Synthesis and Characterization of New Complexes of 2-(6-Methoxybenzo[d]thiazol-2-ylamino)-2-phenyl acetonitrile Ligand with Manganese (II), Cobalt (II), Nickel (II), Copper (II), Zinc (II) Cadmium (II) and Mercury (II) Divalent Transition Metal Ions

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Abstract: The synthesis and characterization of manganese (II), cobalt (II), nickel (II), copper (II), zinc (II), cadmium (II) and mercury (II) bidentate 2-(6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazol-2-ylamino)-2-phenyl acetonitrile ligand which was prepared from Benz aldehyde and 6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazol-2-amine in the presence of KCN and acidic medium. The complexes were synthesized by treating an ethanolic solution of the ligand with appropriate amount of metal salts [1:2] [M: L] ratio. The complexes were characterized by using metal and elemental chemical analysis, molar conductance, magnetic susceptibility measurements, FTIR, electronic spectral and mole ratio method. According to the obtained data the probable coordination geometries of manganese (II), cobalt (II), nickel (II), copper (II) zinc (II), cadmium (II) and mercury (II) in these complexes are octahedral. All complexes were found to be non-electrolyte in absolute ethanol, and the complexes were formulated as $[ML_2Cl_2] XH_2O$.

Keywords: 2-(6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazol-2-ylamino)-2-phenyl acetonitrile, N2-donor, transition metals.

I.

Introduction

Strecker reaction [1], is the oldest known synthesis of α -amino nitriles since 1850 when Adolph strecker interacted an aldehyde, an amine and hydrogen cyanide, α -amino nitriles synthesis represents one of the simplest and most economical methods for the preparation of α -amino acids [2,3] for both laboratory and industrial scales [4]. The synthesis of Nitrogen-containing heterocyclic is important such as thienopyrimidine derivatives which have antibacterial and antifungal activities higher than the corresponding antibacterial ampicillin and antifungal nystatin [5-7]. The addition of cyanide to imines provides a direct route for the synthesis of α -amino nitriles. Some of the α -amino nitrile derivitives like 1-amino-4-phenylnaphthalene-2carbonitrile have been postulated to have high fungistatic activity even stronger than the activity of the commercial fungicide – Kaptan [8]. α -amino nitriles are useful intermediates for the synthesis of amino acids [9,10] and nitrogen-containing heterocyclic such as thienopyrimidine derivatives which have antibacterial and antifungal activities higher than the corresponding antibacterial ampicillin and antifungal nystatin [11-13]. Moreover, among many other applications, they are readily hydrolyzed to diamines, which are of interest as ligands for Platinum (II) complexes with potential antitumor properties [14, 15]. Several modifications of the Strecker reaction have been reported using a variety of cyanating agent such as α -trimethylsiloxynitriles and under various reaction conditions [16, 17]. Complexes with dinitrogen N2 ligand are of interest not only in theoretically but also from a practical point of view. They have found application as antitumor activity [18], antibacterial activity [19] and antiviral activity in agriculture field [20]. a-amino nitriles have often been used as chelating ligands through two nitrogen atoms in the field of amino coordination chemistry. This is the first study to prepare and characterize the complexes of α -amino nitrile compounds with transition metal ions to reveal a new coordination field of these compounds as ligands with metal ions.

II. Experimental

All the chemicals and solvents used for the synthesis were of reagent grade and were obtained commercially from British Drug House (BDH) with the exception of $MnCl_2.4H_2O$, $CoCl_2.6H_2O$, $NiCl2.6H_2O$, $CuCl_2.2H_2O$, $ZnCl_2 CdCl_2.2H_2O$ and $HgCl_2$ salts were obtained from Fluka Company. The prepared ligand 2-(6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazol-2-ylamino)-2-phenyl acetonitrile was synthesized and characterized according to published work. The infrared spectra of the ligand and the complexes were recorded on a Shimadzu (8300) FTIR Spectrophotometer, as CsI disk. Electronic absorption spectra were recorded in the range (190 –1100) nm on a Shimadzu (160 A) Spectrometer in freshly prepared ($10^{-3}M$) in absolute ethanol at room temperature using quartz cell (1.00) cm. Atomic Absorption technique was used to determine the metal contents of the complexes using a Shimadzu (A.A 680G) Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer. Molar conductivity was used

to measure the conductivity of the complexes at room temperature in freshly prepared $(10^{-3}M)$ in absolute ethanol using (PW9526) Digital conductivity meter. Elemental analysis for carbon, hydrogen nitrogen and sulfur elements were carried out at the Euro vecter-EA3000A C. H. N. Analyzer, Italy. Gallen Kamp apparatus was used to determine the melting points of the ligand and the prepared complexes. Also the chlorine content was determined gravimetrically [21].

2.1 Preparation method of 2-(6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazol-2-ylamino)-2-phenyl acetonitrile:

A general method [22-24] can be adopted for [L] preparation which can be described as follows: The benzaldehyde (1 mmol) was added to (20 ml) glacial acetic acid, p-toluene sulphonic acid was added in very small portion as catalyst, followed by addition of (1 mmol) 6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazol-2-amine. The pH was adjusted to about 4 by addition of concentrated sulfuric acid drop wise to obtain Schiff base which stirred for 30 min. Potassium cyanide (2 mmol) was added to the mixture and kept under stirring for 4 days. The reaction mixture was poured into ice and then made slightly alkaline with ammonium hydroxide solution. The solid precipitate which formed was filtered, washed with water and air dried. The presence of nitrile group in the prepared α -amino nitrile was indicated by treating few amount of the sample with 10% sodium hydroxide solution, the liberation of ammonia after hydrolysis of nitrile group, which was detected by wet red litmus paper, indicating the presence of nitrile group. Purity of the obtained compound was checked by TLC, using chloroform and ethyl acetate (1:1) as eluent. The product color was dark brown and the yield percentage was (89.12 %) and the melting point was (148-150 0 C). The reaction was clarified below:

2.2 Preparation method of metal complexes:

The complexes $[ML_2Cl_2] nH_2O$ have been prepared by the reaction of (0.590 gm.) (2mmole) of (L) with (1mmol) of metal chloride (0.198 gm., 0.238 gm., 0.238 gm., 0.171 gm., 0.136 gm., 0.220 gm. and 0.272 gm. for MnCl_2.4H_2O, CoCl_2.6H_2O, NiCl_2.6H_2O, CuCl_2.2H_2O, ZnCl_2, CdCl_2.2H_2O and HgCl_2, respectively) dissolved in (20 ml) absolute ethanol and refluxed with stirring under anhydrous conditions using Na₂SO₄ (anhydrous) for 24 hours. The obtained complexes were collected after evaporation of ethanol and triturated with petroleum ether (60-80 $^{\circ}$ C) then filtered and the products were left in the desiccators to be dried under P₂O₅. The general reaction was clarified below:

III. Results and Discussion

All the compounds reported in this work are presented in table (1) which illustrated physical properties, along with their molar conductivity at room temperature. Metal and elemental analysis of all compounds is represented in table (1) as well. The ligand 2-(6-methoxybenzo[d]thiazol-2-ylamino)-2-phenyl acetonitrile was prepared as reported in literature [17]. It was characterized by elemental analysis and infrared spectral data. The complexes have been prepared under anhydrous conditions to avoid any hydrolysis of nitrile group to amide due to the presence of water molecules and metal ion [25]. In addition to that when organic molecules are coordinated to metal cations in organo-metallic or coordination compounds, they become susceptible to nucleophilic attack like water molecules which cause hydrolysis of nitrile into amide [26]. These complexes were stable in the solid state and were characterized by the usual methods; FTIR, UV- Visible spectroscopy, metal and elemental analysis, molar conductivity, mole ratio, chloride content and magnetic susceptibility. On the basis of the characterization methods it's suggested that all complexes probably have octahedral structure with coordination number 6 that includes two atoms of coordinated chlorides. The conductivity values for the complexes of $(10^{-3}M)$ in absolute ethanol were recorded in the rang (8-16) indicating that the non-electrolytic nature of the complexes [27]. Mole ratio method was used to determine the ratio of metal ion to the ligand for the complexes at λ_{max} [λ_{max} =495 nm for [CoL₂Cl₂] 5H₂O and λ_{max} =486 nm for [CuL₂Cl₂] 2H₂O in alcoholic solutions.

3.1 Infrared spectroscopy:

The significant infrared bands of the ligand and its metal complexes and their assignments are given in table (4). The infrared spectral data of [L], Fig. (3) And all complexes in table (3) showed some characteristic bands related to α -amino nitriles; like 2120-2196 cm⁻¹ which could be attributed to C=N group [29]. A shift of the range 65-117 cm⁻¹ was observed for C=N stretching vibration on coordination due to the decrease of bond order as result of metal nitrogen bond formation .The next characteristic band near 1641 cm⁻¹ which could be attributed to δ (N-H) group. A red shift of the range 11-32 cm⁻¹ was observed in N-H bending frequency on complexes indicating the coordination on nitrogen to metal ion. On the other hand the spectrum of the complexes showed new bands around 599-617 cm⁻¹ due to ν_{M-N} [30, 31].The ν_{M-Cl} however could not be ascertained due to non-availability of far infrared data. The presence of these bands supported the formation of complexes under investigations. The presence of lattice water molecule in all complexes table (4) was supported by the broad band in 3500-3150 cm⁻¹ region of infrared spectrum [30] and by its metal and elemental analysis data in table (1).

3.2 Molar Conductance Data:

The molar conductance of the solid complexes (Ω^{-1} .cm².mole⁻¹) was calculated. Absolute ethanol solubility of the above complexes made calculations of the molar conductivity (λ_{max}) dm⁻³ of 10⁻³ mol dm⁻³ solution at 25 ⁰C possible. The data in Table (1) showed that the molar conductance values of the manganese (II), cobalt (II), nickel (II), copper (II), zinc (II) cadmium (II) and mercury (II) complexes were relatively low, indicating the non-electrolytic nature of these complexes.

3.3 Magnetic studies:

The Zn (II), Cd (II) and Hg (II) complexes are diamagnetic as expected for the d^{10} configuration [32]. Cu (II) complex shows a normal magnetic moment of 1.84 B.M. observed for the d^9 system with an unpaired electron [33]. The Ni (II) complex with a magnetic moment of 3.55 B.M. reveals a spin free octahedral configuration [33]. The magnetic moment of 4.60 B.M. for the Co (II) complex suggest a high spin octahedral configuration [32, 33]. The Mn (II) complex has a magnetic moment of 5.81 B.M. as expected for high spin octahedral geometry [34].

3.4 Ultra violet – visible spectroscopy:

The electronic absorption spectra are often very helpful in the evaluation of results furnished by other methods of structural investigation. The electronic spectral measurements were used to assign the stereo chemistries of the metal ions in the complexes based on the positions and number of (d-d) transition peaks. The electronic absorption spectra of the ligand and its complexes were recorded at room temperature using absolute ethanol as the solvent. The ligand showed two absorption bands in the region 45455 cm⁻¹ and 37879 cm⁻¹ corresponding to $(\pi \rightarrow^* \pi)$ and $(n \rightarrow^* \pi)$ transitions respectively. On complexion, these bands are shifted to higher wavelengths, suggesting coordination of the uncharged dinitrogen N2 of the ligand to the metal ion. The Mn (II), Zn (II) Cd (II) and Hg (II) complexes do not show any d-d transitions but display charge transfer bands at 21739, 27320, 26025 and 29850 cm⁻¹, respectively. The electronic spectrum of six coordinated Cu (II) complex displays three bands at 15120, 20565 and 24150 cm⁻¹ corresponding to the following transitions: ²B_{1g} \rightarrow ²A_{1g} (d_x²-y² \rightarrow d_z²), (v₁), ²B_{1g} \rightarrow ²B_{2g} (d_x²-y² \rightarrow d_{zy}), (v₂) ²B_{1g} \rightarrow ²E_g (d_x²-y² \rightarrow d_{zy}d_{yz}), (v₃), respectively. Therefore, the Cu (II) complex may be considered to possess a tetragonal geometry around the copper ion [35,

36]. Though three transitions are expected in this case, they are very close in energy and often appear in the form of one broad band envelope [36]. The spectrum also exhibits a band at 31154 cm⁻¹, which is assigned to a charge transfer band. The electronic spectrum of cobalt (II) complex showed two main bands are at 20200 cm⁻¹ and 16520 cm⁻¹. These two d-d bands are attributed to the ${}^{4}T_{1g}(F) \rightarrow {}^{4}T_{1g}(P) (v_3)$ and ${}^{4}T_{1g}(F) \rightarrow {}^{4}A_{2g}(F) (v_2)$ transitions, respectively, in an octahedral geometry around the Co (II) ion [31]. The $(v_1) {}^{4}T_{1g}(F) \rightarrow {}^{4}T_{2g}(F)$ transition is expected to appear at large wavelength, therefore it could not be observed, it will be calculated theoretically through the Tanabe-Sugano diagram [38]. The Co (II) complex displays a charge transfer band at 30239 cm⁻¹ [39]. The electronic spectrum of Ni (II) complex exhibits three bands in the region 25365, 17500 and 10780 cm⁻¹ which are assigned to the ${}^{3}A_{2g}(F) \rightarrow {}^{3}T_{1g}(P) (v_3)$, ${}^{3}A_{2g}(F) \rightarrow {}^{3}T_{1g}(F) (v_2)$ and ${}^{3}A_{2g}(F) \rightarrow {}^{3}T_{2g}(F) (v_1)$ transitions, respectively, indicating an octahedral geometry around the Ni (II) ion [26]. The spectrum of Ni (II) complex also exhibits a charge transfer band at 28950 cm⁻¹. The octahedral geometry of Co (II) and Ni (II) complexes is further supported by the value of the v_2 / v_1 ratio, which are 1.85 and 1.62, respectively [32]. Various ligand field parameters table (5), such as the Racah inter-electronic repulsion parameter (B'), ligand filed splitting energy (10Dq), covalency factor (β) and ligand field stabilization energy (*LFSE*) have been calculated for Co (II) and Ni (II) complexes [32,40].

In case of the Co (II) complex, the Racah inter-electronic repulsion parameter (B') is given by the following equation [32]:

 $B' = 1/510 \{7 (v_3 - 2 v_2) + 3 [81 v_3^2 - 16 v_2 (v_2 - v_3)]^{1/2} \}$

In case of the Ni (II) complex, (B') is given by the following equation [32]:

 $B' = v2_+ v_3 - 3 v_1/15$

The ligand field splitting energy (10Dq) is calculated as follows:

For the Co (II) complex,

 $10Dq = 1/3 (v_2 - v_3) + 15B'$

For the Ni (II) complex, $10Dq = v_1$

The covalence factor (β) is obtained in the following manner:

 $\beta = B'/B$ (*B* is the free ion value)

The ligand field stabilization energy (LFSE) is expressed by the equation:

LFSE = 12Dq

The (*B'*) values for the complexes are lower than that of the free ion, which is an indication of orbital overlap and delocalization of the d-orbitals. The obtained (β) values are less than unity, suggesting the metal–ligand bonds have a considerable amount of covalent character. The (β) value for the Ni (II) complex is less than that for the Co (II) complex, indicating the greater covalent nature of the former.

Formula M.wt. (gm./mole)	Elemental Analysis Calculated (Found)					Color	M.P. °C (Dec.)	Yield %	$\Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^2$ mol ⁻¹	Magnetic moment BM	
	C%	H%	N%	S%	M%	Cl%	1				Dim
L	65.08	4.41	14.24	10.85			Dark	148-	87.65		
295	(64.87)	(4.35)	(14.13)	(10.67)			brown	150			
[MnL ₂ Cl ₂]3H ₂ O	49.87	4.16	10.91	8.31	7.14	9.22	brown	182-	78.32	11.52	5.81
769.94	(49.33)	(3.98)	(10.73)	(8.20)	(7.05)	(9.12)		184			
[CoL ₂ Cl ₂]5H ₂ O	47.41	4.44	10.37	7.90	7.28	8.77	Dark	168-	71.89	16.12	4.60
809.93	(47.12)	(4.40)	(10.26)	(7.82)	(7.17)	(8.65)	green	170			
[NiL ₂ Cl ₂]2H ₂ O	50.81	3.97	11.16	8.47	7.77	9.40	Green	205-	82.68	10.05	3.55
755.71	(50.69)	(3.91)	(11.09)	(8.33)	(7.65)	(9.29)	yellow	208			
[CuL ₂ Cl ₂]4H ₂ O	48.21	4.27	10.55	8.03	7.98	8.91	Light	167-	80.33	14.33	1.84
796.55	(47.98)	(4.22)	(10.46)	(7.98)	(7.91)	(8.85)	brown	170			
S[ZnL ₂ Cl ₂]H ₂ O	51.59	3.76	11.28	8.60	8.78	9.54	Pale	193-	85.25	9.87	Dia
744.38	(51.46)	(3.72)	(11.21)	(8.54)	(8.69)	(9.43)	yellow	195			
[CdL ₂ Cl ₂]2H ₂ O	47.44	3.71	10.38	7.91	13.89	8.77	Light	173-	81.78	8.24	Dia
809.41	(47.29)	(3.66)	(10.68)	(7.82)	(13.80)	(8.68)	green	175			
[HgL ₂ Cl ₂]H ₂ O	43.66	3.18	9.55	7.28	22.81	7.91	Dark	225-	73.58	10.55	Dia
879.60							brown	228			

Table (1) Analytical data and Physical properties of [L] and its metal complexes with their conductivity values

Table (4) The characteristic bands of FTIR spectra of the ligand and its metal complexes in (cm⁻¹)

Compound	<i>v</i> O-H cm ⁻¹ Lattice water	vN-H cm ⁻	vC-H cm ⁻¹ Aromatic	υO-CH ₃ cm ⁻¹	υC≡N Nitrile	δN-H cm ⁻¹	υM-N cm ⁻¹
L		3292	3093	1178	2120	1641	
[MnL ₂ Cl ₂]5H ₂ O	3385	3136	3005	1180	2160	1620	617

$[CoL_2Cl_2]5H_2O$	3425	3130	3030	1171	2168	1611	605
[NiL ₂ Cl ₂]H ₂ O	3400	3117	3017	1178	2172	1618	599
[CuL ₂ Cl ₂]2H ₂ O	3357	3118	3018	1176	2145	1622	608
[ZnL ₂ Cl ₂]H ₂ O	3422	3132	3032	1175	2196	1630	611
[CdL ₂ Cl ₂]2H ₂ O	3375	3111	3011	1180	2136	1615	608
[HgL ₂ Cl ₂]H ₂ O	3410	3122	3023	1172	2148	1609	612

Table (5) Electronic spectra in absolute ethanol for the (L) and its metal complexes

Compound	λ nm	$U \text{ cm}^{-1}$	Transition	B ⁻ cm ⁻	Dq/B	β	15B ⁻ cm ⁻¹	Suggested structure
L	220	45455	$\pi \rightarrow^* \pi$					
	264	37879	$n \rightarrow \pi$					
[MnL ₂ Cl ₂]	228	43860	Ligand Field					
5H ₂ O	274	36496	Ligand Field					
	460	21739	C.T					O.h
[CoL ₂ Cl ₂] 5H ₂ O	255	39216	Ligand Field					
	288	34722	Ligand Field					
	410	24390	C.T					
		8930*	${}^{4}T_{1g}(F) \rightarrow {}^{4}T_{2g}(F)$	662	0.944	0.682	9930	O.h
	605	16520	${}^{4}T_{1g}(F) \rightarrow {}^{4}A_{2g}(F)$					
	495	20200	$^{4}T_{1g}(F) \rightarrow ^{4}T_{1g}(P)$					
	250	40000						
[NiL ₂ Cl ₂]	250	40000	Ligand Field					
H_2O	277	36101	Ligand Field					
	345 928	28950 10780*	C.T	702	1.536	0.682	10530	O.h
	928 571	17500	$^{3}A_{2g}(F) \rightarrow ^{3}T_{2g}(F)$	702	1.330	0.082	10550	0.11
	394	25365	$^{3}A_{2g}(F) \rightarrow ^{3}T_{1g}(F)$					
	394		$^{3}A_{2g}(F) \rightarrow ^{3}T_{1g}(P)$					
[CuL ₂ Cl ₂] 2H ₂ O	247	40486	Ligand Field					
	272	36765	Ligand Field					
	391	25533	C.T					
	661	15120	${}^{2}B_{1g} \square \square \square \square_{g}$					O.h
	486	20565	$^{2}B_{1g} \rightarrow ^{2}B_{2g}$					
	414	24150	$^{2}B_{1g} \rightarrow ^{2}E_{g}$					
[ZnL ₂ Cl ₂]	245	40816	Ligand Field					
H ₂ O	281	35587	Ligand Field					O.h
	366	27320	C.T					
[CdL ₂ Cl ₂] 2H ₂ O	238	42017	Ligand Field					
	270	37037	Ligand Field					O.h
	380	26315	C.T					
[HgL ₂ Cl ₂]	241	41494	Ligand Field					
H_2O	275	36364	Ligand Field					O.h
	335	29850	C.T					

*Calculated value

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