Tungstenmethyl-dimethylsilanols $Cp(OC)_2(R_3P)W—CH_2—SiMe_2OH$ (R = Me, Ph) – Synthesis *via* Oxygenation or Hydrolysis*

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The tungstenmethyl-dimethylsilanols $Cp(OC)_2(R_3P)W—CH_2—SiMe_2OH$ [R = Me (**6a**), Ph (**6b**)] have been synthesized by oxofunctionalization of the tungstenmethyl-silanes $Cp(OC)_2(R_3P)W—CH_2—SiMe_2H$ [R = Me (**3a**), Ph (**3b**)] with dimethyldioxirane. **6a** has been additionally obtained by Et_3N-assisted hydrolysis of the tungstenmethyl-chlorosilane $Cp(OC)_2(Me_3P)W—CH_2—SiMe_2Cl$ (**5**). Compounds **6a,b** are stable with respect to self-condensation, but controlled condensation of **6a** with $Me_2Si(H)Cl$ in the presence of triethylamine has been realized to give the tungstenmethyl-substituted disiloxane $Cp(OC)_2(Me_3P)W—CH_2—SiMe_2O—SiMe_2H$ (**7**). The new compounds have been identified IR- and NMR-spectroscopically and, in the case of **3a**, by X-ray analysis.

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