

Characterization, Comparative Assessment and Antibacterial Potential of Copper(II) Soya Complexes against *Staphylococcus Aureus*

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ABSTRACT

Copper(II) soap complexes have been proven their activity against bacteria very effectively. Herein, the influence of biophysical and biomechanical parameters on the activity of Copper(II) soya thiourea complex was evaluated. To this aim, liquid as well as solid growth media were developed by Kirby-Bauer disc diffusion method. The antibacterial activity of Copper(II) soya thiourea complex against the Gram-positive bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus* was assessed in various concentration of Copper(II) Soya complexes. Copper (II) Soya complexes also resist bacterial growth at higher concentration. This review provides a board overview of *Staphylococcus aureus* with an emphasis on the Copper(II) soya thiourea complex

Keywords : Copper (II) Soya complexes, photocatalytic degradation, *Staphylococcus aureus*, antibacterial activity, inhibition zone, Kirby-Bauer disc diffusion method

I. INTRODUCTION

Staphylococcus aureus is Gram-positive bacteria (stain purple by Gram stain) that are cocci-shaped and tend to be arranged in clusters that are described as "grape-like." The antimicrobial properties of Copper have been identified for a lot of years while it present as a metal ion or as in complex form.

The bacteriostatic consequences of Copper was reported by Dr. Phyllis J. Kuhn [1], who investigated that bacterial augmentation on Copper and brass strips showed slight or no growth, whereas the aluminum and stainless steel strips produced a intense growth of all the different types of microorganisms.

The bacteriostatic efficacy of Copper worn in paints to render surfaces self-disinfecting has also been confirmed.[2] A platform technology in textile industries has recently been developed to binds Copper ion with fibres[3] which may boast a considerable ramifications.

It has been suggested that in some compounds, microbiocidal effectiveness is greatly enhanced by small amounts of Copper which form chelates. Copper sulphate has been found to be a compelling molluscicide [4] and mainly used in the production of agricultural fungicides and wood preservatives. Copper naphthenate is as well used in efficient control of decompose fungi and excellent manage or

improvement of wood destroying insects like termites, beetles carpenter ants and other host organisms.

In fact Copper (II) chelates have been initiate to cooperate with organic systems and to illustrate anti-neoplastic activity [5-7], anticancer activity [8] and antibacterial, antifungal.[9,10]Several Copper(II) N,S,O/N,N donor chelators are excellent anticancer agents since they have tough binding capability with DNA base pair. [11]

In recent years various electroplated coating like Copper ,Zinc, cobalt etc. are examined to inhibit the growth of pathogenic bacteria(*Enterococcus faecal* sand methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* *E. coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Kl e b s i e l l* apneumonia), they may be gram-positive bacteria and gram-negative bacteria.[12]Likewise, it was found that the antibacterial potency of numerous compounds is considerably higher when they form a complex with Copper. [13,14]

For the research of bactericide to be studied, edible oil such as Soyabean oil were used as unprocessed objects due to its easy availability, specific medicinal properties and biodegradability.

Hence, in this study we report the synthesis of Copper(II) soap complex (Copper (II) Soya complexes) which are proceed like an organic agent to control the growth of *Staphylococcus aureus*. The obtained Cu (II) complexes were tested *in vitro* against the bacterial

strains *S. aureus*, which is some of the main pathogens causing nosocomial infections worldwide.

II. METHODS AND MATERIAL

2.1. Chemicals

2.1.1. Copper (II) soap complexes and Benzene

Copper(II) Soya complexes like Copper(II) Soya Urea (CSU) and Copper(II) Soya Thiourea (CST) have been synthesized in laboratory and discussed in previous study. (CPC refe.) Pure benzene is used as solvent. Purification of benzene is discussed earlier.

2.1.2. Preparation of Copper (II) soap complexes solutions

The complexes are stable in atmospheric conditions and soluble in benzene. Both the complexes were analyzed for elemental analysis. Benzene is used for solution preparation and further dilution. All the Copper (II) Soya complexes are dissolved in Benzene. After dissolving in benzene final volume for all the complexes (CSU, CST) were 1 ml.

Two different dilutions were made from stock solution to get antimicrobial activity of complexes, two different dilutions C_1 (50mg/ml) and C_2 (25mg/ml) were made to get antimicrobial activity of all complex against *Staphylococcus aureus*. Streptomycin (300mcg/ml) was used as positive control for all complexes300mcg/ml. Composition of stock solution of complexes are shown in Table -1

Table – 1. Composition of stock solutions for Copper (II) Soya (CSU and CST) complexes.

S. No.	Name of the complex	Required concentration	Extract	Benzene	Final Volume
1.	CSU	50mg/ml	50 mg	1 ml	1ml
2.	CST	50 mg/ml	50mg	1ml	1ml

Table -2 Zone of inhibition for Copper(II) Soya (CSU and CST) complexes at two different concentrations against *Staphylococcus aureus*.

S. No.	Copper(II) soap complexes	PC	C ₁ (50mg/ml)		C ₂ (25mg/ml)		NC
			24hrs	48hrs	24hrs	48hrs	
1.	CSU	31mm	14mm	14mm	14mm	14mm	NZI
2.	CST	31mm	9mm	9mm	9mm	9mm	NZI

PC- Positive Control,

NC – Negative Control,

C₁ and C₂-two different concentrations of Copper (II) soap complexes,

NZI – No Zone of Inhibition

2.1.3. Media

Mueller-Hinton Agar plates and Peptone water

MHA plate is frequently used for the routine antimicrobial susceptibility testing of non-fastidious microorganism by the Kirby-Bauer disk diffusion technique. It is a standard, non-selective and non-differential medium for the Bauer Kirby method. It is a loose agar which provides a better diffusion with truer zone of inhibition for the antibiotics than most other plates.

MHA media contains beef extract, acid hydrolysate of casein, starch and agar. **Beef extract** and **acid hydrolysate of casein** supply all the essential nutrients such as Nitrogen, vitamins, carbon, amino acids, Sulphur. **Starch** used as absorber of any toxic metabolites produced as a source of dextrose, which provides energy. **Agar** is the solidifying agent.

Peptone Water is used as a growth medium and as a base for carbohydrate fermentation media.

III. EXPERIMENTAL

Kirby-Bauer disc diffusion method was operated for antibacterial study which is described here in brief.

3.1.Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (Kirby-Bauer disc diffusion method)

A test of the antibiotic sensitivity of bacteria is also known as Kirby–Bauer test (disc-diffusion antibiotic susceptibility test, disc-diffusion antibiotic sensitivity test, KB test). Mueller-Hinton agar medium was used for antimicrobial activity of given compounds on various concentrations by disk/ well diffusion susceptibility testing.

Antibiotic discs are used to test the level of bacterial resistance by preferred antibiotics. Wafers/plates containing antibiotics are positioned on an agar plate where bacteria have been sited and then the plate is moved out to incubate. There will be an region around the wafer is found, where the bacteria have not grown enough, if an antibiotic stops the bacterial growth or, kills the microbes is called a zone of inhibition.[16]

All the Copper soap complexes derived from Mustard oil and Soyabean oil were used for their antibacterial study. For this study *S. aureus* was selected as test organism. Antibacterial study was done by incorporating these steps.

3.2.Preparation of inoculums

Fresh Cultures of *Staphylococcus aureus* strain ATCC-25923 were inoculated in Peptone water & kept for incubation for 30 minutes at 37°C. Inoculum size of bacteria was adjusted using McFarland turbidity standard as reference which is described in previous section. The bacterial suspensions were compared to 0.5 McFarland Turbidity Standard.

3.3.Swabbing of the liquid cultures of *Staphylococcus aureus*

Microbial cultures were swabbed onto the Mueller Hinton Agar surface through sterile Cotton swabs sticks.

3.4.Loading of different test solutions into the wells

After proper marking of plates, 0.1 ml extracts from different dilutions prepared from stock was loaded into the respective wells.

3.5.Incubation

The *Staphylococcus aureus*, plates were kept for incubation at 37°C for 24-48 hours and results were observed.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Herein we report an account of microbial activity of Copper (II) complexes. The growth profile of *Staphylococcus aureus* strain ATCC-25923 was monitored for 24 h of incubation. Each plate was examined and observed a resultant inhibition zones which were consistently clear and spherical, there was a lucid lawn of growth of the *Staphylococcus aureus*. From the Table -2, it could be seen that by a clear zone of inhibition around the each plate, all the complexes confirm high inhibition at higher concentration(50 mg/ml).

At higher concentration by comparing all the complexes of Copper (II) Mustard soap, results prove that CSU resist bacterial growth efficiently. Likewise in Copper (II) Soya complexes, CST also resists bacterial growth at higher concentration. Whereas at lower concentration, differently CSU complex shows highest resistivity and CST lowest resistivity at lower concentration.[17]

$$CSU=CSB>CST \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

As shown in Table -2 and Figure- 1 the zone of inhibition in different type of Copper(II) soap

complexes at higher concentration is represented in (1) and (2).

$$CSU>CSB>CST \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$



Figure-1 Results of antimicrobial susceptibility test of Copper (II) Soya Thiourea complex against *Staphylococcus aureus*.

As well (3) and (4) represent the zone of inhibition in different type of Copper (II) soap complexes at lower concentration. Graphical presentation of bacterial resistivity (zone of inhibition) of all complexes is shown in Figure-2.

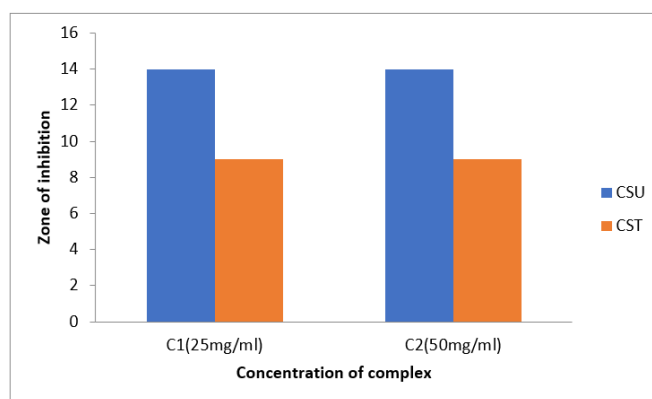


Figure-2 Zone of inhibition of Copper (II) Soya complexes (CSU and CST) against *Staphylococcus aureus*.

It is indicative that in Copper (II) Neem and Copper (II) Pongamia Benzothiazole complexes *Candida* species can be more susceptible and effective with increase in concentration whereas at lower concentration the inhibition of growth is less. [18]

An assessment of Table -2 suggests to facilitate the entire complexes demonstrate higher activity due to Benzothiazole and other N,S (Urea, Thiourea) containing compounds to recover the appearance of Copper soaps complexes. The enhanced activity of newly synthesized complexes could possibly explained on the basis of incidence of donor atoms N and S as well as the structural compatibility with molecular nature of the poisonous moiety. Improved biocidal activity of complexes is in accordance with the chelation theory. According to this theory polarity of the metal atom is condensed by the partial sharing of its positive charge with donor groups and probably delocalization of π -electron above the entire ring. As a result lipophilic nature of the complex is amplified and favours the

access of the complex in the course of the lipid layer of cell membrane. The molecules of the complex obstruct the metal binding sites in the enzymes of microorganisms. As a result, the complex disturbs the metabolism channel in cell and microbes die. [19]

4.1. Analysis of variance (ANOVA)

ANOVA is a compilation of statistical models and their related evaluation procedures (such as the "variation" among and between groups) used to analyze the differences among group means in a sample. The descriptive statics results of Copper (II) soap complexes are shown in Table- 3 confirm appropriate results. All the experiments were performed in triplicate and confirm the satisfactory results in triplet. [20] The results of ANOVA [21] for the antibacterial activities for Copper (II) Mustard and Copper (II) Soya complexes on two different concentrations are reported in Table -4.

Table-3 Descriptive statics results for antibacterial activities of Copper(II) Soya (CSU, CST) complexes.

Copper (II) soap complexes	Con. (ppm)	Count	Sum	Average	Variance	Std. Dev.	Std. Dev. Error	Coff. variance
CSU	5×10^4	3	42	14	0.25	0.5	0.2886	0.1666
	2.5×10^4	3	39	13	0.25	0.5	0.2886	0.1666
CST	5×10^4	3	27	9	0.75	0.8660	0.5000	0.5
	2.5×10^4	3	24	8	0.75	0.8660	0.5000	0.5

Table-6 ANOVA results for antibacterial activities of Copper (II) Soya (CSU, CST and CSB) complexes.

Copper (II) soap complexes	SS	Df	MS	F	P-value	F crit
CSU	1.5	1	1.5	6	0.0704	7.7086
CST	1.5	1	1.5	2	0.2303	7.7086

SS= sum of squares,

MS= mean square,

df= degree of freedom,

$p < F$ (level of significance)

According to the results of ANOVA, the standard deviation has been deliberated by the predictable

evaluation of repeatability and the average was preferred as ultimate elucidation. The consequence is statistically significant, by the standards of the study, due to $F > p$. [22,23] Thiazole a heterocyclic nucleus performed a considerable pose in the succession of diverse medicinally essential moiety. They are effectively noxious to microbes mainly to fungi and bacteria. [24]

On studying the experimental data it reveal that Copper (II) Mustard Thiourea complex show highest resistivity with compare to Copper (II) Soya Thiourea complex. CSU and CSB show more reactivity than CMU and CMB complexes.

From this analysis, it is inferred that the entire Copper (II) soap complexes have higher activity than solitary ligand or individual soap, on the other hand through complexation resistivity of all complexes amplify at a level.

V. CONCLUSION

The work described here shows that the synthesized metal complexes have higher biological activities compared to free ligands. Copper (II) Soya complexes (CSU, CST) are bactericidal for *S. aureus*. Our results point out that Copper (II) soap complexes may be appealing to release novel paths against different bacterial genus since a few of these complexes have been found to reveal an outstanding antibacterial activity. Copper (II) complexes show higher resistivity at higher concentration. Thus, it is evident that concentrations enclose an essential position in increasing the extent of inhibition. By formation of chelate, complexes enhance their activity towards *S. aureus* bacteria and so the vicinity is still untie for advance-research.

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