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Studies on Dibenzyltellurium(IV) Complexes with Some Schiff Base Ligands

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Dibenzyltellurium(IV) complexes of tetradentate Schiff base ligands of the type $(C_6H_5CH_2)_2$ Te·SB (where SB = Schiff base ligand) have been synthesised and characterised by elemental analysis, conductivity, IR and PMR.

Although a number of diorganotellurium(IV) complexes with aromatic Schiff base ligands are reported in literature, the reaction of $(C_6H_5CH_2)_2TeI_2$ with aromatic Schiff base ligands are less known. This paper deals with the synthesis and characterisation of dibenzyltellurium(IV) of the type $(C_6H_5CH)_2Te\cdot SB$ chelates.

The $(C_6H_5CH_2)_2TeI_2$ and Schiff bases i.e. $SB_1 = bis(2-hydroxy-4-methoxy-benzaldehyde)$ ethylenedimine; $SB_2 = bis(2-hydroxy-3-methoxy-benzaldehyde)$ ethylenediamine; $SB_3 = bis(2-hydroxy-5-methoxy-benzaldehyde)$ ethylenediamine and $SB_4 = bis(salicylaldehyde)$ were prepared, purified and characterised according to literature procedure.

Preparation of complexes:

To a dry chloroform solution containing $(C_6H_5CH_2)_2TeI_2$ (1 mmol) was added Schiff base (1 mmol), the resulting solution was refluxed for about 2 h. The brown complex was found, filtered and washed with ether and dried in vacuum.

Conductance measurements were obtained in DMF at room temperature using a Digisun electronic conductivity bridge. Infra-red spectra were obtained in CsI on a Perkin-Elmer 457 spectrometer. The PMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ on a PER 32 model spectrometer operating at 90 MHz using TMS as an internal reference.

All the complexes are sharp melting, brown solids and stable to air. Elemental analyses were within $\pm 0.5\%$ for C, H and N. The conductance measurements for all these prepared complexes in DMF have shown non-electrolyte nature.

All the complexes have shown the absorption band around 1620–1610 cm⁻¹,

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which normally appears at 1600 cm^{-1} in the free ligands. The lowering of this band in the complexes indicates the coordination of nitrogen atom of azomethine groups to the tellurium. The far IR spectra have shown bands at 320 cm^{-1} , $420-410 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $560-540 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ which may be assigned as $v_{\text{(Te-O)}}$, $v_{\text{(Te-N)}}$ and $v_{\text{(Te-C)}}$ respectively. Further, slight upfield shift in the PMF signals due to -CH=N and $-\text{N}-\text{CH}_2$ protons as compared to their free ligands ($\delta 8.55$ and $\delta 3.97$ respectively) was indicative of complexation of these Schiff base ligands to $(C_6H_5\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Te}(IV)$ moieties.

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