

## Crystal Structure of Magnesium Comenate

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**Abstract**—The coordination compound  $[\text{Mg}(\text{HCom})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**I**) was obtained by the reaction of comenic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{Com}$ ) with magnesium acetate in water. The formation of a new phase was confirmed by powder X-ray diffraction. The molecular formula of the compound was determined from energy dispersive X-ray fluorescence and thermogravimetry data. The thermo-oxidative stability of magnesium comenate was studied by simultaneous thermal analysis in air. The molecular structure of the complex was discussed on the basis of spectral data (NMR, IR, and UV spectroscopy) and studied in detail using X-ray diffraction (CCDC no. 2207835). Magnesium comenate crystallizes in the triclinic system, space group  $P\bar{1}$ , the structure is stabilized by intra- and intermolecular hydrogen bonds between the coordinated water molecules, acid anions, and  $[\text{Mg}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$ .

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### INTRODUCTION

Comenic acid (5-hydroxy-4-oxo-4*H*-pyran-2-carboxylic acid,  $\text{H}_2\text{Com}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{L}$ ) has long been actively used as a molecular platform for the preparation of new  $\gamma$ -pyrone (4-oxo-4*H*-pyran) derivatives and as complexing agent [1, 2]. The microbiological synthesis of  $\text{H}_2\text{Com}$  is based on bacterial processing of natural feedstock containing galactose with *Gluconobacter oxydans* [3].

Both comenic acid and its derivatives exhibit a number of biological effects. Comenic acid and its magnesium and lithium salts possess neuroprotective properties, showing pronounced antioxidant and moderate anxiolytic and antiamnesic behaviors [4–6].

The agent Baliz-2, containing comenic acid, was clinically proved to be effective in the treatment of gastrointestinal ulcer diseases and skin burns [7]. Comenic acid has an analgesic effect, functioning as a  $\mu$ -opioid receptor agonist [8]. It was shown by theoretical calculations that the interaction with  $\mu$ -opioid receptors is possible only in the case where  $\text{H}_2\text{Com}$  forms chelates with metal ions [9, 10]. Therefore, it is of interest to experimentally study the possibility of formation, structure, and properties of complex com-

pounds of ligands of this type with  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  ions in aqueous solution.

Magnesium agents are widely used and studied in pharmacology because of high biological activity of magnesium(II) salts. The  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  ions have antihypertensive, antiarrhythmic, anti-inflammatory, and anticoagulant activities; hence, the use of magnesium agents may be useful for the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular diseases [11]. The  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  ions can prevent the neuronal calcium overload by blocking the ion channels of NMDA receptors and control the function of  $\gamma$ -aminobutyric acid (GABA) inhibitory receptors [12]. Owing to these effects, magnesium(II) salts can be considered as potential means for the control of the post-stroke effects and treatment of neurodegenerative diseases of the CNS. A significant pharmacological problem is the search for new ligands that would synergistically enhance the effect of biometal ions. The established protective effect of  $\text{H}_2\text{Com}$  provides grounds for considering the acid as a potential ligand for  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  ions in the context of the search for new neuroprotective and cardioprotective agents.

Previously, we studied the properties and biological effects of magnesium comenate [4, 13–15]; however, no data on the structural features of this compound are available from the literature. In this study, we report for the first time the results of structural and

spectral studies of magnesium comenate  $[\text{Mg}(\text{HCom})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (I).

## EXPERIMENTAL

NMR spectra were measured on a JEOL 400 instrument (400 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$  and 100 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$ ) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 298 K. The residual solvent signals served as the standard. IR spectra were measured on a Bruker Vertex 70 FTIR spectrometer with an ATR attachment on a diamond crystal; the spectral resolution was  $\pm 4\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Elemental analysis was performed by the fundamental parameter method on an EDX-8000 energy dispersive X-ray analyzer. The product purity and the course of the reactions were monitored by TLC on Sorbfil PTSKh-AF-A plates (LLC Imid, Krasnodar) using an acetone–hexane mixture (1 : 1) as the eluent, iodine vapor for visualization, and UV detector. The starting compound used for the synthesis was  $\text{Mg}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (analytical grade, >99.5%, KhimKraft). All experiments were carried out using doubly distilled water.

Powder X-ray diffraction analysis was carried out on an XRD-7000 automated diffractometer (Shimadzu, Japan). The curves for the dependence of the diffraction intensity on the reflection angle  $2\theta$  were measured at room temperature (298 K). The measurement conditions were as follows:  $\text{CuK}\alpha$  radiation (1.54 Å), 40 kV, 30 mA, recording rate of  $1^\circ$  per min in the  $2\theta$  range of  $10^\circ$ – $60^\circ$  with a scanning step of  $0.02^\circ$ ; divergence slit (DS) of  $1^\circ$ ; scattering slit (SS) of  $1^\circ$ ; receiving slit (RS) of 0.3 mm; and exposure time of 1.2 s. The X-ray diffraction peaks were identified and quantitative phase content was determined using the PDWin 2.0 software package and the Crystallographica Search-Match package integrated into the hardware/software system of the instrument.

Thermogravimetric (TG) analysis was carried out on an STA-409 PC Luxx simultaneous thermal analyzer (Netzsch, Germany). The testing was performed in an oxidative atmosphere (air) in alundum crucibles under programmed isothermal heating with  $\alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$  as the reference at a heating rate of  $10^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$  in a temperature range of  $30$ – $1000^\circ\text{C}$ .

Electronic absorption spectra were measured on a U-2900 double-beam spectrophotometer (Hitachi, Japan) in quartz cells ( $l = 10\text{ mm}$ ) in the spectral range of  $190$ – $400\text{ nm}$ . The empirical spectra were smoothed by fast Fourier transform (FFT) using OriginLab 2019 software package.

**5-Hydroxy-4-oxo-4H-pyran-2-carboxylic (comenic) acid was synthesized** in 80% yield by glucose oxidation using 003 strain of the *Gluconobacter oxydans* bacteria according to reported procedures [16, 17] and purified by column chromatography.

IR ( $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3339 ( $\text{O}^{\text{H}}\text{--H}(\text{H}_2\text{L})$ ), 3089 (C–H), 2997–2467 (O–H).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ; 298 K;  $\delta$ , ppm):

7.03 (s, 1H,  $\text{C}^3\text{--H}$ ), 8.02 (s, 1H,  $\text{C}^6\text{--H}$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ; 298 K;  $\delta$ , ppm): 176.9 ( $\text{C}^4$ ), 164.2 (COOH), 156.5 ( $\text{C}^2$ ), 146.4 ( $\text{C}^5$ ), 142.3 ( $\text{C}^6$ ), 115.3 ( $\text{C}^3$ ).

**Magnesium 5-hydroxy-4-oxo-4H-pyran-2-carboxylate (comenate) (I) was synthesized** using a modified procedure of [13] by treatment of a solution of comenic acid (1.00 g, 6.4 mmol) in water (25 mL) at a temperature of  $80 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  with a solution of  $\text{Mg}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.69 g, 3.2 mmol) in water (5 mL). As a result, the reaction mixture acquired pH of 4.5–5.0 and a yellow color. Magnesium comenate was isolated from the solution by evaporation by  $\sim 3/4$  of the initial volume after which it started to crystallize from the hot solution. The product was additionally recrystallized from doubly distilled water. The yield was 2.61 g (85%).

IR ( $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3500 ( $\text{O}^{\text{H}}\text{--H}(\text{H}_2\text{L})$ ), 3190, 3093 (C–H), 2976 ( $\text{O--H H}_2\text{O}$ ), 1691  $\nu(\text{C}^4\text{=O})$ , 1601  $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{COO}^-)$ , 1556 ( $\text{C}^1\text{=O}$ ), 1462, 1352  $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{COO}^-)$ , 1271, 1213 ( $\text{C}^1\text{--O}$ ), 1157 ( $\text{C}^5\text{--O--H}$ ), 1101, 935, 893, 854, 804, 771, 663, 561, 517, 411.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ; 298 K;  $\delta$ , ppm): 6.94 (s, 1H,  $\text{C}^3\text{--H}$ ), 8.00 (s, 1H,  $\text{C}^6\text{--H}$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ; 298 K;  $\delta$ , ppm): 177.2 ( $\text{C}^4$ ), 165.3 (COOH), 158.6 ( $\text{C}^2$ ), 146.1 ( $\text{C}^5$ ), 142.0 ( $\text{C}^6$ ), 114.4 ( $\text{C}^3$ ).

For  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{18}\text{Mg}$

|                 |          |         |          |          |
|-----------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| Anal. calcd., % | C, 30.11 | H, 4.63 | O, 60.17 | Mg, 5.08 |
| Found, %        | C, 28.11 | H, 4.45 | O, 57.81 | Mg, 5.14 |

**Single crystal X-ray diffraction** study of I was carried out on a SuperNova automated four-circle diffractometer, Dual, Cu at zero, Atlas S2 ( $\text{CuK}\alpha$ ,  $\lambda = 1.54184\text{ Å}$ ) at 293(2) K. The structures were solved using the Olex2 [18] and SHELXT [19] program packages by the least-squares method. The remaining hydrogen atoms were located by direct methods using successive calculations of difference Fourier maps. The positions of atoms were refined by the full-matrix least-squares method on  $F_{hkl}^2$  in the anisotropic approximation for all non-hydrogen atoms with the SHELXL software [20]. The contributions of hydrogen atoms were taken into account in the calculations but not refined. In all cases, the positions of the highest peaks and the residual electron density values in the final Fourier difference maps were chemically insignificant.

The main X-ray diffraction experiment details and unit cell parameters were as follows: triclinic system, space group  $P\bar{1}$ ,  $M = 478.60\text{ g/mol}$ ,  $a = 6.7265(2)$ ,  $b = 7.0802(2)$ ,  $c = 10.7367(4)\text{ Å}$ ,  $\alpha = 103.337(3)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 96.095(2)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 103.071(2)^\circ$ ,  $V = 477.84(3)\text{ Å}^3$ ,  $Z = 1$ ,  $\mu(\text{CuK}\alpha) = 1.711\text{ mm}^{-1}$ ,  $\rho(\text{calcd.}) = 1.663\text{ g/cm}^3$ ,  $F(000) = 250.0$ ; measurement angles  $\theta = 8.584^\circ$ – $152.2^\circ$ ; ranges of reflection indices:  $-8 \leq h \leq 8$ ,  $-8 \leq$

$k \leq 8$ ,  $-12 \leq l \leq 13$ ; 9635 measured reflections ( $8.584^\circ \leq 2\theta \leq 152.2^\circ$ ); 1990 unique reflections ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0180$ ,  $R_\sigma = 0.0104$ ).  $R$ -factors ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ):  $R_1 = 0.0248$  ( $wR_2 = 0.0657$ ),  $R$ -factors for all reflections:  $R_1 = 0.0251$  ( $wR_2 = 0.0657$ ); GOOF on  $F^2$  1.107,  $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}/\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = 0.38/-0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ .

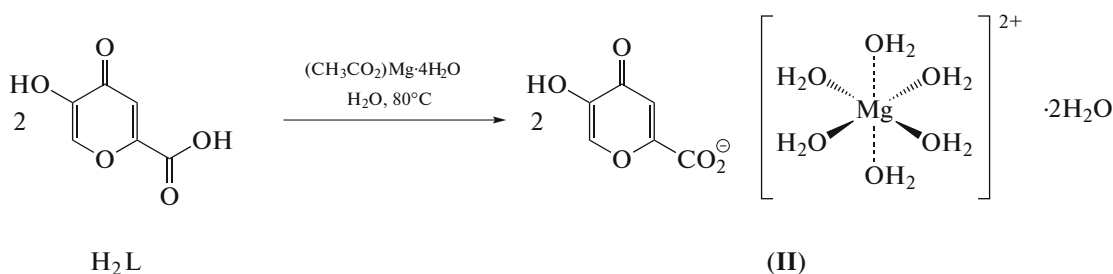
The atom coordinates and other parameters of the structures were deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC no. 2207835; [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures)).

The elemental composition of the complex was determined by quantitative energy dispersive X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy using an EDX-8000 instrument (Shimadzu, Japan) based on a silicon drift detector (SDD) with a thermoelectric cooling. The analysis conditions were as follows: an X-ray tube with a rhodium anode was used as an excitation source; the exposure was 500 s; the diameter of the irradiated zone was 10 mm; the incidence angle on the sample was

$45^\circ$ , the scattering angle on the detector was  $45^\circ$ ; and the radiation scattering and reflection processes took place in vacuum. The samples were prepared by grinding 1.0–1.2 g of the compound down to 10  $\mu\text{m}$  size in an agate mortar. The suspension was pressed into pellets with a diameter of 20 mm (0.7 g of wax served as a substrate) using a 15 ton press mold.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Magnesium comenate [ $\text{Mg}(\text{HCom})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ] (I) was prepared by the reaction of comenic acid with magnesium acetate hydrate on heating in water (Scheme 1). The structure of the reaction product was studied in detail by powder X-ray diffraction, thermal analysis, Fourier transform IR spectrometry,  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectroscopy, UV spectroscopy, and single crystal X-ray diffraction.



Scheme 1.

The phase identity was proved by powder X-ray diffraction. According to the experimental powder X-ray diffraction pattern, the sample of I had a crystalline structure and was characterized by a certain set of  $2\theta$  values, interplanar spacings  $d_{hkl}$ , and relative intensities  $I$  (%). The phase composition of the compound was determined by comparing the obtained experimental sets of  $2\theta$  and  $d_{hkl}$  values with the  $2\theta$  and  $d_{hkl}$  values of the reference X-ray diffraction patterns of single-phase compounds ( $\text{Mg}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , comenic acid), which were recorded in advance.

Three X-ray diffraction patterns shown in Fig. 1 indicate the presence of phases of single compounds that belong to different crystallographic groups and the absence of amorphous impurities. The differences can be identified by few reflections that have the highest integral intensities. Indeed,  $d$  values ( $\text{\AA}$ ) were as follows: 7.03431, 6.92693, and 4.24540 for magnesium acetate; 3.13068, 4.76088, and 4.43165 for comenic acid; and 3.51591, 3.25920, and 3.11460 for the reaction product (magnesium comenate) (Fig. 1). A comparison of the interplanar spacings and relative intensities of the starting compounds and the synthesized coordination compound showed that the new compound differs significantly from the initial comenic

acid. Hence, the resulting complex has an individual crystal lattice.

The thermal behavior and hydrate composition of the coordination compound were investigated by simultaneous thermal analysis. Figure 2 shows the thermal analysis curves (TG, DTG, and DSC), for magnesium comenate I. Thermolysis includes several stages. The DSC curve has an intense exotherm ( $-4.193 \text{ mW/mg}$ ), which attests to dehydration at a temperature below  $205^\circ\text{C}$  with a mass loss of 29.73% according to the TG curve, corresponding to elimination of eight water molecules. The high temperature of dehydration means that the water molecules occupy inner-sphere positions in the complex. Further temperature rise in the range of  $205\text{--}304^\circ\text{C}$  is accompanied by slight heat absorption ( $-1.122 \text{ mW/mg}$ ) with a mass loss of 11.83 and 3.94%, indicating intramolecular dehydration (elimination of one OH group) and decarboxylation of ligand molecules surrounding the  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  cation. Presumably, intricate transformations associated with an intramolecular rearrangement into more favorable thermodynamic state take place in this case. In the temperature ranges of  $304\text{--}400$  and  $400\text{--}575^\circ\text{C}$ , the DSC curves show two pronounced exotherms ( $365.1^\circ\text{C}$ ,

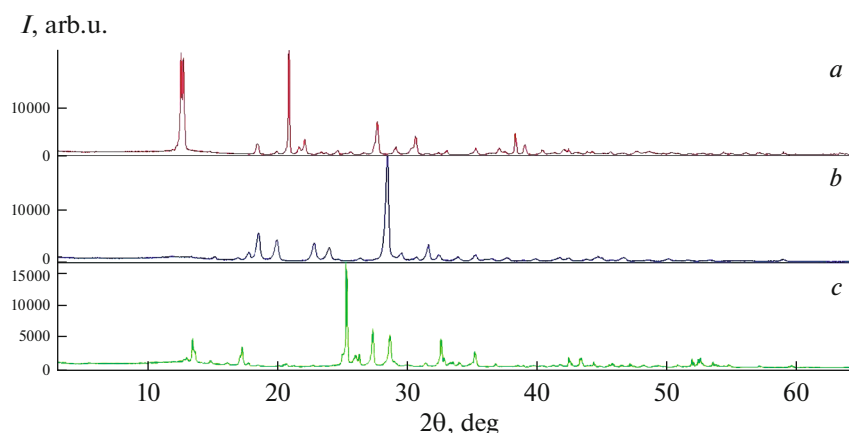


Fig. 1. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of (a) magnesium acetate tetrahydrate; (b) comenic acid; (c) magnesium comenate I.

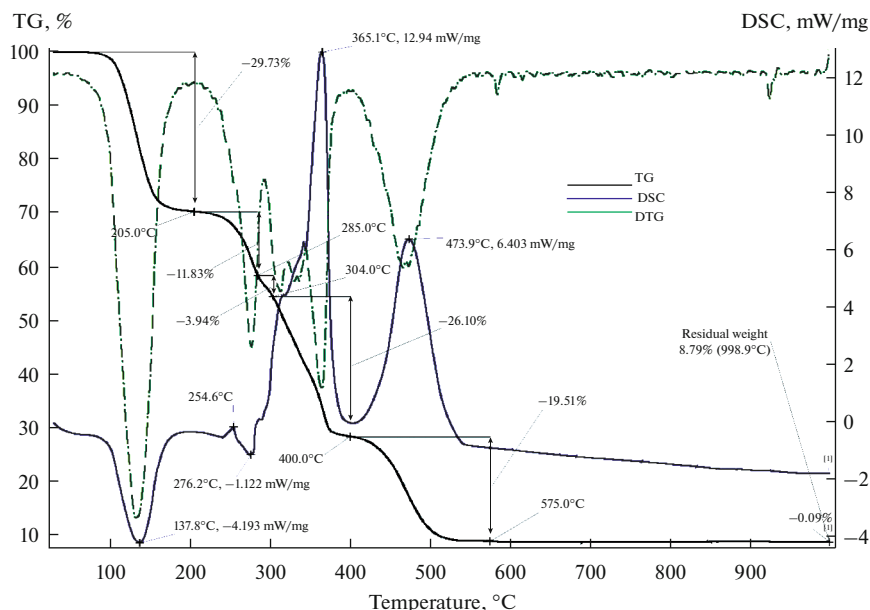


Fig. 2. TG, DTG, and DSC curves of complex I.

12.94 mW/mg and 473.9°C, 6.403 mW/mg). This is attributable to further thermolysis of the comenic acid remainders including two clearly defined steps accompanied by mass loss of 26.10% and then by 19.51%. The final thermolysis product is magnesium oxide, which is confirmed by the result of X-ray fluorescence elemental analysis of the incineration product. Table 1 summarizes the results obtained by physicochemical methods that were used to determine the general formula of magnesium comenate:  $[\text{Mg}(\text{HCom})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

The coordination mode of comenate anions ( $\text{HCom}^-$ ) in the magnesium(II) complex was derived from IR spectroscopy data. The characteristic IR bands were assigned by comparing the IR spectra of

the complex and  $\text{H}_2\text{Com}$  and by analysis of published data on  $\beta$ -hydroxy- $\gamma$ -pyrones. In the IR spectrum (Table 2), the  $\nu(\text{O}-\text{H})$  band of  $\text{H}_2\text{Com}$  ( $3500\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) is shifted by  $162\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which attests to cleavage of the intramolecular hydrogen bonds in the initial ligand dimers (absorption bands at  $3000\text{--}2400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The  $\nu_{\text{C}-\text{H}}$  band of the  $\gamma$ -pyrone structure is broadened and overlaps with  $\nu(\text{O}-\text{H})(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ ; this is in line with the results of thermal analysis, which shows the presence of numerous coordinated water molecules in the complex. The  $\text{COOH}$  stretching band in the IR spectrum of the complex is split into  $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{COO}^-)$  ( $1601\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and  $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{COO}^-)$  ( $1352\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) bands. The difference is  $249\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which is much greater than  $200\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and,

**Table 1.** Comparison of the results of physicochemical analysis obtained in determination of the molecular formula of magnesium comenate

| Components of the complex | Found, wt %       |                                       |                          | Calculated, wt % |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
|                           | thermo-gravimetry | X-ray fluorescence elemental analysis | complexometric titration |                  |
| Mg <sup>2+</sup>          | 5.30              | 5.14                                  | 5.25                     | 5.08             |
| HCom <sup>−</sup>         | 61.47             | 63.52                                 |                          | 64.81            |
| H <sub>2</sub> O          | 29.73             |                                       |                          | 30.11            |

**Table 2.** Characteristic frequencies (cm<sup>−1</sup>) and their assignment in the IR spectra of comenic acid (H<sub>2</sub>L) and magnesium comenate **I**

| Compound         | $\nu(\text{O}-\text{H})$ | $\nu(\text{C}-\text{H})$ | $\nu(\text{O}-\text{H})$<br>(H <sub>2</sub> O) | $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$<br>(>C <sup>4</sup> =O) | $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$<br>(>COOH) | $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{COO}^-)$ | $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{COO}^-)$ | $\Delta\nu = \nu_{\text{as}}(\text{COO}^-) - \nu_{\text{s}}(\text{COO}^-)$ | $\nu(\text{C}-\text{O}-\text{C})$<br>( $\gamma$ -pyrone) | $\nu(\text{C}-\text{O})$ | $\nu(\text{C}-\text{OH})$ | $\delta(\text{C}-\text{OH})$ | $\nu(\text{M}-\text{O})$ |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| H <sub>2</sub> L | 3338                     | 3086                     | 3000–2450                                      | 1726   | 1628                                |                                 |                                |  | 1219   | 1203                     | 1144                      | 1099                         |                          |
| <b>I</b>         | 3500                     | 3093                     | 3190–2975                                      | 1691   |                                     | 1601                            | 1352                           | 249  | 1271   | 1213                     | 1157                      | 1101                         | 517                      |

hence, each ligand in the complex is bound in the monodentate mode. The medium-intensity band at 517 cm<sup>−1</sup> confirms the presence of the Mg–O bond.

The upfield shift of the H(3) proton signal in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of magnesium comenate by 0.09 ppm in comparison with analogous signal in the comenic acid spectrum can be attributed to stronger electron-donating effect of COO<sup>−</sup> in comparison with COOH. In the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum, a number of signals shift downfield by (ppm) 1.15 for COOH, 2.12 for C(2), and for 0.96 C(3), which is indicative of deprotonation of the carboxyl group.

The UV spectrum of comenic acid (Table 3) exhibits a strong band at 199.5 nm (log  $\epsilon$  = 4.29) caused by the  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  absorption of the chromophore carbonyl group as a part of carboxyl group. In the spectrum of complex **I**, this band is much weaker (Table 3)

(log  $\epsilon$  4.08) and transforms into a shoulder at the 222.4 nm band (log  $\epsilon$  4.37), which corresponds to absorption of the =C–O–C= conjugated system of the  $\gamma$ -pyrone ring. The shift and the decrease in intensity of the band are due to the involvement of the COOH group into the complex formation.

Triclinic crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by recrystallization of magnesium comenate **I** from water.

Complex **I** crystallizes with eight water molecules where six H<sub>2</sub>O molecules form Mg<sup>2+</sup> hydration shell, while the other two molecules bind the [Mg(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> aqua cation to ionized ligand molecules by intermolecular hydrogen bonds. The molecular structure of complex **I** is shown in Fig. 3; the dotted lines indicate the shortened contacts (Fig. 4) present in this structure. The packing of molecules in the crystal lattice is

**Table 3.** Characteristics of the absorption bands in the electronic spectrum of magnesium comenate **I**

| $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , nm | Conjugated system | Transition              | A, rel. u. | $\epsilon_{\text{app}}$ , L/mol cm* | log $\epsilon_{\text{app}}$ |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 204.6                       | –COOH             | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 0.1205     | 19400                               | 4.08                        |
| 222.4                       | =C–O–C=           | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 0.2338     | 23380                               | 4.37                        |
| 246.8                       | >C=O              | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 0.0557     | 5570                                | 3.75                        |
| 285.2                       | –OH               | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 0.0588     | 5880                                | 3.77                        |

\*  $\epsilon_{\text{app}}$  is the apparent molar extinction coefficient.

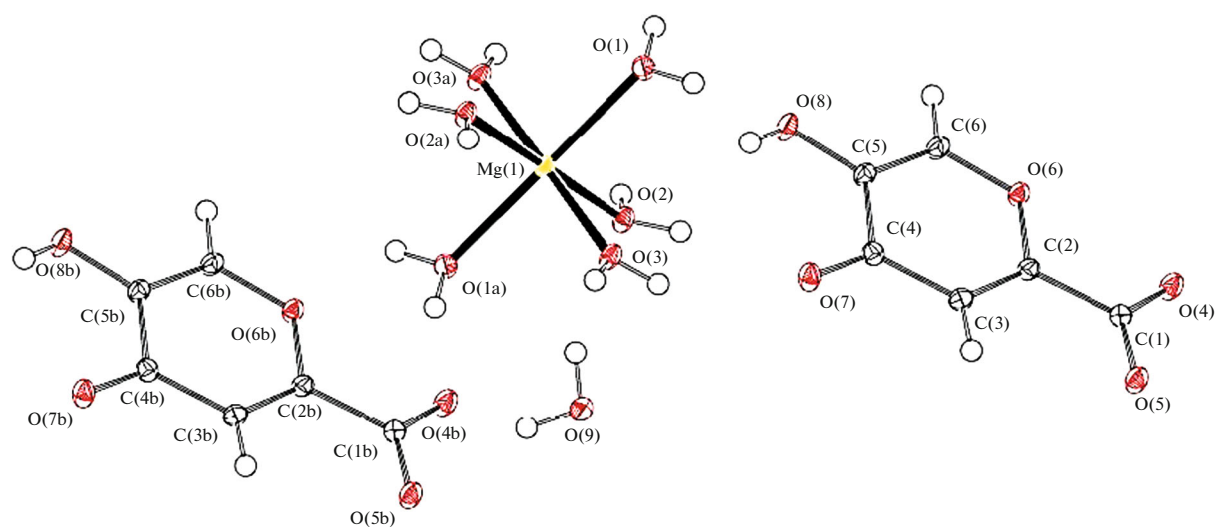


Fig. 3. General view of the molecule of magnesium complex with 5-hydroxy-4-oxo-4*H*-pyran-2-carboxylic acid in the crystal.

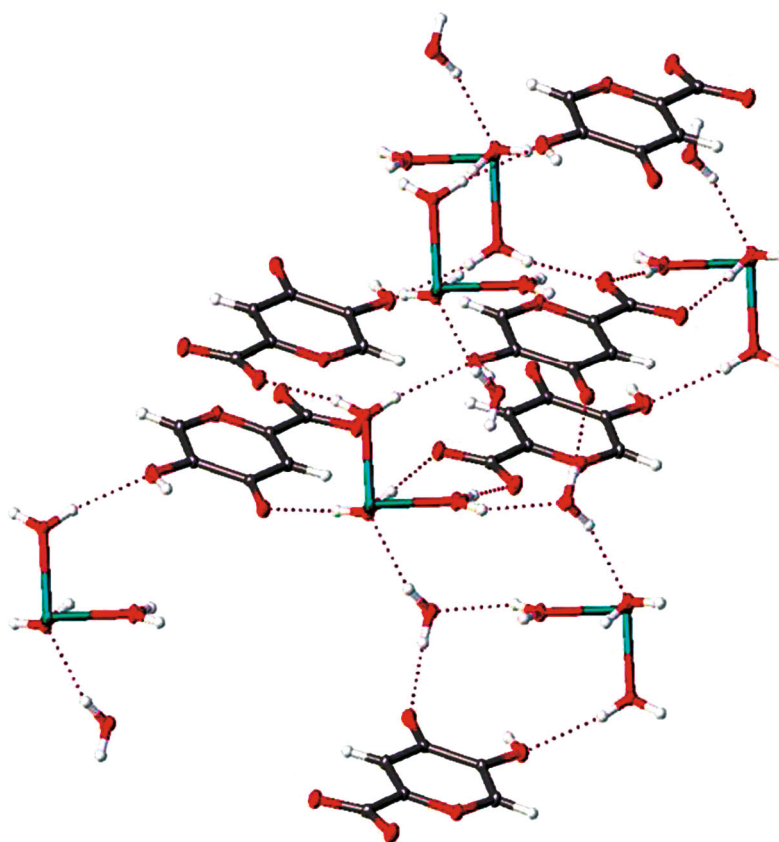
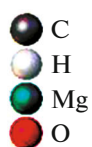


Fig. 4. Short intermolecular contacts in the crystal of magnesium comenate I.

**Table 4.** Crystallographic data, X-ray diffraction experiment and structure refinement details for magnesium comenate **I**

| Parameter   | Value  |
|---|--|
| Molecular formula   | $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{MgO}_{18}$                    |
| $M$   | 478.60   |
| Temperature, K  | 293(2)   |
| System  | Triclinic  |
| Space group   | $P\bar{1}$   |
| $a$ , Å   | 6.7265(2)  |
| $b$ , Å   | 7.0802(2)  |
| $c$ , Å   | 10.7367(4)   |
| $\alpha$ , deg  | 103.337(3)   |
| $\beta$ , deg   | 96.095(2)  |
| $\gamma$ , deg  | 103.071(2)   |
| $V$ , Å <sup>3</sup>  | 477.84(3)  |
| $Z$   | 1  |
| $\rho$ (calcd.), g/cm <sup>3</sup>                                    | 1.663  |
| $\mu$ , mm <sup>-1</sup>  | 1.711  |
| $F(000)$  | 250.0  |
| Crystal size, mm  | $0.417 \times 0.324 \times 0.307$                              |
| Data collection range of $2\theta$ , deg                              | 8.584–152.2  |
| Ranges of $h$ , $k$ , $l$   | $-8 \leq h \leq 8$ , $-8 \leq k \leq 8$ , $-12 \leq l \leq 13$ |
| Number of measured reflections  | 9635   |
| Number of unique reflections ( $R_{\text{int}}$ , $R_{\sigma}$ )      | 1990 (0.0180, 0.0104)  |
| Data/constraints/parameters   | 1990/0/179   |
| GOOF on $F^2$   | 1.107  |
| $R$ -factor ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )                                      | $R_1 = 0.0248$ , $wR_2 = 0.0655$                               |
| $R$ -factor (all data)  | $R_1 = 0.0251$ , $wR_2 = 0.0657$                               |
| $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}/\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ , e Å <sup>-3</sup> | 0.38/–0.21   |

stabilized by a branched system of hydrogen bonds involving solvation water molecules and oxygen atoms of various functional groups of the ionized ligand molecules. The key crystallographic data and X-ray diffraction experiment details for this compound are summarized in Table 4. The most important bond lengths and bond angles within the coordination polyhedron are presented in Table 5. The  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  ion occurs

in the six-coordinate oxygen environment formed by the inner-sphere water molecules.

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**Table 5.** Selected bond lengths and bond angles for [Mg(HCom)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub>]·2H<sub>2</sub>O (**I**)

| Bond                                     | <i>d</i> , Å | Bond         | <i>d</i> , Å |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Mg(1)–O(2) <sup>1</sup>                  | 2.0684(8)    | O(8)–C(5)    | 1.3481(13)   |
| Mg(1)–O(2)                               | 2.0684(7)    | O(7)–C(4)    | 1.2498(13)   |
| Mg(1)–O(1) <sup>1</sup>                  | 2.0841(8)    | O(4)–C(1)    | 1.2508(13)   |
| Mg(1)–O(1)                               | 2.0841(8)    | C(5)–C(4)    | 1.4512(14)   |
| Mg(1)–O(3)                               | 2.0400(8)    | C(5)–C(6)    | 1.3519(15)   |
| Mg(1)–O(3) <sup>1</sup>                  | 2.0400(8)    | C(4)–C(3)    | 1.4403(14)   |
| O(6)–C(2)                                | 1.3467(12)   | C(2)–C(1)    | 1.5230(14)   |
| O(6)–C(6)                                | 1.3583(13)   | C(2)–C(3)    | 1.3510(15)   |
| O(5)–C(1)                                | 1.2463(13)   |              |              |
| Angle                                    | ω, deg       | Angle        | ω, deg       |
| O(2)Mg(1)O(2) <sup>1</sup>               | 180.0        | C(2)O(6)C(6) | 118.94(8)    |
| O(2) <sup>1</sup> Mg(1)O(1) <sup>1</sup> | 90.83(3)     | O(8)C(5)C(4) | 120.80(9)    |
| O(2)Mg(1)O(1)                            | 90.83(3)     | O(8)C(5)C(6) | 119.27(9)    |
| O(2 <sup>1</sup> )Mg(1)O(1)              | 89.17(3)     | C(6)C(5)C(4) | 119.90(10)   |
| O(2)Mg(1)O(1) <sup>1</sup>               | 89.17(3)     | O(7)C(4)C(5) | 121.06(9)    |
| O(1) <sup>1</sup> Mg(1)O(1)              | 180.00(3)    | O(7)C(4)C(3) | 124.32(9)    |
| O(3) <sup>1</sup> Mg(1)O(2) <sup>1</sup> | 86.85(3)     | C(3)C(4)C(5) | 114.60(9)    |
| O(3)Mg(1)O(2)                            | 86.85(3)     | O(6)C(2)C(1) | 112.80(9)    |
| O(3) <sup>1</sup> Mg(1)O(2)              | 93.15(3)     | O(6)C(2)C(3) | 122.42(9)    |
| O(3)Mg(1)O(2) <sup>1</sup>               | 93.15(3)     | C(3)C(2)C(1) | 124.77(9)    |
| O(3) <sup>1</sup> Mg(1)O(1) <sup>1</sup> | 90.32(3)     | C(5)C(6)O(6) | 122.96(9)    |
| O(3)Mg(1)O(1)                            | 90.32(3)     | O(5)C(1)O(4) | 127.81(10)   |
| O(3)Mg(1)O(1) <sup>1</sup>               | 89.68(3)     | O(5)C(1)C(2) | 115.19(9)    |
| O(3) <sup>1</sup> Mg(1)O(1)              | 89.68(3)     | O(4)C(1)C(2) | 116.99(9)    |
| O(3) <sup>1</sup> Mg(1)O(3)              | 180.0        | C(2)C(3)C(4) | 121.06(10)   |

Symmetry codes: <sup>1</sup> –*x*, 1 – *y*, 2 – *z*.

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