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Two intra-molecular inter-ligand C(aromatic)–H···O(carboxyl) interactions reinforce the formation of a single Cu(II)–N4(pza) bond in the molecular recognition between pyrazine-2-carboxamide (pza) and the (iminodiacetato)copper(II) chelate. Synthesis, molecular and crystal structure and properties of [Cu(IDA)(pza)(H₂O)]·H₂O

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Abstract

Aqua(pyrazine-2-carboxamide)(iminodiacetato)copper(II) monohydrate, $[Cu(IDA)(pza)(H_2O)] \cdot H_2O$, was synthesised and characterised by thermal, spectral, magnetic and X-ray diffraction methods. Its crystal structure was solved to a final R1 = 0.058. The Cu(II) atom exhibits a square base pyramidal coordination (type 4 + 1) with IDA ligand in *mer*-tridentate configuration [Cu-N(aliphatic) 1.986(7), Cu-O(carboxyl) 1.933(6) and 1.938(5) Å], the Cu-N4(pza) bond [1.984(7) Å] and Cu-O(apical aqua) bond [2.347(8) Å]. The N4-monodentate ligand role of pza is in contrast with that of the N,O-bidentate pza-Cu(II) chelation in $[Cu(pza)_2(ClO_4)_2]$ or $[Cu(acac)(pza)(ClO_4)] \cdot H_2O$. In the molecular recognition between Cu(IDA) chelate and pza the Cu-N4(pyridine-like) coordination mode is preferred because it enables the additional contribution of two weak intra-molecular interligand C(aromatic)-H···O (IDA) interactions.

Keywords: Copper; Pyrazine-2-carboxamide; Iminodiacetate; Crystal structure; Molecular recognition; Hydrogen bond

1. Introduction

Because of the tridentate chelating role of the iminodiacetate(2-) ion (IDA) and the plasticity of the copper(II) coordination stereochemistry, an important research has been devoted to the structure of $\{[Cu(IDA)(H_2O)_2]\}_n$ (compound 1) [1] and a variety of

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mixed-ligand complexes of Cu(II), IDA-like and N-heterocyclic donor (auxiliary ligands). These ternary complexes are a source of inorganic structural corelations and bioinorganic model compounds for mono- or di-nuclear copper proteins. IDA exhibits a fac-NO + O(apical) conformation in compound 1 and in complexes such as $[Cu(IDA)(2,2'-bipy)] \cdot 6H_2O$ [2], Cu(IDA)(2AMBzimH) [3], $[Cu(NBzIDA)(HisNH_2)]$ [4] and $[Cu(IDA)(pyc)] \cdot 2H_2O$ [5] (bipy = bipyridine, 2AMBzimH = 2-aminomethyl-benzimidazole, $HisNH_2 = histamine$, $pyc = \alpha$ -picolylamide and NBzIDA = N-benzyliminodiacetato(2-) ligand). These latter compounds

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have a Cu/IDA-like/N-heterocyclic donor molar ratio 1/ 1/2 or 1/1/1 + D where D is an aliphatic N-amino atom (for 2AMBzimH [3] and HisNH₂ [4]) or an O-amido atom (pyc [5]). In contrast, more than 20 known structures of compounds having an equimolar Cu/IDA-like/ N-heterocyclic donor ratio (1/1/1) have IDA-like in mer-NO₂ chelating configuration. These cases include mono- and di-nuclear adenine Cu(II) derivatives [6] and the di-nuclear compound with bridging pirazine (pz) $[(H_2O)_2(IDA)Cu(\mu-pz)Cu(IDA)(H_2O)_2] \cdot 2H_2O$ [7]. On this basis, we found it instructive to investigate the role of the pyrazine-2-carboxamide (so-called pyrazinamide, pza) as auxiliary ligand for the Cu(IDA) chelate because we could expect its N,O-bidentate chelation ('pyc-like mode', Scheme 1) or its N4-monodentate coordination ('pz-like mode', Scheme 2).

It is known that pza (an anti-tuberculosis drug) crystallises as four polymorphs [8] and plays a 'pyc-like role' in its mixed-ligand Cu(II) complexes with acetylacetonato [9] and/or perchlorato [10] ligands. Such pyc-like coordination is also known in three Cu(II)-pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxamide derivatives [11]. Interestingly pza binds to the Cu(I) atom by its N4 donor ('pz-like mode') [12] or as bridging ligand [13] (with 'pz-like and pyc-like coordinations').

2. Results and discussion

By reaction of $\text{Cu}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{OH})_2$ (1 mmol), H_2IDA (2 mmol) and pza (2 mmol) in 150 ml of water, a blue solution was obtained. Its evaporation first produces light blue crystals of compound 1 (which were filtered off) and then dark blue crystals of the title compound 2 and white crystals of pza. These latter products can be separated to obtain a pure sample of 2 in a ~20% of yield. Analytical data were consistent with a formula type $\text{Cu}(\text{IDA})(\text{pza})\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$. The sample contains suitable crystals for the structure determination, which was

Scheme 2.

solved from 2705 unique reflections $(I > 2\sigma(I))$ by direct methods to a final value of R1 = 0.058 (triclinic system, space group P-1; a = 7.219(1), b = 9.710(1), c =10.545(1) Å; $\alpha = 107.47(1)$, $\beta = 90.70(1)$, $\gamma = 103.77(1)^{\circ}$, Z = 2, T = 293(2) K, D = 1.647 mg m⁻³). The O2 atom of non coordinated water is disordered over two positions with occupancy factors of 0.58(4) and 0.42(4) for O2A and O2B, respectively. Compound 2 has a molecular structure (Fig. 1). The Cu(II) atom exhibits a square base pyramidal coordination (type 4 + 1) supplied by IDA in mer-NO₂ tridentate coordination, the N4(pza) donor and the apical O-aqua ligand. The tetragonality T = 0.84 is in accordance with the Cu–OW bond length and the distortion towards a bipyramidal coordination has a significant low value ($\tau = 3.3\%$). The rather planar amide group and the heterocycle ring of the pza define a dihedral angle of only 3.8(5)° due to the intra-ligand hydrogen bonding interaction N4- $H4B \cdots N3$ (2.34(1) Å, 106°). Moreover, the heterocycle ring of pza ligand and the basal coordination plane P1 define a dihedral angle of only 10.5(4)°. This latter angle has a remarkable structural significance because it enables two weak intra-molecular inter-ligand interactions of the type C(aromatic) $-H \cdots O$ (coordinated carboxyl) as Fig. 1 reveals. They are C31-H31 ··· O21 (2.96(1) Å, 119°) and C34–H34···O11 (3.00(1) A, 117°). It seems clear that both C(arom)-H···O interactions actively contribute to the internal geometry of the complex molecule. We can conclude that the Cu-IDA chelate and pza selectively recognise each other by the formation of the Cu-N4(pza) coordination bond and the referred C-H···O two hydrogen bonds. The crystal

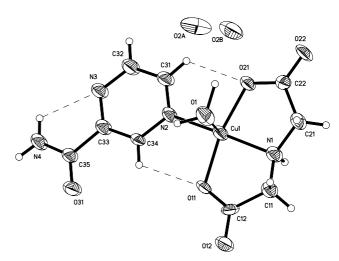


Fig. 1. Molecular structure of $[Cu(IDA)(pza)(H_2O)]\cdot H_2O$ showing the intra-ligand interaction N4–H \cdots N3 in pza and the two C(aromatic)–H \cdots O (carboxyl) intra-molecular inter-ligand interactions which reinforce the Cu–N(pza) bond, thus contributing to the Cu(IDA)-pza molecular recognition. Bond lengths (Å): Cu1–O21=1.933(6), Cu1–O11=1.938(5), Cu1–N2=1.984(7), Cu1–N1=1.986(7), Cu1–O1=2.347(8). Trans-coordination angles (°): O21–Cu1–O11=168.1(2), N2–Cu1–N1=166.2(3).

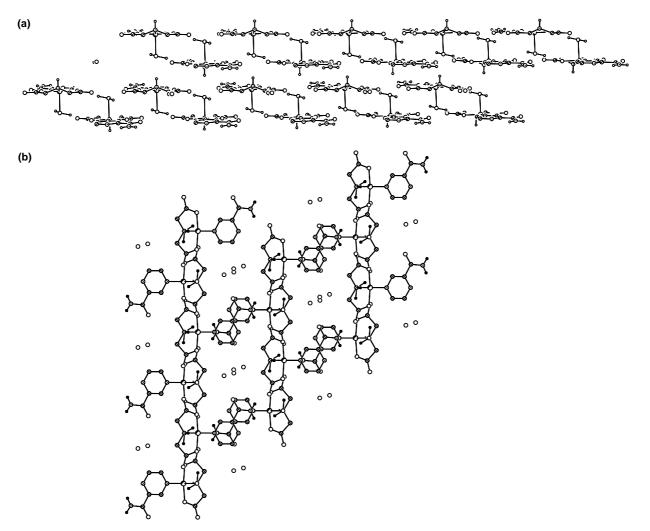


Fig. 2. Crystal packing of $[Cu(IDA)(pza)(H_2O)] \cdot H_2O$. (a) Fragments of two 2D framework with the apical aqua ligands inside. (b) Disordered non-coordinated water molecules inside the channels formed by superimposed 2D frameworks.

consists in bi-layers of hydrogen bonded molecules connected inside by O-H···O (carboxyl) bridging interactions between aqua ligands of one layer and O(IDA) acceptors (O12 and O22) from the other. The pza ligand lies at the external faces forming N-H···O (carboxyl) bond with O12 and O22 IDA acceptors of the same layer. The faces of such 2D framework (Fig. 2(a)) have N-H(IDA) groups oriented towards two Oacceptors from adjacent ones forming weak bifurcated interactions (N1–H1 \cdots O12 + N1–H1 \cdots O22; 3.15 A, 134(2)°). The remarkable weakness of these latter interactions is due to the implication of the non-coordinated O(IDA) acceptors [O12 and O22] in three H-bonding interactions. These 2D frameworks superimpose in the crystal forming channels where noncoordinated water molecules lie disordered as referred to above (Fig. 2(b)). No π , π -stacking interactions are operative because closest parallel pza-rings ($\alpha = 0.00^{\circ}$), which fall at an appropriate inter-planar distance (3.33) Å), are too much slipped ($\beta = \gamma = 33.7^{\circ}$). Additional

information about the synthesis, thermal stability and spectral (electronic, FT-IR) and magnetic (ESR spectrum, magnetic susceptibility at 80–300 K) properties could be obtained from the authors. Crystallographic data of [Cu(IDA)(pza)(H₂O)] · H₂O have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre CCDC 194230.

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