("green pigments") could be formed by such a transfer mechanism.¹⁸

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Osmium(IV)-Mediated Oxidative Dehydrogenation of Coordinated Amines: Crystal and Molecular Structures of *cis*-1,2-Ethanediaminebis(1,2-ethanediaminato(1-))osmium(IV) Dibromide

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The Os(IV) complexes $[Os(en)(en-H)_2]^{2+}$ and $[Os(en)_2(en-H)_2]^{2+}$ H)]³⁺ were originally prepared by Dwyer and Hogarth^{3,4} and formulated as diamagnetic Os(IV) 1,2-ethanediamine complexes deprotonated at the N centers. An alternative interpretation would have been diamagnetic osmium(II) imine complexes. This reinvestigation stemmed from the recognition by Basolo et al.⁵ that the complex formulated⁶ as $[Ru(en-H)_2(en-2H)]^{2+}$ was in fact the Ru(II) complex $[Ru(en)_2(diim)]^{2+}$. An X-ray crystallographic study of the complex $[Os(en)(en-H)_2]Br_2^7$ (Figure 1) has now substantiated the original interpretation.⁴ The complex cation has an octahedrally distorted Os^{IV}N₆ core, with two mononegative aminate ions (on different ligands) occupying a cis configuration. The short Os-N (aminate) bonds (1.90 Å), as compared to the Os-N (amine) bonds, 2.11 Å (cis) and 2.19 Å (trans), are attributed to donation of electron density from filled p_z orbitals of the ligands to empty d orbitals on Os(IV), giving effectively two Os-N double bonds. The conclusion is supported by the increase in angle between the double bonds (110°) and the consequent narrowed N-Os-N angle (76°) for the en chelate trans to the cis

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Table I. Atomic Coordinates for cis-[Os(en)(en-H)₂]Br₂

atom	x	у	Z					
Cation								
Os	0.00000 (-)	0.21515 (6)	0.25000 (-)					
Axial Ligand								
Ν	-0.0950 (5)	-0.0134 (9)	0.1973 (6)					
$H_N(A)$	-0.132 (8)	-0.017 (15)	0.106 (12)					
$H_N(B)$	-0.143 (11)	0.039 (24)	0.200 (16)					
C	-0.0407 (6)	-0.1772 (11)	0.2568 (9)					
H _C (A)	-0.079 (6)	-0.284 (12)	0.221 (9)					
$H_{C}(B)$	-0.005 (7)	-0.187 (14)	0.369 (10)					
Other Ligand								
N	0.1120 (5)	0.3588 (10)	0.3319 (7)					
H _N	0.146 (5)	0.372 (10)	0.310 (7)					
C	0.1601 (6)	0.4129 (11)	0.4687 (8)					
$H_{C}(A)$	0.218 (6)	0.329 (13)	0.529 (9)					
$H_{C}(B)$	0.180(7)	0.543 (15)	0.467 (10)					
C'	0.0866 (6)	0.4007 (12)	0.4947 (8)					
H _C '(A)	0.121 (6)	0.411 (12)	0.579 (8)					
$H_{C'}(B)$	0.033 (6)	0.507 (12)	0.449 (9)					
N'	0.0324 (5)	0.2335 (10)	0.4371 (6)					
$H_{N'}(A)$	0.072 (7)	0.138 (16)	0.489 (10)					
$H_{N'}(B)$	-0.012 (6)	0.224 (11)	0.448 (8)					
Anion								
Br	0.18660 (6)	0.11325 (13)	0.12672 (8)					

Table II. Cation Geometry^a

(a) Osmium Coordination Environment ^b								
	r _{Os-N}	N	N'	N _{ax}	N	N'		
N _{ax} N N'	2.194 (7) 1.896 (7) 2.113 (9)	161.7 (3)	92.5 (3) 81.0 (4)	76.0 (3) 87.4 (3) 93.5 (3)	87.4 (3) 110.0 (3) 94.6 (3)	93.5 (3) 94.6 (3) 172.5 (3)		
		(b) I	igand Geo	ometries				
	ligand		"axial" "e		equatorial"			
			Distances	(Å)				
	N-C N'-C' C-C(1)		1.46 (1)		1.48 (1) 1.48 (1) 1.49 (2)			
	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	,	Angles (d	eg)	1.4) (2)			
	Os-N-C Os-N'-C'		112.3 (5)		118.6 (7) 106.3 (7)			
	N-C-C(1) N'-C'-C		106.8 (9)		107.2 (6) 108.0 (9)			

^a Atoms generated by the 2-fold rotor are italicized. ^b r is the metal ligand distances (Å). Other entries in the matrix are the angles subtended at the osmium by the relevant atoms.

aminate ions, together with the location and refinement in (x, y, z) of all hydrogen atoms (Tables I and II).

Stable Os(IV) ammine complexes are rare,⁸ and the stabilization in this instance apparently arises from the donation of electron density to the Os(IV) center. The effect is seen dramatically in the redox potentials for the singly (+0.29V vs. Ag/AgCl/saturated LiCl (acetone) electrode in acetone) and double deprotonated ( $\sim$ -1.2 V) ions. The difference of >1 V cannot be attributed to just the change in charge. Comparable effects for Co(III) amine complexes lead to redox potential differences in the range 0.1-0.2 V.⁹ Similar large stabilizations of M(IV) species have been noted by deprotonation of amines coordinated to Pt(IV),⁹ but here the ability of d⁶ Pt(IV) to accept electrons from the ligand is more questionable and needs to be observed structurally. The large effects are consistent, however, with the sets of lone pairs of electrons donating charge to the Os(IV) ion in a very substantial

⁽³⁾ Ligand abbreviations: en = 1,2-ethanediamine; en-H = 1,2-ethanediaminate(1-); en-2H = 1,2-ethanediaminate(2-); im = 2-aminoethanimine; diim = ethanediimine; Me₂diim = 2,3-butanediimine; bpy = 2,2'-dipyridine; ampy = 2-(aminomethyl)pyridine; impy = 2-(iminomethyl)pyridine; hepy = 2-(1-hydroxyethyl)pyridine.

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Figure 1. Projection of [Os(en)(en-H)₂]Br₂ showing (a) the unit cell contents and (b) the cation down and normal to the crystallographic baxis, respectively. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 20% probability level, and in (b) the hydrogen atoms have an arbitrary radius of 0.1 Å.





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manner. Using the magnitude of these effects and the failure to observe oxidation of  $[Os(en)_3]^{3+}$  to  $[Os(en)_3]^{4+}$  in aqueous solution, we estimate the  $[Os(en)_3]^{4+/3+}$  potential to be  $\geq +2$  V. This is also consistent with an observation of an oxidation wave at  $\sim +2$ V vs. Ag/AgCl/0.1 M LiCl acetone electrode in acetone or acetonitrile (Au electrode).

The amine protons on the [Os(en)2(en-H)]Br3·3H2O complex¹⁰ are acidic  $(pK_a 5.8)^4$  and are not observed by ¹H NMR spectroscopy in  $D_2O$  or DCl. Also the ¹³C NMR spectra of the  $[Os(en)_2(en-H)]^{3+}$  and  $[Os(en)(en-H)_2]^{2+}$  ions^{7,10} showed only one signal, which is consistent with equivalent carbon atoms on the NMR time scale and rapid exchange of the protons among the nitrogen sites.

Under  $N_2$ , the Os(IV) complexes were observed to undergo spontaneous oxidative dehydrogenation of the ligand to form an Os(II) imine species ( $\epsilon_{400}^{max} \sim 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The reaction was followed spectrophotometrically at 400 nm and pH 7.0 (NaH₂PO₄/Na₂HPO₄,¹¹ 10⁻⁴ M [Os(en)(en-H)₂]Br₂,  $\mu$  0.20 M, (NaCF₃SO₃), 25 °C) and was first order ( $k_{obsd} \sim 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). In more concentrated solutions ( $10^{-2} \rightarrow 10^{-1}$  M), with use of ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy under an N₂ atmosphere, the major imine species obtained was the diimine  $[Os(en)_2(diim)]^{2+}$  ion.¹² In the presence of O₂, the  $[Os(en)_2(im)]^{2+}$  complex was oxidized to  $[Os(en)_2(diim)]^{2+}$  over ~1 day. The latter complex was more slowly oxidized over  $\sim 1$  week to the tetraimine species, which was crystallized from aqueous HCl as [Os(en)(diim)₂]Cl₂. HCl·H₂O.¹³

⁽¹⁰⁾ Anal. for  $C_6H_{29}Br_3N_6O_3O_8$ , C, H, N.²⁴ ¹³C NMR (0.1 M DCl) –29.9 ppm.

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Scheme II

$$\mathbf{a} \left[ \mathsf{Os(en)}_2(\mathsf{en}-\mathsf{H}) \right]^{3+} + \mathsf{OH}^- \rightleftharpoons \left[ \mathsf{Os(en)}(\mathsf{en}-\mathsf{H})_2 \right]^{2+} + \mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O}$$



This chemistry is summarized in the reaction Scheme I, and the mechanism for the dehydrogenation is outlined in Scheme II.  $[Os(en)_2(en-H)]^{3+}$  is stable in acid, although it is slowly reduced to [Os(en)₃]³⁺ in concentrated HBr solutions, and the [Os- $(en)(en-H)_2]^{2+}$  ion is stabilized (in the absence of O₂) as the pH increases. Optimum spontaneous oxidation of the ligand to the monoimine group at low (10⁻⁴ M) concentrations of complex appears to occur in the pH region of 6-7. Moreover, the imine CH protons do not exchange with deuterium when the oxidation is performed in  $D_2O$ , which indicates that the removal of the methylene proton and electron transfer are concerted. A combination of the increased acidity of the methylene protons and increased oxidizing power of the Os(IV) center in [Os(en)₂(en-H)]³⁺ in comparison to  $[Os(en)(en-H)_2]^{2+}$  is the driving force to the oxidation and explains the retardation by acid and base in Scheme IIa.

In the higher concentrations of Os employed in NMR experiments, it appears that the initially formed  $[Os(en)_2(im)]^{2+}$  undergoes a cross reaction with [Os(en)₂(en-H)]³⁺ to form [Os- $(en)_2(im)$ ]³⁺, which disproportionates to  $[Os(en)_2(im)]^{2+}$  and  $[Os(en)_2(diim)]^{2+}$ . This explains the observation of  $[Os(en)_2-$ (diim)]²⁺ in the NMR experiments in contrast to the more dilute solutions. (Scheme IIb).

These results implicate the M(IV) oxidation state as an intermediate in the documented oxidative dehydrogenations of ligands coordinated to Fe¹⁴ and Ru.^{5,15} It is becoming apparent that such intermediates may arise from base-catalyzed disproportionation of Ru(III) and Os(III) amine complexes to form M(II) and M(IV) species in other reactions.^{16,17} Of particular relevance is the oxidative dehydrogenation of the 2-(1-hydroxyethyl)pyridine ligand (hepy) in [Ru(NH₃)₄(hepy)]³⁺ to form the ketone analogue.¹⁷ This has been shown to occur by base-catalyzed disproportionation of the Ru(III) complex to Ru(II) and deprotonated Ru(IV) species. The latter undergoes oxidative dehydrogenation of the ligand. Kinetic experiments involving the oxidative dehydrogenation of the 2-(aminomethyl)pyridine ligand (ampy) in  $[Ru(bpy)_2(ampy)]^{3+}$  have led to similar conclusions, i.e., an initial base-catalyzed disproportionation of Ru(III) to Ru(II) and Ru(IV).¹⁸ Preliminary work on the oxidative dehydrogenation of the 1,2-ethanediamine ligands of  $[Os(en)_3]^{3+}$  has led us to believe that a similar mechanism is operating here.¹⁹

The stabilization of the deprotonated Os(IV) complexes clearly arises from the donation of charge from the ligand to the metal. This is evident from the crystal structure and redox properties. It leads to bond orders greater than 1 for the Os-N bonds, and the unsaturation apparently increases the acidities of the adjacent methylene protons. There is a crude analogy with imine or carbonyl chemistry where similar increases in acidities are well-known. These effects could be expected to increase in the order  $Fe \ll Ru < Os$ , since this is the order of radial extension of the d orbitals.²⁰ Thus the M(IV) oxidation state would be less accessible (i.e., stronger oxidant) for Ru and more particularly Fe, thereby being much shorter lived and not generally observed as an intermediate in oxidative dehydrogenation processes. However, the importance of the relative energies of the empty d orbitals of the metal and the filled aminate p orbitals needs also to be considered, and we are not certain as to which effect is most important.

The changes in stability of the II and III oxidation states of the Fe group on addition of imines into the coordination sphere has been ascribed to a similar phenomenon, whereby electron density in filled d orbitals on the metal is donated to empty  $\pi^*$ orbitals of the ligand. The degree of stabilization of the M(II)state again increases in the order  $Fe \ll Ru < Os^{20}$  This is dramatically shown by the potential of the 2+/3+ couple of  $[Os(en)_3]^{3+/2+}$  (-0.52 V) (prepared by  $Na_2S_2O_4$ ,⁴ EtOH/en or concentrated HBr reduction of the Os(IV) complexes), in comparison to the  $[Os(en)(diim)_2]^{3+/2+}$  (+0.69V) and the trans- $[Os(NH_3)_2(Me_2(diim)_2)^{3+/2+}$  couples +0.77 V²¹ vs. the standard hydrogen electrode.

**Crystal data** are as follows:  $C_6H_{24}Br_2N_6Os; M_r 530.3;$ monoclinic; space group C2/c ( $C_{2h}^6$ , No. 15); a = 17.256 (8), b = 7.566 (3), c = 12.802 (5) Å;  $\beta = 126.71$  (2)°, U = 1339 (1) Å³;  $D_c (Z = 4) = 2.63 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ ;  $\mu_{Mo} = 150 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , T = 295 K, F(000)= 992. A unique data set was measured within the limit  $2\theta_{max}$ = 55°, yielding 1951 independent reflections. 1617 of these with

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## Total Synthesis of the C19-C29 Aliphatic Segment of (+)-Rifamycin S¹

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Among the landmark achievements in natural product synthesis in 1980 was Kishi's conquest of the rifamycin S structure.² In considering synthetic approaches³ to this formidable target,⁴ one is faced with several challenging problems, not the least of which is the construction of the sequence of alternating methyl and hydroxyl groups situated in the C19-C29 aliphatic segment and encompassing eight contiguous asymmetric centers. We report on the assembly of the aliphatic segment of rifamycin S based on a strategy that recognizes hidden carbohydrate-type symmetry5 as illustrated in Scheme I. Bond disconnection at C24-C25 generates two segments representing C19-C24 and C25-C29, which can be related to two "chiral templates"5 derived from D-glucose and designated as precursors A and B.

Precursor A. The synthesis of precursor A as shown in Scheme II starts with the readily available and crystalline epoxide 1,⁶ which





Scheme II^a





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^a Key: (a) Ac₂O, CH₂Cl₂, DMAP, 91%; (b) 50% aqueous AcOH; (c) diphenyl-tert-butylsilyl chloride pyridine, 0 °C, 18 h, 88% (two steps); (d)  $\text{COCl}_2$ ,  $\text{Me}_2\text{SO}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , -60 to 25 °C, quantitative; (e) Ph₃P=CH₂, toluene, then KCN, MeOH, 88%; (f) 20% Pd(OH)₂/C,H₂, dioxane, then BnBr, THF, KH, 92%; (g) flash chromatography, EtOAc-hexanes 15:85; (h) n-Bu₄NF, THF, 76%; (d) 86%; (i) Ph₃P=CH₂, toluene, 87.5%; (j) 5% Rh/Al₂O₃, H₂, toluene, quantitative; (k) 25% aqueous AcOH, 50 °C, 1 h, then NaBH₄, EtOH, 86%; (1) TrCl, pyridine, 65 °C, 20 h, 92%; (m) pyridinium chlorochromate, CH₂Cl₂, 4-A sieves; see: Herscovici, J.; Antonaki, K. J. Chem. Soc. Chem. Commun. 1980 561.

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