

## Synthesis and Characterization of Nickel(II) Coordination Compounds of 4-[N-(2'-Hydroxy-1'-Naphthalidene)amino]antipyrene thiosemicarbazone and 4-[N-(Cinnamalidene)amino]antipyrene thiosemicarbazone

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A new series of ten complexes of nickel(II) of 4-[N-(2'-hydroxy-1'-naphthalidene)amino]antipyrene thiosemicarbazone (HNAPTS) and 4-[N-(cinnamalidene)amino]antipyrene thiosemicarbazone (CAPTS) were prepared. The complexes were characterized on the basis of elemental analysis, molecular weight, conductivity, magnetic moment, infrared and electronic spectral data. In all the complexes both the thiosemicarbazones act as neutral tridentate (N, N, S) ligands. The coordination number of Ni<sup>2+</sup> in these complexes is presumed to be six and have an octahedral geometry.

**Key Words:** Nickel(II) chelates, Thiosemicarbazones.

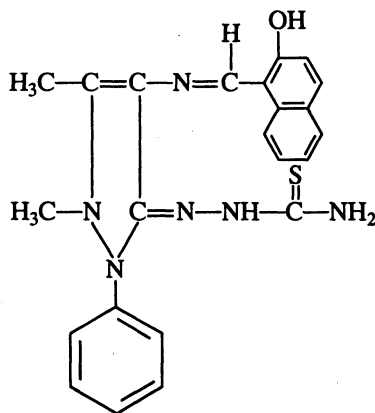
### INTRODUCTION

Thiosemicarbazones which comprise a well known group of NS donors have been extensively used for complex formation in the recent past<sup>1-3</sup>. Many of the complexes of thiosemicarbazones and other NS donor ligands are widely employed in medicinal science<sup>4</sup>. Since the discovery of the antitubercular activity of thiosemicarbazones by Domagk,<sup>5</sup> studies on their pharmacology have required a great deal of interest<sup>6-10</sup>. A few of these derivatives have been systematically investigated and the possibilities of their chelation with metal ions in relation to their antitumour and microbiological activity have been suggested. In continuation of the author's work on metal chelates of thiosemicarbazones, he intends to describe a novel series of Ni<sup>2+</sup> chelates of 4-[N-(2'-hydroxy-1'-naphthalidene)amino]antipyrene thiosemicarbazone (HNAPTS) and 4-[N-(cinnamalidene)amino]antipyrene thiosemicarbazone (CAPTS) (Fig. 1).

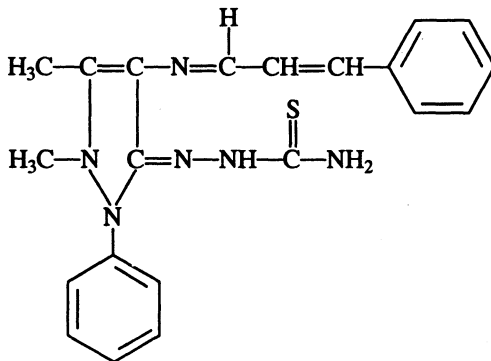
### EXPERIMENTAL

NiX<sub>2</sub>.nH<sub>2</sub>O (X = Cl, NO<sub>3</sub> or CH<sub>3</sub>COO) were obtained from BDH and were used as such. Ni(SCN)<sub>2</sub> was prepared by mixing nickel(II) chloride in ethanol and ethanolic solution of potassium thiocyanate in 1 : 2 molar ratio. Precipitated KCl was filtered off and the filtrate having Ni(SCN)<sub>2</sub> was used immediately for complex formation. Ni(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> was prepared by the addition of an ethanolic

solution of sodium perchlorate into nickel(II) chloride solution. White precipitate of NaCl was filtered off and the filtrate  $\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  was used as such for complex formation. Both the ligands HNAAPTS and CAAPTS were prepared by reported method<sup>11</sup>.



4-[N-(2'-Hydroxy-1-naphthalidene) amino] antipyrine thiosemicarbazone (HNAAPTS)



4-[N-(cinnamalidene)amino]antipyrine thiosemicarbazone (CAAPTS)

Fig. 1

### Synthesis of the complexes

A hot ethanolic solution of the corresponding nickel(II) salt was mixed with a hot ethanolic solution of thiosemicarbazone (in 1 : 1 or 1 : 2 molar ratio). The reaction mixture was refluxed on a water bath for *ca.* 2 h. On cooling at room temperature, the coloured complexes precipitated out in each case. They were filtered, washed with ethanol and dried over  $\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10}$  under vacuum.

All the analyses and physico-chemical studies of the complexes were performed by reported method<sup>12</sup>.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The reaction of Ni<sup>2+</sup> salts with HNAAPTS and CAAPTS gave complexes of the general composition NiX<sub>2</sub>·L·H<sub>2</sub>O (X = Cl, NO<sub>3</sub>, NCS or CH<sub>3</sub>COO) or Ni(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·2L (L = HNAAPTS or CAAPTS). The analytical data of these complexes are given in Table-1. All the complexes are quite stable and could be stored for months without any appreciable change. The complexes do not have sharp melting points but decomposed on heating beyond 250°C. The electrical conductivity data (Table-1) of these complexes in PhNO<sub>2</sub> indicate that the chloro, nitrate, thiocyanato and acetato complexes are essentially non-electrolytes, while the perchlorato complexes dissociate in nitrobenzene and behave as 1 : 2 electrolytes. The molecular weight determined cryoscopically in PhNO<sub>2</sub> are in broad agreement with the conductance data. The magnetic moment values (Table-1) for the present Ni<sup>2+</sup> complexes range from 2.8–3.2 B.M., which is in consistent with the octahedral stereochemistry of the complexes<sup>12, 13</sup>.

TABLE-1  
ANALYTICAL, CONDUCTIVITY, MOLECULAR WEIGHT AND MAGNETIC  
MOMENT DATA OF Ni<sup>2+</sup> COMPLEXES OF HNAAPTS AND CAAPTS

Complex	Analysis %: Found (Calcd.)				m.w. Found (Calcd.)	$\Omega_{\eta}$ (ohm <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$\mu_{\text{eff}}$ (B.M.)
	Ni	N	S	Anion			
NiCl <sub>2</sub> ·(HNAAPTS)·H <sub>2</sub> O	10.11 (10.20)	14.46 (14.54)	5.49 (5.54)	12.16 (22.28)	572 (578)	2.1	3.1
Ni(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·(HNAAPTS)·H <sub>2</sub> O	9.29 (9.35)	17.65 (17.75)	5.02 (5.07)	—	624 (631)	3.0	3.0
Ni(NCS) <sub>2</sub> ·(HNAAPTS)·H <sub>2</sub> O	9.40 (9.47)	17.84 (17.98)	5.30 (15.41)	18.47 (18.62)	617 (623)	2.3	2.8
Ni(CH <sub>3</sub> COO) <sub>2</sub> ·(HNAAPTS)·H <sub>2</sub> O	9.37 (9.44)	13.32 (13.44)	5.07 (5.12)	—	618 (625)	2.7	2.9
Ni(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·(HNAAPTS)	5.20 (5.27)	14.90 (15.03)	5.64 (5.72)	17.68 (17.80)	371 (1118)	54.3	3.2
NiCl <sub>2</sub> ·(CAAPTS)·H <sub>2</sub> O	10.88 (10.96)	15.47 (15.61)	5.87 (5.94)	13.03 (13.19)	531 (538)	2.9	2.9
Ni(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·(CAAPTS)·H <sub>2</sub> O	9.91 (9.98)	18.61 (18.95)	5.33 (5.41)	—	583 (591)	2.7	3.1
Ni(NCS) <sub>2</sub> ·(CAAPTS)·H <sub>2</sub> O	10.04 (10.12)	19.07 (19.21)	16.32 (16.46)	19.70 (19.89)	577 (583)	3.1	3.2
Ni(CH <sub>3</sub> COO) <sub>2</sub> ·(CAAPTS)·H <sub>2</sub> O	10.02 (10.08)	14.26 (14.35)	5.39 (5.57)	—	578 (585)	2.6	2.8
Ni(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·2(CAAPTS)	5.63 (5.68)	16.07 (16.18)	6.09 (6.16)	19.01 (19.17)	341 (1038)	53.9	2.7

## Infrared spectra

The strong bands observed at 3315–3200 cm<sup>-1</sup> region in both thiosemicarbazones have been assigned to ν(NH) vibrations. Practically no effect on these frequencies after complexation precludes the possibility of complexation

at this group. The absorption in  $1620\text{--}1605\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the free ligands can be attributed to (C=N) stretching vibrations of imine groups<sup>14, 15</sup>. On complexation these frequencies were observed to be shifted to lower wave number (Table-2). These observations suggest involvement of unsaturated nitrogen atoms of the azomethine groups in bonding with the  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  ion. In the spectra of present ligands the bands observed in  $1330\text{--}1260\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1125\text{--}1080\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $840\text{--}760\text{ cm}^{-1}$  region are assigned to  $[\nu(\text{C}=\text{S}) + \nu(\text{C}=\text{N}) + \nu(\text{C}-\text{N})]$ ,  $[\delta(\text{N}-\text{C}-\text{S}) + \delta(\text{C}=\text{S})]$  and  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{S})$  stretchings respectively<sup>16</sup>. Coordination of sulphur with the metal ion would result in the displacement of electrons toward the latter, thus resulting in the weakening of (C=S) bond. Hence, on complexation, (C=S) stretching vibrations should decrease and that of (CN) should increase<sup>17, 18</sup>. In all the present complexes, the frequencies in the range  $1330\text{--}1260\text{ cm}^{-1}$  get an increase by  $30\text{--}45\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Similarly bending modes of (N—C—S) and (C=S) also get an increase but in lesser amount. On the other hand, on complexation, the frequencies in  $840\text{--}765\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are shifted to lower wave numbers and intensity of the bands is also reduced. These observations clearly indicate sulphur bonding with metal ion. The possibility of thione-thiol tautomerism ( $\text{H}-\text{N}-\text{C}=\text{S} \rightleftharpoons \text{C}=\text{N}-\text{SH}$ ) in these ligands has been ruled out for no bands around  $2700\text{--}2500\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ; characteristics of thiol group are displayed in the infrared absorption<sup>19</sup>. In all the complexes of HNAAPTS, the stretching frequency in  $3400\text{ cm}^{-1}$  region is attributed to  $\nu(\text{OH})$ . In all the complexes, the hydroxyl frequency appears at the same region as in the free ligand clearly indicating that the —OH group is not taking part in the coordination. In far infrared  $\nu(\text{Ni}-\text{N})$  and  $\nu(\text{Ni}-\text{S})$  have also been identified<sup>20</sup>. In conclusion, the infrared spectral studies suggest the tridentate (N,N,S) nature, by pointing out the sites of possible donor atoms.

The presence of coordinated water was suggested by the very broad absorption centred around  $3450\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the infrared spectra. Bands at *ca.*  $930$  and  $770\text{ cm}^{-1}$  may be attributed to rocking and wagging modes of the coordinated water<sup>21</sup>.

In perchlorato complexes, the presence of the  $\nu_3$  (*ca.*  $1100\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and  $\nu_4$  (*ca.*  $625\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) bands indicate that the  $T_d$  symmetry of  $\text{ClO}_4^-$  is maintained in both the complexes which suggests the presence of  $\text{ClO}_4^-$  outside the coordination sphere in the complexes<sup>22</sup>. In thiocyanato complexes, the three fundamental absorption C—N stretch ( $\nu_1$ ), C—S stretch ( $\nu_3$ ) and N—C—S bending ( $\nu_2$ ) are identified. These frequencies are associated with the terminal N-bonded isothiocyanate ions<sup>23</sup>. In both nitrate complexes, the occurrence of two strong absorption bands at *ca.*  $1520$  and  $1300\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is attributed to  $\nu_4$  and  $\nu_1$  modes of vibrations respectively of the covalently bonded nitrate groups<sup>24</sup>. Other absorptions associated with covalently bonded nitrate groups are also observed in the spectra of these complexes (*viz.*,  $\nu_2$ ,  $\nu_6$ ,  $\nu_3/\nu_5$ ) at *ca.*  $1030$ ,  $820$  and  $740$  respectively. In case of all the nitrate complexes, a separation of  $15\text{--}20\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the combination bands ( $\nu_1 + \nu_4$ ) in the  $1800\text{--}1700\text{ cm}^{-1}$  region conclude the monodentate nitrate coordination<sup>25</sup>. In acetato complexes, two bands have been observed at *ca.*  $1630$  and  $1390\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which may be assigned to asymmetric and symmetric ( $\text{COO}^-$ ) stretching vibrations respectively<sup>26</sup>.

TABLE-2: KEY INFRARED BANDS (cm<sup>-1</sup>) OF Ni<sup>2+</sup> COMPLEXES OF HNAAPTS AND CAAPTS

Complexes	Assignments	v(NH)	v(C=N)	v(C=S) + v(C=N) + v(C-N)	δ(NCS) +CS bending	v(N-N)	v(C-S)	v(NC-N) + v(NC-S)
HNAAPTS		3310 s 3200 s	1620 s	1295 s 1265 us	1130 s 1085 m	1045 m	846 m 765 m	—
NiCl <sub>2</sub> -HNAAPTS·H <sub>2</sub> O		3305 m 3202 m	1570 s	1340 m 1280 m	1150 m 1115 m	1055 m	790 m 725 m	440 m 320 w
Ni(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·HNAAPTS·H <sub>2</sub> O		3300 m 3205 m	1560 s	1340 m 1282 m	1165 m 1110 m	1060 m	792 s 720 m	442 m 322 w
Ni(NCS) <sub>2</sub> ·HNAAPTS·H <sub>2</sub> O		3302 m 3205 m	1555 s	1350 m 1280 m	1160 m 1112 m	1055 m	790 s 730 m	440 m 325 w
Ni(CH <sub>3</sub> COO) <sub>2</sub> ·HNAAPTS·H <sub>2</sub> O		3300 m 3262 m	1560 s	1352 m 1285 m	1162 m 1110 m	1060 m	792 s 720 m	445 m 320 w
Ni(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·2(HNAAPTS)		3305 m 3200 m	1565 s	1345 m 1280 m	1160 m 1105 m	1053 m	795 s 715 m	440 m 325 w
CAAPTS		3315 s 3200 s	1605 s	1305 s 1280 m	1125 s 1085 m	1060 m	840 m 770 s	—
NiCl <sub>2</sub> -CAAPTS·H <sub>2</sub> O		3320 m 3200 m	1550 s	1330 s 1303 m	1152 m 1120 m	1070 m	810 m 755 m	445 m 325 w
Ni(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·CAAPTS·H <sub>2</sub> O		3315 m 3205 m	1552 s	1335 s 1315 m	1145 m 1122 m	1072 m	815 m 750 m	430 m 320 w
Ni(NCS) <sub>2</sub> ·CAAPTS·H <sub>2</sub> O		3312 m 3202 m	1570 s	1342 s 1310 m	1150 m 1125 m	1080 m	810 m 740 m	435 m 325 w
Ni(CH <sub>3</sub> COO) <sub>2</sub> ·CAAPTS·H <sub>2</sub> O		3315 m 3205 m	1572 s	1340 s 1315 m	1140 m 1120 m	1078 m	807 m 735 m	440 m 320 w
Ni(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·2(CAAPTS)		3320 m 3299 m	1575 s	1360 s 1310 m	1145 m 1125 m	1075 m	815 m 730 m	435 m 325w

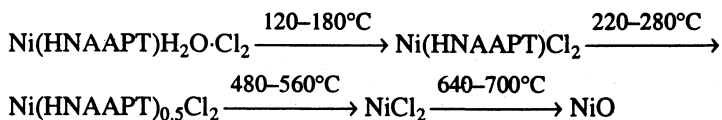
### Electronic spectra

The absorption spectra of the  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  complexes studied herein display four bands at *ca.* 8000, 11000, 17500 and 27500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , whereas rest of the complexes show only three bands. It may be assumed that the former type of complexes are pseudo octahedral while the latter type may be regular octahedral. The bands at *ca.* 17000 ( $\nu_2$ ) and 27000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  ( $\nu_3$ ) are characteristic of an octahedral complex whereas the first band ( $\nu_1$ ) in the latter type of complexes appears at *ca.* 11000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and is split into two at *ca.* 8000 and 11000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the former type of complexes. The  $\nu_1$  band in regular octahedral complexes directly yields the 10 Dq value. The ligand field parameters 10 Dq and B in octahedral complexes have been computed from equations suggested by Lever *et al.*<sup>27</sup> These data (Table-3) are in good agreement with those reported for other octahedral complexes.

TABLE-3  
ELECTRONIC SPECTRAL DATA ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) AND LIGAND FIELD PARAMETERS OF  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$   
COMPLEXES OF HNAAPTS AND CAAPTS

Complex	$\nu_1$	$\nu_2$	$\nu_3$	Dq ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	B ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	$\beta$
$\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot (\text{HNAAPTS}) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	8270 10930	17700	27200	1093	794	0.76
$\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot (\text{HNAAPTS}) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	8230 10870	17540	27500	1087	829	0.79
$\text{Ni}(\text{NCS})_2 \cdot (\text{HNAAPTS}) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	8200 10810	17540	26950	1081	804	0.77
$\text{Ni}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2 \cdot (\text{HNAAPTS}) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	10990	16950	27400	1099	750	0.73
$\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 2(\text{HNAAPTS})$	10930	17700	27000	1093	794	0.76
$\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot (\text{CAAPTS}) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	9090	15150	25000	909	988	0.91
$\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot (\text{CAAPTS}) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	9600	15385	25640	960	1043	0.96
$\text{Ni}(\text{NCS})_2 \cdot (\text{CAAPTS}) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	9800	16700	24500	980	1065	0.98
$\text{Ni}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2 \cdot (\text{CAAPTS}) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	9900	16660	24390	990	1076	0.99
$\text{Ni}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 2(\text{CAAPTS})$	9600	16200	24400	960	1043	0.96

**Thermal studies:** Thermogravimetric data of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{HNAAPT})\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{Cl}_2]$  indicate that the complex is stable up to *ca.* 140°C, which indicate the complex is not hygroscopic in nature. At this stage one water molecule is lost, after which decomposition and deligation processes start. NiO is obtained as end product. The thermal decomposition can be shown as:



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