

## Unusual coordination behaviour of a phosphonate- and pyridine-containing ligand in a stable lanthanide complex.

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An experimental study of the coordination of lanthanide ions with {ethane-1,2-diylbis[imino(pyridin-2-ylmethanediyl)]}bis(phosphonic acid), a ligand containing phosphonate and pyridine arms attached to the well-known ethylenediamine scaffold, is reported. The X-ray crystal structure of an anionic, octacoordinate  $\text{Eu}^{\text{III}}$  complex of the formula  $[\text{C}(\text{NH}_2)]_6[\text{Eu}_2(\text{L})_2(\text{CO}_3)_2] \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$  has been obtained and found to contain cyclic dimeric complex anions in which the coordination environment of each  $\text{Eu}^{\text{III}}$  ion is composed of three oxygen atoms from phosphonate groups, two nitrogen atoms from imino groups and one nitrogen atom from a pyridine group, a combination that has seldom been observed for  $\text{Ln}^{\text{III}}$  complexes. In order to check the coordination behaviour of the ligand, an investigation of the complexes in solution has been performed, which revealed a different coordination mode. The protonation constants of the free ligand and the stability constants of their complexes with selected lanthanide ions ( $\text{La}^{\text{III}}$ ,  $\text{Sm}^{\text{III}}$ ,  $\text{Eu}^{\text{III}}$ ,  $\text{Gd}^{\text{III}}$ ,  $\text{Tb}^{\text{III}}$ ,  $\text{Ho}^{\text{III}}$  and  $\text{Lu}^{\text{III}}$ ) have been determined potentiometrically at 25 °C and an ionic strength of 0.1 M (KCl). The results obtained show the formation of monomeric, protonated ( $[\text{LnH}_2\text{L}]$ ,  $[\text{LnHL}]$ ) and nonprotonated ( $[\text{LnL}]$ ) species in the pH range studied (2–11). The determined stability constants ( $\log \beta_{\text{LnL}}$ ) are relatively high, varying between 14.96 and 16.42. The  $\text{Eu}^{\text{III}}\text{L}$  system was also fully characterized by means of UV/Vis spectroscopy, which indicated that the coordination process starts above pH 3 and remains constant in the range pH 4–10. In contrast to the crystal structure, solution NMR and luminescence studies suggested that the pyridine moieties are not present in the  $\text{Ln}^{\text{III}}$  coordination sphere. These results suggest that this ligand–unsaturated metal ion coordination sphere may provide a potential binding site for other target molecules.

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