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LANTHANIDE SHIFT REAGENTS PAPER 20¹

LANTHANIDE BINDING CONSTANTS FOR AMIDES AND QUATERNARY SALTS

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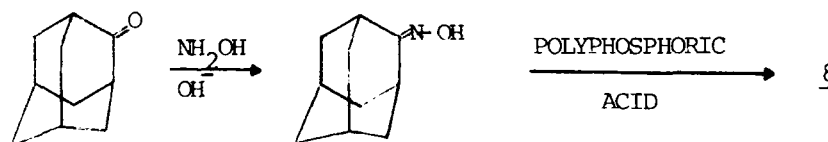
INTRODUCTION

In continuation of our work¹ on the interaction of organic materials with Europium shift reagents we report the first absolute binding constants (K) for amide substrates with $\text{Eu}(\text{thd})_3$. We have also measured K for some quaternary ammonium and phosphonium salts with the fluorinated analogue, $\text{Eu}(\text{fod})_3\text{-d}_{27}$.

EXPERIMENTAL

Equilibrium binding constants (K) were determined by 60MHz ¹H NMR spectroscopy at 27° using the method of Bouquant and

Chuche as described in previous publications^{1,3}. They are considered to be accurate to $\pm 5\%$. All amide and quaternary salt substrates were obtained from commercial sources with the exception of the azahomoadamantanone, 8, which was synthesised by the following route⁴.



Deuterated chloroform (99.8% isotopic purity, Merck Sharp and Dohme Ltd.) was pre-dried thoroughly² before use with 4A molecular sieve.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Values of the binding constants, K , are given in the Table.

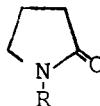
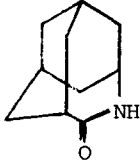
AMIDES

Large values of K were obtained for the amides, lactams and urea (1-8) with the non-fluorinated reagent, $\text{Eu}(\text{thd})_3$. These can be contrasted with the low values derived for aliphatic and alicyclic ketones¹ (between 5 and 20) and the surprisingly high figures of greater than 100 for some nitrogen heterocycles⁵ with the same lanthanide complex. The maximum

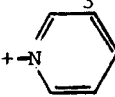
TABLE

Equilibrium Binding Constants (K) at 27° in CDCl_3
for amides with $\text{Eu}(\text{thd})_3$ and quaternary salts with
 $\text{Eu}(\text{fod})_3\text{-d}_{27}$.

A. Amides with $\text{Eu}(\text{thd})_3^*$.

COMPOUND	K	COMPOUND	K
1. $\text{HCON}(\text{CH}_3)_2$	190	 6. $\text{R}=\text{H}$	211
2. $\text{CH}_3\text{CON}(\text{CH}_3)_2$	422	7. $\text{R}=\text{CH}_3$	244
3. $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCONH}_2$	155	8. 	210
4. $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CONH}_2$	575		
5. $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NCON}(\text{CH}_3)_2$	302		

B. Quaternary halide salts $\text{R}_1\text{R}_2\text{R}_3\text{R}_4\text{M}^+\text{X}^-$ with $\text{Eu}(\text{fod})_3\text{-d}_{27}$

COMPOUND	R_1	R_2	$\text{R}_3=\text{R}_4$	M	X	K
9.	$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{11}$	$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{11}$	CH_3	N	Br	954
10.	$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{15}$	CH_3	CH_3	N	Br	313
11.	$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{15}$				Br	600
12.	CH_3	C_6H_5	C_6H_5	P	Br	359
13.	C_2H_5	C_6H_5	C_6H_5	P	Br	145

* Infrared carbonyl stretching frequencies in chloroform solution were: 1, 1665; 2, 1630; 4, 1675; 5, 1625; 7, 1670 cm^{-1} .

value was found for benzamide, 4, and this can be related to electron donation from the phenyl ring. A similar enhancement of K was noted for α -tetralone (when compared with cyclohexanone¹) and acetophenone compared with dialkyl

ketones⁶. Changing the ring size from 5 to 6 in the lactams (compounds 6 and 8) had no noticeable effect on the value of K (as was also found in the alicyclic ketones¹ cyclo-pentanone, -hexanone and -heptanone).

The increase in the binding constant from dimethylformamide to dimethylacetamide (1 to 2) can be attributed to the inductive electron release of the methyl group on the carbonyl function. (Lewin⁷ has shown, by a relative method of measuring K, that 2 binds $\text{Eu}(\text{thd})_3$ about three times as strongly as 1).

There was no apparent correlation between the values of K for five amides and the carbonyl infrared stretching frequencies in chloroform solution (see Table). Because the incremental dilution procedure needs equimolar amounts of a single substrate, we were unable to measure K for unsymmetrical amides like $\text{CH}_3\text{NHCOCH}_3$ and PhNHCOCH_3 which are known to exist as rotameric mixtures with the lanthanides⁸.

QUATERNARY AMMONIUM AND PHOSPHONIUM SALTS

The proton NMR signals for quaternary ammonium salts in CDCl_3 are not shifted on addition of $\text{Eu}(\text{thd})_3$. We have previously shown that simple ethers are similarly uncomplexed by this non-fluorinated reagent¹. By contrast, the fluorinated $\text{Eu}(\text{fod})_3$ and $\text{Yb}(\text{fod})_3$ reagents cause large shifts with ethers and epoxides and several K values have been

determined¹. The success of $\text{Eu}(\text{fod})_3$ in simplifying the spectra of some quaternary ammonium and phosphonium salts⁹⁻¹¹ led us to measure K by the incremental dilution procedure for five of these compounds (see Table). The only comparative figures for K were determined¹¹ by Armitage's method for tetraethylammonium and phosphonium halides. They are lower than the figures reported here (e.g. K for Et_4PCl with $\text{Eu}(\text{fod})_3 > 100$) and this feature of the Armitage method has been noted previously for aliphatic alcohols¹².

There is now general agreement that the lanthanide reagent binds to the anion involved¹¹ and the Table shows that the greater steric hindrance to binding in the ethyl salt, 13, than in the methyl analogue, 12, results in a lower value for K. There is also obviously tighter binding in the less crowded pyridinium salt 11 than the tetra alkyl ammonium bromide, 10.

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