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**ABSTRACT**

The complexes of 1H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol and 3-amino-5-mercapto-1,2,4-triazole with Co(II), Ni(II), Zn(II), and Cd(II) were prepared and characterized on the basis of chemical analyses, infrared and visible spectroscopy, and magnetic susceptibility data. The polymeric nature of the complexes was established. The anionic ligands were coordinated through the ring nitrogen atom and the exocyclic sulphur atom.

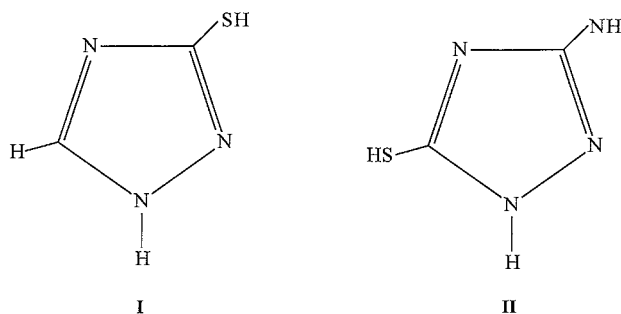
*Key Words:* IR spectroscopy; far-IR spectroscopy; Electronic visible spectra; Magnetic measurements

**INTRODUCTION**

1H-1,2,4-Triazole-3-thiol (**I**) and 3-amino-5-mercapto-1,2,4-triazole (**II**) are interesting ligands as they have at least two donor centers available for coordination.

The coordination compounds of 1H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol and 3-amino-5-mercapto-1,2,4-triazole with Co(II) and Ni(II) were previously investigated in aqueous solution by means of the pH-metric method and absorption spectra (1). The ligands were coordinated as anions after dissociation of the proton from the thiol group. The coordination number six, characteristic for aquo-complexes of those cations, was retained in the complexes. The solid Ag(I) complexes of these two ligands were prepared and characterized on the basis of elemental analyses and infrared spectra (2). The ligand:metal ratio equals 1:1 for these complexes. It has been found that the ligands form polymeric complexes with Ag(I), where the endocyclic nitrogen atom and egzocyclic sulphur atom create coordination bonds.

In the present paper, I report syntheses and properties of the complexes of Co(II), Ni(II), Zn(II), and Cd(II) with 1H-1,2,4-triazole-3-thiol and 3-amino-5-mercapto-1,2,4-triazole. The studies were made with the use of elemental analyses, IR and *far*-IR spectroscopy, visible reflectance spectra, and room temperature magnetic susceptibility measurements.



## EXPERIMENTAL

### Preparation of Complexes

1H-1,2,4-Triazole-3-thiol (Aldrich), m.p. 221–224°C, and 3-amino-5-mercapto-1,2,4-triazole (Aldrich), m.p. 138–139°C, were used without further purification. Abbreviations TSH and ATSH will be used for the ligands, respectively. Thus, the anions will be abbreviated as  $TS^-$  and  $ATS^-$ , respectively. Other chemicals were purchased from POCh-Gliwice (Poland).

The metal complexes were prepared according to the general procedure described in the following text. A warm solution of 8 mmol of ligand in 50 cm<sup>3</sup> of a mixture of ethanol and water (1:1) neutralized with  $NH_4OH$  was added to a warm solution of 4 mmol of metal chloride in the same solvent. The complexes precipitated slowly. They were digested on a water-bath for several hours; washed



repeatedly with warm water, ethanol, and ethyl ether; and dried in a vacuum desiccator. It was impossible to obtain single crystals available for X-ray investigations.

### Physical Measurements

Elemental analyses of the complexes were carried out using the Perkin-Elmer Model 240 Analyzer. The IR spectra in the range 4000–400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  were obtained with the use of KBr pellets on a Specord M80 spectrophotometer (Zeiss, Jena). The *far*-IR spectra in the range 400–100  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  were obtained with the application suspensions of the compounds in acetone into a polyethylene window on a DigiLab FTS-60 spectrophotometer. The reflectance spectra in visible range were obtained with the use of  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  pellets on a Hitachi 365 UV-vis spectrophotometer. The resolution processing of the weakly resolved bands was performed with the use of the computer program Origin 5.0 from Microcal Software, Inc. The multipeaks analysis with the Gaussian equation was used for this purpose. The magnetic susceptibility measurements at room temperature were made on a Magnetic Susceptibility Balance from Sherwood Scientific. The effective magnetic moments were calculated from the equation  $\mu = 2.83\sqrt{\chi T}$  (B.M.), where  $\chi$  is the molar susceptibility of sample. The distribution of charge density for anionic ligands was calculated by PM3 semiempirical method, with the use of the computer program Hyper Chem 5.01 from Hypercube, Inc.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The analytical results of all the complexes are in good agreement with the suggested stoichiometries (Tab. 1). Calculations were made with the assumption

**Table 1.** Analytical Data<sup>a</sup> of the TSH and ATSH Complexes

| Complex   | C(%)          | H(%)        | N(%)          | S(%)          |
|---|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| $\text{Co}(\text{TS})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  | 16.21 (16.27) | 2.69 (2.73) | 28.12 (28.47) | 21.98 (21.72) |
| $\text{Ni}(\text{TS})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  | 16.34 (16.29) | 2.70 (2.73) | 28.03 (28.49) | 21.93 (21.74) |
| $\text{Zn}(\text{TS})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  | 16.21 (15.93) | 2.71 (2.67) | 27.47 (27.86) | 21.45 (21.26) |
| $\text{Cd}(\text{TS})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  | 13.94 (13.78) | 2.38 (2.31) | 23.86 (24.10) | 18.34 (18.39) |
| $\text{Co}(\text{ATS})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ | 14.56 (14.77) | 3.16 (3.10) | 34.24 (34.45) | 19.34 (19.72) |
| $\text{Ni}(\text{ATS})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ | 14.71 (14.78) | 3.04 (3.10) | 34.18 (34.48) | 19.93 (19.73) |
| $\text{Zn}(\text{ATS})_2$                       | 16.45 (16.25) | 2.17 (2.04) | 37.98 (37.90) | 21.92 (21.69) |
| $\text{Cd}(\text{ATS})_2$                       | 13.91 (14.02) | 1.58 (1.76) | 32.31 (32.70) | 18.47 (18.71) |

<sup>a</sup>Calculated values are given in parentheses.



that the  $-SH$  group undergoes ionization. All the complexes include deprotonated anionic ligands. The ligand:metal ratio equals 2:1 in all the complexes. All the complexes are insoluble in usual organic solvents and appear to be polymeric in nature.

The positions and proposed assignments of major infrared bands in the spectra of the ligands and their complexes are shown in Table 2. The  $\nu(OH)$ ,  $\nu(NH_2)$ ,  $\nu(NH)$ , and  $\nu(CH)$  stretching vibrations are observed in the spectra of the appropriate complexes (3). Sometimes only one strong broad band is visible at 3100–3550  $cm^{-1}$ , which consists of these vibrations. The absence of  $S-H$  stretching frequency (3–5) at 2617  $cm^{-1}$  in the spectra of the complexes confirms the analytical results that the ligands are in deprotonated forms, which suggests sulphur coordination. The complexation effect is also pronounced via  $C=N$  vibrations. The strong or medium absorption bands occur in the range 1360–1558  $cm^{-1}$ . These absorptions involve  $\nu(C-N)$  stretching vibrations. The bands in the spectra of the complexes are shifted to lower frequencies as a result of the bond formation between the nitrogen atom of the heterocyclic ring and the metal cation (4,6). The presence of water molecules within the coordination sphere is supported by the presence of bands at ca. 3500 and 1610  $cm^{-1}$  assigned to  $\nu(OH)$  and  $\delta(HOH)$ , respectively (7).

A comparison of the *far*-IR spectra of the ligands and the complexes reveals that the new bands, not present in the ligands, appear in the complexes. In the spectra of all the complexes, bands occur in the range 225–256  $cm^{-1}$ . These bands can be attributed to the  $M-N$  stretching vibrations (7), which suggests coordination through the nitrogen atom. The bands in the range 324–378  $cm^{-1}$  can be assigned to the  $M-S$  stretching vibrations (7). In the spectra of complexes that contain water molecules, the bands in the range 431–496  $cm^{-1}$  can be observed. These bands are presumably due to the  $M-O$  stretching vibrations (6). The bands in the *far*-IR spectra suggest that TSH and ATSH act as bidentate ligands coordinating through the nitrogen atom and the heterocyclic sulphur atom. The polymeric nature of  $Ag(I)$  complexes with these ligands has been reported previously (2).

The reflectance bands of electronic spectra and the room temperature magnetic moments of the  $Co(II)$  and  $Ni(II)$  complexes are listed in Table 3. The bands of electronic spectra correspond to the  $d-d$  electron transitions in the ligand field with octahedral symmetry (8,9). In the spectra of black  $Co(II)$  complexes there are strong charge transfer bands above 29,000  $cm^{-1}$ . The room temperature magnetic moments of complexes lie in the ranges that are characteristic of high spin  $Co(II)$  and  $Ni(II)$  complexes in octahedral environment (9).

The calculations of the charge density distributions for the anionic ligands show that the highest negative charge is located on the nitrogen atom at position 2 of the heterocyclic ring. It is presumably the second coordination center of the ligands. It is worth stressing that all the 1,2,4-triazoles are tautomeric



**Table 2.** Important Infrared Absorption Bands<sup>a</sup> in the Spectra of TSH and ATSH and Their Complexes

| Compound  | $\nu(\text{OH})$               | $\nu(\text{NH}_2)$                                | $\nu(\text{NH})$ | $\nu(\text{CH})$ | $\nu(\text{SH})$ | $\delta(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ | $\delta(\text{NH}_2)$ | $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$      | Other Bands   |
|---|--------------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| TSH   |                                |   | 3083s            | 2958s            | 2617w            |                              |                       | 1558s<br>1475s<br>1476mbr<br>1360m | 225m (Co-N)<br>334mbr (Co-S)<br>430mbr (Co-O)<br>252s (Ni-N)<br>336s (Ni-S)<br>431s (Ni-O)<br>250w (Zn-N)<br>328m (Zn-S)<br>471mbr (Zn-O) |
| Co(TS) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>   |                                | Strong broad band at 3100–3550                    |                  |                  |                  | 1624mbr                      |                       |                                    |   |
| Ni(TS) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>   |                                | Strong band at ca. 3400 with shoulder at ca. 3200 |                  |                  |                  | 1616mbr                      |                       | 1472mbr<br>1360m                   |   |
| Zn(TS) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>   | 3200–3550sbr                   |   | 3115s            | 2965m            |                  | 1616sbr                      |                       | 1490s<br>1375sbr                   |   |
| Cd(TS) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>   | 3200–3550sbr                   |   | 3115s            | 2965m            |                  | 1616mbr                      |                       | 1476s<br>1370s                     | 252s (Cd-N)<br>324m (Cd-S)<br>432s (Cd-O)   |
| ATSH  |                                | 3379s<br>3267s                                    | 3105s            |                  | 2617w            |                              | 1652s                 | 1546s<br>1473s                     |   |
| Co(ATSH) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> | Strong broad band at 3100–3550 |   |                  |                  |                  | 1605s                        | 1630s                 | 1516s<br>1464s                     | 238mbr (Co-N)<br>376m (Co-S)<br>491sbr (Co-O)   |
| Ni(ATSH) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> | Strong broad band at 3100–3550 |   |                  |                  |                  | 1600s                        | 1628s                 | 1500m<br>1460w                     | 256mbr (Ni-N)<br>377m (Ni-S)<br>496sbr (Ni-O)   |
| Zn(ATSH) <sub>2</sub>                                 |                                | 3432s<br>3358s                                    | 3200s            |                  |                  |                              | 1624s                 | 1540s<br>1432s                     | 251s (Zn-N)<br>376s (Zn-S)  |
| Cd(ATSH) <sub>2</sub>                                 |                                | 3456s<br>3352s                                    | 3215w            |                  |                  |                              | 1648s                 | 1556m<br>1488m                     | 226s (Cd-N)<br>378m (Cd-S)  |

<sup>a</sup>s—strong, m—medium, w—weak, br—broad, sh—shoulder.

**Table 3.** Electronic Reflectance Bands ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and Room Temperature Magnetic Moments (B.M.) of TSH and ATSH Complexes

| Complex   | Electronic Bands and Their Assignments |   | $\mu_{\text{eff}}$ |
|---|--|---|--------------------|
| $\text{Co}(\text{TS})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  | 16942                                  | $^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow ^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{P})$ | 4.62               |
|   | 29380                                  | Charge transfer   |                    |
| $\text{Ni}(\text{TS})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  | 15862                                  | $^3\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow ^3\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F})$ | 3.16               |
|   | 24736                                  | $^3\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow ^3\text{T}_{1g}(\text{P})$ |                    |
| $\text{Co}(\text{ATS})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ | 17244                                  | $^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow ^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{P})$ | 4.73               |
|   | 29550                                  | Charge transfer   |                    |
| $\text{Ni}(\text{ATS})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ | 15438                                  | $^3\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow ^3\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F})$ | 3.14               |
|   | 24224                                  | $^3\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow ^3\text{T}_{1g}(\text{P})$ |                    |

and the position of the proton is variable. Thus, an endocyclic nitrogen atom taking part in the coordination to a metal cation may be any nitrogen of the ring.

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