Preliminary communication

METAL CARBONYL COMPLEXES OF BIS(DIISOPROPYLAMINO)-PHOSPHINE AND DIISOPROPYLAMINOCHLOROPHOSPHINE*

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Summary

Reactions of $(i-Pr_2N)_2PH$ with the tetrahydrofuran (THF) metal carbonyl complexes (THF)M(CO)₅ (M = Cr, Mo, and W), (THF)Fe(CO)₄, and (THF)Mn(CO)₂-C₅H₅ give $(i-Pr_2N)_2PHM(CO)_5$ (M = Cr, Mo, and W), $(i-Pr_2N)_2PHFe(CO)_4$, and $(i-Pr_2N)_2PHMn(CO)_2C_5H_5$, respectively. One of the diisopropylamino groups in these complexes can be selectively cleaved with hydrogen chloride to give the complexes $i-Pr_2NP(H)CIM(CO)_5$ (M = Cr, Mo, and W) and $i-Pr_2NP(H)CIFe(CO)_4$ containing the unknown phosphorus compound $i-Pr_2NP(H)Cl$ as a ligand.

Recently [1,2] we have found that reaction of $(i-Pr_2N)_2PCl$ with LiAlH₄ provides a facile preparation of the bis(dialkylamino)phosphine $(i-Pr_2N)_2PH$. We now wish to report the first metal carbonyl complexes of this phosphine. These complexes are of particular interest since they undergo facile selective cleavage of one of the diisopropylamino groups to give the corresponding metal carbonyl complexes of the novel chlorophosphine, $i-Pr_2NP(H)Cl$, which is unknown in the free state. These latter metal complexes are of potential interest because of the reactivity of their chlorine atom towards nucleophilic reagents to give novel organophosphorus derivatives and/or their metal carbonyl complexes.

Table 1 summarizes some important properties of new metal carbonyl derivatives of these ligands that we have prepared up to the present time. The $(i-Pr_2N)_2$ -PH complexes listed in the Table are prepared in moderate to good yields by reactions of the ligand at ambient temperature with tetrahydrofuran solutions of the complexes $(THF)M(CO)_5$ (M = Cr, Mo, and W) [3], $(THF)Fe(CO)_4$ [4], and $(THF)Mn(CO)_2C_5H_5$ [5] generated by the cited standard methods. The iron complex (i-Pr₂N)₂PHFe(CO)₄ has also been obtained in modest (~20%) yield by re-

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| Compound | Color | M.p. | Subl. temp. | IR | ³¹ P NMR | | ¹ H NMR |
|---|------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| | | () | ([°] C/Torr) | ν (CO) (cm ⁻¹) | δ(P) (ppm) | 1J(PH) (Hz) | δ(P—H) (ppm) |
| (i-Pr ₂ N) ₂ PH complexes | | | | | | | |
| ·Pr ₂ N) ₂ PHCr(CO), | yellow | 7778 | 75/0.01 | 2060w,1940s,1910vw | 91.8 | 363 | 7.32 |
| (i-Pr ₁ N) ₁ PHMo(CO) ₅ | yellow | 60-62(dec.) | 80/0.04 | 2070w,1945s,1918vw | 67.0 | 356 | 7.43 |
| -Pr ₂ N) ₂ PHW(CO) ₅ | yellow | 102 - 103 | 90/0.04 | 2066w,1940s,1910vw | 41.7 | 359 | 7.84 |
| -Pr ₂ N) ₂ PHFe(CO) ₄ | yellow | 62-63 | 50/0.15 | 2043m, 1974m, 1942s, 1932s | 93.9 | 410 | 7.44 |
| (i-Pr ₂ N) ₂ PHMn(CO) ₂ Cp | yellow | 108-110 | 80/0.005 | 1945s,1872s | 123.1 | 381 | 7.66 |
| Pr ₂ NP(H)Cl complexes | | | | | | | |
| -Pr ₂ NP(H)ClCr(CO) ₅ | yellow | 52 - 53 | 55/0.01 | 2074w,1998w,1957s,1925vw | 112.0 | 376 | 8.27 |
| -Pr ₂ NP(H)CIMo(CO), | yellow | 6668 | 55/0.001 | 2080w,2000w,1962s,1925vw | 83.1 | 374 | 8.26 |
| -Pr ₂ NP(H)CIW(CO), | yellow | 75-76 | 50/0.001 | 2085w,1995w,1954s,1927vw | 50.1 | 393 | 8.61 |
| -Pr ₂ NP(H)ClFe(CO) ₄ | red-orange | liquid | 104/0.02 | 2063m,1995m,1965s,1955s | 113.3 | 444 | 8.35 |

TABLE 1

duction of the reported [6] $(i-Pr_2N)_2P(Cl)Fe(CO)_4$ with LiAlH₄ in diethyl ether. Pure products are isolated from these reactions by crystallization from pentane and/or vacuum sublimation under the conditions listed in Table 1. The complexes $(i-Pr_2N)_2PHM(CO)_5$ (M = Cr and W) appear to be air stable and all of the complexes listed in Table 1 are much less air-sensitive than the very air-sensitive [1] free ligand (i-Pr₂N)₂PH.

The most interesting reaction of these $(i-Pr_2N)_2PH$ metal carbonyl complexes is the facile selective cleavage of one diisopropylamino group with hydrogen chloride in hexane solution to give the corresponding i- $Pr_2NP(H)ClM(CO)_n$ complexes (n = 5, M = Cr, Mo, and W; n = 4, M = Fe) in nearly quantitative yields. Thus HCl is able to cleave easily one of the P–N bonds in $(i-Pr_2N)_2PHM(CO)_n$ derivatives without cleaving the P-H bond. The chromium complex i- $Pr_2NP(H)$ - $ClCr(CO)_5$ has also been obtained from $(i-Pr_2N)_2PHCr(CO)_5$ and acetyl chloride but similar reactions of $(i-Pr_2N)_2PHCr(CO)_5$ with $(CH_3)_3SiCl$ and with phosgene failed to result in significant amounts of diisopropylamino cleavage. Attempts to cleave both diisopropylamino groups from $(i-Pr_2N)_2PHCr(CO)_5$ under forcing conditions using excess hydrogen chloride or boiling acetyl chloride instead gave only $i-Pr_2NP(H)ClCr(CO)_5$ with no evidence for the formation of any $Cl_2P(H)Cr(CO)_5$.

The spectroscopic properties of the new $(i-Pr_2N)_2PH$ and $i-Pr_2NP(H)Cl$ metal carbonyl complexes agree with the proposed formulations (Table 1). The lower symmetry around the phosphorus atoms in i-Pr₂NP(H)Cl metal carbonyl complexes relative to corresponding $(i-Pr_2N)_2PH$ complexes is reflected in the following spectroscopic observations:

(1) The B_1 mode which is infrared inactive in ideal C_{44} symmetry [7] appears as a weak band around 2000 cm⁻¹ in the ν (CO) infrared spectra of the i-Pr₂NP(H)- $ClM(CO)_5$ complexes but not the corresponding (i-Pr₂N)₂PHM(CO)₅ complexes. (M = Cr, Mo, and W).

(2) The methyl resonances of the isopropyl groups in the $(i-Pr_2N)_2PH$ metal carbonyl complexes exhibit a single doublet around δ 1.3 ppm ($J \approx 7$ Hz) whereas the methyl resonances of the isopropyl groups in the i-Pr₂NP(H)Cl metal carbonyl complexes exhibit in this region two such doublets of equal relative intensities.

Preliminary experiments based on ³¹P NMR analysis of crude reaction mixtures suggest that the chlorine atom in i-Pr₂NP(H)Cl metal carbonyl complexes is reactive towards nucleophiles such as alkoxides and amines. Efforts are currently in progress to isolate and characterize pure products from some of these reaction mixtures.

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