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Synthesis and Characterization of 1,4-Diimine Complexes of 1,2,3,4,5-Pentamethylcyclopentadienylrhodium and iridium

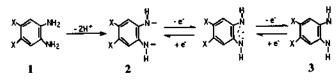
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Monomeric rhodium and iridium diimine complexes Cp*M(HNRNH)(Cp*=1,2,3,4,5-pentamethylcyclopentadienyl: (M = Ir; R=o-C₆H₄ (1a), 4,5-(CH₃)₂-C₆H₂-1,2 (1b), 4,5-(Cl)₂-C₆H₂-1,2 (1c), NCC=CCN-1,2 (1d): M=Rh; R=NCC=CCN-1,2 (1e)) have been synthesized from [Cp*MCl₂]₂ and 2 equiv. of diamine in the presence of NEt₃. The crystal structure of 1a was determined by X-ray diffraction method: 1a was crystallized in the monoclinic system, space group $P2_{146}$, with lattice constants a=9.543 (1) Å, b=16.286 (1) Å, c=10.068 (1) Å and $\beta=99.25$ (1), with Z=4. Least-squares refinement of the structure led to R factor of 0.049. The coordination sphere of rhodium and iridium can be described as a 2-legged piano-stool. All complexes are highly colored. Electrochemical studies show that 1d and 1e display quasi-reversible reduction and 1a-1c display irreversible reductions, suggesting that the acceptor orbital might be localized on the diimine ring.

Introduction

Since the discovery of the square-planar $M\{C_6H_4(NH)_2\}_2^{0.1+}$ systems ¹ with M=Ni, Pd, Pt and Co in 1966, transition metal diimine complexes have been reported, including derivatives of Co², Rh³, Fe⁴, Cr⁵, Mo⁶, W⁷ and Ru⁸ by the reactions carried out under basic conditions, using KOH, NR₃ or an excess of the diamine in order to deprotonate the ligand. The diimine ligand is coordinated in a chelate or bridging fashion. Transition-metal complexes of the diaminylato ligands have attracted interest because of their oxidation-reduction propensites. It has been suggested that the redox forms for the diamine ligand 1, consist of the terminally reduced diamine dianion 2, and the terminally oxidized neutral diimine 3.



We⁹ recently described the reaction of tetraazenido dianion and $[Cp^*MCl_2]_2(M=Rh \text{ or } Ir)$ to give the transition-metal tetraazadiene complexes. The compounds give us a good model of nitrogen extrusion because of the weak bond strength of middle N-N. The fact stimulated us to explore the preparation of transition-metal diimine complexes, isoelectric with transition-metal tetraazadiene complexes. Herein we reported the syntheses of transition-metal diimine complexes by the reaction of Rh and Ir complexes with the diamine ligands in the presence of NEt₃.

Experimental Section

All manipulation of air-sensitive materials were carried out under an argon atmosphere with use of standard Schlenk or vacuum line technique or a Mebraun MB150 glovebox. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker WM-250 spectrometer in CDCl₃. Chemical shifts are given in parts per million relative to TMS for ¹H NMR spectra. IR spectra were obtained by using a Perkin-Elmer 1310 instrument. Mass spectra were obtained on a high resolution VG70-VSEG spectrometer. Cyclic voltammetry was carried out with a Potentiostat-Galvanostat Model 273 at a glassy-carbon electrode with an Ag/AgCl couple as a reference and tetra-n-butyl ammonium perchlorate (TBAP) as an electrolyte in CH₃CN. Elemental analyses were carried out at the Basic Science Center. Reagent grade THF and toluene were distilled under argon from sodium-benzophenone ketyl. Pentane and hexane were distilled under argon from sodium. Methylene chloride was distilled under argon from P₂O₅. [(n⁵-C₅Me₅)MCl₂]₂(M = Rh, Ir)¹⁰ and o-C₆H₄(NHSiMe₃)₂¹¹ were prepared according to literature methods. MCl3·xH2O (M=Rh, Ir) were purchased from Strem Chemical Inc., 1,2,3,4,5-Pentamethylcyclopentadiene, o-C₆H₄(NH₂)₂, 4,5-dimethyl-1,2-phenylendiamine, 4,5dichloro-1,2-phenylenediamine, and diaminomaleonitrile were **Preparation of Cp*lr{C₆H₄(NH)₂-1,2} 1a.** (a) To a stirred toluene solution (25 m/) of $[Cp*lrCl_2]_2$ (0.26 g, 0.33 m mol; Cp*=1,2,3,4,5-pentamethylcyclopentadienyl) was added phenylenediamine (0.044 g, 0.66 m mol) and NEt₃ (0.2 m/). The solution was refluxed for 50 hr. The solvent was stripped off and the product was extracted with hexane (30 m/). The reddish-violet crystals were obtained by reducing the volume to *ca*. 10 m/ and leaving the solution at -20 °C. The yield was 82%. mp. 172 °C. IR (on KBr pellet; cm⁻¹) 3308 (m) 3004 (w), 2966 (w), 2882 (m), 1472 (br), 1368 (m), 1344 (w), 1307 (s), 1220 (w), 1136 (m), 1102 (w), 1022 (m), 1012 (m), 894 (w), 728 (s), 692 (s), 632 (br); mass spectrum, m/e (relative intensity) 434 (M⁺, 84). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₆H₂₁ IrN₂: C, 44.30; H, 4.80. Found: C, 44.94; H, 4.62.

(b) To a stirred toluene solution (25 m/) of $[Cp*IrCl_2]_2$ (0.20 g, 0.25 m mol) was added $C_6H_4(NHSiMe_3)_2$ -1,2 (0.15 g, 0.6 m mol) and NEt₃ (0.1 m/). The solution was refluxed for 48 hr. The solvent was stripped off and the product was extracted by hexane (20 m/). The volume was reduced to *ca.* 10 m/. The reddish-violet crystals were obtained by leaving the solution in a refrigerator at -20 °C. The yield was 74%.

Preparation of Cp*Ir{4,5-(CH₃)₂-C₆H₂(NH)₂-1,2} Ib. The same procedure was taken as described in the preparation of 1a. The yield was 68%. mp. 178 °C . IR (on KBr pellet; cm⁻¹) 3396 (m), 3008 (w), 2983 (w), 1468 (s), 1442 (w), 1422 (w), 1392 (m), 1364 (m), 1287 (s), 1222 (w), 1204 (m), 1184 (w), 1154 (w), 1084 (w), 942 (m), 844 (m), 704 (s), 632 (s); mass spectrum, m/e (relative intensity) 461 (M⁺, 24). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₈H₂₅IrN₂: C, 41.60; H, 5.40. Found: C, 41.96; H, 5.87.

Preparation of Cp*Ir{4,5-Cl₂-C₆H₂(NH)₂-1,2} 1c. The same procedure was taken as described in the preparation of 1a except that the product was extracted by toluene (10 m/) and the reddish-violet crystals were obtained by leaving the solution in a refrigerator at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The yield was 92%. mp. 183 $^{\circ}$ C. IR (on KBr pellet; cm⁻¹) 3365 (m), 3004 (w), 2914 (w), 1480 (s), 1382 (w), 1357 (w), 1311 (s), 1221 (m), 1163 (w), 1107 (w), 1084 (w), 1031 (m), 951 (m), 839 (m), 732 (w), 702 (s), 632 (br, s); mass spectrum, m/e (relative intensity) 502 (M⁺, 44). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₇Cl₂H₁₉IrN₂: C, 40.60; H, 3.80 Found: C, 41.06; H, 3.98.

Preparation of Cp*Ir{NC(NH)C = C(NH)CN-1,2} 1d. The same procedure was taken as described in the preparation of 1a except that the product was extracted by CH_2CI_2 (10 m/) and the reddish-violet crystals were obtained by layering hexane (15 m/) to the solution and leaving the solution at -20 °C. The yield was 84%. mp. 169 °C. IR (on KBr pellet; cm⁻¹) 3296 (s), 2176 (s), 1372 (m), 1273 (m), 1248 (m), 1146 (w), 1042 (m), 732 (m), 692 (w), 664 (w); mass spectrum, m/e (relative intensity) 433 (M⁺, 36). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₇IRN₄: C, 38.80; H, 3.90. Found: C, 38.87; H, 3.71.

Preparation of Cp*Rh{NC(NH)C = C(NH)CN-1,2} le. The same procedure was taken as described in the preparation of 1d. The yield was 74%. mp. 166 °C . IR (on KBr pellet; cm⁻¹) 3326 (s), 2182 (s), 1376 (m), 1277 (m), 1254 (m), 1212 (w), 1146 (w), 1044 (m), 742 (m), 690 (w), 664 (w). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₇N₄Rh: C, 48.80; H, 4.90. Found: C, 48.18; H. 4.52.

X-ray structure determination of 1a. The crystal of

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Table 1. Crystallographic Data for (C₅Me₅)Ir{C₆H₄(NH)₂-1,2}

Empirica formular	$Ir_1N_2C_{16}H_{21}$
F.	433.58
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$
Ζ	4
Cell parameters	
a (Å)	9.543 (1)
b (Å)	16.286 (1)
c (Å)	10.068 (1)
β (deg)	99.25 (1)
V (Å ³)	1544 (3)
D_{card} (g/cm ³)	1.86
μ (Μο-Κα)	86.0
Transmission factor	42.30-99.45%
Scan Type	ω-2 9
Scan width (ω) (deg)	$0.74 \pm 0.52 \tan(\theta)$
20 _{max} (deg)	52.64
No. of reflections measured	3429
No. of reflection observed	
(I>3 o (I))	1692
F (000)	832
No. of varables	172
Discrepancy indices	
R ^a	0.049
R _w ^b	0.061
Goodness of fit	
indicator	1.71
Maximum shift in final cycle	less than 0.01

 ${}^{s}R=\Sigma|$ $|F_{o}|-|F_{c}|$ $|\Sigma|F_{o}|$. ${}^{k}R_{w}=[(\Sigma w(F_{o}-F_{o})^{2}/\Sigma w(F_{o}^{2})]^{1/2}]$ where $w=4F_{o}^{2}/\Sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2})$. Standard deviation of an observation of unit weight: $[\Sigma w(|F_{o}|-|F_{c}|)^{2}/(N_{o}-N_{o})]^{1/2}$, where $N_{o}=$ number of observations and $N_{v}=$ number of variables.

1a was grown from hexane at -20 °C. X-ray intensity data were collected on an Enraf-Nonius CAD4 diffractometer employing graphite-monochromated Mo-Ka radiation and using the scan technique. Details on crystal data and intensity data are given in Table 1. A total of 3429 reflections were measured over the range $4 < 20 < 53^{\circ}$. The intensity data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects and an empirical absorption correction was applied. Of the reflections measured a total of 1692 unique reflections with $I>3\sigma(I)$ were used during subsequent structure refinement. The structure was solved by standard heavy atom Patterson techniques followed by weighted Fourier syntheses. Refinement was by full-matrix least squares techniques based on F and converged with unweighted and weighted agreement factors of $R = \Sigma ||F_a|$ - $|F_c| | / \Sigma |F_o| = 0.049$ and $R_w = [\Sigma w (|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \Sigma w (|F_o^2|)]^{1/2} =$ 0.061. Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anistropically and hydrogen atoms were included as constant contributions to the structure factors and were not refined.

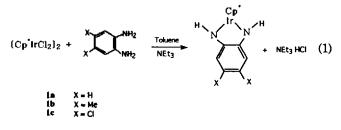
Result dand Discussion

The 1,4-diimine iridium complexes have been prepared according to Eq. 1.

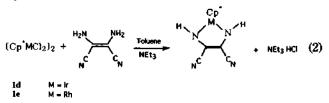
Complex	δ (CDCl _a), ppm			IR		
no.	Cp*	aromatic H ^a	NH	others	vNH, cm ⁻¹	vCN, cm ⁻¹
1a	2.06	7.22 (d, J 5.8, 2H) ⁶	8.23		3308	
		6.98 (d, J 5.8, 2H)				
16	1.99	6.83 (s, 2H)	8.18	1.14 (s, 6H, CH ₃)	3396	
tc	2.07	7.26 (s, 2H) ^b	8.28		3365	
1d	2.05		8.22		3296	2176
le	1.96		8.03		3326	2182

Table 2. ¹H NMR and IR data for Complexes 1a-1e

"J values in hertz. "Signal obscured by solvent peak.



The reactions of iridium dimer with diamines in the presence of NEt₃ under the reflux condition gave reddish-violet solutions. The (1,2,3,4,5-pentamethylcyclopentadienyl)iridium diimine complexes were isolated as air-stable reddish-violet crystals in 68-92% yield. Bergman and coworkers¹² recently reported the similar complex with 1a by the reaction of $(\eta^6$ p-Cymene)OsN-t-Bu with phenylenediamine. Maitlis and coworkers³ also reported the complex $(C_5Me_5)Rh[C_6H_4(NH)_2-1]$, 2} by the reaction of rhodium dimer with phenylenediamine. They did not give any spectroscopic data and experimental details. However, the reaction of rhodium dimer with o-C6-H₄(NH₂)₂ under the same condition did not occur. The structure of compounds 1a-1c were deduced from their ¹H NMR, IR, and mass spectra. The compound 1a exhibits NH resonance at 8 8.23, as indicated in the Table 2. The value is quite similar to that of CymOs[C₆H₄(NH)₂-1.2]¹² appeared at δ 8.68 and that of Ni[C₆H₄(NH)₂-1,2]¹³ appeared at δ 8.80. In the solid state, the infrared spectra of complexes la-lc show sharp N-H stretch band in the 3300-3400 cm^{-1} region. Infrared stretching absorption characteristic of diimine ligand was observed at 3308 cm⁻¹ for 1a. The value is comparable to that of $Ru [C_6H_4(NH)_2-1,2] (PPh_3)_3^{\theta}$ appeared at 3360 cm⁻¹ and those of bis(cyclopentadienyliron)arene complexes with amine bridges¹⁴ appeared at 3500 and 3400 cm⁻¹. The mass spectrum of la showed the molecular ion peak. The photochemical excitation (λ >260 nm) of 1a in the presence of unsaturated organic compound such as fumaronitrile was essentially inert. It may be attributable to the strong bond of Ir-N-C-C-N. The reaction of rhodium and iridium dimer with diaminomaleonitrile in the presence of NEt₃ under the reflux condition gave a reddish-violet solution according to Eq. 2.



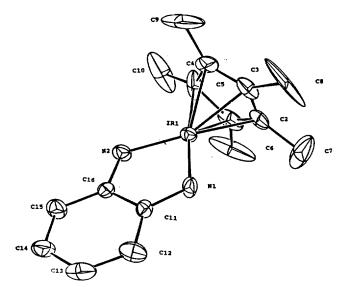


Figure 1. ORTEP plot of the complex 1a.

The ¹H NMR spectrum of 1d contained one signal of relative area 15 at δ 2.05, assigned to Cp^{*} together with a singlet of relative area 2 at δ 8.22, assigned to NH protons. Infrared stretching absorption of v(NH) was observed at 3296 cm⁻¹ for 1d. The rhodium compound 1e is synthesized and characterized similarly.

Crystal Structure of 1a. The monomeric nature of 1a was confirmed by an X-ray diffraction study performed on a red single crystal obtained from a hexane solution cooled to -20 °C. The structure and atom labelling of 1a are shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2. Selected interatomic distances and bond angles are listed in Table 3. Positional parameters and their estimated standard deviations are listed in Table 4. The coordination sphere of the iridium ion can be described as a 2-legged piano-stool with the η⁵-pentamethylcyclopentadienyl ligand occupying three coordinate site and the bidentate diimine ligand coordinated through the 1,4-nitrogen atoms. The metallocycle is essentially planar with the average displacement of an atom from the least-squares plane of the ring 0.075 Å (See Figure 2); η⁵-pentamethylcyclopentadienyl ring is almost orthogonal to the basal plane N(1)C(11) C(16)N(2)(88.2°). The average Ir-N distance of 1.97 (1) Å is short enough to consider some multiple-bond character¹⁵. The distance is quite similar to that of Mo-N in [{Mo(NO)L (I)]2{C6H4(NH)2-1,2}](1.96 Å)6 and that of W-N in {WCl3[C6H4 (NH)-1, $(NH_2)-2]_2[\mu-1,2-(N)_2C_6H_4](1.92 Å)^7$. The distance is Synthesis of 1,4-Diimine Complexes of Rhodium and Iridium

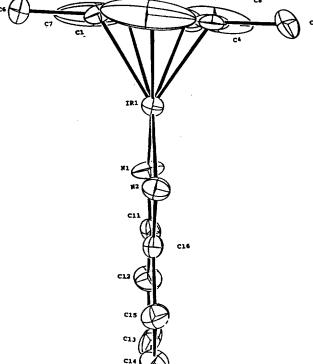


Figure 2. View perpendicular to the N(2)-C(16)-C(11)-N(1) plane.

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Numbers in parentheses are estimated standard deviations in the least significant digits.

Table 4. Positional Parameters and Their Estimated Standard Deviations

Atom	x	У	Z	B (A2)
IR1	0.23981(7)	0.09464(4)	0.20324(6)	3.82(1)
N1	0.187(2)	0.0629(8)	0.379(1)	5.6(3)
N2	0.082(1)	0.1696(9)	0.215(1)	4.8(3)
C1	0.281(2)	0.027(1)	0.028(2)	8.8(5)
C2	0.374(2)	0.002(1)	0.137(2)	8.5(5)
C3	0.452(2)	0.061(1)	0.190(2)	6.7(6)
C4	0.417(2)	0.133(1)	0.119(2)	8.6(5)
C5	0.301(2)	0.116(1)	0.009(2)	10.2(5)
C6	0.166(3)	-0.024(2)	-0.063(3)	21.3(8)
C7	0.384(4)	-0.086(2)	0.190(4)	26(1)
C8	0.569(3)	0.035(3)	0.315(3)	24(2)
C9	0.491(3)	0.214(2)	0.150(3)	22.7(9)
C10	0.234(3)	0.168(3)	0.096(2)	22(1)
C11	0.080(2)	0.106(1)	0.418(2)	4.0(3)
C12	0.022(2)	0.095(1)	0.541(2)	6.8(5)
C13	-0.090(2)	0.144(1)	0.567(2)	8.7(5)
C14	-0.152(2)	0.203(1)	0.474(2)	6.3(5)
C15	-0.101(2)	0.215(1)	0.354(2)	6.0(5)
C16	0.015(2)	0.165(1)	0.326(2)	4 ?(4)

Anisotropically refined atoms are given in the form of the isotropic equivalent displacement parameter defined as: (4/3)*[a2*B(1, 1)+b2*B(2, 2)+c2*B (3, 3)+ab (cos gamma)*B (1, 2)+ac (cos beta)*B (1, 3)+bc (cos alpha)*B (2, 3)]

longer than that of Co-N in $[Co(C_6H_4(NH)_2-1,2)_2]_2(1.84 \text{ Å})^{16}$. The N-C distances, 1.36 (2) and 1.38 (2) Å, found for [Ni{C₆H₄ (NH)₂-1,2]₂] for which a bond order 1.5 is assigned¹³, are shorter than the N-C single bonds in arylamine and related derivatives. The value is very close to that of $[{Mo(NO)L(1)}]_2$ $\{C_6H_4(NH)_2-1,2,\}$ (1.38 Å) and that of $\{WCl_3[C_6H_4(NH)-1,$ $(NH_2)-2]_{2}[\mu-1,2-(N)_2C_6H_4]$ (1.36 Å). The short N-C bonds are consistent with a multiple bond character but not with the expected bond pattern for the C₆ diamide ring, suggesting an important electron delocalization in the iridium diimine system. Therefore, the reason why the complex 1a in the presence of unsaturated organic compound is inert under the photochemical excitation may be explained by the short N-C bonds. The N(1)-Ir(1)-N(2) angle, 78.5 (6)°, is comparable to equivalent bond angles in compounds where the ligand is likely to be in a dianionic form¹⁷.

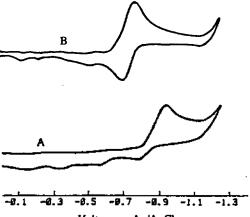
Electronic Absorption Spectra. The iridium complex 1a (see Table 4) shows two energy maxima at 254 and 424 nm, which are assigned to a combination of a metallacycle $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition and a $d \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition. These assignments resemble those proposed for $CpCo(1,4-H_2N_4)^{18}$. The extinction coefficients (32000, 23000 M⁻¹cm⁻¹) of 1a suggest that these transitions are of ligand or charge transfer origin. A lower energy transition in 1a may be interpreted by a shift of this bond to higher energy on going to more electronegative substituents when X is an electron-releasing substituent the excited state B is stabilized and its energy is decreased.

Electrochemistry. Complex 1a displays a quasi reversible reduction in the cyclic voltamogram at a potential of -0.74 V vs an Ag/AgCl. The cyclic voltamograms of la and

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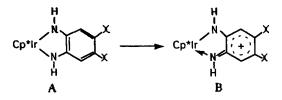
Table 5. Electronic Absorption spectra of Complexes 1a-1e

Complex	Solvent	λ _{max} , nm	ε, M ⁺¹ cm ^{−1}
ła	CH ₂ Cl ₂	254	32000
		424	23000
1b	CH ₂ Cl ₂	252	23000
		430	22000
lc	CH ₂ Cl ₂	250	31000
		420	24500
1ð	CH ₂ Cl ₂	246	42000
		410	5900
le	CH ₂ Cl ₂	248	38000
		416	5200



Voltage vs. Ag/AgCl

Figure 3. (A) Cyclic voltammogram of 1a in 0.1 M (n-Bu₄N) (ClO₄)-DMF electrolyte solution. (B) Cyclic voltammogram of 1d in 0.1 M (n-Bu₄N)(ClO₄)-DMF electrolyte solution.



1d is shown in Figure 3. The reason that 1d displays a quasi reversible reduction may be interpreted by the fact that the acceptor orbital is easily delocalized on the diaminomaleonit-rile ring. However, the cyclic voltamogram of 1a showed that the complex was reduced at -0.92 V. It may be attributable to the difficulty of a delocalization in the matallacycle.

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