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The synthesis and characterization of the complexes $\text{CuX}_2(\text{nia})_2$ (where $\text{X} = \text{ClCH}_2\text{COO}^-$, $\text{Cl}_2\text{CHCOO}^-$, Cl_3CCOO^- , $\text{CH}_3\text{CHClCOO}^-$ or $\text{CH}_3\text{CCl}_2\text{COO}^-$, and $\text{nia} = \text{nicotinamide}$) is reported. Characterization of the compounds was based on elemental analysis, electronic and EPR spectra, and magnetic susceptibility measurements over a temperature range. Available evidence supports a *pseudo*-octahedral environment around copper(II). The magnetic properties for the compounds indicate the presence of weak antiferromagnetic interactions. EPR spectra of finely ground polycrystalline samples are consistent with an essentially $d_{x^2-y^2}$ ground state.

KEY WORDS: Copper, halogeno-carboxylates, nicotinamides, EPR, magnetic properties.

INTRODUCTION

Nicotinic acid and its derivatives possess very interesting pharmaceutical properties and are important from a biological point of view. One important derivative, nicotinamide, the amide of the vitamin, is one of the two heterocyclic components of the essential co-enzymes NAD and NADP. The first structure reported of a metal complex of nicotinamide was carried out by Kindberg et al.¹ The structure was found to consist of isolated neutral molecules of $[\text{Cu}(\text{nia})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{BF}_4)_2]$ with a *trans*-distorted octahedral environment about copper(II). Nicotinamide was coordinated to copper(II) *via* the ring nitrogens. X-ray analysis of copper bispropionato

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nicotinamide shows² that the copper(II) atoms are bridged in pairs by four propionate groups to form centrosymmetric binuclear molecules, $[\text{Cu}(\text{prop})_2\text{nia}]_2$, with the ring nitrogen of the nicotinamide situated at the vertices of a weakly deformed tetragonal pyramid about each copper(II) ion.

To our knowledge, no copper(II) halogeno-alkyl-carboxylates containing the nicotinamide ligand has been described in the literature. In this study we report on the donor properties of the nicotinamide ligand in the compounds $\text{CuX}_2(\text{nia})_2$ (where $\text{X} = \text{ClCH}_2\text{COO}^-$, $\text{Cl}_2\text{CHCOO}^-$, Cl_3CCOO^- , $\text{CH}_3\text{CHClCOO}^-$, or $\text{CH}_3\text{CCl}_2\text{COO}^-$, and nia = nicotinamide). The compounds were characterized by elemental and thermal analysis, and their spectroscopic and magnetic properties.

EXPERIMENTAL

Synthesis

The copper(II) carboxylate compounds were prepared by treating nicotinamide (0.02 mol) with a copper(II) carboxylate (0.01 mol) in hot methanol. These were left to stand at room temperature, and the blue-violet crude products which deposited were recrystallized from methanol. When the mother liquid was concentrated after separation of the violet crystals of $\text{Cu}(\text{Cl}_3\text{CCOO})_2(\text{nia})_2$, one obtained a blue solid which was filtered, washed with cold methanol, and dried in air. Elemental analyses are given in Table 1.

Spectroscopic Studies

Reflectance spectra of diluted compounds in Li_2CO_3 were recorded in the range 200–700 nm using the Hitachi 356 spectrophotometer, and undiluted samples were recorded on a Beckman UV 5240 spectrophotometer (350–1500 nm).

Electron paramagnetic resonance spectra were measured with an X-band Radiojan SE/X 2543 spectrometer as powders at room and liquid nitrogen temperatures. A solid sample of Mn(II) in MgO was used as the reference and the magnetic field was calibrated with an MJ 110R nuclear magnetometer.

Thermal Studies

Thermal decomposition was studied using a derivatograph (MOM, Budapest). The

Table 1 Elemental analyses for the complexes

Compound ^a	Cu%		C%		H%		N%	
	Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found
1	12.84	12.67	38.84	38.96	3.26	3.40	11.32	11.38
2	10.59	10.64	32.05	32.5	3.03	2.96	9.34	9.60
3	10.05	9.84	30.38	30.02	1.91	1.99	8.86	8.89
4	10.05	9.92	30.38	30.42	1.91	1.96	8.86	8.77
5	12.15	11.98	41.35	40.96	3.80	3.95	10.72	10.80
6	10.74	11.0	36.54	36.65	3.07	3.12	9.47	9.55

^aThe compounds are 1: $\text{Cu}(\text{ClCH}_2\text{COO})_2(\text{nia})_2$; 2: $\text{Cu}(\text{Cl}_2\text{CHCOO})_2\text{nia}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$; 3: $\text{Cu}(\text{Cl}_3\text{CCOO})_2(\text{nia})_2$ -blue isomer; 4: violet isomer; 5: $\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CHClCOO})_2(\text{nia})_2$; 6: $\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CCl}_2\text{COO})_2(\text{nia})_2$.

apparatus and its operation have been described by Paulik et al.³ The rate of temperature increase was 6° per minute. Measurements were made in air.

Magnetic Susceptibility

Measurements were made on polycrystalline samples by the Faraday method over the temperature range 77–290 K using a Cahn RG 2 electrobalance. The applied magnetic field was 5.25 kOe. The calibrant was HgCO(NCS)₄, for which the magnetic susceptibility was taken to be 16.44×10^{-6} (cm³ g⁻¹).⁴ Correction for diamagnetism of the constituent atoms was calculated by Pascal's constants.⁵ A value of 60×10^{-6} cm³ mol⁻¹ was used for the temperature independent paramagnetism of the copper(II) ion. The effective magnetic moments were calculated by the following equation.

$$\mu_{eff} = 2.83(\chi_M^{corr} T)^{0.5}$$

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The thermal decomposition of the two isomeric forms of Cu(Cl₃CCOO)₂(nia)₂ was carried out in air. Differences were observed for the onset of decomposition, being 130°C for the violet and 140°C for the blue species. Decomposition of the blue isomer also appeared to occur at a faster rate. At 180°C the TG curves show a loss of nicotinamide in both isomers. The theoretical mass loss is 38.8%, compared to the observed value of 39.5%. Decomposition of remaining Cu(Cl₃CCOO)₂ starts before all of the nicotinamide is eliminated, and it is therefore not isolable.

The electronic spectra (Table 2) of Cu(ClCH₂COO)₂(nia)₂ and Cu(Cl₂CHCOO)₂(nia)₂·2H₂O show intraligand transition bands, a charge transfer band (II) at 400 and 396 nm, respectively, and a broad band at 730 and 668 nm, respectively, which can be assigned to d-d transitions. Blue and violet Cu(Cl₃CCOO)₂(nia)₂ solid state electronic spectra show differences. The violet isomer exhibits a broad ligand field band with a maximum at 548 nm and a shoulder at 658 nm. The blue isomer has only one band with a maximum at about 660 nm. Similar spectra were also observed for another two compounds, Cu(CH₃CHClCOO)₂(nia)₂ and Cu(CH₃CCl₂COO)₂(nia)₂, with maxima at 666 nm and 620 nm, respectively. This type of d-d spectrum is typical for tetragonal arrangements around copper(II), corresponding to electron transfer from the one-electron orbital ground state, d_{x²-y²}. The "blue shift" of the d-d band of the violet isomer indicates a somewhat greater tetragonal distortion around the Cu(II) atom⁶ than in the blue isomer.

Table 2 Electronic spectra, ν_{max} (nm), data

Compound	Band I	Band II	Intraligand bands
1	730	400 (shoulder)	294, 292
2	668	396 (shoulder)	286
3	600		288
4	658sh 548		294
5	666		
6	620		294

Table 3 EPR data for the complexes

Compound	T (K)	Spectroscopic splitting factors			
		g_1	g_2	g_3	$g_i \langle g \rangle$
		g_{\perp}	g_{\parallel}		
1	293	2.04 ₅	2.11 ₈	2.21 ₁	2.12 ₆
	77	2.06 ₅	2.12 ₆	2.23 ₃	2.14 ₂
2	293		2.06 ₂	2.21 ₈	2.11 ₅
	77		2.06 ₇	2.27 ₄	2.13 ₈
3	293	2.06 ₇	2.13 ₄	2.24 ₈	2.15 ₁
	77	2.05 ₇	2.12 ₃	2.23 ₆	2.14 ₀
4	293				2.06 ₇
	77				2.06 ₀
5	293	2.06 ₇		2.27 ₃	
	77				2.09 ₈
6	293				2.07 ₂
	77				2.06 ₆

The EPR spectra of the compounds were determined at both room and liquid nitrogen temperatures. Those of $\text{Cu}(\text{ClCH}_2\text{COO})_2(\text{nia})_2$ (**1**) and blue $\text{Cu}(\text{Cl}_3\text{CCOO})_2(\text{nia})_2$ (**3**) at both temperatures displayed three g values (Table 3) with g_3 (g_{\parallel}) $>$ (g_2), (g_1). This points to the presence of a structure with $S=1/2$ and basic state $d_x^2-y^2$. The EPR spectrum of $\text{Cu}(\text{Cl}_2\text{CHCOO})_2(\text{nia})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**2**) at both temperatures indicated an axial type with $g_{\parallel} > g_{\perp}$ (Table 3). The EPR spectrum of $\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CHClCOO})_2(\text{nia})_2$ (**5**) is anisotropic at room temperature with two values of the g factor, but at liquid nitrogen temperatures it is isotropic (Table 3). Finally, the EPR spectra of violet $\text{Cu}(\text{Cl}_3\text{CCOO})_2(\text{nia})_2$ (**4**) and $\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CCl}_2\text{COO})_2(\text{nia})_2$ (**6**) are isotropic at both temperatures (Table 3). The slightly higher g values of compounds (**1**) and (**2**) at room temperature seem to be associated with a more symmetrical coordination geometry than at liquid nitrogen temperatures. On the other hand, just the opposite is found for the compounds (**3**) to (**6**).

Magnetic susceptibility measurements of polycrystalline samples of $\text{CuX}_2(\text{nia})_2$ between 77 and 293 K obey the Curie-Weiss law,

$$\chi_M^{\text{corr}} = C/(T - \theta)$$

where the Curie Constant $C = Ng^2p^2S(S+1)/3k$ for $S=1/2$. The values of μ_{eff} are slightly dependent on temperature. Since all di-nicotinamide adducts possess negative Weiss constants (Table 4), a weak antiferromagnetic interaction may occur. All compounds seem to possess octahedral stereochemistry with different tetragonal distortions around Cu(II).

The magnetic moment of the violet isomer of $\text{Cu}(\text{Cl}_3\text{CCOO})_2(\text{nia})_2$ is on average about 0.02 B.M. lower over the whole temperature region explored than the blue isomer, indicating a somewhat greater degree of distortion about Cu(II). Because of this increasing distortion, the energy differences between co-acting term increases, and this leads to a decrease in the values for the magnetic moment. This is in close agreement with the ligand field band position and degree of splitting (Table 2). The

Table 4 Magnetic data^a for the complexes

Compound	$\Delta \times 10^6$ ($\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$) ^b	$\chi_M^{\text{corr}} \times 10^6$ ($\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$) ^c	μ_{eff} (B.M.) ^c	C ($\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$)	θ (K)
1	-231	1530	1.91	0.474	-18.9
2	-292	1530	1.91	0.469	-11.5
3	-300	1490	1.87	0.507	-9.5
4	-300	1400	1.85	0.434	-10.3
5	-255	1440	1.87	0.453	-5.4
6	-290	1510	1.90	0.453	-5.4

^aThere are over 20 data points between the two experimental temperature limits. ^bDiamagnetic corrections.

^cData at room temperature

splitting is also indicative of a greater degree of tetragonal distortion. Therefore, these species may in fact be "distortion isomers" of the type described for other Cu(II) compounds.^{7,8}

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