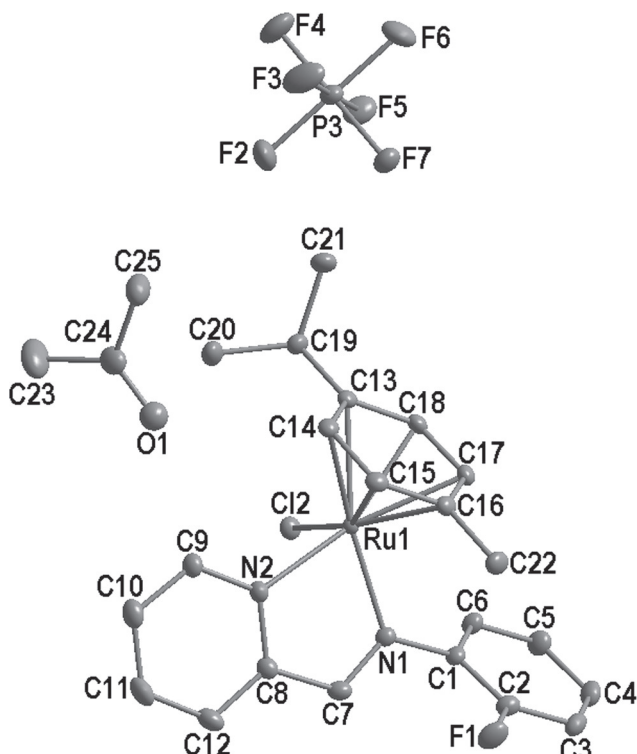


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## Crystal structure of chlorido-( $\eta^6$ -*p*-cymene)-(*N*-(2-fluorophenyl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)methanimine- $\kappa^2$ *N,N'*)ruthenium(II) – acetone (1/1),

$C_{22}H_{23}ClN_2F_7OPRu$



The molecular structure is shown in the figure. Table 1 contains crystallographic data and Table 2 contains the list of the atoms including atomic coordinates and displacement parameters.

**Table 1:** Data collection and handling.

Crystal:	Red block
Size:	0.26 × 0.23 × 0.22 mm
Wavelength:	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation (0.71073 Å)
$\mu$ :	0.81 mm <sup>-1</sup>
Diffractometer, scan mode:	Bruker Smart Apex-II, $\varphi$ and $\omega$
$\theta_{\max}$ , completeness:	28.3°, >99%
$N(hkl)_{\text{measured}}$ , $N(hkl)_{\text{unique}}$ , $R_{\text{int}}$ :	101207, 6690, 0.020
Criterion for $I_{\text{obs}}$ , $N(hkl)_{\text{gt}}$ :	$I_{\text{obs}} > 2 \sigma(I_{\text{obs}})$ , 6475
$N(\text{param})_{\text{refined}}$ :	346
Programs:	Bruker [1], SHELX [2], WinGX/ORTEP [3]

### Source of material

To a suspension of  $[(\eta^6\text{-}p\text{-cymene})\text{Ru}(\mu\text{-Cl})_2]$  (0.2 mmol) in methanol (20 mL) was added the organic ligand (*N*-(2-fluorophenyl)-1-(pyridin-2-yl)methanimine; 0.42 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours followed by the reduction in the volume of the solvent *in vacuo* to about (10 mL) before adding  $\text{NH}_4\text{PF}_6$  (0.42 mmol). The mixture was then cooled in an ice bath while stirring for 2 hours leading to a precipitate, which was collected by filtration. The filtrate was washed with diethyl ether and dried *in vacuo*. Crystals were grown by the liquid diffusion method in which the solutions of the compounds in acetone were layered with hexane and left undisturbed for 2 days.

Orange, yield 85%, **m.p.** 150 °C (decomp.). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  [ppm] 9.58 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}} = 5.4$  Hz, 1H, Py); 8.90 (s, 1H, CH=N); 8.35 (m, 1H, Py); 8.28 (m, 1H, Py); 7.90 (m, 3H, Py); 7.51 (t, 2H, *p*-cyAr); 6.18 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}} = 6.10$  Hz, 1H(*p*-cyAr)); 5.94 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}} = 6.10$  Hz, 1H, (*p*-cyAr)); 2.57 (sep, 1H, CH) 2.63 (m, 1H, CH (Me)<sub>2</sub>); 2.16 (s, 3H, (Me)); 1.01 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}} = 6.64$  Hz, 3H, (Me) (0.95 (d,  $J_{\text{HH}} = 6.88$  Hz, 3H, (Me)). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  [ppm] 168.07 (CH=N), 159.9 (Py), 155.5 (Py); 148.12 (Py); 139.94 (Py); 130.10 (py); 128.2 (Py); 124.80 (Ar); 124.70 (Ar); 116.60 (Ar); 105.2 (Ar); 103.4 (Ar); 86.6 (Ar); 86.1 (Ar); 85.0 (Ar); 84.8 (Ar); 30.5 (Me); 21.8 (Me); 18.4 (Me). **IR**

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### Abstract

$C_{22}H_{23}ClN_2F_7OPRu$ , monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$  (no. 14),  $a = 7.30480(10)$  Å,  $b = 12.9540(3)$  Å,  $c = 28.7076(6)$  Å,  $\beta = 96.6990(10)^\circ$ ,  $V = 2697.95(9)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $R_{\text{gt}}(F) = 0.0196$ ,  $wR_{\text{ref}}(F^2) = 0.0479$ ,  $T = 100(2)$  K.

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**Table 2:** Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>).

Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> <sub>iso</sub> <sup>*</sup> / <i>U</i> <sub>eq</sub>
C23	0.1629(3)	0.3209(2)	0.44231(7)	0.0428(5)
H23A	0.2809	0.2871	0.4392	0.064*
H23B	0.1788	0.3960	0.4417	0.064*
H23C	0.0718	0.2999	0.4162	0.064*
C24	0.0973(2)	0.28990(13)	0.48774(6)	0.0255(3)
C25	−0.0875(2)	0.33045(16)	0.49642(6)	0.0326(4)
H25A	−0.1840	0.2937	0.4764	0.049*
H25B	−0.0945	0.4043	0.4891	0.049*
H25C	−0.1049	0.3199	0.5294	0.049*
O1	0.1869(2)	0.23504(12)	0.51589(5)	0.0443(4)
C1	0.96435(18)	0.17810(10)	0.72779(5)	0.0135(2)
C2	0.97641(19)	0.09853(11)	0.76040(5)	0.0164(3)
C3	1.06889(19)	0.10925(12)	0.80501(5)	0.0189(3)
H3	1.0734	0.0541	0.8269	0.023*
C4	1.1548(2)	0.20259(12)	0.81690(5)	0.0204(3)
H4	1.2220	0.2111	0.8470	0.024*
C5	1.1435(2)	0.28396(12)	0.78505(5)	0.0199(3)
H5	1.2024	0.3477	0.7936	0.024*
C6	1.04645(19)	0.27232(11)	0.74080(5)	0.0162(3)
H6	1.0361	0.3286	0.7194	0.019*
C7	0.91593(18)	0.09242(11)	0.65526(5)	0.0162(3)
H7	1.0073	0.0434	0.6665	0.019*
C8	0.82373(18)	0.08754(11)	0.60784(5)	0.0152(2)
C9	0.60555(19)	0.16595(11)	0.55441(5)	0.0174(3)
H9	0.5139	0.2173	0.5471	0.021*
C10	0.6446(2)	0.09750(12)	0.51947(5)	0.0215(3)
H10	0.5810	0.1029	0.4888	0.026*
C11	0.7762(2)	0.02170(12)	0.52974(5)	0.0232(3)
H11	0.8036	−0.0259	0.5063	0.028*
C12	0.8677(2)	0.01627(12)	0.57480(5)	0.0213(3)
H12	0.9586	−0.0352	0.5829	0.026*
C13	0.45898(18)	0.39326(10)	0.64335(5)	0.0138(2)
C14	0.36734(18)	0.30125(11)	0.62899(5)	0.0145(2)
H14	0.2978	0.2977	0.5989	0.017*
C15	0.37743(18)	0.21297(11)	0.65902(5)	0.0149(2)
H15	0.3187	0.1506	0.6481	0.018*
C16	0.47334(19)	0.21686(11)	0.70469(5)	0.0152(3)
C17	0.56286(19)	0.31154(11)	0.71980(5)	0.0153(3)
H17	0.6264	0.3166	0.7505	0.018*
C18	0.55750(18)	0.39651(10)	0.68971(5)	0.0146(2)
H18	0.6205	0.4579	0.7001	0.017*
C19	0.45954(19)	0.48809(11)	0.61267(5)	0.0160(3)
H19	0.5773	0.5260	0.6220	0.019*
C20	0.4495(2)	0.46452(12)	0.56042(5)	0.0253(3)
H20A	0.4505	0.5293	0.5428	0.038*
H20B	0.5560	0.4225	0.5545	0.038*
H20C	0.3357	0.4266	0.5503	0.038*
C21	0.3006(2)	0.55837(11)	0.62313(5)	0.0221(3)
H21A	0.2989	0.6204	0.6035	0.033*
H21B	0.1835	0.5214	0.6163	0.033*
H21C	0.3177	0.5784	0.6563	0.033*
C22	0.4856(2)	0.12441(11)	0.73640(5)	0.0197(3)
H22A	0.3730	0.1192	0.7518	0.030*
H22B	0.5923	0.1317	0.7603	0.030*
H22C	0.4996	0.0619	0.7179	0.030*
F1	0.89194(13)	0.00775(7)	0.74847(3)	0.02501(19)

**Table 2** (continued)

Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> <sub>iso</sub> <sup>*</sup> / <i>U</i> <sub>eq</sub>
F2	0.49083(18)	0.82957(10)	0.59316(4)	0.0432(3)
F3	0.19196(16)	0.83020(8)	0.60659(4)	0.0407(3)
F4	0.33518(16)	0.98103(8)	0.59499(4)	0.0376(3)
F5	0.55918(13)	0.94162(8)	0.65351(4)	0.0299(2)
F6	0.26128(14)	0.94113(8)	0.66716(4)	0.0333(2)
F7	0.41625(14)	0.79047(7)	0.66533(3)	0.0264(2)
P3	0.37645(5)	0.88512(3)	0.63004(2)	0.01883(8)
Cl2	0.89479(4)	0.36426(3)	0.62383(2)	0.01570(6)
Ru1	0.65734(2)	0.26281(2)	0.65280(2)	0.01010(3)
N1	0.86875(15)	0.16607(9)	0.68160(4)	0.0128(2)
N2	0.69313(15)	0.16166(9)	0.59806(4)	0.0136(2)

(solid state):  $\gamma$  (C=N) 1610.1 cm<sup>−1</sup>. MS (ESI, M/Z): 471.0580 [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>Ru]<sup>+</sup>.

### Experimental details

Crystal evaluation and data collection were done on a Bruker Smart APEX2 diffractometer with an Oxford Cryostream low temperature apparatus operating at 100(1) K. The structure was solved by the direct method using the SHELXS [2] program and refined. All hydrogen atoms were placed in idealized positions and refined in riding models with *U*<sub>iso</sub> assigned the values of 1.2 times those of their parent atoms and the distances of C–H were constrained to 0.93 Å for all the aromatic H atoms, 0.96 Å for methyl hydrogens and 0.98 Å for methine hydrogen. The visual crystal structure information was performed using ORTEP-3 [3].

### Comment

Arene ruthenium half-sandwich compounds belong to a well established family of robust organometallic complexes [4–9]. There is a continued interest in arene ruthenium systems due to their potential as catalysts in a wide range of organic reactions [4–9], promising anticancer and antimicrobial properties [10, 11] and their DNA binding ability [12]. This contribution is a part of our continuing interest in half-sandwich ruthenium(II) complexes with *N,N'*-bidentate ligands [5–12].

In the asymmetric unit there is one cationic ruthenium complex featuring the “pseudo-octahedral three-legged piano stool” structures, one hexafluorophosphate anion and an acetone solvent molecule. The ruthenium centre is coordinated to the *N,N'*-bidentate ligand through the N atom of the pyridine and the N atom of the imine bond and a chlorido ligand at the base of the stool and the *p*-cymene ring at the apex of the stool [5–12]. The Ru–N bond lengths of the complex are 2.0835(14) and 2.0858(14) Å and these value are comparable to those reported for other arene ruthenium complexes with *N,N'* donor ligands [5–12]. The N–Ru–N bond angle is 76.63(4)°. The N–Ru–Cl bond angles are 86.26(3) and

85.63(3)<sup>o</sup>. These values are in agreement to those reported for related compounds [5–16].

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