

**PREPARATION OF SOME CYCLOPENTADIENYL
TITANIUM COMPLEXES AND CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF
(η^5 -PENTAMETHYLCYCLOPENTADIENYL) {(1*R*,2*S*,3*R*)-*EXO*-3
[(*R*)-2-PHENYL-2-OLATO-ETHYL] SULPHENYL-1,7,7-
TRIMETHYLBICYCLO[2.2.1]HEPTAN-2-OLATO}
CHLOROTITANIUM(IV): [Cp*Ti(OC₁₈H₂₄SO)Cl]·C₆H₆**

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Abstract—The reaction of (1*R*,2*S*,3*R*)-*exo*-3[(*R*)-2-phenyl-2-hydroxyethyl]sulphenyl-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-ol (**1**) with Cp*TiCl₃ in the presence of Et₃N furnishes the product Cp*Ti(OC₁₈H₂₄SO)Cl in high yield {Cp* = pentamethylcyclopentadienyl; OC₁₈H₂₄SO = (1*R*,2*S*,3*R*)-*exo*-3[(*R*)-2-phenyl-2-olato-ethyl]sulphenyl-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-olato}. The structure of Cp*Ti(OC₁₈H₂₄SO)Cl·C₆H₆ (**2**) has been determined by X-ray crystallography. The reaction of Cp₂Ti(X)Cl (X = Me, Cl) with 2-methoxybenzyl alcohol in the presence of Et₃N under refluxing benzene gave the product Cp₂Ti(X)(*o*-OCH₂C₆H₄OMe) (X = Cl, Me).

Titanocene alkoxides have been known for many years and used in a number of organic reactions. It has been proposed that substrate molecules can be cooperatively activated by an early transition metal centre and a late-transition metal centre.¹ Alcohols associated with a phenyl ring are interesting due to their capability to act as a spacer by linking bimetallic centres.² The importance of chiral Lewis acid catalysts in organic synthesis has been demonstrated in recent years.³ Difunctional ligands containing oxygen, sulphur or one sulphur and one oxygen have attracted considerable attention recently,⁴ due to their ability to form bimetallic complexes of a variety of structures and their potential for the synthesis of asymmetric compounds.

In this paper, the high yield preparation of several titanium alkoxide derivatives is described. The complexes prepared are Cp₂Ti(X)(*o*-OCH₂C₆H₄OMe) (X = Me or Cl) and [Cp*Ti(OC₁₈H₂₄SO)Cl]. X-ray structural characterization of [Cp*Ti(OC₁₈H₂₄SO)Cl]·C₆H₆ (**2**) is also presented.

EXPERIMENTAL

General

All manipulations were carried out under dry nitrogen. Solvents were dried by refluxing for at least 24 h over sodium–benzophenone (benzene, hexane, ether) and freshly distilled prior to use. Deuterated solvents (Aldrich) were dried over molecular sieves. The compounds Cp*TiCl₃,⁵ Cp₂TiMeCl⁶ and compound **1**⁷ were prepared according to the literature methods. Cp₂TiCl₂ was purchased and used without further purification. 2-Methoxybenzyl alcohol (Aldrich) was purchased and stored over molecular sieves prior to use. Melting points were determined with a Buchi 535 digital melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian VXR-300 spectrometer with chemical shifts given in ppm from internal TMS. Mass spectra were recorded on a Jeol Jms-HX 110. Microanalyses were performed using a Heraeus CHN-O-RAPID instrument.

Preparation of complex 2

A mixture of **1** (0.460 g, 1.5 mmol) and Et₃N (0.42 cm³, 3.0 mmol) in benzene (15 cm³) was added slowly at 27°C to a benzene (15 cm³) solution of Cp*TiCl₃ (0.449 g, 1.5 mmol). White smoke was produced and the colour of the solution changed from deep red to orange. After stirring for 1 h, an orange solution was separated from a white powder by filtration. Volatile materials were removed *in vacuo* to give a yellow crystalline solid. Yield: 0.76 g (84.3%). Found: C, 67.5; H, 7.5. Calc. for C₃₄H₄₅ClO₂STi: C, 67.9; H, 7.6%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 7.37 (s, 5H), 7.30 (s, 6H, C₆H₆), 5.34 (dd, 1H), 4.64 (d, 1H), 2.7–3.0 (m, 3H), 2.20 (s, 1H), 2.04 [s, 15H, C₅(CH₃)], 1.72–1.86 (m, 3H), 1.55 (s, 1H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.73 (s, 3H). Other ¹H resonances are not assigned.

Preparation of Cp₂Ti(Cl)(*o*-OCH₂C₆H₄OMe)

To a refluxing solution of Cp₂TiCl₂ (0.996 g, 4.0 mmol) in benzene (100 cm³), a benzene (10 cm³) solution of Et₃N (1.20 cm³, 8.6 mol) and *o*-MeOC₆H₄CH₂OH (1.066 g, 7.7 mmol) was added slowly, and the mixture was refluxed for 4 h. The orange-yellow clear solution was cooled to room temperature (27°C) and separated from a white powder

by filtration. Volatile materials were removed under reduced pressure to afford an orange powder. The powder was then washed three times with ether (3 cm³). The orange residue was then dried *in vacuo*. Yield: 1.14 g (81.3%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, ppm): 7.17 (d, 2H, 6.8 Hz), 6.94 (dt, 1H, 0.6–7.8 Hz), 6.81 (d, 1H, 8.4 Hz), 6.32 (s, 10H), 5.48 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, ppm): 155.70, 130.65, 127.67, 127.24, 120.18, 116.59 (Cp), 109.81, 78.69 (OCH₂), 55.15 (OCH₃). Found: C, 61.7; H, 5.5. Calc.: C, 61.7; H, 5.5%. Mass spectrum: 315 (0.92, M⁺ – Cl), 287, 285 (69.4, M⁺ – Cp). M.p. 140.2–141.0°C (dec.).

Preparation of Cp₂Ti(Me)(*o*-OCH₂C₆H₄OMe)

To a refluxing solution of Cp₂TiMeCl (0.914 g, 4.0 mmol) in benzene (100 cm³), a benzene (10 cm³) solution of Et₃N (0.60 cm³, 4.3 mol) and *o*-MeOC₆H₄CH₂OH (0.552 g, 4 mmol) was added slowly. After all of the latter solution was added, the mixture was heated to 50°C for 2 h. The clear yellow solution was cooled to room temperature (27°C) and separated from a white powder by filtration. Volatile materials were removed *in vacuo* to give a yellow powder. Yield 1.25 g (94.6%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, ppm): 7.42–7.52 (m, 1H), 7.00–7.12 (m, 2H), 6.56 (d, 1H, 7.8 Hz), 5.68 (s, 10H, Cp), 5.43 (s, 2H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 0.80 (s, 3H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, ppm): 156.04, 132.41, 127.38, 127.15, 120.73, 112.18 (Cp), 109.72, 74.99 (OCH₂), 54.51 (OCH₃), 33.94 (TiCH₃). Found: C, 69.1; H, 6.9. Calc.: C, 69.1; H, 6.7%. M.p. 99.7–101.5°C.

Table 1. Crystallographic data of Cp*TiCl(OC₁₈H₂₄SO)·C₆H₆

Formula	C ₃₄ H ₄₅ ClO ₂ STi
Formula weight	601.1
Crystal system	Orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁
<i>a</i> (Å)	10.452(2)
<i>b</i> (Å)	14.975(2)
<i>c</i> (Å)	20.634(3)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	3229.7(8)
<i>Z</i>	4
<i>D</i> _{calc} (g cm ⁻³)	1.236
λ (Mo- <i>K</i> ₂) (Å)	0.71073
Absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	0.440
2 θ range (°)	3.0–50.0
Scan type	θ –2 θ
Reflections collected	3216
Independent reflections	3191
Observed reflections	2243 (<i>F</i> > 2.0 σ (<i>F</i>))
No. of refined parameters	352
<i>R</i> ^a for significant reflections	0.0463
<i>R</i> _w ^b for significant reflections	0.0367
GoF ^c	1.14

$$^a R = [\sum (|F_0| - |F_c|) / \sum |F_0|]$$

$$^b R_w = [\sum w (|F_0| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum w |F_0|^2]^{1/2}; w = 1/\sigma^2(F)$$

$$^c \text{GoF} = [\sum w (|F_0| - |F_c|)^2 / (N_{\text{refl}} - N_{\text{params}})]^{1/2}$$

X-ray crystallographic studies

A suitable crystal of complex **2** was sealed in a thin-walled glass capillary under a nitrogen atmosphere and mounted on a Siemens R3m/V diffractometer. The crystallographic data were collected using a θ –2 θ scan mode with Mo-*K*₂ radiation. Cell constants were obtained by least-squares analysis on positions of 25 random reflections in the 2 θ range of 7–25°. The space group determination was based on a check of the Laue symmetry and systematic absences, and was confirmed by the structure solution. The structure was solved by direct methods using the Siemens SHELXTL PLUS (VMS) program. All non-hydrogen atoms were located from successive Fourier maps. Anisotropic thermal parameters were used for all non-hydrogen atoms and fixed isotropic for hydrogen atoms, which were refined using a riding model. An ORTEP drawing is shown in Fig. 1 with 30% probability ellipsoids. Crystallographic data are given in Table 1.

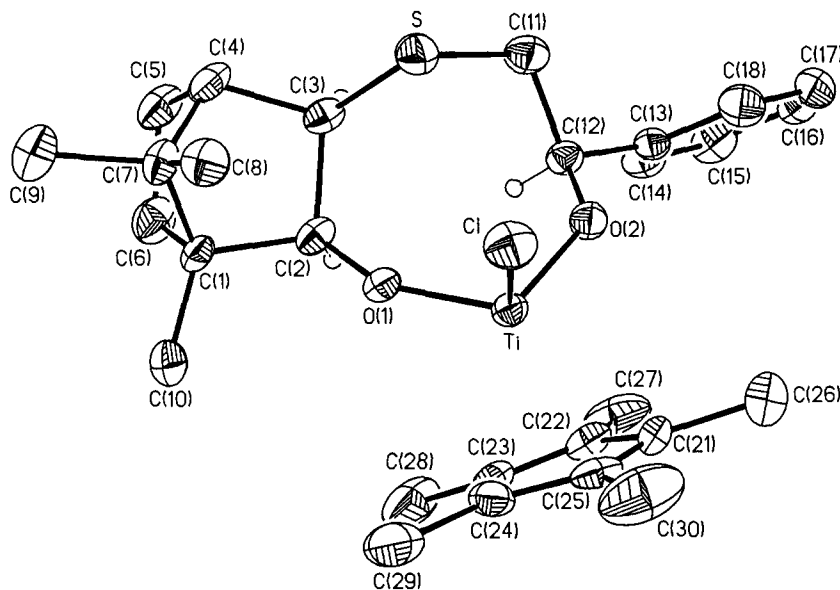


Fig. 1.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Syntheses

Complex **2** was obtained from the reaction of compound **1** with Cp^*TiCl_3 in the presence of Et_3N at room temperature in high yield, according to eq. (1).

The reaction was observed by the sharp colour change from deep red to orange. The reaction was so rapid that white smoke was observed due to the formation of triethylammonium chloride during the addition of the mixture of compound **1** with Et_3N . The ^1H NMR spectrum of complex **2** showed that one benzene molecule was present per complex **2** molecule, which was verified by the elemental analysis and X-ray crystal structure determination.

The preparation of $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\text{X})(o\text{-OCH}_2\text{PhOMe})$ ($\text{X} = \text{Me}, \text{Cl}$) was carried out by refluxing $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\text{X})\text{Cl}$ with 2-methoxybenzyl alcohol in the presence of Et_3N according to eq. (2).

The reaction was unusually slow, with the colour changing from deep red to orange slowly. No reaction occurred without refluxing. Unlike $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\text{OPh})_2$,⁸ the disubstituted complex $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(o\text{-OCH}_2\text{PhOMe})_2$ was not obtained, even with the addition of an excess of 2-methoxybenzyl alcohol, probably due to the steric hindrance on the titanium centre.

Molecular structure of $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ti}(\text{OC}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{SO})\text{Cl} \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ (**2**)

Suitable crystals of $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ti}(\text{OC}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{SO})\text{Cl} \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ { $\text{OC}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{SO} = (1R,2S,3R)\text{-exo-3}[(R)\text{-2-phenyl-2-olato-ethylsulphenyl-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-olato}$] for X-ray structure determination were recrystallized from benzene. Difference Fourier maps revealed the presence of six peaks that were not within bonding distance of the complex. Examination of the bond distances and peaks leads to the conclusion of the exist-

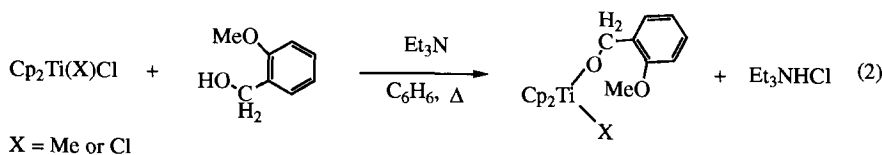
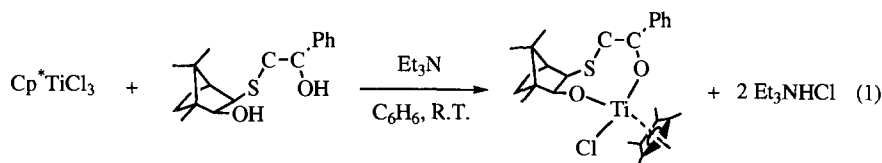


Table 2. Selected bond lengths (Å) for **2**^a

Ti—Cl	2.313(2)	Ti—O(1)	1.778(4)
Ti—O(2)	1.816(4)	Ti—C(21)	2.411(7)
Ti—C(22)	2.355(6)	Ti—C(23)	2.342(7)
Ti—C(24)	2.375(6)	Ti—C(25)	2.429(6)
S—C(3)	1.800(6)	S—C(11)	1.818(7)
O(1)—C(2)	1.403(7)	O(2)—C(12)	1.414(7)
Ti—X1	2.064(7)		

^aX1 represents the centroid of the cyclopentadienyl ring.

Table 3. Selected bond angles (°) for **2**^a

Cl—Ti—O(1)	105.4(1)	Cl—Ti—O(2)	107.1(1)
O(1)—Ti—O(2)	103.3(2)	O(1)—Ti—C(21)	143.0(2)
O(2)—Ti—C(21)	87.5(2)	Cl—Ti—C(21)	104.8(2)
O(1)—Ti—C(22)	110.6(2)	O(2)—Ti—C(22)	86.0(2)
Cl—Ti—C(22)	137.5(2)	O(1)—Ti—C(23)	87.6(2)
O(2)—Ti—C(23)	116.5(2)	Cl—Ti—C(23)	130.0(2)
O(1)—Ti—C(24)	99.4(2)	O(2)—Ti—C(24)	141.8(2)
Cl—Ti—C(24)	95.7(2)	O(1)—Ti—C(25)	133.0(2)
O(2)—Ti—C(25)	118.9(2)	Cl—Ti—C(25)	82.2(2)
Ti—O(1)—C(2)	152.7(4)	Ti—O(2)—C(12)	133.1(3)
X1—Ti—O(1)	117.1	X1—Ti—O(2)	117.1
X1—Ti—Cl	111.4	X1—Ti—S	170.8

^aX1 represents the centroid of the cyclopentadienyl ring.

ence of a benzene molecule in the crystal. Selected bond lengths and bond angles are listed in Tables 2 and 3, respectively. An ORTEP diagram with atomic numbering is shown in Fig. 1.

The complex crystallizes in the non-centrosymmetric orthorhombic space group $P2_12_12_1$ (No. 18). The coordination geometry around titanium is approximately a three-legged "piano-stool" type geometry with an O(1)—Ti—Cl angle of 105.4(1)°, O(2)—Ti—Cl angle of 107.1(1)° and O(1)—Ti—O(2) angle of 103.3(2)°. The average angle (105.3°) is smaller than the average angle (115.0°)⁴ of the regular four-legged "piano-stool" type complexes, but is somewhat larger than the average angle (101.8°)^{4,9} of the normal three-legged "piano-stool" type complexes. The Ti—O(1) and Ti—O(2) distances are 1.778(4) and 1.816(4) Å, respectively, which are within the normal range for a Ti—O bond. The distance between the centre (X1) of the cyclopentadienyl and titanium is 2.064(7) Å and the Ti—Cl distance of 2.313(2) Å appears to be normal compared to other titanocene chloride complexes.^{4,9}

Supplementary material available

Tables giving full details of the crystal data collection, structure solution parameters, atomic coordinates of all atoms, bond distances, bond angles and anisotropic and isotropic thermal parameters of non-hydrogen atoms have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.

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