

cently reported by the Lappert group.<sup>11</sup>

In preliminary attempts to isolate a true simple acyl of this system, we have found that reaction of **3** with HCl results in quantitative conversion to  $\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrCl}_2$ . Neither  $\text{Ph}_2\text{PCH}_3$  nor any simple aldehyde is detected, and the fate of the bridging organic ligand is as yet undetermined. Further efforts along these lines are underway, as is a complete mechanistic study of the carbonylation process, which will be published separately.

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### Directed Synthesis of Phosphorus-Substituted Cyclopentadienones and Cyclobutadienes via Metal Carbonyl Promoted Coupling of Acetylenes Held Proximate to a Metal

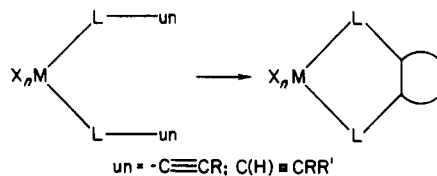
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**Summary:** A strategy for the synthesis of heteroatom-substituted cyclobutadienes and cyclopentadienones via metal carbonyl promoted coupling of acetylenes held proximate via *cis* coordination to square-planar Pt(II) is outlined. Reaction of *cis*- $\text{Cl}_2\text{Pt}(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C}-t\text{-Bu})_2$  with  $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_9$  gives good yields of the  $\eta^4$ -cyclobutadiene complex  $\text{Cl}_2\text{Pt}[(\text{Ph}_2\text{P})_2\text{C}_4-t\text{-Bu}_2]\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3$  (II) which has been characterized by X-ray diffraction. Treatment of *cis*- $\text{X}_2\text{Pt}(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CR})_2$  (I, X = Cl, Br, I, Ph, 2-Me-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>; 2X = 1,2-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>; R = Ph, Cy, SiMe<sub>3</sub>) with  $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_9$  generates cyclopentadienone derivatives IV (e.g.,  $\text{Cl}_2\text{Pt}[(\text{Ph}_2\text{P})_2\text{C}_4\text{Ph}_2\text{CO}]\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3$ ) and/or V (e.g.,  $(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2\text{Pt}[(\text{Ph}_2\text{P})_2\text{C}_4\text{Ph}_2\text{CO}]$ ), examples of which have been characterized by X-ray analysis.

An attractive strategy for the synthesis of heteroatom-substituted carbocyclic systems is the directed coupling of two unsaturated groups held proximate *outside* the coordination sphere of a transition metal by *cis* coordination of the heteroatom substituents:



In principle the method should be applicable to the generation of a wide variety of heteroatom-substituted ring systems including cyclobutadienes ( $\text{un} = \text{C}\equiv\text{CR}$ ) or other products of acetylene cyclization and cyclobutanes ( $\text{un} = \text{CH}=\text{CRR}'$ ) via thermal, photochemical, or organometallic induced coupling.<sup>1</sup> Precoordination of the heteroatoms *cis* on a metal template has two advantages: (i) competitive involvement of the heteroatom in coupling mechanisms is avoided;<sup>2</sup> (ii) for steric reasons the unsaturated groups can be forced to approach one another quite closely thus facilitating coupling.<sup>3,4</sup> In this communication we describe the application of this strategy to the directed synthesis of novel ligated phosphorus-substituted cyclobutadienes and cyclopentadienones via reactions of the *cis* platinum-(II) compounds  $\text{X}_2\text{Pt}(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CR})_2$  (I, X = Cl, Br, I, Ph, 2-Me-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>; 2X = 1,2-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>; R = Ph, *t*-Bu, Cy, SiMe<sub>3</sub>) with  $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_9$  and  $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Co}(\text{CO})_2$ .

Reaction of I (X = Cl, R = *t*-Bu) (0.9 g, 1.13 mmol) with  $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_9$  (0.41 g, 1.13 mmol) in dichloromethane at room temperature for 1 day followed by column chromatography (Florisil, eluant dichloromethane) and recrystallization from dichloromethane-petroleum ether (30–60 °C) afforded pale yellow crystals of II [76%; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\nu(\text{CO})$  2052, 1997, 1981 cm<sup>-1</sup>, (Nujol)  $\nu(\text{Pt}-\text{Cl})$  312, 290 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  40.3 (1:4:1 t, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>Fe-Pt-P</sub> = 3760 Hz)]. X-ray crystallography<sup>5</sup> confirmed that II is an  $\eta^4$ -1,2-di-*tert*-butyl-3,4-bis(diphenylphosphino)cyclobutadiene complex (Figure 1). The corresponding photolytic reaction with  $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Co}(\text{CO})_2$  (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, 6 h at room temperature) yielded the  $\eta^5$ -cyclopentadienyl  $\eta^4$ -cyclobutadiene complex III in 70% yield. The remarkable feature of these two reactions is the specificity for a single product, the cyclobutadiene complex in relatively high yield. The contrast with other (acetylene)iron carbonyl reactions<sup>6</sup> where cyclobutadiene complexes are produced in low yield, among a plethora of

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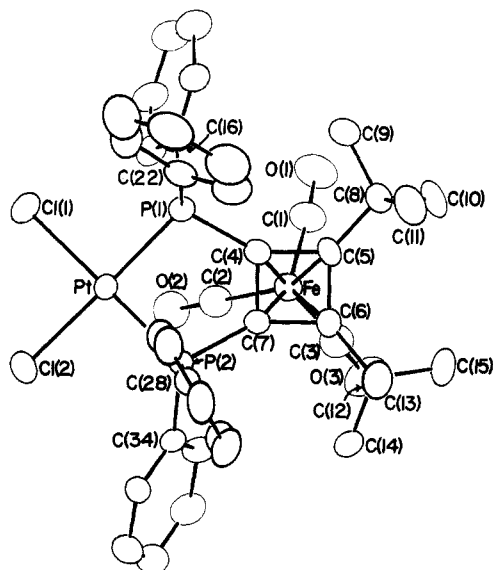
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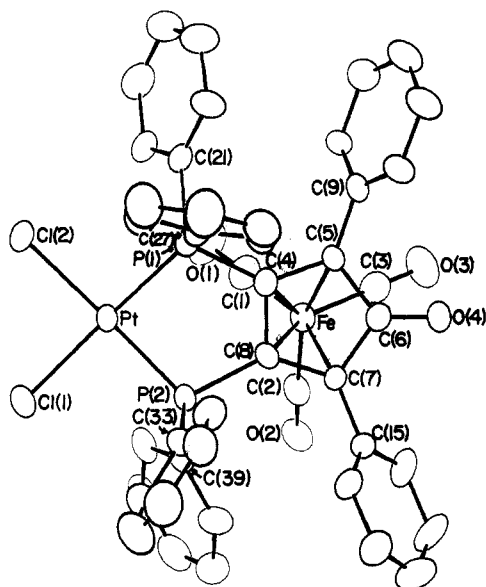
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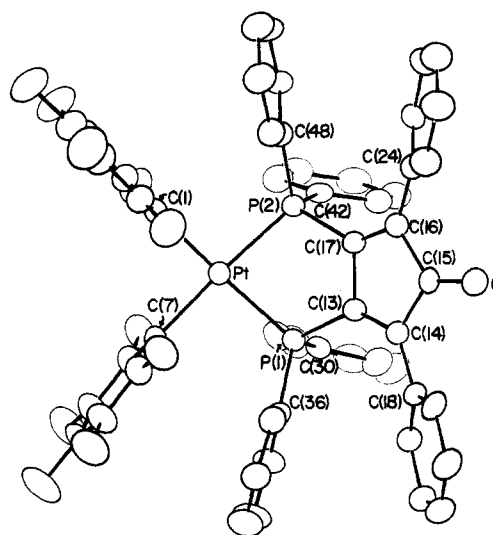
**Figure 1.** The molecular structure of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{Pt}[(\text{Ph}_2\text{P})_2\text{C}_4\text{-}t\text{-Bu}_2]\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3 \cdot 2\text{CHCl}_3 \cdot 0.5\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (II) as drawn by ORTEP. Solvent of crystallization is not shown.



**Figure 2.** A perspective view of the structure of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{Pt}[(\text{Ph}_2\text{P})_2\text{C}_4\text{Ph}_2\text{CO}]\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3 \cdot 3\text{CHCl}_3 \cdot 0.5\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  (IV) drawn to illustrate the cyclopentadienone ring system. Solvent molecules are not shown.

organometallic products, is particularly noteworthy. With I ( $\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ ) and  $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_9$  under identical conditions two major products brownish yellow IV ( $\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ ) [47%; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ )  $\nu(\text{CO})$  2082, 2038, 2022, 1648  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , (Nujol)  $\nu(\text{Pt}-\text{Cl})$  315, 295  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  40.2 (1:4:1 t,  $^1J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3611$  Hz)] and brownish red V ( $\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ ) [35%; IR (Nujol)  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$  1710  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ,  $\nu(\text{Pt}-\text{Cl})$  315, 292  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  27.0 (1:4:1 t,  $^1J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3532$  Hz)] were isolated. The occurrence of a single ketonic  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$  band in V and three additional terminal  $\nu(\text{CO})$  bands in IV suggested that IV might be related to V by coordination of an  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3$  unit to the carbocycle of V. X-ray analysis<sup>7</sup> (Figure 2) revealed the presence of a bis-

(7) Crystal data for  $\text{PtFeP}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{30} \cdot 3\text{CHCl}_3 \cdot 0.5\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ : space group  $\text{P}2_1/c$ ,  $a = 23.609$  (4) Å,  $b = 13.192$  (3) Å,  $c = 18.845$  (3) Å,  $\beta = 107.20$  (2)°,  $Z = 4$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.663$   $\text{g cm}^{-3}$ ,  $F(000) = 2756$ . Refinement of all non-hydrogen atoms with anisotropic thermal parameters using 4282 observed ( $I \geq 3\sigma(I)$ ) data gave final  $R$  and  $R_w$  values of 0.047 and 0.055, respectively. Further details are given in Table SI.



**Figure 3.** The structure of  $(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2\text{Pt}[(\text{Ph}_2\text{P})_2\text{C}_4\text{Ph}_2\text{CO}] \cdot \text{CHCl}_3$  (V). Solvent is not included.

(diphenylphosphino)diphenylcyclopentadienone ligand coordinated to an  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3$  unit in IV. Thus V is the  $\text{PtCl}_2$  derivative of the "free" phosphorus-substituted cyclopentadienone<sup>8</sup> (Figure 3). The preponderance of a single type of ring system, in this case a cyclopentadienone, from the coupling of the alkynes in I is again notable. Further evidence of the specificity of these coupling reactions was forthcoming from a more detailed investigation. Thus I ( $\text{X} = \text{Br}$ ,  $\text{I}$ ,  $\text{Ph}$ , 2-Me- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5$ , 2X = 1,2- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{O}_2$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ ;  $\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Cy}$ ) with  $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_9$  gave in each case a mixture of the  $\eta^4$ -cyclopentadienone complex IV and the platinum complex of the bis(diphenylphosphino)cyclopentadienone V.<sup>9</sup> For I ( $\text{X} = \text{CF}_3$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ ) V was obtained free of the iron carbonyl complex, and for I ( $\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{SiMe}_3$ ) the  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3$  adduct IV was exclusively obtained. It is significant that all of the compounds of type V are deep red whereas the  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3$  derivatives IV are pale to brownish yellow. We attribute this to a low-lying  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition in the "free" cyclopentadienone of V absent in the  $\pi$ -complexed species. There is an interesting contrast in structure between IV ( $\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ ) and V ( $\text{X} = \text{C}_6\text{F}_5$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ ) in that the two phosphorus atoms of IV are syn with respect to the ring carbonyl atom C(6) whereas in the non- $\pi$ -complexed dienone V the  $\text{PPh}_2$  groups are anti to the corresponding atom C(15).<sup>10</sup> The

(8) Crystal data for  $\text{PtP}_2\text{F}_{10}\text{OC}_{58}\text{H}_{90} \cdot \text{CHCl}_3$ :  $M_r = 1249.23$  space group  $\text{P}1$ ,  $a = 12.106$  (2) Å,  $b = 14.161$  (3) Å,  $c = 16.377$  (4) Å,  $\alpha = 111.69$  (2)°,  $\beta = 107.52$  (2)°,  $\gamma = 92.05$  (2)°,  $Z = 2$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.691$   $\text{g cm}^{-3}$ ,  $F(000) = 1224$ . The structure was solved by the heavy-atom method using 5321 observed, counter measured reflections and refined to  $R$  and  $R_w$  values of 0.036 and 0.043, respectively.

(9) Satisfactory microanalyses have been obtained for all compounds synthesized. Selected spectroscopic and physical data are as follows. IV ( $\text{X} = \text{Br}$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ ): ~20%; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ )  $\nu(\text{CO})$  2082, 2037, 2021, 1648  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  40.3 (1:4:1 t,  $^1J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3540$  Hz). V ( $\text{X} = \text{Br}$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ ): ~36%; IR (Nujol)  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$  1715  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  27.5 (1:4:1 t,  $^1J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3452$  Hz). IV ( $\text{X} = 2\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ ): 37%; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ )  $\nu(\text{CO})$  2075, 2028, 2017, 1638  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ )  $\delta$  44.3 and 48.2 (two 1:4:1 t,  $^1J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 1814$  Hz,  $J_{\text{P-P}} = 10$  Hz). V ( $\text{X} = 2\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ ): 6%; IR (Nujol)  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$  1710  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  29.5 (1:4:1 t,  $^1J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 1659$  Hz). IV ( $\text{X} = \text{C}_6\text{F}_5$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ ): 25%; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ )  $\nu(\text{CO})$  2080, 2033, 2023, 1643  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  38.5 (1:4:1 t,  $^1J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 2374$  Hz). V ( $\text{X} = \text{C}_6\text{F}_5$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ ): 25%; IR (Nujol)  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$  1718  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  26.0 (1:4:1 t,  $^1J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 2185$  Hz). V ( $\text{X} = \text{CF}_3$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ ): 19%; IR (Nujol)  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$  1712  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  29.7 (1:4:1 t,  $^1J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 2018$  Hz). IV ( $\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{Cy}$ ): ~54%; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ )  $\nu(\text{CO})$  2077, 2028, 2021, 1631  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , (Nujol)  $\nu(\text{Pt}-\text{Cl})$  324, 300  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  39.2 (1:4:1 t,  $^1J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3630$  Hz). IV ( $\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{R} = \text{SiMe}_3$ ): 32%; IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ )  $\nu(\text{CO})$  2078, 2031, 2025, 1641  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , (Nujol)  $\nu(\text{Pt}-\text{Cl})$  315, 291  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{Me}_2\text{SO}-d_6$ )  $\delta$  43.4 (1:4:1 t,  $^1J_{\text{Pt-P}} = 3556$  Hz).

syn stereochemistry with respect to the diene fragment presumably reduces steric interactions between bulky coordinated  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_3$  and  $\text{PtCl}_2$  units.

An underlying reason for the facile and rather selective coupling of acetylenes observed here is that in complexes of type I the alkynes, when forced into close proximity by bulky groups in the coordination sphere of the platinum atom, exhibit intramolecular interactions.<sup>3,11</sup> It is possible that the nature of these intramolecular alkyne-alkyne contacts influences the direction of acetylene coupling since for  $R = \text{Ph}$ ,  $\text{Cy}$ , and  $\text{SiMe}_3$  coupling affords predominantly cyclopentadienones whereas for  $R = t\text{-Bu}$ , there is high specificity for cyclobutadiene synthesis. It is also significant to note that these metal carbonyl mediated cyclizations stand in sharp contrast to the corresponding thermal reactions where disubstituted naphthalenes are the principal products for  $R = \text{Ph}$ .<sup>3</sup> The overall ramifications of these observations for the synthesis of new substituted carbocycles and ligands are under investigation.

**Registry No.** I ( $X = \text{Cl}$ ,  $R = t\text{-Bu}$ ), 42847-18-7; I ( $X = \text{Cl}$ ,  $R = \text{Ph}$ ), 42847-16-5; I ( $X = \text{Br}$ ,  $R = \text{Ph}$ ), 71755-68-5; I ( $X = 2\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4$ ,  $R = \text{Ph}$ ), 91390-55-5; I ( $X = \text{C}_6\text{F}_5$ ,  $R = \text{Ph}$ ), 91409-33-5; I ( $X = \text{CF}_3$ ,  $R = \text{Ph}$ ), 91390-56-6; I ( $X = \text{Cl}$ ,  $R = \text{Cy}$ ), 91390-57-7; I ( $X = \text{Cl}$ ,  $R = \text{SiMe}_3$ ), 91390-58-8; II, 91390-50-0; III, 91390-48-6; IV ( $X = \text{Br}$ ,  $R = \text{Ph}$ ), 91390-41-9; IV ( $X = 2\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4$ ,  $R = \text{Ph}$ ), 91390-42-0; IV ( $X = \text{C}_6\text{F}_5$ ,  $R = \text{Ph}$ ), 91409-31-3; IV ( $X = \text{Cl}$ ,  $R = \text{Cy}$ ), 91390-44-2; IV ( $X = \text{Cl}$ ,  $R = \text{SiMe}_3$ ), 91390-45-3; IV ( $X = \text{Cl}$ ,  $R = \text{Ph}$ ), 91390-52-2; V ( $X = \text{Cl}$ ,  $R = \text{Cy}$ ), 91390-43-1; V ( $X = \text{Br}$ ,  $R = \text{Ph}$ ), 91390-46-4; V ( $X = 2\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4$ ,  $R = \text{Ph}$ ), 91390-47-5; V ( $X = \text{C}_6\text{F}_5$ ,  $R = \text{Ph}$ ), 91409-32-4; V ( $X = \text{Cl}$ ,  $R = \text{Ph}$ )  $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_9$ , 91390-54-4;  $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Co}(\text{CO})_2$ , 12078-25-0.

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(10) Comparison of the structures of IV ( $X = \text{Cl}$ ,  $R = \text{Ph}$ ) and V ( $X = \text{C}_6\text{F}_5$ ,  $R = \text{Ph}$ ) reveals that both molecules contain nonplanar  $\text{C}_5\text{O}$  ring systems. In IV the dihedral angle between the plane defined by the four diene carbon atoms C(4), C(5), C(7), and C(8) and the plane defined by C(5), C(7) and the carbonyl carbon C(6) is  $16.9^\circ$ . For V the same dihedral angle is only  $5.1^\circ$ . In IV the enone oxygen atom and the diene carbon atoms C(4) and C(8) have an anti stereochemistry with respect to the plane C(5), C(6), C(7) whereas in V, the corresponding diene carbon atoms C(13) and C(17) are syn to the carbonyl oxygen atom. The ketonic  $\text{C}=\text{O}$  bond length of  $1.232(14) \text{ \AA}$  in IV is arguably longer than in the non- $\pi$ -complexed compound V ( $\text{C}(15)\text{-O} = 1.203(9) \text{ \AA}$ ).

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### Interaction of Fischer Carbene Complexes of the Type $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5[\text{C}(\text{OMe})\text{R}]$ ( $R = \text{CH}_3, \text{C}_2\text{H}_5$ ) with Acetylenes

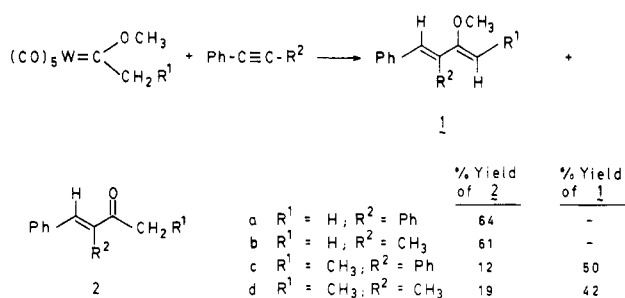
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**Summary:**  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5[\text{C}(\text{OMe})\text{CH}_2\text{R}^1]$  ( $R^1 = \text{H}, \text{CH}_3$ ) reacts with  $\text{PhC}_2\text{R}^2$  ( $R^2 = \text{Ph}, \text{CH}_3$ ) in toluene at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  to give vinyl ethers and enones. The formation of these products can be explained by an exocyclic  $\beta$ -hydride elimination reaction of a metallacyclobutene intermediate.

Scheme I



The interaction of Fischer-type chromium carbene complexes and acetylenes has received considerable attention from several research groups.<sup>1-3</sup> These investigations include mechanistic as well as synthetic studies, indicating that chromium carbene complexes have synthetic utility in the preparation of many useful organic molecules, including vitamins K and E,<sup>4</sup> nanomycin A and deoxyfrenolicin,<sup>2</sup> and precursors to anthracyclines.<sup>3</sup> Surprisingly, little work has appeared concerning the interaction of Fischer-type tungsten carbene complexes with acetylenes.<sup>5,6</sup> The most recent report by Geoffroy and co-workers focused on the photochemistry of  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5[\text{C}(\text{OMe})\text{Ph}]$  with several acetylenes, including  $\text{PhC}_2\text{Ph}$ ,  $\text{PhC}_2\text{Me}$ ,  $\text{MeC}_2\text{Me}$ ,  $\text{PhC}_2\text{H}$ , and  $n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9\text{C}_2\text{H}$ .<sup>5</sup> The isolation of the first alkyne-carbene complex at  $-30^\circ\text{C}$  was also described by a photolysis of  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5[\text{C}(\text{OMe})\text{Ph}]$  and  $\text{PhC}_2\text{Ph}$  in hexane solvent.<sup>5</sup> We wish to report here our findings on the interaction of  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5[\text{C}(\text{OMe})\text{CH}_2\text{R}^1]$  ( $R^1 = \text{H}, \text{CH}_3$ ) with acetylenes.

The carbene complexes  $\text{W}(\text{CO})_5[\text{C}(\text{OMe})\text{CH}_2\text{R}^1]$  ( $R^1 = \text{H}, \text{CH}_3$ )<sup>8</sup> were reacted with  $\text{PhC}_2\text{R}^2$  ( $R^2 = \text{Ph}, \text{CH}_3$ ) in toluene at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  to produce 1c, 1d, and 2a-d (Scheme I).<sup>9,10</sup> Compounds 1c, 1d, and 2a-d were isolated by

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