



## Synthesis of Some Triazole Schiff Base Derivatives and Their Metal Complexes under Microwave Irradiation and Evaluation of Their Corrosion Inhibition and Biological Activity



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**T**WO triazole Schiff base derivatives N-(furan-2-ylmethylene)-1H-1,2,4-triazole-3-amine (FTA), N-(thiophene-2-ylmethylene)-1H-1,2,4-triazole-3-amine (TTA) and their metal complexes Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II) and Zn(II) were synthesized under microwave irradiation. The structure of these compounds has been investigated by using elemental analysis, FT-IR, UV-Vis spectrometric methods, magnetic susceptibility, mass spectra, NMR, ESR and thermal studies. The antimicrobial activities of the prepared ligands and their respective Zn (II) complexes were studied against the bacterial (positive and negative) grams and fungal strains. The inhibitive characteristics of Schiff base ligands on C-steel corrosion in hydrochloric acid were studied using weight loss measurements. The prepared Schiff base derivatives show high inhibition efficiency and their adsorption surface was found to obey Langmuir model. The data also revealed that FTA is less than TTA in terms of inhibiting efficiency.

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### Introduction

The microwave-assisted synthesis was acknowledged as a breakthrough in synthetic chemistry in recent years. This technique has overcome the certain back draws associated with conventional routes i.e. longer reaction time, slow rate of reaction, decreased yields and purity. Organic chemists have more opportunities to expand their synthetic avenues by applying microwave irradiation to a variety of organic reactions with improved results [1-4]. Utilization of Microwave heating (MWH) to prepare various refractory inorganic compounds and materials (double oxides, nitrides, carbides, semiconductors, glasses, ceramics, etc.) became common [5] as well as in organic processes [6] such as pyrolysis,

esterification, and condensation reactions. Distinct aspects of microwave-assisted synthesis of various types of compounds and materials, in particular, organic [7] and organometallic compounds [8], applications in analytical chemistry and coordination chemistry have been described in recent excellent reviews[9]. It is well known that Schiff base compounds play an important role in the development of coordination chemistry so there has been considerable interest in the chemistry of metal complexes incorporating Schiff base [10-13]. The increased activity in this field may be explained to the striking structural feature, and its relation to their medicinal properties, their cytotoxic activity and their activity against bacteria, cancer and fungal [14-20]. It's also well known that many life

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activities depend on the heterocyclic compounds, such as purine and pyrimidine bases unit of (DNA and RNA). Five-member N-heterocycle compounds, mainly tetrazole ( $\text{CH}_2\text{N}_4$ ), Triazoles ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{N}_3$ ), and their substituted derivatives are a group of heterocyclic compounds that attracted researchers concern [21]. Corrosion inhibitors derived from Schiff bases containing triazoles and its derivatives had taken a lot of concerns in the last years [22-24]. These compounds can be categorized as environment-friendly inhibitors due to their strong chemical activities and limited toxicity. Plus, they have a special tendency towards metal surface enabling them to replace water molecules localized on the metal surface. In addition, they possess unshared electron pairs and considerable  $\pi$ -electrons on the nitrogen atoms that can interact with d-orbitals of iron metal to provide such a protective film preserving the metal from corrosion [25]. Encouraged by the previous reports and in continuation of our efforts in green chemistry [26-28], a new series of novel Schiff base ligands and their metal complexes were designed.

In the present study, Schiff base ligand and their metal complexes ( $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$ ,  $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$ , and  $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}$ ) were synthesized by microwave irradiation as a green approach. All resultant compounds were characterized spectroscopically using different techniques; thermogravimetric analysis and some thermo-kinetic parameter ( $\Delta G$ ,  $\Delta H$ , and  $\Delta S$ ) were also calculated. The biological activities of some prepared compounds were also evaluated. We also investigated the efficiency of the synthesized triazole Schiff bases them as corrosion inhibitors by applying weight loss measurements on C-steel coupons in 1.0 M HCl solution.

## Experimental

### Materials and physical measurements

All organic solvents were purchased from commercial sources and used as received or dried using standard procedures unless otherwise stated. All chemicals were purchased from Merck, Aldrich or across and used without further purification, thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on precoated Merck 60 GF 254 silica gel plates with fluorescent indicator, detection by means of UV light at 254 and 360 nm. Melting point was measured by electrothermal apparatus, without correction the electronic absorption spectra (UV-Vis) of ligand and the metal complexes were obtained in DMF solvent

from 900-200 nm range using Perkin-Elmer Lambda 35 UV/Vis Spectrophotometer fitted with a quartz cell of 1.0 cm path, the Fourier transform infrared spectra of the ligand, as well as the metal complexes dissolved in KBr, were recorded on Vertex 70 Analyzer, Bruker, USA from 4000–400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and metal ions estimation was determined by complexometric titration using general lab glassware [29] at the faculty of science, Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt. The magnetic susceptibility of the solid complexes was carried out at room temperature by the Gouy's technique for magnetic susceptibility instrument.

The thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) of the solid complexes were performed using the Shimadzu TG-50 thermogravimetric analyzer with a heating rate of 10  $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$  under nitrogen atmosphere, in the range of 25–800  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  at the faculty of sciences, Cairo University. The thermodynamic activation parameters of decomposition processes of dehydrated complexes namely activation energy ( $E^*$ ), enthalpy ( $\Delta H^*$ ), entropy ( $\Delta S^*$ ) and Gibbs free energy change of the decomposition ( $\Delta G^*$ ) are evaluated graphically by employing the Coats–Redfern [30] relation and Horowitz-Metzger [31]. The thermodynamic activation parameters for the thermal decomposition steps in complexes were calculated using the relationships:

$$\Delta H = E^* - RT \quad (1)$$

$$\Delta S^* = R[\ln(Ah/kT) - 1] \quad (2)$$

$$\Delta G^* = \Delta H^* - T\Delta S^* \quad (3)$$

Where  $R$  is the universal gas constant,  $A$  is the frequency factor,  $h$  is Plank's constant and  $k$  is Boltzmann constant.

The ESR spectra of the powdered Cu(II) sample were carried out on Bruker-EMX-(Xbands-9.7 GHz) spectrometer with 100 KHZ frequency, microwave power 1.008 MW, modulation/amplitude of 4 GAUSSES at National Center for Radiation Research and Technology, Egyptian Atomic Energy Authority. The elemental analysis for carbon, hydrogen, and nitrogen are carried out using a Flash 2000 organic Elemental Analyzer, Thermo, USA, the mass spectra were performed by an Agilent Technologies-6890N Network GC System and the biological activity evaluation of the synthesized ligands metal complexes was determined by using 10 mg/ml solution in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) at the Regional Center for Mycology and Biotechnology (RCMB) at Al-Azhar University [32]. The  $^1\text{H}$ NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$

spectra were recorded on an Agilent Technologies model spectrometer NMR400-mercury 400.  $^1\text{H}$  spectra were run at 300 MHz and  $^{13}\text{C}$  spectra were run at 75.46 MHz in dimethylsulphoxide (DMSO- $d_6$ ). Tetramethylsilane (TMS) was used as an internal reference and chemical shifts are quoted in  $\delta$  (ppm) at the Main Chemical Warfare Laboratories, Chemical Warfare Department, Ministry of Defense, Cairo, Egypt. Microwave-assisted reactions conducted on a commercially household microwave energy output 900 W, frequency 2450 MHz, manufactured by DAEWOO technologies Corporation, model: KOR-9G2B, Korai. Weight loss measurements were conducted using general lab glassware at the faculty of Science, Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt.

#### *Synthesis and preparation*

##### *Synthesis of the Schiff base Ligands (FTA and TTA)*

An equimolar ratio (1:1) of 3-amino-1, 2, 4-triazole and appropriate aldehyde (furan-2-carboxaldehyde or thiophene-2- carboxaldehyde) was ground and mixed thoroughly in a grinder until it reached a satisfactory homogeneity. The reaction mixture was then transferred to a clean crucible and moisturized by adding drops of methanol as a solvent then transferred to the microwave oven thus irradiated and heated gradually by using on/off cycling to control the temperature. The reaction completed in a short time (3, 4 min) respectively with high yields (95, 89.1 %) respectively. The products were then recrystallized with hot methanol and finally dried under reduced pressure over anhydrous  $\text{CaCl}_2$  in a desiccator. The progress of the reaction and purity of the product was monitored by TLC.

##### *Preparation of the solid complexes*

All the isolated solid complexes were prepared by mixing equimolar amounts of ligand (FTA or TTA) and metal (II) acetates [ $\text{M} = \text{Co(II)}$ ,  $\text{Ni(II)}$ ,  $\text{Cu(II)}$  and  $\text{Zn(II)}$ ]. The reaction mixtures were then irradiated by microwave by adding drops of methanol. The reaction completed in a short time (4-6 min) with high yields (67-84 %). The obtained products were washed by hot methanol and ether then finally dried under reduced pressure over anhydrous  $\text{CaCl}_2$  in a desiccator. The progress of the reaction and purity of the products were monitored by TLC. Table 1 shows the elemental analysis and physical properties of the Schiff base ligand and their metal complexes.

##### *Corrosion Inhibition studies*

Corrosion inhibition behavior of the two

synthesized ligands (FTA) and (TTA) was evaluated on carbon steel specimens by using weight loss measurements as follows:

##### *Carbon steel coupons used*

The surface of the carbon steel coupons was abraded successively by different grade of metallographic emery papers until the surface appears free from any scratches and other apparent defects, then degreased with hot acetone, washed with distilled water and finally dried at room temperature. Tests were conducted on carbon steel coupons of the following composition: (0.11% C, 0.45% Mn, 0.04% P, 0.05% S, 0.25% Si, and the remained is Fe).

##### *Concentration range of ligands and acid*

The concentrations of the prepared ligands were  $0.5 \times 10^{-4}$  M,  $0.75 \times 10^{-4}$  M,  $2.5 \times 10^{-4}$  M,  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  M, and  $7.5 \times 10^{-4}$  M. All solutions were prepared using distilled water.

##### *Weight loss measurement*

The experiments were carried out using carbon steel coupons immersed in 1.0 M HCl solution in absence and presence of different concentrations of the two synthesized Schiff base inhibitors. Tests were conducted under total immersion conditions in 100 ml of the aerated test solutions. To determine weight loss with respect to time, test coupons were retrieved after 24 h immersion time, scrubbed with a bristle brush, washed, dried, and reweighed. The weight loss was taken as the difference between the initial and final weights of the coupons. Weight loss measurements were done at three different temperatures 30 °C, 40 °C and 50 °C.

##### *Procedure for antibacterial activity*

###### *Antibacterial and Fungi studies*

The Schiff base ligands (FTA), (TTA) and their respective Zn(II) complexes were tested and evaluated for their antimicrobial activity using the agar diffusion technique (Cooper, 1972) [32, 33]. 5 mg/ml solution in dimethyl sulfoxide was used. The tested organisms were Gram-negative bacteria (*Escherichia Coli* (RCMB 010052) ATCC 25955 & *Salmonella typhimurium* RCMB 006 (1) ATCC 14028), Gram-positive bacteria (*Bacillus subtilis*, RCMB 015 (1) NRRL B-543 & *Staphylococcus aureus*, RCMB010010) and fungi (*Aspergillus flavus*, RCMB 002008) & *Candida albicans* RCMB 005003 (1) ATCC 10231). The bacteria and fungi were maintained on nutrient agar medium and Czapeks Dox agar medium, respectively. DMF showed no inhibition zones.

TABLE 1. Melting points, yields, reaction time, analytical and physical properties of the prepared compounds.

| Comp. | Molecular Formula  | M.P °C | Yield % | Time min | Color       | Elemental Analysis |        |         |         | M <sup>+</sup> |
|-------|--|--------|---------|----------|-------------|--------------------|--------|---------|---------|----------------|
|       |  |        |         |          |             | Calc. / (Found) %  |        |         |         | Calc./         |
|       |  |        |         |          |             | C                  | H      | N       | M       | (Found)        |
| FTA   | C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O                                 | 175    | 95      | 3        | Beige       | 51.85              | 3.73   | 34.55   | -       | 162.08         |
|       |  |        |         |          |             | (52.50)            | (3.80) | (33.51) | -       | (162.05)       |
| Co    | C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>18</sub> CoN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub>                | >360   | 74.91   | 5        | Violet      | 33.60              | 4.61   | 14.25   | 14.99   | 393.22         |
|       |  |        |         |          |             | (34.50)            | (4.10) | (13.67) | (13.36) |                |
| Ni    | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>8</sub> NiO <sub>8</sub>                | >360   | 73.77   | 5        | Green       | 40.25              | 4.13   | 20.86   | 10.93   | 537.12         |
|       |  |        |         |          |             | (40.03)            | (4.60) | (20.95) | (11.90) |                |
| Cu    | C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>16</sub> CuN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>7</sub>                | >360   | 67.22   | 5        | Deep Green  | 34.79              | 4.25   | 14.75   | 16.73   | 379.8          |
|       |  |        |         |          |             | (35.20)            | (3.92) | (15.60) | 17.71   |                |
| Zn    | C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Zn               | >360   | 77.77   | 6        | White       | 34.62              | 4.23   | 14.68   | 17.13   | 381.65         |
|       |  |        |         |          |             | (34.20)            | (4.30) | (15.09) | (17.53) |                |
| TTA   | C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S                                 | 155    | 89.1    | 4        | Brown       | 47.18              | 3.36   | 31.44   | -       | 178.06         |
|       |  |        |         |          |             | (48.11)            | (3.63) | (31.27) | -       | (178.03)       |
| Co    | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>22</sub> CoN <sub>8</sub> O <sub>6</sub> S <sub>2</sub> | >360   | 83.94   | 5        | Violet      | 37.96              | 3.89   | 19.68   | 10.35   | 569.5          |
|       |  |        |         |          |             | (38.70)            | (3.30) | (20.20) | (11.65) |                |
| Ni    | C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>4</sub> NiO <sub>7</sub> S              | >360   | 77.61   | 5        | Light Green | 32.30              | 4.44   | 13.70   | 14.35   | 409.04         |
|       |  |        |         |          |             | (31.69)            | (4.93) | (13.97) | (13.97) |                |
| Cu    | C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>16</sub> CuN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub> S              | >360   | 82.06   | 4        | Deep Green  | 33.37              | 4.07   | 14.15   | 16.05   | 395.88         |
|       |  |        |         |          |             | (32.70)            | (4.40) | (13.30) | (17.05) |                |
| Zn    | C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub> SZn              | 265    | 71.21   | 5        | White       | 33.22              | 4.06   | 14.09   | 16.44   | 397.71         |
|       |  |        |         |          |             | (33.50)            | (3.65) | (15.30) | (17.12) |                |

The agar media were inoculated with different test microorganism. After 24 h of incubation at 37°C for bacteria and 48 h of incubation at 28°C for fungi, the diameter of inhibition zone (mm) was measured.

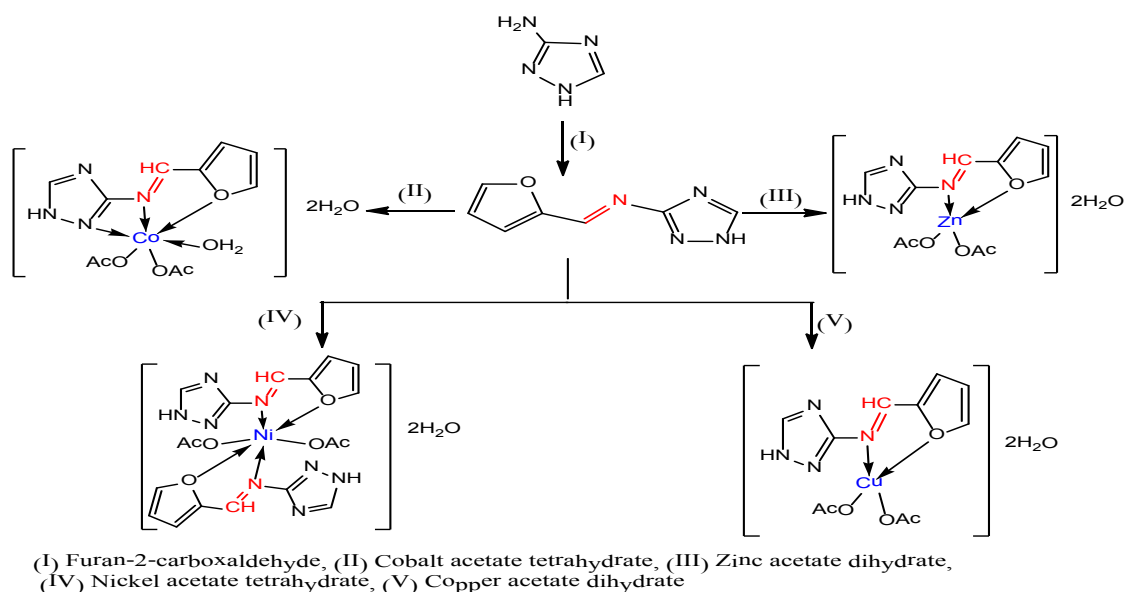
## Results and Discussion

All compounds containing five or four-member rings with (-N- heterocycle), azomethine, oxygen and sulfur atom possess basic characteristics due to the presence of lone pair electron-donating character of the double bond of (-HC=N) and the capability to form metal complexes as illustrated in Schemes (1) and (2). The ligands FTA and TTA were prepared by the reaction of 3-amino-1,2,4-triazole and appropriate aldehyde (furan-2-carboxaldehyde and thiophene-2-carboxaldehyde) under microwave irradiation as an approach for green chemistry (Scheme 1, 2) all structures were confirmed based on the following

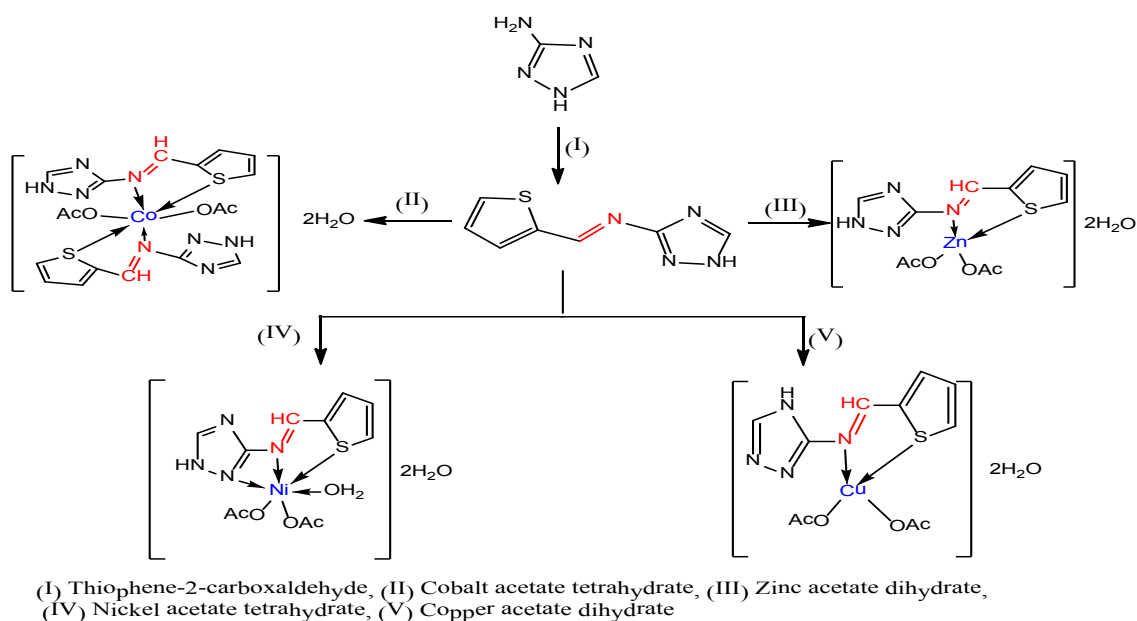
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### IR spectra

Table 2 shows the main IR bands displayed by FTA and TTA ligands and their complexes. The peaks due to (N-H), (C=N) and (N-N) of triazole moiety were showed at 3107, 1575 and 1088 cm<sup>-1</sup> respectively in the IR spectra of the ligand. The structure of Schiff-base ligands was further confirmed due to The absence of aldehydic (CHO) and amino (NH<sub>2</sub>) bands at 3325 and 1715 cm<sup>-1</sup> respectively while the azomethine (-C=N) linkage appeared as a sharp band at 1619 cm<sup>-1</sup> [34]. Actually, the bands due to vibration of various groups such as C=N (azomethine and triazole), NH, N-N, C-N, and C-H appear in the overlapping regions so it could not be assigned unequivocally. The IR spectra of metal complex confirm the involvement of the azomethine (C=N) where its band shifted to 1624–1600 while all



Scheme 1. Synthesis of FTA ligand and its metal complexes.



Scheme 2. Synthesis of TTA ligand and its metal complexes.

ligands showing IR spectral bands at 1610–1604  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  by comparing the IR spectra of ligands and their metal complexes we concluded the following:

In the complexes of the triazoles (FTA and TTA) coordinate with the metal ions in di- and tridentate forming stable four or five-membered chelate rings around the metal ions. This various behavior of ligands can be explicated from the IR data set out in Table 2. The mode of bonding

in complexes can be identified by comparing IR spectra of complexes with that of the related ligands as follows:

- 1) Vibration of (M–N) in all the metals (II) complexes, exhibited a new band 622–475  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  proving the coordination of nitrogen of (azomethine and triazole) with the metal ions. However, the unchanged band of  $\nu(\text{N–N})$  mode at 1087–1015  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the IR spectra of all the metal complexes evinces the triazole

ring nitrogen is not involved.

- 2) Appearance of new band in the spectra of metal complex at 455–421  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is assigned due to M–S Vibration [35] evinces the involvement and coordination of thienyl-S ring in the complexation phenomenon in addition to vibration of (C–S) in the spectra of the ligand TTA which appears at 969  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is shifted to high frequency at 999–967  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the spectra of the metal (II) complexes of TTA confirm this coordination.
- 3) All other bands of all ligands and their corresponding metal complexes appeared at the same region without change.

#### *Electronic spectra and magnetic properties*

The electronic absorption spectra of the Schiff-base ligands and its complexes as shown in Table 3 were performed in dimethylformamide (DMF). The electronic spectra of the prepared ligands (FTA) and (TTA) showed three absorption bands at 360–364 nm refers to  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ , of C=N triazole and at 296–315 nm refers to  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ , of C=N azomethane. The third band was at 244–254 nm refers to  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ , of C=C aromatic rings. For cobalt (II) complexes: The electronic spectra of FTA and TTA cobalt complexes showed absorption bands at (450, 600) and (425, 635) nm assigned to  ${}^4T_1g(F) \rightarrow {}^4T_1g(P)$   ${}^4T_1g(F) \rightarrow {}^4T_2g$  transitions are respectively. The observation of these bands suggests an octahedral configuration around Co (II) ion [36] and all the complexes are paramagnetic and the magnetic moment is (4.57–5.17) BM. For nickel (II) complexes: The electronic spectra of Ni complexes showed bands of appreciable intensity at (450, 655) and (475, 600) nm and assigned to  ${}^3A_2g \rightarrow {}^3T_1g(P)$   ${}^3A_2g \rightarrow {}^3T_2g(F)$  for FTA and TTA, are respectively. The observation of these bands suggests an octahedral and the magnetic moment is (2.25–2.52) B.M. For copper (II) complexes: The electronic spectra of the copper complexes revealed bands of considerable intensity at (425, 575) and (470, 650) nm assigned to the transitions ( ${}^2B_2 \rightarrow {}^2E$ ) assuming a tetrahedral configuration for FTA and TTA respectively, thus the prepared Cu-complexes are paramagnetic, the obtained magnetic moment value 1.90 and 1.97 B.M. For zinc complexes: the absorption bands at the range (425, 450) and (430, 475) nm for FTA and TTA in the electronic spectra of Zn (II) complex can be assigned to metal ligand (M  $\rightarrow$  L) transition and its positions in agreement with low-spin tetrahedral geometry for Zn (II) complexes.

#### *Mass spectra of the Schiff base ligand*

The mass spectrum of the FTA shows ion peak at  $m/e = 162$  as the molecular peak due to ( $C_7H_6N_4O$ ). The ion peak at  $m/e = 164.10$  (3.34 %) is due to  $M^+(C_7H_8N_4O)$ , the ion peak at  $m/e = 135$  (8.75 %) corresponds to  $M^+(C_6H_5N_3O)$ . The ion peak at  $m/e = 134$  (51 %) corresponds to  $M^+(C_7H_6N_2O)$ . The ion peak at  $m/e = 121$  (100 %) corresponds to  $M^+(C_6H_6N_2O)$  which is the base peak. The ion peak at  $m/e = 95.06$  (11.60 %) refers to  $M^+(C_5H_5NO)$ , while the ion peak at  $m/e = 84$  (1.41 %) corresponds to  $M^+(C_2H_4N_4)$ , The ion peak at  $m/e = 69.04$  (17.49 %) corresponds to  $M^+(C_2H_3N_3)$  and the ion peak at  $m/e = 52.05$  (28.86 %) corresponds to  $M^+(C_4H_4)$ . The fragmentation patterns of FTA, are shown in Scheme 3; Fig. 1. The MS of TTA shows ion peak at  $m/e = 178$  as the molecular peak is due to ( $C_7H_6N_4S$ ). The ion peak at  $m/e = 162$  (100 %) is due to  $M^+(C_5H_{14}N_4S)$  which is the base peak, while the ion peak at  $m/e = 167$  (13 %) corresponds to  $M^+(C_6H_7N_3S)$ . The ion peak at  $m/e = 138$  (3 %) corresponds to  $M^+(C_6H_7N_3)$ , while the ion peak at  $m/e = 113$  (21 %) refers to  $M^+(C_5H_7NS)$ , while the ion peak at  $m/e = 96$  (9 %) corresponds to  $M^+(C_3H_4N_4)$ , the ion peak at  $m/e = 84$  (18 %) corresponds to  $M^+(C_2H_4N_4)$ , the ion peak at  $m/e = 52$  (86 %) corresponds to  $M^+(C_4H_4)$  and the ion peak at  $m/e = 45$  (91%) corresponds to  $M^+(C_2H_7N)$ . The fragmentation patterns of TTA, are shown in Scheme 4; Fig. 2.

#### *NMR Spectra*

The  ${}^1\text{H}$ NMR spectra of ligands FTA and TTA have been recorded in DMSO- $d_6$ . The characteristic absorption  ${}^1\text{H}$ NMR signals are represented in Fig. 3 & 4. The  ${}^1\text{H}$ NMR (DMSO) of FTA showed also peaks at  $\delta = 6.72$ – $6.73$  ppm (t, 1H, furan C4-H), 7.30–7.338 ppm (dd, 1H, furan C3-H), 7.50–7.51 ppm (d, 1H, furan C5-H), 9.52 ppm (s, 1H, triazole C-H), 8.88 ppm (s, 1H, azomethine C-H), 13.75 ppm (s, 1H, triazole NH). The  ${}^1\text{H}$ NMR (DMSO) spectra of the synthesized ligand (TTA) showed peaks at  $\delta = 7.23$  ppm (t, 1H, thiophene C4-H), 7.86 ppm (d, 1H, thiophene C3-H), 8.25 ppm (d, 1H, thiophene C5-H), 9.1 ppm (s, 1H, azomethine C-H), 9.32 ppm (s, 1H, triazole C-H), 13.98 ppm (d, 1H, triazole NH). The  ${}^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra of the Schiff base ligand (FTA) and (TTA) were taken in DMSO- $d_6$ . The characteristic absorption  ${}^{13}\text{C}$ NMR signals are given in Fig. 5 & 6. [37–39]. The  ${}^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (DMSO) of the

TABLE 2. FT-IR of the prepared compounds.

| Sym. | $\nu(\text{OH})$ ,<br>( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) | $\nu(\text{NH})$ | $\nu(\text{C-H})$<br>Ar/Aliph | $\nu(\text{C=N})$<br>azomethane | $\nu(\text{C=N})$<br>triazole | $\nu(\text{C=C})$ | $\nu(\text{OAc})$<br>as/s | $\nu(\text{C-O})$ | $\nu(\text{N=N})$ | Furan<br>ring | $\nu(\text{C-S})$ | $\nu(\text{M=N})$ | $\nu(\text{M-O})$ | $\nu(\text{M-S})$ |
|------|--|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| FTA  | -  | 3112             | 3028                          | 1610                            | 1526                          | 1477              | -                         | 1338              | 1087              | 627<br>588    | -                 | -                 | -                 | -                 |
| Co   | 3429<br>3338                                   | 3155             | -                             | 1617                            | 1570                          | 1548              | 1414                      | 1341              | 1055              | 630,<br>540   | -                 | 615               | 448               | -                 |
| Ni   | 3427   | 3150             | -                             | 1613                            | 1581                          | 1544              | 1415                      | 1333              | 1058              | 623,<br>580   | -                 | 622               | 457               | -                 |
| Cu   | 3333   | 3154             | -                             | 1615                            | 1578                          | 1550              | 1397                      | 1339              | 1067              | 668<br>550    | -                 | 621               | 490               | -                 |
| Zn   | 3397   | 3130             | 2939                          | 1624                            | 1591                          | 1518              | 1428                      | 1396              | 1069              | 620,<br>594   | -                 | 555               | 490               | -                 |
| TTA  | -  | 3128<br>3101     | 3037                          | 1604                            | 1533                          | 1516              | 1482<br>1451              | 1361<br>1331      | 1047<br>1015      | -             | 969               | -                 | -                 | -                 |
| Co   | 3445   | -                | -                             | 1601                            | 1554                          | 1490              | 1414                      | 1283              | 1018              | -             | 968               | 480               | -                 | 439               |
| Ni   | 3444<br>3359<br>3429                           | 3154             | -                             | 1600                            | 1554                          | 1542              | 1415                      | 1343              | 1021              | -             | 987               | 475               | -                 | 437               |
| Cu   | 3328   | -                | -                             | 1600                            | 1574                          | 1480              | 1446<br>1413              | 1339              | 1050              | -             | 970               | 492               | -                 | -                 |
| Zn   | 3395   | -                | -                             | 1610                            | 1592                          | 1517              | 1409                      | 1336              | 1068              | -             | 990               | 491               | -                 | 427               |

TABLE 3. Magnetic and spectral data of the Schiff base ligands and their metal complexes.

| Comp. | $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ , nm | Assignments  | $\mu_{\text{eff}}$ (BM) | $g_{\perp}$ | $g_{\parallel}$ | $g^{\text{  }}$ | gav | Suggested Structure |
|-------|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----|---------------------|
| FTA   | 364<br>315<br>254<br>450    | ( $n-\pi^*$ , C=N),<br>( $\pi-\pi^*$ , C=N),<br>( $\pi-\pi^*$ , aromatic ring)   | -                       | -           | -               | -               | -   | -                   |
| Co    | 600                         | $^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow ^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{P})$<br>$^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow ^4\text{T}_{2g}$ | 5.17                    | -           | -               | -               | -   | Octahedral          |
| Ni    | 450<br>655                  | $^3\text{A}_{2g} \rightarrow ^3\text{T}_{1g}(\text{P})$<br>$^3\text{A}_{2g} \rightarrow ^3\text{T}_{2g}(\text{F})$           | 2.25                    | -           | -               | -               | -   | Octahedral          |
| Cu    | 425, 575                    | $^2\text{B}_2 \rightarrow ^2\text{E}$  | 1.90                    | 2.19        | 2.03            | 2.14            | -   | Tetrahedral         |
| Zn    | 425, 450                    | M $\rightarrow$ L  | Di                      | -           | -               | -               | -   | Tetrahedral         |
| TTA   | 360<br>296<br>244           | ( $n-\pi^*$ , C=N),<br>( $\pi-\pi^*$ , C=N),<br>( $\pi-\pi^*$ , aromatic ring)   | -                       | -           | -               | -               | -   | -                   |
| Co    | 425<br>635                  | $^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow ^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{P})$<br>$^4\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F}) \rightarrow ^4\text{T}_{2g}$ | 4.57                    | -           | -               | -               | -   | Octahedral          |
| Ni    | 475<br>600                  | $3\text{A}_{2g} \rightarrow 3\text{T}_{1g}(\text{P})$ $3\text{A}_{2g} \rightarrow 3\text{T}_{2g}(\text{F})$                  | 2.52                    | -           | -               | -               | -   | Octahedral          |
| Cu    | 470, 650                    | $^2\text{B}_2 \rightarrow ^2\text{E}$  | 1.97                    | 2.05        | 2.02            | 2.04            | -   | Tetrahedral         |
| Zn    | 430, 475                    | M $\rightarrow$ L  | Di                      | -           | -               | -               | -   | Tetrahedral         |

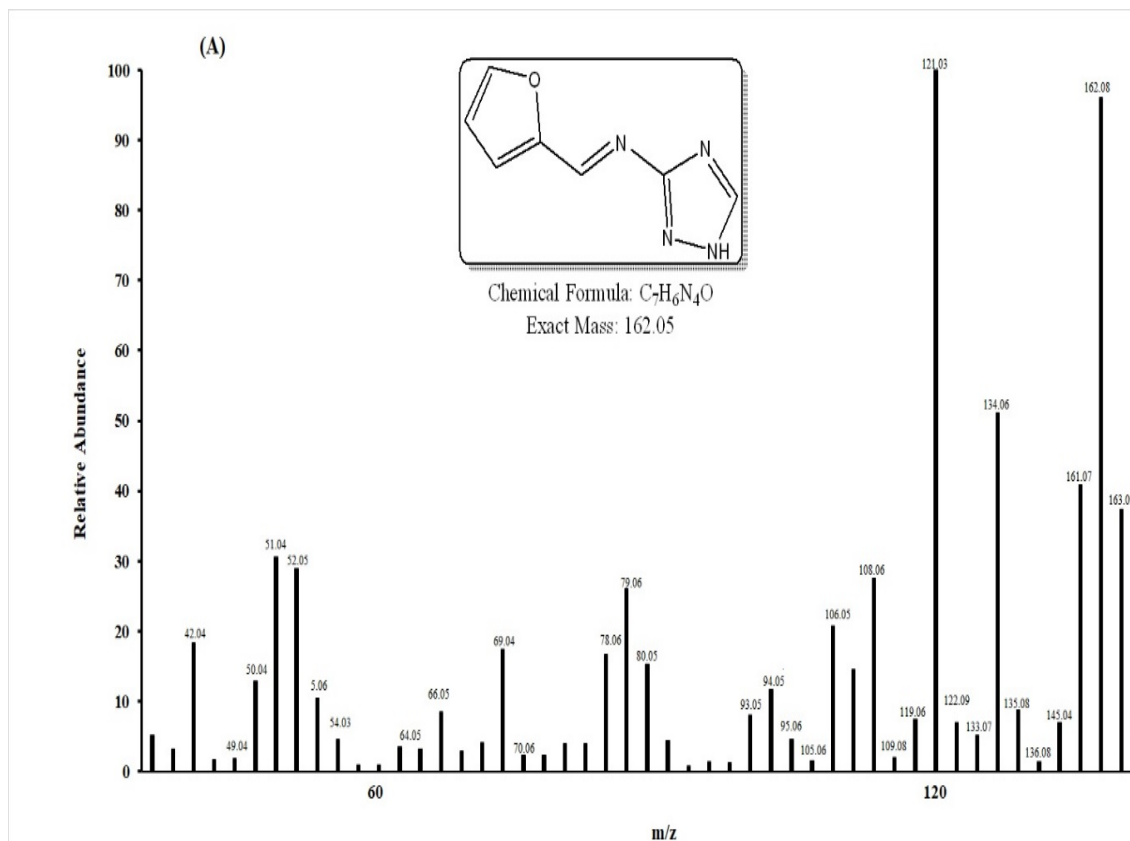
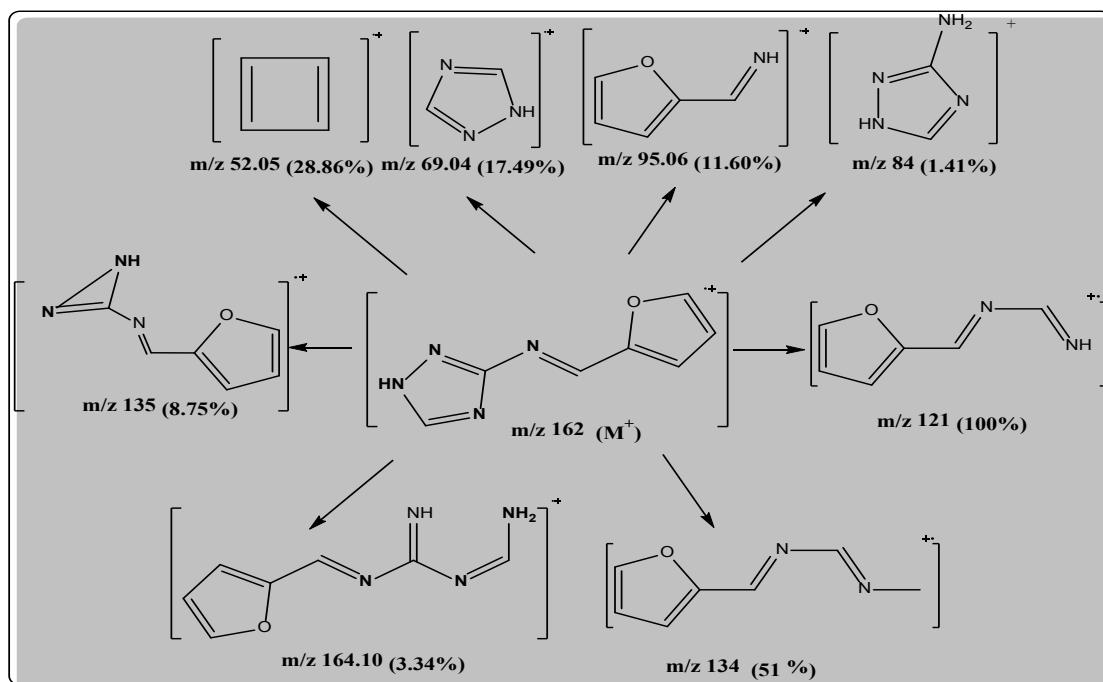


Fig. 1. Mass spectra of (FTA).



Scheme 3. Proposed mass fragmentation pattern of the ligand (FTA).



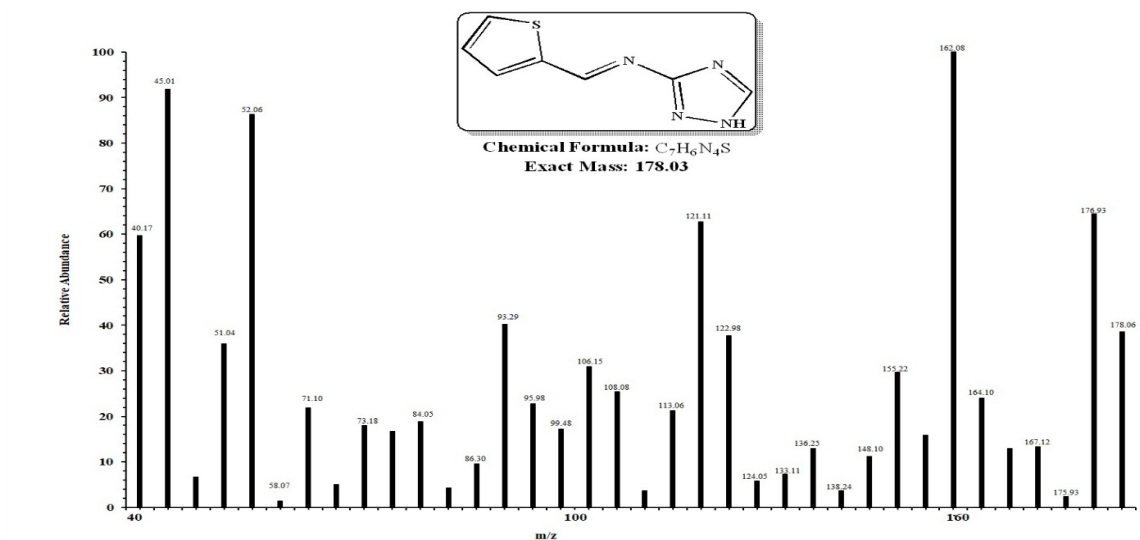
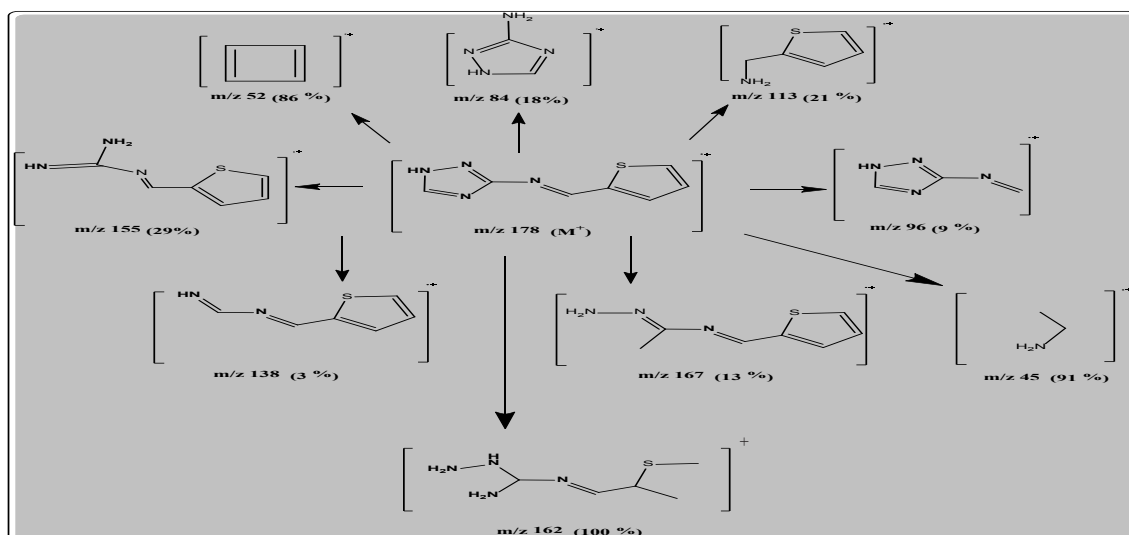
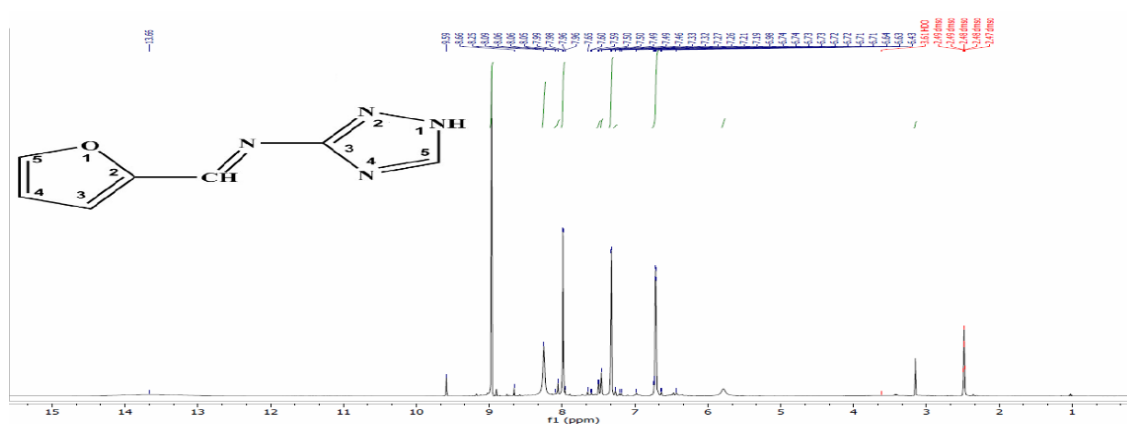


Fig. 2. Mass spectra of (TTA).



Scheme 4. Proposed mass fragmentation pattern of the ligand (TTA).

Fig. 3.  $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectra of the (FTA) in  $\text{DMSO } d_6 + \text{D}_2\text{O}$ .

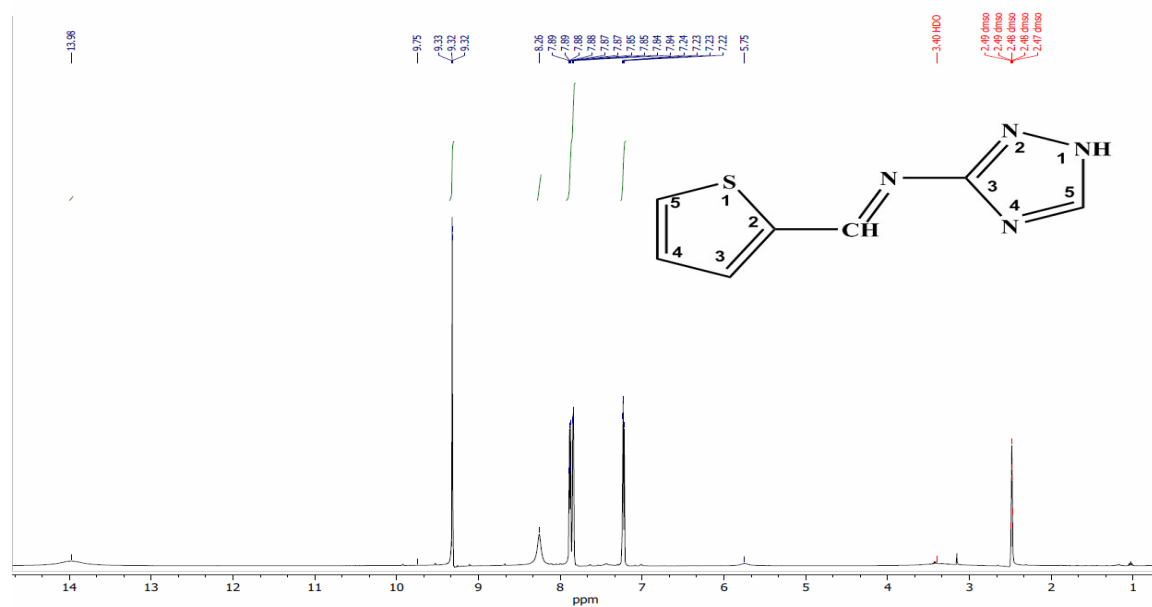


Fig. 4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the (TTA) in DMSO d<sub>6</sub> + D<sub>2</sub>O.

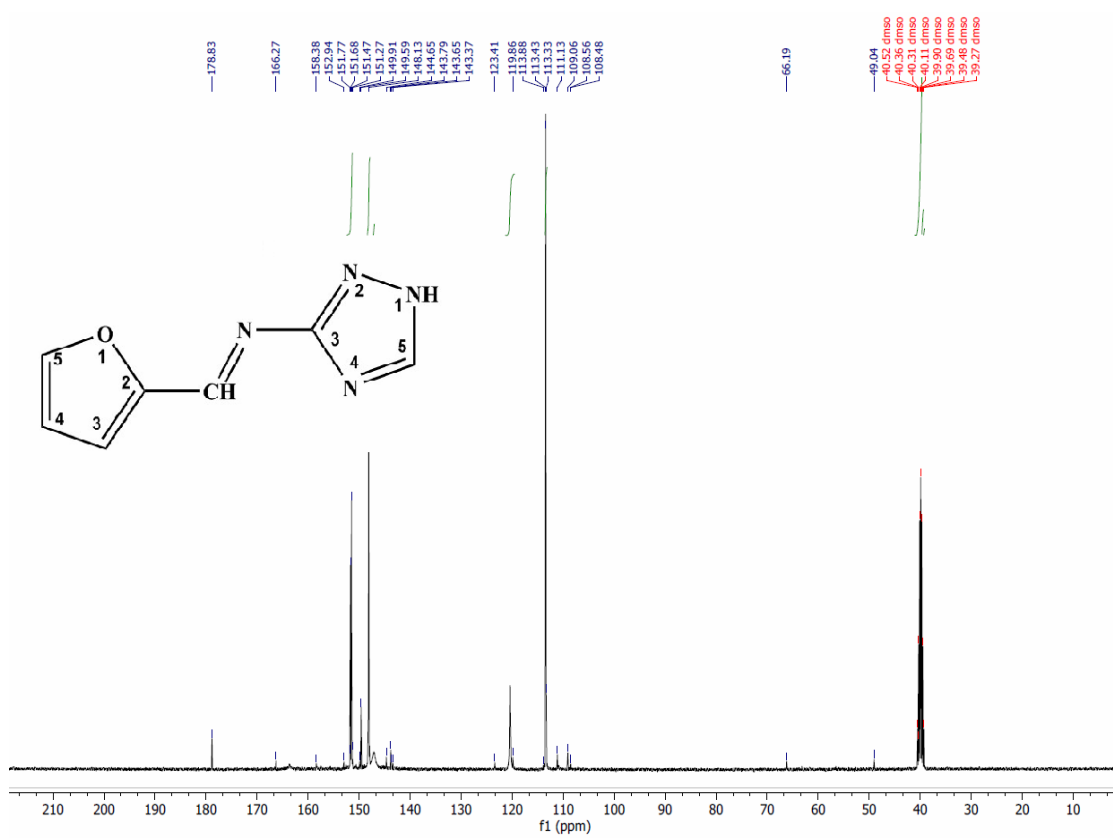


Fig. 5. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the (FTA) in DMSO d<sub>6</sub>.



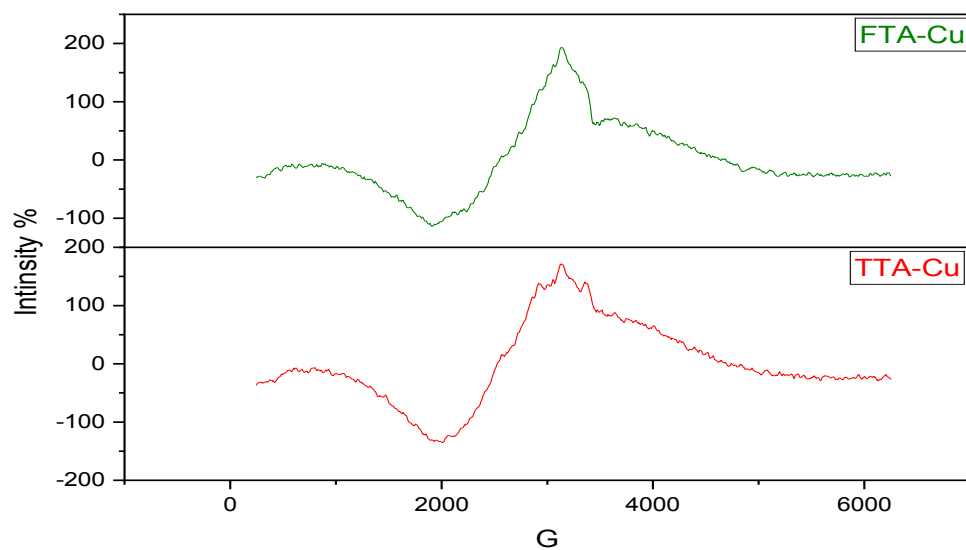


Fig. 7. ESR spectra of the Cu complexes of FTA and TTA ligands.

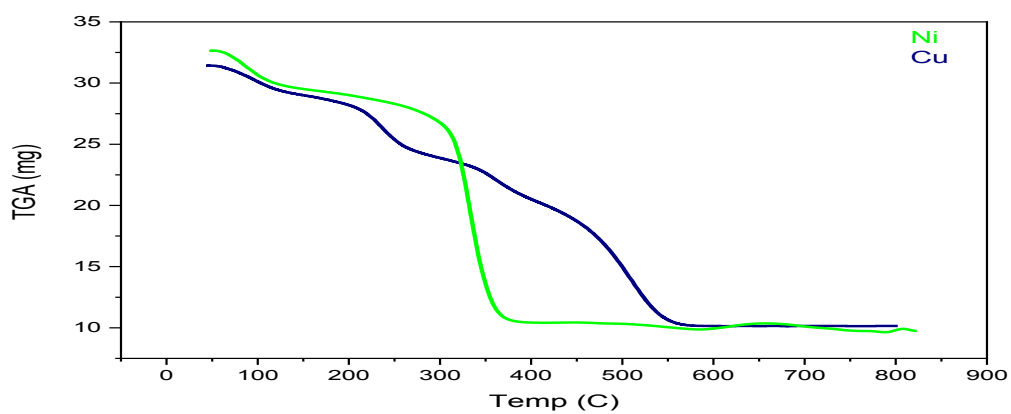


Fig. 8. Thermal analysis of FTA complexes.

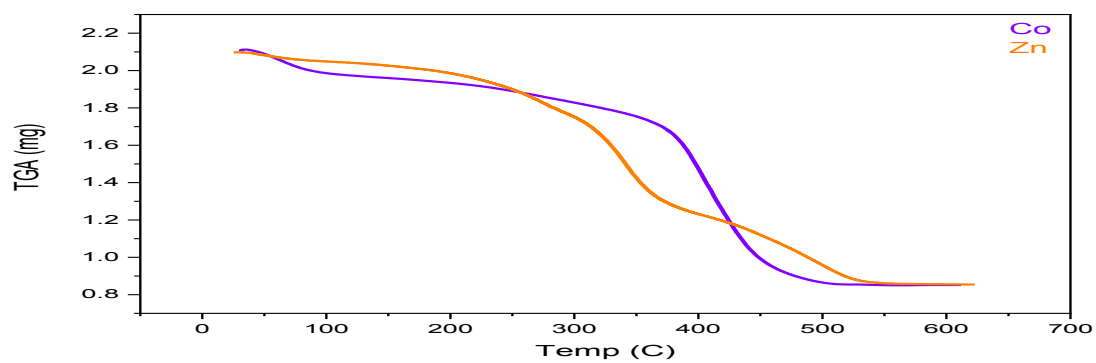


Fig. 9. Thermal analysis of TTA complexes.

**TABLE 4. Thermo-gravimetric data of the thermal decomposition of Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II) and Zn (II) complexes of the prepared ligands.**

| Ligand | Compd. No. | Molecular Formula         | Molecular Weight | Steps           | $\Delta T$ °C |       | mass % |       | Assignment                                       |     |
|--------|------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------|--------|-------|--|-----|
|        |            |                           |                  |                 | $T_i$         | $T_f$ | Calc.  | Found |  |     |
| FTA    | Cu         | $C_{11}H_{16}CuN_4O_7$    | 379.8            | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 50            | 120   | 10.55  | 9.47  | 2H <sub>2</sub> O                                |     |
|        |            |                           |                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 160           | 300   | 16.19  | 15.53 | AcO  |     |
|        |            |                           |                  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 310           | 424   | 14.8   | 15.53 | AcO  |     |
|        |            |                           |                  | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 430           | 700   | 34.48  | 35.3  | C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>4</sub>     |     |
|        |            |                           |                  | Residue         |               |       | 21.98  | 20.93 | CuO  |     |
| FTA    | Ni         | $C_{18}H_{22}N_8NiO_8$    | 538.1            | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 40            | 120   | 6.14   | 6.69  | 2H <sub>2</sub> O                                |     |
|        |            |                           |                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 170           | 330   | 20.42  | 21.92 | AcO  |     |
|        |            |                           |                  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 365           | 409   | 13.19  | 57.29 | C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O |     |
|        |            |                           |                  | Residue         |               |       |        | 13.88 | NiO  |     |
|        |            |                           |                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 30            | 120   | 6.67   | 6.36  | 2H <sub>2</sub> O                                |     |
| TTA    | Co         | $C_{18}H_{22}CoN_8O_6S_2$ | 569.5            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 230           | 337   | 22.9   | 22.54 | AcO  |     |
|        |            |                           |                  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 379           | 444   | 56.12  | 59.78 | C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>4</sub>   |     |
|        |            |                           |                  | Residue         |               |       |        | 14.2  | 13.15  | CoO |
|        |            |                           |                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 60            | 104   | 8.92   | 9.05  | 2H <sub>2</sub> O                                |     |
|        |            |                           |                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 277           | 371   | 13.99  | 14.83 | AcO  |     |
| TTA    | Zn         | $C_{11}H_{16}N_4O_6SZn$   | 397.7            | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 405           | 475   | 14.1   | 14.83 | AcO  |     |
|        |            |                           |                  | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 558           | 678   | 53.8   | 55.99 | C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>4</sub> S   |     |
|        |            |                           |                  | Residue         |               |       |        | 19.8  | 20.09  | ZnO |

*Thermo-kinetic parameters:*

Kinetic parameters of different stages were summarized in Table 5, together with the radii of metal ions. The results showed that the values obtained by various methods are comparable and were in harmony with each other. The kinetic and thermodynamic parameters were determined by non-isothermal methods.

From the results listed in Table 5, we get conclusions as follows:

- 1- The reactions are endothermic [40] and most of these reactions are slow and the reactants are less stable than products [41]
- 2- The rate of removal of the subsequent ligand will be lower than that of the precedent ligand and the reactions are non-spontaneous due to increasing the values of  $\Delta G$  subsequently

**TABLE 5. Thermodynamic data of the thermal decomposition of Co(II), Ni(II) and Cu(II) complexes of FTA and TTA.**

| Comp. | Steps           | Coats Redfern  |                               |                        |  |   |   | Horowitz-Metzger |                               |                       |  |   |   |
|-------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--|---|---|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|---|
|       |                 | R <sup>2</sup> | Ea<br>KJ<br>mol <sup>-1</sup> | A<br>S <sup>-1</sup>   | $\Delta S^*$<br>mol <sup>-1</sup><br>K <sup>-1</sup> | $\Delta H^*$<br>KJ<br>mol <sup>-1</sup> | $\Delta G^*$<br>KJ<br>mol <sup>-1</sup> | R <sup>2</sup>   | Ea<br>KJ<br>mol <sup>-1</sup> | A<br>S <sup>-1</sup>  | $\Delta S^*$<br>mol <sup>-1</sup><br>K <sup>-1</sup> | $\Delta H^*$<br>KJ<br>mol <sup>-1</sup> | $\Delta G^*$<br>KJ<br>mol <sup>-1</sup> |
| Cu    | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 0.96           | 73194                         | 5.42 x10 <sup>9</sup>  | -60  | 70216                                   | 91728                                   | 0.96             | 31966                         | 1.38 x10 <sup>4</sup> | -167   | 28990                                   | 88840                                   |
|       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 0.99           | 34489                         | 5.99x10 <sup>16</sup>  | -204   | 30246                                   | 134412                                  | 0.99             | 21624                         | 1.64 x10 <sup>1</sup> | -256   | 17384                                   | 148051                                  |
|       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 0.98           | 55183                         | 1.18 x10 <sup>5</sup>  | -152   | 50998                                   | 127552                                  | 0.98             | 21035                         | 1.53 x10 <sup>1</sup> | -226   | 16853                                   | 130845                                  |
|       | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 0.92           | 290288                        | 6.06 x10 <sup>11</sup> | -27  | 283316                                  | 306732                                  | 0.9              | 116769                        | 3.80 x10 <sup>6</sup> | -127   | 109802                                  | 216700                                  |
| Ni    | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 0.94           | 57                            | 4.36 x10 <sup>7</sup>  | -100   | 543                                     | 92586                                   | 0.93             | 36                            | 2.68 x10 <sup>4</sup> | -162   | 32856                                   | 94487                                   |
|       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 0.99           | 34489                         | 5.99 x10 <sup>16</sup> | -262   | 30246                                   | 163929                                  | 0.99             | 21624                         | 1.64 x10 <sup>1</sup> | -253   | 17384                                   | 146470                                  |
|       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 0.98           | 332634                        | 2.63 x10 <sup>18</sup> | 100  | 327517                                  | 265529                                  | 0.98             | 566021                        | 2.15x10 <sup>18</sup> | 674  | 560908                                  | 146128                                  |
| Co    | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 0.90           | 49818                         | 3.37 x10 <sup>6</sup>  | -121   | 46881                                   | 89728                                   | 0.90             | 20719                         | 2.33 x10 <sup>2</sup> | -201   | 17785                                   | 88750                                   |
|       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 0.99           | 34298                         | 5.96 x10 <sup>16</sup> | -262   | 30054                                   | 163779                                  | 0.99             | 21624.7                       | 1.64x10 <sup>1</sup>  | -253   | 17384                                   | 146468                                  |
|       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 0.98           | 332634                        | 2.35 x10 <sup>18</sup> | 100  | 327517                                  | 265529                                  | 0.98             | 566021                        | 2.15x10 <sup>18</sup> | 674  | 560908                                  | 146128                                  |
| Zn    | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 0.93           | 60165                         | 5.36 x10 <sup>7</sup>  | -98  | 57170                                   | 92640                                   | 0.92             | 28014                         | 3.02 x10 <sup>3</sup> | -179   | 25021                                   | 89782                                   |
|       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 0.98           | 55950                         | 1.20 x10 <sup>15</sup> | -239   | 51349                                   | 183940                                  | 0.99             | 33052                         | 1.72 x10 <sup>2</sup> | -231   | 28454                                   | 156559                                  |
|       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 0.99           | 454114                        | 1.73 x10 <sup>39</sup> | 500  | 449197                                  | 153323                                  | 0.99             | 203274                        | 6.48x10 <sup>17</sup> | 90   | 198360                                  | 144933                                  |
|       | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 0.99           | 167850                        | 2.32 x10 <sup>11</sup> | -34  | 161942                                  | 186485                                  | 0.99             | 75439                         | 6.39 x10 <sup>4</sup> | -160   | 69536                                   | 183248                                  |

*Corrosion evaluation of the prepared Schiff base ligand by Weight loss measurements*

*Concentration and temperature effect*

Weight loss method was applied to study the rate of corrosion of C-steel in the existence and disappearance of several concentration ranges of inhibitors FTA, and TTA at three different temperatures (Table 6). The corrosion rate value was calculated from the following equation:

$$K = \Delta W / At \quad (4)$$

where (k) is the corrosion rate ( $\text{mg cm}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$ ), ( $\Delta W$ ) is the loss of weight after corrosion (mg), (A) is the total area of the coupon ( $\text{cm}^2$ ), and t is the corrosion time (h) respectively.

The surface coverage degree ( $\theta$ ) and the efficiency of inhibition  $n_w\%$ , were estimated from the following equations [42]:

$$\theta = \frac{K_0 - K}{K_0} \quad (5)$$

$$n\% = \frac{K_0 - K}{K_0} \times 100 \quad (6)$$

where  $k_0$  and k are the corrosion rate values without and with the addition of the inhibitor, respectively. From Table 6, it's obvious that the inhibition efficiency percentage ( $n_w\%$ ) increases when the inhibitor concentration also increases which corresponds to the increase in the mass and charge transfer to the C-steel surface causing the inhibitor molecules to be adsorbed on the metal

surface that is positively influencing the reduction of metal dissolution. Moreover, an increasing in surface area ( $\theta$ ) coverage took place by increasing inhibitor concentration. It was also indicated that variation of temperature affects the inhibition percentage at an in the direct way which means that, inhibition efficiency decreases with the increase in temperature. Because at high temperatures, the hydrogen development increases on the metal surface causing to the desorption of the adsorbed inhibitor film from the metal surface [43]. So that, the prepared compounds were suggested to be of good inhibition efficiency as inhibitors for C-steel dissolution in 1.0 M HCl solution, and the order of the inhibition efficiencies of the two greenly synthesized Schiff base inhibitors increases in the following order: FTA < TTA.

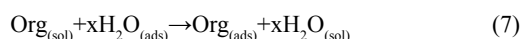
*Adsorption isotherm*

According to corrosion studies, it is significant to recognize the relationship between the metal surface and the inhibitor molecules. This relationship comes to light when an adsorption process occurs through two different pathways. Generally, adsorption of an inhibitor may be categorized as physical adsorption and chemisorption. The main factors influencing the adsorption type are the metal electronic configuration, electrolyte type and the chemical structure of the inhibitor. Furthermore, adsorption process takes place when water molecules ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{ads})}$ ) that were already adsorbed on the substrate surface are displaced by the inhibitor

**TABLE 6. Weight loss data for steel 1.0 M HCl without and with different concentrations of the Schiff bases at various temperatures.**

| Inhibitor name | Conc. (M)             | 30 °C                                      |          |                 | 40 °C                                      |          |                 | 50 °C                                      |          |                 |
|----------------|-----------------------|--|----------|-----------------|--|----------|-----------------|--|----------|-----------------|
|                |                       | k<br>( $\text{mg.cm}^{-2}.\text{h}^{-1}$ ) | $\theta$ | $\eta_w$<br>(%) | k<br>( $\text{mg.cm}^{-2}.\text{h}^{-1}$ ) | $\theta$ | $\eta_w$<br>(%) | k<br>( $\text{mg.cm}^{-2}.\text{h}^{-1}$ ) | $\theta$ | $\eta_w$<br>(%) |
| blank          | $0 \times 10^{-4}$    | $26.40 \times 10^{-2}$                     | -----    | -----           | $24.57 \times 10^{-2}$                     | -----    | -----           | $102.42 \times 10^{-2}$                    | -----    | -----           |
|                | $0.5 \times 10^{-4}$  | $8.04 \times 10^{-2}$                      | 0.70     | 69.57           | $18.30 \times 10^{-2}$                     | 0.26     | 25.53           | $64.44 \times 10^{-2}$                     | 0.37     | 37.08           |
| FTA            | $0.75 \times 10^{-4}$ | $6.01 \times 10^{-2}$                      | 0.77     | 77.23           | $15.20 \times 10^{-2}$                     | 0.38     | 38.13           | $55.49 \times 10^{-2}$                     | 0.46     | 45.82           |
|                | $1 \times 10^{-4}$    | $5.29 \times 10^{-2}$                      | 0.80     | 79.98           | $14.06 \times 10^{-2}$                     | 0.43     | 42.78           | $49.79 \times 10^{-2}$                     | 0.51     | 51.39           |
|                | $5 \times 10^{-4}$    | $3.61 \times 10^{-2}$                      | 0.86     | 86.34           | $9.40 \times 10^{-2}$                      | 0.62     | 61.72           | $38.60 \times 10^{-2}$                     | 0.62     | 62.32           |
|                | $10 \times 10^{-4}$   | $1.99 \times 10^{-2}$                      | 0.92     | 92.47           | $8.05 \times 10^{-2}$                      | 0.67     | 67.25           | $19.63 \times 10^{-2}$                     | 0.81     | 80.83           |
|                | $0.5 \times 10^{-4}$  | $7.48 \times 10^{-2}$                      | 0.72     | 71.69           | $18.06 \times 10^{-2}$                     | 0.27     | 26.50           | $62.31 \times 10^{-2}$                     | 0.39     | 39.16           |
| TTA            | $0.75 \times 10^{-4}$ | $5.56 \times 10^{-2}$                      | 0.79     | 78.94           | $14.46 \times 10^{-2}$                     | 0.41     | 41.13           | $53.71 \times 10^{-2}$                     | 0.48     | 47.55           |
|                | $1 \times 10^{-4}$    | $4.58 \times 10^{-2}$                      | 0.83     | 82.64           | $12.30 \times 10^{-2}$                     | 0.50     | 49.95           | $42.85 \times 10^{-2}$                     | 0.58     | 58.17           |
|                | $5 \times 10^{-4}$    | $2.86 \times 10^{-2}$                      | 0.89     | 89.18           | $8.77 \times 10^{-2}$                      | 0.64     | 64.29           | $27.19 \times 10^{-2}$                     | 0.73     | 73.45           |
|                | $10 \times 10^{-4}$   | $1.79 \times 10^{-2}$                      | 0.93     | 93.24           | $7.18 \times 10^{-2}$                      | 0.71     | 70.78           | $19.06 \times 10^{-2}$                     | 0.81     | 81.39           |

molecules ( $\text{Inh}_{(\text{sol})}$ ) exists in the aqueous solution as follows [44-46]:



Where the size ratio ( $x$ ) represents the number of replaced water molecules by one organic molecule.

Different adsorption isotherm equations such as Freundlich, Langmuir, Frumkin, Flory-Huggins, Frumkin, and Temkin can be applied to the data resulted from weight loss, but it was found that the data obtained from weight loss are more likely to fit with the Langmuir isotherm especially when the correlation coefficients ( $R^2$ ) for, FTA and TTA are 0.9997, 0.9991 and 0.9997 respectively. The Langmuir relation is as follows [47,48]:

$$\text{Langmuir Isotherm} = C_{\text{inh}} / \theta = 1 / k_{\text{ads}} + C_{\text{inh}} \quad (8)$$

Where  $C_{\text{inh}}$  is the inhibitor concentration,  $K_{\text{ads}}$  is the equilibrium constant of the isotherm process and  $\theta$  is the degree of surface coverage. By plotting  $C_{\text{inh}}/\theta$  against  $C$  as shown in Fig. 10, it was clear that the slope of Langmuir adsorption isotherm for the three synthesized inhibitors, FTA and TTA at 30 °C was almost close to unity except a slight deviation took place, which may be referred to the interaction among the adsorbed inhibitor molecules with each other [49,50]. Values of the equilibrium constant ( $K_{\text{ads}}$ ) for inhibitors TTA and FTA were  $45.88 \times 10^3$  and  $55.52 \times 10^3$  respectively, these high values indicate how strong the adsorption force between the synthesized inhibitors and the surface of the metal. It is also known that the equilibrium constant ( $K_{\text{ads}}$ ) is related to the Gibbs free energy according to the equation [51]:

$$\Delta G_{\text{ads}}^{\circ} = -RT \ln (55.5 K_{\text{ads}}) \quad (9)$$

Where (55.5) is the molar concentration of water in solution expressed in mole/l,  $T$  is the absolute temperature and  $R$  (8.314) is the universal gas constant. Generally, when  $\Delta G_{\text{ads}}^{\circ}$  values are equal to -20 or higher it may be considered as (Physical adsorption), while values of -40 or lower are of the type (chemisorption) [52]. Calculated values of the Gibbs free energy for inhibitors, TTA, and FTA were - 37.1628 and - 37.6436 KJ mol<sup>-1</sup>. So it is obvious that this value shows that the adsorption processes were of chemically adsorption type on the substrate surface plus it also brings to light that an electron

transfer process took place to form a coordination bond among the inhibitor molecules and the d-orbital of the iron molecules [53,54]. Enthalpy and Entropy of adsorption can be calculated as follows:

$$\ln K_{\text{ads}} = \left( \frac{\Delta H_{\text{ads}}}{RT} \right) + \text{const} \quad (10)$$

$$\Delta G = \Delta H_{\text{ads}} - T\Delta S_{\text{ads}} \quad (11)$$

Where  $\Delta H_{\text{ads}}$  and  $K_{\text{ads}}$  are the adsorption heat and adsorptive equilibrium constant, respectively. Plotting  $\ln K_{\text{ads}}$  against  $1/T$  gives straight line which slope is equal to  $\Delta H_{\text{ads}}/R$ . Negative values of  $\Delta H_{\text{ads}}$  are shown in Table 7 suggests that the adsorption of inhibitors is exothermic in nature. In addition, the negative values of  $\Delta H_{\text{ads}}$  show that the adsorption is exothermal with an ordered phenomenon ascribed by the negative values of  $\Delta S_{\text{ads}}$ . This order may more probably be clarified by the possibility of formation of the iron complex on the metal surface [55,56].

#### Activation parameters

The Arrhenius-type equation was applied to calculate activation energy ( $E^*$ ), the enthalpy of activation ( $\Delta H^*$ ), and the entropy of activation ( $\Delta S^*$ ) for C-steel coupons in 1M HCl in the presence and absence of the synthesized inhibitor, FTA and TTA according to equations (9) as follows:

$$\text{Log}(k) = A e^{E_a/RT} \quad (9)$$

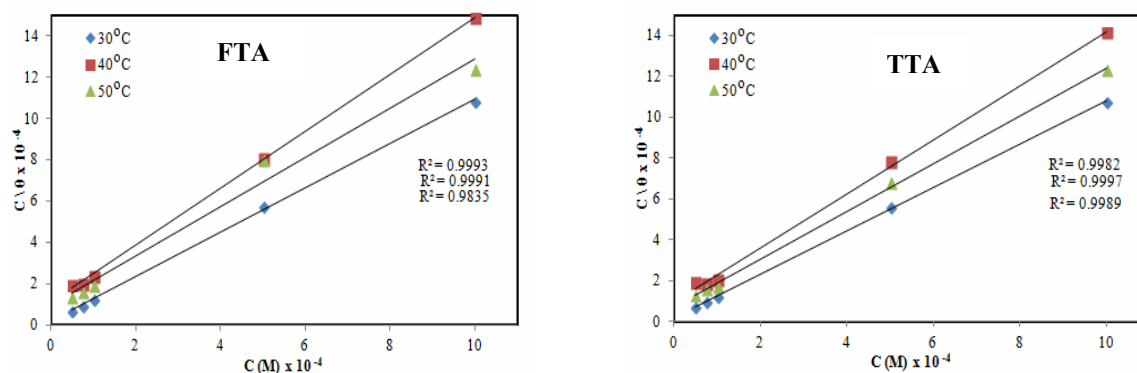
Where  $A$ ,  $k$ ,  $T$  and  $R$  represents the Arrhenius constant, the corrosion rate obtained from weight loss measurement, the absolute temperature, and  $R$  is the universal gas constant. Figure 11 shows a graph of plotting  $\log k$  against  $1/T$  in our two investigated phases with and without several ranges of inhibitors concentrations, the graph shows a straight line with a slope of ( $-E_a/2.303R$ ). From Table 8, it can be acknowledged that the activation energy in absence of inhibitor is lower than in their presence which implies that the corrosion rate of C-steel is reduced by forming the iron-inhibitor complex [57]. Calculations of Enthalpy and Entropy of activation were done using equation (10) as follows:

$$K = \left( \frac{RT}{Nh} \right) \exp \left( \frac{\Delta S^*}{R} \right) \exp \left( - \frac{\Delta H^*}{RT} \right) \quad (10)$$

Where  $k$ ,  $T$ ,  $R$ ,  $N$ ,  $h$  represents, the corrosion rate, the absolute temperature, the universal gas constant, the Avogadro's number and the Planck's constant respectively.  $\log(k)$  was plotted against

**TABLE 7.** Thermodynamic parameters using Langmuir adsorption isotherm on steel surface in 1.0 M HCl containing different concentrations of the Schiff bases.

| Inhibitor | Temp.<br>(°k) | $K_{ads}$<br>(KJ/mol) | $\Delta G_{ads}$<br>(KJ/mol) | $\Delta S_{ads}$<br>(J/mol .°k) | $\Delta H_{ads}$<br>(KJ/mol) |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| FTA       | 303           | 45.882                | -37.16                       | -77.22                          |                              |
|           | 313           | 9.328                 | -33.14                       | -87.58                          | -60.56                       |
|           | 323           | 10.541                | -33.45                       | -83.91                          |                              |
| TTA       | 303           | 55.528                | -37.64                       | -59.74                          |                              |
|           | 313           | 10.517                | -33.45                       | -71.22                          | -55.74                       |
|           | 323           | 14.402                | -34.24                       | -66.57                          |                              |

**Fig. 10.** Langmuir isotherm adsorption model on the carbon steel surface of Schiff base inhibitor FTA and TTA in 1.0 M HCl at different temperatures.**TABLE 8.** Activation parameters values for steel in 1.0 M HCl in the absence and presence of different concentrations of the synthesized Schiff bases.

| inhibitor | Conc. of inhibitor (M) | $E_a$<br>(kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | $\Delta H^*$<br>(kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | $\Delta S^*$<br>(kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|-----------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| blank     | 0×10 <sup>-4</sup>     | 54.48                            | 78.05                                   | 153.16  |
|           | 0.5 ×10 <sup>-4</sup>  | 84.49                            | 122.72                                  | 288.38  |
|           | 0.75×10 <sup>-4</sup>  | 90.24                            | 131.50                                  | 314.02  |
| FTA       | 1 ×10 <sup>-4</sup>    | 91.10                            | 133.12                                  | 318.00  |
|           | 5 ×10 <sup>-4</sup>    | 96.21                            | 141.37                                  | 340.37  |
|           | 10 ×10 <sup>-4</sup>   | 93.36                            | 139.71                                  | 329.57  |
| TTA       | 0.5 ×10 <sup>-4</sup>  | 86.09                            | 125.14                                  | 295.64  |
|           | 0.75×10 <sup>-4</sup>  | 92.10                            | 134.29                                  | 322.32  |
|           | 1 ×10 <sup>-4</sup>    | 90.80                            | 133.24                                  | 316.73  |
|           | 5 ×10 <sup>-4</sup>    | 91.64                            | 136.07                                  | 320.93  |
|           | 10 ×10 <sup>-4</sup>   | 96.49                            | 144.30                                  | 343.26  |



$1/T$ , a straight line with slope equal to  $\Delta H^*/2.303R$  and an intercept equal to  $\log(R/Nh) + \Delta S^*/2.303R$  were obtained as presented in Fig. 11.

It is obvious that values of  $\Delta S^*$  are greater when the inhibitor exists in the acidic solution than in uninhibited solution which is generally explicated as an increase in disorder as the reactants are transformed to the activated complexes. Thus, it suggested that a displacement process of water molecules over adsorption of inhibitors on the C-steel surface took place.

#### Biological activity.

##### Antimicrobial activity

To contribute to the field of bioinorganic chemistry, the synthesized ligand and its Zn(II) complex were tested against bacterial and fungal strains by disc diffusion method (*cf* experimental part). The results were compared with those of the standard drugs (Gentamicin for Gram-positive bacteria and Gram-negative bacteria and Ketoconazole for fungal strains) and calculated the diameter of inhibition zone for each by mm. The antimicrobial results evidently showed that the triazole derivatives and its complexes possess a broad spectrum of activity against the tested organisms.

##### Antimicrobial activity of Ligands and their Zn(II)

##### complex

The antimicrobial activity of ligands and their Zn(II) complexes against the bacterial and fungal strains were tested and evaluated. Table 9 shows the antimicrobial activity of ligand against the tested bacterial and fungal strains. Our results showed no inhibition effect on the growth of the bacterial and fungal strains by the ligand excepted the effect on the growth of *Bacillus subtilus* RCMB 015 (1) NRRL B-543, *Aspergillus fumigatus* (RCMB 002008) and *Candida albicans* RCMB 005003 (1) ATCC 10231 with inhibition zones 9 mm, 17 mm and 15 mm, respectively. While the Zn (II) complex exhibited good antimicrobial activity against both bacteria (Gram-negative & Gram-positive bacteria) and fungal strains. It showed higher antibacterial activity against *Bacillus subtilus* RCMB 015 (1) NRRL B-543, *Staphylococcus aureus* (RCMB010010) and *Escherichia Coli* (RCMB 010052) ATCC 25955 with inhibition zone 15 mm, 13 mm and 14 mm respectively, while appearance moderated to weak activity against *Aspergillus fumigatus* (RCMB 002008) and *Candida albicans* RCMB 005003 (1) ATCC 10231 with inhibition zone 16 and 14 mm, respectively. Hence the antimicrobial activity after complexation with Zn(II) is enhanced as compared to that of the free ligand.

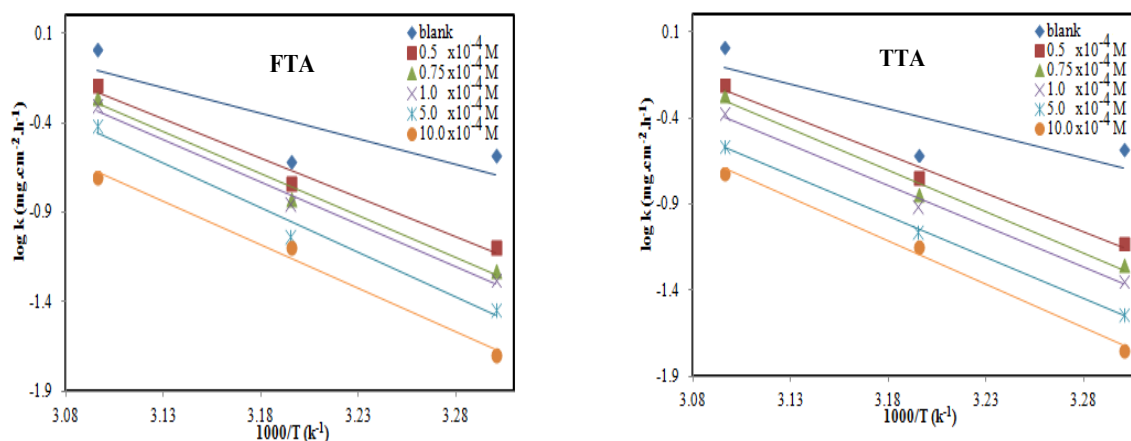


Fig. 11. Arrhenius plots ( $\log k$  vs.  $1/T$ ) for steel dissolution in the absence and the presence of different concentrations of FTA and TTA in 1.0 M HCl solution.

TABLE 9. The antimicrobial activity of the ligands and their Zn(II) complex.

| Comp. | Recorded zone diameter (mm) for each test microorganism |  |  |   |   |  |
|-------|---|--|--|---|---|--|
|       | BACTERIA  |  |  | FUNGI   |   |  |
|       | Gram-positive   |  | Gram-negative  |   |   |  |
|       | <i>Bacillus subtilis</i><br>RCMB 015 (1)<br>NRRL B-543  | <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i><br>(RCMB010010) | <i>Escherichia Coli</i><br>(RCMB 010052)<br>ATCC 25955 | <i>Salmonella typhimurium</i><br>RCMB 006<br>(1) ATCC 14028 | <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i><br>(RCMB 002008) | <i>Candida albicans</i><br>RCMB 005003<br>(1) ATCC 10231 |
| FTA   | 10  | NA   | NA   | NA  | NA  | NA   |
| Zn    | 12  | 11   | 9  | 10  | NA  | NA   |
| TTA   | NA  | NA   | NA   | NA  | NA  | NA   |
| Zn    | 11  | 10   | 14   | 16  | NA  | 11   |
| St.   | 26  | 24   | 30   | 17  | 17  | 20   |

### Conclusions

- Using the microwave method assures the principals of green chemistry.
- The structure of the prepared compounds was spectroscopically illustrated by FT-IR, UV-Vis, NMR, Mass, and elemental analysis.
- The newly synthesized Schiff bases ligand act as a bidentate and tridentate ligand, which coordinated through the azomethine-N, oxygen-O, sulfur-S and triazole ring to the metal ions; Co (II), Ni (II), Cu (II) and Zn (II).
- The thermal dehydration and decomposition of Ni (II), Co (II), Cu (II) and Zn (II) complex show elimination of water, acetate then organic content and MO remained as a residue.
- The antimicrobial activity of the Schiff base ligands and their Zn (II) complexes against the bacterial and fungal strains showed that the activity of the ligand after complexation with Zn (II) is enhanced as compared to that of the free ligand.
- Obtained results from weight loss measurements approved that the adsorption of the prepared inhibitors FTA and TTA at the metal/acid solution interface occurs in a good and efficient manner.
- The presence of heteroatoms and iminic groups form a strong protective film as it increases the adsorption of compounds on

C-steel surface which make these interactions are more than electrostatic one.

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## استخدام الميكروويف في تحضير بعض مرتبطات قاعدة شيف من مشتقات الترايازول ومترابطاتها وتوصيفها وتقييمها من حيث نشاطها البيولوجي وكذلك كمثبطات للتآكل

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استخدام الكيمياء الخضراء كطريقه جديده ومقتصده في تحضير بعض المترابطات لعناصر الكوبلت والنيكل النحاس والزنك مع المترابط (مشتق الترايازول) وذلك باستعمال الميكروويف، كما تم توصيف وإثبات المترابط و مترابطاته باستخدام وسائل تحليل مختلفة مثل التحليل العنصرية والقياسات الطيفيه الخاصه بالأشعه فوق البنفسجيه والأشعة تحت الحمراء والرنين النووي المغناطيسي ومطياف الكتلة والتحليل الحراري لمترابطات الكوبلت والنيكل والنحاس والزنك كذلك تمت دراسة النشاط البيولوجي للمرتبطات ومقارنه نتائجها بمترابطات الزنك ، وقد أظهرت المترابطات أن لها تأثير مقبول كمضادات للبكتريا والفطريات مقارنة بالمرتبط.

كذلك تم دراسة وتقييم كفاءة المرتبطات المحضرة في مجال مثبطات التآكل حيث تم اجراء تجارب تعتمد على قياسات الفقد في الوزن في ثلاث درجات حرارة مختلفة باستخدام اقراص من الحديد الكربوني في بيئه حمضية تحتوي على ١ مولار من حمض الهيدروكلوريك، وقد اظهرت النتائج ان المرتبطات لها تأثير مقبول من حيث كونها مواد مثبطة للتآكل حيث اظهر المرتبط المحتوي على حلقة الثيوفين نتيجة افضل من المرتبط المحتوي على حلقة الفيوران.