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## Interaction of Poly(benzoyl thiocarbamate)-Modified Hyperbranched Polyester with Co(II) and Cu(II) Nitrates

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**Abstract**—The interaction of  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  with hyperbranched polyester containing 7 terminal benzoyl thiocarbamate groups has been studied by IR-Fourier and electron absorption spectroscopy. A new polynuclear complexes of Co(II) and Cu(II) with poly(benzoyl thiocarbamate)-modified hyperbranched polyester have been synthesized. It has been found that the oxygen and sulfur atoms of the peripheral benzoyl thiocarbamate fragments of the macroligand are involved in coordination with metal ions, the metal to ligand ratio being 7 : 1.

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Development of extraction-sorption systems for the recovery of ions of *d*-metals and rare-earth elements from natural and recycling objects is an important scientific and practical issue. Parameters of group separation or individual recovery of the metal ions is determined by the nature and composition of the extracting system as well as the process conditions. The extraction-sorption systems contain the reagents exhibiting coordination activity towards metal ions [1–6]. A remarkable class of them are O-alkyl-N-aryl carbamates and thiocarbamates which have been successfully applied as highly efficient extracting agents for metal ions [7–11] as well as collectors for the recovery of trace amounts of metals during ore processing [12–14].

The introduction of macromolecules (including polymers of diverse nature and architecture) in the composition of the extraction-sorption systems can enhance the parameters of metal ions recovery due to a combination of specific and nonspecific interactions [15–21]. Promising reagents for the creation of highly efficient extraction-sorption systems include hyperbranched polyesters of dendrite structure, sparse core, and high concentration of the terminal groups [22, 23] exhibiting good solubility [24, 25], low viscosity [26, 27], biodegradability [26], low toxicity [28, 29], and pronounced complex forming

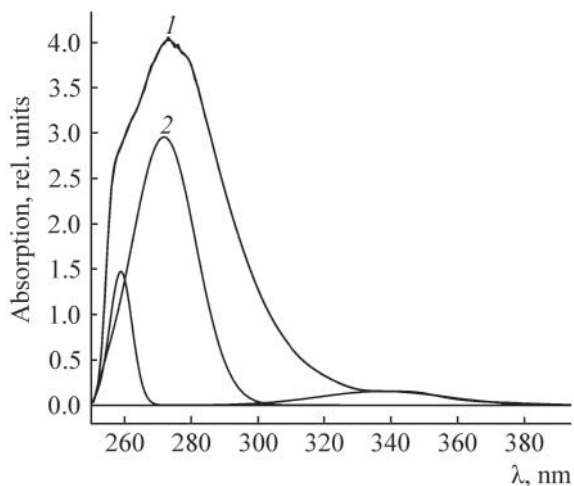
properties [30, 31]. Modification of the terminal groups of polyester with efficiently coordinating (thio)carbamate fragments allows creation of efficient extraction-sorption systems for the recovery and separation of metal ions. The prospects of this approach has been confirmed by the complex formation of hyperbranched polyesters of second and third generation containing different amount of terminal thienylthiocarbamate groups with Cu(II) ions [32]. Biological activity of the thiocarbamate derivatives of polyesterpolyols can be determined by fungicide [32, 33], antitumor, and antiinflammatory properties [34–38] of the modifier.

Evaluation of the complexing activity of hyperbranched polyesterpolyol of the second generation modified with terminal benzoyl thiocarbamate groups towards Co(II) and Cu(II) ions is demanded for further development of colloidal extraction-sorption systems.

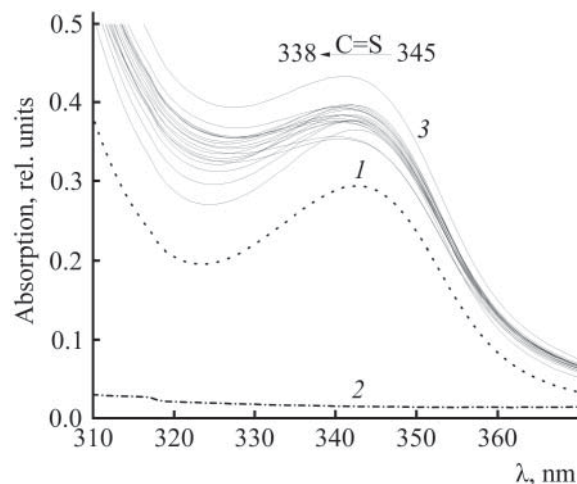
Hyperbranched polyester of the second generation **1** (Scheme 1) containing seven terminal benzoyl thiocarbamate groups (functionalization degree 0.44) was synthesized as described elsewhere [39]. Terminal benzoyl thiocarbamate fragments can form coordination nodes in the hyperbranched polyester scaffold.

To evaluate the complexing properties of compound **1**, its interaction with Co(II) and Cu(II) nitrates in





**Fig. 1.** Electronic absorption spectra of compound **1** in DMSO: (1) experiment, (2) interpolation from the Gauss distribution ( $c_1 = 1 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/L).



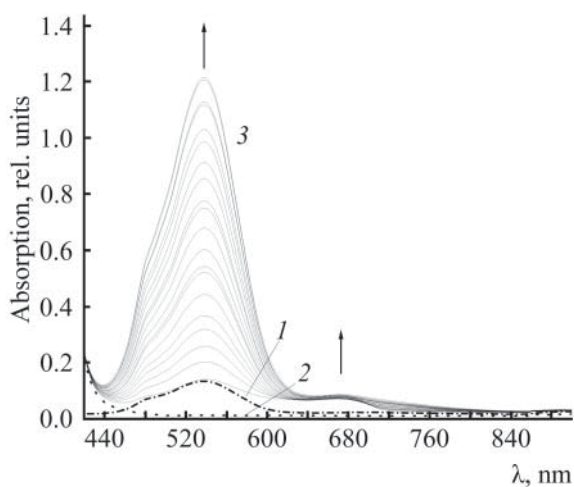
**Fig. 2.** Electronic absorption spectra of compound **1** (1),  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (2), the  $[\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2\text{-compound } \mathbf{1}]$  system (3) over 310–370 nm.  $c_1 = 1 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/L,  $[\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2] = 5 \times 10^{-5}$ – $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/L.

confirmed by elemental analysis data. Stability of the complex with Co(II) was higher in comparison with Cu(II), logarithms of the conditional stability constants being  $17.30 \pm 2.77$  and  $15.92 \pm 2.28$ , respectively.

Basing on the obtained data on the complex formation of Co(II) and Cu(II) with compound **1**, metal-polymer complexes **2** and **3** were synthesized (Scheme 1). Parameters of the electronic absorption spectra of complexes **2**, **3** and Co(II)/Cu(II)–compound **1** in DMSO were similar and confirmed the participation of carbonyl and thioxo peripheral functional groups in the complexes formation. Moreover, the electronic spectrum of complex

**3** contained a new band at 805 nm assigned to the charge transfer in the Cu–S group. Cu(II) ion was in the octahedral surrounding with tetragonal distortion [42].

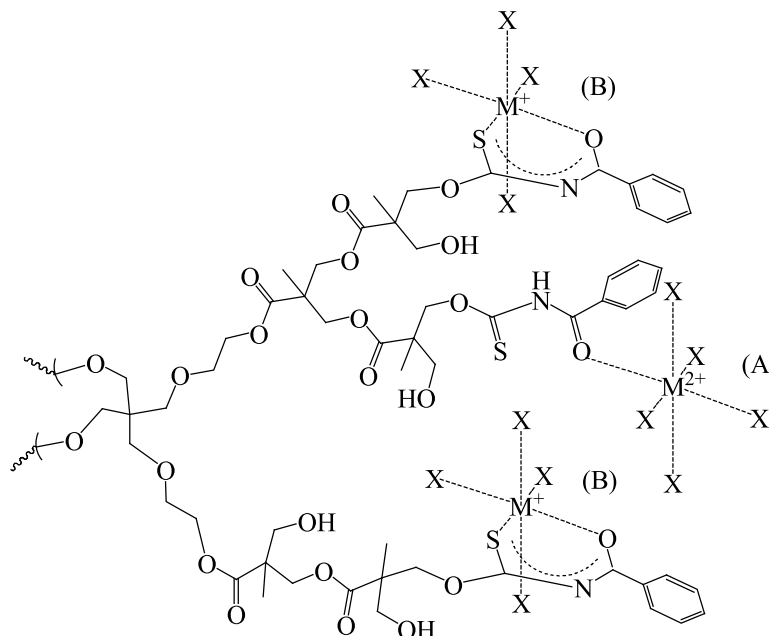
Comparative analysis of IR spectra of complexes **2**, **3** and polydentate ligand **1** [39] pointed at the participation of the carbonyl C=O and thiocarbonyl C=S groups of the benzoyl thiocarbamate fragment in the coordination with metal ions. IR spectra of complexes **2** and **3** revealed twofold weakening and shift to lower frequency of stretching bands of the C=O bond of the benzoyl fragment to  $1658$  ( $\Delta\nu = 3$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , **2**) and  $1584$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  ( $\Delta\nu = 77$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , **3**) as well as strengthening and shift to higher frequency of stretching bands of the C=S bond of the benzoyl thiocarbamate fragment to  $1405$  (**2**) and  $1407$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (**3**). Moreover, the participation of the benzoyl thiocarbamate fragment of the polymer in the formation of the coordination node with Co(II) ion was confirmed by the shift of the amide bands (amide II  $1506$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , amide III  $1301$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , amide V  $817$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , amide IV  $615$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). In the case of the copper(II) complex, the amide III band was strengthened twofold, and the amide IV band was shifted to lower frequency by  $23$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The spectra of both complexes contained the stretching bands of the M–O bond: Co–O at  $529$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  [43, 44] and Cu–O at  $685$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$  [45].



**Fig. 3.** Electronic absorption spectra of compound **1** (1),  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (2), the  $[\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2\text{-compound } \mathbf{1}]$  system (3) over 420–900 nm.  $c_1 = 1 \times 10^{-2}$  mol/L,  $[\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2] = 5 \times 10^{-3}$ – $1.0 \times 10^{-1}$  mol/L.

In summary, the formation of coordination compounds of Co(II) and Cu(II) ions with hyperbranched polyesterpolyol of the second generation modified with terminal *N*-benzoyl thiocarbamate groups was stated by a set of physico-chemical methods. Analysis of the spectral

Scheme 2.



X = H<sub>2</sub>O, DMSO.

data suggested that the complexes formation involved the donor atoms of oxygen and sulfur of the peripheral benzoyl thiocarbamate fragments of the polydentate ligand which afforded the octahedral coordination nodes A and B (Scheme 2) for cobalt(II) ions (depending on the metal fraction) and mainly node B for copper(II) ions.

The obtained data will be used for the creation of colloidal extraction-sorption systems based on hyperbranched polyester polyols functionalized with chelating groups, to be applied in the recovery of metal ions from the model solutions as well as technogenic and ecological monitoring objects.

## EXPERIMENTAL

Hyperbranched polyester **1** containing 7 terminal benzoyl thiocarbamate groups ( $M = 2891$  g/mol) was synthesized as described elsewhere [39],  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , and solvents (1,4-dioxane, ethanol, and petroleum ether) were purchased from Acros.

IR spectra were recorded using a Spectrum 400 spectrometer (PerkinElmer) equipped with an Almaz KRS-5 ATR attachment ( $4000\text{--}400$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , spacing  $1$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 10 scans). Electronic absorption spectra were recorded using a Lambda 750 spectrophotometer (PerkinElmer) ( $200\text{--}900$  nm,  $25 \pm 0.01^\circ\text{C}$ , optical path  $l = 1$  nm); the specimen temperature was maintained constant using a system containing constant-temperature cell holder, a

Julabo MB-5A flow thermostat, and a PTP-1 Peltier unit. Absorbance was measured with accuracy of  $\pm 1\%$ .  $0.1$  M  $\text{LiClO}_4$  was used as background electrolyte.

Composition and stability of the complexes in the studied systems were determined from the spectral data using the Jobs method [40, 41]. The experiment conditions were as follows: for the  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ -compound **1** system –  $\lambda = 673$  nm,  $c_1 = 1 \times 10^{-2}$  mol/L,  $[\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2] = 1 \times 10^{-3}\text{--}1.0 \times 10^{-1}$  mol/L,  $\epsilon_{\text{complex}} = 33.84$  L  $\text{cm}^{-1}$   $\text{mol}^{-1}$ ; for the  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ -compound **1** system –  $\lambda = 836$  nm,  $c_1 = 1 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/L,  $[\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2] = 1 \times 10^{-4}\text{--}1.0 \times 10^{-2}$  mol/L,  $\epsilon_{\text{complex}} = 322.47$  L  $\text{cm}^{-1}$   $\text{mol}^{-1}$ .

**Complexes of compound 1 with Co(II) and Cu(II) ions.** 0.5 g (0.14 mmol) of compound **1** was dissolved in 3 mL of 1,4-dioxane, and a solution of 1.4 mmol of  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  or  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in 2 mL of ethanol was added. The solution turned dark red (in the case of cobalt) and green (copper). The reaction mixture was stirred during 9 h at  $40^\circ\text{C}$ . The major part of the solvent was removed under vacuum, the residue was poured into petroleum ether, the precipitate was separated off and dried during 5 h in a vacuum oven at  $50^\circ\text{C}$  (1 mmHg).

**Complex 2.** Yield 92%, dark red tar. Electronic absorption spectrum (DMSO),  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , nm ( $\epsilon$ , L  $\text{mol}^{-1}$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 262 (2674), 269 (2371), 281 (1744), 317 (378.4), 536 (112.22), 673 (33.84). IR spectrum,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3700–3000 ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , O–H, N–H, C–H<sub>ph</sub>), 1729 (C=O), 1658 (C=O<sub>Bz</sub>);

1606, 1449 (C=C<sub>Ph</sub>); 1506, 1301 [(C–N), δ(N–H), amide II and III]; 1405 (C=S); 1449, 1081, 817, 752 [δ(C–H<sub>Ph</sub>)]; 925, 870 [γ(C–H<sub>Ph</sub>)], 925 (N–O); 925, 711 [γ(C=C<sub>Ph</sub>)]; 817, 615 [δ(N–H), amide V and IV]; 667 [δ(C=C<sub>Ph</sub>)], 529 (Co–O). Found, %: C 32.85; H 5.03; N 5.68; S 4.56; Co 8.23. C<sub>138</sub>H<sub>258</sub>Co<sub>7</sub>N<sub>21</sub>O<sub>138</sub>S<sub>7</sub>. Calculated, %: C 32.77; H 5.11; N 5.82; S 4.43; Co 8.17.

**Complex 3.** Yield 86%, dark green tar. Electronic absorption spectrum (DMSO), λ<sub>max</sub>, nm (ε, L mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>): 255 (21153.23), 274 (25420.08), 318 (10220.79), 805 (322.47). IR spectrum, ν, cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3700–3000 (H<sub>2</sub>O, O–H, N–H, C–H<sub>Ph</sub>), 1726 (C=O), 1584 (C=O<sub>Bz</sub>), 1456 (C=C<sub>Ph</sub>), 1295 [(C–N), δ(N–H), amide III]; 1456, 1295, 1008 (N–O), 1407 (C=S); 1456, 1008, 720 [δ(C–H<sub>Ph</sub>)]; 921, 870, 809 [γ(C–H<sub>Ph</sub>)]; 921, 685 [γ(C=C<sub>Ph</sub>)], 613 [δ(N–H), amide IV]; 685 (Cu–O). Found, %: C 35.29; H 4.72; N 6.05; S 4.63; Cu 9.47. C<sub>138</sub>H<sub>216</sub>N<sub>21</sub>O<sub>117</sub>S<sub>7</sub>Cu<sub>7</sub>. Calculated, %: C 35.16; H 4.59; N 6.24; S 4.76; Cu 9.51.

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest was declared by the authors.

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