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ABSTRACT

The crystal structures of diamagnetic (*cis*-acetato) (*N*-*o*-chlorobenzamido-*meso*-tetraphenylporphyrinato)thallium(III)-0.5 water solvate [*cis*-Tl(*N*-NCO(*o*-Cl)C₆H₄-tpp)(OAc)·0.5 H₂O; **3**·0.5 H₂O] and diamagnetic (*trans*-acetato) (*N*-*o*-chlorobenzamido-*meso*-tetraphenylporphyrinato)cadmium(II) methylene chloride solvate [*trans*-Cd(*N*-NHCO(*o*-Cl)C₆H₄-tpp)(OAc)·CH₂Cl₂; **4**·CH₂Cl₂] were determined. The coordination sphere around the Tl³⁺ (or Cd²⁺) in **3** (or **4**) is a distorted square-based pyramid in which the apical site is occupied by a chelating bidentate OAc[−] group. In **3**, Tl³⁺ and N(5) are located on the same side at 1.18 and 1.26 Å from it 3N plane, but in **4**, Cd²⁺ and N(5) are located on different sides at 1.06 and −1.55 Å from it 3N plane. The free energy of activation at the coalescence temperature *T*_c for the intermolecular acetate exchange process in **3** in CD₂Cl₂ solvent is found to be Δ*G*₁₉₈[‡] = 42.1 kJ/mol through ¹H NMR temperature-dependent measurements. Likewise, the free energy of activation Δ*G*₂₉₃[‡] = 55.94 kJ/mol is determined for the intramolecular exchange of the ortho protons between *o*-H (34, 40) and *o*-H (38, 44) in **3** in CD₂Cl₂. VT NMR (¹H and ¹³C) studies of **4** show that the acetate acts as a bidentate ligand and the OAc[−] exchange does not occur in CD₂Cl₂. Moreover, the NH proton [*i.e.*, H(5)] of **4** in CD₂Cl₂ is observed as a singlet at δ −0.09 ppm with Δ*v*_{1/2} = 13 Hz at 20 °C indicating that the NH protons undergo intermediate intermolecular proton exchange with water at this temperature.

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Previously, we reported two-stage formation of (*N*-*o*-chlorobenzamido-*meso*-tetraphenylporphyrinato)(methanol)zinc(II) methanol solvate [Zn(*N*-NCO(*o*-Cl)C₆H₄-tpp)(MeOH)·MeOH; **1**·MeOH] [1]. Compound **1** is a zinc complex of *N*-NHCO(*o*-Cl)C₆H₄-Htpp (**2**) (Chart 1). The absolute values of hardness *η* for Zn²⁺, Tl³⁺ and Cd²⁺ are 10.88, 10.4, and 10.29 eV, respectively [2]. It is observed that the effective ionic radius (*r*) for the metal ion increases from 0.82 Å for Zn²⁺ (*S* = 0) with coordination number (CN) = 5 [or 1.025 Å for Tl³⁺ (*S* = 0) with CN = 6] to 1.09 Å for Cd²⁺ (*S* = 0) with CN = 6 [3]. In these three metal ions the polarizing power *z/r*² (*z* = charge on the cation, *r* = ionic radius) decreases from 3.652 (Zn²⁺) [or (Tl³⁺)] to 2.041 (Cd²⁺) [4,5]. The metal cations of different polarizing power selected were Tl³⁺ and Cd²⁺. The soft acid Tl³⁺ with a larger polarizing power (2.855) similar to that of Zn²⁺ attacks the two N–H protons of **2** and lead to a six-coordinate

distorted trigonal prismatic Tl (III) derivative, that is, (*cis*-acetato)(*N*-*o*-chlorobenzimido-*meso*-tetraphenylporphyrinato)thallium (III)-0.5 water solvate [Tl(*N*-NCO(*o*-Cl)C₆H₄-tpp)(OAc)·0.5 H₂O; **3**·0.5 H₂O] possessing a nitrene moiety inserted between the thallium atom and one nitrogen atom, N(4) (Scheme 1). During the metallation of free base **2** with Cd(OAc)₂, the soft acid Cd²⁺ with a lower polarizing power (2.041) prefers to retain one OAc[−] ligand and coordinate to the N–H proton [*i.e.* H(2A)] of **2** also to form a six-coordinate distorted trigonal prismatic complex, that is, (*trans*-acetato)(*N*-*o*-chlorobenzimido-*meso*-tetraphenylporphyrinato)cadmium(II) methylene chloride solvate [*trans*-Cd(*N*-NHCO(*o*-Cl)C₆H₄-tpp)(OAc)·CH₂Cl₂; **4**·CH₂Cl₂] (Scheme 1). In this paper, we describe the X-ray structural investigation on the complexation of Tl³⁺ and Cd²⁺ classified as C acids (covalent acids) but with different polarizing power into **2** leading to mononuclear complexes of *cis*-**3** and *trans*-**4** [4,5]. In addition, the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of *cis*-**3** in CD₂Cl₂ at various temperatures are used to investigate the intermolecular apical ligand (OAc[−]) exchange process and in turn to determine the free energy of activation at the coalescence temperature, Δ*G*_{*T*c}[‡], for the exchange process.

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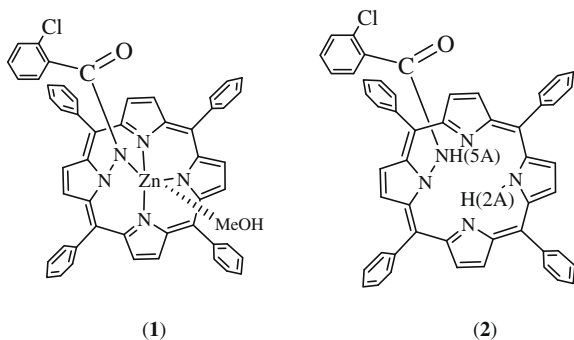


Chart 1.

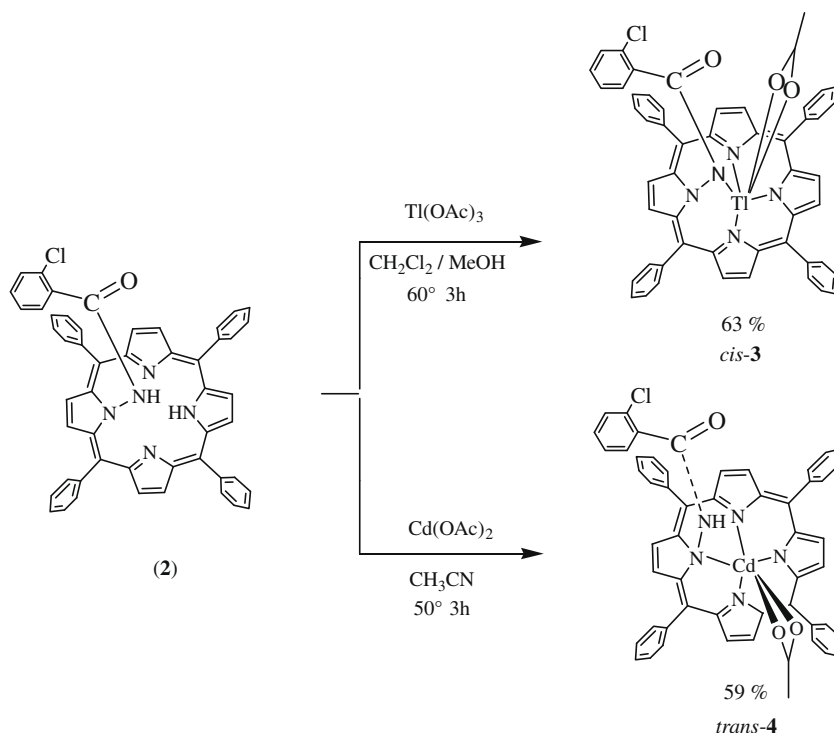
Using a d^{10} metal, namely, thallium(III) and cadmium(II), the new complexes **3** and **4** were synthesized. The synthetic strategy is outlined in Scheme 1. The complex *cis*-Tl(N-HCO(*o*-Cl) C_6H_4 -tpp)(OAc) (**3**) was produced in 63% yield by heating a *N*-NHCO(*o*-Cl) C_6H_4 -tpp (**2**) solution in CH_2Cl_2 /MeOH under aerobic conditions with an excess of $Tl(OAc)_3$ (Scheme 1). The complex *trans*-Cd(N-HCO(*o*-Cl) C_6H_4 -tpp)(OAc) (**4**) was synthesized in 53% yield by reacting **2** with excess $Cd(OAc)_2$ in CH_3CN under aerobic conditions (Scheme 1). The molecular frameworks are depicted in Fig. 1a for **3**·0.5H₂O and in Fig. 1b for **4**·CH₂Cl₂. The cadmium–nitrogen bond distances are comparable to those of Cd(1)–N(p) = 2.301(5) Å in Cd(N-HCO C_6H_5 -tpp)(OAc) [6]. The Cd···N(4) distance of 2.600(4) Å for **4** is longer than 2.301(5) Å but is significantly shorter than the sum of the van der Waals radii of Cd and N (3.15 Å) [3]. This longer Cd···N(4) contact in **4** may be viewed as a secondary intramolecular interaction. Most chemists seems to consider this secondary interaction between the metal ion and the fourth N as a weak bond in *N*-substituted porphyrin metal complexes [7,8].

We adopt the plane of three strongly bound pyrrole nitrogen atoms [i.e., N(1), N(2) and N(3)] for **3** and **4** as a reference plane,

3N. The geometry around Tl (III) (or Cd (II)) is a distorted square-based pyramid in which the apical site is occupied by a chelating bidentate OAc[−] group in **3** (or **4**). In complex **3**, Tl (III) and N(5) are located on the same side at 1.18 and 1.26 Å from its 3N plane, but for complex **4**, Cd (II) and N(5) are located on different sides at 1.06 and −1.55 Å from its 3N plane. Apparently, chelating bidentate OAc[−] in **3** is *cis* to the (*o*-Cl)BA group with O(2) and O(3) being located separately at 2.95 and 3.13 Å out of the 3N plane, and bidentate OAc[−] in **4** is *trans* to the (*o*-Cl)BA group with O(2) and O(3) located at 3.21 and 2.85 Å out of the 3N plane.

The N(4) pyrrole rings bearing the (*o*-Cl)BA group in **3** and **4** deviate mostly from the 3N plane, thus orienting separately with a dihedral angle of 47.6° and 30.8°, whereas small angle of 7.5°, 13.5° and 9.8° occur with N(1), N(2) and N(3) pyrrole for **3** and the corresponding angles are 21.8°, 1.4° and 17.0° with N(1), N(2) and N(3) pyrrole for **4**. In **3**, such a large deviation from planarity for the N(4) pyrrole is also reflected by observing a 16.2–20.3 ppm upfield shift of the C_β (C17, C18) at 115.4 ppm compared to 134.1 ppm for C_β (C2, C13), 134.1 ppm for C_β (C3, C12) and 131.6 ppm for C_β (C7, C8). In **4**, a similar deviation is also found for N(4) pyrrole by observing a 7.4–10.1 ppm upfield shift of C_β (C17, C18) at 124.0 ppm compared to 134.1 ppm for C_β (C3, C12), 134.0 ppm for C_β (C7, C8) and 131.4 ppm for C_β (C2, C13). The dihedral angles between the mean plane of the skeleton (3N) and the planes of the phenyl groups are 88.1° [C(24)], 54.1° [C(30)], 42.7° [C(36)] and 36.2° [C(42)] for **3** and the corresponding angles are 61.1°, 51.7°, 39.9° and 36.4° for **4**.

In solution, the molecule has effective C_s symmetry with a mirror plane running through the N(4)–N(5)–Tl(1)–N(2) unit for **3** and the N(2)–Cd–N(4)–N(5) unit for **4**. As a result, the ¹H NMR spectrum will exhibit four pyrrole resonances [H_β (2, 13), H_β (3, 12), H_β (7, 8), H_β (17, 18)] for these two complexes (Figs. 2 and 3). Fig. 2 depicts the representative ¹H spectra for **3** in CD₂Cl₂ at 20 and −90 °C. The NMR study of **3** showed three different types of Tl–H coupling constants for H_β . In **3** at 20 °C, the doublet at 9.30 ppm is assigned as H_β (2, 13) with $^4J(Tl-H) = 10.8$ Hz and the other doublet at 8.59 ppm is due to H_β (7, 8) with $^4J(Tl-$



Scheme 1.

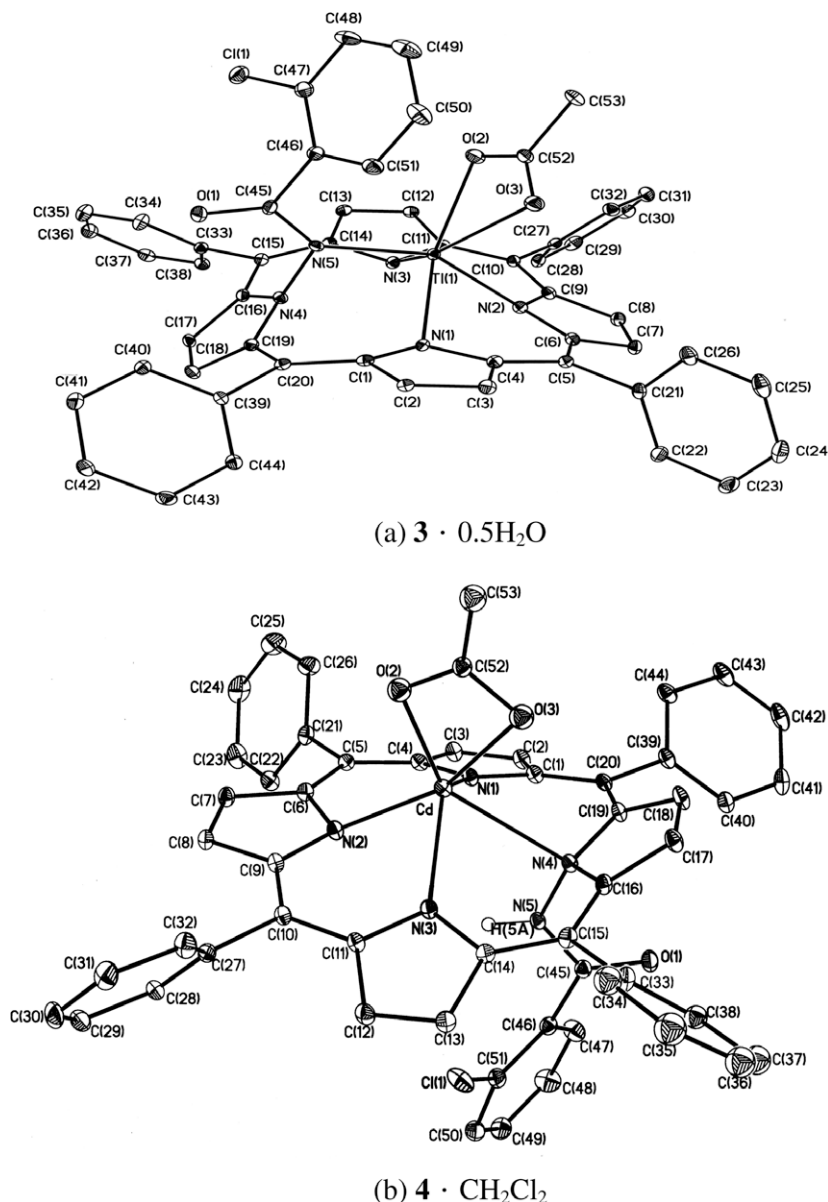


Fig. 1. (a) Molecular structure of *cis*-Ti(N-NC(O(*o*-Cl) C_6H_4 -tpp)(OAc)·0.5H₂O (**3**·0.5H₂O) and (b) *trans*-Cd(N-NHCO(*o*-Cl) C_6H_4 -tpp)(OAc)·CH₂Cl₂ (**4**·CH₂Cl₂), with 30% thermal ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms, solvent H₂O for **3**·0.5H₂O and solvent CH₂Cl₂ for **4**·CH₂Cl₂ are omitted for clarity. Selected bond distances (Å): Ti(1)–N(1), 2.382(3); Ti(1)–N(2), 2.148(3); Ti(1)–N(3), 2.350(3); Ti(1)–N(5), 2.131(3); Ti(1)–O(2), 2.299(3); Ti(1)–O(3), 2.432(3) for **3**·0.5H₂O; Cd–N(1), 2.294(4); Cd–N(2), 2.246(4); Cd–N(3), 2.331(4); Cd–O(2), 2.281(12); Cd–O(3), 2.344(10) for **4**·CH₂Cl₂.

H) = 75.0 Hz. The singlet at 8.95 ppm is assigned to H_β (3, 12) and the other singlet at 7.26 ppm is due to H_β (17, 18) (Fig. 2a). In **4** at 20 °C, the doublet at 8.77 ppm is assigned to H_β (2, 13) with ³J(H–H) = 4.2 Hz and the other doublet at 8.71 ppm with ³J(H–H) = 4.2 Hz is due to H_β (3, 12) (Fig. 3a). The singlet at 8.81 ppm is assigned to H_β (7, 8) and the other singlet at 8.64 ppm is due to H_β (17, 18) (Fig. 3a).

The signal arising from the NH proton of **4** in CD₂Cl₂ was observed as a singlet at δ –0.99 ppm (Δν_{1/2} = 13 Hz) at 20 °C. This NMR data suggests that the NH protons of **4** undergo intermediate intermolecular proton exchange with water at 20 °C. At low temperature the chemical exchange slows down that allows the observation of a broad singlet for the NH proton at –1.08 ppm (Δν_{1/2} = 17 Hz) for **4** at –90 °C. In this case, the NH proton signal for **4** at –90 °C is broadened by the quadrupolar interaction of the ¹⁴N nucleus.

Non-equivalence of the two sides of the macrocycle will cause each phenyl ring have two distinct *ortho* resonances, with one

set of *ortho* protons, *o*-H (22, 32) [or *o*-H (26, 32)] and *o*-H (26, 28) [or *o*-H (22, 28)], for phenyl C(24) and C(30) and the other set of *ortho* protons, *o*'-H (34, 40) [or *o*'-H (34, 44)] and *o*'-H (38, 44) [or *o*'-H (38, 40)] for phenyl C(36) and C(42) of **3** (or **4**), respectively. In **3** at 20 °C, the rotation of the phenyl group along C₁–C_{meso} [C(5)–C(21) or C(10)–C(27)] bond is slow [9]. This slow rotation is supported by the two doublets at 8.25 and 8.12 ppm due to *o*-H (22, 32) and *o*-H (26, 28), respectively (Fig. 2a). Moreover, the rotation of phenyl group along C(15)–C(33) [or C(20)–C(39)] bond for **3** is at the near fast exchange region [9]. In this fast exchange region, the signals are observed as broad singlet at 8.47 ppm (Fig. 2a). At –90 °C, both rotations are extremely slow. Hence, the rate of intramolecular exchange of the *ortho* protons for **3** in CD₂Cl₂ is also extremely slow. The singlet at 8.16 ppm and the doublet at 8.13 ppm with ³J(H–H) = 5.4 Hz is assigned as *ortho* protons *o*-H (26) and *o*-H (28). The two sets of signals at 8.27 and 8.20 ppm is due to *ortho* protons *o*-H (22) and *o*-H (32) for **3** (Fig. 2b). Likewise, the two partially overlapping doublets at 8.72 ppm with ³J(H–H) = 7.8 Hz is

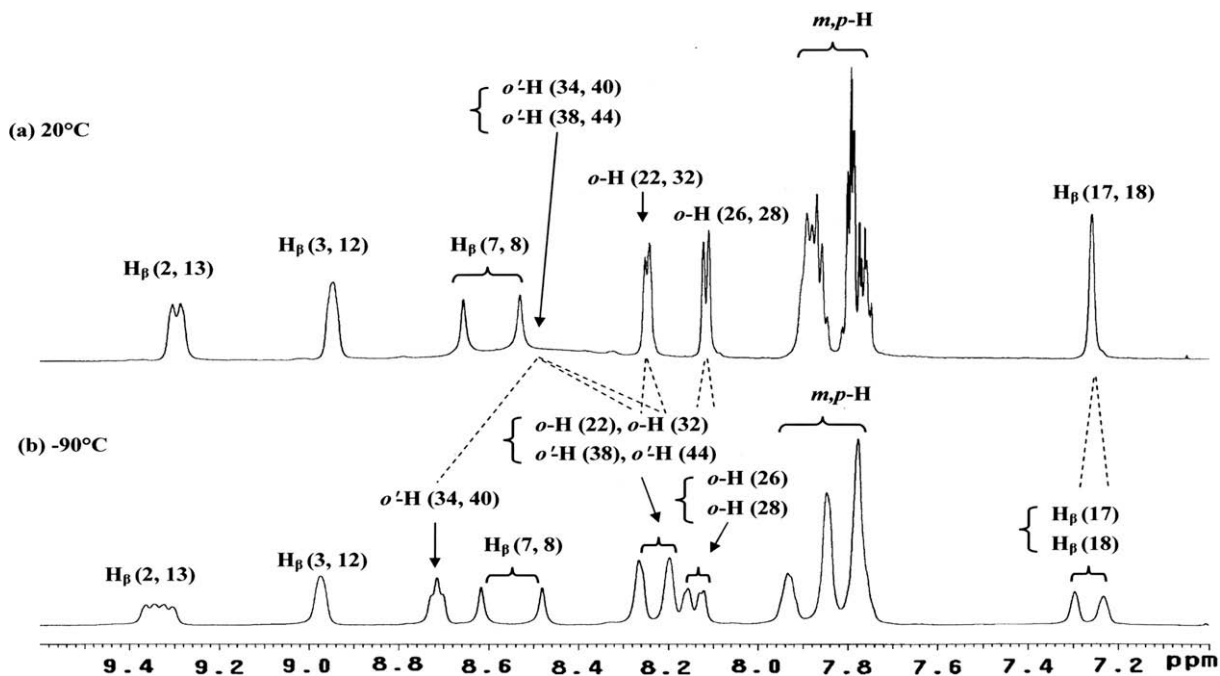


Fig. 2. ^1H NMR (599.95 MHz) spectra showing four different β -pyrrole protons H_β and phenyl protons (o -H, m,p -H) for **3** in CD_2Cl_2 : (a) 20°C and (b) -90°C .

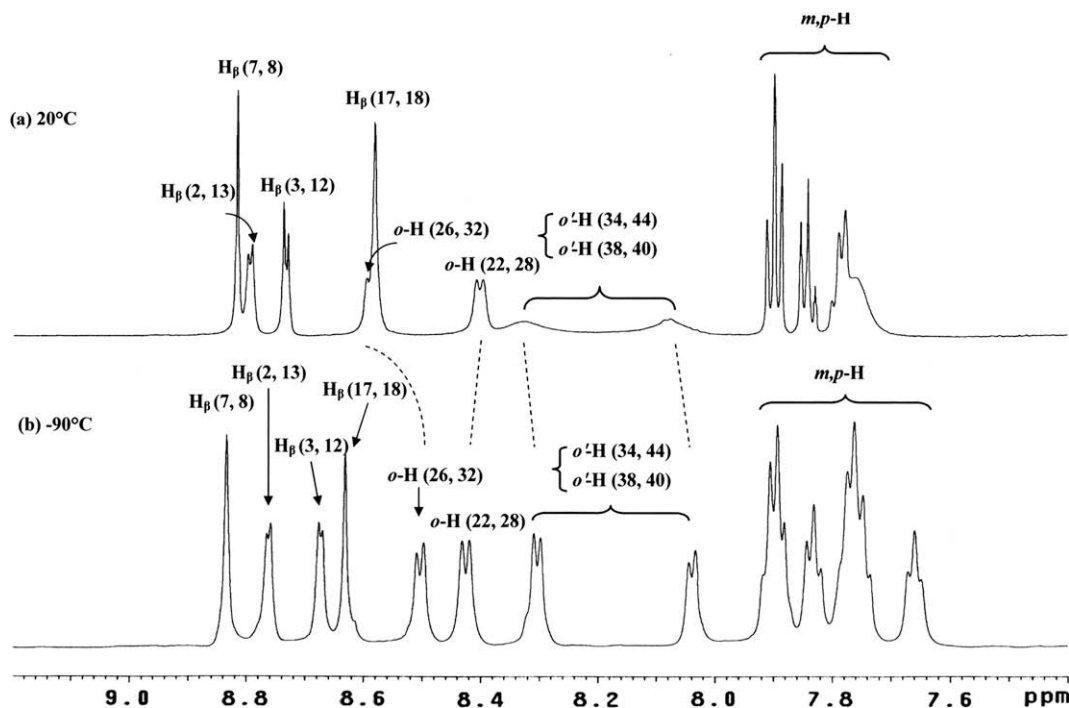


Fig. 3. ^1H NMR (599.95 MHz) spectra showing four different β -pyrrole protons H_β and phenyl protons (o -H, m,p -H) for **4**: (a) in CDCl_3 at 20°C and (b) in CD_2Cl_2 at -90°C .

due to *ortho* protons o' -H (34, 40). The same two sets of signals at 8.27 and 8.20 ppm is also due to *ortho* protons o' -H (38) and o' -H (44) for **3** (Fig. 2b). The free energy of activation $\Delta G_{293}^\ddagger = 55.94$ kJ/mol is therefore, determined for the intramolecular exchange of the *ortho* protons between o' -H (34, 40) and o' -H (38, 44) in **3**.

In a similar fashion, the rotation of the phenyl group of **4** in CDCl_3 at 20°C along C(10)–C(27) [or C(5)–C(21)] bond is slow and the rotation along C(20)–C(39) [or C(15)–C(33)] is at the intermediate exchange region [9]. Hence the ^1H resonances for the *ortho*

protons of **4** in CDCl_3 at 20°C were observed as two sets of doublets: one doublet at 8.65 ppm is assigned to *ortho* protons o -H (26, 32) with $^3J(\text{H-H}) = 6.6$ Hz and the other doublet at 8.44 is due to *ortho* protons o -H (22, 28) with $^3J(\text{H-H}) = 6.6$ Hz (Fig. 3a). Likewise, two sets of broad singlet at 8.37 and 8.08 ppm is due to *ortho* protons o' -H (34, 44) and o' -H (38, 40) (Fig. 3a). However, for *ortho* protons of **4** in CD_2Cl_2 at -90°C , the rotation of phenyl group along C_1 – C_{meso} bond in **4** is extremely slow, which is evident from the appearance of the four doublets at 8.49 [o -H (26, 32)],

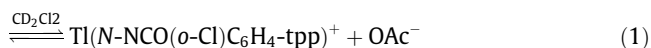
8.42 [*o*-H (22, 28)], 8.31 and 8.04 ppm for *o*'-H (34, 44) and *o*'-H (38, 40) due to four different *ortho* protons of the aromatic ring in **4** (Fig. 3b).

Due to the ring current effect, upfield shifts for the ^1H resonances of (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph-H₆, (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph-H₃, (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph-H₅ and (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph-H₄ for **4** in CDCl_3 at 20 °C are $\Delta\delta = -3.2$ [from 7.77 (obtained from *o*-chlorobenzamide) to 4.57 ppm], -1.46 (from 7.42 to 5.96 ppm), -1.34 (from 7.35 to 6.01 ppm) and -1.08 (from 7.40 to 6.32 ppm), respectively. As the distance between the geometrical center (C_t) of the 4N plane [i.e., N(1), N(2), N(3), N(4) for **3** and **4**] and axial protons gets smaller, the shielding effect becomes larger. In **4**, the distance for $C_t \cdots (\text{o-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_6$, $C_t \cdots (\text{o-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_3$, $C_t \cdots (\text{o-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_5$ and $C_t \cdots (\text{o-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_4$, increases from 5.419, 6.284, 7.057 to 7.396 Å. As the (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph-H₆ proton of **4** is closer to C_t , the shielding gets larger for this (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph-H₆ protons. A similar ring current effect is also observed for **3**. The average distance between $C_t \cdots (\text{o-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_6$, $C_t \cdots (\text{o-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_5$, $C_t \cdots (\text{o-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_3$ and $C_t \cdots (\text{o-Cl})\text{BA-Ph-H}_4$ for **3** increases from 3.233, 4.866, 5.946 to 5.984 Å. The ^1H NMR spectra reveal that the aromatic protons of the (*o*-Cl)BA group appear as a doublet of triplets at 6.36 ppm [(*o*-Cl)BA-Ph-H₄], a doublet at 6.21 ppm [(*o*-Cl)BA-Ph-H₃], the triplet at 6.10 ppm [(*o*-Cl)BA-Ph-H₅] and the other doublet at 4.87 ppm [(*o*-Cl)BA-Ph-H₆] for **3**. The (*o*-Cl)BA bonding argument is further supported by the result that at 20 °C in ^{13}C NMR the (*o*-Cl)BA-Ph-C₁ [i.e., C(46)] and the C(45) peaks in **3** were observed at 132.6 ppm with $^3J(\text{Ti-C}) = 20.1$ Hz and at 167.7 ppm with $^2J(\text{Ti-C}) = 665$ Hz, respectively.

The ^1H NMR spectrum for OAc^- of **4** in CD_2Cl_2 displays a sharp singlet for CH_3 at $\delta 0.06$ ppm with $\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 3$ Hz at 20 °C and remains a sharp singlet for the same methyl proton at $\delta -0.01$ ppm with $\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 4$ Hz at -90 °C. This minimum deviation in the value of line width ($\Delta\nu_{1/2}$) upon cooling indicates that OAc^- exchange does not occur in compound **4**.

Upon cooling of a 0.02 M CD_2Cl_2 solution of **3**, the methyl proton signal of OAc^- , being a single peak at 20 °C ($\delta 0.17$ ppm), first broadened (coalescence temperature $T_c = -75$ °C) and then split into peaks with a separation of 14.4 Hz at $\delta 0.08$ ppm at -90 °C. As the exchange of OAc^- within **3** is reversible, the results at 599.95 MHz confirm the separation as a coupling of $^4J(\text{Ti-H})$ rather than a chemical shift difference [10,11]. The most likely cause of loss of coupling is due to the reversible dissociation of acetate with a small dissociation constant.

$\text{Ti}(\text{N-NCO}(\text{o-Cl})\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-tpp})(\text{OAc})$



Such a scenario would lead to the change in the chemical shift with temperature and no detectable free OAc^- and $\text{Ti}(\text{N-NCO}(\text{o-Cl})\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-tpp})^+$ at low temperature, but would lead to the loss of coupling between acetate and thallium at higher temperature [10–12]. The chemical shift in the high-temperature limit is the average of the two species (i.e., $\text{Ti}(\text{N-NCO}(\text{o-Cl})\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-tpp})(\text{OAc})$ and OAc^-) in Eq. (1) weighted by their concentration. The free energy of activation at the coalescence temperature T_c for the intermolecular exchange of OAc^- in **3** is determined to be $\Delta G_{198}^\ddagger = 42.1$ kJ/mol. At 20 °C, intermolecular exchange of the OAc^- group for **3** is rapid as indicated by the appearance of singlet signals due to carbonyl carbons at 175.0 ppm and methyl carbons at 18.5 ppm. At -90 °C, the rate of intermolecular exchange of OAc^- for **3** in CD_2Cl_2 is slow. Hence,

at this temperature, the methyl and carbonyl carbons of OAc^- are observed at 17.5 ppm [with $^3J(\text{Ti-C}) = 200$ Hz] and 174.7 ppm [with $^2J(\text{Ti-C}) = 204$ Hz] as doublets, respectively [11].

X-ray diffraction analysis unambiguously confirms that **3** and **4** have a chelating bidentate OAc^- ligand in the solid state. The ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts were shown to be a useful tool for diagnosing the nature of acetate ligands, whether unidentate or bidentate in diamagnetic complexes. Unidentate acetate ligands were located at 20.5 ± 0.2 and 168.2 ± 1.7 ppm and bidentate acetate ligands at 18.0 ± 0.7 and 175.2 ± 1.6 ppm [13]. The methyl and carbonyl chemical shifts of the acetate group in **3** (or **4**) at 20 °C in CDCl_3 are separately located at 18.5 (or 18.9) and 175.0 (or 176.4) ppm confirming that the acetate is chelating bidentately and is coordinated to the thallium (or cadmium) atom in **3** (or **4**) in the solution phase.

In conclusion, we have investigated two new, diamagnetic and mononuclear porphyrin complexes, namely, a thallium(III) complex **3**·0.5H₂O and a cadmium(II) complex **4**·CH₂Cl₂ and their X-ray structures are established. In **3**, the N–H bond of the *o*-chlorobenzamido ligand is cleaved and the *o*-chlorobenzamido nitrogen participates in bonding to the thallium ion. Complex **3** is a bridged metalloporphyrins with a metal–N–N linkage. In **4**, the (*o*-Cl)BA substituent is left intact and the cadmium(II) ion is coordinated to the four nitrogens [N(1)–N(4)] of the macrocycle core. Compound **4** is a cadmium(II) N-substituted-N-aminoporphyrin complex.

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Appendix A. Supplementary material

CCDC 695921 (for **3**·0.5H₂O) and 695922 (**4**·CH₂Cl₂) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif. Supplementary data associated with this article can be found, in the online version, at [doi:10.1016/j.inoche.2010.01.022](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.inoche.2010.01.022).

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