# Supporting Information 

# Monopicolinate Cross-bridged Cyclam Combining <br> Very Fast Complexation with Very High Stability and Inertness of its Copper(II) Complex 

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## Summary

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| $\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | $2.010(6)$ | $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{N}(5)$ | $102.1(2)$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | $2.138(6)$ | $\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{N}(5)$ | $80.4(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | $1.966(6)$ | $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{N}(5)$ | $127.7(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{N}(4)$ | $2.108(6)$ | $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | $90.7(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{N}(5)$ | $2.113(6)$ | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | $85.1(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | $175.4(3)$ | $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | $86.2(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{N}(4)$ | $87.4(2)$ | $\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | $143.7(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}(1)-\mathrm{N}(4)$ | $94.1(2)$ |  |  |

X-ray diffraction determination of $[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathbf{c b - t e 1 p a})]\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{2}$ :
Single crystals of the complex of Hcb-te1pa with $\mathrm{Cu}^{2+}$ were obtained by slow evaporation of a concentrated aqueous solution at neutral pH . Crystals were found to be composed of the $[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathbf{c b}-\text { te1pa })]^{2+}$ cation, two perchlorate anions, and water molecules. A view of the structure of the complex cation is shown in Figure S1, while bond distances and angles of the metal coordination environment are given in Table S1.

The metal ion in $[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathbf{c b}-\mathbf{t e 1} \mathbf{p a})]^{2+}$ is five coordinated, being directly bound to the four nitrogen atoms of the macrocyclic unit and the nitrogen atom of the pyridyl group. The distance between the metal atom and the oxygen atom of the carboxylic group $\mathrm{O}(1)$ [3.16 $\AA$ ]
is too long to be considered as a bond distance. The coordination polyhedron around the copper center can be defined as a trigonal bipyramid, in which the equatorial plane is defined by the N atoms of the cyclam fragment N 2 and N 4 , the nitrogen atom of the pyridyl unit N 5 and the metal ion, and the apical positions are defined by donor atoms N1 and N3. Alternatively, the coordination polyhedron may be defined as square pyramidal, where the basal plane is formed by $\mathrm{N} 1, \mathrm{~N} 2, \mathrm{~N} 3$ and N 5 , and the apical position is defined by N4. The index of trigonality $\tau$ is calculated to be 0.53 , which points to a distorted coordination polyhedron that is halfway between the two ideal geometries ( $\tau=0$ for a perfect squarepyramidal geometry and $\tau=1$ for an ideal trigonal-bipyramidal geometry). ${ }^{1}$

The cyclam unit presents a cis-V-folded coordination configuration ${ }^{2}$ that provides four convergent nitrogen donor atoms for $\mathrm{Cu}^{2+}$ coordination. The bicyclo[6.6.2] ligand backbone shows a [2323]/[2323] conformation, ${ }^{3}$ as often observed in structures of $\mathrm{Cu}^{2+}$ complexes of cross-bridged cyclam derivatives. Interestingly, the diprotonated form of the ligand adopts the same conformation. An intramolecular hydrogen bonding interaction exists between the NH group of the macrocyclic fragment and one of the oxygen atoms of the carboxylate function $\left(\mathrm{N}(3) \cdots \mathrm{O}(1) 2.808(7) \AA, \mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{H}(3) \cdots \mathrm{O}(1) 2.16 \AA, \mathrm{~N}(3)-\mathrm{H}(3) \cdots \mathrm{O}(1) 126.0^{\circ} ; \mathrm{N}(3) \cdots \mathrm{O}(1)\right.$ $\left.2.814(3) \AA, \mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{H}(3) \cdots \mathrm{O}(1) 2.16 \AA, \mathrm{~N}(3)-\mathrm{H}(3) \cdots \mathrm{O}(1) 126.9^{\circ}\right)$, which results in the formation of a macrotricyclic-like structure due to the formation of a third pseudomacrocycle.

In $[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathbf{c b}-t e 1 \mathbf{p a})]^{+}$the donor atom of the macrocyclic fragment N 3 provides the strongest interaction with the copper center, with bond distance of $1.97 \AA$, the other $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}$ distances in the range $2.01-2.14 \AA$. These bond distances are shorter than those observed for $[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathbf{t e} \mathbf{1 p a})]^{+}$ $(2.00-2.35 \AA$ ) related five-coordinated copper(II) complexes with cyclam-based ligand lacking the cross-bridge unit, ${ }^{4}$ which points to a particularly strong interaction of the cb-te1 $\mathbf{p a}^{-}$ligand with $\mathrm{Cu}^{2+}$.


Figure S2. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR titration of Hcb-te1pa in $\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ solution and the corresponding resonance labeling, showing only the resonances arising from the pendant arm for simplicity. Aromatic protons are labeled 1,2 and 3, while non-equivalent methylene protons are labeled 4 a and 4 b .


Figure S3. Speciation diagrams of Hcb-te1pa ligand in presence of $\mathrm{Cu}^{2+}$ (left) and $\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}$. (right) in aqueous solution at $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{M}^{2+}}=\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{Hcb} \text {-telpa }}=10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$.


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|  | VP (0 imaginary | equencies) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | -1.52687000 | -2.50949100 | -0.73583200 |
| H | -2.26255100 | -2.60581700 | 0.05621900 |
| H | -1.37901900 | -3.50713800 | -1.16180800 |
| C | -2.01474300 | -1.54906200 | -1.80670900 |
| H | -1.35069700 | -1.57445200 | -2.67166600 |
| H | -3.00888300 | -1.85671500 | -2.15145100 |
| C | -2.03556300 | 0.77575400 | -2.48608900 |
| H | -1.19836600 | 0.46360500 | -3.11370900 |
| H | -2.95738500 | 0.62638000 | -3.06279400 |
| C | -1.88743400 | 2.26091300 | -2.16268400 |
| H | -2.76927300 | 2.64462200 | -1.64390600 |
| H | -1.87604600 | 2.78120100 | -3.12481900 |
| C | -0.61179600 | 2.65821400 | -1.42360800 |
| H | 0.26537000 | 2.35936900 | -2.00200600 |
| H | -0.58613700 | 3.74913500 | -1.32096700 |
| C | -1.49087200 | 2.47281100 | 0.90787400 |
| H | -1.24849100 | 3.47478000 | 1.27524400 |
| H | -2.46718600 | 2.53495800 | 0.43284200 |
| C | -1.50302000 | 1.49537900 | 2.07247000 |
| H | -2.31607600 | 1.74083400 | 2.76629800 |
| H | -0.55550000 | 1.57045800 | 2.60673500 |
| C | -1.21905800 | -0.83629100 | 2.69341300 |
| H | -1.94984200 | -0.78198200 | 3.51104900 |
| H | -0.26826700 | -0.46098700 | 3.07655200 |
| C | -1.05158100 | -2.29793500 | 2.28116700 |
| H | -2.01114000 | -2.75045100 | 2.02085400 |
| H | -0.72775700 | -2.83070500 | 3.18017500 |
| C | 0.00314100 | -2.59925400 | 1.21824300 |
| H | 0.97346200 | -2.21618000 | 1.54072700 |
| H | 0.09373700 | -3.68616900 | 1.10640200 |
| C | -3.20154900 | 0.10690700 | -0.41556500 |
| H | -4.06673600 | -0.47022300 | -0.76110900 |
| H | -3.46790000 | 1.15418400 | -0.51950800 |
| C | -2.97678500 | -0.22494000 | 1.07637100 |
| H | -3.73591900 | 0.31296500 | 1.65618800 |
| H | -3.15558300 | -1.28408400 | 1.24357900 |
| C | 0.87652900 | -2.33421600 | -1.03993700 |
| H | 0.56497300 | -2.11594400 | -2.06389700 |
| H | 1.11350300 | -3.40155500 | -0.98661200 |
| C | 2.08809500 | -1.50860500 | -0.71251200 |
| C | 3.35834800 | -2.02020100 | -0.94653700 |
| H | 3.46852100 | -3.03138700 | -1.31781300 |


| C | 4.46037200 | -1.21567800 | -0.69565000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| H | 5.46511800 | -1.58094600 | -0.87225000 |
| C | 4.24294900 | 0.06201800 | -0.20401000 |
| H | 5.05846100 | 0.73795600 | 0.01177800 |
| C | 2.94524800 | 0.50616100 | 0.04797600 |
| C | 2.79525100 | 1.89191200 | 0.69237200 |
| N | -0.25521800 | -2.01428300 | -0.13580600 |
| N | -2.03899100 | -0.14835200 | -1.30976900 |
| N | -0.47604300 | 2.03779800 | -0.08511300 |
| N | -1.62185700 | 0.09055400 | 1.59801400 |
| N | 1.86789900 | -0.26998200 | -0.21987400 |
| $\bigcirc$ | 3.72745100 | 2.69315000 | 0.47889700 |
| Cu | -0.27087700 | 0.03003200 | -0.07515300 |
| O | 1.76420000 | 2.08031800 | 1.40108200 |
| H | 0.44332100 | 2.26908800 | 0.33260100 |
| $E($ UTPSSh $)=-2807.206889$ Hartree |  |  |  |
| Zero-point correction $=0.495427$ |  |  |  |
| Thermal correction to Energy $=0.519007$ |  |  |  |
| Thermal correction to Enthalpy $=0.519951$ |  |  |  |
| Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy $=0.444436$ |  |  |  |
| Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies $=-2806.711462$ |  |  |  |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Energies $=-2806.687882$ |  |  |  |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies $=-2806.686938$ |  |  |  |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies $=-2806.762453$ |  |  |  |



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| Référence | 2H146 |  | Date de réception | 22/05/13 | $N^{\circ}$ SCA | 13/04541 |
| C | 53.62 \% |  |  |  |  |  |
| H | 8.69 \% |  |  |  |  |  |
| N | 15.35\% |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C | 36.79\% |  |  |  |  |
| H | 7.22 \% |  |  |  |  |
| N | 10.93\% |  |  |  |  |

ZH 146: compound 3: $\left(\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{33} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{HCl}^{2} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$
ZH 164: compound Heb-te1pa $\left(\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{31} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{2} \cdot 5 \mathrm{HCl} \cdot 4.5 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$

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