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- $(CH_2)_4$ - \check{C} = $CH_3Cl(CO)(P^{\check{i}}Pr_3)_2$ *reacts with OsHCl(CO)*-*(Pi Pr3)2 to give the heterodinuclear-µ-bisalkenyl deriva* t ive $(\overline{P^i Pr_3})_2$ (CO)ClRu{*(E)-CH=CH-(CH₂)4-CH=CH-*
(F)\OsCl(CO)(PⁱPr2)2 via the hydrido-vinvlidene inter-*(E)*}*OsCl(CO)(Pi Pr3)2 via the hydrido-vinylidene inter-* $\frac{1}{2}$ *mediate* (PPr₃)₂(CO)ClRu{^{*(E)-CH*=*CH*⁻*(CH₂)₄-CH*=*C*}*-*
OsHCl(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₃</sub> The reaction of the heterodinuclear-} OsHCl(CO)(Pi Pr3)2. The reaction of the heterodinuclearµ-bisalkenyl complex with HCl selectively affords (Pi Pr3)2(CO)ClRu{*(E)-CH*d*CH*-*(CH2)5*-*CH*}*OsCl2(CO)-* $(P^{i}Pr_{3})_{2}$.

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 $(P^{i}Pr_{3})_{2}$ - $(CO)ClOS$ { (E) -CH=CH- $(CH₂)$ ₄-CH=CH- (E) }OsCl(CO)-

(Pi Pr3)2, by reaction of OsHCl(CO)(Pi Pr3)2 with 1,7 octadiyne 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)(Pi Pr3)2 (**1**) reacts with 1,7-octadiyne in a 1:5 molar ratio to give $Ru{E}-CH=$ $CH-(CH₂)₄C=CH$ ₂ $Cl(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂$ (2). When the reaction is carried out in a 2:1 molar ratio the hinuclear is carried out in a 2:1 molar ratio the binuclear $\text{compound (P^iPr_3)_2(CO)CIRu}(E)\text{-}CH=\text{CH}-(CH_2)_4-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-(F1)R11C1(CO)(P^iPr_2)_2(B)$ is obtained according to $CH-(E)$ }RuCl(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂ (**3**) is obtained according to
Scheme 2 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 ${}^{1}H$ 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 ${}^{13}C{^1H}$ and ${}^{31}P{^1H}$ NMR spectra agree well with those previously reported for the related compounds $M\{(E)\text{-CH}=\text{CHR}\}\text{Cl}(CO)(P^i\text{Pr}_3)_2$ (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^{ip}r₃)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 ${}^{31}P{^1H}$ NMR spectra show singlets at 38.1 (**2**) and 38.0 (**3**) ppm.

At room temperature, complex **2** reacts with OsHCl- (CO)(Pi Pr3)2 to give initially the hydrido-vinylidene derivative $(\text{P^iPr}_3)_2(\text{CO}) \text{CIRu} \{ (E)\text{-CH}=\text{CH}-(\text{CH}_2)_4-\text{CH}=\text{C}10 \text{C} \}$ C}OsHCl(CO)(Pi Pr3)2 (**4**), which evolves in toluene into the heterodinuclear- μ -bisalkenyl complex (PⁱPr₃)₂(CO)- $CIRu{(E-CH=CH-(CH₂)₄ - CH=CH-(E)}\textrm{OsCl(CO)}_{(P₁)₄}$
Probo (5) according to Scheme 3. This isomerization was Pr3)2 (**5**) according to Scheme 3. This isomerization was followed by ${}^{31}P\{ {}^{1}H\}NMR$ 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 $\Delta H^{\sharp} = 22.1 \pm 1.5$ kcal mol⁻¹ and ΔS^{\dagger} = −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- ${^1}H$ } 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-carbonylosmium compounds.⁷ The ${}^{31}P{^1H}$ 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 $\rm{^1H}$ 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 ${}^{13}C[{^1}H]$ 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 ${}^{31}P{^1H}$ 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*^â* atom of an alkenyl ligand, complex **5** reacts with HCl. However, interestingly, only the C*^â* atom of the Osalkenyl 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\OsCle(CO)(PⁱPre)e (6) This fact elegantly proves CH ₂OsCl₂(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 ${}^{13}C{^1H}$ NMR spectrum shows the Os=C resonance at 301.85 ppm and does not contain osmium-alkenyl signals. In the $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ 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 1,7 octadiyne can be inserted in a sequential manner into the M-H bonds of the complexes MHCl(CO)($P^i Pr_3$)₂ (M
= Ru_1 , Os) to give the heterodinuclear-*u*-bisalkenyl $=$ Ru, Os) to give the heterodinuclear- μ -bisalkenyl derivative (PⁱPr₃)₂(CO)ClRu{(*E*)-CH=CH-(CH₂)₄-CH=
CH-(*E*)3OsCl(CO)(P^{ip}ra)₂ The insertion in the Os-H $CH-(E)$ $\text{OSCl}(\text{CO})(\text{P}^{\text{ip}}\text{F}_3)_2$. The insertion in the Os-H
bond proceeds via a hydrido-vinylidene intermediate 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= $CH - (CH₂)₅ - CH₃OsCl₂(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₂.$

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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
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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- $(CH_2)_4$ C=CH}Cl(CO)-**(Pi Pr3)2 (2).** A solution of RuHCl(CO)(Pi Pr3)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, $-CH_2$), 1.89 (t, 1H, $J(HH) = 2.7$ Hz, \equiv CH), 1.50 (m, 2H, -CH₂-), 1.31 (dvt, 18H, $J(HH) = 5.7$ Hz, $N = 13.2$ Hz, PCHC H_3), 1.30 (dvt, 18H, $J(HH) = 6.0$ Hz, $N = 13.2$ Hz, PCHC*H*₃). 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, PCH*C*H3). 31P{1H} NMR (121.4 MHz, C_6D_6): δ 38.1 (s).

**Preparation of (PⁱPr₃₎₂(CO)ClRu{(E)-CH=CH-(CH₂)₄-
H=CH-(F)}RuCl(CO)(PⁱPr₃)₈ (3) A solution of 1 (117 mg 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 $C_{46}H_{96}Cl_2O_2P_4Ru_2$ (%): 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, $-CH_2-$), 1.27 (dvt, 36H, *J*(HH) = 5.7 Hz, *N* = 12.9 Hz, PCHC*H*₃), 1.26 (dvt, 36H, $J(HH) = 6.0$ Hz, $N = 12.9$ Hz, PCHC*H*₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75.43 MHz, C_6D_6): 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, $N = 18.8$ Hz, PCH), 19.89 and 19.79 (both s, PCH*C*H3). 31P{1H} NMR $(121.4 \text{ MHz}, C_6D_6): \delta 38.0 \text{ (s)}.$

Preparation of (PⁱPr₃₎₂(CO)ClRu{(*E***)-CH=CH-(CH₂)₄-
H=C\OsHCl(CO)(PⁱPra)₈(4) A solution of 2 (130 mg, 0.22 CH**= \bar{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)(PiP $\rm r_3)_2$ (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 $C_{46}H_{96}Cl_2O_2$ -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, $-CH_2$, 2.66 (m, 8H, PCH and $-CH_2$), 2.58 (m, 8H, PCH and $-CH_2$, 2.28 (m, 2H, $-CH_2$), 1.26 and 1.23 (both dvt, each 36H, $J(HH) = 6.9$ Hz, $N = 13.2$ Hz, PCHC H_3), -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, $-CH_2$ -), 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 (Pi Pr3)2(CO)ClRu{**(***E***)-CH**d**CH**-**(CH2)4**- **CH=CH** \cdot (*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)- $(P^{i}Pr_{3})_{2}$ (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 $C_{46}H_{96}Cl_2O_2OsP_4Ru$ (%): C, 47.24; H, 8.28. Found: C, 47.70; H, 8.28. IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹): $ν$ (CO) 1905, 1890, $ν$ (C=C) 1593. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6): 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=C*H*), 4.77 (m, 1H, OsCH=C*H*), 2.85 (m, 8H, PCH and $-CH₂-$), 2.47, 2.31 (both m, each 2H, $-CH₂-$), 1.23 (dvt, 72H, $J(HH) = 6.6$ Hz, $N = 12.9$ Hz, PCHC H_3). ¹³C{¹H} 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-
J\OsCl-(CO)(PiPr₂), (6) A solution of 5 (150 mg 0.128** CH } $OsCl_2(CO)(P^i Pr_3)_2$ (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 $C_{46}H_{97}Cl_3O_2O_8P_4Ru$ (%): 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, $J(HH) = 12.6$ Hz, RuCH=), 5.17 (m, 1H, RuCH=CH), 2.90-2.60 (m, 20H, PCH and $-CH_2$, 2.25 (m, 2H, $-CH_2$), 1.38-1.10 (m, 72H, PCHC*H*₃). 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, $J(CP) = 10.6$ Hz, RuCH=), 133.93 (t, $J(CP) = 2.1$ Hz, RuCH=*C*H), 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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