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Properties of a new 4-imidazolyl derivative of a 14-membered tetraazamacrocyclic chelating agent

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Table S1. Stability constants (log units) for the complexes of L¹ and related ligands* with selected metal ions. *T* = 298.2 K, *I* = 0.10 mol dm⁻³ in KNO₃.

Equilibrium reaction	L ¹ ^a	L ³ ^b	L ⁴ ^c	L ⁸ ^d	L ⁹ ^d
K ⁺ + L ⇌ [KL] ⁺	1.86(4)	–	–	–	–
Mn ²⁺ + L ⇌ [MnL] ²⁺	7.95(1)	–	–	–	–
[MnL] ²⁺ + H ⁺ ⇌ [M(HL)] ³⁺	6.09(4)	–	–	–	–
Fe ²⁺ + L ⇌ [FeL] ²⁺	9.73(2)	–	–	–	–
[FeL] ²⁺ + H ⁺ ⇌ [Fe(HL)] ³⁺	6.06(4)	–	–	–	–
Co ²⁺ + L ⇌ [CoL] ²⁺	12.77(5)	14.4	13.5	11.55	11.36
[CoL] ²⁺ + H ⁺ ⇌ [Co(HL)] ³⁺	5.73(3)	4.1	–	–	3.99
[CoHL] ³⁺ + H ⁺ ⇌ [Co(H ₂ L)] ⁴⁺	3.88(5)	–	–	–	–
Ni ²⁺ + L ⇌ [NiL] ²⁺	16.97(2)	16.59	16.94	15.01	14.93
[NiL] ²⁺ + H ⁺ ⇌ [Ni(HL)] ³⁺	3.79(2)	2.94	2.1	2.59	3.23
[NiHL] ³⁺ + H ⁺ ⇌ [Ni(H ₂ L)] ⁴⁺	2.64(2)	–	–	–	–
Cu ²⁺ + L ⇌ [CuL] ²⁺	20.70(4)	21.61	20.13	18.46	18.96
[CuL] ²⁺ + H ⁺ ⇌ [Cu(HL)] ³⁺	4.99(5)	2.28	–	2.93	3.62
[CuL] ²⁺ ⇌ [ML(OH)] ⁺ + H ⁺	-11.09(6)	–	–	–	–
Zn ²⁺ + L ⇌ [ZnL] ²⁺	14.28(5)	14.01	14.65	11.90	11.83
[ZnL] ²⁺ + H ⁺ ⇌ [Zn(HL)] ³⁺	5.84(2)	4.05	1.84	3.0	4.52
[ZnHL] ³⁺ + H ⁺ ⇌ [Zn(H ₂ L)] ⁴⁺	3.44(3)	–	–	–	–
[ZnL] ²⁺ ⇌ [ZnL(OH)] ⁺ + H ⁺	-10.64(8)	-7.66	-8.35	–	–
Cd ²⁺ + L ⇌ [CdL] ²⁺	14.67(1)	14.56	14.85	–	–
[CdL] ²⁺ + H ⁺ ⇌ [Cd(HL)] ³⁺	4.99(2)	3.84	1.91	–	–
[CdHL] ³⁺ + H ⁺ ⇌ [Cd(H ₂ L)] ⁴⁺	3.55(5)	–	–	–	–
[CdL] ²⁺ ⇌ [CdL(OH)] ⁺ + H ⁺	-10.13(6)	–	–	–	–
Pb ²⁺ + L ⇌ [PbL] ²⁺	8.93(1)	10.89	10.69	–	–
[PbL] ²⁺ + H ⁺ ⇌ [Pb(HL)] ³⁺	6.35(2)	4.96	3.95	–	–
[PbL] ²⁺ ⇌ [PbL(OH)] ⁺ + H ⁺	-11.04(3)	-9.9	-10.59	–	–
Fe ³⁺ + L ⇌ [FeL] ³⁺	20.18(4)	20.64	15.87	–	–
[FeL] ³⁺ + H ⁺ ⇌ [Fe(HL)] ⁴⁺	3.44(5)	2.84	3.31	–	–

*The structure of ligands can be seen in Scheme 1. ^a Values in parentheses are standard deviations on the last significant figure. ^b *I* = 0.10 mol dm⁻³ in NMe₄NO₃, ref. 18. ^c *I* = 0.10 mol dm⁻³ in NMe₄NO₃, ref. 19. ^d *I* = 0.10 mol dm⁻³ in KNO₃, ref. 5.

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Table S2. Spectroscopic UV-vis-near IR data and magnetic moments (μ) for the Co^{2+} , Ni^{2+} and Cu^{2+} complexes of L^1 ($T = 298.0$ K).

Complex (colour)	pH	UV-vis-near IR $\lambda_{\text{max}} / \text{nm}$ ($\epsilon_{\text{molar}} / \text{dm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$)	μ (MB)
$[\text{CoL}^1]^{2+}$ (pink)	7.56	1067 (4.1), 930 (sh., 4.7), 581 (sh., 52.5), 506 (170.6), 260 (7.74×10^4).	4.9
$[\text{NiL}^1]^{2+}$ (green)	7.78	1115 (sh, 2.8), 1072 (3.7), 905 (sh., 6.2), 769 (10.8), 625 (sh., 16.4), 572 (25.5), 264 (2.66×10^4).	3.1
$[\text{CuL}^1]^{2+}$ (blue)	8.01	994 (sh, 45.2), 777 (sh, 92.8), 639 (234.6), 266 (4.06×10^4).	–