## **Bimetallic Organotransition-Metal Tautomers of a** Chiral Enolate. Preparation of $[(\eta^{5}-C_{5}H_{5})Fe(CO)(PPh_{3})C(CH_{2})O(Cl)Zr(\eta^{5}-C_{5}H_{5})_{2}]$ and $[(\eta^5 \cdot C_5 H_5)Fe(CO)(PPh_3)C(O)CH_2Au(PPh_3)].$ X-ray Crystal Structure of $[(\eta^{5}-C_{5}H_{5})Fe(CO)(PPh_{3})C(CH_{2})O(Cl)Zr(\eta^{5}-C_{5}H_{5})_{2}]$

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Use of the chiral organometallic enolate  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Fe(CO) (PPh_3)C(CHR)O^-M^+$  in the stereoselective delivery of the acyl fragment  $[Fe]^{*}-C(O)-CHR^{-}$  to organic electrophiles has been studied extensively.<sup>1</sup> In these reactions, the nature of the counter cation M<sup>+</sup> and the substituent R plays a critical role in the control of both reactivity and stereoselectivity.<sup>2</sup>

We now report here that the chiral enolate  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Fe (CO)(PPh_3)C(CHR)O^{-}Li^{+}]$ , which is alkylated at carbon by a variety of organic substrates,<sup>3</sup> can be trapped in either the enol or keto form, by using either oxophylic, i.e.,  $[cp_2ZrCl_2]$ , or carbophylic, i.e.,  $[Au(PPh_3)Cl]$ , metal fragments. The enol form (a)



a. enol.  $ML_x = [(7^5-C_5H_5)_2ZrCl]$  b. keto.  $M'L_y = [Au(PPh_3)]$ 

is similar to some other titanium and zirconium enolates.<sup>4-8</sup> Several of these transition-metal enolates are highly erythroselective aldol condensation reagents.<sup>4,5</sup> The keto form (b) is best viewed as an  $\alpha$ -functionalized metal alkyl,<sup>9</sup> M-CH<sub>2</sub>-(C(O)-[Fe]\*). Due to their divergent structures, however, and to the properties of the organometallic fragments required to trap these structural extremes, the reactivity patterns of the tautomeric forms a and b could differ from one another significantly.

The synthesis of two thermally stable organotransitionmetal-stabilized tautomers of the chiral enolate  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Fe (CO)(PPh_3)(COCH_2)^{-}$  are herein reported. By reaction of the lithium salt of this anion with  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)_2ZrCl_2]$  in THF at -78 °C, the enol derivative a was isolated as a red crystalline solid.<sup>10</sup>

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A view of complex I is shown in Figure 1.<sup>11</sup> Geometry about the iron center is pseudooctahedral, similar to that reported for two related compounds,  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Fe(CO)(PPh_3)]COCH-$ (Me)Et]<sup>1a</sup> and  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Fe(CO)(PPh_3)(COCH_2CH(OH) (CH_2CH_3)$ ].<sup>2a</sup> For complex I P-Fe-C18 = 90.8 (3)°, P-Fe-C16 = 92.9 (3)°, and C18-Fe-C16 = 92.1 (4)°. Analogous angles in  $[(\eta^5 - C_5H_5)Fe(CO)(PPh_3)[COCH(Me)Et]]$  and  $[(\eta^5 - C_5H_5) - (\eta^5 - C_5H_5)Fe(CO)(PPh_3)[COCH(Me)Et]]$ Fe(CO)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(COCH<sub>2</sub>CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)] are respectively 92.5°, 91.6°; 95.3°, 92.12°; and 89.33°, 94.76°. Notably, the perpendicular distance from C16 (Figure 1) to the plane defined by the phenyl ring directly below is >3.3 Å, as compared to 2.89 Å for the analogous distance in  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Fe(CO)(PPh_3)-$ [COCH(Me)Et]].<sup>1d</sup> This, most likely, is the result of steric compression. As predicted for complexes of this type,<sup>1d</sup> the two oxygen atoms (O2 and O1, Figure 1) and anti to one another. The C16-C17 bond distance of 1.331 (12) Å, similar to that reported recently in an analogous (E)-zirconium enolate, (E)- $[Zr[OC(SiMe_3)=CHAr]Cl(\eta^5-C_5H_5)_2]$  (Ar = 9-anthryl),<sup>6</sup> 1.334 (7) Å, indicates a bond order of 2. In addition, the Zr-O bond distance of 1.950 (4) Å in this (E)-zircono enolate, compares to the 1.948 (8) Å bond distance found in complex I. The degree of stereoselectivity achieved in the reaction of  $(\eta^5-C_5H_5)_2Zr$ -(Cl)-enolates with aldehydes<sup>5c</sup> is due to the steric interactions determined, in part, by the short Zr-O bond distance.

By reacting the lithium enolate  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Fe(CO)(PPh_3)-$ (COCH<sub>2</sub>)<sup>-</sup>Li<sup>+</sup>] with chloro(triphenylphosphine)gold(I), [AuCl- $(PPh_3)$ ], in THF at -78 °C, the C-metalation product, b, was isolated as an orange crystalline solid.<sup>12</sup> Although crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were not obtained, the proposed structure is supported by the presence of a >CO band, IR (KBr/Nujol), at

(10)  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Fe(CO)(PPh_3)C(O)CH_3]$  (5.00 g, 11 mmol) was dissolved in THF (125 mL) and cooled to -78 °C; *n*-butyl lithium (6.88 mL, 1.6 M, 11 mmol) in hexane was then added by syringe. The solution immediately changed from orange to dark red. After  $^{1}/_{2}$  h of stirring at -78 °C,  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)_2ZrCl_2]$  (3.27 g, 11 mmol) was added directly. The solution was stirred at -78 °C until the white crystalline  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)_2ZrCl_2]$  could no longer be seen. During this time, approximately 1 h, the solution turned from dark red, back to a bright orange-red. The solution was warmed to room temperature and concentrated to dryness. The resultant red solid was then extracted over a 2-day period with 200 mL of Et<sub>2</sub>O, to give a red crystalline solid,  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Fe(CO)(PPh_3)C(CH_2)O(CI)Zr(\eta^5-C_5H_5)_2]$  (5 g, yield 60%). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{36}H_{32}CIFeO_2PZr$ : C, 60.89; H, 4.54; Cl, 4.99. Found: C, 60.79; H, 4.56; Cl, 5.15. IN (KBr/Nujol)  $\nu$ (CO)(terminal) 1917 cm<sup>-1</sup>. (The CO stretch of the enolate fragment was no longer visible in the carbonyl region.) It will be a straight of the straight of the

mL of an 8:1 Et<sub>2</sub>O:1 HF mixture, filtered (no. 4) and cooled to 7 °C. After 3 days, red crystals, suitable for X-ray analysis, were recovered. (11) Crystal data:  $C_{36}H_{32}CIFeO_2PZr$ ,  $M_r = 710.1$ , triclinic, space group  $P\overline{1}$  (from structural analysis), a = 15.192 (3) Å, b = 11.231 (2) Å, c = 9.829(2) Å,  $\alpha = 108.77$  (2)°,  $\beta = 93.02$  (2)°,  $\gamma = 79.04$  (2)°; V = 1558.8 (6) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 2,  $D_c = 1.513$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\lambda(K\alpha \text{ Mo}) = 0.71069$  Å,  $\mu(Mo K\alpha) = 9.6$  cm<sup>-1</sup>; crystal dimensions  $0.20 \times 0.30 \times 0.35$  mm. Intensities of 5843 independent reflections were measured at room temperature ( $6 < 2\theta < 50^{\circ}$ ) on a Philips PW 1100 diffractometer by using Mo K $\alpha$  radiation. The structure was solved by the heavy-atom method and refined by blocked full-matrix least-solver by the heavy-atom method and refined by blocked full-matrix least-squares with rigid body constraints applied to phenyl and cyclopentadienyl rings. All which right works constraints applied to pheny and cycloperhadicity rings. An ecalculations were carried out using the SHELx-76 program. For 2656 unique observed reflections  $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$  the final R value is 0.053. (12)  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Fe(CO)(PPh_3)C(O)CH_3]$  (3.58 g, 7.88 mmol) was dis-solved in THF (100 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. *n*-Butyllithium in hexane

(4.90 mL, 1.6 M, 7.84 mmol) was then added by syringe. The resultant dark red solution was stirred at -78 °C for 10 min. Chloro(triphenylphosphine)-gold(I) (3.61 g, 7.89 mmol) was then added directly. Immediately, the solution began to turn yellow-orange. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1.5 h until most of the [AuCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)] had dissolved. The clear red-orange solution was then allowed to warm up to room temperature. Between 0 and +5 °C, the solution became turbid as LiCl began to precipitate. The solution, a bright red-orange at room temperature, was filtered (no. 4) to remove LiCl and concentrated to 30 mL. Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) was then added. After sitting overnight at room temperature,  $[(n^{5}-C_{5}H_{5})Fe(CO)(PPh_{3})C(O)CH_{2}Au(PPh_{3})]$  was recovered as a red-orange crystalline solid (ca. 2 g, yield 28%). After three recrystallizations from 1:1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O, an orange microcrystalline solid, suitable for spectroscopic and elemental analysis, was obtained. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>37</sub>AuFeO<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: C, 57.92; H, 4.09; P, 6.79. Found: C, 57.61; H, 4.38; P, 6.79. IR (KBr/Nujol)  $\nu$ (CO)(terminal) 1888 cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\nu$ (CO)(acyl) 1555 cm<sup>-1</sup>; 'H NMR (pyridine- $d_5$ , 360 MHz)  $\delta$  7.20–8.00 (m), 4.63 (d,  $J_{P-H} = 70$  Hz, 5 H, cp), 3.98 (br, m, 1 H, CH<sub>2</sub>) 3.52 (br, m, 1 H, CH<sub>2</sub>). The mass spectrum showed the parent peak at m/e 910 and a fragmentation pattern consistent with the empirical formula proposed. +5 °C, the solution became turbid as LiCl began to precipitate. The solution,

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Figure 1. ORTEP diagram of complex I. Bond lengths (Å): Zr-O1 = 1.948 (8), Zr-Cl = 2.479 (3), Zr-cpl = 2.235 (9), Zr-cp2 = 2.239 (8), O1-C16 = 1.364 (14), C16-C17 = 1.331 (12), Fe-C16 = 1.993 (11), Fe-C18 = 1.740 (10), Fe-cp3 = 1.736 (7), Fe-P = 2.219 (3). Bond angles (°): P-Fe-C18 = 90.8 (3), P-Fe-C16 = 92.9 (3), C18-Fe-C16 = 92.1 (4), Fe-P-C31 = 118.1 (2), cp1-Zr-cp2 = 128.1 (3), Cl-Zr-O1 = 99.0(2).

1555 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 45 cm<sup>-1</sup>, removed from that of the parent acyl,  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Fe(CO)(PPh_3)C(O)CH_3], \nu(CO)(acyl) 1600 \text{ cm}^{-1}.$ (This band was not seen in the enol form, complex I.) By reaction of the thermally unstable lithium enolate  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Fe(CO)-$ (PPh<sub>3</sub>)(COCH<sub>2</sub>)<sup>-</sup>Li<sup>+</sup>] with organotransition-metal halides, chiral metallo keto [Fe]\*-C(=O)-CH2M and metallo enol [Fe]\*- $C(=CH_2)$ —OM' derivatives have been isolated.

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## Novel, Definitive NMR Evidence for N(7), $\alpha$ -PO<sub>4</sub> **Chelation of 6-Oxopurine Nucleotide Monophosphates** to Platinum Anticancer Drugs

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The nature of compounds formed between diverse metal species and nucleotides has received extensive study.<sup>1-7</sup> Although many



Figure 1. 81.01-MHz <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra of 5 mM 5'-IMP after reaction with 10 mM cis-Pt(NH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. All spectra were recorded on the same sample at 25 °C in D<sub>2</sub>O, 90° pulse, 15-s RD. The pD was maintained at  $\sim 6.8$  with 0.010 M PIPES buffer. Shifts were measured from internal trimethylphosphate (central peak). Total elapsed times to midpoint of acquisition were the following: (a) directly after mixing, t = 20 min; (b) after heating at 50 °C for 30 min, t = 90 min; (c) after lowering the pD to 5.8, t = 130 min.

early studies sought metal chelation by the base and the  $\alpha$ phosphate group on the same nucleotide, no such species has been unambiguously established.<sup>3</sup> Furthermore, multiple products are formed between cis-PtA<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (A = amine ligand) and guanosine-type ligands; some of these have not yet been fully charac-terized.<sup>4-7</sup> Such products have been the subject of several studies because guanine bases are the preferred reaction site on DNA We now report that one of these for Pt anticancer drugs.<sup>8</sup> products is the first unambiguous example of the long sought species in which a nucleotide chelates the same metal via a base N and an  $\alpha$ -phosphate O.

We find that one of the reaction products of "aquated" cis-PtA<sub>2</sub>  $(A = NH_3, NH_2CH_3)$  with 5'-GMP, 5'-dGMP, 5'-IMP, or 5'dIMP has spectral characteristics previously interpreted as evidence for dimers such as [cis-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>µ-(5'-GMP-N7,O6)]<sub>2</sub>.<sup>7</sup> Our evidence that this species is in fact the N7,PO chelate cis- $Pt(NH_3)_2(5'-GMP-N7,PO)$  (I) and that I is in equilibrium with cis-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(GMP-N7)(H<sub>2</sub>O) (II)<sup>1</sup> is best illustrated by our study of the equilibrium between the species  $cis-Pt(NH_2CH_3)_2(5'-$ IMP-N7, PO) (III) and its aquated counterpart IV, where the CH<sub>3</sub> and H2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals provide deeper insight into the nature of this unusual compound (see Figure 1).

Our principal findings for monomeric N7,PO chelate compounds are as follows: First, the <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of a pD 6.8 solution of IV has a signal at -0.50 ppm in the upfield region

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