

# Synthesis, Characterization and Antimicrobial Studies of the Metal Complexes of β-Diketone

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#### ABSTRACT

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Article History Accepted : 02July2021 Published:25 July, 2021 The ligand 1-(2-bromo-5-methoxyphenyl)-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl) propane-1, 3dione (L) and its transition metal complexes have been synthesized. The ligand synthesized using 2-hydroxy acetophenone and 2-bromo-5-methoxy benzoic acid. Each metal complex synthesized by metal nitrate with  $\beta$ -diketone in the ratio 1:2 stiochimetry. The characteration were carried out by elemental analysis, UV-Visible spectroscopy, infrared spectroscopy,1H-NMR,13C-NMR, magnetic susceptibility, molar conductance, powder XRD and TGA for structural formulae study. The synthesized  $\beta$ -diketones and their transition metal complexes have been screened for in vitro antibacterial, and antifungal activity using Resazurin 96 well plate method. This method is simple, sensitive, rapid, and reliable. It achieves more accurate minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC). The transition metal complexes and ligand showed moderate antimicrobial activity against all tested bacteria and fungi.

**Keywords:** Antimicrobial activity, Antioxidant, β-diketones, Metal-complexes, Magnetic susceptibility, TGA, XRD.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

In pharmaceutical industries metal containing drugs widely used. In particular transition metal series are more important in human body. Metal are easily loose electrons towards the molecules (ligands) forms co-ordinate bond and metal exits as positively ions soluble in biological fluids.Hemoglobin is an important constituent in blood contain Fe metal which give binding side for O<sub>2</sub>. Cis-platin (cis-Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)is a first introduced in anti-cancer drug contains platinum metal. Zn metal that regulate the function of genes in the nuclei of cells and component of insulin. Nickel (II) forms an important component in different enzymes, viz. urease, carbon monoxide dehydrogenase and hydrogenase<sup>1</sup>.

The previous research found that 1, 3-diones showing antiviral, insecticidal, antibacterial, antitumor, antioxidant ,HIV-1Integrase (IN) inhibitors<sup>2-6</sup>.The  $\beta$ -diketones (1,3-diketone) are intermediate key for the synthesis of different hetero-cyclic compounds<sup>7-12</sup>.In addition, 1,3-diketones ( $\beta$ -diketones) have also been

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used as an anti sunscreen agent that filters U.V rays to protect from skin cancer<sup>13</sup>.1, 3-dionemetal complexes are used as catalyst in reaction of olefin oxidation and epoxidation<sup>14-15</sup>. Europium (III)-diketonates have excellent luminescent property <sup>16</sup>. It is also used as chelating agent <sup>17</sup>and extractants for lanthanide ions<sup>18</sup>.As a result, considerable effortshave been directed towards synthesis of beta-diketones and its metal complexes.

Here we report the synthesis ofligand and their metal characterized complexes by various spectral technique and also look the in vitro antibacterial screening was carried out by using micro titre plate based resazurin assay against Gram positive (Bacillus subtilisand Staphylococcus aureus) and Gram negative (Escherichia coli, Pseudomonas aeruginosa) bacterial cultures. The antifungal susceptibility of ligand and its metal complexes was tested against Candida albicans and Saccharomyces cerevisiae .In micro titre plate based resazurin assay technique colorimetric indicator was resazurin.

#### II. EXPERIMENTAL

All chemicals were of reagents grade, purchased from commercial source and used directly. All metal salts were used as nitrate. Melting points were recorded by the open tube capillary methodand are uncorrected. The progress of the reaction and the purity of compounds were monitored bv thin-laver chromatography (TLC) analytical silica gel plates (Merck 60 F250). <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Jeol-400 MHz instrument in CDCl3 solution. Mass spectra were taken on a macro mass spectrometer by the electrospray ionization (ESI) method.The C, H and N analyses were carried out using a Euro-E 3000.Infrared spectra were recorded on SHIMADZU FT-IRspectrometer .The conductivity of metal-complexes measured by ELICO CM 180. The TGA analysis were carried out by Ramp method using SDT Q600 V20.9 Build 20 instrument.

# A. Synthesis of 1-(2-bromo-5-methoxyphenyl)-3-(2hydroxyphenyl) propane-1,3-dione (L):

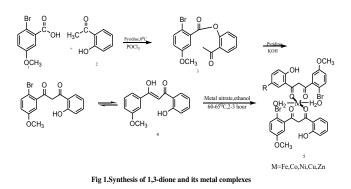
The 2-hydroxy acetophenone (0.01mol) and 2-bromo-5-methoxy benzoic acid (0.01mol) was dissolved in dry pyridine (30 ml) and cooling the mixture at 0°C then POCl<sub>3</sub> (2-3ml) was added drop wise with constant stirring maintain temperature below 5°C . The progress of reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of reaction, the reaction mixture was poured on crushed ice and acidified with dil. HCl. The crimson colored solid (ester) product (3) was obtained. It was washed with water and filtered off and crystallized from alcohol. The ester(0.01mol) dissolved in pyridine (25ml) and add powdered KOH (1.12g, 0.02 mol) and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature for 5-6 hours which undergoes Baker-Venkataraman rearrangement. The progress of reaction was monitored by TLC. After the completion of reaction, the reaction mixture was poured in dil.HCL in crushed ice. The yellow solid product obtained was washed with water and filteredoff. The product crystallized from alcohol.

 $^{1}H-NMR:\delta=15.18$ (s,1H),11.98 (s,1H),7.71 (d, J=7.9Hz,1H), (d, J=8.9Hz,1H), 7.57 7.48 (t, J=7.2Hz,1H), 7.18 (d, J=3.1Hz,1H), 7.01(d, J=8.2Hz,1H),6.93-6.88(m, 2H),6.73(s,1H),3.84(s,3H) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:δ=195.97,177.06,162.66,55.66:IR -1618 v (C=O),1581 v (C=C),1220 v (C-O), 3280 v(-OH) MS: m/z 346.9 (M - 1); Anal. calcd. for C16H13BrO4: C, 55.04; H, 3.75; found: C, 55.18; H, 3.89; vield:65%;M.P-106°C; Yield-66%.

#### B. Synthesis of metal complexes:

The ligand (L) 4 mmol dissolved in 35 ml of anhydrous ethanol and add 2 mmol of appropriate transition metal nitrate [Fe(III),Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II), Zinc(II)] and stirred at 60–65°C for 2-3 hour. After the addition of alcoholic ammonia solution complex precipitation occurs and colored solid complex obtained was washed with ethanol and then crystallized by with ethyl acetate. The yield of the all metal complexes was in the range of 66–71%.





#### **III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

All the metal complexes were found to be highly stable at room temperature and readily soluble in dimethyl formamide and dimethyl sulfoxide other than common organic solvents. The results of elemental analysis confirmed stoichiometry of ligand to metal 2:1 for all metal complexes. The TGA data confirms two water molecules associated in the metal complexes reveals octahedral geometry.

#### 1. IR spectra

The infrared spectral data of ligand (L) and their metal complexes are reported in Table 1. The carbonyl group (>C=O) stretching frequency of ligand (L) appearance at 1618 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The appearance of frequency at 1581 cm<sup>-1</sup> represents (-C=C-) double bond and the bond (C-O) appear at 1220 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The metal complexes of ligand (L) show IR frequency of carbonyl group (>C=O) at 1617-1619 cm<sup>-1</sup> which were nearly same or slightly lower than ligands (L) <sup>19</sup>. The slightly change in stretching frequency indicates that ligand (L) coordinated with the transition metal ions. Also a new band at 509-533 cm<sup>-1</sup>observed due to metal-oxygen (M-O) bond vibrations in metal complexes which were absent in ligands<sup>20</sup>. This confirms of metal ions coordinate with oxygen in complexes.

Table 1. FTIR  $(v/cm^{-1})$  data of ligand and metal complexes.

Compounds	v(C=O)	v(C-O)	v(C=C)	v(M-
				O)
L	1618	1220	1581	
(L)2-Fe	1618	1238	1581	522
(L)2-Co	1617	1249	1585	533
(L)2-Ni	1617	1213	1586	509
(L)2-Cu	1619	1241	1585	523
(L)2-Zn	1618	1249	1587	533

#### 2. 1H NMR and 13C NMR spectra

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral data of the 1-(2-bromo-5methoxyphenyl)-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)propane-1,3dione (L) show singlet at  $\delta$  15.18 ppm due to enolic proton, a singlet at  $\delta$  11.98 ppm due to phenolic proton adjacent to the carbonyl group which confirms the formation of  $\beta$ -diketone.

In the <sup>13</sup>C NMR of ligand (L) **4**, peak appeared at  $\delta$  195.97 ppm corresponds to carbonyl carbon (C=O) and enolic carbon (C-O) at  $\delta$  177.06 ppm.The signal at  $\delta$  96.08 ppm appeared shows methine linkage.

### 3. Magnetic Susceptibility and Molar Conductance

The molar conductance values recorded in  $\Omega^{-1}$ cm<sup>2</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup>at room temperature using DMSO as a solvent and results are recorded in Table 2.The molar conductance values were obtained in the range 18-42  $\Omega^{-1}$ cm<sup>2</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup>. The conductance values of the metal complexes very low which indicate non-electrolytic in nature<sup>21</sup>. The magnetic susceptibilities values of all metal complexes indicates paramagnetic in nature except Zinc complexes were diamagnetic due to non-availability of unpaired electrons.

Table 2.Physical parameter of metal complexes.

Metal	Magnetic moment	Molar	M. W.	Meltin	Elemental analysis (%)	
Complexes	µeff (B.M)	conductance		g point	Found/(Calcd.)	
					С	Н
(L) <sub>2</sub> Fe	5.81	39	790.23		48.12(48.64)	3.75(3.83)
(L)2 Co	3.22	42	793.32	221	47.99(48.45)	3.80(3.81)
(L)2 Ni	2.41	27	793.08	219	48.97(48.46)	3.59(3.81)
(L)2 Cu	1.11	18	797.93	277	47.61(48.17)	3.51(3.79)
$(L)_2 Zn$	Dia	34	799.77	163	48.59(48.06)	3.61(3.78)

### 4. Powder XRD Studies

X-ray powder diffraction study basically used for phase identification of a materials and can provide information on unit cell dimensions. Single crystals of the metal complexes could not be possible therefore powder diffraction data used. The XRD data recorded in the range 10-80 (20) values. Average particle size was calculated using Debye Scherrer's formula, D = $0.9 \lambda \beta.cos \theta$ where $\theta$  is the Bragg diffraction angle and  $\beta$  is the full width at half maximum (FWHM)<sup>22</sup>.All metal complexes show monoclinic crystal system.

Table 3. Summar	of XRD data of Metal Complexes	

Parameter	(L)2-Fe	(L)2-Co	
1 diameter			
	complex	complex	
Temperature (k)	298	298	
Wavelength	1.540598	1.540598	
Radiation	Cu Kα	Cu Kα	
Crystal System	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	
a (A°)	6.014	9.32	
b (A°)	26.3	13.21	
c (A°)	6.99	12.49	
α (0)	90.1	90	
β (°)	116.7	102	
γ (°)	91.2	90	
Average Particle	8.476	7.989	
Size (nm)			

# 5. Thermo gravimetric study of some metal complexes

Thermal gravimetric study used to evaluate the thermal stability of metal complex here some selected metal complexes was carried out at a heating rate of 10°C min<sup>-1</sup> under nitrogen atmosphere over the temperature range 25-600 °C. Thermo gravimetric analysis of bis-1-(2-bromo-5-methoxyphenyl)-3-(2hydroxyphenyl) propane-1,3-dione Fe(III) complex shows some loss of weight (4.153%) at 179.18°Cindicating that surface and coordinated water molecules are present in the complex23-24. A sudden weight loss (22.24%) from 179.18°C to 331.57°C due to loss of one phenyl ring with two hydroxy and one carbonyl group. Further, the weight loss (54.43%) from 331.57°C to 534.00°C corresponds to the decomposition of two phenyl ring and a propane-1, 3-dione moiety. On further heating above 534.00°C the weight remaining corresponds to that of only Ferric oxide.

Thermo gravimetric analysis of bis-1-(2-bromo-5methoxyphenyl)-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)propane-1,3-

dione Co(II) complex shows some loss of weight (5.018%) at 175.77°C indicating that surface and coordinated water molecules are present in the complex. A sudden weight loss (50.55%) from 175.77°C to 496.47°C due to loss of one phenyl ring with two hydroxy and one carbonyl group. Further, the weight loss (11.06%) from 496.47°C to 597.69°C corresponds to the decomposition of two phenyl ring and a propane-1, 3-dione moiety. On further heating

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above 597.69°C the weight remaining corresponds to that of only Cobalt oxide.

## 6. Antimicrobial Activities

The antimicrobial activity of ligand and its metal complexes carried out by resazurin method which is developed by Drummond and Waigh in 2000 <sup>25</sup>. The resazurin method simple, sensitive, rapid, reliable and achieve more accurate minimum inhibitory

concentration (MIC). In this method resazurin used as an indicator and it was prepared by dissolving 270 mg tablet in 40 ml of sterile distilled water. The value of minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) taken at color changes from purple to pink or colorless were recorded as positive. MIC value taken as color change occurs at lowest concentration as a average of three values of MIC for the test material and bacterial strain.

Antibacterial activity Antifungal activity Compounds Gram positive Gram negative B.subtilus C.albicans S.aureus E.coli P.aerugenosa S.cerevisiae 100 L1 <50 <50 100 50 150 L2 100 50 100 50 150 150 (L1)2 Fe 50 50 100 50 150 150 <50 50 50  $(L_1)_2 Co$ 50 100 150 100  $(L_1)_2Ni$ 50 <50 50 100 100 <50 50 100 50 150 100  $(L_1)_2Cu$  $(L_1)_2 Zn$ 100 50 50 <50 100 150 Tetracycline 2 1 4 1 \_ 1.25 \_ \_ \_ 1.25 Amphotericin B \_

Table 4: MIC (µg/ml) determination using modified resazurin assay

# 7. 1,1-Diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl Assay (DPPH Assay)

The antioxidant activities of ligand and its metal complexes were examined according to DPPH method. In DPPH method stock solution of DPPH prepared in methanol. The percentage of inhibition was calculated. Ascorbic acid was used as a standard reference and dissolved in distilled water to make the stock solution with the same concentration of metal complexes. Control sample was prepared containing the same volume and reference ascorbic acid; 95% methanol was used as blank and % scavenging of the DPPH free radical was measured using the following equation:

% inhibition = {(A control – A sample)/ (A control)}  $\times 100$ 

A control = absorbance of DPPH alone

A sample = absorbance of DPPH along with different concentrations of complexes.

Concentration	Ascorbic	(L)	(L) <sub>2</sub> Fe	(L)2Co	(L)2Ni	(L)2Cu	(L)2Zn
µg/mL	Acid						
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
	Inhibition	Inhibition	Inhibition	Inhibition	Inhibition	Inhibition	Inhibition
10	9.34	4.51	9.34	13.33	9.34	20.40	9.34
20	29.40	8.86	9.34	58.18	9.34	29.71	9.34
30	39.48	44.31	29.47	71.80	13.42	43.09	9.34
40	47.87	69.88	32.18	72.71	15.87	46.94	58.18
50	81.75	78.06	32.91	86.13	51.93	65.46	87.08

**Table 5:**Antioxidant study of using DPPH method.

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

Thepresentresearchwork, we synthesized new ligand and its transition metal complexes. In the metal complexes reveals that 1, 3-diones and metal 2:1stoichiometry ratio for all the prepared metal complexes. These complexes were characterized by various physicochemical and spectral analyses. It shows non-electrolytic nature and octahedral geometry with center of symmetry. Powder XRD study of complexes show monoclinic crystal system. The thermal stability were evaluated by TG method whose results revealed good thermal stability for the synthesized metal complexes. As per results, it can be seen that the newly synthesized ligands and its metal complexes shows considerable antimicrobial activity against all tested bacteria and fungi compared with antibiotics Tetracycline and Amphotericin B.

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