655                       |                             |
| <b>1b</b>              | -10.1              |                   | 1655                       |                             |
| <b>2a</b>              | 38.7               |                   | 1670                       | 330, 275                    |
| <b>2b</b>              | 36.9 <sup>e</sup>  |                   | 1680                       |                             |
| <b>2c</b>              | 38.0               |                   | 1675                       |                             |
| <b>2d</b>              | 14.7               | 4055              | 1675                       | 340, 285                    |
| <b>2e</b>              | 12.8               | 3944              | 1675                       |                             |
| <b>2f</b> <sup>f</sup> | 16.8               | 4438              | 1670                       | 340                         |
| <b>2g</b>              | 45.2 <sup>g</sup>  | 2155 <sup>g</sup> | 1655                       |                             |
| <b>3a</b>              | 10.8               | 4026              | 1665                       | 335, 285                    |
| <b>3b</b>              | 34.4               |                   | 1665                       | 330, 280                    |
| <b>3c</b>              | 41.0 <sup>g</sup>  | 2169 <sup>g</sup> |                            |                             |
| <b>5</b>               | 60.5               |                   | 1620                       | 330, 280                    |

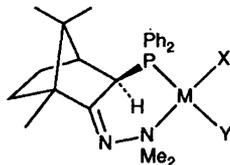
<sup>a</sup> Recorded at 36.2 MHz, chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) in ppm relative to 85%  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ , solvent  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , unless otherwise stated,  $^1J(\text{PtP})$  in Hz. <sup>b</sup> In  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , all IR bands are of medium intensity. <sup>c</sup> KBr disc. <sup>d</sup> Nujol mulls. <sup>e</sup> In  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . <sup>f</sup> IR bands due to  $\text{ONO}_2$  group are at 1535s, 1280s and 995s  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . <sup>g</sup> In  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ .

$\text{Na}_2[\text{PdCl}_4]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  gave the chelate complex  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNMe}_2)]$  **2a** in good yields; details are in the Experimental section. The complex was characterized by elemental analysis (C, H, N and Cl) a singlet  $^{31}\text{P}$ - $\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR resonance (Table 1), an IR band at  $1670\text{ cm}^{-1}$  assigned to  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$  and two IR bands at 330 and  $275\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (Table 1) assigned to  $\nu(\text{Pd}-\text{Cl})$ , indicative of a *cis*- $\text{PdCl}_2$  arrangement. Similar  $\nu(\text{Pd}-\text{Cl})$  frequencies have been reported for complexes

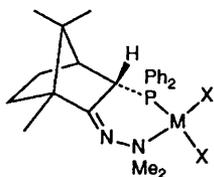
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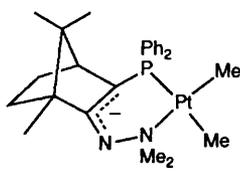
|           | X                | Y                |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>1a</b> | PPh <sub>2</sub> | H                |
| <b>1b</b> | H                | PPh <sub>2</sub> |



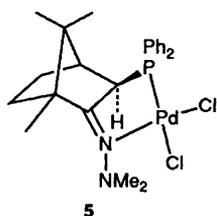
|           | M  | X  | Y                |
|-----------|----|----|------------------|
| <b>2a</b> | Pd | Cl | Cl               |
| <b>2b</b> | Pd | Br | Br               |
| <b>2c</b> | Pd | I  | I                |
| <b>2d</b> | Pt | Cl | Cl               |
| <b>2e</b> | Pt | Br | Br               |
| <b>2f</b> | Pt | Cl | ONO <sub>2</sub> |
| <b>2g</b> | Pt | Me | Me               |



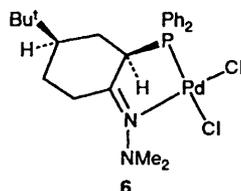
|           | M  | X  |
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| <b>3b</b> | Pd | Cl |
| <b>3c</b> | Pt | Me |



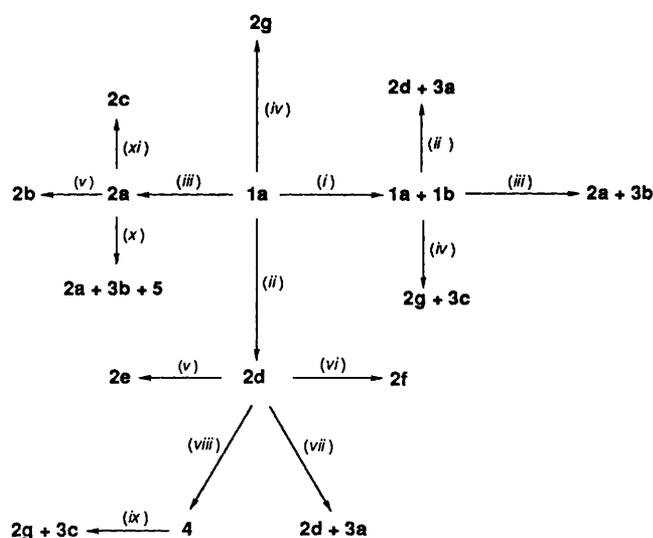
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**Scheme 1** (i) Acetic acid or NaOEt; (ii) [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(cod)]; (iii) [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(NCPH)<sub>2</sub>]; (iv) [PtMe<sub>2</sub>(cod)]; (v) LiBr; (vi) AgNO<sub>3</sub>; (vii) dry HCl followed by EtOH; (viii) LiMe; (ix) MeOH; (x) dry HCl followed by MeOH; (xi) NaI

of the type *cis*-[PdCl<sub>2</sub>(NR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], *cis*-[PdCl<sub>2</sub>(py)<sub>2</sub>] (py = pyridine) and *cis*-[PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] (R = H or alkyl).<sup>3,4</sup> The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2a** showed that the NMe<sub>2</sub> methyl groups are non-equivalent (Table 2). We have determined the crystal structure of this complex (Fig. 1), see below for details; in particular the PPh<sub>2</sub> group is shown to be *exo* and the NMe<sub>2</sub> group is co-ordinated in a six-membered chelate ring, *i.e.* the configuration around C=N is *Z*. Treatment of the dichloro-complex **2a** with

LiBr or NaI in acetone gave the corresponding dibromo-**2b** and diiodo-**2c** complexes. These were fully characterized.

We have also made the dichloro platinum complex **2d** by treating the ligand **1a** with [PtCl<sub>2</sub>(cod)] (cod = cycloocta-1,5-diene). It showed a singlet <sup>31</sup>P-{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR resonance, with satellites due to coupling with <sup>195</sup>Pt [<sup>1</sup>J(PtP) = 4055 Hz], and IR bands at 1675 [ν(C=N)] and 340, 285 cm<sup>-1</sup> [ν(Pt-Cl)]. The proton NMR spectrum showed that both NMe<sub>2</sub> methyls are coupled to <sup>195</sup>Pt (Table 2) and that C(3)-H is also coupled to <sup>195</sup>Pt and to <sup>31</sup>P. The coupling constants of <sup>195</sup>Pt to the two NMe<sub>2</sub> methyls of 30.1 and 25.8 Hz are typical of a three-bond coupling and indicate that NMe<sub>2</sub> is co-ordinated to platinum in a six-membered ring and that the configuration around C=N is *Z*. Treatment of the dichloro-complex **2d** with LiBr gave the

corresponding dibromide [PtBr<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>2</sub>C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NNMe<sub>2</sub>)] **2e**.

Since a tertiary phosphine has a greater *trans* effect and *trans* influence than a tertiary amine, we anticipated that it might be possible to replace chlorine *trans* to phosphorus in **2d**, selectively. When an acetone solution of **2d** was treated with 1 mole equivalent of silver nitrate the monochloro mononitrate

complex [PtCl(ONO<sub>2</sub>)(PPh<sub>2</sub>C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NNMe<sub>2</sub>)] **2f** was obtained. The <sup>31</sup>P-{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum showed that it was a single product with an exceptionally large <sup>195</sup>Pt-<sup>31</sup>P coupling constant, <sup>1</sup>J(PtP) = 4438 Hz (Table 1). It is known that <sup>1</sup>J(PtP) for phosphorus in *trans* position to a nitrate ligand is larger than that of its chloride analogue.<sup>6,7</sup> The infrared spectrum showed only one band due to platinum-chlorine stretch, at 340 cm<sup>-1</sup>. There were also strong bands at 1535, 1280 and 995 cm<sup>-1</sup>, indicative of an ONO<sub>2</sub> group. Similar values have been reported for nitrate complexes of Ni, Pd and Pt.<sup>8</sup> The proton NMR spectrum showed two NMe<sub>2</sub> singlets with satellites, due to <sup>195</sup>Pt splitting, at δ 2.94 [<sup>3</sup>J(PtH) = 33.1] and 3.40 [<sup>3</sup>J(PtH) = 21.2 Hz]; these data confirmed that the platinum was co-ordinated by the NMe<sub>2</sub> group, *i.e.* the configuration around the C=N bond was *Z*. Treatment of the dichloride complex **2d** with 2 mol of AgNO<sub>3</sub> did not remove the second chloride.

We also made the dimethylplatinum complex **2g** by heating [PtMe<sub>2</sub>(cod)] with the *exo*-phosphine **1a** in benzene at 60 °C for 16 h.

We have examined the isomerization of the *exo*-phosphine **1a** to the *endo*-phosphine **1b** by <sup>31</sup>P-{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectroscopy. It is known that deprotonation of (1*R*)-(+)-camphor, followed by treatment with methyl iodide, gives a mixture (~4:1) of *exo*- and *endo*-(1*R*)-(+)-3-methylcamphor which, when treated with acid or base, is catalytically converted into a mixture of the *exo* and *endo* isomers in the proportion of ~1:9.<sup>9</sup> We have also observed the presence of both *exo* and *endo* isomers (~1:5) of (1*R*)-(+)-3-diphenylphosphinocamphor on storage for 16 h of a solution containing lithiated (1*R*)-(+)-camphor and 1 equivalent of PPh<sub>2</sub>Cl.<sup>10</sup>

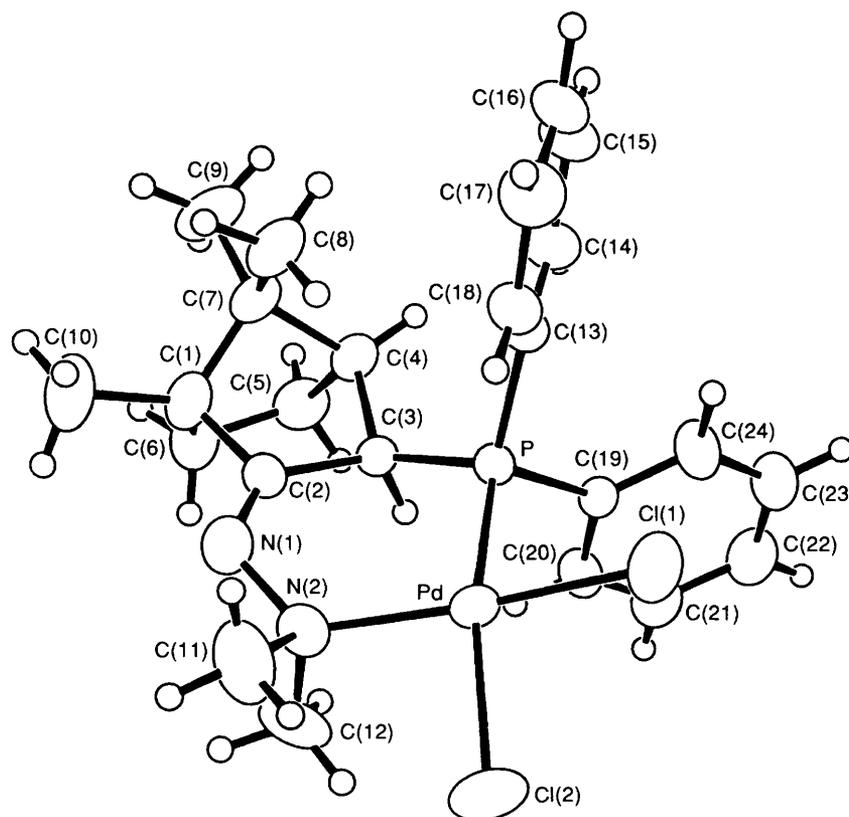
We have now treated the *exo*-phosphine **1a** in tetrahydrofuran (thf) with acetic acid and found partial conversion into **1b**. After 2 h the proportion of **1a** to **1b** was approximately 1:1.9 and did not change further with time, or on heating the solution to *ca.* 60 °C for 4 h. A similar ratio of **1a** to **1b** *viz.* 1:1.9 was obtained by heating to *ca.* 80 °C a solution of **1a** in propan-2-ol containing acetic acid for 3-4 h. We have also found that the isomerization of **1a** to **1b** could be catalysed by sodium ethoxide in ethanol. It was very slow at room temperature but, after heating **1a** in 0.4 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> sodium ethoxide-ethanol-tetrahydrofuran solution at *ca.* 75 °C for 20 h, the proportion of **1a** and **1b** in the mixture was ≈1:1.5. We were not able to isolate a pure sample of the *endo* isomer **1b**. The proportions of **1a** and **1b** in the solid mixture varied between ≈1:1 and ≈1:1.5.

Since the pure *endo* isomer **1b** was not prepared it had to be characterized as a mixture with **1a**. Microanalytical data (C, H and N) were in agreement with a formula of C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>P for the mixture, *i.e.* the two components are isomers (see Experimental

**Table 2** Proton NMR data<sup>a</sup>

| Compound              | Camphor methyls            | NMe <sub>2</sub>   | C <sup>3</sup> H                                | C <sup>4</sup> H   |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>1a</b>             | 0.73(s), 1.05(s), 1.07(s)  | 1.89 (6 H, s)  | 3.14 [d, <sup>2</sup> J(PH) 1.7]                | 1.61 [t, <sup>3</sup> J(HH) = <sup>3</sup> J(PH) 4.1] <sup>b</sup> |
| <b>1b</b>             | 0.85(s), 0.91(s), 1.02(s)  | 1.81 (6 H, s, br)  | 3.76 [m, <sup>2</sup> J(PH) 1.8] <sup>b,c</sup> | <i>d</i>   |
| <b>2a</b>             | -0.24(s), 0.73(s), 0.92(s) | 3.01 (s), 3.66 (s)   | 2.71 [d, <sup>2</sup> J(PH) 14.8]               | 2.47 [dd, <sup>3</sup> J(HH) 3.2, <sup>3</sup> J(PH) 6.3]          |
| <b>2b</b>             | -0.24(s), 0.74(s), 0.93(s) | 3.07 (s), 3.76 (s)   | 2.57 [d, <sup>2</sup> J(PH) 14.5]               | 2.49 [dd, <sup>3</sup> J(HH) 3.2, <sup>3</sup> J(PH) 6.1]          |
| <b>2c</b>             | -0.23(s), 0.73(s), 0.92(s) | 3.09 (s), 3.83 (s)   | 2.51 [d, <sup>2</sup> J(PH) 14.0]               | 2.49 [dd, <sup>3</sup> J(HH) 3.2, <sup>3</sup> J(PH) 6.2]          |
| <b>2d</b>             | -0.11(s), 0.74(s), 0.91(s) | 3.12 [s, <sup>3</sup> J(PtH) 30.1]<br>3.76 [s, <sup>3</sup> J(PtH) 25.8] | 2.70 [d, <sup>2</sup> J(PH) 16.1] <sup>e</sup>  | 2.48 [dd, <sup>3</sup> J(HH) 3.2, <sup>3</sup> J(PH) 6.5]          |
| <b>2e</b>             | -0.17(s), 0.74(s), 0.90(s) | 3.23 [s, <sup>3</sup> J(PtH) 30.1]<br>3.89 [s, <sup>3</sup> J(PtH) 26.8] | 2.69 [d, <sup>2</sup> J(PH) 16.1] <sup>f</sup>  | 2.49 [dd, <sup>3</sup> J(HH) 3.2, <sup>3</sup> J(PH) 6.6]          |
| <b>2f</b>             | 0.03(s), 0.74(s), 0.94(s)  | 2.94 [s, <sup>3</sup> J(PtH) 33.1]<br>3.40 [s, <sup>3</sup> J(PtH) 21.2] | 2.43 [d, <sup>2</sup> J(PH) 15.9]               | 2.47 [m, <sup>3</sup> J(HH) 3.5] <sup>g</sup>                      |
| <b>2g<sup>h</sup></b> | 0.06(s), 0.44(s), 0.96(s)  | 2.32 [s, <sup>3</sup> J(PtH) 15.9]<br>3.33 [s, <sup>3</sup> J(PtH) 16.2] | 2.16 [d, <sup>2</sup> J(PH) 15.1]               | <i>d</i>   |
| <b>3a</b>             | 0.75(s), 0.92(s), 1.00(s)  | 3.30 [s, <sup>3</sup> J(PtH) 28.0]<br>3.84 [s, <sup>3</sup> J(PtH) 23.6] | <i>d</i>  | 2.17 (m, br)   |
| <b>3b</b>             | 0.76(s), 0.81(s), 1.02(s)  | 3.12 (s), 3.70 (s)   | 3.03 (m) <sup>i</sup>                           | 2.13 (m, br)   |
| <b>3c<sup>j</sup></b> | 0.37(s), 0.57(s), 0.95(s)  | 2.59 [s, <sup>3</sup> J(PtH) 16.1]<br>3.38 [s, <sup>3</sup> J(PtH) 15.6] | <i>d</i>  | <i>d</i>   |
| <b>5</b>              | -0.12(s), 0.74(s), 1.21(s) | 2.94 (s), 3.06 (s)   | 3.97 [d, <sup>2</sup> J(PH) 15.8]               | 2.29 [dd, <sup>3</sup> J(HH) 3.0, <sup>3</sup> J(PH) 7.3]          |

<sup>a</sup> Recorded at 100 MHz, chemical shifts are in ppm relative to SiMe<sub>4</sub>, *J* values in Hz, solvent CDCl<sub>3</sub> unless otherwise stated. s = Singlet, m = multiplet, t = triplet, br = broad. <sup>b</sup> Obtained by double-resonance experiments at 400 MHz. <sup>c</sup> <sup>3</sup>J(HH) = 4.0 and <sup>4</sup>J(HH) = 2.3 Hz. <sup>d</sup> Not resolved. <sup>e</sup> <sup>3</sup>J(PtH) = 6.1 Hz. <sup>f</sup> <sup>3</sup>J(PtH) = 8.9 Hz. <sup>g</sup> Signal obscured by C<sup>3</sup>H. <sup>h</sup> In C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, δ 1.35 [d, <sup>3</sup>J(PH) = 7.0, <sup>2</sup>J(PtH) = 69.8, PtMe] and 1.37 [d, <sup>3</sup>J(PH) = 7.5, <sup>2</sup>J(PtH) = 83.8 Hz, PtMe]. <sup>i</sup> Signal obscured by NMe<sub>2</sub> peaks. <sup>j</sup> In C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, δ 1.25 (PtMe) and 1.26 (PtMe).

**Fig. 1** An ORTEP drawing<sup>5</sup> of the molecular structure of [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>2</sub>C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NNMe<sub>2</sub>)] **2a**

section). The *endo*-phosphine **1b** showed a singlet <sup>31</sup>P-{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR resonance at δ -10.1 (Table 1) and in the proton spectrum the *exo*-hydrogen on C(3) was coupled to the methine hydrogen [<sup>3</sup>J(HH) = 4.0 Hz] and to the *exo*-hydrogen on C(5), [<sup>4</sup>J(HH) = 2.3 Hz], a 'W coupling'. The coupling to phosphorus was resolved by double-resonance experiments at 400 MHz [<sup>2</sup>J(PH) = 1.8 Hz]. In contrast, the *endo*-hydrogen on C(3) in the *exo*-phosphine **1a** was only coupled to phosphorus [<sup>2</sup>J(PH) = 1.7 Hz], as established by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>31</sup>P} NMR experiments. There are several reports in the

literature that the coupling constants <sup>3</sup>J(HH) between a 3-*endo* proton and a 4-bridgehead proton is zero for camphor derivatives such as **1a**: examples of this include (1*R*)-(+)-3-*exo*-methylcamphor,<sup>9</sup> (1*R*)-(+)-9-bromo-3-*exo*-methylcamphor,<sup>9</sup> (1*R*)-(+)-9,10-dibromo-3-*exo*-methylcamphor,<sup>9</sup> norcamphor<sup>11</sup> and Group 6 complexes of camphor phosphines,<sup>1,2</sup> whereas <sup>3</sup>J(HH) between a 3-*exo* proton and a 4-bridged proton is about 4.0–4.5 Hz.<sup>9,11</sup> In a range of rigid bicyclic compounds, <sup>3</sup>J(HH) between *endo* and bridgehead protons was found to be zero or <1 Hz.<sup>12</sup>

**Table 3** Selected bond lengths (pm) and angles (°) for compound **2a** with estimated standard deviations (e.s.d.s) in parentheses

|                 |           |                  |           |
|-----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| P–Pd            | 220.5(3)  | Cl(1)–Pd         | 229.7(4)  |
| Cl(2)–Pd        | 239.6(4)  | N(2)–Pd          | 210.8(7)  |
| C(3)–P          | 183.6(8)  | C(13)–P          | 179.8(5)  |
| C(19)–P         | 181.2(5)  | C(2)–C(1)        | 148.9(10) |
| C(6)–C(1)       | 156.9(11) | C(7)–C(1)        | 154.7(11) |
| C(10)–C(1)      | 151.8(10) | C(3)–C(2)        | 151.9(10) |
| N(1)–C(2)       | 127.9(9)  | C(4)–C(3)        | 155.9(9)  |
| C(5)–C(4)       | 154.5(10) | C(7)–C(4)        | 158.4(9)  |
| C(6)–C(5)       | 154.8(11) | C(8)–C(7)        | 153.0(11) |
| C(9)–C(7)       | 150.5(11) | N(2)–N(1)        | 147.9(8)  |
| C(11)–N(2)      | 150.1(10) | C(12)–C(2)       | 149.0(10) |
| Cl(1)–Pd–P      | 85.3(2)   | Cl(2)–Pd–P       | 164.4(1)  |
| Cl(2)–Pd–Cl(1)  | 89.6(2)   | N(2)–Pd–P        | 96.1(2)   |
| N(2)–Pd–Cl(1)   | 172.1(2)  | N(2)–Pd–Cl(2)    | 91.0(2)   |
| C(3)–P–Pd       | 108.6(3)  | C(13)–P–Pd       | 117.8(2)  |
| C(13)–P–C(3)    | 110.8(3)  | C(19)–P–Pd       | 108.2(2)  |
| C(19)–P–C(3)    | 103.5(3)  | C(19)–P–C(13)    | 106.8(3)  |
| C(6)–C(1)–C(2)  | 104.5(6)  | C(7)–C(1)–C(2)   | 101.5(6)  |
| C(7)–C(1)–C(6)  | 102.1(7)  | C(10)–C(1)–C(2)  | 116.2(7)  |
| C(10)–C(1)–C(6) | 112.8(7)  | C(10)–C(1)–C(7)  | 117.9(7)  |
| C(3)–C(2)–C(1)  | 107.2(6)  | N(1)–C(2)–C(1)   | 120.2(6)  |
| N(1)–C(2)–C(3)  | 132.5(6)  | C(2)–C(3)–P      | 117.3(5)  |
| C(4)–C(3)–P     | 121.7(5)  | C(4)–C(3)–C(2)   | 101.4(5)  |
| C(5)–C(4)–C(3)  | 103.5(6)  | C(7)–C(4)–C(3)   | 103.9(6)  |
| C(7)–C(4)–C(5)  | 101.0(6)  | C(6)–C(5)–C(4)   | 103.0(6)  |
| C(5)–C(6)–C(1)  | 104.0(6)  | C(4)–C(7)–C(1)   | 93.4(5)   |
| C(8)–C(7)–C(1)  | 110.6(7)  | C(8)–C(7)–C(4)   | 115.3(6)  |
| C(9)–C(7)–C(1)  | 116.0(7)  | C(9)–C(7)–C(4)   | 112.4(7)  |
| C(9)–C(7)–C(8)  | 108.7(6)  | N(2)–N(1)–C(2)   | 120.6(6)  |
| N(1)–N(2)–Pd    | 125.0(5)  | C(11)–N(2)–Pd    | 104.5(5)  |
| C(11)–N(2)–N(1) | 102.0(6)  | C(12)–N(2)–Pd    | 109.7(6)  |
| C(12)–N(2)–N(1) | 105.7(6)  | C(12)–N(2)–C(11) | 109.1(7)  |

We have measured the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of the *exo*-phosphine **1a** and assigned all the resonances of the  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNMe}_2$  moiety using  $^1\text{H}$ – $^{13}\text{C}$  correlation spectroscopy and comparison with the published data for (1*R*)-(+)-camphor.<sup>13,14</sup> We have done similar  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR studies on the **1a**–**1b** mixture and were thus able to assign shifts and coupling constants for the *endo*-phosphine **1b**; see Experimental section for data. The subsequent chemistry of this *endo*-phosphine **1b** established the configuration around the C=N to be *Z* (see below).

We have made some metal complexes of the *exo/endo*-phosphine mixture **1a** and **1b**. Thus, treatment of a *ca.* 1:1 mixture of these two chelating phosphines with  $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{cod})]$  in dichloromethane gave a mixture of the two *cis*-dichloride isomers  $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNMe}_2)]$  **2d** and **3a**. The elemental analytical data (C, H, N and Cl) for the mixture were in agreement with the formulation  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{PPt}\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and the  $^{31}\text{P}$ - $\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of the mixture showed the presence of the *exo*-phosphine complex, characterized by a singlet phosphorus resonance,  $\delta(\text{P})$  14.7, with satellites  $^1J(\text{PtP}) = 4055$  Hz (Table 1) and an approximately equal amount of a complex characterized by a singlet phosphorus resonance at  $\delta(\text{P})$  10.8, with satellites,  $^1J(\text{PtP}) = 4026$  Hz. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of this mixture showed the presence of **2a** (data in Table 2) and two singlets with satellites due to the co-ordinated  $\text{NMe}_2$  group of the second species,  $\delta(\text{H})$  3.30 [ $^3J(\text{PtH}) = 28.0$ ] and 3.84 [ $^3J(\text{PtH}) = 23.6$  Hz]. We therefore formulate this second species as the *endo*-phosphine complex **3a**. A similar treatment of  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{NCPH})_2]$  with a *ca.* 1:1 mixture of the phosphines **1a** and **1b** gave a mixture of the two isomeric complexes **2a** and **3b**. We have also prepared a mixture of the dimethylplatinum complexes **2g** and **3c** by treating a mixture of **1a** and **1b** with  $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{cod})]$ . The mixture would not crystallize but we characterized it by  $^{31}\text{P}$ - $\{^1\text{H}\}$  and proton NMR spectroscopy (see Tables 1 and 2).

When a solution of complex **2d** in dry thf was treated with an excess of methyl lithium the resultant solution showed a single phosphorus-containing species absorbing at  $\delta$  12.2 with satellites,  $^1J(\text{PtP}) = 2208$  Hz. When we treated this solution with methanol a mixture of the complexes **2g** and **3c** in *ca.* 1:1 proportions, was formed. These were identified by  $^{31}\text{P}$ - $\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectroscopy. We suggest that the intermediate absorbing at  $\delta$  12.2 is the anion **4**.

Since the complexes of type **2** have a lone pair on the unco-ordinated nitrogen (C=N) we studied the effect of hydrogen chloride on the *exo*-phosphine–platinum dichloride complex **2d**, in an attempt to protonate this lone pair. In dichloromethane solution **2d** gave a phosphorus resonance,  $\delta(\text{P})$  14.7 [ $^1J(\text{PtP})$  4055 Hz] and when dry hydrogen chloride was bubbled through a solution of **2d** in dichloromethane it was completely converted into another species, characterized by  $\delta(\text{P})$  7.9 [ $^1J(\text{PtP}) = 3437$  Hz]. We suggest this corresponds to a derivative of **2d** containing a  $\text{Me}_2\text{NNH}_2\text{C}=\text{CPPh}_2$  moiety. Subsequent treatment of this solution with ethanol gave a mixture of **2d** and **3a** in the approximate proportions of 1:3, as shown by  $^{31}\text{P}$ - $\{^1\text{H}\}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy. A similar treatment of the palladium complex **2a** with dry hydrogen chloride gave a new species, characterized by a singlet phosphorus resonance at  $\delta(\text{P})$  30.2, again presumably a protonated complex; this solution, on addition of methanol, gave a mixture (*ca.* 1:2.4) of the *exo*- and *endo*-phosphine complexes **2a** and **3b** (proton and  $^{31}\text{P}$ - $\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR evidence). When we treated a mixture of **2a** and **3b** with dry hydrogen chloride the species absorbing at  $\delta(\text{P})$  30.2 was reformed. The mother-liquor from this mixture gave a new complex in about 30% yield but contaminated with small amounts of **2a** and **3b**. This new complex was characterized by a singlet phosphorus resonance at  $\delta(\text{P})$  60.5. We tentatively suggest that this is due to the five-membered chelate ring complex **5** and have made a similar five-membered ring chelate complex which also has  $\delta(\text{P}) \approx 60$ : 4-*tert*-butylcyclohexanone *N,N*-dimethylhydrazone was treated with lithium diisopropylamide or butyllithium, followed by  $\text{PPh}_2\text{Cl}$ , and the resultant (isolated) phosphine was treated with  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{NCPH})_2]$ . This gave the chelate complex **6** the structure of which has been established by X-ray crystallography. This complex had  $\delta(\text{P})$  at 62.5.<sup>15</sup> Complex **5** showed a doublet for C(3)–H in the proton NMR spectrum at  $\delta(\text{H})$  3.97,  $^2J(\text{PH}) = 15.8$  Hz (Table 2). These data are characteristic of C(3)–H being *endo* and therefore  $\text{PPh}_2$  being in an *exo* position.

**Crystal Structure of  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNMe}_2)]$  **2a**.**—The crystal structure of complex **2a** is shown in Fig. 1 and selected bond lengths and angles are shown in Table 3 and atom coordinates in Table 4. The structure shows that the  $\text{PPh}_2$  group is in the *exo* position and that the palladium is co-ordinated to the  $\text{NMe}_2$  nitrogen. The arrangement around the C=N bond is *Z*. The co-ordination around palladium is essentially square planar, the deviations being in part due to the restrictions imposed by the rigid camphor backbone. As would be expected, the Pd–Cl bond *trans* to phosphorus is longer [239.6(4) pm] than that *trans* to nitrogen [229.7(4) pm], due to the higher *trans* influence of phosphorus over nitrogen.

## Experimental

The general methods and instruments were the same as in other recent publications from this laboratory.<sup>16</sup>

**Preparations.**— $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNMe}_2)]$  **2a**. (i) From  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{NCPH})_2]$ . A solution of the *exo*-phosphine **1a** (1.0 g, 2.6 mmol) in dichloromethane (15  $\text{cm}^3$ ) was added to a solution of  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{NCPH})_2]$  (1.0 g, 2.6 mmol) in dichloromethane (25  $\text{cm}^3$ ). Addition of ethanol (*ca.* 25  $\text{cm}^3$ ) to the resulting yellow solution gave the required product **2a** as yellow microcrystals. Yield 1.3 g, 90%.

**Table 4** Atom coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) for compound **2a** with e.s.d.s in parentheses

| Atom  | x          | y          | z          |
|-------|------------|------------|------------|
| Pd    | -1607.0(5) | -4044.8(4) | -2778.6(2) |
| P     | -3024(1)   | -2905(1)   | -2694(1)   |
| Cl(1) | -2683(2)   | -5078(2)   | -2111(1)   |
| Cl(2) | 27(2)      | -5140(2)   | -2579(1)   |
| C(1)  | -2433(7)   | -989(7)    | -4181(3)   |
| C(2)  | -2006(6)   | -1830(6)   | -3751(3)   |
| C(3)  | -2624(6)   | -1701(5)   | -3121(3)   |
| C(4)  | -3527(6)   | -840(5)    | -3289(3)   |
| C(5)  | -2821(8)   | 188(6)     | -3282(4)   |
| C(6)  | -2022(8)   | 61(6)      | -3864(4)   |
| C(7)  | -3731(7)   | -989(6)    | -4027(3)   |
| C(8)  | -4280(8)   | -2034(7)   | -4220(4)   |
| C(9)  | -4421(10)  | -106(8)    | -4311(5)   |
| C(10) | -2078(10)  | -1075(8)   | -4873(4)   |
| N(1)  | -1226(6)   | -2465(5)   | -3939(3)   |
| N(2)  | -707(6)    | -3228(5)   | -3493(3)   |
| C(11) | -294(10)   | -4072(8)   | -3935(5)   |
| C(12) | 303(7)     | -2683(9)   | -3211(6)   |
| C(13) | -4438(3)   | -3329(4)   | -2918(2)   |
| C(14) | -5396(3)   | -2701(4)   | -2800(2)   |
| C(15) | -6474(3)   | -3008(4)   | -3021(2)   |
| C(16) | -6594(3)   | -3944(4)   | -3359(2)   |
| C(17) | -5673(3)   | -4573(4)   | -3476(2)   |
| C(18) | -4559(3)   | -4266(4)   | -3256(2)   |
| C(19) | -3108(4)   | -2483(4)   | -1873(2)   |
| C(20) | -2238(4)   | -1853(4)   | -1624(2)   |
| C(21) | -2245(4)   | -1587(4)   | -981(2)    |
| C(22) | -3122(4)   | -1951(4)   | -588(2)    |
| C(23) | -3993(4)   | -2581(4)   | -837(2)    |
| C(24) | -3986(4)   | -2846(4)   | -1480(2)   |

(ii) From  $\text{Na}_2[\text{PdCl}_4] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . A warm solution of the *exo*-phosphine **1a** (0.30 g, 0.80 mmol) in ethanol (12 cm<sup>3</sup>) was added to a solution of  $\text{Na}_2[\text{PdCl}_4] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.24 g, 0.75 mmol) in ethanol (12 cm<sup>3</sup>). The resulting solution was heated to *ca.* 80 °C for 1 min and then allowed to cool. This gave the product **2a** (0.30 g, 73%) (Found: C, 51.45; H, 5.7; Cl, 13.0; N, 4.85.  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{PPd}$  requires C, 51.85; H, 5.6; Cl, 12.75; N, 5.05%).

$[\text{PdBr}_2(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNMe}_2)]$  **2b**. A solution of the dichloro-complex **2a** (0.15 g, 0.27 mmol) and an excess of lithium bromide (0.23 g, 2.7 mmol) in acetone (12 cm<sup>3</sup>) was put aside for 24 h. The solution was then evaporated to dryness and the product extracted into dichloromethane. Crystallization from dichloromethane-acetone gave **2b** as yellow microcrystals; yield (0.15 g, 85%) (Found: C, 42.3; H, 4.75; N, 3.8.  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_2\text{PPd} \cdot 0.6\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  requires C, 42.45; H, 4.65; N, 4.0%).

$[\text{PdI}_2(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNMe}_2)]$  **2c**. This was prepared from **2a** and isolated in an analogous manner to **2b**; yield 79% (Found: C, 39.05; H, 4.25; N, 3.7.  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{I}_2\text{N}_2\text{PPd}$  requires C, 39.0; H, 4.25; N, 3.8%).

$[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNMe}_2)]$  **2d**. A solution containing the phosphine **1a** (1.0 g, 2.67 mmol) and  $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{cod})]$  (1.0 g, 2.67 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 cm<sup>3</sup>) was refluxed for 45 min. The required product was isolated as off-white microcrystals; yield (1.49 g, 86%) (Found: C, 44.5; H, 4.85; Cl, 10.9; N, 4.2.  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{PPt}$  requires C, 44.7; H, 4.85; Cl, 11.0; N, 4.35%).

$[\text{PtBr}_2(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNMe}_2)]$  **2e**. This was prepared and isolated in an analogous manner to complex **2b**, in 82% yield (Found: C, 39.0; H, 4.3; N, 3.7.  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_2\text{PPt}$  requires C, 39.3; H, 4.25; N, 3.8%).

$[\text{PtCl}(\text{NO}_3)(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNMe}_2)]$  **2f**. Silver nitrate (53 mg, 0.31 mmol) in the minimum amount of water was added to a solution containing the dichloro complex **2d** (0.20 g, 0.31 mmol) in acetone (15 cm<sup>3</sup>). The precipitate of silver chloride was filtered off and the filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The resultant residue was recrystallized from dichloromethane-

ethanol to give the mononitrate complex **2f** as white microcrystals; yield (0.16 g, 77%) (Found: C, 42.55; H, 4.6; Cl, 4.9; N, 6.1.  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_3\text{Ppt}$  requires C, 42.95; H, 4.65; Cl, 5.2; N, 6.25%).

$[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{PPh}_2\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{15}\text{NNMe}_2)]$  **2g**. A solution containing  $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{cod})]$  (66 mg, 0.20 mmol) and the phosphine **1a** (76 mg, 0.20 mmol) in benzene (1.5 cm<sup>3</sup>) was heated at *ca.* 60 °C for 15 h. The resulting yellow solution was evaporated to dryness and then triturated with ethanol to give the required product **2g** as white microcrystals; yield (35 mg, 29%) (Found: C, 51.7; H, 6.0; N, 4.65.  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_2\text{Ppt}$  requires C, 51.75; H, 6.2; N, 4.65%).

*Isomerization of *exo*-Phosphine 1a to *endo*-Phosphine 1b.*—A mixture of the *exo*-phosphine **1a** (1.0 g, 2.77 mmol) and acetic acid (1.3 cm<sup>3</sup>) was refluxed in propan-2-ol (15 cm<sup>3</sup>) for 4 h. The  $^{31}\text{P}\{-^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of the mixture showed it to comprise of **1a** and **1b** in the ratio of  $\approx 1:1.9$  (see Discussion). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue recrystallized from ethanol to give a white crystalline solid (0.77 g, 77%). It was found to be a mixture of **1a** and **1b** in the ratio *ca.* 1:1.5 (see Discussion) (Found: C, 76.3; H, 8.1; N, 7.6.  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{P}$  requires C, 76.15; H, 8.25; N, 7.4%). *exo*-Phosphine **1a**:  $^{13}\text{C}\{-^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100.6 MHz)  $\delta$  11.5 (s, C<sup>10</sup>), 19.4 (s, C<sup>8</sup>), 21.9 [d,  $^4J(\text{PC})$  21.1, C<sup>9</sup>], 30.4 (s, C<sup>5</sup>), 32.1 (s, C<sup>6</sup>), 45.7 (s, NMe<sub>2</sub>), 45.8 [d,  $^1J(\text{PC})$  27.8, C<sup>3</sup>], 47.1 [d,  $^3J(\text{PC})$  1.6, C<sup>7</sup>], 48.0 [d,  $^2J(\text{PC})$  1.8, C<sup>4</sup>], 53.1 [d,  $^3J(\text{PC})$  3.2, C<sup>1</sup>] and 184.1 [d,  $^2J(\text{PC})$  6.7 Hz, C<sup>2</sup>]. *endo*-Phosphine **1b**:  $^{13}\text{C}\{-^1\text{H}\}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100.6 MHz)  $\delta$  12.5 (s, C<sup>10</sup>), 18.4 (s, C<sup>8</sup>), 19.5 (s, C<sup>9</sup>), 23.0 [d,  $^3J(\text{PC})$  15.7, C<sup>5</sup>], 33.2 (s, C<sup>6</sup>), 41.9 [d,  $^1J(\text{PC})$  18.8, C<sup>3</sup>], 45.7 (s, NMe<sub>2</sub>), 48.2 [d,  $^3J(\text{PC})$  1.9, C<sup>7</sup>], 48.6 (s, C<sup>4</sup>), 53.7 [d,  $^3J(\text{PC})$  1.7, C<sup>1</sup>] and 183.5 [d,  $^2J(\text{PC})$  9.0 Hz, C<sup>2</sup>].

*Reactions between a Mixture (1:1) of Phosphines 1a and 1b.*—With  $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{cod})]$ . The complex  $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{cod})]$  (59 mg, 0.16 mmol) was added to a solution containing a mixture ( $\approx 1:1$ ) of phosphines **1a** and **1b** (61 mg, 0.16 mmol) in dichloromethane (*ca.* 2 cm<sup>3</sup>). After 2 h the solution was concentrated to a low volume under reduced pressure. Addition of methanol gave a mixture ( $\approx 1:1$ ) of complexes **2d** and **3a** as a pale yellow crystalline solid; yield (71 mg, 69%) (Found: C, 41.1; H, 4.6; Cl, 19.1; N, 3.7.  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{PPt} \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  requires C, 41.15; H, 4.55; Cl, 19.45; N, 3.85%).

With  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{NPh})_2]$ . Similarly, treatment of a mixture ( $\approx 1:1$ ) of phosphines **1a** and **1b** with  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{NPh})_2]$  (1 equivalent) in dichloromethane gave a mixture ( $\approx 1:1$ ) of complexes **2a** and **3b** in 59% yield (Found: C, 47.95; H, 5.45; N, 4.45.  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{PPd} \cdot 0.75\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  requires C, 48.0; H, 5.3; N, 4.5%).

With  $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{cod})]$ . A solution containing  $[\text{PtMe}_2(\text{cod})]$  (50 mg, 0.15 mmol) and a mixture ( $\approx 1:1$ ) of phosphines **1a** and **1b** (58 mg, 0.15 mmol) in benzene (*ca.* 1.5 cm<sup>3</sup>) was heated to *ca.* 60 °C for 22 h. Since the products failed to crystallize the solution was evaporated to dryness and redissolved in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  for  $^{31}\text{P}\{-^1\text{H}\}$ ,  $^1\text{H}\{-^{31}\text{P}\}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR studies.

*Reaction of Complex 2d with Dry Hydrogen Chloride.*—Dry hydrogen chloride was bubbled through a solution containing complex **2d** (0.31 g, 0.48 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 cm<sup>3</sup>) for 90 s. The  $^{31}\text{P}\{-^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of this solution showed only one phosphorus-containing species, which gave a singlet at  $\delta$  7.9 with  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  satellites,  $^1J(\text{PtP}) = 3437$  Hz. After 1 h the solution was concentrated to a low volume (*ca.* 2 cm<sup>3</sup>) under reduced pressure and ethanol (*ca.* 2 cm<sup>3</sup>) added. A mixture ( $\approx 1:3$ ) of the isomeric complexes **2d** and **3a** crystallized as pale yellow needles; yield (0.24 g, 77%).

*Reaction of Complex 2a with Dry Hydrogen Chloride.*—Dry hydrogen chloride was bubbled through a solution containing complex **2a** (0.21 g, 0.37 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 cm<sup>3</sup>) for 2 min. The  $^{31}\text{P}\{-^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of this solution showed only one phosphorus-containing species absorbing at  $\delta$  30.2.

After 15 min the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was crystallized from dichloromethane-methanol to give a mixture ( $\approx 1:2.4$ ) of the isomeric complexes **2a** and **3b** as yellow microcrystals; yield (88 mg, 42%). The mother-liquor gave complex **5** as yellow microcrystals yield (72 mg, 34%), contaminated with small amounts of complexes **2a** and **3b** (see Discussion) (Found: C, 51.6; H, 5.55; Cl, 12.85; N, 4.9.  $C_{24}H_{31}Cl_2N_2PPd$  **5** requires C, 51.85; H, 5.6; Cl, 12.75; N, 5.05%).

**Reaction between Methylithium and Complex 2d.**—An excess of LiMe ( $1.4 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) in diethyl ether ( $0.4 \text{ cm}^3$ ) was added to a suspension of complex **2d** (60 mg, 0.09 mmol) in dry thf ( $1.5 \text{ cm}^3$ ). The  $^{31}\text{P}\{-^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of the resultant pale yellow solution after 3 h showed a single phosphorus-containing species at  $\delta 12.2$  [ $J(\text{PtP}) = 2208 \text{ Hz}$ ]. A few drops of methanol were added to this solution.  $^{31}\text{P}\{-^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectroscopy showed after 1 h the presence of a mixture ( $\approx 1:1$ ) of complexes **2g** and **3c**, absorbing at  $\delta 45.0$  [ $J(\text{PtP}) = 2169$ ] and  $40.5$  [ $J(\text{PtP}) = 2177 \text{ Hz}$ ], respectively.

**Single-crystal X-Ray Diffraction Analysis of Compound 2a.**—All crystallographic measurements were carried out at 290 K on a Nicolet P3/F diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$  X-radiation ( $\lambda = 71.069 \text{ pm}$ ). The unit-cell parameters and their associated estimated standard deviations were obtained from a least-squares fit of the setting angles of 25 reflections in the range  $20 < 2\theta < 25^\circ$ . Data were collected in the range  $4.0 < 2\theta < 50.0^\circ$  over 171.4 h using  $\omega$ - $2\theta$  scans with no significant variation in the intensities of three standard reflections. Lorentz and polarization corrections were applied to the data set together with a post structure-solution empirical absorption correction.<sup>17</sup>

The structure was determined *via* standard heavy-atom (for the Pd atom) and Fourier difference techniques and was refined by full-matrix least squares using the SHELX program system.<sup>18</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters except for the carbon and chlorine atoms of two disordered  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  molecules which were refined isotropically. The phenyl groups were treated as rigid bodies with idealized hexagonal symmetry (C-C 139.5 pm). All hydrogen atoms were included in calculated positions (C-H 96 pm) and were refined with an overall isotropic thermal parameter. The weighting scheme  $w = [\sigma^2(F_o) + 0.0008(F_o)^2]^{-1}$  was used. Refinement of the enantiomeric structure (based on L-camphor) led to significantly higher values of *R* and *R'*.

**Crystal data.**  $C_{24}H_{31}N_2PPd \cdot 2CH_2Cl_2$ ,  $M = 725.69$  (includes both solvent molecules), orthorhombic, space group  $P2_12_12_1$ ,

$a = 1165.1(2)$ ,  $b = 1272.5(2)$ ,  $c = 2106.1(5) \text{ pm}$ ,  $U = 3.1223(10) \text{ nm}^3$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $D_c = 1.54 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ ,  $\mu = 10.77 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $F(000) = 1472$ . Crystal dimensions:  $0.8 \times 0.5 \times 0.4 \text{ mm}$ .

**Data collection.** Scan speeds  $2.0\text{--}29.3^\circ \text{ min}^{-1}$ ,  $\omega$  scan widths  $2.0^\circ + \alpha$ -doublet splitting,  $4.0 < 2\theta < 50.0^\circ$ , 3884 data collected, 2812 with  $I > 2.0\sigma(I)$  considered observed.

**Structure refinement.** Number of parameters = 307,  $R = 0.0421$ ,  $R' = 0.0453$ .

Additional material available from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre comprises H-atom coordinates, thermal parameters and remaining bond lengths and angles.

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