



¹D and ²D Nuclear magnetic resonance of new silver(I) complexes with achiral and chiral bases as ligands: Crystal structure of [Ag{(S)-(6-CH₃)C₅H₃N-CHN-C*(H)(α-CH₃)C₆H₅}(PPh₃)₂](O₃SCF₃)

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ABSTRACT

Treatment of equimolar amounts of substituted aniline or amine with substituted benzaldehyde leads to the corresponding achiral or chiral Schiff bases (L). The reaction of the bases with [Ag(O₃SCF₃)(PPh₃)] leads to the preparation of three or four coordinated cationic complexes, [Ag(k¹-L)(PPh₃)_n]⁺ (n = 1 or 2) which have been characterized by IR, ¹D and ²D NMR spectroscopy. The crystal structure of [Ag{(S)-(6-CH₃)C₅H₃N-CHN-C*(H)(α-CH₃)C₆H₅}(PPh₃)₂](O₃SCF₃) is reported.

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1. Introduction

The chemistry of silver(I) complexes has attracted an increased interest during last years, due to both their structural features and their potential applications. Silver(I) complexes with nitrogen ligands have proved to be valuable candidates in medicine, catalysis or materials science. Polydentate ligands should offer different coordination sites, thus dictating different coordination geometries around the metal centre and the possibility to obtain monomeric or polymeric species [1–27]. The use of Schiff bases as ligands can increase the biological activity of many of their metallic coordination complexes, i.e. as anti-influenza, antibacterial or as antitumoral agents [28–36]. Nevertheless, not many complexes of this type have been described until now with silver(I) [37–46]. Among them, different types of Schiff bases, e.g. containing heteroaromatic benzimidazole and benzithiale rings [40], *N,N* chelating moieties [41], cryptands [38] or other substituents, have been used as ligands in the silver(I) chemistry.

Herein we describe the synthesis, characterization and reactivity of silver three or four coordinated complexes with the Schiff bases shown in Fig. 1 as ligands.

2. Experimental

2.1. General

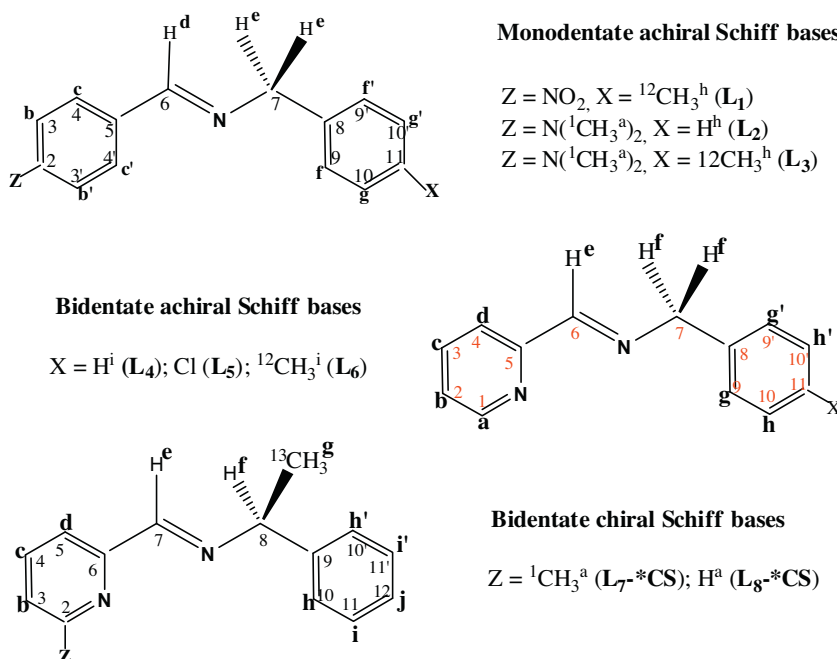
The starting complex [Ag(O₃SCF₃)(PPh₃)] [47] and the Schiff bases [48–52] were synthesized by similar procedures to those described in literature. FT-IR spectra (KBr pellet) were obtained on a model Vector-22 Bruker spectrophotometer. ¹H, ¹⁹F, ³¹P{¹H} and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AC-200P and Bruker-400 spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to SiMe₄ (¹H, ¹³C) and 85% H₃PO₄ in D₂O (³¹P) (positive shifts downfield) as external standards, respectively. The values of the coupling constants (¹J_{C-H}) of the ligands and complexes synthesized were determined by means of the experiment of HMBC (²D NMR).

2.2. Synthesis of the Schiff bases

The new Schiff bases used in this work (Fig. 1): O₂NC₆H₄-CHN-CH₂C₆H₄(4-CH₃) (L₁), (CH₃)₂NC₆H₄-CHN-CH₂C₆H₅ (L₂), (CH₃)₂NC₆H₄-CHN-CH₂C₆H₄(4-CH₃) (L₃), C₆H₄N-CHN-CH₂C₆H₅ (L₄), C₆H₄N-CHN-CH₂C₆H₄(4-Cl) (L₅), C₆H₄N-CHN-CH₂C₆H₄(4-CH₃) (L₆), (S)-(–)-(6-CH₃)C₅H₃N-CHN-C*(H)(α-CH₃)C₆H₅ (L₇-*C_S) and (S)-(–)-C₅H₄N-CHN-C*(H)(α-CH₃)C₆H₅ (L₈-*C_S) were synthesized by similar methods to those described in the bibliography [48–52], by condensing equimolar amounts of different amines and

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Fig. 1. Schiff bases **L**₁–**L**₈.

the respective substituted aldehydes, under continuous stirring. Reaction times and temperature (room or refluxing temperature) conditions are detailed below.

2.2.1. Monodentate achiral Schiff bases (**L**₁–**L**₃)

2.2.1.1. $\text{O}_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-CHN-CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(4\text{-CH}_3)$ (L**₁).** A solution of 4-methylbenzylamine (1000 mg, 8.3 mmol), 4-nitrobenzaldehyde (1250 mg, 8.3 mmol) and glacial acetic acid (0.2 mL) in 3 mL of dichloromethane was stirred for 3 days at room temperature and protected from light. The solution was evaporated under vacuum and the beige residue washed with cold dichloromethane. Yield, 97%. FT-IR: $\nu_{(\text{C=N})\text{im}} = 1638.2\text{ cm}^{-1}$. *Anal.* Calc. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ ($M = 254.29\text{ g/mol}$): C, 70.85; H, 5.55; N, 11.0. Found: C, 71.2; H, 5.8; N, 11.9%. ^1H NMR (acetone- d_6): δ 8.60 (s, $^1\text{H}_d$), 8.29 (d, $2\text{H}_{b,b'}$, $^3J = 8.8\text{ Hz}$), 8.05 (d, $2\text{H}_{c,c'}$, $^3J = 8.8\text{ Hz}$), 7.25 (d, $2\text{H}_{f,f'}$, $^3J = 8.0\text{ Hz}$), 7.16 (d, $2\text{H}_{g,g'}$, $^3J = 8.0\text{ Hz}$), 4.82 (s, 2H_e), 2.30 (d, $^1\text{H}_h$). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (acetone- d_6): δ 149.1 (C_2), 123.7 ($\text{C}_{3,3'}$, $^1J = 173.5\text{ Hz}$), 129.0 ($\text{C}_{4,4'}$, $^1J = 168.0\text{ Hz}$), 142.1 (C_5), 159.6 (C_6 , $^1J = 162.8\text{ Hz}$), 64.5 (C_7 , $^1J = 135.4\text{ Hz}$), 136.4 (C_8), 128.0 ($\text{C}_{9,9'}$, $^1J = 156.2\text{ Hz}$), 128.9 ($\text{C}_{10,10'}$, $^1J = 156.2\text{ Hz}$), 136.3 (C_{11}), 20.3 (C_{12} , $^1J = 125.0\text{ Hz}$).

2.2.1.2. $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-CHN-CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ (L**₂).** A solution of benzylamine (500 mg, 4.7 mmol) and 4-(dimethylamino)benzaldehyde (450 g, 3.0 mmol) in 3 mL of ethanol was stirred for 3 days at room temperature and protected from light. Upon cooling a beige solid precipitated, which was filtered, washed with cold ethanol and dried under vacuum. Yield, 41%. *Anal.* Calc. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2$ ($M = 238.33\text{ g/mol}$): C, 80.63; H, 7.61; N, 11.75. Found: C, 79.64; H, 9.18; N, 11.64%. FT-IR: $\nu_{(\text{C=N})\text{im}} = 1638.6\text{ cm}^{-1}$. ^1H NMR (acetone- d_6): δ 8.31 (s, $^1\text{H}_d$), 7.65 (d, $2\text{H}_{c,c'}$, $^3J = 9.0\text{ Hz}$), 7.34 (dd, $2\text{H}_{f,f'}$, $^3J = 7.6\text{ Hz}$, $^4J = 1.6\text{ Hz}$), 7.32 (t, $2\text{H}_{g,g'}$, $^3J = 7.6\text{ Hz}$), 7.22 (dt, H_h , $^3J = 7.6\text{ Hz}$, $^4J = 1.6\text{ Hz}$), 6.75 (d, $2\text{H}_{b,b'}$, $^3J = 9.0\text{ Hz}$), 4.71 (s, 2H_e), 3.00 (s, 6H_a). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (acetone- d_6): δ 40.3 (C_1 , $^1J = 144.1\text{ Hz}$), 153.3 (C_2), 112.5 ($\text{C}_{3,3'}$, $^1J = 155.1\text{ Hz}$), 130.4 ($\text{C}_{4,4'}$, $^1J = 155.1\text{ Hz}$), 125.8 (C_5), 162.1 (C_6 , 1J = not resolved), 65.5 (C_7 , $^1J = 137.7\text{ Hz}$), 141.8 (C_8), 128.8 ($\text{C}_{9,9'}$, $^1J = 158.8\text{ Hz}$), 129.1 ($\text{C}_{10,10'}$, $^1J = 158.8\text{ Hz}$), 127.4 (C_{11} , $^1J = 155.1\text{ Hz}$).

2.2.1.3. $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-CHN-CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(4\text{-CH}_3)$ (L**₃).** A solution of 4-methylbenzylamine (200 mg, 1.65 mmol) and 4-(dimethylamino)benzaldehyde (160 mg, 1.07 mmol) in 3 mL of ethanol was stirred for 3 days at room temperature and protected from light. Upon cooling a beige solid precipitated, which was filtered, washed with cold ethanol and dried under vacuum. Yield, 66%. *Anal.* Calc. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\cdot 0.75\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ($M = 264.87\text{ g/mol}$): C, 77.09; H, 8.18; N, 10.58. Found: C, 77.26; H, 9.75; N, 10.24%. FT-IR: $\nu_{(\text{C=N})\text{im}} = 1634.7\text{ cm}^{-1}$. ^1H NMR (acetone- d_6): δ 8.29 (s, $^1\text{H}_d$), 7.64 (d, $2\text{H}_{c,c'}$, $^3J = 8.8\text{ Hz}$), 7.22 (d, $2\text{H}_{f,f'}$, $^3J = 8.0\text{ Hz}$), 7.13 (d, $2\text{H}_{g,g'}$, $^3J = 8.0\text{ Hz}$), 6.75 (d, $2\text{H}_{b,b'}$, $^3J = 8.8\text{ Hz}$), 4.67 (s, 2H_e), 3.00 (s, 6H_a), 2.30 (s, 3H_h). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (acetone- d_6): δ 40.3 (C_1 , $^1J = 140.3\text{ Hz}$), 153.3 (C_2), 112.5 ($\text{C}_{3,3'}$, $^1J = 155.8\text{ Hz}$), 130.3 ($\text{C}_{4,4'}$, $^1J = 155.8\text{ Hz}$), 125.9 (C_5), 161.8 (C_6 , 1J = not resolved), 65.4 (C_7 , $^1J = 131.2\text{ Hz}$), 138.7 (C_8), 128.7 ($\text{C}_{9,9'}$, $^1J = 154.2\text{ Hz}$), 129.8 ($\text{C}_{10,10'}$, $^1J = 154.2\text{ Hz}$), 136.7 (C_{11}), 21.2 (C_{12} , $^1J = 124.4\text{ Hz}$).

2.2.2. Bidentate achiral Schiff bases (**L**₄–**L**₆)

2.2.2.1. $\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N-CHN-CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ (L**₄).** A solution of benzylamine (200 mg, 1.87 mmol) and 2-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (200 mg, 1.87 mmol) in 3 mL of water was stirred for 3 days at refluxing temperature and protected from light. During this time it is observed the formation of a yellow oil, which was isolated. Yield, 65%. *Anal.* Calc. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\cdot 0.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ($M = 205.26\text{ g/mol}$): C, 76.07; H, 6.38; N, 13.65. Found: C, 76.92; H, 8.22; N, 13.50%. FT-IR: $\nu_{(\text{C=N})\text{im}} = 1586.7\text{ cm}^{-1}$. ^1H NMR (acetone- d_6): δ 8.65 (d, H_d , $^3J = 4.8\text{ Hz}$), 8.51 (s, H_e), 8.08 (d, H_a , $^3J = 8.0\text{ Hz}$), 7.83 (t, H_b , $^3J = 8.0\text{ Hz}$), 7.41 (dd, $\text{H}_{g,g'}$, $^3J = 6.0\text{ Hz}$, $^4J = 1.2\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.39 (t, H_c , $^3J = 6.4\text{ Hz}$), 7.37 (t, $\text{H}_{h,h'}$, $^3J = 7.2\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 7.27 (dt, H_i , $^3J = 7.2\text{ Hz}$, $^4J = 1.2\text{ Hz}$), 4.87 (s, H_f , 2H). $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (acetone- d_6): δ 121.4 (C_1 , $^1J = 144.1\text{ Hz}$), 137.3 (C_2 , $^1J = 167.7\text{ Hz}$), 125.8 (C_3 , $^1J = 167.7\text{ Hz}$), 150.3 (C_4 , $^1J = 182.2\text{ Hz}$), 155.8 (C_5), 163.7 (C_6 , $^1J = 165.3\text{ Hz}$), 65.3 (C_7 , $^1J = 135.6\text{ Hz}$), 140.4 (C_8), 129.0 ($\text{C}_{9,9'}$, $^1J = 160.2\text{ Hz}$), 129.3 ($\text{C}_{10,10'}$, $^1J = 160.2\text{ Hz}$), 127.8 (C_{11} , $^1J = 156.5\text{ Hz}$).

2.2.2.2. $\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N-CHN-CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(4\text{-Cl})$ (L**₅).** Following a procedure similar to the reported for **L**₄, from a solution of 4-chlorobenzylamine (200 mg, 1.41 mmol) and 2-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (370 mg,

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