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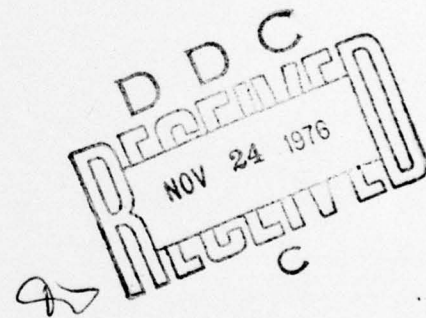
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We have recently reported some of the first examples of organic derivatives of heteropoly anions^{1,2}. Among the new complexes were pentamolybdoisphosphonates, (RP)₂Mo₅O₁₁³⁻, that are structurally analogous³ to the corresponding molybdophosphate⁴, (OP)₂Mo₅O₁₁³⁻. In these heteropoly complexes the heteroatom, phosphorus, utilizes only three oxygens to bind to the oxometallate structure. The pentamolybdoisphosphonate anions form rapidly and are hydrolytically stable at pH 4-5. Under these conditions, complexes where R contains an amino group are protonated, and the resulting heteropoly anions are zwitterionic, e.g. [(H₃N⁺C₂H₄P)₂Mo₅O₁₁]¹⁻. In this paper we describe the synthesis of an electrically neutral zwitterion of the same type in which the hetero group is a monodentate phosphate ligand of an inert coordination complex.

Experimental

The complexes *cis*-[Co(en)₂(H₂O)(HPO₄)]ClO₄·0.256H₂O, [Co(en)₂PO₄]₂·H₂O and *cis*-[Co(en)₂(H₂O)₂](NO₃)₂ were prepared as previously described^{5,6}. The last named complex was converted to the perchlorate salt by treatment with sodium perchlorate. Optical spectra of these complexes agreed with those reported^{5,7}. Preparation of [Co₂(en)₃(H₂O)₂P₂Mo₅O₁₁]₂·8H₂O. The complex *cis*-[Co(en)₂(H₂O)(HPO₄)]⁺ was prepared by dissolving 0.56 g of

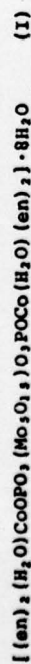
[Co(en)₂PO₄]₂·H₂O (2 mmol) in 100 ml of water and adjusting the pH to 4.7 with dilute sulfuric acid⁵. A solution containing 1.45 g of Na₂MoO₄·2H₂O (6 mmol) in 20 ml water was adjusted to pH 4.4 with dilute sulfuric acid. Both solutions were separately filtered to remove dust and the filtrates chilled to 10-15° in an ice-bath. The molybdate solution was added dropwise to the cobalt solution, keeping the pH of the mixture at 4.4-4.7 by the addition of sulfuric acid, and keeping the temperature at 10-15°. A brick red precipitate began to form when ca 2 ml of the molybdate solution had been added. After the final addition of the molybdate solution, the suspension was kept in a refrigerator for two hours. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed successively with a large amount of water acidified to pH 4.5, and acetone, and air-dried. The dried product was red-violet and weighed 1.1 g. Anal. Calcd. for Co₂C₆N₆H₁₂P₂Mo₅O₁₁·2H₂O: C, 6.64; H, 3.62; N, 7.73; P, 4.28; Mo, 33.12; H₂O, 9.95. Found⁸: C, 6.69; H, 3.63; N, 7.82; P, 4.41; Mo, 33.14; H₂O (wt. loss 110-115°), 11.26.

Results and Discussion

The complex is insoluble in water at pH 3-5, and in common polar and non-polar solvents (alcohols, dimethylsulfoxide, dimethylformamide, propylene carbonate, acetonitrile, nitromethane, benzene, etc.). At pH 6 or above the complex dissolves to give a clear solution of [Co(en)₂PO₄] (maximum at 529 nm) and, presumably, MoO₄²⁻ ions. If this solution is reacidified to pH ca 4, the heteropoly complex is reformed.

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The analytical data support the formulation as a neutral zwitterion (or alternatively as a binuclear cobalt complex):



The infrared spectrum of the complex in the metal-oxygen stretching region is shown in Figure 1 together with that of sodium pentamolybdo-diphosphate, and is characteristic² of the P_2Mo_2 moiety. Optical absorption data are given in Table 1. Energies of the first d-d bands are generally reliable indicators of the constitution of the first coordination sphere of the cobalt(III) ion^{9,10,11}. The data in Table 1 thus support formula I with $[\text{CoN}_6(\text{aq}) (\text{monodentate phosphate})]$ rather than a salt such as $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_2[\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_{12}]$. The salt formulation is also ruled out by the hydrolytic dissolution of the complex at pH 6 to give $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_2(\text{PO}_4)]$.

We conclude that the complex formed is indeed a neutral zwitterionic species. The interconversion of $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_2(\text{PO}_4)]$ to $\text{cis}[\text{Co}(\text{en})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{OPO}_3\text{H})]^+$ in aqueous solution occurs rapidly at pH 5⁵, and polymerization of molybdate is also rapid under these conditions. The resulting structure offers a number possibilities for isomerism, since both the $\text{cis}[\text{Co}(\text{en})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{O}-)]$ and $\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_{12}$ moieties are chiral. It is mildly surprising, and somewhat disappointing, that the resulting zwitterion is insoluble. We presume that the approximately linear charge arrangement, $+2 \dots -4 \dots +2$, leads to a staggered crystal packing with a lattice energy dominated by large electrostatic terms.

Table 1: Visible Absorption Maxima of Some Cobalt Complexes

Complex	Nujol Mull	Solution
$[(\text{Co}(\text{en})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{OPO}_3)_2(\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_7)_2]$	508 ca 375 sh ^a	- -
$[\text{Co}(\text{en})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{OPO}_3\text{H}]\text{ClO}_4 \cdot \text{aq}$	507 360	507 366
$[\text{Co}(\text{en})_2(\text{PO}_4)] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	525 370	529 377
$\text{cis}[\text{Co}(\text{en})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_2$	490 ca 355 sh	492 359

^a sh, shoulder

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Figure Caption

Figure 1.- Infrared spectra, in KBr discs, of

(a) $[(\text{Co}(\text{en})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{OPO}_3)_2\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_{11}] \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$, and

(b) $\text{Na}_4[\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_{11}] \cdot 13\text{H}_2\text{O}$

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