# Synthesis and Characterization of Charge-transfer Complexes of Aminoethylphosphono- and Dimethylaminoethylphosphonoheteropolytungstic Acids of Keggin Type Structure

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**Abstract:** Two charge-transfer complexes of **2a** and **2b** of Keggin type were synthesized and characterized by elemental analysis, IR spectra, UV spectra, XRD, TG-DSC; and were compared with Hquin-PW<sub>12</sub>. The primary structure of the heteropolyanions had not been changed after the formation of the charge transfer complexes.

**Keywords:** Aminoethylphosphonic acid, dimethylaminoethylphosphonic acid, organo-phosphonoheteropolytungstic acid, charge transfer complex, Keggin type structure.

The charge-transfer complexes of heteropoly acids (HPA) possess special properties of light, electricity and magnetism, and have attracted widespread attention by researchers in the fields of functional materials and catalysis<sup>1</sup>. But until now, the electron acceptors of the charge-transfer complexes are the heteropolyanions with inorganic phosphoric acid, silicic acid *etc.* as the coordinate center<sup>2,3</sup>, the charge-transfer complexes of Keggin type structure of the organophosphonoheteropolytungstic acids have not been reported yet.

We have synthesized HPA of the Keggin type with N-substituted  $\beta$ -aminoethylphosphonic acids as coordinate center for the first time, the research field of the Keggin type HPA was extended from inorganic phosphoric acids to organophosphonic acids<sup>4</sup>. In this paper, we report the synthesis and characterization of the charge-transfer complexes of organophosphonoheteropolytungstic acids of the Keggin type, **2a**, **2b** with 8-hydroxy-quinoline (Hquin). The synthetic equations are as follows:

 $\begin{array}{rcl} R_1R_2NCH_2CH_2PO_3H_2 &+& Na_2WO_4 & \underline{HCl} & R_1R_2NCH_2CH_2PO_3H_2 \cdot W_{12}O_{36} \cdot mH_2O \\ \hline \textbf{la, b} & \textbf{2a, b} \\ \hline \textbf{c}_{9H_7N0} \\ \hline \textbf{c}_{H_3CN/H_2O} & [C_9H_7NO]_3R_1R_2NCH_2CH_2PO_3H_2 \cdot W_{12}O_{36} \cdot xCH_3CN \cdot y[C_9H_7NO] & nH_2O \cdot IH_2O \\ \hline \textbf{a}_{R_1}=R_2=H; & \textbf{b}_{R_1}=R_2=CH_3 \end{array}$ 

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### Experimental

C, H, N elemental analysis were performed by a PE 2400CHN instrument. IR, UV, XRD, TG and DSC were recorded on Bio-Rad FTS-185 IR spectrophotometer with KBr pellets, UV-Vis 8500 spectrophotometer, D/MAX-3C automatic X-ray diffraction instrument (Cu target) and NETZSCH STA 449C thermal-analysis instrument respectively.

Compounds 1a, 1b and 2a, 2b were prepared according to the procedure described in reference 5 and 4 respectively. Compounds 3a, 3b and 3c (charge-transfer complex of  $PW_{12}$ ) were synthesized according to the procedure described in reference 2:

2 mmol of Hquin was dissolved in 30 mL of MeCN, which was added dropwise into a solution of 0.68 mmol of **2a**, **2b** or  $PW_{12}$  in 50 mL of water with stirring. The mixture was refluxed at about 80°C and some yellow precipitate were formed gradually. The mixture was stand for several days at room temperature, then filtered. The yellow solid (charge-transfer complex) was kept in a desiccator containing anhydrous calcium chloride.

### **Results and Discussion**

The characteristic IR peaks for 3a, 3b, 3c and their corresponding HPA 2a, 2b and  $PW_{12}$  were given in **Table 1**. The complexes 3a, 3b and their corresponding HPA 2a, 2b, as similar as complex 3c and its inorganic HPA  $PW_{12}$ , they all possess six IR characteristic peaks of heteropolyanions of Keggin type structure. The result indicated that formation of the charge-transfer complex did not change the primary structure of the heteropolyanions, but some frequency changed after the formation of the charge-transfer complex<sup>3</sup>.

The absorption around 3450 cm<sup>-1</sup> for **3a**, **3b** and **3c** is the stretching vibration of N-H bond which were proved the formation of cation  $[C_9H_7ONH]^+$ . Therefore, we deduced that the Hquin was protonated by **2a**, **2b**, and the charge-transfer complexes **3a**, **3b** were formed, similarly **3c** was formed from **PW**<sub>12</sub><sup>3</sup>.

Sample	$V_{as}P-O_a$	V <sub>as</sub> W-O <sub>d</sub>	V <sub>as</sub> W-O <sub>b</sub> -W	V <sub>as</sub> W-O <sub>c</sub> -W	V	V	<i>V</i> /N-H
2a	$1079.6^{*}$	$982^{*}$	888*	799*	595*	523*	
3a	1079.5	979	896	804	596 <sup>#</sup>	520	3412
2b	$1080^{*}$	983 <sup>*</sup>	$888^{*}$	$801^{*}$	595*	$523^{*}$	
3b	1079.3	978	895	801.3	$596^{\#}$	521	3439
PW12	1081	986	891	801	595	524	
3c	1080	979	896	806	596 <sup>#</sup>	521	3449

**Table 1** The IR data for complexes and their HPA /cm<sup>-1</sup>

# multipeaks; \* cited from reference 4.

The UV data for the complexes **3a**, **3b** and **3c** in MeCN and their corresponding HPA in water are given in **Table 2**. **2a**, **2b** and **PW**<sub>12</sub> all have absorption peaks at 200 and 260 nm. Similar to corresponding HPA, **3a**, **3b** and **3c** all have UV absorption around 210 nm is assigned to  $O_d \rightarrow W$  transfer, which was stronger, then the adsorption peaks at 262 nm which is attributed to  $O_{b,c} \rightarrow W$  transfer<sup>3</sup>.

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 Table 2
 The UV data for complexes in MeCN and heteropoly acids in water/nm

Sample	$O_d \rightarrow W$		$O_{b.c} \rightarrow W$	$W^{5+} \rightarrow W^{6+}$
3a	212	240	262	370
3b	212	240	262	
3c	206	240	262	374
2a	199*		$256^{*}$	
2b	198*		$256^{*}$	
$PW_{12}$	$200^{*}$		$256^{*}$	

\*Cited from reference 4.

Because of the heteropolyanions of complexes were reduced partially, there was an absorption peak at 370 nm caused by  $W^{5+} \rightarrow W^{6+}$  transfer<sup>3</sup>, which made the energy of  $O_{b,c} \rightarrow W$  transfer higher and there was an additional peak at 240 nm.

X-ray diffraction analysis for **3a**, **3b**, **3c** was shown that the characteristic peaks of Hquin and the HPA almost disappeared with some new diffraction peaks appeared. It means a new material was formed.

The thermal analysis data of **3a**, **3b** and **3c** are given in **Table 3**.



Figure 1 The TG and DSC curves for complexes 3a, 3b, 3c

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The TG and DSC curves for **3a**, **3b** and **3c** were similar basically. The first part of weight loss were around 30-200°C, the peaks were at 112, 127, 118°C for 3a, 3b and 3c respectively. In this step, acetonitrile, adsorbed water, crystal water, adsorbed Hquin and most part of coordinate Hquin were lost. The second part of weight loss were around 200-400°C, and the peaks were at 348, 363, 345°C for 3a, 3b and 3c respectively. In this step, the structural water and a small amount of Hquin were lost. The third part of weight loss were around 400-1000°C, in this step, the remaining Hquin, HPA and organophos-phonic acids decomposed<sup>4</sup>, the exothermic peaks were at 551, 523, 542°C.

 Table 3
 The thermal analysis data for the complexes3a-c

	lst weight loss %	No. of H <sub>2</sub> O lost	No. of Hquin lost	2nd weight loss %	No. of H <sub>2</sub> O lost	No. of Hquin lost	3rd weight loss %	No. of Hquin lost
3a	22.67	19.12	3.57	2.87	6.03	0.04	12.83	0.39
3b	9.47	16.73	0.38	2.14	4.46	0	22.98	2.62
3c	28.29	38.13	3.51	2.89	5.97	0.13	12.66	0.86

From the data of elemental analysis and thermal analysis for 3a, 3b and 3c, their compositions can be described as follows:

**3a:** x=1, y=1, n=9, l=16, **3b:** x=0, y=0, n=1, l=9, **3c:** x=1, y=1.5, n=16, l=28

Here x, y are the number of absorbed acetonitrile, adsorbed Hquin respectively, n is the number of crystal water and structure water, l is the number of adsorbed water which is easy to be lost even when it was kept in the desiccator. Thus, we deduced that the structure of the title compounds were as follows:

$$[Hquin]_3 R_1 R_2 NCH_2 CH_2 PO_3 H_2 \bullet W_{12}O_{36} \bullet nH_2 O \bullet xCH_3 CN \bullet y[Hquin] \bullet IH_2 O$$

the tertiary structure

It is shown that the organophosphonoheteropolytungstic acid of the Keggin type, like the inorganic phosphotungstic acid, can form charge-transfer complex with organic substrate, retaining the primary structure of the heteropolyanion of the Keggin type in the complex. It is of very important theoretical and actual significance of this work, which will help to extend the field of catalysts, functional materials and improve their properties.

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