

Figure 2. Chromatographic resolution of propranolol. Column 250 × 5 (i.d.) mm; eluent, sodium-acetate buffer pH 4.7, $I = 0.01$, containing 0.5% 2-propanol; (*RS*)-propranolol was dissolved in the eluent; 20 μ L of the solution (6×10^{-5} mol/L) was injected; flow rate 0.3 mL/min, temperature 22 °C; UV detection at 254 nm. The elution order was established by injecting the pure enantiomers.

Hermansson has successfully used the plasma protein α_1 -acid glycoprotein (AGP or orosomucoid) as a chiral stationary phase (CSP) for liquid chromatographic separations of enantiomers.⁹ It has been suggested that the carbohydrate domain of AGP, about 45% of the molecular weight, is involved in the chiral recognition.¹⁰ Proteins without carbohydrates, e.g., bovine serum albumin,^{11,12} and carbohydrates without proteins, e.g., cellulose,^{13,14} have also been utilized as CSPs.

In this study we report briefly the preparation and use of a CSP based on one cellulase, CBH I. Salts and pigments were removed from the crude culture filtrate of *T. reesei* QM 9414 by gel chromatography. Ion-exchange chromatography was used for all remaining purification steps.¹⁵ The homogeneity was tested by SDS-PAGE and IEF-PAGE.¹⁵ The cellulase (CBH I) was covalently bonded to aldehyde silica (particle size 10 μ m) according to the following method. The aldehyde silica, obtained by oxidation of diol silica by periodic acid, and sodium cyanoborohydride were added to a phosphate buffer solution (pH 7) of CBH I. The Schiff's base obtained was reduced by sodium cyanoborohydride to get a stable covalent bond between the cellulase and the silica derivative. The CSP was washed on a sintered-glass filter with the buffer solution. Finally, the material was packed into a steel column (250 × 5 mm i.d.) by using a descending slurry-packing technique.

Examples of direct resolution of racemic drugs (Figure 1) are given in Table I. Alprenolol, metoprolol, propranolol (Figure 2) (β -adrenergic blockers), prilocaine (local anesthetic), and warfarin (anticoagulant) were all well resolved with high stereoselectivity on this cellulase-based CSP using aqueous mobile phases. A surprisingly high stereoselectivity was obtained for alprenolol ($\alpha = 8.3$).

The cellulase-silica material seems to be a promising contribution to the pool of CSPs. The fact that the cellulases are available in huge quantities indicates their potential as chiral selectors in preparative as well as analytical applications.

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(Thioallyl)iron Tricarbonyl Complex by the Reaction of Allene Episulfides with Diiron Nonacarbonyl

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Tautomerism of allene episulfide and cyclopropanethione via a thioallyl intermediate^{1,2} is of great interest since these entities are the sulfur analogues of the well-studied allene oxide-cyclopropanone-oxyallyl³ and methylenecyclopropane-trimethylidene systems⁴ (Scheme I). According to the kinetic^{2f-i} and MCSCF calculation studies,^{2e,g} thioallyl is a biradical with partial ionic character similar to trimethylenemethane^{3c} rather than oxyallyl.^{4c-e} Recently, we proposed the thioallyl cation to account for the acid-catalyzed isomerization of allene episulfide.⁵ Meanwhile thioallyl biradical would be expected to be easily complexed with metals such as (trimethylenemethane)iron tricarbonyl.^{6a,b} We now report the formation of the new type of (η^4 -thioallyl)tricarbonyliron complex obtained from the reaction of allene episulfide with diiron nonacarbonyl.

Tetramethylallene episulfide (**1a**)^{2a} was treated with 1.2 equiv of diiron nonacarbonyl in benzene at 60 °C for 10 min. After the solvent was removed at reduced pressure, the residue was separated by preparative HPLC, and subsequent recrystallization from hexane gave rise to two iron carbonyl derivatives, **2a** ($\text{Me}_4\text{C}_3\text{SFe}(\text{CO})_3$, 16%) and **3** ($\text{Me}_4\text{C}_3\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_6$, 11.5%), and 1-isopropenyl-2-methyl-1-propenyl disulfide **4** (6.5%) (see Scheme II). In contrast, a reaction with aryl- and *tert*-butyl substituted allene episulfide **1b** provided single iron carbonyl complex **2b** ($^t\text{BuPh}_2\text{C}_3\text{HSFe}(\text{CO})_3$, 29%) along with diaryl-*tert*-butylallene **5b** (25%) (Scheme III). The molecular formulas and group assignments shown in parentheses are based on mass, ¹H and ¹³C NMR, and IR spectral analysis.⁷ Compounds **2a** and **2b** were

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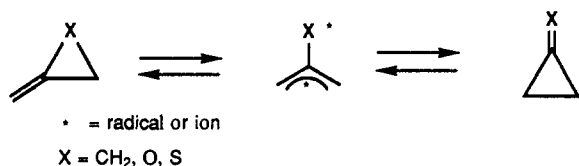
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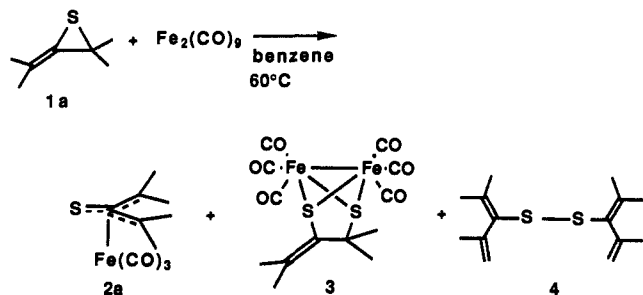
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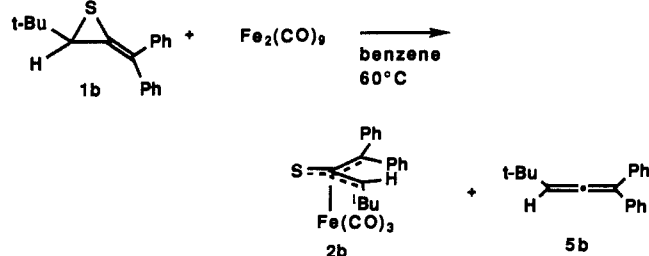
Scheme I



Scheme II



Scheme III



stable yellow and orange crystalline materials with mp 59–60 °C and 111.5–112.5 °C, respectively. The common fragments of $C_3SFe(CO)_3$ in **2a** and **2b** exhibit two distinct CO absorptions from 1950 to 2100 cm^{-1} in the IR spectra and two or three sets of olefinic signals in the ^{13}C NMR spectra. At room temperature, the carbonyl ligands at iron are fluxional in **2a** with one broad carbonyl signal in ^{13}C NMR but not in **2b** as indicated by the three distinct carbonyl signals in the ^{13}C NMR spectra. These spectroscopic data demand the (η^4 -thioallyl)iron tricarbonyl structure for **2a** and **2b** shown in the schemes. An X-ray structure determination of **2b**⁸ provided confirmation. The ORTEP drawing of **2b** is shown in Figure 1 together with the more important bond distances and angles. The iron atom is located directly beneath the central atom (C1) of the thioallyl residue and is π -bonded to three carbon atoms and one sulfur atom of this ligand. This unit can be regarded as a significant trimethylenemethane moiety. The relevant bond distances C1–S, C1–C2, and C1–C3 are 1.757, 1.414, and 1.40 Å, respectively. These may be between C–S or

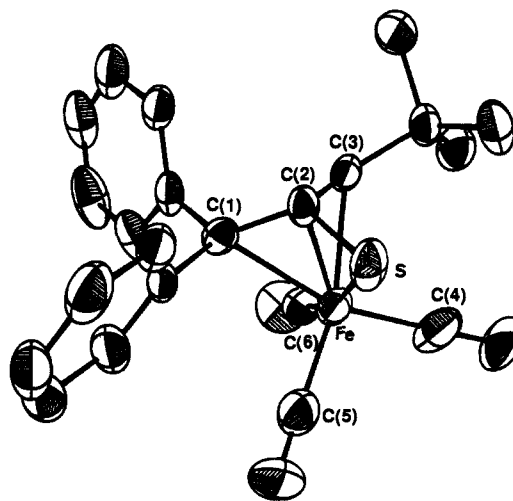
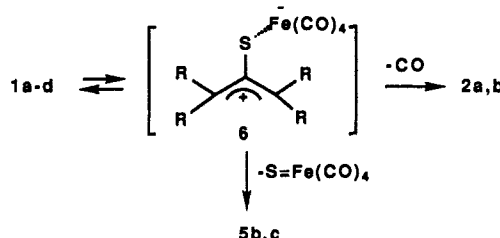
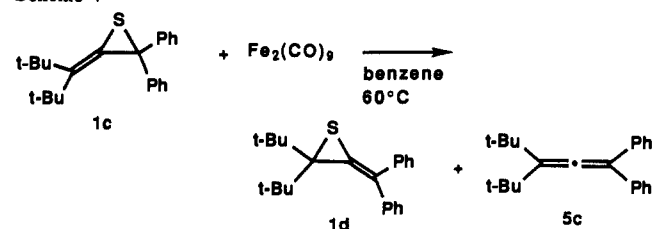


Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of **2b**. Selected bond lengths (angstroms) (Å) and angles (degrees): S–C(1), 1.757 (8); C(1)–C(2), 1.41 (1); C(1)–C(3), 1.40 (1); Fe–S, 2.308; Fe–C(1), 1.938; Fe–C(2), 2.262; Fe–C(3), 2.180; Fe–C(4), 1.80 (1); Fe–C(5), 1.84; Fe–C(6), 1.76 (1). S–C(1)–C(2), 115.2; S–C(1)–C(3), 116.9; C(2)–C(1)–C(3), 119.2; S–C(1)–Fe, 77.2; C(2)–C(1)–Fe, 83.4; C(3)–C(1)–Fe, 79.7.

Scheme IV



Scheme V



C–C single and double bonds. With the inspection of Figure 1, the thioallyl ligand and iron tricarbonyl moiety adopt a mutually staggered conformation. The structure of compound **3**, deep red crystalline, was assigned by comparison with the published data of the analogous complex $[Me_4C_3SOFe_2(CO)_6]$,^{9a} and its butterfly structure was finally confirmed by X-ray analysis.^{9b}

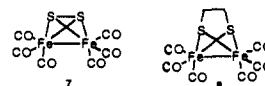
The most reasonable first step of the process by which the complexes **2a** and **2b** are formed, C–S bond cleavage of allene episulfide by $Fe(CO)_4$, is shown in Scheme IV, a reaction that finds precedents.¹⁰ Next, the resulting thioallyl cation complex

(7) **2a**: yellow crystals; mp 59–60 °C; 1H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 1.49 (s, 6 H), 1.89 (s, 6 H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 27.5 (q), 30.4 (q), 105.1 (s), 117.9 (s), 210.1 (br s); IR (*n*-hexane) ν 2080 (s), 2000 (s), 1960 (w) (CO) cm^{-1} ; MS, m/z 268 (M^+ , 9), 240 (63), 212 (42.5), 184 (70), 81 (100); HRMS calcd for $C_{10}H_{12}FeO_3S$ 267.9855, found 267.9828. **2b**: orange crystals, mp 111.5–112.5 °C; 1H NMR (C_6D_6) δ 1.16 (s, 9 H), 4.33 (s, 1 H), 6.73–7.53 (m, 10 H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 32.26 (q), 36.22 (s), 106.34 (d), 118.56 (s), 122.60 (s), 126.88 (d), 127.15 (d), 127.24 (d), 128.32 (d), 130.57 (d), 131.97 (d), 142.68 (s), 144.30 (s), 209.06 (s), 209.48 (s), 210.12 (s); IR (*n*-hexane) ν 2080 (s), 2020 (s) (CO) cm^{-1} ; MS, m/z 420 (M^+ , 4), 364 (56), 336 (100), 301 (83), 244 (27), 192 (41.6). Anal. Calcd for $C_{22}H_{20}FeO_3S$: C, 62.86; H, 4.79. Found: C, 62.90; H, 4.74. **3**: orange crystals; mp 106.5–107 °C; 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 1.59 (s, 6 H), 1.73 (s, 3 H), 2.11 (s, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 21.98 (q), 26.97 (q), 30.50 (q), 56.16 (s), 136.23 (s), 137.36 (s), 208.81 (br s); IR (*n*-hexane) ν 2060 (s), 2030 (s), 2000 (sh), 1995 (s), 1985 (sh), 1950 (w) (CO) cm^{-1} ; MS, m/z 440 (M^+ , 21), 412 (26.5), 384 (41), 356 (26.5), 328 (14.3), 300 (69.6), 272 (100). Anal. Calcd for $C_{13}H_{12}Fe_2O_6S_2$: C, 35.47; H, 2.74. Found: C, 35.65; H, 2.71.

(8) Crystal data for **2b**: $C_{22}H_{20}FeO_3S$, $M = 420.31$, monoclinic with $a = 11.437$ (4) Å, $b = 7.003$ (3) Å, $c = 25.235$ (9) Å, $\beta = 91.37$ (3)°, $V = 2020.7$ Å³, space group $P2_1/c$, $Z = 4$, $\mu(Mo K\alpha) = 8.6$ cm^{-1} , $\rho_{calcd} = 1.38$ g/cm^3 . The 7260 independent reflections [$|F_o| > 3\sigma|F_o|$, $\theta < 50^\circ$] were measured on an Enraf-Nonius CAD4 diffractometer using $Mo K\alpha$ irradiation and an ω - 2θ scan. The structure was solved by direct methods, and all nonhydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically by full-matrix least squares to $R = 0.091$ and $R_w = 0.107$.

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6 loses carbon monoxide, and subsequent coordination transfer gives the complex **2a,b**. Alternatively, the thioallyl cation complex **6**, on account of the strong sulfur-iron bond, prefers to eliminate the allene **5b,c** and iron-bound sulfur. In the case of the less hindered allene episulfide **1a**, this rupture of the C-S bond in **6** easily occurred to yield $S_2Fe_2(CO)_6$ (**7**) and tetramethylallene,^{10a} which finally coupled to give **3**. The compound **4** is thought to come from oxidation of 2,4-dimethyl-1,3-pentadiene-3-thiol, which is formed from the thermal 1,4-hydrogen shift of **1a** via thioallyl diradical. When the more hindered allene episulfide, di-*tert*-butyldiphenylallene episulfide **1c**, was treated with diiron nonacarbonyl, no (thioallyl)iron carbonyl complex was detected; instead, isomer **1d** and 1,1-di-*tert*-butyl-3,3-diphenylallene (**5c**) were detected (Scheme V). It may be that the sterically hindered allene episulfide moiety of **6** could not make an empty site for $\eta^4(\pi)$ -coordination.

The oxyallyl complex has recently been described as an η^3 -oxodimethylenemethane or metallacyclobutanone structure,^{6f-i} therefore the η^4 -thioallyl complex should be interesting and important. The differences between these two structures may be correlated with the differences between ionic oxyallyl and radical thioallyl intermediates.

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Unprecedented Imido-Bridged Binuclear Cobalt(III) Complex: Synthesis and Molecular Structure of p -[Co₂(μ -(μ_2 -N: η^1 -O,O')-imidomalonato)(tren)₂](ClO₄)₃·H₂O

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Previously, we reported that, in the reaction of α -aminomalonate anion (AM²⁻) with cobalt(III)-polyamine complexes,^{1,2} C-N bond formation between the sp³ α -carbon of AM²⁻ and one of the coordinated amino groups of the ligands, such as en³ and 2,3,2-tet,³ occurs, giving α -diamine complexes in moderate yield. This reaction has been assumed to take place via the formation of an iminomalonate intermediate.¹ We have now tried a similar reaction using tren³ as the ligand, but no α -diamine complexes were

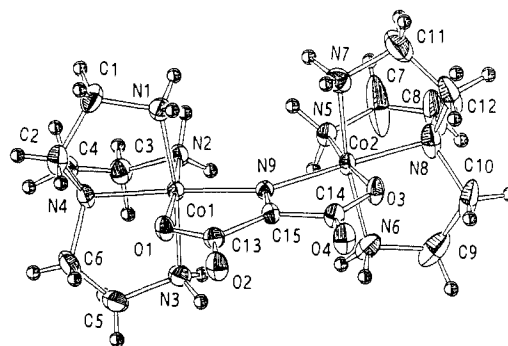


Figure 1. ORTEP representation of the structure of complex **1** at the 50% probability level. Selected bond lengths (Å) and interbond angles (deg): Co1-N1, 1.954 (6); Co1-N2, 1.938 (6); Co1-N3, 1.951 (6); Co1-N4, 1.953 (6); Co2-O3, 1.905 (5); Co2-N5, 1.949 (6); Co2-N6, 1.961 (7); Co2-N7, 1.957 (7); Co2-N8, 1.947 (6); Co1-N9, 1.991 (5); Co2-N9, 1.970 (5); N9-C15, 1.277 (9); Co1-O1, 1.917 (5); Co2-O3, 1.905 (5); Co1-N9-Co2, 142.9 (3); Co1-N9-C15, 108.7 (4); Co2-N9-C15, 108.3 (4); O1-Co1-N2, 174.6 (2); N1-Co1-N3, 172.0 (3); N4-Co1-N9, 172.7 (2); O1-Co1-N9, 84.3 (2); O3-Co2-N5, 174.2 (2); N6-Co2-N7, 171.1 (3); N8-Co2-N9, 173.8 (2); O3-Co2-N9, 85.5 (2).

obtained. However, an unprecedented imidomalonato-bridged binuclear Co(III) complex was isolated in moderate yield. In this paper we describe the synthesis and characterization of the novel binuclear complex.

To a stirred suspension of [CoCl₂(tren)]Cl·H₂O⁴ (4 mmol), NH₄AMH (4 mmol), and charcoal (1 g) in methanol (250 mL), was added triethylamine (40 mmol) slowly. The temperature of the reaction mixture was kept in the range 50–60 °C for 5 h. The mixture was filtered to remove charcoal, evaporated to dryness, and resolved in ca. 2 L of water to adsorb on an SP-Sephadex C-25 cation-exchange resin column. The column was eluted by 0.2 M NaCl(aq), and a main pink fraction was collected. Crystals⁵ suitable for X-ray crystallography were obtained by exchanging Cl⁻ with ClO₄⁻ in water with the addition of LiClO₄ followed by recrystallization.

A perspective view of a molecule of p -[Co₂(μ -imidomalonato)(tren)₂]³⁺ (**1**)⁶ is shown in Figure 1. No *t*-isomer was obtained. The two cobalt atoms are linked by the imido nitrogen atom and two carboxyl groups. The molecule has C_{2v} symmetry, and the geometry around each of the two cobalt centers is octahedral with four sites for tren ligands and two for the bridged imidomalonato ligand.⁷ The distances of Co(1)-N(9) and Co(2)-N(9) are 1.991 (5) and 1.970 (5) Å, respectively. The bonds are much longer than the reported values for Co(III)-N(imine) bonds.⁸ An EHMO calculation⁹ for complex **1** showed that the orbital interactions between the imido nitrogen and two Co atoms are weak σ and π types and the negotiated position of N(9) was suitable for binding to two Co centers. This caused the lengthening

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