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**Abstract**

In this work the preparation and characterization of tetradentate ligand (H<sub>2</sub>L).The ligand obtained from the reaction of benzidine with 2-benzoyl benzoic acid .The synthesized ligand(H<sub>2</sub>L) was characterized by UV-Vis , FT-IR spectroscopy, <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup> C-NMR spectra, melting point and (C.H.N).The mixed ligand complexes were synthesis from ligand(H<sub>2</sub>L)was used as a primary ligand while 1,10-phenanthroline ligand (phen)was used as a secondary ligand with metal ion (M(II) : Cu(II),Co(II), Mn(II) ,Ni(II) and Hg(II)). All the complexes were characterized by UV-Vis, FT-IR spectroscopy methods, elemental analysis (A.A), melting point measurements, conductivity and magnetic susceptibility. These measurements showed tetrahedral geometry around (Mn and Ni) ions and square planer geometry around (Co, Cu and Hg) ions.The antibacterial activity of (H<sub>2</sub>L) and [M<sub>2</sub>(phen)<sub>2</sub>(L)]Cl<sub>2</sub> complexes in molar ratio [2:2:1] [M:(phn):L] were studied by using (MIC) inhibition method.

**Keywords:** Characterization,Schiff bases,2-benzoyl benzoic acid, binuclear complexes, Benzidine and Biological activity.

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الخلاصة

في هذا العمل تم تحضير وتشخيص ليكاند رباعي السن ( $H_2L$ ) من خلال تفاعل benzidine مع 2-benzoyl benzoic acid لينتج الليكاند قاعدة شف ( $H_2L$ )، أجري التفاعل باستخدام الايثانول المطلق كمذيب وبطريقة التصعيد الحراري، تم تشخيص الليكاند المحضر باستخدام اطيف الاشعة تحت الحمراء واطيف الاشعة فوق البنفسجية وطيف الرنين النووي المغناطيسي للبروتون وللكاربون 13 والتحليل الدقيق للعناصر ودرجة الانصهار. حضرت معقدات خلائط الليكاند تم استخدام الليكاند ( $H_2L$ ) كليكاند اولي بينما 1,10-phenanthroline (phen) كليكاند ثانوي مع  $M(II) = (Co, Mn)$ . ( $Cu, Ni$  and  $Hg$ ) ، بالصيغة بنسبة مولية (2:2:1). جميع هذه المعقدات المحضرة شخضت بواسطة الطرق الطيفية (اطيف الاشعة تحت الحمراء و اطيف الاشعة فوق البنفسجية والتحليل الدقيق للعناصر وقياسات درجة الانصهار وقياسات التوصيلية والحساسية المغناطيسية. وتم أستنتاج الشكل الهندسي رباعي السطوح حول الايونات الفلزية  $Co, Mn$  ( $Ni$  and  $Hg$ ) ومربع مستوي حول الايونات الفلزية ( $Cu$  and  $Hg$ ). تم دراسة الفعالية البيولوجية لليكاند ( $H_2L$ ) والمعقدات  $[M_2(phen)_2(L)]^{+2}$  بنسبة مولية (2:2:1) باستخدام طريقة التثبيط.

الكلمات المفتاحية: تشخيص ، قواعد شف ، 2-benzoyl benzoic acid، معقدات ثنائية النواة ، Benzidine و الفعالية البيولوجية

Introduction

The compounds have (-HC=N-) azomethine group are called Schiff bases, which were product by condensation of carbonyl compounds with primary amines [1]. They are also known as imines or anils and their metal chelates can be used in coloring dying processes, catalysis [2], analytical applications, biological systems and the spectroscopic studies[3]. A

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generally coordinates N atom of imines groups and O atoms of the deprotonated carboxylate groups in the Schiff base ligand[4]. In chemistry Schiff base ligands have considerable importance; chiefly they are possible capable of forming with metal ions stable complexes in the expansion of their complexes [5].The oxygen donor organic compounds that large physiological importance through coordination them with metal ions which made the interested users are studied and synthesized structural aspects for some oxygen, sulphur and nitrogen donor atoms in ligands with metal ions[6].Carboxylates complexes have observed significant attention due to their broad applications in numerous fields such as potential antineoplastic [7], PVC stabilizers[8], anti-tumour drugs[9], polymer catalysts[10], PS photo stabilizers[10]as well as ant tuberculosis agents[11]. Binuclear one of types Schiff bases has their powerful coordination capacities ,that meaningful perceive the nature of exchange interactions between metals existent in polymer and clusters [12],magneto-chemistry[13],effective devices for recognition[14],assembly of external species magnetic resonance imaging contrast agent, rheumatoid drugs are materials, also find in medicine as chemotherapeutic agent anticancer drugs and reagents: as antibacterial, antifungal, antiviral [15].Therefore, the topic of continuous investigation about structural, designing, functional and designing binuclear complexes [16].The Schiff base complexes were derivative from nickel ions display obvious fungal activities, antibacterial activities, cytotoxic activity, against human pathogenic bacteria, herbicidal and anticancer applications [17]. Copper and Nickel complexes may be acted as therapeutic agents are well established and notable [18]. Preparation new binuclear complexes with tetradentate Schiff base ligand as a result of these big biological applications such as inhomogeneous [19] and heterogeneous [20] catalysis. They show excellent catalytic activity at rising temperature and moisture in various reactions [21].

### Experimental

**Materials:** All chemicals benzidine, 2-benzoyl benzoic acid, and various metal (II) chlorides used were got from (Merck ). The Methanol, DMSO, Ethanol, DMF and another solvents were used throughout the study were of high purity (sigma).

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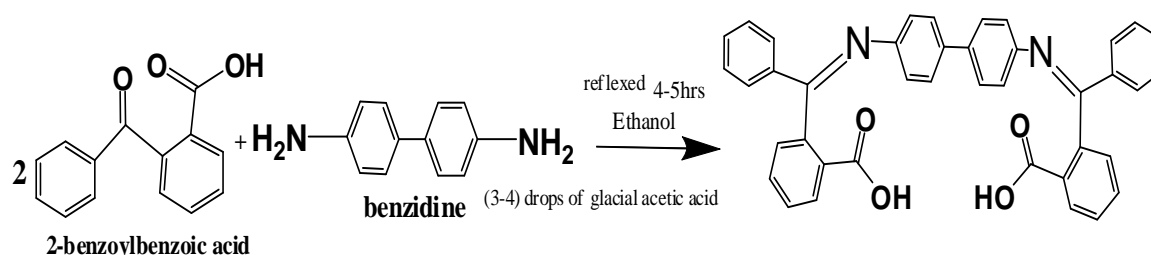
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**Methods:** Micro analytical data,  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ - NMR spectra of the ligand was recorded at Bruker specrospin ultra shield magnets 300 MHz instrument using tetramethyl silane (TMS) as an internal standard by using a solvent (DMSO- $d_6$ ) in Sharif University of technology in Iran. Products were examined by FT-IR spectra were obtained on Shimadzu FTIR–8400 Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometer by KBr disc. Magnetic susceptibility instruments were obtained at room temperature on the solid state applying Faraday's Method using Bruker BM6 measurement at 298°K. Micro analysis (C, H, and N%) of the synthesized compounds was carried out in the central service laboratory, College of Education for pure science, Ibn Al-Haitham using a CHN Analyzer on Perkin Elmer 2400 series II. Melting points were measured by using (start melting point Apparatus) type Digimelt (MSRS). Conductivities were determined at 25°C for  $10^{-3}$  M ethanolic solutions of complexes in using Philips PW- Digital Conductimeter. The chem. Office prog 3DX (2006) using to draw and suggest molecular structures of the compounds

### Preparation

#### Preparation of the Schiff base Ligand

The ligand was prepared [6] from the reaction of (2mmol) 2-benzoylbenzoic acid, with benzidine (1mmol), in 25ml absolute ethanol and (3-4) drops of ( $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ ) glacial acetic acid that refluxed at (70°C) in water bath for 4-5hrs. A product mass separated out on cooling, was filtered off. A yellow precipitate was obtained then recrystallized from a hot mixture of [(5ml) methanol, (2ml) distilled water and (5ml) acetone]. This product yield was almost quantitative (83%), melting point(187)°C and elemental microanalysis C.H.N were listed in Table(1). The reaction is shown in (scheme 1).



Scheme (1): Synthesis route for the preparation of ligand ( $\text{H}_2\text{L}$ )

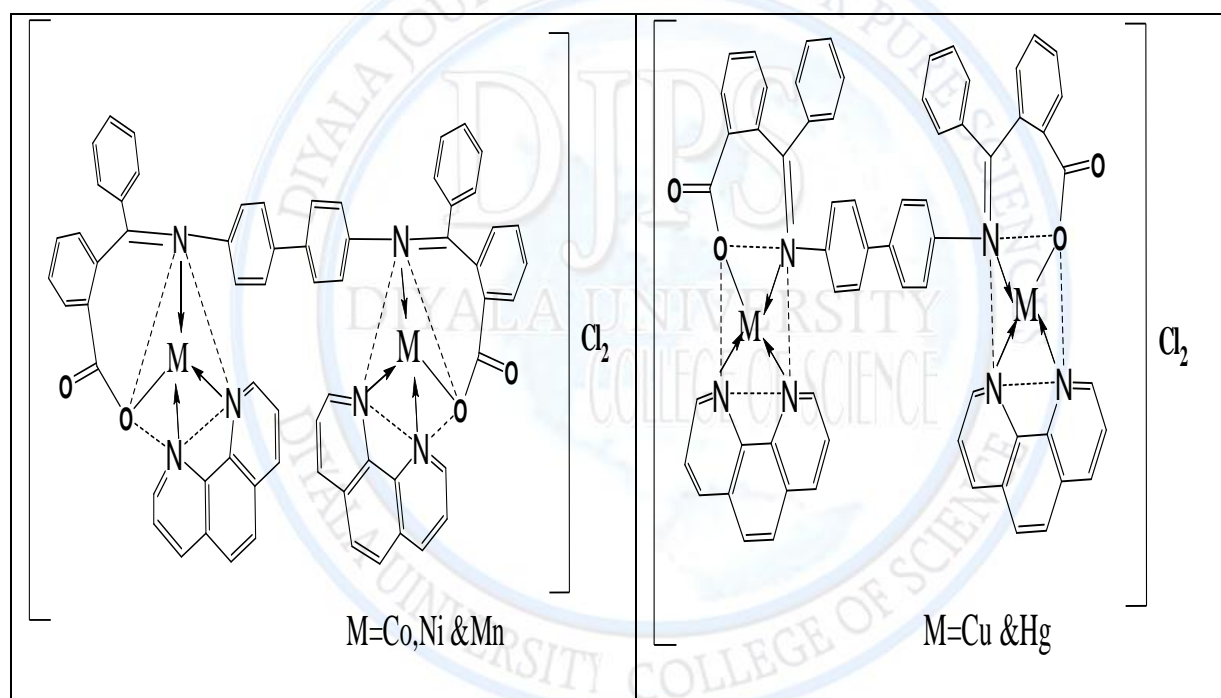


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### Preparation of mixed complexes

An ethanol solution of the some metal salt such as (  $[\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ ,  $[\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ ,  $[\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ ,  $[\text{MnCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  and  $[\text{HgCl}_2]$  was added to an ethanol solution of potassium-, [2,2'-(biphenyl-4,4'-diylbis(azan-1-yl-1-ylidene))bis(phenylmethan-1-yl-1-ylidene)dibenzoic acid] (1mMol and 1,10-phenanthroline (2 mmol,0.36g) in(2:1:2) (Metal: ligand: (phen) molar ratio was carried out. After stirring for 1hr. with heating  $55^\circ\text{C}$ , resulting solids formed cooling at room temperature. The colored precipitates were filtered off, washed by hot ethanol and dried in vacuum.



### Study of antibacterial Efficiency

The *in vitro* antibacterial activity of ligand  $[\text{H}_2\text{L}]$  and its complexes type,  $[\text{M}_2(\text{phen})_2(\text{L})]$   $[\text{M} = \text{Co(II)}, \text{Mn(II)}, \text{Ni(II)}, \text{Cu(II)}$  and  $\text{Hg(II)}]$ , were tested using the bacterial cultures of: (*Staphylococcus aureus*), (*Escherichia coli*), (*Bacillus subtilis*) and (*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*), resistant by the disc diffusion method then using minimum inhibition concentration (MIC) that mean the (minimum inhibitory concentration) of the ligand and

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complexes was measured. The disk poured in ethanol was used as the control. Test compounds, which can restrain the apparent growth at 37°C after 24 h incubation. The sensitivity was determined on the foundation of diameter of zone of inhibition against Gram-negative and Gram-positive strains of bacteria. Results were indicated by recording the diameter (mm) for a zone of inhibition around each disc on the plate.

### Results and Discussion

The preparation procedure of the ligand[2,2'-(biphenyl-4,4'-diylbis(azan-1-yl-1-ylidene))bis(phenyl methan-1-yl-1-ylidene)di benzoic acid] are offered in scheme(1). All the isolated compound are insoluble in water but soluble in DMF, methanol, ethanol, DMSO and acetone. The Schiff base H<sub>2</sub>L was prepared by the condensation reaction of benzidine and 2-benzoylbenzoic acid in one step according to (Scheme1). Then mixed complexes - ligand with 1, 10-phenanthroline were prepared in this work .The <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectrum of the ligand (Fig.1) in (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) exhibits the following signals in δ ppm at: (2.479, singlet, 6H for DMSO protons); the rang at (6.83-8.42) for 6 benzene ring protons and (12.35), singlet, 2H,-COOH group) [9, 10]. The <sup>13</sup>CNMR spectrum of ligand (H<sub>2</sub>L) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> solution (Fig.2) showed the signals at:(40.80 for DMSO);( 122.10~153.64 to 6 benzene rings. The peak observed at 159.07for C=O carbonyl group; and the signal at 161.10 for the C=N imine group

#### **Electronic Spectra of ligands**

The UV-Visible of (H<sub>2</sub>L) and its mixed ligand- complexes recorded in Table (5). The solution of (H<sub>2</sub>L) in 10<sup>-3</sup>M (ethanol) exhibited two peaks, Figure (5) at (289nm) (34602cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 1980 molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) and (343nm) (29154cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 532 molar<sup>-1</sup>.cm<sup>-1</sup>) due to (π→ π\*) and (n→ π\*) transition respectively [13]. The electronic spectrum of 1,10-phenanthroline, (Fig.4) display high intense absorption peaks at (202 nm) (49504 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 789 molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) and (228nm) (43859 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 1992 molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) due to (π→π\*) and another peak at (264nm) (37878cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>=134molar<sup>-1</sup>.cm<sup>-1</sup>) which assigned to (n→π\*) transition respectively, the data recorded in Table(5).

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**The Electronic Spectra of complexes**

- **[Mn<sub>2</sub>(phen)<sub>2</sub>(L)]Cl<sub>2</sub> d<sup>5</sup>**: the pale complex of Mn<sup>(II)</sup> shows bands at (299 nm) (33444 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 1264 molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) and (383nm) (27855 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 2514 molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) due to ligand field and charge transfer .Another bands at (372 nm) (26881 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 875 molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) and (383 nm) (26109 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 934 molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) which are caused by the electronic transfer <sup>6</sup>A<sub>1</sub>→<sup>4</sup>E<sub>(D)</sub> and <sup>6</sup>A<sub>1</sub>→<sup>4</sup>T<sub>2(D)</sub> respectively[15].

-**[Cu<sub>2</sub>(phen)<sub>2</sub>(L)]Cl<sub>2</sub> d<sup>9</sup>**:the spectrum of the pale brown complex gave three bands at (287 nm) (34843 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 1824molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) and(340 nm) (29411 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 1521 molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) assigned to ligand field .Another bands at (668 nm) (14970 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 134 molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) and (846 nm) (11820 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 57molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) assigned to charge transfer[17].

-**[Co<sub>2</sub>(phen)<sub>2</sub>(L)]Cl<sub>2</sub>d<sup>7</sup>**:the spectrum of the pale brown complex gave four bands at (357 nm) (28011 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 2176 molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) assigned to charge transfer. Another bands at (372 nm) (26881 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 962 molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>),(621 nm) (16103 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 18 molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) and (745nm) (13422 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 34 molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) attributed to<sup>4</sup>A<sub>2(F)</sub>→<sup>4</sup>T<sub>1(P)</sub>, <sup>4</sup>A<sub>2(F)</sub>→<sup>4</sup>T<sub>1(F)</sub> and <sup>4</sup>A<sub>2(F)</sub>→<sup>4</sup>T<sub>2(F)</sub> transitions respectively[16].

-**[Ni<sub>2</sub>(phen)<sub>2</sub>(L)]Cl<sub>2</sub>d<sup>8</sup>**:the spectrum of the green complex gave four bands at (284 nm) (35211 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 1752molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) and (366 nm) (27322cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 987 molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) assigned to ligand field and charge transfer. Also the third band at (801 nm) (12484cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 15 molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) attributed to<sup>3</sup>A<sub>2</sub>→<sup>3</sup>T<sub>1(P)</sub> transition[18].

-**[Hg<sub>2</sub>(phen)<sub>2</sub>(L)]Cl<sub>2</sub> d<sup>10</sup>**:the spectrum of the brown complex gave two bands at (292 nm) (34246 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 2145molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) and (317 nm) (31545 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 1356 molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) are assigned to ligand field. Another band at (389 nm) (25706cm<sup>-1</sup>) (ε<sub>max</sub>= 1174 molar<sup>-1</sup> .cm<sup>-1</sup>) is assigned to charge transfer [19]. All transition with their assignments is summarized in Table (3). According to spectral data as well as those obtained from elemental analyses, the chemical structure of the complexes can be suggested as tetrahedral for **[M<sub>2</sub>(phen)<sub>2</sub>(L)]Cl<sub>2</sub>**, where M<sup>+2</sup>=(Mn, Co and Ni),(Fig.7) while copper and mercury complexes



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$[\text{Cu}_2(\text{phen})_2(\text{L})]\text{Cl}_2$  and  $[\text{Hg}_2(\text{phen})_2(\text{L})]\text{Cl}_2$  have square planer

The molar conductance of all complexes in ethanol was found which indicates the [1:2] electrolytes behavior of these complexes. The  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  value of Mn, Co, Ni and Cu complexes are in the range (4.52, 3.43, 3.92, and 1.69) B.M. respectively, the physical properties of the ligand ( $\text{H}_2\text{L}$ ) with their mixed complexes are shown in Table (5).

### The infrared spectrum

The infrared spectrum of the [2,2'-(biphenyl-4,4'-diylbis(azan-1-yl-1-ylidene))bis (phenyl methan-1-yl-1-ylidene)dibenzoic acid] ligand was appeared abroad band at ( $3446\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), which was indicated to carboxyl-OH group [10]. The  $\nu(\text{O-H})$  band is absent in the IR spectrum of the complexes indicated that the carboxyl OH protons were lost upon complexation [11]. The bond in the Schiff base ligand spectrum was obtained at ( $1681\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) assigned to the  $\nu(\text{C=N})$  band of the Schiff base ligand is shifted slightly to lower frequency in rang ( $1671\text{-}1651\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) due to amine linkage was shifted towards lower frequency in all the complexes. Also, in the spectrum of appeared of the 1,10-phenanthroline the band ( $1620$ ) due to  $\nu(\text{C=N})$  in range ( $1617\text{-}1614\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), indicating that the 1,10-phenanthroline were coordinated to the metal atoms through azomethine nitrogen. Further proof of the coordination to N was provided by the show of the bands (M-N) in the range ( $573\text{-}491\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of the spectra of the complexes [20]. Further confirmation comes from the absence of (C=O) bending peak for COOH group in mixed complexes [13]. While appeared the band due to  $\nu_{\text{sym}}\text{COO}^-$  in range ( $1535\text{-}1496\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and the band due to  $\nu_{\text{asym}}\text{COO}^-$  in range ( $1404\text{-}1367\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). The difference of the value between the asymmetric and symmetric stretching of COO frequencies ( $\Delta\nu = \nu_{\text{sym}}\text{COO}^- - \nu_{\text{asym}}\text{COO}^-$ ) in range ( $168\text{-}92$ ) of all complexes have been compared in order to predict the coordination mode of metal ions with 1,10-phenanthroline as shown in Table (4). The  $\Delta\nu$  values, for each prepared complexes, indicates the tetradentate coordination of the carboxylate group [22].

### In vitro antibacterial activity:

The inhibition zones (mm) of ligand and its complexes against Gram-negative and Gram-positive strains of bacteria are shown in Table 6. The higher antimicrobial activity of the metal complexes as compared to Schiff base ligand may be explained in terms of chelation which makes metal complexes to act as more powerful and potent antimicrobial agents, thus



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inhibiting the growth of the microorganisms [23]. further, the polarity of the metal ion decreases with coordination at most due to the positive charge within the chelate ring system the partial sharing with the donor groups that rises the lipophilic nature of the central metal atom, which prefer its permeation more expeditiously through the lipid layer of the bacteria. This work is very important in the possibility that the ligand and mixed ligand complexes might be more effective against bacteria for which a thorough investigation about the structure activity relationship, regarding toxicity, and in their antibacterial affects which would be useful in designing more potent biological agents for therapeutic use if desired.

### Conclusion

A Schiff base ligand ( $H_2L$ ) was derived from condensation of 2-benzoyl benzoic acid and benzidine was synthesized and characterized. The mixed complexes with Cu(II), Co(II), Mn(II), Ni(II) and Hg(II) ions was carried out. The bonding of the ligand in the mixed ligand complexes and the tetrahedral geometry around (Co, Mn and Ni) and square planer geometry around (Co, Cu and Hg) have been deduced on the basis of various spectroscopic techniques. The comparative *in vitro* antimicrobial results suggested that the metal complex shows a significant antimicrobial activity as compared to ligand ( $H_2L$ ) and its Ni(II), Co(II), Mn(II), Cu(II) and Hg(II) complexes.

**Table (1): Some physical properties of prepared ligand ( $H_2L$ ) and its complexes**

Compounds	formala	Molecular Weight	Colour	Yeild %	M.P.	%Elemental Analysis Found % (Calculated)			
						C	H	N	M
$H_2L$	$C_{40}H_{28}N_2O_4$	600.66	yellow	85	187	79.76 (79.98)	4.78 (4.70)	4.43 (4.66)	-
$[Co_2(phen)_2(L)]Cl_2$	$C_{64}H_{42}Cl_2Co_2N_6O_4$	1146.13	blue	60	240	70.86 (71.38)	4.09 (3.93)	7.54 (7.80)	9.08 (10.94)
$[Ni_2(phen)_2(L)]Cl_2$	$C_{64}H_{42}Cl_2N_6Ni_2O_4$	1147.35	Green	68	221	71.00 (71.41)	3.54 (3.93)	10.09 (10.91)	8.78 (8.93)
$[Cu_2(phen)_2(L)]Cl_2$	$C_{64}H_{42}Cl_2Cu_2N_6O_4$	1157.05	Pale-brown	70	235	70.51 (70.77)	3.23 (3.90)	4.13 (4.23)	11.54 (11.70)
$[Mn_2(phen)_2(L)]Cl_2$	$C_{64}H_{42}Cl_2Mn_2N_6O_4$	1139.84	Pale-brown	66	264	71.10 (71.91)	3.63 (3.93)	7.47 (7.86)	10.08 (10.28)
$[Hg_2(phen)_2(L)]Cl_2$	$C_{64}H_{42}Cl_2Hg_2N_6O_4$	1431.14	Brown	61	258	59.11 (56.51)	2.87 (3.11)	5.89 (6.18)	29.17 (29.49)

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 Table (2):<sup>1</sup>H-NMR Chemical shifts for ligand(H<sub>2</sub>L) (ppm in DMSO)

DMSO	C=C <u>H</u> <sub>5</sub> (aromatic protons)	-COO <u>H</u> (carboxylate proton)
2.479	6.83-8.42	12.35

 Table (3):<sup>13</sup>C-NMR Chemical shifts for ligand(H<sub>2</sub>L) (ppm in DMSO)

DMSO	C=C <u>H</u> <sub>5</sub> (aromatic carbons )	<u>COO</u> H(carboxylate carbon)	<u>C=N</u> -(imine carbon)
40.80	122.10~153.64	159.07	161.10

 Table (4):- The main frequencies of the ligand and it's complexes(cm<sup>-1</sup>).

Compounds	$\nu(\text{OH})$	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$	$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{COO})$	$\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{COO})$	$\Delta\nu\text{cm}^{-1}$	$\nu(\text{M}-\text{N})$
Ligand(H <sub>2</sub> L)	3446 br.	1681 s.	1535 s.	1367 sh.	168	-
ligand	-	1620	-	-	-	-
[Mn <sub>2</sub> (phen) <sub>2</sub> (L)]Cl <sub>2</sub>	-	1660 s. 1610 s.	1496 sh.	1404 sho.	92	573 w.
[Co <sub>2</sub> (phen) <sub>2</sub> (L)]Cl <sub>2</sub>	-	1651 s. 1614 s.	1500 s.	1386 sho.	114	532 w.
[Ni <sub>2</sub> (phen) <sub>2</sub> (L)]Cl <sub>2</sub>	-	1666 s. 1612 s.	1525 sho.	1394 sho.	131	491 w.
[Cu <sub>2</sub> (phen) <sub>2</sub> (L)]Cl <sub>2</sub>	-	1671 sh. 1617 sh.	1496 s.	1388 m.	108	526 w.
[Hg <sub>2</sub> (phen) <sub>2</sub> (L)]Cl <sub>2</sub>	-	1663 s. 1617 s.	1504 sh.	1379 s.	125	560 w.

s= strong, br=broad, w = weak, sh = sharp, s=symmetric, as=asymmetric, m = medium  
 sho = shoulder,

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Table (5):- UV-Vis, magnetic susceptibility and conductance measurements data

Compounds	$\mu_{eff}$ (B.M)	$\lambda_{max}$ (nm)	ABS	Wave number (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\epsilon_{max}$ L.mol <sup>-1</sup> .cm <sup>-1</sup>	Assignments	Geometry
H <sub>2</sub> L	-	289	1.980	34602	1980	n→π*	-
		343	0.532	29154	532	π→π*	
1,10-phenanthroline	-	202	0.789	49504	789	π→π*	-
		228	1.992	43859	1992	π→π*	
		264	1.345	37878	1345	n→π*	
[Co <sub>2</sub> (phen) <sub>2</sub> (L)]Cl <sub>2</sub>	3.43	357 372 621 745	2.176 0.962 0.018 0.034	28011 26881 16103 13422	2176 962 18 34	C.T <sup>4</sup> A <sub>2(F)</sub> → <sup>4</sup> T <sub>1(P)</sub> <sup>4</sup> A <sub>2(F)</sub> → <sup>4</sup> T <sub>1(F)</sub> <sup>4</sup> A <sub>2(F)</sub> → <sup>4</sup> T <sub>2(F)</sub>	Tetrahedral
[Ni <sub>2</sub> (phen) <sub>2</sub> (L)]Cl <sub>2</sub>	3.92	284 366 801	1.824 0.987 0.015	35211 27322 12484	1824 987 15	L.F C.T <sup>3</sup> A <sub>2</sub> → <sup>3</sup> T <sub>1(P)</sub>	Tetrahedral
[Cu <sub>2</sub> (phen) <sub>2</sub> (L)]Cl <sub>2</sub>	1.69	287 340 668 846	1.752 1.521 0.134 0.057	34843 29411 14970 11820	1752 1521 134 57	L.F C.T <sup>2</sup> B <sub>1g</sub> → <sup>2</sup> A <sub>1g</sub> <sup>2</sup> B <sub>1g</sub> → <sup>2</sup> B <sub>1g</sub>	Square planar
[Mn <sub>2</sub> (phen) <sub>2</sub> (L)]Cl <sub>2</sub>	4.52	299 359 372 383	1.264 2.514 0.510 0.112	33444 27855 26881 26109	1264 2514 875 934	L.F C.T <sup>6</sup> A <sub>1</sub> → <sup>4</sup> E <sub>(D)</sub> <sup>6</sup> A <sub>1</sub> → <sup>4</sup> T <sub>2(D)</sub>	Tetrahedral
[Hg <sub>2</sub> (phen) <sub>2</sub> (L)]Cl <sub>2</sub>	Dia	292 317 389	3.145 1.356 1.174	34246 31545 25706	2145 1356 1174	L.F C.T C.T	Square planar

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Table (6): Diameter of zone of inhibition (mm)

Comp.	H <sub>2</sub> L	[Co <sub>2</sub> (phen) <sub>2</sub> (L)] Cl <sub>2</sub>	[Ni <sub>2</sub> (phen) <sub>2</sub> (L)] Cl <sub>2</sub>	[Cu <sub>2</sub> (phen) <sub>2</sub> (L)] Cl <sub>2</sub>	[Mn <sub>2</sub> (phen) <sub>2</sub> (L)]C l <sub>2</sub>	[Hg <sub>2</sub> (phen) <sub>2</sub> (L)] Cl <sub>2</sub>
<i>Escherichia. Coli</i>	8	17	12	18	18	16
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	11	13	14	13	14	17
<i>Bacillus</i>	10	18	18	17	16	15
<i>pseudomonas</i>	13	16	16	14	15	16

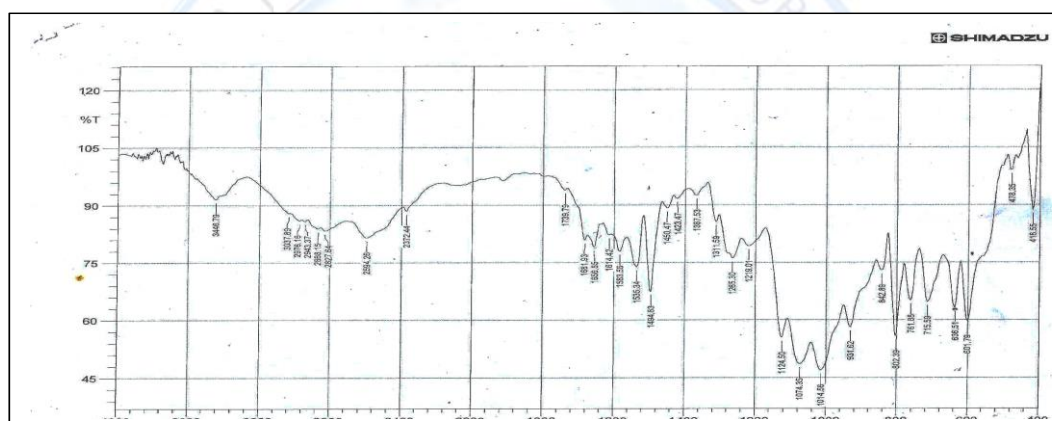


Fig.(1) The IR spectrum of ligand[H<sub>2</sub>L]

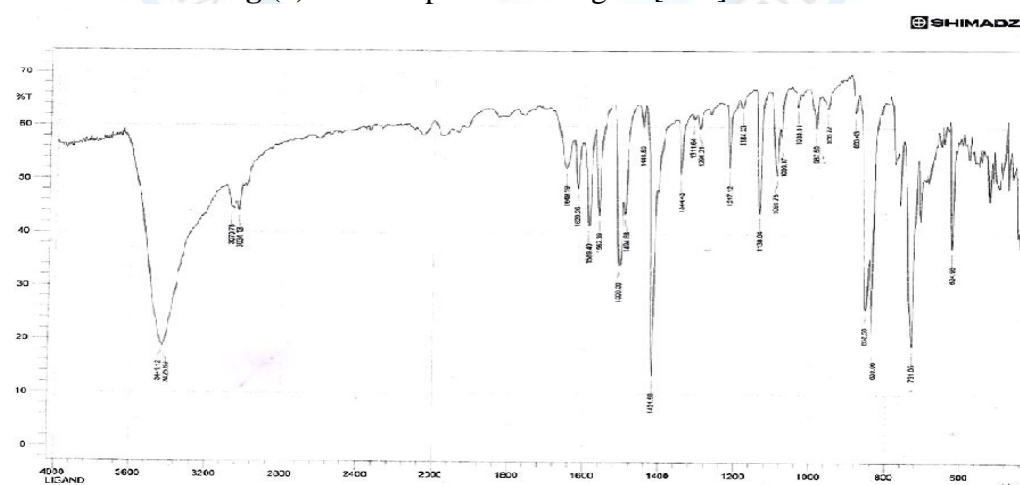


Fig.(2) The IR spectrum of 1,10-phenanthroline ligand.



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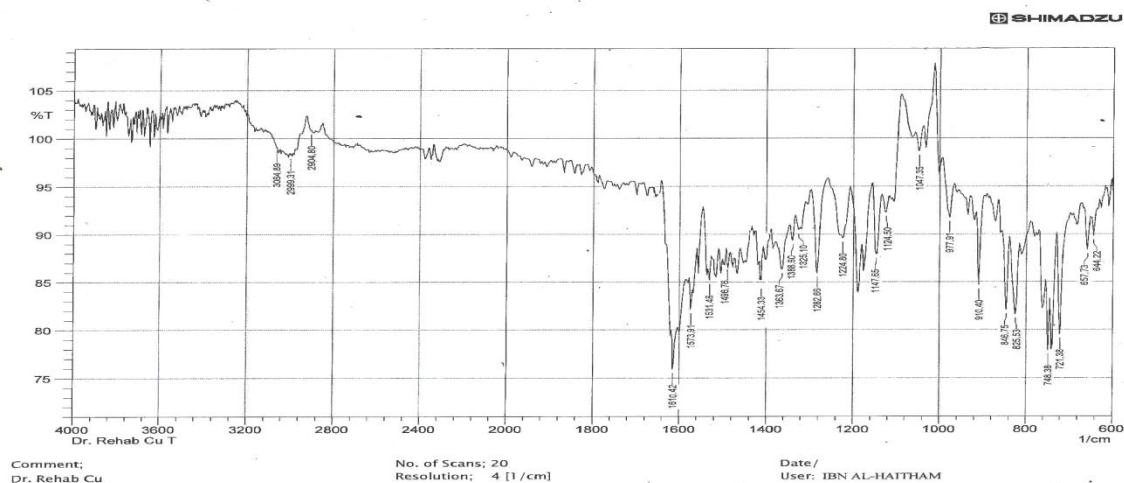
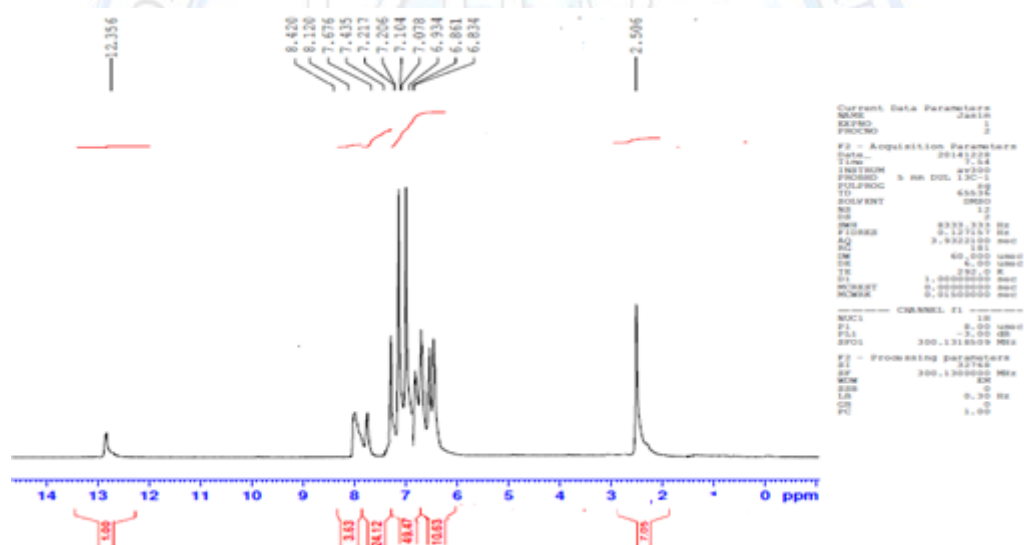


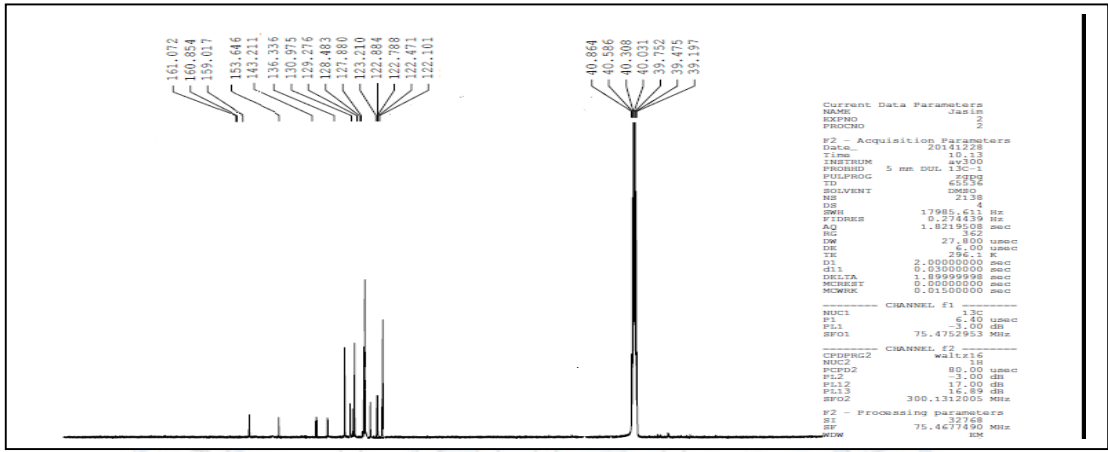
Fig.(2) The IR spectrum of  $[Cu_2(phen)_2(L)]Cl_2$  complex



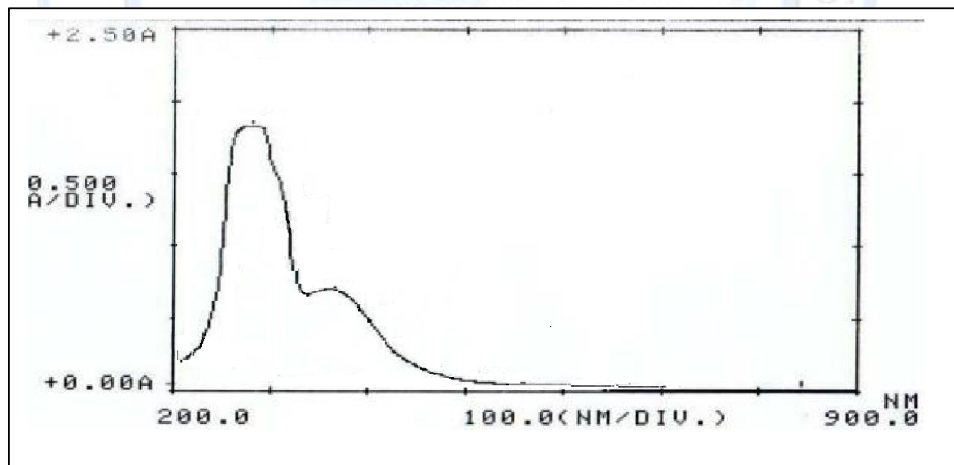
Fig(3): The  $^1H$ -NMR spectrum of the ligand ( $H_2L$ )

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Fig(4): The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of the ligand



Fig(5): The UV-Vis spectrum of the ligand

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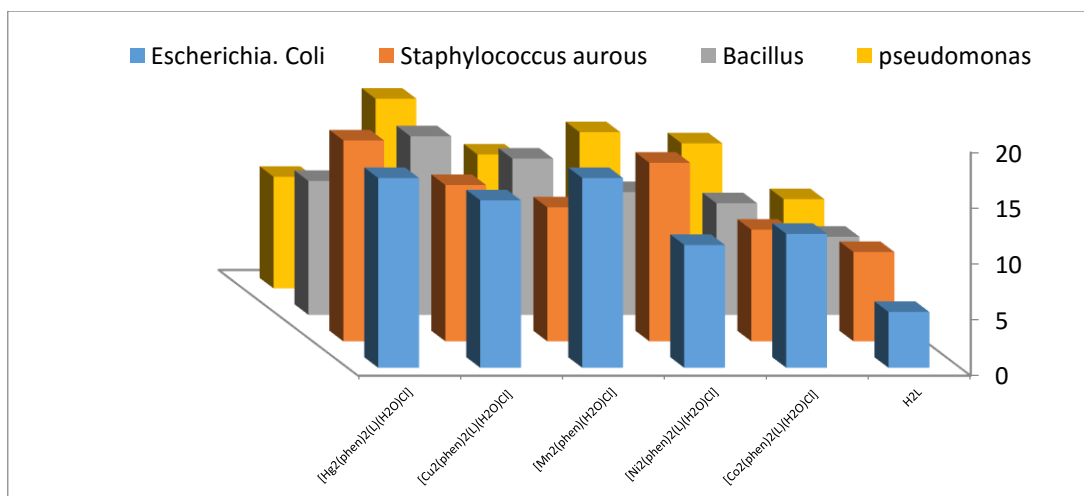


Fig.(6)Difference between the antimicrobial activity of ligand(H<sub>2</sub>L) and metal complexes

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