



Palladium(II) complexes with R₂edda derived ligands. Part III. Diisobutyl (S,S)-2,2'-(1,2-ethanediyldiimino)di(4-methylpentanoate) and its palladium(II) complex: synthesis and characterization

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Abstract: A new R₂edda-type ester, diisobutyl (S,S)-2,2'-(1,2-ethane-diyldiimino)di(4-methylpentanoate) dihydrochloride, [(S,S)-H₂iBu₂eddl]Cl₂, **1**, and its palladium(II) complex, dichloro(diisobutyl (S,S)-2,2'-(1,2-ethanediyldiimino)di(4-methylpentanoate))palladium(II), [PdCl₂{(S,S)-iBu₂eddl}], **2**, were synthesized and characterized by elemental analysis, as well as IR and NMR spectroscopy. It was found that complex **2** was obtained as mixture of two diastereoisomers, observed in NMR spectra. The crystal structure of compound **1** was determined by X-ray diffraction studies and is described. The isolated crystals consisted of one dicationic species [(S,S)-H₂iBu₂eddl]²⁺ and two Cl⁻. The crystal system was tetragonal with the space group *P*4₂. Hydrogen bonds significant for the manner of packing are N–H1N···Cl, 3.049(3) Å, 159(3)° and N–H2N···Cl, 3.100(3) Å, 164(3)°. An infinite chain was formed building a one layer structure, usual for these types of compounds. The C₂ symmetry axis of the compound passes through the C1–C1ⁱ bond vector and lies perpendicular to the plane N₂Cl₂.

Keywords: palladium complexes; crystal structure; EDDP ligands; characterization.

INTRODUCTION

The area of present research is of consequence to studies on Pt(II/IV) and Pd(II) complexes with bis(carboxyalkylamino)ethane and -propane ligands and their derivatives. Earlier, structural and antiproliferative investigations were per-

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formed on complexes and esters from a family of similar compounds – H₂edda- and R₂edda-derived ligands and their transition metal complexes.^{1–8}

Palladium(II) and platinum(II) have very similar chemistry and analogous coordination modes, however, palladium(II) complexes are kinetically less stable.^{9,10} Therefore, palladium(II) derivatives are quite often used in attempts to discover new cytotoxic compounds and to compare and determine the influence of the central metal atoms on antiproliferative activity and structure.^{11–17}

Lately, our work has been focused on complexes with branch-chained esters of a chiral acid, (*S,S*)-ethylenediamine-*N,N'*-di-2-propanoic acid hydrochloride, [(*S,S*)-H₃eddp]Cl (Fig. 1) and a large amount of structural information was obtained, as well as information on the antiproliferative activity of platinum(II/IV) and palladium(II) complexes.^{18–20}

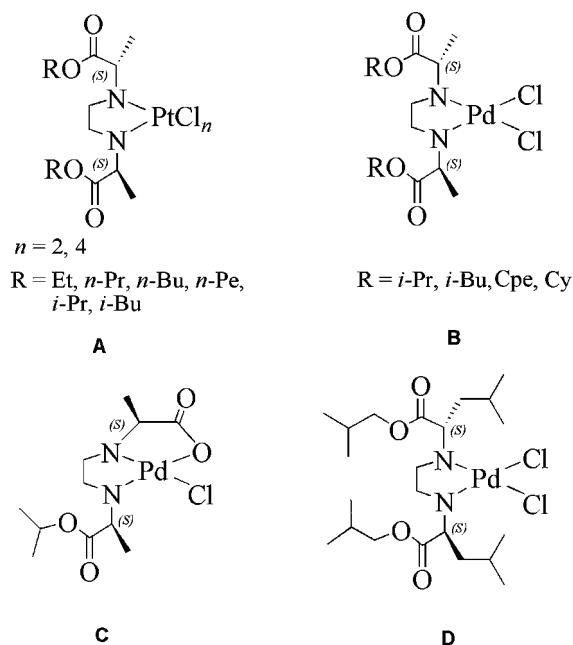
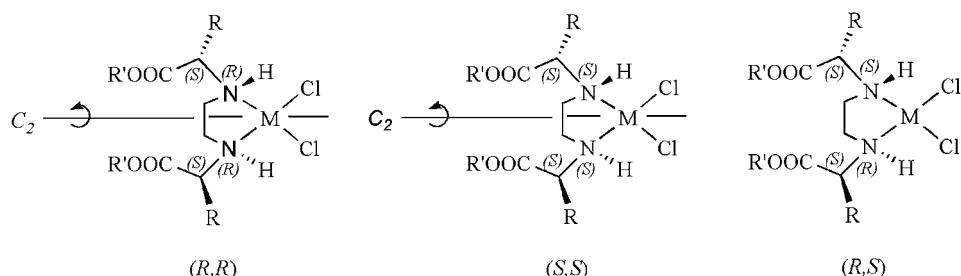


Fig. 1. Platinum and palladium complexes containing R₂edda-derived ligands.

In these complexes, three diastereoisomers could be formed (*R,R*), (*R,S* ≡ *S,R*) and (*S,S*), due to the formation of chiral centers on the coordinated nitrogen atoms (Fig. 2). Experimental data and DFT calculations showed that in the case of platinum(IV) complexes with R₂edda-type esters, a racemic mixture of (*R,R*) and (*S,S*) isomers is obtained.¹ With chiral (*S,S*)-R₂edda-type esters, only one diastereoisomer was isolated, the (*R,R*) isomer, which was determined by X-ray structure analysis¹⁸ (Fig. 1, A). All synthesized platinum(II) and palladium(II) complexes were obtained as a mixture of two diastereomeric forms, *i.e.*, as (*R,R*) and (*R,S*) isomers (Fig. 1, A and B), which was verified by ¹H- and

^{13}C -NMR spectroscopy and supported by DFT calculations.^{18–20} In a recent study, a palladium(II) complex with a partially hydrolyzed isopropyl ester of (S,S) -ethylenediamine- N,N' -di-2-propanoic acid (Fig. 1, C) was isolated and determined by X-ray structure analysis, and the (R,R) - N,N' configured isomer with the $\kappa^2N,N',\kappa O$ coordination mode was found.¹⁹ All the other complexes mentioned herein had the κ^2N,N' coordination mode of the ligand.



M = Pt(II), Pd(II); R = Me, *i*Bu; R' = *i*Pr, *i*Bu, Cpe, Cy

Fig. 2. Possible diastereoisomers of the investigated platinum(II) and palladium(II) complexes.

In this study, a new $R_2\text{edda}$ -type ester di-isobutyl-(S,S)-2,2'-(1,2-ethane-diylidiimino)di(4-methylpentanoate) dihydrochloride, $[(S,S)\text{-H}_2\text{iBu}_2\text{eddl}]Cl_2$, **1**, and its palladium(II) complex, diisobutyl-(S,S) 2,2'-(1,2-ethanediylidiimino)di(4-methylpentanoate)palladium(II), $[\text{PdCl}_2\{(S,S)\text{-}i\text{Bu}_2\text{eddl}\}]$, **2** (Fig. 1, D) were synthesized and characterized by elemental analysis, as well as IR and NMR spectroscopy. The crystal structure of **1** is also described.

EXPERIMENTAL

Materials and methods

(S,S) -2,2'-(1,2-ethanediylidiimino)di(4-methyl-pentanoic acid) dihydrochloride, $[(S,S)\text{-H}_4\text{eddl}]Cl_2$, was prepared using a similar method to that described in the literature.²¹ $K_2[\text{PdCl}_4]$ was purchased from Merck and used without further purification. The infrared spectra were recorded on a Nicolet 6700 FT-IR spectrophotometer using the ATR technique (4000–400 cm^{-1}). ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian “Gemini 2000” (200 MHz) spectrometer in $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ using tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. Elemental analyses for C, H and N were realized on a Vario EL III C, H, N, S Elemental Analyzer.

Synthesis of $[(S,S)\text{-H}_2\text{iBu}_2\text{eddl}]Cl_2$, **1**

$[(S,S)\text{-H}_2\text{iBu}_2\text{eddl}]Cl_2$, **1**, was prepared using a previously described esterification reaction.^{22,23} Thionyl chloride (4.0 cm^3 , 55 mmol) was introduced into a flask containing 50 ml of ice-cooled isobutanol (2-methyl-1-propanol) (anhydrous conditions) during 1 h. Subsequently, 2.0 g (5.5 mmol) of (S,S) -2,2'-(1,2-ethanediylidiimino)di(4-methyl-pentanoic acid) dihydrochloride, $[(S,S)\text{-H}_4\text{eddl}]Cl_2$, was added into the flask and the suspension was refluxed for 16 h. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate was stored for a few days at 4 °C. A white crystalline

solid was obtained. The ester, contaminated with acid, was recrystallized from methanol. Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction studies were obtained from the mother liquor which was stored at room temperature for several days.

Synthesis of [PdCl₂{(S,S)-iBu₂eddl}], 2

K₂[PdCl₄] (0.200 g, 0.613 mmol) was dissolved in water (20 ml) and 0.290 g (0.613 mmol) of [(S,S)-H₂iBu₂eddl]Cl₂, **1**, was added. After 2 h of stirring, 10.2 ml of a 0.12 M solution of LiOH was added in small portions to the reaction mixture. A pale yellow precipitate was obtained, which was filtered off, dissolved in 5 ml of CHCl₃ and filtered. A crystalline solid of the pure complex was obtained from the mother liquor.

X-ray crystal structure determination

Data of **1** were collected with a CCD Oxford Xcalibur S ($\lambda(\text{Mo-K}\alpha) = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$) using the ω and φ scans mode. Semi-empirical corrections for absorption were performed with SCALE3 ABSPACK.²⁴ The structure was solved by direct methods.²⁵ Structure refinement was realized with SHELXL-97.²⁶ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The crystallographic details are listed in Table I. Hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically. They were placed in the calculated positions with fixed displacement parameters $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ (riding model), except for the hydrogen atoms attached to the nitrogen atoms which were found in the difference Fourier map and refined freely. The ORTEP-3 program was used for the presentation of the structure.²⁷

The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center, CCDC No. 723867, contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge *via* www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html (or from the CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: +44 1223 336033; e-mail: deposit@ccfde/cam.ac.uk).

TABLE I. Crystallographic data for **1**

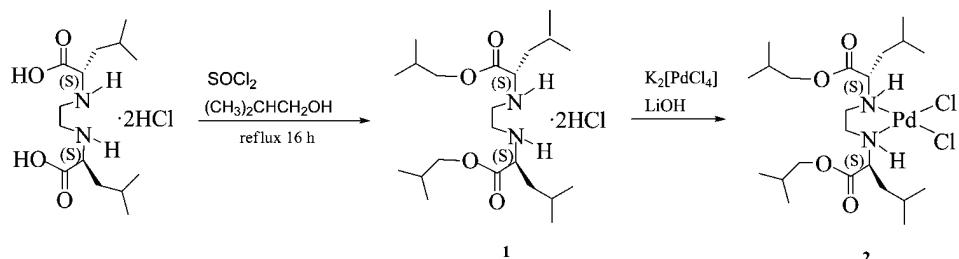
Empirical formula	C ₂₂ H ₄₆ Cl ₂ N ₂ O ₄
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Crystal system	Tetragonal
Space group	P4 ₂
a / Å	15.9708(2)
c / Å	5.2426(1)
V / Å ³	1337.21(3)
Z	2
D _{calc} / g cm ⁻³	1.176
$\mu(\text{Mo-K}\alpha)$ / mm ⁻¹	0.27
F(000)	516
θ Range / °	2.85–25.68
Refln. collected	14178
Refln. Observed ($I > 2\sigma(I)$)	2469
Refln. independent	2002
Data/restraints/parameters	14178/3/106
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.349
R1, wR2 ($I > 2\sigma(I)$)	0.0588, 0.1414
R1, wR2 (all data)	0.0725, 0.1446
Flack parameter, x	-0.17(13)
Largest diff. peak and hole / e Å ⁻³	1.152/-1.018

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Synthesis and characterization

The ester, [(S,S)-H₂iBu₂eddl]Cl₂, was synthesized using a previously described esterification reaction^{17,18}. This compound is not soluble in chloroform and is poorly soluble in water. However, it is soluble in methanol and dimethyl sulfoxide.

The complex, [PdCl₂{(S,S)-iBu₂eddl}], was synthesized by combining aqueous solutions of K₂[PdCl₄] and the ester. Under stirring, an aqueous solution of lithium hydroxide was added. The obtained complex is soluble in chloroform and dimethyl sulfoxide, but not soluble in water. The preparation routes of the ester and complex are shown in Scheme 1.



Scheme 1. Synthesis of the ester, **1** and the palladium complex **2**.

The analytic and spectral data for **1** and **2** are as follows (numbering as in Fig. 3):

[(S,S)-H₂iBu₂eddl]Cl₂ (**1**). Yield: 1.09 g (41.6 %). Anal. Calcd. for C₂₂H₄₆Cl₂N₂O₄: C, 55.80; H, 9.79; N, 5.92 %. Found: C, 55.84; H, 9.41; N, 5.77 %. IR (cm⁻¹): 2965, 2592, 2523, 2398, 1735, 1535, 1468, 1206, 1063, 973, 802. ¹H-NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ / ppm): 0.90–1.00 (24H, *m*, C₅H₃, C₆H₃, C₁₀H₃, C₁₁H₃), 1.77 (6H, *m*, C₃H₂, C₄H), 1.94 (2H, *m*, C₉H), 3.42 (4H, *m*, C₁H₂), 3.98 (4H, *d*, C₈H₂), 4.13 (2H, *t*, C₂H), 9.90–10.40 (4H, *br*, NH₂⁺). ¹³C-NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ / ppm): 18.9 (C_{5,6}), 21.4 (C_{10,11}), 23.2 (C₄), 24.5 (C₉), 27.3 (C₃), 41.7 (C₁), 57.9 (C₂), 71.8 (C₈), 169.2 (C₇).

[PdCl₂{(S,S)-iBu₂eddl}] (**2**). Yield: 313 mg (88.4 %). Anal. Calcd. for C₂₂H₄₄Cl₂N₂O₄Pd: C, 45.72; H, 7.67; N, 4.85. Found: C, 45.94; H, 7.36; N, 4.97 %. IR (cm⁻¹): 3130, 2959, 2873, 1735, 1467, 1370, 1237, 1194, 1141, 976, 737. Isomer A: ¹H-NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ / ppm): 0.90–1.10 (24H, *m*, C₅H₃, 6H₃, C₁₀H₃, C₁₁H₃), 1.68 (6H, *m*, C₃H₂, C₄H), 1.90 (2H, *m*, C₉H), 2.23 and 2.61 (4H, *m*, C₁H₂), 3.88 (4H, *m*, C₈H₂), 4.14 (2H, *m*, C₂H), 6.50–6.80 (2H, *br*, NH). ¹³C-NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ / ppm): 19.0 (C_{5,6}), 21.9 (C_{10,11}), 23.8 (C₄), 25.4 (C₉), 27.3 (C₃), 47.0 (C₁), 58.4 (C₂), 70.9 (C₈), 170.1 (C₇). Isomer B: ¹H-NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ / ppm): 0.90–1.10 (24H, *m*, C₅H₃, C₆H₃,

C10H₃, C11H₃), 1.68 (6H, *m*, C3H₂, C4H), 1.90 (2H, *m*, C9H), 2.40 and 2.85 (4H, *m*, C1H₂), 3.88 (4H, *m*, C4H₂), 4.14 (2H, *m*, C2H), 5.85–6.25 (2H, *br*, NH). ¹³C-NMR (50 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δ / ppm): 19.0 (C5,6), 21.5 (C10,11), 22.9 (C4), 25.0 (C9), 27.3 (C3), 47.0 (C1), 59.1 (C2), 70.6 (C8), 171.2 (C7). Ratio of isomers A/B = 7/1.

The IR spectrum of [PdCl₂{(S,S)-*i*Bu₂eddl}] showed specific absorption bands ν (C=O) at 1735 cm⁻¹ (strong), (typical absorption for aliphatic esters), ν (C–O) at 1194 cm⁻¹ (strong), ν (–CH₃, –CH₂, –CH) at 2959 and 2873 cm⁻¹ (medium) (for comparison [(S,S)-H₂*i*Bu₂eddl]Cl₂: 1735, 1206, 2965 and 2871 cm⁻¹, respectively¹⁸). All of the mentioned bands including ν (C=O), were at similar positions to those in the spectrum of the free ligand, indicating that the oxygen atoms of the COOR moieties were not coordinated. As expected the ν (N–H) absorption bands were at 3130 cm⁻¹, (typical absorptions for secondary amino groups) and may indicate that coordination occurred *via* the nitrogen atoms.^{18–20} In the ¹H-NMR spectrum of **2**, the broad signal of hydrogen atoms belonging to secondary amino groups appeared in the range 5.8–6.8 ppm (compared with the ammonium groups of **1**: 9.9–10.4 ppm).^{18–20} The signals of the protons between the nitrogen atoms of **2** showed coordination-induced shifts in comparison with those in the spectrum of **1** and also, two signals. The situation was different in the spectrum of **1**, where only one signal was observed, which can also be confirmation of nitrogen coordination to the palladium atom. The signal for the hydrogen atom of the chiral carbon atom was observed at 4.13 ppm as a triplet for **1**, and at 4.14 ppm as a multiplet for **2**. The ¹³C-NMR spectra of **1** and **2** exhibited signals for the carbon atom of the COO moiety at similar positions, indicating that oxygen atoms were not coordinated.^{18–20} The chiral carbon atom showed a signal at 57.9 ppm for **1**, but two signals at 58.4 and 59.1 for **2**. Selected ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR data of **1** and **2** are compared in Table II.

TABLE II. Selected ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR data (δ / ppm, numbering as in Fig. 3 and analogous for [PdCl₂{(S,S)-*i*Bu₂eddl}]) of [(S,S)-H₂*i*Bu₂eddl]Cl₂, **1**, and [PdCl₂{(S,S)-*i*Bu₂eddl}], **2**

Compound	C5,6,10,11H ₃	C1H ₂	C2H	C10,11, C5,6	C1	C2	C7OO
1	0.90–1.00	3.42	4.13	18.9, 21.4	41.7	57.9	169.2
2	0.90–1.10	2.23 and 2.61	4.14	19.0, 21.9	47.0	58.4	170.1
	0.90–1.10	2.40 and 2.85	4.14	19.0, 21.5	47.0	59.1	171.2

Crystal structure analysis of [(S,S)-H₂*i*Bu₂eddl]Cl₂, **1**

The compound [(S,S)-H₂*i*Bu₂eddl]Cl₂ (**1**) crystallized in the tetragonal crystal system in the chiral space group *P*4₂. The molecular structure is shown in Fig. 3. Selected bond lengths and angles are given in Table III.

The isolated crystals consisted of one dicationic species [(S,S)-H₂*i*Bu₂eddl]²⁺ and two Cl[−]. The most significant hydrogen bonds for the manner

of packing are N–H1N···Cl, 3.049(3) Å, 159(3)° and N–H2N···Cl, 3.100(3) Å, 164(3)° and these interactions form an infinite chain (Fig. 4). The compound has a *C*₂ symmetry. The axis passes through the C1–C1ⁱ bond vector and lies perpendicular to the plane N₂Cl₂.

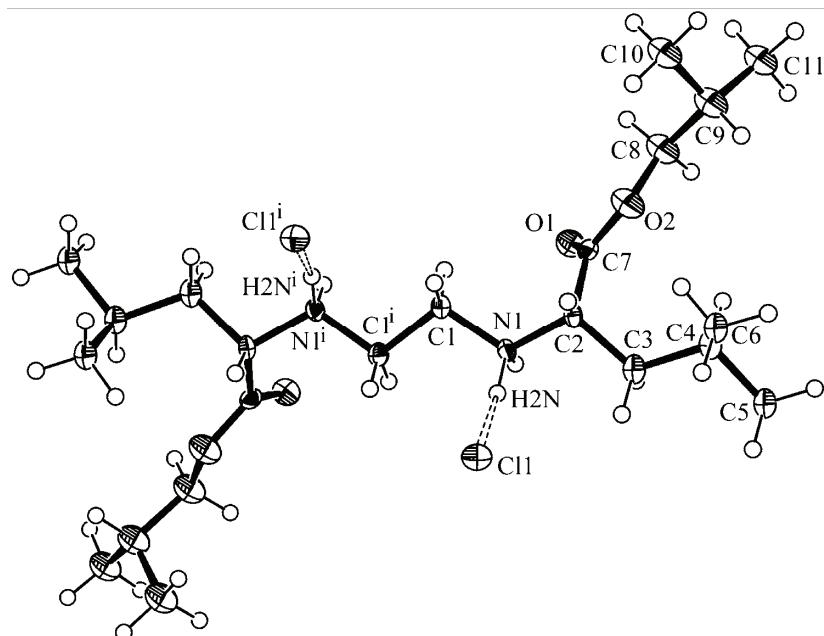


Fig. 3. ORTEP presentation of the molecular structure of **1** with the atom labeling scheme (H-bonds shown by dashed lines). The displacement ellipsoids are plotted at the 50 % probability level and the H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.

TABLE III. Selected bond lengths and angles for **1**

Bond	Length, Å	Bond	Angle, °
O1–C7	1.196(5)	N1–C2–C3	106.2(3)
O2–C7	1.334(5)	N1–C2–C7	110.8(3)
N1–H1N	0.99(2)	C3–C2–C7	109.9(3)
N1–H2N	0.99(2)	C7–O2–C8	115.9(4)
C3–C4	1.534(5)	C1–N1–C2	114.9(3)
C8–C9	1.507(7)	C1–N1–H1N	106(3)

Crystal structures of esters such as [(S,S)-H₂iPr₂eddp]Cl₂,¹⁸ (H₂Me₂eddp)Cl₂²⁸ and [(S,S)-H₂Cpe₂eddp]Cl₂²⁰ were previously determined. These structures are very similar to each other and to [(S,S)-H₂iBu₂eddl]Cl₂ having bond lengths and angles in the same ranges, however the space groups are quite different [(S,S)-H₂iPr₂eddp]Cl₂, orthorhombic, *P*2₂1*2*₁; (H₂Me₂eddp)Cl₂, monoclinic, *P*2₁/*c*; [(S,S)-H₂Cpe₂eddp]Cl₂, orthorhombic, *P*2₁2₁2]. The mentioned compounds

have a C_2 symmetry axis. All of these esters form layered structures *via* hydrogen bonding similar to that shown in Fig. 4.

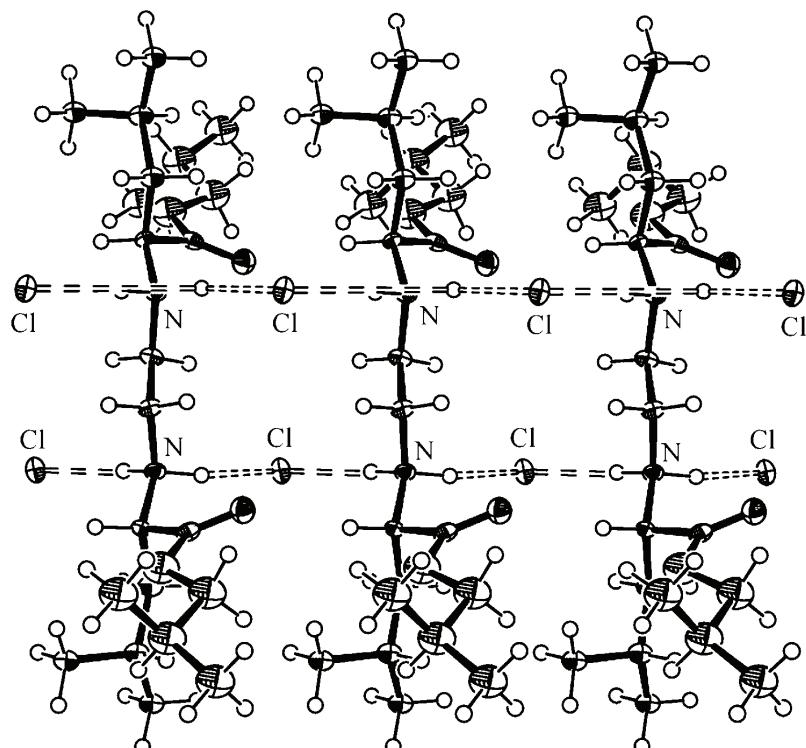


Fig. 4. ORTEP presentation of the packing *via* intermolecular hydrogen bonding of **1** viewed along the b -axis.

CONCLUSIONS

Two novel compounds, the R₂edda-type ester $[(S,S)\text{-H}_2\text{iBu}_2\text{eddl}]\text{Cl}_2$, and its palladium(II) complex $[\text{PdCl}_2\{(S,S)\text{-iBu}_2\text{eddl}\}]$ were synthesized and characterized by IR, ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectroscopy and elemental analysis. The crystal structure of $[(S,S)\text{-H}_2\text{iBu}_2\text{eddl}]\text{Cl}_2$ was determined by X-ray analysis. Two diastereoisomers formed in the reaction of potassium tetrachloropalladate(II) and $[(S,S)\text{-H}_2\text{iBu}_2\text{eddl}]\text{Cl}_2$, as was deduced from the NMR spectra.

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КОМПЛЕКСИ ПАЛАДИЈУМА(II) СА ЛИГАНДИМА R₂edda ТИПА. ДЕО III.
ДИЗОБУТИЛ-(S,S)-2,2'-(1,2,-ЕТАНДИИЛДИМИНО)-ДИ(4-МЕТИЛПЕНТАНОАТ)-
-ДИХИДРОХЛОРИД И ЊЕГОВ КОМПЛЕКС СА ПАЛАДИЈУМОМ(II):
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Нови естар R₂edda-типа дизобутил-(S,S)-2,2'-(1,2-етандилдимино)-ди(4-метилпен-
танаат)-дихидрохлорид [(S,S)-H₂iBu₂eddl]Cl₂, **1**, и његов комплекс паладијума(II), дихло-
родизобутил-(S,S)-2,2'-(1,2-етандилдимино)-ди(4-метилпентанаат)-паладијум(II)
[PdCl₂{(S,S)-iBu₂eddl}], **2**, синтетисани су и окарактерисани уз помоћ елементалне анализе, IR
и NMR спектроскопије. Нађено је да је комплекс **2** добијен као смеша два дијастереоизо-
мера, што је примећено у NMR спектрима. Кристална структура **1** је решена и описана. Изоловани кристали се састоје из једне дикатјонске врсте [(S,S)-H₂iBu₂eddl]²⁺ и два Cl⁻.
Кристални систем је тетрагоналан са просторним групом *P*4₂. Значајне водоничне везе за
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се формира бесконачан ланац и једнослојна структура, који су уобичајени за ове типове
структуре. Оса симетрије *C*₂ јединења пролази кроз Cl–Cl¹ вектор везе и лежи нормално на
N₂Cl₂ раван.

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