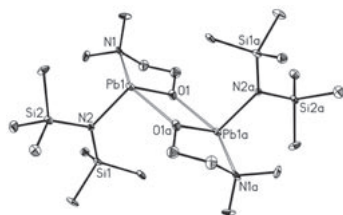


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Fig. The dimeric structure of 2 in the crystal.



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Annealing cattle tibiae: From nano-bio-apatite to geo-apatite

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Biogenic minerals have attracted much attention because of their unusual properties and structural details on many length scales. To elucidate the interrelation of occluded organic material and inorganic crystal properties, we performed X-ray powder diffraction (XRPD), thermogravimetry (TG) and differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) combined with mass spectrometry on cattle tibiae annealed at temperatures up to 1000°C. TG and DSC show that three thermal regimes may be discerned: a) endothermic weight loss up to about 200°C due to dehydration, b) substantial exothermic weight loss up to 550°C due to outgassing of CO, CO₂, N₂, NO, etc., c) slight weight loss above 750°C due to further CO/N₂ etc. outgassing. Strong XRPD line broadening reveals a crystallite size of about 7nm for natural cattle tibia apatite. Narrowing line widths point to substantial crystal growth in the range 400°C -600°C, possibly enabled by relief from organic matter constraints in thermal region b). Le Bail refinement reveals anisotropic reduction of apatite cell volume after loss of organic material, thus confirming the occlusion of organic matter within the apatite structure itself. Above 700°C sharp lines allow perfect Rietveld refinements of the monoclinic apatite structure model in space group *P2₁/b*, comparable to geological apatite samples. Pair distribution function analysis of nano- and annealed apatite permit a comparison of short range P-O-distances.

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Crystal structures of modified PNA analogues and of cationic diimine Pd(II)-alkyl complex

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Nature provides the best inspiration for development of new materials. Inorganic nucleic acid derivatives and structural mimics are receiving increased attention in recent years. We present four structures of Cu(II) complexes with amino acid substituted Di(2pyridyl) amine ligands which can serve as inorganic analogs of nucleic acids. Two of these structures have interesting intermolecular interactions and will be presented in the poster. In addition, we also present the structure of a monomer synthesized by reacting Pd(II) diimine complex with methyl methacrylate. This complex has been used to synthesize poly(alkene-block-alkene/carbon monoxide) copolymers. Late transition metal based systems have attracted attention recently, due to their lower oxophilicity and relatively high functionality tolerance. Catalytic synthesis of such copolymers is of immense interest as they may have new desirable properties.

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Coordination abilities of selected cytokinins and CDK inhibitors to transition metal ions

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The compounds bearing 6-benzylaminopurine (Bap) moiety belong to a group of plant growth hormones - called cytokinins (CKs). The CKs represent a group of compounds, which can significantly affect some of physiological functions, e.g. plant cells division, senescence, etc. The substitution of the Bap skeleton at the C2 and N9 positions by suitable side chains may lead to the formation of compounds having the ability to behave as cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitors (CDKIs). The CDKIs belong to the family of protein kinase enzymes responsible for the regulation of the cell cycle. Moreover, some of the CDKIs demonstrate both in vitro and in vivo cytotoxicity against some human cancer cell lines. A few years ago, we have found that the cytotoxicity may be increased after the coordination of both CKs and CDKIs to suitable transition metal ions. Herein, seven X-ray structures of Zn(II), Cu(II), Pd(II) and Pt(II) complexes involving the above-mentioned organic molecules are presented. The coordination ability of CKs and CDKIs can be seen from the following structures: [ZnCl₃(BapH)], [ZnCl₂(Bap)]_n, [CuCl₃(BapH)₂]Cl, [Cu₂(Bap)₄(ClO₄)₂](ClO₄)₂, *trans*-[PdCl₂(Bap)₂], *cis*-[PtCl₂(Bap)₂] and *trans*-[PtCl₂(Bap)₂], where Bap stands for a variously substituted Bap derivative. Generally, it may be concluded that the coordination ability strongly depends on an extent of substitution of Bap skeleton and reaction conditions used during the synthesis such as pH medium, molar ratio of reactants, and solvents used. In vitro cytotoxicity-structure relationship will be also discussed within the framework of the presentation. Financial support of part of this work by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic (a grant no. MSM6198959218) is gratefully acknowledged.

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