

# Synthesis, Characterization and Antimicrobial Studies Of A Schiff Base Derived From 1,8 Diaminonaphthalene And 2-Hydroxy-1- Naphthaldehyde With Its Metal Complexes

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**Abstract :** The metal complexes of Mn(II), Hg(II), Pb(II), Cd(II), Fe(III) and Cr(III) have been synthesized from a Schiff base ligand (HL) derived from the condensation of 2- hydroxy-1-naphthaldehyde with 1,8 diaminonaphthalene. The compounds were characterized by elemental analysis, M.pt, IR and <sup>1</sup>HNMR. The elemental analysis revealed a 1:2 molar ratio (amine:aldehyde) for the ligand (HL) and 1:1 molar ratio (M:L) for the complexes. The IR spectra showed the azomethine (>C=N) bond around 1624 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the ligand. This was shifted to higher frequencies in the complexes. The doublet signals in the range δ10.08-10.82 ppm in the <sup>1</sup>HNMR of the ligand is assigned to the azomethine proton (>C=N) group. The multiplet signals in the range δ6.30-8.90 ppm, indicated aromatic proton. The synthesized compounds were assayed for antibacterial activity against some pathogenic bacteria such as Gram positive: *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*) and two Gram negative (*Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*) and two fungi (*Aspergillus niger* and *Candida albicans*) using filter paper disc agar diffusion method.

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