

Synthesis and Characterization of Some Rhodium (III) Cyclometallated Schiff's Base Complexes Derived from 2-Benzylidene Amino-Substituted Pyridines

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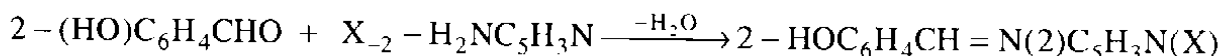
Abstract. A series of rhodium complexes of the type $[\text{RhHCl}\{(2\text{-hydroxy benzylidene})(\text{X-pyridine})\}(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ have been synthesized and spectroscopically characterized.

The Schiff's base derived from X-2-aminopyridines (X=H,3-Me, 4-Me, 5-Cl or 3,5-Br) substituents and 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde reacted with either $[\text{RhCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ or $[\text{Rh}(\mu\text{-Cl})(\text{cycloocta-1,5-diene})_2]$ in the presence of four equivalents of triphenylphosphine to give the corresponding rhodium(III) cyclometallated complexes, in which the imine C-H bond has added oxidatively to the metal. The complexes have been isolated, and characterized by IR, U.V., ^1H -, ^{13}C - and ^{31}P - NMR spectroscopy. The IR and ^1H NMR spectral data show that the hydride ligand is *trans* to a N-donor ligand. The ^{13}C chemical shifts for the carbon atom bonded to Rh all fall in the range 235-238 ppm, whereas, those for the corresponding carbon in the uncomplexed imine are found at 160-170 ppm.

Introduction

The synthesis and reactions of cyclometallated complexes formed by the cleavage of C-C and C-H bonds of organic molecules in homogeneous media is a rapidly growing research area. Many metals have been found to insert into C-H and/or C-C bonds [1-4]. Among the platinum group metal complexes used to study the activation of these bonds, platinum [5,6], palladium [5-7], rhodium and iridium [8,9] complexes have been found to be effective. A significant amount of work has been done on the heterocyclic aromatic species 8-substituted quinolines [5,11-14] and 2-(benzylidenamino) pyridines [8,9, 15-17]. Complexation of the metal with nitrogen in arylamines results in a favorable geometry for insertion of the metal into a neighboring C-H or C-C bond [8, 9, 11, 18].

The synthesis and characterization of some new rhodium (III) complexes of [2-benzylideneamino] pyridines, in which the imine C-H has undergone oxidative addition to the metal, are reported below.



Experimental

Substituted pyridines, 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde, $\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot x \text{H}_2\text{O}$, PPh_3 and cyclo-1,5-octadiene were obtained from Winlab, Aldrich Chemicals, and Strem Chemicals respectively, and were used as received.

Preparation of the Schiff's bases

A solution of equivalent amounts of the substituted 2-aminopyridines and 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde in MeOH (70 cm³) was boiled under reflux with stirring for 2 h at 80°C. The solvent was then taken off in a rotary evaporator to leave a yellow liquid. This was treated with n-hexane to precipitate the crude product, which was then recrystallized from absolute ethanol. The melting points, yields, elemental analyses are listed in Table 1. $[\text{Rh}(\mu\text{-Cl})\text{COD}]_2$ and $[\text{RhCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ were prepared according to the reported procedures [19, 20; p. 380].

Preparation of the cyclometallated Schiff's base complexes (Scheme 1)

The rhodium(III) complexes were prepared by reaction of the Schiff's base with either $[\text{RhCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ or with $[\text{Rh}(\mu\text{-Cl})\text{COD}]_2$. Two typical examples are described below.

(1) A solution containing $[\text{RhCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ (300 mg, 0.325 mmol) and an equivalent amount of Schiff's base in ca. 20 cm³ of dry THF was boiled under reflux for 1h under nitrogen then allowed to cool. Addition of n-hexane precipitated the product as yellow solid, which was filtered off (and could be recrystallized from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{hexane}$).

(2) A solution of $[\text{Rh}(\mu\text{-Cl})(\text{COD})]_2$ (200 mg, 0.28 mmol), the Schiff's base (0.56 mmol) and PPh_3 (293 mg, 1.12 mmol) in ca. 20 cm³ of dry THF was boiled under reflux for 1 h. Addition of n-hexane precipitated the product, which was filtered off (and could be recrystallized from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{hexane}$). The colors, melting points, yields, elemental analyses and recrystallization solvents are listed in Table 2.

Spectroscopy

U.V. -Vis. spectra were recorded on a Pu-8800 Pye Unicam Philips spectrometer using spectroscopic grade solvents (MeOH, EtOH and CHCl_3). I.r. spectra, of KBr pellets, were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 783 spectrophotometer. N.m.r. spectra were recorded at 26°C on Jeol JNM Ex-400 spectrometer with deuterium locking. The $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ spectra were

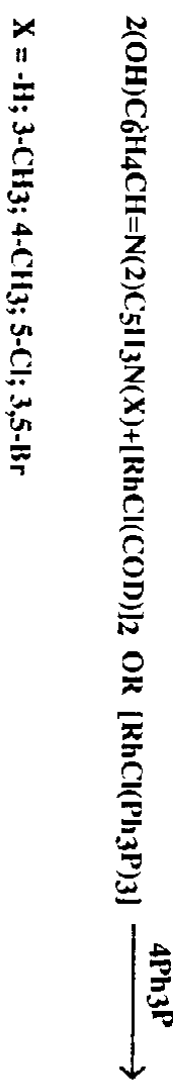
Table 1. Physical and analytical data for the Schiff's bases

x	M.P.°C	Yield	Molecular formula	C	Calculated (%) H	N	C	H	N
H	67.0	96	C ₁₂ H ₁₀ N ₂ O	72.71	5.09	14.17	72.65	4.96	14.07
3-Me	83.6	76	C ₁₃ H ₁₂ N ₂ O	73.56	5.7	13.2	73.47	5.57	13.24
4-Me	100.0	70	C ₁₃ H ₁₂ N ₂ O	73.56	5.7	13.2	73.63	5.82	13.34
6-Me	66.5	71	C ₁₃ H ₁₂ N ₂ O	73.56	5.7	13.2	73.45	5.66	13.15
4,6-Me	85.0	95	C ₁₄ H ₁₄ N ₂ O	74.31	6.24	12.38	74.28	6.11	12.39
5-Cl	118.0	94	C ₁₂ H ₉ N ₂ OCl	61.93	3.9	12.04	61.84	3.78	12.12
6-Cl	173.0	95	C ₁₂ H ₉ N ₂ OCl	61.93	3.9	12.04	61.75	3.75	12.43
3,5-Br	170.0	73	C ₁₂ H ₉ N ₂ OBr ₂	40.48	2.27	7.87	40.62	2.14	7.57

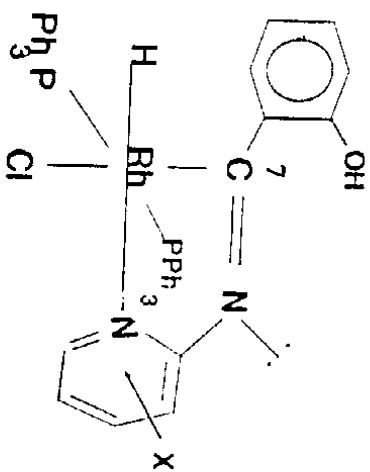
Table 2. Physical and analytical data for the cyclometallated complexes

X	Complex	Color	M.P.°C	Solvent of recryst.	Yield %	Calculated (%)			Found (%)		
						C	H	N	C	H	N
H	C ₄₈ H ₄₀ N ₂ OP ₂ Rh	Yellow	225	CH ₂ Cl ₂ hexane	15	69.82	4.88	3.39	69.74	4.77	3.34
3-CH3	C ₄₉ H ₄₂ N ₂ OP ₂ Rh	Yellow	209-210	"	12	70.08	5.04	3.34	70.12	4.94	3.38
4-CH3	C ₄₉ H ₄₂ N ₂ OP ₂ Rh	Yellow	266	"	17	70.08	5.04	3.34	70.14	5.14	3.27
5-Cl	C ₄₈ H ₃₉ N ₂ OClP ₂ Rh	Yellow	349	"	17	67.02	4.57	3.26	67.12	4.48	3.34
3,5-Br	C ₄₈ H ₃₈ N ₂ OBr ₂ P ₂ Rh	Yellow	279	"	16	58.62	3.89	2.85	58.63	3.89	2.76

Complex Synthesis



X = -H; 3-CH₃; 4-CH₃; 5-Cl; 3,5-Br



(Scheme 1)

recorded at 100.53 MHz, the ^1H -n.m.r. spectra at 399.78 MHz and the $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ spectra at 161.86 MHz. Chemical shift data for ^{31}P spectra are given relative to 85% H_3PO_4 (external), more positive values representing deshielding. The solvent for the cyclometallated compounds was CDCl_3 .

Results and Discussion

Insertion of metals into C-H bond have been observed with both quinoline and Schiff base substrates [1]. Complexes bringing this about include $\text{RhCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$, $[\text{RhX}_2\text{Cl}]_2$ ($\text{X}=\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ or CO), $[\text{MCl}(\mu\text{-Cl})\text{L}]_2$ ($\text{M}=\text{Pd}(\text{II})$ or $\text{Pt}(\text{II})$ and $\text{L}=\text{phosphines}$), and $[\text{M}(\mu\text{-Cl})(\text{cyclooctene})_2]_2$ [$\text{M}=\text{Ir}(\text{I})$ or $\text{Rh}(\text{I})$] [5, 11, 14, 15-17]. However, insertion into a C-C bond has been reported only for the quinoline series, and is apparently a more demanding reaction [11, 14], both sterically and electronically. Results in this series indicate that while the previous complexes bring about insertion in a C-H bond, they are not all effective for that into a C-C bond. By far, the most effective complex for insertion into the C-C bond is the ethylene complex $[\text{Rh}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2\text{Cl}]_2$, which has been shown to insert into the C-C bond in a variety of Q-C(O)R ketones [10] ($\text{Q}=\text{8-Quinoly!}$; $\text{R}=-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$ and C_6H_5). Formation of the product from insertion into the C-C bond is rendered irreversible by displacement of the ethylene ligand with pyridine. Suggs *et al.* [13, 15-17] have rationalized these results on the basis of the reactivity of the ligand. Thus, if the product of insertion into the C-C bond is treated with a strong σ -bonding ligand such as a phosphine or carbon monoxide, the reaction is reversed and a Rh(I) complex is regenerated. There is also evidence to indicate that the greater rigidity of the 8-substituted quinoline molecules makes them more favorable for insertion into the C-C bond than the more flexible 2-(benzylidenamino) pyridines. However, even in the quinoline series, if other reactions are possible they tend to be favored over C-C bond insertion.

The ^1H NMR spectrum of each of the new rhodium complexes in CDCl_3 shows a hydride resonance between δ -11.37 and δ -11.69 ppm (Table 3). The imine C-H signals for the starting imines appear at δ 9.37 - 9.44. and after complexation these signals are absent, providing evidence for insertion of Rh complex into the C-H bond of the imine.

Table 3. ^1H and ^{31}P N.M.R. chemical shifts for the cyclometallated complexes

Complex No.	X	^1H Hydride (ppm)	$^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ (ppm)	$^2\text{J}(^{31}\text{P}-^1\text{H})$ (Hz)	$^1\text{J}(^{103}\text{Rh}-^1\text{H})$ (Hz)	$^1\text{J}(^{103}\text{Rh}-^{31}\text{P})$ (Hz)
(1)	H	- 11.37	28.82	11.68	13.50	102.54
(2)	3- CH_3	- 11.38	28.40	11.69	12.83	102.54
(3)	4- CH_3	- 11.46	28.70	11.82	12.83	103.43
(4)	5-Cl	- 11.46	29.61	11.40	14.50	102.54
(5)	3,5- Br_2	- 11.69	29.60	11.50	15.50	102.54

Strong confirmation evidence comes from appearance of the resonance of the hydride signal in each complex at high field [18, 21], ca. δ - 12.0 ppm. The hydride signals in the complexes are split by coupling to two equivalent ^{31}P nuclei and the ^{103}Rh nucleus. As both of these spin-spin couplings are frequently ca. 12.0 Hz, the hydride multiplet often appears as a pseudo quartet, but higher resolution studies usually reveal the expected doublet of triplets (Fig. 1). The PPh_3 rhodium complexes show a ^{31}P signal at ca. δ 28.4 - 29.6 with $^1J(^{103}\text{Rh}-^{31}\text{P})$ 102.54 - 103.43 Hz (Fig. 2) in keeping with previous reports [18; p. 156]. The majority of the rhodium imine hydride complexes are only moderately soluble in most organic solvents.

The signal of $^{-13}\text{C}=\text{N}$ of the imino group is observed at δ 235.56-237.60 (Table 4). The $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum, in particular the signal from the metal-bonded carbon atom, is consistent with the presence of the cyclometallated ring [18, 23]; the signal from the metal-bonded carbon, C(7) appears as a doublet of triplets (Fig. 3) owing to coupling

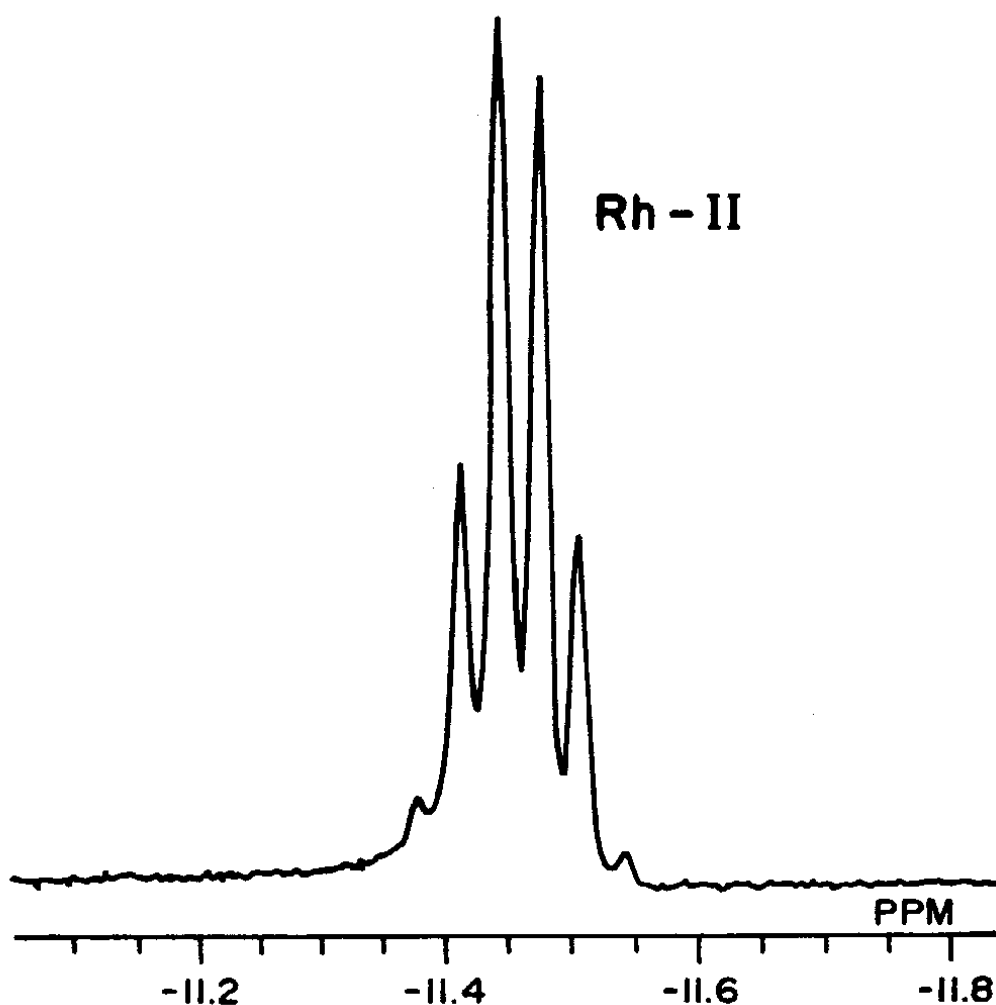


Fig. 1. 400 MHz ^1H NMR of 0.1M in CDCl_3 at 21°C for complex (1).

Table 4. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ data for C(7) in the cyclometallated complexes^a

Complex No.	X	δ C(7)	$^1\text{J}(^{103}\text{Rh}^{13}\text{C})$	$^2\text{J}(^{31}\text{P} - ^{13}\text{C})$
(1)	H	236.89	35	7
(2)	3-CH ₃	235.56	35	7
(3)	4-CH ₃	236.24	35	7
(4)	5-Cl	237.60	35	7

^a δ in ppm, J in Hz

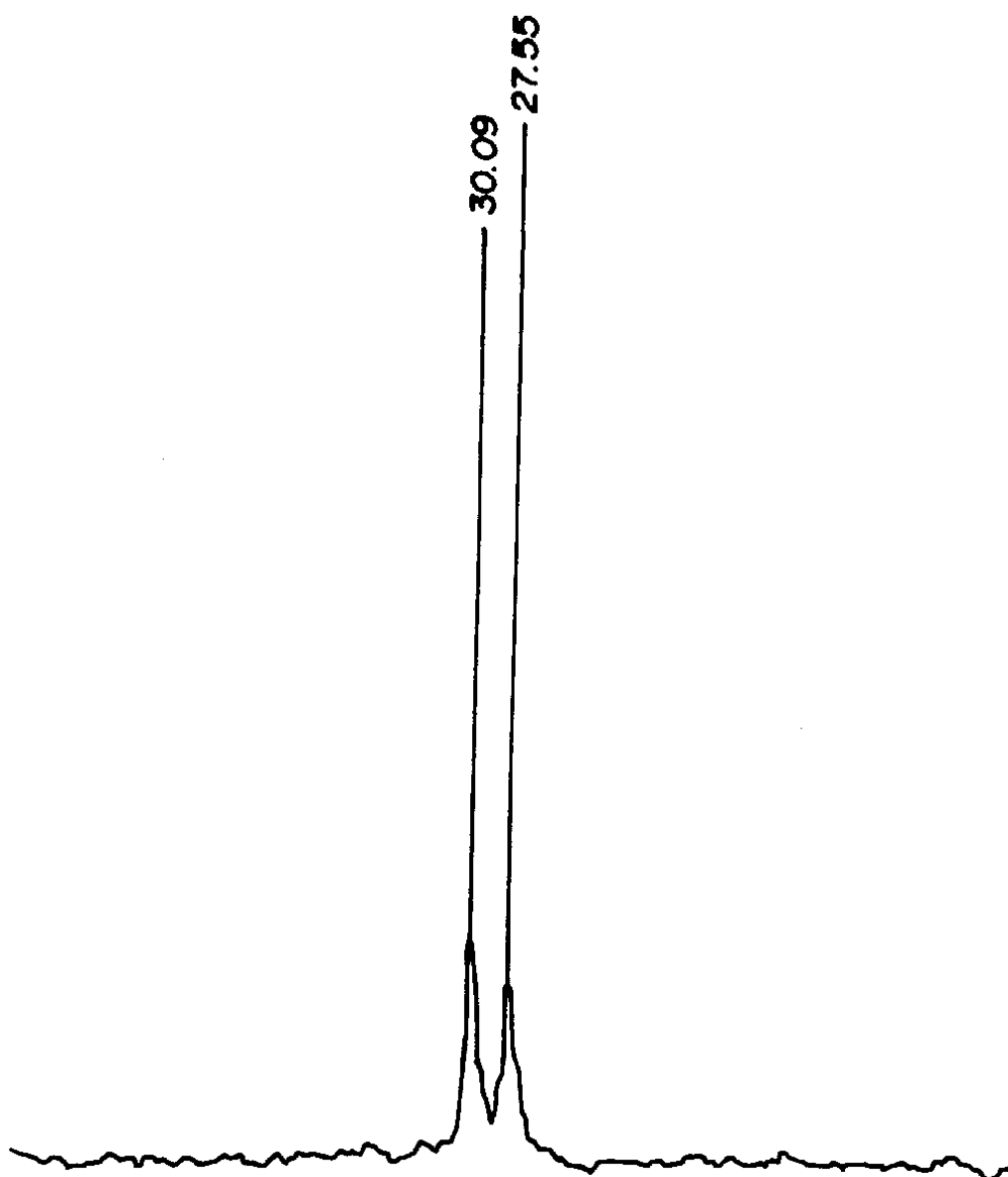


Fig. 2. 400 MHz $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of complex (1) in CDCl_3 relative to 85% H_3PO_4 (external).

to two equivalent ^{31}P nuclei and the ^{103}Rh nuclei, whereas the corresponding signal from the uncomplexed imine is found at δ 158.11 - 163.99 ppm [23]. This low-field position for C(7) has been observed in other cases in what a chelating atom is incorporated in a five membered-ring [24], and is not unusual for a cyclometallated sp^2 carbon [25; p. 238, 26, 27]. The remaining ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data are as expected.

The positions of the ligand signals in both the IR (ν Rh-H 2040 cm^{-1}) and ^1H NMR (δ -11.37 to -11.69) spectra, are as expected for a Rh-H bond trans to an N-donor ligand [28, 29]. Furthermore, the $^2J(^{31}\text{P}-^1\text{H})$ value is consistent with a hydride located *cis* to two magnetically equivalent PPh_3 groups [30], which in turn are mutually trans, as inferred from the ^{31}P [^1H] NMR spectrum.

It is noteworthy that attempts to prepare related complexes from Schiff's bases, derived from benzaldehyde and 3-aminopyridines, or 2-aminopyridines (those with X=6- CH_3 , 4,6(CH_3) $_2$, 6-Cl), were unsuccessful. No sign of reaction was observed, and this may be due to steric or inductive effects of the substituent on the pyridine ring.

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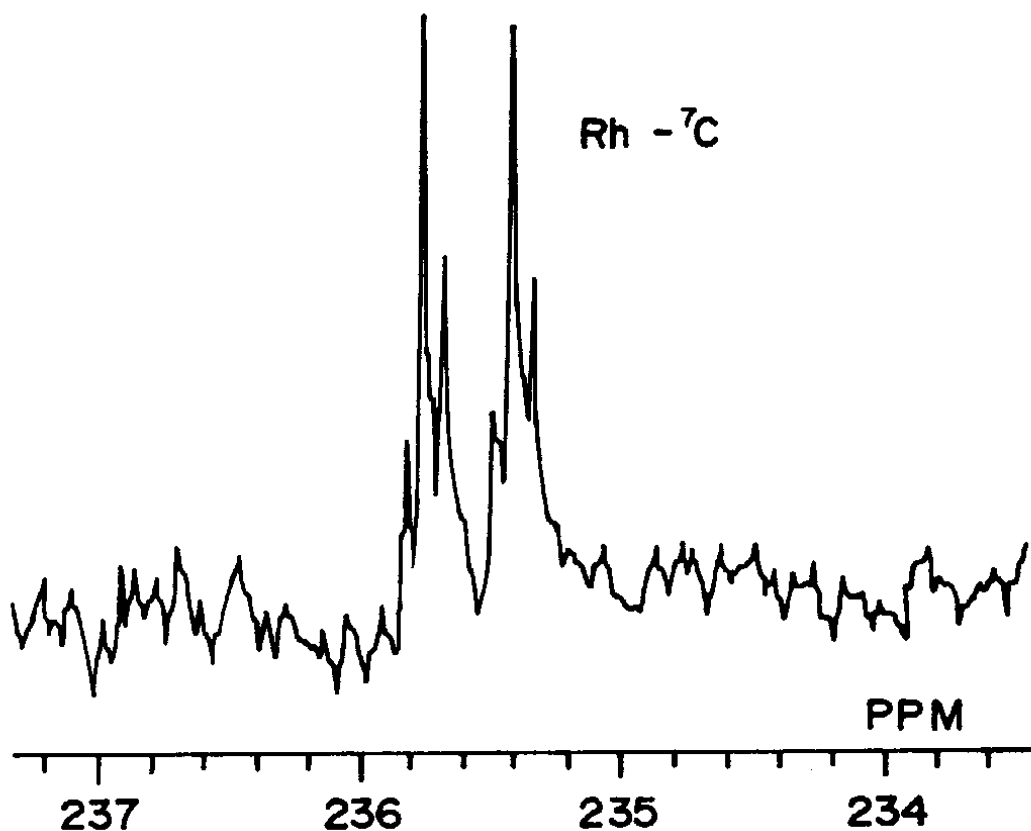


Fig. 3. 400-MHz ^{13}C NMR of 0.1M in CDCl_3 at 21°C for complex (1).

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ملخص البحث. تم تحضير وتوصيف سلسلة من معقدات الروديوم من النوع-2) (RhCl₂(PPh₃)₂(X - Pyridine) hydroxybenzylidene وذلك بتفاعل قاعدة شيف المشتقة من ٢ - أمينو بيريدين المحتوي على بدائل و ٢ - هيدروكسي بنزالدهيد مع أي من [RhCl(PPh₃)₃] أو (Cycloocta-1,5- μ -Cl) Rh₂(diene) في وجود أربع مكافئات من ثلاثي فينيل الفوسفين لإعطاء معقد محلقة معدني للروديوم (III)، وفيه وجد أن رابطة C-H أضيفت بشكل مؤكسد للمعدن. عزلت المعقدات وتم التعرف عليها باستخدام أطياف الأشعة تحت الحمراء وفوق البنفسجية وطيف الرنين النووي المغناطيسي للهيدروجين-¹H، الكربون-¹³C والفسفور-³¹P. وجد أنه الموضع الجديد للهيدريد، كما دل عليه طيف الأشعة تحت الحمراء وطيف الرنين النووي المغناطيسي في وضع ترانس لذرّة النيتروجين المانحة. ووجد أن الانزياح الكيميائي لذرّة الكربون-١٣ (C-7) لهذه المعقدات كان عند 235-238ppm في حين أنه كان عند 160-170ppm لذرّة كربون الإيمين (C-7).