



Synthesis and Characterization of Mercury(II) Complexes Containing Mixed Ligands of Mono or Diphosphines and Saccharinate

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ABSTRACT

Tetrahedral mercury(II) complexes of the types $[\text{HgCl}(\text{sac})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$, $[\text{HgCl}(\text{sac})(\text{diphos})]$, $[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ or $[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2(\text{diphos})]$ and octahedral complexes of the type $[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2(\text{dppe})_2]$ or $[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2(\text{dppp})_2]$ {diphos = $\text{Ph}_2\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{PPh}_2$; n=1, dppm; n=2, dppe; n=3, dppp; n=4, dppb} were prepared and characterized by molar conductance, elemental analysis, infrared spectra, ^1H and $^{31}\text{P}\{-^1\text{H}\}$ nmr data.

Key words : Mercury, Saccharinate, Diphosphine.

INTRODUCTION

Saccharin{o-sulfobenzimide; 1,2-benzothiazol-3(2H)-one-1,1-dioxide; Hsac}, most widely used as an artificial sweetening agent Interaction of saccharin. with different biologically relevant cations attracted great interest due to the suspected carcinogenicity of this compound ¹⁻³ which was definitively ruled out in 2001³⁻⁴. Saccharin ligand has three potential donor sites, it is not expected to use all three towards the same metal because of geometrical constraints. It is therefore likely to acts as a monodentate or a bidentate. metal complexes of this ligand with transition and non transition metals have been studied extensively these have been comprehensively revied⁵ and a large number of papers published every year in this field. Saccharinate interacts with some heavy non.-

transition metal cations such as Cd(II) and Hg(II) to yield of $[\text{Cd}(\text{sac})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$.⁶ and $[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2]$ ⁷ respectively. Mixed ligands Hg(II) complexes containing saccharinato and nitrogen donor ligands have been reported⁸⁻¹⁴. However mixed ligand complexes of Hg(II) with saccharin and mono or diphosphine seems to be unexplored although such mixed ligand complexes have been reported for some other transition metals¹⁵⁻¹⁷ We expect that mixed ligands complexes of tertiary phosphines and saccharin to be an important class of complexes and exhibit synergic effect attributed to the mixed ligands.

In the present paper we report the synthesis and characterization of some mercury(II) complexes containing mixed ligands, tertiary, mono or diphosphines and saccharin.

EXPERIMENTAL

General

The experimental techniques were the same as those used in our recent paper from this laboratory¹⁸.

Starting materials

The compounds HgCl_2 , $\text{Hg}(\text{OAc})_2$, dppm, dppe, dppp, dppb, PPh_3 and Nasac were commercial products and were used as supplied. The compounds $[\text{HgCl}(\text{sac})]$ and $[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2]$ were prepared according to literature methods^{19,20}.

Preparation of complexes (1) – (12).

$[\text{HgCl}(\text{Sac})(\text{dppm})_2]$ (1)

A solution of dppm (0.07g, 1.9 mmol.) in warm EtOH (7ml) was added to a suspension of $[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})\text{Cl}]$ (0.08g, 1.9 mmol.) in hot EtOH (10ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1h. The pale white solid thus formed was filtered off washed with EtOH, dried under vacuum (yield 67%). The following complexes were prepared and isolated by a similar method; (2), (3) and (4).

$[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2(\text{dppm})]$ (5)

A solution of dppm (0.05g, 0.1 mmol.) in warm EtOH (7ml) was added to a suspension of $[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2]$ (0.08g, 0.1 mmol.) in hot EtOH (7ml). The resulting clear solution was filtered off and evaporated. The pale white solid thus formed was filtered off washed with EtOH, dried under vacuum and recrystallized from DMSO, (yield 95%)

$[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2(\text{dppe})]$ (6)

A solution of dppe (0.07g, 0.18 mmol.) in warm EtOH (7ml) was added to a suspension of $[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2]$ (0.1g, 0.18 mmol.) in hot EtOH (10ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1h. The pale white solid thus formed was filtered off washed with EtOH, dried under vacuum (yield 66%). The following complexes were prepared and isolated by a similar method; (7) and (8).

$[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2(\text{dppe})_2]$ (9)

A solution of dppe (0.079g, 0.17 mmol.) in warm EtOH (10ml) was added to a suspension of $[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2]$ (0.059g, 0.088 mmol.) in hot EtOH (10ml). The resulting clear solution was filtered off and evaporated to near dryness. n-Hexane (10ml) was

added, The pale white solid thus formed was filtered off washed with EtOH, dried under vacuum (yield 89%). The following complexes were prepared and isolated by a similar method; (10), (11) and (12).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Synthesis of complexes

It was reported previously¹⁹ that reaction of HgCl_2 with sodium saccharinate in aqueous medium gives $[[\text{HgCl}(\text{sac})]$. Single crystal X-ray diffraction showed that this complex is linear with N-Hg-Cl bond angle $177.6 (3)^\circ$. We have previously reported [18] that two coordinate linear mercury(II) complexes may permit for coordination number to be extended to four or may be six. Treatment of the linear mercury(II) complex $[\text{HgCl}(\text{sac})]$ with one mole proportion of the diphosphines $\text{Ph}_2\text{P}(\text{CH})_n\text{PPh}_2$ ($n=1-4$) or two mole proportion of PPh_3 gave tetrahedral complexes of the type $[\text{HgCl}(\text{sac})(\mu\text{-Ph}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{PPh}_2)]_2$ (1) or the $[\text{HgCl}(\text{sac})\{\text{Ph}_2\text{P}(\text{CH})_n\text{PPh}_2\}]$ ($n=2,3$ or 4) (2), (3), (4), or the $[\text{HgCl}(\text{sac})\{\text{PPh}_3\}_2]$ (11).

Treatment of the linear mercury(II) complex $[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2]$ [20] with one mole proportion of the diphosphines $\text{Ph}_2\text{P}(\text{CH})_n\text{PPh}_2$ ($n=1,2,3$ or 4) or two moles proportion of PPh_3 gave tetrahedral complexes of the type $[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2(\text{diphos})]$ (5), (6), (7), (8), or $[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2\{\text{PPh}_3\}_2]$ (12). However treatment with two moles of the diphosphine gave octahedral complexes of the type $[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2(\text{dppe})_2]$ (9) or $[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2(\text{dppp})_2]$ (10).

Characterization of complexes

The prepared complexes were characterized by elemental analysis, i.r. spectra, conductivity measurements and some of them by $^{31}\text{P}\{-^1\text{H}\}$ and ^1H nmr spectra and their data are listed in tables 1-3. The molar conductivity of the complexes in DMF, CH_3OH , CHCl_3 , DMSO or CH_2Cl_2 is low enough to suggest that they are non-electrolytes²¹.

Nuclear magnetic resonance

The $^{31}\text{P}\{-^1\text{H}\}$ and ^1H nmr data of some of the prepared complexes are given in Table 3. The $^{31}\text{P}\{-^1\text{H}\}$ nmr spectrum of $[\text{HgCl}(\text{Sac})(\text{dppm})_2]$ (1) showed a singlet at $\delta\text{P}=23.59\text{ppm}$ with $^2\text{J}(^{199}\text{Hg}\text{-}^{31}\text{P})=5166\text{Hz}$. The positive δP value indicates that dppm behaves as a bidentate bridging^{15,22-24}. This

Table 1: Color, Yield, Elemental analyses and conductivity of complexes (1) - (12)

Seq	Complexes	Color	Yield %	Found(cal.)%			(Ohm ⁻¹ .cm ² .mol ⁻¹) Λ			
				N	H	C	CHCl ₃	CH ₃ OH	CH ₂ Cl ₂	DMSO
1	[HgCl(sac)(dppm)] ₂	White	67	2.4 (2.1)	3.7 (3.9)	43.0 (42.7)	-	-	-	5.9
2	[HgCl(sac)(dppe)]	White	60	1.4 (1.5)	5.6 (5.7)	53.8 (53.6)	-	-	2.8	-
3	[HgCl(sac)(dppp)]	White	80	2.8 (2.9)	3.4 (3.4)	48.0 (48.1)	-	-	3.1	-
4	[HgCl(sac)(dppb)]	White	95	3.2 (3.1)	4.5 (4.5)	48.2 (48.5)	-	-	1.9	-
5	[Hg(sac) ₂ (dppm)]	White	95	1.6 (1.6)	4.6 (4.4)	51.1 (50.8)	-	-	-	2.3
6	[Hg(sac) ₂ (dppe)]	White	66	1.7 (1.6)	4.4 (4.3)	51.0 (50.9)	-	-	-	4.3
7	[Hg(sac) ₂ (dppp)]	White	69	2.6 (2.5)	5.3 (5.3)	54.9 (54.6)	-	0.9	-	-
8	[Hg(sac) ₂ (dppb)]	White	76	2.9 (2.6)	4.6 (4.6)	53.4 (53.1)	2.1	-	-	-
9	[Hg(sac) ₂ (dppe) ₂]	White	89	2.0 (2.2)	4.8 (4.8)	57.0 (57.1)	-	1.4	-	-
10	[Hg(sac) ₂ (dppp) ₂]	White	89	2.2 (1.9)	5.0 (4.8)	60.2 (60.1)	-	2.4	-	-
11	[Hg(sac)Cl(PPh ₃) ₂]	White	95	3.0 (2.7)	4.6 (4.4)	52.7 (52.6)	3.2	-	-	-
12	[Hg(sac) ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂]	White	89	2.3 (2.3)	4.5 (4.7)	58.1 (58.2)	-	2.1	-	-

has been supported by the ¹H – {³¹P} nmr spectrum which showed a singlet at dH=3.3ppm assigned for the methylene protons of the bridging dppm²⁵. The large ²J(¹⁹⁹Hg-³¹P) which is 5166Hz indicated a tetrahedral geometry around mercury²⁶⁻²⁹. The ³¹P-¹H nmr spectra of the other tetrahedral complexes (2), (6) and (7) each showed a singlet at dP=31.12, 45.00 and 38.56ppm respectively. Complex(7) showed ²J(¹⁹⁹Hg-³¹P)=5519Hz which suggest four coordinate tetrahedral arrangement around mercury. The ³¹P-¹H nmr spectra for [Hg(sac)₂(dppe)₂](9) and [Hg(sac)₂(dppp)₂](10) showed a singlet each at dP=21.96 and 15ppm respectively. The ²J(¹⁹⁹Hg-³¹P) values for these two complexes were low 2195 and 2031Hz

respectively which suggest a six coordinate environment around mercury²⁶⁻²⁸.

On the basis of the above nmr data and other identification data given in Tables 1 and 2, the structures shown in Fig. 1 have been suggested

Infrared Spectra

Selected infrared spectroscopic data of the prepared complexes (1)–(12) are listed in Table 2. All complexes display a sharp strong bands between (1620-1697cm⁻¹) attributed to the u(C=O) of the saccharin ligand coordinated as monodentate though the nitrogen atom^{29,30}. Two strong bonds at around (1240-1294) and (1147-

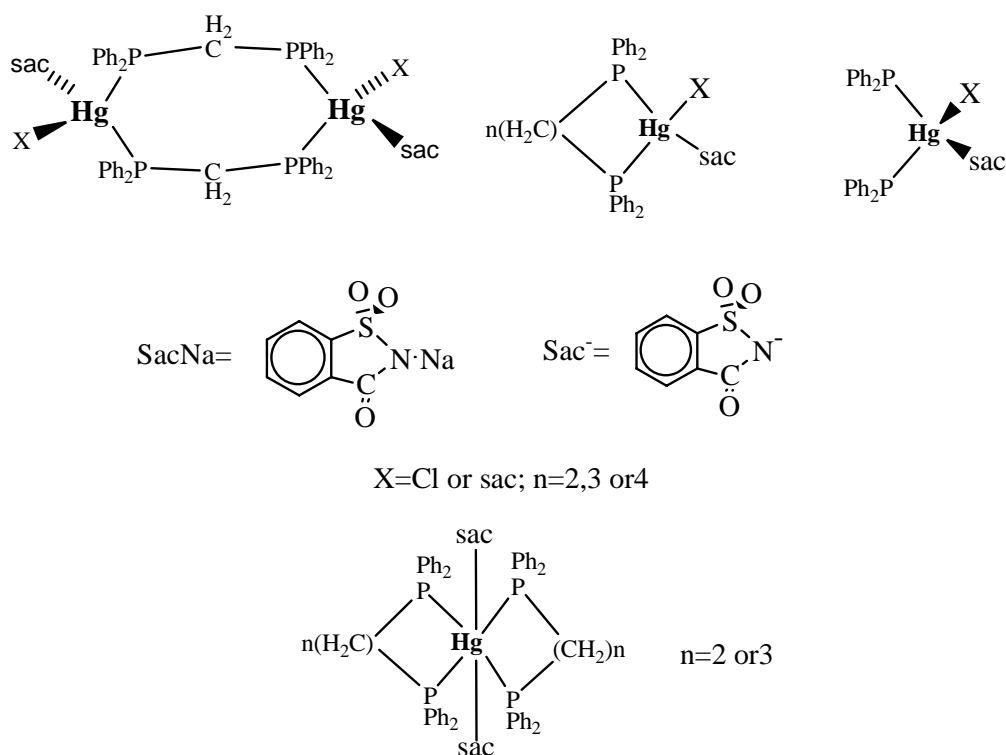
Table 2 : I.R. spectra^a data cm⁻¹ of the ligands and complexes (1) – (12)

Seq.	Complexes	$\frac{\nu(\text{C-H})}{\text{Alp.}}$	$\frac{\nu(\text{C-H})}{\text{Ar.}}$	ν (CO)	ν (CC)	ν (CN)	$\frac{\nu_{\text{as}}}{\nu_{\text{s}}}$ (CNS)	$\frac{\nu_{\text{as}}}{\nu_{\text{s}}}$ (SO ₂)	$\nu(\text{P-Hg})$	$\nu(\text{P-C})$
	[Nasac]			1643 _{vs}	1585 _m	1450 _m	966 _s	1336 _m	1275 _s 1257 _v 1286 _s 1251 _{vs} 1257 _s 1253 _s	1145 _v 1126 _s 1153 _{vs}
	[HgCl(sac)]			1697 _{vs} 1635 _{vs}	1583 _m	1456 _m	968 _s	1338 _m		
1	[Hg(sac) ₂] [HgCl(sac)(dppm)] ₂	2924 _w 2864 _w	3051 _w	1645 _m 1620 _s	1577 _m 1575 _m	1413 _m 1430 _s	960 _s 945 _m	1342 _s 1330 _m	1153 _m 1147 _{vs}	513 _m
2	[HgCl(sac)(dppe)]	2906 _w	3057 _w	1634 _s	1581 _m	1433 _m	947 _s	1340 _m	1294 _{vs} 1247 _m	1155 _{vs} 1149 _{vs}
3	[HgCl(sac)(dppp)]	2935 _w	3055 _w	1641 _s	1570 _m	1430 _s	951 _s	1340 _w	1286 _s 1250 _s	1149 _{vs} 1151 _v
4	[HgCl(sac)(dppb)]	2935 _w	3055 _w	1686 _s 1645 _s	1575 _m	1438 _m	957 _s	1330 _w	1290 _v 1246 _s	1151 _v 1151 _{vs}
5	[Hg(sac) ₂ (dppm)]	2926 _w 2866 _w	3059 _w	1645 _{vs}	1568 _s	1444 _m	950 _s	1334 _m	1290 _v 1240 _s	1151 _{vs} 1151 _{vs}
6	[Hg(sac) ₂ (dppe)]	2964 _w 2916 _w	3059 _w	1662 _{vs}	1581 _m 1564 _m	1442 _m	954 _{vs}	1330 _m	1290 _{vs} 1244 _s	1159 _{vs} 1149 _{vs}
7	[Hg(sac) ₂ (dppp)]	2914 _w	3059 _w	1643 _s	1568 _s	1442 _m	951 _s	1330 _m	1288 _s 1247 _s	1149 _{vs} 1151 _{vs}
8	[Hg(sac) ₂ (dppb)]	2926 _w 2868 _w	3059 _w	1645 _s	1572 _s	1425 _m	953 _s	1336 _m	1288 _s 1257 _s	1151 _{vs} 1147 _{vs}
9	[Hg(sac) ₂ (dppe)] ₂	2962 _w 2906 _w	3057 _w	1639 _s	1577 _m	1431 _m	951 _{vs}	1325 _m	1286 _{vs} 1247 _s	1147 _{vs} 1147 _{vs}
10	[Hg(sac) ₂ (dppp)] ₂	2922 _w	3057 _w	1635 _{vs}	1577 _s	1433 _m	949 _s	1330 _m	1278 _s 1253 _s	1147 _{vs} 1153 _v
11	[Hg(sac)C(PPh ₃) ₂]	-	3056 _w	1661 _s	1585 _w	1433 _s	951 _s	1330 _w	1292 _{vs} 1240 _s	1151 _{vs} 1151 _{vs}
12	[Hg(sac) ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂]		3056 _w	1649 _m	1570 _m	1431 _m	953 _s	1330 _w	1290 _s 1252 _s	352 _{vs} 513 _s

s= strong, vs = very strong, m= medium, w = weak, a

Table 3: The ^1H and $^{31}\text{P}\{-^1\text{H}\}$ n.m.r. data^a of the prepared complexes.

Complexes	Seq.	δP	δCH_2	$^2\text{J}(^{199}\text{Hg}-^{31}\text{P})$	$\delta\text{Ph.P.}$	Solvent
$[\text{HgCl}(\text{sac})(\text{dppm})_2]$	1	23.59	3.3	5166	7.37-7.88	DMSO
$[\text{HgCl}(\text{sac})(\text{dppe})]$	2	31.12	3.27	-	7.38-7.84	DMSO
$[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2(\text{dppe})]$	6	45.00	-	-	-	DMSO
$[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2(\text{dppp})]$	7	38.56	2.13-3.1	5519	7.27-7.38	CD_3OD
$[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2(\text{dppe})_2]$	9	21.96	3.12	2195	7.16-7.75	CD_3OD
$[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2(\text{dppp})_2]$	10	15.0	1.378-2.994	2031	7.355-7.67	CD_3OD

^a δ in ppm, J in Hz**Fig 1. Suggested structures for the prepared mercury(II) complexes Infrared spectra**

1153 cm^{-1}) are characteristic for the $\nu_{\text{as}} \text{SO}_2$ and $\nu_{\text{s}} \text{SO}_2$ modes of sac, respectively. Whereas the bands at ca. (1325-1342) and (949-968 cm^{-1}) are assigned to the symmetric and asymmetric stretching of the CNS moiety in the sac ion. Additional bands between 332-352 cm^{-1} assigned to (P-C). The (C-H) aliphatic appeared at ca. 2906-2935 cm^{-1} while the (C-H) aromatic appeared at ca. 3051-3059 cm^{-1} .

CONCLUSION

In summary reaction of the linear mercury(II) complex $[\text{HgCl}(\text{sac})]$ with mono or diphosphine resulted in the formation of tetrahedral complexes of the type $[\text{HgCl}(\text{sac})(\text{diphos})]$. Reaction of $[\text{Hg}(\text{sac})_2]$ with one mole equivalent of diphos. gave tetrahedral complexes of the type

[Hg(sac)₂(diphos)] while reaction with two mole equivalent gave octahedral complexes of the type [Hg(sac)₂(diphos)₂].

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