

(2*R*,5*R*)-2 (>97% by ¹H NMR) was isolated by fractional crystallization of the bisulfate salts followed by release of the free base [21 g, 31% yield from menthone, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +43.3^\circ$ (*c* 2.5, CHCl₃)]. Thermolysis of (2*R*,5*R*)-2 in the presence of KBH₄ (0.33 equiv, 1.5 h in dimethylacetamide, 6.5 h in anisole) yielded the desired ligand K[HB((2*R*,5*R*)-menthylpz)₃] [3; 46% based on (2*R*,5*R*)-2] contaminated by unreacted (2*R*,5*R*)-2. Isolation of pure 3 proved difficult, so the crude ligand was used directly to precipitate the complexes [HB((2*R*,5*R*)-menthylpz)₃]MCl [M = Zn (6) or Ni (7)] by adding the appropriate metal(II) halide in MeOH. Additional complexes [HB((2*R*,5*R*)-menthylpz)₃]MX [X = Cl, M = Cu (8) or Co (9); X = OAc, M = Cu (10) or Ni (11); X = NO₃, M = Cu (12) or Ni (13)] were prepared by metal exchange with 6 or by coligand metathesis reactions. We have also synthesized other potentially useful multidentate optically active ligands from (2*R*,5*R*)-2, including phosphine oxide 4 (a neutral analog of 3) and pyridine 5 (a C₂-symmetric meridional binder).¹¹

Similarities among the properties of the complexes of 3¹⁰ and those of known analogs containing hindered achiral tris(pyrazolyl)hydroborate ligands^{4c,5a,12} support assignment of tetrahedral geometries to 7–9 and square pyramidal structures to 10–13.¹³ The absolute configuration of the ligand was obtained, and its tridentate C₃-symmetric coordination mode was confirmed by an X-ray crystal structure analysis of 6 (Figure 1).¹⁴ The propeller of alternating isopropyl groups and hydrogen atoms fixed at the periphery of the metal-centered ligand cavity in 6 provides a unique and highly directed asymmetric environment which contrasts with the topology of complexes of previously reported camphorpyrazole ligands in which the alternating array of dimethylmethano and ethano moieties forms a torus well-removed from incoming substrates.^{6,7a}

The practical synthesis of (2*R*,5*R*)-2, its elaboration into ligands 3–5, and the isolation and characterization of a series of first-row transition metal complexes of 3 represent significant first steps in the development of a new class of chiral, C₃-symmetric catalysts and metal-centered templates for stereoselective molecular recognition. In view of the prevalence of tris(pyrazolyl)hydroborate complexes in the contemporary organometallic and inorganic chemical literature,^{1–5} the recent successes in the use of optically active N-donor ligands in asymmetric synthesis,¹⁵ and the ready accessibility and novel structural features of 3 (e.g., fixed, convergent, and highly sterically differentiated C₃ array of stereogenic

centers), we believe that there exists a wide range of promising options for future enantioselective reactivity studies of its complexes.

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A [W(CO)₅·THF]-Mediated Pauson–Khand Reaction: Cyclizations of 1,6-Enynes via a Batch-Catalytic Protocol

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The Pauson–Khand cyclization reaction (PKCR) merges alkyne, alkene, and carbon monoxide subunits into a common cyclopentenone ring.¹ The most widely used source of CO for these reactions is (a stoichiometric quantity of) dicobalt octacarbonyl. The only other reported metal carbonyl precursor to effectively cyclize enynes is Fe(CO)₅.² As part of our study of cyclization reactions of enynes with various Fischer carbene species, we observed the unexpected formation of the bicyclic cyclopentenone 2a as a minor byproduct from reaction of 1,6-enyne 1a with a tungsten-containing Fischer carbene [(CO)₅W=CMe(OMe)]. We speculated and then demonstrated that tungsten pentacarbonyl was the likely species which mediated that particular reaction.³ This observation was unprecedented and of sufficient interest that we have studied and now report various aspects including the batch-catalytic nature of this new method of cyclopentenone synthesis.

Enynes 1a–j were treated with preformed W(CO)₅·THF in a THF solution at 65–110 °C for 6–20 h to provide the bicyclo-[3.3.0]octenones 2a–j in the yields stated in Table I. The “parent” allyl propargyl malonate and gem-dimethylated substrates 1a and 1b cyclize smoothly when reacted with W(CO)₅·THF (W-PKCR), producing cyclopentenones 2a and 2b.⁴ Minor byproducts of reductive cyclization and/or alkyne reduction, presumably via tungsten hydride containing intermediates, were always observed

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Table I. Reaction^a of Pentacarbonyltungsten-THF with Enynes **1** To Produce Cyclopentenones **2**

Entry	Enyne 1	Product 2	yield, % ^b	Entry	Enyne 1	Product 2	yield, % ^b
a			60 ^c	f			57
b			69 ^c	g			51
c			21 ^{c,d}	h			55
d			57 ^c	i			17
e			71	j			43 ^e

^a In a typical experiment, a slurry of $W(CO)_6$ (176 mg, 0.50 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) under argon and in a screw-capped 50-mL culture tube was irradiated for 2 h with 350-nm bulbs in a Rayonet reactor [Wrighton, M. *Chem. Rev.* 1974, 74, 401]. To the resulting bright yellow solution was added the enyne substrate **1** (0.45 mmol in ≤ 1 mL of THF). This solution was heated at external bath temperatures ranging from 65 to 110 °C from 6 to 20 h, during which time the color of the solutions typically turned through orange to red to brown to black. Carbon monoxide was slowly bubbled through the cooled solution for 1 h. Removal of the THF under reduced pressure, reconstitution of the residue in hexane/ethyl acetate, and filtration of the slurry allowed recovery of the majority of the initial quantity of $W(CO)_6$. Filtrate concentration and MPLC on SiO_2 returned an additional quantity of $W(CO)_6$ (total recovery of $\sim 95\%$) and the enyne-derived product(s). ^b Yields are for material after purification by MPLC on silica gel. ^c Reduction byproducts³ are methylenecyclopentenones (6–10%) and/or 1,6-dienes (2–3%, from simple alkyne reduction). ^d Plus 19% of **2a**. ^e Major diastereomer shown (3:1 β : α ratio as determined by ¹H NMR and capillary GC analyses).

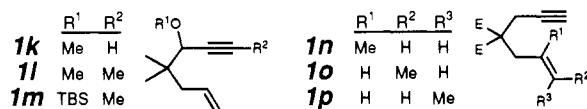
with substrates containing terminal alkyne C–H bonds.

Electron-deficient alkenes are often poor substrates for the $Co_2(CO)_8$ -mediated reaction (Co-PKCR).⁵ Although enoate **1c** gave α -carbomethoxy enone **2c** in only 21% yield under W-PKCR conditions, competing decarbalkoxylation of the product (**2a** was also isolated in 19%) and formation of reduced byproducts (Table I, footnote c) may be more responsible than any inherent lack of reactivity of the alkene in **1c**. This is supported by the smooth cyclization of the electron-deficient α,β -unsaturated nitrile **1d** to the keto nitrile **2d**.

Electron-deficient alkynes are also poor substrates in standard Co-PKCRs.^{1c,6} It is, therefore, interesting that the alkynes **1e–h**, bearing pendant vinyl groups, were well-behaved in W-PKCRs and gave access to the multifunctional enediones **2e–h**. For substrate **1e** the cyclization culminates a four-step construction of **2e**, an important intermediate in the Danishefsky coriolin synthesis.⁷ We have recently observed that these electron-poor alkyne substrates are also quite efficiently cyclized by $Co_2(CO)_8$ in acetonitrile.⁸

The benefit of the *gem*-dialkyl effect⁹ on the efficiency of this transformation is evidenced by the poor yield for cyclization of substrate **1i**. A class of successful substrates for the Co-PKCR is the propargylic ether containing enynes such as **1k–m**. Sur-

prisingly, W-PKCR of these gave less than 5% of the corresponding cyclopentenones even under forcing conditions where all of the enyne substrate was consumed. On the other hand, enyne **1j**, containing the allylic ether subunit, was a moderately good substrate. The degree of diastereoselectivity observed in the $W(CO)_5$ -THF cyclization of the allylic ether containing precursor **1j** (3:1) was very similar to that seen for the $Co_2(CO)_8$ cyclization of an analogous substrate (2.6:1, 25%).¹⁰ Attempts to cyclize enynes **1n–p**, containing a second alkyl substituent on the alkene atoms, were not successful with the W-PKCR; however, they are well-behaved substrates in the Co-PKCR.



The fact that $W(CO)_6$, an air-stable, easily handled, relatively safe metal carbonyl, can be routinely recovered in $\sim 95\%$ yield after exposure of the reaction mixture to an atmosphere of CO means that this process is batch-catalytic with regard to the metal species. Interestingly, the use of ~ 10 mol % $W(CO)_5$ -THF in the presence of 1.0 equiv of added $W(CO)_6$ allowed the conversion of **1a** into **2a** in 45% yield, wherein the $W(CO)_6$ presumably served as the CO source.¹¹ Attempts to make the reaction truly catalytic through the use of substoichiometric amounts of $W(CO)_5$ -THF in the presence of CO have been only marginally successful.

In conclusion, tungsten pentacarbonyl has been shown to promote Pauson–Khand-like cyclizations of a variety of substrates, including those containing electron-deficient alkene or electron-deficient alkyne moieties. Thus, $W(CO)_6$ should be considered

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as a viable alternative to $\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8$ for the synthesis of bicyclic cyclopentenones.

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More than INEPT: Parahydrogen and INEPT+ Give Unprecedented Resonance Enhancement to ^{13}C by Direct ^1H Polarization Transfer

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Enhanced absorptions and emissions in product NMR spectra have been reported to occur when H_2 oxidative addition and homogeneously catalyzed hydrogenation reactions are carried out using H_2 enriched in the para spin state.¹⁻¹⁰ The basis of this phenomenon, described initially by Weitekamp as PASADENA,^{1,2} is that the addition of H_2 to substrate or metal complex takes place in a pairwise manner while spin correlation between the added protons is maintained. Termed parahydrogen-induced polarization (PHIP),³ this phenomenon has been used to examine hydrogenation reaction mechanisms⁵⁻⁷ and in one study to determine hydrogenation rate constants.⁹ PHIP also transfers polarization from ^1H to ^{31}P and ^{13}C by cross-relaxation.¹¹ We now describe how these effects can be transferred to other nuclei through application of a pulse sequence to give extraordinary signal enhancements, thereby making it possible to rapidly observe naturally abundant ^{13}C resonances from small samples.

The reaction chemistry employed in the present study is the well-known oxidative addition of H_2 to $\text{IrCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ ¹² and $\text{IrBr}(\text{CO})(\text{dppe})$ ¹³ (dppe = bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane), which proceeds in a concerted way.¹⁴⁻¹⁶ Utilization of para-enriched hydrogen ($p\text{-H}_2$)¹⁷ yields polarized hydride resonances upon

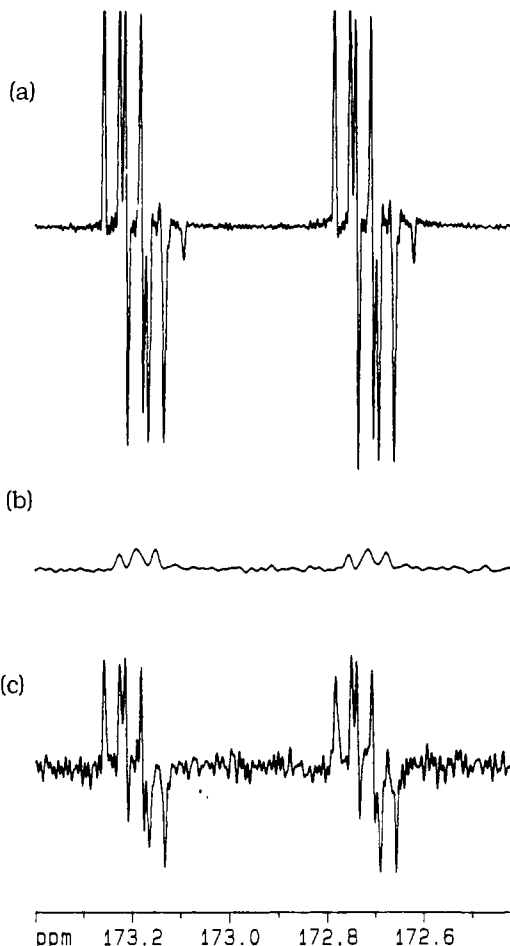


Figure 1. ^{13}C NMR spectra of $\text{IrH}_2\text{Br}(^{13}\text{C})\text{dppe}$ obtained using the INEPT+ pulse sequence: (a) spectrum from the reaction of 3 mg of $\text{IrBr}(^{13}\text{C})\text{dppe}$ with $p\text{-H}_2$ after 32 scans; (b) spectrum from the reaction of 3 mg of $\text{IrBr}(^{13}\text{C})\text{dppe}$ with $n\text{-H}_2$ after 256 scans; (c) spectrum from the reaction of 0.3 mg of $\text{IrBr}(\text{CO})\text{dppe}$ with $p\text{-H}_2$ after 32 scans with the ^{13}C label present in natural abundance.

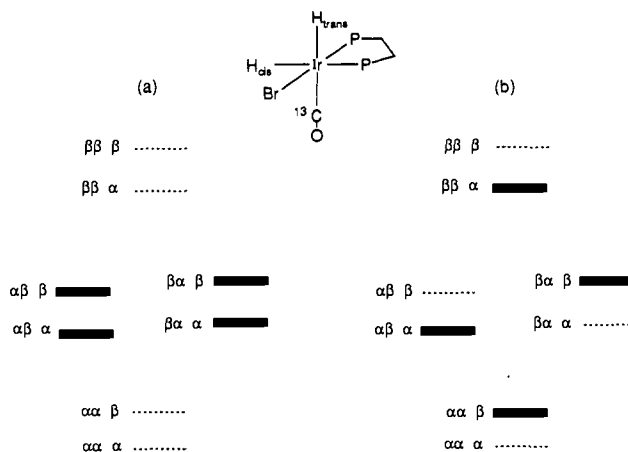


Figure 2. (a) Idealized representation of the initial populations of the energy levels for an AMX spin system produced from reaction with $p\text{-H}_2$, in which the spin function labels $\alpha\alpha$ etc. refer to H_{trans} , H_{cis} , and ^{13}C nuclei, respectively. (b) After execution of the INEPT+ pulse sequence, the energy level populations have been rearranged to yield non-Boltzmann distributions across the ^{13}C transitions.

placement of the sample into the NMR probe immediately after thawing from 77 K and shaking to dissolve $p\text{-H}_2$.^{2,4,11} In addition to normal J_{PH} couplings, the hydride resonances in these systems all show antiphase doublets corresponding to transitions that differ by J_{HH} . The antiphase character of these product resonances indicates overpopulation of the $\alpha\beta$ and $\beta\alpha$ proton spin states

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