

## Preparation and Characterization of Some Metal Complexes with New Heterocyclic Schiff-Azo Ligand

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### Abstract

Chelation complexes of Cu(II), Hg(II), Zn(II) Ni(II) Co(II) Cd(II) were prepared with new heterocyclic Schiff azo ligand (E)-N-(1-(4-(E)-(4,4'-diphenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl) diazenyl) phenyl ethylidene)-4-methylaniline. This ligand was synthesized and characterized by IR spectra, U.V-visible spectra, (C.H.N) analysis and its complexes were characterized by flame atomic absorption, molar conductivity and magnetic moment. It was found that the Schiff azo ligand behaves as a neutral bidentate (N,N') ligand forming chelates with (1: 2) (metal: ligand) stoichiometry. Depending upon all results was proposed an octahedral geometry for the complexes.

Keywords: Imidazol, Schiff Base, Azo Complexes, Metal complexes, Schiff-Azo ligand.

### Introduction

Azo Schiff base complexes contain both azo and azomethine groups. The azo group possesses excellent donor properties and is important in coordination chemistry [1,2]. A large number of (N,N')-donor ligands in azo imine family have been prepared in the last few years [3-6]. The growing interest in heterocyclic azo dye chemistry is focused on designing new synthetic approaches to these materials, theoretical calculations, and applications in various industrial fields. Besides having important applications as textile colorants [7,8], some azo compounds have been shown an antibacterial agents [9-11]. This class of azo compounds possess an active ( $\pi$ -acidic) azo imine ( $-N=N-C=N-$ ), which function as efficient agents to stabilize low valent metal oxidation states [12,13], due to the presence of azo-centered  $\pi^*$ -molecular orbital, for this reason a number of these azo compounds were synthesized and their abilities as chelating ligands [14-18] were investigated.

### Material and Method

#### Materials and Measurements

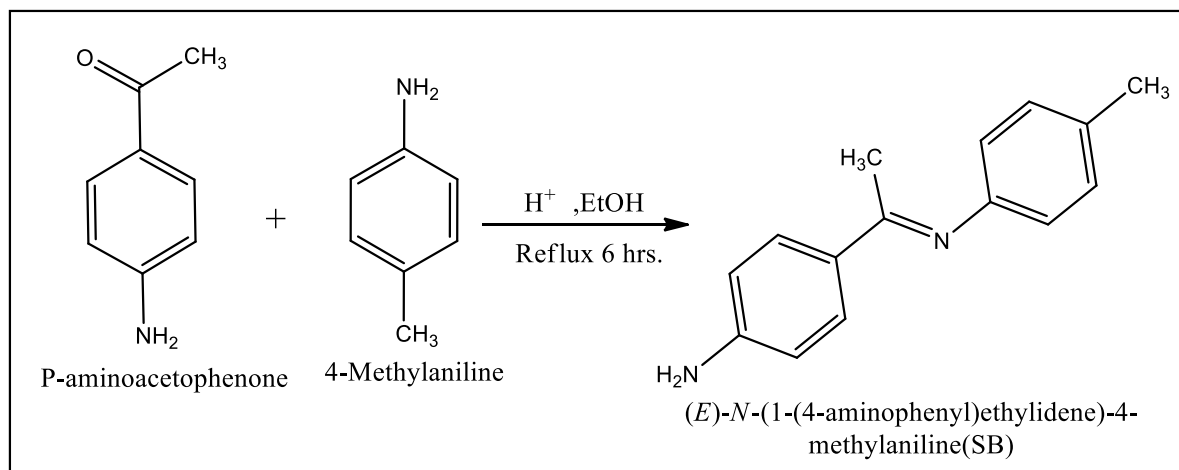
All the used reagents and solvents had at least analytical grade, except of 4,4'-diphenyl imidazole was prepared as reported procedure [19] the buffer solutions were prepared as described earlier [16]. Melting points were determined by open capillary tube method and

were uncorrected by using a Stuart melting point (digital SMP-1) apparatus. The metal contents of the complexes was measured using atomic absorption technique by Shimadzu AA-7300. IR spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu 8000 FT-IR spectrophotometer in the (4000-400)  $cm^{-1}$  range using KBr discs. Electronic spectra were obtained on a Shimadzu 1700 UV spectrometer using ethanol as a solvent in the (200-800) nm range. Magnetic susceptibilities were determined by Faraday method at room temperature using Balance Magnetic (MSB-MKI) apparatus, and diamagnetic corrections for the ligand were calculated using Pascal's constant [17]. Molar conductance of the prepared metal complexes were determined in Ethanol using conductivity meter Alpha-100 at 25°C, A concentration of the solutions was (10<sup>-3</sup> mol. L<sup>-1</sup>).

#### Preparation of [N-(1-(4-aminophenyl) ethylidene)-4-methylaniline](SB)

Schiff base was prepared by condensation reaction of (4-methylaniline) with compound (4-aminoacetophenone), by dissolving (1.30g, 0.01 mol) of (4-aminoacetophenone) in (50 ml) absolute ethanol then mixed with a solution (1.07g, 0.01 mol) of (4-methylaniline) dissolved in (50 ml) of the same solvent with the addition of four drops of Glacial acetic acid followed by reflux for (6) hours [14], The solution was left to cool then poured over the ice observe the appearance of white

precipitate, It was filtered, dried and recrystallized from ethanol hot absolute to get white pure crystals of Schiff base, the yield was calculated (%) also reached a melting point ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), Equation (1) describes Preparation of the Schiff base (SB).



**Scheme (1) Preparation of the Schiff base (SB).**

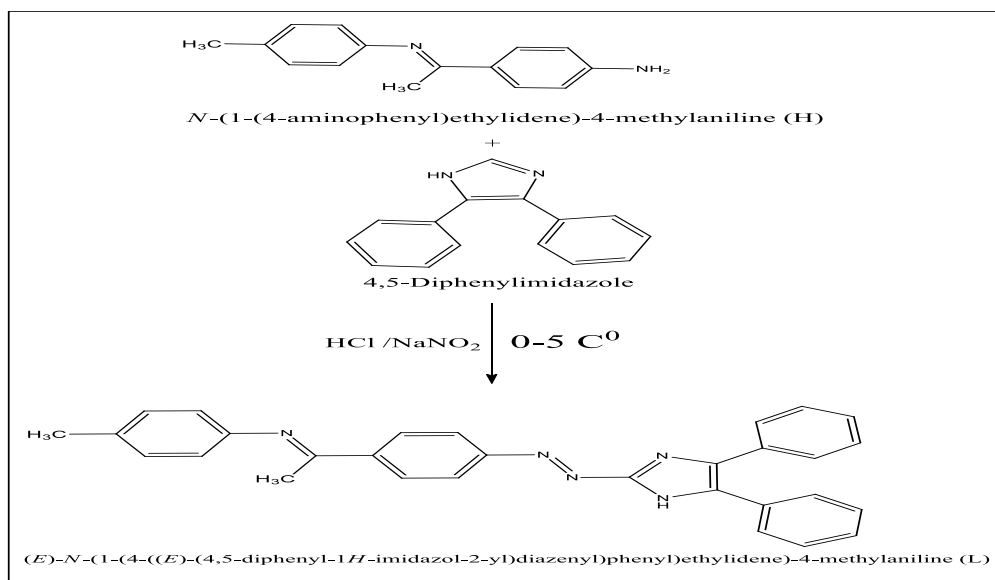
**Preparation of Schiff-azo ligand (E)-N-(1-( $\xi$ -( $\xi$ , $\sigma$ -diphenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl) diazenyl) phenyl) ethylidene) - $\xi$ -methylaniline (L)**

Schiff-azo ligand was prepared according to the following general procedure [19]:-

( $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma$  g,  $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma$  mol) from (SB) was dissolved in a mixture  $\gamma$  ml hydrochloric acid and  $\gamma$  ml of distilled water cold and diazotized below  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  with ( $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma$  g,  $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma$  mol) of sodium nitrite dissolved in ( $\gamma$  ml) of distilled water. Then the solution was filtered. The resulting was diazonium chloride. the solution was mixed

with  $\xi$ , $\sigma$ -diphenyl imidazole ( $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma$  g,  $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma$  mmol) dissolved in a mixture consisting of ( $\gamma$  ml) and ethanol ( $\gamma$  ml) sodium hydroxide ( $\gamma$  %).

After leaving in the refrigerator for  $\gamma$  hrs, the mixture was acidified with dilute hydrochloric acid until pH =  $\gamma$  The precipitate was filtered off and recrystallized twice from hot ethanol and dried the yield was ( $\gamma$  %), the melting point was ( $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma$  -  $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma$ ) the Table (1) show physical and analytical data of the ligand and its starting materials, Equation (2) describes Preparation of the Schiff-azo ligand.



**Scheme (2) Preparation of the Schiff-azo ligand.**

**Table ( 1 )**  
**Physical properties and analytical data of the ligand and its starting materials.**

Compound Symbol	Compound Name	Empirical Formula	M.Wt	Color	Melting Point °C	Yield Percent %
A	ξ,ο-Diphenylimidazole	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	220	White	229-230	80%
SB	N-1-(ξ-aminophenyl) ethylidene]-ξ-methylaniline-(E)	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	224	White	80-82	71%
L	(E)-N-(1-(ξ-(E)-(ξ,ο-diphenyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl) diazenyl) phenyl) ethylidene)-ξ-methylaniline	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	440	Red	130-134	68%

### Synthesis of complexes

The chelate complexes were synthesized at optimal pH values (Table (3)) dissolved (0,400 g, 1x10<sup>-3</sup> mol) of ligand (Schiff-azo) in (20 ml) ethanol and then (1x10<sup>-3</sup> mol) of metal chloride (0,1180 gm CoCl<sub>2</sub>. 6H<sub>2</sub>O), (0,080 gm CuCl<sub>2</sub>. 2H<sub>2</sub>O), (0,1180 gm NiCl<sub>2</sub>. 6H<sub>2</sub>O), (0,068 gm ZnCl<sub>2</sub>), (0,090 gm CdCl<sub>2</sub>. 2H<sub>2</sub>O)

and (0,1300 gm HgCl<sub>2</sub>), dissolved in 20 ml of buffer solution of ammonium acetate was added dropwise with stirring to the ligand solution. The complexes were filtered off, washed with distilled water then collect the physical properties and analytical data for these complexes are shown in Table (2).

**Table ( 2 )**  
**Physical properties and analytical data of the complexes.**

Complexes	M.Wt	Color	M. p °c	Molar conductivity ΛM Ω <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> 10 <sup>-3</sup> M in Ethanol	Metal%		M <sub>eff</sub> (B.M)
					Calc.	found	
[Cu(L) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	1044	Brown	98 de	3,9	6,3	5,30	1,83
[Co(L) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	1039	Deep orang	118-120	3,7	5,5	5,22	3,87
[Ni(L) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	1039	Brown	110	1	5,5	4,60	2,89
[Zn(L) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	1046	Brown	100 de	1,9	6,2	5,78	.
[Cd(L) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	1093	Deep orang	100 De	2,8	10,2	10	.
[Hg(L) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	1181	Deep-orang	90 De	2	16,9	14,41	.

De = decompose, Calc. = Calculated, M.w = Molecular wight, M.p= Melting point.

### Results and Discussion

#### Metal: ligand ratio

The (metal: ligand) ratios of complexes were determined by molar ratio method at fixed concentration and pH at wavelengths of maximum absorption. The results are given in Table (3), at optimal conc.= 4x10<sup>-2</sup> for Cu(II), Co(II), Ni(II), Cd(II) and Hg (II) at optimal conc. = 0,0x10<sup>-2</sup> M with the ligand (Schiff-azo) the ligand was found to form (2:1) chelates with all metal ions, these results are in agreement with the values reported for some aryl azo imidazole complexes [20,21].

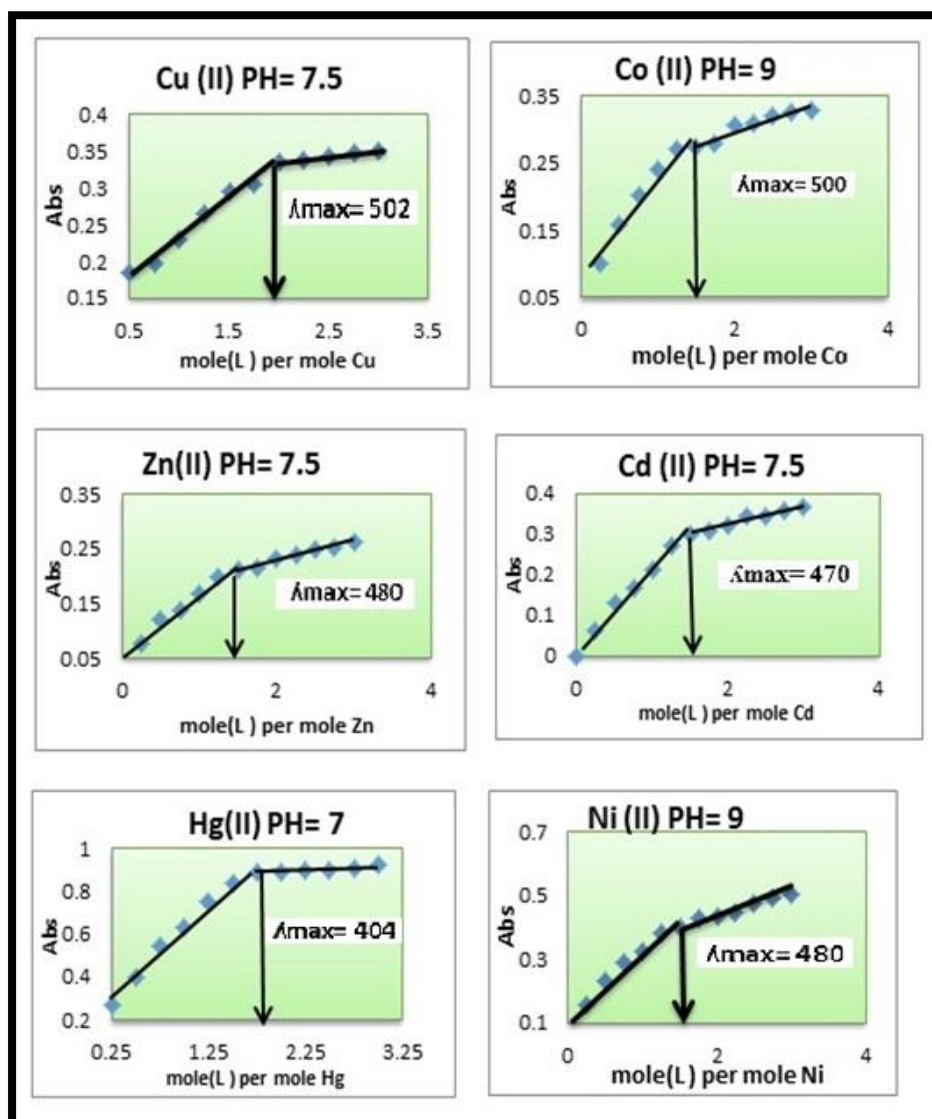


Fig. (1) The molar ratio (M:L) of metal ion Cu (II) , Co(II) ,Zn(II), Ni(II) , Cd(II) and Hg (II) with (Schiff-azo) ligand.

### Absorption Spectra

The absorption spectra of ligand (Schiff-azo) and its complexes are studied. The wavelength for the maximum absorption ( $\lambda_{max}$ ) of the ligand was found at (374 nm). The spectra of metal complexes were recorded within wavelength range (400–500) nm. The absorption maxima ( $\lambda_{max}$ ) of each complex shown in Table (2).

Table (2)  
The optimal pH values, optimal molar concentration and wavelength ( $\lambda_{max}$ ) metal ions.

Metal Ions	Optimal pH	Optimal molar conc. $\times 10^{-4} M$	Optimal wave length ( $\lambda_{max}$ )nm
Cu(II)	7.5	5	502
Co(II)	9	5	500
Ni(II)	9	5	480
Zn(II),	7.5	5	480
Cd(II)	7.5	5	470
Hg(II)	7	0.5	404

**IR-SPECTRA**

The spectrum of the Schiff base shows two absorption bands at (3431 and 3304 cm<sup>-1</sup>) were assigned to asymmetric and symmetric vibrations of (NH<sub>r</sub>) group [27]. The spectrum also revealed a new sharp band at (1641 cm<sup>-1</sup>) related to ν(C=N) in Schiff compound [27], while the absorption band at (3182 cm<sup>-1</sup>) assigned to (N-H) imidazole [28,29]. while the bands observed after the coordination at (3210-3244) cm<sup>-1</sup> this shifting related to the damage of intra hydrogen bonding for N<sup>r</sup> of

heterocyclic ring. The band at (1618) cm<sup>-1</sup> due to ν(C=N) of the N<sup>r</sup> imidazole nitrogen [27], while the bands observed at (1494 cm<sup>-1</sup>), (1200 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and (1160 cm<sup>-1</sup>) assigned to (N=N) [27], (C-N=N-C) and (C=N-N=C), respectively. The spectra of complexes show a change in frequency, shape and intensity band related to (N=N) group confirm its participation in coordination with metal ions. The complexes spectra exhibited new weak bands at frequency range (440-490 cm<sup>-1</sup>) assigned to stretching frequency of (M-N) bond [28-30].

**Table (4)**  
*Characteristic IR absorption bands of the ligand and its complexes in cm<sup>-1</sup>.*

	Ligand	Cu(II)	Co(II)	Zn(II)	Ni(II)	Cd(II)	Hg(II)
ν(N-H)	3182	3210	3210	3217	3210	3210	3244
ν(C-H)Ar	3061	3057	3059	3053	3057	3059	3059
ν(C-H)Aliph	2991- (2820)	2914 2876	2804 2821	2804 2821	2802 2820	2804 2821	2804 2821
ν(C=N)Schiff	1660	1664	1662	1662	1662	1662	1676
ν(C=C)Ar	1599	1590	1599	1599	1599	1599	1597
ν(C=N)Imi.	1518	1523	1520	1527	1527	1520	1504
ν(N=N)	1494	1491	1492	1492	1492	1492	-----
ν(C-N=N-C) and ν(C=N-N=C)	1200 1160	1249 1307	1249 1307	1274 1201 1170	1274 1201 1170	1274 1249 1178	1277 1184 1103
Ph-Imi.	761	767	761	760	761	763	767
ν(M-N)	.....	490 510	401 440	468 449	401 407	401 466	490 438

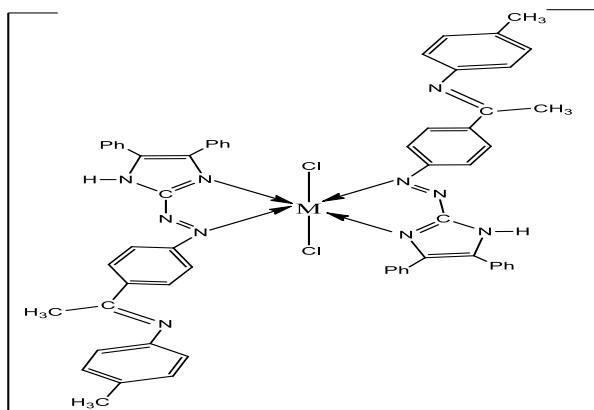
**C.H.N Measurement of Schiff azo ligand**

**Table (5)**  
*Elemental analysis (C.H.N) of Schiff azo-ligand.*

Compound	C %		H %		N %		M. Wt
	Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found	Calc.	Found	
C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O	79.12	78.01	5.49	5.70	15.38	14.11	250

**Molecular structures of proposed complexes**

Schiff azo ligand behaves as a neutral bidentate (N,N') ligand forming chelates with (1: 2) (metal: ligand) stoichiometry and an octahedral geometry for the complexes, Fig.(7).



M=Cu (II), Co(II), Zn(II), Ni(II), Cd(II), Hg (II)

Fig. (1) Complexes with Schiff azo ligand.

### Conclusion

In this paper, we have explored the synthesis and coordination chemistry of Schiff azo ligand (E)-N-(1-( $\xi$ -(E)-( $\xi$ , $\sigma$ -diphenyl-1H-imidazol- $\gamma$ -yl) diazenyl)phenyl) ethylidene)- $\xi$ -methylaniline complexes obtained from the reaction of the bidentate ligand with Cu(II), Hg(II), Zn(II) Ni(II) Co(II) Cd(II), transition metals. The mode of bonding and overall structure of the complexes was determined through physic-chemical and spectroscopic methods. Complexes formation study via molar ratio has been investigated and results were consisted to those found in the solid complexes with the ratio [M:L] as [1:2]. Depending upon all results was proposed an octahedral geometry for the complexes.

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### الخلاصة

تضمن البحث تحضير معقدات مخلبية لكل من النحاس (II) والزنثيق (II) والزنك (II) والنيكل (II) والكوبلت (II) والكادميوم (II) مع ليكاند شف-ازو غير متجانس الحلقة جديد ٤- مئيل-[N-١(٤،٤-ثنائي فنيل -٢-اميدازول-٢-يل) ديازينيل (فنيل اثيليدين) انيلين). شخص الليكاند المحضر بواسطة الاشعه تحت الحمراء، الاطياف الالكترونية والتحليل الدقيق للعناصر (C.H.N). اما معقدات هذا الليكاند فقد شخصت بنفس التقنيات المستخدمة لتشخيص الليكاند يضاف لها دراسة الامتصاص الذري اللهبي، التوصيلية المولارية و الخواص المغناطيسية اذ بينت نتائج الدراسة سلوك الليكاند للمعقدات متعادل الشحنة ثنائي المخلب (N,N). اذ يرتبط مع جميع الايونات الفلزية بنسبه (١:٢) (ليكاند:فلز) وبالأعتماد على النتائج المستحصلة تم اقتراح شكل ثماني السطوح للمعقدات التي تم تحضيرها.