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# SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF NI (II)COMPLEX WITH 2–METHOXY-6-(8-IMINOQUINOLINYL METHYL) PHENOL

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### **ABSTRACT** :

A Schiff base ligand was synthesized by condensation of o-vanillin with 8-aminoquinoline in 1:1 molar ratio. The Schiff base metal complexof Ni (II) was prepared using the metal salt and ligand in 1:2 ratio. The ligand was characterised by elemental analysis, UV-Visible, IR, NMR and mass spectra. The metal complex was characterized by using elemental analysis, magnetic susceptibility, UV-Visible, IR spectra and XRD studies. It was also characterized bythermo- gravimetric analysis. The composition of the Schiff base ligand and the metal complex was established by elemental analysis which indicated a metal: ligand ratio of 1:2. Magnetic, thermal and spectral studies indicated that ligand behaved as bidentate coordinating through phenolic oxygen and azomethine nitrogen and formed octahedral metal complex. The metal complex revealed its general formula as  $[ML_2(H_2O)_2]$  where M=Ni(II) and L=deprotonated Schiff base ligand.

**KEYWORDS**: Synthesis, Schiff base ligand, transition metal complexes, spectral characterization, thermal and *XRD* studies.

### INTRODUCTION

Schiff bases derived from aromatic aldehydes and amines have a wide variety of applications in various fields like biological, inorganic and analytical chemistry. Schiff bases can be synthesized by relatively simple procedures enabling us to design compounds which are structurally similar to some substances of biological origin [1-5].

It is well known that N and O atoms play a key role in the co-ordination of metals at the active sites of many metallic-biomolecules [4]. Schiff bases form stable metal complexes with many transition metals. They have been widely studied because they have various properties like antibacterial, antifungal, anticancer, herbicidal, analytical etc. They find wide applications as catalysts in many synthetic and biological reactions.Besides, they can undergo bonding with metal ions in a variety of ways and the resulting compounds show varied activities. 8-aminoquinoline and o-vanillin are especially known for their antibacterial and antifungal activities and are thus used as synthetic precursors in pharmaceuticals. In continuation of earlier work, a Schiff base derived from 8-aminoquinoline and o-vanillin was used to synthesize itsNi(II) complex. Considering the distinct biological activities of these compounds herein put forth an account of the synthesis and characterization of ligand and its complex. [6-9].

# 2. EXPERIMENTAL:

## 2.1 Apparatus:

An UV-VIS-NIR-3600 recording spectrophotometer(Shimadzu, Japan) was used for the UV spectrum scanning and determination experiments.Bruker, Germany Model 3000 Hyperion Microscope with Vertex 80FTIR system range 400-4000 cm<sup>-1</sup> (KBr discs) at SAIF, IIT, Bombaywas used for IR spectral characterization of the Schiff base ligand and metal complexes. The thermogravimetric analysis of ligand and metal complexes was performed on Perkin-Elmer Diamond TG at SAIF, IIT, and Bombay. X-Ray powder

diffraction of metal complexes was scanned on X-Ray Diffractometer Ultima IV of Rigaku Corporation Japan, at Instrumentation centre of PAH Solapur University, Solapur.

#### 2.2 Reagents:

Sigma- Aldrich o-vanillin, 8-aminoquinoline, and Standard Qualigens (SQ) hydrated Nickel (II) chloride was used for synthesis. The solvents ethanol, DMSO etc. was used.

## 2.3 Synthesis of Schiff base ligand (SB-4)

20 mmol (3.04g) of o-vanillin is dissolved in absolute ethanol. Then it was added dropwiseinto 20mmol (2.88g) of ethanolic solution of 8-aminoquinoline. The mixture was refluxed for 2 hours then cooled and filtered [10-15]. Intense red colored crystals of Schiff base SB-4 were formed (yield 89%, 5.0 g). The crystals were washed with cold ethanol and anhydrous diethyl ether and dried over anhydrous CaCl<sub>2</sub>. The synthesis of Schiff base ligand (SB-4) is shown in Scheme-1

Scheme-1: Synthesis of Schiff Base ligand (SB-4)



#### 2.4 Synthesis of Schiff base transition metal complex:

20 mmol of Schiff base (SB-4) was dissolved in ethanol (30ml) and added to 10 mmol ethanolic solution (20ml) of metal (II) chloride salt. The metal-ligand molar ratio taken was 1:2. The mixture was refluxed for 3 hours. On cooling, a crystalline metal complex was obtained. It was filtered, recrystallized from ethanol and dried in desiccator over anhydrous CaCl<sub>2</sub>. The Ni(II) metal complex of Schiff base (SB-4) were prepared by above general method using salts NiCl<sub>2</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O. The preparation of metal complex is shown in Scheme -2.





Schiff base (SB-4) and its Ni (II) complex synthesized were stable at room temperature and soluble in common solvents like DMSO, methanol etc.[16-21] The synthesized ligand and the metal complexes were characterized by elemental analysis. The geometry of the synthesized compounds has been elucidated on the basis of their elemental and spectral studies.

## **3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:**

# 3.1 Analytical and Physicochemical data:

The stoichiometry of ligand and their metal complex was confirmed by the elemental analysis. The analytical and physicochemical data of Schiff base (SB-4) and its metal complex was found in good agreement with the proposed structure of ligand and the metal complex. The data being listed in Table-1

Comp.	Molecular formula	М. р. (°С)	Mol. Weigh t	Color	% Observed (Theoretical)			
					С%	Н%	N%	M%
SB-4	$C_{17}H_{14}O_2N_2$	103	278	Red	72.91	4.87	9.98	-
					(73.38)	(5.03)	(10.07)	$\geq$
SB-4-Ni	$C_{34}H_{26}O_4N_4Ni.(H_2O)_2$	>350	648.69	Dark	62.38	4.79	8.91	8.90
				Green	(62.89)	(4.62)	(8.63)	(9.04)

Table-1: Analytical and P	ysicochemical data of Schiff base (	(SB-4) and its metal complex
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#### **3.2 UV Spectral Analysis:**

The UV spectrum of Schiff base ligand SB-4 is exhibiting two intense bands at 241 nm and 346 nm which can be assigned respectively to  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition within aromatic moiety and  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition of azomethine group of ligand. In the spectra of complex, the bands due to azomethine group are shifted to higher frequency indicating that azomethine nitrogen atom is involved in coordination to the metal ion.

In the present investigation, the electronic spectra of Ni(II) complex exhibited three bands associated with d-d transitions at 1066 nm, 677 nm and 433 nm assignable to transitions  ${}^{3}A_{2g}(F) \rightarrow {}^{3}T_{2g}(F)$  (v<sub>1</sub>),  ${}^{3}A_{2g}(F) \rightarrow {}^{3}T_{1g}(F)$  (v<sub>2</sub>) and  ${}^{3}A_{2g}(F) \rightarrow {}^{3}T_{1g}(P)$  (v<sub>3</sub>) respectively. These observed d-d transitions for metal complex are consistent with octahedral geometry of Ni(II) metal complexes of Schiff base ligand[ 12-22]. The UV spectra of Schiff base SB-4 and its metal complex are represented in Figure-1.



Figure-1: The UV spectra Schiff base and metal complex

#### 3.3 Magnetic Susceptibility and molar conductance studies of complex:

The magnetic moments obtained at room temperature for the metal complex indicated Para magnetism. The Ni(II) complex showed magnetic moment of 2.90 BM. This value of magnetic moment is within the range of 2.7 to 3.3 BM, reported for octahedral Ni (II) complex thereby suggesting octahedral geometry for Ni(II) complex under study [22-25].

The solution conductivity of the Ni (II) metal complex was determined by measuring their molar conductance values in DMSO as solvent at the concentration of  $1 \times 10^{-3}$ M. The observed solution conductivity 32.41 ohm<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup> revealedits non-electrolytic nature.

## 3.4 FTIR Spectral Analysis:

The IR spectra of complexes are compared with those of ligand in order to determine the coordination sites that may be involved in chelation. The prominent FTIR data with the assignments of bond frequencies of Schiff base ligand (SB-4) and its Co(II),Ni(II) and Cu(II) metal complexes are presented in Table-2 and FTIR spectra of these compounds are represented in Figure-2.

Assignments	SB-4	SB-4-Ni
v(Hydrogen	3428	-
bonded O-H)		
v(Coordinated	-	3328
water)		
v (C=N)	1618	1605
v (Ar-O)	1244	1269
v (C-N)	1348	1380
v (O-CH <sub>3</sub> )	3001	3003
v (H <sub>2</sub> O rocking)	-	833
v (M-O)	-	558
v (M-N)	-	429

## Table-2: FTIR Spectral data (cm<sup>-1</sup>) of Schiff base ligand and its metal complex

The broad peak observed at 3328 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the IR spectra of Schiff base ligand assigned to v(O-H), was found to be disappeared in all the complexes, thereby indicating deprotonation and formation of metal-oxygen bond .This is further supported by the shifting of phenolic v(Ar-O) towards higher frequency, indicating the coordination of phenolate oxygen to metal ion. The v(C=N) vibration of the Schiff base ligand (SB-4) occurs at 1618 cm<sup>-1</sup>, which is shifted to a lower frequency of the complexes, indicating the involvement of azomethine nitrogen in chelation with the metal ion. The observed increase in magnitude of v(C-N) on complexation may be attributed to increase in double bond character of aryl azomethine C-N bond. It is due to  $\pi$  electron delocalization from the metal ion to the nitrogen atom and resonance interaction with the benzene ring. However the stretching frequencies of Methoxy O-CH<sub>3</sub> bonds for ligand and complexes are almost same, indicating the nonparticipation of methoxy oxygen in coordination. The new bands in IR spectra of complexes at 549 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 434 cm<sup>-1</sup> are ascribed to v(M-O) and v(M-N) vibrations respectively. In the IR spectra of complex appearance of a new broad band at 3330 cm<sup>-1</sup> corresponding to the stretching frequency of v(O-H) of H<sub>2</sub>O indicated the presence of coordinated water. It is further confirmed by the appearance of non-ligand band in complex at 833 cm<sup>-1</sup>assignable to rocking mode of water. Presence of two molecules of coordinated water in molecules of metal complexes is further confirmed by their thermogravimetric analysis. From the above observations, it can be concluded that the ligand behaves as bidentate coordinating through deprotonated phenolic oxygen and azomethine nitrogen [20-33].





Figure-2: FTIR spectra of Schiff base-4 and its metal complex

## **3.5 Thermal decomposition studies of metal complex:**

Thermal decomposition studies of metal complex have been undertaken to know the presence or absence of coordinated water molecules. Thermal decomposition data of metal complexes of Schiff base -4 is reported in Table-3. The thermograms of complexes are shown in Figure-3

Complex	Temperature	Loss of molecule	Percentage weight loss		
	(°C)		Calculated	Observed	
SB-4 Ni	180°C-240°C	2H <sub>2</sub> O	5.54	5.71	
	240°C-560°C	Org. moiety	85.40	83.56	
	>560°C	NiO	11.51	11.42	

Table-3: Thermal data of metal complex

In case of Ni(II) complex observed weight loss of 5.71% between temperature range 180°C-240°C indicated the presence of two molecules of coordinated water (calculated 5.54%). The anhydrous compound further decomposed rapidly between 240°C-560°C with 83.56% weight loss corresponding to decomposition of organic moiety of the complex (calculated 85.40%) leading to the formation of 11.42% stable residue of nickel oxide (calculated 11.51%) above 560°C. The complex is found to follow two step decomposition patterns. In the first step there is loss of two molecules of coordinated water and in the second step there is oxidative decomposition of organic part of the ligand leading to the formation of stable residue of metal oxide. Thermal studies supported the octahedral structure of the metal complex indicating presence of two coordinated water molecules [15-25].





## **3.6** H<sup>1</sup> NMR Spectroscopic Studies:

The H<sup>1</sup> NMR Spectrum of the Schiff base (SB-4) Shows  $D_2O$  exchangeable broad singlet at 14.544 ppm integrating for one proton is assigned to –OH. The H<sup>1</sup> NMR spectrum of Schiff base shows multiplet in the range 6.856-8.994 ppm due to aromatic protons. The -N=CH- proton of Schiff base exhibits singlet at 8.998ppm. The H<sup>1</sup> NMR spectrum of Schiff base is shown in Figure-4.



Figure-4 : H<sup>1</sup> NMR spectra of Schiff Base (SB-4)

## 3.7 Mass spectroscopic Studies:

The mass spectrum of Schiff base (SB-4) was recorded. It shows parent peak due to molecular ion  $(M^+)$ . The proposed molecular formula of Schiff base was confirmed by comparing its molecular formula weight with m/z value. The molecular ion peak with m/z = 279.3, corresponds with the proposed molecular formula of Schiff base. In addition, the mass spectrum exhibited peaks assignable to various fragments arising from the thermal cleavage of the compound have been observed[26-33]. The mass spectrum of Schiff base is shown in Figure-5.



Figure- 5: Mass spectrum of Schiff base (SB-4)

#### **3.8X-Ray diffraction study of metal complex:**

The Ni(II) metal complex of Schiff base ligand SB-4 showed sharp peaks in its diffractogram (Figure-6) indicating sharp crystalline nature of metal complex. The observed interplanar d-spacing values of the metal complex have been found to be in good agreement with their observed values (Table-3). Further, indexed data of the metal complex indicated  $a \neq b \neq c$  and  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^{\circ}$  which clearly support the orthorhombic crystal system with primitive (P) Bravais type for metal complex[30-33].

Pos. [°2Th.]	Height [cts]	FWHM [°2Th.]	d-spacing [Å]	Rel. Int. [%] 🧖
6.6708	135.25	0.3149	13.25070	4.62
8.3589	2928.68	0.3149	10.57808	100.00
9.4080	2839.90	0.3149	9.40070	96.97
10.6421	109.05	0.3149	8.31318	3.72
12.5963	1387.30	0.3149	7.02752	47.37
15.4062	540.75	0.3149	5.75155	18.46
16.9456	528.72	0.3149	5.23238	18.05
18.0330	595.12	0.3149	4.91923	20.32
20.7346	676.70	0.3936	4.28399	23.11
23.8699	1301.61	0.3149	3.72791	44.44
25.4185	41.33	0.4723	3.50420	1.41
30.2417	146.38	0.3936	2.95541	5.00
31.3782	587.61	0.3149	2.85092	20.06
32.8422	162.73	0.3149	2.72710	5.56
34.6129	56.27	0.3149	2.59154	1.92
35.6244	41.01	0.3149	2.52024	1.40
36.4929	225.84	0.3149	2.46223	7.71
39.4991	32.79	0.3149	2.28149	1.12
41.1038	97.29	0.3149	2.19606	3.32
41.8817	50.53	0.4723	2.15705	1.73
44.0182	47.84	0.4723	2.05718	1.63
49.0712	30.26	0.4723	1.85652	1.03
56.1487	25.56	0.4723	1.63814	0.87
59.1899	20.90	0.3840	1.55973	0.71

## Table-3: X-Ray Diffraction Data of Metal Complex SB-4-Ni



Figure 6:X-Ray Diffractogram of Metal Complex SB-4-Ni

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