

## Erratum to Volume 7

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### Polarized Electronic Spectra of Quadrate Chromium(III) Complexes

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Page 685, line 10 of Introduction, read:  $[\text{Cr}(\text{en})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]\text{Br}_3$

Page 686, line 8 of Results, read:  $[\text{Cr}(\text{en})_2\text{BrCl}]\text{Cl}$

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### Cycloheptatriene Dicarbonyltriphenylphosphine-molybdenum(0)

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Addition of neutral ligands (L) such as amines, phosphines, isocyanides *etc.* to cycloheptatriene-molybdenum tricarbonyl leads to the replacement of the cycloheptatriene ring.<sup>1</sup> This reaction is a convenient route to *fac*- $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3\text{L}_3$  as the only reaction products.<sup>1,2</sup> Only one compound of type  $[\text{1,6-}\eta\text{-C}_7\text{H}_8\text{M}(\text{CO})_2\text{L}]$  (M = Mo, Cr; L = 9-phenyl-9-phosphabicyclo[4.2.1]nonatriene) has been reported.<sup>3</sup> Substitution of one carbonyl group with L (L =  $\text{PPh}_3$ ,  $\text{P}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_3$ ) has been however achieved in the low temperature photolysis of  $[\text{1,6-}\eta\text{-C}_7\text{H}_8\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_3]$  in the presence of L.<sup>4</sup>

We now report a new route leading to the formation of the molybdenum analog  $[\text{1-6-}\eta\text{-C}_7\text{H}_8\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_2\text{-PPh}_3]$ .

### Experimental

#### Materials

$[\text{1-6-}\eta\text{-C}_7\text{H}_8\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3]$ ,<sup>5</sup>  $[\eta\text{-C}_7\text{H}_7\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3]\text{BF}_4$ ,<sup>6</sup>  $[\eta\text{-C}_7\text{H}_7\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_2\text{I}]$ <sup>7</sup> and  $[\eta\text{-C}_7\text{H}_7\text{Mo}(\text{CO})\text{PPh}_3\text{I}]$ <sup>8</sup> were prepared according to literature methods. All the other products were standard reagent grade and were used without further purification.

#### Preparation of $[\eta\text{-C}_7\text{H}_7\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_2\text{PPh}_3]\text{BF}_4$

$\text{PPh}_3$  (2 mmol) was added slowly to  $[\eta\text{-C}_7\text{H}_7\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_3]\text{BF}_4$  (2 mmol) dissolved in 80 ml of a  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$  (1/1 in volume) mixture. The solution was left with stirring for 4 days, then taken to dryness. The crude product was extracted with a  $\text{THF}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  mixture (70/30 in volume) and then precipitated by slow evaporation of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  under nitrogen. M.p. 180 - 182 °C dec. Yield  $\approx$  60%. *Anal.*  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{22}\text{MoPO}_2\text{BF}_4$  requires C 54.76, H 3.74, P 5.23. Found, C 54.7, H 3.7, P 5.2.