

Base- and Additive-Free Carbon Dioxide Hydroboration to Methoxyboranes Catalyzed by Non-Pincer-Type Mn(I) Complexes

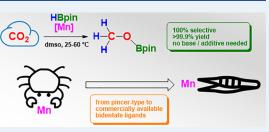
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ABSTRACT: Well-defined, bench stable Mn(I) non-pincer-type complexes were tested as earth-abundant transition metal catalysts for the selective reduction of CO_2 to boryl-protected MeOH in the presence of pinacolborane HBpin Mn Mn Mn Mn Mn Mn Mn Mn							
(HBpin). Essentially, quantitative yields were obtained under mild reaction conditions (1 bar CO_2 , 60 °C), without the need of any base or additives, in				\mathcal{X}	\mathcal{L}		

the presence of the alkylcarbonyl Mn(I) bis(phosphine) complexes fac- $[Mn(CH_2CH_2CH_3)(dippe)(CO)_3]$ [Mn1, dippe = 1,2-bis-(diisopropylphosphino)ethane] and $[Mn(dippe)(CO)_2\{(\mu-H)_2(Bpin)\}]$ (Mn4), that is obtained by reaction of the bench-stable precatalyst Mn1



with HBpin via elimination of butanal. Preliminary mechanistic details were obtained by a combination of NMR experiments and monitoring of the catalytic reactions.

KEYWORDS: carbon dioxide utilization, manganese, organometallics, catalytic hydroboration, methanol

arbon dioxide (CO_2) represents one of the principal greenhouse gases that are causing environmental concern for their increasing concentration in the atmosphere due to the growing consumption of fossil fuels. In spite of that, the unique characteristics of CO₂ as an inexpensive, nontoxic, and nonflammable chemical, together with its abundance as raw material, make it attractive for chemists interested in the synthesis of C1-products from renewable sources.¹ Chemical utilization of CO2 is indeed growing in interest, and an increasing amount of literature describing transition metal or metal-free catalytic processes to reduce CO₂ to useful bulk chemicals such as formic acid (HCOOH) and methanol (CH₃OH) have been reported, especially in the last two decades.²

CH₃OH, currently produced in about 98 Mt/year quantity worldwide from fossil-based, nonrenewable feedstock under harsh conditions, is a valuable chemical product finding various large-scale direct application.³ In the pharmaceutical industry, it is employed as a starting compound for the production of various intermediates. It is also used to obtain formalin, i.e., a saturated aqueous solution of formaldehyde, which has strong bactericidal properties. It is an important solvent in organic synthesis, as a fuel or fuel component in internal combustion engines and as an additive to gasoline to improve the octane number, in household chemicals as a component of washing liquids and antifreeze, and in construction chemicals for the production of adhesives, paints, and varnishes. It is also an antibacterial, bactericidal, and fungicidal substance and utilized in the production of cosmetics and as a contaminant in some goods to deter consumption and inhalation.⁴ Due to its importance, the synthesis of CH₃OH from renewable feedstock such as CO₂ would be highly desirable, but efficient

catalysts must be designed to decrease the energy demand for the activation of such an inert small molecule by a 6-electron reduction process. Reduction of CO₂ to methanol or methoxy derivatives can be carried out under homogeneous catalytic conditions in the presence of non-noble⁵ and noble metals complexes⁶ and organocatalysts.⁷

In CO_2 reduction protocols, hydrogen (H_2) gas is generally preferred, in particular when it is obtained from sustainable, fossil-free sources and processes (i.e., water electrolysis, water photosplitting). However, the use of a pressurized, explosive gas such as H₂ has safety drawbacks and high costs of production, storage, and transportation. Alternative reducing agents for CO₂ such as hydroboranes can be promising to replace H₂ in the presence of highly active and selective catalysts that bring about the process under atmospheric pressure and mild temperature conditions.⁴⁻⁷ Boron-based compounds are generally Lewis acidic and oxophilic enough to enable activation of the C=O bond of carbon dioxide. Reduction of CO_2 by a hydroborane (Scheme 1) can lead to a variety of products such as formoxyborane (A), bis(boryl)acetal (B), methoxyborane (C), and bis(boryl)ether (D).⁸ Therefore, high process selectivity is desired to achieve good atom-efficiency and to avoid distillation to separate the products present in the reaction mixtures.

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Scheme 1. Full Product Range Expected in CO₂ Hydroboration

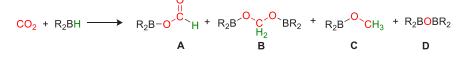
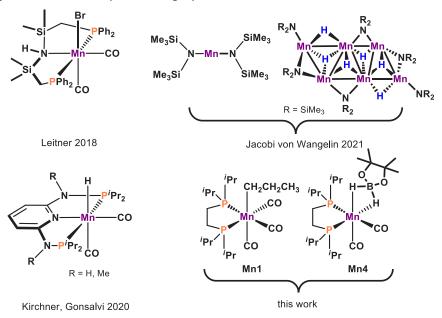


Chart 1. Mn(I) Complexes Used as Catalysts for CO₂ Hydroboration



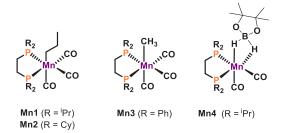
Traditionally, platinum group metals have found use as catalysts for CO_2 hydroboration.^{8,9} In the past decade, part of the chemistry community has focused on the quest for cheaper catalysts based on earth-abundant metals to increase process sustainability.⁸ In particular, manganese, being the third most abundant metal in the Earth's crust, is receiving a lot of attention in homogeneous catalysis, including CO_2 reduction processes.¹⁰ To the best of our knowledge, very few reports are available to date describing efficient manganese catalysts for CO_2 hydroboration (Chart 1).

Leitner and co-workers described in 2018 the first example of such use. In the presence of complex [MnBr- $\{(Ph_2PCH_2SiMe_2)_2NH\}(CO)_2\}$, the selective formation of methoxyborane was obtained with high turnover numbers (TON = 883) using pinacolborane (HBpin, 2.76 mmol), CO₂ (1 atm), catalyst (0.036 mol %), and base (NaO^tBu, 0.2 mol %), under solventless conditions at moderate temperature (100 °C).¹¹ The reaction mechanism was later studied by other authors by DFT calculations.¹² We recently described the reduction of CO₂ to methoxyboranes catalyzed by the welldefined manganese complexes $[MnH(PNP^{NR} Pr)(CO)_2]$ (R = H or Me) using HBpin and 9-BBN (9-BBN = 9borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane) and borates as Lewis acids additives. Good yields in CH₃OBpin (up to 78%) were obtained after 24 h in THF- d_8 under milder reaction conditions (1 bar CO₂, 60 °C, 0.224 mmol HBpin, 1 mol % catalyst) and B(OPh)₃ as cocatalyst (2.24 \times 10⁻² mmol).¹³ Finally, Ghosh and Jacobi von Wangelin reported the hydroboration of CO2 (ca. 1 bar) at 80 °C with 100% selectivity to methoxyborane using HBpin and catalysts $[Mn(hmds)_2]$ and $[MnH(hmds)]_6$ (hmds = hexamethyldisilazane), albeit reaching rather low yields (21% and 18% after 72 h, respectively) using 5 mol % of catalysts.¹⁴

In the past few years, the chemistry and use of a class of textbook, bench-stable, non-pincer-type Mn(I) alkylcarbonyl complexes stabilized by simple and commercially available bis(phosphine) ligands was revisited,¹⁵ showing that they can work as efficient catalysts for hydrogenation,¹⁶ hydrosilyla-tion,¹⁷ and hydroboration processes.¹⁸ In this class of complexes, precatalyst activation generally occurs by forcing migratory insertion of an alkyl ligand into the Mn-CO bond, with elimination of aldehyde. In hydrogenation processes, for example, this step generates a Mn-H bond and frees one coordination site at the metal, which is available for substrate coordination and the following inner-sphere catalytic mechanism of activation and product release.^{15,16} Recently, we jointly demonstrated that complex fac-[Mn(CH₂CH₂CH₃)(dippe)- $(CO)_3$ [Mn1, dippe = 1,2-bis(diisopropylphosphino)ethane] promotes CO₂ catalytic hydrogenation to formate under mild reaction conditions (75 bar CO_2/H_2 total pressure, 80 °C) in the presence of base and Li salts as Lewis acid cocatalysts.¹⁹

Hereby, we present results on the use of Mn1 and analogues (Chart 2) as catalysts for the selective hydroboration of CO_2 to boryl-protected MeOH in the presence of HBpin. Notably,





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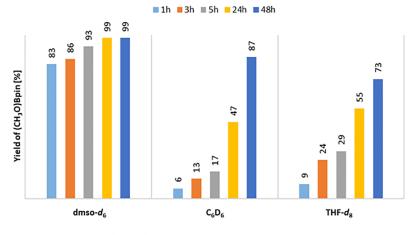


Figure 1. Solvent effect for CO_2 hydroboration to $(CH_3O)Bpin$ in the presence of Mn1. Values correspond to yields of $(CH_3O)Bpin$ (mol %). Reaction conditions are detailed in Table S1.

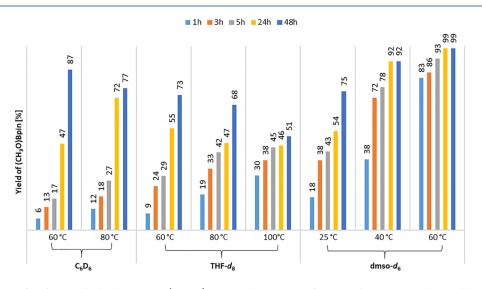


Figure 2. Temperature effect for CO_2 hydroboration to $(CH_3O)Bpin$ in the presence of Mn1. Values correspond to yields of $(CH_3O)Bpin$ (mol %). Reaction conditions are detailed in Table S2.

some of these systems gave high yields in the desired product without the need of base or additives, working under mild reaction conditions.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Catalytic Tests. The catalytic tests were carried out on NMR tube scale, using catalysts Mn1-4 (Chart 2), CO₂ (1) bar), HBpin (0.224 mmol), mesitylene as internal standard (0.056 mmol), no base or additives, monitoring the increase of the yields of C1-products (OCHO)Bpin (A), generally observed in small amounts or traces, and (CH₃O)Bpin (C) as the main product (Scheme 1, $R_2B = Bpin$) over time by ¹H NMR spectroscopy (see Experimental Section). Additional ¹¹B and ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra were collected to obtain more details on the nature of the products and the changes in the catalyst in the course of the reactions. In all tests, the presence of (Bpin)₂O (D) was observed by ¹¹B NMR at 22.4 ppm, as expected for stoichiometry reasons. On the other hand, the formation of $(Bpin)OCH_2O(Bpin)$ (B) was never observed in the corresponding ¹H NMR spectra. The effects of solvent, temperature, and ligands were screened in separate sets of experiments, and the results are hereby described.

Initially, the activity of precatalyst Mn1 (1.0 mol % with respect to HBpin) in solvents such as dmso-d₆, THF-d₈, and C_6D_6 was studied under standard reaction conditions (60 °C, 1 bar CO₂, HBpin 0.224 mmol). Noteworthy, dimethyl sulfoxide (dmso) was previously demonstrated to assist CO₂ activation in hydrogenation^{2d} and in hydrosilylation reactions.^{5d} Under these conditions and using $dmso-d_6$ as solvent, the reaction gave (CH₃O)Bpin, identified by the characteristic ¹H NMR signal at 3.48 ppm and the ¹¹B NMR broad signal at 20.9 ppm, as the main C1-product in very high yield (83%) after 1 h, and it increased further after 24 h (99%). Formoxyborane was observed to form in small amounts (ca. 6%) at the beginning of the reaction. No additional increase in yield was observed after 48 h (see Figure 1). Under the same reaction conditions, by changing solvent from dmso- d_6 to either THF- d_8 or C₆D₆, (CH₃O)Bpin formed in yields lower than 60% within 24 h. After 48 h, (CH₃O)Bpin yields reached 87% and 73% in THF d_8 and C_6D_6 , respectively. The results are summarized as column graphs in Figure 1. Reaction conditions and details can be found in Table S1.

The effect of temperature was then investigated using **Mn1** as catalyst in the three different solvents mentioned above (Figure 2 and Table S2). The best results were confirmed in

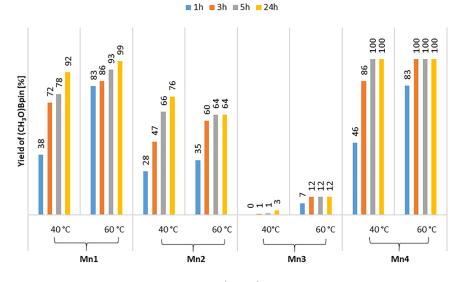


Figure 3. Ligand and temperature effects for CO_2 hydroboration to $(CH_3O)Bpin$ in the presence of Mn1-4. Values correspond to yields of $(CH_3O)Bpin \pmod{\%}$. Reaction conditions are detailed in Table S3.

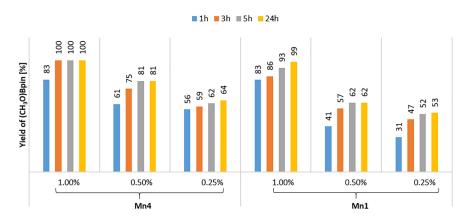


Figure 4. Catalyst amount screening in CO_2 hydroboration to $(CH_3O)Bpin$ in the presence of Mn4 and Mn1. Values correspond to yields of $(CH_3O)Bpin$ (mol %). Reaction conditions are detailed in Table S4.

dmso- d_6 at 60 °C with the formation of (CH₃O)Bpin in 83% (1 h) and 99% (24 h) yields. By decreasing the temperature to 40 °C, (CH₃O)Bpin was still obtained in high yield (92%) after 24 h. At room temperature, (CH₃O)Bpin formation reached 54% yield (24 h) and a remarkable 75% yield after 48 h. In C₆D₆ and THF- d_8 , the lower performances already observed at 60 °C (Figure 1) were confirmed at 80 °C (max. yield 77% and 68%, 48 h, respectively) and at 100 °C in THF- d_8 (51%, 48 h).

Next, the effect of ligands was tested at 40 and 60 °C using **Mn1** analogues such as **Mn2**,¹⁶ **Mn3**,²⁰ and **Mn4**¹⁸ (Chart 2). The results are summarized in Figure 3 (see also Table S3). Compared to **Mn1**, in **Mn2**, the R substituents on P atoms were changed from ⁱPr to Cy, thus varying the steric hindrance of the complex. In **Mn3**, dippe was replaced by dppe [dppe = 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane], and the alkyl ligand was changed from ⁿPr to CH₃. Finally, **Mn4** was obtained as previously shown¹⁸ from the reaction of **Mn1** with HBpin, giving a complex with a $(\mu$ -H)₂(Bpin) ligand that is more labile than ⁿPr under catalytic conditions.¹⁸ In other words, **Mn4** may represent an activated form of **Mn1** in hydroboration reactions.

Complex Mn3 gave poor activity both at 40 and 60 °C with product C formation in only 3% and 12% yields after 24 h, respectively, thus confirming that under the conditions applied for CO₂ hydroboration, CH₃ is a worse leaving group than ⁿPr, as previously observed in other catalytic reactions.¹⁵ In the presence of Mn2, lower yields of product C were observed after 24 h compared to Mn1, both at 40 and 60 °C (76% and 64%, respectively). This is likely related to the higher solubility of Mn1 than that of Mn2 in dmso- d_6 . Interestingly, Mn1 and Mn4 showed a comparable behavior after 1 h of reaction, giving essentially the same yields of C at 60 °C. To our delight, almost quantitative yields of (CH₃O)Bpin were obtained in the presence of Mn4 after only 3 h at 60 °C or after 5 h at 40 °C. Under the same conditions and time, Mn1 gave instead 78% yield. Next, another test was run with Mn4 as catalyst at 25 °C, reaching a yield of (CH₃O)Bpin of 52% after 5 h and 59% after 24 h.

Finally, the effect of catalyst amount was examined for **Mn1** and **Mn4**, using 0.25, 0.5, 1.0 mol % with respect to HBpin, running the tests in dmso- d_6 at 60 °C for 24 h (Figure 4 and Table S4). At all chosen catalyst to substrate ratios, CO₂ hydroboration gave (CH₃O)Bpin as the main C1-product, with final yields varying in the range from 62 to >99%.

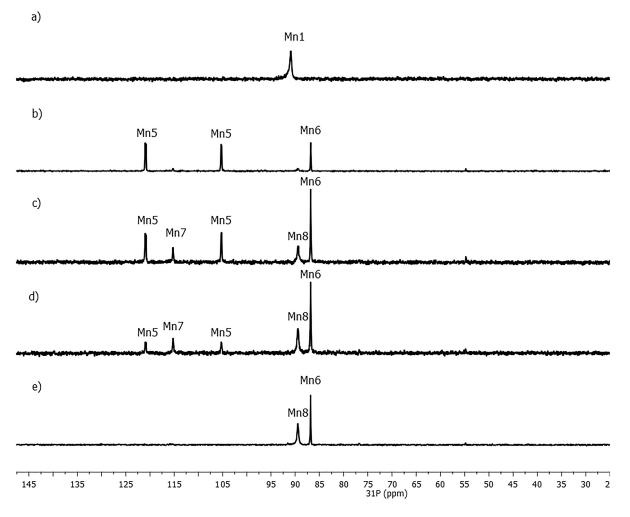


Figure 5. ³¹P{¹H} NMR monitoring of a typical catalytic run. Reaction conditions: **Mn1** (2.24×10^{-3} mmol), HBpin (0.224 mmol), CO₂ (1 bar), 40 °C, dmso-*d*₆ (0.4 mL), mesitylene as internal standard (0.056 mmol). **Mn1** before (a) reaction and after (b) 1 h; (c) 3 h; (d) 5 h; (e) 24 h.

Although 1.0 mol % was confirmed as the most suitable catalyst amount to obtain the highest yields in $(CH_3O)Bpin$, good results were also observed with 0.5 mol % in the case of **Mn4** (81% yield after 5 h). Catalyst deactivation may be responsible for the lower yields observed using 0.5 and 0.25 mol % of **Mn1** and **Mn4** (Figure 4). As recently highlighted in an excellent review article,²¹ a drop in yields may occur when the rate of catalyst deactivation competes with the catalytic rate, especially at high temperatures and at low catalyst concentrations.

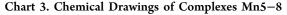
A scaled-up (10-fold) Schlenk tube experiment, adapting the reaction conditions used for the highest yielding NMR test (i.e., **Mn1**, 60 °C, 24 h, dmso- d_6), was finally carried out. At the end of the reaction, (CH₃O)Bpin was obtained in >99.9% yield (see Experimental Section).

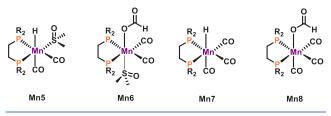
Mechanistic Studies. In order to get insights in the reaction mechanism, ¹H- and ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra were periodically recorded during the course of the catalytic reaction. The ³¹P{¹H} NMR monitoring of the typical catalytic run in dmso- d_6 is shown in Figure 5. After 1 h, **Mn1** was fully consumed, giving rise to the two new species **Mn5** and **Mn6**. After 3 h, signals due to the new species **Mn7** and **Mn8** were also detected along with **Mn5** and **Mn6**. After 24 h, **Mn6** and **Mn8** were the only species observable in the ³¹P{¹H} NMR

spectrum. Essentially, the same results were achieved employing Mn4 as precatalyst instead of Mn1.

In order to clarify the nature of the observed new species, additional NMR experiments were carried out. Complex Mn5 was observed, further than during the catalytic run monitoring, also as the product of the reaction of Mn1 with 5 equiv of HBpin in dmso- d_6 at 40 °C. It was then synthesized by the reaction of Mn1 with HBpin (2 equiv) and dmso (2 equiv) in THF at 60 °C (see Experimental Section). In the ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H{}$ NMR spectrum, Mn5 is characterized by two doublets at 120.9 and 105.2 ppm, at the same chemical shift values observed during catalytic run monitoring, with a coupling constant ${}^{2}J_{PP}$ = 21.5 Hz. In the corresponding ¹H NMR spectrum, a doublet of doublets was observed at -6.90 and -7.02 ppm, appearing as a pseudotriplet, with corresponding coupling constants ${}^{2}J_{HP}$ = 49.2 Hz and ${}^{2}J_{HP}$ = 49.3 Hz. Based on these data and on additional ¹H/³¹P HMBC NMR spectra, we assign the structure of Mn5 as *cis*-[MnH(dippe)(CO)₂(κ -S-dmso)]. Mn5 could also be generated upon heating a solution of Mn4 in dmso- d_6 to 40 °C. This behavior suggests that Mn4 is likely to be an intermediate in the transformation from Mn1 to Mn5 in dmso- d_6 . An additional catalytic run under standard conditions (1.0 mol % to HBpin, 60 °C, 24 h, dmso- d_6) in the presence of Mn5 as catalyst showed selective formation of (CH₃O)Bpin in >99.9% yield (Figure S.15). Complex Mn6

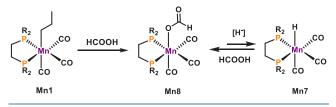
was observed in the ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR monitoring (Figure 5b) as a singlet at 86.8 ppm, with a broad signal at 7.92 ppm in the corresponding ¹H NMR spectrum, at a chemical shift value expected for a Mn-formato species (Figure S18). Thus, in the absence of more conclusive evidence, we tentatively assign the structure of Mn6 as trans-[Mn(κ -O-OCHO)(dippe)- $(CO)_2(dmso)$]. Next, the transient species Mn7, observed at 115.2 ppm, was identified as the known complex fac- $[MnH(dippe)(CO)_3]$ by comparison with literature data²² and independent synthesis in our laboratories (see the Supporting Information). Mn8 was observed as a broad signal at 89.5 ppm in the ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR monitoring (Figure 5c). It was independently obtained by treating Mn1 with an excess of formic acid (see the Supporting Information). In the ¹H NMR spectrum (Figure S.24), a sharp signal at 8.17 ppm was observed, at a chemical shift value expected for Mn-OCHO moieties. Based on these data, we assign the formula fac- $[Mn(\kappa - O - OCHO)(dippe)(CO)_3]$ to Mn8. The chemical drawings of complexes Mn5-8 are shown in Chart 3.





Further tests showed that Mn7 does not react with CO_2 (1 bar) even if heated to 60 °C for several days. On the other hand, in a separate test, the reaction of Mn8 with HBpin (excess) produced an unknown boron compound and Mn7 (Figure S.28). Based on these observations, we suggest that Mn8 generates from the reaction of Mn1 with HCOOH formed *in situ* at the beginning of the catalytic run.¹³ Next, the interaction of Mn8 with a hydride source would give Mn7, as shown in Scheme 2. In the presence of even small quantities of HCOOH in solution, Mn7 may revert to the more thermodynamically stable Mn8.

Scheme 2. Proposed Side Reactions Leading to Mn8 and Mn7 from Mn1



Similarly, **Mn6** may form upon reaction of **Mn5** with HCOOH. In fact, the addition of CO_2 (1 atm) to a NMR tube containing **Mn5** in dmso- d_6 gave no reaction even after prolonged heating to 60 °C. The two Mn-formato complexes **Mn6** and **Mn8** thus represent resting states of the catalyst, as observed by ³¹P{¹H} NMR monitoring at the end of the catalytic run (Figure 5e).

Catalyst-free reduction of organic acids to the corresponding alcohols using HBpin was recently reported to occur via facile deoxygenative hydroboration of carboxylic acids to boronate esters and following hydrolysis.²³ In the framework of the

present study, it was therefore important to establish whether the catalyst plays a role in further reduction of HCOOH. To assess this, a NMR tube was charged with dmso- d_{6} , HCOOH (0.265 mmol), and HBpin at different stoichiometric ratios (1:1; 1:2; 1:5 to HCOOH) under nitrogen. After heating to 60 °C for 24 h, in all cases, only (OCHO)Bpin (A) was observed as product in the absence of catalyst. This experiment was then repeated using a HCOOH/HBpin = 1:1 ratio under otherwise identical conditions, adding Mn1 (2.65 μ mol), this time observing the formation of products A and C in 1:1 ratio (see the Supporting Information), thus confirming the role of the catalyst in the reduction steps beyond HCOOH. The corresponding ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum (Figure S.33), measured at the end of the reaction, showed also for this set of experiments the signals at 89.5 and 86.8 ppm due to Mn6 and Mn8, respectively, as expected upon formation of stable Mn-formato species as catalyst resting states.

CONCLUSIONS

In summary, we have demonstrated that selected Mn(I) complexes supported by simple, commercially available nonpincer-type ligands such as 1,2-bis(diisopropylphosphino)ethane (dippe) are able to bring about the selective hydroboration of CO₂ to methoxyborane, representing an example of CO₂ utilization as C1 building block for chemical synthesis, catalyzed by earth-abundant transition metals. Essentially, quantitative yields (>99.9%) in the desired product were obtained using as low as 1 mol % of catalysts under mild reaction conditions (1 bar CO₂, 25–60 °C) within 5 to 24 h, depending on the complex used, *in the absence of any base or additive*, representing a significant improvement over known protocols based on Mn.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Typical Procedure for CO₂ Hydroboration (NMR Tube **Scale).** A stock solution containing the catalyst $(0.56-2.24 \times 10^{-2})$ 10^{-3} mmol), HBpin (0.224 mmol), and mesitylene as internal standard (0.056 mmol) in the desired solvent (0.4 mL) was added under nitrogen to a J-Young NMR tube. Once prepared, the sample was degassed via three freeze-pump-thaw cycles and then CO_2 (1 bar) was added using a Schlenk line. The NMR tube was then placed in an oil bath kept at the desired temperature (25, 40, 60, 80, or 100 $^{\circ}$ C) for the set reaction time. The formation of C1-products was monitored throughout the duration of the experiment using ¹H NMR spectroscopy and quantified by signal integration versus the mesitylene internal standard. Additional ³¹P{¹H} and ¹¹B NMR spectra were also run to obtain further qualitative information. Each test was repeated at least twice to check for reproducibility. The yields of C1-products were obtained with an average error of ca. 6%.

Typical Procedure for CO₂ Hydroboration (Schlenk Tube Scale). The procedure described above was adapted for a Schlenk tube scale test. **Mn1** (2.24×10^{-2} mmol) was dissolved in dmso- d_6 (4.0 mL) in a Schlenk tube equipped with a Rotaflo Teflon cap. HBpin (2.24 mmol) and mesitylene as internal standard (0.56 mmol) were then added under nitrogen to the mixture. The solution was frozen using a liquid nitrogen bath; the tube was degassed via three freeze-pump-thaw cycles, and then, CO₂ (1 bar) was added using a Schlenk line. The tube was warmed to room temperature and then heated to 60 °C for 24 h. At the end of the reaction, the excess CO₂ was

vented and an aliquot of the solution was analyzed by ¹H NMR. $(CH_3O)Bpin$ was obtained in >99.9% yield as determined by integration of the ¹H NMR signal at 3.48 ppm against the internal standard. The test was repeated twice to check for reproducibility.

Synthesis of fac-[Mn(CH₂CH₂CH₃)(dcpe)(CO)₃] (Mn2). This compound was prepared using the precursor [MnBr- $(dcpe)(CO)_3$ that was synthesized according to the literature.²⁴ Mn2 was subsequently prepared in analogous fashion to $Mn1^{16}$ using $[MnBr(dcpe)(CO)_3]$ (0.765 g, 1.27 mmol) and propyl bromide (17 mL). Crude Mn2 was extracted with n-pentane (90 mL), and the solvent was removed in vacuo to yield a pale yellow solid (0.359 g, 47%). ¹H NMR (δ , 400 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): 2.29–1.88 (m, 14H), 1.85–1.04 (m, 39H), 0.36 (quin, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (δ , 101 MHz, C₆D₆, 20 °C): 227.9 (CO), 220.5 (CO), 40.2 (vt, J = 10.1 Hz), 35.0 (vt, J = 7.0 Hz), 31.3 (vt, J = 3.8 Hz), 31.1, 30.8, 29.8, 29.2, 28.5-27.9 (m), 27.0, 26.7, 22.5 (vt, J = 18.0 Hz), 12.0 (vt, J = 14.7 Hz). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (δ , 162 MHz, C_6D_6 , 20 °C): 82.9 (s). ATR-IR (solid, cm⁻¹): 1969 $(\nu_{\rm CO})$, 1895 $(\nu_{\rm CO})$, 1855 $(\nu_{\rm CO})$. HRMS (TOF ESI⁺): m/zcalculated for $C_{32}H_{55}MnO_{3}P_{2}$ [M - H]⁺: 605.3079, found 605.3098.

Synthesis of *cis*-[MnH(dippe)(CO)₂(κ -S-dmso)] (Mn5). To a solution of Mn1 (15 mg, 3.36×10^{-5} mmol) in THF (0.5 mL), pinacolborane (8.6 mg, 6.72×10^{-5} mmol, 2 equiv) and dmso- d_6 (4.24 mg, 5.04×10^{-5} mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added. The solution was stirred at 60 °C for 4 h, monitoring by ³¹P{¹H} NMR. All volatiles were then removed in vacuo. The obtained white solid was dried in vacuo and analyzed by ¹H and ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy. The complex, highly soluble in most common organic solvents, was obtained with impurities derived from byproducts of pinacolborane redistribution. Yield (crude): 65%. ¹H NMR (δ , 400 MHz, dmso- d_6 , 20 °C): 2.5 (m), 2.23 (m), 2.03 (m), 1.78 (m), 1.63 (m), 1.37 (m), 1.21–1.05 (m), –6.90, –7.02 ppm (dd, ²J_{HP} = 49.2, ²J_{HP} = 49.3 Hz, 1H). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (δ , 162 MHz, dmso- d_6 , 20 °C): 123.11 (d, ²J_{PP} = 21.9 Hz), 107.41 (d, ²J_{PP} = 22.7 Hz).

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

③ Supporting Information

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General methods and materials, synthesis and characterization of manganese complexes, general procedures for catalytic tests, tables of catalytic data, additional NMR experiments, and selected NMR spectra (PDF)

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