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Research paper Half-sandwich hydrazine complexes of iridium: Preparation and reactivity

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ABSTRACT

Chloro complexes $IrCl_2(\eta^5-C_5Me_5)[P(OR)_3]$ (1) (R=Me, Et) were prepared by reacting dimer $[IrCl_2(\eta^5-C_5Me_5)]_2$ with phosphites in alcohol. Treatment of **1** with R1NHNH₂ gave monohydrazine complexes $[IrCl(\eta^5-C_5Me_5)(R1NHNH_2)\{P(OR)_3\}]BPh_4$ (**2**, **3**, **4**) [R1=H (**2**), Me (**3**), Ph (**4**)]. Bis(hydrazine) complexes $[Ir(\eta^5-C_5Me_5)(R1NHNH_2)_2\{P(OR)_3\}]BPh_4$ (**2**, **3**, **4**) [R1=H (**2**), Me (**3**), Ph (**4**)]. Bis(hydrazine) complexes $[Ir(\eta^5-C_5Me_5)(R1NHNH_2)_2\{P(OR)_3\}]BPh_4$ (**5**, **6**) were prepared by reacting chloro complexes first with AgOTf and then with an excess of hydrazine. Oxidation with Pb(OAc)_4 at -40 °C of both mono- and bis (hydrazine) complexes afforded phenyldiazene derivatives $[IrCl(\eta^5-C_5Me_5)(PhN=NH)_2(P(OR)_3]]BPh_4$ (**7**) and $[Ir(\eta^5-C_5Me_5)(PhN=NH)_2\{P(OR)_3\}](BPh_4)_2$ (**9**). Bis(aryldiazene) $[Ir(\eta^5-C_5Me_5)(PhN=NH)_2\{P(OR)_3\}](BPh_4)_2$ (**9**). Bis(aryldiazene) $[Ir(\eta^5-C_5Me_5)(PhN=NH)_2\{P(OR)_3\}](BPh_4)_2$ (**9**). Were also prepared by allowing hydride $IrH_2(\eta^5-C_5Me_5)[P(OR)_3]$ (**8**) to react with aryldiazonium cations $[ArN_2]BF_4$. The complexes were characterised spectroscopically and by X-ray crystal structure determination of $[IrCl(\eta^5-C_5Me_5)(NH_2NH_2)\{P(OEt)_3\}]BPh_4$ (**2b**) and $[IrCl(\eta^5-C_5Me_5)(CH_3NHNH_2)\{P(OEt)_3\}]BPh_4$ (**3b**).

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1. Introduction

The chemistry of transition metal complexes containing hydrazine and other partially reduced dinitrogen ligands such as diazene RN=NH has attracted interest in recent years [1-5], not only because of their relationship with dinitrogen fixation process intermediates [6-8], but also because their properties led us to consider this class of complexes as having identity and chemistry in itself [1-3,5], with potentially interesting developments.

A large number of hydrazine and substituted hydrazine complexes of several metals have been reported recently [1–5] and several studies on their oxidation [8] and reduction [5–7,9] reactions have revealed their interesting properties, e.g., in convertion of metal-bonded hydrazine to diazene.

However, despite many studies on these issues, the chemistry of hydrazine complexes of iridium has been relatively under-developed when compared with other metals and, except for cluster $[(Cp*Ir)_4(\mu_3-S)_2(\mu_2-H)_2(N_2H_4)_2](BF_4)_2$ [10], only two papers on the preparation of hydrazine complexes of iridium have appeared in the literature [11].

We have a long-standing interest in the "diazo" chemistry of transition metals and have reported the synthesis and reactivity

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http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ica.2017.04.016 0020-1693/© 2017 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved. of hydrazine, diazene and diazoalkane complexes of Ru and Os stabilised by half-sandwich fragments of the type $[M(\eta^5-C_5H_5)$ $(R1NHNH_2)(PPh_3)L]BPh_4$, $[M(\eta^5-C_5H_5)(R1N=NH)(PPh_3)L]BPh_4$, $[M(\eta^5-C_5H_5)(Ar1Ar2CN_2)(PPh_3)L]BPh_4$, $[M(\eta^5-C_9H_7)(R1NHNH_2)$ $(PPh_3)L]BPh_4$ [M=Ru, Os; R1=H, Me, Ph; L=P(OR)_3] [12,13].

We have now extended our study to iridium, and report here the synthesis and oxidation reactions of both mono- and bis (hydrazine) iridium(III) complexes stabilised by pentamethylcyclopentadienyl half-sandwich fragments.

2. Experimental section

2.1. General comments

All synthetic work was carried out under an appropriate atmosphere (Ar, N₂) with standard Schlenk techniques or in an inert atmosphere dry-box. All solvents were dried over appropriate drying agents, degased on a vacuum line, and distilled into vacuumtight storage flasks. IrCl₃·3H₂O (Pressure Chemical Co. (USA) and pentamethylcyclopentadiene C₅Me₅H (STREM) were used as received. Phosphites P(OMe)₃ and P(OEt)₃ were Aldrich products, used as received. Hydrazines CH₃NHNH₂ and C₆H₅NHNH₂ were Aldrich products and were used as received. High-purity Pb (OAc)₄ (99,99%) was an Aldrich product used as received. Hydrazine NH₂NH₂ was prepared by decomposition of hydrazine





cyanurate (Fluka) following the reported method [14]. Diazonium salts ArN₂⁺BF₄ were obtained in the usual way [15]. Labelled diazonium tetrafluoroborate $[C_6H_5N\equiv^{15}N]BF_4$ was prepared from Na¹⁵NO₂ (99% enriched, CIL) and aniline. Other reagents were purchased from commercial sources in the highest available purity and used as received. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum-One FT-IR spectrophotometer. NMR spectra (¹H, ³¹P, ¹⁵N) were obtained on AVANCE 300 or AVANCE III HD 400 Bruker spectrometers at temperatures between -90 and +25 °C, unless otherwise noted. ¹H spectra are referred to internal tetramethylsilane. ³¹P{¹H} chemical shifts are relative to 85% H₃PO₄ and ¹⁵N ones to CH₃¹⁵NO₂, in both cases downfield shifts (values in ppm) are considered positive. COSY, HMQC and HMBC NMR experiments were performed with standard programs. The iNMR software package [16] was used to treat NMR data. The conductivity of 10⁻³ mol dm⁻³ solutions of the complexes in CH₃NO₂ at 25 °C was measured on a Radiometer CDM 83. Elemental analyses were determined in the Microanalytical Laboratory of the Dipartimento di Scienze del Farmaco, University of Padova (Italy).

2.2. Synthesis of complexes

The compound $[IrCl_2(\eta^5-C_5Me_5)]_2$ was prepared following the method previously reported [17].

2.2.1. $IrCl_2(\eta^5-C_5Me_5)[P(OR)_3]$ (1) [R=Me(a), Et(b)]

The appropriate phosphite P(OR)₃ (2.52 mmol) was added to a solution of the dimeric compound $[IrCl_2(\eta^5-C_5Me_5)]_2$ (1 g, 1.26 mmol) in the appropriate alcohol ROH (20 mL) and the resulting solution was refluxed for 2 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give an oil, which was triturated with alcohol (2 mL) until an orange solid separated out, which was filtered and dried under vacuum; yield \geq 90%.

1a: ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 20 °C) δ : 3.77 (d, 9H, CH₃ phos), 1.64 (d, 15H, CH₃ C₅Me₅) ppm. ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 20 °C) δ : 82.54 (s) ppm. C₁₃H₂₄Cl₂IrO₃P (522.42): calcd. C 29.89, H 4.63, Cl 13.57; found C 29.63, H 4.59, Cl 13.72%.

1b: ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 20 °C) δ : 4.16 (qnt, 6H, CH₂), 1.63 (d, 15H, CH₃ C₅Me₅), 1.28 (t, 9H, CH₃ phos). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 20 °C) δ : 77.65 (s). C₁₆H₃₀Cl₂IrO₃P (564.50): calcd. C 34.04, H 5.36, Cl 12.56; found C 33.85, H 5.43, Cl 12.42%.

2.2.2. $[IrCl(\eta^5-C_5Me_5)(R1NHNH_2){P(OR)_3}]BPh_4$ (2-4) [R1=H (2), Me (3), Ph (4); R=Me (a), Et (b)]

Method 1: In a 25-mL, three-necked, round-bottomed flask were placed 0.1 mmol of the appropriate compound **1**, an excess of NaBPh₄ (0.2 mmol, 68 mg), an excess of the appropriate hydrazine (0.3 mmol), 5 mL of alcohol and 3 mL of dichloromethane. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h and then the solvent removed under reduced pressure to give an oil, which was triturated with alcohol (2 mL). A yellow solid slowly separated out, which was filtered and crystallised from CH₂Cl₂ and ROH; yield >80%.

Method 2: In a 25-mL, three-necked, round-bottomed flask were placed 0.1 mmol of the appropriate compound **1**, an excess of NaBPh₄ (0.2 mmol, 68 mg), an excess of the appropriate hydrazine (0.3 mmol), 5 mL of alcohol and 3 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 1 h and then the solvent removed under reduced pressure to give an oil, which was triturated with alcohol (2 mL). The yellow solid which slowly separated out was filtered and crystallised from CH₂Cl₂ and ROH; yield \geq 85%.

2a: IR (KBr pellet) v_{NH} : 3316 (w), 3260 (m), 3221 (w); δ_{NH_2} : 1591 (m) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 20 °C) δ : 7.40–6.88 (m, 20H, Ph), 4.19, 3.46 (br, 2H, Ir-NH₂), 3.76 (d, 9H, CH₃ phos), 2.31 (br, 2H, NH₂), 1.64 (d, 15H, CH₃ C₅Me₅). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 20 °C) δ : 77.33 (s).

 Λ_{M} = 52.8 Ω^{-1} mol $^{-1}$ cm 2 . C_{37}H_{48}BClIrN_{2}O_{3}P (838.24): calcd. C 53.02, H 5.77, Cl 4.23, N 3.34; found C 52.84, H 5.89, Cl 4.11, N 3.20%.

2b: IR (KBr pellet) v_{NH} : 3319 (w), 3271 (m), 3221 (w); δ_{NH_2} : 1600 (m) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 20 °C) δ: 7.36–6.87 (m, 20H, Ph), 4.40, 3.86 (br, 2H, Ir-NH₂), 4.12 (qnt, 6H, CH₂), 2.70 (br, 2H, NH₂), 1.62 (d, 15H, CH₃ C₅Me₅), 1.34 (t, 9H, CH₃ phos). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 20 °C) δ: 73.24 (s). Λ_M = 51.5 Ω^{-1} mol⁻¹ cm². C₄₀H₅₄BClIrN₂O₃P (880.32): calcd. C 54.57, H 6.18, Cl 4.03, N 3.18; found C 54.37, H 6.07, Cl 4.14, N 3.07%.

3a: IR (KBr pellet) ν_{NH} : 3316 (w), 3215 (m) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CD₂-Cl₂, 20 °C) δ: 7.33–6.86 (m, 20H, Ph), 5.05, 4.89 (br, 2H, Ir-NH₂), 3.83 (d, 9H, CH₃ phos), 3.53 (m, 1H, NH), 2.48 (d, 3H, NCH₃), 1.72 (d, 15H, CH₃ C₅Me₅). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 20 °C) δ: 77.75 (s). Λ_{M} = 52.1 Ω^{-1} mol⁻¹ cm². C₃₈H₅₀BCIIrN₂O₃P (852.27): calcd. C 53.55, H 5.91, Cl 4.16, N 3.29; found C 53.41, H 6.00, Cl 4.02, N 3.39%.

3b: IR (KBr pellet) ν_{NH} : 3301 (w), 3214 (m) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CD₂-Cl₂, 20 °C) δ : 7.34–6.88 (m, 20H, Ph), 5.09, 4.92 (br, 2H, Ir-NH₂), 4.19 (qnt, 6H, CH₂), 3.53 (q, 1H, NH), 2.51 (d, 3H, NCH₃), 1.37 (t, 9H, CH₃ phos), 1.71 (d, 15H, CH₃ C₅Me₅). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 20 °C) δ : 73.91 (s). Λ_{M} = 52.4 Ω^{-1} mol⁻¹ cm². C₄₁H₅₆BClIrN₂O₃P (894.35): calcd. C 55.06, H 6.31, Cl 3.96, N 3.13; found C 54.83, H 6.20, Cl 4.06, N 3.04%.

4a: IR (KBr pellet) v_{NH} : 3333 (w), 3221 (w); δ_{NH_2} : 1598 (m) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 20 °C) δ: 7.35–6.86 (m, 25H, Ph), 5.86, 5.65 (br, 2H, Ir-NH₂), 3.82 (d, 9H, CH₃ phos), 5.60 (br, 1H, NH), 1.76 (d, 15H, CH₃ C₅Me₅). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 20 °C) δ: 77.61 (s). Λ_M = 52.4 Ω⁻¹ mol⁻¹ cm². C₄₃H₅₂BClIrN₂O₃P (914.34): calcd. C 56.48, H 5.73, Cl 3.88, N 3.06; found C 56.31, H 5.65, Cl 3.99, N 2.97%.

4b: IR (KBr pellet) ν_{NH} : 3317, 3233 (m); δ_{NH_2} : 1601 (m) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 20 °C) δ: 7.31–6.77 (m, 25H, Ph), 5.90, 5.82 (br, 2H, NH₂), 5.54 (br, 1H, NH), 4.17 (qnt, 6H, CH₂), 1.78 (d, 15H, CH₃ C₅Me₅), 1.29 (t, 9H, CH₃ phos). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 20 °C) δ: 73.66 (s). Λ_M = 53.9 Ω⁻¹ mol⁻¹ cm². C₄₆H₅₈BClIrN₂O₃P (956.42): calcd. C 57.77, H 6.11, Cl 3.71, N 2.93; found C 57.54, H 5.99, Cl 3.84, N 3.02%.

2.2.3. $[Ir(\eta^5-C_5Me_5)(R1NHNH_2)_2[P(OR)_3]](BPh_4)_2$ (**5**, **6**) [R1=Me (**5**), Ph (**6**); R=Me (**a**), Et (**b**)]

In a 25-mL, three-necked, round-bottomed flask were placed 0.1 mmol of the appropriate compound **1**, two equivalents of AgOTf (0.2 mmol, 51 mg) and 5 mL of dichloromethane, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h. After filtration to remove the AgCl formed, an excess of the appropriate hydrazine (0.3 mmol) was added and the resulting solution was stirred for 15 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to leave an oil, which was treated with alcohol (2 mL) containing an excess of NaBPh₄ (0.3 mmol, 103 mg). A yellow solid slowly separated out, which was filtered and crystallised from CH_2Cl_2 and ROH; yield >65%.

5a: IR (KBr pellet) v_{NH} : 3326 (m), 3302 (w), 3249 (m); δ_{NH_2} : 1608 (m) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 20 °C) δ: 7.37–6.87 (m, 40H, Ph), 3.69 (d, 9H, CH₃ phos), 2.67 (br, 4H, Ir-NH₂), 2.53 (br, 2H, NH), 2.39 (d, 6H, NCH₃), 1.69 (d, 15H, CH₃ C₅Me₅). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 20 °C) δ: 77.68 (s). Λ_M = 128 Ω^{-1} mol⁻¹ cm². C₆₃H₇₆B₂-IrN₄O₃P (1182.12): calcd. C 64.01, H 6.48, N 4.74; found C 63.78, H 6.33, N 4.85%.

6a: IR (KBr pellet) ν_{NH} : 3316, 3210 (m); δ_{NH_2} : 1597 (m) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 20 °C) δ: 7.37–6.62 (m, 50H, Ph), 5.43 (br, 6H, NH₂NH), 3.49 (d, 9H, CH₃ phos), 1.67 (d, 15H, CH₃ C₅Me₅). ³¹P {¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 20 °C) δ: 79.36 (s). Λ_M = 124 Ω⁻¹ mol⁻¹ cm². C₇₃H₈₀B₂IrN₄O₃P (1306.25): calcd. C 67.12, H 6.17, N 4.29; found C 67.34, H 6.08, N 4.20%.

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