



Preparation, properties, and catalytic activity of transition-metal complexes containing a ligated 2-methyl-3,3-diphenyl-1,3-diphosphapropene skeleton

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Abstract—2-Methyl-3,3-diphenyl-1-(2,4,6-tri-*t*-butylphenyl)-1,3-diphosphapropene behaved as an unsymmetrical chelating ligand for transition metal complexes and the 1,3-diphosphapropene moiety was hydrolyzed to afford the 1,3-diphosphapropen-1-ol derivative upon coordination. The palladium complex showed catalytic activity for the Sonogashira coupling reaction.
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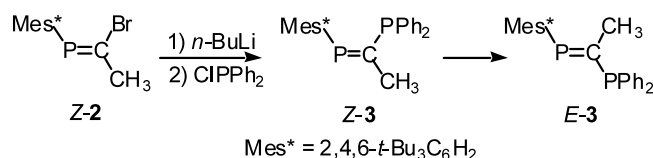
We have recently reported preparation of a bulky 2-chloro-1,3-diphosphapropene $\text{Mes}^*\text{P}=\text{C}(\text{Cl})\text{PPh}_2$ (**1**; $\text{Mes}^*=2,4,6\text{-}t\text{-Bu}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_2$) as a primitive compound involving an unsaturated sp^2 phosphorus and a normal sp^3 phosphino group.¹ Basically, **1** takes the *Z* configuration to avoid the steric congestion between the Mes^* group and the PPh_2 moiety, which is advantageous to act as a chelate ligand. The 1,3-diphosphapropene skeleton behaves like an unsymmetrical chelating ligand and displays a stepwise coordination nature on the tungsten(0) metal.¹ On the other hand, **1** did not afford any palladium or platinum complexes. Some phosphorus-carbon double-bondings were reported to be activated on coordination to the transition metals to cause saturation of the $\text{P}=\text{C}$ bond² leading to an undesired reaction of **1** with a palladium or a platinum reagent. We³ and others⁴ have utilized several low-coordinated phosphorus compounds for ligands of synthetic catalysts containing palladium or platinum, and we were prompted to explore 1,3-diphosphapropene derivatives which afford the corresponding palladium or platinum complexes.⁵ We here report that a 3-methyl-3,3-diphenyl-1,3-diphosphapropene derivative afforded the corresponding chelate palladium(II) complex which catalyzed the Sonogashira coupling reaction.⁶ In the course of the research, we also found that the $\text{P}=\text{C}$ moiety was activated by palladium or platinum leading to the corresponding adduct upon hydrolysis.

Keywords: phosphalkenes; kinetic stabilization; chelate ligand; Sonogashira coupling.

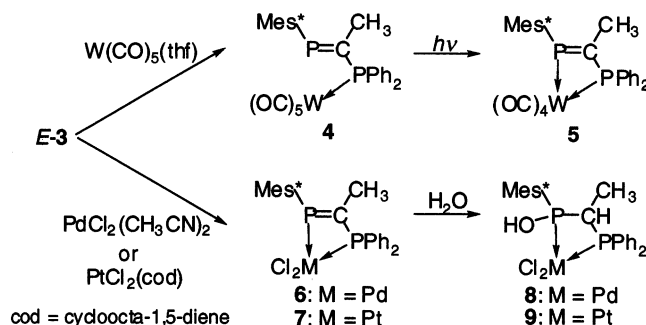
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(*Z*)-2-Bromo-1-(2,4,6-tri-*t*-butylphenyl)-1-phosphapropene (**Z-2**)⁷ was allowed to react successively with butyllithium and chlorodiphenylphosphine to give (*E*)-2-methyl-1,3-diphosphapropene **E-3** in 66% yield (Scheme 1).⁸ In this reaction, **Z-3** seemed to be unstable and isomerized to **E-3** probably due to the steric repulsion between the Mes^* and the Ph_2P groups as we observed for **1**.¹ The *E/Z* isomerization of **E-3** was observed upon heating (100°C in toluene) to afford a mixture of **3** in *E/Z*=2:1 ratio,⁸ whereas no isomerization of **1** was observed under similar conditions.¹ Attempts to isolate **Z-3** by means of chromatography failed due to its instability on silica gel.

First of all, the coordination ability of **E-3** was studied. Compound **E-3** was allowed to react with $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5(\text{thf})$ to afford monocoordinated complex **4** in 70% yield together with a small amount of chelate complex **5** (3% yield).⁹ Furthermore, **4** was irradiated to afford **5** in 29% yield from **4** by releasing one CO ligand (Scheme 2).⁹ In contrast to **E-3**, *E/Z* isomerization of **4** was not observed upon heating. The molecular structure of **5** was nearly homologous to the corresponding tungsten(0) complex of **1** (Fig. 1).¹⁰



Scheme 1. Preparation of **E-3** from **Z-2**.



Scheme 2. Preparation of tungsten(0), palladium(II), and platinum(II) complexes from *E*-3.

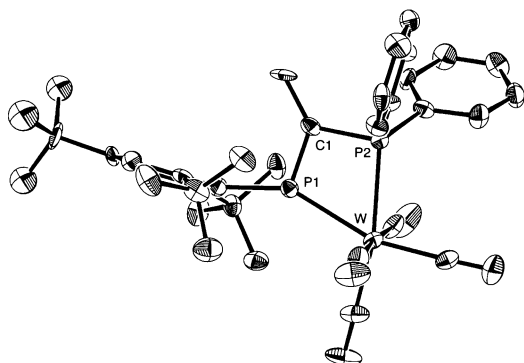


Figure 1. Molecular structure of **5**. The hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. The *p*-*t*-butyl group in the Mes* group is disordered and atoms with predominant occupancy factor (0.62) are shown.

In contrast to **1**, *E*-3 formed palladium(II) and platinum(II) complexes: *E*-3 was allowed to react with $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2$ to afford the corresponding palladium(II) complex **6**.¹¹ The result suggests that the coordination properties of the 1,3-diphosphapropene ligand strongly depend on the substituents. In the ^{31}P NMR spectrum, the sp^2 phosphorus in **6** shifted to a higher field than that of *E*-3, which still falls within the region of P=C resonance, indicating the end-on coordination (Scheme 2). Additionally, a platinum(II) complex **7** [δ_{P} 195.9 ($^1J_{\text{PPt}}$ = 3898 Hz), -22.4 ($^1J_{\text{PPt}}$ = 2887 Hz), $^2J_{\text{PP}}$ = 50 Hz] was also obtained by a similar reaction with $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{cycloocta-1,5-diene})$.

When **6** was allowed to react with an excess amount of water in THF/dichloromethane for 40 h, **8** was obtained almost quantitatively (Scheme 2).¹² Indeed, when we dissolved the powdered **8** in a 1:1 mixture of dichloromethane and 'wet' THF, pale-yellow prisms of **8** were formed at 0°C after a week. Figure 2a displays the molecular structure of **8** indicating that the addition of water occurred on the P=C bond in the *syn* fashion to give the *meso* isomers.¹³ The solvent molecules, water and dichloromethane, were involved in the crystal, and indeed a transparent prism of **8** became an opaque solid in the air, probably due to loss of the involved solvents from the crystal lattice. Compound **8** is stable in the air and did not seem to be in an equilibrium of the Arbuzov type with the corresponding phosphine

oxide.¹⁴ The geometry around the palladium in **8** reveals a distorted square form while the Pd–P1–C1–P2 ring is almost planar. The Cl2–Pd bond, 2.3970(9) Å, is longer than that of Cl1–Pd, 2.3846(9) Å, indicating the greater *trans* effect of the P1 moiety compared with the PPh₂ group. The hydroxyl group in **8** displayed a hydrogen bond with water in the crystal showing the intermolecular H15...OH₂ distance of 1.57 Å. The P1–O1 bond, 1.567(3) Å, is similar to the 'P–O(H)' value in $[\text{H}(\text{Ph}_2\text{PO})_2\text{Au}]_2$ (1.561(5) Å).¹⁵ The P1 atom remarkably deviates from the Mes* plane, as indicated in the torsion angles of P1–C_{ipso}–C_{ortho}–C_{*t*-Bu} [54.1(5) and 51.9(5)°], due to relief of the steric congestion. As for *E*-3, no hydrolyzed product was obtained suggesting that the palladium moiety enhances the reactivity of the P=C part. Although the detailed mechanism for the hydrolysis affording **8** is uncertain so far, the palladium atom might promote the *syn*-addition of water.¹⁶ Complex **8** decomposed in chloroform in several hours to give 1,3,5-tri-*t*-butylbenzene, indicating the instability of **8** in the presence of a trace of acid.¹⁷ Similarly, **7** afforded a hydrolyzed product **9** on silica gel (Fig. 2b).^{18,19} The geometry around the platinum displays a planar square. The distance of the Cl1–Pt [2.368(4) Å] is longer than that of the Cl2–Pt [2.352(4) Å], which is similar to the geometries of **8**. The P1–O1 distance was observed by 1.60(2) Å.

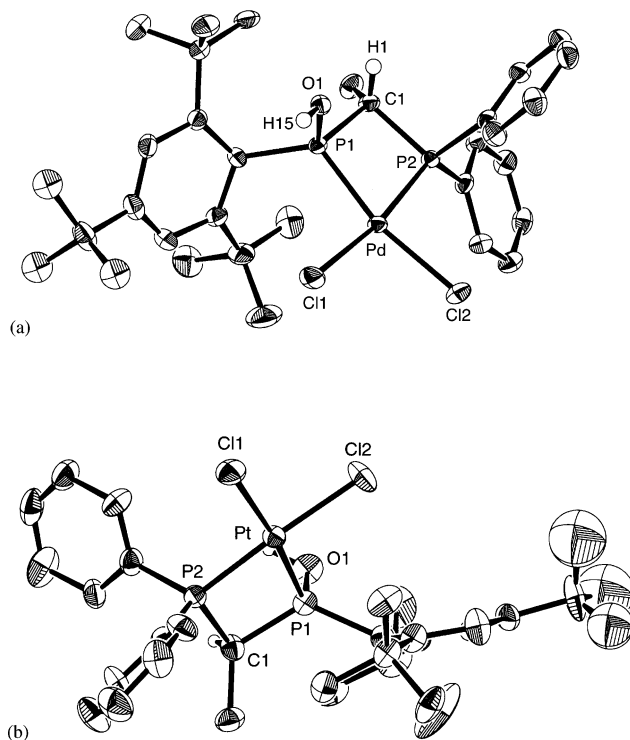


Figure 2. (a) Molecular structure of **8**. The hydrogen atoms except for H1 and H15 and the solvent molecules (CH_2Cl_2 , H_2O) are omitted for clarity. The *p*-*t*-butyl group in the Mes* group is disordered and atoms with predominant occupancy factor (0.56) are shown. (b) Molecular structure of **9**. The hydrogen atoms except for OH and CH (C1) and the solvent molecules ($\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$, $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}$) are omitted for clarity. The atoms in the *p*-*t*-butyl group are refined isotropically.

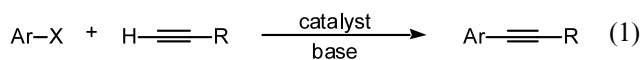
Table 1. Sonogashira coupling reaction (Eq. (1))^a

Entry	Catalyst	ArX	R	Base	Temp.	Time (h)	Yield (%)
1	6 /CuI	PhI	Ph	Et ₃ N	rt	4	99
2	6 /CuI	PhI	Ph	Et ₂ NH	rt	4	49
3	6	PhI	Ph	Et ₃ N	rt	4	11
4	6 /CuI	PhI	SiMe ₃	Et ₃ N	rt	4	93
5	6 /CuI	2-PyBr	Ph	Et ₃ N	rt	4	4
6	6 /CuI	<i>p</i> -O ₂ NC ₆ H ₄ Br	Ph	Et ₃ N	rt	4	— ^b
7	6 /CuI	PhBr	Ph	Et ₃ N	Reflux	17	4

^a Reaction conditions: iodobenzene (2.0 mmol), phenylacetylene (2.0 mmol), **6** (0.050 mmol), copper(I) iodide (0.050 mmol), base (8 mL).

^b PhC≡C—C≡CPh was obtained in 18% isolated yield.

Secondly, to estimate the catalytic property of **6**, we studied the Sonogashira coupling reaction under the original conditions, where a copper salt and a base⁶ are employed (Eq. (1)).²⁰ As shown in Table 1, **6** catalyzed the coupling reaction of iodobenzene and acetylenes at room temperature to afford the corresponding acetylenes in moderate to excellent yields (Entry 1, 2 and 4). Copper(I) iodide was essential for the reaction to proceed, and triethylamine gave better results than diethylamine (Entry 2). As described in the literature,⁶ these reaction conditions are mild and the experimental protocol is simple. We studied the Sonogashira coupling with other aryl halides, but, unfortunately, no satisfactory results were obtained. For example, 2-bromopyridine and bromobenzene and phenylacetylene afforded phenylacetylene in the presence of **6** under similar conditions; however, the yields were low (Entry 5 and 7). Although we previously reported that a palladium(II) complex containing ligated 3,4-diphosphinidenecyclobutene catalyzed the Sonogashira reaction of *p*-nitrobromobenzene with trimethylsilylacetylene under refluxing diethylamine,^{3e} the present complex **6** did not catalyze this cross-coupling reaction. On the other hand, phenylacetylene was homocoupled to afford diphenylbutadiyne in the presence of *p*-nitrobromobenzene, **6**, copper(I) iodide and triethylamine (Entry 6). These results indicate that **6** forms an intermediate dialkynylpalladium(II) complex²¹ during the reaction, and the mechanism of this coupling reaction might include a different path from the established one. We are now exploring reactions catalyzed by **6** in terms of observation or isolation of the reaction intermediates. Complex **8** can be considered to acted as a catalyst and thus we are studying the properties of **8** as well as **9**.¹⁵



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- NMR data for *E*-**3**: ³¹P{¹H} NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 294.4 (d, ²J_{PP} 266 Hz), 9.2 (d, ²J_{PP} 266 Hz); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52–7.56 (4H, m, arom), 7.43 (2H, m, arom), 7.40–7.28 (6H, m, arom), 1.50 (18H, s, *o*-*t*-Bu), 1.43 (3H, dd, ³J_{PH} 14 Hz, ³J_{PH} 8 Hz, Me), 1.36 (9H, s, *p*-*t*-Bu); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 181.0 (dd, ¹J_{PC} 59 Hz, ¹J_{PC} 30 Hz, P=C), 153.8 (s, *o*-Mes*), 150.4 (s, *p*-Mes*), 139.6 (dd, ¹J_{PC} 69 Hz, ³J_{PC} 26 Hz, *ipso*-Mes*), 137.4 (pt, (¹J_{PC}+³J_{PC})/2 15 Hz, *ipso*-Ph), 134.3 (d, ²J_{PC} 19 Hz, *o*-Ph), 129.3 (s, *p*-Ph), 128.9 (d, ³J_{PC} 7 Hz, *m*-Ph), 122.3 (s, *m*-Mes*), 38.6 (s, *o*-CMe₃), 35.6 (s, *p*-CMe₃), 33.5 (d, ⁴J_{PC} 7 Hz, *o*-CMe₃), 32.1 (s, *p*-CMe₃), 22.6 (dd, ²J_{PC} 15 Hz, ²J_{PC} 9 Hz, Me). NMR data for *Z*-**3**: ³¹P{¹H}

- NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 323.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{PP}}$ 116 Hz), 34.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{PP}}$ 116 Hz).
- 4, 5:** A THF (10 mL) solution of *E*-**3** (100 mg, 0.205 mmol) was mixed with a THF solution of $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5(\text{thf})$ (ca. 0.307 mmol, prepared from $\text{W}(\text{CO})_6$ by irradiation with a medium-pressure Hg lamp (100 W) at 0°C in THF) at room temperature for 3 days. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/toluene 2:1) to afford **4**: 116 mg, 70%; $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 331.6 (d, $^2J_{\text{PP}}$ 240 Hz), 26.5 (d, $^2J_{\text{PP}}$ 240 Hz, $^1J_{\text{PW}}$ (satellite) 246 Hz); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61–7.38 (12H, m, arom), 1.40 (18H, s, *o*-*t*-Bu), 1.32 (9H, s, *p*-*t*-Bu), 1.27 (3H, dd, $^3J_{\text{PH}}$ 13 Hz, $^3J_{\text{PH}}$ 10 Hz, Me). Complex **4** (116 mg, 0.144 mmol) in THF was irradiated with a medium-pressure Hg lamp (100 W) at 0°C for 70 h to afford **5** after silica gel column chromatography (hexane/toluene 3:1), 33 mg, 29% yield. **5**: Orange crystals, mp 246°C (decomp); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 247.7 (d, $^2J_{\text{PP}}$ 115 Hz, $^1J_{\text{PW}}$ (satellite) 205 Hz), 3.1 (d, $^2J_{\text{PP}}$ 115 Hz, $^1J_{\text{PW}}$ (satellite) 200 Hz); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55–7.50 (4H, m, arom), 7.46–7.42 (8H, m, arom), 1.64 (18H, s, *o*-*t*-Bu), 1.43 (3H, dd, $^3J_{\text{PH}}$ 28 Hz, $^3J_{\text{PH}}$ 11 Hz, Me), 1.36 (9H, s, *p*-*t*-Bu); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 210.4 (dd, $^2J_{\text{PC}}$ 55 Hz, $^2J_{\text{PC}}$ 12 Hz, CO_{eq}), 209.8 (dd, $^2J_{\text{PC}}$ 38 Hz, $^2J_{\text{PC}}$ 14 Hz, CO_{eq}), 204.8 (dd, $^2J_{\text{PC}}$ 16 Hz, $^2J_{\text{PC}}$ 11 Hz, CO_{ax}), 186.5 (dd, $^1J_{\text{PC}}$ 45 Hz, $^1J_{\text{PC}}$ 31 Hz, P=C), 155.9 (s, *o*-Mes*), 153.3 (s, *p*-Mes*), 133.3 (dd, $^1J_{\text{PC}}$ 56 Hz, $^3J_{\text{PC}}$ 29 Hz, *ipso*-Mes*), 132.9 (d, $^2J_{\text{PC}}$ 21 Hz, *o*-Ph), 130.8 (d, $^4J_{\text{PC}}$ 3 Hz, *p*-Ph), 129.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{PC}}$ 16 Hz, *m*-Ph), 128.5 (pt, ($^1J_{\text{PC}} + ^3J_{\text{PC}}$)/2 53 Hz, *ipso*-Ph), 122.6 (d, $^3J_{\text{PC}}$ 8 Hz, *m*-Mes*), 38.8 (s, *o*-CMe₃), 35.6 (s, *p*-CMe₃), 33.8 (d, $^4J_{\text{PC}}$ 4 Hz, *o*-CMe₃), 31.5 (s, *p*-CMe₃), 24.2 (dd, $^2J_{\text{PC}}$ 24 Hz, $^2J_{\text{PC}}$ 5 Hz, Me); IR (KBr) ν 2013, 1899, 1876 cm^{-1} . Anal. Found: C, 54.68; H, 5.21%. Calcd for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{42}\text{P}_2\text{O}_4\text{W}$: C, 55.11; H, 5.39%. Complex **5** was obtained from the reaction of *E*-**3** and $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5(\text{thf})$ in 3% yield.
 - X-ray crystallography for **5**: $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_4\text{P}_2\text{W}$, $M = 784.52$, crystal dimensions $0.15 \times 0.10 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}^3$, orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$ (no. 19), $a = 16.791(1)$, $b = 22.0884(9)$, $c = 9.3064(4) \text{ \AA}$, $V = 3451.6(3) \text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 4$, $T = 153 \text{ K}$, $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 55.0^\circ$, $\rho = 1.510 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $\mu(\text{MoK}\alpha) = 3.479 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, $F_{000} = 1576.00$, 24205 measured reflections, 4270 unique reflections ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.068$), $R_1 = 0.050$ ($I > 2.0\sigma(I)$), $R_w = 0.057$ (all data) (CCDC-208866).
 - 6:** A solution of a mixture of *E*-**3** (100 mg, 0.205 mmol) and $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{MeCN})_2$ (0.205 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL) was stirred for 12 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with hexane (10 mL) to generate yellow precipitates of **6**. The precipitates were filtered and washed with hexane to afford **6**: 133 mg, 88% yield. Mp 220°C (decomp); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 224.3 (d, $^2J_{\text{PP}}$ 52 Hz), -9.2 (d, $^2J_{\text{PP}}$ 52 Hz); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.96–7.90 (4H, m, arom), 7.68–7.64 (2H, m, arom), 7.58–7.54 (6H, m, arom), 1.70 (18H, s, *o*-*t*-Bu), 1.69 (3H, dd, $^3J_{\text{PH}}$ 34 Hz, $^3J_{\text{PH}}$ 16 Hz, Me), 1.35 (9H, s, *p*-*t*-Bu); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.1 (dd, $^1J_{\text{PC}}$ 27 Hz, $^1J_{\text{PC}}$ 24 Hz, P=C), 157.6 (d, $^2J_{\text{PC}}$ 3 Hz, *o*-Mes*), 156.5 (d, $^4J_{\text{PC}}$ 2 Hz, *p*-Mes*), 134.0 (d, $^2J_{\text{PC}}$ 11 Hz, *o*-Ph), 133.4 (d, $^4J_{\text{PC}}$ 3 Hz, *p*-Ph), 129.1 (d, $^3J_{\text{PC}}$ 13 Hz, *m*-Ph), 125.8 (dd, $^1J_{\text{PC}}$ 54 Hz, $^3J_{\text{PC}}$ 7 Hz, *ipso*-Mes*), 123.9 (d, $^3J_{\text{PC}}$ 9 Hz, *m*-Mes*), 118.4 (dd, $^1J_{\text{PC}}$ 30 Hz, $^3J_{\text{PC}}$ 10 Hz, *ipso*-Ph), 38.7 (s, *o*-CMe₃), 35.9 (s, *p*-CMe₃), 34.1 (s, *o*-CMe₃), 31.4 (s, *p*-CMe₃), 21.5 (dd, $^2J_{\text{PC}}$ 17 Hz, $^2J_{\text{PC}}$ 3 Hz, Me). Anal. found: C, 53.63; H, 5.92%. Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{42}\text{Cl}_2\text{P}_2\text{Pd} \cdot 0.9\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$: C, 53.22, H, 5.96%.
 - 8:** Mp 115°C (decomp, recrystallized from dichloromethane); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 35.8 (d, $^2J_{\text{PP}}$ 45 Hz), -32.9 (d, $^2J_{\text{PP}}$ 45 Hz); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.13 (2H, dd, $^2J_{\text{PH}}$ 13 Hz, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 7 Hz, *o*-Ph), 7.97 (2H, dd, $^2J_{\text{PH}}$ 13 Hz, $^3J_{\text{HH}}$ 7 Hz, *o*-Ph), 7.66–7.43 (8H, m, arom), 5.15 (1H, m, CH), 1.75 (9H, s, *o*-*t*-Bu), 1.65 (3H, dd, $^3J_{\text{PH}}$ 34 Hz, $^3J_{\text{PH}}$ 16 Hz, Me), 1.47 (9H, s, *o*-*t*-Bu), 1.33 (9H, s, *p*-*t*-Bu), (OH could not be assigned). Anal. Found: C, 54.48; H, 6.22%. Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{44}\text{Cl}_2\text{OP}_2\text{Pd} \cdot 0.5\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$: C, 53.73; H, 6.26%.
 - X-ray crystallography for **8**· $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$: $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{46}\text{Cl}_4\text{O}_2\text{P}_2\text{Pd} \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$, $M = 786.90$, crystal dimensions $0.30 \times 0.30 \times 0.25 \text{ mm}^3$, monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$ (no. 14), $a = 16.609(1)$, $b = 13.7163(8)$, $c = 17.9531(9) \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 114.692(2)^\circ$, $V = 3716.1(4) \text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 4$, $T = 120 \text{ K}$, $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 55.0^\circ$, $\rho = 1.406 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $\mu(\text{MoK}\alpha) = 0.900 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, $F_{000} = 1624.00$, 26852 measured reflections, 8192 unique reflections ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.041$), $R_1 = 0.057$ ($I > 2.0\sigma(I)$), $R_w = 0.084$ (all data) (CCDC-208864).
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 - Alternatively, the Wacker type oxidation process appeared to be included, although detailed study for it has not been performed so far.
 - The lifetime of **8** prolonged by using chloroform which was passed through basic alumina just before use.
 - 9:** Mp 150°C (decomp); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (162 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 16.7 (d, $^2J_{\text{PP}}$ 52 Hz, $^1J_{\text{PPt}}$ (satellite) 3407 Hz), -40.4 (d, $^2J_{\text{PP}}$ 52 Hz, $^1J_{\text{PPt}}$ (satellite) 3447 Hz); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.11 (2H, m, Ph), 7.97 (2H, m, Ph), 7.61–7.37 (8H, m, arom), 5.20 (1H, m, CH), 1.72 (9H, s, *o*-*t*-Bu), 1.64 (3H, dd, $^3J_{\text{PH}}$ 8 Hz, $^3J_{\text{PH}}$ 3 Hz, Me), 1.45 (9H, s, *o*-*t*-Bu), 1.32 (9H, s, *p*-*t*-Bu) (OH could not be assigned); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 160.1 (m, *o*-Mes*), 154.3 (d, $^4J_{\text{PC}}$ 4 Hz, *p*-Mes*), 152.8 (m, *o*-Mes*), 137.3 (d, $^2J_{\text{PC}}$ 11 Hz, *o*-Ph), 132.9 (d, $^1J_{\text{PC}}$ 41 Hz, *ipso*-Ph), 132.6 (s, *p*-Ph), 132.0 (s, *m*-Ph), 129.5 (dd, $^1J_{\text{PC}}$ 40 Hz, $^3J_{\text{PC}}$ 12 Hz, *ipso*-Mes*), 124.8 (d, $^3J_{\text{PC}}$ 3 Hz, *m*-Mes*), 124.7 (s, *m*-Mes*), 40.3 (dd, $^1J_{\text{PC}}$ 82 Hz, $^1J_{\text{PC}}$ 3 Hz, PCP), 35.5 (s, *o*-CMe₃), 35.1 (s, *p*-CMe₃), 33.2 (s, *o*-CMe₃), 31.2 (s, *p*-CMe₃), 26.0 (m, Me). Anal. Found: C, 47.59; H, 5.87%. Calcd for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{44}\text{Cl}_2\text{OP}_2\text{Pt} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$: C, 47.53; H, 5.98%.
 - X-ray crystallography for **9**· $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH} \cdot \text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}$, $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{58}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3\text{P}_2\text{Pt}$, $M = 890.82$, crystal dimensions $0.20 \times 0.17 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}^3$, orthorhombic, space group $P2_12_12_1$ (no. 19), $a = 17.2751(6)$, $b = 17.2986(7)$, $c = 14.1019(8) \text{ \AA}$, $V = 4214.1(3) \text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 4$, $T = 296 \text{ K}$, $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 55.0^\circ$, $\rho = 1.404 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $\mu(\text{MoK}\alpha) = 3.550 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, $F_{000} = 1808.00$, 32774 measured reflections, 5208 unique reflections ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.099$), $R_1 = 0.045$ ($I > 3.0\sigma(I)$), $R_w = 0.062$ (all data) (CCDC-208865).
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