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Abstract

We report the synthesis of Co (II) and Ni (II) thiourea and alkylthiourea complexes by reacting the metal salts (CoCl₂ and NiCl₂) with the thiourea, phenylthiourea and dicyclohexylthiourea ligands in a 1:2 ratio. The complexes, $[CoCl_2(CS(NH_2)_2)_2]$ (I), $[CoCl_2(CSNHC_6H_5NH_2)_2$ (II) and $[CoCl_2(SC(NHC_6H_{11})_2)_2]$ (III), $[NiCl_2(CS(NH_2)_2)_2]$ (IV), $[NiCl_2(CSNHC_6H_5NH_2)_2]$ (V) and $[NiCl_2(SC(NHC_6H_{11})_2)_2]$ (VI) were characterized by C, H, N analysis and fourier transform infrared spectroscopy. Thermogravimetric analysis shows all complexes undergo that step decomposition process except for а two $[NiCl_2(CSNHC_6H_5NH_2)_2]$ (V) which decomposes in a single step. The complexes were used as single-source precursors for the deposition of cobalt sulfide and nickel sulfide thin films by aerosol assisted chemical vapor deposition at temperatures between 350 to 500 °C. The crystallinity of the films was determined by X-ray diffraction and their morphology by scanning electron microscopy. The morphology of the cobalt sulfide thin films varies from randomly oriented platelets, to granulated spheres and cubes as the precursor and deposition Download English Version:

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