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## Complexes of crown-containing N-thioacylamido(thio)phosphates with Zn(II) and Co(II) cations

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## Abstract

Reaction of the potassium salts of *N*-acylamido(thio)phosphates [4'-benzo-15-crown-5]NHC(S)NHP(Y)(O*i*Pr)<sub>2</sub> (Y = S, **HL**<sup>I</sup>; Y = O, **HL**<sup>II</sup>) with Zn(II) and Co(II) cations in aqueous EtOH leads to complexes of formulae  $Zn(L^{I,II} - S, Y)_2$  (Y = S, 1; Y = O, 2) and Co( $L^{I,II} - S, S'$ )<sub>2</sub> (3), while interaction of the potassium salt of [4'-benzo-15-crown-5]C(S)NHP(O)(O*i*Pr)<sub>2</sub> (**HL**<sup>III</sup>) with Zn(II) in the same conditions leads to a complex of composition  $Zn(HL^{III})(L^{III}-S,O)_2$  (4). © 2006 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.

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Compounds containing two essentially different complexing groups simultaneously – a chelating fragment and a macrocycle – draw the attention of researchers as potential bimetallic catalysts [1], models at studying intracomplex redox processes [2–5] and reagents for the synthesis of supramolecular compounds [6,7].

Presence of the exocyclic functional groups in a molecule of crown-ether, interacting with atoms of a cycle or metal cations, increases complexing selectivity and complexing ability in relation to metal ions, and results in a change of the hydrophilic-hydrophobic balance and surface-active properties [8,9].

Earlier, we had reported about bis-thioureas, containing diaza-18-crown-6 and diaza-15-crown-5 [10], thiourea on the basis of monoaza-18-crown-6 [11] and thiophosphorylated thiobenzamide [12], containing a benzo-15-crown-5 cycle, possessing the ability for complexes with alkaline and transition metal cations.

Combination of crown-ether and thioacylamido(thio)-phosphate fragments C(S)NHP(Y) in one molecule opens

greater opportunities for the synthesis of various supramolecular coordination compounds. Herein, we present complexes of Zn(II) and Co(II) cations (1–4) with ligands  $HL^{I-}$  (Scheme 1) [13]. They are of doubtless interest as building blocks for creation in a molecule of combinations from crown-ethers, allowing increasing probability to form complexes with in advanced set structure.

The IR spectrum of 1 in Nujol is similar to the spectrum of 3. The absorption bands of the P=S group of the anionic forms L<sup>I</sup> in complexes 1 and 3 are shifted by approximately 30 cm<sup>-1</sup> to low frequencies relative to the band of the parent ligand HL<sup>I</sup>. This confirms their participation in chelate formation. The absorption band of the P=O group of the L<sup>II</sup> in complex 2 is also shifted to low frequencies relative to the band of the ligand  $HL^{II}$ , but the shift is  $80 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . There is only one signal for the NH proton in the IR spectra of complexes 1-3 in the area 3236-3264 cm<sup>-1</sup>. In the spectrum of 1-3, there is an intense absorption band at 1508–1524 cm<sup>-1</sup> corresponding to the conjugated SCN fragment. This fact also confirms about the formation of complexes. Besides a wide intensive band of the POC group at 992–1008 cm<sup>-1</sup>, in the IR spectra of 1–3 there are a set of absorption bands in the area 1098–1128 cm<sup>-1</sup>, corresponding to the COC fragment. It confirms the preservation of structure of a ligand in the obtained complexes.

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