

# **N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> Type Complex N, N'-1,2-Ethylenebis (Salicylaldiminato) Copper (II) as Potent Ligand in Synthesis of Heterobinuclear Complexes with Rubidium and Caesium Salts of Acetyl Salicylic Acid (ASPIRIN)**

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**ABSTRACT:** N, N'-1,2-ethylenebis(salicylaldiminato) Copper(II) complex [CuES] has been prepared using Schiff base N, N'-ethylenebis(salicylaldimine) [ES]. This complex [CuES] has been used to synthesize in pure state novel hetero binuclear complexes, [CuESRbAp] and [CuESCsaAp], using Rubidium and Caesium salts of Acetyl Salicylic Acid (ASPIRIN), respectively. The structure elucidations of these synthesized red coloured solid hetero binuclear complexes have been carried out using various physico-chemical techniques viz. Solubility, Elemental analysis, Magnetic property, Molar conductance measurement, UV-Visible and FT-IR spectroscopy. From the obtained data, the distorted square planar or pseudo-tetrahedral geometry has been suggested for both these hetero binuclear complexes with a general formula  $[M_a L M_b L'] \cdot xH_2O$  Where  $M_a = Cu^{2+}$ ,  $M_b = Rb^+/Cs^+$ ,  $L = N,N'-1,2$ -ethylenebis(salicylaldiminato) dianion,  $L' =$  Acetyl salicylate, and  $x = 2/1.5$  for the adducts [CuESRbAp] and [CuESCsaAp], respectively.

**Keywords:** N, N'-1,2-ethylenebis(salicylaldiminato) Copper(II), [CuESRbAp], [CuESCsaAp], Aspirin, Distorted square planar or pseudo-tetrahedral geometry

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Complexes containing N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> type ligand structure<sup>1</sup> are capable of holding two metal centres in close proximity, one of transition metal and other of alkali / alkaline earth metal<sup>2-3</sup>. Synthesis of such hetero-binuclear complexes has been of great attraction for the researchers because of their biological importance<sup>4-9</sup> and their greater permeability than metal ions. Transition metals play vital role whereas Rb and Cs may act as potassium analogue, in living organisms. Acetyl salicylic acid (Aspirin) is a common non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID). In the present paper Copper (II) complex, N, N'-1,2-ethylenebis(salicylaldiminato) Copper(II) synthesized from tetra dentate N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> donor type Schiff base derived from condensation of Ethylenediamine and Salicylaldehyde, has been described as a potent ligand towards the formation of hetero-binuclear complex with Rubidium and Caesium salt of Acetyl salicylic acid (ASPIRIN). The synthesized hetero-binuclear complexes have been characterized using various physico-chemical techniques, and on the basis of observations structure and molecular formula have been proposed. Further investigations may be helpful in drug design from these synthesized complexes or their modified forms in order to increase efficacy of ASPIRIN.

## **2. MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Chemicals used in the synthesis of metal Schiff base and hetero binuclear complexes were of A.R. Grade. Melting point of the synthesized complexes was determined using ESICO International Auto Melting Point Apparatus 1934. Elemental Analyser EUROVECTOR EA3000 was used to estimate Carbon, Hydrogen, Nitrogen and Oxygen. Rubidium, Caesium and Copper was estimated by ICP-MS of Agilent Technologies model no.7800. Magnetic moment of the synthesized complexes was measured by the Vibrating Sample Magnetometer (VSM). Electronic absorption spectrum of 10<sup>-4</sup>M solution of the complexes was recorded between 200 -900 nm by Shimadzu UV-Visible Spectrometer Model UV-2450 using UV Probe 2.32 software. FT-IR Spectrum of synthesized complexes was recorded on Thermo Nicolet Avatar 370 in the range 4000 – 400 Cm<sup>-1</sup> by KBr beam splitter.

### Synthesis of N, N'-1,2-ethylenebis(salicylaldiminato) Copper(II)

Schiff base N, N'-ethylenebis(salicylaldimine) [ES] was prepared from the reaction between Salicylaldehyde and Ethylenediamine in 2:1 molar ratio. Ethylenediamine was added drop by drop in ethanolic solution of Salicylaldehyde with continuous stirring which resulted with yellow coloured precipitation. Yellow coloured solid Schiff base [ES] was obtained by crystallisation process. Ethanolic solutions of Schiff base [ES] and cupric acetate monohydrate were mixed in 1:1 molar ratio and refluxed at 40°C for 10 minutes. Antique bronze coloured crystalline solid of N, N'-1,2-ethylenebis(salicylaldiminato) Copper(II) [CuES] was precipitated out. Precipitate was filtered, washed with little ethanol and dried.

### Synthesis of Hetero-binuclear complexes from Rubidium and Caesium salt of Acetyl salicylic acid (ASPIRIN) and Copper (II) Schiff base N, N'-1,2-ethylenebis(salicylaldiminato) Copper(II)

Ethanolic solutions of Rubidium acetyl salicylate or Caesium acetyl salicylate and Copper (II) Schiff base [CuES] in 1:1 molar ratio were mixed together and refluxed for 30 minutes at about 40 - 50°C and cooled to ice temperature when the complex was separated out. Precipitate was filtered, recrystallized and dried.

## 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The synthesized hetero-binuclear complexes, [CuESRbAp] and [CuESCsaAp], are red coloured, non-hygroscopic crystalline solid and are stable in air. These complexes are insoluble in water and benzene but are soluble in co-ordinating solvents DMF and DMSO. Melting point measurements of these synthesized complexes reveal that these complexes do not decompose up to 230°C and are fairly stable. The experimental elemental analysis data of these synthesized hetero-binuclear complexes are in good agreement with their suggested stoichiometries. [Table – 1].

TABLE 1: Physical and Analytical Data of the Synthesized Complexes

Synthesized Complex	Colour	Yield (%)	m.p. (°C)	Elemental Analysis Data in % Obs. (Cal)						
				C	H	N	O	Cu	Rb	Cs
[CuESRbAp]	Red	77	223	47.47 (47.58)	3.92 (3.97)	4.43 (4.44)	20.12 (20.30)	9.91 (10.07)	14.15 (13.56)	
[CuESCsaAp]	Red	75	227	44.57 (44.85)	3.55 (3.59)	4.13 (4.19)	18.13 (17.94)	9.29 (9.49)		20.25 (19.87)

### 3.1. Molar Conductance Measurement

Molar conductance of 10<sup>-3</sup>M solution of these synthesized complexes in DMF was measured at 20(±0.5)°C [Table 2]. A very low value of molar conductance (<10 S.Cm<sup>2</sup>.mole<sup>-1</sup>) suggests non-existence of any ion outside co-ordination sphere and, hence, their non-electrolytic nature<sup>10-15</sup>.

TABLE 2: Molar Conductance Data of the Synthesized Complexes

Synthesized Complex	Solvent	Molar Conductance (S.Cm <sup>2</sup> .mole <sup>-1</sup> )	Type of Electrolyte
[CuESRbAp]	DMF	9.9	Non-electrolyte
[CuESCsaAp]	DMF	9.5	Non-electrolyte

### 3.2. Magnetic Moment Measurement

Effective magnetic moment ( $\mu_{\text{eff}}$ ) of synthesized hetero-binuclear complexes [CuESRbAp] and [CuESCsaAp] at 301K are 1.91 B.M. and 1.90 B.M., respectively. The result suggests these hetero-binuclear complexes to be paramagnetic in nature with one unpaired electron.

### 3.3. Electronic Absorption Spectra

Band positions in electronic absorption spectra of the complexes [CuESRbAp] and [CuESCsaAp] have been summarised in TABLE – 3.

TABLE 3: Band Positions in EAS of the Synthesized Complexes

[CuESRbAp]		[CuESCsAp]	
Wave number, nm	Absorbance	Wave number, nm	Absorbance
200	0.410	207	0.496
246	0.541	300	0.602
353, sh	0.640	354, sh	0.659
412, p	0.653	425, p	0.672
507	0.458	493	0.580
592, p	0.496	592, p	0.619

Study of Hetero-binuclear complex [CuESRbAp] Spectrum reveals broad band ranging 246 – 463 nm with a peak at  $\lambda_{\max} = 412$  nm and a shoulder at 353 nm which has been assigned to (1) Intraligand transitions such as Benzene Chromophore  $\Pi \rightarrow \Pi^*$  transition, Azomethine Chromophore  $\Pi \rightarrow \Pi^*$  transition and Co-ordinated azomethine  $n \rightarrow \Pi^*$  transition, and (2) Ligand to Metal Charge Transfer (LMCT). Similarly, in case of [CuESCsAp] spectrum, the broad band ranging 207 – 496 nm with a peak at  $\lambda_{\max} = 425$  nm and a shoulder at 354 nm, has been assigned for (1) Intraligand transitions such as Benzene Chromophore  $\Pi \rightarrow \Pi^*$  transition, Azomethine Chromophore  $\Pi \rightarrow \Pi^*$  transition and Co-ordinated azomethine  $n \rightarrow \Pi^*$  transition, and (2) Ligand to Metal Charge Transfer (LMCT). Appearance of no band in the region 600 – 1000 nm in UV-Visible spectra of [CuESRbAp] and [CuESCsAp] excludes possibility of octahedral geometry around  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ion. In case of Cu(II) complexes, presence of single band in the region 400 – 600nm has been reported for a square planar geometry about  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ion<sup>15-19</sup>. The band at 592nm in the electronic spectra of [CuESRbAp] and [CuESCsAp] is indicative of a  $^2B_{1g} \rightarrow ^2A_{1g}$  transition which is in conformity to a square planar geometry.

### 3.4. Interpretation of EAS data in correlation with Magnetic moment measurement

Both in the case of hetero-binuclear complexes [CuESRbAp] and [CuESCsAp], magnetic moment value of 1.91 B.M. and 1.90 B.M. at 301K respectively, indicate a distortion from planar towards tetrahedral symmetry<sup>4</sup>. In a completely undistorted tetrahedron, Cu(II) should have a magnetic moment at room temperature of about 2.2 B.M. and an undistorted square planar geometry around  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ion should have a magnetic moment value at room temperature of about 1.77 B.M.<sup>4</sup>. Further, appearance of d – d transition band at 592nm supports distortion from planar towards tetrahedral geometry about  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ion in the complex as increasing distortion from planar towards tetrahedral symmetry causes a steady shift of d – d transition band to lower energy. Gruber et al<sup>4</sup> reported a distortion from planar towards tetrahedral geometry, i.e., Pseudo-tetrahedral geometry about copper (II) for CuTSB where shows a d – d transition band at 588nm. Therefore, geometry about  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ion in [CuESRbAp] and [CuESCsAp] is distorted square planar or say pseudo-tetrahedral and these are high spin complexes.

### 3.5. FT-IR Spectra

Absorption band position of certain chemical bonds of interest in FT-IR Spectrum of Aspirin, [CuES], [CuESRbAp], and [CuESCsAp] have been summarised in Table 4.

Table 4: Absorption Band Positions in FT-IR Spectra

Chemical Bond	Mode of Vibration	Absorption Band Position (in $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )			
		Aspirin	[CuES]	[CuESRbAp]	[CuESCsAp]
O – H Carboxylic	Stretching	2649 br, 2821 br	NA	NP	NP
C – O Carboxylic	Stretching	1313 s	NA	1467 s	1447 s
C = O Carboxylic	Stretching	1591 s	NA	1599 s	1599 s
C = O Ester	Stretching	1684 s	NA	1644 s	1644 s
C – O Ester	Stretching	1265 s	NA	1327 s	1329 s
C – O Phenolic	Stretching	NA	1294 s	1317 s	1305 s
C = N Azomethine	Stretching	NA	1649 vs	1634 vs	1629 vs

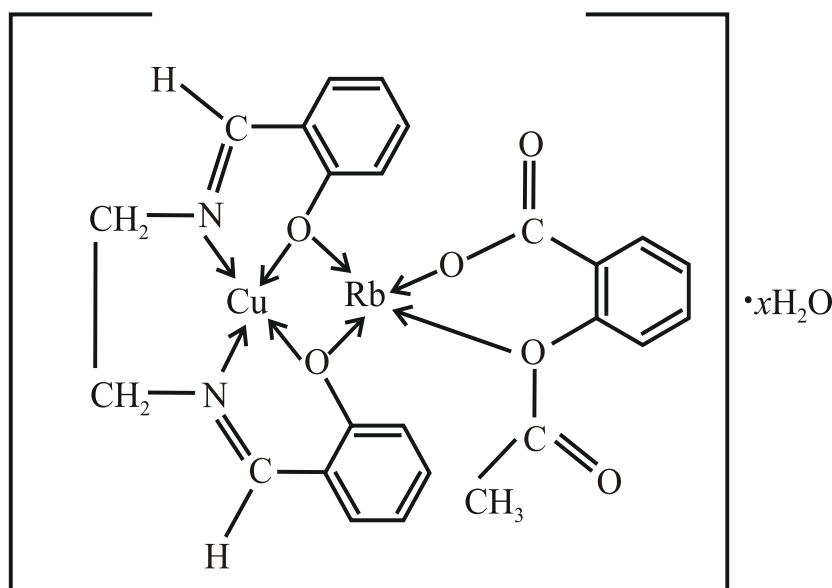
NA = Not applicable, NP = Not Present, br = broad, s = strong, vs = very strong

Many workers in various Schiff bases have reported  $\nu_{C=N}$  stretching band for uncoordinated azomethine (C=N) in the range 1650 – 1690  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>20</sup> FT-IR spectrum analysis reveals a very strong band at 1649  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in [CuES], at 1634  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in [CuESRbAp] and at 1629  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in [CuESCsaAp] which has been assigned for  $\nu_{C=N}$  stretching<sup>21</sup>. The shift of the absorption band of  $\nu_{C=N}$  stretching towards lower wave number indicates coordination of the imine nitrogen to the  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ion during [CuES], [CuESRbAp] and [CuESCsaAp] complexes formation<sup>22,20</sup>. This fact is further substantiated by the presence of new bands in spectra of complexes [CuES], [CuESRbAp], and [CuESCsaAp] in the region 571 - 647  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  assignable to  $\nu_{N-M}$  stretching vibrations.<sup>23</sup> The absence of sharp characteristic absorption band in the region 3600 – 3700  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  due to phenolic O – H stretching vibrations and also the absence of broad band in the region 3200 – 3300  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  due to intermolecular hydrogen bond in the spectra of [CuES], [CuESRbAp] and [CuESCsaAp] indicate deprotonation of phenolic O - H during formation of these complexes. Shifting of sharp ir absorption band for phenolic C - O stretching vibrations towards higher wavenumber has been assigned for coordination of phenolic oxygen atom to  $\text{Rb}^+$  ion /  $\text{Cs}^+$  ion during hetero-binuclear complex [CuESRbAp] and [CuESCsaAp] formation from ligand [CuES].<sup>24-27</sup> This fact is further substantiated by the presence of oxygen – metal bond stretching vibration ( $\nu_{O-M}$ ) bands in the region 430 – 498  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

Further, absence of absorption band of carboxylic O – H bond (Str) in synthesized hetero-binuclear complexes indicates deprotonation of carboxylic O – H bond during Rubidium/Caesium salt formation. Shift of absorption band of carboxylic C – O (Str) towards higher wave number in synthesized hetero-binuclear complexes as compared to aspirin further substantiates the fact of deprotonation of carboxylic O – H and conversion of it into O – Rb / O - Cs.<sup>28</sup> No major shift in absorption band position of carboxylic C = O (Str) in FT-IR spectra of Aspirin and synthesized hetero-binuclear complexes indicates non-involvement of oxygen atom lone pair of carboxylic C = O in coordination during these complexes formation. However, slight shift of absorption band of ester C = O (Str) towards lower wave number in the spectra of aspirin to [CuESRbAp] / [CuESCsaAp] indicates presence of hydrogen bonding between ester C = O group and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (water of crystallisation). On comparison of FT-IR spectrum of Aspirin and [CuESRbAp] / [CuESCsaAp], we find major shift in absorption band of ester C – O (Str) towards higher wave number which indicates coordination of oxygen atom of ester C – O with Rubidium / Caesium during these hetero-binuclear complexes formation. This fact is supported by the presence of oxygen-metal bond stretching vibration ( $\nu_{O-M}$ ) bands in the region 430 – 498  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . A broad band at 3450  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  / 3453  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  indicates presence of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  as water of crystallisation in [CuESRbAp] / [CuESCsaAp] molecule.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

From the above results and discussions, it is summarised that geometry about  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ion in case of both the synthesized hetero-binuclear complexes is Distorted Square planar or Pseudo-tetrahedral with co-ordination number 4. These results further suggest that Copper Schiff base N, N'-1,2-ethylenebis(salicylaldiminato) copper (II) acts as bidentate ligand while coordinating with Rubidium atom or Caesium atom through oxygens of its phenolic C – O. Both the synthesized hetero-binuclear complexes have water of crystallisation molecules with general formula  $[\text{Ma L M}_b \text{L}'] \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$  where  $\text{M}_a = \text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{M}_b = \text{Rb}^+ / \text{Cs}^+$ ,  $\text{L} = \text{N,N'-1,2-ethylenebis(salicylaldiminato)}$  dianion,  $\text{L}' = \text{Acetyl salicylate}$ ,  $x = 2$  for [CuESRbAp] and  $x = 1.5$  for [CuESCsaAp]. The suggested structure for these synthesized hetero-binuclear complexes is shown in the following figure.



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The author declares that there is no conflict of interest.

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