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*New tetracoordinated complexes of Zn (II) have been synthesized by the reaction between zinc chloride and 3-methyl-2-benzothiazolyldenamidothiophosphoryl dichloride ( $L_1$ ), (3-methyl-2-benzothiazolyldenamido)-bis-(diethylamido)thiophosphate ( $L_2$ ), 3-benzyl-2-benzothiazolyldenamidothiophosphoryl dichloride ( $L_3$ ), and (3-benzyl-2-benzothiazolyldenamido)-bis-(diethyl-amido) thiophosphate ( $L_4$ ) in a 1:1 ratio. The complexes have been isolated and characterized by elemental analysis, electrical conductivity, and mass and IR spectral studies. The stability constants of these complexes also have been determined in aqueous solution by spectrophotometric methods.*

**Keywords** Benzothiazole; four-membered chelates; organophosphorus ligands; zinc complexes

### INTRODUCTION

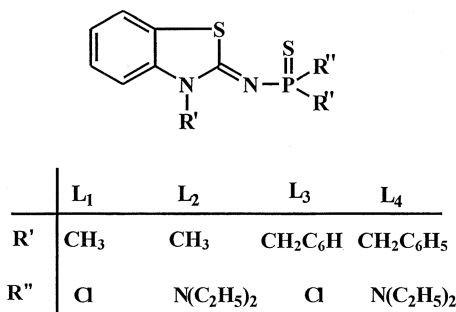
The organophosphorus compounds containing a heterocyclic moiety and their coordination compounds with a metal ion have drawn much attention due to their importance in biological and medicinal chemistry.<sup>1–4</sup>

$L_1$ ,  $L_2$ ,  $L_3$ , and  $L_4$  are novel organothiophosphates prepared by Kabra and colleagues<sup>5,6</sup> using 3-alkyl-2-aminocycloiminium halides as starting materials. It has been observed on the basis of semiempirical computational calculations of these ligands using a MOPAC<sup>7</sup> package that the exocyclic atoms N and S have almost the same electronegativity and are found to be more electronegative in comparison to the endocyclic

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**FIGURE 1** Structure of the ligands.

S. Hence, it was considered worthwhile to explore these compounds as ligands in the metal complex formation. The structure of the ligands is shown in Figure 1.

The complexes of L<sub>1</sub>, L<sub>2</sub>, L<sub>3</sub> and L<sub>4</sub> were prepared in order to investigate the coordination behaviour of these ligands towards zinc (II) ion.

## EXPERIMENTAL

All chemicals and solvents used in this study were dried and purified by standard methods.

The ligands L<sub>1</sub>, L<sub>2</sub>, L<sub>3</sub>, and L<sub>4</sub> were synthesized according to the method previously reported.<sup>5,6</sup> Their elemental analysis and physical properties are given in Table I.

To ascertain the possible molar ratio of the complexes, conductometric titrations were carried out between ligands and metal salt. It is evident from these titrations that complexes are formed in a 1:1 ratio (Figure 2).

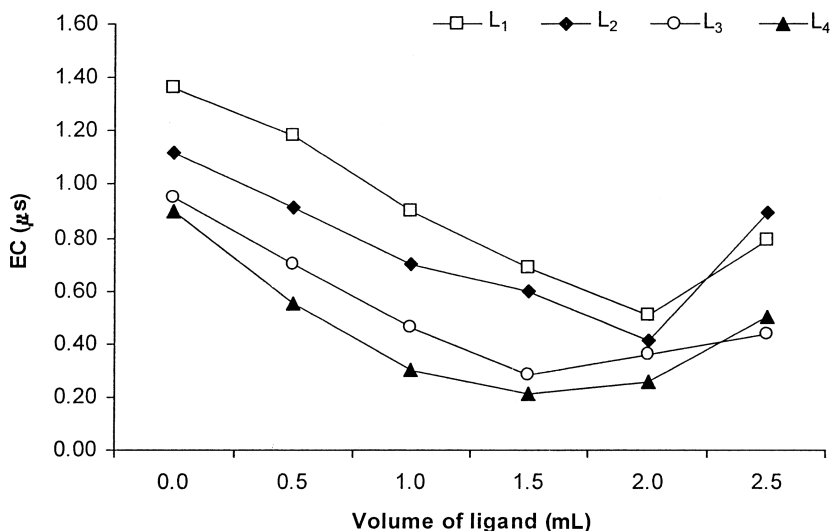
Stock solutions of the ligands and zinc chloride were prepared by dissolving the requisite amount in methylene chloride for conductivity measurements. The concentration of the ligands in the solution was kept approximately five times that of metal solution, in order to satisfy the maximum coordination number of metal ion. The conductance measurements were carried out on a Conductivity Bridge Model 1160 E at 25°C ± 0.1°C.

## Synthesis of Zn(II) Complexes

The complexes were formed by refluxing ligands with zinc chloride in a 1:1 ratio in methylene chloride for 10–12 h. The solid chelates, which

TABLE I Physical Properties and Analytical Data of Ligands

Ligand	Color and state	Yield (%)	M.P. °C	Analysis, % (calcd.) found					Mol. WT. (calcd.) found
				C	H	N	S	P	
L <sub>1</sub> 3-methyl-2-benzothiazolylidenamido-thiophosphoryl dichloride C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Cadmium yellow solid	63	95–97	(32.30) 32.15	(2.37) 2.20	(9.42) 9.25	(21.54) 21.39	(10.40) 10.23	(297.7) 294.8
L <sub>2</sub> (3-methyl-2-benzothiazolylidenamido)-bis-(diethylamido) thiophosphate C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub> P	White solid	79	60–61	(51.87) 51.78	(7.34) 7.37	(15.12) 15.06	(17.31) 17.02	(8.36) 8.24	(370.5) 369.8
L <sub>3</sub> 3-benzyl-2-benzothiazolylidenamido-thiophosphoryl dichloride C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Lemon yellow solid	52	82–85	(45.04) 45.02	(2.97) 2.83	(7.50) 7.30	(17.18) 17.08	(8.30) 8.16	(373.3) 371.7
L <sub>4</sub> (3-benzyl)-2-benzothiazolylidenamido)- bis-(diethylamido) thiophosphate C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>31</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub> P	Yellow solid	69	55–57	(59.16) 59.03	(6.99) 6.88	(12.54) 12.42	(14.37) 14.24	(6.94) 6.83	(446.2) 444.5



**FIGURE 2** Conductometric titration of 20 mL ( $1 \times 10^{-3}$  M)  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  with  $\text{L}_1$ ,  $\text{L}_2$ ,  $\text{L}_3$ , and  $\text{L}_4$ .

precipitated out, were filtered and washed with methylene chloride to remove the excess of ligands and dried in vacuo. The chelates were purified by recrystallization from absolute alcohol. The complexes were analyzed and their elemental analysis is given in Table II.

The absorption spectra of metal chelates in solution were taken with a digital spectrophotometer model 301E. The IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer RXI IR spectrophotometer in the region of  $4000\text{--}200\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL SX 102/DA-6000 mass spectrometer.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Elemental Analysis

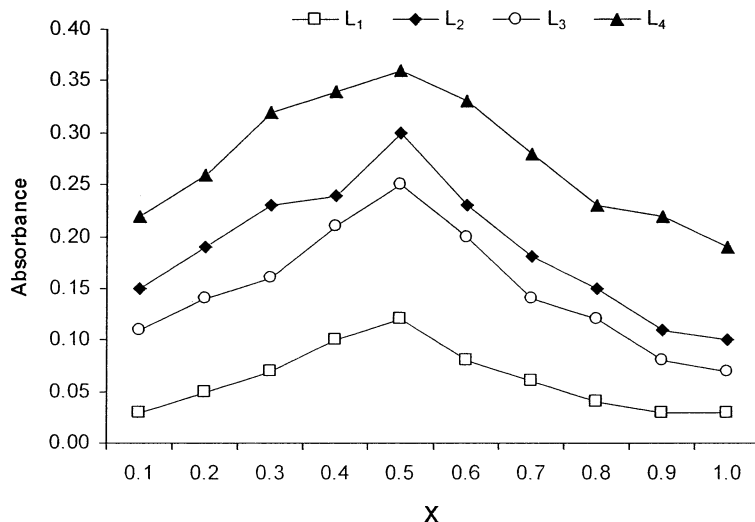
Results of elemental analyses reveal that the reaction of ligands and  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  gives a four-coordinated structure for these complexes.

### Conductometric Titrations

Results of conductometric titrations of 20 mL of a  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  M metal ion solution against  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  M of each ligand solution shown in

TABLE II Physical Properties and Analytical Data of Zn (II) Complexes

Empirical formula of complex	Color and state	Yield (%)	M.P.°C	Analysis, % (calcd.) found						Mol. Wt. (calcd.) found	
				C	H	N	S	P	Cl		Zn
C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> ZnCl <sub>4</sub>	Yellow solid	70	260	(22.14) 22.01	(1.64) 1.47	(6.45) 6.28	(14.77) 14.62	(7.14) 7.11	(32.67) 32.51	(15.07) 15.02	(434.0) 429.7
C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub> PZnCl <sub>2</sub>	White solid	86	225	(37.92) 37.83	(5.37) 5.35	(1.10) 1.01	(12.65) 12.63	(0.61) 0.58	(13.99) 13.88	(12.90) 12.81	(506.8) 426.2
C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>2</sub> PS <sub>2</sub> ZnCl <sub>4</sub>	Cream solid	59	247	(33.01) 33.00	(2.18) 2.16	(0.55) 0.41	(12.58) 12.48	(0.61) 0.59	(27.83) 27.69	(12.83) 12.73	(509.6) 453.8
C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>31</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub> PZnCl <sub>2</sub>	Creamish solid	76	220	(45.36) 45.23	(5.36) 5.25	(0.96) 0.88	(11.00) 10.87	(0.53) 0.51	(12.17) 12.06	(11.23) 11.15	(582.5) 500.7



**FIGURE 3** Job's continuous variation curves for metal chelates between Zn(II) and L<sub>1</sub>, L<sub>2</sub>, L<sub>3</sub>, and L<sub>4</sub> at  $\lambda_{\max}$  620 nm.

Figure 2 support the stoichiometries suggested on the basis of elemental analysis.

### Spectrophotometric Titrations

The composition of the complexes in N,N'-dimethylformamide (DMF) solution were also calculated from a spectrophotometric molar ratio and a continuous variation method<sup>8,9</sup> at  $\lambda_{\max}$  of each complex. The representative results shown in Figure 3 are in good accordance with those obtained from the conductometric titration method (Figure 2).

### Stability Constants

The results of spectrophotometric methods can also be utilized for calculation of the apparent stability of the metal chelates.<sup>10</sup> Table III shows that the stability runs in the following order:

$$L_4 > L_2 > L_3 > L_1$$

The relatively lower values of stability constants for these chelates can be attributed to the formation of a less stable four-membered chelate ring through the exocyclic sulphur and nitrogen atoms from the ligands.

**TABLE III The Stability Constants for the Formation of Zn(II)-L Complexes in an Aqueous Medium**

Metal ion (M)	Ligands (L)	M:L Ratio	Stability constant $K_f$
Zn(II)	L <sub>1</sub>	1:1	$8.31 \times 10^2$
Zn(II)	L <sub>2</sub>	1:1	$7.5 \times 10^3$
Zn(II)	L <sub>3</sub>	1:1	$4.0 \times 10^3$
Zn(II)	L <sub>4</sub>	1:1	$1.84 \times 10^4$

## Infrared Spectra

Definite evidence for the structure and coordination sites of ligands under investigation is obtained from the IR data summarized in Table IV.

The ligands exhibit a medium strong sharp band in the region 1620–1595  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  due to the  $\nu$  (C=N).<sup>11</sup> The stretching absorption bands of  $\nu$  (P–N)<sup>12</sup> and  $\nu$  (C–N)<sup>12</sup> appeared at 760–685  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 1105–1063  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. Two absorption bands of  $\nu$  (P=S)<sup>13</sup> are observed in the region 800–775  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (I) and 717–605  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (II). In L<sub>1</sub> and L<sub>3</sub>  $\nu$  (P–Cl) absorption bands appear at 515–500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 625–610  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for symmetric and asymmetric stretching vibrations, respectively, which are in good agreement as reported in the literature.<sup>14</sup>

**TABLE IV Assignment of Main IR Bands ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of Ligands and Their Zinc (II) Complexes**

Compound	$\nu$ (C=N)	$\nu$ (P–N–C)	$\nu$ (P=S)	$\nu$ (P–Cl)	Other bands
L <sub>1</sub>	1595	1085	785 (I)	500 (sym.)	—
		745	702 (II)	610 (asym.)	
C <sub>1</sub>	1580	1015	775 (I)	500 (sym.)	465 $\nu$ (Zn–N)
		740	692 (II)	610 (asym.)	345 $\nu$ (Zn–S)
L <sub>2</sub>	1603	1063	775 (I)	—	—
		685	605 (II)		
C <sub>2</sub>	1585	1052	765 (I)	—	475 $\nu$ (Zn–N)
		682	595 (II)		325 $\nu$ (Zn–S)
L <sub>3</sub>	1610	1105	800 (I)	515 (sym.)	—
		760	717 (II)	625 (asym.)	
C <sub>3</sub>	1595	1035	790 (I)	515 (sym.)	480 $\nu$ (Zn–N)
		759	707 (II)	625 (asym.)	360 $\nu$ (Zn–S)
L <sub>4</sub>	1620	1080	790 (I)	—	—
		700	620 (II)		
C <sub>4</sub>	1600	1065	780 (I)	—	490 $\nu$ (Zn–N)
		695	610 (II)		340 $\nu$ (Zn–S)

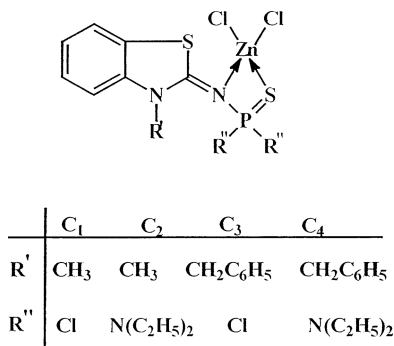


The Zn(II) complexes of these ligands exhibit a negative shift in the  $\nu$  (C=N) stretching band, and it appears in the region 1600–1580  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The  $\nu$  (P–Cl) stretching (symmetric and asymmetric) and  $\nu$  (P–N) stretching bands remain almost unchanged. Both absorption bands of  $\nu$  (P=S) are also shifted to a lower wave number by the negative shift of 5–15  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and appear at 790–765  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (I) and 707–595  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (II), respectively. Two new medium, weak, and sharp bands appear at 490–465  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 360–325  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , which appear at the same position as reported in literature for  $\nu$  (Zn–N)<sup>15,16</sup> and  $\nu$  (Zn–S)<sup>16</sup> vibrations, respectively. The shifting of  $\nu$  (C=N) and  $\nu$  (P=S) absorption bands and the appearance of  $\nu$  (Zn–N) and  $\nu$  (Zn–S) absorption bands indicate the coordination of a ligand through N and S outside the benzothiazol ring, which further indicates that the ligands act as bidentate ligands with an (NS) donor set. On the basis of the elemental analysis and spectral studies, the four coordinated structure may be suggested for the complex (Figure 4).

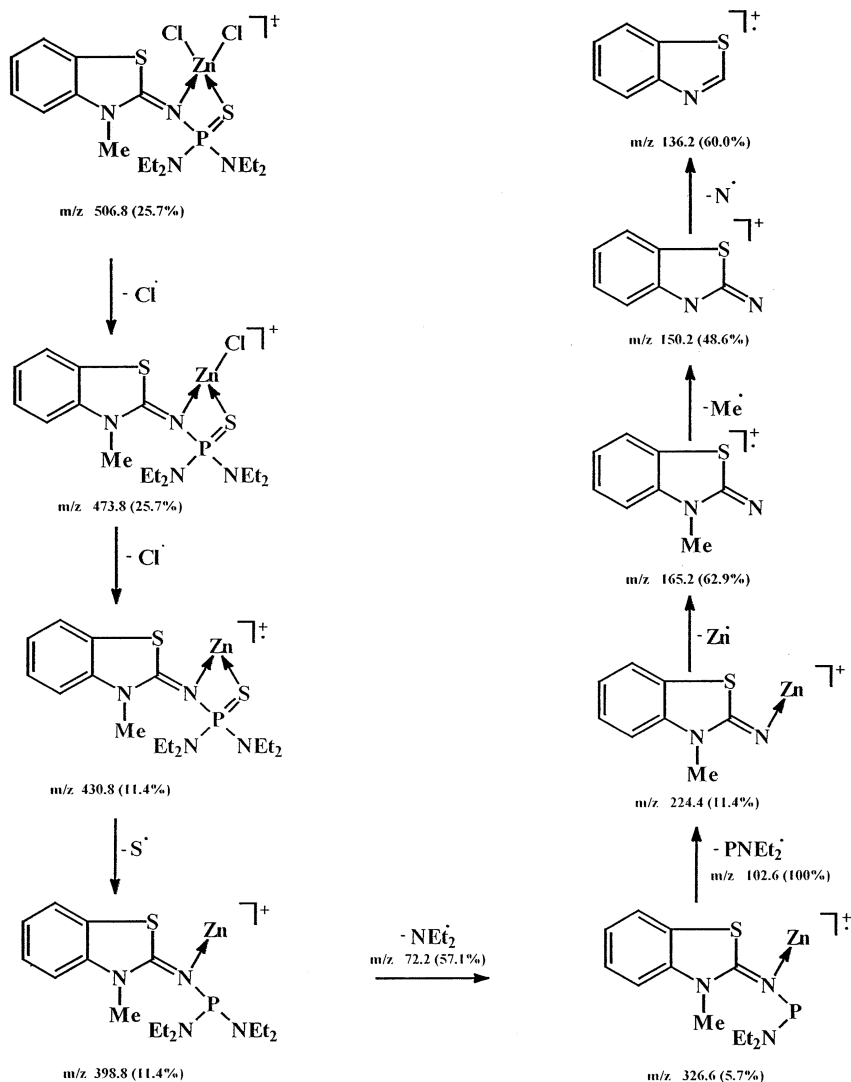
## Mass Spectra

Mass spectra were recorded for determining the molecular mass of the chelates. The splitting pattern of the mass spectrum of C<sub>2</sub> is represented in Figure 5.

The molecular ion peak appears at  $m/z$  506.8, thus confirming the formation of a metal complex in a 1:1 ratio. This peak after the removal of two chlorine radicals in the subsequent steps generates the ions at  $m/z$  473.8 and  $m/z$  430.8, respectively. It may further lose a sulphur radical to form the ion at  $m/z$  398.8, which splits off a diethylamido moiety, producing an ion at  $m/z$  326.6, this diethylamido moiety also appears



**FIGURE 4** Suggested structure of the Zn (II) complexes.



**FIGURE 5** Suggested structure of  $C_2$  and the splitting pattern of its mass spectrum.

at  $m/z$  72.2. The  $PNEt_2$  radical is lost to form an ion at  $m/z$  224.4, and itself appears as the base peak at  $m/z$  102.6. Further fragmentation involves the removal of the Zn radical and the formation of a peak at  $m/z$  165.2. Splitting off a  $-CH_3$  radical leads to a peak at  $m/z$  150.2. After the removal of a nitrogen radical, a peak appears at  $m/z$  136.2 in

**TABLE V Mass Spectral Data of C<sub>2</sub> (Relative abundance is given in Parentheses)**

Compound	m/z %
C <sub>2</sub>	506.8 (M <sup>+</sup> , 25.7), 473.8 (25.7), 430.8 (11.4), 398.8 (11.4), 326.6 (5.7), 224.4 (11.4), 165.2 (62.9), 150.2 (48.6), 136.2 (60.0) 102.6 (100), 72.2 (57.1)

the mass spectrum. Relative abundance of these ions are represented in Table V.

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