

Synthesis and Spectroscopic Studies of Metal Complexes of Schiff Base Derived from 2-Phenyl-3-(*p*-aminophenyl)-4-quinazoline

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Ten coordination compounds of Co(II), Ni(II) and Cu(II) with Schiff base ligand 2-phenyl-3-(*p*-aminophenyl)-4-quinazoline hydrazone (PAQH) were synthesized and characterized by molar mass elemental analyses, magnetic susceptibility, infrared spectra, electronic spectra and molar conductance measurements. All the synthesized compounds were screened for antimicrobial activities against two bacteria, *Escherichia coli* and *Staphylococcus aureus*. Metal complexes exhibit several fold increase in their antimicrobial activity in comparison to that of the constituting ligand fragments. The complexes of Co(II) and Ni(II) were proposed to be octahedral in geometry whereas the geometry of Cu(II) complexes were proposed distorted octahedral.

Key Words: Schiff base, 2-Phenyl-3-(*p*-aminophenyl)-4-quinazoline hydrazone, Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II), Complexes.

INTRODUCTION

The quinazoline derivative have been reported to possess significant biological and pharmacological activities such as anti-HIV¹, anticonvulsant², antimicrobial³, antibacterial⁴, antihypertensive⁵, anthelmintic⁶, antiallergic⁷, analgesic⁸, antiinflammatory⁹, insecticidal¹⁰ and antitubercular¹¹. In continuation of our ongoing work¹¹⁻¹⁵ on Schiff base transition metal coordination compounds derived from quinazoline, we report here the synthesis and characterization of Co(II), Ni(II) and Cu(II) coordination compounds with 2-phenyl-3-(*p*-aminophenyl)-4-quinazoline hydrazone (PAQH).

EXPERIMENTAL

All the used chemicals and reagent used were analytical grade. The solvents were used without any purification. The metal contents were determined using standard method¹⁶. The analytical data of the complexes and their molar conductance values are given in Table-1. The IR spectra of ligand and its complexes were taken on Perkin-Elmer model 577 spectrophotometer using KBr disc. Conductivity measurements were made using Systronics conductivity meter model 303 in DMF. Magnetic susceptibility were measured by Gouy method using Hg(Co(NCS)₄) as a calibrant. Electronic spectra of the complexes were recorded in DMF on Cary-2390 spectrophotometer.

Preparation of ligand: The ligand 3-phenyl-3-(*p*-aminophenyl)-4-quinazoline hydrazone was prepared by condensation of ethanolic solution of 2-phenyl 3-(*p*-aminophenyl)-4-quinazoline (0.001 m) with hydrazine hydrate (0.001 m) dissolved in 10 % ethanolic solution.

The resulting mixture was refluxed on waterbath for 3-4 h with occasional stirring. After cooling the refluxed solution, colourless solid was obtained which was separated by filtration, washed and finally dried and crystallized with tetrahydrofuran. Yield 60 %, m.p. 258 ± 1 °C.

Preparation of the complexes: The complexes of Co(II), Ni(II) and Cu(II) were synthesized by adding ethanolic solution of respective metal acetates (0.001 m) to Schiff base (0.002 m) dissolved in minimum volume of ethanol. The reaction mixture was refluxed on a water bath for 2 h. The solution was then cooled and treated with liquor ammonia/pyridine/ α - β - or γ -picoline with each of metal separately and the procedure carried out in each case of similar nature with slight variation of timing of refluxing. The reaction mixture was again refluxed for 2 h. Partial removal of the solvent and cooling to room temperature gave solid coloured complexes which were filtered, washed thoroughly with ethanol and finally dried.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The relevant IR spectral bands of ligand as well as metal complexes are listed in Table-2. The IR spectra of the ligand

TABLE-1
ANALYTICAL AND PHYSICAL MEASUREMENT OF THE COMPLEXES WITH THE
LIGAND 2-PHENYL-3-(*p*-AMINOPHENYL)-4-QUINOZOLONE (PAQH)

Compounds (Colour)	Molar mass	Yield (%)	Elemental analysis (%): Found (calcd.)				λ_{max} electronic (cm ⁻¹)	DT (°C)	Ω_m (ohm ⁻¹ cm ² mol ⁻¹)	μ_{eff} (BM)
			M	C	H	N				
PAQH (Colourless)	251	62	–	66.74 (66.93)	5.09 (5.17)	27.76 (27.88)	–	–	–	–
[Co(PAQH) ₂ (NH ₃) ₂] (Brown)	592.93	63	9.84 (9.93)	56.48 (56.66)	3.96 (4.04)	23.50 (23.61)	13800, 19400	203	1.4	4.93
[Co(PAQH) ₂ (C ₆ H ₅ N ₂) ₂] (Brown)	716.93	63	8.14 (8.21)	46.74 (46.86)	3.28 (3.34)	19.41 (19.52)	13300, 19900	193	1.7	5.03
[Co(PAQH) ₂ (α -pic) ₂] (Brownish red)	920.93	64	8.09 (8.17)	46.44 (46.60)	3.27 (3.32)	19.27 (19.41)	13600, 19700	197	1.1	4.98
[Co(PAQH) ₂ (β -pic) ₂] (Brownish red)	720.93	62	8.07 (8.17)	46.42 (46.60)	3.28 (3.32)	19.26 (19.41)	13540, 20080	191	0.93	4.93
[Co(PAQH) ₂ (γ -pic) ₂] (Brownish red)	720.93	60	8.08 (8.17)	46.43 (46.60)	3.26 (3.32)	19.30 (19.41)	13500, 19920	213	2.1	4.91
[Ni(PAQH) ₂ (NH ₃) ₂] (Green)	592.51	62	9.81 (9.90)	56.55 (56.68)	3.97 (4.04)	23.53 (23.62)	10600, 15300, 23600	218	1.4	3.17
[Ni(PAQH) ₂ (C ₆ H ₅ N ₂) ₂] (Green)	716.71	64	8.10 (8.19)	46.76 (46.88)	3.29 (3.34)	19.40 (19.53)	10740, 15100, 23900	201	1.8	3.20
[Ni(PAQH) ₂ (α -pic) ₂] (Green)	720.71	63	8.03 (8.14)	46.50 (46.62)	3.26 (3.33)	19.36 (19.42)	10300, 15600, 23740	189	1.9	3.22
[Ni(PAQH) ₂ (β -pic) ₂] (Deep green)	720.71	62	8.02 (8.14)	46.49 (46.62)	3.24 (3.33)	19.33 (19.42)	10270, 15800, 24000	230	2.1	3.19
[Ni(PAQH) ₂ (γ -pic) ₂] (Green)	720.71	63	8.04 (8.14)	46.51 (46.62)	3.29 (3.33)	19.38 (19.42)	10240, 15300, 24600	227	2.9	3.11
[Cu(PAQH) ₂ (NH ₃) ₂] (Blue)	597.54	64	10.58 (10.67)	56.11 (56.23)	3.95 (4.01)	23.31 (23.42)	12200, 15000	236	3.1	1.91
[Cu(PAQH) ₂ (C ₆ H ₅ N ₂) ₂] (Blue)	720.54	62	8.04 (8.13)	46.44 (46.56)	3.26 (3.32)	19.26 (19.40)	12060, 14800	224	3.4	1.89
[Cu(PAQH) ₂ (α -pic) ₂] (Blue)	725.54	64	8.01 (8.09)	46.14 (46.31)	3.21 (3.30)	19.20 (19.29)	11700, 14200	216	3.6	1.87
[Cu(PAQH) ₂ (β -pic) ₂] (Blue)	725.54	63	8.02 (8.09)	46.11 (46.31)	3.24 (3.30)	19.18 (19.29)	11900, 14700	196	1.1	1.85
[Cu(PAQH) ₂ (γ -pic) ₂] (Blue)	725.54	62	7.99 (8.09)	46.17 (46.31)	3.26 (3.30)	19.21 (19.29)	11600, 14300	213	1.9	1.84

DT = Decomposition temperature.

TABLE-2
IR SPECTRAL BAND (cm⁻¹) OF THE LIGAND
2-PHENYL-3-(*p*-AMINOPHENYL)-4-QUINOZOLONE
(PAQH) AND ITS METAL(II) COMPLEXES

Compounds	$\nu(\text{N-H})$	$\nu(\text{C=N})$	$\nu(\text{M-N})$
PAQH	3400 s,	1560 s,b	–
[Co(PAQH) ₂ (NH ₃) ₂]	3370 m,b	1540 m,b	450 m
[Co(PAQH) ₂ (C ₆ H ₅ N ₂) ₂]	3370 m,b	1535 m,b	455 m
[Co(PAQH) ₂ (α -pic) ₂]	3375 m,b	1530 m,b	445 m
[Co(PAQH) ₂ (β -pic) ₂]	3375 m,b	1535 m,b	450 m
[Co(PAQH) ₂ (γ -pic) ₂]	3375 m,b	1530 m,b	435 m
[Ni(PAQH) ₂ (NH ₃) ₂]	3370 m,b	1530 m,b	430 m
[Ni(PAQH) ₂ (C ₆ H ₅ N ₂) ₂]	3370 m,b	1535 m,b	435 m
[Ni(PAQH) ₂ (α -pic) ₂]	3370 m,b	1535 m,b	430 m
[Ni(PAQH) ₂ (β -pic) ₂]	3375 m,b	1530 m,b	430 m,b
[Ni(PAQH) ₂ (γ -pic) ₂]	3375 m,b	1520 m,b	430 m,b
[Cu(PAQH) ₂ (NH ₃) ₂]	3370 m,b	1535 m,b	430 m,b
[Cu(PAQH) ₂ (C ₆ H ₅ N ₂) ₂]	3370 m,b	1530 m,b	420 m,b
[Cu(PAQH) ₂ (α -pic) ₂]	3375 m,b	1525 m,b	425 m,b
[Cu(PAQH) ₂ (β -pic) ₂]	3375 m,b	1520 m,b	425 m,b
[Cu(PAQH) ₂ (γ -pic) ₂]	3375 m,b	1525 m,b	420 m,b

observed strong and broad band at 3400 cm⁻¹ regions In the spectra of the complexes this band shift with slightly reduced intensity. The shift of the band and change in intensity

proposing coordination of secondary amino group with metal ion which is also supported by appearance of a band at 460-420 cm⁻¹ assigned $\nu(\text{M-N})$ ¹⁸⁻²⁰. The next IR spectrum of the ligand shows strong band at 1560 cm⁻¹ assigned to $\nu(\text{C=N})$. In the spectra of the complexes this band shifted with slightly reduced intensity. The shift of the band and change in intensity suggest coordination of azomethine nitrogen with metal ion. The low value of molar conductance in the range 2.6 to 4.2 ohm⁻¹ cm² mol⁻¹ which indicates non electrolytic nature of the complexes. The spectra of pyridine and picolines adducts show additional bands near 650 cm⁻¹ assigned to pyridine and picolin ring. The presence of band at 1480 and 1360 cm⁻¹ with a separation of 120 cm⁻¹ suggests²¹ monocoordinated nature of nitrate group.

The electronic spectral and magnetic susceptibility measurements (Table-1) proposes octahedral geometry for Co(II) and Ni(II) complexes. The geometry for Cu(II) complexes is proposed to distorted octahedral in nature²²⁻²⁵.

Antimicrobial screening: The antimicrobial screening of the synthesized Schiff base ligands and their corresponding metal complexes on *Staphylococcus aureus* (Gram +ve) and *Echerichia coli* (Gram -ve) by disc diffusion technique²⁶ using DMF as a solvent at concentration of 50 mg. On comparing

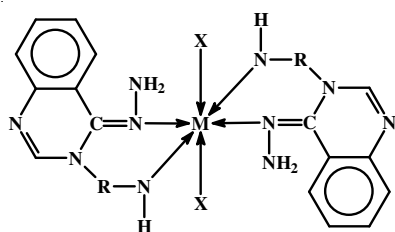
the biological activity of the Schiff base and its metal complexes with the standard bacteria, it reflects that the metal complexes have moderate activity as compared to the standard, but all the complexes are more active than ligand due to chelation theory. Chelation tends to make the Schiff base to act as more powerful and potent bacteriostatic agents, thus inhibiting the growth of bacteria and fungi more than the parent Schiff base. The enhancement in biocidal activity may be understood on the basis of their structure that mainly possesses azomethine linkage. Ligands with nitrogen and oxygen donor system inhibit enzyme activity, since the enzymes which require these groups for their activity appear to be especially more susceptible to deactivation. Actually coordination reduces the polarity of the metal ion mainly due to the partial sharing of its positive charge with the donor group within the chelate ring system formed during coordination. This process, in turn, increases the biophilic character of the metal, which favours its permeation more efficiently the lipid layer of the micro-organism, thus destroying them more aggressively.

TABLE-3
MINIMUM INHIBITING CONCENTRATION (MIC)
($\mu\text{g/mL}$) OF THE COMPOUNDS

Compounds	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>
PAQH	40	55
[Co(PAQH) ₂ (NH ₃) ₃]	95	86
[Ni(PAQH) ₂ (NH ₃) ₃]	70	75
[Cu(PAQH) ₂ (NH ₃) ₃]	65	65

Conclusion

The synthesized Schiff base, 2-phenyl-3-(*p*-aminophenyl)-4-quinazoline hydrazone (PAQH) acts as uninegative bidentate ligand. The metal ions are coordinated through the amine and imine N atoms. The remaining coordination centres are satisfied by neutral ligands such as ammonia, pyridine, α -picolin, β -picolin and γ -picolin. All these observations put together lead us to propose the complexes of Co(II) and Ni(II) to have octahedral geometry whereas geometry of Cu(II) complexes is proposed distorted octahedral geometry as shown in Fig. 1.



M = Co(II), Ni(II) and Cu(II); X = NH₃, C₆H₅, α -picoline, β -picoline and γ -picoline; R = Phenyl

Fig. 1. Proposed Structure of [M(PAQH)₂X₂]

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