

Regioselective Dimetallapolycarbyl Hydrometalation

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Summary: The reactions of $[L(\text{CO})_2\text{W}=\text{CC}=\text{CC}=\text{CC}=\text{W}(\text{CO})_2L]$ ($L = \text{HB}(\text{pz})_3$, $\text{HB}(\text{pz}')_3$; $\text{pz} = \text{pyrazol-1-yl}$, $\text{pz}' = 3,5\text{-dimethylpyrazol-1-yl}$) with $[\text{RuHCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ result in regioselective hydroruthenation of one $\text{C}=\text{C}$ bond of the WC_6W spine to provide the coordinatively unsaturated hex-2-en-4-yn-3-yl-1,6-diylidene-bridged complex $[\text{Ru}\{\text{C}(\text{C}=\text{CC}=\text{W}(\text{CO})_2L)=\text{CHC}=\text{W}(\text{CO})_2L\}\text{Cl}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$.

In recent times, much effort has been directed toward the synthesis of bimetallic complexes spanned by linear carbon-only ligands, $L_n\text{M}-\text{C}_x-\text{ML}_n$. This has been driven, in part, by the anticipation that they might show unusual electrooptical properties and the prospect of intermetallic communication.¹ Accordingly, the central emphasis has been on developing synthetic routes to new examples and less so on investigations into the actual reactivity of the carbon spine. The primary exceptions have been various additions of metal–ligand fragments ($[\text{Co}_2(\text{CO})_8]$, $[\text{Mo}_2(\text{CO})_4(\eta\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2]$, etc.) or $\text{C}_2(\text{CN})_4$ to individual $\text{C}=\text{C}$ bonds within the MC_xM spines, each of which might be considered to compromise conjugation and electronic communication. We have a longstanding interest in hydroruthenation reactions of the complex $[\text{RuHCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ with alkynes,² diynes,³ and phosphalkynes,⁴ which led us to question whether the dimetallapolycarbyls $L_n\text{MC}_x\text{ML}_n$ might also be prone to hydrometalation. Because alkyne hydrometalation generates (often regioselectively) σ -vinyl complexes, the addition of metal hydrides across $\text{C}=\text{C}$ bonds in such systems would not completely disrupt conjugation but rather install metal functionalities along the MC_xM chain. We have recently reported the synthesis of the first dimetallaooctatetraynes, $[\text{L}(\text{CO})_2\text{W}=\text{CC}=\text{CC}=\text{CC}=\text{W}(\text{CO})_2L]$ ($L = \text{HB}(\text{pz})_3$ (**1a**), $\text{HB}(\text{pz}')_3$ (**1b**); $\text{pz} = \text{pyrazol-1-yl}$; $\text{pz}' = 3,5\text{-dimethylpyrazol-1-yl}$),⁵ and herein report

that these can indeed be hydrometalated in a regioselective manner.

Treating a solution of **1a** with $[\text{RuHCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ in THF under reflux results in the formation of a complex formulated as $[\text{Ru}\{\text{C}(\text{C}=\text{CC}=\text{W}(\text{CO})_2L)=\text{CHC}=\text{W}(\text{CO})_2L\}\text{Cl}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ ($L = \text{HB}(\text{pz})_3$ (**2a**), Scheme 1) on the basis of spectroscopic data.⁶ Both infrared and NMR data indicate two chemically distinct tungsten termini, while the former also includes an absorption at 1931 cm^{-1} , not far removed from that reported for $[\text{Ru}\{\text{C}(\text{C}=\text{CPh})=\text{CHPh}\}\text{Cl}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ ($\nu_{\text{CO}} 1923\text{ cm}^{-1}$).^{3a} In a similar manner the reaction of **1b** with $[\text{RuHCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ provides the corresponding $\text{HB}(\text{pz}')_3$ derivative **2b**, despite the added steric encumbrance of pyrazolyl 3,5-disubstitution. The complexes **2** are somewhat difficult to crystallize; however, a range of options exists for their conversion to more tractable derivatives. On the basis of analogy with the corresponding vinyl, enynyl, and phosphalkenyl complexes^{2–4} and by virtue of the coordinative unsaturation at ruthenium and the lability of the chloride ligand, various

(6) **2a:** a solution of **1a** (50 mg, 0.051 mmol) and $[\text{RuHCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ (46 mg, 0.049 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was heated under reflux for 1 h and then cooled. Addition of hexane and slow evaporation provided a red solid, which was filtered, washed with hexane, and dried in vacuo. Yield: 46 mg (56%). IR (Nujol): 2040 ($\nu_{\text{C}=\text{C}}$), 1978, 1955, 1872 sh (ν_{WCO}), 1929 (ν_{RuCO}) cm^{-1} . IR (CH_2Cl_2): 1982, 1958, 1896, 1874 (ν_{WCO}), 1931 (ν_{RuCO}) cm^{-1} . NMR (these and subsequent measurements at 25 °C): ^1H (C_6D_6) δ_{H} 8.06–6.94 (m, 42 H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5 + \text{H}^{3,5}(\text{pz})$), 5.93 (2 H), 5.68 (2 H), 5.58 (1 H), 5.54 (1 H) ($s \times 4$, 6 H, $\text{H}^4(\text{pz})$), 5.76 (s, 1 H, $\text{Ru}-\text{C}=\text{CH}$) ppm; $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (C_6D_6) δ_{C} 297.9 ($\text{W}=\text{CCH}=\text{}$), 251.7 ($\text{W}=\text{CC}=\text{}$), 227.7, 226.9 (WCO), 195.7 (RuCO), 161.5 ($\text{RuC}=\text{}$), 147.2 (2 C), 146.8 (1 C), 145.2 (1 C), 146.0 (2 C) ($\text{C}^5(\text{pz})$), 134.9–127.3 (m, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5 + \text{C}^3(\text{pz}) + \text{methine C(H)}=\text{}$, obscured by benzene solvent signal), 106.6–105.5 (m, $\text{C}^4(\text{pz})$) ppm; $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (C_6D_6) δ_{P} 35.3 ppm. MS (ESI): m/z 1634 $[\text{M} - \text{Cl}]^+$. Anal. Found: C, 46.84; H, 3.39; N, 9.87. Calcd for $\text{C}_{65}\text{H}_{51}\text{B}_2\text{ClN}_{12}\text{O}_5\text{P}_2\text{RuW}_2$: C, 46.81; H, 3.08; N, 10.08. **2b:** a solution of **1b** (50 mg, 0.044 mmol) and $[\text{RuHCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ (42 mg, 0.044 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was heated at reflux for 1 h and cooled. The mixture was filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The dark red residue was crystallized from CH_2Cl_2 and ethanol, filtered, washed with petroleum ether, and dried in vacuo, affording a dark red solid (ethanol monosolvate). Yield: 62 mg (75%). IR (Nujol): 1976, 1952 (ν_{WCO}), 1927 (ν_{RuCO}), 1888, 1866 (ν_{WCO}) cm^{-1} . IR (CH_2Cl_2): 1979, 1954 (ν_{WCO}), 1925 (ν_{RuCO}), 1893, 1866 (ν_{WCO}) cm^{-1} . NMR: ^1H (C_6D_6) δ_{H} 7.86–7.01 (m, 30 H, C_6H_5), 5.77 (2 H), 5.53 (2 H), 5.39 (1 H), 5.35 (1 H) ($s \times 4$, 6 H, $\text{H}^4(\text{pz})$), 2.54 (3 H), 2.51 (6 H), 2.41 (6 H), 2.33 (3 H), 2.21 (6 H), 2.12 (6 H), 2.10 (3 H), 2.03 (3 H) ($s \times 8$, 36 H, $\text{pzCH}_3\text{-3,5}$) ppm; $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (C_6D_6) δ_{C} 287.9 ($\text{W}=\text{CCH}=\text{}$), 241.6 ($\text{W}=\text{CC}=\text{}$), 227.9, 227.0 (WCO), 207.6 (unresolved t, RuCO), 153.0 (2 C), 152.2 (1 C), 152.0 (1 C), 151.9 (2 C) ($\text{C}^5(\text{pz})$), 144.9 (1 C), 144.2 (1 C), 143.9 (2 C), 143.6 (2 C) ($\text{C}^3(\text{pz})$), 135.0 (vt, $J_{\text{PC}} = 5.5\text{ Hz}$, $\text{C}^2,6(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)$), 132.2 (vt, $J_{\text{PC}} = 22.0\text{ Hz}$, $\text{C}^1(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)$), 130.4 ($\text{C}^4(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)$), 128.5 (vt, $J_{\text{PC}} = 4.8\text{ Hz}$, $\text{C}^{3,5}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)$), 106.9 (3 C), 106.8 (1 C), 106.3 (2 C) ($\text{C}^4(\text{pz})$), 17.4 (2 C), 17.0 (2 C), 15.4 (1 C), 15.1 (1 C) (pzMe-3), 12.7 (3 C), 12.4 (3 C) (pzMe-5) ppm (unambiguous assignments could not be made for the remaining ^{13}C nuclei of the C_6H_5 ligand due to poor signal to noise); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (C_6D_6) δ_{P} 33.2 ppm. MS (ESI): m/z 1841 $[\text{M} - \text{Cl} + \text{MeCN}]^+$, 1800 $[\text{M} - \text{Cl}]^+$, 1619 $[\text{M} - \text{PPh}_3 + 2(\text{MeCN})]^+$, 1538 $[\text{M} - \text{PPh}_3]^+$. Anal. Found: C, 50.80; H, 4.32; N, 8.63. Calcd for $\text{C}_{77}\text{H}_{75}\text{B}_2\text{ClN}_{12}\text{O}_5\text{P}_2\text{RuW}_2\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$: C, 50.41; H, 4.34; N, 8.93 (ethanol confirmed by ^1H NMR integration).

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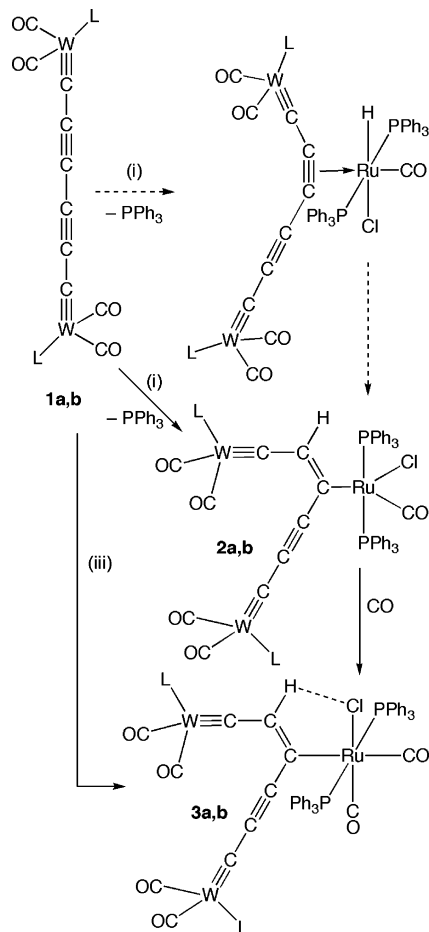
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Scheme 1. Dimetallaoctatetrayne Hydro-ruthenation (a Series, L = HB(pz)₃; b Series, HB(pz')₃)^a



^a Legend: (i) *mer*-[RuHCl(CO)(PPh₃)₃], THF, reflux; (ii) CO (1 atm); (iii) *cct*-[RuHCl(CO)₂(PPh₃)₂], THF, reflux.

ligand addition or substitution derivatives are available. Thus, treating **2a** with carbon monoxide (1 atm) results in the quantitative formation of the hexacarbonyl complex [Ru{C(C≡CC≡W(CO)₂L)=CHC≡W(CO)₂L}Cl(CO)₂(PPh₃)₂] (**3a**),⁷ as indicated by the presence of two ruthenium-associated carbonyl absorptions in the infrared spectrum (1978, 2044 cm⁻¹) and a single resonance in the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum (δ_P 23.8) (cf. ν_{CO} 1976, 2042 cm⁻¹ and δ_P 24.9 for [Ru{C(C≡CPh)=CHPh}Cl(CO)₂(PPh₃)₂]).^{3c} In a similar manner, the complex **3b** was obtained from **2b** and CO (1 atm).⁷ An alternative approach to the complexes **3** was also developed by starting with a dicarbonyl precursor, [RuHCl(CO)₂(PPh₃)₂]. Although this complex is less reactive than [RuHCl(CO)(PPh₃)₃], reaction nevertheless ensues in THF under reflux to provide **3** in somewhat improved overall yields.

Crystallographic grade crystals of **3a** were obtained, and the results of a structure determination are summarized in Figure 1. This confirms (a) the pseudo-octahedral geometries at ruthenium and tungsten, notwithstanding the geometric constraints of HB(pz)₃ chelation (N–W–N angles 79.83–81.83°), (b) the internally referenced trans influences of the alkylidyne ligands on tungsten relative to the carbonyl ligands (29 and 35σ for W1 and W2, respectively),⁸ and (c) the connectivity and hydrometalation regioselectivity of

the WC₆W spine. Thus, the bond lengths W1≡C101, C101–C102, C102≡C103, C103–C104, C104=C105, C105–C106, and C106≡W2 (Figure 1) fall respectively within norms for W=C, C–C, C≡C, C–C, C=C, C–C, and C≡W bonds. The Ru1–C104 separation of 2.155–(3) Å is unusually long for octahedral ruthenium vinyls, while the Ru1–C105–C105 angle of 125.8(2)° is somewhat small, this angle typically lying at about 130°.^{9,10} While this presumably reflects the steric bulk of the substituents, it should be noted that there is a weak hydrogen-bonding interaction between the vinylic proton and the chloride ligand (H105...C11 = 2.52(2) Å; C105–H105...C11 = 126.7(2)°), though it is not clear whether this interaction is a cause or effect of the modest swiveling of the vinyl ligand. The trans influence of the vinyl ligand, relative to chloride, is expressed in the Ru1–C6 bond (1.945(3) Å) being elongated (25σ) relative to that of the adjacent carbonyl (Ru1–C5 = 1.870(3) Å).

(7) **3a**: a solution of **1a** (21 mg, 0.021 mmol) and [RuHCl(CO)₂(PPh₃)₂] (15 mg, 0.021 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was heated at reflux for 3 h. Addition of hexane and slow evaporation gave a dark red solid, which was filtered, washed with hexane, and dried under vacuum. Yield: 25 mg (70%). IR (Nujol): 2040, 1974 (br) (ν_{RuCO}), 1954 (br), 1873 (br) (ν_{WCO}) cm⁻¹. IR (CH₂Cl₂): 2044 (ν_{RuCO}), 2021 (ν_{C=C}), 1978 (ν_{RuCO}), 1958, 1877 (br) (ν_{WCO}) cm⁻¹. NMR: ¹H (C₆D₆) δ_H 8.10–6.93 (m, 42 H, C₆H₅ + H^{3,5}(pz)), 5.87 (t, 2 H, ³J_{HH} = 2.1 Hz, H⁴(pz)), 5.72 (t, 2 H, ³J_{HH} = 2.1 Hz, H⁴(pz)), 5.60 (t, 1 H, ³J_{HH} = 2.3 Hz, H⁴(pz)), 5.55 (t, 1 H, ³J_{HH} = 2.1 Hz, H⁴(pz)) ppm (N.B.: the signal due to RuC=CH was not unequivocally identified; δ_H 6.46 for [Ru{C(C≡CPh)=CHPh}Cl(CO)₂(PPh₃)₂]).^{3c}; ¹³C{¹H} (C₆D₆) δ_C 287.9 (W=CCH=), 241.6 (W=CC≡), 227.7, 226.8 (WCO), 195.7 (unresolved t × 2, RuCO), 161.5 (Ru–C=CH), 147.2 (2 C), 146.0 (2 C), 144.2 (1 C), 144.0 (1 C) (C⁵(pz)), 135.2 (1 C), 134.5 (3 C) (C³(pz)), 134.8 (vt, J_{PC} = 5.5 Hz, C^{2,6}(C₆H₅)), 132.4 (vt, J_{PC} = 23.4 Hz, C¹(C₆H₅)), 130.6 (C⁴(C₆H₅)), 106.1 (1 C), 106.0 (2 C), 105.8 (1 C), 105.6 (2 C) (C⁴(pz)) ppm (signals for C³(pz) and C^{3,5}(C₆H₅) are obscured by the C^{2,6}(C₆H₅) and benzene solvent signals, respectively); ³¹P{¹H} (C₆D₆) δ_P 23.8 ppm. MS (ESI): *m/z* 1697 (1) [M]⁺, 1666 (2) [M – CO]⁺, 1632 [M – (Cl + CO)]⁺. Satisfactory elemental microanalytical data were not obtained. Crystal data for C₆₆H₅₁B₂ClN₁₂O₆P₂RuW₂: 3C₆H₆: *M_w* = 1930.29, monoclinic, *P*2₁/*n*, *a* = 13.461–(3) Å, *b* = 18.110(4) Å, *c* = 33.907(7) Å, β = 95.00(3)°, *V* = 8234(3) Å³, *Z* = 4, ρ_{calcd} = 1.557 g cm⁻³, μ(Mo Kα) = 3.099 mm⁻¹, *T* = 200(2) K, red plate, 18 891 independent reflections (2θ ≤ 55°), *R*₁ = 0.0279, *wR*₂ = 0.0604 for 15 209 independent observed absorption-corrected reflections (*I* > 2σ(*I*)), 994 parameters, CCDC 283725. Procedure a for **3b**: a solution of **2b** (50 mg, 0.027 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was partially evacuated and then back-filled and stoppered under a slight overpressure of CO gas. The mixture was stirred for 1 day, after which addition of hexane and slow evaporation provided a dark red solid, which was filtered, washed with hexane, and dried under vacuum. Procedure b for **3b**: a suspension of **1b** (100 mg, 0.087 mmol) and [RuHCl(CO)₂(PPh₃)₂] (60 mg, 0.083 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was heated at reflux for 6 h. Addition of hexane and slow evaporation provided a red solid, which was filtered, washed with hexane, and dried under vacuum. Yield: 150 mg (97%). IR (Nujol): 2042, 1969 (ν_{RuCO}), 1950 (br), 1870 (br) (ν_{WCO}) cm⁻¹. IR (CH₂Cl₂): 2048, 1976 (ν_{RuCO}), 1952, 1874 (br) (ν_{WCO}) cm⁻¹. NMR: ¹H (C₆D₆) δ_H 8.02–6.96 (m, 30 H, C₆H₅), 5.66 (2 H), 5.63 (2 H), 5.34 (1 H), 5.31 (1 H) (s × 4, 6 H, H⁴(pz)), 2.55 (6 H), 2.53 (3 H), 2.50 (6 H), 2.38 (3 H), 2.21 (6 H), 2.17 (6 H), 2.09 (3 H), 2.06 (3 H) (s × 8, 36 H, pzCH₃-3,5) ppm; ¹³C{¹H} (C₆D₆) δ_C 283.6 (W=CC=C), 244.9 (W=CC≡C), 228.6, 227.4 (WCO), 195.9, 194.8 (RuCO), 163.1 (Ru–C=), 153.1–152.3 (m, C⁵(pz)), 144.2 (1 C), 144.0 (1 C), 143.7 (2 C), 143.5 (2 C) (C³(pz)), 134.8 (br, C^{2,6}(C₆H₅)), 130.5 (C⁴(C₆H₅)), 107.1–106.3 (m, C⁴(pz)), 53.3 (W=CC=C), 18.1–15.3 (pzCH₃-3), 12.5 (3 C), 12.4 (3 C) (pzCH₃-5) ppm (signals for C⁴(C₆H₅) are obscured by the C₆D₆ solvent peak; resonances corresponding to the remaining nuclei of the C₆H₆ ligand could not be unequivocally identified); ³¹P{¹H} (C₆D₆) δ_P 19.8 ppm. MS (high-resolution ESI): *m/z* 1865.3562 [M + H]⁺ (calcd 1865.3423), 1842.4229 [M – Cl – CO + MeCN]⁺ (calcd 1842.3972). Anal. Found: C, 50.12; H, 4.07; N, 8.81. Calcd for C₇₈H₇₅B₂ClN₁₂O₆P₂RuW₂: C, 50.25; H, 4.05; N, 9.02.

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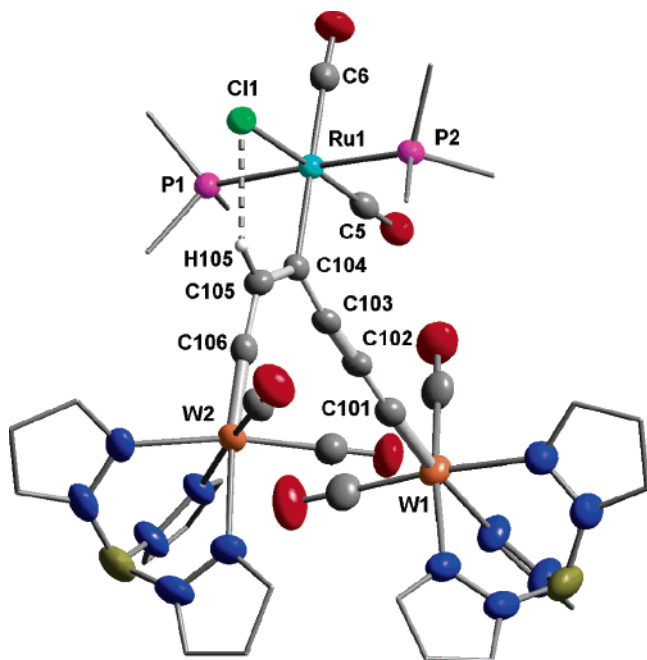


Figure 1. Molecular geometry of the complex **3b** in a crystal of **3b**·C₆H₆ (pyrazolyl and phenyl carbon atoms simplified for clarity). Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg): W1≡C101 = 1.842(3), Ru1–C5 = 1.870(3), Ru1–C6 = 1.945(3), Ru1–C104 = 2.155(3), Ru1–P2 = 2.4054(9), Ru1–P1 = 2.4090(9), Ru1–C11 = 2.4550(9), W2≡C106 = 1.832(3), C101–C102 = 1.365(4), C102≡C103 = 1.223(4), C103–C104 = 1.397(4), C104=C105 = 1.372(4), C105–C106 = 1.417(4), H105⋯C11 = 2.524(15); C102–C101–W1 = 173.4(3), C103–C102–C101 = 178.1(3), C102–C103–C104 = 173.0(3), C105–C104–C103 = 118.0(3), C105–C104–Ru1 = 125.8(2), C103–C104–Ru1 = 116.15(19), C104–C105–C106 = 123.8(3), C105–C106–W2 = 175.9(2), C105–H105⋯C11 = 126.7(2).

The regioselectivity of the hydrometalation is noteworthy in that the ditungstaooctatetrayne has four potential multiple bonds (two W≡C and two C≡C)

across which the Ru–H bond might in principle add. Alkyne hydrometalation is a fundamental and widely encountered organometallic transformation; however, in keeping with the isolobal perspective, it has also been demonstrated that metal–carbon triple bonds may be hydrometalated.^{11,12} Given that one of the earliest demonstrations of this process involved hydroplatination of the complexes [W(≡CR)(CO)₂{HB(pz)₃}] (R = Ph, NEt₂, 2-furyl, Me),^{11b} we may safely conclude that hydorruthenation of the W≡C linkage of **1a** is at least plausible though probably excluded for **1b** on steric grounds. Thus, we suspect that the observed regiochemistry, in which the C≡C bond is preferentially reduced, reflects a thermodynamic preference. The H_β–Ru_γ arrangement (cf. Ru_β–H_γ) presumably also reflects the best accommodation of the steric bulk of the “W(CO)₂{HB(pz)₃}” fragments, as remote as possible from ruthenium.

Metal–hydride bonds are but one example of metal–element bonds that can add across the triple bond of alkynes (or alkylidynes). Accordingly, one might envisage the installation of a metal center cis to a range of heteroatom substituents (B, Si, S, N, O) along a dimetallapolycarbonyl chain which still retains a degree of conjugation by virtue of the resulting sp² carbon centers—a possibility we are currently investigating.

Supporting Information Available: A CIF file, giving details of the crystal structure determination of **3a**·3C₆H₆ (CCDC 283725), and Table S1, collating relevant structural data for 5- and 6-coordinate ruthenium *σ*-vinyls. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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