

Polynuclear Mixed-metal Thiolate Complexes with D-Penicillamine

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Summary Diamagnetic cluster-compounds of composition $[M_5^I M_6^{II} \{SC(Me)_2CH(NH_2)CO_2\}_{12}Cl]^{5-}$ with $M_5^I M_6^{II} = Cu_5^I Ni_6^{II}$, $Ag_5^I Ni_6^{II}$, and $Ag_5^I Pd_6^{II}$ are structurally related to the well characterized $Cu_5^I Cu_6^{II}$ compound so that the M^I atoms are trigonally co-ordinated by 3 sulphur atoms and the M^{II} atoms are planar 4-co-ordinated by 2 sulphur and 2 nitrogen atoms

D-PENICILLAMINE $[HSC(Me)_2CH(NH_2)CO_2H]$ promotes the urinary excretion of copper in patients with Wilson's disease. It was shown¹ that under simulated physiological conditions D-penicillamine and copper form a polynuclear, anionic, mixed-valence $Cu^I Cu^{II}$ -complex. An X-ray structure determination revealed that the composition of this compound is $[Cu_5^I Cu_6^{II} L_{12} Cl]^{5-}$, where L is the deprotonated penicillamine ligand $[-SC(Me)_2CH(NH_2)CO_2^-]$ (pen) (schematic structure shown in the Figure)

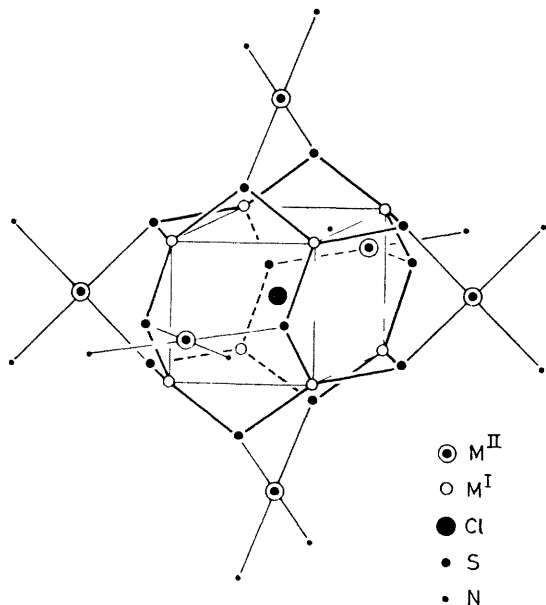


FIGURE Structure of the mixed-metal D-penicillamine compounds. Only the $[M_5^I M_6^{II} S_{12} N_{12} Cl]$ core of the complex anions is shown. A complete drawing of the $[Cu_5^I Cu_6^{II} L_{12} Cl]^{5-}$ ion is in ref 1.

We report here the existence of similar complexes of D-penicillamine with metals other than copper and with combinations of different metals (Table). Crystalline derivatives of these compounds have been obtained with $Co(NH_3)_6^{3+}$ as the counter-ion. Satisfactory analyses (M^I, M^{II}, C, H, Co, Cl, N, S) were obtained for the $Co(NH_3)_6^{3+}$ or Na^+ salts of the complexes. The cluster compound $[Co(NH_3)_6]_5 [Ag_5^I Ni_6^{II} L_{12} Cl]_3 \cdot ca 197 H_2O$ crystallizes in the cubic space group F432 with a 51 77(1) Å. The Tl^+ salt of the analogous $Cu^I Cu^{II}$ compound crystallizes in the same space group with a 50 847(5) Å. The structure consists of ordered, complex ions interlinked by hydrogen bonds and disordered Tl^+ ions and water molecules¹. Most likely the novel $Ag_5^I Ni_6^{II}$ cluster compound has an analogous structure containing disordered $Co(NH_3)_6^{3+}$ ions and water molecules. The complete X-ray structure of the latter compound is under investigation.

The $Ag_5^I Ni_6^{II}$ and $Ag_5^I Pd_6^{II}$ containing compounds are diamagnetic (n m r). Different samples of the $Cu_5^I Ni_6^{II}$ complex show varying degrees of weak paramagnetism, most likely due to the presence of some Cu^{II} in the Ni^{II} sites. The e s r spectrum at 77 K of this latter compound in frozen aqueous solution shows that Cu^{II} is in an approximately axially symmetric environment with parameters ($g_{\perp} 2.02$, $g_{\parallel} 2.12$, $A_{\parallel} 168 \times 10^{-4} cm^{-1}$) similar to those of a Cu^{II} -doped sample of $[Ag_5^I Ni_6^{II} (pen)_{12} Cl]^{5-}$ ($g_{\perp} 2.02$, $g_{\parallel} 2.14$, $A_{\parallel} 167 \times 10^{-4} cm^{-1}$). The e s r spectra thus indicate that Cu^{II} is planar co-ordinated and that the unpaired electron appears to be mainly localized on a single Cu^{II} atom, as no additional hyperfine splitting of other Cu atoms is observed. This observation is an additional justification of the model employed to calculate the ferromagnetic exchange interactions in the $Cu_5^I Cu_6^{II}$ cluster compounds with D-penicillamine and related ligands,^{2,3} as this model is based on an octahedral arrangement of 6 isolated spins with $S \frac{1}{2}$.

The compounds are prepared in 0.2 M sodium acetate buffer (pH 6) from stoichiometric quantities of D-penicillamine and salts of the constituent metal salts (these must include a chloride as chloride is essential for the formation of these compounds). In a typical preparation 450 mg of D-penicillamine (3 mmol) was dissolved in 60 ml of 0.2 M sodium acetate buffer. A solution of 340 mg of $AgNO_3$ (2 mmol) in a few ml of water was added to this solution, followed by a solution of 355 mg of $NiCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ (1.5 mmol) in

TABLE N m r and visible spectra of $[M_5^I M_6^{II} \{SC(Me)_2CH(NH_2)CO_2\}_{12} Cl]^{5-}$ compounds

$M^I M^{II}$	Colour	Visible spectrum ^a		N m r spectrum ^b		
		$\nu_{max} cm^{-1}$	$\epsilon/dm^3 mol^{-1} cm^{-1}$	α -CH	Me	Me
$Cu^I Cu^{II}$	Purple	19 300	25 500			
$Cu^I Ni^{II}$	Brown	— ^c				
$Ag^I Ni^{II}$	Red	21 700 ^d	1 050 ^e	3.96	2.58	1.79
$Ag^I Pd^{II}$	Yellow	— ^c		3.37	2.25	1.63

^a Measured in 0.2 M aqueous sodium acetate buffer. ^b Measured in D_2O at 99.5 MHz with reference TSP $[(Me)_3SiCD_2CD_2CO_2Na]$. ^c No absorption maxima in the visible region (below 27 000 cm^{-1}). A tail from an intense absorption in the u v region possibly obscures the $^1A_{1g} \rightarrow ^1B_{1g}$ transition expected at ca 21 000 cm^{-1} for square planar co-ordinated Ni^{II} . ^d This band can be assigned to the $^1A_{1g} \rightarrow ^1B_{1g}$ transition mentioned above. ^e This band lies on the slope of an intense absorption in the u v region. The value of ϵ may therefore be exaggerated.

6 ml of water. The resulting red solution was treated with ethanol and a red, gelatinous precipitate of the hydrated Na^+ salt of $[\text{Ag}_3\text{Ni}_6\text{L}_{12}\text{Cl}]^{5-}$ was obtained. It was filtered off and washed with alcohol and ether. Crystals of the $\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6^{2+}$ salt of this compound can be obtained as described for the parent $\text{Cu}_3\text{Cu}_6^{\text{II}}$ complex.¹

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