

The Effect of Metal Complexes of DL – Methionine on Some Biochemical Parameters

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Abstract : The donor properties of the amino acid Methionine $\text{CH}_3\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{NH}_2)\text{COOH}$ (HMT), were investigated for a number of transition Metal Ions, $\text{Co}(\text{II})$, $\text{Ni}(\text{II})$, $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$, $\text{Zn}(\text{II})$, $\text{Cd}(\text{II})$, $\text{Hg}(\text{II})$, $\text{Pb}(\text{II})$. Methionine behaves as an anionic ligand (Mt) and generally forms neutral complexes, M^nMt_2 the metal attains its usual higher coordination number by linking with the (N) atom of $-\text{NH}_2$ group and with one or both the (O) atom of the $-\text{COO}^-$ group. In these complexes the (S) atom of the $-\text{SCH}_2$ group is still available for coordination. To help in the structural study of Methionine complexes a number of complexes were prepared and investigated. The effect of Methionine with detoxic (Pb, Hg, Cd) on Glutathione s- Transfers and MDA were investigated.

Key words: Metal Complexes , DL – Methionine , Biochemical Parameters

Introduction

The use of chelating agents in biology and medicine has been said to have only just begun (1). It has been observed recently that metal chelating apparently plays definite role in the cause and treatment of cancer but just how is still matter for conjecture (2, 3). There are indications that some metal chelates of ligands which have anticancer activity are more carcinostatic than the free ligands (3, 4).

DL-Methionine, $\text{CH}_3\text{SCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{NH}_2)\text{COOH}$ {MtH}, Cannot be synthesized in the body, it is an essential amino acid which must be present in the diet (5).

It is well known that amino carboxylic acid acts as negatively charged chelating ligand toward metal Ions, coordinating both through the $-\text{NH}_2$ and the $-\text{COO}^-$ groups, In contrast only sparse information is available on the donor ability of sulfur - contain amino acid, in which the sulfur atom is also a possible ligating site. For the anion of cysteine $-\text{SCH}_2-\text{CH}(\text{NH}_2)\text{COO}^-$, both sulfur to metal and oxygen to metal bonds have been shown to exist in solid complexes of $\text{Zn}(\text{II})$, $\text{Cd}(\text{II})$, and $\text{Hg}(\text{II})$, whereas sulfur and nitrogen appear to be the ligating atoms toward $\text{Ni}(\text{II})$ in aqueous solution (1- 5).

The data available in the literature showed that methionine is capable of coordination through the $-\text{SCH}_2$ as well as through the $-\text{NH}_2$ and $-\text{COO}^-$ groups and is potentially tridentate chelating ligand. On the other hand, since the (S) atom of this ether group (class b base) differs markedly in its donor properties from the N atoms of an amino group and the (O) atom of a carboxylate group (both class a bases), methionine may not tend to coordinate with a given metal ion as a tridentate chelating ligand (S, N, and O donor atoms). More likely Methionine could be expected to act as a bidentate chelating ligand and use different pairs of different metal atoms (6,7,8).

Experimental

Starting materials- DL- methionine, analytical grade metal salts were used without further purification.

Preparation and characterization of the complexes

Preparation -1-of the complexes Cu, Ni, Co.

The amino acid (1.3g) and sodium carbonate (0.5g) were dissolved in 70 ml of water at 80°C and the metal nitrate (Hexahydrate) was added with stirring (metal: amino acid mole ratio was

(1:2: 3) the resulting solution was concentrated under reduced pressure on a steam bath and then cooled in a refrigerator. after several hours the crystals which formed were filtered off , washed with water and ethanol , and dried in vacuum over P4O10 (9).

Preparation -2- a of the complex Hg ,Cd, pb ,Zn

An ethanol solution of the anhydrous metal chloride was added to ethanol solution of lithium methioninate, and the mixture was refluxed for 3h. the resulting solution was filtered hot and on cooling gave precipitate which was filtered, washed with ethanol, and dried in vacuo over P4O10 (10).

Preparation -2- b

The amino acid was added to a suspension of Li.OH.H₂O (slight excess over 1:1 mole ratio in ethanol and stirred at 60 ° for 20 min after filtration of the unreacted LiOH.H₂O, a solution of the metal perchlorate (Hexahydrate) in ethanol was added slowly . [the metal : amino acid mol ratio was 1:2 for the MⁿL₂ (metal complexes)] the precipitate which formed immediately was filtered washed with ethanol, and dried in vacuo over P4O10(11).

2- Determination of human erythrocyte

Malondialdehyde (MDA) (12).

3- Determination of Erythrocyte Glutathione S-Transfers (G.S.T) assay (13).

4- Albino-Swiss- Mice(40), 10 control ,10

Treated with pbCl₂ , 10 Treated with HgCl₂, 10 Treated with CdCl₂.

A=Group treated with pbCl₂ 200mg, HgCl₂ 200mg, CdCl₂200mg for one week.

B= Group treated with methionine 200mg for one week.

Results and Discussion

Methionine and its alkali metal salts reacted with metal ions which formed complexes containing the negative ligand , CH₃SCH₂CH₂CH(NH₂)Coo (Mt). neutral complexes MⁿMt₂ were generally obtained regardless of the experimental condition (Metal ligand ratio ,order of addition of reagents , solvent); however , with Ni(II) and Cu (II) different preparative methods yielded cationic, neutral ,or anionic complexes.

The metal-methionine complexes (Table 1) are crystalline, have rather high decomposition temperatures are stable to air, and, with after exception, are. Stable to moisture. Most of these complexes, once, isolated as solids, are insoluble in all solvent and consequently their structural study had to be limited to the solid state. For this reason, and because of the complexity of their

infrared spectra the geometric (cis – Trans) form of the complexes was not investigated.

Complexes with legend ML₂ (L =Mt and M=Co (II), Ni (II) and Cu (II)

The magnetic moment (Table1) and visible spectra of the Co (II) ,Ni (II) and Cu (II) methionine complexes , M Mt₂ , indicate that the central metal ion is six – coordinated with a high- spin, essentially octahedral, configuration. Therefore in these complexes each methionine anion ligates through three sites, and the two most likely possibilities are

1-Coordination via the N and S atoms and O atom of the –coo- group.

2-Coordination via the N atom and both O atom of the –coo- group.

The infrared spectra of the methionine (Table II) are very similar and the following are of interest.

1-The anti symmetric and symmetric carboxylate stretching vibration (coo-) of the methionine.

2-The sodium salt of methionine have three medium, well- resolved absorption bands between 3410 and 3274 cm⁻¹ ,all of which shift upon deuteration of the –NH₂ group .for this reason a well defined trend in the ν (NH₂) frequencies is not observable for the M Mt₂ complexes, although there is a general lowering of the absorption range .the range of the ν (NH₂) absorption for the Cu(II) complexes (3290-3130 cm⁻¹) is about 100 cm lower than for the other complexes (3370-3270 cm⁻¹) , suggesting that the M-N band is- as expected – strongest for Cu(II) .

3-Should the S atom of the –S CH₃ group coordinate to the metal in the complexes of methionine, a regular shift of GS stretching mod, which in aliphatic sulfide appear a weak band in the 600-700 cm reign.

Could not be identified with certainty in the spectra several other modes absorb in the some region .However, indirect evidence that the S atom of methionine is not involved in coordination is the fact that the deformation vibration of –CH₂ group. Zinc (II) , cadmium (II) , mercury (II) and lead (II) complexes.

These post- transition metal ions form , with methionine complexes. That type ML₂ , insoluble. In all solvent . the infrared spectra of the complexes show that both the – NH₂ and – coo- groups are coordinated; the range of absorption of the ν (NH₂) modes indicates that Hg (II)forms the strongest M-N bond. While the values of $\Delta\nu$ (coo-) indicate that the strength of M- O bond decreases in the order Pb > Zn>Hg> Cd the similarity between the methionine

complexes is very marked and indicates that the sulfur atom of methionine is not involved in coordination even for these heavy post-transition metals, which may be expected to have an affinity for the –SCH₂ group. These complexes may then be considered to be structurally similar to ML₂ complexes of the first row transition metals (9,14).

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Table (1): Formulas, analytical data, and some properties of the metal complexes of methionine.

complexes	color	mp orde tamp c	meff B.M	prep method
(Co Mt ₂)n	pink	285	4.91	1
(Ni Mt ₂)n	Light blue	>300	3.18	1
(Cu Mt ₂)n	Deep blue	270	2.05	1
(Zn Mt ₂)n	White	280		2
(Cd Mt ₂)n	White	214		2
(Hg Mt ₂)n	Yellow	120		2
(Pb Mt ₂)n	White	214		2

Table (2):Formulas, analytical data. infrared absorption frequencies(cm-1) of properties of complexes of methionine.

complexes	$\nu(\text{NH}_3)^+$ $\nu(\text{NH}_2)$	$\delta(\text{NH}_3)^+$ $\delta(\text{NH}_2)$	$\nu(\text{COO}^-)$ antisym	$\nu(\text{COO}^-)$ sym
(Co Mt ₂)n	3360 _{sh} ,3342 _s , 3272 _s	1565 _{sh}	1587 _s	1410 _m
(Ni Mt ₂) n	3338 _m ,3276 _m	1587 _s	1617 _s	1399 _m
(Cu Mt ₂)n	3280 _s ,3236 _s , 3136 _w	1574 _s	1621 _s	1400 _s ,1392 _s
(Zn Mt ₂)n	3314 _s ,3292 _s ,3250 _s ,3154 _m	1572 _m	1610 _s	1334 _m 2
(Cd Mt ₂)n	3330 _m ,3247 _w ,3200 _{sh}	1570 _m	1500 _s	1410 _m
(Hg Mt ₂)n	3157 _m ,3090 _m	1573 _s	1597 _s	1400 _s
(Pb Mt ₂)n	3315 _s ,3250 _s ,3160 _w	1553 _s	1629 _s	1400 _s

Table (3):Erythrocyte G.S.T activity in-patients (pbCl2) and control group before and after treatment with methionine.

NO.	T.TEST	±S.D	mean G.S.T U.g-1Hb	SUBJECT
10		±0.075	0.95	Control
10	P<0.01	±0.42	1.44	(A)before treatment
10	N.S	±0.12	1.06	(B) after treatment

A=Group treatment pbCl2 200mg for 1 weak.

B= Group treatment methionine 200mg for 1 weak.

Table 3 A Group showed Increased Erythrocyte G.S.T activity in –patients (pbCl2) comparative with control group.

B Group showed decreed Erythrocyte G.S.T activity in –patients (pbCl2) comparative with A group(14).

Table (4):Erythrocyte G.S.T activity in-patients (HgCl2)and control group before and after treatment with methionine.

NO.	T.TEST	± S.D	Mean G.S.T.U.g-1Hb	SUBJECT
10		±0.077	0.95	Control
10	P<0.01	±0.40	1.42	A
10	N.S	±0.21	0.99	B

A=Group treatment HgCl2 200mg for 1 weak.

B= Group treatment methionine 200mg for 1 weak.

Table 4 A Group showed Increased Erythrocyte G.S.T activity in –patients (HgCl2) comparative with control group.

B Group showed decreed Erythrocyte G.S.T activity in –patients (HgCl2) comparative with A group (19).

Table (5):Erythrocyte G.S.T activity in-patients (CdCl2)and control group before and after treatment with methionine.

NO.	T.TEST	±S.D	meanGST	SUBJECT
10		±0.12	0.95	Control
10	P<0.001	±0.94	1.75	A
10	P<0.05	±0.87	1.06	B

A=Group treatment CdCl2200mg for 1 weak.

B= Group treatment methionine 200mg for 1 weak.

Table 5 A Group showed Increased Erythrocyte G.S.T activity in –patients (CdCl2) comparative with control group.

B Group showed decreed Erythrocyte G.S.T activity in –patients (CdCl2) comparative with A group(16).

Table (6):Erythrocyte (MDA) levels as an index of lipid peroxidation in patients (pbCl2) and control group before and after treatment with methionine.

NO.	T.TEST	±S.D	Mean MDA nmol/gHb	SUBJECT
10		±0.076	0.45	Control
10	P<0.001	±0.97	1.55	A
10	P<0.05	±0.27	0.87	B

A=Group treatment pbCl2200mg for 1 weak.

B= Group treatment methionine 200mg for 1 weak.

Table 6 A Group showed Increased Erythrocyte MDA lipid peroxidation in –patients(pbCl2) comparative with control group.

B Group showed decreed Erythrocyte MDA lipid peroxidation in –patients (pbCl2) comparative with A group.

Table (7):Erythrocyte (MDA) levels as an index of lipidperoxidation in patients(HgCl2) and control group before and after treatment with methionine.

NO.	T.TEST	± S.D	Mean MDA nmol/gHb	SUBJECT
10		±0.15	0.46	Control
10	P<0.001	±0.48	1.78	A
10	P<0.05	±0.82	0.88	B

A=Group treatment HgCl2 200mg for 1 weak.

B= Group treatment methionine 200mg for 1 weak.

Table 7 A Group showed Increased Erythrocyte MDA lipid peroxidation in –patients(HgCl2) comparative with control group.

B Group showed decreed Erythrocyte MDA lipid peroxidation in –patients (HgCl2) comparative with A group.

Table (8):Erythrocyte (MDA) levels as an index of lipidperoxidation in patients(CdCl2) and control group before and after treatment with methionine.

NO.	T.TEST	±S.D	mean MDA	SUBJECT
10		±0.15	0.45	Control
10	P<0.001	±0.97	1.76	A
10	P<0.05	±0.26	0.83	B

A=Group treatment CdCl2200mg for 1 weak.

B= Group treatment methionine 200mg for 1 weak.

Table 8 A Group showed Increased Erythrocyte MDA lipid peroxidation in –patients(CdCl2) comparative with control group.

B Group showed decreed Erythrocyte MDA lipid peroxidation in –patients (CdCl2) comparative with A group(17, 20).

تأثير معقدات الحامض الاميني الميثيونين مع أنواع من العناصر النزرة على بعض المتغيرات البايوكيميائية.

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الخلاصة

تتضمن الدراسة تأثير معقدات الحامض الاميني الميثيونين مع أنواع من العناصر النزرة الانتقالية مثل عنصر الكوبلت ، النيكل ، النحاس ، الزنك ، الكاديوم ، الزئبق ، الرصاص حيث ان الحامض الاميني الميثيونين يرتبط بأواصر تناسقية مع عدد من الذرات مثل ذرة النايتروجين الموجودة في مجموعة الأمين .ومع ذرة الاوكسجين الموجودة في مجموعة الكاربوكسيل . ومع ذرة الكبريت الموجودة في مجموعة الثايول. وتم دراسة تأثير معقدات الحامض الاميني الميثيونين مع العناصر الرصاص والزرنيق والكاديوم .على بعض المتغيرات البايوكيميائية والإنزيمية مثل إنزيم الكلوتاثايون اس _ ترانسفيريز والمالون داي الديهايد .