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Coordinatively unsaturated σ -aryl complexes of ruthenium(II) and osmium(II)

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Abstract

The hydrido complexes MHCl(CO)(PPh₃)₃ (M = Ru, Os) react with the organomercury compounds R_2Hg (R = phenyl, *p*-tolyl, *o*-tolyl, *trans-β*-styryl) to give the five-coordinate, σ aryl and alkenyl complexes MRCl(CO)(PPh₃)₂ in high yield. Bromide and iodide analogues of these compounds can be prepared through reaction with silver perchlorate followed by addition of excess bromide or iodide ions. The X-ray crystal structures of two of the complexes, Ru(*p*-tolyl)Cl(CO)-(PPh₃)₂ and Ru(o-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂, have been determined.

Introduction

The use of organomercury compounds as reagents for the synthesis of transition metal alkyl and aryl complexes is now well established. Reactions can be broadly classified as involving either oxidative addition of RHgX or R_2 Hg to low valent metal substrates, or exchange of organo-groups on mercury with metal halide or other anionic ligands [1-4].

Prior to our preliminary report [5], the interaction of transition metal hydrides with organomercurials was unknown as a route to transition metal alkyl and aryl complexes. We have now investigated this particular reaction in more detail, and have used it to prepare a number of new, coordinatively unsaturated σ -aryl and σ -alkenyl complexes of ruthenium and osmium. The full details of this work, along with the single crystal X-ray structure determinations of Ru(*p*-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂ and Ru(*o*-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂, are reported in this paper.

Results and discussion

On heating one equivalent of $(p-tolyl)_2$ Hg with RuHCl(CO)(PPh₃)₃ in toluene under reflux, the solution turns red over a period of minutes and elemental mercury

| Compound ^b | v(CO) ^c | Other bands |
|--|--------------------|---|
| Ru(p-tolyl)Cl(CO)L ₂ | 1923 | 800m ^d |
| $Ru(p-tolyl)Br(CO)L_2$ | 1917 | 797m ^{<i>d</i>} |
| $Ru(p-tolyl)I(CO)L_2$ | 1 92 7 | 796m ^d |
| Ru(phenyl)Cl(CO)L ₂ | 1922 | 1560m ^e |
| Ru(o-tolyl)Cl(CO)L ₂ | 1920sh,1912 | |
| $Ru(o-tolyl)I(CO)L_2$ | 1927sh, 1917 | |
| Ru(<i>trans-β-styryl</i>)Cl(CO)L ₂ | 1916 | 1585m, 1560m (<i>trans-β</i> -styryl) |
| Ru(trans-β-styryl)I(H ₂ O)(CO)L ₂ | 1913 | 3520w, 3420w (H ₂ O); 1595m, |
| | | 1578w, 1545m (trans-β-styryl) |
| Ru(trans-β-styryl)I(DMF)(CO)L ₂ | 1916 | 1643vs (DMF) |
| $Os(p-tolyl)Cl(CO)L_2$ | 1906 | 798m ^d |
| $Os(phenyl)Cl(CO)L_2$ | 1906 | 1564m ^e |
| Os(p-tolyl)I(CO)L ₂ | 1 9 08 | 797m ^{<i>d</i>} |
| Os(o-tolyl)Cl(CO)L ₂ | 1912, 1900sh | |

IR data (cm⁻¹) for ruthenium and osmium complexes ^a

^a Measured as Nujol mulls between KBr plates. ^b Satisfactory elemental analyses were obtained for all new compounds, $L = PPh_3$. ^c All very strong. ^d Aromatic hydrogen "wag" of the *para*-substituted phenyl group. ^e Skeletal vibration of the metal-bound phenyl group.

is deposited. From this solution the red, coordinatively unsaturated σ -aryl complex Ru(*p*-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂ can be isolated in high (> 95%) yield. Other products of the reaction are triphenylphosphine and toluene (eq. 1)

$RuHCl(CO)(PPh_3)_3 + R_2Hg \rightarrow RuRCl(CO)(PPh_3)_2 + PPh_3 + Hg + RH$ (1)

(M = Ru, Os; R = p-tolyl, o-tolyl, phenyl, trans- β -styryl)

The reaction can be extended to other diorganomercury compounds. Thus with R_2Hg (R = p-tolyl, *o*-tolyl, phenyl, *trans-\beta*-styryl) the corresponding five-coordinate organoruthenium compounds RuRCl(CO)(PPh₃)₂ are formed in high yield (see Tables 1 and 2 for IR and ¹H NMR spectral data for all new compounds).

The osmium hydride OsHCl(CO)(PPh₃)₃ also reacts cleanly with the diaryl mercury compounds R_2Hg (R = p-tolyl, o-tolyl, phenyl) giving the five-coordinate σ -aryls OsRCl(CO)(PPh₃)₂. However, in contrast to the ruthenium reactions, no σ -alkenyl compound was formed on reaction with Hg(*trans-β*-styryl)₂. Elemental mercury was deposited but only OsHCl(CO)(PPh₃)₃ was isolated (in good yield) from solution. The most likely explanation is that β -hydride elimination from a five-coordinate intermediate alkenyl compound leads to the reformation of OsHCl(CO)(PPh₃)₃ after coordination of triphenylphosphine.

There have been a few reports in the literature of transition metal hydrides reacting with mercuric halides [6–11], and products with transition metal-mercury bonds [7] or bridging hydride ligands [11] have been isolated. However there appears to be no previous reports of reactions between transition metal hydrides and organomercury compounds to give σ -organo transition metal derivatives.

There are several plausible possibilities for the mechanism by which these organo-transfer reactions proceed. One of the simplest involves an oxidative addition-reductive elimination sequence followed by elimination of elemental mercury from the resulting M-Hg-R containing intermediate (Scheme 1). There is ample literature precedent for both the key steps in this mechanism [4,12]. Alternatively,

Table 1

Table 2 ¹H NMR data for ruthenium and osmium complexes ^a

| Compound ^b | Chemical shift (ppm) and coupling constants (Hz) |
|--|--|
| Ru(p-tolyl)Cl(CO)L ₂ | 2.13, s, 3H, C ₆ H ₄ CH ₃ ; 6.32, d, 2H, 6.66, d, 2H, |
| | $C_6H_4CH_3$; 7.20–7.45, m, 30H, C_6H_5 |
| $Ru(p-tolyl)Br(CO)L_2$ | c |
| Ru(p-tolyl)I(CO)L ₂ | 2.13, s, 3H, C ₆ H ₄ CH ₃ ; 6.34, s, 4H, C ₆ H ₄ CH ₃ |
| | 7.20–7.70, m, 30H, C_6H_5 |
| Ru(phenyl)Cl(CO)L ₂ | 6.40–6.90, m, 5H, C_6H_5 ; 7.20–7.45, m, 30H, C_6H_5 |
| Ru(o-tolyl)Cl(CO)L ₂ | 1.07, s, ca. 2H, 1.5, s, ca. 1H, CH_3^{d} ; 6.00–6.70, m, 4H, $C_6H_4CH_3$; |
| | 7.10–7.60, m, 30H, $C_6 H_5$ |
| $Ru(o-tolyl)I(CO)L_2$ | 0.84, s, ca. 2H, 0.97, s, ca. 1H, CH ₃ ^d ; 5.90–6.70, m, 4H, |
| | $C_6H_4CH_3$; 7.15–7.55, m, 30H, C_6H_5 |
| $Ru(trans-\beta-styryl)Cl(CO)L_2$ | 5.57, dt, 1H, = $CHPh$, ${}^{4}J(HP)$ 1.8, ${}^{3}J(HH)$ 13, |
| | 8.45, dt, 1H, $CH=$, ${}^{3}J(HP)$ 2.4, ${}^{3}J(HH)$ 13, |
| | 6.60-7.80, m, 35H, C ₆ H ₅ |
| $Ru(trans-\beta-styryl)I(H_2O(CO)L_2$ | 1.50, s, 2H, H ₂ O ^e |
| | 6.40-8.20, m, 37 H, C ₆ H ₅ , CH=, =CHPh |
| Ru(<i>trans-β-styryl</i>)I(DMF)(CO)L ₂ | 2.32, s, 3H, N-CH ₃ ; 2.46, s, 3H, N-CH ₃ ; |
| | 6.70-8.10, m, 37 H, C ₆ H ₅ , CH=, CHPh |
| Os(p-tolyl)Cl(CO)L ₂ | c |
| Os(phenyl)Cl(CO)L ₂ | 6.30-6.65, m, 5H, C ₆ H ₅ ; 7.20-7.50, m, 30H, C ₆ H ₅ |
| Os(p-tolyl)I(CO)L ₂ | 2.02, s, 3H, C ₆ H ₄ CH ₃ ; 6.28, s, 4H, C ₆ H ₄ CH ₃ ^f |
| | 7.10–7.65, m, 30H, $C_6 H_5$ |
| Os(o-tolyl)Cl(CO)L ₂ | 1.14, s, ca.1.5H, 1.43, s, ca.1.5H, C ₆ H ₄ CH ₃ ^d ; 6.14–6.95, |
| | m, 4H, C ₆ H ₄ CH ₃ ; 7.10–7.60, m, 30H, C ₆ H ₅ |

^a CDCl₃ solution, TMS (0.00 ppm) internal standard. ^b L = PPh₃. ^c Too insoluble to obtain a satisfactory spectrum. ^d Two resonances observed for the methyl protons, see discussion. ^e Signal disappears on addition of D₂O. ^f Signals coincident.

instead of an initial oxidative addition process, the reaction may proceed to the M-Hg-R species via an intermediate in which the hydride bridges both ruthenium and mercury metal centres. Intermediates such as this have been proposed for the



Scheme 1. Possible mechanism for the formation of the coordinatively unsaturated organo-complexes of ruthenium and osmium. (M = Ru, Os; $L = PPh_3$; R = p-tolyl, o-tolyl, phenyl, trans- β -styryl); * proposed intermediates.

binuclear reductive elimination of methane from $OsHMe(CO)_{14}$ [13], and recently compounds with hydride ligands bridging both platinum and mercury or iridium and mercury have been isolated at low temperatures [11]. At present, however, we have not established the precise mechanism of these organo-transfer reactions.

The five-coordinate organo-complexes $MRCl(CO)(PPh_3)_2$ are all intensity coloured (orange-red), crystalline solids with surprisingly high thermal stability. For example Ru(o-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh_3)_2 can be recovered in very good yield after heating under reflux in benzene under a nitrogen atmosphere for 48 h. Benzene or toluene solutions of these compounds also do not react appreciably with oxygen or water at room temperature, even after contact for many hours.

The chloride ligand in MRCl(CO)(PPh₃)₂ can be conveniently replaced by other halides through the use of silver perchlorate. On stirring solutions of MRCl(CO) (PPh₃)₂ with silver perchlorate in dichloromethane/ethanol, silver chloride precipitates. After removal by filtration and addition of NaX (X = Br, I) the new complexes MRX(CO)(PPh₃)₂ are formed in high yield. The intermediate perchlorate salts, [MR(solvent)(CO)(PPh₃)₂]ClO₄, were not isolated in analytically pure forms.

The bromo and iodo derivatives are also all highly coloured, except for the iodostyryl complex which is pale yellow. Examination of the IR spectrum for this compound reveals broad, weak absorptions at 3520 and 3420 cm⁻¹. There is also a signal in the ¹H NMR spectrum at 1.50 ppm which integrates for approximately two protons and which disappears on addition of D₂O. This is consistent with the presence of coordinated water and the complex is formulated as Ru(*trans-β*-styryl)I(H₂O)(CO)(PPh₃)₂. On recrystallization from solutions containing N, N-dimethylformamide (DMF) the aquo ligand is displaced and the pale yellow crystalline complex Ru(*trans-β*-styryl)I(DMF)(CO)(PPh₃)₂ is obtained. Of all the coordinatively unsaturated, σ -organo compounds reported in this paper, the iodostyryl derivative of ruthenium is the only one that strongly coordinates water.

In keeping with their coordinative unsaturation, other small Lewis bases readily add to MRX(CO)(PPh₃)₂. Thus with CO, CNR and NCMe the corresponding octahedral complexes are rapidly formed. (In some instances these then rearrange to the corresponding *dihapto*-acyl or *dihapto*-iminoacyl derivatives [5,14,15]). It is reasonable to assumed that addition occurs *trans* to the σ -organo group, the group with the largest *trans*-influence. These addition reactions can sometimes be reversed. For example heating Ru(*p*-tolyl)Cl(CO)₂(PPh₃)₂ under reflux in benzene while purging the solution with nitrogen slowly returns red Ru(*p*-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂. Potentially bidentate anions such as acetate and formate also rapidly add to MRX(CO)(PPh₃)₂ displacing chloride and forming the coordinatively saturated derivatives, MR(η^2 -O₂CR)(CO)(PPh₃)₂ [16]. In contrast, sterically demanding Lewis bases such as triphenylphosphine are not coordinated by MRX(CO)(PPh₃)₂. Thus the large *trans*-influence of the σ -organo groups [17,18] together with the steric restraints imposed by the other coordinated ligands strongly influence the coordination properties of MRX(CO)(PPh₃)₂.

The organo-transfer reactions from mercury to ruthenium and osmium described above do not represent the limits of this reaction. Ru(p-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂ can be prepared through the reaction of RuHCl(CO)(PPh₃)₃ with p-tolylmercuric chloride. The yield in this instance is lower (ca. 70%) and the product much less pure than when di(p-tolyl)mercury is used. In addition to elemental mercury and triphenylphosphine, hydrogen chloride is formed in this reaction and this cleaves the tolyl groups from some of the product $Ru(p-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh_3)_2$. No Os $(p-tolyl)-Cl(CO)(PPh_3)_2$ is formed when p-tolylmercuric chloride reacts with OsHCl(CO) (PPh_3)_3, but with the thiocarbonyl analogue, Os $(p-tolyl)Cl(CS)(PPh_3)_2$ is formed in good yield [19]. The group 9 hydride, IrHCl₂(PPh_3)_3, also reacts with di $(p-tolyl)Cl_2(PPh_3)_2$ [20]. Other groups can also be transferred from mercury. We have already reported that bis(trichloromethyl)mercury provides a convenient route to dichlorocarbene complexes of ruthenium, osmium and iridium via transfer and subsequent rearrangement of the trichloromethyl group [21,22]. In a similar manner a coordinatively unsaturated trimethylsilylosmium complex is obtained with bis(trimethylsilyl)mercury [23]. The full scope of this reaction has not yet been explored and we are currently investigating other related reactions.

Structures of Ru(p-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂ and Ru(o-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂

Single crystal X-ray structure determinations have been completed for $Ru(p-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh_3)_2$ and $Ru(o-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh_3)_2$. The molecular geometries of



Fig. 1. Molecular structure of Ru(p-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂.



Fig. 2. Molecular structure of Ru(o-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂.

these compounds are depicted in Fig. 1 and 2 although no attempt was made to determine absolute structures. Important bond lengths and angles are listed in Tables 3 and 4.

For Ru(*p*-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂ the Cl and CO ligands are disordered and are randomly distributed over two sites. Accordingly their coordinates and bond lengths are subject to large errors. The arrangement of ligands about ruthenium shows only small deviations from a regular square pyramidal geometry with the aryl group in the apical position and the triphenylphosphine ligands mutually *trans* in the basal plane. The angles C(3)-Ru-P(1) (91.6°), C(3)-Ru-P(2) (95.5°), C(3)-Ru-Cl (94.0°) and C(3)-Ru-C (96.0°) illustrate the regularity of the structure. Most other structurally characterised, five-coordinate, d^6 complexes of the group 8 and 9 metals have also been described in terms of this idealized geometry with the largest *trans*-influence group occupying the apical position [24-29]. Theoretical studies

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| Ru-P(1) | 2.363(4) | P(1) –C(11) | 1.842(7) | |
| Ru-P(2) | 2.399(4) | P(1)-C(21) | 1.849(7) | |
| Ru-Cl(1) | 2.522(9) | P(1)-C(31) | 1.873(7) | |
| Ru-Cl(2) | 2.496(12) | P(2)-C(41) | 1.807(7) | |
| Ru-C(1) | 1.63(3) | P(2)-C(51) | 1.835(7) | |
| Ru-C(2) | 1.75(4) | P(2)-C(61) | 1.791(7) | |
| Ru–C(3) | 2.056(3) | C(1)-O(1) | 1.25(4) | |
| Ru-H(12) | 2.85 | C(2)-O(2) | 1.12(5) | |
| Ru-H(56) | 2.77 | C(6)-C(9) | 1.54(1) | |
| P(1)-Ru-P(2) | 173.0(1) | Ru-P(2)-C(41) | 115.0(3) | |
| P(1)-Ru-Cl(1) | 85.8(2) | Ru - P(2) - C(51) | 108.1(3) | |
| P(1)-Ru- $Cl(2)$ | 94.7(3) | Ru-P(2)-C(61) | 119.5(4) | |
| P(1)-Ru-C(1) | 90(1) | Ru-C(1)-O(1) | 164(3) | |
| P(1)-Ru-C(2) | 81(1) | Ru-C(2)-O(2) | 161(3) | |
| P(1)-Ru-C(3) | 93.7(4) | Ru-C(3)-C(4) | 188.7(3) | |
| P(2)-Ru-Cl(1) | 92.3(2) | Ru-C(3)-C(8) | 121.2(3) | |
| P(2)-Ru-Cl(2) | 85.4(3) | P(1)-C(11)-C(12) | 119.9(3) | |
| P(2)-Ru-C(1) | 90(1) | P(1)-C(11)-C(16) | 120.1(3) | |
| P(2)-Ru-C(2) | 98(1) | P(1)-C(21)-C(22) | 124.4(3) | |
| P(2)-Ru-C(3) | 93.3(4) | P(1)-C(21)-C(26) | 115.5(3) | |
| Cl(1)-Ru-C(1) | 167(1) | P(1)-C(31)-C(32) | 121.6(3) | |
| Cl(1)-Ru-C(3) | 96.5(4) | P(1)-C(31)-C(36) | 118.4(3) | |
| Cl(2)-Ru-C(2) | 172(1) | P(2)-C(41)-C(42) | 119.6(3) | |
| Cl(2)-Ru-C(3) | 97.8(4) | P(2)-C(41)-C(46) | 120.4(3) | |
| C(1) - Ru - C(3) | 97(1) | P(2)-C(51)-C(52) | 121.9(3) | |
| C(2)-Ru-C(3) | 90(1) | P(2)-C(51)-C(56) | 118.1(3) | |
| Ru - P(1) - C(11) | 109.4(3) | P(2)-C(61)-C(62) | 128.5(3) | |
| Ru - P(1) - C(21) | 117.0(4) | P(2)-C(61)-C(66) | 111.5(3) | |
| Ru - P(1) - C(31) | 118.5(4) | C(5)-C(6)-C(9) | 121(1) | |
| | | C(7)-C(6)-C(9) | 119(1) | |

Table 3 Bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for Ru(p-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₁)₂

Table 4 Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for Ru(o-toly)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂

| Ru-P(1) | 2.385(6) | P(1)-C(11) | 1.84(3) |
|--------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Ru-P(2) | 2.391(6) | P(1)-C(21) | 1.84(3) |
| Ru-Cl | 2.438(8) | P(1)-C(31) | 1.87(3) |
| Ru-C | 1.76(4) | P(2)-C(41) | 1.81(2) |
| Ru-C(1) | 2.04(3) | P(2)-C(51) | 1.82(2) |
| Ru–H | 2.11 | P(2)-C(61) | 1.81(3) |
| C-0 | 1.09(4) | | |
| P(1)-Ru-P(1) | 178.4(3) | Cl-Ru-C(1) | 140.1(8) |
| P(1)-Ru-Cl | 89.6(2) | C-Ru-C(1) | 93.8(1.4) |
| P(1)-Ru-C | 91.4(9) | Ru - P(1) - C(11) | 116.5(8) |
| P(1)-Ru-C(1) | 87.5(1.3) | Ru - P(1) - C(21) | 110.8(1.0) |
| P(2)-Ru-(Cl) | 90.8(2) | Ru - P(1) - C(31) | 115.5(8) |
| P(2)-Ru-C | 89.6(9) | Ru - P(2) - C(41) | 119.1(7) |
| P(2)-Ru-C(1) | 91.2(1.3) | Ru - P(2) - C(51) | 112.2(8) |
| Cl-Ru-C | 126.1(1.1) | Ru - P(2) - C(61) | 116.1(8) |

indicate that in the absence of steric effects, square pyramidal rather than trigonal bipyramidal geometry is favoured for complexes with d^6 electronic configurations [30,31].

The Ru-C(3) bond length of 2.056 Å is close to the Ru-C(sp^2) single bond distances reported in other complexes. For example in the five-coordinate, orthometallated complex Ru(CN[p-tolyl][CH₂]₂N[4-MeC₆H₃])Cl(PEt₃)₂ the Ru-C distance is 1.994 Å [32] and in the six coordinate Ru(C₆F₄N=NC₆F₅)(Ph₂PC₆H₄- η^5 -C₅H₄) it is 2.014 Å [33], although in both these cases the aryl group forms part of a chelate ring. The σ -alkenyl complex, Ru(CPh=CHPh)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂, has a Ru-C(sp^2) distance of 2.03 Å [34].

In the solid state the open coordination site opposite the *p*-tolyl ligand in Ru(*p*-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂ is occupied by two triphenylphosphine, *o*-phenyl hydrogen atoms (see Fig. 1). The Ru-H distances are calculated to be 2.73 and 2.91 Å. These are very similar to the values reported for the "weak" metal-hydrogen agostic interactions in other coordinatively unsaturated complexes, for example 2.85 Å in RuHCl(PPh₃)₃ [25], 2.95 Å in RuCl₂(PPh₃)₃ [24], 2.79 Å in RhHCl(SiCl₃)-(PPh₃)₂ [28] and 2.86, 2.80 Å in Ru(SC₆F₅)₂(PPh₃)₂ [35].

The Ru-CO distance of 1.63 Å in this compound is apparently much shorter than normally observed for ruthenium carbonyl complexes [34,38]. However, this and the Ru-Cl distance are not reliable because of the disorder problem involving Cl and CO.

The structure of $Ru(o-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh_3)_2$ is depicted in Fig. 2. In contrast to the *p*-tolyl derivative, the structure of $Ru(o-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh_3)_2$ is most conveniently viewed in terms of a distorted trigonal bipyamidal arrangement of ligands about ruthenium with *trans*, axial triphenylphosphines. The relevant angles are P(1)-Ru-P(2) 178.4°, C(1)-Ru-C 95.3°, C-Ru-Cl 125.1° and Cl-Ru-C(1) 139.6°. A very similar arrangement has been reported for Ru(CPh=CHPh)Cl(CO)-(PPh₃)₂ [34]. Undoubtedly the large steric demands of the *o*-tolyl and the diphenyl-ethenyl groups preclude the formation of a square pyramidal arrangement as found in $Ru(p-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh_3)_2$.

There was some evidence of disorder in the o-tolyl group in that the plane of the phenyl ring was slightly twisted about the Ru-C(1) axis bringing the methyl group slightly above the equatorial plane in some instances and slightly below it in others. The structure in Fig. 2 is drawn with the phenyl group in the average, in-plane position. In this arrangement the closest approach the methyl hydrogen atoms can make to ruthenium is ca. 1.9 Å "Strong" transition metal-hydrogen interactions are typically close to this value, for example metal-hydrogen distances of 2.2, 1.88, and 2.2 Å have been reported for Ru(CN[p-tolyl][CH₂]₂N[4-MeC₆H₃])Cl(PEt₃)₂ [32], $[Fe(\eta^3-C_8H_{13}){P(OMe)_3}_3]BF_4$ [36] and $Mo(\eta^3-CH_2C{Ph}CH_2)Et_2B(pyra$ zolyl)₂(CO)₂ [37] respectively. In the ¹H NMR spectrum of Ru(o-tolyl)Cl(CO)- $(PPh_3)_2$ the methyl signal does not appear as a single resonance. Instead, two broad signals at 1.07 and 1.50 ppm (together integrating for three protons versus the triphenylphosphine resonances) are observed with the ratio of the two integrals approximately 2/1. This indicates that the methyl protons find themselves in two different magnetic environments and that the interconversion between them is slow on the ¹H NMR time scale. If the solid state structure depicted in Fig. 2 is retained in solution, orientation of the methyl protons so that only one of them sits in the equatorial plane (either pointing to the ruthenium atom or away from it) would give rise to such a spectrum. The other o-tolyl complexes display a similar pattern of resonances for their methyl protons (see Table 2), although for $Os(o-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh_3)_2$ the two signals have almost equal integrals.

The Ru-C(1) bond length is 2.04 Å and this is almost idendical to the corresponding distance in the *p*-tolyl analogue. At 1.76 Å the Ru-CO distance is very similar to that reported for Ru(CPh=CHPh)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂ and is only slightly shorter than other Ru-CO distances [34,38]. The Ru-P and Ru-Cl distances do not deviate significantly from expected values [22,39].

Conclusions

Reaction of the group 8 hydrides MHCl(CO)(PPh₃)₃ (M = Ru, Os) with R₂Hg (R = phenyl, *p*-tolyl, *o*-tolyl, *trans*- β -styryl) provides a simple, efficient route to the stable, coordinatively unsaturated σ -organo-compounds MRCl(CO)(PPh₃)₂. These reactions appear to represent a new route by which organo group can be transferred from mercury to transition metals. Some extentions to other platinum group hydrides and mercury derivatives have been made and the full scope of the reaction is still under investigation.

The structures of Ru(*p*-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂ and Ru(*o*-toyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂ confirm the five-coordinate, σ -aryl formulations for these compounds. The overall arrangement of the ligands about the ruthenium atom in this latter compound appears to be significantly influenced by the sterically demanding *o*-tolyl group and the methyl protons interact strongly with the ruthenium atom.

The complexes MRCl(CO)(PPh₃)₂ undergo a range of interesting reactions, some of which have already been reported [5,14,15,16,46].

Experimental

General. Solvents were degassed by the freeze-thaw method using nitrogen or by passing a stream of nitrogen through the boiling solvent for ten minutes before use. The new compounds were characterized by elemental analysis, IR and ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Analytical data were obtained from the Microanalytical Laboratory, University of Otago. IR spectra (4000–400 cm⁻¹) were recorded on Perkin Elmer 397 or 597 spectrometers as Nujol mulls between KBr plates. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Associates T60 spectrometer with tetramethylsilane (0.00 ppm) as internal reference. Melting points (uncorrected) were measured on a Reichert hot-stage microscope. Osmium tetroxide and ruthenium trichloride were obtained commercially from Johnson Matthey Chemicals Ltd. OsHCl(CO)(PPh₃)₃ [40], RuHCl(CO)(PPh₃)₃ [41], Hg(*p*-tolyl)Cl [42], Hg(*p*-tolyl)₂ [42,43], Hg(*o*-tolyl)₂ [44], and Hg(*trans-β*-styryl)₂ [43,45] were prepared by published methods.

Syntheses

The syntheses of (a) Ru(*p*-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂, (b) Ru(phenyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂, (c) Ru(*o*-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂ and (d) Os(*o*-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂ have been described previously in reference 46.

(e) $Ru(trans-\beta-styryl)Cl(CO)(PPh_3)_2$. A solution of $RuHCl(CO)(PPh_3)_3$ (1.20 g) and $Hg(trans-\beta-styryl)_2$ (0.60 g) in benzene 925 ml) was heated under reflux for 5 min. The solution was allowed to cool and filtered through a Celite pad, and the benzene removed under reduced pressure after the addition of ethanol (25 ml). The

resulting red product was recrystallized from dichloromethane/ethanol to give deep red crystals (0.92 g, 92%). M.p. 175-176°C. Anal. Found: C, 67.98; H, 4.77. $C_{45}H_{37}ClOP_2Ru$ calcd.: C, 68.22; H, 4.71%.

(f) $Os(p-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh_3)_2$. A solution of $OsHCl(CO)(PPh_3)_3$ (1.00 g) and $Hg(p-tolyl)_2$ (0.45 g) in toluene 50 ml) was heated under reflux for 15 min. The solution was allowed to cool and the deep-burgundy product filtered off and dissolved in dichloromethane. The solution was filtered through a Celite pad to remove mercury and ethanol (50 ml) was added to the filtrate and the dichloromethane removed under reduced pressure to give deep burgundy crystals (0.74 g, 93%). M.p. 229-231°C. Anal. Found: C, 60.14; H, 4.55. $C_{44}H_{37}ClOOsP_2$ calcd.: C, 60.79; H, 4.29%.

(g) $Os(phenyl)Cl(CO)(PPh_3)_2$. OsHCl(CO)(PPh_3)_3 (1.00 g) and Hg(phenyl)_2 (0.45 g) were treated as in (f) above. On recrystallization from dichloromethane/ ethanol deep-burgundy crystals were obtained (0.76 g, 92%). M.p. 209–211°C. Anal. Found: C, 60.20; H, 4.20. C₄₃H₃₅ClOOsP₂ calcd.: C, 60.38; H, 4.12%.

(h) $Ru(p-tolyl)I(CO)(PPh_3)_2$. To a solution of $Ru(p-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh_3)_2$ (0.300 g) in dichloromethane (30 ml) was added one of silver perchlorate (0.079 g) in ethanol (20 ml). After 5 min stirring the silver chloride precipitate was removed by filtration through a Celite pad and a solution of sodium iodide (0.065 g) in a water/ethanol mixture (1 ml/20 ml) was added to the filtrate. Dark red crystals formed as the dichloromethane was removed under reduced pressure. These were removed by filtration, dissolved in dichloromethane, and purified by column chromatography on silica gel with dichloromethane as eluant. The dark red band was collected and crystals of the same colour obtained by adding ethanol and removing the dichloromethane under reduced pressure (0.315 g, 94%). M.p. 222-227° C. Anal. Found: C, 60.21; H, 4.44; P, 7.10. C₄₄H₃₇IOP₂Ru calcd.: C, 60.63; H, 4.28; P, 7.11%.

Table 5

Crystal data for C44H37ClOP2Ru

| | I | 11 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Crystal system | monoclinic | orthorhombic |
| Space group | Cc | Pna2 ₁ |
| a (Å) | 12.967(1) | 29.944(3) |
| b (Å) | 13.801(1) | 10.235(2) |
| c (Å) | 20.368(2) | 11.966(1) |
| β(°) | 94.70(1) | |
| V (Å ³) | 3633.0 | 3667.3 |
| Z | 4 | 4 |
| Molecular weight | 780.2 | 780.2 |
| ρ (calc) (g cm ⁻³) | 1.42 | 1.41 |
| Diffractometer | Hilger-Watts 7290 | Nonius CAD-4 |
| Radiation | Cu- K_{μ} (λ 1.5418 Å) | Mo-K ₋ (λ 0.71069 Å) |
| Absorption coeff. (cm^{-1}) | 50.6 | 5.4 |
| F(000) | 1600 | 1600 |
| Reflections $(F^2 > 3\sigma(F^2))$ | 2789 | 1367 |
| Least squares weight | $0.221(\sigma^2(F) + 0.007F^2)$ | $0.089(\sigma^2(F) + 0.11F^2)$ |
| R | 0.045 | 0.069 |
| R _w | 0.048 | 0.073 |

| Atom | <i>x</i> | y | Z | U | |
|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------|---|
| Ru | 0 | 2794.6(3) | 0 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | |
| P(1) | - 941(4) | 2690(3) | -1041(2) | | |
| P(2) | 928(4) | 2690(3) | 1066(2) | | |
| CL(1) | -1720(7) | 2563(6) | 473(4) | 44(2) | |
| CL(2) | 1725(10) | 2573(9) | - 440(6) | 52(3) | |
| O(1) | 2016(21) | 2689(18) | - 462(12) | 53(6) | |
| O(2) | - 1933(26) | 2647(21) | 544(15) | 71(9) | |
| cù | 1082(25) | 2677(23) | - 345(15) | 53(7) | |
| C(2) | -1260(31) | 2789(28) | 251(19) | 37(9) | |
| C(3) | - 16(10) | 4284(2) | 9(7) | 43(1) | |
| C(4) | 588(10) | 4781(2) | -417(7) | 44(3) | |
| C (5) | 550(10) | 5790(2) | - 448(7) | 61(4) | |
| ció | - 93(10) | 6303(2) | - 55(7) | 58(2) | |
| C(7) | - 697(10) | 5806(2) | 370(7) | 49(3) | |
| C(8) | -659(10) | 4797(2) | 402(7) | 58(4) | |
| C(9) | -121(26) | 7416(8) | - 58(15) | 89(3) | |
| ciii | -1386(8) | 1434(5) | -1185(4) | 40(3) | |
| C(12) | | 790(5) | - 658(4) | 48(4) | |
| C(13) | -1748(8) | -156(5) | - 764(4) | 60(4) | |
| C(14) | -2092(8) | -459(5) | -1398(4) | 56(3) | |
| C(15) | -2083(8) | 185(5) | - 1926(4) | 61(3) | |
| C(16) | -1730(8) | 1132(5) | -1819(4) | 61(4) | |
| C(21) | -2131(6) | 3427(6) | -1167(5) | 45(4) | |
| C(22) | -3118(6) | 3048(6) | -1323(5) | 47(3) | |
| C(23) | - 3973(6) | 3664(6) | -1389(5) | 54 (3) | |
| C(24) | -3840(6) | 4660(6) | -1299(5) | 69(4) | |
| C(25) | - 2853(6) | 5039(6) | -1143(5) | 53(3) | |
| C(26) | -1999(6) | 4422(6) | -1077(5) | 46(4) | |
| C(31) | -248(7) | 2936(7) | -1795(4) | 54(4) | |
| C(32) | 600(7) | 2383(7) | - 1949(4) | 47(3) | |
| C(33) | 1082(7) | 2575(7) | -2523(4) | 61(3) | |
| C(34) | 717(7) | 3319(7) | -2943(4) | 55(3) | |
| C(35) | -131(7) | 3872(7) | - 2789(4) | 66(4) | |
| CCIG | -614(7) | 3681(7) | -2216(4) | 52(3) | |
| C(41) | 2081(5) | 3427(6) | 1171(5) | 39(3) | |
| C(42) | 3023(5) | 3000(6) | 1387(5) | 50(3) | |
| C(43) | 3921(5) | 3560(6) | 1457(5) | 68(4) | |
| C(44) | 3877(5) | 4548(6) | 1311(5) | 58(4) | |
| C(45) | 2934(5) | 4975(6) | 1096(5) | 58(4) | |
| C(46) | 2036(5) | 4415(6) | 1026(5) | 55(5) | |
| C(51) | 1311(8) | 1423(5) | 1210(5) | 44 (3) | , |
| C(52) | 1589(8) | 1067(5) | 1841(5) | 49(3) | |
| C(53) | 1876(8) | 98(5) | 1927(5) | 60(3) | |
| C(54) | 1885(8) | - 515(5) | 1383(5) | 56(3) | |
| C(55) | 1608(8) | -159(5) | 752(5) | 56(4) | |
| C(56) | 1321(8) | 810(5) | 666(5) | 51(4) | |
| C(61) | 268(6) | 2937(7) | 1787(4) | 39(3) | |
| C(62) | 471(6) | 3663(7) | 2257(4) | 56(3) | |
| C(63) | - 144(6) | 3745(7) | 2785(4) | 53(3) | |
| C(64) | -961(6) | 3102(7) | 2843(4) | 64(3) | |
| C(65) | -1163(6) | 2376(7) | 2374(4) | 58(3) | |
| C(66) | - 549(6) | 2294(7) | 1846(4) | 71(4) | |

Atomic coordinates (×10⁴ Å) and isotropic thermal parameters (×10³ Å²) for Ru(*p*-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂

Table 6

| Table ' | 7 |
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Atomic coordinates (×10⁴ Å) and isotropic thermal parameters (×10³ Å²) for Ru(o-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh₃)₂

| <u></u> | x | у | Z | U | |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Ru | 1200(1) | 1354(2) | 2500(0) | | |
| P(1) | 1015(3) | 1434(8) | 563(6) | | |
| P(2) | 1377(3) | 1331(9) | 4449(6) | | |
| cì | 595(3) | - 200(10) | 2802(6) | | |
| С | 1758(14) | 962(41) | 2192(26) | | |
| 0 | 2083(10) | 502(32) | 2051(19) | | |
| - C(1) | 1307(11) | 3317(28) | 2420(44) | 39(10) | |
| C(2) | 1759(11) | 3929(33) | 2189(26) | 93(10) | |
| C(3) | 1840(12) | 5174(33) | 2093(26) | 95(9) | |
| C(4) | 1496(14) | 5729(38) | 2334(38) | 101(12) | |
| C(5) | 1020(10) | 5558(28) | 2588(37) | 109(8) | |
| C(6) | 1032(10) | 4172(30) | 2622(36) | 65(9) | |
| C(7) | 600(11) | 3642(33) | 2911(27) | 101(9) | |
| C(1) | 918(11) | - 140(29) | -131(23) | 47(7) | |
| C(12) | 1043(10) | -1308(31) | 374(25) | 56(7) | |
| C(12) | 963(13) | -2461(36) | -136(33) | 69 (11) | |
| C(14) | 753(12) | -2401(33) | -1199(30) | 62(9) | |
| C(15) | 586(13) | -1409(39) | -1574(31) | 77(10) | |
| C(16) | 638(12) | -101(34) | -1084(28) | 57(9) | |
| C(10) | A05(12) | 2351(31) | 342(28) | A3(8) | |
| C(21) | 93(10) 97(11) | 1622(20) | A10(28) | -3(8) 62(9) | |
| C(22) | -206(12) | 1022(29) | 400(22) | 67(10) | |
| C(24) | = 300(12) = 321(13) | 2590(38) | 104(22) | 72(10) | |
| C(24) | -321(13) 07(17) | 4251(42) | 120(27) | 06(13) | |
| C(25) | 502(13) | 32/2(38) | 120(37) | 60 (10) | |
| C(20) | 1447(10) | 2184(30) | -368(24) | 05(10) 45(7) | |
| C(31) | 1526(12) | 2104(30) | -344(26) | 96(11) | |
| C(32) | 1320(13) | 3038(30) | - 1131(36) | 88(11) | |
| C(33) | 1007(14) | 3330(33) | 1796(41) | 06(11) | |
| C(34) | 2112(10) | 1776(24) | -1700(41) | 70(14) | |
| C(35) | 2022(13) | 1/30(34) | = 1750(32) = 1071(37) | 70(11) 84(11) | |
| C(30) | 072(14) | 1057(24) | 10/1(3/) 5420(21) | 04(11) 76(6) | |
| C(41) | 972(0) 500(11) | 1937(24) | 5282(27) | 20(0) | |
| C(42) | 309(11) 207(10) | 1004(29) | 5263(27) | 23(8) 57(7) | |
| C(43) | 207(10) | 1760(31) | 6902(24) | 57(7) | |
| C(44) C(45) | 509(11) 742(11) | 2708(34) | 7096(26) | 53(8) | |
| C(43) | 1075(11) | 3203(29) 1927(22) | (000(20) (07(07) | 55(9) | |
| C(40) | 10/3(11) | 2037(33) | 02/0(27) | 30(9) 20(6) | |
| C(51) | 1020(0) | 221/(20) | 4755(21) | 29(0) | |
| C(52) | 1932(9) | 3494(27) | 4770(22) | 50(0) | |
| C(55) | 2317(12) | 4170(31) | 4930(20) | 55(8) | |
| C(54) | 2709(12) | 24/1(27) 2170(26) | 5020(26) | 60(10) | |
| | 2702(11) | 2170(30) | JUZ9(20) | 0 4 (9) 56(0) | |
| C(30) | 2295(12) | 14/3(34) | 4041(20) | 20(9) 29(7) | |
| | 1404(10) 1489(15) | -237(27) -444(44) | 5058(22) | 30(/) 01(12) | |
| (02) C(62) | 1407(13) | - 444 (44) - 1625(41) | 0209(37) | 91(13) | |
| | 12239(12) | | 5020(42) | 80(13) 88(13) | |
| C(65) | 1650(14) | -2018(42) -2526(41) | 3737(42) 1020(20) | 88(12) 90(12) | |
| | 1023(14) | - 2320(41) | 4727(37) | 9U(13) 64(8) | |
| C(00) | 1557(11) | - 138/(37) | 4434(28) | 64(8) | |

(i) $Ru(p-tolyl)Br(CO)(PPh_3)_2$. Ru(p-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh_3)_2 (0.300 g), silver perchlorate (0.079 g) and sodium bromide (0.045 g) were treated as in (h) to produce deep red crystals (0.295 g, 93%). M.p. 234-237 °C. Anal. Found: C, 63.69; H, 4.47; P, 7.42. $C_{44}H_{37}BrOP_2Ru$ calcd.: C, 64.08; H, 4.52; P, 7.51%. (j) $Ru(o-tolyl)I(CO)(PPh_3)_2$. $Ru(o-tolyl)Cl(CO)(PPh_3)_2$ (0.500 g), silver perchlorate (0.120 g) and sodium iodide (0.100 g) were treated as in (h) to produce dark orange needles (0.510 g, 91%). M.p. 228-230 °C. Anal. Found: C, 61.01; H, 4.17. $C_{44}H_{37}IOP_2Ru$ calcd.: C, 60.63; H, 4.28%.

(k) $Ru(trans-\beta-styryl)I(H_2O)(CO)(PPh_3)_2$. $Ru(trans-\beta-styryl)Cl(CO)(PPh_3)_2$ (0.500 g), silver perchlorate (0.120 g) and sodium iodide (0.100 g) were treated as in (h) to produce pale yellow needles (0.500 g, 88%). M.p. 158-161°C. Anal. Found: C, 59.77; H, 4.42. $C_{45}H_{39}IO_2P_2Ru$ calcd.: C, 59.94; H, 4.36%.

(1) $Ru(trans)-\beta$ -styryl)I(DMF)(CO)(PPh₃)₂. To a solution of Ru(trans- β -styryl)I(H₂O)(CO)(PPh₃)₂ (0.300 g) in dichloromethane (40 ml) was added DMF (0.25 ml). The mixture was stirred for a few minutes and methanol (40 ml) then added and the solvent volume reduced under reduced pressure. Yellow crystals of the aquo solvate Ru(trans- β -styryl)I(DMF)(CO)(PPh₃)₂ · (H₂O)_{0.5} were filtered off and washed with ethanol (0.280 g, 87%). (¹H NMR shows a signal at 1.47 ppm, s, 1H, H₂O). M.p. 150–158°C. Anal. Found: C, 59.22; H, 4.48; N, 1.55. C₄₈H₄₄IO₂NP₂Ru.(H₂O)_{0.5} calcd.: C, 59.69; H, 4.70; N, 1.45%.

Crystal structure determinations

Crystal data are summarised in Table 5. Cell parameters were obtained by least squares fit to the four circle angles of a series of reflections spread through space. Intensity data were recorded by the $\omega/2\theta$ scan technique. The intensity of each of three standard reflections was monitored throughout data collection as a check on crystal decomposition, no systematic variation being apparent. Data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects and analytical absorption corrections applied [46].

The structures were solved by conventional Patterson and Fourier techniques and refined by full matrix least squares, minimising $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$. For I the Cl and CO ligands are disordered and are randomly distributed over two sites, and hence their coordinates and bond lengths are subject to large errors. After the initial isotropic refinement, the ruthenium and phosphorus atoms, and chlorine and carbonyl for II, were allowed to assume anisotropic motion. Scattering curves were for neutral atoms and final least-squares weights and residuals are given in Table 5. Programs used were FORDAP and CUCLS for I and SHELX-76 FOR II⁴⁷.

Atomic coordinates are given in Tables 6 and 7, and important bond distances and angles are in Tables 3 and 4. The numbering schemes are given in Figs. 1 and 2 which depict the molecular geometry. Tables of anisotropic thermal parameters, complete lists of bond lengths and angles, and lists of F_o and F_c values are available from the authors.

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