Scheme I



the absence of $Ru(THF)_2$, no measurable H/D exchange occurs. H/D exchange also does not occur in the absence of KOD. Additionally, this exchange is slowed by 30% when 120 equiv of KOD is added. Scheme I presents a mechanism we propose for this H/D exchange. The sequential acid-base equilibrium proposed in Scheme I has been independently shown to operate for the osmium analogue: e.g., OsH_2 is formed from protonation of OsH and is deprotonated by lithium diisopropylamide.²⁵ Also, $Ru(THF)_2$ forms the monohydride, RuH, when stirred in THF with KOD at 50 °C under 1 atm of H_2 (eq 2). The proposed

$$\begin{array}{c} THF \\ \hline Ru \\ THF \end{array} + KOD + H_2 \xrightarrow{THF} \left[\begin{array}{c} H \\ \hline Ru \\ 50^{\circ}C \end{array} \right]^{-} (2)$$

mechanism suggests that the rate of exchange should go through a maximum with pH since the overall process involves both a protonation and a deprotonation. This behavior is roughly exhibited with the above exchange results for Ru(THF)₂. Hydrogenase is also known to catalyze such H/D exchange and exhibits a similar pH profile.²⁶

Because RuH forms from $Ru(THF)_2$ in the presence of H_2 and base, hydride transfer from RuH to a substrate may constitute a catalytic hydrogenation cycle involving $Ru(THF)_2$ as a catalyst. When a stoichiometric amount of the NAD⁺ analogue (1benzyl-N,N-diethylnicotinamide)PF₆ is introduced to an NMR solution of **RuH** in THF- d_8 , a species with broad ¹H NMR resonances forms. Addition of a drop of pyridine to this mixture yields Ru(OEP)(py)₂ and the reduced nicotinamide, 1-benzyl-N,N-diethyl-1,6-dihydronicotinamide, as shown by the ¹H NMR. To our knowledge, this is the first example of a transition-metal hydride reducing an NAD⁺ analogue.²⁷ This 1,6-addition contrasts with hydrogenase, which reduces NAD⁺ at the 1,4-positions of the pyridinium.^{4a} Further studies are planned to examine the selectivity of the NAD⁺ reduction, to survey possible substrates for catalytic hydrogenation employing the Ru(THF)₂/H₂ system, and to further characterize dihydrogen complexes of transition-

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Free-Radical Carbonylation. Efficient Trapping of **Carbon Monoxide by Carbon Radicals**

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The reaction of carbon radicals with carbon monoxide to form acyl radicals^{1,2} is thought to be an equilibrium process and to be difficult to control due to the ready back reaction.³ In 1952, the formation of polyketones by peroxide-initiated copolymerization was first disclosed by Coffmann et al., who suggested the inter-mediacy of acyl radicals for this polymerization.^{2a} In 1956, Foster et al. reported that the peroxide-initiated reaction of mercaptans with ethylene and carbon monoxide under 3000 atm at 130 °C gave 3-(alkylthio)propanal in 11-18% yields.^{2c} While this reaction was noteworthy as a pioneering effort to effect trapping of acyl radicals by hydrogen abstraction, the results were of limited utility because of the extremely high pressures of CO and the low yields

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Table I. Product Ratios of Reactions of Octyl Radical with CO under Bu_3SnH Conditions^a

run	[1], mol/L	CO, atm	Bu ₃ SnH, equiv	2 , ^b %	3, ^b %	2/ (2 + 3)	
1	0.05	1	1.2	0	90		
2	0.05	15	1.2	38	49	0.44	
3	0.05	30	1.2	56	43	0.57	
4	0.05	50	1.2	63	36	0.64	
5	0.17	50	1.2	42	54	0.44	
6	0.05	50	3.0	6	85	0.07	
7	0.05	80	1.2	66	26	0.67	

^aReactions except for run 1 were carried out by using a 50-mL stainless steel autoclave with a glass tube inserted. Conditions: 1 (0.5 mmole *n*-Bu₃SnH (0.6 or 1.5 mmol), AIBN (0.06 mmol), carbon monoxide (15, 30, 50, or 80 atm), benzene (10, 5, or 3 mL), 80 °C, 1.1 h. ^bGC yields.

of carbonylated products. Subsequently, the chemistry of acyl radical has evolved in ways other than the radical/CO reaction.⁴ Reasoning that the ineffectiveness shown in the above work primarily stemmed from low efficiency in the generation of starting radical species, we considered that the reinvestigation of the radical/CO reaction using modern free-radical techniques⁵ would be promising. We disclose here the first example of the highly efficient trapping of carbon monoxide by free-radical reaction.

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Table II. Conversion of Organo Halides into Aldehyde by Free-Radical Carbonylation^a

AIBN, benzene, 80 °C					
run	RX	yield, ^b %			
1	n-C ₈ H ₁₇ Br	61 (66)			
2	PhCH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ Br	58			
3	PhCH ₂ CH ₂ Br	65			
4	PhCH ₂ Br	С			
5 ^d	PhI	(60)			
6 ^d	p-MeOC ₆ H₄I	(70)			
7	c-C ₆ H ₁₁ Br	60			
8°	D Br	46			
9	(E)-EtCH=CHCH ₂ CH ₂ Br	(70)			
10	(Z)-EtCH=CHCH,CH,Br	(80)			

^aReactions were carried out on a 0.5-mmol scale by using a stainless steel autoclave with a glass tube inserted. Conditions: 1.2-1.3 equiv of *n*-Bu₃SnH, 0.1-0.2 equiv of AIBN, carbon monoxide (runs 1, 2, and 8, 80 atm; runs 3-7, 70 atm; runs 9 and 10, 65 atm), benzene (10 mL), 80 °C, 1.1-5 h. See footnote 6. ^b Yields refer to chromatographically purified materials. GC yields are in parentheses. ^cToluene was formed in 93% yield. ^dConducted in 15 mL of benzene. ^eConducted at 100 °C.

We examined the AIBN-induced radical reaction of n-octyl bromide (1) (Scheme I) with Bu₃SnH under CO pressure in hope of trapping of carbon monoxide by octyl radical followed by hydrogen abstraction from tin hydride. When the reaction on a 0.5-mmol scale was conducted under CO pressure, using an autoclave with an inserted glass tube (5 mol % of AIBN, benzene (10 mL), 80 °C, 3 h), the desired aldehyde 2 was obtained together with *n*-octane (3), formed via simple reduction of 1 (Table I). Surprisingly, this radical/CO trapping sequence proceeds even at 15 atm of CO pressure to give 2 in 38% yield (run 2). Generally, higher pressures of CO resulted in the increase of 2. Thus, the best result was obtained with the reaction at 80 atm of CO, yielding 66% of 2 (run 7). On the other hand, experiments employing a large excess of tin hydride resulted in a remarkable increase of reduction product 3 (run 6). These results demonstrate that the control of the relative concentrations of CO to tin hydride is an important factor to effect the CO trapping leading to aldehvde 2.

The scope and efficiency of the radical/CO trapping sequence are illustrated by the results summarized in Table II. In general, the reactions were carried out at 80–100 °C for 3–5 h under 65–80 atm of CO.⁶ Thus primary, secondary, and tertiary alkyl bromides were carbonylated to give the corresponding aldehydes. The reacton with benzyl bromide gave only toluene (run 4), indicating that benzyl radicals did not trap CO.⁷ From *trans*- and *cis*-3hexenyl bromides, aldehydes that contain double bonds at the C₄-C₅ positions were obtained without loss of stereochemistry (runs 9 and 10).⁸ Carbonylation of aromatic iodides also took place, to give good yields of aromatic aldehydes (runs 5 and 6).

⁽⁶⁾ Typical experimental procedure: *n*-Octyl bromide (1; 96 mg, 0.5 mmol), Bu₃SnH (189.2 mg, 0.65 mmol), AIBN (6 mg, 0.036 mmol), and benzene (10 mL) were placed in a 50-mL stainless steel autoclave with an inserted glass tube. The reaction mixture was stirred under carbon monoxide pressure (80 atm) at 80 °C for 3 h. After the evacuation of excess carbon monoxide at room temperature, benzene was removed under reduced pressure. The residue, after removal of benzene, was stirred rapidly for 1 h with 4 mL of diethyl ether and 4 mL of saturated aqueous potassium fluoride solution. Filtration, extraction with ether, drying (sodium sulfate), and concentration, followed by purification by flash chromatography (SiO₂, pentane/ether = 9/1), gave nonanal (2) in 61% yield.

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Supplementary Material Available: ¹H and ¹³C NMR, IR, and some mass spectral data for products listed in Table I (3 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

Additions and Corrections

Thermal Encapsulation and Photochemical Deencapsulation of Ag(I) by $[Ir_2(dimen)_4](PF_6)_2$ (dimen = 1,8-Diisocyanomethane). X-ray Crystal Structure of $[AgIr_2(dimen)_4](PF_6)_3$ ·2DMSO [J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1988, 110, 8252]. ANDREW SYKES and KENT R. MANN*

Page 8253: In Figure 2, the formation constant for the thermal encapsulation of Ag^+ in DMSO is misstated as $1.5 \times 10^8 M^{-1}$. The correct value is $1.5 \times 10^7 M^{-1}$. The calculations in the text (page 8253) should be adjusted to give log K of 7.2 and the corresponding free energy change of -9.8 kcal/mol.

Time-Resolved Raman Detection of ν (Fe–O) in an Early Intermediate in the Reduction of O₂ by Cytochrome Oxidase [J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1989, 111, 6439–6440]. CONSTANTINOS VAROTSIS, WILLIAM H. WOODRUFF, and GERALD T. BABCOCK*

The spectrometer used in this characterization of the dioxygen adduct of cytochrome a_3^{2+} in the reaction of fully reduced cytochrome oxidase with O₂ was miscalibrated in the 540-660 cm⁻¹ region. With proper calibration, the 589- and 565-cm⁻¹ lines occur at 571 and 546 cm⁻¹, respectively. Therefore, we assign the ν (Fe²⁺-O) frequency at 571 cm⁻¹. This value is very similar to that which we measured for the iron-oxygen stretching frequency in an imidazole-heme a^{2+} -O₂ model compound (see ref 7 in the original publication) and identical with that which we measured in the reaction of mixed valence cytochrome oxidase with O₂. (Varotsis, C.; Woodruff, W. H.; Babcock, G. T. J. Biological Chem. Submitted).

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Selenium Coronands: Synthesis and Conformational Analysis [J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1989, 111, 6582]. RAYMOND J. BATCHELOR, FREDERICK W. B. EINSTEIN, IAN D. GAY, JIAN-HUA GU, BLAIR D. JOHNSTON, and B. MARIO PINTO*

Recent investigations in our laboratory show that the solid-state ⁷⁷Se chemical shifts reported in ref 1 are incorrect. This arises from an error in the referencing procedure. Our measurements were referred to a solution of aqueous H_2SeO_3 and converted to the (CH₃)₂Se scale with use of the literature value^{2,3} of 1282 ppm

for the shift of H_2SeO_3 . Direct measurement shows this figure to be incorrect, and the shifts reported in Table XI of ref 1 should be corrected by +22 ppm to give shifts relative to $(CH_3)_2Se$ in CDCl₃.

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A Novel Intramolecular Cyclopropanation Using Iodonium Ylides [J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1989, 111, 6443]. ROBERT M. MORIARTY,* OM PRAKASH, RADHE K. VAID, and LEI ZHAO

Pages 6443 and 6444: The correct structures for 1, 2, 4, 12, and 13 follow:



Page 6443: The following should be added to ref 10. 4a: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.50 (t, 2 H, CH₂), 3.20 (m, 2 H, CH₂), 3.75 (s, 3 H, COOCH₃), 5.10 (m, 2 H, CH=CH₂), 6.09 (m, 1 H, CH=CH₂), 7.40–7.90 (m, 5 H, aromatic protons). 6: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.30–2.10 (m, 4 H, 2 × CH₂), 2.85 (m, 1 H, CH), 3.20 (m, 1 H, CH), 3.70 (s, 3 H, COOCH₃), 4.15 (m, 1 H, CH), 5.80 (m, 2 H, CH=CH), 6.20 (m, 1 H, CH=CH), 7.30–7.90 (m, 5 H, aromatic protons).