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Remote Rearrangement of the Metal Center in Group 8 and 9 Metal Complexes

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1. Introduction

Intramolecular remote metal migration (mostly 1,4migration), in which the metal center in an alkyl, vinyl, or aryl complex exchanges its position with a remote CH hydrogen, has recently emerged as a potential C-H activation method.¹⁾ Prior to our study,²⁾ only d^8 and d^9 metal complexes of group 9 and 10 elements have been known to serve as an effective reaction site. We have recently demonstrated that the vinyl complexes, which are formed from the reactions of $[Cp*M(Ph)(PMe_3)]^+$ (M = Rh, Ir) with PhC=CPh, are transformed to the o-(vinyl)aryl complexes by the intramolecular 1,4-metal migration, which clearly indicates that metal centers with a d^6 electron configuration can promote the remote metal migration.^{2a, c)} On the other hand, Gunnoe recently reported treatment that of [Cp*FePh(CO)(NCMe)] with MeC=CMe led to the formation of [Cp*Fe(n⁵-1-hydroxy-2,3-dimethyindenyl)], where the 1,4-migration of the Fe(II) center was suggested to be involved, although no experimental evidence has been obtained.³⁾ To broaden the scope of the remote metal migration, this study was aimed at developing 1,4-metal migration in $[(\eta^6\text{-arene})M(Ph)(PMe_3)]^+$ type group 8 metal complexes.

2. Results and Discussion

<u>Reaction of η^6 -C₆Me₆ complexes with PhC=CPh⁴</u>

When $[(\eta^6-C_6Me_6)RuCl(Ph)(PMe_3)]$ (1a) was allowed to react with PhC=CPh in the presence of NaBAr^F₄ (Ar^F = 3,5-(CF₃)₂C₆H₃) at room temperature for a few minutes, *o*-(vinyl)aryl complex 2a was obtained as the sole product (Scheme 1). In the ¹H NMR spectrum, the vinyl proton of 2a appeared as a doublet at δ -4.47 (d, ²*J*_{PH} = 13.7 Hz), indicating the presence of an agostic interaction. The molecular structure of **2a** determined by a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study confirmed that **2a** was formed by the 1,4-Ru migration from the vinylruthenium intermediate **3a** which was generated by the insertion of PhC=CPh into the Ru–Ph bond in **1a**. Thus, the present reaction provides the first experimental evidence of remote rearrangement of a group 8 metal center. A preliminary DFT study suggests that the present 1,4-Ru(II) migration proceeds via the σ -complex assisted metathesis process (σ -CAM).



By contrast, the reaction of **1b** with NaBAr^F₄ and PhC=CPh at 50 °C for 2 h afforded the cyclometallated hydrido complex **4** (Scheme 2). The ¹H NMR spectrum of **4** showed a doublet at δ –12.3 (d, ²*J*_{PH} = 47.3 Hz) diagnostic of a hydrido complex, and its molecular structure was further established by an X-ray diffraction study. **4** is considered to be generated by the alkyne insertion into the Os–Ph bond in **1b** to form the vinyl complex **3b** and the subsequent oxidative addition of an *ortho* C–H bond of the Ph group. While **4** may be viewed as an intermediate in 1,4-Os migration, no further structural change of **4** was observed

even by heating at 100 °C.

Interestingly, when **4** was reacted with 'BuNC at 50 °C for 2 h, **5b** which corresponds to the 1,4-Os migration product was formed (Scheme 3). Complex **5b** could not be isolated in a pure form but was characterized by ¹H NMR measurement (δ 6.28 (s), vinyl CH) as well as a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study. It should be point out that, unlike in the 1,4-Ru migration, the oxidative addition–reductive elimination mechanisum is operative in the 1,4-Os migration.



<u>Reaction of η^6 -p-cymene complexes with PhC=CPh</u>

To examine the effects of the η^6 -arene ligand, a similar reaction of the *p*-cymene complex [(η^6 -*p*-cymene)-RuCl(Ph)(PMe₃)] (**6a**) was performed (Scheme 4). When **6a** was allowed to react with PhC=CPh in the presence of NaBAr^F₄ at room temperature, tether-type complex **7a** was obtained via incorporation of two PhC=CPh molecules concomitant with η^6 -arene ligand exchange. Similarly, Os complex **7b** was obtained from the reaction of **6b** with NaBAr^F₄ and PhC=CPh. These reactions may be view as a unique model for the "merry-go-round" multiple alkylation reaction.⁵)



A plausible mechanism for the formation of **7a** is shown in Scheme **4**. Initially, the *o*-(vinyl)aryl complex **9a** is formed by way of the insertion of one alkyne molecule into the Ru– Ph bond to generate the vinyl intermadiate **8a** followed by the 1,4-Ru migration. The subsequent dissociation of the *p*cymene ligand and the η^6 -corrdination of a Ph group give rise to a coordinatively undersaturated species **10a**. Then the insertion of a second PhC=CPh molecule followed by the haptotropic change at the η^1 -(α -stylyl) ligand to a η^3 -mode completes the formation of tether-type complex **7a**.

To confirm the above mechanism, isolation of an intermediate complex was attempted (Scheme 5). Although complexes **10a** and **10a'** were failed to be isolated, complex **11**, the stabilized form of **10a** with PPh₃, was isolated from a reaction of in situ generated **10a** (**6a**, NaBAr^F₄, and one equivalent of PhC=CPh) with PPh₃ and structurally characterized. This result is in full accordance with the mechanism shown in Scheme 4.



3. Conclusion

The first experimental evidence for the remote rearrangement of a group 8 metal center was provided by the reaction of 1 with PhC=CPh. In addition, the tether-type complex 7 was formed from the reaction of 6 with PhC=CPh through the second alkyne insertion accompanied by dissociation of the *p*-cymene ligand.

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