

Structural characterization of verdoheme analogs : iron complexes of octaethyloxoporphyrin.

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The verdohemes are shown to contain the planar, tetradentate oxoporphyrin structure. Structural studies of paramagnetic $[(\text{OEOP})\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{Cl}_2]$, where is the monoanion of octaethyloxoporphyrin, by NMR spectroscopy and X-ray crystallography reveal that the iron is six-coordinate and high-spin ($S = 5/2$). The iron resides in the plane of the oxoporphyrin and is coordinated by two equivalent axial chloride ligands. Paramagnetic $[(\text{OEOP})\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{Cl}]$ contains a five-coordinate iron which is also high-spin ($S = 2$). The iron is 0.69 Å out of the porphyrin plane and bound to a single axial chloride. The average Fe-N distance increases from 1.964 Å in the iron(III) complex to 2.094 Å in the iron(II) complex. $[(\text{OEOP})\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{Cl}_2]$ was obtained by treatment of $(\text{OEP})\text{Fe}(\text{py})_2$ (OEP is the dianion of octaethylporphyrin) with dioxygen in the presence of ascorbic acid to form the verdohemochrome $[(\text{OEOP})\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{py})_2]\text{Cl}$, which was subsequently reacted with hydrogen chloride in air. Reduction of $[(\text{OEOP})\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{Cl}_2]$ with sodium dithionite yields air-sensitive $[(\text{OEOP})\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{Cl}]$. When $[(\text{OEOP})\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}\text{Cl}]$ is dissolved in pyridine, $[(\text{OEOP})\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{py})_2]\text{Cl}$ is reformed.

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