Organic Syntheses via Transition Metal Complexes. 78.¹ Hydrazinolysis of Alkynylcarbene Complexes of Chromium and Tungsten. Formation of Hydrazinocarbene, Imidate, Pyrazolidinylidene, and Nitrile Complexes

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Hydrazinolysis of alkynylcarbene complexes $(CO)_5M=C(OEt)C=Ph$ (1, M = W; 1', M = Cr) with mono- and 1,2-dimethylhydrazine MeHNNHR (2a,b) (R = Me, H) affords three different-type compounds: hydrazinocarbene complexes $(CO)_5M=C(NMe-NHR)C=CPh [(E/S))^{-1}$ Z)-**3a,b**], imidate complexes (CO)₅M[MeN=C(OEt)-C=CPh][(E/Z)-**4a**], and pyrazolidinylidene complexes **5a,b**. Hydrazinolysis of 1/1' with 1,1-dimethylhydrazine or (unsubstituted) hydrazine H_2NNR_2 (2c,d) (R = Me, H) yields hydrazinocarbene complexes (CO)₅M=C(NH- $NR_2C \equiv CPh [(E/Z)-3c]$, imidate complexes $(CO)_5M[HN=C(OEt)C \equiv CPh] [(E/Z)-4a]$, and benzonitrile complexes $(CO)_5M(N \equiv CPh)$ (8). Hydrazinolysis of 1 with H₂NNHR (2e,f) (R = COMe, Ph) gives pyrazoles 12e,f as the only products. The product composition of the reactions of 2a-d with 1 is markedly influenced by the reaction temperature. Reaction of 1 with N- and O-methylhydroxylamines (13, 14) affords imidate complexes 4 only. The hydrazinocarbene complexes (E)-**3a** and (Z)-**3c** were characterized by X-ray diffraction. Both compounds crystallize in space group P1 (No. 2): (E)-**3a**, $C_{16}H_{12}N_2O_5W$, cell parameters a =8.501(2) Å, b = 9.645(2) Å, c = 11.860(2) Å, $\alpha = 103.56(2)^{\circ}$, $\beta = 95.59(2)^{\circ}$, $\gamma = 111.76(2)^{\circ}$, Z $= 2, R_1 = 0.043$, and w $R^2 = 0.083$; (Z)-3c, $C_{16}H_{12}N_2O_5W$, cell parameters a = 9.380(3) Å, b = 9.685(4) Å, c = 10.804(3) Å, $\alpha = 84.77(5)^{\circ}$, $\beta = 80.74(3)^{\circ}$, $\gamma = 66.47(3)^{\circ}$, Z = 2, $R_1 = 0.036$, and $wR^2 = 0.086$.

The hydrazinolysis of alkoxycarbene complexes (CO)₅- $M=C(OR)R^1$ (M = Cr, Mo, W) has been studied to a much less an extent than the aminolysis of such compounds. Usually the hydrazinolysis takes a nonuniform course and yields several and also seemingly different-type products. Some features of the hydrazinolysis of carbene complexes have been unraveled so far.^{2,3} To date, four main reaction paths have been distinguished, which consist in the formation of hydrazinocarbene complexes (by 1-substitution at the carbene carbon atom), imidate complexes (by insertion of a =NR group into the M=C bond),² pyrazinylidene complexes (by retaining of the N-N bridge), and nitrile complexes (by fragmentation of the ligand). We wish to report on our studies of reactions of hydrazines 2a-f as well as of hydroxylamines 13 and 14 with alkynylcarbene complexes $(CO)_5M = C(OEt) - C = CPh (1, M = W;$ $\mathbf{1}', \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{Cr}$). A great diversity of parallel reactions has been anticipated as a consequence of the ambident character of both the reagent and the substrate: compounds 1 are prone to both electrophilic 1-addition and 3-addition reactions and compounds 2, 13, and 14 on the other hand possesses two different nucleophilic centers. By probing the influence of substituents as well

as the reaction temperature on the product distribution, we could obtain some insight into the mechanism of the hydrazinolysis of carbene complexes.

Substitution and Fragmentation of 1 on Reaction with (Symmetrical) 1,2-Dimethylhydrazine (2a)

The basic features of the hydrazinolysis of carbene complexes can be derived from the reaction of (symmetrical) 1,2-dimethylhydrazine (2a) with alkynylcarbene complexes 1 (M = W; 1', M = Cr). This reaction affords three different-type products: hydrazinocarbene complexes (E/Z)-3a, imidate complexes (E/Z)-4a, and pyrazinylidene complexes 5a (Scheme 1). It has been demonstrated by ¹H NMR measurements that compounds 3-5 are not interconverted under the reaction conditions and therefore appear to be formed in parallel reactions. Most strikingly, a strong influence of the temperature on the product distribution is observed (Table 1). Although complexes (E/Z)-3a are generated on reaction of 1 with 2a at -78 °C in 27% yield, they are formed in only trace amounts at 20 °C. Since compounds (E/Z)-3a are quite stable at 20 °C, its appears that the 1-addition of 2a to 1 becomes favored at -78 °C over the 3-addition (Scheme 1).⁴

Both, compounds 3a and 4a are generated via 1-addition of 2a to the carbene complex 1. Zwitterionic

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Table 1. Influence of Temperature on ProductComposition in the Reaction of 2a with 1 (1')

	Μ	(E)-3/ (Z) -3/ (E) -4/ (Z) -4/5 ^a	b	с
a a	W W	17/11/22/12/23 0/0/3/5/80 0/0/0/0/1	85 88	-78 20
a'	\mathbf{Cr}	0/0/0/81	81	20

^a Product ratio. ^b Total yield in %. ^c Reaction temperature in °C.

species **A** and **B** are assumed to be key intermediates in this addition. The elimination of EtOH from **A** is expected to yield hydrazinocarbene complexes (E/Z)-**3a**, while the elimination of MeNH₂ from **B** should result in the formation of imidate complexes (E/Z)-**4a** (Scheme 1).^{2,5,6} MeNH₂ is trapped by the alkynylcarbene complex **1** in a Michael-type addition with formation of 1-amino and (2-aminoethenyl)carbene complexes in competing (high-yield) reaction paths.^{4,12} In line with expectation, the latter products are obtained in amounts equivalent to those of the imidate complexes **4** (see Table 3 and Scheme 5). For the present case, this side reaction may be suppressed, if a (local) excess of hydrazine **2a** vs carbene complex **1** is guaranteed by proper reaction conditions.

Compounds **3a** and **4a** are each obtained as mixtures of stereoisomers (Scheme 1). The formation of an *anti* stereoisomer (*E*)-**4a** is slightly favored kinetically at -78°C over the formation of the *syn* product (*Z*)-**4a**. The latter proves to be more stable thermally than the former. It has been demonstrated by NMR measurements that the chromium complex (*E*)-**4a**' smoothly rearranges to (*Z*)-**4a**' within 2 h at 40 °C in C₆D₆. Interestingly, the pyrazinylidene complex **5a** does not



result from cyclization of the hydrazine complex (*E*)-**3a**. This is easily explained by consideration of sterical restrictions implied to the transition state geometry for such a reaction. Therefore, not unexpectedly, a solution of (*E*)-**3a** in C₆D₆ according to ¹H NMR measurements remains unchanged for several hours at 40 °C. Apparently, the pyrazinylidene complex **5a** is formed by 3-addition of **2a** to **1** via zwitterionic intermediates⁷ C and D.

Spectroscopy of 3a, 4a, and 5a

The signals of the carbon carbon atoms in the ¹³C NMR spectra of the hydrazinocarbone complexes (E/Z)-**3a** are shifted upfield [(E)-**3a**, $\delta(W=C)$ 212.3; (Z)-**3a**, 212.1] relative to those of aminocarbone complexes {e.g. $\delta[(CO)_5W=C(NHMe)-C=CPh]$ 233.0}.⁸ This is attributed to a strong resonance contribution of the dipolar iminium structure $(CO)_5WC(=NMe^+NHMe)C=CPh$. In line with this assumption, a bathochromic shift of the $[\nu(C=O)]$ E-band in the IR spectrum [(E)-**3a**, 1930.2 cm⁻¹, vs $(CO)_5W=C(NHMe)C=CPh$, 1943.3] is also observed.

The configuration assignment of the stereoisomers (E/Z)-**3a** is based on the *de*shielding of the hydrogen as well as of the carbon atom of the 1-NCH₃ group by the syn (CO)₅M group of compound (E)-**3a** [δ (1-NCH₃) 3.20, δ -(1-NCH₃) 46.6 as compared to (Z)-**3a** δ (1-NCH₃) 2.70, δ (1-NCH₃) 40.7]. The configuration of (E/Z)-**4a** was determined by NOE experiments which indicated a positive interaction between the NCH₃ and the OCH₂ signals in (E)-**4a** but not in (Z)-**4a**. This is in line with the highfield shift of the signals of the NCH₃ (by 0.25 ppm) and the OCH₂ group (by 0.20 ppm) in (E)-**4a**, compared to (Z)-**4a**, due to mutual anisotropic shielding of these groups.

The strong upfield shift of the carbon signal of **5a** (**5a**, $\delta = 176.9$; **5a**', $\delta = 190.8$) and the bathochromic shift of the [ν (C=O)] A₁- and E-bands in the IR spectrum of **5a** [**5a**, 2059.0 cm⁻¹ (10%), 1917.8 (100); **5a**', 2049.3 (20), 1925.9 (100)] relative to those of aminocarbone complexes indicate a strong influence of the zwitterionic structure **E** (Scheme 2).

Since only few examples of hydrazinocarbene complexes are known so far,^{3,9} an X-ray structure analysis was carried out for (E)-**3a** and (Z)-**3c**. Figure 1 shows the molecular structure and Tables 5–7 give the experimental data for the crystal structure of the hydrazino alkynylcarbene complexes (E)-**3a**. The plane defined by N(2)-C(1)-C(6) approximately bisects the angle between two *cis*-CO groups at tungsten [C(16)-W-C(1)-N(2) = 41.3°]. The coordination geometry at N(2) is planar (sum of bond angles 360.0°). The lone

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Figure 1. Molecular structure of hydrazinocarbene complex (E)-3a.

pair at N(2) is delocalized by virtue of the small interplanar angle $C(6)-C(1)-N(2)-N(3) = -4.1(10)^{\circ}$ and the short distance C(1)-N(2) = 1.307(9) Å. Due to the repulsive interaction of the lone pairs at the nitrogen atom N(3) with the adjacent delocalized π system, the interplanar angle C(1)-N(2)-N(3)-C(5) amounts to 96.3(10)°. A geometry similar to that of the hydrazino alkynylcarbene complexes (E)-**3a** has been found for a hydrazino alkenylcarbene complex.³

Regioselectivity of (Unsymmetrical) Methylhydrazine (2b)

The site of alkylation in methylhydrazine (2b) with most alkylating agents is the (more nucleophilic) substituted nitrogen atom,¹⁰ while the position of acylation is very sensitive to the nature of the reagent used.¹¹ The addition of the ambident electrophile 1 to 2b is very selective and occurs preferentially at the substituted nitrogen atom. Minor products (<10%) resulting from an attack of the unsubstituted nitrogen atom at 1 have been detected by NMR measurements, but they have not been fully characterized. Complexes (E/Z)-3b, Z)-4a, 5b, and 6b are obtained as the main products (Scheme 3).

The reaction of **2b** with **1** (Scheme 3) follows a similar pattern as outlined in Scheme 1 for the reaction of 2a with 1. The product composition varies with the reaction temperature (Table 2). At -78 °C the 1-addition is favored over the 3-addition and leads to the formation of (E/Z)-3b and (E/Z)-4a via intermediates F and G. Cyclization to 5b may involve the formation of intermediates H and I. Interestingly, the pyrazolinylidene complexes 5a/5a' are stable thermally in C_6D_6 for at least 24 h at 80 °C, whereas the corresponding (NH)aminocarbene derivative **5b** rearranges quickly (via an intermediate K) to the pyrazole complex 6b (Scheme 4). Furthermore, the tungsten compound 6b is stable at 60



Table 2. Influence of Temperature on Product Composition in the Reaction of 2b with 1(1')

	\mathbf{M}	$(E)-3/(Z)-3/(E)-4/(Z)-4/5/6^{a}$	b	с
b	w	22/14/21/9/7/8	81	-78
b	W	0/0/8/3/26/39	76	20
b′	\mathbf{Cr}	0/0/0/0/74	74	20

^a Product ratio. ^b Total yield in %. ^c Reaction temperature in °C.

Table 3. Influence of Temperature on Product Composition in the Reaction of 2c with 1 (1')

	М	(Z)-3/ (E) -3/ (E) -4/ (Z) -4/8/10/11 ^a	b	с
с	W	26/0/25/15/0/21/5	92	-78
с	W	0/0/33/7/5/3/39	84	20
C′	\mathbf{Cr}	0/0/25/15/5/3/40	85	20
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^a Product ratio. ^b Total yield in %. ^c Reaction temperature in °C.

Table 4. Product Composition of the Reaction of 2d with 1'

	М	$(E)-3/(Z)-3/(E)-4/(Z)-4/8/10/11^{a}$	Ь	с
ď	Cr	0/0/24/16/7/25/10	82	20
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^a Product ratio. ^b Total yield in %. ^c Reaction temperature in °C.

°C for several hours, but the corresponding chromium complex **6b'** is demetalated in C_6D_6 at 60 °C in 10 h to give the pyrazole 7b together with $Cr(CO)_6$. The configurational assignment of 6b and 6b' is based on NOE experiments, which for each compound indicate a strong interaction between the NCH₃ group and the o-H's of the phenyl group.

Fragmentation of (Unsymmetrical) 1,1-Dimethylhydrazine (2c)

All products from the reaction of 1,1-dimethylhydrazine (2c) with 1 seem to result from addition of the unsubstituted nitrogen atom. A hydrazinocarbene complexes (Z)-3c and imidates (E/Z)-4c are obtained, most probably, via intermediates L and M (Scheme 5). Interestingly, a benzonitrile complex 8 is formed instead

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of a zwitterionic cyclization product related to 5. Compound 8 is thus obtained from 2c and 1 at 20 °C but not at -78 °C. The generation of a benzonitrile complex 8 is quite unexpected. It may result from 3-addition via intermediates N and O. A cycloreversion of O could possibly lead to formation of 8 together with a ketene semiaminal P. As a further peculiarity of the reaction of 2c with 1 high amounts of (dimethylamino)carbene complexes 10c and (E)-11c are obtained by 1- and 3-addition, respectively, of dimethylamine to 1. Dimethylamine, which is eliminated from M while compound 4c is formed, apparently reacts faster with 1 than does 2c.

Figure 2 shows the molecular structure of (Z)-3c, and Tables 5, 6, and 8 give the experimental details of the crystal structure of this compound. The plane defined by N(2)-C(1)-C(6) approximately bisects the angle between two *cis*-CO groups at tungsten [C(24)-W-C(1)-N(2) = 46.6°], and the lone pair at N(2) is delocalized as indicated by the interplanar angle C(6)-C(1)-N(2)-N(3) = 176.9(6)° and the short distance C(1)-N(2) = 1.304(9) Å. N(3) has a tetrahedral configuration (sum of bond angles 329.5°).

A stereoisomer (E)-3c has not been detected in the reaction mixture of 1 with 2c. This is possibly due to the thermal instability of such a compound.^{2,3} From earlier studies (E)-3c is expected to afford the complex



Figure 2. Molecular structure of hydrazinocarbene complex (Z)-3c.

Table 5.	Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles
	(deg) of (E)-3a and (Z)-3c

	(E)- 3a		(Z)-3c
W-C(1)	2.239(7)		2.210(6)
C(1) - N(2)	1.307(9)		1.304(9)
N(2) - N(3)	1.430(8)		1.409(8)
N(2) - C(4)	1.460(9)	N(3) - C(4)	1.463(10)
N(3) - C(5)	1.453(11)		1.446(11)
C(1) - C(6)	1.439(10)		1.427(9)
C(6) - C(7)	1.186(10)		1.197(10)
C(7)-C(8)	1.451(10)		1.433(10)
W - C(1) - N(2)	132.1(5)		128.6(5)
W-C(1)-C(6)	113.8(5)		118.7(5)
C(6)-C(1)-N(2)	114.1(6)		112.7(7)
C(1)-N(2)-N(3)	123.7(6)		123.2(6)
C(1) - N(2) - C(4)	124.6(6)	C(4) - N(3) - C(5)	111.3(7)
C(4) - N(2) - N(3)	111.7(6)	N(2)-N(3)-C(4)	109.3(6)
N(2)-N(3)-C(5)	111.1(6)		108.9(6)
C(1)-C(6)-C(7)	173.9(8)		172.5(8)
C(6) - C(7) - C(8)	175.2(8)		177.7(8)
C(1)-N(2)-N(3)-C(5)	96.3(10)		-120.9(8)
C(6)-C(1)-N(2)-N(3)	-4.1(10)		176.9(6)
C(16) - W - C(1)/	41.3	C(24) - W - C(1)/	46.6
W - C(1) - N(2)		W - C(1) - N(2)	

 \mathbf{Q} by elimination of Me₂NH in a Beckmann-type rearrangement. Experimental evidence for the formation of \mathbf{Q} is yet to be obtained.



(Unsubstituted) Hydrazine (2d)

The reaction of hydrazine (2d) with the chromium complex 1' (Scheme 6) also corresponds to the reaction scheme outlined above. It leads to the formation of imidate complexes (E/Z)-4c' and of aminocarbene complexes 10d' and (Z)-11d' as main reaction products. Small amounts of the (benzonitrile)Cr(CO)₅ (8') are also obtained.

(Electron-Deficient) Acetylhydrazine (2e)

The smooth reaction of acetylhydrazine (2e) with chromium complex 1' leads to formation of the N-

Hydrazinolysis of Alkynylcarbene Complexes

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formula	C ₁₆ H ₁₂ N ₂ O ₅ W	C ₁₆ H ₁₂ N ₂ O ₅ W	
mol wt	496.13	496.13	
cryst color	orange	red-orange	
cryst system	triclinic	triclinic	
space group (No.)	$P\bar{1}$ (No. 2)	P1 (No. 2)	
a (Å)	8.501(2)	9.380(3)	
b (Å)	9.645(2)	9.685(4)	
c (Å)	11.860(2)	10.804(3)	
α (deg)	103.56(2)	84.77(5)	
β (deg)	95.59(2)	80.74(3)	
γ (deg)	111.76(2)	66.47(3)	
$V(Å^3)$	859.5(3)	887.8(5)	
Z	2	2	
$D_{\rm calc} ({ m g}~{ m cm}^{-3})$	1.917	1.856	
μ (cm ⁻¹)	67.5	65.3	
wavelength (Å)	0.710 73	0.710 73	
<i>F</i> (000) (e)	472	472	
diffractometer	Enraf-Nonius MACHIII	Enraf-Nonius MACHIII	
scan mode	$\omega - 2\theta$	$\omega - 2\theta$	
$[(\sin \theta)/\lambda]_{\max} (\text{\AA}^{-1})$	0.62	0.62	
$T(^{\circ}\mathrm{C})$	-50	-50	
abs corr	ψ -scan (empirical)	ψ -scan (empirical)	
transm	69.2 ↔ 99.9%	71.1 ↔ 99.9%	
no. of measd reflens	$3648(\pm h,\pm k,-l)$	$3818(\pm h,\pm k,\pm l)$	
no. of indep reflcns	3474	3596	
no. of obsd reflens $[>2\sigma(I)]$	3.49	3213	
Ray	0.027	0.021	
no. of refined params	222	222	
R (all data)	0.043	0.036	
wR^2 (all data)	0.083	0.086	
resid elec dens (e $Å^{-3}$)	2.11(-1.84)	1.15(-1.23)	
H atoms	calculated	calculated	
programs used EXPRESS, MolEN, SHELX-86,			
	SHELXL-93, ORTEX		

Table 7. Atomic Coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters (Å² $\times 10^3$) of (E)-3a^a

	x	у	z	U(eq)
W	7262(1)	4157(1)	1433(1)	31(1)
C(1)	6879(9)	3330(8)	3039(6)	37(2)
N(2)	6132(8)	1938(7)	3164(5)	42 (1)
N(#)	6091(10)	1638(9)	4288(6)	50(2)
C(4)	5321(12)	497(9)	2186(7)	55(2)
C(5)	4484(14)	545(14)	4657(9)	75(3)
C(6)	7566(9)	4569(9)	4138(6)	40(2)
C(7)	8149(10)	5684(9)	4981(6)	40(2)
C(8)	8848(9)	7124(9)	5948(6)	40(2)
C(9)	8322(11)	7155(10)	7027(6)	47(2)
C(10)	8899(12)	8549(12)	7903(7)	59 (2)
C(11)	10009(12)	9888(11)	7724(8)	60(2)
C(12)	10565(12)	9859(11)	6677(9)	67(3)
C(13)	9980 (10)	8471(10)	5788(7)	52(2)
C(14)	6304(9)	5741(8)	2136(6)	39(2)
O(14)	5752(8)	6621(7)	2506(6)	60(2)
C(15)	8089(10)	2519(9)	601(7)	42(2)
O(15)	8469(8)	1615(7)	54(5)	62(2)
C(16)	4851(9)	2700(7)	463(6)	37(2)
O(16)	3561(7)	1918(7)	-148(5)	59 (2)
C(17)	7683(9)	5060(9)	74(7)	42 (2)
O(17)	7905(8)	5564(8)	-706(5)	60(2)
C(18)	9714(10)	5668(9)	2338(7)	44 (2)
O(18)	11062(8)	6528(8)	2851(6)	71(2)

 a $U(\rm eq)$ is defined as one-third of the trace of the orthogonalized ${\bf U}_{ij}$ tensor.

acetylpyrazole (12e) (75%) as the only organic product (Scheme 7). Since the nucleophilicity of the substituted nitrogen atom of **2e** is amide-like and therefore low, the addition of the NH_2 group of **2e** to **1**' becomes the main

Table 8. Atomic Coordinates $(\times 10^4)$ and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters (Å² $\times 10^3$) of (Z)-3c^a

		/ (- / -		
	x	у	z	U(eq)
W	550(1)	1616(1)	1886(1)	32(1)
C(1)	2943(7)	1392(7)	2079(6)	31(1)
N(2)	3766(7)	2103(7)	1450(6)	39 (1)
N(3)	3219(7)	3175(7)	482(6)	40(1)
C(4)	3102(11)	4643(10)	837(9)	58(2)
C(5)	4287(11)	2681(12)	-664(9)	66(3)
C(6)	3780(7)	307(8)	2966(7)	36(2)
C(7)	4484(8)	-725(8)	3623(7)	41 (2)
C(8)	5347(9)	-1998(9)	4368(7)	43 (2)
C(9)	4613(12)	-2639(11)	5286(10)	66(3)
C(10)	5456(17)	-3914(13)	5961(11)	91 (4)
C(11)	7053(17)	-4538(12)	5686(11)	95(5)
C(12)	7719(14)	-3891(16)	4772(12)	111(5)
C(13)	6958(11)	-2627(13)	4120(10)	79(3)
C(21)	-184(9)	3905(8)	1733(8)	44(2)
O(21)	-642(8)	5171(7)	1631(7)	75(2)
C(22)	-1595(9)	1819(9)	1690(9)	50(2)
O(22)	-2850(6)	1983(8)	1548(7)	70(2)
C(23)	42(9)	1712(9)	3791(8)	48(2)
O(23)	-227(9)	1756(8)	4861(6)	77(1)
C(24)	1167(10)	1512(9)	-14(8)	46(2)
O(24)	1499(9)	1443(8)	-1069(6)	71(2)
C(25)	1294(9)	-679(8)	2055(8)	43(2)
O(25)	1717(8)	-1948(6)	2157(7)	66 (2)

 a $U(\rm eq)$ is defined as one-third of the trace of the orthogonalized ${\bf U}_{ij}$ tensor.

Scheme 6





Scheme 7



Scheme 8



reaction pathway. It is initiated by a Michael-type addition and follows the principles outlined above.

The configurational assignment of **12e** is based on the deshielding of 5-H (δ 8.10) by the anisotropic effect of the (N)C=O group and also on the deshielding of the *o*-H's of the phenyl group by the C=N unit. As expected, an NOE between the COCH₃ and the phenyl group was not observed.

Phenylhydrazine (2f)

The hydrazinolysis of 1 (or 1') with phenylhydrazine (**2f**) at 80 °C for 4 h affords the N-phenylpyrazole (**12f**)



^[a] obtained from 1, ^[b] obtained from 1⁴. ^[c] obtained from 14a,
 ^[d] obtained from 14b

(Scheme 8) as the only isolated product. The reaction is initiated by a 3-addition of the unsubstituted nitrogen atom of **2f** to **1** and followed by a cyclization as outlined above.

Imidates 4 from Hydroxylamines 13 and 14

The formation of imidate complexes 4 from the reaction of hydrazines 2 with carbene complexes 1 involves the insertion of a NH fragment into the M=C bond of the carbene complexes. An insertion of similar type is also observed in reactions of hydroxylamines 13 or 14 with 1 (Scheme 9).² Apparently these reactions follow a similar pattern as is outlined above, but they give better yields of imidate complexes 4 than obtained with hydrazines 2.

Experimental Section

All operations were performed under argon. Solvents were dried by distillation from sodium/benzophenone. Melting points are uncorrected. Instrumentation: ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained with Bruker WM 300 and WP 360 spectrometers. Multiplicities were determined by DEPT. Chemical shifts refer to $\delta_{\rm TMS} = 0.00$ (ppm). Other analyses: IR Digilab FTS 45; MS Finnigan MAT 312; elemental analysis, Perkin-Elmer 240 elemental analyser; column chromatography, Merck-Kieselgel 100; TLC, Merck DC-Alufolien Kieselgel 60 F 254. R_f values refer to TLC tests.

Pentacarbonyl[1-(1,2-dimethylhydrazino)-3-phenylpropynylidene]tungsten [(E)-3a and (Z)-3a], Pentacarbonyl(ethyl N-methyl-3-phenylpropiolimidato-N)tungsten [(E)-4a and (Z)-4a], and Pentacarbonyl(1,2-dimethyl-3-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5-ylidene)tungsten (5a). Pentacarbonyl(1-ethoxy-3-phenyl-2-propynylidene)tungsten (1) (482 mg, 1.00 mmol) is added to a precooled solution of 1,2-dimethylhydrazine (**2a**) in 3 mL of diethyl ether [generated from 1,2dimethylhydrazine dihydrochloride, 266 mg (2.00 mmol) and concentrated KOH/H₂O in diethyl ether/H₂O] with vigorous stirring at -78 °C within 5 min. After a few minutes a yellow solution is obtained, from which the solvent is removed in vacuo (20 °C, 15 Torr). According to the ¹H NMR spectrum (integration of the NCH $_3$ and OCH $_2$ groups) in C₆D₆ a mixture of (E)-3a:(Z)-3a:(E)-4a:(Z)-4a:5a = 3:2:4:2:4 is formed. Chromatography on silica gel with pentane/diethyl ether (2:1) affords a yellow band of (E/Z)-4a [173 mg, 34%, $R_f = 0.8$ in pentane/diphenyl ether (2:1), (E)-4a:(Z)-4a = 2:1; separation by fractional crystallization from 10 mL of pentane at -15 °C], a red band of (E/Z)-**3a** [139 mg, 28%, $R_f = 0.4$ in pentane/ diethyl ether (2:1), (E)-**3a**:(Z)-**3a** = 3:2; fractional crystallization from 10 mL of pentane at -15 °C yields red platelets of the (E) isomer and red needle of the (Z) isomer (mp 112 °C)], and a pale yellow band of **5a** [114 mg, 23%, $R_f = 0.2$ in pentane/ diethyl ether (2:1); yellowish crystals from pentane at -15 °C, mp 150 °C]. The reaction of **1** with **2a** at 20 °C yields (E)-**3a**: (Z)-**3a**:(E)-**4a**:(Z)-**4a**:**5a** = 3:2:0:0:48 according to the ¹H NMR spectrum. Chromatography affords **5a** [397 mg, 80%].

(*E*)-3a. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.40, 7.00 and 6.95 (2:1:2 H, *o*:: *m*:*p*-H, Ph), 5.66 (1 H, q, ²J = 6 Hz, NH), 3.20 (3 H, s, 1-NCH₃), 1.95 (3 H, d, ²J = 6 Hz, 2-NHCH₃). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 212.3 (W=C), 202.9 and 198.9 [1:4, *trans*- and *cis*-CO, W(CO)₅], 131.8, 130.4, 129.0 (2:1:2, CH each, *o*:*m*-*:p*-C, Ph), 123.1 and 121.4 [C(q) each, *i*-C Ph and C3], 89.1 [C(q), C2], 46.6 (1-NCH₃), 36.9 (2-NCH₃). IR (diffuse reflection) (cm⁻¹) (%): $\bar{\nu}$ = 3304.3 (10) [ν (N-H)], 2171.8 (ν (C=C)], 2060.0 (20), 1895.0 (100) [ν -(C=O)]. IR (hexane): 2063.5 (20), 1975.4 (10), 1930.2 (100). MS (70 eV) [*m*/*z* (%)] (¹⁸⁴W): 496 (20), 468 (20), 440 (30), 412 (50), 384 (30), 356 (70) [M⁺ - 5CO], 328 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₂N₂O₅W (496.1): C, 38.73; H, 2.44; N, 5.65. Found: C, 38.86; H, 2.56; N, 2.76.

(Z)-3a. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.35, 7.00 and 6.97 (2:1:2 H, *o*-: *m*-:*p*-H, Ph), 6.02 (1 H, q, ²J = 6 Hz, NH), 2.70 (3 H, s, 1-NCH₃), 2.10 (3 H, d, ²J = 6 Hz, 2-NHCH₃). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 212.1 (W=C), 203.8 and 197.0 [1:4, *trans-* and *cis*-CO, W(CO)₅], 131.7, 130.2, 129.0 (2:1:2, CH each, *o*-:*m*-:*p*-C, Ph), 122.5 and 122.0 [C(q) each, *i*-C Ph and C3], 91.6 [C(q), C2], 40.7 (1-NCH₃), 36.1 (2-NCH₃). IR (diffuse reflection) (cm⁻¹) (%): $\bar{\nu}$ = 3295.3 (5) [ν (N-H)], 2172.7 [ν (C=C)], 2061.3 (40), 1901.8 (100) [ν -(C=O)]. MS (70 eV) [*m/e* (%)] (¹⁸⁴W): 496 [M⁺].

(E)-4a. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ , 7.50, 6.90 and 6.85 (2:1:2 H, o-:m-:p-H, Ph), 3.55 (2 H, q, OCH₂), 3.00 (3 H, s, NCH₃), 0.75 (3 H, t, OCH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆): δ 202.4 and 199.3 [1:4, trans- and cis-CO, W(CO)₅], 153.9 [C(q), C=N]; 132.3, 131.0, 128.9 (2:2:1, CH each, o-:m-:p-C, Ph); 119.5 [C(q), i-C, Ph], 102.0 [C(q), C3], 80.2 [C(q), C2], 68.2 (OCH₂), 46.5 (NCH₃), 14.3 (CH₃, Et). IR (hexane) (cm⁻¹) (%): $\bar{\nu} = 2068.3$ (10), 1972.9 (10), 1928 (100), 1897.0 (30) [ν (C=O)]. IR (diffuse reflection): 3309.6 (10) [ν (N-H)], 2217.9 [ν (C=C], 2067.7 (20), 1973.3 (20), 1905.0 (100) [ν (C=O)], 1603.3 (30) [ν (C=N)]. MS (70 eV) [m/e (%)] (¹⁸⁴W): 511 (10) [M⁺], 483 (5), 455 (20), 427 (40), 399 (30), 371 (40) [M⁺ - 5CO], 343 (50), 187 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₃NO₆W (511.1): C, 39.95; H, 2.56; N. 2.74. Found: C, 39.85; H, 2.67; N, 2.96.

(Z)-4a. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.05, 7.00 and 6.90 (2:1:2 H, o-: *m*-:*p*-H, Ph), 3.75 (2 H, q, OCH₂), 3.25 (3 H, s, NCH₃), 1.05 (3

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H, t, OCH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆): δ 204.3 and 199.2 [1:4, trans- and cis-CO, W(CO)₅], 155.6 [C(q), C=N]; 132.2, 131.0, 128.9 (2:2:1, CH each, o-:m-:p-C, Ph); 119.0 [C(q), i-C, Ph], 102.0 [C(q), C3], 80.2 [C(q), C2], 67.8 (OCH₂), 50.2 (NCH₃), 14.3 (CH₃, Et). IR (hexane) (cm⁻¹) (%): $\bar{\nu} = 2068.4$ (10), 1972.6 (10), 1928.9 (100), 1894.0 (30) [ν (C=O)]. IR (diffuse reflection): 3343.8 (10) [ν (N-H)], 2209.0 [ν (C=C)], 2067.8 (20), 1973.8 (20), 1907.8 (100) [ν (C=O)], 1587.7 (30) [ν (C=N)]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₃NO₆W (511.1): C, 39.95; H, 2.56; N, 2.74. Found: C, 39.89; H, 2.74; N, 3.02

5a. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.05 and 6.85 (3:2 H, Ph), 6.60 (1 H, s, 4-H), 3.20 (3 H, s, 1-NCH₃), 2.30 (3 H, s, 2-NMe). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 203.5 and 200.1 [1:4, *trans*- and *cis*-CO, W(CO)₅], 176.9 [C(q), C5], 145.9 [C(q), C3]; 130.0, 129.2 and 128.9 (1: 2:2 C, CH each, Ph), 128.5 [C(q), *i*-C, Ph], 123.1 (CH, C4), 38.6 (1-NCH₃), 33.5 (2-NCH₃). IR (hexane) (%): $\bar{\nu} = 2057.5$ (10), 1978.7 (10), 1963.3 (5), 1917.8 (100) [ν (C=O)]. MS (70 eV) [*m/e* (%)] (¹⁸⁴W): 496 (50) [M⁺], 468 (40), 440 (40), 412 (20), 384 (50), 356 (80) [M⁺ - 5CO], 91 (70), 86 (80), 51 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₂N₂O₅W (496.1): C, 38.73; H, 2.44; N, 5.65. Found: C, 39.01; H, 2.52; N, 5.66.

Pentacarbonyl(1,2-dimethyl-3-phenyl-3-pyrazolin-5ylidene)chromium (5a'). Pentacarbonyl(1-ethoxy-3-phenyl-2-propynylidene)chromium (1') (350 mg, 1.00 mmol) is added to 1,2-dimethylhydrazine (2a) in 3 mL of diethyl ether [generated from 1,2-dimethylhydrazine dihydrochloride, 266 mg (2.00 mmol), and concentrated KOH/H₂O in diethyl ether/H₂O] with vigorous stirring at -20 °C within 5 min. The reaction is slightly exothermic and yields a yellow solution, from which the solvent is removed in vacuo (20 °C, 15 Torr). Chromatography on silica gel with pentane/dichloromethane (10:1) affords a pale yellow band of 5a' [299 mg, 81%, $R_f = 0.3$ in pentane/ dichloromethane (2:1), yellowish crystals from pentane at -15°C, mp 160 °C, dec]. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.15 and 6.95 (3:2 H, Ph), 6.50 (1 H, s, 4-H), 3.50 (3 H, s, 1-NCH₃), 2.35 (3, H, s, 2-NMe). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆): δ 224.3 and 220.5 [1:4, trans- and cis-CO, Cr(CO)₅], 190.8 [C(q), C5], 145.5 [C(q), C3]; 129.9, 129.2 and 128.8 (1:2:2 C, CH each, Ph), 128.6 [C(q), i-C, Ph], 121.9 (CH, C4), 37.8 (1-NCH₃), 33.9 (2-NCH₃). IR (hexane) (%): $\bar{\nu}$ = 2049.3 (20), 1937.9 (10), 1925.9 (100) [ν (C=O)]. MS (70 eV) $[m/e (\%)]: 364 (50) [M^+], 336 (40), 308 (40), 280 (30), 252 (50),$ $224 (80) [M^+ - 5CO], 172 (50) [224 - Cr], 171 [ligand - H],$ 93 (100), 91 (100). Anal. Calcd for $C_{16}H_{12}CrN_2O_5$ (364.3): C, 52.76; H, 3.32; N, 7.69. Found: C, 52.59; H, 3.47; N, 7.69.

Pentacarbonyl[1-(1-methylhydrazino)-3-phenylpropynylidene [(E)-3b and (Z)-3b], Pentacarbonyl- $(ethyl N-methyl-3-phenylpropiolimidato-N) tungsten \ [(E)-methyl-3-phenylpropiolimidato-N) tungsten \ [(E)-methyl-3-phenylpropiolimid$ 4a and (Z)-4a], Pentacarbonyl(2-methyl-3-phenyl-3pyrazolin-5-ylidene)tungsten (5b), and Pentacarbonyl(1methyl-5-phenylpyrazole-N)tungsten (6b) from 1 and 2b. Pentacarbonyl(1-ethoxy-3-phenyl-2-propynylidene)tungsten (1) (482 mg, 1.00 mmol) is added to a precooled solution of methylhydrazine (2a) (138 mg, 3.00 mmol) in 3 mL of diethyl ether at -78 °C with vigorous within 5 min. A yellow solution is obtained, from which the solvent is removed (15 Torr, 20 °C). The ¹H NMR spectrum in C_6D_6 (360 MHz, integration of the NCH₃ and OCH₂ signals) shows (E)-3b:(Z)-3b:(E)-4a:(E)-4a:5b:6b = 3:2:3:1:1:1. Chromatography on silica gel with pentane/dichloromethane (10:1 to 2:1) affords a pale yellow band of **6b** [39 mg, 8%, $R_f = 0.3$ in pentane/dichloromethane (2:1), yellowish crystals from pentane at -15 °C], a yellow band with (E/Z)-4a [153 mg, 30%, $R_f = 0.8$ in pentane/diethyl ether (2:1), see above], a red band with (E/Z)-3b [174 mg, 36%, $R_f =$ 0.4 in pentane/diethyl ether (2:1)], and a pale yellow band of **5b** [34 mg, 7%, $R_f = 0.2$ in pentane/diethyl ether (2:1)]. The reaction of 1 with 2b at 20 °C affords (E)-3b:(Z)-3b:(E)-4a: (Z)-4a:5b:6b = 0:0:3:1:10:15, total yield 76%.

(E)-3b. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.35, 7.00 and 6.95 (2:1:2 H, o-: m-:p-H, Ph), 4.55 (2 H, s, NH₂), 2.95 (3 H, q, NCH₃). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 203.6 and 198.8 [1:4, trans- and cis-CO, W(CO)₅], 203.3 (W=C); 131.9, 130.5, 129.0 (2:1:2, CH each, o-:m-:p-C, Ph), 123.0 and 121.5 [C(q) each, *i*-C Ph and C3], 89.6 [C(q), C2], 49.4 (NCH₃). IR (diffuse reflection): $\bar{\nu} = 3352.0 (10) [\nu (N-H)]$, 2174.8 [ν (C=C)], 2060.8 (20), 1972.2 (20), 1888.0 (100) [ν (C=O)]. MS (70 eV) [m/e (%)] (¹⁸⁴W): 482 (20) [M⁺], 454 (5), 426 (50), 398 (10), 370 (30), 342 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₀N₂O₅W (482.1): C, 37.37; H, 2.09; N, 5.81. Found: C, 37.51; H, 2.02; N, 6.07.

(**Z**)-**3b.** ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.40, 7.00 and 6.98 (2:1:2 H, o-: m-:p-H, Ph), 4.80 (2 H, s, NH₂), 2.55 (3 H, q, NCH₃). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 202.2 and 198.2 [1:4, *trans*- and *cis*-CO, W(CO)₅], 203.6 (W=C); 131.7, 130.2, 128.9 (2:1:2, CH each, o-:m-:p-C, Ph), 124.5 and 122.0 [C(q) each, *i*-C Ph and C3], 91.2 [C(q), C2], 43.9 (NCH₃). IR (diffuse reflection): $\bar{\nu} = 3354.3$ (5) and 3278.8 (2) [ν (N-H)], 2175.6 [ν (C=C)], 2060.9 (40), 1970.3 (50), 1940.0 (60), 1889.8 (100) [ν (C=O)]. MS (70 eV) [m/e (%)] (¹⁸⁴W): 482 [M⁺]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₀N₂O₅W (482.1): C, 37.37; H, 2.09; N, 5.81. Found: C, 37.43; H, 2.20; N, 5.93.

5b. ¹H NMR (C_6D_6): δ 7.05 and 6.98 (3:2 H, m and "d", Ph), 6.80 (1 H, s, 4-H), 6.60 (1 H, s, broad, NH), 2.20 (3 H, 2, 2-NMe).

6b. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.33 (1 H, d, ³J = 2.5 Hz, 3-H), 7.05 and 6.75 (3:2 H, m and "d", Ph), 5.70 (1 H, d, ³J = 2.5 Hz, 4-H), 3.32 (3 H, s, 1-NCH₃). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆): δ = 203.1 and 200.0 [1:4, trans- and cis-CO, W(CO)₅], 149.0 (CH, C3), 148.0 [C(q), C5], 131.0 [C(q), *i*-C, Ph]; 130.8, 130.3, 130.1 (2:2:1, CH each, *o*-:*m*-:*p*-C, Ph), 109.0 [C(q), C4], 39.6 (NCH₃). IR (diffuse reflection) (cm⁻¹) (%): $\bar{\nu}$ = 2070.8 (50), 1975.1 (50), 1892.5 (100) [ν (C=O)]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₀N₂O₅W (482.1): C, 37.37; H, 2.09; N, 5.81. Found: C, 37.54; H, 2.15; N, 6.02.

Pentacarbonyl(1-methyl-5-phenylpyrazole-N)chromium (6b') from 1' and 2b. Pentacarbonyl(1-ethoxy-3-phenyl-2-propynylidene)chromium (1') (350 mg, 1.00 mmol) in 4 mL of ethanol is added to methylhydrazine (**8b**) (138 mg, 3.00 mmol) in 1 mL of ethanol with vigorous stirring at 20 °C within 5 min. The reaction is slightly exothermic and yields a yellow solution. The ¹H NMR spectrum in C₆D₆ (360 MHz, integration of the OCH₂ signals) shows **6b'** as the main product. The solvent is removed in vacuo (20 °C, 15 Torr), and the yellow oily residue is crystallized from 10 mL of pentane at -78 °C [259 mg, 74%, $R_f = 0.3$ in pentane/dichloromethane (2:1), yellowish crystals from pentane at -15 °C].

6b. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.35 (1 H, d, ³J = 2.5 Hz, 3-H), 7.03 and 6.72 (3:2 H, m and "d", Ph), 5.70 (1 H, d, ³J = 2.5 Hz, 4-H), 3.13 (3 H, s, 1-NCH₃). IR (diffuse reflection) (cm⁻¹) (%): $\bar{\nu}$ = 2067.5 (50), 1981.4 (50), 1898.5 (100) [ν (C=O)]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₀CrN₂O₅ (350.3): C, 51.44; H, 2.88; N, 8.00. Found: C, 51.65; H, 3.00; N, 8.13.

1-Methyl-5-phenylpyrazole (7b). Pentacarbonyl(1-methyl-5-phenylpyrazole-N)chromium (6b') in C_6D_6 is heated to 60 °C for 10 h. The ¹H NMR of the solution shows signals of 6b' and 7b in a ratio of 1:5, but after 20 h at 60 °C signals of 7b only are detected. ¹H NMR (C_6D_6): δ 7.53 (1 H, s, broad, 3-H), 7.05 (5 H, m, Ph), 6.10 (1 H, s broad, 4-H), 3.40 (N-CH₃).

Pentacarbonyl[1-(2',2'-dimethylhydrazino)-3-phenylpropynylidene]tungsten [(Z)-4c and (Z)-4c], (Benzonitrile)pentacarbonyltungsten (8), Pentacarbonyl[(2E)-1ethoxy-3-(dimethylamino)-3-phenyl-2-propenylidene]tungsten (10c), and Pentacarbonyl[(2E)-1-(dimethylamino)-3-phenyl-2-propynylidene]tungsten (11c) from 1 and 2c. Pentacarbonyl(1-ethoxy-3-phenyl-2-propynylidene)tungsten (1) (482 mg, 1.00 mmol) is added to a precooled solution of 1,1-dimethylhydrazine $(\mathbf{2c})\,(180~\text{mg},\,3.00$ mmol) in 3 mL of diethyl ether with vigorous stirring at -78°C within 5 min. After a few minutes a yellow solution is obtained, from which the solvent is removed in vacuo (20 °C, 15 Torr). According to the ¹H NMR spectrum (integration of the NCH₃ and OCH₂ groups) in C_6D_6 a mixture of (Z)-3c:(E)-3c:(E)-4c:(Z)-4c:8:10c:11c = 6:0:6:4:0:5:1 is formed. Chromatography on silica gel with pentane/diethyl ether (2:1) affords a yellow band of (E/Z)-4c [169 mg, 34%, $R_f = 0.8$ in pentane/ diethyl ether (2:1), (E)-4c:(Z)-4c = 6:1; separation by fractional crystallization from 10 mL of pentane at -15 °C], a red band of (Z)-3c [199 mg, 40%, $R_f = 0.4$ in pentane/diethyl ether (2: 1); red platelets from 10 mL of pentane at -15 °C, mp 88 °C], and a pale yellow band of **10c** [110 mg, 21%, $R_f = 0.3$ in pentane/diethyl ether (1:1)].¹² The reaction of **1** with **2c** at 20 °C yields (*Z*)-**3c**:(*e*)-**4c**:(*Z*)-**4c**:8:10c:(*E*)-**11c** = 0:0:6:1:1: 1:7 according to the ¹H NMR spectrum. Chromatography affords **8** [38 mg, 9%, $R_f = 0.80$ in pentane/dichloromethane (4:1), yellow crystals]¹³ and (*E*)-**11c** [205 mg, 39%, $R_f = 0.2$ in pentane/diethyl ether (1:1)].¹²

(Z)-3c. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.85 (1 H, s broad, NH), 7.60 and 6.95 (2:3 H, "d" and m, Ph), 2.00 [6 H, s, N(CH₃)₂]. ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 229.9 (W=C); 206.4 and 199.6 [1:4, transand cis-CO, W(CO)₅], 132.3, 130.5, 129.1 (2:1:2, CH each, o-: m:p-C, Ph), 122.6 and 118.5 [C(q) each, i-C Ph and C3], 93.3 [C(q), C2], 46.9 (NCH₃). IR (diffuse reflection): $\bar{\nu} = 3226.0$ (10), $[\nu(N-H)]$, 2182.4 $[\nu(C=C)]$, 2061.3 (20), 1975.7 (20), 1911.7 (100) $[\nu(C=O)]$. MS (70 eV) [m/e (%)] (¹⁸⁴W): 496 (20) [M⁺], 468 (25), 440 (30), 412 (30), 384 (30), 356 (80), 127 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₂N₂O₅W (496.1): C, 38.73; H, 2.44; N, 5.65. Found: C, 38.85; H, 2.39; N, 5.67.

(E)-4c. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.60, 7.15 and 7.05 (2:1:2 H, o-:m-:p-H, Ph), 6.50 (1 H, s broad, NH), 3.30 (2 H, q, OCH₂), 0.90 (3 H, t, OCH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 202.4 and 197.9 [1:4, trans- and cis-CO, W(CO)₅], 158.8 [C(q), C=N]; 132.9, 131.4, 129.9 (2:2:1, CH each, o-:m-:p-C, Ph); 118.9 [C(q), i-C, Ph], 102.0 [C(q), C3], 78.4 [C(q), C2], 67.7 (OCH₂), 15.1 (CH₃). IR (hexane) (cm⁻¹) (%): $\bar{\nu} = 2068.3$ (10), 1972.9 (10), 1928.1 (100), 1897.0 (30) [ν (C=O)]. IR (diffuse reflection): 3309.6 (10) [ν (N-H)], 2217.9 [ν (C=C)], 2067.7 (20), 1973.3 (20), 1905.0 (100) [ν (C=O)], 1603.3 (30) [ν (C=N)]. MS (70 eV) [m/e (%)] (¹⁸⁴W): 497 (10) [M⁺], 469 (5), 441 (20), 413 (20), 385 (20), 357 (20) [M⁺ - 5CO], 127 (100) [N=CC=CPh⁺]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₁NO₆W (497.1): C, 38.66; H, 2.23; N, 2.82. Found: C, 38.94; H, 2.38; N, 3.10.

(Z)-4c. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.20, 7.10 and 7.08 (2:1:2 H, o-:m-:p-H, Ph), 7.05 (1 H, s broad, NH), 3.80 (2 H, q, OCH₂), 1.05 (3 H, t, OCH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 208.6 and 197.6 [1:4, trans- and cis-CO, W(CO)₅], 159.6 [C(q), C=N]; 132.6, 131.4, 128.8 (2:1:2, CH each, o-:m-:p-C, Ph); 118.6 [C(q), i-C, Ph], 98.1 [C(q), C3], 76.3 [C(q), C2], 68.8 (OCH₂), 14.6 (CH₃). IR (hexane) (cm⁻¹) (%): $\bar{\nu} = 2068.4$ (10), 1972.6 (10), 1928.9 (100), 1894.0 (30) [ν (C=O)]. IR (diffuse reflection): 3343.8 (10) [ν (N-H)], 2209.0 [ν (C=C)], 2067.8 (20), 1973.8 (20), 1907.8 (100) [ν (C=O)], 1587.7 (30) [ν (C=N)]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₁-NO₆W (497.1): C, 38.66; H, 2.23; N, 2.82. Found: C, 38.85; H, 2.27; N, 3.05. Found: C, 38.89; H, 2.34; N, 3.12.

Pentacarbonyl(ethyl 3-phenylpropiolimidato-N)chromium [(E)-4c' and (Z)-4c'], Pentacarbonyl[(2E)-1-ethoxy-3-(dimethylamino)-3-phenyl-2-propenylidene]chromium (10'), and (Benzonitrile)(pentacarbonyl)chromium (8') from 1' and 2c. Pentacarbonyl(1-ethoxy-3-phenyl-2propynylidene)chromium (1') (350 mg, 1.00 mmol) in 3 mL of dichloromethane is added dropwise to 1,1-dimethylhydrazine $(\mathbf{2c})$ (180 mg, 3.00 mmol) in 1 mL of ethanol at 20 °C within 5 min with vigorous stirring. The reaction is slightly exothermic and yields a yellow solution. After the solvent has been removed in vacuo (20 °C, 15 Torr), a yellow oil is obtained. The ¹H NMR spectrum in C₆D₆ (360 MHz, integration of the OCH₂ signals) shows (E)-4c':(Z)-4c':8' = 5:3:8. Chromatography on silica gel with pentane/dichloromethane (10:1) affords a small bright yellow band with 8' [15 mg, 5%, $R_f = 0.80$ in pentane/dichloromethane (4:1), yellow crystals].¹³ The second yellow band contains (E)-4c' [91 mg, 25%, $R_f = 0.50$ in pentane/ dichloromethane (4:1), yellow spherical crystals from pentane at -15 °C] and (Z)-4c' [55 mg, 15%, $R_f = 0.55$ in pentane/ dichloromethane (4:1), yellow needles from pentane at -15 °C, mp 81 °C]. The compounds (E)-4c' and (Z)-4c' are separated by fractional crystallization from pentane at -15 °C. A third yellow fraction contains 10' [160 mg, 40%, $R_f = 0.3$ in pentane/ diethyl ether (1:1), yellow crystals].¹²

(E)-4c'. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.50, 7.15 and 7.10 (2:1:2 H, o:m::p-H, Ph), 6.40 (1 H, s broad, NH), 3.80 (2 H, q, OCH₂), 1.10 (3 H, t, OCH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆): δ 220.8 and 214.9 [1:4, trans- and cis-CO, Cr(CO)₅], 165.6 [C(q), C=N]; 132.7, 131.3, 129.0 (2:2:1, CH each, o:m::p-C, Ph); 119.5 [C(q), i-C, Ph], 100.2 [C(q), C3], 78.8 [C(q), C2], 66.9 (OCH₂), 14.6 (CH₃). IR (hexane) (cm⁻¹) (%): $\bar{\nu} = 2219.2$ (5) [ν (C=C)], 2064.3 (10), 1975.2 (10), 1936.9 (100), 1912.5 (30) [ν (C=C)], 2064.3 (10), 1975.2 (10), 1936.9 (100) [ν (C=O)], 1608.4 (30) [ν (C=N)]. MS (70 eV) [m/e (%)]: 365 (50) [M⁺], 337 (30), 309 (20), 281 (40), 253 (50), 225 (60) [M⁺ - 5CO], 196 (50), 173 (30) [225 - Cr], 172 [ligand - H], 153 (70), 128 (80), 127 (80), 123 (70), 101 (80), 77 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₁CrNO₆ (365.3): C, 52.61; H, 3.04; N, 3.83. Found: C, 52.94; H, 3.23; N, 4.05.

(Z)-4c'. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.35, 7.18 and 7.15 (2:2:1 H, o-:m-:p-H, Ph), 7.00 (2 H, s broad, NH), 4.10 (2 H, q, OCH₂), 135 (3 H, t, OCH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆): δ 222.0 and 215.4 [1:4, trans- and cis-CO, Cr(CO)₅], 166.1 [C(q), C=N]; 132.4, 131.3, 128.3 (2:1:2, CH each, o-:m-:p-C, Ph); 119.2 [C(q), i-C, Ph], 96.9 [C(q), C3], 77.0 [C(q), C2], 66.4 (OCH₂), 14.6 (CH₃). IR (hexane) (cm⁻¹) (%): $\bar{\nu} = 2209.4$ (5) [ν (C=C)], 2064.6 (10), 1978.3 (10), 1938.3 (100), 1911.2 (30) [ν (C=C)]. IR (diffuse reflection): 3350.3 (10) [ν (N-H)], 2215.7 [ν (C=C)], 2064.2 (20), 1979.5 (30), 1930.1 (100) [ν (C=O)], 1591.8 (20) [ν (C=N)]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₁CrNO₆ (365.3): C, 52.61; H, 3.04; N, 3.83. Found: C, 52.78; H, 3.12; N, 3.76.

8'. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆/CS₂ 1:1, 25 °C): δ 7.30 and 6.90 (3:2 H, m each, C₆H₅), 6.60 (1 H, s, 2-H), 4.40 (2H, q broad, OCH₂), 2.80 and 2.20 (3 H each, s broad each, NMe₂), 0.60 (3 H, t, CH₂CH₃). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 20 °C): δ 293.7 (Cr=C), 224.8 and 219.5 [1:4C, trans- and cis-CO Cr(CO)₅], 156.2 [C(q), C3), 137.7 [C(q), *i*-C, Ph]; 128.9, 128.8 and 128.6 (1:2:2 C, CH each, Ph), 118.8 (CH, C2), 73.2 (OCH₂), 41.4 (2 C, broad, NMe₂), 14.2 (CH₃, Et). IR (hexane) (cm⁻¹) (%): $\bar{\nu} = 2048.0$ (20), 1982.1 (5), 1928.2 (100) [ν (C=O)]. MS (70 eV) [m/e (%)]: 395 (20) [M⁺], 367 (20), 339 (10), 311 (50), 283 (30), 255 (100) [M⁺ - 5CO], 227 (80), 184 (60), 158 (80), 155 (60).

Pentacarbonyl(ethyl 3-phenylpropiolimidato-N)chromium [(E)-4c' and (Z)-4c'], Pentacarbonyl[1-amino-3phenyl-2-propynylidene]chromium (10d'), Pentacarbonyl-[(2Z)-1-ethoxy-3-amino-3-phenyl-2-propenylidene]chromium [(Z)-11d'], and (Benzonitrile)(pentacarbonyl)chromium (8') from 1' and 2d. Pentacarbonyl(1-ethoxy-3phenyl-2-propynylidene)chromium (1') (350 mg, 1.00 mmol) and hydrazine monohydrate (2d) (150 mg, 3.00 mmol) are reacted as described above in EtOH at 20 °C. The ¹H NMR spectrum in C_6D_6 (360 MHz, integration of the OCH₂ signals) shows (E)-4c:(Z)-4c:8':10d':(Z)-11d' = 3:2:1:2:1. Chromatography on silica gel yields 8' [20 mg, 7%, $R_f = 0.80$ in pentane/ dichloromethane (4:1), yellow crystals, literature ref 8], (E)-4c' (88 mg, 24%, see above) together with (Z)-4c' (58 mg, 16%, see above), 10d' (92 mg, 25%, red crystals),8 and 11d' (37 mg, 10%, yellow crystals).⁸

1-Acetyl-3-phenylpyrazole (12e) from 1' and 2e. Pentacarbonyl(1-ethoxy-3-phenyl-2-propynylidene)chromium (1') (350 mg, 1.00 mmol) and acetylhydrazine (2e) (74 mg, 1.00 mmol) are reacted in 3 mL of dichloromethane for 2 h at 20 °C. After the mixture has turned yellow the solvent is removed in vacuo (20 °C, 15 Torr). Chromatography on silica gel with pentane/dichloromethane (10:1) affords colorless Cr(CO)₆ and a pale yellow band of **12e** [140 mg, 75%, $R_f = 0.2$ in pentane/ dichloromethane (2:1), yellowish crystals from pentane at -15°C, mp 58 °C]. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 8.10 (1 H, d, ³J = 3 Hz, 5-H), 7.80 and 7.10 (2:3 H, "d" and m, Ph), 6.20 (1 H, d, ³J = 3 Hz, 4-H), 2.50 (3 H, s, COCH₃). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 169.3 [C(q), NC=O], 155.6 [C(q), C3], 133.0 [C(q), *i*-C, Ph]; 129.7, 129.4 and 128.7 (1:2:2 C, CH each, Ph), 107.9 and 107.3 (CH each, C4 and C5), 21.7 (CH₃). IR (diffuse reflection (cm⁻¹)

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(%): $\nu = 1732.6 (90) [\nu(NC=O)], 1539.3 (30) and 1503.8 (20)$ $[\nu(C=N)] and [\nu(C=C)]. MS (70 eV) [m/e (%)]: 186 (60) [M⁺], 145 (60), 144 (100) [M⁺ - O=C=CH₂], 117 (60), 115 (60). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₀N₂O (186.2): C, 70.95; H, 5.41; N, 15.04. Found: C, 70.65; H, 5.38; N, 14.96.$

1-Phenyl-3-phenylpyrazole (12f) from 1 or 1' and 2f. Pentacarbonyl(1-ethoxy-3-phenyl-2-propynylidene)tungsten (1) (482 mg, 1.00 mmol) [or pentacarbonyl(1-ethoxy-3-phenyl-2propynylidene)chromium (1') (350 mg, 1.00 mmol)] and phenylhydrazine (2f) (108 mg, 1.00 mmol) in 3 mL of toluene are heated for 4 h at 80 °C. It is shown by TLC that 1 has been consumed completely. Chromatography on silica gel with pentane/dichloromethane (10:1) affords colorless W(CO)₆ [Cr- $(CO)_6]$ and a pale yellow band of $12f\,[165\,(198)$ mg, 75 (90)%, $R_f = 0.5$ in pentane/dichloromethane (3:1), colorless felty crystals from pentane at -15 °C, mp 80 °C]. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 8.05 and 7.60 (2:2 H, "d" each, o-H of Ph each), 7.33 (1 H, d, ${}^{3}J = 3$ Hz, 3-H), 7.20 and 7.05 (2:2 H, "t" each, m-H of Ph each), 7.12 and 6.85 (1:1 H, "t" each, p-H of Ph each), 6.40 (1 H, d, ${}^{3}J = 3$ Hz, 4-H). ${}^{13}C$ NMR (C₆D₆): δ 152.9 [C(q), C3], 140.4 [C(q), i-C, 1-Ph], 133.7 [C(q), i-C, 3-Ph]; 129.7, 129.0 and 128.6 (2:2:1 C, CH each, 3-Ph); 126.1, 126.0 and 119.1 (2:1:2 C, CH each, 1-Ph); 118.9 and 105.0 (CH each, C4 and C5). MS $(70 \text{ eV}) \ [m/e \ (\%)]: \ 220 \ (100) \ [M^+], \ 192 \ (20), \ 178 \ (5), \ 165 \ (10),$ 143 (5), 116 (10), 89 (30), 77 (50). Anal. Calcd for $C_{15}H_{12}N_2$ (220.3): C, 81.79; H, 5.49; N, 12.72. Found: C, 82.00; H, 5.64; N, 13.01.

Pentacarbonyl(ethyl N-methyl-3-phenylpropiolimidato-N)tungsten [(E)-4a and (Z)-4a] from 1 and 13. Triethylamine (101 mg, 1.00 mmol) in 2 mL of ethanol is added to pentacarbonyl(1-ethoxy-3-phenyl-2-propynylidene)tungsten (1) (482 mg, 1.00 mmol) and N-methylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (166 mg, 2.00 mmol) in 3 mL of ethanol with vigorous stirring at 20 °C within 5 min. A yellow solution is obtained from which the solvent is removed in vacuo (20 °C, 15 Torr). According to the ¹H NMR spectrum in C₆D₆ of the pentane extract, (E)-4a:(Z)-4a = 1:1 is obtained. Fractional crystalization from 10 mL of pentane at -15 °C yields (E)-4a (215 mg, 42%) and (Z)-4a (194 mg, 38%).

Pentacarbonyl(ethyl N-methyl-3-phenylpropiolimidato-N)chromium [(E)-4a' and (Z)-4a'] from 1' and 13. Triethylamine (101 mg, 1.00 mmol) in 2 mL of ethanol is added to a solution of pentacarbonyl(1-ethoxy-3-phenyl-2-propynylidene)chromium (1') (350 mg, 1.00 mmol) and N-methylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (166 mg, 2.00 mmol) in 3 mL of ethanol with vigorous stirring at 20 °C within 5 min. A yellow solution is obtained from which the solvent is removed in vacuo (20 °C, 15 Torr). According to the ¹H NMR spectrum in C₆D₆ of the pentane extract, (*E*)-4a':(*Z*)-4a' = 3:2 is obtained. Fractional crystallization from 10 mL of pentane at -15 °C yields (*E*)-4a' (168 mg, 44%) and (*Z*)-4a' (112 mg, 30%).

Pentacarbonyl(ethyl 3-phenylpropiolimidato-N)chromium [(E)-4c' and (Z)-4c'] from 1' and 14a. Triethylamine (101 mg, 1.00 mmol) in 2 mL of ethanol is added to a solution of pentacarbonyl(1-ethoxy-3-phenyl-2-propynylidene)chromium (1') (350 mg, 1.00 mmol) and hydroxylamine hydrochloride (138 mg, 2.00 mmol) in 3 mL of ethanol with vigorous stirring at 20 °C within 5 min. A yellow solution is obtained from which the solvent is removed in vacuo (20 °C, 15 Torr). The residue is extracted with pentane. It is shown by TLC and a ¹H NMR spectrum in C₆D₆ that a mixture of (E)-4c':(Z)-4c' = 1:1 is obtained, which can be crystallized from 10 mL of pentane to give yellow crystals (263 mg, 72%).

Pentacarbonyl(ethyl 3-phenylpropiolimidato-N)chromium [(*E*)-4c' and (*Z*)-4c'] from 1' and 14b. Triethylamine (101 mg, 1.00 mmol) in 2 mL of ethanol is added to a solution of pentacarbonyl(1-ethoxy-3-phenyl-2-propynylidene)chromium (1') (350 mg, 1.00 mmol) and *O*-methylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (83 mg, 1.00 mmol) in 3 mL of ethanol with vigorous stirring at 20 °C within 5 min. A yellow solution is obtained from which the solvent is removed in vacuo (20 °C, 15 Torr). The residue is extracted with pentane. It is shown by TLC and a ¹H NMR spectrum in C₆D₆ that a mixture of (*E*)-4c':(*Z*)-4c' = 1:2 is obtained, which can be crystallized from 10 mL of pentane to give yellow crystals (292 mg, 80%).

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