

Synthesis, Spectroscopic Characterization, Thermal Investigation and Antimicrobial Activity of S, O and N-Donor Heterocyclic Schiff Base Ligands and their Co(II), Cd(II), Hg(II), Fe(III) and UO₂(II) Metal Complexes

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THE POLYDENTATE ligands 2,5-N,N-bis (dimethyl-1-phenyl-4-pyrazoline-5-one) furanidine; 2,5-N,N-bis (pyridine) furanidine and 2,5-N,N-bis (2-thiophenol) furanidine ($L^1 - L^3$), have been prepared and identified. The chemical behavior of these ligands towards some metal cations such as Co(II), Cd(II), Hg(II), Fe(III) and UO₂(II) was studied. The isolated complexes are characterized using analytical data, IR, ¹H-NMR, UV-visible, mass spectroscopy, magnetic susceptibility, thermal analysis and molar conductance measurements. Bonding of the ligands with the metal ions is deduced from IR spectra and the presence of the mononuclear complexes are inferred from the mass spectral study. An octahedral structure is proposed for the prepared metal complexes and some ligand field parameters (D_q , B, and β) in addition to LFSE were calculated from electronic spectral data. All synthesized compounds were screened for their antimicrobial activity against gram positive and gram negative bacteria and fungi. The biological evaluation study showed high to moderate bacterial activity compared with the ligands, their metal complexes and known antibiotics data.

Keywords: Heterocyclic ligands, Metal complexes, Thermal studies and Antimicrobial activity.

The condensation of primary amines with carbonyl compounds are referred to as Schiff bases ⁽¹⁻⁴⁾. Schiff bases play an important role in inorganic chemistry as they easily form stable complexes with most transition metal ions ⁽⁵⁾. A large number of Schiff bases and their complexes have been investigated for their interesting and important properties, especially they possess a diverse spectrum of biological and pharmaceutical activities such as antitumor and antioxidative activities. In continuation of our studies on the ligating properties of Schiff base ⁽⁶⁻⁸⁾, it is necessary to synthesis Co(II), Cd (II), Hg(II), Fe(III) and UO₂(II) complexes of heterocyclic ligands;

- 2,5-N,N-bis(2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-4-pyrazoline-5-one) furanidine, L¹.
- 2,5-N,N-bis(1-thiophenol) furanidine, L².
- 2,5-N,N-bis(pyridine) furanidine, L³.

The structural chemistry of the ligands and their complexes is the aim of this manuscript in addition to test whether any of synthesized compounds would prove to be effective in controlling the growth of a new important bacteria and fungi in attempt to understand the influence of metal ion/ligand nature on the biological properties.

Experimental

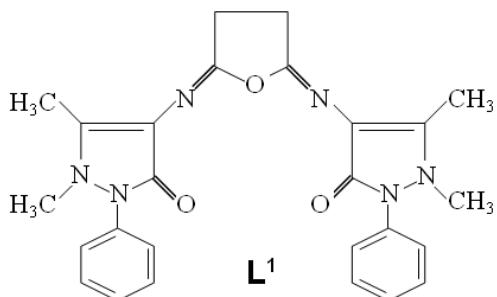
Reagents and instruments

All chemical used are of Analar grade and obtained from Fluka, Sigma, Aldrich, Merck and BDH. They include Co(CH₃COO)₂.4H₂O; Cd(NO₃)₂.4H₂O; Hg(CH₃COO)₂; Fe(NO₃)₃.9H₂O; UO₂(NO₃)₂.6H₂O; succinic anhydride; 4-aminoantipyrine; 2-aminothiophenol; 2-aminopyridine, ethyl alcohol; diethylether, dimethyl formamide (DMF) and dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO). Concentrated nitric acid and perchloric acid are reagent grade and used as supplied.

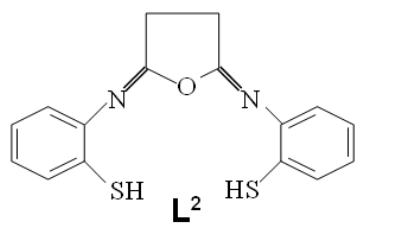
Elemental analyses (C, H, N, S) were carried out in Microanalytical Center at Cairo University. Metal contents were determined complexometrically ⁽⁹⁾ by standard EDTA titration. Melting or decomposition points were carried out on a melting point apparatus, Gallenkamp, England. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer FT-IR type 1650 spectrophotometer using KBr discs, ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded using Brucker ARX-300 spectrometer using DMSO-d₆ as a solvent, chemical shifts are reported in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane. Mass spectra were recorded in a range of m/z ratio between 0 and 1000 at Jeol JMSAX-500 mass spectrometer. Electronic spectra of solutions of ligand, and its metal complexes in DMF and the solid reflectance spectra were recorded on a Jasco model V-550 UV-Vis spectrophotometer, magnetic susceptibilities of the metal complexes were measured by the Gouy method at room temperature using a Johnson Matthey, Alpha products, model MKI magnetic susceptibility balance, the effective magnetic moments were calculated using the relation $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 2.828 (\chi_m T)^{1/2}$ B.M., where χ_m is the molar susceptibility corrected using Pascal's constants for diamagnetism of all atoms in the compounds. The molar conductance measurements were performed in solutions of the complexes in DMF (10⁻³M) using WTWD-812 Weilheim Conductivity meter model LBR, fitted with a cell model LTA100. A Shimadzu TGA-50H thermal analyzer was used to record simultaneously TG and DTG curves, the experiments were carried out in dynamic nitrogen atmosphere (20 ml. min⁻¹) with a heating rate of 10°C min⁻¹) in the temperature range 20-1000°C using platinum crucibles. Highly sintered α Al₂O₃ was used as a reference. The antimicrobial activity of ligands and their metal complexes were screened using the diffusion agar technique ⁽¹⁰⁾ at the Medical Mycology Laboratory in the Regional Center for Mycology and Biotechnology at AL-Azhar University.

Synthesis of the organic ligands

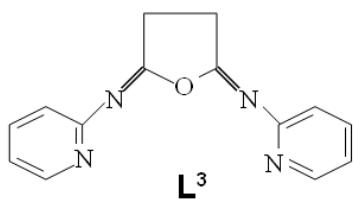
The Schiff base ligands under study, L¹-L³ were obtained by condensation of succinic anhydride and the appropriate amines (4-amino- antipyrene; 2-aminothiophenol and 2-aminopyridine) with continuous stirring in 1:2 molar ratios, respectively in presence of few drops of pipredine in ethanolic solution for 6hr in a water bath then cooled. After cooling, the product was filtered off, recrystallized from ethanol, washed with diethyl ether and finally dried in a desiccator over anhydrous calcium chloride. The proposed structure of the ligands, (Fig. 1) is in a good agreement with the stoichiometry concluded from their analytical data (Table 1).



2,5-N,N-bis (2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-4-pyrazoline-5-one) furanidine.



2,5-N,N-bis (1-thiophenol)furanidine



2,5-N,N-bis (pyridine)furanidine

Fig.1. Structure, name and abbreviation of Ligands, L¹-L³

Synthesis of the metal complexes

The metal complexes were prepared by adding slowly a hot ethanolic solution of the appropriate metal salt (0.01 mol) namely; Co(CH₃COO)₂.4H₂O, Cd(NO₃)₂.4H₂O, Hg(CH₃COO)₂, Fe(NO₃)₃. 9H₂O and UO₂(NO₃)₂.6H₂O to ethanolic solution of the respective ligands, L¹-L³(0.01mol). The reaction mixture was stirred and refluxed for 2hr on water bath. The formed solid complexes (1 -15) that separated out were filtered, washed with ethanol and diethyl ether then dried in a desiccators over anhydrous calcium chloride. The isolated complexes (1 -15) are powder, stable in air, soluble in DMF and DMSO, insoluble in most organic solvents and their elemental analysis are in accordance with the proposed stoichiometry and agree well with the suggested molecular

formula. The analytical data of the metal complexes together with their physical properties are summarized in Table 1.

Results and Discussion

The reaction of ligands under study, L^1-L^3 with Co(II), Cd(II), Hg(II), Fe(III), and UO_2 (II) ions afforded the mononuclear metal complexes (1-15). The structure of the isolated complexes are discussed on the basis of their elemental analysis, conductance, IR, electronic spectral data, mass spectra and magnetic moment measurements. The obtained data are listed in Table 1.

ML (Xy) _n Z (1-15)						
No. of Compounds	L	M	X	Y	n	Z
1	L^1	Co (II)	OAc	-	2	$3.5 H_2O$
2	L^1	Cd (II)	NO_3	-	2	$1.75 H_2O$
3	L^1	Hg (II)	OAc	-	2	$2 H_2O$
4	L^1	Fe (III)	NO_3	-	2	$NO_3.2 H_2O$
5	L^1	UO_2 (II)	NO_3	H_2O	1	NO_3
6	L^2	Co (II)	OAc	-	2	$4 H_2O$
7	L^2	Cd (II)	NO_3	H_2O	1	$NO_3.1.5 H_2O$
8	L^2	Hg (II)	OAc	H_2O	1	$OAc.H_2O$
9	L^2	Fe (III)	NO_3	-	2	$NO_3.1.5 H_2O$
10	L^2	UO_2 (II)	NO_3	-	2	$2.25H_2O$
11	L^3	Co (II)	OAc	-	2	$2.75H_2O$
12	L^3	Cd (II)	NO_3	-	2	$2H_2O$
13	L^3	Hg (II)	OAc	-	2	$2.5H_2O$
14	L^3	Fe (III)	NO_3	-	2	$NO_3. H_2O$
15	L^3	UO_2 (II)	NO_3	-	2	H_2O

Molar conductivity measurements

The molar conductance measurements are recorded for $10^{-3}M$ solution of the metal complexes in DMF at room temperature. Table 1 showed that the metal complexes, (1-3, 6, 10-13,15) fall in the expected range of non-electrolytes while the complexes, (4,5,7-9,14) behave as 1:1 electrolyte⁽¹¹⁻¹³⁾.

TABLE 1. Analytical data and some physical properties of the ligands and their metal complexes.

Compd No.	Empirical formula	Colour	mp. (°C)	Elemental analysis, found/(Calcld. %)			Molecular* weight found (calcd.)	Amm $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$
				C	H	N		
L ¹	C ₁₀ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₃	Yellow	230 66.23(66.36)	5.42(5.58)	17.52(17.86)	-	-	470.0(470.58)*
1	[Co(L') ² (OAc) ₂]3.5H ₂ O [Co(C ₁₀ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₃) ₂] ⁺ .3.5H ₂ O]	Pale brown	204 51.20(50.70)	4.95(5.54)	11.45(11.83)	-	8.44(8.29)	710.4(710.68) 12
2	[Co(L') ² (NO ₃) ₂]1.75H ₂ O [Co(C ₁₀ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₃) ₂] ⁺ .1.75H ₂ O]	grey	220 42.10(42.28)	4.45(4.03)	15.33(15.18)	-	14.76(15.22)	736.6(738.55) 29
3	[Hg(L') ² (OAc) ₂]2H ₂ O [Hg(C ₁₀ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₃) ₂] ⁺ .2H ₂ O]	Pale brown	240 43.12(43.66)	4.03(4.41)	9.85(9.19)	-	24.86(24.31)	823.56(823.32) 20
4	[Fe(L') ² (NO ₃) ₂]NO ₂ .2H ₂ O [Fe(C ₁₀ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₃) ₂] ⁺ .2H ₂ O]	Dark brown	105 41.23(41.72)	3.56(4.05)	16.42(16.85)	-	7.23(7.46)	742.25(748.50) 75
5	[U(O ₂ L') ₂ (NO ₃)(H ₂ O)] ⁺ NO ₃ [U(O ₂ C ₁₀ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₃) ₂] ⁺ .H ₂ O]	Brown	118 35.13(35.38)	3.63(3.20)	12.24(12.70)	-	-	881.0(882.65) 69
L ²	C ₁₀ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₂	Green	84 60.75(61.11)	4.23(4.50)	8.52(8.91)	20.32(20.40)	-	314.15(314.46)*
6	[Co(L') ² (OAc) ₂]4H ₂ O [Co(C ₁₀ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₃) ₂ .4H ₂ O]	Pink	146 43.18(42.62)	4.70(5.92)	5.35(5.97)	11.20(11.38)	11.92(10.96)	563.9(563.57) 11
7	[Co(L') ² (NO ₃)(H ₂ O)] ⁺ NO ₃ .1.5H ₂ O [Co(C ₁₀ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₃) ₂ .2.5 H ₂ O] ⁺	Grey	>320 32.63(32.24)	3.55(3.22)	10.11(9.40)	10.32(10.76)	19.01(18.86)	595.12(595.94) 85
8	[Hg(L') ² (OAc)(H ₂ O)]OAcH ₂ O	Black	142 36.25(35.89)	3.32(3.62)	4.60(4.19)	10.05(9.38)	29.52(29.98)	669.4(669.20) 65
9	[Fe(L') ² (NO ₃) ₂]NO ₃ .1.5 H ₂ O [Fe(C ₁₀ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₃) ₂] ⁺ .NO ₃ .1.5 H ₂ O]	black	>320 32.44(32.94)	3.25(2.94)	12.55(12.01)	10.65(10.99)	9.20(9.57)	584.25(583.37) 75
10	[U(O ₂ L') ₂ (NO ₃) ₂ .2.25H ₂ O [U(O ₂ C ₁₀ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₃) ₂ . 2.25H ₂ O] ⁺	Brown	130 26.15(25.65)	3.02(2.49)	7.12(7.48)	8.22(8.56)	-	748.25(749.06) 33

* The mole peak are given from mass spectral data.

TABLE 1. Continued

Compd No.	Empirical formula	Colour	m.p.(°C)	Elemental analysis, found (Calcd. %)				Molecular* weight found (calcd.)	$\Delta\mu$ $\text{cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$
				C	H	N	S		
L ³	C ₄ H ₁₂ N ₂ O	Pale yellow	102	66.34(66.64)	4.55(4.80)	22.35(22.21)	-	253.05(252.30)	-
11	[CoL ³](OAc) ₃] [CoC ₁₁ H ₁₂ N ₂ O ₅ . 2.75H ₂ O]	pink	205	45.55(45.14)	4.85(4.38)	12.35(11.70)	-	12.65(12.31)	476.15(478.89)
12	[CoL ³ (NO ₃) ₂ . H ₂ O][CoC ₁₁ H ₁₂ N ₂ O ₅ . 2H ₂ O]	Pale yellow	190	31.54(32.04)	3.65(3.08)	16.35(16.02)	-	21.78(21.42)	525.50(525.50)
13	[Hg(L ³)(OAc)] [H ₂ C ₁₁ H ₁₂ N ₂ O ₅ . 2.5H ₂ O]	bagé	>320	35.45(35.09)	3.34(3.77)	8.65(9.10)	-	32.15(32.56)	618.20(616.05)
14	[FeL ³ (NO ₃) ₂] [FeC ₁₁ H ₁₂ N ₂ O ₅ . H ₂ O]	Dark orange	120	32.66(32.26)	3.12(2.71)	18.33(18.82)	-	16.32(0.72)	520.65(521.21)
15	[UO ₂ L ³ (NO ₃) ₂] [UO ₂ C ₁₁ H ₁₂ N ₂ O ₅ . H ₂ O]	Yellow	>320	25.75(25.31)	2.54(2.13)	12.23(12.65)	-	665.15(664.37)	32

* The mole peak are given from mass spectral data

¹H NMR spectra

The spectrum of the ligand, L¹ shows strong signals at δ 2.8 ppm (3H,s), δ 3.8 ppm (3H,s) and δ 7.6 – 7.3 ppm (multiplets) these signals are attributed to C – CH₃, N – CH₃ and aromatic protons, respectively⁽¹⁴⁾. The spectra of the ligand, L² shows a signal at about δ 3.4 ppm (1H,s) attributed to SH protons^(15,16), this signal in metal complexes, (7,8) is shifted to up or/and downfield which indicates that the SH group may participate in coordination without proton displacement. The spectra of the ligand, L³ show signal due to pyridine protons at δ 7.9-6.3 ppm (multiplets)⁽¹⁾. In metal complexes, (12,13), the upfield shift of these signals suggest the participation of pyridine nitrogen in coordination to the metal ions.

IR spectra

Vibrational bands of the free ligands and their complexes are given in Table 2. The reaction of succinic anhydride with different amines forms imino compounds, the vC = O and vNH₂ are replaced by vC = N bands. The spectra of all ligands exhibited strong sharp band at 1682 – 1606 cm⁻¹ which was previously assigned to C = N azomethine group⁽¹⁷⁾. In all metal complexes this band is shifted to lower frequency region 1666 – 1524 cm⁻¹ inferring the involvement of the azomethine nitrogen in coordination. Also, a strong band was observed at 1188-1156 cm⁻¹ attributed to vC–O–C of heterocyclic ring which remains almost unaffected in complexes indicating its non-participation in coordination^(18,19). IR spectrum of ligand, L¹ shows a very strong band at 1652 cm⁻¹ and another medium band at 1140 cm⁻¹ which may be attributed to vC = O and vN – N of antipyrinyl moiety, respectively⁽⁶⁾. The spectra of metal complexes, (1 – 5) show a considerable negative shift in the carbonyl absorption (C = O) at 1642 – 1606 cm⁻¹ indicating that carbonyl oxygen is involved in coordination. IR spectrum of the ligand, L² shows a very weak band at 2600 cm⁻¹ corresponding to v (S – H) which is shifted to lower frequency in the spectra of the complexes, (6-10). This indicates that coordination takes place through the sulphur atom without deprotonation. Moreover, the absorption due to v (C-S) of the ligand, L² at 752 cm⁻¹ is shifted to higher or / and lower frequency regions at 764 – 738 cm⁻¹ in metal complexes, (6-10) indicating that the other coordination is through phenolic sulphur atom^(20,21). IR spectrum of the ligand, L³ exhibited two characteristic bands at 1566 and 968 cm⁻¹ assigned to pyridine ring vibration and pyridine ring breathing mode⁽²²⁾. The spectra of metal complexes, (11-15) show that these bands are shifted to lower frequency at 1550-1418 cm⁻¹ and 888-818 cm⁻¹, respectively indicating the involvement of pyridine ring nitrogen in coordination. The presence of water molecules coordinated or/and lattice were observed in some complexes by a broad band observed at about 3556-3354 cm⁻¹⁽²³⁾. IR spectra of metal complexes reveal newly medium and / or weak bands at 698 – 528 cm⁻¹, 590 – 460 cm⁻¹ and 468 – 425 cm⁻¹ assigned to vM–O, vM–N and vM–S, respectively^(6,20). These new bands indicate a good evidence for the participation of O, S and N donors in complex formation. Additionally, the position of v_{asy} (OCO) and v_{sy} (OCO) bands at 1575 – 1436 cm⁻¹ and 1375 – 1208 cm⁻¹, respectively in the IR spectra of acetato complexes, (1, 3, 6, 8, 11, 13)

as well as their difference, $\Delta > 185 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ are characteristic for the monodentate coordination mode⁽²⁴⁾. The nitrate complexes, (2, 10, 12, 15) show three bands at $1492 - 1404 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $1374 - 1234 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $1170 - 1026 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ corresponding to unidentate coordination mode of nitrate group while the complexes, (4, 5, 7, 9, 14) have a characteristic strong absorption band at $1384 - 1382 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and medium band at $815 - 764 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ assigned to ionic nitrate, additionally complexes (4, 5, 7, 9, 14) show three bands at $1485 - 1442 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $1296 - 1200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $1166 - 1020 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ corresponding to unidentate coordination mode of nitrate group⁽²⁵⁻²⁷⁾. All these results are consistent with the conductance data. The IR spectra of uranyl complexes, (5, 10, 15) show strong absorption bands in the region $930 - 922 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ assigned to the antisymmetric v_3 ($\text{O}=\text{U}=\text{O}$) vibration^(5,23,28).

Magnetic moments and electronic spectra

The room temperature magnetic moments and electronic spectral data of the metal complexes are listed in Table 3. the magnetic moments values; 4.86 – 4.75 and 5.76 – 5.60 B.M for cobalt (II) and Fe(III) complexes, respectively. These data are close to that reported for three and five unpaired electrons. Cd(II), Hg(II) and UO_2 (II) complexes are diamagnetic as expected for d^{10} system^(1,29,30).

The electronic spectra of the ligands under study in DMF solution exhibit mainly three absorption bands in the region $46296 - 33557 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. The first and second peaks are assigned to $\pi-\pi^*$ transitions within the phenyl or / and heterocyclic ring and imino $\pi-\pi^*$ transition, while the third peak arises from $n-\pi^*$ transition involving electron migration along the entire conjugate system of the ligands. Upon complexation, these transitions were found to be shifted to lower or higher energy regions compared to the free ligands confirming the coordination of the ligands to metal ions, in addition to appearance of new bands at longer wavelength may be assigned to LMCT and d-d transitions⁽²⁶⁾.

The solid reflectance spectra of Co(II) complexes (1,6 and 11) show three electronic spectral bands in the regions $9500 - 9100$, $18201 - 17334$ and $19280 - 18565 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ may be assigned to ${}^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F}) \longrightarrow {}^4\text{T}_{2g}(\text{F})(v_1)$, ${}^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F}) \longrightarrow {}^2\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F})(v_2)$, and ${}^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F}) \longrightarrow {}^4\text{T}_{2g}(\text{P})(v_3)$ transitions, respectively of the d^7 -system suggesting Co(II) high-spin complexes of octahedral geometry^(7,20). The ligand field parameters (D_q , B and β) where D_q is the crystal field splitting parameter, B the Racah interelectronic repulsion parameter and β is the nephelauxetic parameter were calculated⁽³¹⁾. The smaller B value ($812 - 768 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) compared to the free metal ion (971 cm^{-1}) is due to the strong interaction between the reactive sites of the organic compound with cobalt (II) ion which indicate a reduction of about 21-16% from the free ion value, also (β) value is less than unity ($0.84 - 0.79$) suggesting a largely covalent bond between the organic ligand and cobalt (II) ion in these complexes. Additionally, the crystal field stabilization energy (CFSE) for octahedral Co(II) was calculated.

TABLE 2. Significant IR-spectral bands (cm^{-1}) of the ligands used and their metal complexes.

Comp. No.	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ (azonic mode)	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ (aromatic mode)	Pyridine $\nu(\text{C}-\text{N})$	frequency breathing mode	$\nu(\text{C}-\text{S})$	$\nu(\text{M}-\text{O})$	$\nu(\text{M}-\text{N})$	$\nu(\text{M}-\text{S})$	Additional bands
L^1	1666	1652	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	1660	1642	-	-	-	592	504	-	1506(ν_{asg} , OCO), 1312(ν_{sg} , OCO)
2	1580	1636	-	-	-	630	504	-	1440(1374,1026 (coord. NO ₃))
3	1596	1632	-	-	-	698	590	-	1575(ν_{asg} , OCO), 1312(ν_{sg} , OCO)
4	1534	1606	-	-	-	696	500	-	1382,766 (ionic NO ₃) and 1485,1200,1050 (coord. NO ₃)
5	1524	1618	-	-	-	670	468	-	922 (O=U=O) and 1384,764 (ionic NO ₃), 1462,1215,1026 (coord. NO ₃)
L^2	1616	-	-	-	752	-	-	-	-
6	1562	-	-	-	764	676	485	465	1436(ν_{asg} , OCO), 1346(ν_{sg} , OCO)
7	1598	-	-	-	738	672	550	425	1384,810 (ionic NO ₃) and 1442,1296,1020 (coord. NO ₃)
8	1580	-	-	-	750	650	525	435	1442(ν_{asg} , OCO), 1375(ν_{sg} , OCO)
9	1602	-	-	-	758	658	590	468	1384,815 (ionic NO ₃), 1476,1298,1030 (coord. NO ₃)
10	1604	-	-	-	748	668	585	468	930 (O=U=O) and 1490,1288,1028 (coord. NO ₃)
L^3	1682	-	1566	968	-	-	-	-	-
11	1570	-	1418	888	-	666	524	-	1508(ν_{asg} , OCO), 1315(ν_{sg} , OCO)
12	1550	-	1488	818	-	670	550	-	1404,1350,1028 (coord. NO ₃)
13	1566	-	1418	888	-	672	562	-	1502(ν_{asg} , OCO), 1298(ν_{sg} , OCO)
14	1666	-	1550	818	-	626	512	-	1384,768 (ionic NO ₃) and 1477,1242,1166 (coord. NO ₃)
15	1664	-	1526	850	-	528	460	-	928 (O=U=O) and 1428,1234,1170 (coord. NO ₃)

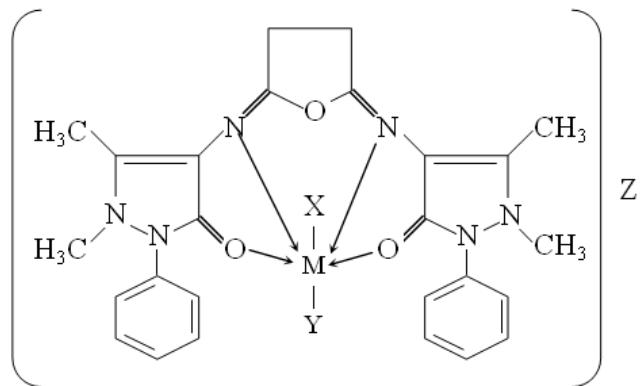
TABLE 3. Electronic spectral data, magnetic moment values and ligand field parameters of the paramagnetic metal complexes

Compd. No.	ν_{eff} (B.M.)	Absorption bands (cm^{-1})/peak assignment			Ligand field parameters			CFSE (cm^{-1})
		ν_1	ν_2	ν_3	$10Dq$ (cm^{-1})	B (cm^{-1})	β	
CO(III) complexes								
1	4.75	9500	18201	19020	9650	772	0.80	20
6	4.80	9260	17559	19280	9338	812	0.84	16
11	4.86	9100	17334	18565	9216	768	0.79	21
$^6A_{1g}(F) \rightarrow ^4T_{1g}(F)$ $^6A_{1g}(F) \rightarrow ^4T_{2g}(F)$ $^6A_{1g}(F) \rightarrow ^4T_{2g}(P)$								
Fe(III) complexes								
4	5.76	17857 (560) (432)	23148	29215	8184	744	0.78	22
9	5.68	17699 (656) (452)	22124	29250	8112	737	0.77	23
14	5.60	17241 (580) (445)	22472	29230	7902	718	0.75	25
$^6A_{1g} \rightarrow ^4T_{1g}(G)$ $^6A_{1g} \rightarrow ^4T_{2g}(G)$ $^6A_{1g} \rightarrow ^4T_{2g}(D)$								

The electronic spectra of Fe(III) complexes, (4, 9 and 14) display three absorption bands in the regions 17857 – 17241, 23148 – 22124 and 29250 – 29215 cm⁻¹ may be assigned to $^6A_{1g} \longrightarrow ^4T_{1g}(G)$ (ν_1), $^6A_{1g} \longrightarrow ^4T_{2g}(G)$ (ν_2), and $^6A_{1g} \longrightarrow ^4T_{2g}(D)$ (ν_3) transitions, respectively, these results together with measured magnetic moments are compatible with those reported for octahedral geometry around Fe(III) ions⁽³²⁾. The ligand field parameters (D_q , B and β) were calculated^(33,34). The smaller B value (744-718 cm⁻¹) compared to the free metal ion (960 cm⁻¹) is due to the strong interaction between the reactive sites of the organic compound with Fe(III) ion which indicate a reduction of about 25-22% from the free ion value, also β is less than unity (0.78-0.75) suggesting a largely covalent bond between the organic ligand and Fe(III) ion in these complexes.

Cd (II) complexes, (2,7 and 12), Hg(II) complexes, (3,8 and 13) and UO₂ (II) complexes, (5,10 and 15) are diamagnetic and their electronic spectra exhibit an intense absorption band in the regions 30303-25126 cm⁻¹ attributed to LMCT transition which is compatible with octahedral structure^(26,35).

A summary of the ligand field parameters data are given in Table 3 and agree well with those reported for similar complexes. From these investigation data, the suggested structure of the prepared complexes may be formulated as shown in Fig. 2-4 and is supported from mass spectra study.



In complex (1): M = Co(II), X = Y = OAC, Z = 3.5 H₂O

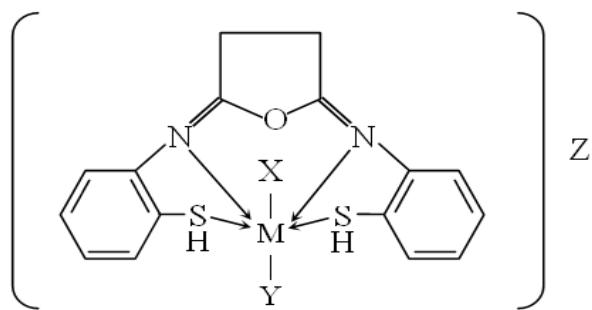
In complex (2): M = Cd(II), X = Y = NO₃, Z = 1.75 H₂O

In complex (3): M = Hg(II), X = Y = OAC, Z = 2 H₂O

In complex (4): M = Fe(III), X = Y = NO₃, Z = NO₃. 2H₂O

In complex (5): M = UO₂(II); X = NO₃, Y = H₂O ; Z = NO₃

Fig. 2. Proposed structure of metal complexes of ligand, L¹.



In complex (6): M = Co(II), X = Y = OAC, Z = 4H₂O

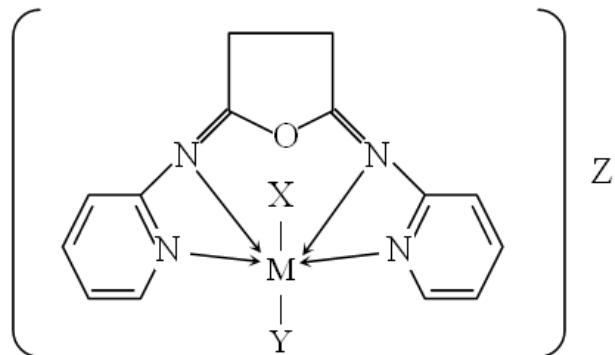
In complex (7): M = Cd(II), X = NO₃, Y = H₂O, Z = NO₃.1.5 H₂O

In complex (8): M = Hg(II), X = OAC; Y = H₂O; Z = OAC. H₂O

In complex (9): M = Fe(III), X = Y = NO₃, Z = NO₃. 1.5 H₂O

In complex (10): M = UO₂(II); X = Y = NO₃; Z = 2.25 H₂O

Fig. 3. Proposed structure of metal complexes of ligand, L².



In complex (11): M = Co(II), X = Y = OAC; Z = 2.75 H₂O

In complex (12): M = Cd(II), X = Y = NO₃; Z = 2H₂O

In complex (13): M = Hg(II), X = Y = OAC; Z = 2.5 H₂O

In complex (14): M = Fe(III), X = Y = NO₃; Z = NO₃. H₂O

In complex (15): M = UO₂(II); X = Y = NO₃; Z = H₂O

Fig. 4. Proposed structure of metal complexes of ligand, L³.

Mass spectra

The mass spectra of the ligands, L^1-L^3 and their Co(II), Cd(II), Hg(II), Fe(III), and UO_2 (II) complexes were performed to determine their molecular weights. The mass spectra of the free ligands confirm the proposed formula by showing the mole peaks at $m/z = 470.00$ (10.12%), 313.15 (12.52%) and 253.05 (10.78%) amu (calcd. 470.58, 314.46 and 252.30 amu), respectively corresponding to the molecular ion $[M]^+$; $C_{26}H_{26}N_6O_3$, $C_{16}H_{14}N_2OS_2$ and $C_{14}H_{12}N_4O$, respectively. Their proposed fragmentation pattern is depicted in Fig. 5-7. In the mass spectra of the metal complexes, (1-15) Table 1 showed the molecular ion peak $[M]^+$ corresponding to the molecular weight of the complexes for mononuclear structure. Scheme 1 shows the proposed fragmentation pattern of the Co (II) complexes as representative example.

Thermogravimetric analysis

Thermal analysis plays an important role in studying the properties of metal complexes to obtain a useful data on the metal-ligand bonds. The thermal decomposition of all metal complexes (1-15) was studied using the TG-technique. During the heating of the metal complexes, the TG-curves undergo a series of thermal changes associated with a weight loss of the samples. Analysis of the obtained TG-curves is given in Table 4 and the correlations between the different decomposition steps of the complexes with the corresponding weight losses are discussed in terms of the proposed formula of the complexes. Figure 8 is a representative example for thermal analysis of the metal complexes under study.

Antibacterial and antifungal screening

All synthesized compounds; the free ligands L^1-L^3 , and their Co(II), Cd(II), Hg(II), Fe(III) and UO_2 (II) complexes have been tested against four species of bacteria; *S. aureus*; *E.coli*; *B.subtilis* and *P.aeruginosa* as well as three species of fungi; *A. fumigatus*; *P.italicum* and *C.albicans*. The test was done using diffusion agar technique⁽¹⁰⁾ and both Chloramphenicol and Terbinafin were used as standard antibacterial and antifungal agents, respectively. The compounds to be tested were dissolved in dimethyl formamide at different concentration 1, 2.5 and 5 mg/ml and the diameter (cm) of the inhabitation zone was measured, all data were collected in Table 5.

On comparing the biological activity of the Schiff base ligands and their metal complexes the following results are obtained:

- (1) The ligands and their metal complexes, all have the capacity of inhibiting the metabolic growth of the investigated bacteria and fungi to different extent. This inhibitory capacity is reinforced with the increment of concentration.

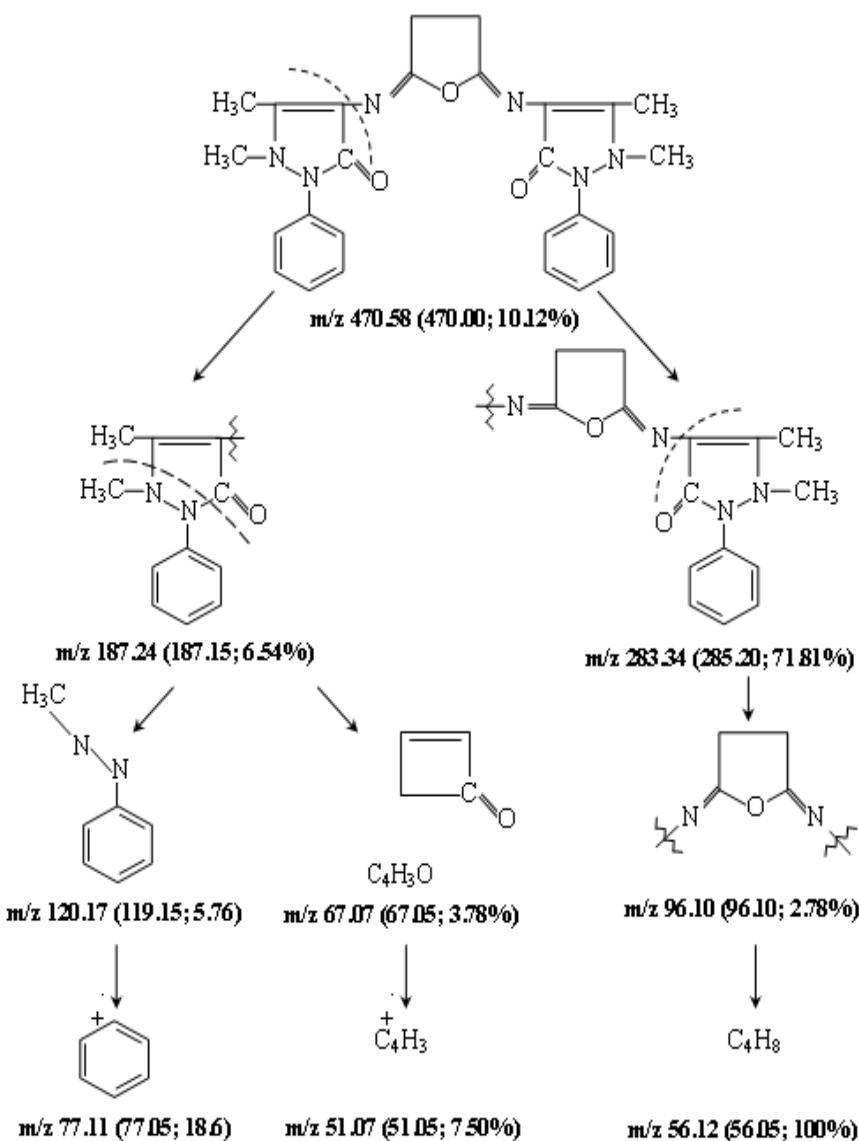
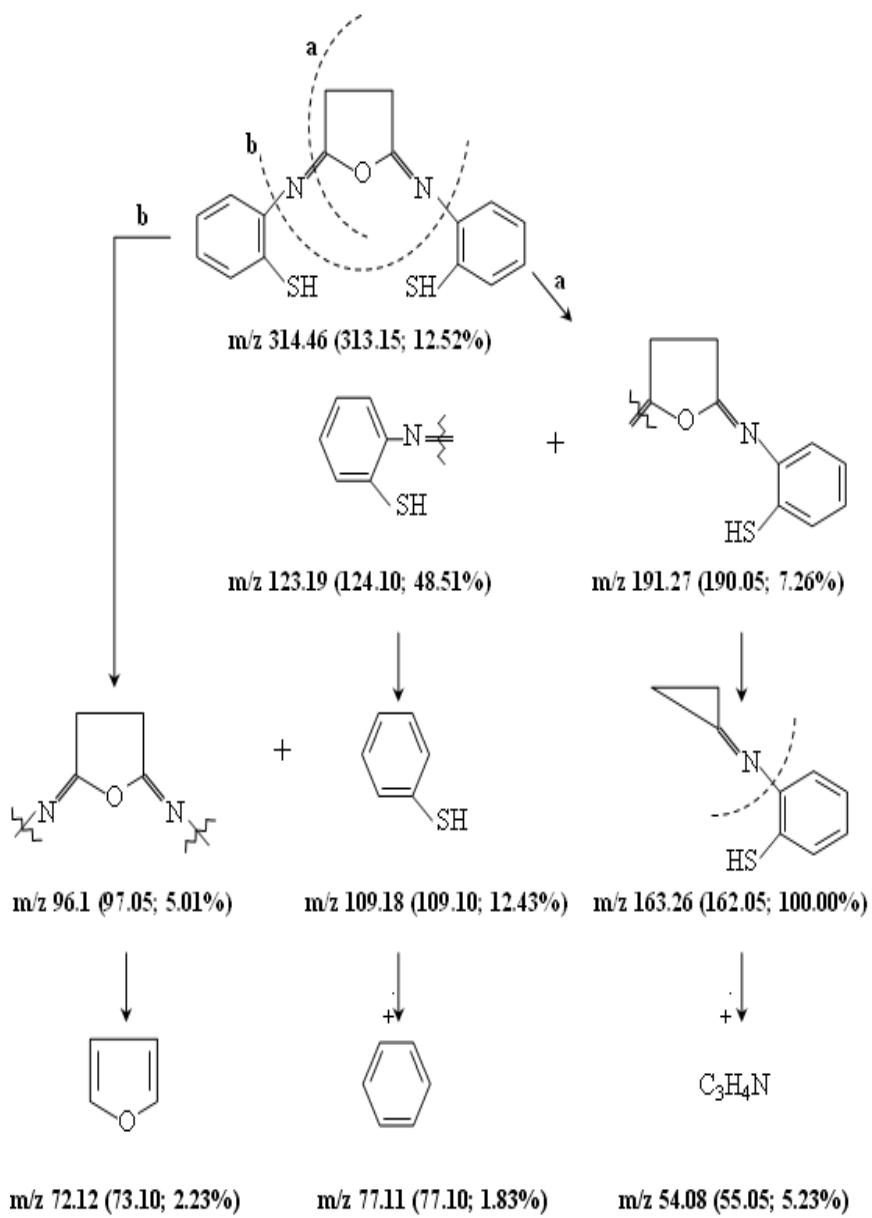


Fig. 5. Proposed structure of metal complexes of ligand, L^1 .

Fig. 6. Proposed structure of metal complexes of ligand, L^2 .

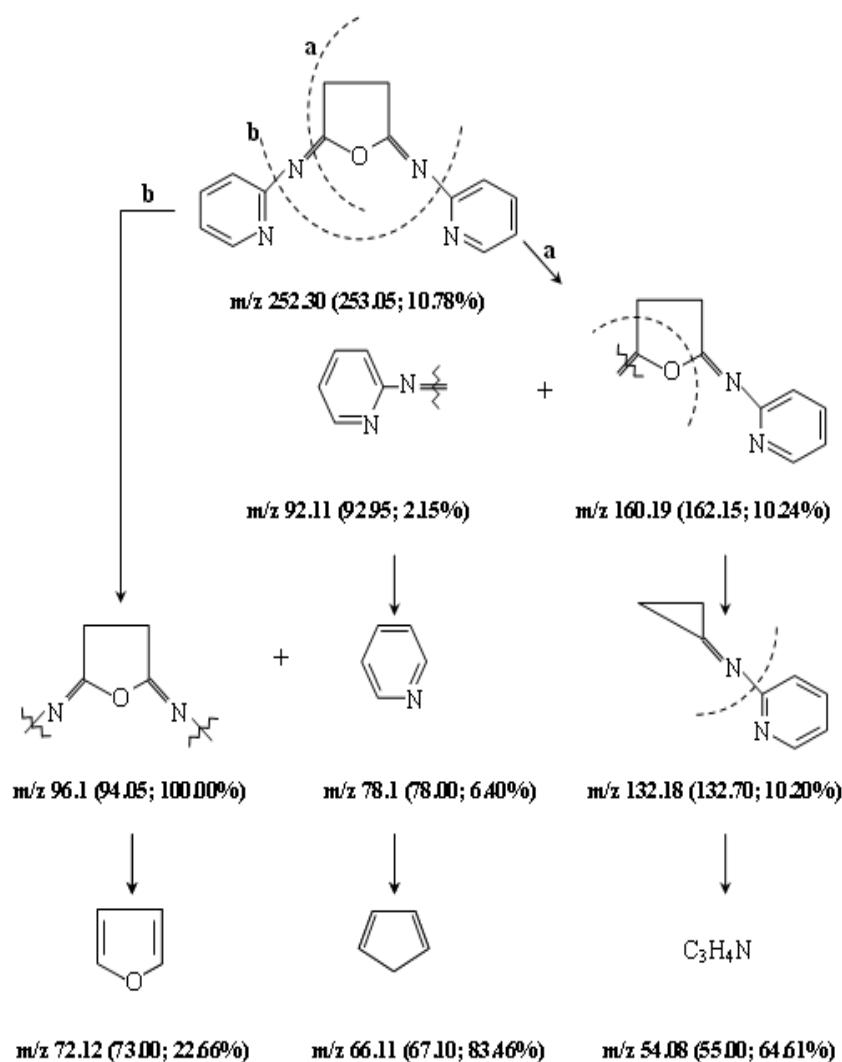


Fig. 7. Proposed structure of metal complexes of ligand, L^3 .

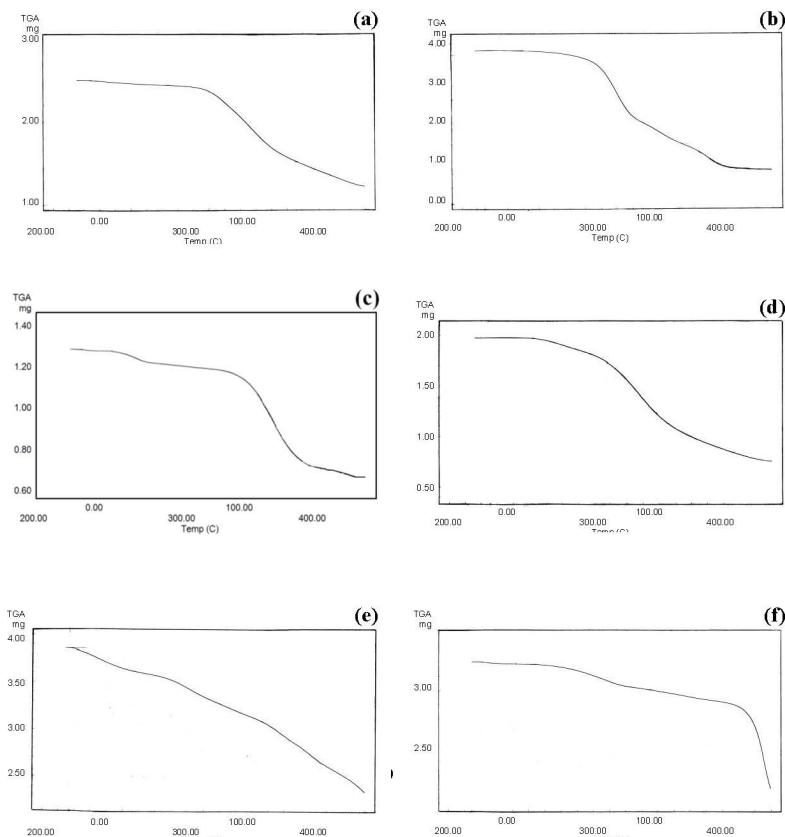


Fig.8. TG curves of:
(a) $[\text{Co}(\text{L}^1)(\text{OAc})_2] \cdot 3.5 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$.
(b) $[\text{Hg}(\text{L}^1)(\text{OAc})_2] \cdot 2 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$.
(c) $[\text{Co}(\text{L}^2)(\text{OAc})_2] \cdot 4 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$.
(d) $[\text{Hg}(\text{L}^2)(\text{OAc})(\text{H}_2\text{O}) \cdot \text{OAc} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$.
(e) $[\text{Co}(\text{L}^3)(\text{OAc})_2] \cdot 2.75 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$.
(f) $[\text{Hg}(\text{L}^3)(\text{OAc})_2] \cdot 2.5 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$.

TABLE 4. Thermal behaviour of metal complexes (1-8) of Schiff base ligands (L^1 - L^3).

Complex compound	Stage	Temperature range (°C)	Loss in weight (%) (found) ^a	Evolved moiety	Residue
(1) $[Co(L^1)(OAc)_2] \cdot 3H_2O$	I	50 - 136	2.54 (2.09)	$\frac{1}{2}H_2O$ (cryst.)	
	II	136 - 313	30.45 (36.85)	$2\frac{1}{2}H_2O$ (cryst.) and $\frac{1}{2}L^1$	$[Co^{2+}(OAc)_2(L^1)]$
	III	313 - 398	12.46 (11.77)	$\frac{1}{2}OAc$	
(2) $[Cd(L^1)(NO_3)_2] \cdot 1.75H_2O$	I	33 - 90	3.66 (3.38)	$\frac{1}{2}H_2O$ (cryst.)	
	II	90 - 250	30.25 (29.93)	$\frac{1}{4}H_2O$ (cryst.) NO_3 and $\frac{1}{2}L^1$	
	III	250 - 400	4.20 (4.99)	$\frac{1}{2}NO_3$	$[Cd^{2+}(NO_3)_2(L^1)]$
(3) $[Hg(L^1)(OAc)_2] \cdot 2H_2O$	I	40 - 233	47.19 (47.40)	$2H_2O$ (cryst.), $2OAc$ and $\frac{1}{2}L^1$	
	II	233 - 282	14.25 (13.80)	$\frac{1}{4}L^1$	
	III	282 - 330	14.25 (14.78)	$\frac{1}{4}L^1$	Hg
(4) $[Fe(L^1)(NO_3)_2] \cdot NO_3 \cdot 2H_2O$	I	33 - 93	4.81 (3.79)	$2H_2O$ (cryst.)	
	II	93 - 148	8.28 (7.54)	$1NO_3$	
	III	148 - 220	19.86 (19.24)	$\frac{1}{2}NO_3$ and $\frac{1}{2}L^1$	$[Fe(NO_3)_2(L^1)]$
(5) $[UO_2(L^1)(NO_3)(H_2O)] \cdot NO_3$	IV	220 - 400	19.86 (19.37)	$\frac{1}{2}NO_3$ and $\frac{1}{2}L^1$	
	I	33 - 89	2.04 (1.36)	$1H_2O$ (coord.)	
	II	89 - 300	16.89 (15.61)	$\frac{1}{2}NO_3$ and $\frac{1}{2}L^1$	$[UO_2(L^1)]$
(6) $[Co(L^1)(OAc)_2] \cdot 4H_2O$	III	300 - 400	10.54 (10.35)	$\frac{1}{2}NO_3$	
	I-II	44 - 144	4.80 (5.21)	$\frac{1}{2}H_2O$ (cryst.)	
	III	144 - 349	38.51 (38.75)	$2\frac{1}{2}H_2O$ (cryst.) $\frac{1}{4}ACo$ and $\frac{1}{2}L^1$	$[Co^{2+}\frac{1}{4}(OAc)(L^1)]$
(7) $[Cd(L^2)(NO_3)_2(H_2O)] \cdot NO_3 \cdot 1.5H_2O$	I	24 - 70	1.54 (1.24)	$\frac{1}{2}H_2O$ (cryst.)	
	II	70 - 293	24.44 (24.42)	$1H_2O$ (cryst.) $1H_2O$ (coord.), $\frac{1}{2}NO_3$ and $\frac{1}{2}L^2$	$[Cd^{2+}(NO_3)_2(L^2)]$
	III	293 - 400	5.20 (5.71)	$\frac{1}{2}NO_3$	
(8) $[Hg(L^2)(OAc)_2] \cdot OAc \cdot H_2O$	I	40 - 160	5.39 (5.60)	$\frac{1}{2}H_2O$ (cryst.) and $1H_2O$ (coord.)	
	II	160 - 285	41.86 (40.55)	$\frac{1}{4}OAc$ and $\frac{1}{2}L^2$	$Hg(OAc)$
	III	285 - 393	13.95 (14.42)	$\frac{1}{4}OAc$, $\frac{1}{2}L^2$	

TABLE 4. (Continued)

Complex compound	Stage	Temperature range (°C)	Loss in weight calcd. (found) %	Evolved moiety	Residue
(9) $[\text{Fe}(\text{L})^3(\text{NO}_3)_2]\text{NO}_3 \cdot 1.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$	I+II	42–152	4.63 (4.40)	$\frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (cryst.)	
	III	152–280	13.48 (14.14)	$\frac{1}{2}\text{L}^3$	
	IV	280–400	10.63 (8.99)	NO_3	$[\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_2]^3\text{L}^3$
	I	114–183	5.41 (4.65)	$\frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (cryst.)	
	II	183–288	27.20 (27.61)	$\frac{3}{4}\text{NO}_3$ and $\frac{1}{2}\text{L}^3$	
	III	288–410	10.35 (9.34)	$\frac{1}{4}\text{NO}_3$	
	IV	410–630	20.99 (20.31)	$\frac{1}{2}\text{L}^3$	
	V	630–830	36.05 (35.65)	$[\text{IO}_2]$	
	I	34–114	6.59 (6.26)	$\frac{1}{4}\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (cryst.)	
	II+III	114–307	19.18 (18.53)	$\frac{1}{4}\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\frac{1}{4}\text{ACo}$	
	IV+V	307–400	13.17 (14.12)	$\frac{1}{2}\text{L}^3$	
	I	34–318	78.58 (78.88)	$\frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (cryst.) 2NO_3 and $\frac{1}{2}\text{L}^3$	Cd
	I+II	30–245	7.31 (6.05)	$\frac{1}{2}\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (cryst.)	
	III	245–400	20.78 (21.81)	$\frac{1}{2}\text{L}^3$	
	I	30–64	3.52 (3.87)	$\frac{1}{4}\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (cryst.)	
	III	64–400	61.36 (60.96)	$\frac{1}{4}\text{NO}_3 \text{L}^3$	$[\text{Hg}(\text{OAc})_2]^3\text{L}^3$
	I	25–87	2.63 (1.91)	$\frac{3}{4}\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (cryst.)	
	II	87–287	14.84 (15.53)	$\frac{1}{4}\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (cryst.) $\frac{1}{4}\text{NO}_3$ and $\frac{1}{2}\text{L}^3$	$[\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_2]^3\text{L}^3$
	III	287–400	11.67 (10.73)	$\frac{1}{4}\text{NO}_3$	$[\text{UO}_2]^3\text{L}^3$

TABLE 5. Antibacterial and antifungal activity of the ligands and their metal complexes.

Strain	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>			<i>Escherichia coli</i>			<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>			<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>			<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>			<i>Penicillium italicum</i>			<i>Candida albicans</i>						
	5	2.5	1	5	2.5	1	5	2.5	1	5	2.5	1	5	2.5	1	5	2.5	1	5	2.5	1	5	2.5	1	
Concent. mg/ml Compd.																									
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4	++	++	+	++	+	0	++	+	0	+	+	0	++	++	+	++	++	+	++	++	+	++	++	0	
5	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	
L ²	++	++	+	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	++	++	0	++	+	0	++	+	0	++	++	+	
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8	++	++	+	++	++	+	++	++	+	++	+	+	++	+	+	++	+	0	++	+	0	++	+	0	
9	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	+	0	0	
10	++	++	0	++	+	0	++	+	0	++	+	0	+	0	0	++	+	0	+	0	+	0	0	0	
L ³	+	+	0	+	0	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	+	+	0	++	+	0	+	0	+	0	+	0	
11	++	++	+	++	++	+	++	++	+	++	++	0	+	+	+	+++	++	+	+++	++	+	+++	++	+	
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The test was done using the diffusion agar technique. Well diameter = 0.6 cm; inhibition values = 0.1 – 0.5 cm beyond control = + (less active); inhibition values = 0.6 – 1.0 cm beyond control = ++ (moderate active) inhibition values = 1.1 – 1.5 cm beyond control = +++ (highly active); not active (0).

St: reference standard; chloramphenicol was used as a standard antibacterial agent and Terbinafin was used as a standard antifungal agent.

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TABLE 6. Antibacterial activity of some known antibiotics .

Antibiotic name	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>Pseudomonase aeruginosa</i>	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
Amikacin	R	+++	++
Doxycillin	+++	R	R
Augmantin	+++	R	+++
Sulperazon	+++	+++	R
Unasyn	+++	R	++
Septin	R	R	R
Cefobid	R	R	R
Ampicillin	R	++	++
Nitrofurantion	+++	R	R
Traivid	R	R	+++
Erythromycin	+++	R	R

R = resistance to the microorganism

- (2)The ligand, L¹ was found to be more effective against bacteria; *S.aureus*, *E.coli* and *p. aeruginosa* and all types of fungi, *A. fumigatus*; *p.italicum* and *C.albicans* as compared to the other ligands, (L² and L³) which may due to the antipyrinyl ring. Its influence is highly active towards *S.aureus*, *A.fumigatus*, *p.italicum* and *C.albicans*, moderately active towards *E.coli* and *p.aeruginosa*.
- (3) The ligands, L² and L³ have the same effect towards the tested organisms except ligand, L² is moderately active towards *S.aureus* and all types of fungi.
- (4) The activity of the free ligands is enhanced on chelation with metal ions, this enhancement in activity can be explained on the basis of chelation theory^(14,36).
- (5) On comparison the activity of metal complexes for each ligand alone shows that: Cd(II) complex,(2) was found to be more effective against all types of bacteria and fungi except *p.italicum* as compared to the other complexes, (1,3-5), also Cd(II) complexes (7,12) had more effective except against *C.albicans* as compared to the complexes (6,8-10) and (11,13-15).
- (6) The Co(II) complexes, (1,6 and 11) for all ligands, L¹-L³ were found to be highly active towards all types of fungi and moderately active towards all types of bacteria. This may be due to the presence of acetate anion which may be helpful in the activity of these complexes.

Comparison of the antibacterial activity of the synthesized compounds with some known antibiotics shows that metal complexes possess remarkable antimicrobial activity equal to or higher than some antibiotics possess as clear from Table 6.

Table (6): Antibacterial activity of some known antibiotics

Antibiotic name	Staphylococcus aureus	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Escherichia coli
Amikacin	R	+++	++
Doxycycline	+++	R	R
Augmentin	+++	R	++
Sulperazone	+++	++	R
Unasyn	+++	R	++
Septin	R	R	R
Cefobid	R	R	R
Ampicillin	R	++	++
Nitrofurantoin	+++	R	R
Traivid	R	R	++
Erythromycin	+++	R	R

R = resistance to the microorganism

Conclusion

The present study aimed to investigate the reaction of heterocyclic ligands derived from condensation of succinic anhydride with 4-amino antipyrine; 2-aminothiophenol and 2-aminopyridine with Co(II), Cd(II), Hg(II), Fe(III) and UO₂(II) ions. The structure of the synthesized compounds has been proposed via various physico-chemical techniques. As a result, the octahedral structure is proposed for these complexes and the ligands coordinate as teradentate ONNO, SNNS or NNNN donor ligands. The antimicrobial activity of the investigated ligands and their complexes was tested against different strains of bacteria and fungi and an influence of the central metal ion of the complexes is evident, where the results show that metal complexes have an enhanced activity compared to their parent ligands, furthermore, the activity of some complexes was found to be comparable with that of the standards materials.

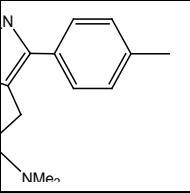
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