Synthesis and Characterization of Silver(I) Saccharinate Complexes with Pyrazole and Imidazole Ligands: $[Ag(sac)(pz)(H_2O)]_n$ and $[Ag(sac)(im)] \cdot 2H_2O$

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Two new silver(I) saccharinate (sac) complexes, $[Ag(sac)(pz)(H_2O)]_n$ (1) and $[Ag(sac)(im)] \cdot 2H_2O$ (2) (pz = pyrazole and im = imidazole), have been prepared and characterized by elemental analysis, IR spectroscopy, thermal analysis and single crystal X-ray diffraction. Complexes 1 and 2 crystallize in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/c$ and triclinic space group $P\overline{1}$, respectively. The sac, pz and im ligands all are *N*-coordinated. In 1, the [Ag(sac)(pz)] units are bridged by aqua ligands to generate a one-dimensional helical chain, in which the silver(I) ions exhibit a distorted square-planar AgN_2O_2 coordination geometry. The polymeric chains are connected by N–H···O hydrogen bonds into sheets, which are further linked by aromatic $\pi(pz) \cdots \pi(sac)$ stacking interactions into a three-dimensional supramolecular network. Complex 2 consists of individual molecules containing linearly coordinated silver(I) ions with a slightly distorted coordination of AgN_2 . The molecules interact with each other through hydrogen bonds and $\pi \cdots \pi$ interactions to form a three-dimensional supramolecular network.

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