

**MICROWAVE ASSISTED SYNTHESIS AND SPECTRAL  
CHARACTERIZATION OF BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE Hg(II)  
COMPLEX WITH 2-AMINOBENZONITRILE AND OCTANOATE ION**

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### ABSTRACT

Microwave irradiation was used for the preparation of Hg(II) complex with 2-Aminobenzonitrile (ABN) and octanoate ion as ligands. The prepared complex was characterized by elemental analysis, metal estimation, electrical conductivity, UV-Visible, IR, Far-IR and NMR spectral studies. The antibacterial and antifungal activities of both ABN and Octanoate ligands and the Hg(II) complex was carried out by disc diffusion method at various concentrations. From the analytical data the molecular formulae of the complex was arrived. The geometry of the complex from the UV-Visible spectrum, ligand entry and metal-linkage atom from IR and Far-IR spectra was arrived. The antibacterial and antifungal activity of the complex is higher than that of the free ABN and Octanoate ion.

**KEYWORDS:** Hg(II)complex, 2-Aminobenzonitrile, Octanoate, Microwave, Antibacterial, Antifungal

### INTRODUCTION

Microwave irradiation nowadays is an accepted tool for accelerating the organic and inorganic reactions. It leads to the higher reaction selectivity and utilization of the expansive reagents. In addition to providing an eco-friendly "green chemistry" approach to the reaction, it is free of environmental impacts.<sup>[1-4]</sup> The application of microwave irradiation towards the acceleration of a wide range of organic and inorganic reactions, has received considerable attention. It is also allows a greener approach.<sup>[5-8]</sup> The aromatic nitriles have a wide variety of applications in pharmaceuticals, pesticide and dye industries.<sup>[9,10]</sup> Among the

aminobenzonitrile 2-Aminobenzonitrile (ABN) is used for the induction of nitrilase activity in *Arthrobacter*, radio protective agent and starting materials for the synthesis of biologically active compounds.<sup>[11-14]</sup> The ABN can coordinate to the metal ions through different modes *viz.*, monodentate, bidentate or bridging. The present work aims at the microwave irradiated synthesis, analytical, spectral and biological characterization of Hg(II) complex with 2-aminobenzonitrile and octanoate ion as ligands. The complex was screened for antibacterial and antifungal activities and the results were discussed.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

2-aminobenzonitrile and sodium octanoate were purchased from Sigma Aldrich Company. Mercury chloride, DMSO, DMF, methanol, ethanol were of Anala R grade, and used as such without further purification.

## INSTRUMENTS

The elemental analysis of the complexes was carried out by using (Thermo Finnegan make, Flash EA1112 Series Instrument) CHNS (O) analyzer. The electrical conductivity measurements were conducted using  $10^{-3}$  solutions of the metal complexes in acetonitrile with Systronic Conductivity Bridge (model number-304) at 30°C. The UV spectra of Hg(II) complex was recorded on Varian, Cary 5000 model UV Spectrophotometer. The IR spectra of the complex was recorded on a Perkin Elmer, Spectrum RX-I, FT IR spectrometer in 4000-400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  range with KBr pellet technique. The Far-IR Spectra of the complex was recorded by Bruker 3000, FT IR Spectrometer. The NMR spectra were recorded by 500 MHz (Bruker AV III). The antimicrobial and antifungal activities of the ligands 2-aminobenzonitrile, octanoate and their complex was done by disc diffusion method.

## PREPARATION OF COMPLEX

### (i) Preparation of Hg(II) Complex

0.44g (3.64 mmol) of ABN in ethanol and 1.21g (7.23 mmol) of sodium octanoate in ethanol were added to the mercury chloride 1.00g (3.64 mmol) in methanol followed by microwave irradiation for a few seconds after each addition by using IFB 25 BG-1S model microwave oven. A pale yellow colour complex was precipitated (yield: 55.16%).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Elemental Analysis and Metal Estimation

The elemental analysis and metal estimation of the complex leads to the general formula  $[\text{Hg}(\text{ABN})(\text{OC})_2]$  where ABN= 2-aminobenzonitrile and OC= octanoate. The elemental analytical data were in good agreement with the molecular formula arrived for the complex.

### Electrical Conductivity

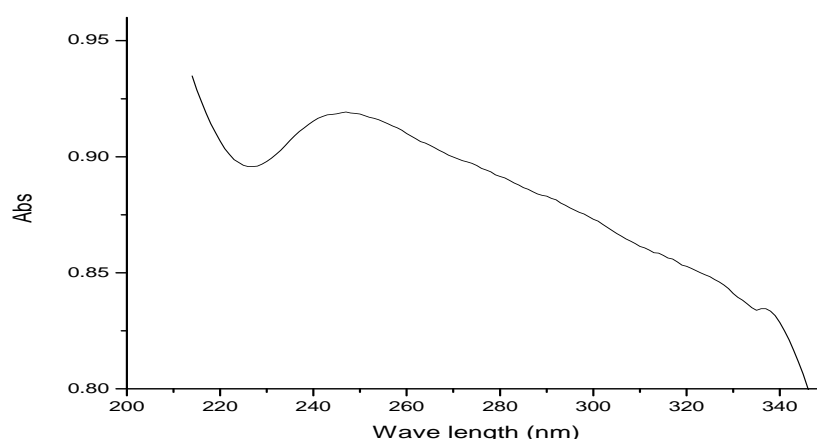
The electrical conductivity of the  $10^{-3}$  M complex solution in DMSO was measured. The values at  $59.46 \text{ ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$  which is quite lower than that expected for an electrolyte and reveal their non-electrolyte nature (1:0 type) and there is no ion present outside the coordination sphere.<sup>[15]</sup>

**Table-1 Analytical and EC Values of the Complex.**

Complex	EC ( $\text{ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$ )	%H	%C	%N	%M
$[\text{Hg}(\text{ABN})(\text{OC})_2]$	59.46	5.99 (5.97)	45.65 (45.68)	4.62 (4.65)	33.14 (33.17)

### UV Spectra

The diamagnetic Hg(II) complex did not show any d-d transition and its spectrum is dominated only by a charge transfer transition (CT-band). The CT-band at 250 nm is assigned **pseudotetrahedral** geometry for the complex.<sup>[16]</sup>

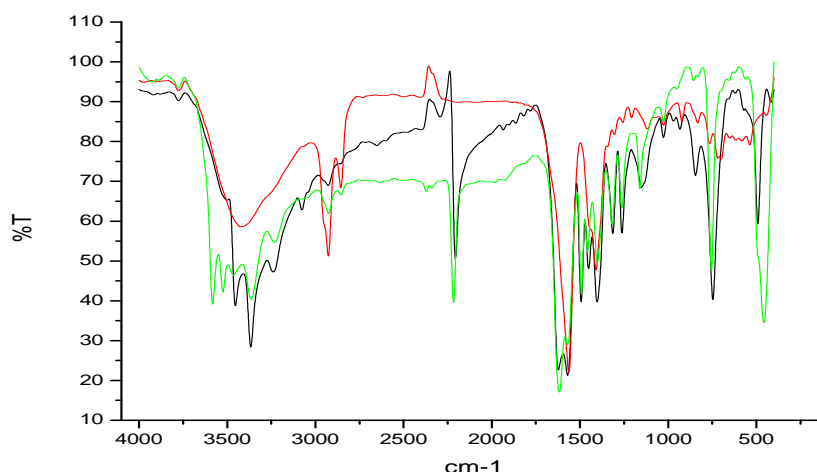


**Fig.1 UV Spectrum of Hg(II) Complex**

### IR And Far-IR Spectrum

In the IR spectrum of free 2- aminobenzonitrile exhibit strong bands at  $3453\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $3366 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  respectively, indicating the asymmetric and symmetric stretching frequencies of  $\text{NH}_2$

group. These bands are broadened in the complex ( $3464\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) which indicates the amino nitrogen atom as one of the coordinating groups. The  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$  stretching frequency at  $2206\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in free ABN gets shifted to higher wave numbers,  $2216\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in complex which indicate that the nitrogen atom of the ( $-\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$ ) is another coordinating group to the metal ions. In free octanoate the  $\nu(\text{C}-\text{O})$  stretching at  $1409\text{ cm}^{-1}$  get shifted to the frequencies  $1456\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in complex which indicate the monodentate coordination of the Octanoate ion through oxygen atom. All above observations confirmed the entry of both 2- aminobenzonitrile and octanoate ion in to the coordination sphere of the metal ions.<sup>[17,18]</sup>

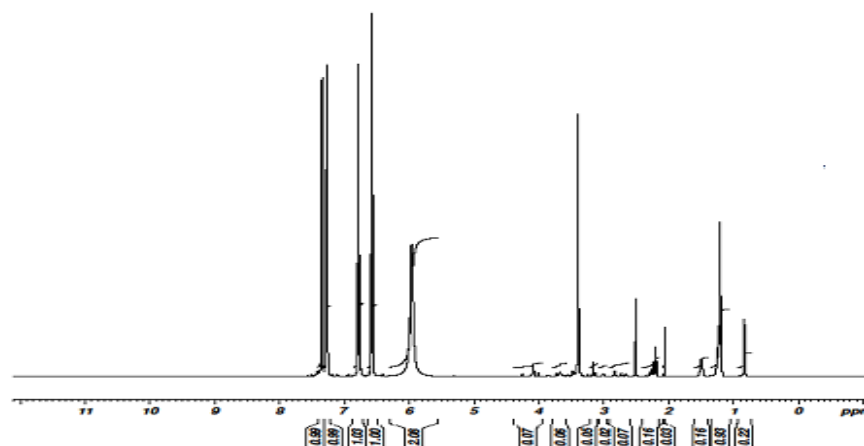


**Fig.2 IR Spectra Of 2-Aminobenzonitrile, Sodium Octanoate And  $[\text{Hg}(\text{ABN})(\text{OC})_2]$**

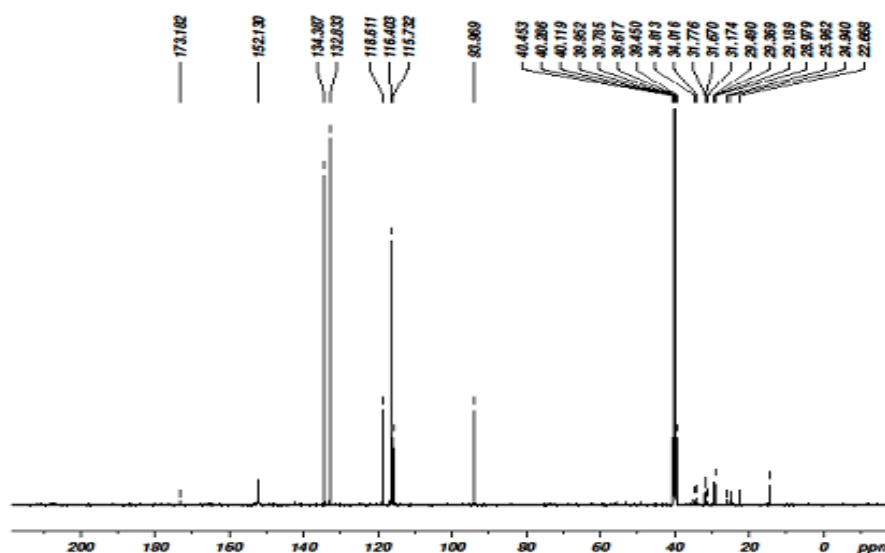
From far-IR spectra, the metal-ligating atom linkage may be assigned. In  $\text{Hg}(\text{II})$  complex, the bands at  $240\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $494\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $445\text{ cm}^{-1}$  correspond to  $\delta(\text{M}-\text{CN})$ ,  $\delta(\text{M}-\text{N})$  and  $\delta(\text{M}-\text{O})$  coordination respectively which indicates the bidentate nature of 2-aminobenzonitrile and the monodentate nature of octanoate ion.<sup>[19]</sup>

### **$^1\text{H}$ And $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR Spectra of Ligands And $\text{Hg}(\text{II})$ Complex**

The  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR analysis of the ligands (ABN and Octanoate) and their  $\text{Hg}(\text{II})$  complex were carried out in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$  solvent tetramethylsilane used as an internal reference. The spectrum of ligand ABN shows the peaks at 3.46 ppm and at 6.33-7.50 ppm are assigned the amino and aromatic protons of ABN. On coordination the amino nitrogen gets shifted to downfield at 3.24 ppm which indicate the amino nitrogen is one of the coordinating group. In  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR the  $\text{C}-\text{NH}_2$  at 152.04 ppm shifted to up field at 152.13 ppm which also confirmed the coordinating group.<sup>[20-22]</sup>



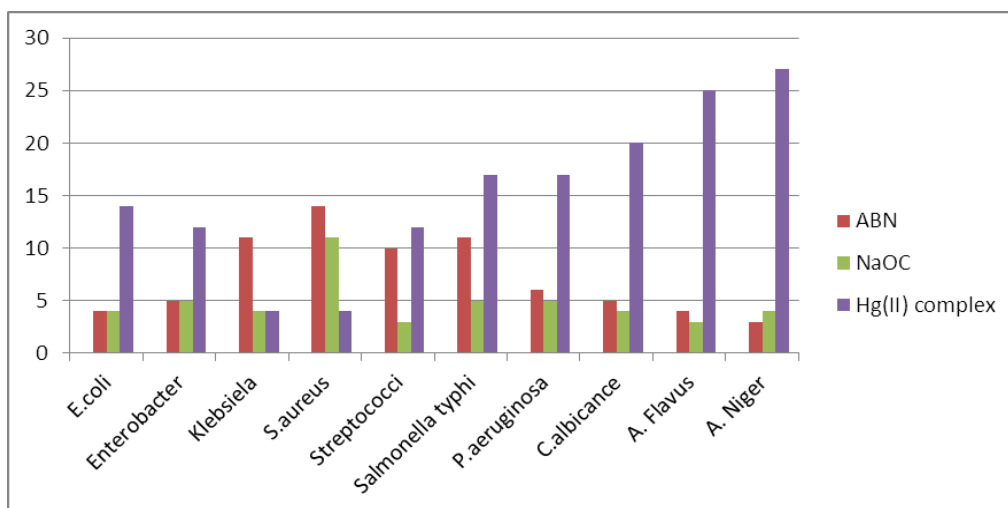
**Fig.3  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR Spectrum of Hg(II) Complex**



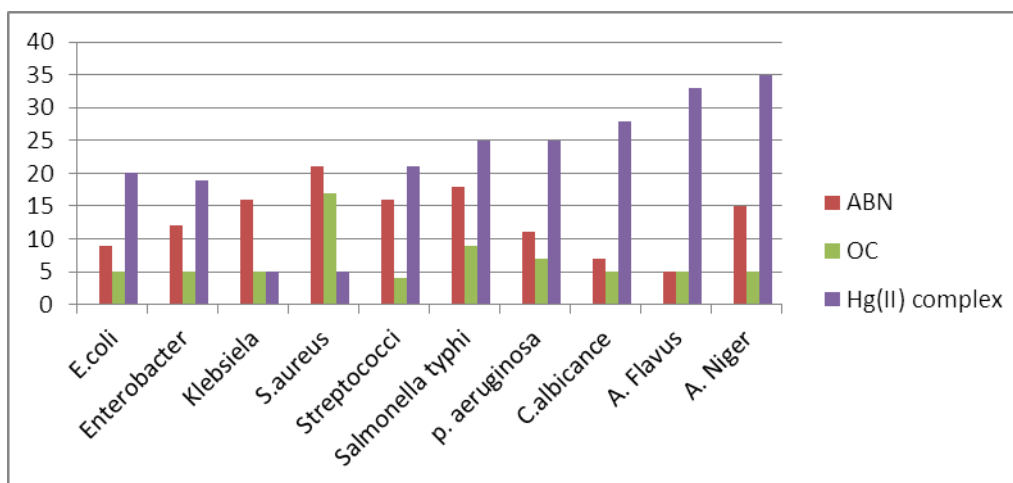
**Fig.4  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR Spectrum of Hg(II) Complex**

## Antimicrobial Activities

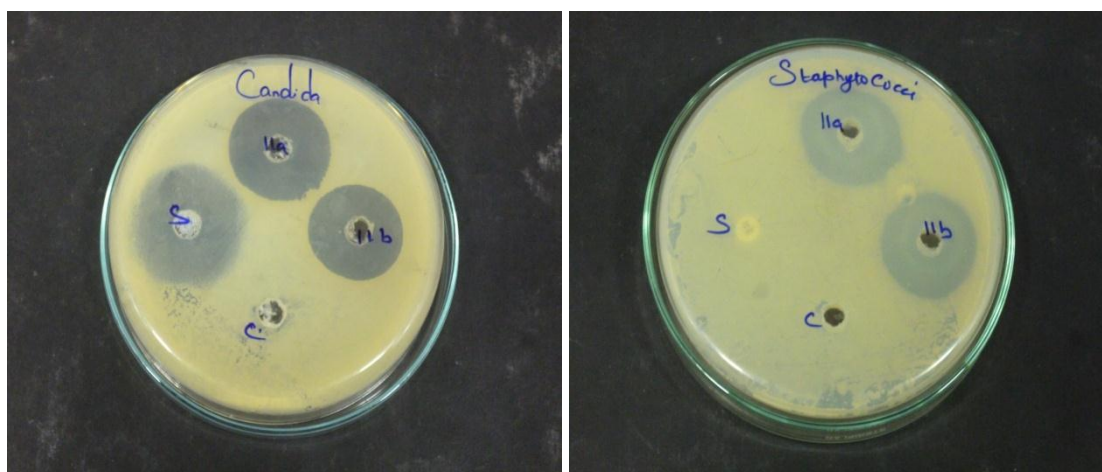
The antibacterial and antifungal activities of the ligands 2-aminobenzonitrile, sodium Octanoate and the Hg(II) complex were determined by disc diffusion method using following microorganisms viz., *E-coli*, *Enterobacter*, *Klebsiella*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococci*, *Salmonella typhi*, *P.aeruginosa*, *C.albicans*, *Aspergillus Flavus* and *Aspergillus niger*. The complex has potent active as compared to the free ligands at various concentrations for all the tested microorganisms except *S.aureus* and *Klebsiella*. Such increase in activity may be due to the nature of ligands and structure of the complexes. <sup>[23,24]</sup>



**Fig.5 Zone of inhibition for ABN, NaOC and Hg(II) complex at 50µg/ml**



**Fig.6 Zone Of Inhibition For ABN, NaOC And Hg(II) Complex At 100µg/ml**



**Fig.7 Antimicrobial Activities of ABN, NaOC And Hg(II) Complex**

## CONCLUSION

In this paper the microwave assisted synthesis of 2-aminobenzonitrile and octanoate complex of Hg(II) is given. The structural features of the complex are confirmed by elemental analysis, metal estimation, electrical conductivity and spectral studies. The complex is non-electrolyte and antibacterial and antifungal activity of the complex is higher than the free ABN & Octanoate ion.

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