



ESI-MS study of ionization pathways and cation-receptor properties of the iron(II) mono- and bis-clathrochelates.

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Ionization pathways of iron(II) di- and hexachloro-mono- and bis-clathrochelates and their oximehydrazonate, dimethyl- and diamine-containing macrobicyclic analogs, and the cation-receptor properties of such cage compounds towards alkali metal cations (as individual species or the mixtures) as well as their competitive complexation in the presence of 18-crown-6 have been studied by ESI-MS method. Ionization of iron(II) mono- and bis-clathrochelates under the conditions of ESI-MS experiments was found to proceed via different pathways. The macrobicyclic iron(II) oximehydrazonate as an ionic associate of the macrobicyclic cation with BF_4^- anion undergoes the ionization by its heterolytic dissociation. The main pathways of ionization of the dioximate cage and bis-cage intracomplexes are substantially affected by ribbed substituents in their chelate fragments. The methyl- and amine-containing macrobicyclic complexes easily form anion-radical species by one-electron oxidation of their polyazomethine cage frameworks, whereas in the case of iron(II) dihalogenoclathrochelates the most intensive peaks correspond to their ionic associates with monocharged alkali metal cations. ESI-MS positive-mode spectrum of the iron(II) hexachloroclathrochelate contains no detectable peaks of the cationic species, which resulted either from its oxidation to the corresponding cation-radical or from its ionic associates with alkali metal cations. In the negative mode, an intensive peak assigned to the anion-radical product of one-electron reduction has been observed. As ESI mass spectrometry allows maintaining precise concentrations of the complex under study and that of “*cationization agents*” (i.e., the compounds that promote formation of cationic species of the analyte and are used in the case of low-ionizable complexes), the alkali metal tetraphenylborates were used as such agents to study cation-receptor properties of the iron(II) mono- and bis-clathrochelates with ribbed substituents of the different nature towards these metal ions. Iron(II) monoclathrochelates form two types of ionic associates with alkali metal cations with both the 1:1 and 2:1 stoichiometries, which are more and less intensive in their ESI-MSs, respectively, whereas those of bis-cage complexes contain the intensive peaks of only 1:1 ionic associates with high affinity towards Cs^+ cation.

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