



SYNTHESIS, SPECTROSCOPIC AND MICROSCOPIC STUDIES OF METAL COMPLEXES OF SCHIFF BASE DERIVATIVES (2-CARBOXYBENZALDEHYDE SEMICARBAZONE, 3-METHYL 2-THIOPHENE CARBOXALDEHYDE SEMICARBAZONE) AND ITS NANOPARTICLES

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ABSTRACT

Schiff base ligands and its corresponding copper, nickel and silver complexes were synthesized. Ligand (L1) 2-carboxybenzaldehyde semicarbazone has been prepared using semicarbazide and carboxybenzaldehyde; ligand (L2) 3-methyl 2-thiophene carboxaldehyde semicarbazone is prepared by semicarbazide and 3-methyl-2-thiophene carboxaldehyde. The composition of Ni(II) and Cu(II) were synthesized as complexes $M(L1)_x(H_2O)_2$. Silver [Ag(I)] complex was synthesized with the ligand composition $[Ag_2(L1)_2(H_2O)_2](NO_3)_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ and its nanoparticles (M-Nps) were also prepared using a plant extract, a green approach. The octahedral geometry for Ni(II), tetragonal geometry for Cu(II) complexes and tetrahedral structure for Ag complex was shown in spectral studies. Complexes with L2 have general composition $[M(L2)_2X_2]$, where M = Ni(II) and Cu(II), X = Cl^- , NO_3^- , CH_3COO^- and $\frac{1}{2}SO_4^{2-}$ for both ligand M-complexes. On the basis of above spectral studies, an octahedral geometry has been assigned for Ni(II) complexes and tetragonal geometry for Cu(II) complexes except $[Cu(L2)_2SO_4]$ which possesses five coordinated trigonal bipyramidal geometry. Furthermore, elementary analytical, IR, Mass, 1H NMR techniques were used to characterize the ligand and metal complexes while for Silver nanoparticles, electron microscopy studies were performed. Also, we reported a green method for synthesis of their nanoparticles using nutmeg plant extract.

KEYWORDS: Synthesis, characterization, Cu, Ni and Nobel Metal Ag (I) complex of 2-Carboxybenzaldehyde semicarbazone, 3-methyl 2-thiophene carboxaldehyde semicarbazone, Nanoparticles, Environment friendly cleaner approach.

INTRODUCTION

Metal compounds with Schiff base ligands represents the significant class of compounds to produce and study spectral and analytical data for the development of novel metal NPs. Schiff bases have played a special role as chelating ligands in main group and transition metal coordination chemistry because of their stability under a variety of redox conditions and because imine ligands are borderline Lewis bases (De Souza et al., 2003). The important physical and biological properties of the Schiff bases are directly related to intermolecular hydrogen bonding and proton transfer equilibria (Przybylski et al., 2002). Schiff bases also offer opportunities for inducing substrate chirality, tuning metal-centered electronic factors and enhancing the solubility and stability of homogenous or heterogeneous catalysts (Kannan and Ramesh, 2005). Transition metals are involved in many biological processes which are essential to life process.

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and the transmission of proton balance (Przybylski *et al.*, 2002). The Schiff bases also provide the opportunity for induction of sub-shaped chirality, the adjustment of electronic parameters centring on metals and increasing the solubility and stability of homogeneous or heterogeneous catalysts (Kannan and Ramesh, 2005).

Furthermore, tetradentate and tridentate Schiff base complexes are increasingly important for designing metal complexes related to synthetic and natural oxygen carriers. Copper complexes of tridentate Schiff base type especially with dimeric units are considered as bioinorganic model compounds.

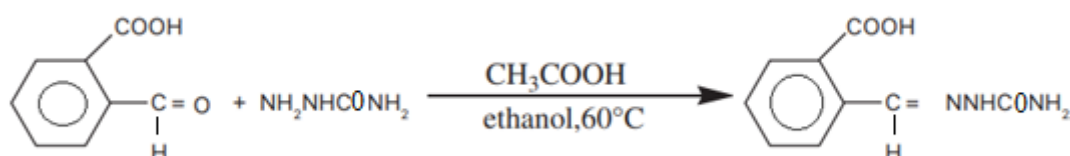
Transition metals are seen as fundamental to the life process in many biological systems. Metals can coordinate protein with O- or N-terminals in different models.

In recent years, many classes of indole derivative chemicals have been intensively investigated. Many of them have important biological characteristics, such as antibacterial and analgesic.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The analytical grade (AR) and maximum purity of all chemicals used were available. This contained semicarbazide, carboxybenzaldehyde, Semicarbazide hydrochloride, sodium acetate, 3-methyl-2-thiophene carboxaldehyde and silver(I)nitrate Ni(II)chloride, Cu(II) chloride, copper acetate or nickel acetate, ethanol, nutmeg plant extract. (Merck)

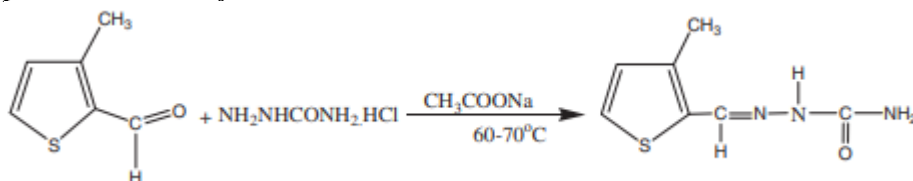
Synthesis of Ligands and metal complexes 2-Carboxybenzaldehyde semicarbazone.



Semicarbazide (0.115 g, 0.01 mole) alcoholic solution (20 mL) was taken in the round bottom flask with carboxybenzaldehyde (1.50, 0.01 mol), refluxed for 7-8 hours at 75 °C, yellow colored precipitate was isolated after cooling. The precipitate have been removed, washed with cold EtOH and vacuum dried on P₄O₁₀.

Melting point observed as 220⁰ C with 67% yield. Elemental processing was used to verify the purity of the ligand. The ligand synthesis is presented (Fig 1), followed by metal complexes and its nanoparticles. C₇H₅N₃O₃: Elemental Analysis: C;45.90 (45.87) H;4.91(4.86), N;22.95 C (found) (%) (22.89).

3-methyl 2-thiophene carboxaldehyde semicarbazone



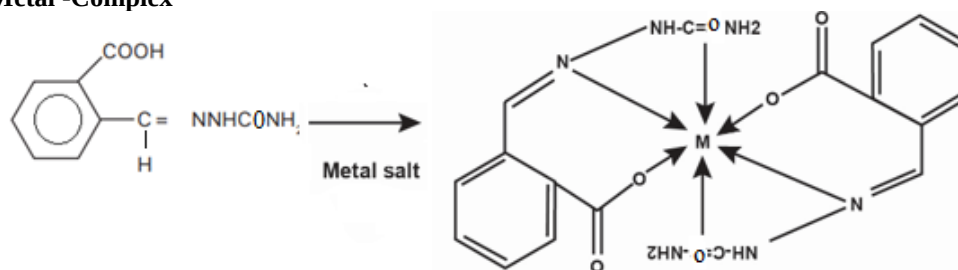
Synthesis and characterization of ligand(L) An aqueous solution in 20 mL of semicarbazide hydrochloride (1.11 g, 0.01 M) and sodium acetate (0.82 g, 0.01 M) of water was taken in a round bottom flask. To this solution 3-methyl-2-thiophene carboxaldehyde (1.17 mL, 0.01 M) was added drop wise with constant stirring. On cooling, brown colored crystals were precipitated out. Those were filtered off, washed with cold EtOH, and dried under vacuum over P₄O₁₀. Yield (67%), Melting point 183 C. The purity of the ligand was checked by elemental analysis. Synthesis of ligand is given in (Scheme 1). Elemental analysis calculated (found) (%) for C₇H₉N₃OS: C; 45.90(45.87) H; 4.91(4.86), N; 22.95 (22.89). Preparation of the complexes A hot ethanolic solution (15 mL, 0.001 mol) of ligand was taken in a round bottom flask and heated for about 10 min at 70 C to make the clear solution. Then hot ethanolic solution

(15 mL, 0.001 mol) of the corresponding metal salt was added with continuous stirring and the resulting solution was refluxed for about 12– 15 h. The resulting solid product was filtered off, washed several times with ethanol, and dried in vacuum over P₄O₁₀.

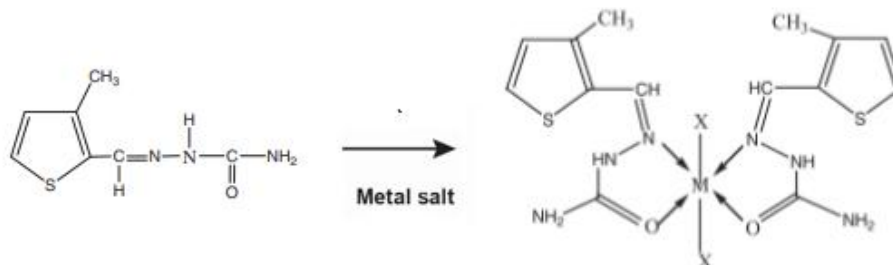
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The round bottom flask was taken with a hot ethanol solution of 15 mL (0,001 mol) and heated at 70⁰ C for around 10 min to form a clear solution. The resulting metal salt was then heated under reflux with continuous stirring in hot ethanol solution (15 mL, 0.001 mol) for approximately 12 to 15 h. The solid substance was precipitated when cooled at room temperature. The solid product obtained after filtration is washed several times with ethanol and vacuum dried over P₄O₁₀.

Ligand1-Metal -Complex



Ligand 2-Metal-Complex



Synthesis of nanoparticles using nutmeg plant extract (M-Nu Nps)

An eco-friendly green approach in Figure for the synthesis of nanoscale particles of Ni,Cu Ag-Nu at room temperature would be used. Suitable quantity of powdered plant parts would be extracted in fixed

quantity of hot water and will then use to carry out the reaction with Metal salt. The plant extract would work as a reducing and capping agent and prepare the nanoparticles with the indication of color changes from pale yellow to dark brown.

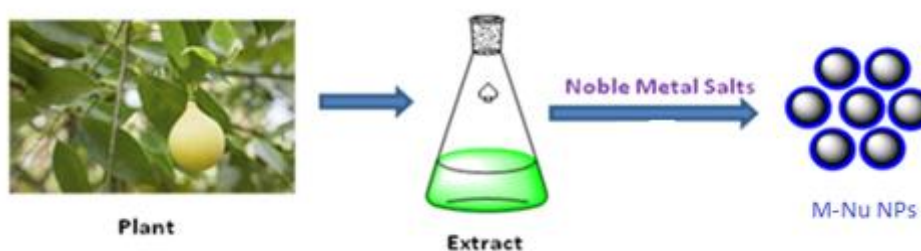


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Analysis Instruments

MALDI MS - ABI Sciex 5800 TOF/ TOF System with LC-MALDI, FT-IR/ Raman Spectrometer with Microscope - Varian 7000 FTIR, Varian FT-Raman and Varian 600 UMA, Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) Spectrometer Bruker Model EMX MicroX, Elemental analysis Energy Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence (EDXRF) Spectrometer – PANalytical Epsilon 5. Transmission electron microscope (tem) Jeol 2100F, and scanning electron microscope (sem) Zeiss EVO 40, Transmission electron microscope (tem) Jeol 2100F, and scanning electron microscope (sem) Zeiss EVO 40.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Metal complexes were produced by reaction of respective metal salts and ligand. The metal complexes were sparingly soluble in water, ethanol, acetone and most organic solvents, but completely soluble in DMSO and DMF. The stability of the complexes was shown by

a larger melting point than the free ligand. Analytically, all the complexes possessed 1:1 metal to ligand stoichiometry, confirmed by elemental analysis.

Elemental studies were carried out on the schiff base. Table shows the effects of elementary analysis, molecular formulas and melting points. The results obtained correspond well to those estimated for the proposed formula. IR and HNMR spectra also validate the configurations of schiffs bases. Mass spectral results validate the ligand's composition as shown by its molecular mass peaks.

The synthesised compounds have been tested at a room temperature and molar conductance values of 10^{-3} M DMSO. The synthesized compounds' conductance values were below $50 \text{ Ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$, suggesting their non-electrolytic properties. This indicated that no anions were present beyond the coordination sphere of the complexes.

Table 1: The results obtained correspond well to those estimated for the proposed formula.

Sl no	Metal complex with ligand	Colour	M. Wt	M P ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	Molar conductance ($\text{X}^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mol}^{-1}$)	Yield (%)	Elemental analyses data (%) calculated (found) M C H N
1.	L1: $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$	Off white	207	188	----- --	70	----- 48.43 (48.22) 4.03 (4.08) 18.83 (18.67)
a.	[ML]: Ligand 1 [Ag ₂ (L) ₂ (H O) ₂] (NO ₃) ₂ . 4H ₂ O $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{O}_3\text{Ag}$	Metallic Grey	314	>300	14.34	69	28.86(28.73) 3.01 (3.12) 8.41 (8.45) 21.62 (21.68)
b.	[Ni L Cl(H ₂ O) ₂] $\text{NiC}_9\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{Cl}$	Grey green	346	280	12	60	16.66 (16.62) 30.60(30.57) 2.27 (2.24) 11.92 (11.88)
c.	[CuLCl(H ₂ O) ₂] $\text{CuC}_9\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5\text{Cl}$	Brown	351	280	15	67	17.78 (17.71) 30.25 (30.23) 2.24 (2.20) 11.76(11.66)
2.	L2: $\text{C}_7\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{OS}$	Brown	183	178	-----	67	----- 45.90 (45.87) 4.91 (4.86) 22.95 (22.89)
a.	[ML]: Ligand 2 [Ni(L) ₂ (Cl) ₂] $\text{NiC}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_6\text{O}_2\text{S}_2\text{Cl}_2$	Green	498	276	18	57	11.84 (11.77) 33.89 (33.82) 3.63 (3.60) 16.94 (16.89)
b.	[Ni(L) ₂ (NO ₃) ₂] $\text{NiC}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_8\text{O}_8\text{S}_2$	Brown	549	298	21	54	10.69 (10.63) 30.61 (30.57) 3.28 (3.24) 20.41 (20.37)
c.	[Cu(L) ₂ (CH ₃ COO) ₂] $\text{CuC}_{18}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_6\text{O}_6\text{S}_2$	Brown	547	300	22	60	11.59 (11.51) 39.45 (39.41) 4.38 (4.35) 15.34 (15.29)

Mass Spectra of Ligand 1

Mass spectra of the ligands [Figure: 3 and 4] give the important information regarding the proposed formula of the synthesized compounds. Mass spectra of ligands L1 and L2 show a molecular ion peak at $m/z = 251$ and 184 amu corresponding to species $[\text{C}_9\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3]^+$. Figure: 4 gives detail information of the fragments observed in the MS. These values favour the proposed formulae of the ligands under study.

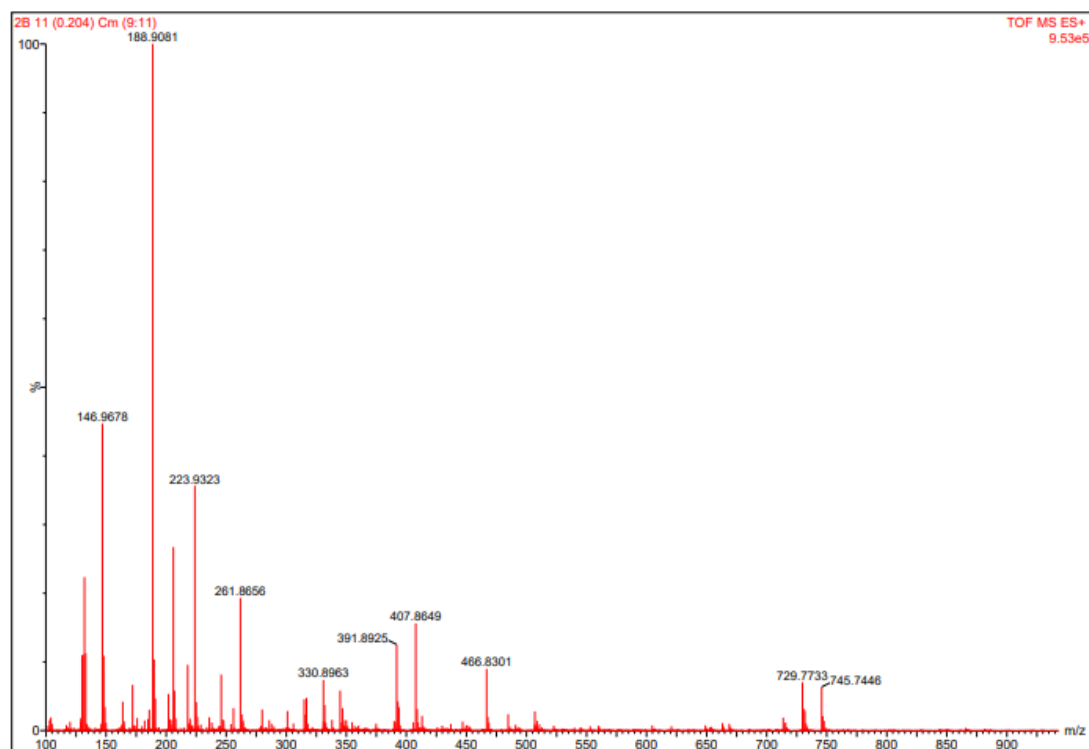


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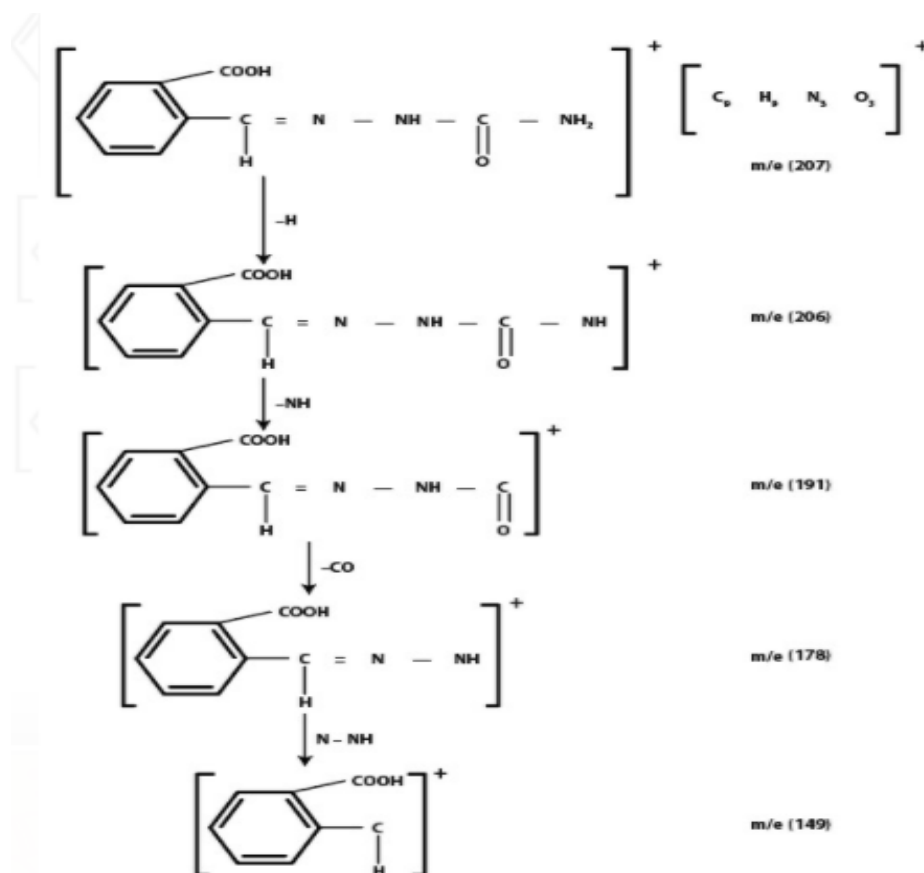


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Mass Spectra of Ligand 2

The peak (Fig. 4) obtained at 184 corresponds to molecular ion peak (M)⁺. Atomic mass of molecule is calculated as 184 amu for molecular formula

[C₇H₉N₃OS]⁺. Large number of peaks of varying intensity present in the spectrum corresponds to 169, 166, 140, 125 and 84 fragments generated during the analysis.

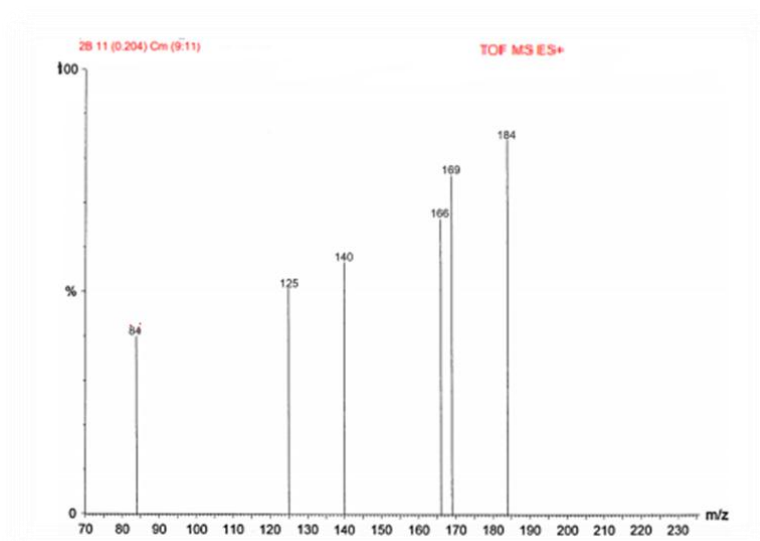


Figure 4.

¹H NMR of Ligands

¹H NMR of ligands (L1 and L2) was done in DMSO on 44–300 MHz NMR. In ¹H NMR of ligands (L1 and L3) [Figure 1 and Figure 2], the aromatic proton appears as a set of singlet, doublet, and multiplet in the range 7.40–8.78 ppm. The NH₂ and NH protons are confirmed by their D₂O spectra. All the protons are found in their expected region.

The HNMR spectra of the free ligand [2], 5-methylene protons at 4.3 ppm and the azomethine proton at 8.1 and 8.9, in case of ligands L and HL, respectively. The phenolic OH proton has a signal at 10.7–12 ppm in case, whereas in case of ligand L2 the signals due to NH and CH of the indole moiety appear at 12.1 and 8.7 ppm, respectively.

Table: 2.

Ligand	Carboxylic COOH	CH of the ring	NH	NH ₂	CH	CH=N	Aromatic protons
δ, ppm L1	10.4	4.1	12.1	7.34-7.38	8.7	8.1	7.40-8.78
δ, ppm L2	-----	3.06	12.29	8.08-8.10	8.5	7.91	7.40-8.78
δ, ppm L2	3.02 (-CH ₃)	7.72 (-thiophene ring)	8.29 (-NHCO)	8.08 (-NH ₂)			

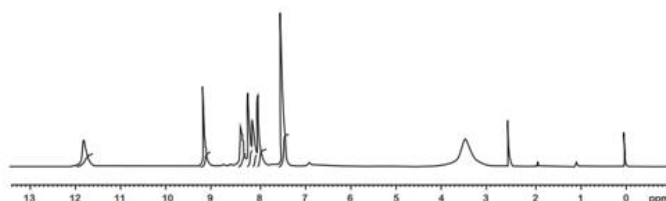
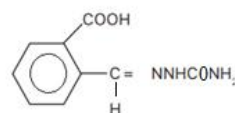


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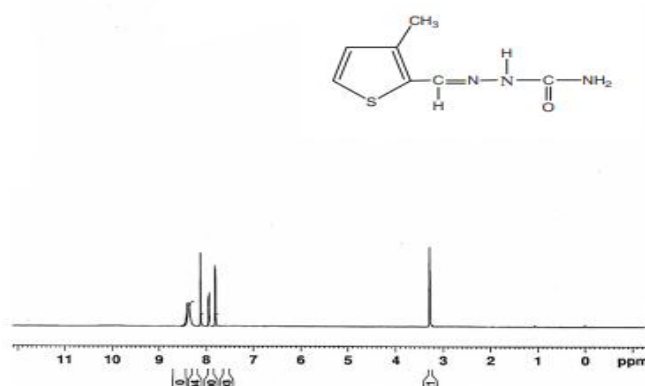


Figure 6.

Infrared Spectra: The significant IR bands of the ligand and their metal complex is given in Table 2.

The spectra of all studied complexes show a broad band in the range 3157-3500 cm^{-1} assigned to $\nu(\text{OH})$, suggesting the presence of water molecules. The bands due to $\nu(\text{CSO})$ and $\nu(\text{CS}) + \nu(\text{CN})$ at 673-889 cm^{-1} and 1023-1049 cm^{-1} respectively, in the free ligand either shifted or split, indicating the participation of the S atom in complex formation (Casas *et al.* 1995). Moreover, coordination of the azomethine N to the metal ion is suggested by the shift of the $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ band (Kovala-Demertzi *et al.* 2001). The N-bonding is also indicated by

the shift of the strong bands at 1234 cm^{-1} in case of this spectra, assignable to a (C-N-C) mode (Casas *et al.* 1995, Fabretti and Peyronel 1978), to high or lower frequencies in their complexes. The M-L complex show significant shifts to lower frequencies for $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ band, suggesting coordination of the metal ion through the carbonyl oxygen atom (Casas *et al.* 1995). The strong phenolic $\nu(\text{C}-\text{O})$ band (Chatterjee and Ghosh 1998) at 1202 cm^{-1} in the free L ligand is shifted towards lower wave numbers in its complexes, consistent with 1:2 coordination via the deprotonated phenolic oxygen (Jayabalakrishnan and Natarajan 2001).

IR spectra

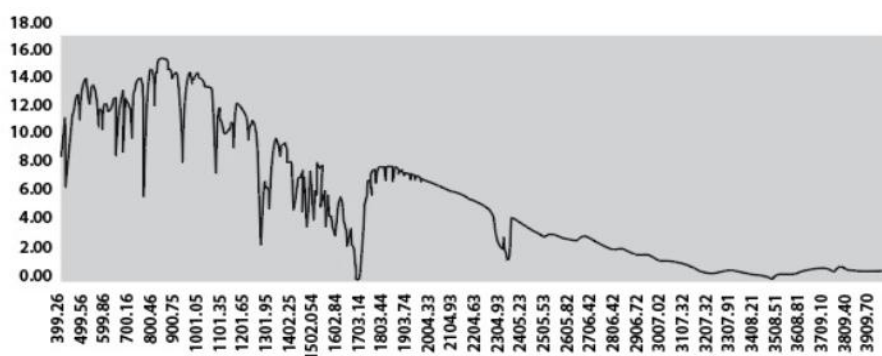


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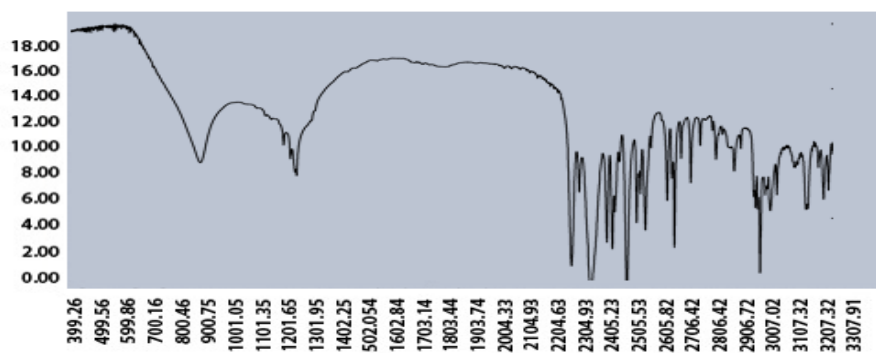


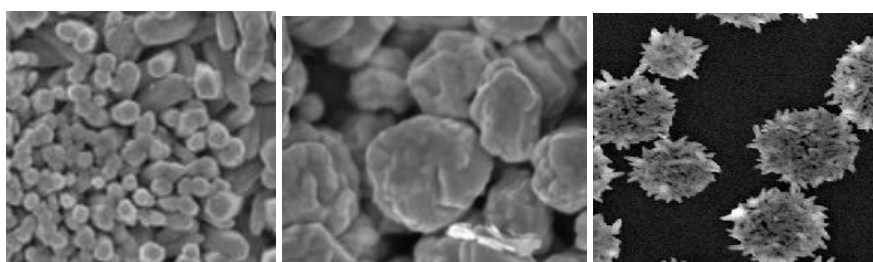
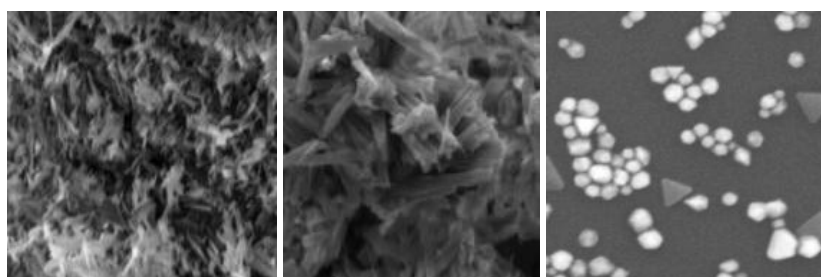
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Table 3.

Bond	Functional groups containing the bond	Absorption range (In wavenumbers/cm ⁻¹)	Appearance of peak (s=strong,w=weak)
C=N	Azomethine	1606	s
COO ⁻	Carboxylate ion	1577–1638	υ asym
COO ⁻	carboxylato group monodentate binding with Ag metal	167–243	w
M-O	Metal complex with oxygen stretching vibration	507–525	w
M-N	Metal complex with nitrogen stretching vibration	437–466	w
H ₂ O	coordinated water molecules	3310–3473	W
NO ₃ ⁻	Metal nitrate complex	1401-1476	w
CH ₃ COO	The acetateanions	1474, 1460	w

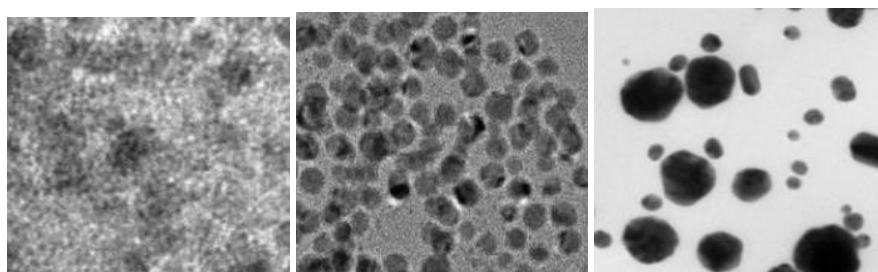
SEM analysis

The given figure 9 and 10 , presents SEM image of Ni (II),Cu(II) and Ag(I)Nps.(1μm).
M-L-Nps with L1 and L2 respectively:

Figure 9 : ML₁Nps ; Ni SEM image Cu SEM image Ag SEM image.Figure 10: ML₂Nps ; Ni SEM image Cu SEM image Ag SEM image.**TEM analysis****TEM Analysis**

The size and morphology of the as-prepared Ni, Cu and Ag NPs were characterized using TEM as shown in

Figure 10 and 11 for L₁ and L₂ which demonstrated the formation of irregular Cu and Ni NPs with average size of 25, 27 and regular and 28 nm, respectively.

Figure 10: ML₁Nps: Ni TEM image Cu TEM image Ag TEM image.

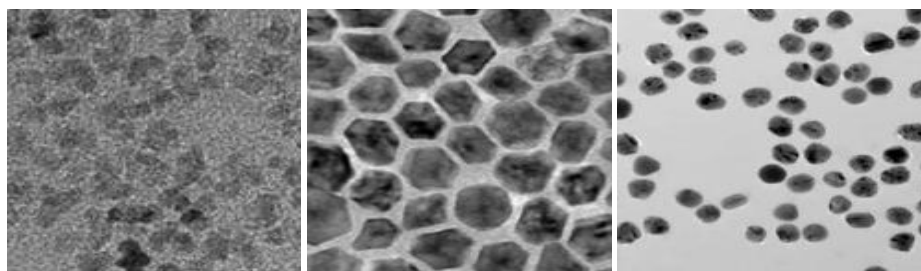


Figure 11: ML₁Nps: Ni TEM image Cu TEM image Ag TEM image.

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