## SYNTHESIS OF CpCo-COMPLEXED $\alpha$ -PYRANS VIA AN INTRAMOLECULAR [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION

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Abstract - Treatment of 5-cyclononynone (1), 5-cyclodecynone (6), dodecanal-1,7-diyne (10) and tridecanal-1,7-diyne (11) with CpCoL<sub>2</sub> (L = CO, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, L<sub>2</sub> = COD) yields the polycyclic  $\alpha$ -pyrans 5, 7, 12 and 13 complexed by a CpCo unit.

During our studies on the metal assisted di- and trimerization of 5cyclononynone  $(1)^1$  we found as the main product the benzene derivative 2 and, as expected, the side products 3 and 4.<sup>2</sup> The isolation of the highly strained  $\alpha$ -pyran 5, whose structure was confirmed by X-ray crystallography<sup>3</sup> was surprising to us (see Scheme 1). First because we did not expect the carbonyl function to be affected by the oligomerization catalyst CpCoL<sub>2</sub>, and secondly, no case of a metal assisted [2+2+2] cycloaddition<sup>4</sup> involving a C=O double bond had been reported when we started our investigations.<sup>5</sup>



To test whether other cyclic ynones react in an analogous fashion, we treated 5-cyclodecynone<sup>6</sup> (6) with  $CpCoL_2$  to give 7 in 25% (L=C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>) or 5% (L=CO) yield, respectively.



In contrast to the above examples, where the pyran ring is constructed of two ynones, we decided to perform the [2+2+2] cyclization in a completely intramolecular manner. Therefore we synthesized the olefins 8 and 9 according to Sternberg and Vollhardt.<sup>7</sup> Ozonolysis of these compounds with subsequent reductive workup procedure gave the aldehydes 10 and 11 in about 50% yield.



8(n=3), 9(n=4)

10(n=3), 11(n=4)

The cyclization of 10 and 11 with CpCo(CO), or CpCo(COD) (Scheme 2)



was carried out at 140-150 °C in decalin to obtain the CpCo-complexed tricyclic  $\alpha$ -pyrans 12 and 13. An X-ray investigation on 13 revealed that the sp<sup>3</sup> hydrogen at the pyran ring is **anti** to the metal fragment.<sup>3</sup> From the similarity of the spectroscopic data of 12 and 13 we conclude that both compounds have the same configuration. The most relevant analytical data of 10, 11 as well as 5, 7, 12 and 13 are listed in Table 1.<sup>8</sup>

## Table 1 Most Characteristic Analytical Data of 5, 7 and 10 - 13 <sup>8</sup>.

- 5 mp: 147°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) 5: 4.51(s,5H), 2.90-3.04(m,1H), 2.60-2.90(m,4H), 1.35-2.34(m,18H), 0.84-1.00(m,1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75.46 MHz) 5: 215.3, 113.6, 90.3, 88.6, 82.8(Cp), 69.1, 58.3, 41.1, 38.9(2C), 38.4, 34.2, 32.4, 29.4, 28.8, 25.5, 25.0, 24.0, 21.1; IR(KBr)[cm<sup>-1</sup>] 2912, 1700, 1415; UV(pentane)  $\lambda_{max}(lg \epsilon)$  [nm]: 395(2.9), 325(3.4), 278(3.9), 227(4.3).
- 7 mp:  $123-125^{\circ}C$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) 6: 4.45(s,5H), 1.28-2.90(m,27H); 1.09-1.17(m,1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75.46 MHz) 5: 213.7, 111.5, 87.0, 84.0, 82.9, 69.8, 64.5, 44.3, 40.4, 38.8(2C), 33.2, 32.9,28.0, 27.8, 26.6, 24.8, 24.3, 24.2, 22.7, 22.0; IR(KBr)[cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 2942, 1701, 1418; UV(pentane)  $\lambda_{max}(lg \epsilon)$  [nm]: 370(2.9), 300(3.6); 273(3.9), 218(4.3).
- 12 mp: 80-81°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) 5: 5.45(s,1H), 4.62(s,5H), 1.56-2.74(m,15H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75.46 MHz) 5: 91.9, 90.6, 82.0, 77.3, 75.9, 72.1, 32.7, 28.6, 26.0, 25.7, 23.0, 22.4, 20.0; IR(KBr)[cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 3008, 2916, 1435; UV(pentane)  $\lambda_{max}$  (lg  $\mathcal{E}$ ) [nm]: 372(2.8), 297(3.6), 266(4.0), 197(4.3)
- 13 mp: 75 76°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz) 6: 5.41(s,1H), 4.71(s,5H), 2.15-2.65(m,3H), 1.00-2.65(m,14H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50.32 MHz) 5: 91.4, 90.5, 82.0, 79.6, 76.0, 68.4, 34.2, 31.7, 26.9, 26.3, 25.4,

24.7 24.0, 22.7; **IR**(KBr)[cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 3002, 2920, 1434; **UV**(pentane) λ<sub>max</sub>(lgE) [nm]: 377(2.8), 297(3.6), 265(4.1), 197(4.3).

- 10 colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) 5: 9.81(t,1H), 2.47(dt, 2H), 2.10-2.30(m,6H), 1.97(t,1H), 1.45-1.86(m,6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75.46 MHz) 5: 202 1, 84.0 79.0, 78.8, 68.3, 42.6 27.8, 27.7, 23.8, 21.3, 18.0, 17.8; IR(film)[cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 3286, 2936, 2110, 1706, 1430.
- 11 colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 200 MHz) 5: 9.66(t,1H), 2.36(dt, 2H), 2.04-2.14(m,6H), 1.87(t,1H), 1.37-1.67(m,8H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 50.32 MHz) 5: 202.8, 84.6, 80.6, 80.2, 69.0, 43.8, 28.9 28.4, 28.0, 21.7, 18.9, 18.7, 18.4; IR(film)[cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 3282, 2930, 2108,1721,1429.

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