



# Study on the synthesis and characterization of Cobalt (II) complexes with Schiff bases.

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## Abstract;

Cobalt (II) chloride has been reacted with Schiff base 1- (o-hydroxybenzylidene) amino-2- (o-hydroxybenzylidene) aminomethyl-1,5-mercapto-1,3,4-triazole to obtain the complexes of 1:1 stoichiometry. The infrared spectral studies suggest that the -OH group and C=N are involved in coordination. The magnetic and electronic spectral data favours the tetrahedral configuration for these complexes.

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## Introduction

Various metal complexes with various Schiff base have been synthesized and Schiff base may be obtained by the interaction of o-hydroxybenzaldehyde and 1-amino-2-aminomethyl-1,1,2,3-triazole which may act a very good ligand for the complexation with metal ions and complexes will be synthesized and characterized by physic chemical methods.

It has been corroborated spectrochemically and magnatochemically that both Cu(II) and Ni(II) complexes have square planar configuration. The literature records no attempt on the complexation of such ligand with Cu(II).

## Experimental

### Synthesis of ligand and complexes

The chemicals used for preparing ligand and complexes were of reagent grade, substituted salicylaldehydes were prepared according to known standard method<sup>5</sup>. 2-Aminomethyl-5-mercapto-1,3,4-triazole was prepared as the reported earlier method<sup>1-6</sup>. Schiff bases were prepared by condensing this triazole with substituted salicylaldehydes.

Co(II) complexes were synthesized by heating Co(II) chloride (0.01m) and ligand (0.01m) in ethanol medium. The reaction mixture was refluxed for about an hour. Consequently, to the reaction mixture was added 2g of sodium acetate and refluxed was continued for 2-3 hours. The

precipitation of complex was initiated by adding little water. Thus, the separated complex was filtered, washed with water and dried in vacuum over fused calcium chloride.

### Analysis

Cobalt in the complexes was estimated<sup>7</sup> gravimetrically as 8-hydroxyquinolate and sulphur was estimated as BaSO<sub>4</sub> after oxidizing sulphur to sulphate Table 1. The values in parenthesis are calculated values.

### Physical measurements

The magnetic moments of the complexes are determined at room temperature on Gouy balance using Hg[Co(SCN)<sub>4</sub>] as calibrant.

**Table-1**

Ligand No.	Complex No.	Empirical Formula	%metal	%Sulphur	%Nitrogen
I	1	(C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S)Co	17.12 (17.67)	7.62 (7.75)	16.80 (16.75)
II	2	(C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S)Co	14.20 (14.15)	7.00 (7.10)	15.32 (15.25)
III	3	(C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> SCI)Co	13.98 (13.90)	6.51 (6.58)	14.21 (14.30)
IV	4	(C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S)Co	13.50 (12.57)	7.10 (7.25)	15.50 (15.38)

### I.R.Spectra of ligands

The triazole are known to exhibit thiol-thiol tautomerism<sup>4</sup>. The condensation of such triazoles with aldehydes and ketones cannot modify the behaviours i.e., ligand to exhibit tautomerism and can expect both V(SH) and V(CZS) vibrations. It is well established that Schiff bases containing o-hydroxy groups can form intramolecular hydrogen bonding<sup>8</sup>. The ligand exhibits a broad with fine structure around 2700cm<sup>-1</sup> attributable to intramolecular hydrogen bonded -OH in analogy with previous assignments<sup>9</sup>.

In addition to this a medium intensity band observed around 3250 cm<sup>-1</sup> is assigned to V(SH) vibration. As the ligands contain (NCHS) OR (NHCS) groups the band due to thiamide vibration are expected taking into consideration the previous assignments<sup>10</sup>, the medium to high intensity band around 1520cm<sup>-1</sup> observed in the ligands may be assigned to V(C=N) vibrations.

A group of medium to high intensity bands in the region 1580-1490cm<sup>-1</sup> can be regarded as due to as C=N triazole ring and C=C aromatic ring vibrations. High intensity bands in the region 1080-1020cm<sup>-1</sup> are due to thiamide (III) vibrations. The thiamide (IV) bands mainly due to V(C=S) vibration and is expected around 780cm<sup>-1</sup>. Therefore the high intensity band in the region 780-740 cm<sup>-1</sup> is assigned thiamide (IV) vibration.

## Spectra of complexes ;

In cobalt (II) complexes, we observed the following changes in the characteristics frequencies which make the complex formation .

1. A broad weak band with fine structure appearing around  $2700\text{cm}^{-1}$  in ligand disappears in the complexes .The shifting of phenolic (C=O) ( $1280\text{cm}^{-1}$  to higher frequency side ( $1320\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) suggests the coordination to the metal in through the oxygen via deprotonation.
2. The bands due to  $\nu(\text{C=N})$  appearing in the region  $1640\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the ligands shifts towards lower frequencies and appear around  $1620\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the complexes .This indicates that coordination takes place through azomethine nitrogen.
3. The band due to  $\nu(\text{C=S})$  in the region  $780\text{-}740\text{cm}^{-1}$  of the ligands has remained unperturbed in the complexes suggesting non-involment of sulphur atom in co ordination .

Assignment in the lower region is tentative because various skeletal vibrations of ligand appear as high intensity bands in the region and sometimes they associated with metal-ligands vibrations .Hence, these arrangements are purely tentative and based on the previous assignments<sup>11</sup>. The bands around  $540$  and  $502\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $500\text{-}400\text{ cm}^{-1}$  can be assigned to  $\nu(\text{Co - NO})$  and  $\nu(\text{Co-O})$  vibrations.

### Magnetic susceptibility

All the complexes show magnetic moment in the range of  $4.44\text{-}4.47$  B.M. The values are well with in the range expected for tetrahedral Co(II) complexes. i.e.,  $4.4$  B.M. The observed values are little higher than the spin only values of  $3.89$  B.M. This may be due to the orbital angular momentum. It may, therefore, be concluded that Co (II) complexes have tetrahedral configuration . This is further support by electronic spectra.

Electronic spectra ; The Co (II) complex under present investigation exhibits high intensity multicomponent band in the region  $17555\text{-}15680\text{cm}^{-1}$  due to  $4A_2\text{-}4T_1$  (F) transition . Hence these complexes can be regarded to have tetrahedral configuration . These observation support the conclusion achieved in the magnetic data.

With the help of analytical magnetic and spectral data ,it may be suggested that Co(II) has co-ordination number of four in the complexes and has tetrahedral configuration .

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