Metal Complexes of Biologically Important Ligands, CLXX [1]. Attachment of Unprotected Aminomonosaccharides and of 1,2-Diaminocyclohexane to Palladium(II) and Platinum(II) through Amino Acid and Peptide Residues

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The reactions of unprotected D-glucosamine with N-coordinated, activated amino acid ester ligands (glycine, diglycine, histidine) of platinum(II) and palladium(II) complexes afford cis- and trans-Cl₂Pt(NH₂CH₂CONHR), trans-Cl₂Pt(NH₂CH₂CONHCH₂CONHR)₂ and Cl₂Pd(histNHR)₂ (R = sugar residue) as products. 1,2-Diaminocyclohexane reacts with the activated esters of cis-Cl₂Pt(NH₂CH₂COOH)₂, cis-Cl₂Pt(triglyOH)₂, cis-Cl₂Pt(metOH) and cis-Cl₂Pd(histOH) to give dinuclear complexes Cl₂Pt[(gly)_nNHC₆H₁₀NH(gly)_n]₂PtCl₂ (n = 1, 3), Cl₂Pt(methNHC₆H₁₀NHmeth)-PtCl₂ and Cl₂Pd(histNHC₆H₁₀NHhist)PdCl₂.

Key words: Glucosamine, 1,2-Diaminocyclohexane, Amino Acid, Platinum, Palladium

Introduction

Several platinum(II) and palladium(II) complexes with amino and diamino sugars or derivatives thereof have been synthesized and tested for antitumor activity [2-15], e.g. with the idea that the bioligands may function as carriers for the transport of the cytotoxic PtX_2 group [16] into tumor cells. Steinborn and Junicke have given a comprehensive review on carbohydrate complexes of platinum group metals [17]. In our group [2,3,18-22] a series of platinum complexes with protected and functionalized aminomonosaccharide ligands has been studied. We also could demonstrate that platinum(II) [and palladium(II)] are effective amino protecting groups for reactions at metal-coordinated α -amino acids and amino acid derivatives [2,23-26].

Especially the Grinberg [27] and Volshtein complexes [28,29], trans- and cis-Cl₂Pt(NH₂CHRC-O₂H)₂, have been proven to be excellent starting compounds for these reactions. Thus, protected amino sugars [2] and amino-functionalized steroidal hormones could be attached to platinum(II) and palladium(II) through α -amino acid ligands as amides [26].

1,2-Diaminocyclohexane (dach) platinum complexes (dach) PtX_2 are a series of the most thoroughly studied antitumor compounds [16, 30, 31], and (1*R*,2*R*-dach) $Pt(C_2O_4)$ (Oxaliplatin) is an established drug in medicine [16].

In continuation of our studies on platinum complexes with sugar ligands we report on the binding of unprotected amino monosaccharides and of R,R-1,2-diaminocyclohexane through α -amino acids and peptides to palladium(II) and platinum(II).

Results and Discussion

For the preparation of complexes 1-8 a similar technique was applied as for the binding of aminofunctionalized hormones or of amino acids to platinum or palladium [24, 26].

The activated esters of cis-Cl₂Pt(NH₂CH₂COO-H)₂ [26, 28, 29], and cis-Cl₂Pt(glyglyglyOH)₂ (see Experimental Section), of Cl₂Pt(methionine) [32] and of Cl₂Pd(histidine) [33] were obtained by reaction with the water soluble N-ethyl-N'-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl] carbodiimide (EDC) as coupling agent and with N-hydroxy succinimide. The reactions of R,R,1,2-diaminocyclohexane with the activated esters afforded complexes 1-4.

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In complexes 1 and 2 the activated ester and diaminocyclohexane were used in the molar ratio 1:1; for the preparation of 3 and 4 a molar ratio of 2:1 was applied.

For complexes 1-4 a bimolecular structure has to be assumed. Polynuclear platinum complexes with bridging linkers have high potential for antitumor activity and may circumvent platinum resistance. These complexes have been studied most successfully and extensively by Farrell and coworkers [34] and also by other groups [16,35]. Our group has studied bis(cis-dichloroplatinum) complexes with various bridged 1,2,4-triaminobutane units [36], with bis(imidazol-yl)alkanes [37] and polymethylene-bridged bis(ethylenediamine) compounds [38].

The IR spectra (Table 1) of complexes 1-4 exhibit characteristic absorptions at 3300 cm⁻¹ (NH), 1660 cm⁻¹ (amide I), 1540 cm⁻¹ (amide II), and 320 cm⁻¹ (Pt–Cl).

In the 1 H NMR spectra of **1** and **3** the signal of the amide group was observed at 8 ppm. The protons of the platinum-coordinated amino groups appear as a broad signal at 5.5 ppm. In the 1 H NMR spectrum of an aqueous ($D_{2}O$) solution of **2**, signals of NH protons are absent. Two broad resonances of the cyclohexane group were found at 1.7 and 1.2 ppm.

Complexes **5–8** were obtained – similarly as **1–4** – by reaction of the activated esters of *cis*-Cl₂Pt-(NH₂CH₂COOH)₂ [26, 28, 29] and *trans*-Cl₂Pt(NH₂-CH₂COOH)₂ [27], *trans*-Cl₂Pt(glyglyOH)₂ [40] and Cl₂Pd(histidine) [33] with D-(+)-glucosamine.

During the reactions no deposition of elemental platinum was observed. However, the complexes decomposed slowly in aqueous solution. Characteristic IR absorptions of 4-8 are listed in Table 1. The absorptions of the solid complexes are broad which is due to hydrogen bonding. Complexes 2 and 5, which are readily soluble in water, may be candidates for antitumor testing.

		v(NH)	CH aliph.		amide I	amide II	v(M–Cl)
1		3220br,s	2930s		1655s,br	1548s,br	325m,br
		3100sh	2855m				
2		3320vbr,s	2928m		1655s	1533m	315w,br
		3080sh	2845w				
3		3320m	2923s		1665s	1540s	325sh
		3200s	2855w				310w
		3110m					
4		3200s	2920m		1653s	1540s	325w,br
		3110sh	2850w				
	v(OH)	v(NH)	CH aliph	v(C=O)	amide I	amide II	v(M–Cl)
5	3425s	3250sh	2930m	1735w	1660s	1550s	315w,br
		3130sh					
6	3360vbr	3280sh	2930m		1650s	1555s	330w
7	3350s	3100sh	2920m		1653s	1540s	325vw
	vbr						
8	3400s	3250s	2920m	1735m	1660s	1540s	320w,br
		3130sh					
9	3400s	3230s	2920w		1630s	1550s	320m
		3130sh					

Table 1. Characteristic IR absorptions of 1-8 (in KBr).

Experimental Section

The starting complexes *cis*-Cl₂Pt(NH₂CH₂COOH)₂ [26, 28, 29], *trans*-Cl₂Pt(glyOH)₂ [27], *trans*-Cl₂Pt(glyglyOH)₂ [39], Cl₂Pt(methionine) [32], and Cl₂Pd(histidine) [33] were prepared as described in the literature.

cis-Dichloro-bis(glycylglycylglycine)-platinum(II), cis-Cl₂Pt(glyglyglyOH)₂

The synthesis of this complex was performed by following the procedure described by Mogilevkina [40] for the synthesis of *cis*- and *trans*-Cl₂Pt(gly-alaOH)₂.

0.83 g (2 mmol) of K₂PtCl₄ and 4 mmol of glycylglycylglycine were stirred in aqueous KOH solution (4 mmol KOH) for 3 d at r.t. The color of the solution changed from red to orange. The solution was evaporated in vacuo to dryness. The residue was dissolved in 4.5 mL of 1N hydrochloric acid, and the solution was again evaporated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in 4 mL of DMF and filtered. The orange solution was added dropwise to a 1:1 mixture of acetone/diethyl ether, and a pale orange solid was obtained. The product was purified by repeated precipitation from DMF/acetone - diethyl ether. The solid was centrifuged off, washed several times with diethyl ether and dried over P2O5 in vacuo. - Brownyellow product. Yield 77 %. - Dec. 190 °C. - Cl₂Pt(glyglyglyOH) $_2 \cdot 1.5 \, H_2O$, $C_{12}H_{25}Cl_2N_6O_{9.5}Pt$ (671.3): calcd. C 21.47, H 3.75, N 12.52; found C 22.06, H 4.05, N 12.19.

Complexes 1-4

1 mmol of *cis*-Cl₂Pt(NH₂CH₂COOH)₂, 1 mmol of *trans*-Cl₂Pt(glyglyglyOH)₂, 1 mmol of Cl₂Pt(methionine), or 1 mmol of Cl₂Pd(histidine) was dissolved in 10 mL of DMF

and cooled to -10 °C. 2 mmol (0.23 g) of *N*-hydroxysuccinimide and then 2.2 mol (0.41 g) of *N*-ethyl-*N'*-(3-dimethyl-aminopropyl)carbodiimide (EDC) were added in portions. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at -10 °C and for 12 h at r. t. The yellow solution of the activated ester was filtered, and the filtrate was added dropwise to a mixture of 1 mmol (114 mg, for 1 and 2) or 0.5 mmol (57 mg, for 3 and 4) of (*R*,*R*)1,2-diaminocyclohexane and 2 mmol of NEt₃ in 10 mL of DMF at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 4 h at 0 °C and for 12 h at r. t. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was triturated five times with water. The water-soluble complex 2 could be purified by precipitation from water/ethanol. The complexes were dried *in vacuo* at 40 °C.

1: Pale yellow. Yield 60 %. Dec. 258 °C. – ¹H NMR (Jeol FX 90, [D₆]DMSO): δ = 8.06 br (CONH), 5.65, 5.12 br (NH₂), 1.70, 1.24, d, br (C₆H₁₀). – C₁₀H₂₀Cl₂N₄O₂Pt· H₂O (512.3): calcd. C 23.44, H 4.33, N 10.94; found C 23.71, H 4.09, N 10.81.

2: Beige. Dec. 211 °C. – ¹H NMR (Jeol FX 90, D₂O): δ = 3,87 s, 3.73 s, 3.54 m (CH₂), 1.66, 1.17 d, br (C₆H₁₀). – C₃₆H₆₄Cl₄N₁₆O₁₂Pt₂ ·5 H₂O (1535.1): calcd. C 28.17, H 4.86, N 14.60; found C 28.51, H 4.95, N 14.10.

3: Beige. Yield 19 %. Dec. 249 °C. – ¹H NMR (Jeol FX 90, [D₇]DMF): δ = 8.26 br (CONH), 5.38 br (NH₂), 1.88 br, 2.27 br (CH₂), 1.68, 1.29 d, br (C₆H₁₀). – C₁₆H₃₂Cl₄N₄-O₂S₂Pt₂ (908.6): calcd. C 21.15, H 3.55, N 6.17, S 7.06; found C 20.90, H 4.01, N 6.02, S 7.29.

4: Pale yellow. Yield 26 %. Dec. 251 $^{\circ}$ C. – $C_{18}H_{28}Cl_4$ - $N_8O_2Pd_2$ (743.1): calcd. C 29.09, H 3.80, N 15.08; found C 29.47, H 4.21, N 15.15.

Complexes 5-8

The complexes with the activated amino acid ester ligands were prepared as described for 1–4: 0.3 mmol of *cis*-Cl₂-

Pt(glyOH)₂, 0.3 mol of trans-Cl₂Pt(glyOH)₂, 0.3 mmol of trans-Cl₂Pt(glyglyOH)₂, or 0.6 mol of Cl₂Pd(hist) was dissolved in 10 mL of DMF and cooled to −10 °C. 2 mmol (0.23 mg) of N-hydroxysuccinimide and then, in portions, 2.2 mmol (0.51 mg) of EDC were added. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at -10 °C and then for 12 h at r.t. The yellow solution was filtered, and the filtrate was added dropwise to a Schlenk tube containing a solution of 0.6 mmol (129.2 mg) of D-(+)-glucosamine-hydrochloride and 1.5 mol (210 μL) of NEt₃ in 3 mL of DMF at 0 °C. After stirring for 12 h the solvent was removed in vacuo. Complexes 5, 6 and 7 are soluble in water and can be purified by dissolution in a very small amount of water and precipitation with ethanol. This procedure can be repeated several times. Complex 8 is insoluble in water and was washed several times with water. The complexes were dried in vacuo at 40 °C.

- 5: Pale yellow. Dec. 171 °C. Yield 48 %. $C_{16}H_{32}Cl_2N_2$ - $O_{12}Pt$ (738.5): calcd. C 26.02, H 4.37, N 7.59; found C 25.56, H 4.55, N 7.83.
- **6**: Pale yellow. Dec. 184 °C. Yield 57 %. $C_{16}H_{32}Cl_2N_4$ - $O_{12}Pt \cdot 2 H_2O$ (774.5): calcd. C 24.81, H 4.69, N 7.23; found C 24.69, H 4.55, N 7.31.
- 7: Pale yellow. Dec. 171 $^{\circ}$ C. Yield 66 %. $C_{20}H_{38}Cl_{2}N_{6}$ – $O_{14}Pt$ (852.5): calcd. C 28.18, H 4.49, N 9.86; found C 28.83, H 4.75, N 9.53.
- **8**: Pale yellow. Dec. 215 °C. Yield 52 %. $-C_{12}H_{20}Cl_2-N_4O_6Pd$ (493.6): calcd. C 29.20, H 4.08, N 11.35; found C 28.92, H 4.19, N 1.91.

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