Synthesis and Characterization of Ruthenium–Osmium Complexes Containing µ-Bisalkenyl, µ-Alkenylvinylidene, and µ-Alkenylcarbene Bridge Ligands

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Summary: The metaloalkyne complex Ru{ (E)-CH=CH-(CH₂)₄-C=CH} Cl(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂ reacts with OsHCl(CO)-(PⁱPr₃)₂ to give the heterodinuclear- μ -bisalkenyl derivative (PⁱPr₃)₂(CO)ClRu{ (E)-CH=CH-(CH₂)₄-CH=CH-(E)} OsCl(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂ via the hydrido-vinylidene intermediate (PⁱPr₃)₂(CO)ClRu{ (E)-CH=CH-(CH₂)₄-CH=C}-OsHCl(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂. The reaction of the heterodinuclear- μ -bisalkenyl complex with HCl selectively affords (PⁱPr₃)₂(CO)ClRu{ (E)-CH=CH-(CH₂)₅-CH} OsCl₂(CO)-(PⁱPr₃)₂.

Reactions between transition-metal hydrido complexes and terminal alkynes to afford alkenyl derivatives are an elemental step of many catalytic cycles.¹ From a mechanistic point of view, these reactions can proceed via either π -alkyne or vinylidene intermediates.²

X-ray diffraction and reactivity studies on alkenyl complexes indicate that for an adequate description of the bonding situation in this type of compound a second zwitterionic resonance form (**b**, Scheme 1) must be considered. As a result of the significant contribution of the zwitterionic resonace form, the C_{β} atoms of the alkenyl ligands have a strong nucleophilic character, and their reactions with electrophilic reagents afford carbene derivatives.³

Reactions between transition-metal hydrido complexes and terminal diynes, to prepare μ -bisalkenyl derivatives, have received much less attention than those involving terminal alkynes. In 1995, we reported the synthesis of the homo-dinuclear complex (PⁱPr₃)₂-(CO)ClOs{(*E*)-CH=CH-(CH₂)₄-CH=CH-(*E*)}OsCl(CO)-

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(PⁱPr₃)₂, by reaction of OsHCl(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂ with 1,7octadiyne in a 2:1 molar ratio.^{3g} Recently, Jia *et al.* have described the preparation of the dimeric ruthenium derivatives (PPh₃)₂(CO)ClRu{(*E*)-CH=CH-R-CH=CH-(*E*)}RuCl(CO)(PPh₃)₂ (R = C₆H₄, *p*-C₆H₄-C₆H₄) by treatment of RuHCl(CO)(PPh₃)₃ with the corresponding diyne.⁴ As far as we know, heterodinuclear compounds containing μ -bisalkenyl linkages have not previously been reported.

Now, we have observed that the five-coordinate ruthenium complex RuHCl(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂ (**1**) reacts with 1,7-octadiyne in a 1:5 molar ratio to give Ru{(*E*)-CH= CH-(CH₂)₄C=CH}Cl(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂ (**2**). When the reaction is carried out in a 2:1 molar ratio the binuclear compound (PⁱPr₃)₂(CO)ClRu{(*E*)-CH=CH-(CH₂)₄-CH= CH-(*E*)}RuCl(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂ (**3**) is obtained according to Scheme 2.

The presence in these compounds of the alkenyl units with an *E* stereochemistry is strongly supported by the resonances of the vinylic protons of the carbon-donor ligands, in the ¹H NMR spectra. The values of the coupling constants between these protons, 12.6 (**2**) and 13.1 (**3**) Hz, are characteristic for this arrangement.⁵ The ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ and ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR spectra agree well with those previously reported for the related compounds $M{(E)-CH=CHR}Cl(CO)(P^iPr_3)_2$ (M = Ru, Os), where

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 $[Os]-H = OsHCI(CO)(P^{i}Pr_{3})_{2}$

the square-pyramidal coordination of the metal atom has been proven by a single X-ray diffraction study on $Os\{(E)-CH=CHPh\}Cl(CO)(P^iPr_3)_2$.⁶ The resonances corresponding to the C_{α} atoms of the alkenyl groups appear in the ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra at 139.73 (**2**) and 137.72 (**3**) ppm as triplets with a C–P coupling constant of 10.6 Hz, for both compounds, while the resonances due to the C_{β} atoms are observed at 134.00 (**2**) and 134.46 (**3**) ppm, also as triplets but with a C–P coupling constant of 3.2 Hz. The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra show singlets at 38.1 (**2**) and 38.0 (**3**) ppm.

At room temperature, complex 2 reacts with OsHCl-(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂ to give initially the hydrido-vinylidene derivative (PⁱPr₃)₂(CO)ClRu{(E)-CH=CH-(CH₂)₄-CH= C}OsHCl(CO)($P^{i}Pr_{3}$)₂ (**4**), which evolves in toluene into the heterodinuclear-µ-bisalkenyl complex (PⁱPr₃)₂(CO)- $ClRu{(E)-CH=CH-(CH_2)_4-CH=CH-(E)}OsCl(CO)(P^{i}-CH)$ Pr_{3} ₂ (5) according to Scheme 3. This isomerization was followed by ³¹P{¹H}NMR spectroscopy by measuring the disappearance of the Os-P resonance of 4 as a function of time. In this way, first-order rate constants k_{obs} were obtained between 303 and 343 K, which yield values for the activation parameters of $\Delta H^{\ddagger} = 22.1 \pm 1.5$ kcal mol⁻¹ and $\Delta S^{\ddagger} = -6.1 \pm 2.3$ cal K⁻¹ mol⁻¹, according to an Eyring analysis. The slightly negative value of the activation entropy suggests that the insertion of the vinylidene ligand into the Os-H bond of 4 is an intramolecular process, which occurs by a concerted mechanism with a geometrically highly oriented transition state.

The hydrido-vinylidene complex **4** was isolated as a dark pink solid in 68% yield. The presence of a hydrido ligand in this complex was inferred from the ¹H and ³¹P-{¹H} NMR spectra. In agreement with the mutually *trans* disposition of the hydrido and carbonyl ligands, in the ¹H NMR spectrum in benzene-*d*₆, the hydrido resonance appears at -4.67 ppm. A similar chemical shift has been found in other *trans*-hydrido-carbonyl-osmium compounds.⁷ The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum shows two singlets at 38.4 (P-Ru) and 45.3 (P-Os) ppm. Under off-resonance conditions, the second one splits into a doublet. The vinylidene group was characterized

in the ¹H NMR spectrum by a double triplet at 3.18 ppm with H–H and H–P coupling constants of 1.2 and 4.2 Hz, respectively, and in the ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum by two broad resonances at 336.80 (C_{α}) and 115.72 (C_{β}) ppm.

The presence in complex **5** of a μ -bisalkenyl ligand with an *E* stereochemistry at both carbon–carbon double bonds is strongly supported by the ¹H NMR spectrum. The values of the coupling constants between the vinylic protons of these groups, 12.6 (RuCH=CH) and 12.0 (OsCH=CH) Hz, agree well with those observed for **2** and **3**. In the ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum, the C_{α} atoms of the alkenyl units give rise to triplets at 139.11 (RuC_{α}) and 108.08 (OsC_{α}) ppm with C–P coupling constants of 6.8 and 4.6 Hz, respectively, whereas the resonances corresponding to the C_{β} atoms are observed at 134.79 (Ru) and 133.88 (Os) ppm, as singlets. The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum shows two singlets at 38.4 (Ru–P) and 22.8 (Os–P) ppm.

In agreement with the nucleophilic character of the C_{β} atom of an alkenyl ligand, complex **5** reacts with HCl. However, interestingly, only the C_{β} atom of the Os– alkenyl unit is attacked. Thus, the treatment of **5** with the stoichiometric amount of a toluene HCl solution selectively affords (PⁱPr₃)₂(CO)ClRu{(*E*)-CH=CH-(CH₂)₅-CH}OsCl₂(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂ (**6**). This fact elegantly proves that under the same conditions, the C_{β} atom of the alkenyl ligands of the osmium–alkenyl complexes has a stronger nucleophilic character than the C_{β} atom of the alkenyl ligands on ruthenium–alkenyl compounds.

The selective attack at the C_{β} atom of the Os–alkenyl unit of **5** is strongly suported by the ${}^{1}H$, ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$, and ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra of **6**, which for the ligands bonded to the ruthenium atom show spectroscopic data similar to those found in 5, while the spectroscopic data of the ligands bonded to the osmium of 6 undergo significant changes with regard to those of 5. In the ¹H NMR spectrum the most noticeable changes are the presence of a triplet at 18.98 ppm with a H-H coupling constant of 6.6 Hz, corresponding to the Os=CH proton, and the absence of osmium-alkenyl resonances. Similarly, the ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum shows the Os=C resonance at 301.85 ppm and does not contain osmium-alkenyl signals. In the ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum the Os-P resonance appears at 12.3 ppm, shifted 10.5 ppm to higher field in comparison with that of 5, while the Ru–P resonances of **5** and **6** are observed at the same chemical shift, 38.4 ppm.

In conclusion, the carbon–carbon triple bonds of 1,7octadiyne can be inserted in a sequential manner into the M–H bonds of the complexes MHCl(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂ (M = Ru, Os) to give the heterodinuclear- μ -bisalkenyl derivative (PⁱPr₃)₂(CO)ClRu{(*E*)-CH=CH–(CH₂)₄-CH= CH-(*E*)}OsCl(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂. The insertion in the Os–H bond proceeds via a hydrido–vinylidene intermediate through a geometrically highly oriented transition state. In the heterobinuclear- μ -bisalkenyl complex, the C_{β} atom of the Os–alkenyl unit has a stronger nucleophilic character than the C_{β} atom of the Ru–alkenyl fragment, as is proven by the reaction of this compound with HCl, which selectively affords (PⁱPr₃)₂(CO)ClRu{(*E*)-CH= CH–(CH₂)₅–CH}OsCl₂(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂.

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Experimental Section

All reactions were carried out with rigorous exclusion of air using Schlenk-tube techniques. Solvents were dried by the usual procedures and distilled under argon prior to use. The starting materials $MHCl(CO)(P^{i}Pr_{3})_{2}$ (M = Ru, Os) were prepared by published methods.^{7a}

In the NMR spectra, chemical shifts are expressed in ppm downfield from Me₄Si (¹H and ¹³C) and 85% H₃PO₄ (³¹P). Coupling constants *J* and *N*(*N* = *J*(PH) + *J*(P'H) for ¹H and N = *J*(PC) + *J*(P'C) for ¹³C{¹H}) are given in hertz.

Preparation of $Ru{(E)-CH=CH-(CH_2)_4C=CH}Cl(CO)$ $(P^{i}Pr_{3})_{2}$ (2). A solution of RuHCl(CO) $(P^{i}Pr_{3})_{2}$ (150 mg, 0.31) mmol) in 6 mL of toluene was treated with 1,7-octadiyne (208 μ L, 1.55 mmol). After stirring for 3 h at 333 K, the solution was cooled to room temperature, filtered through Kieselguhr, and concentrated in vacuo to ca. 0.5 mL. Addition of 5 mL of methanol gave a pink solid, which was stirred for 15 min at -78 °C. The solution was decanted, and the resulting pink solid was washed with methanol and dried in vacuo. Yield: 137 mg (70%). Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₅₃ClOP₂Ru (%): C, 54.76; H, 9.02. Found: C, 54.97; H, 9.36. IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹): ν (C=C) 2030, ν (CO) 1908, ν (C=C) 1588. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 7.45 (dt, 1H, J(HH) = 12.6 Hz, J(HP) = 0.9 Hz, RuCH=), 5.21 (dtt, 1H, J(HH) = 12.6 Hz, J(HH) = 6.6 Hz, J(HP) = 2.1 Hz,=CH), 2.76 (m, 8H, PCH and -CH₂-), 2.23 (m, 2H, -CH₂-), 2.07 (m, 2H, −CH₂−), 1.89 (t, 1H, *J*(HH) = 2.7 Hz, ≡CH), 1.50 (m, 2H, $-CH_2-$), 1.31 (dvt, 18H, J(HH) = 5.7 Hz, N = 13.2Hz, PCHCH₃), 1.30 (dvt, 18H, J(HH) = 6.0 Hz, N = 13.2 Hz, PCHCH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.43 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 203.83 (t, J(CP) = 13.0 Hz, Ru-CO), 139.73 (t, J(CP) = 10.6 Hz, RuCH=), 134.00 (t, J(CP) = 3.2 Hz, =CH), 84.48 (s, -C=), 68.64 (s, = CH), 36.00, 29.82 and 28.46 (all s, $-CH_2-$), 24.30 (vt, N =29.3 Hz, PCH), 20.01 and 19.88 (both s, PCHCH₃). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.4 MHz, C_6D_6): δ 38.1 (s).

Preparation of (PⁱPr₃)₂(CO)ClRu{(E)-CH=CH-(CH₂)₄-CH=CH-(E)}RuCl(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂ (3). A solution of 1 (117 mg, 0.24 mmol) in 10 mL of toluene was treated with 1,7-octadiyne (16 μ L, 0.12 mmol). After stirring for 3 h at 60 °C, the solution was cooled to room temperature and filtered and the solvent removed. The residue was washed repeatedly with cold methanol, yielding a pink solid, which was dried in vacuo. Yield: 108 mg (83%). Anal. Calcd for C46H96Cl2O2P4Ru2 (%): C, 51.24; H, 8.97. Found: C, 51.35; H, 8.78. IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹): ν(CO) 1903, ν(C=C) 1585. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 7.40 (d, 2H, J(HH) = 13.1 Hz, RuCH=), 5.24 (m, 2H, =CH), 2.68 (m, 12H, PCH), 2.33 and 1.52 (both m, 4H, -CH₂-), 1.27 (dvt, 36H, J(HH) = 5.7 Hz, N = 12.9 Hz, PCHCH₃), 1.26 (dvt, 36H, $J(\text{HH}) = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, N = 12.9 \text{ Hz}, \text{PCHC}H_3).$ ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.43 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 203.27 (t, J(CP) = 13.8 Hz, Ru–CO), 137.72 (t, J(CP) = 10.6 Hz, RuCH=), 134.46 (t, J(CP) = 3.2 Hz, =CH), 36.10 and 30.14 (both s, $-CH_2-$), 24.30 (vt, N = 18.8Hz, PCH), 19.89 and 19.79 (both s, PCHCH₃). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.4 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 38.0 (s).

Preparation of (PⁱPr₃)₂(CO)ClRu{(*E*)-CH=CH-(CH₂)₄-CH=C} OsHCl(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂ (4). A solution of 2 (130 mg, 0.22 mmol) in 6 mL of toluene was treated with OsHCl(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂ (122 mg, 0.22 mmol). After stirring for 15 min at 218 K, the solution was concentrated to ca. 0.5 mL. Addition of 5 mL of methanol gave a dark pink solid. The solution was decanted, and the resulting solid was washed with methanol and dried in vacuo. Yield: 171 mg (68%). Anal. Calcd for C₄₆H₉₆Cl₂O₂-OsP₄Ru (%): C, 47.24; H, 8.28. Found: C, 47.68; H, 8.46. IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹): ν (Os-H) 2030, ν (CO) 1905, 1883, ν (Os=C=C) 1666, ν (C=C) 1589. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 7.40 (d, 1H, J(HH) = 11.7 Hz, RuCH=), 5.20 (m, 1H, RuCH=CH), 3.18 (dt, 1H, J(HH) = 1.2 Hz, J(HP) = 4.2 Hz, =C=CH), 2.80 (m, 2H, -CH₂-), 2.66 (m, 8H, PCH and -CH₂-), 2.58 (m, 8H, PCH and -CH₂-), 2.28 (m, 2H, -CH₂-), 1.26 and 1.23 (both dvt, each 36H, J(HH) = 6.9 Hz, N = 13.2 Hz, PCHCH₃), -4.67 (t, 1H, J(HP) = 28.5 Hz, Os-H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.43 MHz, toluene-*d*₈, 223 K): δ 336.80 (br, Os=C), 203.7 (br, Ru-CO), 179.84 (br, Os-CO), 139.65 (br, RuCH=), 134.80 (br, RuCH= *C*), 115.72 (br, Os=C=*C*), 37.26 and 31.84 (both s, -CH₂-), 24.35 (vt, N = 18.2 Hz, PCH), 19.80, 19.75 and 19.69 (all s, PCH*C*H₃). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.4 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 45.3 (s, Os-P); 38.4 (s, Ru-P).

Preparation of (PⁱPr₃)₂(CO)ClRu{(E)-CH=CH-(CH₂)₄-CH=CH-(E) OsCl(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂ (5). A solution of 2 (130 mg, 0.22 mmol) in 6 mL of toluene was treated with OsHCl(CO)-(PⁱPr₃)₂ (122 mg, 0.22 mmol). After stirring for 12 h at 60 °C the solution was cooled, filtered through Kieselguhr, and concentrated to ca. 0.5 mL. Addition of 5 mL of methanol gave a violet solid. The solution was decanted, and the solid washed with methanol and dried in vacuo. Yield: 202 mg (80%). Anal. Calcd for C46H96Cl2O2OsP4Ru (%): C, 47.24; H, 8.28. Found: C, 47.70; H, 8.28. IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹): v(CO) 1905, 1890, v(C=C) 1593. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 7.38 (d, 1H, J(HH) = 12.6, RuCH=), 6.81 (d, 1H, J(HH) = 12.0 Hz, OsCH=), 5.24 (m, 1H, RuCH=CH), 4.77 (m, 1H, OsCH=CH), 2.85 (m, 8H, PCH and -CH₂-), 2.47, 2.31 (both m, each 2H, -CH₂-), 1.23 (dvt, 72H, $J(\text{HH}) = 6.6 \text{ Hz}, N = 12.9 \text{ Hz}, \text{PCHC}H_3). {}^{13}\text{C} \{{}^{1}\text{H}\} \text{ NMR} (75.43)$ MHz, C_6D_6): δ 204.67 (t, J(CP) = 13.8 Hz, Ru–CO), 183.08 (t, J(CP) = 9.2 Hz, Os-CO), 139.11 (t, J(CP) = 6.8 Hz, RuCH=), 134.79 (s, RuCH=C), 133.88 (s, OsCH=C), 108.08 (t, J(CP) = 4.6 Hz, OsCH=), 36.71, 31.39 and 30.69 (all s, $-CH_2-$), 24.57 and 24.37 (both vt, N = 24.4 Hz, PCH), 19.83, 19.81 and 19.69 (all s, PCH*C*H₃). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.4 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 38.4 (s, Ru-P); 22.8 (s, Os-P).

Preparation of (PⁱPr₃)₂(CO)ClRu{(E)-CH=CH-(CH₂)₅-CH}OsCl₂(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂ (6). A solution of 5 (150 mg, 0.128 mmol) in 6 mL of toluene was treated with a solution (0.12 M) of HCl in toluene (1.3 mL, 0.154 mmol). The color turned, immediately, from violet to reddish. After stirring for 2 h, the solution was concentrated to ca. 0.5 mL. Addition of 5 mL of pentane gave an orange solid. The solution was decanted and the solid washed with pentane and dried in vacuo. Yield: 131 mg (85%). Anal. Calcd for C46H97Cl3O2OsP4Ru (%): C, 45.90; H, 8.12. Found: C, 45.58; H, 8.47. IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹): ν (CO) 1905, 1885, ν(C=C) 1590. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 18.98 (t, 1H, J(HH) = 6.6 Hz, Os=CH), 7.44 (d, 1H, J(HH) = 12.6Hz, RuCH=), 5.17 (m, 1H, RuCH=CH), 2.90-2.60 (m, 20H, PCH and -CH2-), 2.25 (m, 2H, -CH2-), 1.38-1.10 (m, 72H, PCHCH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.43 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 301.85 (t, J(CP) = 11.0 Hz, Os=CH), 203.88 (t, J(CP) = 12.9 Hz, Ru-CO), 180.65 (t, J(CP) = 8.7 Hz, Os-CO), 139.86 (t, J(CP) = 10.6Hz, RuCH=), 133.93 (t, J(CP) = 2.1 Hz, RuCH=CH), 61.25, 36.35 and 35.01 (all s, $-CH_2$ -), 24.84 (vt, N = 25.3 Hz, PCH), 24.40 (vt, N = 19.3 Hz, PCH), 19.89, 19.86, 19.56 and 19.13 (all s, PCH*C*H₃). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121.4 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 38.4 (s, Ru-P), 12.3 (s, Os-P).

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