

## Thermal studies of transition metal complexes of acetylsalicylhydroxamic acid

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### Abstract

Thermal decompositions of acetylsalicylhydroxamic acid and of the Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II) and Zn(II) complexes has been investigated by TG, DTG and DTA. The complexes decompose to yield very stable solid intermediates at about 195°C which are characterized by IR spectroscopy, elemental analysis and magnetic moment measurements. Thermal decomposition results in the formation of the metal oxides as residues. Kinetic parameters for the dehydration and decomposition stages are also derived. © 2000 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

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### 1. Introduction

Monohydroxamic acids have the general formula of RCON(R')OH and form complexes with metal ions via coordination through the oxygen atoms [1–11]. These complexes are also known to act as antibiotics, tumour inhibitors and drugs [12–14]. Hydroxamic acids are also biochemically important ligands. The active sites of some biological enzymes include the hydroxamic acids [15]. They are involved in biological processes such as microbial iron transport [15], inhibition of the nickel-dependent urease enzymes [16] and the zinc-dependent matrix metalloproteinases [17].

Most of the work was carried out for identification of structure and chelating properties of hydroxamic

acids in solution and solid states, however, there are only a few papers describing the thermal behaviour and stability of hydroxamic acid derivatives and their complexes in the solid state [18–23]. Capitan and Capitan-Vallvey et al. studied thermal decomposition of some metal complexes of salicylhydroxamic acid and 5,5'-methylendisalicylhydroxamic acid [18,19]. Salinas et al. [20,21] reported thermal behaviour of mandelohydroxamic acid and iminobenzohydroxamic acid derivatives. Thermal decomposition mechanisms of the iron(III) complex of 2-indolehydroxamic acid [22] and organotin salicylhydroxamates [23] appeared recently.

In a previous work [24], we reported the synthesis of acetylsalicylhydroxamic acid (AcSHA) and its transition metal complexes. In this paper, the thermal behaviour of acetylsalicylhydroxamic acid complexes of Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II) and Zn(II) in the solid state is reported.

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Table 1  
Thermoanalytical data (TG, DTG, DTA) for AcSHA and its metal complexes

Compound	Decomposition temperature (°C)	Stage	Temperature range (°C)	DTG <sub>max</sub> (°C)	Removed group	Mass loss (%)		Total mass loss (%)		Solid decomposition product	Colour
						Found	Calcd.	Found	Calcd.		
AcSHA: C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>4</sub>	146 <sup>a</sup>	1	150–195	180(–)	CH <sub>3</sub> CONHOH	38.43	38.46			C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup>	White
		2	195–250	229(+)	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	61.22	61.54	99.65	100.00		
[Co(AcSHA)(OH)]: C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>5</sub> Co	169	1	115–172	162(–)	CH <sub>3</sub> COH	16.62	16.30			[Co(C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> )] CoO	Dark- blue Black
		2, 3, 4	218–625	265 (+), 302(+), 533(+)	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	56.36	55.95	72.98	72.25		
[Ni(AcSHA) <sub>2</sub> ]-H <sub>2</sub> O: C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>9</sub> Ni	179	1	32–82	46(+)	H <sub>2</sub> O	3.61	3.87			[Ni(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] [Ni(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> )] NiO	Pale-blue Dark- green Grey
		2	151–195	179(–)	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>4</sub>	41.59	41.96				
		3, 4	285–600	370(+), 540(+)	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	38.26	38.09	83.46	83.92		
[Cu(AcSHA)(OH)]: C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>5</sub> Cu	287	1	200–280	270(–)		35.27					Green
		2	280–365	322(–)		33.52		69.62	71.04	CuO	
[Zn(AcSHA)(OH)]- H <sub>2</sub> O: C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>5</sub> Zn	186	1	84–123	109(+)	H <sub>2</sub> O	6.33	6.11			[Zn(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> )] [Zn(C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> )] ZnO	White Brown White
		2	160–192	186(–)	CH <sub>3</sub> COH	14.47	14.94				
		3	217–742	272(+)	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	51.16	51.29	71.86	72.35		

<sup>a</sup> Melting point.

<sup>b</sup> In the liquid state.

## 2. Experimental

### 2.1. Preparation of complexes

AcSHA ( $C_9H_9NO_4$ ) and corresponding metal complexes were prepared by the method reported earlier [24]. Upon complexation, AcSHA loses its acidic proton and therefore, the corresponding metal complexes may also be regarded as salts of hydroxamic acid.

### 2.2. Instrumentation

The simultaneous TG, DTG and DTA curves were obtained using a Rigaku TG8110 thermal analyser combined with TAS100 thermogravimetric analyser. The measurements were made in dynamic nitrogen atmosphere at a heating rate of  $10\text{ K min}^{-1}$ . Approximately 10 mg samples were contained in a platinum crucible using calcinated  $\alpha$ -alumina as reference material.

Identification of the solid intermediates formed at  $195^\circ\text{C}$  after 30 min heating in an oven were studied by IR spectroscopy, elemental analyses and magnetic moment measurements. IR spectra were obtained with a Mattson FTIR spectrometer in the  $4000\text{--}250\text{ cm}^{-1}$  range, using KBr pellets. Room temperature magnetic susceptibility measurements were carried out using a Sherwood Scientific MXI model Gouy balance. C, H and N analyses were carried out at TÜBİTAK Marmara Research Centre (Gebze).

### 2.3. Kinetic analysis

Dehydration and decomposition stages were chosen for a detailed kinetic study. The kinetic parameters

such as energy of activation ( $E_a$ ) and order of reaction ( $n$ ) were evaluated by employing Freeman–Carroll method [25] with Jeres modification [26].

## 3. Results and discussion

The thermoanalytical data for AcSHA and the corresponding metal complexes are summarized in Table 1. Kinetic data associated with dehydration and decomposition are given in Table 2.

### 3.1. Thermal decompositions

#### 3.1.1. AcSHA

The ligand melts at  $146^\circ\text{C}$  and begins to decompose above  $150^\circ\text{C}$  and takes place in two consecutive steps (Fig. 1). In the first step, mass loss calculations indicate the exothermic release of acetylhydroxamic acid ( $CH_3CONHOH$ ) (experimental 38.43%, calculated 38.46%). Degradation of the organic residue occurs in the second step in the temperature range  $195\text{--}230^\circ\text{C}$ .

#### 3.1.2. $[Co(AcSHA)(OH)]$

A careful examination of the thermal decomposition curves of this complex (Fig. 2) reveals that decomposition proceeds via four steps. The complex is stable up to  $115^\circ\text{C}$  and undergoes a violent exothermic decomposition in the temperature range  $115\text{--}172^\circ\text{C}$ . Mass loss calculations (experimental 16.62%, calculated 16.30%) and IR spectra of the solid intermediate formed at  $195^\circ\text{C}$  suggest the loss of acetaldehyde ( $CH_3CHO$ ). A colour change from pink

Table 2  
Kinetic data for metal hydroxamates

Reaction	$E_a$ ( $\text{kJmol}^{-1}$ )	$n$	$r^a$
$[Co(C_9H_8NO_4)(OH)]_{(s)} \xrightarrow[ -CH_3COH ]{115-172^\circ C} [Co(C_7H_5NO_4)]_{(s)}$	20.6	0	0.99
$[Ni(C_9H_8NO_4)_2] \cdot H_2O_{(s)} \xrightarrow[ -H_2O ]{32-82^\circ C} [Ni(C_9H_8NO_4)_2]_{(s)}$	16.4	1	0.99
$[Ni(C_9H_8NO_4)_2]_{(s)} \xrightarrow[ -C_9H_9NO_4 ]{151-195^\circ C} [Ni(C_9H_7NO_4)]_{(s)}$	19.9	0	0.99
$[Zn(C_9H_8NO_4)(OH)]H_2O_{(s)} \xrightarrow[ -H_2O ]{84-123^\circ C} [Zn(C_9H_8NO_4)(OH)]_{(s)}$	18.6	1	0.99
$[Zn(C_9H_8NO_4)(OH)]_{(s)} \xrightarrow[ -CH_3COH ]{160-192^\circ C} [Zn(C_7H_5NO_4)]_{(s)}$	21.0	0	0.98

<sup>a</sup> Correlation coefficient of the linear plot.

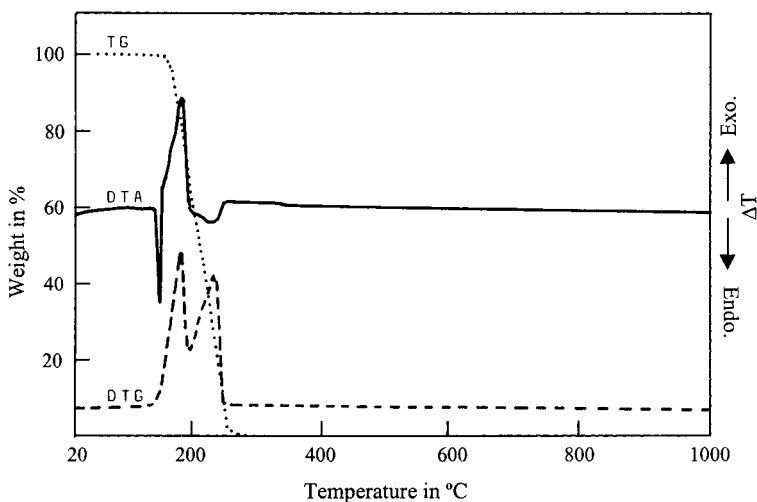


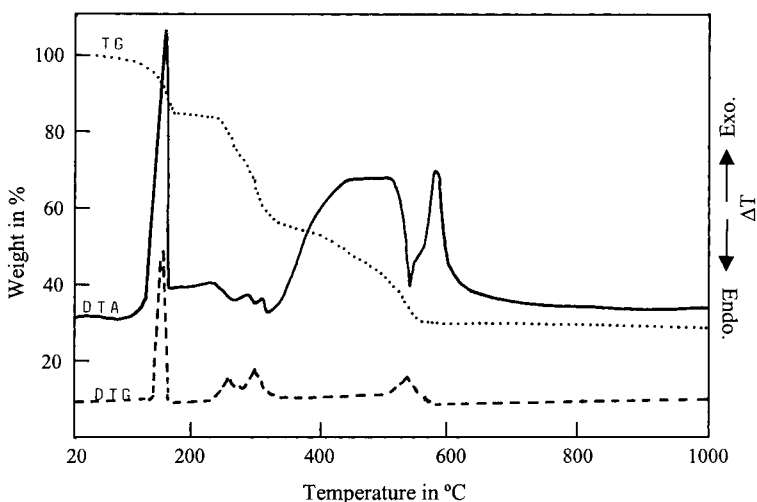
Fig. 1. Thermal analysis curves of AcSHA.

to deep blue was also observed during decomposition. The order of the decomposition reaction was zero and the  $E_a$  value was calculated as  $20.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ . The intermediate formed is stable up to  $220^\circ\text{C}$  and decomposes in three steps to give  $\text{CoO}$  as the end product at  $625^\circ\text{C}$ .

### 3.1.3. $[\text{Ni}(\text{AcSHA})_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$

This complex decomposes in four stages (Fig. 3). The first stage corresponds to dehydration in the

temperature range  $32\text{--}82^\circ\text{C}$ . Thermal dehydration is first order with an energy of activation of  $16.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ . In the second stage, the anhydrous complex undergoes a strong exothermic decomposition between  $150$  and  $195^\circ\text{C}$  to produce a stable solid moiety. A large mass loss ( $41.59\%$ ) was observed in this decomposition stage with a sharp colour change from pale-blue to dark blue. This conforms to the loss of an AcSHA molecule, thereby leading to formation of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{NO}_4)]$  with an  $E_a$  value of  $19.9 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

Fig. 2. Thermal analysis curves of  $[\text{Co}(\text{AcSHA})(\text{OH})]$ .

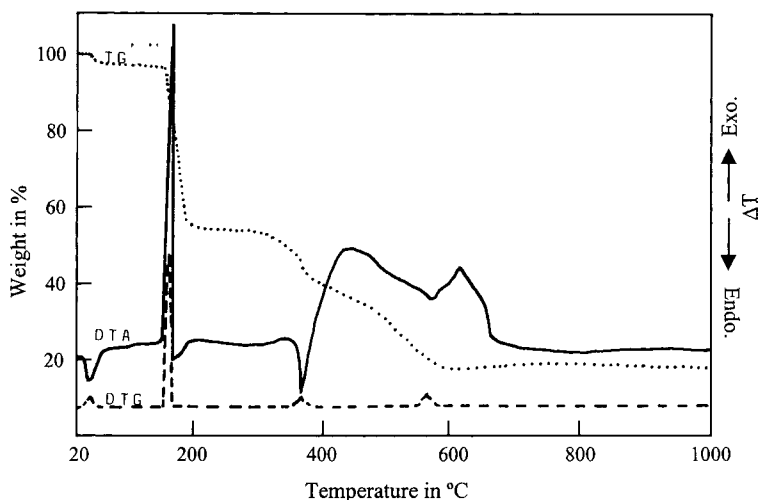


Fig. 3. Thermal analysis curves of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{AcSHA})_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

The third and fourth stages correspond to the decomposition of the intermediate to yield NiO as the final decomposition product.

#### 3.1.4. $[\text{Cu}(\text{AcSHA})(\text{OH})]$

The thermal mode of decomposition of the complex is shown in Fig. 4 and indicates that it is thermally stable up to 200°C. The thermal decomposition appears to take place in two exothermic stages at 270 and 322°C, respectively. These two decomposi-

tion processes follow a continuous mass loss with a break at 280°C and therefore, no intermediate of definite stoichiometry could be isolated. The final decomposition product was estimated as CuO.

#### 3.1.5. $[\text{Zn}(\text{AcSHA})(\text{OH})] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$

Thermal dehydration of the complex apparently occurs in a single step (Fig. 5). The  $E_a$  and  $n$  values were found to be  $18.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  and 1, respectively. The mass loss of 14.47% in the temperature range

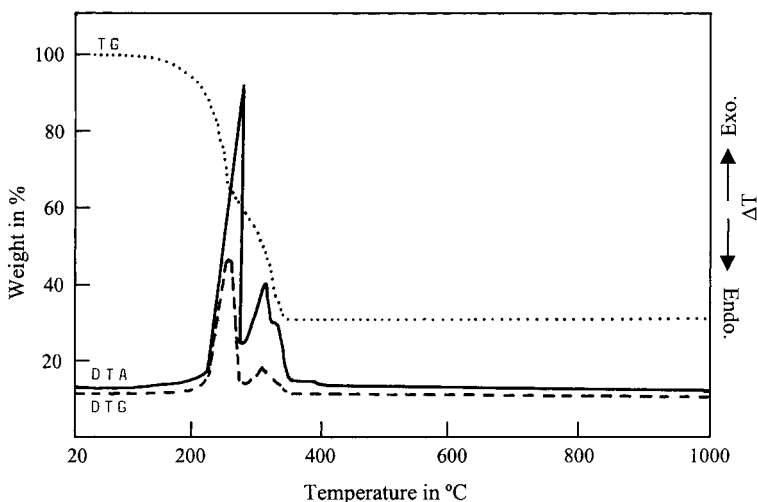


Fig. 4. Thermal analysis curves of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{AcSHA})(\text{OH})]$ .

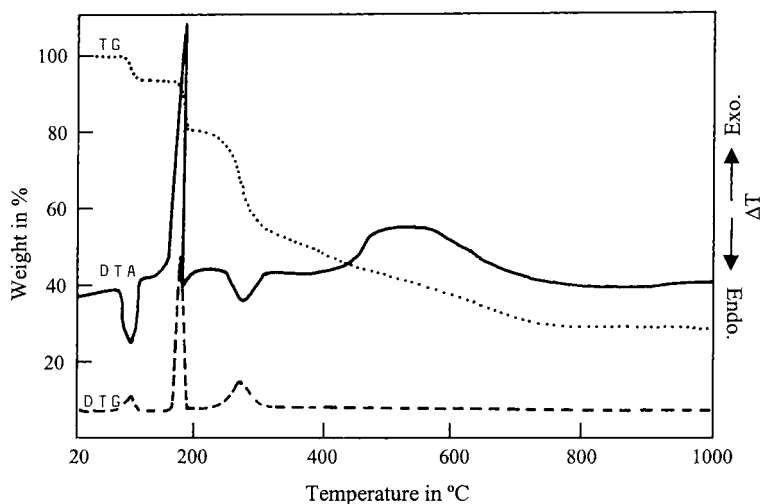


Fig. 5. Thermal analysis curves of  $[\text{Zn}(\text{AcSHA})(\text{OH})]\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

160–192°C accounts for the exothermic elimination of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  and formation of a stable solid intermediate. The decomposition process is of zero order with an  $E_a$  value of  $21 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ . The major decomposition is observed in the temperature range 217–712°C with a mass loss of 51.16% to yield  $\text{ZnO}$ .

The order of dehydration of the complexes was found to be 1 while the order of decomposition was zero. The energies of activation of dehydration were somewhat lower than those of decomposition.

### 3.2. Identification of solid intermediates

From the TG curves of the metal complexes, it is observed that after the violent exothermic decomposition, all complexes except the  $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$  complex exhibit a plateau between 190 and 210°C. Mass loss calculations for the  $\text{Co}(\text{II})$  and  $\text{Zn}(\text{II})$  complexes correspond to the elimination of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  (Table 1). This is also

supported by the qualitative analysis of the gas  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$ , which gives an acid reaction towards wet litmus paper. The  $\text{Ni}(\text{II})$  complex exhibits different thermal behaviour. In the temperature range 150–195°C, a large mass loss (41.59%) occurs which is attributed to the release of a molecule of  $\text{AcSHA}$ .

The elemental analyses of the solid intermediates formed at 195°C are given in Table 3 and the most prominent IR frequencies are listed in Table 4. Most absorption bands are strongly affected by heating at 195°C. The solid intermediates formed by heating of the  $\text{Co}(\text{II})$  and  $\text{Zn}(\text{II})$  complexes did not contain the characteristic  $\nu(\text{NH})$  mode in the region 3200–3350  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and acetyl carbonyl  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$  at about 1685  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , but still exhibit a broad band at about 3500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , which is due to  $\nu(\text{OH})$ . A new sharp absorption band centered around 1660  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to the N-hydroxylactam mode of  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$  [18,19]. However, the  $\text{Ni}(\text{II})$  complex exhibits

Table 3  
Analytical data for the solid intermediates formed at 195°C

Complex	F.W. (g/mol)	C (%)		H (%)		N (%)		$\mu_s$ in B.M.		Colour
		Found	Calcd.	Found	Calcd.	Found	Calcd.	Found	Calcd.	
$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{NO}_4)]$	226.0	38.06	37.20	2.70	2.23	5.25	6.19	3.93	3.87	Dark blue
$[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{NO}_4)]$	251.9	42.10	42.91	2.99	2.78	5.77	5.56	2.94	2.83	Dark green
$[\text{Zn}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{NO}_4)]$	232.5	37.04	36.16	2.96	2.16	5.42	6.02	Dia.	Dia.	Brown

Table 4  
Important IR bands of metal hydroxamates and the solid intermediates formed at 195°C<sup>a</sup>

Compounds	$\nu(\text{OH})$	$\nu(\text{NH})$	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ (acetyl)	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ (hydroxylactam)	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$	$\nu(\text{C}-\text{N})$	$\nu(\text{M}-\text{O})$
[Co(AcSHA)(OH)]	3542s	3235w	1687s	–	–	1324m	427w
195°C sinter [Co(C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> )]	3414m	–	–	1658s	–	1327m	437w
[Ni(AcSHA) <sub>2</sub> ].H <sub>2</sub> O	3450s,b	3076w	1674s	–	–	1351sh	409w
195°C sinter [Ni(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> )]	–	–	1761s	–	1646s	–	441w
[Zn(AcSHA)(OH)].H <sub>2</sub> O	3462s,b	3286sh	1685s	–	–	1314m	445w
195°C sinter [Zn(C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> )]	3418m	–	–	1664s	–	1333m	435w

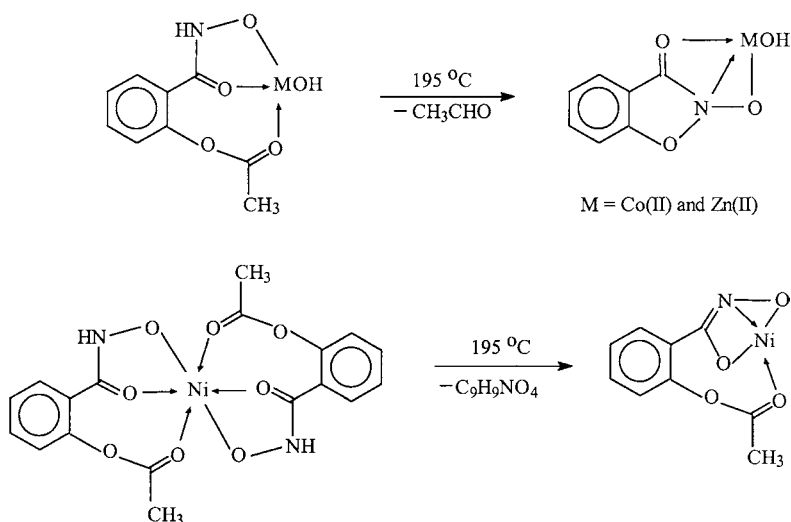
<sup>a</sup> s, strong; m, medium; sh, shoulder; b, broad; w, weak.

$\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$  of acetyl carbonyl which shifted from 1674 to 1761  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  due to changes in the structure. A new band appears at 1646  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , corresponding the stretching mode of the C=N group [27]. The absorption bands around 1540  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  disappeared and some bands below 1000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  also disappeared or weakened.

These observations suggest an intramolecular interaction which leads to formation of the N-hydroxylactam structure for the Co(II) and Zn(II) complexes and stabilization of the enol form of AcSHA in the Ni(II) complex in the solid state [6]. The formation of the

good agreement with the tentative formula and the magnetic moment values of the intermediates and clearly indicate that the heated complexes have tetrahedral coordination geometry and high-spin electronic configurations. All intermediates decompose to produce the respective metal oxides as the final decomposition product. This also indicates the presence of reasonably ionic metal–oxygen bonds in the complexes.

Based on the thermal and spectroscopic data, the following decomposition reactions may be proposed for the metal complexes of AcSHA.



N-hydroxylactam moiety is also reported as the decomposition intermediates of metal complexes of hydroxamic acid derivatives [18,19]. The elemental analyses (Table 3) of the solid intermediates are in

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