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Synthesis and reactions of heterodinuclear organopalladium complex having an unsymmetrical PN ligand

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Abstract

Novel heterodinuclear organopalladium complexes having an unsymmetrical PN ligand ($E_2NC_2H_4PPh_2-\kappa^2N,P$)RPd-ML_n ($ML_n = Co(CO)_4$; R = Me (**2a**), Ph (**2b**), $ML_n = MoCp(CO)_3$; R = Ph (**3b**)) are synthesized by metathetical reactions of PdRX($E_1NC_2H_4PPh_2-\kappa^2N,P$) (X = I, NO₃) with Na⁺[ML_n]⁻. Reversible dissociation of the Pd-N bond in **3b** is revealed by variable temperature NMR studies. Reactions of **2a** and **2b** with CO yield corresponding acyl complexes ($E_1NC_2H_4PPh_2-\kappa^2N,P$)(RCO)Pd-Co(CO)₄ (R = Me (**5a**), Ph (**5b**)). Rate of CO insertion for **2a** and **2b** is significantly faster than those for mononuclear methylpalladium complex, PdMeI($E_1NC_2H_4PPh_2-\kappa^2N,P$) (**1a**), and methylpalladium-cobalt complex with a 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane (dppe) ligand, (dppe- κ^2P,P')MePd-Co(CO)₄ (**6a**). **5a** smoothly reacts with nucleophiles such as diethylamine, methanol and benzenethiol to give corresponding amide, ester and thioester, respectively. These reactions of **5a** are also significantly faster than those of corresponding mononuclear analogues and the similar heterodinuclear complexes with symmetrical bidentate ligands such as 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane or N,N,N',N'-tetramethylethylenediamine ligand. © 2007 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.

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1. Introduction

Heterodinuclear organometallic complexes are expected to show cooperative effects of different metal centers [1]. We previously reported synthesis of hetrodinuclear organoplatinum or -palladium complexes with a symmetrical bidentate ligand such as 1,5-cyclooctadiene (cod), 1,2-bis-(diphenylphosphino)ethane (dppe), N,N,N',N'-tetramethylethylenediamine (tmeda), 2,2'-bipyridine (bpy), and 1,10-phenanthroline (phen), $L_2RM-M'L'_n$ (M=Pt, Pd; M'=Mo, W, Mn, Re, Fe, Co; R=Me, Et, CH_2CMe_3 , Ph, COMe, COPh, H; $L_2=cod$, dppe, tmeda, bpy, phen; L'=CO, Cp) [2]. They show unique reactions such as organic group transfer between different metal centers

tion [2f,2i], and enhanced CO insertion reactions [2g,21]. On the other hand, introduction of an unsymmetrical PN ligand into organometallic complex is expected to give higher selectivity and activity, because PN chelating ligand may provide a preferential vacant coordination site on metal center due to facile dissociation of the nitrogen atom. We recently reported synthesis of hetrodinuclear organoplatinum complex having a hemilabile ligand and reactions of heterodinuclear methylplatinum-molybdenum derivative, (Et₂NC₂H₄PPh₂-κ²N,P)MePt–MoCp(CO)₃ with dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate to give novel μ-platinacyclobutenone complexes (Et₂NC₂H₄PPh₂-κ²N,P)MePt{μ- $\eta^2:\eta^2-C(O)C_2(CO_2Me)_2$ MoCp(μ -CO)(CO) [3]. In this work, we investigated the synthesis and reactions of novel heterodinuclear organopalladium complexes having an unsymmetrical PN ligand.

[2a,2c,2d,2h,2k,2o], significant acceleration of β-H elimina-

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2. Results and discussion

2.1. Synthesis of hetetrodinucular organopalladium—cobalt (or –molybdenum) complexes

A series of novel heterodinuclear organopalladiumcobalt (or -molybdenum) complexes having an unsymmetrical PN ligand were prepared by the metathetical reaction of PdRX(Et₂NC₂H₄PPh₂- $\kappa^2 N$, P) (R = Me, Ph; X = I, NO_3) with corresponding carbonyl metallates such as $Na^{+}[MoCp(CO)_3]^{-}$ [4] and $Na^{+}[Co(CO)_4]^{-}$ [5]. Starting complexes $PdRI(Et_2NC_2H_4PPh_2-\kappa^2N_1P)$ (R = Me (1a), Ph (1b)) were prepared by the oxidative addition of methyl or phenyl iodide to Pd₂(dba)₃·CHCl₃ [6] (dba = dibenzylideneacetone) in the presence of 2-(diphenylphosphino)triethylamine [7] in 46% and 14% yield, respectively (Eq. (1)). These novel organopalladium complexes having an unsymmetrical PN ligand (1a,b) were characterized by NMR and IR spectroscopies and elemental analysis. Selected IR and NMR data of newly prepared compounds, 1a and 1b, are summarized in Table 1. The molecular structure of 1a was determined by single crystal X-ray structure analysis, and the ORTEP drawing of 1a is depicted in Fig. 1. The $^{31}P\{^{1}H\}$ NMR spectrum of **1a** shows a singlet at δ 42.4. In the ¹H NMR of **1a**, the methylene protons of the NCH₂CH₃ moiety appear as two doublets of quartets at δ 3.05 and 3.40, indicating that these methylene protons are diastereotopic. This fact is an indication of rigid coordination of both nitrogen and phosphorus atoms to the Pd center. The Pd-Me resonance is observed at δ 0.65 as a doublet with a small ${}^{3}J_{\rm PH}$ value 3.9 Hz, suggesting that the Me ligand locates in the cis position to the phosphorus atom. This structural feature may be due to difference of relative trans influence of the coordinating atoms, where ligands having strong trans influence (Me and P) disfavor mutually trans positions to each other. Thus, the starting complex PdMeI(Et₂NC₂H₄PPh₂- $\kappa^2 N, P$) (1a) in solution as well as in solid state has a square planar geometry depicted in Eq. (1). Analogous spectroscopic data are also obtained for PdPhI- $(Et_2NC_2H_4PPh_2-\kappa^2N_1P)$ (1b).

Table 1
Selected IR and NMR data of mononuclear palladium complex, $PdRI(Et_2NC_2H_4PPh_2-\kappa^2N,P)$ and heterodinuclear organopalladium-cobalt(or – molybdenum) complexes, $(Et_2NC_2H_4PPh_2-\kappa^2N,P)RPd-ML_n$ ($ML_n = Co(CO)_4$, $MoCp(CO)_3$)

Complex	IR $(vCO, cm^{-1})^a$	¹ H NMR (ppm, rt)		³¹ P NMR (ppm, rt)
		R	NCH ₂ CH ₃	
1a ^b		$0.65 \text{ (d, }^{3}J_{PH} = 3.9 \text{ Hz, 3H, C}H_{3})$	1.20 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$, 6H, NCH ₂ CH ₃) 3.05 (dq, ${}^{2}J_{HH} = 13.0 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$, 2H, NCH ₂ CH ₃) 3.40 (dq, ${}^{2}J_{HH} = 13.0 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$, 2H, NCH ₂ CH ₃)	42.4 (s)
1b ^c		6.5–6.7 (m, 3H, <i>m</i> - and <i>p</i> -C ₆ <i>H</i> ₅) 6.93 (m, 2H, <i>o</i> -C ₆ <i>H</i> ₅)	1.36 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}$, 6H, NCH ₂ CH ₃) 3.19 (dq, ${}^{2}J_{HH} = 13.8 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}$, 2H, NCH ₂ CH ₃) 3.45 (dq, ${}^{2}J_{HH} = 13.8 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}$, 2H, NCH ₂ CH ₃)	32.6 (s)
2a ^d	1866 (s) 1935 (s) 2014 (s)	0.95 (d, ${}^{3}J_{PH} = 4.8 \text{ Hz}, 3H, CH_{3}$)	0.80 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$, 6H, NCH ₂ CH ₃) 2.72 (dq, ${}^{2}J_{HH} = 14.4 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$, 2H, NCH ₂ CH ₃) 3.10 (dq, ${}^{2}J_{HH} = 14.4 \text{ Hz}$, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$, 2H, NCH ₂ CH ₃)	32.7 (s)
2b ^d	1876 (s) 1901 (s) 1961 (s) 2024 (s)	6.6–6.7 (m, 3H, <i>m</i> - and <i>p</i> -C ₆ <i>H</i> ₅) 6.96 (brs, 2H, <i>o</i> -C ₆ <i>H</i> ₅)	0.86 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 6.6 \text{ Hz}$, 6H, NCH ₂ CH ₃) 2.84 (br, 2H, NCH ₂ CH ₃) 3.12 (br, 2H, NCH ₂ CH ₃)	22.6 (s)
3b ^b	1789 (s) 1886 (s)	6.5–6.6 (m, 3H, m - and p -C ₆ H ₅) 6.97 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.8$ Hz, 2H, o -C ₆ H ₅)	1.19 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 6.9 \text{ Hz}$, 6H, NCH ₂ CH ₃) 3.2 (br, 4H, NCH ₂ CH ₃)	23.9 (s)
5a ^e	1686 (s) 1875 (s) 1912 (s) 1945 (s) 2020 (s)	1.99 (s, 3H, COC <i>H</i> ₃)	1.78 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 6.9 \text{ Hz}$, 6H, NCH ₂ CH ₃) 2.99 (br, 4H, NCH ₂ CH ₃)	14.2 (s)
5b ^e	1645 (m) 1890 (s) 1932 (s) 1952 (s) 2027 (m)	7.0–7.3 (m, 5H, COC ₆ H ₅)	1.25 (t, 6H, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$, NCH ₂ CH ₃) 3.1 (br, 4H, NCH ₂ CH ₃)	14.6 (s)

^a IR spectra were measured by KBr pellet method.

b NMR spectra were measured in acetone- d_6 .

c In CDCl3.

 $^{^{}d}$ In C_6D_6 .

e In CD₂Cl₂.

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