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# Preparation and characterization of the rhenium silvl esters $(\eta^{5}-C_{5}Me_{5})(CO)(NO)ReC(O)OSiR_{3}(SiR_{3} = SiMe_{2}Ph, SiEt_{3})$

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#### Abstract

Three synthetic approaches to the rhenium silyl esters  $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReC(O)OSiEt_3$  (3) and  $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReC(O)OSiMe_2Ph$  (4) were evaluated. (a) Treatment of a  $CH_2Cl_2$  solution of  $Cp^*(CO)_2(NO)Re^+BF_4^-$  with a silanolate NaOSiEt\_3 (5) or NaOSiMe\_2Ph (6) provided 90% isolated yields of 3 and 4. These stable orange-yellow solids are extremely moisture sensitive: traces of water hydrolyze them to  $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2H$  and the parent silanol. IR and NMR spectral data of 3 and 4 are consistent with nonchelating  $\mu(\eta^1-C:\eta^1-O)$  metalloester structures. Less efficient preparative routes to 3 and 4 include treatment of (b)  $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2H$  with the requisite chloroalkylsilane and N<sup>i</sup>Pr\_2Et, and (c)  $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2^-Na^+$  (7Na<sup>+</sup>) with the chloroalkylsilane. The new rhenium  $CO_2$  adducts  $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2^-M^+$  (7Li<sup>+</sup>, 7Na<sup>+</sup>) were generated by deprotonation of  $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2H$  with excess LiH or NaH THF suspensions at 0°C. Both 7Li<sup>+</sup> and 7Na<sup>+</sup> were characterized by their solution IR spectra and by the formation of their derivatives with silyl and tin chlorides.

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#### 1. Introduction

Metallocarboxylic acids and their esters are common intermediates for the reactions of coordinated carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide (for reviews on  $CO_2$ complexes see Ref. [1]). Indeed, metallocarboxylic acids **1a** mediate pH-dependent equilibria that interconvert carbonyl and metallocarboxylate (i.e.  $CO_2$ ) complexes, Eq. (1) [2–8]. These equilibria are central to water-gas shift catalysis, which interconverts water and CO with hydrogen and  $CO_2$  [9]. A number of metallocarboxylates have been prepared by adding excess hydroxide to metal carbonyls<sup>1</sup> and by ligating  $CO_2$  to nucleophilic metal centers.<sup>2</sup> Only a limited number of examples of **1a** have been characterized, however, and most are predisposed either towards decarboxylation to yield their hydrido complexes  $L_x$ MH or towards ionization to their carbonyl complexes and hydroxide counterion.<sup>3</sup> Although a few examples of the synthesis of **1a** through CO 'insertion' into metal hydroxides have been recorded [40,41], the reverse reaction—deinsertion of CO—is unknown.

$$L_{x} \stackrel{+}{\mathsf{M}^{-}\mathsf{C}} \equiv 0 \xrightarrow{\mathsf{R} 0^{\circ}} L_{x} \stackrel{+}{\mathsf{M}^{-}\mathsf{C}} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{O}^{\circ}} \stackrel{\mathsf{O}^{\circ}}{\overset{\bullet}{\overset{\bullet}{\underset{\mathsf{O}^{-}\mathsf{R}}}} L_{x} \stackrel{\mathsf{M}^{-}\mathsf{C}}{\overset{\bullet}{\underset{\mathsf{O}^{-}\mathsf{R}}}} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{O}^{\circ}} (1)$$

$$\underset{\mathsf{R} \times (\mathsf{R}^{+})}{\overset{\mathsf{H} \times (\mathsf{R}^{+})}{\underset{\mathsf{Ic} \ \mathsf{R} = \mathsf{S} i \mathsf{R}_{3}}} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{R} \times (\mathsf{R}^{+})} (1)$$

Organic metallocarboxylate esters 1b, which usually

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cp(NO)(CO)ReCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, see Ref. [10]; Cp(N<sub>2</sub>Ar)(CO)ReCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, see Ref. [11]; Cp(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, see Ref. [12]; Cp(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(CO)FeCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> [4,7], see Ref. [13]; t-(CO)(bpy)<sub>2</sub>RuCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>  $3H_{2}O$  [6], see Ref. [14].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *t*-Cl(dmpe)<sub>2</sub>IrCO<sub>2</sub>, see Ref. [15]; *t*-Cl(diars)<sub>2</sub>RhCO<sub>2</sub>, see Ref. [16]; (Pr-salen)CoCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, see Ref. [17]; [N(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CoCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, see Ref. [18]; Cp(CO)<sub>2</sub>FeCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> [7], see Refs. [19,20]; Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)<sub>2</sub>FeCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, see Ref. [21]; Cp(CO)<sub>2</sub>RuCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, see Ref. [22]; (N<sub>4</sub>-macrocycle)CoCO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> and Co(L)(en)<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, see Ref. [23]; *t*-(CO)(bpy)<sub>2</sub>RuCO<sub>2</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O, see Ref. [24]; (CO)<sub>5</sub>WCO<sub>2</sub><sup>2-</sup>, see Ref. [25].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Selected references:  $(PR_3)_2(R)PtCO_2H$ , see Ref. [26];  $(PR_3)_{2-4}$ Ir(III)CO<sub>2</sub>H [2], see Ref. [27]; Cp(L)(L')ReCO<sub>2</sub>H (L = CO, L' = NO [10], N<sub>2</sub>Ar [11]), see Ref. [28], (L = PPh<sub>3</sub>, L' = NO), see Ref. [29]; Cp \* (CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>H, see Ref. [30]; Cp(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(CO)<sub>x</sub>MCO<sub>2</sub>H (x = 1, M = Fe [4], Ru [8]), (x = 2, M = Mo), see Ref. [31]; ( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>7</sub>)(CO)<sub>2</sub>FeCO<sub>2</sub>H, see Ref. [32]; Cp \* (CO)<sub>2</sub>RuCO<sub>2</sub>H, see Ref. [33]; Cp(PR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>RuCO<sub>2</sub>H, see Ref. [34]; (PR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>x</sub>(CO)<sub>5-x</sub>ReCO<sub>2</sub>H (x = 1,2), see Ref. [35]; (CO)<sub>4</sub>FeCO<sub>2</sub>H<sup>-</sup>, see Ref. [36]; [HB(pz)<sub>3</sub>](CO)Ir(H)CO<sub>2</sub>H, see Ref. [37]; Co(OH<sub>2</sub>)(en)<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H<sup>2+</sup> [5], see Ref. [38]; t-(CO)(bpy)<sub>2</sub>RuCO<sub>2</sub>H<sup>+</sup> and (trpy)(bpy)RuCO<sub>2</sub>H<sup>+</sup> [6,14], see Ref. [39].

are more stable than analogous metallocarboxylic acids, are readily available by adding alkoxide to metal carbonyls and by treating metal nucleophiles with chloroformates [9,42]. Although a few syntheses of **1b** by alkylation of nucleophilic metal CO<sub>2</sub> adducts have been reported [19,43–48], <sup>4</sup> esterification of **1a** serves as a general route to **1b** [35–37]. <sup>5</sup> In recent studies, the irreversible 'insertion' of CO into metal alkoxides has been reported [49].

Much less is known concerning other Group 4 metallocarboxylate esters. Metallosilyl esters 1c, the subject of the present account, were first reported by us as derivatives of the metallocarboxylate  $Cp(CO)_2FeCO_2^-$ , Eq. (2) [48]. This reaction is essentially quantitative, and in more recent studies we used the yields of  $Cp(CO)_2FeC(O)OSiMe_3$  (2) to assess the solution stability of the ( $\eta^1$ -C) CO<sub>2</sub> adduct as a function of time/temperature and choice of counterion [20]. In related studies, Nicholas and coworkers postulated the intermediacy of Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(X)C(O)OSiR<sub>3</sub> as Me<sub>3</sub>SiX (X = Cl, OSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>) transformed the ( $\eta^2$ -C,O) CO<sub>2</sub> adduct Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(CO<sub>2</sub>) to Cp<sub>2</sub>Mo(X)(CO)<sup>+</sup> [50].

Metallotin esters likewise have been prepared by intercepting nucleophilic metallocarboxylates with organotin electrophiles. Gladysz and coworkers accordingly prepared Cp(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>SnR<sub>3</sub> by deprotonating the rhenium carboxylic acid (KH) and treating the resulting Cp(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> with R<sub>3</sub>SnCl [12]. In later studies, Gibson et al. similarly converted Cp(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(CO)FeCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> and Cp<sup>\*</sup>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(CO)FeCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> to [Fe]C(=O)OSnR<sub>3</sub> [8], and we transformed Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)<sub>2</sub>FeCO<sub>2</sub>K<sup>+</sup> to Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)<sub>2</sub>FeCO<sub>2</sub>SnR<sub>3</sub> (R = Me, Ph) [21]. The former group subsequently introduced a novel synthetic approach of treating metallocarboxylic acids or cationic carbonyl salts with base in the presence of R<sub>3</sub>SnCl to generate in situ metallocarboxylates, which were trapped as examples of L<sub>x</sub>MC(=O)OSnR<sub>3</sub>

<sup>5</sup> This reaction is a specific example of the generally facile transesterification of alkoxycarbonyl complexes **1b**. (dppe)(R)PtCO<sub>2</sub>H [40].  $[L_x M = Cp(PPh_3)(CO)Fe, Cp^*(CO)(NO)Re, Cp^*(CO)_2Ru, Cp^*(CO)_2Fe, Cp(CO)_2Fe] [51,52].$ 

In the present study we report the synthesis and characterization of the rhenium silvl esters  $Cp^{*}(CO)(NO)ReC(=O)OSiEt_{3}$  (3) and  $Cp^{*}(CO)(NO)ReC(=O)OSiMe_{2}Ph$  (4). Availability of these rhenium silvl esters complements our ongoing studies on the catalytic hydrosilation then reduction of ligated  $CO_2$  on  $[L_x M CO_2 Rh(COD)]_2$ ,  $L_M = Cp^*(CO)(NO)Re$  and Cp(L')(NO)Re (L' = CO,  $PPh_3$  [53], and on the transformation of examples of 1a to 1c and then to siloxymethyl compounds, L, MCH<sub>2</sub>OSiR<sub>3</sub> [54]. We evaluated three synthetic approaches to 3 and 4: (a) addition of silanolates NaOSiR<sub>3</sub> to the carbonyl salt  $Cp^{*}(CO)_{2}(NO)Re^{+}BF_{4}^{-}$ , (b) silation of  $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2H$  with  $ClSiR_3$ /base, and (c) silation of heretofore unknown metallocarboxylates  $Cp^{*}(CO)(NO)ReCO_{2}^{-}Li^{+}$  and Na<sup>+</sup> with ClSiR<sub>3</sub>.

#### 2. Experimental section

### 2.1. Materials

Synthetic manipulations were performed in a nitrogen atmosphere using a combination of standard Schlenk line, glovebox, and vacuum line procedures [55]. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Model 1600 spectrophotometer.  ${}^{1}H$ ,  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ ,  ${}^{29}Si{}^{1}H$  NMR spectra were recorded in  $C_6 D_6$  (which had been stored over 3A molecular sieves) using a Varian Unity 500 spectrometer, and the data were reported as  $\delta$  values relative to residual  $C_6 D_5 H$  (<sup>1</sup>H: 7.15 ppm),  $C_6 D_6$  (<sup>13</sup>C: 128.00 ppm), and external SiMe<sub>4</sub> (<sup>29</sup>Si: 0 ppm). Tetrahydrofuran (THF), diethyl ether, pentane, and hexane were distilled from sodium-benzophenone ketyl, and methylene chloride was distilled from  $P_2O_5$ . All other reagents were used as received. Elemental microanalyses were performed by Quantitative Technologies Inc., Bound Brook, NJ.

Trialkylsilanols, Et<sub>3</sub>SiOH [56] and PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiOH [57,58], were prepared by basic hydrolysis of their chlorosilanes and were purified by distillation in vacuo. Et<sub>3</sub>SiOH was isolated as a colorless viscous fluid (59% yield): b.p. 110 °C (28 mm Hg); IR(thin film) 3300 cm<sup>-1</sup> (br s, v O–H), 839 (v Si–O), 834 (v Si–O) (identical in appearance to that reported) [59]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  1.46 (s, OH), 0.96 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 8.05 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>); 0.51 (q, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.93 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  (specific assignments made using an inverse gated decoupling sequence) 6.82 (CH<sub>3</sub>) (q, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CH</sub> = 126 Hz), 6.12 (CH<sub>2</sub>) (t, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CH</sub> = 116 Hz) [Ref. [60] (CCl<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  7.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 6.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>)]; <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  17.59 [Ref. [61] ( $d_8$ -toluene)  $\delta$  17.6 ppm]. PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiOH was isolated as a colorless oil (59% yield): b.p. 64 °C (0.5 mm Hg); IR

 $<sup>^{4}</sup>$  t-Cl(dmpe)<sub>2</sub>IrCO<sub>2</sub>, see Ref. [43]; t-(CO)(bpy)<sub>2</sub>RuCO<sub>2</sub> [24], see Ref. [44]; Cp(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(CO)FeCO<sub>2</sub> [8], see Ref. [45].

For Cp(CO)<sub>2</sub>FeCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>M<sup>+</sup>, perhaps the most extensively studied metallocarboxylate [19], treatment with methyl iodide or triflate quantitatively yields Cp(CO)<sub>2</sub>FeCH<sub>3</sub> (M = Na, K) [46] or under carefully controlled conditions Cp(CO)<sub>2</sub>FeCO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> (M = Li, Mg/2) [47]. The former result corresponds to (reversible) CO<sub>2</sub> dissociation from the 'less tightly bound' CO<sub>2</sub> adducts followed by methylation of Cp(CO)<sub>2</sub>Fe<sup>-</sup>. The more oxophilic silyl chlorides quantitatively trap Cp(CO)<sub>2</sub>FeCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>M<sup>+</sup> as Cp(CO)<sub>2</sub>FeC(O)OSiR<sub>3</sub> [20,48], irrespective of the metallocarboxylate counterion.

(thin film)  $3283 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (br s, v O–H), 867 (v Si–O), (identical to that reported) [59]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $C_6D_6$ )  $\delta$  7.51 (mult, o-H), 7.21 (mult, m- and p-H), 1.25 (s, OH), 0.24 (s, Me); (CDCl<sub>2</sub>) 7.44 (mult, o-H), 7.23 (mult, m- and p-H), 2.29 (br s, OH), 0.24 (s, Me) [Ref. [58] (CDCl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.30 (mult, Ph), 2.62 (br s), 0.55 (s)]; <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ 139.82 (ipso-C), 133.40 (o-C), 129.65 (p-C), 128.00 (m-C), 0.06 (Me); (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.09 (ipso-C), 133.38 (o-C), 129.76 (p-C), 128.05 (m-C), -0.09 (Me) [Ref. [60] (CCl<sub>4</sub>) δ 139.7 (ipso-C), 134.1 (o-C), 129.8 (m-C), 128.3 (p-C), 0.6 (Me)];  ${}^{29}$ Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  5.93; (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.04 [Ref. [61] ( $d_8$ -toluene)  $\delta$  5.7]. The rhenium compounds  $Cp^* Re(NO)(CO)_2^+ BF_4^-$  [62] and  $Cp^{*}(CO)(NO)ReCO_{2}H[30]$  were prepared by literature procedures and judged pure by IR and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.

### 2.2. Preparation of silanolates

#### 2.2.1. $NaOSiEt_3$ (5)

The silanolate 5 was prepared by the same procedure as that reported for NaOSi( $CH_2$ )<sub>2</sub> [63]. A solution of triethylsilanol (1.31 g, 9.90 mmol) in diethyl ether (20 ml) was cooled in an ice bath and treated with pentane-washed sodium spheres (227.9 mg, 9.91 mmol). After warming to room temperature overnight, the clear solution was filtered through Celite, which was washed with ether  $(3 \times 5 \text{ ml})$ . The combined ether filtrates were evaporated to give a white solid. This solid, which did not crystallize from pentane at -60 °C, was dried in vacuo overnight. Yield 5 1.239 g (81%). IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>): 2949 s, 2907 s, 2869 s, 2804 w, 1464 m, 1417 m, 1377 w, 1228 m, 1011 s, 985 s, 958 s, 939 s,  $cm^{-1}$ ; (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>): 1418 m, 1227 m, 1010 s, 985 s, 958 s, 939 s, 729 s, 713 s, 668 w, cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  1.07 (t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 8.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.53 (q,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.0$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>); (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta 0.89$  (t,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.1$  Hz), 0.36 (q,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.9$  Hz);  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}$  NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) (inverse gated decoupling)  $\delta 9.00$ (t,  ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 118 \text{ Hz}, \text{ CH}_{2}$ ), 8.15 (q,  ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 125 \text{ Hz}, \text{ CH}_{3}$ ); (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.24, 6.56 [Ref. [60] (CCl<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  9.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 8.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>)];  ${}^{29}\text{Si}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  -0.84 [Ref. [61] ( $d_8$ -toluene)  $\delta - 0.6$ .

#### 2.2.2. NaOSiMe, Ph (6)

The same procedure was used with phenyldimethylsilanol (2.0669 g, 13.6 mmol), ether (20 ml), and sodium spheres (0.3185 g, 13.85 mmol). The resulting cloudy solution (10 h, room temperature) was filtered and evaporated; the product was dissolved in pentane (10 ml) and cooled at  $-20^{\circ}$ C overnight to produce a white crystalline product. After the solution was drained with a cannula, the crystals were washed with cold ( $-30^{\circ}$ C) pentane (3 ml) and dried in vacuo for 4 h. Yield **6** 1.594 g (67%). IR (CCl<sub>4</sub>): 3066 m, 2945 m, 1495 w, 1426 m, 1245 m, 1110 s, 986 s, 980 s, 972 sh, cm<sup>-1</sup>; (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>) 1426 m, 1243 m, 1110 m, 988 s, 968 sh, 816 s, 787 w, 765 s, 737 m, 704 m, 687 w, 664 w, 636 m, cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.50 (dd, J = 7.85, 1.25 Hz, o-H), 7.25 (t, J = 7.05 Hz, m-H), 7.18 (tt, J = 7.30, 1.50 Hz, p-H), 0.24 (s, Me); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  145.86 (ipso-C), 132.50 (o-C), 129.12 (p-C), 128.93 (m-C), 2.89 (Me) [Ref. [60] (CCl<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  145.8 (ipso-C), 132.6 (o-C), 129.1 (m-C), 3.1 (Me)]; <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  - 12.56 [Ref. [61]  $\delta$  ( $d_8$ -toluene) - 12.3].

# 2.3. Synthesis of $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2SiEt_3$ (3)

# 2.3.1. Reaction between $Cp^*(CO)_2(NO)Re^+Bf_4^-$ and $NaOSiEt_3$ (5)

A lemon yellow  $CH_2Cl_2$  solution (20 ml) of  $Cp^*Re(NO)(CO)_2^+BF_4^-$  (0.300 g, 0.607 mmol) was treated with a solution of 5 (94 mg, 0.61 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (1.0 ml). During the dropwise addition of 5 over 5 min the reaction solution turned orange, which left an orange solid after evaporation of the solvent. A pentane solution  $(3 \times 5 \text{ ml})$  of the residue was filtered through Celite, reduced in volume to 5 ml, and cooled to -78 °C. The resulting yellow-orange microcrystalline precipitate was separated from the pentane solution (cannula), and the crystals were washed with cold (-78 °C) pentane  $(2 \times 1.0 \text{ ml})$  and dried in vacuo. Yield 3 302 mg (92%). IR (pentane,  $CH_2Cl_2$ ,  $Et_2O$ , THF): (1982, 1975, 1976,  $1972 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $v_{C=0}$ ), (1721, 1706, 1715,  $1709 \,\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ,  $v_{\mathrm{NO}}$ ), (1607, 1596, 1606, 1604 cm<sup>-1</sup>)  $v_{\rm C=0}$ ). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  1.68 (s, Cp<sup>\*</sup>Me), 1.20  ${}^{2}J_{H\alpha H\beta} = 14.7 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J_{H\alpha H} = 7.50 \text{ Hz}, 3H, CH \alpha_{\mu}$ (m,  ${}^{2}J_{H\alpha H\beta} = 14.7 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J_{H\alpha H} = 7.50 \text{ Hz}, 3H, CH \alpha_{\mu}$ ), 0.96 (m,  ${}^{2}J_{H\alpha H\beta} = 14.7 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J_{H\alpha H} = 7.50 \text{ Hz}, 3H, CH \alpha_{\mu}$ ), 0.93 (m,  ${}^{2}J_{H\beta H\alpha} = 14.7 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J_{H\beta H} = 8.40 \text{ Hz}, 3H, CH H_{\beta}$ );  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}^{1}APT{}^{1}(C_{6}D_{6}) \delta 208.5 (\text{ReCO}), 190.9 (\text{ReCO}_{2}), 0.94 \text{ Hz}$ 104.5 (Cp<sup>\*</sup>), 9.7 (Cp<sup>\*</sup>Me), 7.3 (SiCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); 6.0  $(SiCH_2CH_3)$ ; <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR  $\delta$  17.91. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>ReSi: %C, 40.13; %H, 5.61. Found: %C, 39.87; %H, 5.41.

2.3.2. Reaction between  $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2H$  and  $Et_3SiCl / NEt(i-Pr)_2$ 

An orange  $CH_2Cl_2$  solution (2 ml) of  $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2H$  (53.9 mg, 0.127 mmol), precooled to 5°C, was treated with  $NEt(i-Pr)_2$  (25µl, 0.14 mmol). No color change was noted after  $ClSiEt_3$  (21.5µl, 0.128 mmol) was added dropwise (microliter syringe). After stirring for 30 min at 5°C, the solvent was evaporated, and the orange residue was extracted with pentane (2 × 5 ml) and filtered. The pentane was concentrated in vacuo to 2 ml; the orange solution was cooled to -78 °C; and the temperature was maintained for 1 h. Supernatant solution was removed with a cannula from the resulting orange crystals, which were dried in vacuo for 1 h. These were identified by quantitative <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy (anisole internal standard) as spectroscopically pure Cp  $(CO)(NO)ReCO_2SiEt_3$  (3) (61% yield).

#### 2.4. Synthesis of $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2SiMe_2Ph$ (4)

2.4.1. Reaction between  $Cp^*(CO)_2(NO)Re^+BF_4^-$  and NaOSiMe<sub>2</sub> Ph (6)

 $Cp^{*}(CO)_{2}(NO)Re^{+}BF_{4}^{-}$  (300 mg, 0.607 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (20.0 ml) was treated with a  $CH_2Cl_2$  solution (1.0 ml) of **6** (174 mg, 0.607 mmol) over 5 min. The resulting orange colored solution was immediately evaporated, extracted into pentane  $(3 \times 5.0 \text{ ml})$ , and filtered through Celite. The volume was reduced in vacuo to 5 ml before cooling to -78 °C. The yellow-orange Cp\*(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>2</sub>Ph (4) that precipitated was separated, washed with cold  $(-78 \,^\circ C)$  pentane  $(2 \times$ 1.0 ml), and dried in vacuo. Yield of the microcrystalline solid 4 was 301 mg (89%). IR (pentane, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>O, THF): (1982, 1976, 1978, 1972 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $v_{C=0}$ ),  $(1720, 1706, 1715, 1709 \,\mathrm{cm}^{-1}, v_{NO}), (1612, 1602, 1610, 1600, 1610, 1610, 1600, 1610, 1600,$  $1608 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $v_{C=0}$ ). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $C_6 D_6$ )  $\delta$  7.87 (m, o-H), 7.27 (m, m-H); 7.20 (m, p-H, Ph), 1.63 (s, Cp\* Me), 0.69 (s, 3H, SiMe<sub> $\alpha$ </sub>), 0.68 (s, 3H, SiMe<sub> $\beta$ </sub>); (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 7.66 (m, o-H), 7.38 (m, m- and p-H), 2.10 (s, Cp <sup>2</sup> Me), 0.50 (s, 3H, SiMe<sub>α</sub>), 0.49 (s, 3H, SiMe<sub>β</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ 207.95 (ReCO), 191.30 (ReCO<sub>2</sub>), 139.10 (ipso-C), 134.23 (o-C), 129.50 (p-C), 127.91 (m-C), 104.44 (Cp<sup>\*</sup>), 9.66 (Cp<sup>\*</sup>Me), 0.05 (SiMe<sub>A</sub>), -0.14 (SiMe<sub>B</sub>); (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  207.63 (ReCO), 191.92 (ReCO<sub>2</sub>), 138.83 (ipso-C), 133.73 (o-C), 129.41 (p-C), 127.75 (m-C), 104.92 (Cp<sup>\*</sup>), 10.08 (Cp<sup>\*</sup> Me), -0.53 (SiMe<sub>A</sub>), -0.61 (SiMe<sub>B</sub>); <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR  $\delta$  4.32. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>ReSi: %C, 42.99; %H, 4.69. Found: %C, 43.46; %H, 4.80.

# 2.4.2. Reaction between $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2H$ and $PhMe_2SiCl / NEt(i-Pr)_2$

To a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution (2 ml) of Cp<sup>+</sup>(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>H (51.5 mg, 0.121 mmol), precooled to 5°C, was added a slight excess of NEt<sup>i</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub> (23.5  $\mu$ l, 0.135 mmol). Then PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiCl (20  $\mu$ l, 0.119 mmol) was added dropwise with rapid stirring. The solution was kept at 5°C for 10 min before the CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was evaporated in vacuo and the orange residue was extracted with pentane (2 × 2 ml). The combined extracts were filtered and cooled to -78°C. Orange crystals of **3** appeared within minutes; after 20 min, the pentane was removed with a cannula and the orange solid was dried in vacuo. It was identified as spectroscopically pure **4**; yield 39 mg (58%).

# 2.5. Preparation of $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2^-M^+$ (7): IR spectral studies

#### 2.5.1. M = Li

A 50 ml round-bottom flask with a side arm was charged with LiH (750 mg, 94 mmol), Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>H (251 mg, 0.592 mmol), and a stirbar. The flask was then capped with a septum and immersed in ice-water. THF (10 ml) was added. After 1 h stirring, an IR spectrum of the orange supernatant solution indicated complete conversion to Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>Li<sup>+</sup> (7Li<sup>+</sup>). IR (THF) 1950  $(v_{C \equiv O})$ , 1675  $(v_{NO})$ , 1514, 1484  $(v_{OCO asym})$ , 1332, 1257  $(v_{OCO sym})$ , 1380  $(v_{Cp*})$  cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### 2.5.2. M = Na

A 40 ml centrifuge tube was charged with a 60 wt.% NaH oil dispersion (100 mg, 2.50 mmol) and a stirbar and then capped with a septum. A nitrogen atmosphere was established in the centrifuge tube via a syringe needle attached to a Schlenk line. The NaH dispersion was washed with THF  $(2 \times 4 \text{ ml})$ ; the washings were removed with a syringe, and the remaining NaH was dried in vacuo for 5 min. Cp\*(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>H (53 mg, 0.12 mmol) was added to the centrifuge tube by momentarily removing its septum. The nitrogen atmosphere was re-established, and the centrifuge tube was placed in an ice-water bath and chilled THF (10ml) was added. After stirring for 15 min, the tube was centrifuged, and an IR spectrum of the orange solution revealed quantitative conversion of the starting material to  $Cp^{*}(CO)(NO)ReCO_{2}^{-}Na^{+}$  (7Na<sup>+</sup>). IR (THF): 1947  $(v_{C \equiv 0})$ , 1676  $(v_{NO})$ , 1490 (br.  $v_{OCO asym}$ ), 1320, 1248  $(v_{\text{OCO sym}})$ , 1382  $(v_{\text{Cp}*})$  cm<sup>-1</sup>.

# 2.6. Silation of $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2^-Na^+$ (7Na<sup>+</sup>)

#### 2.6.1. PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiCl

In a centrifuge tube Cp\*(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>H (24 mg, 0.058 mmol) plus THF-washed NaH (51 mg, 1.3 mmol NaH) in THF (5 ml) were transformed into  $7Na^+$  at 5°C. After stirring the suspension for 15 min, the tube was centrifuged, and the supernatant was transferred via cannula to a 50 ml round-bottom flask. This orange solution, chilled to 5°C, was treated with PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiCl (9.8 µl, 0.060 mmol). An IR spectrum indicated the presence of Cp\*(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>2</sub>Ph (4) as the only detectable Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)(NO)Re compound  $(v_{C=0})$ 1973,  $v_{N=0}$  1709,  $v_{C=0}$  1608). An NMR spectrum of the red-brown oil, after evaporation of solvent, in  $C_6 D_6$ (anisole internal standard) was consistent with a 60% yield of 4 as the major product, along with 5% Cp\*(CO)(NO)ReH and another 5% contribution of an unidentified Cp \* (CO)(NO)Re compound ( $\delta$  1.48).

### 2.6.2. Et<sub>3</sub>SiCl

A THF solution (5 ml) containing 0.058 mmol of  $7Na^+$  was treated with Et<sub>3</sub>SiCl (7.0 µl, 0.042 mmol) at 5 °C. In several experimental runs, IR spectra of the resultant solutions revealed variable amounts of Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>SiEt<sub>3</sub> (3) and Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)(NO)ReH.

NMR spectra were consistent with yields of 44-58% **3** and 15-33% Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)(NO)ReH as the only detectable Cp<sup>\*</sup> Re compounds.

# 2.7. Reaction of $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2^-Li^+$ (7Li<sup>+</sup>) and $Ph_3SnCl$

A suspension of LiH (50 mg, 6.3 mmol) and Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>H (26 mg, 0.062 mmol) in 5 ml of THF (5 °C) was stirred for 1 h. The orange suspension was filtered and the filtrate was transferred to a second flask that contained Ph<sub>3</sub>SnCl (24 mg, 0.062 mmol). An IR spectrum of this solution indicated the presence of C p \* (CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>SnPh<sub>3</sub> as the only Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)(NO)Re material present ( $v_{C=0}$  1973,  $v_{N=0}$  1710). The THF was removed in vacuo and NMR spectral analysis (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, anisole internal standard) of the yellow-brown oil revealed a 67% yield of Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>SnPh<sub>3</sub> [30,51]:  $\delta$  2.04 (s, Cp<sup>\*</sup>).

2.8. Reaction of  $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2^-Na^+$  (7Na<sup>+</sup>) with  ${}^{13}CO_2$ 

A solution of  $7Na^+$ , prepared as described above, was subjected to a freeze-pump-thaw cycle. The frozen solution was treated with  ${}^{13}CO_2$  (8.0 Torr, 4.60 ×  $10^2$  ml, at 23.5 °C, 0.20 mmol); the  $N_{2(1)}$  bath was removed, and after the THF had melted the solution was stirred for 15 min. An IR spectrum of the orange solution indicated the presence of only Cp<sup>+</sup>(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>H, Cp<sup>+</sup>(CO)(NO)ReH, CO<sub>2</sub>, and  ${}^{13}CO_2$ .

# 2.9. Reaction of $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2^-Li^+$ (7Li<sup>+</sup>) with ${}^{13}CO_2$

A frozen suspension of 7Li<sup>+</sup> was treated with <sup>13</sup>CO<sub>2</sub> ( $4.60 \times 10^2$  ml, 4 Torr, 23 °C, 0.1 mmol). After the THF had melted, the solution was stirred for 5 min and a nitrogen atmosphere was re-established. IR spectral analysis revealed the presence of <sup>13</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>, Cp<sup>+</sup>(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>H, and Cp<sup>+</sup>(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>Li. Within 15 min a suspension had formed; an IR spectrum of the supernatant solution showed Cp<sup>+</sup>(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>H in addition to a broad peak centered at 1450 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### 3. Results and discussion

The silanolates used in this study, NaOSiEt<sub>3</sub> (5) and NaOSiMe<sub>2</sub>Ph (6), were prepared by deprotonation of the requisite silanols. These silanols were obtained by modification of literature procedures for the basic hydrolysis of chlorosilanes in a nonaqueous medium [64]. The hydrolysis of CISiMe<sub>2</sub>Ph must be done carefully in

order to prevent subsequent condensation of  $HOSiMe_2Ph$  to its disiloxane  $PhMe_2SiOSiMe_2Ph$ , a side reaction which is not problematic for the preparation of  $HOSiEt_3$ . Both silanols were easily purified by vacuum distillation.

Treatment of these silanols with sodium in diethyl ether, analogous to the procedure of Belmonte and Own for the preparation of NaOSiMe<sub>3</sub> [63], provided the silanolates NaOSiEt<sub>3</sub> (**5**) and NaOSiMe<sub>2</sub>Ph (**6**) in 67% and 81% yields respectively. Both **5** and **6** were obtained as white solids, although only the latter was crystallized (pentane, -20 °C). These white, free-flowing powders are soluble in hydrocarbon, arene, ether, and halocarbon solvents. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of these silanolates revealed that diethyl ether was not coordinated to sodium; presumably their solid state structures retain [NaOSiR<sub>2</sub>R']<sub>n</sub> oligomers similar to those reported for the alkali metal salts of trimethylsilanol [65].

Solution IR spectra of these silanolates in CCl<sub>4</sub> and cyclohexane exhibit shifts in their intense v(Si-O) stretching frequencies from 867 cm<sup>-1</sup> (HOSiMe<sub>2</sub>Ph) and 839, 834 cm<sup>-1</sup> (HOSiEt<sub>3</sub>) to ca. 950–1000 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Exact assignments of the v(Si-O) stretches for **5** and **6** were precluded as this region also has v(C-C) modes. Similar spectral features were noted by Caulton and coworkers in the spectra for the silanolates of triphenyl-silanol and t-butyldimethylsilanol [66]. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra of these silanolates are unremarkable and only demonstrate small shifts with respect to the silanols (see Section 2). <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> reveal that deprotonation of the silanols resulted in upfield chemical shifts of 18.2 ppm (SiEt<sub>3</sub>) and 18.5 ppm (SiMe<sub>2</sub>Ph).

Scheme 1 outlines the three synthetic procedures that we used to obtain the rhenium silyl esters  $Cp^{*}(CO)(NO)ReC(O)OSiR_{3}$  [(3)  $SiR_{3} = SiEt_{3}$ ; (4)  $SiR_{3} = SiMe_{2}Ph$ ]. In the first and most effective route, treatment of the rhenium carbonyl salts  $[Cp^{*}Re(CO)_{2}(NO)]BF_{4}$  [62] with the silanolates 5 and 6 in dichloromethane yielded 3 and 4 respectively in ca. 90% yields. Substitution of tetrahydrofuran as the solvent provided lower yields (< 55%) of 3, which cannot



Scheme 1.

be attributed to the lack of stability of 3 in tetrahydrofuran. Isolated samples of 3 are stable as tetrahydrofuran solutions for at least 3 h. Both silyl ester complexes are yellow-orange microcrystalline solids that are readily soluble in hydrocarbon and ether solvents. Although both 3 and 4 in these solutions are thermally stable, traces of water hydrolyze them to  $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2H$  [30] and the parent silanol.

Solution IR spectra of 3 and 4 are consistent with the nonchelating metalloester structures depicted. Their silylester v(C=O) bands, at 1604 and 1608 cm<sup>-1</sup> (THF) respectively, are only slightly lower than the corresponding absorptions for the parent acid  $Cp^{*}(CO)(NO)ReC(O)OH$  and its methyl ester  $Cp^{*}(CO)(NO)ReC(O)OCH_{3}$  [54] (1627) and 1630 cm<sup>-1</sup>). For comparison, the corresponding tin ester Cp \* (CO)(NO)ReC(O)OSnMe<sub>3</sub> has its ester v(C=O)band at  $1524 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (THF) or at  $1510 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (KCl), whereas  $Cp^{*}(CO)(NO)Re(CO_{2})SnPh_{3}$  shows its  $v(OCO)_{asym}$  absorption at 1429 cm<sup>-1</sup> (KCl) [30,51]. Results of X-ray structure determinations of these ReSn metalloesters confirmed that the former has a nonchelating  $\mu(\eta^1$ -C: $\eta^1$ -O) ester linkage, whereas the latter retains a bimetallocarboxylate  $\mu(\eta^1-C;\eta^2-O,O')$  ligand [30,51]. IR stretching frequencies for the CO and NO ligands on 3 and 4 resemble those of C p \* (C O)(N O) R e C (O) O Ha n d  $Cp^{*}(CO)(NO)ReC(O)OCH_{3}$ .

The presence of the chiral rhenium center yields diastereotopic methylene hydrogens for **3** and diastereotopic methyl groups for **4**, which are observed in their NMR spectra. Other NMR spectral assignments were routine with the possible exception of the <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts for the Re-CO and Re-CO<sub>2</sub>. We assigned the lower field resonances (ca. 208 ppm) to Re-CO and the  $\delta$  191 peaks to the ester CO in consonance with very similar observations for the analogous rhenium acid, methyl ester, and the aforementioned tin esters. The <sup>29</sup>Si{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR chemical shifts for **3** and **4** are remarkably close to those of their respective silanols.

The second synthetic procedure for 3 and 4 entailed treating  $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2H$  with the appropriate chlorosilane in the presence of diisopropylethylamine. This procedure was patterned after that commonly used to silate organic carboxylic acids [67]. We obtained moderate conversions (55–60%) to 3 and 4, which were isolated spectroscopically pure in these small-scale reactions. No further attempts were made to optimize these reactions.

In the third route to 3 and 4 we generated the u n k n o w n rhenium CO<sub>2</sub> adducts Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>M<sup>+</sup> (7Li<sup>+</sup>, 7Na<sup>+</sup>), which then were silated with the requisite silyl chlorides. Treatment of THF solutions of Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>H with excess LiH or NaH at 5°C afforded orange supernatant solutions of the carboxylate anion 7Li<sup>+</sup> and 7Na<sup>+</sup>.

Interestingly,  $7\text{Li}^+$  proved to be rather stable, surviving for at least 20 min at room temperature; in contrast, reactions with  $7\text{Na}^+$  had to be carried out within 20 min at 5 °C, since it degraded to give Cp\*(CO)(NO)ReH [68]: IR ( $v_{C=0} = 1749$ ,  $v_{NO} = 1683$ ). We did not attempt to purify  $7\text{Li}^+$  and  $7\text{Na}^+$  beyond separating them from excess metal hydride. Similar attempts to prepare  $7\text{K}^+$  using KH or KN(Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (between 0 and - 78 °C) provided only mixtures of Cp\*(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>H and Cp\*(CO)(NO)ReH, as deduced by IR spectral monitoring. Attempts to trap  $7\text{K}^+$ with ClSiEt<sub>3</sub> afforded only variable mixtures of Cp\*(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>H and Cp\*(CO)<sub>2</sub>(NO)Re<sup>+</sup>.

Degradation of 7 evidently does not involve reversible CO<sub>2</sub> dissociation to give the unknown metalates Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)(NO)Re<sup>-</sup>M<sup>+</sup>. Treatment of solutions containing 7Na<sup>+</sup> or 7Li<sup>+</sup> with two or three equivalents of 99% <sup>13</sup>CO<sub>2</sub> (between 0 and -78 °C) provided no evidence for Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)(NO)Re<sup>13</sup>CO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>M<sup>+</sup>. Furthermore, 7Na<sup>+</sup> decomposed to Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>H and Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)(NO)ReH as observed for reactions in the absence of exogenous <sup>13</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>. With 7Li<sup>+</sup> the presence of <sup>13</sup>CO<sub>2</sub> decomposed 7Li<sup>+</sup> within 15 min to Cp<sup>\*</sup>(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>H. Apparently, excess CO<sub>2</sub> induces decomposition of 7Li<sup>+</sup>. Under similar conditions, Cp(CO)<sub>2</sub>FeCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>Na<sup>+</sup> readily exchanged ligated CO<sub>2</sub> and incorporated <sup>13</sup>CO<sub>2</sub> [20].

The metallocarboxylates 7Li<sup>+</sup> and 7Na<sup>+</sup> were characterized by their solution IR spectra. Their terminal carbonyl and nitrosyl stretching frequencies exhibit the expected [19,20,46-48] shifts to lower energies (20- $26 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $32-34 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  respectively) with respect to  $v_{C=0}$  and  $v_{NO}$  stretches for the neutral silvl esters 5 and 6 and  $Cp^*(CO)(NO)ReCO_2H$ . The metallocarboxylate v(OCO) absorptions for 7Li<sup>+</sup> and 7Na<sup>+</sup> closely resemble those that we recently reported for  $Cp(CO)_2FeCO_2^-M^+$  (Li<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>) [20]. Two sets of  $v(OCO)_{asym}$  and  $v(OCO)_{sym}$  absorptions were observed for 7Li<sup>+</sup>, whereas a single, broad  $v(OCO)_{asym}$  and two  $v(OCO)_{sym}$  absorptions were noted for 7Na<sup>+</sup>. This doubling of the anticipated carboxylate v(OCO) absorptions has been attributed to the presence of metallocarboxylate monomers and dimers with, for example, chelating and bridging Li<sup>+</sup> respectively. For 7Li<sup>+</sup> and 7Na<sup>+</sup>, we measured separations of the metallocarboxylate absorptions,  $\Delta v(\text{OCO}) = [v(\text{OCO})_{asym} - v(\text{OCO})_{sym}]$ , of 208 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 206 cm<sup>-1</sup> respectively, which is consistent with an ionic or  $(\eta^1$ -C: $\eta^2$ -O,O') metallocarboxylate structure.<sup>6</sup> These values are somewhat lower than those observed for Cp(CO)<sub>2</sub>FeCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>Li<sup>+</sup> and Na<sup>+</sup> (323- $305 \,\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ), but only slightly higher than the  $\Delta v(\mathrm{OCO})$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The well established IR spectral correlations involving absorptions for ligated organic carboxylate  $\text{RCO}_2^- \text{M}^+$ ,  $\Delta \nu(\text{CO}_2) = [\nu(\text{CO}_2)_{\text{asym}} - \nu(\text{CO}_2)_{\text{sym}}]$ , were used [69].

value of  $187 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  that Gladysz and coworkers reported for Cp(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>Li<sup>+</sup> [12].

Deprotonation of a metallocarboxylic acid appears to be a viable synthetic route to rhenium metallocarboxylates. Gladysz group's  $Cp(PPh_3)(NO)ReCO_2^-Li^+$  and  $K^+$ , for example, were generated by LiH or KH deprotonation of  $Cp(NO)(PPh_3)ReCO_2H$  at room temperature [12]. Previous examples include generating basic aqueous solutions of  $Cp(NO)(CO)ReCO_2^-Na^+$  or  $Et_3NH^+$  and  $Cp(N_2Ar)(CO)ReCO_2^-Li^+$ ,  $Na^+$ , or  $Ca^{+2}$ [10,11]. Recent attempts to deprotonate (dppe)(CO)\_3ReCO\_2H, however, yielded only its hydrido derivative (dppe)(CO)\_3ReH [35].

The ready availability of the new rhenium metallocarboxylates  $7\text{Li}^+$  and  $7\text{Na}^+$ , unfortunately, did not prove to be particularly useful for the current study. Silation of  $7\text{Na}^+$  with Et<sub>3</sub>SiCl or PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiCl provided **3** or **4** in only moderate 40–60% yields. Attempts to silate  $7\text{Li}^+$  gave varying amounts of Cp \* (CO)(NO)ReH and very little of the desired silyl esters **3** or **4**. Although these small-scale procedures admittedly were not optimized, considerable effort nonetheless would have been required in order to isolate and purify **3** or **4** from  $7\text{Na}^+$ . We do, however, include an experimental for transforming  $7\text{Li}^+$  and Ph<sub>3</sub>SnCl to the known stannyl ester Cp \* (NO)(CO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>SnPh<sub>3</sub> in 67% yield [30,51]. Future reports will detail on using  $7\text{Li}^+$  and  $7\text{Na}^+$  for the synthesis of ReRh [53] and ReZr [70]  $\mu$ -CO<sub>2</sub> complexes.

### 4. Conclusions

We used three procedures to synthesize the rhenium silvl esters  $Cp^{*}(CO)(NO)Re-C(O)OSiEt_{3}$  (3) and  $Cp^{*}(CO)(NO)ReC(O)OSiMe_{2}Ph$  (4). Their synthesis by treatment of Cp\*(CO)(NO)ReCO<sub>2</sub>H with the requisite chloroalkylsilane and diisopropylethylamine was limited by the moderate conversion (55-60%) to 3 and 4. Reactions between the new metallocarboxylate  $Cp^{*}(CO)(NO)ReCO_{2}^{-}Na^{+}$  (7Na<sup>+</sup>) and the chloroalkylsilane likewise provided only moderate yields of 3 and 4 (40-60%), whereas  $7Li^+$  gave only trace amounts of the same products. The most efficient preparation of 3 and 4 was to add a silanolate NaOSiEt<sub>3</sub> (5) or  $NaOSiMe_2Ph$  (6) to a methylene chloride solution of  $Cp^{*}(CO)_{2}(NO)Re^{+}BF_{4}^{-}$ . These reactions afforded 90% isolated yields of 3 and 4 as stable orange-yellow solids; their IR and NMR spectral data are consistent with nonchelating  $\mu(\eta^1$ -C: $\eta^1$ -O) metalloester structures.

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