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Synthesis and Characterization of Ni(II) Complexes with Bidentate (NO) Schiff Bases

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ABSTRACT

New complexes of nickel(II) have been prepared in the reaction mixture of nickel(II) acetate, ethanolamine and 5-X salicylaldehyde (X= Br, Cl). Diaquabis(2-hydroxyethylimino)methyl-4-bromophenolato)nickel(II) and Diaquabis(2-hydroxyethylimino)methyl-4-chlorophenolato)-nickel(II) were characterized by elemental analysis, IR spectroscopy and ESI mass spectrometry. Elemental analysis and mass spectrometry data of the complexes suggests the stoichiometry is 1:2 (metal-ligand).

Keywords: Schiff base, nickel complexes, IR spectroscopy, mass spectrometry.

INTRODUCTION

Schiff bases are types of ligands which have many applications like a free ligand[1-5] and also in the complexes form with transit metals. The studies of transit metals complexes with the Schiff bases are shown in the previous works[6-12]. In general the azomethine group (C=N) which is the functional group of Schiff bases is aided in forming a stable complex by either a second group. Schiff base derived from salicylaldehyde and ethanolamine can be used as bidentat ligands, in wich the two hydroxyl groups of the ethanolamine moieties are free from coordination [13].

MATERIAL AND METHODS

All reagents and chemicals were used as obtained from Aldrich and Acros. The infrared spectra were determined on a Perkin-Elmer System 2000 FT-IR spectrometer with KBr pellets. The mass spectra were measured on an FT-ICR-MS Bruker-Daltonics ESI spectrometer (APEX II, 7 Tesla). Elemental analyses were performed on a VARIO EL microanalyzer (Heraeus).

Preparation of complex (1)

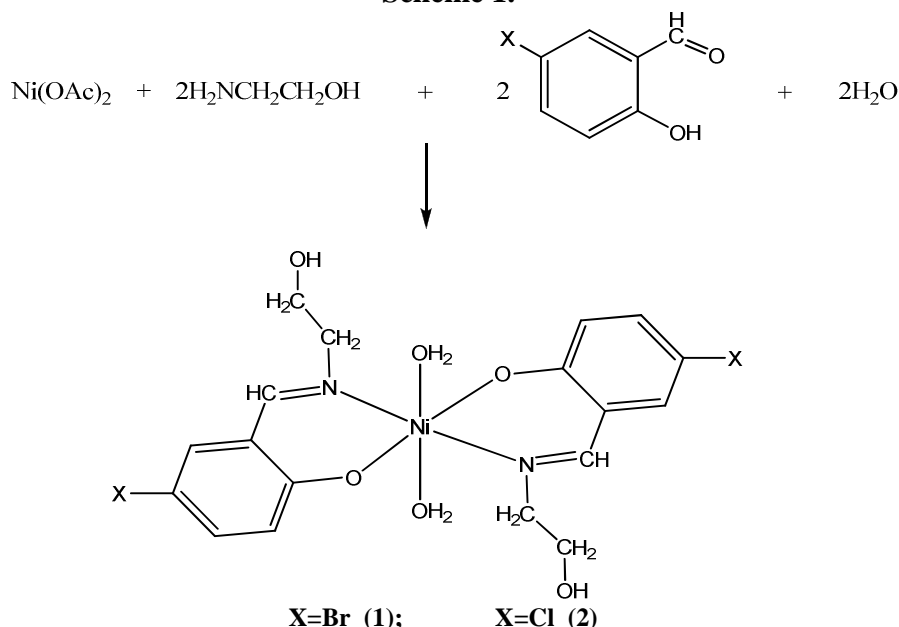
Measured 1mmol $\text{Ni}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and solved in mixture of 10 ml ethanol + 5ml H_2O at 50°C . Also, measured 2mmol of 2-aminoethanol and 2mmol of 5-bromosalicylaldehyde and solved in 15 ml absolute ethanol at 50°C . Then the second mixture added in the nickel(II) acetate solution and refluxed for 20 minute. Precipitated green complexes were filtered, washed with acetone and diethyl ether. Yield: 80%; IR(KBr, cm^{-1}): 3451, 1638, 1462, 1383, 1309, 1172, 1089, 827, 691; ESI-MS m/z 578.8 (M^+); Elemental analysis: Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{Br}_2\text{N}_2\text{NiO}_6$: C, 37.22%; H, 3.82%; N, 4.82%. Found: C, 37.36%; H, 3.56%; N, 4.60%, Mp: 250°C (decomp).

Preparation of complex (2)

Measured 1mmol $\text{Ni}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and solved in mixture of 10 ml ethanol + 5ml H_2O at 50°C . Also, measured 2mmol of 2-aminoethanol and 2mmol of 5-chlorosalicylaldehyde and solved in 15 ml absolute ethanol at 50°C . Then the second mixture added in the nickel(II) acetate solution and refluxed for 20 minute. Precipitated green complexes were filtered, washed with acetone and diethyl ether. Yield: 78%; IR(KBr, cm^{-1}): 3436, 1635, 1461, 1384, 1311, 1176, 1088, 828, 710; ESI-MS m/z 490.9 (M^+); Elemental analysis: Anal. Calc. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{NiO}_6$: C, 43.94; H, 4.51; N, 5.69. Found: C, 44.05%; H, 4.32%; N, 5.48%, Mp: 250°C (decomp).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this paper we have shown the forming of two Ni(II) complexes in the “in situ” reaction of nickel(II) acetate, ethanolamine and 5-bromosalicylaldehyde or 5-chlorosalicylaldehyde. Elemental analysis and mass spectra suggests that water is coordinated with nickel and the complexes have 1:2 (Ni-ligand) stoichiometry. Based on the elemental analysis and mass spectra the formula, $[\text{NiL}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ (L= Schiff base), was suggested for the both complexes. The general equation for synthesis and suggested structure of complexes is shown in scheme 1.

Scheme 1.

(1) *Diaquabis(2-hydroxyethylimino)methyl-4-bromophenolato*nickel(II)
 ;(2) *Diaquabis(2-hydroxyethylimino)methyl-4-chlorophenolato*nickel(II)

Elemental analysis

The elemental analysis data match very well with those calculated and they show that nickel is coordinated with water and Schiff bases in 1:2 ratio.

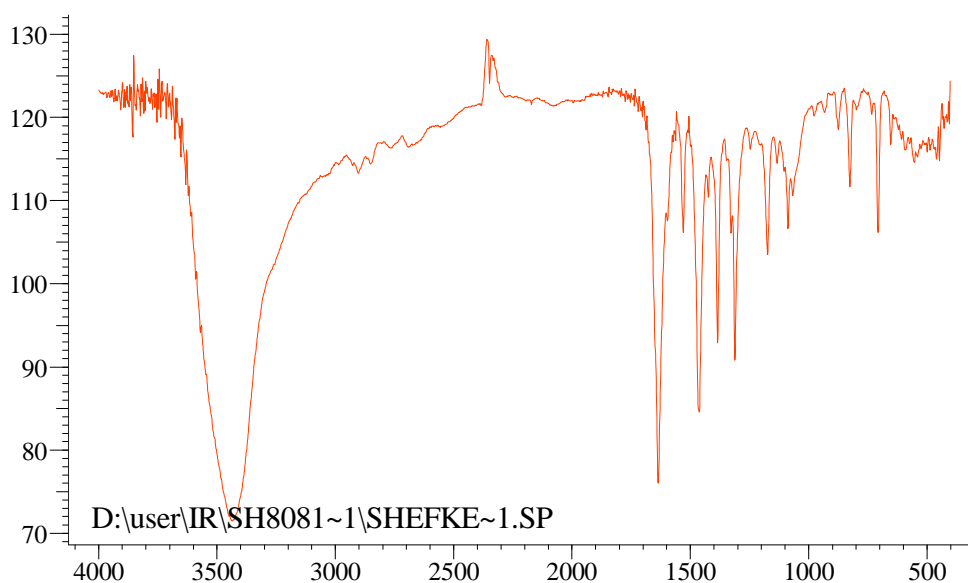
Table 1. Elemental analysis data of Ni (II) complexes

	Calc. %			Found %		
	C	H	N	C	H	N
(1) C ₁₈ H ₂₂ Br ₂ N ₂ NiO ₆	37.22	3.82	4.82	37.36	3.56	4.60
(2) C ₁₈ H ₂₂ Cl ₂ N ₂ NiO ₆	43.94	4.51	5.69	44.05	4.32	5.48

IR spectra

The IR spectra of complexes are very clear and the characteristic absorptions of O-H and C=N bands which are present in complexes are easily identified.

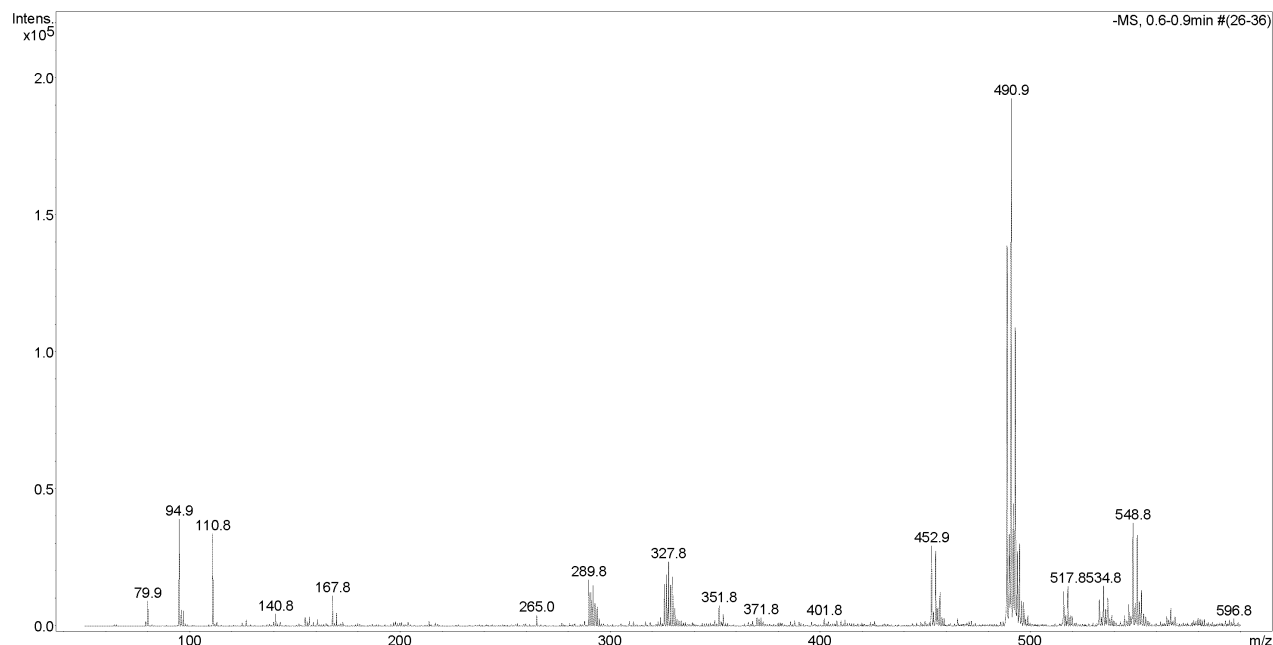
The complexes show a broad band of hydroxyl groups at 3600-3200 cm⁻¹ [14,15] with maximum absorption in the 3451cm⁻¹ (1) and 3436 cm⁻¹ (2). These bands show the free hydroxyl groups and coordinated water molecules to the Ni(II) ion in the complexes [10]. Also the bands at 691cm⁻¹ and 710cm⁻¹ assign to Ni-OH₂ bonds [10]. The azomethine groups (C=N) at the both of complexes appear with a strong stretching absorption band at 1638 cm⁻¹ (1) respectively 1635cm⁻¹ (2) [14,15]. The IR specter of complex (2) are shown in the fig. 1.

**Fig. 1. IR specter of Ni complex (2)****Mass spectra**

The *m/z* values of complexes prove that complexes were formed in the above mentioned ratio. The experimental values of ESI-MS are almost the same with theoretically calculated (table 2). The mass specter of complex (2) are shown in the fig. 2.

Table 2. Mass spectra of Co(II) complexes

	(1)	(2)
m/z	$C_{18}H_{22}Br_2N_2NiO_6$	$C_{18}H_{22}Br_2N_2NiO_6$
Found ($M-H^+$)	578.8	490.9
Calc. (M)	579.9	492.0

**Figure 2. Mass spectrum of Ni complex (2)**

CONCLUSIONS

The data of elemental analysis, IR spectra and mass spectra show that Schiff bases synthesized “in situ” reaction are coordinated with nickel (II) ion and form Diaquabis(2-hydroxyethylimino)methyl-4-bromophenolato)nickel(II) and Diaquabis(2-hydroxyethylimino)methyl-4-chlorophenolato)nickel(II) complexes. The Schiff bases are coordinated with Ni(II) ion through phenolic oxygen and azomethine nitrogen.

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