Alkylation of (η^6 -Arene)Mn(CO)₃ Cations with Organozinc Reagents

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Summary: Additions of allylic and benzylic zinc reagents to $(\eta^{6}\text{-arene})Mn(CO)_{3}$ cations proceed in an anti fashion to give the C-6 allylic- and benzylic-substituted $(\eta^{5}\text{-cyclohexadienyl})Mn(CO)_{3}$ neutral complexes, respectively. The reaction of less reactive primary organozinc reagents bearing an ester or a cyano group with the cations affords the α -alkylation products. Treatment of the organozinc reagent containing an acetoxy group with $(\eta^{6}\text{-}$ benzene)Mn(CO)_{3}^{+} complex in THF results in alkylation of the cation at the C-2 position of THF.

Introduction

Nucleophilic additions to arenes coordinated to a transition metal have attracted considerable interest in organic synthesis.1 Transition metals, such as chromium, manganese, iron, or ruthenium, have been used to activate arenes toward nucleophilic substitution and addition reactions. A wide range of nucleophiles add to $(\eta^{6}\text{-}arene)Mn(CO)_{3}^{+}$ complexes: lithium² and Grignard reagents,³ as well as ketone enolates, malonates, and lithium aluminum hydride.³ Reports on the addition of organozinc reagents to $(\eta^6$ -arene)Mn(CO)₃⁺ complexes are not available. In this contribution, we report the efficient addition of allylic and benzylic zinc reagents to $(\eta^{6}$ -arene)Mn(CO)₃⁺ complexes in tetrahydrofuran (THF), which proceeds in an anti fashion to afford the C-6-substituted cyclohexadienyl complexes. When the less reactive primary organozinc reagents bearing an ester or a cyano group are used, the additions occur at the α -carbon of the functionalized zinc reagents. The reaction of the zinc reagent containing an acetoxy functional group with (η^6 -benzene)Mn(CO)₃⁺ in THF results in alkylation of the cation at the C-2 position of THF to afford the C-6 exo THF-substituted (η^5 -cyclohexadienyl)Mn(CO)₃ neutral complex.



Results and Discussion

Cations **1a**-**d** were prepared by heating Mn(CO)₅Br and the corresponding arenes in the presence of AlCl₃ according to a literature procedure.⁴ Addition of a THF solution of allylic zinc reagent 2a or benzylic zinc reagent **2b** (2.0 mol equiv) to a stirred suspension of cations 1a-d in THF at -10 °C under nitrogen gave good yields (54–99%) of (η^5 -cyclohexadienyl)Mn(CO)₃ complexes 3a-h (Scheme 1). The trans relationship between the nucleophile and the metal moiety of complexes 3 was assigned on the basis of chemical shifts at C-6 in their ¹H NMR spectra. For example, the peak at δ 2.57 (1H, m) assigned as an endo proton at the C-6 carbon for complex 3a is consistent with those of the known³ exo C-6-substituted (η^5 -cyclohexadienyl)Mn- $(CO)_3$ complexes. As can be seen in Scheme 1, zinc reagent addition to cation 1 is subject to substituent directive effects. For example, addition of allylic or benzylic zinc reagents to $[(toluene)Mn(CO)_3]^+$ (**1b**) favored the position meta to CH_3 (to give **3b** and **3f**, respectively), similar to that reported for Grignard³ and lithium reagents.⁵ The zinc reagents added both ortho and meta to the chloro substituent in [(C₆H₅Cl)Mn- $(CO)_3$ ⁺ (1c) to afford 3c and 3g, respectively. The addition of allylic zinc reagent (2a) to $[(C_6H_5OMe)Mn$ - $(CO)_3$ ⁺ (1d) occurred exclusively meta to the OMe to

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provide complex **3d**, while the addition of benzylic zinc reagent (**2b**) to cation **1d** favored the position meta to OMe (o/m = 1:7). The addition of lithium dimethylcuprate to cation **1a** is known to occur exclusively at the carbonyl ligand to afford the acyl complex **4** at -78 °C and the alkyl complex **5** at 0 °C (eq 1).⁶ However, reaction of zinc–copper reagents⁷ does not lead to the formation of the acyl or alkyl complexes. For example, in our preliminary results, addition of the zinc–copper reagent (PhCH₂Cu(CN)ZnI) to cation **1a** occurs at the arene ligand to generate complex **3e** as the only isolated product in good yields (70–80%) at both –78 and 0 °C.



Interestingly, with the less reactive ester-functionalized zinc reagent $IZn(CH_2)_2CO_2Et$ (2c), the alkylation occurred at the α -carbon at 25 °C in THF to give the stabilized cyclohexadienyl complex 6 as the major product in 64% yield. The deprotonation of the α -proton may occur to give zinc-enolate 7 (Scheme 2), since it was found that the addition of 7 to cation 1a produced complex **6** as the sole product. Similarly, treatment of the cyano-functionalized organozinc reagent $IZn(CH_2)_2CN$ (2d) with cation 1a also provided the α -alkylated product **8** in 45% yield (eq 2). Rose and coworkers reported that addition of the cyano-stabilized lithium reagent 2-lithiopropionitrile to cation 1a at -78 °C in THF produces complex 8 and the dinuclear complex 9 in a ratio of 7:1 in good yield (eq 3).⁸ The formation of complex 9 was due to deprotonation of the acidic proton, α to the cyano group of complex 8, under basic reaction conditions. Unlike the lithium reagent, the mild zinc reagent **2d** does not abstract the α -proton of complex 8 under the reaction conditions, and dinuclear species 9 is not formed.

Reaction of the acetoxy-functionalized zinc reagent $IZn(CH_2)_3OAc$ (2e) with 1a in THF resulted in alkyla-

Scheme 2





tion of cation **1a** at the C-2 position of THF to afford complex **10** as the only product in 68% yield. Deprotonation occurred at the C-2 position of THF (Scheme 3) to produce the zinc reagent **11**, and anti addition of **11** to cation **1a** furnished **10**. The proof of the structure of **10** was accomplished by X-ray diffraction analysis (Figure 1, Table 1).

Attempted alkylation of cation **1a** using the functionalized zinc–copper reagents derived from zinc reagents 2c-e failed to give any substituted cyclohexadienyl complex under the same reaction conditions.

The reaction outlined herein demonstrates that the addition of reactive allylic and benzylic zinc reagents to (η^6 -arene)Mn(CO)₃ cations proceeds in an anti fashion to give the C-6 allylic- and benzylic-substituted (η^5 -cyclohexadienyl)Mn(CO)₃ neutral complexes, respectively. While reaction of the cations with less reactive ester- or cyano-functionalized organozinc reagents affords the α -alkylation products, that with an acetoxy-functionalized organozinc reagent in THF produces a THF-substituted (η^5 -cyclohexadienyl)Mn(CO)₃ neutral complex.

Experimental Section

General Considerations. All reactions were run under a nitrogen atmosphere in oven-dried glassware unless otherwise indicated. Anhydrous solvents or reaction mixtures were transferred via an oven-dried syringe or cannula. Tetrahydro-furan (THF) was distilled under nitrogen from a deep blue sodium benzophenone ketyl solution. Cations 1a-d were prepared by heating Mn(CO)₅Br and the corresponding arenes in the presence of AlCl₃ according to literature procedures.⁴ Organozinc reagents were prepared according to literature procedures.⁷ Flash column chromatography, following the method of Still, was carried out with E. Merck silica gel

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Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of complex **10** (at the 30% probability level). Hydrogens are omitted for clarity. Selected bond distances (Å): Mn-C5 = 2.197(4), Mn-C6 = 2.120(4), Mn-C7 = 2.115(4), C5-C6 = 1.396(7), C6-C7 = 1.408(8), C4-C10 = 1.537(5). Selected bond angles (deg): Mn-C5-C4 = 94.85(22), Mn-C6-C5 = 74.18(23), Mn-C7-C6 = 70.77(24), C5-C4-C10 = 112.2(3), C4-C5-C6 = 119.0(4), C10-O4-C13 = 108.5(3).

Scheme 3



(Kieselgel 60, 230-400 mesh) using the indicated solvents.⁹ All melting points were determined in open capillaries with a Thomas-Hoover apparatus and are uncorrected. ¹H nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were obtained with JEOL-EX 400 (400 MHz) and Varian G-200 (200 MHz) spectrometers. The chemical shifts are reported in parts per million with either tetramethylsilane (0.00 ppm) or CHCl₃ (7.26 ppm) as internal standard. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with JEOL-EX 400 (100.4 MHz) and Varian G-200 (50 MHz) spectrometers with CDCl₃ (77.0 ppm) as the internal standard. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded with a JASCO IR-700 spectrometer. Mass spectra were acquired on a JEOL JMS-D 100 spectrometer at an ionization potential of 70 eV and are reported as mass/charge (m/e) with percent relative abundance. Satisfactory elemental analyses could not be obtained for all complexes, and relevant NMRs are given in the Supporting Information. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained with an AEI MS-9 double-focusing mass spectrometer and a JEOL JMS-HX 110 spectrometer at the Department of Chemistry, Central Instrument Center, Taichung, Taiwan.

General Procedure for Addition of Organozinc Reagents to (η^6 -Arene)Mn(CO)₃ Cations. In a typical proce-

Table 1. Crystallographic Data for 10

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empirical formula	$C_{13}H_{13}MnO_4$
fw	288.18
cryst syst	monoclinic
space group	P21/c
a, Å	9.930(2)
b, Å	9.846(3)
<i>c</i> , Å	13.158(3)
α, deg	90.0(2)
β , deg	91.95(2)
γ , deg	90.0(2)
V, Å ³	1285.7(6)
Z	4
$D(\text{calcd}), \text{ g cm}^{-3}$	1.489
μ , cm ⁻¹	1.03
diffractometer	Nonius (CAD4)
radiation λ , Å	0.70930
temp, °C	20
2θ range, deg	16.42 - 25.70
no. of ind refins $(I > 2\sigma(I))$	2007
GOF on F^2	1.7850
R_{f} , $^{a}R_{w}^{a}$	0.044, 0.032
$^{a}R_{f} = \sum(F_{o} - F_{c})/\sum(F_{o})$ and $R_{w} = [\sum(w(F_{o} - F_{c})^{2})/\sum(wF_{o}^{2})]^{1/2}$.	

dure, to a solution of cation **1a** (0.36 g, 1.0 mmol) in 10 mL of THF at -10 °C was added rapidly, neat, via syringe, allylic zinc bromide (**2a**) (2.0 mmol). The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 3 h (25 °C for functionalized zinc reagents **2c**–**e**). The reaction mixture was quenched with 5.0 mL of saturated ammonium chloride solution via syringe needle and stirred at 25 °C for 15 min, after which time the reaction mixture was diluted with hexane (30 mL). The resultant solution was washed with water (50 mL × 3) and brine (50 mL × 3), dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate (5.0 g), and concentrated to give the crude mixture.

(6-*exo*-(Propen-3-yl)cyclohexadienyl)tricarbonylmanganese complex (3a): yield 93% (0.24 g); IR (CH₂Cl₂) 3076, 2970, 2926, 2484, 2014, 1940, 1638, 1421, 1277, 994 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.78 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.49 (m, 1 H), 4.96 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.92 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.81 (dd, J = 6.3, 5.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.20 (dd, J = 7.3, 6.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.57 (m, 1 H), 1.46 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 222.94, 133.35, 116.76, 96.09, 79.67, 57.16, 46.86, 34.70; MS (20 eV) *m/e* 258 (M⁺, 1), 216 (100), 189 (75), 174 (100); HRMS (EI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₂H₁₁MnO₃ 258.0089, found 258.0099.

(6-exo-(Propen-3-yl)-2-methylcyclohexadienyl)tricarbonylmanganese complex (3b): 88% (0.24 g); IR (CH₂Cl₂) 3074, 2924, 2010, 1940, 1639, 1437, 1425, 1381, 1186, 997 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.66 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.49 (m, 1 H), 4.95 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.81 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.78 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.16 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.13 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.59 (m, 1 H), 1.85 (s, 3 H), 1.49 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 223.05, 133.42, 111.20, 94.63, 80.48, 58.38, 57.34, 46.97, 36.00, 22.50; MS (20 eV) *m/e* 272 (M⁺, 1), 229 (100), 187 (70); HRMS (EI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₃H₁₃MnO₃ 272.0245, found 272.0239.

(6-exo-(Propen-3-yl)-2-chlorocyclohexadienyl)tricarbonylmanganese (*meta* isomer of 3c): 66% (0.19 g); IR (CH₂Cl₂) 3046, 2928, 2022, 1944, 1639, 1431, 1429, 1054 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.04 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.46 (m, 1 H), 4.99 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.90 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.78 (dd, J = 5.9, 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.51 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.14 (dd, J = 6.3, 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.73 (m, 1 H), 1.49 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 223.71, 132.60, 117.51, 92.91, 79.73, 58.26, 58.15, 53.41, 46.53, 38.21; MS (20 eV) *m/e* 292 (M⁺, 1), 253 (33), 251 (100), 225 (5), 223 (15), 209 (28), 207 (80), 197 (13), 195 (31), 169 (13), 167 (39); HRMS (EI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₂H₁₀ClMnO₃ 291.9699, found 291.9690.

(6-*exo*-(**Propen-3-yl**)-2-methoxycyclohexadienyl)tricarbonylmanganese complex (3d): 54% (0.16 g); IR (CH₂Cl₂) 3058, 2928, 2002, 1920, 1603, 1493, 1465, 1217 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.71 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.48 (m, 1 H), 4.96 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.87 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.83 (t, J= 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.46 (s, 3 H), 3.12 (m, 2 H), 2.70 (m, 1 H), 1.45 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 222.65, 142.58, 133.42, 116.85, 92.45, 68.02, 57.52, 54.14, 47.36, 42.46, 37.41; MS (20 eV) m/e 247 (M⁺ – CH₂=CHCH₂, 100), 204 (95), 164 (95); HRMS (EI) m/e calcd for C₁₃H₁₃MnO₄ 288.0194, found 288.0199.

(6-*exo*-Benzylcyclohexadienyl)tricarbonylmanganese complex (3e): 96% (0.30 g); IR (CH₂Cl₂) 3078, 3030, 2958, 2862, 2014, 1939, 1601, 1493, 1077 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.00–7.26 (m, 5 H), 5.83 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.86 (dd, J = 5.9, 5.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.16 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.73 (m, 1 H), 1.96 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 222.84, 137.13, 129.05, 128.24, 126.05, 96.07, 79.84, 56.99, 48.58, 36.77; MS (20 eV) *m/e* 308 (M⁺, 1), 216 (65), 217 (100), 160 (45); HRMS (EI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₆H₁₃MnO₃ 308.0244, found 308.0238.

(6-*exo*-Benzyl-2-methylcyclohexadienyl)tricarbonylmanganese complex (3f): 92% (0.30 g); IR (CH₂Cl₂) 3074, 2936, 2020, 1937, 1606, 1459, 1424, 1276, 1153 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.93–7.29 (m, 5 H), 5.66 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.81 (dd, J = 5.4, 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.11 (m, 2 H), 2.75 (m, 1 H), 1.95 (dd, J = 12.1, 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 1.85 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 222.90, 137.25, 129.07, 128.16, 125.98, 111.19, 94.67, 80.57, 58.30, 57.19, 48.70, 38.14, 22.49; MS (20 eV) *m/e* 322 (M⁺, 1), 238 (100), 231 (100), 204 (50); HRMS (EI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₇H₁₅MnO₃ 322.0402, found 322.0410.

(6-*exo*-Benzyl-2-chlorocyclohexadienyl)tricarbonylmanganese (*meta* isomer of **3g**): 64% (0.22 g); IR (CH₂-Cl₂) 3034, 2928, 2022, 1938, 1604, 1427, 1251, 1055 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.97–7.32 (m, 5 H), 6.05 (d, J= 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.81(dd, J= 6.7, 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.42 (d, J= 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.08 (dd, J= 6.7, 6.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.87 (m, 1 H), 2.02 (d, J= 7.1 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 221.53, 136.49, 129.06, 128.36, 126.30, 115.49, 92.94, 79.81, 58.00, 48.27, 40.26; MS (20 eV) *m*/*e* 342 (M⁺, 1), 260 (6), 258 (17), 253 (14), 251 (47), 197 (8), 195 (20), 92 (11), 90 (36), 55 (100); HRMS (EI) *m*/*e* calcd for C₁₆H₁₂ClMnO₃ 341.9855, found 341.9833.

(6-*exo*-Benzyl-2-methoxycyclohexadienyl)tricarbonylmanganese (*meta* isomer of **3h**): 59% (0.20 g); IR (CH₂-Cl₂) 3058, 2928, 2002, 1920, 1603, 1493, 1465, 1217 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.97–7.28 (m, 5 H), 5.73 (d, J=5.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.87 (dd, J = 5.9, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.40 (s, 3 H), 3.08 (dd, J = 5.9, 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.99 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.83 (m, 1 H), 2.06 (m, 1 H), 1.92 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 222.44, 142.58, 137.14, 129.10, 128.26, 126.09, 92.55, 68.26, 57.32, 54.09, 49.09, 42.29, 39.55; MS (20 eV) *m/e* 254 (M⁺ - 3CO, 100), 246 (100), 190 (80), 162 (80); HRMS (EI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₄H₁₅Mn 254.0516, found 254.0508.

(6-*exo*-(Ethyl propionate-2-yl)cyclohexadienyl)tricarbonylmanganese complex (6): 64% (0.20 g); IR (CH₂Cl₂) 3064, 2932, 2856, 2014, 1937, 1723, 1456, 1373, 1049 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.80 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.89 (dd, J = 6.4, 5.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.12 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 3.22 (dd, J = 6.4, 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.73 (m, 1 H), 1.64 (m, 1 H), 1.27 (t, J =7.3 Hz, 3 H), 0.90 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 222.52, 173.91, 96.59, 96.29, 80.24, 60.29, 55.29, 53.57, 50.32, 37.57, 14.27, 12.28; MS (20 eV) *m/e* 318 (M⁺, 1), 234 (75), 217 (100); HRMS (EI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₄H₁₅MnO₅ 318.0299, found 318.0290.

(6-*exo*-(Tetrahydrofuranyl-2-yl)cyclohexadienyl)tricarbonylmanganese complex (10): 64% (0.20 g); mp 85–87 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂) 3065, 2932, 2856, 2012, 1937, 1732, 1606, 1456, 1367, 1273 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.79 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.78 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2 H), 3.57–3.74 (m, 2 H), 3.30 (dd, J = 5.9, 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.97 (dd, J = 5.9, 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.83 (m, 1 H), 2.52 (m, 1 H), 1.73 (m, 3 H), 1.28 (m, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (100.4 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 222.77, 97.03, 96.79, 85.12, 79.76, 67.73, 55.79, 52.02, 39.88, 27.17, 25.17; MS (20 eV) *m/e* 288 (M⁺, 1), 217 (100), 204 (10), 199 (30), 181 (30), 161 (40); HRMS (EI) *m/e* calcd for C₁₃H₁₃MnO₄ 288.0194, found 288.0191. Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown from CH₂Cl₂.

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Supporting Information Available: Tables of atomic coordinates, bond lengths, bond angles, and anisotropic thermal parameters for complex **10**, analytical data for complexes *o*-**3c**, *o*-**3g**, and *o*-**3h**, and additional NMR spectra for **3a**, *o*-**3c**, **3e**, *o*-**3g**, *m*-**3g**, *m*-**3h**, **6**, and **10**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.

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