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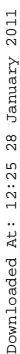
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Reactions of diethoxydimethylsilane with Schiff bases derived from the condensation of furfuraldehyde, indole-3-carbaldehyde with alanine, glycine, valine, isoleucine and tryptophan in a 1:2 molar ratio give a new series of $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(\widehat{\text{N}}\text{O})_2$ type of organosilicon (IV) complexes. The complexes are monomeric and non-electrolytic in nature. The coordination behaviour of Schiff bases through organosilicon (IV) has been investigated by IR, ^1H , ^{13}C & ^{29}Si NMR spectral studies. Schiff bases and their silicon complexes have also been screened for their antifungal activity. Several of these complexes were found to be quite active in this respect.

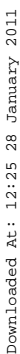
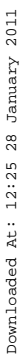
INTRODUCTION

Schiff bases are an important class of ligands and have found wide applications in various fields¹⁻³. Amino acids and their ligands with different metal ions also play an important role in biology, pharmacy, and industry⁴⁻⁶. Continuing our earlier research⁷⁻¹⁰ on biologically active complexes, an attempt has now been made to synthesize amino acid Schiff base complexes of diethoxydimethylsilane. The Schiff bases used in this study are the following:

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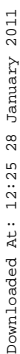


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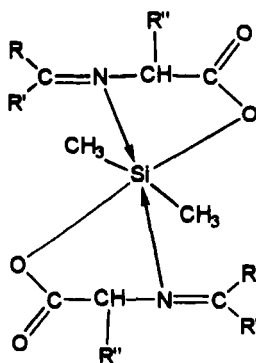
A new band observed in the complexes at $\sim 570\text{ cm}^{-1}$ is due to $\nu(\text{Si} \leftarrow \text{N})$ ¹² mode. Many new bands of strong to medium intensity in the spectra of the complexes at ~ 1265 may be due to the asymmetric deformation¹³ mode of $\text{CH}_3\text{-Si}$.

¹H NMR Spectra

In the ¹H NMR spectra of the above ligands the broad signal due to the NH proton at $\delta \sim 10.15$ ppm disappears in the silicon (IV) complexes, indicating the coordination of nitrogen through a covalent bond formation by the nitrogen with a silicon atom. New signals at $\delta \sim 1.60$ ppm in the complexes are due to the methyl protons of Me_2Si group.

²⁹Si NMR spectra

The ²⁹Si NMR spectrum of the silicon complexes gives a sharp signal at $\delta \sim 40.98$ ppm clearly indicating the six coordinated environment around the silicon atom. On the basis of the above spectral studies the following octahedral geometry is suggested for the silicon(IV) complexes.



Antimicrobial activity

The Antibacterial and antifungal tests were carried out using the disc-diffusion method^{14,15} for their activities at a concentration of 100 ppm. Streptomycin and mycostatin were used as reference compounds for antibacterial and antifungal activities, respectively.

E. coli, *P. mirabilis*, *S. aureus*, *P. syringae* (bacteria) or *Fusarium*, *R. phaseoli*, *A. niger*, *P. crysogenus* (fungi) were used as the test organisms. Results have been recorded in the form of inhibition zone (diameter mm) and activity index in Table III.

Results show that the silicon complexes are more potent in their inhibition properties than the free ligands. Among all the complexes $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(\text{L}^3)_2$ and $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(\text{L}^{10})_2$ are more active against *P. crysogenus*, *R. phaseoli*, *P. syringal* and *P. mirabilis*.

EXPERIMENTAL

All the chemicals used in this work of AR grade and solvents were dried by standard method and all reactions were carried out under an anhydrous and oxygen free atmosphere. The infrared spectra were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer 577 grating spectrophotometer in the region $4000\text{--}200\text{ cm}^{-1}$ using KBr optics. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer RB-12 Spectrometer in DMSO-d_6 using TMS as an internal standard at 90 MHz. ^{29}Si NMR spectra were recorded on a Jeol FX90 Q spectrometer in dry DMSO using TMS as an internal standard at 17.75 MHz. The Schiff bases have been synthesized by the condensation of furfuraldehyde and indole-3-carbaldehyde with amino acids viz. glycine, L-alanine, L-valine, L-isoleucine and L-tryptophan in 1:1 molar ratio using ethanol as the reaction medium and then refluxing for 5 hours. After which the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The solids so obtained were recrystallised from ethanol (Table I).

Synthesis of Si (IV) Complexes

To a weighed amount of diethoxydimethylsilane in dry benzene was added the calculated amount of the appropriate ligand in a 1:2 molar ratio. The reactants were refluxed for about 6–7 hours to complete the reaction. The ethanol generated in the reaction was removed azeotropically with benzene, the excess of the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the complexes were subsequently dried for 2–3 hours. These were then repeatedly washed with dry cyclohexane so as to ensure their purity and again dried under reduced pressure. The synthetic and analytical data of the resulting complexes are recorded in Table II.

TABLE I Physical Properties and Analytical Data of Ligands

S.N.	Ligands	Colour	M.P. °C	Analysis				Mol. Wt. Found (Calc.)
				C Found (Calc.)	H Found (Calc.)	N Found (Calc.)		
1.	Alanine furaldehyde C ₈ H ₉ NO ₃	Silvery brown solid	180	57.23 (57.42)	5.21 (5.38)	8.11 (8.37)		165.0 (167.18)
2.	Valine furaldehyde C ₁₀ H ₁₃ NO ₃	silvery play solid	193	61.23 (61.46)	6.32 (6.66)	7.12 (7.17)		193.72 (195.24)
3.	Glycine furaldehyde C ₇ H ₇ NO ₃	Reddish brown solid	200	54.11 (54.14)	4.43 (4.51)	9.01 (9.02)		152.99 (155.14)
4.	Tryptophan furaldehyde C ₁₆ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₃	Greenish brown solid	210	67.88 (68.01)	4.73 (4.96)	9.79 (9.92)		280.93 (282.32)
5.	Isoleucine furaldehyde C ₁₁ H ₁₅ NO ₃	Silvery gray solid	200	63.00 (63.08)	7.12 (7.17)	6.52 (6.69)		206.19 (209.27)
6.	Alanine Indole 3- carbaldehyde C ₁₂ H ₁₂ N ₂ O ₂	Pinkish brown solid	136	66.42 (66.59)	5.49 (5.55)	12.73 (12.95)		214.32 (216.25)
7.	Valine Indole 3- carbaldehyde C ₁₄ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₂	Pinkish brown solid	160	68.66 (68.77)	6.32 (6.55)	11.31 (11.46)		232.12 (244.31)
8.	Glycine Indole 3- carbaldehyde C ₁₁ H ₁₀ N ₂ O ₂	Pinkish brown solid	132	64.51 (64.64)	4.71 (4.89)	13.61 (13.71)		200.12 (204.21)
9.	Tryptophan Indole 3- carbaldehyde C ₂₀ H ₁₇ N ₃ O ₂	Pinkish brown solid	152	72.31 (72.42)	5.01 (5.13)	12.51 (12.67)		323.64 (331.39)
10.	Isoleucine Indole 3- carbaldehyde C ₁₅ H ₁₈ N ₂ O ₂	Pinkish brown solid	142	69.50 (69.68)	6.72 (6.97)	10.73 (10.84)		253.30 (258.34)

TABLE II Synthesis and Analysis of Si(IV) Complexes

S.N.	Reactants		Molar ratio	Products colour & state	M.P °C	Analysis %				Mol. Wt. Found (Calcd)
	Silicon compound	Ligand				C Found (Calcd)	H Found (Calcd)	N Found (Calcd)	Si Found (Calcd)	
1.	(C ₂ H ₅ O) ₂ Si(CH ₃) ₂	C ₈ H ₉ NO ₃	1:2	Brown shining crystals	258°C	55.01 (55.33)	5.21 (5.64)	7.0 (7.17)	7.05 (7.17)	388.01 (390.36)
2.	(C ₂ H ₅ O) ₂ Si(CH ₃) ₂	C ₁₀ H ₁₃ NO ₃	1:2	Brown shining flakes	179(d)	59.03 (59.13)	6.56 (6.72)	6.11 (6.27)	6.10 (6.27)	443.92 (446.48)
3.	(C ₂ H ₅ O) ₂ Si(CH ₃) ₂	C ₇ H ₇ NO ₃	1:2	Blackish Brown solid	232°C	52.20 (52.42)	4.73 (4.91)	7.09 (7.64)	7.18 (7.64)	362.79 (366.28)
4.	(C ₂ H ₅ O) ₂ Si(CH ₃) ₂	C ₁₆ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₃	1:2	Light shining solid	150–152(d)	65.32 (65.74)	5.00 (5.16)	8.69 (9.02)	4.44 (4.51)	617.36 (620.64)
5.	(C ₂ H ₅ O) ₂ Si(CH ₃) ₂	C ₁₁ H ₁₅ NO ₃	1:2	Light shining flakes	173(d)	60.33 (60.69)	7.02 (7.16)	5.62 (5.90)	5.73 (5.90)	472.00 (474.54)
6.	(C ₂ H ₅ O) ₂ Si(CH ₃) ₂	C ₁₂ H ₁₂ N ₂ O ₂	1:2	Light shining solid	126°C	63.72 (63.87)	5.67 (5.73)	11.22 (11.46)	5.52 (5.73)	485.72 (488.05)
7.	(C ₂ H ₅ O) ₂ Si(CH ₃) ₂	C ₁₄ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₂	1:2	Brown solid crystals	137(d)	66.00 (66.10)	6.51 (6.61)	10.11 (10.28)	5.01 (5.14)	540.33 (544.62)
8.	(C ₂ H ₅ O) ₂ Si(CH ₃) ₂	C ₁₁ H ₁₀ N ₂ O ₂	1:2	Brown solid crystals	156	62.00 (62.01)	5.11 (5.17)	12.00 (12.06)	6.00 (6.03)	462.7 (464.42)
9.	(C ₂ H ₅ O) ₂ Si(CH ₃) ₂	C ₂₀ H ₁₇ N ₃ O ₂	1:2	Brownish orange	258°C	70.03 (70.12)	5.03 (5.29)	11.63 (11.69)	3.62 (3.89)	713.2 (718.78)
10.	(C ₂ H ₅ O) ₂ Si(CH ₃) ₂	C ₁₅ H ₁₈ N ₂ O ₂	1:2	Brown solid crystals	118	67.00 (67.05)	6.73 (6.98)	9.63 (9.78)	4.72 (4.89)	570.0 (572.68)

TABLE III Antimicrobial Activity of ligands and their Silicon (IV) Complexes

<i>Microorganisms</i>			<i>Compounds</i>			
			L^3	$Me_2Si(L^3)_2$	L^{10}	$Me_2Si(L^{10})_2$
(1)	<i>E. coli</i>	IZ	13.2	13.7	11.0	13
		AI	1.46	1.52	1.22	1.44
(2)	<i>P. mirabilis</i>	IZ	13.6	14.5	12.2	15.2
		AI	1.23	1.31	1.10	1.38
(3)	<i>S. aureus</i>	IZ	14.9	16.4	15.2	17.8
		AI	1.06	1.17	1.08	1.27
(4)	<i>P. syringae</i>	IZ	11.2	12.9	10.6	14
		AI	1.4	1.61	1.32	1.75
(5)	<i>Fusarium</i>	IZ	14.9	16.2	16	17.9
		AI	0.76	1.15	1.14	1.27
(6)	<i>R. phaseoli</i>	IZ	12	14	12	13
		AI	1.33	1.55	1.33	1.44
(7)	<i>A. niger</i>	IZ	12.8	14	14	15.2
		AI	1.06	1.16	1.16	1.26
(8)	<i>P. crysogenous</i>	IZ	13	10	13.7	13.9
		AI	1.42	1.85	1.42	1.38

IZ=Inhibition zone (in mm), AI=Activity Index = Inhibition zone of test compounds/Inhibition zone of standard.

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