

# Reaction of $\text{OsHCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$ with Cyclohexylacetylene: Formation of a Hydrido–Vinylidene Complex via a 1,3-Hydrogen Shift

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**Summary:** The complex  $\text{OsHCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (**1**) reacts with cyclohexylacetylene to give  $\text{OsHCl}(\text{C}=\text{CHC}_6\text{H}_{11})(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (**2**), which evolves in solution to  $\text{OsCl}\{(\text{E})\text{-CH}=\text{CHC}_6\text{H}_{11}\}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (**3**). Complex **3** reacts with HCl to afford  $\text{OsCl}_2(\text{C}=\text{CHCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11})(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (**4**). The reaction of  $\text{OsDCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (**1-d**) with cyclohexylacetylene leads to a mixture of  $\text{OsDCl}(\text{C}=\text{CHC}_6\text{H}_{11})(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (**2-d<sub>a</sub>**) and  $\text{OsHCl}(\text{C}=\text{CDC}_6\text{H}_{11})(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (**2-d<sub>b</sub>**) in a ca. 1:1 molar ratio, indicating that the formation of **2** involves a 1,3-hydrogen shift via an alkynyl intermediate. The dihydrogen or dihydride nature of this alkynyl intermediate is discussed.

## Introduction

During studies designed to determine the mechanism of the reduction<sup>1</sup> and hydrosilylation<sup>2</sup> of terminal alkynes catalyzed by  $\text{OsHCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$ , we have observed that the nature of the alkyne R group determines the type of the organometallic complexes obtained by reaction of the hydrido-osmium complex  $\text{OsHCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  with terminal alkynes. Thus, it has been reported that this monohydrido compound reacts with acetylene, propyne, and phenylacetylene by insertion to give the five-coordinate vinyl–osmium compounds  $\text{OsCl}\{(\text{E})\text{-CH}=\text{CHR}\}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (R = H, Me, Ph),<sup>3</sup> while the reactions of the monohydride with  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CC}(\text{OH})\text{R}^1\text{R}^2$  afford, in one step, vinylcarbene compounds of the type  $\text{OsCl}_2(\text{C}=\text{CHCH}=\text{CR}^1\text{R}^2)(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  in about 40% yield. When R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, small amounts of the complexes  $\text{OsCl}\{\text{CHCHC}(\text{O})\text{R}^2\}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  can also be obtained.<sup>4</sup> We have now observed that the reaction of  $\text{OsHCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  with cyclohexylacetylene leads to the hydrido–vinylidene species  $\text{OsHCl}(\text{C}=\text{CHC}_6\text{H}_{11})(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$ .

Hydrido–vinylidene complexes are considered important intermediates in several homogeneous and heterogeneous catalytic reactions, including alkene oligomerization, polymerization, metathesis of olefins,<sup>5</sup> and Fischer–Tropsch synthesis.<sup>6</sup> To the best of our knowl-

edge, only three hydrido–vinylidene complexes have been previously isolated. Bercaw *et al.* have reported that the reaction of  $\text{Cp}^*\text{TaCl}_2$  and vinylmagnesium bromide gives the neutral hydrido–vinylidene species  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ta}(\text{H})(\text{C}=\text{CH}_2)$ , which affords  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ta}(\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2)(\text{CO})$  by reaction with CO.<sup>7</sup> Bianchini *et al.* have observed that the 16-electron fragment  $[(\text{PP}_3)\text{OsH}]^+$  ( $\text{PP}_3 = \text{P}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{P})_3$ ) is capable of promoting the terminal alkyne to vinylidene tautomerism.<sup>8</sup> We have shown that the  $\text{OsH}_3(\eta^2\text{-O}_2\text{CCH}_3)(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  complex reacts with phenylacetylene to give  $\text{OsH}(\eta^2\text{-O}_2\text{CCH}_3)(\text{C}=\text{CHPh})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  and molecular hydrogen.<sup>9</sup>

In this note, we report on the reaction of  $\text{OsHCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (**1**) with cyclohexylacetylene to give  $\text{OsHCl}(\text{C}=\text{CHC}_6\text{H}_{11})(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (**2**), its transformation into  $\text{OsCl}\{(\text{E})\text{-CH}=\text{CHC}_6\text{H}_{11}\}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (**3**), and the reaction of **3** with HCl to afford  $\text{OsCl}_2(\text{C}=\text{CHCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11})(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (**4**) (Scheme 1).

## Results and Discussion

The reaction of the hydrido–osmium complex **1** with cyclohexylacetylene to give **2** was carried out in toluene at room temperature. Complex **2** was isolated after 30 min as a pale green solid in 70% yield by addition of pentane and was characterized by elemental analysis, IR, and <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H}, and <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectroscopy.

The most noticeable absorptions of the IR spectrum in Nujol are three bands at 2030, 1935, and 1670 cm<sup>−1</sup>, assigned to the  $\nu(\text{OsH})$ ,  $\nu(\text{CO})$ , and  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{C})$  vibrations, respectively. The presence of a hydrido ligand in **2** was mainly inferred from <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra. In agreement with the mutually *trans* disposition of the hydrido and carbonyl ligands, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum in benzene-*d*<sub>6</sub> contains a triplet at −4.62 ppm<sup>10</sup> with a P–H coupling constant of 28.8 Hz. The <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum shows a singlet at 44.8 ppm, which under off-resonance conditions splits into a doublet. The vinylidene group was characterized by a doublet of triplets at 3.19 ppm with P–H and H–H coupling constants of 4.1 and 10.6 Hz, respectively, and, in the <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum, by a triplet at 326.9 ppm due to the  $\alpha$ -carbon atom with a P–C coupling constant of 2.0 Hz and a singlet at 121.9 ppm due to the  $\beta$ -carbon atom. Similar

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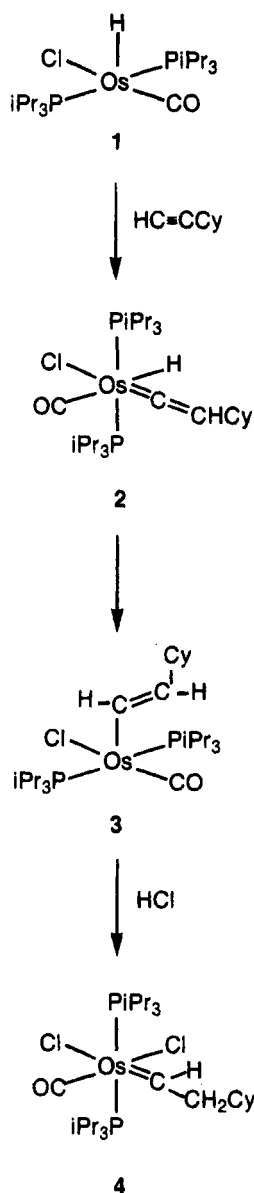
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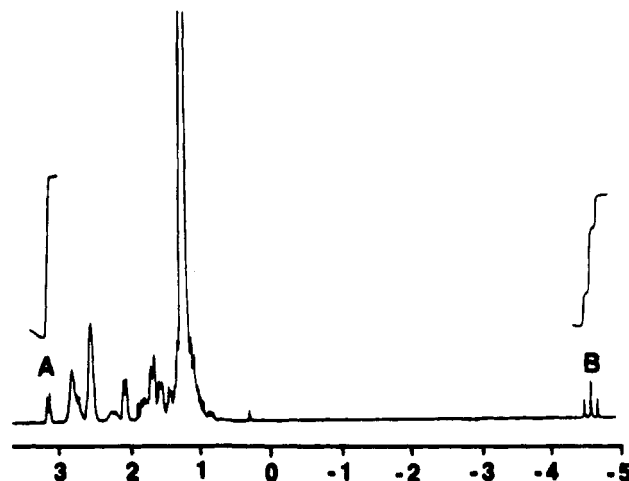
Scheme 1



chemical shifts have been observed for related vinylidene compounds.<sup>11</sup>

The reaction of **1** with cyclohexylacetylene to form **2** can be easily monitored by  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectroscopy. Kinetic measurements for two different concentrations of **1** yield a second-order rate constant of  $(6.0 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at  $-29^\circ\text{C}$ .

The addition of terminal alkynes to coordinatively unsaturated metal-complex fragments is a general method of preparing vinylidene compounds.<sup>12</sup> It is generally agreed that, in the initial step, the alkyne molecule coordinates in a  $\eta^2$ -fashion to the metallic center, undergoing transformation in the coordination sphere of the metal to give the corresponding vinylidene species. This transformation is generally viewed either as a 1,2-hydrogen shift or as a 1,3-hydrogen shift via hydrido-alkynyl intermediates.<sup>13</sup> Theoretical studies suggest that the expenditure of energy to promote the concerted migration of the hydrido ligand from the



**Figure 1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the reaction of  $\text{OsDCl(CO)(PiPr}_3)_2$  (**1-d**) with cyclohexylacetylene after 20 min in  $\text{benzene-d}_6$ .

metal to the  $\beta$ -carbon atom of the alkyne group in the 1,3-hydrogen shift is prohibitive.<sup>14</sup> In agreement with this, Werner *et al.* have proved that the mechanism for the formation of the complex  $\text{Rh}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)(\text{C=CHPh})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  via a hydrido-alkynyl intermediate does not involve an intramolecular 1,3-hydrogen shift but a two-step elimination-addition reaction, in which the last step involves the protonation of the alkynyl ligand.<sup>15</sup>

In order to obtain information about the mechanism of formation of **2**, the reaction of  $\text{OsDCl(CO)(PiPr}_3)_2$  (**1-d**) with cyclohexylacetylene was studied by  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^2\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy. Figure 1 shows the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the solution formed by addition of the stoichiometric amount of cyclohexylacetylene to a  $\text{benzene-d}_6$  solution of **1-d**, after 20 min. The most noticeable signals of this spectrum are the two resonances A ( $\delta$  3.19, dt,  $J(\text{HH}) = 10.6$ ,  $J(\text{HP}) = 4.1$  Hz) and B ( $\delta$  -4.62, t,  $J(\text{HP}) = 28.8$  Hz). Resonance A can be assigned to  $\text{OsDCl(=C=CHCy)(PiPr}_3)_2$  (**2-d<sub>a</sub>**), while resonance B can be assigned to  $\text{OsHCl(=C=CDCy)(PiPr}_3)_2$  (**2-d<sub>b</sub>**). The presence of the OsD and  $=\text{C=CDCy}$  fragments in complexes **2-d<sub>a</sub>** and **2-d<sub>b</sub>**, respectively, is strongly supported by the  $^2\text{H}$  NMR spectrum, which contains two resonances, a broad singlet at 3.0 ppm for the  $=\text{C=CDCy}$  group of **2-d<sub>b</sub>** and a triplet at -4.6 ppm with a P-D coupling constant of 4.0 Hz, assigned to Os-D of **2-d<sub>a</sub>**. H,D-exchange between **1-d** and **2** was not observed in an additional experiment. This observation together with the formation of **2-d<sub>a</sub>** and **2-d<sub>b</sub>** in a ca. 1:1 molar ratio no doubt indicates that the alkyne  $\rightarrow$  vinylidene transformation involves a 1,3-hydrogen shift via an alkynyl intermediate. Furthermore, the second-order rate law for the reaction of **1** with cyclohexylacetylene suggests an intramolecular 1,3-hydrogen shift.

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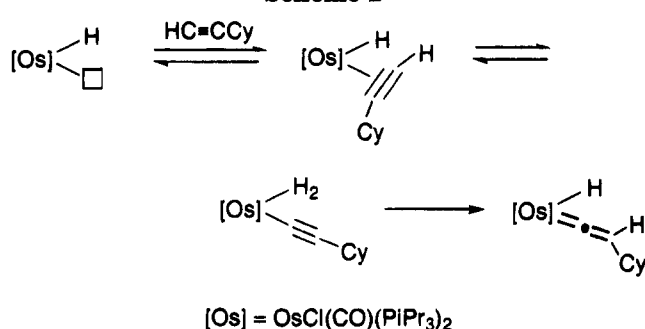
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Scheme 2



The nature of this alkynyl intermediate merits further consideration. Its formation should occur by oxidative addition of the  $\text{H}-\text{C}_{\text{sp}}$  alkyne bond to give, at first glance, a dihydrido-osmium(IV) species, where both hydrido ligands should be nucleophilic centers. In addition, it should be noted that coordination of an acetylide,  $[\text{RC}\equiv\text{C}]^-$ , to a metal center transfers the nucleophilicity from the  $\alpha$ - to the  $\beta$ -carbon atom, and it has been proved that for these types of osmium systems the transfer is efficient.<sup>16</sup> Thus, the direct attack of one of the two hydrido ligands at the  $\beta$ -carbon atom of the alkynyl group does not seem likely, given the nucleophilicity of these centers. Hence, it can be proposed that the  $\text{H}-\text{C}_{\text{sp}}$  activation leads to dihydrogen species. In this way, the formation of **2** could be rationalized as the electrophilic attack of an acidic proton of the dihydrogen ligand at the  $\beta$ -carbon atom of the alkynyl group (Scheme 2).

In favor of a dihydrogen intermediate, the following should be noted. (i) The addition of  $\text{HX}$  molecules to hydrido-osmium(II) complexes has been found to be an useful synthetic route for dihydrogen compounds. Thus, the alkynyl-hydrido-dihydrogen derivative  $\text{OsH}(\text{C}_2\text{R})(\eta^2\text{-H}_2)(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  ( $\text{R} = \text{Ph}, \text{SiMe}_3$ ),<sup>17</sup> the silyl-dihydrogen derivative  $\text{Os}(\text{SiEt}_3)\text{Cl}(\eta^2\text{-H}_2)(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$ ,<sup>2</sup> and the dichloro-dihydrogen complex  $\text{OsCl}_2(\eta^2\text{-H}_2)(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$ <sup>18</sup> have been prepared by reaction of  $\text{OsH}_2(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  with  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$  ( $\text{R} = \text{Ph}, \text{SiMe}_3$ ) or  $\text{OsHCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  with  $\text{HSiEt}_3$  or  $\text{HCl}$ , respectively. (ii) The electrophilic character of the dihydrogen complexes has been previously demonstrated. A common feature of the dihydrogen complexes is that the coordinated dihydrogen ligand is readily deprotonated.<sup>19</sup> (iii) The addition of electrophiles to metal alkynyl complexes is a general method of preparing vinylidene compounds.<sup>12</sup>

In benzene- $d_6$  or toluene as solvent, **2** evolves after 3 days into the vinyl derivative **3**. Complex **3** was isolated as a dark blue solid in 88% yield by addition of pentane. The IR spectrum of this solid in Nujol shows the  $\nu(\text{CO})$  and  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{C})$  absorptions at 1895 and 1590  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. The most noticeable resonances in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum are a doublet at 6.80 ppm with an  $\text{H}-\text{H}$  coupling constant of 12.6 Hz and a doublet of doublets

of triplets at 4.60 ppm with  $\text{H}-\text{H}$  coupling constants of 12.6 and 7.2 Hz and a  $\text{P}-\text{H}$  coupling constant of 2.1 Hz. These resonances are assigned to the protons attached to the  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -carbon atoms of the vinyl ligand, respectively. The  $\alpha$ -carbon atom of the vinyl group appears in the  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum at 105.9 ppm with a  $\text{P}-\text{C}$  coupling constant of 7.0 Hz, while the  $\beta$ -carbon atom appears at 139.6 ppm as a triplet with a  $\text{P}-\text{C}$  coupling constant of 3.0 Hz. The  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum shows a singlet at 22.3 ppm.

These spectroscopic data agree well with those previously reported for the related compounds  $\text{OsCl}\{(\text{E})\text{-CH}=\text{CHR}\}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  ( $\text{R} = \text{H}, \text{Me}, \text{Ph}$ ), where the square-pyramidal coordination of the osmium atom, and the *trans* position of the two substituents at the carbon-carbon double bond, have been determined by a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study on  $\text{OsCl}\{(\text{E})\text{-CH}=\text{CHPh}\}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$ .<sup>3</sup>

Previous studies of vinyl compounds have identified the localization of electron density at the  $\beta$ -carbon atom of the vinyl ligand. The chemical reactivity at this atom is thus oriented toward electrophiles.<sup>20</sup> In agreement with this, **3** reacts with a stoichiometric amount of a toluene- $\text{HCl}$  solution to afford the dichloro-carbene compound **4**.

Complex **4** was isolated as a yellow solid in 70% yield. The presence of the carbene ligand in this complex can be inferred from the  $^1\text{H}$  and the  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  spectra. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum exhibits the  $\text{Os}=\text{CH}$  resonance at 19.20 ppm as a triplet with a  $\text{H}-\text{H}$  coupling constant of 5.7 Hz. In the  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum, the  $\text{Os}=\text{C}$  signal appears as a triplet at 273.05 ppm with a  $\text{P}-\text{C}$  coupling constant of 7.6 Hz. The  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum shows a singlet at 11.10 ppm, indicating that both triisopropylphosphine ligands are equivalent.

In conclusion, the reaction of the monohydrido-osmium(II) compound  $\text{OsHCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (**1**) with cyclohexylacetylene initially leads to the hydrido-vinylidene species  $\text{OsHCl}(\text{C}=\text{CHCy})(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (**2**), which evolves in solution into  $\text{OsCl}\{(\text{E})\text{-CH}=\text{CHCy}\}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (**3**). The reaction of this vinyl compound with  $\text{HCl}$  affords  $\text{OsCl}_2(\text{C}=\text{CHCH}_2\text{Cy})(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (**4**). The process of formation of the vinylidene complex **2** is a real 1,3-hydrogen shift, which takes place via an alkynyl intermediate. The 1,3-hydrogen shift, most probably implies the presence of a dihydrogen molecule instead of two hydrido ligands in the alkynyl intermediate.

## Experimental Section

**General Considerations.** All reactions were carried out with rigorous exclusion of air by using Schlenk-tube techniques. Solvents were dried by known procedures and distilled under argon prior to use.  $\text{OsHCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$ <sup>10a</sup> and  $\text{OsDCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$ <sup>1</sup> were prepared by a published method.

**Physical Measurements.** Infrared spectra were recorded as Nujol mulls on polyethylene sheets using a Perkin-Elmer 883 or a Nicolet 550 spectrometer. NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian UNITY 300 or on a Bruker 300 AXR. Chemical shifts are expressed in ppm using  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  (7.15 ppm) as internal

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standard ( $^2\text{H}$ ) or upfield from  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$  ( $^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $^1\text{H}$ ) or 85%  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  ( $^{31}\text{P}$ ). Coupling constants  $J$  and  $N$  ( $N = J(\text{HP}) + J(\text{HP}')$  for  $^1\text{H}$ , and  $N = J(\text{CP}) + J(\text{CP}')$  for  $^{13}\text{C}$ ) are given in hertz. C and H analyses were carried out with a Perkin-Elmer 2400 CHNS/O analyzer.

**Reaction of  $\text{OsHCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (1) with Cyclohexylacetylene: Preparation of  $\text{OsHCl}(\text{C}\equiv\text{CHCy})(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (2).** A solution of 1 (217 mg, 0.38 mmol) in 8 mL of toluene was treated with cyclohexylacetylene (63  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.49 mmol). After the mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature, it was evaporated to dryness. The green-violet residue was washed three times (3 mL) with cold pentane and dried in vacuo. The product is a pale green solid. Yield 181 mg (70%). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{55}\text{ClO}_2\text{Os}$ : C, 47.43; H, 8.11. Found: C, 47.41; H, 7.85. IR (Nujol):  $\nu(\text{OsH})$  2030 (w),  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{O})$  1935 (s),  $\nu(\text{Os}=\text{C}=\text{C})$  1670 (m)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  3.19 (dt,  $J(\text{HH}) = 10.6$ ,  $J(\text{HP}) = 4.1$ ;  $-\text{C}=\text{CHCy}$ ), 2.76 (m; PCH), 2.1–1.4 (H of Cy), 1.24 and 1.23 (both dvt,  $N = 14.1$ ,  $J(\text{HH}) = 6.9$ ;  $\text{PCCH}_3$ ), -4.62 (t,  $J(\text{HP}) = 28.8$ ; OsH).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.43 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  326.9 (t,  $J(\text{CP}) = 2.0$ ;  $\text{OsC}_\alpha$ ), 179.3 (t,  $J(\text{CP}) = 8.6$ ;  $\text{OsCO}$ ), 121.9 (br;  $-\text{CC}_\beta$ ), 36.4, 32.4, 26.6, and 25.9 (each s; C of Cy), 24.9 (vt,  $N = 28.0$ ; PCH), 19.1, 18.9 (both s;  $\text{PCCH}_3$ ).  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (121.42 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  44.8 (s, d in off-resonance).

**Reaction of  $\text{OsDCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (1-d) with Cyclohexylacetylene: Formation of  $\text{OsDCl}(\text{C}\equiv\text{CHCy})(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (2-d<sub>a</sub>) and  $\text{OsHCl}(\text{C}\equiv\text{CDCy})(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (2-d<sub>b</sub>).** To an NMR tube containing a benzene- $d_6$  solution of 1-d (0.035 mmol in 0.5 mL) was added cyclohexylacetylene (5  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.037 mmol). The reaction was followed by  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^2\text{H}$  NMR analysis. After 20 min, the two isotopomers were formed in the ratio 2-d<sub>a</sub>:2-d<sub>b</sub> = 1:0.84. Data for 2-d<sub>a</sub> are as follows.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  3.19 (dt,  $J(\text{HH}) = 10.6$ ,  $J(\text{HP}) = 4.1$ ;  $-\text{C}=\text{CHCy}$ ), 2.76 (m; PCH), 2.1–1.4 (H of Cy), 1.24 and 1.23 (both dvt,  $N = 14.1$ ,  $J(\text{HH}) = 6.9$ ;  $\text{PCCH}_3$ ), -4.62 (t,  $J(\text{DP}) = 4.0$ ; OsD). Data for 2-d<sub>b</sub> are as follows.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  2.76 (m; PCH), 2.1–1.4 (H of Cy), 1.24 and 1.23 (both dvt,  $N = 14.1$ ,  $J(\text{HH}) = 6.9$ ;  $\text{PCCH}_3$ ), -4.62 (t,  $J(\text{HP}) = 28.8$ ; OsH).  $^2\text{H}$  NMR (46.07 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ ):  $\delta$  3.0 (br;  $-\text{C}=\text{CDCy}$ ).  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (121.42 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ) for 2-d<sub>a</sub> and 2-d<sub>b</sub>:  $\delta$  44.8 (br s).

**Reaction of  $\text{OsDCl}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (1-d) with  $\text{OsHCl}(\text{C}\equiv\text{CHCy})(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (2).** Complexes 1-d (15 mg, 0.026 mmol) and 2 (18 mg, 0.026 mmol) were dissolved in 0.5 mL of benzene- $d_6$ , and the resulting solution was transferred to an NMR tube. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum was recorded over the time. No reaction was observed after 1 h.

**Preparation of  $\text{OsCl}\{(\text{E})\text{-CH}=\text{CHCy}\}(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (3).** A solution of 2 (125 mg, 0.22 mmol) in 5 mL of toluene was stirred at room temperature under an argon atmosphere. After 3 days, the purification procedure was analogous to that described for 2. The product is a dark blue solid. Yield: 132

mg (88%). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{55}\text{ClO}_2\text{Os}$ : C, 47.43; H, 8.11. Found: C, 47.38; H, 7.80. IR (Nujol):  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{O})$  1895 (vs),  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{C})$  1590 (s)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  6.8 (d,  $J(\text{HH}) = 12.6$ ;  $\text{OsCH}=\text{C}$ ), 4.6 (ddt,  $J(\text{HH}) = 12.6$  and 7.2,  $J(\text{HP}) = 2.1$ ;  $-\text{CHCy}$ ), 2.90 (m; PCH), 2.4–1.4 (H of Cy), 1.22 (dvt,  $N = 12.6$ ,  $J(\text{HH}) = 6.0$ ;  $\text{PCCH}_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75.43 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  182.9 (t,  $J(\text{CP}) = 9.2$ ;  $\text{OsCO}$ ), 139.6 (t,  $J(\text{CP}) = 3.0$ ;  $\text{CC}_\beta$ ), 105.9 (t,  $J(\text{CP}) = 7.0$ ;  $\text{OsC}_\alpha$ ), 45.0, 34.8 and 26.8 (each s; C of Cy), 24.9 (vt,  $N = 23.8$ ; PCH), 20.0 and 19.78 (both s;  $\text{PCCH}_3$ ).  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (121.42 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  22.3 (s).

**Reaction of 3 with HCl: Preparation of  $\text{OsCl}_2(\text{C}\equiv\text{CHCH}_2\text{Cy})(\text{CO})(\text{PiPr}_3)_2$  (4).** A solution of 3 (70 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 4 mL of toluene was treated dropwise with toluene-HCl (0.123N; 0.8 mL, 0.31 mmol). After the mixture was stirred for 20 min at room temperature, the yellow-green solution was evaporated to dryness. The residue was washed twice for 10 min with 2 mL of pentane and dried in vacuo. The product is a yellow solid. Yield: 50 mg (70%). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{56}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_2\text{Os}$ : C, 44.96; H, 7.82. Found: C, 45.38; H, 7.83. IR (Nujol):  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{O})$  1930 (s)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  19.20 (t,  $J(\text{HH}) = 5.7$ ;  $\text{Os}=\text{CH}$ ), 2.75 (m; PCH), 2.15 (pseudo t,  $J(\text{HH}) = 6.05$ ;  $-\text{CCH}_2$ ), 2.0–1.1 (H of Cy), 1.35 (dvt,  $N = 14.0$ ,  $J(\text{HH}) = 7.1$ ;  $\text{PCCH}_3$ ), 1.15 (dvt,  $N = 13.7$ ,  $J(\text{HH}) = 6.8$ ;  $\text{PCCH}_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (75.43 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  273.05 (t,  $J(\text{CP}) = 7.6$ ;  $\text{OsC}_\alpha$ ), 176 (t,  $J(\text{CP}) = 8.5$ ;  $\text{OsCO}$ ), 68.9 (s,  $=\text{CC}_\beta$ ), 38.60, 33.50, 26.54, and 26.47 (each s; C of Cy), 25.3 (vt,  $N = 25.1$ ; PCH), 20.1 and 19.4 (both s;  $\text{PCCH}_3$ ).  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (121.42 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  11.1 (s).

**Kinetics of formation of 2.** The reaction of 1 with cyclohexylacetylene was monitored by  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR at  $-29^\circ\text{C}$ , assuming that the reaction occurs in a 1:1 molar ratio. Samples of 1 and cyclohexylacetylene in 0.5 mL of toluene- $d_8$  were stored under argon in NMR tubes at  $-120^\circ\text{C}$  prior to measurements. Second-order rate constants were calculated by linear least-squares fitting of the kinetic data to the integrated second-order rate law

$$\ln(C_a/C_b) = (C_a^\circ - C_b^\circ)kt + \ln(C_a^\circ/C_b^\circ)$$

For two different samples of reactant 1 (0.052 M and 0.07 M) and cyclohexylacetylene (0.233 M), the calculated rate constants were  $(6.1 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-3}$  and of  $(5.9 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , respectively.

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