含双咪唑配体的锌配位聚合物的晶体结构、荧光性质及抑菌性能研究

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摘要:本文报道了一个基于双咪唑配体的锌配位聚合物[Zn(oxa)(bbi)]。(1)(oxa=草酸,bbi=1,1'-(1,4-丁二基)双咪唑),并对该化合物进行元素分析、红外和 X-射线单晶衍射分析。结果表明标题化合物通过配位键和 π - π 堆积作用力形成了一个由(4,4)拓扑形状的二维网络组成的具有大孔洞的三维金属有机框架结构。除此之外,测定了配合物 1 的荧光发射光谱并对其微生物抑菌性能进行了初步研究。

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Structural Characterization, Luminescence Behavior and Antimicrobial Study of a Zinc Coordination Polymer Based on Bis(imidazole) Ligand

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Abstract: A coordination polymer based on zinc(II) and mixed ligands [Zn(oxa)(bbi)]_n (1) (oxa=oxalate anion, bbi=1,1'-(1,4-butanediyl)bis (imidazole)), has been prepared and characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. The structure of polymer 1 presents an unique two-dimensional (2D) layer structure with (4,4) topology in the presence of meso-helical chains and a three-dimensional (3D) network distorted with large channels. In addition, moderate fluorescent emission in the solid state at room temperature was observed in the Zn1-containing polymeric compound 1. And antimicrobial activity of the compound has been investigated. CCDC: 842497.

Key words: 1,1'-(1,4-Butanediyl)bis(imidazole); coordination polymer; fluorescence spectrum; antimicrobial activity

0 Introduction

Design, synthesis and structural characterization of novel multidimensional coordination polymers are of great interest due to their interesting architectures and promising applications in magnetism, gas separation, optoelectronics and biomimetic materials^[1]. Studies in this field have been focused on the design and preparation, as well as the structure-property relationships. As we know, a large variety of

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coordination complexes has been prepared through taking certain factors into account, such as the coordination nature of the metal ions functionality, flexibility and symmetry of ligands as well as the unique reaction methods^[2], which may be a key for the rational design of coordination complexes. Therefore, by judicious choice of the organic spacers and the central metals, it is possible to produce different types of coordination networks with novel topologies. Up To date, N-heterocyclic compounds have been extensively studied in coordination chemistry research for their excellent bridging ability^[3-4]. At this stage, lately, a large number of coordination complexes based on flexible bis (imidazole) ligands have been constructed^[5-6]. Such ligands bearing alkyl spacers are a good choice of a secondary N-donor bridging ligand, and the flexible nature of spacers allows the ligands to bend and rotate when they coordinate to metal centers for meeting the steric requirement upon metal binding, and this often causes the structural diversity^[7], attributed to the fact that long ligands usually result in large voids which may result in numerous fascinating interpenetrated topological structures^[8]. Furthermore, as is widely known, bisbenzimidazoles have prominent antibacterial activities. Therefore, the biological activities of the imidazolvl compounds enhance the function of the metal complexes with imidazoles ligands. With this background in mind, we were devoted to the rational design and synthesis of relevant unreported coordination polymers based on flexible bis(imidazole) ligands, and further testing their bioactivity.

On the other hand, we introduced the dicarboxylic acids as second ligand, where the acids were chosen due to their strong coordination ability as well as rich coordination modes, such as terminal monodentate, chelating to one metal center, bridging bidentate in a syn-syn, syn-anti, and anti-anti configuration to two metal centers, and bridging tridentate to two metal centers^[9], so as to construct various dimensions of coordination polymers. Moreover, d¹⁰ metal ions present variable coordination numbers and geometries, and their complexes generally exhibit luminescent

properties^[10]. In particular, the d^{10} center metals and the conjugated π systems containing aromatic rings favor the development of fluorescent materials^[11]. Hence, in light of this statement, we used the derivative of bis (imidazole) in this work, namely 1,1'-(1,4-butanediyl) bis (imidazole) (bbi), and oxalic acid (H₂oxa) as linker to obtain a luminescent metal-organic coordination polymer derived from d^{10} metal salt (Zn(II)), whose fluorescent property and preliminary biological tests will be represented and discussed.

1 Experimental

1.1 Materials and physical measurements

All reagents and solvents employed were commercially available and used as received without further purification. Infrared spectra on KBr pellets were recorded on a Nicolet Nexus 670 FT-IR spectrophotometer in the range 4 000 ~400 cm ⁻¹. Elemental analyses were determined with an Elementar Vario EL model instrument. Luminescence spectrum of the solid sample was recorded with a Hitachi 850 fluorescence spectrophotometer.

1.2 Synthesis of $[Zn(oxa)(bbi)]_n$ (1)

Complex **1** was obtained by the reaction of $Zn(NO_3)_2$, H_2oxa and bbi in molar ratio 1:1:1 in watermethanol (1:1) solvent at room temperature in a sealed glass tube of type H. Colorless crystals of **1** were collected in 74% yield (based on Zn). Anal. Calcd. for $C_{12}H_{14}N_4O_4Zn$ (%): C 41.98, H 4.08, N 16. 33; found (%): C 42.18, H 3.91, N 16.31. IR data (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3 741 (w), 3 110 (s), 2 858 (w), 1 613 (s), 1 560 (vs), 1 516 (vs), 1 358 (m), 1 229 (m), 1 109 (s), 829 (w), 784 (m), 663 (s), 659 (s), 487 (w).

1.3 Crystal structure determination

Diffraction experiment for $\mathbf{1}$ was carried out with Mo $K\alpha$ radiation (λ =0.071 073 nm) using a BRUKER SMART APEX CCD diffractometer at 298(2) K. A summary of the crystallography data and structure refinement is given in Table 1, and selected bond lengths and angles of complex $\mathbf{1}$ is listed in Table 2. Structure was solved by direct methods and refined with the full-matrix least squares technique on F^2 using the SHELXS-97^[12] and SHELXL-97^[13] program.

Table 1	Crystal da	ta and	structure	refinements	for	1
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Formula mass	343.66	μ / mm $^{-1}$	1.711
Temperature / K	298(2)	F(000)	704
Crystal system	Monoclinic	θ / (°)	2.35~25.05
Space group	C2/c	Reflections collected / unique $(R_{ m int})$	3 490 / 1 288 (0.082 2)
a / nm	1.121 29(11)	Data / restraints / parameters	1 280 / 0 / 96
b / nm	1.374 21(14)	Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.071
c / nm	0.94520(10)	Final R indices $(I>2\sigma(I))$	R_1 =0.066 8, wR_2 =0.156 3
β / (°)	93.970 0(10)	R indices (all data)	R_1 =0.111 9, wR_2 =0.184 4
V / nm^3	1.453 0(3)	Largest diff. peak and hole / (e·nm ⁻³)	1 233, -689
Z	4	Completeness to θ =25.05° / %	99.4

Table 2 Selected bond lengths (nm) and angles (°) for 1

Zn(1)-O(1)	0.212 5(5)	Zn(1)- $O(1)$ ⁱ	0.212 5(5)	Zn(1)- $O(2)$ ⁱⁱ	0.214 2(5)
Zn(1)- $O(2)$ ⁱⁱⁱ	0.214 2(5)	$Zn(1)\text{-}N(2)^i$	0.213 8(6)	Zn(1)- $N(2)$	0.213 8(6)
$O(1)$ - $Zn(1)$ - $O(1)^{i}$	167.4(3)	$\mathrm{O}(1)\text{-}\mathrm{Zn}(1)\text{-}\mathrm{O}(2)^{ii}$	78.47(17)	$\mathrm{O}(1)^{\mathrm{i}}\text{-}\mathrm{Zn}(1)\text{-}\mathrm{O}(2)^{\mathrm{ii}}$	92.45(18)
$\mathrm{O}(1)\text{-}\mathrm{Zn}(1)\text{-}\mathrm{O}(2)^{\mathrm{iii}}$	92.45(18)	$\mathrm{O}(1)^{\mathrm{i}}\text{-}\mathrm{Zn}(1)\text{-}\mathrm{O}(2)^{\mathrm{iii}}$	78.47(17)	$\mathrm{O}(2)^{ii}\text{-}\mathrm{Zn}(1)\text{-}\mathrm{O}(2)^{iii}$	88.5(3)
O(1)- $Zn(1)$ - $N(2)i$	94.1(2)	$O(1)^{i}$ - $Zn(1)$ - $N(2)^{i}$	95.0(2)	O(1)-Zn(1)-N(2)	95.0(2)
$O(1)^{i}$ -Zn(1)-N(2)	94.1(2)	$N(2)^{i}$ - $Zn(1)$ - $O(2)^{ii}$	92.2(2)	$N(2)$ - $Zn(1)$ - $O(2)^{ii}$	173.4(2)
$N(2)^{\mathrm{i}}\text{-}Zn(1)\text{-}\mathrm{O}(2)^{\mathrm{i}\mathrm{i}\mathrm{i}}$	173.4(2)	$N(2)\text{-}Zn(1)\text{-}O(2)^{iii}$	92.2(2)	$N(2)$ - $Zn(1)$ - $N(2)^{i}$	87.9(3)

Symmetry codes: ${}^{i}-x$, y, -z+1/2; ${}^{ii}-x$, -y+1, -z+1; ${}^{iii}x$, -y+1, z-1/2.

All non-hydrogen atoms present were anisotropically refined and the other hydrogen atoms were treated as riding method.

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1.4 Biological activity test

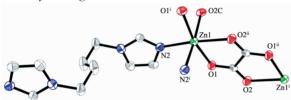
As a preliminary screening for antimicrobial activity, using agar diffusion method described in the previous paper^[14], bbi and compound 1 dissolved in DMF were tested against standard strains of Escherichia Staphylococcus aureus, and Enterobacter aerogenes, which belong to Gram-negative bacteria, Gram-positive bacteria and Gram-negative bacteria, respectively. The turbidities of these cultures were adjusted to equal that of a 0.5 McFarland turbidity standard using a spectrophotometer (600 nm). The amount of strains corresponded to about 1.5×10^8 CFU·mL^{-1[15]}. After test strains were spread on the solid nutrient agar surface, stainless steel tubes (6 mm×8 mm×10 mm) were placed vertically on the surface. 0.1 mL samples with certain concentration were injected to the steel tubes before 24 h incubation at 37 °C. The inhibition zone around the disc was calculated as zone diameter in millimeters. An inhibition zone with a diameter less than 6 mm corresponds to lack of activity (6 mm is the diameter of the spot). Control experiments with solvents show that the solvents have no activity. Under the same cultivation conditions, selected duplicates were run to ensure reproducibility.

2 Results and discussion

2.1 Description of structure

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction reveals that the compound 1 adopts structure with space group *C2/c*, and the asymmetric unit consists of one Zn1 ion, one oxalate anion, and one bbi ligand. As shown in Fig.1, Zn1 ion adopts a distorted octahedral geometry, and is hexa-coordinated by two nitrogen atoms from two different bbi ligands and four carboxylate oxygen atoms from two different oxalate anions, completing the [Zn1O₄N₂] coordination sphere. The Zn1-N bond lengths in the crystal are equal (Zn1-N, 0.213 8(6) nm), which are usual and well consistent with those of known zinc-imidazole complexes^[16]. The Zn1-O bond distances in the range of 0.212 5(5)~0.214 2(5) nm

are normal and also comparable to those of reported zinc complexes having octahedral coordination geometry^[17]. Notably, Oxalate anion acts as a bidentate ligand and forms a five-membered ring with the central metal ion. It is interesting that dihedral angle between two five-membered rings linking the same central metal Zn1 ion is about 89.80°, which suggests the planes derived from different oxalate anions are mutually vertical to each other. In addition, the eight coordinating oxygen atoms of the two fussed chelate rings are cis-positioned with respect to the two imidazolyl nitrogen atoms.

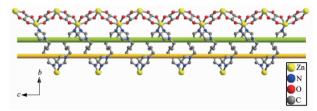


Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity; Symmetry codes: (-x, y, -z+1/2; (-x, -y+1, -z+1; (x-y+1, z-1/2

Fig.1 ORTEP drawing coordination environment of Zn1 center in 1 at the 30% probability level

As displayed in Fig.2, each oxalate anion links two neighboring Zn1 centers via a chelating bisbidentate coordination mode and serves as a bridging tetradentate ligand to form infinite one-dimensional (1D) wave-like metal chains with a Zn1 ··· Zn1 separation of 0.5535 nm, while neighboring metal Zn1 centers located in adjacent metal-oxalate chains are bridged together by bbi ligands coordination bonds, affording extraordinary mesohelical chains structure extended along the c axis with a Zn1...Zn1 separation of 1.184 4 nm. These chains contain both left- and right-handed helical loops in each chain, and display a "∞"shape. To date, only a (1D) meso-helices among few one-dimensional imidazole-based coordination polymers have been reported, which can be regarded as a three-(3D) presentation of a lemniscate. dimensional Furthermore, the bbi ligands as bidentate bridging ligands connect the neighboring wave-like metal chains, thus resulting in the formation of a twodimensional layer structure with (4,4) topology which consist of thirty-membered rings constituted two bbi

ligands, two oxalate anions and three Zn1 ions. It is noteworthy that the two distinct types of 1D chain structures, metal-oxalate chains and metal mesohelical chains, are alternatively stacked in an -ABAB-sequence and are intercalated with each other which are shown in Fig.3.



Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity

Fig.2 View of the 1D wave-like metal-oxalate chain structure and infinite meso-helical chain formed by bbi ligands being linked through Zn1 ion in 1

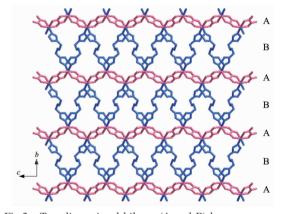


Fig.3 Two-dimensional bilayer (A and B) layer structure with (4,4) topology constructed by wave-like metal-oxalate chains and meso-helical chains of 1 further arrayed in an -ABAB- sequence

In such a coordination mode, the 2D layers are further stacked through intermolecular π-π stacking interactions (0.372 0(5) nm for centroid-centroid distance) of two equivalent imidazole rings, yielding three dimensional network structures. It is obvious that the flexibility of the bbi ligand has a great influence to the framework. Owing to the presence of a flexible -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂- spacer, the bbi ligand can link discrete clusters into an extended network and is a good candidate to form highly connected 3D frameworks. Also, in structure of 1, as the methylene groups can bend freely relative to each other due to the C atoms connected via single bonds, the bbi ligand forms an S-shaped conformation, which makes

the voids in the three-dimensional network distorted, resulting in the formation of channels. The channels run approximately along the crystallographic c axis.

2.2 Fluorescence properties

The fluorescence spectrums of 1 and free bbi ligand in the solid state were investigated at ambient temperature, as depicted in Fig.4. The free bbi ligand exhibits a broad fluorescent emission at 338 nm upon excitation at 297 nm^[18]. Relative to bbi, 1 exhibits a large red shift of emission with a main peak at 466 nm when irradiated at 280 nm. The fluorescent emission of 1 belongs neither to metal-to-ligand charge transfer (MLCT) nor ligand-to-metal charge transfer (LMCT), since Zn1 ions with d^{10} configuration are difficult to be oxidized or to be reduced^[19]. Therefore, in comparison with those of the reported zinc complexes with N-donor ligands^[20], the band is assigned to the intraligand $(\pi^*-\pi)$ fluorescent emission. The enhancement and red shift of the emission for 1 compared to bbi may be attributed to the coordination of Zn1 ions

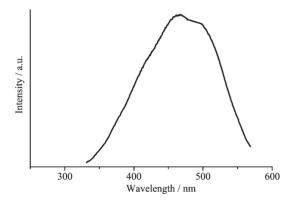


Fig.4 Fluorescent emission spectra of compound 1 in solid state at room temperature

to bbi ligands and the use of second ligand because the photoluminescence behavior is closely associated with the local environments around the metal ions^[21]. The ancillary ligands and the counter anions play an important role in the fluorescence properties of d^{10} metal complexes.

2.3 Biological results and discussion

The antimicrobial activities of bbi and 1 against bacteria (E. coli, S. aureus, and E. aerogenes) were examined by the inhibition zone test method. In this model, it could turn out that the samples exhibit moderate antibacterial activity against the selected strains. The ability of the samples to inhibit growth of the tested strains is listed in Table 3. From the viewpoint of the test, the inhibition activity of bbi and 1 increase with increase in the concentration of the test solution containing the samples. In addition, the antibacterial activity of bbi and 1 against the same strain give distinctness. Comparatively, it seems that compound 1 presents show higher activity against bacteria than the ligand bbi, especially in the activity against E. aerogenes and E. coli, whereas compound 1 exhibits only poor activity against E. aerogenes. The variation in the activity of different complexes against depends either organisms impermeability of the cells of the microbes differences in ribosomes in microbial cells^[22].

These results indicate that bbi and compound 1 possess selective antimicrobial properties for the tested objects. Consequently, bbi and its compound are expected to have higher special bio-activity through further survey.

Table 3 Diameter of inhibition zone

c 1	Concentration /	Diameter of inhibition zone / mm			
Sample	$(\mu g \! \cdot \! mL^{1})$	Escherichia coli	Staphylococcus aureus	Enterobacter aerogene	
bbi	50	10.8	9.8	6.0	
	200	13.3	11.1	6.0	
	500	14.7	13.5	6.0	
	1 000	15.5	14.8	6.0	
1	50	10.0	12.5	9.3	
	200	14.0	13.5	11.5	
	500	16.3	15.5	13.5	
	1 000	19.0	18.2	15.0	

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