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CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF CARBONYL TRICHLORO BIS(TRIPHENYL PHOSPHINE) RUTHENIUM(III) COMPLEX

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The title complex is synthesized and analyzed using single crystal X-ray diffraction studies. The asymmetric unit $[RuCl_3(CO)(PPh_3)_2]$ of the title complex contains one half of the molecule. The molecular structure is stabilized by C3—H3...Cl1 and C9—H9...Cl2 intramolecular halogen interactions which result in two S(6) ring motifs. The crystal packing features are the C—H...Cg1 interactions, where Cg1 is the center of gravity of the phenyl ring (C14—C19). No classical hydrogen bond is found in the complex.

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Organometallic complexes with bonds that have characters in-between ionic and covalent are very important in industry since they are relatively stable in solutions and relatively ionic to undergo reactions. This is the case of complexes having CO as one of their ligands $[M=C=O \leftrightarrow M^+=C=O^-]$. Phosphines are used as ligands for many metal complexes. The most popular phosphine ligand used is triphenyl phosphine: a shelf-stable solid that relatively slowly undergoes oxidation in air. Unlike most metal ammine complexes, metal phosphine complexes tend to be lipophilic, displaying good solubility in organic solvents. They are found to be compatible with metals in multiple oxidation states. Because of these two features, metal phosphine complexes are important in homogeneous catalysis [1]. Being bonded to the Ru(III) metal atom in the complexes, the ligands such as triphenyl phosphine, carbonyl, and chloride have characteristic biological activities and they have extensively been studied. Aryl phosphines are much stronger π acceptors than alkyl phosphines, which are poor π acceptors or possibly π donors. Phosphine with the strongest π acidity is trifluorophosphine (PF₃); its π acidity approaches that of the carbonyl ligand [2]. Phosphine ligands are usually "spectator" rather than "actor" ligands. They generally do not participate in reactions, except the dissociation from the metal center. At a certain high temperature hydroformylation reactions, the scission of P-C bonds is observed, however, in few cases [3]. The thermal stability of phosphine ligands is enhanced when they are incorporated into pincer complexes [4].

Based on the views and approaches to the complexes with triphenyl phosphine, carbonyl, and chloride as ligands, we herein investigate the crystal structure of a novel Ru(III) complex $[RuCl_3(CO)(PPh_3)_2]$ by X-ray diffraction studies.

Experimental. Synthesis. The dibasic tridentate Schiff base ligand, *viz.*, (Z)-4-(((2-hydroxy phenyl)amino)phenyl) methylene)-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-5(4H)-one (H₂L) (370 mg, 1 mmol)

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Table 1

Crystal Data and Structure Refinement of the [RuCl₃(CO)(PPh₃)₂] Complex

C37H30Cl3OP2Ru
759.97
293(2)
0.71073
Monoclinic, C2/c
24.2912(7), 9.5543(3), 15.9568(4)
116.3420(10)
3318.79(16)
4, 1.521
0.840
1540
0.20×0.20×0.20
1.87 to 28.44
$-32 \le h \le 32, -12 \le k \le 11, -21 \le l \le 21$
15081 / 4168 [R(int) = 0.0219]
99.6
None
Full-matrix least-squares on F^2
4168 / 0 / 201
1.041
$R_1 = 0.0538, \ wR_2 = 0.1321$
1.338 and -2.041
892627

[5] was added to a $[Ru(H)(Cl)(CO)(PPh_3)_3]$ solution (950 mg, 1 mmol) in equal volume mixtures of chloroform and ethyl acetate, and the mixture was refluxed for about 4 h. The expected product $[Ru(CO)(PPh_3)L]$ was obtained as a green precipitate which was filtered off. The filtrate showed the presence of another product which was found to be different from any of the starting complexes and the expected product. The filtrate resulted in the formation of reddish brown colored transparent crystals on standing. These crystals were subjected to various spectroscopic and X-ray diffraction studies.

FT-IR spectrum. The FT-IR spectrum of the complex was recorded in KBr pellets using a Perkin Elmer spectrophotometer of the RXI model in the range $400-4000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

Single crystal X-ray diffraction. The single crystal X-ray diffraction of the title complex was carried out at the Madras University, Chennai. On the attempt to prepare a ruthenium(II) complex with the pyrazole Schiff base, the title complex [RuCl₃(CO)(PPh₃)₂], which was obtained accidentally as reddish brown crystals, was subjected to single crystal X-ray diffraction and its structure was solved by the direct method using the SHELXS-97 program [6] and refined by the full-matrix least squares method using SHELXL-97 [6—9] programs.

The main details of the X-ray diffraction study are given in Table 1. The crystallographic data have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC No. 892627) deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk or http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk.data request/cif).

Results and discussion. The FT-IR spectrum of the $[RuCl_3(CO)(PPh_3)_2]$ complex gives an indication of the coordination mode of the metal ion with the ligands. The characteristic frequencies of the aromatic C—H stretching (3053 cm⁻¹) and bending (856 cm⁻¹) are found in the expected regions. A characteristic band was observed at 1435 cm⁻¹, which was attributed to the triphenyl phosphine

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Table 2

Bond lengths										
Ru(1)-C(1)	2.008(5)	C(14)—C(19)	1.393(5)	C(5)—H(5)	0.9300					
Ru(1)—Cl(1)#1	2.3930(12)	C(15)—C(16)	1.400(6)	C(11)—C(10)	1.363(6)					
Ru(1)— $Cl(1)$	2.3930(12)	C(15)—H(15)	0.9300	C(11)—H(11)	0.9300					
Ru(1)—Cl(2)	2.413(4)	C(4)—C(5)	1.366(6)	C(3)—H(3)	0.9300					
Ru(1) - P(1)	2.4194(8)	C(4)—C(3)	1.389(5)	C(7)—H(7)	0.9300					
Ru(1)—P(1)#1	2.4194(8)	C(4)—H(4)	0.9300	C(18)—C(17)	1.368(8)					
P(1)—C(2)	1.824(3)	C(19)—C(18)	1.383(6)	C(18)—H(18)	0.9300					
P(1)—C(8)	1.826(3)	C(19)—H(19)	0.9300	C(9)—C(10)	1.388(6)					
P(1)—C(14)	1.827(3)	C(16)—C(17)	1.366(8)	C(9)—H(9)	0.9300					
C(1)—O(1)	0.834(13)	C(16)—H(16)	0.9300	C(10)—H(10)	0.9300					
C(8)—C(9)	1.381(5)	C(12)—C(11)	1.357(7)	C(13)—H(13)	0.9300					
C(8)—C(13)	1.382(5)	C(12)—H(12)	0.9300	C(17)—H(17)	0.9300					
C(2)—C(3)	1.387(5)	C(6)—C(5)	1.367(7)							
C(2)—C(7)	1.389(5)	C(6)—C(7)	1.387(6)							
C(14)—C(15)	1.383(5)	C(6)—H(6)	0.9300							
Bond angles										
C(1)—Ru(1)—Cl(1)#1	84.81(3)	C(3) - C(2) - P(1)	122.1(3)	C(12)—C(11)—C(10)	119.2(4)					
C(1) - Ru(1) - Cl(1)	84.81(3)	C(7) - C(2) - P(1)	119.7(3)	C(12)—C(11)—H(11)	120.4					
Cl(1)#1-Ru(1)-Cl(1)	169.61(7)	C(15)—C(14)—C(19)	118.7(4)	C(10)—C(11)—H(11)	120.4					
C(1) - Ru(1) - Cl(2)	180.000(1)	C(15) - C(14) - P(1)	121.7(3)	C(2) - C(3) - C(4)	120.5(3)					
Cl(1)#1-Ru(1)-Cl(2)	95.19(3)	C(19) - C(14) - P(1)	119.2(3)	C(2)—C(3)—H(3)	119.8					
Cl(1)— $Ru(1)$ — $Cl(2)$	95.19(3)	C(14)—C(15)—C(16)	120.0(4)	C(4)—C(3)—H(3)	119.8					
C(1) - Ru(1) - P(1)	89.35(2)	C(14)—C(15)—H(15)	120.0	C(6)—C(7)—C(2)	120.6(4)					
Cl(1)#1-Ru(1)-P(1)	92.49(3)	C(16)—C(15)—H(15)	120.0	C(6)—C(7)—H(7)	119.7					
Cl(1)— $Ru(1)$ — $P(1)$	87.39(3)	C(5) - C(4) - C(3)	120.5(4)	C(2)—C(7)—H(7)	119.7					
Cl(2)— $Ru(1)$ — $P(1)$	90.65(2)	C(5)—C(4)—H(4)	119.8	C(17)—C(18)—C(19)	120.5(5)					
C(1) - Ru(1) - P(1)#1	89.35(2)	C(3)—C(4)—H(4)	119.8	C(17)—C(18)—H(18)	119.8					
Cl(1)#1-Ru(1)-P(1)#1	87.39(3)	C(18) - C(19) - C(14)	120.4(4)	C(19)—C(18)—H(18)	119.8					
Cl(1) - Ru(1) - P(1)#1	92.49(3)	C(18)—C(19)—H(19)	119.8	C(8)—C(9)—C(10)	120.5(4)					
Cl(2) - Ru(1) - P(1)#1	90.65(2)	C(14)—C(19)—H(19)	119.8	C(8)—C(9)—H(9)	119.7					
P(1) - Ru(1) - P(1)#1	178.70(4)	C(17) - C(16) - C(15)	120.4(5)	C(10)—C(9)—H(9)	119.7					
C(2) - P(1) - C(8)	100.13(15)	C(17)—C(16)—H(16)	119.8	C(11) - C(10) - C(9)	120.8(4)					
C(2) - P(1) - C(14)	105.36(16)	C(15)—C(16)—H(16)	119.8	C(11)—C(10)—H(10)	119.6					
C(8) - P(1) - C(14)	104.62(15)	C(11) - C(12) - C(13)	120.9(4)	C(9)—C(10)—H(10)	119.6					
C(2) - P(1) - Ru(1)	118.52(11)	C(11)—C(12)—H(12)	119.6	C(8)—C(13)—C(12)	120.6(4)					
C(8) - P(1) - Ru(1)	117.48(11)	C(13)—C(12)—H(12)	119.6	C(8)—C(13)—H(13)	119.7					
C(14) - P(1) - Ru(1)	109.23(10)	C(5)—C(6)—C(7)	120.5(4)	C(12)—C(13)—H(13)	119.7					
O(1) - C(1) - Ru(1)	180.000(2)	C(5)—C(6)—H(6)	119.8	C(16)—C(17)—C(18)	120.0(4)					
C(9) - C(8) - C(13)	118.0(3)	C(7)—C(6)—H(6)	119.8	C(16)—C(17)—H(17)	120.0					
C(9) - C(8) - P(1)	118.5(3)	C(4) - C(5) - C(6)	119.8(4)	C(18)—C(17)—H(17)	120.0					
C(13) - C(8) - P(1)	123.5(3)	C(4)—C(5)—H(5)	120.1							
C(3) - C(2) - C(7)	118.2(3)	C(6)—C(5)—H(5)	120.1							

Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg.) for the $[RuCl_3(CO)(PPh_3)_2]$ Complex

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+2, y, -z+1/2.



 Fig. 1. The molecular structure of [RuCl₃(CO)(PPh₃)₂] complex, showing displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30 % probability level. H atoms are removed for structure clarity

group [10]. The presence of carbon monoxide as a ligand terminally coordinated to the metal is evident from the presence of a high-intensity sharp peak at 1945 cm⁻¹ [11].

The title complex crystallizes in the monoclinic space group C2/c with the cell parameters a = 24.2912(7) Å, b = 9.5543(3) Å, c = 15.9568(4) Å, $\alpha = 90.00(0)^\circ$, $\beta = 116.342(1)^\circ$, $\gamma = 90.00(0)^\circ$, Z = 4, $M_r = 759.97$, and V = 3318.79(17) Å³. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXS-97 and refined by the full-matrix least squares method using SHELXL-97 programs [6]. The final *R*-factor value is 0.0471 with a GOOF value of 1.041 for 4168 independent reflections. The asymmetric unit of the title complex [RuCl₃(CO)(PPh₃)₂] contains one half of the molecule, the complete molecule being generated by the operation with the crystallographic rotation axis (symmetry code: (i) -x+2, y, -z+1/2). The angles around the P1 atom (C2—P1—C8 = 100.13(15)°, C2—P1—C14 = 105.36(16)° and C8—P1—C14 = 104.62(15)°) deviate from the ideal tetrahedral values, which may be due to a steric interaction between benzene rings and the Ru atom. The molecular structure of the [RuCl₃(CO)(PPh₃)₂] complex with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30 % probability level is shown in Fig. 1. No classical hydrogen bond was found in this complex.

Out of the three chloride ligands, two of them are found to be involved in intramolecular halogen interactions with the phenyl ring hydrogen atoms because of their proximity and the inclination angle, and this explains the increased stability of the complex. The intramolecular halogen interactions are given by C3—H3...Cl1 (H...Cl = 2.64 and the angle C3—H3...Cl1 = 132° with the symmetry code of 2-x, y, 1/2-z) and C9—H9...Cl2 (H...Cl = 2.82 and the angle C9—H9...Cl2 = 145°), which results in two pseudo six-membered ring structures. The crystal packing of the title complex viewed down the c axis with all hydrogen atoms is shown in Fig. 2.

Conclusions. We have reported the FT-IR and single crystal X-ray diffraction analyzes of the novel Ru(III) complex $[RuCl_3(CO)(PPh_3)_2]$. We have explained the structure of the ruthenium complex with the intramolecular halogen interactions. Based on all the above results, it may be further concluded that these by-product crystals are formed by the catalytic behavior of the expected product obtained in the same reaction of carrying out the oxidation of Ru(II) to Ru(III). The synthesis of various metal complexes and the evaluation of their catalytic activities are the ongoing project in our laboratory and the results will be published in due course.



Fig. 2. The crystal packing of $[RuCl_3(CO)(PPh_3)_2]$ complex viewed down c axis

Table 3

Atomic Coordinates (×10⁴) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters (Å²×10³) for the [RuCl₃(CO)(PPh₃)₂] Complex. U(eq) is Defined as One Third of the Trace of the Orthogonalized U_{ij} Tensor

Atom	x	У	Z	U(eq)	Atom	x	у	Z	U(eq)
Ru(1)	10000	1721(1)	2500	27(1)	C(12)	8959(3)	2127(5)	5184(3)	59(1)
P(1)	9066(1)	1692(1)	2692(1)	26(1)	C(6)	7363(2)	3463(6)	1360(4)	67(2)
Cl(1)	10552(1)	1495(1)	4163(1)	61(1)	C(5)	7392(2)	4233(5)	659(3)	54(1)
Cl(2)	10000	4247(4)	2500	98(1)	C(11)	9132(2)	3477(5)	5421(3)	53(1)
C(1)	10000	-381(6)	2500	44(1)	C(3)	8431(2)	3487(4)	1162(2)	36(1)
C(8)	9111(2)	2337(4)	3798(2)	31(1)	C(7)	7865(2)	2689(6)	1965(3)	56(1)
C(2)	8406(2)	2686(4)	1870(2)	32(1)	C(18)	8991(2)	-2472(5)	3197(4)	59(1)
C(14)	8796(2)	-109(3)	2609(2)	32(1)	C(9)	9296(3)	3701(5)	4054(3)	4054(3)
C(15)	8286(2)	-586(5)	1834(3)	48(1)	C(10)	9299(3)	4265(5)	4858(4)	66(1)
C(4)	7924(2)	4262(4)	565(3)	46(1)	C(13)	8946(2)	1549(4)	4377(3)	49(1)
C(19)	9147(2)	-1069(4)	3296(3)	45(1)	C(17)	8491(3)	-2937(5)	2423(4)	70(2)
C(16)	8137(3)	-2011(6)	1745(4)	67(1)	O(1)	10000	-1254(14)	2500	151(4)

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