

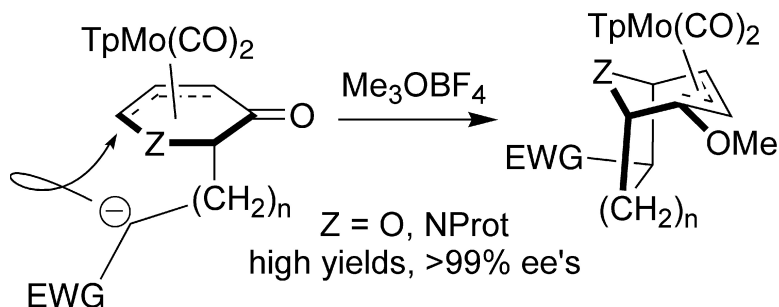
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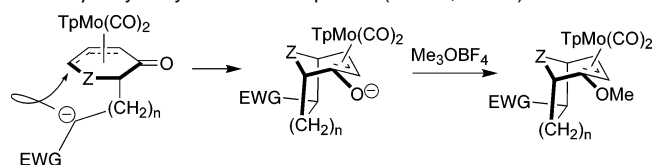
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Neutral η^3 -allylmolybdenum complexes bearing $\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_2$ and $\text{TpMo}(\text{CO})_2$ auxiliaries (Cp = η^5 -cyclopentadienyl; Tp = hydridotrispyrazolylborato) are quite robust.¹ While they do react with strong acids and electrophiles, they are stable to mild acids and electrophiles and, additionally, do not engage in direct nucleophilic functionalization of the neutral η^3 -allylmolybdenumdicarbonyl. Nevertheless, these η^3 -allylmolybdenum complexes are very useful in synthesis because they can be predictably activated for regio- and stereospecific nucleophilic functionalization by prior conversion to cationic complexes. This is achieved in one of two ways. A neutral $\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_2$ or $\text{TpMo}(\text{CO})_2$ η^3 -allylmolybdenum complex can be transformed into a cationic η^4 -diene by abstraction of either a hydride or a heteroatom leaving group that resides on a carbon atom adjacent to the η^3 -allyl moiety.^{1a-c,2} Alternatively, the neutral η^3 -allylmolybdenum complex can be converted to a cationic η^3 -allyl complex by replacing one of the auxiliary CO ligands with a cationic NO^+ ligand.^{1a,d,3} Of the two systems, the $\text{TpMo}(\text{CO})_2$ -based complexes are increasingly gaining favor because of their ease of synthesis, scalability, and broad generality.⁴

Herein is reported a new reaction profile for neutral $\text{TpMo}(\text{CO})_2$ -(η^3 -allyl) complexes: the direct nucleophilic functionalization of a π -bound carbon of neutral $\text{TpMo}(\text{CO})_2$ (5-oxo- η^3 -pyranyl) and $\text{TpMo}(\text{CO})_2$ (5-oxo- η^3 -pyridinyl) complexes by an internal enolate (Scheme 1).⁵ This unprecedented carbon-carbon bond forming

Scheme 1. “1,5-Michael-Type” Reactions of 5-Oxo- η^3 -allylmolybdenum Complexes (Z = O, NProt)



reaction occurs in high yield and with excellent stereoselectivity and should allow the rapid and enantiocontrolled construction of a variety of substituted oxa- and aza-bridged bicyclics. Furthermore, it reinforces the concept that $\text{TpMo}(\text{CO})_2$ (η^3 -pyranyl) and $\text{TpMo}(\text{CO})_2$ (η^3 -pyridinyl) complexes represent powerful “enantiomeric scaffolds” for the asymmetric construction of a wide variety of heterocyclic systems.^{4b-j}

Initial studies were conducted using racemic forms of 5-oxo- η^3 -pyranyl and 5-oxo- η^3 -pyridinyl molybdenum complexes **1** and **2** (Figure 1). These air-stable, solid molybdenum complexes were first transformed into silyl enol ethers using standard procedures (TBSOTf/ Et_3N). The silyl enol ethers were then subjected to TiCl_4 -induced Mukaiyama-Michael reactions with various enones to afford adducts **3–7** in good to excellent yields and with excellent diastereoselectivities (Table 1).⁶

Treatment of the Mukaiyama-Michael adducts **3–7** with solid bases (NaOCH_3 or KOSiMe_3) suspended in CH_2Cl_2 followed by a Me_3OBF_4 quench generated “1,5-Michael” adducts in excellent yields and with excellent *exo/endo* selectivities.⁷ As depicted in

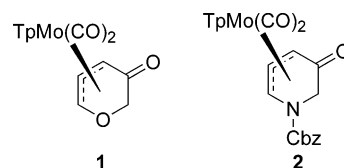


Figure 1. 5-Oxopyranyl and 5-oxopyridinyl molybdenum scaffolds. Racemic and nonracemic complexes **1** were prepared by previously published procedures,^{4b} and racemic 5-oxo- η^3 -pyridinyl complex **2** was generated by mild acidic hydrolysis of the known $\text{TpMo}(\text{CO})_2$ (5-methoxydihydropyridinyl) complex.^{4c}

Table 1. Synthesis of Mukaiyama-Michael Adducts of **1** and **2**

entry	Z	R ¹	R ²	compound (yield %)	syn/anti
1	O	H	H	3 (94)	
2	O	Ph	CH_3	4 (71)	10:1
3	O	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3-$		5 (91)	1:40
4	O	$-(\text{CH}_2)_2-$		6 (70)	1:7
5	NCbz	H	H	7 (90)	

Table 2, KOSiMe_3 produced, in all cases, much better yields and gave better selectivities than solid NaOMe . The bulky $\text{TpMo}(\text{CO})_2$ group caused complete facial diastereoselectivity resulting from approach of the enone to the face of the pyranyl or pyridinyl opposite to the molybdenum. The *exo* and *endo* relationship was readily determined by comparing the coupling constants⁸ between the hydrogen atoms adjacent to the bridging heteroatoms and their vicinal neighbors, previously well-established by X-ray crystallographic analysis and NMR studies.^{4b}

In contrast to KOSiMe_3 , which cleanly generated variants of the bicyclo[3.2.1] ring system, the use of KO^tBu as the base produced significant quantities of 1,5-Michael adducts possessing a core bicyclo[4.3.1] ring system (Table 3).⁹ The composition of the [4.3.1] ring system was unequivocally established by NMR spectroscopy and was further confirmed by X-ray crystallographic analysis of (\pm)-**13**. The cause of the different product distributions induced by *t*-BuOK and KOSiMe_3 is not understood at this time.

The potential of this methodology for enantiocontrolled synthesis was demonstrated by the efficient production of tricyclodiones (–)-**16** and (+)-**16** in > 99% ee from 5-oxo pyranyl molybdenum complex (–)-**1** and (+)-**1**, respectively, using sequential Mukaiyama-Michael and 1,5-Michael reactions followed by cerium(IV) ammonium nitrate-mediated oxidative demetalation (Scheme 2).¹⁰

In conclusion, a novel Mo-mediated 1,5-Michael addition reaction is reported. The reaction proceeds in good to excellent yields and with good regio- and *exo*-selectivities and provides a new and efficient synthetic approach to oxa- and aza[3.2.1]bicyclics of high enantiomeric purity. Recent experiments also show that the intramolecular 1,5-Michael-type reaction can easily produce oxa- and

Table 2. 1,5-Michael-Type Additions Contrasting KOSiMe₃ and NaOCH₃

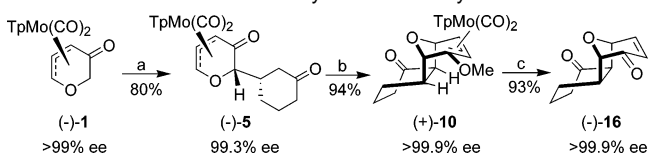
reactant ^a	base	major isomer	yld, <i>exo:endo</i>	
1	3	KOSiMe ₃ ^b	TpMo(CO) ₂ 8- <i>exo</i>	96%, 30:1
2	3	NaOMe ^c	TpMo(CO) ₂ 8- <i>exo</i>	83%, 5.3:1
3	4	NaOMe ^d	TpMo(CO) ₂ 9- <i>exo</i>	71%, 100:0
4	5	KOSiMe ₃ ^e	TpMo(CO) ₂ 10	97%, 100:0
5	5	NaOMe ^f	TpMo(CO) ₂ 10	90%, 100:0
6	6	NaOMe ^g	TpMo(CO) ₂ 11	80%, 100:0
7	7	KOSiMe ₃ ^h	Cbz-N-TpMo(CO) ₂ 12- <i>exo</i>	97%, 40:1
8	7	NaOMe ⁱ	Cbz-N-TpMo(CO) ₂ 12- <i>exo</i>	91%, 6.4:1

^a The syn/anti ratios of the reactants 4–6 are listed in Table 1. ^b With 3.0 equiv for 1 h then 2.5 equiv of Me₃OBF₄ for 4 h. ^c With 3.0 equiv for 5 h then 3.0 equiv of Me₃OBF₄ for 4 h. ^d With 3.5 equiv for 24 h then 3.0 equiv of Me₃OBF₄ for 2 h. ^e With 3.0 equiv for 24 h then 2.5 equiv of Me₃OBF₄ for 4 h. ^f With 5.0 equiv for 20 h then 4.0 equiv of Me₃OBF₄ for 1 h. ^g With 5.0 equiv for 45 h then 4.0 equiv of Me₃OBF₄ for 1 h. ^h With 3.0 equiv for 1 h then 2.8 equiv of Me₃OBF₄ for 40 min. ⁱ With 6.0 equiv for 6 h then 5.0 equiv of Me₃OBF₄ for 15 h.

Table 3. Influence of the Base on 1,5-Michael-Type Reactions

entry	reactant	base	products ^a	ratios ^b	yield
1	3	<i>t</i> -BuOK	8- <i>exo</i> :8- <i>endo</i> :13	12:1:18	75%
2	3	KOSiMe ₃	8- <i>exo</i> :8- <i>endo</i> :13	30:1:0	97%
3	7	<i>t</i> -BuOK	12- <i>exo</i> :12- <i>endo</i> :14	8:1:18	78%
4	7	KOSiMe ₃	12- <i>exo</i> :12- <i>endo</i> :14	40:1:0	97%
5	5	<i>t</i> -BuOK	10:15	1:2	73%
6	5	KOSiMe ₃	10:15	100:0	97%

^a See ref 9. ^b Ratios determined by ¹H NMR.

Scheme 2. Enantiocontrolled Synthesis of Tricyclodiones^{a,b}

^a Conditions: (a) TBSOTf, Et₃N, CH₂Cl₂, 10 min, then cyclohexenone, TiCl₄, 15 min. (b) KOSiMe₃ (3.0 equiv), CH₂Cl₂, 24 h, then Me₃OBF₄ (2.5 equiv), 4 h. (c) CAN (8.0 equiv), Et₃N (1.5 equiv), H₂O/THF. ^b (+)-16 was obtained in >99.9% ee from (+)-1 (>99% ee); enantioselectivity of a 99.3% ee product of (+)-10 was increased to >99.9% ee by recrystallization from acetonitrile.

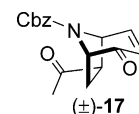
aza[3.3.1]bicyclics using a similar approach. These studies on 1,5-Michael additions and the applications to the total synthesis of natural products will be reported in due course.

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Supporting Information Available: Experimental procedures, synthesis and characterization of all new compounds, and X-ray crystallographic studies of (±)-13 (39 pages, print/PDF); copies of ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of all compounds and chiral HPLC analysis of (±)-16, (–)-16, and (+)-16 (37 pages, print/PDF). This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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- (5) Attempted intermolecular variations of this nucleophilic addition were not successful.
- (6) Z Alkenes gave the *anti* isomer, while *E* alkenes formed the *syn* isomer, predominantly. These results will be described separately in a future full paper.
- (7) Other bases, such as CH₃ONa in CH₃OH, NaHMDS, LiHMDS, *t*-BuLi, or LiOCH₃, and other solvents, such as THF or benzene, provided much poorer results. The diastereoselectivity for **12** is inversely correlated to the time of reaction after addition of the Meerwein reagent [*exo/endo* = 40:1 (40 min), 17:1 (4 h), 5:1 (15 h)]. In no case was an intramolecular aldol reaction at the 5-oxo group observed.
- (8) The *exo* isomers show negligible coupling constants (approx 0 Hz), while the *endo* isomer coupling constants are much larger (approx 6.5 Hz).
- (9) Both **13** and **15** cannot be separated from their isomers **8** and **10** by chromatography. Pure **13** and **15** were obtained by recrystallization from CH₂Cl₂ and hexanes.
- (10) Oxidative demetalation of (±)-**10** with CuCl₂ afforded (±)-**16** in 74% yield. Oxidative demetalation of the racemic pyridinyl complex (±)-**12-*exo*** with cerium(IV) ammonium nitrate yielded (±)-**17** in 87% yield.



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