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## Mixed Metal Complexation study of Transition series with Thiourea and Alanine

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**Abstract:** Mixed metal complexation study of transition metal ions of some transition metals like Fe(II), Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II) and Zn(II) with Thiourea as secondary ligand whereas Alanine as primary ligand has been evaluated by the potentiometric technique at  $25 \pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$  and 0.1M (NaClO<sub>4</sub>) ionic strength. The protonation constants of the ligand were calculated from the potentiometric pH titrations data of solutions according to Irving and Rossetti's method.

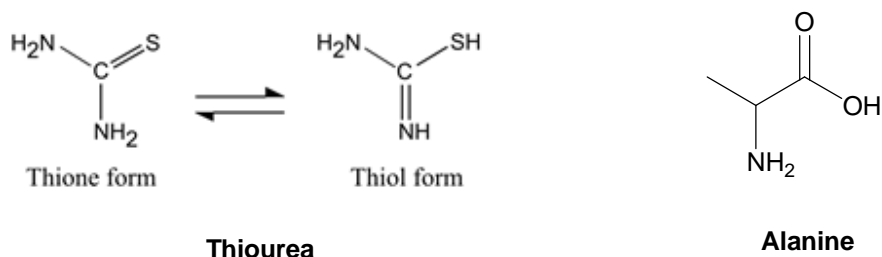
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**Introduction:** Pharmacologically active compounds contain various functional groups in its structure, which is able to bind metal ions present in living organisms. Mixed Metal complexes of biomolecule are found to be more effective than original biomolecule. Many researchers are attracted towards mixed metal complexation study of pharmacologically active compounds due to its application in medicinal study. Mixed metal complexation of medicinal drugs play vital role in the bio-chemical activity<sup>1-3</sup>. It is used in different areas, such as biological processes, pharmaceuticals, separation techniques, analytical processes etc.

Amino acids are the structural unit of proteins. These are essential constituents of all living cells and contain one or more amino and carboxylic groups and have good coordination sites for the metal complexation. Thiourea is an organosulphur compound used as reagent

in organic synthesis whereas its derivatives are used as organocatalyst. So in present study we had planned and executed metal complexation study of Thiourea and alanine with transition metal ions.

In the present investigation the formation and stability of ternary mixed metal complexes containing Thiourea (N,S) donor secondary ligands with alanine (N,O-) donor primary ligands (fig.1) are reported at  $25 \pm 0.10^\circ\text{C}$  in 0.1 M (NaClO<sub>4</sub>). The effect of the substituent on the dissociation constants, and on the stability & formation of the binary and ternary complexes have been evaluated by comparing the relevant data for systems containing determined under identical experimental conditions.



**Fig.1: Structure of Compounds**

**Experimental Section:**

**Materials and solution:** Thiourea was of analytical grade and NaOH, NaClO<sub>4</sub>, HClO<sub>4</sub> and copper salt were of local grade. The solutions used in the potentiometric titrations were prepared in double distilled water. The NaOH (0.041M) solution was standardized against oxalic acid solution (0.1M) and the standard alkali solution was again used for standardization of HClO<sub>4</sub>. The copper salt solution was standardized using EDTA titrations [4]. The ligand (NA) is soluble in double distilled water. The pH meter was calibrated before each titration with standard buffer solutions of 4.00, 7.00, and 9.2. The pH-meter (ELICO, L1-120) was used with a combined glass electrode assembly.

**Potentiometric Procedure:**

In this study of binary and ternary chelates by the potentiometric titration technique. The following sets were prepared in the standard:

- (1) Free HClO<sub>4</sub>
- (2) Free HClO<sub>4</sub> +Ligand (LP)
- (3) Free HClO<sub>4</sub> +Ligand (LP) +Metal ion
- (4) Free HClO<sub>4</sub> +Ligand (LS)
- (5) Free HClO<sub>4</sub> +Ligand (LS) +Metal ion (M)

- (6) Free HClO<sub>4</sub> +Ligand (LP) +Ligand (LS) +Metal ion (M)

Against standard sodium hydroxide, the ionic strength of solutions was maintained constant by adding appropriate amount of (0.1M) Sodium perchlorate solution. The titrations were carried out at room temperature in inert atmosphere by bubbling oxygen free nitrogen gas through an assembly containing the electrode to keep out CO<sub>2</sub> by noting the pH of precipitation for ML<sub>P</sub>, ML<sub>S</sub> and ML<sub>P</sub>LS titration, the formation of mixed ligand complexes can be concluded.

**Calculations:**

The protonation constants of the ligand were calculated from the potentiometric pH titrations data of solutions according to Irving and Rossetti's method [5]. For this purpose, the average proton-ligand formation number (n<sub>a</sub>) at various pH for the ligand was determined according to the literature [6]. The value of pK<sub>a</sub> was read directly from n<sub>a</sub>= f (pH) graph at n<sub>a</sub>=0.5. For the calculation of stability constants of binary complexes (using the potentiometric titration data of these solutions and according to Irving and Rossetti's method [5], the metal-ligand (M-NA and M-2NA) formation



number(n-) at various pH for the ligand was determined according to the literature [6]. Then pL values were calculated with using the equation from the literature [6]. Having thus obtained corresponding values of n- and pL, the formation curve of the metal-ligand system is drawn and the stability constant is read directly at n= 0.5 , 1.5. The calculation of the stability constant of ternary complex by the stepwise equilibria in solution would be confirmed when the mixed ligand curve could be superimposed over the binary MLp or MLs titration curve. The method of Thomson and Loraas [7] for calculation of stepwise stability constants is widely used.

#### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:**

Schwarzenbech and Ackermann [8] found that the stability of chelate decreases as the size of ring increases.

Mellor & Maley [9] 50% Dioxane-Water medium. The order of stability was: Pa > Cu > Ni > Co > Zn > Cd > Fe > Mn > Mg

Irving – William [10] have correlated their data by plotting the stability constant against the atomic number of the metal ion. The order is, Mn < Fe < Co < Ni < Cu < Zn

In complexation Thiourea is used as one of the ligand, along with secondary Alanine. The potentiometric Calvin Bjerrum method is used as discussed in the experimental section. The metal ligand stability constants for binary as well as ternary are determined. The protonation of Thiourea and Alanine was determined by half integral method. The protonation constant of Thiourea and Metal-ligand stability constant are shown in **Table 1**.

Metal	Thiourea Stability Constant(logK1)
Fe(III)	3.892
Co(II)	3.8142
Ni(II)	3.986
Cu(II)	3.674
Zn(II)	3.4123

The stability parameters of ternary complexes of Thiourea with Alanine and transition metal ions like Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn.

The logK values for these are given in **table 2**.



**Table 2: A Complexometric parameters of ternary complexes of Thiourea With Alanine as Secondary ligand**

Metal ion	Mixed Ligand	LogK <sub>MX<sub>Y</sub></sub>
Fe(III)	Thiourea + Alanine	10.527
Co(II)	Thiourea + Alanine	10.580
Ni(II)	Thiourea + Alanine	10.572
Cu(II)	Thiourea + Alanine	10.657
Zn(II)	Thiourea + Alanine	10.854

The order of stability constant of ternary complexes of Thiourea and alanine were found to be Zn < Cu < Ni < Co < Fe.

**CONCLUSION:** The present work describes the complex formation equilibria of transition metal ions with Thiourea and alanine. The effect of ligand properties on the stability of the complexes was investigated. The metal complexes of Thiourea may be

improving its application in textile industry as well as role of organocatalyst in several organic syntheses. This would require specially designed research conducted by specialized organic chemist.

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