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## VARIETIES OF CRYSTALLINE ARCHITECTURE BY USING HYDROGEN BONDING IN BIIMIDAZOLATE METAL COMPLEX SYSTEMS. PART 1: DIMER COMPLEX

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**Abstract.** Two crystal structures of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{tacn})(\text{Hbim})](\text{ClO}_4) \cdot \text{MeOH}$  (2) ( $\text{tacn}$  = 1,4,7-triazacyclononane) and  $[\text{Cu}(\text{SalenNMe}_2)(\text{Hbim})]_2$  (1) ( $\text{salenNMe}_2$  = N-salicylidene-N',N'-dimethylethylenediamine) have been determined. The structures are the first examples of a mononuclear complex containing monodeprotonated 2,2'-biimidazolate ( $\text{Hbim}^-$ ) as a bidentate ligand.

### INTRODUCTION

Molecular systems with cooperative interaction between hydrogen bonding (HB) and charge-transfer (CT), the HBCT systems, can be a good candidate for new molecular materials having interesting solid state properties.<sup>1,2</sup>

Such an idea can be examined and developed by expanding the HBCT systems into the transition metal systems having both hydrogen bonding and CT type interactions.<sup>3-5</sup> As the first step, we have intended to construct the hydrogen bonded transition metal complexes having a direct intermolecular hydrogen bonding.

Selecting the 2, 2'-biimidazole ligand ( $\text{H}_2\text{bim}$ ), the monomeric complex containing the triazamacrocyclic ligand, 1,4,7-triazacyclononane ( $\text{tacn}$ ) and the bidentate monodeprotonated 2,2'-biimidazolate ligand ( $\text{Hbim}^-$ ),  $[\text{Cu}(\text{tacn})(\text{Hbim})]\text{ClO}_4$  (1) is synthesized and characterized by X-ray crystal structure analysis. The complex of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{salenNMe}_2)(\text{Hbim})]_2$  (2) containing tridentate ligand of N-salicylidene-N',N'-dimethyl-ethylenediamine ( $\text{salenNMe}_2$ ) and the  $\text{Hbim}^-$  ligand is also synthesized and characterized by X-ray crystal structure analysis, which is the first example of the dimeric hydrogen bonded transition metal systems (Figure 1).

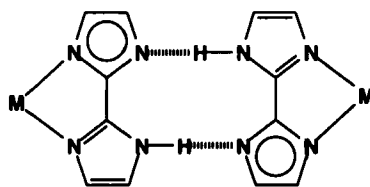


FIGURE 1 Hydrogen bonding dimer by metal complexes with Hbim<sup>-</sup> ligands.

## EXPERIMENTAL

### Measurement

Intensity data were collected at a temperature of 296 K on a Rigaku AFC5R diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation and the  $\omega$ -2 $\theta$  scan technique. Accurate cell dimensions and crystal orientation matrixes were determined by least-squares refinement of 25 reflections for compounds **1** and **2**. The crystallographic data and structure refinement for compounds **1** and **2** are summarized in Table 1.

Totals of 5483 (**1**) and 5738 (**2**) reflections were collected to a maximum 2 $\theta$  value of 60.0°; 5218 (**1**) and 5368 (**2**) of them were unique, and from these, 1331 (**1**) and 1576 (**2**) were assumed as observed ( $F_o > 3\sigma(F_o)$ ). For all these structures the data were corrected for Lorentz, polarization, and absorption effects. No decay correction was applied.

The structures of **1** and **2** were solved by heavy-atom Patterson methods<sup>6</sup> and expanded using Fourier techniques. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were located on a DF map and refined isotropically. The maximum and minimum peaks on the final difference Fourier map corresponded to 0.59 and -0.54 eÅ<sup>-3</sup> (**1**), and 0.36 and -0.34 eÅ<sup>-3</sup> (**2**), respectively. All calculations were performed using the teXsan<sup>7</sup> crystallographic software package. The final atomic coordinates of compounds **1** and **2** are given in Table 2 and Table 3, respectively.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Structure of Complex 1

The syntheses of complexes **1** and **2** have been reported in the literature.<sup>6</sup> The crystal for X-ray crystal analysis of complex **1** can obtain to recrystallize from MeOH. An ORTEP view of complex **1** is shown in Figure 2 along with the numbering scheme. The selected bond distances and angles of complex **1** is given in Table 4.

TABLE 1 Crystallographic data for complexes 1 and 2.

	1	2
formula	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>7</sub> ClCuO <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>6</sub> CuO
crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic
fw	457.38	387.93
space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>
<i>a</i> , Å	10.030(4)	7.338(4)
<i>b</i> , Å	12.393(5)	22.016(6)
<i>c</i> , Å	15.986(5)	11.169(4)
$\beta$ , deg	95.59(3)	97.14(4)
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	1977(1)	1790(1)
<i>Z</i>	4	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$ , g/cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.536	1.439
<i>T</i> , K	296	296
$\lambda$ , Å	0.71069	0.71069
$\mu$ , cm <sup>-1</sup>	12.79	12.38
no. of unique reflns	5218	5368
no. of reflns with	1331	1576
$\langle F > 3.0 \sigma(F) \rangle$		
<i>R</i> <sup>a</sup>	0.067	0.047
<i>R</i> <sub>w</sub> <sup>b</sup>	0.073	0.053

$$^a R = \sum [F_o - F_c] / F_o. \quad ^b R = [\sum w(F_o - F_c)^2 / \sum wF_o^2]^{1/2}.$$

The crystal of complex 1 consists of Cu(II) mononuclear complex cations of [Cu(tacn)(Hbim)]<sup>+</sup>, perchlorate ions, and methanol molecules. The Cu(II) ion in complex 1 is bound at distorted square-pyramidal five nitrogens donor sets. The macrocyclic triamine is coordinated facially with N(5) and N(7) occupying equatorial positions and N(6) apically situated; N(2) and N(4) of Hbim<sup>-</sup> ligands are in the two remaining equatorial positions. The Cu-N lengths fall in range 2.01(1) - 2.23(1) Å, and Cu-N(6) [2.23(1) Å] apical distance is slightly long compared with those for other equatorial nitrogen atoms.

The equatorial Cu-N bonds are approximately equal [2.01(1)-2.02(1) Å] and compare well with the values reported for Cu([9]aneN<sub>3</sub>)Br<sub>2</sub><sup>8</sup> and Cu([9]aneN<sub>3</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub>.<sup>9</sup> The apical Cu-N(6) distance [2.23(1) Å], while equal to that in Cu([9]aneN<sub>3</sub>)Br<sub>2</sub> [2.23(4) Å] or slightly longer than that in Cu([9]aneN<sub>3</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub> [2.268(1) Å] and substantially longer than the equatorial Cu-N bonds may be anomalously shortened due to constraint by the macrocyclic triamine which causes the Cu-N (apical) bond to be tilted toward the basal N atoms. The perchlorate ion and the methanol molecule are free

TABLE 2 Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ ) of complex 1.

atom	x	y	z	$B_{eq}$
Cu	0.0384(2)	0.0773(1)	-0.2612(1)	3.11(3)
Cl	0.0885(4)	0.2882(3)	0.3347(2)	4.17(9)
O(1)	0.164(1)	0.3425(10)	0.2722(6)	6.1(3)
O(2)	-0.0470(10)	0.2633(8)	0.2999(6)	4.9(3)
O(3)	0.088(1)	0.3581(8)	0.4087(6)	5.2(3)
O(4)	0.155(1)	0.1838(9)	0.3590(7)	7.2(3)
O(5)	0.110(1)	0.345(1)	0.1044(8)	8.4(4)
N(1)	0.006(1)	0.3011(9)	-0.4465(6)	3.1(3)
N(2)	-0.010(1)	0.2112(9)	-0.3289(7)	3.4(3)
N(3)	0.1495(10)	0.081(1)	-0.4978(6)	3.4(3)
N(4)	0.113(1)	0.0353(9)	-0.3693(7)	3.5(3)
N(5)	0.059(2)	-0.068(1)	-0.2054(8)	5.8(4)
N(6)	0.209(1)	0.119(1)	-0.1661(7)	4.5(3)
N(7)	-0.072(1)	0.114(1)	-0.1662(8)	5.7(4)
C(1)	-0.063(1)	0.364(1)	-0.3941(10)	4.0(4)
C(2)	-0.074(1)	0.309(1)	-0.3229(8)	3.7(4)
C(3)	0.197(2)	-0.022(1)	-0.4831(10)	4.5(4)
C(4)	0.171(1)	-0.051(1)	-0.404(1)	4.1(4)
C(5)	0.034(1)	0.208(1)	-0.4045(7)	2.5(3)
C(6)	0.100(1)	0.113(1)	-0.4256(7)	2.8(3)
C(7)	0.194(3)	-0.080(2)	-0.157(1)	11.5(8)
C(8)	0.262(2)	0.013(2)	-0.140(2)	9.3(6)
C(9)	0.146(3)	0.182(2)	-0.101(1)	11.1(8)
C(10)	0.007(3)	0.180(2)	-0.102(1)	11.7(8)
C(11)	-0.114(2)	0.003(2)	-0.133(2)	11.4(7)
C(12)	-0.063(3)	-0.079(2)	-0.155(1)	11.6(8)
C(13)	-0.012(2)	0.404(2)	0.096(1)	10.4(7)

$$B_{eq} = 8/3 \{ p^2 (U_{11}(aa^*)^2 + U_{22}(bb^*)^2 + U_{33}(cc^*)^2 + 2U_{12}aa^*bb^*\cos\theta + 2U_{13}aa^*cc^*\cos\phi + 2U_{23}bb^*cc^*\cos\alpha) \}$$

TABLE 3 Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ ) of complex **2**.

atom	x	y	z	$B_{eq}$
Cu(1)	0.0772(1)	0.19599(4)	-0.02537(9)	2.54(2)
O(1)	0.2558(8)	0.2538(3)	-0.0691(6)	3.9(1)
N(1)	0.3343(9)	0.0428(3)	-0.1289(6)	3.1(2)
N(2)	0.1771(8)	0.1313(3)	-0.1203(5)	2.4(1)
N(3)	0.4317(10)	0.0580(3)	0.1454(6)	3.0(2)
N(4)	0.2571(9)	0.1405(3)	0.1277(6)	3.1(2)
N(5)	-0.1696(9)	0.1500(3)	-0.0203(6)	2.9(2)
N(6)	-0.0478(9)	0.2576(3)	-0.0616(6)	2.6(1)
C(1)	0.283(1)	0.0881(3)	-0.0598(7)	2.3(2)
C(2)	0.323(1)	0.0944(4)	0.0701(7)	2.5(2)
C(3)	0.160(1)	0.1114(4)	-0.2370(7)	2.8(2)
C(4)	0.254(1)	0.0590(4)	-0.2422(9)	3.4(2)
C(5)	0.331(1)	0.1326(5)	0.2453(8)	3.8(2)
C(6)	0.436(1)	0.0828(4)	0.2578(8)	3.8(2)
C(7)	-0.160(2)	0.0821(5)	-0.018(1)	5.1(3)
C(8)	-0.297(2)	0.1707(6)	-0.126(1)	4.9(3)
C(9)	-0.232(1)	0.1699(4)	0.0951(9)	3.6(2)
C(10)	-0.218(1)	0.2388(5)	0.1069(10)	3.9(2)
C(11)	0.003(1)	0.3137(4)	0.0777(7)	3.2(2)
C(12)	0.155(1)	0.3414(4)	0.0324(7)	3.2(2)
C(13)	0.273(1)	0.3110(4)	-0.0393(7)	3.0(2)
C(14)	0.415(1)	0.3444(4)	-0.0826(9)	3.9(2)
C(15)	0.436(2)	0.4058(4)	-0.0548(10)	4.5(2)
C(16)	0.325(2)	0.4355(4)	0.0150(9)	4.4(2)
C(17)	0.188(1)	0.4044(4)	0.0593(8)	4.0(2)

$$B_{eq} = 8/3 \{ p^2 (U_{11}(aa^*)^2 + U_{22}(bb^*)^2 + U_{33}(cc^*)^2 + 2U_{12}aa^*bb^*\cos\gamma + 2U_{13}aa^*cc^*\cos\beta + 2U_{23}bb^*cc^*\cos\alpha) \}$$

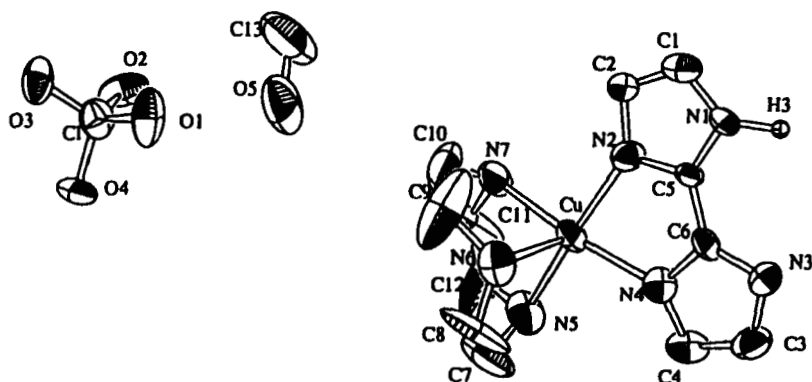


FIGURE 2 ORTEP view of complex 1.

from the coordination and are captured in the crystal lattice with intermolecular hydrogen bonds. The perchlorate ion forms intermolecular hydrogen bonds with the NH groups of tacn [N(5)-O(2) 2.88(2); N(6)-O(2) 2.93(1); and N(7)-O(1) 2.78(2) Å] and Hbim<sup>-</sup> [N(1)-O(3) 2.63(1); and N(3)-O(4) 2.63(2) Å] in the [Cu(tacn)(Hbim)]<sup>+</sup> cation. It should be noted that the two hydrogen atoms of H(1) and H(2) of Hbim<sup>-</sup> are in disorder with 0.5 occupancy factors, respectively. The methanol molecule forms the hydrogen bond between perchlorate ion [O(5)-O(1) 2.68 Å].

### Structure of Complex 2

In order to preclude an interaction with the counter anion and to construct the hydrogen bonded dimer (Figure 1), we chose the mononegative, tridentate ligand N-salicylidene-N',N'-dimethylethylenediamine (salenNMe<sub>2</sub>) in place of the neutral, triazamacrocyclic ligand. Thus, a neutral complex of copper(II) with Hbim<sup>-</sup> and salenNMe<sub>2</sub>, [Cu(salenNMe<sub>2</sub>)(Hbim)]<sub>2</sub> (2), was designed and synthesized.

In this system, the tridentate ligand cannot donate a hydrogen bond and the methyl groups suppress the coordination of a solvent molecule to axial coordination positions.<sup>10</sup> However, an equatorial coordination position is available for binding to the Hbim<sup>-</sup> ligand. An ORTEP view of complex 2 is shown in Figure 3 along with the numbering scheme. The selected bond distances and angles of complex 2 are given in Table 5.

The crystal structure is comprised of only mononuclear Cu(II) complex units; [Cu(salenNMe<sub>2</sub>)(Hbim)]. The primary coordination sphere is pseudo-square pyramidal with the tridentate Schiff base [Cu(1)-O(1) 1.933(6); Cu(1)-N(6) 1.962(6); Cu(1)-N(5) 2.082(6) Å] and N(2) of the Hbim<sup>-</sup> monoanion [Cu(1)-N(2) 1.970(6) Å] defining



TABLE 4 Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) for compound 1<sup>a</sup>.

Distances			
Cu - N(2)	2.01(1)	Cu - N(4)	2.02(1)
Cu - N(5)	2.02(1)	Cu - N(6)	2.23(1)
Cu - N(7)	2.02(1)	N(1) - C(1)	1.38(2)
Cu - C(2)	1.34(2)	N(2) - C(2)	1.38(2)
N(2) - C(5)	1.33(1)	N(1) - C(5)	1.35(1)
N(4) - C(4)	1.36(2)	C(4) - C(3)	1.36(2)
N(3) - C(3)	1.37(2)	N(3) - C(6)	1.36(1)
N(4) - C(6)	1.32(2)	C(5) - C(6)	1.41(2)
Angles			
N(2) - Cu - N(4)	80.9(4)	N(2) - Cu - N(5)	169.9(5)
N(2) - Cu - N(6)	107.7(5)	N(2) - Cu - N(7)	95.5(5)
N(4) - Cu - N(5)	96.8(5)	N(4) - Cu - N(6)	108.7(4)
N(4) - Cu - N(7)	168.4(5)	N(5) - Cu - N(6)	82.4(5)
N(5) - Cu - N(7)	84.8(6)	N(6) - Cu - N(7)	82.9(3)

<sup>a</sup> Estimated standard deviations are given in parentheses.

the equatorial plane and N(4) of the coordinated Hbim<sup>-</sup> ligand occupying one of the axial positions [Cu(1)-N(4) 2.365(7) Å]. The Hbim<sup>-</sup> ligand acts as a chelated ligand employing both equatorial and axial ligations. In copper(II) complexes with this salenNMe<sub>2</sub> and the ligand with similar coordination modes, only two complexes; [Cu(salenNMe<sub>2</sub>)(theopyllinato)]<sup>10</sup> and [Cu(BsalenNMe<sub>2</sub>)(theopyllinato)] (BsalenNMe<sub>2</sub> = N-3,4-benzosalicylidene-N,N'-dimethylethylenediamine),<sup>11</sup> were already revealed their structures by X-ray crystal analysis. [Cu(BsalenNMe<sub>2</sub>)(theopyllinato)], has a pseudo-square pyramidal similar to that of complex 2.

The most important intermolecular interaction found in the crystal packing is formation of the dimeric H-bonding [N(1)-N(3) 2.83(10) Å] of a NH...N type between the Hbim<sup>-</sup> ligands. The two Hbim<sup>-</sup> skeletons connected by the double NH...N type hydrogen bonds exist on a coplanar.

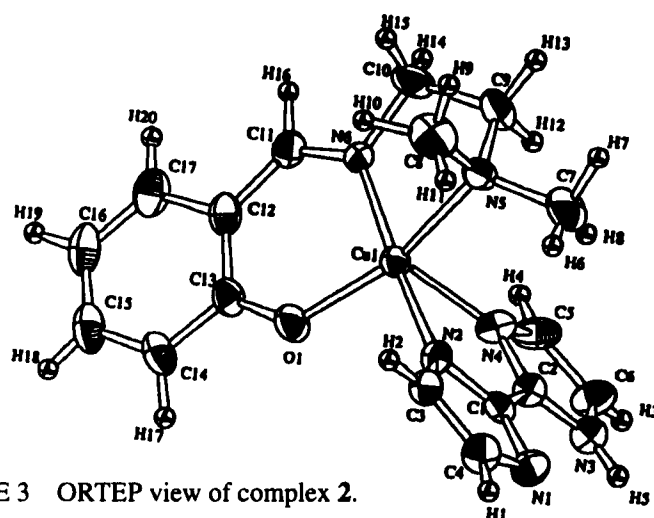


FIGURE 3 ORTEP view of complex 2.

TABLE 5. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) for compound 2<sup>a</sup>.

Distances			
Cu(1) - O(1)	1.933(6)	Cu(1) - N(2)	1.970(6)
Cu(1) - N(4)	2.365(7)	Cu(1) - N(5)	2.082(6)
Cu(1) - N(6)	1.962(6)	N(1) - C(1)	1.344(9)
N(1) - C(4)	1.38(1)	C(4) - C(3)	1.35(1)
C(3) - N(2)	1.366(10)	N(2) - C(1)	1.355(10)
N(4) - C(2)	1.327(9)	C(2) - N(3)	1.348(10)
N(3) - C(6)	1.36(1)	C(6) - C(5)	1.34(1)
C(1) - C(2)	1.45(1)		
Angles			
O(1) - Cu(1) - N(2)	91.8(2)	O(1) - Cu(1) - N(4)	100.8(3)
O(1) - Cu(1) - N(5)	161.2(3)	O(1) - Cu(1) - N(6)	92.5(3)
N(2) - Cu(1) - N(4)	78.7(2)	N(2) - Cu(1) - N(5)	92.7(3)
N(2) - Cu(1) - N(6)	174.0(3)	N(4) - Cu(1) - N(5)	98.0(2)
N(4) - Cu(1) - N(6)	104.6(2)	N(5) - Cu(1) - N(6)	82.0(3)

<sup>a</sup> Estimated standard deviations are given in parentheses.

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