

# Complex Compounds of Azomethines with an $MN_2S_2$ Five-membered Coordination Unit: Metal Chelates of 2-{[4-(3,5-Diphenyl-4,5-dihydropyrazol-1-yl)-benzylidene]amino}benzenethiol

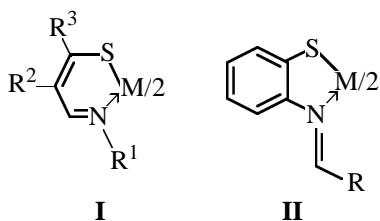
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**Abstract**—Chelate complexes of 2-{[4-(3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydropyrazol-1-yl)benzylidene]amino}benzenethiol (LH) of the  $ML_2$  composition and with an  $M_2N_2S_2$  five-membered coordination unit were obtained. The syntheses were carried out by chemical (from LH and metal acetates) and electrochemical (from LH and zero-valent metals) methods in methanol. The chelate compounds were assigned *cis*-planar ( $M = Ni$ ) and tetrahedral ( $M = Co, Zn, Cd$ ) configurations.

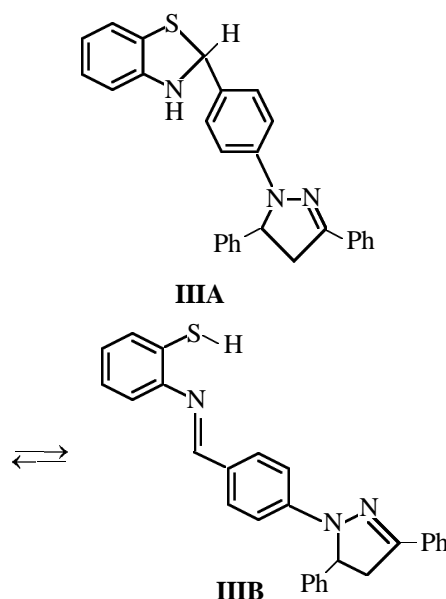
Complexes of Schiff bases with an  $MN_2S_2$  coordination unit occupy an important place in the chemistry of azomethine metal chelates in view their peculiar stereochemistry (preferential formation of *cis*-planar and distorted tetrahedral structures) [1–3] and the possibility of creation of models of active centers of nonheme metal proteins [4–8]. Whereas most emphasis in the development of this field of coordination chemistry has been placed on six-membered metal chelates **I** [1–, 5–8], five-membered chelates **II** are equally interesting objects [1–3, 9–25].



**I**,  $R^1, R^2, R^3 = \text{Alk, Ar, Ht}$ ; **II**,  $R = \text{Ar, Ht}$ .

Proceeding with the research initiated in [9, 10], we synthesized for the first time and studied ligand **III** (LH) and metal complexes **IV**, **Va–Vc** derived from it.

As would be expected [26–28], ligands **III** in crystal and in solutions exist mainly in the closed benzothiazoline form **A**, which is proved by the  $^1H$  NMR and IR spectra.



The IR spectrum of compound **III** contains a well-defined band at  $3346\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which relates to stretching vibrations of the secondary amino group, and bands in the region of  $1580\text{ cm}^{-1}$  characteristic of the endocyclic  $C=N$  bond of the pyrazole ring [29]. Vibrations of the open form **B** in the region  $1620\text{--}1660\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (exocyclic azomethine  $C=N$  bond) and  $2500\text{--}2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$  [ $\nu(\text{SH})$ ] are absent from the spectrum.

The presence of a chiral center in the pyrazoline fragment of ligand **III** results in the observation in the

IR spectra, magnetic characteristics, and elemental analyses of azomethine **III** and complexes **IV**, **Va–Vc**

Comp. no	$M_{\text{ef}}$ , BM	IR spectrum, $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ , $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Color	mp, $^{\circ}\text{C}$	Found, %					Formula	Calculated, %				
					C	H	N	S	M		C	H	N	S	M
<b>III</b>	<sup>a</sup>	<sup>b</sup>	Light yellow	170–171	77.16	5.54	9.89	7.39	–	$\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_3\text{S}$	77.56	5.34	9.69	7.40	–
<b>IV</b>	<sup>a</sup>	1620 m	Red- brown	>250 (decomp.)	72.99	4.70	9.95	6.91	6.55	$\text{C}_{56}\text{H}_{44}\text{N}_6\text{NiS}_2$	72.80	4.80	9.10	6.94	6.35
<b>Va</b>	4.35	1624 m	Brown	>250 (decomp.)	72.75	4.82	8.70	7.15	6.58	$\text{C}_{56}\text{H}_{44}\text{CoN}_6\text{S}_2$	72.78	4.80	9.10	6.94	6.38
<b>Vb</b>	<sup>a</sup>	1625 m	Orange	>250 (decomp.)	72.30	4.74	9.00	6.93	7.12	$\text{C}_{56}\text{H}_{44}\text{N}_6\text{S}_2\text{Zn}$	72.26	4.77	9.04	6.98	7.03
<b>Vc</b>	<sup>a</sup>	1620 m	"	>250 (decomp.)	68.30	4.65	8.74	6.71	11.64	$\text{C}_{56}\text{H}_{44}\text{CdN}_6\text{S}_2$	68.79	4.54	8.60	6.56	11.50

<sup>a</sup> Diamagnetic. <sup>b</sup>  $\nu(\text{NH})$  3346s.

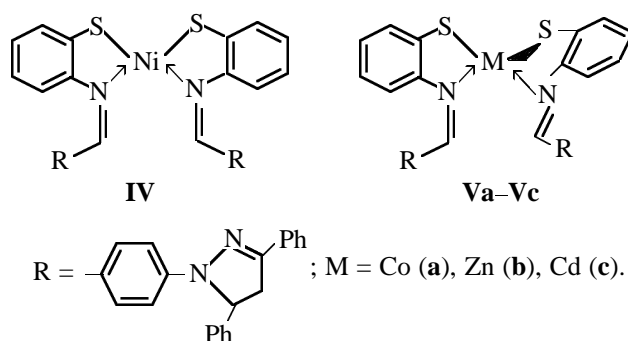
$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of anisochronous  $\text{CH}_2$  proton signals at  $\delta$  (ppm) 3.17 d.d ( $J_{\text{HH}}$  17.2,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  7.0 Hz) and 3.83 d.d ( $J_{\text{HH}}$  17.2,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  12.3 Hz). The pyrazoline  $\text{CHPh}$  proton signal is observed at  $\delta$  5.22 d.d ( $J_{\text{HH}}$  12.3,  $J_{\text{HH}}$  7.0 Hz). The thiazoline  $\text{CH}$  and  $\text{NH}$  proton signals are observed at  $\delta$  6.29 s and 4.22 s, respectively. Aromatic protons appear as multiplets at  $\delta$  6.50–7.80 m (18H).

Chelates **IV**, **Va–Vc** of the  $\text{ML}_2$  composition [ $\text{M} = \text{Co(II)}$ ,  $\text{Ni(II)}$ ,  $\text{Zn(II)}$ , and  $\text{Cd(II)}$ ] (see table) were synthesized chemically and electrochemically from compound **III** (see Experimental). The IR spectra of

the chelates contain well-defined absorption bands at 1620–1625  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , corresponding to stretching vibrations of coordinated  $\text{C}=\text{N}$  bond [10].

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the  $\text{Ni(II)}$ ,  $\text{Zn(II)}$ , and  $\text{Cd(II)}$  complexes preserve the general pattern characteristic of the ligand, but the  $\text{NH}$  signal at  $\delta$  4.22 disappears and the signal of the  $\text{HC}=\text{N}$  proton ( $\delta$  8–9) appears.

Together the above evidence allows us to assign structures **IV** and **V** to the complexes described for the first time. In these structures, the azomethine ligand system is stabilized by coordination (cf. [28]).



The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR evidence allows the diamagnetic nickel complex to be assigned a slightly tetrahedrally distorted planar configuration in solution, which is evidenced by the fact that the chemical shifts of aromatic proton signals span an extended range ( $\delta$

6.0–9.0). This result is consistent with the diamagnetism of the nickel chelate in the crystal phase, we revealed by Faraday's method, as well as published data based on X-ray diffraction data for complexes **II** ( $\text{M} = \text{Ni}$ ) [13, 18, 23, 30, 31]. Similar complexes

**Va–Vc** were assigned a tetrahedral configuration, based on the magnetic moment ( $M_{\text{ef}}$  4.35 BM) for the cobalt chelate and published data for the zinc and cadmium complexes [32, 33].

Thus, the example of new azometine chelates with account for published data [9–28] was used to show that the character of polyhedra that are realized in complexes with  $\text{MN}_2\text{S}_2$  five-membered coordination unit is determined by the electronic configuration of the metal and does not depend on the nature of the substituent in the aldehyde fragment of the ligand system.

## EXPERIMENTAL

The IR spectra were taken on a Specord IR-71 instrument in mineral oil. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were obtained on a Varian Unity-300 spectrometer (300 MHz) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  against internal HMDS. Magnetic measurements were carried out by Faraday's method at 304 K on an installation assembled at the Rostov State University [34].

**2-[[4-(3,5-Diphenyl-4,5-dihydropyrazol-1-yl)benzylidene]amino]benzenethiol (III).** To a methanol solution (30 ml) of 3.26 g of 1-(4-formyl)-3,5-diphenyl-2-pyrazoline obtained by the procedure in [35], 1.25 g of *o*-aminothiophenol was added, and the mixture was refluxed for 1 h. After cooling, yellow crystals formed and were filtered off, recrystallized from methanol, and dried in a vacuum oven at 100°C. Yield 75%.

**Metal 2-[[4-(3,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydropyrazol-1-yl)benzylidene]amino]benzenethiolates (IV), Va–Vc.** *a.* To a solution of 0.86 g azomethine **I** in 20 ml of methanol, 0.001 mol of corresponding metal acetate in 20 ml of methanol was added, and the mixture was refluxed for 2 h. After cooling, a precipitate formed and was filtered off, washed with methanol (3 × 5 ml), recrystallized from toluene or methanol–chloroform (2:1), and dried in a vacuum oven at 150°C.

*b.* The synthesis was carried out by anodic dissolution of metal (Ni, Co, Zn, or Cd) in methanol [22, 36, 37]. A platinum electrode was used as a cathode and tetraethylammonium perchlorate as a conductive additive. Current strength 20 mA, voltage 20 V, synthesis time 2–3 h. The load of the electrolyzer was 0.001 mol of the ligand in 30 ml of methanol. The precipitate that formed was filtered off and recrystallized from benzene–methanol (1:3) or chloroform–methanol (1:2). Yield 80–85%.

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