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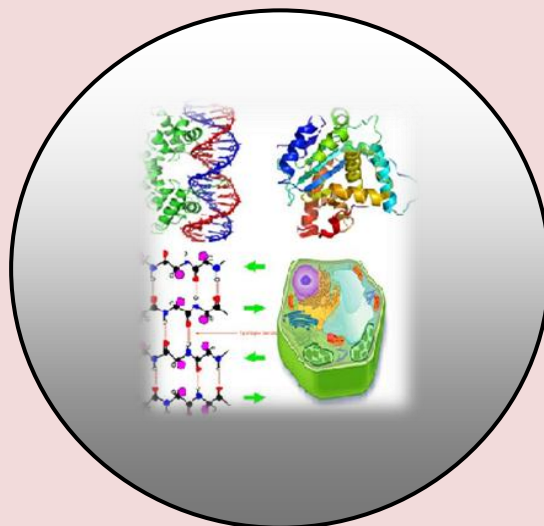
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## **Synthesis and Characterization of Carboxamide Ruthenium (III) Nitrosyl Complexes**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*New ruthenium- nitrosyl complexes of Carboxamide (RCONHCOR') were synthesized. The molecular formula of these complexes are  $[RuCl_3(NO)(RCONHCOR')]$ . These complexes were Characterized analytical spectral (IR, UV and Visible), magnetic and conductometric measurements. The presence an absorption band at  $1940-1950\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in complex suggest the presence of  $\{Ru-NO\}^6$  electron configuration. Based on these studies tentative structures of these complexes have been proposed.*

**Keywords:** Ruthenium nitrosyl, spectral, Carboxamide and electron configuration.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Synthesis and structural characterization of ruthenium complexes have gained considerable area of research interest during the last decade in view of their role in biological processes such as in neuron-signaling, (Ignarro, 2000) Cardiovascular control, defense mechanism against microorganisms and tumor cells. Control and monitoring of release of NO from NO donor metal complexes are crucial for understanding its chemical and biological functions. Light- triggered NO donors have been successfully used for controlled delivery of nitric oxide to biological target (Mascharak et. al. 2004). Numerous compounds have been prepared with the aims of studying these structure and bonding in ruthenium complexes with NO ligand considering them as a precursors for synthesis of  $N_2$  Complexes as most important steps in biochemical nitrogen cycle.

In view of the diverse application of ruthenium nitrosyls, we synthesized and characterized several ruthenium nitrosyl complexes (Singh et. al. 2011). As a part of our work in this area, we report the synthesis and characterization new carboxamide ruthenium (III) nitrosyl complexes.

## Experimental

All the chemicals used were either chemically pure or Analar grade.

(i)  $[\text{RuCl}_3(\text{NO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$  was prepared by literature method given elsewhere (Sing et.al.1980)

(ii) All the carboxamides  $\text{RCONHCOR}'$  were prepared by the procedure give (Papadopoulos 1973, 1974)

(iii) Preparation of  $[\text{RuCl}_3(\text{NO})(\text{RCONHCOR}')] (R = \text{pyrrolyl-1 or pyrrolyl-2; } R' = \text{OC}_2\text{H}_5 \text{ or } \text{NH}_2)$  450 mg. of  $[\text{RuCl}_3(\text{NO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$  was dissolved in alcohol 15ml. under  $\text{N}_2$  with constant stirring. 250mg. of ligand solution in 10 ml. alcohol was added drop wise with constant stirring (1h) and refluxed (15min.) petroleum ether (40-60<sup>0</sup>) was added whereby precipitate of complex was formed. It was filtered washed several times with petroleum ether and dried in Vacuum.

(iv) Preparation of  $[\text{RuCl}_3 \text{ NO R CONHCOR}'] (R = \text{Pyrrolyl-1 or pyrrolyl-2, } R' = -\text{NHPh})$  500mg. of  $[\text{RuCl}_3(\text{NO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$  was dissolved with magnetic stirring in 30ml.  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and then a solution of ligand 200mg. in 20ml.  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was mixed to it. The stirring was continued for 2h and then resultant reaction mixture was kept in ice cold water. A crystalline compound was formed, filterd, washad with ether and dried in vacuum.

(v)  $[\text{RuCl}_3(\text{NO})(\text{RCONHCOR}')] (R = \text{thiophenyl, } R' = \text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)$   
 $[\text{RuCl}_3(\text{NO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$  (400mg.) and ligand (250mg.) was refluxed in n-butanol (10ml.) for 2h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and remaining oil was dried in vacuo. Water (6ml) was added. The solution was decanted into a beaker and allowed to stand at room temperature. 3 days latter orange crystals were formed, filtered off and dried in vacuum.

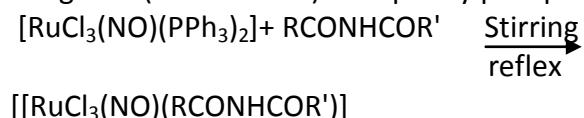
## Analyses

The analyses of ruthenium, sulphur, chloride wee carried out by the standard methods (Vogel, 1986). Carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen analyses were performed by the micro analytical section of Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (U.P.), India. The analytical results are given in table 1.

The IR spectra, magnetic susceptibilities measurements and UV visible spectra of complexes and ligands have been taken in Chemistry Department B.H.U., Varanasi.

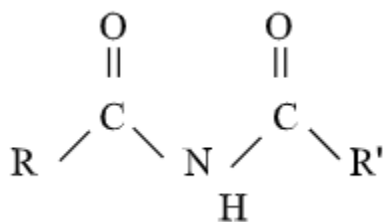
## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A series of ruthenium (III) nitrosyl carboxamide complexes were synthesized by Substitution of ligands ( $\text{RCONHCOR}'$ ) to triphenylphosphine in  $(\text{RuCl}_3(\text{NO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ .



The dark coloured compounds were isolated and analysed. The analytical data are in good agreement with stoichiometry proposed (Table-1). All the compounds are air stable, non hygroscopic, Soluble in most of the common organic Solvents and partially soluble in water. The molar conductances of the complexes in  $10^{-2}\text{M}$  N,N'-dimethyl formamide ( 50-60  $\text{Ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$ ) indicates non electrolyte.

The title ligands  $R\text{ CONHCOR}'$  are similar to  $\beta$ -diketones. The principal advantage with these ligand lies in the fact that properties and flexibility of ligands can be varied by changing  $\text{CH}_2$  group in  $\beta$ -diketones as well as  $R$  and  $R'$  by various groups. These ligands are abbreviated as follows:



**Figure 1.**

$R = 2\text{-Pyrrolyl}$ ,  $R' = \text{NH}_2$ ; N- Carbamoylpyrrole-2-carboxamide (CPC)

$R = 2\text{-Pyrrolyl}$ ,  $R' = \text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$ ; N- Ethoxycarbonylpyrrole-2-Carboxamide(EPC)

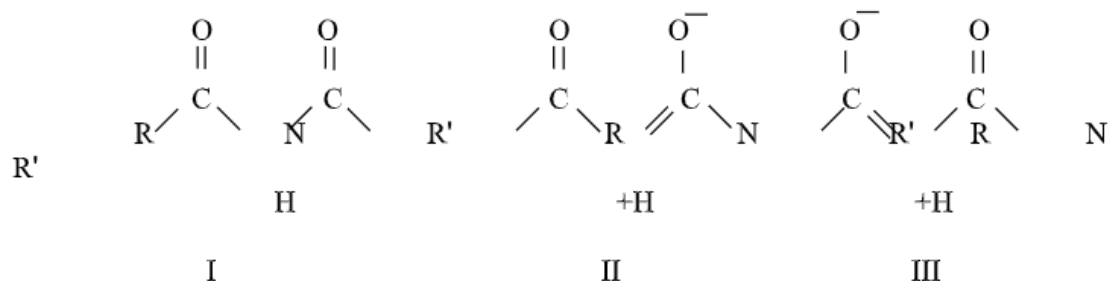
$R = 2\text{-Pyrrolyl}$ ,  $R' = \text{NHPh}$ ; N- Ethoxycarbamoylpyrrole-2-Carboxamide(EPC)

$R = 1\text{-Pyrrolyl}$ ,  $R' = \text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$ ; N- Ethoxycarbonylpyrrole-1-Carboxamide(EPD)

$R = 1\text{-Pyrrolyl}$ ,  $R' = \text{NHPh}$ ; N- Ethoxycarbamoylpyrrole-1-Carboxamide(EPN)

$R = 2\text{-thiophenyl}$ ,  $R' = \text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$ ; N- Ethoxycarbonylthiophene-2-Carboxamide(ETC)

The complexing abilities of these carboxamides can be best understood in terms of resonance structure given below.



The absence of absorption bands in region  $2500\text{-}2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the IR spectra of ligands and complexes suggested that they are present in one form and not in ol form. The absence of absorption bands owing to  $\nu(\text{OH})$  and  $\delta(\text{OH})$  in ligands spectra are also indicative of keto form. So, it is believed that structure-I is dominant in the course of reactions.

The IR bands of pyrrole moiety in CPC, EPC, EPC, EPD and EPN at  $2990, 1550, 1470, 1450, 1140, 995, 750, 520,$  and  $440\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , thiophenyl moiety at  $3050, 1660, 1590, 750$  and  $700\text{ cm}^{-1}$  do not undergo any considerable amount of shift after the complex formation because nitrogen atom of pyrrole (Singh et.al. 1980) and thiophene sulphur atom in thiophenyl ring is poorly basic on account of involvement of lone pair of electron in delocalization processes. Nitrogen atom of  $\text{-NHPh}$  group will not participate in bonding with ruthenium ion owing to the involvement of lone pair on nitrogen atom in phenyl ring.

Oxygen atom of  $\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$  is also poorly basic, so its participation in any type of metal-ligand bonding is too less. Therefore, it is assumed that bonding of ruthenium(III) occurs via  $\text{C(O)NH C(O)-}$  moiety of ligand ( $\text{RCONHCOR'}$ ).

The IR spectra of ligands exhibited characteristic band at  $1680\text{--}1720\text{ cm}^{-1}$  due amide band I having major contribution of  $\text{--CO}$  group in each ligands, shifted lower wave number side ( $\sim 40\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), indicating coordination through Oxygen of carbonyl group. Bonding of ruthenium ion (electron withdrawing group) with oxygen atom of carbonyl group of ligand will shift amide band II and III and the band due to  $\nu(\text{C--O})$  of  $(\text{--C--OC}_2\text{H}_5)$  group towards higher wave number (Colthup et.al. 1975).

The broad bands due to amide band II at  $1340$  and  $1270\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and amide band III at  $1210\text{ cm}^{-1}$  also shifted towards higher wave number  $\nu(\text{CO})$  of  $(\text{--C--OC}_2\text{H}_5)$  shifted towards higher wave number ( $+30\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) present in the spectra of ligands. This also confirms the bonding of ruthenium ion through carbonyl of the ligand.

The IR spectra of complexes  $[\text{RuCl}_3(\text{NO})(\text{R CONHCOR'})]$  exhibited bands at  $1930\text{--}1950\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . These absorption bands are assumed due to stretch frequencies of nitrosyl group in complexes (Prinaka De et.al. 2009) indicating  $\{\text{Ru--NO}\}^6$  configuration. The nitrosyl  $\pi^*$  MO will monopolise  $d\pi$  electron of ruthenium ion thereby decreasing the stretching frequency  $\nu(\text{Ru--Cl})$  trans to it and strengthening Ru-N bond. The presence of absorption band at  $600\text{--}630\text{ cm}^{-1}$  also reveals the formation of Ru-N bond from nitrosyl group.

The new bands in all the complexes at  $600\text{--}620\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to couple vibrations of M-O bonds. The absorption bands of  $\text{T(NH)}$  of uncoordinated ligand were observed at  $600$  and  $650\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the spectra of complexes.

### Electronic Spectra

Electronic spectra of all the ligand and complexes were recorded in  $10^{-2}$  molar  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solutions. These absorption bands along with their assignments are given in table-2. These assignments are based on the molecular orbital diagram applicable to coordinated nitric oxide in complexes elsewhere (Mingos, 1989). Ruthenium ion in octahedral environment of ligands would exhibit theoretically four transition  $^1\text{A}_{1g}$

$^3\text{T}_{1g}$ ,  $^3\text{T}_{2g}$  and  $^1\text{A}_{1g} \longrightarrow ^1\text{T}_{1g}$ ,  $^1\text{T}_{1g}$ . The two spin forbidden bands are rarely observed owing to very poor intensities. But rest of two spin allowed transitions are generally observed in electronic spectra of ruthenium ion octahedral complexes. However, these transition also are masked some time owing to presence of intense charge transfer bands. Thus, on the basis of spectral (IR, UV and visible), magnetic, and conductometric studies the following tentative structures of complexes is proposed.

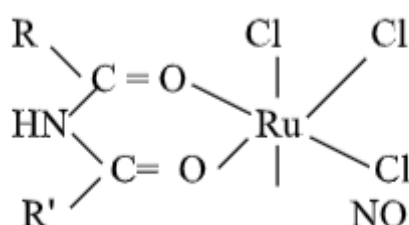


Figure 2.

Table 1.

Compound s	Colour	M.P. °C	Magnetic Moments	Found ( Coled) %						Ln (ohm <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )
				C	H	N	C1	S	Ru	
[RuCl <sub>3</sub> NO (CPC)]	Brown	125	D	18.22 (18.43)	1.86 (1.79)	14.26 (14.34)	27.48 (27.27)	-	25.64 25.86	40
[RuCl <sub>3</sub> (NO)(EPC)]	Orange	120	D	22.62 (22.88)	2.46 (2.38)	9.86 (10.01)	25.50 (25.38)	-	23.88 (24.07)	40
[RuCl <sub>3</sub> NO (EPP)]	Light Yellow	122	D	30.68 (30.86)	2.46 (2.35)	11.96 (12.00)	22.74 (22.82)	-	21.80 (21.65)	45
[RuCl <sub>3</sub> (NO)(EPD)]	Dark Yellow	118	D	22.60 (22.88)	2.56 (2.38)	9.90 (10.01)	25.56 (25.38)	-	23.86 (4.07)	50
[RuCl <sub>3</sub> (NO)(EPN)]	Dark Brown	130	D	30.76 (30.86)	2.58 (2.35)	11.92 (12.00)	22.90 (22.82)	-	21.58 (21.65)	35
[RuCl <sub>3</sub> (NO)(ETC)]	Orange	110	D	21.88 (21.99)	2.14 (2.06)	6.22 (6.41)	24.54 (24.39)	7.48 (7.33)	23.02 (23.13)	40

**ANALYTICAL DATA, COLOUR, MELTING POINT, MAGNETIC MOMENTS & MOLAR CONDUCTANCE**

Table 2.

**ELECTRONIC SPECTRAL DATA OF THE LIGANDS, COMPLEXES AND THEIR ASSIGNMENTS**

Compounds	$\lambda$ max (nm)	Peak Assignments
C P C	400	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
	280	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
[RuCl <sub>3</sub> (NO)(CPC)]	360	IL
	480	CL
E P C	410	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
	350	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
[RuCl <sub>3</sub> (NO)(EPC)]	350	IL
	460	CT
E P P	350	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
	300	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
[RuCl <sub>3</sub> (NO)(EPP)]	370	IL
	480	CT
E P D	405	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
	355	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
[RuCl <sub>3</sub> (NO)(EPD)]	500	$^1A_{1g} \rightarrow ^1T_{1g}$
	460	IL
	340	CT
E P N	410	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
	340	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
[RuCl <sub>3</sub> (NO)(EPN)]	520	$^1A_{1g} \rightarrow ^1T_{1g}$
	470	IL
	380	CT
E T C	410	$n \rightarrow \pi^*$
	290	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
[RuCl <sub>3</sub> (NO)(ETC)]	510	$^1A_{1g} \rightarrow ^1T_{1g}$
	460	IL
	380	CT

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