

Two-stage formation of chloro (*N*-*o*-chlorobenzamido-*meso*-tetraphenylporphyrinato) zinc(II) methylene chloride solvate: $\text{Zn}(\text{N-NHCO}(o\text{-Cl})\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-tpp})\text{Cl} \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$

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Abstract

The coordinating properties of *N*-*o*-chlorobenzamido-*meso*-tetraphenylporphyrin (*N*-NHCO(*o*-Cl) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-Htp}$; **11**) have been investigated for the Zn^{2+} ion. Insertion of Zn results in the formation of the zinc complex $\text{Zn}(\text{N-NCO}(o\text{-Cl})\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-tpp})(\text{MeOH}) \cdot \text{MeOH}$ (**12** · MeOH). The diamagnetic **12** · MeOH can be transformed into the diamagnetic $\text{Zn}(\text{N-NHCO}(o\text{-Cl})\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-tpp})\text{Cl} \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (**13** · CH_2Cl_2) in a reaction with aqueous hydrogen chloride (2%). X-ray structures for **12** · MeOH and **13** · CH_2Cl_2 have been determined. The coordination sphere around the Zn^{2+} ion in **12** · MeOH is a distorted trigonal bipyramid with N(2), N(4) and O(2) lying in the equatorial plane, whereas for the Zn^{2+} ion in **13** · CH_2Cl_2 , it is a square-based pyramid in which the apical site is occupied by the Cl(1) atom. © 2007 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.

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1. Introduction

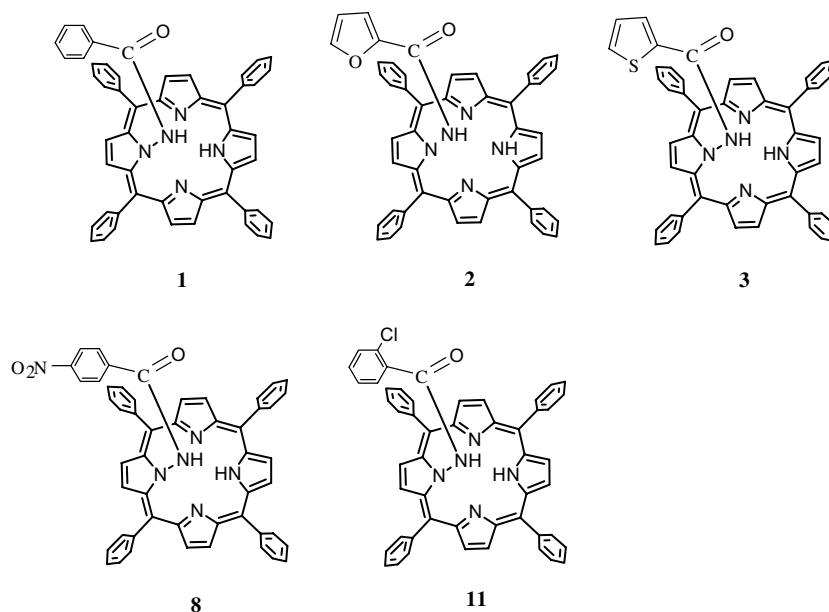
The absolute values of hardness η for Zn^{2+} , Cd^{2+} and Hg^{2+} are 10.88, 10.29 and 7.7 eV, respectively [1]. The softness of acidity increases from Zn^{2+} to Cd^{2+} to Hg^{2+} . Insertion of $\text{Cd}(\text{OAc})_2$ into *N*-NHCO- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{-Htp}$ (**1**) [*N*-NHCO-2- $\text{C}_4\text{H}_3\text{O-Htp}$ (**2**) or *N*-NHCO-2- $\text{C}_4\text{H}_3\text{S-Htp}$ (**3**)] results in the formation of a six-coordinate diamagnetic complex $\text{Cd}(\text{N-NHCOC}_6\text{H}_5\text{-tpp})(\text{OAc})$ (**4**) [$\text{Cd}(\text{N-NHCO-2-C}_4\text{H}_3\text{O-tpp})(\text{OAc})$ (**5**) or $\text{Cd}(\text{N-NHCO-2-C}_4\text{H}_3\text{S-tpp})(\text{OAc})$ (**6**)] in 54% (55% or 52%) yield [2,3] (Scheme 1).

Mercury (II) is readily inserted into (**3**) yielding exclusively the four-coordinate diamagnetic complex HgPh-

(*N*-NHCO-2- $\text{C}_4\text{H}_3\text{S-tpp}$) (**7**) in 58% yield [4]. Compounds **4–7** are cadmium(II) and mercury(II) complexes of *N*-substituted-*N*-aminoporphyrins. Prompted by these results, we focused on the synthesis of zinc(II) complexes of a similar kind. In addition, the intermediate acid Zn^{2+} attacks the two N–H protons of **1** [or *N*-*p*-HNCOC $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2\text{-Htp}$ (**8**)] and leads to a five-coordinate distorted trigonal bipyramidal Zn(II) derivative $\text{Zn}(\text{N-NCOC}_6\text{H}_5\text{-tpp})(\text{MeOH})$ (**9**) [or $\text{Zn}(\text{N-}p\text{-NCOC}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2\text{-tpp})(\text{MeOH})$ (**10**)] possessing a nitrene moiety inserted between the zinc atom and one nitrogen atom, N(4) [2,5]. In **1**, when the *ortho* proton is replaced by a chloro ligand, the new free aminated porphyrin is formed, namely, *N*-*o*-chlorobenzamido-*meso*-tetraphenylporphyrin [*N*-NHCO(*o*-Cl) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-Htp}$; **11**]. A thorough literature review reveals that there is no report on a metal complex

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Scheme 1.

of **11**. The lack of study on metal complexes of ligand **11** prompted us to undertake the synthesis and structural investigations of the zinc(II) complexes. Zn(II) is a diamagnetic ion and maintains the d^{10} electron configuration which minimizes intrinsic coordination geometry preferences whilst favoring coordination by ligands of intermediate basicity. In this paper, we describe the X-ray structural investigation on the metallation of **11** leading to the mononuclear zinc(II) complex (*N*-*o*-chlorobenzamido-*meso*-tetraphenylporphyrinato)(methanol)zinc(II) methanol solvate [$\text{Zn}(\text{N}-\text{NCO}(\textit{o}\text{-Cl})\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-tpp})(\text{MeOH}) \cdot \text{MeOH}$; **12** · MeOH]. Tsurumaki et al. have reported the electronic structures of oxidized metalloporphyrin complexes by acid-induced cleavage of Ni(II) complexes of tetraarylporphyrin *N*-oxides at -25°C [6]. A similar kind of acid hydrolysis was reported by Latos-Grazynski and co-workers for the cleavage of the Ni–O bond in nickel(II)-6,11,16,21-tetraphenyl-22-hydroxy-*m*-benzporphyrin (TPBPO)Ni^{II}, leading to (TPBPOH)Ni^{II}Cl, and for the cleavage of the Ni–C bond in nickel(II)-6,11,16,21-tetraphenyl-*m*-benzporphyrin, leading to chloronickel(II)-22-*H*-6,11,16,21-tetraphenyl-*m*-benzporphyrin [7,8]. We tried to apply acid-hydrolysis to Zn–N bond cleavage in **12** · MeOH. The Zn–N bond in **12** · MeOH is cleaved by addition of aqueous HCl (2%) to a CH_2Cl_2 solution of the complex leading to the desired complex chloro(*N*-*o*-chlorobenzamido-*meso*-tetraphenylporphyrinato)zinc(II) methylene chloride solvate [$\text{Zn}(\text{N}-\text{NHCO}(\textit{o}\text{-Cl})\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-tpp})\text{Cl} \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$; **13** · CH_2Cl_2]. Intramolecular hydrogen bonding between the *ortho* chlorine and (*o*-Cl)benzamido hydrogen might enhance the formation of complex **13**. Collectively, we describe the two-stage formation of **13** and the spectroscopic properties of complexes **12** and **13**.

2. Experimental

2.1. *N*-NHCO(*o*-Cl) C_6H_4 -Htpp (**11**)

Compound **11** was prepared in 32% yield in the same way as described for *N*-NHCO C_6H_5 -Htpp using 2-chlorobenzoyl azide [2]. Compound **11** was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 and layered with MeOH to give a purple solid. ^1H NMR (559.95 MHz, CDCl_3 , 20°C) δ : 9.10 [d, 2H, H_β , $^3J(\text{H}-\text{H}) = 4.2$ Hz]; 8.86 [d, 2H, H_β , $^3J(\text{H}-\text{H}) = 4.8$ Hz]; 8.57 [s, 2H, H_β]; 8.15 [s, 2H, H_β]; 8.20 [d, 2H, *ortho* protons *o*-H, $^3J(\text{H}-\text{H}) = 6.0$ Hz]; 8.10 [d, 2H, *o*-H, $^3J(\text{H}-\text{H}) = 6.6$ Hz]; 7.76–7.85 (m, 12H, *meta* and *para* protons); 5.94 [t, 1H, (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph- H_4 (where (*o*-Cl)BA = the *o*-chlorobenzamido ligand), $^3J(\text{H}-\text{H}) = 7.5$ Hz]; 5.70 [d, 1H, (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph- H_3 , $^3J(\text{H}-\text{H}) = 7.8$ Hz]; 5.34 [t, 1H, (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph- H_5 , $^3J(\text{H}-\text{H}) = 7.5$ Hz]; 2.13 [d, 1H, (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph- H_6 , $^3J(\text{H}-\text{H}) = 7.8$ Hz]; -0.26 [bs, 2H, NH]. Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{51}\text{H}_{34}\text{ClN}_5\text{O}$: C, 79.73; H, 4.46; N, 9.12. Found: C, 79.29; H, 4.29; N, 9.05%. MS(FAB): (M)⁺ 768 (calc. for $\text{C}_{51}\text{H}_{34}\text{ClN}_5\text{O}$: 768). UV–Vis spectrum, λ (nm) [$\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$ ($\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$)] in CH_2Cl_2 : 429 (213.9), 540 (10.8), 579 (9.7), 637 (7.4). IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3052 [$\nu(\text{CH})$], 1624 (amide I band), 1548 (amide II band), 1307 (amide III band), 1594 and 1462 (phenyl ring), 1439 [$\nu(\text{CN})$], 754 [$\nu(\text{CCl})$].

2.2. *Zn*(*N*-NHCO(*o*-Cl) C_6H_4 -tpp)(MeOH) · MeOH (**12** · MeOH)

Compound **12** was prepared in 75% yield in the same way as described for $\text{Zn}(\text{N}-\text{NHCO}\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{-tpp})(\text{MeOH}) \cdot \text{MeOH}$ using *N*-NHCO(*o*-Cl) C_6H_4 -Htpp [2], with a reaction temperature of 30°C and a reaction time of 30 min.

Compound **12** was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 and layered with MeOH to obtain purple crystals for single-crystal X-ray analysis. ^1H NMR (559.95 MHz, CDCl_3 , 20 °C) δ : 9.12 [d, 2H, $\text{H}_\beta(2,13)$, $^3J(\text{H-H}) = 4.2$ Hz]; 8.88 [d, 2H, $\text{H}_\beta(3,12)$, $^3J(\text{H-H}) = 4.2$ Hz]; 8.78 [s, 2H, $\text{H}_\beta(7,8)$]; 7.76 [s, 2H, $\text{H}_\beta(17,18)$]; 8.36 [d, 2H, *ortho* protons *o*-H(26,28), $^3J(\text{H-H}) = 7.8$ Hz]; 8.09 [d, 2H, *o*-H(22,32), $^3J(\text{H-H}) = 6.6$ Hz]; 8.84 [bs, 2H, *ortho* protons *o'*-H(38,40)]; 8.21 [bs, 2H, *o'*-H(34,44)]; 7.72–7.87 (m, 12H, *meta* and *para* protons); 6.10 [t, 1H, (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph- H_4 , $^3J(\text{H-H}) = 7.2$ Hz]; 5.91 [d, 1H, (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph- H_3 , $^3J(\text{H-H}) = 7.8$ Hz]; 5.69 [t, 1H, (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph- H_5 , $^3J(\text{H-H}) = 7.8$ Hz]; 3.61 [d, 1H, (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph- H_6 , $^3J(\text{H-H}) = 7.8$ Hz]. *Anal.* Calc. for $\text{C}_{53}\text{H}_{40}\text{ClN}_5\text{O}_3\text{Zn}$: C, 71.06; H, 4.50; N, 7.82. Found: C, 71.03; H, 4.19; N, 7.47%. MS(FAB): $(\text{M})^+$ 832 (calc. for $\text{C}_{51}\text{H}_{32}\text{ClN}_5\text{OZn}$: 832). UV–Vis spectrum, λ (nm) [$\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$ ($\text{M}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$)] in CH_2Cl_2 : 439 (328.1), 607 (18.8). IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3643 [$\nu(\text{OH})$], 3051 [$\nu(\text{CH})$], 1597 (amide I band), 1473 (phenyl and methyl), 1384 (methyl), 1439 [$\nu(\text{CN})$], 753 [$\nu(\text{CCl})$].

2.3. $\text{Zn}(\text{N-NHCO}(\textit{o}\text{-Cl})\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-tpp})\text{Cl} \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (**13** · CH_2Cl_2)

Compound **12** (0.06 g, 0.069 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (50 ml) was extracted with 2% HCl (50 ml). After the CH_2Cl_2 layer was concentrated to dryness, the residue was redissolved in a minimum of CH_2Cl_2 . Removal of the solvent and recrystallization from CH_2Cl_2 – CH_3CN [1:1 (v/v)] gave the blue solid **13** (0.059 g, 0.062 mmol, 90%). Compound **13** was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 and layered with CH_3CN to obtain blue crystals for single-crystal X-ray analysis. ^1H NMR (559.95 MHz, CDCl_3 , 20 °C) δ : 9.03 [d, 2H, $\text{H}_\beta(2,13)$, $^3J(\text{H-H}) = 4.8$ Hz]; 8.89 [s, 2H, $\text{H}_\beta(7, 8)$]; 8.89 [d, 2H, $\text{H}_\beta(3,12)$, $^3J(\text{H-H}) = 4.2$ Hz]; 8.38 [s, 2H, $\text{H}_\beta(17,18)$]; 8.34 [s, 2H, *ortho* protons *o*-H(26,28)]; 8.12 [s, 2H, *o*-H(22,32)]; 8.77 [s, 2H, *o'*-H(38,40)]; 8.42 [s, 2H, *o'*-H(34,44)]; 7.77–7.94 (m, 12H, *meta* and *para* protons); 6.45 [t, 1H, (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph- H_4 , $^3J(\text{H-H}) = 7.2$ Hz]; 6.23 [t, 1H, (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph- H_5 , $^3J(\text{H-H}) = 7.8$ Hz]; 6.13 [d, 1H, (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph- H_3 , $^3J(\text{H-H}) = 8.4$ Hz]; 5.29 [d, 1H, (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph- H_6 , $^3J(\text{H-H}) = 8.1$ Hz]; -0.56 [s, 1H, NH]. *Anal.* Calc. for $\text{C}_{51}\text{H}_{33}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_5\text{OZn}$: C, 70.56; H, 3.83; N, 8.07. Found: C, 69.99; H, 3.28; N, 8.09%. MS(FAB): $(\text{M} - \text{H})^+$ 867 (calc. for $\text{C}_{51}\text{H}_{33}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_5\text{OZn}$: 868). UV–Vis spectrum, λ (nm) [$\epsilon \times 10^{-3}$ ($\text{M}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$)] in CH_2Cl_2 : 440 (306.8), 455 (208.6), 617 (22.2). IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 3350 [$\nu(\text{NH})$], 3053 [$\nu(\text{CH})$], 1690 (amide I band), 1574 (amide II band), 1274 (amide III band), 1596 and 1480 (phenyl ring), 1441 [$\nu(\text{CN})$], 751 [$\nu(\text{CCl})$].

2.4. Spectroscopy

^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded at 599.95 and 150.87 MHz, respectively, on Varian Unity Inova-600 spectrometers locked on deuterated solvent, and referenced to the solvent peak. The ^1H NMR is relative to CDCl_3 at

$\delta = 7.24$ and ^{13}C NMR to the center line of CDCl_3 at $\delta = 77.0$. HMQC (heteronuclear multiple quantum coherence) was used to correlate protons and carbon through one-bond coupling and HMBC (heteronuclear multiple bond coherence) for two- and three-bond proton–carbon coupling. Nuclear Overhauser effect (NOE) difference spectroscopy was employed to determine the ^1H – ^1H proximity through space over a distance of up to about 4 Å.

The positive-ion fast atom bombardment mass spectrum (FAB MS) was obtained in a nitrobenzyl alcohol (NBA) matrix using a JEOL JMS-SX/SX 102A mass spectrometer. UV–Vis spectra were recorded at 20 °C on a HITACHI U-3210 spectrophotometer. IR spectra were measured at 20 °C in KBr discs on a Bomem, DA8.3 spectrometer. Elemental analyses were obtained using a Heraeus CHN-O-S-Rapid elemental analyzer.

2.5. X-ray crystallography

Table 1 presents the crystal data as well as other information for **12** · MeOH and **13** · CH_2Cl_2 . Measurements were taken on a Bruker AXS SMART-1000 diffractometer using monochromatized Mo $\text{K}\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) at a temperature of 100(2) K for **12** · MeOH and 297(2) K for **13** · CH_2Cl_2 . Empirical absorption corrections were made for both complexes. The structures were solved by direct methods (SHELXL-97) [9] and refined by the full-matrix least-squares method. The (*o*-Cl)BA group within **12** · MeOH is disordered with an occupancy factor of 0.55 for Cl, C(46), C(47), C(48), C(49), C(50), C(51) and

Table 1
Crystal data for **12** · MeOH and **13** · CH_2Cl_2

Compound	12 · MeOH	13 · CH_2Cl_2
Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{53}\text{H}_{40}\text{ClN}_5\text{O}_3\text{Zn}$	$\text{C}_{52}\text{H}_{35}\text{Cl}_4\text{N}_5\text{OZn}$
Formula weight	895.72	953.02
Space group	$P2_1/n$	$P2_1/c$
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic
<i>a</i> (Å)	14.713(4)	13.8993(16)
<i>b</i> (Å)	16.754(5)	30.995(4)
<i>c</i> (Å)	17.433(5)	11.1975(13)
α (°)	90	90
β (°)	97.933(6)	113.451(2)
γ (°)	90	90
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	4256(2)	4425.5(9)
<i>Z</i>	4	4
<i>F</i> (000)	1856	1952
<i>D</i> _{calc} (g cm^{-3})	1.398	1.430
μ (Mo $\text{K}\alpha$) (mm^{-1})	0.692	0.843
<i>S</i>	0.961	1.238
Crystal size (mm)	0.25 × 0.15 × 0.10	0.68 × 0.43 × 0.13
θ (°)	28.40	26.02
<i>T</i> (K)	100(2)	297(2)
Number of reflections measured	10496	8684
Number of reflections observed with [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	7046	6585
<i>R</i> ₁ ^a	0.0610	0.0485
<i>wR</i> ₂ ^b	0.1514	0.1411

^a $R_1 = [\sum |F_o| - |F_c|] / \sum |F_o|$.

^b $wR_2 = \{ \sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)]^2 / \sum [w(F_o^2)]^2 \}^{1/2}$.

Table 2
Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for compounds **12** · MeOH and **13** · CH₂Cl₂

Compound 12 · MeOH			
<i>Bond lengths (Å)</i>			
Zn–N(1)	2.073(3)	Zn–O(2)	2.107(2)
Zn–N(2)	1.944(2)	H(3)···O(1)	1.821(2)
Zn–N(3)	2.067(3)	O(1)···O(3)	2.609(2)
Zn–N(5)	2.013(3)		
<i>Bond angles (°)</i>			
O(2)–Zn–N(1)	88.28(9)	N(1)–Zn–N(2)	94.25(10)
O(2)–Zn–N(2)	111.26(10)	N(1)–Zn–N(3)	169.22(9)
O(2)–Zn–N(3)	95.29(9)	N(1)–Zn–N(5)	84.77(10)
O(2)–Zn–N(5)	117.08(9)	N(2)–Zn–N(3)	95.10(10)
Zn–N(5)–N(4)	95.90(17)	N(2)–Zn–N(5)	131.45(10)
Zn–O(2)–C(52)	131.1(2)	N(3)–Zn–N(5)	85.03(10)
O(3)–H(3)···O(1)	173.65(9)		
<i>Compound 13</i> · CH ₂ Cl ₂			
<i>Bond lengths (Å)</i>			
Zn–N(1)	2.131(2)	Zn–Cl(1)	2.2090(9)
Zn–N(2)	2.007(2)	N(5)···Cl(2)	3.138(2)
Zn–N(3)	2.138(2)	H(5A)···Cl(2)	2.768(2)
Zn···N(4)	2.557(2)		
<i>Bond angles (°)</i>			
Cl(1)–Zn–N(1)	109.81(7)	N(1)–Zn–N(2)	88.65(9)
Cl(1)–Zn–N(2)	120.63(7)	N(1)–Zn–N(3)	136.98(9)
Cl(1)–Zn–N(3)	108.62(7)	N(1)–Zn–N(4)	77.63(9)
Cl(1)–Zn–N(4)	101.04(7)	N(2)–Zn–N(3)	88.05(9)
N(3)–Zn–N(4)	76.78(9)	N(2)–Zn–N(4)	138.30(9)
N(5)–H(5A)···Cl(2)	107.68(9)		

0.45 for Cl', C(46'), C(47'), C(48'), C(49'), C(50'), C(51'). The phenyl group within **12** · MeOH is disordered with an occupancy factor of 0.5 for C(43), C(44) and 0.5 for C(43'), C(44'). O(1) within **12** · MeOH is disordered with an occupancy factor of 0.9 for O(1) and 0.1 for O(1'). All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters, whereas all hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined with a riding model. Table 2 lists selected bond distances and angles for complexes **12** · MeOH and **13** · CH₂Cl₂.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Formation and characterization of **12**

Insertion of Zn(OAc)₂ into **11** in a methylene/methanol solution results in the formation of a five-coordinate diamagnetic complex **12** in 75% yield (Scheme 2).

3.2. Crystal structure of **12** · MeOH

The structure of **12** · MeOH, determined in an X-ray diffraction study, is shown in Fig. 1a. The geometry around Zn in **12** · MeOH is described as a distorted trigonal bipyramid with N(2), N(5) and O(2) lying in the equatorial plane. The Zn–O(2) bond distance is 2.107(2) Å and the mean Zn–4N distance is 2.024(3) Å for **12** · MeOH. The Zn–O(2) (MeOH) distance of 2.107(2) Å is slightly longer than the sum of the covalent radii of Zn and O (1.92 Å)

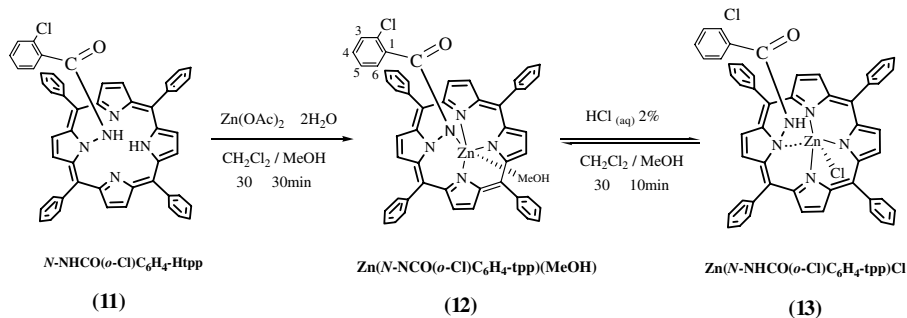
but is significantly shorter than the sum of the van der Waals radii of Zn and O (2.90 Å) [10]. This Zn–O(2) contact may be described as a weak covalent bond. The distortion in five-coordinate complexes can be quantified by the “degree of trigonality” which is defined as $\tau = (\beta - \alpha)/60$, where “ β ” is the largest and “ α ” the second largest of the L_{basal}–M–L_{basal} angles [11]. In **12**, we find $\beta = 169.22(9)^\circ$ [N(3)–Zn–N(1)] and $\alpha = 131.45(10)^\circ$ [N(2)–Zn–N(5)] for **12** · MeOH (Table 2) and thus a τ value of 0.63 is obtained for **12** · MeOH. Hence, the geometry around Zn(II) in **12** · MeOH is best described as a distorted trigonal bipyramid. In **12** · MeOH (Fig. 1a), the observed H(3)···O(1) and O(3)···O(1) distances are 1.821(2) and 2.609(2) Å (Table 2), respectively, which fall below those values expected from van der Waals distances (2.60 and 2.80 Å, respectively). The O(3)–H(3)–O(1) angle is 173.65(9)°, and its deviation from linearity is small. Therefore, this intermolecular hydrogen bonding causes an increased polarization of the carbonyl bond in **12** · MeOH. Consequently, the carbonyl carbon C(45) in **12** · MeOH becomes more positive, thereby accounting for its NMR downfield shift of 2.8 ppm observed at 20 °C, i.e. from 161.5 ppm for C(45) in **13** to 164.3 ppm for the same carbonyl carbon in **12** · MeOH (Tables S1 and S2).

3.3. Formation and characterization of **13**

When a solution of **12** in CH₂Cl₂ is treated with aqueous hydrogen chloride (2%), a new species is formed that can be formulated as **13** (Scheme 2). The reaction is reversed by heating the products in CH₂Cl₂/MeOH at 30 °C for 10 min (Scheme 2).

3.4. Crystal structure of **13** · CH₂Cl₂

The structure of **13** · CH₂Cl₂, determined by an X-ray diffraction study, is shown in Fig. 1b. The (*o*-Cl)BA group lies on the side opposite to the chloride Cl(1) in **13** · CH₂Cl₂. The coordination bond lengths Zn–N(1) 2.131(2) Å, Zn–N(2) 2.007(2) Å, Zn–N(3) 2.138(2) Å and Zn–Cl(1) 2.090(9) Å are within the limit found for zinc(II) porphyrins. The (*o*-Cl)BA nitrogen N(5) in **13** · CH₂Cl₂ is no longer bonded to zinc as indicated by its longer internuclear distance, 2.935(2) Å for Zn···N(5). Moreover, the Zn···N(4) distance of 2.557(2) Å for **13** · CH₂Cl₂ is longer than 2.138(2) Å for Zn–N(3) but is significantly shorter than the sum of the van der Waals radii of Zn and N (2.95 Å) [10]. This longer Zn···N(4) contact in **13** · CH₂Cl₂ may be viewed as a secondary intramolecular interaction. This kind of secondary interaction was earlier observed for Zn(*N*-Me-*tp*p)Cl with Zn···N1 = 2.530(7) Å [12,13]. Most chemists seem to consider this secondary interaction between the metal ion and the fourth N as a weak bond in *N*-substituted porphyrin metal complexes. In the present case, we find $\beta = 138.30(9)^\circ$ [N(2)–Zn–N(4)] and $\alpha = 136.98(9)^\circ$ [N(1)–Zn–N(3)] for **13** · CH₂Cl₂ and thus a τ value of 0.02 is obtained for **13** · CH₂Cl₂. Hence, the



Scheme 2.

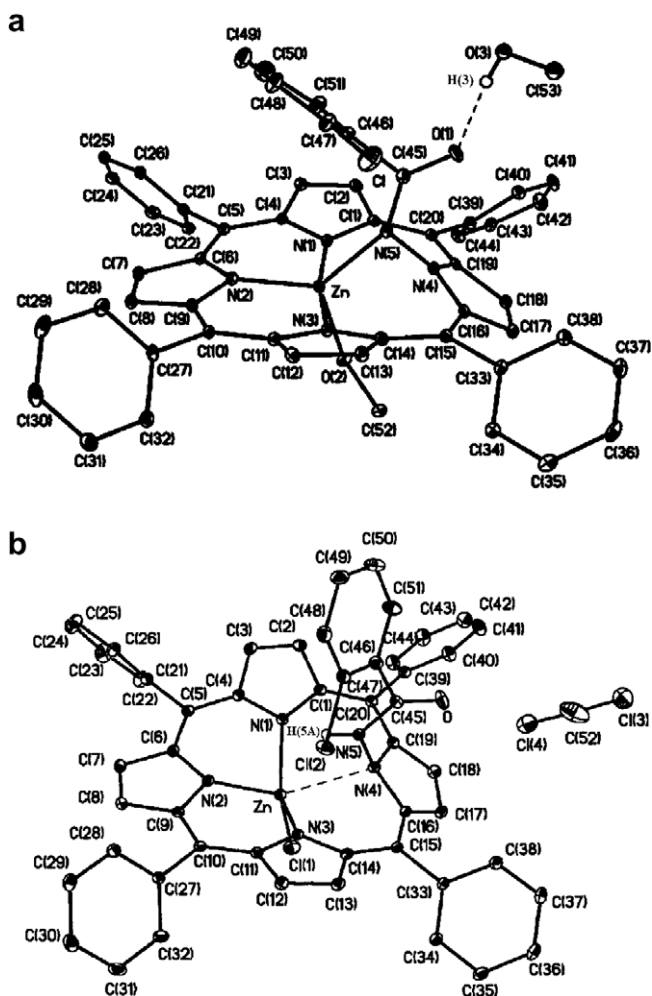


Fig. 1. Molecular configuration and atom-labelling scheme for (a) $12 \cdot \text{MeOH}$ and (b) $13 \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$, with ellipsoids drawn at 30% probability for both complexes. Hydrogen atoms except H(3) in $12 \cdot \text{MeOH}$ and H(5A) in $13 \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ are omitted for clarity.

geometry around Zn(II) in $13 \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ is best described as a square-based pyramid with Cl(1) as the apical atom. The τ value of 0.02 obtained for $13 \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ is quite close to the value of 0.05 for $\text{Zn}(N\text{-Me-tpp})\text{Cl}$ [12,13]. Hence compounds $13 \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ and $\text{Zn}(N\text{-Me-tpp})\text{Cl}$ have a similar coordination geometry around the Zn^{2+} ion. We adopt the plane of three strongly bound pyrrole nitrogen atoms [i.e. N(1), N(2) and N(3)] as a reference plane 3N for

$12 \cdot \text{MeOH}$ and $13 \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$. The zinc ion in $13 \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (or $12 \cdot \text{MeOH}$) is displaced from the 3N plane by 0.75 Å (or 0.09 Å) toward the chloride [Cl(1)] [or O(2)(MeOH)] (Fig. S1). The occurrence of weak intramolecular hydrogen bonding between the (*o*-Cl)benzamido hydrogen [H(5A)] and the chlorine Cl(2) in 13 is reflected in the long N(5)–H(5A)···Cl(2) bond distance of 2.768(2) Å and acute N(5)–H(5A)···Cl(2) angle of 107.68(9)° (Table 2). This weak intramolecular hydrogen bonding might strengthen the formation of complex 13 .

3.5. ^1H NMR spectroscopy data of 12 and 13 in CDCl_3

In solution, the molecule has an effective C_s symmetry with a mirror plane running through the N(2)–Zn–N(5)–N(4) unit for 12 or the N(2)–Zn–N(4)–N(5) unit for 13 . As a result, the ^1H NMR spectra will exhibit four pyrrole resonances [$H_\beta(7,8)$, $H_\beta(17,18)$, $H_\beta(3,12)$, $H_\beta(2,13)$] for these two complexes (Fig. 2). Non-equivalence of the two sides of the macrocycle will cause each phenyl ring to have two distinct *ortho* resonances with one set of *ortho* protons, *o*-H(22,32) and *o*-H(26,28), for phenyl C(24) and C(30) and the other set of *ortho* protons, *o*'-H(34,42) and *o*'-H(38,40), for phenyl C(36) and C(42), unless the rotation around the $C_{\text{meso}}\text{-C}_1$ [C(5)–C(21), C(10)–C(27) or C(15)–C(33), C(20)–C(39)] bond is sufficiently fast in these two complexes (Fig. 2).

The tautomerism exchange between the two NH protons of 11 in CD_2Cl_2 is fast on the ^1H NMR timescale at both 20 and -90°C . Hence only one type of N–H proton signal was observed for 11 in CD_2Cl_2 at 20 and -90°C . At -90°C , traces of water were frozen from the solution of 11 and 13 in CD_2Cl_2 . Thus, the frozen water inhibits intermolecular proton exchange between water and NH protons of 11 and 13 , and allows the observation of a broad singlet for the NH proton at $\delta = -0.51$ ppm ($\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 11.8$ Hz) for 11 and $\delta = -0.69$ ppm ($\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 9.1$ Hz) for 13 at -90°C . In this case, the NH proton signal for 11 and 13 at -90°C is broadened by the quadrupolar interaction of the ^{14}N nucleus. The signal arising from the NH proton of 11 in CD_2Cl_2 was observed as a broad singlet at $\delta = -0.29$ ppm ($\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 23$ Hz) at 20°C . These NMR data suggest that the NH protons of 11 undergo intermediate intermolecular proton exchange with water at 20°C .

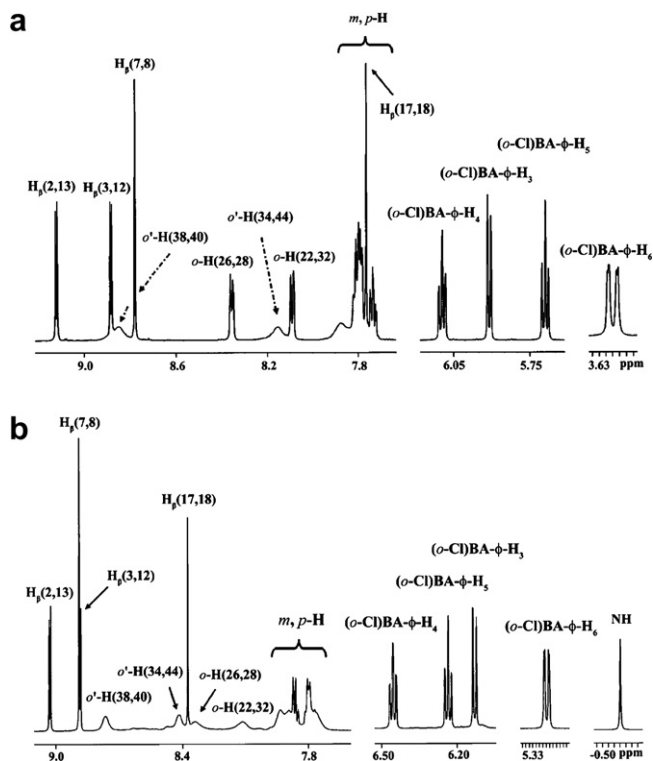


Fig. 2. The 599.95 MHz ^1H NMR spectra in CDCl_3 at 20°C for (a) **12** and (b) **13**, where $\phi = \text{Ph}$ (phenyl group).

Moreover, the ^1H NMR spectrum of **13** in CD_2Cl_2 showed a sharp singlet at $\delta = -0.58$ ppm ($\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 2.1$ Hz) for the NH proton at 20°C (see a similar spectrum shown in Fig. 2b). This sharp signal ($\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 2.1$ Hz) is not in agreement with that of $\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 9.1$ Hz found for **13** in the absence of any exchange. Hence, these NMR data for **13** indicate that the NH proton [i.e., H(5A)] bound to N(5) undergoes rapid intermolecular proton exchange with water at 20°C . Due to the ring current effect, upfield shifts for the ^1H resonances of $(o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_6$, $(o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_3$, $(o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_5$ and $(o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_4$ for **13** in CDCl_3 at 20°C are $\Delta\delta = -2.48$ [from 7.77 (obtained from o -chlorobenzamide) to 5.29 ppm], -1.29 (from 7.42 to 6.13 ppm), -1.12 (from 7.35 to 6.23 ppm) and -0.95 (from 7.40 to 6.45 ppm), respectively (Fig. 2b). As the distance between the geometrical center (C_t) of the 4N plane and axial protons gets smaller qualitatively, the shielding effect becomes larger [14]. In **13**, the distance for $C_t \cdots (o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_6$, $C_t \cdots (o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_3$, $C_t \cdots (o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_5$ and $C_t \cdots (o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_4$, increases from 5.615, 6.119, 7.138 to 7.312 Å. As the $(o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_6$ proton of **13** is closer to C_t , the shielding gets larger for this $(o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_6$ proton. A similar ring current effect is also observed for **12**. The average ring distance between $C_t \cdots (o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_6$, $C_t \cdots (o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_5$, $C_t \cdots (o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_3$ and $C_t \cdots (o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_4$ for **12** increases from 3.934, 5.438, 5.684 to 6.166 Å. The fact that all four distances between C_t and $(o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph}$ protons in **12** are shorter than those distances in **13** indicates that the ring current effect of $(o\text{-Cl})\text{BA}$ protons in **12** would be larger and in turn the ^1H upfield shifts for

those protons in the same compound would be still higher. This observation is corroborated by the doublet at 3.61 ppm for $(o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_6$ in **12** and the doublet at 5.29 ppm for the same Ph-H_6 proton in **13**, the triplet at 5.69 ppm for $(o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_5$ in **12** and the triplet at 6.23 ppm for the same Ph-H_5 proton in **13**, the doublet at 5.91 ppm for $(o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_3$ in **12** and the doublet at 6.13 ppm for the same Ph-H_3 proton in **13**, the triplet at 6.10 ppm for $(o\text{-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_4$ in **12** and the triplet at 6.45 ppm for the same Ph-H_4 proton in **13** (Fig. 2).

3.6. Solid state IR spectroscopy data of **11**, **12** and **13**

Compound **12** could be viewed as a tertiary amide and it displayed a unique amide I band at 1597 cm^{-1} in the IR spectrum in the solid state. The two interactions due to a strong intermolecular hydrogen bond between O(1) and H(3) and the covalent bond Zn–N(5) reduces the C=O stretching frequency by 53 cm^{-1} from 1650 cm^{-1} for tertiary amides to 1597 cm^{-1} for **12** [15]. The O–H stretching and methyl bending bands of MeOH in **12** occur near 3643 and 1384 cm^{-1} , respectively. Moreover, compounds **11** and **13** are classified as secondary amides with bands at 1624 , 1548 and 1307 cm^{-1} (or 1690 , 1574 and 1274 cm^{-1}) being assigned as amide I, II and III bands of **11** (or **13**). These data are quite close to those frequencies of 1680 – 1630 , 1570 – 1515 and 1300 cm^{-1} reported for amide I, II and III bands of secondary amides [15,16]. The band at 3350 cm^{-1} results from the N(5)–H(5A) stretch of **13**.

4. Conclusion

Two distinct types of zinc complexes, hitherto unreported, have been obtained from N - o -chlorobenzamido-*meso*-tetraphenylporphyrin ($N\text{-NHCO}(o\text{-Cl})\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-Htp}$; **11**). In $\text{Zn}(N\text{-NCO}(o\text{-Cl})\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-tpp})(\text{MeOH})$ (**12**), the N–H bond of the o -chlorobenzamido ligand is cleaved and the o -chlorobenzamido nitrogen participates in bonding to the zinc ion. In $\text{Zn}(N\text{-NHCO}(o\text{-Cl})\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-tpp})\text{Cl}$ (**13**), the o -chlorobenzamido [($o\text{-Cl})\text{BA}$] substituent is left intact and the zinc(II) ion is coordinated to the three nitrogens of the macrocycle core. Compound **13** can be synthesized in the reaction of **12** with aqueous HCl (2%).

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Appendix A. Supplementary material

CCDC 642339 and 642340 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for **12**·MeOH and **13**· CH_2Cl_2 . These data can be obtained free of charge via <http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html>, or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road,

Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: (+44) 1223-336-033; or e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk. Fig. S1 shows the diagram of the porphyrinato ($C_{20}N_4$, Zn, (*o*-Cl)BA, O(MeOH), Cl) unit of **12** · MeOH and **13** · CH₂Cl₂. Tables S1 and S2 show the ¹³C NMR (150.87 MHz) for **12** and **13** in CDCl₃ at 20 °C. Supplementary data associated with this article can be found, in the online version, at doi:10.1016/j.poly.2007.06.021.

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