



Synthesis and study of N, N` -(ethane-1,2-diyl)bis(1-phenyl methanimine) and their complex derivative with *in-vivo* and *in-vitro* Bacterial biological study



Aeed S. Alfahdawi¹, Sawsan M. Al-Sorchee², Suhab E. Saleh³, Marwan M. Saleh^{4*}

¹Department of Chemistry, College of Education for Women, University of Anbar, Ramadi, Anbar, Iraq

²Department of Biology, College of Education, Salahaddin University, Kurdistan Region, Iraq

³Ministry of Education, Alanbar Administration, Iraq

⁴College of Applied Sciences, University of Anbar, Iraq

Abstract

In this research, the synthesis and biological activity evaluation of N, N`-(ethane-1,2-diyl)bis(1-phenyl methanimine) as Schiff base with Zinc (II) dithiocarbamate complex are successfully reported. The suggested geometry around zinc ion centre was determined using selected unique physicochemical and spectroscopic techniques. These include melting point, conductance, FTIR, UV-Vis, mass spectroscopy and ¹H-NMR spectroscopy. The analytical as well as the spectroscopic characterization data proves the formation of zinc complex with general formula [Zn(L)]₂ and the complex of this ion is adopting tetrahedral geometry about the metal centre. Furthermore, the present study was carried out to evaluate antibacterial activity of obtained Schiff base ligand and Zn complex against five strains of bacteria (*Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Lacto bacillus*, *Klebsiella Pneumoniae*, and *Salmonella typhi*). The results of antimicrobial screening suggest that Schiff bases can show a considerable activity against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Salmonella typhi* while Zn-complex was reported to be more active against all bacterial strains which is used in this test. The antibacterial activity of each compound has been examined practically (*in vivo*) by treating burns rats infected with tested bacteria (*Staphylococcus aureus* and *Salmonella typhi*), the results have shown signs of good recovery at short time if it compared with antibiotic Ofloxacin (OFX) used at the same time. And the number of bacteria was reduced significantly ($P \leq 0.001$) during the treatment days. Furthermore, the results showed that Zn-complex is effective in treating various skin conditions; it is preferable to use it in the treatment of pathological injuries and against other skin infections.

Keywords: Dithiocarbamate, Schiff base ligand, Zinc complexes, Biological activity, Rats.

Introduction

Drug resistance against antibacterial agents can be problematic specifically when used for medical purposes. This problem can be avoided through taking some procedures such as the preparation of new metal complexes by using chelation process coordination of transition metal ions. As a matter of fact, Schiff bases have N atoms as a part of their basic scaffold and that will lead to the ability of its derivatives to contain donor atom that can act as perfect chelating agents for the process of metal ions transition. Therefore, Schiff bases and their metal complexes have been widely investigated because of the significant properties they have such as: the antiparasitic, the fungicidal-bactericidal, and the anticancer [1]. Dithiocarbamates are organosulphur compounds. Their metal complexes

have highly attracted in research attention due to some reasons such as: Its diverse uses and its fascinating biological, structural, magnetic, electrochemical and thermal properties [1-7]. Dithiocarbamates can be used to serve many functions, for example, they are used as accelerators in vulcanization, they are used as high-pressure lubricants, they are also used as fungicides, pesticides [2] and medicinal chemistry [3]. Furthermore, Dithiocarbamate species are considered potential drug candidates that have been shown to be anti-cancer [4] anti-bacterial and antifungal activities [5] with good examples of resistance in industry. For instance, the formation of Zn-dithiocarbamate complexes showed resistance for increasing temperature and conductivity. Also, these complexes are useful for the manufacture of electrical wires [6].

*Corresponding author e-mail: ah.marwan_bio@uoanbar.edu.iq

Receive Date: 26 December 2020, Revise Date: 02 January 2021, Accept Date: 14 March 2021

DOI: 10.21608/EJCHEM.2021.55277.3160

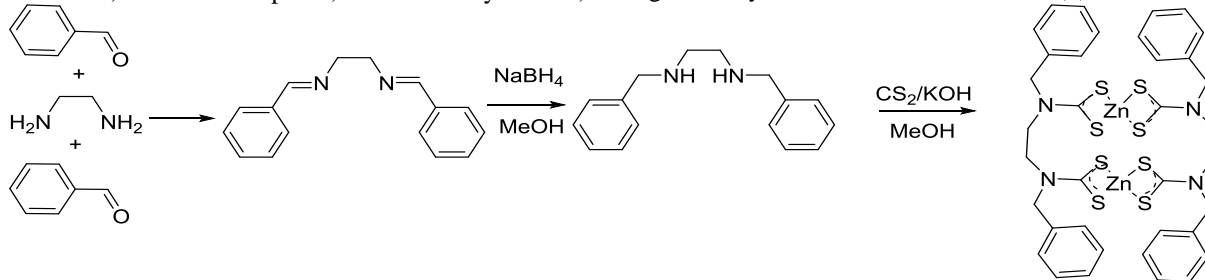
©2021 National Information and Documentation Center (NIDOC)

Therefore, they have application in manufacturing of a nanoparticle sorbent composed or metal [7]. An example of the compounds which play an important role in agriculture is the formation of Mancozeb fungicides, an ethylene-bis-dithiocarbamate with manganese and zinc. These are the most commonly commercial used fungicides across the globe [8]. The complexes of Zn-dithiocarbamate are used also to increase the number of small nodes in the plant, increase the weight of dry roots, the concentration of chlorophyll in the leaves of the plant as well as the eradication of agricultural pests and used in biomedical application [9]. Complexes of dithiocarbamate with bipyridine Au(III), are of a particular interest in biomedical field as they are used as anti-cancer agents used as anti-cancer agents for prostate, breast, ovarian cancer cell lines and in Hodgkin lymphoma cells [10]. Concentrations of zinc ions are necessary for optimal bacterial growth of most in vitro microorganisms. However, high concentrations of zinc ions may show some antimicrobial activity against various bacterial and fungal strains [11]. As soon as, zinc is used as nonbactericidal and at specific concentrations can block or hinder the biofilm formation by several Gram- positive or Gram-negative bacterial swine pathogens [12]. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) can be widely seen as a growing problem. Without effective antimicrobials, infections can become more difficult to treat. Medical and surgical procedures can be at high-risk interventions that may cause a prolonged sickness or lead to disability or cause death. It already has been proved that certain pathogens are already resistant to most of antimicrobials in the market. Resistance maybe grow as a result of multi-various reasons such as: the wrong use of medicine, low-quality of medicines, incorrect prescriptions, and many issues related with infection prevention and control. Therefore, new adapted medicines compounds can be target different pathogens [13].

Material and Methods

Materials

Ethylenediamine, Benzaldehyde, zinc chloride, Methanol, Carbon disulphide, Potassium hydroxide,



Scheme (1): Synthetic route of binuclear Zn- complex

and Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) manufactured by Sigma-Aldrich company. These reagents are commercially available and they are used in our research without purifying them.

Physical measurements

^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 500 MHz Avance III. Fourier transform infrared spectra (FT-IR) Were given on a Shimadzu-8400S spectrophotometer within a range of. (4000–200 cm^{-1}) by preparation of KBr discs. Melting point (MP) was recorded using an Electro-Thermal Stuart apparatus. Using Euro Vector 3000, the elemental analysis (C, H, N, and S) for the compounds were obtained. The electronic spectra is measured by using a Shimadzu UV-Visible 160A Spectrophotometer by dissolving synthesised compounds in DMSO at concentration of (10^{-3} M). A Shimadzu 620 G atomic absorption spectrophotometer was used to determine metal content in the prepared complexes. Finally, the conductivity measurements for each compound at (25 $^{\circ}\text{C}$) dissolved in (10^{-3} mole L^{-1}) of DMSO were recorder by using Jenway meter model 4070.

Synthesis

Synthesis of Schiff base (N, N'-(ethane-1,2-diyl) bis (1-phenylmethanimine)).

Ethylenediamine (0.5 g, 0.008 mol) was dissolved in toluene (25 mL), then the solution was added with stirring to a mixture of benzaldehyde (1.76 g, 0.016 mol) in (25 mL) of toluene with few drops of HBr. Using Dean- Stark equipment, the reflux phase of the mixture under N_2 gas atmosphere was then performed for 45 min. In addition, under low pressure the solvent was removed completely to give a yellow solid powder; yield (1.71g, 87.03%), m.p 115-116 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. (FT IR cm^{-1}) (Fig. 1): 3002 $\nu(\text{C-H, aro})$, 2985 and 2850 $\nu(\text{C-H, aliph})$, 1639 $\nu(\text{C=N})$, 1600 $\nu(\text{C=C})$, 1430 and 1396 $\nu(\text{C-N})$ table (1). NMR data (ppm), δH (500 MHz, DMSO-d_6) (Fig. 2): 3.83 (4H, t, $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$), 7.39- 7.72 (10H, m, aromatic-H), 8.29 (2H, s, $-\text{CH=}$) [15]. The Elemental Analysis for Chemical Formula $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2$ has: C, 81.32%; H, 6.82%; N, 11.85. mass spect m/z equal 236. The general Synthetic route show Scheme (1).

Table 1. FTIR for Synthesis of Schiff base and Zn- complex

Symbol	$\nu(\text{C-H})$ Arom.	$\nu(\text{C-H})$ aliph	$\nu(\text{C=N})$.	$\nu(\text{C=C})$ Arom.	$\nu(\text{C-N})$.	$\nu(\text{C-S})$.	$\nu(\text{Zn-S})$.
Pre-ligand	3002	2985 2850	1639	1600	1430 1396	-	-
Zn- complex	3002	2981	-	1525	1382 1372	1035 1099	453

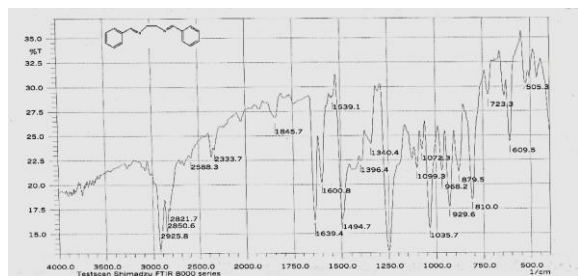
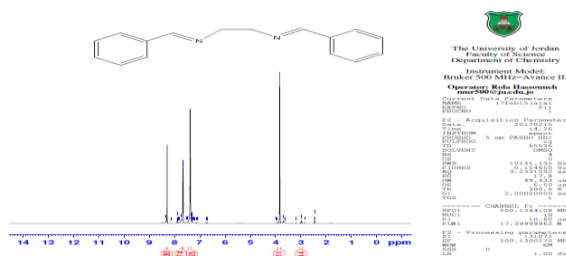


Fig. 1. FTIR Spectra of Schiff base (N, N'-(ethane-1,2-diyl)bis(1-phenylmethanimine))

Fig. 2. ¹H NMR spectrum of Schiff base (N, N'-(ethane-1,2-diyl)bis(1-phenylmethanimine)) in DMSO-d₆ solution

Via a one pot reaction was synthesized of macrocyclic complexes

A general method for the preparation and application of the necessary bimetallic dithiocarbamate-based zinc macrocyclic complexes as shown in the following [14, 15].

In a suitable reaction solution, two moles of secondary amine which obtained from Schiff base reaction was a stirred with excess of 5 moles of NaBH₄ as reduce agent in methanol solution. Next, two moles of KOH (eq) was added to obtained potassium secondary amine salt. At 0 °C, carbon disulphide (2,50 equivalents) was then added to the mixture. Until this step, the compound is prepared

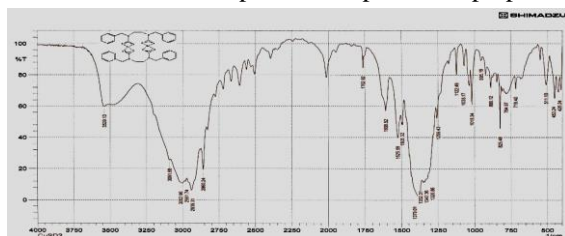


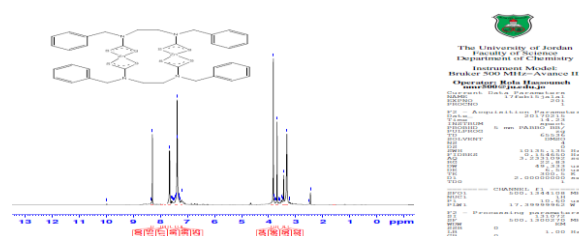
Fig. 3. FTIR spectra of L and its complex with Zn(II) metal ion

Biological testing

Diagnosis bacteria

All bacterial species were isolated from patients with burn infection (*Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella Pneumoniae* and *Salmonella typhi* except *lactobacillus*), while all respectively selective and differential isolated media defined on the basis of the morphological, colonial, gram stain and biochemical tests. Biochemical tests used for identification of bacteria include: Urease, catalase, oxidase, indole, Methyl red, Voges Proskauer, Simmons citrate utilization, TSI, and finally API 20E used for diagnosis [16].

(Ligand salt has not yet been isolated) through adding zinc ion in one equivalent. The mixture was kept stir overnight and water was add to the solution if the precipitation do not appear. Finally, the mixture is filtered and dried to achieve zinc complex as white solid; yield (0.81g, 83%), m.p 172-174°C. (FT IR cm⁻¹) (Fig. 3): 3002 $\nu(\text{C-H, aro})$, 2091 $\nu(\text{C-H, aliph})$, 1525 $\nu(\text{C=C})$, 1382 and 1372 $\nu_{\text{as,s}}(\text{C-N})$, 1035 and 1259 $\nu_{\text{as,s}}(\text{CS}_2)$, 453 $\nu(\text{Zn-S})$. NMR data (ppm), δH (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆) (Fig. 4): 3.70(4H, t, -CH₂-CH₂-), 3.85 (4H, s, N-CH₂-), 7.00- 8.40 (10H, m, aromatic-H). The Elemental Analysis for Chemical Formula: C₃₆H₄₀N₄S₈Zn₂: C, 47.21%; H, 4.40%; N, 6.12%; S, 28.00%; Zn, 14.28%.

Fig. 4. ¹H NMR spectrum of [Zn(L)]₂ in DMSO-d₆ solution.

Test of antibiotic susceptibility

The already modified Kirby-Bauer method was used to determine the susceptibility of obtained isolates against some antibiotics such as Ciprofloxacin. (CPX) 5 µg, Ceftazidime. (CAZ) 30 µg, Lincomycine. (L) 2 µg, Clindamycine. (CD) 2 µg, Chloramphenicol. (C) 30 µg, Cefixime. (CFM) 5 µg, Amoxicillin. (AMX) 10 µg, Cotrimoxazole. (COT) 5 µg, Erythromycin. (ERY) 15 µg, Augmentin. (AUG) 12.5 µg, Ofloxacin. (OFX), and Nitroforantoin. (NIT) 300 µg antibiotics as described by reference [17].

Bacterial susceptibility testing

Agar diffusion test

Muller Hinton Agar (MHA) obtained from (HiMedia, India) is adopted to evaluate the inhibition zone diameter (ID) through using basic well diffusion methods. The plates were inoculated with the standardized suspension (comparing with McFarland tube) of the test isolates. The plates were placed to dry in incubator for 30 minutes at 37 °C with aiding of a sterile standard allowed core borer, 5 wells with 5mm in diameter were bored at equidistant. Each of the Schiff base and Zinc complex dissolved in Dimethyl sulfoxide (10% DMSO), final concentration (50, 100, 150, 200) mg/mL and 25 μ L of each compound dropped into the appropriate well in the inoculated plate. Next, to a sterile water and DMSO used as negative controls, the prepared plates were incubated at 37 °C for 24h (aerobic and an aerobic). The resulting zones of inhibition are measured by using calibrated ruler in millimeters. Finally, the average of three readings is considered to be the inhibition zone of the bacterial isolates at each specific concentration [18].

Determination of minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC)

The above mentioned compounds (Schiff base and Zinc complex), this was later tested for antimicrobial activity to evaluate the MIC for each bacterial isolate. Five bacterial species *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Lacto bacillus*, *Klebsiella Pneumoniae* and *Salmonella typhi* were grown in nutrient broth tubes separately for 6 h. Afterwards, 100 μ L of 10⁶ cells/mL of growth culture were inoculated in nutrient broth tubes containing different concentrations of the Schiff base and Zinc complex (0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150 mg/ml) for 24 h at 37 °C separately for each compound and each bacteria in addition to control samples, then the bacterial growth was evaluated on the basis of the turbidity of the suspension and all tubes were read by spectrophotometer (LKB- PYEUNICAM-SP 6.55, England) at 620 nm. [19].

Inhibitory effect of both compounds on *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Salmonella typhi* (In vivo).

Twenty-four male rats (150-180 g) aged between 12 and 18 weeks were used for all in vivo experiments. They were kept in a light, food and temperature-controlled room and all rats were acclimatized for at least 1 week prior to beginning the experiments. The dorsal back skins of the mice were shaved and ethanol (70%) was used as antiseptic for the shaved region and then burned by using inflamed knife and then contaminated with both bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Salmonella typhi* (1.5 \times 10⁸ bacteria /mL),

After two days of injury the inflammation, redness and suppuration region were observed and the experimental mice were randomly separated into the following groups (n = 30): Group 1: untreated rats (control). Group 2: burn rats treated with ointment composed of antibiotic for *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria (OfX). Group 3: burn rats gently treated with ointment composed of antibiotic for *Salmonella typhi* bacteria (OfX). Group 4: burn treated with ointment for *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria (concentration 50 mg/mL) consisting of 0.5 g of Schiff base ligand added to 9.5 g of Vaseline. Group 5: burn treated with ointment for *Salmonella typhi* (concentration 50 mg/mL) consisting of 0.5 g of Schiff base and Zinc complex added to 9.5 g of Vaseline. Group 6: burn treated with ointment for *Staphylococcus aureus* each (concentration 50 mg/mL) consisting of 0.5 g of Zn- complex added to 9.5 g of Vaseline. Group 7: burn treated with ointment for each bacteria (concentration 50 mg/mL) consisting of 0.5 g of Zn- complex added to 9.5 g of Vaseline. The treatment continued twice each day during 15 consecutive days and the numbers of bacteria was calculated [20, 21].

Results and Discussion

Chemistry

The free Schiff base pre-ligand was synthesis by the reaction of ethylenediamine with benzaldehyde in ethanolic solution reaction. Next, zinc macrocyclic complexes obtained from the reaction of zinc chloride with ligand in a methanolic solution reaction.

The synthesis of dithiocarbamate-based macrocyclic complex was achieved by the reaction of the pre-ligand (Schiff base) with the corresponding zinc ion in a ratio of 1:1 mole. In this step the metal ion is major role of the desired dinuclear macrocyclic self-assembly as shown in Scheme 1. The properties of yielded complex are solid, stable, and completely soluble in DMSO. A lot of techniques have successfully characterized the new synthesized ligand and its macrocyclic dinuclear complex, such as: melting point, electrical conductance, elemental analysis, FTIR spectroscopy, UV electronic spectra, and ¹H-NMR. The analytical characterization data provided the successfully formation of all compounds as shown in Table 1. In addition, the non-electrolytic nature of these complexes is indicated by the molar conductance of the synthesized complexes dissolved in DMSO solutions.

FTIR spectra

The FTIR spectra of ligand and each corresponding complex are collected together in Figure (1 and 3). FTIR spectra of ligand and its corresponding complexes are exhibited obvious two bands in the region of 1602-1565 cm⁻¹ that made reference to

$\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ and $\nu(\text{C}=\text{C})$ groups of the pyridyl ring. The clear strong band in the range of $1460\text{-}1500\text{ cm}^{-1}$ in each complexes spectra is assigned to $\nu(\text{N}-\text{CS}_2)$ group stretching vibrations. Interestingly, the band spectra show double bond character increase (carbon-nitrogen) compared to the free-ligand observed at 1462 cm^{-1} [22]. The $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{CS}_2)$ that shows two bands at 1111 and 1049 cm^{-1} in the ligand [23, 24] is shifted and appeared in the complexes spectra around 1046 and 999 cm^{-1} . Moreover, a new band was observed at 945 cm^{-1} which refers to $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{CS}_2)$ stretching [25] and these bands indicate the anisobidentate chelation mode of ligand to the metal atoms [26, 27, 28]. The assignment details of complexes prominent bands are listed in Table (1).

Electronic spectra

The UV-Vis spectral data for synthesized new compound has shown obvious peaks around $266\text{-}368\text{ nm}$ refer to the intra-ligand field in the complex. Moreover, defined peaks of visible region at $375\text{-}435\text{ nm}$ was refer to charge transfer bands spectra related to $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$, $n \rightarrow \pi^*(3)$. As expected, Zn ion which has d^{10} electron is diamagnetic and normally prefers to tetrahedral coordination formation.

$^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra

The proton NMR spectrum for [Zn-complex] displays chemical shifted to up field compare to pre-ligand chemical shift. This can be approving the formation of Zn- complex by the signal appearance observed around $\delta=2.52$ and 3.36 ppm assign to the NMR solvents like DMSO- d_6 , and water residual in solvents [30].

Measurements of Conductivity

The molar conductance measurements of Zn-complex in DMSO solution appear at $12.00\text{ }\Omega\text{-}1\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$ which indicates their nonelectrolyte behavior [31].

Biological Activity

All bacterial isolates were tested for antimicrobial susceptibility testing using disk diffusion methods and the results were interpreted according to standard values provided by Clinical and Laboratory Standard Institute of anti-microbial susceptibility testing [32]. Table (2) illustrate the susceptibility profile for all isolates by using 12 antimicrobial agents. Isolated bacteria showed a variation in their sensitivity and resistance to used antibiotics. On other hand, the high interesting resistance of the bacterial isolates may be related to the presence and disseminations of the plasmids within heterogeneous populations of these bacteria [33]. The other possible reason can be attributed to the fact that the a huge number of the populace purchasable antibiotics in open markets without appropriate medical prescription which will lead to wrong use of drug concentration for wrong diseases. The emergence of drug resistance in human

pathogens to widely used antibiotics has needed a search for new antimicrobials [34].

The result of antibacterial activity of Zn- complex and Schiff bases for selected bacteria revealed that the inhibition zone ($10\text{-}25$) mm and ($8\text{-}20$) respectively, while Schiff base was no effect up to *Lactobacillus* as shown in Table (3) and Figure(5).

The results of antimicrobial screening indicate that Schiff bases can provide significant activity against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Salmonella typhi* while Zn- complex was proved to be more active against all tested bacterial strains due to Gram-negative bacteria species. In addition, Zinc ion can be bind to the proteins that were inserted into the layer of lipopolysaccharides and could act as channels (porins) filled with water. In Gram-positive bacteria, which contain structurally thicker cell walls compared to Gram-negative bacteria, the effect of zinc on Gram-negative bacteria can be less than the effect [35]. Antibacterial activity of these compounds can show ascending order when the concentration is increased, the area of inhibited growth increased too. The MIC of both compounds presented in table (4). It found that Zn- complex was effective against both tested bacteria with the MIC ranged between ($60\text{-}50\text{ mg/mL}$) .and the more effective against two bacteria. Moreover, Schiff bases were the MIC ranged between ($100\text{-}80\text{ mg/mL}$). On the other hand, Medeiros and his group [36], studies many potential mechanisms methods where the Many pathogenetic events in the bacterium, such as the reduction of biofilm formation, adherence to epithelium, or expression of the virulence factor, can be changed by physiological zinc levels. Moreover, the special bacterium's effect on the epithelium (cytokine response to exposure of EAEC) can modify the EAEC pathogenesis in both in vivo and in vitro. These effects can be useful to explain the benefits of zinc in childhood diarrhoea or malnutrition. The increasing of complexes activity can be demonstrating on the basis of chelation theory and Overtone's model theory [37]. The complex formation could, according to the chelation theory, lead to the crossing of a microorganism cell membrane. This is because chelation greatly decreases the polarity of the metal ion and allows the positive charge of metal to be partially shared with the donor groups, thus eventually improving the lipophilic existence of the chelated metal system, which performs its penetration ability through the lipid layer of microorganism cell membranes [38]. Furthermore, dithiocarbamate (dtc) and its complexes exhibit huge importance applications effect in biological system [39]. Nowadays the materials and industrial application of dithiocarbamate (dtc) species in environmental chemistry are considered promising candidates that could show multi-biological activity such as antibacterial, anticancer and antifungal [40].

Table 2. Antibiotic activity against bacterial species under study

Bacterial Species	CAZ	C	CFM	CD	L	AMX	ST R	COT	AUG	ERY	NIT	OFX
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	R	R	S	S	R	S	S	R	R	R	R	S
<i>E. coli</i>	R	R	S	R	R	R	S	S	R	R	S	S
<i>Lactobacillus</i>	R	S	R	R	S	R	R	R	S	S	S	S
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	R	R	S	R	R	S	S	R	S	R	R	S
<i>Salmonella typhi</i>	S	S	R	R	S	S	R	S	R	R	R	S

R=resistance

S=sensitive

Table 3. Inhibition zones (mm) of Pre-ligand and Zn- complex against bacteria. (- = No Inhibition)

Chemical Comps. Bacteria species	Schiff base					Zn- complex				
	(200) mg/mL	(100) mg/mL	(50) mg/mL	(25)mg g/mL	OF X mg/mL	(200) mg/mL	(100) mg/mL	(50) mg/mL	(25)m g/mL	OFX mg/mL
<i>Staphyococcus aureus</i>	15	12	10	8	32	20	15	12	-	32
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	16	10	10	-	22	23	19	12	10	22
<i>Lacto bacillus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	22	15	-	-	-
<i>Klebsiella pneumonia</i>	19	13	13	11	25	25	15	10	-	25
<i>Salmonella typhi</i>	20	15	12	-	30	18	12	10	-	30

(-)= No growth

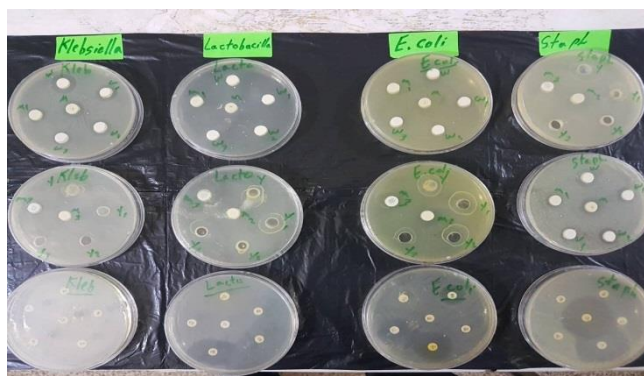


Fig. 5. Effect of Zn- complex and Schiff bases for selected bacteria

The results of antimicrobial screening indicate that Schiff bases can provide significant activity against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Salmonella typhi* while Zn- complex was proved to be more active against all tested bacterial strains due to Gram-negative bacteria species. In addition, Zinc ion can be bind to the proteins that were inserted into the layer of lipopolysaccharides and could act as channels (porins) filled with water. In Gram-positive bacteria, which contain structurally thicker cell walls compared to Gram-negative bacteria, the effect of zinc on Gram-negative bacteria can be less than the effect [35]. Antibacterial activity of these compounds

can show ascending order when the concentration is increased, the area of inhibited growth increased too. The MIC of both compounds presented in table (4). It found that Zn- complex was effective against both tested bacteria with the MIC ranged between (60-50 mg/mL) .and the more effective against two bacteria. Moreover, Schiff bases were the MIC ranged between (100- 80 mg/mL). On the other hand, Medeiros and his group [36], studies many potential mechanisms methods where the Many pathogenetic events in the bacterium, such as the reduction of biofilm formation, adherence to epithelium, or expression of the virulence factor, can be changed by physiological zinc levels. Moreover, the special

bacterium's effect on the epithelium (cytokine response to exposure of EAEC) can modify the EAEC pathogenesis in both in vivo and in vitro. These effects can be useful to explain the benefits of zinc in childhood diarrhea or malnutrition. The increasing of complexes activity can be demonstrating on the basis of chelation theory and Overtone's model theory [37]. The complex formation could, according to the chelation theory, lead to the crossing of a microorganism cell membrane. This is because chelation greatly decreases the polarity of the metal ion and allows the positive charge of metal to be partially shared with the donor groups, thus eventually improving the lipophilic existence of the chelated metal system, which performs its penetration ability through the lipid layer of microorganism cell membranes [38]. Furthermore, dithiocarbamate (dtc) and its complexes exhibit huge importance applications effect in biological system [39]. Nowadays the materials and industrial application of dithiocarbamate (dtc) species in environmental chemistry are considered promising candidates that could show multi-biological activity such as antibacterial, anticancer and antifungal [40]. The in vivo assay revealed that the treatment of infected rats skin with MIC for each compound and (OFX) antibiotic during 15 days and it was found to have marked effects (Significant at $P \leq 0.001$) on the number of *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Salmonella typhi* especially group four and five which showed more effectiveness than other groups and the number of bacteria was reduced significantly (when compared with antibiotic at $P \leq 0.001$) from 130×10^6 cell/mL and 120×10^6 cell/mL during the treatment days and these results are attributed to Zn-complex which has antibacterial activities. After the treatment for 15 days using the antibiotic ofloxacin and both compound at 50 g / kg contrition, the results showed that the skin of the infected rat could be cured by the tumor's disappearance, redness and disappearance of the pus from the affected area compared to control where the area of the infection remained wet and continuously scrubbed. Therefore, the results showed that Zn- complex is effective and preferable to use in the treatment of pathological injuries and against skin infections as shown in table (5) and figure (6). These findings agreed with literature which establish the fact that the existence of zinc ion in the prostatic secretion under this high

concentration which play a role as antibacterial polypeptides, can be so effective against (Gram-negative) and (Gram-positive) bacteria [37]. This effect of zinc is related to the capsule of (Gram-negative) and (Gram-positive) bacteria which have been tested by capsular stain and demonstrated the loss of capsule.

Conclusions

The preparation and characterization of zinc macrocyclic complex are described. Attempts to isolate the free ligand (dithiocarbamate) from the reaction were unsuccessful. The complex's bonding mode and overall structure effect were founded upon previously remarkable physico-chemical and spectroscopic techniques. These results revealed the synthesis of four coordinate complex (tetrahedral). The development of several antibiotic-resistant Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria in hospitals and community settings calls for novel treatment approaches. The present study was carried out to evaluate antibacterial activity of zinc macrocyclic complex and dithiocarbamate against the growth of some bacteria isolated from hospital. Antibiotic Sensitivity was performed for all isolated bacteria which were used in this study. Results showed a range of variation in antibacterial activity of both compounds against all tested bacteria and measuring the diameter of inhibition zone. Zinc macrocyclic complex had the greatest inhibitory effect followed by dithiocarbamate. The antimicrobial activity of each compound was examined practically (*in vivo*) by treating burns rats infected with tested bacteria (*Staphylococcus aureus* and *Salmonella typhi*), the results have shown good recovery at short time compared to that of antibiotic (OFX) which were used simultaneously.

Funding

"This research did not receive external funding"

Acknowledgments

We would like to thank staff of department of Biology\College of education\Sallahdin University for providing us all facilities to finish this research.

Conflicts of Interest

"The authors declare no conflict of interest."

Table 4. Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) of Pre-ligand and Zn- complex On bacterial species

Microorganism	MIC	
	Zn- complex	Schiff bases
<i>Staph. Aureus</i>	60	100
<i>Salmonella typhi</i>	50	80

Table 5. Numbers of Staphylococcus aureus and Salmonella typhi between the rats groups

Duration of treatment per day	Group(1) Control	Group(2) OFX Staph aureus	Group(3) OFX S.typhi	Group(4) Staph aureus Zn- complex. 50mg/ml	Group(5) S.typhi Zn- complex 50mg/ml	Group (6) Staph aureus Schiff bases 50mg/ml	Group(7) S.typhi Schiff bases 50mg/ml
3	0	140	160	130	120	180	170
6	0	120	110	72*	68*	70*	110
9	0	65	40	19*	12*	30*	50
12	0	30	0	0	2	20	35*
15	0	0	0	0	0	5	10

* Significant at $P \leq 0.001$.



Fig. 6. Rats appear to be infected with burns and a bacterial infection after treatment by Zn-complex.

References

- [1] Barbosa H. F., Attjioui M., Leitão A., Moerschbacher B. M. and Cavalheiro É. T. Characterization, solubility and biological activity of amphiphilic biopolymeric Schiff bases synthesized using chitosans. *Carbohydrate Polymers*, 220: 1-11 (2019).
- [2] Jayaraju A., Ahamad M. M., Rao R. M. and Sreeramulu J. Synthesis, characterization and biological evaluation of novel dithiocarbamate metal complexes. *J. Der. Pharma. Chemica.*, 4: 1191-1194(2012).
- [3] Altaf M., Monim-ul-Mehboob M., Kawde A. N., Corona G., Larcher R., Ogasawara M. and Aldinucci, D. New bipyridine gold (III) dithiocarbamate-containing complexes exerted a potent anticancer activity against cisplatin-resistant cancer cells independent of p53 status. *Oncotarget*, 8(1): 490 (2017).
- [4] Zahran M., Agwa H., Osman A., Hammad S., El-Aarag B., Ismail, N. and Gamal-Eldeen A. Synthesis and biological evaluation of phthalimide dithiocarbamate and dithioate derivatives as anti-proliferative and anti-angiogenic agents-I. *Europ. J. Chem.*, 8(4): 391-399 (2017).
- [5] Shah S. Q. and Khan M. R. Radiosynthesis and biological evaluation of the ^{99m}Tc -tricarbonyl moxifloxacin dithiocarbamate complex as a potential Staphylococcus aureus infection radiotracer. *Appl. Rad. Isotopes*, 69(4): 686-690 (2011).
- [6] Nieuwenhuizen P. J., Reedijk J., Van Duin M. and McGill, W. J. Thiuram-and dithiocarbamate-accelerated sulfur vulcanization from the chemist's perspective; methods, materials and mechanisms reviewed. *Rubber Chem. Technol.*, 70(3): 368-429 (1997).
- [7] Montegudo A. E., Palilonis M. A., Moore C. C., Huynh T., McKillop I. H. and Evans S. L. Pyrrolidine dithiocarbamate improves mortality in a rat model of severe hemorrhage. *J. Surg. Res.*, 179(1): e149-e155(2013).
- [8] Pasquet J., Chevalier Y., Pelletier J., Couval E., Bouvier D. and Bolzinger M. A. The contribution of zinc ions to the antimicrobial activity of zinc oxide. *Colloids and Surfaces A: Physicochemical and Engineering Aspects*, 457: 263-274(2014).
- [9] Wu C., Labrie J., Tremblay Y. D. N., Haine D., Mourez M. and Jacques M. Zinc as an agent for the prevention of biofilm formation by pathogenic bacteria. *J. Appl. Microbiol.*, 115(1): 30-40(2013).
- [10] Wadhwa B., Relhan V., Goel K., Kochhar A. M. and Garg V. K. Vitamin D and skin diseases: A review. *Indian J. Dermatol. Venereol. Leprol.*, 81(4): 344(2015).
- [11] Alsalihi E. I., Al-Fahdawi A. S. and Meena B. I. Synthesis and Characterization of Sodium Diphenylcarbomodithioate Ligand [L] and its Cobalt, Nickel, and Copper Complexes. *Aro-The Sci. J. Koya Univ.*, 5(2): 1-5(2017).
- [12] Al-Obeidi F. Z., Al-Fahdawi A. S. and Al-Jeboori M. J. Synthesis, Spectral Characterization and Biological Activity of Dithiocarbamate-based Ligand and its Metal Complexes. *J. Global Pharma Technol.*, 10(03): 699-710 (2018).
- [13] Al-Fahdawi A. and Alsalihi, E. Synthesis and Characterization of Iron (II), Cobalt (II), Nickel (II), Copper (II), and Zinc (II) Complexes Using Diphenylmethyl Xanthate Ligand. *Aro-The Sci. J. Koya Univ.*, 6(1): 33-37(2018).
- [14] Junaid S. A., Olabode A. O., Onwuliri F. C., Okwori A. E. J. and Agina S. E. The antimicrobial properties of Ocimum gratissimum extracts on some selected bacterial gastrointestinal isolates. *Afr. J. Biotechnol.*, 5(22): 1-5 (2006).
- [15] Polsfuss S., Bloemberg G. V., Giger J., Meyer V. and Hombach M. Comparison of European Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (EUCAST) and CLSI screening parameters for the detection of extended-spectrum β -lactamase production in clinical

- Enterobacteriaceae isolates. *J. Antimicrob. Chemother.*, 67(1): 159-166(2012).
- [16] Khayyal M. T., El-Ghazaly M. A. and El-Khatib A. S. Mechanisms involved in the anti-inflammatory effect of propolis extract. *Drugs under Exp. Clin. Res.*, 19(5): 197-203 (1993).
- [17] Ford M. (Ed.). *Medical microbiology*. Oxford University Press (2014).
- [18] Raman N., Mahalakshmi R. and Mitu L. Biosensitive activities of coordination compounds containing 1, 10-phenanthroline as co-ligand: synthesis, structural elucidation and DNA binding properties of metal (II) complexes. *Spectrochimica Acta Part A: Molecular and Biomolecular Spectroscopy*, 131: 355-364(2014).
- [19] Al-Fahdawi A., Al-Jeboori M. and Al-kafaji H., Formation of bimetallic bis (dithiocarbamate) macrocyclic complexes. Lap Lambert Academic Publishing, (2015).
- [20] Alsalihi E. and Al-Fahdawi A. Synthesis and Antibacterial Activity of Isatin Schiff Base Derivative with 3-Aminoacetophenone and its Ni (II), Co (II) Transition Metals Complexes. *Aro-The Sci. J. Koya Univ.*, 6(1): 38-45(2018).
- [21] Saleh S., Al-Timari U., Al-Fahdawi A., El-Khatatneh N. and Mahendra M. Synthesis, Characterization and Molecular Docking of Novel Quinoline and Pyridine Derivatives. *Oriental J. Chem.*, 33(6): 2713-2719 (2017).
- [22] Ewald A. H., Martin R. L., Ross I. G. and White A. H. Anomalous behaviour at the 6 A 1-2 T 2 crossover in iron (III) complexes. *Proceedings of the Royal Society of London. Series A. Mathemat. Phys. Sci.*, 280(1381): 235-257 (1964).
- [23] Shaheen F., Badshah A., Gielen M., Croce G., Florke U., de Vos D. and Ali S. In vitro assessment of cytotoxicity, anti-inflammatory, antifungal properties and crystal structures of metallacyclic palladium (II) complexes. *J. Organom. Chem.*, 695(3): 315-322(2010).
- [24] Oliver K., White A. J., Hogarth G. and Wilton-Ely J. D. Multimetallic complexes of group 10 and 11 metals based on polydentate dithiocarbamate ligands. *Dalton Transactions*, 40(22): 5852-5864(2011).
- [25] Ali I., Wani W. A., Saleem K. and Hseih M. F. Design and synthesis of thalidomide based dithiocarbamate Cu (II), Ni (II) and Ru (III) complexes as anticancer agents. *Polyhedron*, 56: 134-143(2013).
- [26] Sankarganesh M., Raja J. D., Jose P. R. A., Kumar G. G. V., Rajesh J. and Rajasekaran R. Spectroscopic, computational, antimicrobial, dna interaction, in vitro anticancer and molecular docking properties of biochemically active cu (II) and Zn (II) complexes of pyrimidine-ligand. *J. Fluorescence*, 28(4): 975-985(2018).
- [27] Agrawal, G. N. and Shevade S. U. Comparison of Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute 2008 and 2010 guidelines in interpreting susceptibility of enterobacteriaceae isolates. *Indian J. Pathol. Microbiol.*, 57(3): 518-523 (2014).
- [28] Anderson K. L. Is bacterial resistance to antibiotics an appropriate example of evolutionary change. *Creation Res. Soc. Quarterl.*, 41(4): 318-326(2005).
- [29] Erdogru O.T., Antibacterial activities of some plant extracts used in folk medicine. *Pharm. Biol.*, 40(4): 269-273(2002).
- [30] Sohnle P. G. and Hahn, B. L. Effect of zinc-reversible growth-inhibitory activity in human empyema fluid on antibiotic microbicidal activity. *Antimicrob. Agents Chemother.*, 44(1): 139-142(2000).
- [31] Medeiros P., Bolick D. T., Roche J. K., Noronha F., Pinheiro C., Kolling G. L. and Guerrant R. L. The micronutrient zinc inhibits EAEC strain 042 adherence, biofilm formation, virulence gene expression, and epithelial cytokine responses benefiting the infected host. *Virulence*, 4(7): 624-633 (2013).
- [32] Singh H. L., Singh J. B. and Bhanuka S. Synthesis, spectroscopic characterization, biological screening, and theoretical studies of organotin (IV) complexes of semicarbazone and thiosemicarbazones derived from (2-hydroxyphenyl)(pyrrolidin-1-yl) methanone. *Res. Chem. Intermed.*, 42(2): 997-1015(2016).
- [33] Yousif E. I., Ahmed R. M., Hasan H. A., Al-Fahdawi A. S. and Al-Jeboori M. J. Metal complexes of heterocyclic hydrazone schiff-bases: preparation, spectral characterisation and biological study. *Iranian J. Sci. Technol., Transactions A: Science*, 41(1): 103-109(2017).
- [34] Hogarth G. Metal-dithiocarbamate complexes: chemistry and biological activity. *Mini Rev. Med. Chem.*, 12(12): 1202-1215(2012).
- [35] Cvek B. and Dvorak Z. Targeting of nuclear factor- κ B and proteasome by dithiocarbamate complexes with metals. *Curr. Pharm. Design*, 13(30): 3155-3167 (2007).
- [36] Awang N., Baba I., Yamin B. M., Othman M. S. and Kamaludin N. F. Synthesis, characterization and biological activities of organotin (IV) methylcyclohexyldithiocarbamate compounds. *Am. J. Appl. Sci.*, 8(4): 310-316(2011).
- [37] Hussein B., Sabri M. and Mahmood E. H. The effect of zinc sulfate on the bacterial strains isolated from patients with chronic prostatitis. *Med. J. Babylon*, 5(2), 274-283(2008).
- [38] Abdel-Rahman A. E., Bakhite E. A. and Al-Taifi E. A. Synthesis and antimicrobial activity of new pyridothienopyrimidines and pyridothienotriazines. *J. Chinese Chem. Soc.*, 49(2): 223-231(2002).
- [39] Hogarth G. Metal-dithiocarbamate complexes: chemistry and biological activity. *Mini Rev. Med. Chem.*, 12(12): 1202-1215(2012).
- [40] Pandeya S. N., Sriram D., Nath G. and De Clercq E. Synthesis and antimicrobial activity of Schiff and Mannich bases of isatin and its derivatives with pyrimidine. *Il Farmaco*, 54(9): 624-628 (1999).

تحضير ودراسة ((N, N`-(ethane-1,2-diyl)bis(1-phenyl methanimine) ومشتقاتها المعقدة مع دراسة بيولوجية بكتيرية في الجسم الحي وفي المختبر

عيد صالح الفهداوي¹، سوسن محمد السورجي²، صهيب عيد صالح³، مروان محمود صالح⁴

¹قسم الكيمياء، كلية التربية للبنات، جامعة الأنبار، العراق

²قسم علوم الحياة، كلية التربية، جامعة صلاح الدين، العراق

³وزارة التربية، مديرية تربية الأنبار، العراق

⁴كلية العلوم التطبيقية، جامعة الأنبار، العراق

الخلاصة

في هذا البحث تم تحضير ودراسة الفعالية البيولوجية لمركب قاعدة شيف والذي تم تحضير منه ليكاند من نوع ثنائي (ثاني الكاربميت) والذي أعطى معقدا عند تفاعله مع أيون الزنك ثنائي التكافؤ. ومن خلال القياسات الفيزيائية-الكيميائية مثل درجة الانصهار وتقيده الأشعة فوق البنفسجية والمرئية وطيف الأشعة تحت الحمراء وتقنيات الرنين النووي المغناطيسي وطيف الكتلة وبعض التقنيات التحليلية الأخرى اقترح للمعقد شكلا (رباعي السطوح). علاوة على ذلك، أجريت الدراسة الحالية لتقييم الفعالية المضادة للبكتيريا لمركب لمركب قاعدة شيف ومعقد الزنك ضد خمس سلالات من البكتيريا (*Staphylococcus aureus*، *Escherichia coli*، *Lacto bacillus*، *Klebsiella Pneumoniae*، و *Salmonella typhi*). تشير نتائج فحص مضادات الميكروبات إلى أن قواعد شيف يمكن أن تظهر نشاطا كبيرا ضد *Staphylococcus aureus*، *Escherichia coli*، *Klebsiella pneumoniae* و *Salmonella typhi*. تم فحص النشاط المضاد للبكتيريا لكل مركب عمليا (في الجسم الحي) عن طريق علاج حروق الفئران المصابة بالبكتيريا المختبرية (*Staphylococcus aureus*) و (*Salmonella typhi*)، وقد أظهرت النتائج علامات الشفاء الجيد في وقت قصير إذا ما قورنت بالمضاد الحيوي (Ofloxacin (OFX المستخدم في نفس الوقت. وانخفض عدد البكتيريا بشكل ملحوظ ($P \geq 0.001$) خلال أيام العلاج. علاوة على ذلك، أظهرت النتائج أن معقد Zn فعال في علاج الأمراض الجلدية المختلفة. يفضل استخدامه في علاج الإصابات المرضية وضد الالتهابات الجلدية الأخرى.