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Abstract Schiff base chelates of V(IV), Ni(II) and Cu(II) ions derived from 4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde with valine (L1) and with tyrosine (L2) were prepared and investigated by using some physical tools, in terms, elemental analyses, molar conductance measurements, thermogravimetric analysis, magnetic moments, infrared, electronic and electron paramagnetic resonance spectroscopies. The CHN elemental analyses showed the formation of 1:1 and 1:2 [M:L] ratios. The molar conductivity measurements revealed that the chelates are non electrolyte in nature. The magnetic moment results showed a paramagnetic phenomenon for all chelates. The infrared spectral data displayed the proper coordination sites of the Schiff bases toward the metal ions. The electronic absorption spectral results showed the proper electronic transitions and the expected chemical structures for the chelates. The electron paramagnetic resonance spectral data exhibited an octahedral geometry structure for V(IV) Ni(II) and Cu(II) chelates with L¹ and L², while a square planar for Cu(II)L² chelate.

Key words: 4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde, L-Valine, L-tyrosine, Schiff bases, Metal chelates.

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المخلص تم تحضير وتشخيص مترابكات قواعد شف لأيونات الفانديوم (IV) والنيكل (II) والنحاس (II) والمشتقة من 4،4-ثنائي ميثيل امينوبنز الدهيد مع الفالين والتيروسين وتم التشخيص باستخدام عدة طرق فيزيائية منها التحليل العنصرى للكربون والهيدروجين والنتروجين (CHN) والقياسات المولارية الجهدية والقياسات المغناطيسية ومطيافية الأشعة تحت الحمراء والمطيافية الإلكترونية ومطيافية الرنين الإلكتروني البارامغناطيسي . وقد بينت نتائج التحليل العنصرى أن المترابكات تكونت بنسب 1:1 و 1:2 (فلز: ليجاند) . كما أظهرت نتائج القياس المولارى للمترابكات بإنها غير إلكترونية في طبيعتها . اما القياسات المغناطيسية تؤكد بان جميع المترابكات التي تم تحضيرها بارامغناطيسية . هذا وبينت مطيافية الأشعة تحت الحمراء مواقع التناسق الموجودة بمركبات قواعد شف تجاه أيونات الفلزات. وأوضحت نتائج مطيافية الأشعة الإلكترونية الانتقالات الإلكترونية المحتملة والتراكيب الكيميائية للمترابكات . اما مطيافية الرنين الإلكتروني البارامغناطيسي أكدت وجود تركيب ثمانى الاسطح الهرمية لمترابكات الفانديوم (IV) والنيكل (II) مع L¹ و L² ، اما النحاس (II) فهو ثمانى الاسطح الهرمية مع L¹ ومربع مسطح مع L².

الكلمات الافتتاحية: 4-ثنائي ميثيل امينوبنز الدهيد، الفالين، التيروسين، قواعد شف، مترابكات مخلبية.

Introduction

The interest in the synthesis and characterization of Schiff base complexes has been prompted [1, 2] by the belief that the systematic characterization of these complexes may shed light on the nature of the free ligand environment. El-ajaily et al [3] Prepared and investigated the Ni(II) chelate of a Schiff base derived from 4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde and cysteine. Based on the physicochemical tools, a square planar structure was proposed for the chelate. The Schiff base complexes derived from the condensing 4-[N,N-dimethylamino]benzaldehyde and o-aminophenol have been prepared and investigated

by several physical techniques. The obtained data showed the formulae of [NiL(OH)(H₂O)].5H₂O and [ML(OH)(H₂O)].4H₂O complexes in which M represents Cr(III) or Fe(III) ion. The analysis data suggested a square planar geometry for Ni(II) complex and octahedral structures for Cr(III) and Fe(III) complexes [4]. Vaghasiya et.al [5] synthesize and determine the geometrical structures of the compounds derived from vanillin and 4-aminoantipyrine. Also the antibacterial activity of the synthesized compound were screened on some pathogenic bacteria. This study aims to synthesis and elucidate the geometrical structures of some

metal chelates of VO(IV), Ni(II) and Cu(II) ions with Schiff bases derived from 4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde, valine and tyrosine.

Experimental

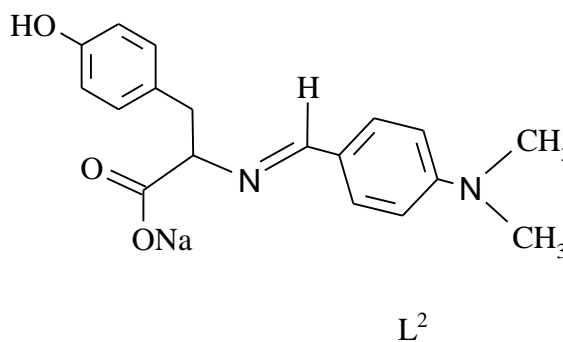
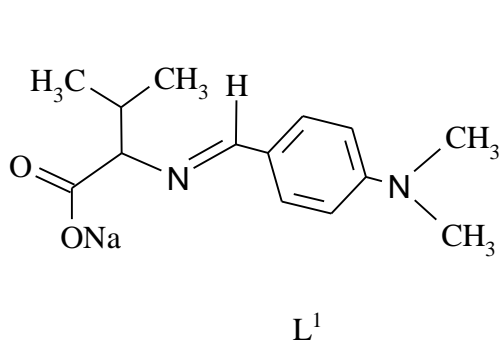
Chemicals and methods

All chemicals used in this investigation were laboratory pure (BDH or Aldrich) including 4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde, valine, tyrosine, $\text{VOSO}_4 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$, NaOH , $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$, CH_3OH , CHCl_3 , DMSO, acetic acid and double distilled water. The prepared Schiff base complexes were subjected to (CHN) 2400-elemental analyzer. The molar conductance measurements were carried out in DMSO solvent using conductivity meter model CMD-650 digital, Chemistry department, Benghazi university. The magnetic moment measurements of the complexes were measured by using magnetic susceptibility balance Sherwood Scientific England. The infrared spectra were obtained by using KBr disk technique on IFS-25-DPUS/Infrared spectrometer (Bruker) in the range of $4000\text{-}400\text{cm}^{-1}$. The

electronic absorption spectra of the complexes were measured in CHCl_3 solvent using UV-Vis-NIR-3101PC Shimadzu (Japan). The electron paramagnetic resonance spectra were recorded by using EMX ESR spectrometer (Bruker) 1998Y.

Preparation of valine Schiff base (L1)

The Schiff base derived from 4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde and valine was prepared as follows: NaOH (10mmol; 0.4g) was dissolved in methanol (20cm^3) then L-valine (10mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred magnetically at room temperature. When the mixture became homogeneous, a solution of 4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde (10mmol, 1.49g) in ethanol (20cm^3) was added. After 2 minutes, the solution was evaporated to 20% of its original volume and 1 cm^3 of acetic acid was added immediately. After 2 hours yellow crystals appeared. The crystals were filtered and washed with ethanol and recrystallized from hot methanol to give yellow crystals of melting point 245°C and yielded 75.40%..



Preparation of tyrosine Schiff base (L2)

This compound which formed by the condensation of 4-dimethylamino- benzaldehyde and tyrosine was prepared as follows: NaOH (10mmol, 0.4g) was dissolved in methanol (20 cm^3) and then L-tyrosine] (10mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred until the mixture becomes homogeneous. A solution of 4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde (10mmol; 1.49 g) in ethanol (20 cm^3) was added. After 2 minutes, the solution was evaporated to 20% of its original volume and 1cm^3 of acetic acid was added immediately. After 2 hrs yellow crystals appeared. The crystals were filtered and washed with ethanol. They were recrystallized from hot methanol to give yellow crystals of melting point of 250°C and yield of 84.70%.

Preparation of the valine Schiff base chelates

The valine (20 mmol; 4.96g) was dissolved in (25cm^3) of methanol containing NaOH (20mmol; 0.8g). A solution of 4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde (20 mmol, 2.98g) in (25 cm^3) of ethanol was added to the solution. After 2minutes, Solutions of the metal salts [10mmol, $\text{VOSO}_4 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (2.01g), $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (2.37g) and $\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1.99g)] were added and the mixtures were refluxed for 3hrs. The solution volumes were reduced to 75% by evaporation and the residues were left to stand overnight, reddish brown microcrystalline solids

were filtered and recrystallized from a methanol/ethanol (50%) mixture.

Preparation of the tyrosine Schiff base chelates

The L-tyrosine (20mmol; 6.24g) was dissolved in (25 cm^3) of methanol containing NaOH (20mmol; 0.8g). An ethanolic solution of 4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde (20mmol; 2.98g) in (25 cm^3) was added to the solution. After 2mins, solutions of the metal salts [10mmol, $\text{VOSO}_4 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (2.01g), $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (2.37g) and $\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1.99g)] were added and the mixtures were condensed for 3hrs. The obtained mixtures were reduced to 75% by evaporation and the residues were left to stand overnight, reddish brown microcrystalline solids were filtered and recrystallized from a methanol/ethanol (50%) mixture.

Results and discussion

Microanalysis and molar conductance measurements

The elemental analysis data of the Schiff base chelates (Table-1) show the formation of 1:1 [M:L] and 1:2 [M:L] ratios. It is found that the theoretical values are in a good agreement with the found ones. The purity of the Schiff base chelates were tested by TLC technique and CHN elemental analyses. The molar conductance measurements of the chelates were carried out in DMSO solvent and the obtained values (Table-1)

were taken as a good evidence for the existence of a non-electrolyte nature for all chelates [6].

Table-1: CHN elemental analyses and some properties of Schiff base chelates

| Schiff base/Chelates | M.Wt | Yield (%) | C% Calc. | C% Exp. | %H Calc. | %H Exp. | %N Calc. | %N Exp. | μ BM | Λ^* |
|--|-------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|-------------|
| Valine Schiff base (L ¹) | 301 | 5.41 | 51.85 | 50.53 | 800 | 9.25 | 8.64 | 9.78 | - | - |
| Tyrosine Schiff base (L ²) | 365 | 84.7 | 56.99 | 57.08 | 6.33 | 6.53 | 7.38 | 7.25 | - | - |
| [VOL ¹ (OH)(H ₂ O) ₂] | 443. | 60.0 | 38.00 | 39.4 | 6.56 | 5.84 | 6.33 | 5.64 | 1.27 | 0.00 |
| [NiL ¹ (OH)(H ₂ O) ₂].7H ₂ O | 560.7 | 62.6 | 29.98 | 30.35 | 7.66 | 6.57 | 4.99 | 5.29. | 2.08 | 5.90 |
| [CuL ¹ (OH)(H ₂ O) ₃].7H ₂ O | 582.5 | 70.0 | 28.84 | 29.56 | 6.52 | 5.88 | 4.81 | 5.19 | 1.28 | 38.00 |
| [VO(L ²) ₂ (H ₂ O)].H ₂ O | 787 | 55.8 | 56.00 | 56.17 | 5.96 | 5.20 | 7.56 | 7.28 | 1.63 | 0.00 |
| [NiL ² (OH)(H ₂ O) ₃].10H ₂ O | 687.7 | 60.3 | 31.41 | 30.84 | 5.38 | 5.00 | 4.07 | 4.05 | 3.00 | 15.40 |
| [CuL ² (OH)(H ₂ O)].6H ₂ O | 608.5 | 65.2 | 35.85 | 35.29 | 6.30 | 6.10 | 4.65 | 4.66 | 1.63 | 46.00 |

Λ^* = cm^{-1} , BM = Bohr magneton

Infrared spectra of the chelates

The infrared spectra of the chelates under investigation (Table2) were compared with that of the free Schiff bases to determine the changes that might have taken place during the complexation. IR spectral values of the valine and tyrosine Schiff base chelates display bands in the range of 1597-1619 and 1519-1595 cm^{-1} assignable for $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ and $\nu(-\text{CO}_2)$ groups [7, 8]. A slight shift to lower or higher frequency is

observed for $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ and $\nu(-\text{CO}_2)$ bands after complexation. The appearance of new bands in the range of 592-672 cm^{-1} and 416-515 cm^{-1} which are due to $\nu(\text{M}-\text{O})$ and $\nu(\text{M}-\text{N})$ bonding supports the involvement of the oxygen of the carboxylic group and nitrogen atom of azomethine group of both Schiff bases in complexation.[9] A broad band with the range 3332-3449 cm^{-1} confirms the presence of water molecules in the separated chelates[10].

Table-2: Infrared (cm^{-1}) and electronic spectral data of Schiff base and chelates

| Schiff base / Chelates | νCO_2 | νOH | $\nu\text{C}=\text{N}$ | $\nu\text{M}-\text{O}$ | $\nu\text{M}-\text{N}$ | UV(nm) |
|--|------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| Valine Schiff Base (L ¹) | - | 3337 | 1588 | - | - | 253 |
| Tyrosine Schiff base (L ²) | 3017 | - | - | - | - | 339 |
| [VOL ¹ (H ₂ O) ₂] | 1542 | 3422 | 1596 | 592 | 515 | 402 |
| [NiL ¹ (OH)(H ₂ O) ₂].6H ₂ O | 1585 | 3332 | 1628 | 655 | 416 | 338 |
| [CuL ¹ (OH)(H ₂ O) ₃].7H ₂ O | 1595 | 3448 | 1619 | 672 | 472 | 337 |
| [VO(L ²) ₂ (H ₂ O)].H ₂ O | 1590 | 3472 | 1613 | 649 | 432 | 362 |
| [NiL ² (OH)(H ₂ O) ₃].10H ₂ O | 1552 | 3350 | 1602 | 634 | 467 | 339 |
| CuL ² (OH)(H ₂ O)].6H ₂ O | 1519 | 3449 | 1597 | 635 | 487 | 339 |

Electronic spectra and magnetic moments

The electronic spectral data of the Schiff base (Table-2) exhibit $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ (Phenyl ring) and $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ (HC=N, -OH, CO₂H). The electronic spectra of VO-L¹ and VO-L²

Schiff base chelates show two bands at 402 and 362nm due to ${}^2\text{T}_{2g} \rightarrow {}^2\text{E}_g$ transition. The observed bands and the magnetic moment values of 1.27 and 1.53BM suggest the existence of an octahedral geometry.[11] The electronic spectrum of Ni(II)-L¹ Schiff base chelate exhibits a band at 338 assigned to ${}^3\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow {}^3\text{T}_{2g}(\text{F})$ transition. The nature of the band and the magnetic moment value of the chelate (2.08BM) support the existence of an octahedral structure. For Ni(II)-L² Schiff base chelate, the spectrum shows three bands at of 287, 393 and 339nm attributed to ${}^3\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow {}^3\text{T}_{2g}(\text{F})$, ${}^3\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow {}^3\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F})$ and ${}^3\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow {}^3\text{T}_{1g}(\text{P})$ transitions. These data suggest the presence of an octahedral geometry. The magnetic moment of the chelate (3.00 BM) and the intensity of the bands support the mentioned structure.[12] The

electronic spectra of Cu-L¹ and Cu-L² Schiff base chelates show two bands at 337 and 339 nm which are due to ${}^2\text{E}_g \rightarrow {}^2\text{T}_{2g}$ transition. Based on the nature of the bands and the magnetic moment values of 1.28 and 1.63BM, an octahedral and a square planar configurations were suggested.[13]

Electron paramagnetic resonance spectra

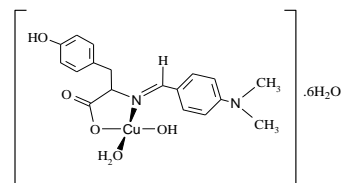
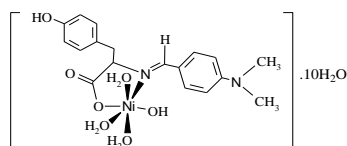
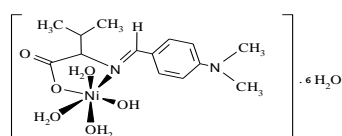
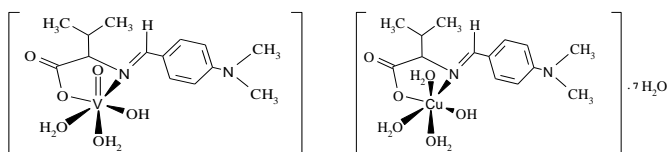
In the present investigation, the electron paramagnetic resonance spectral data of the Schiff base chelates are lied between 1.9992 and 2.1537, and the obtained data showed an octahedral geometry for VO(IV), Ni(II) and Cu(II) chelates and a square planar geometry for Cu-L² chelate.[14]

Conclusion

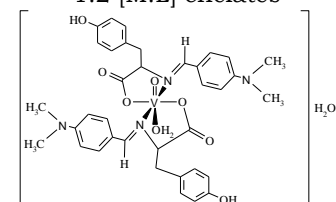
From the previous chemical analyses [elemental analysis, molar conductance measurements, magnetic moment measurements, infrared, electronic and electron paramagnetic resonance],

the geometrical structures of the prepared chelates are given below:

1:1 [M:L] chelates



1:2 [M:L] chelates



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