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#### Abstract

Monooxo complexes of rhenium( V ) with 2-[[[(2-pyridinyl)ethyl]amino]methyl]phenol $\left(\mathrm{HL}_{2}\right)$ and some of its derivatives, containing the ONN donor-atom set, have been synthesized. The complexes with general formula $\left[\mathrm{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{n}\right)\right]$ were characterized by various physical techniques, including IR and NMR. X-ray structures of $\left[\operatorname{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{\mathrm{n}}\right)\right]$ (n $=2,3,5 ; \mathrm{HL}_{3}=2$-[[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]methyl]phenol; $\mathrm{HL}_{5}=2$-[[(2-pyridinylmethyl)ethylamino]methyllphenol) were determined. Crystals of $\left[\mathrm{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{2}\right)\right]$ (2) are rhombohedral, $\mathrm{R} 3, a=13.915(2) \AA, \alpha=81.76(2)^{\circ}, Z=6$; those of $\left[\operatorname{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{3}\right)\right]$ (3) are monoclinic, $C 2 / c, a=25.92(2), b=9.426(8), c=28.38(2) \AA, \beta=100.33(9)^{\circ}, Z=16$. $\left[\mathrm{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{5}\right)\right]$, (5), is monoclinic, $P 2_{1}, a=7.380(4), b=11.743(7), c=8.346(5) \AA, \beta=$ $94.74(5)^{\circ}, Z=2$. The structures were solved by the Patterson method and refined by fullmatrix least-squares to $R=0.038,0.036$ and 0.062 for complexes 2,3 and 5 , respectively. In all three complexes the multidentate $\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{n}}{ }^{-}$ligands act as terdentate ONN -donors, with the phenolate oxygen occupying the site trans to the oxo oxygen.


Keywords: thenium(V); terdentate ligands; X-ray structures

## INTRODUCTION

Due to the interest in correlations of rhenium and technetium chemistry and the potential radiotherapeutical applications of ${ }^{186} \mathrm{Re}$ and ${ }^{188} \mathrm{Re}$ [1], we are studying the interaction of potentially terdentate ligands with the oxorhenium $(\mathrm{V})$ core.

[^0]During the last few years complexes of oxorhenium( $(V)$ and oxotechnetium $(\mathrm{V})$ with dianionic terdentate ONX ( $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{O}$ or S ) donor Schiff base ligands (containing an imino nitrogen) have been well studied [2-4]. In the case of oxorhenium( V ) the ligand is completely bonded to the metal on the equatorial plane with respect to the $\mathrm{Re}=\mathrm{O}$ linkage, with a halogen atom or small oxygenated molecule $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right.$, $\mathrm{MeOH})$ trans to $\mathrm{Re}=\mathrm{O}$ in distorted octahedral products of the type ReO $\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{ONX})(\mathrm{MeOH})$.

Only one study of oxorhenium( V ) complexes containing terdentate Schiff base ligands with the ONN donor-atom set has appeared in the literature [5]. Sixcoordinate complexes of the type $\left[\mathrm{ReOCl}_{2}(\mathrm{ONN})\right]$ were obtained from the ligand exchange reactions of $\mathrm{ReOCl}_{4}^{-}$with HONN. X-Ray diffraction and spectrophotometric analyses showed that the ONN ligands are coordinated to the metal in an unusual fashion, with the central imino nitrogen located trans to the oxo oxygen. It was intimated that the trans-labilizing effect of the oxo oxygen seems to be inactive in these complexes.

In this account we report on complexes that were isolated from the reactions of trans- $\mathrm{ReOCl}_{3}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}$ or $\mathrm{ReOCl}_{4}^{-}$with terdentate ligands of the pyridylaminophenol type (Figure 1). These chelates are very similar to the abovementioned ONN donor Schiff base ligands, except that they contain an amino nitrogen in place of the imino nitrogen.

## EXPERIMENTAL

## Materials

All chemicals were of reagent grade and were used as received. Solvents were purified and dried before use. Literature methods were used for the syntheses of trans- $\mathrm{ReOCl}_{3}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}$ [6] and ( $n-\mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}$ )[ $\mathrm{ReOCl}_{4}$ ] [7]. The synthesis of ligands $\mathrm{HL}_{1}-\mathrm{HL}_{4}$ was based on a literature method [8]. $\mathrm{HL}_{5}$ and $\mathrm{HL}_{6}$ were prepared from the reaction of $\mathrm{HL}_{1}$ with ethyl bromide and benzyl bromide, respectively, by using a published procedure [9].

## Instrumentation

Scientific instrumentation used in this study is the same as reported elsewhere [10]. Infrared spectra were obtained in KBr discs and ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ n.m.r. spectra were run in $d_{6}$-DMSO. Electronic spectra were all obtained in acetonitrile, and data are given as $\lambda_{\text {max }}$ with extinction coefficients (in units $\mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ) in parentheses.

## Synthesis of the Complexes

## $\mathbf{C i s}-\left[\mathrm{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathbf{L}_{1}\right)\right](\mathbf{1})$

The salt $\left(n-\mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right)\left[\mathrm{ReOCl}_{4}\right](102 \mathrm{mg}, 170 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ was dissolved in $10 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ of acetone, and an equimolar amount of $\mathrm{HL}_{1}(37.3 \mathrm{mg}$ ), dissolved in acetone ( 10 $\mathrm{cm}^{3}$ ), was added to the yellow solution. The colour of the solution changed immediately to apple green, and it was heated under reflux for 6h. After cooling to room temperature, the solution was filtered. Slow evaporation of the filtrate at room temperature deposited fine green needles, which were removed by

$\mathrm{HL}_{1}$

FIGURE 1 Ligands used in this study; ( $\mathrm{HL}_{1}=2$-[[(2-pyridinylmethyl)amino $]$ methyl $]$ phenol; $\mathrm{HL}_{2}=$ 2 -[[[(2-pyridinyl)ethyl]amino]methyl]phenol; $\mathrm{HL}_{3}=2-[[[2$-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amino]methyl]phenol; $\mathrm{HL}_{4}=2-[[(2-$ pyridyl $)$ amino $]$ methyl $]$ phenol; $\mathrm{HL}_{5}=2-[[(2$-pyridinylmethyl)ethylamino $] m e-$ thyl]phenol; $\mathrm{HL}_{6}=2-[[(2$-pyridinylmethyl)benzylamino]methyl]phenol.)
filtration, washed with acetone ( $3 \times 2 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ), and dried under vacuum. Yield $64 \%$; m.p. $>350^{\circ}$ C. Anal.: calcd.: C, 32.10 ; H, 2.69; N, 5.76\%. Found: C, 32.21 ; H, 2.53; N, 5.88\%. IR: $v(\operatorname{Re}=\mathrm{O}) 966(\mathrm{vs}) ; v(\mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{H}) 3156(\mathrm{~s}) ; \delta(\mathrm{py}) 1615(\mathrm{~s}) ; v(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O})$ 1273(vs); $v(\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{Cl}) 322(\mathrm{~m}), 311(\mathrm{~m}) \mathrm{cm}^{-1} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ n.m.r.: $\delta 9.29$ (d, $\left.1 \mathrm{H}, H^{1}\right) ; 7.98$ (t, $\left.1 \mathrm{H}, H^{3}\right) ; 7.78\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{2}\right) ; 7.62\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{4}\right) ; 7.14\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{13}\right) ; 6.83\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{12}\right)$; $6.69\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{11}\right) ; 5.96\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{10}\right) ; 5.05\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{5 \mathrm{a}}\right) ; 4.67\left(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{5 \mathrm{~b}}\right) ; 4.39$ (d, $\left.1 \mathrm{H}, H^{8 \mathrm{a}}\right) ; 4.09$ (dd, $1 \mathrm{H}, H^{\mathrm{Bb}}$ ) ppm. Electronic spectrum: 344(9800), 255(22500).

## Cis-[ $\left.\operatorname{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{2}\right)\right](2)$

To a solution of $\mathrm{HL}_{2}(55.3 \mathrm{mg}, 240 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in acetone $\left(10 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ was added trans$\mathrm{ReOCl}_{3}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}(103 \mathrm{mg}, 120 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in $10 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ of acetone. The mixture was gently heated under reflux for 24 h , and during this time the colour changed from yellow-green to very dark green. After cooling to room temperature, a green precipitate was filtered from the solution, and it was washed with benzene and diethylether. The mother liquor yielded a batch of green needles on slow evaporation. Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were grown from acetonitrile. Total yield $63 \%$; m.p. $199^{\circ}$ C. Anal.: calcd.: C, $33.60 ;$ H, 3.02 ; N, $5.60 \%$. Found: C, 33.99; H, 3.11; N, 5.62\%. IR: $v(\mathrm{Re}=\mathrm{O}) 966(\mathrm{vs}) ; v(\mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{H}) 3176(\mathrm{~s}) ; \delta(\mathrm{py})$ 1617(s); $v(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}) 1277(\mathrm{vs}) ; v(\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{Cl}) 315(\mathrm{~m}), 301(\mathrm{~m}) \mathrm{cm}^{-1} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ n.m.r.: 89.43 (br $\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{N} H) ; 9.32\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{1}\right) ; 7.91\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{3}\right) ; 7.78\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{2}\right) ; 7.61\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{4}\right) ;$ $7.08\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{13}\right) ; 6.98\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{11}\right) ; 6.72\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{12}\right) ; 6.35\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{10}\right) ; 3.46(\mathrm{~s}$, $\left.2 \mathrm{H}, H^{8}\right) ; 3.11-3.17\left(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, H^{6}\right.$ and $\left.H^{7}\right) ; 2.85\left(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{6}\right) \mathrm{ppm}$. Electronic spectrum: 340 (5300), 250 (11000).

## Cis-[ $\left.\operatorname{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{3}\right)\right](3)$

A solution of trans- $\mathrm{ReOCl}_{3}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}(103 \mathrm{mg})$ in acetone ( $10 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) was added to 48 mg of $\mathrm{HL}_{3}(250 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in $10 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ of acetone, and the mixture was heated under reflux for 6 h . During this time the solution changed colour from yellowgreen to green, and a green precipitate formed. The solid was removed and washed with acetone ( $3 \times 2 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ), and dried under vacuum; yield $91 \%$; m.p. $278^{\circ}$ C. Anal.: calcd.: C, 28.33; H, 3.67; N, 6.01\%. Found: C, 28.10; H, 3.57; N, $6.10 \%$. IR: $\nu(\mathrm{Re}=\mathrm{O}) 961(\mathrm{~s}) ; \nu(\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}) 3150(\mathrm{~m}) ; \nu(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}) 1277(\mathrm{~s}) ; \nu(\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}) 436(\mathrm{~s}) ;$ $\nu(\operatorname{Re}-\mathrm{Cl}) 313(\mathrm{~m}), 307(\mathrm{~m}) \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ n.m.r.: $89.28(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{N} H) ; 7.63(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.H^{13}\right) ; 7.45\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{11}\right) ; 7.28\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{12}\right) ; 6.60\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{10}\right) ; 3.78\left(\mathrm{t}, 2 \mathrm{H}, H^{6}\right) ; 3.61$ (d, $2 \mathrm{H}, H^{8}$ ); $3.34\left(\mathrm{t}, 2 \mathrm{H}, H^{\prime}\right) ; 2.85\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) \mathrm{ppm}$. Electronic spectrum: 338(3700), 242(7700).

## Trans-[ $\left.\operatorname{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathbf{L}_{4}\right)\left(\mathbf{P P h}_{3}\right)\right]$ (4)

An acetone solution of trans $-\mathrm{ReOCl}_{3}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}\left(101 \mathrm{mg}\right.$ in $\left.10 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ was added to 51 mg of $\mathrm{HL}_{4}$, dissolved in $10 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ of acetone. After the mixture was heated under reflux for 3 h and cooled to room temperature, a light green solid was removed by filtration, and it was washed with benzene, diethylether and acetone, and dried under vacuum. The yield was $71 \%$; m.p. $197^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Anal.: calcd.: C, $49.05 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.57$; N, $3.81 \%$. Found: C, 49.55; H, 3.39; N, 3.78\%. IR: $v(\mathrm{Re}=\mathrm{O}) 970(\mathrm{~s}) ; v(\mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{H})$ $3177(\mathrm{~s}) ; \delta(\mathrm{py}) 1630(\mathrm{~s}) ; \nu(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}) 1284(\mathrm{~s}) ; \nu(\operatorname{Re}-\mathrm{N}) 430(\mathrm{~s}) ; \nu(\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{C}) 1099(\mathrm{~s}) ; \nu(\mathrm{Re}-$ $\mathrm{Cl}) 308 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ n.m.r.: 88.98 (br s, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{N} H$ ); $7.95\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{1}\right) ; 7.52-7.69(\mathrm{~m}$, $\left.17 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PPh}_{3}, H^{3}, H^{13}\right) ; 7.43\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{2}\right) ; 7.26\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{4}\right) ; 7.16\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{11}\right) ; 6.88$ (d, $\left.1 \mathrm{H}, H^{10}\right) ; 6.82\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{12}\right) ; 4.51\left(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, H^{8}\right) \mathrm{ppm}$. Electronic spectrum: 309(3300), 272(4400).

## Cis-[ReOCl $\mathbf{2}^{\left.\left(\mathrm{L}_{5}\right)\right](5)}$

A mixture of 101 mg of trans- $\mathrm{ReOCl}_{3}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}$ and 61 mg of $\mathrm{HL}_{5}(250 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in $20 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ of ethanol was heated under reflux for 18 h . After cooling to room temperature, the dark green solution was filtered, and left to evaporate slowly overnight at room temperature. The green paralellepipeds that deposited were removed by filtration, washed with benzene, diethylether and acetone, and dried under vacuum. They were suitable for X-ray diffraction studies. The yield was $57 \%$; m.p. $242^{\circ}$ C. Anal.: calcd.: C, 32.02 ; H, 3.33; N, $5.45 \%$. Found: C, 35.13; H, 3.27; N, 5.39\%. IR: $v(\operatorname{Re}=\mathrm{O}) 961(\mathrm{~s}) ; \delta(\mathrm{py}) 1613(\mathrm{~s}) ; \nu(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}) 1270(\mathrm{~s}) ; \nu(\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N})$ 432(s); $\nu(\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{Cl}) 321(\mathrm{~m}), 310(\mathrm{~m}) \mathrm{cm}^{-1} .^{1} \mathrm{H}$ n.m.r.: $89.18\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{1}\right) ; 7.94$ (t, 1H, $\left.H^{3}\right) ; 7.72\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{2}\right) ; 7.51\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{4}\right) ; 7.16\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{13}\right) ; 6.82\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{11}\right) ; 6.64$ $\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{12}\right) ; 5.94\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{10}\right) ; 5.29\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{5 \mathrm{a}}\right) ; 4.79\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{5 \mathrm{~b}}\right) ; 4.14(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.H^{8 \mathrm{a}}\right) ; 3.97\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{\mathrm{gb}}\right) ; 4.36\left(\mathrm{q}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{Et}}\right) ; 1.51\left(\mathrm{t}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) \mathrm{ppm}$. Electronic spectrum: 340 (3400), 258(8150).

## $\mathbf{C i s}-\left[\mathrm{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{6}\right)\right](6)$

This complex was synthesized following the same procedure as for 5 . The yield was $68 \%$; m.p. $254^{\circ}$ C. Anal.: calcd.: C, 41.67 ; H, 3.32 ; N, $4.86 \%$. Found: C, 41.59; H, 3.29; N, 4.71\%. IR: $v(\mathrm{Re}=\mathrm{O}) 965(\mathrm{~s}) ; \delta(\mathrm{py}) 1611(\mathrm{~s}) ; \nu(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}) 1269(\mathrm{vs})$; $\nu(\operatorname{Re}-\mathrm{N}) 430(\mathrm{~s}) ; \nu(\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{Cl}), 324(\mathrm{~m}), 329(\mathrm{~m}) \mathrm{cm}^{-1} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ n.m.r.: $\delta 9.19\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{1}\right)$; $7.90\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{3}\right) ; 7.79\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{13}\right) ; 7.71\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{2}\right) ; 7.50-7.61\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}, H^{4}, \mathrm{C}_{6} H_{5}\right)$; $6.79\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{11}\right) ; 6.53\left(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{12}\right) ; 5.93\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{10}\right) ; 5.52\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{5 \mathrm{a}}\right) ; 5.04$ (d, $\left.1 \mathrm{H}, H^{5 \mathrm{~b}}\right) ; 5.31\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{8 \mathrm{a}}\right) ; 4.85\left(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, H^{8 \mathrm{~b}}\right) ; 3.39\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right) \mathrm{ppm}$. Electronic spectrum: 342(3900), 262(11300).

## Crystallographic Measurements and Structure Resolution of $\left[\operatorname{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathbf{L}_{2}\right)\right]$ (2), $\left[\operatorname{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{3}\right)\right]$ (3) and $\left[\mathrm{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{5}\right)\right]$ (5)

Details of the crystal data, intensity measurements and data processing for the three complexes are summarized in Table I.Final unit-cell parameters were obtained by least-squares fits of the setting angles for 50 reflections with $2 \theta>17^{\circ}$ for 2, and from 30 high angle data with $2 \theta>21^{\circ}$ for 3 and 5. For the structure factors, corrections for Lorentz and polarization effects and absorption were made. The structures were solved by standard heavy-atom methods with subsequent Fourier difference maps yielding the positions of the light atoms. To ensure an acceptable observation/variable ratio the phenyl ring in $\mathbf{3}$ was treated as a rigid body and anisotropy was applied only to Re and Cl atoms. In all cases refinement proceeded routinely and no anomalies in temperature factors or excursions of election density in the final Fourier maps were observed. Final fractional atomic coordinates are given in Table II and selected bond distances and angles in Table III. For 3 the peaks were broad; the crystal was a weak diffractor and its metrical data (Table III) should be interpreted with caution. The SHELXTL-PLUS package of computer programs [11] was employed for the solution and refinement of the structures and ORTEP [12] used to plot the structures. Additional material comprises anisotropic thermal parameters (Table A), bond lengths (Table B) and angles (Table C), and a listing of observed/ calculated structure factors (Table D), and is available from the authors upon request.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The reactions between $\left(n-\mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right)\left[\mathrm{ReOCl}_{4}\right]$ or trans- $\mathrm{ReOCl}_{3}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}$ with the $\mathrm{HL}_{n}$ ligands containing the ONN donor-atom set in acetone or ethanol led to the isolation of neutral six-coordinated complexes of general formula $\left[\mathrm{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{\mathrm{n}}\right)\right]$ ( $\mathrm{n} \neq 4$ ), as described in equations (1) and (2).

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\begin{gather*}
\left(n-\mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right)\left[\mathrm{ReOCl}_{4}\right]+\mathrm{HL}_{n} \rightarrow\left[\operatorname{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{n}\right)\right]+\left(n-\mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right) \mathrm{Cl}+\mathrm{HCl}  \tag{1}\\
\operatorname{ReOCl}_{3}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{2}+\mathrm{HL}_{n} \rightarrow\left[\mathrm{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{\mathrm{n}}\right)\right]+2 \mathrm{PPh}_{3}+\mathrm{HCl} \tag{2}
\end{gather*}
$$

The ligands $\mathrm{HL}_{\mathrm{n}}(\mathrm{n} \neq 4)$ act as terdentate chelates. However, ligand $\mathrm{HL}_{4}$ reacts to form the complex $\left[\operatorname{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{4}\right)\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right](4)$, in which $\mathrm{L}_{4}{ }^{-}$is coordinated in a didentate mode.
TABLE I Structure determination summary ${ }^{*}$.

|  | (2) | (3) | (5) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Crystal Data: |  |  |  |
| Empirical Formula | $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Re} \cdot 1 / 3 \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN} \cdot 1 / 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{Re}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{Re}$ |
| M | 520.1 | 514.4 | 466.4 |
| Colour; Habit | violet spheroids | green lozenges | green paralellepipeds |
| Crystal Size (mm) | radius ca 0.12 mm | $0.05 \times 0.10 \times 0.20$ | $0.05 \times 0.10 \times 0.10$ |
| Crystal System | rhombohedral | monoclinic | monoclinic |
| Unit Cell Dimensions: |  |  |  |
| $a / \AA{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 13.915(2) | 25.92(2) | $7.380(4)$ |
| $b / A$ |  | 9.426(8) | 11.743(7) |
| $c / \AA$ |  | 28.38(2) | $8.346(5)$ |
| $\alpha /{ }^{\circ}$ | 81.76(2) | 90 | 90 |
| $\beta{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 | 100.33(9) | 94.74(5) |
| $\gamma{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| $U / \AA^{3}$ | 2618(1) | 6821 (6) | 720.8(7) |
| $D_{\mathrm{c}} / \mathrm{Mgm}_{-1}{ }^{-3}$ | 1.979 | 2.004 | 2.149 |
| $\mu / \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 7.28 | 74.5 | 87.9 |
| $Z$ | 6 | 16 | 2 |
| Space Group | RR-3 | C2/c (No. 15) | $P 2_{1}$ (No. 4) |
| Data Collection: |  |  |  |
| $2 \theta$ Range ${ }^{\circ}$ | 4.5-50.0 ${ }^{\circ}$ | 4.5-44.0 ${ }^{\circ}$ | 4.5-45.0 ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| Index Ranges, $h \mathrm{kl}$ | 0 to 16, -16-16, - 16-16 | -27 to $27,0-9,-29$ to 29 | 0-7,0-12,-8 to 8 |
| Independent Reflections | 2179 | $4203\left(R_{\text {int }}=0.040\right)$ | $998\left(R_{\text {int }}=0.061\right)$ |
| Observed Reflections | 1484( $\left.F_{o}>4 \sigma\left(F_{o}\right)\right)$ | $2710\left(F_{o}>3 \sigma\left(F_{o}\right)\right)$ | $850\left(F_{o}>3 \sigma\left(F_{o}\right)\right.$ ) |
| Solution and Refinement: Weighting Scheme ( $w^{-1}$ ) | $\sigma^{2}(F)+0.0154 F^{2}$ | $\sigma^{2}(F)+0.0074 F^{2}$ | $\sigma^{2}(F)+0.1463 F^{2}$ |
| Number of Parameters Refined | 198 | 301 | 75 |
| Final $R, R^{\prime}$ indices (observed data) | 0.038, 0.055 | 0.036, 0.049 | 0.062, 0.080 |
| Goodness-of-fit | 0.41 | 0.54 | 0.50 | monochromator, $\omega-2 \theta$ scan mode, variable scan speed $4.51-14.65^{\circ} \mathrm{min}^{-1}$ in $\omega$, scan range $(\omega) 0.60^{\circ}+\mathrm{K} \alpha$ separation; 2 standard reflections every 150; function minimized $\Sigma w\left(\left|F_{o}\right|-\left|F_{\mathrm{c}}\right|\right)^{2} ; \mathrm{H}$ atoms undetectable from $\Delta F$.

TABLE II Atomic coordinates $\left(\times 10^{4}\right)$ and equivalent isotropic displacement coefficients $\left(\AA^{2} \times 10^{3}\right)$.

| (2) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $x / a$ | $y / b$ | $z / c$ | $U(*)$ |
| Re | -455(1) | 1971(1) | 4942(1) | 28(1) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 492(3) | 3254(3) | 4299(3) | 42(1) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 162(3) | 1188(3) | 3509 (3) | 45(1) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 329(6) | 1275(7) | 5643(7) | 46(4) |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)$ | -1549(6) | 2631(6) | 4309 (6) | 32(3) |
| N(1) | -1115(7) | 2734(8) | 6157(8) | 34(4) |
| N(2) | -1440(8) | 834(8) | 5425(8) | 35(4) |
| C(1) | -1193(11) | 3744(11) | 6020(12) | 48(6) |
| C(2) | 1536(12) | 4290(12) | 6780(11) | 50(6) |
| C(3) | -1791(12) | 3791(14) | 7656(14) | 63(7) |
| C(4) | -1768(12) | 2831(13) | 7824(12) | 53(6) |
| C(5) | -1457(10) | 2300(11) | 7039(9) | 34(5) |
| C(6) | -1478(11) | 1217(11) | 7143(10) | 51(6) |
| C(7) | -2018(10) | 892(11) | 6386(10) | 37(5) |
| C(8) | -2064(10) | 718(10) | 4673(11) | 40(5) |
| C(9) | -2793(9) | 1602(9) | 4454(10) | 32(5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)$ | -3749(11) | 1532(11) | 4402(10) | 43(6) |
| C(11) | -4432(10) | 2326(11) | 4173(11) | 44(6) |
| C(12) | -4098(10) | 3261(11) | 3975(10) | 41(5) |
| C(13) | -3156(9) | 3348(9) | 4060(9) | 34(5) |
| C(14) | -2491(8) | 2525(9) | 4249(9) | 27(4) |
| N(3) | 3355(10) | 3355(10) | 3355(10) | 67(7) |
| C(15) | 2931(10) | 2931(10) | 2931(10) | 48(7) |
| C(16) | 2393(10) | 2393(10) | 2393(10) | 56(7) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 827(14) | $\begin{gathered} 827(14) \\ (\mathbf{3}) \end{gathered}$ | 827(14) | 184(16) |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U(*)$ |
| Re | 8436(1) | 10000 | 9382(1) | 24 |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 7422(14) | 8080(9) | 9636(12) | 37 |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 9859(16) | 9449(10) | 7014(12) | 44 |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 10254(49) | 9993(61) | 10 452(38) | 81 |
| O(2) | 6345(32) | 10438(20) | $7975(26)$ | 28 |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 8798(37) | 11847(27) | $9125(30)$ | 17 |
| N(2) | 6950(39) | 10614(28) | 11421(31) | 26 |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 5686(34) | 11195(19) | 6919(27) | 29 |
| C(2) | 3921 | 11127 | 6187 | 51 |
| C(3) | 3272 | 11971 | 5111 | 62 |
| C(4) | 4389 | 12882 | 4768 | 39 |
| C(5) | 6154 | 12950 | 5500 | 34 |
| C(6) | 6803 | 12106 | 6576 | 34 |
| C(7) | 8773(68) | 12163(45) | 7376(57) | 53 |
| C(8) | 7531(57) | 12456(43) | 10215(48) | 35 |
| C(9) | $7505(60)$ | 11769(44) | 11768(49) | 47 |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 4941(51) | 10438(34) | 11167(43) | 34 |
| C(11) | 7667(52) | 10020(80) | 13035(42) | 50 |

TABLE II (continued) Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^{4}$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement coefficients $\left(\AA^{2} \times 10^{3}\right)$.

| (5) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U\left({ }^{*}\right)$ |
| $\mathrm{Re}(1)$ | 3386(1) | 2481(1) | 3896(1) | 30 |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 2689(2) | 2896(5) | 4320(2) | 49 |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 3958(2) | 2111(5) | 4632(1) | 44 |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 3229(4) | 795(11) | 3700(4) | 46 |
| O(2) | 3567(4) | 4506(11) | 3940(3) | 32 |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 4026(4) | 2349(13) | 3476(4) | 29 |
| N(2) | 2968(4) | 3191(14) | 3218(4) | 28 |
| C(1) | 3706(6) | 5400(17) | 3619(6) | 37 |
| C(2) | 3462(6) | 6705(18) | 3492(6) | 42 |
| C(3) | 3632(7) | 7586(19) | 3141(7) | 50 |
| C(4) | 4050(8) | 7152(23) | 2925(7) | 66 |
| C(5) | 4314(8) | 5858(23) | 3064(7) | 65 |
| C(6) | 4125(6) | 5007(15) | 3407(6) | 28 |
| 8C(7) | 4403(6) | 3602 (16) | 3553(7) | 48 |
| C(8) | 3743(6) | 2268(18) | 2945(6) | 44 |
| C(9) | 3259(6) | 3147(18) | 2869(5) | 34 |
| C(10) | 3099(7) | 3881(20) | 2429(6) | 48 |
| C(11) | 2634(7) | 4602(21) | 2379(7) | 55 |
| C(12) | 2323(8) | 4678(22) | 273048) | 65 |
| C(13) | 2527(7) | 3954(21) | 3158(6) | 53 |
| C(14) | 4334(6) | 983(19) | 3591 (6) | 43 |
| C(15) | 4720(8) | 641(21) | 3248(7) | 61 |
| $\operatorname{Re}(2)$ | 8734(1) | 1857(1) | 6235(1) | 32 |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1 \mathrm{~A})$ | 8657(2) | 4018(5) | 6653(2) | 53 |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2 \mathrm{~A})$ | 9331 (2) | 1109(5) | 6930(1) | 47 |
| O(1A) | 8183(4) | 1089(13) | 6334(4) | 51 |
| O(2A) | 9324(4) | 2612(10) | 5964(4) | 35 |
| N(1A) | 8820(5) | -17(12) | 5779(4) | 31 |
| N(2A) | 8324(5) | 2559(14) | 5557(4) | 33 |
| $\mathrm{C}(1 \mathrm{~A})$ | 9407(6) | 2531(17) | 5511(5) | 29 |
| $\mathrm{C}(2 \mathrm{~A})$ | 9473(6) | 3776(18) | 5240(6) | 39 |
| C(3A) | 9546(6) | 3597(16) | 4768(6) | 35 |
| $\mathrm{C}(4 \mathrm{~A})$ | 9545(6) | 2243(17) | 4552(6) | 42 |
| C(5A) | 9478(6) | 1034(19) | 4820(6) | 43 |
| C(6A) | 9410(6) | 1168(17) | 5295(6) | 33 |
| C(7A) | $9350(6)$ | -77(16) | 5624(6) | 37 |
| $\mathrm{C}(8 \mathrm{~A})$ | 8382(6) | 51(16) | 5366(6) | 44 |
| $\mathrm{C}(9 \mathrm{~A})$ | 8270(5) | 1584(16) | 5203(5) | 30 |
| $\mathrm{C}(10 \mathrm{~A})$ | 8106(6) | 1941(20) | 4720(6) | 43 |
| C(11A) | 7994(6) | 3376(18) | 4606(6) | 41 |
| C(12A) | 8041(7) | 4369(19) | 4964(7) | 50 |
| C(13A) | $8207(6)$ | 3950(19) | 5443(6) | 36 |
| C(14A) | 8764(8) | -1368(22) | 6057(8) | 66 |
| C(15A) | 8842(13) | -2681(35) | 5855(12) | 69 |
| C(15B) | 9104(39) | -1775(108) | 6333(34) | 124 |

[^1]TABLE III Selected bond lengths $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$.

| (2) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 2.368 (4) | $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 2.21 (1) |
| $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 2.401 (4) | $\mathrm{O}(2) \cdot \mathrm{C}(14)$ | 1.36 (2) |
| $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 1.676 (9) | $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 1.47 (2) |
| $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 1.921 (9) | $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 1.49 (2) |
| $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 2.15 (1) |  |  |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 88.7 (1) | $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 90.6 (4) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 99.4 (3) | $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 86.4 (4) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 91.4 (3) | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 84.9 (4) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 91.5 (3) | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 83.0 (4) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 174.0 (3) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 89.8 (4) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 94.4 (3) | $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | 139.6 (7) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 90.0 (3) | $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 116.0 (9) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 174.9 (3) | $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 113.5 (8) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 89.5 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 111 (1) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 168.4 (4) |  |  |
|  | (5) |  | (3) |
| $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 2.375 (5) | 2.383 (5) | 2.39 (1) |
| $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 2.360 (5) | 2.383 (5) | 2.40 (1) |
| $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 1.71 (1) | 1.67 (1) | 1.55 (3) |
| $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 1.96 (1) | 1.96 (1) | 1.93 (2) |
| $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 2.21 (1) | 2.22 (1) | 2.20 (3) |
| $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 2.14 (1) | 2.13 (1) | 2.22 (3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 1.34 (2) | 1.34 (2) | 1.32 (3) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 1.52 (2) | 1.52 (2) | 1.50 (4) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 1.55 (3) | 1.48 (2) | 1.53 (4) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 1.35 (2) | 1.35 (2) | 1.44 (5) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 164.8 (5) | 166.5 (5) | 164 (2) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 89.4 (2) | 86.7 (2) | 88.9 (4) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 173.5 (3) | 173.8 (3) | 168.8 (8) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 168.1 (3) | 169.5 (4) | 174.6 (8) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 80.9 (4) | 78.8 (5) | 80 (1) |
| $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 131 (1) | 128.7 (9) | 145 (2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 112 (1) | 110 (1) | 110 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 111 (1) | 112 (1) | 120 (3) |
| $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 104.9 (8) | 106.5 (9) | 108 (2) |
| Re-N(2)-C(9) | 113.0 (9) | 115 (I) | 108 (2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 111 (1) | 111 (1) | 108 (3) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ | 119 (1) | 115 (1) | 111 (3) |

## Characterization of the Complexes

All the complexes are green in colour, air stable, diamagnetic and nonelectrolytes in acetonitrile and DMF. The infrared spectra of the complexes prove that the multidentate ligands are coordinated, as were shown by shifts in absorptions relative to those of the free ligands. The spectra are characterized by a very strong absorption in the range $961-970 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, which is assigned to $\nu(\operatorname{Re}=O)$. A strong band around $3150 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ has been assigned to $v(\mathrm{NH})$, proving
that the amino nitrogen remains protonated in the complexes 1-4. Deprotonation of the phenolic OH group is suggested by the absence of a band in the region $3200-3500 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, and coordination of the deprotonated phenolic oxygen to rhenium is reflected in $\nu(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O})$ around $1275 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. Two frequencies in the region $300-330 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ are ascribed to rhenium(V)-chlorine stretches. Only one $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{Cl}$ stretch was observed for 4 , implying that the two chlorides are in equivalent trans positions to each other in $\left[\operatorname{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{4}\right)\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)\right]$.

Analyses of the ${ }^{1} H$ NMR spectra show the ligands $L_{n}(n \neq 4)$ to be completely coordinated; the absence of O-H phenolic proton signals for all the complexes supports phenolate coordination. Furthermore, signals of protons close to the ONN coordinating atoms are all shifted downfield with respect to those of the free ligands. The appearance of the NH proton as a broad singlet the furthest downfield around $\delta 9.30 \mathrm{ppm}$ in complexes $\mathbf{1 - 3}$ suggests that the ligands $\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{n}}{ }^{-}$( n $\neq 4)$ act as terdentate monoanionic chelates. Although the spectrum of complex 4 is complicated by the overlapping of the phenyl protons of $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$, it does provide information on the chelation of $\mathrm{L}_{4}{ }^{-}$. The signal of proton $H^{1}$, on the carbon adjacent to the pyridinic nitrogen, is in fact shifted slightly upfield to $\delta 7.95 \mathrm{ppm}$ on coordination to the metal, from $\delta 8.06 \mathrm{ppm}$ in the free ligand $\mathrm{HL}_{4}$. This suggests that the pyridinic nitrogen is not coordinated in complex $\mathbf{4}$, since the spectra of all the other complexes $(\neq \mathbf{3})$ show a downfield shift of $H^{1}$ on coordination. $\mathrm{L}_{4}{ }^{-}$thus acts as a monoanionic didentate chelate.

Description of the Structures of (2), (3) and (5)
The structures (see Figures 2, 3 and 4) consist of discrete, monomeric and neutral oxorhenium complexes $\left[\mathrm{ReOCl}_{2}(\mathrm{~L})\right]$ packed with no intermolecular contacts shorter than the van der Waals radii sum. The coordination geometry around the rhenium is highly distorted octahedral; the two nitrogen atoms from the terdentate uninegative $\mathrm{N}(1), \mathrm{O}(2), \mathrm{N}(2)$-donor ligand lie on the equatorial plane, along with the two cis-chlorides, while the phenolate $O(2)$ atom is trans to the $\mathrm{O}(1)$-oxo atom. In 5 the asymmetric unit comprises two molecules which are superimposable (Figure 5), the r.m.s being only $0.05 \AA$ when the fitting is performed using the eleven atoms nearest to Re; the molecules show no anomalies in structural data and therefore discussion of metrical parameters will refer to the mean values for the two molecules. In 2 the equatorial plane (Figure 2) is strictly planar and in the coordination sphere both the six-membered rings adopt the twist-boat conformation $\left(D_{2}\right)$, the dihedral angle between the two aromatic rings being $81.4^{\circ}$. In the three complexes the $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ axis is nonlinear ( $168.4,164.0$ and $165.6^{\circ}$ in $\mathbf{2 , 3}$ and 5 , respectively), and the rhenium atom is displaced from the mean equatorial plane by $0.11,0.14$ and $0.16 \AA$ in 2,3 and

5, respectively, towards the 'oxo' oxygen atom. As a measure of the octahedral distortion in the $\mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ polyhedron, the Re atom is $+1.09,+1.03$ and $+1.02 \AA$ from the $\mathrm{Cl}(2) \mathrm{Cl}(1) \mathrm{O}(1)$ plane and $-1.29,-1.37$ and $-1.37 \AA$ from the $\mathrm{N}(1) \mathrm{N}(2) \mathrm{O}(2)$ one, the angles between the two triangular faces being 9.2, 8.3 and $7.9^{\circ}$ for $\mathbf{2 , 3}$ and $\mathbf{5}$, respectively. In $\mathbf{3}$ and $\mathbf{5}$ the four donor atoms deviate up to $0.05 \AA$ from the mean equatorial plane. The edge distances in $\mathbf{2}$ are in a rather large range (from $2.69 \AA$ for $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ to $3.33 \AA$ for $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ ), while the interligand angles in the equatorial plane depart slightly from the ideal $90^{\circ}$ (from $88.7^{\circ}$ to $91.5^{\circ}$ ).

Bond lengths and angles within the "inner core" show no unusual features, being within the range expected from the comparison of other six-coordinate monooxorhenium $(\mathrm{V})$ complexes containing the $\mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ donor set, as can be seen in Table IV, and they will not be discussed. Only the Re-N distances deserve a comment. In fact, the Re- $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{py}}$ distances (mean value of $2.15 \AA$ in 2 and 5) are markedly shorter than the bonds from amino- N to $\operatorname{Re}(\mathrm{V})(2.21 \AA$ average $)$.

If the structural data of $\mathbf{3}$ and $\mathbf{5}$ are compared (Figure 6), the main differences concern (i) the $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ and $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ torsion angles $(-1.1$


FIGURE 2 ORTEP drawing of the complex $\left[\operatorname{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{2}\right)\right](\mathbf{2})$. The atom numbering scheme and the thermal ellipsoids at the $40 \%$ probability level are shown.
and $-43.0^{\circ}$ for $\mathbf{3}$ to be compared with the values -54.1 and $56.9^{\circ}$ for $\mathbf{5}$ ), (ii) the dihedral angles between the mean equatorial plane and the six-membered $\mathrm{ReO}(2) \mathrm{C}(1) \mathrm{C}(6) \mathrm{C}(7) \mathrm{N}(1)$ ring ( $97.5^{\circ}$ in 3 and $74.8^{\circ}$ in 5), (iii) the $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(9)$ $\mathrm{C}(8)$ and $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{C}(9)-\mathrm{C}(8)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ torsion angles (45.1 and $-56.7^{\circ}$ for 3 vs 17.5 and $-37.3^{\circ}$ for 5 ), and (iv) the $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ bond angle ( $145^{\circ}$ in 3 ) decreases to $130^{\circ}$ in 5 , as well as the $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(8)$ angle ( 120 and $111^{\circ}$ in 3 and 5 , respectively); the $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{N}(2)$ bite angle remains unchanged at $80^{\circ}$.

Complexes of rhenium $(\mathrm{V})$ with terdentate ligands have been reasonably well studied [2-5]. With Schiff base ligands containing the ONO donor-atom set, sixcoordinated complexes of formula $\mathrm{ReOCl}(\mathrm{ONO})(\mathrm{MeOH})$ were isolated, in which the terdentate ligand is completely coordinated to the metal on the equatorial


FIGURE 3 An ORTEP view of complex $\left[\operatorname{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{3}\right)\right](3)$, showing the atom labelling scheme and the thermal ellipsoids at $40 \%$ probability level.
plane cis to the $\mathrm{Re}=\mathrm{O}$ linkage, and with the solvent molecule MeOH in the trans site. With ONN donor-atom Schiff bases the neutral complexes [ $\left.\mathrm{ReOCl}_{2}(\mathrm{ONN})\right]$ were obtained. Spectroscopic data and a crystallographic study of a technetium analogue [5] showed that it is the central imino nitrogen of the Schiff base that is located trans to the oxo oxygen, with the phenolate oxygen donor atom coordinated on the equatorial cis plane.

The crystal structure determinations of complexes 2,3 and $\mathbf{5}$, containing the ONN donor ligands $\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{n}}{ }^{-}(\mathrm{n}=2,3,5)$ (see Figure 1), show that the phenolate oxygen donor atom occupies the site trans to the oxo oxygen, with the two nitrogen donor atoms coordinated in the cis plane. This is to be expected if the repulsion that is exerted by the oxo oxygen on the equatorial ligands is considered. This repulsion originates from the $\pi$ electron density associated with the multiple $\mathrm{Re}=\mathrm{O}$ bond, and is greater for ligands connected by formally covalent $\mathrm{L}^{-}: \rightarrow \mathrm{M}^{+}$bonds than for donor-acceptor $\mathrm{L}: \rightarrow \mathrm{M}$ bonds [13]. It is thus clear that this repulsion on the equatiorial ligands increases in the order $\mathrm{N}<\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$ $<\mathrm{O}^{-}$, which is also the order of increasing hardness of the donor atoms as bases


FIGURE 4 An ORTEP view of complex $\left[\operatorname{ReOCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}_{5}\right)\right](5)$, showing the atom labelling scheme and the thermal ellipsoids, at $40 \%$ probability level.
[14]. This increasing hardness of the bases leads to increasing ionic character of their bonds with the hard acid rhenium(V), with the result that the harder basic groups are repelled more as a consequence of the higher population of their orbitals. This effect will mean that the affinity of the above donor atoms to occupy the coordination site trans to the oxo group will decrease in the order $\mathrm{O}^{-}$ $>\mathrm{Cl}^{-}>\mathrm{N}$.

Varying substituents on the amino nitrogen and altering the nature of the terminal nitrogen donor atom (pyridine vs $\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ ) have an insignificant effect on the bonding parameters of the complexes. Changing the chain length between the two nitrogen donors only has an effect in complex 4, where didentate coordination of $\mathrm{L}_{4}{ }^{-}$occurs. However, this is not surprising since bond strain and steric effects will prevent the formation of a four-membered metallocycle through $N, N$-coordination.

Deprotonation of the secondary amino nitrogen in ligands $L_{n}{ }^{-}(n=1-4)$ was never observed during this study, and all efforts to induce deprotonation were unsuccessful. In a previous study [15] of technetium(V) amine-oxime complexes,


FIGURE 5 Superimposition of the two independent molecules of 5 .


FIGURE 6 Superimposition of $\mathbf{3}$ (full line) and $\mathbf{5}$ (dashed line) molecules.
cases were observed in which the amine nitrogens were deprotonated and others in which they remained protonated. This anomalous behaviour was ascribed to electronic effects created by varying the amine-amine backbone length and thereby the overall ring size on complex formation.

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TABLE IV Bond distances and angles in octahedral oxo-Re(V) complexes containing the $\mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ donor set.

| Complex | $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{O}$ | $R e=O$ | Re-N | $O=R e-O$ | $N-R e-N$ | Ref. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\left[\mathrm{ReO}(\mathrm{OEt})(\mathrm{py})_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right]$ | 2.441(3); 2.366(3) | 1.896(6) | 1.684(7) | 2.144(7); 2.132(7) | 173.0(3) | 178.5(3) | a |
| [ $\mathrm{ReO}(\mathrm{OEt})\left(7\right.$-azaindole) ${ }_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ] | 2.414(3) | 1.85(1) | 1.70(1) | $2.136(8)$ | 180 | 177.2(3) | b |
| $\left[\mathrm{ReO}\left(\mathrm{OSiMe}_{3}\right)(\mathrm{py})_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right]$ | 2.393(1); 2.409(1) | 1.889(4) | 1.679(3) | 2.133(4); 2.135(4) | 177.0(2) | 175.6(1) | c |
| $\left[\mathrm{ReO}(\mathrm{BBQ} \cdot \mathrm{OH}) \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right]$ | 2.365(6); $2.367(5)$ | 1.95(1) | 1.69(1) | 2.15(1); 2.13(2) | 160.1(6) | 93.7(6) | d |
| $\left[\operatorname{ReO}\left\{\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right)_{2} \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{OH})\right\} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right]$ | $2.305(4) ; 2.32(1)$ | 2.00(2) | 1.67(2) | 2.13(3); 2.14(3) | 158(1) | 85(1) | e |
| $\left[\left[\mathrm{ReO}\left(\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right)_{2} \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{OH})\right\} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right]_{2} \mathrm{Cl}\right]^{-}$ | 2.353(3); 2.337(4) | 1.966 (5) | 1.671(6) | 2.143(9); 2.16(1) | 156.6(3) | 86.0(3) | f |
| (2) | 2.368(4); 2.401(4) | 1.921(9) | 1.676(9) | 2.15(1); 2.21(1) | 168.4(4) | 89.8(4) | present work |
| (3) | 2.40(1); 2.39(1) | 1.93(2) | 1.55(3) | 2.22(3); 2.20(3) | 164(2) | 80(1) | present work |
| (5) | 2.379(5); 2.371(5) | 1.96(1) | 1.69(1) | 2.22(1); 2.14(1) | 165.6(5) | 79.8(4) | present work |
| d | 2.37 | 1.93 | 1.67 | 2.16 | 167 |  |  |
| $m$ | 2.37 | 1.93 | 1.68 | 2.14 | 166 |  |  |
| $\sigma$ | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 8 |  |  |
| $q_{1}$ | 2.36 | 1.89 | 1.67 | 2.13 | 160 |  |  |
| $q_{\mathrm{u}}$ | 2.4 | 1.96 | 1.69 | 2.16 | 170 |  |  |

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