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# Nitrosyltechnetium complexes with (2-aminomethylphenyl)diphenylphosphine

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#### ABSTRACT

Reactions of  $(NBu_4)[Tc(NO)Cl_4(MeOH)]$  (1) with (2-aminomethylphenyl)diphenylphosphine, H<sub>2</sub>L1, give different products depending on the conditions applied. An equimolare reaction in MeOH gives the technetium(II) monochelate [Tc(NO)Cl\_3(H\_2L1- $\kappa N$ ,P)] (2) as the sole product, which could be isolated. Reduction of the metal ion and the formation of the Tc(1) complexes [Tc(NO)Cl\_2(H\_2L1- $\kappa N$ ,P)(H\_2L1- $\kappa N$ )] (3) and [Tc(NO)Cl(H\_2L1- $\kappa N$ ,P)\_2]Cl (4), besides some (NBu\_4)[Tc(NO)Cl\_4(H\_2L1- $\kappa N$ )] (5), is observed when an excess of the H<sub>2</sub>L1 is used in the same solvent. Reactions in acetonitrile are less defined and only the Tc(II) compound (NBu\_4)[Tc(NO)Cl\_4(H\_2L1- $\kappa N$ )] (6) could be isolated from such reactions in crystalline form.

The products were studied spectroscopically and by X-ray diffraction. The aminophosphine acts as monodentate nitrogen donor ligand or as *N*,*P* chelator.

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#### 1. Introduction

(2-Aminomethylphenyl)diphenylphosphine, H<sub>2</sub>L1, belongs to a series of aminophosphines, which are versatile ligands. They combine hard and soft donor atoms and stabilize transition metals in different oxidation states. This has attracted considerable attention and several studies concerning their complex formation behavior have been performed [1–21]. Most of them, however, focus to (2aminophenyl)phosphine,  $H_2L2$ . Also the coordination chemistry of rhenium and technetium has previously been studied in detail and shows a high degree of flexibility of the ligand [15-20]. Reactions starting from  $MO_4^-$  (M = Re, Tc) or other common oxidorhenium(V) or oxidotechnetium(V) precursors frequently give neutral oxido complexes of the composition  $[MO(HL2)_2X]$  (M = Re, Tc; X = halide, hydroxido, alkoxido or carboxylic ligands) [16]. But also neutral or cationic homoleptic [Tc<sup>III</sup>(HL2)<sub>3</sub>] or [Tc<sup>III</sup>(H<sub>2</sub>L2)(HL2)<sub>2</sub>] complexes with single-deprotonated aminophosphines were isolated [19]. Under particular conditions, the aromatic amine deprotonates completely and replaced the oxido ligand under formation of a phenylimido ligand [17,19].



A partially different reaction pattern is observed for the derived ligand H<sub>2</sub>L3, which also readily forms oxidorhenium complexes, but does not deprotonate in all hitherto known examples [22]. Not even the addition of a supporting base results in a reaction of H<sub>2</sub>L3 with [ReOCl<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup> results in ligand deprotonation but in chloride abstraction from the starting complex and the formation of the trimeric complex [{ReOCl(H<sub>2</sub>L3)}O]<sub>3</sub> with the unusual {(ReO)O]<sup>3+</sup><sub>3</sub> core [22]. One of the driving forces for the different reactivity of H<sub>2</sub>L2 and H<sub>2</sub>L3 may be the opportunity of a better electron delocalization in the five-membered chelate rings with {HL2}<sup>-</sup> compared with the six-membered rings of the H<sub>2</sub>L3 complexes which contain CH<sub>2</sub> units interrupting a possible  $\pi$ -conjugation. This makes a comparison with the related aminophosphine H<sub>2</sub>L1 interesting, also keeping in mind that this compound contains an aliphatic NH<sub>2</sub> group instead the aromatic amines H<sub>2</sub>L2 and H<sub>2</sub>L3.

Surprising less is known about the coordination behavior of  $H_2L1$ . To the best of our knowledge, there is up to now only one example of a structurally characterized transition metal complex with the unsubstituted ligand  $H_2L1$ , the cationic ruthenium(II) complex  $[Ru(H_2L1)(py)(cp^*)]^+$  [23], but there are many more exam-





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ples with the corresponding  $NMe_2$  derivative or tri- or tetradentate ligands having the *P*,*N* coordination site of  $H_2L1$  as building block [24].

In the present paper, we report about reactions of  $H_2L1$  with the technetium(II) complex (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[Tc(NO)Cl<sub>4</sub>], a starting material, which has also been used for reactions with another aminophosphine ligand, namely 2-pyridyldiphenylphosphine, L4 [25].

#### 2. Experimental

#### 2.1. Materials

All reagents used in this study were reagent grade and used without further purification. The synthesis of H<sub>2</sub>L1 was done following literature procedures [26]. (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[Tc(NO)Cl<sub>4</sub>(MeOH)] was prepared from tetrabutylammonium pertechnetate, HCl and hydroxylamine hydrochloride [27,28].

#### 2.2. Physical measurements

Infrared spectra were measured from KBr pellets on a Shimadzu FTIR-spectrometer between 400 and 4000 cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR spectra were recorded on a *JEOL-400MHz* nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer. The EPR spectra were recorded on an ER 200D-SCR spectrometer with a Bruker B-E25 magnet and an ER 041MR microwave generator. Simulated spectra were obtained by computer simulation (Bruker SIMFONIA) based on second-order perturbation theory. Tc values were determined by liquid scintillation counting.

#### 2.3. Radiation precautions

<sup>99</sup>Tc is a weak β<sup>-</sup> emitter ( $E_{max}$  = 0.292 MeV) with a half-life of 2.12 × 10<sup>5</sup> years. All manipulations were done in a laboratory approved for the handling of radioactive materials. Normal glassware provides adequate protection against the weak beta radiation when only milligram amounts of the isotope are used, and no extra shielding is required. Secondary X-rays (bremsstrahlung), however, become important when larger amounts of solid samples of <sup>99</sup>Tc are handled.

#### 2.4. Syntheses

#### 2.4.1. [Tc(NO)Cl<sub>3</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>L1-κN,P)] (**2**)

(NBu<sub>4</sub>)[Tc(NO)Cl<sub>4</sub>(MeOH)] (1) (55 mg, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of MeOH and H<sub>2</sub>L1 (30 mg, 0.1 mmol) was added in 5 mL MeOH. The reaction mixture was heated on reflux for 2 h. The volume of the obtained orange-red solution was reduced to about 2 mL and the mixture was placed in a refrigerator. The formed orange-brown solid was filtered off and recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/ MeOH. Single crystals for X-ray diffraction were obtained from slow evaporation of this solution. Yield: 40%. Anal. Calc. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18-</sub> Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OPTc (526.6): Tc, 18.8%, Found: Tc, 19.0%. IR (KBr,  $v_{max}$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3424 (w), 3291 (w), 3202 (w), 2959 (w), 2922 (w), 1789 (vs)  $v_{NO}$ , 1655 (m), 1560 (m), 1476 (w), 1433 (m), 1381 (w), 1315 (w), 1263 (w), 1215 (w), 1153 (m), 1123 (m), 1094 (m), 102 (w), 997 (w), 893 (w), 756 (m), 692 (m), 519 (m), 488 (w), 405 (s).

# 2.4.2. [*Tc*(NO)*Cl*<sub>2</sub>(*H*<sub>2</sub>*L*1-*κ*N,*P*)(*H*<sub>2</sub>*L*1-*κ*N)] (**3**), (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[*Tc*(NO)*Cl*<sub>4</sub>(*H*<sub>2</sub>*L*1-*κ*N)] (**4**), [*Tc*(NO)*Cl*(*H*<sub>2</sub>*L*1-*κ*N,*P*)<sub>2</sub>]*Cl* (**5**)

 $(NBu_4)$ [Tc(NO)Cl<sub>4</sub>(MeOH)] (1) (55 mg, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of MeOH and H<sub>2</sub>L1 (87 mg, 0.3 mmol) was added in 5 mL MeOH. The reaction mixture was heated on reflux for 2 h. The volume of the obtained orange-red solution was reduced to about 5 mL and the mixture was kept overnight for crystallization at room temperature. The formed orange-yellow solid of  $[Tc(NO)Cl_2(-H_2L1-\kappa N,P)(H_2L1-\kappa N)]$  was filtered off and recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>-Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH. The remaining solution was concentrated to a volume of 2 mL and placed in a refrigerator, which gave green plates of (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[Tc(NO)Cl<sub>4</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>L1- $\kappa$ N)] and a few yellow blocks of the bischelate [Tc(NO)Cl(H\_2L1- $\kappa$ N,P)<sub>2</sub>]Cl.

[Tc(NO)Cl<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>L1-κ*N*,*P*)(H<sub>2</sub>L1-κ*N*)] (**3**): Yield: 40%. Anal. Calc. for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>36</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OP<sub>2</sub>Tc (782.5): Tc, 12.6%, Found: Tc, 12.0%. IR (KBr,  $v_{max}$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3410 (m), 3250 (m), 3215 (m), 3055 (m), 1717 (vs)  $v_{NO}$ , 1585 (m), 1477 (m), 1433 (s), 1396 (m), 1310 (m), 1240 (s), 1184 (m), 1151 (m), 1126 (m), 1094 (m), 1020 (m), 986 (m), 748 (s), 696 (s), 521 (m), 507 (m), 401 (s).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO):  $\delta$  = 7.57–7.12 (m, 28H, phenyl), 3.13 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.01 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (DMSO):  $\delta$  = -17.1 ppm.

(NBu<sub>4</sub>)[Tc(NO)Cl<sub>4</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>L1-κN)] (**4**): Yield: 20%. Anal. Calc. for C<sub>35-</sub>H<sub>72</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>PTc (838.7): Tc, 12.1%, Found: Tc, 12.6%. IR (KBr,  $\nu_{max}$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3302 (w), 2961 (m), 2931 (m), 2874 (m), 1784 (vs)  $\nu_{NO}$ , 1479 (w), 1381 (w), 1188 (w), 1149 (m), 1120 (m), 1071 (w), 1030 (m), 999 (m), 881 (m), 772 (w), 746 (w), 692 (m), 401 (m).

#### 2.4.3. (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[Tc(NO)Cl<sub>4</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>L1O-κN)] (**6**)

(NBu<sub>4</sub>)[Tc(NO)Cl<sub>4</sub>(MeOH)] (55 mg, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL of acetonitrile and H<sub>2</sub>L1 (30 mg, 0.1 mmol) was added in 5 mL acetonitrile. The reaction mixture was heated on reflux for 2 h. The volume of the obtained orange-red solution was reduced to about 5 mL and the mixture was kept at 4 °C for 12 h. During this time, the color of the solution changed to dark brown and large, green crystals of (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[Tc(NO)Cl<sub>4</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>L1O-κ*N*)] precipitated, which were filtered off. Further concentration of the solution did not result in the isolation of defined products. Yield: 20%. *Anal.* Calc. for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>72</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OPTc (822.7): Tc, 12.1%, Found: Tc, 12.6%. IR (KBr,  $v_{max}$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3482 (m), 2963 (s), 2937 (m), 2875 (m), 1789 (vs)  $v_{NO}$ , 1472 (m), 1381 (m), 1364 (w), 1263 (w), 1161 (w), 1107 (w), 1070 (w), 1047 (w), 1016 (m), 926 (w), 880 (m), 802 (w), 741 (m), 629 (s), 401 (m).

#### 2.5. X-ray crystallography

The intensities for the X-ray determinations were collected on a STOE IPDS 2T instrument with Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å). Standard procedures were applied for data reduction. Structure solution and refinement were performed with SHELXS and SHELXL [29]. Hydrogen atom positions were calculated for idealized positions and treated with the 'riding model' option of SHELXL.

More details on data collections and structure calculations are contained in Table 1. Additional information on the structure determinations has been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre.

#### 3. Results and discussion

Reactions of  $H_2L1$  with (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[Tc(NO)Cl<sub>4</sub>(MeOH)] (1) form different complexes depending on the solvents and reaction conditions applied. The products involve technetium(I) and technetium(II) complexes, which contain the phosphineamine in various coordination modes and positions. Scheme 1 summarizes the corresponding reactions in methanol.

When  $(NBu_4)[Tc(NO)Cl_4(MeOH)]$  (1) is reacted with H<sub>2</sub>L1 in this solvent in a 1:1 ratio, the Tc(II) compound  $[Tc(NO)Cl_3(H_2L1-\kappa N,P)]$  (2) is isolated as the sole product in moderate yields. The complex is almost insoluble in common organic solvents such as alcohols, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> or CHCl<sub>3</sub>, but dissolves in DMF. It represents the expected ligand-exchange product containing one phosphineamine. The IR spectrum of the compound shows the  $v_{NO}$  vibration as an intense

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