

Synthesis of some μ -hydroxo-, phenoxo- and O,O-acetylacetonato-arylgold(III) complexes. Crystal structure of $[\text{Au}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)_2(\mu\text{-OH})]_2 \cdot 2\text{Et}_2\text{O}$

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Abstract

A new synthesis of *cis*- $\text{Me}_4\text{N}[\text{Au}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)_2\text{Cl}_2]$ (**1**) is reported, involving the reaction of $[\text{Hg}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)\text{Cl}]$ with $\text{Me}_4\text{N}[\text{AuCl}_4]$ in the presence of Me_4NCl . Reaction of **1** with NaOPh or with Tlacac (acac = acetylacetonate) in the presence of NaClO_4 yields $[\text{Au}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)_2(\text{OPh})_2]$ (**2**) or *cis*- $[\text{Au}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)_2(\text{O},\text{O-acac})]$ (**3**), respectively. Complex **3** reacts with PPh_3 to give *trans*- $[\text{Au}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)_2(\text{C-acac})(\text{PPh}_3)]$ (**4**). Treatment of **2** in acetone with NaOH gives $[\text{Au}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)_2(\mu\text{-OH})]_2$ (**5**), which is also formed when a solution of **2** in CHCl_3 /hexane is exposed to water. The crystal structure of **5** $\cdot 2\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ shows that it is a centrosymmetric dimer with two hydroxo groups bridging two $\text{Au}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)$ moieties. The features of the structure include short Au–C bond distances (1.992(5) Å, 1.995(5) Å) and hydrogen bonding between the bridging OH groups and diethyl ether molecules.

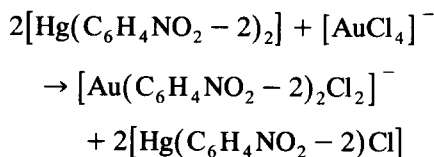
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1. Introduction

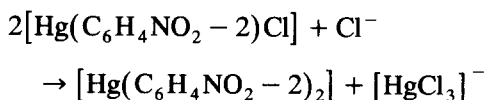
Few organogold(III) complexes with oxoanionic ligands are known and many of them are unstable or moisture sensitive [1]. Thus, $[\text{AuMe}_2(\text{OH})]_4$ detonates when dry just by touching [2], and the complexes $[\text{AuMe}_2(\text{X})\text{L}]$, where $\text{X} = \text{ClO}_4$, CF_3SO_3 , *p*- $\text{MeC}_6\text{H}_4\text{SO}_3$ or NO_3 and $\text{L} = \text{PPh}_3$, decompose at room temperature to give ethane and $[\text{Au}(\text{X})\text{L}]$ [3]. $[\text{AuMe}_2(\text{OSiMe}_3)]_2$ is thermally stable but sensitive to moisture [4]. As far as we are aware, only three O,O-acetylacetonato- complexes are known [5], and no HO- or RO-arylgold(III) complexes. This paper reports the synthesis of new O,O-acetylacetonato- and the first HO- and RO-arylgold(III) complexes, advantage being taken of the high stability of the C–Au bonds in *ortho*-nitrophenyl gold complexes [6].

2. Results and discussion

The synthesis of *cis*- $\text{Me}_4\text{N}[\text{Au}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)_2\text{Cl}_2]$ (**1**) has been achieved by transmetallation (1:1, refluxing 18 h in acetone) [7]:

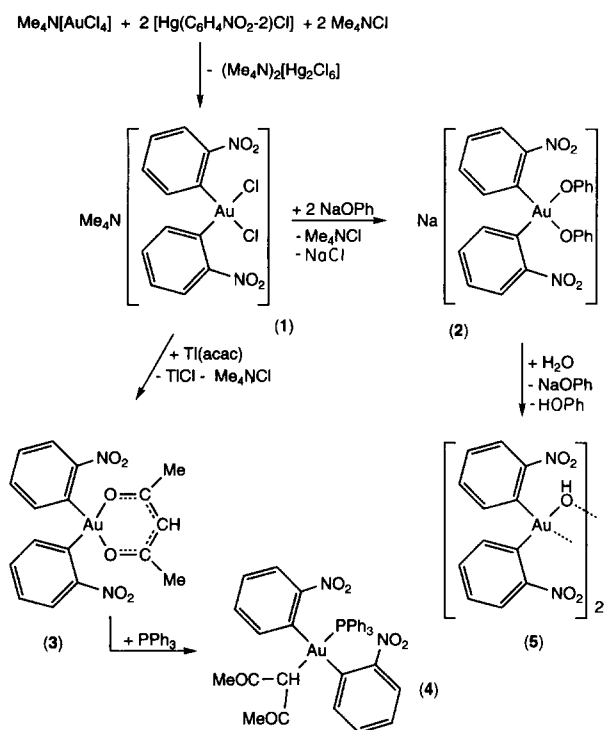


However, because Me_4NCl symmetrizes the by-product $[\text{Hg}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)\text{Cl}]$,



it is possible to improve the yield of **1**, with respect to the nitrophenyl group, by carrying out the reaction of $\text{Me}_4\text{N}[\text{AuCl}_4]$ with $[\text{Hg}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)\text{Cl}]$ in the presence of Me_4NCl (1:2:2, EtOH, refluxing 5 h, see Scheme

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1). We have previously used a similar method to prepare $[\text{Au}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)\text{Cl}]^-$ [8].

Reactions of **1** with NaOR (R = Me, Et) gave metallic gold even at low temperature and under an inert atmosphere. However, **1** reacts with NaOPh (1:3, CH_2Cl_2 , room temperature) to give $\text{Na}[\text{Au}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)_2(\text{OPh})_2]$ (**2**). As far as we are aware, **2** is the first arylgold(III) species containing an RO^- ligand. Some aryl- or alkyl-oxodimethylgold(III) complexes ($\text{AuMe}_2(\text{OR})\text{PPh}_3$) (R = Ph, tolyl, CH_2CF_3 , $\text{CH}(\text{CF}_3)_2$) have recently been reported [9]. The complex $[\text{AuMe}_2(\text{OH})_4]$ dissolves in aqueous NaOH to give a solution which is believed to contain $\text{Na}[\text{AuMe}_2(\text{OH})_2]$ [10].

Tl-acac (acac = acetylacetonate) reacts with **1**, in the presence of NaClO_4 , (1:1, acetone) to give $\text{cis}[\text{Au}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)_2(\text{O},\text{O-acac})]$ (**3**). If the reaction is carried out in the absence of NaClO_4 , a mixture of **1** and **3** is obtained, probably because formation of the partially soluble Me_4NCl leads to establishment of the equilibrium $\text{3} + 2\text{Cl}^- \leftrightarrow \text{1} + \text{acac}^-$. When NaClO_4 is present formation of the insoluble NaCl and Me_4NClO_4 displaces the equilibrium towards **3**. As far as we are aware, only two other (O,O-acac)diarylgold(III) complexes ($\text{cis}[\text{Au}(\text{R})_2(\text{O},\text{O-acac})]$ (R = 2,2'-biphenyl [5a], C_6F_5 [5b]) and one cationic (O,O-acac)monoaryl-gold(III) complex ($[\text{Au}(\text{C},\text{N}'\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{N}=\text{NPh} - 2)(\text{O},\text{O-acac})]\text{ClO}_4$ [5c]) have been described. The complex $[\text{AuMe}_2(\text{O},\text{O-acac})]$ was reported long ago [11]. Addition of PPh_3 to **3** (1:1, CH_2Cl_2 , room temperature)

gives $\text{trans}[\text{Au}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)_2(\text{C-acac})(\text{PPh}_3)]$ (**4**) in which the acac ligand is C-bonded rather than O,O-bonded and the cis geometry has changed to trans (as indicated by ^1H NMR spectroscopy, as described below). The reaction of $[\text{AuMe}_2(\text{O},\text{O-acac})]$ with tertiary phosphines results in formation of an equilibrium with $\text{cis}[\text{AuMe}_2(\text{C-acac})(\text{PR}_3)]$. Only in the case of PMe_2Ph could the C-acac complex be isolated [12]. Activation of C–H bonds in ketones (MeCOR) takes place with some $(\text{C-acac})(2\text{-phenylazophenyl})\text{gold(III)}$ derivatives to give ketonyl complexes [5c]. The fact that **3** and **4** are stable in acetone is in accordance with the proposed pathway for this C–H activation process [5c].

Attempts were made to grow single crystals of **2** by the liquid diffusion method using $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{n-hexane}$. The only suitable crystals obtained for X-ray diffraction turned out to be of $[\text{Au}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2] \cdot 2\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (**5**), presumably as a result of reaction with traces of water. This hydroxo-bridged complex was also made, although in low yield because of partial reduction to metallic gold, by reaction of **1** with NaOH. The homologous methylgold(III) derivative is a tetramer $[\text{AuMe}_2(\mu\text{-OH})_4]$ [2] whereas 1-hydroxo-2,3,4,5-tetra-phenylauracyclopentadiene is, like complex **5**, a dimer [13]. When dilute aqueous HCl was added to **5**, reaction took place with decomposition and no pure chloro complex was isolated.

Reactions between complex **2** and various protic acids did not lead to new complexes. Thus, **2** was stirred in acetone in an attempt to obtain new acetonyl-gold(III) complexes by C–H activation [5c], but no reaction was observed. Although some reaction took place with phenylacetylene in solution, as indicated by a change in colour from colourless to yellow, the starting complex was recovered unchanged after partial removal of the solvent and addition of $\text{Et}_2\text{O}/\text{n-hexane}$. Equilibrium reactions have previously been described between phenoxogold(III) complexes, $\text{cis}[\text{AuMe}_2(\text{OPh})(\text{PPh}_3)]$, and RH = methylcyanoacetate, malononitrile or phenylacetylene [9]. However, while the first gave a mixture of the starting complex and $\text{cis}[\text{AuMe}_2(\text{R})(\text{PPh}_3)]$, the latter two gave the corresponding R-Au(III) complexes. Complexes **3** and **4** were also recovered unchanged after treatment with phenylacetylene. This is in contrast with the observed behaviour of acetylacetonatogold(I) complexes towards alkynes [14].

2.1. Spectroscopic properties and structure of the complexes.

2.1.1. IR spectra

The phenoxo derivative **2** shows strong bands in the region $1250\text{--}1300\text{ cm}^{-1}$ assignable to $\nu(\text{C-O})$ [9], and strong bands at 690 and 760 cm^{-1} , typical of monosub-

Fig. 1. The structure of compound **5** in the crystal. Radii are arbitrary.

precipitate which was recrystallized from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (629 mg, 1.10 mmol) to give **1** [7]. Yield, 84%; ^1H NMR (DMSO): δ 3.10 (s, 12 H, Me_4N^+), 7.22 (m, 2H, C_6H_4), 7.33 (m, 2H, C_6H_4), 7.52 (m, 2H, C_6H_4), 7.87 (m, 2H, H3) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (DMSO): δ 150.97 (C2), 125.32, 126.27, 133.74, 135.12 (C1, C3–C6, two nuclei must be accidentally isochronous), 54.58 (Me_4N^+), ppm.

3.2. $\text{Na}[\text{Au}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)_2(\text{OPh})_2]$ (**2**)

Solid **1** (189 mg, 0.33 mmol) was added to a suspension of NaOPh (170 mg, 0.99 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (30 cm^3), and the mixture stirred for 6 h. The solution was then filtered through anhydrous MgSO_4 and the filtrate evaporated to ca. 1 cm^3 . Addition of $\text{Et}_2\text{O}/n$ -hexane (1:1, 10 cm^3) produced a pale yellow precipitate which was filtered off, washed with Et_2O and dried under vacuum. Yield, 64%; M.p. 100°C (decomp.); $\Lambda_{\text{M}} = 87 \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$ ($5 \times 10^{-4} \text{mol dm}^{-3}$); ^1H NMR: δ 6.44 (m, 2H), 6.73 (m, 4H), 7.55 (m, 10H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4 + \text{PhO}$), 7.85 (m, 2H, H3) ppm. Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{AuN}_2\text{NaO}_6$: C, 44.3; H, 2.8; N, 4.3; Au, 30.3%. Found: C, 43.9; H, 3.0; N, 4.1; Au, 30.7%.

3.3. $[\text{Au}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)_2(\text{O}, \text{O-acac})]$ (**3**)

To an acetone solution (50 cm^3) of **1** (56 mg, 0.10 mmol) were added solid $\text{Ti}(\text{acac})$ (acac =

Table 1

Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) for **5**. $U(\text{eq})$ is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> (eq)
Au	5185.7(1)	5783.4(1)	5619.9(1)	15.1(1)
C(11)	4935(4)	7109(4)	5626(3)	17.0(12)
C(12)	4071(4)	7437(4)	5503(4)	21.3(13)
C(13)	3882(5)	8349(4)	5413(3)	29(2)
C(14)	4583(5)	8959(4)	5455(4)	33(2)
C(15)	5461(4)	8654(4)	5572(4)	30.0(15)
C(16)	5637(4)	7746(4)	5651(4)	22.2(12)
N(1)	3293(3)	6812(4)	5499(3)	28.0(13)
O(1)	2650(3)	7001(4)	5071(3)	44.3(13)
O(2)	3321(3)	6156(3)	5945(3)	31.7(11)
C(21)	5695(4)	5873(4)	6726(3)	17.5(12)
C(22)	6590(4)	5774(4)	6930(3)	21.9(12)
C(23)	6905(4)	5780(5)	7710(4)	30.5(15)
C(24)	6313(4)	5928(5)	8327(4)	34(2)
C(25)	5398(4)	6031(4)	8156(4)	27(2)
C(26)	5101(4)	6010(4)	7370(3)	24.7(14)
N(2)	7281(3)	5622(4)	6286(3)	30.9(14)
O(3)	8010(3)	5295(4)	6492(3)	60(2)
O(4)	7107(3)	5846(3)	5603(3)	42.5(12)
O(5)	4558(3)	5587(3)	4519(2)	17.2(9)
C(91)	4349(5)	6695(5)	2671(4)	38(2)
C(92)	3519(5)	7018(5)	3095(5)	50(2)
C(93)	5912(5)	6417(5)	2885(4)	39(2)
C(94)	6598(5)	6298(6)	3544(5)	50(2)
O(99)	5054(3)	6613(3)	3250(3)	30.3(11)

Table 2

Selected bond lengths ($\text{\AA}$) and angles (deg.) for **5**

Au–C(21)	1.992(5)	C(22)–N(2)	1.498(7)
Au–C(11)	1.995(5)	C(23)–C(24)	1.367(9)
Au–O(5)	2.073(4)	C(24)–C(25)	1.392(8)
Au–O(5)#1	2.075(4)	C(25)–C(26)	1.381(9)
C(12)–N(1)	1.477(7)	O(5)...O(99)	2.700(7)
N(1)–O(1)	1.221(6)	Au...Au#1	3.150(1)
N(1)–O(2)	1.222(6)		
C(21)–Au–C(11)	90.0(2)	O(1)–N(1)–O(2)	124.2(6)
C(21)–Au–O(5)	173.8(2)	O(1)–N(1)–C(12)	117.9(5)
C(11)–Au–O(5)	93.3(2)	O(2)–N(1)–C(12)	117.9(5)
C(21)–Au–O(5)#1	95.7(2)	O(4)–N(2)–O(3)	123.7(5)
C(11)–Au–O(5)#1	173.9(2)	O(4)–N(2)–C(22)	118.9(5)
O(5)–Au–O(5)#1	81.2(2)	O(3)–N(2)–C(22)	117.3(5)
C(12)–C(11)–C(16)	117.0(5)	Au–O(5)–Au#1	98.8(2)
C(11)–C(12)–C(13)	123.0(5)	C(14)–C(13)–C(12)	118.6(6)
C(13)–C(14)–C(15)	120.0(6)	C(16)–C(15)–C(14)	120.5(6)
C(15)–C(16)–C(11)	120.8(6)	C(22)–C(21)–C(26)	115.6(5)
C(21)–C(22)–C(23)	123.9(5)	C(24)–C(23)–C(22)	119.3(6)
C(23)–C(24)–C(25)	119.3(6)	C(26)–C(25)–C(24)	120.0(6)
C(25)–C(26)–C(21)	121.9(6)		

Symmetry transformation used to generate equivalent atoms: #1, $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$.

acetylacetonate) (29.5 mg, 0.10 mmol) and NaClO_4 (13.2 mg, 0.09 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 7 h and the solvent was then removed. The residue was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 ($2 \times 5 \text{ cm}^3$) and the solid filtered through anhydrous MgSO_4 . Evaporation of the filtrate to a volume of ca. 1 cm^3 and addition of Et_2O (10 cm^3) gave a white precipitate (40 mg, 0.07 mmol) which was recrystallized from $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$. Yield, 75%; M.p., 205°C (decomp.); ^1H NMR: δ 2.00 (s, 6H, Me), 5.47 (s, 1H, CH), 7.30 (m, 4H, H4, H5), 7.52 (m, 2H, H6), 8.00 (m, 2H, H3) ppm. Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{AuN}_2\text{O}_6$: C, 37.8; H, 2.8; N, 5.2; Au, 36.5%. Found: C, 37.6; H, 2.4; N, 5.1; Au, 36.8 %.

3.4. $\text{Trans-}[\text{Au}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)_2(\text{C-acac})(\text{PPh}_3)]$ (**4**)

Solid PPh_3 (26 mg, 0.10 mmol) was added to a CH_2Cl_2 solution (30 cm^3) of **3** (53 mg, 0.10 mmol) and the mixture stirred for 3 h. The solvent was evaporated to a volume of ca. 1 cm^3 and $\text{Et}_2\text{O}/n$ -hexane (1:1, 10 cm^3) added to give a pale yellow precipitate (68 mg, 0.09 mmol). Yield, 89%; M.p., 165°C; ^1H NMR: δ 2.00 (s, 6H, Me), 4.23 [d, 1H, CH, $^3J_{\text{HP}} = 12 \text{ Hz}$], 7.28–7.77 (m, 21H, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4 + \text{PPh}_3$), 8.40 [d, 2H, H3, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8 \text{ Hz}$] ppm; ^{31}P NMR, δ 24.93 ppm; ^{13}C NMR, δ 206.00 (CO), 151.87 (C2), 134.38, 134.12, 133.90, 132.59, 131.84, 131.79, 130.99, 129.25, 128.97, 128.75, 126.34, 122.97 (C1, C3–C6, Ph), 67.62 (CH), 30.62 (Me) ppm. Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{30}\text{AuN}_2\text{O}_6\text{P}$: C, 52.4; H, 3.8; N, 3.5; Au, 24.5%. Found: C, 52.4; H, 3.9; N, 3.2; Au, 24.1 %.

3.5. $[\text{Au}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2 - 2)_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2]$ (**5**)

Solid NaOH (31.2 mg, 0.78 mmol) was added to an acetone solution (25 cm^3) of **1** (150 mg, 0.26 mmol)

and the suspension was stirred for 15 h, during which decomposition to metallic gold was observed. Evaporation of the solvent, extraction of the residue with CH_2Cl_2 and filtration of the extract through Celite gave a yellow solution which was concentrated to a volume of ca. 1 cm^3 . Addition of n-hexane (20 cm^3) gave a pale yellow precipitate which was recrystallized from CH_2Cl_2 /n-hexane. Yield, 35%; M.p., 210°C (decomp.). ^1H NMR: δ 7.9–6.4 (m, aryl) ppm. Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{Au}_2\text{N}_4\text{O}_{10}$: C, 31.5; H, 2.0; N, 6.1; Au, 43.0%. Found: C, 32.1; H, 2.3; N, 5.7; Au, 43.4%.

Crystal data. $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{38}\text{Au}_2\text{N}_4\text{O}_{12}$, $M_r = 1064.6$, orthorhombic, Pbca , $a = 14.801(2)$ Å, $b = 14.788(3)$ Å, $c = 16.627(2)$ Å, $V = 3639.4$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $D_x = 1.943$ Mg m^{-3} , $\lambda(\text{Mo K}\alpha) = 0.71073$ Å, $\mu = 8.2$ mm^{-1} , $F(000) = 2048$, $T = -130^\circ\text{C}$.

Data collection and reduction. A colourless flattened pyramid ca. $0.45 \times 0.4 \times 0.2$ mm^3 was mounted in inert oil and transferred to the cold gas stream of the diffractometer (Siemens P4 with LT-2 low temperature attachment). A total of 3671 unique intensities were measured to $2\theta = 50^\circ$. Cell constants were refined from setting angles of 65 reflections to $2\theta = 25^\circ$. An absorption correction based on ψ -scans gave transmission factors 0.55–0.97.

Structure solution and refinement. The structure was solved by the heavy-atom method and refined on F^2 using the program SHELXL-93. The hydroxyl H atom was refined with DFIX ; others were included with a riding model. The weighting scheme was $w^{-1} = [\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.034P)^2]$, with $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$. The final $wR(F^2)$ for all reflections was 0.059, with a conventional $R(F)$ of 0.026 for 2201 reflections with $I > 2\sigma I$, for 230 parameters; $S = 0.88$, max. $\Delta/\sigma = 0.001$, max. $\Delta\rho = 1.0$ e Å⁻³. Final atomic coordinates are given in Table 1, with selected bond lengths and angles in Table 2.

Full details of the structure determination have been deposited at the Fachinformationszentrum Karlsruhe, Gesellschaft für wissenschaftlich-technische Information mbH, D-76344 Eggenstein-Leopoldshafen, Germany, from where this material can be obtained on quoting the full literature citation and the reference number CSD 401615.

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