

Communications

Synthesis, Structure, and Properties of a Novel Heterobimetallic Fe^{III}Mn^{II} Complex Containing a Septadentate Polyimidazole Ligand

There has been much interest recently in the structure and properties of redox-active non-heme μ -oxo iron proteins.^{1,2} The oxygen carrier protein, hemerythrin (Hr), is known to have a μ -oxo-bis(μ -carboxylato)-bridged active site structure,³ which has been proposed for other diiron proteins^{1,2} such as ribonucleotide reductase (RR),⁴ purple acid phosphatase (PAP),⁵ and methane monooxygenase (MMO).⁶ Since each of the μ -oxo iron proteins perform very different chemical functions, it is thought that the auxiliary ligands coordinated to the iron centers regulate the redox properties of the active site.^{1,2} Histidine is known to be a ligand in Hr³ and is thought to be present in RR,⁷ PAP,⁸ and MMO.^{6b} The phenolate ion of tyrosine also is thought to be a ligand in PAP and uteroferrin.⁸

Recently, Averill^{8b} and Zerner et al.⁹ have shown that purple acid phosphatase and uteroferrin (U_f) can be modified to form a novel class of heterobimetallic compounds (Fe^{III}Zn^{II} and

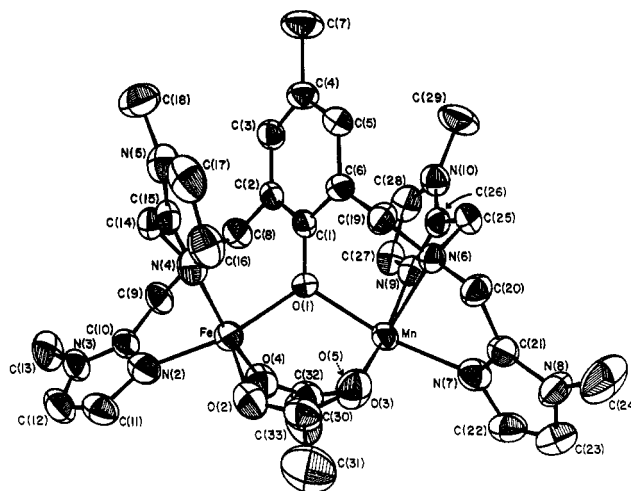


Figure 1. Structure of the cation [Fe^{III}Mn^{II}(bimp)(μ -MeCO₂)₂]²⁺, showing the atom-labeling scheme. Selected bond distances and angle: Fe^{III}-Mn, 3.472 (1) Å; Fe-O(1), 2.035 (3) Å; Fe-N(2), 2.131 (6) Å; Fe-N(4), 2.142 (5) Å; Fe-N(1), 2.308 (5) Å; Fe-O(2), 2.002 (5) Å; Fe-O(4), 2.035 (4) Å; Mn-O(1), 2.092 (3) Å; Mn-N(7), 2.159 (5) Å; Mn-N(9), 2.169 (5) Å; Mn-N(6), 2.316 (5) Å; Mn-O(3), 2.116 (4) Å; Mn-O(5), 2.025 (5) Å; Fe-O(1)-Mn, 114.5 (2)°.

Fe^{III}Hg^{II}), in which the Fe^{II} center has been replaced with various divalent metal ions. There is good evidence for the presence of an Fe^{III}Zn^{II} center in red kidney bean phosphatase^{10a} and a similar center also may be present in calcineurin^{10b} from bovine brain. Recent Mössbauer studies on mixed-metal forms of PAP show that the intrinsic properties of each iron center can be studied without the interference often encountered in exchange-coupled clusters. Therefore, μ -oxo- μ -carboxylato mixed-metal compounds containing imidazole and phenolate ligands are of interest as models of the heterobimetallic centers isolated from PAP and U_f.

Recently, we^{11a} and others^{11bc} have found that phenol-containing polydentate ligands can be used to stabilize heterobimetallic complexes. While examining the coordination chemistry of a new septadentate polyimidazole ligand, 2,6-bis[bis((1-methylimidazol-2-yl)methyl)amino)methyl]-4-methylphenol (H-bimp) (**1**),^{12,13} we found that Fe^{III} complexes of **1**, containing either Mn^{II},

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Co^{II}, Ni^{II}, Cu^{II}, or Zn^{II} ions, can be prepared in reasonable yields. We wish to report herein the synthesis and properties of a novel Fe^{III}Mn^{II} complex of **1**.

The heterobimetallic complex [Fe^{III}Mn^{II}(bimp)(μ-O₂CCH₃)₂](ClO₄)₂ (**2**) has been prepared by several methods. The easiest procedure involves addition of stoichiometric quantities of Fe(ClO₄)₃·9H₂O and Mn(CH₃CO₂)₂·4H₂O to a methanol solution containing 1 equiv of H-bimp and 2 equiv of sodium acetate. Addition of 2.5 equiv of NaClO₄ affords a black precipitate, which after crystallization from a CH₂Cl₂/CH₃CN solution gives crystals adequate for structure determination. Recently, Que et al.^{11c} have reported an alternative procedure for preparing heterobimetallic complexes. Following their method, Fe(NO₃)₃ is added to a stirred solution of H-bimp and 2 equiv of sodium acetate, affording a monometalated intermediate of **1** that reacts cleanly with Mn(CH₃CO₂)₂, giving **2**. Sequential metalation procedures have been employed successfully in preparing other mixed-metal complexes;¹⁴ however, the present H-bimp ligand is unusual in that it forms heterometallic complexes directly.

The crystal structure of **2**¹⁵ is shown in Figure 1. No crystallographic symmetry is imposed on the cation, and assignments of the high-spin Fe^{III} (*S* = 5/2) and high-spin Mn^{II} (*S* = 5/2) atomic positions are based on the overall shortening of the metal-ligand bond distances associated with the Fe^{III} ion. A possible problem arises in differentiating the positions assigned to the Fe^{III} and Mn^{II} ions, due to their identical *S* = 5/2 spin configurations. The longer Mn^{II}-O and Mn^{II}-N distances, however, are consistent with lengths reported recently for the mixed-valence [Mn^{II}Mn^{III}(bimp)(μ-O₂CCH₃)₂]²⁺ ion¹² and other¹⁶ isostructural μ-phenoxo-bis(μ-carboxylato)-bridged Mn compounds. The Fe^{III}-O and Fe^{III}-N distances are slightly longer than the distances reported for [Fe^{II}Fe^{III}(bimp)(μ-O₂CCH₃)₂]²⁺¹³ and related compounds but are consistent with lengths reported for other phenolate-bridged Fe^{III} complexes.¹⁷ The Fe...Mn distance in **2** is 3.445 (3) Å.

Presence of a high-spin Fe^{III} ion in **2** has been confirmed by the 100 K ⁵⁷Fe Mössbauer spectrum, which shows a single quadrupole-split doublet with a splitting of 0.646 (3) mm/s and isomer shift of 0.355 mm/s vs iron foil at room temperature. The electronic spectrum of **2** consists of a broad band centered at 559 nm ($\epsilon = 674 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$) and a shoulder at 329 nm ($\epsilon = 1343 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$). A similar spectrum has been reported for [Fe^{II}Zn^{III}

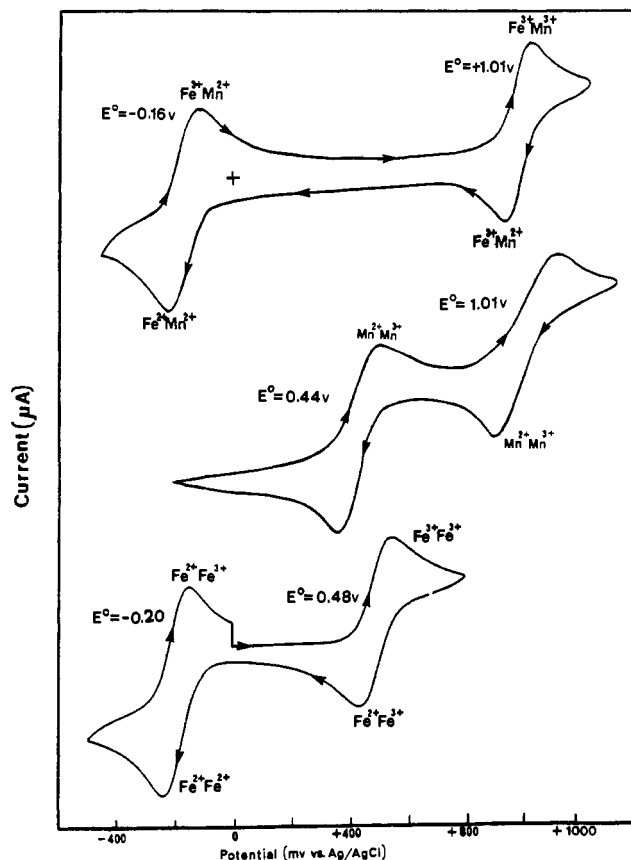


Figure 2. Cyclic voltammograms of [Fe^{III}Mn^{II}(bimp)(μ-MeCO₂)₂]²⁺ (top), [Mn^{II}Mn^{III}(bimp)(μ-MeCO₂)₂]²⁺ (middle), and [Fe^{II}Fe^{III}(bimp)(μ-MeCO₂)₂]²⁺ (bottom) in acetonitrile (0.1 M TBAP) at a platinum wire electrode and Ag/AgCl reference ($E(\text{Fc}/\text{Fc}^+) = +0.325 \text{ V}$).

(bimp)(μ-OPr)₂]²⁺^{11d} and Fe^{II}Fe^{III}(bimp)(μ-OAc)₂]²⁺.¹³ Comparison of the spectrum of **2** with those of [Fe^{II}Fe^{III}(bimp)(μ-OAc)₂]²⁺¹³ (523 nm, $\epsilon = 606 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$) and [Mn^{II}Mn^{III}(bimp)(μ-OAc)₂]²⁺¹² (606 nm, $\epsilon = 430 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$) allows us to understand the nature of these transitions. The absorption at 559 nm is due to the phenolate-to-Fe^{III} charge-transfer transition. The intensity of the band is similar to that observed for [Fe^{II}Fe^{III}(bimp)(μ-OAc)₂]²⁺, which indicates that the phenolate-to-Fe^{III} charge-transfer transition is not appreciably affected by the presence of the divalent cation. The intense band at 329 nm obscures the weak ⁶A₁ → ⁴T₂(⁴D) ligand field transition expected for a high-spin ferric ion and is likely due to ligand π-π* transitions and metal-ligand charge-transfer transitions.¹⁸ No intervalence charge-transfer band is observed in the near-IR region; therefore, the data appear consistent with the Fe^{III}Mn^{II} bridged structure observed in the crystal structure.

A cyclic voltammogram of complex **2** in acetonitrile is displayed in Figure 2, along with the voltammograms of [Fe^{II}Fe^{III}(bimp)(μ-O₂CCH₃)₂]²⁺¹³ and [Mn^{II}Mn^{III}(bimp)(μ-O₂CCH₃)₂]²⁺.¹² Two quasireversible redox processes are observed for each complex corresponding to successive one-electron-transfer steps. The redox steps at -0.16 and +1.01 V vs Ag/AgCl ($E(\text{Fc}/\text{Fc}^+) = 0.325 \text{ V}$) for **2** correspond to the Fe^{II}Mn^{II}/Fe^{III}Mn^{II} and Fe^{III}Mn^{II}/Fe^{III}Mn^{III} couples, respectively. These values are in close agreement with the first and last redox steps observed for the Fe₂ and Mn₂ homologues, respectively. The 565-mV shift in the Mn^{II}/Mn^{III} redox couple in **2**, relative to the second Mn^{II}/Mn^{III} redox step in [Mn^{II}Mn^{III}(bimp)(μ-OAc)₂]²⁺, is a result of the close proximity of the manganese and ferric ions and simple coulombic interactions.

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Magnetic susceptibility measurements on powdered crystals of **2** between 299.7 and 5.2 K indicate that the metal ions are weakly coupled antiferromagnetically. The magnetic moment of the sample drops from 7.18 μ_B /complex at 299.7 K to 0.872 μ_B /complex at 5.2 K. Susceptibility data were least-squares fitted by using the Hamiltonian for an isotropic exchange interaction, $H = -2J\hat{S}_1\hat{S}_2$ (S_1 and $S_2 = 5/2$). The exchange-coupling constant J was determined to be -7.7 cm^{-1} with $g = 1.9$ and TIP fixed at 800×10^{-6} cgsu. The powder EPR spectrum of **2** at 4.2 K is consistent with an $S = 5$ coupled binuclear system.¹⁹

In summary, the bimp⁻ ligand appears capable of stabilizing heterobimetallic complexes containing discrete trivalent and divalent metal ion binding sites, similar to PAP and U_F. A complete discussion of the structure and properties of **2** and related complexes ($\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}\text{M}^{\text{II}}$, where $\text{M}^{\text{II}} = \text{Co}, \text{Ni}, \text{Cu}, \text{and Zn}$) will be reported later. These complexes should be useful in evaluating the electronic properties of isolated iron centers in the presence or absence of exchange coupling.

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Molecular Mechanics of Single Bonds in Tetrakis(carboxylato)dirhodium Systems

In a previous analysis¹ of dirhodium centers by molecular mechanics, a harmonic force constant of 0.88 mdyn \AA^{-1} , calculated from a measured² Rh-Rh vibration frequency of 170 cm^{-1} , was used in the force field for Rh-Rh single bonds. More recent, more detailed electronic, infrared, Raman, and resonance Raman studies^{3,4} have shown that $\nu(\text{Rh}_2)$ should rather be assigned to the

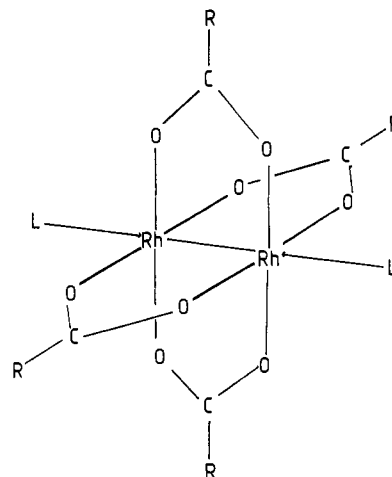


Figure 1. Schematic drawing of the bridged $\text{Rh}_2(\text{O}_2\text{CR})_4\text{L}_2$.

Table I. Calculated and Observed Rh-Rh Distances ($k = 2.73 \text{ mdyn } \text{\AA}^{-1}$) Together with the Tabulated Values of r_0

axial donor, L	R	$r(\text{obs})/\text{\AA}$	ref	$r(\text{calc})/\text{\AA}$	$r_0/\text{\AA}$
H_2O (planar)	CH_3	2.3855 (5)	4	2.385	2.42
H_2O (tetr)	CH_3	2.3855 (5)	4	2.385	2.43
Me_2OS	CH_3	2.406 (1)	5	2.406	2.44
Me_2OS	C_2H_5	2.407 (1)	6	2.407	2.43
Me_2SO	CF_3	2.419 (1)	6	2.420	2.45
H_2O (planar)	$\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$	2.371 (1)	5	2.371	2.41
H_2O (tetr)	$\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$	2.371 (1)	5	2.371	2.42

Table II. Improved Force-Field Parameters for Bond Stretching ($k/\text{mdyn } \text{\AA}^{-1}$, $r_0/\text{\AA}$) and Angle Bonding ($k/\text{mdyn } \text{\AA} \text{ rad}^{-1}$, θ_0/rad)

	k	r_0 or θ_0
Rh-S(ax)	0.80	2.35
H-O(ax)	5.00	0.96
C-S(ax)	3.50	1.80
O=S(ax)	3.50	1.45
O=C(br)	3.00	1.26
C-F	0.40	1.32
Rh-Rh-O,S(ax)	0.3	3.1416
O-Rh-O,S(br)	0.8	1.571
Rh-O-Lp(br)	0.4	2.094
Rh-O=C(br)	0.2	2.094
Lp-O=C(br)	0.6	2.094
O=C-O(br)	1.5	2.094
O=C(br)-C	1.0	2.094
F-C-C(br)	0.65	1.911
F-C-F	0.52	1.911
Rh-O-H,Lp(ax)	0.4	2.094, 1.911
Rh-S-C(ax)	1.0	1.911
Torsional Parameters ($U/J \text{ mol}^{-1}$, ϕ_0/deg)		
	U	ϕ_0
X-O=C-X	0.63	0
X-Rh-O-X(ax)	0.42	90

band at 289 cm^{-1} . It is of interest to see if this assignment could be sustained by molecular mechanics simulation of the known dirhodium systems, using the corresponding harmonic force constant of 2.73 mdyn \AA^{-1} (N cm^{-1}).

Calculations were done on a series of $\text{Rh}_2(\text{O}_2\text{CR})_4\text{L}_2$ systems,^{5,6} shown in Figure 1, by using a Newton-Raphson minimization procedure coded by Boyd.⁷ The series of compounds considered allowed for the variation of both the carboxyl group and the axial ligands. In each case the parameter r_0 in the expression for bond strain, $V = 1/2k(r - r_0)^2$, was varied for constant $k = 2.73 \text{ mdyn } \text{\AA}^{-1}$ until the observed bond length was reproduced. The results

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