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Part 23. Synthesis of vinylcarbene chromium complexes containing a C-monosaccharide ligand[☆]

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Abstract

Organometallic C-glycosides containing a chromium carbene functionality have been synthesized from pentacarbonyl[(methoxy)methylcarbene]chromium (**1**) in a TiCl₄-assisted aldol condensation with formyl glycosides. The condensation is *trans*-selective to give a 54–82% yield of chromium vinylcarbene C-glycosides **5**, **6** and **8** which are promising candidates for subsequent Diels–Alder, Michael addition, benzannulation and cyclopropanation reactions.

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1. Introduction

Due to the ubiquitous role carbohydrates play in biology, carbohydrate analogues are valuable tools for the study of biochemical systems. Since the chemistry of sugars is dominated by the reactivity of the glycosidic bond, a great deal of effort has been devoted to the synthesis and study of C-glycosides in which the acetal linkage is replaced by a carbon–carbon bond stable towards hydrolysis. The synthesis of C-glycosides has become a well established area of carbohydrate chemistry [2]. Several C-glycosides are potent carbohydrate mimics [3] in antitumor, antibiotic, antiviral or anti-bacterial therapy [4].

In the past decades metal carbenes have been developed to valuable reagents for stereoselective organic synthesis [5]. Their impact on the elaboration of carbohydrates is still limited but increasing [6]. The first incorporation of a sugar moiety into a carbene complex was based on the addition of carbohydrates to isonitrile

complexes of gold and platinum to form (glycosyl)aminocarbene and neomycine B complexes [7,8]. A transition metal organometallic functionalization of the anomeric center has been known for glycosyl complexes of cobalt [9], iron [10] and manganese [11] which represent nucleophilic sugar synthons. It was only recently that electrophilic counterparts such as Fischer-type sugar metal carbenes have been synthesized [12]; they have been applied to diastereoselective ligand- or metal-centered cycloaddition such as Diels–Alder [13] and (3+2+1)-benzannulation reactions [14] as well as to *O*- and *C*-glycosidation [15–17]. We were interested in organometallic models of this type of reagents, and recently reported on the synthesis of a combined *O*- and *C*-disaccharide skeleton separated by a metal carbene spacer [18]. We now concentrate on the flexibility of the aldol condensation with formyl glycosides for the synthesis of organometallic C-glycosides.

2. Results and discussion

The aldol condensation of methylcarbene complexes is a convenient route to alkenyl carbene complexes [19]. It was first applied to reactive non-enolizable aldehydes

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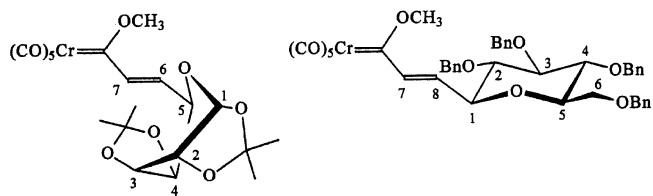


Fig. 1. Atom-numbering in metal vinylcarbene *C*-glycosides pentacarbonyl[methoxy-(1,2,3,4-di-*O*-isopropylidene- α -L-arabinopyranosyl-5-propenylidene)]chromium (**5**) and pentacarbonyl[methoxy(1-deoxy-2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl-1-propenylidene)]chromium (**6**).

condensation is *trans*-selective. The structural elucidation of the products **5**, **6** and **8** was mainly based on their ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR spectra. The ^1H -NMR spectrum of the compound **7** reveals signals of a methylene group (H-7/H-7a) and of H-6 appearing as a broad singlet. Another significant indication for a saturated carbene complex such as **7** is the ^{13}C -NMR absorption at 362 ppm revealing a down field shift of 22 ppm as compared with its unsaturated analogue **8**. NMR spectroscopy and HPLC indicate the formation of a single diastereomer bearing an *E*-vinylcarbene C=C bond as established by a coupling constant of $^3J_{\text{H,H}} = 15$ Hz. The ^1H -NMR signal of H-7 next to the carbene carbon atom appears as a doublet reflecting only the *E*-vicinal coupling across the olefinic C=C bond and resonates at 7.50–7.60 ppm; with the exception of complex **8** the signals for H-6 or H-8, respectively, are observed as a doublet of doublets resulting from the additional vicinal coupling to the adjacent glycosidic hydrogen atom. In contrast to the flexible chair conformation of the benzyl-protected glucose skeleton in complex **8** the isopropylidene-protected arabinose (in **5** and **8**) adopts a rigid boat conformation (Fig. 1).

3. Conclusion

The Lewis acid-assisted aldol condensation of the methoxy(methyl)carbene chromium complex **1** and sugar aldehydes bearing various protective groups provides a general synthetic method for the *trans*-selective formation of vinylcarbene *C*-glycosides. These chromium vinylcarbenes are thermostable compounds and can be readily handled in solution under inert gas atmosphere. They are promising candidates for metal- and ligand-centered stereoselective C–C bond formation such as (3+2+1)-benzannulation, cyclopropanation, Diels–Alder and Michael addition reactions, and thus allow subsequent diastereoselective transformations directed towards non-natural oligosaccharides.

4. Experimental

4.1. General reaction conditions

All reactions were carried out under dry argon using Schlenk techniques. The solvents used for reactions and chromatography were dried by distillation from calcium hydride and saturated with argon. Silica gel (E. Merck, type 60, 0.63–0.200 mm) was degassed at high vacuum and stored under argon prior to use for chromatography.

4.2. Instruments

IR: Nicolet Magna 550 FTIR. NMR: Bruker DRX-500, DPX-300, AM-250. MS (FAB): Kratos Instruments Concept 1H. HPLC: Knauer Wellchrom, Injection valve A0258, pump K-100, solvent organizer K-1500, UV detector K-2600, column Knauer Eurospher 100 Si (250 \times 4 ϕ), EUROCHROM 2000 for Windows.

4.3. Reagents

The following reagents were prepared according to literature procedures: Pentacarbonyl[methoxy(methyl)carbene]chromium (**1**) [23], 1,2,3,4-di-*O*-isopropylidene- α -D-galactohexadialdo-1,5-pyranose (**2**) [24], 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-benzyl-1-formyl-D-glucopyranose (**3**) [25] and 2,3,4,5-di-*O*-isopropylidene- β -D-fructohexadialdo-2,6-pyranose (**4**) [26].

4.4. General procedure for the synthesis of vinylcarbene monosaccharides **5** and **6**

Methoxy(methyl)carbene chromium complex **1** (0.73 g, 2.90 mmol) was dissolved in 20 ml of *tert*-butyl methyl ether and deprotonated with one equivalent of *n*-BuLi (1.6 M) at -78 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 h. In a separate flask, a solution of TiCl_4 (5.80 mmol) in 5 ml CH_2Cl_2 was cooled to -78 $^\circ\text{C}$, and two equivalents of the formyl glycoside were quickly added. After 5 min the solution of the carbene complex anion derived from **1** was transferred to the orange aldehyde–Lewis acid complex via cannula. The brown solution was allowed to warm to -60 $^\circ\text{C}$ over 10 min. Then five equivalents of Hünig's base and five equivalents of TMSCl were added, and the black solution was stirred for 1 h at -20 $^\circ\text{C}$. The reaction was monitored by IR-spectroscopy and TLC. After completion of the reaction the solution was filtered, and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by chromatography at -20 $^\circ\text{C}$ using dichloromethane as eluent to give an oil, which could not be completely freed from traces of solvent hampering to obtain correct elemental analyses.

4.4.1. Pentacarbonyl[*methoxy-(1,2:3,4-di-O-isopropylidene- α -L-arabinopyranosyl-5-propenylidene)*]chromium (**5**)

Red oil; yield: 1.17 g (2.39 mmol, 82%). $R_f = 0.71$ (CH_2Cl_2). IR (CH_2Cl_2): $\nu_{(\text{C}=\text{O})}$ (cm^{-1}) = 2062 m, 1984 sh, 1944 vs. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) = 1.31 (s, 3H, CH_3); 1.32 (s, 3H, CH_3); 1.40 (s, 3H, CH_3); 1.49 (s, 3H, CH_3); 4.26 (dd, 1H, $^3J = 7.75/2.08$ Hz, H-4); 4.34 (dd, 1H, $^3J = 5.00/2.57$ Hz, H-2); 4.41 (m, 1H, H-5); 4.64 (dd, 1H, $^3J = 7.75/2.57$ Hz, H-3); 4.73 (s, 3H, OCH_3); 5.58 (d, 1H, $^3J = 5.00$ Hz, H-1); 6.09 (dd, 1H, $^3J = 15.1/4.64$ Hz, H-6); 7.55 (dd, 1H, $J = 15.1/1.53$ Hz, H-7). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (62.5 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) = 25.0, 25.4, 26.4, 26.6 (4 CH_3); 67.2 (C-5); 67.9 (OCH_3); 71.0, 71.5 (C-2, C-4); 73.5 (C-3); 97.0 (C-1); 109.3, 110.4 (2C(CH_3)₂); 128.2 (C-6); 143.8 (C-7); 217.0 (*cis*-CO); 224.8 (*trans*-CO); 337.6 (Cr=C). FABMS: m/z (%) = 490.0 (4.7) [M^+]; 475.0 (1.9) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_3$]; 459.9 (7.2) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{OCH}_3$]; 378.0 (15.7) [$\text{M}^+ - 4\text{CO}$]; 350.1 (100) [$\text{M}^+ - 5\text{CO}$]; 335.1 (9.4) [$\text{M}^+ - 5\text{CO} - \text{CH}_3$]; 292.0 (45.6) [$\text{M}^+ - 5\text{CO} - (\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CO}$].

4.4.2. Pentacarbonyl[*methoxy-(1-deoxy-2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl- β -D-glucopyranosyl-1-propenylidene)*]chromium (**6**)

Red oil; yield: 1.24 g (1.58 mmol, 54%). $R_f = 0.80$ (CH_2Cl_2). IR (CH_2Cl_2): $\nu_{(\text{C}=\text{O})}$ (cm^{-1}) = 2062 m, 1986 sh, 1942 vs. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (250 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) = 3.51–3.80 (m, 6H, H-2, H-3, H-4, H-5, H-6, H-6a); 3.91 (dd, 1H, $^3J = 9.77/5.13$ Hz, H-1); 4.57–4.51 (m, 1H, PhCH_2); 4.62 (d, 1H, $^2J = 12.5$ Hz, PhCH_2); 4.65 (d, 1H, $^2J = 12.5$ Hz, PhCH_2); 4.74 (d, 1H, $^2J = 12.7$ Hz, PhCH_2); 4.75 (s, 3H, OCH_3); 4.83 (d, 1H, $^2J = 11.0$ Hz, PhCH_2); 4.85 (d, 1H, $^2J = 11.2$ Hz, PhCH_2); 4.87 (d, 1H, $^2J = 11.0$ Hz, PhCH_2); 4.97 (d, 1H, $^2J = 11.2$ Hz, PhCH_2); 6.15 (dd, 1H, $^3J = 15.1/5.13$ Hz, H-8); 7.14–7.37 (m, 20H, PhCH_2); 7.59 (d, 1H, $^3J = 15.1$ Hz, H-7). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (62.5 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) = 67.2 (OCH_3); 69.6 (C-6); 74.1, 74.4, 75.9, 76.4 (4 CH_2Ph); 78.7, 79.7 (C-2, C-4); 82.6 (C-3); 87.7 (C-5); 94.2 (C-1); 128.2–129.5 (20 C Bn); 130.4 (br, C-8); 138.3, 138.7, 138.8, 139.0 (4*ipso*-C Bn); 143.8 (C-7); 217.0 (*cis*-CO); 224.6 (*trans*-CO); 337.8 (Cr=C). FABMS: m/z (%) = 784.1 (3.4) [M^+]; 732.3 (10.0) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{C}_4\text{H}_4$]; 695.1 (3.1) [$\text{MH}^+ - \text{C}_7\text{H}_6$]; 670.2 (12.9) [$\text{MH}^+ - 3\text{CO} - \text{OCH}_3$]; 644.2 (100) [$\text{M}^+ - 5\text{CO}$]; 554.1 (13.7) [$\text{M}^+ - 5\text{CO} - \text{C}_7\text{H}_6$]; 446.1 (6.5) [$\text{M}^+ - 5\text{CO} - \text{C}_7\text{H}_7 - \text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{O}$]; 391.3 (7.3) [$\text{M}^+ - 5\text{CO} - 2\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{O} - \text{C}_3\text{H}_3$]; 386.1 (10.5) [$\text{M}^+ - 5\text{CO} - \text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{O} - \text{HCOC}_7\text{H}_7 - \text{OCH}_3$]; 307.0 (83.9) [$\text{M}^+ - 5\text{CO} - 2\text{C}_7\text{H}_7 - \text{C}_7\text{H}_6 - \text{C}_5\text{H}_5$].

4.4.3. Pentacarbonyl[*methoxy-(1,2:3,4-di-O-isopropylidene- α -D-arabinopyranosyl-6-hydroxy-8-propenylidene)*]chromium (**7**)

Orange oil; yield: 5.28 g (10.4 mmol, 82%). $R_f = 0.44$ (CH_2Cl_2). IR (CH_2Cl_2): $\nu_{(\text{C}=\text{O})}$ (cm^{-1}) = 2064 m, 1942

vs. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) = 1.34 (s, 3H, CH_3); 1.40 (s, 3H, CH_3); 1.48 (s, 3H, CH_3); 1.53 (s, 3H, CH_3); 3.72 (d, 1H, $^2J = 13.2$ Hz, H-5); 3.73 (d, br, 1H, $^2J = 12.4$ Hz, H-7); 3.88 (d, br, 1H, $^2J = 12.8$ Hz, H-7a); 4.12 (d, 1H, $^2J = 13.3$ Hz, H-5a); 4.21 (d, br, 1H, $^3J = 7.95$ Hz, H-6); 4.40 (d, 1H, $^3J = 2.18$ Hz, H-2); 4.53–4.62 (m, 2H, H-3, H-4); 4.81 (s, 3H, OCH_3). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) = 24.5, 26.3, 26.4, 27.3 (4 CH_3); 60.7 (C-7); 62.1 (C-5); 68.4 (OCH_3); 70.7, 71.3 (C-2, C-4); 76.5 (C-3); 78.6 (C-6); 104.2 (C-1); 109.4, 109.6 (2C(CH_3)₂); 216.9 (*cis*-CO); 224.1 (*trans*-CO); 362.4 (Cr=C). FABMS: m/z (%) = 508.1 (1.5) [M^+]; 481.1 (2.9) [$\text{MH}^+ - \text{CO}$]; 425.0 (7.3) [$\text{MH}^+ - 3\text{CO}$]; 408.0 (25.5) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$]; 396.1 (4.0) [$\text{M}^+ - 4\text{CO}$]; 368.1 (5.8) [$\text{M}^+ - 5\text{CO}$].

4.5. Procedure for the synthesis of pentacarbonyl[*methoxy-(1,2:3,4-di-O-isopropylidene- α -D-arabinopyranosyl-1-propenylidene)*]chromium (**8**)

Methoxy(methyl)carbene chromium complex **1** (3.17 g, 12.7 mmol) was dissolved in 50 ml of *tert*-butyl methyl ether and deprotonated with one equivalent of *n*-BuLi (1.6 M) at -78°C for 1 h. In a second flask, a solution of TiCl_4 (two equivalents) in 5 ml CH_2Cl_2 was also cooled to -78°C , and two equivalents of the 2,3:4,5-di-*O*-isopropylidene- β -D-fructohexodialdo-2,6-pyranose (**4**) were quickly added. After 5 min the solution of the carbene complex anion was transferred to the orange aldehyde–Lewis acid complex via cannula. The brown solution was allowed to warm to -60°C over 10 min. Then five equivalents of Hünig's base and five equivalents of TMSCl were added, and the black solution was stirred for 26 h at room temperature. The reaction was monitored by IR-spectroscopy and TLC. After completion of the reaction the solution was filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by chromatography at -20°C using dichloromethane as eluent to give a red oil from which traces of solvent could not be removed completely.

Yield: 2.82 g (5.75 mmol, 45%). $R_f = 0.72$ (CH_2Cl_2). IR (CH_2Cl_2): $\nu_{(\text{C}=\text{O})}$ (cm^{-1}) = 2062 m, 1942 vs. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) = 1.36 (s, 3H, CH_3); 1.42 (s, 3H, CH_3); 1.50 (s, 3H, CH_3); 1.59 (s, 3H, CH_3); 3.79 (dd, 1H, $J = 13.0/0.75$ Hz, H-5); 3.91 (dd, 1H, $J = 13.0/1.88$ Hz, H-5a); 4.23 (d, 1H, $^3J = 2.64$ Hz, H-2); 4.24 (ddd, 1H, $^3J = 7.91/1.88/0.75$ Hz, H-4); 4.62 (dd, 1H, $^3J = 7.91/2.64$ Hz, H-3); 4.77 (s, 3H, OCH_3); 6.03 (d, 1H, $^3J = 15.3$ Hz, H-6); 7.63 (d, 1H, $^3J = 15.3$ Hz, H-7). $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ (ppm) = 24.9, 25.5, 26.7, 26.8 (4 CH_3); 62.2 (C-5); 67.3 (OCH_3); 70.8, 71.2 (C-2, C-4); 74.4 (C-3); 102.4 (C-1); 109.7, 110.0 (2C(CH_3)₂); 130.3 (C-6); 142.5 (C-7); 216.9 (*cis*-CO); 224.8 (*trans*-CO); 340.4 (Cr=C). FABMS: m/z (%) = 491.1 (11.1) [MH^+]; 490.1 (6.6) [M^+]; 475.0 (1.9) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_3$]; 431.0 (1.8) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{CO} - \text{OCH}_3$]; 378.0 (9.5) [$\text{M}^+ - 4\text{CO}$]; 350.1

(100) $[M^+ - 5CO]$; 335.1 (5.1) $[M^+ - 5CO - CH_3]$; 289.0 (4.7) $[M^+ - 5CO - OCH_3 - 2CH_3]$.

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