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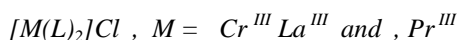
Synthesis, Characterization, Schiff Base Phenyl 2-(2-hydroxybenzylidenamino)benzoate and its complexes with La<sup>III</sup>, Cr<sup>III</sup> and Pr<sup>III</sup>

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ABSTRACT

The aim of the work is the synthesis and characterization of the tridentate Schiff base (HL) containing (N and O) as donor atoms type (ONO). The ligand is: (HL) phenyl 2-(2-hydroxybenzylidenamino)benzoate. This ligand was prepared by the reaction of (phenyl 2-aminobenzoate) with salicylaldehyde under reflux in ethanol and few drops of glacial acetic acid which gave the ligand (HL). The prepared ligand was characterized by (FT IR, UV-Vis) spectroscopy, Elemental analysis of carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen (C.H.N.) and melting point. The ligand was reacted with some metal ions under reflux in ethanol with (1 metal : 2 ligand) mole ratio which gave complexes of the general formula:



Products were found to be solid crystalline complexes, which have been characterized through the following techniques: Molar conductivity, Spectroscopic Method [FTIR and UV-Vis], additional measurement magnetic susceptibility, Chloride content and Program [Chem. office-CS. Chem.-3D pro 2006] was used. Our research also includes studying the bio-activity of the (ligand and [La(L)<sub>2</sub>]Cl) some compounds prepared against a kind of bacteria three of which were negative to gram dye (Proteus mirabilis, Klebsiella pneumonia, Escherichia coli), and one was positive to gram dye (Staphylococcus aureus). The [La(L)<sub>2</sub>]Cl showed inhibitive activity against some of bacteria under consideration. The magnetic moment coupled with the electronic spectra suggested an octahedral geometry for all the complexes.

**Key words:** Complexes, Schiff Base, phenyl 2-(2-hydroxybenzylidenamino) benzoate and Antibacterial Activities

INTRODUCTION

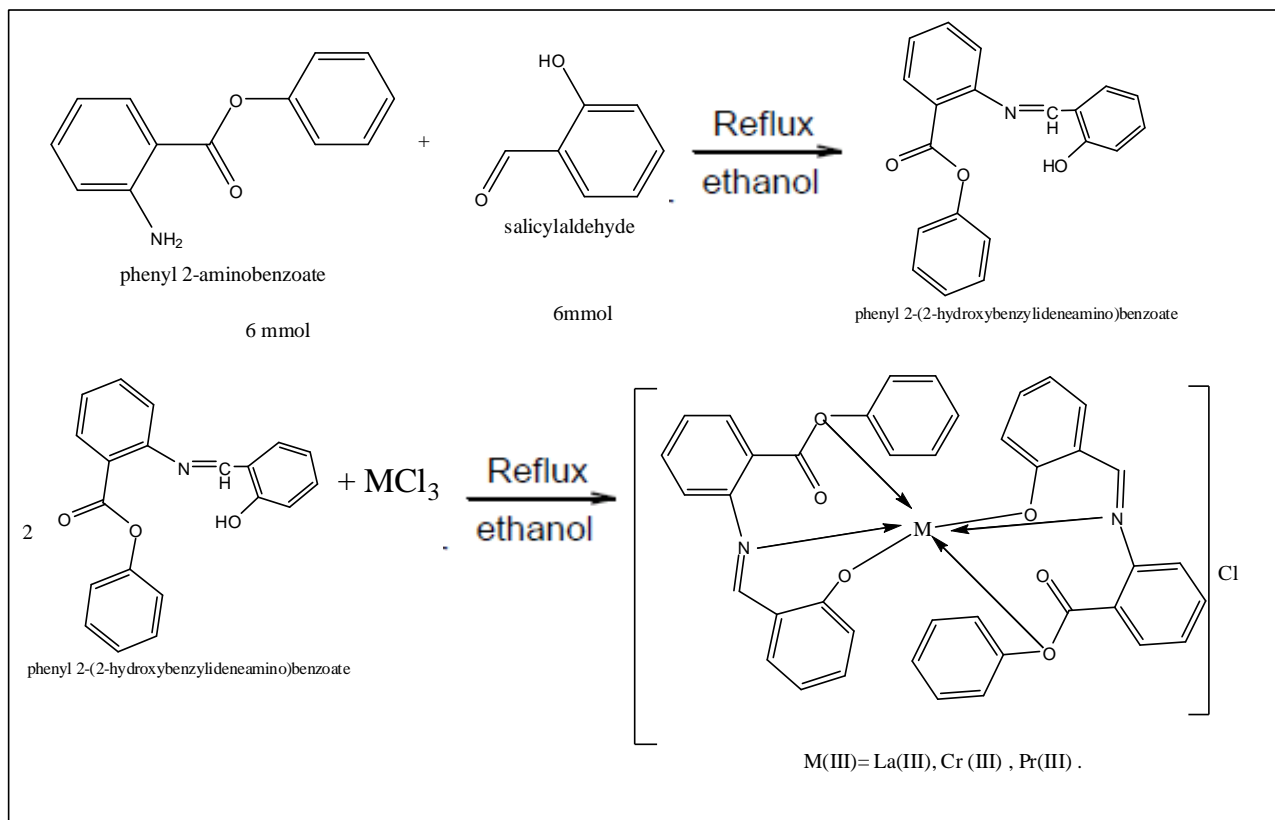
Schiff bases play an important role in inorganic chemistry as they easily form stable complexes with most transition metal ions [1-2]. The development of the field of bioinorganic chemistry has increased the interest in Schiff base complexes, since it has been recognized that many of these complexes may serve as models for biologically important species. Schiff base metal complexes were investigated for fungicidal, bactericidal activities [3-5]. Among the ligands the linear or cyclic Schiff bases obtained by the condensation of primary amines with carbonyl compounds and their metal complexes find a variety of applications including biological, clinical, analytical and industrial, in addition to their important role in catalysis and organic synthesis [6,7]. Schiff bases ligands and their metal complexes have a variety of applications in biological, clinical, analytical and industrial fields [8, 9]. Among these, heterocyclic Schiff base ligands and their metal complexes do have significant interest because of their pharmacological properties [10]. Furthermore, the interaction of these complexes with DNA has gained much attention due to their possible applications as new therapeutic agents [9,10].

The Cr(III), Fe(III) and Co(III) complexes formed from tetradentate (ONNO) Schiff base ligands, 1,4-bis[3-(2-hydroxy-1-naphthaldimine)propyl] piperazine and 1,8-bis[3-(2-hydroxy-1-naphthaldimine)-pmenthane, show

moderate antimicrobial activity [11] compared to standard antibiotics [12].

The antibacterial activity of the tridentate Schiff base, formed by condensation of 2-amino-3-carboxyethyl-4,5-dimethylthiophene with salicylaldehyde, was found to increase on chelation with transition metal ions [4].

This paper reports the synthesis and characterization of a new ligand derived from the reaction of Salicylaldehyde and 2-phenyl-amino benzoate and its complexes.



(Figure. 1) Schematic representation of synthesis of HL ligand and its complexes

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

### 2.1. Chemical and Instrumentals

All chemicals used were of reagent grade (supplied by either Merck or Fluka, and used as supplied).

a - Metal salts ( $CrCl_3$ , and  $LaCl_3$ ), Salicylaldehydes, 2-phenyl-amino benzoate ( $C_{13}H_{11}NO_2$ ), ethanol, methanol and dimethylformamide, and KBr from (B.D.H).

#### Instrumentation

b - UV-Vis spectra were recorded on a (Shimadzu UV- 160A) Ultra Violet-Visible Spectrophotometer. IR- spectra were taken on a (Shimadzu, FTI R- 8400S) Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometer ( $4000- 400$   $cm^{-1}$ ) with samples prepared as KBr discs. Microelemental analysis (C.H.N) were performed in Al-Mustansiriyah university – college of science. While metal contents of the complexes were determined by atomic absorption (A.A) technique using a Shimadzu AA 680G atomic absorption spectrophotometer. Conductivities were measured for  $10^{-3}M$  of complexes in ethanol at  $25^\circ C$  using (Philips PW- Digital Conduct meter). Magnetic measurements were recorded on a Bruker BM6 instrument at  $298^\circ K$  following the Farady's method. In addition melting points were obtained using (Stuart Melting Point Apparatus). The proposed molecular structure of the complexes were drawing by using chem. office prog, 3DX (2006).

### 2.2. Preparation of Schiff Base:

The Schiff base was Prepared by standard method (Figure. 1), In a round bottom flask. The Schiff base phenyl 2-(2-hydroxybenzylideneamino)benzoate was prepared by adding  $25cm^3$  of Salicylaldehyde ethanolic

solution (0.73gm; 6m mol) to the same volume of ethanolic solution of 2 phenyl-amino benzoate (1.28 gm; 6m mol). The resulting solution was evaporated under vacuum ( $^{\circ}$  C). The mixture was stirred for 3hrs at ( $^{\circ}$ ) to remove the solvent.

The Product was collected by filtration, washed several times with ethanol and recrystallized from hot ethanol and air dried. The melting point of the product found to be ( $170^{\circ}$  C) The color of the product is orange. yield 94.14 %. Anal. Calcd for ligand( HL) C = 33.03%, H = 5.19%, N = 10.27%; Found: C = 33.23%, H = 5.34%, N = 10.21%.

### 2.3.General Method for Preparation of the Complexes:

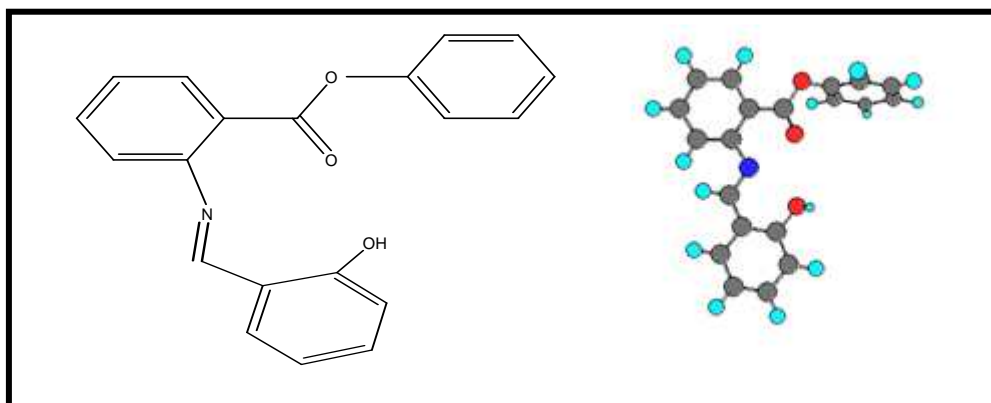
All complexes were prepared by dissolving (0.634gm; 2mmole) of phenyl2-(2-hydroxybenzylidenamino)benzoate(HL) in (30ml)ethanol. The solution was added gradually with stirring to(20ml) solution of the respective metal (II) chloride (1mmole). The mixture was stirred for(2-3)hrs at ( $65^{\circ}$  C).The resulting solution was evaporated under vacuum to remove the solvent. the colored complexes separated out in each case. The Product was filtered, washed several times with ethanol and recrystallized from hot ethanol and air dried at room temperature .

### 2.4. Antimicrobial activities

Antimicrobial activities of the ligand and the complex  $[La(L)_2]Cl$  have been carried out against the pathogenic bacteria like Escherichia coli, Bacillus subtilis, Staphylococcus aureus, and Pseudomonas aeruginosa, using nutrient agar medium by disc diffusion method [ 8] . The test solution were prepared in DMSO and soaked in filter paper of 5 mm diameter and 1mm thickness. These discs were placed on the already seeded plates and incubated at  $37^{\circ}$  C for 24 h. The diameters (mm) of the inhibition zone around each disc were measured after 24 hours. [12-13].

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The phenyl2-(2-hydroxybenzylidenamino)benzoate(HL)(Figure. 2)was prepared by reacting equimolar amounts of Salicylaldehyde and 2phenyl-amino benzoate in ethanol. The complexes were prepared by direct reaction of the ligand (HL) with the metal (II) chlorides in ethanol.



(Figure. 2) Chemical structure of phenyl 2-(2-hydroxybenzylidenamino)benzoate (HL)

### 3.1.Characterization of Schiff bases and metal complexes:

The Schiff base ligands and their complexes were characterized by using, FT-IR, UV-Vis spectroscopy , magnetic susceptibility and conductance measurements. And elemental analysis for Schiff base only.

### 3.2. Physical properties of the prepared complexes:

Table (1) shows the physical data for the prepared complexes which show different melting points, All the complexes are colored, non-hygroscopic and thermally stable solids indicating a strong metal-ligand bond. The complexes are insoluble in water and benzene but soluble in common organic solvents such as ethanol, ethyl alcohol, acetone, chloroform ,DMF and DMSO. and atomic Absorption measurements (Table-1) ) C l (% Chloride content for all complexes gave approximated values for theoretical values.

### 3.3. Molar Conductance ( $\Lambda_m$ ):

The observed molar conductance (Table 1) values measured in ethanol in  $10^{-3}$ M solution lie in the (30.4-36.2 )  $\Omega^{-1}$   $cm^2 mol^{-1}$  range, indicted that the complexes are electrolytes 1:1 nature.[14]

### 3.4. Fourier transform infrared spectra:

Infrared spectral data have been reported by research groups working on the synthesis of Schiff bases their metal complexes. The characteristic bands in Schiff base are used to determine the binding modes found in the system are (C=N),  $\nu$  (O-H),  $\nu$  (M-O),  $\nu$  (M-N).

A summary of characteristics IR bands is shown in Table 2 (Figure. 3). Generally, the band that are in the  $1640\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are assigned to the existence of  $\nu(\text{HC}=\text{N}-)$  group of the azomethine. for ligand and complexes are in the range of  $1620\text{-}1625\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . This band gets shifted to lower frequency in the complexes, indicating the coordination through azomethine nitrogen to metal atom. [15-16]  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$  in the  $1659\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are assigned to ligand and its complexes'.  $\nu$  (O-H) in the  $3039\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are assigned to ligand and  $3232\text{-}3549\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are assigned to complexes. Metal oxygen and metal nitrogen are found to be in the range of  $(420\text{-}466)\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $(513\text{-}524)\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The complexes show band at  $(590\text{-}520)$  and  $(470\text{-}489)\text{ cm}^{-1}$  rang, due to the  $\nu$  (M-O) and  $\nu$  (M-N) vibrations respectively. [17-19]

### 3.5. Electronic spectra and magnetic moment:

The UV-Vis spectra data for of the free ligands (HL) and three complexes are listed in (Table-3). The UV-Vis spectrum of the ligand (HL) (Figure. 4) shows three peaks at  $235\text{ nm}$  ( $42553\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ),  $299\text{ nm}$  ( $33445\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and  $358\text{ nm}$  ( $28169\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) assigned to  $(\pi - \pi^*)$ ,  $(n - \pi^*)$ , and,  $(n - \pi^*)$  electronic transitions respectively). [18]. The absorption peaks in the region  $(223\text{-}283)$  and  $(345\text{-}349)\text{ nm}$  for all complexes assigned to ligand field (LF), and charge transfer (CT) respectively). [20 -23], while the peaks in the region  $(808\text{-}872)\text{ nm}$  which assigned to  $4f\text{-}4f$  or  $4f\text{-}5d$  transition for  $[\text{Pr}(\text{L})_2]\text{Cl}$  and  $[\text{La}(\text{L})_2]\text{Cl}$  respectively. [20]. The visible absorption spectra of lanthanide compounds is generally dominated by  $f\text{-}f$  transitions. Because the f orbitals are well shielded from the surroundings and are not involved in the bonding, the  $f\text{-}f$  transitions are very sharp and essentially insensitive to the coordination environment. [21 -23]

The electronic spectrum of Cr(III) shows two intense bands, characterized in the descending order of frequency to represent the transitions  $4A_2 \rightarrow 4T_1(F)$  and  $4A_2 \rightarrow 4T_2(F)$ . respectively.

The magnetic moments of the complexes shown in Table (3) were calculated from the measured magnetic susceptibilities after employing diamagnetic corrections and revealed their diamagnetic nature as expected for La(III) with  $4f^0$  configuration. The magnetic moment shows the Cr(III) ion to be (3.34BM) with  $d^3$  ( $T_2g^3 e_g$ ) configuration in a distorted octahedral environment. The magnetic moment shows the Pr(III) ion to be (3.3BM). [21 -23]

### 3.6. Antibacterial Activities:

Antibacterial activity of ligand and  $[\text{La}(\text{L})_2]\text{Cl}$  complex, are recorded in Table 4. (Figure. 5) It has been observed that the metal complex have a high activity than ligand against same organisms under the identical experimental condition.

It is evident from the above data that the antibacterial activity significantly increased on coordination. This enhancement in the activity may be rationalized on the basis of their structures mainly possessing an additional azomethine bond. It has been suggested that the ligand with nitrogen and oxygen donor systems inhibit enzyme activity. Coordination reduces the polarity of the metal ion mainly because of the partial sharing of its positive charge with the donor groups within the chelate ring system. [24- 25]

Table (1) The physical properties of the complexes

Chemical Formula $\text{L} = \text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_3$	Formula Weight $\text{g}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$	Color	Melting Point ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	$\Delta m$ $\Omega^{-1}\text{ cm}^2\text{ mol}^{-1}$	Metal % Theory	Metal % Exp	Cl % Exp (Theory)
$[\text{Cr}(\text{L})_2]\text{Cl}$	720.11	green	166	32.8	7.22	8.32	6.97 (4.92)
$[\text{La}(\text{L})_2]\text{Cl}$	807.02	Pale green	160	36.2	17.21	17.82	3.78 (4.39)
$[\text{Pr}(\text{L})_2]\text{Cl}$	809.02	White yellow	166	30.4	17.42	18.22	3.65 (4.38)

Table (2) FT-IR spectral data of the Ligand and its Complexes

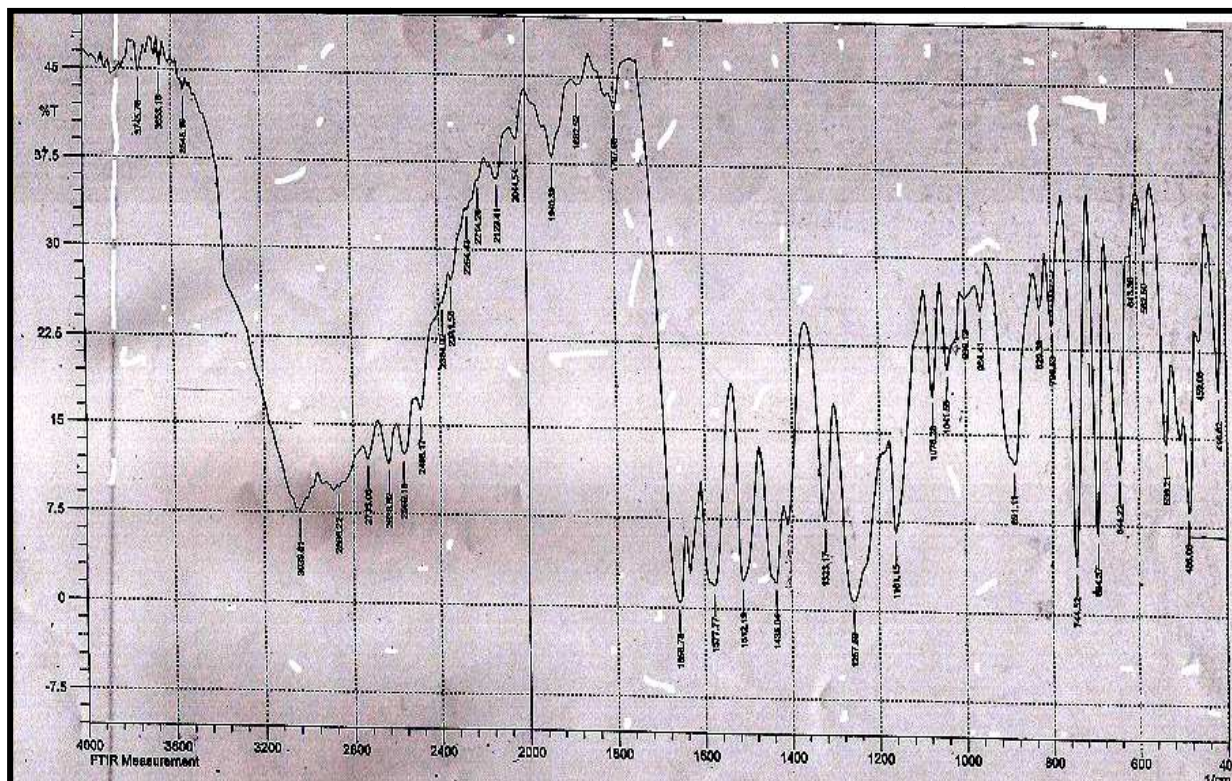
Compounds	$\nu$ (O-H)	$\nu$ (C=O)	$\nu$ (C-O-C) asy., sy.	$\nu$ (C=N)	$\nu$ (C-O)	$\delta$ (C-O)	$\nu$ (M-O)	$\nu$ (M-N)	Additional bands
[HL]	3039 (b)	1659 (m)	1257 (s) 1161 (m)	1640 (w)	1240 (w)	826 (w)	-	-	$\nu$ (C=C)aroma. 1527,1512,1435. $\nu$ (C-H) aroma. 3039 $\nu$ (C-H)imin. 2735, d(CO <sub>2</sub> )644 $\nu$ (C-N) 1041 r(CO <sub>2</sub> ) 536 b(C-OH)486
[Cr(L) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl	3452 (b)	1659 (m)	1261 (Vs) 1161 (m)	1620 (w)	1130 (w)	829 (w)	443 (w)	509 (w)	$\nu$ (C=C)aroma. 1577,1508,1435. $\nu$ (C-H) aroma. 3043 $\nu$ (C-H)imin. 2760 $\nu$ (C-N) 1041 d(CO <sub>2</sub> )644 r(CO <sub>2</sub> ) 536
[La(L) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl	3402 (b)	1659 (s)	1261 (Vs) 1161 (m)	1618 (w)	1140 (w)	825 (w)	435 (w)	508 (w)	$\nu$ (C=C)aroma. 1569,1512,1435. $\nu$ (C-H) aroma. 3093 $\nu$ (C-H)imin. 2735, $\nu$ (C-N) 1041 d(CO <sub>2</sub> )644 r(CO <sub>2</sub> ) 536

Table (3) Selected electronic bands, spectral parameters and magnetic moments of the ligand and its complexes

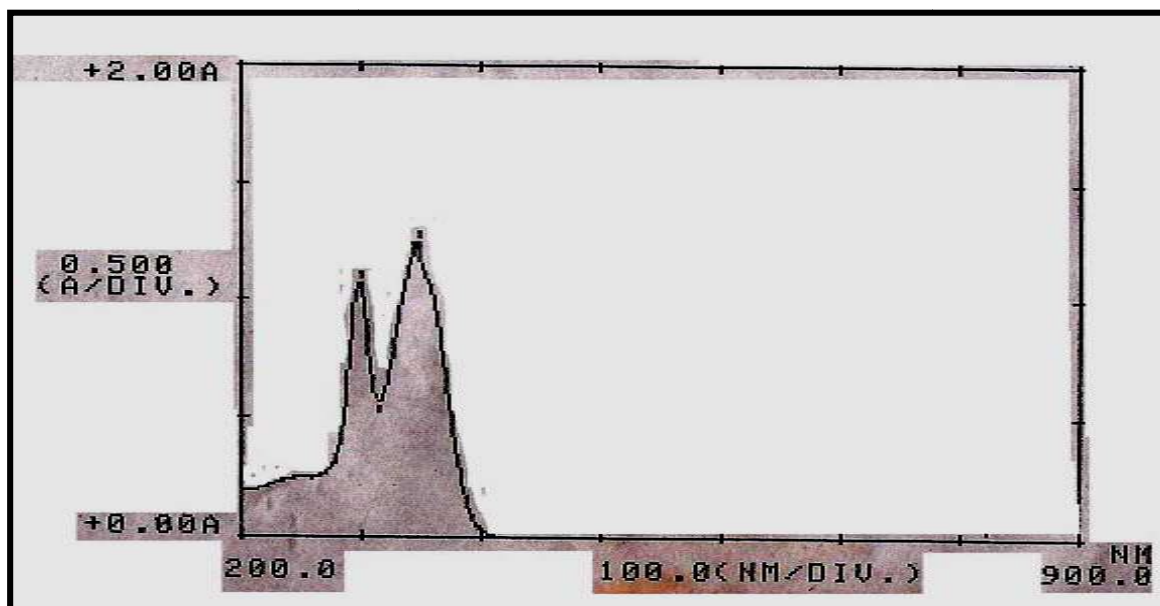
Compounds	nm $\lambda$	$\nu$ (Cm) <sup>-1</sup>	$\xi_{\max}$ L. mol <sup>-1</sup> .cm <sup>-1</sup>	Assignment	$\mu_{\text{eff}}$ (BM)
[HL]	235 299 358	42553 33445 28169	21 1076 1244	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ $n \rightarrow \pi^*$	-
[Cr(L) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl	228 283 349 426 895	43860 35336 28653 23474 11173	1880 1669 738 5 4	L-F L-F C-T ${}^4A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{1g(F)}$ ${}^4A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{2g}$	3.34
[La(L) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl	226 283 348 869	44248 35336 28736 11507	1882 2079 1040 4	L-F L-F C-T f-f	0.00 diamagnetic
[pr(L) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl	227 286 349 808 872	44053 34965 28653 12376 11468	1632 1364 601 20 19	L-F L-F C-T 4f-4f or 4f-5d 4f-4f or 4f-5d	3.38

Table (4) Showed the inhibition circle diameter in millimeter for the bacteria after 24 hour incubation paid and 37°C for complexes

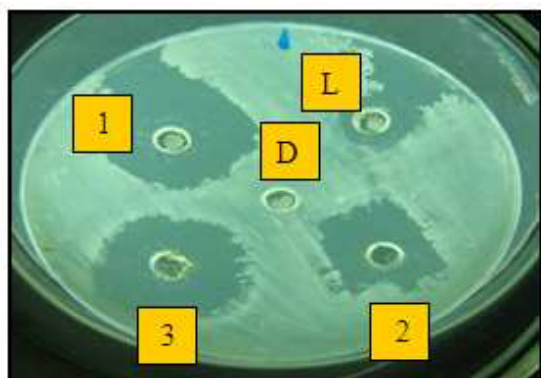
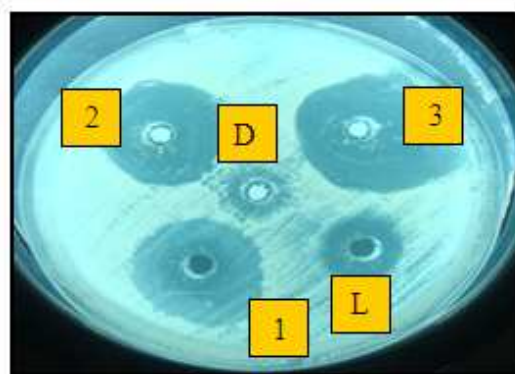
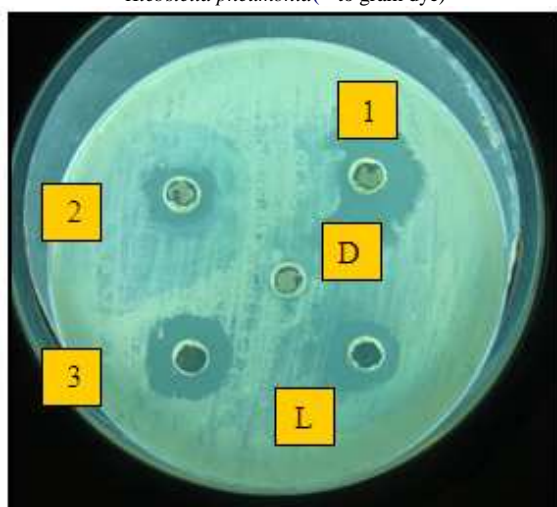
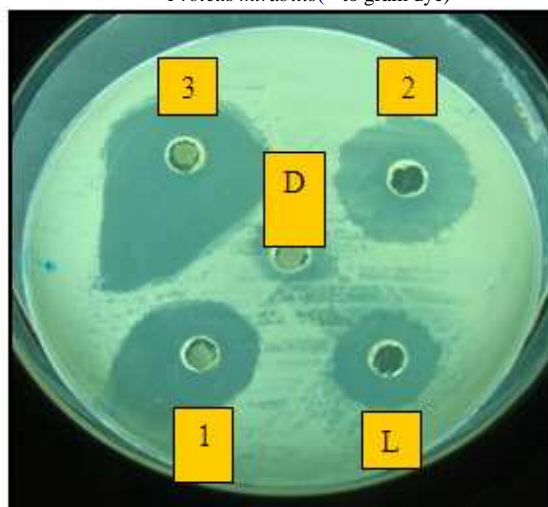
Compounds	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	<i>Klebsiella pneumonias</i>	<i>Staphylococcus aurens</i>
(DMF) Control	10	10	9	10
HL No (L)	11	12	11	12
[Cr(L) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl No (1)	16	17	17	16
[La(L) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl No (2)	16	15	14	15
[pr(L) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl No(3)	18	20	17	21



(Figure. 3) The (FTIR) Spectrum of phenyl 2-(2-hydroxybenzylideneamino)benzoate(HL)



(Figure. 4) The (UV-Vis) Spectrum of Phenyl 2-(2-hydroxy benzylidene amino)-6-amino benzoate(HL)

*Klebsiella pneumoniae*(- to gram dye)*Proteus mirabilis*(- to gram dye)*Escherichia coli*(- to gram dye)*Staphylococcus aureus*(+ to gram dye)

(Figure. 5) shows the antimicrobial activity of chemical compounds (ligands, complex, 1,2,3) appear the inhibition zones against some pathogenic bacteria

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