# Rhenium complexes from alkynes. X-Ray crystal structures of $\operatorname{Re}_{2}\left(\mu-2 \eta^{1}, \eta^{4}-\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{Ph}_{4}\right)(\mathrm{CO})_{7}$ and $\operatorname{Re}\left(C, O-\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{C}\left[\operatorname{Re}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}\left(\mathrm{NMe}_{3}\right)\right] \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{OMe}) \mathrm{O}\right)(\mathrm{CO})_{4}$ 

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#### Abstract

The molecular structure of $\mathrm{Re}_{2}\left(\mu-2 \eta^{1}, \eta^{4}-\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{Ph}_{4}\right)(\mathrm{CO})_{7}$ obtained from $\mathrm{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{8}(\mathrm{NCMe})_{2}$ and $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}_{2}$, consists of an $\mathrm{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{7}$ unit [ $\operatorname{Re}-\operatorname{Re} 2.874(1) \AA$ A bridged by a $2 \eta^{1}, \eta^{4}-\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{Ph}_{4}$ ligand, as proposed by earlier workers. Methyl propiolate is inserted into the $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{Re}$ bond of $\mathrm{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{9}(\mathrm{NCMe})$, as shown by the molecular structure of the $\mathrm{NMe}_{3}$ derivative of the product; the $\mathrm{NMe}_{3}$ ligand is attached to the non-chelated $\operatorname{Re}$ atom [ $\operatorname{Re}-\mathrm{N} 2.31(1) \AA$ ].


Key words: Rhenium; Alkyne; Crystal structure; Amine; Carbonyl; Vinyl

## 1. Introduction

Although the reactions between metal carbonyls and alkynes have been the source of many interesting and novel complexes, these have been relatively little studied in the case of rhenium. Early reports of the reaction between $\mathrm{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{10}$ and diphenylethyne [1,2] describe the formation of three complexes, two of which were identified with the aid of X-ray structure determinations [1,2]. Adams [3] has described some chemistry of rhenium carbonyls with aminoethynes and more recently, has reported an unusual insertion of $\mathrm{HC}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ into the $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{Re}$ bond of the binuclear carbonyl [4]. In connection with other work to be reported elsewhere, we have had occasion to repeat these reactions, obtaining two related complexes, the molecular structures of which form the subject of this paper.

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## 2. Results and discussion

We carried out a reaction between the "activated" rhenium carbonyl, $\mathrm{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{8}\left(\mathrm{NCMe}_{2}\right)$, and $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}_{2}$ in refluxing dichloromethane for 24 h . From the reaction mixture we were able to isolate the three complexes $\mathrm{Re}_{2}\left(\mu-\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{Ph}_{4}\right)(\mathrm{CO})_{7}(1)(8 \%), \mathrm{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{5}\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{Ph}_{4}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{2}-\right.$ $\mathrm{Ph}_{2}$ ) (2) (7\%) and $\mathrm{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{Ph}_{6}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}_{2}\right)(3)(18 \%)$. While the latter two have been structurally characterized, we took the advantage of having a crystalline sample of 1 to determine its molecular structure, thereby confirming the suggestions made earlier [1] concerning the nature of this complex.

### 2.1. Molecular structure of $\operatorname{Re}_{2}\left(\mu-\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{Ph}_{4}\right)(\mathrm{CO})_{7}$ (1)

A molecule of 1 is depicted in Fig. 1 and selected bond parameters are collected in Table 1, together with corresponding data for 2 . It can be seen that two $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}_{2}$ molecules have joined with one Re to form a rhenacyclopentadiene $[\operatorname{Re}(2)-C(1,4) 2.207(7), 2.203(8)$ $\AA$ ] which is attached to the second Re atom in the $\eta^{4}$ mode $[\operatorname{Re}(1)-C(1-4) 2.25(1)-2.342(7) \AA$ Å. An $\operatorname{Re}-\operatorname{Re}$

(I)

(3)

(2)

(4) $L=C O$
(5) $L=\mathrm{NMe}_{3}$
bond [2.874(1) $\AA$ ] joins the two atoms. Three CO groups are attached to $\operatorname{Re}(1)$, four to $\operatorname{Re}(2) \cdot \operatorname{CO}(13)$ is somewhat closer to its Re atom [1.888(9) A] than the


Fig. 1. Plot of a molecule of $\mathrm{Re}_{2}\left(\mu-2 \eta^{1}, \eta^{4}-\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{Ph}_{4}\right)(\mathrm{CO})_{7}$ (1) (a) down and (b) normal to the $\operatorname{Re}-\operatorname{Re}$ bond; $20 \%$ thermal ellipsoids are shown for the non-hydrogen atoms, hydrogen atoms having arbitrary radii of $0.1 \AA$.

TABLE 1. Some bond parameters for complexes 1 and 2 [2]

|  |  | 2 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Bond lengths $(\AA)$ |  |  |
| $\operatorname{Re}(1)-\operatorname{Re}(2)$ | $2.874(1)$ | $2.878(1)$ |
| $\operatorname{Re}(1)-C(1)$ | $2.25(1)$ | $2.255(5)$ |
| $\operatorname{Re}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $2.322(8)$ | $2.307(5)$ |
| $\operatorname{Re}(1)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $2.342(7)$ | $2.351(5)$ |
| $\operatorname{Re}(1)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $2.320(7)$ | $2.359(5)$ |
| $\operatorname{Re}(1)-\mathrm{C}(24)$ | $2.85(1)$ |  |
| $\operatorname{Re}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $2.207(7)$ | $2.099(5)$ |
| $\operatorname{Re}(2)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $2.203(8)$ | $2.170(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $1.40(1)$ | $1.407(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $1.48(1)$ | $1.446(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $1.38(1)$ | $1.388(7)$ |
|  |  |  |
| $B o n d$ angles ( $\left.^{\circ}\right)$ |  |  |
| $\operatorname{Re}(2)-\operatorname{Re}(1)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $163.4(3)$ | $163.6(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(21)-\operatorname{Re}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $167.5(3)$ | $124.0(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(22)-\operatorname{Re}(2)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $167.6(3)$ | $146.7(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\operatorname{Re}(2)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $75.0(3)$ | $75.4(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(23)-\operatorname{Re}(2)-\mathrm{C}(24)$ | $173.3(4)$ |  |
| $\mathrm{C}(21)-\operatorname{Re}(2)-\mathrm{C}(22)$ | $94.3(3)$ | $84.8(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\operatorname{Re}(1)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $87.3(4)$ | $88.4(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\operatorname{Re}(1)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $89.5(4)$ | $88.8(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)-\operatorname{Re}(1)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $85.5(4)$ | $86.9(4)$ |
| $\operatorname{Re}(2)-\mathrm{C}(24)-\mathrm{O}(24)$ | $170(1)$ |  |
|  |  |  |

other five [average $\operatorname{Re}-\mathrm{C} 1.95_{3} \AA$ ], probably because of the competing electronic requirements of the $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{Re}$ bond, to which it is trans. The geometry about each Re atom is approximately octahedral if the $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{Re}$ bond occupies a coordination site on $\operatorname{Re}(1)$ but not on $\operatorname{Re}(2)$. Around $\operatorname{Re}(2)$, the angle subtended by by $\mathrm{C}(1,4)$ is $75.0(3)^{\circ}$ and by $\operatorname{CO}(21,22)$ and $\operatorname{CO}(23,24)$ are $94.3(4)$ and $173.3(4)^{\circ}$, respectively. The latter appear to be pushed away from the $\mathrm{ReC}_{4}$ ring by the bulky Ph groups. The angles at $\operatorname{Re}(1)$ subtended by the CO groups range between 85.5 and $89.5(4)^{\circ}$, and from $C O(11,12)$ to the midpoints of the $\mathrm{C}(3,4)$ and $\mathrm{C}(1,2)$, bonds are $103.7(3)$ and $108.6(4)^{\circ}$, respectively. The $\operatorname{Re}(2)-\operatorname{Re}(1)-\mathrm{CO}(13)$ angle is $163.4(3)^{\circ}$.

The five-membered $\mathrm{ReC}_{4}$ ring does not exhibit any unusual features. As found for 2 , there is an alternation in $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ distances [ $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2) 1.40(1), \mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ 1.48(1), C(3)-C(4) 1.38(1) A]. In 1, two CO groups occupy the coordination position occupied by the $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}_{2}$ molecule in 2. Atoms $\mathrm{C}(21,22)$ are respectively trans to $\mathrm{C}(1,4)$, with angles at $\operatorname{Re}(2)$ being $167.5(3)$ and $167.6(3)^{\circ}$. Each metal atom has an 18 -electron configuration.

In summary, this structure determination has confirmed the previously suggested structure for 1 : there are few changes resulting from the replacement of two CO groups in 1 by the $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}_{2}$ ligand found in 2.

The reaction between $\mathrm{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{9}(\mathrm{NCMe})$ and $\mathrm{HC}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$, also carried out in refluxing dichloro-


Fig. 2. Plot of a molecule of $\operatorname{Re}\left(\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{C}\left(\operatorname{Re}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}\left(\mathrm{NMe}_{3}\right)\right]\right.$ $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{OMe}) \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}(5)$. Selected bond distances: $\operatorname{Re}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2) 2.218(9)$, $\operatorname{Re}(1)-\mathrm{N}(14) 2.31(1), \operatorname{Re}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1) 2.179(9), \operatorname{Re}(2)-\mathrm{O}(1) 2.178(6)$, $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2) 1.37(1), \mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3) 1.44(1), \mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{O}(1) 1.27(1), \mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ $1.30(1) \AA$.
methane, afforded the binuclear complex $\operatorname{Re}(C, O-$ $\left.\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{C}\left[\operatorname{Re}(\mathrm{CO})_{5}\right] \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{OMe}) \mathrm{O}\right)(\mathrm{CO})_{4}$ (4), described independently during the course of our work by Adams [4]. Our original supposition that this compound was an $\eta^{2}$-alkyne complex led us to treat it with $\mathrm{Me}_{3} \mathrm{NO}$ in an attempt to induce either addition of the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ bond across the $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{Re}$ bond (as occurs with $\mathrm{HC}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}$ [5]) or coordination of the ester carbonyl group. In the event, loss of CO (as $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ ) and coordination of $\mathrm{NMe}_{3}$ occurred to give $\operatorname{Re}\left\{C, O-\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{C}\left[\operatorname{Re}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}\left(\mathrm{NMe}_{3}\right)\right]-\right.$ $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{OMe}) \mathrm{O})(\mathrm{CO})_{4}$ (5), as shown by a crystal structure determination.

### 2.2. Molecular structure of $\operatorname{Re}\left\{\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{C}\left[\operatorname{Re}(\mathrm{CO})_{+}\right.\right.$ $\left.\left(\mathrm{NMe}_{3}\right) / \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{OMe}) \mathrm{O}\right\}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}(5)$

The molecular structure of 5 is shown in Fig. 2; important bond parameters are given in the caption. There are few significant differences between the structures of 4 and 5 , with the exception of the replacement of $\mathrm{CO}(14)$ by $\mathrm{NMe}_{3}[\operatorname{Re}(1)-\mathrm{N} 2.31(1) \AA$ A $]$. The CO displaced is that cis to the C(2)-Re(1) bond. Adams et al. [4] have already discussed the possible mechanism of formation of their complex; in our case, further treatment with $\mathrm{Me}_{3} \mathrm{NO}$ results in loss of a CO ligand (as $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ ) and coordination of $\mathrm{NMe}_{3}$ to the non-chelated $\operatorname{Re}(1)$ atom.

## 3. Experimental details

### 3.1. General conditions

All reactions were carried out under dry, high purity nitrogen by use of standard Schlenk techniques. Solvents were dried and distilled before use. Elemental analyses were performed by the Canadian Microanalyt-
ical Service, Delta, B.C., Canada V4G 1G7. TLC was carried out on glass plates ( $20 \times 20 \mathrm{~cm}^{2}$ ) coated with silica gel (Merck $60 \mathrm{GF}_{254} 0.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ thick).

Instrumentation: IR: Perkin-Elmer 1700X FT IR; 683 double beam, NaCl optics. NMR: Bruker ACP300 ( ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR at $300.13 \mathrm{MHz},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR at 75.47 MHz ); Bruker CXP300 ( ${ }^{31}$ P NMR at 121.49 MHz ). FAB MS: VG ZAB 2HF (FAB MS, using 3-nitrobenzyl alcohol as matrix, exciting gas $\mathrm{Ar}, \mathrm{FAB}$ gun voltage 7.5 kV , current 1 mA , accelerating potential 7 kV ).

Starting materials: $\operatorname{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{10}$ (Strem) was used as received. Chemical reagents were laboratory grade and used as received. $\mathrm{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{9}(\mathrm{NCMe})$ [6], $\mathrm{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{8}{ }^{-}$ ( NCMe$)_{2}[6]$ and $\mathrm{HC}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ [7] were prepared according to the literature procedures.

### 3.2. Reaction between $\mathrm{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{8}(\mathrm{NCMe})_{2}$ and $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}_{2}$

A solution of $\mathrm{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{8}(\mathrm{NCMe})_{2}$ ( $100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.15$ $\mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}_{2}(67 \mathrm{mg}, 0.38 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(10$ $\mathrm{ml})$ was refluxed for 24 h to give an orange solution. The solvent was removed and the residue purified by preparative TLC to give three major bands. The first band ( $R_{\mathrm{f}} 0.6$ ) was recrystallized from $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} /$ hexane to give pure $\mathrm{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{7}\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{Ph}_{4}\right)(2)(11 \mathrm{mg}, 8 \%)$. Anal. Found: C, 45.76; H, 2.52. $\mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{7} \mathrm{Re}_{2}$ calcd.: C , 45.45 ; H, $2.16 \%$. IR (hexane): $\nu(\mathrm{CO}) 2087 \mathrm{~m}, 2035 \mathrm{vs}$, 2017s, 1979vs, 1968s, $1938 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (lit.[2]: 2085w, 2035s, 2015m, 1992m, 1979s, 1958w, 1948w cm ${ }^{-1}$ ). FAB MS: $m / z$ 924, $\mathrm{M}^{+} ; 896-728,[\mathrm{M}-n \mathrm{CO}]^{+}(n=1-7)$. The second band ( $R_{\mathrm{f}} 0.4$ ) ( $11 \mathrm{mg}, 7 \%$ ) contained $\mathrm{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{5}\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{Ph}_{4}\right)\left(\mathrm{PhC}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right)$ [IR (hexane): $\nu(\mathrm{CO})$

TABLE 2. Crystal data and refinement details for complexes 1 and 5

| Compound | 1 | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Formula | $\mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{Re}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NO}_{10} \mathrm{Re}_{2}$ |
| MW | 925.0 | 739.7 |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | Monoclinic |
| Space group | $P 2_{1} / c$ | $P 2_{1} / c$ |
| $a(\AA)$ | $10.597(2)$ | $7.670(3)$ |
| $b(\AA)$ | $19.80(2)$ | $18.448(3)$ |
| $c(\AA \AA)$ | $16.141(3)$ | $15.200(7)$ |
| $\beta\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | $114.34(2)$ | $108.72(4)$ |
| $U\left(\AA^{3}\right)$ | 3085 | 2037 |
| $Z$ | 4 | 4 |
| $D_{\mathrm{c}}(\mathrm{g} \mathrm{cm}$ |  |  |
| $F(000)$ | 1.99 | 2.41 |
| $C r y s t a l$ |  |  |
| $A^{*}\left(\mathrm{~min}^{-3}\right)$ | 1744 | 1360 |
| $\mu(\mathrm{~mm})$ | $0.49 \times 0.90 \times 0.64$ | $0.51 \times 0.21 \times 0.17$ |
| $\left.2 \theta_{\text {max }}{ }^{-1}\right)$ | $10.8,26.9$ | $5.1,10.5$ |
| $N$ | 78.9 | 119 |
| $N_{\mathrm{o}}$ | 55 | 50 |
| $R$ | 6601 | 3579 |
| $R_{\mathrm{w}}$ | 5422 | 3059 |

2046s, 2018s, 1963(br), 1945(br), 1929(br) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ (lit.[2]: 2046s, 2019s, $1967 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{br}), 1947 \mathrm{w}(\mathrm{br}), 1928 \mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{br})$ $\left.\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)\right]$ and the third band ( $R_{\mathrm{f}} 0.3$ ) contained $\mathrm{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{Ph}_{6}\right)\left(\mathrm{PhC}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right)$ ( $33 \mathrm{mg}, 18 \%$ ) [IR (hexane): $\nu(\mathrm{CO}) 2032 \mathrm{~s}, 1997 \mathrm{~m}, 1962 \mathrm{~s}, 1942 \mathrm{w} \mathrm{cm}{ }^{-1}$ (lit.[2]: 2035s, 1997m, 1962m, 1942w(br) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ].

### 3.3. Preparation of $\operatorname{Re}\left\{\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{C}\left[\mathrm{Re}(\mathrm{CO})_{s}\right] \mathrm{C}\right.$ $(\mathrm{OMe}) \mathrm{Of}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}$ (4)

A solution of $\mathrm{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{9}(\mathrm{NCMe})(500 \mathrm{mg}, 0.75 \mathrm{mmol})$ was dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(20 \mathrm{ml})$ containing methyl

TABLE 3. Non-hydrogen positional and isotropic displacement parameters, 1

| Atom | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {eq }}\left(\AA^{2}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\operatorname{Re}(1)$ | $0.90588(3)$ | $0.39160(2)$ | $0.65058(2)$ | $0.0350(1)$ |
| $\operatorname{Re}(2)$ | $0.83849(3)$ | $0.29753(2)$ | $0.76183(2)$ | $0.0394(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $1.0276(8)$ | $0.3410(4)$ | $0.6107(6)$ | $0.045(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(11)$ | $1.0948(7)$ | $0.3102(3)$ | $0.5861(5)$ | $0.076(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $0.762(1)$ | $0.3787(5)$ | $0.5299(6)$ | $0.059(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(12)$ | $0.6778(8)$ | $0.3710(5)$ | $0.4588(5)$ | $0.099(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $0.9487(8)$ | $0.4711(4)$ | $0.6030(5)$ | $0.045(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(13)$ | $0.9674(7)$ | $0.5212(3)$ | $0.5735(4)$ | $0.065(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(21)$ | $0.931(1)$ | $0.2147(4)$ | $0.8223(7)$ | $0.065(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(21)$ | $0.9846(9)$ | $0.1659(4)$ | $0.8586(6)$ | $0.108(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(22)$ | $0.6528(9)$ | $0.2617(5)$ | $0.7277(6)$ | $0.057(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(22)$ | $0.5437(7)$ | $0.2416(4)$ | $0.7086(6)$ | $0.096(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(23)$ | $0.843(1)$ | $0.3312(5)$ | $0.8790(6)$ | $0.064(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(23)$ | $0.843(1)$ | $0.3538(4)$ | $0.9439(5)$ | $0.107(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(24)$ | $0.830(1)$ | $0.2537(5)$ | $0.6506(6)$ | $0.064(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(24)$ | $0.821(1)$ | $0.2196(4)$ | $0.5906(6)$ | $0.098(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $0.7639(8)$ | $0.4017(4)$ | $0.7218(5)$ | $0.037(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(101)$ | $0.6128(8)$ | $0.4176(4)$ | $0.6884(5)$ | $0.041(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(102)$ | $0.5141(9)$ | $0.3962(5)$ | $0.6070(6)$ | $0.057(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(103)$ | $0.3773(9)$ | $0.4123(6)$ | $0.5793(7)$ | $0.067(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(104)$ | $0.3348(9)$ | $0.4483(6)$ | $0.6323(8)$ | $0.073(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(105)$ | $0.428(1)$ | $0.4692(6)$ | $0.7161(8)$ | $0.078(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(106)$ | $0.5677(9)$ | $0.4537(5)$ | $0.7443(6)$ | $0.058(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $0.8634(7)$ | $0.4524(4)$ | $0.7594(5)$ | $0.035(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(201)$ | $0.8301(7)$ | $0.5254(4)$ | $0.7602(5)$ | $0.039(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(202)$ | $0.8744(8)$ | $0.5600(4)$ | $0.8413(6)$ | $0.048(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(203)$ | $0.836(1)$ | $0.6264(5)$ | $0.8424(7)$ | $0.068(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(204)$ | $0.753(1)$ | $0.6594(5)$ | $0.7645(8)$ | $0.072(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(205)$ | $0.707(1)$ | $0.6250(5)$ | $0.6834(7)$ | $0.068(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(206)$ | $0.7458(9)$ | $0.5591(4)$ | $0.6795(6)$ | $0.050(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $1.0083(7)$ | $0.4281(4)$ | $0.8020(5)$ | $0.034(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(301)$ | $1.1262(7)$ | $0.476294)$ | $0.8484(5)$ | $0.036(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(302)$ | $1.2042(9)$ | $0.4675(5)$ | $0.9411(6)$ | $0.057(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(303)$ | $1.314(1)$ | $0.5101(5)$ | $0.9876(7)$ | $0.070(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(304)$ | $1.348(1)$ | $0.5615(5)$ | $0.9442(9)$ | $0.087(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(305)$ | $1.271(1)$ | $0.5710(5)$ | $0.8536(8)$ | $0.071(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(306)$ | $1.1583(9)$ | $0.5294(4)$ | $0.8059(6)$ | $0.052(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $1.0275(7)$ | $0.3591(4)$ | $0.8008(5)$ | $0.038(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(401)$ | $1.1702(8)$ | $0.3316(4)$ | $0.8453(5)$ | $0.040(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(402)$ | $1.2083(9)$ | $0.2942(4)$ | $0.9231(6)$ | $0.059(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(403)$ | $1.342(1)$ | $0.2721(5)$ | $0.9713(7)$ | $0.078(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(404)$ | $1.440(1)$ | $0.2857(5)$ | $0.9388(9)$ | $0.090(5)$ |
|  | $1.4052(9)$ | $0.3235(5)$ | $0.8612(8)$ | $0.073(5)$ |
| $1.2719(9)$ | $0.3447(4)$ | $0.8144(6)$ | $0.056(4)$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

TABLE 4. Non-hydrogen positional and isotropic displacement parameters, 5

| Atom | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {eq }}\left(\AA^{2}\right)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{Re}(1)$ | $0.29071(5)$ | $0.31553(2)$ | $0.50144(3)$ | $0.0350(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $0.076(2)$ | $0.2956(5)$ | $0.3897(7)$ | $0.047(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(11)$ | $-0.040(1)$ | $0.2891(4)$ | $0.3208(6)$ | $0.072(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $0.503(2)$ | $0.3440(6)$ | $0.6101(8)$ | $0.049(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(12)$ | $0.625(1)$ | $0.3646(5)$ | $0.6703(6)$ | $0.078(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $0.451(2)$ | $0.3034(6)$ | $0.4268(9)$ | $0.059(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(13)$ | $0.545(1)$ | $0.2956(6)$ | $0.3837(7)$ | $0.088(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(14)$ | $0.094(1)$ | $0.3186(4)$ | $0.5892(6)$ | $0.041(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(141)$ | $-0.013(2)$ | $0.3859(6)$ | $0.570(1)$ | $0.078(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(142)$ | $0.036(2)$ | $0.2562(7)$ | $0.569(1)$ | $0.076(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(143)$ | $0.198(2)$ | $0.3149(8)$ | $0.6900(8)$ | $0.079(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $0.262(2)$ | $0.4171(6)$ | $0.4693(8)$ | $0.054(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(15)$ | $0.260(1)$ | $0.4786(4)$ | $0.4521(7)$ | $0.084(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{Re}(2)$ | $0.50020(6)$ | $0.06043(2)$ | $0.64787(3)$ | $0.0409(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(21)$ | $0.705(2)$ | $0.0730(5)$ | $0.5934(8)$ | $0.049(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(21)$ | $0.826(1)$ | $0.0848(5)$ | $0.5692(7)$ | $0.074(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(22)$ | $0.308(2)$ | $0.0644(6)$ | $0.7082(8)$ | $0.058(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(22)$ | $0.201(2)$ | $0.0716(6)$ | $0.7440(7)$ | $0.094(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(23)$ | $0.680(2)$ | $0.0583(6)$ | $0.7691(9)$ | $0.061(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(23)$ | $0.788(1)$ | $0.0559(5)$ | $0.8400(6)$ | $0.092(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(24)$ | $0.494(2)$ | $-0.0462(6)$ | $0.6383(8)$ | $0.056(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(24)$ | $0.490(1)$ | $-0.1074(4)$ | $0.6315(6)$ | $0.074(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $0.467(2)$ | $0.1771(5)$ | $0.6266(7)$ | $0.046(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $0.340(1)$ | $0.2008(5)$ | $0.5459(7)$ | $0.038(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $0.244(1)$ | $0.1401(4)$ | $0.4918(6)$ | $0.031(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | $0.2837(9)$ | $0.0745(3)$ | $0.5151(4)$ | $0.042(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $0.1083(9)$ | $0.1515(3)$ | $0.4159(5)$ | $0.045(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $0.005(2)$ | $0.0905(6)$ | $0.3700(8)$ | $0.061(5)$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |

propiolate ( $315 \mathrm{mg}, 3.75 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was refluxed for 24 h , during which it became deep orange. The solvent was removed and the resulting solid recrystallized $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} / \mathrm{MeOH}\right)$ to give $\operatorname{Re}\left(\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{C}\left[\operatorname{Re}(\mathrm{CO})_{5}\right]-\right.$ $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{OMe}) \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}$ (4) as very fine pale yellow needles ( $315 \mathrm{mg}, 60 \%$ ), m.p. $151-155^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR (cyclohexane): $\nu(\mathrm{CO}) 2133 \mathrm{w}, 2089 \mathrm{~m}, 2022 \mathrm{vs}, 1990 \mathrm{~m}, 1983 \mathrm{~s}$, 1981s, $1935 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (lit.[4]: 2134w, 2090m, 2024s, 1991(sh), 1986(sh), 1982s, $1937 \mathrm{~s} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ $3.90\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right) ; 10.42\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 54.73\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right) ; 121.05\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{HC}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right)$; 127.69 (s, $\mathrm{HC}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ ); 182.01 (s); 182.88 ( s ); 189.36 (s); 193.02 (s); 193.33 (s, CO); 222.46 (s, $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ ). FAB MS: $m / z 708, \mathrm{M}^{+} ; 680-484,[\mathrm{M}-n \mathrm{CO}]^{+}(n=1-8)$.

### 3.4. Reaction between $\operatorname{Re}\left\{\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{C}\left[\mathrm{Re}(\mathrm{CO})_{5}\right]-\right.$ $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{OMe}) \mathrm{O}\}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}(4)$ and $\mathrm{Me}_{3} \mathrm{NO}$

$\mathrm{Me}_{3} \mathrm{NO}(10.6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.14 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added in portions to a stirred solution of $4(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.14 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ $(10 \mathrm{ml})$. The solvent was removed and the yellow-green residue purified by preparative TLC (10:3 light petroleum/acetone) to give three bands. The top band ( $R_{\mathrm{f}} 0.6$ ) was $\mathrm{Re}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})_{9}\left(\mathrm{HC}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right)$ ( 18 mg ). The second band ( $R_{\mathrm{f}} 0.3$ ) was recrystallized $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} /\right.$ hexane) to give lime green crystals of $\operatorname{Re}(C, O-$
$\left.\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{C}\left[\mathrm{Re}(\mathrm{CO})_{4}\left(\mathrm{NMe}_{3}\right)\right] \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{OMe}) \mathrm{O}\right\}(\mathrm{CO})_{4} \quad$ (5) (39
 1.77; $\mathrm{N}, 1.91 \% . \mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NO}_{10} \mathrm{Re}_{2}$ calcd.: C, $24.36 ; \mathrm{H}$, $1.76 ; \mathrm{N}, 1.89 \%$. IR (THF): $\nu(\mathrm{CO}) 2092 \mathrm{w}, 2081 \mathrm{~m}$, 1982(br), 1969(sh), 1924s cm ${ }^{-1} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta$ 2.85 ( $9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{NMe}_{3}$ ); 3.92 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OMe}$ ); 10.56 $\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 54.21$ (s, OMe); 59.98 (s, $\mathrm{NMe}_{3}$ ); 189.87 (s); 190.16 ( s ); 191.27 ( s ); 191.98 (s); 193.67 (s, CO); 217.11 (s, $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ ). FAB MS; $m / z$ $739, \mathrm{M}^{+} ; 711-571,[\mathrm{M}-n \mathrm{CO}]^{+}(n=1-6)$. The lower band ( $R_{\mathrm{f}} 0.2$ ) ( 7 mg ) was not characterized.

### 3.5. Crystallography

Unique diffractometer data sets were measured with the specified $2 \theta_{\text {max }}$ limits at $c a .295 \mathrm{~K}(2 \theta-\theta$ scan mode; monochromatic Mo K $\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda 0.71073 \AA$ ) yielding $N$ independent reflections; $N_{\mathrm{o}}$ with $I>3 \sigma(I)$ were considered observed and used in the full matrix least squares refinements after analytical absorption correction. Anisotropic thermal parameters were refined for the non-hydrogen atoms; $\left(x, y, z, U_{\text {iso }}\right)_{H}$ were included constrained at estimated values, the ligand hydrogen of 5 being confirmed in a difference map.

Conventional residuals, $R, R_{\mathrm{w}}$ on $|F|$ are quoted, statistical weights derivative of $\sigma^{2}(I)=\sigma^{2}\left(I_{\text {diff }}\right)+$ $0.0004 \sigma^{4}\left(I_{\text {diff }}\right)$ being used. Neutral atom complex scattering factors were employed, computed using the xtal 3.0 program system [8] implemented by S.R. Hall. Pertinent results are given in the figures and tables.

Supplementary data have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.

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