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Synthesis and Characterization of Polystyrene-anchored Iron (III) Complex

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ABSTRACT

The reaction between polystyrene 3-formylsalicylate and 2-Aminophenol in DMF in the presence of ethyl acetate results in the formation of polystyrene N-(2-hydroxyphenyl)- 2'-hydroxybenzylideneimine-3'carboxylate (I). A benzene suspension of I reacts with mercaptoacetic acid undergoes cyclization and forms polystyrene N-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-C-(3'-carboxy-2'-hydroxyphenyl) thiazolidin-4-one, PSCH2-LH2 (II). A DMF suspension of II reacts with Fe (III) and forms the corresponding polystyrene-anchored coordination compound, $[PSCH_2-LH.FeCl_2(DMF)_2]$ (III). The polystyrene-anchored coordination compound has been characterized on the basis of elemental analyses, spectral (IR, reflectance) studies and magnetic susceptibility measurements. II acts as a monobasic bidentate OS donor ligand in this compound. An octahedral structure for III are suggested.

KEYWORDS: Thiazolidin-4-one, Polystyrene-anchored coordination compounds, magnetically dilute.

INTRODUCTION

Among transition metal based polymers, the complexes of polymeric Schiff base and its derivatives are considered as a very important class of coordination compounds which have been extensively studied [1] owing to their wide applications in many biological, clinical, analytical and industrial activities, in addition to their important roles in catalysis and organic synthesis [2].

Thiazolidin-4-ones belong to an important group of heterocyclic compounds with carbonyl group at fourth position [3]. They show broad spectrum of biological activities due to their ready accessibility and diverse chemical reactivity [4].

These facts prompted us to explore the coordination behavior of polystyrene-anchored thiazolidin-4-one (II) derived from the Schiff base (I) (obtained from the condensation of polystyrene 3-formylsalicylate and 2-Aminophenol) towards Fe(III) ions.

In this manuscript, we describe the syntheses and characterization of polystyrene-anchored thiazolidin-4one, PSCH2-LH2(II) and its coordination compound (III).

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EXPERIMENTAL MATERIALS

Chloromethylated polystyrene, PSCH₂–Cl (containing 1.17 mmol of Cl per g of resin and 1% crosslinked with divinylbenzene) [Sigma Chemical Co (USA)]. Iron (III) chloride (anhydrous) [Sarabhai]; 2-Aminophenol [Loba-Chemie (Mumbai)] were used as supplied for the syntheses. Polystyrene 3-formylsalicylate and 3-formylsalicylic acid were synthesized by following the reported procedures [5]. The elemental analyses, IR, reflectance spectral studies and magnetic susceptibility measurements were carried out as described in our previous report [5].

Synthesis of polystyrene N-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-2'-hydroxybenzylideneimine-3'-carboxylate (I) Polystyrene 3-formylsalicylate (1.0 g) was allowed to suspend and swell in DMF (100 mL) for 45 min. To this suspension, a DMF solution (60 mL) of 2-Aminophenol (.510 g, 4.68 mmol) and ethyl acetate (100 mL) were added, while stirring magnetically. The mixture was refluxed for 8 h and then cooled to room temperature. The polystyrene-anchored Schiff base, I obtained was suction filtered, washed with DMF and ethyl acetate. It was dried *in vacuo* at room temperature.

Synthesis of polystyrene N-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-C-(3'-carboxy-2'-hydroxyphenyl) thiazolidin-4-one, $PSCH_2$ -LH₂ (II)

Mercaptoacetic acid (0.32 g, 3.51 mmol) was added to the swollen suspension of I (1.0 g) in benzene (100 mL). The mixture was refluxed for 12 h on a water bath and then cooled to room temperature. The solid product was filtered and washed with 10% sodium bicarbonate solution followed by chilled distilled water. The product was dried as mentioned above. IR bands (KBr): 1690 cm⁻¹ [v(C==O)(thiazolidinone ring)], 1575 cm⁻¹ [v(C—N)(thiazolidinone ring)], 1530 cm⁻¹ [v(C—O)(phenolic)] and 830 cm⁻¹ [v(C—S)(thiazolidinone ring)]

Syntheses of coordination compounds of II

 $1.0~{
m g}$ of II was allowed to suspend and swell in DMF ($100~{
m mL}$) for 1~h. A DMF solution of appropriate metal salt ($2.34~{
m mmol}$) was added to the above suspension. The mixture was refluxed on water bath for 8-10~h and the products obtained were suction filtered, washed several times with ethyl acetate and DMF. The products were then dried as mentioned above.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The reaction between polystyrene 3-formylsalicylate and 2-Aminophenol in DMF in the presence of ethyl acetate results in the formation of polystyrene N-(2-hydroxyphenyl)- 2'-hydroxybenzylideneimine-3'-carboxylate (I). The cyclization of I with mercaptoacetic acid in benzene forms polystyrene N-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-C-(3'-carboxy-2'-hydroxyphenyl) thiazolidin-4-one, PSCH₂-LH₂ (II). A DMF suspension of II reacts with Fe (III) ions in 1:2 molar ratio and forms the [PSCH₂-LH.FeCl₂(DMF)₂] (III).

The formations of I (by the reaction of polystyrene 3-formylsalicylate and 2-aminophenol, II (by the cyclization of I with mercaptoacetic acid) and the coordination compounds of II with Fe(III) ions are depicted as per Schemes I, II and III respectively.

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[PSCH₂-Fsal]

$$\begin{array}{c} H \\ \downarrow \\ PS-C-O \\ \downarrow \\ H \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} H \\ \downarrow \\ OH \\ H \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} OH \\ HO \\ \downarrow \\ H \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} DMF, \ ethyl \ acetate \\ reflux \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} H \\ OH \ HO \\ H \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} H \\ OH \ HO \\ H \end{array}$$

Scheme-I

PSCH₂-LH₂(II)

Scheme-II

$$\text{II} + \text{FeCl}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{pMF}} \text{[PSCH}_2 - \text{LH}.\text{FeCl}_2 (\text{DMF})_2] + \text{HCl}$$

III

III (A= DMF)

Scheme-III

The percent reaction conversion of III is 55.84 and the metal binding capacity of II is 0.39 m mol of corresponding metal per g of the resin (Table 1).

Table 1: Analytical, MBC and PRC values of [PSCH₂-LH.FeCl₂ (DMF)₂]

Compound	obsde	(calcd)%	MBC ^a	PRC ^b
	M	DMF	(mmol/g of resin)	
[PSCH ₂ –LH.FeCl ₂ (DMF) ₂]	2.2 (3.94)	5.7 (10.27)	0.39	55.8

^aMBC = [M% (observed) × 10] /(atomic weight of metal)

^bPRC = [M% (observed) × 100] / M% (calculated) on the basis of 100% reaction conversion of polystyrene-anchored ligand to polystyrene-anchored coordination compounds.

Infrared Spectral Studies

The infrared spectra of **I-III** were recorded in KBr and the prominent peaks are shown in **Table 2**. The v(C==N) (azomethine) stretch of **I** occurs at 1625 cm⁻¹. This band disappears and a new band appears in **II** at 1575 cm⁻¹ due to the v(C=N) (thiazolidinone ring) stretch [6], indicating the formation of corresponding thiazolidin-4-one. The formation of **II** is further supported by the appearance of a new band at 830 cm⁻¹ due to the v(C=S) (thiazolidinone ring) stretch [7]. The v(C=O) ϕ stretch [8] of **II** occurs at 1530 cm⁻¹. This band shifts to higher energy by 10 cm⁻¹ in the coordination compound indicating the involvement of phenolic O atom of either 3-aldehydo-2-hydroxybenzoic acid or 2-aminopohenol moieties towards coordination. On the basis of steric grounds, we suggest the non-involvement of phenolic (2-aminophenol moiety) O atom towards coordination. The v(C==O)(thiazolidinone) stretch [9] of **II** occurs at 1690 cm⁻¹. This band remains unchanged in the coordination compound showing its non-involvement in coordination. The [v(C=N)(thiazolidinone ring)] stretch [6] of **II** occurs at 1575 cm⁻¹ also remains unchanged in the coordination compound. The [v(C=S)(thiazolidinone ring)] stretch [7] of **II** occurring at 830 cm⁻¹ shifts to lower energy by 30 cm⁻¹ in the coordination compound. DMF shows a band at 1680 cm⁻¹ due to the v(C=O) stretch [10]. This band shifts to lower energy by 25 cm⁻¹ in **III** indicating the involvement of O atom towards coordination [10].

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Table 2: IR, reflectance spectral data (cm⁻¹) and magnetic moment of polystyrene-anchored

Compound	ν(C–S)	v(C=O) (DMF)	v (C-O) (phenolic)	V _{max}	Magnetic moment ^a (B. M.)
PSCH ₂ –LH ₂ (II)	830	_	1530	_	Diamagnetic
[PSCH ₂ – LH.FeCl ₂ (DMF) ₂]	800	1655	1540	12720,16950, 24900	5.85

 $^{^{}a}\mu_{eff.} = 2.83 (\chi_{M}^{corr} \times T)^{1/2} B. M.$

Magnetic Measurements

The room temperature magnetic moment of III is 5.85 B.M. The value lies in usual range reported for magnetically dilute octahedral compounds.

Reflectance Spectral Studies

[PSCH₂-LH.FeCl₂(DMF)₂] exhibits three bands at 12720, 16950 and 24900 cm⁻¹ due to $^6A_{1g} \rightarrow ^4T_{1g}(G)$, $^6A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{2g}(G)$ and $^6A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4A_{1g}(G)$ transitions, respectively, in an octahedral environment.

CONCLUSION

The elemental analyses, IR, reflectance and magnetic susceptibility measurements an octahedral structure for [PSCH₂-LH.FeCl₂ (DMF)₂] (III).

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