



## Characterization, Antimicrobial and Antitumor Investigation for Substituted Cyclodiphosph(V) azane sulfa medicines and their Transition Metal Complexes.

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### Abstract

A ligand of geminal cyclodiphosph(V)azane derivatives, 1,3-di-[N-2,6-dimethoxy-4-pyrimidylsulfanilamide]-2-sulfanilamidopyrimidine]-2,4-dichlorocyclo-diphosph(V)azane(H<sub>4</sub>L) was prepared. The ligand was reacted with several transition metals such as ferric (III), manganese (II), cobalt (II), copper (II), zinc (II) and cadmium (II) chlorides and uranium (II) nitrate in a 1:2; L: M mole ratio to produce colorful complexes in a good yield. Diffraction investigations approaches were used to analyze the ligand and its transition metal complexes, including elemental composition and UV-vis, infrared spectra (IR), <sup>1</sup>H NMR, magnetic susceptibility, molar conductance, solid reflectance, thermal analysis, and X-ray powder diffraction investigations. The ligand has an ionic character and coordinates with the metal ions via enolic OH of the sulphonamide group and pyrimidine-N according to the spectrum data. Data on molar conductance reveals that the complexes were electrolytes, according to UV-vis, magnetic moment, and solid reflectance. It has been shown that the complexes have octahedral geometry. The antibacterial activity of the ligand as well as its metal complexes ranged from high to medium against different fungi as well as strains of bacteria, and also demonstrated an anticancer effect against colon carcinoma HCT116.

**Keywords:** sulfa drugs; cyclodiphosph(V)azane derivatives; colon carcinoma; standard cancer cell lines.

### 1. Introduction

In the periodic table of elements, no congeners create more structurally diverse compounds than nitrogen and phosphorus [1]. Single, double, and triple bonds can be formed by these nonmetals. It was also because of the strength of the P–N bonds, which make most phosphorus–nitrogen compounds extremely thermally stable [2]. The P–Cl connection, as well as the relative geometry of phosphorus substituents, have been the subject of much of the previous research [1, 2]. Other researchers discussed the compounds' potential as very flexible ligands and macrocyclic precursors in subsequent years [3, 4]. Utility of these compounds for a number of industrial and chemical applications as flame retardants sparked [5]. Sulfonamide complex compounds are frequently employed as anti-inflammatory, antifungal, and hypoglycemic medications. Sulfonamide base ligands' pharmacology and toxicity can be altered by metal complexes. The ability of sulfonamide cyclodiphosphazanes to form more physiologically

active complexes has been explored [6–8]. Sulfonamide is a generic name for derivatives of para-aminobenzene sulfonamide which possess enormous efficient bioactivities such as antiangiogenic [7,8], antitumor [9], anti-inflammatory and anti-analgesic [10]. Sulphonamides belong to the group of antibacterial drugs, which are used for human and animal therapy, to cure infectious diseases of digestive and respiratory systems, affections of the skin (in the form of ointments) and for prevention or therapy of coccidiosis of small domestic animals [11,12]. Quality control of sulfonamide formulations and their quick systematic monitoring in body fluids are important analytical tasks. A number of articles have been published concerning the determination of sulfonamides by different analytical methods. Sulfamerazine is one of the well-known and widely used sulfonamide antibacterial drugs to treat bacterial disease in human and animals like cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry [11,12]. Transition metal complexes are

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quite well known for their ability to speed up a therapeutic agent's action and efficiency. Complexation has proven to be a beneficial strategy for increasing the biological activities of ligands. A medicinal agent's action and efficiency can often be improved by coordinating with a metal ion. The current work seeks to construct substituted hexachlorocyclodiphosph(V)azane of sulfadimethoxine H<sub>2</sub>L in continuation of our interest in preparing hexachlorocyclodiphosph(V)azane of sulfa medicines. The interaction of these ligands with transition metal ions was studied. A number of physicochemical approaches were used to characterize the produced compounds. The synthesized ligands and their complexes were also tested for biological and anticancer activities.

## 2. Experimental:

### 2.1. Reagents

Aldrich or BDH provided all of the chemicals. They were purified when required. Standard techniques were used to purify the solvents [10].

2.2. Synthesis of 1,3-di-[N-2,6-dimethoxy-4-pyrimidnysulfanilamide]-2,4-di-2-sulfanilamidopyrimidine]-2,4-dichlorocyclodiphosph(V)azane (H<sub>4</sub>L) ligand.

1,3-di-[N-2,6-dimethoxy-4-pyrimidnysulfanilamide]-2,2,2,4,4,4-hexachlorocyclodiphosph(V)azane (H<sub>2</sub>L) was synthesized in previous work [11] and used by Chapman et al. [12] and Kirzanov and Zhumurova [13] by condensation of PCl<sub>5</sub> and sulfamethoxazole in dry benzene for 3hrs. During half an hour, small amounts of mono silver sulfadiazine [mono silver-2-sulfanilamidopyrimidine] (7.143 g, 0.02 mole) were introduced to a well stirred cold solution of H<sub>2</sub>L (8.056 g, 0.01 mol) in 100 ml of acetonitrile in a quick fit flask. After completion of the addition, reflux was applied to the reaction mixtures for three hours. As shown in scheme 1, filtration was used to separate the solid products, which were then refined by washing with acetonitrile, diethyl ether, and vacuum drying over anhydrous CaCl<sub>2</sub> to provide the corresponding substituted cyclodiphosphazane of sulfa drug H<sub>4</sub>L.

### 2.3. Synthesis of the complexes

At room temperature, a solution of metal salts of ferric, manganese, cobalt, copper, zinc and cadmium chloride and uranium nitrate respectively (10 mmol) in 50 ml dry well-stirred ethanol was dropped into an H<sub>4</sub>L ligand -based solution (5 mmol) in 100 ml dry

ethanol. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux for two hours, the temperature of the reaction mixture was kept constant. The products were separated and washed in ethanol and diethyl ether numerous times before being vacuum dried. Produce metal complexes from (1-7) Table 1 summarizes the information data for complexes.

### 2.4. Instrumentation

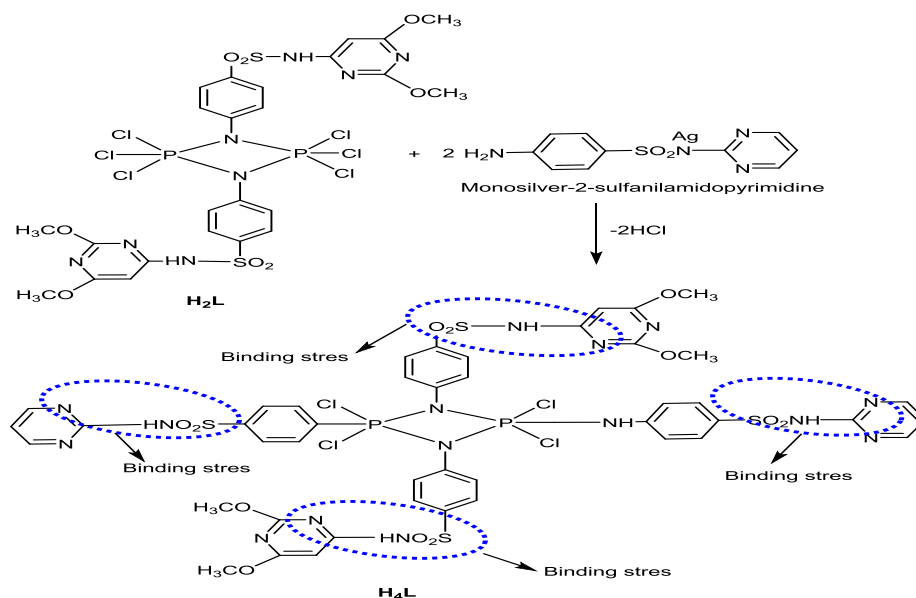
At Cairo University's Microanalytical Center, microanalytical determinations (C, H, N, S, and P) were made. The infrared spectrum was recorded using a Perkin-Elmer spectrometer. Model 437 infrared spectrophotometer (400–4000cm<sup>-1</sup>) (KBr technique). A Pruker FT-400MHZ spectrophotometer was used to measure <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) without employing an internal standard. A Shimadzu PC 3101 spectrophotometer was used to measure the electronic spectra. On a Sherwood Scientific Magnetic Susceptibility Balance, the magnetic susceptibilities of the solid-state complexes have been measured using the Faraday technique. In a nitrogen environment, on a Shimadzu-50H, thermal gravimetric measurements (TGA) have been recorded. utilized thermal analyzer. A Perkin-Elmer Lambda 3B Ultraviolet-vis spectrophotometer was used to measure the UV-vis spectra. Mass spectra were recorded using a direct insertion probe (DIP) on a Shimadzu-Ge-Ms-QP 100 EX mass spectrometer (Japan) at temperatures ranging from 50 to 800 degrees Celsius. At room temperature, an Empress X-ray diffractometer was used to record X-ray diffraction (25oC). The device was operated at 45 KV and 30 mA, with a Cu target (CuK radiation). Using normal EDTA titration, the metal concentration was calculated complexometrically [14]. The phosphorus level was measured using phosphoammonium molybdate gravimetrically [15]. Antimicrobial activity was investigated using DMF as a solvent at the Fermentation Biotechnology and Applied Microbiology (FERM-BAM) Center. The diffusion agar technique was used to carry out the experiment. [16]. At Cairo University's National Cancer Institute, Cancer Biology Department, the compounds' potential cytotoxicity was assessed on the HCT116 cell line using the method of Skehan et al. (1990) [17].

## 3. Results and discussion

### 3.1. Characterization of the ligand

Hexachlorocyclodiphosph(V)azane derivative of 1,3-di-[N-2,6-dimethoxy-4-pyrimidnysulfanilamide]-2,4-di-2-sulfanilamidopyrimidine]-2,4-dichlorocyclodiphosph(V)azane ( $H_4L$ ) was synthesized. As shown in scheme 1, the analytical findings show the structure of the prepared ligand ( $H_4L$ ). The cyclodiphosphazane free ligand was subjected to elemental analysis. The results of elemental analysis were shown in Table 1, together with molecular formulae and melting points. The results obtained were quite comparable to those obtained using the proposed formula. The melting temperatures of the produced ligand were extremely

high, suggesting its purity. In the UV-vis spectra of the free ligand in (103-M) DMF as a solvent, the absorption band at 268 nm displays electron delocalization inside the dimeric structure of the ligand's phosphazo four-membered ring [18-19]. In addition, the ligand spectra show another absorption peak at 300 nm, which is indicative of the  $\pi$ - $\pi^*$  transition [20]. When one Cl atom was replaced by one molecule of sulfa medications in both locations of the dimeric structure of the ligand  $H_4L$ , the band was moved to a lower wavelength (max = 270 nm) in comparison to the original ligand  $H_2L$ . Table 4



Scheme 1 Synthesis of 1,3-di-[N-2,6-dimethoxy-4-pyrimidnysulfanilamide] 2,4-di-2-sulfanilamidopyrimidine]2,4dichlorocyclodiphosph(V)azane ( $H_4L$ ) free ligand.

The  $H_4L$  free ligand's  $^1H$  NMR spectra in DMSO- $d_6$  shows a broad signal. This ligand's  $SO_2NH$  appears at = 3.80–5.60 ppm, indicating that a silver ion of the silver sulfadiazine is replaced by a H atom during the substitution reaction. Furthermore, aromatic proton signals in their expected locations doubled by roughly 6.91- 7.66 ppm for  $H_4L$  [21,22]. The signal, which may be observed at 3.53 ppm, is created by  $OCH_3$  protons. According to estimates, heterocyclic protons can be found at 8.64, 7.02, and 8.51 ppm [6] as shown in Fig.1.

The structure of the free ligand of the substituted cyclodiphosph(V) azane sulfa medications was also validated by IR spectra. The stretching vibration bands characteristic of (P–N) were visible in the unbound ligand's IR spectra at  $1153\text{ cm}^{-1}$  [23]. The ligand also has two bands at  $1090$  and  $1321\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which are ascribed to the sym. $SO_2$  and asym. $SO_2$  stretching vibrations alternately. At  $3422\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , there

are bands that are characteristic of an NH ligand for  $H_4L$ . In addition, the ligand spectrum revealed a novel band at  $1585\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which is caused by (C=N) diazine ring vibrational bands [24]. Furthermore, when one Cl atom was replaced by one molecule of each sulfa drug in both positions of the dimeric structure of the ligand, the  $572\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band due to (P–Cl) for the original ligand,  $H_2L$ , was moved to  $555\text{ cm}^{-1}$  as shown in Fig. 2 and table 2.

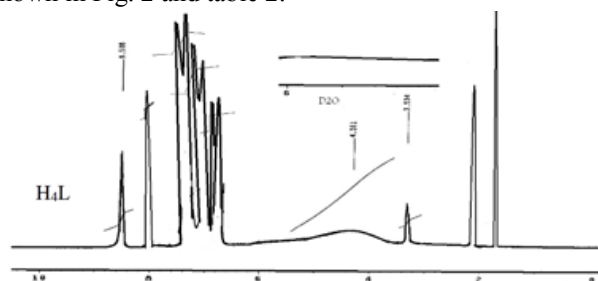
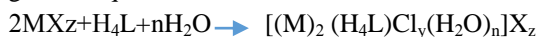


Fig.1.  $^1H$  NMR spectrum of  $H_4L$

### 3.2. Composition and structures of Metal complexes

The results of the elemental analyses of the isolated complexes Fe (III), Mn (II), Co (II), Cu (II), Cd (II), Zn (II) and UO<sub>2</sub> (II) ions (1–7) are in good agreement with those required by the proposed formula of complexes according to the following general equations:



Where, M = Fe (III), Mn (II), Co (II), Cu (II), Cd (II), Zn (II) and UO<sub>2</sub>(II) ions

Fe (III) (z = 2, X = Cl, y = 4, n = 0),

Mn (II), Co (II), Cu (II), Cd (II) and Zn (II) (z = 2, X = Cl, n = 2, y = 2),

UO<sub>2</sub>(II) (z = 4, X = NO<sub>3</sub>, y = n = 0).

The elemental analyses of these separate complexes are depicted in tables 1.

### 3.3. Molar conductance

Table 1. Some physical measurements and Elemental analysis of H<sub>4</sub>L ligand and its metal complexes (1-7).

Compounds Mol. formula (M.Wt)	M.P. °c	Color %Yield	(% found (Calcd.))						Λ <sub>m</sub> <sup>*</sup>	
			C	H	N	Cl	S	P		M
H <sub>4</sub> L C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> N <sub>16</sub> O <sub>12</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> (1319.04)	22 0	Faint brown (31.75)	39.97 (40.06)	3.19 (3.22)	16.94 (16.99)	10.70 (10.75)	9.68 (9.73)	3.66 (4.70)	–	1.20
(1) [(Fe) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L)Cl <sub>4</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Cl <sub>10</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> N <sub>16</sub> O <sub>12</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> (1643.44)	>3 00	Brown (37.74)	32.09 (32.16)	2.52 (2.58)	13.59 (13.64)	21.50 (21.57)	7.77 (7.81)	3.71 (3.77)	6.74 (6.80)	205.10
(2) [(Mn) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L)Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> Mn <sub>2</sub> N <sub>16</sub> O <sub>14</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> (1606.76)	>3 00	Faint brown (53.77)	32.79 (32.89)	2.82 (2.89)	13.90 (13.95)	17.59 (17.65)	7.92 (7.98)	3.79 (3.85)	6.78 (6.84)	195.40
(3) [(Co) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L)Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> Co <sub>2</sub> N <sub>16</sub> O <sub>14</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> (1614.74)	>3 00	Brown (55.10)	32.68 (32.72)	2.81 (2.88)	13.83 (13.88)	17.49 (17.56)	7.88 (7.94)	3.79 (3.84)	7.25 (7.30)	197.80
(4) [(Cu) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L)Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> Cu <sub>2</sub> N <sub>16</sub> O <sub>14</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> (1623.98)	>3 00	Brown (72.85)	32.48 (32.54)	2.80 (2.86)	13.74 (13.80)	17.40 (17.46)	7.82 (7.90)	3.80 (3.81)	7.77 (7.83)	198.20
(5) [(Zn) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L)Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub> N <sub>16</sub> O <sub>14</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> (1627.66)	>3 00	Yellowish white (65.69)	32.41 (32.47)	2.80 (2.85)	13.68 (13.77)	17.30 (17.42)	7.82 (7.88)	3.78 (3.81)	7.91 (8.04)	194.90
(6) [(Cd) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L)Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> Cd <sub>2</sub> N <sub>16</sub> O <sub>14</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> (1721.70)	>3 00	Faint brown (24.06)	30.62 (30.69)	2.66 (2.70)	12.96 (13.02)	16.40 (16.47)	7.39 (7.45)	3.57 (3.60)	12.75 (13.06)	208.10
(7) [(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L)(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ] C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>12</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> N <sub>20</sub> O <sub>28</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> U <sub>2</sub> (2107.14)	>3 00	Dark orange (76.93)	24.96 (25.08)	1.95 (2.01)	13.24 (13.30)	6.65 (6.73)	5.96 (6.09)	2.86 (2.94)	–	398.90

\* ohm<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>2</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup>

### 3.4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra

The free ligand proton magnetic resonance experiment was carried out in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>. Unfortunately, the insolubility of all diamagnetic complexes (5, 6, 7) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>, or DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> makes <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of these complexes difficult to obtain in order to better understand how the free ligands bond to the metal ions [28] as shown in Fig.1.

### 3.5. IR spectra and mode of bonding

Infrared spectrum was obtained in the 4000-400 cm<sup>-1</sup> region for the free ligand and its metal complexes (1-7). The IR spectra of the complexes were contrasted with those of the free ligand to identify the most probable coordination sites

Using the equation  $m = K/C$ , where C is the molar concentration of the metal complex solutions and K is the specific conductance, the conductivity value of the complexes (1–7) may be derived. At 25°C, the molar conductivities of the complex's solutions were measured after they were dissolved in (10<sup>-3</sup>M) DMF. Table 1 displays the molar conductance values of H<sub>4</sub>L and its transition metals complex (1–7) which exhibits molar conductance values in the range of 194.90–208.10 ohm<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>2</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup>. According to results, these compounds are ionic in nature and belong to the 2:1 electrolyte type [25, 26]. The UO<sub>2</sub>(II) (7) H<sub>4</sub>L ligand complexes was the exception, with a molar conductance of 398.90 ohm<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>2</sup>mol<sup>-1</sup>. These findings indicate that these chelates should be classified as a 4:1 electrolyte. showing that the nitrate group's connection to the cationic complex is ionic [27].

involved in chelation. Chelation was intended to have an impact on the location and/or intensity of these peaks. The sulfonamide group's ν (NH), was discovered at 3422 cm<sup>-1</sup> or According to a careful examination of the free ligand and its metal complexes, the H<sub>4</sub>L ligand was hidden behind the wide bands at 3420–3422 and at 3436–3437 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the spectrum of the isolated complexes (1–7) for the free ligand. For the H<sub>4</sub>L ligand, the sulfone group in the double bond stretching region asym (O=S=O) and sym (O=S=O) were present at 1321 and 1090 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Following interaction with the transition metal ions, these sulfone group bands were relocated to higher frequencies at 1340–1343 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1087–1094 cm<sup>-1</sup> for the ligand H<sub>4</sub>L. The red shift of the SO<sub>2</sub> band to

lower frequencies can be attributed to the change of the sulfonamide group ( $-\text{SO}_2\text{NH}$ ) to the enol form ( $-\text{SO}(\text{OH})=\text{N}$ ) as a result of complex formation to build a more stable six-membered ring [29, 30]. The spectra also indicated a sharp band due to the stretched vibration rings of diazine ( $\text{C}=\text{N}$ ), which occurred at  $1585\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for the  $\text{H}_4\text{L}$  then changed to  $1636\text{--}1639\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the Complexes (1-7) spectra. That

shows that the heterocycle ring  $-\text{N}$  is involved in the production of complexes. The nonligand bands detected at  $544\text{--}574\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $\text{H}_4\text{L}$  metal complexes were attributed to  $(\text{M}-\text{O})$  of complexes [31]. Coordinating water infrared bands ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) appeared at  $829\text{--}833\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for metal complexes, indicating water molecule bonding to metal ions [32] as shown in Fig.2 and table 2.

Table 2. IR spectrum bands ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) for  $\text{H}_4\text{L}$  ligand and its metal complexes (1-7).

Comp. No.	$\nu(\text{NH}/\text{OH})$	$\nu(\text{SO}_2)$ (asym.)	$\nu(\text{SO}_2)$ (sym.)	$\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$	$\nu(\text{P}-\text{N})$	$\nu(\text{P}-\text{Cl})$	$\nu(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ (Coord.)	$\nu(\text{M}-\text{O})$	$\nu(\text{M}-\text{N})$
$\text{H}_4\text{L}$	3422sh	1321sh	1090sh	1585sh	1153sh	555sh	—	—	—
(1)	3436br	1342sh	1087m	1639sh	1153sh	595m	829m	574m	420m
(2)	3437m	1342sh	1091sh	1639sh	1149sh	594m	829m	551m	425m
(3)	3436br	1340m	1087br	1639sh	1152sh	595m	831m	544m	428m
(4)	3437m	1343w	1094br	1636sh	1149m	624m	833w	555m	420m
(5)	3437sh	1342sh	1091sh	1639sh	1153sh	594m	829m	547m	429m
(6)	3436sh	1341m	1087sh	1637sh	1151sh	596m	831w	545m	428m
(7)	3437br	1342sh	1088m	1639sh	1153sh	594m	829m	547m	430m

Sh = sharp, m = medium, br = broad, w = weak.

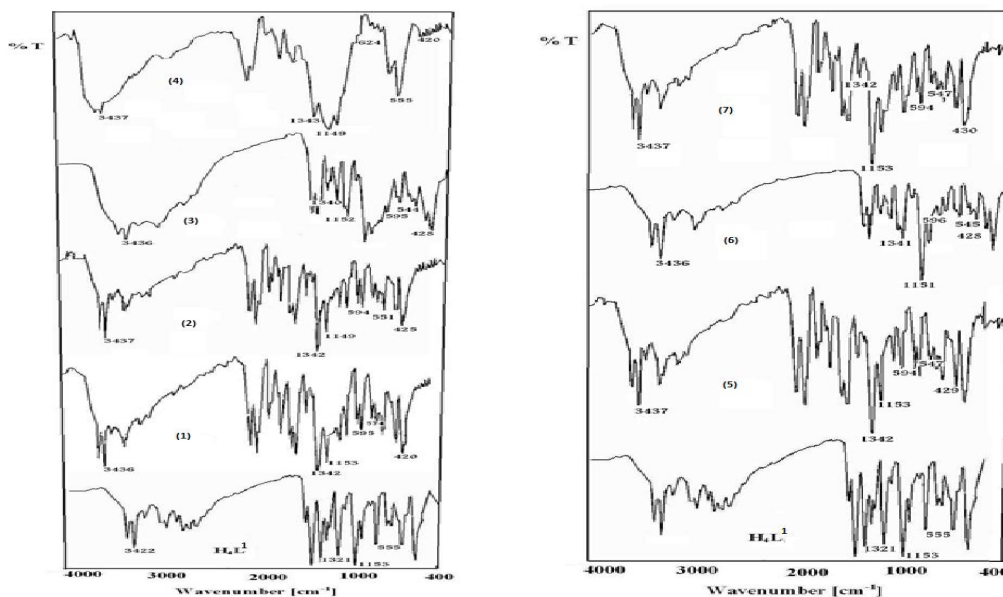


Fig.2. IR spectra of  $\text{H}_4\text{L}$  ligand and its metal complexes.

### 3.6. Electronic spectra and magnetic properties.

At ambient temperature, DMF has been used to demonstrate the electronic spectra of ligands and also their metal complexes ( $10^{-3}\text{M}$ ) a wavelength region of  $200\text{--}800\text{ nm}$ . A strong and sharp peak appeared in the UV-vis spectra of the  $\text{H}_4\text{L}$  ligand at  $268\text{ nm}$ .

This is consistent with the phosphazo four-membered ring [33]. This band undergoes significant shifts to red or blue areas in the spectrum of transition metal complexes upon complexation, depending upon the nature of metal ions coupled to the  $\text{H}_4\text{L}$  ligand. A spectral band that was discovered

for free ligands at 300 nm corresponds to the  $\pi\text{-}\pi^*$  transition. Upon complexation, this band shifted as shown in table 3. Fig 3. Furthermore, the complexes' spectra reveal a band mostly in the range of 352–440 nm. which is allocated to the  $n\text{-}\pi^*$  transition [34]. However, a band discovered at 550–790 nm in the metal complexes was ascribed to all transition metals [35] in table 3.

Also, from the diffuse reflectance spectra of the complexes (1–7), bands of around  $23,753\text{ cm}^{-1}$  were revealed in the Fe (III) complex. This might be due to the  ${}^6A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{2g}(G)$  transition for Fe (III) ions in an octahedral geometry [36,37]. Two bands were also observed at  $14,749, 17,301\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which can be credited with  ${}^6A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{1g}$ . The Fe (III) complex's magnetic moment was measured to be just 4.99 B.M., indicating a high spin of an octahedral coordination requiring  $SP^3d_2$  hybridization of  $Fe^{+3}$  complex. The spectra additionally display, the  $23.753\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band, which might indicate ligand-to-metal charge transfer (L→M) for Fe (III) ion complex [36]. Three bands are evident in the diffuse reflectance spectra of the Mn (II) complex at  $15,873, 22,172$  and  $26,954\text{ cm}^{-1}$

confronted with  ${}^6A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{1g}, {}^6A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{2g}(G)$  and  ${}^6A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{1g}(G)$  transitions, respectively [38,39]. The magnetic moment value is 5.24 B.M., showing the existence of Mn (II) complex in octahedral structures with a high spin [40, 41].

The electronic spectra and magnetic susceptibility of the Co (II) complex are shown in table 4. That confirms an octahedral coordinated high spin [42-45]. The Cu (II) complex solid reflectance demonstrates a broad, low-intensity band located at  $17,657\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which may be assigned to  ${}^2T_{2g} \rightarrow {}^2E_g(x^2-y^2)$  transition [46]. Also, the spectra display a band at  $23,697\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for Cu (II) ions, referring to (L→M) charge transfer. The  $Cu^{+2}$  complex has a magnetic moment of 1.76 B.M., confirming that the structure is octahedral.

All Zn (II), Cd (II) and  $UO_2$  (II) metal complexes have a  $d^{10}$  configuration. In the same way as those established for complexes that include O–N donor cyclodiphosphazane–sulfa drug derivatives [47, 48], based on the empirical formula, we suggested an octahedral geometry for these complexes. Table 4.

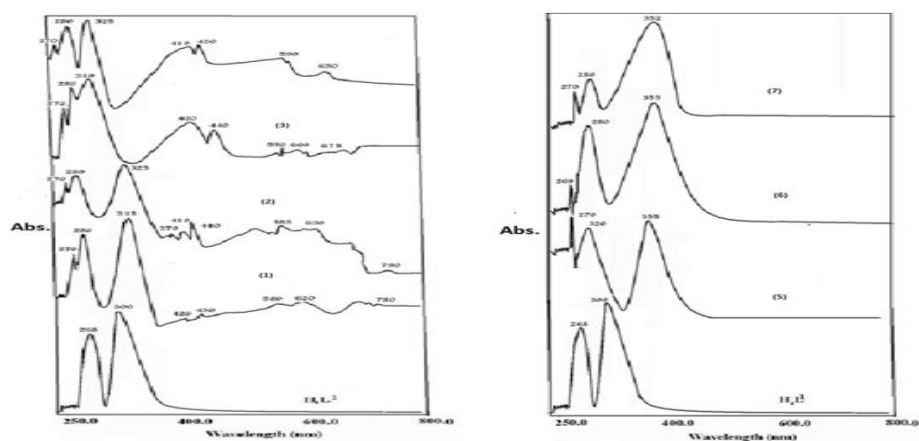


Fig. 3. UV-vis spectra for H<sub>4</sub>L ligand and its transition metal complexes (1-7).

Table 3 Electronic spectral data of H<sub>4</sub>L ligand and its metal complexes (1–7).

Compd. No.	Absorption bands (nm)			
	Phosphazo ring	$\pi\text{-}\pi^*$	$n\text{-}\pi^*$	<i>d-d</i> transition
H <sub>4</sub> L	268	300	—	—
(1)	270	280, 315	420, 430	580, 620, 780
(2)	270	280, 325	370, 410, 440	585, 630, 790
(3)	272	280, 310	420, 440	550, 600, 675
(4)	270	280, 325	410, 420	590, 630
(5)	270	280, 320	355	—
(6)	269	280	355	—
(7)	270	280	352	—

Table 4. Electronic spectral data and magnetic moment of the ligand and its metal complexes (1–7).

Complex	Geometry	$\mu_{\text{eff}}(\text{B.M.})$	Band assignments	Absorption bands ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
(1)[(Fe) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L <sup>1</sup> )Cl <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	3Octahedral	4.99	<sup>6</sup> A <sub>1g</sub> → <sup>4</sup> T <sub>2g</sub> (G) <sup>6</sup> A <sub>1g</sub> → <sup>4</sup> T <sub>1g</sub> LMCT(L → M)	<b>23,697</b> <b>14,005,</b> <b>17,241</b> <b>23,697</b>
(2)[(Mn) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L <sup>1</sup> )Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	Octahedral	5.24	<sup>6</sup> A <sub>1g</sub> → <sup>4</sup> T <sub>1g</sub> <sup>6</sup> A <sub>1g</sub> → <sup>4</sup> T <sub>2g</sub> (G) <sup>6</sup> A <sub>1g</sub> → <sup>4</sup> T <sub>1g</sub> (G)	<b>15,625</b> <b>22,222</b> <b>26,455</b>
(3)[(Co) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L <sup>1</sup> )Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	Octahedral	4.12	<sup>4</sup> T <sub>1g</sub> (F) → <sup>4</sup> A <sub>2g</sub> (F) <sup>4</sup> T <sub>1g</sub> (F) → <sup>4</sup> T <sub>2g</sub> (P)	<b>17,212</b> <b>20,040</b>
(4)[(Cu) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L <sup>1</sup> )Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	Octahedral	1.76	<sup>2</sup> T <sub>2g</sub> → <sup>2</sup> E <sub>g</sub> (x <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> ) L → M CT	<b>17,545</b> <b>24,449</b>
(5)[(Zn) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L <sup>1</sup> )Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	Octahedral		d <sup>10</sup>	
(6)[(Cd) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L <sup>1</sup> )Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	Octahedral		d <sup>10</sup>	
(7)[(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L <sup>1</sup> )](NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	Octahedral		d <sup>10</sup>	

### 3.7. Powder X-ray diffraction studies

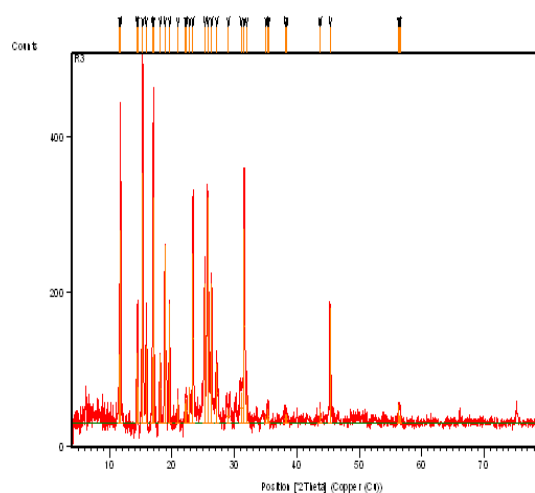
Also, X-ray powder diffraction patterns of the H<sub>4</sub>L free ligand and its Cu (II) complex have been obtained. (2θ) for comparison table 5. Fig.4. can be seen for each sample's Bragg angles (2θ), relative intensities (I/I<sub>0</sub>), and interplanar spacing (d) as well as their peak assignments.

The ligand H<sub>4</sub>L and also its Cu (II) complex (4) were investigated using an X-ray diffractogram in the region 0 – 70°(2θ) using Cu Kα as a source. Each diffractor was well resolved into sharp peaks, indicating that the ligand and its complex are extremely crystalline. The crystalline component of the compounds' d-spacing, which is defined as the typical distance between rings in adjacent chains, as well as the interchain distance, were calculated using the Bragg equation. [49]. According to the X-ray diffractogram, the nature of the peaks is well defined, crisp, and of high intensity. Peaks have high intensity, are well-defined, and have high resolution. Under the summits, there was no discernible widening. As a consequence, the ligand as well as its Cu (II) complex obtained from the study crystallized [50].

The ligand's diffraction consists of 50 reflections ranging from 10 to 50° (2), with the maximum reflection at 2 = 43.76°, corresponding to d = 2.01°A. Cu<sup>+2</sup> complex diffraction consists of 29 reflections ranging from 5 to 65° (2), with the maximum reflection at 2 = 61.17°, which corresponds to d = 1.51°A. [51-53]. Table 5 shows the x-ray diffraction results.

Figure 4 depicts the outcome. The pattern's strong peaks indicate a higher degree of crystallinity. A large unit cell and low symmetry can be inferred because the most intense peak positions were in the low 2θ range.

To summarize, the use of metal complexes in drug synthesis is mainly obsolete in pharmaceutical analysis. However, combining these fundamental methodologies with modern instrumental methods for end point signaling, such as infrared and X-ray measurements, opens up new avenues for qualitative analytical application. The data also shows that the Cu (II) complex shares its ligand in the major peaks, with a minor shift and the creation of new peaks, indicating the formation of a new coordination complex compound [54].



H<sub>4</sub>L free ligand.





### 3.8. Thermal analysis

Thermal investigations of the complexes were conducted utilizing the thermogravimetry (TG) technique in the temperature range of 25-900°C for order to improve understanding of the complexes' structure, Fig.5. The predicted mass losses were derived from TG data, whereas the calculated mass losses were based on microanalysis results as shown in table 6.

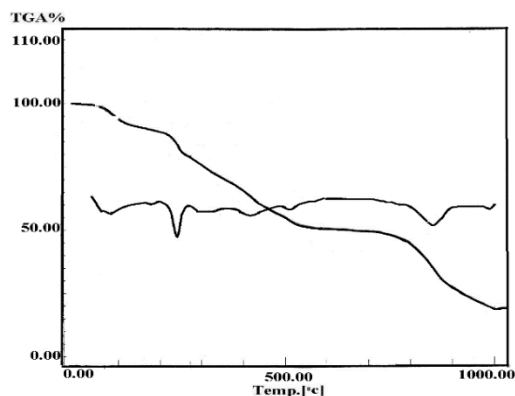
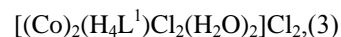
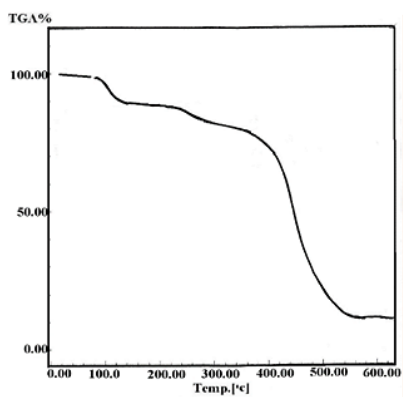
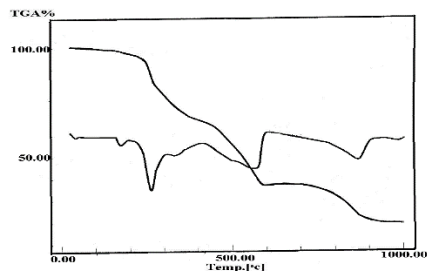


Fig.5.TGA curves for Fe (III), Co (II) and Cu (II) complexes (1, 3, 4).

Correlation of all results obtained for the complexes under study gives us information regarding the suggested structure of the complexes to be as in Figs.6

Table 6. Thermogravimetric results (TG) of Fe (III), Co (II) and Cu (II) complexes (1, 3, 4).

Complex	Temp. range (°C)	n*	Loss in weight Estim./calcd. %		Loss in weight Estim./ (calcd. %)	Metallic residue
			Mass loss	Total mass loss		
(1) [(Fe) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L <sup>1</sup> )Cl <sub>4</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	180-220	4	4.50(4.69)	79.21(79.16)	-Loss of 2HCl -Loss of 2HCl and C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S -Loss of C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> and O <sub>2</sub> -Loss of C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> and S, leaving C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
	220-420		30.75(30.52)			
	420-610		28.83(28.78)			
	610-900		15.13(15.17)			
(3) [(Co) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L <sup>1</sup> )Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	70-100	5	9.92(9.52)	84.60(82.95)	-Loss of 2H <sub>2</sub> O Coord. and 3HCl -Loss of C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> Cl -Loss of C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O -Loss of C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> NO -Loss of C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	2CoCl <sub>2</sub>
	100-272		6.93(6.91)			
	272-424		8.13(8.51)			
	599-424		6.00(6.55)			
	599-790		51.06(51.50)			
(4) [(Co) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L <sup>1</sup> )Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	80-200	5	4.69(4.71)	81.05(82.51)	-Loss of 2H <sub>2</sub> O Coord. and 3HCl -Loss of 2HCl -Loss of C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> Cl -Loss of C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> and S, leaving C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	2CuCl <sub>2</sub>
	200-280		4.07(4.75)			
	280-780		12.84(12.73)			
	780-880		11.23(11.91)			
	880-10		48.22(48.41)			

n\* = number of decomposition steps.

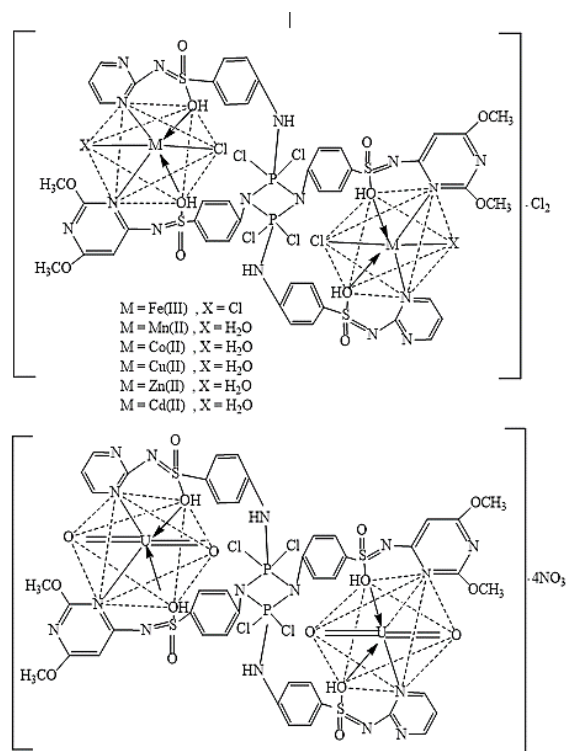


Fig.6. suggested structure of the newly obtained H<sub>4</sub>L free ligand metal complexes (1-7).

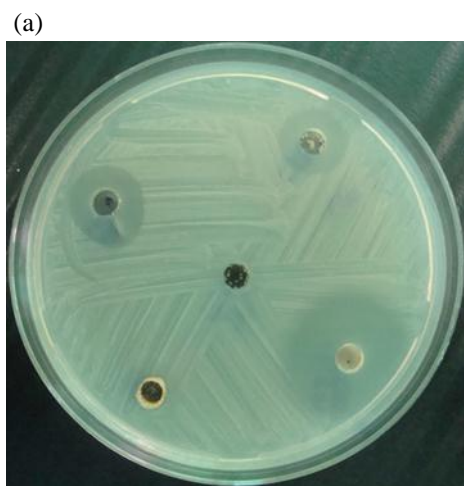
### 3.9. Antimicrobial activity

The fundamental purpose of any antibacterial chemical's development and manufacturing is to inhibit harmful microorganisms without creating any side effects on the patients. We employed more than one test organism in the antimicrobial screening of

the newly the newly synthesized compounds, free ligand with its metal complexes, to boost the chances of detecting the antibiotic potential of the tested materials (1–7). The sensitivity of a microorganism to antibiotics and other antimicrobial treatments was assessed using test plates. Tables 7 & Figs.7-8 which were cultivated at 28°C for 2 days (fungi) and 37°C for 1 day (bacteria) (for bacteria).

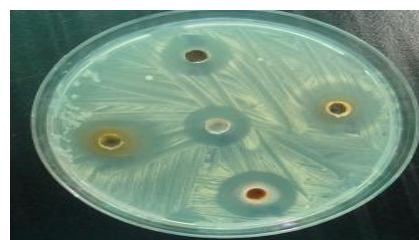
*Staphylococcus aureus*, *Micrococcus* sp, and *Staphylococcus epidemidis* as Gram-positive bacteria, *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Acinetobacter* species, *Proteus mirabilis*, and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* as Gram-negative bacteria were screened with the parent free ligand and its metal complexes (100 g/l in DMF as a solvent). Antifungal activity against *Candida* species was also investigated. Using agar nutrition as a medium, the antibiotic Chloramphenicol was employed as a standard antibacterial control and Cefotaxime was utilized as a standard antifungal control. For the set of assays, a solvent control using DMF was performed. When the inhibitory effects of the parent free ligand were compared, it was discovered that the parent free ligand had a remarkable antimicrobial activity against all tested species (Gram-positive, Gram-negative bacteria, and fungi), had a greater inhibitory effect on the growth of different tested strains, and the results are shown in Tables 7, and Figs. 7–8.

On replacement of two chlorine atoms in  $H_2L$  free ligand with two molecules of mono silver sulfadiazine molecules to create  $H_4L$ , the antibacterial activity of this free ligand enhanced to a larger extent than the original  $H_2L$  free ligand against all bacterial and fungal strains examined. [53]. the antimicrobial activities of the ligand and all complexes showed a remarkable activity against all bacterial and fungal strains. Among the prepared complexes (1-7)

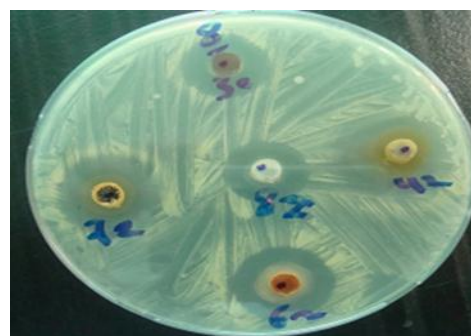


(b)  
Fig.7. Photograph showing antibacterial screening of:  
(a)  $H_4L$  free ligand and its metal complexes Fe (III), Mn (II), Zn (II) and Cd (II) against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

(b)  $H_4L$  free ligand and its metal complexes Fe (III), Mn (II), Zn (II) and Cd (II) against *Candida* sp.



(c)



(d)

Fig.8. Photograph showing antibacterial screening of:  
(c)  $H_4L$  free ligand and its metal complexes Fe (III), Mn (II), Zn (II) and Cd (II) against *Escherichia coli*  
(d)  $H_4L$  free ligand and its metal complexes Fe (III), Cu (II), Zn (II) and Cd (II) against (*staphylococcus aureus*)

Table 7. Antimicrobial activity of H<sub>4</sub>L free ligand and its metal complexes (1–7) \*.

Compound No.	Gram-positive bacteria			Gram-negative bacteria			Fungi		
	Staphylococcus aureus	Micrococcus sp	Staphylococcus epidemidis	Escherichia coli	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Acinetobacter sp	Proteus mirabilis	Klebsiella pneumoniae	Candida sp
H <sub>4</sub> L	15	17	12	22	18	11	10	10	14
(1) [(Fe) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L)Cl <sub>4</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	16	18	15	24	19	20	15	15	20
(2) [(Mn) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L)Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	16	14	13	21	17	17	12	13	18
(3) [(Co) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> L)Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	13	15	12	10	14	11	9	11	11
(4) [(Cu) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> L)Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	15	15	13	15	16	15	13	15	12
(5) [(Zn) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> L)Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	19	19	15	25	20	15	13	14	19
(6) [(Cd) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> L)Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	18	18	14	20	18	17	14	13	16
(7) [(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L)](NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	12	12	11	12	15	13	10	11	9
R.S. **	30	39	0	25	0	0	0	0	0

\*The test done using the diffusion agar technique. Inhibition values 1-5 mm beyond control = (less active). Inhibition values 6-10 mm beyond control = (moderate active). Inhibition values 11-15 mm beyond control = (highly active). Inhibition values over 15 mm beyond control = (very highly active). Not active = 0.

\*\*The antibiotic Chloramphenicol was used as standard antibacterial control and Cefotaxime was used as standard antifungal control.

### 3.10. Potential cytotoxicity measurement

Human cancer cell lines (HCT116) were used to test the synthesized compounds' anticancer potential in vitro. Colorectal cancer, commonly known as bowel cancer, is the third most frequent type of cancer. The connection between drug concentrations and cell viability was also plotted to compute the IC<sub>50</sub> (the concentration required to inhibit cell viability by (50%),) and the results were provided in Tables 8.

All of the examined compounds demonstrated greater inhibitory action against colon carcinoma cell line in the anticancer screening test for H<sub>4</sub>L free ligand and its metal complexes. While [(Mn)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>4</sub>L)Cl<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]Cl<sub>2</sub> had a higher inhibitory activity (65%) than its free ligand H<sub>4</sub>L (45%) and the other complexes examined.

Finally, the order of the effectiveness of all these tested compounds was recorded as:

Mn (II) > Cu (II) > Zn (II) > UO<sub>2</sub> (II) > Cd (II) > Co (II) > H<sub>4</sub>L > Fe (III).

Table 8. The antitumor properties of H<sub>4</sub>L ligand and its metal complexes (1– 7).

HCT116	
Sample	Inhibition %
H <sub>4</sub> L	45
(1) [(Fe) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L) <sup>1</sup> ]Cl <sub>4</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	23
(2) [(Mn) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L) <sup>1</sup> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	65
(3) [(Co) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L) <sup>1</sup> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	50
(4) [(Cu) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L) <sup>1</sup> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	62
(5) [(Zn) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L) <sup>1</sup> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	58
(6) [(Cd) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L) <sup>1</sup> ]Cl <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	53
(7) [(UO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>4</sub> L) <sup>1</sup> ](NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	54

### 4. Conclusion:

In this research, symmetrically cyclodiphosphazane ligands and numerous metal complexes were synthesized and examined using a variety of physicochemical methods. The antibacterial and anticancer properties of the ligands and their metal complexes have been investigated. The ligands and their complexes were discovered to have very high to high antibacterial activity against a variety of bacteria and fungi, as well as anticancer efficacy against colon carcinoma HCT116.

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