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SOME REACTIONS OF BIS(CYCLOPENTADIENYL)DIFERROCENYLTITAN¹

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Reaction of bis(cyclopentadienyl)diferrocenyltitanium Cp_2TiFc_2 (1) with iodine (toluene, 20°C, 24 h) proceeds with formation of bis(cyclopentadienyl)titanium diiodide Cp_2TiI_2 (2) and diferrocenyl Fc-Fc (3); a byproduct of the reaction is the salt Fc-Fc·I₃ (4). Interaction of 1 with carbon monoxide (100 bar, benzene, 50 °C, 3 h) leads to the synthesis of diferrocenylketone (5) and bis(cyclopentadienyl) titanium dicarbonyl (6).

Keywords: bis(cyclopentadienyl)diferrocenyltitanium, reaction, iodine, carbonyl carbon.

Introduction

It is known that alkyl and aryl compounds of titanium are especially labile complexes, sensitive to heating and action of oxygen and atmospheric moisture [1]. Introduction of the ligands, stabilizing σ -bonds C–Ti, into the coordination sphere of titanium makes it possible to increase the stability of titanium complexes [2,3]. The most thermally stable of this series is bis(cyclopentadienyl)-diferrocenyltitanium Cp_2TiFc_2 (1), its decomposition temperature reaches 156 °C [3].

Note that complex 1 is one of only a few titanium compounds, for which high-temperature pyrolysis leads to formation of metallic titanium films [4], hence the investigation of complex 1 reactivity is undeniably urgent.

Experimental

Reaction of 1 with iodine. To the solution of 0.65 g (1.20 mmol) complex **1** in 50 mL toluene at 20 °C 0.30 g (1.20 mmol) iodine in 20 mL toluene was added. In 24 h the solvent was removed, the residue was sequentially extracted by hexane and benzene. From benzene solution 0.31 g (0.60 mmol) complex **1** and 0.22 g (0.51 mmol) *bis*(cyclopentadienyl)titanium (**2**, decomposition temperature 314 °C) were isolated by fractional crystallization. Found, %: C 27.11, H 2.38, I 57.86. Calculated for C₁₀H₁₀I₂Ti, %: C 27.77, H 2.31, I 58.79. After evaporation of hexane extracts diferrocenyl was isolated (**3**, m.p. 231 °C). Found, %: C 64.90, H 4.79, Fe 29.55. Calculated for C₂₀H₁₈Fe₂, %: C 64.86, H 4.86, Fe 30.28. The residue, insoluble in benzene (0.07 g) constituted a black crystal substance with decomposition temperature 172 °C. Found, %: C 32.69, H 2.75, I 49.89. Calculated for C₂₀H₁₈Fe₂I₃, %: C 31.98, H 2.27, I 50.73.

Reaction of 1 with carbon monoxide. The sample 0.65 g (1.20 mmol) complex **1** in 15 mL benzene was placed into 50 mL autoclave. The pressure of carbon monoxide was increased up to 100 atm, the temperature was 50°C. After agitation of the reaction mixture during 3 h it was cooled, the pressure was released, 0.15 g (1.20 mmol) iodine was added in order to confirm the formation of bis(cyclopentadienyl)titanium dicarbonyl. Liberation of 45 mL (2.00 mol) carbon monoxide was observed. The reaction mixture was sequentially extracted by benzene and chloroform. After evaporation of benzene 0.35 g (0.88 mmol) diferrocenylketone was obtained (**3**, m.p. 210 °C). Found, %: C 63.02, H 4.73, Fe 28.07. Calculated for $C_{21}H_{18}Fe_2O$, %: C 63.29, H 4.52, Fe 28.14. Chloroform extracts were used to isolate 0.46 g (1.06 mmol) complex **2**.

Results and Discussion

Synthesizing a number of ferrocenyl compounds of transition metals has revealed the research objects in chemistry of metallocenes containing metal-ferrocenyl σ -bonds [4]. Studying the peculiarities of their structure has helped to determine the character of the abovementioned bond that is of π -character to

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some extent [4,5], so it is important to study reactivity of ferrocenyl compounds on the example of *bis*(cyclopentadienyl)diferrocenyltitanium (1) reactions with iodine and carbon monoxide.

It is known that the action of halogenes (Hal₂) on many organometallic compounds containing M–R σ -bonds leads to bond-breaking with formation of RHal and metal halogenides, *e.g.* in the reaction of Cp₂TiR₂ with iodine [6]:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Cp_2TiR_2 \ + \ 2\ I_2 \ \rightarrow \ Cp_2TiI_2 \ + \ 2\ RI \\ R = CH_2Ph \end{array}$$

The interaction of 1 with iodine, studied by us, proceeds in somewhat different way, which obviously points at the reaction direction being governed by the kind of σ -bonded ligand at the titanium atom. Thus, apart from the initial complex 1 isolated from the reaction mixture, titanocene diiodide and diferrocenyl have been identified:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} Cp_2TiFc_2 \ + \ I_2 \ \rightarrow \ Cp_2TiI_2 \ + \ Fc\text{--}Fc \\ Fc = C_{10}H_9Fe \end{array}$$

Besides, a minor amount of diferricinium salt $Fc_2 \cdot I_3$ has been separated from the reaction mixture. Its presence among the reaction products suggests the direct participation of the oxidized form of ferrocenyl ligand in the process course, as it was earlier shown that at the same conditions iodine and diferrocenyl, when taken separately, did not react with each other [4].

Increase of percent yield for diferricinium salt $Fc_2 \cdot I_3$ at excess amount of iodine in this reaction, as well as the familiar property of ferrocene treated with iodine to produce compounds $FcH \cdot I_n$ (n = 3–10), speaks for intermediate complex of *bis*(cyclepentadienyl)diferrocenyltitanium with iodine, which decomposes next, according to the scheme:

$$Cp_2TiFc_2 + I_2 \rightarrow [Cp_2TiFc_2 \cdot I_n]$$

$$Cp_2TiI_2 + Fc-Fc$$

$$Cp_2TiI_2 + Fc-Fc + Fc_2 \cdot I_3$$

As far as is known, the interaction of *bis*(cyclopentadienyl)diphenyltitanium with carbon dioxide (toluene, 80°C, 1 atm) is accompanied by elimination of benzene and formation of titanocyclic compound [7,8], therefore it is of interest to investigate how such a titanium complex with σ -bonded ferrocenyl ligands reacts with carbon dioxide.

We have found that at the abovementioned conditions complex 1 does not react with carbon dioxide. Increase of reaction temperature up to 160° C is accompanied by removal of σ -bonded ferrocenyl ligands in the form of ferrocene and by breakdown of the initial biscyclopentadienyl structure into titanium-containing remainder with the empirical formula « $C_{10}H_8Ti$ ». At the same time the interaction of bis(cyclopentadienyl)diferrocenyltitanium with carbon monoxide (benzene, 100 atm, 50°C, 3 h) leads to the synthesis of diferrocenylketone and titanocene dicarbonyl, the presence of which has been proved by chemical method:

$$Cp_2TiFc_2 + 3 CO \rightarrow Cp_2Ti(CO)_2 + Fc_2C=O$$

 $Cp_2Ti(CO)_2 + I_2 \rightarrow Cp_2TiI_2 + 2 CO$

Conclusions

Thus, the nature of the ligands, σ -bonded with the central atom in titanium complexes of the general formula Cp₂TiR₂ (R=Fc, Ph), determines the scheme of their interaction with iodine and carbon oxides.

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БИС(ЦИКЛОПЕНТАДИЕНИЛ)ДИФЕРРОЦЕНИЛТИТАНА¹

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Взаимодействие бис(циклопентадиенил)диферроценилтитана Cp₂TiFc₂ (1) с иодом (толуол, 20 °C, 24 ч) протекает с образованием дииодида бис(циклопентадиенил)титана Ср₂ТіІ₂ (2) и диферроценила Fc-Fc (3); побочным продуктом реакции является соль Fc-Fc·I₃ (4). Взаимодействие 1 с оксидом углерода (100 атм, бензол, 50 °С, 3 ч) приводит к синтезу диферроценилкетона (5) и дикарбонила бис(циклопентадиенил)титана (6).

Ключевые слова: бис(циклопентадиенил)диферроценилтитан, реакция, иод, карбонил углерода.

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