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# Reductive carbonylations reactions of primary phosphine mono- $\eta$ -cyclopentadienyltungsten (V) compounds

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#### Abstract

The new tungsten (IV) compounds  $[W(\eta - C_5 H_4^i Pr)Cl_3(P)(CO)]$  (where  $P = H_2 P C_3 H_5$ ,  $H_2 P C_2 H_3$  or PMe<sub>3</sub>) have been prepared from the corresponding tungsten (V) compounds  $[W((\eta - C_5 H_4^i Pr)Cl_4(P)]$  by treatment with  $[Fe_2(CO)_9]$  The crystal structures have been determined for the W(IV) compounds with  $P = H_2 P C_2 H_5$  and PMe<sub>3</sub>.

Keywords: Tungsten; Cyclopentadienyl; Phosphines; Carbonyl; Chloridc; X-ray diffraction

### 1. Introduction

We have recently reported the synthesis of the paramagnetic tungsten (V) compounds  $[W(\eta - C_5 H_4^{i} Pr)Cl_4$ -(P)] (P = H<sub>2</sub>PC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub> 1 or H<sub>2</sub>PC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub> 2) [1]. We have since studied their reactions, and report here an interesting reductive carbonylation reaction with [Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>9</sub>].

### 2. Results and discussion

The compounds  $[W(\eta-C_5H_4^{i}Pr)Cl_4(H_2PC_3H_5)]$  1 and  $[W(\eta-C_5H_4^{i}Pr)Cl_4(H_2PC_2H_3)]$  2, were treated with a 1 molar equivalent of  $[Fe_2(CO)_9]$  in THF at room temperature; the mixtures turned from green to dark red, and after ca. 20 min orange precipitates separated. Extraction of these into dichloromethane led to isolation of the compounds  $[W(\eta-C_5H_4^{i}Pr)Cl_3-(H_2PC_3H_5)(CO)]$  3 and  $[W(\eta-C_5H_4^{i}Pr)Cl_3(H_2PC_2H_3)-(CO)]$  4 as orange microcrystals (Scheme 1). The analytical and spectroscopic data for 3 and 4 are given in Table 1. The IR spectrum of 3 showed characteristic bands at 2398, 1654, and 2015 cm<sup>-1</sup> assignable to  $\nu(P-H)$ ,  $\nu(C=C)$  and  $\nu(CO)$ , respectively. The corre-

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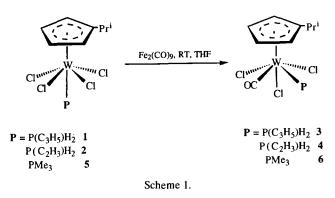
sponding bands for **4** appeared at 2369, 1635 and 2007 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. Both the NMR and the microanalysis indicated the presence of ca. 1/3 of a molecule of THF in **3**. The coupled <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra of **3** and **4** showed triplets centered at -42.9 ppm, ( ${}^{1}J({}^{31}P{}^{-1}H)$  370 Hz) and -43.75 ppm, ( ${}^{1}J({}^{31}P{}^{-1}H)$  409 Hz), respectively, confirming that two hydrogens remain bound to the phosphorus atoms.

Single crystals of **3** were obtained from  $CH_2Cl_2$ . The molecular structure of **3** was determined and is shown in Fig. 1. Selected distances and angles are given in Table 2. The most striking feature is that the phosphine ligand occupies an equatorial position and is *cis* to the carbonyl group, whereas in the starting material [W( $\eta$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub><sup>i</sup>Pr)Cl<sub>4</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>PC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)] **1** it occupies the axial position. The structure of **3** is discussed further below.

Treatment of 1 with  $[Fe_2(CO)_9]$  in toluene or dichloromethane did not yield 3 and this suggests that  $[Fe(CO)_4(THF)]$  is the active species in the formation of 3. It seems likely that a driving force for the reductive carbonylation of 1 is provided by the formation of strong Fe–Cl bonds: a related dehalogenation reaction was used by Pettit et al. to prepare  $[Fe(\eta$ -cyclobutadiene)(CO)\_3] [2]. The formation of 3 in THF was monitored by IR spectroscopy. Initially a transient band at ca. 1650 cm<sup>-1</sup> was observed that may indicate the presence of an intermediate with a Fe–CO–W bridge.

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Treatment of  $[W(\eta-C_5H_4^{i}Pr)Cl_4(PMe_3)]$  5, prepared from  $[W(\eta-C_5H_4^{i}Pr)Cl_4]$  and PMe<sub>3</sub>, with  $[Fe_2(CO)_9]$ , using the same conditions as described above for 3, gave  $[W(\eta-C_5H_4^{i}Pr)Cl_3(PMe_3)(CO)]$  6 in ca. 20% yields, showing that the presence of the unsaturated C=C groups on the primary phosphine ligands is not essential for the reductive carbonylation reaction.

The compound **6** exhibits spectroscopic characteristics similar to those of **3** and **4**. A single crystal of **6** suitable for X-ray diffraction was obtained from a saturated solution in dichloromethane and the crystals retained a  $CH_2Cl_2$  molecule of crystallisation. The molecular structure of **6** is given in Fig. 2 and selected interatomic distances and angles are listed in Table 3.

The geometrical features of the compounds 3 and 6 are very similar. In both of them the tungsten atom have a significantly distorted octahedral coordination, with two *cis*-Cl ligands and a CO and a phosphine ligand in the pseudo-equatorial plane and with the C<sub>5</sub>-ring centroid (CEN) *trans* to the Cl ligand (Cl(3) in 3 and Cl(1) in 6). The corresponding CEN-W-Cl angles are 170.9 and 171.2°. The distortions from the

ideal angles (90 and 180°) range from 1.2–29.2 for **3** and 0.1–30.9° for **6**. The tungsten atom is displaced out of the equatorial plane towards the C<sub>5</sub>-ring, by 0.56 Å for **3** and by 0.57 Å for **6**. This reflects the steric pressure of the C<sub>5</sub>-ring on the equatorial ligands. There is a close contact (3.238(6) Å) between Cl(1) and C(10) of the isopropyl group of **3**; this compares with the sum of the relevant van der Waals radii of 3.50 Å [3]. This close contact may contribute to the displacement of 0.18 Å of the isopropyl group from the plane of the  $\eta$ -C<sub>5</sub>-ring and away from the tungsten.

The cyclopentadienyl rings are approximately coplanar with the equatorial plane; the corresponding dihedral angles are 10.1° for 3 and 8.5° for 6. It is noteworthy that, in contrast to 3 and 6, in the related molecules  $[W(\eta - C_5 Me_4 Et)Cl_4(H_2 PC_3 H_5]$  [1] 7 and  $[W(\eta - C_5 - W_5)]$  $Me_5$ )Cl<sub>4</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>PPh)] 8 [4] the phosphine ligand occupies the *trans*-position relative to the  $C_5$ -ring. This may be attributed to the greater bulk of the C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>4</sub>Et and the  $C_5Me_5$  ligands compared with the  $C_5H_4^{-1}Pr$  ligand. Indeed, owing to the greater intramolecular steric pressure, the W-CEN distance is elongated from 2.005 Å to 2.003 Å in 3 and 6 to 2.081 Å in 7, whereas the displacement of the tungsten atom in 9 is increased to 0.64 Å. We note that in 6 the PMe<sub>3</sub> ligand lies essentially trans to the isopropyl group whilst the smaller allylphosphine in 3 adopts a near cis orientation.

The W-P distances of 2.472(1) Å in 3 and 2.542(1) Å in 6 are well within the wide range of 2.422(2)-2.564(5) Å observed for the mononuclear octahedral tungsten complexes [1,4-6]. Considerable shortening of the W-P bond in 3 in comparison with the values of 2.554(2) Å in 7 and 2.569(5) Å in 8 may be attributed, at least in part, to the *trans* influence of the Cl-ligand

Analytical and spectroscopic data			
Compound and analysis (%)	NMR data <sup>a</sup>		
$\frac{3 [W(\eta - C_5 H_4^{i} Pr)Cl_3(P(C_3 H_5)H_2)(CO)]}{1/3THF^{b}}$ Orange C 30.7 (30.6) H 3.9 (3.9) Cl 20.0 (20.3)	<sup>1</sup> H NMR: 5.95 (m, 1H, =CHR), 5.30 (m, 2H $H_2$ C=CHR), 4.60 (d, 2H, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , 4.15 (d, 2H, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ), 3.17 (m, 1H, CH <sub>2</sub> P), 2.95 (sp, 1H, Me <sub>2</sub> CH), 1.3 (q, 6H, (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH), and bands due to THF <sup>31</sup> P: -42.9 (t, <sup>1</sup> J( <sup>31</sup> P- <sup>1</sup> H), 370 Hz)		
4 $[W(\eta - C_5H_4^i Pr)Cl_3(P(C_2H_3)H_2)(CO)]^{cd}$ Orange	<sup>1</sup> H: 6.0 (m, 1H, H <sub>2</sub> C=C <i>H</i> R), 5.4 (m, 2H, $H_2$ C=CHR), 4.65 (c, 2H, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> <sup>i</sup> Pr), 4.3 (c, 2H, C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> <sup>i</sup> Pr), 2.95 (sept, 1H, Me <sub>2</sub> C <i>H</i> ), 1.3 (app. q, 2H, (C <i>H</i> <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CH) <sup>31</sup> P: -43.7535 (t, <sup>1</sup> J( <sup>31</sup> P- <sup>1</sup> H) 409 Hz)		
6 [W( $\eta$ -C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> <sup>i</sup> Pr)Cl <sub>3</sub> (PMe <sub>3</sub> )(CO)] <sup>c</sup> Red-brown	<sup>31</sup> P NMR: -24.318		

<sup>a</sup> NMR data given as: chemical shift ( $\delta$  ppm) [multiplicity, relative intensity, assignment]. In CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

<sup>b</sup> Ir (cm<sup>-1</sup>). 2398 br ( $\nu$  P–H), 2015 w,sh ( $\nu$  CO), 1654s ( $\nu$  C=C).

<sup>c</sup> Ir (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2369 w, sh ( $\nu$  P–H), 2007 br ( $\nu$  CO), 1635 s ( $\nu$  C=C).

<sup>d</sup> Satisfactory analysis not obtained due to sensitivity in air.

<sup>e</sup> Ir (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2015 s ( $\nu$  CO). Satisfactory analysis not obtained due to loss of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

in the former compound (the shortening of the W–P bond *trans* to the chlorine of 0.03–0.06 Å is common for tungsten compounds [6]. Steric effects have also been used to account for the lengthening of the W–P bond to 2.629(6) Å in [W(PPh\_3)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>] [7] and 2.686(4) Å in [W(CO)<sub>5</sub>P<sup>t</sup>Bu<sub>3</sub>] [8] compared with 2.516(2) Å in [W(CO)<sub>5</sub>PMe<sub>3</sub>] [9].

The W-Cl bond lengths of 2.448-2.489(1) Å, av. 2.565 Å in 3 and 2.467-2.469(1) Å in 6 are significantly longer than the corresponding values of 2.3200-2.410 Å found for the molecules 7, 8, [W(PH<sub>2</sub><sup>t</sup>Bu)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>] [4] and [W(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>] [7], which have four chlorine substituents. However, they are similar to those found for tungsten complexes with three or fewer chlorine ligands [5,6,10].

In conclusion we have described the reductive carbonylation of tungsten (V) monomers to the tungsten (IV) compounds by treatment with  $[Fe_2(CO)_g]$ . This

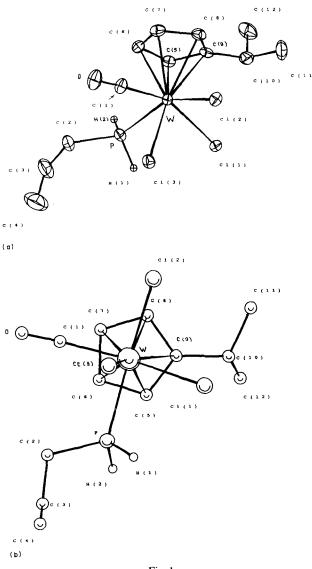


Fig. 1.
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Table 2	
Selected interatomic distances (Å) and	angles (°) in 3 <sup>a</sup>

Selected interatomic distances (A) ar	id angles (*) in 3 "
W-Cl(1)	2.457(1)
W-Cl(2)	2.489(1)
W-Cl(3)	2.448(1)
W-P	2.472(1)
W-C(1)	2.025(5)
W-C(5)	2.280(4)
W-C(6)	2.257(5)
W-C(7)	2.298(5)
W-C(8)	2.396(5)
W-C(9)	2.427(5)
W-CEN	2.005
P-C(2)	1.816(6)
P-H(1)	1.23(5)
P-H(2)	1.28(5)
O-C(1)	1.114(7)
C(2)-C(3)	1.45(1)
C(3)–C(4)	1.16(1)
Cl(1)-W-Cl(2)	84.81(4)
Cl(1) - W - Cl(3)	80.57(5)
Cl(2)-W-Cl(3)	79.74(5)
Cl(1)-W-P	82.26(4)
Cl(2)-W-P	150.84(5)
Cl(3)-W-P	72.43(5)
Cl(1) - W - C(1)	153.1(2)
Cl(2)-W-C(1)	91.2(2)
Cl(3) - W - C(1)	72.6(2)
P-W-C(1)	88.7(2)
Cl(1)-W-CEN	107.8
Cl(2)-W-CEN	104.6
Cl(3)-W-CEN	170.7
P-W-CEN	104.2
C(1)-W-CEN	99.0
W-P-C(2)	120.1(2)
W-P-H(1)	109.8(25)
W-P-H(2)	115.9(24)
C(2)-P-H(1)	106.4(24)
C(2) - P - H(2)	100.5(24)
H(1)-P-H(2)	102.1(35)
W-C(1)-O(1)	177.5(6)
P-C(2)-C(3)	113.1(7)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	135.3(14)
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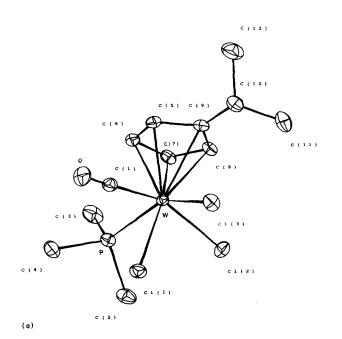
<sup>a</sup> CEN denotes the centroid of the ring C(5)-C(9).

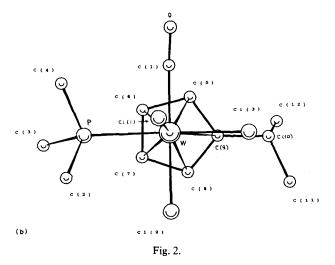
reaction, shown in the scheme, provides an entry to the study of the relatively poorly explored chemistry of the  $\eta$ -cyclopentadienyl trichloridetungsten (IV) complexes.

### 3. Experimental details

All manipulations and reactions were carried out either by use of standard Schlenk-vessel and vacuumline techniques under an dinitrogen (which had been purified by passage over MnO (or a BASF catalyst) and 4 Å molecular sieves), or in a dry-box containing dinitrogen. Solvents were pre-dried over activated 4 Å molecular sieves and then distilled under dinitrogen from phosphorus pentoxide (dichloromethane) potassium (tetrahydrofuran), sodium (toluene, triglyme),

sodium-potassium alloy (1:3 w/w), [light petroleum ether (b.p. 40-60°C), diethyl ether, pentane]. Deuterated solvents (Aldrich) for NMR studies were stored in Young's ampoules under dinitrogen over sodium/ potassium alloy ( $[{}^{2}H_{6}]$  benzene) or dried over calcium hydride (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and transferred by vacuum distilla-tion. Proton, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>31</sup>P spectra were recorded using a Bruker AM 300 (<sup>1</sup>H 300 MHz, <sup>13</sup>C 75.5 MHz, <sup>31</sup>P 121.6 MHz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded using a gated sequence to give nuclear Overhauser enhancement. Spectra were referenced internally using residual protio solvent resonances (<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C) relative to tetramethylsilane (d = 0 ppm) or externally using trimethylphosphate in  $D_2O$  (<sup>31</sup>P). All chemical shifts are quoted in d (ppm) and coupling constants in Hz. Signals are expressed as position, multiplicity (s =singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, sept = septet, m = multiplet), coupling constant, relative inte-





W-Cl(1)	2.4683(9)	
W-Cl(2)	2.4692(9)	
W-Cl(3)	2.467(1)	
W-P	2.542(1)	
W-C(1)	2.022(4)	
W-C(5)	2.319(4)	
W-C(6)	2.250(4)	
W-C(7)	2.252(4)	
W-C(8)	2.379(4)	
W-C(9)	2.474(3)	
W-CEN	2.003	
P-C(2)	1.812(5)	
P-C(3)	1.820(5)	
P-C(4)	1.819(5)	
O-C(1)	1.116(5)	
Cl(1)-W-Cl(2)	82.70(4)	
Cl(1)-W-Cl(3)	77.59(3)	
Cl(2)-W-Cl(3)	83.38(4)	
Cl(1)-W-P	72.27(3)	
Cl(2)-W-P	86.15(3)	
Cl(3)-W-P	149.08(3)	
C(1) - W - C(1)	72.6(1)	
Cl(2)-W-C(1)	155.0(1)	
Cl(3)-W-C(1)	87.6(1)	
P-W-C(1)	89.9(1)	
CI(1)-W-CEN	171.2	
Cl(2)-W-CEN	105.9	
Cl(3)-W-CEN	104.9	
P-W-CEN	105.9	
C(1)-W-CEN	98.9	
W-P-C(2)	115.0(2)	
W-P-C(3)	120.4(2)	
C(2) - P - C(3)	100.6(3)	
W-P-C(4)	113.5(2)	
C(2) - P - C(4)	104.3(2)	
C(3) - P - C(4)	100.7(3)	
W-C(1)-O	177.0(4)	

<sup>a</sup> CEN denotes the centroid of the ring C(5)-C(9).

gration and assignment. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 1510 FT interferometer or, in the region below 400 cm<sup>-1</sup>, on a Perkin-Elmer 457 grating spectrometer. Elemental analyses were performed in the Microanalytical Department of this laboratory. The compounds  $[W(\eta-C_5H_4^{i}Pr)Cl_4(P)]$  (P = H<sub>2</sub>PC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub> 1, H<sub>2</sub>PC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub> 2) are prepared as described [1].

# 3.1. Preparation of $[W(\eta - C_5 H_4^i Pr)Cl_3(H_2 PC_3 H_5) - (CO)]$ 3

The compound  $[W(\eta - C_5 H_4^{i} Pr)Cl_4(H_2 PC_3 H_5)]$  (0.5 g  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  moles) was mixed with 1 equivalent of  $[Fe_2(CO)_9]$  (0.375 g,  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  moles) under dinitrogen. THF (30 cm<sup>3</sup>) was added and the solution was stirred for 6 h or until all the  $[Fe_2(CO)_9]$  had reacted. A colour change from green to dark red was observed and was accompanied by precipitation of an orange solid which was filtered off and recrystallised from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to give orange crystals. A further crop was

obtained when the filtrate was concentrated and then kept at  $-25^{\circ}$ C for 24 h. Yield, 110 mg 27%.

### 3.2. Preparation of $[W(\eta - C_5H_4^{\dagger}Pr)Cl_4(H_2PC_2H_3) - (CO)]$ 4

A solution of  $[W(\eta - C_5H_4^{i}Pr)Cl_4(H_2PC_2H_3)]$  (0.5 g,  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  mole) in THF (20 cm<sup>3</sup>) was treated with 1 equivalent of  $[Fe_2(CO)_9]$  (0.375 g,  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  mole) and the mixture was stirred until all the  $[Fe_2(CO)_9]$  had reacted. The colour changed from green to dark red and an orange solid separated. The solid was filtered off and recrystallised from  $CH_2Cl_2$ . A further crop was obtained when the filtrate had been concentrated and kept at  $-25^{\circ}C$  for 24 h. Yield, 110 mg (24%).

# 3.3. Preparation of $[W(\eta - C_5 H_4^i Pr)Cl_4(PMe_3)]$ 5 and $[W(\eta - C_5 H_4^i Pr)Cl_4(PMe_3)(CO)]$ 6

The compound  $[W(\eta-C_5H_4^{i}Pr)Cl_4]$  (0.4 g) in THF (30 cm<sup>3</sup>) was treated with 1 equivalent of trimethylphosphine (0.7 g in THF). There was an immediate

Table 4 Crystal and data reduction details for **3** and **6** 

	3	6
Formula	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>18</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> OPW	$\begin{array}{c} C_{12}H_{20}Cl_{3}OPW \\ \cdot CH_{2}Cl_{2} \end{array}$
Μ	499.5	586.4
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic
Space group	$P2_1/n$	Pbca
a (Å)	11.234(2)	20.755(6)
b (Å)	12.775(4)	16.728(3)
c (Å)	12.531(3)	11.310(5)
β (°)	111.80(2)	90.0
$U(Å^3)$	1669.6(8)	3927(2)
Ζ	4	8
$D_{\rm c}~({\rm g~cm^{-3}})$	1.99	1.98
$\mu$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	76.3	67.8
F(000)	952	2256
$\omega$ scan width (°)	0.81 + 0.34tan	0.74 + 0.34tan
$\omega$ scan speed (°min <sup>-1</sup> )	1.3-6.7	1.3-10.1
Lattice segment	-h,h,-1,k-1,l	-1, h, -1, k, -1, l
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	$0.10 \times 0.25 \times 0.37$	$0.10 \times 0.16 \times 0.50$
$\theta_{max}$ (°) for data	28	27
No. of reflections:		
Total	4520	4753
Unique	3708	4065
In refinement	2878	2935
R <sub>merge</sub>	0.031	0.020
No. of variables	171	278
Obs./variabl.	16.8	10.6
Weighting coeff.	10.4, -6.4, 8.3	5.5, -3.7, 4.3
Max, min peaks in		
the final diffe-		
rence maps (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	1.10, -0.35	0.50, -0.24
R	0.026	0.019
R <sub>w</sub>	0.031	0.021

 $R = \sum (|F_0 - F_c|) / \sum |F_0|; R_w = \{\sum w (|F_0 - F_c|)^2 / \sum w |F_0|^2\}^{1/2}$ 

Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic (isotropic for H) temperature factors  $(\mathring{A}^2)$  for 3

Atom	x	У	2	U <sub>(eq)</sub>
w	0.72507(2)	0.23704(1)	0.81762(1)	0.0383
CI(1)	0.5963(1)	0.36834(9)	0.6796(1)	0.0489
CI(2)	0.5983(1)	0.10736(9)	0.6712(1)	0.0529
Cl(3)	0.5294(1)	0.2301(1)	0.8600(1)	0.0595
Р	0.7386(1)	0.3780(1)	0.9569(1)	0.0513
0	0.7700(5)	0.0761(4)	1.0180(4)	0.0818
C(1)	0.7545(6)	0.1314(4)	0.9454(5)	0.0585
C(2)	0.7456(7)	0.3458(6)	1.1002(5)	0.0695
C(3)	0.737(1)	0.437(1)	1.1661(8)	0.1108
C(4)	0.657(1)	0.475(1)	1.190(1)	0.1597
C(5)	0.9051(4)	0.3255(4)	0.8272(4)	0.0447
C(6)	0.9394(5)	0.2468(4)	0.9118(5)	0.0544
C(7)	0.9146(6)	0.1498(4)	0.8519(6)	0.0602
C(8)	0.8716(5)	0.1710(4)	0.7354(5)	0.0547
C(9)	0.8677(5)	0.2785(4)	0.7180(5)	0.0480
C(10)	0.8408(7)	0.3345(7)	0.6056(6)	0.0731
C(11)	0.789(1)	0.2632(9)	0.5027(7)	0.0961
C(12)	0.9629(9)	0.3885(7)	0.6100(8)	0.0891
H(1)	0.648(5)	0.439(4)	0.916(5)	0.06(1)
H(2)	0.835(5)	0.439(4)	0.981(5)	0.05(1)

colour change from red to dark green. The solution was stirred for 15 min, the volatiles were then removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was extracted into toluene to give an olive green solution. This was cooled to give analytically pure olive green microcrystals of  $[W(\eta-C_5H_4^{i}Pr)Cl_3(PMe_3)]$  5 (yield, >70%). Some of compound 5 (0.5 g,  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  mole) was mixed with  $[Fe_2(CO)_n]$  (0.365 g,  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  mole) under dinitrogen, THF (40 cm<sup>3</sup>) was added, and the mixture was stirred vigorously until all the  $[Fe_2(CO)_q]$  had reacted, colour changing from olive-green to a dark dichroic red-green. The solid that separated was filtered off, dried under reduced pressure, and extracted into dichloromethane to give a red-brown solution, which was concentrated and set aside at room temperature for five days to give air-sensitive red-brown crystals of 6. Yield, 0.1 g, 20%.

### 3.4. Crystal structure determination of compounds 3 and 6

Crystal data and details of the data collection and refinement are given in Table 4. The general procedure was as follows. A crystal was mounted under dinitrogen in a Lindeman tube (0.7 mm), which was then sealed with a small flame and transferred to the goniometer head of an Enraf-Nonius CAD4 diffractometer. Unit cell parameters were calculated from the setting angles of 24 strong, high-angle carefully-centred reflections. Three reflections were choosen as intensity standards and were measured at 1 h intervals and three orientation control reflection were measured every 200 reflections. The data were collected at room tempera-

Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic (isotropic for H) temperature factors  $(Å^2)$  for **6** 

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Atom	x	у	Z	U <sub>(eq)</sub>
W	0.707470(6)	0.100845(7)	0.02915(1)	0.0260
Cl(1)	0.63865(5)	0.01893(6)	-0.10124(9)	0.0418
Cl(2)	0.64148(5)	0.21096(6)	-0.05130(9)	0.0436
Cl(3)	0.76336(5)	0.11111(7)	-0.16281(9)	0.0448
Cl(4)	0.55664(7)	0.04321(9)	-0.3971(1)	0.0699
Cl(5)	0.52311(7)	0.19401(9)	-0.2888(1)	0.0738
Р	0.60774(5)	0.06150(6)	0.14590(9)	0.0356
0	0.7587(2)	-0.0755(2)	0.0397(3)	0.0551
C(1)	0.7398(2)	-0.0130(2)	0.0389(3)	0.0372
C(2)	0.5321(2)	0.0964(3)	0.0847(5)	0.0492
C(3)	0.5987(3)	0.0924(4)	0.2993(5)	0.0548
C(4)	0.5972(3)	-0.0460(3)	0.1598(5)	0.0499
C(5)	0.8032(2)	0.0960(2)	0.1346(4)	0.0361
C(6)	0.7491(2)	0.0989(3)	0.2128(3)	0.0365
C(7)	0.7197(2)	0.1742(2)	0.1947(3)	0.0355
C(8)	0.7567(2)	0.2168(2)	0.1110(3)	0.0347
C(9)	0.8094(2)	0.1706(2)	0.0764(4)	0.0340
C(10)	0.8661(2)	0.1963(3)	0.0027(4)	0.0442
C(11)	0.8531(3)	0.2718(4)	- 0.0689(6)	0.0594
C(12)	0.9230(3)	0.2076(5)	0.0873(6)	0.0667
C(13)	0.5864(3)	0.1358(3)	- 0.3436(5)	0.0559
H(21)	0.502(3)	0.070(3)	0.123(5)	0.07(2)
H(22)	0.527(2)	0.155(3)	0.102(5)	0.07(2)
H(23)	0.530(3)	0.073(4)	0.010(5)	0.07(2)
H(31)	0.557(3)	0.073(3)	0.324(5)	0.08(2)
H(32)	0.634(3)	0.069(3)	0.342(4)	0.06(1)
H(33)	0.595(3)	0.151(4)	0.306(5)	0.09(2)
H(41)	0.557(3)	-0.052(4)	0.205(6)	0.10(2)
H(42)	0.632(3)	-0.065(3)	0.198(5)	0.07(2)
H(43)	0.593(2)	-0.072(3)	0.089(4)	0.05(1)
H(51)	0.834(2)	0.053(3)	0.139(4)	0.04(1)
H(61)	0.741(2)	0.059(2)	0.264(3)	0.03(1)
H(71)	0.683(2)	0.195(2)	0.239(4)	0.04(1)
H(81)	0.748(2)	0.270(3)	0.086(4)	0.04(1)
H(101)	0.876(2)	0.151(2)	-0.054(3)	0.029(9)
H(111)	0.887(3)	0.289(4)	-0.115(5)	0.09(2)
H(112)	0.848(2)	0.317(3)	-0.020(4)	0.06(1)
H(113)	0.817(3)	0.265(3)	-0.126(5)	0.07(2)
H(121)	0.960(3)	0.210(4)	0.043(5)	0.08(2)
H(122)	0.929(3)	0.162(3)	0.134(5)	0.06(2)
H(123)	0.917(3)	0.241(4)	0.150(6)	0.09(2)
H(131)	0.602(3)	0.160(4)	-0.403(6)	0.10(2)
H(132)	0.613(2)	0.127(3)	- 0.274(5)	0.06(1)

ture using graphite-monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71069$  Å) and an  $\omega$ -2 $\theta$  scan mode (the ratio of the scanning rates  $\omega/\theta = 1.2$ ). Neither significant crystal decay nor movement was noted.

All data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. Both structures were solved by direct methods. Non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters by full-matrix least-squares procedures (in the refinement were used reflections with  $I > 3\sigma$  (I)). An empirical absorption correction using the DIFABS [11] program was applied after isotropic convergence. In 3 the hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions and included in the final refinement with the fixed positional and thermal parameters. Only the H(1) and H(2) atoms attached to the phosphorus were located in the difference Fourier map and refined isotropically. In **6** all hydrogen atoms were located and refined in the isotropic approximation. A Chebyshev weighting scheme [12] was applied and the data were corrected for the effects of anomalous dispersion. All crystallographic calculations were performed using the CRYSTALS program package [13] on MicroVAX 3800 computer. Neutral atom scattering factors were taken from the usual sources [14]. Fractional atomic coordinates of non-hydrogen atoms are listened in Tables 5 and 6. Tables of H-atom coordinates and thermal parameters and complete lists of bond lengths and angles have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.

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