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SYNTHESIS, SPECTRAL CHARACTERIZATION AND ANTIMICROBIAL STUDIES OF BIS(CYCLOPENTADIENYL)- ZIRCONIUM(IV) DERIVATIVES WITH QUINAZOLINONE SCHIFF BASES

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Abstract

Zirconium(IV) complexes of types $[(C_5H_5)_2Zr(L)]$ and $[(C_5H_5)_2Zr(L')Cl]$ (LH₂ represents Schiff bases derived from quinazolinone and salicylaldehyde or o-hydroxyacetophenone; L' H represents Schiff bases derived from quinazolinone and 4-fluorobenzaldehyde/ 4-fluoro acetophenone /1-(2-fluoro-4-methylphenyl)-2-methylpropan-1-one / 1-(2-fluoro-4-methylphenyl)propan-1-one) have been synthesized by the reactions of bis(cyclopentadienyl)zirconium(IV) dichloride with appropriate ligands in tetrahydrofuran in the presence of triethylamine. All these complexes are soluble in THF, PhNO₂, DMF and DMSO. The complexes were characterized by elemental analyses, electrical conductance, magnetic susceptibility, IR, ¹H NMR, XRD and SEM spectral techniques. Low molar conductance values indicate non-electrolytic nature of the complexes. The spectral data indicate 5-coordinate geometry for the complexes. XRD pattern evince that the complexes have monoclinic crystal system and particle sizes were found in the range 46.40-49.30 nm (nano-size). In vitro antifungal activity of synthesized compounds was evaluated against fungi *Aspergillus niger*, *Aspergillus fumigatus*, *Candida albicans* and In vitro antibacterial activity was determined by screening the compounds against gram negative (*P. aeruginosa*, *E.coli*) and gram positive (*S. aureus* and *B. subtilis*) bacterial strains using minimum inhibition concentration method (MIC) by serial dilution technique. The zirconocene(IV) complexes have higher antimicrobial impact than the parent Schiff bases.

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Introduction:-

Table 1:- Reactions of bis(cyclopentadienyl)(IV)zirconium(IV) chloride with Quinanzolinone Schiff bases

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Reactants	Molar Ratio	Stirring\ Reflux time (h)	Solvent	Product	Colour	Yield (%)	Decomp. temp ($^{\circ}$ C)
$\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrCl}_2 + \text{HBPQ-H}_2 + \text{Et}_3\text{N}$	1:1:2	15	THF	$[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{HBPQ})]$	Light yellow	68	190
$\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrCl}_2 + \text{HPPQ-H}_2 + \text{Et}_3\text{N}$	1:1:2	15	THF	$[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{HPPQ})]$	Light yellow	65	140
$\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrCl}_2 + \text{FBPQ-H} + \text{Et}_3\text{N}$	1:1:1	15	THF	$[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{FBPQ})\text{Cl}]$	Brown	65	140
$\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrCl}_2 + \text{FEPQ-H} + \text{Et}_3\text{N}$	1:1:1	15	THF	$[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{FEPQ})\text{Cl}]$	Light yellow	65	135
$\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrCl}_2 + \text{FMPQ-H} + \text{Et}_3\text{N}$	1:1:1	15	THF	$[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{FMPQ})\text{Cl}]$	Light yellow	58	168
$\text{Cp}_2\text{ZrCl}_2 + \text{FPPQ-H} + \text{Et}_3\text{N}$	1:1:1	15	THF	$[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{FPPQ})\text{Cl}]$	Brown	67	158

HBPQ-H₂ = Schiff base derived from quinazolinone and salicylaldehyde

HPPQ-H₂ = Schiff base derived from quinazolinone and 2-hydroxyacetophenone

FBPQ-H = Schiff base derived from quinazolinone and 2-fluorobenzaldehyde

FEPQ-H = Schiff base derived from quinazolinone and 1-(2-fluoro-4-methylphenyl)butan-1-one

FMPQ-H = Schiff base derived from quinazolinone and 4-fluoroacetophenone

FPPQ-H = Schiff base derived from quinazolinone and 1-(2-fluoro-4-methylphenyl)propan-1-one

Table 2 : Analytical data of zirconium(IV) complexes with Quinazolinone Schiff bases

Complex	Molecular Formula	Elemental Analysis % Found (Calculated)			
		C	H	N	Zr
$[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{HBPQ})]$	$\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{Zr}$	64.22(64.67)	4.01(4.20)	9.45(9.73)	15.65(15.84)
$[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{HPPQ})]$	$\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{Zr}$	65.01(65.17)	4.12(4.44)	9.23(9.50)	15.25(15.47)
$[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{FBPQ})\text{Cl}]$	$\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_4\text{OFZrCl}$	60.04(60.62)	3.59(3.94)	8.87(9.12)	14.25(14.85)
$[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{FEPQ})\text{Cl}]$	$\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_4\text{OFZrCl}$	61.02(61.18)	4.01(4.17)	8.54(8.92)	14.23(14.52)
$[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{FMPQ})\text{Cl}]$	$\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4\text{OFZrCl}$	56.07(62.71)	4.09(4.81)	8.12(8.36)	13.22(13.61)
$[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{FPPQ})\text{Cl}]$	$\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_4\text{OFZrCl}$	62.12(62.22)	4.12 (4.61)	8.18(8.54)	13.35(13.90)

Table 3:- Infrared spectral bands of bis(cyclopentadienyl)zirconium(IV) derivatives.

Complex	IR Spectra (cm^{-1})					
	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})_{\text{ring}}$	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$	$\nu(\text{C}-\text{O})$	$\nu(\text{Zr}-\text{O})$	$\nu(\text{Zr}-\text{N})$	$\nu(\text{Zr}-\text{N})$
$\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{Zr}$	1598	1577	1258	535	454	433
$\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{Zr}$	1604	1580	1260	530	455	435
$\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_4\text{OFZrCl}$	1594	1574	1257	536	452	434
$\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_4\text{OFZrCl}$	1593	1576	1260	532	450	430
$\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_4\text{OFZrCl}$	1601	1581	1256	525	456	438

Table 4:- NMR data (δ , ppm) of zirconium(IV) derivatives with quinazolinone Schiff bases.

Complex	δ , ppm						
	N=C-CH ₃	-C-CH ₃ /-CH ₂ -	Ar-CH ₃	-CH- / CH ₂ -CH ₃	η^5 -C ₅ H ₅	Ar-H	=CH-
C ₃₁ H ₂₄ N ₄ O ₂ Zr	-	-	-	-	6.85 (s, 10H)	7.16-7.98(m, 13H)	8.61 (s, 1H)
C ₃₂ H ₂₆ N ₄ O ₂ Zr	1.52 (s, 3H)	-	-	-	6.88 (s, 10H)	7.27-7.58(m, 13H)	-
C ₃₁ H ₂₄ N ₄ OFZrCl	-	-	-	-	6.80 (s, 10H)	7.26-7.66(m, 13H)	8.68 (s, 1H)
C ₃₂ H ₂₆ N ₄ OFZrCl	1.55 (s, 3H)	-	-	-	6.76 (s, 10H)	7.34-7.61 (m, 13H)	-
C ₃₅ H ₂₂ N ₄ OFZrCl	-	1.35(d, 6H)	2.36(s,3H)	1.59(sep,1H)	6.82 (s, 10H)	7.42-7.90 (m, 12H)	-
C ₃₄ H ₃₀ N ₄ OFZrCl	-	1.58(q, 2H)	2.34(s,3H)	1.21 (t, 3H)	6.87 (s, 10H)	7.47-7.92 (m, 12H)	-

Table 5:- The unit cell parameters, observed and calculated X-Ray diffraction data of organozirconium(IV) complex [(C₅H₅)₂Zr(C₂₁H₁₄N₄O₂)].

S.No.	a =8.26811, b= 9.97733, c= 8.59658, V =694.4696, β =101.683							
	d(obs)	d(cal)	Δd	I/I _M X100	2T.obs	2T.calc	$\Delta 2T$	h k l
1	6.437	6.434	0.00370	70.03	13.744	13.752	-0.008	0 1 1
2	5.478	5.466	0.01176	20.13	16.167	16.202	-0.0035	-1 1 1
3	4.995	4.988	0.00728	20.57	17.739	17.765	-0.026	0 2 0
4	4.275	4.291	-0.0160	100	20.758	20.679	0.079	0 2 1
5	3.747	3.751	-0.0039	31.77	23.724	23.699	0.025	-2 1 0
6	3.647	3.639	0.0077	33.30	24.384	24.437	-0.053	1 2 1
7	3.458	3.459	-0.0000	24.46	25.735	25.734	0.001	1 0 2
8	3.216	3.217	-0.0007	20.97	27.714	27.707	0.007	0 2 2

Table 6:- Antifungal activities of Bis(cyclopentadienyl)zirconium(IV) complexes with Schiff bases of quinazolinone.

Complex	MICs (μ g/mL)			
	C. albicans	A.niger	A. fumigatus	A. Flavus
[Cp ₂ Zr(HBPQ)]	25	25	50	25
[Cp ₂ Zr(HPPQ)]	25	25	12.5	25
[Cp ₂ Zr(FBPQ)Cl]	6.25	12.5	12.5	12.5
[Cp ₂ Zr(FEPQ)Cl]	12.5	12.5	6.25	12.5
[Cp ₂ Zr(FMPQ)Cl]	6.25	12.5	12.5	25
[Cp ₂ Zr(FPPQ)Cl]	12.5	6.25	25	25
Ketoconazole	12.5	6.25	6.25	6.25

Table 7:- Antibacterial activities of Bis(cyclopentadienyl)zirconium(IV) complexes with Schiff bases of quinazolinone.

Complex	MICs (μ g/mL)			
	E. coli	P. aeruginosa	S. aureus	B. subtilis
[Cp ₂ Zr(HBPQ)]	25	12.5	12.5	25
[Cp ₂ Zr(HPPQ)]	12.5	12.5	12.5	6.25
[Cp ₂ Zr(FBPQ)Cl]	6.25	6.25	6.25	12.5
[Cp ₂ Zr(FEPQ)Cl]	12.5	6.25	25	12.5
[Cp ₂ Zr(FMPQ)Cl]	25	25	12.5	25

[Cp ₂ Zr(FPPQ)Cl]	12.5	12.5	25	12.5
Ciprofloxacin	6.25	6.25	12.5	6.25