



# One pot Synthesis of macro cyclic ligand complexes

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## Abstract–

Novel tetraazamacrocyclic complexes of Cu(II), Co(II), Ni(II) and Zn(II) has been synthesized from the reaction of ethylenediamine with Meldrums acid and divalent metal ions using solid-supported perchloric acid (HClO<sub>4</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub>) as a catalyst. The complexes were characterized by IR, <sup>1</sup>HNMR, EPR spectra, magnetic moments, conductance, thermal analysis (TGA and DTA), and powder X-ray analysis (XRD). The antimicrobial studies of these complexes against *Staphylococcus typhi*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Bacillus subtilis* species by Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) method revealed that these complexes possess potent antibacterial activity.

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## INTRODUCTION

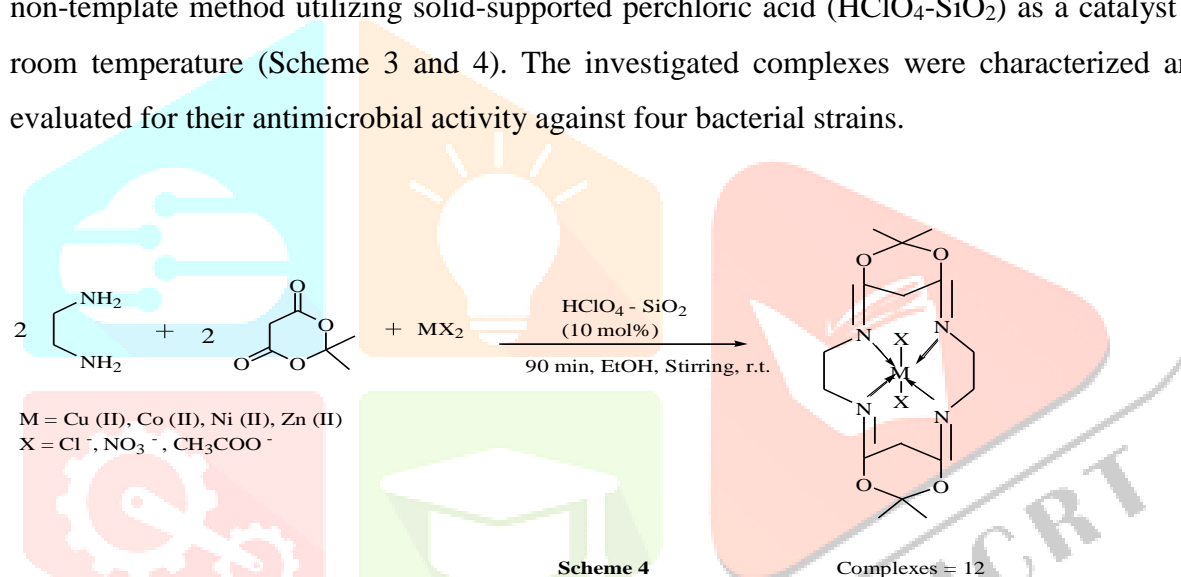
The diversified role played by the naturally occurring macrocycles in biological systems is well known. Several macrocyclic complexes have been reported to possess remarkable antibacterial, antifungal and anti-inflammatory activities<sup>1-2</sup> and are used as dyes and pigments, MRI contrast agents, and models for naturally occurring macrocycles.<sup>3-6</sup> In addition, macrocyclic nickel complexes find use in DNA recognition and oxidation<sup>7</sup> while copper complexes find use in DNA binding and cleavage.<sup>8</sup> Generally, macrocyclic complexes of type [M(C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>4</sub>)X<sub>2</sub>], where M = Cu(II), Co(II), Ni(II), Zn(II) and X = Cl<sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, CH<sub>3</sub>COO<sup>-</sup> are prepared by refluxing ethylenediamine, acetyl acetone and metal salt in methanol or ethanol (template method).<sup>9</sup>

**EXPERIMENTAL****Material and Methods of Analysis**

IR spectra ( $400\text{--}4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) were recorded on Shimadzu FTIR spectrophotometer using KBR discs, and the absorption bands are expressed in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded in DMSO- $d_6$  with tetramethyl silane as an internal standard. Molar conductivity of  $10^{-3}\text{ M}$  solution in DMSO was obtained on C-100 Elico digital conductivity meter at room temperature. Magnetic susceptibilities were recorded on Guoy balance using AR grade  $\text{CuSO}_4$  and  $\text{FeSO}_4$  as standard. Analytical grade chemicals brought from Sigma-Aldrich, INC. were used throughout this work.

**Present Work**

Novel macrocyclic complexes of type  $[\text{M}(\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4)\text{X}_2]$  have been synthesized by non-template method utilizing solid-supported perchloric acid ( $\text{HClO}_4\text{-SiO}_2$ ) as a catalyst at room temperature (Scheme 3 and 4). The investigated complexes were characterized and evaluated for their antimicrobial activity against four bacterial strains.

**Typical Procedure for the synthesis of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4)\text{Cl}_2]$** 

A mixture of ethylenediamine (10 mmol), copper chloride (5 mmol) and meldrums acid along with 10 mol% solid-supported perchloric acid in ethanol (50 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 90 min. The resulting colored complex along with insoluble catalyst was filtered, wash with ethanol, acetone and petroleum ether. To separate the catalyst, complex was dissolved in DMSO (2 x 15 mL) and then filtered. The filtrate was then concentrated under reduced pressure to afford shiny blue colored copper complex, which was dried over calcium chloride (65% yield).

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

**Chemistry**

The analytical data suggest the formula of macrocyclic complexes as  $[M(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)X_2]$  where  $M = Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II), Zn(II)$  and  $X = Cl^{-1}, NO_3^{-1}$  and  $CH_3COO^{-1}$ . The anion test is positive after decomposing the complexes with concentrated  $HNO_3$ , indicating their presence inside the coordination sphere.<sup>9</sup> Conductivity measurements in DMSO indicate them to be non electrolytic in nature ( $10-20 \text{ ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$ ).<sup>10</sup> The melting point of all complexes were above  $200^{\circ}C$  and all complexes are intensively colored. Magnetic movement values suggest octahedral environment around metals (Table 1).<sup>11</sup>

**Infrared spectra**

The infrared spectra of complexes (Table 2) do not exhibit broad peak in the region  $3230-3260 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $\nu(NH_2)$  and strong peak in the region  $1700-1720 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $\nu(C=O)$  group. This confirms the condensation of acetyl dimedone/meldrums acid and amino groups of ethylene diamine.<sup>12-13</sup> The appearance of two new peaks in the region  $1565-1606 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1000-1350 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $\nu(C=N)$  and  $\nu(C-N)$  respectively supports the formation of macrocyclic frame.<sup>14</sup> Further, the presence of peak in the region  $420-460 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $\nu(M-N)$  indicates coordination of azomethine nitrogen.<sup>15-16</sup>

**NMR Spectra**

The  $^1H$  NMR spectrum of  $[M(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)X_2]$  type complexes shows signal of  $-NCH_2CH_2N-$  protons (8H) at  $\delta = 2.00 \text{ ppm}$ ,  $-CCH_2C-$  protons (4H) at  $\delta = 2.60 \text{ ppm}$ , while  $-CH_3$  protons (12H) appeared at  $\delta = 3.25 \text{ ppm}$

**Antimicrobial activity**

The *in vitro* antibacterial activities of synthesized complexes have been studied by disc diffusion method. The antibacterial activities were done at  $100 \mu\text{g/ml}$  concentrations in DMF solvent using four bacterial strains (*S. typhi*, *S. aureus*, *E. coli* and *B. subtilis*) by the minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) method.<sup>41</sup> These bacterial strains were incubated for 72 h at  $27^{\circ}C$ . Standard antibacterial (Cefodox and Linazoid) were used for comparison under similar conditions. Activity was determined by measuring the diameter of the zone of inhibition (mm) (Table 8).

Table 8 indicated that  $Co(II)$  and  $Ni(II)$  complexes are more active against the bacterial strains *S. aureus* and *S.typhi* as compared to other bacterial strains.  $Cu(II)$  and  $Zn(II)$  complexes were found to be moderately active against all bacterial strains.

**Conclusion**

From analytical and spectral data of new series of macrocyclic ligand complexes, it is concluded that macrocyclic complexes acts as tetradentate with nitrogen donor transition metal complexes of the type  $[M(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)X_2]$ . Where M= Co(II),Cu(II),Ni(II) and Zn(II).The infrared and magnetic moment data indicates octahedral environment at the metal centers. The complexes would be expected to exhibit the physiological properties with enhanced intensity. Antibacterial activity of some complexes are moderate.

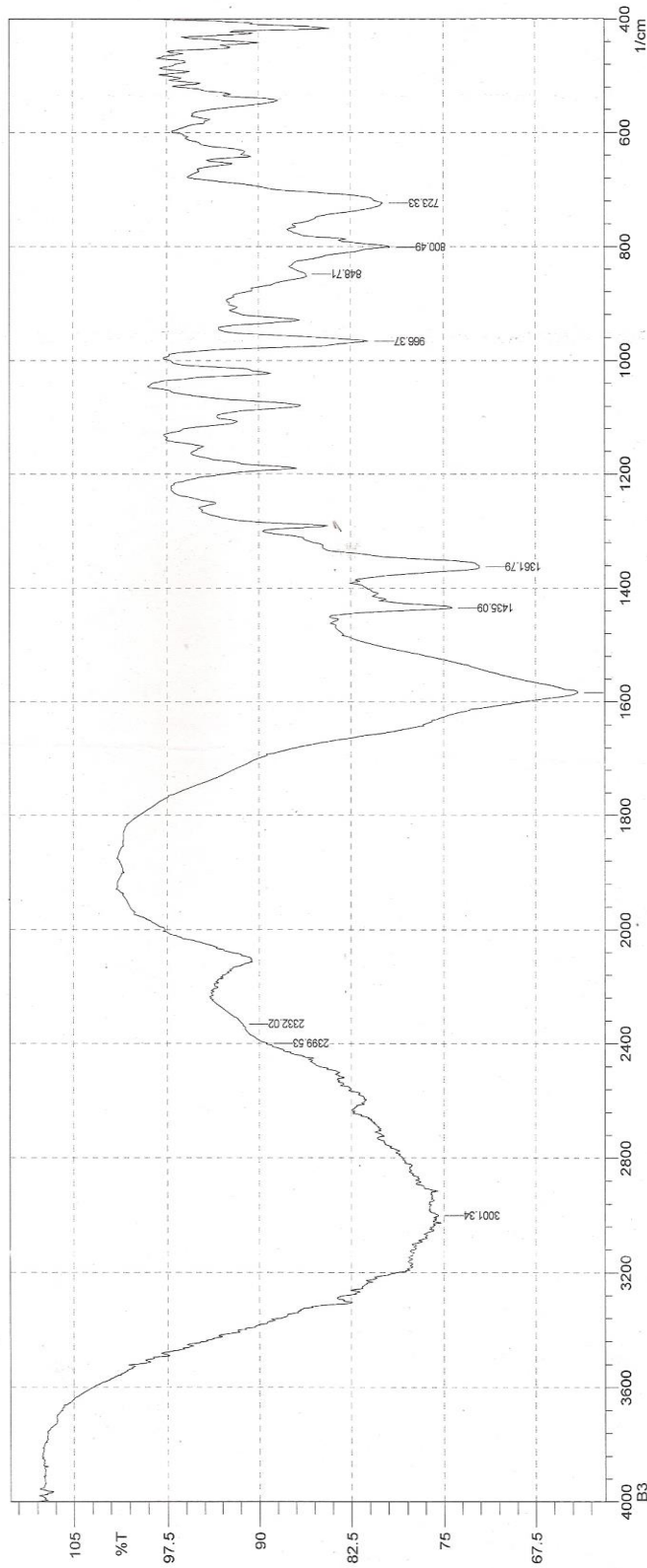
**Table No.1: Analytical data of  $[M(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)X_2]$  type complexes**

Sr. No.	Mol. For. of Complex	Mol. Wt.	Colour	Melting Point	Elemental Analysis %			$\lambda_M$ ohm <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	M.M B.M
					Calcd. (Found)	% C	% H		
1	$[Cu(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)Cl_2]$	470.83	Blue	225	40.838 (40.345)	5.138 (4.879)	11.899 (11.564)	11	1.77
2	$[Cu(C_{14}H_{24}N_4O_4)(NO_3)_2]$	523.94	Dark Blue	230	36.679 (36.213)	4.617 (4.216)	16.04 (15.768)	09	1.76
3	$[Cu(C_{14}H_{24}N_4O_4)(CH_3COO)_2]$	518.02	Blue	233	46.372 (46.005)	5.837 (5.398)	10.815 (10.432)	13	1.78
4	$[Co(C_{14}H_{24}N_4O_4)Cl_2]$	466.23	Brown	236	42.219	5.188 (4.978)	12.017 (11.765)	08	4.80
5	$[Co(C_{14}H_{24}N_4O_4)(NO_3)_2]$	519.33	Dark Brown	234	37 (36.879)	4.658 (4.269)	16.182 (15.876)	15	4.83
6	$[Co(C_{14}H_{24}N_4O_4)(CH_3COO)_2]$	513	Black	239	46.788 (46.206)	5.889 (5.346)	10.912 (10.398)	14	4.82
7	$[Ni(C_{14}H_{24}N_4O_4)Cl_2]$	466	Light Green	243	41.238 (40.877)	5.191 (4.904)	12.022 (11.788)	12	2.80
8	$[Ni(C_{14}H_{24}N_4O_4)(NO_3)_2]$	519.11	Green	249	37.02 (36.658)	4.66 (4.289)	16.189 (15.877)	07	2.82
9	$[Ni(C_{14}H_{24}N_4O_4)(CH_3COO)_2]$	513	Green	250	40.809 (40.306)	5.892 (5.576)	10.917 (10.345)	09	2.85
10	$[Zn(C_{14}H_{24}N_4O_4)Cl_2]$	472.66	Buff	246	40.657 (40.231)	5.118 (5.079)	11.853 (11.346)	12	-
11	$[Zn(C_{14}H_{24}N_4O_4)(NO_3)_2]$	525.77	Buff	255	36.551 (36.101)	4.601 (4.217)	15.984 (15.453)	12	-
12	$[Zn(C_{14}H_{24}N_4O_4)(CH_3COO)_2]$	519	Buff	253	46.209 (45.890)	5.817 (5.532)	10.777 (10.621)	14	-

**Table -2: IR spectra of complexes**

Compound	$\nu(C=N)$	$\nu(C-N)$	$\nu(M-N)$
$[Zn(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)Cl_2]$	1575-1610	1000-1310	420-460

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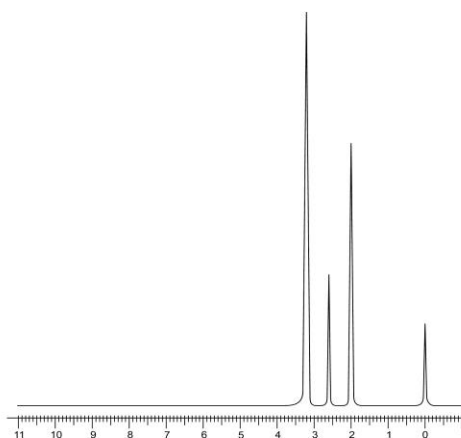
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**Table -3:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of complexes**

Compound	-CH <sub>3</sub>	-NCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> N-	-CCH <sub>2</sub> C-	-CCH <sub>2</sub> C-
[Zn(C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> )(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	3.25	2.00	2.60	--



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**Table 7: Antibacterial activity of complexes of type  $[M(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)X_2]$** 

Sr. No.	Complex	Inhibition zone (mm)			
		<i>S. typhi</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>B. subtilis</i>
1	$[Cu(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)Cl_2]$	9	10	7	7
2	$[Cu(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)(NO_3)_2]$	10	9	10	8
3	$[Cu(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)(CH_3COO)_2]$	12	10	9	8
4	$[Co(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)Cl_2]$	18	27	15	11
5	$[Co(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)(NO_3)_2]$	17	16	15	12
6	$[Co(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)(CH_3COO)_2]$	15	15	13	10
7	$[Ni(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)Cl_2]$	17	14	15	14
8	$[Ni(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)(NO_3)_2]$	16	14	12	12
9	$[Ni(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)(CH_3COO)_2]$	22	19	16	17
10	$[Zn(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)Cl_2]$	15	11	12	11
11	$[Zn(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)(NO_3)_2]$	13	11	11	9
12	$[Zn(C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_4)(CH_3COO)_2]$	11	12	9	8
13	Cefodox	22	27	22	20
14	Linazoid	25	28	22	20

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