

Rhodium-induced reversible C—C bond cleavage: transformations of rhodium(III) 22-alkyl-*m*-benzporphyrins.

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The structurally prearranged carbaporphyrins 22-methyl- and 22-ethyl-*m*-benzporphyrins provide the platform stabilizing aromatic rhodium(III) 22-(μ -methylene-*m*-benzporphyrin) and rhodium(III) 22-(μ -ethylidene-*m*-benzporphyrin). An intramolecular conversion facilitated by the *m*-phenylene reactivity and observed for both aromatic complexes efficiently leads to rhodium(III) 21-(μ -methylene)-21-carbaporphyrin and rhodium(III) 21-(μ -ethylidene)-21-carbaporphyrin. The distinctive macrocyclic environment of rhodium(III) 21-carbaporphyrin created an opportunity to trap unique organometallic transformations of inner core substituents affording the fulvene-like bond pattern or the rearrangement to 21-vinyl substituent. The one-electron reduction of the rhodium(III) carbaporphyrin anion π -radical with a $(d_{xy})^2(d_{xz})^2(d_{yz})^2-(P.-)$ electronic configuration is demonstrated. The further process of reduction of paramagnetic species triggers the ethyl migration from carbon(22) to rhodium(III), affording the diamagnetic rhodium(III) meta-benzporphyrin containing the apically coordinated σ -ethyl ligand providing an example of reversible C(sp²)-C(sp³) bond cleavage.

Słowa kluczowe

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