

Table I. Photostimulated Reaction, $\text{RHgCl} + \text{QY} \rightarrow \text{RY} + \text{ClHgQ}$

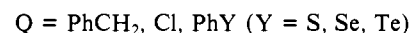
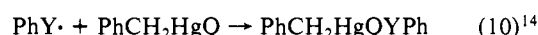
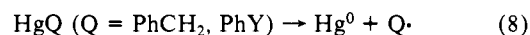
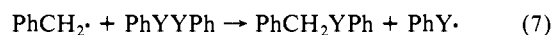
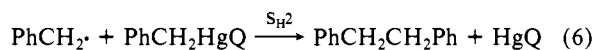
R	Q-Y	conditions ^a	RY, % ^b
$\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_2$	PhS-SPh	PhH, 4 h	92
$\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_2$	PhS-SPh	PhH, dark, 6.5 h, 50 °C	0
$\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_2$	PhS-SPh	PhH, 4 h, 10 mol % $(\text{Me}_3\text{C})_2\text{NO}\cdot$	0
$\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_2$	PhS-SPh	PhH, AIBN, 10 h, 80 °C	64 ^c
$\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_2$	PhSe-SePh	PhH, 5 h	85
$\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_2$	PhTe-TePh	PhH, 3 h	92
$\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_2$	<i>p</i> -MePhSO ₂ - SePh	PhH, 4 h	87
$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_2$	PhS-SPh	PhH, 3 h	78
$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_2$	PhSe-SePh	PhH, 4 h	82
$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_2$	PhTe-TePh	PhH, 4 h	83
$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_2$	<i>p</i> -MePhSO ₂ - SePh	PhH, 5 h	82
$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_2$	PhSO ₂ -Cl	PhH, 48 h ^d	46
$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_2$	CCl ₃ -Br	PhH, 36 h	56
$(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCH}_2$	PhS-SPh	PhH, 12 h	74
$(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCH}_2$	PhSe-SePh	PhH, 5 h	86
$(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCH}_2$	PhTe-TePh	PhH, 6 h	78
$(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCH}_2$	<i>p</i> -MePhSO ₂ - SePh	PhH, 10 h	75
$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$	PhS-SPh	PhH, 4 h	100
$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$	PhSe-SePh	PhH, 5 h	100
cyclo-C ₆ H ₁₁	PhS-SPh	Me ₂ SO, 18 h	65 ^c
cyclo-C ₆ H ₁₁	PhSe-SePh	Me ₂ SO, 16 h	72 ^c
cyclo-C ₆ H ₉ CH ₂	PhS-SPh	PhH, 4 h	86 (73 ^c)
cyclo-C ₆ H ₉ CH ₂	PhSe-SePh	PhH, 4 h	84
7-norbornyl	PhS-SPh	PhH, 6 h	43 ^e
7-norbornyl	PhSe-SePh	PhH, 4 h	53 ^e
7-norbornyl	PhTe-TePh	PhH, 10 h	45 ^e
7-norbornyl	<i>p</i> -MePhSO ₂ - SePh	PhH, 10 h	48 ^e
$\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_2$	PhS-S-Ph	PhH, 3 h	88 ^f
$\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_2$	PhSe-SePh	PhH, 3 h	93 ^f
$\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_2$	PhTe-TePh	PhH, 8 h	85 ^f
$\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_2$	<i>p</i> -MePhSO ₂ - SePh	PhH, 6 h	81 ^f
$\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_2$	PhSO ₂ -Cl	PhH, 48 h ^d	54 ^f
$\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_2$	PhS-H	PhH, 5 h	58 ^f
$\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_2$	PhS-H	PhH, dark, 10 mol % $(\text{Me}_3\text{C})_2\text{NO}\cdot$, 30 °C, 38 h	0
PhCH ₂	PhS-SPh	PhH, 4 h ^d	15 (66 ^g)
PhCH ₂	PhSe-SePh	PhH, 2 h	72 (7 ^h)
PhCH ₂	PhTe-TePh	PhH, 1 h	80 (0 ^g)
PhCH ₂	<i>p</i> -MePhSO ₂ - SePh	PhH, 6 h	68 (5 ^g)
PhCH ₂ ^h	PhS-SPh	PhH, 6 h ^d	8 (72 ^g)
PhCH ₂ ^h	PhTe-TePh	PhH, 1 h	100 (0 ^g)
$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ^h	PhS-SPh	PhH, 2.5 h	100
$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ⁱ	PhS-SPh	PhH, 21 h	85

^a In a typical experiment RHgCl (1 mmol) and QY (1.2 mmol) in 10 mL of solvent were irradiated with a 275-W sunlamp approximately 15 cm from the Pyrex reaction flask. The reaction temperature was ~45 °C. ^b ¹H NMR yield. ^c Isolated yield (5-mmol scale). ^d Irradiated in a Rayonet reactor (350 nm). ^e RHgBr reactant. A significant amount of RR was recovered. ^f Mixture of R = Δ^5 -hexenyl and cyclopentylcarbinyl whose ratio (GLPC) was dependent on the concentration of QY. ^g Yield of PhCH₂CH₂Ph. ^h RHgX = R₂Hg (1 mmol); QY (2 mmol). ⁱ Bu₂Hg (1 mmol) and PhSSPh (1.2 mmol) yielded 1.7 mmol of PhSBu.

of PhSSPh yielded mainly PhCH₂CH₂Ph and PhSHgCl while the better radical traps PhSeSePh or PhTeTePh led mainly to PhCH₂SePh and exclusively to PhCH₂TePh (Table I). Dibenzylmercury undergoes a facile photostimulated decomposition (inhibited by $(\text{Me}_3\text{C})_2\text{NO}\cdot$) to PhCH₂CH₂Ph and Hg⁰ while PhCH₂HgSPh undergoes a photostimulated chain decomposition yielding PhCH₂CH₂Ph, (PhS)₂Hg, and Hg⁰. Benzylmercury chloride does not readily undergo a chain decomposition, but in the presence of anions (A⁻), which promote the symmetrization to $(\text{PhCH}_2)_2\text{Hg}$ and $\text{HgCl}_2\cdot\text{A}^-$ (A⁻ = (EtO)₂PO⁻, ArSO₂⁻, NO₂⁻),

photostimulated decomposition occurs.⁴ Bibenzyl could be formed in these processes by the S_H2 attack of benzyl radical at the benzyl carbon of the mercurial or by decomposition of the Hg^{III} intermediate $(\text{PhCH}_2)_2\text{HgQ}$, **1''** (Q = PhCH₂, Cl, SPh, SePh, TePh). To distinguish between these alternatives, we have studied the chain reactions between $(\text{PhCH}_2)_2\text{Hg}$ and PhYYPh (Y = S, Te) in which addition of PhY· to $(\text{PhCH}_2)_2\text{Hg}$ would produce **1''** with Q = PhS or PhTe. Reaction of 2 equiv of PhTeTePh with $(\text{PhCH}_2)_2\text{Hg}$ proceeded rapidly when photostimulated to yield quantitatively PhCH₂TePh and $(\text{PhTe})_2\text{Hg}$. We conclude that decomposition of **1''** (Q = PhTe) leads to the benzyl radical and not directly to bibenzyl. With PhSSPh (2 equiv), a poorer trap for PhCH₂· than PhTeTePh, the major reaction product was PhCH₂CH₂Ph (Table I). We thus conclude that bibenzyl is formed by attack of PhCH₂· at the benzyl position of a carbon-mercury bond with $k_6 > k_7$ for Y = S but $k_7 > k_6$ for Y = Te (Scheme I).

Scheme I



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Registry No. $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{HgCl}$, 14660-38-9; $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{C}-\text{H}_2\text{HgCl}$, 17774-09-3; $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CCH}_2\text{HgCl}$, 10284-47-6; $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHHgCl}$, 30615-19-1; *c*-C₆H₁₁HgCl, 24371-94-6; *c*-C₆H₉CH₂HgCl, 33631-66-2; 7-norbornyl HgCl, 84649-28-5; $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_2\text{HgCl}$, 63668-13-3; PhCH₂HgCl, 2117-39-7; PhSSPh, 882-33-7; PhSeSePh, 1666-13-3; PhTeTePh, 32294-60-3; *p*-MePhSO₂SePh, 68819-94-3; PhSO₂Cl, 98-09-9.

(14) S_H2 attack of PhY· at the carbon of PhCH₂HgQ or decomposition of PhCH₂HgQYPh directly to PhCH₂HgQYPh are discounted because of the cyclization observed in the reactions of Δ^5 -hexenylmercurials.

Iron Porphyrin Dependent Oxidation of Methyl- and Phenylhydrazine: Isolation of Iron(II)-Diazene and σ -Alkyliron(III) (or Aryliron(III)) Complexes. Relevance to the Reactions of Hemoproteins with Hydrazines

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Monosubstituted hydrazines, particularly arylhydrazines, have been shown to react with several hemoproteins such as hemoglobin¹ (Hb), myoglobin² (Mb), cytochrome P-450,³ lactoperoxidase,⁴ and horseradish peroxidase,⁵ forming heme adducts and producing a partial inhibition or destruction of these hemoproteins.⁶ The

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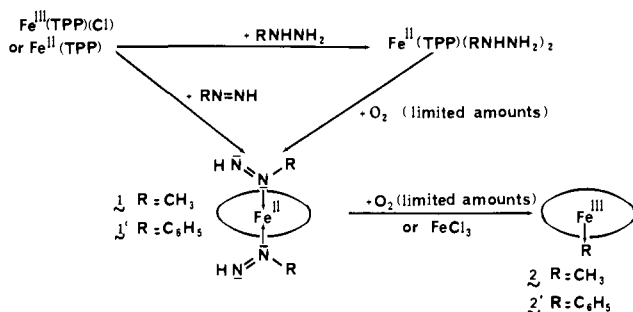
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Scheme I



formation of free radicals $\text{R}\cdot$ has been shown during hemo-protein-catalyzed oxidation of the hydrazines RNHNH_2 .^{7,8} Intermediate formation of hemoglobin^{2,9a} and cytochrome P-450³-iron complexes with an oxidized metabolite of arylhydrazines has been reported, the nature of this metabolite being not yet established.^{9b} Moreover, we have shown recently that the hemoglobin-dependent oxidation of methylhydrazine leads to two successive iron complexes, the first of which seems to be a hemoglobin-Fe(II)-methyl diazene complex.¹⁰

This communication reports preliminary results concerning a study of the reactions between iron porphyrins and hydrazines RNHNH_2 or diazenes $\text{RN}=\text{NH}$, which we have undertaken to get information on the corresponding reactions of hemoproteins and particularly on the nature of the iron complexes involved. It shows the formation of Fe(II)-diazene and σ -Fe(III)-methyl (or -phenyl) complexes upon O_2 and iron porphyrin dependent oxidation of CH_3NHNH_2 and $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NHNH}_2$ and points to very different stabilities of the complexes derived from methyl- and phenylhydrazine.

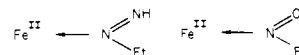
Reaction of $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{TPP}$ (TPP = mesotetraphenylporphyrin dianion) with an excess of $\text{CH}_3\text{N}=\text{NH}$ ¹¹ in strictly anaerobic conditions leads to the new complex **1** (Scheme I), the UV-visible spectrum (λ 424, 528, and 560 nm in CH_2Cl_2) of which is very similar to those of previously reported $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{TPP}(\text{L})_2$ hemochrome complexes with $\text{L} = \text{amine}$ or pyridine , for instance.¹³ Upon CH_3OH addition, the crystalline complex **1** is obtained with a nearly quantitative yield. Its ¹H NMR spectrum is indicative of a diamagnetic low-spin ferrous complex with an axial symmetry: porphyrin protons at δ 8.72 (pyrrole, s, 8 H), 8.13 (*o*-phenyl, m, 8 H), and 7.71 (*m*- and *p*-phenyl, m, 12 H), involving two $\text{CH}_3\text{N}=\text{NH}$ axial ligands; δ -1.30 (CH_3 , s, 2×3 H) and 7.83 (NH, s, 2×1 H, disappears after treatment with D_2O). Addition of pyridine-*d*₅ in excess at -60 °C leads to an immediate disappearance of complex **1** signals and appearance of those of $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{TPP}(\text{pyridine-}d_5)_2$ and of a singlet at δ 3.6 corresponding to the methyl protons of free $\text{CH}_3\text{N}=\text{NH}$,^{12c} as expected for a $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{TPP}(\text{CH}_3\text{N}=\text{NH})_2$ structure of complex **1**.¹⁴ The upfield shifts observed for the $\text{CH}_3\text{N}=\text{NH}$ signals upon coordination to

the $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{porphyrin})$ ($\Delta\delta = \delta(\mathbf{1}) - \delta(\text{free } \text{CH}_3\text{N}=\text{NH})$)^{12c} $\approx -7.7(\text{NH})$ and $-4.9(\text{CH}_3)$ are in the range expected for such protons in close proximity to the porphyrin plane. This structure is further supported by the presence of a band at 1510 cm^{-1} in the IR spectrum (KBr) of complex **1** as expected for $\nu_{\text{N}=\text{N}}$ of $\text{CH}_3\text{N}=\text{NH}$ bound to a transition metal.¹⁶ This band disappears upon treatment of **1** with excess pyridine. **1** is highly sensitive to dioxygen either in solution or in the crystalline state.^{17a} Upon exposure of crystals of **1** to dioxygen or treatment of its CH_2Cl_2 solution (10^{-3} M) by a few equivalents of O_2 or FeCl_3 , one observes its almost quantitative conversion into a new complex exhibiting UV-visible and ¹H NMR spectra superimposable on those of an authentic sample of the σ - $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{TPP}(\text{CH}_3)$ ¹⁸ complex **2**. In the crystalline state, complex **2** is more stable toward dioxygen than complex **1**, but both complexes are irreversibly transformed into $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{TPP}]_2\text{O}$ within a few seconds in aerated benzene, explaining why opening a complex **1** solution to the air leads only very transiently to complex **2**. Reaction of $\text{CH}_3\text{N}=\text{NH}$ with $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{TPP}(\text{Cl})$ in CDCl_3 leads to a mixture of **1** and **2**, whose proportions are dependent on the molar excess of $\text{CH}_3\text{N}=\text{NH}$ used relative to $\text{FeTPP}(\text{Cl})$ and on O_2 traces that could be present in the medium.

Concerning CH_3NHNH_2 itself, it reduces $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{TPP}(\text{Cl})$ (10–100 molar excess of CH_3NHNH_2) at 20 °C in anaerobic conditions, with formation of the bishydrazine hemochrome $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{TPP}(\text{CH}_3\text{NHNH}_2)_2$: Anal. $\text{C}_{46}\text{H}_{40}\text{N}_6\text{Fe}$ (C, H, N); UV-vis λ 425 nm, 532, 562. In the presence of O_2 , reaction between $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{TPP}(\text{Cl})$ and CH_3NHNH_2 leads to a mixture of $\text{FeTPP}(\text{CH}_3\text{NHNH}_2)_2$, **1**, **2**, and $[\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{TPP}]_2\text{O}$,¹⁹ the proportions of these complexes depending critically upon the $\text{FeTPP}(\text{Cl})$: CH_3NHNH_2 : O_2 ratio. In a typical experiment, which underlines the reactions sequence shown in Scheme I, the reaction of 4 mM CH_3NHNH_2 with $\text{FeTPP}(\text{Cl})$, 1 mM in benzene, was followed by ¹H NMR and visible spectroscopy: $\text{FeTPP}(\text{CH}_3\text{NHNH}_2)_2$, which was first formed under argon, was rapidly oxidized upon addition of O_2 (1 mol/mol of starting hydrazine) leading predominantly to **1** and to minor amounts of **2**. Further addition of FeCl_3 (1.5 equiv) or of limited amounts of O_2 led to the complete transformation of **1** into **2**, whereas exposure of the solution to the air led rapidly to $[\text{FeTPP}]_2\text{O}$ and $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{TPP}(\text{Cl})$.

Similar reactions were performed between $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{N}=\text{NH}$ ²⁰ and $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{TPP}$ or $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{TPP}(\text{Cl})$ and between $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NHNH}_2$ and $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{TPP}(\text{Cl})$ and led us to the easy isolation of the σ -phenyl complex **2'**, $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{TPP}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)$. It has thus been obtained in high yields ($\approx 95\%$) from reaction of 8 mM $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NHNH}_2$ in CH_2Cl_2 with

(14) Concerning the binding mode of an alkyldiazene such as $\text{CH}_3\text{N}=\text{NH}$ to iron, we compared the ¹H NMR spectra of $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{TPP}(\text{EtN}=\text{NH})_2$, prepared by reaction of $\text{EtN}=\text{NH}$ with $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{TPP}$, and $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{TPP}(\text{EtNO})_2$ (py = pyridine), prepared as described previously,¹⁵ and found that the signals corresponding to CH_3 in bound $\text{EtN}=\text{NH}$ and EtNO have the same chemical shift (-1.88 ppm). This is in agreement with a similar position of the methyl groups relative to the porphyrin plane in both complexes. Since RNO are bound to FeTPP by their nitrogen atom,^{15b} this result would favor the $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}} \leftarrow \text{N}(\text{=NH})\text{Et}$ structure over the $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}} \leftarrow \text{N}(\text{=NET})\text{H}$ one:



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(17) (a) Because of the high sensitivity of **1** to O_2 even in the crystalline state, we were unable to get satisfactory elemental analysis for it, the samples always containing small but variable amounts of $\text{FeTPP}(\text{CH}_3)$, **2**. The mass spectrum of **1** (70 eV, 220 °C) does not exhibit the molecular peak, as most often encountered for $\text{FeTPP}(\text{L})_2$ complexes containing weak L ligands,^{17b} the highest peak being that of $\text{FeTPP}(\text{M}^*)$, *m/e* 668. (b) Budzikiewicz, H. In "The Porphyrins"; Dolphin, D., Ed.; Academic Press: New York, 1978; Volume III, p 441.

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1 mM FeTPP(Cl) and O₂ (2 mol/mol of FeTPP(Cl)) and characterized by visible and ¹H NMR spectra superimposable on those of an authentic sample.²¹ Complex 2' is much more stable toward O₂ (t_{1/2} in aerated C₆H₆ ≈ 12 h^{21c}) than 2. On the contrary, the diazene complex 1', Fe^{II}TPP(C₆H₅N=NH)₂, is much less stable than 1; it has been only observed by visible spectroscopy (λ 426 nm, 529, 561) upon reaction of C₆H₅N=NH with FeTPP in anaerobic conditions but could not be isolated so far because of its fast transformation into 2' in the presence of O₂ traces. These data explain why 2' is the main complex derived from the binding of an oxidized product of C₆H₅NHNH₂ to iron, observed during FeTPP and O₂-dependent oxidation of C₆H₅NHNH₂.

The aforementioned results establish the formation of two Fe-RNHNH₂-derived ligand complexes upon reaction of RNHNH₂ hydrazines or the corresponding diazenes with an iron porphyrin and O₂ (Scheme I): an Fe(II)-diazene and a σ-Fe(III)-R complex. They show, at least when R = CH₃, that the σ-Fe(III)-R complex can be formed by a O₂-dependent oxidation of the diazene Fe(II)-RN=NH complex. There are great similarities between these results and those concerning reactions of hemoglobin (Hb) or myoglobin (Mb) with RNHNH₂ (R = CH₃ or C₆H₅) and O₂.¹⁰ When R = CH₃, two iron complexes are formed, the first one, a hemoprotein Fe(II)-CH₃N=NH complex being further oxidized by 1 equiv of Fe(CN)₆K₃ (or by O₂) to give another complex, B, of unknown structure. When R = C₆H₅, the Fe(II)-C₆H₅N=NH complex has never been observed, the only entity formed being a complex spectrally similar to B.²⁷ This paper describes the first isolation of a porphyriniron(II)-alkyl-diazene complex²² and points to the great instability of Fe(II)-C₆H₅N=NH complexes, thus strongly supporting the existence of Mb- (or Hb-) Fe(II)-CH₃N=NH complexes¹⁰ and explaining the failure to observe Mb-Fe(II)-C₆H₅N=NH complexes.^{9a,10,23} The diazene ligands are isoelectronic with their oxygen-containing analogues, nitrosoalkanes¹⁵ and O₂, and it is noteworthy that, as their diazene analogues, nitrosoarene-iron porphyrin complexes are considerably less stable than nitrosoalkane-iron complexes.^{15c} This paper also reports for the first time the formation of σ-Fe(III)-R complexes upon reaction of RNHNH₂ or RN=NH with iron porphyrins, indicating a possible HbFe^{III}-R (R = CH₃ or C₆H₅) structure for complexes B.²⁷ However, one cannot exclude presently the previously proposed⁹ HbFe^{III}-N=NR structure for these complexes. In that respect, it is noteworthy that hydrazines RNHNH₂ react with Co and Fe chelates to give Co(III)-R and Fe(III)-R σ complexes,²⁴ whereas C₆H₅NHNH₂ reacts with molybdenum porphyrins to give Mo-N=NC₆H₅ complexes.²⁵

Finally, very recent preliminary results are in favor of the formation of similar iron complexes during the cytochrome P-450 dependent oxidation of CH₃NHNH₂²⁶ and C₆H₅NHNH₂.^{3,26}

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Organolanthanide Hydride Chemistry. 3. Reactivity of Low-Valent Samarium with Unsaturated Hydrocarbons Leading to a Structurally Characterized Samarium Hydride Complex¹

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Our general investigation of low-valent lanthanide chemistry³⁻¹⁰ has shown that the zerovalent metals react with neutral unsaturated hydrocarbons⁵⁻¹⁰ to form a variety of new classes of organolanthanides including some that display catalytic activity.^{6,7} This low-valent approach also provided the first soluble divalent organosamarium complex, (C₅Me₅)₂Sm(THF)₂ (I) a complex that functions as a catalyst precursor for the catalytic hydrogenation of alkynes.¹⁰ Since I was a crystallographically characterized low-valent complex that also had catalytic chemistry, it was an ideal candidate for the study of low-valent lanthanide reactivity. We report here the reaction of I with internal alkynes to form a new class of organolanthanide complexes, the enediyls, which can be converted into the first organosamarium hydride complex, a molecule that represents a new crystallographically characterized class of organolanthanide hydrides.^{11,12}

Addition of pentane to an equimolar mixture of the purple I and C₆H₅C≡CC₆H₅ in an inert-atmosphere glovebox immediately generates an intensely colored black solution. Removal of solvent after stirring overnight yields a black material containing unreacted alkyne by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. A pentane solution of this material precipitates the excess C₆H₅C≡CC₆H₅ at -78 °C, leaving a black mother liquor that is pure by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Removal of solvent from the mother liquor leaves a black glassy material, II, which by complete elemental analysis has the formula [(C₅Me₅)₂SmCC₆H₅]_n (yield >95%). The ¹H NMR and IR spectra¹³ are consistent with an enediyl structure, [(C₅Me₅)₂Sm](C₆H₅)C=C(C₆H₅)[Sm(C₅Me₅)₂], and a trans configuration is likely on the basis of steric considerations.¹⁴

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