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The first sample of triethanolamine-functionalized hexamolybdoarsenate $[(HOCH₂CH₂)₃NH]_n$ $(H_3O)_n[\{Mn(H_2O)_2\}_{0.5}Mn(H_2O)_3\{HN(CH_2CH_2O)_3As^VMo_6O_{22}\}\]_n$:3.25nH₂O (1) has been synthesized in aqueous solution and characterized by elemental analysis, IR spectroscopy, thermal gravimetric analysis, and single-crystal X-ray diffraction. X-ray analysis showed that a new kind of heteropolyanion [HN(CH₂CH₂O)₃As^VMo₆O₂₂]⁵⁻ is linked by Mn²⁺ ions forming a zig-zag chain. The magnetic properties of 1 have been studied by measuring its magnetic susceptibility from 2.0 to 300.0 K, indicating the existence of antiferromagnetic interactions.

Keywords: Hexamolybdoarsenate; Triethanolamine; Zig-zag chain; Manganese ions

1. Introduction

Polyoxometalates (POMs) are extremely versatile inorganic building blocks with potential applications in medicine, materials, and catalysis [\[1](#page-9-0)–8]. As a result, some POM-based

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organic–inorganic hybrid materials containing hydroxymethyl have been prepared [9–[12\]](#page-9-0), and many reports show that they have the potential to activate dioxygen [\[13, 14\]](#page-9-0) and to function as oxidation catalysts $[15-17]$ $[15-17]$. The bridging oxygens of POMs (Lindqvist-Anderson-, Wells–Dawson-type) can be substituted with some tridentate ligands, such as tri (hydroxymethyl)aminomethane, and 2-acetamido-2-ethyl-1,3-propanediol. [\[18, 22\]](#page-9-0). However, most of the compounds were synthesized in organic solvents. We introduce some research on the modification of polymolybdates by organic groups in aqueous media, which may shed light on green chemistry functionalization of polyoxomolybdates [[23\]](#page-9-0). Since triethanolamine has a similar geometry with tridentate ligands, some POMs based on triethanolamine (TEA) have been reported, such as $[Mn^{II}V^{IV}{}_{6}O_{6}\{(OCH_{2}CH_{2})_{2}N]$ (CH_2CH_2OH) ₆]²⁺ cation [[24\]](#page-9-0), $(TEAH)_4$ {Na₂[Mo₃₆O₁₁₂(H₂O)₁₄](TEAH)₂} 28H₂O, and $(TEAH)_{6}$ {[Mo₃₆O₁₁₂(H₂O)₁₄](TEAH)₂}·10H₂O [\[25](#page-9-0)], in which the TEA can coordinate to polyanions by some of the three primary alcohols of one TEA and stabilize them by hydrogen bonding interactions due to its excellent solubility and good coordination ability. Thus, our interest focused on the new combination of polyoxomolybdate and TEA in aqueous solution.

Here, we report the synthesis and crystal structure of a new compound, $[(HOCH_2CH_2)_3NH]_n(H_3O)_n[\{Mn(H_2O)_2\}_{0.5}Mn(H_2O)_3\{HN(CH_2CH_2O)_3As^VMo₆O₂₂\}]_n\cdot3.25$ nH2O (1). The single-crystal X-ray analysis [[26\]](#page-9-0) shows that the heteropolyanions are linked by metal ions in zig-zag chains, the first example that $[AsMo₆O₂₅]^{9–}$ is capped by TEA ligand through three sharing alkoxy oxygens.

2. Experimental

2.1. Materials and physical measurements

All reagents were purchased commercially and used without purification. Distilled water was used throughout. Elemental analyses (C, H, and N) were performed on a Perkin-Elmer 2400 CHN Elemental Analyzer. Mo and As were determined by a Leaman inductively coupled plasma spectrometer. IR spectra were obtained on an Alpha Centaurt FT/IR spectrometer with KBr pellet from 400 to 4000 cm⁻¹. The thermal gravimetric (TG) analyses were performed on a Perkin-Elmer TGA7 instrument in flowing N_2 with a heating rate of $10 °C$ min⁻¹.

2.2. Synthesis of 1

Compound 1 was synthesized from the mixture of Na_3AsO_4 12H₂O (0.424 g, 1 mM), $Na₂MoO₄·2H₂O$ (0.732 g, 3 mmol), and (OHCH₂CH₂)₃ N (1.80 g, 1.2 mmol) in H₂O (40 mL) and heated to 60 \degree C on a water bath. The pH of the solution was adjusted to 6.0 by addition of 1 M hydrochloric acid and then MnSO₄ (3 mL of 1 mol L⁻¹ solution) was added. After adjusting the pH to 4 with 1 M hydrochloric acid, the mixture was refluxed at 60 °C for 2 h. The solution was cooled to room temperature and $(H_2NCNHNH_2)_2$ [·]HNO₃ (3 mL of 3 mol L⁻¹ solution) was added into the stirred solution. After two weeks, yellow block crystals were formed by evaporation of the filtrate at room temperature. Elemental analysis (%): Calcd (found) for 1: Mn 5.38 (5.41), As 4.89 (4.84), Mo 37.58 (37.36), C 9.41 (9.19), N 1.83 (1.86), H 3.06 (3.08).

Empirical formula	$H_{93}C_{24}N_{4}O_{72}$ 5 $Mn_3As_2Mo_{12}$
\boldsymbol{M}	3063.92
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
$a/\text{\AA}$	34.375(3)
$b/\text{\AA}$	12.3278(10)
$c/\text{\AA}$	25.997(2)
α ^o	90.00
β /°	130.3500(10)
V/\AA ³	8396.1(12)
Z	4
$D_c/Mg\,\text{m}^{-3}$	2.515
μ /mm ^{$=$1}	3.072
F(000)	8424
θ Range/ \circ	1.55-26.05
Data/restraints/parameters	22,577/8297
R_{int}	0.0873
$R_1(I>2\sigma(I))$	0.0510
wR ₂	0.1102
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	0.924
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max, min}}/e \text{ Å}^{-3}$	$2.032, -1.230$

Table 1. The crystal data and structure refinement for 1.

Table 2. Selected bond lengths for 1.

$As(1) - O(12)$	1.668(6)	$Mo(1)-O(18)$	1.686(7)
$As(1) - O(21)$	1.675(6)	$Mo(1)-O(13)$	1.750(7)
$As(1) - O(11)$	1.693(6)	$Mo(1)-O(6)$	1.925(6)
$As(1) - O(9)$	1.699(6)	$Mo(1)-O(8)$	1.949(6)
$Mn(1) - O(13)$	2.142(7)	$Mo(1)-O(3)$	2.190(6)
$Mn(1) - O(16)$	2.158(7)	$Mo(1)-O(11)$	2.238(6)
$Mn(1) - O(25)$	2.199(7)	$Mo(2)-O(19)$	1.707(7)
$Mn(2) - O(15)$	2.152(7)	$Mo(2)-O(15)$	1.755(6)
$Mn(2) - O(29)$	2.160(8)	$Mo(2) - O(1)$	1.908(6)
$Mn(2) - O(17)$	2.180(6)	$Mo(2) - O(7)$	1.929(6)
$Mn(2) - O(30)$	2.229(8)	$Mo(2)-O(14)$	2.154(6)
$Mn(2) - O(22)$	2.238(7)	$Mo(2)-O(9)$	2.273(6)
$Mo(5)-O(10)$	1.696(6)	$Mo(3)-O(28)$	1.704(8)
$Mo(5)-O(17)$	1.736(6)	$Mo(3)-O(27)$	1.725(7)
$Mo(5)-O(6)$	1.923(7)	$Mo(3)-O(4)$	1.908(6)
$Mo(5)-O(1)$	1.936(7)	$Mo(3)-O(7)$	1.960(7)
$Mo(5)-O(3)$	2.205(6)	$Mo(3)-O(14)$	2.213(6)
$Mo(5)-O(9)$	2.264(6)	$Mo(3)-O(21)$	2.295(7)
$Mo(6)-O(24)$	1.689(7)	$Mo(4)-O(26)$	1.697(7)
$Mo(6)-O(23)$	1.715(7)	$Mo(4)-O(16)$	1.735(7)
$Mo(6)-O(4)$	1.920(7)	$Mo(4)-O(2)$	1.915(6)
$Mo(6)-O(2)$	1.965(7)	$Mo(4)-O(8)$	1.943(6)
$Mo(6) - O(5)$	2.216(6)	$Mo(4)-O(5)$	2.183(7)
$Mo(6) - O(21)$	2.310(6)	$Mo(4)-O(11)$	2.260(6)

2.3. Crystal structure determination

The X-ray crystallographic data were collected at 273 K for 1 on a Bruker SMART CCD single-crystal diffractometer using Mo-Kα radiation (0.71073 Å). Direct methods were used to solve the structure and to locate the heavy atoms (SHELX97). Hydrogens were not included.

$O(18) - Mo(1) - O(13)$	103.0(3)	$O(28) - Mo(3) - O(27)$	103.8(4)	$O(13)$ -Mn(1)- $O(16)$	85.7(2)
$O(18) - Mo(1) - O(6)$	102.8(3)	$O(28) - Mo(3) - O(4)$	100.8(3)	$O(13)$ -Mn(1)- $O(25)$	86.4(3)
$O(13) - Mo(1) - O(6)$	97.3(3)	$O(27)$ -Mo(3)-O(4)	101.0(3)	$O(16)$ -Mn(1)- $O(25)$	89.5(3)
$O(18) - Mo(1) - O(8)$	98.2(3)	$O(28) - Mo(3) - O(7)$	103.0(3)	$O(15)$ -Mn(2)- $O(29)$	162.2(3)
$O(13)$ -Mo (1) -O(8)	99.0(3)	$O(27)$ -Mo(3)-O(7)	92.7(3)	$O(15)$ -Mn(2)- $O(17)$	83.3(2)
$O(6)$ -Mo (1) -O (8)	149.7(3)	$O(4)$ -Mo (3) -O (7)	148.7(3)	$O(29)$ -Mn(2)- $O(17)$	93.6(3)
$O(18) - Mo(1) - O(3)$	89.4(3)	$O(28) - Mo(3) - O(14)$	87.6(3)	$O(15)$ -Mn(2)- $O(30)$	80.1(3)
$O(13) - Mo(1) - O(3)$	166.1(3)	$O(27)$ -Mo(3)-O(14)	162.7(3)	$O(29)$ -Mn (2) -O (30)	82.7(3)
$O(6)$ -Mo(1)-O(3)	73.6(3)	$O(4)$ -Mo(3)-O(14)	89.4(3)	$O(17)$ -Mn(2)- $O(30)$	96.1(3)
$O(8)$ -Mo(1)-O(3)	85.1(3)	$O(7)$ -Mo(3)-O(14)	71.7(2)	$O(15)$ -Mn(2)- $O(22)$	103.6(3)
$O(18) - Mo(1) - O(11)$	166.3(3)	$O(28) - Mo(3) - O(21)$	167.0(3)	$O(29)$ -Mn(2)- $O(22)$	93.1(3)
$O(13)$ -Mo (1) -O (11)	87.5(3)	$O(27)$ -Mo(3)-O(21)	88.4(3)	$O(17)$ -Mn(2)- $O(22)$	79.6(2)
$O(6)$ -Mo(1)-O(11)	84.2(2)	$O(4)$ -Mo(3)-O(21)	72.1(3)	$O(30)$ -Mn(2)- $O(22)$	173.8(3)
$O(8)$ -Mo(1)- $O(11)$	71.2(2)	$O(7)$ -Mo(3)-O(21)	80.4(3)	$O(12)$ -As (1) -O (21)	112.5(3)
$O(3)$ -Mo(1)-O(11)	81.2(2)	$O(14)$ -Mo(3)-O(21)	81.6(2)	$O(12) - As(1) - O(11)$	107.6(3)
$O(19) - Mo(2) - O(15)$	102.3(3)	$O(24)$ -Mo(6)-O(23)	104.8(4)	$O(21)$ -As (1) -O (11)	109.5(3)
$O(19) - Mo(2) - O(1)$	100.7(3)	$O(24)$ -Mo(6)-O(4)	99.6(3)	$O(12) - As(1) - O(9)$	110.5(3)
$O(15) - Mo(2) - O(1)$	99.8(3)	$O(23)$ -Mo(6)-O(4)	101.2(3)	$O(21) - As(1) - O(9)$	108.4(3)
$O(19) - Mo(2) - O(7)$	102.5(3)	$O(24)$ -Mo(6)-O(2)	102.2(3)	$O(11)$ -As (1) -O(9)	108.2(3)
$O(15) - Mo(2) - O(7)$	94.4(3)	$O(23)$ -Mo(6)-O(2)	94.7(3)	$O(26)$ -Mo(4)-O(16)	102.9(3)
$O(1)$ -Mo(2)-O(7)	149.4(3)	$O(4)$ -Mo(6)-O(2)	148.7(3)	$O(26)$ -Mo(4)-O(2)	104.4(3)
$O(19)$ -Mo(2)-O(14)	92.4(3)	$O(24)$ -Mo(6)-O(5)	89.2(3)	$O(16)$ -Mo(4)-O(2)	94.6(3)
$O(15)$ -Mo(2)-O(14)	162.9(3)	$O(23)$ -Mo(6)-O(5)	162.9(3)	$O(26)$ -Mo(4)-O(8)	98.4(3)
$O(1)$ -Mo (2) -O (14)	85.8(2)	$O(4)$ -Mo(6)-O(5)	85.8(3)	$O(16)$ -Mo(4)-O(8)	98.2(3)
$O(7)$ -Mo(2)-O(14)	73.7(3)	$O(2)$ -Mo(6)-O(5)	72.3(2)	$O(2)$ -Mo(4)-O(8)	150.5(3)
$O(19) - Mo(2) - O(9)$	170.1(3)	$O(24)$ -M ₀ (6) -O (21)	166.5(3)	$O(26)$ -Mo(4)-O(5)	89.2(3)
$O(15) - Mo(2) - O(9)$	85.4(3)	$O(23)$ -Mo(6)-O(21)	87.3(3)	$O(16)$ -Mo(4)-O(5)	165.3(3)
$O(1)$ -Mo(2)-O(9)	71.6(2)	$O(4)$ -Mo(6)-O(21)	71.6(2)	$O(2)$ -Mo(4)-O(5)	74.0(3)
$O(7)$ -Mo(2)-O(9)	82.8(2)	$O(2)$ -Mo(6)-O(21)	82.5(2)	$O(8)$ -Mo(4)-O(5)	88.1(3)
$O(14) - Mo(2) - O(9)$	81.1(2)	$O(5)$ -Mo(6)-O(21)	80.1(2)	$O(26)$ -Mo(4)-O(11)	165.2(3)
$O(10)$ -Mo(5)-O(17)	102.9(3)	$O(6)$ -Mo(5)-O(3)	73.3(2)	$O(16)$ -Mo(4)-O(11)	89.0(3)
$O(10)$ -Mo(5)-O(6)	102.0(3)	$O(1)$ -Mo(5)-O(3)	88.4(2)	$O(2)$ -Mo(4)- $O(11)$	83.1(2)
$O(17) - Mo(5) - O(6)$	96.3(3)	$O(10)$ -Mo(5)-O(9)	165.8(3)	$O(8)$ -Mo(4)-O(11)	70.8(2)
$O(10)$ -Mo(5)-O(1)	101.7(3)	$O(17)$ -Mo(5)-O(9)	90.5(2)	$O(5)$ -Mo(4)-O(11)	80.5(2)
$O(17) - Mo(5) - O(1)$	97.6(3)	$O(6)$ -Mo(5)-O(9)	81.0(2)	$O(17)$ -Mo(5)-O(3)	167.2(3)
$O(6)$ -Mo(5)-O(1)	149.0(3)	$O(1)$ -M ₀ (5) -O(9)	71.4(2)	$O(10)$ -Mo(5)-O(3)	86.8(3)

Table 3. Selected bond angles for 1.

Nitrogens of triethanolamine cations were modeled as oxygens because nitrogens could not be distinguished from oxygens. As usual for POMs, the crystal of 1 shows large disorder of counterions and water molecules. The crystal data and structure refinement for 1 are listed in table [1](#page-4-0) and selected bond lengths are listed in table [2.](#page-4-0) Selected bond angles for 1 are listed in table 3. Accordingly, the exact formula was determined by elemental analyses.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Description of the crystal structures

The structure of the anion is shown in figure [1.](#page-6-0) The anion $[\{Mn(H_2O)_2\}_{0.5}Mn(H_2O)_3\}$ HN $(CH_2CH_2O)_3AsMo_6O_{22}\}]^2$ consists of six MoO_6 octahedra, which form a ring by edge-sharing and lie in a common plane, a $[(OCH_2CH_2)_3NH]^{2-}$ and an AsO₄ tetrahedron are attached to the ring from above and below, with their three oxygens shared with the ring. They can be regarded as capping both sides of the planar metal arrangement. The coordination geometry of the central As is regular, with a mean As–O distance of

Figure 1. Combined polyhedral/ball-and-stick representation showing a part of the 1-D chain-like $[\{Mn(H_2O)_2\}_{0.5}Mn(H_2O)_3\{HN(CH_2CH_2O)_3AsMo_6O_{22}\}]^2$ ⁻ fragment.

1.684(6) Å and O–As–O bond angles of $107.6(3)$ –112.5(3)° in agreement with the $[As_2Mo_6O_{26}]^{6-}$ anion [\[26](#page-9-0)]. The TEA ligand grafted onto $[AsMo_6O_{25}]^{9-}$ represents cage geometry. The coordination geometry of the nitrogen is a tetrahedron, with nitrogen lying out of the plane defined by C(51), C(52), and C(53) by 0.466(5) Å towards $[AsMo₆O₂₅]⁹$. The C–O distances of TEA range from $1.410(16)$ to $1.440(15)$ Å within the normal limits [18–[21\]](#page-9-0).

In 1, Mo–O distances are divided into five groups: (1) Mo–O_t (terminal oxygen), 1.686 (7) –1.725(7) Å; (2) molybdenum–oxygen linked to manganese, 1.735(7)–1.755(7) Å; (3) molybdenum–bridging oxygen, 1.908(6)–1.965(7) Å; (4) molybdenum–internal oxygen common to two molybdenum ions and an arsenic, $2.260(6)-2.295(6)$ Å, with longest oxygen–molybdenum bond lengths and in agreement with the $[As₂Mo₆O₂₆]⁶⁻$ anion; and (5) molybdenum–internal oxygen common to two molybdenum ions and carbons 2.154 $(6)-2.216(6)$ Å, which are slightly shorter than the Mo–O(bond to As atom) distance. The bond valance sum calculation suggests the average oxidation state $+6.05$ for Mo, $+5.01$ for As, −1.90 for O, and +2.04 for Mn.

In the polymeric chain, $[HN(CH_2CH_2O)_3AsMo_6O_{22}]^{5-}$ is a tridentate ligand coordinating to three manganese(II) ions through terminal oxygens (figure [2](#page-7-0)) of two adjacent $MoO₆$ octahedra and one $AsO₄$ tetrahedron, and two kinds of manganese ions exist according to the manner of oxygen coordination. Both manganese ions have distorted octahedral environment. One of the two manganese ions (Mn1) shares four bridging oxygen ligands with the two molybdenum ions of two $\text{[HN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_3\text{AsMo}_6\text{O}_{22}$ ⁵⁻ units and two water molecules. The Mn2 is bound to three terminal oxygens from the AsO₄ tetrahedron of one $[HN(CH_2CH_2O)_3AsMo_6O_{22}]^{5-}$ and two MoO₆ octahedra of another [HN(CH₂CH₂O)₃AsMo₆O₂₂]⁵⁻ unit.

3.2. Magnetic properties

The magnetic behavior of 1 from 300 to 2 K is shown as plots of the product $1/\chi_m$ versus T and $\chi_m T$ versus T in figure [3](#page-7-0). The $1/\chi_m$ versus T plot for 1 displays Curie–Weiss behavior

Figure 2. Combined polyhedral/ball-and-stick representation showing the 1-D "zig-zag" chain (a) and the chain viewed along the a axis (b). The cations and water molecules are omitted for clarity. The color code: $MO₆$ (red), Mn (green) (see <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00958972.2014.939647> for color version).

Figure 3. Temperature dependence of the $1/\chi_m$ product and $\chi_m T$ product for 1. Magnetic measurements: MPMS-XL5 SQUID magnetometer (T range: 2–300 K; applied field: 0.1 T; diamagnetic corrections: estimated from Pascal's constants).

Figure 4. TGA curve of 1.

from 300 to 2 K; the best linear fit of $\chi_m^{-1}(T)$ data above 40 K yields $C = 7.35 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ K mol}^{-1}$ and θ = −0.61881 K. The $\chi_m T$ value of 1 at 300 K is ca. 14.3 cm³ K mol⁻¹ (10.74 µB); this value is close to the sum (14.28 cm³ K mol⁻¹, g = 2.0) of theoretical values for three $S = 5/2$ $(13.14 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ K mol}^{-1}, g = 2.0)$ and for three $S = 1/2$ $(1.14 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ K mol}^{-1}, g = 2.0)$. The temperature dependence of $\chi_m T$ shows a slight decrease from 14.3 to 14.5 emu K mol⁻¹ between 300 and 60 K. These results suggest the presence of an interchain antiferromagnetic interaction. The magnetic interaction between the $Mn(II)$ ions separated by polyanion can be enhanced through the antiferromagnetic interaction between the $Mn(II)$ spin and the Mo(VI) spin.

3.3. IR spectrum

In the IR spectrum of 1, bands at 931, 893, 840, 811, and 692 cm⁻¹ are due to the $v(As-O_a)$, $v(Mo-O_t)$, $v(Mo-O_c)$, and $v(Mo-O_b)$ of the $[AsMo₆O₂₆]^{6–}$ fragment. The bands at 1617, 1457, and 1379 are attributed to characteristic vibrations of $[(HOCH_2CH_2)_3NH]^+$ groups.

3.4. Thermogravimetric analysis

The TG curve of 1 exhibits four steps of weight loss from 25 to 700 $^{\circ}$ C (figure 4). The first weight loss of 4.78% in the temperature range 25–95 °C corresponds to the release of 4.25 crystalline waters. The second stage, which occurs from 95 to 351 °C, is attributed to the loss of one organic molecule and four waters; the observed weight loss (14.81%) is in agreement with the calculated value (14.50%). The third stage loss of 9.72% from 351 to 575 °C corresponds to the release of one organic molecule (9.8% theoretical loss). The fourth step occurs at 575 °C, corresponding to the anion decomposition.

4. Conclusion

We report the first example of triethanolamine ligands grafted onto a $[AsMo₆O₂₅]^{9–}$ fragment in aqueous solution. The heteropolyanions are further linked by metal ions forming zig-zag chains. A new approach was demonstrated to realize the functionalization of hexamolybdoarsenate by triethanolamine ligand, which acts as both a cation and a ligand in aqueous solution.

Supplementary material

CCDC 635807 contains the supplementary crystallographic data. These data can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html (or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB21EZ, UK; Fax: (+44) 1223-336-033; or E-mail: [deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk\)](mailto:deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

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