Preparation and Characterisation of Some New Polymeric Chelates of Transition Metal Ions

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Polymeric complexes of 4,4'-bis-mercaptoacetamide diphenyl 4,4'-bis-mercaptoacetamide-3,3'-dimethyl 4,4'-bis-mercaptopropionamide-3,3'-dimethyl (BMADD) and diphenyl (BBMPDD) have been synthesised by the interaction of these ligands with transition metal ions, viz., Mn(II), Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II) and Zn(II), under suitable experimental conditions. The extent of interaction of metal to ligand has been established as [ML]_n in case of Mn(II), Cu(II) and Zn(II) polymers whereas [ML(H₂O)₂]_n in case of Co(II) and Ni(II) polymers. The composition was established on the basis of elemental analysis while electronic spectra, magnetic moment, infrared spectral studies and thermogravimetric analysis have been used for the structural aspects of the chelates. Thermal studies of these polymeric chelates indicate their stability up to 380-440°C. All these polymeric chelates were found to be amorphous and insoluble in almost all organic solvents which indicates their high polymeric nature.

INTRODUCTION

Polymeric complexes of bis-mercapto ligands containing nitrogen and sulphur as donor atoms show the formation of stable five or six-membered ring with transition metal ions. These chelates have been synthesised and characterised on the basis of elemental analysis, infrared spectra, electronic spectra, magnetic and thermal studies.

EXPERIMENTAL

All chemicals used as starting material were of pure quality and the solvents which were used were distilled twice.

A single beam Karl-Zeiss-2p-spectrophotometer was used for recording reflectance spectra of the compounds. Magnesium carbonate was used as a reference material. The infrared spectra of the ligands and polymeric complexes were recorded on Perkin-Elmer 983 in the range of 4000–200 cm⁻¹ using KBr pellets. Magnetic susceptibility of the chelates was studied by Gouy's method using Hg[Co(CNS)₄] as a reference substance. Thermogravimetric analysis was done

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by maintaining heating rate at 5°C/minute and recording the change in mass of sample as a function of temperature. Estimation of carbon and hydrogen was done by Coleman's carbon, hydrogen analyser and the estimation of nitrogen was done by Coleman nitrogen analyser. Sulphur was estimated by Messenger's method whereas estimation of metal was done by classical oxide method using platinum crucible.

Preparation of Bis-Ligands

10 g (0.1 m) of diamines and 22 mL (0.2 m) mercaptoacetic acid were placed in a three-necked flask, equipped with a thermometer, a condenser and an inlet tube connected to the source of mixture, free from carbon dioxide. The top of the condenser was connected to a delivery tube which was in turn dipped in 10% solution of sodium hydroxide (for the absorption of CO₂ and to disconnect the contents of flask from the air). This arrangement was done to avoid air oxidation of diamines at high temperature. The whole apparatus was kept air tight and free from moisture. Carbon dioxide was then passed for 1 h to remove all air from it. The flask containing reaction mixture was heated in an oil bath for 6 h. A slow stream of carbon dioxide was passed continuously in the flask and temperature inside the flask was maintained at 120°C. On cooling the contents, a solid was obtained. It was liquidated in 1 N HCl acid (40.0 mL) filtered under suction, washed thrice with cold water and dried. On recrystallisation from ethanol, white crystals of bis-ligands of mercapto acids with diamines was obtained.

The reaction can be represented as follows:

4,4'-bis-β-mercaptopropionamide-3,3'-dimethyl diphenyl (BBMPDD)

4,4'-bis-mercaptoacetamide-3,3'-dimethyldiphenyl (BMADD)

Synthesis of Coordination Polymers

The hot solutions of metal acetates (0.1 M) and bis ligands (0.1 M) were mixed in a beaker which was then kept for digestion (at about 80°C) on water bath for about 30 minutes. The products so obtained were filtered and washed a number of times with dimethyl formamide (DMF) and then with absolute alcohol to remove unreacted ligand and metal acetates. These products were found to be insoluble in almost all organic solvents. The color, physical appearance and elemental analysis of ligands and polymeric complexes are given in Table-1.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSON

Spectral and Magnetic Studies of the Coordination Polymers

Mn(II)-MBAD, BMADD and BBMPDD polymers: Band appearing at 20.83 kK in Mn(II)-BMAD and 23.25 kK in case of BMADD-Mn(II) polymeric complexes are assigned to ${}^6A_1 \rightarrow {}^4E(G)$ transition. While in case of Mn(II)-BBMPDD the band appearing at 18.86 kK is assigned due to charge transfer in a tetrahedral field. Magnetic moment values of these polymers, indicating the presence of five unpaired electrons, support the tetrahedral geometry.

Co(II)-BMAD, BMADD and BBMPDD polymers: Magnetic moment values of these Co(II)-polymers favour the octahedral geometry which is strongly supported by electronic spectra, showing band at 18.86 kK in case of Co(II)-BMAD and 23.80 kK in case of Co(II)-BMADD and 16.16 kK in case of Co(II)-BBMPDD which are assigned to ${}^{4}T_{1g} \rightarrow {}^{4}T_{1g}(P)$ transition in octahedral environment.

Ni(II)-BMAD, BMADD and BBMPDD polymers: Ni(II)-BMAD polymeric complex exhibits bands at 20.83 kK and 17.54 kK which is assigned to ${}^{3}A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^{3}T_{1g}$ transition. While in case of Ni(II)-BMADD and Ni-BBMPDD the band appears at 16.66 kK and 17.54 kK respectively which is assigned to ${}^{3}A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^{3}T_{1g}(P)$ transition in octahedral field. The magnetic moment values of these Ni(II)-polymers also favour the geometry of octahedral complexes.

Electronic spectra of Cu(II) BMAD and BMADD complexes indicate the presence of sharp bands at 20.00 kK and 19.23 kK which is assigned to charge transfer while in case of Cu-BBMPDD the band appearing at 16.66 kK is assigned 224 Sarin et al. Asian J. Chem.

to d_u^2 , $d_{x^2} \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$ transition in square-planar environment. The magnetic moment values indicate the presence of one unpaired electron.

TABLE-I COLOUR, PHYSICAL APPEARANCE AND ELEMENTAL ANALYSIS OF LIGANDS AND POLYMERIC COMPLEXES

S. No.	Name of species (Colour)	Elemental analysis %, Found (Calcd.)					Decomposition
		С	Н	٠N	S	М	Temperature (°C)
1.	BMAD (white)	56.19 (57.84)	4.95 (4.82)	8.91 (8.55)	20.12 (19.28)		286
2.	BMADD (white)	60.95 (60.07)	5.91 (5.55)	7.88 (7.75)	18.12 (17.78)		288
3.	BBMPDD (white)	62.34 (61.86)	6.51 (6.18)	6.36 (6.85)	17.15 (16.59)	_	261
4.	${[Mn(BMAD)]H_2O}_n$ (yellowish white)	48.86 (47.45)	4.12 (3.45)	7.46 (6.91)	16.36 (15.59)	13.41 (13.54)	390
5.	[Co(BMAD)(H ₂ O) ₂] _n (dark pink)	45.74 (44.97)	4.35 (3.29)	7.41 (6.59)	16.49 (15.06)	15.12) (13.82)	433
6.	[Ni(BMAD)(H ₂ O) ₂] _n (dark green)	45.78 (44.97)	4.12 (3.29)	7.41 (6.59)	16.84 (15.06)	14.13 (13.82)	420
7.	${[Cu(BMAD)]H_2O}_n$ (light green)	46.84 (46.64)	4.37 (3.41)	7.12 (6.81)	15.94 (15.54)	15.24 (15.44)	390
8.	[Zn(BMAD)] _n (dirty white)	48.48 (49.58)	4.76 (5.09)	6.88 (7.08)	16.62 (16.19)	17.11 (16.45)	380
9.	$\begin{aligned} &\{[Mn(BMADD)]H_2O\}_n\\ &(yellow) \end{aligned}$	50.95 (50.13)	4.95 (4.17)	6.84 (6.49)	15.25 (14.85)	12.88 (12.74)	360
10.	[Co(BMADD)(H ₂ O) ₂] _n (light brown)	48.24 (47.71)	4.16 (3.71)	6.27 (6.18)	14.85 (14.13)	12.91 (12.96)	410
11.	[Ni(BMADD)(H ₂ O) ₂] _n (dark green)	48.14 (47.71)	4.05 (3.97)	6.67 (6.18)	14.76 (14.13)	12.93 (12.96)	325
12.	${[Cu(BMADD)]H_2O}_n$ (green)	50.09 (49.13)	4.27 (4.09)	6.56 (6.36)	15.23 (14.55)	15.01 (14.46)	320
13.	[Zn(BMADD)] _n (yellowish white)	51.75 (51.03)	4.46 (4.72)	6.62 (6.58)	15.65 (15.12)	16.05 (15.28)	440
14.	$\begin{aligned} \{[Mn(BBMPDD)H_2O]\}_n \\ (ash colour) \end{aligned}$	53.15 (52.29)	5.44 (4.79)	6.36 (6.10)	15.00 (13.94)	11.96 (12.34)	420
15.	$\begin{split} &[Co(BBMPDD)(H_2O)_2]_n\\ &(dark\ brown) \end{split}$	50.01 (49.92)	4.92 (4.57)	6.21 (5.82)	14.28 (13.31)	13.45 (12.21)	440
16.	$\begin{split} [Ni(BBMPDD)](H_2O)_2]_n\\ (dark\ green) \end{split}$	51.05 (49.92)	5.34 (4.57)	6.31 (5.82)	14.35 (13.31)	13.85 (12.21)	345
17.	$\{[Cu(BBMPDD)]H_2O\}_n$ (green colour)	52.25 (51.32)	5.41 (4.72)	6.38 (5.98)	14.85 (13.68)	14.92 (13.59)	390
18.	[Zn(BBMPDD)] _n (white)	53.69 (53.18)	5.39 (5.31)	6.41 (6.08)	14.52 (14.18)	19.28 (18.15)	418

Infrared Spectra: Sharp band present in the region 3307 cm⁻¹ in case of BMAD and at 3253 cm⁻¹ in case of BMADD and at 3284 cm⁻¹ in BBMPDD ligand is due to the presence of stretching vibration of —NH group¹. The band appearing in the region of 1690-1600 cm⁻¹ may be assigned to C=O stretching vibration². In case of BMAD, BMADD and BBMPDD a sharp band is observed in the region 1450-1400 cm⁻¹ which may be assigned to -S-CH₂ band. A medium band in the region of 2575-2500 cm⁻¹ is observed in these ligands because of the S-H stretching frequency whereas a medium band in the range between 1350-1250 cm⁻¹ may be assigned due to C-N group frequency.

The infrared spectra of the polymers show lowering of C—N group frequency of the bis-ligands after the formation of polymeric complexes by donating lone pair of electrons of nitrogen to the metal atom. However, disappearance of S-H stretching frequency in the region of 2575-2500 cm⁻¹ in case of these polymeric complexes clearly indicates that the formation of polymeric complexes with metal ion takes place by the replacement of the protons of the thio group. This fact is also supported by the increase in -S-CH₂ stretching frequency in the polymers³.

A sharp band which appears in the region of 680 to 660 cm⁻¹ may be assigned to M-N stretching vibration⁵ while weak band appearing in the region of 500 to 300 cm⁻¹ is assigned to M—S stretching vibration in polymers⁶⁻⁸.

The free H—O—H stretching vibration of water⁹ are generally observed in the range of 3500-3200 cm⁻¹. However, in Mn(II) and Cu(II) polymers this peak has been found to be merged with N-H band and appears as a broad band in this region. Medium band appearing in the region 820-760 cm⁻¹ in case of Co(II) and Ni(II) polymers is due to the presence of water of coordination¹⁰.

Thermogravimetric analysis: It was carried out by maintaining heating rate of about 5°C/minute with the help of temperature control devices. The temperature from which polymers start decomposing to the temperature at which it forms a stable metal oxide is termed as decomposition range. The decomposition temperature was determined by half decomposition curve method.

The decomposition temperature of polymeric complexes of BMAD, BMADD and BBMPDD are given in Table-1.

Proposed structures of polymeric complexes of BMAD, BMADD and **BBMPDD** ligands

On the basis of the results obtained from elemental analysis, infrared spectra, magnetic studies and thermogravimetric studies the tentative structures proposed for all the polymeric complexes are given below. Structure 1 is proposed for Mn(II), Cu(II) and Zn(II) BMAD polymers and Structure II for Co(II) and Ni(II) BMAD polymers, whereas structures III, IV, V and VI are proposed for BMADD and BBMPDD polymers respectively.

M = Mn(II), Cu(II) and Zn(II)

M = Co(II) and Ni(II)

M = Mn(II), Cu(II) and Zn(II) BMADD polymers

M = Co(II), and Ni(II) BMADD polymers

M = Mn(II), Cu(II) and Zn(II) BBMPDD polymers

M = Co(II) and Ni(II) BBMPDD polymers

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