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## Hydridometallacycloalkane Complexes of Iridium. Unassisted Intramolecular Distal C-H Bond Activation

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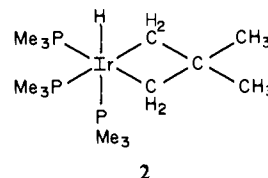
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In recent years interest in transition-metal alkyl complexes has resulted in the preparation of complexes in which the well-known decomposition pathway,  $\beta$ -hydrogen abstraction, is obviated by substitution at the  $\beta$ -carbon atom.<sup>1,2</sup> Schrock and co-workers have demonstrated an alternative pathway,  $\alpha$ -hydrogen transfer, in the preparation of alkylidene complexes of the early transition metals.<sup>3</sup> Quite recently  $\gamma$ - and  $\delta$ -hydrogen abstractions have also been shown to be viable transformations for group 8 polyalkyl and organo f-element complexes.<sup>4-11</sup> Although cyclometallation involving coordinated ligands, such as  $P(\text{alkyl})_3$ <sup>12</sup> and  $P(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$  (orthometallation),<sup>13</sup> has long been recognized, its application to hydrocarbyl systems has been limited to a few examples. We believe that this reaction may represent a broadly applicable route to novel metallacyclic complexes and in this communication we report the facile preparation of an extensive series of hydrido-metallacycloalkane complexes of Ir(III) by  $\gamma$ - and  $\delta$ -hydrogen-atom abstraction reactions of alkyl Ir(I) complexes.

A typical  $\gamma$ -H-atom abstraction reaction is represented by the heavy arrow in Scheme I. For group 8 complexes mechanism A, which involves initial oxidative addition to a distal C-H bond and subsequent reductive elimination of the R and H ligands, has been suggested.<sup>7</sup> In this reaction sequence the presence of a second alkyl or hydrido ligand may assist in driving the reaction. In the alternative mechanism B, which is related to that recently proposed for  $\alpha$ -H abstraction,<sup>3,14</sup> the ligand R plays an even more fundamental role. Here an incipient radical actively abstracts a H atom in a four-centered transition state, and the metal center undergoes no formal change in oxidation state during the reaction. The

reactions described below demonstrate that the oxidative addition portion of mechanism A occurs readily in Ir(I) alkyl complexes even in the absence of an "assisting" leaving group (e.g., alkyl or hydride ligand).

Reaction of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{PMe}_3)_4]\text{Cl}$  (1)<sup>15,16</sup> with  $\text{LiCH}_2\text{CMe}_3$  in hexane or toluene at room temperature smoothly produces *fac*-tris(trimethylphosphine)hydrido(2,2-dimethyl-1,3-propanediyl)iridium (2) in high yield. The complex has been characterized by IR



and <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectroscopies, the results of which are consistent with the structure shown.<sup>17</sup> Similar reactions with chloroiridium(I) complexes containing arsine ligands produce analogous products, e.g., *fac*-IrH(CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)(AsR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, R = Me, Et,<sup>18</sup> and these have served to verify the spectroscopic assignments for complex 2. Additional substantiation of the proposed formulation has been provided by an X-ray molecular structure determination of the trimethylarsine complex, details of which will be published separately. Complex 2 is remarkably stable; it is unaffected by air and moisture for short periods of time and is inert to CO and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> at room temperature. Furthermore, a solution of complex 2 in benzene-d<sub>6</sub> was unchanged after 24 h at 90 °C.

We have not detected the presumed precursor to complex 2, Ir(CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>3</sub>)(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, except as a transient orange solution.<sup>19</sup> The reaction of complex 1 with LiCH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub> does, however, yield the relatively stable initial product, Ir(CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>)(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (3).<sup>20</sup> Only after standing for prolonged periods or upon heating does complex 3 transform into the Si congener of complex 2, *fac*-IrH(CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (4).<sup>21</sup> This reactivity difference may arise from the decreased steric demand of the (trimethylsilyl)methyl ligand as compared with that of the neopentyl group.<sup>22,23</sup> Experiments are in progress which utilize this slower

(15) Abbreviations: Me, CH<sub>3</sub>; Et, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>; Ph, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>; Cp,  $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>; THF, tetrahydrofuran.

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(17) Complex 2: IR (Nujol mull)  $\nu_{\text{Ir-H}}$  2018 (s) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 220 MHz)  $\delta$  -9.81 (dt, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HPtrans</sub> = 167 Hz, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HPcis</sub> = 21 Hz, IrH), 1.37 (18, d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HP</sub> = 7 Hz, PCH<sub>3</sub> (basal)), 1.40 (dd, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HP</sub> = 7 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>Hhydride</sub> = 1 Hz, PCH<sub>3</sub> (axial)), 1.46 (3, s, CCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.77 (3, s, CCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H{<sup>31</sup>P} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz) (m), (s), (d), (s), (s),  $\delta$  0.55 (2, d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>AB</sub> = 8 Hz, IrCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.02 (2, dd, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>AB</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Hhydride</sub> = 2 Hz, IrCH<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 22.63 MHz)  $\delta$  -17.87 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CPtrans</sub> = 65 Hz, IrCH<sub>2</sub>), 18.23 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 19 Hz, PCH<sub>3</sub> (axial)), 22.84 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>CP</sub> = 28 Hz, PCH<sub>3</sub> (basal)), 31.72 (s, CCH<sub>3</sub>), 38.60 (s, CCH<sub>3</sub>), 45.75 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>CCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} single-frequency off-resonance decoupled NMR (dt plus long range J<sub>CH</sub>), (dq), (dq), (q), (q), (s); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 29.94 MHz AB<sub>2</sub> pattern, centered at -60.3 ppm relative to 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (external). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>38</sub>IrP<sub>3</sub>: C, 34.21; H, 7.79. Found: C, 34.30; H, 7.81.

(18) *fac*-IrH(CH<sub>2</sub>CMe<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)(AsR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>; R = Me; IR  $\nu_{\text{Ir-H}}$  2044 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  -12.4 (1, s, IrH), 1.25 (18, s, AsCH<sub>3</sub>(basal)), 1.30 (9, s, AsCH<sub>3</sub> (axial)), 1.38 (3, s, CCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.70 (3, s, CCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.92 (2, d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>AB</sub> = 8 Hz, IrCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.45 (2, dd, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>AB</sub>, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>Hhydride</sub> = 2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR  $\delta$  -20.96 (IrCH<sub>2</sub>), 12.25 (AsCH<sub>3</sub> (axial)), 16.96 (AsCH<sub>3</sub> (basal)), 31.62 (CCH<sub>3</sub>), 36.75 (CCH<sub>3</sub>), 47.28 (CH<sub>2</sub>CCH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} SFORD NMR (t), (q), (q), (q), (q), (s); R = Et; IR  $\nu_{\text{Ir-H}}$  2010 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  -13.3 (1, s, IrH), overlapping aliphatic region. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>56</sub>As<sub>3</sub>Ir: C, 36.85; H, 7.53. Found: C, 37.01; H, 7.56.

(19) Note that under these conditions the analogous rhodium(I) neopentyl complex is isolated, unpublished results.

(20) Complex 3: <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  0.38 (9, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.65 (2, dt, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HPtrans</sub> = 8 Hz, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HPcis</sub> = 13 Hz, IrCH<sub>2</sub>Si), 1.24 (9, d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HP</sub> = 8 Hz, PCH<sub>3</sub> (unique)), 1.31 (18, t (virtual), <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HP</sub> + <sup>4</sup>J<sub>HP</sub> = 6 Hz, PCH<sub>3</sub> (mutually trans)).

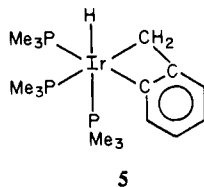
(21) Complex 4: IR  $\nu_{\text{Ir-H}}$  2005 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  -10.93 (1, dt, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HPtrans</sub> = 168 Hz, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HPcis</sub> = 22 Hz, IrH), -1.01 (2, br m, IrCH<sub>2</sub>Si), -0.40 (2, br m, IrCH<sub>2</sub>Si (wings of AB quartet with superimposed J<sub>HP</sub> and J<sub>HH</sub>)), 0.36 (3, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.63 (3, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.13 (9, d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HP</sub> = 7 Hz, PCH<sub>3</sub> (axial)), 1.20 (18, d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>HP</sub> = 7 Hz, PCH<sub>3</sub> (basal)); <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR AB<sub>2</sub> pattern centered at  $\delta$  -58.35 and -60.72. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>38</sub>IrP<sub>3</sub>Si: C, 30.76; H, 7.55. Found: C, 30.80; H, 7.71.

(22) Compare: the complex ( $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Zr(CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> is readily prepared whereas we have been unable to prepare the analogous bis(neopentyl) complex. Tulip, T. H., unpublished results.

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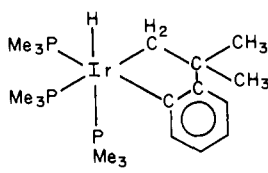
overall reaction to determine other factors, e.g., solvent, ancillary ligands, etc., which affect the oxidative cyclization.

Intramolecular oxidative additions to distal aryl C-H bonds also proceed readily. The reaction of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{PMe}_3)_4]\text{Cl}$  with benzylmagnesium chloride in THF at room temperature yields the benzometallacyclobutene complex **5**.<sup>24</sup> The hydride hydrogen



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atom presumably is derived from the ortho position of a transient benzyliridium(I) complex. The preparation of the trimethyl phosphite analogue via the corresponding Ir(I) *o*-tolyl complex has been previously reported.<sup>25</sup> In both cases cyclization results from Ir insertion into a  $\gamma$ -C-H bond. We have also observed a facile insertion at the aryl  $\delta$  (ortho) position of the neophyl ( $\text{CH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{Ph}$ ) ligand. Thus a 1:1 mixture of complex **1** and  $\text{LiCH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{Ph}$  in hexane rapidly yields the benzoiridacyclopentene complex **6**.<sup>26</sup> The spectral features of this complex

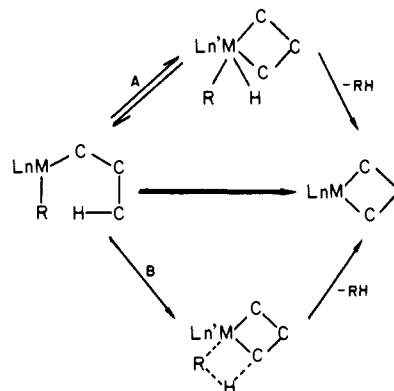


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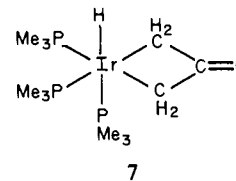
similar to those of a zirconacyclopentene complex,  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}^{\text{II}}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-}o)$ , recently prepared by an alternative route.<sup>27</sup> Furthermore, the formation of complex **6** is consistent with the initial step of the proposed mechanism for rearrangement of bis(*tert*-phosphine)neophylnickel(II) complexes to isomeric (*o*-*tert*-butylphenyl)nickel(II) species.<sup>28</sup> No iridium hydrocarbyl intermediates have been detected in the reactions which produce complexes **5** and **6**.

We have also observed rapid cyclization via oxidative addition to a distal C-H bond of functionalized alkyl groups. As one

## Scheme I



example, the reaction of complex **1** with the enolate salt of acetone yields the iridacyclobutan-3-one complex **7**.<sup>29</sup> An analogous Pt



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complex was prepared by the reaction of  $\text{Pt}(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{styrene})$  with dimethyl 3-oxoglutarate.<sup>30</sup> The enolate salts of other methyl ketones, e.g., pinacolone and acetophenone, react with complex **1** to yield the corresponding iridacycloalkanone complexes, details of which will be described separately.

Our attempts to prepare metallacyclic compounds containing other heteroatoms, e.g., O or N, by the above route have not been successful, owing to a competing reaction in which a trimethylphosphine ligand is metalated to give  $\text{Ir}(\text{CH}_2\text{P}(\text{CH}_3)_2)(\text{P}(\text{C}-\text{H}_3)_3)$ .<sup>31</sup> Alternative routes to a variety of heterometallacycles as well as elucidation of the chemistry of complexes **2-7** are being actively pursued.

The syntheses described above derive from the propensity of Ir(I) centers to undergo facile oxidative addition reactions.<sup>32</sup> Here, as in a number of other cases,<sup>33-39</sup> this ability has been applied

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(24) Complex **5**: IR  $\nu_{\text{Ir-H}}$  1976 (vs)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$   $\delta$  -9.42 (1, dt,  $^2J_{\text{HP}_{\text{trans}}} = 155$  Hz,  $^2J_{\text{HP}_{\text{cis}}} = 21$  Hz, IrH), 0.93 (9, d,  $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 7$  Hz,  $\text{PCH}_3$  (axial)), 1.16 (9, d,  $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 7$  Hz,  $\text{PCH}_3$ ), 1.27 (9, d,  $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 7$  Hz,  $\text{PCH}_3$ ), 2.16 (2, br d,  $^2J_{\text{AB}} = 10$  Hz, IrCH<sub>2</sub>, one wing of AB quartet), 6.63 (1, d), 7.05 (1, t), 7.16 (1, t), 7.36 (1, br d, aromatic H,  $J_{\text{HH}} \sim 7$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR  $\delta$  -7.15 (d,  $^2J_{\text{CP}_{\text{trans}}} = 80.6$  Hz, IrCH<sub>2</sub>), 16.90 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 27$  Hz), 18.36 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 39$  Hz), 19.06 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 27$  Hz,  $\text{PCH}_3$ ), 121.07 (s), 123.82 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 7$  Hz), 125.90 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 10$  Hz), 126.14 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 10$  Hz), 130.78 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 5$  Hz), 164.00 (s, aromatic C);  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR three pseudotriplets:  $\delta$  -43.9, -53.6, -56.7 ( $J_{\text{obsd}} = 11$  Hz). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{34}\text{IrP}_3$ : C, 37.57; H, 6.70. Found: C, 37.59; H, 6.68.

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(26) Complex **6**: IR  $\nu_{\text{Ir-H}}$  2010 (s)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$   $\delta$  -10.87 (1, ddd,  $^2J_{\text{HP}_{\text{trans}}} = 162$  Hz,  $^2J_{\text{HP}_{\text{cis}}} = 24$ , 15 Hz, IrH), 0.88 (9, d,  $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 7$  Hz,  $\text{PCH}_3$  (axial)), 1.19 (9, d,  $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 7$  Hz), 1.32 (9, d,  $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 8$  Hz,  $\text{PCH}_3$  (basal)), 1.59 (3, s,  $\text{CCH}_3$ ), 1.73 (3, d,  $J_{\text{Hhydride}} = 1$  Hz,  $\text{CCH}_3$ ), 1.55, 1.98 (2, m, partially obscured wings of AB quartet, IrCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.89 (1, t), 7.02 (2, d), 7.32 (1, t,  $J_{\text{HH}} = 7$  Hz, aromatic H);  $^1\text{H}\{^31\text{P}\}$  NMR  $\delta$  -10.9 (br m), 0.88 (d,  $^4J_{\text{Hhydride}} = 1$  Hz), 1.55 (1, dd,  $^2J_{\text{AB}} = 10$  Hz,  $^3J_{\text{Hhydride}} = 3$  Hz, IrCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.98 (1, d, IrCH<sub>2</sub>);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR  $\delta$  -22.23 (d,  $^2J_{\text{CP}_{\text{trans}}} = 55$  Hz, IrCH<sub>2</sub>), 17.38 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 22$  Hz), 22.10 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 26$  Hz), 24.40 (d,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 28$  Hz,  $\text{PCH}_3$ ), 31.07 (s), 33.40 (d,  $^4J_{\text{CP}} = 6$  Hz,  $\text{CCH}_3$ ), 48.55 (d,  $^3J_{\text{CP}} = 9$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CCH}_3$ ), 120.69, 121.99, 123.03, 123.22, 141.42, 141.68 (aromatic C).  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR complex second-order ABC pattern centered at  $\delta$  -55.8 and -59.3. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{40}\text{IrP}_3$ : C, 41.22; H, 7.28. Found: C, 41.23; H, 7.20.

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(29) Complex **7**: IR  $\nu_{\text{Ir-H}}$  2030 (s),  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  1560 (vs)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$   $\delta$  -12.8 (1, dt,  $^2J_{\text{HP}_{\text{trans}}} = 157$  Hz,  $^2J_{\text{HP}_{\text{cis}}} = 22$  Hz, IrH), 1.29 (9, dd,  $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 8$  Hz,  $^4J_{\text{Hhydride}} = 1$  Hz,  $\text{PCH}_3$  (axial)), 1.31 (18, d,  $^2J_{\text{HP}} = 8$  Hz,  $\text{PCH}_3$  (basal)), 2.20 (2, br m, IrCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.10 (2, br m, IrCH<sub>2</sub>);  $^1\text{H}\{^31\text{P}\}$  NMR  $\delta$  2.20 (2, br d,  $^2J_{\text{AB}} = 5$  Hz, IrCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.10 (2, br d, IrCH<sub>2</sub>). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{32}\text{IrOP}_3$ : C, 30.18; H, 6.76. Found: C, 29.86; H, 6.66. The analogous tris(trimethylarsine) complex has also been synthesized to facilitate spectroscopic analysis. IR  $\nu_{\text{Ir-H}}$  2060 (s),  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$  1572 (s)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H NMR}$   $\delta$  -15.7 (s, IrH), 1.13 (18, s,  $\text{AsCH}_3$  (basal)), 1.15 (9, s,  $\text{AsCH}_3$  (axial)), 2.49 (2, d,  $^2J_{\text{AB}} = 5$  Hz, IrCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.10 (2, d, IrCH<sub>2</sub>);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$   $\delta$  10.04, ( $\text{AsCH}_3$  (axial)), 12.32 (IrCH<sub>2</sub>), 18.36 ( $\text{AsCH}_3$  (basal)), 185.06 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{C=O}$ );  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  SFORD] (q), (t), (q), (br m). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{32}\text{As}_3\text{IrO}$ : C, 23.65; H, 5.29. Found: C, 23.44; H, 5.40.

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with particular success to C-H bond activation where the formation of stable Ir<sup>III</sup>-H bonds acts as an additional driving force.<sup>40</sup> Much remains to be learned about the intimate mechanisms and scope of such reactions, and studies are ongoing in our laboratory which should clarify these questions.

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## The "Pocket" Porphyrin: A Hemoprotein Model with Lowered CO Affinity

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The role of the heme cavity in causing discrimination in the binding of small ligands to hemoproteins is an area of active interest.<sup>1,2</sup> We report here the synthesis and preliminary binding studies of a new model compound, the "pocket" porphyrin H<sub>2</sub>PocPivP (Ia). This compound has been specifically designed to investigate the effect of steric interaction on O<sub>2</sub> and CO binding in ferrous porphyrins. Our findings indicate that, compared with open-cavity models such as the "picket fence",<sup>3,4</sup> the added steric encumbrance of the pocket reduces the CO affinity without substantially changing that<sup>5</sup> of O<sub>2</sub>.

Structural analyses in carbonylated hemoproteins reveal that the CO unit is bent and/or tilted from the perpendicular to the porphyrin plane owing to interaction with the distal residues<sup>6</sup> (histidine,<sup>6a</sup> valine,<sup>6b</sup> and leucine<sup>6c</sup> or isoleucine<sup>6d</sup>). In simple model compounds, the linear FeCO group is normal to the porphyrin plane.<sup>7</sup> We<sup>4,5</sup> and others<sup>8a,9</sup> have proposed that in hemoproteins distortion of the FeCO unit reduces the CO affinity without affecting the O<sub>2</sub> affinity of the intrinsically bent FeO<sub>2</sub> group.<sup>2a,10,11</sup>

Mutant hemoglobins such as HbZ<sub>h</sub> ( $\beta 63\text{His} \rightarrow \text{Arg}$ ), for which structural studies reveal a more open binding pocket,<sup>8a</sup> have been investigated as a means of assessing distal steric effects.<sup>8,12</sup> The

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(3) Abbreviations:  $P_{1/2}$  = partial pressure of gas at half-saturation;  $M$  =  $P_{1/2}^{\text{O}_2}/P_{1/2}^{\text{CO}}$ ;  $K_B$  = equilibrium constant for the binding of a single axial ligand to the four-coordinate heme; 1-MeIm = 1-methylimidazole; 1,2-Me<sub>2</sub>Im = 1,2-dimethylimidazole; TPivPP = picket-fence, *meso*- $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$ -tetrakis[*o*-(pivalamido)phenyl]porphyrinato; Fe[Piv<sub>3</sub>(5ClmP)Por] = *meso*- $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$ -tris[*o*-( $\beta$ -pivalamido)phenyl]- $\beta$ -[*o*-[5-(*N*-imidazolyl)valeramido]phenyl]porphyrinatoiron(II); Hb (R), Hb (T) = relaxed and tense hemoglobin (human), respectively; Mb = myoglobin (human); HbZ<sub>h</sub> = hemoglobin Zurich.

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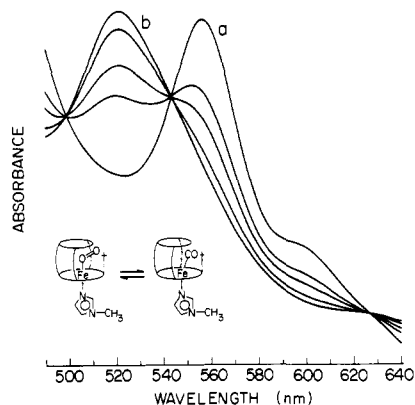
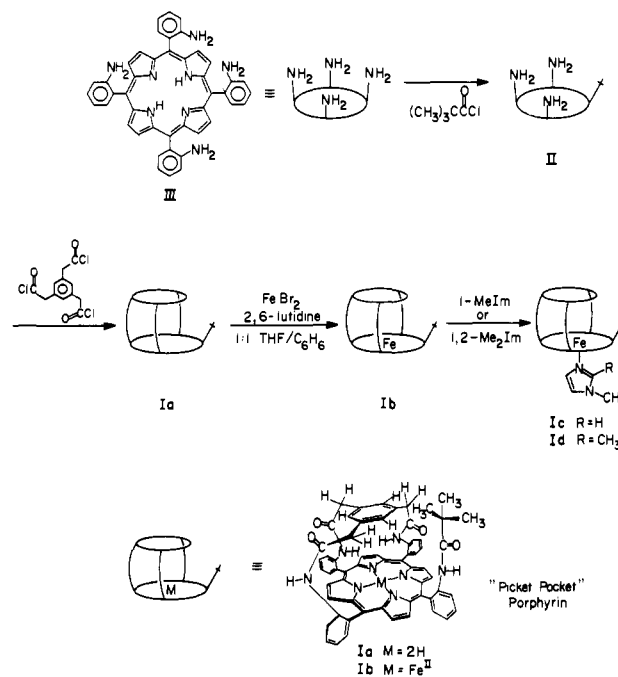


Figure 1. Determination of  $M$  value for Fe(PocPivP)(1-MeIm) (Ic). Ic; ca.  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  M in toluene, 1.0 M 1-methylimidazole,  $25.0 \pm 0.1$  °C. Curve a; under 1 atm of O<sub>2</sub>; curve b; under 1 atm of CO. Intermediate curves obtained by diluting O<sub>2</sub> with increased quantities of 4.95% CO/N<sub>2</sub>.

### Scheme I



CO affinities of this mutant apparently have not yet been directly determined; however, HbZ<sub>h</sub> appears to bind CO more tenaciously than does normal HbA.<sup>12b,13</sup> Investigations in hemoproteins can be complemented by carefully designed model porphyrin systems which explore particular aspects of ligand-heme binding.<sup>15,16</sup>

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