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Synthesis of Unusual Rhenium Complexes with Schiff Bases

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Schiff bases offer a versatile and flexible series of ligands capable to bind with various metal ions to give complexes with suitable properties for theoretical and/or practical applications. Since Wilkinson published Schiff-base complexes in 1979, ¹ a large number of polydentate Schiff-base compounds have been structurally characterized and extensively explored for the development of technetium and rhenium chemistry with radiopharmaceutical applications. ² Research has been focused on the chemistry of (O,N,S)-tetradendate, at first, and later tridentate or bidentate Schiff-base complexes of Re and Tc.

Schiff bases generated by condensing 2-aminophenol with salicylaldehyde could act as a model of multidentate ligands towards rhenium and technetium cores.3 Especially, 2-(salicylideneamino)benzenethiol (SNO, S-phsalH₂) is not the stable form of this noncoordinated molecule, while 2-(2hydroxyphenyl)phenol (ONO, O-phsalH₂) is stable.⁴ At room temperature the S-phsalH₂ Schiff base converts to 2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)benzenethiazoline (hbtH) by an intramolecular ring closing reaction, which also converts to 2-(2hydroxyphenyl)benzenethiazole (hbt) by an oxidative photochemical aromatization reaction as illustrated in Figure 1. Several oxometal complexes of S-phsalH₂/hbtH/hbt have extensively been studied.^{4,5} In the case of 2-(2-pyridyl)benzothiazoline, similar tautomerization of the ligand has been reported but only one tautomer exists in the solid state. 4,5 However, attempt to isolate these Schiff base rhenium and technetium complexes with both of the tautomer SphsalH₂/hbtH/hbt ligands have been unsuccessful. Here, we demonstrate reactions of these [SNO] and [ONO] Schiff

bases with Re(V) ions and interactions among the *S*-phsalH₂/hbtH/hbt ring tautomers. The crystal structures of the Re(O)(*S*-phsal)(hbt) and ReCl₂(*O*-phsal)(OPPh₃) are described, respectively.

The [SNO] complex $[ReO(\eta^3-S-phsal)(\eta^2-hbt)$ (1) and the [ONO] complex $[ReCl_2(OPPh_3)(\eta^3-O-phsal)]$ (2) were obtained from reaction of $[BzEt_3N](ReOCl_4)$ with S-phsal H_2 at room temperature and t-ReOCl₃(PPh₃)₂ with O-phsal H_2 on heating, respectively. These complexes were characterized by elemental analyses, spectroscopic methods and X-ray crystallography.

The crystallographic analysis of 1 shows the presence of a neutral oxorhenium(V) complex in which the overall geometry around the central rhenium atom is best described as a distorted octahedron: the S, N and O atoms of the tridentate [SNO] ligand form in a *mer*-coordination, and the O and N atoms of the hbt ligand bind bidentately as depicted in Figure 2. The Re=O, Re-S, Re-O and Re-N bond lengths are in the ranges observed for analogous compounds. The Re-S(1) bond distance of 2.311(2) Å is longer than those of Re-O(1) (2.075(6) Å) and Re-N(1) (2.082(6) Å) on the equitorial plane, and that of Re-O(2) (1.963(6) Å) on the axial position, showing that the structural trans influence of the oxo group is not transmitted to oxygen atom. The most striking feature of the crystal structure of 1 is the bidentate binding of the hbt rather than the tridentate one of Hhbt. This is clealy seen from the formation of the thiazole: the difference of the distance between C(14) and N(2); 1.318(11) Å vs. 1.333(9) Å for C(1)-N(1) single bond of the S-phsal ligand. The C=N distances of hbt

$$S$$
-phsalH₂ S -phsalH₂

Figure 1. Schematic diagram of tautomerization between 2(2-hydroxyphenyl)benzenethiol (*S*-phsalH₂) and 2(2-hydroxyphenyl) benzenethiazoline (hbtH), and conversion to 2(2-hydroxyphenyl) benzenethiazole (hbt).

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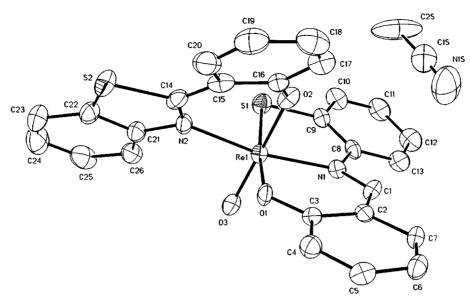


Figure 2. ORTEP drawing of [ReO(η^3 -S-phsal)(h^2 -hbt) (1). Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): Re(1)-O(1), 2.075(6); Re(1)-O(2), 1.963(6); Re(1)-O(3), 1.677(6); Re(1)-N(1), 2.082(6); Re(1)-N(2), 2.160(7); Re(1)-S(1), 2.311(2); N(1)-C(1), 1.333(9); N(2)-C(14), 1.318(11); N(1)-Re(1)-N(2), 166.7(3); O(1)-Re(1)-S(1), 170.56(17); O(2)-Re(1)-O(3), 166.8(2).

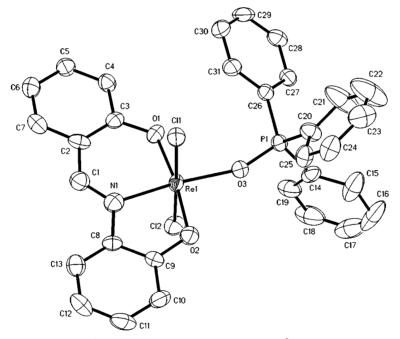


Figure 3. ORTEP drawing of [ReCl₂(OPPh₃)(η^3 -O-phsal)] (2). Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): Re(1)-O(1), 1.957(3); Re(1)-O(2), 1.987(3); Re(1)-O(3), 2.027(3); Re(1)-N(1), 2.063(4); Re(1)-Cl(1), 2.3362(11); Re(1)-Cl(2), 2.3542(10); N(1)-C(1), 1.281(6); N(1)-Re(1)-O(3), 166.7(3); O(1)-Re(1)-O(2), 172.54(13); Cl(1)-Re(1)-Cl(2), 177.69(4).

have been reported; 1.332(10) Å for $[TcOCl_3(hbt)]^{-.4b}$ The average angle around C(14) is $120.0(4)^o$, that means sp^2 hybrid.

The X-ray structure of 2 is shown in Figure 3. The rhenium is six-coordinate in a distorted octahedral coordination sphere: the Cl_2 fragment is in *trans* arrangement and the O_3 fragment is in a *meridional* coordination. The O and N atoms of the O-phsal ligand bind tridentately, and the distance between C(1) and N(1) of the ligand is 1.281(6) Å, which means a C=N bond. The feature of this structure is

based on the formation of triphenylphosphine oxide, and therefore the oxidation state of the rhenium is +4. In most of reactions of trichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)oxorhenium (V), the rhenium-oxygygen double bond is untouchable and remains. Limited studies have been available regarding rhenium(IV) complexes with triphenylphosphine oxide.⁸ The nitrogen atom lies *trans* to OPPh₃ oxygen, and the value of 2.063(4) Å for the Re-N bond is found in the range 2.030(5)-2.091(6) Å for the other phosphine oxide Re complexes.^{8c} This structural *trans* effect is not so strong

compared to that of Re(III)-PPh₃ due to weak back-bonding ability of Re(IV) to OPPh₃.

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- 6. The [SNO] complex [ReO(η³-S-phsal)(η²-hbt) (1) was prepared from addition of the mixture of [BzEt₃N](ReOCl₄) (0.20 g, 0.37 mmol) in 30 mL of chloroform and 3 mL of methanol to yellow solution of S-phsalH₂ (69 mg, 0.30 mmol) in 10 mL of chloroform at room temperature. After recrystallization of the crude from acetonitrile, brown crystals of complex 1 were obtained with 80% yield based on rhenium. On the other hand, a solution of t-

- ReOCl₃(PPh₃)₂ (200 mg, 0.24 mmol) and O-phsalH₂ (56 mg, 0.26 mmol) in 50 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was refluxed for 1 h, and the solvent of the resulting red mixture was removed to red-brown powder. After recrystallization of the powder from CH₂Cl₂ and hexane, the [ONO] complex [ReCl₂(OPPh₃)(η^3 -O-phsal)] (2) was obtained in 80% yield.
- 7. Brown plate crystals of 1 were analyzed at 273 ± 1 K: orthorhombic, space group *Pbca* with a = 13.1266(8) Å, b = 16.6892(10) Å, c = 23.4392(14) Å, $a = 90^{\circ}$, $b = 90^{\circ}$, $g = 90^{\circ}$, V = 5134.9(5) Å^3 , Z = 8, $d_{\text{calcd}} = 1.803 \text{ g/cm}^3$, μ_{a} (Mo K α) = 4.932 mm⁻¹ goodness of fit on $F^2 = 0.887$, R = 0.0510 and $R_w = 0.1262$. ¹H-NMR in DMSO-d₆: δ 6.2 (m, 1H, ph), 6.3 (m, 1H, ph), 6.6 (m, 1H, ph), 7.0 (m, 1H, ph), 7.1-7.4 (m, 5H, ph), 7.6-7.9 (m, 5H, ph), 8.4 (m, 1H, ph), 8.6 (m, 1H, ph) and 9.7 (m, 1H, -CH=N-). FT-IR (KBr pellet, cm⁻¹): 955 (Re=O), 1608 (C=N). Anal. Calcd. for C₂₈H₂₀N₃O₃ReS₂: C, 48.26; H, 2.89; N, 6.03%. Found: C, 48.20; H, 3.01; N, 5.85%. Brown plate crystals of 2 were analyzed at 158 \pm 1 K: monoclinic, space group P2(1)/n with a = 13.9609(6) Å, b= 14.6346(6) Å, c = 14.4209(6) Å, $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$, $b = 108.1490(10)^{\circ}$, $\gamma =$ 90°, $V = 2799.8(2) \text{ Å}^3$, Z = 4, $d_{\text{calcd}} = 1.771 \text{ g/cm}^3$, μ_a (Mo K α) = 4.622 mm⁻¹, goodness of fit on $F^2 = 1.021$, R = 0.0310 and $R_w =$ 0.0799. ${}^{1}\text{H-NMR}$ in DMSO- d_{6} : δ 6.9 (m, 4H, ph), 7.3 (m, 4H, ph), 7.5 (m, 15H, PPh₃), and 10.2 (s, 1H, -CH=N-). FT-IR (KBr pellet, cm⁻¹): 1597 (C=N). Anal. Calcd. for C₃₁H₂₄Cl₂NO₃PRe: C, 49.87; H, 3.24; N, 1.88%. Found: C, 50.07; H, 3.49; N, 1.93%. Crystallographic details and complete listings of 1 and 2 have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center (Deposition No. CCDC-197630 and CCDC-197631), respectively. The data can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/ conts/retrieving.html (or from the CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: +44 1223 336033; e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).
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