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## Abstract

## Full Text

## Chemistry

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# Co(III) Dioximes Containing in the Inner Sphere a Molecule of Water and a Molecule of Ammonia or an Organic Amine

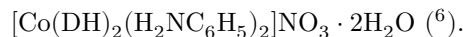
Complex Co(III) cations with dimethylglyoxime and ammonia or organic amines of the type [Co(DH)<sub>2</sub>A<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> were described by L. A. Chugaev as early as 1905 (1). As has now been shown, they have a trans configuration (2,3). Comparatively recently A. V. Ablov, M. P. Filippov, and N. M. Samus' synthesized salts of trans-bis-dimethylglyoximatodiaquocobalt [Co(DH)<sub>2</sub> · (H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]X (4).

In the present communication we describe cobalt(III) dioximes containing in the inner sphere one molecule of water and one molecule of ammonia or an organic amine, of the general formula [Co(DH)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)A]NO<sub>3</sub>. To obtain them, an exactly calculated amount of amine is added to a cooled aqueous solution of trans-bis-dimethylglyoximatodiaquocobalt nitrate. In the case of aniline, for example, brown crystals of [Co(DH)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)(H<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)]NO<sub>3</sub> · 2H<sub>2</sub>O separated. In aqueous solution this salt behaves as a binary electrolyte and shows an acidic reaction, but it is a weaker acid than the salts of trans-bis-dimethylglyoximatodiaquocobalt. The absorption curve of a dilute aqueous solution has two absorption bands (Fig. 1). The first band in the region of 350 nm is due to the coordinated aromatic amine; the second band at λ = 250 nm is characteristic of the planar Co(DH)<sub>2</sub> grouping (5).

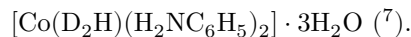
**Fig. 1.** Light-absorption curves: *a*–1,6-[Co(DH)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)(H<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)]NO<sub>3</sub> · 2H<sub>2</sub>O (*C* = 0.001 mol); *b*–1,6-[Co(DH)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]NO<sub>3</sub> · 2H<sub>2</sub>O, from (6).

When an excess of aniline acts on the nitrate obtained by us, a substance is

formed which, in crystal form and color, resembles bis-dimethylglyoximatodianilinecobalt nitrate



The nature of this compound was confirmed by recording the light-absorption curve (<sup>5</sup>) and by converting it, under the action of alkali, into the characteristic base



On addition of one mole of hydrochloric acid to a concentrated aqueous solution of the salt obtained by us, a microcrystalline brown precipitate, sparingly soluble in water, immediately separates. In all its properties this compound is the nonelectrolyte

$[\text{CoCl}(\text{DH})(\text{H}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_5)] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (<sup>8</sup>). Similarly, on addition of one mole of hydrobromic or hydroiodic acid, the nonelectrolytes

$[\text{CoBr}(\text{DH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_5)] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $[\text{CoI}(\text{DH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_5)] \cdot \frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2\text{O}$  precipitated (<sup>8</sup>).

Since the dianilino and monoanilino dioximes  $[\text{Co}(\text{DH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_5)_2]^+$  and  $[\text{CoHal}(\text{DH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_5)]$ , into which the aquoanilino complex is readily converted, have a trans configuration (<sup>9</sup>), the original cation must have the same structure. Therefore the reaction

$\text{trans-}[\text{Co}(\text{DH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^+ + \text{H}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_5 = [\text{Co}(\text{DH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^+ + \text{H}_2\text{O}$  is not accompanied by a change in spatial configuration.

By the method described above, cations of the type  $[\text{Co}(\text{DH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{A}]^+$  were synthesized with amines: aniline, *o*-, *m*-, and *p*-toluidines, *p*-anisidine, pyridine, and  $\beta$ -picoline.

To obtain the aquoammine dioxime, to a solution of  $\text{trans-}[\text{Co}(\text{DH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]\text{NO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  a calculated amount of ammonium acetate was added. Under these conditions there is no excess ammonia in the solution, and therefore the cation  $[\text{Co}(\text{DH})_2(\text{NH}_3)_2]^+$  is not formed.

## Experimental Part

**Nitrate of trans-bis-dimethylglyoximatoaquoanilinecobalt(III).** ( $\text{Co} \cdot (\text{DH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{H}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_5)\text{NO}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ).

To 2.0 g of  $\text{trans-}[\text{Co}(\text{DH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]\text{NO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (<sup>4</sup>) 30 ml of water were added, the mixture was cooled to 5–10°, and a solution of 0.4 ml (5 mmoles) of aniline in 20 ml of alcohol was carefully poured in. From the filtered solution, after some time, a brown precipitate separates, which under the microscope has the appearance of rectangular plates. The substance is readily soluble in water and in alcohol, less readily in ether. Yield 70% of theory. The nitrate obtained was dissolved in water at 10° and precipitated with sodium nitrate. For analysis, the air-dried substance was taken.

Found, %: Co 11.86; 11.88; N 16.63; 16.70; C 33.61; 33.54;  
H 5.23; 5.31; H<sub>2</sub>O 7.30

CoC<sub>14</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>8</sub> · 2H<sub>2</sub>O. Calculated, %: Co 11.82; N 16.87; C 33.73; H 5.46;  
H<sub>2</sub>O 7.23

The substance may also be obtained in the following manner. 1.7 g (5 mmoles) of trans-hydroxo-bis-dimethylglyoximatoaquocobalt [Co(OH)(DH)<sub>2</sub> · (H<sub>2</sub>O)]<sup>(4,10)</sup> was covered with 30 ml of water cooled to 5–10°, and 0.4 ml (5 mmoles) of aniline dissolved in 20 ml of ethanol was added, after which the hydroxoquo compound rapidly dissolves. To the filtered solution, a calculated amount of concentrated nitric acid was added dropwise. A brown precipitate separated, which was transferred to a filter and washed with cold water, a small amount of alcohol, and finally with ether.

Found, %: Co 11.90; N 16.65

CoC<sub>14</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>8</sub> · 2H<sub>2</sub>O. Calculated, %: Co 11.82; N 16.87

Below are given the electrical conductivity and pH of solutions of nitrate of bis-dimethylglyoximatoaquoanilinecobalt:

$V, l \cdot \text{mole}^{-1}$	$\mu, \text{ohm}^{-1} \cdot l \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$	pH
250	100.1	5.00
500	102.2	5.10
1000	106.4	5.22

**Nitrate of bis-dimethylglyoximatoquo (*p*-toluidine)cobalt(III)**  
[Co(DH)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)(H<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>))]NO<sub>3</sub>.

The substance was obtained analogously to the preceding one, with a yield of 80% of theory. Under the microscope it has the appearance of yellow plates.

Found, %: Co 12.37; 12.39; N 17.34; 17.40

CoC<sub>15</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>8</sub>. Calculated, %: Co 12.36; N 17.65

**Nitrate of bis-dimethylglyoximatoquo (*m*-toluidine)cobalt(III)**  
[Co(DH)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)(H<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>))]NO<sub>3</sub>.

Under the microscope it has the appearance of long thin needles.

Found, %: Co 12.24; 12.30; N 17.66; 17.58

CoC<sub>15</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>8</sub>. Calculated, %: Co 12.36; N 17.65

**Bis-dimethylglyoximatoquo(*o*-toluidine)cobalt(III) nitrate**  
[Co(DH)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)(H<sub>2</sub>NC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)]NO<sub>3</sub>.

A light-yellow substance; under the microscope it has the appearance of long rectangular plates.

$\text{CoC}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_6\text{O}_8$  Found, %: Co 12.33; 12.30; N 17.55; 17.48  
 Calculated, %: Co 12.36; N 17.65

Bis-dimethylglyoximatoaquo(*p*-anisidine)cobalt(III) nitrate  
 $[\text{Co}(\text{DH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{H}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{OCH}_3)]\text{NO}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

A reddish substance. Under the microscope it has the appearance of square plates.

$\text{CoC}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_6\text{O}_9 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  Found, %: Co 11.27; 11.20; N 15.78; 15.75;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  6.95  
 Calculated, %: Co 11.16; N 16.92;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  6.82

Bis-dimethylglyoximatoaquopyridinecobalt(III) nitrate  
 $[\text{Co}(\text{DH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{Py}]\text{NO}_3$ .

A light-brown substance, which under the microscope has the appearance of long prisms.

$\text{CoC}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_6\text{O}_8$  Found, %: Co 13.02; 13.10; N 18.88; 18.90; C 34.96; 35.00  
 H 4.79; 4.79  
 Calculated, %: Co 13.14; N 18.75; C 34.81;  
 H 4.72

Bis-dimethylglyoximatoaquo( $\beta$ -picoline)cobalt(III) nitrate  
 $[\text{Co}(\text{DH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{NCH}_3)]\text{NO}_3$ .

Under the microscope it has the appearance of yellow long prisms.

$\text{CoC}_{14}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_6\text{O}_8$  Found, %: Co 12.74; 12.78; N 18.06; 17.75  
 Calculated, %: Co 12.75; N 18.19

Bis-dimethylglyoximatoaquoamminecobalt(III) nitrate  
 $[\text{Co}(\text{DH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{NH}_3)]\text{NO}_3$ .

2.0 g (5 mmoles) of  $[\text{Co}(\text{DH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]\text{NO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  was dissolved in 30 ml of water cooled to 5-10°; to the filtered solution, 0.35 g (5 mmoles) of ammonium acetate was added. On standing, and more rapidly upon addition of alcohol, brown crystals separated from the solution; under the microscope they have the appearance of squares. The substance is readily soluble in water, somewhat less so in alcohol and ether.

$\text{CoC}_8\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_6\text{O}_8$  Found, %: Co 15.30; 15.31; N 21.80; 21.78  
Calculated, %: Co 15.26; N 21.77;

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