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Complexation of N-(1,3-di-*tert*-butyltetrazolium-5-yl)benzimidate with copper(II) chloride

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Coordination compounds, based on mesoionic tetrazole-containing ligands, attract today a great attention because of their unique properties such as high energy density, catalytical and magnetic properties [1-3]. However, the complexation of such ligands has not been enough studied.

In the present work, the interaction of N-(1,3-di-*tert*-butyltetrazolium-5yl)benzimidate (L¹) with anhydrous copper(II) chloride was investigated. It was found that complexation proceeded with de-*tert*-butilation of ligand L¹ to form N-(1-(*tert*-butyl)tetrazol-5-yl)benzamide (L²). It was shown that ligand-mixed complex [CuClL¹L²] (1) was formed at room temperature, while complex [Cu(L²)₂] (2) was obtained upon heating. Synthesized compounds were identified by single crystal X-ray analysis and IR-spectroscopy. Both compounds present mononuclear molecular complexes (Fig.).



Fig. The structures of complexes 1 and 2. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. **References**

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