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Synthesis, Properties and Environmentally Important Nanostructured and Antimicrobial Supramolecular Coordination Polymers Containing 5-(3-Pyridyl)-1,3,4-Oxadiazole-2-Thiol and Benzimidazole

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Abstract

A new series of coordination polymers of Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II), Cd(II) and UO₂(II), 5-(3-pyridyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole-2-thiol (POZT) and benzimidazole (BIMZ) has been prepared and characterized. The compounds have been characterized based on elemental analysis, FT-IR and electronic spectral studies, thermal analysis and X-ray powder diffraction. Thermogravimetry (TG), derivative thermogravimetry (DTG) and differential thermal analysis (DTA) have been used to study the thermal decomposition steps and to calculate the thermodynamic parameters of the nanosized metal coordination polymers. The kinetic parameters have been calculated making use of the Coats-Redfern and Horowitz-Metzger equations. The scanning electron microscope SEM photographs and particle size calculations from the powder XRD data indicate the nano-sized nature of the prepared supramolecular coordination polymers (average size 17-28 nm). The antimicrobial activity of the synthesized compounds was tested against six fungal and five bacterial strains. The majority of compounds were effective against the tested microbs. The bacteria and fungi strains are common contaminants of the environment in Egypt. In this article the studied strains are frequently reported from contaminated soil, water and food.

Keywords: Coordination polymers; X-ray powder diffraction, Thermal studies and biological activity.

Introduction

In recent decades, metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) are extensively developed as a new type of functional crystalline materials for a wide range of promising applications in separation, storage, exchange, and heterogeneous catalysis due to their high stability and structural diversity [1-4]. In general, the final coordination polymers significantly depend on the metal and ligand precursors [5]. Recently, a variety of pyridyl connectors have been extensively applied in this facet [6]. It should be noted that organosulfur compounds, which play an important role in chemical or biological processes are well documented [7]. Heterocyclic thiones are known in the field of coordination chemistry because of their potential multifunctional donor sites, viz either exocyclic sulfur or endocyclic nitrogen [8]. The pyridyl oxadiazoles are suitable bridging ligands for the synthesis of coordination polymers and several papers were published on using cyclized pyridyl 1,3,4-oxadiazoles for the preparation of metal complexes [9-11]. By changing the steric and electronic properties of ancillary organic ligands such as the heterocycle N-donor molecules, (e.g. benzimidazole), it was possible to modulate the construction and the dimension of the polymeric coordination network [12]. Also benzimidazole belongs to a class of compounds which are of interest because of their pharmaceutical, analytical, most common binding sites in various metalloenzymes and industrial applications [13]. The chemistry of uranium is the most developed, due to the low radioactivity of one of its isotopes and its wide use at industrial and laboratory scales [14]. Uranium (VI) tends to form linear cation with two oxygen atoms UO²⁺ which can be further surrounded by a number of anions commonly lying in one plane, which is perpendicular to O-U-O structure [15]. In this work, we synthesized and characterized new coordination polymers derived from the bridging ligand 5-(3-pyridyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole-2-thiol, benzimidazole and Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II), Cd(II) and $UO_2(II)$.

Material and Methods

High purity 5-(3-pyridyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole-2-thiole and benzimidazole were supplied from Sigma Aldrich and Merck. All other chemicals were of AR grade. Figure 1 shows the structure of the ligands.

Physical measurements

Elemental analysis (carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen and sulphur) were



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performed using Analyischer Funktionstest Vario El Fab-Nr.11982027 elemental analyzer. Infrared spectra were recorded as KBr disks (400-4000 cm⁻¹) with a FT-IR spectrophotometer model (Thermo-Nicolet-6700 FTIR) and the electronic spectra were obtained using a Shimadzu UV-2101 PC spectrophotometer. Magnetic susceptibility measurements were done on a magnetic susceptibility balance of the type MSB-Auto. The conductance was measured using a conductivity Meter model 4310 JENWAY. Thermal studies were carried out in dynamic air on a Shimadzu DTG 60-H thermal analyzer at a heating rate 10°C min⁻¹. XRD Model PW 1710 control unit Philips, Anode material Cu 40 K.V 30 M.A Optics: Automatic divergence slit. Scanning electron microscope (JEOL JFC-1100E ION SPUTTERING DEVICE, JEOL JSM-5400LV SEM), SEM specimens were coated with gold to increase the conductivity. For the biological activity all microbial strains were kindly provided by the Assiut University Mycological Centre (AUMC), Egypt. These strains are common contaminants of the environment in Egypt and some of which are involved in human and animal diseases (Candida albicans, Geotrichum candidum, Scopulariopsis brevicaulis, Aspergillus flavus, Staphylococcus aureus), plant diseases (Fusarium oxysporum) or frequently reported from contaminated soil, water and food substances (Escherichia coli, Bacillus cereus, Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Serratia marcescens). To prepare inocula for bioassay, bacterial strains were individually cultured for 48h in 100 ml conical flasks containing 30 ml nutrient broth medium. Fungi were grown for 7 days in 100 ml conicals containing 30 ml Sabouraud's dextrose broth. Bioassay was done in 10 cm sterile plastic Petri plates in which microbial suspension (1 ml/plate) and 15 ml appropriate agar medium (15 ml/plate) were poured. Nutrient agar and Sabouraud's dextrose agar were respectively used for bacteria and fungi. After solidification of the media, 5 mm diameter cavities were cut in the solidified agar (4 cavities/plate) using sterile cork borer. The chemical compounds dissolved in dimethyl sulfuxide (DMSO) at 2%w/v (=20 mg/ml) were pipetted in the cavities (20 µl /cavity). Cultures were then incubated at 28°C for 48 h in case of bacteria and up to 7 days in case of fungi. Results were read as the diameter (in mm) of inhibition zone around cavities [16].

Synthesis of the coordination polymers

$$\label{eq:constraint} \begin{split} & \left[\text{Co(POZT)(BIMZ)Cl(H}_2\text{O})_2 \right]_n(1) \text{: A methanolic solution (10 mL)} \\ & \text{of POZT (0.1 g, 0.5 mmol) was slowly added into a hot methanolic solution (10 mL) of CoCl_2.6H_2O (0.132 g, 0.5 mmol) and to it a methanolic solution (10 mL) of benzimidazole (0.066 g, 0.5 mmol) was added drop wise. The resultant mixture was stirred for 1 h and filtered. The dark blue precipitate was separated, washed with distilled water and EtOH and then dried over CaCl_2 in a desiccator. Anal. Calc. for CoC_{14}H_{13}N_5SO_3Cl: C, 39.49; H, 3.08; N, 16.45; S, 7.53. Found: C, 39.11; H, 4.76; N, 15.91; S, 6.22. IR data: vOH 3196 (s), vC=N 1608 (s), vC-N 1460 (s), 906 (s), vM-O 552 (m), vM-N 424 (m) cm^{-1}, m.p. 280 °C. \end{split}$$

{[Ni(POZT)(BIMZ)Cl(H_2O)₂].3H₂O}_n (2): It was synthesized adopting the same procedure as in case of **1**. The molar ratio was 1:1:1, NiCl₂.6H₂O (0.132g, 0.5 mmol), POZT (0.1g, 0.5 mmol) and BIMZ (0.066g, 0.5 mmol). A Green compound was isolated. Anal. Calc. for NiC₁₄H₁₉N₅SO₆Cl: C, 35.05; H, 4.00; N, 14.60; S, 6.68. Found: C, 33.47; H, 3.86; N, 14.14; S, 7.99. IR data: vOH 3385 (s), 3150 (w), vC=N 1606 (s), vC-N 1485 (s), 964 (m), vM-O 560 (m), vM-N 432 (m) cm⁻¹ m.p. 285°C.

$$\label{eq:constraint} \begin{split} & \{ [Cu(POZT)(BIMZ)Cl(H_2O)_2].3H_2O\}_n \ (3): \ A \ similar \ synthetic method as that for 1 was used except that the reaction solvent was replaced by ethanol (10 mL). A brown compound was obtained. Anal. Calc. for CuC_{14}H_{19}N_5SO_6Cl: C, 34.70; H, 3.96; N, 14.45; S, 6.62. Found: \end{split}$$

C, 33.42; H, 4.37; N, 14.01; S, 7.98. IR data: vOH 3495 (s), 3192 (m), vC=N 1612 (s), vC-N 1466 (s), 906 (s) vM-O 572 (m), vM-N 440 (s) cm⁻¹, m.p. 276°C.

{[Cd(POZT)(BIMZ)Cl(H_2O)₂].3 H_2O }_n (4): The same synthetic procedure as that for 1 was adopted except that CoCl₂.6 H_2O (0.132 g, 0.5 mmol) was replaced by CdCl₂.2 H_2O (0.127 g, 0.5 mmol) (Figure 2). A white product was isolated. Anal. Calc. for CdC₁₄ $H_{19}N_5SO_6Cl$: C, 31.52; H, 3.59; N, 13.13; S, 6.01. Found: C, 33.96; H, 4.25; N, 11.72; S, 7.22. IR data: vOH 3500 (s), 3190 (m), vC=N 1620 (s), 1483 (s), 928 (m), vM-O 550 (m), vM-N 430 (m) cm⁻¹, m.p. 298°C.

{[**UO**₂(**POZT**)(**BIMZ**)(**ace**)(**H**₂**O**)]_n (5): A mixture of equimolar quantity (0.5 mmol) of UO₂(ac)₂.2H₂O (0.236 g) and POZT (0.1 g) in a methanolic solution (15 mL) was mixed with a methanolic solution (10 mL) of BIMZ (0.066 g, 0.5 mmol) and heated for 2 h, then gradually cooled to room temperature (Figure 3). A yellow compound was isolated. Anal. Calc. for UO₂C₁₆H₁₄N₅SO₄: C, 29.91; H, 2.20; N, 10.90; S, 5.00. Found: C, 30.30; H, 3.71; N, 9.96; S, 6.78. IR data: vOH 3200 (m), vC=N 1618 (s), vC-N 1410 (m), 924 (m), vM-O 520 (m), vM-N 430 (m) cm⁻¹, m.p. 298°C.

Results

The coordination polymers were prepared by the reaction of 5-(3-pyridyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole-2-thiol (neutralized with NaOH), metal chlorides or acetate, and benzimidazole (dissolved in EtOH or MtOH). The prepared compounds were found to react in the molar ratio 1: 1: 1 metal: POZT: BIMZ. The complexes are air stable, insoluble in







Compounds

1

2

3

4

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common organic solvents but partially soluble in DMSO. The electrical conductivity of the coordination polymers adequately supported their non-electrolytic nature.

Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR)

The main IR bands of each compound are cited in the experimental part. The bands observed in the 1606-1620 cm⁻¹ regions are assigned to the v(C=N) stretching vibration of the POZT [17]. BIMZ exhibits two bands in the regions 906-964, 1414-1485 cm⁻¹ which can be assigned to v(C-N) ring [12]. Furthermore, it is found that the bands at 3385-3500 cm⁻¹ in the spectra of compounds 2, 3 and 4 are assigned to vOH of water of crystallization [18] whereas the vOH stretching vibrations of the coordinated water molecules are located in the range 3150-3200 cm⁻¹ for all compounds [19]. Metal-oxygen and metal-nitrogen bonding are manifested by the appearance of a band in the 520-572 cm⁻¹ and 424 - 440 cm⁻¹ region, respectively [20].

Electronic Spectra

The UV-Vis spectra of the coordination po dimethylsulphoxide (DMSO) display two absorption located in the regions 34,482- 39,682 and 21,186 - 27,777 are attributed to $\pi{\rightarrow}\pi^*$ and $n{\rightarrow}\pi^*$ transitions within the BIMZ ligands [12,16]. The Co(II), Ni(II) and Cu(II) co polymers exhibit a band at 16,129, 17,543 and 15,337 cm⁻¹ corresponding to the d-d transitions. Additionally, th moments of the compounds were measured and it has been the cobalt(II) compound 1 has a magnetic moment of 4.43 for the octahedral complexes [21] whereas the magnetic more 1.90, 2.10 B.M were found for the Ni(II) 3 and Cu(II) 4 respectively suggesting their octahedral structures [22,23]. However, the low value of magnetic moment for the Ni(II) complex may be attributed to the presence of a mixture of square planar and octahedral geometries [24]. The electronic spectral data are shown in (Table 1). From the above data the structure of the coordination polymers can be postulated as follows:

Thermal Studies

The thermal decomposition of the coordination polymers has been investigated in dynamic air from ambient temperature to 750°C (Table 2). As a following example the thermogram of the cadmium(II) compound 4 shows four stages in the temperature ranges 53-92, 93-176, 177-235 and 236-750°C (Figure 4). The first and second stages correspond to the release of the two coordinated and the three craystalline water molecules (calc.16.89 %, found 15.32 %). The DTG curve shows these two steps at 63 and 131°C and two endothermic peaks at 66 and 133°C are recorded in the DTA trace. The third and forth steps represent decomposition of the organic ligands. These two steps are manifested by two DTG peaks at 200 and 525°C and are associated with two exothermic peaks at 201 and 527°C in the DTA curve. The final product was identified on the basis of mass loss considerations to be CdO (calc. 24.07 %, found 25.76 %). (Scheme 1).

Kinetic analysis: Non-isothermal kinetic analysis of the complexes was carried out applying two different procedures: the Coats-Redfern [24] and the Horowitz-Metzger [25] methods.

(i) The Coats-Redfern equation

 $\ln[1-(1-\alpha)1-n/(1-n)T2] = M/T + B$ for $n \neq 1$ (1)

 $\ln[-\ln(1-\alpha)/T^2] = M/T + B$ for n = 1 (2)

where α is the fraction of material decomposed, n is the order of

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v max(cm-1)

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25.125

35,211

17,543

27.777

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15,337

21,186

34,482

27,472

39,682

14.752

27 322

39,525

Figure 4: TG, DTG and DTA thermo grams of compound 4 in dynamic air.

Table 1: Electronic spectral data and magnetic moments of the compounds.



 $(1-\alpha)/T^{2}$ for n=1.

the decomposition reaction and M = -E/R and B = $ZR/\Phi E$; E, R, Z and Φ are the activation energy, gas constant, pre-exponential factor and heating rate, respectively. .

(ii) The Horowitz-Metzger equation

 $\ln[1-(1-\alpha)1-n/1-n] = \ln ZRTs2/\Phi E - E/RTs + E\theta/RTs2 \text{ for } n \neq 1 (3)$ $\ln[-\ln(1-\alpha)] = E\theta/RTs2$ for n = 1 (4)

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µeff B.M

4.43

2 10

1.90

DTA

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Assignment

d-d transition

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 $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition

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Figure 6: Horowitz-Metzger plots for a) compound 4 and b) compound 5 first step in dynamic air where $Y=ln[1-(1-\alpha)1-n /(1-n)]$ for $n \neq 1$ or $Y=ln[-ln (1-\alpha)]$ for n=1.





where θ = T-Ts, Ts is the temperature at the DTG peak. The correlation coefficient r is computed using the least squares method for equations (1), (2), (3) and (4). Linear curves were drawn for different values of n ranging from 0 to 2. The value of n, which gave the best fit, was chosen as the order parameter for the decomposition stage of interest. The kinetic parameters were calculated from the plots of the left hand side of equations (1),(2), against 1/T and against θ for equations (3) and (4) (Figure 5, 6). The kinetic parameters for compounds 1, 4 and 5 were calculated for the first step according to the above two methods and are cited in Table 3, 4. The thermodynamic parameters ΔS^{*} , ΔH^{*} and ΔG^{*} for the three complexes 1, 4 and 5 were computed using the following equations:

 $\Delta S^* = R [ln Zh / kTs] (5)$ $\Delta H^* = \Delta E^* - RTs (6)$ $\Delta G^* = \Delta H^* - Ts \Delta S^* (7)$



Figure 9: SEM of compound 4.



Figure 10: Microbiological screening of compound 1 against Pseudomonas aeruginosa(-ve)

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where h, Planck's constant, k, Boltzmann constant, R, gas constant and Ts, temperature at the DTG peak. Negative ΔS^* value for the different stages of decomposition of the complexes suggest that the activated complex is more ordered than the reactants and that the reactions are slower than normal [26-28]. The more ordered nature may be due to the polarization of bonds in the activated state, which might happen through charge transfer electronic transition [29]. The different values of ΔH^* and ΔG^* of the complexes refer to the effect of the structure of the metal ions on the thermal stability of the complexes [30]. The positive values of ΔG^* indicate that the decomposition reaction is not spontaneous.



Figure 11: Microbiological screening of compound 4 against Candida albicans.



Figure 12: Microbiological screening of compound 5 against Serratia marcescens(-ve)



Figure 13: Comparison of coordination polymers of antibacterial activity.

Compound	Stop	Т	Mass			
Compound	Step	Ti	Tm	Tf	Loss(%)	
	1st	50	68	156	5.37	
1	2nd	157	217	244	2.93	
1	3rd	245	325	371	19.69	
	4th	372	475	750	44.07	
	1st	53	64	92	11.01	
4	2nd	93	131	176	4.31	
4	3rd	177	201	235	26.30	
	4th	236	525	750	32.62	
	1st	150	210	230	1.42	
5	2nd	231	312	463	33.97	
	3rd	464	560	750	18.38	

Ti=Initial temperature, Tm=Maximum temperature, Tf=Final temperature.

Table 2: Thermal decomposition data of the compounds in dynamic air.

X-ray powder diffraction of the complexes

The X-ray powder diffraction patterns were recorded for the coordination polymers **3** and **4**. The diffraction patterns indicate that the compounds are crystalline. The crystal lattice parameters were computed with the aid of the computer program TREOR. The crystal data for **3** and **4** metal mixed-ligand compounds belong to the crystal system triclinic (Table 5). The significant broadening of the diffraction patterns suggests that the particles are of nanometer dimensions. XRD of compound **3** is depicted in Figure 7. Scherrer's equation (8) was applied to estimate the particle size of the coordination polymers:

 $D = K\lambda / \beta \cos\theta (8)$

where K is the shape factor, λ is the X-ray wavelength typically 1.54 Å, β is the line broadening at half the maximum intensity in radians and θ is Bragg angle, D is the mean size of the ordered (crystalline) domains, which may be smaller or equal to the grain size. The crystal data together with the particle size are recorded in

Scanning electron micrographs (SEM): The scanning electron micrographs of copper (II) and cadmium (II) mixed ligand coordination polymers as representatives are given in Figure 8,9. The figures show the different morphologies of the compounds. The rod shape is apparent in the micrograph of compound **3**.

Biological activity

In testing the antibacterial and antifungal activity of these compounds we used more than one test organism to increase the chance of detecting antibiotic principles in tested materials. The data showed that in some cases the ligand has a higher or similar antimicrobial and antifungal activity than the selected standards (chloramphenicol and clotrimazole). Also, the complexes of certain metal ions enhanced the

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Compound	04.00		Coats-Re	dfern equation		Horowitz-Metzger equation				
	Step	r	n	E	Z	r	n	E	Z	
		0.9919	0.00	97.1	1.95 x 10 ³	0.9983	0.00	105.1	5.19 x 10 ⁴	
		0.9907	0.33	106.2	2.13 x 10 ³	0.9987	0.33	114.1	1.07 x 10⁵	
	A et	0.9912	0.50	111.2	2.24 x 10 ³	0.9988	0.50	118.6	1.57 x 10⁵	
	Tac	0.9901	0.66	116.0	2.34 x 10 ³	0.9990	0.66	123.5	2.32 x 10⁵	
		0.9895	1.00	125.7	2.53 x 10 ³	0.9992	1.00	133.4	5.11 x 10⁵	
		0.9967	2.00	159.7	3.24 x 10 ³	0.9997	2.00	166.7	6.39 x 10 ⁶	
		0.9968	0.00	18.4	5.34 x 10 ⁶	0.9996	0.00	29.6	1.57 x 10⁵	
		0.9954	0.33	23.3	4.71 x 10 ²	0.9998	0.33	34.9	2.42 x 10⁵	
	A st	0.9952	0.50	25.5	5.16 x 10 ²	0.9999	0.50	37.8	7.07 x 10⁵	
	1.	0.9958	0.66	28.2	5.70 x 10 ²	0.9999	0.66	40.7	8.05 x 10⁵	
		0.9974	1.00	34.5	6.97 x 10 ²	1.0000	1.00	47.1	2.25 x 10 ⁶	
		0.9920	2.00	55.1	11.07 x 10 ²	1.0000	2.00	69.8	11.53 x 10 ⁶	
5		0.9972	0.00	51.35	1.03 x 10 ³	0.9992	0.00	53.06	3.32 x 10 ⁶	
		0.9984	0.33	63.23	1.27 x 10 ³	0.9996	0.33	64.15	6.65 x 10 ⁶	
	1 st	0.9991	0.50	70.84	1.42 x 10 ³	0.9998	0.50	70.75	7.04 x 10⁵	
	1	0.9994	0.66	77.97	1.56 x 10 ³	0.9824	0.66	89.34	5.87 x 10 ⁶	
		0.9999	1.00	95.00	1.80 x 10 ³	0.9998	1.00	94.13	8.83 x 10 ⁶	
		0.9997	2.00	156.90	3.09 x 10 ³	0.9995	2.00	147.50	3.78 x 10⁴	

E in kJ mol⁻¹, underlined r in all tables represents the best fit values of n and E

Table 3: Kinetic parameters for the thermal decomposition of the compounds.

Compound	Step	ΔS*	ΔΗ*	ΔG*
1	1 st	-189.44	90.97	139.68
4	1 st	-199.43	18.36	118.24
5	1 st	-193.06	46.34	116.24

 $\Delta H^{*},\,\Delta G^{*}$ are in kJ mol-1 and ΔS^{*} in kJ mol-1 K-1

 Table 4: Thermodynamic parameters for the thermal decomposition of the compounds.

Parameters	3	4
Empirical formula	C ₁₄ H ₁₉ CuN ₅ O ₆ SCI	C ₁₄ H ₁₉ CdN ₅ O ₆ SCI
Formula weight	484.45	533.31
Crystal system	triclinic	triclinic
a (Å)	4.153	2.746
b (Å)	10.445	8.002
c (Å)	22.448	11.451
α (°)	66.291	60.601
β(°)	64.065	100.556
γ(°)	77.534	99.210
Volume of unit cell(Å3)	800.99	214.83
Particle size(nm)	17	28

Table 5: X-ray diffraction crystal data of the compounds and their particle size.

Compound	B. cereus (G+ve)	S. aureus (G+ve)	S. Marcescens (G-ve)	E. coli (G-ve)	P. aeruginosa (G-ve)	A. flavus	C. albicans	F. oxysporm	T. rubrum	G. candidum	S. brevicaulis
1	18	14	12	13	14	0	0	0	20	17	0
2	13	15	14	14	12	0	0	12	13	16	0
3	16	16	14	15	12	0	12	12	0	18	8
4	16	13	12	15	13	28	15	12	28	14	16
5	13	14	16	14	12	22	0	12	13	14	15

Table 6: Microbiological screening of the compounds.

antimicrobial activity and in some case a higher or similar activity than the selected standards were shown Table 6. Figure 10-13 show the antimicrobial effect for these compounds.

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