

**SYNTHESIS, CHARACTERIZATION AND ANTIMICROBIAL  
STUDIES OF NOVEL LIGAND( DIETHYL 5-AMINO 4-METHYL  
THIOPHENE 3,5-DICARBOXYLATE-2,6-DIAMINOPYRIDINE) AND  
ITS METAL COMPLEXES**

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**ABSTRACT**

Metal complexes of Cu (II) and Hg (II) with a new Schiff base derived from *Diethyl 5-amino 4-methyl thiophene 3,5-dicarboxylate-2,6-Diaminopyridine(DAMTDDAP)* in methanol are reported. The complexes have been characterized using chemical analysis, (IR, UV-VIS,  $H^1$ -NMR), conductometric data. According to these data, we propose an octahedral geometry for metal (II) complexes. The invitro antibacterial activities of the investigated complexes were evaluated against few microorganisms by well diffusion technique. It was found that the metal complexes have higher activity than the standard drugs. Antibacterial activity of the ligand and its complexes were studied against gram positive bacteria; *Staphylococcus aureus* and bacteria *Salmonella typhi* , *Pseudomonas aureginosa* and

*Escherichia coli*.

**KEY WORDS:** Hexa-dentate Schiff base, *Diethyl 5-amino 4-methyl thiophene 3,5-dicarboxylate-2,6-Diaminopyridine(DAMTDDAP)*, Biological activity.

**INTRODUCTION**

In view of broad applications of Schiff bases and their metal complexes the research work in the field of coordination chemistry is improved, but still there is a lot of challenging work has been carried out on Schiff base metal complexes along with their different industrial and chemotherapeutic studies. Schiff base complexes are considered to be among the most

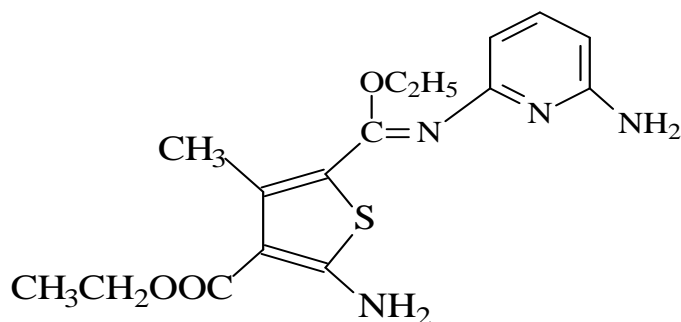
important stereo chemical models in main group and transition metal coordination chemistry due to their preparative accessibility and structural variety<sup>[1]</sup>. However the incorporation of transition metal ions into these compounds have enormous wide applications in the field of the food industry, dye industry, analytical chemistry, catalysis, fungicidal, agrochemical along with biological activities and decrease in the cytotoxicity of both metal ion and Schiff base<sup>[2-3]</sup>.

The Schiff base ligands also serve as a cation carrier in potentiometric sensors as they have shown excellent selectivity, sensitivity and stability towards specific metal ions such as Cu(II), and Hg(II)<sup>[4]</sup>. In general ortho-substituted with a hydroxyl group have primarily arouse the researchers' interest, *Diethyl 5-amino 4-methyl thiophene 3,5-dicarboxylate* and its Schiff base have shown significant attention with regard to their chelating ability with the transition metal ions<sup>[5]</sup>. On the other hand Schiff bases derived from 2,6-Diaminopyridine and its transition complexes also possess variety of applications including biological, clinical and analytical. In addition to that they have been reported to exhibit photo-luminescence and catalytic activity<sup>[6-7]</sup>. The 2,6-Diaminopyridine acts as a key intermediate used in the production of fungicides, corrosion inhibitors, various pigments, pharmaceuticals compounds. Furthermore it was also used to remove sulfur from ores and coloration by aldehydes in polymeric products<sup>[8]</sup>.

The Schiff bases and their metal complexes have more importance recently<sup>[9,10]</sup> because of their application as biological, biochemical, analytical, antimicrobial, anticancer, antibacterial, antifungal and anti tumor activity. They have been studied as a class of ligands<sup>[11,12]</sup> and are known to coordinate with metal ions through the azomethine nitrogen atom. The synthesis of transition metal complexes with Schiff base ligands are studied due to sensitivity, selectivity and synthetic flexibility towards metal atoms<sup>[13]</sup>. The development of new biologically active binuclear Schiff base metal complexes with identical legating environments has undergone an inspiring growth and significant attention in recent years to study the inorganic perspectives of these metal centers for small molecule activation in biological process. The relative nature of the metal centers and the ligands environment are key issues that determine their physical and chemical behavior of the complexes. Schiff base complexes derived from heterocyclic compounds have found to be augmented interest in the context of bioinorganic chemistry<sup>[14]</sup>. Not only they have played a seminal role in the development of modern coordination chemistry, but they can also a key point in the

development of inorganic biochemistry. Heterocyclic compounds such as pyridine related molecules are good ligands due to the presence of one or more ring nitrogen atoms with a localized pair of electrons. The application potential has led to the formation of series of novel Schiff base compounds with a wide range of reactivity and stability, physical, chemical and biological properties<sup>[15]</sup>. The frequency of life threatening infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, cancer, AIDS, etc., caused by pathogenic microorganisms are increasing day by day and becoming an important cause of morbidity and mortality in immune compromised patients. Synthetic chemical compounds constitute important sources of various bioactive compounds such as antibacterial, antifungal and anticancer compounds<sup>[16]</sup>. The synthesized chemical compounds, which are used for the treatment of infectious diseases, are known as chemotherapeutic agents. Every year thousands of compounds are synthesized with an aim to find potential chemotherapeutic agents to fight pathogenic microorganisms. But a very few compounds withstand as therapeutic agent by various methodological tests. Antimicrobial screening is one of these tests required to perform for primary selection of compounds as the therapeutic agents. The chemistry of metal-drug coordination compounds is more popular now than before in importance particularly in the design of more biologically active drugs<sup>[17]</sup>. Metal ions are known to affect the action of many drugs. The efficacies of the drugs on coordination with a metal are enhanced in many cases<sup>[18]</sup>. Metal ions play a vital role in a vast number of widely differing biological processes and depending on their concentration, they may either contribute towards the health of the organism or cause toxicity<sup>[19, 20]</sup>. Several metal chelate are known to possess antibacterial, antifungal, antiviral and anticancer activity. In several cases, the metal chelate has been found to be more antimicrobial than the chelating agent's themselves<sup>[21]</sup>. Recently, great attention has been oriented towards cyclic and acyclic heterocyclic systems containing nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur. Such class of compounds has wide applications as pharmaceutical drugs, biological activities, as anti HIV, anticancer, efficient plant protection and as analytical reagents for trace and ultra-trace heavy metal determination and pre concentration in aqueous media<sup>[22]</sup>. The presence of proton at nitrogen and/ or sulfur atoms, provide these compounds with the ability to form metal complexes with heavy metal ions<sup>[23]</sup>. The discovery and development of antibiotics are among the most powerful and successful achievements of modern science and technology for the control of infectious diseases. However, the increasing microbial resistance to antibiotics in use nowadays necessitates the search for new compounds with potential effects against pathogenic bacteria. The most spectacular advances in medicinal chemistry have been made when heterocyclic compounds played an important role in regulating biological activities.

Keeping the above facts in mind in the present paper we report the synthesis and characterization of Cu (II), and Hg (II) complexes of Schiff base derived from diethyl-2-amino-4-methyl thiophene-3, 5-dicarboxylate with 2, 6-diamino pyridine.



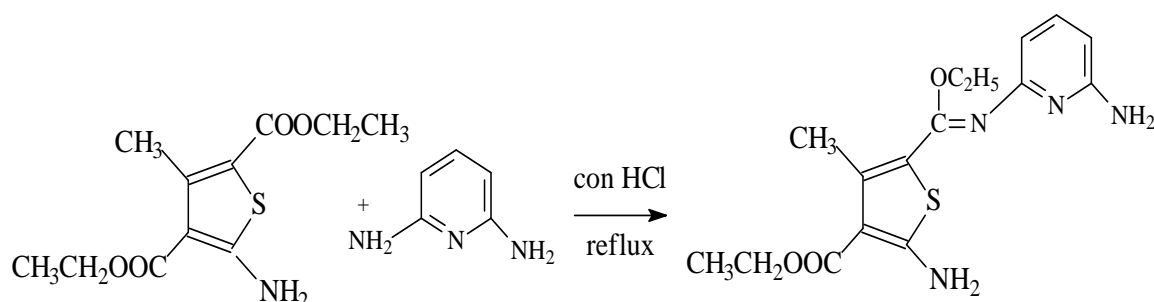
**Proposed structure of ligand-fig-1**

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The entire chemical used was of analytical grade. The solvents were dried and distilled before use according to standard procedures. Melting points were determined in a Electro thermal 9200.  $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and DMSO were recorded on NMR spectrophotometer. The IR spectra (methanol/KBr) were recorded in the range  $400\text{--}4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  by KBr pellet using Perkin-Elmer 457 spectrophotometer. Conductance was measured in DMF at room temperature using a Digital conductivity bridge. The UV-Visible spectra in  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  were recorded on a shimadzu UV 1800 spectrophotometer. The metal contents were determined gravimetrically.

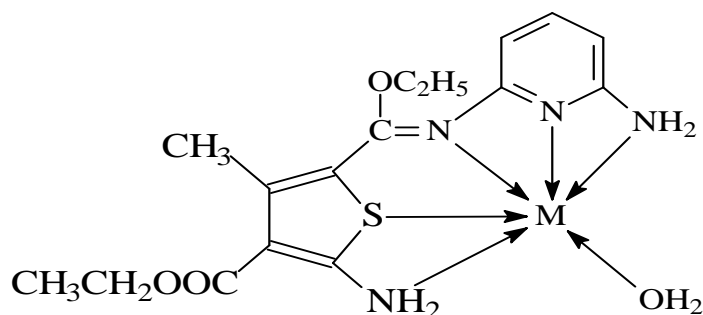
### Preparation of DAMTDDAP

The reaction mixture containing *Diethyl 5-amino 4-methyl thiophene 3,5-dicarboxylate*, (2g, 0.077 mol in 20 ml of methanol) + *2,6-Diaminopyridine* (0.848 g, 0.077 mol in 20 ml of methanol dissolved in hot condition) was taken in 250-ml round bottom flask and refluxed for 8 h. On cooling the reaction mixture, deep-red coloured product was formed. It was collected by filtration and washed with hot water and 50 % cold methanol. This compound was recrystallised from methanol and dried in vacuo, yield -61% . g ; m . p .  $80^\circ\text{C}$ .



**Scheme 1: Synthetic route for the preparation of ligand- DAMTDDAP****Synthesis of metal complexes**

To a methanolic solution of the Schiff base, equal moles of metal salts dissolved in the methanol was added followed by 1 ml of 1M NaOAc was added. This reaction mixture was stirred constantly with magnetic stirrer for 20 minutes. Coloured products were formed after allowing to stand for one hour. The solids were collected and washed with n-Hexane and dried.



**Proposed Structure of Ligand –Metal complexes ( $M = Cu^{2+}, Hg^{2+}$ )**

**Physical characteristics and analytical data of ligand and complexes**

Compound	Color	Mol.wt	Yield (%)	m.pt( $^{\circ}C$ )
Ligand (L)	Deep-red	348.43	61	80
L-Cu com.	Dark	598.43	56	216
L-Hg com.	White	645.08	58	189

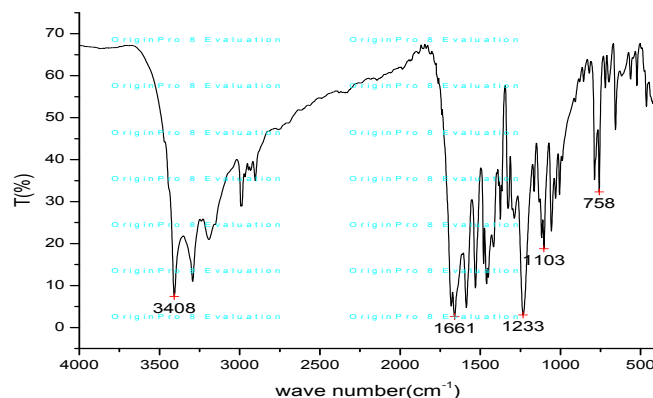
**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The analytical data for all the complexes are given in Table- 1. The molar conductivity data of the complexes are consistent with the non-electrolytic nature <sup>[24,25]</sup> of the complexes. The ligand and complexes were characterized by elemental analysis to determine percentage of C, N, S and H. The observed and calculated percentages of the elements are in good agreement and support one ligand to a metal ion. The number of coordinated ligands to metal determined by Job's continuous method and Mole ratio method established 1: 1 metal to ligand ratio.

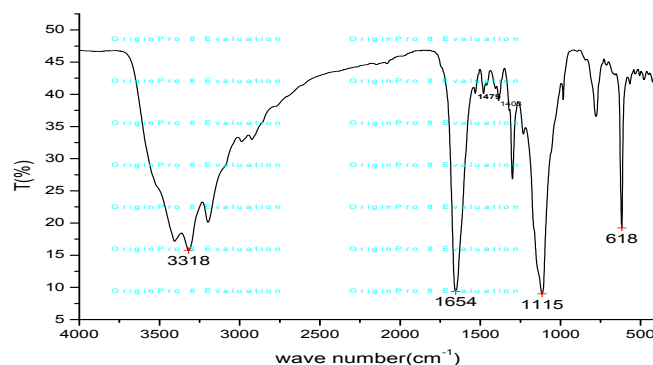
**4.2. Infrared spectra**

The infrared spectra of the complexes taken in the region 4000 - 400  $cm^{-1}$  were compared with the free ligand. There are some significant changes between the metal (II) complexes and free ligand for chelation as expected. Two bands appeared around 3350  $cm^{-1}$  and 3200  $cm^{-1}$  are due to the free  $NH_2$  group present in ligand. The broad IR absorption band of Hg (II)

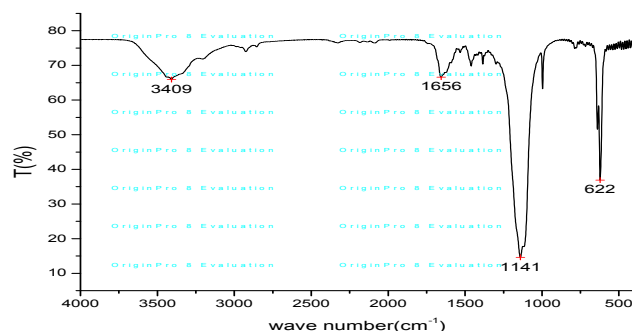
complex appeared in the range of  $3300\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , may be due to the presence of coordinated/lattice water molecule of synthesized complex. The IR bands observed around  $1600\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1550\text{ cm}^{-1}$  of the ligand and the complexes are assigned to  $\nu\text{C}=\text{N}$  vibration. The azomethine band is shifted to lower frequency in all metal complexes, suggesting that this group takes part in coordination [26]. The co-ordination of nitrogen to the metal atom would be expected to reduce the electron density on the azomethine link and thus cause a shift in the  $\text{C}=\text{N}$  band.



**Figure 2.** IR spectra of Ligand (Schiff base)

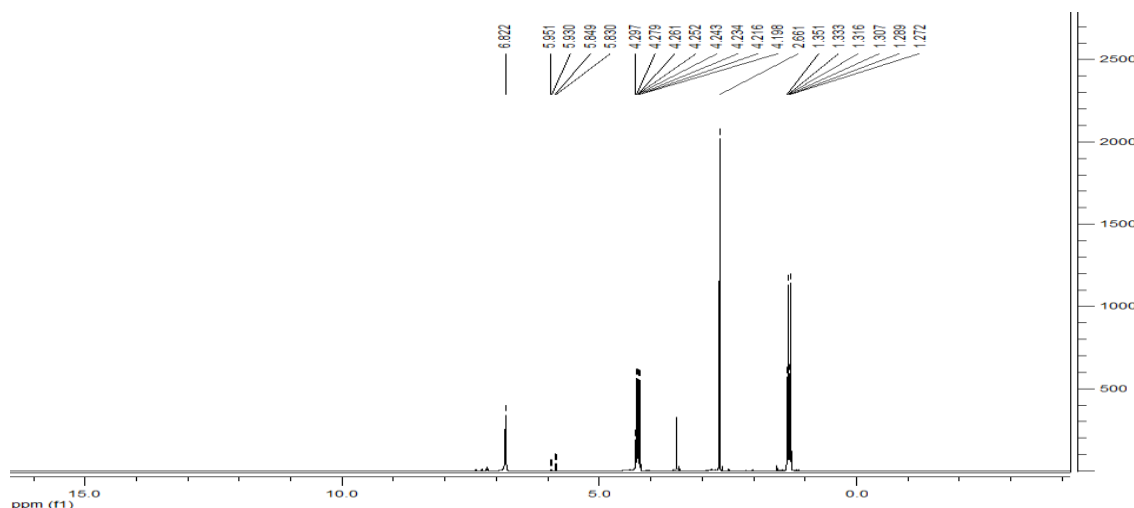


**Figure 3.** IR spectra of copper (II) complex

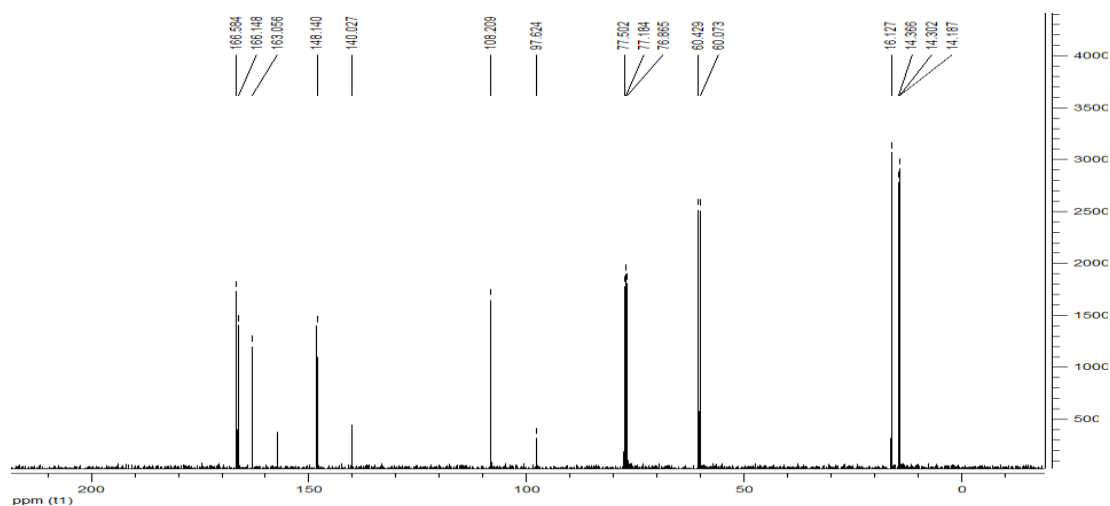


**Figure 4. IR-spectra of mercury (II) complex****4.3 NMR Spectra** **$^1\text{H}$  NMR**

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the ligand, recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  showed the following signals:  $-\text{CH}_3$  proton at 1.33 ppm (s, 6H),  $\text{O}-\text{CH}_2$  at 4.3 ppm (s, 8H), phenyl as  $-\text{CH}$  at 5.9–6.8 ppm (mult.). Furthermore, the peaks obtained are confirmed the disappearance of hydrogen atoms from starting reagents during Schiff base formation.

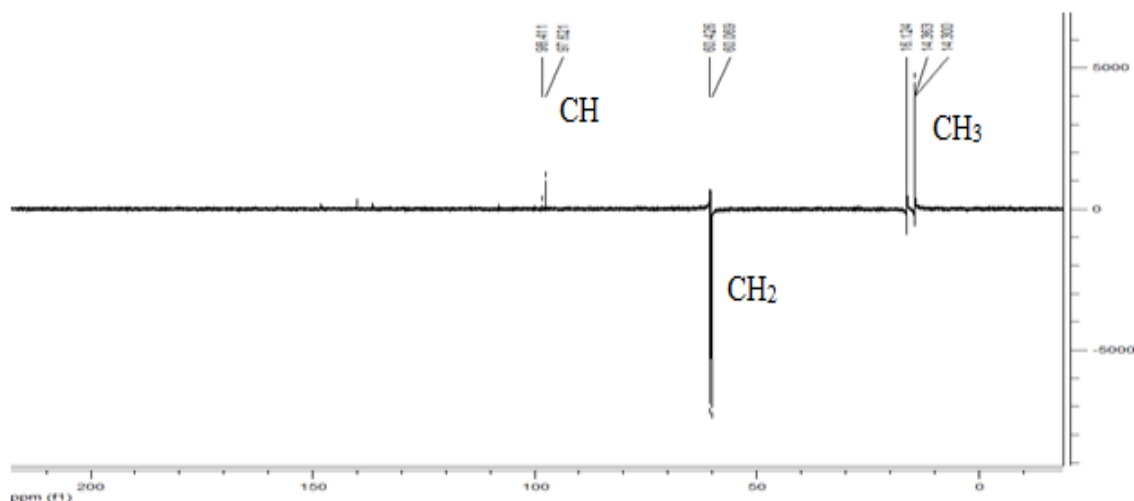
**Figure 5  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra** **$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra**

The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR Spectra of the Schiff base ligand is recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . The azomethine carbon ( $\text{C}=\text{N}$ ) gives a peak at 166 and 167 ppm,  $\delta$   $\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$  at 14 and 15 ppm,  $\delta$   $\text{C}=\text{O}$  at 163 ppm,  $\delta$   $\text{CH}$  of ring gives 77 and 78 ppm.  $\delta$   $\text{CH}_2$  gives 98-107 ppm,  $\delta$   $\text{C}-\text{O}$  at 60 ppm. Hence,  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra confirmed that the number of carbon atoms in the proposed ligand or Schiff base.



**Figure 6**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra**DAMTDDAP - $^{135}\text{O}$  NMR spectra**

The Distortionless Enhancement by Polarization Transfer (DEPT) method is an instrumental mode that provides a way to acquire the information of distinguishing among  $^{13}\text{C}$  signals for  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}$ , and quaternary carbons.  $135^\circ$  pulse: carbon signals show different phases, signals for  $\text{CH}_3$  and  $\text{CH}$  carbons give positive signals, quaternary carbons give no signal and signals for  $\text{CH}_2$  carbons give negative signals.

**Figure 7** DEPT- $135^\circ$  NMR spectra**4.4. Conductance**

The molar conductivity measurements were carried out in DMSO at  $10^{-3}$  molar concentration. The molar conductance indicates that the all complexes are electrolytes <sup>[27]</sup>. This is due to the presence of anion which is present in the outside of coordination sphere.

**Table 3. Conductivity values of complexes**

Complex	Types of solvent	Molar Conductance ( $\Omega^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$ )	Types of electrolyte
Copper complex	DMSO	198.1	Electrolyte
Mercury complex	DMSO	245	Electrolyte

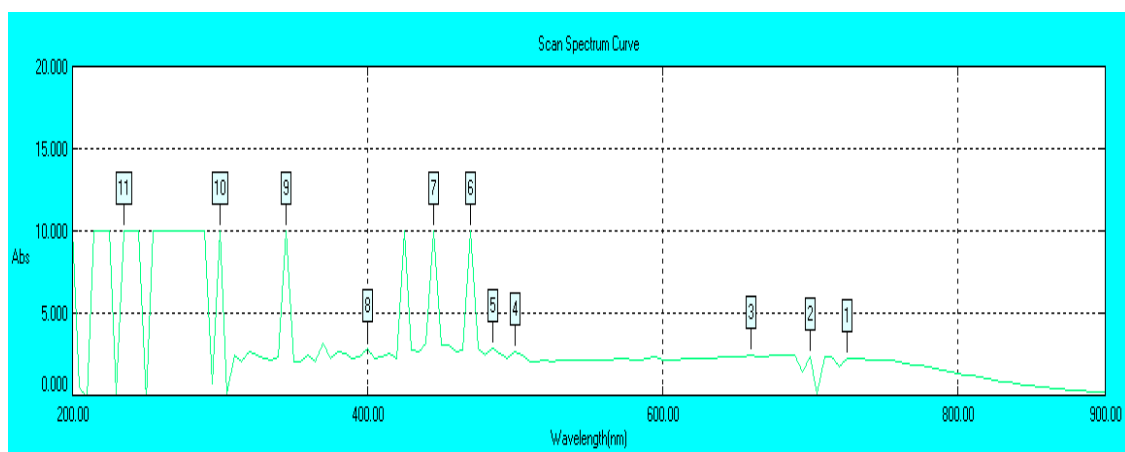
*DMSO* = Dimethyl sulfoxide

**1.1. Electronic spectra**

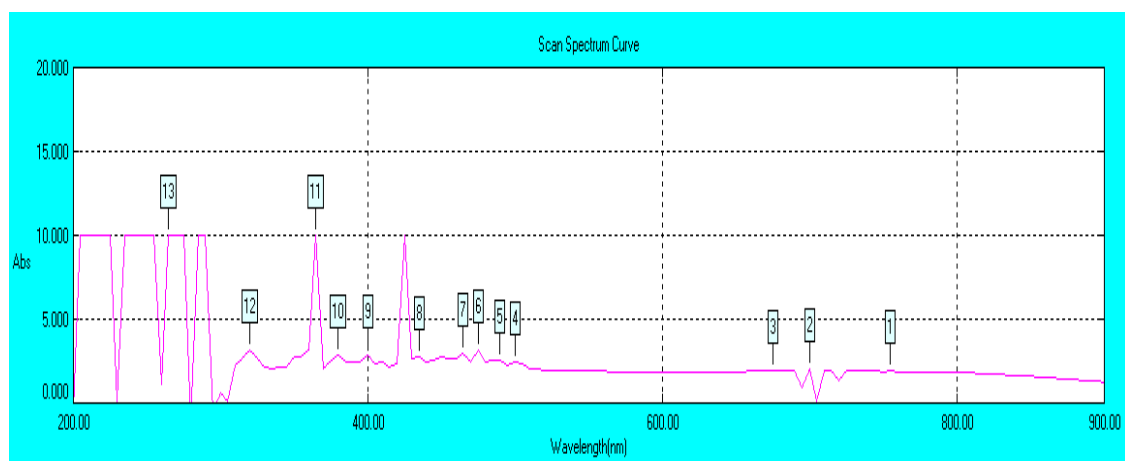
The electronic absorption spectra are often very helpful in the evaluation of results furnished by other methods of structural investigation. The electronic spectra measurements were used for assigning the stereochemistries of metal ions in the complexes based on the positions and number of d-d transition peaks. The electronic absorption spectra of the Schiff base and



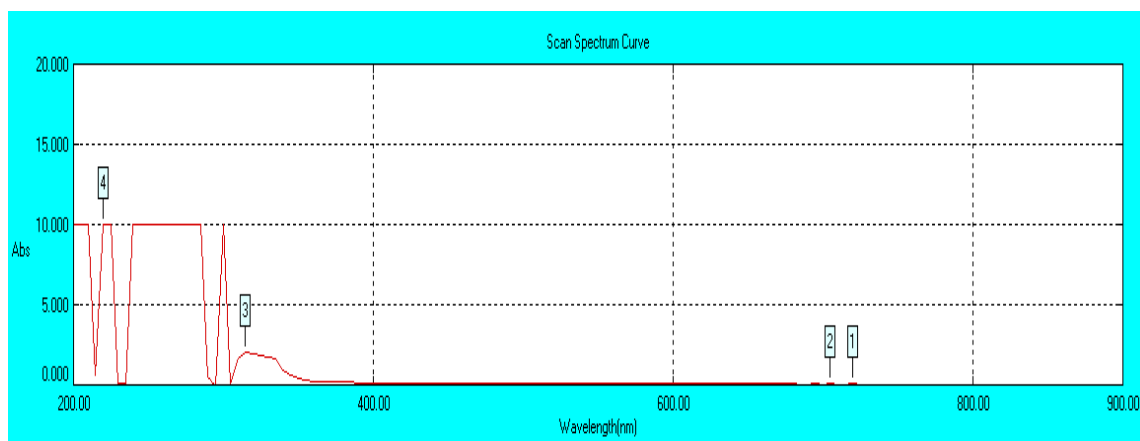
complexes were recorded at room temperature using DMSO as a solvent. The ligand shows band at 420nm to 440 nm were due to  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition and also shows bands at 300 nm and 350 nm were due to  $C=O$  and  $N=C \pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition. But copper (II) complex shows bands at 410 nm and 370 nm for  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  and  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition respectively. The metal ion in the mercury (II) complex has  $d^{10}$  electronic configuration <sup>[28]</sup>. The electronic spectra of this complex shows charge transfer transition at 302 nm.



**Figure 8 UV-visible spectra of Schiff base**



**Figure 9 UV-visible spectra of copper (II) complex**



**Figure 10 UV-visible spectra of mercury (II) complex****Table-1: Analytical Data of DAMTDDAP and their metal complex:**

Compound / complex (colour)	Mol. Wt.	Elemental Analysis Found (calculated)				
		C %	H%	N%	S%	M%
DAMTDDAP (deep-red colour)	348.43	55.1	5.7	16.0	9.1	-
	(61%)	(55.5)	(5.5)	(16.6)	(9.2)	-
DAMTDDAP - Cu(black colour)	598.43	32.1	3.3	9.3	5.3	41.8
	(56%)	(32.1)	(3.8)	(9.1)	(5.3)	(41.9)
DAMTDDAP - Hg(white colour)	645.08	29.7	3.1	8.6	4.9	46.0
	(58%)	(29.5)	(3.2)	(8.7)	(5.2)	(46.4)

**Antibacterial activity results of the ligands and complexes**

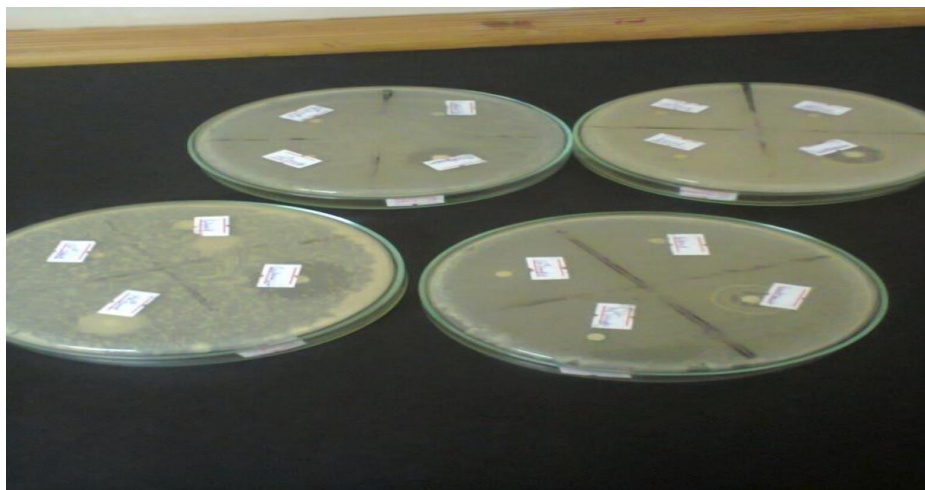
The antibacterial activity of bidentated aromatic Schiff base ligands and their metal (II) complexes were tested against microorganism. The microorganisms used in the present investigations include bacteria: *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Salmonella typhi* and, *Pseudomonas aureginosa* *E. coli*. Minimum Inhibitory Concentrations (MICs) method was used to determine the antibacterial activity of the synthesized compounds. The diffusion method is simple and routinely used in hospital laboratories; it requires commercial disks, the medium used is Mueller-Hinton agar with 2% of glucose and the diameter of inhibition zone is visually read at 24 hr after incubation at 37°C. The antibacterial activity was estimated on the basis of the size of the inhibition zone formed around the paper disks on the seeded agar plates. Streptomycin was used as a standard. The results are presented in Table 5. Percent inhibition values are relative to the inhibition zone (22 mm) of the most active compound with 100% inhibition. The Schiff base and the complexes exhibited varying degrees of inhibitory effects on the growth of the tested bacteria species. The values reveal that the Schiff base become more effective when coordinated to the metal ions. The biological activity of the complexes follows the order: Hg (II) > Cu (II). Furthermore, the data show that *E. coli* was inhibited to a greater degree by the Co (II) and Cu (II) complexes. In conclusion the complexes prepared with the new Schiff base could reasonably be used for the treatment of some common diseases caused by *E. coli*. The above study shows that all the complexes have hexahedral geometry.

**Table -5 Antibacterial Activities of the Ligand and its Metal Complexes.**

Compounds	Diameter of Zone of Inhibition in mm			
	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	<i>Salmonella typhi</i>	<i>Pseudomonas aureginosa</i>	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
Ligand	8	-	6	-
Hg <sup>2+</sup> complex.	10	9.5	14	16

Cu <sup>2+</sup> complex.	12	17	12.5	15
Gentamicin	18	20	24	21
DMSO	-	-	-	-

(-) means no inhibition



**Figure 8.** Ligand, Cu<sup>2+</sup> complex, Hg<sup>2+</sup> complex and Gentamicin on Petri dishes

## CONCLUSION

Cu(II), and Hg(II) complexes of the Schiff base derived from *Diethyl 5-amino 4-methyl thiophene 3,5-dicarboxylate* and *2,6-Diaminopyridine(DAMTDDAP)* were prepared and characterized. The structural characterization of synthesized compound were made by using the elemental analysis, spectroscopic methods, magnetic and conductance etc. The study reveal that <sup>[29]</sup> complexes are non-electrolytes <sup>[30]</sup> Schiff base behaves as a neutral Bidentate ligand and is coordinated to the central metal ion through the azomethine N <sup>[31]</sup>. The metal (II) complexes have hexa hyderal geometry <sup>[32]</sup>. The biological activity of all the complexes is higher than that of the free Schiff base ligand and follows the order: Cu (II) > Hg (II). This means that metal chelation significantly affects the antimicrobial behavior of the organic ligand. All the synthesized Schiff base metal complexes may prove useful as bactericidal, as fungicidal, as anticancer, antituberculosis. The information obtained from this study will contribute significantly in the development of new drugs or else may prove way for using combined therapy that could circumvent resistance problem and thus help in the improvement of health particularly in the poor section of the community.

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