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### RESEARCH ARTICLE

#### SYNTHESIS, SPECTRAL CHARACTERIZATION AND ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITIES OF BIS(CYCLOPENTADIENYL)TITANIUM(IV) COMPLEXES WITH SCHIFF BASES DERIVED FROM 5-(SUBSTITUTED ARYL)-2-HYDRAZINO-1, 3, 4-OXADIAZOLE AND INDOLINE-2, 3-DIONE

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#### Abstract

Titanium(IV) complexes of type  $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)_2TiCl(L)]$  have been synthesized by the reactions of bis(cyclopentadienyl)titanium(IV)dichloride with Schiff bases (LH) derived by the condensation of 5-(substituted aryl)-2-hydrazino-1,3,4-oxadiazole and indoline-2,3-dione in tetrahydrofuran in the presence of triethylamine. All these complexes are soluble in  $PhNO_2$ , DMF and DMSO. The complexes were characterized by elemental analyses, electrical conductance, magnetic susceptibility, UV-Vis, IR,  $^1H$  NMR,  $^{13}C$  NMR, XRD and SEM spectral techniques. Low molar conductance values indicate that they are non-electrolytes. The spectral data indicate 5-coordinate geometry for the complexes. XRD pattern indicates that the complexes have monoclinic crystal system and particle sizes were found 49.36 nm (nano-size). *In vitro* antifungal activity of synthesized compounds was evaluated against fungi *Aspergillus niger*, *Aspergillus flavus*, *Colletotrichum falcatum* and *In vitro* antibacterial activity was determined by screening the compounds against gram negative (*P. aeruginosa*, *S. typhi*) and gram positive (*S. aureus* and *B. subtilis*) bacterial strains using minimum inhibition concentration method (MIC) by serial dilution technique. The titanocene(IV) complexes have higher antimicrobial effect than the parent Schiff bases.

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#### Introduction:-

Over the past several years, there has been a substantial interest in the application of titanium complexes in biological applications. As a material titanium is extensively used as disinfectant [1], antibiotic [2], biological sensor [3], tumor cell killing agent [4] and gene.

Targeting device [5]. It is an effective antimicrobial agent that kills bacterial cells in water due to the generation of reactive oxygen species [6] which decomposes the cell of bacteria, fungi, algae and viruses due to the oxophilic nature and formation of strong bonds with various biological molecules. The titanium(IV) species are also useful as anticancer agents [7]. It was reported that photoexcited anatase  $TiO_2$  particles could effectively induce cytotoxicity against HeLa cancer cells [8]. These photoexcited anatase  $TiO_2$  particles will effectively damage the human colon

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carcinoma cell[4]. Due to the lower toxicity and less acute side effects exhibited by the titanium(IV) materials, these are found to be highly attractive in various therapeutic applications.

On the other hand, oxadiazoles are an important type of oxygen and nitrogen containing aromatic heterocyclic compounds, possess desirable electronic and charge-transport properties and the various functional groups are easily introduced into the structurally rigid oxadiazole ring. These characteristics resulted in the extensive potential applications of oxadiazole based derivatives in the field of medicinal chemistry. 1,3,4-Oxadiazole derivatives have been found to exhibit diverse biological activities such as antibacterial [9], antifungal [10], anti-inflammatory [11] antioxidant and antihypertensive [12]. The widespread use of 1,3,4-oxadiazoles as a scaffold in medicinal chemistry establishes this moiety as an important bio-active class of heterocycles.

The present paper includes the synthesis, characterization and antimicrobial activities of bis(cyclopentadienyl)titanium(IV) complexes with Schiff bases derived from 5-(substituted aryl)-2-hydrazino-1,3,4-oxadiazoles.

## Experimental

### Materials and Reagents:-

All reactions were carried out under strictly anhydrous conditions. Glass apparatus with interchangeable quick fit joints were used throughout. THF was dried by heating under reflux over Na wire. The  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  was purified by published methods [13]. Bis(cyclopentadienyl)titanium(IV) chloride was purchased from Aldrich. The ligands were prepared as reported in literature [14].

### Instruments

Elemental analysis was measured with ElementarVario EL III. Titanium was estimated gravimetrically as its oxide. The known weight of the compound was added in concentrated nitric acid and heated up to a small volume. Then the solution was diluted with distilled water and titanium precipitated as its hydrated oxide by adding ammonia solution. This precipitate was collected on Whatmann filter paper no. 41, washed with distilled water and ignited in a silica crucible to  $\text{TiO}_2$ .  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded by a BrukerAvanceIII, 400MHz. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm and are referenced to TMS. Infrared spectra ( $4000\text{-}200\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of the ligands and complexes were recorded as KBr pellets on a Nicolet-5700 FTIR Spectrophotometer. Progress of reaction and purity of the compounds were confirmed by pre-coated TLC plates (Merck, 60F-254) and spots were visualized using iodine vapors. The magnetic susceptibility at room temperature was measured by Gouy's method using  $\text{Hg}[\text{Co}(\text{NCS})_4]$  as celebrant. Electronic spectra of the complexes were recorded on Beckmann DU-2 spectrophotometer and C $\phi$ 10 spectrophotometer instruments using DMSO as a solvent. Conductance measurements were recorded in DMSO using Toshniwal conductivity bridge model no. c/01/01, provided with a dip type conductivity cell fitted with Pt electrodes. XRD of complexes recorded on BrukerAXS D8 Advance X-ray powder diffractometer.

### Synthesis of titanium(IV) complexes

A mixture of bis(cyclopentadienyl)titanium(IV) chloride (60 mmol) and appropriate Schiff base derived from 5-(substituted aryl)-2-hydrazino-1,3,4-oxadiazole and indoline-2,3-dione (60mmol) was dissolved in dry tetrahydrofuran ( $30\text{ cm}^3$ ). To the resulting clear solution, triethylamine (60 mmol) was added and the mixture was refluxed for ca10–12 h at room temperature. The coloured complexes, so obtained, were recrystallized from a mixture of dimethylformamideandetherdried in vacuo.

The synthetic route for the preparation of ligands and their corresponding bis(cyclopentadienyl)titanium(IV)complexes is given in **Figure1**.

### Biological activity study

Bio safety during the antibacterial and antifungal activity.

The antimicrobial properties of the Schiff bases ( $\text{L}^1\text{H-L}^4\text{H}$ ) and there titanium(IV) complexes were tested against three fungal strains *Aspergillusflavus*, *Aspergillusniger*, *Colletotrichumfalcatum* and four bacteria namely *Bacillus subtilis*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Salmonella typhi* and *Streptococcus aureus*. Bacteria/fungi are potentially hazardous and care should be taken while working with them. Standard bio safety lab techniques were followed while handling bacteria /fungi and various media. Gloves were used during all experimentation, and any accidental spills were immediately sterilized using 70% isopropanol/water followed by bleach. The work area was also

sterilized with 70% isopropanol/water after completion of work unused media and bacteria suspensions were first deactivated with commercial bleach for 1 h before being disposed in biosafety bags. All material that had come in contact with bacteria (pipette tips tubes, plates, etc.) was also thrown in biosafety bags in tightly closed bins. Biosafety bags were autoclaved for 2 h before final disposal.

## Antimicrobial studies

### Antibacterial screening

The antibacterial properties of the ligands and their corresponding titanocene complexes were evaluated *In vitro* against (i) Gram-positive bacteria, *S.aureus*, *B.subtilis* and (ii) Gram-negative bacteria, *P.aeruginosa*, *S.typhi* by disk diffusion method. The bacterial strains were subcultures in broth agar and incubated for 18 h at 37°C, and then freshly prepared bacterial cells were spread onto nutrient agar plate in a laminar flow cabinet. Sterilized paper disks (6.0mm in diameter) were placed on the nutrient agar plates. Five milligrams of each test compounds were dissolved in 1mL of DMSO separately to prepare stock solution. From stock solution, different concentrations 100, 50, 25, 12.5, 6.25, 3.12 and 1.625 µg/mL of each compound were prepared. Thus, proper amounts of the different concentrations of compounds were pipetted on the blank disks, which were placed on the plates. The plates were incubated at 37°C for 24 h. The MICs, the lowest concentration (µg/mL) of the test compound that result no visible growth on the plate, were recorded. DMSO was used as a solvent control to ensure that the solvent had no effect on bacterial growth. Ciprofloxacin was designated in our experiment as a control drug. The results of the antibacterial studies were summarized in **Table 2**.

### Antifungal screening

The ligands and their corresponding titanocene complexes were screened for their antifungal activity against *Aspergillusniger*, *Aspergillusflavus* and *Colletotrichumfalcatum* (recultured) in DMSO by serial plate dilution method. Test compound (5µg) were dissolved in 1mL of DMSO, and solution was diluted with water (9mL). Further progressive dilutions with melted Mueller–Hinton agar were performed to obtain required concentrations of 100, 50, 25, 12.5, 6.25, 3.12 and 1.625 µg/mL. Petri dishes were inoculated with  $1.5 \times 10^4$  colony forming units (CFU) and incubated at 37°C for 26 h. The MICs in µg/mL were noted. To ensure that solvent had no effect on fungal growth, a control test was performed with test medium supplemented with DMSO at the same dilutions as used in the experiment. Fluconazole was used as a standard drug. The results of the antifungal studies were summarized in Table 3.

## Chemistry

### $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl}(\text{L}^1)]$

Light brown color solid ; M.P(°C): 168, yield (%):76 (stirring method) 10h, conductance ( $\text{Ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mole}^{-1}$ ): 6.2; analyses (%) found (calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_5\text{O}_2\text{TiCl}$ ): C-60.33(60.49), H-3.57 (3.89), N-13.39 (13.59), Cl-6.67 (6.78), Ti-9.02(9.13); mol. Wt. found (calcd): 516.57(516.69); Conductance ( $\text{Ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mole}^{-1}$ ) 6.2; IR(KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2974m (C-H aromatic), 1605s (v C=N ring), 3248s (v N-H group), 489m (v Ti-O), 458m (v Ti-N), 1318s (v C-O), 1084s (C-O-C), 2978m, 1420m, 1010m, 803m( $\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5$ );  $^1\text{HNMR}$ (300MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm): 6.93(s  $\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5$ ), 7.59 - 7.52m (phenyl ring), 12.31s (NH);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$ (DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm): 115.2 ( $\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5$ ), 126-149(aromatic ring), 150(C=N), 165, 162(oxadiazolering).

### $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl}(\text{L}^2)]$

Brown color solid ; M.P(°C): 162, yield (%):68 (stirring method) 10h, conductance ( $\text{Ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mole}^{-1}$ ): 4.1; analyses (%) found (calcd for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_5\text{O}_2\text{TiCl}_2$ ): C-56.42(56.79), H-3.37 (3.49), N-12.69 (12.79), Cl-6.70 (6.74), Ti-8.40(8.56); mol. wt. found (calcd): 550.47(550.69); Conductance ( $\text{Ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mole}^{-1}$ ) 4.1; IR(KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2978m (C-H aromatic), 1600s (v C=N ring), 3240s (v N-H group), 480m (v Ti-O), 455m (v Ti-N), 1312s (v C-O), 1080s (C-O-C), 2988m, 1420m, 1006m, 810m( $\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5$ );  $^1\text{HNMR}$ (300MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm): 6.93(s  $\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5$ ), 7.57 - 7.53m (phenyl ring), 12.36s (NH);  $^{13}\text{CNMR}$ (DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm): 116 ( $\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5$ ), 130-152(aromatic ring), 153(C=N), 159, 165(oxadiazole ring).

### $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl}(\text{L}^3)]$

Light yellow color solid ; M.P(°C): 193, yield (%):72 (stirring method) 10h, conductance ( $\text{Ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mole}^{-1}$ ): 5.7; analyses (%) found calcd for ( $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_5\text{O}_2\text{TiCl}$ ): C-61.11(61.17), H-4.27 (4.53), N-13.59 (13.64), Cl-6.59 (6.70), Ti-8.82(8.89); mol. Wt. found (calcd): 530.39(530.62); Conductance ( $\text{Ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mole}^{-1}$ )5.7; IR(KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2978m (C-H aromatic), 1610s (v C=N ring), 3248s (v N-H group), 480m (v Ti-O), 463m (v Ti-N), 1330s (v C-O), 1098s (C-O-C), 2996m, 1420m, 1015m, 807m( $\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5$ );  $^1\text{HNMR}$ (300MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm): 6.93(s  $\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5$ ), 7.58-7.50m

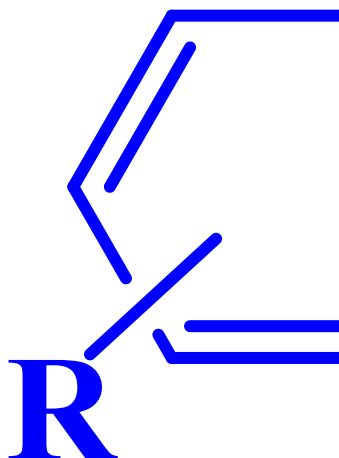
(phenyl ring), 12.40s (NH), 1.07s(CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>CNMR(DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, δ, ppm): 115.6 (η<sup>5</sup>-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 120-142(aromatic ring), 9.2(methyl), 147(C=N),162,150(oxadiazole ring)

**[(η<sup>5</sup>-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>TiCl(L<sup>4</sup>)]**

Yellow color solid; M.P(°C): 188, yield (%):70(stirring method) 10h, conductance (Ohm<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>2</sup>mole<sup>-1</sup>): 7.3; analyses (%) found (calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>TiCl): C-61.04(61.16), H-4.36 (4.49), N-13.53 (13.65), Cl-6.57 (6.72), Ti-8.68(8.73); mol. wt. found (calcd): 530.42(550.74); Conductance (Ohm<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>2</sup>mole<sup>-1</sup>) 7.3; IR(KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2978m (C-H aromatic), 1610s (v C=N ring), 3248s (v N-H group), 480m (v Ti-O), 463m (v Ti-N), 1330s (v C-O), 1098s (C-O-C), 2996m, 1420m, 1015m, 807m(η<sup>5</sup>-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>); <sup>1</sup>HNMR(300MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, δ, ppm): 6.96(s η<sup>5</sup>-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 7.60-7.55m (phenyl ring), 12.29s (NH), 1.07s(CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>CNMR(DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, δ, ppm): 115.8 (η<sup>5</sup>-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>), 124-149(aromatic ring), 9.7(methyl), 150(C=N), 165,162(oxadiazole ring)

**Results and Discussion:-**

5-(Substituted aryl)-2-hydrazino-1,3,4-oxadiazoles react with indoline-2,3-dione in ethanol in acidic medium to give Schiff base ligands (LH) (I). These ligands react with bis(cyclopentadienyl)titanium(IV) chloride to give color amorphous products of type [(η<sup>5</sup>-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>TiCl(L)], (II) as shown in **Figure 1**.



**Figure-1:-** Reaction scheme for the preparation of Schiff bases (I) and their corresponding titanium(IV) complexes (II).

The complexes are soluble in nitrobenzene, dimethylformamide and dimethylsulphoxide. The molar conductance values in DMF are in range of 4-9 ohm<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>2</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> indicating nonelectrolyte behavior in solution. Magnetic susceptibility measurements show their diamagnetic nature.

### Electronic spectra

The electronic spectra of all the complexes show a single band in the region of 474-428 nm, which is assigned to the charge transfer band and is in accordance with an  $(n-1)d^0ns^0$  electronic configuration [15]. One more band was observed at ca 283-315 nm, which may be due to intra-ligand transition.

### Infrared spectra

The IR spectra provide valuable information regarding the nature of the functional group attached to the metal atom. Schiff bases ( $L^1H-L^4H$ ) appear to exist in both keto and enol tautomer forms (**Figure 2**) suggested by a broad band (solution spectra) at  $2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , due to intramolecular H-bonded OH group which disappears in their corresponding Ti(IV) complexes indicating the coordination of phenolic oxygen to titanium metal ion through deprotonation. This is further supported by shift in phenolic(C-O) band from  $1285\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (in the free ligand) to  $1317-1330\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the complexes. The coordination through phenolic oxygen further confirmed by the appearance of band at  $480-500\text{ cm}^{-1}$  assignable [16] to  $\nu(\text{Ti-O})$ . The spectra of Schiff bases show a medium band at  $3230-3274\text{ cm}^{-1}$  due to  $\nu(\text{N-H})$  which remains almost at the same position in complex indicating the non-involvement of N-H group in bond formation. The  $\nu(\text{C-O-C})$  vibration appears as a strong band at ca.  $1080\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the free ligands type ( $L^1H-L^4H$ ) [17]. The position of which also remains the same in their corresponding complexes, indicating non-coordination of oxadiazole ring oxygen to metal atom. The ligands show one strong intensity band at  $1630\text{ cm}^{-1}$  assignable [18] to  $\nu(\text{C=N})$  which shifts to  $1610-1600\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the complexes. This shift indicates the coordination of azomethine nitrogen to metal ion [18]. The bands at  $456-463\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are assigned [19] to  $\nu(\text{Ti-N})$ . Absorption bands occurring at ca  $2978-2996\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $\nu(\text{C-H})$ , ca  $1420\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $\nu(\text{C-C})$  and ca  $1010$  and  $810\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for (C-H out-of-plane deformation) in the complexes are due to the cyclopentadienyl rings. These bands are similar to those reported for bis(cyclopentadienyl)titanium(IV) dichloride and their appearance indicates that the  $(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)$  group persists in the complexes [20].

On the basis of IR data, we conclude that the Schiff base ligands behaves as monobasic, bidentate chelating agent having coordination sites at OH group and one azomethine nitrogen atoms.

[Keto form]

[Enol form]

**Figure-2:-** Synthesized Schiff bases in tautomer forms.

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

The proton magnetic resonance spectra of ligand and their corresponding complexes were recorded in DMSO- $d_6$ . The intensities of all the resonance lines were determined by planimetric integration. Coupling between various groups complicates the spectra but a comparison of spectra of ligands with those of the complexes can lead to following conclusions.

The complexes exhibit signals at  $\delta$  6.90-6.65 assigned to the cyclopentadienyl ring proton and indicate the rapid rotation of the ring about the metal axis [19]. Schiff bases derived from indoline-2,3-dione of type ( $L^1H-L^4H$ ) exhibit signals at  $\delta$  5.52-5.60 ppm due to an indoline-2, 3-dione NH proton [18]. In titanium (IV) complexes indoline-2, 3-dione NH peak disappears. This confirms that the enol form (OH) of Schiff base reacted with metal ion via deprotonation. Multiplet is observed at  $\delta$  7.39-7.60 ppm due to aromatic protons in the Schiff bases and their corresponding titanium(IV) complexes. Schiff bases and their corresponding titanium(IV) complexes also exhibit a signal at  $\delta$  1.15-1.30 ppm due to methyl protons. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of Schiff bases of type ( $L^1H-L^4H$ ) exhibit signals at  $\delta$  11.75-11.98 ppm due to NH of azomethine (18). In titanium(IV) complexes this signal shifts downfield. The downfield shift indicates the deshielding effect due to the coordination of azomethine nitrogen to central metal ion.

### C NMR spectra

The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of these complexes were recorded in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ . Schiff bases derived from indoline-2,3-dione ( $\text{L}^1\text{H-L}^4\text{H}$ ) show signals at  $\delta 156\text{--}147$  ppm for their azomethine carbons and they shift downfield in their corresponding titanium(IV) complexes due to the coordination through azomethinenitrogens [21]. For methyl carbon a signal appears at  $\delta 13.5$  ppm in ligands ( $\text{L}^3\text{H, L}^4\text{H}$ ) and their corresponding complexes. Schiff bases of type ( $\text{L}^1\text{H-L}^4\text{H}$ ) and their corresponding titanium(IV) complexes show signals at about  $\delta 169$  ppm and  $\delta 160$  ppm assignable for oxadiazole ring carbons. These signals remain unchanged in their corresponding complexes indicating that oxadiazole ring nitrogen are not participated in bond formation. All complexes show peak at  $\delta 115.2\text{--}116$  ppm due to cyclopentadienyl group [19]. The signal observed in the region  $\delta 122\text{--}152$  ppm as a multiplet could be assigned to aromatic carbons of ligands and their corresponding complexes.

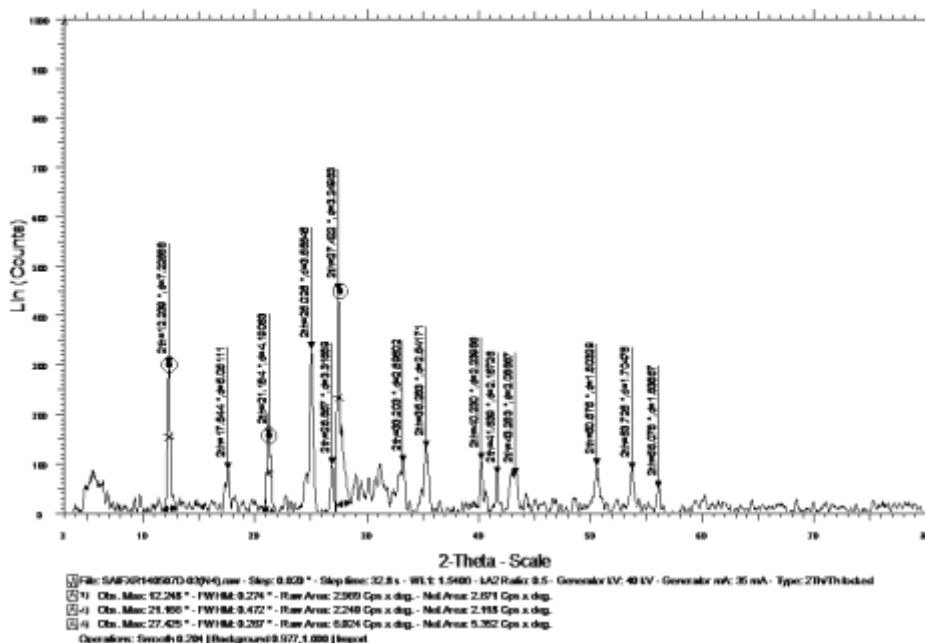
### X-Ray powder diffraction

The structural characterization of the complex  $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl}(\text{L}^3)]$  was carried out from the analysis of X-Ray powder diffraction (XRD) pattern obtained using an X-ray powder diffractometer (Bruker AXS D8 Advance) with  $\text{CuK}\alpha_1$  ( $\lambda = 1.54056\text{\AA}$ ) source. The XRD pattern of the complex was given in **Figure 3**. The peaks in the XRD pattern clearly indicate the formation of nanocrystals. The crystallite sizes have been calculated using Debye-Scherrer formula [22,23] given by

$$D = \frac{0.94\lambda}{\beta \cos \theta}$$

Where  $D$  is the crystallite size,  $\lambda$  is the wavelength of X-ray used;  $\beta$  is the full width at half maximum (FWHM) and  $\theta$  is the Bragg angle of diffraction. The average crystallite sizes of the complex  $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl}(\text{L}^3)]$  was found to be 49.36 nm.

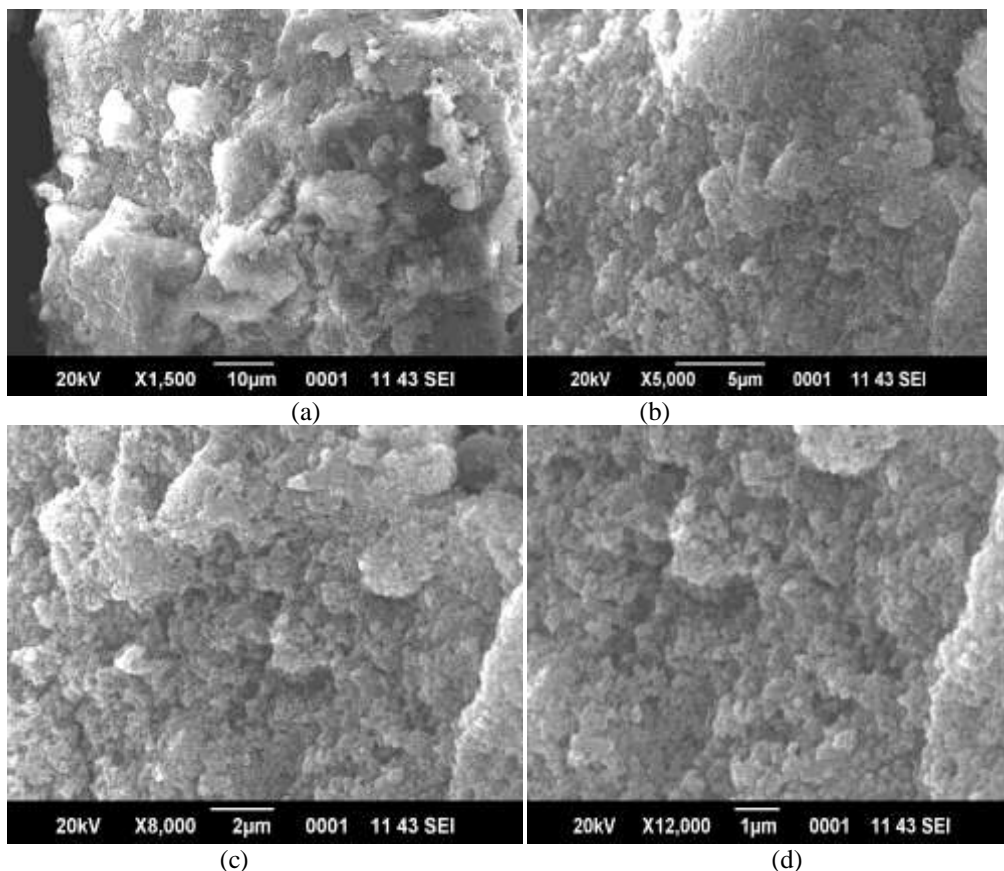
The indexing of the powder patterns for each complex was carried out using the program N-TREOR. The Miller indices ( $hkl$ ) relate the peak positions or  $d$ -spacing to the lattice parameters by an equation specific to the crystal system. The initial unit cell (lattice) parameter was also determined by N-TREOR [24]. These unit cell parameters were refined from the regression analysis and the best crystal system and space group was assigned using CHEKCELL [25] program. It was found that the complex  $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl}(\text{L}^2)]$  reveal monoclinic crystal systems with the most probable space groups  $\text{P}2_1/\text{c}$ . The lattice parameters and observed & calculated X-ray diffraction data for the complex  $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl}(\text{L}^2)]$  have been shown in **Table 1**.



**Figure- 3:-** A representative XRD spectra of complex  $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl}(\text{L}^3)]$ .

### Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM)

The morphology and particle size of the titanium(IV) complex was investigated using SEM. **Figure 4** depicts the SEM images of the synthesized titanium(IV) complexes at low and high magnification. We note that there are well-arranged nanostructures of the synthesized complexes in the micrographs. The micrographs show that the particles have irregular of many small cuboids and granular with homogeneous phase. This leads us to believe that we are dealing with nanoscale materials. A granular shape is observed in  $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl}(\text{L}^4)]$  complex with a particle size of 67.71 nm.



**Figure -4:-** A representative SEM images of  $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl}(\text{L}^4)]$  complexes.

### Antimicrobial activity

The Schiff bases are found to be biologically active and their corresponding titanium(IV) complexes show significantly enhanced antibacterial (**Table 2**) and antifungal (**Table 3**) activities. As chelation increases, bacterial and fungal growth inhibition also increases. Actual mechanism of increased activity of complexes is not certain but factors like solubility, dipole moment and cell permeability mechanism and their enzymatic action may be the possible reason. According to Overtone's concept of cell permeability, the lipid membrane surrounding the cell favors the passage of lipid-soluble materials, making the solubility an important factor controlling the antimicrobial activity [26]. Tweedy's chelation theory the polarity of the metal ion will be reduced to a greater extent due to the overlap of the ligand orbital and partial sharing of the positive charge of the metal ion with donor groups. Further, it increases the delocalization of  $\pi$ -electrons over the whole chelate ring and enhances the lipophilicity of the hetero chelates. The increased lipophilicity enhances the penetration of the hetero chelates into lipid membranes and blocks the metal binding sites in the enzymes of microorganisms. These hetero chelates also disturb the respiration process of the cell and block the synthesis of proteins, which actually restricts further growth of the organisms. Furthermore, the mode of action comprising the compounds may involve the formation of hydrogen bond through the azomethine/carbonyl/ amine group with the active center of cell constituents and interferences forced with the normal cell process [27]. In antifungal activity all ligands and titanium(IV) complexes are found to be more active against *A. niger* (**Figure 6**). It is found that substitution in the ligands increases the activity against bacteria and fungi. 2-chloro substituted ligands/compounds are more active than the other substituted ligands/compounds. Due to

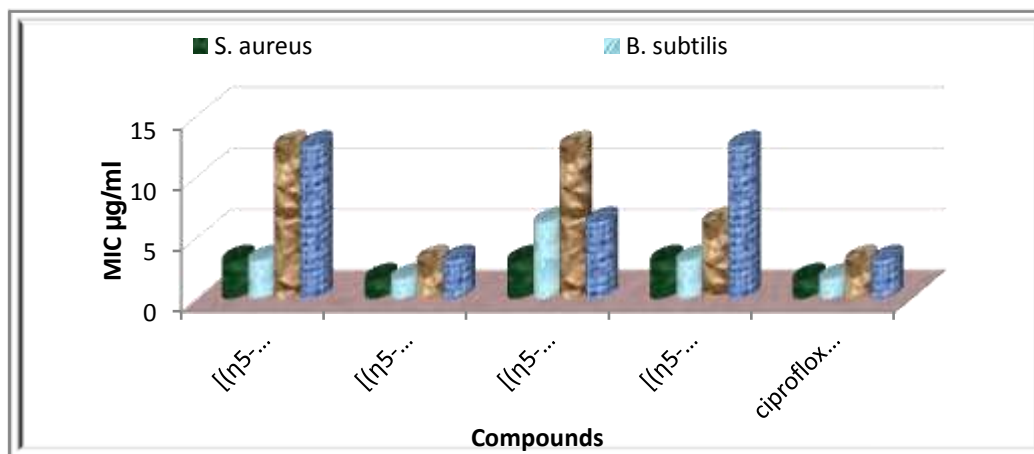
the chelating properties of 2-chloro group, antibacterial and antifungal activity increases. The complexes  $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl(L}^2)]$  is more active against all bacteria and fungi due to the chelation of ligands. In antibacterial activity, all Schiff bases and titanium(IV) complexes are more active against *S. aureus* (Figure 5).

**Table- 1:-** The unit cell parameters and observed & calculated X-Ray diffraction data of  $[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl(L}^3)]$  complex.

a = 11.1016 Å, = 1274.93 Å <sup>3</sup>		b = 9.3772 Å,		c = 12.4217 Å,		β = 99.62°,		cell vol.	
S. N.	d(obs)	d(calc)	Δ(d)	I/I <sub>m</sub> x100	2 θ (obs)	2 θ (calc)	Δ(2θ)	h k l	
1	7.19085	7.17660	0.01425	10.3012	12.299	12.323	-0.025	-1 1 1	
2	4.17896	4.18272	-0.00376	7.6807	21.244	21.225	0.019	-2 0 2	
3	3.54710	3.55353	-0.00643	35.8433	25.085	25.039	0.046	-2 3 1	
4	3.30969	3.30770	0.00200	100	26.917	26.933	-0.017	2 3 1	
5	3.24292	3.24144	0.00148	29.2771	27.482	27.495	-0.013	-1 1 3	
6	2.69133	2.68877	0.00256	6.9879	33.263	33.295	-0.033	0 3 3	
7	2.53756	2.54034	-0.00278	1.7710	35.343	35.303	0.040	1 3 3	
8	2.23666	2.23602	0.00064	32.2289	40.290	40.302	-0.012	-1 6 1	
9	2.16428	2.16372	0.00056	5.6325	41.699	41.710	-0.011	-2 3 4	
10	2.08592	2.08655	-0.00062	24.4277	43.343	43.329	0.014	-5 1 3	
11	1.80130	1.80079	0.00052	28.5843	50.635	50.650	-0.016	6 2 1	
12	1.70300	1.70273	0.00027	26.4156	53.785	53.794	-0.009	-6 4 2	
13	1.63707	1.63749	-0.00042	15.3614	56.138	56.122	0.015	4 5 3	

**Table-2:-** Antibacterial Activity of Schiff bases and their corresponding of titanium(IV) complexes.

S. N.	Complexes	Antibacterial(MIC, μg/ml)			
		S. aureus	B. subtilis	P. aeruginosa	S. typhi
1	L <sup>1</sup> H	6.25	6.25	25	25
2	$[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl(L}^1)]$	3.12	3.12	12.5	12.5
3	L <sup>2</sup> H	3.12	3.12	6.25	6.25
4	$[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl(L}^2)]$	1.62	1.62	3.12	3.12
5	L <sup>3</sup> H	6.25	12.5	25	12.5
6	$[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl(L}^3)]$	3.12	6.25	12.5	6.25
7	L <sup>4</sup> H	6.25	6.25	12.5	25
8	$[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl(L}^4)]$	3.12	3.12	6.25	12.5
9	ciprofloxacin (standard)	1.62	1.62	3.12	3.12

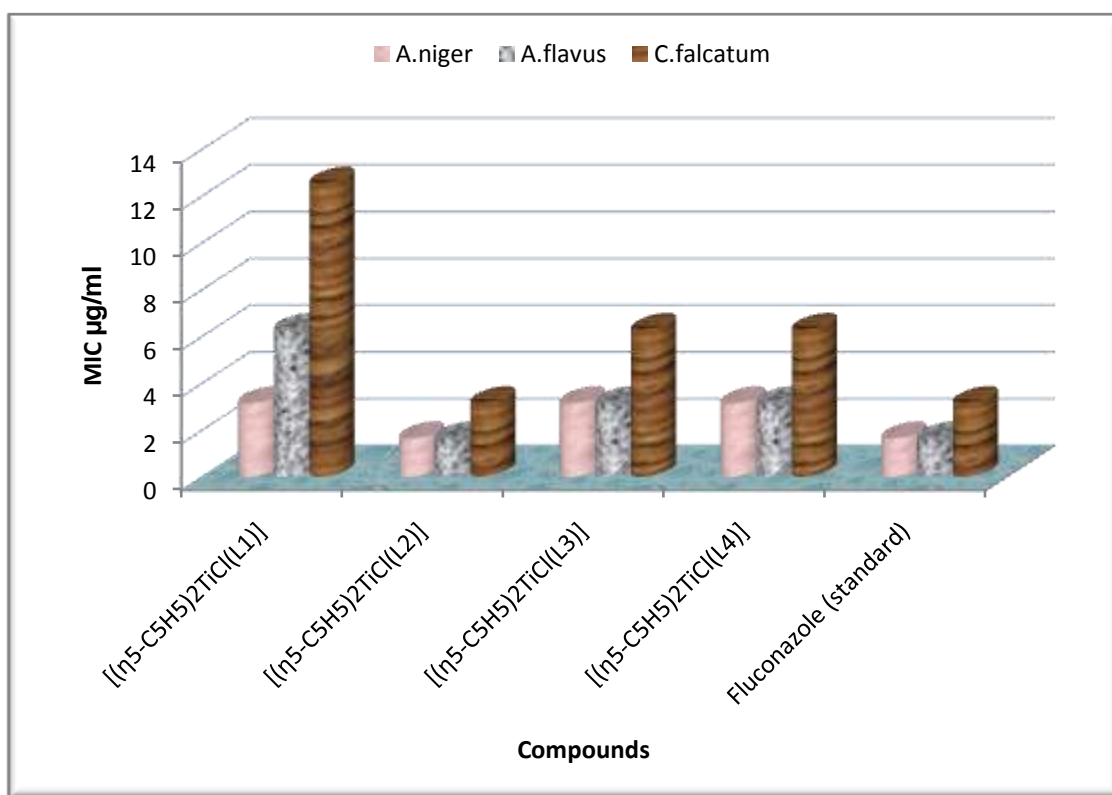


**Figure 5:-** Antibacterial activity of synthesized compounds and standard drug.



**Table-3:-** Antifungal Activity of Schiff bases and their corresponding titanium(IV) complexes.

S.N	Complexes	Antifungal(MIC, $\mu\text{g/ml}$ )		
		<i>A.niger</i>	<i>A.flavus</i>	<i>C.falcatum</i>
1	L <sup>1</sup> H	6.25	25	25
2	$[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl}(\text{L}^1)]$	3.12	6.25	12.5
3	L <sup>2</sup> H	3.12	3.12	6.25
4	$[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl}(\text{L}^2)]$	1.62	1.62	3.12
5	L <sup>3</sup> H	6.25	6.25	12.5
6	$[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl}(\text{L}^3)]$	3.12	3.12	6.25
7	L <sup>4</sup> H	6.25	6.25	12.5
8	$[(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)_2\text{TiCl}(\text{L}^4)]$	3.12	3.12	6.25
9	fluconazole (standard)	1.62	1.62	1.62

**Figure-6:-** Antifungal activity of synthesized compounds and standard drug.**Conclusion:-**

Schiff bases (L<sup>1</sup>H–L<sup>4</sup>H) are monobasic, bidentate ligands coordinating through azomethine nitrogen and oxygen atom (NO donor). The complexes are soluble in PhNO<sub>2</sub>, DMF and DMSO. The structures of Schiff bases and complexes have been established by elemental analysis and spectral studies IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, XRD and SEM. All these data puts together leads us to propose the structure of titanium(IV) complexes shown in **Figure 1** Scanning electron microscope image showed that titanium complexes look like a nanocrystals and their sizes are 67.71 nm. Antifungal and antibacterial activities of the ligands and corresponding complexes have also been evaluated which showed that the activities increase on chelation.

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