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Investigation on Transition Metal Complexes with Sulphur and Nitrogen Containing Ligand Derived from Diethylamine

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A new series of diethylaminedithiocarbamates of transition metals has been prepared. These metal-complexes were characterized through analytical data, molar conductance and FT-IR spectral data. The most of metal-complexes were coloured. The analytical data proved the compositions ML_2 for dithiocarbamates of Mn^{2+} , Co^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Zn^{2+} and $M'L_3$ for those of Cr^{3+} and Fe^{3+} . All the metal-complexes were found to be non-ionic in nature. The FT-IR spectral data revealed the symmetrical coordination by the ligand in all the complexes.

Key Words: Transition metal complexes, Dithiocarbamates.

During past, great interest has been invoked in the study of dithiocarbamate complexes of transition metals due to their applications¹⁻⁵ as fungicides, pesticides, vulcanization accelerators, motor fuels, floatation agents, high pressure lubricants as well as their dual nature of coordination behaviour⁶ to form symmetrical or asymmetrical compounds. The dialkyldithiocarbamates form complexes with a variety of transition metal which offers the scope for introducing different metals into supramolecular array. The optical and electrochemical properties of dithiocarbamate complexes can be used to construct sensors for guest molecules^{7.8}.

In extension of our work⁹⁻¹² on dithiocarbamates of transition metal ions, this communication presents the preparation and characterization of 3d transition metal dithiocarbamates derived from diethylamine. One of the most remarkable observations of this investigation was that this ligand formed four membered chelate rings during complexation with metal in all these dithiocarbamates.

Diethylamine, carbon disulphide, sodium hydroxide and salts of 3d transition metals (all E. Merck) were used as received. Solvents (all BDH) were purified by standard methods¹³ before use.

Elemental analyses of the complexes for carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen were performed at semimicro scale by the Regional Sophisticated Instrumentation Centre (RSIC), Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow, India. Sulphur was estimated gravimetrically by known procedure¹⁴.

Infrared spectra in the region 4000-200 cm⁻¹ were recorded in Nujol mull on Perkin-Elmer Model 1620 FT-IR spectrophotometer by Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India. Conductometric measurements were done on Systronics 321 conductivity bridge.

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In this work, since the sodium salts of dithiocarbamates were readily synthesized, the replacement reaction method was adopted for the synthesis. This method involves the replacement reaction of sodium salt of dithiocarbamate with the metal salt.

$n(RHNCS_2)Na + MX_n \rightarrow M(RHNCS_2)_n + nNaX$

The sodium salts of dithiocarbamates were prepared by taking diethylamine, sodium hydroxide and carbon disulphide in 1:1:1 molar ratios, respectively. Sodium hydroxide (0.1 mol) was dissolved in 50 mL distilled water and into it 0.1 mol of diethylamine was added carefully with constant stirring. Then at 12-16 °C, 0.1 mol of carbon disulphide was added drop by drop. The stirring was continued at room temperature for about 45 min. On completion of the reaction, solid sodium diethylaminedithiocarbamate was obtained. The separated solid salt was filtered off and washed with toluene and dried at 80 °C. These salts were soluble in water. In appropriate molar ratio (1:2), the 0.01 M solutions of metal salts of the type MCl₂ were added to 0.02 M aqueous solution of sodium diethylaminedithiocarbamate in distilled water at a temperature of 15-20 °C. In 1:3 molar ratio 0.01 M solutions of the metal salts of the type M'Cl₃ were added to 0.03 M aqueous solution of sodium diethylaminedithiocarbamate. The stirring was continued for 3 h at 20 °C and then the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C. The precipitated solid substance was filtered, washed with ice water and dried in the air.

Dithiocarbamates derived from diethylamine and their complexes with bi- and trivalent transition metals of first series have been prepared. This method yielded compounds of high purity, which was supported by their elemental analysis. The colourless to colourful compounds were air and moisture stable at room temperature. All the metal-complexes are soluble in water, ethanol, benzene and DMF. Important

| Compounds | Yield | m.p. | Colour | $\Lambda_{\rm m}$ | | Foun | d (calcu | lated) % | |
|------------------|-------|------|--------|-----------------------------------|---------|--------|----------|----------|---------|
| (m.w.) | (%) | (°C) | Coloui | $S \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ | С | Н | Ν | S | М |
| $Na(Et_2 dtc)$ | 68 | 185 | Light | - | 35.20 | 5.90 | 8.24 | 37.34 | _ |
| (171) | | | orange | | (35.09) | (5.85) | (8.18) | (37.43) | - |
| $Cr(Et_2 dtc)_3$ | 69 | 166 | Blue- | 10.2 | 36.53 | 6.09 | 8.35 | 38.64 | 10.39 |
| (495.99) | | | green | | (36.29) | (6.05) | (8.47) | (38.71) | (10.48) |
| $Mn(Et_2 dtc)_2$ | 70 | 170 | Yellow | 7.0 | 34.11 | 5.65 | 7.93 | 36.41 | 15.90 |
| (350.94) | | | | | (34.19) | (5.70) | (7.98) | (36.47) | (15.66) |
| $Fe(Et_2 dtc)_3$ | 75 | 165 | Dark | 2.1 | 36.17 | 5.95 | 8.43 | 38.33 | 11.12 |
| (499.85) | | | yellow | | (36.01) | (6.00) | (8.40) | (38.41) | (11.18) |
| $Co(Et_2 dtc)_2$ | 74 | 156 | Brown | 6.9 | 33.70 | 5.65 | 7.85 | 36.25 | 16.55 |
| (354.93) | | | | | (33.81) | (5.63) | (7.89) | (36.09) | (16.58) |
| $Ni(Et_2 dtc)_2$ | 73 | 150 | Dark | 2.4 | 33.69 | 5.66 | 7.92 | 36.24 | 16.49 |
| (354.71) | | | green | | (33.83) | (5.63) | (7.89) | (36.09) | (16.56) |
| $Cu(Et_2 dtc)_2$ | 75 | 159 | Light | 3.7 | 33.45 | 5.60 | 7.82 | 35.56 | 17.57 |
| (359.55) | | | brown | | (33.38) | (5.56) | (7.79) | (35.60) | (17.67) |
| $Zn(Et_2 dtc)_2$ | 74 | 160 | Colour | 2.5 | 33.12 | 5.48 | 7.78 | 35.35 | 18.27 |
| (361.37) | | | -less | | (33.21) | (5.53) | (7.75) | (35.42) | (18.09) |

TABLE-1 ANALYTICAL DATA AND OTHER PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF DIETHYLAMINEDITHIOCARBAMATE COMPLEXES

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analytical results of the prepared complexes along with their other properties are given in the Table-1. The low molar conductance values of 10⁻³ M solutions of these complexes in DMF at room temperature lying in the range 2.1 to 10.2 S cm² mol⁻¹ confirmed the non-ionic behaviour of all the complexes¹⁵. The monodentate or bidentate nature of dithiocarbamato group in the ligand is reflected¹⁶ in the ν (C-S) stretching frequency. In the case of bidentate behaviour, a single strong band appears in the region 1050-950 cm⁻¹, while a doublet is expected in the region around 1000 cm^{-1} for the monodentate one (Table-2).

TABLE-2 IR SPECTRAL BAND (cm⁻¹) OF DIETHYLAMINE DITHIOCARBAMATE METAL COMPLEXES

| Complexes | v(C-N) | v(C-S) | v(M-S) | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|--|--|--|
| Na(Et ₂ dtc) | 1480 | 990 | _ | | | |
| $Cr(Et_2dtc)_3$ | 1507 | 990 | 361 | | | |
| $Mn(Et_2dtc)_2$ | 1509 | 991 | 375 | | | |
| $Fe(Et_2dtc)_3$ | 1505 | 991 | 379 | | | |
| $Co(Et_2dtc)_2$ | 1520 | 992 | 365 | | | |
| $Ni(Et_2dtc)_2$ | 1522 | 993 | 387 | | | |
| Cu(Et ₂ dtc) ₂ | 1508 | 995 | 356 | | | |
| $Zn(Et_2dtc)_2$ | 1505 | 995 | 380, 400 | | | |

Thus the infrared spectral results of all these complexes provided the direct information about the presence of dithiocarbamate ligand and its symmetrical chelation to the metal ions through both the sulphur atoms *i.e.*, the bidentate behaviour. It is concluded that in ML₂ types of complexes, the metal (M) was tetracoordinated while in M'L₃, it was hexacoordinated by ligands (L) in symmetrical fashion.

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