Convenient Routes to Vinylideneruthenium Dichlorides with Basic and Bulky Tertiary Phosphine Ligands (PPrⁱ₃ and PCy₃)

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Two synthetic routes to vinylideneruthenium complexes bearing basic and bulky tertiary phosphine ligands, RuCl₂{=C=C(E)R}L₂ [L = PPr^{*i*}₃, E = H, R = Ph (**3a**), *t*-Bu (**3b**), ferrocenyl (**3c**), *p*-MeO₂CC₆H₄ (**3d**), *p*-MeOC₆H₄ (**3e**); L = PCy₃, E = H, R = Ph (**4a**), *t*-Bu (**4b**), ferrocenyl (**4c**); L = PPr^{*i*}₃, E = SiMe₃, R = Ph (**6**), 1,1'-ferrocenediyl (**7**)], have been developed. Treatment of Ru(methallyl)₂(cod) (**1**) with PPr^{*i*}₃ and HCl (each 2 equiv) at -20 °C provides [RuCl₂(PPr^{*i*}₃)₂]_{*n*}, which instantly reacts with phenylacetylene and *tert*-butylacetylene at room temperature to give **3a**,**b** in isolated yields of 61 and 57%, respectively. On the other hand, heating a toluene solution of [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)]₂ (**2**), phosphine (2 equiv/Ru), and alkyne (1 equiv/Ru) at **80** °C leads to the selective formation of the corresponding vinylidene complex. A variety of complexes (**3a**-**e**, **4a**-**c**, **6**, **7**) are prepared from terminal alkynes and (trimethylsilyl)acetylene derivatives in 97–52% isolated yields. Treatment of **2** with PPr^{*i*}₃ (2 equiv/Ru) and MeCN (10 equiv/Ru) in toluene gives RuCl₂(PPr^{*i*}₃)₂(NCMe)₂ (**5**) in 75% yield, which also serves as the precursor for vinylidene complexes. The X-ray crystal structures of **3a**, **4a**, and **5** are reported.

Introduction

A great deal of attention has been focused on ringopening metathesis polymerization (ROMP) of cyclic olefins catalyzed by well-defined transition metal complexes.^{1,2} We have recently found that vinylideneruthenium dichlorides bearing PPr^{i_3} or PCy_3 ligands, $RuCl_2{=C=C(H)Bu^t}L_2$ (L = PPr^{i_3} , PCy_3), serve as good catalyst-precursors for ROMP of norbornene derivatives.^{3,4} Although efficiency of the vinylidene complexes as the initiator is much lower than that of the wellknown Grubbs' alkylidene complexes, the polymerization rate is rapid enough for practical use and the resulting polymers have high molecular weights with polydispersity equivalent to the alkylidene systems.⁵ In

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addition, the vinylidene precursors have an advantage that they may be readily prepared from conventional terminal alkynes. However, this system has still suffered from the lack of general synthetic routes to the vinylidene complexes bearing basic and bulky tertiary phosphine ligands. Thus, while the PPr_3^i and PCy_3 complexes can be synthesized by ligand substitution of the PPh₃ analogues,⁶ their isolated yields are restricted to 20-30% due to difficulty in separating the complexes from PPh₃ liberated in the systems.^{3a}

One of the most convenient methods of synthesizing vinylidenerutheniums of the form $\operatorname{RuCl}_2{=}C{=}C(H)R$ }- L_2 so far reported is the treatment of RuCl_2L_n complexes with terminal alkynes, which was first demonstrated in 1991 by Wakatsuki et al. using $\operatorname{RuCl}_2(PPh_3)_3$.⁶ Despite intensive studies on transition metal vinylidene complexes in recent years,⁷ this method has never been applied to the other phosphine systems, probably due to the lack of practical routes to dichlororuthenium precursors other than $\operatorname{RuCl}_2(PPh_3)_3$. Recently, Werner et al. employed $\operatorname{RuH}_2\operatorname{Cl}_2(PPr^{i_3})_2$, which is prepared from $[\operatorname{RuCl}_2(\operatorname{cod})]_n$ and H_2 (1.5 bar) in butanol at 80 °C, as the starting material for $\operatorname{RuCl}_2(=C=C(H)Ph\}(PPr^{i_3})_2$.⁸

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Scheme 1

Ru(methallyl)₂(cod) + 2 PPrⁱ₃ + 2 HCl

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$$\frac{\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{acetone, } -20 \text{ °C}}{- \text{cod. } -2 \text{-methylpropene}} 1/n [\text{RuCl}_2(\text{PPr}_3^i)_2]_n$$

$$\begin{array}{c} R \xrightarrow{\qquad} H \\ \hline CH_2Cl_2, \text{ room temp} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} Cl_{p} Pr_3' \\ Ru \xrightarrow{\qquad} H \\ Cl_{p}Pr_3' \\ \end{array}} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} H \\ Ru \xrightarrow{\qquad} H \\ Ru \xrightarrow{\qquad$$

 $(PCy_3)_2$ by the reaction of $RuCl_2 = C(H)Ph (PCy_3)_2$ with 1,2-propadiene.^{2c} We herein report more simple ways to vinylideneruthenium complexes bearing PPrⁱ₃ and PCy₃ ligands which utilize common ruthenium complexes, Ru(methallyl)₂(cod) (1)⁹ and [RuCl₂(p-cymene)]₂ (2),¹⁰ as the starting materials.

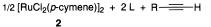
Results and Discussion

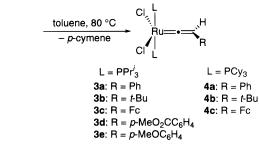
Synthesis from Ru(methallyl)₂(cod) (1). This route is based on the synthesis of $RuBr_2(P^*P)$ (P*P = chiral bidentate phosphines), reported by Genet and coworkers.⁹ Complex 1 was dissolved in a mixture of CH_2Cl_2 and acetone and treated successively with PPrⁱ₃ and dry HCl in MeOH (each 2 equiv) at -20 °C (Scheme 1). The initially colorless solution instantly turned yellow, and a pale yellow crystalline solid was gradually precipitated from the solution over 30 min. The ¹H, $^{13}C{^{1}H}$, and $^{31}P{^{1}H}$ NMR data and the low solubility of the precipitate in common organic solvents such as CH₂Cl₂ and acetone suggested the formation of $[\operatorname{RuCl}_2(\operatorname{PPr}^i_3)_2]_n$ with an oligometric structure. Since this complex was thermally unstable in solution as well as in the solid state, the reactions with alkynes were conducted without isolation.

Terminal alkynes (10 equiv/1) were added to the above reaction mixture. On being stirred at room temperature, the initially heterogeneous systems gradually turned to deep purple solutions. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy revealed the formation of vinylidene complexes in 70–80% selectivities. Complexes **3a**¹¹ and **3b** were isolated in 61 and 57% yields by this route.

Synthesis from [RuCl₂(p-cymene)]₂ (2). The vinylidene complexes 3a-e and 4a-c listed in Scheme 2 were synthesized more readily from 2.10 When a mixture of 2, PPrⁱ₃ (2 equiv/Ru), and PhC=CH (1 equiv/ Ru) in toluene was heated at 80 °C, the initially reddish brown solution gradually darkened. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy revealed the formation of RuCl₂(p-cymene)- (PPr_{3}^{i}) (δ 41.5)¹² at the initial stage, which was successively converted to $\operatorname{RuCl}_{2} \{= C = C(H)Ph\}(PPr^{i}_{3})_{2}$ (3a) (δ

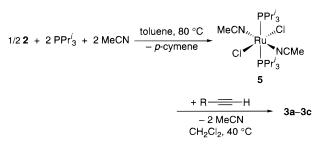
Scheme 2^a





^{*a*} Fc = ferrocenyl.

Scheme 3



29.5) over 26 h. Complex 3a was isolated in 97% yield as an analytically pure compound by removal of volatile materials from the reaction system, followed by washing the crude product with MeOH. Similarly, the PPr_{3}^{i} complexes **3b**-e were prepared in isolated yields of 96-52%. The PCy₃ complexes $4\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}$ were synthesized by this route and isolated as crystals simply by cooling the reaction solutions. Attempts to prepare PBu^t₃-coordinated vinylidene complexes were unsuccessful.

The reaction of **2** with PPr_{3}^{i} (2 equiv/Ru) in toluene in the absence of terminal alkynes gave a complex mixture. In the presence of acetonitrile (10 equiv/Ru), on the other hand, the same reaction provided RuCl₂- $(PPr^{i}_{3})_{2}(NCMe)_{2}$ (5)¹³ in 75% isolated yield, which was found to serve as a good precursor for vinylidene complexes (Scheme 3). The IR spectrum of 5 exhibited a strong absorption peak at 2265 cm⁻¹, assignable to the $\nu_{\rm CN}$ band. The appearance of only one $\nu_{\rm CN}$ band is consistent with the mutually trans arrangement of the MeCN ligands. The ¹H NMR spectrum showed one set of signals arising from the PPr^{i_3} ligands (δ 2.87 (m), 1.41 (doublet of virtual triplets)) and a triplet of the MeCN protons (δ 2.37, ${}^{5}J_{\text{PH}} = 1.2$ Hz). Furthermore, only a singlet at δ 21.9 was observed in the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum. These NMR observations indicate the mutually trans coordination of the two $PPr^{i_{3}}$ ligands. Hence the all trans geometry around the ruthenium is evidenced.

Figure 1 shows the X-ray structure of 5. The ruthenium atom has typical octahedral geometry. The MeCN ligands bound to ruthenium are slightly bending to avoid steric repulsion to one of the *i*-Pr groups of the phosphine ligand ($\angle Ru-N-C(1) = 175.6(2)^\circ$, $\angle N-C(1)-C(1) = 175.6(2)^\circ$, $\angle N-C(1)-C(1) = 175.6(2)^\circ$, $\angle N-C(1) = 17$ C(2) = 178.2(2)). The N-C(1) and C(1)-C(2) distances (1.146(3) and 1.456(3) Å) are in the typical range of a

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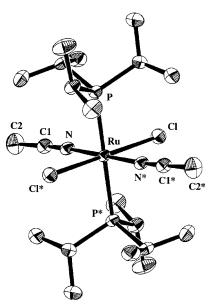


Figure 1. ORTEP diagram of $RuCl_2(PPr_{3})_2(NCMe)_2$ (**5**) showing 50% probability thermal ellipsoids. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg): Ru-Cl = 2.4324(5), Ru-P = 2.4305(6), Ru-N = 2.010(2), N-C(1) = 1.146(3), C(1)-C(2) = 1.456(3), $Cl-Ru-Cl^* = 180.00$, $P-Ru-P^* = 180.00$, $N-Ru-N^* = 180.00$, Cl-Ru-P = 89.96(2), Cl-Ru-N = 87.56(5), P-Ru-N = 88.24(5), Ru-N-C(1) = 175.6(2), N-C(1)-C(2) = 178.2(2).

Table 1.Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles(deg) and Dihedral Angles between Least-SquaresPlanes (deg) for 3a and 4a

	3a	4a
Ru–C(1)	1.750(4)	1.761(2)
Ru–Cl(1)	2.338(1)	2.3668(7)
Ru–Cl(2)	2.3541(9)	2.3623(7)
Ru-P(1)	2.421(1)	2.4241(6)
Ru-P(2)	2.424(1)	2.4080(6)
C(1)-C(2)	1.329(5)	1.334(3)
Ru-C(1)-C(2)	177.1(3)	178.5(2)
Cl(1)-Ru-Cl(2)	158.63(4)	156.93(2)
P(1)-Ru-P(2)	169.17(3)	170.94(2)
(Ru, Cl(1), Cl(2), C(1)) vs (C(1), C(2), C(3))	1.40	6.99

nitrogen-carbon triple bond and of a carbon-carbon single bond, respectively.

The reaction of **5** with phenylacetylene (1 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 was complete within 20 h at 40 °C to give the vinylidene complex **3a** in quantitative yield (NMR). Complexes **3b**,**c** were similarly prepared using *tert*-butylacetylene and ferrocenylacetylene, respectively.

Characterization of Vinylidene Complexes. Vinylidene complexes thus prepared were characterized by elemental analysis and ¹H, ¹³C{¹H}, and ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy. The data for **3a** were in fair agreement with those reported.⁸ The other vinylidene complexes exhibited ¹³C{¹H} NMR signals characteristic of the α - and β -vinylidene carbons (δ 337.1–344.6 and 103.2–115.5, respectively).

The structures of vinylidene complexes **3a** and **4a** were determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction studies. The selected bond distances and angles are listed in Table 1. As seen from the ORTEP drawings in Figures 2 and 3, both complexes have a distorted square pyramidal structure having the vinylidene ligand

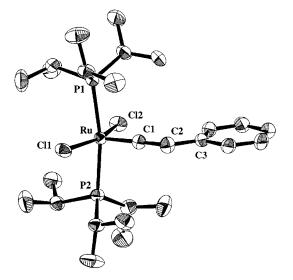


Figure 2. ORTEP diagram of $\operatorname{RuCl}_2{=C=C(H)Ph}(PPr'_{3})_2$ (**3a**) showing 30% probability thermal ellipsoids. Only one of the two essentially superposable but crystallographically independent molecules is shown.

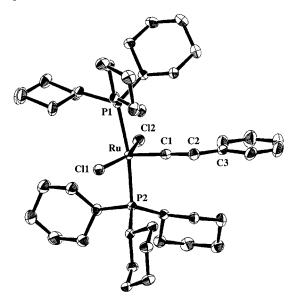
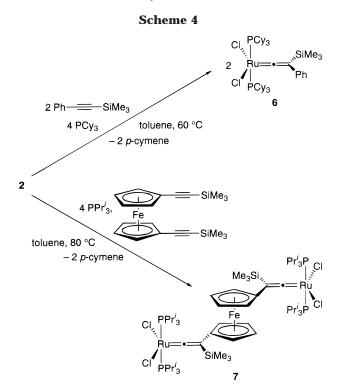


Figure 3. ORTEP diagram of $RuCl_2{=}C=C(H)Ph}(PCy_3)_2$ · CH₂Cl₂ (**4a**) showing 50% probability thermal ellipsoids. The solvent molecule is omitted for clarity.

at the apical position. The Ru–C(1)–C(2) angles are almost linear (177.1(3) for **3a**; 178.5(2)° for **4a**), and the Cl(1)–Ru–Cl(2) and P(1)–Ru–P(2) axes are bent away from the vinylidene ligand (158.63(4) and 156.93(2)° for **3a**; 169.17(3) and 170.94(2)° for **4a**). The Ru–C(1) distances (1.750(4) for **3a**; 1.761(2) Å for **4a**) are comparable to each other and to that of RuBr₂{=C= C(H)Bu^{*t*}}(PPh₃)₂ (1.768(17) Å)⁶ but shorter than those of the coordinatively saturated vinylideneruthenium complexes [CpRu{=C=C(Me)Ph}(PPh₃)₂]⁺I⁻ (1.863(10) Å),¹⁴ [RuCl{=C=C(H)Ph}($\kappa^2(P, O)$ -Pr^{*i*}₂PCH₂CH₂-OMe)₂]⁺OTf⁻ (1.790(3) Å),¹⁵ and TpRuCl{=C=C(H)Ph}-(PPh₃) (1.801(4) Å),¹⁶ probably reflecting the apical arrangement of the vinylidene ligands without trans

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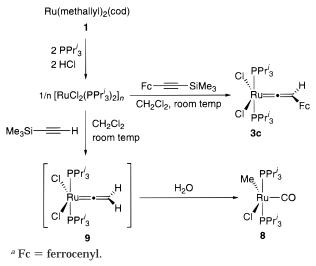
donor ligand. The vinylidene groups lie approximately on the least-squares plane composed of the Ru, Cl(1), Cl(2), and C(1) atoms. A similar structural feature has been observed for the alkylidene complex RuCl₂{=CH-(C₆H₄Cl-*p*){(PCy₃)₂.^{2c}

Synthesis of β -Silylvinylidene Complexes. The present routes could be applied to the synthesis of β -silylvinylidene complexes via 1,2-silyl migration of silylacetylenes (Scheme 4).¹⁷ The reaction of **2**, PCy₃ (2 equiv/Ru), and PhC=CSiMe₃ (10 equiv/Ru) in toluene at 60 °C for 51 h gave RuCl₂{=C=C(SiMe₃)Ph}(PCy₃)₂ (**6**). The ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum exhibited characteristic signals assignable to the α - and β -vinylidene carbons at δ 330.1 (t, ²*J*_{PC} = 12 Hz) and 108.2 (br s), respectively. The methyl protons and carbons of the SiMe₃ group were observed at δ 0.29 (s) and 1.88 (s) in the ¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra, respectively.

When 1,1'-bis{(trimethylsilyl)ethynyl}ferrocene (1 equiv/2) was employed as the starting silylacetylene, a ferrocene derivative with two (β -silylvinylidene)ruthenium units (7) was obtained in 92% yield. The composition was confirmed by elemental analysis. The *C*₂-symmetrical structure was suggested by NMR spectroscopy, where a set of signals similar to RuCl₂-{=C=C(H)Fc}(PPrⁱ₃) (**3c**, Fc = ferrocenyl) was observed.

Synthesis of β -silylvinylidene complexes was also examined with **1** as the starting material (Scheme 5). Treatment of [RuCl₂(PPr^{*i*}₃)₂]_{*n*}, in situ generated from **1**, with FcC=CSiMe₃ did not afford the expected β -si-





lylvinylidene complex but the desilation product **3c** in 67% selectivity (NMR). The reaction with Me₃SiC=CH gave a complex mixture of ruthenium species, from which RuMeCl(CO)(PPr^{*i*}₃)₂ (**8**) was isolated in 15% yield. Complex **8** exhibited a strong ν_{CO} band at 1893 cm⁻¹ in the IR spectrum. In the ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum, signals assignable to the carbonyl and methyl carbons were observed at δ 202.0 (t, ²*J*_{PC} = 14 Hz) and -13.4 (t, ²*J*_{PC} = 7 Hz), respectively.

In both reactions in Scheme 5, the formation of Me₃SiOH was observed by GC-MS spectrometry. Since the parent silylacetylenes are stable to desilation under the reaction conditions and desilation was observed only in the reactions in Scheme 5 (i.e., not in the reactions in Scheme 4), β -silylvinylidene complexes generated from [RuCl₂(PPrⁱ₃)₂]_n and silylacetylenes are considered to undergo desilation with the aid of residual water and HCl in the systems. Actually, isolated 6 was found to be readily converted into the desilation product 4a at room temperature in CH₂Cl₂ in the presence of a small amount of dilute hydrochloric acid. The formation of methyl carbonyl complex 8 may be rationalized as follows. Nucleophilic attack of water on the α -vinylidene carbon of the nonsubstituted vinylidene complex 9, probably with the aid of HCl catalyst, followed by enol to keto tautomerization of the resulting hydroxycarbene complex leads to a 14-electron acetylruthenium species, which subsequently undergoes decarbonylation to give 8. This type of transformation has already been documented.18

Experimental Section

General Procedure and Materials. All manipulations were performed under an argon atmosphere using conventional Schlenk techniques or in a nitrogen-filled glovebox. Argon gas was purified by passage through P_2O_5 (Merck, SICAPENT). ¹H, ¹³C, and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM-A400 or a Varian Mercury 300 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in δ (ppm), referenced to the ¹H (of residual protons) and ¹³C signals of deuterated solvents or

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to the ^{31}P signal of external 85% H_3PO_4 . Infrared spectra were recorded at room temperature on a JASCO FT/IR-410 instrument.

Toluene, benzene, THF, and hexane were dried over sodium benzophenone ketyl. Methanol was dried with Mg(OMe)₂. CH₂Cl₂ and acetonitrile were dried over CaH₂. These solvents were distilled and stored over activated molecular sieves (MS4A) under an argon atmosphere. CDCl₃, CD₂Cl₂, and benzene-*d*₆ were dried over MS4A, vacuum transferred, and stored under a nitrogen atmosphere in the dark. Ru(methallyl)₂-(cod),⁹ [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)]₂,¹⁰ PPr^{*i*}₃,¹⁹ ferrocenylacetylene,²⁰ *p*-MeO₂CC₆H₄C≡CH,²¹ *p*-MeOC₆H₄C≡CH,²¹ and 1,1'-bis{(trimethylsilyl)ethynyl}ferrocene²⁰ were prepared according to the literature. Liquid alkynes were degassed by three freeze– pump–thaw cycles prior to use. All other compounds were obtained from commercial sources and used without purification.

Synthesis of Vinylidene Complexes 3a-e and 4a-c. (a) From Ru(methallyl)₂(cod) (1). To a colorless solution of 1 (202 mg, 0.632 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) and acetone (16 mL) was added PPrⁱ₃ (201 mg, 1.25 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was cooled to -20 °C, and a solution of HCl in MeOH (1.7 M, 0.74 mL, 1.3 mmol) was added dropwise. The solution instantly turned yellow, and then a yellow precipitate gradually formed from the solution. After the mixture was stirred for 30 min at -20 °C, the precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with cold pentane, and dried under vacuum at low temperature (<-20 °C). Since the product was thermally unstable, its elemental analysis was infeasible, but the NMR data clearly indicated the formation of [RuCl₂(PPrⁱ₃)₂]_n. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, -30 °C): δ 2.82-2.70 (m, 6H, PCHCH₃), 1.45 (dd, ${}^{2}J_{PH} = 16.8$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.1$ Hz, 36H, PCHCH₃). $^{13}C{^{1}H}$ NMR (CD₂Cl₂, -30 °C): δ 19.0 (d, $^{1}J_{PC}$ = 40 Hz, PCHCH₃), 17.7 (s, PCHCH₃). ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H{}$ NMR (CD₂Cl₂, -30 °C): δ 35.6 (s).

The reactions with alkynes were performed without isolation of $[\operatorname{RuCl}_2(\operatorname{PPr}^i_3)_2]_n$. To a suspension of $[\operatorname{RuCl}_2(\operatorname{PPr}^i_3)_2]_n$, which was prepared from **1** (248 mg, 0.777 mmol), PPr^i_3 (249 mg, 1.55 mmol), and a MeOH solution of HCl (1.7 M, 0.94 mL, 1.6 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and acetone (20 mL), was added PhC=CH (0.80 g, 7.8 mmol) in one portion at -20 °C. On being stirred at room temperature, the heterogeneous mixture gradually turned to a deep purple homogeneous solution. After 16 h, the solution was concentrated to dryness by pumping, and the resulting solid was washed with MeOH (6 mL × 3) at -20 °C to give a brown microcrystalline solid of **3a** (279 mg, 61%). The NMR data were identical with those reported.⁸ Similarly, **3b** was obtained with *tert*-butylacetylene in place of phenylacetylene in 57% yield.

(b) From [RuCl₂(*p*-cymene)]₂ (2). A typical procedure is as follows. To a suspension of 2 (205 mg, 0.335 mmol) in toluene (11 mL) was added PPr^{*i*}₃ (214 mg, 1.34 mmol) with stirring at room temperature. The mixture instantly changed into a reddish brown solution. PhC=CH (68 mg, 0.67 mmol) was added, and the solution was heated at 80 °C for 26 h with stirring. The solution gradually darkened. Volatile materials were thoroughly removed by pumping, and the resulting oily product was washed with MeOH (2 mL × 3) at -70 °C to give a brown microcrystalline solid of **3a** (386 mg, 97%), which was analytically pure. All complexes listed in Scheme 2 were similarly prepared. Complex **3b** was prepared using an excess amount (10 equiv/Ru) of *t*-BuC=CH; otherwise the yield considerably lowered. Complexes **4a**-**c** could be isolated as crystals simply by cooling the reaction solutions at -20 °C

overnight. Complexes 3a-e could be crystallized by slow diffusion of MeOH into CH₂Cl₂ solutions at -20 °C.

RuCl₂{=C=C(H)Bu^{*t*}}(**PPr**^{*i*}₃)₂ (**3b**): brown solid (57%, from 1; 96%, from **2**); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 23 °C) δ 3.06 (t, ⁴*J*_{PH} = 3.6 Hz, 1H, =C=CH), 2.97–2.85 (m, 6H, PC*H*CH₃), 1.40 (doublet of virtual triplets, ³*J*_{HH} = 5.8 Hz, *J* = 6.6 Hz,²² 36H, PCHC*H*₃), 1.10 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 23 °C) δ 337.1 (t, ²*J*_{PC} = 15 Hz, Ru=*C*=C), 115.5 (t, ³*J*_{PC} = 5 Hz, Ru=C=*C*), 32.1 (s, C(*C*H₃)₃), 23.1 (virtual triplet, *J* = 9 Hz,²² P*C*HCH₃), 20.1 (s, PCH*C*H₃); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 23 °C) δ 27.1 (s). Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₅₂Cl₂P₂Ru: C, 50.17; H, 9.12. Found: C, 49.96; H, 9.08.

RuCl₂{=C=C(H)Fc}(PPrⁱ₃)₂ (3c): brown solid (67% from **2**); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 23 °C) δ 4.16 (t, ⁴*J*_{PH} = 3.3 Hz, 1H, =C= CH), 4.06 (s, 5H, C₅H₅), 4.04, 3.92 (each apparent triplet, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H, C₅H₄), 2.90–2.78 (m, 6H, PC*H*CH₃), 1.36 (doublet of virtual triplets, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.0 Hz, *J* = 7.1 Hz,²² 36H, PCHC*H*₃); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 23 °C) δ 338.6 (t, ²*J*_{PC} = 15 Hz, Ru= *C*=C), 103.2 (t, ³*J*_{PC} = 4 Hz, Ru=C=*C*), 78.6 (s, C¹ of C₅H₄), 68.7 (s, C₅H₅), 66.9, 66.2 (each s, C₅H₄), 23.2 (virtual triplet, *J* = 9 Hz,²² P*C*HCH₃), 20.1 (s, PCH*C*H₃); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 23 °C) δ 29.8 (s). Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₅₂Cl₂P₂FeRu: C, 51.29; H, 7.46. Found: C, 51.19; H, 7.46.

 $RuCl_{2}$ {=C=C(H)C₆H₄CO₂Me-*p*}(PPrⁱ₃)₂ (3d): brown solid (52% from 2). An analytically pure compound containing 1 equiv of CH₂Cl₂ in the crystal was obtained by recrystallization from CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (18% yield). IR (KBr): 1716 (v_{C=0}), 1580 $(\nu_{\rm C=C})$ cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 19 °C): δ 8.15, 7.17 (each d, J =8.8 Hz, 2H, C₆H₄), 4.69 (t, ${}^{4}J_{PH} = 3.4$ Hz, 1H, =C=CH), 4.24 (s, 2H, CH2Cl2), 3.48 (s, 3H, CO2CH3), 2.80-2.68 (m, 6H, PC*H*CH₃), 1.25 (doublet of virtual triplets, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 6.4$ Hz, J =6.4 Hz,²² 36H, PCHCH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 19 °C): δ 338.0 $(t, {}^{2}J_{PC} = 15 \text{ Hz}, \text{Ru}=C=C), 166.7 \text{ (s, } CO_{2}CH_{3}), 140.1 \text{ (s, } C^{4}$ of C₆H₄), 130.2 (s, C^{3,5} of C₆H₄), 126.1 (s, C¹ of C₆H₄), 124.8 (s, $C^{2,6}$ of C_6H_4), 108.8 (t, ${}^{3}J_{PC} = 5$ Hz, Ru=C=C), 53.0 (s, CH_2Cl_2), 51.2 (s, CO_2CH_3), 23.7 (virtual triplet, J = 9 Hz,²² PCHCH₃), 20.0 (s, PCHCH₃). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 19 °C): δ 30.3 (s). Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₅₀Cl₂O₂P₂Ru·CH₂Cl₂: C, 47.23; H, 7.11. Found: C, 47.83; H, 7.18.

RuCl₂{=C=C(H)C₆H₄OMe-*p***}(PPr**^{*i*}₃)₂ (3e): dark green solid (63% from 2); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 19 °C): δ 6.89, 6.73 (each d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H, C₆H₄), 4.50 (t, ⁴*J*_{PH} = 3.4 Hz, 1H, =C=CH), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.90–2.81 (m, 6H, PC*H*CH₃), 1.35 (doublet of virtual triplets, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.4 Hz, *J* = 6.6 Hz,²² 36H, PCHC*H*₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 19 °C) δ 344.6 (t, ²*J*_{PC} = 15 Hz, Ru= *C*=C), 156.4 (s, C⁴ of C₆H₄), 126.1 (s, C^{3.5} of C₆H₄), 124.4 (s, C¹ of C₆H₄), 113.6 (s, C^{2.6} of C₆H₄), 108.2 (t, ³*J*_{PC} = 5 Hz, Ru=*C*= *C*), 55.2 (s, OCH₃), 23.3 (virtual triplet, *J* = 8 Hz,²² P*C*HCH₃), 20.0 (s, PCH*C*H₃); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 19 °C) δ 28.7 (s). Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₅₀Cl₂OP₂Ru: C, 51.92; H, 8.07. Found: C, 51.98; H, 8.11.

RuCl₂{=C=C(H)Ph}(PCy₃)₂ (4a): dark purple solid (87% from 2); ¹H NMR (C_6D_6 , 60 °C) δ 7.18–7.09, 7.03–6.98, 6.89–6.84 (each m, 5H, Ph), 4.70 (t, ⁴ J_{PH} = 3.6 Hz, 1H, =C=CH), 2.88–2.75, 2.30–2.15, 1.82–1.50, 1.30–1.08 (each m, 66H, Cy); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (C_6D_6 , 60 °C) δ 342.1 (t, ² J_{PC} = 14 Hz, Ru=*C*=C), 133.9 (s, C¹ of Ph), 128.5, 125.8, 124.1 (each s, C²⁻⁶ of Ph), 109.6 (t, ³ J_{PC} = 5 Hz, Ru=*C*=*C*), 34.0 (virtual triplet, J = 8 Hz,²² C¹ of Cy), 30.7 (s, C^{3.5} of Cy), 28.3 (s, C^{2.6} of Cy), 27.0 (s, C⁴ of Cy); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (C_6D_6 , 60 °C) δ 22.5 (s). Anal. Calcd for C₄₄H₇₂Cl₂P₂Ru; C, 63.29; H, 8.69. Found; C, 63.49; H, 8.42.

RuCl₂{=C=C(H)Bu^{*t*}}**(PCy₃)**₂ **(4b):** purple solid (63% from **2**); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 20 °C) δ 2.84 (t, ⁴*J*_{PH} = 3.6 Hz, 1H, =C= CH), 2.70–2.56, 2.15–2.04, 1.88–1.56, 1.34–1.16 (each m, 66H, Cy), 1.07 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 20 °C) δ 338.5 (t, ²*J*_{PC} = 14 Hz, Ru=*C*=C), 114.7 (t, ³*J*_{PC} = 5 Hz, Ru= C=*C*), 33.1 (virtual triplet, *J* = 9 Hz,²² C¹ of Cy), 32.3 (s, *C*(CH₃)₃), 32.0 (s, C^{3,5} of Cy), 30.1 (s, C(*C*H₃)₃), 27.9 (virtual

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 Table 2.
 Crystallographic Data and Structure Refinement for 3a, 4a, and 5

	3a	4 a	5
formula	$C_{26}H_{48}Cl_2P_2Ru$	$C_{44}H_{72}Cl_2P_2Ru\cdot CH_2Cl_2$	$C_{22}H_{48}N_2Cl_2P_2Ru$
fw	594.59	919.91	574.56
cryst size, mm	0.4 imes 0.3 imes 0.3	0.4 imes 0.2 imes 0.2	0.5 imes 0.4 imes 0.1
cryst syst	monoclinic	triclinic	monoclinic
space group	$P2_1/a$ (No. 14)	P1 (No. 2)	$P2_1/n$ (No. 14)
a, Å	24.363(3)	13.923(2)	11.248(2)
b, Å	9.721(3)	14.353(2)	8.593(1)
<i>c</i> , Å	28.088(3)	13.168(3)	14.969(1)
α, deg		110.07(2)	
β , deg	115.660(6)	112.61(1)	104.250(8)
γ , deg		76.08(1)	
V, Å ³	5996(2)	2263.7(7)	1402.2(3)
V, Å ³ Z	8	2	2
$d_{ m calcd}$, g cm $^{-3}$	1.317	1.350	1.361
μ (Mo K α), cm ⁻¹	8.20	6.83	8.75
F(000)	2496	972	604
2θ range, deg	5.0 - 55.0	5.0 - 55.0	5.0 - 55.0
temp, K	296	198	198
transm factors	0.96 - 1.00	0.92 - 1.00	0.80 - 1.00
no. of rflns collcd	14229	10808	3386
no. of unique rflns	13748 ($R_{\rm int} = 0.032$)	$10378 \ (R_{\rm int} = 0.025)$	$3226 (R_{int} = 0.036)$
no. of obsd rflns	8415 $(I \ge 3\sigma(I))$	8556 $(I \ge 3\sigma(I))$	2827 ($I \ge 3\sigma(I)$)
no. of variables	559	469	134
R^a	0.033	0.033	0.025
$R_{\mathrm{w}}{}^{b}$	0.034	0.053	0.034
GOF ^c	1.39	1.22	2.12
max Δ/σ in final cycle	0.06	0.00	0.01
max and min peak, e $Å^{-3}$	0.30, -0.33	1.15, -0.94	0.44, -0.65

 ${}^{a}R = \sum ||F_{0}| - |F_{c}|| \sum |F_{0}|. \ b R_{w} = [\sum w(|F_{0}| - |F_{c}|)^{2} \sum w|F_{0}|^{2}]^{1/2}, \ w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{0})]. \ c \text{ GOF} = [\sum w(|F_{0}| - |F_{c}|)^{2} / (N_{0} - N_{p})]^{1/2}.$

triplet, J = 5 Hz,²² C^{2,6} of Cy), 26.7 (s, C⁴ of Cy). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 20 °C) δ 17.9 (s). Anal. Calcd for C₄₂H₇₆Cl₂P₂Ru: C, 61.90; H, 9.40. Found: C, 61.73; H, 9.29.

RuCl₂{=C=C(H)Fc}(PCy₃)₂ (4c): deep purple solid (91% from 2); ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 17 °C) δ 4.25 (t, ⁴*J*_{PH} = 3.2 Hz, 1H, =C=CH), 4.17 (s, 5H, C₅H₅), 4.09, 4.05 (each apparent triplet, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H, C₅H₄), 2.88–2.75, 2.30–2.16, 1.85–1.58, 1.35–1.15 (each m, 66H, Cy); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 17 °C) δ 338.3 (t, ²*J*_{PC} = 14 Hz, Ru=*C*=C), 103.3 (br, Ru=C=*C*), 79.2 (s, C¹ of C₅H₄), 69.2 (s, C₅H₅), 67.6, 66.8 (each s, C^{2.5} and C^{3.4} of C₅H₄), 33.5 (virtual triplet, *J* = 8 Hz,²² C¹ of Cy), 30.6 (s, C^{3.5} of Cy), 28.2 (s, C^{2.6} of Cy), 26.9 (s, C⁴ of Cy). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 17 °C) δ 21.8 (s). Anal. Calcd for C₄₈H₇₆Cl₂P₂FeRu•0.5C₇H₈: C, 62.55; H, 8.15. Found: C, 62.48, H, 8.07.

Synthesis of RuCl₂(PPrⁱ₃)₂(NCMe)₂ (5). To a suspension of 2 (202 mg, 0.330 mmol) in toluene (11 mL) were added MeCN (0.34 mL, 6.5 mmol) and PPr_{3}^{i} (212 mg, 1.32 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 16 h. The initially reddish brown solution gradually turned heterogeneous to give orange precipitate of 5, which was collected by filtration using a filter-paper-tipped cannula, washed with hexane (3 mL \times 3), and dried under vacuum (283 mg, 75%). IR (KBr): 2265 (ν_{CN}) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 23 °C): δ 2.93–2.81 (m, 6H, PCHCH₃), 2.37 (virtual triplet, J = 1.2 Hz,²² 6H, CH₃CN), 1.41 (doublet of virtual triplets, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH} =$ 6.3 Hz, J = 6.0 Hz,²² 36H, PCHCH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 23 °C): δ 124.9 (s, CH₃*C*N), 23.3 (virtual triplet, *J* = 8 Hz,²² PCHCH₃), 19.8 (s, PCHCH₃), 5.5 (s, CH₃CN). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 23 °C): δ 21.9 (s). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₄₈N₂Cl₂P₂Ru: C, 45.99; H, 8.42; N, 4.88. Found: C, 45.87; H, 8.40; N, 4.93.

Reaction of 5 with Alkynes. To a suspension of 5 (63 mg, 0.11 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2.7 mL) was added PhC=CH (12 mg, 0.12 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 20 h. As the reaction proceeded the yellow suspension gradually turned to a dark purple solution. The resulting solution was concentrated to dryness by pumping. ¹H and ³¹P{¹H} NMR analysis of the resulting solid revealed the selective formation of **3a**. The reactions of **5** with *tert*-butylacetylene and ferrocenylacetylene were similarly examined, where **3b**,**c** were formed in quantitative yields as confirmed by NMR spectroscopy.

Synthesis of $RuCl_2$ {=C=C(SiMe_3)Ph}(PCy_3)₂ (6). To a suspension of 2 (100 mg, 0.163 mmol) in toluene (5 mL) were added PCy₃ (185 mg, 0.659 mmol) and PhC≡CSiMe₃ (580 mg, 3.33 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 51 h. The initially deep purple solution gradually darkened. The resulting solution was allowed to stand at -30°C for 1 day to give dark purple crystals of 6, which was collected by filtration and dried under vacuum (90 mg). The filtrate was concentrated to dryness, and the resulting solid was recrystallized from CH2Cl2/MeOH to give second crop of 6 (88 mg; totally 60%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 18 °C): δ 7.28–7.09, 6.90-6.85 (each m, 5H, Ph), 2.70-2.60, 2.10-2.08, 1.82-1.49, 1.30–1.10 (each m, 66H, Cy), 0.29 (s, 9H, SiMe_3). $^{13}C\{^1H\}$ NMR (CDCl₃, 18 °C): δ 330.1 (t, ²J_{PC} = 12 Hz, Ru=C=C), 135.8 (s, C¹ of Ph), 129.0, 128.2, 127.5 (each s, C²⁻⁶ of Ph), 108.2 (br s, Ru=C=C), 33.0 (virtual triplet, J = 8 Hz,²² C¹ of Cy), 30.1 (s, C^{3,5} of Cy), 27.9 (s, C^{2,6} of Cy), 26.6 (s, C⁴ of Cy), 1.88 (s, SiMe₃). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 18 °C): δ 20.6 (s). Anal. Calcd for C47H80Cl2P2SiRu: C, 62.23; H, 8.89. Found: C, 61.97; H, 8.78

Synthesis of 7. To a suspension of 2 (204 mg, 0.333 mmol) in toluene (11 mL) were added PPrⁱ₃ (214 mg, 1.34 mmol) and 1,1'-bis{(trimethylsilyl)ethynyl}ferrocene (127 mg, 0.336 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 35 h. The initially reddish brown solution gradually turned dark purple. Volatile materials were removed by pumping, and the resulting solid was washed with MeOH (3 mL \times 3) to give a dark purple microcrystalline solid of 7 (418 mg, 92%), which was spectroscopically pure. Analytically pure compound containing 1 equiv of CH₂Cl₂ in the crystal was obtained by recrystallization from CH2Cl2 (71% yield). ¹H NMR (CDCl3, 19 °C): δ 5.30 (s, 2H, CH₂Cl₂), 4.02-3.88 (m, 8H, C₅H₄), 2.94-2.73 (m, 12H, PCHCH₃), 1.35 (doublet of virtual triplets, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH}$ = 6.4 Hz, J = 6.4 Hz,²² 72H, PCHCH₃), 0.30 (s, 18H, SiMe₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 19 °C): δ 325.7 (t, ²J_{PC} = 14 Hz, Ru=C=C), 102.9 (s, Ru=C=C), 84.2 (s, C¹ of C₅H₄), 68.4, 66.9 (each s, $C^{2,5}$ and $C^{3,4}$ of C_5H_4), 54.0 (s, CH_2Cl_2), 23.1 (virtual triplet, J = 9 Hz,²² PCHCH₃), 20.3 (s, PCHCH₃), 2.5 (s, SiMe₃). ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR (CDCl₃, 19 °C): δ 29.4 (s). Anal. Calcd for C₅₆H₁₁₀Cl₄FeP₄Si₂Ru₂·CH₂Cl₂: C, 47.27; H, 7.79. Found: C, 47.27; H, 7.79.

Reaction of [**RuCl₂(PPr**^{*i*}₃)₂]_{*n*} **with FcC**=**CSiMe**₃. The precipitate of [RuCl₂(PPr^{*i*}₃)₂]_{*n*} formed from **1** (23.3 mg, 72.9 μ mol) in CH₂Cl₂ and acetone (vide supra), was filtered out, washed with cold pentane, and dried under vacuum. The complex was suspended in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) at -20 °C, and FcC= CSiMe₃ (207 mg, 0.732 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. GC-MS analysis of the dark orange solution showed the formation of Me₃SiOH. The solution was concentrated to dryness by pumping to give a dark brown solid. The ¹H and ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra indicated the formation of **3c** in 67% selectivity, along with some unidentified ruthenium species.

Reaction of [RuCl_2(PPr^i_3)_2]_n with Me₃SiC=CH. The complex $[RuCl_2(PPr^i_3)_2]_n$ prepared from 1 (201 mg, 0.629 mmol) similarly to the above experiment was suspended in CH_2Cl_2 (16 mL) at -20 °C, and $Me_3SiC \equiv CH$ (0.62 g, 6.3 mmol) was added in one potion. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The dark purple solution was concentrated to dryness by pumping, and the resulting solid was recrystallized from CH2Cl2/MeOH to give deep red crystals of RuMeCl(CO)(PPr $_{3}^{i}$)₂ (8) (47 mg, 15%). The product was spectroscopically pure, but did not provide satisfactory elemental analysis. IR (KBr): 1893 (ν_{CO}) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 23 °C): δ 2.79–2.67 (m, 6H, PCHCH₃), 1.28 (doublet of virtual triplets, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}} = 7.1$ Hz, J = 13.2 Hz, 22 36H, PCHCH₃), 1.19 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HP} = 4.9$ Hz, 3H, RuCH₃). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (CDCl₃, 23 °C): δ 202.0 (t, ²J_{PC} = 14 Hz, CO), 24.0 (virtual triplet, J = 9 Hz,²² PCHCH₃), 20.1, 19.8 (each s, PCHCH₃), -13.4 (t, ${}^{2}J_{PC} = 7$ Hz, RuCH₃). ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H}$ NMR (CDCl₃, 23 °C): δ 36.6 (s).

X-ray Crystallographic Studies. Single crystals of **3a** and **5** suitable for X-ray diffraction study were obtained by recrystallization from Et_2O and toluene, respectively. The crystal of **4a** was grown by slow diffusion of the CH_2Cl_2 solution into MeOH at -20 °C. The crystal data and details of data collection and structure refinement are summarized in Table 2. Crystals were mounted on a glass fiber and fixed

with an epoxy resin adhesive. All measurements were performed on a Rigaku AFC7R four-circle diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.710$ 69 Å). Unit cell dimensions were obtained from a least-squares refinement of the setting angles of automatically centered 25 reflections in the range $25^{\circ} \leq 2\theta \leq 30^{\circ}$ for each crystal. Diffraction data were collected in the range $5.0 < 2\theta < 55.0^{\circ}$ using the $\omega - 2\theta$ scan technique at a scan rate of 16.0°/min in ω . The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects, decay (based on three standard reflections monitored at every 150 reflection measurements), and absorption (empirical, based on azimuthal scans of three reflections).

All calculations were performed with the TEXSAN crystal structure analysis package provided by Rigaku Corp., Tokyo, Japan.²³ The scattering factors were taken from the International Tables for X-ray Crystallography.²⁴ The structure was solved by heavy-atom Patterson methods (PATTY) and expanded using Fourier techniques (DIRDIF94). The structures were refined by full-matrix least-squares with anisotropic thermal parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms. In the final cycles of refinement, hydrogen atoms with isotropic temperature factors ($B_{iso} = 1.20B_{bonded atom}$) were located at idealized positions (d(C–H) = 0.95 Å) and were included in calculations without refinement of their parameters.

Supporting Information Available: Details of the structure determinations of **3a**, **4a**, and **5**, including figures giving the atomic numbering schemes and tables of atomic coordinates, thermal parameters, and complete bond distances and angles (27 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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