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## ABSTRACT

The reaction of 2,6-pyridinedicarboxylic acid, [pydc.H<sub>2</sub>] with 2,6-pyridinediamine, [pyda], in THF in the presence of Et<sub>3</sub>N leads to the formation of a novel self-assembling system LH<sub>2</sub>, [pyda.H<sub>2</sub>]<sup>2+</sup>[pydc]<sup>2-</sup>. The characterization was performed using EI, CI, ES mass spectroscopy as well as <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C solution NMR and X-ray crystallography. The intermolecular forces in this novel system consists of H-bonding and ion-pairing simultaneously. The <sup>13</sup>C solid phase NMR data is in agreement with X-ray crystal structure. As expected, the [pydc]<sup>2-</sup> unit in the solid phase <sup>13</sup>C NMR shows twice peaks as in solution. Spectrophotometric studies in aqueous solutions supported the formation of 1:1 adduct L with a formation constant of logK<sub>f</sub> = 5.65 ± 0.13.

One equivalent of metal ions such as Cr(III), Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II), Zn(II), with two equivalent of LH<sub>2</sub>, results in the formation of [pyda.H][Cr(pydc)<sub>2</sub>].pydc.H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O (space group: *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*c*; *Z* = 8; *R*<sub>1</sub> = 0.0574; *wR*<sub>2</sub> = 0.1310; C.N. = 6; distorted O<sub>h</sub>; mononuclear), [pyda.H]<sub>2</sub>[M(pydc)<sub>2</sub>].H<sub>2</sub>O, {M = Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II)} (space group: *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*n*; *Z* = 4; *R*<sub>1</sub> = 0.0482, 0.0444, 0.0476 respectively; *wR*<sub>2</sub> = 0.1230, 0.12290.0957 respectively; C.N. = 6; distorted O<sub>h</sub>; mononuclear) and [pyda.H][Zn(pydc)(pydc.H)].3H<sub>2</sub>O (space group: *P* $\bar{1}$ ; *Z* = 2; *R*<sub>1</sub> = 0.0401; *wR*<sub>2</sub> = 0.0857; C.N. = 6; distorted O<sub>h</sub>; mononuclear). The characterization was performed using elemental analysis, IR, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C solution NMR spectroscopy as well as X-ray crystallography. The ESI/MS data was also applied for Co(II) and Ni(II) complexes.

The complexation reaction between LH<sub>2</sub> and Cd(II) and Hg(II) salts results in the formation of [Cd(pydc)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>.2[pydc.H<sub>2</sub>] (space group: *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*c*; *Z* = 2; *R*<sub>1</sub> = 0.0382; *wR*<sub>2</sub> = 0.0860; C.N. = 7; distorted pentagonal bipyramidal; binuclear) and {[pyda.H]<sub>2</sub>[HgCl<sub>2</sub>(pydc)<sub>2</sub>]}<sub>n</sub> (space group: *P* $\bar{1}$ ; *Z* = 1; *R*<sub>1</sub> = 0.0639; *wR*<sub>2</sub> = 0.1382; C.N. = 6; distorted O<sub>h</sub>; polymer).

The reaction between Zr(IV) salt and LH<sub>2</sub> results in the formation of crystalline product. It is a novel self-assembling system [pyda.H] NO<sub>3</sub> free from zirconium

(space group:  $P2_1$ ;  $Z = 2$ ;  $R_1=0.0477$ ;  $wR_2=0.1176$ ;  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking between pyridines rings).

The reaction between  $\text{PdCl}_2$  and  $\text{LH}_2$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  results in the formation of  $[\text{pyda.H}]_2[\text{PdCl}_4]$  (space group:  $P\bar{1}$ ;  $Z = 1$ ;  $R_1=0.0602$ ;  $wR_2=0.1465$ ; C.N. = 4; square planer), and presumably  $[\text{Pd}(\text{pydc.H})_2] \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $[\text{pyda.H}][\text{Pd}(\text{pydc})(\text{pydc.H})] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  complexes. The  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, IR and ESI/MS spectra and confirmed the formation of these complexes.

The reaction of  $\text{LH}_2$  with  $\text{La}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  affords to the formation of an anionic La(III) complex,  $[\text{pyda.H}]_2[\text{La}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{pydc})_2]_2$  (space group:  $P\bar{1}$ ;  $Z = 1$ ;  $R_1 = 0.0442$ ,  $wR_2 = 0.0992$ ; C.N. = 9; highly distorted tricapped trigonal prism; binuclear).

The complexation reaction between  $\text{LH}_2$  and  $\text{Pb}(\text{II})$  ion, leads to the formation of  $\{[\text{Pb}(\text{pydc})(\text{pydc.H}_2)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_2\}_n$  (space group:  $P\bar{1}$ ;  $Z = 2$ ;  $R_1 = 0.0373$ ;  $wR_2 = 0.0914$ ; C.N. = 6; distorted  $\text{O}_h$ ; polymer;  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking between pyridines rings; the lone pair of electrons on  $\text{Pb}(\text{II})$  is presumably stereochemically active and the structure is hemidirected)

The reaction of  $\text{LH}_2$  with bismuthsubnitrate results in the formation of  $\{[\text{BiCl}(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{pydc})]_2\}_n$  (space group:  $P2_1/c$ ;  $Z = 2$ ;  $R_1 = 0.0314$ ;  $wR_2 = 0.0809$ ; C.N. = 7; distorted pentagonal bipyramidal; polymer).

Among the characterization methods applied to the synthesis of complexes, solution NMR and MS were found to be suitable techniques in order to check the existence of the cationic  $[\text{pyda.H}_2]^+$  unit in the complexes.

2,10,16,24-tetraoxo-3,6,9,17,20,23-hexaoxa-29, 30-diaza-tricyclo [23.3.1.1<sup>11,15</sup>] triacontane- 11,13,25,27,29,30-hexaene, **I**, was synthesized through the reaction between diethyleneglycol and 2,6-pyridinedicarbonyldichloride in the presence of  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  in benzene. The [2+2] polyether-tetraester macrocycle, **I**, was characterized by elemental analysis, IR,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR, EI/MS, and ESI/MS spectroscopy. The  $M+1$  peak in ESI/MS spectrum at  $m/z$  475.1 was strongly in support of the formation of [2+2] macroheterocycle.

1,10,17,26-tetraoxo-2,9,18,25-tetraaza[2.2.2.2](2,6)pyridineophen, **II**, was synthesized by the similar reaction between 2,6-pyridinedicarbonyldichloride and 2,6-pyridinediamine in benzene. The [2+2] tetraamide macrocycle **II**, was characterized by elemental analysis and IR spectroscopy. The solid compound, **II**, is insoluble in most of the common solvents.

# CHAPTER 1

## Section 1

### 2,6-Pyridinedicarboxylic acid and 2,6-pyridinediamine complexes

The complexation of metal ions by 2,6-pyridinedicarboxylic acid [pydc.H<sub>2</sub>] has been extensively studied. This term mainly from its ability to form stable chelates [1], with various coordination modes such as bidentate [2] meridian [3], or bridging [4]. Other interesting properties are its biological activity [5], its ability to stabilize unusual oxidation states [6] and its usefulness in analytical chemistry [7] such as chemical analysis of iron at low concentration (down to 4 ppm) [7a], in corrosion inhibition [8] and in decontamination of nuclear reactors [9].

The structural characterization of the 1:2 divalent metal complexes of 2,6-pyridinedicarboxylic acid [pydc.H<sub>2</sub>] have shown that they formed neutral, monoanionic [pydc.H]<sup>-</sup>, and dianionic [pydc]<sup>2-</sup> ligand molecules and could accordingly be formulated as [M(pydc)(pydc.H<sub>2</sub>).xH<sub>2</sub>O] or [M(pydc.H)<sub>2</sub>.xH<sub>2</sub>O]. The reaction of Co(II), Ni(II) carbonates or hydroxides with aqueous solution of [pydc.H<sub>2</sub>] affords the complexes [M(pydc.H)<sub>2</sub>].3H<sub>2</sub>O, M = Ni(II), Co(II), Cu(II) and Zn(II). A single crystal X-ray analysis on [Ni(pydc.H)<sub>2</sub>].3H<sub>2</sub>O, provided unambiguous evidence for the formulation of the Ni(II) complex, involving two equivalent tridentate monoanionic [pydc.H]<sup>-</sup> ligand molecules, rather than the alternative of