## Ferromagnetic Interactions in a Crystalline Nitroxide Biradical: 1,3,5,7-Tetramethyl-2,6-diazaadamantane *N,N'*-Dioxyl

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The crystalline nitroxide biradical, 1,2,5,7-tetramethyl-2,6-diazaadamantane N,N'-dioxyl, shows ferromagnetic interactions in the solid: a positive Weiss-constant  $\theta = 10$  K, a large  $\chi T$  increase at low temperature (T < 20 K) and a magnetisation curve consistent with a total spin S = 6.

The temperature (*T*) dependence of the static magnetic susceptibility ( $\chi$ ) of pure organic free radicals in the solid state<sup>1</sup> generally follows the Curie–Weiss law<sup>2</sup> with a negative Weiss constant ( $\theta$ ) indicating independent spins or predominant antiferromagnetic interactions in the solid. Positive Weiss constants are not common.<sup>1,3</sup> They indicate ferromagnetic interactions, some of which have been characterized.<sup>4</sup> We report here the magnetic properties of a nitroxide biradical showing ferromagnetic interactions in the solid.<sup>5</sup>

The study of bis-nitroxides derived from 2,6-diazaadamantane<sup>6</sup> seemed promising for the following reasons: (*i*) their rigid backbone ensures orthogonal 2p nitrogen orbitals, a situation which may generate intramolecular ferromagnetic interactions,<sup>6,7</sup> (*ii*) the packing of globular molecules with two opposite NO groups may induce structures with short intraand inter-molecular distances between magnetic centres; such structure may lead to specific magnetic behaviour.

Biradical 1 was prepared from 1,5,7-trimethylnorpseudopelletierine  $2,^{6.8}$  in 13% yield, according to Scheme 1.

Magnetic data have been collected in the  $2 \le T \le 300$  K temperature range at 0.5 T for a 10 mg sample of polycrystalline biradical 1<sup>†</sup> using a Quantum Design MPMS



From the high-temperature portion (>150 K) of the  $\chi^{-1}$  vs. *T* curve, a Weiss constant  $\theta = +10$  K was extracted. Except for the high-temperature phase of galvinoxyl,<sup>9</sup> this value is, to our knowledge, the largest so far reported for an organic compound. The high-temperature value of  $\chi T$  (0.774 emu K mol<sup>-1</sup>), is close to that expected (0.75) for two non-interacting S = 1/2 spins, with g = 2. On decreasing the temperature,  $\chi T$ increases continuously below 100 K, reaching (with a negative slope) 3.19 emu K mol<sup>-1</sup> (5.05  $\mu_B$ ) at 2 K. Such a large low-temperature value is the sign of ferromagnetic interactions involving several spins. Independent S = 1 spins, resulting from intramolecular ferromagnetic coupling only, would have led to a lower and finite value of  $\chi T = 1$  emu K mol<sup>-1</sup>. A linear-chain model<sup>10</sup> gives an exchange interaction 2J/k = 30.4 K (consistent with  $\theta = 10$  K).

Further support of the presence of intermolecular ferromagnetic interactions comes from the study of the magnetisation M as a function of the magnetic field H, obtained for 1 at 3 K (Fig. 2). At 50 kG (5 T), the experimental magnetisation  $(M' = 9697 \text{ emu mol}^{-1})$  is only 87% of the expected theoretical value for two-spin 1/2 per molecule ( $M_0 = 11160$ emu mol<sup>-1</sup>). Brillouin functions were calculated for different



Scheme 1 Reagents: (yields): i, KCN,  $(NH_4)_2CO_3$  (92%); ii, Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub> (96%); iii, MeOH-HCl (76%); iv, Br<sub>2</sub>-NaOH, SO<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub> (76%); v, LiAlH<sub>4</sub>-THF, (81%); vi, *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid (67%); vii, MsCl-pyridine (70%); viii, hydrazobenzene (100%); ix, LiAlH<sub>4</sub>-THF (97%); x, *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid (68%)

 $\ddagger$  1 was purified by TLC on alumina gel (eluant: diethyl ether), and recrystallised from diethyl ether prior to magnetic measurements. It has a sharp melting point (199 °C) and a correct microanalysis. No impurities could be detected by MS, or IR of 1, or NMR of 3 (obtained by reduction). Traces of monoradical, detected on the frozen solution ESR spectra, were estimated by double integration as much less than 1%.



**Fig. 1** Temperature dependance of the  $\chi T$  product (*a*) and of  $1/\chi$  (*b*)



**Fig. 2** Magnetisation curve at 3 K:  $M = Ng\mu_B SB(\eta)$ ,  $B(\eta) = Brillouin function, <math>\eta = g\mu_B H/kT$  (see ref. 2). Experimental: + + +, theoretical: S = 6 , S = 4 , S = 3 , S = 2 , S = 1 , S =

spin values assuming saturation at M'. They are reported on Fig. 2. The experimental field dependence of the magnetisation falls close to the theoretical S = 6 curve. The origin of the 13% discrepancy is to be determined. Impurities are certainly less than 1% and cannot account for this difference.

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