



SYNTHESIS, CHARACTERIZATION AND ANTIBACTERIAL STUDIES OF TETRADENTATE SCHIFF BASE AND THEIR METAL (II) COMPLEXES DERIVED FROM 4-(BENZENEAZO) SALICYLALDEHYDE AND ETHYLENEDIAMINE

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ABSTRACT

A tetradentate Schiff base was synthesized by the reaction of 4-(Benzeneazo) Salicylaldehyde and Ethylenediamine in their ethanolic solutions. The corresponding metal (II) complexes of the synthesized Schiff base were obtained by refluxing the ethanolic solutions of CoCl_2 , CrCl_2 , and MnCl_2 salts. The physical properties of the Schiff base and its corresponding metal (II) complexes were investigated. The melting point temperature of the Schiff base was 200°C , while the decomposition temperatures of the complexes were 230°C , 210°C and 220°C for Co (II), Cr (II), and Mn (II) complexes respectively. The magnetic susceptibility measurement reveals that all the complexes are paramagnetic in nature; the conductivity measurement shows that all the complexes are non-electrolytic in nature. The formation of the Schiff base and its metal (II) complexes were confirmed using FTIR spectroscopy. Both the Schiff base and its metal (II) complexes were found active against *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli*.

Key words: Schiff base, metal complexes, magnetic susceptibility, conductivity, antibacterial.

INTRODUCTION

Schiff bases are important class of organic compounds which were discovered by Hugo Schiff in 1864 (Hussain *et al.*, 2014). They are functional groups that contains a carbon-nitrogen double bond with the nitrogen atom connected to an aryl or alkyl group (da Silva *et al.*, 2011; Sahu *et al.*, 2012).

A biologically important aldehydes pyridoxal phosphate is the active form of vitamin B6. Vitamin B6, which serves as a coenzyme by forming an imine with an amino acid group of enzymes (Muhammad *et al.*, 2011). The Schiff bases are widely studied due to their synthetic flexibility, selectivity and sensitivity towards the central metal atom, structural similarities with natural biological compounds as well as the presence of azomethine group ($-\text{N}=\text{CH}-$) which is important in explaining the mechanism of their transformation biologically (Shargi and Nasseri, 2003).

Aim of the research

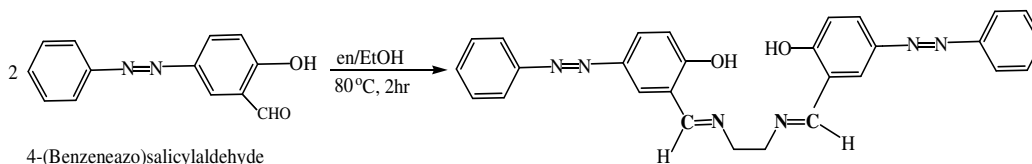
The aim of this research is to prepare, characterize and study the antibacterial potency of the 4-(Benzeneazo) salicylaldehyde and ethylenediamine (en) Schiff base and its Cr (II), Co (II) and Mn (II) complexes.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

All chemicals and solvents used in this research were of Analytical grade and were used as purchased without further purification. The glass wares used were washed with detergent and then rinsed with distilled water and dried in an oven at 110°C . Infrared spectral analysis was carried out using FTIR Cary-630(Agilent Technology model) spectrophotometer in the range of $500-4000\text{cm}^{-1}$, Melting point and decomposition temperatures were determined using BUCHI-510 melting point machine. Electrical conductivity measurements were recorded using conductivity meter jenway 4010 model, Magnetic susceptibility of the complexes was determined using MBS MK1 Magnetic susceptibility balance at room temperature. The antibacterial activity was studied using two bacterial isolate (*Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli*)

Synthesis of Schiff Base:

0.01mol of Ethylenediamine (en) was slowly added to a solution of 0.02mol 4-(Benzeneazo) Salicylaldehyde in 30cm^3 ethanol. After refluxing the reaction mixture for 2hrs the precipitate was washed several times with ethanol and dried at 50°C overnight. (Ajibade *et al.*, 2015).

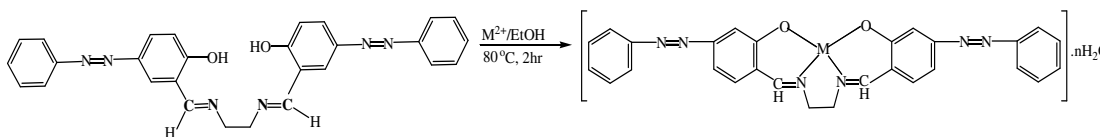


Scheme 1: Preparation of Schiff base

Synthesis of Schiff Base Metal Complexes:

The complexes were prepared by the addition of 1mmol of the metal salt CuCl_2 into 10cm^3 of distilled water in which a hot ethanolic solution of 1mmol of the Ligand was added. The mixture was then refluxed

for two hours. The precipitated Solid was filtered and washed with ethanol diethyl ether and finally dried at 50°C over night (Ajibade *et al.*, 2015). Same procedure was repeated for Co (II) and Mn (II).



Scheme 2: Preparation of metal complexes
Where M = Cr (II), Co (II), and Mn (II) and n = number of moles

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The results in Table 1 indicate that the Schiff base and its corresponding metal (II) complexes are colored. The color orange yellow is for the Schiff base (Archana, 2013 and Hassan, *et al.*; 2006) while green, dark brown, and Indian red colors are for Cr(II), Mn(II), and Co(II) complexes respectively. The change in color of the Schiff base from orange yellow to green, dark brown, and Indian red was due to

complexation which resulted into the formation of coordination compounds. The melting point/decomposition temperatures for the Schiff base and its corresponding metal (II) complexes range between 200°C – 230°C (Table 1). The results compared physical properties of both Schiff base and its corresponding metal (II) complexes. There were similarities with a report by Mustapha *et al.*, 2009 and it indicated the high stability of the compounds.

Table 1: Physical properties of Schiff base and its Metal (II) Complexes

Compound	Molecular formula	Colour	Decomposition Temp. ($^\circ\text{C}$)	M P ($^\circ\text{C}$)
Schiff base	$[\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2]$	Orange yellow		200
Cr (II) complex	$[\text{Cr}(\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2)] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	Green	210	
Mn (II) complex	$[\text{Mn}(\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2)] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	Dark brown	220	
Co (II) complex	$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2)] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	Indian red	230	

The FTIR results were reported in Table 2 below, a band appeared at 1633cm^{-1} assigned to ν (C=N) stretching vibration which is an important feature of Schiff base and it was reported in the literature (Hassan *et al.*, 2006, Imtiyaz and Athar, 2015). Absorption band also appeared in the free ligand at 1283cm^{-1} can be assigned to ν (C-O) stretching vibration.

In all the metal (II) complexes, there were an observable shift in ν (C=N) from 1633cm^{-1} to 1644cm^{-1} , 1629cm^{-1} and 1614cm^{-1} this indicate the stretching vibration of the azomethine groups and possible formation of the complexes (Yustina, 2009). The appearance of weak absorption bands in all the metal complexes at the range of 592 – 574cm^{-1} can be attributed to the stretching vibration of

Metal – Nitrogen (M – N) and also appearance of weak absorption bands at all the metal complexes at the range of 481 – 422cm^{-1} can be attributed to the stretching vibration of Metal-Oxygen (M-O) which is similar to what was obtained in the literatures (Deoghoria *et al.*, 2004 Bagihalli and Avaji, 2008 and Shahabadi and Kashanian, 2010).

Table 2: The Infrared Spectral Data Schiff base and its Metal (II) Complexes.

Molecular formula	ν C=N (cm^{-1})	ν C-O (cm^{-1})	ν M-N (cm^{-1})	ν M-O (cm^{-1})
$[\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2]$	1633	1283	–	–
$[\text{Cr}(\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2)] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	1614	1201	574	481
$[\text{Mn}(\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2)] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	1629	1287	589	422
$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2)] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	1644	1205	592	452

The Molar conductance measurement in DMSO are in the range 7.5 – $10.1\text{ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$ (Table 3). These values are relatively low showed that the complexes are non electrolytes (Raju and Balasubramanian,

2011). The low values indicate that the compounds are neutral. This implies low ions in the solution of the compounds and the conductivity meter measures ion in solution.

Table 3: Conductivity Measurement of the Metal (II) Complexes

Compounds	Electrical Conductance ($\text{Ohm}^{-1} \text{cm}^2$)	Molar Conductance ($\text{Ohm}^{-1} \text{cm}^2 \text{mol}^{-1}$)
$[\text{Cr}(\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2)] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	7.5×10^{-6}	7.5
$[\text{Mn}(\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2)] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	12.2×10^{-6}	12.2
$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2)] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	10.1×10^{-6}	10.1

The values of Magnetic moments for the metal complexes confirmed tetrahedral geometry for the transition metal ions and their magnetic moments values suggested high spin complexes and paramagnetic in nature as shown in table 4.

Table 4: Effective Magnetic Moments (μ_{eff}) of the Complexes

Compounds	X_g ($\text{erg G}^{-2} \text{g}^{-1}$)	X_M ($\text{erg G}^{-2} \text{mol}^{-1}$)	μ_{eff} (B.M)	Property
$[\text{Cr}(\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2)] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	118.71×10^{-07}	6.25×10^{-03}	3.86	Paramagnetic
$[\text{Mn}(\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2)] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	293.76×10^{-07}	15.55×10^{-03}	5.90	Paramagnetic
$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2)] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	159.90×10^{-07}	8.53×10^{-03}	4.51	Paramagnetic

The *in vitro* antibacterial activity of the ligand and its metal (II) complexes on the bacterial isolates (*Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli*) using DMSO as a solvent was carried out. The complexes of Mn (II) showed no activity at 15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{disc}$ against *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Escherichia coli* while Co (II) compound showed no activity against *Staphylococcus aureus*. The results revealed that both the ligand and the metal (II) complexes are relatively good antibacterial agents as shown in Table 5. Highest inhibition zone (23mm) was observed with Cr (II) complex against *Staphylococcus aureus*. The compounds generally showed lower activities in comparison to the standards (Ceftriaxone).

Table 5: Antibacterial Profile of the Ligand and Complexes

Compounds	Zone of Inhibition (mm)/Concentration (μg)					
	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>			<i>Escherichia. Coli</i>		
	15	30	60	15	30	60
$[\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2]$	9	8	10	06	10	12
$[\text{Cr}(\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2)] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	18	15	23	10	12	16
$[\text{Mn}(\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2)] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	06	12	14	06	12	14
$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2)] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	06	12	16	10	12	14
Standard(Ceftriaxone)	25	28	23	24	30	27

CONCLUSION

Based on the results obtained, it can be concluded that 4-(Benzeneazo) Salicylaldehyde and Ethylenediamine were successfully used as the starting materials for the preparation of Schiff base

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