



Synthesis, Characterization, Structural, Electrochemical and Magnetic Studies of Monomeric $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(1\text{-MeIm})_6]\text{Cl}_2\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ Complex

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Abstract

Monomeric hexakis(1-methylimidazole)nickel(II) chloride monohydrate, $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(1\text{-MeIm})_6]\text{Cl}_2\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ has been synthesized and the geometry was determined using single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. Spectral characterizations were made using FTIR, UV-vis, Raman analysis. Structure of the title complex consists; Ni atom is coordinated with six 1-methylimidazole ligands and two chloride ions are present in the outer sphere. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction refinement confirmed that the molecule belongs to monoclinic crystal system (crystal data: space group $P2_1/n$, $a = 8.0678(2)$ Å, $b = 13.2216(5)$ Å, $c = 15.0738(5)$ Å, $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ$, $\gamma = 97.816(3)^\circ$, volume = 1592.98(9) Å³, $z = 5$) with octahedral geometry. Strong photoluminescence (PL) was observed at 311 nm. Electrochemical reduction was measured using cyclic voltammeter. The complex shows magnetic hysteresis ($H_{ci} = 88.242$ Oe, $M_s = 4.62$ memu/g, $M_r = 4.84.87$ $\mu\text{emu/g}$) indicating the existence of ferromagnetism.

Keywords: Monomeric nickel(II) octahedral complex; Crystal structure; Photoluminescence; Ferromagnetism.

1. INTRODUCTION

Imidazole and its derivatives have played a formative role in the development of coordination chemistry and molecular biology (Steel *et al.* 1990; Kounavi *et al.* 2010). The variety of spectroscopic properties, stoichiometries and magnetic observed led to an improved understanding of the geometry, bonding and spin state in complexes and provided a touchstone for bonding theories, only few studies concerning the luminescence behavior of such complexes have been reported (Steel *et al.* 1990;). Imidazoles are particularly interesting ligands in bioinorganic and metallo supramolecular chemistry. Further, bioinorganic models may also lead to compounds which mimic enzyme function and provide new reagents or catalysts for practical application. In spite of the enormous scientific literature on metal complexes with simple imidazoles as ligands, there is in fact relatively little known about the coordination and metallosupramolecular chemistry of heavily substituted imidazoles (Steel *et al.* 1990). Generally Mn(II), Fe(III), Co(III), Ni(II), Cu(II) and

Zn(II) imidazole complexes are important in areas such as biomedical, biological, and environmental applications (Buist *et al.* 2010). Occupational and/or environmental exposure to nickel has been implicated in various types of cancer (Giri *et al.* 2013). In vitro exposure to nickel compounds results in the accumulation of Ni(II) ions in cells, and recent studies have shown that Fe(II)- and α KG-dependent dioxygenases make up one group of major targets of Ni(II) ions inside the cell (Chen *et al.* 2009). Complexes of the type $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{imidazole})_6\text{X}_2$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}, \text{or } \text{NO}_3$) were readily obtained by precipitation with ether from ethanolic solutions. Attempts to prepare complexes containing a ligand-to-metal ratio of less than 6:1 were not successful by this method although pyridine readily forms complexes of the type $\text{Ni}(\text{pyridine})_4\text{X}_2$ and $\text{Ni}(\text{pyridine})_4\text{X}_2$. However, the complex $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{thiazole})_4\text{Cl}_2$ was obtained from a solution containing a 6 : 1 mole ratio. The present article reports the synthesis, characterization, photoluminescence, electrochemical and magnetic behavior of octahedral Ni(II)-1-methyl imidazoles complex.

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2. EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

2.1 Materials and methods

NiCl₂·6H₂O, 1-methyl imidazole (AR) and spectral grade KBr were purchased from Sigma Aldrich and used as received. Methanol and all other chemicals were purchased from Himedia and SD Fine Chemicals (India). Methanol was purified by repeated distillations over CaO. All other solvents were distilled before use and water was triply distilled over alkaline potassium permanganate in an all glass apparatus.

2.2 Instrumentation methods

Elemental analysis was performed on Thermo Scientific FLASH 2000 Organic Elemental Analyzer. The FTIR spectral investigations in the range 4000-400 cm⁻¹ were made on a Thermo Nicolet-6700 FTIR instrument was obtained using KBr pellet technique (range 4000 to 400 cm⁻¹). Raman spectra were collected on the Jobin Yvon Horibra LABRAMR1100 micro-Raman spectrophotometer with laser source He-Ne 633 nm and argon 488 nm. Electronic absorption spectral studies were undertaken in a Shimadzu (model 2450) double beam spectrophotometer with quartz cells with integrating sphere attachment (Model ISR-2200) using complex concentration (~150 μM) in acetonitrile. Steady state fluorescence emission was recorded on Spex FluoroLog-3 spectrofluorometer (Jobin-Yvon Inc.) using 450 W xenon lamp and equipped with a Hamamatsu R928 photomultiplier tube. The instrument works on the principle of time-correlated single photon counting (TCSPC) technique. Time-resolved fluorescence decay measurement was carried out using Nano-LED (λ_{exc} = 295 nm) source for excitation (repetition rate 10 kHz). The photons were collected from the front face of the sample with TBX-4-X single-photon-counting detector. Life times were determined by fitting the data to exponential decay models using software packages. The goodness of fit was assessed by minimizing the reduced chi-squared function (χ²) and visual inspection of the weighted residuals.

A crystal of [Ni^{II}(1-MeIm)₆]Cl₂·H₂O complex with size 0.38 mm × 0.31 mm × 0.21 mm was mounted on an Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur diffractometer with an Eos (Nova) detector consists ω and φ scan mode in the range of 2.00° < θ < 25.00°. All diffraction measurements were performed at 293(2) K using graphite monochromated Mo-Kα radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å). A total of 7764 reflections were collected. The structure was solved by direct methods and refinement by full-matrix least squares

on F² using 32-bit Olex2-1.1 version program. Hydrogen atoms were located from difference Fourier syntheses and included in the structure factor calculations with a riding model.

Cyclic voltammetry data were obtained using Autolab interface electrochemical analyzer consisting three electrode configuration such as; Pt working electrode (0.3 mm diameter), Pt electrode as auxiliary electrode and Ag/AgCl-KCl (sat.) reference electrode with Nova software, version: 2.9.3743-23, S. No. AUT84470. [Ni^{II}(1-MeIm)₆]Cl₂·H₂O in DMSO, DMF and acetonitrile with 0.1 M tetra-(n-butyl)ammonium perchlorate (TBAP) background electrolyte was employed. The system was deoxygenated by purging with nitrogen gas for 10-15 min before measurement at sweep rates namely 50 to 350 mV s⁻¹. Magnetic measurements were carried out using vibrating sample magnetometer (Lakeshore-7404) in powder form; sample vibration frequency 82.5 Hz, dynamic range (1 × 10⁻⁷) to 103 emu, maximum field at 1" gap: 15 kOe in *dc* magnetic field. Magnetic susceptibilities on selected crystalline samples of [Ni^{II}(1-MeIm)₆]Cl₂·H₂O in *dc* magnetic field were obtained under the selected field range ± 2000 Oe at the 298 K.

2.3 Preparation of [Ni(1-MeIm)₆]Cl₂·H₂O complex

Dissolve 1 g of NiCl₂·6H₂O in 3 ml. of EtOH. A little warming improves the rate of dissolution. Cool the solution in ice while adding 5 g (5.6 mL) of 1-methyl imidazole in EtOH. Additionally 1-methyl imidazole was slowly because the reaction is quite exothermic. After Cooling add 15 ml of cold ethanol to initiate crystallization. Keep cold for 10 min and collect the product on a Buchner funnel and wash with two 5 ml portions of ethanol. Finally Kept it in vacuum desiccators for a removal of moisture.

[Ni(1-MeIm)₆]Cl₂·H₂O; Recrystallized from ethanol to give green colored crystal, yield 0.84 g, 84%. *Calc.* Anal. for C₂₄ H₃₈ O₁ Ni N₁₂ Cl₂: C 45.86, H 6.74, N 26.74, Cl 31.28 %. Found: C 45.05, H 6.53, N 25.32, Cl 32.98%. FTIR (KBr disc) cm⁻¹: 489.89(s), 565.77(s), 626.80(m), 676.28(m), 771.95(m), 818.14(w), 852.78(w), 936.90(m), 992.98(w), 1030.92(m), 1115.05(m), 1255.25(w), 1371.54(w), 1420.20(w), 1519.17(m), 1562.06(m), 1649.48(s), 1755.87(w), 1824.32(w), 1901.03(w), 2098.96(s), 2209.48(s), 2328.24(s), 2480.82(s), 2732.37(m), 3407(w), 3434.22(w), 3571.13(w). UV-vis (water medium: 0.001 M) λ_{max}, nm (ε_{max} M⁻¹cm⁻¹); free ligand 222.30 (9774), 269.41 (1697.01), complex (water medium: 0.001 M); 227.98 (3353), 270.47 (388), 277.34 (377), complex (water medium: 0.01 M);

304.42 (7.9), 380.42 (9.90), 632.74 (4.98). VSM data (298 K); $\chi_M = 0.76 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$, $H_{ci} = 85.50 \text{ Oe}$, $M_r = 1.61 \times 10^{-3} \text{ emu}$, $M_s = 3.56 \times 10^{-3} \text{ emu}$.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Spectral characterization

This sample was mullied in mineral oil or base, 1-methyl imidazole shows some vibration frequency in the $\sim 1649 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ region, one at 3434 cm^{-1} and another at 1519 cm^{-1} , both indicating coordinated amine groups and 2732 and 3571 cm^{-1} bands indicate lattice water. The FTIR spectrum of the complex shows characteristic absorption bands at 3407 and 566 cm^{-1} , assigned to ν (N-H) and ν (Ni-N) vibrations, respectively. This indicates that the atom coordinated with Ni(II) is the double bond nitrogen in the imidazole molecule. This is also conformed from single crystal X-ray analysis (Zhang *et al.* 2003). Whereas in the spectrum for the complex the $-\text{NH}$ band occurs at 1562 cm^{-1} . This shift can be interpreted to be due to the imino groups. The sharp peaks found further indicate that all groups are alike and therefore coordinated. The shift of the $\sim 3500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ peak to a lower frequency is indicative of an increase in electron localization of the $-\text{NH}$ group upon coordination, as was noted by literature. Raman spectra of $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(1\text{-MeIm})_6]\text{Cl}_2$ is as shown in Figure 1. The peaks between 800 and 1600 cm^{-1} are due to enhanced ring stretches of the 1-methylimidazole as is evident by the lack of these features in the spectra of the 1-methylimidazole complex of $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(1\text{-MeIm})_6]^{2+}$. The intensities and frequencies of the imidazole peaks of both complexes more closely resemble the spectrum of free imidazole than that of imidazolium. Most of the bands of imidazole (Raman frequency of free ligand: $915, 1069, 1099, 1141, 1159, 1260, 1329, 1428, 1456, 1489, \text{ and } 1530 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) (Jones *et al.* 1985). shift to slightly higher frequencies upon coordination (Raman frequency of $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(1\text{-MeIm})_6]\text{Cl}_2$: $920, 1068, 1098, 1121, 1142, 1162, 1255, 1326, 1426, 1492, \text{ and } 1537 \text{ cm}^{-1}$). The relative intensities of the vibrational bands are different for 1-methylimidazole and $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(1\text{-MeIm})_6]\text{Cl}_2$ complex (Walters *et al.* 1983). The *ca.* 1260 cm^{-1} mode is the most intense for free 1-methyl imidazole but is much weaker in the complex (Figure 1). For $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(1\text{-MeIm})_6]\text{Cl}_2$ complex relative intensities of the ring modes change with excitation wavelength.

The electronic absorption spectrum of $[\text{Ni}(1\text{-MeIm})_6]^{2+}$ is given in Figure 2. Which shows free ligand bands at 222 nm with high absorption coefficient value and at 269 nm with low absorption coefficient value in neat water (0.001 M), complex has bands at λ_{max} at $228, 270$ and 304 nm with high absorption coefficient value due to $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ and

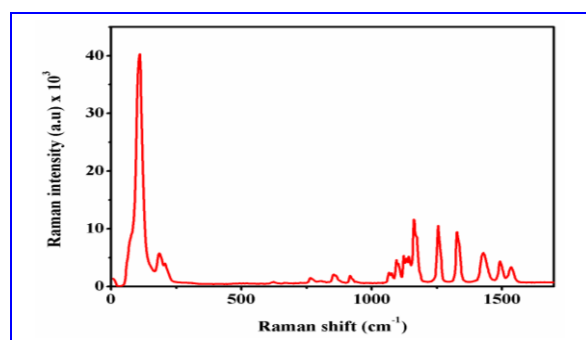


Fig. 1: Raman spectrums of $[\text{Ni}(1\text{-Meim})_6]\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ complex.

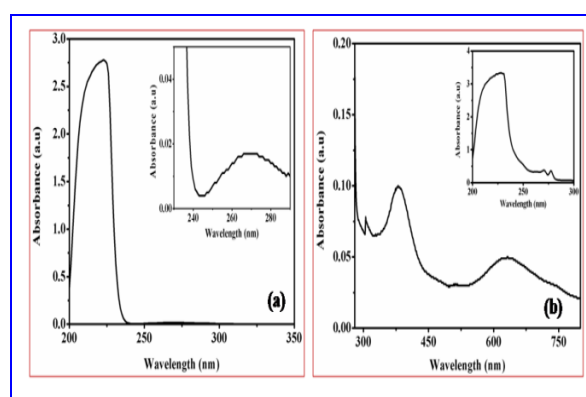


Fig. 2: UV-visible spectra of (a) free ligand of 1-methyl imidazole (0.001 M) and (b) $[\text{Ni}(1\text{-Meim})_6]\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ complex (0.001 and 0.01 M) in neat water at 298 K .

LMCT transitions of $[\text{Ni}(1\text{-MeIm})_6]^{2+}$ in neat water at lower concentration. The lower energy level $d-d$ transitions of $[\text{Ni}(1\text{-MeIm})_6]^{2+}$ observed at 380 and 633 nm in neat water (0.01 M). This indicates that Ni(II)-1-methyl imidazole complex has octahedral geometry.

The photoluminescence behavior of the free ligand (1-MeIm) (Figure 3(a)) and its corresponding nickel(II) complex ion of $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(1\text{-MeIm})_6]^{2+}$ in neat water (1 mM) solution at room temperature is depicted in Figure 3(b). The compound exhibits intense luminescence. Upon photo excitation at the corresponding absorption band (268 nm), the free ligand exhibits a very weak fluorescent emission, whereas the compound shows more intense photoluminescence with main emissions at 312 nm ($\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 276 \text{ nm}$) and $430, 543, 625 \text{ nm}$ ($\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 380 \text{ nm}$) as presented in Table 1, Figure 3(c). The complex shows $d-d$ absorption features at $\sim 380 \text{ nm}$ can be

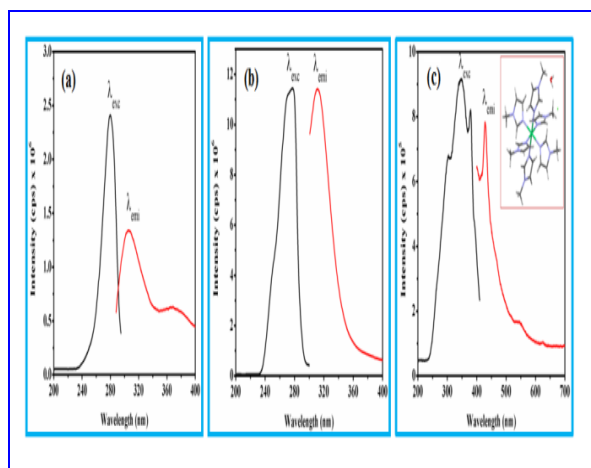


Fig. 3: Emission spectrum of (a) free ligand of 1-methyl imidazole excitation at 268 nm, (b) $Ni(1-Meim)_6^{2+}$ complex excitation at 270 nm and (c) at 380 nm in water (0.001 M) at 298 K.

Table 1. Emission spectral data of free ligand and $[Ni(1-Meim)_6]^{2+}$ in water (0.001 M).

Compound	λ_{exc} nm	λ_{emi} nm	Intensity (cps) $\times 10^5$
1-methyl imidazole ($\lambda_{exc} = 268$ nm)	279.58	306.02	13.48
complex ($\lambda_{exc} = 270$ nm)	276	311.52	114.40
complex ($\lambda_{exc} = 380$ nm)	302.97 347.42 379.26	429.09 543.41 624.97	7.83 1.71 1.07

assigned to the spin allowed transition state, and also exhibiting three emissions at 429, 543 and 625 nm. The 429 nm emission with lifetime in the microsecond region is attributable to phosphorescence, while the

shorter wavelength band at 380 nm with lifetime <10 ns is assigned to fluorescence from the singlet excited state (Xia et al. 2002, Powers et al. 2013).

3.2 X-ray crystal structure of the title complex

The X-ray structure of the complex $[Ni(1-Meim)_6]Cl_2$ is built up of discrete monomeric molecules. Figure 4(a) shows a perspective view of the title compound with atomic numbering scheme and Figure 4(b) a perspective view of the crystal packing in the unit cell. The space group, unit cell are

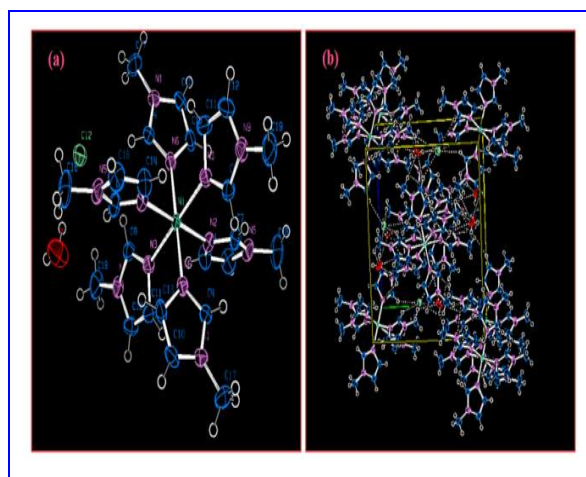


Fig. 4: (a) Ortep and (b) packing diagram of $[Ni(1-Meim)_6]Cl_2 \cdot H_2O$ complex.

presented in Tables 2. The crystal structure of the complex consists of $[Ni(1-Meim)_6]^{2+}$ cation and two chloride anions, linked by electrostatic forces and hydrogen bonds (shown as dashed lines in Figure 4(a)). The coordination model of the nickel(II) can be described as being of octahedral geometry. Six 1-methylimidazole molecules are coordinated through their tertiary nitrogen atoms to each nickel(II) ion, and two chloride anions are out of the coordination sphere and balance the charge. One water molecule is present in lattice and stabilizes crystal through hydrogen interaction with complex molecular cation. The bond distances of Ni(1)-N(2), Ni(1)-N(2¹), Ni(1)-N(3) = Ni(1)-N(3¹), Ni(1)-N(6) = Ni(1)-N(6¹). of $[Ni(1-Meim)_6]Cl_2$ are 2.1346(17), 2.1346(17), 2.1612(18) and 2.1240(17) Å, respectively. These distances are in agreement with those reported for octahedral $[Ni(Im)_6]^{2+}$ complex [2.120(1), 2.124(1), 2.141(1) Å] for $[Ni(Im)_6](sal)_2$ (sal = salicylate) (Jian et al. 1999) and 2.133(3), 2.132(3) and 2.125(3) Å for $[Ni(Im)_6](dtp)_2$ (dtp = O,O'-diphenyldithiophosphate) (Zhang et al. 2003).

Table 2. Crystal data and structure refinement for $[\text{Ni}(\text{1-MeIm})_6]\text{Cl}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$.

Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{CoO}_{0.2}\text{Ni}_{0.2}$
Formula weight	324.98
Temperature / K	293(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$\text{P2}_1/\text{n}$
$a / \text{\AA}$, $b / \text{\AA}$, $c / \text{\AA}$	8.0678(2), 13.2216(5), 15.0738(5)
$\alpha / ^\circ$, $\beta / ^\circ$, $\gamma / ^\circ$	90.00, 97.816(3), 90.00
Volume / \AA^3	1592.98(9)
Z	5
$\rho_{\text{calc}} / \text{mg mm}^{-3}$	1.694
μ / mm^{-1}	2.030
F(000)	811
Crystal size / mm	$0.38 \times 0.31 \times 0.21$
2θ range for data collection	5.96 to 50°
Index ranges	$-9 \leq h \leq 9$, $-15 \leq k \leq 13$, $-17 \leq l \leq 16$
Reflections collected	7163
Independent reflections	2802 [R(int) = 0.0257]
Data/restraints/parameters	2802/0/198
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.081
Final R indexes [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0381$, $wR_2 = 0.0972$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0440$, $wR_2 = 0.1015$

3.3 Electrochemical and magnetic analysis

Electron transfer process of the nickel(II) complex was determined in acetonitrile, DMSO and DMF solutions using cyclic voltammetry at a platinum working electrode under inert atmosphere. The electrochemical data are presented in Tables 3-5 and the voltammetric behavior of a representative complex $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{1-MeIm})_6]^{2+}$ is shown in Figure 5. Figure 5 show the cyclic voltammograms recorded for the $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{1-MeIm})_6]^{2+}$ complex ion at the sweep rate of 50 to 350 mV s^{-1} in acetonitrile, DMSO and DMF solution. Owing to the redox-active nature of the 1-methylimidazole, ligand-based electrochemical activity is expected in the complex (Ganeshraja et al. 2013, Anbalagan et al. 2013). Cyclic voltammetry experiments show that the $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{1-MeIm})_6]^{2+}$ complex is electrochemically active and can be reduced at

potentials of at -1056 to -1211 , -857 to -1107 , -605 to -666 mV in acetonitrile, DMSO and DMF respectively. In DMF the cyclic voltammogram of the $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{1-MeIm})_6]^{2+}$, shows reversible oxidation and reduction processes for the $\text{Ni}^{\text{II/I}}$ couple allowing the determination of the half-wave potential as $E_{1/2} = -1007$ to -1142 mV in acetonitrile (with respect to reference electrode). The nature and reduction potential of $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{1-MeIm})_6]^{2+}$ is similar to that observed for mononuclear nickel(II) complexes and attributable to the $\text{Ni}^{\text{II/I}}$ redox couple (Gennari et al. 2010, Jenkins et al. 2009). In the present case the ΔE_p values for this couple are also very large (Tables 3-5). In some cases during cyclic voltammetric reduction of nickel(II) complex, the reoxidative anodic wave is observed but with large peak-to-peak separations (ΔE) (Simon-Manso et al. 2005, Gomez et al. 1997). The detailed study of the electrochemical properties of nickel(II)-1-MeIm complex indicated that the complex is electrochemically active in acetonitrile, DMSO and DMF.

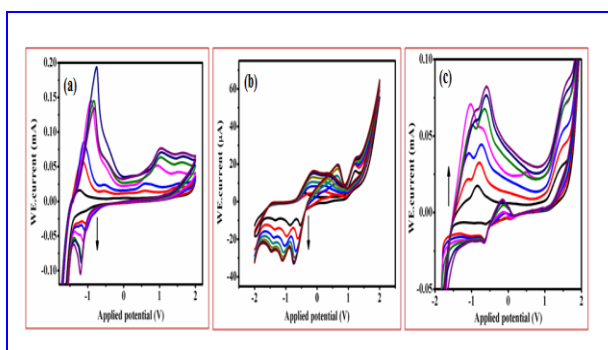


Fig. 5: Cyclic voltammograms of $\text{Ni}(\text{1-MeIm})_6^{2+}$; sweep rates 50 to 350 mV s^{-1} . Pt working electrodes in (a) acetonitrile, (b) DMSO and (c) DMF (1 mM) solvents and supporting electrolyte 0.1 M tetra-(n-butyl) ammonium perchlorate.

The variation of induced magnetic moment with respect to the applied magnetic field would be identified by vibrating sample magnetometer for the analysis of magnetic nature of the material (Anbalagan et al. 2010).

The observed magnetization nature of the $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{1-MeIm})_6]^{2+}$ complex is shown in Figure 6. The complex is found to be ferromagnetic with molar magnetic susceptibility $\chi_M = 0.76 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$, coercivity $H_{ci} = 85.50 \text{ Oe}$ and saturation magnetization 3.56 emu at 298 K. It is observed that the intensity of magnetization varies nonlinearly with the applied field, which shows the ferromagnetic

Table 3. Electrochemical data for the [Ni(1-MeIm)₆]Cl₂ complex in acetonitrile

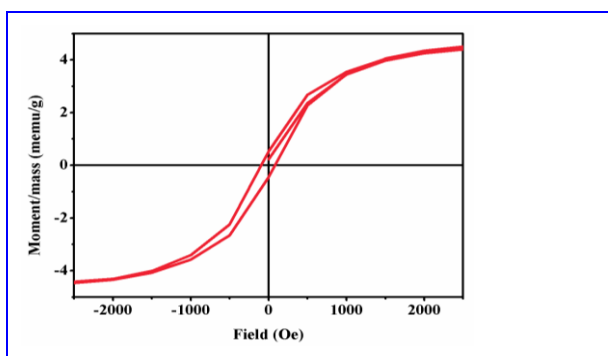
scan rate, mV s ⁻¹	E _{pa} , mV	E _{pc} , mV	ΔE _p , mV	E _f , mV
50	1369	1176	193	1273
	-1227	-1056	-171	-1142
100	596	465	131	531
	-1167	-1067	-1	-1117
150	651	386	265	519
	-1108	-1068	-04	-1088
200	936	653	283	795
	-917	-1127	-21	-1022
250	1016	675	341	846
	-837	-1176	-339	-1007
300	1056	642	414	849
	-756	-1188	-432	-972
350	1016	622	394	819
	-826	-1211	-385	-1019

Table 5. Electrochemical data for the [Ni(1-MeIm)₆]Cl₂ complex in DMF.

scan rate, mV s ⁻¹	E _{pa} , mV	E _{pc} , mV	ΔE _p , mV	E _f , mV
50	1.486	1.096	390	1291
	-836	-605	-231	721
100	1515	1086	429	1301
	-786	-646	-140	716
150	1527	1107	420	1317
	-726	-647	-79	687
200	1542	1077	465	1310
	-1032	-646	-386	841
250	1587	1107	480	1347
	-656	-647	-9	652
300	1607	1147	460	1377
	-596	-656	-60	626
350	1597	1156	441	1377
	-605	-666	-61	636

Table 4. Electrochemical data for the Ni(1-MeIm)₆²⁺ in DMSO

scan rate, mV s ⁻¹	E _{pa} , mV	E _{pc} , mV	ΔE _p , mV	E _f , mV
50	1227	-395	1662	416
	906	-536	1442	185
	-	-857	-	-429
	-	-1327	-	-664
100	1207	886	321	161
	225	-617	842	-196
	-245	-977	-732	-611
	-1427	-1347	-80	-1387
150	1216	927	289	1072
	224	-686	910	-231
	-178	-1026	-848	-602
	-1447	-1387	-60	-1417
200	1227	956	271	1092
	296	-716	-420	-210
	-145	-1067	-922	-606
	-1438	-1417	-60	-1418
250	1237	966	271	1102
	296	-737	-441	-221
	-135	-1097	-962	-616
	-1407	-1437	-30	-1422
300	1246	966	280	1106
	356	-737	1093	-191
	-155	-1097	-942	-626
	-1417	-1428	-11	-1423
350	1246	966	280	1106
	335	-746	1081	-206
	-125	-1107	-982	-616
	-1427	-1458	-31	-1443

**Fig. 6: Hysteresis loop for the compound [Ni(1-MeIm)₆]Cl₂.H₂O in dc magnetic field.**

nature at room temperature. Mononuclear nickel(II) complex with 1-methylimidazole ligand consist discrete Ni^{II}N₆²⁺ units show ferromagnetic nature. Figure 6 illustrates in the hysteresis loop of [Ni^{II}(1-MeIm)₆]²⁺ complex, although response is weak, is distinct evidence of the weak ferromagnetic ordering at room temperature (298 K) (Dockum *et al.* 1982).

4. CONCLUSION

Dipositive nickel combines with 1-methylimidazole ligand and yields stable, crystalline solid with octahedral geometry. Complexation of the imidazole moiety with Ni(II) was identified using FTIR, electronic absorption spectra and

photoluminescence spectra at 298 K. Electronic spectral measurement in neat water of the $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(1\text{-MeIm})_6]^{2+}$ complex illustrates d-d transitions with low ϵ values. The structure of the complex has been established by single-crystal X-ray diffraction refinement and confirmed to be triclinic crystal form with octahedral geometry. $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(1\text{-MeIm})_6]^{2+}$ complex was synthesized using modified methods, which were found to show interesting luminescent features and ferromagnetism in conjunction with magneto-structural characteristics. Electrochemical analysis of the nickel(II) complex illustrated that the complex (ΔE_p increases) becomes highly irreversible in reduction process. The current functions are independent of sweep rate (50-350 mV s^{-1}) which is an indication of a simple one electron transfer. This investigation establishes that emission, electrochemical reduction and magnetic properties of $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(1\text{-MeIm})_6]^{2+}$ complex.

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