Synthesis and Reactivity of Bromo-*mer-tricarbonyl-trans-bis[tri(1-cyclo-hepta-2,4,6-trienyl)phosphane]-manganese,* $MnBr(CO)_3[P(C_7H_7)_3]_2$

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The reaction of $Mn(X)(CO)_5$ (X = Cl, Br, I) with 2 equivalents of tri(1-cyclohepta-2,4,6-trienyl)phosphane, $P(C_7H_7)_3$ (**1**); [P] if coordinated to a metal) led stepwise first to *cis*-$\{Mn(X)(CO)_4[P]\}$ (X = Cl (**4a**), Br (**4b**), I (**4c**)) and then to *mer,trans*-$\{Mn(X)(CO)_3[P]_2\}$ (X = Cl (**5a**), Br (**5b**), I (**5c**)). Nucleophilic displacement of the bromo ligand from (**5b**) by one-, three- or five-electron ligands gave the pseudohalide complexes *mer,trans*-$\{Mn(X)(CO)_3[P]_2\}$ (X = NCO (**5d**) and NCS (**5e**)), the acetylacetonate derivative $Mn(acac)(CO)_2[P]_2$ (**6**) and the halfsandwich complexes $CpMn(CO)_2[P]$ (**7**) or $TpMn(CO)_3$ (**8**). According to the X-ray structure determination of **5e** the thiocyanate ligand is N-coordinated.

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