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5'-deoxyadenosine (LH) complexes with divalent 3d metal perchlorates were prepared by refluxing mixtures of LH and salt in triethylorthoformate-ethylacetate. With one exception ($M = \text{Co}$), adducts of the types $M(\text{LH})_2(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 3\text{EtOH}$ ($M = \text{Mn, Fe, Ni, Zn}$) and $\text{Cu}(\text{LH})_3(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{EtOH}$ were obtained. Ethanol is introduced to the system by hydrolysis of triethylorthoformate during the dehydration of the metal salts. $\text{Co}(\text{II})$ perchlorate yielded a complex involving both neutral LH and monoanionic L^- ligands, i.e., $\text{Co}_2(\text{LH})\text{L}_2(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 4\text{EtOH}$. An analogous $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$ complex, $\text{Cu}_2(\text{LH})\text{L}_2(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot \text{EtOH} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$, was also obtained by refluxing substantially more dilute suspensions of LH and Cu salt, relative to the standard preparative method employed. The new complexes were characterized as dimers or linear polymers, involving bridging bidentate N1,N7-bound LH ligands between adjacent metal ions and coordination number six. The new adducts also involve terminal N7-bound LH and EtOH ligands and ionic perchlorate, and the Co and Cu complexes a chelating N6,N7-bound L^- (monodeprotonation of the exocyclic NH_2 group) per metal ion and terminal $-\text{OClO}_3$ and ROH ($R = \text{Et}$ or H) ligands.

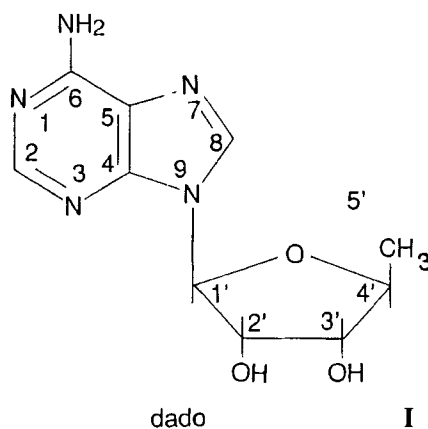
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INTRODUCTION

Previous work in these laboratories has dealt with 3d metal complexes of adenosine (ado)² and 2'-deoxyadenosine (2'- dado)^{3–5}. Both these ligands produce exclusively molecular adducts with 3d metal perchlorates^{2,3} or halides.^{4–6} Our studies in this direction were recently extended to include 3d metal perchlorate complexes with 5'-deoxyadenosine (dado ; LH; I). Complexes formed by interaction of neutral LH with metal salts have not been previously reported. 5'-Deoxyadenosylcobaloximes have been prepared by reaction of the 5'-bromo- or 5'-tosyl-derivative of LH with bis(dimethylglyoximate)cobalt(II).^{7–9} The present paper deals with the complexes formed by interaction of LH with divalent 3d metal perchlorates ($M = \text{Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn}$) in triethylorthoformate (teof)-ethylacetate (ea).

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EXPERIMENTAL

The synthetic procedure employed was as follows: 1mmol hydrated metal perchlorate was dissolved in 50cm³ of a 1:1 (v/v) mixture of teof-ea and the resulting solution stirred at 50°C for 2h. Then, 2mmol LH were added and the mixture boiled under reflux for 4–5 days. The mixture was allowed to cool and the solid complex formed collected by gravity filtration, washed with anhydrous diethylether and stored *in vacuo* over anhydrous calcium chloride. Analytical data for these products, given in Table 1, show that, with one exception (M=Co), adducts of LH with the metal salt were obtained. In the case of Co, the compound isolated is a complex involving both neutral LH and monodeprotonated L⁻ ligands. We subsequently attempted the preparation of analogues of the Co complex and were successful in isolating a similar Cu complex by refluxing a mixture of 0.2mmol Cu salt and 0.4mmol LH in 50cm³ teof-ea. The new complexes are generally insoluble in organic media. Infrared spectra (Table 2) were recorded in KBr discs (4000–500cm⁻¹) and Nujol mulls between high density polyethylene windows (700–200cm⁻¹) using a Perkin Elmer 621 spectrophotometer. Solid-state (nujol mull) electronic spectra and ambient temperature (300°K) magnetic susceptibility measurements (Table 3) were obtained by methods previously described.¹⁰

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Unlike adenosine and 2'-deoxyadenosine, which produce exclusively molecular adducts with 3d metal salts,^{2–6} 5'-deoxyadenosine was found to form in certain cases complexes involving partial substitution of perchlorate groups with monoanionic L⁻ ligands. Monodeprotonation of the exocyclic NH₂ group of nucleobases (e.g., adenine, cytosine) and their nucleosides is not generally facile,¹¹ but has been observed in some metal complexes as, for instance, tris(methylmercury(II)) complexes of adenine, in which this ligand is terdentate bridging, binding *via* N6, N7 and N9.¹² More facile is the monodeprotonation at NH₂ of the N(1)-oxides of adenine or ado, which act as strong chelating agents binding through O1 and N6.^{13,14} The ethanol ligands present in the new complexes are obviously produced by hydrolysis of teof to ethanol

and ethylformate during the dehydration of the hydrated metal perchlorates.¹⁵ Isolation of ethanol,¹⁶ ethylformate or formate¹⁷ complexes from teof solutions of metal salts, although rather uncommon, can occur.^{16,17} The new adducts involve either 2:1 (Mn, Fe, Ni, Zn) or 3:1 (Cu) LH to metal ion molar ratios, while two complexes contain one L^- and one-half of an LH ligand per metal ion (Co, Cu; Table 1). Ethanol is present in all the new adducts and complexes, while the Cu complex also contains water.

The infrared spectrum of LH is fairly similar to those of ado and 2'-dado. IR band assignments for the free ligand were based on analogous previous studies of 2'-dado,^{3,18,19} ado,^{2,6,20,21} adenine,^{12,22,23} adenosine 5'-monophosphate²⁴ and groups of nucleobases and nucleosides^{25,26} (Table 2). Free LH exhibits the following maxima at $3500\text{-}3000\text{cm}^{-1}$: $3420, 3375$ (νOH , 5'-deoxyribose), 3270 and 3140 (νNH_2). The former two bands are masked in the spectra of the complexes by the broad νOH of coordinated ethanol and (Cu complex) water, occurring at $3460\text{-}3380$;²⁷ νNH_2 bands are observed at $3200\text{-}3050$.^{2,3} The δNH_2 mode, which appears at 1664cm^{-1} in free LH, is split into two components in the spectra of the complexes: a weak band at $1725\text{-}1700$ and a very strong absorption at $1670\text{-}1655$ (Table 2). The former band is indicative of H-bonding between NH_2 hydrogens and perchlorate groups,^{3,12,14,22} while the latter appears near the location of the free LH δNH_2 and is not suggestive of participation of the N6 nitrogen of the neutral ligands in coordination.^{2-6,12,14,22-24} The ρNH_2 mode of LH is observed at $ca\ 1020\text{cm}^{-1}$ in the spectra of all the new compounds, while the δNH of the monodeprotonated L^- ligand appears at $1135\text{-}1128$ only in the case of the Co and Cu complexes,^{3,12,14} which also exhibit $\nu\text{M-N6}$ bands. Binding of the LH and L^- ligands through adenine ring nitrogens is suggested by the shifts and occasional splittings of the $\nu\text{C}=\text{C}$ and $\nu\text{C}=\text{N}$ ligand vibrational modes ($1640\text{-}1500\text{cm}^{-1}$ region).^{2-6,12,22-24} The sugar-puckering ligand mode at 825 , diagnostic of conformation,²⁸ appears at $821\text{-}826\text{cm}^{-1}$ in the spectra of the complexes, which generally do not show any evidence favouring sugar binding *via* its hydroxyl oxygens.² The perchlorate groups are ionic in the adducts, showing single ν_3 and $\nu_4(\text{ClO}_4)$ bands, and act as unidentate $-\text{OClO}_3$ ligands in two complexes, in the

Table 1 Analytical data for the new metal complexes^a

Complex	Colour	C%	H%	N%	M%	Cl%
Mn(LH) ₂ (ClO ₄) ₂ ·3EtOH	Brown	35.13 (34.92)	4.73 (4.96)	15.15 (15.66)	6.23 (6.14)	7.97 (7.93)
Fe(LH) ₂ (ClO ₄) ₂ ·3EtOH	Brown	35.42 (34.88)	4.55 (4.95)	16.11 (15.66)	6.53 (6.24)	8.21 (7.92)
Co ₂ (LH)L ₂ (ClO ₄) ₂ ·4EtOH	Mustard	38.67 (38.39)	4.88 (5.17)	17.87 (17.67)	9.82 (9.92)	6.35 (5.96)
Ni(LH) ₂ (ClO ₄) ₂ ·3EtOH	Yellow-green	35.19 (34.77)	4.67 (4.94)	15.85 (15.60)	6.13 (6.56)	7.52 (7.89)
Cu(LH) ₃ (ClO ₄) ₂ ·2EtOH	Avocado green	37.10 (36.85)	4.37 (4.64)	18.52 (18.96)	6.02 (5.73)	6.78 (6.40)
Cu ₂ (LH)L ₂ (ClO ₄) ₂ ·EtOH·3H ₂ O	Brown	34.21 (34.51)	4.04 (4.43)	18.53 (18.86)	11.82 (11.41)	6.39 (6.37)
Zn(LH) ₂ (ClO ₄) ₂ ·3EtOH	Beige	34.25 (34.52)	5.05 (4.90)	15.71 (15.48)	7.34 (7.22)	8.00 (7.84)

^aFound% with calcd.% in parentheses; the complexes are obtained in yields ranging between 40–70% of the theoretical.

Table 2 Pertinent infrared data for the new metal complexes (cm⁻¹)

LH ^a	M = Mn	M = Fe	M = Co	M = Ni	M = Cu ^b	M = Cu ^c	M = Zn	Band assignment
1664vs	1710w, 1669vs	1704w, 1657vs	1713w, 1655s	1708w, 1659vs	1722w, 1665s	1700w, 1656s	1717w, 1661vs	δNH ₂ νC=C+νC=N+δHOH
1609vs, 1569m	1617s, 1598vs	1620s, 1600s	1617s, 1597vs	1610s, 1595vs	1620vs, 1580vs	1637s, 1620s	1614s, 1593vs	
1517w,b	1574vs, 1567s	1571vs, b	1568vs, 1552s	1580vs, 1548m	1550m, 1512m,b	1595vs, 1570s	1566vs, 1547s	
	1515m,b	1520ms	1517vs	1510m,b	1128s,sh	1550s, 1518m	1515m,b	
1025m	1090vs, vb	1085vs, vb	1135s,sh	1080vs, vb	1095vs, vb	1111vs,sh	1080vs, vb	δNH ν ₃ (ClO ₄)
	1022m,sh	1017m,sh	1112vs	1022m,sh	1023m,sh	1075vs	1021m,sh	
825m	821m	826m	824m	824m	822m	823m	822m	ρNH ₂ ν ₁ (ClO ₄) Sugar conformation ν ₄ (ClO ₄)
	622ms	625ms	637m, 620m	624ms	625ms	634m, 621m	621ms	
632m, 597m	598w, 575vw	600w, 571vw	601w, 574vw	600w, 577vw	597w, 572vw	602w, 575vw	596w, 572vw	νdado at 650-200cm ⁻¹
562w, 515w	540w, 495w	539w, 500w	542w, 497w	537w, 499w	540w, 498w	540w, 500w	538w, 497w	
490w,b, 453w	450w,sh	455w,sh	423w,sh	450w,sh	455w,sh	432w,sh	452w,sh	
432vw, 410mw	425w,b, 405w	427w, 407w	397w,sh	430w,sh	428w,sh	400w,sh	431w,sh	
398w, 365w	370w, 350w	376w, 348w	375w, 348w	400w, 368w	402w, 370w	372w, 349w	404w, 371w	
349w, 321w	318w, 304w	320w, 307w	322w, 279w	350w, 324w	351w, 322w	324w, 280w	352w, 321w	
311w, 299w	283w, 260mw	280w, 262mw	261mw	303w, 280w	305w, 278w	260mw, 222w	304w, 279w	
262w, 240w				259mw	261mw		263mw, 242w	
225w,b			477w,sh	240w,sh	242w,sh	480w,sh		
	395mw	398mw	456m			463m		
	240w, 223w	244w, 223w	404mw	413mw	411mw	418mw, 414mw	392mw	ν ₂ (ClO ₄) νM-N6
			309mw	254w, 232w	253w, 232w	315mw		νM-O(ROH), R = Et, H
			249w, 228w	254w, 232w	254w, 234w	254w, 234w		νM-O(OCIO ₃) νM-N(ring nitrogen)

^aFor free LH assignments see text.

^bCu adduct.

^cCu complex.

spectra of which ν_3 and ν_4 are doubly split and ν_1 and ν_2 IR-active.^{29,30} Tentative metal-ligand band assignments (Table 2), based on our previous studies of 3d metal perchlorate complexes with nucleosides and derivatives, aqua and ethanol ligands^{2,3,14} are generally in favour of hexacoordinated configurations. The new adducts exhibit only ν M-O(EtOH) and ν M-N(ring) bands, while the Co and Cu complexes show, in addition to the preceding modes, ν M-N6 and ν M-O(-OCIO₃) absorptions.

The ambient temperature magnetic moments of the complexes reported are generally normal for high-spin 3d⁵-3d⁸ compounds or the 3d⁹ configuration.³¹ This does not preclude single-bridged linear bi- or polynuclear structures proposed later in the text. Several single-bridged polymeric 3d metal complexes (Cu, Ni, Co) with diazine (including purine) bridges exhibit normal room temperature magnetic moments and show evidence favouring magnetic exchange interactions only at low temperatures.³²⁻³⁴ The $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transitions of LH³⁵ are shifted toward lower energies upon metal complex formation (200–280nm region), while the $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition of the ligand appears at 304–312nm³ in the UV spectra of the complexes. The new paramagnetic complexes exhibit strong metal-to-ligand charge-transfer absorption,³⁶ originating in the UV and trailing off into the visible region (Table 3). The d-d transition spectra of the new complexes are generally consistent with hexacoordinated configurations,^{2,3,5,14,32} and in agreement with the lower frequency IR evidence, viz nm: M = Fe: ${}^5T_{2g} \rightarrow {}^5E_g$ 824, 1157 (Dq = 1010cm⁻¹); M = Co: ${}^4T_{1g}(F) \rightarrow {}^4T_{1g}(P)$ 476; $\rightarrow {}^4A_{2g}(F)$ 504, 527; $\rightarrow {}^4T_{2g}(F)$ 1170; M = Ni: ${}^3A_{2g}(F) \rightarrow {}^3T_{1g}(P)$ 427; $\rightarrow {}^3T_{1g}(F)$ 635, 732; $\rightarrow {}^3T_{2g}(F)$ 965, 1171 (Dq = 936cm⁻¹). The ${}^2E_g \rightarrow {}^2T_{2g}$ transition appears at 663nm in the new Cu adduct and at 670nm in the Cu complex. The preceding data are compatible with low symmetry, hexacoordinated structures involving MN₃O₃ (M = Fe, Co, Ni and Cu {complex}) and CuN₄O₂ (adduct) chromophores^{2,3,5,14,32,37} (*vide infra*).

The evidence presented, combined with the insolubility of the new metal complexes in organic media and the pronounced tendency of purine derivatives to function as bidentate bridging ligands,³⁸ favours linear dimeric or polymeric structures with single bridges involving LH ligands between adjacent metal ions. Likely structural types for the new adducts are depicted in II for Mn, Fe, Ni, Zn and III for Cu. N7 is the primary binding site of terminal 9-substituted adenines, especially in octahedral metal complexes.^{3-5,39-41} Bidentate bridging ligands of this type usually bind *via*

Table 3 Solid-state (nujol mull) electronic spectra and magnetic susceptibilities at 300°K of the new metal complexes

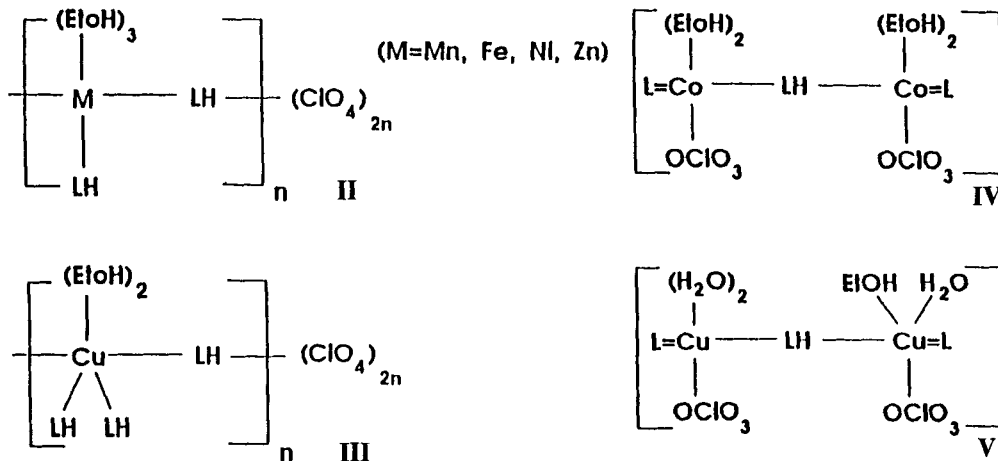
M	λ max, nm ^a	$10^6 \chi_M^{cor}$, cgsu	μ_{eff} , μ_B
Mn	<200vvs, 218vvs, 243vs, 275vs, b, 310s, sh, 350s, 432s, 492w, b	14,761	5.98
Fe	<200vvs, 216vvs, 240vs, 278vs, b, 312s, sh, 353s, 824mw, b, 1157w, vb	10,466	5.03
Co	<200vvs, 213vvs, 239vs, 280vs, b, 307s, sh, 345s, 476s, sh, 504s, 527s, sh, 1170w, b	9726	4.85
Ni	<200vvs, 217vvs, 244vs, 275vs, b, 304s, sh, 352s, 427s, 635mw, 732mw, b, 965w, 1171w, b	3922	3.08
Cu ^b	<200vvs, 212vvs, 241vs, 272vs, b, 307s, sh, 355s, 575m, sh, 663ms, b	1528	1.92
Cu ^c	<200vvs, 212vvs, 244vs, 276vs, b, 311s, sh, 354s, 569m, sh, 670ms, b	1447	1.87
Zn	<200vs, 215vs, 241vs, 269vs, b, 309s, sh, 355s, b	Diamagnetic	

^aNujol mull spectrum of LH, nm: 206vvs, 223vs, sh, 261vs, b.

^bCu adduct.

^cCu complex.

N1, N7.⁴² Coordination number six in the adducts is attained by the presence of two or three ethanol ligands, while the perchlorates are exclusively ionic. The two new complexes are most probably dimers of types IV and V, involving an N1,N7-bound bridging LH ligand, two terminal ROH (R = Et or H), one unidentate -OCIO₃, and one bidentate chelating L⁻ ligand per metal ion. Binding of L⁻ presumably occurs *via* N6,N7 rather than N1,N6 (formation of a five- *vs* four-membered chelate rings, respectively). This situation is quite different in the case of metal chelates of anionic adenine or adenose N(1)-oxide ligands, which bind *via* O1,N6^{13,43,44} (five-membered chelate ring).



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