Palladium(II) Complexes of Thiosemicarbazones of 2-Furfuraldehyde & Thiophene-2-carboxaldehyde

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Palladium(II) complexes of the type PdL_2X_2 (L = 2-furfuraldehyde thiosemicarbazone, FATA – H; thiophene-2-carboxaldehyde thiosemicarbazone, TATS – H; and X = Cl⁻, Br⁻, I⁻ and $\frac{1}{2}SO_4^{2^-}$) and PdL'_2 (L = FATS; TATS) have been synthesised. The complexes have been characterised on the basis of their elemental analyses and physicochemical techniques. The complexes behave as 1:2 electrolytes and their room temperature magnetic moments indicate the absence of unpaired electrons. Electronic spectral data indicate square planar geometry around the metal ion. IR spectral data reveal bidentate chelating nature of both the ligands.

Metal complexes of thiosemicarbazides and thiosemicarbazones have recently drawn special attention due to their activity against small pox, viral diseases and certain kinds of tumour¹⁻³. In continuation of our work in this area^{4,5}, we report herein the synthesis and characterisation of palladium(II) complexes of thiosemicarbazones(I) and (II) of 2-furfuraldehyde and thiophene-2-carboxaldehyde, respectively.

$$c_{4}H_{3}O-CH=N-NH-C-NH_{2}$$

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The ligands were synthesised by the method reported earlier^{4 ϵ}. Palladium bromide was prepared from PdCl₂ by repeated evaporation of a solution of PdCl₂ in concentrated HBr. The product was heated at 200°C to constant weight. PdI₂ was prepared by the known procedure⁷.

Preparation of complexes: PdL_2X_2 (L=I or II; X = Cl⁻, Br⁻ or l⁻)

Solution of PdX₂ (0.01 mol) and the ligand (0.02 mol) in ethanol containing a few drops of concentrated HX, were mixed and refluxed for 1 hr. The precipitate obtained was filtered, washed with ethanol and dried *in vacuo* over P_2O_5 .

PdL X'_2 (L=I or II; $X' = NO_3^-$ or $\frac{1}{2}SO_4^2^-$) (ref. 8)

These complexes were prepared by adding palladium chloride solution to a solution of ligand (M: L in 1: 2 ratio) in dil. HNO₃ or H₂SO₄ (2N). The contents were refluxed for 1 hr, the precipitate filtered and dried *in vacuo* over P₂O₅.

 PdL'_2 (L' = FATS or TATS) (ref. 9)

An ethanolic solution (20 ml; 0.02 *M*) of PdCl₂ was added to an ethanolic solution (0.02 *M*) of ligand in the molar ratio of 1:2. Aqueous NH₄OH (1.0 *M*) was added to the above mixture dropwise until the solution was weakly alkaline. The mixture was refluxed for 1 hr, filtered, the precipitate washed and dried *in vacuo* over P₂O₅.

The analytical data given in Table 1, indicate 1:2 stoichiometry for Pd(II) complexes. Palladium was estimated gravimetrically by precipitation with dimethylglyoxime in acid¹⁰. The molar conductances of $10^{-3}M$ solution of ML_2X_2 type complexes in methanol lie in the range of 210-245 ohm -1 mol-1 cm², indicating that these complexes behave as 1:2 electrolytes¹¹. The complexes are diamagnetic as expected for square planar d^8 -metal complexes. The electronic spectra of palladium(II) complexes are indicative of square planar¹² geometry. Three d-d spin allowed transitions are expected. Accordingly, the complexes show bands around 18,000, 21,000 and 25,000 cm⁻¹, which may be assigned to the transitions ${}^{1}A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^{1}A_{2g}, {}^{1}A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^{1}B_{1g}, {}^{1}A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^{1}E_{g}$, respectively. The single electron parameters Δ_1 , Δ_2 and Δ_3 , calculated using the equations suggested by Gray and Ballhausen¹³ lie in the ranges 24690-26370; 6000-8000 and 2000-4000 cm⁻¹ respectively. The v_2/v_1 values lie in the range of 1.14 to 1.27. The values obtained are in close agreement with those reported earlier^{14,15}.

The infrared spectra of the free ligands display bands around 3400 and 3100 cm⁻¹ assignable to v_{as} NH_2 and $v_s NH_2$ respectively. The band around 1600 cm⁻¹ in the free ligands due to vC = N moves to lower frequencies ($\Delta v = 15-20$ cm⁻¹) in metal complexes, suggesting coordination through azomethine nitrogen. Further, a medium band (1045 cm⁻¹ for I and 1030 cm⁻¹ for II), assignable to vN - N is shifted to higher frequencies in the spectra of the metal complexes. A similar increase, but of much greater magnitude, is observed for $vN - N(1090-1080 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ of hydrazine on coordination to a metal ion¹⁶. The absence of bands in the region 2750-2600 cm⁻¹ in the free ligands indicates absence of S - H grouping in the free ligands¹⁷. The vC = S in the ligands I and II appear at 840 cm^{-1} and 835cm⁻¹, respectively. These bands shift by about 90 cm⁻¹ to lower frequencies on complex formation. This band is largely vC = S, and the major shift on complexation indicates considerable change in a bond order and the formation of a metal-sulphur bond. The bands around 1240-1290 (vCN + vCS) and around 1160-1172 and 1000 cm⁻¹ ($\delta NH_2 + \beta NH_2$) are only

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Table 1 – Characterization Data of Palladium(II) Complexes						
Complex*	Colour	m.p. (°C)	Found (Calc) %			
			Pd	С	Н	Ν
$Pd(FATS - H)_2Cl_2$	Orange	272	20.52	28.06	2.74	16.30
	yellow		(20.63)	(27.95)	(2.73)	(16.29)
$Pd(FATS - H)_2Br_2$	Light	275	17.72	23.75	2.31	13.92
	orange		(17.59)	(23.84)	(2.33)	(13.90)
$Pd(FATS - H)_2I_2$	Black	277	15.20	20.53	2.00	12.13
			(15.23)	(20.63)	(2.02)	(12.03)
$Pd(FATS - H)_2SO_4$	Yellow	265	19.82	26.84	2.62	15.58
	(light)		(19.67)	(26.44)	(2.61)	(15.54)
Pd(FATS) ₂	Yellowish	270	24.30	32.70	2.73	18.79
	green		(24.03)	(32.55)	(2.73)	(18.98)
$Pd(TATS - H)_2Cl_2$	Orange	265	19.58	26.39	2.58	15.15
			(19.42)	(26.31)	(2.58)	(15.34)
$Pd(TATS - H)_2Br_2$	Brown	280	16.54	22.65	2.20	13.29
			(16.71)	(22.63)	(2.22)	(13.20)
$Pd(TATS - H)_2I_2$	Black	260	14.72	19.69	1.95	11.65
			(14.56)	(19.72)	(1.93)	(11.50)
$Pd(TATS - H)_2SO_4$	Light	274	18.39	25.18	2.44	14.69
	green		(18.57)	(25.13)	(2.46)	(14.67)
Pd(TATS) ₂	Light	275	23.34	31.65	2.65	18.42
	yellow		(23.39)	(31.68)	(2.66)	(18.42)

* FATS – H = Thiosemicarbazone of 2-furfuraldehyde; TATS – H = thiosemicarbazone of thiophene-2-carboxaldehyde

slightly affected by complex formation¹⁹. But a very important feature of the IR spectra of the ML'_2 complexes is the appearance of a strong band in the region 955-960 cm⁻¹. This is most likely the vN-N, due to elongation of N^2-N^3 bond and a charge localisation on the $C-N^2$ bond²⁰. In conclusion, we may suggest that FATS-H and TATA-H act as bidentate ligands in all the cases. The important resonance structures generate a positive charge on ring sulphur and this may account for the nonparticipation of thiophene sulphur in coordination²¹.

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