adducts at the amino group without interference from the adjacent carbonyl functionality.7 Correspondingly the allylic bromide 8 opens the door to a wide range of oxyallyl cation chemistry.<sup>8</sup>

This new facet of truly kinetic carbonyl chemistry should reveal a broad spectrum of complementary synthetic transformations that can be anticipated to take place with exceptional stereoelectronic control. These possibilities are being studied.

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## Coupling of a 2-Oxacyclopentylidene and a Phosphonium Ylide Ligand at Platinum. Migratory Insertion of a Fischer Carbene into a Metal Alkyl Bond

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Intramolecular migratory insertion reactions involving transition-metal carbene and  $\sigma$ -carbon ligands are intermediate in several interesting organometallic transformations in which new carbon-carbon bonds are formed.<sup>2</sup> These insertions typically involve highly reactive carbene-alkyl precursors generated in situ; in only one case has a complex which undergoes subsequent in-sertion chemistry been isolated.<sup>2h</sup> Here we report an isolable 2-oxacyclopentylidene bis(phosphonium ylide) complex of platinum that undergoes a facile migration of one phosphonium ylide ligand to the carbene. This process represents both unique reactivity for the platinum oxacyclopentylidene system<sup>3</sup> and, to our knowledge, the first observation of a migratory insertion process involving a phosphonium ylide ligand. In addition, the ultimate organic product of this reaction is a patented synthetic intermediate prepared in low yield by conventional organic methodology.

We considered the bis(phosphonium ylide) complex 1 (Scheme I), prepared by treatment of  $(COD)Pt(CH_2I)_2$  (COD = 1,5-



Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of 5c (the hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity). Selected bond distances (Å): Pt(1)-C(2), 1.990 (22); Pt-(1)-C(7), 2.122 (21); Pt(1)-C(27), 2.092 (22); Pt(1)-P(47), 2.299 (6); C(2)-O(3), 1.325 (27); C(7)-P(8), 1.772 (21); C(27)-P(28), 1.783 (22). Selected bond angles (deg): Pt(1)-C(2)-O(3), 123.2 (17); Pt(1)-C(2)-C(6), 123.2 (17); O(3)-C(2)-C(6), 113.5 (20); C(2)-Pt(1)-C(27), 90.2 (9); C(2)-Pt(1)-P(47), 87.5 (7); P(47)-Pt(1)-C(7), 91.1 (6); C-(7)-Pt(1)-C(27), 91.1 (8); C(2)-Pt(1)-C(7), 174.9 (9); C(27)-Pt(1)-C(7), 174.9 (9); C(27)-Pt(1)-C(27), 174.9 (9); C(27)-Pt(1P(47), 177.4 (6). Least-squares acute plane angle (deg): ((Pt(1)-C-(2)-O(3)-C(6))-((Pt(1)-C(7)-C(27)-P(47), 61.75. Final residuals: R(F) = 0.068 and  $R_w(F) = 0.060$ .

Scheme I



cyclooctadiene) with excess triphenylphosphine,<sup>4</sup> to be an ideal template on which to probe the nature and reactivity of the phosphonium ylide ligand. While the synthesis of ylide complexes has been extensively investigated,<sup>5</sup> substantially less is known about the reactivity of coordinated phosphonium ylides.<sup>6.7</sup> To provide an open coordination site for binding a potentially reactive ligand, abstraction of both iodide atoms was accomplished by using AgBF<sub>4</sub> in anhydrous acetonitrile, giving acetonitrile complex 2 in 82% yield after recrystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/benzene.<sup>8</sup> The cis orientation of the ylide ligands follows from the observation of three signals in the <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum. The coordinated ace-

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vlide ligand may be nucleophilic at carbon, reflecting polarization of the metal-carbon bond, or electrophilic at carbon, reflecting polarization of the carbon-phosphorus bond. In the former case, reactivity involving the intact ylide ligand is expected; in the latter, phosphine loss and reaction of the resultant methylene ligand should be observed

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Scheme II



tonitrile undergoes exchange with  $CD_3CN$  at 45 °C without loss of stereochemical integrity.

Coordination of an oxacyclopentylidene moiety was anticipated by using classical alkynol cyclization methodology.<sup>3</sup> Reaction of acetonitrile complex **2** with 3-butyn-1-ol in  $CH_2Cl_2$  solution required heating to 50 °C and gave instead the synthetically important dihydrofuranylidene phosphonium salt **3**<sup>9</sup> in 87% isolated yield, accompanied by free Ph<sub>3</sub>P, CH<sub>3</sub>PPh<sub>3</sub>+BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> (**4**), and a dark precipitate presumed to be Pt(0). Compound **3** was purified by fractional crystallization from THF/hexanes and its identity confirmed both by complete characterization<sup>8</sup> and independent synthesis.<sup>9a</sup>

To investigate the intermediacy of the expected alkoxy carbene complex in the formation of 3, zwitterionic ylide complex 1 was treated with AgBF<sub>4</sub> at low temperature in the presence of 3-butyn-1-ol. Two isomeric oxacyclopentylidene bis(ylide) complexes,  $5c^{8,10}$  and  $5t^{8,11}$  were formed in approximately equimolar ratio (by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis) and were separated and isolated in 40% and 25% yield, respectively, by a single fractional recrystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/toluene. The structural and stereochemical formulations are fully consistent with the spectroscopic data: characteristic low field carbene carbon resonances and <sup>2</sup>J<sub>PC</sub> values<sup>3c</sup> at  $\delta$  289.1 ( $J_{PC}$  = 5.8 Hz) for cis isomer 5c and  $\delta$  292.8 ( $J_{PC}$  = 137 Hz) for trans isomer 5t. Single crystals of 5c were obtained from methanol/ether solution and structural assignment confirmed by X-ray crystallography (Figure 1). In the solid state, the carbene ligand is unusually distorted from its preferred perpendicular orientation with respect to the square plane of the complex:<sup>12</sup> the carbone plane intersects the square plane at an angle of  $61.75^{\circ}$ .

On warming, the isolated carbene complexes 5 independently or as a mixture convert quantitatively to phosphonium salt 3 and byproducts identical with those obtained starting with acetonitrile complex 2.<sup>13</sup>

Our mechanistic rationale for the formation of 3 from carbene complexes 5c and 5t invokes the intramolecular migration of the intact phosphonium ylide ligand to the alkoxy carbene, followed by  $\beta$ -elimination and release of the organic product (Scheme II).<sup>14</sup> No competitive trapping of free methylenetriphenylphosphorane is observed on reaction of the carbene complex 5c in the presence of excess benzaldehyde, supporting an intramolecular mechanism for the migratory insertion.<sup>15</sup> Decomposition of the 14-electron platinum fragment by reductive elimination accounts for the remainder of the observed reaction products. Evidence for the intermediacy of the hydride complex is obtained by warming the isomeric carbene complexes 5c and 5t in the presence of PPh<sub>3</sub>; under these conditions an intermediate is observed spectroscopically by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. Although this intermediate is also unstable with respect to reductive elimination, it exhibits an upfield resonance at  $\delta$  -5.80 (ddd,  $J_{\rm PH}$  = 125, 18, 12 Hz), consistent with the hydride ligand in cis-bis(phosphine) complex 6.

The reactivity of bis(phosphonium ylide) carbene complexes 5c and 5t toward migratory insertion undoubtedly results from a combination of features, including the cis disposition of the carbene and ylide ligand and the natural polarization of the electrophilic carbene carbon and the presumably nucleophilic alkyl ligand. The sterically congested coordination environment may also contribute both to the unusually twisted carbene orientation and to lowering the activation energy required for formation of the tricoordinate intermediate. Experiments designed to assess the relative importance of these factors are under investigation.

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