



The New Synthetic Utility of PCM Drug for Metal Complexation

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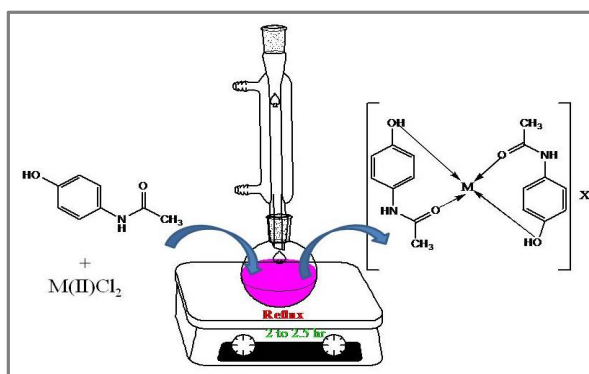
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ABSTRACT

Paracetamol (PCM) also known as Acetaminophen and *N*-(4-hydroxyphenyl) acetamide is a derivative of 4-aminophenol and is one of the most frequently commercialized antipyretic and analgesic drug. Here, we have synthesized the PCM drug and elaborate its various synthetic utility towards the formation metal complexes by new modified method by using ethanolic HCl gave reaction rate faster than pervious known methods. The synthesized compounds were characterized by spectral analysis.

Graphical Abstract



Keywords: Paracetamol(PCM), Medicinal Chemistry, Metal Complexes, Bidentate Ligand.

INTRODUCTION

Paracetamol (Acetaminophen) is a gentle analgesic with weak anti-inflammatory activity, usually used for the release of aches and pains. Paracetamol (PCM) is broadly used as antipyretic and analgesic drug in the medicinal practices shown in [figure 1](#) [1]. But excess doses of PCM may result in some side effects such as accumulation of toxic metabolites, causing severe, fetal hepatotoxicity and nephrotoxicity [olaley](#) [2]. Thus, resolve of PCM is of so much importance for quality control and medical control. A variety of analytical methods have been developed for capable and responsive determination of PCM such as spectrophotometry [3], chemiluminescence [4], flow-injection analysis [5] and chromatography [6]. However, the above methods are either time-consuming or require

pretreatment. Hence, it is of great significance to develop sensitive, efficient, facile and accurate analytical methods for the detection of PCM.

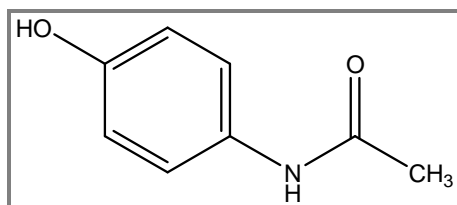


Figure 1. N-(4-hydroxyphenyl) acetamide(PCM)

Acetaminophen (Paracetamol, N-(4-hydroxyphenyl) acetamide) is a derivative of 4-aminophenol and is one of the most frequently commercialized antipyretic and analgesic agent without medical prescription. Acetaminophen is used as an active ingredient in different pharmaceutical formulations with different routes of administration, such as tablets and capsules, suspension, intravenous and intramuscular form, as well as rectal suppositories [7]. Acetaminophen (PCM) is commonly used as a main ingredient in cold and influenza pharmaceutical formulations [8] and is recommended in treatment of headache, toothache, rheumatism and neuralgia [9]. In combination with other active substances, acetaminophen can also be used in the amelioration of post-operative pain [10] or providing palliative care for patients that suffers for advanced forms of neoplasms [11]. Even if PCM is not considered an NSAID due to the fact that its anti-inflammatory activity is considered weak comparative to other drugs in this class, studies had shown that PCM is a selective cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor [12]. The chemical structure of PCM is presented in figure 1. The interaction between metal ions and pharmaceuticals is an attractive field of research, due to the fact that in vivo, metal ions can interact with pharmaceutical ligands that appear in living systems. It is known that the cations can bind to enzymes, proteins and other biological ligands [13].

The chemistry of coordination compounds is a domain that has known a rapid development in the last decade. Metal coordination compounds that contain active substances as ligands are the base of inorganic medicinal chemistry, Heterocyclic pyridine, Pyrrole and represent a highly developing domain with enormous potential for applications in medicine, engineering or agriculture [14-17] and Heterocyclic synthesis [18-20].

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Experimental: All chemicals were of analytical grade. Acetaminophen and anhydrous zinc chloride were obtained from Sigma- Aldrich and used as received and synthesized also. The M (II) content was determined by complexometric titration with EDTA, in buffer solution (NH₃/NH₄Cl) at pH ~ 10, in the presence of Eriochrome Black T as indicator, by a standard analytical procedure.

General procedure

Synthesis of the metal complex: The complex was obtained in the reaction of PCM and metal chloride in aqueous medium. To a solution (100 mL) containing anhydrous metal chloride (0.409 g, 3 mmol) in water, solid PCM (0.907 g, 6 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature until the dissolution of PCM occurred, then heated under reflux for 2-2.5h. The mixture was allowed to cool down at room temp. This was filtered, washed with methanol and dried over silica gel. The same procedure was used for the preparation of Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II), and Zn(II) complexes from their chloride, acetate and nitrate salts respectively

At the beginning there is development of a new solvent and reagent used in system. During the preliminary studies optimization was done with different reagent system shown in table 1 and table 2 shows yield and reaction condition for substrate study. The important part towards determination of

reaction conditions such as the catalyst, catalyst loading, solvent, temperature and time (Table 1). Initially reaction subjected to 2:1 molar quantities. Thus complex formation is excellent with Ethanolic HCl giving maximum yield of product with 120 min reaction time (Table 4, entry 9) but after increasing reaction time up to 140 yield not increased. We further made study on substrate (Table 2 entry 3, 4 and 5) it shows the behavior of different metal with PCM drug with time spend for reaction shown in table 2.

Table 1. Optimization of reaction parameters^a

Entry	Solvent	Time(min)	Yield(%) ^b
1	--	20	--
2	Ethanol	05	
3	Methanol	10	60
4	Ethanolic \HCl	50	56
5	Ethanol	25	60
6	Ethanol.HCl	60	72
7	Methanol	30	58
8	H ₂ O	15	--
9	Ethanolic.HCl	120	94
10	Ethanolic.HCl	140	994

Reaction Condition ^a: PCM (0.02 mol), Metal Chloride (0.01 mmol), Ethanolic.HCl (10mL), Isolated Yield^b.

Table 2. Substrate study of metal complex^a

S. No.	Metal Chloride M(II)	Time (Min)	Colour	Yield (%) ^b	M.P. (°C)
1	Cu	120	Greenish	94	185°C
2	Zn	140	Off White	90	110°C
3	Co	120	Brown	89	140°C
4	Ni	120	Greenish	94	155°C
5	Mn	120	White	96	110°C

Reaction Condition ^a: Metal Chloride (0.01 mol), PCM(0.01mol), Ethanolic.HCl(10mL), Isolated Yield^b.

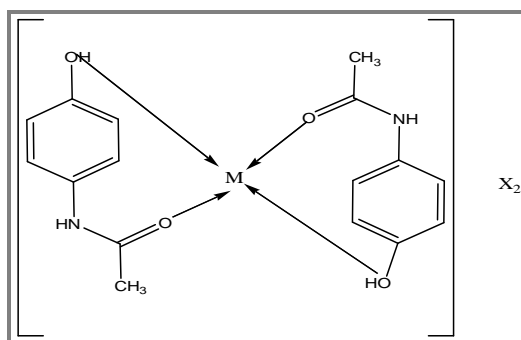


Figure 2. Proposed general structure of metal complex.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

By the analysis of the FTIR spectrum of Cu(II) proposed metal complex (Figure 2), the maximum of several bands have been shifted to different cm^{-1} . The disappearance or superpose of the characteristic bands of $-\text{OH}$ stretching vibrations from 3337 cm^{-1} and the appearance of a broad signal between 3321 cm^{-1} indicates both the involvement of the $-\text{OH}$ group in the formation of the coordination complex and suggest the presence of water in its structure. A significant shifting to a higher wave

Characterization of synthesized compounds:

Entry	Structure	Nature	Melting Point	I.R.	Colour
1		Crystalline	169 °C.	3337, 1429, 5400-3200, 1258, 3000-2850, 1627.	White
2		Crystalline	185 °C.	3600-3200, 1435, 3400-3200, 3000-2800, 1258, 1652.	Greenish
3		Crystalline	110 °C.	3600-3200, 1436, 3400-3200, 1257, 3000-2800, 1651.	Off White
4		Crystalline	140 °C.	3600-3200, 1434, 3400-3200, 3000-2800, 1258, 1652.	Brown
5		Crystalline	155 °C.	3600-3200, 1435, 3400-3200, 1225, 3000-2800, 1651.	Greenish
6		Crystalline	110 °C.	3321, 1453, 3157, 1258, 3000-2800, 1651	White

number suggest the presence of water in its structure. A significant shifting to a higher wave number (1627 cm^{-1}) of the characteristic stretching band of C=O functional group suggest that coordination occurs through this group. A comparative analysis of the corresponding wave numbers of other bands from PCM and metal complex reveals only insignificant shifting (at $\pm 3\text{ cm}^{-1}$) and cannot be assigned

to involvement in coordination bonds. In order to sustain the formation of the metal complex, two new absorption bands at 650 cm^{-1} . IR shown in figure 3.

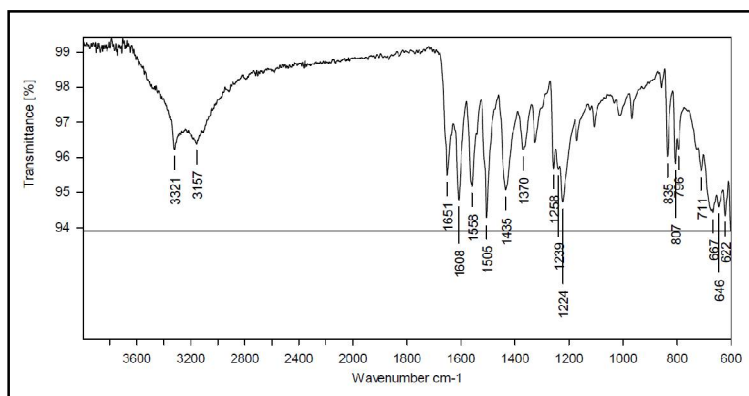


Figure 3. Infrared (IR) spectrum.

Metal Complex 1: $[\text{Cu}(\text{PCM})_2]\text{Cl}_2$, Color: Greenish (94%), M.P.: 185°C , **IR:** 3600-3200, 1435, 3400-3200, 3000-2800, 1258, 1652, **$^1\text{H NMR}$:** 2.28(s,3H),8.13(s,1NH),7.81(d,2H),6.84(d,2H), **$^{13}\text{C NMR}$:** 17(CH₃), 147(CO), 135(1C),130(2C), 124(2C),146(1C).

APPLICATION

In this paper, we have synthesized the PCM drug and elaborate its applications to various synthetic utility towards the formation metal complexes. We have also modified existing method with new method which is reduced reaction time using ethanolic HCl.

CONCLUSION

Heteroleptic metal(II) complexes of Paracetamol (PCM) analyzed as $[\text{M}(\text{L})(\text{PCM})\text{X}_2]$, where $\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ $\text{M} = \text{Mn, Co, Ni, Cu}$ and Zn based on percentage metal and conductance measurements. Infrared and electronic spectroscopy. The synthesis was made with ethanolic HCl give reaction rate faster than pervious known methods.

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