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## Carboxamido Carbonyl Complexes of Manganese(I)

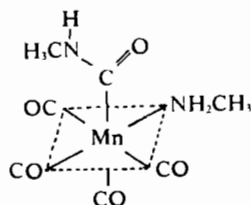
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$Mn(CO)_5Br$  reacts with primary aliphatic amines,  $RNH_2$ , to form carboxamido complexes,  $Mn(CO)_4(CONHR)(NH_2R)$ :  $Mn(CO)_5Br + 3RNH_2 \rightarrow Mn(CO)_4(CONHR)(NH_2R) + RNH_3^+Br^-$ . Their reaction with HCl removes the  $-NHR$  group from the carboxamido group according to the equation:  $Mn(CO)_4(CONHR)(NH_2R) + 2HCl \rightarrow [Mn(CO)_5(NH_2R)]^+Cl^- + RNH_3^+Cl^-$ . The  $[Mn(CO)_5(NH_2R)]^+$  ions react instantaneously with amine,  $RNH_2$ , to regenerate the carboxamido complex,  $Mn(CO)_4(CONHR)(NH_2R)$ . Infrared, nmr, and mass spectra of the new compounds are discussed.

### Introduction

Phosphines, phosphites, arsines, pyridines and anilines are known to react with  $Mn(CO)_5X$ , where X is a halogen, to form the mono- and disubstituted derivatives,  $Mn(CO)_4(L)X$  and  $Mn(CO)_3(L)_2X$ .<sup>1,2,3</sup> Even aliphatic amines have been found to yield  $Mn(CO)_3(L)_2X$  under fairly rigorous conditions.<sup>4,5</sup> In a preliminary communication,<sup>6</sup> we reported that the initial product in the reaction of  $Mn(CO)_5Br$  with primary aliphatic amines was not the CO-substituted compound but instead a substance having the composition  $Mn(CO)_5(NHR)(NH_2R)$ . On the basis of its infrared spectrum, it was suggested that all seven groups were directly bonded to the metal. Since that time, an x-ray crystallographic study of one of the two crystal modifications was carried out in these laboratories,<sup>7</sup> and the compound was shown to be six coordinated (structure A).



In this paper the details of the preparation and characterization of these complexes will be discussed along with their reactions with HCl to form the  $[Mn(CO)_5(NH_2R)]^+$  cations.

### Experimental Section

**Preparation of  $Mn(CO)_4(NH_2R)(CONHR)$ .** 0.4 g  $Mn(CO)_5Br$  was partially dissolved in 150 ml pentane (or ethyl ether). After adding a tenfold excess of the liquid primary amine,  $RNH_2$ , the mixture was stirred until all of the  $Mn(CO)_5Br$  dissolved. If the amine was a gas, it was slowly bubbled into the  $Mn(CO)_5Br$  mixture. Immediately a voluminous white precipitate ( $RNH_3^+Br^-$ ) formed which was filtered off, and the filtrate was evaporated to a pale yellow solid under a water-aspirator vacuum. The solid,  $Mn(CO)_4(CONHR)(NH_2R)$ , was sufficiently pure for synthetic applications, but for analysis it was washed twice with 1 or 2 ml of pentane and dried under vacuum. Yields ranged from 50 to 70%.

**Anal.** Calcd. for  $Mn(CO)_4(CONHCH_3)(NH_2CH_3)$ : C, 32.8; H, 3.54; N, 10.9; mol. wt., 256. Found: C, 32.76, 32.75; H, 3.72, 3.79; N, 11.1; mol. wt., 260 (cryoscopically in benzene). Rather than melting, it slowly decomposed near 75°. The C—O stretching absorptions occur at 2077 (w), 1986 (vs), and 1939 (s)  $cm^{-1}$  in pentane.

Mass spectrum<sup>8</sup> of  $Mn(CO)_4(CONHCH_3)(NH_2CH_3)$ : Relative intensities are given for ions which have  $m/e$  values greater than 130.  $Mn(CO)_5(NHCH_3)(NH_2CH_3)^+$ , parent, 3.6;  $Mn(CO)_4(NHCH_3)(NH_2CH_3)^+$ , 100;  $Mn(CO)_5NH_2CH_3^+$ , 12;  $Mn(CO)_5(NHCH_3)^+$ , 3.4;  $Mn(CO)_3(NHCH_3)(NH_2CH_3)^+$ , 8.9;  $Mn(CO)_4(NH_2CH_3)^+$ , 7.0;  $Mn(CO)_4(NHCH_3)^+$ , 4.6;  $Mn(CO)_2(NHCH_3)(NH_2CH_3)^+$ , 45;  $Mn(CO)_3(NH_2CH_3)^+$ , 7.0;  $Mn(CO)_3(NHCH_3)^+$ , 17.5;  $Mn(CO)(NHCH_3)(NH_2CH_3)^+$ , 49;  $Mn(CO)_2(NH_2CH_3)^+$ , 12;  $Mn(CO)_2(NHCH_3)^+$ , 28.

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*Anal.* Calcd. for  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_4(\text{CONHC}_2\text{H}_5)(\text{NH}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)$ : C, 38.0; H, 4.59; N, 9.86; mol. wt., 284. Found: C, 37.7; H, 4.50; N, 9.82; mol. wt., 274 (cryoscopically in benzene). It decomposes at about  $105^\circ$  and has absorptions in the infrared at 2076 (w), 1985 (vs), and 1938 (s)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in pentane solution.

*Anal.* Calcd. for  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_4[\text{CONHCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2][\text{NH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2]$ : C, 42.3; H, 5.49; N, 8.97; mol. wt., 312. Found: C, 42.4; H, 5.82; N, 8.71, 8.99; mol. wt., 293 (cryoscopically in benzene). It decomposes with melting near  $70^\circ$  and has C—O stretching absorptions at 2075 (w), 1985 (vs) and 1938 (s)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in pentane.

Other primary aliphatic amines such as *n*- $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{NH}_2$ , *t*- $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{NH}_2$  and  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11}\text{NH}_2$  also react to give analogous  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_4(\text{NH}_2\text{R})(\text{CONHR})$  complexes which were identified only from their infrared spectra in solution. The stability of these compounds in solution decreases as the size of the R group increases. Where  $\text{R}=\text{CH}_3$ , little decomposition is noted in 30 min., but the corresponding propyl complex shows considerable decomposition at room temperature. Products of the decomposition of the methyl derivative at  $40$ – $50^\circ$  were determined by infrared to be *N*-methylformamide and  $\text{Mn}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$ . In the solid state, they show no decomposition over a period of 3 months when stored in the dark under vacuum. They are hygroscopic and become liquid in minutes on humid days. Upon melting, considerable decomposition to  $\text{Mn}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$  and other unidentified metal carbonyl compounds occurs.

$\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5\text{Br}$  also reacts with ethylenediamine to give a pale yellow solid having an infrared spectrum nearly identical to the above compounds. It is, however, far more sensitive to moisture and air and is only very slightly soluble in most polar organic solvents suggesting a polymeric structure. Since the solid begins to decompose at  $40^\circ$ , analyses only roughly supported a composition of  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_4(\text{CONHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2)$ .

*Preparation of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5(\text{NH}_2\text{R})]^+$ .* To 0.2 g  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_4(\text{NH}_2\text{R})(\text{CONHR})$  dissolved in 5 ml. benzene was added 35 ml. pentane. Gaseous HCl was bubbled into the cloudy solution for about 10 min., and the mixture was then allowed to stand at room temperature for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours. The solvent was poured off, and the residue evaporated to dryness under a water aspirator vacuum. After adding about 5 ml.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to the solid, the solution was filtered, and about 0.130 g  $\text{NH}_4\text{PF}_6$  was added to precipitate the product. The mixture was evaporated to about 3 ml. under vacuum and the solid removed by centrifugation. After drying under high vacuum, the solid was dissolved in about 1 ml. acetone and a small amount of insoluble material was removed by centrifugation. To the solution was added 10 ml. of ether dropwise. The resulting pale yellow precipitate was washed twice with 8 ml. portions of ether and dried under vacuum.

*Anal.* Calcd. for  $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_3]\text{PF}_6$ : C, 19.4; H, 1.35; N, 3.78. Found: C, 19.5; H, 2.00; N, 4.40. The molar conductivity in water ( $94.0 \text{ ohms}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) compares well with values for known two-ion conductors.<sup>9</sup> To improve the solubility of the cation in organic

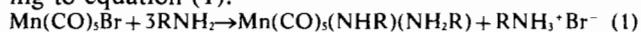
solvents, it was converted to the  $\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4^-$  salt. The addition of a saturated aqueous solution of  $\text{NaB}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4$  to a saturated aqueous solution of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_3]\text{PF}_6$  yielded a white precipitate of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_3]\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4$  which was centrifuged off, washed with water and dried under high vacuum. Its infrared spectrum taken in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  is given in Table I.

*Anal.* Calcd. for  $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5(\text{NH}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)]\text{PF}_6$ : C, 21.8; H, 1.82; N, 3.64. Found: C, 21.5; H, 2.06; N, 3.42.

The  $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5(\text{NH}_2\text{R})]\text{PF}_6$  complexes are very soluble in acetone, slightly soluble in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and water, and insoluble in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  and hydrocarbon solvents. In the solid state in air they show significant decomposition within a week but are stable for several weeks under vacuum.

## Results and Discussion

The reaction of  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5\text{Br}$  with primary aliphatic amines,  $\text{RNH}_2$ , yields  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5(\text{NHR})(\text{NH}_2\text{R})$  according to equation (1).



That this is the composition of the product is established from elemental analyses and cryoscopically determined molecular weight values. Additional evidence from the mass spectrum of  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5(\text{NHCH}_3)(\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_3)$  shows a distinct parent ion along with fragments corresponding to the loss of CO,  $\text{NHCH}_3$  and  $\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_3$ . While all primary aliphatic amines which have been studied give analogous derivatives, secondary aliphatic amines such as  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NH}$  and  $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2\text{NH}$  do not. With  $\text{NH}_3$ , the reaction produces  $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_4(\text{NH}_3)_2]\text{Br}$ , as reported previously.<sup>1</sup>

In one crystalline modification,  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5(\text{NHCH}_3)(\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_3)$  has been shown<sup>7</sup> to have structure (A). The solid state infrared spectra (in KBr or Nujol) of the compound contain at least five C—O stretching absorptions (Figure 1 and Table I). Although the  $\text{C}_s$  local symmetry of structure (A) requires only four C—O stretching modes, the presence of two crystalline forms in the solid state accounts for the larger number of observed absorptions in the spectrum. It was initially suspected that the excessive number of C—O stretching absorptions, as compared to the solution spectrum (Figure 1 and Table I), resulted from decomposition in the KBr pellet. This is not true, however, since the compound can be extracted from the pellet with  $\text{CHCl}_3$  to give a spectrum which is identical to the solution spectrum of  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5(\text{NHCH}_3)(\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_3)$ . The C—O stretching frequency of the carboxamido group of structure (A) might either be the weak absorption at  $1610 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  or that of medium intensity at  $1540 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  or that of medium intensity at  $1540 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Both of these are relatively close to the reported  $1640 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  absorption of a carboxamido complex of iron pentacarbonyl<sup>10</sup> and compare with  $1534 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for the carboxamido group in  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_2(\text{CON}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_2)$ .<sup>11</sup> More recently<sup>12</sup> we have found that  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_2(\text{CONHC}_2\text{H}_5)$  exhibits its absorption at  $1622 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in methylcyclohexane solvent.

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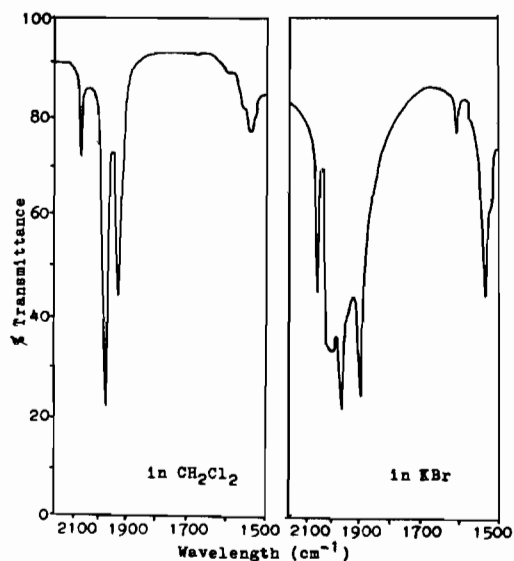


Figure 1. Infrared spectra of  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5(\text{CONHCH}_3)(\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_3)$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution (left) and in KBr pellet (right).

on the most intense absorption at  $1980\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . This shoulder could not be detected in any other solvents or with any of the other compounds. This observation does suggest, however, that the most intense band in the solution spectrum results from two accidentally degenerate modes. The spectrum would then be consistent with the  $C_s$  symmetry of structure (A).

The two possible absorptions ( $1610$  or  $1540\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) which might be assigned to the carboxamido-C—O stretching mode are much weaker in intensity in the solution spectrum (Figure 1). Their assignment to the C—O mode is highly tenuous. The molecule either no longer possesses a carboxamido group (and is perhaps a seven-coordinated complex) or the intensity of this carbonyl absorption has a much lower extinction coefficient in solution than in the solid state, as has been noted for  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}(\text{O})\text{Re}(\text{CO})_5$ .<sup>13</sup> For the sake of simplicity, we will assume that these complexes have structure (A),  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5(\text{CONHR})(\text{NH}_2\text{R})$ , in solution also. The N—H stretching frequency of the carboxamido group supports this structure since it occurs at virtually the same position as the N—H stretch in N-methyl formamide (Table I). The N—H frequency of the  $\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_3$  group in the complex is lower than that in the free amine as

Table I. Infrared Stretching Frequencies ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )

Compound	Solvent	> N—H	—NH <sub>2</sub>	—C≡O	> C=O
$\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5(\text{CONHCH}_3)(\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_3)$	$\text{CHCl}_3$	3463 (w)	3333 (w)	2075 (w) 1983 (s) 1930 (m)	1605 (vw, sh)
	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	3476 (w)	3300 (w)	2077 (w) 1980 (s) 1938 (m)	1596 (vw, sh) 1545 (w)
	KBr pellet	3479 (w)	3264 (w)	2071 (m) 1995 (s, br) 1964 (s) 1893 (s)	1610 (w) 1540 (m)
	Nujol mull	3473 (w)	3260 (w)	2074 (m) 2009 (s) 1984 (s, br) 1962 (s) 1906 (s)	1609 (w) 1540 (m)
$[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5(\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_3)]^+\text{B}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_4^-$	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	---	3239 (vw, sh) 3219 (w)	2141 (w) 2055 (vs) 2032 (s)	---
$[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3]^- \text{FeCl}_4^-$ <sup>a</sup>	THF	---	---	2138 (m) 2086 (w) 2046 (vs)	---
$\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5\text{Cl}$ <sup>b</sup>	$\text{CCl}_4$	---	---	2138 (w) 2054 (vs) 1999 (s)	---
$\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_3$ $\text{HCNHCH}_3$ $\parallel$ $\text{O}$	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	---	3400 (s) ---	---	---
		3462 (m)	---	---	1696 (s)

<sup>a</sup> T. Kruck and M. Noack, *Chem. Ber.*, 96, 3028 (1963). <sup>b</sup> J. C. Hileman, D. K. Huggins, and H. D. Kaesz, *Inorg. Chem.*, 1, 933 (1962).

The infrared spectrum of  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5(\text{NHCH}_3)(\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_3)$  in solution significantly differs from that in the solid state. Firstly, there are only 3 terminal C—O stretching frequencies, and secondly, the carboxamido C—O stretching absorption is either very weak or altogether absent. While the compound does not have the expected 4 terminal C—O stretching absorptions required for structure (A),  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5(\text{NHC}_2\text{H}_5)(\text{NH}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  solvent shows a distinct shoulder

is usually observed for such compounds.<sup>14</sup> That this frequency is lower in the KBr pellet and Nujol mull spectra than in solution is consistent with the proposed intermolecular hydrogen bonding in the solid.<sup>7</sup>

The proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra are summarized in Table II. For the methyl derivative,

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**Table II.** Proton NMR Spectra<sup>a</sup> of Mn(CO)<sub>4</sub>(CONHR)(NH<sub>2</sub>R) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> Solvent

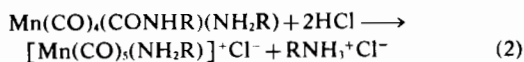
R	NHR			NH <sub>2</sub> R		
	HN—	α—CH	β—CH	H <sub>2</sub> N—	α—CH	β—CH
—CH <sub>3</sub>	5.78 (br)	2.92 (4.3) <sup>b</sup>		3.11 (br)	2.50 (5.7) <sup>b</sup>	
—CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	5.70 (br)	3.47 (7.1)	1.22 (7.1)	2.83 (br)	3.38 (7.1)	1.18 (7.1)
—CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	5.54 (br)	4.38 (~6.1)	1.23 (6.1)	3.05 (br)	2.83 (~6.8)	1.17 (6.8)

<sup>a</sup> Chemical shifts in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane. Numbers in parentheses are J<sub>HCH</sub>, except those labelled b. The abbreviation br means broad. <sup>b</sup> Number in parentheses is J<sub>HNCH</sub>.

Mn(CO)<sub>4</sub>(CONHCH<sub>3</sub>)(NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), the methyl protons of the carboxamido group are split into a doublet by the single proton on the nitrogen, and the methyl on the amine is split into a triplet by the two protons on the amine nitrogen. The splittings in the methyl compound and the intensity data allowed us to make assignments by analogy to the other derivatives. It is interesting that the methyl protons in the —CONHCH<sub>3</sub> group of Mn(CO)<sub>4</sub>(CONHCH<sub>3</sub>)(NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) and in HCONHCH<sub>3</sub> have similar chemical shifts—2.92 and 2.79 ppm, respectively. The corresponding coupling constants, J<sub>HNCH</sub>, are 4.3 and 5.0 cps, respectively. Another interesting comparison is that of uncoordinated (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CHNH<sub>2</sub> with the amine in Mn(CO)<sub>4</sub>(CONHCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)(NH<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>). The free amine has chemical shifts of 1.14 (NH<sub>2</sub>), 3.09 (α—CH), and 1.04 ppm (β—CH<sub>3</sub>). The —NH<sub>2</sub> protons shift about 2 ppm downfield upon coordination while the α—CH protons move upfield slightly.

The most intense peak in the mass spectrum of Mn(CO)<sub>4</sub>(CONHCH<sub>3</sub>)(NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) corresponds to the parent ion minus one CO group. Since it is well known<sup>15</sup> that acylmanganese carbonyls such as CH<sub>3</sub>COMn(CO)<sub>5</sub> readily lose CO to give the σ-bonded alkyl compounds, e.g. CH<sub>3</sub>Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>, we assume that a similar process readily occurs to yield a high concentration of Mn(CO)<sub>4</sub>(NHCH<sub>3</sub>)(NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup> in the mass spectrum. The mass spectrum is dominated by fragments resulting from the loss of CO; amine groups appear to be lost much less readily.

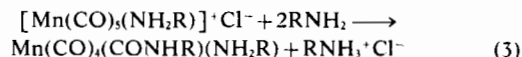
Mn(CO)<sub>4</sub>(CONHR)(NH<sub>2</sub>R) reacts with HCl in a non-polar solvent to yield the cationic complex, [Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>(NH<sub>2</sub>R)]<sup>+</sup>, according to equation (2).



This cation has been precipitated as the hexafluorophosphate salt which was identified by elemental analysis and molar conductance. The infrared spectra of these complexes in the C—O stretching region are very similar to that of Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>Cl and [Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> (Table I). The two highest frequencies of [Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> and Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>Cl which primarily correspond to the symmetric and anti-symmetric stretching modes of the four equivalent CO groups (A<sub>1</sub> + E) are essentially the same. The stretching frequency of the CO *trans* to NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> or Cl<sup>−</sup> is noticeably lower in Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>Cl. While [Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> exhibits only its three infrared allowed absorptions, the intensities of the absorptions of [Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> suggest that the 2086 (w) peak is the forbidden B<sub>1</sub> mode

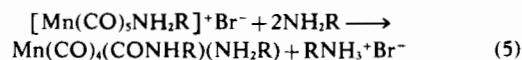
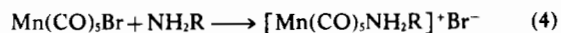
and the very strong band at 2046 cm<sup>−1</sup> is actually a composite of the E and A<sub>1</sub> mode of the CO group *trans* to P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>. Similar behavior has been observed for the analogous W(CO)<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>R and W(CO)<sub>5</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> complexes.<sup>16</sup>

The cation, [Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>(NH<sub>2</sub>R)]<sup>+</sup>, instantaneously reacts (equation (3))



with NH<sub>2</sub>R in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solvent to regenerate Mn(CO)<sub>4</sub>(CONHR)(NH<sub>2</sub>R), which suggests that the reaction proceeds by a nucleophilic attack of NH<sub>2</sub>R on a terminal CO carbon atom. To test this we reacted [Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> with NH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub> hoping to observe the formation of Mn(CO)<sub>4</sub>(CONHC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)(NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). Unfortunately the only product obtained was Mn(CO)<sub>4</sub>(CONHC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)(NH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) as determined from the nmr spectrum. Since under the same conditions Mn(CO)<sub>4</sub>(CONHCH<sub>3</sub>)(NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) reacts only very slowly with C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> to form Mn(CO)<sub>4</sub>(CONHC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)(NH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), it appears that the reaction of [Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> with C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> first produces [Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>]<sup>+</sup> which then reacts rapidly with additional C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> to form Mn(CO)<sub>4</sub>(CONHC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)(NH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>). Hence it is not clear whether the carboxamido group formation occurs as a result of RNH<sub>2</sub> attack directly on a carbonyl carbon atom or from the migration of the RNH<sub>2</sub> group in [Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>R]<sup>+</sup> to a carbonyl carbon atom with simultaneous attack of RNH<sub>2</sub> on the Mn atom. That the presence of an RNH<sub>2</sub> group in the complex is not necessary for the formation of a carboxamido carbonyl compound<sup>12</sup> suggests that its generation is the result of a direct attack of RNH<sub>2</sub> on a carbonyl carbon atom. Attempted reactions of [Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> with CO and P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were very slow at room temperature and gave no isolable products at higher temperatures.

The fast reaction of [Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>R]<sup>+</sup> with NH<sub>2</sub>R to form Mn(CO)<sub>4</sub>(CONHR)(NH<sub>2</sub>R) suggests that the reaction of Mn(CO)<sub>5</sub>Br with NH<sub>2</sub>R proceeds according to the following mechanism:



Reaction (4) apparently occurs via a nucleophilic attack

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by  $\text{NH}_2\text{R}$  on  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5\text{Br}$  since the overall reaction takes place much faster than the known  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$  rates of dissociation of Br or CO from  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5\text{Br}$ .<sup>3,17</sup> Attempts to prepare  $[\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5\text{NH}_2\text{R}]^+$  by using a deficiency of  $\text{RNH}_2$  yielded only unreacted  $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5\text{Br}$  and

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$\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_4(\text{CONHR})(\text{NH}_2\text{R})$ , suggesting that step (5) occurs much faster than reaction (4).

Preliminary work indicates that  $\text{Re}(\text{CO})_5\text{Br}$  reacts with amines to form complexes which are analogous to those discussed in this paper.<sup>18</sup>

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