Synthesis, Characterization and Antibacterial Study of Co(II), Ni(II), Mn(II) and Cu(II) Complexes Derived from 1,5-Dimethyl-4-[[1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-4-yl-idene)ethyl]amino]-2-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-3(2H)-one

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Key Words: Synthesis, Characterization, Complex, Antibacterial activity.

INTRODUCTION

Due to the potential application in medicine, biology, materials and chemical industry, Schiff base and its metal complexes are paid more attention. Most of the people are interested in the researches of the synthesis and biological activities of new Schiff bases. 4-Amino antipyrine derivatives have been widely used in the analgesic^{1,2}, antibacterial and antitumor field and chemical analysis. 4-Amino antipyrine schiff bases have showed unique properties and application in the biological, clinical, pharmaceutical and analytical fields^{3,4}. Keeping in mind above biological significance of Schiff base and in continuation of our earlier work⁵, we report herein the preparation, characterization and anti-bacterial study of Co(II), Ni(II), Mn(II) and Cu(II) complexes derived from 1,5-dimethyl-4-[[1-(3-methyl-5-oxo-1-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-pyrazol-4-yl-idene)ethyl]amino]-2-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-3(2H)-one.

EXPERIMENTAL

1-Phenyl-3-methyl-4-acetyl-pyrazolone-5 (HPMAP) were synthesized according to reported method⁶. Other chemicals obtained as reagent grade were used without further purification, IR spectra were recorded on Perkin-Elmer-1700 spectrophotometer using KBr disc. ¹H NMR spectrum were recorded on FT-AC-80 spectrophotometer using TMS as internal standard.

Preparation of the ligand: The ligand was synthesized by refluxing the mixture of 1-Phenyl-3-methyl-4-acetyl-

pyrazolone (25 m mol) and 4-amino antipyrine (25 m mol) in ethanol (150 mL) over a steam bath for about 7 h, then the solution was cooled down to room temperature. After five days, pale yellow block was obtained. The block was separated, washed with ethanol and dried over CaCl₂ in *vacuum*.

Preparation of the complexes: The complexes of Co(II), Ni(II), Mn(II) and Cu(II) have been formed by reacting ethanolic solution of appropriate metal salts with ethanolic solution of ligand in the molar ratio 1:2. The mixture was heated on water bath for *ca.* 4h, then the mixture were cooled under room temperature and solid coloured complexes separated out which was filtered, washed with ethanol, dried over CaCl₂ in *vacuum*.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The IR spectra data of the free ligand and its metal complexes are given in Table-1. The spectra of the ligand exhibits broad band at about 3427 cm⁻¹ assigned to ν(N-H), accordingly the band at 1530 cm⁻¹ assigned to δ(N-H), there is also a band at 1128 cm⁻¹ assigned to ν(N-C). All these bands suggest that the ligand exists in an enamine-keto form.

The band 1623 cm⁻¹ of the ligand is assigned to the C=O of the antipyrine. This band disappears in the complex which suggests the ligand is decomposed when the complex is formed, the decomposed structure of the Cu complex is also described by the article⁷. The IR spectrum of the ligand also exhibits a strong and sharp band at 1672 cm⁻¹ assigned to ν(C=O)

TABLE-1
IR DATA (cm⁻¹) AND UV DATA (nm) OF LIGAND AND THE METAL COMPLEXES

Type	V(N-H)	v(C=O) (PMAP)	v(C=O) (antipyrine)	v(C-O)	v(M-O)	v(M-N)	UV	
Free ligand	3427	1672	1623				285	305
Cu complex	3431	1606		1381	546	469	275	345
Co complex	3436	1615		1385	545	468	285	355
Ni complex	3420	1625		1368	586	440	280	360
Mn complex	3408	1612		1327	608	491	285	350

TABLE-2
COLOUR, ELEMENTAL ANALYSIS AND HNMR SPECTRAL DATA OF ALL COMPOUNDS

No	Colour	Elemental analysis (%): Found (calcd.)			Chemical shifts (DMF, ppm)		
		C	H	N	N-H	Ar-H	CH ₂ /CH ₃
Free ligand	Pale yellow	68.87 (68.83)	5.76 (5.74)	17.37 (17.46)	8.14	7.1-7.8	1.0-3.8
Cu complex	Dark Green	58.82 (58.78)	4.47 (4.49)	17.16 (17.14)	8.32	7.0-7.6	0.9-2.8
Co complex	Pink	59.30 (59.39)	4.57 (4.54)	17.42 (17.32)	8.34	7.0-7.7	1.1-2.8
Ni complex	Green	59.54 (59.42)	4.51 (4.54)	17.34 (17.33)	8.49	7.2-7.8	1.0-3.5
Mn complex	Yellow	59.90 (59.88)	4.47 (4.57)	17.42 (17.46)	8.23	7.1-7.7	0.9-3.8

TABLE-3
DIAMETER DATA OF INHIBITION ZONE TO THE Schiff bases

Compound	Concentration (g/L)	Diameter (mm)		Average diameter (mm)	
		<i>Escherichia coli</i>	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>
Mn complex	5.00	28.0/15.0/29.0	17.0/14.0/12.0	24.0	14.3
	2.50	16.0/14.0/16.0	19.0/22.0/25.0	15.3	22.0
	12.5	8.0/8.0/7.0	11.0/11.0/19.0	7.6	13.6
Cu complex	5.00	12.0/11.0/13.0	14.0/13.0/13.0	12.0	13.3
	2.50	10.0/10.0/11.0	10.0/10.0/12.0	10.3	10.6
	1.25	11.0/12.0/13.0	13.0/13.0/ 12.0	12.0	12.6
Ni complex	5.00	10.0/10.0/11.0	12.0/13.0/13.0	10.3	12.6
	2.50	10.0/10.0/11.0	14.0/12.0/13.0	10.3	13.0
	1.25	11.0/12.0/11.0	12.0/13.0/14.0	11.3	13.0
Co complex	5.00	11.0/10.0/10.0	13.0/12.0/12.0	10.3	12.3
	2.50	10.0/12.0/10.0	14.0/13.0/13.0	10.6	13.3
	1.25	10.0/10.0/10.5	12.0/13.0/13.0	10.1	13.6
Ligand	5.00	14.0/9.0/8.0	34.0/14.0/26.0	10.3	24.6
	2.50	14.0/13.0/12.0	16.0/18.0/19.0	13.0	17.0
	1.25	14.0/7.0/8.0	16.0/14.0/16.0	9.6	15.3
Amoxicillin (Standard)	5.00	11.0/11.0	13.0/15.0	11.0	14.0
	2.50	10.0/10.0	12.0/13.0	10.0	12.5
	1.25	11.0/11.0	12.0/15.0	11.0	13.5

of pyrazolone, while this band suffered a downward shift by 47-66 cm⁻¹ in the spectra of the complexes indicates that the coordination of the metal ion is through the carbonyl oxygen of pyrazolone. This is also supported by the presence of the band at 1327-1385 cm⁻¹ assigned to v(C-O) and far IR band at 545-608 cm⁻¹ assigned to v(M-O)⁸. Another coordination atom is nitrogen atom which is confirmed by the appearance of band in the far IR region at 440-491 cm⁻¹ assigned to v(M-N).

UV data of the complexes showing obvious red shift to that of the ligand indicates the formation of the complexes.

The analytical data (Table-2) of all the synthesized compounds shows that the complexes are composed by the 2:1 rate of ligand and metal ion. ¹H NMR spectra of the Schiff base and the complexes were recorded in the same solvent DMF. The signals at 8.14 ppm in the ¹H NMR spectrum of the ligand due to the O=C-C=C-N-H and there is no other signals of -OH in lower fields, which shows that the ligand exists in an enamine- keto form. Respectively, the signals suffered a downward shift in complexes, probably because

the ligand decomposed with the form of the complexes. The possible structure of the ligand and the complexes are shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 1. Possible structure of the ligand and the metal complexes

The antibacterial activity tests (Table-3) of the ligand and the complexes at different concentrations against *Escherichia coli* and *Bacillus subtilis* were performed using disc diffusion

method. The results indicate that almost all compounds have the activity of inhibiting the growth of the two bacteria. The values reveal that the Schiff base became less pronounced when it is coordinated to the metal ions. The biological activity of the complexes follow the order: Mn(II) > Co(II) = Ni(II) > Cu(II). The data show that *E. coli* was inhibited to a greater degree by the Mn(II) complex.

In conclusion, the Mn(II) complex prepared with the new Schiff base could reasonably be used for the treatment of some common diseases caused by *Bacillus subtilis* and *Escherichia coli*.

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