

Synthesis and reduction of [RuCoMo $(\mu_3$ -S)(CO)₈(RC₅H₄)] [R = HC(O) (2), CH₃C(O) (3), C₆H₅C(O) (4), CH₃OC(O)C₆H₄C(O) (5)] heterometal clusters and structure of [RuCoMo $(\mu_3$ -S)(CO)₈C₅H₄C(O)C₆H₄C(O)OCH₃]

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Abstract—The heterometal clusters [SRuCoMo(CO)₈C₃H₄R][R = HC(O) (2), CH₃C(O) (3), C₆H₅C(O) (4), CH₃OC(O)C₆H₄C(O) (5)] were synthesized by refluxing a solution of the cluster 1 [RuCo₂(μ_3 -S)(CO)₉] and monoanions [η^5 -RC₅H₄(CO)₃Mo] [R = HC(O), CH₃C(O), C₆H₅C(O), CH₃OC(O)C₆H₄C(O)]. Cluster 3 reacted with NaBH₄ in MeOH giving the secondary alcohol cluster RuCoMo(μ_3 -S)(CO)₈ [η^5 -C₅H₄CH(OH)CH₃]. All clusters were characterized by C, H analysis, IR and ¹H NMR. Some were characterized by MS and ¹³C NMR. The results showed that the metal fragment Co(CO)₃ in RuCo₂(μ_3 -S)(CO)₉ could be exchanged by Mo(CO)₂(C₃H₄R). Cluster 5 has been structurally determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. © 1997 Elsevier Science Ltd

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Organometallic cluster compounds [1-3] containing *p*-block nonmetals have come under increasing investigation because of their interesting structure and reactivity patterns [4]. Sulfur has always played an important role in the chemistry of the transition elements. The sulfido ligand is probably one of the most versatile of all known ligands. It exhibits a wide variety of geometries and electron-donating capabilities [5-7]. We have recently synthesized some sulfidometal clusters: SFeCoM(CO)₈RC(O)Cp (R = H, CH₃, C₂H₅O; M = Mo, W) [8-9]. Considering the special catalytic activity of the ruthenium atom, we introduced it into the chiral cluster skeleton RuCo MoS. In this paper, we report the reaction of the

prochiral cluster $RuCo_2(\mu_3-S)(CO)_9$ with Na[Mo $(CO)_3C_5H_4R$] forming the four new tetrahedral clusters (2–5). The reduction of cluster 3 with NaBH₄ gave cluster 6. This type of complex has featured very little in the literature [10]. We have found no report of an X-ray structure of clusters containing the tetrahedral core RuCoMoS before our works.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the presence of the ethanethiol $Co_2(CO)_8$ reacted with $Ru_3(CO)_{12}$ in hexane giving the cluster 1 $[RuCo_2(\mu_3-S)(CO)_9]$ (80%) [11]. Refluxing the solution of $[NaMo(CO)_3(C_5H_4)R]$ [R = HC(O), $CH_3C(O), C_6H_5C(O), CH_3OC(O)C_6H_4C(O)]$ with cluster 1 in THF gave the titled clusters 2–5 in moderate yield, which also can be prepared at ambient

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temperature, but in low yield and long reaction times (Scheme 1). Reduction of the cluster 3 by NaBH₄ in methanol at room temperature gave the cluster 6. However, we could not reduce it using LiAlH₄/AlCl₃. This stronger reduction agent can decompose the tetrahedral skeleton of cluster 3. All of the clusters are air-stable solids, but they are slightly air-sensitive in solution.

Spectra

The IR spectra of all these clusters exhibited a large number of absorption bands between 1856 and 2087 cm⁻¹, which were assigned to terminal carbonyl vibrations. The spectra of cluster 6 revealed an OH absorption peak at 3383 cm⁻¹. These results are consistent with the reduction of the C=O groups (1686 cm^{-1}) in cluster 2 by the action of NaBH₄. For ¹H NMR assignment of the clusters, chemical shifts of the substituted cyclopentadienyl in clusters 2-5 appeared at lower fields than that in unsubstituted cyclopentadienyl because of their electron-withdrawing groups. It is interesting that the 'H NMR spectra of the cyclopentadienyl protons of these clusters show four triplets $(A_2B_2 \text{ type})$. This is due to the chiral skeleton RuCoMoS in these clusters [12]. Proton chemical shifts on the cyclopentadienyl in cluster 6 appeared at higher field than that in the cluster 2, because the shielding of substituent ---CH(OH)--to the protons of cyclopentadienyl is larger than that of -C=O-. The chemical shift of the proton of OH in cluster 6 appears at 2.10 ppm.

Structure of the complex 5

The structure of cluster 5 was determined by Xray structure analysis. The molecule crystallizes in the triclinic crystal system, in the space group $P\overline{1}$. A diagram showing the structure and labeling for cluster 5 is shown in Fig. 1. Tables 1 and 2 give the selected bond distances and bond angles of cluster 5, respectively. This compound contains a tetrahedral skeleton formed by Ru, Co, Mo and S, the slightly distanced triangular Ru-Co-Mo capped by a sulfido ligand. This is the first example for the structure of a complex containing the tetrahedral skeleton RuCoMoS. The acute angles in the tetrahedral core of cluster 5 about the basal atoms range from 55.69 to 64.71° and those about the sulfur atom average 72.7°, which deviate considerably from a perfect tetrahedral geometry. The distances from the sulfur atom to these metals are not equal [Ru-S = 2.351(3), Co-S = 2.190(3),Mo—S = 2.415(3) Å]. The bond length of Ru—S is similar to that of a known complex $[Ru_3(CO)_7]$ $(pph_3)(\mu_2 - \eta^2 - C_6H_5)(\mu_2 - pph_2)(\mu_3 - S)]$ (Ru—S = 2.365 Å), but shorter than that of the typical Ru-S bond length [13]. The distance of the Mo atom to the Cp ring center is 1.992 Å, which is much shorter than that of the Mo-Cp (2.227 Å) in the cluster [FeC $oMoS(CO)_8(CpR)$ [8]. Since the π -system of the benzene derivative $-C(O)C_6H_5C(O)$ would be quite well conjugated with the Cp ring, the bond lengths C(13)—C(14) (1.49 Å), C(14)—C(15) (1.49 Å) and C(18)—C(21) (1.50 Å) became shorter than that of a normal C-C single bond (1.54 Å), but longer than that of a C==C double bond (1.34 Å). Treating μ_3 -



Fig. 1. Perspective view of the molecular structure of cluster 5.

Ru—Mo	2.879(1)	Ru-Co	2.631(2)	Ru—S	2.351(3)
RuC(1)	1.89(1)	• Ru—C(2)	1.91(1)	Ru —C(3)	1.88(1)
Мо—Со	2.747(2)	Mo-S	2.415(3)	MoC(4)	1.95(1)
Mo-C(5)	2.01(1)	Mo-C(9)	2.33(1)	Mo-C(10)	2.38(1)
Mo-C(11)	2.35(1)	Mo-C(12)	2.28(1)	Mo-C(13)	2.31(1)
Co—S	2.190(3)	Co-C(6)	1.80(1)	Co-C(7)	1.80(1)
Co-C(8)	1.70(1)	O(1)-C(1)	1.15(1)	O(2)—C(2)	1.10(1)
O(3)C(3)	1.15(1)	O(4)C(4)	1.17(1)	O(5)-C(5)	1.14(1)
O(6)C(6)	1.13(2)	O(7)—C(7)	1.13(2)	O(8)—C(8)	1.21(1)
O(9)C(14)	1.22(1)	O(10)C(21)	1.20(2)	O(11)C(21)	1.29(2)
O(11)—C(22)	1.44(2)	C(9)-C(10)	1.43(2)	C(9)—C(13)	1.42(2)
C(10)C(11)	1.40(2)	C(11)C(12)	1.40(2)	C(12)C(13)	1.43(2)
C(13)-C(14)	1.49(2)	C(14) - C(15)	1.49(2)	C(15)-C(16)	1.39(2)
C(15)—C(20)	1.36(2)	C(16)C(17)	1.38(2)	C(17)C(18)	1.40(2)
C(18)—C(19)	1.37(2)	C(18)—C(21)	1.50(2)	C(19)—C(20)	1.41(2)

Table 1. Selected interatomic distances (Å) of cluster 5

Table 2. Selected bond angles (°) of cluster 5

Mo-Ru-Co	59.60(4)	MoRuS	53.86(8)	Mo-Ru-C(1)	150.1(4)
MoRuC(2)	109.1(4)	Mo-Ru-C(3)	105.9(3)	Co-Ru-S	51.79(8)
Co-Ru-C(1)	94.6(4)	Co-Ru-C(2)	109.3(4)	Co-Ru-C(3)	155.7(3)
S—Ru—C(1)	99.2(4)	S—Ru—C(2)	158.1(4)	SRuC(3)	104.0(3)
Ru-Mo-Co	55.69(5)	Ru—Mo—S		Ru-Mo-C(4)	69.5(4)
Ru-Mo-C(5)	77.8(3)	Co-Mo-S	49.70(8)	Co-Mo-C(4)	97.6(4)
Co-Mo-C(5)	126.9(3)	S-Mo-C(4)	121.3(4)	S-Mo-C(5)	82.7(4)
Ru—Co—Mo	64.71(5)	Ru-Co-S	57.50(9)	RuC(6)	156.4(5)
RuCoC(7)	93.9(4)	RuCoC(8)	86.2(5)	Mo-Co-S	57.25(9)
MoCoC(6)	99.8(4)	Mo-Co-C(7)	157.5(4)	Mo-Co-C(8)	81.6(4)
S-Co-C(6)	99.5(5)	S-Co-C(7)	106.2(5)	S-Co-C(8)	133.0(5)
Ru-S-Mo	74.33(9)	Ru—S—Co	70.71(9)	Mo-S-Co	73.0(1)
Ru - C(1) - O(1)	176(1)	Ru - C(2) - O(2)	176(1)	Ru - C(3) - O(3)	178(1)
MoC(4)O(4)	169(1)	Mo-C(5)-O(5)	174(1)	CoC(6)O(6)	176(1)
CoC(7)O(7)	178(1)	CoC(8)O(8)	168(1)	., .,	

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S as a four-electron donor and the cyclopentadienyl group as a five-electron donor, cluster 5 contains a total of 48 electrons and is electronically saturated.

EXPERIMENTAL

All reactions were performed under pure nitrogen using standard Schlenk and vacuum-line techniques. Solvents were purified, dried and distilled under nitrogen prior to use. Column chromatography was carried out by using silica gel of ρ 300–400 mesh. Co₂(CO)₈ [14], Ru₃(CO)₁₂ [15] and RC₃H₄Na [R = HC(O), MeC(O), C₆H₅C(O), CH₃OC(O)C₆H₄C(O)] [16] were prepared according to the literature. IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet F7-IR 10DX spectrophotometer; ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Am-300 MHz spectrometer; CH analyses and MS determination were performed on a 1106-type analyzer and Finnigan MAT 8430 (FAB) or HP 5985 (EI).

Preparation of cluster 2

 $[RuCoMo(\mu_5S)(CO)_8C_5H_4C(O)H]$: A 50 cm³ threenecked flask with a magnetic bar, a rubber tube septum and reflux condenser topped with a nitrogen inlet tube was charged with 264 mg (1.0 mmol) of $Mo(CO)_6$, 116 mg (1.0 mmol) of $NaC_5H_4C(O)H$ and 20 cm³ THF. The mixture was refluxed for 12 h. Upon cooling to room temperature, 503 mg (1.0 mmol) RuCoMo(μ_5 -S)(CO)₉ was added and the mixture was heated to reflux for 2 h. The solvent was evaporated in vacu. The residue was dissolved in a minimal amount of CH₂Cl₂ and was subjected to chromatographic separation on a silica gel column. Elution with a mixture of hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (3:1) yielded the following bands in order of elution: a small amount of unreacted 1, a trace of $Ru_3(CO)_{12}$ and the main black product 272.7 mg (45%). Cluster 2. Found: C, 27.6; H, 1.0%. Calc. for C₁₄H₅O₉Ru CoMoS: C, 27.8; H, 0.83%. IR (KBr disc): v(co) 2087vs, 2080vs, 2040vs, 1996vs, 1985vs, 1974vs, 1948s, 1905m, 1868s cm⁻¹, 1687s, (C=O) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 9.68 (s, 1H, CHO), δ 5.99, 5.93, 5.65, 5.59 (q, 4H, C₅H₄), ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): 98.94, 95.76, 95.57, 91.40, 90.23 (C₅H₄); 184.70 (COH); 229.26 (t-CO) ppm. MS (FAB, Ru¹⁰²): 606 (M⁺), 578 (M⁺-CO), 522 $(M^+-3CO), 494 (M^+-4CO), 438 (M^+-6CO).$

Preparation of the cluster 3

[RuCoMo(μ_3 -S)(CO)₈C₃H₄C(O)CH₃]: To the flask described above was added 264 mg (1.0 mmol) of Mo(CO)₆, 130 mg (1.0 mmol) of [NaC₅H₄C(O)CH₃] and 20 cm³ of THF. The workup was similar to that for the preparation of cluster **2**. A black solid was obtained. Cluster **3**: m.p., 102–103°C. Found: C, 29.2; H, 1.1%. Calc. for C₁₅H₇O₉RuCoMoS: C, 29.0; H,

1.1%. IR (KBr disc): v (co) 2081vs, 2042vs, 2010vs, 1994vs, 1987vs, 1979vs, 1894s, 1856s cm⁻¹. v(C=O) 1686m cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.39 (s, 3H, CH₃), δ 5.50–5.95 (q, 4H, C₅H₄). MS (EI, Ru¹⁰¹): 591 (M⁺-CO), 423 (M⁺-7CO), 395 (M⁺-8CO).

Preparation of the cluster 4

[RuCoMo(μ_3 -S)(CO)₈C₅H₄C(O)C₆H₅]: To the flask described above were added 264 mg (1.0 mmol) of Mo(CO)₆, 192 mg (1.0 mmol) of [NaC₅H₄C (O)C₆H₅] and 20 cm³ of THF. The workup was similar to that of the preparation of cluster **2**. 220 mg (32%) of the black solid was obtained. Found: C, 35.4; H, 1.4. Calc. for C₂₀H₉O₉RuCoMoS: C, 35.2; H, 1.3%. IR(KBr disc): ν (co) 2080vs, 2043vs, 2003vs, 1979s, 1885s cm⁻¹, ν (C=O) 1665m cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 5.55–6.05 (4H, C₅H₄), δ 7.47–7.82 (5H, C₆H₅). MS (FAB, Ru¹⁰²): 682 (M⁺), 579 (M⁺-3CO), 459 (M⁺-8CO).

Preparation of cluster 5

[RuCoMo(μ_3 -S)(CO)₈C₅H₄C(O)C₆H₅C(O)OCH₃]: To the flask described above were added 264 mg (1.0 mmol) of Mo(CO)₆, 239 mg (1.0 mmol) of [NaC₅H₄C(O)C₆H₄C(O)OCH₃] and 20 cm³ of THF. The workup was similar to that of the preparation of cluster **2**. 240 mg (33%) of the black solid was obtained. m.p. 98°C. Found: C, 35.5; H, 1.5. Calc. for C₂₂H₁₁ O₁₁RuCoMoS: C, 35.7; H, 1.6%. IR (KBr disc): 2079vs, 2043vs, 1990vs; 1915s cm⁻¹. ν (C=O) 1726s, 1656m cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.76–8.10 (q, 4H, C₆H₄), δ 5.52–5.97 (q, 4H, C₅H₄), δ 3.89 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 52.55 (CH₃), 91.68, 93.82, 94.62, 95.15, 99.67 (C₅H₄); δ 128.19, 129.99, 133.87, 141.27 (C₆H₄); 166.10, 189.12 (C=O); δ 223.43, 229.61 (t-co).

The reduction of the cluster $[RuCoMoS(CO)_8 C_5H_4C(O)CH_3]$

7.6 mg (0.2 mmol) of NaBH₄ were added to a solution of cluster **3** (62 mg, 0.1 mmol) in 8 cm³ of MeOH. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 9 h. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue extracted with CH₂Cl₂, then separated on a silica gel column. 49 mg (80%) of cluster **6** as a brownred solid was obtained. Found: C, 29.1; H, 1.4. Calc. for cluster **6**: C, 29.0; H, 1.3%. IR (Kbr disc): 3383w (OH), 2080vs, 2027vs, 1991vs, 1972vs, 1894s cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 1.43 (3H, CH₃), 2.10 (1H, OH), 4.63 (CH), 5.24–5.53 (4H, C₃H₄)

Crystallography of cluster 5

A red prismatic crystal of RuCoMoSC₂₂H₁₁O₁₁ was obtained from 1 : 1 hexane CH₂Cl₂ at -18° C. A crystal of approximate dimensions $0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.30$ mm³

was mounted on a glass fiber. All measurements were made on a Rigaku AFC7R diffractometer with graphite monochromated Mo- K_{α} ($\lambda = 0.71069$ Å) radiation and a 12 kW rotating anode generator. A total of 3861 reflections were collected, 3570 were unique $(R_{int} = 0.029)$. Cell constants and an orientation matrix for data collection, obtained from a leastsquares refinement using the setting angles of 18 carefully centered reflections in the range $13.44 < 2\theta$ $< 16.62^{\circ}$ corresponded to a primitive triclinic cell with dimensions: space group $P\overline{1}$. a = 8.174(3), $b = 19.45(4), \quad c = 8.04(2)\text{\AA}, \quad \alpha = 92.78(2), \quad \beta =$ 108.74(3), $\gamma = 88.71(3)^{\circ}$, V = 1209.5(7) Å³, Z = 2, Fw = 739.33, $D_{\text{calc}} = 2.03$ g cm⁻³, $F_{(000)} = 720.00$, R = 0.056, Rw = 0.074. The data were collected at a temperature of $20 \pm 1^{\circ}$ C using the ω -2 θ scan technique to a maximum 2θ value of 47.0°. The structure was solved by heavy-atom Patterson methods and expanded using Fourier techniques. [17] The nonhydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were included but not refined. The final cycle of full-matrix least-squares refinement was based on 2674 observed reflections $[I > 3.00\sigma (I)]$ and 334 variable parameters and converged with unweighted and weighted agreement factor of: R = $\Sigma ||F_{\rm o}| - |F_{\rm c}|| / \Sigma |F_{\rm o}| = 0.056.$ $Rw = [\Sigma w (|F_{o}| - |F_{c}|)^{2}/$ $\Sigma w F_{\alpha}^{2}$ ^{1/2} = 0.074. Neutral atoms scattering factors were taken from Cromer and Waber [18]. All calculation were performed using the TEXSAN [19] crystallographic software package of Molecular Structure Corporation.

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