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NEW TITANOCENE COMPLEXES $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\mu\text{-S}_2)_2\text{NR}]$ (WITH $\text{R} = \text{Me}$ AND ^nOct) AS TRANSFER REAGENTS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF THE HETEROCYCLES S_5NR AND S_6NR ^[1]

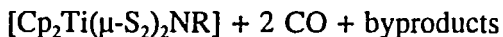
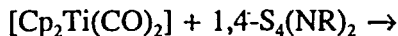
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The reaction of $1,4\text{-S}_4(\text{NR})_2$ with $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{Ti}(\text{CO})_2$ yields $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\mu\text{-S}_2)_2\text{NR}]$ which on treatment with SCl_2 or S_2Cl_2 provides the novel heterocycles S_5NR and S_6NR ($\text{R} = \text{Me}, \text{Oct}$).

Keywords: S–N heterocycles; titanocene complexes

Cyclic sulfur imides of the type S_nNH and their derivatives S_nNR form homologous series^[2] but so far only rings with more than 6 sulfur atoms have been known. We here present a synthetic method which for the first time allows the preparation of the species S_5NR and S_6NR . Titanocene dicarbonyl reacts with *cyclo*-tetrasulfur-1,4-diimides at room temperature in *n*-hexane to give the novel metallacycles $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Ti}(\mu\text{-S}_2)_2\text{NR}]$ in ca. 30% yield:



1: Cp = C₅H₅, R = Me: black crystals, m.p. 134°C

2: Cp = C₅H₅, R = "Oct: dark-brown oil

3: Cp = C₅H₄Me, R = "Oct: dark-brown oil

The ¹H NMR spectra of 1 and 2 show that the six-membered rings are rigid at 23°C (two signals for the Cp protons) and that the connectivity is as shown above (mirror plane for the ring atoms). An X-ray structural analysis of 1 revealed a molecule similar to the well known titanocene complexes [Cp₂TiS₃] and [Cp₂Ti(μ-S₂)₂AsMe]^[3]:

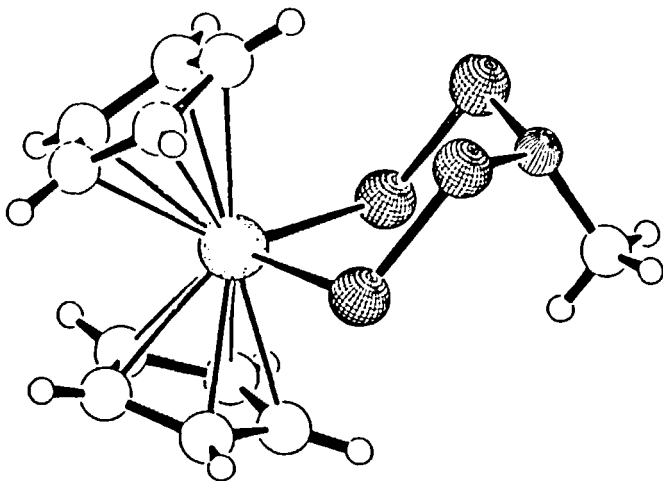
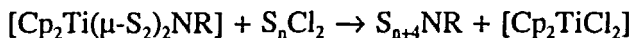


FIGURE 1 X-Ray structure of 1

The molecules of 1 occupy general sites, and the geometrical

parameters are as expected, e.g.: $d_{SS} = 206\text{pm}$, $d_{SN} = 169$ and 170pm . The geometry at the nitrogen atom is only slightly pyramidal (sum of bond angles 347°) with the methyl group in an axial position. The values of the torsion angles of the heterocycle range from 55 to 83° .

The complexes **1-3** react rapidly and quantitatively with either SCL_2 or S_2Cl_2 at 20°C in CS_2 solution to give the novel *cyclo*-sulfurimides S_5NR resp. S_6NR besides $[\text{Cp}_2\text{TiCl}_2]$:



The progress of these reactions may be monitored by RP-HPLC since the retention times of the species S_{n+4}NR systematically increase with increasing size of both R and of the ring as has already been observed for similar homologous series of compounds.

$\text{S}_5\text{N}^n\text{Oct}$ and $\text{S}_6\text{N}^n\text{Oct}$ have been isolated as pale-yellow oils which are stable at ambient temperature for a few hours and at -25°C for several days. The new compounds have been characterized by EI-MS (molecular ions observed) and ^1H NMR spectra. $\text{S}_7\text{N}^n\text{Oct}$ was prepared from S_7NH and octyliodide^[4] for comparison. The chemical shifts of the α and β protons of the octyl groups attached to these S–N heterocycles depend on the ring size as the following data show: (CDCl_3 ; 23°C):

TABLE I ^1H NMR data of $\text{S}_n\text{N}^n\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}$ ($n = 5, 6$ and 7)

$\text{S}_5\text{N}^5\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}$	$\text{S}_6\text{N}^6\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}$	$\text{S}_7\text{N}^7\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}$	
3.90 t (2)	3.20 t (2)	3.28 t (2)	$\alpha\text{-CH}_2$
1.60 q (2)	1.70 q (2)	1.69 t (2)	$\beta\text{-CH}_2$
1.29 m (10)	1.30 m (10)	1.30 m (10)	$\text{-(CH}_2\text{)}_5\text{-}$
0.89 t (3)	0.89 t (3)	0.90 t (3)	-CH_3

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