



Microwave Assisted Synthesis and Characterisation of Diamagnetic Complexes

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Abstract

New Cadmium and Mercury complexes with mixed ligands 4-hydroxypyridine and Cyanate ion were synthesised using microwave field. These complexes were characterized by analytical and spectral studies. And also by electrochemical and thermal behavior, the formulae and the geometry of the complexes were confirmed.

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Introduction

Cadmium and Mercury complexes have wide range of Industrial and Bioactivities¹. From paints to pharmaceutical and from thermometer to dental chemistry both cadmium and mercury complexes are largely used². Some of these complexes were prepared using microwave field using domestic microwave oven³. By microwave field, the complexes were prepared in few minutes with moderately high yield, and of pure product⁴. Here complexes are prepared using MW field and thus prepared complexes are characterized by elemental analysis, metal estimation, electrical conductance, IR, UV-visible and NMR spectra. Finally cyclic electrochemical and thermal studies are carried out to derive the formulae and geometry of the complexes.

Material and Methods

Metal nitrate and metal chloride are of AnalaR grade. The solvents viz., DMSO, acetonitrile, DMF, methanol, ethanol used are also of AnalaR grade and used as such. 4-hydroxypyridine was purchased from Alfa Aesar company.

Instrumental Analysis: For elemental analysis Elementar Vario EL III was used. Metal estimation for cadmium was done volumetrically and for mercury gravimetrically. Electrical conductivity measurements were carried out in acetonitrile medium (10^{-3} M) at 30°C and was determined using a digital conductivity bridge (Equiptronics, EQ 660). The magnetic susceptibility measurements were done by Lakeshore VSM-7410. IR spectra were recorded using Perkin Elmer Spectrum RXI in 4000-400 cm^{-1} range with KBr pellet technique. The cyclic voltammetric measurement was done by Princeton applied research, model –versa stat mc. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in DMSO using Bruker AV III 500 MHz FT NMR spectrometer (TMS as internal standard reference). Thermal analysis was done in Perkin Elmer, Diamond TGA / DTA instrument.

Synthesis of Complexes: The mixture of cadmium nitrate and mercuric chloride in methanol of about 1g each (3.22 mmol and 3.64 mmol respectively) with 4-hydroxypyridine 0.61g and 0.69g (6.42 mmol and 7.26mmol respectively) was irradiated in a microwaveoven for 10 seconds. Then sodium cyanate to the value of 0.42g and 0.47g (6.46 mmol and 7.23 mmol respectively) in ethanol medium was added with the resultant and the whole mixture was irradiated for about 10 seconds. The complexes precipitated were filtered, washed with ethanol and dried and kept in air tight container.

Results and Discussion

From elemental analysis, metal estimation and electrical conductance values of the complexes were found to be non electrolytes⁵. The electrical conductance values along with elemental analysis and percentage yield are given in table-1.

Infrared Spectra: Only important vibrational frequencies of 4-HP and OCN ion and its cadmium and mercury complexes have been collected.

The –OH absorption frequency for 4-HP is at 3425 cm^{-1} . This value is shifted to 3463 cm^{-1} and 3444 cm^{-1} in cadmium and mercury complexes respectively⁶⁻⁸. The C-H aromatic ring stretching frequency is at 2932 cm^{-1} for 4-HP and it is shifted to 2957 cm^{-1} and 2993 cm^{-1} respectively for cadmium and mercury complexes. The C \equiv N frequency for 4-HP is 1377 cm^{-1} is also shifted to 1403 cm^{-1} and 1394 cm^{-1} respectively in cadmium and mercury complexes. This shift in the corresponding values confirms the ligand 4-HP binding to their corresponding metal centers.

The symmetric stretching frequency of OCN⁻¹ ion is at 1255 cm^{-1} . This on complexation with cadmium and mercury shifts to 1275 cm^{-1} and 1260 cm^{-1} respectively. The asymmetric stretching frequency of OCN⁻¹ ion is at 2220 cm^{-1} which also shift to lower frequency at 1980 cm^{-1} and 2105 cm^{-1} in cadmium

and mercury complexes which further confirms the ligand entry into the co-ordination sphere (table-2, figure-1, figure-2).

Electronic Spectra: The electronic configuration of Cd(II) and Hg(II) complexes is d^{10} , which confirms the absence of any d-d transitions. But the blue shift absorption band in their spectra is suffered by Hypo or Hyper chromic effect^{9,10}. They exhibit charge transfer transition at 300 nm and 301 nm respectively resulting in pseudotetrahedral geometry (table-3, figure-3, figure-4).

¹H NMR Spectra: For 4-HP the δ value for phenolic OH, aromatic H and H-C=N are δ 8.9, δ 7.3 and δ 2.5 respectively and these values show a shift in cadmium and mercury complexes, thus confirming the ligand 4-HP entry into the coordination sphere¹¹ (table-4, figure-5).

¹³C NMR SPECTRA: The shift in the values of 4-HP and OCN in complexes with respect to free ligand well proves its coordination to metal centers¹². The values of the signal are shown in table-5, figure-6.

Electrochemical Behavior: The electrochemical properties of complexes in solution are studied by cyclic voltammetric

technique¹³. The voltammograms of complexes are obtained in acetonitrile solution on platinum electrode with a scan rate of 0.5V/s. Cadmium and mercury complexes are involved in reversible electrochemical process at the voltage range of (-0.97) – (-1.09) V and (-0.69) – (-0.92) V respectively. Anodic oxidation of these complexes are oxidized in more positive values¹⁴ figure-7.

Thermal Analysis: Thermograms are recorded in nitrogen temperature with 200ml per minute at a heating rate of 10⁰C per minute. Thermogram of cadmium and mercury complexes indicate the total weight loss of about 98% around 725⁰C. which is observed in three steps. A small weight loss at 120⁰C – 170⁰C was 8.8% which is assigned to the loss of OCN to form CO₂. Secondly, weight loss in the range 330⁰C -395⁰C was 17.6% which corresponds to the loss of one mole of 4-HP. The third weight loss in the range 490⁰C to 551⁰C with 23% was due to the loss of another one mole of 4-HP. And a small exothermic reaction at 605⁰C -630⁰C was noticed and this may be due to the nitrogen in OCN and 4-HP which form NO₂. Above this temperature metal oxide is formed¹⁵⁻¹⁷. Similar result occurs for mercury complex (table-6, figure-8).

Table-1
Analytical data of the complexes

S. No.	Complex	Colour	Yield %	Elemental Analysis				Electrical Conductance Ohm ⁻¹ cm ² mol ⁻¹
				C%	H%	N%	Metal%	
1.	[Cd(4-HP) ₂ (OCN) ₂]	Pale Brown	81.9	(37.25)	(2.58)	(14.47)	(26.82)	72.6
				(37.27)	(2.60)	(14.49)	(26.84)	
2.	[Hg(4-HP) ₂ (OCN) ₂]	Colourless	50.7	(30.35)	(2.10)	(11.77)	(39.54)	76.4
				(30.37)	(2.12)	(11.79)	(39.56)	

(Theoretical values are given in parenthesis)

Table-2
IR spectral data of 4-HP and cyanate ion complexes (cm⁻¹)

S. No	Compound	-OH	C-H Aromatic	C≡N	(OCN) Symmetric Stretching	(OCN) Asymmetric Stretching
1.	4-HP	3425	2932	1377	-	-
2.	[Cd(4-HP) ₂ (OCN) ₂]	3463	2957	1403	1275	1980
3.	[Hg(4-HP) ₂ (OCN) ₂]	3444	2993	1394	1260	2105

Table-3
UV-Visible spectral data of 4-HP and cyanate ion complexes (nm)

S. No	Compound	λ max (nm)	Assignment	Probable Geometry
1.	[Cd(4-HP) ₂ (OCN) ₂]	300	Charge transfer	Pseudotetrahedral
2.	[Hg(4-HP) ₂ (OCN) ₂]	301	Charge transfer	Pseudotetrahedral

Table-4
¹H NMR spectral data of compounds (δ)

S. No	Compound	Phenolic -OH	Aromatic -H	H- C≡N
1.	4-HP	8.9	7.3	2.5
2.	[Cd(4-HP) ₂ (OCN) ₂]	7.7	6.8	2.5
3.	[Hg(4-HP) ₂ (OCN) ₂]	7.7	6.2	2.5

Table-5
¹³C NMR Spectral data of compounds (ppm)

S. No	Compound	Aromatic Carbon	C≡N	C-OH
1.	4-HP	120	140	155
2.	[Cd(4-HP) ₂ (OCN) ₂]	117	143	155
3.	[Hg(4-HP) ₂ (OCN) ₂]	116	142	155

Table-6
 Thermal analysis data of cadmium complex

S. No	Complex	Type of degradation	Temperature		% Degradation	Possible Species Evolved
			Start ^o C	End ^o C		
1.	[Cd(4-HP) ₂ (OCN) ₂]	Endothermic reaction	120 ^o C	170 ^o C	8.8	Two moles of (OCN) One mole of 4-HP Another mole of 4-HP
			330 ^o C	395 ^o C	17.6	
			490 ^o C	551 ^o C	23.0	
		Exothermic Reaction	605 ^o C	630 ^o C		Nitrogen explode With oxygen
		Endothermic Reaction	Above	630 ^o C		Metal oxide

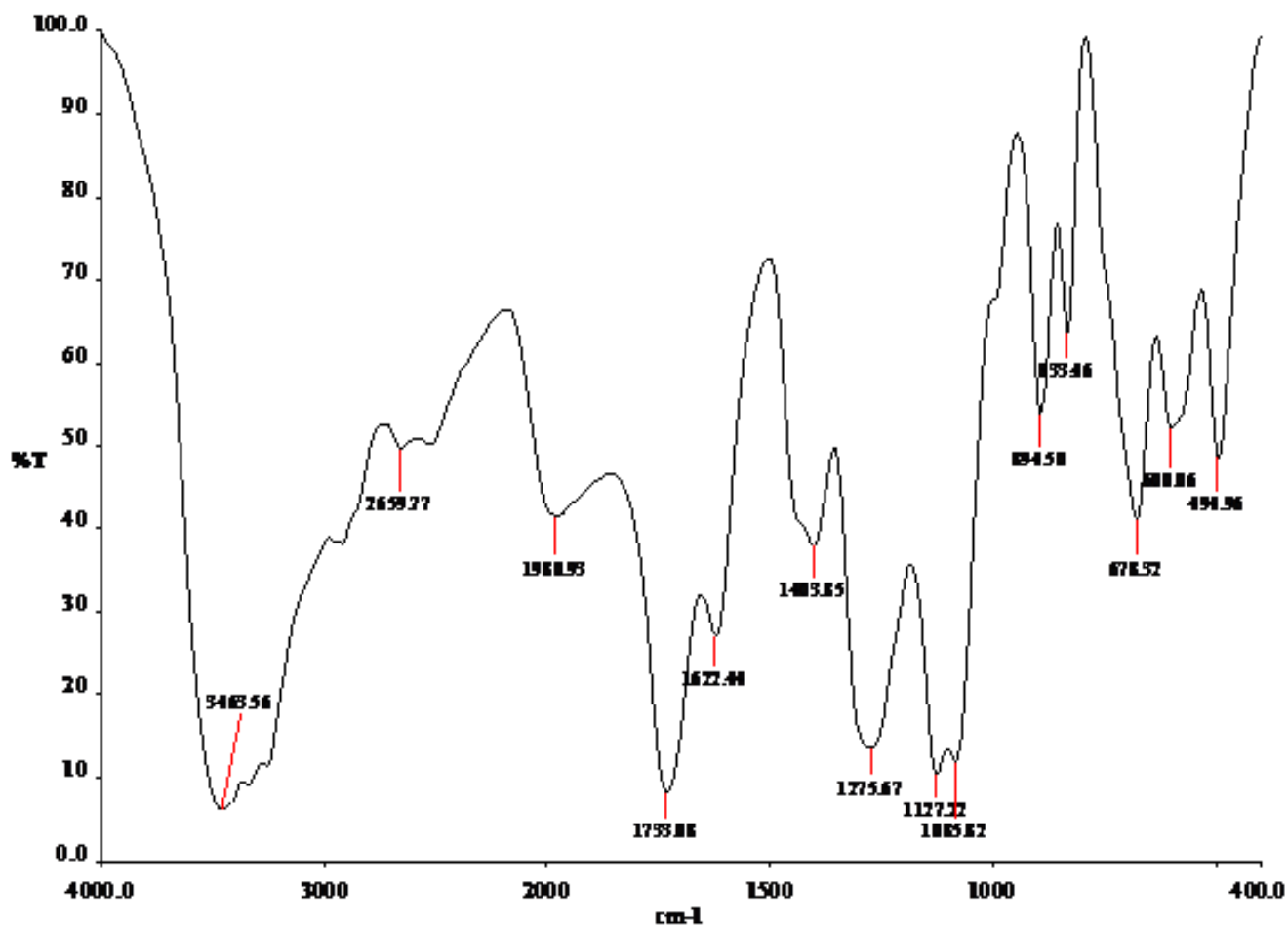


Figure-1
 IR Spectrum of Cadmium complex

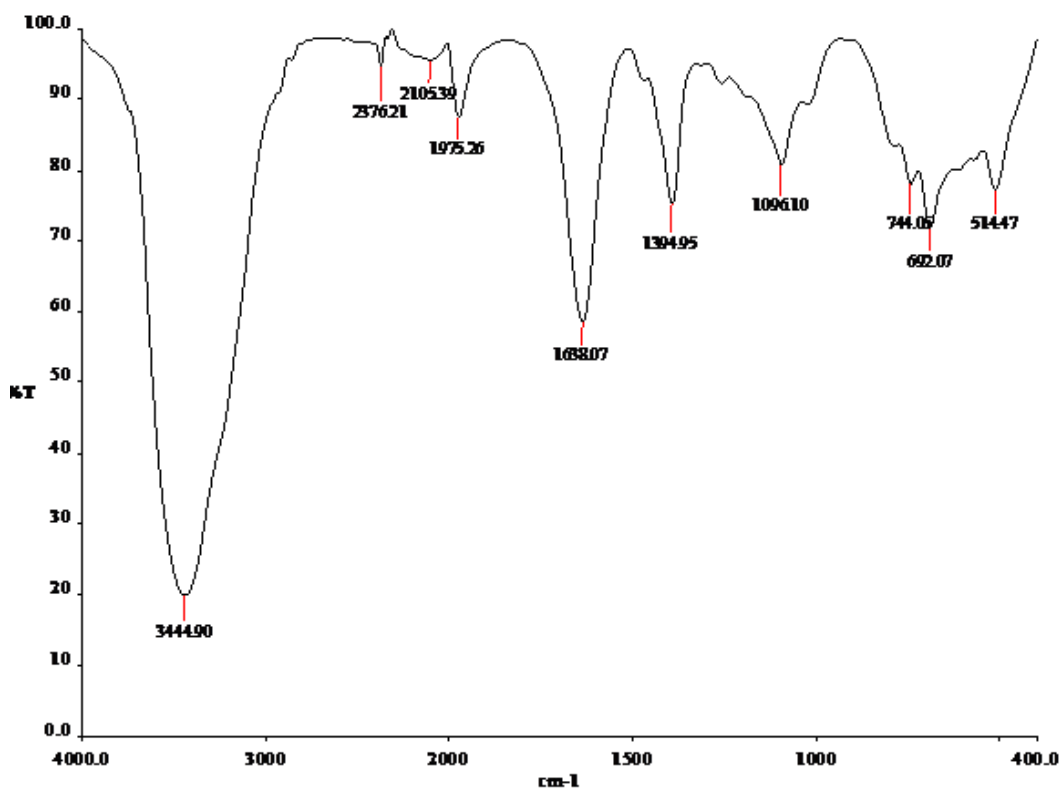


Figure-2
IR Spectrum of Mercury complex

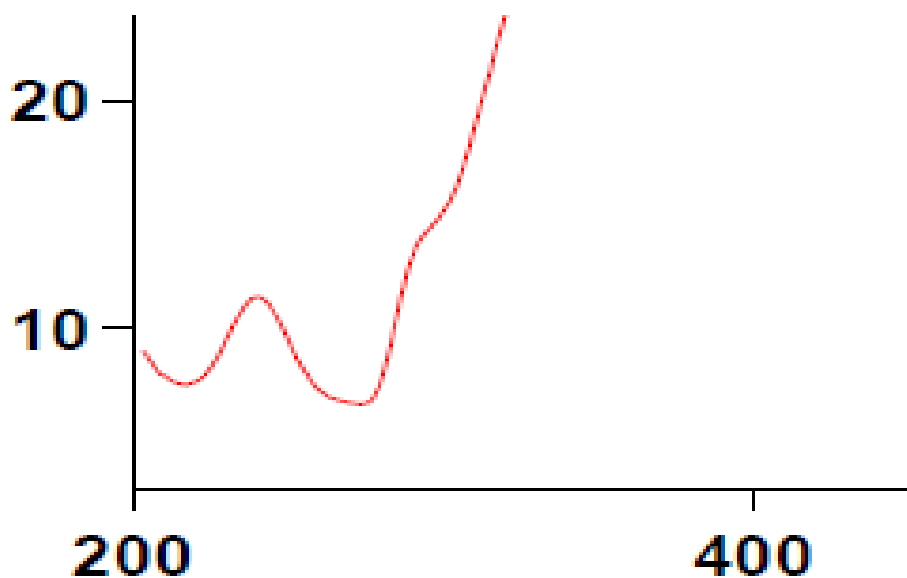


Figure-3
UV Spectrum of Cadmium complex (%R Vs Wavelength (nm))

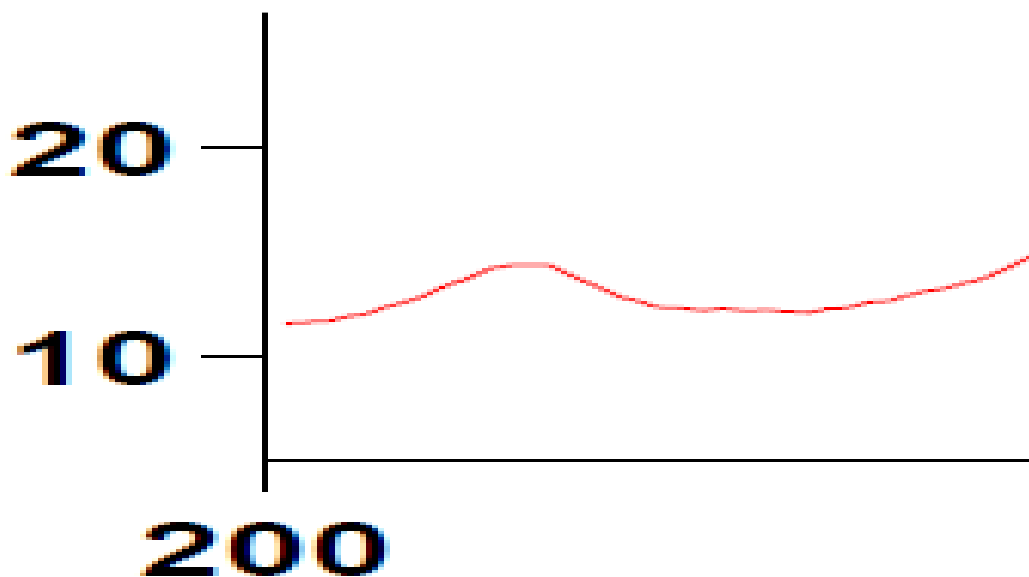


Figure-4
UV Spectrum of Mercury complex (%R Vs Wavelength (nm))

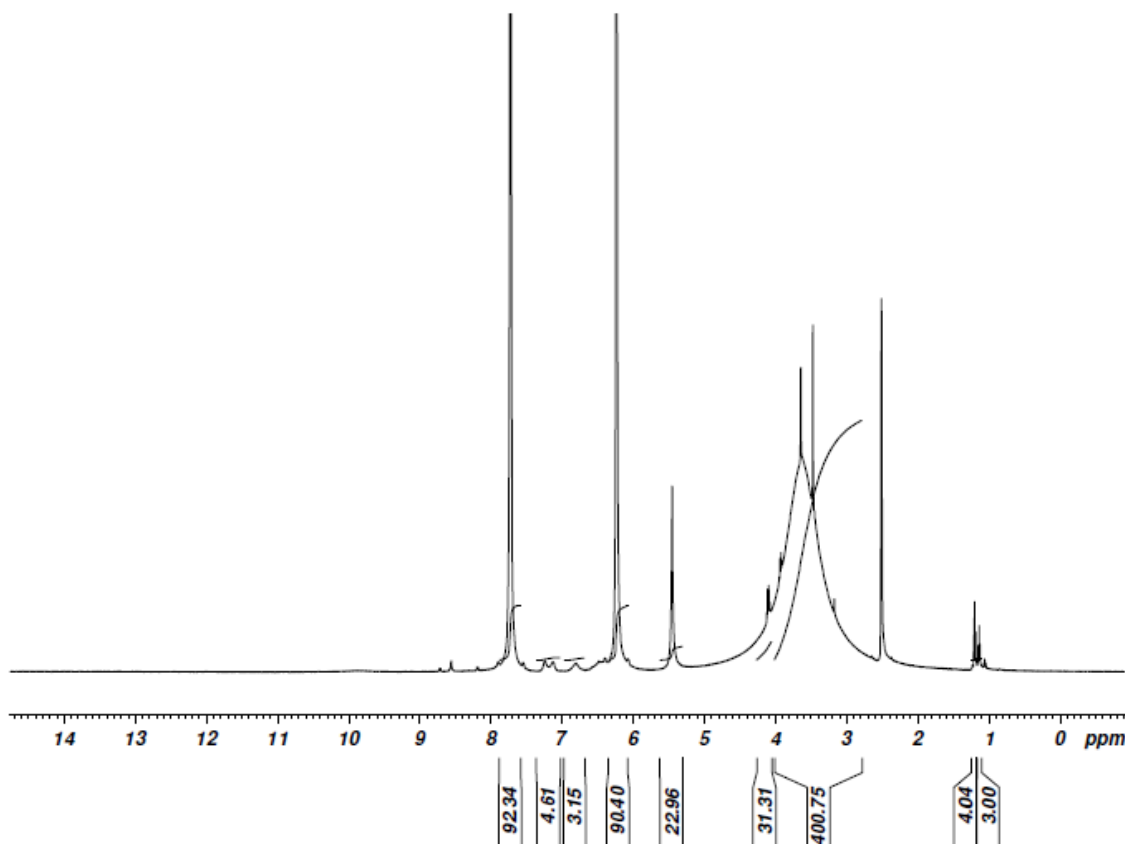


Figure-5
¹H NMR Spectrum of Mercury complex

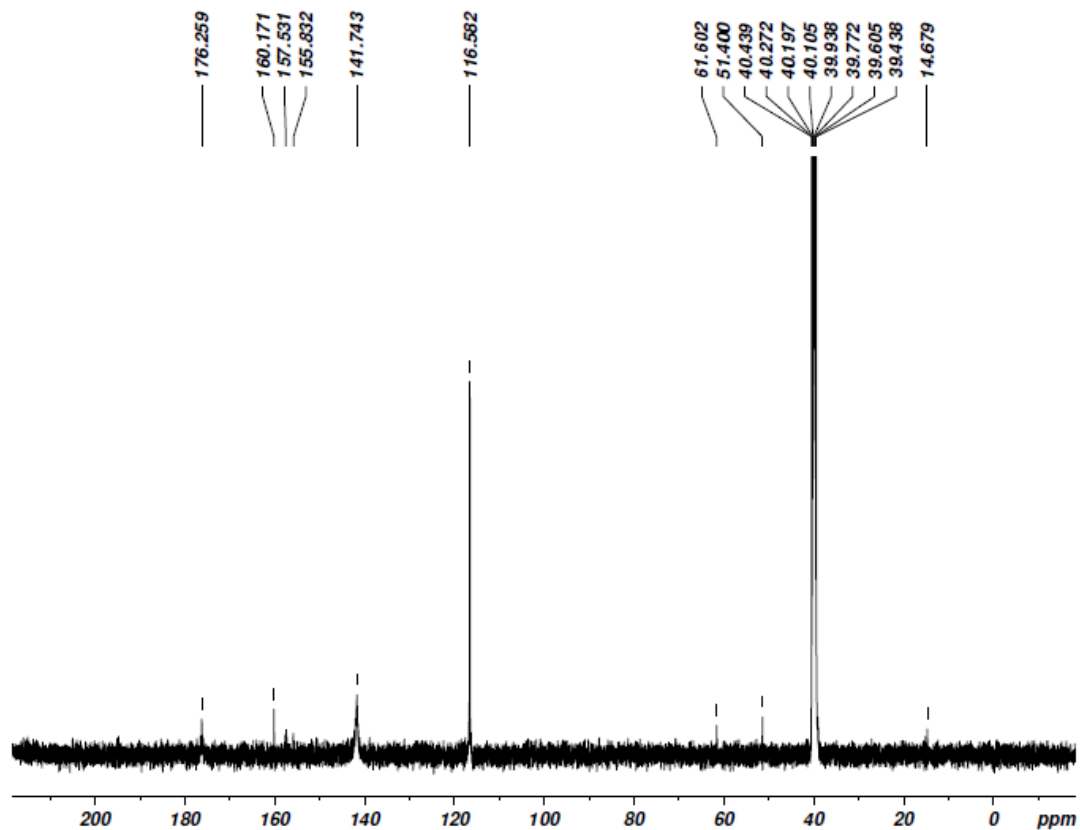


Figure-6
¹³C NMR Spectrum of Mercury complex

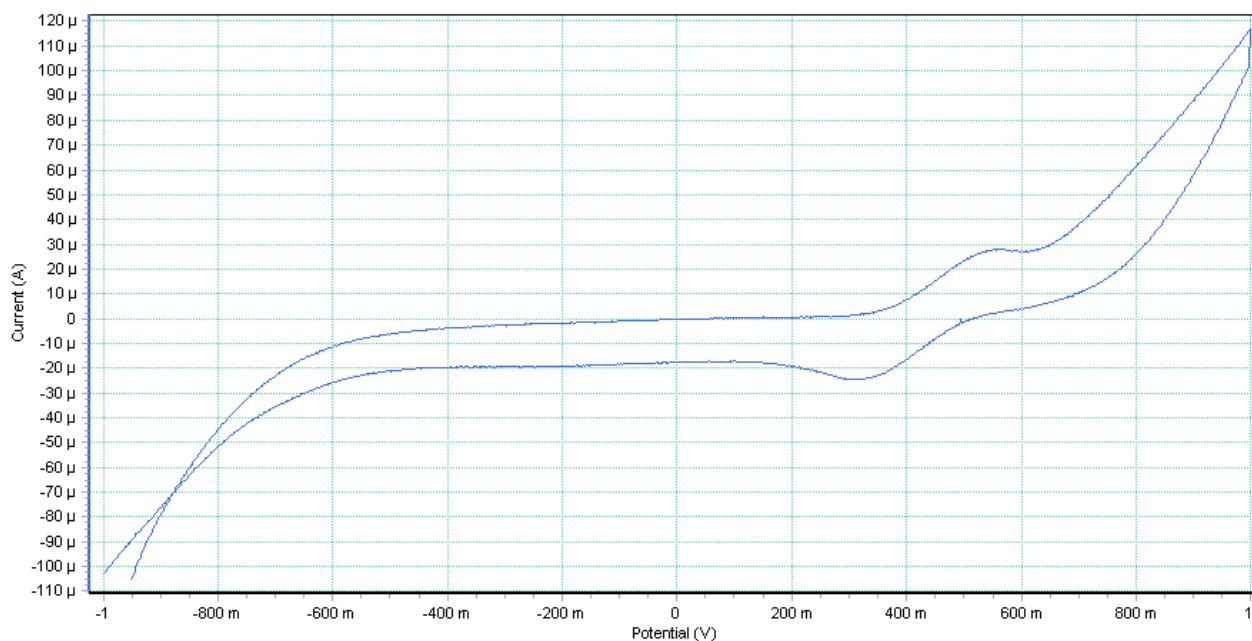


Figure-7
Cyclic voltammogram of cadmium complex

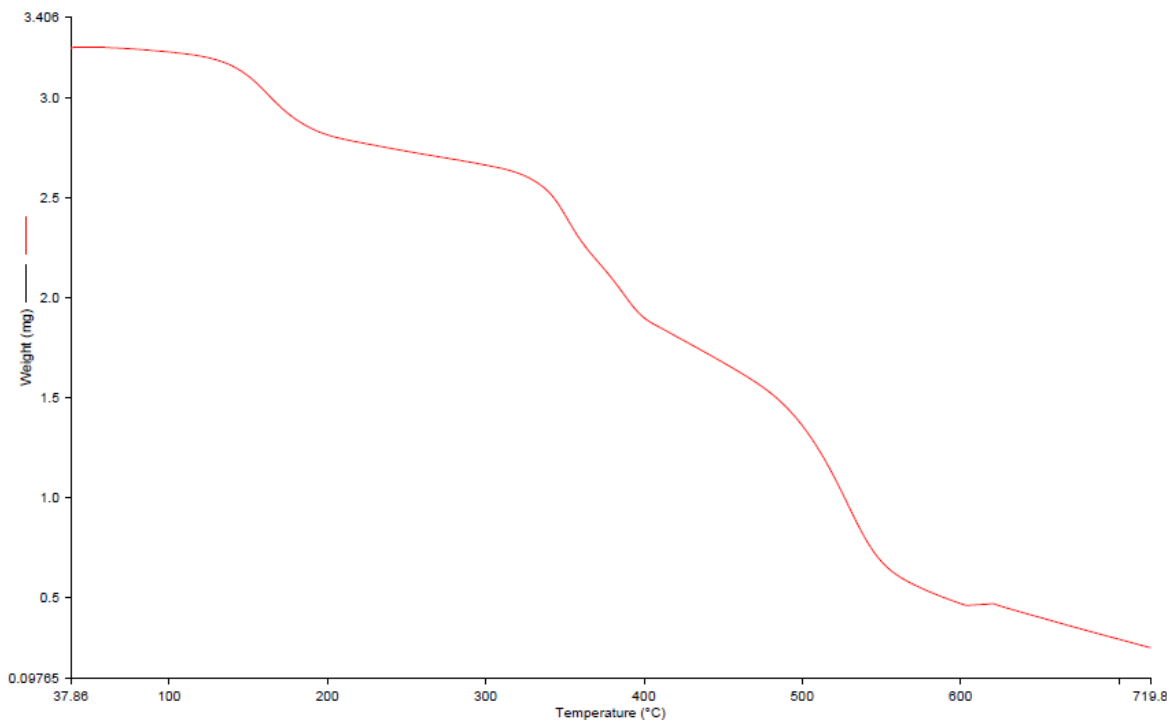


Figure-8
Thermogram of Cadmium complex

Conclusion

Complexes of cadmium and mercury with 4-hydroxypyridine and cyanate ion were synthesized and from their analytical and spectral studies along with electrochemical and thermal studies their formulae were confirmed as $[\text{Cd}(4\text{-HP})_2(\text{OCN})_2]$ and $[\text{Hg}(4\text{-HP})_2(\text{OCN})_2]$ and they have pseudotetrahedral geometry.

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