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Synthesis, characterization and Biological activity of Copper (II), Cobalt (II), Nickel (II) and Mercury (II) complexes of Schiff base derived from 2-Acetyl-5-chloro thiophene-o-Phenylenediamine

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ABSTRACT

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The Metal complexes of Co (II), Ni (II), Cu (II) and Hg (II) with a new Schiff base derived from 2-Acetyl 5-chloro thiophene and o-Phenylenediamine in methanol are reported. The complexes have been characterized using chemical analysis, (IR, UV-VIS, $^1\text{H-NMR}$), conductometric and magnetic data. According to these data, we propose an octahedral geometry for metal (II) complexes. The invitro antibacterial activities of the investigated complexes were evaluated against few microorganisms by well diffusion technique. It was found that the metal complexes have higher activity than the standard drugs. Antibacterial activity of the ligand and its complexes were studied against gram positive bacteria; *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Bacillus subtilis* and gram negative bacteria *Salmonella typhi* and *E. coli*.

Key words: Octa-dentate Schiff base, 2-Acetyl 5-chloro thiophene and o-Phenylenediamine, VSM, Biological activity.



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1. INTRODUCTION

In view of broad applications of Schiff bases and their metal complexes the research work in the field of coordination chemistry is improved, but still there is a lot of challenging work has been carried out on Schiff base metal complexes along with their different

industrial and chemotherapeutic studies. Schiff base complexes are considered to be among the most important stereo chemical models in main group and transition metal coordination chemistry due to their preparative accessibility and structural variety.¹ However the incorporation of transition metal ions into these compounds have enormous wide applications in the field of the food industry, dye industry, analytical chemistry, catalysis, fungicidal, agrochemical along with biological activities and decrease in the cytotoxicity of both metal ion and Schiff base.²⁻³

The Schiff base ligands also serve as a cation carrier in potentiometric sensors as they have shown excellent selectivity, sensitivity and stability towards specific metal ions such as Cu(II), Co(II), Ni(II) and Hg(II)⁴. In general ortho-substituted with a hydroxyl group have primarily arouse the researchers' interest, 2-Acetyl 5-chloro thiophene and its Schiff base have shown significant attention with regard to their chelating ability with the transition metal ions⁵. On the other hand Schiff bases derived from o-phenylenediamine and its transition complexes also possess variety of applications including biological, clinical and analytical. In addition to that they have been reported to exhibit photo-luminescence and catalytic activity.⁶⁻⁷

The o-phenylenediamine acts as a key intermediate used in the production of fungicides, corrosion inhibitors, various pigments, pharmaceuticals compounds. Furthermore it was also used to remove sulfur from ores and coloration by aldehydes in polymeric products.⁸

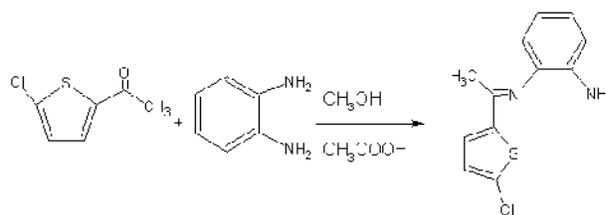
2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

The entire chemical used was of analytical grade. The solvents were dried and distilled before use according to standard procedures. Melting points were determined in a Electro thermal 9200. ¹H NMR spectra in CDCl₃ and DMSO were recorded on NMR spectrophotometer.

The IR spectra (nujol/KBr) were recorded in the range 400-4000 cm⁻¹ by KBr pellet using Perkin-Elmer 457 spectrophotometer. Conductance was measured in DMF at room temperature using a Digital conductivity bridge. The UV-Visible spectra in CH₃OH were recorded on a shimadzu UV 1800 spectrophotometer. The metal contents were determined gravimetrically.

2.1 Preparation of ACTPD

The reaction mixture containing 2-acetyl-5-chlorothiophene, (2g, 0.01229 mol in 20ml of methanol) phenylenediamine (1.32g, 0.01229 mol in 20ml of methanol dissolved in hot condition) was taken in 250-ml round bottom flask and refluxed for 8h. On cooling the reaction mixture, dark yellow coloured product was formed. It was collected by filtration and washed with hot water and 50 % cold methanol. This compound was recrystallised from methanol and dried in vacuo, yield 2.8. g ; m.p. 37°C.



Scheme 1: Synthetic route for the preparation of ligand-ACTPD

2.2 Synthesis of metal complexes

To a methanolic solution of the Schiff base, equal moles of metal salts dissolved in the methanol was added followed by 1 ml of 1M NaOAc was added. This reaction mixture was stirred constantly with magnetic stirrer for 20 minutes. Coloured products were formed after allowing to stand for one hour. The solids were collected and washed with n-Hexane and dried.

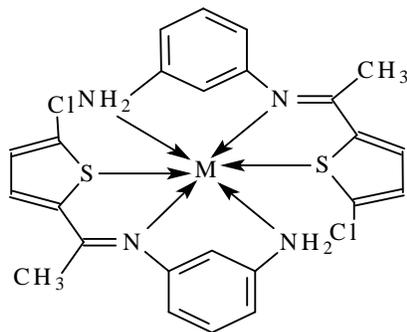


Fig 1: Proposed Structure of Ligand –Metal complexes
 $M = \text{Cu}^{2+}, \text{Co}^{2+}, \text{Ni}^{2+}, \text{Mn}^{2+}$

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The analytical data for all the complexes are given in Table- 1. The molar conductivity data of the complexes are consistent with the non-electrolytic nature^{9,10} of the complexes. The ligand and complexes were characterized by elemental analysis to determine percentage of C, N, S and H. The observed and calculated percentages of the elements are in good agreement and support one ligand to a metal ion. The number of coordinated ligands to metal determined by Job's continuous method and Mole ratio method established 1: 2 metal to ligand ratio.

3.1 Characterisation of ACTPD

The reagents have been characterized by IR and ¹H-NMR spectral data. Infrared spectrum of ACTPD shows bands at [3432(s) 3386(S), 3286(m),3176(m),2979(m);1630(m); 1591(s),1435(s);1362(s); 1248(m) 1174(m), 1297(m); 871(), 730(); cm⁻¹ respectively corresponding to NH-symmetric, NH-asymmetric, (C-H) aromatic stretch, (C=S) stretching, C=N symmetric, (C-C) aromatic ring, (C-H) of Thiophene ring, (ACTPD) and (C-H)-oop bend (aromatic) and (C-C)-oop bend aromatic ring vibrations. ¹H-NMR spectra of ACTPD (CDCl₃ + DMSO-d₆) showed signals at 2.54 (3H,S) due to -CH₃, 3.4,(2H,s); 6.6(2H),7.7 (4H,m); due to aromatic ring, 7.4 (2H,s) due to NH₂, C₄H₂S (Thiophene).

The infrared spectra of ACTPD show bands at 1697 cm⁻¹ for C=N; 722 for C-S; 743 for C-CO; indicating the Schiff base formation. The lowering of

C=N of azomethine group to the extent of 30-50 cm⁻¹ in all the complexes suggests the participation¹¹⁻¹³ of azomethine nitrogen in complexation. On coordination, this band is shifted to lower frequency suggests that the ligand is coordinated to metal ion via azomethine nitrogen in all complexes. This change in shift is due to the drift of the lone pair density of azomethine nitrogen towards metal atom¹⁴. In the far IR spectral region, additional medium to strong bands at 405-420 and 325-355 cm⁻¹ are assigned to M-N and M-S modes^{15, 16} respectively.

The magnetic moment value of Cu-ACTPD was 2.11 BM indicates one electron paramagnetism. This value is higher than the spin-only value of 1.73 BM for one unpaired electron. The higher value of the magnetic moment indicates that complexes are monomeric in nature and there is no metal-metal interaction along the axial position in the complex and have distorted octahedral environment¹⁷⁻¹⁹. The magnetic moment of Co-ACTPD was found to lie in 2.24 BM which is typically observed for low spin d⁷ system of the present type suggest its tetrahedral geometry. Monomeric cobalt complexes have lower magnetic moment values than would be expected for pure tetrahedral complexes suggesting flattening towards planar arrangement.²⁰⁻²⁴

The magnetic moments of Pb (II) complex was observed at 2.63 BM. This value is in the range reported earlier for octahedral complexes²⁵ but slightly higher than the spin only value of 2.63 BM probably due to slight distortion from the pure octahedral to D_{4h} symmetry.²⁶

3.2 Antibacterial activity results of the ligands and complexes

The antibacterial activity of bidentated aromatic Schiff base ligands and their metal (II) complexes were tested

against microorganism. The microorganisms used in the present investigations include bacteria: *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Salmonella typhi* and *E. coli*. Minimum Inhibitory Concentrations (MICs) method was used to determine the antibacterial activity of the synthesized compounds. The diffusion method is simple and routinely used in hospital laboratories; it requires commercial disks, the medium used is Mueller-Hinton agar with 2% of glucose and the diameter of inhibition zone is visually read at 24 hr after incubation at 37°C. The antibacterial activity was estimated on the basis of the size of the inhibition zone formed around the paper disks on the seeded agar plates. Streptomycin was used as a standard. The results are presented in Table 5.

Percent inhibition values are relative to the inhibition zone (22 mm) of the most active compound with 100% inhibition. The Schiff base and the complexes exhibited varying degrees of inhibitory effects on the growth of the tested bacteria species. The values reveal that the Schiff base becomes more effective when coordinated to the metal ions. The biological activity of the complexes follows the order: Co (II) > Ni (II) > Cu (II) > Hg (II). Furthermore, the data show that *E. coli* was inhibited to a greater degree by the Co (II) and Cu (II) complexes. In conclusion, the complexes prepared with the new Schiff base could reasonably be used for the treatment of some common diseases caused by *E. coli*. The above study shows that all the complexes have octahedral geometry.

4. CONCLUSION

Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II), and Hg(II) complexes of the Schiff base derived from 2-Acetyl 5-chloro thiophene and Phenylendiamine were prepared and characterized. The structural characterization of synthesized compound was made by using the elemental analysis, spectroscopic methods, magnetic and conductance etc. The study reveals that²⁷ complexes

are non-electrolytes²⁸. Schiff base behaves as a neutral bidentate ligand and is coordinated to the central metal ion through the azomethine N²⁹. The metal (II) complexes have octahedral geometry.³⁰ The biological activity of all the complexes is higher than that of the free Schiff base ligand and follows the order: Co (II) > Ni(II) > Cu (II) > Hg (II). This means that metal chelation significantly affects the antimicrobial behavior of the organic ligand. All the synthesized Schiff base metal complexes may prove useful as bactericidal, antifungal, anticancer, antituberculosis. The information obtained from this study will contribute significantly in the development of new drugs or else may prove a way for using combined therapy that could circumvent resistance problem and thus help in the improvement of health particularly in the poor section of the community.

Table 1: Analytical Data of ACTPD and their metal complex

Compound / complex (colour)	M.Pt.°C	Mol. Wt.	Elemental Analysis Found (calculated)					
			C %	H%	N%	Cl%	S%	M%
ACTPD(light-yellow colour)	37°	250.7	57.4	4.3	11.1	14.1	12.7	-
		-80%	-45.9	-3.5	-8.9	-11.2	-10.2	-
ACTPD -Co(Light brown colour)	215	309.6	46.5	3.5	9.04	11.4	10.3	19.02
		-75%	-37.2	-2.8	-7.2	-9.1	-8.2	-15.2
ACTPD -Cu(black colour)	210	314.2	45.8	3.4	8.9	11.2	10.2	20.2
		-76%	-36.6	-2.8	-7.1	-9	-8.1	-16.1
ACTPD -Ni (light green colour)	230	309.4	46.5	3.5	9.04	11.4	10.3	18.9
		-80%	-37.2	-2.8	-7.2	-9.1	-8.2	-15.1
ACTPD -Hg(white colour)	220	451.3	31.9	2.4	6.2	7.8	7.1	44.4
		-85%	-25.5	-1.9	-4.9	-6.2	-5.6	-35.5

Table 2: Selected IR bands (cm⁻¹) with tentative assignments

Compound	C=N	C-S	C-Cl	M-N	M-S
ACTPD	1697	722	743	-	-
Cu-ACTPD	1615	650	740	420	355

Co- ACTPD	1608	708	735	415	352
Ni- ACTPD	1610	707	745	412	340
Hg- ACTPD	1623	712	743	405	325

Table 3: Molar conductance data of metal complexes of ACTPD

ACTPD- Complex	Conductance(Ohm ⁻¹ Cm ² mol ⁻¹)
Cu- ACTPD	26
Co- ACTPD	24
Ni- ACTPD	22
Hg- ACTPD	36

Table 4: Magnetic moment data of metal complexes of ACTPD

ACTPD- Complex	Magnetic Momentum(B.M)
Cu- ACTPD	2.11
Co- ACTPD	2.23
Ni- ACTPD	3.73
Hg- ACTPD	2.11

Table 5: Antibacterial activity results of the ligands and complexes

Compound	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>Salmonella typhi</i>	<i>B. subtilis</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>
ACTPD	++	+	+	+
Cu- ACTPD	++++	++	++	++
Co- ACTPD	++++	+++	++	++
Ni- ACTPD	+++	++	++	++
Hg- ACTPD	++	++	++	++

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