### **Organic Syntheses via Transition Metal Complexes, CV**<sup>[‡]</sup>

# Regiocontrol of Annelation of Cyclopentene-1-thiones and Cyclopenten-1-ones to Alkenes with the Aid of (1-Alkynyl)carbene Complexes (M = Cr, W)

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Bicyclic olefins containing a 1-oxy-3-thiocyclopentadiene unit were obtained with high regioselectivity from [2-(cycloalk-1-enyl)-1-alkynyl]carbene complexes 1a-d and thiols 2a-c under mild conditions. If the reaction was performed in a protic solvent like ethanol, the produced allylthiocyclopentadienes 5 spontaneously underwent a thio Claisen rearrangement to give cyclopentene-1-thione complexes 3 in 62-72% yields. In nonprotic solvents, additional cyclopentene-1-thione complexes 6 and 7 were obtained as a result

# of the incorporation of two and three allylthiol units, respectively. Arylthiotetrahydroindene complexes **12b** and **c** could be isolated in 76–79% yields. The corresponding tetrahydropentalene derivative **12a** was unstable, but could be trapped by [2+2] cycloaddition of (1-alkynyl)carbene complex **1a** to give a stable (cyclobutenyl)carbene complex **15**. Hydrolysis of compounds **12a–c** afforded cyclopenten-1-ones **13a–c**.

#### Introduction

(1-Alkynyl)carbene complexes  $(CO)_5M = C(OEt)C \equiv CR$ (M = Cr, W) have been utilized as stoichiometric reagents in a number of high-yield transformations, potentially useful in organic synthesis.<sup>[2]</sup> We recently reported on the formation of cyclopentadienes<sup>[3]</sup> by  $\pi$ -cyclization of 1metalla-1.3.5-hexatrienes.<sup>[4,5]</sup> which were readily derived from [2-(cyclopent-1-enyl)-1-alkynyl]carbene complex 1a by addition of protic nucleophiles NuH.<sup>[6]</sup> For example, formation of cyclopentadienes could be triggered by addition of secondary amines R<sub>2</sub>NH, secondary phosphanes R<sub>2</sub>PH  $(R = tBu, cC_6H_{11})$ ,<sup>[7]</sup> and oxygen nucleophiles<sup>[8]</sup> ROH (R = aryl, aroyl and acyl), respectively, to (1-alkynyl)carbene complex 1a. Whilst nitrogen or phosphorus nucleophiles led to production of cyclopentadiene complexes, oxygen nucleophiles gave highly reactive, metal-free cyclopentadienes, such as 1-acyloxy-3-alkoxytetrahydropentalenes. The latter compounds underwent a cascade of reactions initiated by the formation of a tricyclic [2+2] cycloadduct with (1-alkynyl)carbene complex **1a**, which on thermolysis underwent a  $\pi$ -cyclization involving an insertion of carbon monoxide to give a pentacyclic compound (Scheme 1).<sup>[8,9]</sup>



Scheme 1. Cascade reaction initiated by addition of oxygen nucleophiles  $RCO_2H$  to [2-(cyclopent-1-enyl)-1-alkynyl]carbene tungsten complex 1a

Reaction of sulfur nucleophiles, like thioacylates RC-(=O)S<sup>-</sup> or thio(imino)acylates RC(=NH)S<sup>-</sup>, with [2-(cycloalk-1-enyl)-1-alkynyl]carbene complexes 1a-c were found to afford bicyclic cyclopentadienes containing sulfur substituents.<sup>[1]</sup> We now wish to report that the allylthiocyclopentadienes 5 thus generated spontaneously underwent a thio Claisen rearrangement to give cyclopentene-1-thione complexes 3 in 62–72% yields (Scheme 2, Table 1).

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<sup>[‡‡]</sup> Crystal structure analyses

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Scheme 2. Allylthiocyclopentadiene complexes 5 from {[2-(cycloalk-1-enyl)-1-alkynyl]carbene}tungsten complexes 1 and its spontaneous bridgehead allylation by thio Claisen rearrangement

Table 1. Assignments of structural groups in Scheme 2

| 3           | а  | [3]%           |
|-------------|--|----------------|
| a<br>b<br>c | $\begin{array}{c} CH_2\\ CH_2CH_2\\ CH_2CH_2CH_2\\ CH_2CH_2CH_2 \end{array}$ | 62<br>72<br>65 |

# Generation and Thio Claisen Rearrangement of Allylthiocyclopentadiene Complexes 5

Addition of allylthiol (2a) to {[2-(cycloalk-1-enyl)-1alkynyl]carbene}tungsten complexes 1a-c in ethanol in the presence of triethylamine at 20 °C (5 min) resulted in the formation of cyclopentene-1-thione complexes 3, in which an allyl group was attached to the bridgehead carbon atom (Scheme 2). Compounds 3 are stable enough to be isolated by chromatography on silica gel, since the W(CO)<sub>5</sub> unit functions as a protection group for the thione moiety. Metal-free thiones of this type would not survive these conditions.<sup>[10,11]</sup>

Formation of compounds **3** is assumed to follow the reaction paths outlined in Scheme 2. Though 1-metalla-1,3,5hexatrienes **4** and cyclopentadiene complexes **5** have not been characterized in this case, the reaction course can be presumed on the basis of earlier studies, in which such compounds have been isolated and fully characterized by crystal structure analyses.<sup>[1,7]</sup>

The structural assignment of compounds **3** is based on <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra, including <sup>3</sup>J(H,H)- and <sup>2,3</sup>J(C,H) measurements and a crystal structure analysis of compound **3b** (Figure 1). The W-S1-C2-C3 backbone is planar [dihedral angle = 0.00°; angle C2-S1-W = 113.6(2)°] and the plane defined by this unit bisects the angle between two neighbouring carbonyl ligands [C21-W-S1-C2 =

45.0(1)°]. The C2–C3 distance of 1.392(5) Å is much shorter than expected for a C–C single bond, and is similar to C3–C4 [1.325(7) Å], implying a strong  $\pi$ -polarization with a negative charge at W(CO)<sub>5</sub><sup>-</sup> and a positive charge centred at the allyl unit C2–C3–C4, in line with the down-field shift of the signals of these carbon atoms in the NMR spectrum (e.g. compound **3b**: C4:  $\delta$  = 194.7; C3:  $\delta$  = 120.6; C2:  $\delta$  = 239.9).



| Figure 1. Molecular structure of <i>C</i> -allylcyclopentene-1-thione com- |
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| plex 3b; selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: W1-S1 2.537(1),         |
| S1-C2 1.647(4), C2-C3 1.392(5), C2-C6 1.550(6), C3-C4                      |
| 1.325(7), C4-C5 1.495(6), C5-C6 1.559(7), C5-C10 1.572(8),                 |
| C6-C14 1.539(7), C6-C7 1.557(13), C10-C9 1.503(12), C7-C8                  |
| 1.526(18), C8-C9 1.482(15), C14-C15 1.503(16); C2-S1-W11                   |
| 113.6(2), C3-C2-C6 109.2(4), C3-C2-S1 128.5(3), C6-C2-S1                   |
| 120.8(3), C4-C3-C2  109.6(4), O11-C4-C3  130.3(4),                         |
| O11-C4-C5116.3(4), C3-C4-C5 113.5(4), C4-C5-C6                             |
| 102.4(4), C4-C5-C10 120.0(4), C6-C5-C10 112.9(4),                          |
| C14-C6-C2 110.1(4), C14-C6-C7 110.0(5), C2-C6-C7                           |
| 110.6(5), C14-C6-C5 110.2(4), C2-C6-C5 100.4(4),                           |
| C7-C6-C5 115.1(5), C9-C10-C5 116.5(6), C8-C7-C6                            |
| 113.0(8), C9-C8-C7 109.0(8), C8-C9-C10 111.3(9),                           |
| C15-C14-C6 113.9(6), C16-C15-C14 122.3(12)                                 |

A marked influence of the solvent on the reaction of [2-(cycloalk-1-enyl)-1-alkynyl]carbene complexes 1 and allylthiol (2a) has been observed. Whilst compounds 3 were produced in good yields if ethanol was used as solvent, additional products 6 and 7 were obtained in aprotic solvents, such as diethyl ether (Scheme 3).

Compounds 6 and 7 were isolated by chromatography and were characterized spectroscopically. It was shown on the basis of NMR measurements that the cyclopentenones 6 were not formed by thiolysis of compounds 3 under the reaction conditions, even if the reaction time was extended to 12 h (at 20 °C). Furthermore, similar studies ruled out possible derivation of compounds 7 from compounds 6. Accordingly, it is assumed that 2,4-bis(allylthio)-1-metalla-1,3,5-hexatrienes 8 are formed as key intermediates by substitution of the 2-ethoxy group of compounds (3E)-4 by an allylthio unit (Scheme 3, Table 2).  $\pi$ -Cyclization of compounds 8 and subsequent thio Claisen rearrangement are presumed to afford allyl derivatives 6. Addition of a third allylthiol (2a) is assumed to require formation of chelate intermediates 10 as precursors to cyclopentadiene derivatives 11, from which compounds 7 are finally obtained. It



Scheme 3. Bridgehead allylation products 6 and 7 by incorporation of two and three allylthio units, respectively

Table 2. Assigments of structural groups in Scheme 3

| 3-6              | М                 | а   | <b>[3]</b> %         | [6]%  | [7]%          |
|------------------|-------------------|---|----------------------|---|---------------|
| a<br>b<br>c<br>d | W<br>W<br>W<br>Cr | $\begin{array}{c} CH_2\\ CH_2CH_2\\ CH_2CH_2CH_2\\ CH_2CH_2CH_2\\ CH_2CH_2 \end{array}$ | 17<br>15<br>49<br>46 | $\begin{array}{c} 37\\ 41\\ -\\ 9\end{array}$ | 13<br>11<br>_ |

should be noted that reactions involving a chain extension of allyl-type carbene complexes have not been reported to date.

In an attempt to provide experimental evidence that 1oxy-3-thiotetrahydropentalenes, -indenes and -hexahydroazulenes were indeed generated from [2-(cycloalk-1enyl)-1-alkynyl]carbene complexes (Schemes 2 and 3), we studied the formation of supposedly more stable arylthio derivatives of this type. Compounds of the latter type could indeed be obtained, but were found to readily undergo (base-induced) rearrangement reactions and also (acid-induced) hydrolysis, depending on the reaction conditions.

# Reaction of (1-Alkynyl) carbone Complexes 1a-c with Arylthiols 2b and c

Addition of arylthiols 2b and c to [2-(cyclohex-1-enyl)-1alkynyl]carbene complex 1b (20 °C, 2 h) yielded tetrahydroindene derivatives 12b and c, which could be isolated from the reaction mixture by crystallization (Scheme 4, Table 3). Attempts to isolate compounds 12a,b and d by chromatography on silica gel led to the production of (metal-free) tetrahydropentalenone 13a, -tetrahydroindenone 13b and -hexahydroazulenone 13d, respectively.<sup>[12]</sup> Application of an excess of (1-alkynyl)carbene complex 1a in its reaction with phenylthiol 2b resulted in the formation of a [2+2] cycloadduct 15a between the highly reactive tetrahydropentalene 14a and compound 1a.<sup>[8,13]</sup> [2+2] Cycloadducts (15b and c) to the SC=C units of tetrahydroindeneand hexahydroazulenes 14b and 14d were not obtained. If the reaction between (1-alkynyl)carbene complex 1a and compound 2b was performed in the presence of triethylamine at -20 °C, it resulted in the formation of an isomer (17a) of compound 12a in 85% isolated yield. (1-Alkynyl)carbene complex 1b under similar conditions gave tetrahydroindene complexes 16b and c, which could be isolated in 80-82% yield by crystallization, but which were transformed into tetrahydroindenones 18 if chromatography on silica gel was attempted.

The structural assignment of compounds **12–18** is based on <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra. The compounds are easily distinguished by the different chemical shifts of the olefinic proton signals, each in a narrow range, for cyclopentadienes (e.g. **12b**: 2-H:  $\delta = 5.18$ ; **16b**: 2-H:  $\delta = 5.02$ ; **16c**: 2-H:  $\delta =$ 5.13) and cyclopentenones (e.g. **13b**: 2-H:  $\delta = 5.59$ ), a characteristic signal shift of the methine proton signals of isomers **12**, **16** and **17** (e.g. **12b**: 3a-H:  $\delta = 2.86$ ; **16b**: 1-H:  $\delta =$ 3.93; **17a**: 2-H<sub>2</sub>:  $\delta = 3.56$ ), and the characteristic pattern of CH<sub>2</sub> and =CH signals of isomers **13** and **18** (e.g. **13a**: 2-H:  $\delta = 5.60$ ; **18a**: 2-H<sub>2</sub>:  $\delta = 2.07$ ). Hydrolysis of cyclopentadienes **12** to cyclopentenones results in drastic changes in chemical shifts (e.g. **12b/13b**: C-1:  $\delta = 143.0/182.1$ ; C-2:  $\delta =$ 100.9/123.5; C-3:  $\delta = 169.1/203.7$ ). It should be noted that systematic shift changes are imposed by ring strain effects within the bicyclic system (e.g. **13a**: 3a-H and 6a-H/C-3a and C-6a:  $\delta = 2.94$  and 2.59/52.5 and 48.7; **13b**: 3a-H and 7a-H/C-3a and C-7a:  $\delta = 2.62$  and 2.30/47.5 and 43.2; **13d**: 3a-H and 8a-H/C-3a and C-8a:  $\delta = 2.90$  and 2.44/52.6 and 49.2; **18a**: C-3a and C-6a:  $\delta = 181.9$  and 151.2; **18b**: C-3a and C-7a:  $\delta = 168.6$  and 141.4).<sup>[14]</sup>

Structural details for the (cyclobutenyl)carbene complex **15a** were derived from a crystal structure analysis (Figure 2). The W=C4-C5=C51 unit is twisted by 120.7(4) °, whilst the C5=C51-C52=C56 moiety adopts an almost planar *s*-trans configuration with an dihedral angle of  $-178.8(4)^\circ$ . The cyclobutenyl ring exhibits a trapezoidal shape, with the typical pattern of bond lengths [C5=C51 =



Scheme 4. 1-Alkoxy-3-arylthiocyclopentadienes and related compounds generated from  $\{[2-(cycloalk-1-enyl)-1-alkynyl]carbene\}-$ tungsten complexes 1a-c and arylthiols 2b,c

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Table 3. Assignments of structural groups in Scheme 4

1.360(4) Å, C5-C6 = 1.532(4) Å, C51-C61 = 1.513(4) Å, C6-C61 = 1.598(4) Å] and bond angles  $[C51-C5-C6 = 93.7(2)^{\circ}$ , C5-C51-C61 = 95.1(2)°, C5-C6-C61 = 85.3(3)°, C51-C61-C6 = 85.5(2)°].

Structural details for compound 17a were also obtained by a crystal structure analysis (Figure 3). The plane defined by the atoms W, S1 and C130 is strongly inclined against the almost planar adjacent ring [W-S1-C2-C3] =



Figure 2. Molecular structure of cyclopentadiene complex 15a; selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: W-C4 2.187(3), O3-C4 1.318(4), C4-C5 1.472(4), C5-C51 1.360(4), C5-C6 1.532(4), 1.444(4), C51-C61 1.513(4), C52-C56 1.332(4), C51 - C52C52-C53 1.505(4), C6-C67 1.490(5), C6-C61 1.598(4), C6-S 1.833(3), C61-C65 1.546(4), C65-C66 1.494(4), C66-C67 1.329(4), S-C71 1.776(4); O3-C4-C5 105.6(3), O3-C4-W C5-C4-W 123.0(2), C51-C5-C4 130.7(2), 132.3(3). C4-C5-C6 134.0(2), C5-51 95.1(2), C52-C51-C61 C51-C5-C6 93.7(2), C51 - C52135.1(3), C5-C51-C61 95.1(2), 129.2(3), C56-C52-C51 124.6(3), C56-C52-C53 110.8(3). C51-C52-C53 124.6(3), C67-C6-C5 119.7(3), C67-C6-C61 C5-C6-S 103.3(2), C5-C6-C61 85.3(2), C67-C6-S 107.9(2), C61-C6-S 120.9(2), C51-C61-C62 117.9(2), 119.3(3). C51-C61-C65 119.6(3), C62-C61-C65 105.9(2), C51 C61 - C6C62-C61-C6 118.6(2), 106.7(2), 85.5(2), C65-C61-C6 102.6(2), C66-C65-C61 C66-C65-C64 114.6(3), C61-C65-C64 C67-C66-O68 128.8(3), 105.8(3).C67-C66-C65 115.4(3), O68-C66-C65 115.7(3). C66-C67-C6 111.7(3)

| 1           | а   |                               | 2      | Ar  |                              |                              |      |                              |                              |                              |
|-------------|---|-------------------------------|--------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| a<br>b<br>c | $\begin{array}{c} CH_2\\ CH_2CH_2\\ CH_2CH_2CH_2\\ \end{array}$ |                               | b<br>c | C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub><br><i>o</i> -MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |                              |                              |      |                              |                              |                              |
| 12-18       | a   | Ar                            | [a]    | Reaction cond. <sup>[b]</sup>   | [ <b>12</b> ] <sup>[c]</sup> | [ <b>13</b> ] <sup>[d]</sup> | [15] | [ <b>16</b> ] <sup>[c]</sup> | [ <b>17</b> ] <sup>[c]</sup> | [ <b>18</b> ] <sup>[d]</sup> |
| a           | CH <sub>2</sub>   | C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> | 1a, 2b | 20 °C, 12 h   | _                            | 58                           | 15   | _                            | _                            | _                            |
| a           | $CH_{2}$  | $C_6H_5$                      | 1a, 2b | 50 °C, 4 h, + B   | _                            | 12                           | _    | _                            | _                            | 30                           |
| a           | $CH_{2}$  | $C_6H_5$                      | 1a, 2b | -20 °C, 24 h, + B   | _                            | _                            | —    | _                            | 85                           | _                            |
| b           | CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>                                 | $C_6H_5$                      | 1b, 2b | 20 °C, 12 h   | 79                           | 62                           | —    | _                            | _                            | _                            |
| b           | CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>                                 | $C_6H_5$                      | 1b, 2b | 50 °C, 4 h, $+$ B   | _                            | _                            | —    | _                            | _                            | 39                           |
| b           | $CH_{2}CH_{2}$  | $C_6H_5$                      | 1b, 2b | -20 °C, 24 h, + B   | _                            | _                            | -    | 82                           | _                            | -                            |
| c           | CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>                                 | $2 - MeOC_6H_4$               | 1b, 2c | 20 °C, 12 h   | 76                           | _                            | —    | _                            | _                            | _                            |
| c           | CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>                                 | $2 - MeOC_6H_4$               | 1b, 2c | 50 °C, 4 h, $+$ B   | _                            | _                            | —    | _                            | _                            | 45                           |
| c           | CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>                                 | $2 - MeOC_6H_4$               | 1b, 2c | -20 °C, 24 h, + B   | _                            | _                            | —    | 80                           | _                            | _                            |
| d           | $CH_2CH_2CH_2$  | C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> | 1c, 2b | 20 °C, 12 h   | _                            | 58                           | _    | _                            | -                            | _                            |

<sup>[a]</sup> Starting material, molar ratio of compounds **1:6** = 1:1. – <sup>[b]</sup> Reaction temperature, reaction time, + B = in the presence of Et<sub>3</sub>N. – <sup>[c]</sup> Yields of corresponding products isolated by crystallization at -20 °C. – <sup>[d]</sup> Isolated yields of corresponding products after chromatography on silica gel.

59.7(11)°]. In line with expectation, a trigonal-pyramidal S1 atom geometry, which is indicated by the sum of bond angles (329.5°) between the atoms attached to it, leads to the production of an enantiomeric mixture. The enantiomers separated spontaneously on crystallization, and only one enantiomer was analysed by crystal structure analysis.



Figure 3. Molecular structure of tetrahydropentalene complex 17a; selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: W–S1 2.561(3), S1– 1.764(11), S1–C130 1.810(12), C2–C9 1.332(16), C2– 1.513(16), C3–C4 1.518(17), C4–C5 1.325(17), C4–C C2-C3 C4 - O101.338(15), C5-C9 1.464(18), C5-C6 1.494(17), C6-C7 1.50(2), C7-C8 1.50(2), C8-C9 1.477(17), O10-C11 1.431(17), C11-C12 1.57(2); 103.4(5), C2-S1-C130 C2-S1-W 110.8(4). 109.7(10), C130-S1-W 115.3(4), C9-C2-Ĉ3 C9-C2-S1 C3-C2-S1 124.7(9), 125.6(9), C2 - C3 - C4101.2(10)C5-C4-O10 133.2(13), C5-C4-C3 110.4(12), O10-C4-C3 108.8(12), C5-C6-C7 5 142.5(14), C8-C7-C6 116.3(11), C4-C5-C6 C4-C5-C9 C9-C5-C6 108.5(11), 105.8(12), C9-C8-C7 105.7(11), 109.6(11),C2-C9-C5 109.8(11), C2-C9-C8 139.9(13), C5-C9-C8 110.3(10)



Scheme 5. Production of cyclopentenones 13 in a one-pot procedure

Table 4. Assignments of structural groups in Scheme 5

| 13 | а   | [13]% |  |  |
|----|---|-------|--|--|
| a  | CH <sub>2</sub>                                 | 83    |  |  |
| b  | CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>                 | 75    |  |  |
| d  | CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> | 80    |  |  |

Cyclopentenones 13 could be readily obtained in a onepot procedure by reaction of [2-(cycloalk-1-enyl)-1-alkynyl]carbene complexes 1a-c with phenylthiol (2b) in ethanol (instead of diethyl ether) (Scheme 5, Table 4).

#### **Experimental Section**

All operations were carried out under argon. All solvents were dried and distilled prior to use. – All <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were routinely recorded with Bruker ARX 300 and AM 360 instruments. – IR spectra were recorded with a Biorad Digilab Division FTS-45 FT-IR spectrophotometer. – Elemental analysis were determined with a Perkin–Elmer 240 elemental analyser. – Analytical TLC plates, Merck DC-Alufolien Kieselgel  $60_{F240}$ , were viewed by UV light (254 nm) and stained by iodine.  $R_f$  values refer to TLC tests. Chromatographic purifications were performed on Merck Kieselgel 100. Pentacarbonyl[3-(cyclopent-1-enyl)-1-ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene]tungsten (1b), pentacarbonyl[3-(cyclohex-1-enyl)-1-ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene]tungsten (1c) and pentacarbonyl[3-(cyclohex-1-enyl)-1-ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene]tungsten (1d) were prepared according to ref.<sup>[7]</sup>

(6a-Allyl-3-ethoxy-4,5,6,6a-tetrahydro-3aH-pentalene-3-thione-S)pentacarbonyltungsten (3a), (6a-Allyl-3-allylthio-4,5,6,6a-tetrahvdro-3aH-pentalene-3-thione-S)pentacarbonyltungsten (6a) and (6a-Allyl-3-allylthiopropylthio-4,5,6,6a-tetrahydro-3aH-pentalene-3-thione-S)pentacarbonyltungsten (7a): Pentacarbonyl(3-cyclopentenyl-1-ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene)tungsten (236 mg. (1a)0.50 mmol) was added with stirring at 20 °C to allylthiol (2a) (37 mg, 0.50 mmol) and triethylamine (25 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 2 mL of ethanol in a 2 mL screw-top vessel. Compound 1a was completely consumed within 5 min, to give a orange solution. The solvent was removed after 0.5 h at 20 °C and the residue was separated by rapid chromatography on silica gel (column  $20 \times 2$  cm) with *n*pentane/dichloromethane (10:1) to afford an orange fraction containing compound **3a** (169 mg, 62%,  $R_f = 0.4$  in *n*-pentane/dichloromethane, 5:1; m.p. 67 °C). If the reaction was performed in diethyl ether (instead of ethanol) for 6 h at 20 °C, it afforded two violet compounds 6a and 7a in addition to compound 3a. Rapid chromatography on silica gel (column  $20 \times 2$  cm) with *n*-pentane/dichloromethane (10:1) gave compound **6a** (101 mg, 37%,  $R_f = 0.5$  in *n*pentane/dichloromethane, 5:1, violet crystals from n-pentane at -15 °C, m.p. 49 °C), an orange fraction containing compound 3a (46 mg, 17%) and a red fraction of compound of 7a (41 mg, 13%,  $R_f = 0.3$  in *n*-pentane/ dichloromethane, 5:1, red oil). Compounds 3a, 6a and 7a are unstable in solution.



**Compound 3a:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 6.52$  (s, 1 H, 2-H), 5.40 (m, 1 H, 2'-H), 4.90 (m, 2 H, 3'-H<sub>2</sub>), 3.49 (2 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.65 (dd, 1 H, 3a-H), 2.48 and 2.06 (each dd, each 1 H, diastereotopic 1'-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.84 (m, 1 H), 1.42 (m, 1 H), 1.25-1.02 (m, 4 H), 0.81 (t, 3 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). - <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 239.8$  (C<sub>q</sub>, C=S), 201.8 and 198.4 [*trans*- and *cis*-CO of W(CO)<sub>5</sub>], 193.7 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-3), 133.2 (CH,

C-2'), 121.6 (CH, C-2), 119.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-3'), 69.5 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 66.7 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-6a), 55.6 (CH, C-3a), 43.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1'), 38.4, 28.2 and 24.6 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4–C-7), 13.6 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). – IR (hexane):  $\tilde{v}$  (%) = 2066.8 (5), 1940.9 (100), 1911.8 cm <sup>-1</sup> (30) [v(C $\equiv$ O)]. – MS (70 eV); *m*/z <sup>184</sup>W (%): 546 (21) [M<sup>+</sup>], 462 (35) [M<sup>+</sup> – 3 CO], 434 (42) [M<sup>+</sup> – 4 CO], 406 (67) [M<sup>+</sup> – 5 CO]. – C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>6</sub>SW (546.3): calcd. C 39.54, H 3.29; found C 39.55, H 3.39.



**Compound 6a:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.01 (s, 1 H, 2-H), 5.44 (m, 1 H, 2''-H), 5.33 (m, 1 H, 2'-H), 5.06 (dd, 2 H, 3''-H), 4.88 (m, 2 H, 3'-H), 3.05 (m, 2 H, 1''-H), 2.38 and 2.03 (each dd, each 1 H, diastereotopic 1'-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.78 (dd, 1 H, 3a-H), 1.71 (m, 1 H), 1.39 (m, 2 H), 1.18 (m, 3 H). - <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 236.3 (C<sub>q</sub>, C=S), 201.7 and 198.1 [*trans-* and *cis-*CO of W(CO)<sub>5</sub>], 137.2 (CH, C-2), 133.1 (CH, C-2'), 130.2 (CH, C-2''), 120.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-3''), 118.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-3'), 70.4 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-6a), 60.3 (CH, C-3a), 44.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1'), 36.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1''); 38.2, 30.9, 24.6 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4 - C-6). - IR (hexane):  $\tilde{v}$  (%) = 2067.5 (5), 1941.5 (100), 1912.2 cm <sup>-1</sup> (30) [v(C=O)]. - MS (70 eV), *m*/*z* <sup>184</sup>W (%): 574 (35) [M<sup>+</sup>], 462 (75) [M<sup>+</sup> - 4 CO], 434 (68) [M<sup>+</sup> - 5 CO]. - C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub>W (574.3): calcd. C 39.70, H 3.13; found C 39.68, H 3.34.



**Compound 7a:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.07 (1 H, s, 2-H), 5.62 (1 H, m, 2'''-H), 5.37 (1 H, m, 2'-H), 4.91 (4 H, m, 3'-H and 3'''-H), 2.80 (2 H, m, 1'''-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.67 and 2.24 (each 2 H, each t, 1''- and 3''-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.38 (1 H, dd, 3a-H), 2.42 and 2.06 (each 1 H, each dd, diastereotopic 1'-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.64 (2 H, m, 2''-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.74 (1 H, m), 1.40 (2 H, m) and 1.20 (3 H, m) (4-H<sub>2</sub>-6-H<sub>2</sub>). – <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 236.0 (C<sub>q</sub>, C=S), 201.7 and 198.2 [*trans-* and *cis-*CO of W(CO)<sub>5</sub>], 136.9 (CH, C-2), 134.6 (CH, C-2'), 133.1 (CH, C-2''), 119.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-3'), 116.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-3''), 70.5 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-6a), 60.3 (CH, C-3a), 44.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1'), 34.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1''), 32.4, 29.3 and 27.8 (each 2 H, t, t, "quint", each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1'' –C-3''); 34.8, 31.0 and 24.6 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4–C-7). – IR (hexane):  $\tilde{v}$  (%) = 2067.5 (5), 1939.6 (100), 1922.0 (40) [v(C=O)] cm <sup>-1</sup>. – MS (70 eV), *mlz* <sup>184</sup>W (%): 648 (6) [M<sup>+</sup>], 324 (40) [M<sup>+</sup> – W(CO)<sub>5</sub>], 283 (50) [324 – C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>], 209 (30) [283 – C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>S], 91 (100).

(7a-Allyl-3-ethoxy-3a,4,5,6,7,7a-hexahydroindene-1-thione-S)pentacarbonyltungsten (3b), (7a-Allyl-3-allylthio-3a,4,5,6,7,7a-hexahydroindene-1-thione-S)pentacarbonyltungsten (6b) and (6a-Allyl-3allylsulfidopropylthio-4,5,6,6a-tetrahydro-3a*H*-indene-3-thione-S)pentacarbonyltungsten (7b): Pentacarbonyl(3-cyclopentenyl-1ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene)tungsten (1\*b) (243 mg, 0.50 mmol) was added to allylthiol (2a) (37 mg, 1.00 mmol) and triethylamine (25 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 2 mL of ethanol as described above to give an orange compound 3b (201 mg, 72%,  $R_f = 0.6$  in *n*-pentane/ dichloromethane, 5:1, m.p. 65 °C). – If the reaction was performed in diethyl ether (instead of ethanol) for 6 h at 20 °C, it afforded two violet compounds **6b** and **7b** in addition to compound **3b**. Rapid chromatography on silica gel (column  $20 \times 2$  cm) with *n*-pentane/dichloromethane (10:1) gave compound **6b** (113 mg, 41%,  $R_f = 0.5$  in *n*-pentane/dichloromethane, 5:1, violet crystals from *n*-pentane at -15 °C, m.p. 46 °C), an orange fraction containing compound **3b** (42 mg, 15%) and a fraction with compound **7b** (36 mg, 11%,  $R_f = 0.5$  in *n*-pentane/dichloromethane, 5:1, red oil). Compounds **3b**, **6b** and **7b** are unstable in solution.



**Compound 3b:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 6.54$  (s, 1 H, 2-H), 5.41 (m, 1 H, 2'-H), 4.89 (m, 2 H, 3'-H<sub>2</sub>), 3.54 (2 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.50 (dd, 1 H, 3a-H), 2.34 and 2.04 (each dd, each 1 H, diastereotopic 1'-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.58, 1.35 and 1.10 (each m, 1:4:3 H, 4-H<sub>2</sub>-7-H<sub>2</sub>), 0.83 (t, 3 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). – <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 239.9$  (C<sub>q</sub>, C=S), 201.9 and 198.5 [*trans-* and *cis-*CO of W(CO)<sub>5</sub>], 194.7 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-3), 133.0 (CH, C-2'), 120.6 (CH, C-2), 119.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-3'), 69.3 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 58.1 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-7a), 50.3 (CH, C-3a), 44.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1'); 34.3, 22.8, 18.6 and 18.4 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4-C-7), 13.6 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). – IR (hexane):  $\tilde{v}$  (%) = 2067.0 (5), 1940.8 (100), 1912.0 cm <sup>-1</sup> (30) [v(C=O)]. – MS (70 eV), *mlz* <sup>184</sup>W (%): 560 (17) [M<sup>+</sup>], 476 (33) [M<sup>+</sup> – 3 CO], 448 (30) [M<sup>+</sup> – 4 CO], 420 (100) [M<sup>+</sup> – 5 CO]. – C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>6</sub>SW (560.3): calcd. C 40.69, H 3.57; found C 40.68, H 3.65.

**X-ray Crystal Structure Analysis of Compound 3b:** Formula  $C_{19}H_{20}O_6SW$ ,  $M = 560.26 \text{ gmol}^{-1}$ ,  $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$ , a = 11.532(1), b = 11.572(1), c = 15.896(1) Å, V = 2121.3(3) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $D_{calcd.} = 1.754 \text{ gcm}^{-3}$ ,  $\mu = 55.74 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , empirical absorption correction via SORTAV ( $0.286 \le T \le 0.606$ ), Z = 4, orthorhombic, space group *Pnma* (No. 62),  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å, T = 198(2) K,  $\omega$  and scans, 4611 reflections collected ( $\pm h, \pm k, \pm l$ ), [(sin $\Theta$ )/ $\lambda$ ]<sub>max</sub> = 0.65 Å<sup>-1</sup>, 2552 independent reflections and 2248 observed reflections [ $I \ge 2\sigma(I)$ ], 176 refined parameters, R = 0.024,  $R_w^2 = 0.056$ , max./ min. residual electron density  $\rho = 1.89/-1.32$  eÅ<sup>-3</sup>, hydrogen atoms calculated and riding, molecule is located on a mirror plane; therefore the cyclohexane ring and the propylene unit are disordered.<sup>[15]</sup>

**Compound 6b:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.07 (s, 1 H, 2-H), 5.45 (m, 1 H, 2''-H), 5.38 (m, 1 H, 2'-H), 5.06 (dd, 2 H, 3''-H), 4.88 (m, 2 H, 3'-H<sub>2</sub>), 3.11 (m, 2 H, 1''-H), 2.62 (dd, 1 H, 3a-H), 2.25 and 2.03 (each dd, each 1 H, diastereotopic 1'-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.53 (m, 1 H), 1.36 (m, 3 H), 1.05 (m, 4 H). - <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 236.2 (C<sub>q</sub>, C=S), 201.8 and 198.2 [*trans*- and *cis*-CO of W(CO)<sub>5</sub>], 188.2 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-3), 136.5 (CH, C-2), 133.0 (CH, C-2'), 130.0 (CH, C-2''), 120.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-3''), 119.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-3'), 62.0 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-7a), 55.1 (CH, C-3a), 45.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1'), 34.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1''); 34.6, 26.4, 19.1 and 18.9 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4−C-7). − IR (hexane):  $\tilde{\nu}$  (%) = 2067.0 (5), 1940.9 (100), 1912.5 cm <sup>-1</sup> (30) [v(C≡O)]. − MS (70 eV), *m*/*z* <sup>184</sup>W (%): 588 (30) [M<sup>+</sup>], 476 (54) [M<sup>+</sup> − 4 CO], 448 (29) [M<sup>+</sup> − 5 CO]. − C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub>W (588.4): calcd. C 40.79, H 3.40; found C 41.03, H 3.79.

**Compound 7b:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.09 (1 H, s, 2-H), 5.62 (1 H, m, 2'''-H), 5.39 (1 H, m, 2'-H), 4.90 (4 H, m, 3'- and 3'''-H), 2.79 (2 H, m, 1'''-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.70 and 2.25 (each 2 H, each t, 1''- and 3''-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.63 (1 H, dd, 3a-H), 2.26 and 2.03 (each 1 H, each dd, diastereotopic 1'-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.66 (2 H, m, 2''-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.56 (1 H, m), 1.36 (4 H, m)

and 1.10 (3 H, m) (4-H<sub>2</sub>-7-H<sub>2</sub>).  $^{-13}$ C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 235.9$  (C<sub>q</sub>, C=S), 201.7 and 198.2 [*trans-* and *cis-*CO of W(CO)<sub>5</sub>], 136.0 (CH, C-2), 134.6 (CH, C-2'), 132.9 (CH, C-2'''),119.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-3'), 116.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-3'''), 62.0 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-7a), 55.0 (CH, C-3a), 44.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1'), 34.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1''); 32.9, 29.3 and 27.7 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1''-C-3''); 34.7, 26.3, 19.0 and 18.9 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4-C-7).  $^{-1}$ R (hexane):  $\tilde{v} (\%) = 2067.5$  (5), 1939.0 (100), 1922.2 (40) [v(C=O)] cm  $^{-1}$ .  $^{-1}$ MS (70 eV), *m*/*z* <sup>184</sup>W (%): 662 (4) [M<sup>+</sup>], 338 (40) [M<sup>+</sup>  $^{+}$  W(CO)<sub>5</sub>], 297 (45) [338 - C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>], 223 (35) [297 - SC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>], 115 (100).

(8a-Allyl-3-ethoxy-4,5,6,7,8,8a-hexahydro-3a*H*-azulene-1-thione-*S*)pentacarbonyltungsten (3c): Pentacarbonyl(3-cycloheptenyl-1ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene)tungsten (1d) (250 mg, 0.50 mmol) was treated with allylthiol (2a) (37 mg, 0.50 mmol) in the presence of triethylamine (25 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 2 mL of ethanol as described above. Chromatography after 3 h at 20 °C afforded compound 3c (185 mg, 65%,  $R_f = 0.7$  in *n*-pentane/dichloromethane, 5:1, orange oil). If the reaction was performed in toluene (instead of ethanol) it gave compound 3c in 49% yield (140 mg).



**Compound 3c:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 6.66$  (s, 1 H, 2-H), 5.38 (m, 1 H, 2'-H), 4.90 (m, 2 H, 3'-H<sub>2</sub>), 3.58 (2 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.62 (dd, 1 H, 3a-H), 2.18 and 2.08 (each dd, each 1 H, diastereotopic 1'-H<sub>2</sub>); 1.89, 1.65, 1.51, 1.32 and 0.96 (each m, 1:2:1:4:3 H, 4-H<sub>2</sub>\_8-H<sub>2</sub>), 0.85 (t, 3 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). – <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 240.0$  (C<sub>q</sub>, C= S), 201.8 and 198.4 [*trans*- and *cis*-CO of W(CO)<sub>5</sub>], 194.4 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-3), 132.7 (CH, C-2'), 119.5 (CH, C-2), 118.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-3'), 69.1 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 58.9 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-8a), 49.8 (CH, C-3a), 44.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1'); 34.4, 22.7, 18.5 and 18.3 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4−C-7), 13.6 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). – IR (hexane):  $\tilde{v}$  (%) = 2067.9 (5), 1941.4 (100), 1912.2 cm <sup>-1</sup> (30) [v(C≡O)]. – MS (70 eV), *m*/*z* <sup>184</sup>W (%): 574 (13) [M<sup>+</sup>], 490 (19) [M<sup>+</sup> − 3 CO], 434 (39) [M<sup>+</sup> − 5 CO]. – C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>6</sub>SW (574.3): calcd. C 41.83, H 3.86; found C 42.57, H 3.98.

(7a-Allyl-3-ethoxy-3a,4,5,6,7,7a-hexahydroindene-1-thione-*S*)pentacarbonylchromium (3d) and (7a-Allyl-3-allylthio-3a,4,5,6,7,7ahexahydroindene-1-thione-*S*)pentacarbonylchromium (6d): Pentacarbonyl(3-cyclohexenyl-1-ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene)chromium (1d) (178 mg, 0.50 mmol) was treated with allylthiol (2a) (37 mg, 0.50 mmol) in the presence of triethylamine (25 mg, 0.25 mmol) in 2 mL of toluene as described above to give compound 6d (20 mg, 9%,  $R_f = 0.8$  in *n*-pentane/dichloromethane, 5:1, violet crystals, m.p. 42 °C) and compound 3d (98 mg, 46%,  $R_f = 0.7$  in *n*-pentane/ dichloromethane, 5:1, orange crystals from *n*-pentane at -15 °C, m.p. 58 °C).

**Compound 3d:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 6.50$  (s, 1 H, 2-H), 5.39 (m, 1 H, 2'-H), 4.86 (m, 2 H, 3'-H), 3.51 (2 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.51 (dd, 1 H, 3a-H), 2.34 and 2.03 (each dd, each 1 H, diastereotopic 1'-H<sub>2</sub>); 1.58, 1.36 and 1.10 (each m, 1:4:3 H, 4-H<sub>2</sub>-7-H<sub>2</sub>), 0.85 (t, 3 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). – <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 241.9$  (C<sub>q</sub>, C=S), 223.6 and 216.8 [*trans-* and *cis-*CO of W(CO)<sub>5</sub>], 194.9 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-3), 133.0 (CH, C-2'), 119.1 (CH, C-2), 118.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-3'), 69.1 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 58.9 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-7a), 49.8 (CH, C-3a), 44.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1'); 34.4, 22.7, 18.5 and 18.3 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4-C-7), 13.6 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). – IR (hexane):  $\tilde{v}$  (%) = 1961.7 (5), 1932.1 (100), 1902.1 cm <sup>-1</sup> (30) [v(C=O)]. – MS (70 eV), *mlz* (%): 428 (13) [M<sup>+</sup>], 344 (6) [M<sup>+</sup> – 3 CO], 316 (25)

 $[M^+$  – 4 CO], 288 (89)  $[M^+$  – 5 CO]. –  $C_{19}H_{20}O_6SCr$  (428.4): calcd. C 53.27, H 4.71; found C 53.05, H 4.69.

**Compound 6d:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.05 (s, 1 H, 2-H), 5.38 (m, 2 H, 2'- and 2''-H), 4.94 (m, 4 H, 3'- and 3''-H), 3.19 (m, 2 H, 1''-H), 2.50 (dd, 1 H, 3a-H), 2.26 and 2.04 (each dd, each 1 H, diastereotopic 1'-H<sub>2</sub>); 1.58, 1.35 and 1.06 (each m, 1:3:4 H, 4-H<sub>2</sub>-7-H<sub>2</sub>). - <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 238.7 (C<sub>q</sub>, C=S), 221.6 and 216.5 [*trans*- and *cis*-CO of W(CO)<sub>5</sub>], 188.0 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-3), 133.9 (CH, C-2), 132.8 (CH, C-2'), 130.4 (CH, C-2''), 120.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-3''), 119.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-3'), 62.9 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-7a), 54.6 (CH, C-3a), 45.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1'), 35.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-1''); 34.7, 26.3, 19.0 and 18.9 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4-C-7). - IR (hexane):  $\tilde{v}$  (%) = 1962.8 (5), 1932.1 (100), 1903.2 cm<sup>-1</sup> (30) [v(C=O)]. - MS (70 eV), *m/z* (%): 456 (6) [M<sup>+</sup>], 428 (10) [M<sup>+</sup> - 1 CO], 316 (57) [M<sup>+</sup> - 5 CO]. - C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Cr (456.5): calcd. C 52.62, H 4.42; found C 52.43, H 4.40.

(6aR\*,3aS\*)-3-Phenylthio-4,5,6,6a-tetrahydro-3aH-pentalen-1-one (13a) and  $(1S^*, 4R^*, 7R^*)$ -2-(Cyclopent-1-enyl)-6-ethoxy-3-(1,1,1,1,1,1-pentacarbonyl-2-ethoxy-1-tungsta-2-ethenyl)-4-phenylthiospirotricyclo[5.3.0<sup>1,4</sup>.0<sup>1,7</sup>]deca-2,5-diene (15a): To pentacarbonyl(3-cyclopentenyl-1-ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene)tungsten (1a) (236 mg, 0.50 mmol) in 1 mL of diethyl ether was added dropwise at 20 °C a solution of thiophenol (55 mg, 0.50 mmol) (2b) in 1 mL of diethyl ether. According to a TLC test, compound 1a was consumed completely after 2 h at 20 °C. After stirring for 10 h at 20 °C, the mixture was centrifuged in order to remove W(CO)<sub>6</sub>. Fast chromatography on silica gel (column  $20 \times 2$  cm) with *n*-pentane/ dichloromethane (6:1) afforded a red fraction containing compound 15a (27 mg, 15%,  $R_f = 0.5$  in *n*-pentane/dichloromethane 4:1, m.p. 74 °C). Subsequent elution with n-pentane/diethyl ether (3:1) gave a colourless polar fraction containing compound 13a (67 mg, 58%,  $R_f = 0.4$  in *n*-pentane/diethyl ether, 3:1). Compound 15a was not formed if the (1-alkynyl)carbene complex 1a was treated with an excess of 1.5 equivalents of thiophenol (2b), thus indicating that the reaction of the (1-alkynyl)carbene complex 1a with thiophenol (2b) is faster than the [2+2] cycloaddition of 1a to compound 14a. If a solution of thiophenol (55 mg, 0.50 mmol) (2b) in 2 mL of ethanol was added to pentacarbonyl(3-cyclopentenyl-1ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene)tungsten (1a) (236 mg, 0.50 mmol) at 20 °C, the starting material was consumed after a few minutes (TLC test) to give cyclopenten-1-one 13a in 83% yield.







**Compound 15a:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta = 7.57, 7.03$  and 6.94 (each m, 2:1:2, Ph), 5.73 (m, 1 H, 2'-H), 5.37 (s, 1 H, 5-H), 4.56 and 4.31 (each m, each 1 H, diastereotopic  $W = COCH_2$ ), 3.80 and 3.60 (each m, each 1 H, diastereotopic 6-OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.23 (dd, 1 H, 7-H), 2.62 (m, 1 H), 2.19 (m, 3 H), 1.92 (m, 2 H), 1.64 (m, 5 H), 1.03 (t, 6 H, 2 OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>).  $- {}^{13}$ C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 316.2$  (W=C), 204.3 and 198.3 [each Cq, trans- and cis- CO of W(CO)<sub>5</sub>], 164.1 (Cq, C-6), 159.8 (Cq, broad, C-3); 136.6, 136.0, 135.3 and 135.1 (each Cq, C-1', C-2', C-2 and i-C, Ph), 136.1, 128.8 and 128.2 (each CH, 2:2:1, Ph), 100.6 (CH, C-5), 78.2 (dynamically broadened W=COCH<sub>2</sub>), 75.2 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-4), 65.3 (6-OCH<sub>2</sub>), 64.0 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-1), 49.9 (CH, C-7), 34.3, 33.5 and 23.6 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-3'-C-5'); 33.4, 30.8 and 26.5 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-8–C-10), 14.5 (2 OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). – IR (diethyl ether):  $\tilde{v}$  (%) = 2068.9 (5), 1947.1 (100), 1911.7 cm  $^{-1}$  (30) [v(C=O)]. - MS (70 eV), m/z <sup>184</sup>W (%): 730 (5) [M<sup>+</sup>], 702 (20) [M<sup>+</sup> - CO], 618 (100)  $[M^+ - 4 \text{ CO}]$ , 590 (20)  $[M^+ - 5 \text{ CO}]$ . -  $C_{31}H_{30}O_7SW$ (730.5): calcd. C 50.83, H 4.11; found C 50.97, H 4.47.

**X-ray Crystal Structure Analysis of Compound 15a:** Formula  $C_{31}H_{30}O_7SW$ ,  $M = 730.46 \text{ gmol}^{-1}$ ,  $0.25 \times 0.25 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$ , a = 15.558(1), b = 18.648(1), c = 10.051(1) Å,  $\beta = 94.49(1)$  °, V = 2907.1(4) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $D_{\text{calcd.}} = 1.669 \text{ gcm}^{-3}$ ,  $\mu = 40.91 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , empirical absorption correction by SORTAV ( $0.428 \leq T \leq 0.495$ ), Z = 4, monoclinic, space group  $P_{21}/c$  (No. 14),  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å, T = 198(2) K,  $\omega$  and scans, 21588 reflections collected ( $\pm h$ ,  $\pm k$ ,  $\pm l$ ), [(sin $\Theta$ )/ $\lambda$ ]<sub>max</sub> = 0.71 Å<sup>-1</sup>, 8808 independent reflections and 7197 observed reflections [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ], 363 refined parameters, R = 0.033,  $R_w^2 = 0.069$ , max./min. residual electron density  $\rho = 1.27/-0.82 \text{ eÅ}^{-3}$ , hydrogen atoms calculated and riding.<sup>[15]</sup>

(3aS\*)-Pentacarbonyl(3-ethoxy-1-phenylthio-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-3aH-indene-S)tungsten (12b), 3-Phenylthio-3a,4,5,6,7,7a-hexahydroinden-1-one (13b) and 3-Ethoxy-1-phenylthio-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-3aH-indene (14b): Thiophenol (2b) (55 mg, 0.50 mmol) was treated with pentacarbonyl(3-cyclohexenyl-1-ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene)tungsten (1b) (243 mg, 0.50 mmol) in 2 mL of diethyl ether for 2 h as described above. Fast chromatography with *n*-pentane/dichloromethane (10:1) afforded a yellow fraction containing compound 12b (235 mg, 79%,  $R_f = 0.8$  in *n*-pentane/dichloromethane, 4:1, m.p. 67 °C). Compound 12b in [D<sub>6</sub>]benzene was transformed into the metal-free ligand 14b and W(CO)<sub>6</sub> within 15 h at 20 °C according to NMR measurements. Chromatography of the reaction mixture resulting from compounds 1b and 2b after 12 h at 20 °C gave compound 13b (76 mg, 62%,  $R_f = 0.5$  in *n*-pentane/diethyl ether, 3:1, colourless oil). If a solution of thiophenol (55 mg, 0.50 mmol) (2b) in 2 mL of ethanol was added to pentacarbonyl(3-cyclohexenyl-1-ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene)tungsten (1b) (243 mg, 0.50 mmol) at 20 °C, starting material was consumed after few min (TLC test) to give cyclopenten-1-one 13b in 75% yield.



**Compound 12b:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta = 7.52$  (m, 2 H, *o*-H Ph), 6.97 (m, 3 H, *m*-H and *p*-H Ph), 5.18 (s, 1 H, 2-H), 3.39 (m, 2 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.86 (dd, 1 H, 3a-H), 2.68 (m, 1 H), 2.23 (m, 1 H), 1.83 (m, 1 H), 1.64 (m, 1 H), 1.44-1.16 (m, 4 H), 0.99 (t, 3 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). - <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta = 201.2$  and 197.9 [each  $C_q$ , *trans*- and *cis*-CO of W(CO)<sub>5</sub>], 169.1 ( $C_q$ , C-3), 143.0 ( $C_q$ , C-1), 135.7 ( $C_q$ , *i*-C, Ph), 129.6, 129.5 and 128.9 (each CH, 2:2:1, Ph), 125.4 ( $C_q$ , C-7a), 100.9 (CH, C-2), 65.6 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 51.5 (CH, C-3a); 31.5, 28.8, 26.7 and 24.8

(each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4–C-7), 14.3 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). – IR (diethyl ether):  $\tilde{v}$  (%) = 2062.9 (5), 1933.8 (100), 1905.7 cm<sup>-1</sup> (30) [v(C=O)]. – MS (70 eV), *m*/z <sup>184</sup>W (%): 596 (1) [M<sup>+</sup>], 456 (5) [M<sup>+</sup> – 5 CO]. – C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>6</sub>SW (596.3): calcd. C 44.31, H 3.38; found C 44.21, H 3.35.



**Compound 13b:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta = 7.27$  (d, 2 H, *o*-H Ph), 6.97 (m, 3 H, *m*-H and *p*-H Ph), 5.59 (s, 1 H, 2-H), 2.62 and 2.30 (each m, each 1 H, 3a-H and 7a-H), 2.11 (m, 1 H), 1.81 (m, 1), 1.42–1.10 (m, 6 H). – <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta = 203.7$  ( $C_q$ , C=O), 182.1 ( $C_q$ , C-3); 134.2, 129.8 and 129.7 (each CH, 2:2:1, Ph), 130.0 ( $C_q$ , *i*-C, Ph), 123.5 (CH, C-2), 47.5 and 43.2 (each CH, C-3a and C-7a), 30.0, 22.7 and 21.6 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, 1:1:2, C-4–C-7). – IR (diethyl ether):  $\tilde{v}$  (%) = 1699.8 cm <sup>-1</sup> (70) [v(C=O)]. – MS (70 eV), *mlz* (%): 244 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>]. –  $C_{15}H_{16}OS$  (244.4): calcd. C 73.73, H 6.60; found C 73.56, H 6.52.



**Compound 14b:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta = 7.41$  (m, 2 H, *o*-H Ph), 6.86 (m, 3 H, *m*-H and *p*-H Ph), 5.08 (s, 1 H, 2-H), 3.34 (m, 2 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.06 (dd, 1 H, 3a-H), 2.68 (m, 1 H), 2.37 (m, 1 H), 1.94 (m, 1 H), 1.64 (m, 1 H), 1.51-1.16 (m, 4 H), 1.01 (t, 3 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>).  $-^{13}$ C NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta = 169.1$  ( $C_q$ , C-3), 142.6 ( $C_q$ , C-1), 134.7 ( $C_q$ , *i*-C, Ph); 129.8, 129.2 and 128.2 (each CH, 2:2:1, Ph), 123.5 ( $C_q$ , C-7a), 97.8 (CH, C-2), 65.2 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 51.4 (CH, C-3a), 31.6, 29.1, 26.4 and 25.3 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4-C-7), 14.4 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>).

(3aS\*)-Pentacarbonyl[3-ethoxy-1-(2-methoxyphenylthio)-4,5,6,7tetrahydro-3aH-indene-S]tungsten (12c): Pentacarbonyl(3-cyclohexenyl-1-ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene)tungsten (1b) (243 mg, 0.50 mmol) was treated with 2-methoxythiophenol (2c) (70 mg, 0.50 mmol) at 20 °C as described above to give compound 12c (238 mg, 76%,  $R_f = 0.5$  in *n*-pentane/dichloromethane, 1:3, m.p. 68 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.40 and 6.39 (each d, each 1 H, 3-H and 6-H of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 6.91 and 6.62 (each t, each 1 H, 4-H and 5-H of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 5.18 (s, 1 H, 2-H), 3.37 (m, 2 H, 3-OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.35 (s, 3 H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.84 (dd, 1 H, 3a-H), 2.69 (m, 1 H), 2.22 (m, 1 H), 1.83 (m, 1 H), 1.63 (m, 1 H), 1.44-1.16 (m, 4 H), 0.98 (t, 3 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>).  $- {}^{13}$ C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 201.2$  and 197.9 [each C<sub>q</sub>, trans- and cis-CO of W(CO)<sub>5</sub>], 169.1 (Cq, C-3), 143.0 (Cq, C-1), 158.1 (Cq, C-2 of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 132.2 and 131.3 (each CH, C-4 and C-6 of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 123.7 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-1 of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 121.1 and 111.7 (each CH, C-3 and C-5 of  $C_6H_4$ ), 125.2 (Cq, C-7a), 100.9 (CH, C-2), 65.5 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 55.4 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 51.6 (CH, C-3a); 31.4, 28.7, 26.7 and 24.7 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4-C-7), 14.3 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). - IR (diethyl ether): v  $(\%) = 2062.7 (5), 1933.8 (100), 1905.7 \text{ cm}^{-1} (30) [v(C=O)]. - \text{MS}$ (70 eV),  $m/z^{-184}$ W (%): 626 (5) [M<sup>+</sup>], 486 (10) [M<sup>+</sup> - 5 CO]. -C23H22O7SW (626.3): calcd. C 44.07, H 3.51; found C 43.87, H 3.62.

#### Pentacarbonyl(1-ethoxy-3-phenylthio-2,4,5,6-tetrahydro-pentalene-S)tungsten (17a): To pentacarbonyl(3-cyclopentenyl-1-ethoxy-2propyn-1-ylidene)tungsten (1a) (236 mg, 0.50 mmol) in 1.5 mL of

hexane in a 2-mL screw-top vessel was added dropwise with stirring at -20 °C a solution of thiophenol (**2b**) (55 mg, 0.50 mmol) and triethylamine (20 mg, 0.20 mmol) in 0.5 mL of diethyl ether. A colour change from brown to yellow was observed immediately. Yellow crystals of compound **17a** were collected by centrifugation after 24 h at -20 °C and washed with precooled *n*-pentane at -20 °C (218 mg, 85%,  $R_f = 0.7$  in *n*-pentane/diethyl ether, 3:1, m.p. 72 °C). Compound **17a** is very unstable at 20 °C and therefore should be stored below -30 °C. NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at -20 °C.



**Compound 17a:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360 MHz, 253 K, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.45, 7.41 and 7.33 (each m, 2:2:1, Ph), 4.09 (m, 2 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.56 (s, 2 H, 2-H), 2.58 and 2.43 (each "t", each 2 H, 4-H<sub>2</sub> and 6-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.16 (m, 2 H, 5-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.33 (t, 3 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). – <sup>13</sup>C NMR (360 MHz, 253 K, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 200.8 and 197.2 [each C<sub>q</sub>, *trans-* and *cis-*CO of W(CO)<sub>5</sub>], 165.4 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-1), 155.8 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-3), 138.3 (C<sub>q</sub>, *i-*C, Ph), 129.2, 129.0 and 128.6 (each CH, 2:2:1, Ph), 119.7 and 106.2 (each C<sub>q</sub>, C-3a and C-6a), 66.0 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 47.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-2); 29.9, 25.8 and 25.7 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4–C-6), 15.0 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). – IR (diethyl ether):  $\tilde{v}$  (%) = 2062.6 (5), 1934.6 (100), 1905.3 cm <sup>-1</sup> (30) [v(C=O)]. – MS (70 eV), *m*/z <sup>184</sup>W (%): 582 (2) [M<sup>+</sup>], 470 (8) [M<sup>+</sup> – 4 CO], 258 (59) [M<sup>+</sup> – W(CO)<sub>5</sub>], 229 (100) [M<sup>+</sup> – W(CO)<sub>5</sub> – Et]. –C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>6</sub>SW (582.3): calcd. C 43.30, H 3.09; found C 43.58, H 3.17.

**X-ray Crystal Structure Analysis of Compound 17a:** Formula  $C_{21}H_{18}O_6SW$ ,  $M = 582.26 \text{ gmol}^{-1}$ ,  $0.30 \times 0.30 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$ , a = 7.297(1), b = 13.188(1), c = 22.343(2) Å, V = 2150.1(4) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $D_{\text{calcd.}} = 1.799 \text{ gcm}^{-3}$ ,  $\mu = 55.03 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , empirical absorption correction by  $\psi$  scan data ( $0.289 \leq T \leq 0.406$ ), Z = 4, orthorhombic, space group  $P2_{12}I_{21}$  (No. 19),  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å, T = 223(2) K,  $\omega/2\theta$  scans, 2505 reflections collected (+h, +k, -l), [(sin $\Theta$ )/ $\lambda$ ]<sub>max</sub> = 0.62 Å<sup>-1</sup>, 2505 independent reflections and 2263 observed reflections [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ], 263 refined parameters, R = 0.031,  $R_{\psi}^2 = 0.101$ , max./ min. residual electron density  $\rho = 0.94/-0.92$  eÅ<sup>-3</sup>, Flack parameter -0.02(3), hydrogen atoms calculated and riding.<sup>[15]</sup>

**Pentacarbonyl(3-ethoxy-1-phenylthio-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1***H***-indene-***S***)tungsten (16b):** Pentacarbonyl(3-cyclohexenyl-1-ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene)tungsten (1b) (243 mg, 0.50 mmol) was treated with thiophenol (2b) (55 mg, 0.50 mmol) in the presence of triethylamine as described above to give compound 16b (244 mg, 82%,  $R_f = 0.8$ in *n*-pentane/dichloromethane, 1:3, m.p. 69 °C).



(OCH<sub>2</sub>), 61.3 (CH, C-1); 23.9, 22.6, 21.9 and 21.5 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4–C-7), 14.4 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). – IR (diethyl ether):  $\tilde{v}$  (%) = 2067.6 (5), 1935.9 (100), 1898.2 cm <sup>-1</sup> (50) [v(C=O)]. – MS (70 eV), *m/z* <sup>184</sup>W (%): 596 (5) [M<sup>+</sup>], 484 (16) [M<sup>+</sup> – 4 CO], 272 (72) [M<sup>+</sup> – W(CO)<sub>5</sub>]. – C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>6</sub>SW (596.3): calcd. C 44.27, H 3.35; found C 44.36, H 3.37.

Pentacarbonyl[3-ethoxy-1-(2-methoxyphenylthio)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-indene-*S*]tungsten (16c): Pentacarbonyl(3-cyclohexenyl-1ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene)tungsten (1b) (243 mg, 0.50 mmol) was treated with 2-methoxythiophenol (2c) (70 mg, 0.50 mmol) in the presence of triethylamine as described above. Workup as described above afforded compound 16c (250 mg, 80%,  $R_f = 0.6$  in *n*-pentane/dichloromethane, 1:3, m.p. 64 °C).



**Compound 16c:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta = 7.42$  and 6.39 (each d, each 1 H, 3-H and 6-H of  $C_6H_4$ ), 6.94 and 6.65 (each t, each 1 H, 4-H and 5-H of  $C_6H_4$ ), 5.13 (d, 1 H, 2-H), 4.56 (d, 1 H, 1-H), 3.84 and 3.67 (each m, each 1 H, diastereotopic OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.35 (s, 3 H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.13 (m, 1 H), 2.02 (m, 2 H), 1.67 (m, 1 H), 1.37 (m, 4 H), 1.05 (t, 3 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). – <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta = 200.6$  and 198.2 [each  $C_q$ , *trans*- and *cis*-CO of W(CO)<sub>5</sub>], 163.8 ( $C_q$ , C-3), 158.1 ( $C_q$ , C-2 of  $C_6H_4$ ), 139.7 and 139.2 (each  $C_q$ , C-3a and C-7a), 132.3 and 131.3 (each CH, C-4 and C-6 of  $C_6H_4$ ), 123.9 ( $C_q$ , C-1 of  $C_6H_4$ ), 121.1 and 111.6 (each CH, C-3 and C-5 of  $C_6H_4$ ), 95.2 (CH, C-2), 65.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 58.2 (CH, C-1), 55.4 (OCH<sub>3</sub>); 24.4, 22.8, 22.0 and 21.7 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4–C-7), 14.4 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). – IR (diethyl ether):  $\tilde{v}$  (%) = 2062.8 (5), 1934.9 (100), 1905.8 (30) cm <sup>-1</sup> [ $v(C\equiv O)$ ]. – MS (70 eV), *m*/*z* <sup>184</sup>W (%): 626 (5) [M<sup>+</sup>], 514 (27) [M<sup>+</sup> – 4 CO], 302 (28) [M<sup>+</sup> – W(CO)<sub>5</sub>]. –  $C_{23}H_{22}O_7SW$  (626.3): calcd. C 44.07, H 3.51; found C 43.70, H 3.53.

**3-Phenylthio-4,5,6,7,8,8a-hexahydro-3a***H***-azulen-1-one (13d):** Pentacarbonyl(3-cycloheptenyl-1-ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene)tungsten (1c) (250 mg, 0.50 mmol) was treated with thiophenol (2b) (55 mg, 0.50 mmol) in 2 mL of diethyl ether as described above. Chromatography of the mixture after 12 h at 20 °C with *n*-pentane/diethyl ether (5:1) afforded a colourless fraction containing compound 13d (72 mg, 56%,  $R_f = 0.3$  in *n*-pentane/diethyl ether, 5:1). If a solution of thiophenol (2b) (55 mg, 0.50 mmol) in 2 mL of ethanol was added to pentacarbonyl(3-cycloheptenyl-1-ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene)tungsten (1d) (250 mg, 0.50 mmol) at 20 °C, starting material was consumed after a few minutes (TLC test) to give cyclopenten-1-one 13d in 83% yield.



**Compound 16b:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (360 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 7.44$  ("d", 2 H, *o*-H Ph), 6.96 (m, 3 H, *m*-H and *p*-H Ph), 5.02 (d, 1 H, 2-H), 3.93 (d, 1 H, 1-H), 3.78 and 3.61 (each m, each 1 H, diastereotopic OCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.17 (m, 1 H), 2.02 (m, 2 H), 1.79 (m, 1 H), 1.39 (m, 4 H), 1.10 (t, 3 H, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>).  $-^{13}$ C NMR (90 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 200.1$  and 197.6 [each C<sub>q</sub>, *trans-* and *cis-*CO of W(CO)<sub>5</sub>], 164.1 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-3), 140.0 and 139.0 (each C<sub>q</sub>, C-3a and C-7a), 134.5 (C<sub>q</sub>, *i*-C, Ph); 132.2, 130.1 and 129.1 (each CH, 2:2:1, Ph), 94.4 (CH, C-2), 65.4 **Compound 13d:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 7.28 ("d", 2 H, *o*-H Ph), 7.00 (m, 3 H, *m*-H and *p*-H Ph), 5.63 (s, 1 H, 2-H), 2.90 and 2.44 (each m, each 1 H, 3a-H and 8a-H), 1.89 (m, 2 H), 1.68–1.16 (m, 8 H). – <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 204.2 (C<sub>q</sub>, C=O), 182.3 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-3), 134.8, 129.9 and 129.3 (each CH, 2:2:1, Ph), 130.0 (C<sub>q</sub>, *i*-C, Ph), 125.5 (CH, C-2), 52.6 and 49.2 (each CH, C-3a and C-8a); 31.3, 31.0, 28.2, 27.6 and 27.4 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4–C-7). – IR (diethyl ether):  $\tilde{v}$  (%) = 1698.6 cm <sup>-1</sup> (70) [v(C=O)]. – MS (70 eV), *m*/*z* 

(%): 258 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>]. –  $C_{16}H_{18}OS$  (258.4): calcd. C 74.38, H 7.02; found C 74.11, H 7.10.

**3-Phenylthio-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2***H***-pentalen-1-one (18a):** To pentacarbonyl(3-cyclopentenyl-1-ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene)tungsten (1a) (236 mg, 0.50 mmol) in 1 mL of hexane was added dropwise with stirring at 20 °C a solution of thiophenol (2b) (55 mg, 0.50 mmol) and triethylamine (20 mg, 0.80 mmol) in 1 mL of *n*pentane. After the mixture was stirred for 4 h at 50 °C, the solvent was removed and the residue was separated by chromatography on silica gel (column 20 × 2 cm) with *n*-pentane/diethyl ether, 4:1, to give a colourless oil containing compounds 13a and 18a (48 mg, 42%, 18a:13a = 5:2,  $R_f = 0.4$  in *n*-pentane/diethyl ether, 2:1).

Compound 13a: See above.



**Compound 18a**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta = 7.21$  (m, 2 H, *o*-H Ph), 6.97 (m, 3 H, *m*-H and *p*-H Ph), 3.67 (d, 1 H, 3-H), 2.75 (m, 1 H), 2.28 (m, 1 H), 2.07 (d, 2 H, 2-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.02–1.74 (m, 3 H), 1.28 (m, 1 H).  $^{-13}C$  NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta = 197.7$  ( $C_q$ , C=O), 181.9 ( $C_q$ , C-3a), 151.2 ( $C_q$ , C-6a), 134.7 ( $C_q$ , *i*-C, Ph); 131.9, 129.2 and 127.5 (each CH, 2:2:1, Ph), 49.6 (CH, C-3), 43.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-2), 30.2, 27.5 and 25.0 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4–C-6). – IR (hexane):  $\tilde{v}$  (%) = 1708.5 cm <sup>-1</sup> (70) [v(C=O)]. – MS (70 eV), *m/z* (%): 230 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>], 121 (80) [M<sup>+</sup> – SPh]. –  $C_{14}H_{14}OS$  (230.3): calcd. C 73.02, H 6.13; found C 72.75, H 6.54.

**3-Phenylthio-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydro-inden-1-one** (18b): Pentacarbonyl(3-cyclohexenyl-1-ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene)tungsten (1b) (243 mg, 0.50 mmol) was treated with thiophenol (2b) (55 mg, 0.50 mmol) in 2 mL of *n*-pentane in the presence of triethylamine. Workup as described above afforded a polar, colourless oil containing compound 18b (47 mg, 39%,  $R_f = 0.6$  in *n*-pentane/diethyl ether, 2:1).



**Compound 18b:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta = 7.21$  (m, 2 H, *o*-H Ph), 6.97 (m, 3 H, *p*- and *m*-H Ph), 3.63 (d, 1 H, 3-H), 2.50 (m, 3 H), 2.00 (d, 2 H, 2-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.77 (m, 1 H), 1.30 (m, 4 H).  $-^{13}C$  NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta = 203.0$  ( $C_q$ , C=O), 168.6 ( $C_q$ , C-3a), 141.4 ( $C_q$ , C-7a), 134.2 ( $C_q$ , *i*-C, Ph); 132.5, 129.1 and 127.6 (each CH, 2:2:1, Ph), 48.2 (CH, C-3), 43.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-2); 26.4, 22.3, 21.6 and 20.5 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4-C-7). – IR (hexane):  $\tilde{v}$  (%) = 1705.6 cm <sup>-1</sup> (70) [v(C=O)]. – MS (70 eV), *m*/*z* (%): 244 (90) [M<sup>+</sup>]. –  $C_{15}H_{16}OS$  (244.3): calcd. C 73.73, H 6.60; found C 73.64, H 6.53.

**3-(2-Methoxyphenylthio)-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexahydroinden-1-one** (18c): Pentacarbonyl(3-cyclohexenyl-1-ethoxy-2-propyn-1-ylidene)tungsten (1b) (243 mg, 0.50 mmol) was treated with thiophenol (2c) (70 mg, 0.50 mmol) in 2 mL of *n*-pentane in the presence of triethylamine as described above to give the polar compound 18c (62 mg, 45%,  $R_f = 0.7$  in *n*-pentane/diethyl ether, 2:1, colourless oil]. – <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 7.27$  and 6.47 (each "d", each 1 H, 3-H and 6-H of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 7.02 and 6.75 (each "t", each 1 H, 4-H and 5-H of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 3.85 (d, 1 H, 3-H), 3.32 (s, 3 H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.50 (m, 3 H), 2.04 (s, 2 H, 2-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.81 (m, 1 H), 1.28 (m, 4 H).  $-{}^{13}$ C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 203.6$  (C<sub>q</sub>, C=O), 169.1 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-3a), 159.2 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-2 of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 141.4 (C<sub>q</sub>, C-7a), 133.5 and 129.0 (each CH, C-6 and C-4 of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 123.3 (C<sub>q</sub>, *i*-C of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 121.1 and 111.2 (each CH, C-3 and C-5 of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), 55.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>O), 47.0 (CH, C-3), 44.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>, C-2); 26.6, 22.3, 21.6 and 20.6 (each CH<sub>2</sub>, C-4–C-7). – IR (hexane):  $\tilde{v}$  (%) = 1703.1 cm <sup>-1</sup> (70) [v(C=O)]. – MS (70 eV), *mlz* (%): 274 (70) [M<sup>+</sup>]. – C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (274.1): calcd. C 70.07, H 6.62; found C 70.33, H 6.74.

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