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Molecular structure of Zn (II) compound containing 8-hydroxyquinoline and 2 picoline ligands [I], theoretical HF and DFT studies [II]

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ABSTRACT

In this study, Zn (II) compound containing 8 hydroxyquinoline (L1:8-Hq) and 2-picoline (L2: 2P) ligands was prepared and its elemental analysis was recorded. Infrared spectra of the ligands and the compound were obtained. The structure of the prepared compound was determined approximately based on the spectroscopic and analytical results. The infrared vibration frequencies of the prepared compound were calculated theoretically employing the ab-initio Hartree-Fock (HF) and density functional theory (DFT) methods with 6-311G(dp) basis set. Finally, the vibrational frequency values of the compound obtained both experimentally and theoretically were compared in details. It was observed that all the experimental and theoretical results are in good agreement with the literature.

Keywords: 8-hydroxyquinoline, 2-picoline, HF, DFT.

1. INTRODUCTION

8-hydroxyquinoline and its derivatives are known to have activities against bacteria, fungi and amoebic¹ and they also exhibit therapeutic properties.**²** When 8-Hq lose a proton, they acquire the ability to compound with transition metals.**³** Merrit and co-workers have investigated crystal structures of 8-Hq aqueous compounds.**⁴** Magee and co-workers have obtained infrared spectra of some bivalent and tervalent metal chelate compounds of 8-Hq and they have given some vibrational modes of 8-Hq.**5-7** Ohkaku and Nakamoto later Engelter and co-workers**8,9** have reported the infrared spectra of $M(8-Hq)$ ² (H_2O) ² [M = Mn, Co, Zn,

8-hidroksikinolin ve 2-pikolin ligandları içeren Zn (II) bileşiğinin moleküler yapısı [I], teorik HF ve DFT çalışmaları [II**]**

ÖZ

Bu çalışmada, 8-hidroksikinolin (L1: 8-Hq) ve 2-pikolin (L2:2P) ligandlarını içeren Zn (II) bileşiği hazırlandı ve elemental analizi yapıldı. Ligandların ve bileşiklerin infrared spektrumları elde edildi. Hazırlanan bileşiğin yapısı yaklaşık olarak spektroskopik ve analitik sonuçlara dayanarak belirlendi. Hazırlanan bileşiğin titreşim frekansları teorik olarak 6-311G (dp) temel seti ile ab-initio Hartree-Fock (HF) ve yoğunluk fonksiyon teorisi (DFT) yöntemleri kullanılarak hesaplandı. Son olarak, bileşiğin deneysel ve teorik olarak elde edilen titreşim frekans değerleri detaylı olarak karşılaştırıldı. Tüm deneysel ve teorik sonuçların literatürle iyi bir uyum içinde olduğu gözlendi.

Anahtar Kelimeler: 8-hidroksikinolin, 2-pikolin, HF, DFT.

Ni, Cu] compounds over the range $700-50$ cm⁻¹ and they have determined the metal-ligand vibrations. Yurdakul and Arıcı**¹⁰** have reported the IR spectra of the *M(8-* HOq ₂ X ₂ type complexes (where M=Zn, Co; X=CI, Br, I and 8-HOq=8-hydroxyquinoline) and they approximated the geometric structures of the compounds via ligand and metal vibration bands.

Picoline derivatives have hypolipidemic, antineoplastic and anti-inflammatory effects. They also show activity against glioblastoma and leukemia cells.¹¹ The Picoline derivatives prepared from aminopyridine derivatives have been shown to have cholesterol lowering properties, anticancer and anti-inflammatory agents.¹

Numerous studies have been carried out on pyridines and metal compounds of the derivatives.

Mutton and Thornton¹³ have reported the infrared spectra of $Zn(Py)_{2}X_{2}$ [X= CI, Br and I] compounds over the range $650-145$ cm⁻¹ and they have identified the metal-ligand and metal-halogen vibrations. Steffen and Palenik have determined the structure of the $Zn(Py)$ ² $C1$ ² (Py: pyridine) compound as tetrahedral.**¹⁴** The crystal structure of $Cu(l)L₂$, (L = 2-methylpyridine or 2-picoline) have been determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction methods.**¹⁵** Greenwood and Wade have prepared boron compounds with pyridine and piperidine.**¹⁶** Many authors have obtained transition metal compounds with mixed ligands and studied their properties. Shaker and coworkers¹⁷ have obtained Fe(II), Co(II), Ni(II) and Cu(II) transition metal compounds with mixed 8 hydroxyquinoline and o-hydroxybenzylidene-1-phenyl-2,3-dimethyl-4-amino-3-pyrazolin-5-on ligands. They have used their infrared and UV-Vis spectroscopy to characterize the materials. In 2013, Kindel and coworkers¹⁸ have prepared Mn (I), Co (II), Ni (II), Cu (II), Zn (I), Cd (II), and Hg (II) compounds with 2 -picoline and 8-hydroxyquinoline ligands. Using elemental analysis and M-N and M-O vibrations, they have determined the structure of the compound.

In the literature, both experimental transition metal compounds and theoretical vibrational calculations of 8 hydroxyquinoline and 2-picoline ligands have been studied. However, there is no study of mixed ligands both experimentally and theoretically. The aim of this study, for the first time, is to provide description of the molecular structure and infrared vibrations spectra of the Zn (II) compound containing 8-hydroxyquinoline and 2 picoline ligands.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1. Experimental details

All chemical substances were purchased from Sigma Aldrich Company and used without further purification. Firstly, 1 mmol *ZnCI²* was dissolved in 10 ml absolute ethanol. Secondly, 2 mmol of both 8-hydroxyquinoline and 2-picoline ligands were dissolved separately in 20 ml of absolute ethanol. Finally, *ZnCl²* solution was added the obtained solutions, and the mixture was stirred magnetically at room temperature for 24 hours. The precipitated complex was filtered, washed with ether and dried. The freshly prepared compound was analyzed by a Leco CHNS-932 for C, H and N and by a ICPS-OES analyzer for Zn (Table 1), but single crystal of the ZnL_2^1 L^2 ₂ compound could not be obtained.

Infrared spectra of 8-Hq and 2P ligands and the compound $(ZnL^{1}{}_{2}L^{2}{}_{2})$ prepared were recorded between 4000-400 cm⁻¹ and 700-30 cm⁻¹ with ATR technical by Perkin Elmer Spectrum 400 FT-IR/FT-FIR spectrometer. In the free state, the infrared spectra of 8-Hq and 2P ligands at 4000-400 cm^{-1} are given in Figure 1 and 2, respectively. The infrared spectra of the prepared $ZnL^{1}{}_{2}L^{2}$ compound between 4000-400 cm⁻¹ and 700-30 cm⁻¹ are given in Figure 3 and 4, respectively. Also, the bands observed in the infrared spectrum of the 8-Hq ligand, 2P ligand and the prepared $ZnL_2^1L_2^2$ compound are given in Table 2.

2.2. Computational details

The infrared vibrations frequencies of the prepared $ZnL^1_2L^2_2$ compound were calculated quantum mechanically using the 6-311G(dp) basis set in HF and DFT methods. Therefore, the ligands and the compound were optimized using the same basis set at HF and DFT methods. Thus, our calculations make sure that there are not imaginary frequencies at the lowest energy state. In general, theoretical calculations show systematic deviations from experimental results. Therefore, all the

calculated vibrational frequencies are scaled by 0.9024 for HF/6-311G(dp) and 0.9602 for DFT/6-311G(dp) basis sets**¹⁹** in order to determine the vibrational spectra of the molecule accurately. Molecular structures of $ZnL^1_2L^2_2$ compound was optimized at C₁ symmetry and was not restricted. All the calculations were performed by using Gauss View molecular visualization program**²⁰** and GAUSSIAN09 program package on the personal computer.**²¹** The infrared vibration frequencies obtained from the calculations and the experimental data are given in Table 3.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Molecular structure of ZnL¹ 2L 2 ² compound

It is known from the literature that 8-Hq and 2P ligands in a free state are linked via the N and O-H groups to form complexes with metals.

When the infrared spectrum of the prepared $\text{ZnL}^1_{2}\text{L}^2_{2}$ compound is compared with the spectra of 8-Hq and 2P ligands in the range of 4000-400 cm⁻¹, it is observed that some bands are down or up, and some are missing or split (see Figures 1-4).

Table 2. The observed wavelengths of the 8-hydroxyquinoline ligand, the 2-Picoline ligand and the prepared ZnL_2^1 L_2^2 compound in the infrared spectrum

8-hydroxyquinoline(8-		2-Picoline (2P)		$\mathbf{ZnL}_{2}^{1}\mathbf{L}_{2}^{2}$ compound		Assignment
Hq)						
3046	m.	3050	w. br.	3051	w. sh.	$v(C-H)$
------	------	3012	w. sh.	------	------	$v(C-H)$
------	------	2967	w.	------	------	$v(C-H)$ in $CH3$
1619	m. sh.	1590	m.	1603	m.	$v(C=N)$
1576	m.	1569	m.	1577	${\bf S}$.	$v(C-C)$
1499	S.	------	------	1498	S.	β (C-H)
1469	m.	1477	m.	1464	v.s.	β (C-H)
1433	m.	------	------	------	------	β (C-H)
------	------	1432	m.	1428	w.	Methyl As. Bending
1405	m.	------	------	------	------	β (O-H)
1375	S.	1377	w. sh.	1378	w. s.	β (C-H)
------	-----	------	------	1316	w. s.	β (C-H)
1272	S.	1295	m.	1270	S.	$v(C-N)$
1243	m.	------	------	------	------	$v(C-O)$
------	------	1237	w.	1235	m.	$\mathfrak{v}(C-CH_3)$
1201	S.	------	------	------	------	β (C-H)
1138	m.	1147	m.	1137	w.	β (C-H)
1091	m.	1099	w.	1107	W. S.	$v(C-C)$
1054	m	1049	m.	1035	m.	Ring Breathing
971	m.	998	m.	972	v.w	γ (C-H)
893	m.			878	w. sh.	γ (C-H)
842	m. br.	------	------	------	------	--------
812	m.	806	V. W.	826	S.	γ (C-H)
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776	V.S.	750	V.S.	755	S.	γ (C-H) + γ (C-C) + γ (C-N)
738	V.S.	730	S.	734	v.s.	γ (C-H)
704	V. S.	------	------	------	------	γ (O-H)
633	m.	628	m.	646	m.	γ (C-C)
573	S.	------	$- - - - - -$	589	S.	β (C-C-C)
542	m.	547	m.	553	w.	β (C-C-C)
480	m.	475	S.	484	S.	γ (C-C)
463	S.	------	------	------	------	-------
				398	br.	β ring
				364	br.	β (C-CH ₃)
				283	w.	$v(Zn-N)$
				246	m.	$v(Zn-O)$
				216	br. w.	$v(Zn-N)$
				187	br.	2P Butterfly
				148	w.	2P Rocking
				124	m. br.	2P Rocking
				102	S.	$v(Zn-2P)$
				$77 \,$	m. sh.	β (Z-Zn-N)

As.: asymmetric, Br.: broad, m.: medium, s.: strong, sh.: shoulder, v.: very, w.: weak, ʋ: stretch, β: in plane bending, γ : out of plane bending.

Figure 1. Infrared spectrum of 8-Hq ligand between 4000-400 cm^{-1} .

As seen in Table 2, the C=N stretching band was observed at 1619 cm⁻¹ with medium intensity for the 8-Hq ligand and at 1590 cm^{-1} with medium intensity for 2P ligand. We observed medium intensity band at 1603 cm⁻¹ in the infrared spectra of the prepared ZnL_2^1 L_2^2 compound. This C=N stretching vibration band was observed at a frequency of 17 cm-1 lower than the 8-Hq ligand and at a frequency of 29 cm^{-1} higher than 2P ligand.. In the literature, this C=N stretching vibration band is observed at 1630 cm⁻¹,²² at 1600 cm⁻¹,²³ at 1625 cm^{-124} for 8-Hq, at 1595 cm^{-125} for picoline, 1600 cm^{-126} for pyridine and at 1556 cm-1**²⁷** for 2-aminopicoline. The C-N stretching band was observed as intensity band at 1272 cm-1 in the free 8-Hq ligand and as strong intensity at 1295 cm $^{-1}$ in the free 2P ligand. We observed the C-N band at 1270 cm⁻¹ in the prepared $ZnL¹_{2}L²_{2}$ compound. The C-N band appears to be shifted down compared to both ligands. All these shifts indicate that they are attached to the zinc atom via the nitrogen atoms in the ligands.

The C-O stretching band was observed at 1243 cm⁻¹ with middle intensity in the 8-Hq ligand and at 1237 cm⁻¹ with weak intensity in the 2P ligand. It is observed that this band shifted down at 1235 cm^{-1} in the prepared $ZnL^1_2L^2_2$ compound. The C-O stretching band was also observed at 1222 cm-1 by Khaled and co-workers.**²⁸**

The O-H in-plane bending band is observed at 1405 cm⁻¹ in the free 8-Hq ligand but does not appear in the spectrum of the $ZnL^{1/2}$ compound. In the literature, the OH in-plane bending band has been observed at 1407 cm⁻¹²⁹, 1408 cm⁻¹³⁰ and 1380 cm^{-1.22} Similarly the O-H out-of-plane twist band is observed to have middle intensity at 704 cm^{-1} but does not appear in the spectrum of the ZnL_2^1 L_2^2 compound. According to the results from the infrared spectra, it can be said that $8-Hq(L^1)$ ligand binds to both the N atom and the O atom of OH group and the $2P(L^2)$ ligand only binds to the metal from the nitrogen atom.

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60

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20 10

Transmittance (%)

Figure 2.Infrared spectrum of 2P ligand between 4000-400 cm^{-1} .

Metal ligand vibration bands can help determine the molecular structure around metal ions and generally, metal ligand vibrations are observed below 400 cm^{-1} in the infrared spectrum.

In this context, there are $Zn-O$, $Zn-N_1$ vibration bands for the L^1 ligand and $Zn-N_2$ vibration bands for the L^2 ligand below 400 cm^{-1} of the infrared spectrum of the $ZnL^1_2L^2_2$ compound. From Table 2 and 4, it is observed that the Zn-O vibration band formed by the zinc metal with oxygen of the 8-Hq ligand at 246 cm^{-1} shows middle intensity. This band was observed at 241 cm^{-1} in an anhydrous $Zn(8-Hq)$ ₂ compound by Engelter and coworkers⁹ and also at 315 cm⁻¹ in Zn(8-Hq)₂Cl₂ compound with middle intensity by Yurdakul and co-workers.¹⁰ Ohkako and co-workers have observed the Zn-O band at 330-310 cm^{-18} in the compounds of 8-Hq ligand with Ni, Cu and Zn.

The vibration of the Zn-N bond formed by the N atom of the 8-Hq ligand with Zn atom were observed at 193 cm⁻¹ by Engelter and co-workers,⁹ at 380 cm⁻¹ by Mabrouk and co-workers³¹ and at 276 cm⁻¹ by Yurdakul and co-workers**¹⁰** with medium intensity. In this study, we observed moderate intensity of Zn-N stretch vibration band at 283 cm^{-1} .

We also observed that 2P ligand cause to Zn-N bond vibration with weak intensity at 216 cm^{-1} . This band was observed at 310 cm^{-1} by Ahmet-El-Toukhy, 32 at $288-256$ cm-1 by Dimitra Kovala and co-workers**³³** as in compounds made with pyridine and its derivatives at 213 $cm⁻¹$ by Mutton and Thornton¹³ and at 222-203 $cm⁻¹$ by WLSteffen and co-workers observed.**³⁴**

It can be said that all the experimental values discussed above are in accordance with the literature. According to Table 1, it can be said that $ZnL^1_2L^2_2$ compound has one Zn atom and two 8-Hq and 2P ligands. In Figure 3, it is shown that the absence of the expected O-H band at $3400-4000$ cm⁻¹ in the infrared

Figure 3. Infrared spectrum of $ZnL¹_{2}L²_{2}$ compound between 4000-400 cm⁻¹.

Figure 4. Infrared spectrum of $ZnL¹$ ₂ $L²$ ₂ compound between 700-30 cm^{-1} .

spectrum suggests that there is no water in the prepare $ZnL^1_2L^2_2$ compound. According to the Jan Teller theorem, the splitting of bands around 730 cm^{-1} and 750 cm⁻¹ in the infrared spectrum of the $ZnL^1_2L^2_2$ compound indicates that the molecular geometry is slightly distorted.

According to the results obtained from the spectrum and elemental analysis, it can be deduced that $ZnL^1_2L^2_2$ compound is in deteriorated octahedral structure. The molecular structure of the considered $ZnL^1{}_2L^2{}_2$ compound is given in Figure 5.

3.2. Theoretical HF and DFT calculations of the considered $ZnL^1{}_2L^2{}_2$ compound and fundamental **vibrational assignments**

As is known, it is difficult to make theoretical calculations of large compounds containing metals and to assignment their infrared vibration bands.

The theoretically calculated number of vibrations is considerably greater than observed experimentally. This means that the compound is large and the calculations are done in gas phase. The compound does not have exactly symmetry because it has a distorted octahedral structure. Thus all vibrations are active in both infrared spectroscopy and Raman spectroscopy.

Molecular symmetry was not considered in calculations. All the frequencies are assigned in terms of fundamental, overtone and combination bands. As shown in Figure 5, the compound has 63 atoms and 183 fundamental vibrations.

Figure 5. Molecular the structure of the considered $ZnL^1_2L^2_2$ compound.

3.2.1. C-H vibrations

Usually, the bands observed in the infrared spectrum between 3000 and 3250 cm^{-1} are C-H stretching vibration bands**³⁵** and they are pure. The weak band observed at 3051 cm-1 in the spectrum is assigned to C-H vibration band which shows good correlation with computed wave number at 3022.16 cm⁻¹ by HF and at 3058.51 cm⁻¹ by B3LYP methods (see Table 3).

Other the C-H stretching bands which are not visible in the infrared spectrum of the compound was calculated at (3008.20 cm^{-f} - 3087.90 cm⁻¹) at HF and (3048.82 cm⁻¹) -3121.68 cm⁻¹) at DFT as the theoretical.

In-plane and out-of-plane C-H bending vibrations are observed at $1000-1300$ cm⁻¹ and $950-800$ cm⁻¹, respectively.**36-38** We observed very strong bands at 1498 cm⁻¹ and 1316 cm⁻¹ in the infrared spectra of the $ZnL^1_2L^2_2$ compound and they are determined as β (C-H) + v (C=C) and β (C-H) + v (C-C) in Table 3. These bands arise from the coupling between the in-plane C-H bending and ring C-C stretching vibrations.

As.: asymmetric, a: 0.9024, b: 0.9602 Br.: broad, m.: medium, s.: strong, sh.: shoulder, Sy.: symmetric, v.: very, w.: weak, v. stretch, β: in plane bending, γ: out of plane bending.

This indicates that during this normal mode the total dipole moment changes substantially, and this is consistent with the large IR intensity of this mode. These in-plane C-H bending vibrations were observed at 1510 cm⁻¹ for p-Fluorophenol-OH, at 1508 cm⁻¹ for p-Fluorophenol-OD, **39** p-chloro and p-bromophenol, respectively.**⁴⁰** As seen in Table 3, we observed a very intense in-plane $(C-H)$ bending band at 1316 cm^{-1} . This band was observed weakly at 1310 cm⁻¹ in the p-Fluorophenol-OH molecule by Zierkiewicz and Michalska. **³⁹** Also, the bands observed at 1179 and 1129 $cm⁻¹$ in the infrared spectrum of the compound were assigned as C-H in-plane bending vibrations. These observed C-H in-plane bending vibrations were calculated as 1180.48 and 1104.36 cm⁻¹ via HF method, 1206.23 and 1120.58 cm^{-1} via DFT method, respectively. However, the C-H in plane bending vibrations not visible in the spectrum are theoretically calculated and given in Table 3.

The C-H out-of-plane bending vibrations are observed at 878, 826, 790, 755 and 734 cm⁻¹. While the 826 cm⁻¹ band was assigned as pure, the other bands were assigned in combination with the *γ*(C=C) and *γ*(C=N) bands. These bands were calculated as 891.87, 798.20, 770.52 and 749.17cm⁻¹ via HF, 886.45, 840.42, 790.51, 744.97 and 727.84 cm⁻¹ via DFT methods respectively.

According to the literature, the in-plane and out-ofplane bending vibrational frequencies have been found to be well within their characteristic regions.

3.2.2. Ring vibrations

The C=N stretching band generally seems between 1645 and 1575 cm^{-1} .⁴¹ This band has been observed at 1630 cm-1**²²** at 1600 cm-1**²³**, at 1625 cm-1**²⁴** for 8 hydroxyquinoline, at 1595 cm-1**²⁵** for picoline, at 1600 cm-1**²⁶** for pyridine in the literature. In the spectrum of the compound we have indicated the medium intensity band at 1603 cm⁻¹ as the C=N stretching vibration which calculated as 1637.91 cm^{-1} by HF and 1593.73 cm^{-1} by DFT methods. The other three C=N stretching vibrations not visible in the spectrum are calculated and given in Table 3. The C–N stretching usually lies in the region 1400–1200 cm^{-1} .⁴² The C-N stretching vibration is assigned at 1270 cm^{-1} with very strong intensity. This band is calculated as 1260.66 cm⁻¹ by HF and 1271.68 cm-1 by DFT methods. As mentioned above, we assigned the band *γ* (C-H) + *γ* (C =N), which appears to be very strong at 734 cm^{-1} .

Arjuna and co-workers have observed the C=C ring stretching vibration for the 7-bromo-5-chloro-8 hydroxyquinoline and 5-aminoquinoline molecules in the range 1611 to 1412 cm^{-1,43,44} The C=C stretching vibrations are assigned at 1577, 1498 and 1428 cm^{-1} with strong, very strong and weak intensity, respectively. These bands are calculated as 1631.68, 1504.29 and 1453

 cm^{-1} by HF and 1579.90, 1483.26 and 1430.62 cm^{-1} by DFT method, respectively. The stretching vibrations bands for C-C bond are assigned at 1316 cm^{-1} with very strong and at 1107 cm^{-1} with weak intensity. The experimentally observed bands are found to be at 1321.88 and 1077.49 cm⁻¹ via HF method and 1316.71 and 1098.44 cm^{-1} via DFT method, respectively. These theoretically calculated values are in agreement with both the intensity and the spectrum of the bands. This result is also consistent with the literature.**⁴⁵** We assigned the band γ (C = C) as a combination of γ (C-H) which appears to be weak at 878, very strong at 790, strong at 755 cm^{-1} and medium at 646 cm⁻¹. In addition, the band we have observed with medium intensity at 646 and broad at 402 cm-1 are determined as the pure out-of-plane C-C vibration.

In the spectrum, we labeled the bands that were strong at 598, weak at 553, and strong at 477 cm^{-1} as *β*(C-C-C) in-plane angle bending. These bands are calculated at 598.82, 555.89 and 484.59 cm⁻¹ by HF and 583.58, 552.62 and 477.66 cm⁻¹ by DFT method, respectively. This result is in consistent with the literature. **44**

We observed a medium intensity band at 1029 cm⁻¹ and assigned the band as ring breathing. This band is calculated at 1026.06 cm⁻¹ by HF and 1031.00 cm⁻¹ by DFT method and it is in consistent with the literature.**⁴⁶**

3.2.3. Methyl group vibrations

The $CH₃$ methyl group is known to have nine types of vibrations. These are one symmetric stretch, two asymmetric stretches, one symmetrical bending, two asymmetric bendings, two rocks and one torsion vibration. Symmetrical and asymmetric vibrations in the methyl group are observed in the range of 3000-2900 cm-1 . Symmetrical and asymmetric bending vibrations are observed in the range of $1465-1370$ cm^{-1} and rocking vibrations are observed in the range of $1040-990$ cm^{-1.25} Symmetrical and asymmetric stretching vibrations frequencies are not observed in the infrared spectra but asymmetric bending modes at methyl $CH₃$ are assigned at 1464 cm^{-1} to be very strong. The experimentally observed band is found at 1504.29 cm⁻¹ via HF and 1483.26 cm⁻¹ via DFT method. The methyl symmetric bending vibration is obtained at 1378 cm^{-1} with very strong intensity. We calculated this band at 1401.02 cm^{-1} with HF and at 1378.15 cm⁻¹ with DFT method. In this study, we could not observe the methyl rocking and methyl torsion vibrations, but we observed the methyl wagging vibration at 962 cm^{-1} with weak intensity. We also observed the stretching vibration between the methyl groups and the ring as a broad band at 364 cm⁻¹. It is calculated as 371 cm^{-1} , 370.09 cm^{-1} with HF and DFT methods, respectively. These values are given in Table 3. It can be said that the assignments made for methyl are in good agreement with the literature.

3.2.4. Zn-N, Zn-O and other vibrations

As mentioned above, these vibration bands are assigned in more detail in Table 3. The Zn-N stretching band between the zinc atom and the nitrogen atom in 8- Hq was calculated at 279.56 cm⁻¹ with HF method and 273.36 cm⁻¹ with DFT method. Also, the band between the zinc atom and the nitrogen atom in 2P was calculated at 219.40 cm⁻¹ with HF method and 214.55 cm⁻¹ with DFT method. Zn-O bands between 8-hq ligand and zinc

were calculated as 274.64 cm^{-1} and 262.04 cm^{-1} with HF and 259.77 cm^{-1} and 268.43 cm^{-1} with DFT methods.

We observed a broad band at 364 cm^{-1} and assigned the band as β (*C-CH*₃). This broad band observed at 187 $cm⁻¹$ was assigned as a butterfly of the 2P ligand. The weak band observed at 148 cm⁻¹ and broad band at 124 cm^{-1} were assigned as a rocking of the 2P ligand. In addition, the bands observed at 102 cm^{-1} and 77 cm^{-1} in the spectrum were assigned as *ʋ*(*Zn-2P*) and *β*(*N-Zn-N*) vibrations, respectively. Table 3 shows that these observed bands are in good agreement with the calculations.

Figure 6. Correlation graphs of theoretical and experimental vibration frequencies.

Correlation diagrams for comparison of the experimental and theoretical infrared frequencies of the prepared $ZnL_{2}^{1}L_{2}^{2}$ compound are shown in Figure 6.

As can be seen from Figure 6, the experimental vibration frequencies are in better agreement with the scaled vibration frequencies and are found to have a better correlation for DFT/B3LYP/6-311G(dp) than and HF/6-311G(dp).

4. CONCLUSIONS

The structure of the prepared $ZnL^1_2L^2_2$ compound was determined with the help of analyzing C, H, N and Zn via observed infrared spectra. The geometry of ZnL^2L^2 compound were optimized using the HF and DFT/B3LYP methods with 6-311G(dp) basis set. Then, using this optimized data, the vibration frequencies of the compound were calculated and compared with the experimental values one by one. It has been shown that the results are in perfect agreement and these results are supported by correlation graphics.

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Conflict of interest

We declare that there is no a conflict of interest with any person, institute, company, etc.

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