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A new cadmium(II) complex with bridging dithiolate ligand: Synthesis, crystal structure and antifungal activity study



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Construction of new coordination polymeric framework of Cd(II)

is of interest due to their fascinating network topologies and their

potential application in magnetism, luminescence, adsorption, catalysis, *etc* [1]. The biological significance of cadmium is based on

the fact that its occurrence in a living being can critically alter its

metabolism, giving rise to sharp intoxication. Thus it has been classified among the toxic elements [2]. Cadmium can be found in

living beings as part of complexes with ligands and its toxic nature

is due to coordination disrupting the biological functions of these

ligands. Cadmium compounds can cause harm to kidney, central nervous system and are carcinogenic for connective tissue, lungs

and liver [3]. Due to human activities cadmium concentration steadily increases leading to development of appropriate chelating

ligand for its intoxication [4]. The capability to coordinate via

sulphur is enhanced for cadmium as compared to zinc. Moreover,

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1. Introduction

ABSTRACT

A new polymeric complex of Cd(II) with 1,1-dicyanoethylene- 2,2-dithiolate [$i-MNT^{2-} = \{S_2C:C(CN)_2\}^{2-}$] as a bridging ligand has been synthesized and characterized on the basis of spectroscopy and single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. Single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis reveals that the Cadmium (II) complex is six coordinated 1D polymeric in nature. Biological screening effects *in vitro* of the synthesized polymeric complex has been tested against five fungi Synchitrium endobioticum, Pyricularia oryzae, Helminthosporium oryzae, Candida albicans(ATCC10231), Trichophyton mentagrophytes by the disc diffusion method. In vitro antifungal screening indicates that the complex exhibits fungistatic and fungicidal antifungal activity whereas K₂i-MNT.H₂O became silent on Synchitrium endobioticum, Pyricularia oryzae, Helminthosporium oryzae, Candida albicans (ATCC10231), Trichophyton mentagrophytes.

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chelating sulphur donors are in fact under study as antidotes in cadmium(II) poisoning [5].

The electronic configuration (d^{10}) and size of cadmium(II) obviously favour its attraction for soft donor atoms as the Cd²⁺ ion is considered a soft Lewis acid. Cd(II) is to exhibit coordination numbers from three to eight. Owing to the larger size, Cd(II) shows coordination number six more easily than Zn(II) [6]. Cadmium complexes seem to be more interesting from a structural point of view because of the ability of these cations to modify both coordination numbers and geometries and also Cd involved in many biological molecules [7].

Systematic design of complexes with novel architectures and desired functionalities with principles of crystal engineering is most demanding subjects in current coordination chemistry. Judicious choice of ligands, bridging ligands, different metal ions, can tune the structure of coordination polymeric frameworks [8]. Sulphur-based 1,1-dithiolate ligands have proved promising when reacted with transition metals to give rise to a different of metal clusters possessing attractive conductive properties. Structural chemistry of dithiolate ligands is extraordinarily diverse and has important advantages over other organic ligands. Dithiolate ligands

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are widely engaged in transition metal chemistry, and the flexibility of sulphur as a ligand in transition metal chemistry has been widely recognized [9]. A great deal of interest has been evoked in coordination compounds of unsaturated sulphur chelating ligands, 1,1dicyanoethylene-2,2-dithiolate, and related molecules owing to interesting chemical properties and possible applications [10]. 1,1-Dicyanoethylene-2,2-dithiolate ion, by virtue of their chelating and bridging behaviours depending on the metal ion leading to various coordination modes and they may connect metal ions in different directions [11]. In spite of this growing range of coordination polymeric complexes, there are still many more coordination polymers which are yet to be synthesized and explored; in particular ligands with sulphur coordination sites have received far less attention.

We have initiated an investigation into the design, synthesis, and characterization of transition metal complexes containing dithiolate ligands and exploring the antifungal activity of the synthesized complex. One of our aims is to study the coordination properties of the N and S donors in i-MNT^{2–}. In our previous study [12], the interaction of dithiolate with different metal ions has been studied. To the best of our knowledge there is no report on polymeric complexes of Cd(II) involving bridging 1,1-dithiolate ligand. As an extension of our previous works we report here on the synthesis, characterization, and antifungal activities of a new polymeric complex of cadmium(II) (1) with sulphur donors. We hope the study would offer helpful information about the nature of cadmium(II) complexes with sulphur containing biological ligands.

2. Experimental

2.1. Materials and methods

All chemicals were of E. Merck of GR or equivalent grade and used without purification. Infrared spectra were recorded in KBr $(4000-400 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ and in CsI $(600-50 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ on a Bomen DA-8 FT-IR spectrophotometer. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance DRX 300 FT-NMR spectrophotometer. K2i-MNT·H2O was prepared by a known literature procedure [13]. Crystal data were solved using the direct methods program SHELXS-97 [14a]. All nonsolvent heavy atoms were located using difference Fourier syntheses. The structures were refined against *F*2 with SHELXL [14b-c], in which all data collected was used counting negative intensities. All nonsolvent heavy atoms were refined anisotropically.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Synthesis of the complex 1

The synthesis of the complex CP **1** was accomplished as shown in Scheme 1.

 $Cd(NO_3)_2^*4H_2O(0.005M)$ in 50 mL distilled water was added slowly to K₂iMNT.H₂O (0.005 M) in 20 mL water with constant stirring for 30 min. The complex {Cd(iMNT)} thus obtained filtered by suction and washed successively with water, alcohol and ether and dried in vacuo. After that Cd(iMNT) (0.03 M) dissolved in DMF (50 mL) and 1,3-diaminopropane (tn) (0.03 M) added to it with constant stirring. Stirring was further continued for 2 h. The reaction mixture was kept for 15 days to obtain the yellow crystalline complex CP **1**.

3.1.1. IR and NMR

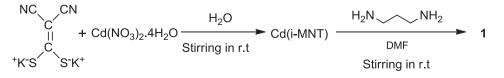
The observations in the IR and ¹H NMR spectra have importance for study of interaction between ligand and metal ion. The infra-red spectra of ligand and its metal complex **1** (CP **1**) were recorded in the range of 400–4000 cm⁻¹. CP **1** exhibit a group of broad band in the range 3251-3316 cm⁻¹ attributed to v(N-H) (asymmetric and symmetric) stretching modes. In the FT-IR spectrum of the metal complex 1 (CP 1) (KBr discs) show strong band at 2200 cm⁻¹ due to the U_{CN} stretching. The N-H bending (scissoring) vibration mode is observed in the range 1632 cm⁻¹ for the CP **1.** The ν (C=C) absorption band appearing at 1360 cm^{-1} in K₂i-MNT is observed in the range 1351–1377 cm⁻¹. The positive shifts of ~17 cm⁻¹ in ν (C=C) suggest that resonance form is more dominant in the isomalononitrile dithiolate complexes. Hence, it can be concluded that the sulphur of the isomalononitrile is involved in metal coordination. In the IR spectrum K_2i -MNT a band at 960 cm⁻¹ with a shoulder at 985 cm^{-1} is observed due to (= CS₂) group. The corresponding band and shoulder in the mixed ligand complex is shifted to lower frequencies and are found in the 937 regions. This implies coordination of the metal to the thiolate. The v(C-S) band occurring in the spectrum of CP $\mathbf{1}$ is 870 cm⁻¹ is higher than that of K_2 i-MNT at (860 cm⁻¹). The bands in the region 618–485 cm⁻¹ are assigned to the Cd-S vibrations [15].

The ¹H NMR spectra was carried out in DMSO- d_6 solvent. The complex CP **1** shows a broad NMR signals at δ 8.07 ppm and 7.78 ppm which suggest the presence of amine protons. The ¹H NMR spectrum of CP 1 shows a singlet peaks at 3.04 ppm and 2.25 ppm, multilplet at 2.55 ppm and 1.50 ppm, The appearance of these resonances indicates that some unexpected compound formation occurs during the reaction medium. Thus the simple NMR spectrum did not give us a clear answer concerning the structure of the product. To solve the structure, crystal of complex **1** was mounted on a thin glass fiber for the X-ray diffraction analysis.

3.1.2. X-ray crystallography

The bifunctional ligand i-mnt^{2–} represent supramolecular connectors that can generate infinite networks and metal–organic frameworks. It can coordinate to metal atoms through sulphur and nitrogen atoms only [16], or through both sulphur and nitrogen atoms. The i-mnt^{2–} may present various coordination modes, leading to the formation of *mono*-nuclear, *di*-nuclear, metal–organic frameworks or coordination polymers. A small yellow crystal of complex CP **1** was mounted on a thin glass fiber for the X-ray diffraction analysis and the resulting compound crystallizes in the Orthorhombic space group, P c c n (see Table 1). The crystal data, data collection parameters and analysis statistics are listed in Table 1. The crystal structure of CP **1** shows 1,1-dicyanoethylene-2,2-dithiolate (i-mnt^{2–}) assisted 2-D polymer. The SCHAKAL plot with atom numbering scheme is shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 1 shows that in the polymeric chain each cadmium cation is hexacoordinated, having the distorted octahedral coordination.



Scheme 1. Synthesis of 1.

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