A Useful Access to the Chemistry of the Indenyl-Osmium-Triisopropylphosphine Moiety

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Summary: Complex $OsH_3Cl(P^iPr_3)_2$ (1) reacts with indenyllithium to give $OsH(\eta^5-C_9H_7)(P^iPr_3)_2$ (2), which

affords $[OsH(\eta^5-C_9H_7)\{CH_2CH(CH_3)P^iPr_2\}(P^iPr_3)]OTf$ (3) by treatment with methyl trifluoromethanesulfonate. In acetonitrile, complex **3** evolves to an equilibrium mixture of the acetonitrile adducts $[Os(\eta^5-C_9H_7)(NCCH_3)-(P^iPr_3)_2]OTf$ (4) and $[Os(\eta^5-C_9H_7)(NCCH_3)_2(P^iPr_3)]OTf$ (5). The addition of 2,5-norbornadiene (NBD) to this mixture leads to $[Os(\eta^5-C_9H_7)(\eta^4-NBD)(P^iPr_3)]OTf$ (6). Complex **2** also reacts with I_2 and HBF₄, to give $[OsHI-(\eta^5-C_9H_7)(P^iPr_3)_2]If$ (7) and $[OsH_2(\eta^5-C_9H_7)(P^iPr_3)_2]BF_4$ (8), respectively.

In the search for metallic homogeneous systems that are effective in the synthesis of functionalized organic molecules from basic hydrocarbon units, we are carrying out a wide research program on the chemistry of the cyclopentadienyl-osmium-triisopropylphosphine moiety.¹ Thus, as a part of this program, we have shown that the reactions of the known complex $OsH_2Cl_2(P^iPr_3)_2^2$ with a cyclopentadienyl derivative of an s- or p-block element are a method of general use to obtain cyclopentadienyl-osmium-triisopropylphosphine compounds.³

A substantial increase in the rates of associative substitution reactions of electronically saturated complexes has been observed for indenyl derivatives, when compared to their cyclopentadienyl analogues (*indenyl effect*).⁴ Since the octahedral osmium(II) complexes showed a marked inertness toward the substitution reactions, the *indenyl effect* prompted us to expand our work to the indenyl-osmium-triisopropylphosphine moiety.

Half-sandwich indenyl-osmium complexes are extremely rare⁵ due mainly to the lack of convenient synthetic precursors. Thus, our first objective has been to find an entry to the indenyl-osmium-triisopropylphosphine derivatives. The method employed to prepare

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cyclopentadienyl derivatives is not useful to obtain an indenyl-osmium-triisopropylphosphine precursor. The treatment of $OsH_2Cl_2(P^iPr_3)_2$ with indenyllithium in toluene leads to a complex mixture of products.

In contrast to the dihydride-dichloro, the related trihydride $OsH_3Cl(P^iPr_3)_2$ (1) reacts with indenyllithium, in toluene at room temperature, to afford the monohydride $OsH(\eta^5-C_9H_7)(P^iPr_3)_2$ (2), which is isolated as an orange solid in 69% yield (Scheme 1). The presence of a hydride ligand in this compound is supported by its ¹H NMR spectrum, which shows a triplet at δ -21.48 with a H–P coupling constant of 27.0 Hz.

Complex 2 reacts with CH_3OTf to give methane⁶ and the metalated compound $[OsH(\eta^5-C_9H_7){CH_2CH_2}]$ $(CH_3)P^iPr_2$ (PⁱPr₃)]OTf (**3**), which is isolated as a white solid in 83% yield. In solution, complex 3 exists as a 1:1 mixture of the stereoisomers shown in eq 1. The presence of both species is strongly supported by the ¹H, ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$, and ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR spectra of **3**. Thus, the ¹H NMR spectrum in acetone- d_6 shows two hydride resonances at δ -14.53 and -14.06, which appear as double doublets. In agreement with the *cisoid* disposition of the hydride to both phosphorus atoms, the values of the H-P coupling constants are 29.1 and 35.4 Hz and 31.2 and 36.9 Hz, respectively. In the ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum, the Os-CH₂ and CH signals of the metalated isopropyl group are observed at δ -27.2 and -25.1 and δ 48.9 and 47.2, respectively. These chemical shifts are similar to those previously reported for related cyclopentadienyl compounds.⁷ The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum shows four doublets at δ 0.1 and -34.5, with a P-P coupling constant of 16 Hz, and at δ 2.9 and -37.4, with a P–P coupling constant of 18 Hz.



Figure 1 shows a view of the structure of the cation of one of the stereoisomers of **3**. The distribution of ligands around the osmium atom can be described as a

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four-legged piano-stool geometry with the phosphorus atoms *transoid* disposed (P(1)–Os–P(2) = 110.04(3)°). The metalated phosphine acts with a bite angle C(2)–Os–P(1) of 64.79(10)°. The Os–C(2) bond length of 2.179(4) Å agrees with the values previously reported for other Os–C(sp³) bonds.⁸



Figure 1. Molecular diagram of the cation of one of the stereoisomers of 3. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg): Os-C(2) 2.179(4), Os-P(1) 2.3066(10), Os-P(2) 2.3853(10), Os-C(19) 2.248(3), Os-C(20) 2.184(3), Os-C(21) 2.221(3), Os-C(22) 2.402(3), Os-C(27) 2.417(3); C(2)-Os-P(1) 64.79(10), C(2)-Os-P(2) 89.27(10), P(1)-Os-P(2) 110.04(3).

The formation of **3** probably takes place via the unsaturated intermediate $[Os(\eta^5-C_9H_7)(P^iPr_3)_2]^+$, which is trapped with acetonitrile. The addition of this coor-

dinating molecule to **3** affords the osmium(II) derivative $[Os(\eta^5-C_9H_7)(NCCH_3)(P^iPr_3)_2]OTf(4)$, which is isolated as an orange solid in 77% yield.

Figure 2 shows a view of the structure of the cation of 4. The geometry around the osmium center can be described as a distorted octahedron with the fivemembered ring of the indenyl ligand occupying the three sites of a face. The distortion is mainly caused by the mutual *cis* disposition of the phosphine ligands, which describe a P–Os–P angle larger than 90°. This angle of 102.61(4)° is similar to other P–M–P angles previously found in complexes with two triisopropylphosphine ligands mutually *cis* disposed.⁷



Figure 2. Molecular diagram of the cation of 4. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg): Os-N(1) 2.023(4), Os-P(1) 2.3789(13), Os-P(2) 2.3185(13), Os-C(21) 2.383(5), Os-C(22) 2.209(5), Os-C(23) 2.189(5), Os-C(24) 2.215(5), Os-C(25) 2.407(5); P(1)-Os-P(2) 102.61(4), P(1)-Os-N(1) 90.98(13), P(2)-Os-N(1) 90.44(12).

In acetonitrile, complex 4 dissociates triisopropylphosphine to reach an equilibrium with $[Os(\eta^5-C_9H_7)-(NCCH_3)_2(P^iPr_3)]OTf$ (5). The addition of 2.0 equiv of 2,5-norbornadiene (NBD) to the mixture leads to the diolefin derivative $[Os(\eta^5-C_9H_7)(\eta^4-NBD)(P^iPr_3)]OTf$ (6), which is isolated as an orange solid in 84% yield. In the ¹H NMR spectrum, the vinylic protons of the diolefin give rise to a complex signal between δ 3.85 and 3.70, whereas in the ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum, the C(sp²) atoms display two doublets at δ 41.6 and 41.4, with a C–P coupling constant of 7 Hz, and two singlets at δ 35.9 and 36.0.

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Figure 3. Molecular diagram of the cation of 5. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg): Os-N(1) 2.039(3), Os-N(2) 2.040(3), Os-P 2.2965(8), Os-C(5) 2.311(3), Os-C(6) 2.171(3), Os-C(7) 2.157(3), Os-C(8) 2.180(3), Os-C(9) 2.300(3); P-Os-N(1) 94.01(7), P-Os-N(2) 89.38(7), N(1)-Os-N(2) 82.93(9).

Scheme 2



At 50 °C, in acetonitrile, complex **6** loses the diolefin and regenerates **5**, which is isolated as a yellow solid in 63% yield. Complex **5** has also been characterized by X-ray diffraction analysis. The geometry around the osmium atom can be described as an octahedron (Figure 3). In contrast to **4**, the angles between the monodentate ligands are close to 90°.

The chemistry of the indenyl-osmium-triisopropylphosphine moiety is also consistent with the intrinsically high basicity of the osmium atom, which is revealed in the reactions of **2** with molecular iodine and HBF₄ (Scheme 2).

Treatment of a pentane solution of **2** with 1.1 equiv of I₂ affords the osmium(IV) derivative $[OsHI(\eta^5-C_9H_7)-(P^iPr_3)_2]I$ (**7**), which is isolated as a red-brown solid in 78% yield. In agreement with the structure proposed for this compound, its ¹H NMR spectrum shows a triplet at δ -15.89, with a H–P coupling constant of 36.6 Hz, corresponding to the hydride ligand, and the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum contains a singlet at δ -2.2.

The reaction of **2** with HBF₄·OEt₂ in diethyl ether leads to the dihydride complex $[OsH_2(\eta^5-C_9H_7)(P^iPr_3)_2]$ -BF₄ (**8**), which is isolated as a white solid in 77% yield.⁹ Figure 4 shows the structure of the cation of this compound. The distribution of ligands around the os-





Figure 4. Molecular diagram of the cation of **8**. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg): Os-P(1) 2.3167(12), Os-P(2) 2.3581(10), Os-C(19) 2.384(4), Os-C(20) 2.228-(4), Os-C(21) 2.201(4), Os-C(22) 2.228(4), Os-C(23) 2.374-(4); P(1)-Os-P(2) 112.80(4).

mium atom can be described as a four-legged piano-stool geometry with the five-membered ring of the indenyl ligand occupying the three-membered face while the phosphorus donor atoms lie in the four-membered face mutually *transoid* disposed (P(1)–Os–P(2) = 112.80-(4)°). In agreement with the *transoid* disposition of the hydride ligands, the ¹H NMR spectrum of **8** shows a triplet at δ –14.90 with a H–P coupling constant of 30 Hz.

In conclusion, the reaction of $OsH_3Cl(P^iPr_3)_2$ with indenyllithium leads to the monohydride $OsH(\eta^5-C_9H_7)(P^iPr_3)_2$, which is a useful starting material to new indenyl-osmium derivatives. Because the osmium center of the indenyl-osmium-triisopropylphosphine skeleton has a marked nucleophilic character, and the solvento complex $[Os(\eta^5-C_9H_7)(NCCH_3)_2(P^iPr_3)]OTf$ is easily accessible, a promising future can be envisaged for the chemistry of the indenyl-osmium-triisopropylphosphine moiety.

Experimental Section

General Procedures. All reactions were carried out under argon using Schlenk-tube or glovebox techniques. Solvents were dried by known procedures and used freshly distilled. Complex OsH₃Cl(PⁱPr₃)₂ (1) was prepared according to a previous report.¹⁰ NMR spectra were recorded at 293 K. ¹H (300 MHz) and ¹³C{¹H} (75.4 MHz), and ³¹P{¹H} (121.4 MHz) chemical shifts are reported relative to external tetramethylsilane and H₃PO₄ (85%), respectively. Coupling constants *J* are given in hertz.

Preparation of OsH(η^{5} -C₉H₇)(PⁱPr₃)₂ (2). Toluene (10 mL) was added to a mixture of 1 (1.50 g, 2.73 mmol) and Li[C₉H₇] (0.37 g, 3.0 mmol), and a gas bubbler was connected to the flask system. Stirring of the mixture afforded a suspension, which was filtered, and the residue was extracted with pentane. The filtrate was concentrated to dryness and the residue washed with MeOH and vacuum-dried. Dark orange solid. Yield: 1.18 g (69%). Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₅₀OsP₂: C, 51.73; H, 8.04. Found: C, 52.04; H, 7.95. IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹): ν (Os-H) 2169. MS (FAB⁺): *m/e* 628 (M⁺). ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.21, 6.91 (m, each 2H, H⁴⁻⁷), 5.30 (m, 1H, H²), 4.89 (m, 2H, H^{1,3}), 1.96 (m, 6H, PCH), 1.08, 1.05 (dd, each 9H, *J*(HH) = 7.3, *J*(PH) = 12.0, PCCH₃), -21.48 (t, 1H, *J*(PH) = 27.0,

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Os-H). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆): δ 27.6 (s). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆): δ 122.2, 122.1 (s, C⁴⁻⁷), 107.2 (s, C^{3a-7a}), 77.1 (s, C²), 60.6 (d, *J*(PC) = 7, C^{1,3}), 32.0 (d, *J*(PC) = 23, PCH), 20.9, 20.8 (s, PCCH₃).

 $[OsH(\eta^5-C_9H_7){CH_2CH(CH_3)P^iPr_2}(P^iPr_3)]OTf (3). A so$ lution of 2 (0.30 g, 0.48 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 was treated with CH_3OTf (56 μ L, 0.50 mmol). After 1 h the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue washed with pentane and dried under vacuum. White solid. Yield: 0.31 g (83%). Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₄₉F₃O₃OsP₂S: C, 43.39; H, 6.37; S, 4.14 Found: C, 43.23; H, 6.43; S, 4.27. IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹): v (Os-H) 2151, v (SO₃) and v (CF₃) 1269 (br, s), 1147 (s), 1029 (s). MS (FAB⁺): *m/e* 627 (M⁺). ¹H NMR ((CD₃)₂CO): δ 7.80-7.51 (m, 8H, H^{4-7}), 6.37 (d, 1H, J(HH) = 2.6, $H^{1,3}$), 6.34 (d, 1H, J(HH) $= 1.0, H^{1,3}$, 6.33 (m, 1H, H^{1,3}), 6.10 (d, 1H, J(HH) $= 2.4, H^{1,3}$), 5.93, 5.61 (m, each 1H, H²), 3.57, 3.07 (m, each 1H, HC-CH₂), 2.93, 2.70 (m, each 1H, PCH), 2.45-1.85 (m, 12H, PCH + OsCH₂), 1.70-1.12 (m, 66H, PCCH₃), -14.06 (dd, 1H, J(PH) = 31.2, J(P'H) = 36.9, Os-H), -14.53 (dd, 1H, J(PH) = 29.1, J(PH) = 29.1, J(P'H) = 29.1, J(P'HJ(P'H) = 35.4, Os-H). ³¹P{¹H} NMR ((CD₃)₂CO): $\delta 0.1, -34.5$ (d, J(PP) = 16), 2.9, -37.4 (d, J(PP) = 18). ¹³C{¹H} NMR $((CD_3)_2CO): \delta 132.5, 132.1, 132.0, 126.7, 126.6, 126.4, 125.2,$ (s, C^{4-7}), 126.5, 121.04, 112.1 (s, $C^{3a,7a}$), 111.5 (d, J(PC) = 5, $C^{3a,7a}$), 78.6, 77.6 (s, C^2), 74.5 (d, $J(PC) = 3, C^{1,3}$), 73.5 (br, $C^{1,3}$), 73.1, 71.5 (d, J(PC) = 7, $C^{1,3}$), 48.9, 47.2 (d, J(PC) = 35, CH_2 -CH), 37.4, 35.6, 35.5 (d, J(PC) = 22, PCH), 31.8 (d, J(PC) =27, PCH), 29.2, 28.2 (d, J(PC) = 21, PCH), 26.3, 25.6, 23.7, $22.3 (d, J(PC) = 6, PCCH_3), 22.1, 22.0, 21.9, 21.8, (s, PCCH_3),$ 21.3 (d, J(PC) = 3, PCCH₃), 21.2 (d, J(PC) = 5, PCCH₃), 21.0 (+, d, *J*(PC) = 3, PCCH₃), 20.7, 19.6, 18.8 (s, PCCH₃), -27.2, $-25.1 \, (dd, J(PC) = 38, J(P'C) = 9, Os-CH_2).$

Preparation of $[Os(\eta^5-C_9H_7)(NCMe)(P^iPr_3)_2]OTf(4)$. A solution of 3 (0.12 g, 0.19 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) was stirred for 12 h. The resulting solution was evaporated to dryness, and the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL). PⁱPr₃ (0.11 mL, 0.57 mmol) was then added, and the mixture was stirred for 1 h. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the solid residue was washed with Et₂O and pentane and vacuum-dried. Orange solid. Yield: 0.12 g (77%). Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₅₂F₃NO₃OsP₂S: C, 44.16; H, 6.42; N, 1.72; S, 3.93. Found: C, 44.08; H, 6.75; N, 2.01; S, 4.01. IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹): ν (C=N) 2260, ν (SO₃) and ν (CF₃) 1270 (br, s), 1146 (s), 1029 (s). MS (FAB⁺): m/e 667 (M⁺), 626 (M⁺ - CH₃CN). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 7.39, 7.31 (m, each 2H, H⁴⁻⁷), 5.72 (t, 1H, J(HH) = 3.2, H²), 5.63 (d, 2H, $J(HH) = 3.2, H^{1,3}$), 2.70 (t, 3H, J(PH)= 1.2, CH₃CN), 2.39 (m, 6H, PCH), 1.24 (dd, 18H, J(HH) = 7.2, *J*(PH) = 12.8, PCC*H*₃), 1.07 (dd, 18H, *J*(HH) = 7.2, *J*(PH) = 13.6, PCCH₃). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂): 0.3 (s). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CD_2Cl_2) : δ 130.2, 125.0 (s, C⁴⁻⁷), 124.1 (s, C^{3a,7a}), 108.4 (t, J(PC) = 2, NCCH₃), 77.3 (s, C²), 59.6 (s, C^{1,3}), 32.6 (d, J(PC) =26, PCH), 22.1, 21.7 (s, PCCH₃), 6.4 (s, NCCH₃).

Preparation of $[Os(\eta^5-C_9H_7)(NCMe)_2(P^iPr_3)]OTf(5)$. A solution of 6 (0.45 g, 0.64 mmol) in MeCN (3 mL) was stirred for 48 h at 50 °C. The mixture was filtered through Celite and evaporated to dryness. The residue was washed with Et₂O and vacuum-dried. Yellow solid. Yield: 0.28 g (63%). Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₃₄F₃N₂O₃OsPS: C, 39.65; H, 4.92; N, 4.02; S, 4.59. Found: C, 39.44; H, 4.67; N, 3.98; S, 4.60. IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹): v (C=N) 2260, ν (SO₃) and ν (CF₃) 1270 (br, s), 11467 (s), 1029 (s). MS (FAB⁺): m/e 548 (M⁺), 507 (M⁺ - CH₃CN), m/e 466 $(M^+ - 2 CH_3CN)$. ¹H NMR (CD_2Cl_2) : δ 7.41, 7.31 (m, each 2H, H^{4-7}), 5.10 (m, 3H, H^{1-3}), 2.55 (s, 6H, CH₃CN), 2.39 (m, 3H, PCH), 1.17 (dd, 9H, J(HH) = 7.2, J(PH) = 13.6, PCCH₃). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 20.1 (s). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 129.5, 125.2 (s, C⁴⁻⁷), 123.3 (s, C^{3a,7a}), 106.5 (d, J(PC) = 5, NCCH₃), 81.1 (s, C²), 53.4 (s, C^{1,3}), 29.3 (d, J(PC) = 29.1, PCH), 20.8 (s, PCCH₃), 5.6 (s, NCCH₃).

Preparation of $[Os(\eta^5 - C_9H_7)(NBD)(P^iPr_3)]OTf$ (6). A solution of 3 (0.50 g, 0.64 mmol) in MeCN (1 mL) was stirred for 12 h. The resulting suspension was filtered through Celite and evaporated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and treated with NBD (0.15 mL, 1.30 mmol) for 12 h. The resulting solution was filtered through Celite and evaporated to dryness. The solid residue was washed with Et₂O and pentane and dried under vacuum. Orange powder. Yield: 0.38 g (84%). Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₃₆F₃O₃OsPS: C, 44.18; H, 5.13; S, 4.54. Found: C, 44.14; H, 5.47; S, 4.47. IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹): ν (SO₃) and ν (CF₃) 1269 (br, s), 1147 (s), 1029 (s). MS (FAB⁺): m/e 558 (M⁺). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 7.51 (m, 4H, H⁴⁻⁷), 5.95 (d, 2H, J(HH) = 2.7, $H^{1,3}$), 5.38 (dt, 1H, J(HH) = J(PH)= 2.7, H²), 3.85-3.70 (m, 6H, NBD: -CH + =CH), 2.92 (m, 3H, PCH), 1.35 (dd, 18H, J(HH) = 7.2, J(PH) = 13.8, PCCH₃), 0.85 (m, 2H, NBD: -CH₂-). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 7.1 (s). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 130.5, 124.8 (s, C⁴⁻⁷), 105.9 (s, $C^{3a,7a}$), 83.6 (s, C^2), 67.3 (d, J(PC) = 18, $C^{1,3}$), 67.2 (s, NBD: $-CH_2-$), 48.3, 47.6 (s, NBD: -CH), 41.6, 41.4 (d, J(PC) = 7, NBD: =CH), 36.0, 35.9 (s, NBD: =CH), 32.3 (d, J(PC) = 34, PCH), 21.0 (s, PCCH₃).

Preparation of [OsH(η^{5} -C₉H₇)**I**(PⁱPr₃)₂]**I** (7). I₂ (0.08 g, 0.31 mmol) was added to a solution of **2** (0.22 g, 0.34 mmol) in pentane (20 mL). After 18 h the solid formed was filtered off, washed with cold acetone and pentane, and dried under vacuum. Red-brown powder. Yield: 0.22 g (78%). Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₅₀I₂OsP₂: C, 36.82; H, 5.77. Found: C, 36.59; H, 5.44. MS (FAB⁺): *m/e* 754 (M⁺). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.64, 7.50 (m, each 2H, H⁴⁻⁷), 6.54 (m, 2H, H^{1,3}), 6.34 (m, 1H, H²), 2.64 (m, 6H, PCH), 1.23 (dd, 18H, *J*(HH) = 6.9, *J*(PH) = 13.8, PCCH₃), 1.34 (dd, 18H, *J*(HH) = 7.2, *J*(PH) = 14.1, PCCH₃), -15.89 (t, 1H, *J*(PH) = 36.6, Os-H). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ - 2.2 (s). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 134.3, 127.2 (s, C⁴⁻⁷), 117.2 (s, C^{3a,7a}), 73.2 (s, C²), 69.2 (s, C^{1,3}), 32.6 (m, PCH), 21.8, 21.7 (s, PCCH₃).

Preparation of [OsH₂(η⁵-C₉H₇)(PⁱPr₃)₂]BF₄ (8). A suspension of **3** (1.10 g, 1.75 mmol) in Et₂O (10 mL) was treated with a 54% solution of HBF₄ in Et₂O (0.26 mL, 1.93 mmol). After stirring the mixture for 5 h, the suspension was filtered off, washed with Et₂O and pentane, and dried under vacuum. White powder. Yield: 0.97 g (77%). Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₅₁BF₄OsP₂: C, 45.37; H, 7.19. Found: C, 45.43; H, 7.26. IR (Nujol, cm⁻¹): ν (Os-H) 2162, 2095. MS (FAB⁺): *m/e* 628 (M⁺). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 7.42 (m, 4H, H⁴⁻⁷), 6.15 (d, 2H, *J*(HH) = 2.6, H^{1,3}), 5.02 (t, 1H, *J*(HH) = 2.6, H²), 1.95 (m, 6H, PCH), 1.15 (dd, 36H, *J*(HH) = 7.2, *J*(PH) = 14.2, PCCH₃), -14.90 (t, 2H, *J*(PH) = 30, Os-H). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 29.5 (s). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃): δ 129.7, 124.7 (s, C⁴⁻⁷), 107.2 (s, C^{3a,7a}), 79.5 (s, C²), 71.9 (s, C^{1,3}), 28.9 (m, PCH), 19.2 (s, PCCH₃).

X-ray Analysis of Complexes 3, 4, 5, and 8. Suitable crystals were mounted on a Bruker Smart APEX CCD diffractometer at 100.0(2) K with graphite-monochromated Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) using ω scans. The structures were solved by Patterson and Fourier methods and refined by full matrix least-squares with all non-hydrogen atoms anisotropically refined.

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