

(conditions similar to racemic synthesis throughout) produced an 80:20<sup>18</sup> mixture of (+)-1-(−)-1<sup>19</sup> (mp 140–142 °C).

The availability of ibogamine in 17% overall yield in four steps from diene **2** without yield optimization as well as in chiral form demonstrates the efficiency of this approach to this exciting class of compounds. The generality and further application of the newly described cyclization reaction is under further investigation.

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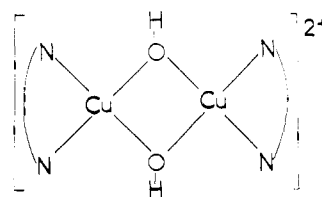
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## Interaction between Orthogonal Magnetic Orbitals in a Copper(II)–Oxovanadium(II) Heterobinuclear Complex

Sir:

In the last few years, several orbital models have been proposed to describe the mechanism of the exchange interaction in binuclear paramagnetic complexes.<sup>1–7</sup> In most of these models, the exchange interaction parameter *J*, which appears in the Heisenberg–Dirac–Van Vleck phenomenological Hamiltonian  $-J\hat{S}_A\hat{S}_B$  whatever its sign may be, is interpreted as resulting from an antiferromagnetic component *J*<sub>AF</sub> and a ferromagnetic component *J*<sub>F</sub>. Several recent attempts to determine semiquantitatively *J*<sub>AF</sub> attest that the mechanism of the antiferromagnetic coupling is now rather well understood.<sup>2,8,9</sup> In contrast, it does not yet appear possible to predict the magnitude of the exchange interaction parameter in binuclear complexes when the metallic centers are ferromagnetically coupled. The main difficulty apparently arises because, as soon as the magnetic orbitals centered on the transition ions are no longer rigorously orthogonal, the *J*<sub>AF</sub> component becomes important and very quickly dominates *J*<sub>F</sub>. We recall that a magnetic orbital is defined as a singly occupied orbital, centered on a transition ion and partially delocalized toward the ligands surrounding this ion. Such a magnetic orbital may be considered as a molecular orbital of the monomeric part of the binuclear complex constituted by a transition ion surrounded by its terminal and bridging ligands.

So far, to our knowledge, no binuclear complex in which all the magnetic orbitals are rigorously orthogonal has been synthesized. To make this situation clear, let us consider the hydroxo-bridged copper(II) dimers of the type studied by Hatfield, Hodgson, and coauthors.<sup>10,11</sup> In these complexes the



copper(II) ions are located in *C*<sub>2v</sub> sites, and the magnetic orbitals built from each of the metallic *d*<sub>x<sup>2</sup>-y<sup>2</sup> orbitals pointing along the Cu–N and Cu–O bonds have *b*<sub>1</sub> symmetry. The overlap integral  $\langle b_1 | b_1 \rangle$  between these magnetic orbitals is in principle different from zero, except for a particular value of the bridging angle  $\angle \text{CuOCu}$  which cannot be known exactly a priori.</sub>

Strict orthogonality of the magnetic orbitals for reasons of symmetry can occur in heterobinuclear complexes. We have synthesized one of the first such complexes, of the formula CuVO(fsa)<sub>2</sub>en·CH<sub>3</sub>OH where (fsa)<sub>2</sub>en<sup>4+</sup> denotes the bichelating ligand derived from the Schiff base bis(2'-hydroxy-3'-

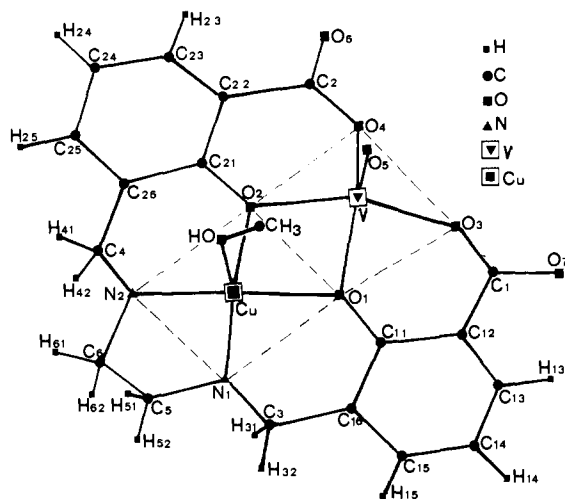
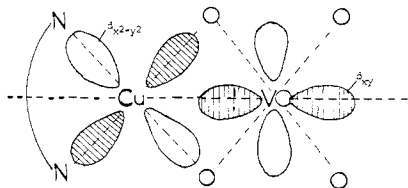


Figure 1. Perspective view of  $\text{CuVO}(\text{fsa})_2\text{en}\cdot\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ .

carboxybenzylidene)-1,2-diaminoethane. The synthesis was carried out as follows. A solution of lithium salt of the mononuclear complex  $\text{CuH}_2(\text{fsa})_2\text{en}\cdot\frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2\text{O}$ <sup>12</sup> was prepared by stirring together  $10^{-3}$  mol of this complex with  $2\cdot 10^{-3}$  mol of  $\text{LiOH}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in 80 mL of methanol. To this solution, was slowly added a solution of  $10^{-3}$  mol of  $\text{VOSO}_4\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in 40 mL of methanol. About  $0.6\cdot 10^{-3}$  mol of  $\text{CuH}_2(\text{fsa})_2\text{en}\cdot\frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2\text{O}$  reprecipitated. The mixture was then filtered and the resulting blue solution kept in a closed flask. Small, well-formed, blue single crystals appeared in 1 or 2 days. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_7\text{CuV}$ : C, 44.33; H, 3.13; N, 5.44. Found: C, 44.39; H, 3.23; N, 5.488.

The compound crystallizes in the monoclinic system, space group  $P2_1/n$ . The lattice constants are  $a = 11.636(3)$  Å,  $b = 13.612(3)$  Å,  $c = 12.423(3)$  Å, and  $\beta = 100.79(2)^\circ$ . The unit cell of volume  $1933$  Å<sup>3</sup> contains four molecules ( $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.752$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>,  $\rho_{\text{measd}} = 1.78 \pm 0.05$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>). The complete structure is not yet fully refined, but the main structural parameters are known sufficiently well to specify the molecular arrangement in Figure 1. Both copper(II) and vanadium(IV) ions are five-fold coordinated in the form of square pyramids, with apices occupied by an oxygen of the methanol and an oxygen of the vanadyl group, respectively. These pyramids share an  $\text{O}_1\text{--O}_2$  edge, their square planes making a dihedral angle of  $170^\circ$ . The main feature of this structure is that, at the accuracy of the experimental results, the atoms  $\text{O}_5$ , V, Cu, and O(H) are in a mirror plane for both  $\text{CuN}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{VO}_5$  square pyramids. Consequently, the site symmetries of the metallic ions and the whole molecular symmetry are very close to  $C_s$ . The single-ion ground states for both copper(II) and vanadium(IV) are spin doublets. The magnetic orbital around the copper(II), constructed from the  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  metallic orbital, transforms as the  $a''$ , irreducible representations of the  $C_s$  point group. The magnetic orbital around vanadium(IV), constructed from the  $d_{xy}$  magnetic orbital, transforms as  $a'$ . The situation is schematized as shown.



The overlap integral  $\langle a'' | a' \rangle$  between the magnetic orbitals is identically zero, whatever the value of the bridging angle  $\angle\text{CuOV}$  may be. In this case the experimentally observed exchange interaction parameter  $J$  reduces to its ferromagnetic component and can be written<sup>13</sup>

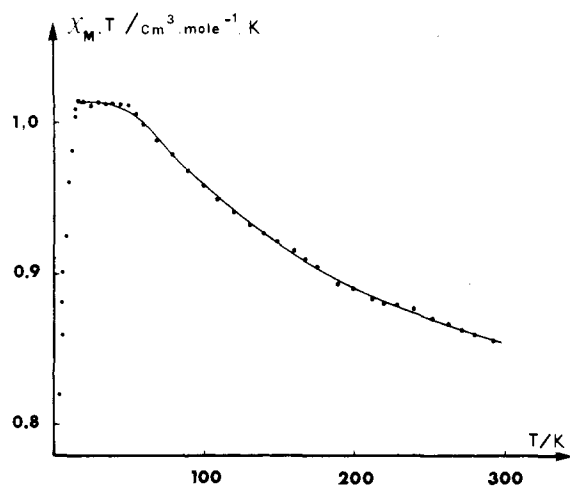


Figure 2. Experimental and theoretical temperature dependences of the product  $\chi_M T$  for  $\text{CuVO}(\text{fsa})_2\text{en}\cdot\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ . The experimental points are noted  $\bullet$  and the theoretical curve for  $g = 2.017$  and  $J = 118$  cm<sup>-1</sup> is in continuous line (see text).

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \langle a''(1)a'(2) | r_{12}^{-1} | a''(2)a'(1) \rangle$$

$J$  can be determined from the temperature dependence of the molar magnetic susceptibility  $\chi_M$ . The magnetic behavior of the copper(II)-oxovanadium(II) complex is given in Figure 2, which shows the variation of the product  $\chi_M T$  vs.  $T$  over the temperature range  $3 < T/K < 300$ . The exchange interaction between the two single-ion spin doublets leads to two molecular levels characterized by spins  $S = 0$  and  $S = 1$ , separated by  $-J$ . The increase of  $\chi_M T$  upon cooling from room temperature to  $\sim 50$  K confirms that the coupling is ferromagnetic. Below 50 K, the  $S = 0$  level is totally depopulated, so that  $\chi_M T$  is constant. Finally, below 18 K, the dominant phenomenon is one of intermolecular antiferromagnetic coupling between the  $S = 1$  molecular spins. The fact that  $\chi_M T$  is constant between 50 and 18 K shows that above the latter temperature the intermolecular coupling is negligible. In the temperature range 300–18 K, the experimental data closely follow the equation

$$\chi_M T = \frac{2N\beta^2}{k} g^2 \left[ 3 + \exp\left(-\frac{J}{kT}\right) \right]^{-1}$$

with  $g = 2.017$  and  $J = 118$  cm<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>14</sup>

In conclusion, the synthesis and the study of the magnetic properties of new heterobinuclear complexes in which the magnetic orbitals centered on different transition ions are strictly orthogonal should enable us to determine the main factors governing the magnitude of the ferromagnetic coupling. Such work is in progress in our group.

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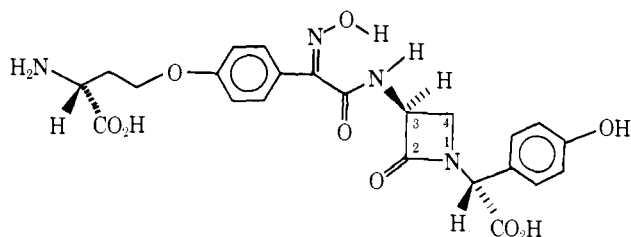
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### Total Synthesis of Nocardicin A. Synthesis of 3-ANA and Nocardicin A

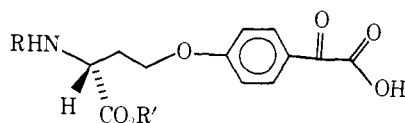
Sir:

In a concurrent communication<sup>1</sup> we have discussed the synthetic strategy involved in our synthesis of the side-chain fragment **2a** of nocardicin A (**1**). In this communication we wish to report the total synthesis of the nucleus **3** and of nocardicin A (**1**).

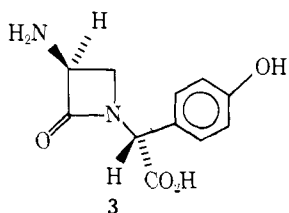
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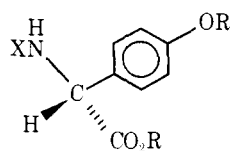
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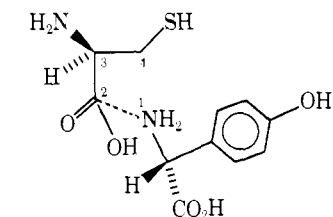
**2a**, R = R' = H  
**b**, R = *t*Boc; R' = CHPh<sub>2</sub>



**3a**, R = H  
**b**, R = PhC=O



**5**, R = H; X = *t*Boc  
**6**, R = PhCH<sub>2</sub>; X = *t*Boc  
**7**, R = PhCH<sub>2</sub>; X = H·HCl  
**8**, R = PhCH<sub>2</sub>; X = H



L-cysteine      D-*p*-hydroxyphenylglycine

Figure 1.

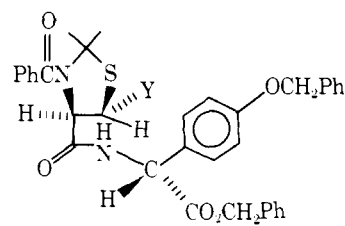
chiral starting materials. We chose L-cysteine and D-*p*-hydroxyphenylglycine. The construction of the crucial  $\beta$ -lactam ring requires the bond-forming reactions shown in Figure 1.

The bond formation between the  $\alpha$ -amino group of D-*p*-hydroxyphenylglycine and the carboxyl of L-cysteine was a relatively trivial amide group synthesis. However, the second bond formation, that of the amino group to C-4 while retaining the chirality at C-3, represented a more challenging task. Our solution was to incorporate C-3 and C-4 in five-membered ring thus controlling stereochemistry by the geometry of the ring juncture.<sup>4</sup> The successful synthesis of 3-ANA (**3**) evolved in the following manner.

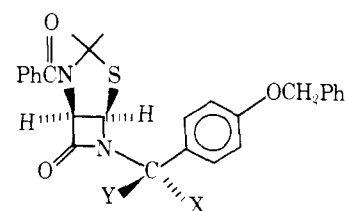
Condensation of L-cysteine with acetone (**4a**) (reflux, 3 days) followed by acylation with benzoyl chloride using propylene oxide as an acid scavenger (25 °C, 1 h) gave excellent yields of the thiazolidine **4b**: mp 170–175 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  (TFE)  $-165^\circ$ ; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.83 (3 H, s), 1.92 (3 H, s), 3.13 (2 H, m), 4.60 (1 H, m), 7.23 (5 H, s).

The amino group of D-*p*-hydroxyphenylglycine was protected as the *tert*-butoxycarbonyl derivative **5** and then **5** was treated with 2 equiv of KO-*t*-Bu in DMF followed by 2 equiv of benzyl bromide (25 °C, 16 h) to give the dibenzyl derivative **6**. Treatment of **6** in methylene chloride with dry gaseous hydrogen chloride gave the crystalline salt **7** in 85% yield from *p*-hydroxyphenylglycine: mp 194–198 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  (MeOH)  $-40.1^\circ$ ; NMR (Me<sub>2</sub>SO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  5.22 (2 H, s), 5.30 (2 H, s), 7.13 (2 H, d, *J* = 9 Hz), 7.33 (5 H, s), 7.43 (2 H, d, *J* = 9 Hz), 7.48 (5 H, s).

Coupling of the free amine **8** (liberated from **7** using sodium bicarbonate) with **4b** was accomplished using DCC in methylene chloride to give the dipeptide **9** in 90% yield: mp 125–128 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  (Me<sub>2</sub>SO)  $-100.4^\circ$ ; NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.93 (3 H, s), 2.08 (3 H, s), 3.20 (2 H, br d), 4.70 (1 H, tr), 5.05 (2 H, s), 5.17



**9**, Y = H  
**10**, Y = OCC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>  
**11**, Y = Cl



**12**, X = CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph; Y = H  
**13**, X = H; Y = CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph