

Palladium(II) Complexes with Benzoxazol-2-ylidene Ligands: Crystal Structures of *trans*-Chloro(benzoxazol-2-ylidene)-bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) Chloride and *cis*-Diiodo(benzoxazol-2-ylidene)(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II)

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The palladium(II) complexes *trans*-[PdCl(L)(PPh₃)₂]Cl, **5**, and *cis*-[PdI₂(L)PPh₃], **7**, (L = benzoxazol-2-ylidene) have been synthesized by treatment of the complexes *trans*-[PdX₂(PPh₃)₂] (**4**: X = Cl, **6**: X = I) with 2-(trimethylsiloxy)phenyl isocyanide **1**, and subsequent hydrolysis of the Si-O bond. The crystal structures of **5** and **7**·CH₂Cl₂ were established by X-ray diffraction. NMR and IR studies indicate, that the unexpected *cis*-configuration of **7** obtained from *trans*-[PdI₂(PPh₃)₂] is not the result of a solution equilibrium between the *cis*- and the *trans*-isomers.

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