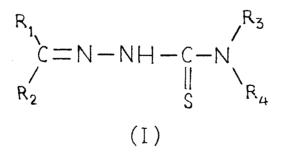
CHAPTER - I

INTRODUCTION

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Thiosemicarbazones (TSC) are a class of compounds obtained by condensing thiosemicarbazide with suitable aldehyde or ketones. These comp@unds have long been commonly used for identification of individual aldehydes or ketones. However, the first report on analytical use of this class of compounds was made by Scott et al.¹. Since then the volumetric work on their analytical applications has appeared in the literature. The realisation of the importance of thiosemicarbazones as analytical reagents is reflected in gradual increase in the number of paper dealing with their applications in analytical problems. The review of the work on transition metal complexes of thiosemicarbazides and thiosemicarbazones was written by Campbell², Singh et al.³ recently gave a critical review on analytical application of thiosemicarbazones,

Thiosemicarbazones (TSC) contains active grouping for chelation as shown below in structure(I)



which involves bonding through sulphur atom with possible further coordination by the hydrazino nitrogen atom (marked with an asterisk in (I)) to give a five membered ring.

Depending upon the type of aldehyde or ketone used for condensation thiosemicarbazone's can act as unidentate, bidentate, or multidentate chelating agents for several metal ions producing highly coloured complexes. In case of unidentate ligands, bonding occurs only through the sulphur atom. The coloured complexes are used in selective and sensitive determination of metal ions.

Domagk et al.⁴ pioneered pharmaceutical applications of metal thiosemicarbazone for the treatment of tuberculosis. Since then a number of papers have appeared on the pharmacology of these compounds. Moreover, metal-thiosemicarbazone complexes have been found to be active against influenza⁵, protozoa⁶, smallpox⁷, tumours⁸ and possess very good pesticidal⁹ and fungicidal¹⁰ activity. It is a well established fact that drugs increases the activity when administered in the form of metal complexes^{11,12}, and a number of metal chelates have been used as antitumour agents¹³. In the cancer treatment, it has been shown that the active species is not the thiosemicarbazone itself but a metal chelate of thiosemicarbazone^{14,15}. The antituber activity of p-acetamido benzaldehyde thiosemicarbazone is found to be enhanced by the presence of a small amounts of copper ions¹⁶.

Thiosemicarbazones, in general, are prepared by condensing thiosemicarbazide with an aldehyde or ketone in the presence of

a few drops of glacial acetic. Preparation of the monoderivatives is simple but the di-derivatives of thiosemicarbazones are a little difficult and required special treatment. Dipyridylglyoxal dithiosemicarbazone¹⁷ was prepared by cyclizing the monoderivative with 6 M hydrochloric acid.

Chemical properties of reagent :

Just as hydrozones are weaker bases than hydrozides, thiosemicarbazones are weaker bases than thiosemicarbazides. Hydrolysis of these compounds yields first the hydrazones, hence these compounds resemble hydrazones in many of their reactions.

Mild reductions of thiosemicarbazones yield 1-substitute of thiosemicarbazide. Catalytic reduction of these compounds yield hydrazides which are further hydrolysed to hydrazines. Reaction with alkoxides such as sodium ethoxide converts semicarbazones into hydrazones and with a strong base, hydrocarbons are obtained. This reaction may be applied for replacement of the carboxyl group by CH₂ group.

The reagents can be readily hydrolysed to give the original carboxyl compound and hence are often useful for identification and isolation of carbonyl compounds. A method of obtaining the equivalent weight of the parent carbonyl compound is to hydrolyse the semicarbazone with aqueous hydrochloric acid and titrate with standard iodate solutions³⁹.

Analytical aspect of thiosemicarbazones

The various thiosemicarbazones which have been used as analytical reagents are summarised in Table 1.1.

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Thiosemicarbazones form coloured metal complexes in conditions ranging from moderately acidic to moderately alkaline. However only a few are reported for the spectrophotometric determination of metal ions in highly acidic medium¹⁸⁻²⁰. 3-Hydroxypicolinaldehyde thiosemicarbazone is used to determine Co(II) in highly acidic medium¹⁸. Similarly glyoxal dithiosemicarbazone reacts with Ag(I) and Hg(II) at pH 1.1 ¹⁹. Salicylaldehyde thiosemicarbazone has been used to determine Mo(VI) in presence of iron in highly acidic medium²⁰.

Metal complexes are also extractable in various organic solvents resulting in an enhanced sensitivity thereby enabling extraction and simultaneous determination of metal ions. Dipyridylglyoxal dithiosemicarbazone²¹ reacts with Ni(II) and Co(II) at pH 5.2, but only the Ni(II) complex is extractable into the chloroform and hence allows the determination of both metals when present together. Biacetyl monoxime thiosemicarbazone²² has been used to determine Bi(III) in presence of Cu(II), by extraction of the complex into isobutyl metyl ketone.

The reagent 2-Acetylpyridine-4-phenyl-3-thiosemicarbazone $(APPT)^{23}$ react with Fe(II) to form a green colour complex $(\lambda \max = 610 \text{ nm})$ at certain pH values (4.9 - 11.0) with a high absorptivity. However, this complex can be extracted into

benzene, in which the absorptivity remains constant for at least 3 hours while Fe(III) - APPT complex is not extractable. The complexes of APPT with Fe(II) and Fe(III) contained the metal and ligand in 1:2 ratio.

3-Hydroxypicalinaldehyde thiasemicarbazone¹⁸ (HAPT) forms a yellow orange colour complex with trace amounts of Cobalt(II). The spectrophotometric determination may be done in weakly alkaline medium or in very acid medium. In the first case, the sensitivity is high but the selectivity low; while in other, although the sensitivity is smaller, interferences are rare. The reagent form octahedral complex with Co(II) and act as terdentate chelating agents.

The ligand 1,3-cyctohexanedione bisthiosemicarbazone monohydrochloride²⁵ has been used for the photometric determination of copper(II) and zinc(II), Cu(II) forms a yellow coloured 1:2 complex in slightly acidic medium while Zn(II) forms orange red coloured 1:1 complex in fairly alkaline medium. The ligand has been used for the determination of trace amount of metal ions in milk, vegetable oils and sheep liver samples.

A new reagent 5,5-dimethyl-1,2,3-cyclohexanetrione 1,2dioxime-3-thiosemicarbazone²⁶ was synthesised and a simple, rapid, selective and sensitive method for spectrophotometric determination of iron in wines, minerals and fools was developed based upon the formation of reagent - Fe(II) complexes. A violet colour is formed in strongly acid medium and the molar absorptivity of the complex is 8.9 x 10^3 at 550 nm. Recently the spectrophotometric determination of palladium in standard Pd-C powder (Pd catalyst) has been reported by using 3,5-dichlorosalcylaldehyde-4-phenyl-3-thiosemicarbazone²⁷. The complex between Pd(II) and this reagent is extractable into chloroform from an aqueous solution at pH O.

Bhatt et al.²⁸ studied the complexes of 2-hydroxy l-naphthaldehyde-4-phenyl-3-thiosemicarbazone with Cu^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Co^{2+} and VO^{2+} by pH-titration. The stability constants of these metal complexes with same reagent were determined by potentiometrically in 70 % dioxan medium and follow the order $VO^{2+} > Cu^{2+} \simeq Co^{2+} > Ni^{2+}$. Complexation by salicylaldehyde-4-phenyl-3-thiosemicarbazone²⁹ with these same metal ions has also been studied potentiometrically at 25° in 50 % aqueous dioxan.

Cyclohexane-1,2-dione dithiosemicarbazone has been used to determine Cu(II) in alkaline medium, alkaline tartrate medium and EDTA³⁰. It was generally observed that thiosemicarbazones containing hydroxy groups ortho to aldehyde group gave good colour reactions. Besides the application in spectrophotometry, thiosemicarbazones have been reported as gravimetric reagents for many metal ions³¹⁻³⁴, as indicators in direct titrations of metal with EDTA^{35,36} in titration in non-aqueous solvents³⁷. Recently reports have appeared on separation of metal ion using thiosemicarbazones by thin layer chromatography an alumina with ethyl acetate as a solvent³⁸.

The literature survey has revealed that 2 chloroquinoline-3-carbaldehyde thiosemicarbazone has not been used for spectrophotometric determination of copper, iron and nickel. Hence, the present work centers around the synthesis and application of this reagent in spectrophotometric determination of Cu(II), Fe(II) and Ni(II).

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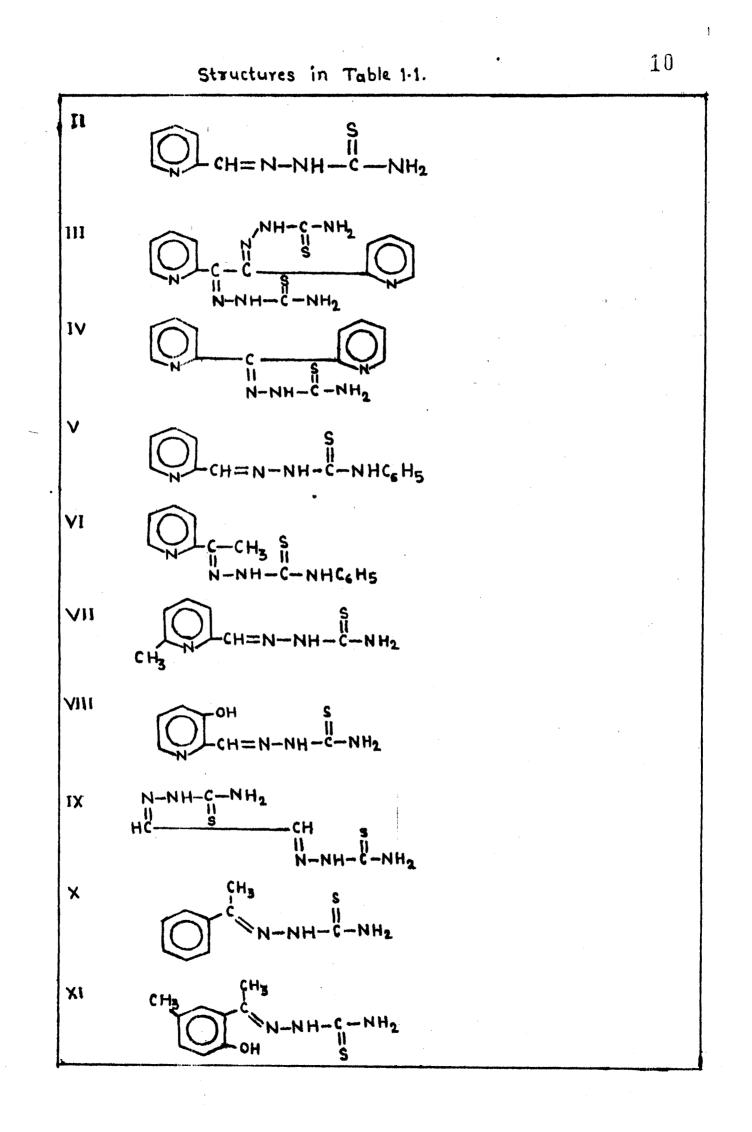
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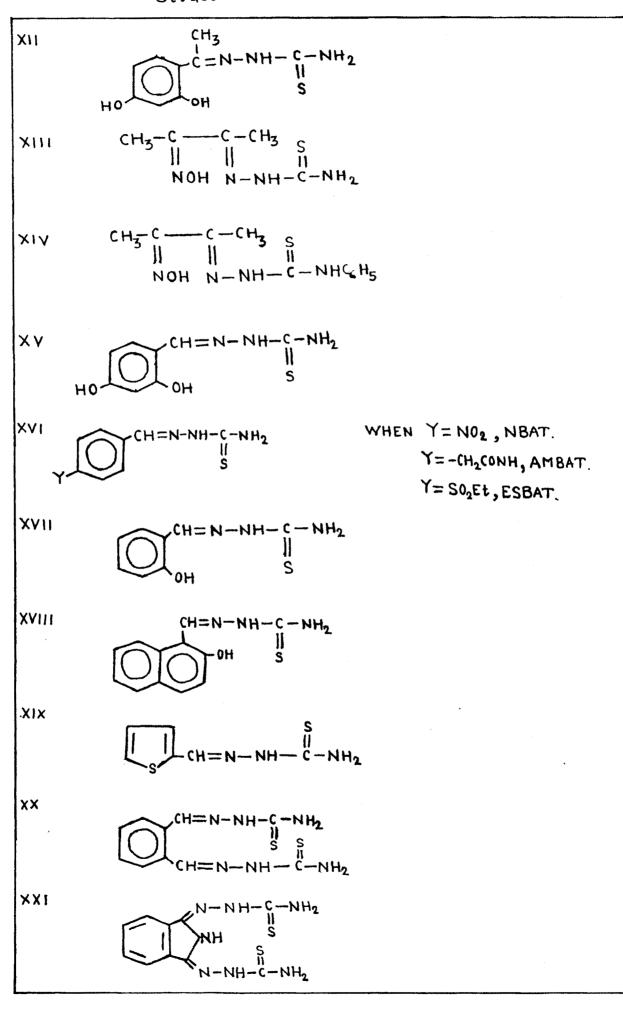
| Abbrevia- tion | Structure | Systematic name | Refer- ence | |
|-------------------|-----------|--|----------------|--|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| PAT | II | Picolinaldehyde thiosemicarbazone | 40-42 | |
| DPGT | III | Dipyridyl glyoxal dithiosemi- carbazone | 17,21,43 | |
| DPKT | VI | Di-2-pyridyl ketone thiosemi- carbazone | 44 | |
| PAPT | V | Picolianaldehyde-4-phenyl- 3-thiosemicarbazone | 45,46 | |
| APPT | VI | 2-Acetylpyridine-4-phenyl thiosemicarbazone | 23 | |
| MPAT | VII | 6-Methyl picolinaldehyde thiosemicarbazone | 47,48 | |
| HPAT | VIII | 3-Hydroxypicolinaldehyde thiosemicarbazone | 18 . | |
| GDT | IX | Glyoxal thiosemicarbazone | 19 | |
| APT | Х | Acetophenone thiosemicarbazone | 24 | |
| HMAPT | XI | 2-Hydroxy-5-methyl acetophenome thiosemicarbazone | 49 - 50 | |
| DAPT | XII | 2,4-Dihydroxy acetophenone thiosemicarbazone. | 51 | |
| BAMOT | XIII | Biacetyl monoxime dithiosemi- carbazone. | 22 | |
| BAMOPT | XIV | Biacetyl monoxime-4-phenyl-3- thiosemicarbazone | 52 | |
| DBAT | XV | 2,4-Dihydroxybenzaldehyde thiosemicarbazone | 53 | |
| NBAT | XVI | 4-Nitrobenzaldehyde thiosemicarbazone | 54 | |

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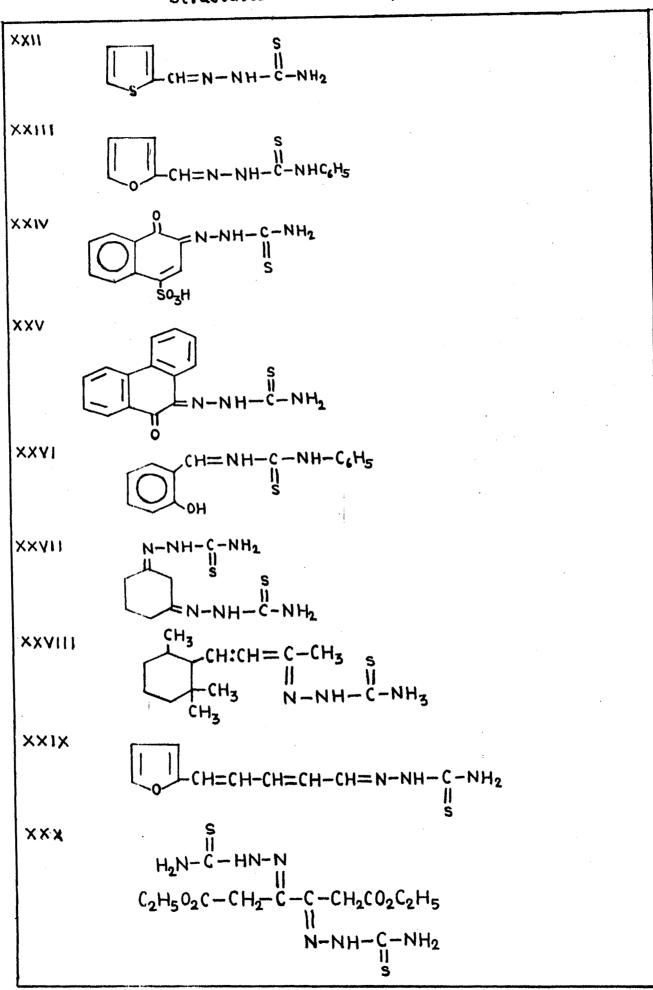
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| AMBAT | XVI | 4-Acetamido benzaldehyde thiosemicarbazone | 54 |
| ESBAT | XVI | p-Ethylsulphonyl benzaldehyde thiosemicarbazone | 31,32 |
| SAT | XVII | Salicylaldehyde thiosemicarbazone | 20,55 |
| HANT | XVIII | 2-Hydroxy-l-naphthaldehyde thiosemicarbazone | 28,56 |
| TAT | XIX | Thiophene-2-aldehyde thiosemi- carbazone | 57 |
| PADT | XX | O-Phthal a ldehyde dithiosemi- carbazone. | 58 |
| PIDT | XXI | Phthalimide dithiosemicarbazone | 59 ,6 0 |
| FAT | XXII | 2-Furaldehyde thiosemicarbazone | 61 |
| PTFA | XXIII | 4-phenyl-3-thiosemicarbazone of 2-funaldehyde | 34 |
| NQT-4S | XXIV | l,2-Naphth o quinone-2-thiosemi- carbazone-4-sulphonic acid | 35 , 37, |
| PQMT | VXX | Phenanthrequinone monothio- semicarbazone | 63 |
| SAPT | XXVI | salcylaldehyde-4-phenyl-3- thiosemicarbazone. | 29 |
| 1,3CDDT | XXVII | l,3-cyclohexanedione dithio- semicarbazone | 64 |
| IT | XXVIII | β -Ionone thiosemicarbazone | 65 |
| FPDT | XIXX | Furylpentadinal thiosemi- carbazone | 66 |
| BTDD | XXX | Bisthiosemicarbazone of diethyl-3, 4-dioxadi e ate | 67 |









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