



# Synthesis, Spectral Characterization and Antibacterial Investigation of Ni(II) Coordination Complexes of Macrocyclic Schiff base ligands Derived from 4-Aminoantipyrine

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## ABSTRACT

A series of Ni(II) complexes (NiL1-NiL5) have been synthesized from macrocyclic Schiff base ligands (L1-L5) were obtained from condensation of 4-aminoantipyrine derivative (L) with different diamines and hydrazides. All these compounds were well characterized by elemental, spectral analysis (mass, IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, electronic), magnetic susceptibility, molar conductance and thermal studies. Macrocyclic Schiff bases are tetradentate with N<sub>4</sub> donor system around the metal ion. Octahedral geometry have been assigned for all complexes. All ligands and complexes were examined for antibacterial activity and found that complexes were more potent when compared to ligands.

## Keywords

4-Aminoantipyrine; Macrocyclic Schiff base; Ni(II) complexes; Spectral analysis; antibacterial activity.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Antipyrine it self as named for its temperature reducing nature in humans which firstly found by Knorr. Among various derivatives of pyrazolone, 4-aminoantipyrine is significant owing to its willingly condensing property with various types of carbonyl compounds to obtain a variety of Schiff bases, which could be used in a number of major fields like biology and pharmaceutical industries<sup>1-2</sup>. The Schiff bases are more probable ligands in the formation of complexes with different metals due to its azomethine bond<sup>3-8</sup>. Much work have been reported from many fields on 4-aminoantipyrine, which act as precursor to prepare a large number of various transition metal complexes<sup>9-11</sup>. Specifically Schiff bases derived from 4-aminoantipyrine and their complexes are most concerned because of their utility in the field of biology<sup>12-17</sup>.

Though, 4-aminoantipyrine and its derivatized Schiff bases exhibit fine antimicrobial activity, the activity has improved when it coordinates with metal centers<sup>18-21</sup>. In this context we are motivated to synthesize new Schiff bases from 4-aminoantipyrine as precursor and their Ni(II) complexes to evaluate their antibacterial property.

## 2. EXPERIMENTAL

### 2.1. Materials

Nickel(II) chloride, 4-amino antipyrine, orthophthalaldehyde(OPA), 1,4-diamino butane, carbanohydrazide, 4H-1,2,4-triazole-3,5-diamine, 2-amino benzo hydrazide and naphthalene-1,8-diamine were purchased from Aldrich and all the organic solvents such as ethanol, methanol, dichloro methane, DMSO were analytical grade. These solvents distilled and preserved under molecular sieves<sup>22</sup>. The purity of the compounds was confirmed by TLC using Merck 60F254 silica gel plates.

### 2.2. Physical Measurements

The percentages of carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen present in ligands and their complexes were determined by using PerkinElmer 2400 Series II CHNS/O analyzer. Buchi-510 melting point machine was used to find melting points. The Mettler-Toledo star system has been employed to perform thermogravimetric studies under an inert atmosphere of dry nitrogen and <10 mg of sample masses utilised. The FTIR spectra of compounds have been recorded in the range of 4000–200 cm<sup>-1</sup> using Perkin Elmer-283 spectrophotometer. Bruker WH 300(400 MHz) and Varian Gemini (100 MHz) spectrometers were used to record NMR spectra (<sup>1</sup>H & <sup>13</sup>C NMR). CEC-21-110B, Finningan Mat 1210 and MICROMASS-7070 spectrometers operating at 70 eV using a direct inlet system and VG-Auto-Spec-M mass spectrometer were used for mass spectra. Electronic spectra were obtained with Shimadzu UV-160A, a UV-Visible double beam spectrophotometer with matched quartz cells of path length 1 cm. Conductance measurements were carried out on 10<sup>-3</sup>M solution of compounds in dichloromethane at 25 °C on Dig sun Digital conductivity meter model DL-909. Gouy balance calibrated with Hg[Co(NCS)<sub>4</sub>] was employed for the estimation of magnetic susceptibilities of complexes at normal temperature.

### 2.3. Synthesis of ligands

Firstly 4-aminoantipyrine derivative (L) synthesized by adding 4-aminoantipyrine (2 mmol), in ethanol (25 mL), little by little with steady stirring to an alcoholic solution (25 mL) of orthophthalaldehyde (1 mmol) (Scheme-1). This reaction mixture was refluxed and evaporated under reduced pressure and kept at room temperature for two days. The yellow coloured precipitate (L) obtained has been filtered, rinsed with diethyl ether solvent and recrystallised from ethanol. In the final step the ethanolic solution of L (2 mmol) was refluxed with diamines (2 mmol) viz., 1,4-diamino butane(L1),

carbohydrazide (L2), 4H-1,2,4-triazole-3,5-diamine(L3), 2-amino benzo hydrazide(L4) and naphthalene-1,8-diamine(L5) correspondingly with the addition of 1g of anhydrous  $K_2CO_3$  for about 5-7 h (Scheme-2). The solvent was reduced to one-third and treated with hot water and kept in refrigerator for 24 h. The solid product obtained was separated by filtration and recrystallised from ethanol.

#### 2.4. Synthesis of Schiff base Ni(II) complexes

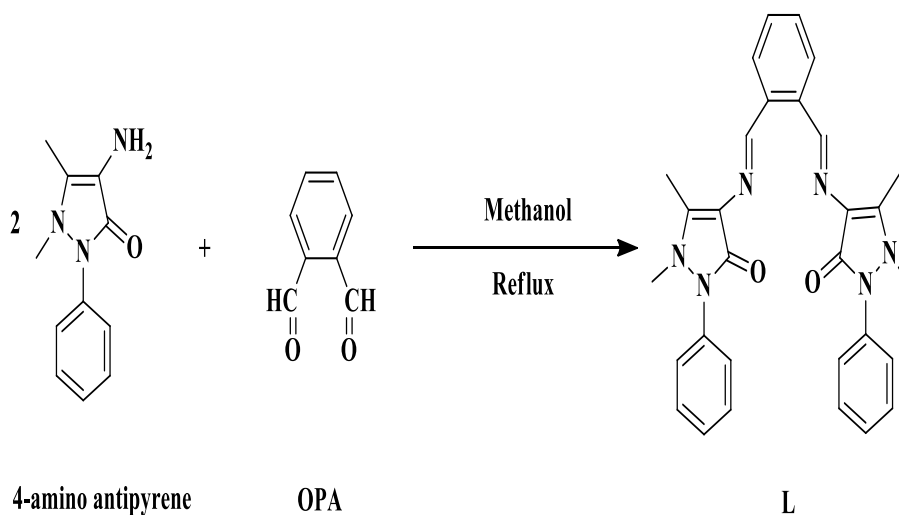
The newly prepared Macrocyclic Schiff base ligands and metal salt  $NiCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$  were used as starters for synthesis of complexes. Typical reported method was employed to synthesize all complexes and same procedure used for all ligands because of their resemblance. Ethanolic solution of nickel chloride (5 mmol) was added to a solution of the freshly prepared ligand solution (5 mmol) in ethanol (25 mL) with regular stirring. Further reaction mixture was refluxed on a water bath for few hours until a solid formed. The solids were separated by using suction filtration and rinsing with chloroform, ethanol and dried under vacuum over anhydrous calcium chloride.

#### 2.5. Antibacterial activity

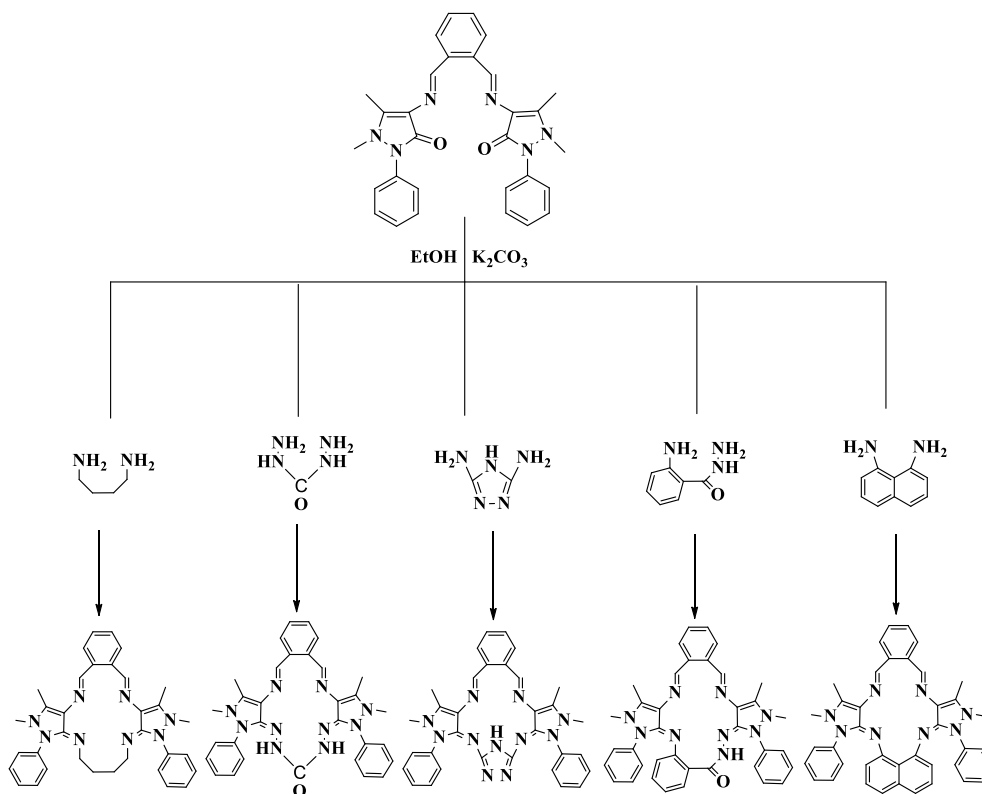
The newly synthesized ligands and complexes have been screened to evaluate In-vitro antibacterial activity in opposition to microbes like *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumonia*, *Basillus subtilis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*. The existing antibiotics drugs such as Streptomycin and Rifampicin were used as the standards for current study. This investigation was occurred with help of known reported procedure is so called cup plate method<sup>23</sup>. Microorganisms were cultured in the combination of nutrient agar and nutrient broth (obtained from Hi-media, Mumbai). Sample compound was prepared 10 mg of compound in 10 ml of solvent water, methanol and DMSO. This sample is utilized to make a range of concentrations as 100, 50, 20, 15, 10, 5, 2, 1  $\mu g/ml$  by addition of solvent. Semi solid agar medium (25 ml) was poured on to uncontaminated Petri dishes and put a side for few hours to allow solidify. Then well grown microorganism about 50 ml was added and distributed equally on to the above arranged agar medium dish with the help of fresh cotton swab. Fine borer was used to make 5 mm wide bores on the agar having cultured microorganism. These bores were further filled with sample solutions of compounds properly with micropipette. Similar steps also used in the preparation of plates for antibiotics. In presence of free air conditions all plates were incubated at the temperature of 37 °C for 24 hours<sup>24</sup>. Later the zones of inhibition of growth for all compounds and antibiotics were measured and compared. The results were expressed in terms of active and inactive. Further minimum inhibitory concentrations of all active compounds were determined<sup>25-27</sup>.

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Current work involved synthesis of new macrocyclic Schiff base ligands by condensation of derivative of 4-aminoantipyrene with different diamines, diamino hydrazides in presence of base conditions (Scheme1) and their Ni(II) complexes. The carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen percentages in all newly prepared compounds were estimated by using CHN analyzer. The percentage of nickel in all complexes was found by known procedure<sup>28</sup>. The tentative molecular formulas for all compounds were proposed based on the physical and analytical data (Table-1).



Scheme 1: Synthetic procedure of derivative of 4-amino antipyrene (L)



**Scheme 2: Synthetic procedure of Macro cyclic Schiff base ligands (L1-L5)**

**Table 1. Physical and analytical data of the Macro cyclic Schiff bases and their Ni(II) complexes**

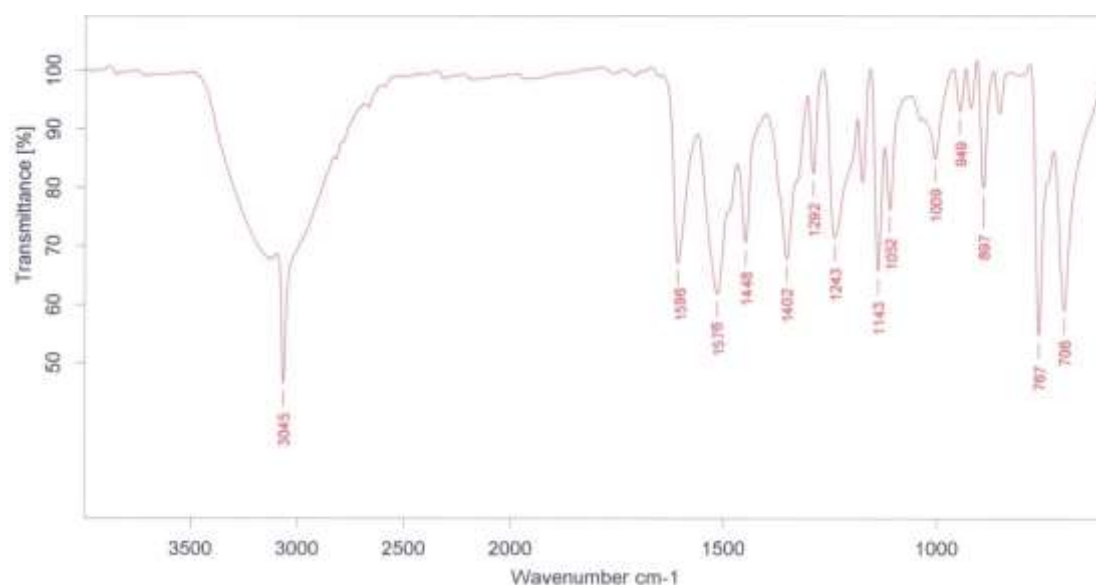
Compound (Molecular Formula)	Molecular Weight	Color (%Yield)	Found (Calculated)%			
			C	H	N	Ni
L(C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )	505	Yellow(72)	71.38(71.41)	5.55(5.59)	16.61(16.66)	-
L1(C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>36</sub> N <sub>8</sub> )	557	Light Red(60)	73.31(73.35)	6.50(6.52)	20.10(20.13)	-
L2(C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>30</sub> N <sub>10</sub> O)	559	Light Orange(71)	66.63(66.65)	5.40(5.41)	25.05(25.07)	-
L3(C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>29</sub> N <sub>11</sub> )	568	Light Brown(68)	67.70(67.71)	5.13(5.15)	27.13(27.14)	-
L4(C <sub>37</sub> H <sub>33</sub> N <sub>9</sub> O)	620	Light Yellow(65)	71.69(71.71)	5.33(5.37)	20.32(20.34)	-
L5(C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>34</sub> N <sub>8</sub> )	627	Cream(63)	76.63(76.65)	5.44(5.47)	17.85(17.88)	-
[Ni(L1)Cl <sub>2</sub> ] (C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>36</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>8</sub> Ni)	686	Light Green(70)	59.47(59.50)	5.27(5.29)	16.32(16.33)	8.54(8.55)
[Ni(L2)Cl <sub>2</sub> ] (C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>30</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>10</sub> ONi)	688	Green(67)	58.09(54.10)	4.37(4.39)	20.33(20.35)	8.51(8.53)
[Ni(L3)Cl <sub>2</sub> ] (C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>29</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>11</sub> Ni)	697	Yellow Green(61)	55.10(55.12)	4.15(4.19)	22.08(22.10)	8.38(8.42)
[Ni(L4)Cl <sub>2</sub> ] (C <sub>37</sub> H <sub>33</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>9</sub> ONi)	749	Pale Green(65)	59.30(59.31)	4.41(4.44)	16.80(16.82)	7.81(7.83)
[Ni(L5)Cl <sub>2</sub> ] (C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>34</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>8</sub> Ni)	756	Blackish Green(67)	63.41(63.52)	4.51(4.53)	14.78(14.82)	7.72 (7.76)

### 3.1 Infrared spectral analysis

The characteristic IR and far IR spectral absorption bands of the ligands were compared with the absorption bands of their Ni(II) complexes in order to understand the coordination pattern in complexes. The significant absorption frequencies for all compounds are represented in Table-2 and spectra of ligand L1 and its Ni(II) complex were shown in Figure-1 and 2. Two strong intensity bands were found in all ligands spectra in the region of 1608-1565  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is responsible for stretching frequencies of C=N group confirming the condensation between carbonyl group(L) with the amine group of respective diamines and hydrazides<sup>29-30</sup>. Further it is also supported by absence of a band  $\sim 1698 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  attributable to C=O group of L in all ligands<sup>31</sup>. This C=N frequency region of ligands when compared to complexes a considerable decrease by 20-35  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  was noticed for all the complexes is revealing the coordination between metal center and to nitrogen of azomethine group<sup>29</sup>. Additionally it was also supported by a non-ligand band in the region of 528-506  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  due to metal nitrogen bond (M-N) stretching frequency<sup>32</sup>. In case of ligands L2 and L4 are having one C=O group and resonated around  $\sim 1670 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  while it is moved towards higher frequency region about to 25  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  disclosing the information that non participation of C=O group in the formation of complex. The complexes contains ligands L2, L3 and L4 shown a higher shift owing to N-H frequency when compared to ligands (3160-3144  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) demonstrating no involvement of nitrogen in coordination with metal ion. Aromatic ring stretching and wagging frequencies were found in region of 1412-1365  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 3086-3045  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for all ligands and no significant changes were noticed in the case of corresponding complexes signifying that ring atoms are independent of coordination<sup>29</sup>. In the spectra of all ligands a band was observed in range of 318-309  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  due to two chlorides were coordinated around metal center in trans manner<sup>33</sup>.

**Table 2. IR (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) spectral data of Macrocylic Schiff bases and their Ni(II) complexes**

Compound	Selected bands( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )				
	$\nu_{\text{N-H}}$	$\nu_{\text{C=O}}$	$\nu_{\text{C=N}}$	$\nu_{\text{Ni-N}}$	$\nu_{\text{Ni-Cl}}$
L	-	1698	1610	-	-
L1	-	-	1596, 1576	-	-
[Ni(L1)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	-	-	1562, 1548	521	318
L2	3155	1672	1608,1582	-	-
[Ni(L2)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	3178	1685	1581, 1562	516	313
L3	3148	-	1601,1598,1585	-	-
[Ni(L3)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	3166	-	1585,1574,1561	528	315
L4	3160	1665	1571,1561	-	-
[Ni(L4)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	3172	1688	1548,1538	512	309
L5	-	-	1578, 1565	-	-
[Ni(L5)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	-	-	1543,1544	506	311



**Figure 1: Ir spectrum of L1**

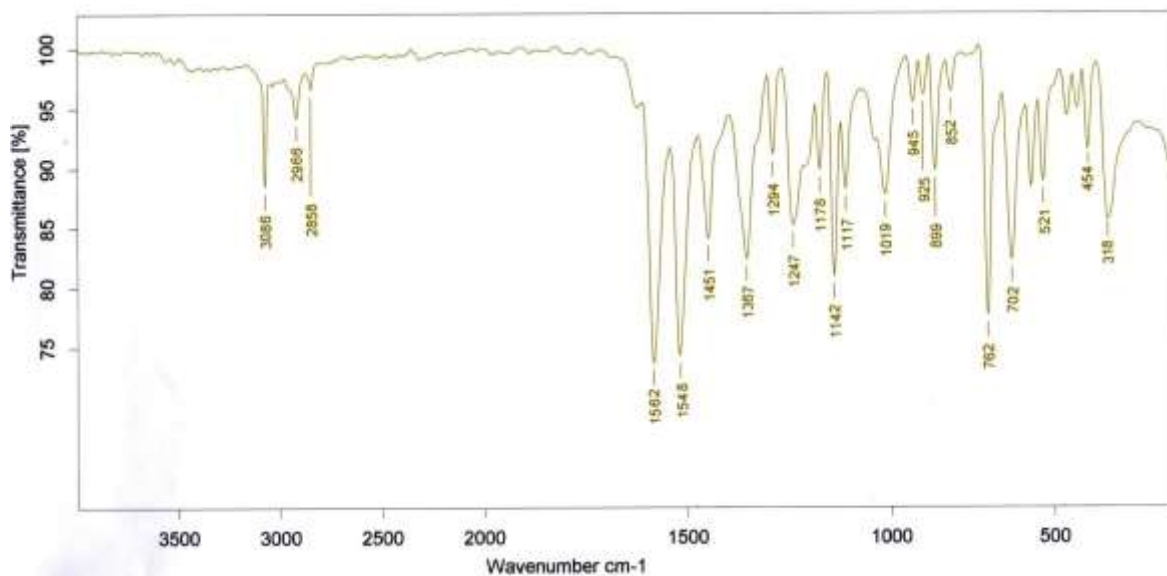


Figure 2: Ir spectrum of  $[\text{Ni}(\text{L}1)\text{Cl}_2]$

### 3.2. NMR spectral analysis

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra recorded for all ligands to recognize the chemically different protons present in them. The spectra of all ligands shown a singlet peak in the region of 8.05-8.44  $\delta$  attributable to proton of azomethine linkage ( $\text{HC}=\text{N}$ ) and it confirms the condensation of OPA with 4-amino antipyrine to form L. Further it is also supported by the disappearance of a characteristic peak  $\sim 9.91$   $\delta$  due to aldehydic proton. A triplet peak at 3.73  $\delta$  (4H, t,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-N}=\text{C}$ ) and 1.9  $\delta$  (4H, t,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-C}$ ) was observed in the spectrum of L1 ligand. L2 spectra shown a singlet peak at 6.12  $\delta$  (2H, s, N-NH-) and L3 exhibited a peak as a singlet at 4.75  $\delta$  (1H, s, N-H) corresponding to triazole ring. A singlet at 6.62  $\delta$  (1H, s, N-NH-) was noticed for L4. Protons of N- $\text{CH}_3$  and C- $\text{CH}_3$  were gave peaks in the range of 2.71-3.65  $\delta$  and 2.16-2.31  $\delta$  in case of all ligands. Aromatic protons resonated in range of 6.58-7.92  $\delta$  in all ligands as multiplets<sup>34</sup>.

The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra exhibited a signal in the range of 153.1-165.8  $\delta$  supporting the presence of imine carbon of azomethine group in all the ligands. It confirming the condensation between OPA with amine group of 4-amino antipyrine during the formation of L and next synthesis of ligands upon condensation of L with corresponding diamines & hydrazides<sup>34</sup>. Further the spectrum of L contains C=O group is observed at 162.4  $\delta$  but it was absent in the spectra of all ligands is also confirmation for the formation of all macrocyclic Schiff base ligands. A signal in the range of 156.5-168.2  $\delta$  due to C=O group of amide found for the ligands L2 and L4. N- $\text{CH}_3$  and C- $\text{CH}_3$  signals were noticed in the region of 33.4-38.3 and 8.1-12.5  $\delta$  correspondingly in case of all ligands. The peaks corresponding to aromatic carbons are observed in the range of 116.3-148.2  $\delta$ . The  $^1\text{H}$  &  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data of all the ligands are given in Table-3 and spectra of ligand L1 are shown in Figure-3 and 4 in that order.

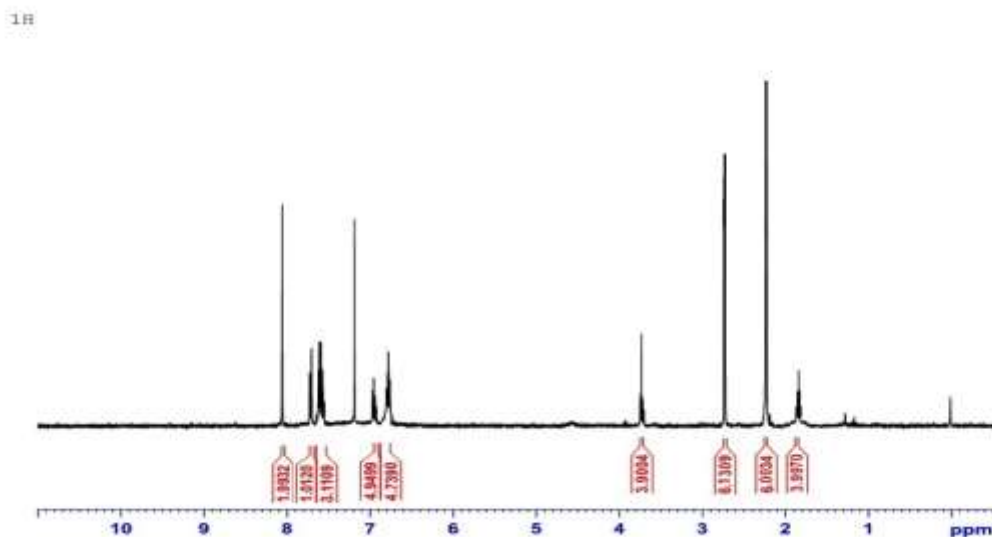


Figure 3:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of L1

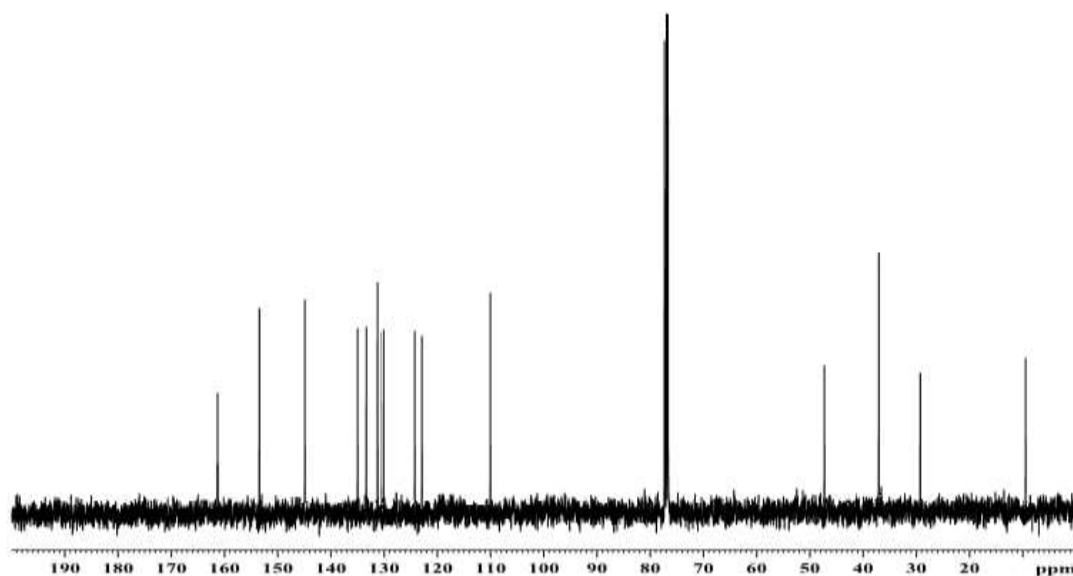

 Figure 4:  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of L1

 Table 3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectral data of ligands.

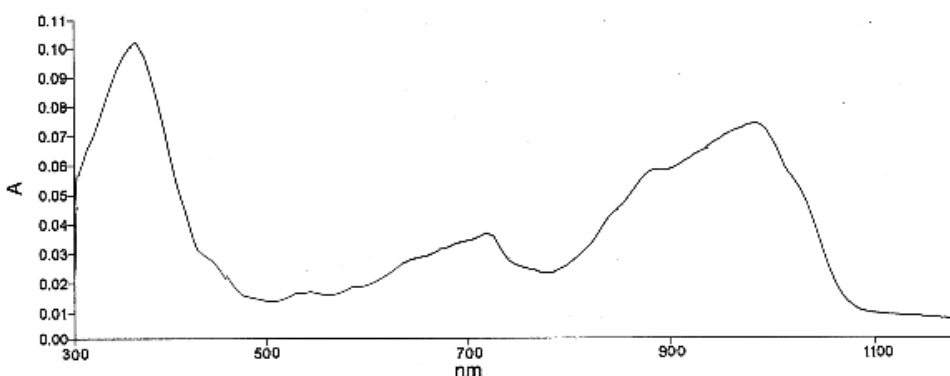
Ligand	$^1\text{H}$ NMR peak position ( $\delta$ ppm)	$^{13}\text{C}$ NMR peak position ( $\delta$ ppm)
OAAP	8.16(2H, s, CH=N), 7.53-7.65(4H, m, Ar-H), 6.62-6.88(10H, m, Ar-H), 2.71(6H, s, N-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 2.16(6H, s, C-CH <sub>3</sub> ).	12.5(2C, C-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 33.4(2C, N-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 112.2(2C, =C-N-), 123.1, 124.5, 130.1, 130.8, 132.5, 134.6, 135.2 (18C, Ar-C), 148.3(2C, =C-N-), 161.2 (2C, C=O), 164.5 (2C, CH=N).
L <sub>1</sub>	8.05(2H, s, CH=N), 7.51-7.70(4H, m, Ar-H), 6.70-6.95(10H, m, Ar-H), 3.73(4H, t, CH <sub>2</sub> -N=C), 2.72(6H, s, N-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 2.21(6H, s, C-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 1.9(4H, t, CH <sub>2</sub> -C)	9.8(2C, C-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 29.1(2C, C-CH <sub>2</sub> -C), 36.5(2C, N-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 47.1(2C, C-CH <sub>2</sub> -N=), 109.8(2C, =C-N-), 123.5, 124.1, 130.6, 130.9, 132.3, 134.2, 136.8 (18C, Ar-C), 145.2(2C, =C-N-), 153.1(2C, C=N), 162.8(2C, CH=N).
L <sub>2</sub>	8.23(2H, s, CH=N), 7.55-7.68(4H, m, Ar-H), 6.60-6.86(10H, m, Ar-H), 6.12(2H, s, N-H), 3.65(6H, s, N-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 2.25(6H, s, C-CH <sub>3</sub> ).	9.1(2C, C-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 37.1(2C, N-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 110.1(2C, =C-N-), 122.2, 123.5, 129.8, 130.5, 132.6, 134.8, 136.8 (18C, Ar-C), 146.1(2C, =C-N-), 147.2(2C, C=N), 156.5(1C, C=O), 163.6 (2C, CH=N).
L <sub>3</sub>	8.44(2H, s, CH=N), 7.58-7.72(4H, m, Ar-H), 6.66-6.88(10H, m, Ar-H), 4.75(1H, s, N-H), 2.76(6H, s, N-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 2.27(6H, s, C-CH <sub>3</sub> ).	9.6(2C, C-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 34.1(2C, N-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 111.4(2C, =C-N-), 121.9, 124.6, 130.8, 131.8, 132.5, 134.2, 137.1 (18C, Ar-C), 143.4(2C, =C-N-), 150.1(2C, C=N), 153.3(2C, =C-N-), 164.1 (2C, CH=N).
L <sub>4</sub>	8.35(2H, s, CH=N), 7.55-7.92(8H, m, Ar-H), 6.68-7.2(10H, m, Ar-H), 6.62(1H, s, N-H), 2.80(6H, s, N-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 2.26(6H, s, C-CH <sub>3</sub> ).	8.9(2C, C-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 34.1(2C, N-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 107.5-112.0(2C, =C-N), 121.1, 123.5, 124.2, 127.1, 127.8, 128.1, 130.2, 131.6, 132.5, 134.6, 135.8, 137.1, 146.2(24C, Ar-C), 147.1-148.2(2C, =C-N), 151.6-153.6(2C, C=N), 164.7 (2C, CH=N), 168.2(1C, C=O).
L <sub>5</sub>	8.21(2H, s, CH=N), 7.50-7.71(10H, m, naphthalene+Ar-H), 6.58-6.72(10H, m, Ar-H), 2.76(6H, s, N-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 2.31(6H, s, C-CH <sub>3</sub> ).	9.1(2C, C-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 38.3(2C, N-CH <sub>3</sub> ), 112.2(2C, =C-N), 123.1, 124.2, 130.1, 132.3, 132.8, 135.8, 137.1 (18C, Ar-C), 145.2(2C, =C-N-), 153.4(2C, CH=N), 165.8 (2C, CH=N), 116.3, 121.2, 127.2, 129.1, 138.1, 148.2(10C, naphthalene ring).

### 3.3. Molar conductance, magnetic susceptibility and electronic spectral studies

All Ni(II) complexes were subjected to molar conductance study in dichloromethane solvent and their values were lie in between 11.5-14.3  $\text{ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$  (Table-4) indicating that all are non-electrolytes<sup>35</sup>. The magnetic susceptibilities have been determined for all complexes using a Gouy balance at atmospheric conditions and are noticed in the range of 4.85-5.08 B.M. (Table-4) confirming the octahedral structure around metal center<sup>36</sup>. The electronic spectral data are tabulated in the Table-4 and electronic spectrum of [Ni(L<sub>1</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub>] is presented in Figure-5. All the five complexes exhibited three bands at 982-1026 nm, 624-702 nm, 361-385 nm are assigned for the d-d transitions are  $^3\text{T}_{2g}(\text{F}) \leftarrow ^3\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F})$ ,  $^3\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F}) \leftarrow ^3\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F})$  and  $^3\text{T}_{1g}(\text{P}) \leftarrow ^3\text{A}_{2g}(\text{F})$  respectively supporting the octahedral geometry of these complexes<sup>37</sup>.

**Table 4. Electronic spectral, molar conductance and magnetic data of Ni(II) complexes**

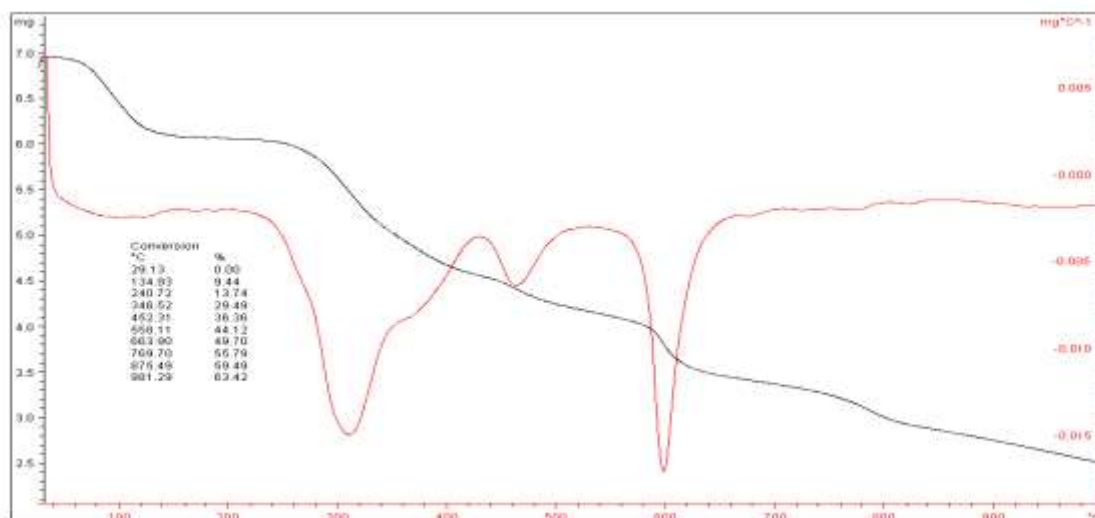
Schiff base Ni(II) complex	$\lambda_{max}(nm)$	$\Lambda_M$ ( $\Omega^{-1}cm^2 mol^{-1}$ )	$\mu_{eff}$ (B.M.)
[Ni(L1)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	367, 702, 1012	14.3	4.87
[Ni(L2)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	361, 656, 982	13.6	4.92
[Ni(L3)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	373, 624, 998	12.4	4.85
[Ni(L4)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	381, 628, 987	11.5	5.08
[Ni(L5)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	385, 682, 1026	13.2	5.01



**Figure 5: Electronic spectrum of [Ni(L1)Cl<sub>2</sub>]**

### 3.4. Thermo gravimetric analysis

The TG-DTG analysis revealed that two fine significant decomposition curves are present in all the thermograms of Ni(II) complexes. The initial stage at ~300 °C due to breaking of the complex by the dissemble of organic moiety is later supported by exothermic peak in the DTG curve and next curve above 500 °C is a result of metal oxidation. No weight loss was found in the temperature range of 70-125 °C and no endothermic peak observed in the DTG curve of these complexes confirming that absence of lattice water<sup>38</sup>. All complexes are also not contains any coordinated water is evidenced by the nonappearance of a weight loss curve (in TGA) and endothermic peak (in DTG curve) in between 150-200 °C<sup>40</sup>. The TG-DTG curves of Ni(II) complex of L2 is shown in Figure-6.



**Figure 6: TGA-DTG curves of [Ni(L2)Cl<sub>2</sub>]**

### 3.5. Mass spectral analysis

The mass spectra of macrocyclic Schiff base ligands and their Ni(II) complexes have been showed different molecular ion peaks with different intensities. The molecular ion peak resulting of  $M^+ + 1$  pattern for all ligands observed at 506(L), 558(L1), 560(L2), 569(L3), 621(L4), and 628(L5) correspondingly. The mass spectra of complexes contains molecular ion peaks at  $m/z$  ( $M^+$ ) 687 ( $M^+ + 1$ , for comp-NiL1), 690 ( $M^+ + 2$ , for comp-NiL2), 697 ( $M^+$ , for comp-NiL3), 750 ( $M^+ + 1$ , for comp-NiL4), and 756 ( $M^+$ , for comp-NiL5). This data is good agreement with the corresponding molecular formulae. The mass spectra of ligand L1 and its Ni(II) complex are shown in Figure-7 & 8.

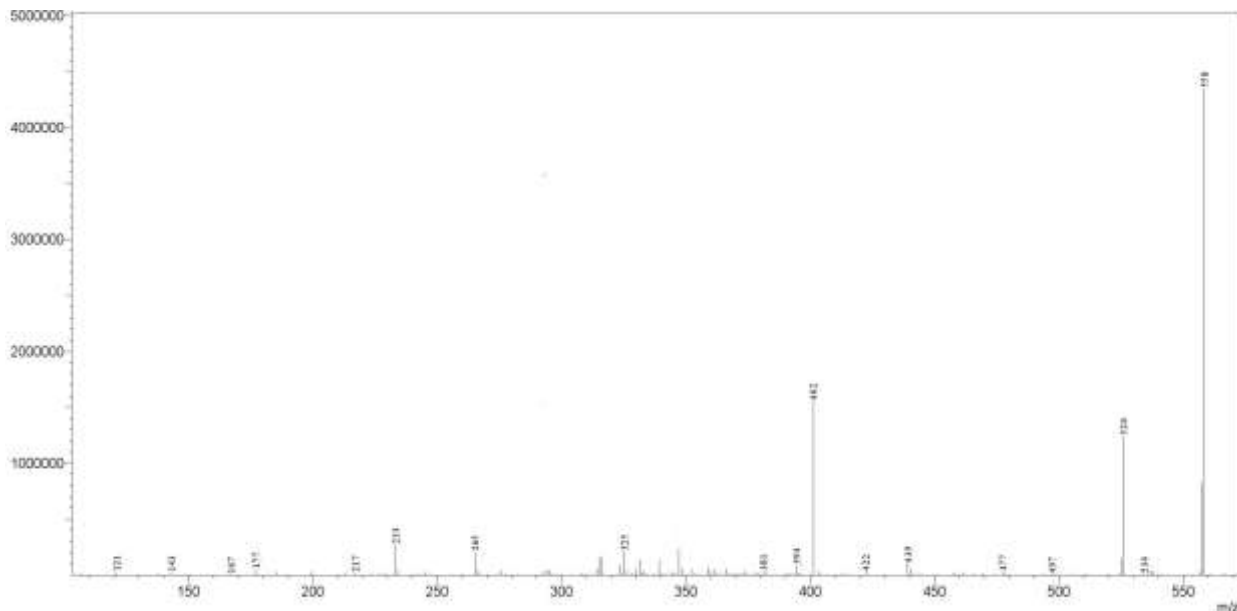


Figure 7: Mass spectrum of L1

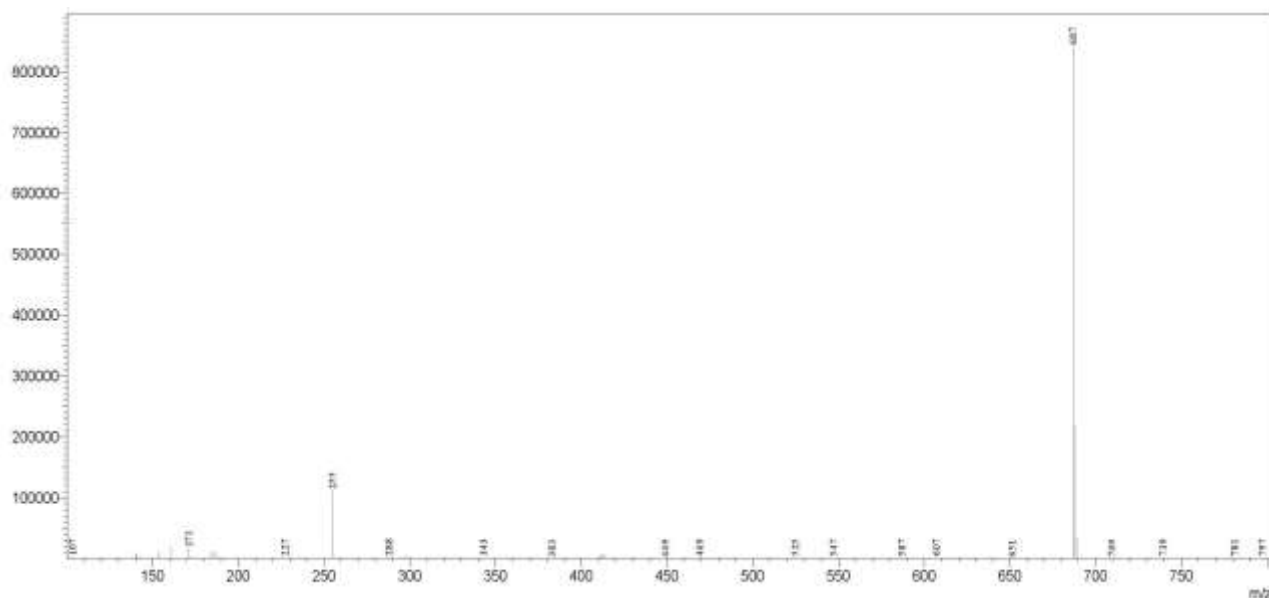


Figure 8: Mass spectrum of [Ni(L1)Cl<sub>2</sub>]

## 4. ANTIBACTERIAL STUDIES

In the current study, all ligands and their Ni(II) complexes have been screened to evaluate their antibacterial activity in against of some selected bacteria. Results revealed that the complexes were exhibited more activity when compared to the free ligands. The increased activity of metal complexes could be explained by the fact that the affect of metal ion chelation on the usual cell metabolism. As believed by Tweedy's chelation theory<sup>39-40</sup>, chelation between metal ion and ligand considerably reduces the polarity of the metal ion since incomplete sharing of its positive charge with donor groups and plausible  $\pi$ -electron delocalization above the entire chelation. Hence lipophilic nature of metal ion enhances





which resulting in to its entry in to cell through lipid layers. All the all five complexes were shown good activity against four different strains of bacteria. Furthermore, all active ligands and complexes were also used to estimate their minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) values and are given in Table-5. From the results, it is noticed that the Ni(II) complexes were displayed good bacteriostatic activity even at low concentrations when compared to standard antibiotics like Streptomycin and Ampiciline where as poor activity than Rifampicine at same concentrations.

**Table 5. MIC of the macrocyclic Schiff bases, their metal complexes and existing antibiotics**

Compound	Range of concentration ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ )			
	Basillus subtilis	Staphylo Coccus aureus	Escherichia coli	Klebsiella pneumonia
L1	25	28	31	22
L2	24	31	33	30
L3	26	27	29	26
L4	28	32	26	25
L5	32	26	23	23
[Ni(L1)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	05	06	05	07
[Ni(L2)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	04	04	02	05
[Ni(L3)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	03	05	04	06
[Ni(L4)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	04	09	06	03
[Ni(L5)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	08	05	05	08
Streptomycin	02	10	12	15
Ampicillin	15	13	16	18
Rifampicin	08	0.21	0.23	0.21

## 5. CONCLUSION

New macrocyclic Schiff base Ni(II) complexes from 4-aminoantipyrine based ligands have been synthesized. In all the complexes ligand coordinates via four donor nitrogen atoms of azomethine group to metal ion. All complexes are non-electrolytic and para in nature. According to the results of elemental and spectral studies octahedral structures were assigned tentatively for all the complexes. All newly prepared compounds subjected to antibacterial study and these Ni(II) complexes were shown medium to good activity when compared to the uncoordinated ligands.

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