Synthesis, Spectroscopic Characterization, and In Vitro Antimicrobial Studies of Pyridine-2-Carboxylic Acid N’-(4-Chloro-Benzoyl)-Hydrazide and Its Co(II), Ni(II), and Cu(II) Complexes

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N-substituted pyridine hydrazide (pyridine-2-carbonyl chloride and 4-chloro-benzoic acid hydrazide) undergoes hydrazide formation of the iminic carbon nitrogen double bond through its reaction with cobalt(II), nickel(II), and copper(II) metal salts in ethanol which are reported and characterized based on elemental analyses, IR, solid reflectance, magnetic moment, molar conductance, and thermal analysis (TG). From the elemental analyses data, 1:2 metal complexes are formed having the general formulae [MCl₂(HL)₂] · yH₂O (where M = Co(II), Ni(II), and Cu(II), y = 1–3). The important infrared (IR) spectral bands corresponding to the active groups in the ligand and the solid complexes under investigation were studied. IR spectra show that ligand is coordinated to the metal ions in a neutral bidentate manner with ON donor sites. The solid complexes have been synthesized and studied by thermogravimetric analysis. All the metal chelates are found to be nonelectrolytes. From the magnetic and solid reflectance spectra, the complexes (cobalt(II), nickel(II), and copper(II)) have octahedral and square planner geometry, respectively. The antibacterial and antifungal activity’s data show that the metal complexes have a promising biological activity comparable with the parent ligand against bacterial and fungal species.

1. Introduction

Hydrazones and their metal complexes have been given remarkable attention by the researchers, since they act as the most important stereochemical models in transition metal coordination chemistry, due to their preparative accessibility and structural variety. It has been suggested that the carbonyl linkage (C=O) in Hydrazide is responsible for their biological activities such as antitumor, antibacterial, antifungal, and herbicidal activities [1, 2]. Recently, the developments of new metal drug complexes have received special interests in the field of coordination chemistry [3, 4]. The transition metal-coordinated Hydrazones complexes play a significant role in many catalytic reactions like oxidations, asymmetric cyclopropanation, and polymerisation [5–7]. Hydrazide complexes of transition metal ions are known to provide useful models for elucidation of the mechanisms of enzyme inhibition by hydrazine derivatives [8] and for their possible pharmacological applications [9]. The activities of some such type complexes are very significant against Gram-positive bacteria in vitro. The derivatives of these chelate act as good potential oral drugs to treat the genetic disorders like thalassemia [10]. The structural characterization of these resultant hydrazide complexes revealed some interesting facts, such as their tendency and potency to act as planar pentadentate ligands in most of the complexes [11–14] along with tridentate character [15]. Moreover, these ligands exhibit ketoenol tautomerism and can coordinate in neutral [16], monoanionic [17], dianionic [4, 15, 16], or tetraanionic [18] forms, to the metal ions which have coordination numbers of six and seven [4, 18], generating mononuclear or binuclear species. However, it depends on the reaction
2. Experimental

2.1. Materials. All the chemicals used in the present investigations were of the analytical reagent grade (AR). Pyridine-2-carbonyl chloride (BDH), 4-chloro-benzoic acid hydrazide (Sigma), metal salts, and solvents were purchased from Qualigens Chemicals Company, India. They were used as received. The elemental analysis (C, H, N) was performed using a Carlo-Erba 1106 Elemental Analyzer, and IR spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu-160 Spectrometer using KBr discs in the range 4000–400 cm\(^{-1}\). Electronic spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu-160 Spectrometer. The \(^1\)H and \(^13\)CNMR spectra were obtained on a Bruker DPX-400 Spectrometer using DMSO-d\(_6\) solvent and TMS as the internal reference at room temperature. The EPR spectra of the complexes were recorded as polycrystalline sample on a Varian E-4 EPR Spectrometer. The mass losses were measured in nitrogen atmosphere from ambient temperature up to 800°C at a heating rate of 10°C min\(^{-1}\). Molar conductivities in DMF or DMSO at 25°C were measured using a model CM-1 K-TOA company conductivity meter. Magnetic moments at 25°C were determined using the Gouy method with Hg [Co(SCN)]\(_4\) as calibrant.

2.2. Synthesis of Hydrazine Ligand. In a round bottom flask (100 mL), a methanolic solution (10.0 mL) of pyridine-2-carbonyl chloride (0.02 m mol, 2.62 mL) and an aqueous methanolic solution (10 mL) of 4-chloro-benzoic acid hydrazide (0.01 m mol, 0.20 g) were taken and stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes after then the reaction was refluxed at 50°C for \(\sim\) 6 h. The resulting mixture was left under reflux for 3 h, and the formed solid product was separated by filtration, purified by crystallization from ethanol, washed with diethyl ether, and dried in a vacuum over anhydrous calcium chloride. The yellow product is produced in 52% yield.

2.3. Synthesis of Metal Complexes. The following detailed preparation is given as an example, and the other complexes were obtained similarly. The Cu(II) complex was synthesized by the addition of hot solution (60°C) of the Cu(II) chloride (0.17 g, 1 mmol) in an ethanol-water mixture (1:1, 25 mL)
to the hot solution (60 °C) of the ligand (0.550 g, 2 mmol) in the same solvent mixture (25 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred under reflux for one hour whereupon the complex precipitated. It was collected by filtration and washed with a 1:1 ethanol: water mixture and diethyl ether.

2.4. Analytical Data of Synthesized Ligand and Its Metal Complexes

2.4.1. Ligand (HL). Yield: 52%; M.P. 195 °C; Mol. wt. 275; color: yellow; analytical data for (C13H10ClN3O2) found (calc.): C, 56.64 (56.11); H, 3.66 (3.11); N, 15.24 (14.97). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3440 νNH, 1690 νC=O, 3015 νC=H, 2203 νC=N, 519 νM=N, 408 νM=O. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ ppm: 7.1 (m, 8H, HC-Ar), 3.8 (s, 2H, NH–NH). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6) δ ppm: 117.53–121.07 (10C, CH-Ar), 134.23 (1C, C=N), 153.88 (2C, C=O).

2.4.2. Complex I. Yield: 65%; M.P. 230 °C; Mol. wt. 681; color: reddish; analytical data for [C26H20Cl4N6O4] found (calc.): C, 45.84 (31.15); H, 2.96 (2.85); N, 12.34 (12.17); (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3406 νNH, 1690 νC=O, 3015 νC=H, 2203 νC=N, 519 νM=N, 416 νM=O. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ ppm: 7.1 (m, 8H, HC-Ar), 3.01 (s, 2H, NH–NH). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6) δ ppm: 117.53–121.07 (10C, CH-Ar), 133.22 (1C, C=N), 153.88 (2C, C=O).

2.4.3. Complex II. Yield: 42%; M.P. 235 °C; Mol. wt. 680; color: greenish; analytical data for [C26H20Cl4N6O4] found (calc.): C, 45.86 (45.55); H, 2.96 (2.55); N, 12.34 (12.12); (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3400 νNH, 1690 νC=O, 3015 νC=H, 2210 νC=N, 518 νM=N, 408 νM=O. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ ppm: 7.1 (m, 8H, HC-Ar), 3.5 (s, 2H, NH–NH). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6) δ ppm: 117.53–121.07 (10C, CH-Ar), 136.30 (1C, C=N), 153.88 (2C, C=O).

2.4.4. Complex III. Yield: 48%; M.P. 220 °C; Mol. wt. 615; color: brownish; analytical data for [C26H20Cl4N6O4] found (calc.): C, 50.78 (50.30); H, 3.28 (2.90); N, 13.67 (12.17); (KBr, cm⁻¹) 3400 νNH, 1690 νC=O, 3015 νC=H, 2200 νC=N, 512 νM=N, 420 νM=O. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d6) δ ppm: 7.1 (m, 8H, HC-Ar), 3.4 (s, 2H, NH–NH). ¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6) δ ppm: 117.53–121.07 (10C, CH-Ar), 131.20 (1C, C=N), 153.88 (2C, C=O).

2.5. Biological Activity. Antimicrobial activity of the tested samples was determined using a modified Kirby-Bauer disc diffusion method [25]. One hundred microliters of the tested bacteria or fungi were grown in 10 mL of fresh media until they reached account of approximately 98 cells/mL for bacteria and 95 cells/mL for fungi [26]. One hundred microliters of microbial suspension was spread onto agar plates corresponding to the broth in which they were maintained. Isolated colonies of each organism that might be playing a pathogenic role should be selected from primary agar plates and tested for susceptibility by disc diffusion method [27].

The new prepared hydrazide ligand is subjected to elemental analysis, IR, Mass bar and ¹H & ¹³C NMR spectral studies. The results obtained are in good agreement with those calculated for the suggested formula, and the melting point is sharp indicating the purity of the prepared ligand (HL). The structure of HL under study is given in Scheme I. The IR spectra of hydrazide ligand contain a strong C=O absorption band at 1670 cm⁻¹ and N–H absorption band at 3187 cm⁻¹, and after complexation, these bands are slightly shifted to lower wave numbers (1646–1649 cm⁻¹ and 3133–3140 cm⁻¹) indicating the involvement of the oxygen and nitrogen atom in chelate formation, respectively. In the FT IR spectra of all the complexes, the nonligand bands observed at 520–586 and 420–466 cm⁻¹ regions can be assigned to (M–O) and (M–N), respectively [31–33]. ¹H NMR spectrums showed signals in the range δ 8.03 ppm, and these signals

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were the evidence of the secondary amide bonding to the ligand [34]. $^{13}$C NMR spectrum of complexes displays a signal at $\delta$ 167.45 ppm and $\delta$ 163.54 ppm, due to (C–NH) and (C=O), which was indicating that carbon atoms of carbon-amide group and oxygen atom of carbonyl group participate the formation of ligand [28]. The spectrum shows the molecular ion peak at m/z = 275 ($C_{13}H_{10}ClN_{3}O_{2}$, calculated atomic mass 276 amu due to $^{13}$C and $^{15}$N isotopes). The different competitive fragmentation pathways of ligand give the peaks at different mass numbers at 304. The intensity of these peaks reflects the stability and abundance of the ions. The presence of fragments at m/z values 291, 276, 249, and 237 shows the fragmentation. The mass spectrum clearly suggests existence of ligand in the hydrazine form. The molar conductance values of all the complexes lie in the range 122–165 ohm$^{-1}$ cm$^2$ mole$^{-1}$ corresponding to 1:2 nonelectrolytic behaviors [29]. The electronic spectra of the cobalt(II) complex showed three bands at 8780–8810, 17475–17775 and 30235–30270 cm$^{-1}$, which may be assigned to $4T_{1g} \rightarrow 4T_{2g}$ (F), $4T_{1g} \rightarrow 4T_{1g}$ (P), and $4T_{1g} \rightarrow 3A_{2g}$ (F) transitions and suggested octahedral geometry around the cobalt ion. The magnetic moment 4.80–488 BM is an addition evidence for an octahedral structure [35].

The cobalt complexes showed magnetic moment values 4.70–490 B.M. at room temperature. These high values of the magnetic moments and the stoichiometries suggest a coordination number of six for the central cobalt ions and an octahedral geometry. The magnetic properties of copper complex may be divided into broad classes. First, those are having essentially temperature-independent magnetic moments in the range 2.20 BM. Those exhibiting such moments are having essentially temperature-independent magnetic properties [19, 20].

The dopping compounds have higher conductivities than undoped because iodine doping leads to oxidation of iodine molecules to form I$_2$, reduction of hydrazide complexes molecules, this effect increase the conductivity by making acceptor bands, and the distance between the energy levels was low. The DC electrical conductivities of doped and undoped prepared compounds over temperature range (0–110°C) and under vacuum were measured by using conductivity apparatus which is consisting of temperature recorder, power supply, voltmeter, resistance and sample cell. The studied samples were as discs covered in two sides by silver paint. The ligand, Cu(II), and Ni(II) complexes were doped with iodine by mixing 1 g (0.004 mole) ligand, 1 g (0.0022 mole) Cu-complex, and 1 g (0.002 mole) respectively, at room temperature. The electronic spectra of the copper(II) complexes display a broad band at 14220–14918 cm$^{-1}$ due to $^{2}B_{1g} \rightarrow ^{2}E_{g}$ and two bands at 16390–16550 and 27250–27350 cm$^{-1}$ assigned to d-d transitions and a charge transfer band, respectively, of square planner environment [31]. The observed magnetic moment of the copper complexes is 1.75–180 BM. The Ni(II) complex is found to have a room temperature magnetic moment value of 3.87 B.M., which is in the normal range observed for octahedral Ni(II) complexes [26, 34, 36]. The electronic spectrum displays three bands in the solid reflectance spectrum at m$_1$: 14968 cm$^{-1}$; $^{3}A_{2g} \rightarrow ^{3}T_{2g}$; m$_2$: 17,788 cm$^{-1}$; 3$^{A}_{2g} \rightarrow ^{3}T_{1g}$ (F) and m$_3$: 21347 cm$^{-1}$; 3$^{A}_{2g} \rightarrow ^{3}T_{1g}$ (P). The spectrum shows also a band at 24565 cm$^{-1}$ which may be attributed to ligand to metal charge transfer (Figure 1). The maximum conductivity value was $1.81 \times 10^{-4}$ ohm$^{-1}$ cm$^{-1}$ for doped copper(II) complex because of the small size of nickel atom compared with iron atom. Also the prepared hydrazide complexes at different temperatures (303–373) K show that the increased conductivity with increasing of temperatures may be attributed to presence of metals (d-d$^*$) transition. Figures 2 and 3 show that the conductivities of doped and undoped compounds increase with increasing of temperatures which is consistent with semiconductors properties [19, 20].
Ni-complex with 25 mL of iodine solution in CCl₄ (4%, w/v), the mixture was refluxed with stirring for 48 hours and then filtered and dried in the vacuum oven at 50°C. The conductivities at different temperatures were calculated according to Arrhenius equation as shown below [19]:

\[ \sigma = \sigma_0 \cdot \exp \left( \frac{-\Delta E}{2K} \right) \]  

(1)

The resistance of the sample and its electrical conductivity is calculated from the equations:

\[ R_s = \frac{R_s \cdot V_s}{V_s}, \quad \sigma = \left( \frac{L}{A} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{R_s}, \]  

(2)

where \( R_s \) is standard resistance (ohm), \( R_s \) is sample resistance (ohm), \( V_s \) is standard Voltage (volt), \( V_s \) is sample voltage (volt), \( L \) is Sample thickness (cm), and \( A \) is The painted area of the sample surface (cm²).

3.1. Thermal Analysis (TG). The thermodynamic activation parameters of decomposition processes of dehydrated complexes, namely, activation energy, enthalpy, entropy, and Gibbs free energy change of the decomposition are evaluated graphically by employing the Coats-Redfern relation. The entropy of activation is found to be 24.40 and 78.24 (in case of Co(II) complex) and 36.52 and 53.78 kJ mol⁻¹ (in case of Cu(II) complex) for the first and second steps, respectively. The subsequent steps (230–950°C) correspond to the removal of the organic part of the ligand leaving metal oxide as a residue. The overall weight loss amounts to 86.02% (calcd. 85.51%) and 84.26 (calcd. 84.11%) for Co(II) and Cu(II) complexes, respectively. The TG curves of the Ni(II) chelate show four stages of decomposition within the temperature range of 30–950°C. The first step at 30–130°C corresponds to the loss of water molecules of hydration. The subsequent three steps (2nd, 3rd, and 4th) involve the loss of Cl₂ and ligand molecule. The overall weight loss amounts to 84.97% (calcd. 85.42%), and the activation energy is 102.4–243.4 Ni(II) chelates.

3.2. Biological Activity. In testing the antibacterial activity of these compounds we used more than one test organism to increase the chance of detecting antibiotic principles in tested materials. The sensitivity of a microorganism to antibiotics and other antimicrobial agents was determined by the assay plates which incubated at 28°C for 2 days for yeasts and at 37°C for 1 day for bacteria. All of the tested compounds showed a remarkable biological activity against different types of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria and against fungi species. The data are listed in Table 1.

It was demonstrated that the newly prepared ligand and its metal complexes showed a higher effect on C. albicans (Gram-negative bacteria) and S. aureus (Gram-positive bacteria). It is known that the membrane of Gram-negative bacteria is surrounded by an outer membrane containing lipopolysaccharides. The newly synthesized hydrazide and its metal complexes seem to be able to combine with the lipophilic layer in order to enhance the membrane permeability of the Gram-negative bacteria. The lipid membrane surrounding the cell favours the passage of only lipid soluble materials; thus the lipophilicity is an important factor that controls the antimicrobial activity. Also the increase in lipophilicity enhances the penetration of hydrazide and its metal complexes into the lipid membranes and thus restricts further growth of the organism. This could be explained by the charge transfer interaction between the studied molecules and the lipopolysaccharide molecules which lead to the loss of permeability barrier activity of the membrane. The hydrazide and its metal complexes could enhance the antimicrobial effect on both strains probably by the hydroxyl group. The Co(II), Ni(II), and Cu(II) complexes were almost the most promising broad spectrum antimicrobial agents due to the presence of coordinated anion with higher antimicrobial activity than the other complexes. From the data the inhibition zone of the metal chelates is higher than that of the ligand. Such increased activity of the metal chelates is due to the lipophilic nature of the metal ion in complexes. Furthermore, the mode of action of hydrazide of the compounds may involve the formation of a hydrogen bond through the azomethine nitrogen atom with the active centers of all the constituents, resulting in interference with normal cell process.
4. Conclusion

The results of this investigation support the suggested structures of the metal complexes. It is obvious from this study that only mononuclear complexes are obtained. The IR spectral studies reveal that HL coordinated to the metal ions via C=O and amide NH–NH group. The chelates are nonelectrolytes. All metal cations have octahedral geometry except copper (II) chelate. The thermal decomposition of the complexes as well as the thermodynamic parameters is studied. The biological activities of the hydrazide under investigation and its complexes against bacterial and fungal organisms are promising which need further and deep investigation and its complexes against bacterial and fungal organisms are promising which need further and deep studies on animals and humans.

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References


Table 1: Antimicrobial activity of ligand and their metal complexes.

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