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## Bimetallic Acyl Complexes. Use of Transition Organometallic Lewis Acids in Promoting Migratory CO Insertion

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Migratory CO insertion, which generates a metal acyl system via formal CO insertion into the metal-alkyl bond, serves as a fundamental reaction of organometallic chemistry<sup>1</sup> and functions as a key step in several homogeneous catalytic transformations.<sup>2</sup> Lewis acids moreover promote CO insertion<sup>3,4</sup> to produce metal acyl-Lewis acid adducts. We now report that cationic coordinatively unsaturated Cp metal carbonyl complexes (Cp = η<sup>5</sup>-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) also induce methyl-CO insertion on a second metal center<sup>5</sup> and form an acetyl ligand bridging two metal centers. Although several bimetallic complexes bearing μ-acyl ligands are known,<sup>6</sup> their syntheses entailed neither starting with a mononuclear acyl complex nor Lewis acid facilitation of the CO insertion step. We accordingly found it expeditious to first demonstrate that bimetallic μ-[η<sup>1</sup>-C,O]-acetyl compounds can be obtained from mononuclear acetyl complexes.

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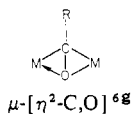
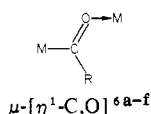
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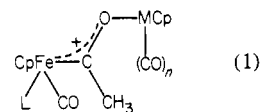
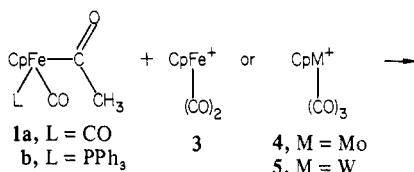
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Neutral acetyl complexes **1a,b** and **2** coordinate the appropriate Cp metal carbonyl Lewis acid **3-5** (eq 1 and 2) by generating the



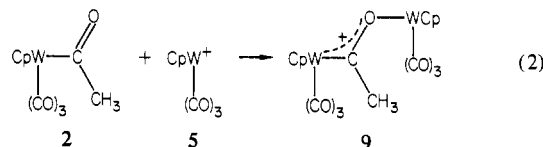
**6a**, L = CO; M = Fe (n = 2)

**b**, L = PPh<sub>3</sub>

**7a**, L = CO; M = Mo (n = 3)

**b**, L = PPh<sub>3</sub>

**8**, L = CO; M = W (n = 3)



bimetallic μ-acetyl adducts **6-9**. Labile isobutylene<sup>7a</sup> or tetrahydrofuran<sup>7b</sup> complexes of CpFe(CO)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> (**3**) metalated **1a,b** in refluxing CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1-6 h), whereas CpM(CO)<sub>3</sub>PF<sub>6</sub>, a source of CpM(CO)<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> [**4**, M = Mo; **5**, M = W],<sup>8</sup> consumed **1a,b** and **2** at ~-20 °C (0.5 h) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. All reactions afforded air-stable red powders **6-9** (50-85% yields) after reprecipitating from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-ether.<sup>9</sup> Although **6-9** remained intact in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> or CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> solution, acetone degraded these μ-acetyl adducts to starting acetyl complexes and acetone solvates of **3-5**. A similar degradative procedure serves as a convenient assay procedure for all μ-[η<sup>1</sup>-C,O]-acetyl complexes reported herein: 1 equiv of (n-Bu)<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup>I<sup>-</sup> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> immediately and quantitatively (via IR and NMR monitoring) reverts them to the starting acetyl complex and CpM(CO)<sub>n</sub>I.

Bimetallic μ-acetyl compounds **6-9**, formulated as carboxonium salts, entail η<sup>1</sup> metal-O bonding that resembles CpFe(CO)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> complexation of organic ketones.<sup>10</sup> The carboxonium formulation derives from the substantial delocalization of positive charge from the activating metal M to the Fe in **6-8**. IR [ν(C=O), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>] and <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Cp in ppm, acetone-d<sub>6</sub>) data of CpFe(CO)PPh<sub>3</sub> in **1b** (1910 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 4.43), **6b** (1941 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 4.65), and CpFe(CO)-PPh<sub>3</sub>[C(OCH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> (1990 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 5.13) accordingly are consonant with an electronic environment of the Fe in **6b** that is intermediate to the starting acetyl complex **1b** and the methoxyethylidene salt. NMR spectra of **6b** and **7b** additionally support the η<sup>1</sup> bonding of the acetyl complex to an activating metal **3** or **4**, since diastereomeric mixtures were not detected for **6b** or **7b**.<sup>11</sup>

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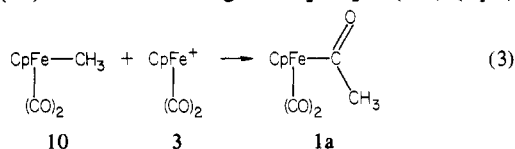
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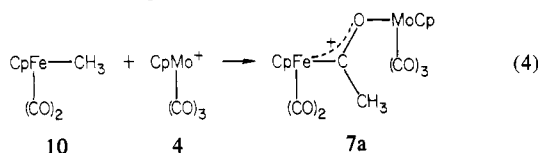
(11) This conclusion is predicated upon η<sup>2</sup> complexation of a prochiral acetyl complex creating a chiral center. Diastereomeric mixtures would then result because of the second chiral Fe center within the CpFe(CO)PPh<sub>3</sub> group on **6b** and **7b**. For example, η<sup>2</sup> complexation of prochiral propene<sup>12a</sup> or 1-butene<sup>12b</sup> to CpFe(CO)PPh<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> gave diastereomeric mixtures that were easily discerned by NMR analysis. We also observed only a single resonance doublet (δ 1.03, J = 6.0 Hz in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Cp(CO)<sub>3</sub>Fe[C-[OMo(CO)<sub>3</sub>Cp]CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>; whereas η<sup>2</sup> coordination of the isobutryl complex would render the gem-methyl groups diastereotopic.<sup>10a</sup>

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The organometallic Lewis acids **3–5** also promote CO insertion on their methyl complexes. An equimolar mixture of  $\text{CpFe}(\text{CO})_2\text{CH}_3$  (**10**) and **3** in refluxing  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$  (1 h) (eq 3)

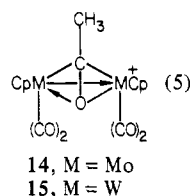
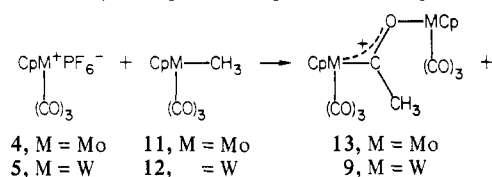


accordingly gave a green suspension containing insoluble  $\text{CpFe}(\text{CO})_3^+\text{PF}_6^-$  (58% yield) and the acetyl (**1a**)<sup>13</sup> and methyl (**10**) complexes (41% and 38% yields, respectively) after ether extraction and chromatography as the only organometallic products. Although the putative  $\mu$ -acetyl compound **6a** was not detected, its facile decomposition to **1a** under these reaction conditions was independently established. The extra CO required for converting **10a** to **1a** could derive from disproportionation of the unsaturated intermediate  $\text{Cp}(\text{CO})\text{Fe}[\text{CO}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cp}][\text{CH}_3]^+$  to **6a**.<sup>14</sup> Milder reaction conditions engendered in using the Mo Lewis acid **4** (eq 4) ( $\sim -20^\circ\text{C}$ ), however, permitted isolation of bimetallic  $\mu$ -acetyl



compounds from the Lewis acid promoted CO insertion on a methyl complex. Thus **10** and **4** ( $-20$  to  $+20^\circ\text{C}$ ) gave **7a** in 42% yield. Further evidence for intermediacy of  $\mu$ -acetyl complexes during organometallic Lewis acid induced CO insertions came from scrutiny of the reactions between **4** or **5** and their methyl complexes.

$\text{CpM}(\text{CO})_3^+$  salts **4** and **5** convert their methyl complexes  $\text{CpM}(\text{CO})_3\text{CH}_3$  (**11**,  $\text{M} = \text{Mo}$ ; **12**,  $\text{M} = \text{W}$ ) into parallel mixtures of  $\mu$ -acetyl compounds (eq 5). Mo complexes **4** and **11** at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$



$^\circ\text{C}$  (0.5 h) afforded a 1:1 mixture of **13** and **14**, which precipitated from ether ( $25^\circ\text{C}$ ) as a pink solid. Structural assignment of **13**, although not obtained analytically pure, follows from consideration of IR and NMR spectra<sup>15</sup> and from results of the aforementioned  $\text{I}^-$  assay procedure, which cleaved **13** into  $\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_3\text{COCH}_3$ <sup>3a</sup> and  $\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_3\text{I}$ . Treatment of the **13–14** mixture with acetone decomposed **13**, but ether precipitation left analytically pure **14** in 36–56% yields. Our assignment of **14** as a symmetrical  $\mu$ - $[\eta^2\text{-C,O}]$ -acetyl complex rests on its spectral properties.<sup>16</sup> IR

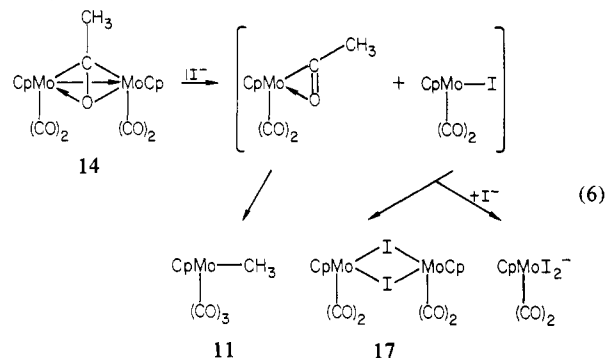
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(14) Similar disproportionation of **3** to  $\text{CpFe}(\text{CO})_3^+$  is documented.<sup>7a</sup> Presence of excess **10**, **3a**,  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ , or  $[\text{CpFe}(\text{CO})_2]_2$  during the reaction of **10a** and **3** did not improve yields of **1a**.

(15) **9**: IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) 2056, 2045, 1967 ( $\text{br cm}^{-1}$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{NO}_2$ )  $\delta$  6.32 (s, 5,  $\text{CpWO}$ ), 5.90 (s, 5,  $\text{CpWC}$ ), 2.68 (s, 3, Cp);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$ )  $\delta$  91.6 and 90.3 ( $\text{CpW}$ ), 221.3 and 218.5 (1:2 intensity), 215.3 and 213.1 (1:2) ( $\text{C=O}$ ), 293.0 ( $\text{W-C acetyl}$ ), 52.0 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ). **13**: IR ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) 2061, 2048, 1971 ( $\text{br cm}^{-1}$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{NO}_2$ )  $\delta$  6.22 (s, 5,  $\text{CpMoO}$ ), 5.79 (s, 5,  $\text{MoC}$ ), 2.75 (s, 3,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$ )  $\delta$  93.7, 91.7 ( $\text{CpMo}$ ), 228.4 and 225.2 (1:2 intensity), 222.8 and 220.8 (1:2) ( $\text{C=O}$ ), 49.3 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ).

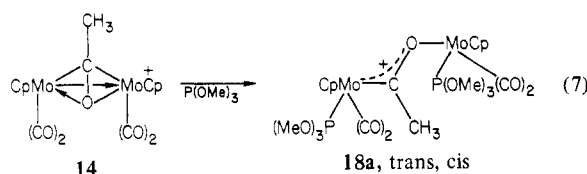
$[(\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2) \nu(\text{C=O})]$  2000–1910 ( $\text{br cm}^{-1}$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (200 MHz, unchanged at  $-40^\circ\text{C}$ ) ( $\text{CD}_3\text{NO}_2$ )  $\delta$  6.00 (s, 10, Cp), 3.00 (s, 3,  $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$ )  $\delta$  218.0, 216.8 ( $\text{C=O}$ , 1:1 intensity), 92.5 (s, Cp), 20.6 (s,  $\text{CH}_3$ ). Compounds **13** and **14** evidently result from separate pathways; they were not interconverted in refluxing  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , with or without 1 atm of CO. Tungsten complexes **5** and **12** reacted analogously, but **9** and **15** were not separated. Results of  $\text{I}^-$  degradative and  $\text{P}(\text{OMe})_3$  derivatization studies on **14** also support its  $\mu$ - $[\eta^2\text{-C,O}]$ -acetyl assignment.

One equivalent of  $\text{I}^-$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  degraded **14** to the methyl complex **11** (88% after chromatography) and  $[\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_2\text{I}]_2$ <sup>17a</sup> (**17**) (eq 6) (80% by quantitative IR:  $\nu(\text{CO})$  1961, 1877  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).



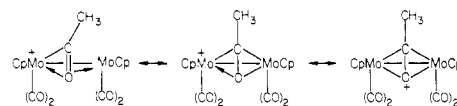
The  $\eta^1$ -acetyl complex  $\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_3\text{COCH}_3$  was not detected, but variable amounts (combined yields less than 20%) of  $\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_3\text{I}$  [IR:  $\nu(\text{CO})$  2038, 1963  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ] and  $\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_2\text{I}_2$ <sup>17b</sup> [IR:  $\nu(\text{CO})$  1939, 1843  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ] were present. Two equivalents of  $\text{I}^-$ , however, quantitatively converted **14** within 10 min into **11** and  $\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_2\text{I}_2^-$ . No gas was evolved, as ascertained by gasimetric analysis, during either  $\text{I}^-$  reaction. Dimeric **17** also consumed 2 equiv of  $\text{I}^-$  under similar reaction conditions to give  $2\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_2\text{I}_2^-$ , but the reaction progressed only 80% after 1 h. Taken together, these observations are consistent with  $\text{I}^-$  cleavage of **14** to the mononuclear complexes  $\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_2(\eta^2\text{-COCH}_3)$  and  $\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_2\text{I}$ ; the former rearranges to **11** and the latter either dimerizes to **17**, traps  $\text{I}^-$  (giving  $\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_2\text{I}_2^-$ ), or decomposes to  $\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_3\text{I}$ .

Excess  $\text{P}(\text{OMe})_3$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  readily derivatized **14** (eq 7) and



left the bimetallic unit intact as the  $\mu$ - $[\eta^1\text{-C,O}]$ -acetyl complex **18a**,<sup>9</sup> obtained in 71% yield as orange crystals after precipitation in ether. This reaction furthermore stereoselectively produced *trans*- and *cis*-**18a** on the Mo–C (acetyl) and Mo–O (acetyl) centers, respectively. Independent preparation of **18a** (65% yield) proved possible by CO substitution on **19**,<sup>9</sup> through *cis* labilization<sup>18</sup> on the (acetyl) O–Mo center, with excess  $\text{P}(\text{OMe})_3$  (eq 8).

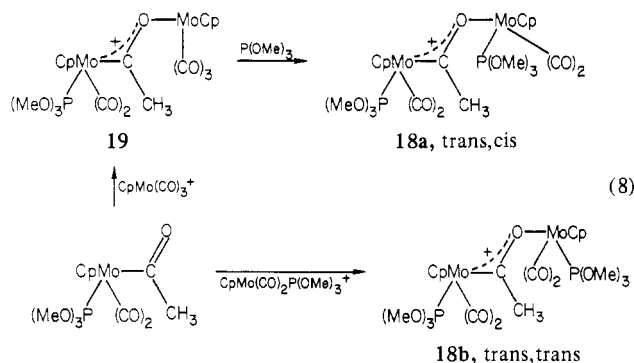
(16) Symmetrical  $\mu$ - $[\eta^2\text{-C,O}]$ acetyl complexes **14** and **15**, 36-electron structures, are adequately described by the ensemble of resonance forms also including



A fluxional process analogous to that of the isoelectronic  $\mu$ -alkyne complexes  $\text{Cp}_2\text{Mo}_2(\text{CO})_4(\text{RCCH})$  ( $\text{R} = \text{Ph}, \text{CF}_3$ ) would account for the observed magnetic equivalence of the Cp rings and of the CO ligands: Bailey, W. I. Jr.; Chisholm, M. H.; Cotton, F. A.; Rankel, L. A. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1978**, *100*, 5764.

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Treatment of  $\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_2[\text{P}(\text{OMe})_3]\text{COCH}_3$  with  $\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_2\text{P}(\text{OMe})_3^+$  at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$  stereoselectively furnished *trans*-, *trans*-**18b**<sup>9</sup> (71% yield) as an orange solid after ether precipitation. Stereochemical assignments resulted from established IR and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR correlations;<sup>19</sup> spectroscopically distinctive **18a** and **18b** evidently do not interconvert at room temperature. Results of  $\text{I}^-$  cleavage reactions further corroborated stereochemical assignments: **18a** gave *cis*- $\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_2\text{P}(\text{OMe})_3\text{I}$  and **18b** formed *trans*- $\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_2\text{P}(\text{OMe})_3\text{I}$ , in addition to *trans*- $\text{CpMo}(\text{CO})_2\text{P}(\text{OMe})_3(\text{COCH}_3)$ , as the initial products.

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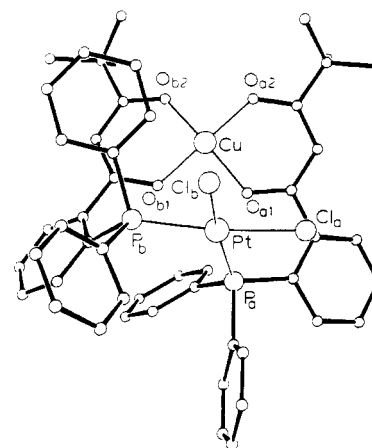
## Synthetic Approaches to Coordinatively Unsaturated Heterobimetallic Complexes

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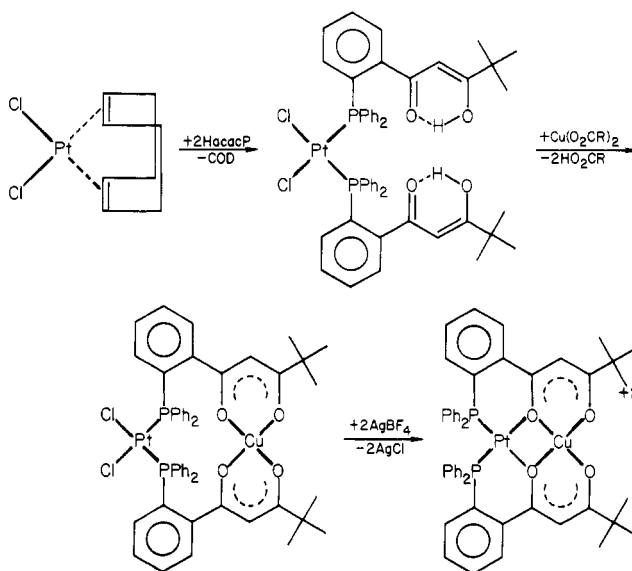
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The design and synthesis of coordination compounds that contain two different metal ions are priority goals of contemporary inorganic chemistry.<sup>1</sup> One of the most challenging objectives of such research is the preparation of coordinatively unsaturated heterobimetallic complexes.<sup>2</sup> With this in mind we have examined the coordination chemistry of the recently reported chelating agent [*o*-(diphenylphosphino)benzoyl]pinacolone (HacacP).<sup>3</sup> This compartmentalized ligand possesses electronically dissimilar metal



**Figure 1.** ORTEP plot for the nonhydrogen atoms of the  $\text{PtCl}_2[\text{Cu}(\text{acacP})_2]$  molecule. For purposes of clarity, metal atoms are represented by large open circles, chlorine and phosphorus atoms by medium-sized open circles, and carbon and oxygen atoms by small open circles.

### Scheme I



binding sites that facilitate the assembly of a variety of novel compounds containing both "hard" and "soft" metals.<sup>4</sup>

Red, crystalline  $\text{Ir}(\text{acacP})(\text{COD})$ <sup>5</sup> ( $\text{COD} = 1,5\text{-cyclooctadiene}$ ) was readily prepared from the reaction of HacacP (generated from HacacP and KO-*t*-Bu) with  $[\text{IrCl}(\text{COD})_2]$  in THF. Its  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR chemical shift of 24 ppm downfield from 85%  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  and an intense IR band at  $1665\text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicate that here the acacP moiety functions as a PO chelating agent with a pendant  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketone substituent. Mild ( $25^\circ\text{C}$ , 1 atm, 5 min) displacement of the COD with carbon monoxide resulted in an abrupt color change to yellow, a high-field shift in the  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum, and the disappearance of the  $1665\text{-cm}^{-1}$  band in the IR spectrum. The CO stretching frequencies of the carbonylated  $\text{Ir}(\text{acacP})$  derivative are virtually identical with those for  $\text{Ir}(\text{acac})(\text{CO})_2$ ,<sup>6,7</sup> consistent with the binding of the  $\text{Ir}(\text{CO})_2$  moiety by the O...O site of the

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(6) IR (mull) 2070 (vs), 1998 (vs)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (40.5 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) -2.2 ppm; UV-vis ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) 408 nm ( $2260\text{ cm}^{-1}\text{ M}^{-1}$ ).

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