Synthesis and Structure of [bis(η **5 -cyclopentadienyl)][bis(cynichrodenoato)]titanium** $\{Cp_2Ti\{[OC(O)C_5H_4]Cr(CO)_2NO]\}_2$

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Abstract

Complete demethylation of $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ in dichloromethane with 2 molar equivalent of $[\eta^5-(C_5H_4COOH)]Cr(CO)_2NO$ (2) gives $Cp_2Ti\{[OC(O)C_5H_4]Cr(CO)_2NO\}_2$ (4). The structure of 4 has been solved by X-ray diffraction studies: space group, $P2_1/c$; monoclinic; $a = 15.740(5)$, $b = 7.2506(24)$, $c = 25.053(10)$ Å, $\beta = 108.16(3)$ °; Z =4. In one of the cynichrodenyl moieties, the nitrosyl group is located at the site away from the exocyclic carbonyl carbon of the Cp(Cr) ring with twist angle of 177.11° . The exocyclic carbon is bent towards the chromium atom with a θ angle of 0.79°. The electron density distribution in the cyclopentadienyl ring of Cp(Cr), based on the 13 C NMR data, are compared with the calculations via density functional B3LYP correlation- exchange method.

Keywords: Cynichrodene, Titanocene, Nitrosyl, Carboxylate, B3LYP

1 Introduction

Functionally substituted derivatives of $(\eta^5$ -cyclopentadienyl) dicarbonylnitrosylchromium (**1**) (hereafter called cynichrodene) have been the subject of continuing interest in our laboratory. The opposite orientation between the NO ligand and the π -donar or the π -acceptor substituent on the Cp ring of monosubstituted cynichrodene derivatives was discovered [1]. The nitrosyl group is located at the side towards the π -donar substituent, while trans oriented to the π -acceptor substituent. The qualitative relationshilp of nonplanarity of of Cp-exocyclic carbon to substituent π-donor or π-acceptor interactions have also been addressed. The π -donor substituents and the ipso-carbon atoms to which they are attached are bent away from the $Cr(CO)₂NO$ fragments. For π -acceptor substituents, approximately in the Cp plane or bent slightly toward the $Cr(CO)₂NO$ fragments results. The magnitudes and directions of these distortions of the Cp planarity appear to be due primarily to electronic effects.

In hopes of confirming those hypotheses, as well as the potential ability of the early transition metal to activate a small molecule such as CO on the late transition metal centers[2] and the established antitumor or antiflammatory activities of titanocene carboxylates or titanocene dicarboxylates[3-5], have prompted us to synthesize complexes **3**[6] and **4**[7].

2 Results and discussion

Complex $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\text{CH}_3)\{[\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{C}_5\text{H}_4]\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_2\text{NO}\}\;$ 3 was prepared through monodemethylation of Cp2Ti(CH3)2 with 1 molar equivalent of **2** [6]. With 2 molar equivalent, complete demethylation of $Cp_2Ti(CH_3)_2$ gave complex $Cp_2Ti\{[OC(O)C_5H_4]Cr(CO)_2(NO)\}_2$ **4**[7].

 $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti (CH}_3)_2 + 2 \longrightarrow 3 + \text{CH}_4$ $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti (CH}_3)_2 + 22 \longrightarrow 4 + 2 \text{ CH}_4$

The unequivocal assignments of 13 C chemical shifts for 4[7] and 5 [6] were correlated well with the density functional B3LYP calculations from the X-ray data of **4** and **5**[6]. The average charges of $C(2,5)$ and $C(3,4)$ are -0.1897 and -0.2486 (Table 1a) for **5**. For complex **4**, the corresponding charges are -0.2327 and -0.2580 for Cp(Cr1), and -0.2538 and -0.2547 for Cp(Cr2) (Table 1b). The much less difference between the average charges of C(2.5) and C(3,4) for **4** than those for **5** is conceivable due to the weaker electron-withdrawing property of $(CO)₂(NO)$, compared to that of $(NO)₂Cl$.

The molecular structure of **4** is shown in Fig. 1. Selected bond distances and angles are given in Table 2. The atomic coordinates of the atoms are listed in Table 3. For the purpose of comparison, selected structural data of 4, 5, $Cp_2Ti(CH_3){[OC(O)C_6H_5]Cr(CO)_3}$ and $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}\{\text{[OC(O)C}_5\text{H}_4\}\text{[Fe(CO)}_2(\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)\}\text{]2}$ are listed in Table 4; those of 1, 4, 6 and 7 are listed in Table 5. The molecular structure of **4** shows monodentate attachments of each carboxylate group to the small titanium metal, a usual feature for the carboxylate complexes of titanocene due to the steric crowdedness around the small titanium metal center. The Ti-O distance of 1.916(3) and 1.942(3) in 4 is comparable with those found in Cp₂Ti (CH₃) $\{[OC(O)C_6H_5]Cr(CO)_3\}$ (1.940(3) Å) [8] and $Cp_2Ti\{[OC(O)C_5H_4]Fe(CO)_2(CH_2C_6H_5)\}_2$ (1.923 and 1.972 Å) [9], however, it is slightly shorter than those in **5** (1.977(2) Å) (Fig. 2) [6]. The angles of Ti-O-C(O) were also compared. Angles of $149.7(3)$ and $142.2(3)$ ^o in 4 are comparable with those found in $\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\text{CH}_3)$ {[OC(O)C₆H₅] Cr(CO)₃} (149.6^o) [8] and $Cp_2Ti\{[OC(O)C_5H_4]Fe(CO)_2(CH_2C_6H_5)\}_2$ (139.4 and 148^o) [9]. However, the angles are larger than those in **5** (137.1(2)).

Comparatively, the shorter Ti-O distance and the relatively larger Ti-O-C angle indicate the greater extent of Ti-O π -bonding in **4**, than those in **5**. Which is conceivable due to the greater extent of electron donating from the less electron-deficient $CpCr(CO)₂(NO)$ moiety, compared to $CpCr(NO)_{2}Cl$ moiety, to the carboxylato oxygen, increasing π -donar tendency of the oxygen to Ti atom. It entails that the noncoordinated oxygen atoms are farther away from titanium (3.70, 3.54Å in **4** versus 3.47 Å in **5**).

The bond angles of the carboxylate $C-C(O)-O$ groups are non-equivalent, the largest angle of 125.5(4) (O(1)-C(16)-O(2)) and 126.2° (O(3)-C(26)-O(4)), respectively, in each of the carboxylate groups may be caused by the steric interference between the two oxygen atoms and $Cp(Ti)$ rings. The Ti-Cp(centroid) distances(2.047, 2.058 Å) and the Cp (centroid)-Ti-Cp(centroid) angle (131.74 \degree) are normal, compared with those values of the carboxylate complexes of titanocene $(2.040 - 2.063 \text{ Å}; 131.7 - 134.8^{\circ})$ [10].

For CpCr(CO)2NO moiety of **4**, several important features are observed. The coordination geometry about each of Cr centers is approximately a distorted tetrahedron with two carbonyl groups, the Cp group and nitrosyl group as the four coordination sites. The nitrosyl group of $Cp(Cr1)$ cynichrodenyl moiety is located at the site away the exocyclic of carbon of $Cp(Cr1)$ ring with a twist of 177.11[°], while in the $Cp(Cr2)$ cynichrodenyl fragment, the nitrosyl group is located at the site toward the exocyclic carbon of the Cp(Cr2) ring with a twist angle of 93.40° . The twist angle is defined as the torsional angle between the nitrogen atom, the Cr atom, the Cp ring center and the ring carbon atom bearing the exocyclic carbon.

In the case of Cp(Cr1) cynichrodenyl moiety, the preference for the symmetrical isomer *i* to the unsymmetrical isomer *ii* may be related to the ability of the exocyclic double bond to donate electron density to the chromium atom, (reestablishing the favored 18-electron count) such that it is trans to the better π -accepting ligand, i.e. NO⁺. As a result, the exocyclic carbon is slightly bent towards the chromium atom with θ angle of 0.79^o.

The θ angle is defined as the angle between the exocyclic C-C bond (C(11)-C(16)) and the corresponding Cp ring with a positive angle toward metal and a negative angle away from the metal. The exocyclic C-C bond of 1.489(6) \AA [C(11)-C(16)] in the case of Cp(Cr1), is slightly shorter than that of **7** (1.502(11) \hat{A}) [1]. but is longer than that found in **6** [11] (1.477(5) Å) (Fig. 3). The smaller contribution of canonical form $\frac{4i}{1}$ than $\frac{6i}{1}$ to each

of the corresponding structures **4** and **6** may explain such behavior. This phenomenon is conceivable, since Cp_2Ti is an electron donating group, the resonance between the two carboxylate oxygens overwhelming the resonance contribution of canonical form **4***i* to **4**. The smaller contribution of $4i$ to 4 leads to longer exocyclic bond length of $C(11)$ -C(16).

It is interesting to find the differences between the two cynichrodene moieties, $Cp(Cr1)$ and Cp(Cr2) in **4**. In the case of Cp(Cr2), the long exocyclic C-C bond (1.495(7) \AA [C(21)-C(26)]), the smaller twist angle (93.4°), and the negative θ value (-0.52°) indicate the lack of resonance contribution of either canonical form *i* or *ii*, as in the case of methylene substituted cynichrodenyl moiety of $7 (1.502(11) \text{\AA}; 24.4^{\circ}; -0.69^{\circ})$. The steric crowdedness may account for the different configurations. The dihedral angle between the two Cp(Cr)s is 33.10° and both $Cr(CO)₂(NO)$ moieties are pointed to the same direction, a cisoid conformation, geometrically. The Cr-N-O angles of $177.7(4)$ and $179.6(5)$ ^o, a linear M-NO linkage, are not significantly different from $179.4(3)^\circ$ in 6 [11] and $174.7(7)^\circ$ in 7 [1]. The steric effect may also reflect on the dihedral angle, 10.7° for Cp(Cr1) and 8.31° for Cp(Cr2), deviating from the zero degree of coplanarity, between the carbonyl plane and the corresponding Cp(Cr).

3 Experimental

*3.1 Preparation of [bis(*η *5 -cyclopentadienyl)][bis(cynichrodenoato)] titanium 4*

As this product is light sensitive, all operations were carried out with the exclusion of light. To a solution of dicarbonyl(η 5 -carboxycyclopentadienyl)nitrosylchromium **2** (1.00g, 4.05 mmol) in 80 ml of dichloromethane, $bis(\eta^5$ -cyclopentadienyl)dimethyltitanium (0.38 g, 1.83 mmol) was added in an ice bath. The resulting solution was stirred at 0° C for 4 h and then warmed slowly to room temperature. The reaction solution was concentrated to a residue and then washed with n-pentane twice. Compound $[bis(\eta^5-cyclopentadienyl)]$ [bis(cynichrodenoato)] titanium **4** (0.89 g, (73%) ; d.p., 206^oC) was obtained after vacuum drying. An analytical sample (an orange gleamy needle) was prepared by recrystallization using the solvent expansion method from dichloromethane: n-hexane(1:2) at 0° C for 48 h.

3.2. X-ray Diffraction analysis of 4

The intensity data were collected on a Nonius diffractomer with a graphite monochromator (Mo-K_α radiation). θ -2 θ scan data were collected at room temperature $(25^{\circ}$ C). The data were corrected for absorption, Lorentz and polarization effects. The absorption correction is according to the empirical psi rotation. The details of crystal data and intensity collection are summarized in Table 6.

The structures were solved by direct methods and were refined by full matrix least squares refinement based on F values. All of the non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters. All of the hydrogen atoms were positioned at calculated coordinate with a fixed isotropic thermal parameter (U = U(attached atom) + 0.01 \AA^2). Atomic scattering factors and corrections for anomalous dispersion were from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* [12]. All calculations were performed on a PC computer using Shelex software package [13].

3.3 Computational Method

In this study, we use the B3LYP hybrid method involving the three-parameter Becke exchange functional [14] and a Lee-Yang-Parr correlation functional [15]. All calculations are performed with the Gaussian-03 program using the $6-311G(d,p)$ basis set [16]. The geometries for **4** is taken from the crystallographic data. The atomic charges have been analyzed using the natural population analysis (NPA) which yields reliable atomic charges and natural bond orbital (NBO) calculations [17]. An important feature of the NBO method is that the presence of diffuse functions in the basis sets does not affect the results.

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Fig. 1. ORTEP drawing of molecule **4**

Fig. 2. ORTEP drawing of of **5**

Fig. 3. ORTEP drawing of molecule **6** with the view along the normal of Cp(Cr) ring

Table 1a

Selected net atomic charges for $5 \text{ using the } 6-311 \text{G}(d,p)$ basis set

C(1) -0.21522 C(2) -0.20158 C(3) -0.23829 C(4) -0.25887 C(5) -0.17778

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Table 1b

Selected net atomic charges for **4** using the 6-311G(d,p) basis set

Cp(Cr1)

C(11) -0.23511 C(12) -0.23697 C(13) -0.26406 C(14) -0.25184 C(15)-0.22843 $_$,

Cp(Cr2)

C(21) -0.20538 C(22) -0.24058 C(23) -0.27771 C(24) -0.23168 C(25) -0.26704

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Selected bond length (Å) and selected bond angles (o) for **4**

Dihedral angles between planes

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* Mean atoms with composite scattering factors $(2/3 \ 0 \ +1/3 \ N)$

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Selected structural data

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 $^{\text{a}}$ **1** CpCr(CO)₂(NO)

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- **4** Cp₂Ti[(OC(O)C₅H₄)Cr(CO)₂NO]₂
6 (CO)₂(NO)Cr[(η⁵-C₅H₄)-C(O)-(η⁵-C₅H₄)]FeCp
7 (CO)₂(NO)Cr[(η⁵-C₅H₄)-CH₂-(η⁵-C₅H₄)]RuCp
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- b ω Cr(\degree) : the twist angle is defined as the torsional angle between the nitrosyl nitrogen atom, the chromium atom, the Cp center and the ring " carbon atom bearing the exocyclic carbon atom.
- $c^c \theta Cr^{\alpha}$: the θ angle is defined as the angle between the exocyclic C-C bond and the corresponding Cp ring with a positive angle toward metal and a negative angle away from the metal.

Selected crystal data and refinement parameters for **4**

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化合物 **Cp2Ti{[OC(O)C5H4]Cr(CO)2NO}²** 的合成及其結構分析

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摘要

化合物Cp₂Ti(CH₃)₂ 以二當量的化合物(CO)₂(NO)Cr[η⁵ - (C₅H₄-COOH)] (2) 在二氯 甲烷溶劑中去甲基化得化合物 Cp2Ti{[OC(O)C5H4]Cr(CO)2(NO)}2 (**4**). **4** 的結構已由 X-ray 繞射法解析出。晶體參數如下:Space group, P21/c; monoclinic; *a* = 15.740(5), *b* = 7.2506(24), $c = 25.053(10)$ Å, $β = 108.16(3)$ °; Z =4. 化合物 4 的一個 cynichrodenyl 的硝基與 Cp(Cr)環上羰取代基 呈反方向的位向。其 ω 角為 177.11^o 此環上羰取代基的 碳的位向為向著 Cr 原子,其 θ 角為 0.79°。經由二維異核相對應 NMR 光譜儀,化合物 Cp2Ti(CH3){[OC(O)C5H4]Cr(CO)2(NO)} **3,** 與 **4** 的 C(2)-C(5)的 ¹³C 化學位移得以確 認。文中以 B3LYP correlation- exchange 的理論計算法得出的電子密度分佈情形,其結 果呼應由 C¹³ NMR 化學位移所得之 Cp(Cr) 的電子密度分佈狀況。

關鍵字:[η⁵- (環戊二烯)]二羰亞硝基鉻;雙[η⁵- (環戊二烯)]鈦;硝基;羧基;B3LYP