Synthesis and Characterization of New Square Planar Iridium Complexes [trans-Ir(CO)L<sub>2</sub>X] (L = PCy<sub>3</sub>, X = OH or  $OCH_3$ :  $L = P(p-tolyl)_3$ ,  $X = OCH_2C_6H_5$  or  $O(p-C_6H_4-$ CH<sub>3</sub>)): Crystal and Molecular Structures of trans-Ir(CO)- $(OH)(PCy_3)_2$ , trans- $Ir(CO)(OCH_2C_6H_5)(P(p-tolyl)_3)_2$ , and trans-Ir(CO)(O-p-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)(P(p-tolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

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Three new Ir(I) complexes have been prepared, characterized and studied by X-ray crystallography. No evidence is found for pi-donation from an alkoxy (Ir(CO)(OCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)(P(ptolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) or an aryloxy (Ir(CO)(O-p-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)(P(p-tolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>) to iridium. The phenylmethoxy complex  $Ir(CO)(OCH_2C_6H_5)(P(p-tolyl)_3)_2$  crystallizes in the triclinic space group P1 with a =10.5187(16), b = 12.8320(15), c = 17.4940(19)Å,  $\alpha = 71.447(8)$ ,  $\beta = 84.907(11)$ ,  $\gamma = 72.407$ - $(11)^{\circ}$ , V = 2133.8(5)Å<sup>3</sup> and Z = 2. The structure was solved and refined to R = 2.48% for 4567 reflections with  $F_0 > 6\sigma(F_0)$ . Interatomic distances of note are Ir-P = 2.306(2) and 2.334(2), Ir-CO = 1.806(6) and Ir-O = 2.022(4)Å. The p-cresolate derivative crystallizes as the p-cresol adduct Ir(CO)(OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)(P(p-tolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OH in the monoclinic space group  $P2_{1}c$  with a = 21.1172(28), b = 12.0167(15), c = 22.5658(31)Å,  $\beta = 117.180(10)$ °, V = 5094.0-(12)Å<sup>3</sup> and Z=4. The structure was refined to R=4.26% for 3296 reflections with  $F_0>$  $6\sigma(F_o)$ . Interatomic distances include Ir-P = 2.322(4) and 2.330(4), Ir-CO = 1.781(13) and Ir-O = 2.067(7)Å. The hydroxy derivative  $Ir(CO)(OH)(PCy_3)_2$  crystallizes in the triclinic space group  $P\bar{1}$  with  $\alpha = 9.916(3)$ , b = 10.305(4), c = 10.825(4)Å,  $\alpha = 114.16(3)$ ,  $\beta = 109.55(3)$ ,  $\gamma$  $=90.14(3)^{\circ}$ , V=938.6(5)Å<sup>3</sup> and Z=1. This structure is disordered with a scrambled image of the carbonyl and hydroxide ligands. Distances of note are Ir-P = 2.331(1), Ir-CO = 1.887-(13) and Ir-OH = 1.978(12)Å; the Ir-CO and Ir-OH distances may suffer from systematic errors due to disorder.

Four-coordinate, 16-electron, square-planar Ir(I) complexes are very important in the study of organometallic chemistry. Vaska's complex and analogues have open coordination sites and have been known to undergo reactions such as oxidative addition,2 ligand substitution,3 simple adduct formation4 and insertion.5 Synthesis of these complexes has traditionally been accomplished by reduction of an Ir(III) salt at elevated temperature in the presence of a phosphine ligand and a reducing agent:1

$$IrCl_{3}\cdot 4H_{2}O + PR_{3} \xrightarrow{N,N-DMF} trans-Ir(CO)(Cl)(PR_{3})_{2}$$

$$\tag{1}$$

Another, recently published route, by Burk and Crabtree occurs at room temperature:6

$$[Ir(cod)Cl]_2 \xrightarrow{PR_3} Ir(cod)(Cl)(PR_3)_n \xrightarrow{CO} \\ trans-Ir(CO)(Cl)(PR_3)_2 \ \ (2)$$

Vaska's-type alkoxy and aryloxy complexes have been formed by a simple metathesis reaction in which the

chloro complex reacts with a sodium alkoxide forming the desired product and NaCl:5a

$$trans$$
-Ir(CO)(Cl)(PR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> + NaOR'  $\rightarrow$   
 $trans$ -Ir(CO)(PR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>OR' + NaCl (3)

This route has proven to be successful in the formation of R=p-tolyl;  $R'=CH_2C_6H_5$  or p-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> in this work. X-ray crystallography, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>31</sup>P NMR, IR and elemental analysis of these complexes are reported.

Another successful route in the formation of Vaska'stype complexes with varying phosphine ligands is a phosphine ligand exchange reaction, illustrated in reaction 4 for preparation of the hydroxy and methoxy complexes with tricyclohexylphosphine. This route is successful when PR'3 is more electron-rich than PR3.

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trans-Ir(CO)(PR<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>X + 2PR'<sub>3</sub>  $\rightarrow$ 

trans-Ir(CO)(PR'<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>X + 2PR<sub>3</sub> (4)

$$R = p$$
-tolyl;  $R' = Cy$ ;  $X = OH$  or  $OCH_3$ 

Whether pi-donation from an alkoxo (or aryloxo) ligand to a late transition metal is significant remains a question. Based on relative stabilities of late-transition metal-X bonds (X = oxygen-, nitrogen- or carbondonor ligands), Bryndza and Tam concluded that no significant pi interaction exists for bonds of alkyl, alkoxo or amido ligands to late-transition metal centers. Using structural data<sup>8</sup> and  $\nu_{\rm CO}$  frequencies,<sup>9</sup> Caulton and coworkers have concluded that extensive pi-donation exists for Ir-OCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> and for Ru-OCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>. To provide further data on the nature of late-transition metal-oxygen-donor ligand bonds we have prepared new alkoxo and hydroxo complexes and examined the structures of three complexes.

## **Experimental Section**

Materials. IrCl<sub>3</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O was purchased or borrowed from Johnson Matthey. Tri-p-tolylphosphine and tricyclohexylphosphine were purchased from Strem Chemical Company. These materials were used as received without further purification.

Solvents. Benzene and THF were refluxed in a N2 atmosphere over Na/benzophenone until the solution became blue or purple. Cyclohexane was refluxed in a N2 atmosphere with finely divided CaH2 overnight. The solvent was then distilled into a collection flask which had been evacuated three times with subsequent  $N_2$  backfilling. The purified solvents were stored in an inert atmosphere glove box. Benzyl alcohol, p-cresol, and CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were stirred overnight with finely divided CaH<sub>2</sub>, followed by vacuum distillation. CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was distilled into an oven-dried pressure-tube fitted with a Teflon stopcock. The purified solvent was stored in an inert atmosphere glovebox. Dry benzyl alcohol and p-cresol were stirred with Na overnight followed by removal of excess solvent forming the sodium alkoxide salts. The solvents were purchased from Aldrich Co. except CD2Cl2 which was purchased from Cambridge Isostope Labs.

Instrumental Measurements. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian VXR-400. References were set to residual solvent peaks in the  $^1H$  NMR spectra.  $^{31}P$  NMR spectra were referenced to an external sample of  $H_3PO_4$  at 0.0ppm and are proton decoupled. All chemical shifts are reported in ppm and all coupling constants (J) are reported in Hz. Infrared spectra were obtained using a Mattson Polaris Fourier transform spectrometer as KBr disks. Elemental Analysis was done at E & R Microanalytical.

**Preparations.** All syntheses were accomplished under an argon or nitrogen atmosphere (unless otherwise noted) using an argon filled glovebox, Schlenk or high vacuum techniques. Square planar iridium complexes, trans-Ir(CO)(Cl)(P(p-tolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, trans-Ir(CO)(OH)(P(p-tolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and trans-Ir(CO)(OCH<sub>3</sub>)(P(p-tolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> tolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> were prepared as previously described.<sup>10</sup>

General Preparation of  $Ir(CO)(P(p-tolyl)_3)_2X$  (X = OCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub> or O-p-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). A solution of trans-Ir(CO)(Cl)-(P(p-tolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.887 g, 1.027 mmol) and NaOR (0.906 g, 6.97 mmol) in THF (50 mL) is stirred under Ar in a sealed flask

Table 1. IR and <sup>31</sup>P NMR Data

| trans Ir(I) complex  | $IR^a \nu_{CO} (cm^{-1})$ | <sup>31</sup> P NMR <sup>b</sup> (ppm) |
|--|---------------------------|--|
| Ir(CO)(PCy <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> OH  | 1912                      | 35.0 (s)                               |
| Ir(CO)(PCy <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub>                                      | 1914                      | 34.1 (s)                               |
| Ir(CO)(P(p-tolyl) <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> | 1953                      | 21.5 (s)                               |
| Ir(CO)(P(p-tolyl) <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> OC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> | 1949                      | 23.3 (s)                               |

Table 2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Data

a KBr. b CD2Cl2.

| trans Ir(I) complex                          | <sup>1</sup> H NMR (ppm) in CD <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> |
|--|---|
| Ir(CO)OH(PCy <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>     | 2.3-1.2 (multiple peaks),<br>-1.0 (t) $J = 7.5$ Hz          |
| $Ir(CO)(OCH_3)(PCy_3)_2$                     | 2.3-1.2 (multiple peaks),<br>3.5 (s)                        |
| $Ir(CO)(OCH_2C_6H_5)(P(p\text{-tolyl})_3)_2$ | 7.8-6.4 (multiple peaks),<br>4.2 [s, 1H], 2.4 [s, 10 H]     |
| $Ir(CO)(OC_6H_4CH_3)(P(p\text{-tolyl})_3)_2$ | 7.8-6.4 (multiple peaks),<br>2.6 [s, 2H], 2.3 [s, 9.5 H]    |

Table 3. Elemental Analyses

|  | actual % (calculated %) |             |           |
|--|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| trans Ir(I) complex  | Ir                      | С           | Н         |
| Ir(CO)(OCH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )(P(p-tolyl) <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> | 20.2 (21.2)             | 64.0 (66.4) | 5.2 (5.5) |
| $Ir(CO)(OC_6H_4CH_3)(P(p-tolyl)_3)_2$  | 20.7 (21.2)             | 64.4 (66.4) | 5.1 (5.5) |
| Ir(CO)(OH)(PCy <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>   | 23.8 (24.1)             | 55.8 (55.7) | 8.4 (8.5) |

overnight. The THF is removed from the cloudy yellow solution, followed by addition of cyclohexane (40 mL). The solution is stirred and a white solid containing excess NaOR and NaCl is filtered off. The cyclohexane is removed from the filtrate and the product is extracted with benzene (30 mL) followed by filtration of more white solid. The benzene is removed and the remaining solid is recrystallized in a saturated benzene solution layered with hexanes. After 18 h, yellow crystals formed (0.595 g, 0.636 mmol). IR, NMR and elemental analysis data are included in Tables 1-3.

General Preparation of trans-Ir(CO)(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>X (X = OCH<sub>3</sub> or OH). A solution of trans-Ir(CO)(P(p-tolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>X (1.005 g, 1.188 mmol) and PCy<sub>3</sub> (1.668 g, 5.95 mmol) in benzene (40 mL) is stirred under Ar in a sealed flask overnight. The benzene is removed and the light yellow product is washed with cyclohexane (20 mL) resulting in a yellow powder (0.643 g, 0.806 mmol, 67.8% yield). Recrystallization is effected with a saturated benzene solution (the solution is heated to prepare the saturated solution) layered with hexanes overnight in a sealed flask under an Ar atmosphere. IR and NMR data and elemental analyses are included in Tables 1-3.

Collection of X-ray Diffraction Data. All three data sets were collected on an upgraded Nicolet/Siemens P2<sub>1</sub>/R3 diffractometer using molybdenum radiation ( $\lambda(MoK\alpha) = 0.71073A$ ) at ambient temperature (298±1K). The experimental method has been described previously;11 details are provided in Table 4. All data were merged and corrected for both absorption and for Lorentz and polarization effects.

It should be noted that crystals of Ir(CO)(OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)(P(ptolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OH were of relatively poor quality and yielded a much "weaker" data set than those obtained for the other two species.

Solution of Crystal Structures. All calculations were performed under the Siemens SHELXTL-PLUS system<sup>12</sup> on a VAXstation 3100 computer. The analytical scattering factors for the neutral atoms<sup>13a</sup> were corrected for anomalous dispersion. $^{13b}$  Structures were solved by a combination of direct methods and difference-Fourier syntheses. Hydrogen

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Table 4. Details of X-ray Structural Analyses

|   | $Ir(CO)(OCH_2C_6H_5)(P(p-tolyl)_3)_2$                           | $Ir(CO)(OC_6H_4CH_3)(P(p-tolyl)_3)_2 \cdot CH_3C_6H_4OH$   | $Ir(CO)(OH)(PCy_3)_2$                             |
|---|---|--|---|
| molecular formula   | C <sub>50</sub> H <sub>49</sub> IrO <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>50</sub> H <sub>49</sub> IrO <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> ·C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O | $C_{37}H_{67}IrO_2P_2$                            |
| fw  | 936.0   | 1044.2   | 798.0   |
| crystal system  | triclinic   | monoclinic   | triclinic   |
| space group   | P1 (No. 2)  | P2 <sub>1</sub> /c (No. 14)  | $P\bar{1}$ (No. 2)                                |
| a, Å  | 10.5187(16)   | 21.1172(28)  | 9.916(3)  |
| b, Å  | 12.8320(15)   | 12.0167(15)  | 10.305(4)   |
| c, Å  | 17.4940(19)   | 22.5658(31)  | 10.825(4)   |
| α, deg  | 71.447(8)   | 90.000   | 114.16(3)   |
| $\beta$ , deg   | 84.907(11)  | 117.180(10)  | 109.55(3)   |
| $\gamma$ , deg  | 72.407(11)  | 90.000   | 90.14(3)  |
| $V$ , $\mathring{\mathbf{A}}^3$                           | 2133.8(5)   | 5094.0(12)   | 938.6(5)  |
| Z   | 2   | 4  | 1   |
| d(calc'd), g cm <sup>-3</sup>                             | 1.457   | 1.361  | 1.412   |
| crystal size (mm)   | $0.3\times0.25\times0.25$                                       | $0.2 \times 0.17 \times 0.1$   | $0.3 \times 0.3 \times 0.2$                       |
| $\mu  (\text{mm}^{-1})$                                   | 3.227   | 2.712  | 3.655   |
| min/max transmission                                      | 0.152/0.294   | 0.467/0.600  | 0.232/0.372                                       |
| $2\theta$ range, deg                                      | 5-45  | 5-45   | 5-45  |
| index ranges  | $h, -11 \rightarrow 0; k, -13 \rightarrow +13;$                 | $h, 0 \rightarrow +22; k, 0 \rightarrow +12; l,$   | $h, -10 \rightarrow +10; k, -11 \rightarrow +11;$ |
|   | <i>l</i> , −18→+18  | <b>-24→+24</b>   | <i>l</i> , −11→+11                                |
| total reflections collected                               | 6061  | 7305   | 4924  |
| independent reflections                                   | 5605  | 6698   | 2462  |
| R(int), %   | 0.83  | 2.33   | 2.81  |
| reflections above $6\sigma$                               | 4567  | 3296   | 2462  |
| no. of variables  | 497   | 569  | 196   |
| residual electron density, e <sup>-</sup> /Å <sup>3</sup> | $-0.31 \rightarrow +0.58$                                       | -1.05→+0.95  | $-1.21 \rightarrow +1.46$                         |
| $R(wR)$ 6 $\sigma$ data                                   | 2.48% (2.73%)   | 4.26% (4.26%)  | 2.40% (2.96%)                                     |
| R (wR) all data   | 3.50% (3.81%)   | 10.71% (7.55%)   | 2.40% (2.96%)                                     |

atoms of the organic fragments were included in calculated positions with  $d(C-H) = 0.96\text{Å}.^{14}$ 

Data on final R-factors and residuals on electron density maps are compiled in Table 4. However, certain aspects of the structural solution of Ir(CO)(OH)(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> merit a more detailed discussion. A complete sphere  $(2\theta = 4-45^{\circ})$  of data was collected; these data were merged to a unique set with  $R_{\rm int} = 2.81\%$  for 2462 averaged pairs of reflections. The molecule crystallizes in space group  $P\bar{1}$  with Z=1 and must be disordered, since the ensemble is required to have an inversion center. In fact, there are two possible orientations for each entire molecule. The individual molecules pack, in a random fashion, such that their PCy3 ligands appear to overlap precisely, while carbonyl and hydroxide ligands are observed as overlapping images at the other two coordination sites (see Figure 1a). We endeavored to refine appropriate atoms of the carbonyl ligand (C(1)) and O(1) and of the hydroxide ligand (O(2)) independently. Much to our surprise, this appears to have been successful, even though the separation of C(1) and O(2A) (or C(1A) and O(2)) is only 0.441(14)Å. We also identified a feature near O(2) which could be the hydrogen atom of the hydroxide ligand, defined as H(3) (see Figure 1b). This attribution is not entirely secure; we note that the presumed location is associated with an O(2)-H(3) distance of 1.08Å and an Ir(1)-O(2)-H(3) angle of 161°.

Final atomic coordinates for the three structures are collected in Tables 5-7.

## Description of the Molecular Structures

(A)  $Ir(CO)(OCH_2C_6H_5)(P(p-tolyl)_3)_2$ . This species crystallizes as discrete molecular units. The scheme for labelling atoms is shown in Figure 2. Important interatomic distances and angles are collected in Table

The central d<sup>8</sup> iridium(I) atom has a slightly distorted square planar stereochemistry. The cis angles range from P(1)-Ir(1)-O(1) = 83.9(1) through P(2)-Ir(1)-O(1) =  $96.4(1)^{\circ}$ , while *trans* angles are P(1)-Ir(1)-P(2) = 176.9-(1)° and O(1)-Ir(1)-C(9) = 173.8(3)°. The two independent iridium-phosphorus distances are Ir(1)-P(1) =2.334(2) and Ir(1)-P(2) = 2.306(2)Å (average = 2.320Å).

The iridium-alkoxide linkage is defined by Ir(1)-O(1)= 2.022(4)Å and the oxygen atom has a "bent" environment with  $Ir(1)-O(1)-C(2) = 132.8(4)^{\circ}$ . The O(1)-C(2)distance is 1.377(7)Å.

(B)  $Ir(CO)(OC_6H_4CH_3)(P(p-tolyl)_3)_2\cdot CH_3C_6H_4OH$ . The iridium complex here crystallizes with CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-OH molecules of solvation. The relative position of these two species and the atomic labelling scheme are illustrated in Figure 3. Selected interatomic distances and angles are compiled in Table 9.

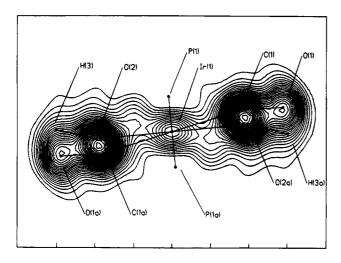
The d8 iridium(I) atom again has a slightly distorted square planar stereochemistry. It is associated with cis angles ranging from P(2)-Ir(1)-C(1) = 89.7(6) through  $P(1)-Ir(1)-O(2) = 90.2(3)^{\circ}$  and trans angles of P(1)-Ir-P(1)-Ir-P(1)(1)-P(2) = 174.4(1) and  $O(2)-Ir(1)-C(1) = 178.9(5)^{\circ}$ . The iridium-phosphorus distances are Ir(1)-P(1) = 2.322(4)and Ir(1)-P(2) = 2.330(4)Å (average = 2.326Å). The iridium-phenoxide linkage is given by Ir(1)-O(2) =2.067(7)Å and is associated with an Ir(1)-O(2)-C(2) angle of  $122.5(7)^{\circ}$  and an O(2)-C(2) bond length of 1.347(14)Å.

Identification of the molecule of solvation as p-cresol rests upon comparison of bond lengths involving the substituents (C(1S)-O(1S) = 1.372(19)Å as opposed to C(4S)-C(7S) = 1.505(23)Å) and upon the satisfactory behavior of atoms O(1S) and C(7S) under anisotropic refinement. (As shown in Figure 3, the thermal vibration ellipsoids for these atoms are chemically sensible.) The p-cresol moiety is hydrogen bonded to the oxygen atom of the p-cresolate ligand – see Figure 4. The O(2)... O(1S)' distance is 2.659(12)A.

(C) Ir(CO)(OH)(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>. This structure is disordered (see above) in a fashion similar to that observed in such species as Ir(CO)Cl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,<sup>15</sup> Ir(CO)(CH<sub>3</sub>)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>4a</sup> and Ir(CO)Cl(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.<sup>16</sup> An illustration of the deconvoluted

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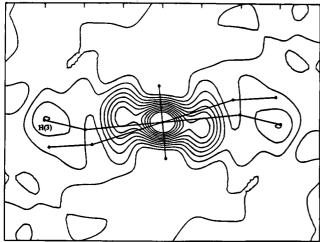


Figure 1. Electron density maps from the X-ray diffraction study of  $Ir(CO)(OH)(PCy_3)_2$ . (a) Residual electron density due to the disordered CO/OH groups. Contours are at  $0.2~e^-/Å^3$  intervals from  $0.0 \rightarrow 6.0~e^-/Å^3$ . Based upon a  $\Delta F$  map, phased by all atoms other than those of the carbonyl and hydroxide ligands. (b) Residual electron density showing a possible location for the hydrogen atom of the hydroxide ligand. Contours at  $0.2~e^-/Å^3$  intervals, starting at  $0.0~e^-/Å^3$ ; orientation as above. Based upon a  $\Delta F$  map, phased by all atoms save H(3).

molecule is provided in Figure 5. Appropriate distances and angles are collected in Table 10.

The central iridium(I) atom is associated with cis angles ranging from 89.1(3) through  $91.0(3)^{\circ}$  and with the trans angles P(1)-Ir(1)- $P(1A) = 180.0^{\circ}$  (exactly) and C(1)-Ir(1)- $O(2) = 167.2(4)^{\circ}$ . The two equivalent iridium-phosphorus distances are Ir(1)-P(1) = Ir(1)-P(1A) = 2.331(1)Å. The remaining two ligands are associated with distances of Ir(1)-C(1) = 1.887(13)Å (for the carbonyl ligand) and Ir(1)-O(2) = 1.978(12)Å (for the hydroxide ligand). Disorder renders impossible a true assessment of the accuracy (as opposed to precision) of these two bond lengths.

(D) Discussion of the O-Bonded Ligands. The present study allows a comparison of bond distances and other parameters for the structural isomers Ir(CO)- $(OCH_2C_6H_5)(P(p-tolyl)_3)_2$  (which has an iridium-alkoxide linkage) and  $Ir(CO)(OC_6H_4CH_3)(P(p-tolyl)_3)_2$  (which has an iridium-phenoxide linkage). Previous studies by our research groups have involved the related species  $Ir(CO)(OC_6H_5)(PPh_3)_2$ ,  $^{5a}$   $Ir(CO)(OC_6F_5)(PPh_3)_2$ ,  $^{17}$  and Rh-

Table 5. Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and U(eq) Values (Å<sup>2</sup>  $\times 10^3$ ) for  $Ir(CO)(OCH_2C_6H_5)(P(p-tolyl)_3)_2$ 

|               | $\times$ 10°) for $Ir(CO)(OCH_2C_6H_5)(P(p-toly1)_3)_2$ |                    |          |                |  |
|---------------|---|--------------------|----------|----------------|--|
|               | x   | у                  | z        | $U(eq)^a$      |  |
| <b>Ir</b> (1) | 1691(1)   | 3332(1)            | 2109(1)  | 53(1)          |  |
| <b>P</b> (1)  | 2254(1)   | 2533(1)            | 1055(1)  | 56(1)          |  |
| P(2)          | 1254(1)   | 4092(1)            | 3167(1)  | 53(1)          |  |
| <b>O</b> (1)  | 1443(5)   | 1784(3)            | 2733(2)  | 85(2)          |  |
| O(9)          | 2045(6)   | 5526(4)            | 1021(3)  | 116(3)         |  |
| C(2)          | 1167(6)   | 1303(5)            | 3529(3)  | 74(3)          |  |
| C(3)          | -58(6)  | 882(4)             | 3643(3)  | 62(2)          |  |
| C(4)          | -1264(7)  | 1622(5)            | 3321(4)  | 79(3)          |  |
| C(5)          | -2398(7)  | 1258(6)            | 3454(4)  | 94(3)          |  |
| C(6)          | -2346(8)  | 163(6)             | 3900(4)  | 92(4)          |  |
| C(7)          | -1167(8)  | -569(6)            | 4234(4)  | 90(3)          |  |
| C(8)          | -22(7)  | -219(5)            | 4115(4)  | 81(3)          |  |
| C(9)          | 1908(7)   | 4674(5)            | 1454(3)  | 75(3)          |  |
| C(11)         | 2804(5)   | 3482(4)            | 157(3)   | 58(2)          |  |
| C(12)         | 1888(6)   | 4402(5)            | -351(3)  | 72(3)          |  |
| C(13)         | 2304(6)   | 5233(5)            | -943(3)  | 76(3)          |  |
| C(14)         | 3644(6)   | 5166(5)            | -1066(3) | 70(3)          |  |
| C(15)         | 4554(6)   | 4219(5)            | -586(3)  | 75(3)          |  |
| C(16)         | 4151(5)   | 3373(4)            | 20(3)    | 63(2)          |  |
| C(17)         | 4069(8)   | 6111(5)            | -1680(4) |                |  |
| C(21)         | 957(5)  | 2126(4)            |          | 93(3)<br>60(2) |  |
| C(22)         | 34(5)   | 1746(5)            | 682(3)   | 60(2)          |  |
| C(23)         | -966(6)   |                    | 1223(3)  | 67(2)          |  |
| C(24)         |   | 1440(5)            | 958(4)   | 75(3)          |  |
| C(25)         | -1069(6)  | 1507(5)            | 172(4)   | 73(3)          |  |
| C(25)         | -135(6)   | 1865(6)            | -356(4)  | 86(3)          |  |
| C(20)         | 863(6)<br>-2100(7)                                      | 2168(6)            | -108(4)  | 81(3)          |  |
| C(21)         | -2190(7)  | 1184(6)            | -103(5)  | 102(4)         |  |
| C(31)         | 3673(5)<br>3018(6)                                      | 1237(4)            | 1316(3)  | 55(2)          |  |
| C(32)         | 3918(6)<br>5012(6)                                      | 403(5)<br>-550(5)  | 939(3)   | 67(2)          |  |
| C(34)         | 5012(6)<br>5910(6)                                      | -550(5)<br>-702(5) | 1137(4)  | 76(3)          |  |
| C(35)         |   | -702(5)            | 1724(4)  | 81(3)          |  |
| C(36)         | 5691(6)   | 163(6)             | 2082(4)  | 84(3)          |  |
| _ ::          | 4585(6)   | 1098(5)            | 1893(3)  | 70(3)          |  |
| C(37)         | 7102(8)   | -1785(7)           | 1955(5)  | 131(4)         |  |
| C(41)         | 1412(5)   | 5535(4)            | 2974(3)  | 57(2)          |  |
| C(42)         | 2612(5)   | 5744(5)            | 2657(4)  | 72(3)          |  |
| C(43)         | 2796(6)   | 6808(5)            | 2503(4)  | 78(3)          |  |
| C(44)         | 1818(6)   | 7706(5)            | 2661(3)  | 69(3)          |  |
| C(45)         | 641(6)  | 7501(5)            | 2970(4)  | 80(3)          |  |
| C(46)         | 429(6)  | 6441(5)            | 3130(4)  | 72(3)          |  |
| C(47)         | 2016(8)   | 8874(5)            | 2470(4)  | 95(3)          |  |
| C(51)         | 2344(5)   | 3307(4)            | 4045(3)  | 56(2)          |  |
| C(52)         | 3393(5)   | 2348(4)            | 4039(3)  | 64(2)          |  |
| C(53)         | 4297(6)   | 1811(5)            | 4673(4)  | 75(3)          |  |
| C(54)         | 4180(6)   | 2196(5)            | 5331(4)  | 77(3)          |  |
| C(55)         | 3128(6)   | 3137(5)            | 5360(3)  | 74(3)          |  |
| C(56)         | 2235(5)   | 3696(5)            | 4722(3)  | 64(2)          |  |
| C(57)         | 5226(8)   | 1648(7)            | 5986(5)  | 115(4)         |  |
| C(61)         | -452(5)   | 4229(4)            | 3510(3)  | 56(2)          |  |
| C(62)         | -847(5)   | 3752(5)            | 4289(3)  | 65(2)          |  |
| C(63)         | -2168(6)  | 3847(5)            | 4469(4)  | 74(3)          |  |
| C(64)         | -3150(6)  | 4426(5)            | 3890(4)  | 75(3)          |  |
| C(65)         | -2771(5)  | 4915(5)            | 3125(4)  | 71(3)          |  |
| C(66)         | -1444(5)  | 4820(5)            | 2924(3)  | 64(2)          |  |
| C(67)         | <b>-4588(6)</b>   | 4493(7)            | 4078(5)  | 106(4)         |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Equivalent isotropic U, defined as one-third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U_{ii}$  tensor.

 $(CO)(OC_6H_5)(PPh_3)_2.^{18}$  Dimensions for all of these species are compared in Table 11.

The most obvious result is that the alkoxide derivative,  $Ir(CO)(OCH_2C_6H_5)(P(p-tolyl)_3)_2$  is associated with: (1) the shortest Ir-O distance  $(2.022(4)\text{\AA})$ , as opposed to Ir-O(phenoxide) distances of  $2.049(4)-2.067-(7)\text{\AA}$ ; (2) the longest O-C distance  $(1.377(7)\text{\AA})$  as opposed to O-C(aromatic) distances of  $1.302(6)-1.347(14)\text{\AA}$ ); and (3) one of the larger Ir-O-C angles  $(132.8(4)^\circ$ , as opposed to values of  $122.5(7)^\circ$  for the Ir-O-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> system and

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Table 6. Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and U(eq) Values (Å<sup>2</sup>  $\times 10^3$ ) for Ir(CO)(OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)(P(p-tolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OH

| $\times$ 10 <sup>3</sup> ) for Ir(CO)(OC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )(P(p-tolyl) <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OH |                  |           |           |           |
|---|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|   | x                | у         | z         | $U(eq)^a$ |
| Ir(1)   | -2839(1)         | 8421(1)   | -2165(1)  | 43(1)     |
| P(1)  | -3146(2)         | 9189(3)   | -1387(2)  | 43(1)     |
| P(2)  | -2488(2)         | 7818(3)   | -2952(2)  | 46(2)     |
| O(1)  | -4254(5)         | 9071(10)  | -3235(5)  | 85(6)     |
| O(2)  | -1871(4)         | 7917(7)   | -1407(4)  | 53(4)     |
| C(1)  | -3678(8)         | 8827(11)  | -2820(8)  | 63(8)     |
| C(2)  | -1777(7)         | 6912(9)   | -1114(6)  | 49(7)     |
| C(3)  | -1112(8)         | 6704(12)  | -546(7)   | 75(7)     |
| C(4)  | -1010(9)         | 5667(14)  | -245(8)   | 83(9)     |
| C(5)  | -1496(11)        | 4879(15)  | -438(9)   | 83(10)    |
| C(6)  | -2142(9)         | 5090(12)  | -980(9)   | 77(9)     |
| C(7)  | -2272(7)         | 6084(11)  | -1310(7)  | 53(7)     |
| C(8)  | -1344(10)        | 3763(14)  | -41(9)    | 129(13)   |
| C(11)   | -3744(6)         | 8344(10)  | -1183(5)  | 45(5)     |
| C(12)   | -4102(7)         | 7429(11)  | -1567(6)  | 57(6)     |
| C(13)   | -4521(7)         | 6766(12)  | -1384(8)  | 71(8)     |
| C(14)   | -4572(8)         | 6968(11)  | -812(8)   | 68(8)     |
| C(15)   | -4217(7)         | 7889(11)  | -424(7)   | 62(8)     |
| C(16)   | -3825(7)         | 8575(10)  | -614(6)   | 53(6)     |
| C(17)   | -4982(10)        | 6182(14)  | -596(10)  | 112(12)   |
| C(21)   | <b>-</b> 3555(7) | 10575(10) | -1637(6)  | 50(6)     |
| C(22)   | -3281(8)         | 11267(11) | -1964(6)  | 61(7)     |
| C(23)   | -3529(8)         | 12317(13) | -2148(7)  | 75(8)     |
| C(24)   | -4068(8)         | 12739(11) | -2027(7)  | 66(8)     |
| C(25)   | -4347(7)         | 12063(13) | -1717(7)  | 66(7)     |
| C(26)   | -4108(7)         | 10975(11) | -1538(6)  | 56(7)     |
| C(27)   | -4337(8)         | 13915(11) | -2216(9)  | 93(9)     |
| C(31)   | -2402(6)         | 9471(9)   | -574(6)   | 43(6)     |
| C(32)   | -2092(6)         | 8564(11)  | -137(6)   | 50(6)     |
| C(33)   | -1518(7)         | 8749(11)  | 481(6)    | 58(7)     |
| C(34)   | -1245(7)         | 9766(15)  | 694(7)    | 72(8)     |
| C(35)   | -1554(9)         | 10676(13) | 268(8)    | 83(9)     |
| C(36)   | -2115(8)         | 10495(11) | -356(7)   | 64(8)     |
| C(37)   | -633(8)          | 9980(14)  | 1376(7)   | 93(9)     |
| C(41)   | -1544(6)         | 7560(9)   | -2658(6)  | 42(6)     |
| C(42)   | -1116(7)         | 8190(10)  | -2848(7)  | 60(7)     |
| C(43)   | -411(7)          | 7987(13)  | -2628(7)  | 67(8)     |
| C(44)   | -85(7)           | 7109(14)  | -2178(7)  | 66(7)     |
| C(45)   | -509(7)          | 6496(12)  | -1994(6)  | 65(7)     |
| C(46)   | -1217(6)         | 6711(11)  | -2212(6)  | 55(6)     |
| C(47)   | 701(7)           | 6843(14)  | -1932(8)  | 96(10)    |
| C(51)   | -2898(7)         | 6523(11)  | -3373(6)  | 55(6)     |
| C(52)   | -3569(8)         | 6262(12)  | -3447(7)  | 67(8)     |
| C(53)   | -3912(8)         | 5344(13)  | -3815(8)  | 75(9)     |
| C(54)   | -3626(8)         | 4621(12)  | -4105(8)  | 73(8)     |
| C(55)   | -2946(9)         | 4871(12)  | -4015(7)  | 77(9)     |
| C(56)   | -2597(7)         | 5801(11)  | -3653(6)  | 58(7)     |
| C(57)   | -4018(10)        | 3651(14)  | -4523(11) | 141(14)   |
| C(61)   | -2735(6)         | 8801(10)  | -3635(6)  | 47(6)     |
| C(62)   | -2774(7)         | 8499(12)  | -4236(6)  | 62(7)     |
| C(63)   | -2924(8)         | 9270(12)  | -4735(7)  | 75(9)     |
| C(64)   | -3037(7)         | 10366(13) | -4650(7)  | 69(7)     |
| C(65)   | -2971(9)         | 10679(12) | -4033(8)  | 84(10)    |
| C(66)   | -2806(8)         | 9924(11)  | -3534(7)  | 68(8)     |
| C(67)   | -3262(10)        | 11212(15) | -5204(8)  | 120(12)   |
| O(1S)   | 808(5)           | 10632(9)  | 867(5)    | 103(6)    |
| C(1S)   | 941(8)           | 9576(13)  | 1126(9)   | 74(9)     |
| C(2S)   | 497(11)          | 8723(17)  | 768(10)   | 133(13)   |
| C(3S)   | 643(13)          | 7661(19)  | 1050(12)  | 128(15)   |
| C(4S)   | 1194(11)         | 7442(13)  | 1663(11)  | 87(11)    |
| C(5S)   | 1579(9)          | 8321(15)  | 2008(9)   | 89(10)    |
| C(6S)   | 1468(8)          | 9397(14)  | 1762(8)   | 80(9)     |
| C(7S)   | 1323(11)         | 6290(12)  | 1957(11)  | 125(16)   |
|   |                  |           |           |           |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Equivalent isotropic U, defined as one-third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $\mathbf{U}_{ij}$  tensor.

 $126.5(3)^{\circ}$  for the Ir-O-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub> system; only the Ir-O-C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub> system has a larger value  $-135.4(3)^{\circ}$ ).

It should be noted that the M-O-C angle for each of the species studied (Table 8) has a value in excess of  $120^{\circ}$ . Thus, while we might expect the oxygen atom to be sp³ hybridized (two bonding pairs of electrons at  $\sim 105^{\circ}$  to each other and two lone pairs of electrons), the M-O-C angles of  $122.5(7)-135.4(3)^{\circ}$  suggest consid-

Table 7. Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and U(eq) Values (Å<sup>2</sup>  $\times 10^3$ ) for Ir(CO)(OH)(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

|              | x         | у        | z        | $U(eq)^a$ |
|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Ir(1)        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 36(1)     |
| P(1)         | -2008(1)  | -291(1)  | -2038(1) | 37(1)     |
| C(46)        | -1438(5)  | 2380(4)  | -2092(5) | 52(2)     |
| C(44)        | -2236(5)  | 4627(4)  | -651(5)  | 60(2)     |
| C(41)        | -2559(4)  | 1451(4)  | -1982(4) | 42(2)     |
| C(42)        | -2869(5)  | 2295(4)  | -592(5)  | 52(2)     |
| C(45)        | -1943(5)  | 3809(4)  | -2017(5) | 58(2)     |
| C(43)        | -3351(5)  | 3727(4)  | -536(5)  | 60(2)     |
| C(11)        | -1657(4)  | -1115(4) | -3754(4) | 43(2)     |
| C(16)        | -1006(5)  | -2511(5) | -3979(5) | 58(2)     |
| C(12)        | -2892(5)  | -1313(5) | -5141(4) | 61(2)     |
| C(14)        | -1701(6)  | -3099(6) | -6635(5) | 70(2)     |
| C(15)        | -507(6)   | -2960(6) | -5270(5) | 69(2)     |
| C(13)        | -2359(6)  | -1735(6) | -6396(5) | 69(2)     |
| C(62)        | -5149(5)  | -1097(5) | -3170(7) | 69(3)     |
| C(61)        | -3687(4)  | -1287(4) | -2227(5) | 46(2)     |
| C(65)        | -4906(6)  | -3561(6) | -2460(8) | 82(3)     |
| C(66)        | -3653(5)  | -2887(5) | -2639(6) | 60(2)     |
| C(63)        | -6393(5)  | -1756(6) | -2980(8) | 86(3)     |
| C(64)        | -6354(6)  | -3338(6) | -3352(8) | 90(4)     |
| C(1)         | 1162(10)  | 810(11)  | -658(11) | 44(2)     |
| <b>O</b> (1) | 1913(7)   | 1010(10) | -1140(8) | 76(4)     |
| O(2)         | -1297(10) | -402(10) | 891(10)  | 72(3)     |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Equivalent isotropic U, defined as one-third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U_{ij}$  tensor.

Table 8. Selected Interatomic Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for Ir(CO)(OCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)(P(p-tolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

| (8/                  |           |                  | <u> </u>  |
|----------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| Ir(1) - P(1)         | 2.334(2)  | Ir(1)-P(2)       | 2.306(2)  |
| Ir(1) - O(1)         | 2.022(4)  | Ir(1)-C(9)       | 1.806(6)  |
| P(1)-C(11)           | 1.826(5)  | P(1)-C(21)       | 1.834(7)  |
| P(1)-C(31)           | 1.827(4)  | P(2)-C(41)       | 1.829(6)  |
| P(2)-C(51)           | 1.821(5)  | P(2)-C(61)       | 1.816(5)  |
| O(1)-C(2)            | 1.377(7)  | O(9) - C(9)      | 1.157(8)  |
| C(2)-C(3)            | 1.516(9)  | C(3)-C(4)        | 1.373(8)  |
| C(3)-C(8)            | 1.382(7)  | C(4)-C(5)        | 1.384(11) |
| C(5)-C(6)            | 1.359(10) | C(6)-C(7)        | 1.356(10) |
| C(7)-C(8)            | 1.385(12) |                  |           |
|                      |           |                  |           |
| P(1)-Ir(1)-P(2)      | 176.9(1)  | P(1)-Ir(1)-O(1)  | 83.9(1)   |
| P(2)-Ir(1)-O(1)      | 96.4(1)   | P(1)-Ir(1)-C(9)  | 90.2(2)   |
| P(2)-Ir(1)-C(9)      | 89.6(2)   | O(1)-Ir(1)-C(9)  | 173.8(3)  |
| Ir(1)-P(1)-C(11)     | 112.8(2)  | Ir(1)-P(1)-C(21) | 117.4(2)  |
| C(11)-P(1)-C(21)     | 104.4(3)  | Ir(1)-P(1)-C(31) | 111.9(2)  |
| C(11)-P(1)-C(31)     | 103.8(2)  | C(21)-P(1)-C(31) | 105.4(3)  |
| Ir(1)-P(2)-C(41)     | 117.1(2)  | Ir(1)-P(2)-C(51) | 115.7(2)  |
| C(41)-P(2)-C(51)     | 100.4(3)  | Ir(1)-P(2)-C(61) | 111.3(2)  |
| C(41) - P(2) - C(61) | 103.5(2)  | C(51)-P(2)-C(61) | 107.5(2)  |
| Ir(1) - O(1) - C(2)  | 132.8(4)  | O(1)-C(2)-C(3)   | 113.4(5)  |
| C(2)-C(3)-C(4)       | 120.1(5)  | C(2)-C(3)-C(8)   | 121.6(5)  |
| C(4)-C(3)-C(8)       | 118.1(6)  | C(3)-C(4)-C(5)   | 120.4(5)  |
| C(4)-C(5)-C(6)       | 121.0(6)  | C(5)-C(6)-C(7)   | 119.1(8)  |
| C(6)-C(7)-C(8)       | 120.8(6)  | C(3)-C(8)-C(7)   | 120.5(5)  |
| Ir(1) - C(9) - O(9)  | 178.6(6)  | P(1)-C(11)-C(12) | 120.6(4)  |
| P(1)-C(11)-C(16)     | 120.6(3)  | P(1)-C(21)-C(22) | 118.4(5)  |
| P(1)-C(21)-C(26)     | 123.5(5)  | P(1)-C(31)-C(32) | 122.9(4)  |
| P(1)-C(31)-C(36)     | 119.3(4)  | P(2)-C(41)-C(42) | 118.2(4)  |
| P(2)-C(41)-C(46)     | 124.6(4)  | P(2)-C(51)-C(52) | 120.5(4)  |
| P(2)-C(51)-C(56)     | 122.1(3)  | P(2)-C(61)-C(62) | 126.1(4)  |
| P(2)-C(61)-C(66)     | 116.3(4)  |                  |           |
|                      |           |                  |           |

erably more s-character in the O-M and O-C  $\sigma$ -bonds. The key question is whether this indicates the presence of pi-donation from the ligand to the metal. <sup>19</sup>

A number of alkoxo and aryloxo complexes of iridium have been prepared and structurally characterized. The two parameters most affected by possible pi-donation are the Ir-OR bond distance and the Ir-O-C bond angle. A complete lack of correlation of M-O bond distances and M-O-C angles was noted for niobium(V) and tan-

<sup>(19)</sup> Caulton, K. G., New J. Chem. 1994, 18, 25 and references therein.

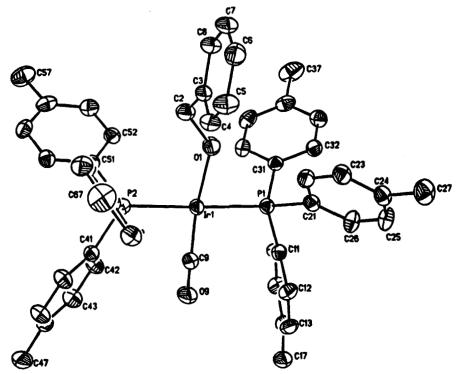
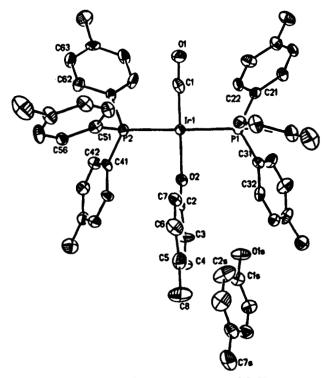


Figure 2. Labelling of atoms in Ir(CO)(OCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)(P(p-tolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure 3.** Labelling of atoms for  $Ir(CO)(OC_6H_4CH_3)(P(p-tolyl)_3)_2\cdot CH_3C_6H_4OH$ .

talum(V) complexes.<sup>20</sup> The Ir-O bond length is affected by a number of factors. Although one might expect Ir-(III)-O bond distances to be shorter than Ir(I)-O bond distances (due to the decreasing radius for iridium), the Ir(III)-O bonds are typically longer than Ir(I)-O bonds (see Table 11). While this could be attributed to change in the nature of the Ir-O bond, it could also result from

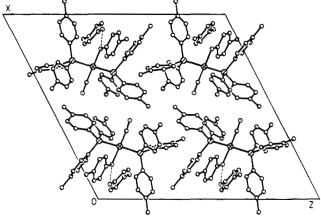


Figure 4. Packing diagram for Ir(CO)(OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)(P(p-tolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OH, showing hydrogen bonding between the phenolic oxygen atoms of the p-cresol molecule and the p-cresolate ligand.

the larger coordination number of Ir(III) and enhanced steric interactions. The Ir-OCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> bond distance of 2.169(7)Å for Ir(CO)(H)<sub>2</sub>(OCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>)(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> was suggested as a typical, non pi-bonded Ir-O distance. Belowever, this is the longest of the well-characterized Ir-OR distances and may well not be typical. The two PCy<sub>3</sub> groups may be exerting a steric influence causing this Ir-O bond to be unusually long. The Ir-OMe bond length of 2.057(8)Å for Ir(CO)(OMe)(TCNE)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (TCNE = tetracyanoethylene) may be a more typical Ir-OMe bond length, especially for Ir(I).<sup>21</sup> As an 18e-complex, pi donation should not be significant. The Ir-(I)-OR bonds reported in this manuscript (except for the hydroxide complex) are not significantly shorter than this Ir-O distance.

<sup>(20)</sup> Steffey, B. D.; Fanwick, P. E.; Rothwell, I. P., *Polyhedron* **1990**, 9, 963.

<sup>(21)</sup> Janik, T. S.; Bernard, K. A.; Churchill, M. R.; Atwood, J. D., J. Organomet. Chem. 1987, 323, 247.

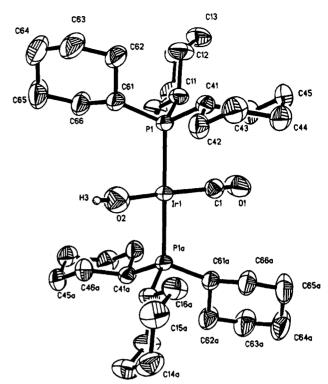
Table 9. Selected Interatomic Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for Ir(CO)(OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)(P(p-tolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·CH<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OH

| (deg) for 11(CO)(OC6114C113)(1 (p-to13133)2 C113C6114O11 |   |  |             |  |  |
|--|---|--|-------------|--|--|
| (A) Sele   | (A) Selected Distances in the Iridium Complex |  |             |  |  |
| Ir(1) - P(1)   | 2.322(4)                                      | Ir(1)-P(2)                                       | 2.330(4)    |  |  |
| Ir(1) - O(2)   | 2.067(7)                                      | Ir(1)-C(1)                                       | 1.781(13)   |  |  |
| P(1) - C(11)   | 1.837(14)                                     | P(1)-C(21)                                       | 1.842(12)   |  |  |
| P(1)-C(31)   | 1.821(10)                                     | P(2)-C(41)                                       | 1.817(12)   |  |  |
| P(2)-C(51)   | 1.823(13)                                     | P(2)-C(61)                                       | 1.818(13)   |  |  |
| O(1)-C(1)  | 1.183(16)                                     | O(2)-C(2)  | 1.347(14)   |  |  |
| C(2)-C(3)  | 1.425(16)                                     | C(2) - C(7)                                      | 1.363(18)   |  |  |
| C(3)-C(4)  | 1.388(22)                                     | C(2) - C(7)<br>C(4) - C(5)                       | 1.315(26)   |  |  |
| C(5) - C(6)  | 1.378(21)                                     | C(5)-C(8)  | 1.562(25)   |  |  |
|  | 1.366(20)                                     | C(3)-C(6)  | 1.302(23)   |  |  |
| C(6)-C(7)  | 1.300(20)                                     |  |             |  |  |
| (B) Se   | lected Angles is                              | n the Iridium Complex                            |             |  |  |
| P(1)-Ir(1)-P(2)  | 174.4(1)                                      | P(1)-Ir(1)-O(2)                                  | 90.2(3)     |  |  |
| P(2)-Ir(1)-O(2)  | 90.1(3)                                       | P(1)-Ir(1)-C(1)                                  | 90.2(6)     |  |  |
| P(2)-Ir(1)-C(1)  | 89.7(6)                                       | O(2)-Ir(1)-C(1)                                  | 178.9(5)    |  |  |
| Ir(1)-P(1)-C(11)   | 115.6(4)                                      | Ir(1)-P(1)-C(21)                                 | 112.5(5)    |  |  |
| C(11)-P(1)-C(21)   | 107.2(6)                                      | Ir(1)-P(1)-C(31)                                 | 115.2(5)    |  |  |
| C(11) - P(1) - C(31)                                     | 103.0(6)                                      | C(21)-P(1)-C(31)                                 | 102.1(5)    |  |  |
| Ir(1)-P(2)-C(41)   | 116.9(5)                                      | Ir(1) - P(2) - C(51)                             | 114.9(6)    |  |  |
| C(41)-P(2)-C(51)   | 103.0(6)                                      | Ir(1) - P(2) - C(61)                             | 112.1(5)    |  |  |
| C(41) - P(2) - C(61)                                     | 105.2(6)                                      | C(51)-P(2)-C(61)                                 | 103.2(5)    |  |  |
|  | 103.2(0)                                      |  | 176.1(17)   |  |  |
| Ir(1) - O(2) - C(2)                                      |   | Ir(1)-C(1)-O(1)                                  |             |  |  |
| O(2)-C(2)-C(3)   | 117.6(11)                                     | O(2)-C(2)-C(7)                                   | 125.2(10)   |  |  |
| C(3)-C(2)-C(7)   | 117.2(11)                                     | C(2)-C(3)-C(4)                                   | 117.8(13)   |  |  |
| C(3)-C(4)-C(5)   | 124.1(13)                                     | C(4)-C(5)-C(6)                                   | 117.9(16)   |  |  |
| C(4)-C(5)-C(8)   | 120.2(14)                                     | C(6)-C(5)-C(8)                                   | 121.9(16)   |  |  |
| C(5)-C(6)-C(7)   | 121.0(15)                                     | C(2)-C(7)-C(6)                                   | 121.9(11)   |  |  |
| P(1)-C(11)-C(12)   | 121.3(11)                                     | P(1)-C(11)-C(16)                                 | 120.5(9)    |  |  |
| P(1)-C(21)-C(22)   | 116.6(11)                                     | P(1)-C(21)-C(26)                                 | 125.6(11)   |  |  |
| P(1)-C(31)-C(32)   | 118.2(8)                                      | P(1)-C(31)-C(36)                                 | 124.7(9)    |  |  |
| P(2)-C(41)-C(42)   | 123.7(9)                                      | P(2)-C(41)-C(46)                                 | 119.6(11)   |  |  |
| P(2)-C(51)-C(52)   | 118.2(12)                                     | P(2)-C(51)-C(56)                                 | 124.3(11)   |  |  |
| P(2)-C(61)-C(62)   | 122.1(10)                                     | P(2)-C(61)-C(66)                                 | 120.2(11)   |  |  |
| (C) Distances w  | aidhin dha CII C                              | II OII Malaudae of C                             | almatian    |  |  |
| O(1S)-C(1S)  |   | 6H <sub>4</sub> OH Molecules of S<br>C(1S)-C(2S) | 1.376(24)   |  |  |
|  | 1.372(19)                                     |  | , ,         |  |  |
| C(1S)-C(6S)  | 1.373(20)                                     | C(2S)-C(3S)                                      | 1.396(30)   |  |  |
| C(3S)-C(4S)  | 1.366(27)                                     | C(4S)-C(5S)                                      | 1.343(24)   |  |  |
| C(4S)-C(7S)  | 1.505(23)                                     | C(5S)-C(6S)                                      | 1.385(25)   |  |  |
| (D) Angles w   | ithin the CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>4</sub>      | H <sub>4</sub> OH Molecule of So                 | lvation     |  |  |
| O(1S)-C(1S)-C(2S)  |   | O(1S)-C(1S)-C(6S                                 |             |  |  |
| C(2S)-C(1S)-C(6S)  |   | C(1S)-C(2S)-C(3S)                                | ) 117.6(16) |  |  |
| C(2S) - C(3S) - C(4S)                                    |   | C(3S)-C(4S)-C(5S)                                |             |  |  |
| C(3S)-C(4S)-C(7S)  |   | C(5S) - C(4S) - C(7S)                            |             |  |  |
| C(4S) - C(5S) - C(6S)                                    |   | C(1S)-C(6S)-C(5S                                 |             |  |  |
| C(+3)-C(33)-C(03   | ) 123.7(13)                                   | C(13)-C(03)-C(33                                 | ) 110.2(14) |  |  |

An expansion of the Ir-O-R angle could also indicate pi donation from the ligand to the metal. As discussed above, any angle >105° indicates some distortion. For a Ru-OCH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub> complex an angle of 124.6Å was attributed to pi donation.8a The complexes reported in this manuscript, trans-Ir(CO)(OCH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)(P(p-tolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and trans-Ir(CO)(OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Me)(P(p-tolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> have Ir-O-R angles of 132.8(4)° and 122.5(7)°, respectively. These could be considered indicative of pi donation. However, one of the largest Ir-O-C angles (137°) was observed for Ir(CO)(OMe)(TCNE)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> which should not be a pidonor to the iridium.21 Examining all of the Ir-O-C angles show a range from 118-138° with no clearly interpretable pattern. It is most likely that this angle is controlled by a combination of steric, electronic and packing effects.

Carbonyl stretching frequencies were also used to indicate pi donation.<sup>9</sup> For a number of trans-Ir(CO)- $(P(p-tolyl)_3)_2X$  complexes (Table 12) prepared in our laboratory there are small changes in  $\nu_{CO}$ . Larger shifts are seen for complexes involving alkyl groups where pi donation is not possible. We can see no good way to differentiate  $\sigma$ - and  $\pi$ -effects on  $\nu_{CO}$ .

For the trans-Ir(CO)(OR)L<sub>2</sub> complexes we find no convincing evidence that pi donation from the alkoxide



**Figure 5.** The deconvoluted structure of Ir(CO)(OH)-(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.

Table 10. Selected Interatomic Distances (Å) and Angles (deg) for Ir(CO)(OH)(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

| (A) Intramolecular Distances |                |                       |           |  |  |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| Ir(1) - P(1)                 | 2.331(1)       | Ir(1)-C(1)            | 1.887(13) |  |  |
| Ir(1) - O(2)                 | 1.978(12)      | Ir(1)-P(1A)           | 2.331(1)  |  |  |
| P(1)-C(41)                   | 1.861(4)       | P(1)-C(11)            | 1.854(4)  |  |  |
| P(1)-C(61)                   | 1.860(5)       | C(1) - O(1)           | 1.104(16) |  |  |
| (B) "D                       | istances" betw | een Disordered Images |           |  |  |
| C(1)-O(2A)                   | 0.441(14)      | O(1)=O(2A)            | 1.041(16) |  |  |
| O(2)-C(1A)                   | 0.441(14)      | O(2)-O(1A)            | 1.041(16) |  |  |
|                              | (C) Intramol   | ecular Angles         |           |  |  |
| P(1)-Ir(1)-C(1)              | 89.1(3)        | P(1) - Ir(1) - O(2)   | 90.1(3)   |  |  |
| C(1)-Ir(1)-O(2)              | 167.2(4)       | P(1)-Ir(1)-P(1A)      | 180.0     |  |  |
| C(1)-Ir(1)-P(1A)             | 91.0(3)        | O(2)-Ir(1)-P(1A)      | 89.9(3)   |  |  |
| Ir(1)-P(1)-C(11)             | 112.9(1)       | Ir(1)-P(1)-C(41)      | 112.9(1)  |  |  |
| Ir(1)-P(1)-C(61)             | 113.8(2)       | Ir(1)-C(1)-O(1)       | 165.6(10) |  |  |

Table 11. Geometry of the M-O-C or M-O-H Frameworks in Iridium Complexes

|   | M-O (Å)   | M-O-C(deg) | reference |
|---|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Ir(CO)(OH)(PCy <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>                      | 1.978(12) |            | this work |
| $Ir(CO)(OCH_2C_6H_5)(P(p-tolyl)_3)_2$                           | 2.022(4)  | 132.8(4)   | this work |
| $Ir(CO)(OC_6H_5)(PPh_3)_2$                                      | 2.049(4)  | 126.5(3)   | 5a        |
| $Ir(CO)(OC_6H_4CH_3)(P(p-tolyl)_3)_2$                           | 2.067(7)  | 122.5(7)   | this work |
| $Ir(CO)(OC_6F_5)(PPh_3)_2$                                      | 2.058(3)  | 135.4(3)   | 17        |
| $Rh(CO)(OC_6H_5)(PPh_3)_2$                                      | 2.044(2)  | 125.5(2)   | 18        |
| $Ir(H)_2(OCH_2CF_3)(PCy_3)_2$                                   | 2.032(10) | 138.0(11)  | 8Ъ        |
| $Ir(CO)(H)_2(OCH_2CF_3)(PCy_3)_2$                               | 2.169(7)  | 118.4(7)   | 8a        |
| Ir(CO)(OCH <sub>3</sub> )(TCNE)(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> | 2.057(8)  | 137.4(9)   | 19        |
| $Ir(H)(OCH_3)(PMe_3)_4^+$                                       | 2.118(8)  | 119.4(9)   | 20        |

or aryloxide to the metal is important to the Ir-OR bond. Cowan and Trogler also concluded that  $\pi$ -donation from an alkoxide should not be important. We do note, however, that the Ir-OH bond for the most electron-rich iridium center and the most sterically hindered of the Ir(I) complexes, Ir(CO)(OH)(PCy<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, appears to be substantially shorter than the Ir-alkoxide linkages; how-

Table 12. Carbonyl Stretching Frequencies (KBr) for trans-Ir(CO)X(P(p-tolyl)<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> Complexes<sup>a</sup>

| X  | ν <sub>CO</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | x  | $\nu_{\rm CO}({\rm cm}^{-1})$ |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| I  | 1967                                | OC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> | 1949                          |
| Br   | 1966                                | OC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>                 | 1948                          |
| OC <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub>                 | 1962                                | $OCH_3$  | 1940                          |
| Cl   | 1957                                | CH <sub>3</sub>                                | 1937                          |
| OCH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> | 1953                                | OH   | 1932                          |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> All prepared and characterized in our laboratory.

ever, we stress that disorder renders both this bond length and its esd unreliable.

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