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#### ABSTRACT

The thermodynamic formation constants of N-(alkyl)-2- and/or 3-mercaptoacetamides complexes with dimethyl-, diethyl-, and n-dibutyltin(IV) cations have been determined potentiometrically in a dioxane-water mixture (75% v/v) at 30 ± 0.1°C in  $\mu = 0.1$  <u>M</u> NaCl using the Irving-Rossotti method and refined by the leastsquares method. The basicity of the ligands follows the order  $C_2H_5NHCOCH_2SH > n-C_3H_7NHCOCH_2SH > n-C_4H_9NHCOCH_2SH$ >  $C_2H_5NHCOCH_2CH_2SH > n-C_3H_7NHCOCH_2CH_2SH > n-C_4H_9^-$ NHCOCH\_2CH\_2SH. For each ligand the stability order of dialkyltin(IV) complexes decreases as follows:  $[Me_2Sn(IV)]^{2+} > [Et_2Sn(IV)]^{2+} > [n-Bu_2Sn(IV)]^{2+}$ . This order is consistent with the group electronegativities of  $[R_2Sn(IV)]^{2+}$  cations calculated from Sanderson's electronegativity scale.

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#### INTRODUCTION

The effect of alkyl group on the electron acceptor and acid strength of di- and trialkyltin(IV) compounds has been a subject of numerous investigations [1-5]. A survey of the literature reveals that very little has been reported about the formation constants of dialkyltin(IV)-N-(alkyl)-2- and/or 3-mercaptoacetamide systems [5, 6].

#### EXPERIMENTAL

N-(Alkyl)-2-mercaptoacetamides and N-(alkyl)-3-mercaptopropionamides were prepared by a standard procedure [7]. Dioxane was dried and purified by a literature method [8]. Other experimental conditions were described earlier [5, 6].

Prior to precipitation, changes in pH were recorded as a function of volume of titrant added. Oxygen-free nitrogen gas was passed continuously through the reaction cell in order to prevent any oxidation during the titrations.

The  $(\bar{n}_A)$  values of the titled ligands together with  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ , and  $\beta_2$  were calculated by the Irving-Rossotti method [9] and the raw data processed by the least-squares method [10] (Table 1).

The formation constants data were converted into thermodynamic values by the formula of Rao and Mathur [11] (Table 2).

Ligand	$\overline{n}_{NH_2}^+$	$\overline{n}_{SH}$	<sup>n</sup> NH
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NHCOCH <sub>2</sub> SH	~2.0	9.40	12.52
n-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NHCOCH <sub>2</sub> SH	~2.0	9.02	11.90
n-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NHCOCH <sub>2</sub> SH	~2.0	8.10	11.27
с <sub>2</sub> н <sub>5</sub> nhcoch <sub>2</sub> сн <sub>2</sub> sh	~2.5	7.87	12.15
n-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NHCOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> SH	$\sim 2.5$	7.55	11.52
n-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NHCOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> SH	$\sim 2.5$	7.08	11, 10

TABLE 1.	Ligand Anion-Proton	Stability Consta	ants of N-(Alkyl)-2-
and/or 3-m	nercaptoacetamides		

$R_2 Sn(IV)^{2+}$ R =	Irving-Rossotti method			Least-	Least-squares method		
	log k <sub>1</sub>	log k <sub>2</sub>	$\log \beta_2$	log k <sub>1</sub>	log k <sub>2</sub>	$\log \beta_2$	
		С2Н5	NHCOCH <sub>2</sub> S	SH	ente in dan d	- In-A	
Me	11.70	4.43	16.13	11.72	4.43	16,15	
Et	11.48	4.39	15.87	11.48	4.36	15.84	
n-Bu	11.22	4.35	15.57	11.20	4.33	15.53	
		n-C <sub>3</sub> H	7NHCOCH	2 <sup>SH</sup>			
Me	11.38	4.46	15.84	11.44	4.44	15.88	
Et	11.15	4.42	15.57	11.15	4.38	15.53	
n-Bu	11.01	4.37	15.38	11.01	4.39	15.40	
		$n-C_4H$	9NHCOCH	$_{2}^{\mathrm{SH}}$			
Me	11.17	4.29	15.46	11.17	4.24	15.41	
Et	11.10	4.27	15.37	11.10	4.22	15.32	
n-Bu	11.00	4.26	15.26	11.01	4.21	15.26	
		$C_2^{H_5^{NH}}$	нсосн <sub>2</sub> сн	$_2^{\rm SH}$			
Me	10.00	4.44	14.44	10.02	4.34	14.36	
Et	9.93	4.34	14.27	9.87	4.31	14.18	
n-Bu	9.88	-	-	-	-	-	
		n-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N	нсосн <sub>2</sub> с	н <sub>2</sub> ѕн			
Ме	9.45	4.31	13.76	9.43	4.29	13.72	
Et	9.40	4.28	13.68	9.36	4.26	13.62	
n-Bu	9, 36	-	-	-	-	-	
		n-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N	нсосн <sub>2</sub> с	H <sub>2</sub> SH			
Me	8.90	4.13	13.03	8.92	4.04	12.96	
Et	8.83	4.06	12.89	8.85	3.96	1 <b>2.</b> 81	
n-Bu	8.80	-	-	-	-	-	

TABLE 2. Thermodynamic Stepwise and Overall Formation Constants of Dialkyltin(IV)-N-(alkyl)-2- and/or 3-mercaptoacetamide Systems

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

N-(Alkyl)-2- and/or 3-mercaptoacetamides show a pronounced tendency to protonate at the secondary nitrogen atom when mineral acid (HCl) is added to the ligand solution, and they are independent of the nature of the N-alkyl substituent. However,  $\overline{n}_{SH}$  and  $\overline{n}_{NH}$  vary with the nature of the alkyl group.

A solution of N-(alkyl)-2- and/or 3-mercaptoacetamide containing an adequate amount of hydrochloric acid is titrated with sodium hydroxide. Excess acid is titrated first, prior to the elimination of the proton attached to the secondary nitrogen, and subsequently the proton of the sulfhydryl group is removed. From Table 1 it can be seen that the removal of the -SH proton occurs around pH 8.10-9.40 in the case of N-(alkyl)-2-mercaptoacetamides and 7.08-7.87 in the case of N-(alkyl)-3-mercaptopropionamides. At a higher pH, say, around 11.27 to 12.52, the hydrogen originally bound to the secondary nitrogen ionizes as a proton in the case of N-(alkyl)-3-mercaptoacetamides and 11.10 to 12.15 in the case of N-(alkyl)-3-mercaptopropionamides. This is because of the fairly high bond strength of the N-H bond relative to the S-H bond. Therefore, the -SH group is regarded as more acidic than the -NH group. Further  $\overline{n_{NH_2}}^{+}$  values lie between 2.0 to

2.5 for N-(alkyl)-2- and/or 3-mercaptoacetamides.

On the basis of  $\overline{n}_A$  values, the order of basicity of ligands of both

series is  $C_2H_5 > n-C_3H_7 > n-C_4H_9$ .

The magnitude of  $\overline{n}_{A}$  values indicates that unlike N-(alkyl)-2-

mercaptoacetamides, N-(alkyl)-3-mercaptopropionamides are stronger acids. This can be explained on the basis of the following two structures for the protonated species of the above two classes of compounds.



In structure I the -SH group is held more firmly by the carbonyl oxygen through intramolecular hydrogen bonding, while in Structure II the sulfhydryl hydrogen is free although the sulfur of the sulfhydryl group is engaged in hydrogen bonding with the -OH group.

An inspection of the thermodynamic formation constants in Table 2 shows that N-(alkyl)-2-mercaptoacetamide ligands form stronger complexes with dialkyltin cations in comparison to N-(alkyl)-3-mercapto-

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propionamide ligands. Except for n-dibutyltin(IV)-N-(alkyl)-3-mercaptopropionamide systems, the composition of complexes in both the systems was found to be 1:2. Within the dialkyltin(IV) cation series, the following sequence in the decreasing order of their overall thermodynamic formation constants has been observed:  $[Me_9Sn(IV)]^{2+} >$ 

 $[Et_2Sn(IV)]^{2+} > [n-Bu_2Sn(IV)]^{2+}$ . This order is consistent with the group electronegativities of  $[R_2Sn(IV)]^{2+}$  cations calculated by the Sanderson method [5]. The group electronegativity of the  $[R_2Sn(IV)]^{2+}$ 

cation decreases from dimethyltin to diethyltin and further decreases to n-dibutyltin(IV) cations. The decrease in electronegativities has been justified on the basis of an increase in the inductive effect (+I) of the alkyl group from methyl to ethyl and n-butyl, and a decrease in the partial charge at the central tin(IV) atom.

Further, dialkyltin(IV) cations form stronger complexes with N-(ethyl)- than with N-(n-propyl)-, and this in turn forms stronger complexes with N-(n-butyl)-2- and/or 3-mercaptoacetamides. This can be explained on the basis of the basicity of the ligands and the interplay of steric hindrance due to the alkyl group substituents attached to the secondary nitrogen atom as well as on the tin(IV) atom. From the magnitude of log  $\beta_2$  it is clear that dialkyltin(IV) cations show a

soft character [12], thereby forming stronger complexes because of  $d\pi$ -p $\pi$  bonding with these sulfur ligands.

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