Trans Addition of the Elements Pd-Cl to a Diene

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Abstract: The first example of a stable σ -bonded palladium complex, resulting from the addition of the elements of Pd-Cl to a double bond is described. Trans addition takes place at the ring double bond of 5-vinyl-2-non-bornene, with the palladium atom endo and coordinated to the endo vinyl group. Other nucleophilic additions to this diene in the presence of PdCl₂ are described. The stereochemistry, as well as the substitution pattern, is determined by nmr using Eu(dpm)₃.

This research is part of a study to evaluate the effect of diene structure on nucleophilic additions to palladium-diene complexes. It has been shown that dicyclopentadiene (1) forms the monomeric π,π com-



plex 2, which is attacked by nucleophiles at the norbornene double bond giving the σ -bonded dimeric complex 3.^{1,2} The palladium and platinum complexes of 4-vinylcyclohexane (4) also react with nucleophilic



reagents, but in this case reaction occurs at the acyclic double bond, as in 5.³ From these and similar results, ¹ it has been concluded that if the diene has an acyclic double bond, this is preferentially attacked.⁴ In an effort to determine the causes of this preference we investigated reactions of 5-vinyl-2-norbornene (6), a diene which has both the strained norbornene double bond, and an acyclic double bond.

Results

Diene complexes of palladium are often prepared by allowing an excess of the diene to react with a solution



of bis(benzonitrile)palladium dichloride [(PhCN)₂Pd-Cl₂] in benzene. The deep red color of the benzonitrile complex fades to a light yellow and the relatively insoluble π,π complex precipitates. However, when an excess of 5-vinyl-2-norbornene (6) is allowed to react under these same conditions, the red solution turns yellow, but no precipitate forms. Removal of the benzene leaves a pale yellow granular solid which can be recrystallized from CHCl₃/ligroin. Elemental analysis indicates the empirical formula of this compound to be C₉H₁₂Cl₂Pd, and osmometric molecular weight determination establishes this as a dimeric species. When this solid is stirred with a 1.5 M KCN solution in CCl₄, one obtains a clear liquid which, on the basis of its nmr spectrum,⁵ was identified as pure endo-5-vinyl-2-norbornene. These results indicate that selective complex formation has occurred with the endo isomer⁶ of the diene resulting in the formation of a μ -bridged dimeric species; we believe this species to have structure 7a because it has the solubility characteristics of a σ, π complex and because of the following additional evidence.

Initial attempts to purify the dimeric complex 7a by passing it through a silica gel column using CHCl₃/ EtOAc (8:1) as eluent resulted in the formation of a new dimeric complex 7b (empirical formula $C_{10}H_{15}OClPd$), whose nmr spectrum (Figure 1b) is very similar to that for complex 7a (Figure 1a) except that the chloride appears to have been replaced by an ethoxy group. Treatment of the ethoxy complex 7b with LiCl in methylene chloride containing a trace of HCl produced the chloro complex 7a (see eq 3). Treatment of 7a with NaBH₄ in toluene or diisobutyl aluminum hydride in

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Figure 1. Nmr spectra (60 MHz) of (a) complex 7a and (b) complex 7b in CDCl₃ with TMS as internal standard.

toluene or with hydrogen in benzene gave hydrocarbons which contained no halogen atoms.

In the nmr spectrum of complex 7a the downfield



doublet of doublets at $\delta = 5.82$ ppm is assigned to H₈, which couples with H₉ (J = 8 Hz) and H₁₀ (J = 14 Hz). The latter protons appear as doublets at δ 4.55 and 4.62 ppm, respectively. These couplings are typical for a vinyl group.⁷ The absorptions are shifted slightly from those of the parent diene as is expected upon coordination to the metal.⁸ There is an additional absorption at δ 4.55 ppm which we assign to H₂; this absorption shifts to higher field (δ 3.85 ppm) when the chloride group is replaced with the less electronegative ethoxy group.^{1.7} The unresolved multiplet at δ 3.25 ppm is tentatively assigned to H₃, in agreement with the values found by other workers in related systems.^{2,9,10} A similar multiplet at δ 2.58 ppm is thought to be the

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allylic proton H_5 ; the chemical shift of this proton varies very little within the range of nucleophiles studied, and Shoolery's rules predict a value of δ 2.81 for an allylic, exo proton in an unperturbed system.⁷

The palladium must be in the endo position, otherwise intramolecular coordination with the vinyl group, which has been shown to be endo, would not be possible. Were the chloride in 7a cis to the palladium, the H₂-H₃ coupling in the nmr would be 9–10 Hz.^{7,8b} Since the width at half-height of H₂ is only 5.5 Hz, we conclude that the Cl is trans to the Pd and thus exo, the same orientation of nucleophile as observed in other systems.²

Additional evidence for the exo orientation of the chlorine atom stems from comparison of the nmr spectra of 7a and acetate complex 7d. Complex 7d was prepared from 7a by treatment with NaOAc, or by reaction of diene 6 with $PdCl_2$ (or Na_2PdCl_4) in HOAc/NaOAc. Hydrogenation of 7d afforded acetate 8, which was hydrolyzed to alcohol 9. Oxidation of alcohol 9 to the ketone followed by reduction of the ketone with LiAlH(OCH₃)₃ afforded an alcohol (10)



different from 9. The reduction of norbornane is

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Figure 2. Nmr spectra (60 MHz) of (a) *endo*-norborneol in the presence of 0.54 mol of $Eu(dpm)_3$ and (b) alcohol 10 in the presence of 0.36 mol $Eu(dpm)_3$ in CCl₄ with TMS as internal standard (mol of $Eu(dpm)_3 = [Eu]/[alcohol])$.

known to occur from the less congested side to give the endo alcohol as the major isomer;¹¹ therefore, alcohol **9** must be the exo isomer, and the complex from which it was derived must have been formed by nucleophilic attack from the exo side. The similarity between the nmr spectra of **7a** and **7d** (see Experimental Section) allows us to infer that the chlorine atom in **7a** is also exo.

The formation of 7d from 7a appears to occur by a dechloropalladation-acetoxypalladation reaction similar to the alkoxy exchange reactions observed by Stille in the dicyclopentadiene complex.² Since complex 7a can also be obtained by exchange between LiCl and 7b (eq 3) and since all the derivatives (7) seem to have the same exo orientation of the group N, it appears that the formation of complexes of general structure 7 are best explained by exo attack of a nucleophile on an intermediate diene complex. Clearly in the formation of 7a from diene 6 the chloride comes from the palladium salt, but we note that the same product 7a is obtained when external chloride ion is present. We interpret this to mean that the reaction begins by some nucleophile (water or trace chloride ion, etc.) attacking the intermediate diene π,π complex, ejecting a chloride ion (eq 1), which is free to attack another π,π complex, ejecting another chloride ion, in a chain reaction. Thus while the chloride ion is originally derived from the palladium salt, it attacks the double bond from outside the coordination sphere of the palladium in an intermolecular, exo attack trans to the palladium.

To establish the position of the nucleophile with respect to the vinyl group, alcohol 10 was subjected to a shift reagent study using $Eu(dpm)_3$,¹² with pure *endo*norborneol as a model. The absorptions in the spectrum for *endo*-norborneol (Figure 2a) were assigned analogously with those of *endo*-norborneol (the latter assignments were based on decoupling experiments).¹³ The 6-endo proton, β to the hydroxyl group, is easily recognized since it is shifted less than H₂, but more than H₁. The spectrum of alcohol **10** (Figure 2b) shows an absorption which is shifted analogously to H_{6n}, indicating the presence of an endo proton B to the hydroxyl group. Therefore the hydroxyl group must be at C-2 as shown in **10**, for if it were at C-3, the absorption for an endo proton β to the hydroxyl group would be absent.

The ethoxy and methoxy complexes (7b and 7c) could be prepared from the diene directly by reaction with PdCl₂ in the appropriate alcohol. Under these conditions dicyclopentadiene similarly gave the σ,π complexes in high yield, but 1,5-cyclooctadiene and norbornadiene gave predominantly the π,π complexes (see eq 4). In the latter cases, complete conversion to



 σ,π complexes could be affected by the addition of base (Na₂CO₃) to the reaction medium. Attempts to prepare the chloro complex of dicyclopentadiene (3, N = Cl) by reaction of the methoxyl adduct 3 (N = OMe) with LiCl and HCl gave only the π,π complex 2.

Conclusions

The two substrates, dicyclopentadiene (1) and 5vinyl-2-norbornene (6), exhibit similar reactivity in their reaction with $PdCl_2$ in methanol in the absence of base; in each case the methanol attacks the norbornene double bond, forming a σ, π complex. The relief of strain in the norbornyl system has been invoked to explain the site of nucleophilic attack in the dicyclo-

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pentadiene π,π complex (2),² and still appears to determine the site of reaction even when the competing double bond is acyclic. Norbornadiene and cyclooctadiene do not add methanol under neutral conditions owing to the greater stability and lower reactivity of the corresponding π, π complexes.¹⁴ This increased stability results from the favorable parallel alignment of the double bonds, which affords maximum overlap between the d orbitals of the metal and the π orbitals of the diene.15

Although the two substrates, 1 and 6, react similarly with PdCl₂ in methanol, they react quite differently with (PhCN)₂PdCl₂ in benzene; dicyclopentadiene (1) forms the π,π complex 3, but 5-vinyl-2-norbornene (6) forms the σ, π chloro complex 7a. The question arises of how the difference in structure of 1 and 6 leads to this difference in reactivity. The lack of coupling between H₅ and H₈ in the nmr of 7a suggests a dihedral angle between them of 90° (J = 8 Hz in 6).⁷ There are two possible conformations having this dihedral angle, A and B. Conformation A involves severe steric



crowding of H_{10} with H_{6n} (1.4 Å), whereas in conformation B this interaction is relieved. Thus it appears that the terminal methylene group in 7a-d lies outside rather than under the norbornene ring system. This conformation of the diene would be poor for π,π complex formation, but good for σ, π complex formation.

Although the 5-vinyl-2-norbornene π,π complex could not be isolated, even at -40° in methylene chloride, its existence can be implied from the fact that the ethoxy complex (7b) could be formed from the chloro complex (7a) and vice versa (eq 1). Similar exchange reactions have been observed by Stille² in the dicyclopentadiene complex, and by Anderson¹⁶ in the 1,5cyclooctadiene complex.

Addition of the elements of Pd-Cl to acetylenes,¹⁷ allenes,18 and cyclopropanes19 are general organopalladation reactions, resulting in formation of stable chloropalladation adducts. Although many catalytic, 20, 21 exchange and isomerization 22 reactions are

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thought to proceed via σ -bonded chloro complexes, none of these intermediates has been isolated. In the carbonvlation of 11, the formation of 13 is thought to involve initial trans addition of Pd-Cl to give intermediate 12.23,24 The formation of chloro complex 7a



from 5-vinyl-2-norbornene represents the first isolation of the product of trans addition of the elements of Pd-Cl to a diene, and, as such, supports mechanisms invoking these additions. Further work on this interesting system is continuing in these laboratories.

Experimental Section

Melting points were taken on a Mel-temp apparatus and are uncorrected. Spectral measurements were made on the following instruments: ir, Perkin-Elmer Model 237B grating spectrophotometer; nmr, Varian Associates Model A-60; molecular weights, Melchrolab osmometer; vpc/mass spectra, Du Pont Model 21-490.25 Elemental analyses were performed by either Schwarzkopf Microanalytical Lab, Woodside, N. Y., or Hoffmann-La Roche, Inc., Nutley, N. J.

Bis(benzonitrile)palladium dichloride was prepared by the method of Kharasch;²⁶ 2-exo-norborneol was prepared according to Brown;²⁷ 2-endo-norborneol was prepared according to Brown;²⁸ 5-vinyl-2-norbornene was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co., and was used without further purification; the palladium salts were purchased from Englehart Industries.

General Procedure for the Reaction of Diolefins with Palladium Salts. The palladium salt and the solvent were placed in a 25-ml erlenmeyer flask, a serum cap was attached, and the flask was flushed with nitrogen. The diene was injected into the flask, and the contents were stirred until either a new solid had formed, or a color change indicated completion of reaction. The contents were filtered, and precipitate was washed with ligroin and dried. Additional solid could be obtained by diluting the solvent layer with ligroin and filtering as before.

Dí-µ-chloro-bis(2-exo-chloro-5-endo-viny1-3-norbornyl)dipalla dium (7a). A. From Bis(benzonitrile)palladium Dichloride. The general procedure was followed using 0.2145 g (0.56 mmol) of (PhCN)₂PdCl₂ and 0.5 ml of the diene in 5 ml of benzene. The red color faded, but no solid formed. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give a pale green solid, which was recrystallized from CHCl₃/ligroin to afford 0.1513 g (91%) of 7a as a tan, granular solid; the solid darkened at 180° but did not decompose until 220°; ir (KBr) ν 1560 (w, coordinated C=C) cm⁻¹; mol wt (toluene) 588 (calcd, 595.02). When the above reaction was repeated using acetone as solvent, a copious precipitate formed immediately. This had identical ir and nmr spectra with the above compound. Reaction in acetone at -60° gave identical results.

Anal. Calcd for C18H24Cl4Pd2 (595.02): C, 36.33; H, 4.06; Cl, 23.84; Pd, 35.76. Found: C, 36.55; H, 3.97; Cl, 23.30 (Hoffmann-La Roche #91760).

B. From Na₂PdCl₄. The general procedure was followed using 0.2850 g (1.0 mmol) of Na₂PdCl₄ and 0.2 g of the diene in 10 ml of acetone. After the mixture was stirred for 4 hr, 0.2357 g (80%) of a pale yellow solid was collected after work-up. This solid was identified as 7a on the basis of ir and nmr spectra.

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C. From PdCl₂. The general procedure was followed using 0.190 g (1.1 mmol) of PdCl₂ and 0.25 g of the diene in 10 ml of benzene. This was stirred for 8 hr, during which time the brown solid gradually turned yellow. After normal work-up, 0.304 g (93%) a yellow solid was found, which gave ir and nmr spectra identical with 7a prepared above.

Di- μ -chloro-bis(2-exo-ethoxy-5-endo-vinyl-3-norbornyl)dipalladium (7b). The general procedure was followed using 0.3610 g (2.0 mmol) of PdCl₂ and 0.5 g of the diolefin in 15 ml of ethanol. The mixture was stirred for 3 days, during which time the color changed from a muddy brown to a pale yellow. This solid was isolated as usual to give 0.5249 g (91%) of complex 7b: mp 153-154° dec; ir (KBr) ν 1515 (w, coordinated C=C) cm⁻¹; nmr (CD-Cl₃) see Figure 1b.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{20}H_{30}Cl_2O_2Pd_2$ (586.17): C, 40.98; H, 5.16; Cl, 12.10; Pd, 36.30. Found: C, 41.17; H, 5.20; Cl, 12.28; Pd, 36.13 (Schwarzkopf #347319).

Complex 7b was also formed by passing complex 7a through a short silica gel column using $CHCl_3/EtOAc$ as eluent; or by stirring a chloroform solution of 7a with ethanol. These products were identified by comparison of their nmr spectra.

Reaction of Ethoxy Complex 7b with LiCl and HCl. The ethoxy complex 7b (0.043 g, 0.07 mmol) and 0.03 g (0.7 mmol) of LiCl was stirred in 10 ml of CH₂Cl₂ containing a drop of concentrated HCl. After 1 hr, the mixture was washed with water and the organic layer dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give 0.034 g of a yellow solid, the nmr of which was identical with that of complex 7a. The solid started to darken at 170°, and decomposed over a broad temperature range.

Di- μ -chloro-bls(2-exo-methoxy-5-endo-vinyl-3-norbornyl)dipalladium (7c). The general procedure was followed using 0.3532 g (2.0 mmol) of PdCl₂ and 0.5 g of the diene in 15 ml of methanol. After 2 days a yellow solid was isolated and recrystallized from methanol to give 0.4334 g (74%) of complex 7c as yellow platelets: mp 142-144° dec; ir (KBr) ν 1520 (w, coordinated C=C) cm⁻¹; mmr (CDCl₃) δ 5.63 (1 H, d of d, $J_{8,10} = 14$ Hz, $J_{8,9} = 8$ Hz, H_3), 4.73 (1 H, doublet, H_{10}), 4.45 (1 H, doublet, H_9), 3.69 (1 H, broad singlet, H_2), 3.24 (3 H, singlet, OCH₃), 2.88 (1 H, mound, H_3 or H_3), 2.68 (1 H, mound, H_5 or H_3), 1.0-2.5 (6 H, complex band) ppm.

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This complex (7c) was also obtained in 46% yield by reaction of the diene with Na₂PdCl₄ in methanol.

Di- μ -chloro-bis(2-exo-acetoxy-5-endo-vinyl-3-norbornyl)dipalladium (7d). The general procedure was followed using 0.177 g (1.0 mmol) of PdCl₂, 0.20 g (2.4 mmol) of NaOAc, and 0.5 g of the diene in 15 ml of acetic acid. After the mixture was stirred for 5 days, a yellow solid was isolated. Recrystallization from CHCl₃/ ligroin gave 0.2960 g (92%) of complex 7d: mp 189° dec; ir (KBr) ν 1710 (s, C=O) and 1510 (w, coordinated C=C) cm⁻¹; nmr (CDCl₃) δ 5.93 (1 H, d of d, $J_{8,10} = 14$ Hz, $J_{8,9} = 8$ Hz, H_8), 4.62 (1 H, doublet, H_{10}), 4.57 (1 H, doublet, H_9), 5.24 (1 H, broad singlet, H_2), 3.0 (1 H, mound, H_3 or H_3), 2.78 (1 H, mound, H_5 or H_3), 1.97 (3 H, singlet, OCOCH₃), 0.9–2.16 (6 H, complex band) ppm.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{22}H_{30}Cl_2O_2Pd_2$ (642.18): C, 41.15; H, 4.71; Cl, 11.05. Found: C, 41.39; H, 4.71; Cl, 11.63 (Hoffmann-La Roche #91944).

Decomposition of 7a with KCN. The complex (0.2 g) was stirred for 1 hr with a solution 1.5 *M* KCN (5 ml) and 5 ml of CCl₄. The clear solution was separated and the organic phase dried over Mg-SO₄. Evaporation of the solvent gave 0.0512 g of a clear liquid, identified by nmr as pure 5-*endo*-vinyl-2-norbornene.⁵

Reaction of 1,5-Cyclooctadiene with PdCl₂ in Methanol. The general procedure was followed using 0.188 g (1.06 mmol) of Pd-Cl₂ and 0.5 g of 1,5-cyclooctadiene in 10 ml of methanol. After 8 hr, a gold-colored precipitate had formed. This was isolated (0.238 g) and identified as (1,5-cyclooctadiene) PdCl₂, mp 210° dec (lit.¹⁹ mp 210-215° dec). The methanol layer was evaporated to leave 0.0169 g of a pale yellow solid, identified as di- μ -chloro-bis(2-methoxycyclooct-5-enyl)dipalladium, mp 130–140° dec (lit.¹ mp 136–140° dec).

When the above procedure was repeated using 0.2 g (2.0 mmol) of Na₂CO₃, a gray solid formed after 5 hr. The methanol was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was taken up in 50 ml of CH₂Cl₂. This was washed with water, treated with Norit, and dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was evaporated to leave 0.1237 g (88%) of di- μ -chloro-bis(2-methoxycyclooct-5-enyl)dipalladium, mp 126-136°.

Reaction of Dicyclopentadiene with PdCl₂ in Methanol. The general procedure was followed using 0.175 g (1.0 mmol) of PdCl₂ and 0.25 g of the diene in 10 ml of methanol. The mixture was stirred for 24 hr, resulting in the formation of a pale yellow solid. This was isolated in the usual manner to give 0.2756 g (91%) of a yellow powder, identified as the methoxy adduct **3** (N = OMe) on the basis of nmr² and melting point data, mp 165–180° (lit.¹ mp 166–170° dec).

Reaction of Norbornadiene with PdCl₂ in Methanol. The general procedure was followed using 0.177 g (1.0 mmol) of PdCl₂ and 0.25 g of the diene in 10 ml of methanol. The mixture was stirred for 8 hr, and the dark golden solid which had formed was isolated in the usual manner to give 0.2560 g (94%) of a solid identified as (norbornadiene) PdCl₂, mp 180–210° dec (lit.² mp 190–200° dec).

When the above reaction was repeated with the addition of 0.2 g (2.0 mmol) of Na₂CO₃ in 50 ml of methanol, a muddy solid was formed. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the resulting mixture taken-up in 50 ml of CH₂Cl₂. This was washed with water, treated with Norit, and filtered while hot. Evaporation of the solvent left 0.1187 g of a yellow solid identified as the methoxy adduct of (norbornadiene) PdCl₂, mp 125° dec (lit.² mp 134-137° dec).

Hydrogenation of 7d. A solution of acetoxy complex 7d (1.28 g, 2.0 mmol) in 100 ml of acetone was hydrogenated on a Paar apparatus for 1 hr at 30 psi. The product was filtered and the acetone removed under reduced pressure. The residue was taken-up in ether, washed with 10 ml of 5% NaHCO₃, and dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was evaporated to leave 0.485 g (67%) of 2-exo-acetoxy-5-endo-ethylnorbornane (8) as a clear, sweet smelling liquid: ir (CCl₄) ν 1735 (s, C=O) cm⁻¹; nmr (CCl₄) δ 4.43 (1 H, multiplet, CHOAc), 1.92 (3 H, singlet, OCOCH₃), 0.5–2.3 (14 H, complex band) ppm; mass spectrum (peaks \geq 50% intensity) *m/e* (rel intensity) 184 (M⁺ + 2, 1), 183 (M⁺ + 1, 2), 139 (50), 122 (70), 95 (75), 94 (90), 93 (75), 79 (60), 67 (68), 66 (100), 55 (62), 43 (88); no parent peak was visible.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{11}H_{18}O_2$ (182.3): C, 72.49; H, 9.95. Found: C, 72.15; H, 9.43 (Hoffmann-La Roche $\frac{2}{\pi}$ 92335).

Hydrolysis of 8. Acetate 8 (0.5 g, 2.75 mmol) was refluxed with 0.5 g of KOH in 10 ml of 95% ethanol for 1 hr. The solution was poured into 10 ml of water and the ethanol was removed under reduced pressure. The aqueous solution was extracted with ether, and the ether layer was washed with 10 ml of 5% HCl and dried over MgSO₄. The solvent was evaporated to leave 0.35 g (92%) of 2-exo-hydroxy-5-endo-ethylnorborane (9) as a clear, viscous liquid: ir (CCl₄) ν 3610 (w, free OH) and 3320 (m, broad, associated OH) cm⁻¹; nmr (CCl₄) δ 3.55 (1 H, unresolved multiplet CHOH), 2.60 (1 H, singlet, OH), 2.0 (2 H, mound, bridgehead H), 0.7-2.0 (12 H, complex band) ppm.

Oxidation of 9. Alcohol 9 (0.205 g, 1.46 mmol) and 5 ml of ether were placed in a 50-ml round-bottomed flask, which was immersed in an ice bath. The solution was stirred rapidly while 5 ml of "Brown's oxidant"²⁹ (4 N Na₂Cr₂O₇/H₂SO₄) was added through a dropping funnel. After 5 min, a green color persisted and an additional 5 ml of the oxidant was added. This mixture was stirred at 0° for 1 hr. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ether layers were combined, washed with 10 ml of 5% NaHCO₃ solution followed by 10 ml of water, and dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation of the solvent left 0.14 g (71%) of 5-endo-ethylnorbornanone as a clear liquid: ir (CCl₄) ν 1755 (s, C=O) cm⁻¹; nmr (CCl₄) δ 0.7-2.6 (complex band) ppm; mass spectrum (peaks \geq 40% intensity) *m/e* (rel intensity) 139 (M⁺ + 1, 6), 138 (M⁺, 46), 109 (40), 95 (63), 94 (100), 81 (63), 79 (60), 67 (78), 55 (50), 41 (76).

Reduction of 5-*endo*-Ethylnorbornanone. The ketone (0.142 g, 1.03 mmol) was added to a previously prepared solution of LiAl- $(OCH_{3})_{3}H$ (0.0105 g, 0.275 mmol, of LiAlH₄ and 0.0264 g, 0.825 mmol, of methanol)²⁸ in 10 ml of THF at 0°. This mixture was stirred for 1 hr, and the excess hydride was hydrolyzed with 1 ml of water. The solution was extracted with ether, and the ether layer was dried over MgSO₄. Evaporation of the solvent left a slightly cloudy mixture. This was passed through a short alumina (Woelm, neutral) column and eluted with pentane followed by ether. The ether portion was evaporated to leave 0.128 g (89%) of 2-*endo*-hydroxy-5-*endo*-ethylnorbornane (10) as a clear viscous liquid: ir (CCl₄) ν 3610 (w, free OH) and 3330 (m, broad, associated OH)

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cm⁻¹; nmr (CCl₄) δ 4.10 (1 H, d of d of d, $J_{1,2} = 4$ Hz, $J_{2,3n} = 5$ Hz, $J_{2,3x} = 10$ Hz, CHOH), 2.60 (1 H, singlet, OH), 0.9–2.3 (14 H, complex band) ppm.

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Effects of Base Association and Strength upon Base-Promoted Syn Eliminations

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Abstract: Primary deuterium isotope effects and Hammett ρ values for syn E2 reactions of *trans*-2-arylcyclopentyl tosylates promoted by associated and dissociated alkoxide ion bases have been determined. More carbanionic transition states are observed for a dissociated base than the corresponding associated base. Transition states with greater carbanionic character and C_{β}-H bond rupture are found for a stronger dissociated alkoxide ion base in an alcoholic solvent of lower polarity.

B as association has been postulated to facilitate transition states for base-promoted syn eliminations by allowing simultaneous coordination of the counterion with the base and leaving group as depicted in 1, where X is the leaving group, B is the base, and M



is the counterion.^{2,3} In order to assess transition-state differences for syn eliminations induced by (a) associated and dissociated alkoxide base species, 1 and 2, respectively, and (b) dissociated alkoxide ion bases of varying strength, the following investigation was conducted.

Results and Discussion

Reactions of trans-2-arylcyclopentyl tosylates 3, with



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various bases produce 1-arylcyclopentene 4, by activated syn elimination and 3-arylcyclopentene, 5, by unactivated anti elimination.⁴⁻⁶ Formation of 5 by unactivated syn elimination is unimportant.⁶ Since rates of anti elimination producing 5 should be insensitive to variation of Y⁷ or substitution of deuterium for hydrogen at Z in 3, relative rates of formation of 4 may be determined with reference to the internal standard 5 by product analysis.

Associated and Dissociated Alkoxide Ion Bases. The relative proportions of 4a and 5a obtained from reactions of 3a with 0.10 *M* t-BuOK-t-BuOH in the absence and presence of two crown ethers⁸ are presented in Table I. Addition of the strong potassium ion

Table I. Effect of 6 and 7 upon the Relative Proportions of Isomeric Phenylcyclopentenes Formed in Reactions of 0.025 M 3a with 0.10 M t-BuOK-t-BuOH at 50.0°

Crown ether	[Crown ether], M	Total phenylcyd 1-Phenyl- cyclopentene	clopentenes, % 3-Phenyl- cyclopentene
6 6 6	0.031 0.049 0.10	89.2 ± 0.5^{a} 46.5 ± 0.3^{a} 33.0 ± 0.2^{a} $30.1 \pm 0.7^{a,b}$	$ \begin{array}{r} 10.8 \pm 0.5 \\ 53.5 \pm 0.3 \\ 67.0 \pm 0.2 \\ 69.9 \pm 0.7 \end{array} $
6 6 7	0.17 0.22 0.10	$ \begin{array}{c} 29.5 \pm 0.3^{a} \\ 30.8 \pm 0.4^{a} \\ 90.7 \pm 0.4^{a} \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 0.5 \pm 0.7 \\ 70.5 \pm 0.3 \\ 69.2 \pm 0.4 \\ 9.3 \pm 0.4 \end{array} $

^a Standard deviation from repetitive analysis of product mixture. ^b Average of values from three runs conducted by three different investigators.

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