



Spectral and Antifungal Studies on Nickel Phenylbiguanide Complexes with Different Anions

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Abstract: Isomeric *cis trans* Nickelphenylbiguanide salts of composition have been isolated and characterized from the studies of their colour, magnetic susceptibilities, infrared vibrations and electronic absorption spectra. These complexes have been found to be effective in controlling the growth of *aspergillus niger* in PDA (Potato Dextrose Agar) and SDA (Sabourand and Dextrose Agar) mediums. Some metal complexes of phenylbiguanide with anions: S_2O_3 , SO_3 , BrO_3 and NO_2 have been synthesized and isolated in the pure state. These metal complexes have been found effective in inhibiting the growth of fungi named, *Aspergillus niger* and *Aspergillus versicolor*. The metal complexes of phenylbiguanide ligand were dissolved in DMSO and were tested with Dilution test method and growths were separated and examined under different concentrations of the afore said complexes in PDA (Potato Dextrose Agar) and SDA (Sabourand and Dextrose Agar) medium.

Keywords: Phenylbiguanide, Potato Dextrose Agar, Sabourand and Dextrose Agar and *Aspergillus Niger*

I. Introduction:

Biguanide can refer to a molecule or to a class of drugs based upon this molecule. Biguanide can function as oral anti-hyperglycemic drugs used for diabetes mellitus or prediabetes treatment. They are also used as antimalarial drugs¹⁰⁻¹⁴.

Biguanides have a replaceable hydrogen atom in a potentially imino group and also has a donor nitrogen (amino) atom for chelation, thus behaving as bidentate ligand. In formula V suggested by Ray¹⁵, it has been shown that in the inner metallic complexes formed by biguanide, it is the hydrogen atom of one of the imino groups (=NH) of biguanide, which is replaced by the metal atom to form a primary valence bond.

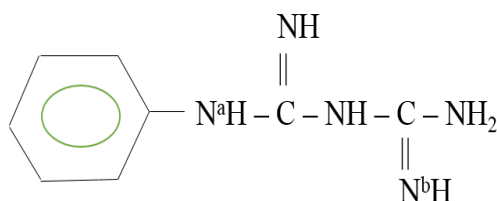


Fig 1. For Phenylbiguanide we can represent the bonding N by labelling it as a and b.

II. Experimental

A. Phenylbiguanide hydrochloride (Melting Point 244 – 247^oC)

[C₈H₁₁N₅.HCl]

Phenylbiguanide hydrochloride was prepared by refluxing alcoholic solution of both aniline hydrochloride C₆H₅NH₂.HCl and dicyandiamide C₂H₄N₄ in round bottom flask on water bath. This process continues for about 2 hours (Smolka and Friedrich Monatch, 1888, 9, 227). The crystals get deposited on cooling the mixture obtained. The crystals were filtered and recrystallized with hot water.

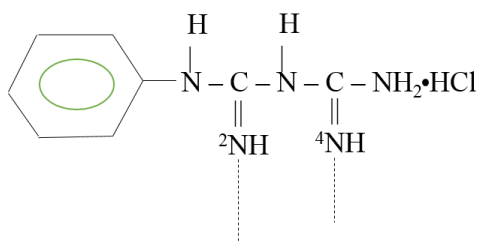


Fig 2. Phenylbiguanide hydrochloride

B. Bis(phenylbiguanidium) nickel(II)thiosulphate
[Ni(PhBigH)₂]₂S₂O₃

It was obtained from an excess of conc. solution of sodium thiosulphate and that of complex chloride. The yellow crystalline precipitate was washed & dried as usual.

Found: N=26.50%, Ni=11.17%, S₂O₃=21.53%
[Ni(PhBigH⁺)₂]₂S₂O₃ requires: N=26.63%, Ni=11.18%, S₂O₃=21.33%

C. Bis(phenylbiguanidium) nickel(II)suphite
[Ni(PhBigH)₂](SO₃).H₂O

A concentrated solution of sodium sulphite in excess was added to a hot concentrated solution of complex chloride. On cooling, the yellow crystals of Bis(phenylbiguanidium) nickel(II)suphite gradually separated out.

Found: Ni=11.53% and SO₃⁻²=15.65%
[Ni(PhBigH)₂](SO₃).H₂O requires: Ni=11.50% and SO₃⁻²=15.75%

D. Bis(phenylbiguanidium) nickel(II)bromate
[Ni(PhBigH)₂](BrO₃)₂

It was obtained as sparingly soluble, orange coloured crystals from a conc. solution of potassium bromate and a hot conc. solution of the complex chloride [Ni(PhBigH⁺)₂]Cl₂.

Found: Ni=8.72%, BrO₃⁻=37.92
[Ni(PhBigH)₂](BrO₃)₂ requires: Ni=8.77%, BrO₃⁻=38.27%

E. Bis(phenylbiguanidium) nickel(II) nitrite monohydrate
[Ni(PhBigH)₂](NO₂)₂.H₂O

It was obtained from a conc. solution of NaNO₂ (sodium nitrite) and that of the complex chloride [Ni(PhBigH⁺)₂]Cl₂. It forms sparingly soluble orange yellow crystals.

Found: Ni=11.15%, NO₂⁻=18.0%
[Ni(PhBigH)₂](NO₂)₂.H₂O requires: Ni=11.23%, NO₂⁻=17.60%

F. Preparation of PDA(Potato Dextrose Agar)

Potato tubers were taken peeled off and weighed 200g. It was chopped into small pieces and transferred to a beaker containing about 100ml of distilled water and boiled for 20minutes and filtered with muslin cloth. 20g Dextrose, 15g agar and 2g peptone were added into the extract and gently heated. The filtrate so obtained was made to 1 litre. The pH of the solution was maintained at 5.6 by using 1N HCl or NaOH and kept in Erlenmeyer flask. This solution so obtained was PDA medium and autoclaved at 121⁰C for 20minutes before using.

G. Preparation of SDA (Sabourand and Dextrose Agar Medium)

It was prepared by combining the ingredients water, dextrose, agar, peptone & antibiotics separately, in many different variations. In the case of using premix, the proper amount (around 70gms) was mixed with one litre of water and heated to dissolve the agar. pH of the medium was adjusted with one molar solution of hydrochloric acid to lower pH. The pH was maintained at 5.5. The medium was then autoclaved and stored at room temperature. The medium can be used to inoculate with fungal spores and mycelium inhibition growth was counted by usual method. The observation of the study is represented in the Table A.

Results and Discussion

Nickel phenylbiguanide hydrates and its salts – the nickelphenylbiguanidium chloride or Bis(phenylbiguanide) nickel(II) chloride was prepared which was then used to prepare further other complexes. The anhydrous nickel phenylbiguanidium have proved to be monomeric by ebullioscopic measurements. Bis(phenylbiguanidium) nickel(II)thiosulphate was obtained from an excess of conc. solution of sodium thiosulphate and that of complex chloride. A concentrated solution of sodium sulphite in excess with hot concentrated solution of complex chloride was used to generate Bis(phenylbiguanidium) nickel(II)suphite. Similarly, Bis(phenylbiguanidium)

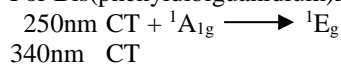
nickel(II)bromate was obtained using potassium bromate while Bis(phenylbiguanidium) nickel(II) nitrite monohydrate was obtained using sodium nitrite.

The planar configuration of the 4 coordinated inner metallic complexes of bivalent Ni is now been well established. Evidences in support of this are, derived not only from the classical methods of stereochemistry but also from a substantial mass of physical data, specially relating to X-ray measurement of crystalline salts.

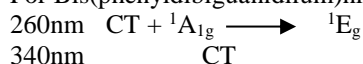
Electronic Spectra

A. UV spectra

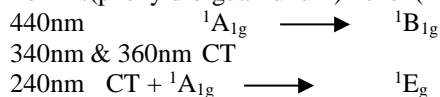
For Bis(phenyldibiguanidium)nickel(II)chloride



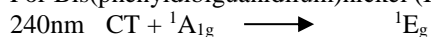
For Bis(phenyldibiguanidium)nickel (II) sulphite



For Bis(phenyldibiguanidium)nickel (II) thiosulphate



For Bis(phenyldibiguanidium)nickel (II) bromate



B. IR spectra

K₁ (Phenyldibiguanidine hydrochloride)

| Band Position (in cm ⁻¹) | Assignment |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 3550.8 | N-H (w) |
| 3419.1 | v (NH ₂) + v (N-H) |
| 3377.6 | v (NH ₂) + v (N-H) |
| 3287.7 | N-H(str)(H-bonded) |
| 3165.0 | C-H(str) in aromatic ring |
| 2915.5 | v (C-H) |
| 2718.6 | N-H(str) in >N ⁺ H |
| 2508.8 | |
| 2455.6 | |
| 2369.7 | |
| 1748.1 | N-H (scissoring) |
| 1626.4 | N-H def for NH ₂ ⁺ , C=N(str) |
| 1544.3 | N-H def for NH ₃ ⁺ , C=N(str) |
| 1291.4 | C-N str in aromatic amines |
| 1218.8 | In plane bending bands of ring C-H bond |
| 1068.9 | C-N str |
| 831.0 | Out of plane bending of the ring C-H bond |
| 771.3 | |
| 678.6 | |
| 576.7 | N-C-N (def) |
| 520.1 | N-C-N (def) |

K₂ Bis(Phenyldibiguanidium)nickel(II)chloride

| Band Position (in cm ⁻¹) | Assignment |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 3595.9 | N-H (wagging) and v(H ₂ O) |
| 3384.7 | v (NH ₃) & v (N-H) |
| 3302.9 | v N-H (H-bonded) |
| 3021.6 | v (C-H) in aromatic group |
| 2401.4 | N-H(str) in >N ⁺ H |
| 1586.8 | v C=C(str), C-N(str) |
| 1519.7 | C=C(str) |

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|---------------------------|---|
| 1293.5 | In plane bending bands of ring C-H bond C-N(str) in aromatic amines |
| 1216.2 1068.7 928.7 | In plane bending bands of ring C-H bond C-N(str) in aliphatic amines |
| 757.9 | C-H def in mono substituted aromatic compounds |
| 670.5 | Out of plane C-H bending in benzene ring |
| 503.5 | ν Ni-N |

K₃ Bis(phenyldibiguanidium)nickel(II) thiosulphate

| Band Position (in cm ⁻¹) | Assignment |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 3428.7 | ν (N-H) & ν (NH ₂) |
| 3022.3 | ν (C-H) in aromatic group |
| 2367.6 | ν N-H in>N ⁺ H |
| 1652.5 | Str C=C in aromatic nuclei |
| 1523.0 | Str C=C in aromatic nuclei |
| 1427.0 | N-H def |
| 1216.7 928.8 | str C-N in aromatic amines In plane bending of C-H in phenyl ring |
| 764.8 671.2 | Phenyl ring C-H out of plane bending |
| 536.1 | N-C-N (def) |
| 498.9 | ν (Ni-N) |

K₄ Bis(phenyldibiguanidium)nickel(II) bromate

| Band Position (in cm ⁻¹) | Assignment |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 3376.5 | ν (N-H) & ν (NH ₂) |
| 3022.1 | ν (C-H) in aromatic group |
| 2367.8 | ν (N-H) in>N ⁺ H |
| 1657.7 | Str C=C in aromatic nuclei |
| 1520.3 | Str C=C in aromatic nuclei |
| 1429.3 | N-H def |
| 1216.9 930.0 | str C-N in aromatic amines In plane bending of C-H bond in phenyl ring |
| 766.6 671.9 | Phenyl ring C-H out of plane bending |
| 497.7 | ν (Ni-N) |

K₅ Bis(phenyldibiguanidium)nickel(II) sulphite

| Band Position (in cm ⁻¹) | Assignment |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 3454.2 | ν (N-H) & ν (NH ₂) |
| 3022.9 | ν (C-H) in aromatic group |
| 2402.9 | ν (N-H) in>N ⁺ H |
| 2369.8 | ν (N-H) in>N ⁺ H |
| 2258.3 | ν (N-H) in>N ⁺ H |
| 1631.5 | Str C=C in aromatic nuclei |
| 1524.0 | Str C=C in aromatic nuclei |
| 1475.8 | N-H def |
| 1430.0 | N-H def |
| 1216.8 | str C-N in aromatic amines In plane bending of C-H bond |
| 1026.0 928.5 | str C-N in aliphatic amines In plane bending of C-H bond |
| 763.8 671.2 | Phenyl ring C-H out of plane bending |
| 555.1 | N-C=N |
| 497.8 | ν (Ni-N) |

K₆ Bis(phenyldibiguanidium)nickel(II) bromate

| Band Position (in cm ⁻¹) | Assignment |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 3459.7 | v (NH) & v (NH ₂) |
| 3369.4 | v (NH) & v (NH ₂) |
| 3021.6 | v (C-H) in aromatic group |
| 2401.3 | N-H str in >N ⁺ H |
| 2361.7 | N-H str in >N ⁺ H |
| 1609.8 | Str C=C in aromatic nuclei |
| 1509.3 | Str C=C in aromatic nuclei |
| 1426.8 | N-H def |
| 1216.0 | str C-N in aromatic amines In plane bending of C-H bond |
| 1032.0 929.9 | str C-N in aliphatic amines In plane bending of C-H bond |
| 767.3 670.8 | Phenyl ring C-H out of plane bending |
| 500.4 | v (Ni-N) |

The metal complexes of phenylbiguanide were dissolved in DMSO using the concentration which was most effective from Dilution test method. The inoculation of fungus was done in PDA and SDA medium at 25°C and checked daily for a week. The fungus are *Aspergillusniger* and *Aspergillusversicolor*. Both are from ascomycetes group. The MIC was then calculated i.e. the minimum inhibition concentration of the fungus. During this process it was found that the complexes was effective in controlling 100% of the fungal growth if the concentration was raised to 800µg/ml to 1000µg/ml. The solution was used in the ratio 1:10 and the concentration of the solution was 400µg/ml, 200µg/ml and 100µg/ml. Refer to table I for **Micelle count inhibition of fungal growth**.

| Metal complex | % Inhibition of fungal growth | | |
|---|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| | Concentration (µg/ml) | PDA Medium | SDA Medium |
| Bis(phenylbiguanidium)nickel(II)chloride | 400 µg/ml | 84.01% | 82.09% |
| | 200 µg/ml | 65.72% | 62.37% |
| | 100 µg/ml | 44.36% | 42.27% |
| Nickelphenylbiguanide | 400 µg/ml | 85.3% | 84.70% |
| | 200 µg/ml | 60.51% | 57.92% |
| | 100 µg/ml | 40.17% | 38.72% |

Table I Percentage inhibition of growth of fungus *Aspergillusniger* at indicated dose

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