

# Synthesis and characterization of Mn (II), Co (II) and Cu (II) complexes with tetradentate N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> donor Schiff Base: interaction with human serum albumin (HSA) with Cu(II) complex

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## Abstract

A tetra coordinated manganese(II), cobalt(II) and copper(II) complexes formulated as [Mn(L)] (1), [Co(L)](2) and [Cu(L)](3) H<sub>2</sub>L were synthesized and characterized by elemental, physico-chemical and spectroscopic methods. The four coordination spheres of metal (II) ions have been satisfied by two imine nitrogen- N and two phenolate oxygen-O donors of organic moiety (H<sub>2</sub>L). The electrochemical study revealed that copper (II) complex is a quasi-reversible one-electron transfer process. The interaction of copper (II) complex with human serum albumin (HSA) was examined with the help of absorption spectroscopic tools. From this study which suggested that copper (II) was strongly interaction with Human serum albumin (HSA) protein.

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## 1. Introduction

Complexes of Schiff base ligand have been studied for their dioxygen untaken [1-3] and oxidative catalysis [4]. Schiff base complexes have important properties, e.g., ability to bind toxic and heavy metal atoms, undergo tautomerism [4], exhibit catalytic reduction and photochromism. The basic strategy to design such materials is to organize paramagnetic centres into poly nuclear aggregates or polymeric networks by use of bridging ligands that can efficiently propagate magnetic super exchange. Several studies have also shown that diazo compounds exhibit properties similar to those of Schiff bases [5]. Naphthylamine-derived azo-linked Schiff bases and their metal complexes have additional applications, especially in the dye industry. The role of the metal– Schiff base complexes in such applications is related to molecular structure. Thus, it is quite important to have a good understanding of the structure of such metal complexes [6].

Human serum albumin is collected of three homologous domains (I, II and III), each containing A and B. Each domain contains subdomains A and B. Aromatic and heterocyclic ligands are found to bind within two hydrophobic pockets in subdomains IIA and IIIA, described as site I and site II [7,8]. Human serum albumin plays an chief role in osmotic pressure, pH of blood and various biological functions [9].

In this respect, present study aimed to investigate the reaction of tetra dentate Schiff bases derived from the condensation of 2-Hydroxy naphthaldehyde with 4-nitro 1,2-diamino benzene. The

complexes are prepared by the equimolar ratio of ligand with metal (II) acetate. The interactions of copper (II) complex towards human serum albumin (HSA) were examined with absorption spectroscopic tools.

## 2. Experimental methods

### 2.1. Materials and Physical measurements:

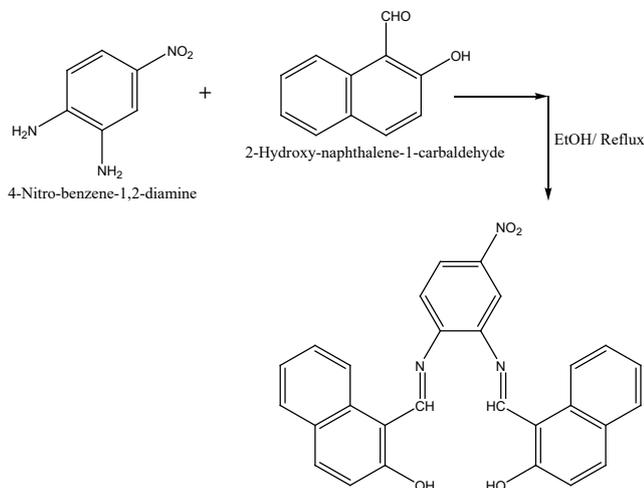
Starting materials are obtained from commercial sources. Molar conductance's ( $\Lambda_M$ ) were measured in a systronics conductivity meter 304 model using  $\sim 10^{-3}$  mol.L<sup>-1</sup> solutions in appropriate organic solvents. The stock solutions of protein ( $1.00 \times 10^{-4}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>) was prepared by dissolving the solid HSA in 0.05 M HEPES buffer at pH 7.4 and stored at 0–4 °C in the dark. Cyclic voltammetry were recorded using ELECTROCHEMICAL ANALYSER MODEL CHI600E.

### 2.2. Preparation of the ligand (H<sub>2</sub>L)

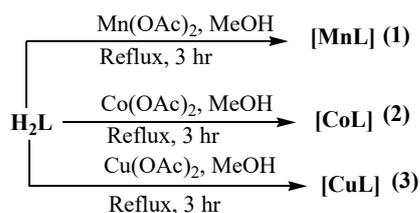
The ligand H<sub>2</sub>L was Synthesize by adding 2.064 g (12.0 mmol) of 2-Hydroxy naphthaldehyde and then 0.9188 g (6.0 mmol) of 4-nitro 1,2-diamino benzene with 10 mL of ethanol in a round bottom flask with magnetic stirring given in **Scheme 1**. Stir the solution for 3 hour and then reflux up to 2 hour and kept overnight to get the precipitate of the orange solid ligand and finally crude product was collected by recrystallization in ethanol and dried the solid product as much as possible, Yields >80%.

### 2.3. Preparation of [Mn(L)] (1) , [Co(L)] (2) and [Cu(L)] (3)

To prepare these complexes (**1,2 and 3**) a common procedure was followed as described below, using manganese acetate for complex (**1**) and cobalt acetate for complex (**2**) and copper acetate (**3**) the organic ligand (**H<sub>2</sub>L**) in equimolar ratio (1:1), shown in **Scheme 2**. A methanolic solution of **H<sub>2</sub>L** was mixed with 1.0 mmol of metal acetate in methanolic solution with stirring condition, and the mixture was refluxed for 4 h. Then filter and dried in vacuo.



**Scheme 1:** Synthetic procedure for the preparation of Ligand (**H<sub>2</sub>L**)



**Scheme 2.** Synthetic strategy of the Mn (II), Co(II) and Cu(II) complexes

#### 2.4. Protein (HSA) binding experiments

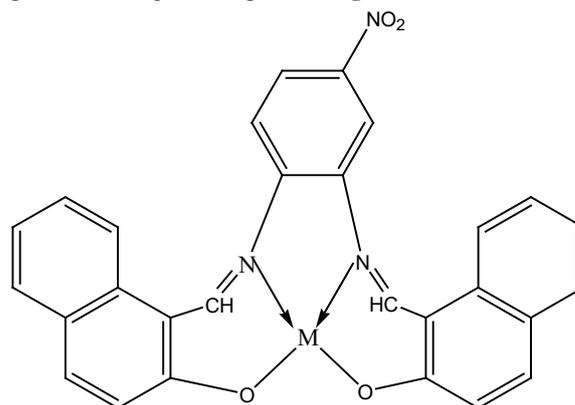
The quantitative analyses of the interaction between Cu(II) complex and human serum albumin were performed by absorption spectroscopic titration [10]. A 3.0 mL portion of aqueous solution of protein was titrated by gradual addition of the appropriate concentration of Cu (II) complex solution (to give a final concentration of  $3.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ). For every addition, the solution mixture was shaken and allowed to stand for 10 minute, and then the absorption spectra were measured.

### 3. Results and Discussions

#### 3.1. Synthesis and characterization:

The organic ligand **H<sub>2</sub>L** was synthesized by the reaction of the respective of 2-hydroxy naphthaldehyde and then 4-nitro 1,2-diamino benzene (2:1) in presence of Ethanol. The complexes were obtained in good yield from the reaction of metal acetate with equimolar amount of respective organic moiety **H<sub>2</sub>L** in the methanol medium. The elemental analysis of Ligan and complexes are given in **Table-1**. In these complexes the organic molecule **L** act

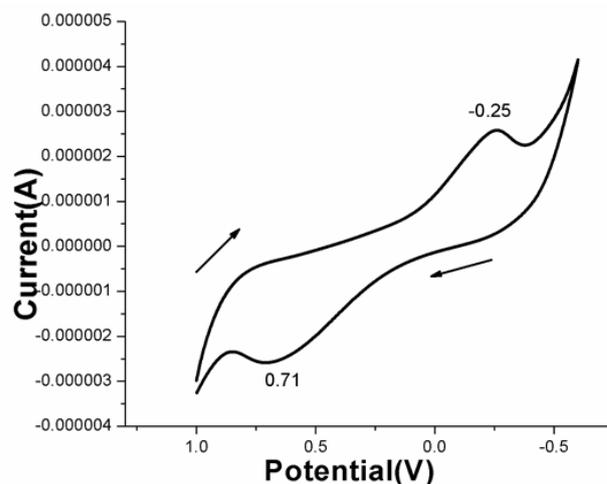
as tetradentate ligand through  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ - donor centres. The possible arrangement of complexes is given in **Fig. 1**.



**Fig 1.** Probable structure of ML complexes (**M = Mn, Co, Cu**).

#### 3.2. Electrochemistry:

The electrochemistry of the copper (II) complex was examined by cyclic voltammetry (**Fig.2**). From this study, the complex **3** gives reduction peak at  $E_{pc} = -0.25\text{V}$  and with a corresponding oxidation peak at  $E_{pa} = 0.71\text{V}$  with a scan rate interval  $50\text{--}400 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ . The cathodic to anodic ratio peak height was close to one which indicated that the complex is related to a quasi-reversible one-electron transfer process.



**Fig 2 :** Cyclic voltammetry curve of cu(II) complex

#### 3.3. Electronic absorption Spectral Study:

The electronic spectra of the ligand and its complexes were recorded in DMF at room temperature (**Fig. 3**). The spectra of the Schiff base **H<sub>2</sub>L** exhibit three main peaks: at 288.0, 328.0, 550.0 and 640 nm. The first and second peaks were attributed to benzene  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  and imino  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  transitions, again an absorption band at 550.0 nm and 640 nm are due to intra ligand charge transfer transition. All the spectra of complexes shows lower bands than 400 nm are due to intramolecular  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  and  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  transitions for the aromatic ring.

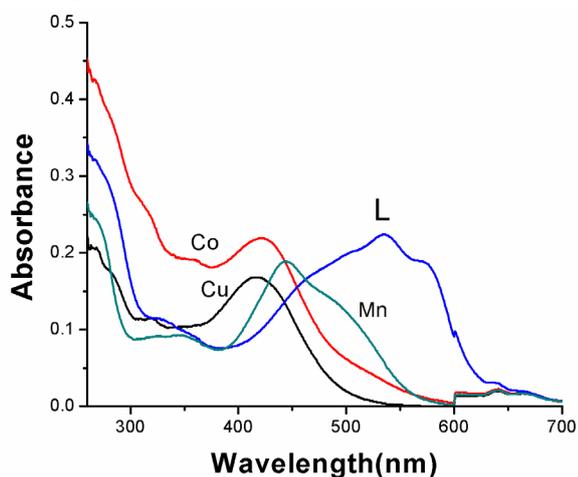
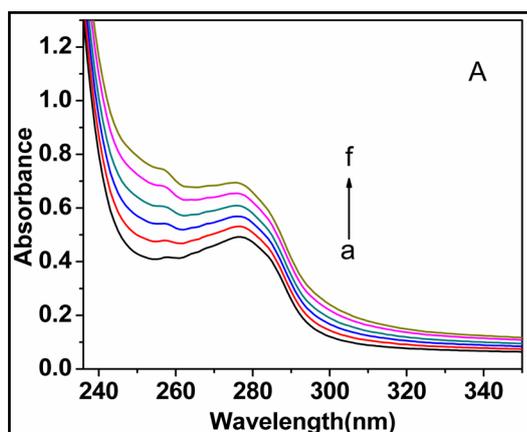
The Mn-complex shows only high energy bands at 350,450 and 642 nm, which are due to intraligand transitions and lower energy band at 450 nm and 642 are attributed to the  $L \rightarrow M$  charge transfer transition.

**Table-1:** Elemental Analysis of manganese(II), cobalt(II) and copper(II) complexes.

Formula	Compound	Mol.weight	Colour	Calculated Percentage				Melting point
				C	H	N	M	
$C_{28}H_{19}N_3O_4$	L	461	Orange	72.88	4.12	9.11	-	184
$C_{28}H_{19}N_3O_4Mn$	1	516	Brown	65.11	3.68	8.14	10.66	>215
$C_{28}H_{19}N_3O_4Co$	2	520	Brown	64.61	3.65	8.07	11.34	>215
$C_{28}H_{19}N_3O_4Cu$	3	524.5	Chocolate brown	64.06	3.62	8.09	12.10	>215

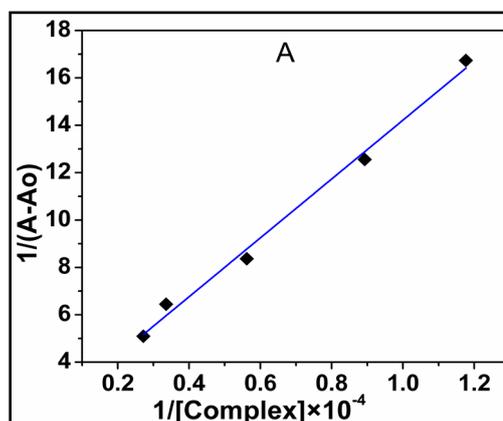
In cobalt (II) complex, three spin allowed transitions are expected from the energy level diagram for  $d^7$  ion due to  ${}^4A_2 \rightarrow {}^4T_1$  (P),  ${}^4A_2 \rightarrow {}^4T_1$  (F),  ${}^4A_2 \rightarrow {}^4T_2$  transitions, which are observed at low to high wavelengths respectively. For cobalt complex bands at 420 nm, 600nm, which may be assigned to  ${}^4A_2 \rightarrow {}^4T_1$  (P) and  ${}^4A_2 \rightarrow {}^4T_1$  (F) transition respectively. Again the intensity of the peak at around 642 nm observed due to the  ${}^4A_2 \rightarrow {}^4T_2$  transition [14].

Copper (II) complex shows peak at 285, 320 and 420 nm. 285 and 320 nm peaks are attributed to intramolecular  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  and  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  transitions for the aromatic ring and 420 nm is attributed to d-d and charge transfer transitions.

**Fig. 3.** UV spectra of Ligand and Complexes.**Fig 4.** The Electronic spectral titration of complex 3 with HSA in HEPES buffer. Arrow indicates increase the concentration of HSA.

### 3.4. Absorption characteristics of HSA –Cu(II) complex:

The absorption spectra of HSA in the absence and presence of Cu(II) complex was studied at different concentrations[15]. From this study we observed that absorption of increases regularly upon increasing the concentration of the complex. The absorption spectral data of copper complex with HSA shown in **Fig. 4** From these data the apparent association constant ( $K_{app}$ ) determined of the complex with HSA has been determined using the Benesi-Hildebrand equation [16]. The value of the apparent association constant ( $K_{app}$ ) of HSA is  $4.28 \times 10^{-4}$  ( $R = 0.99897$ ) determined from this plot (**Fig.5**) and represent a good linear relationship [17].

**Fig 5.** Plot of  $1/(A-A_0)$  vs  $1/[\text{Complex 3}]$  resulting from the electronic spectral titration with HSA in HEPES buffer

## 4. Conclusion

The synthesis and characterized of two mononuclear Mn (II), Cu (II) and Co (II) complexes with a  $N_2O_2^-$  donor set have been performed. The ligand  $H_2L$  behaves as a  $N_2O_2^-$  donors. Melting point experiments show that the synthesized Schiff base complexes exhibit a significant thermal stability. In these complexes metal ions are coordinated to the Schiff base via the phenolic oxygen and the imino nitrogen and all the complexes are distorted square planar geometry. The interactions of copper (II) complexes towards HSA were examined with the absorption spectroscopic tools. The absorption spectral titration indicated that Cu (II) ion strongly binds with HSA protein. The three complexes are characterized by UV-Vis and electrochemical techniques.

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