

Figure 1. (a) A structure of the twin complex,  $[{Co(tren)}_2(tae)]^{4+}$ . (b) The side view of tren parts from the right-hand side of (a). (c) The mirror image of (b).



Figure 2. Absorption and circular dichroism spectra of partially resolved complexes.

coordination compounds. We have selected the Co(tren) system as the partner of 1,1,2,2-tetraacetylethane anion (tae). Molecular model of the resulting twin complex (see Figure 1) shows a novel structure in which the two units of [Co(acac)(tren)]<sup>2+</sup> types are bound to tae at right angles to each other. Although the unit itself has a symmetry plane neglecting the conformational structure of a chelate ring, the symmetry is invalidated in the twin complex. Therefore it is expected that the twin complex can be resolved into optically active isomers.

The complex was prepared analogously to  $\beta$ -diketonato complexes and gave compatible IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, and absorption spectra and elemental analysis data with the expected twin structure. The red complex was subjected to recycling chromatography on an SP-Sephadex (C-25,  $\phi$  4.4 × 90 cm) column using an aqueous 0.25 M sodium  $(+)_{589}$ -tartrate solution as eluent. The flow rate of the elution was about 80 mL per hour. After the 20th recycling the adsorbed complex could not be separated into two bands, but the circular dichroism spectrum of the initial part (solid line shown in Figure 2) of the elution curve showed the mirror image of that of the last part (dotted line). The rotatory strength of the latter fraction is significantly weaker than that of the former, indicating partial resolution. Success in resolution confirms that the complex has the expected structure

as shown in Figure 1, and the two units of [Co(acac)(tren)]<sup>2+</sup> types cannot rotate freely around the central C-C bond of tae.

Since the two units of [Co(acac)(tren)]<sup>2+</sup> types are bound perpendicularly and two acetylacetonato-ring units cannot conjugate to each other, the absorptivity of the twin complex must be 2 times that of  $[Co(acac)(tren)]^{2+}$ . Comparing the obtained CD spectrum to that of naphthyl derivative, we can assign the two peaks, 18 500 and 20 800 cm<sup>-1</sup>, to  $B_1 \leftarrow A_1$  and  $B_2 + A_2 \leftarrow$ A<sub>1</sub> transitions, respectively. Complete CD spectra and the other detailed characterizations will be reported on later.

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## Catalytic Incorporation of Carbon Monoxide into a Ketonic Carbon. Conversion of Cyclobutanones to Disiloxycyclopentenes with Hydrosilane and Carbon Monoxide in the Presence of Cobalt Carbonyl<sup>1</sup>

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Carbonylation of carbon-carbon double bonds with the aid of transition-metal complexes is a popular catalytic reaction,<sup>2</sup> which finds fruitful application in industry, hydroformylation of olefins being a representative example.<sup>2,3</sup> In contrast, catalytic carbonylation of carbon-oxygen double bonds (i.e., carbonyl group) with carbon monoxide remains almost unexplored. Of the two available reaction sites in a carbon-oxygen double bond, Ccarbonylation (eq 1) is more important than O-carbonylation,<sup>4</sup>

$$\underset{R}{\overset{\mathbf{0}}{\underset{R'}{\overset{}}}}_{R'} + c\mathbf{0} + XY \xrightarrow{\mathbf{0}}_{R'} \underset{R'}{\overset{\mathbf{0}}{\underset{R'}{\overset{}}}}_{R'} (1)$$

since the former could bring about carbon-chain extention.<sup>5</sup> Investigation devoted to finding effective catalyst systems that would enable the conversion of formaldehyde to glycolaldehyde (eq 1, R = R' = X = Y = H), or to ethylene glycol, via Ccarbonylation have been made.<sup>6</sup> Few examples are known of the transition-metal catalyst system that is effective for Ccarbonylation of higher aldehydes<sup>7,8</sup> (eq 1, R = alkyl; R' = H).

(5) The following unknown reaction may illustrate the importance of Ccarbonvlation:

 $CH_3COCH_3 + H_2O + CO \rightarrow (CH_3)_2C(OH)COOH \rightarrow$  $CH_2 = C(CH_3)COOH + H_2O$ 

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Scheme I



To the best of our knowledge, no example of C-carbonylation of a ketone (eq 1, R = R' = alkyl) has been reported.

Herein we wish to report a novel cobalt carbonyl catalyzed ring enlargement of cyclobutanones with a hydrosilane and carbon monoxide (vide infra, Scheme I). This reaction represents the first example for the catalytic incorporation of carbon monoxide into a ketonic carbon. Moreover, the transformation is potentially of high synthetic utility. The starting cyclobutanones are readily obtained from olefins and ketenes.<sup>9</sup> The products are disiloxycyclopentenes, which contain the enediol disilyl ether moiety that is known to be a versatile synthon.<sup>10</sup>

The difficulty in achieving reaction 1 lies mainly in the correct selection of a suitable catalyst that undergoes the regioselective addition that affords an  $\alpha$ -oxyalkyl transition-metal intermediate 1.<sup>11</sup> Intermediate 1 is required for the successive insertion of



carbon monoxide and hence for C-carbonylation. The use of  $R_3SiCo(CO)_4$  (2), which can be generated in situ in  $HSiR_3/$  $CO/Co_2(CO)_8$  system,<sup>1,12</sup> seemed promising. The addition of 2 across the carbon-oxygen double bond was expected to take place in the desired direction because of the high oxygenophilicity of silicon.<sup>13</sup> We attempted the carbonylation of several ketones such as acetone, acetophenone, and cyclohexanone, using HSiEt<sub>2</sub>Me/CO/Co<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>8</sub>-PPh<sub>3</sub> (a system to give 2) at 1-80 atm and 25-180 °C, but only in vain. For example, the only product obtained from cyclohexanone was an enol silvl ether  $3^{14}$  The result suggests that an  $\alpha$ -oxyalkylmetal carbonyl 4, if it is formed from cyclohexanone and 2, would undergo  $\beta$ -hydride elimination to give  $HCo(CO)_3$  and 3 rather than carbon monoxide insertion. Consequently, adamantanone (10 mmol), which might not give the corresponding enol silyl ether because of the ring strain, was reacted with HSiEt<sub>2</sub>Me (30 mmol) and CO (50 atm) in the

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This has been suggested in the catalytic formylation of aldehydes.<sup>8,12</sup>
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11c.

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Table I. Synthesis of Disiloxycyclopentenes<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: cyclobutanone (2.5 mmol), HSiEt<sub>2</sub>Me (7.5 mmol), CO (50 atm), CO<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>8</sub> (0.1 mmol), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.1 mmol), C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (5 mL), 20 h. <sup>b</sup> For structural assignment, see supplementary material. <sup>c</sup> GLC yields based on cyclobutanones. Isolated yields are in parentheses. <sup>d</sup> Compound 9 was contaminated with a small amount (3% GLC yield) of 8.

presence of  $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8/\text{PPh}_3$  (0.4 mmol/0.4 mmol) in benzene (10 mL) at 140 °C for 20 h. Although simple hydrosilylation predominated, incorporation of carbon monoxide did take place (eq 2).<sup>15</sup>

$$\begin{array}{c} & \begin{array}{c} & \begin{array}{c} & HSiEt_2Me, c0 \\ \hline C_{0,2}(C0)_{8}/PPh_{3} \\ & 50^{\circ} atm, 140^{\circ}C \end{array} \end{array} \xrightarrow{0SiEt_2Me} + \begin{array}{c} & \begin{array}{c} & OSiEt_2Me \\ \hline & OSiEt_2Me \\ & 42\% \end{array} \end{array}$$

Encouraged by these observations, the reaction of cyclobutanone whose ring strain might also surpress the competitive enol ether formation was studied. The result of the experiment carried out under similar conditions as above (175 °C, 50 atm) was somewhat surprising. The product formed was disiloxycyclopentene 5, which showed the clean incorporation of carbon monoxide (Scheme I). The result would imply that C-formylation and cationic ring enlargement<sup>16</sup> took place in the sequence outlined in Scheme I.<sup>17</sup>

Importantly, from the viewpoint of organic synthesis, the present catalytic reaction provides a novel method for the formation of five-membered rings containing a useful functional group (i.e., disiloxyalkene<sup>10</sup>). This new chemistry has been found applicable to the synthesis of polycyclopentanoids, an important class of compounds.<sup>18</sup> The results are presented in Table I. An example of the usefulness of these products is shown in eq 3. The overall

$$\int_{\mathcal{T}} \frac{1}{\operatorname{ref } 9b} \quad \mathcal{I} \to \lim_{\mathcal{T}} \frac{H_3P0_4}{\operatorname{ref } 19} \quad \int_{12}^{\mathcal{T}} \quad (3)$$

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clopentenone annulation at an olefinic linkage.

The present methodology for C-carbonylation of a carbonyl compound (i.e., the use of Lewis-acidic silicon to bind unshared electrons of the carbonyl oxygen) could be broader than mononuclear catalyst system. A cluster or a heterogenous surface, having a metal center and a Lewis-acid center located at a suitable distance, might also be envisaged as a potentially effective catalyst.

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Synthesis of Neutral Ruthenium Formyls by Hydride Transfer from [Ph3PCuH]6. Evidence for a **Radical-Initiated Decomposition of Neutral Formyl** Complexes

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In recent years increased importance has been placed on the understanding of mechanistic routes involved in the reduction of carbon monoxide by transition-metal complexes.<sup>1</sup> During the course of these studies, metal formyl and metal hydroxyalkyl complexes have been proposed as viable intermediates in the reduction of carbon monoxide.<sup>1,2</sup> We report here the reaction of a transition-metal hydride cluster,  $[Ph_3PCuH]_{6}^3$  with  $(\eta$ - $C_5Me_5)Ru(CO)_3^+BF_4^-(1)^4$  and  $(\eta - C_5Me_5)Ru(CO)_2(PMe_2Ph)^+I^-$ (2) to produce the new neutral formyl complexes  $(\eta - C_5 Me_5)Ru$ - $(CO)_2CHO$  (3) and  $(\eta$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)Ru(CO)(PMe<sub>2</sub>Ph)CHO (4).<sup>5</sup> In

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addition, we disclose data that indicate that neutral formyl complexes can decompose by a radical chain mechanism and are, therefore, stabilized in the presence of radical scavengers.

When 1 equiv of red [Ph<sub>3</sub>PCuH]<sub>6</sub><sup>3</sup> (238 mg, 0.12 mmol) dissolved in 2 mL of degassed THF (tetrahydrofuran) is added to a THF (2 mL) slurry of  $(\eta - C_5 Me_5)Ru(CO)_3^+BF_4^{-4}$  (50 mg, 0.12) mmol), the resulting solution almost immediately turns pale yellow with concomitant precipitation of a vellow, copper-containing solid. IR and <sup>1</sup>H NMR show that this solution contains approximately a 1:1 mixture of  $(\eta$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)Ru(CO)<sub>2</sub>H (5) and  $(\eta$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)Ru- $(CO)_2$ CHO (3). The hydride complex 5 is known,<sup>4</sup> and 3 is clearly identified by its carbonyl stretches [ $\gamma_{CO}$  (THF) = 2020, 1965, 1642 cm<sup>-1</sup>] and its <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ), which shows singlets at  $\delta$ 14.0 (CHO) and 1.50 (C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>). Interestingly, 3 shows varying degrees of stability, which range from decomposing rapidly to 5 to persisting for several hours. This behavior is reminiscent of radical-initiated organometallic reactions,6 and in fact, the presence of radical scavengers causes a marked change in the copper hydride reduction just described. When the reduction is performed in the presence of 5 equiv of 9,10-dihydroanthracene, a known hydrogen atom donor,<sup>7</sup> the formyl complex is quantitatively formed by IR and NMR. Complex 3 still decomposes over several hours, and attempts to isolate it always give a mixture of 3 and 5. Extremely brief exposure of 3 to air causes the complete transformation of 3 to 5.

A deeper probe of the radical character of the decomposition of neutral formyl complexes is possible with the stable phosphine-substituted complex  $(\eta$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)Ru(CO)(PMe<sub>2</sub>Ph)CHO (4). Although 4 can be synthesized from cation 2 by using

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