Coordination Compounds of Copper(II), Nickel(II), and Cobalt(II) with β-Thiosemicarbazones of Isatin and N-Methylisatin

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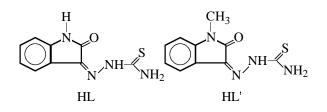
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Abstract—Isatin thiosemicarbazone (HL) reacts in aquoeus-ethanolic medium with copper(II) chloride and bromide (pH 7–7.5, ethanolic KOH) to give coordination compounds $CuLX \cdot nH_2O$ (X = Cl, Br; n = 3, 4). In the presence of amines (A = C₅H₅N, 3-CH₃C₅H₄N, and 4-CH₃C₅H₄N), complexes CuALX · 2H₂O and CuA₂LX · H₂O (X = Cl, Br) are formed. With nickel(II) or cobalt(II) chlorides, thiosemicarbazone HL, and pyridine (1:1:3) as starting compounds, compounds MPy₂LCl · H₂O (M = Ni, Co) are isolated. Under similar conditions, *N*-methylisatin β -thiosemicarbazone (HL') reacts with chlorides of the above-noted metals in the presence of pyridine to give complexes MPy₂L'Cl · H₂O (M = Cu, Ni, Co). All the complexes are monomeric and have a pseudooctahedral structure of the coordination unit. Thiosemicarbazones HL and HL' in these complexes behave as tridentate monodeprotonated *O*,*N*,*S*-ligands. Thermolysis of these substances passes through the stages of dehydration (60–90°C), deaquation (135–140°C) or deamination (160–215°C), and complete thermal decomposition (560–670°C).

Thiosemicarbazones of various aldehydes and ketones occupy a special place among organic ligands, since they contain various donor atoms and are able to change dentacity depending on the starting reagents and their reaction conditions. This class of Schiff bases includes isatin β -thiosemicarbazones which can react with with metal ions to give chelate coordination compounds [1–3]. Isatin β -thiosemicarbazones are known to be biologically active [4–6], and certain of their coordination compounds [7] bypass thiosemicarbazones in biologic activity. In this context ex-

perimental data on synthesis, physicochemical properties, composition, and structure of these compounds hold interest both from scientific and practical points of view.

The aim of this work was to find optimal conditions for synthesis of copper(II), nickel(II), and cobalt(II) coordination compounds with isatin and *N*-methylisatin β -thiosemicarbazones (HL and HL', respectively) and to study the composition, probable structure, and physicochemical properties of the products.



We found that copper(II) chloride or bromide reacts with thiosemicarbazone HL at a 1:1 molar ratio in aqueous ethanol at pH 7–7.5 (ethanolic KOH) to form compounds I and II as fine crystals. The composition of the products CuLY $\cdot nH_2O$ [Y = Cl (I), Br (II); n =3 (II), 4 (I)] was proposed on the basis their elemental analysis (Table 1). The reaction of the same reagents in the presence of pyridine, 3-picoline, or 4-picoline at a 1:1:1 molar ratio gives complexes CuALY · 2H₂O [A = C₅H₅N (**III, VI**), 3-CH₃C₅H₄N (**IV, VII**), 4-CH₃C₅H₄N (**V, VIII**); Y = Cl (**III-V**), Br (**VI-VIII**)]. The same reaction with excess pyridine (1:1:3)

Comp. no.	Yield, %	μ _{eff} , BM (293 K)	Found, %			Ermula	Calculated, %		
			Cl (Br)	M ^a	N	Formula	Cl (Br)	Ma	N
I	69	2.04	8.87	16.14	14.09	C ₉ H ₁₅ ClCuN ₄ O ₅ S	9.09	16.39	14.34
II	80	2.13	18.89	15.24	13.20	$C_9H_{13}BrCuN_4O_4S$	19.18	15.35	13.43
III	75	2.18	7.93	14.52	16.01	C ₁₄ H ₁₆ ClCuN ₅ O ₃ S	8.19	14.76	16.15
IV	74	1.97	7.70	14.01	15.38	$C_{15}H_{18}ClCuN_5O_3S$	7.93	14.30	15.64
V	78	1.89	7.86	14.36	16.48	$C_{15}H_{18}ClCuN_5O_3S$	7.93	14.30	16.64
VI	79	2.11	16.49	13.18	14.47	$C_{14}H_{16}BrCuN_5O_3S$	16.74	13.39	14.64
VII	84	2.02	16.09	12.84	13.95	$C_{15}H_{18}BrCuN_5O_3S$	16.26	13.01	14.23
VIII	81	1.93	16.17	13.18	14.08	$C_{15}H_{18}BrCuN_5O_3S$	16.26	13.01	14.23
IX	82	1.87	6.90	13.06	16.75	$C_{19}H_{19}ClCuN_6O_2S$	7.18	12.94	16.99
Χ	74	1.82	14.63	11.95	15.29	$C_{19}H_{19}BrCuN_6O_2S$	14.84	11.87	15.58
XI	70	2.87	7.01	11.90	16.97	$C_{19}H_{19}CIN_6NiO_2S$	7.25	12.05	17.16
XII	72	4.98	7.10	11.94	17.09	C ₁₉ H ₁₉ ClCoN ₆ O ₂ S	7.25	12.05	17.16
XIII	71	1.87	7.09	12.37	16.40	$C_{20}H_{21}ClCuN_6O_2S$	6.98	12.59	16.52
XIV	74	3.02	6.78	12.52	16.45	$C_{20}H_{21}CIN_6NiO_2S$	7.05	12.71	16.68
XV	76	5.10	6.92	12.65	16.56	$C_{20}H_{21}ClCoN_6O_2S$	7.05	12.71	16.68

Table 1. Physicochemical characteristics of copper(II), nickel(II), and cobalt(II) complexes of isatin and *N*-methylisatin β -thiosemicarbazones

^a M is metal

molar ratio) yields complexes $CuPy_2LY \cdot H_2O$ [Y = Cl (**IX**), Br (**X**)]. Nickel or cobalt chlorides react in ethanol with thiosemicarbazone HL and pyridine (1:1:3) in ethanol to give complexes $MPy_2LCl \cdot H_2O$ [M = Ni (**XI**), Co (**XII**)]. With HL' instead of HL, compounds $MPy_2L'Cl \cdot H_2O$ [M = Cu (**XIII**), Ni (**XIV**), Co (**XV**)] were isolated from the reaction medium.

Complexes **I**–**XV** are insoluble in diethyl ether, sparingly soluble in water and alcohols, and readily soluble in DMF, DMSO, and acetonitrile. Their yields and physicochemical characteristics are given in Table 1.

A visual microscopic examination of complexes **I–XV** showed that their powders are phase homogeneous and consist of crystallites of various shapes. In view of their small sizes and the absence of single crystals, we assessed the composition and structure of these compounds by elemental and thermal analyses, molar conductivity measurements, IR spectroscopy, and magnetochemistry.

As judged from the molar conductivities of complexes **I**-**XV** in DMF, they all are nonelectrolytes.

Magnetochemical study (Table 1) established that cobalt and nickel complexes are paramagnetic and, judging from their effective magnetic moments, have an octahedral ligand surrounding. The magnetochemical data copper complexes correspond to the spin value for one unpaired electron.

Thermolysis of compounds I-XV (Table 2) proceeds through the stages of dehydration $(60-90^{\circ}C)$ and deaquation (135-140°C) or deamination (160-215°C) up to complete thermooxidative decomposition (560-670°C). The temperature of complete decomposition (T_{dec}) of the complexes was found to depend on the nature of the central atom, and, at the same inner-sphere composition, it varies in the order $Co \ge Ni > Cu$. The decomposition temperature is also affected by the nature of inner-sphere ligands: It increases in passing from the isatin to N-methylisatine fragment of the ligand, from bromide to chloride ion, and from the inner-sphere water to amine. In the case of amine-containing complexes III-XV with the same central ion, T_{dec} increases in the order 3-CH₃C₅H₄N \geq $4-CH_{3}C_{5}H_{4}N > C_{5}H_{5}N.$

By Horowitz–Metzger's method [8] with Topor's additions [9] we estimated the kinetic parameters of the dehydration, deaquation, and deamination reactions of complexes **I–XV**. The resulting data are given in Table 2 from which it follows the the activation energy E_a and preexponential factor Z are affected by the nature of the central atom, and for complexes of the same composition they vary in the order Co > Ni > Cu. The nature of the outgoing ligand (water or amine), too, affects the kinetic parameters of the process: In passing from aqua- to pyridine- or pi-

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Comp. no.	Number of	T _{dec} , °C		Weight lo	Kinetic parameters		$T, \circ C^a$	
	the endo effect in the DTA curve		found, %	calculated, %	fragment lost	$E_{\rm a}, {\rm kJ}{ m mol}^{-1}$	$\log Z$] <i>I</i> , C
I	1	70	9.5	9.2	2H ₂ O	30.6	4.7	580
	2	140	9.0	9.2	$2H_{2}O$	54.9	6.3	
II	1	80	4.5	4.3	H_2O	45.1	5.7	560
	2	135	8.5	8.6	$2H_{2}O$	50.2	6.0	
III	1	75	4.0	4.2	H_2O	35.3	5.3	610
	2	165	22.5	22.4	$C_5H_5N+H_2O$	99.4	9.2	
IV	1	80	4.3	4.0	H ₂ O	41.8	6.1	625
	2	175	24.5	24.8	$C_6H_7NH_2O$	112.4	10.8	
V	1	90	4.1	4.0	H ₂ O	46.5	6.5	620
	2	170	25.0	24.8	$C_6H_7NH_2O$	108.1	10.2	
VI	1	85	4.0	3.8	H ₂ O	38.1	5.2	600
	2	160	20.5	20.3	$C_5H_5NH_2O$	90.6	8.7	
VII	1	70	3.5	3.7	H ₂ O	40.3	5.4	600
	2	165	22.5	22.6	$C_6H_7NH_2O$	106.7	10.8	
VIII	1	90	4.0	3.7	H ₂ O	43.7	5.9	615
	2	165	22.3	22.6	$C_6H_7NH_2O$	105.2	10.7	
IX	1	60	3.5	3.6	H ₂ O ²	37.9	5.4	640
	2	190	32.3	32.0	$2C_5H_5N$	132.8	14.3	
X	1	70	3.5	3.3	H_2O	35.6	5.3	625
	2	175	29.5	29.3	$2C_5H_5N$	125.4	13.1	
XI	1	60	3.5	3.7	H_2O	40.5	6.0	660
	2	205	32.5	32.3	$2C_5H_5N$	148.1	15.2	
XII	1	85	4.0	3.7	H_2O	38.6	5.5	670
	2	215	32.1	32.3	$2C_5H_5N$	155.0	15.9	
XIII	1	80	3.5	3.5	H ₂ O	33.9	4.9	650
	2	200	30.8	31.1	$2C_5H_5N$	137.4	14.5	
XIV	1	85	3.8	3.6	H_2O	38.9	5.5	665
	2	210	31.5	31.4	$2C_5H_5N$	154.1	15.8	
XV	1	80	3.5	3.6	H ₂ O	44.3	5.4	670
	2	215	31.7	31.4	$2C_5H_5N$	160.3	16.6	

Table 2. Thermal analysis of copper(II), nickel(II), and cobalt(II) complexes of isatin and *N*-methylisatin β -thiosemicarbazones

^a Temperature of complete decomposition.

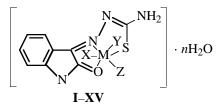
coline-containing complexes, E_a and log Z increase, in parallel with the σ -donor and π -acceptor powers of these complexes. Analysis of the calculated kinetic parameters showed that they conform with a compensation effect (see figure). Its presence, according to [10, 11], suggests that, irrespective the nature of the central atom, thiosemicarbazone (HL or HL'), and outgoing ligand (water or amine), the coordination compounds studied undergo similar thermolysis reactions. Furthermore, the activation energies and preexponential factors of amine-containing compounds III–XV with the same central ion vary in the order 3-CH₃C₅H₄N \geq 4-CH₃C₅H₄N > C₅H₅N. This series coincides completely with the order of the deamination and complete decomposition temperatures of the complexes.

To determine the modes of ligand coordination to the central ions, we performed a comparative analysis of the IR spectra of synthesized complexes I-XV and starting thiosemicarbazones HL and HL', as well as published spectra of transition metal complexes with similar Schiff bases [1–3, 7]. Azomethines HL and HL' were found to behave in the compounds in study as tridentate monodeprotonated *O*,*N*,*S*-ligands that coordinate to the central atom via the carbonyl oxygen atom of the isatin fragment, the nitrogen atom of the C=N bond, and the sulfur atom to give two five-

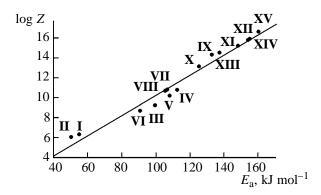
membered metal cycles. Evidence for this conclusion comes the fact that the v(C=O) and v(C=N) absorption bands to the low-frequency region by 25-20 cm⁻⁻ the compared to respective bands of the starting thiosemicarbazones (these bands in the spectra of HL and HL' appear at 1710-1700 and 1620-1610 cm⁻¹). Evidence for the involvement of the sulfur atoms in the HL and HL' ligands of the deprotonated thioenol forms in coordination with the central atoms is provided by the disappearance of the v(C=S) bands at 760-750 and the v(NH) bands at 3210-3200 and 3170–3150 cm⁻¹ from the IR spectra of compounds I-XV. Further evidence is provided by the appearance of a new absorption band at 605–585 cm⁻¹, which, according to [12], belongs to v(C-S), as well as by the splitting of the v(C=N) band at 1595–1590 cm⁻¹ into two components. The proposed coordination of thiosemicarbazones HL and HL' is also supported by the observation in the IR spectra of all the complexes of a number of new bands at $550-400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, assignable to v(M–N) (525–510 and 420–405 cm⁻¹), v(M–O) $(490-470 \text{ cm}^{-1})$, and v(M-S) $(460-445 \text{ cm}^{-1})$.

The involvement of other functional groups of Schiff bases HL and HL' in the coordination with metal ions is excluded, since their characteristic absorption bands appear in the sameregions as in the starting thiosemicarbazones. The presence of coordinated water and amine molecules in complexes **I**–**XV** is proved by the observation of the corresponding absorption bands in their IR spectra [aqua complexes **I**–**VIII**: v(H₂O) 3590–3580, δ (H₂O) 1580–1575, and γ (H₂O) 925–920 cm⁻¹; amine-containing compounds **III–XV**: v(CC) + v(CN) + δ (CCH) 1640–1635, 1530–1525, v(CN) 1310–1305, δ (CCH) 1230–1225, δ (CCH) + v(CC) + δ (CNC) 1060–1055, 1030–1025, γ (CCC) + γ (CNC) 730–725, and ρ (CH) 830–825 cm⁻¹].

The above physicochemical data allow the following distribution of chemical bonds to be proposed for compounds I-XV:



$$\begin{split} \mathbf{M} &= \mathbf{Cu} \; (\mathbf{I}-\mathbf{X}, \; \mathbf{XIII}), \; \mathrm{Ni} \; (\mathbf{XI}, \; \mathbf{XIV}), \; \mathbf{Co} \; (\mathbf{XII}, \; \mathbf{XV}); \; \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{H} \\ (\mathbf{I}-\mathbf{XII}), \; \mathbf{CH}_3 \; (\mathbf{XII}-\mathbf{XV}); \; \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{Cl} \; (\mathbf{I}, \; \mathbf{III}-\mathbf{V}, \; \mathbf{IX}, \; \mathbf{XI}-\mathbf{XV}), \; \mathbf{Br} \\ (\mathbf{II}, \; \mathbf{VI}-\mathbf{VIII}, \; \mathbf{X}); \; \mathbf{X} &= \mathbf{H}_2\mathbf{O} \; (\mathbf{I}-\mathbf{VIII}), \; \mathbf{C}_5\mathbf{H}_5\mathbf{N} \; (\mathbf{IX}-\mathbf{XV}); \; \mathbf{Z} = \\ \mathbf{H}_2\mathbf{O} \; (\mathbf{I}, \; \mathbf{II}), \; \; \mathbf{C}_5\mathbf{H}_5\mathbf{N} \; (\mathbf{III}, \; \mathbf{VI}, \; \mathbf{IX}-\mathbf{XV}), \; \; \mathbf{3}\text{-}\mathbf{CH}_3\mathbf{C}_5\mathbf{H}_4\mathbf{N} \\ (\mathbf{IV}, \; \mathbf{VII}), \; \mathbf{4}\text{-}\mathbf{CH}_3\mathbf{C}_5\mathbf{H}_4\mathbf{N} \; (\mathbf{V}, \; \mathbf{VIII}); \; n = 1 \; (\mathbf{II}-\mathbf{XV}), \; \mathbf{2} \; (\mathbf{I}). \end{split}$$



Compensation effect in deaquation and deamination of complexes **I–XV**.

EXPERIMENTAL

The resistance of solutions of complexes I-XV in DMF (20°C, c 0.001 M) was measured with an R-38 slidewire bridge. The IR spectra were obtained on a Specord M-80 spectrophotometer in suspensions in Vaseline and fluorinated oils; the samples were preliminary dried to constant weight in a drying oven at 105°C. The effective magnetic moments were measured by the Gouy method. The molar magnetic susceptibility corrected for diamagnetism were calculated from theoretical magnetic susceptibilities of organic compounds. The thermoanalytical curves of complexes I-XV were recorded on a Paulik–Paulik–Erdey derivatograph in the range 20–1000°C in air (reference Al_2O_3 , corundum crucible).

The starting β -thiosemicarbazones of isatin (HL) and *N*-methylisatin (HL') were prepared by the procedure described in [1].

Diaquachloro(isatin β -thiosemicarbazone)copper dihydrate (I). A hot (50–55°C) ethanol solution of 10 mmol of isatin β -thiosemicarbazone was mixed with an aqueous solution of 10 mmol of copper(II) chloride dihydrate. Alcoholic KOH was then added to pH 7–7.5, and the resulting mixture was heated (50– 55°C) for 50–60 min with continuous stirring. After cooling, a greenish brown precipitate formed and was filtered off, washed with ethanol, diethyl ether, and dried in air.

Complex **II** was synthesized in a similar way from copper(II) bromide and thiosemicarbazon HL at a 1:1 molar ratio. Complexes **III–VIII** were prepared by the above procedure by the reaction of copper(II), nickel(II), or cobalt(II) halides hydrates with Schiff base HL and pyridine (or 3- or 4-picoline) at a 1:1:1 molar ratio, and the same reaction at a 1:1:3 reactant molar ratio gave complexes **IX–XII**. Complexes

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XIII–**XV** were synthesized by the same reaction using thiosemicarbazone HL' instead of HL.

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