

**A NEW METHOD OF SYNTHESIS OF THE LIGAND 2- AMINO -4- (P- DIHYDROXY PHENYL) THIAZOLE AND CHARACTERIZATION OF ITS NICKEL (II), COBALT (II) AND COPPER (II) COMPLEXES**

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**ABSTRACT**

The ligand complexes of Ni(II), Co(II) and Cu(II) with 2 - amino -4- (p- dihydroxy phenyl) thiazole have been synthesized and characterized with the help of their elemental analysis, IR, electronic and magnetic susceptibility studies. From the analytical and spectral data the stoichiometry of these complexes have been found to be of the type  $ML_2X_2$  (where M = Cu (II), Co (II) and Ni (II)). It is found that Ni(II), Cu(II) and Co(II) complexes exhibit octahedral geometry. The fungicidal activities of ligands and metal complexes were screened by growth method against various fungi i.e. Drechslera setramera, Fusarium oxysporum, Macrophomera phaseoli at different concentrations. It is found that the activity decreases with decrease of concentration and the metal complexes are less toxic than the parent ligand.

**Key Words:** Thiazole Complexes, Heterocyclic Compounds, Toxicity, Fungicidal activity, Pharmacological Compounds.

**INTRODUCTION**

A wide variety of heterocyclic compounds have been explored for developing and designing pharmacologically important compounds, which can be preferred as therapeutic agents. These compounds display diverse pharmacological properties like anti-fungal, anti-viral, anti-bacterial, anti-tubercular etc. Prompted by such reports and in continuation of our work on heterocyclic compounds we report the synthesis and characterization of Cu(II), Co(II) and Ni(II) complexes with 2-amino-4-(p-dihydroxy phenyl) thiazole ligand. Heterocyclic compounds are cyclic compound containing a hetero atom in the ring. The common hetero atoms are oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur. Thiazole derivatives have attracted the interest because in addition to nitrogen atom, it has also sulphur atom which acts as donor site. The Schiff's base derived metal complexes were synthesized from divalent transition metals<sup>1</sup>. Schiff's base derived complexes of derivatives of DHA were also studied by many workers<sup>2</sup>. Several transition metal complexes of the ligand 2-amino-4-(p-hydroxy phenyl) thiazole were synthesized and screened for their fungicidal activities.<sup>3</sup> Similar experiments on fungicidal and antimicrobial activities of Cu (II), Co (II) and Ni (II) Complexes with O, N, and S donor, their EPR and electronic spectral studies were also conducted by many workers<sup>4-8</sup>. Schiff's base derived complexes of derivatives of DHA, their spectra and synthesis under microwave irradiation were also studied by many workers<sup>9-10</sup>. The present paper deals with the preparation and characterization of Cu(II), Co(II) and Ni(II) complexes with 2-amino-4-(p-dihydroxy phenyl) thiazole. Metal complexes play an important role in biological activity. In many cases metal complexes are more potent than free ligands. The newly prepared complexes were also screened for their antifungal activity against different fungi at different concentrations<sup>11</sup>.

**EXPERIMENTAL**

**Materials and methods:**

All the chemicals and reagents used were of analytical grade; otherwise they were purified before use. Organic solvent used was absolute alcohol. IR spectra of the ligand and complexes are recorded in nujol mull. The fungicidal activity of ligands as well as complexes was determined by using the Growth method. The electronic spectra were recorded in MgO at room temperature on VSU-22 spectrophotometer. The measurements were carried out Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. Metal and oxygen contents of these complexes were estimated using the standard procedures reported in literature<sup>12-13</sup>. The estimation of carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen were carried out at BHU, Varanasi and

CDRI, Lucknow and results are given in Table 1. Magnetic measurements were carried out at IIT Roorkee at room temperature using Co [Hg (CNS)<sub>4</sub>] as a calibrant.

**Table 1**  
**Elemental Analysis Data**

Complexes	%Calc./ Obs.					
	C	H	N	S	O	M
C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	51.92	3.84	13.46	15.37	15.38	-----
	51.80	3.79	13.41	15.31	15.33	
[Cu(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	39.20	2.87	10.10	11.58	11.55	11.51
	39.11	2.82	10.05	11.51	11.49	11.44
[Ni(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	39.51	2.88	10.24	11.69	11.66	10.79
	39.46	2.81	10.21	11.63	11.60	10.73
[Co(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	39.49	2.89	10.22	11.70	11.68	10.77
	39.43	2.83	10.17	11.64	11.61	10.74
[Cu(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	44.16	3.66	9.35	10.69	21.40	10.59
	44.10	3.62	9.29	10.64	21.36	10.55
[Ni(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	44.50	3.68	9.41	10.75	21.57	9.91
	49.48	3.62	9.36	10.70	21.51	9.88
[Co(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	44.48	3.66	9.42	10.77	21.54	9.93
	49.43	3.61	9.40	10.75	21.51	9.91
[Cu(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ]	33.78	2.48	8.77	10.08	10.06	9.31
	33.72	2.41	8.72	10.04	10.01	9.28
[Ni(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ]	34.00	2.50	8.80	10.05	10.08	9.29
	39.92	2.46	8.75	10.01	10.00	9.25
[Co(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ]	34.06	2.47	8.82	10.02	10.04	9.34
	34.02	2.39	8.79	9.97	10.01	9.30

The ligand 2-amino-4-(p-dihydroxy phenyl) thiazole was prepared using the procedure reported in the literature<sup>14</sup>.

**Table 2**

Characteristic IR bands of ligands and complexes

Complexes	IR Bands (cm <sup>-1</sup> )					
	$\nu$ N-H	$\nu$ C-S	$\nu$ C-H	$\nu$ C=C	$\nu$ C=N	$\nu$ M-S
C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	3425-3265	685-675	3100-3060	1630-1570	1636-1590	--
[Cu(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	3268-3152	655-649	3110-3080	1628-1572	1633-1595	256-230
[Ni(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	3271-3149	657-651	3105-3075	1627-1571	1640-1599	270-250
[Co(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	3273-3145	660-652	3108-3088	1621-1568	1637-1601	264-255
[Cu(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	3274-3155	656-650	3107-3082	1632-1580	1628-1596	255-232
[Ni(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	3273-3153	659-654	3108-3082	1626-1577	1636-1596	272-251
[Co(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	3271-3149	661-655	3104-3094	1624-1571	1625-1594	266-257
[Cu(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ]	3270-3151	651-649	3105-3075	1634-1582	1630-1599	253-231
[Ni(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ]	3269-318	655-652	3109-3067	1629-1574	1638-1600	270-249
[Co(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S) <sub>2</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ]	3273-3155	658-650	3106-3070	1627-1569	1629-1598	264-252

A shift in the  $\nu$ C-S and  $\nu$ N-H band frequencies is observed in all the complexes. This shows that the lone pair of electron presents on the sulphur atom of thiazole ring and nitrogen atom of free amino group is taking part in co-ordination (Table 2).

**Table 3**  
**(a) Electronic reflectance spectral data and their assignments of Ni(II) complex**

Complexes	$\nu_1$	$\nu_2$	$\nu_3$	Dq	B	$\nu_2/\nu_1$	$\nu_3(\text{Calc.})$
$[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S})_2\text{Cl}_2]$	9988	16518	26500	999	1031	1.65	30146
$[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-)_2]$	10015	16514	26520	1002	1007	1.64	25997
$[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S})_2\text{Br}_2]$	9997	16510	26534	1000	1019	1.65	26189

$$\nu_1 = {}^3\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow {}^3\text{T}_{2g}(\text{F}), \nu_2 = {}^3\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow {}^3\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F}) \text{ and } \nu_3 = {}^3\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow {}^3\text{T}_{1g}(\text{P}).$$

**(b) Electronic reflectance spectral data and their assignments of Co(II) complex**

Complexes	$\nu_1$	$\nu_2$	$\nu_3$	Dq	B	$\nu_2/\nu_1$	$\nu_2(\text{Calc.})$
$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S})_2\text{Cl}_2]$	9120	15245	18080	1010.6	663	1.67	19226
$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-)_2]$	9098	15234	18070	1010.1	665	1.67	19199
$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S})_2\text{Br}_2]$	9110	15340	18085	1010.9	664.0	1.68	19219

$$\nu_1 = {}^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow {}^4\text{T}_{2g}(\text{F}), \nu_2 = {}^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow {}^4\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F}) \text{ and } \nu_3 = {}^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow {}^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{P}).$$

**(c) Electronic reflectance spectral data and their assignments of Cu(II) complex**

Complexes	$\nu_1$	$\nu_2$	$\nu_3$	Dq	B	$\nu_2/\nu_1$	$\nu_2(\text{Calc.})$
$[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S})_2\text{Cl}_2]$	15100	--	--	1510	--	--	--
$[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2]$	15084	--	--	1508	--	--	--
$[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S})_2\text{Br}_2]$	15092	--	--	1509	--	--	--

$$\nu_1 = {}^2\text{E}_g \rightarrow {}^2\text{T}_{2g}.$$

CZ-record UV-Viz. spectrometer provided with an automatic recorder was used to record the electronic spectra of the complexes in ethanol at room temperature (Table 3).

#### Preparation of metal complexes

In general all these complexes were synthesized by refluxing the respective metal salts with ligand 2-amino-4-(p-dihydroxy phenyl) thiazole in 1:2 molar ratio in ethanolic medium on water bath for one hour. The solution was concentrated to half of its volume then it was kept for some time. The crystals of complexes separated out which were filtered, washed with alcohol and dried in vacuum. Similarly some complexes of thiazole were also synthesized by many workers<sup>15-22</sup>.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Adducts of all the complexes were prepared by refluxing the respective metal salts with ligands in 1:2 molar ratio in ethanolic medium. The crystals of complexes separated out which were filtered, washed with alcohol and dried in vacuum.

**IR Studies:** The  $\nu$  (C=N) band frequencies in the free ligand are completely unaffected on complexation. The unchanged position of the band indicates that the ring nitrogen does not take any part in the coordination. The band observed at  $650\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the free ligand assigned to asymmetric  $\nu$  (C-S) is shifted to lower frequency after complexation. But the symmetric  $\nu$  (C-S) frequency obtained at  $685\text{--}675\text{ cm}^{-1}$  completely disappears or intensity of this band is reduced after complexation. These facts confirm that the ring sulphur is taking part in complex formation. The  $\nu$ (N-H) asymmetric and symmetric stretching frequencies appearing in the region  $3425$  and  $3265\text{ cm}^{-1}$  respectively, also decreases in the complex. This shows that the lone pair of electron available on nitrogen atom took part in coordination. From the above observation it is clear that the nitrogen of the  $\text{-NH}_2$  group and ring sulphur take part in coordination.

**Electronic Reflectance Spectral Studies:** The observed electronic reflectance spectra of Ni (II) complexes are similar to those reported in the adducts of Ni complexes. The bands around  $10015\text{--}9988\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $16518\text{--}16519\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $26534\text{--}26500\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are assigned to the  ${}^3A_{2g}(F) \rightarrow {}^3T_{2g}(F) (\nu_1)$ ,  ${}^3A_{2g}(F) \rightarrow {}^3T_{1g}(F) (\nu_2)$  and  ${}^3A_{2g}(F) \rightarrow {}^3T_{1g}(P) (\nu_3)$  transitions respectively (Table 3a). The ratio  $\nu_2/\nu_1$  which lies around 1.8 for perfectly octahedral Ni(II) complexes is found to lie at 1.65. The ratio was expected to lie still lower because of the large value of  $Dq$  but this is not so because the environment is tetragonal which splits the two  $T_{2g}(F)$  and  $T_{1g}(F)$  terms into  $E + B_2$  and  $A_2 + E$  terms. The repulsion between the two E terms is expected to raise the value of  $\nu_2/\nu_1$ . The value is however raised only to a small extent suggesting that the splitting is weak and that the environment is quite close to an octahedral one<sup>23</sup>

The electronic reflectance spectra observed for Co (II) complexes are similar to spectra of those complexes in which Co (II) ion has been reported to be in an octahedral environment. Various band positions, their assignments and some of the evaluated parameters are given in table 3b. Observed bands around  $9120\text{--}9098\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $15245\text{--}15234\text{ cm}^{-1}$  have been assigned to  ${}^4T_{1g}(F) \rightarrow {}^4T_{2g}(F) (\nu_1)$  and  ${}^4T_{1g}(F) \rightarrow {}^4A_{2g}(F) (\nu_2)$  transitions respectively. The band due to the third transition  ${}^4T_{1g}(F) \rightarrow {}^4T_{1g}(P) (\nu_3)$  is partially hidden under the strong band due to  $\pi\text{-}\pi^*$  transition. The theoretically calculated value of  $\nu_2$  lie higher than the values assigned from the spectra. The ratio  $\nu_2/\nu_1$  which lies around 1.8 for perfectly octahedral Co(II) complexes is found to lie at 1.67.

The magnetic moment values of Cu (II) complexes are in the range of 1.81-2.09 B.M. These values supported the distorted octahedral and square planar configuration respectively. The electronic spectra of  $15092\text{--}15100\text{ cm}^{-1}$  assignable to  ${}^2E_g \rightarrow {}^2T_{2g} (\nu_1)$  transition supporting octahedral configuration.

The fungicidal activities of the ligand as well as of metal complexes were screened against different fungi at different concentrations 100, 50 and 20 ppm in Czapek's dox agar medium. It has been observed that the fungitoxicity of the metal complexes are lesser than the free ligand. This might be due to the fact that the group which is responsible for toxicity is not free in complexes due to coordination however it is free in ligand. The ligand as well as the metal complexes is most toxic at higher concentration i.e. the fungicidal activity decreases with the decrease of concentration.

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